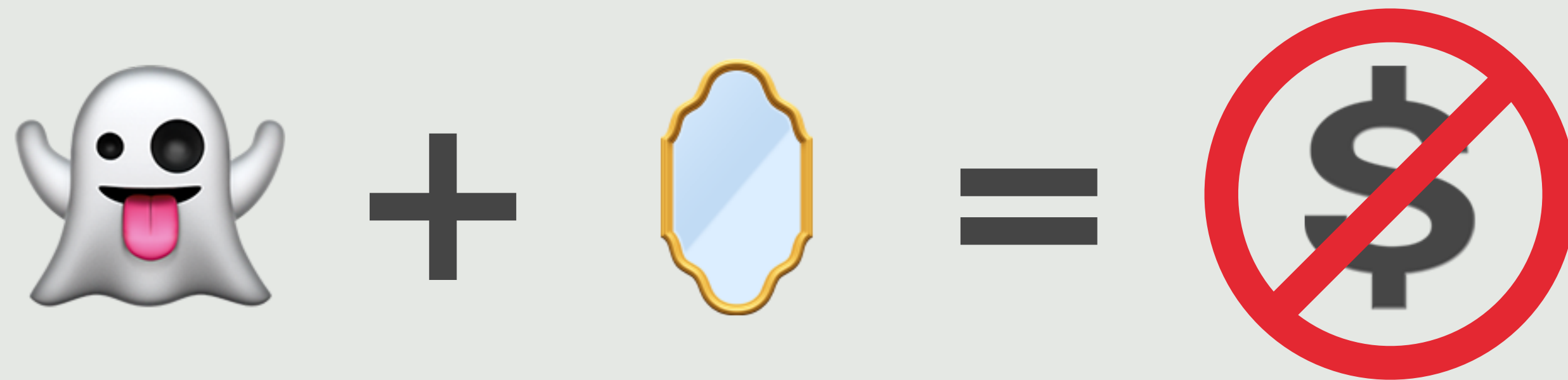


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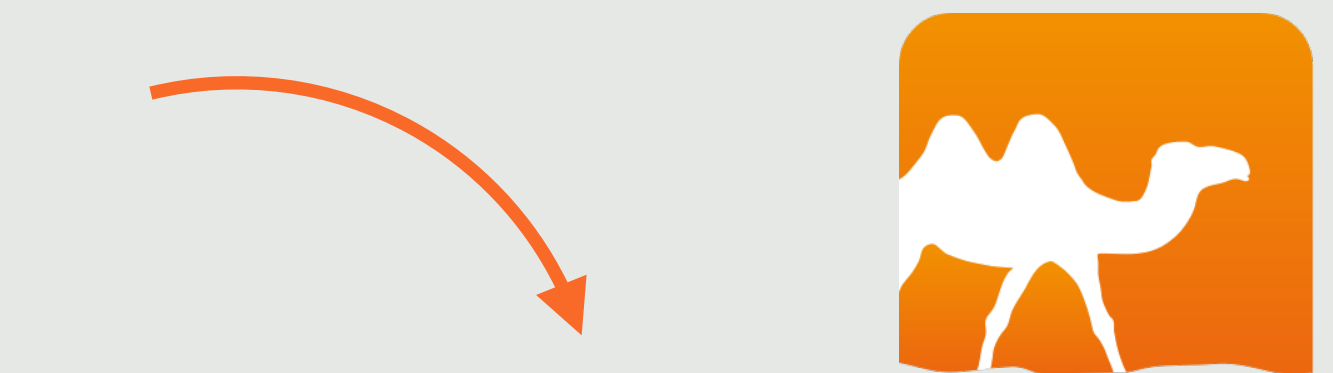
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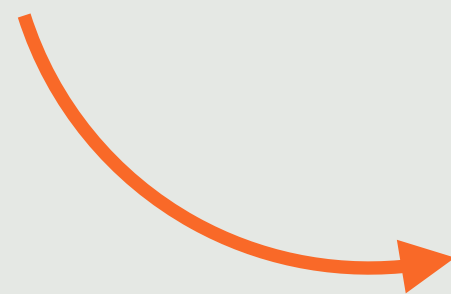
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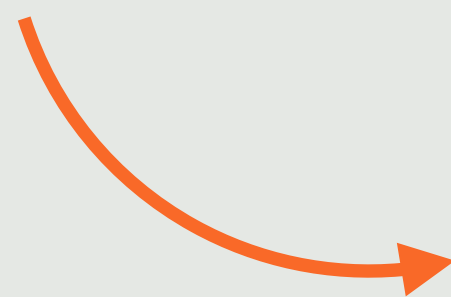
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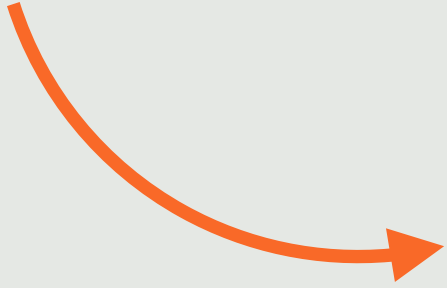
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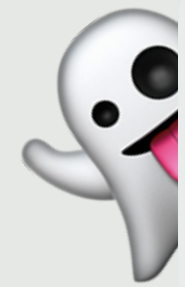
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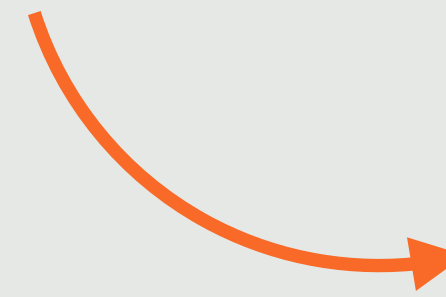
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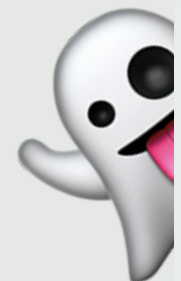
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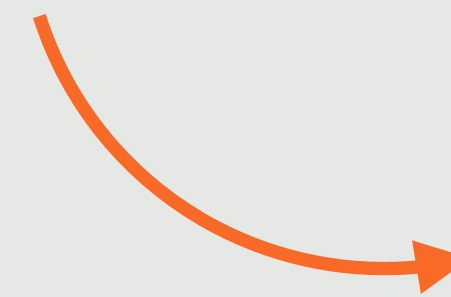
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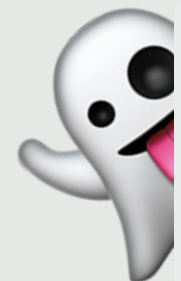
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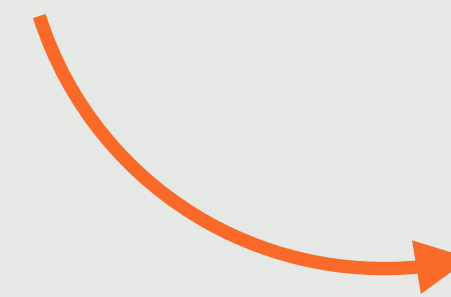
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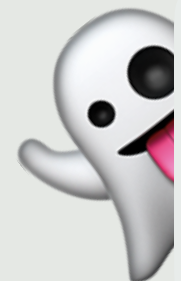
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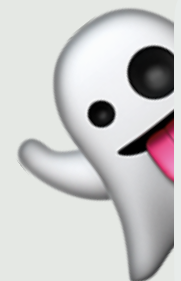
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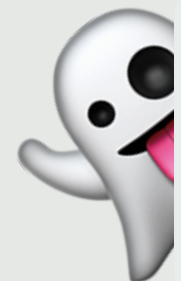
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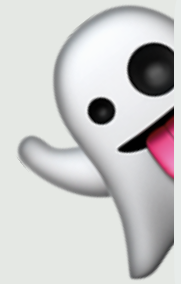
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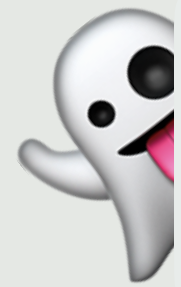
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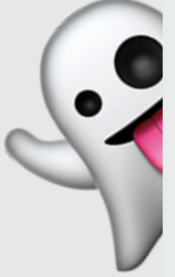



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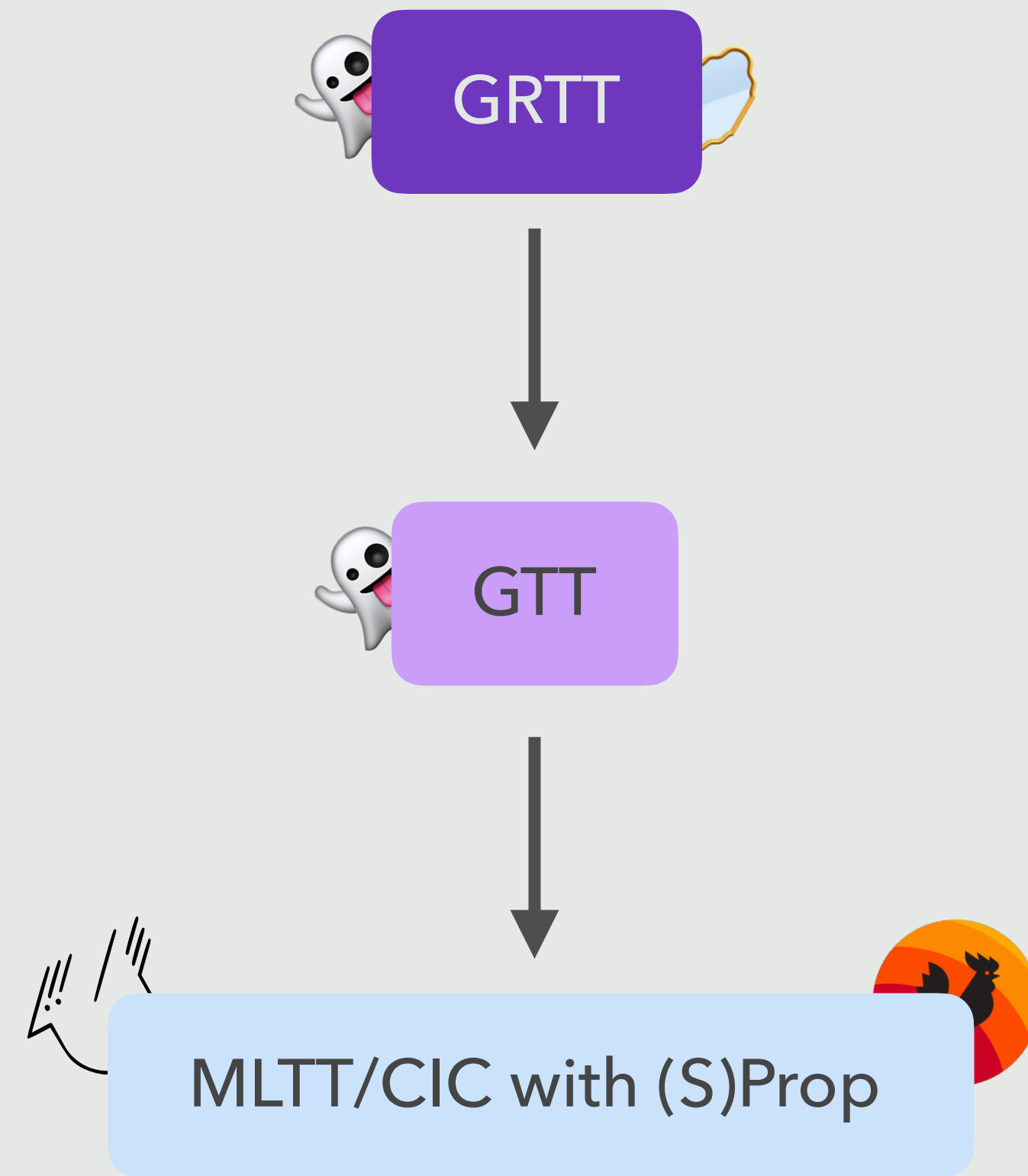
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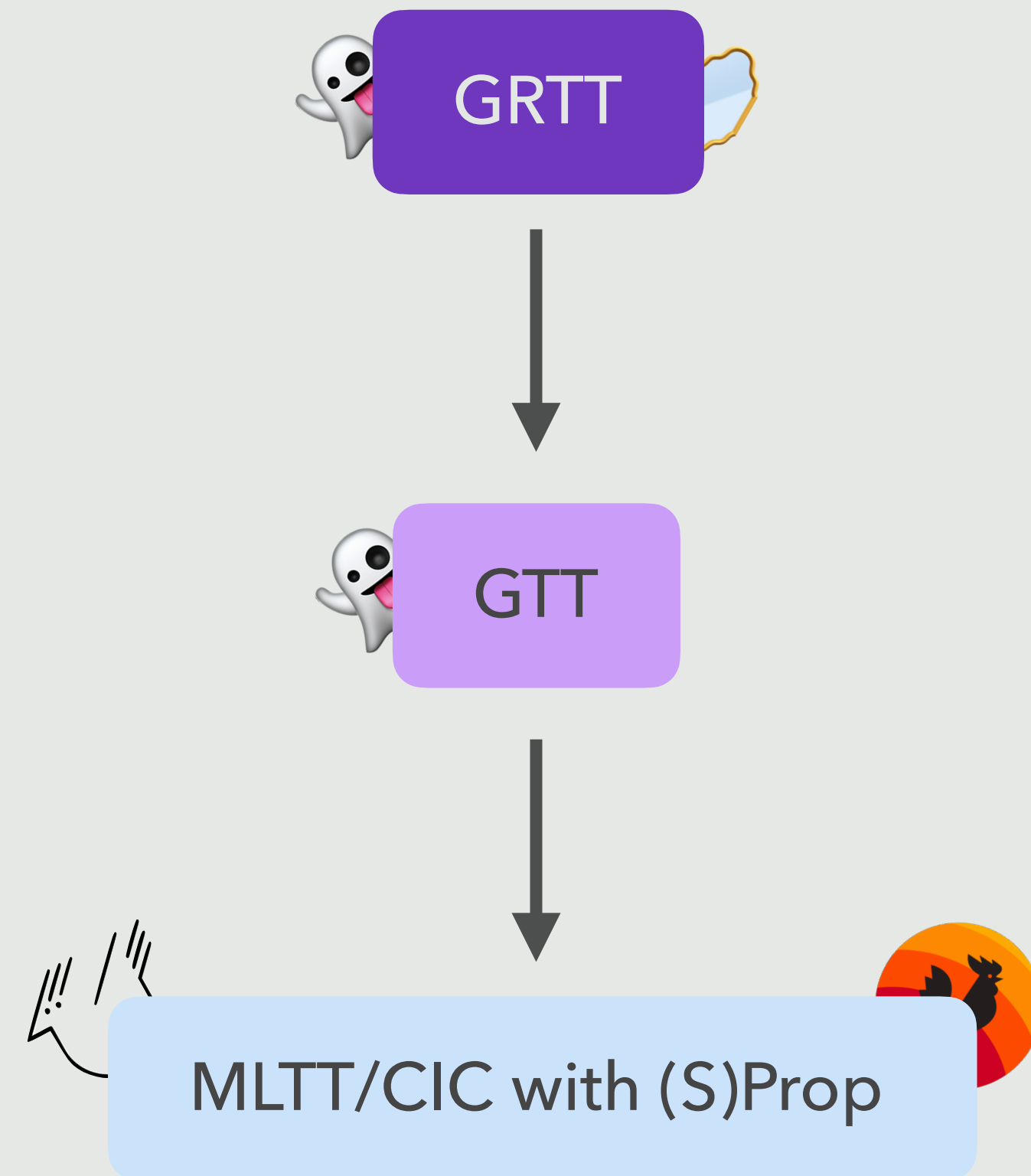
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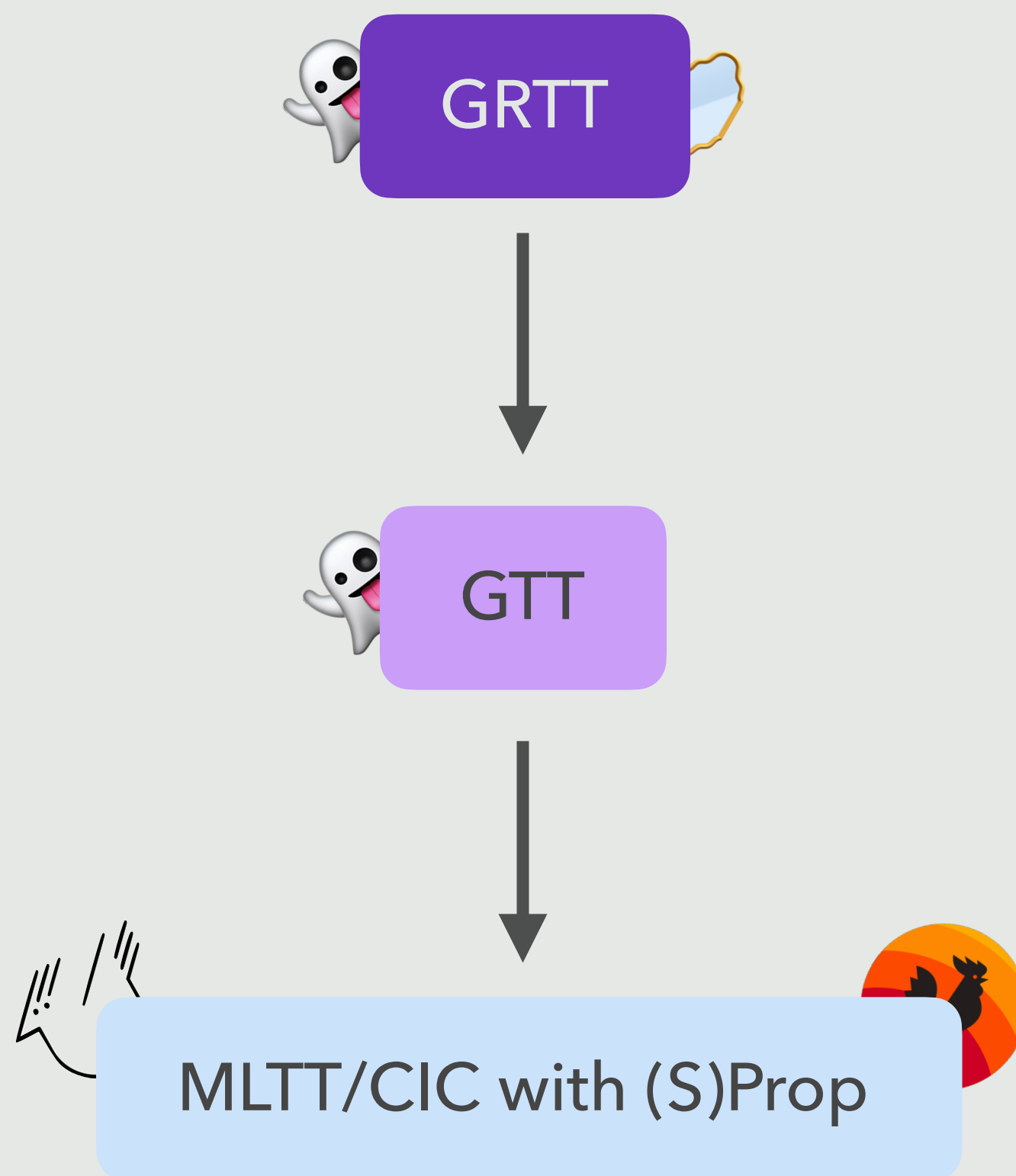
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some tricks in the formalisation  
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Autosubst 2 is very useful  
but automation pushed to the limits

 /TheoWinterhalter/[ghost-reflection](https://github.com/TheoWinterhalter/ghost-reflection)