



APIphany: Type-Directed Program Synthesis For REST APIs

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Slack API: Retrieve all member emails from a slack channel

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Given the name of a slack channel, is there a way to retrieve a list of emails of all the members in that channel? I tried looking in the slack api docs but couldn't find the method I need to make this happen (<https://api.slack.com/methods>).

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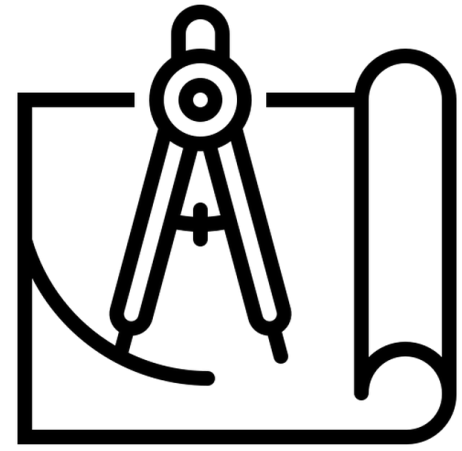
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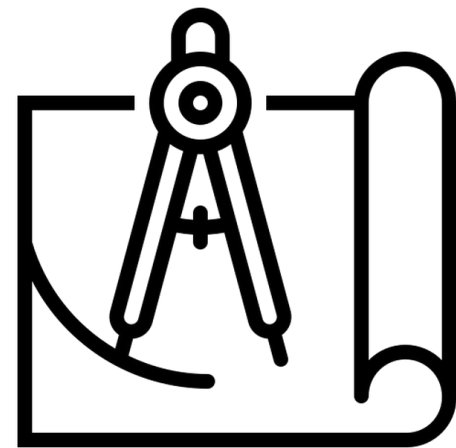
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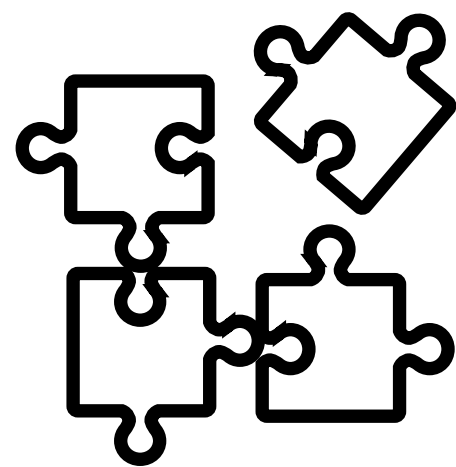
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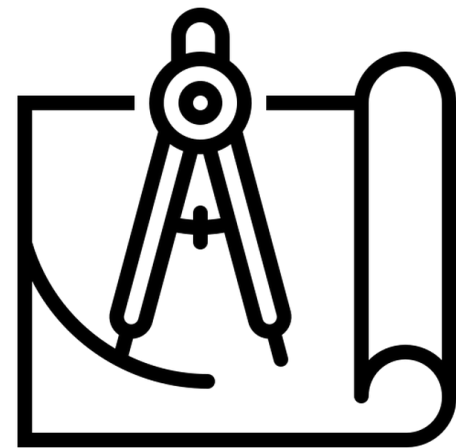
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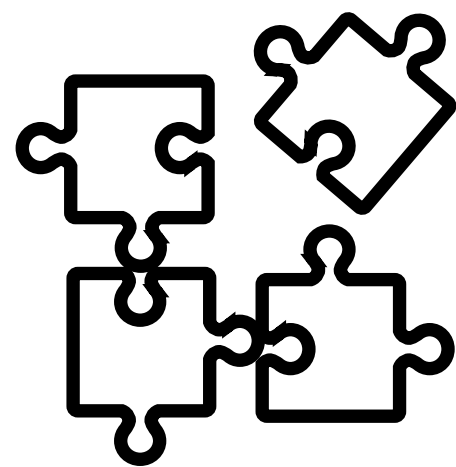
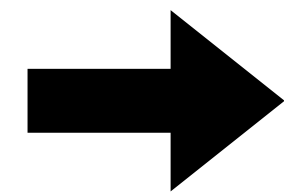
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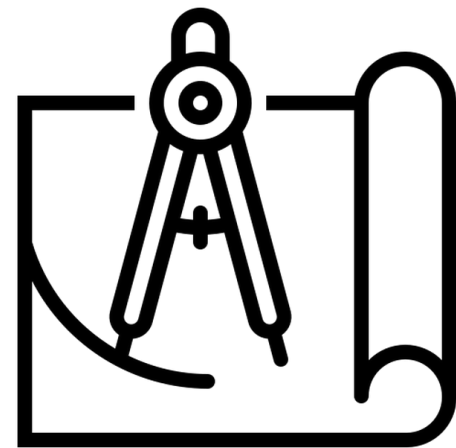
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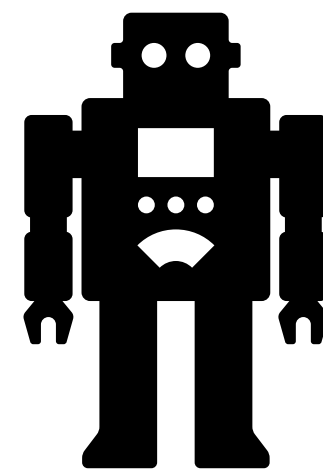
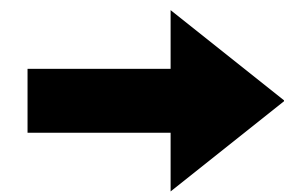
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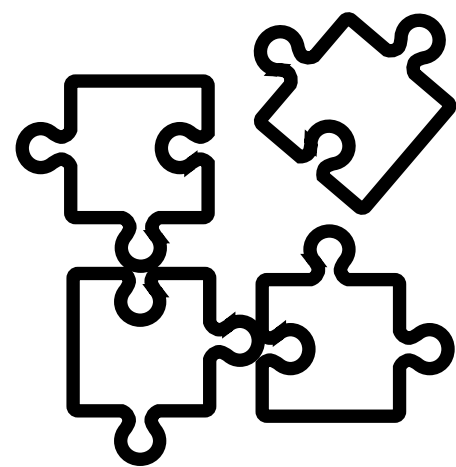
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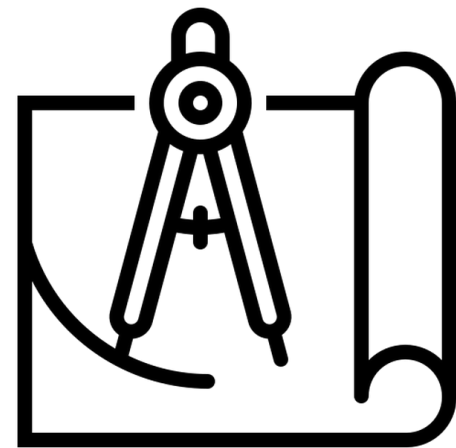
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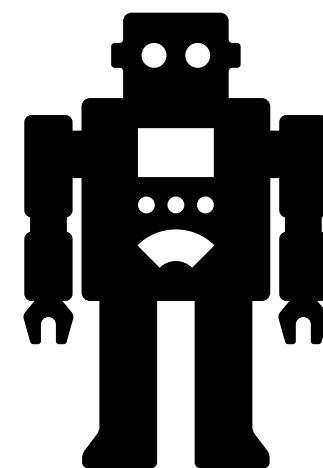
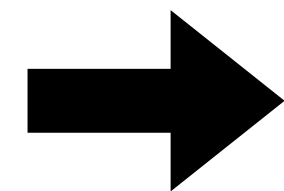
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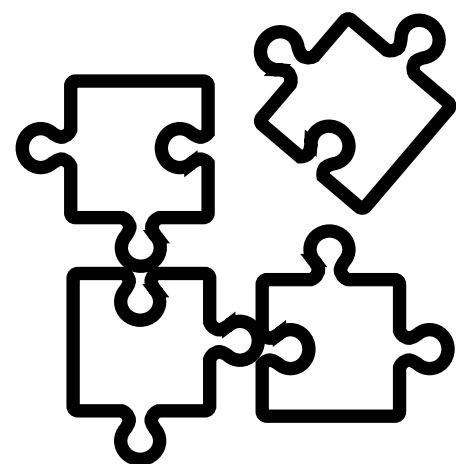
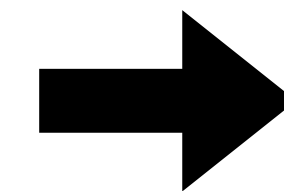
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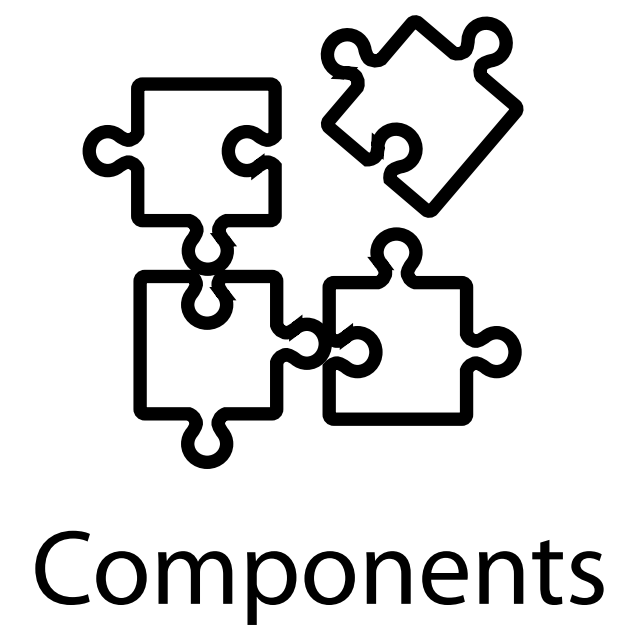
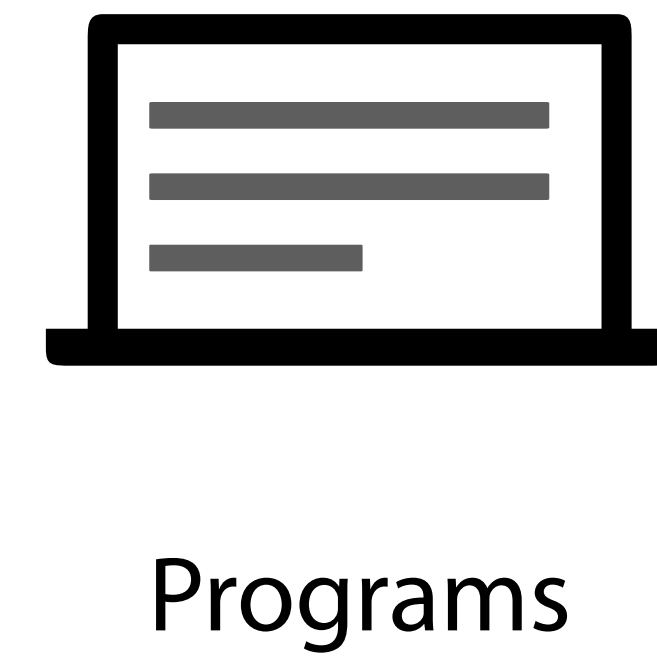
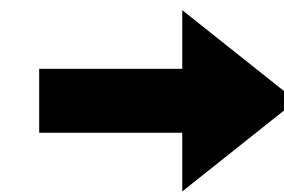
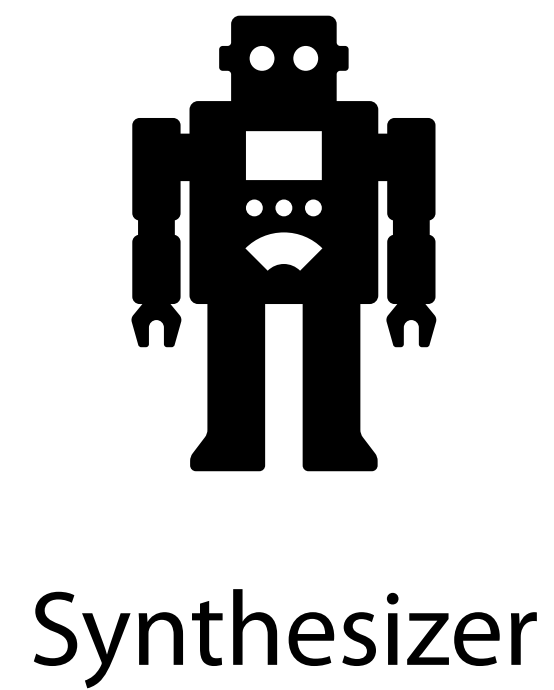
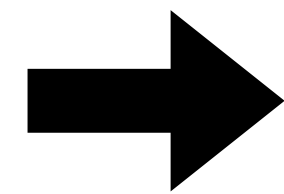
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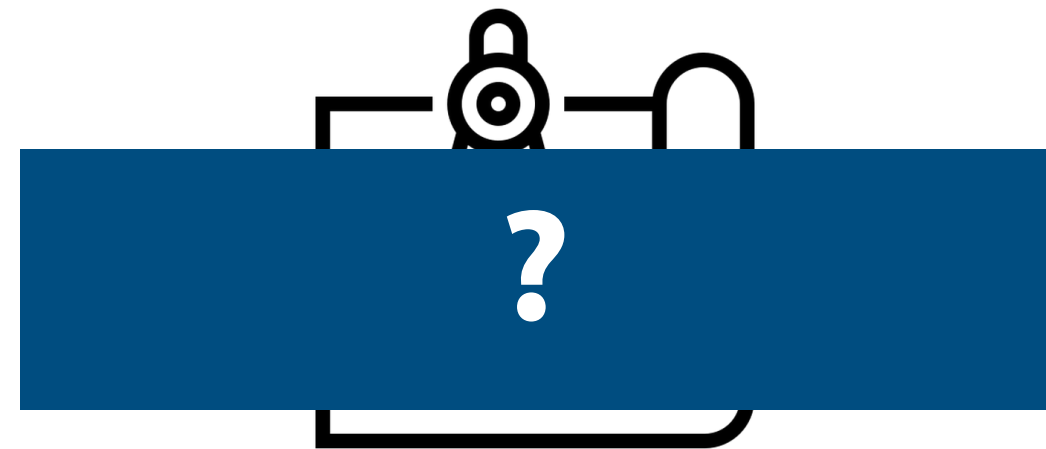
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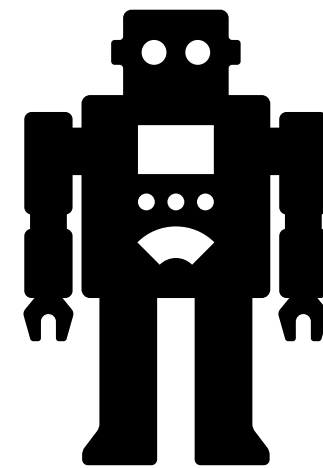
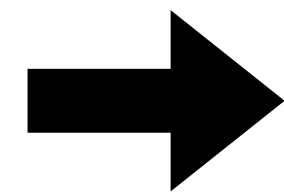
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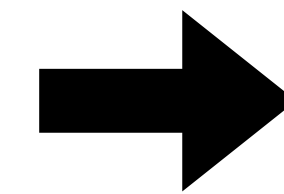
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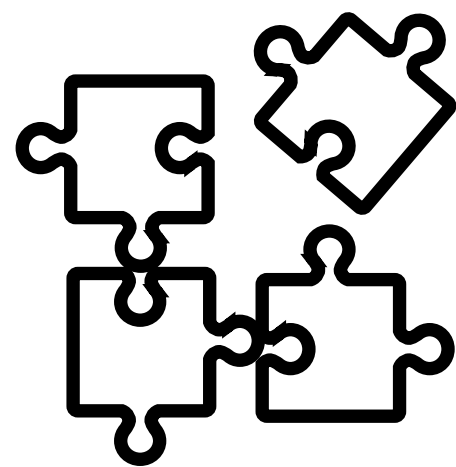
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Our Contribution / **Semantic Types as Specifications!**

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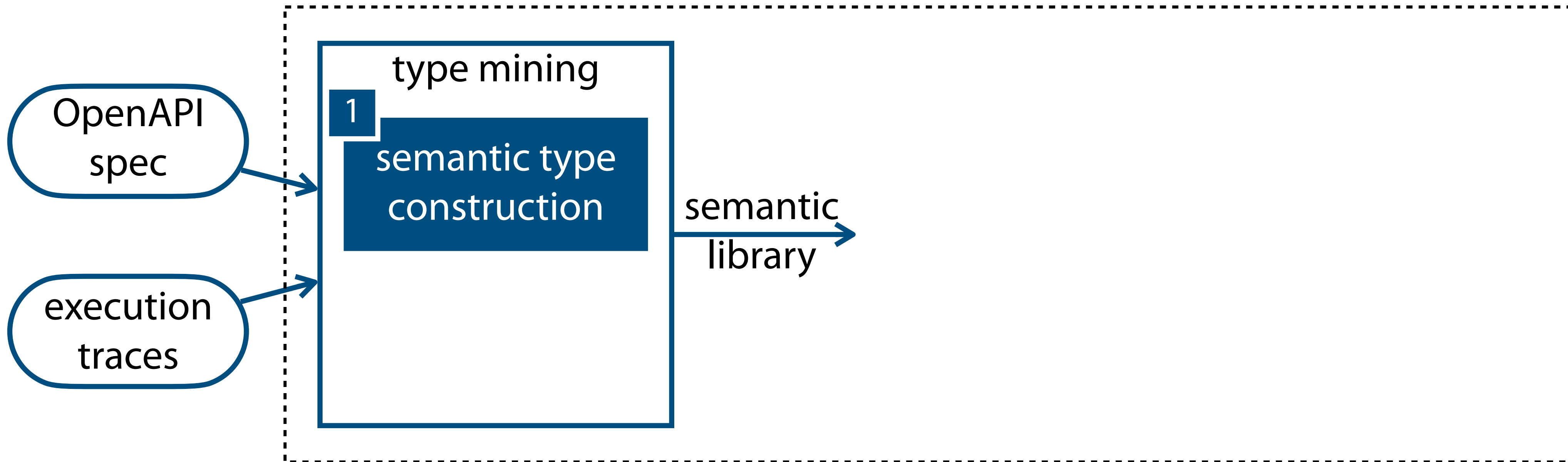
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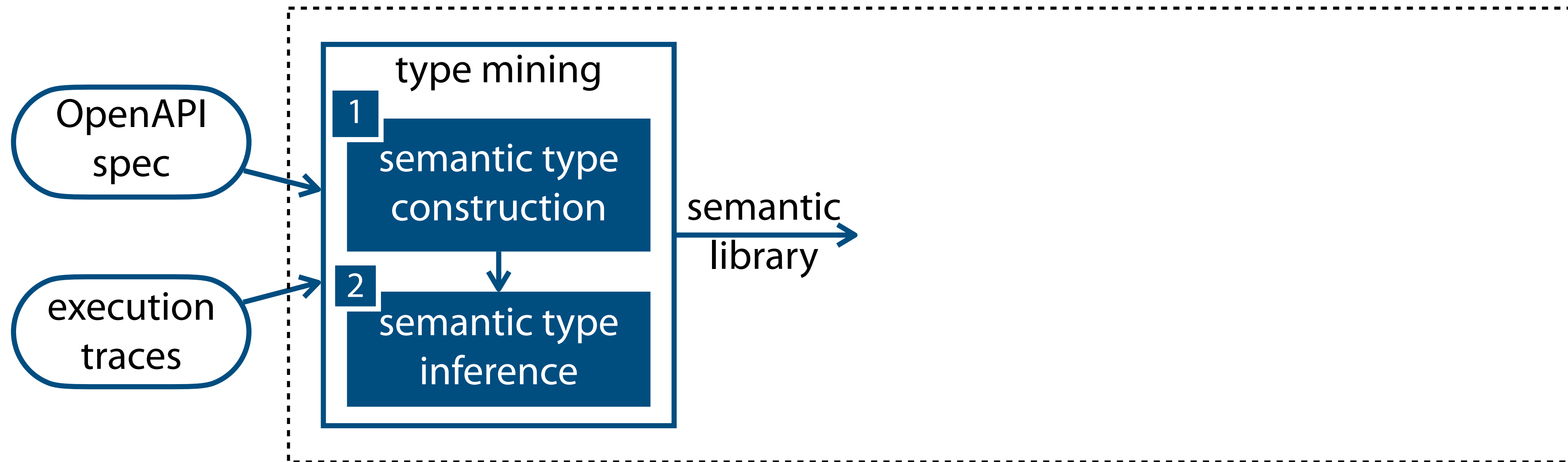
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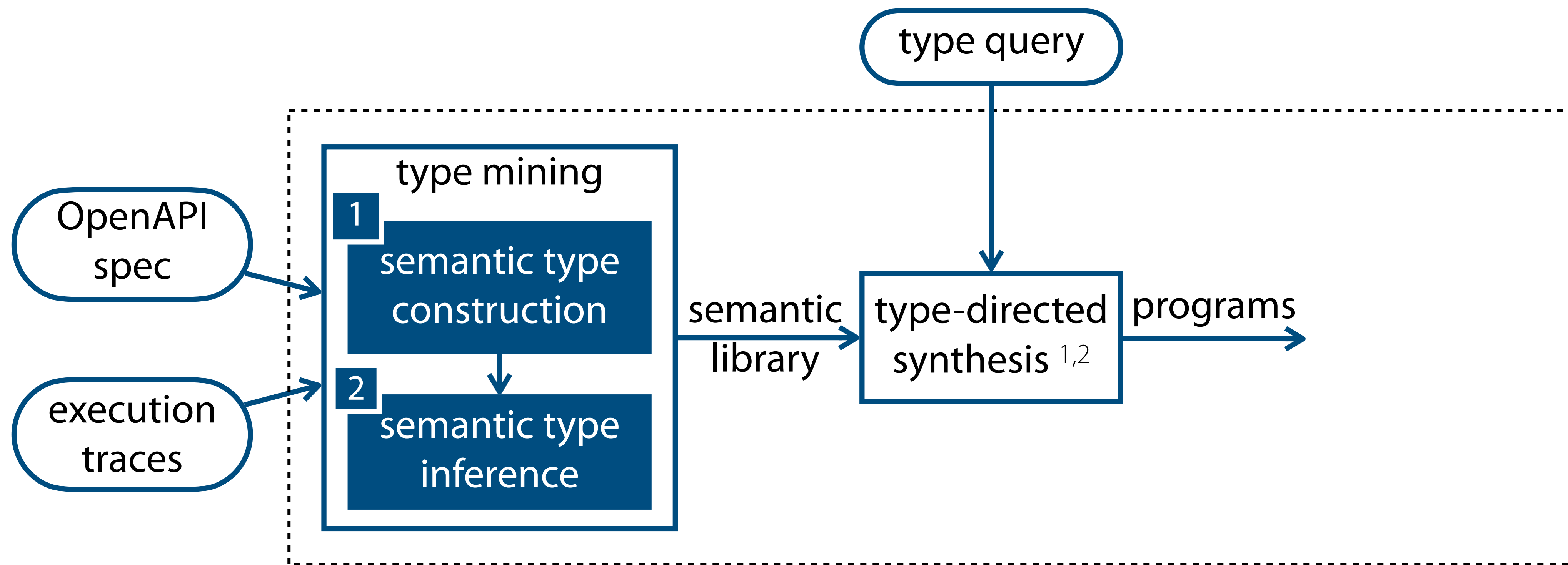
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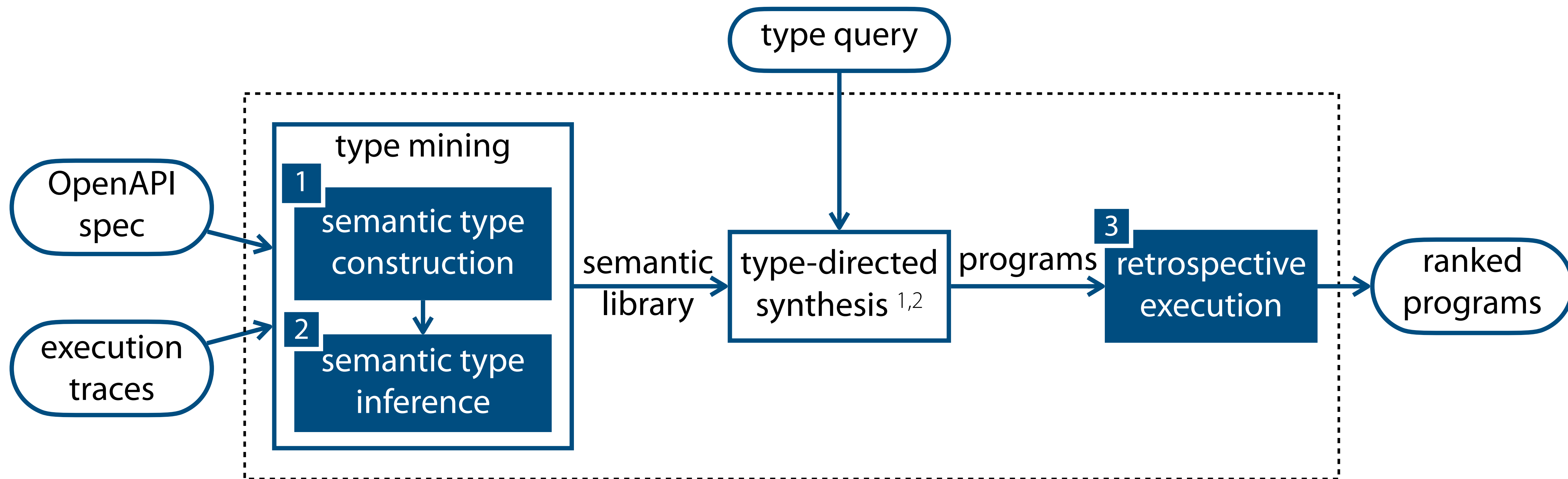


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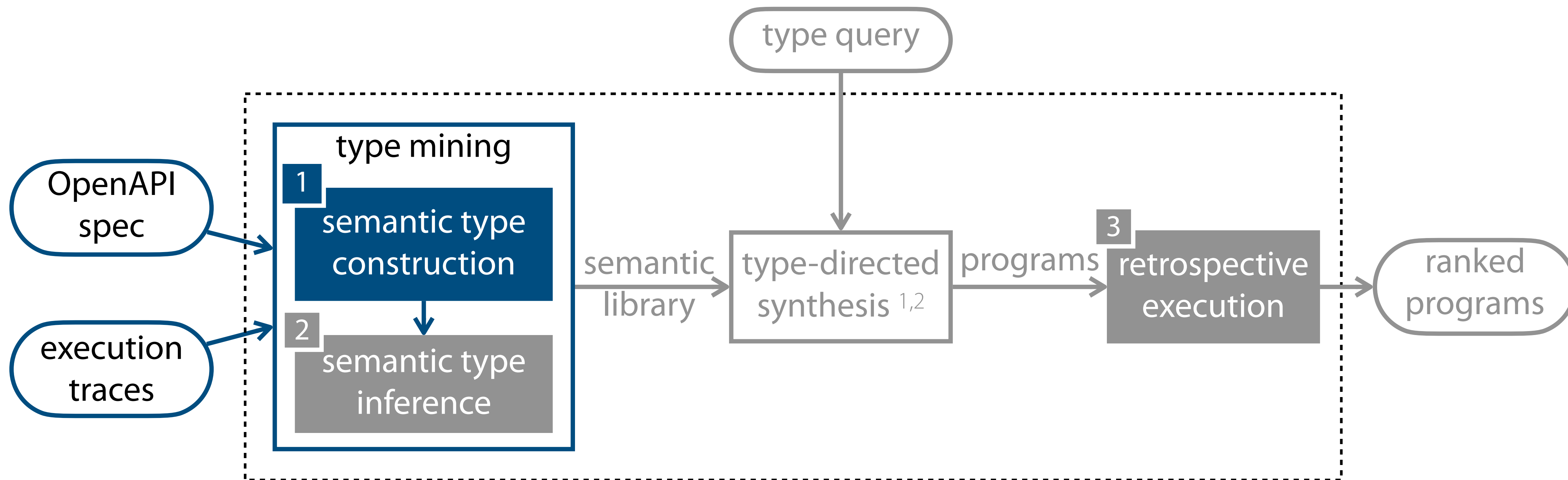
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Insight 1: object fields as types!

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```

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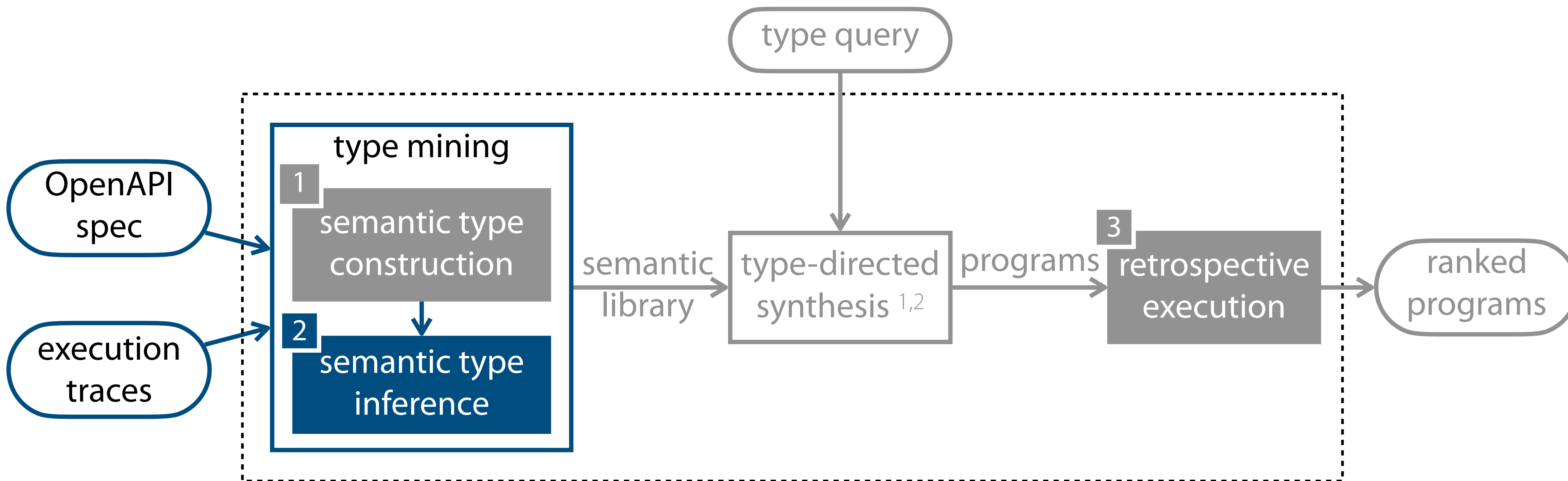

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Insight 2: mine from traces!

Invocation

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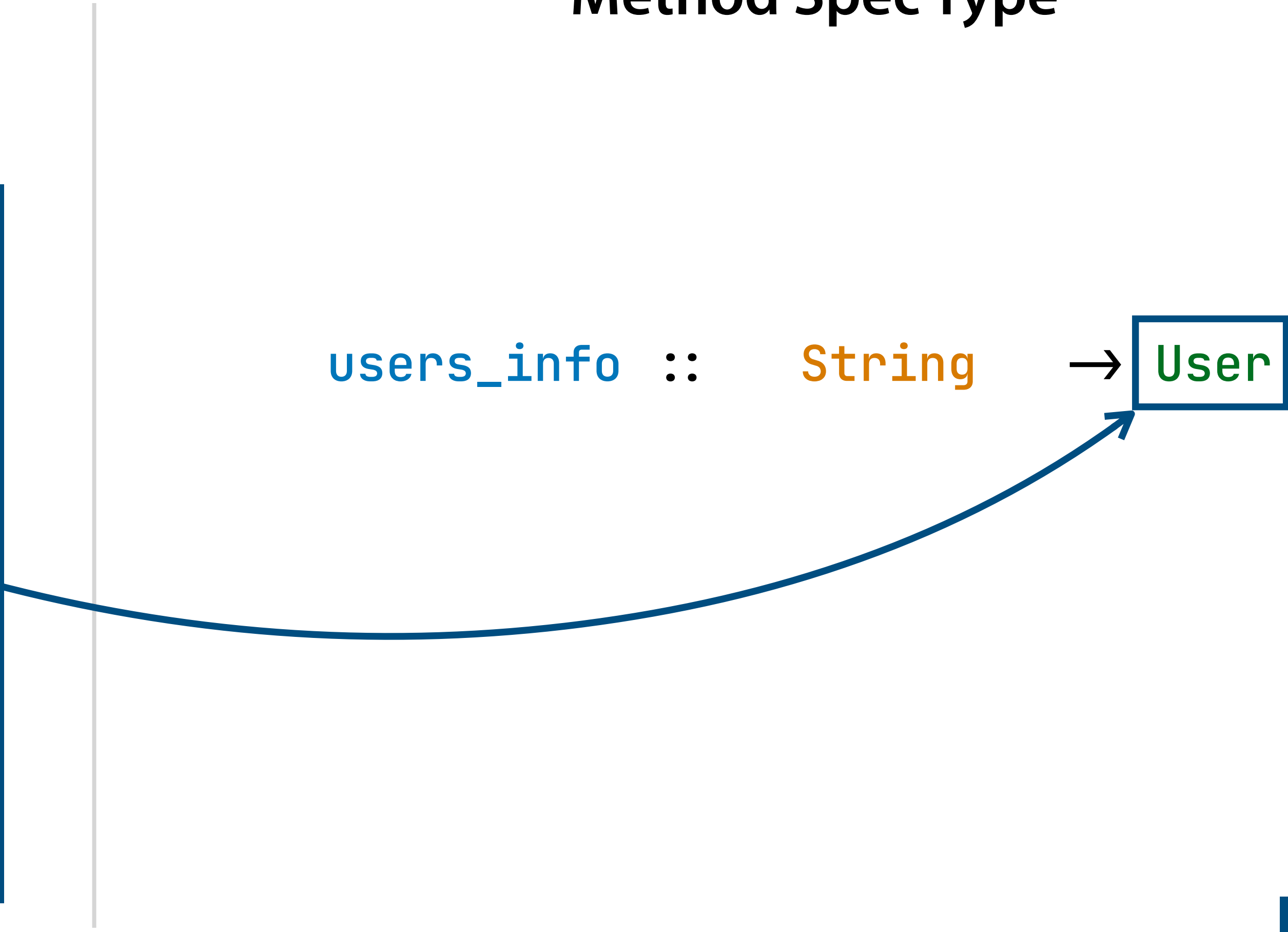
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Type Mining / Semantic Type Inference

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Methods

Are we done?

```
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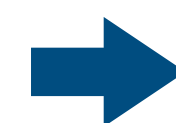
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User.id

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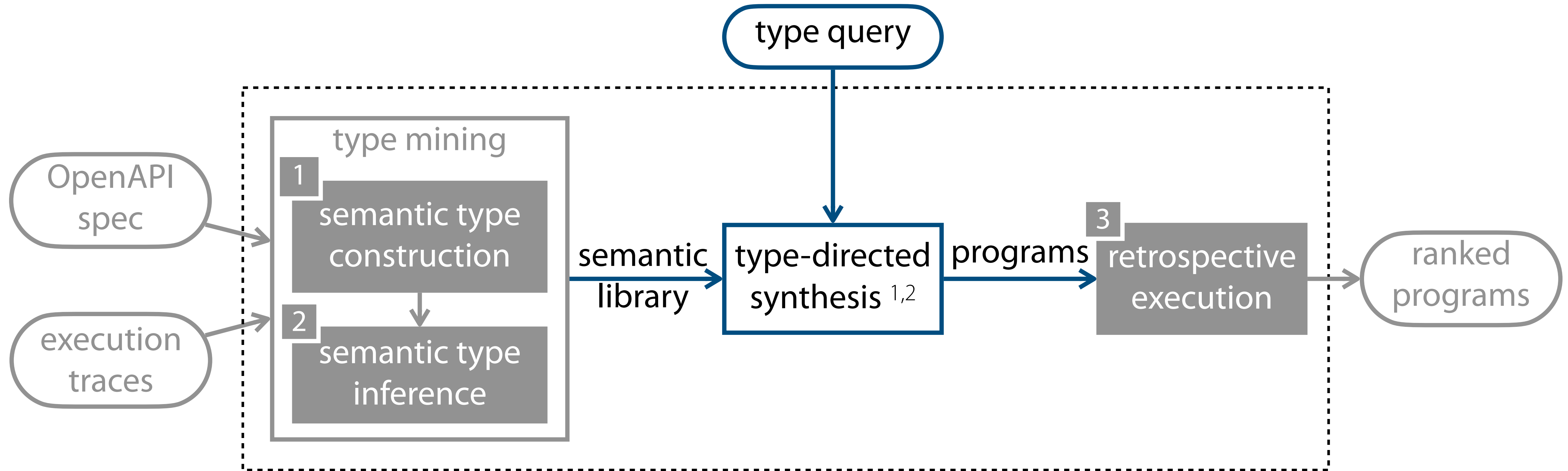
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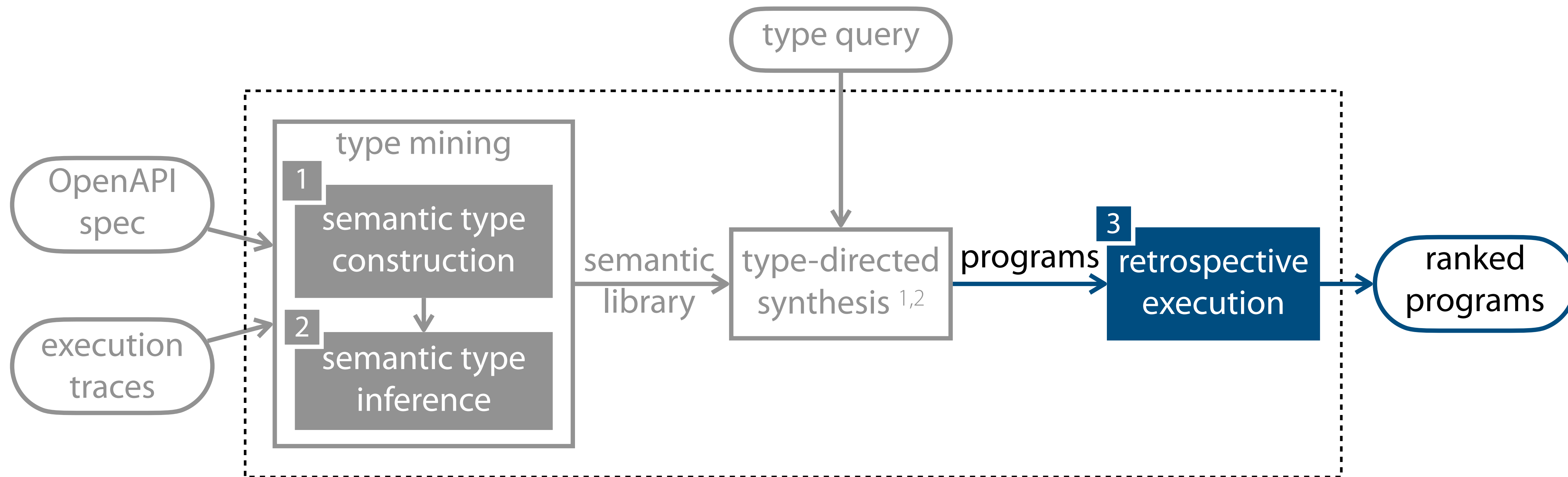
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```
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  conversations_open()  
  .filter(c ⇒ c.name = channel_name)  
  .map(c ⇒ { conversations_members(c.id)  
    .map(uid ⇒ { let u = users_info(user=uid)  
      return u.profile.email })  
  })  
}}
```

Candidate #2

Type-Directed Synthesis / Program Ranking

```
channel_name => {  
  conversations_list()
```

```
channel_name => {  
  conversations_list()  
  .filter(c => c.name == channel_name)  
  .map(c => { let uid = c.creator  
            let u = users_info(user=uid)  
            return u.profile.email })  
  }  
}
```

Execute programs?

```
    return u.profile.email })  
  }  
}
```

Desired Solution

```
channel_name => {  
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  .map(c => { conversations_members(c.id)  
            .map(uid => { let u = users_info(user=uid)  
                          return u.profile.email })  
            }  
  }  
}
```

Candidate #2

■ Program Ranking / **Challenges in REST API Execution**

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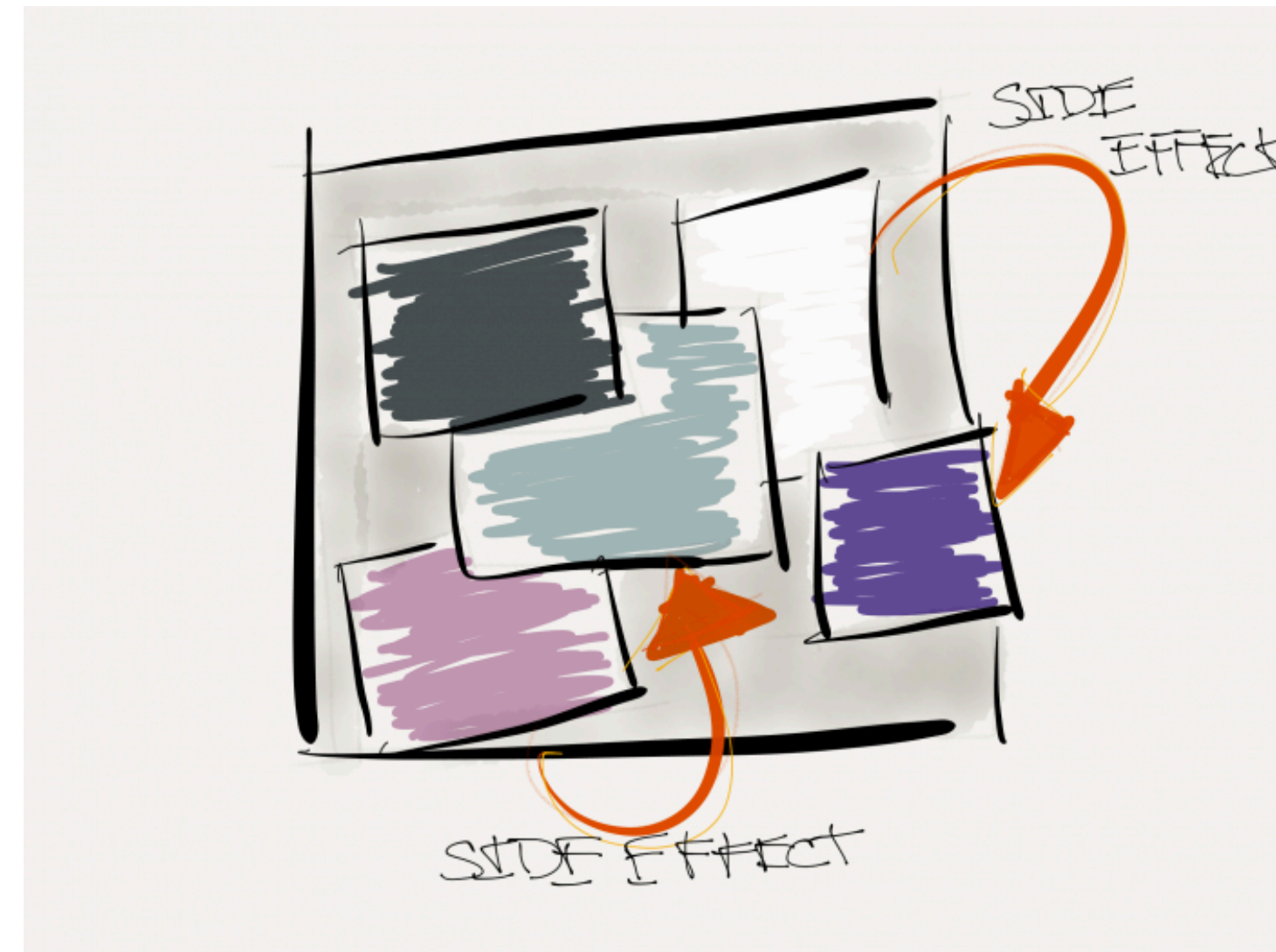


Service providers set a rate limit

Program Ranking / Challenges in REST API Execution



Service providers set a rate limit



Many API calls have side effects

Program Ranking / Retrospective Execution

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Candidate #1

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  })  
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```

Candidate #2

Program Ranking / Retrospective Execution

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channel_name => {  
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```

```
channel_name => {  
  conversations_list()  
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  .map(c => { let uid = c.creator  
            let u = users_info(user=uid)  
            return u.profile.email })  
  }  
}
```

Insight 3: replay from execution traces!

```
    return u.profile.email }  
  }  
}
```

Desired Solution

```
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  .map(c => { conversations_members(c.id)  
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                          return u.profile.email })  
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  }  
}
```

Candidate #2

Execution traces

Program

...

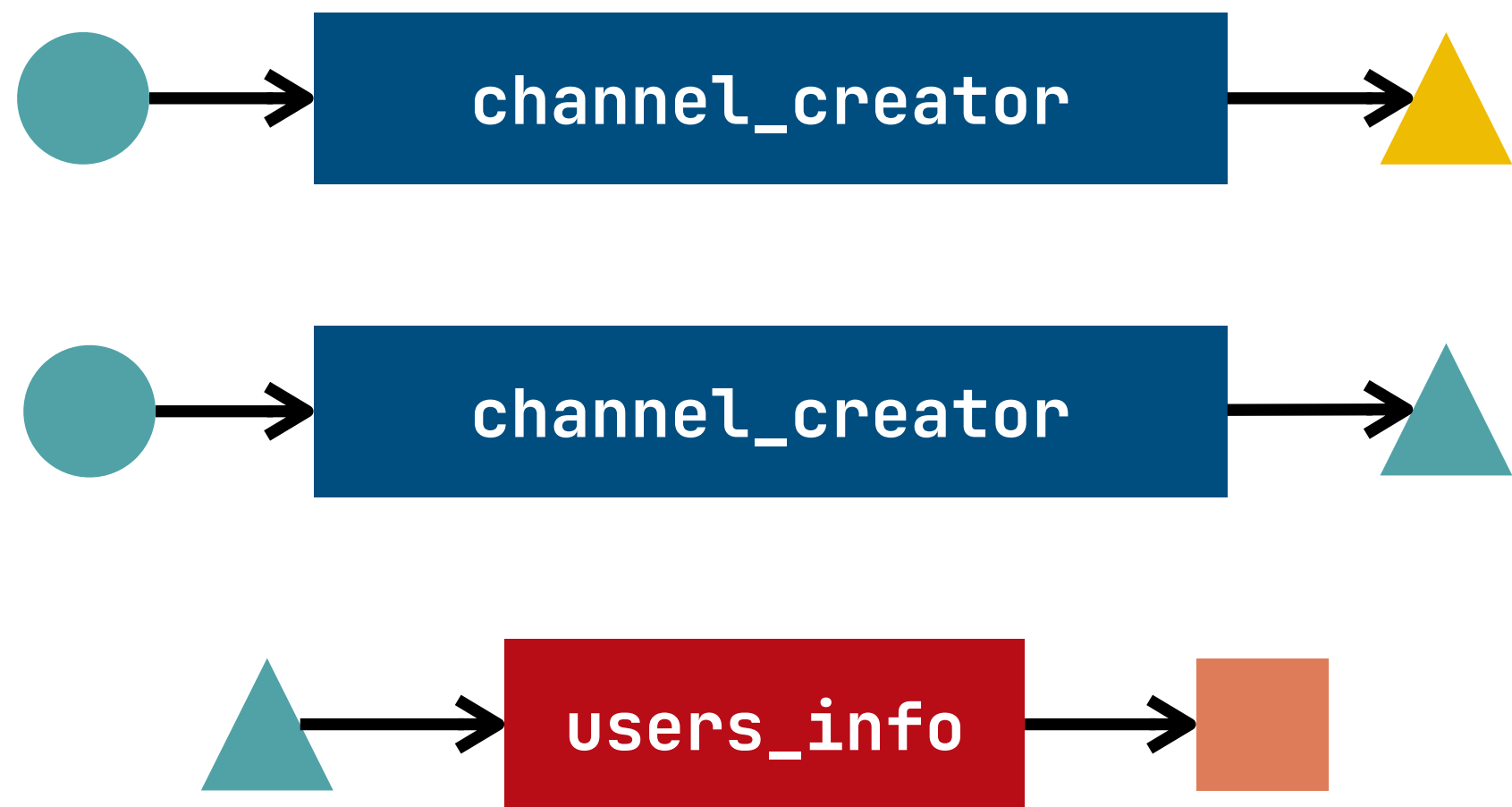
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```
let u = users_info(user=uid)
```

...

Program Ranking / Retrospective Execution

Execution traces

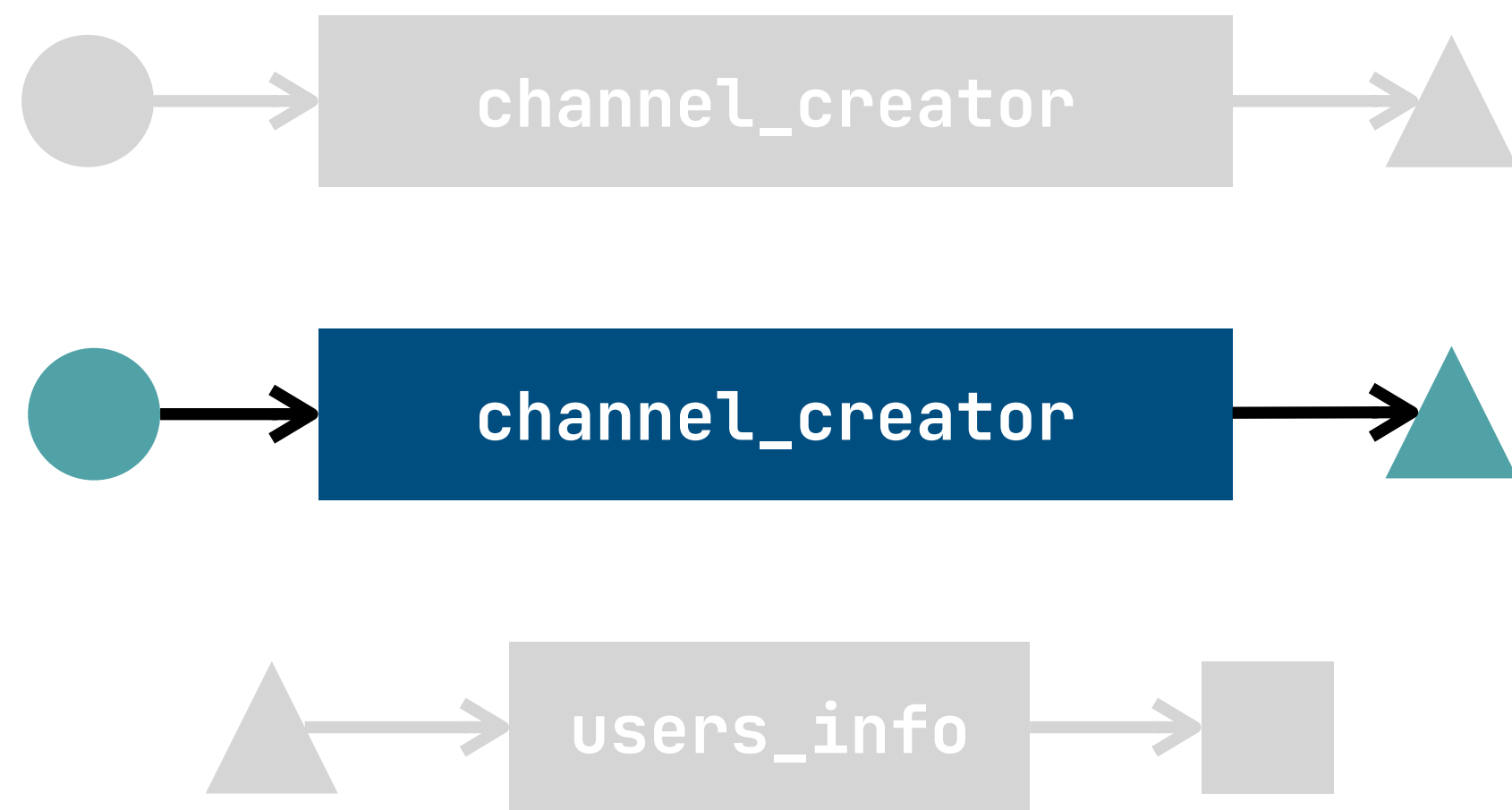


Program

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```

Program Ranking / Retrospective Execution

Execution traces

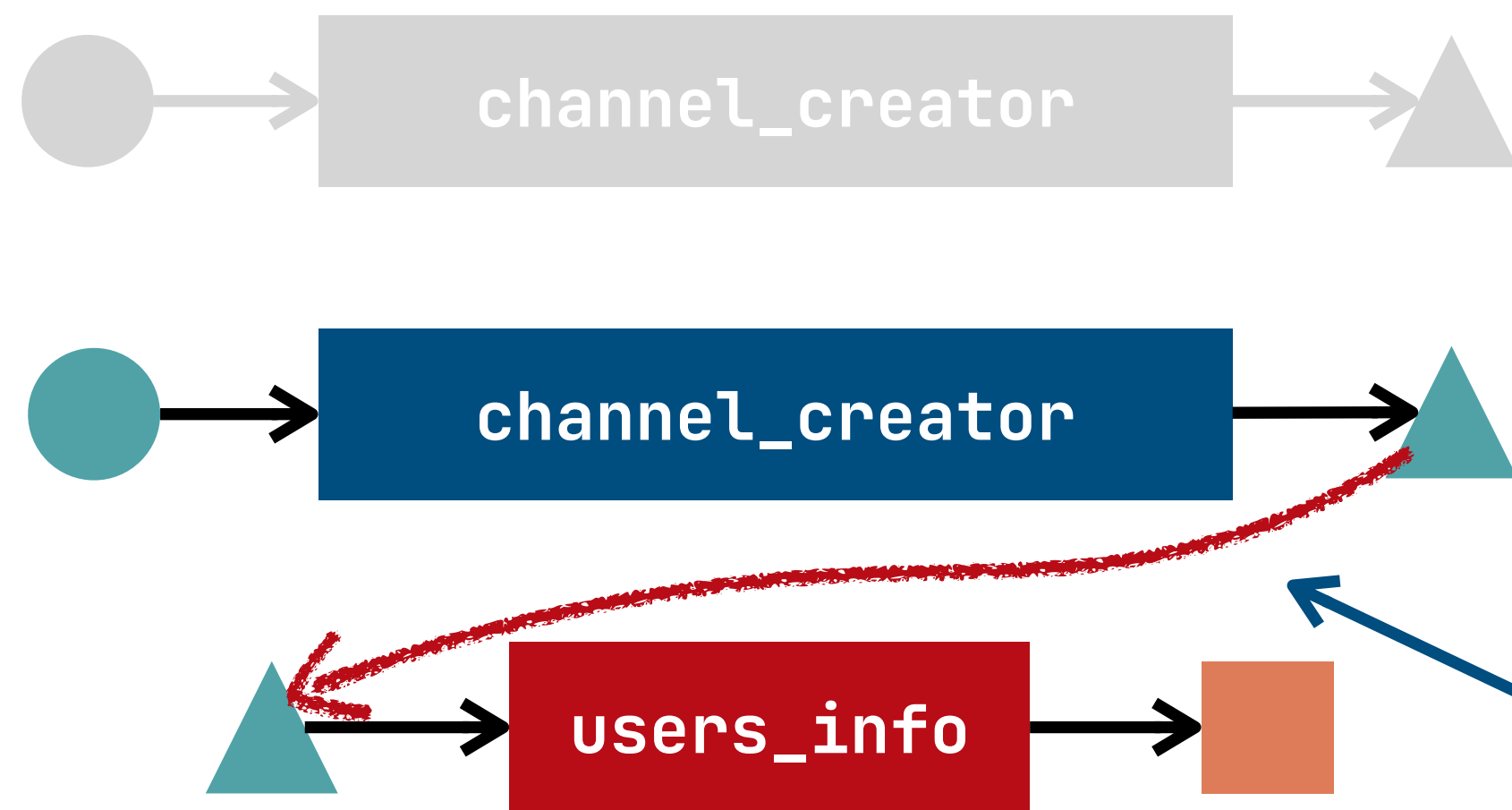


Program

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Program Ranking / Retrospective Execution

Execution traces



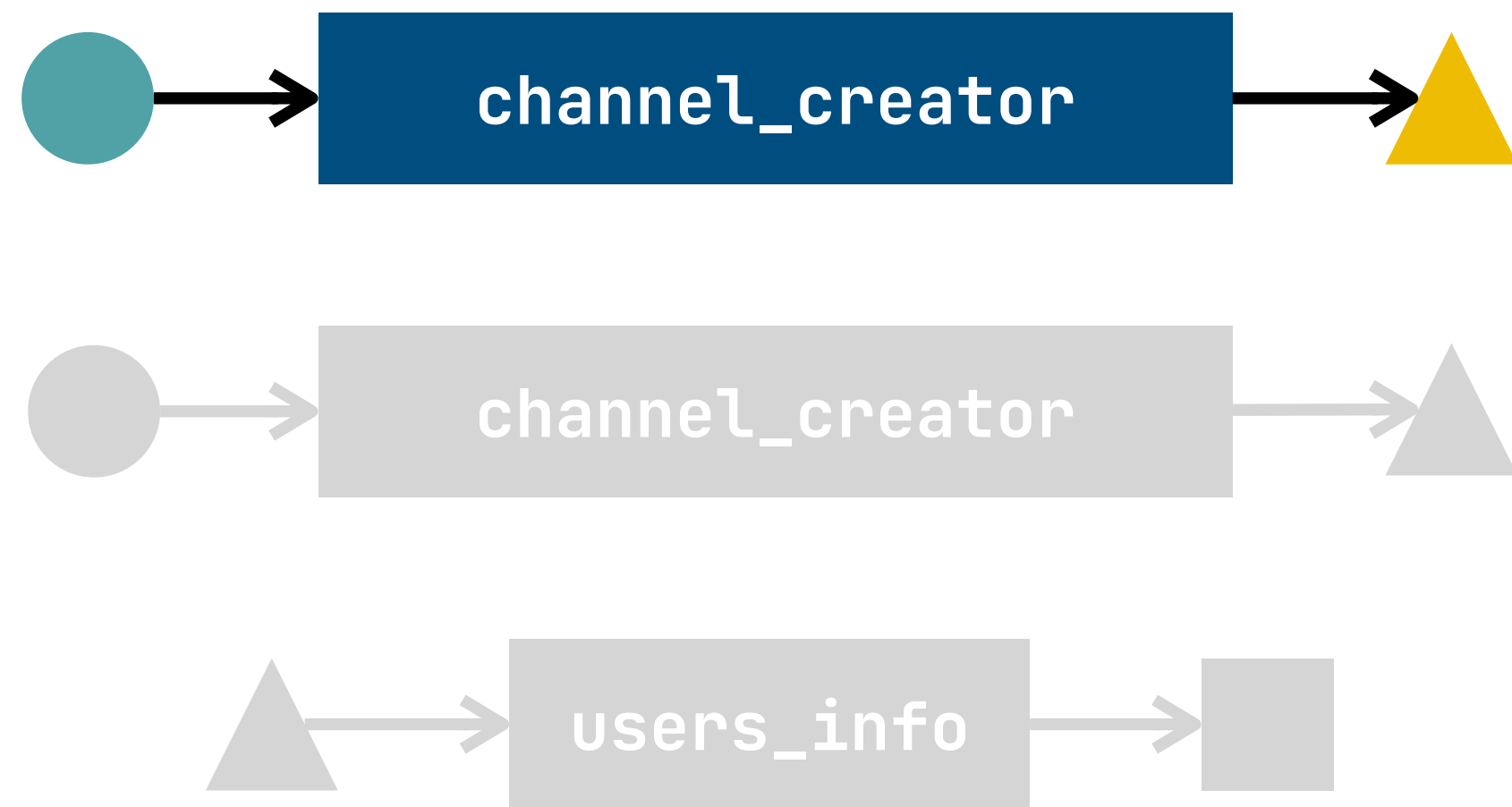
Program

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...
```

exact execution

Program Ranking / Retrospective Execution

Execution traces

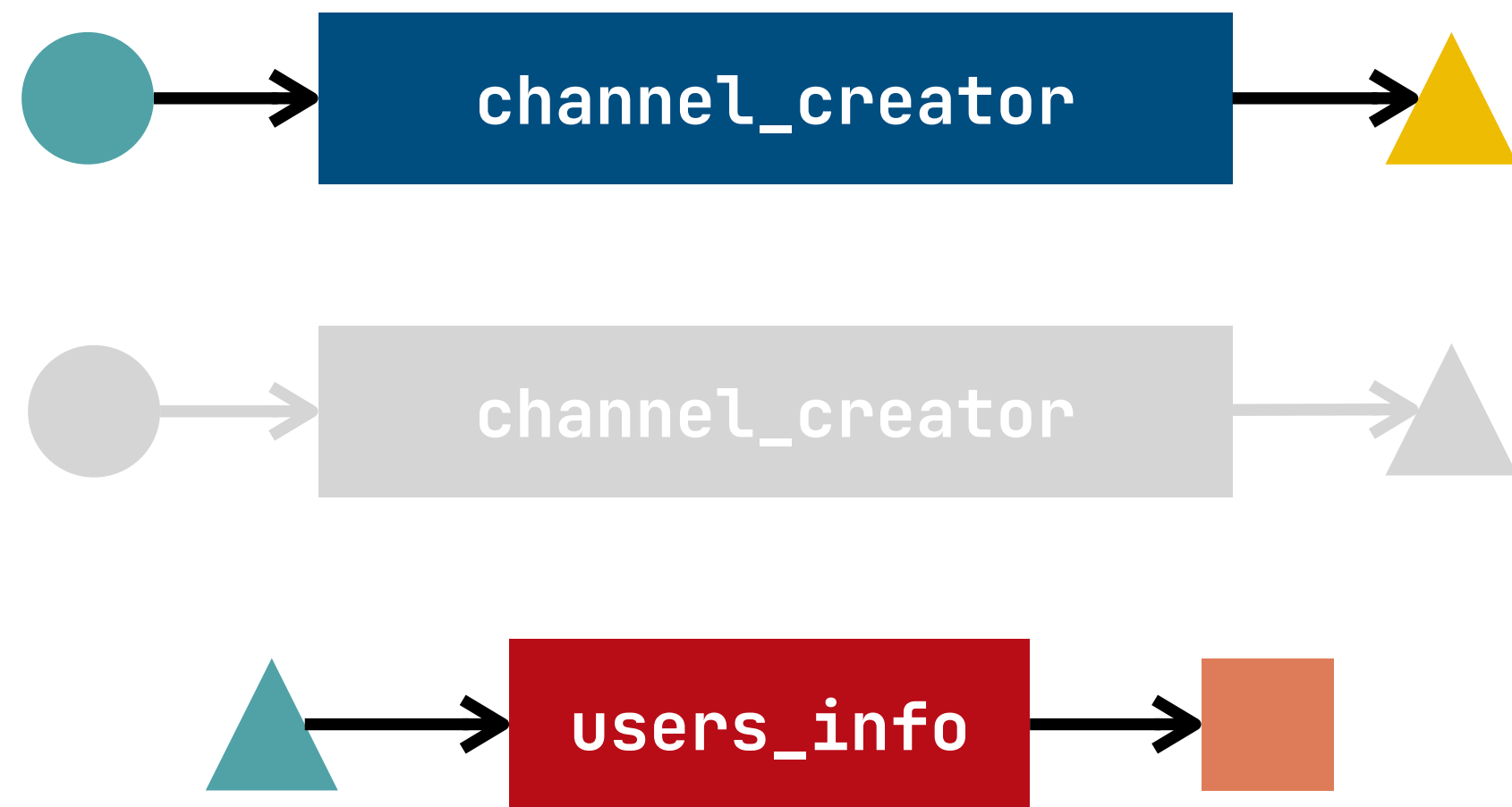


Program

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```

Program Ranking / Retrospective Execution

Execution traces

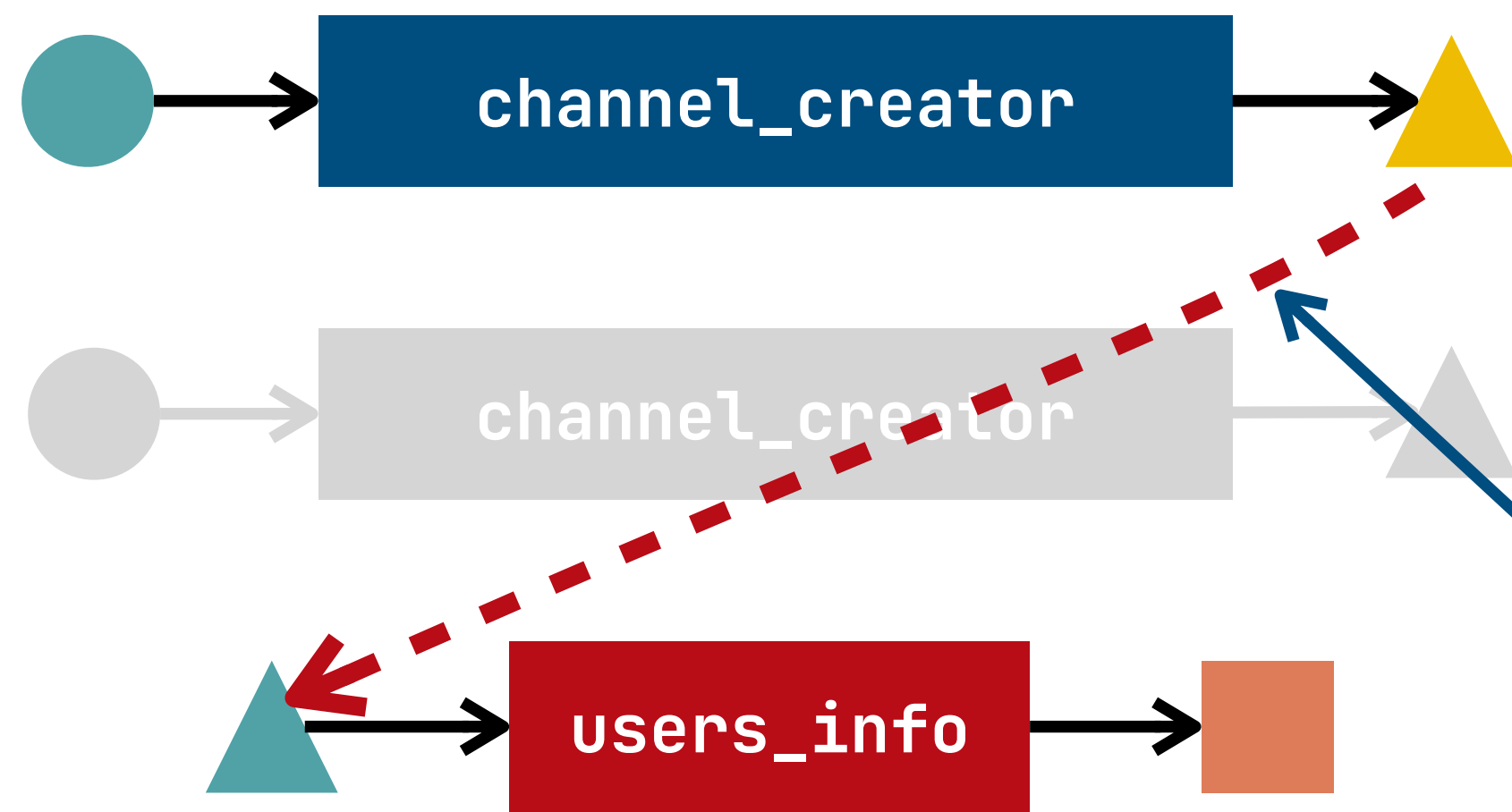


Program

```
...  
  let uid = channel_creator(c)  
  let u = users_info(user=uid)  
...
```

Program Ranking / Retrospective Execution

Execution traces



Program

```
...  
let uid = channel_creator(c)  
let u = users_info(user=uid)  
...
```

approximate execution

Type-Directed Synthesis / Program Ranking

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  .map(c => { conversations_members(c.id)  
    .map(uid => { let u = users_info(user=uid)  
      return u.profile.email })  
  })  
}}
```

score:50

Desired Solution

```
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    let u = users_info(user=uid)  
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  })}
```

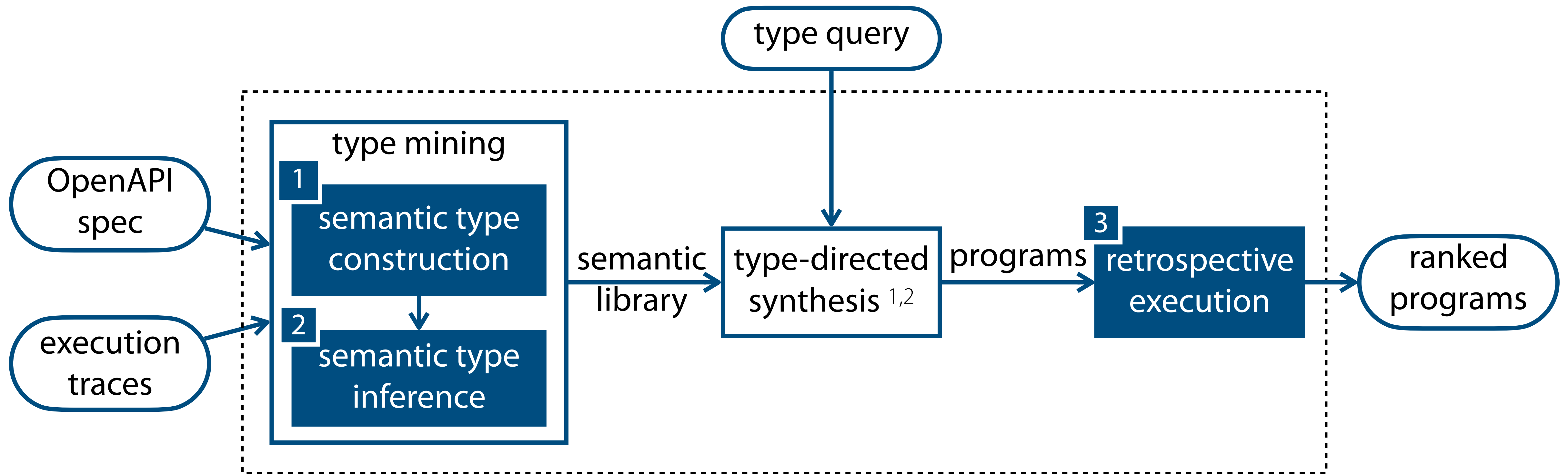
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Candidate #1

```
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    .map(uid => { let u = users_info(user=uid)  
      return u.profile.email })  
  })}
```

score:-1

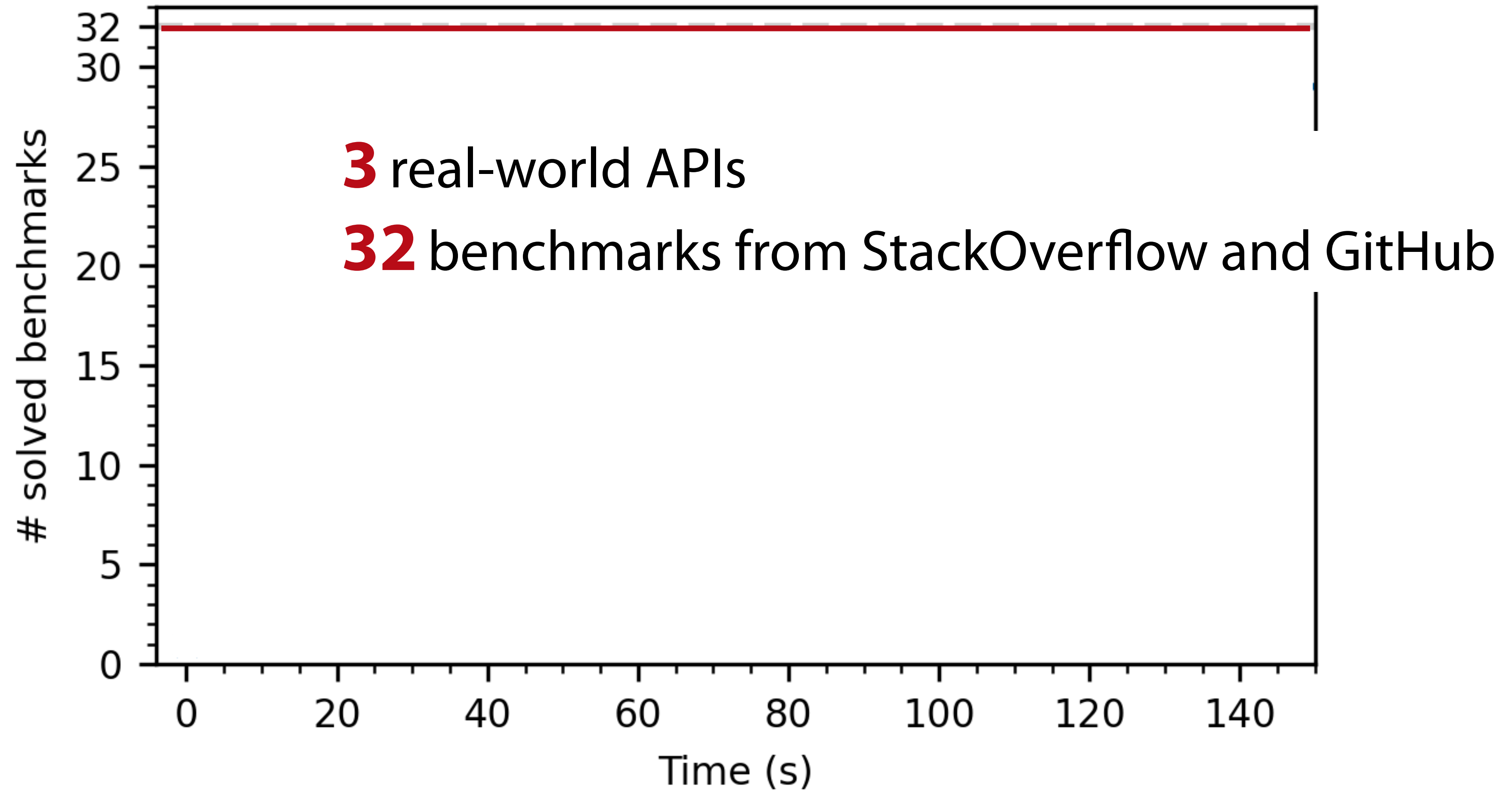
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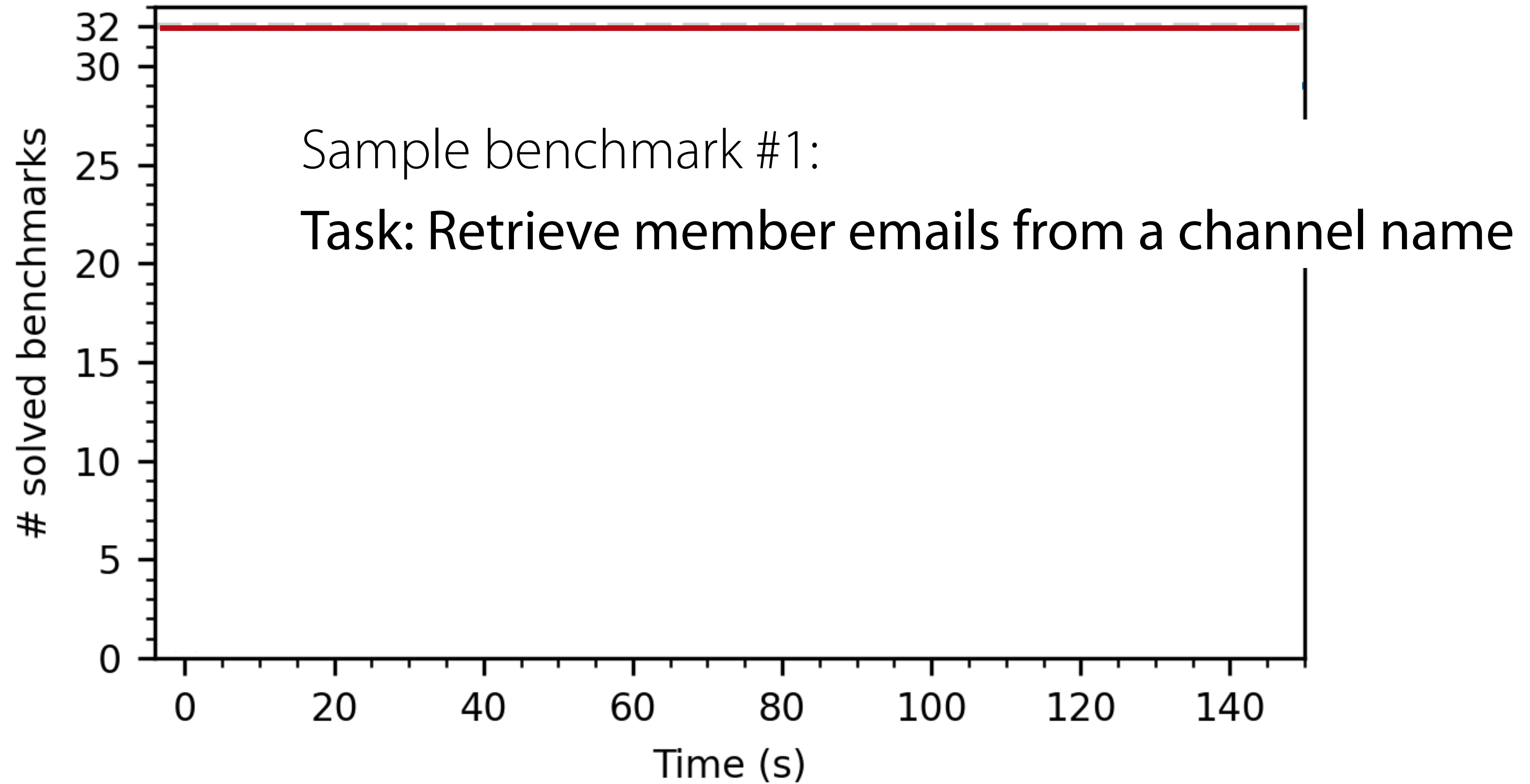
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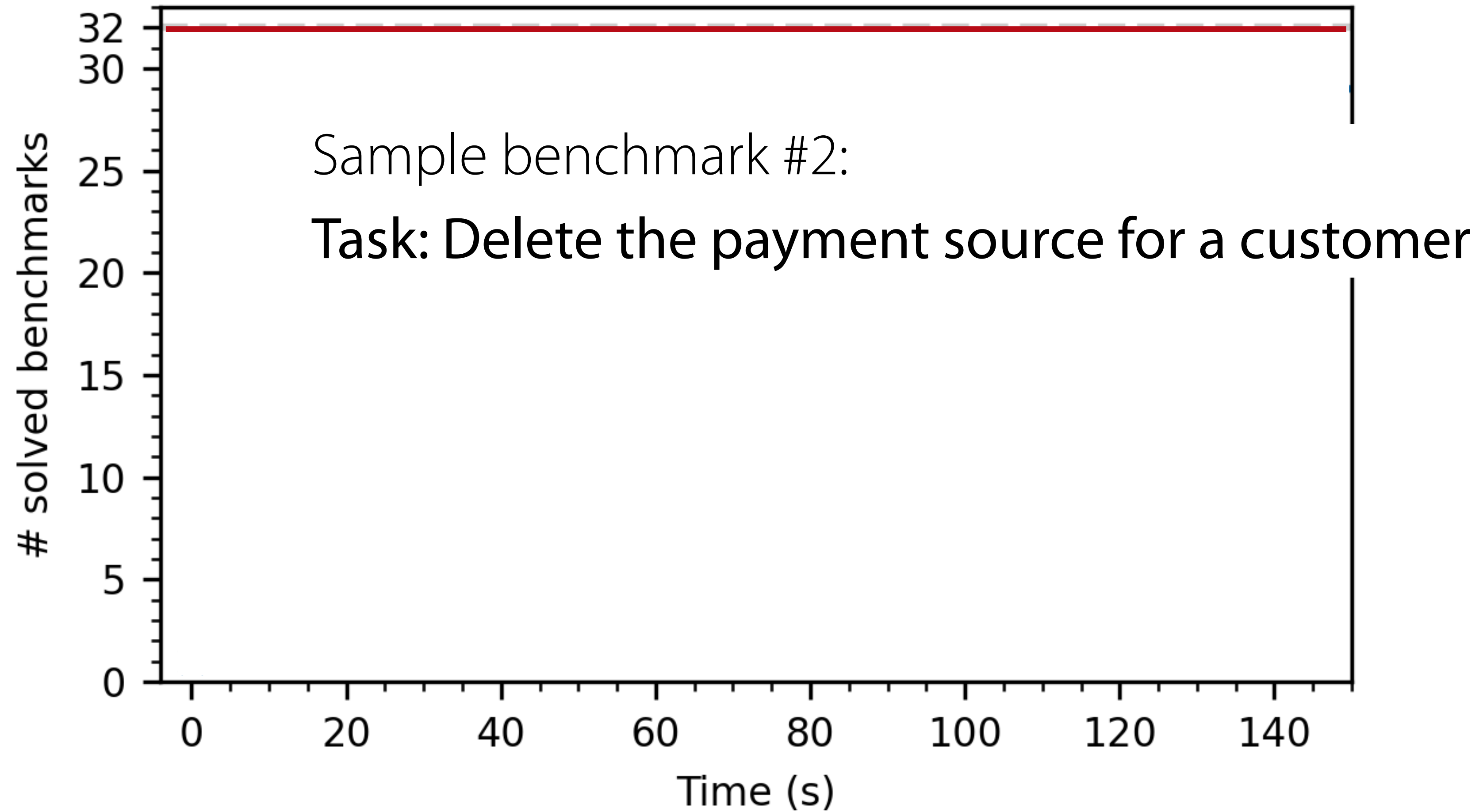
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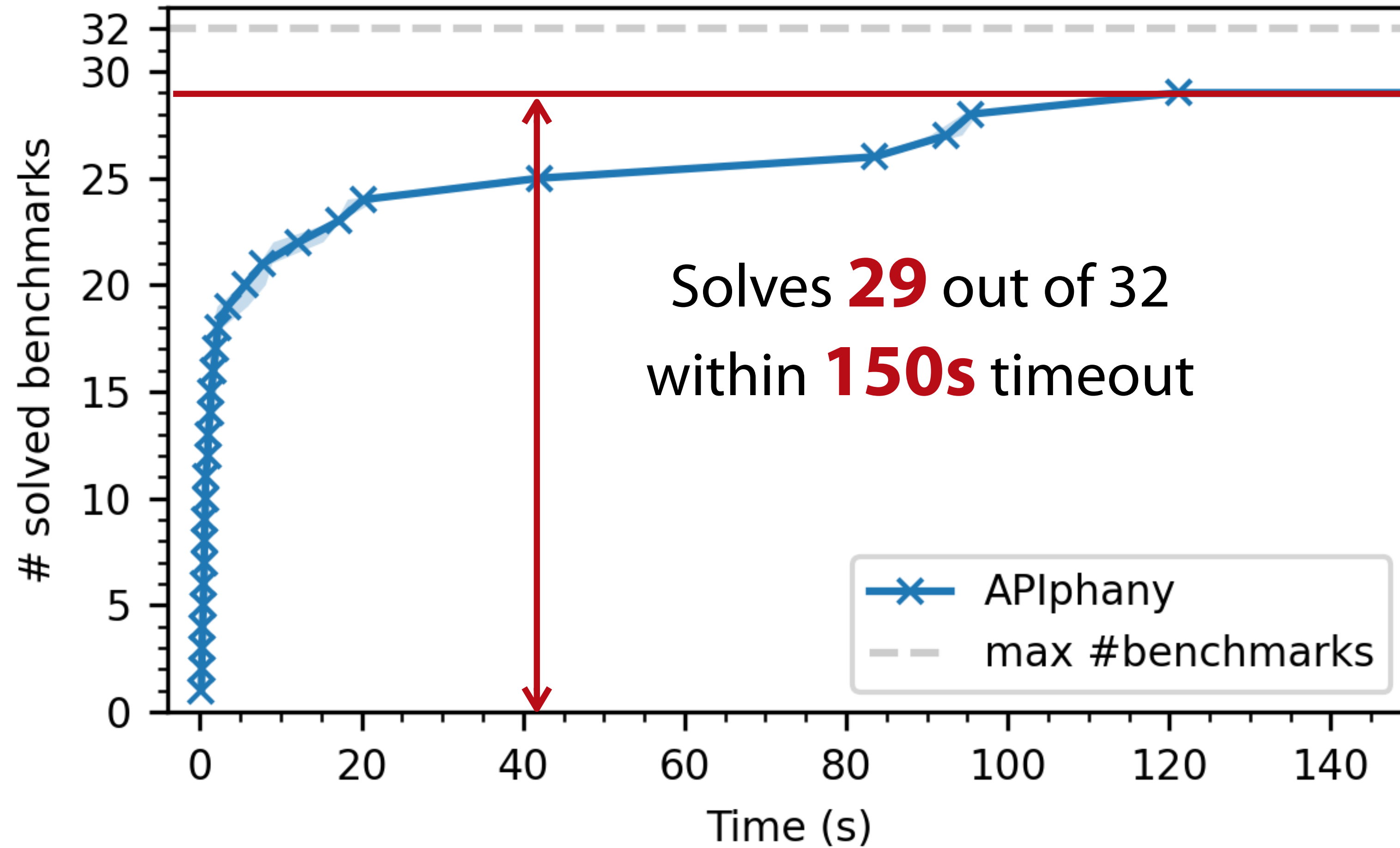
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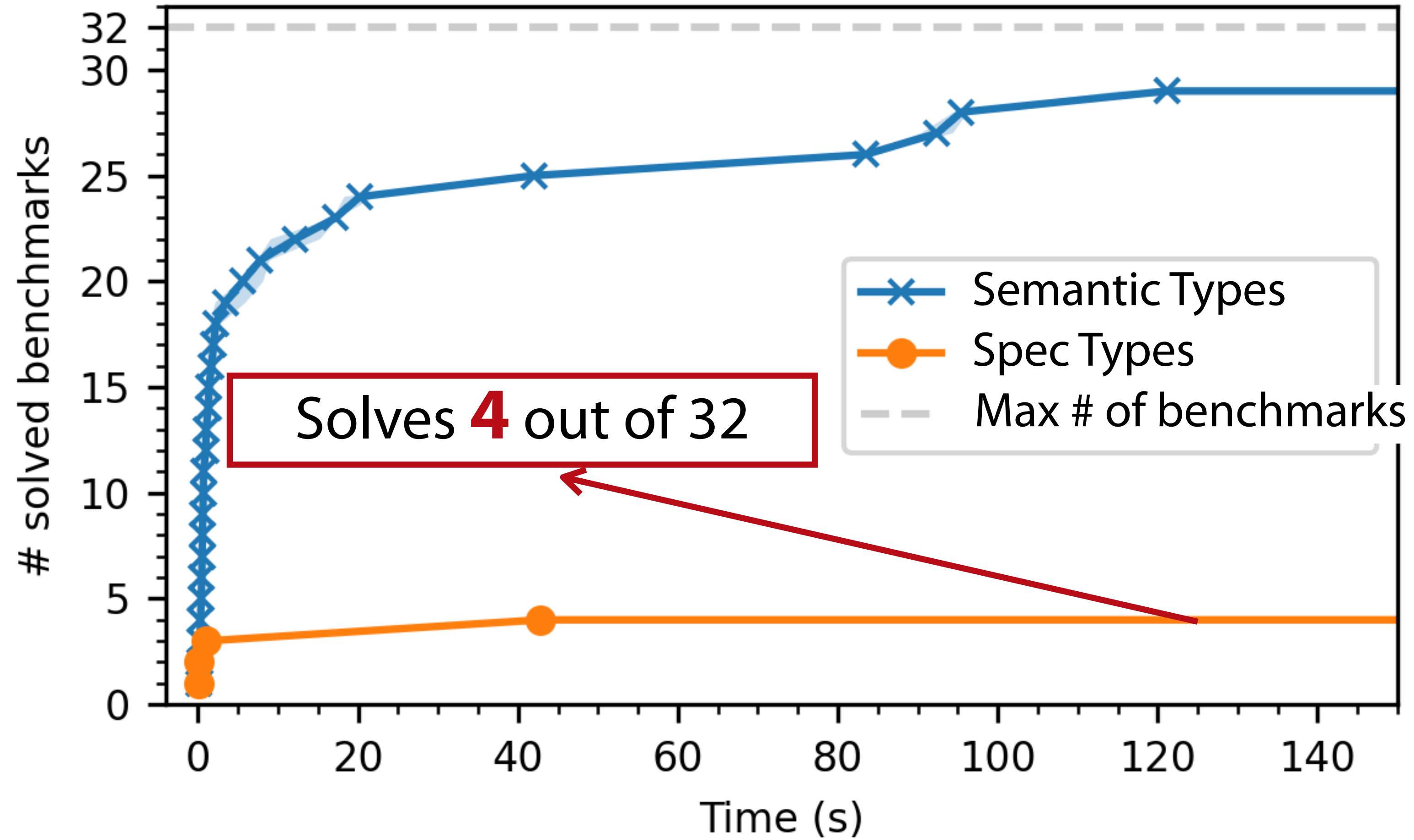
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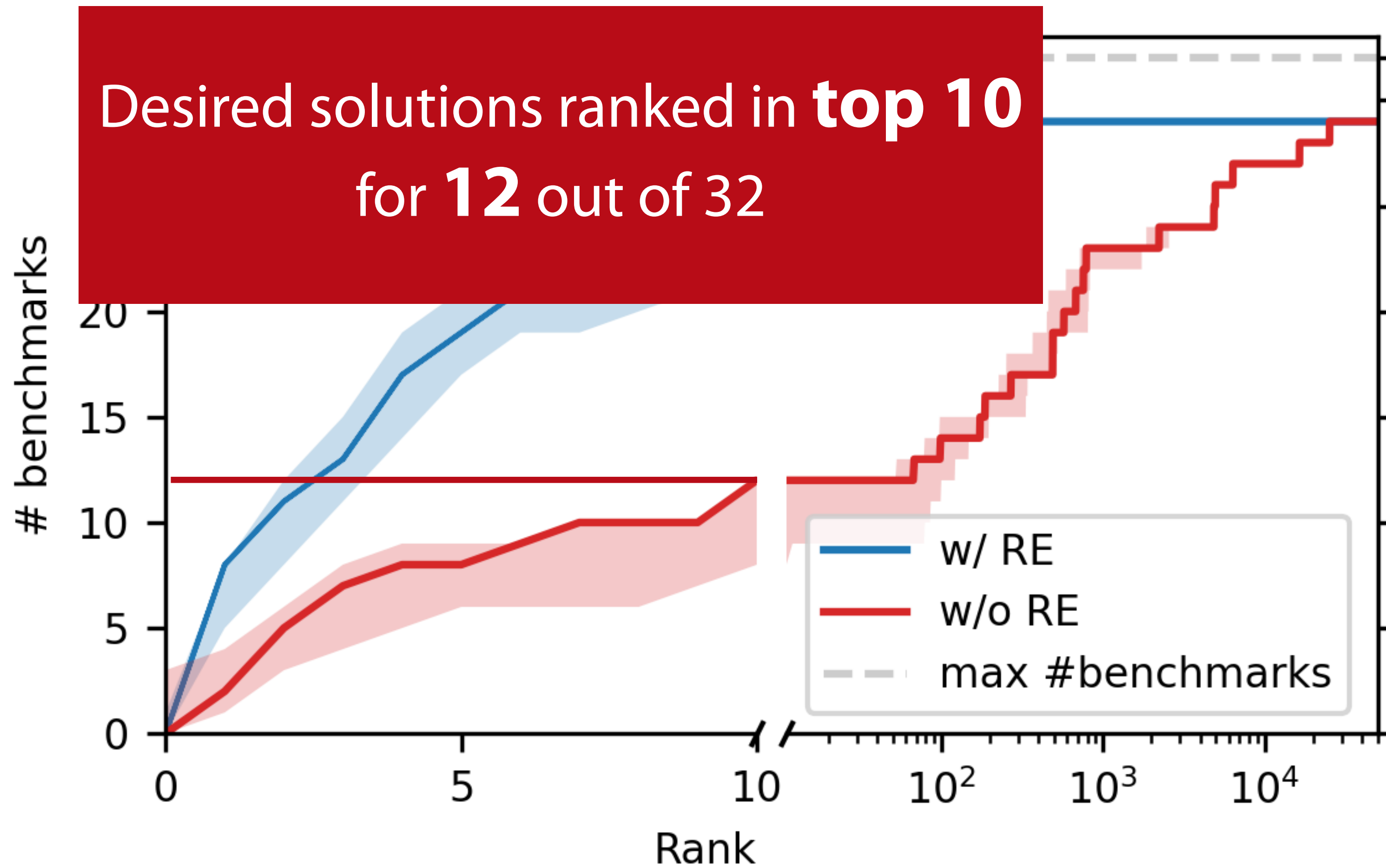
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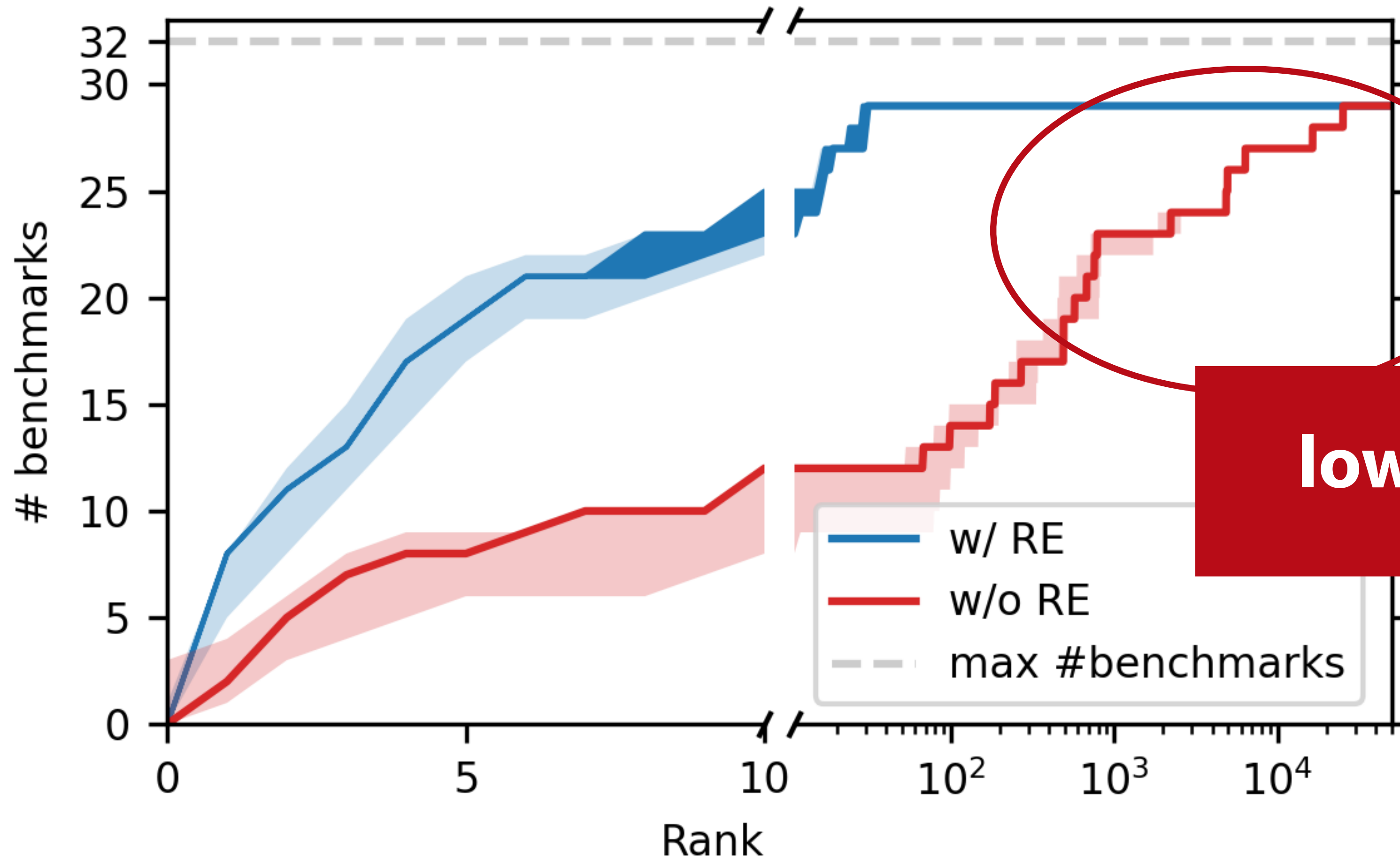
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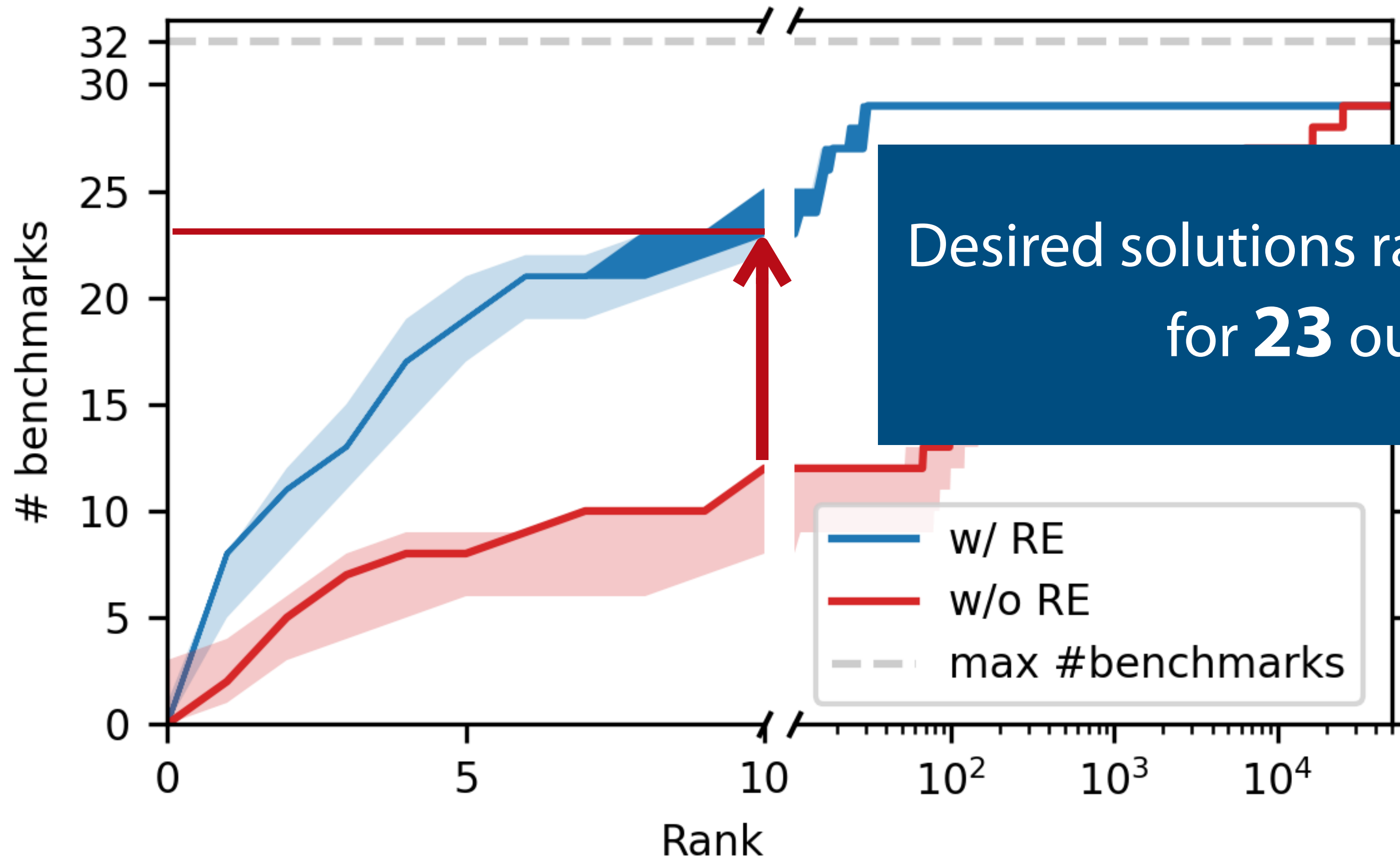


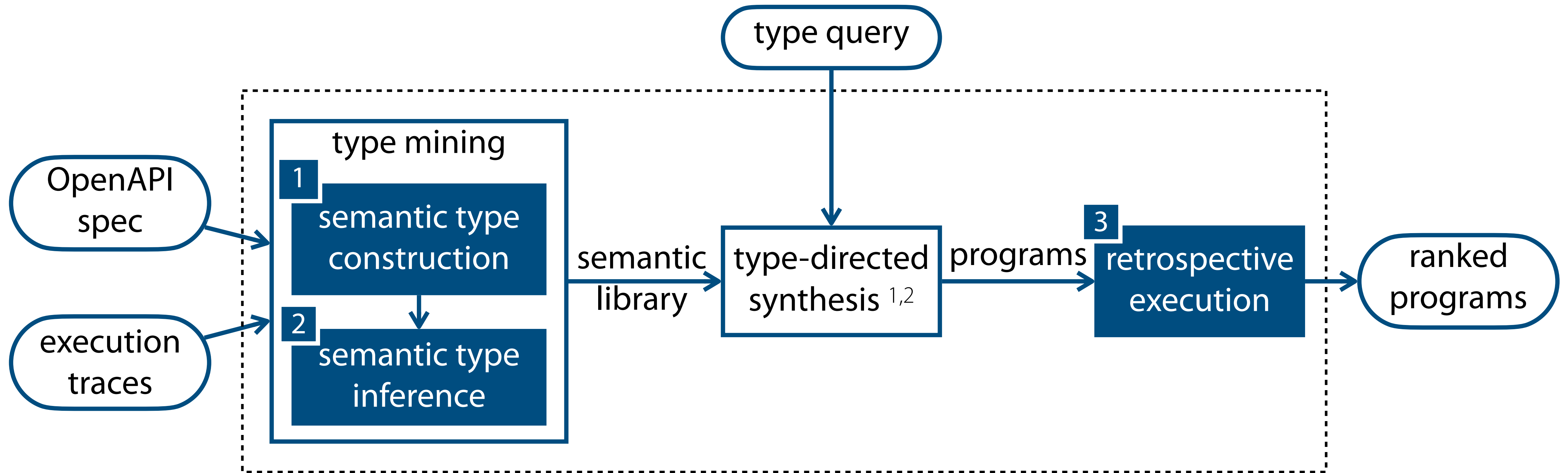
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■ Evaluation / **RE vs No RE**





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