

# Conservativity of Two-Level Type Theory Corresponds to Staged Compilation

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In the demo implementation:

- Bidirectional elaboration
- Coercive subtyping for  $\uparrow$  and type formers
- Standard unification techniques

Almost all quotes and splices are inferable in practice.

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## Conservativity of 2LTT means

- There's a bijection between object-theoretic types and object-fragment 2LTT types.
- There's also a bijection between object-theoretic terms and object-fragment 2LTT terms.
- (Both up to  $\beta\eta$ -conversion).

(See proof in the preprint)



ICFP preprint, implementation, tutorial:  
[github.com/AndrasKovacs/staged](https://github.com/AndrasKovacs/staged)

Thanks for your attention!