



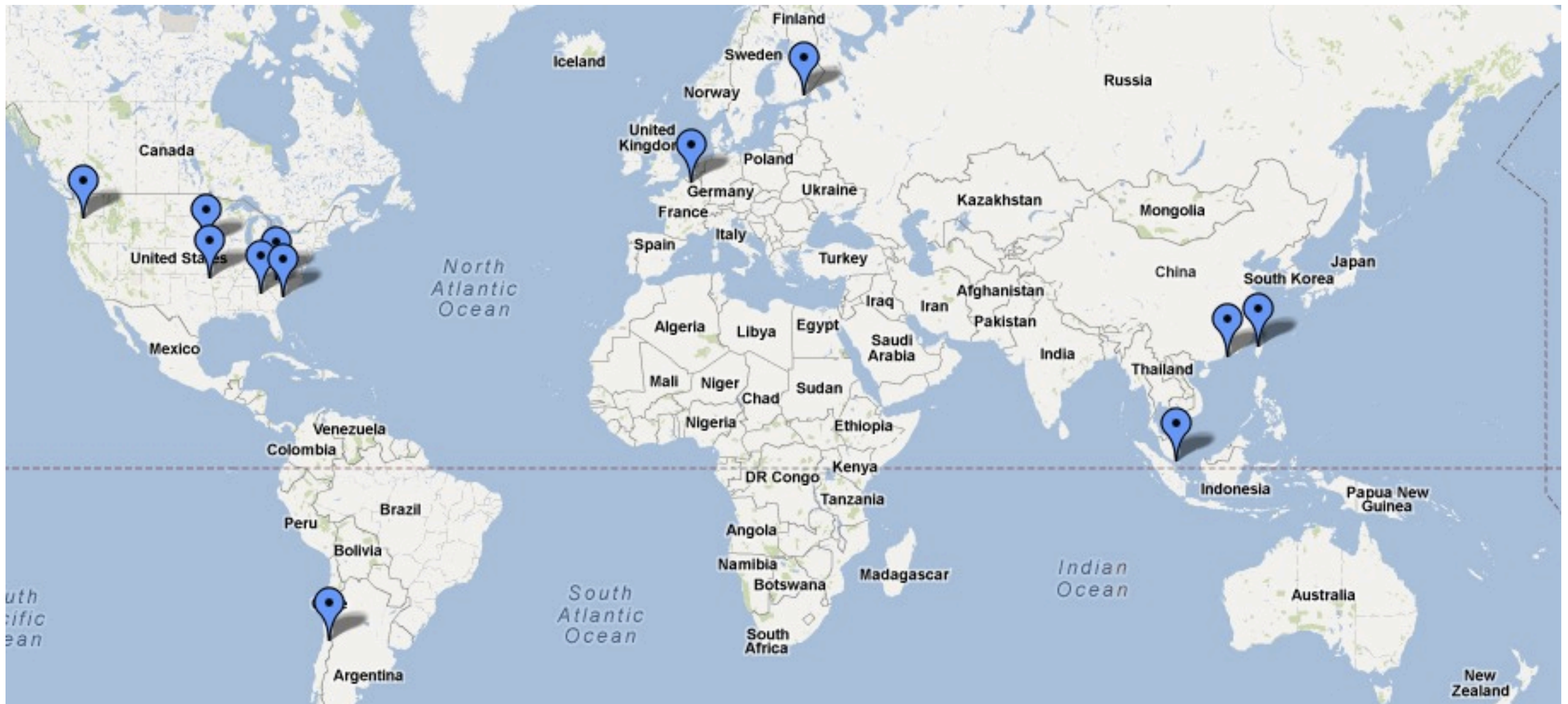
Large-Scale Data and Computation: Challenges and Opportunities

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Joint work with many collaborators

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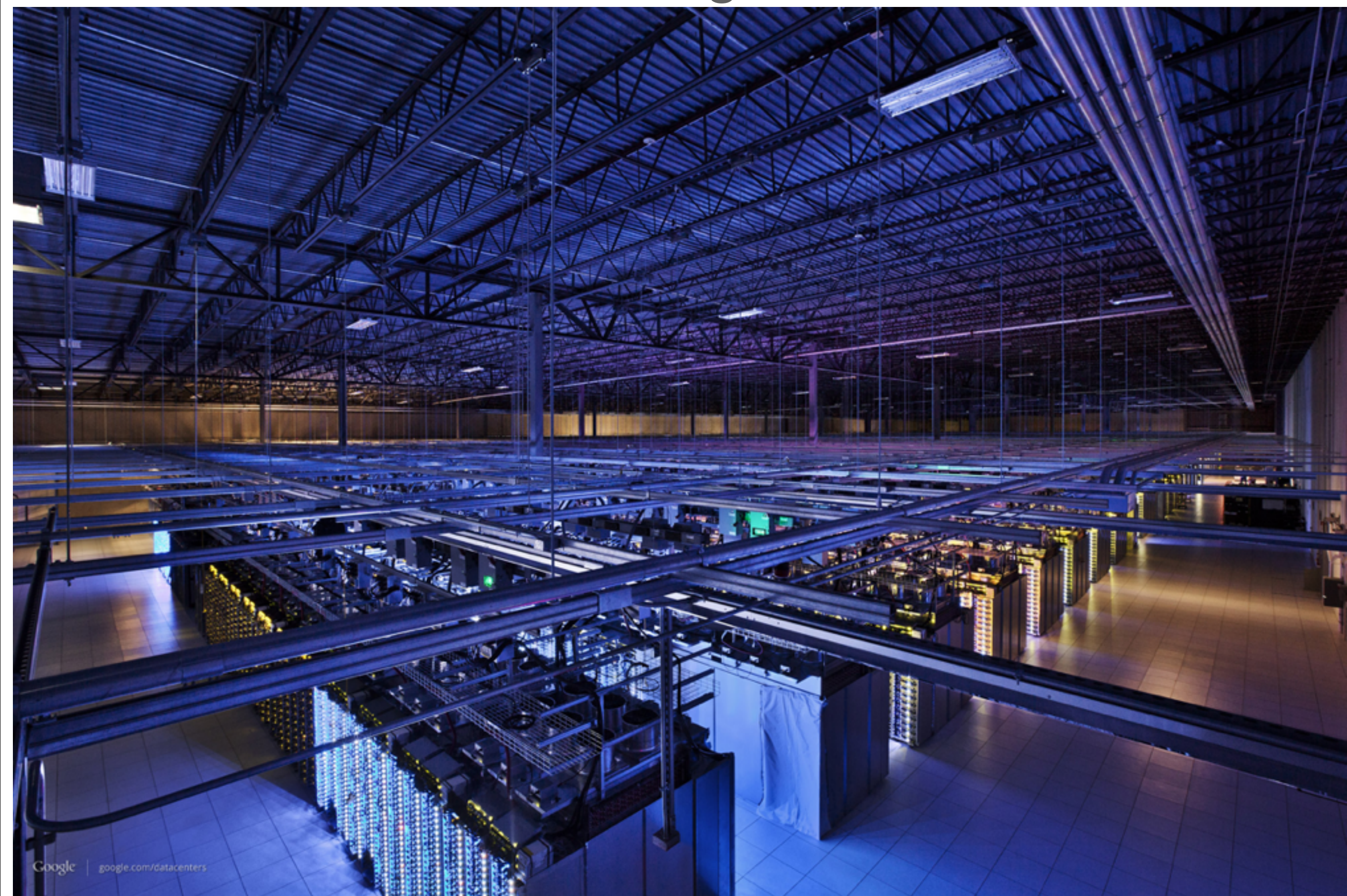
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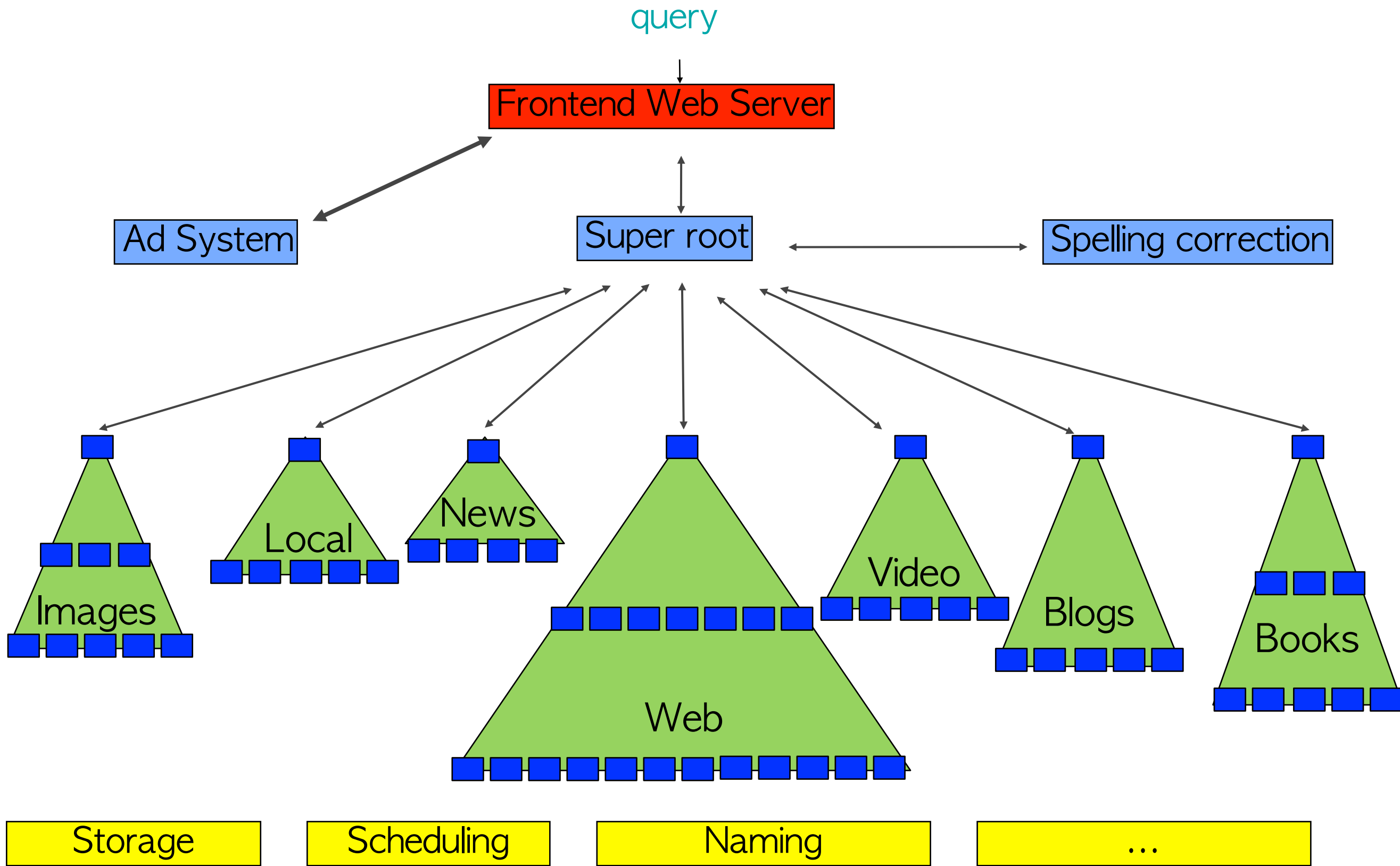
Save a bit of power: turn out the lights...



Cool...



Decomposition into Services

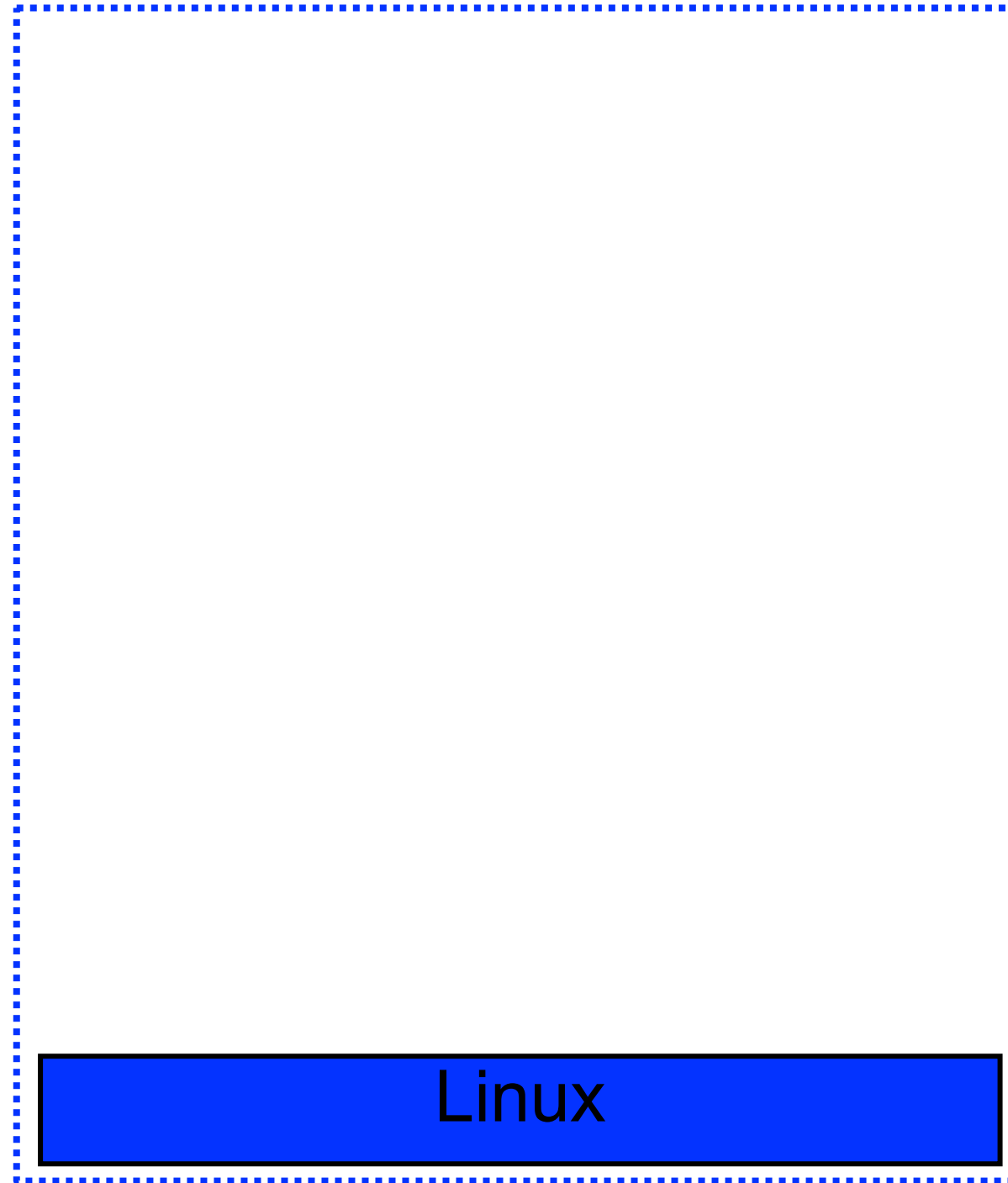


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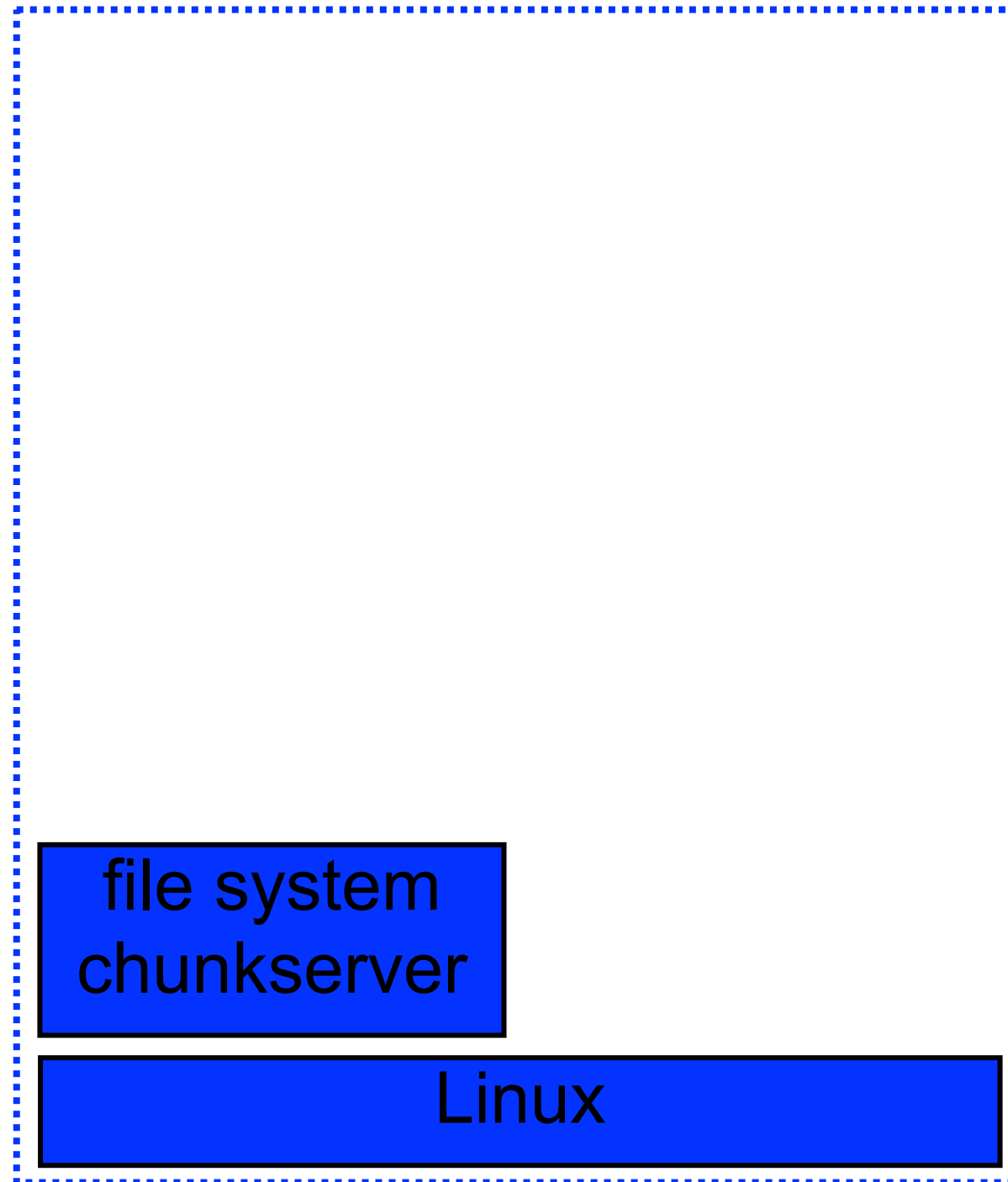
- Data loss
 - replicate the data on multiple disks/machines (GFS/Colossus)
- Slow machines
 - replicate the computation (MapReduce)
- Too much load
 - replicate for better throughput (nearly all of our services)
- Bad latency
 - utilize replicas to improve latency
 - improved worldwide placement of data and services



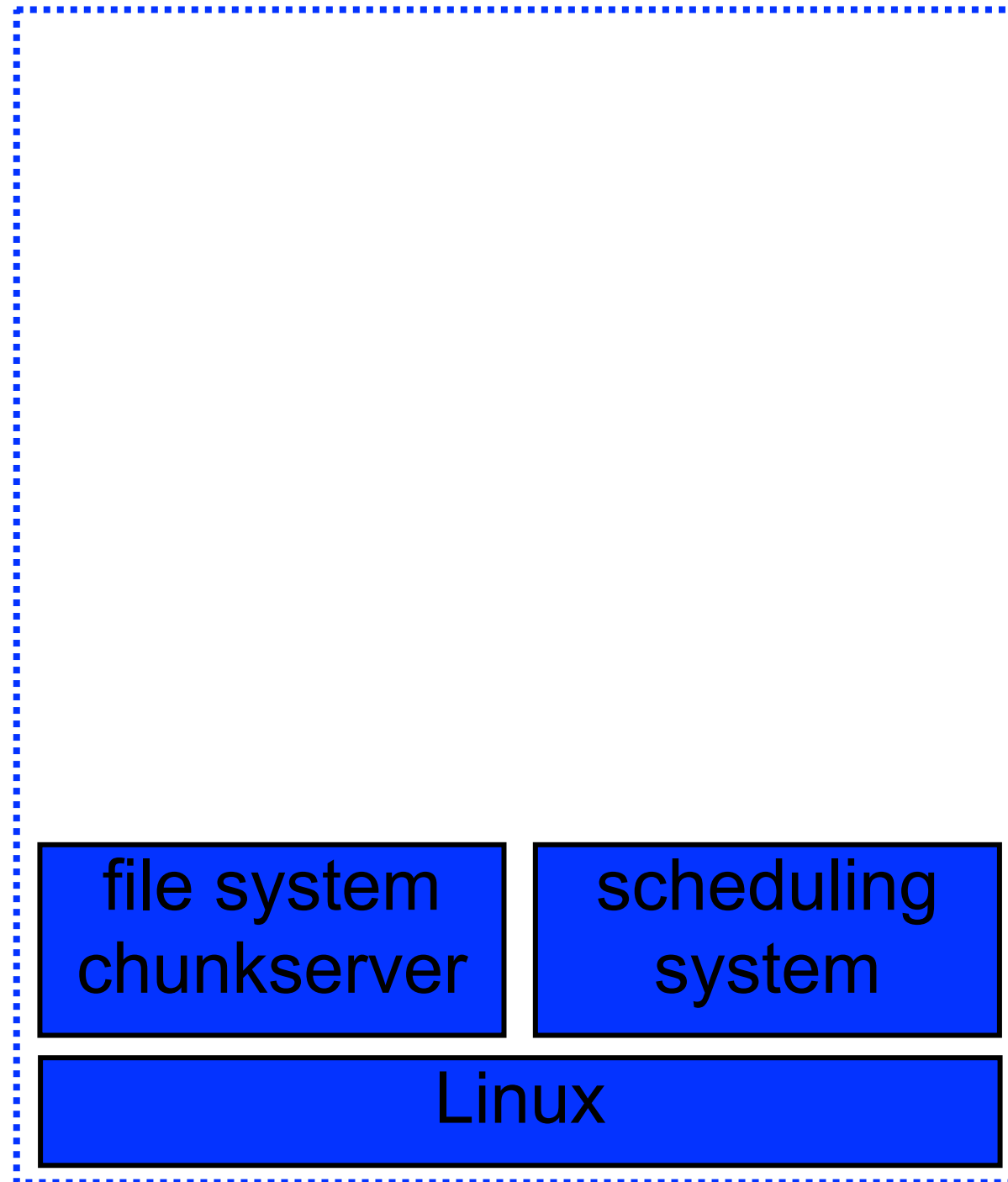
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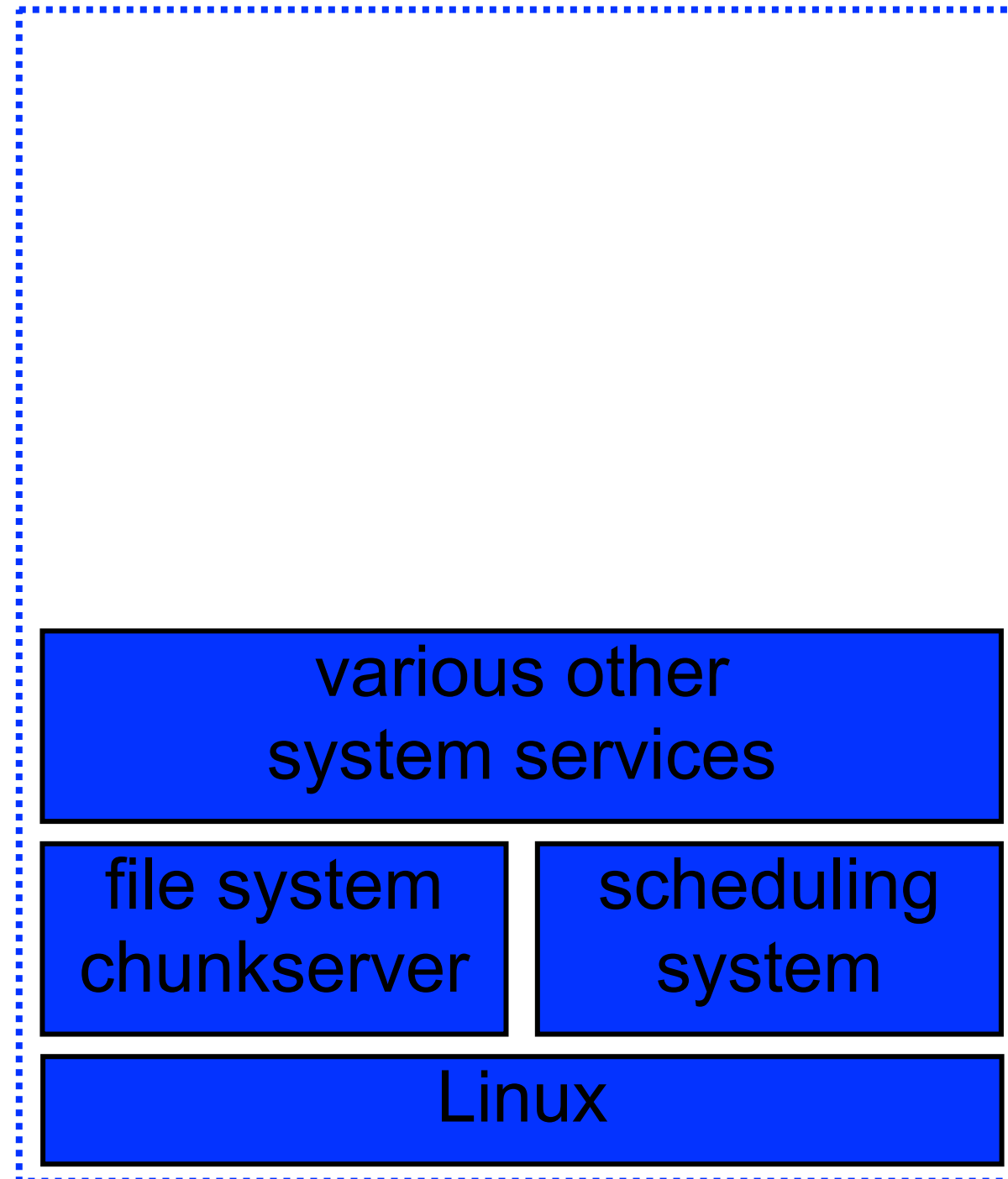
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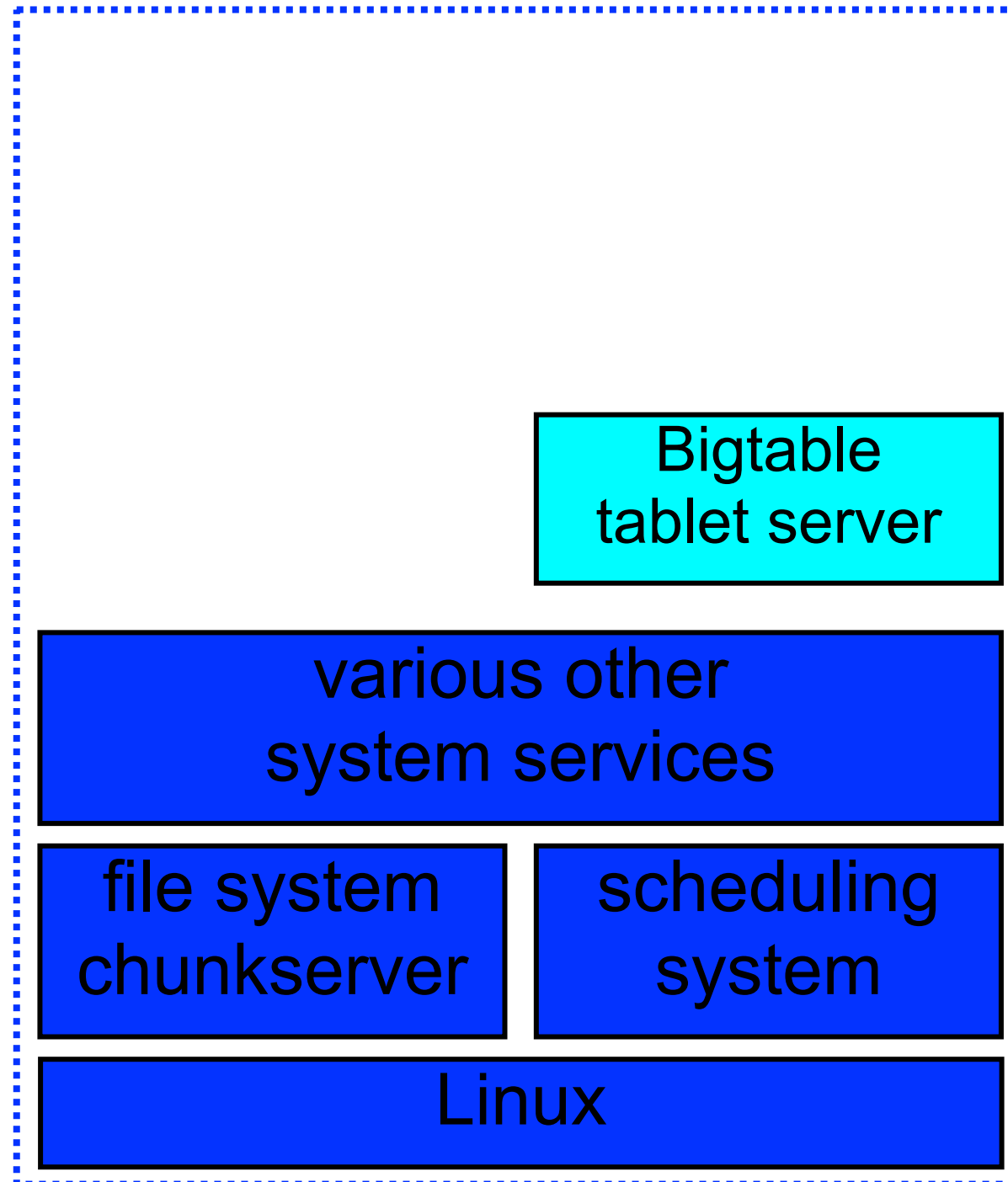
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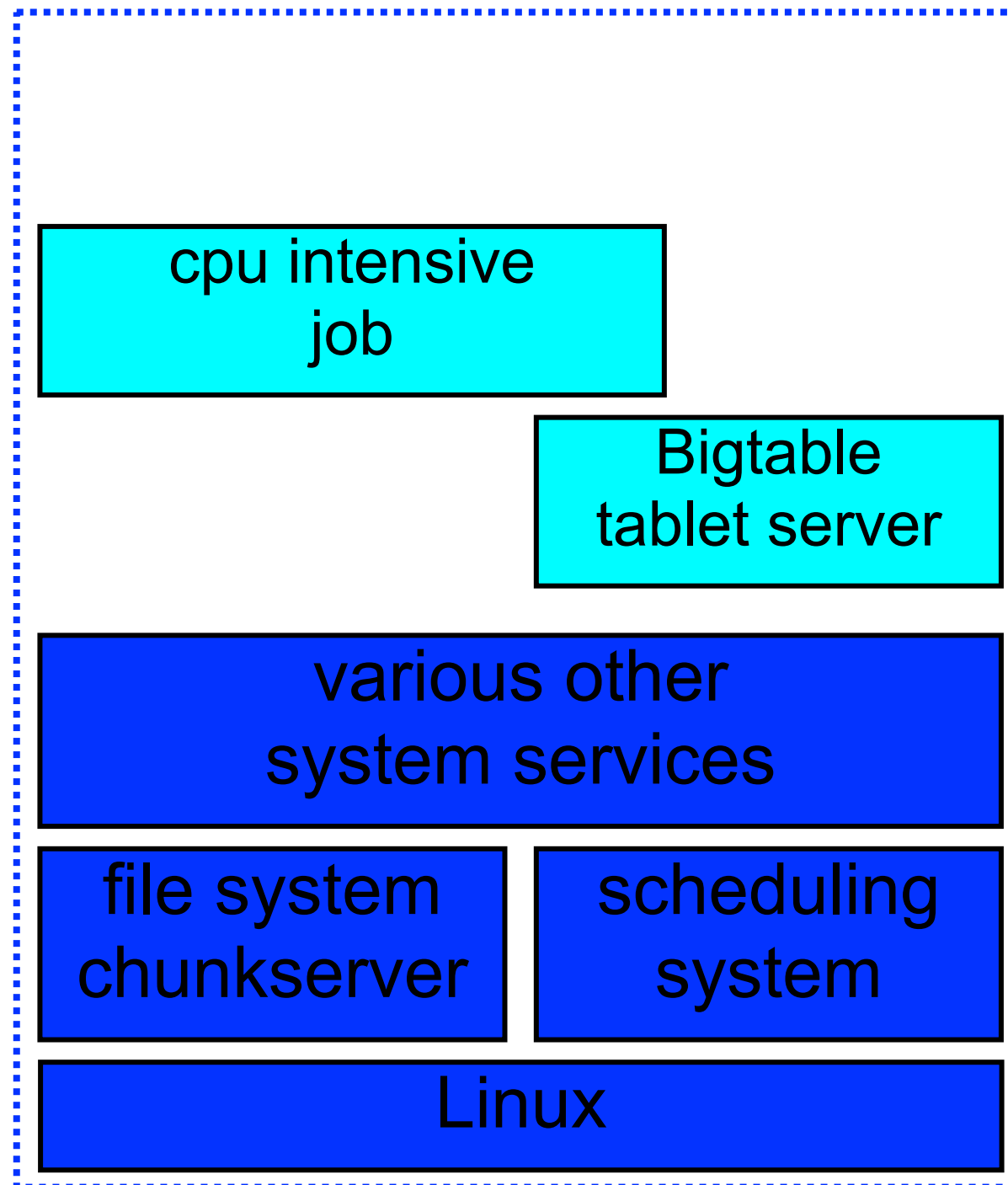
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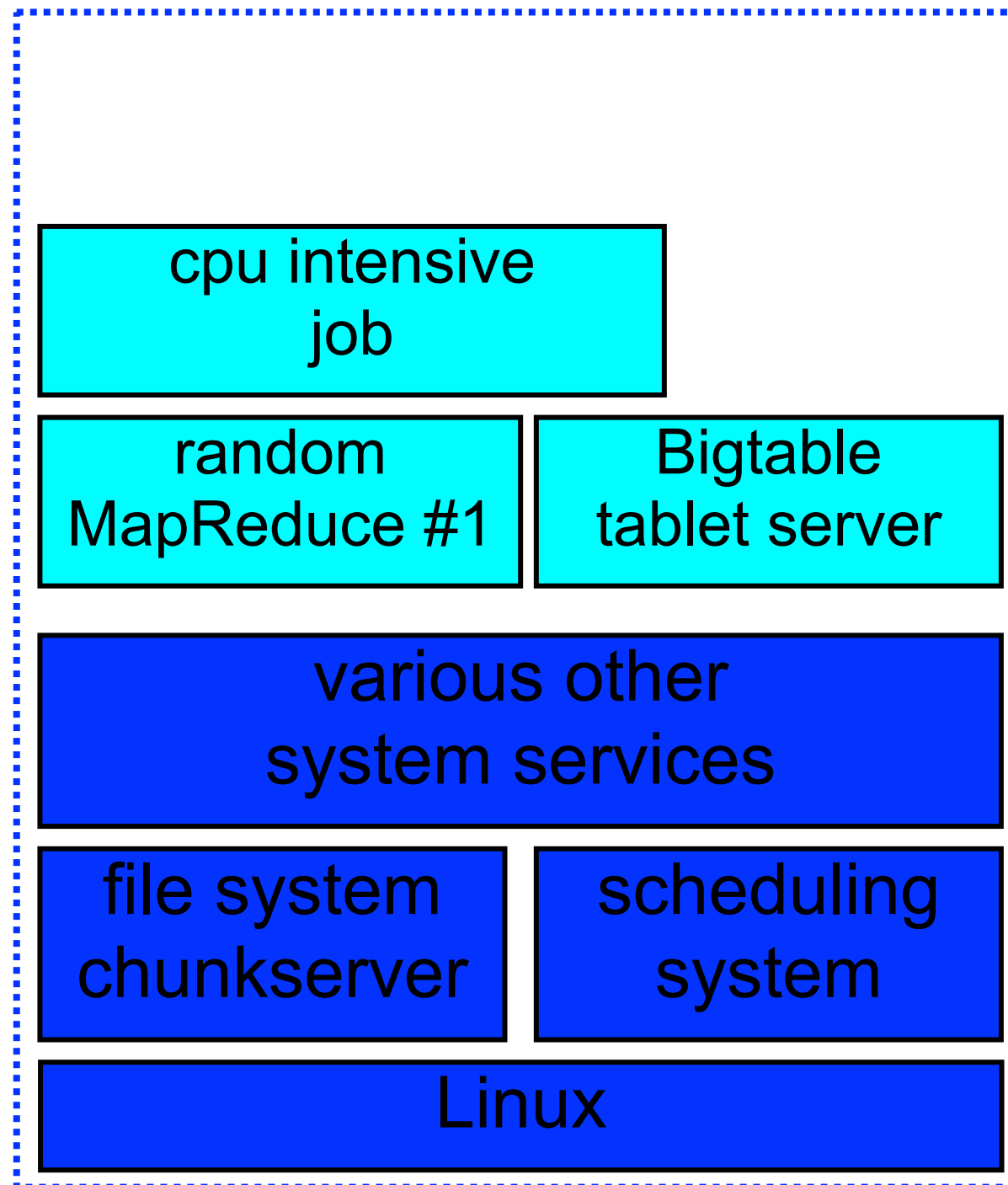
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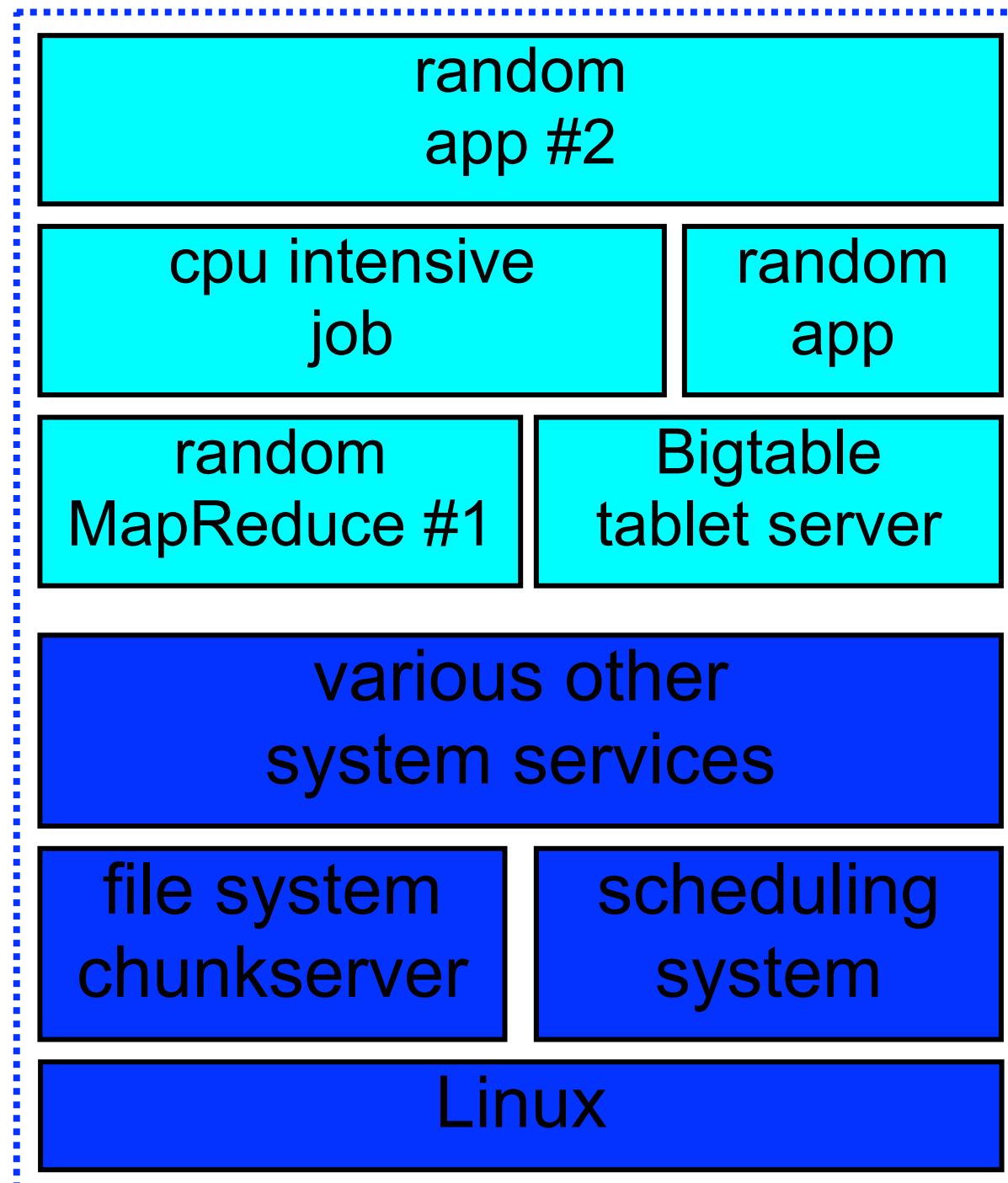
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- Huge benefit: greatly increased utilization
- ... but hard to predict effects increase variability
 - network congestion
 - background activities
 - bursts of foreground activity
 - not just your jobs, but everyone else's jobs, too
 - not static: change happening constantly
- Exacerbated by large fanout systems



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- Server with 10 ms avg. but 1 sec 99%ile latency
 - touch 1 of these: 1% of requests take ≥ 1 sec
 - touch 100 of these: 63% of requests take ≥ 1 sec



Tolerating Faults vs. Tolerating Variability

- Tolerating faults:
 - rely on extra resources
 - RAIDed disks, ECC memory, dist. system components, etc.
 - ***make a reliable whole out of unreliable parts***
- Tolerating variability:
 - use these same extra resources
 - ***make a predictable whole out of unpredictable parts***
- Times scales are very different:
 - variability: 1000s of disruptions/sec, scale of **milliseconds**
 - faults: 10s of failures per day, scale of **tens of seconds**

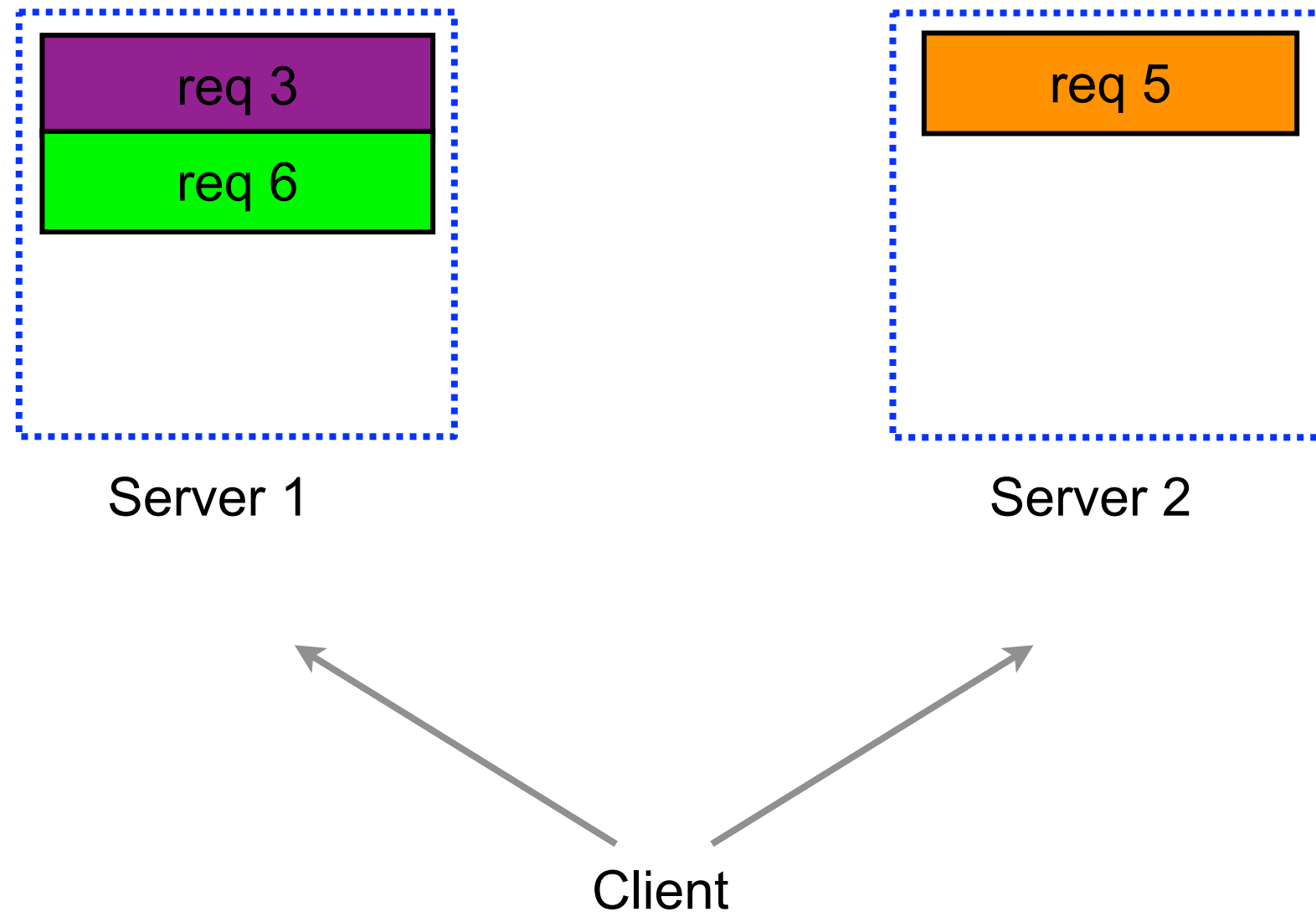


Latency Tolerating Techniques

- **Cross request adaptation**
 - examine recent behavior
 - take action to improve latency of future requests
 - typically relate to balancing load across set of servers
 - time scale: 10s of seconds to minutes
- **Within request adaptation**
 - cope with slow subsystems in context of higher level request
 - time scale: right now, while user is waiting
- Many such techniques
[*The Tail at Scale*, Dean & Barroso, to appear in CACM
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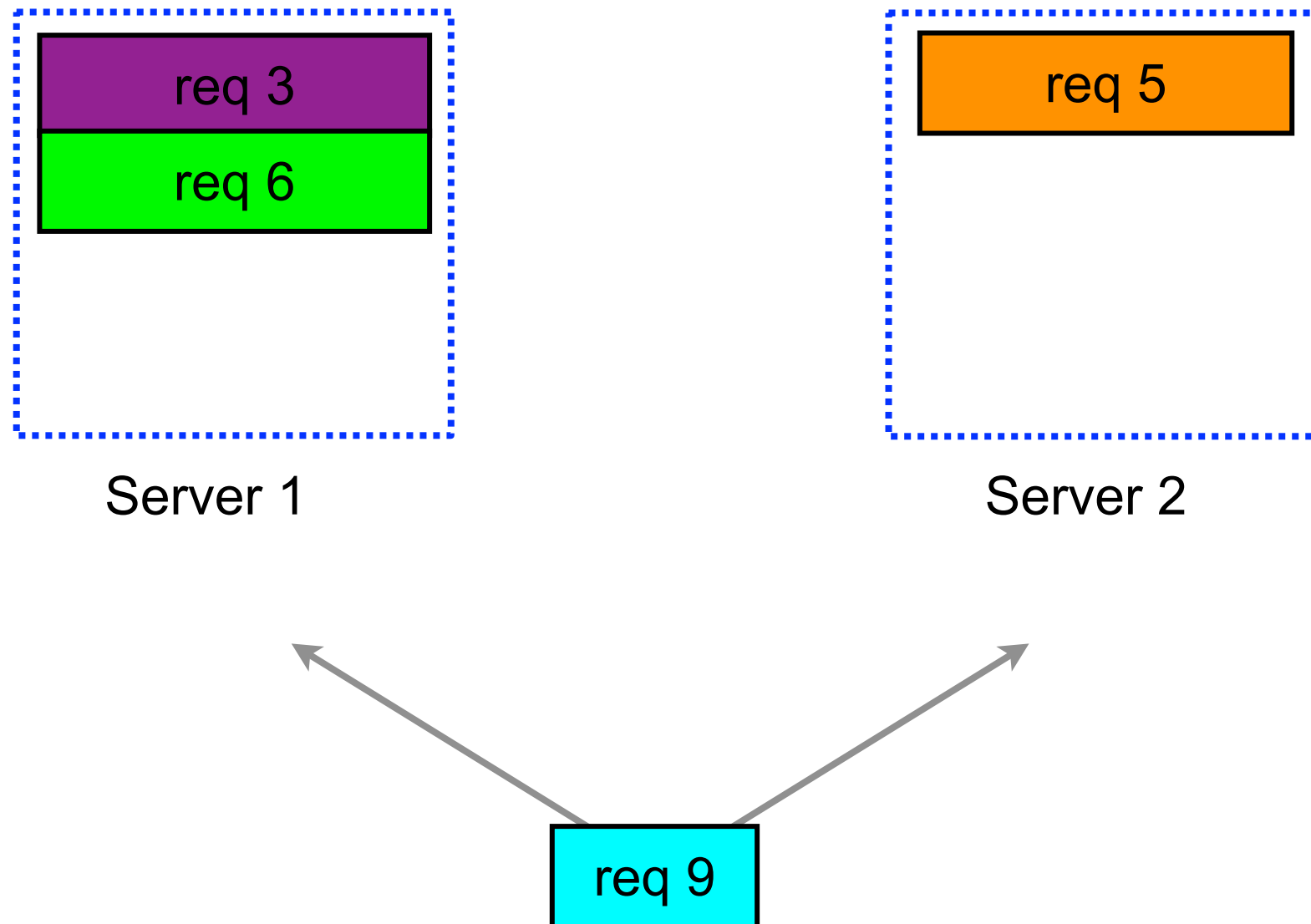
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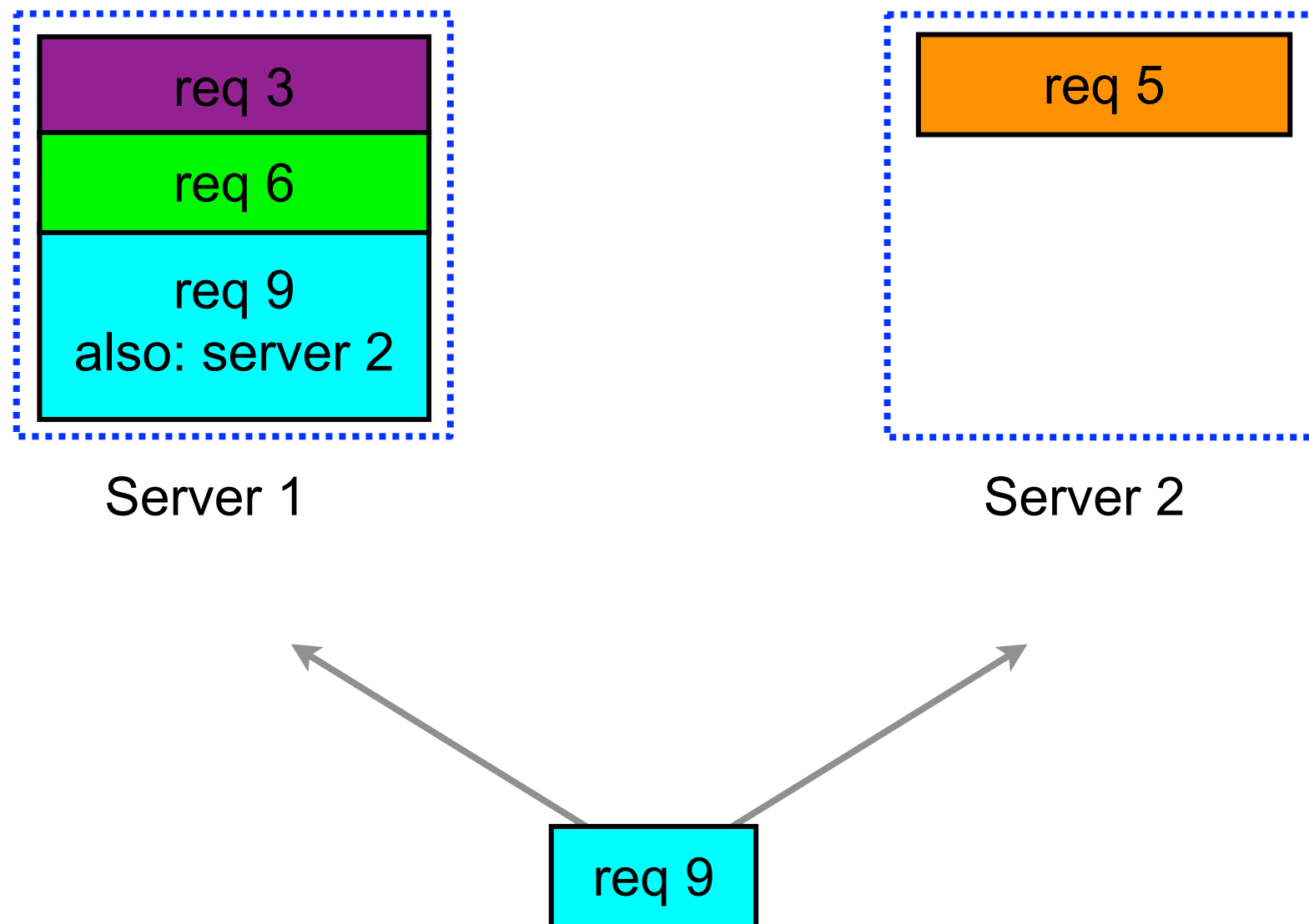
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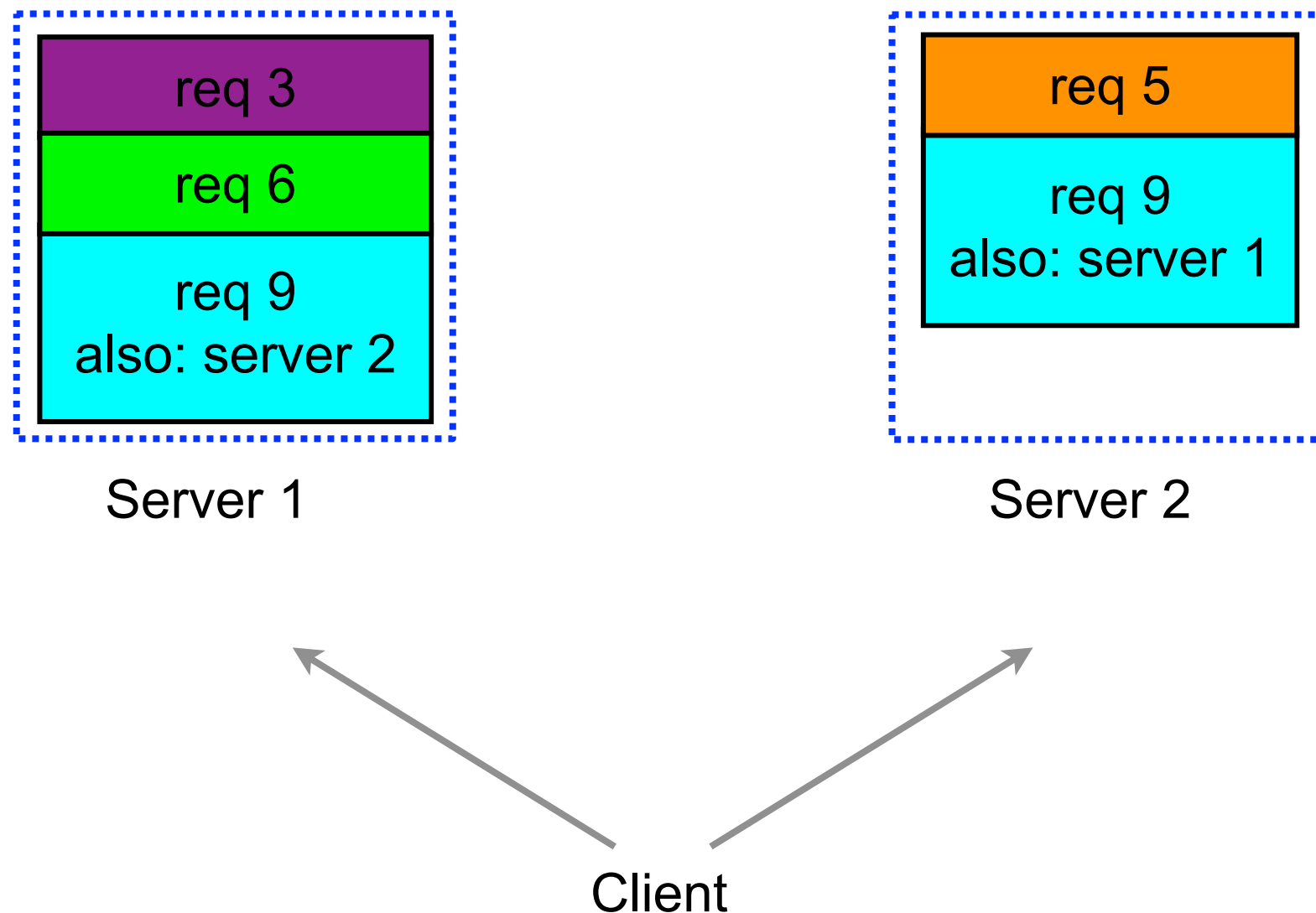
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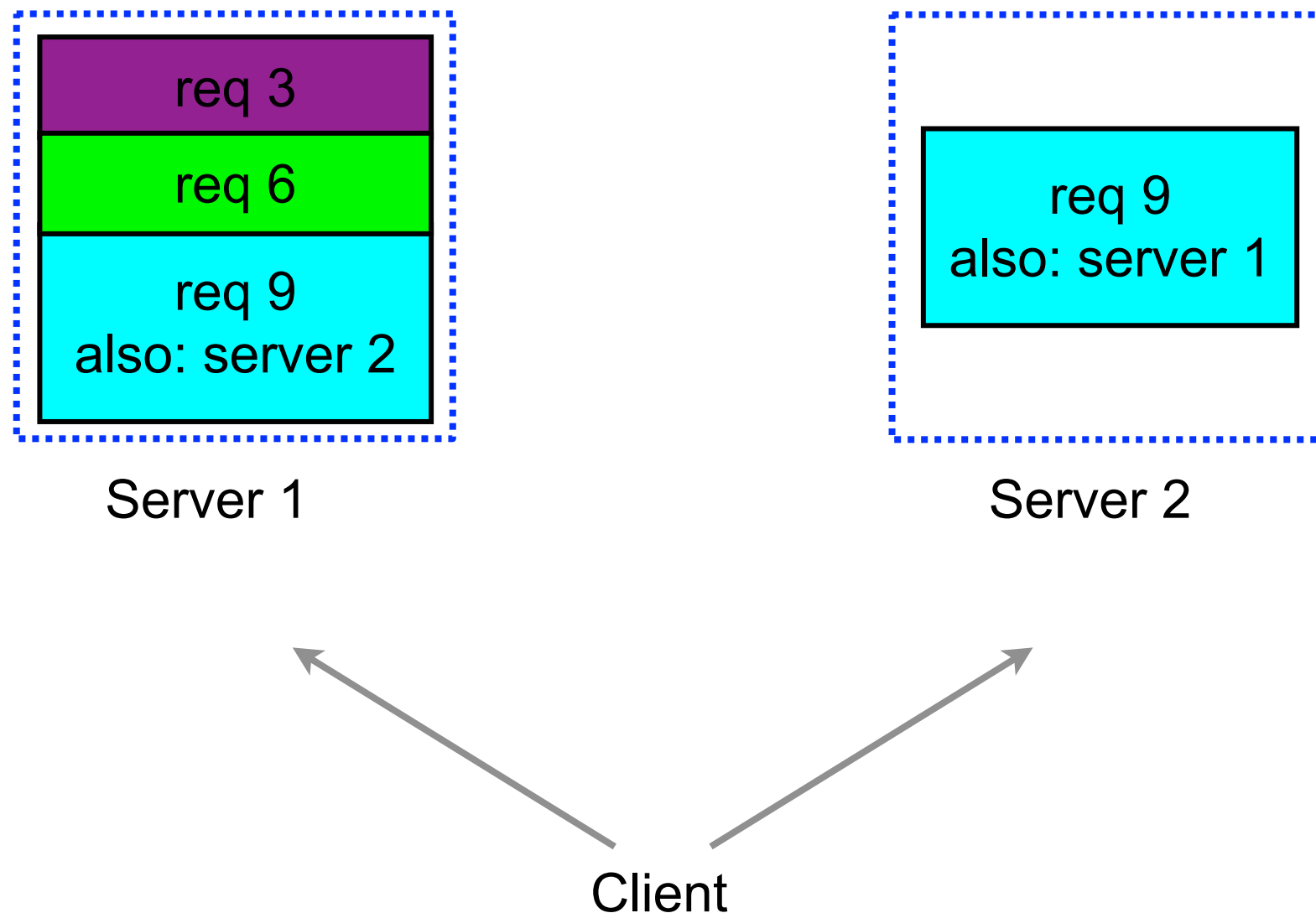
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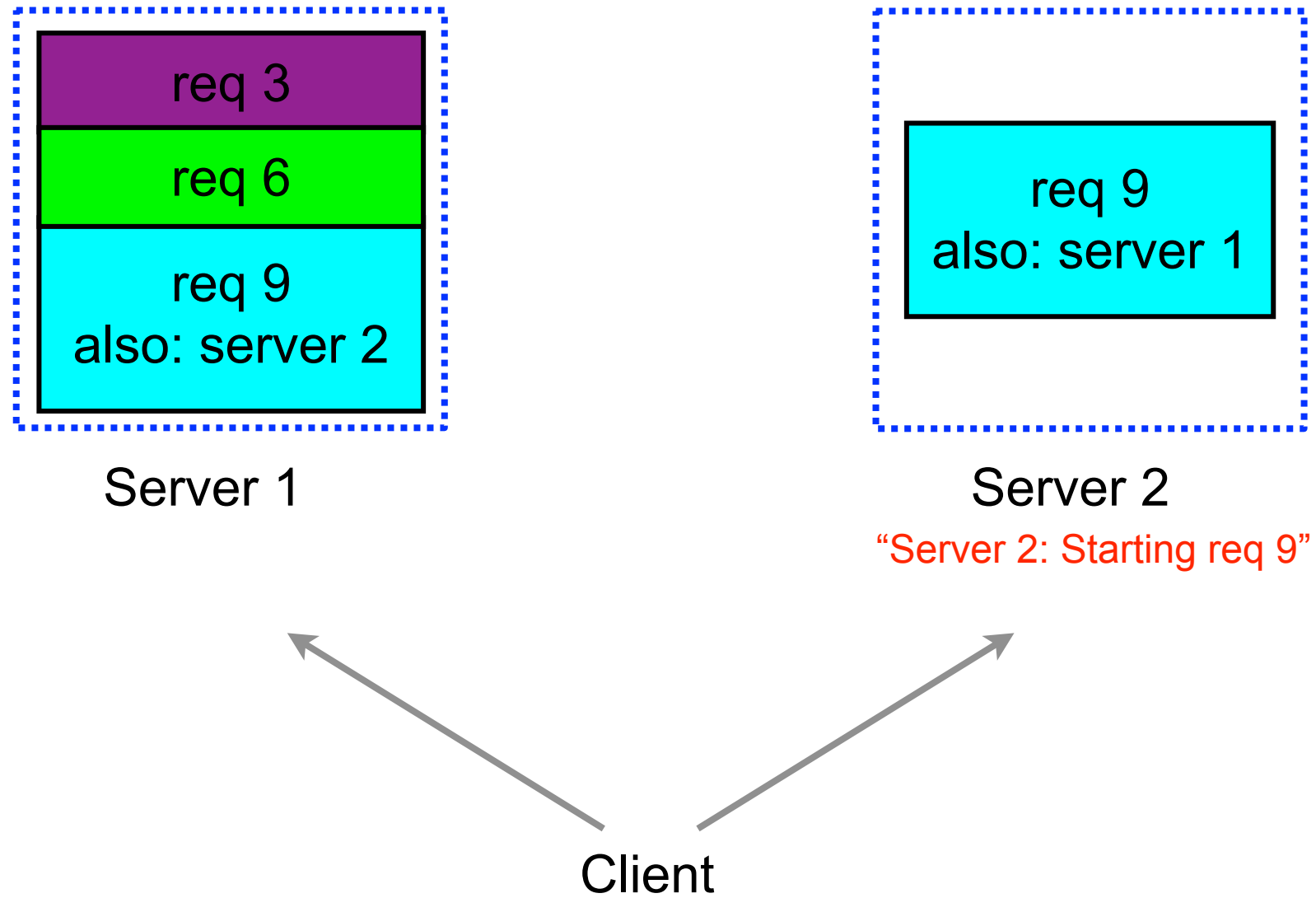
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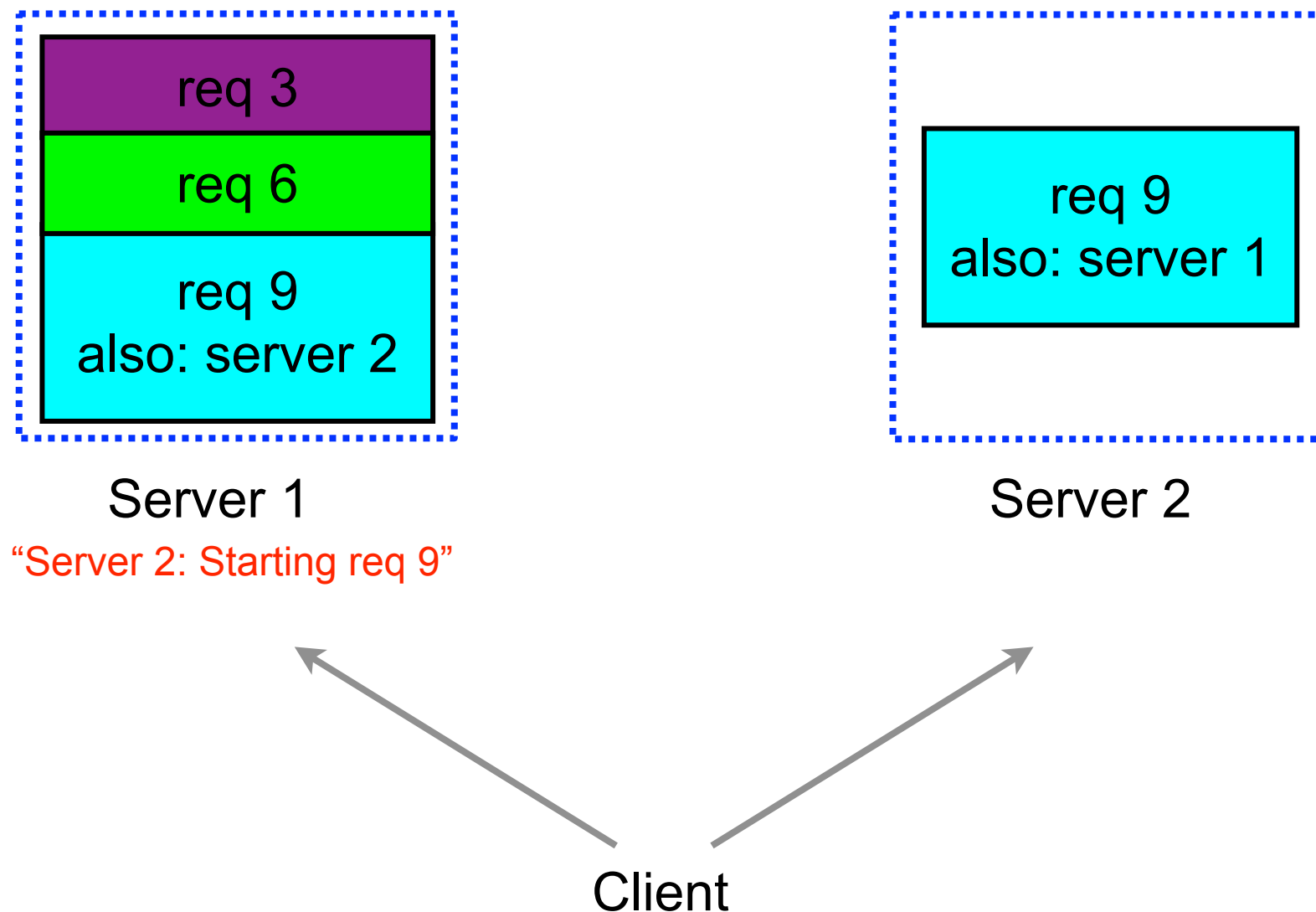
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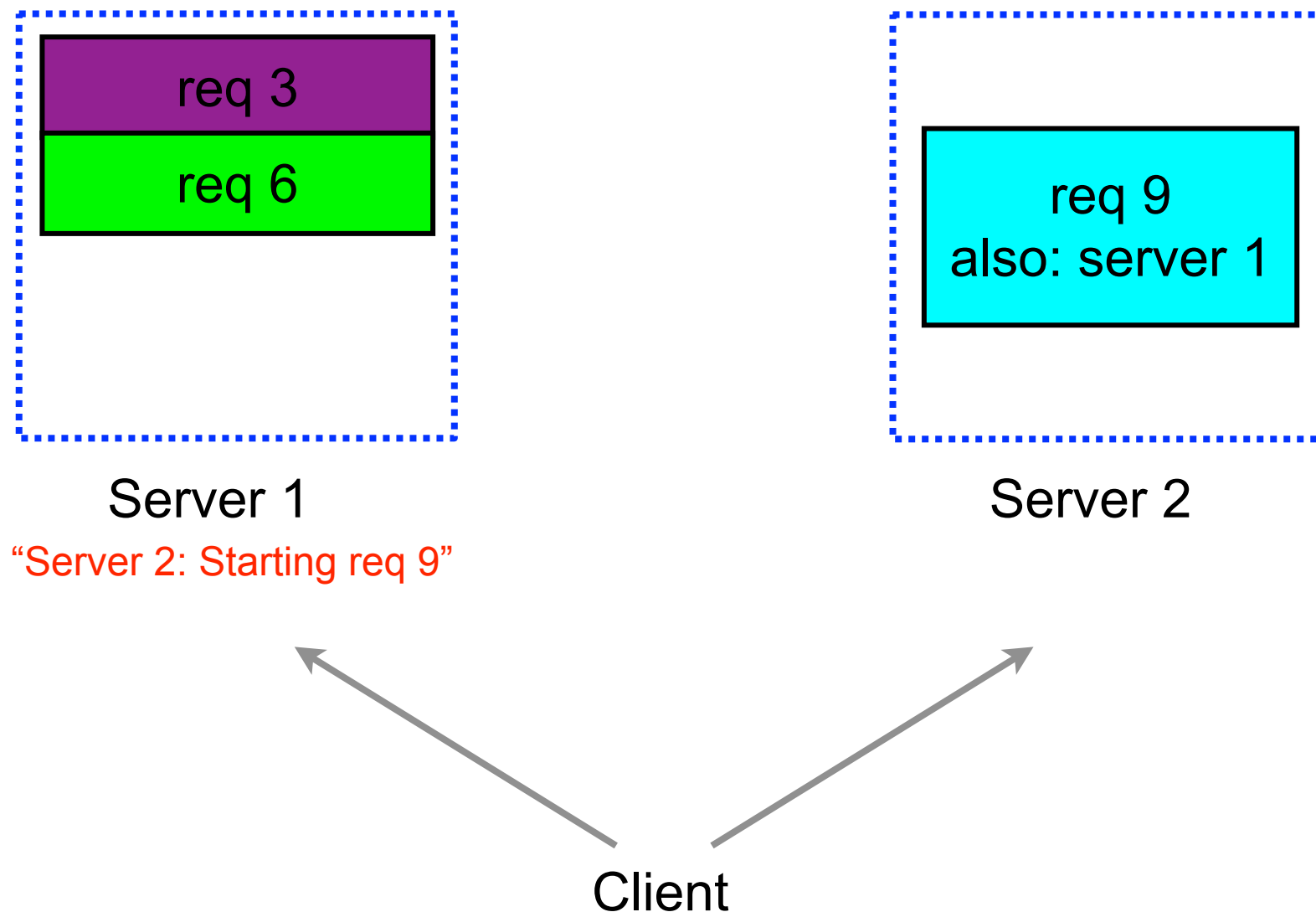
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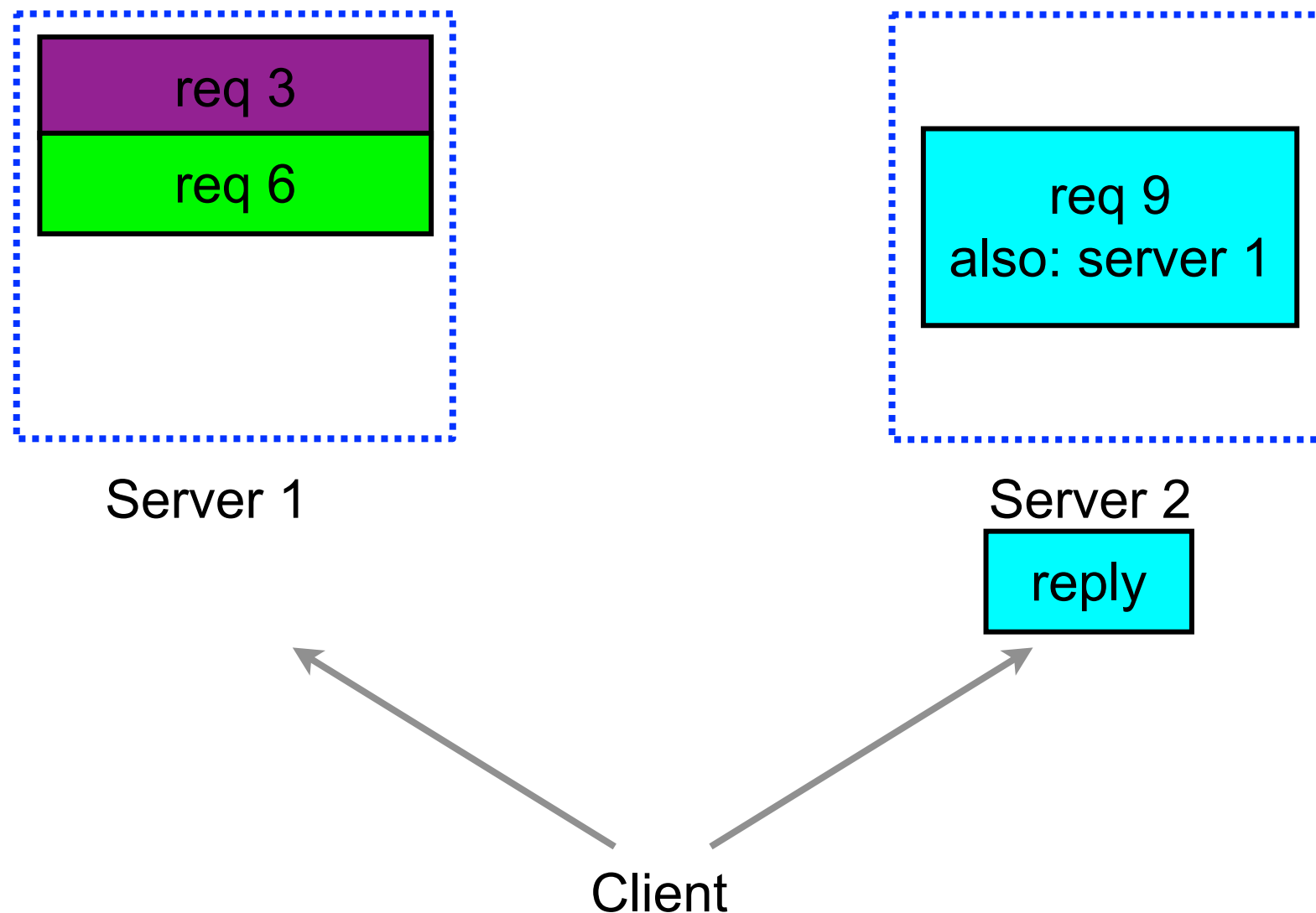
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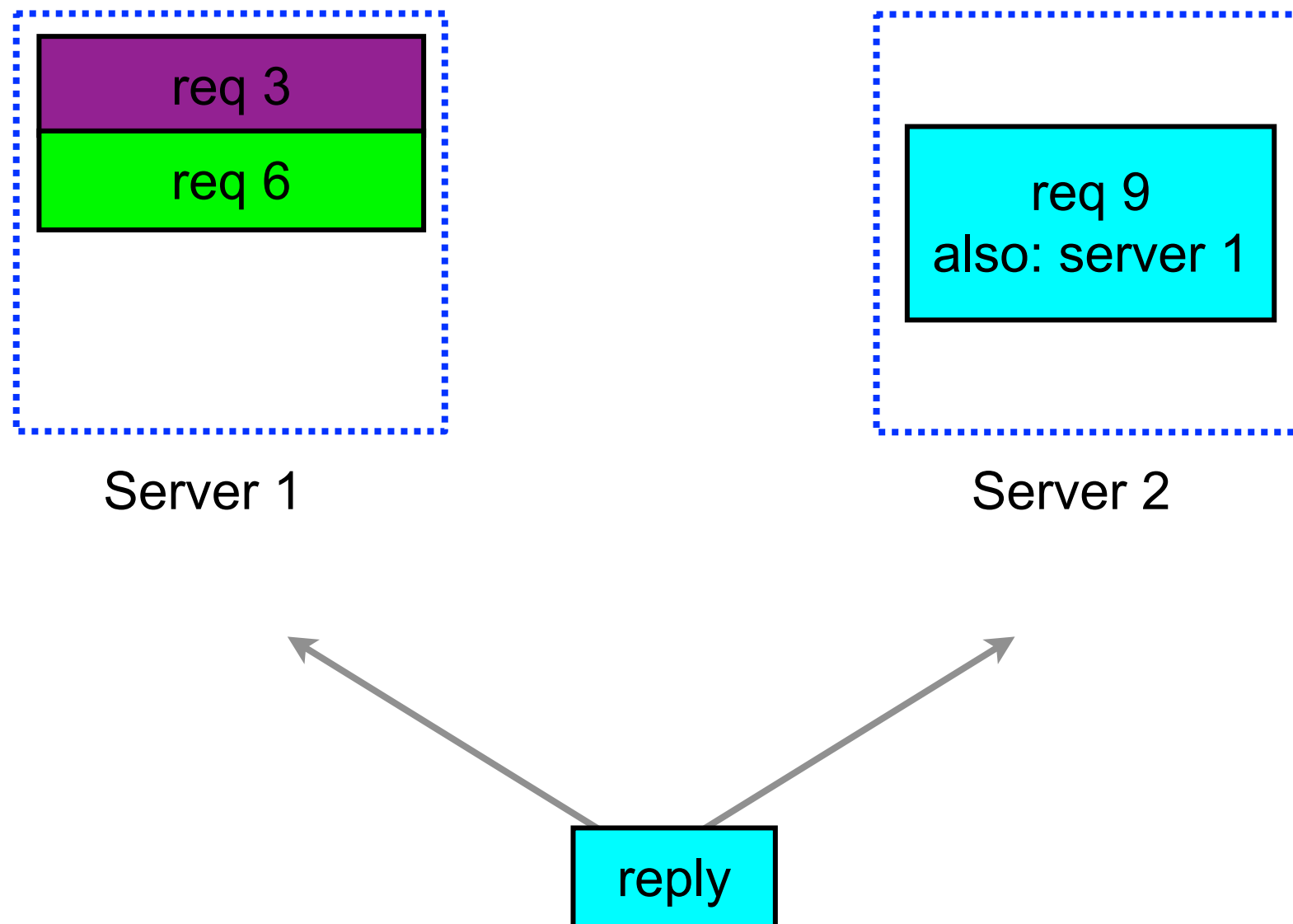
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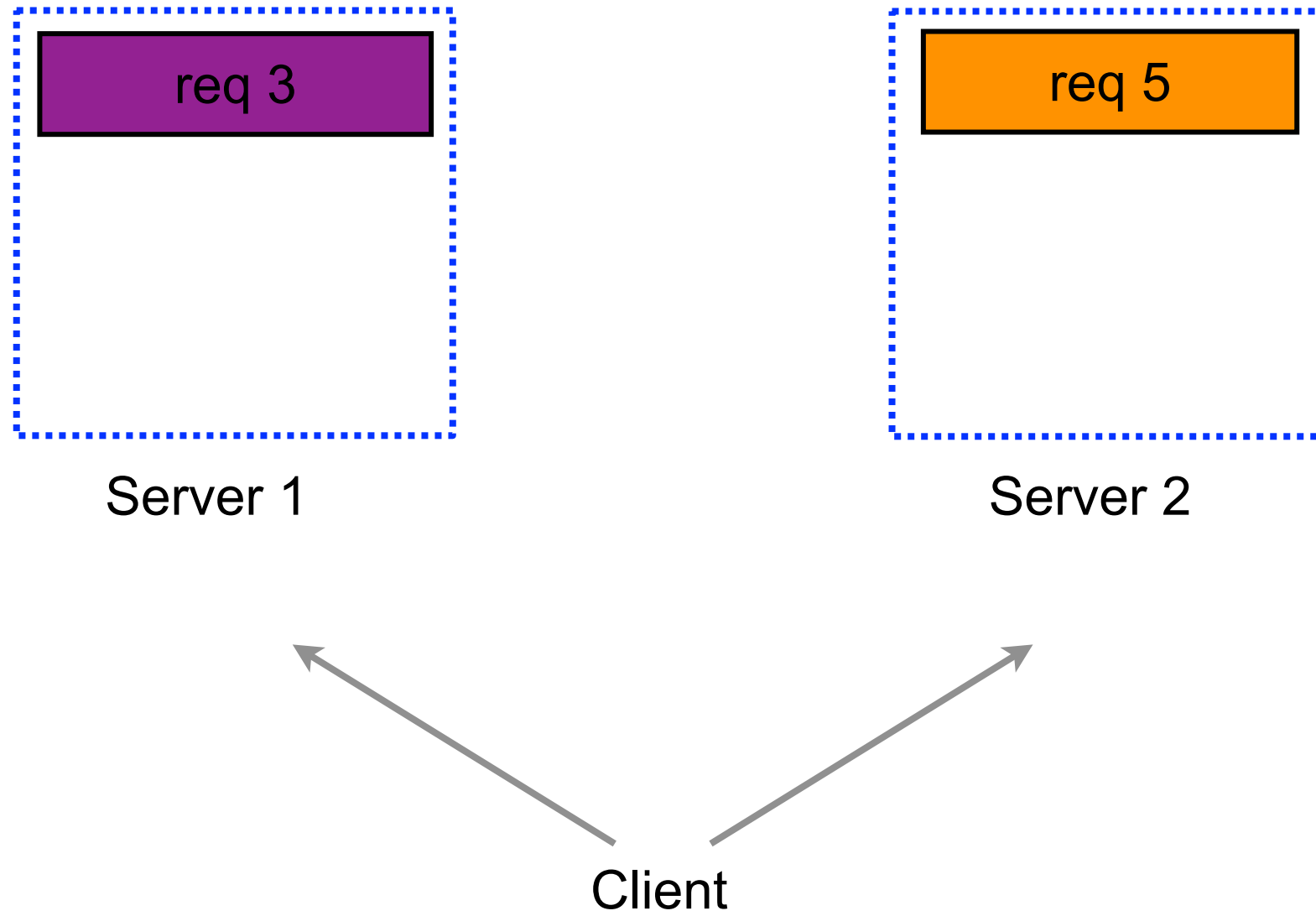
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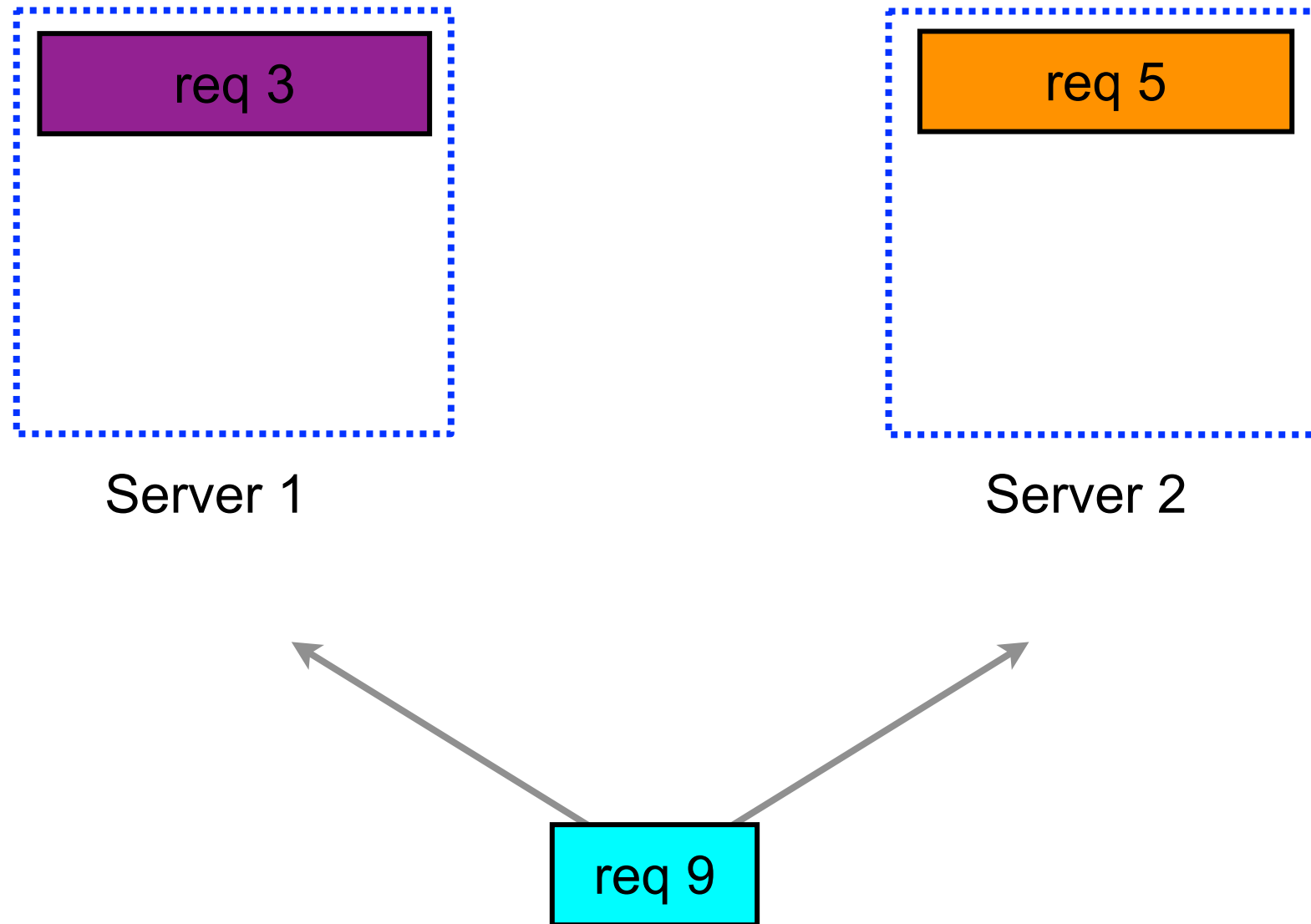
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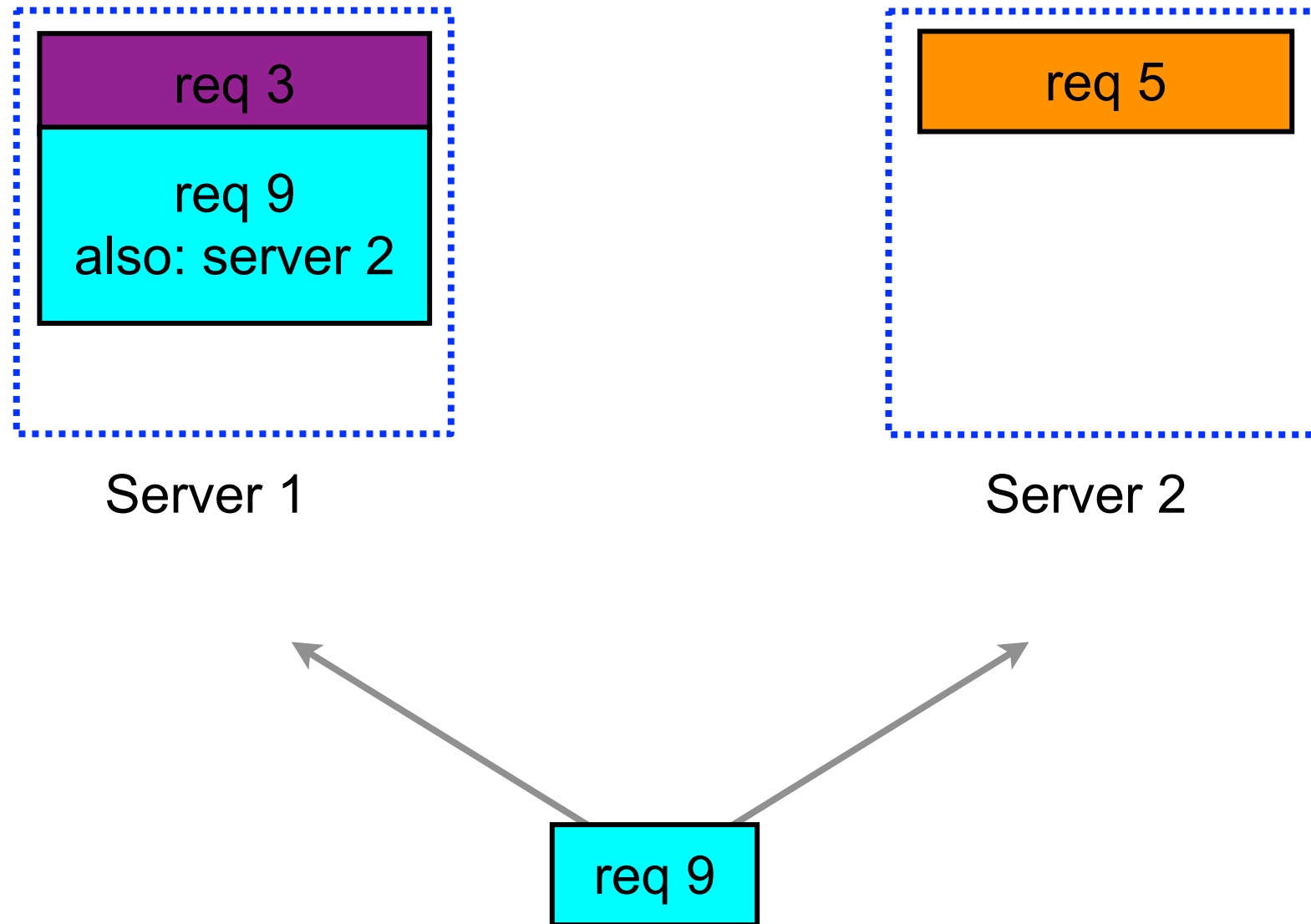
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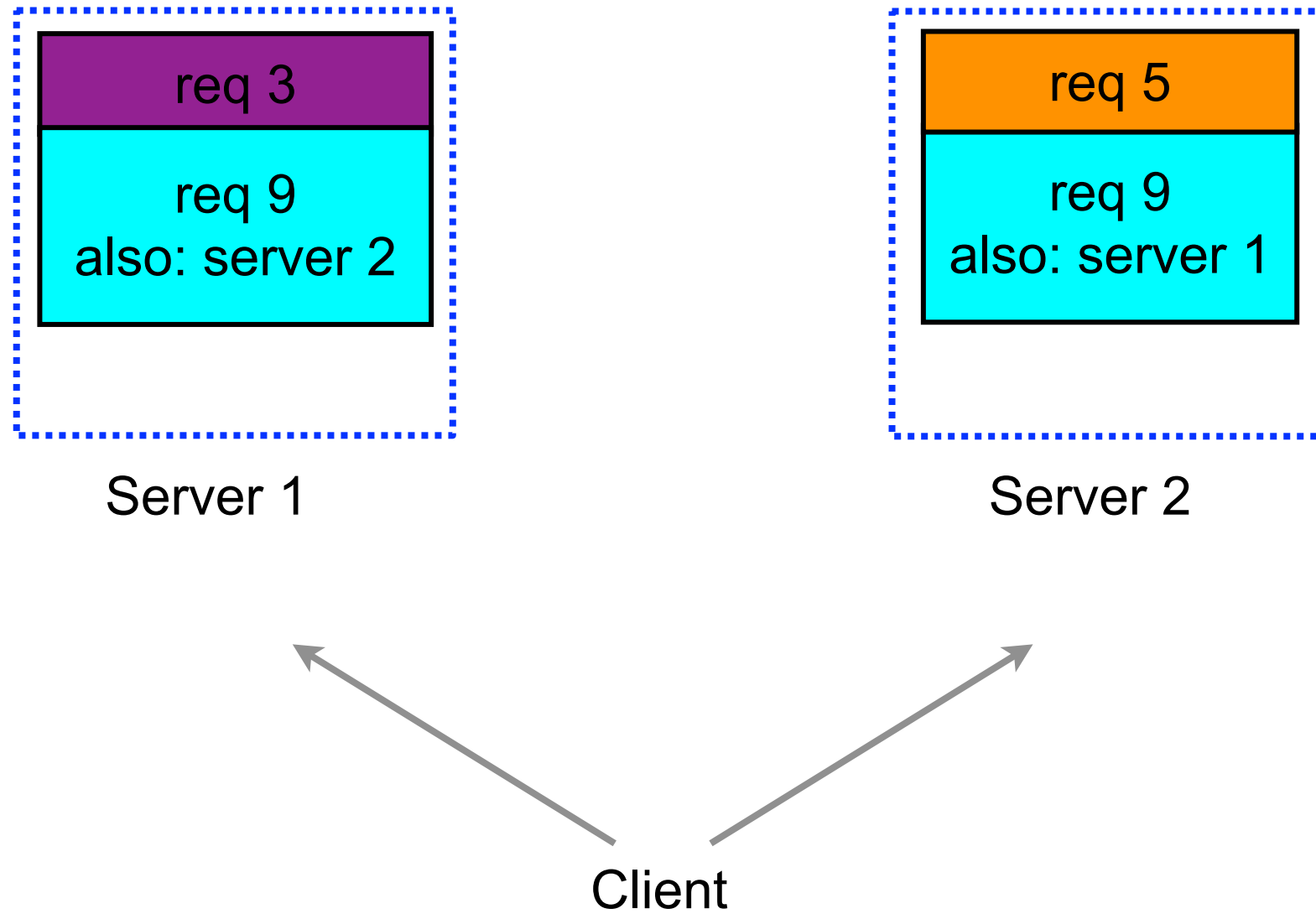
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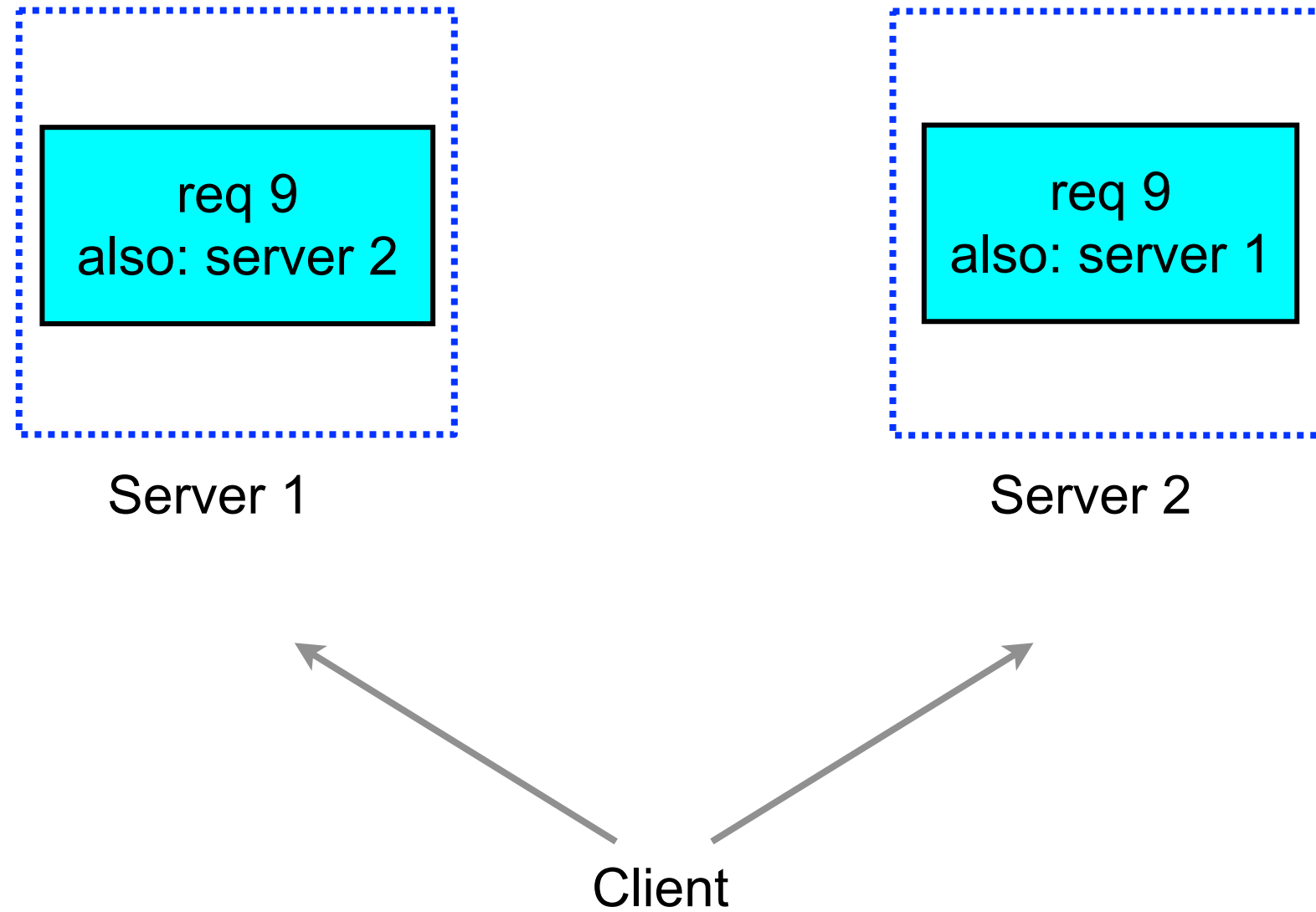
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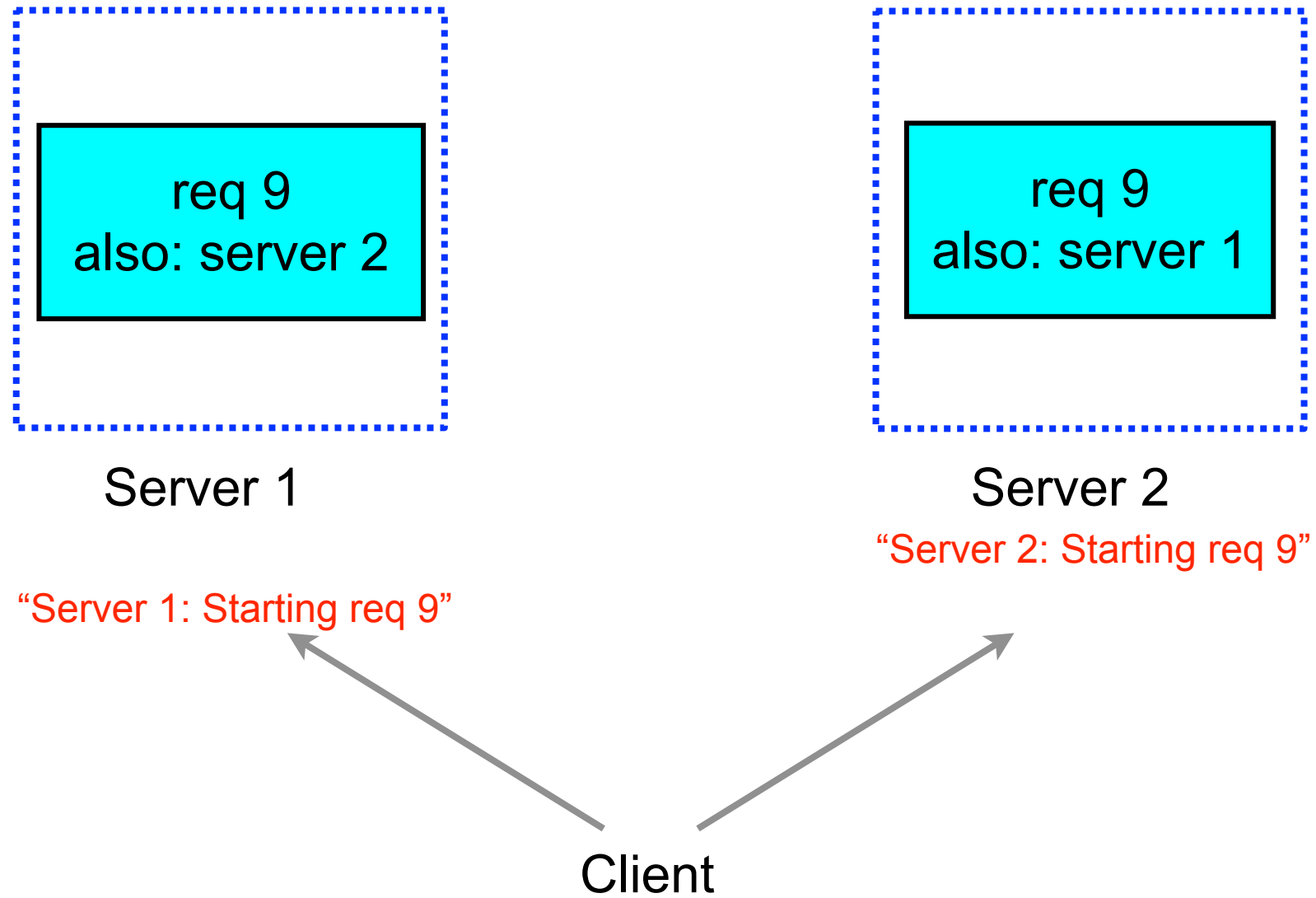
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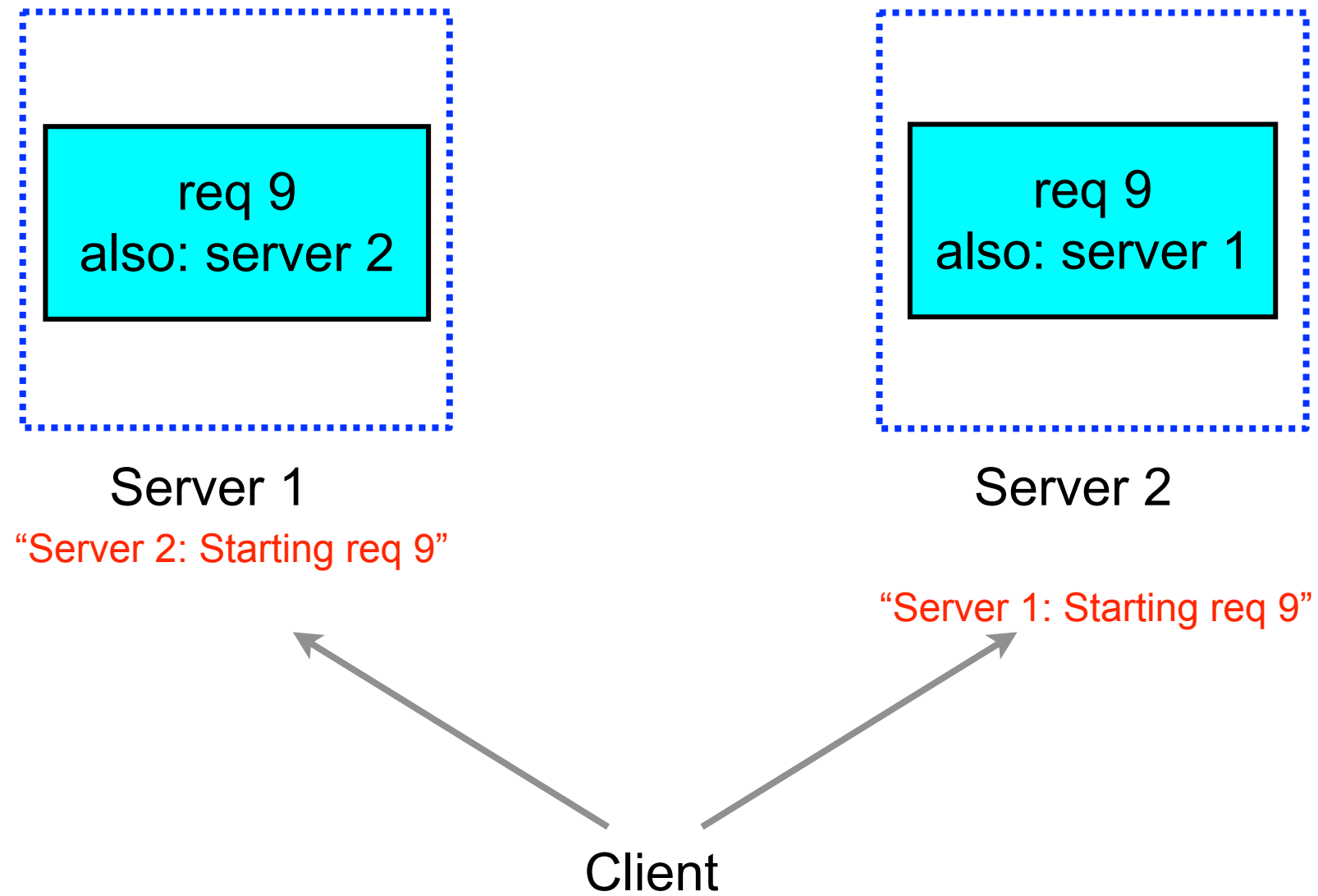
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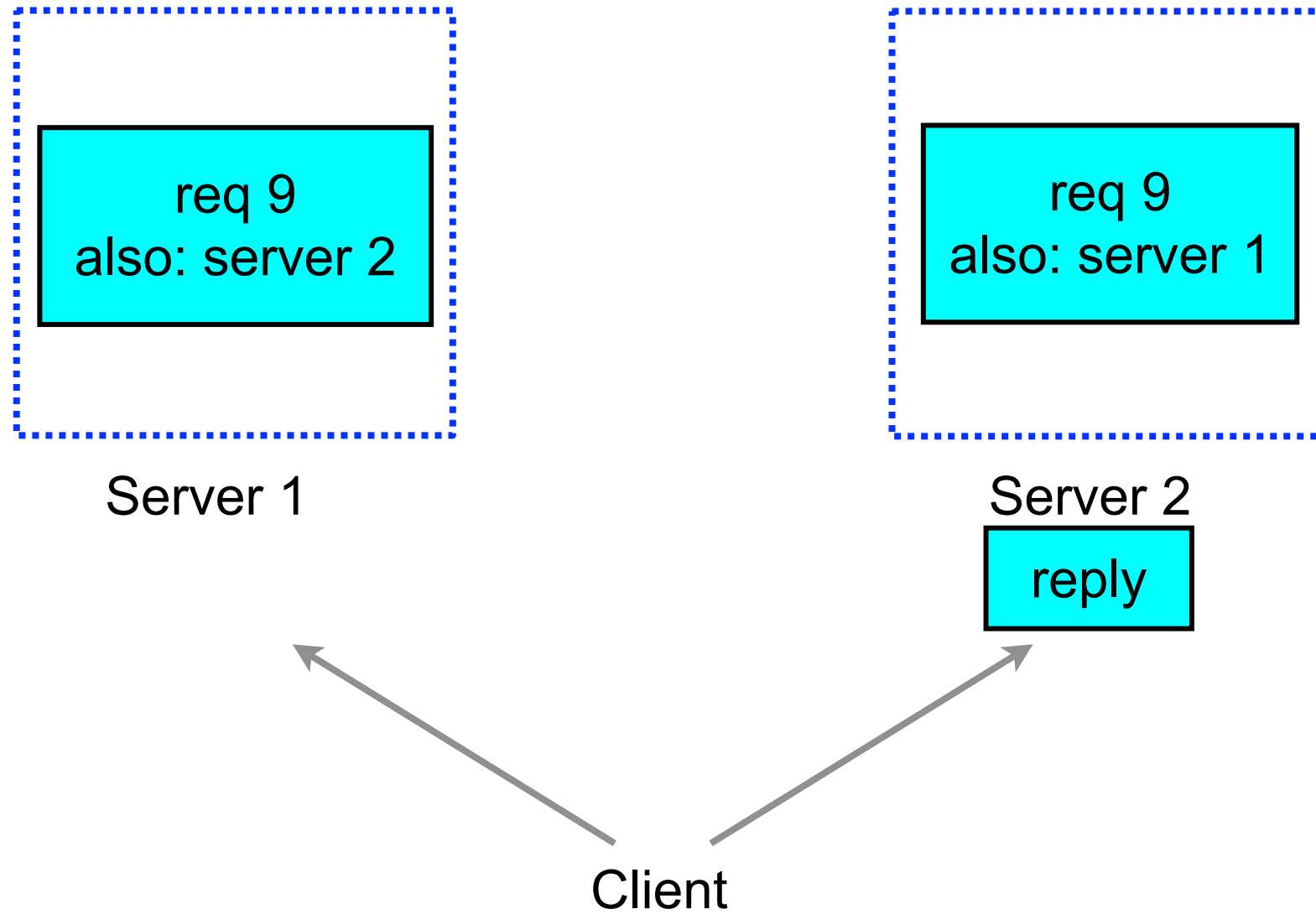
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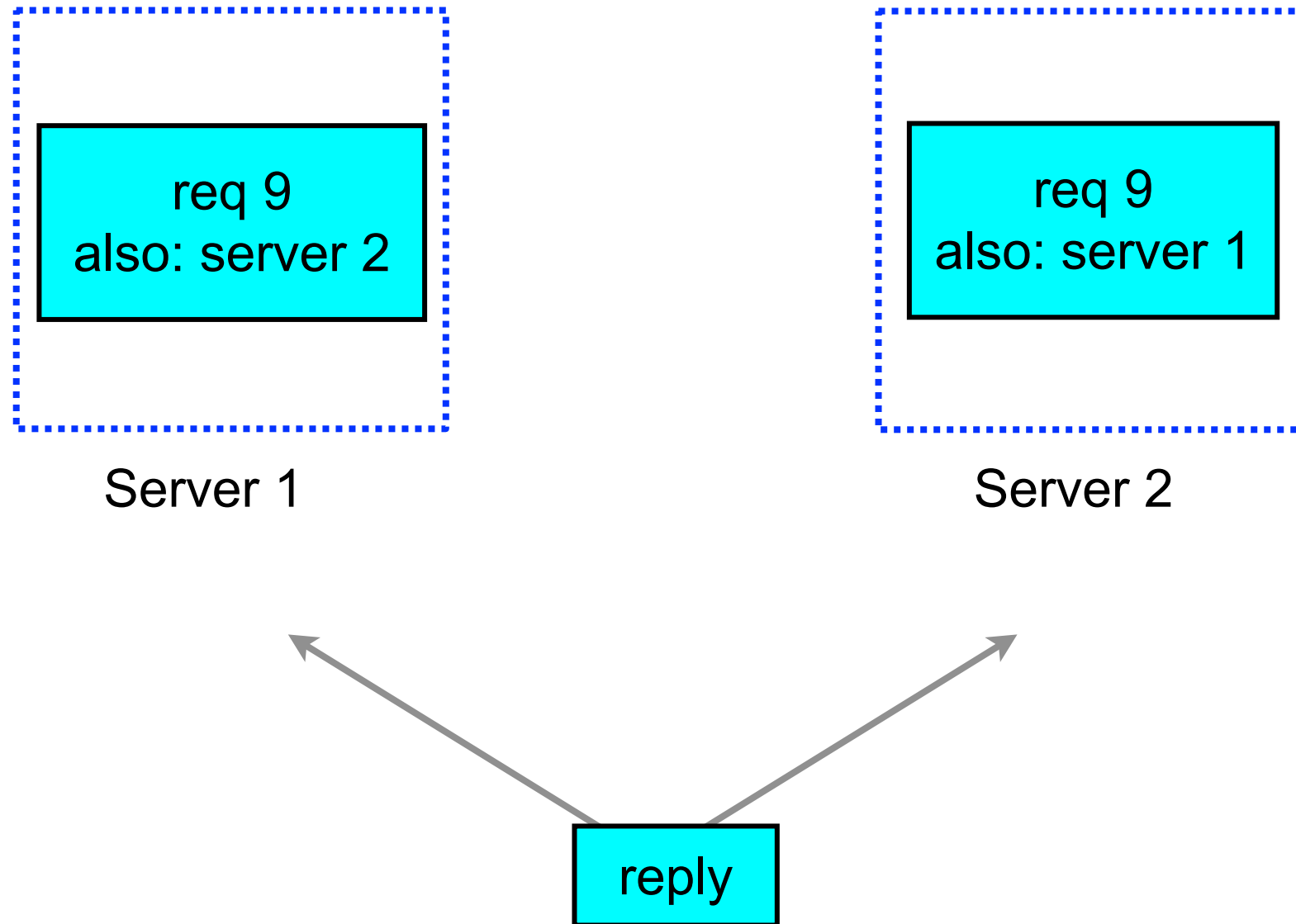
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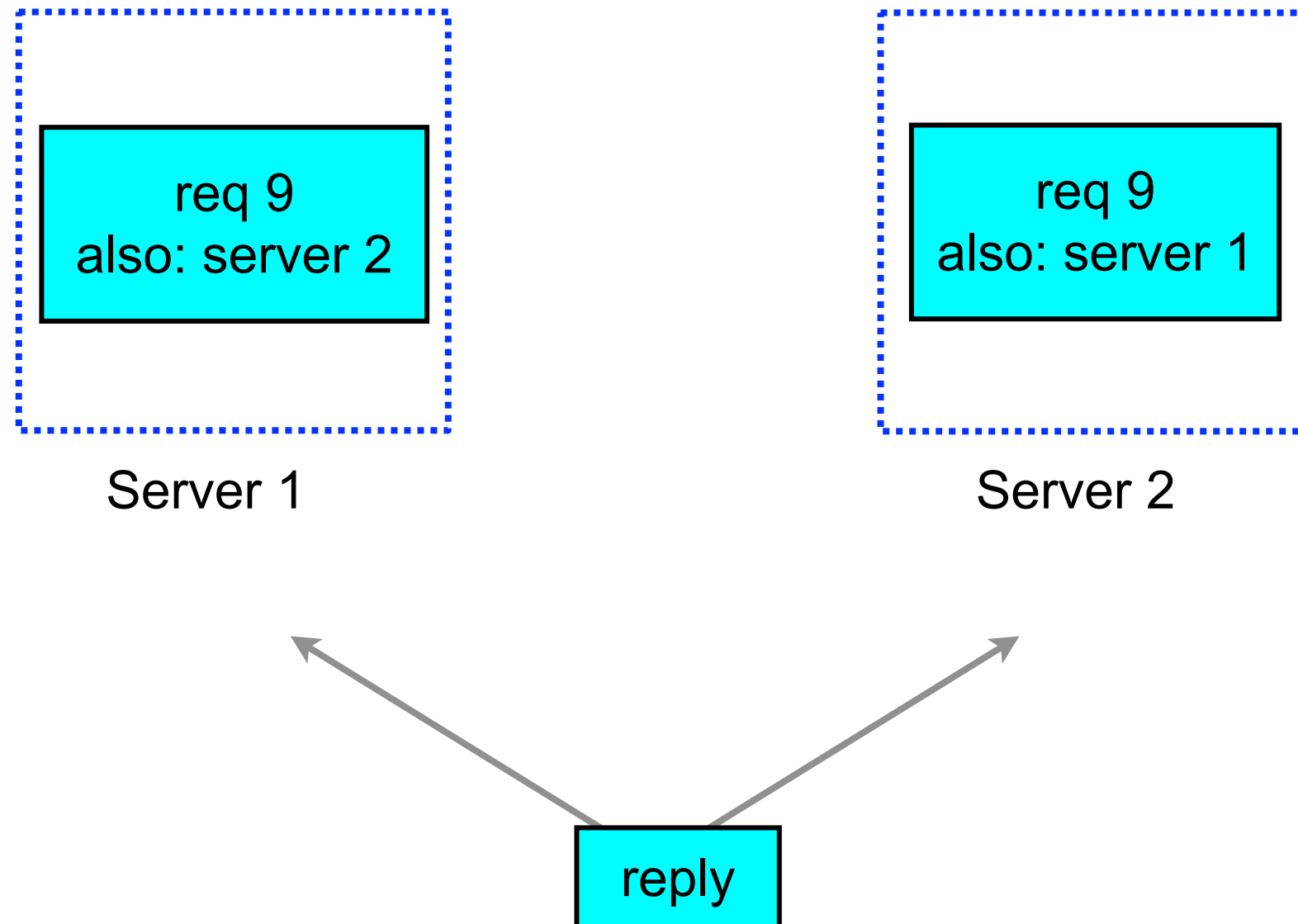
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Likelihood of this bad case is reduced with lower latency networks



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Backups cause about ~1% extra disk reads



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Backups w/big sort job gives same read latencies as no backups w/ idle cluster!



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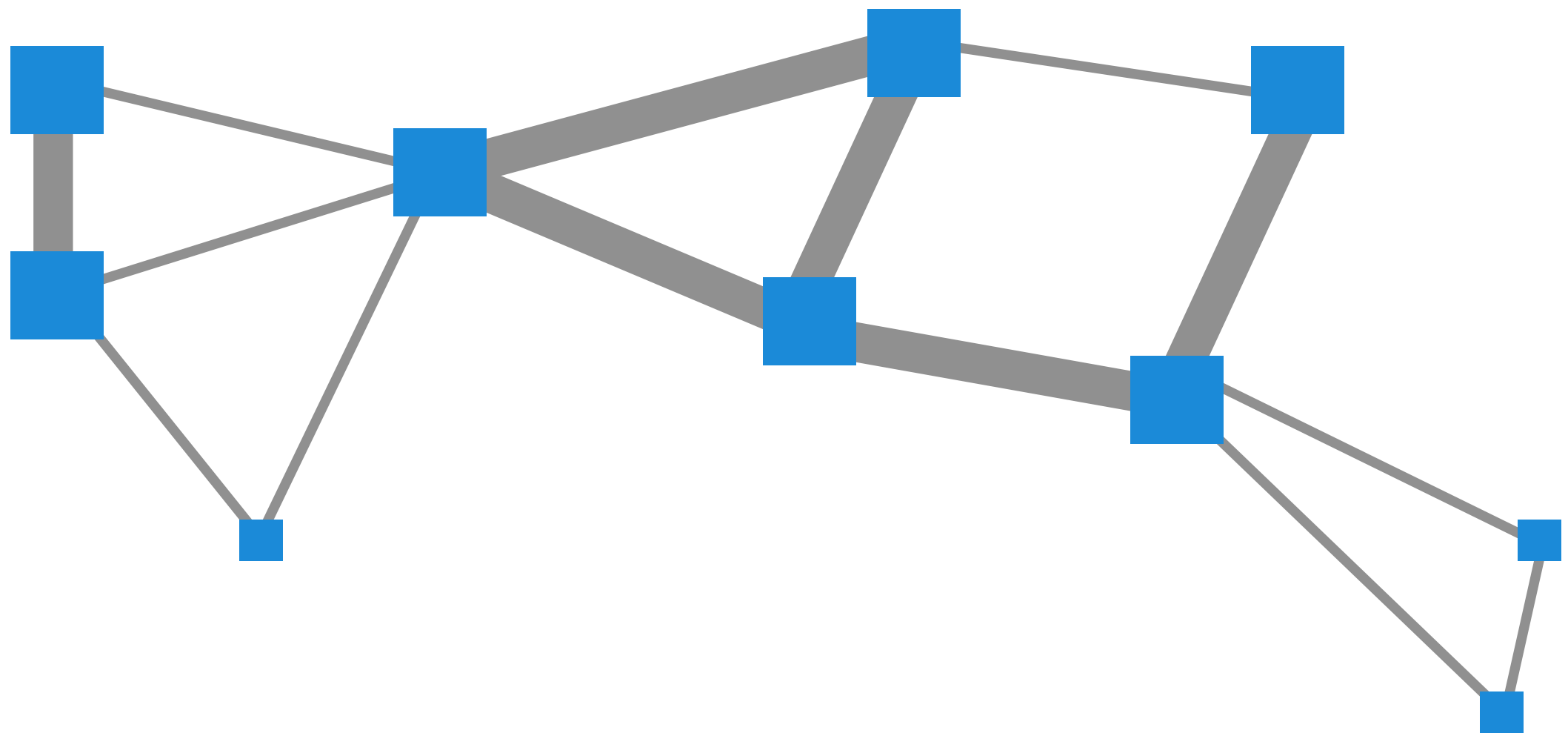


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- Solve many problems, but leave many cross-cluster issues to human-level operators
 - different copies of same dataset have different names
 - moving or deploying new service replicas is labor intensive



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- System underlies Google’s production advertising system, among other uses
- [*Spanner: Google’s Globally-Distributed Database*, Corbett, Dean, ... et al., OSDI 2012]



Higher Level Systems

- Systems that provide high level of abstraction that “just works” are incredibly valuable:
 - GFS, MapReduce, BigTable, Spanner, tied requests, etc.
- Can we build high-level systems that just work in other domains like machine learning?

Scaling Deep Learning

- Much of Google is working on approximating AI. AI is hard
 - Many people at Google spend countless person-years hand-engineering complex features to feed as input to machine learning algorithms
- Is there a better way?
- Deep Learning: Use very large scale brain simulations
 - improve many Google applications
 - make significant advances towards perceptual AI

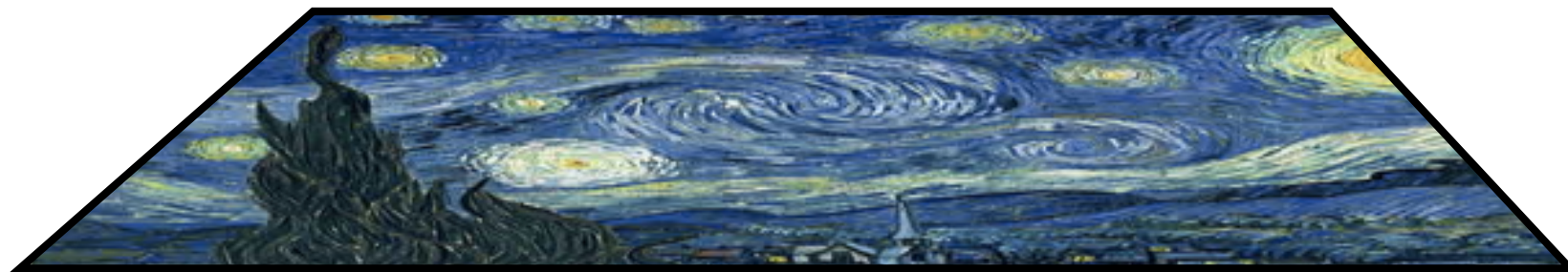


Deep Learning

- Algorithmic approach
 - automatically learn high-level representations from raw data
 - can learn from both labeled and unlabeled data
- Recent academic deep learning results improve on state-of-the-art in many areas (Hinton, Ng, Bengio, LeCun, et al.):
 - images, video, speech, NLP, ...
 - ... using modest model sizes ($\leq \sim 50\text{M}$ parameters)
- We want to scale this to much bigger models & datasets
 - currently: $\sim 2\text{B}$ parameters, want $\sim 10\text{B}-100\text{B}$ parameters
 - general approach: parallelize at many levels



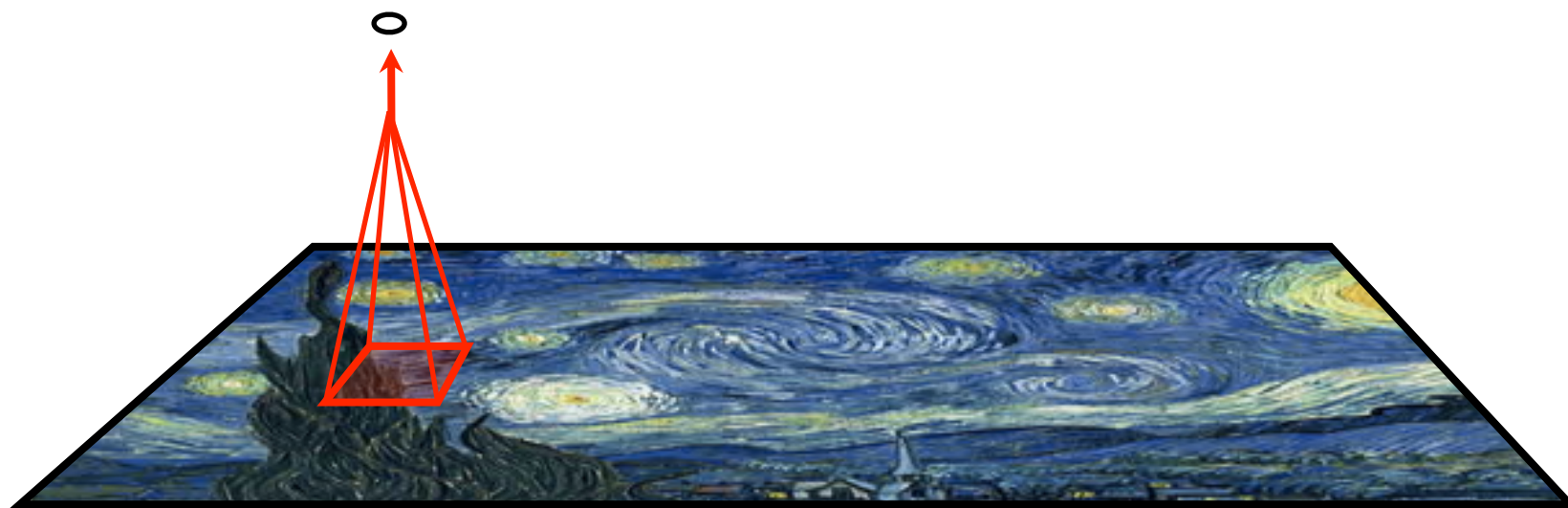
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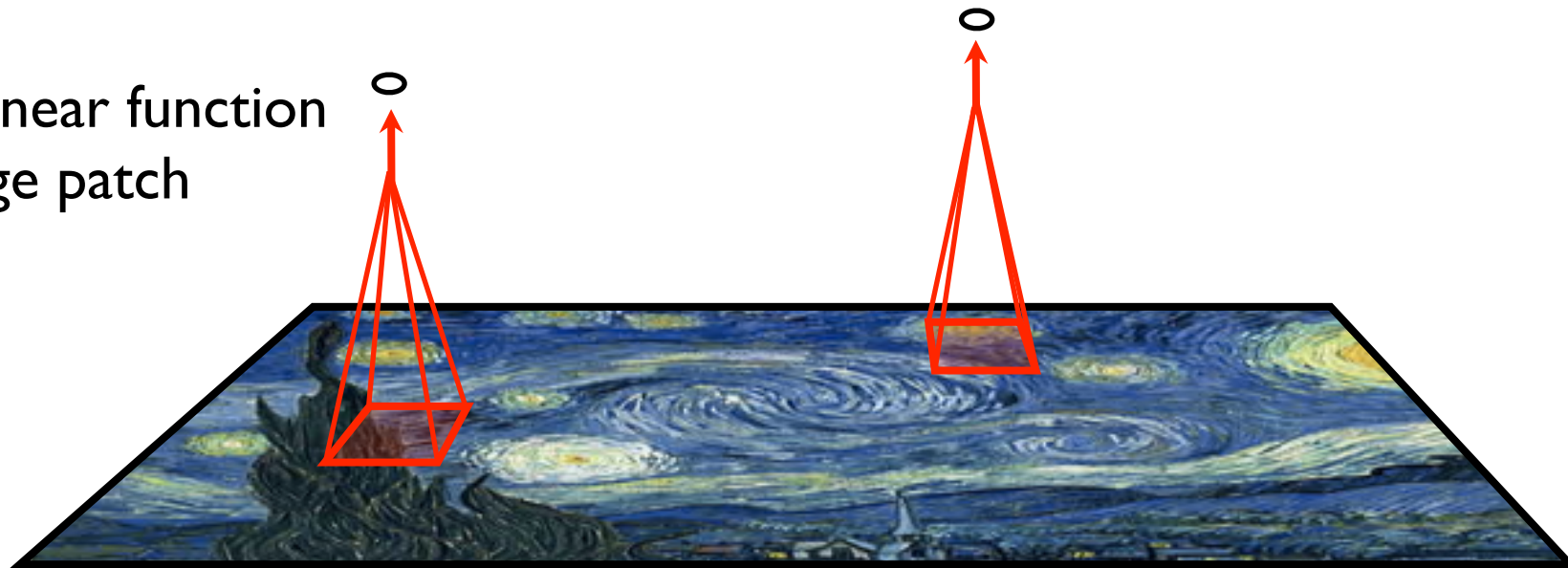


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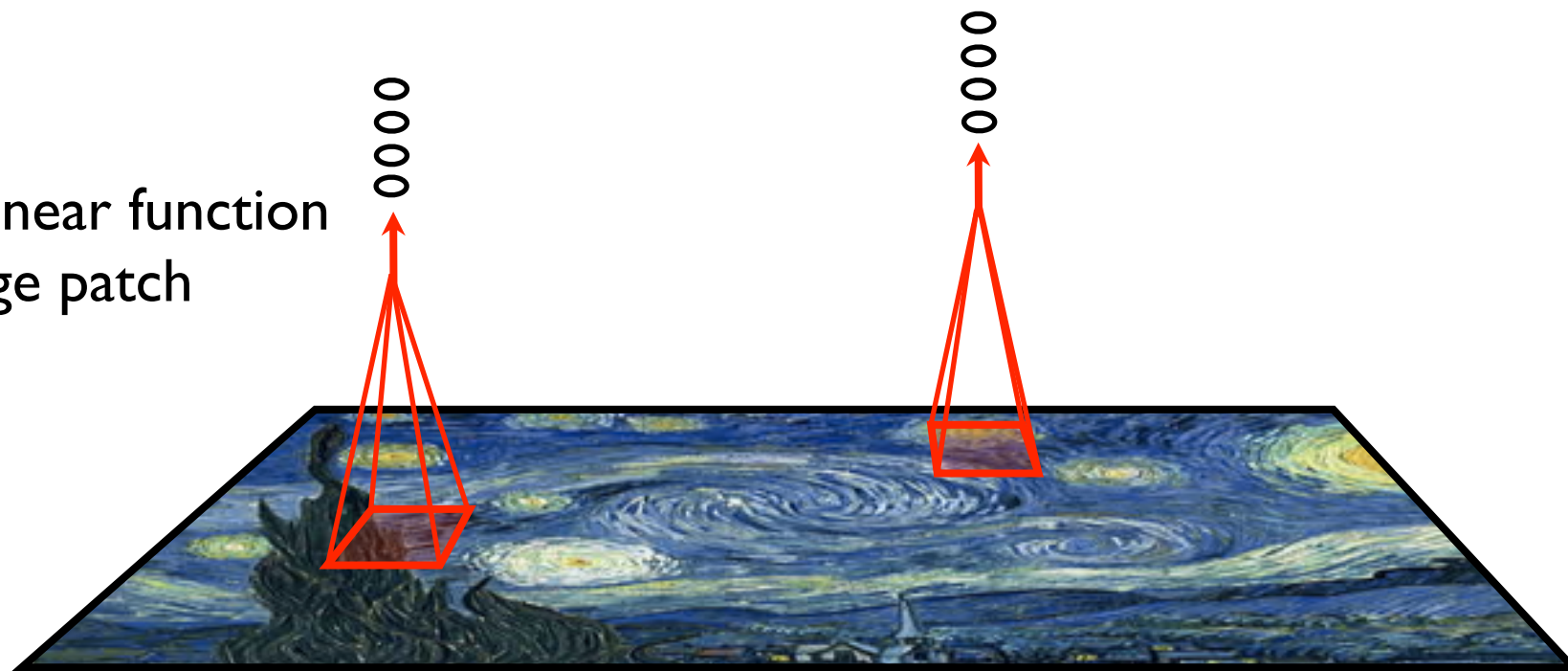


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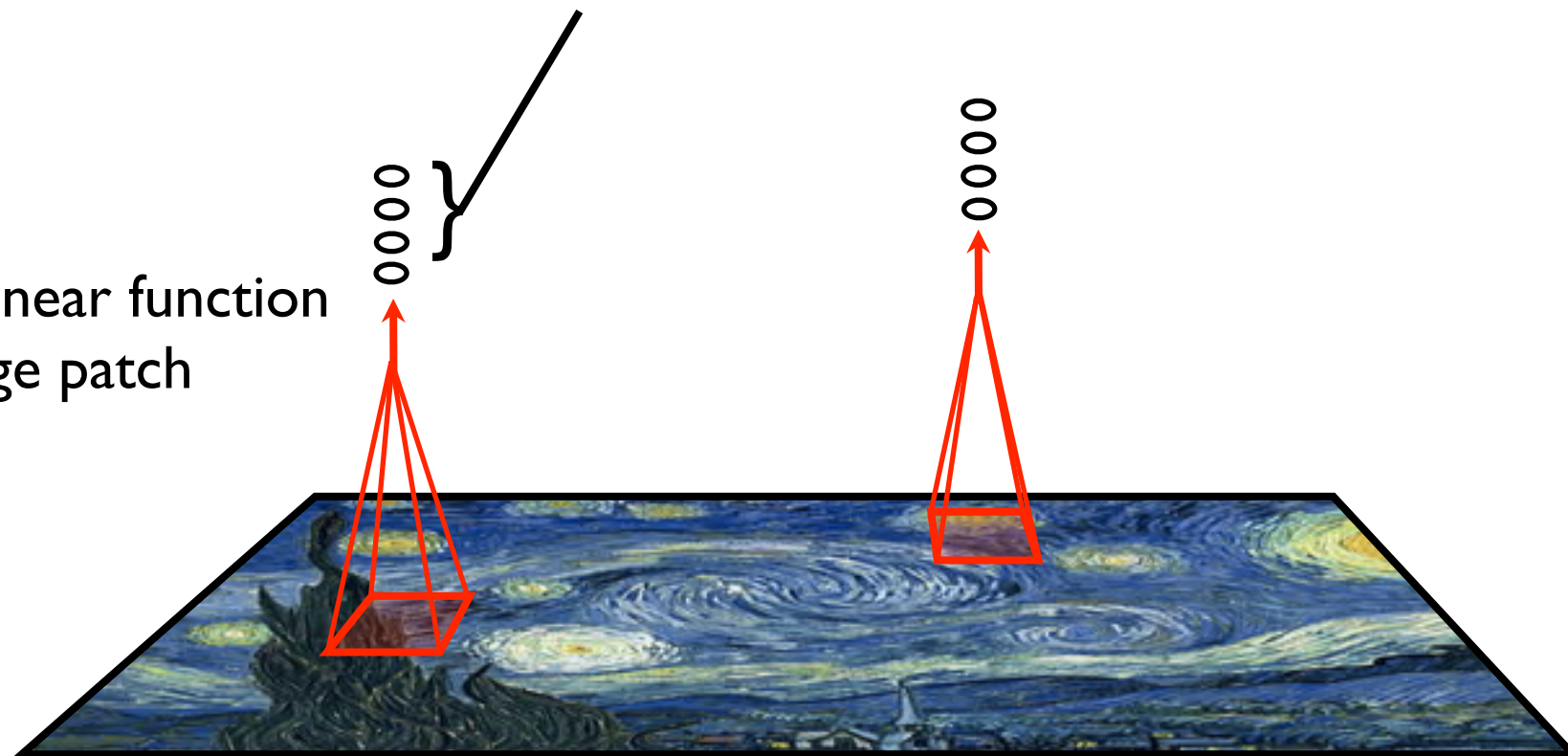
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Many responses at a single location.
In many models these are independent,
but some allow strong nonlinear interactions

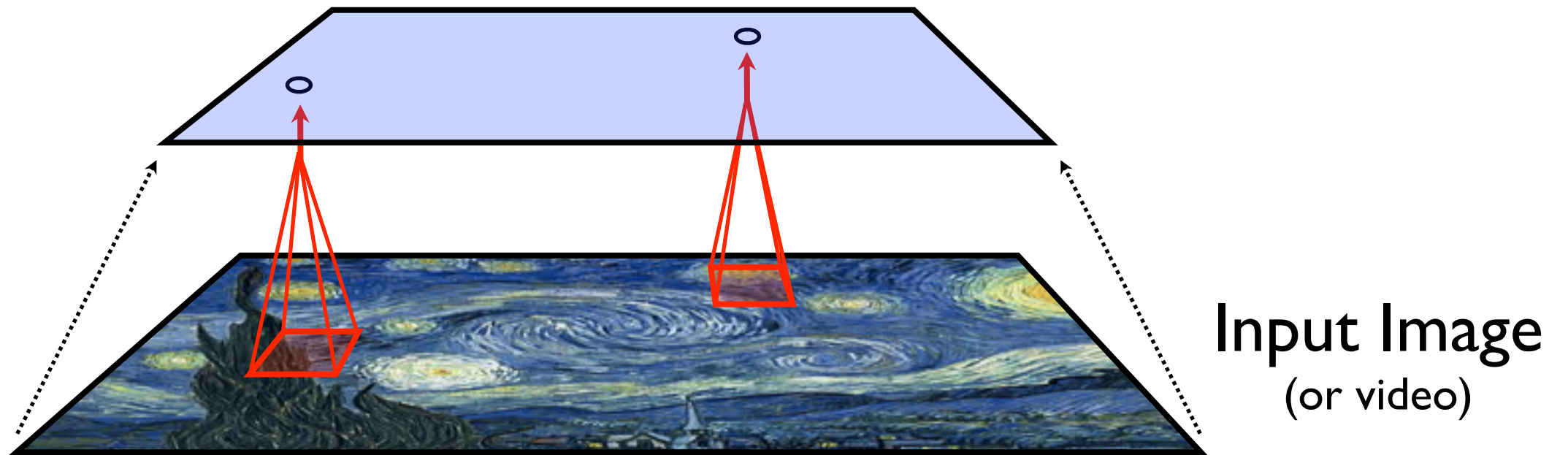
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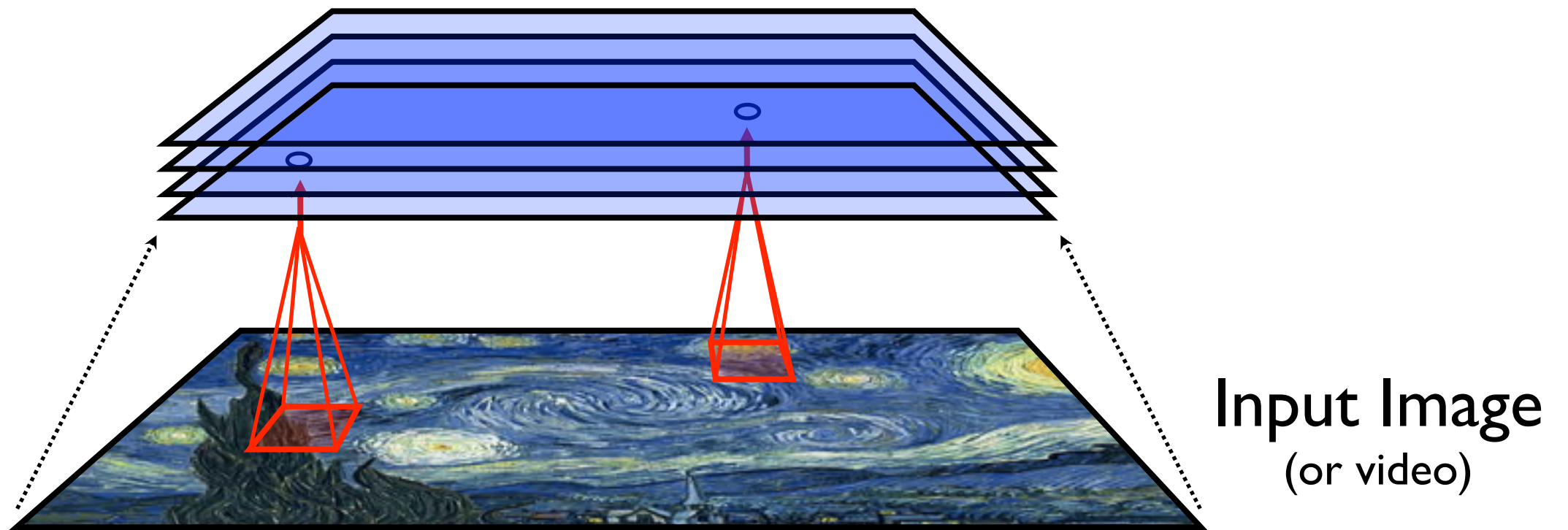


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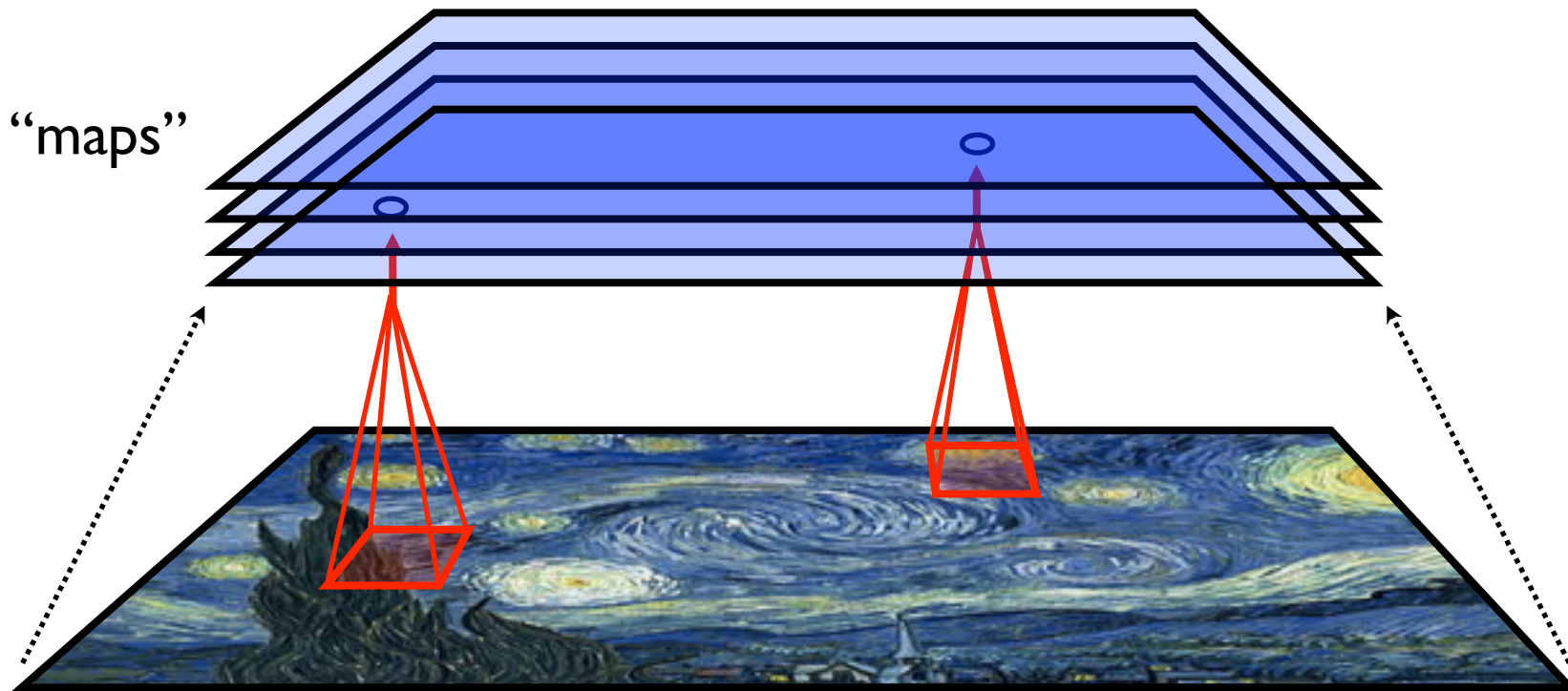
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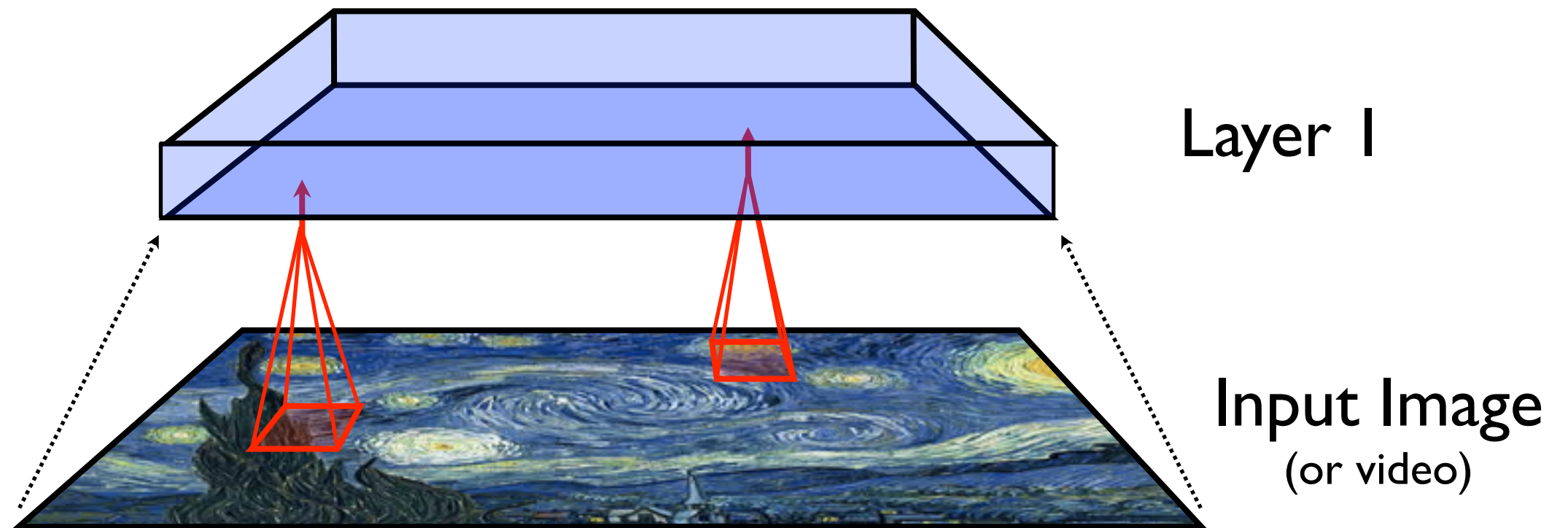
Multiple "maps"



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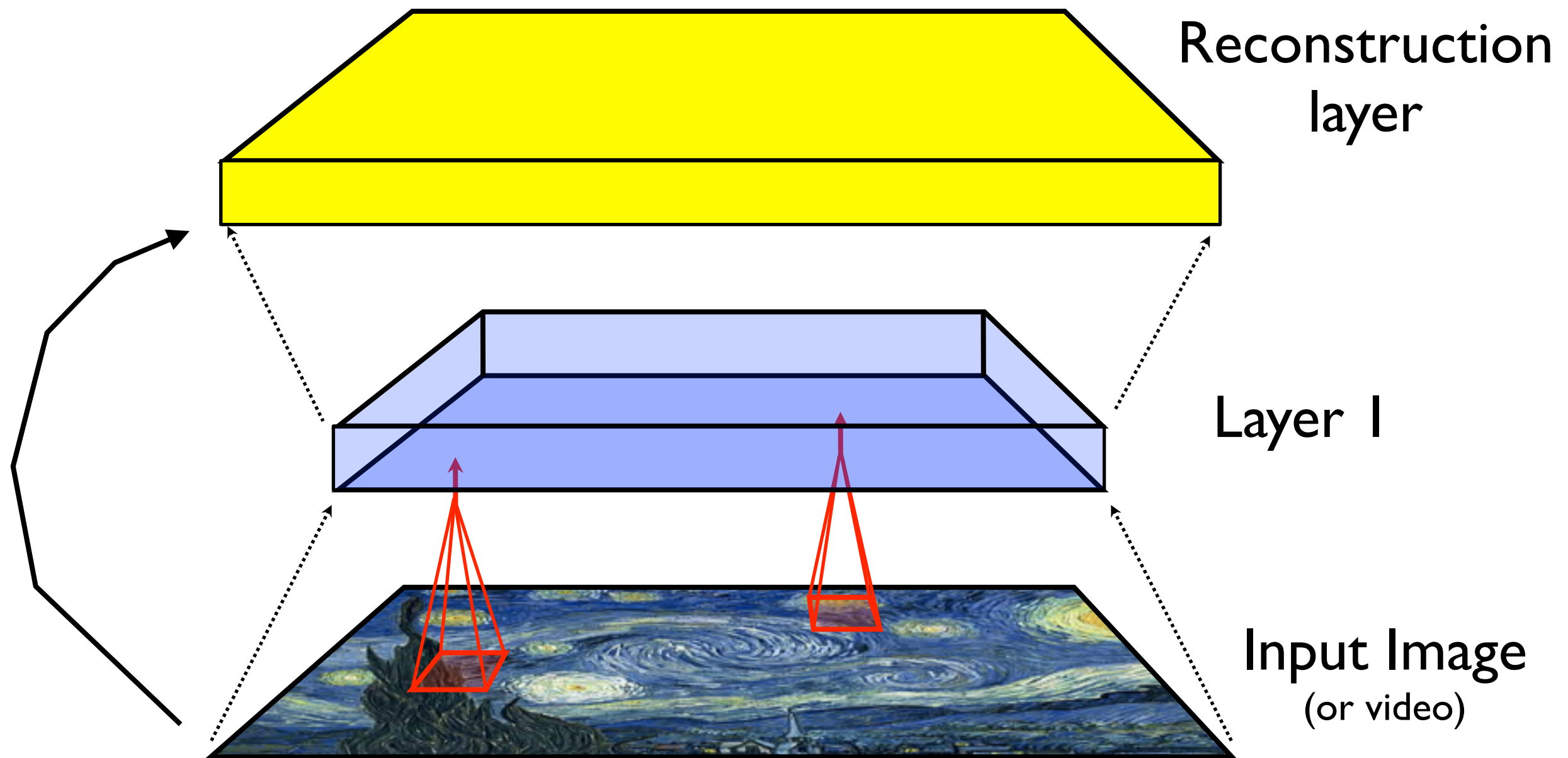
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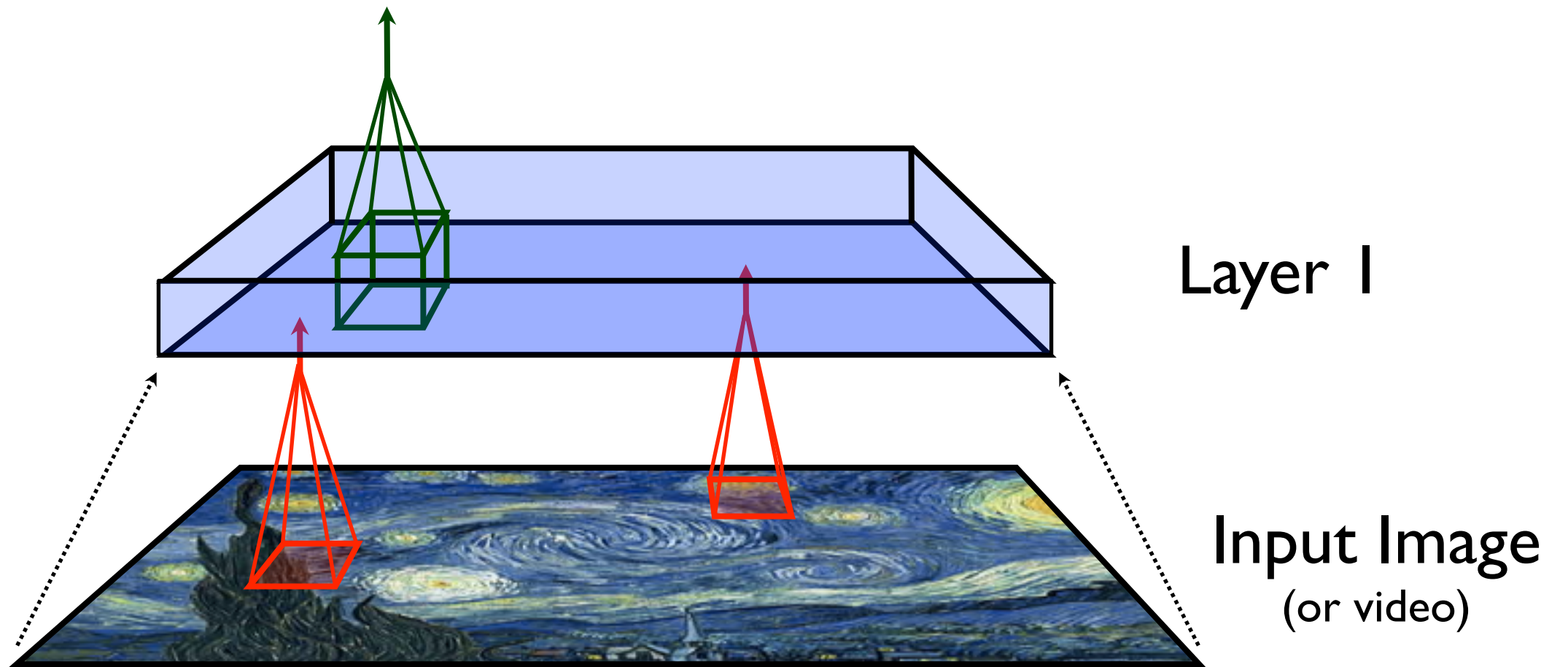


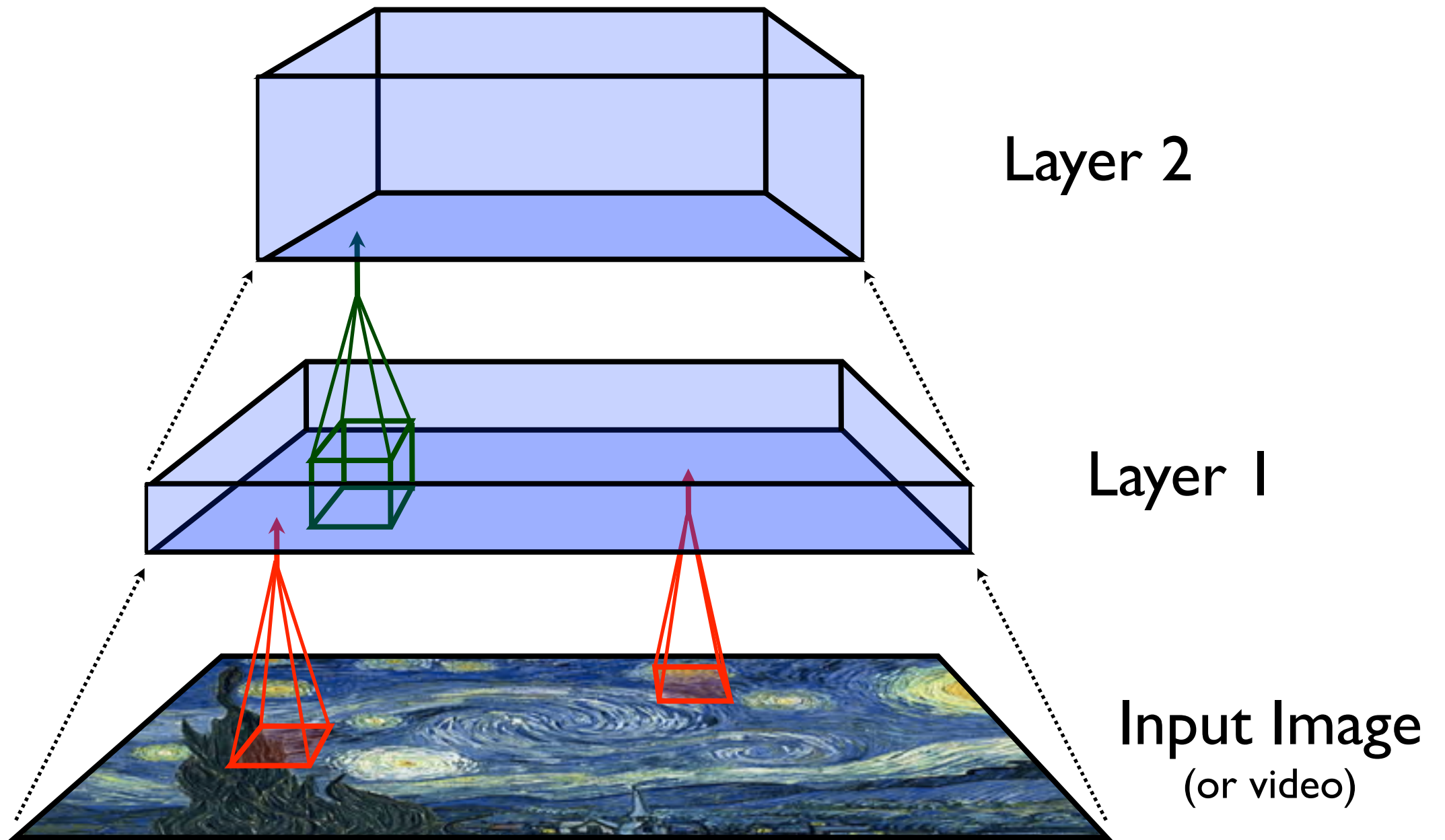
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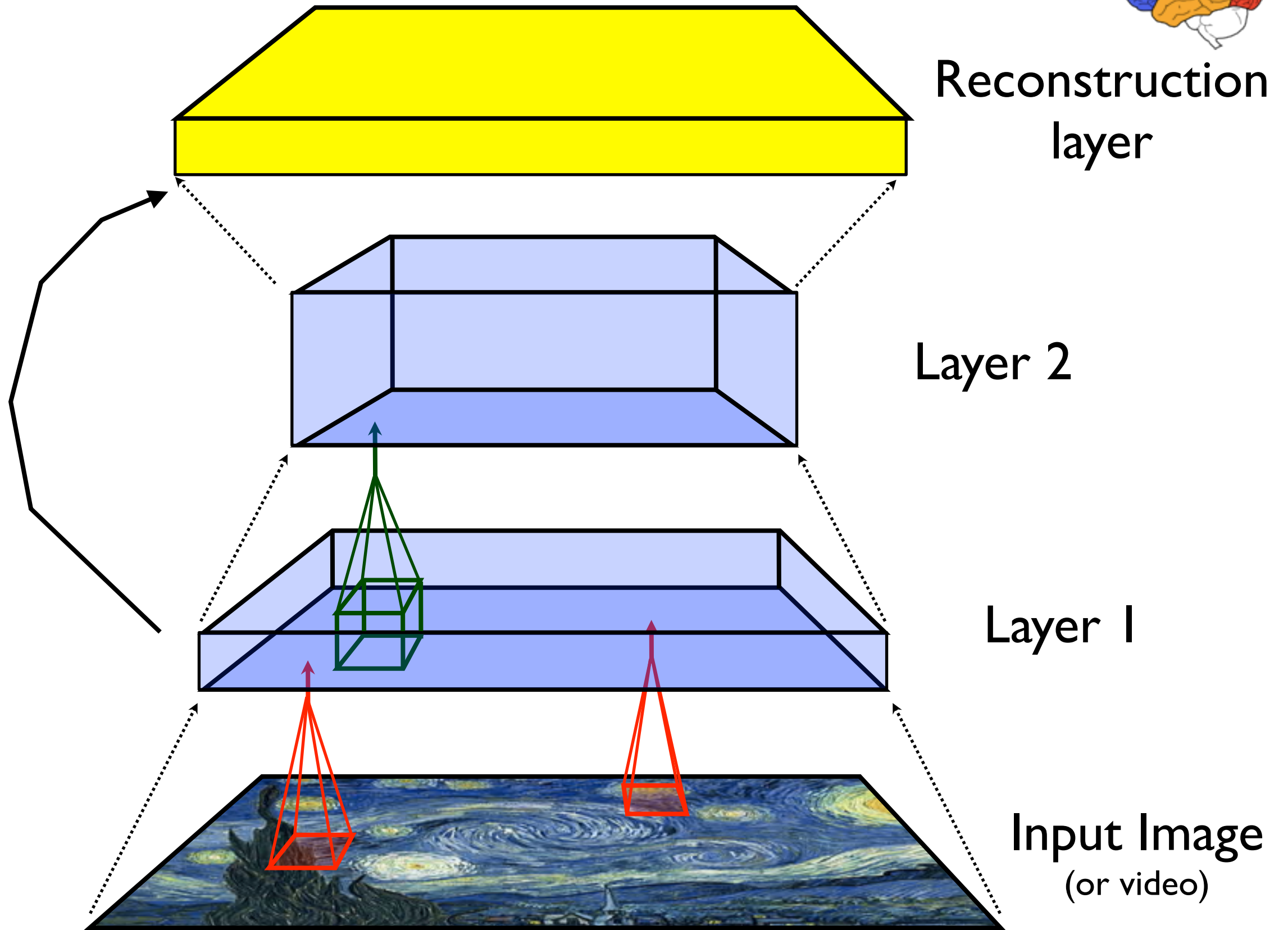
Core idea: try to reconstruct input from just the learned representation

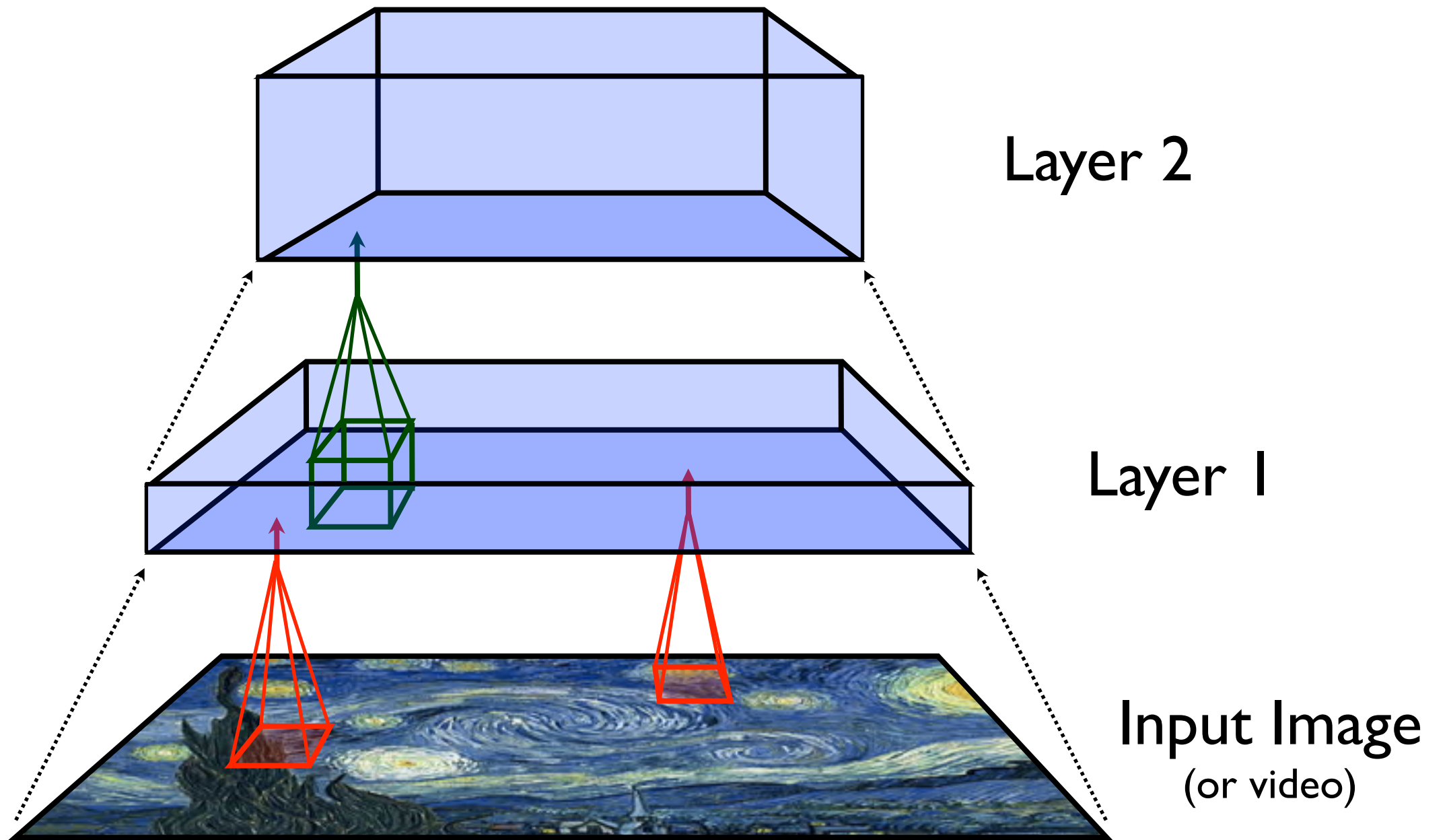


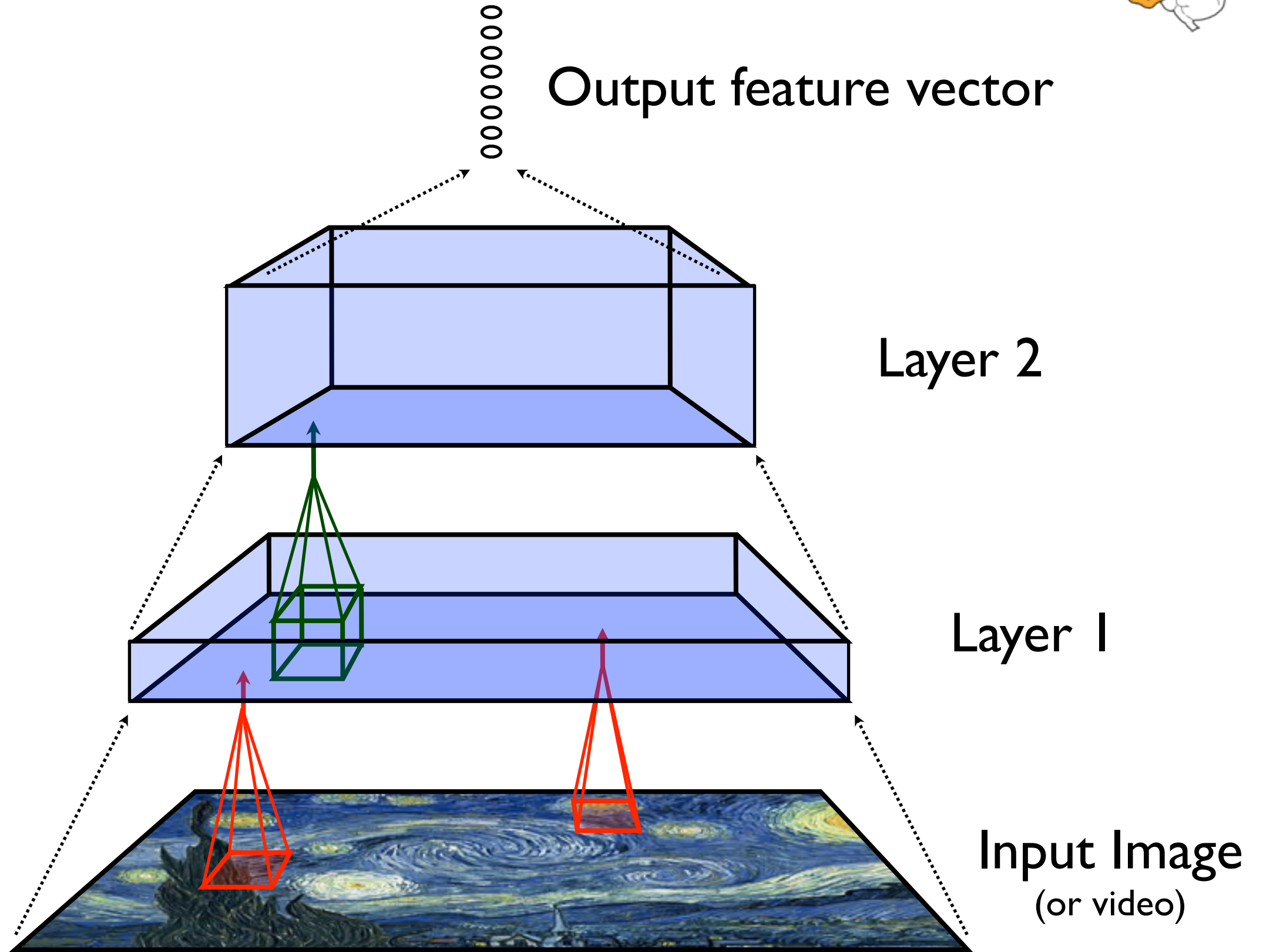
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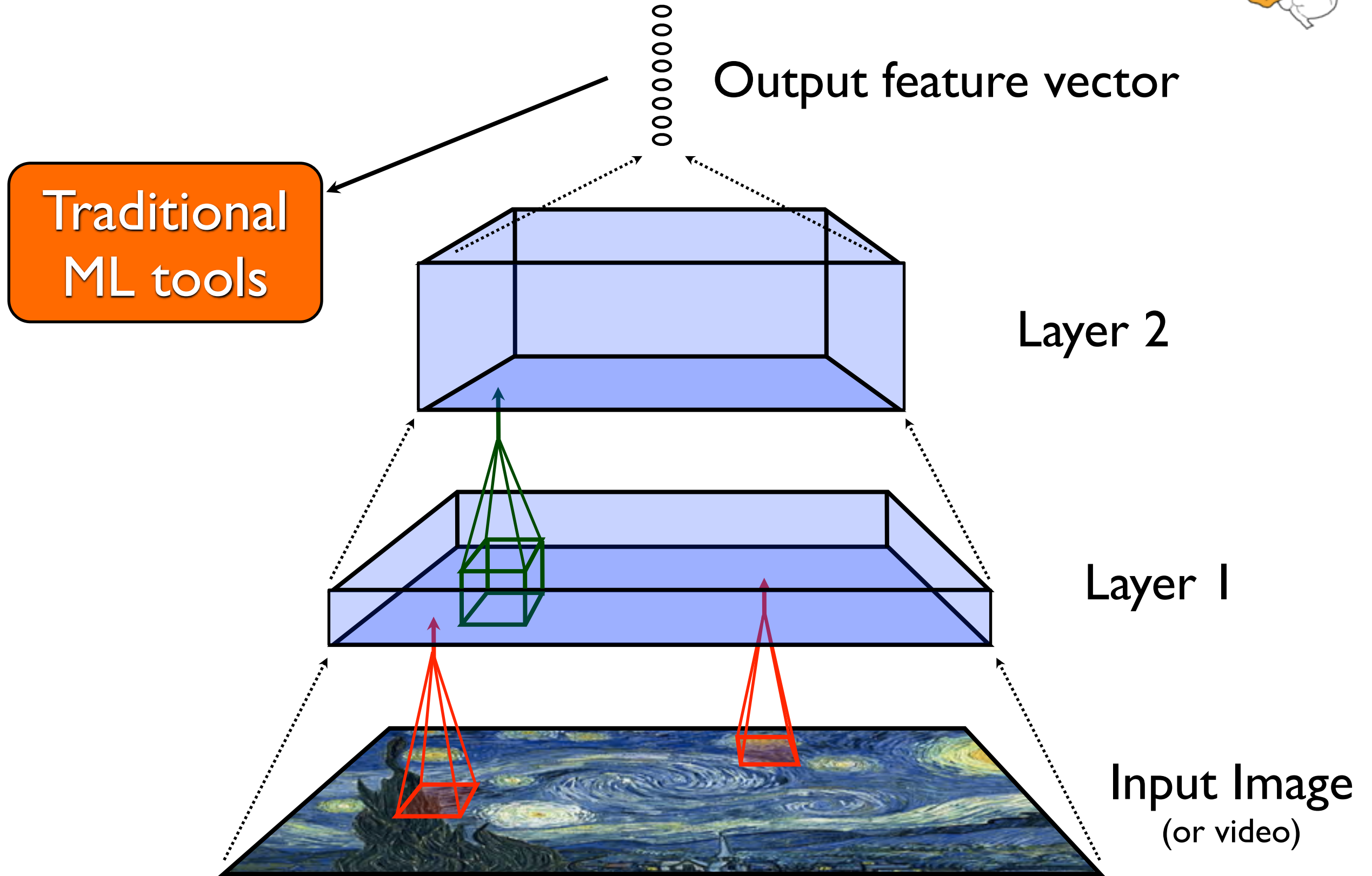






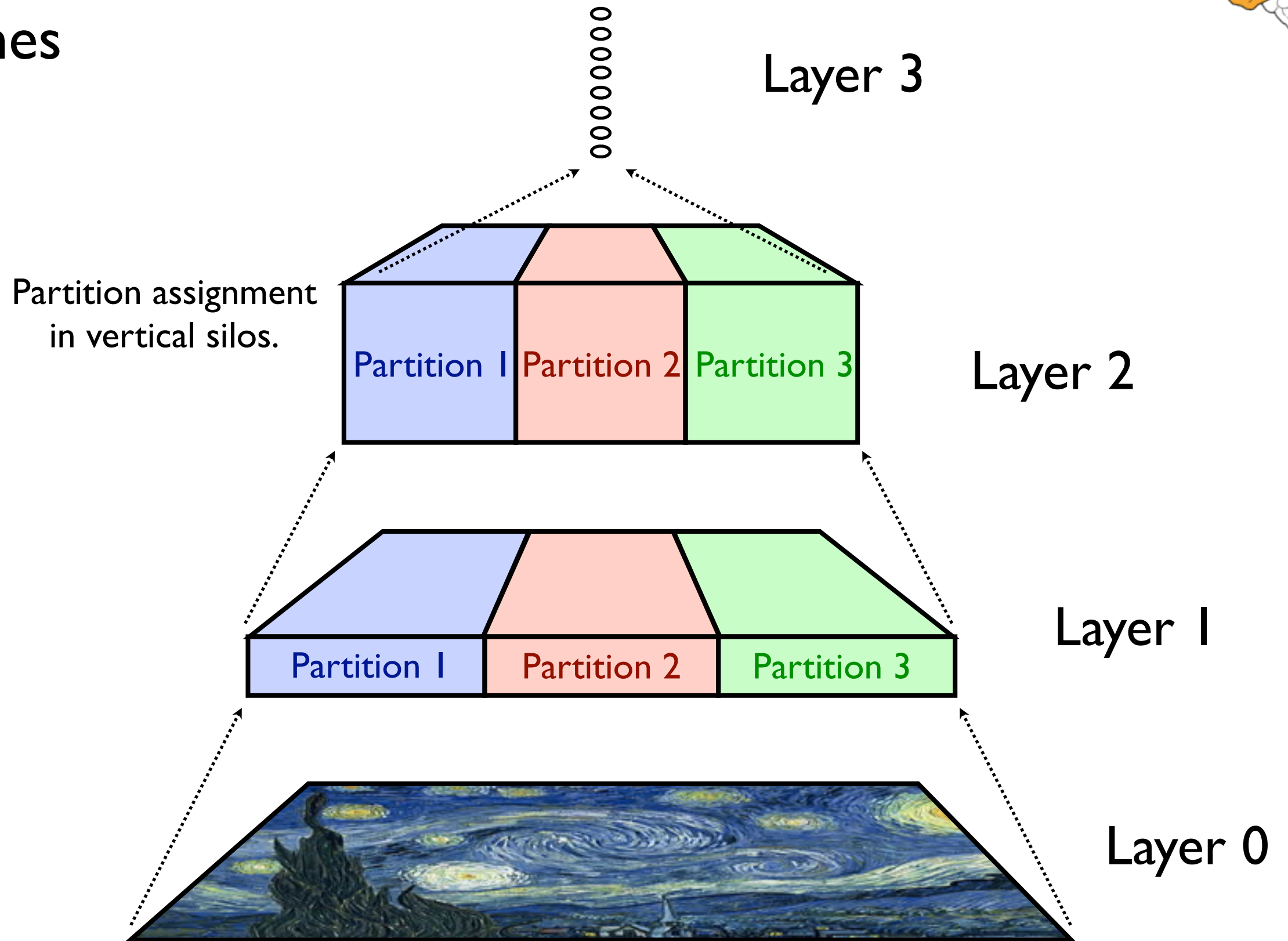






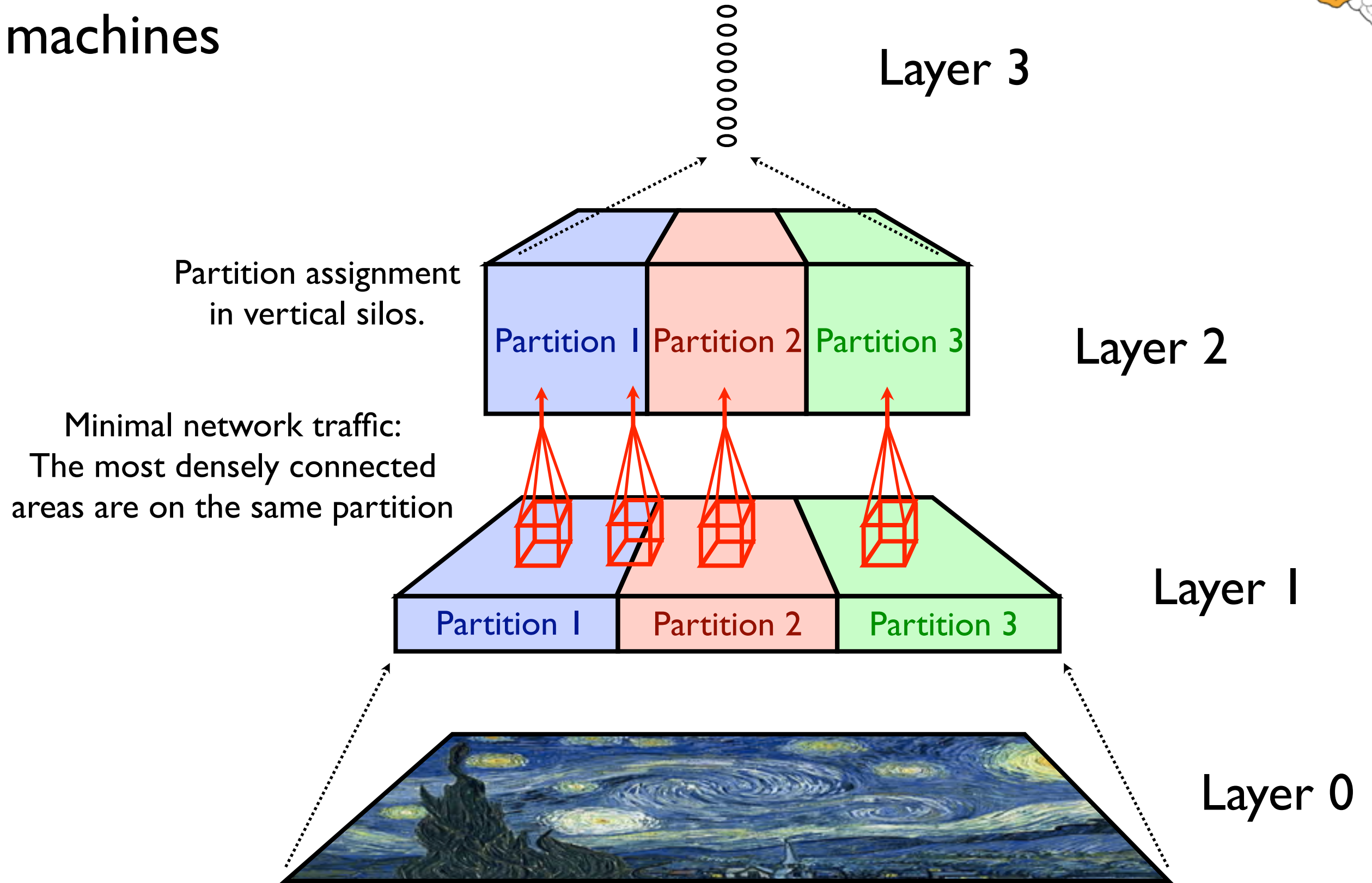


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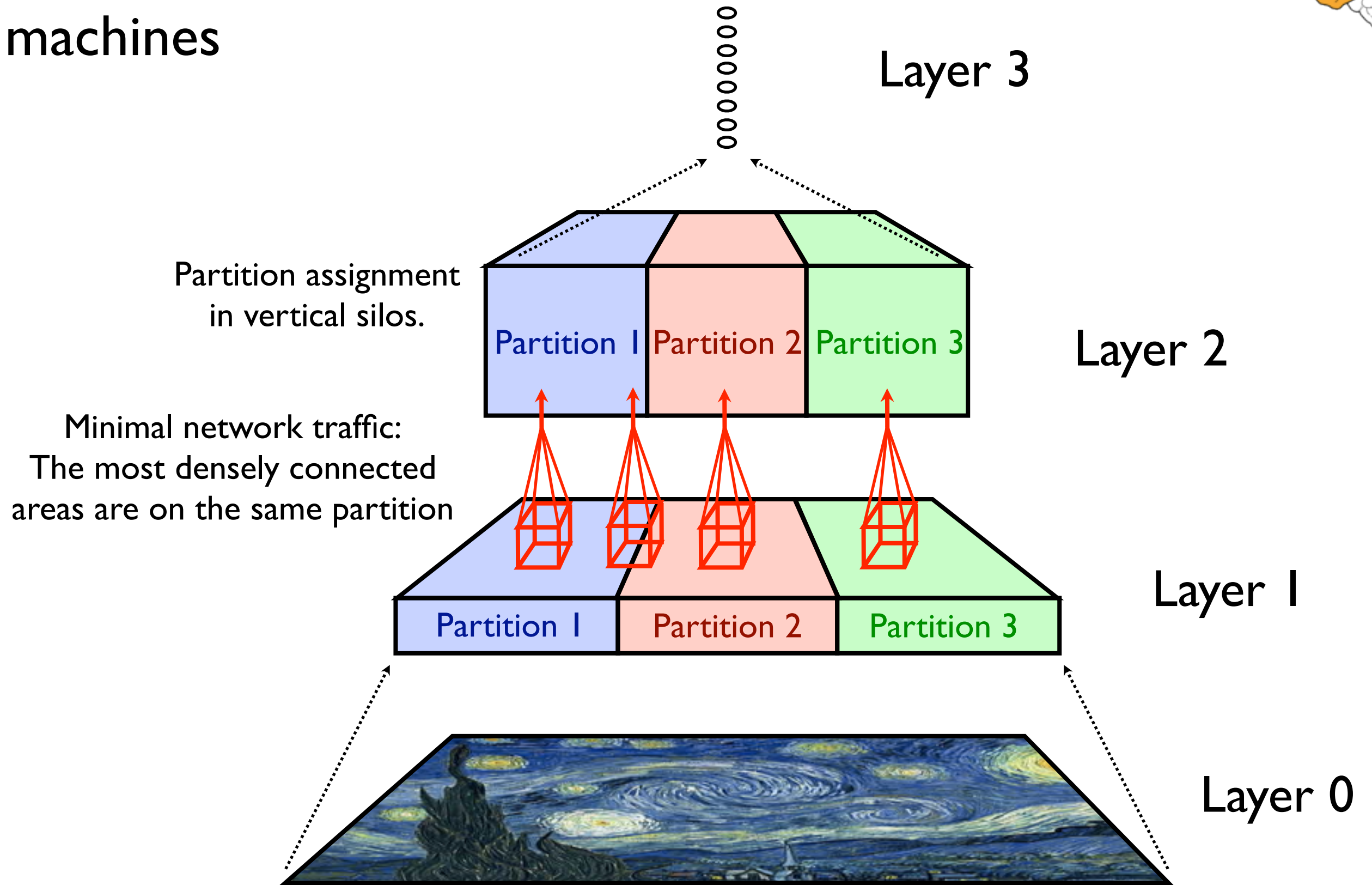


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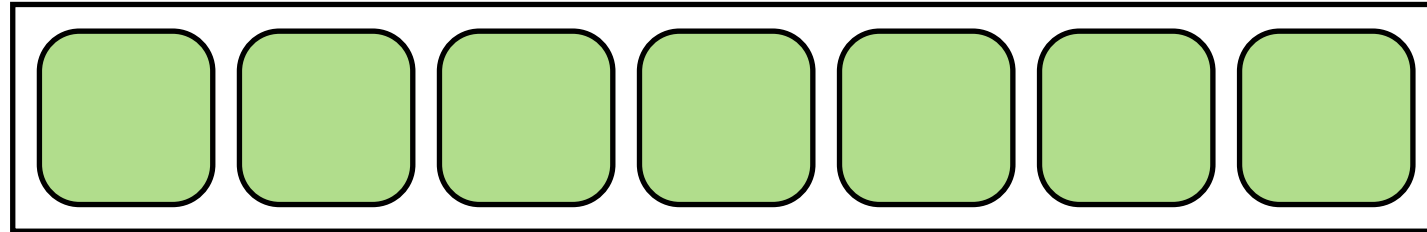
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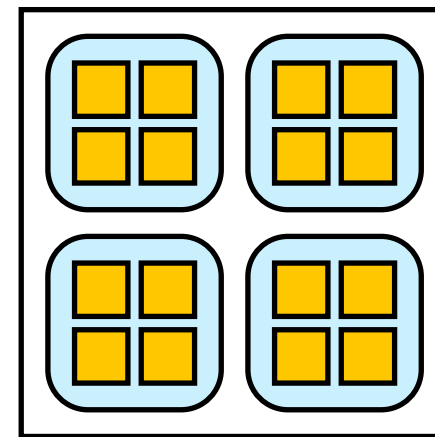
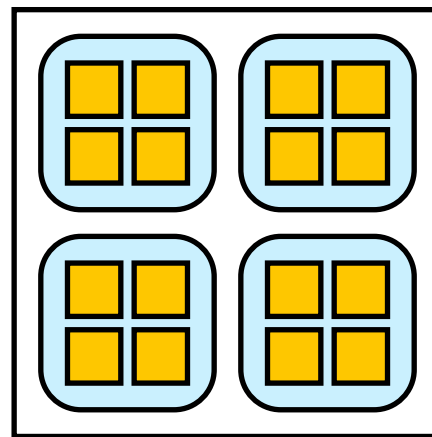
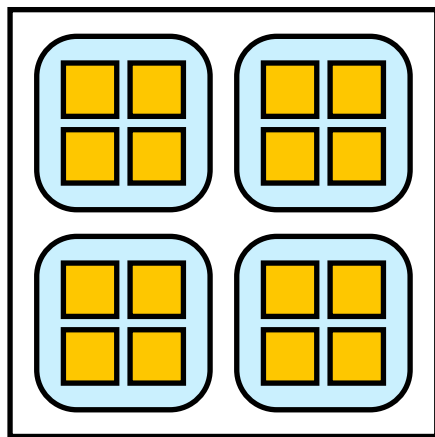
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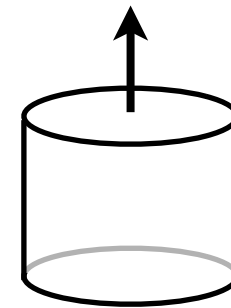
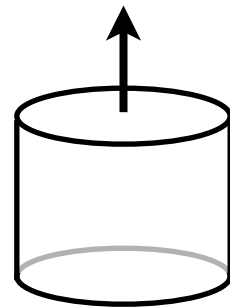
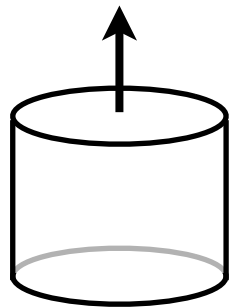
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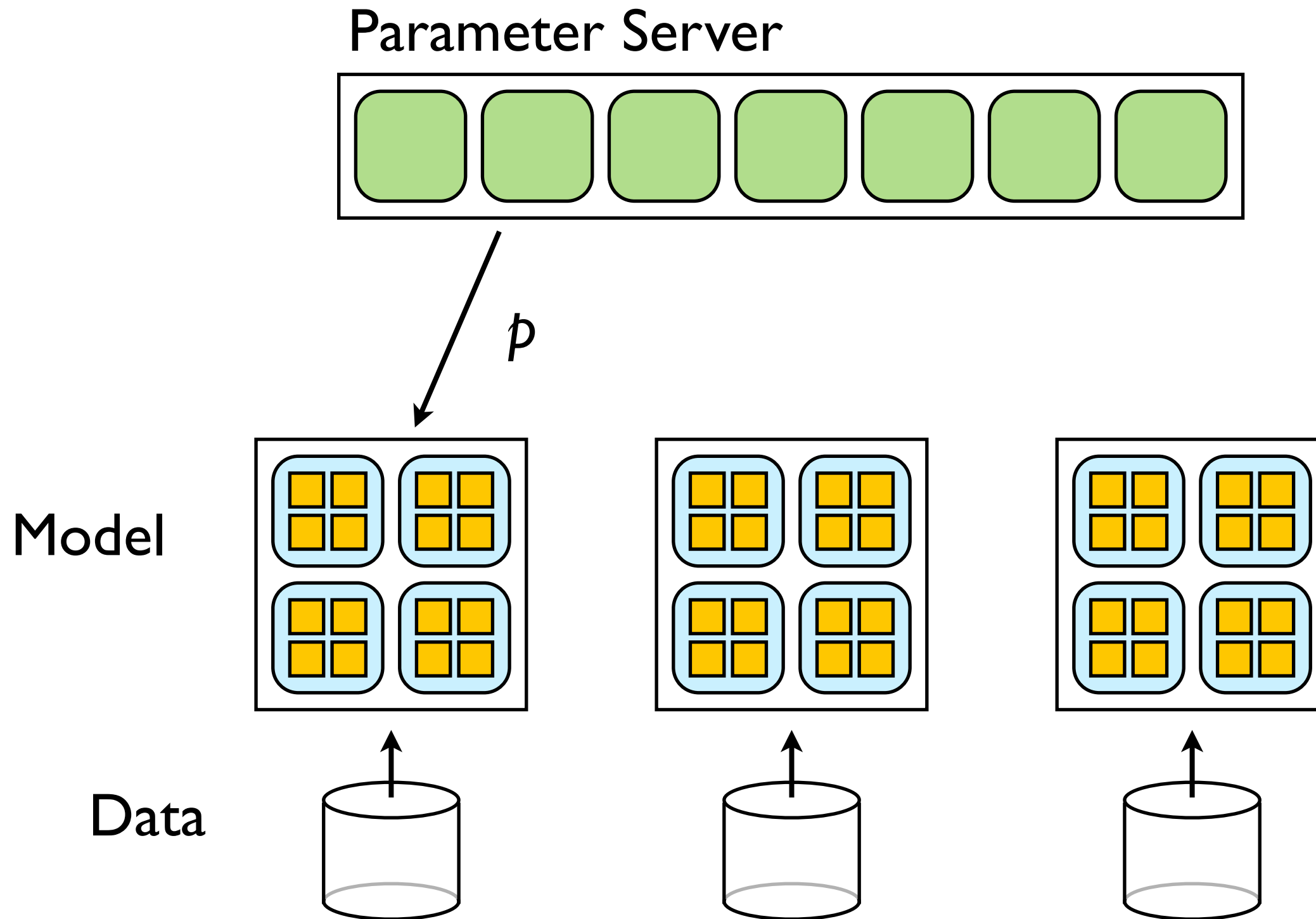
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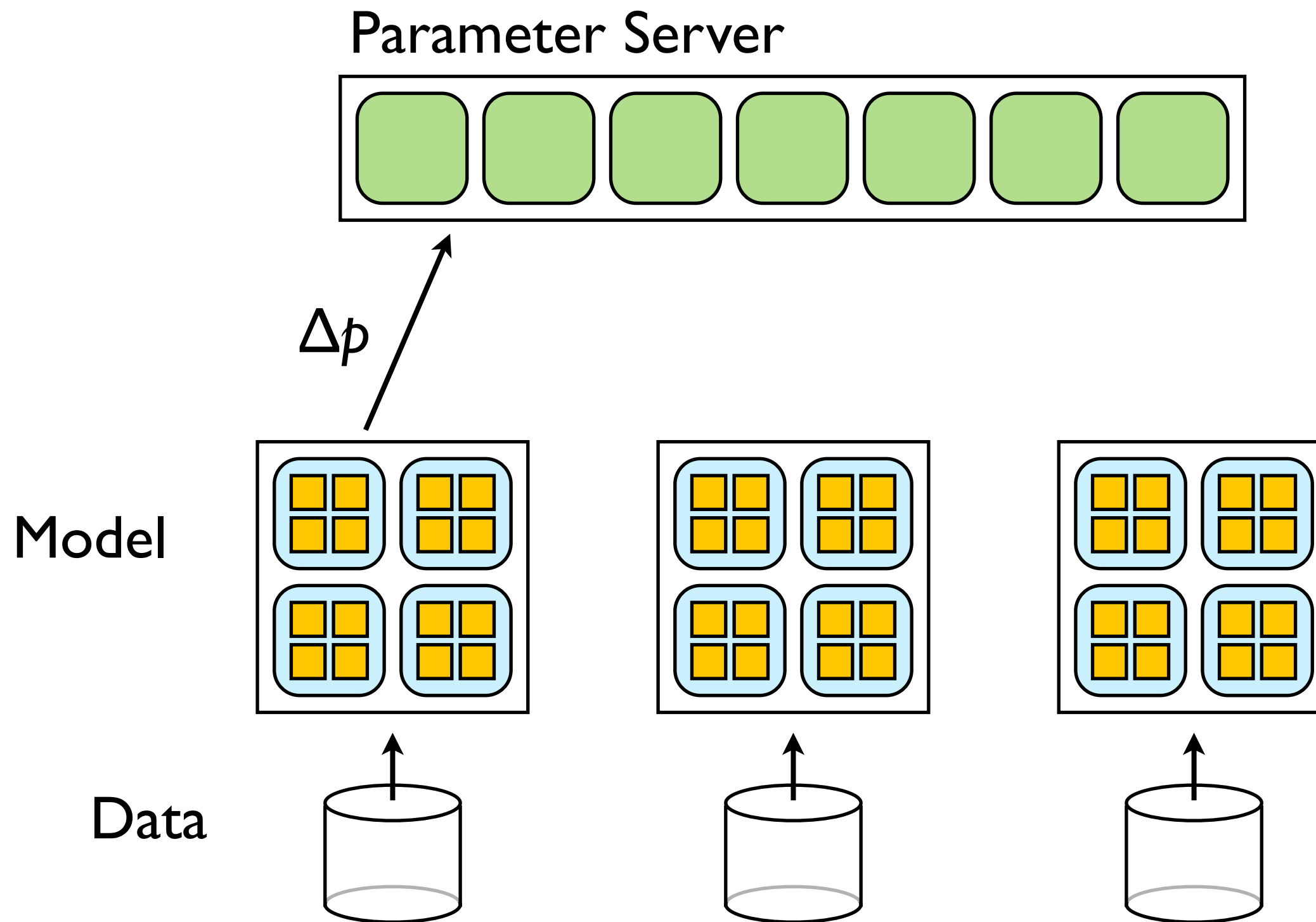
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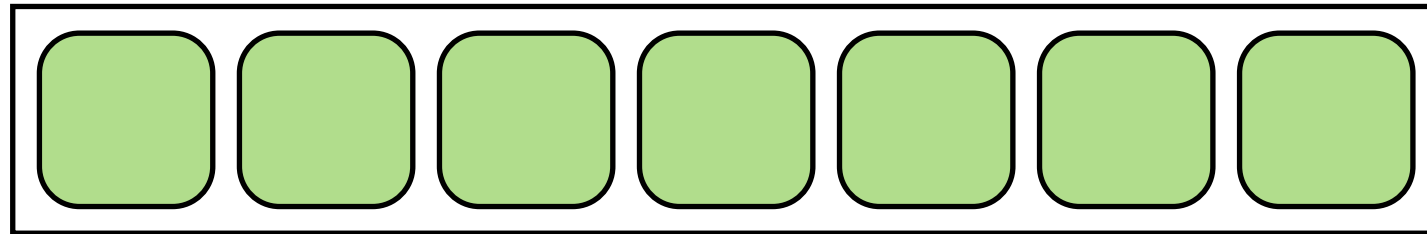


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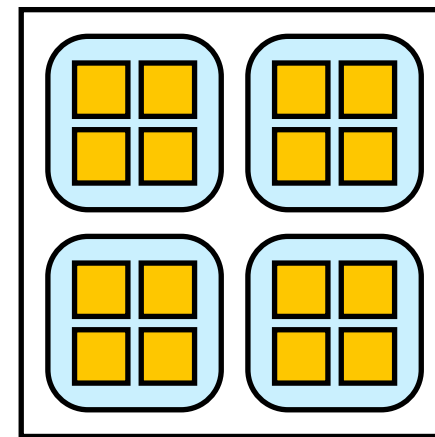
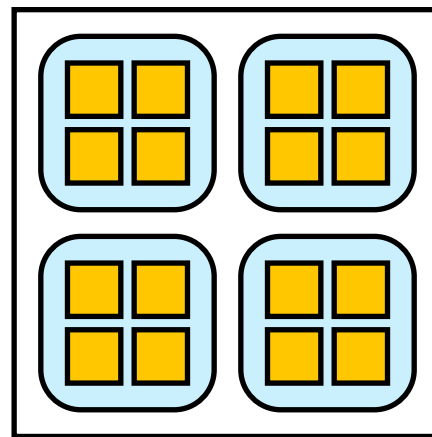
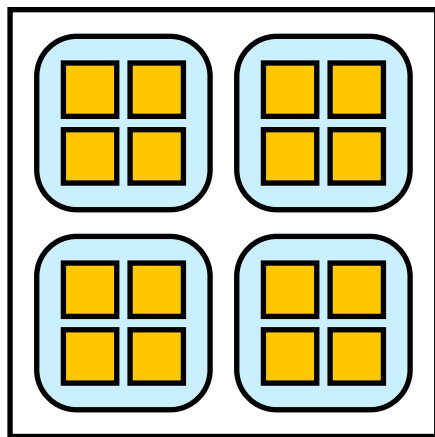


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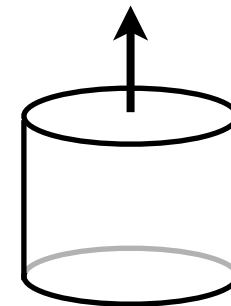
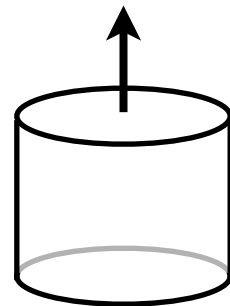
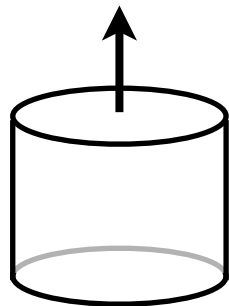
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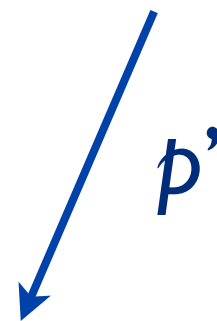
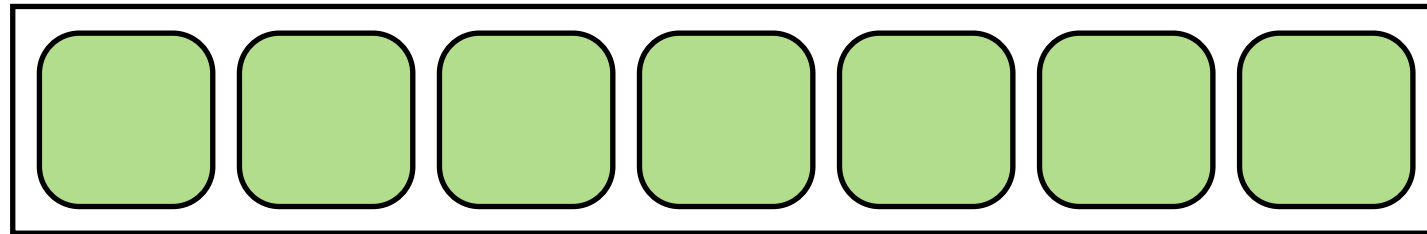


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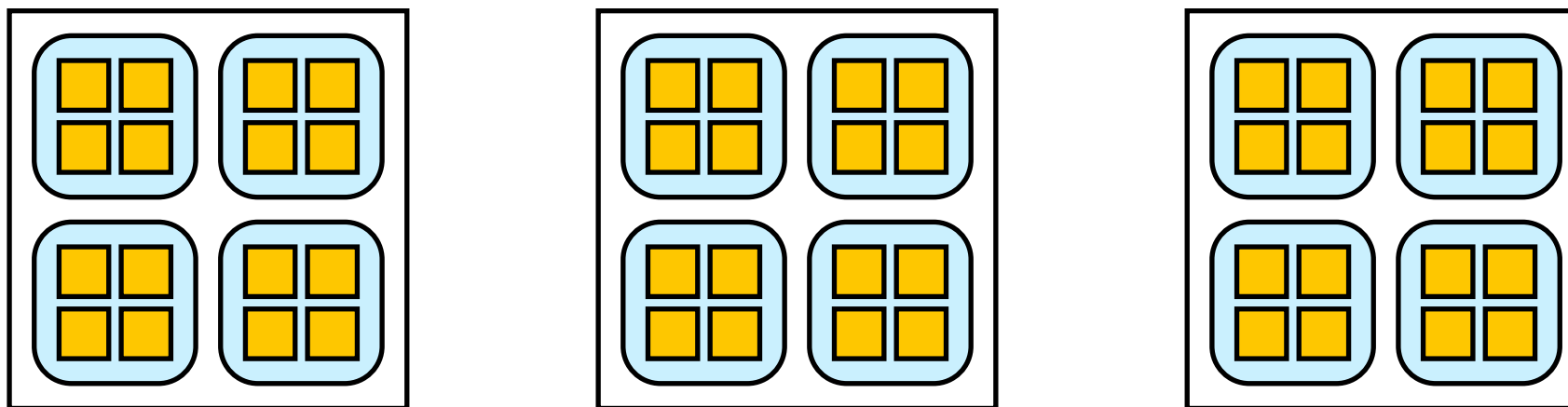


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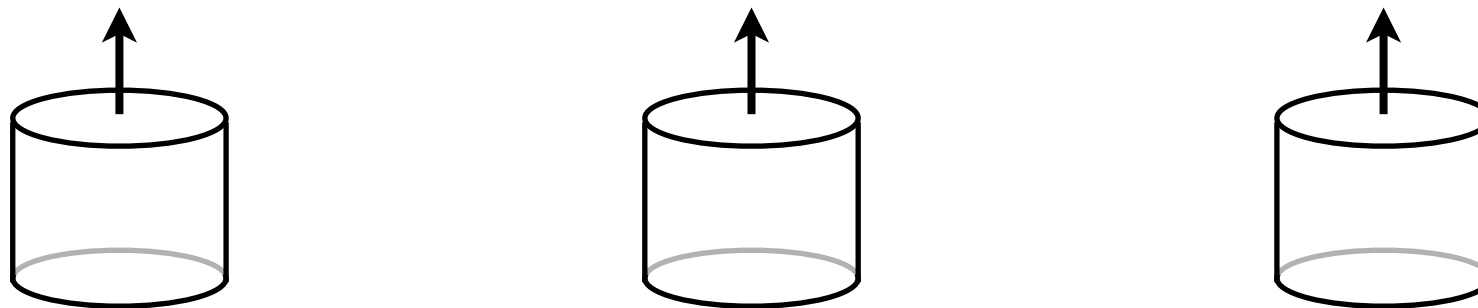
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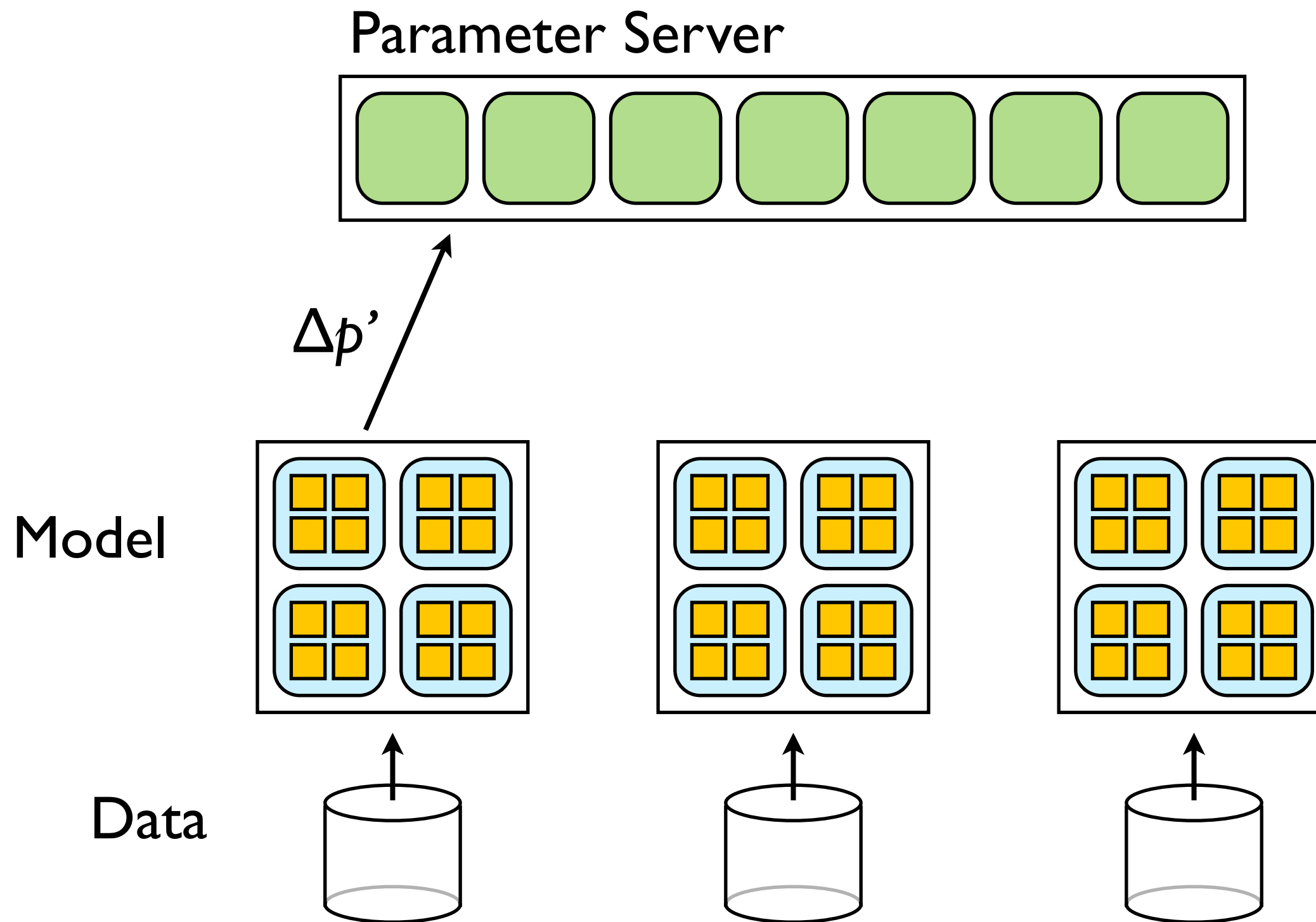
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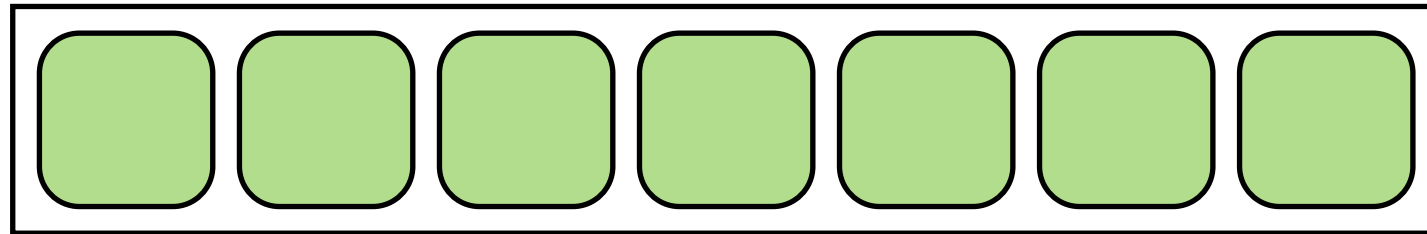


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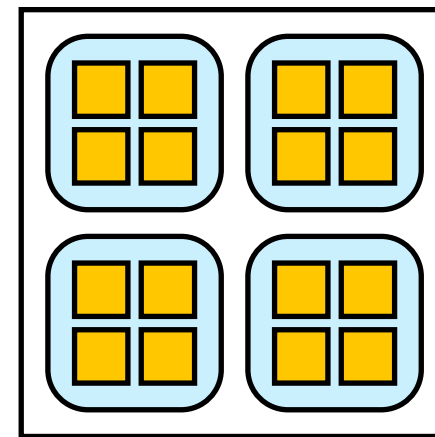
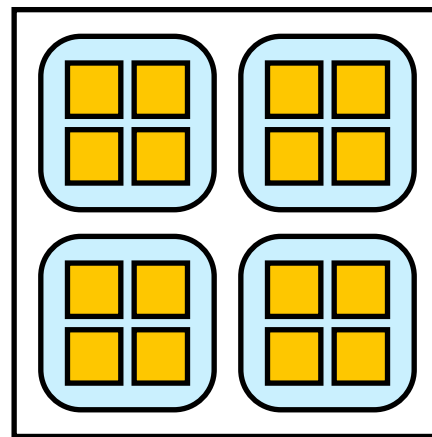
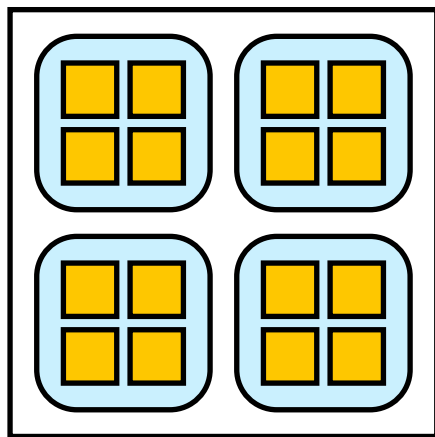


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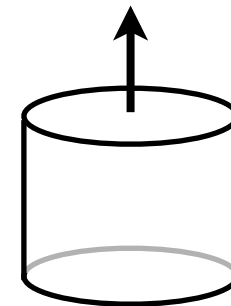
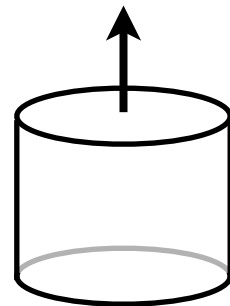
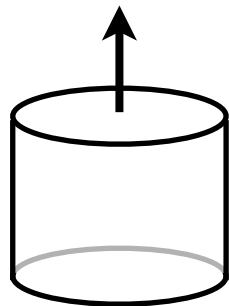
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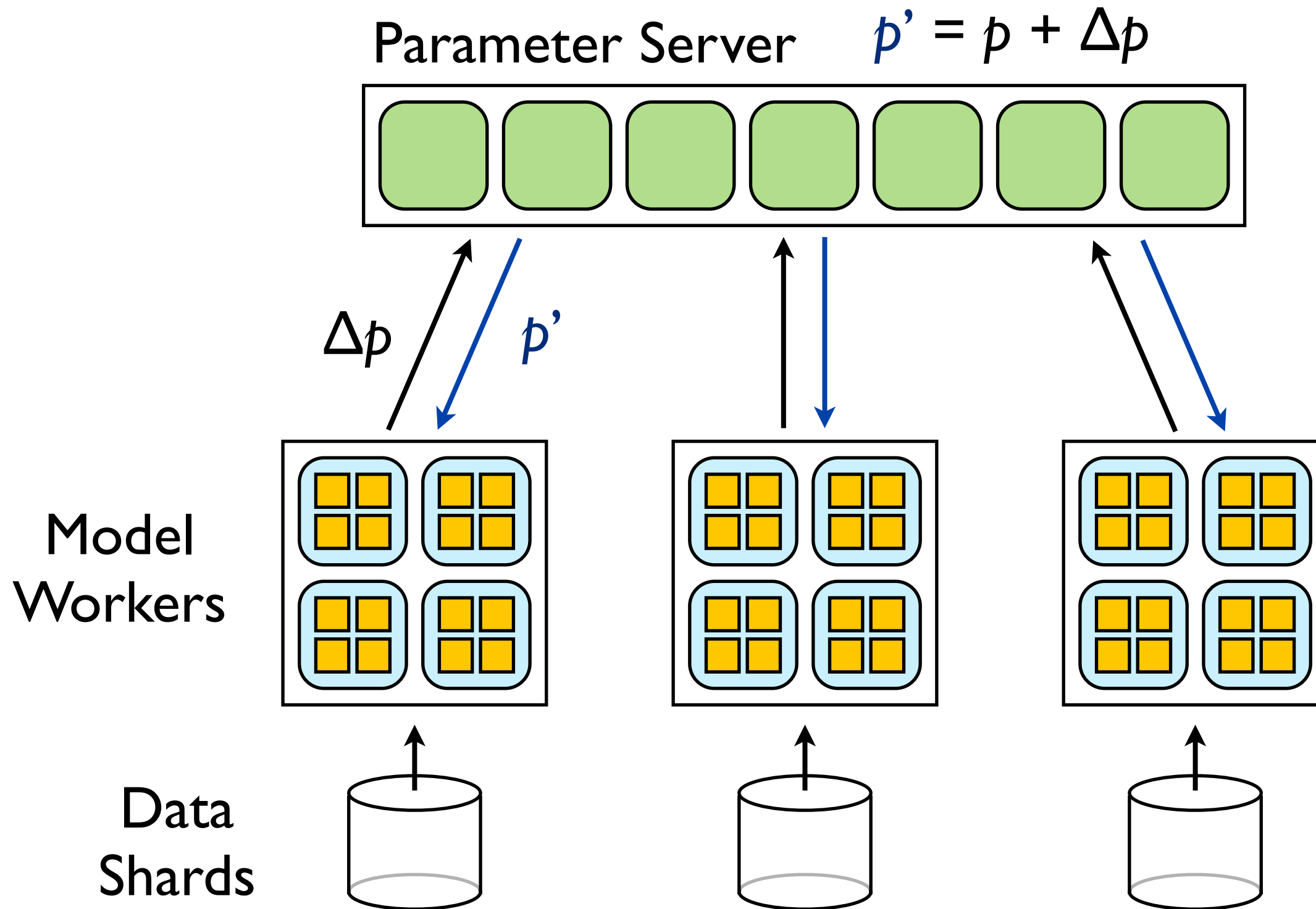
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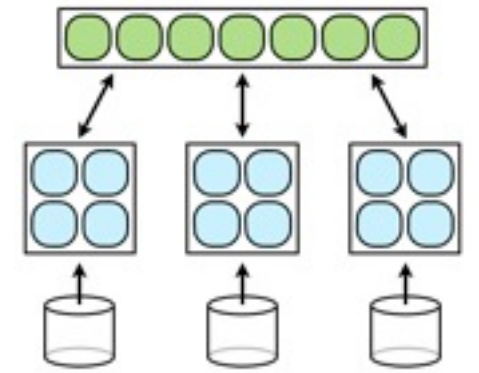


Deep Learning Systems Tradeoffs

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 - Send 1 or 2 bits instead of 32 bits across network
 - Drop results from slow partitions
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 - GPUs? FPGAs? Lossy computational devices?

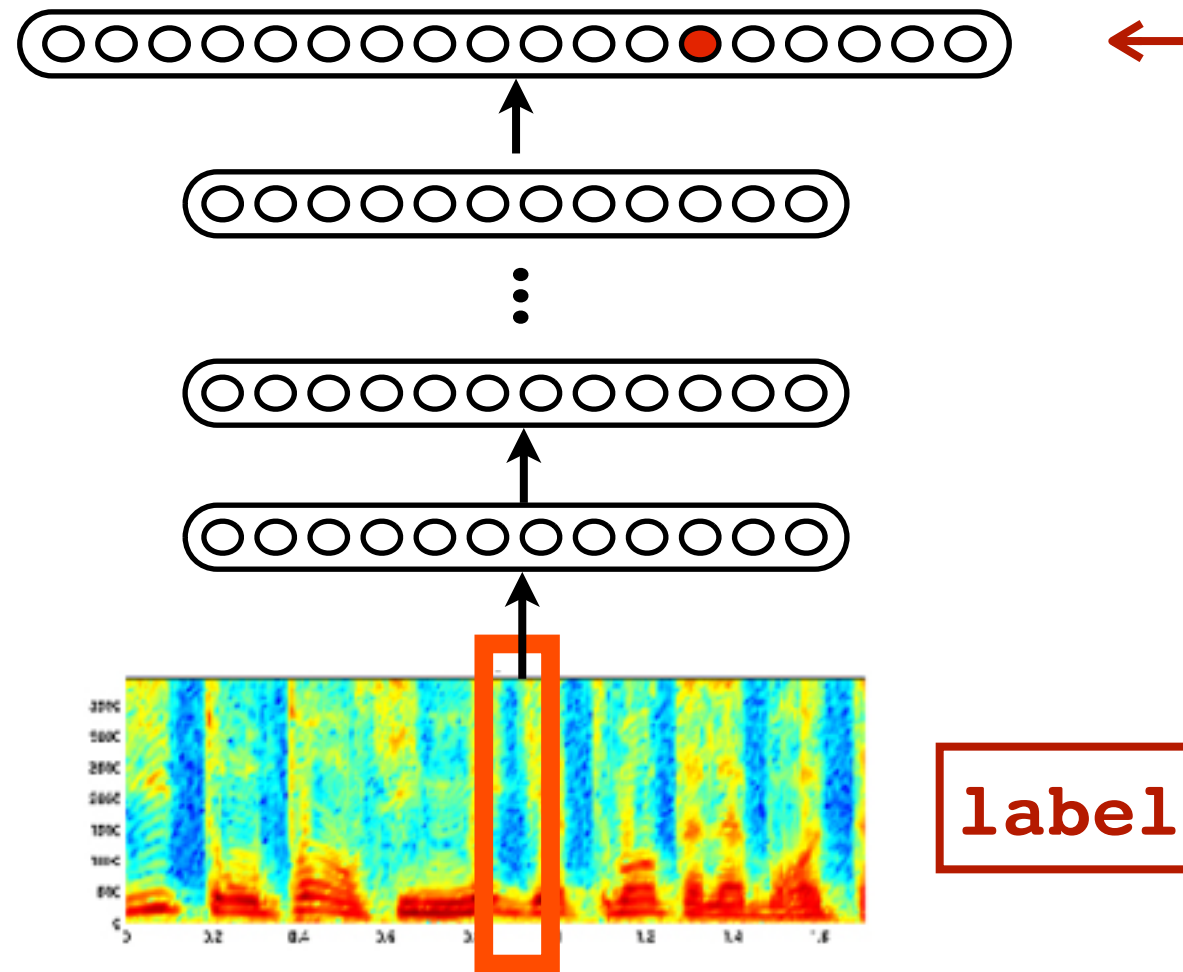


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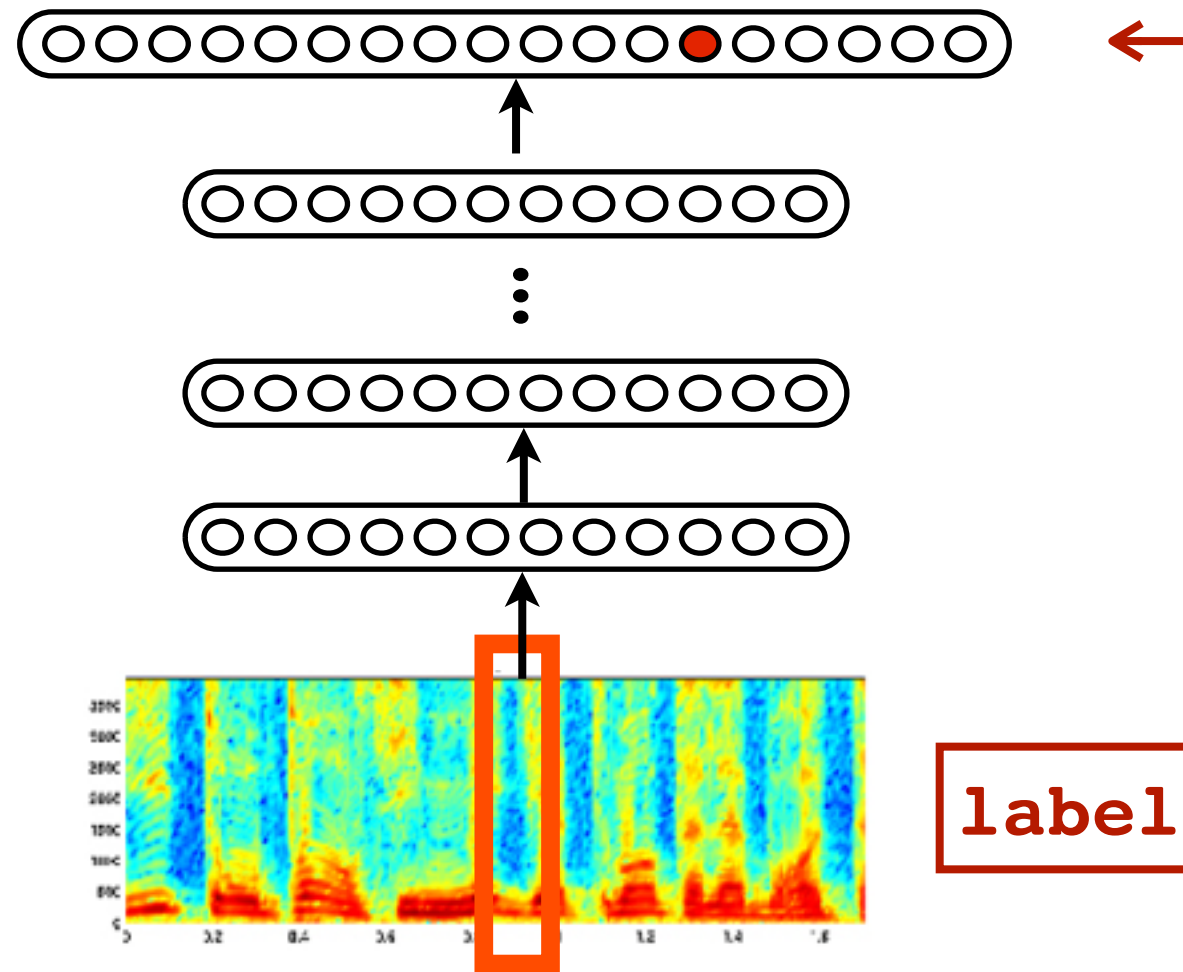
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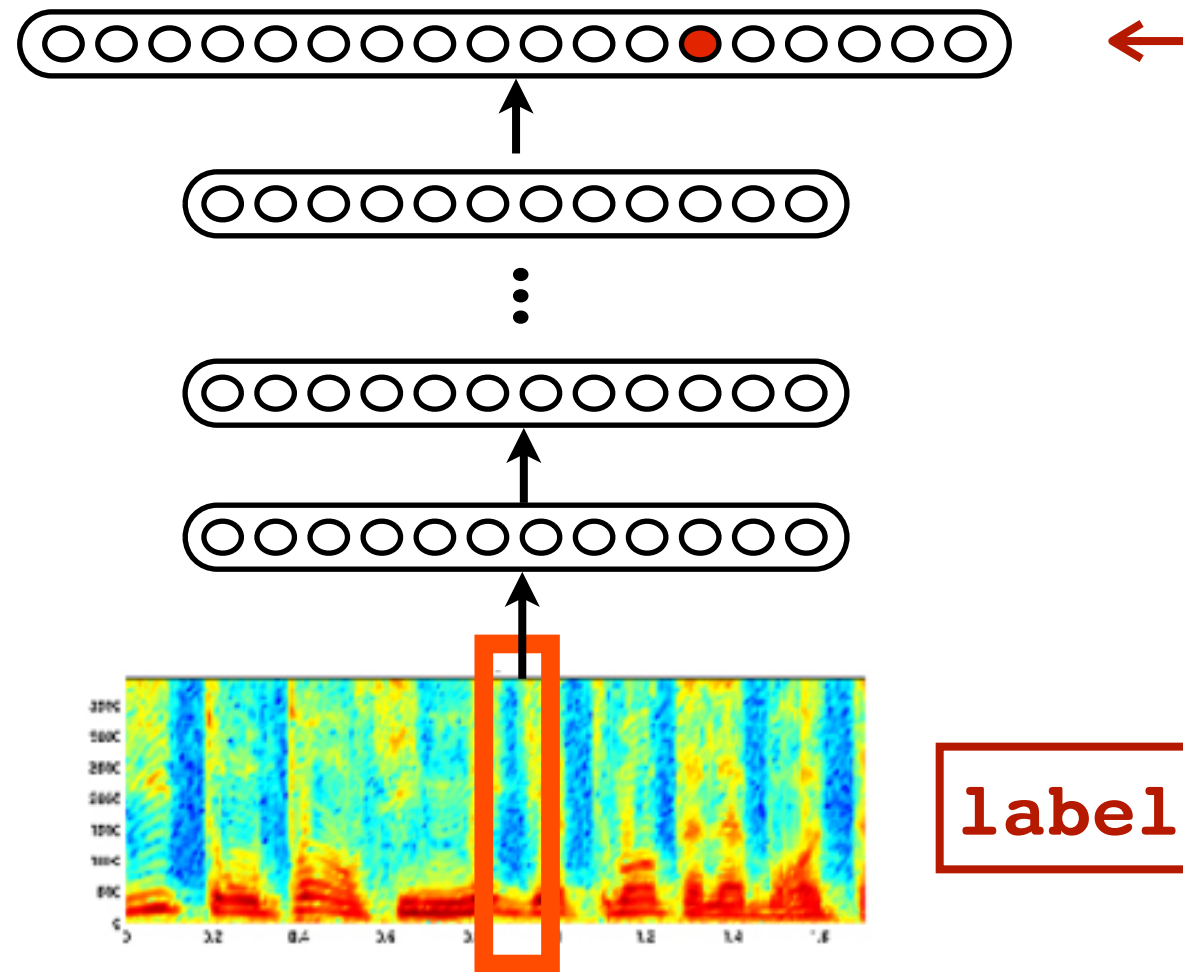
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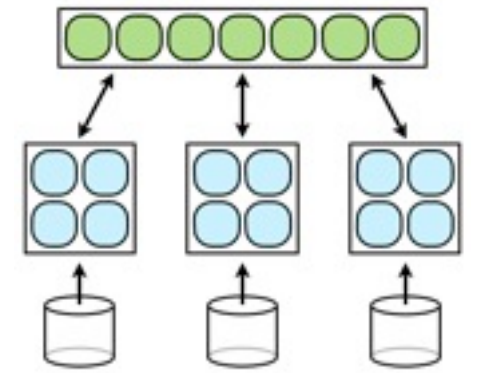
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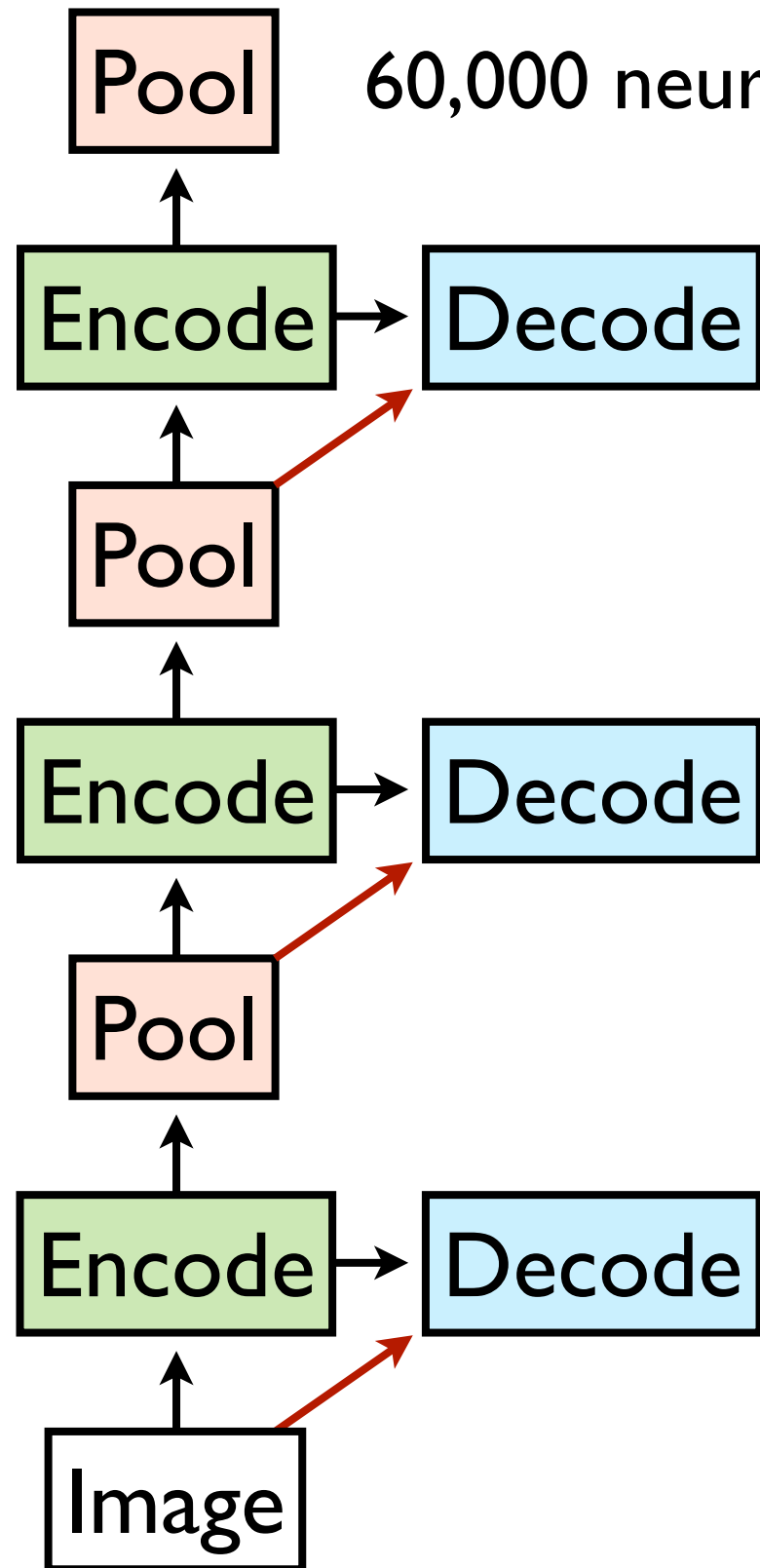


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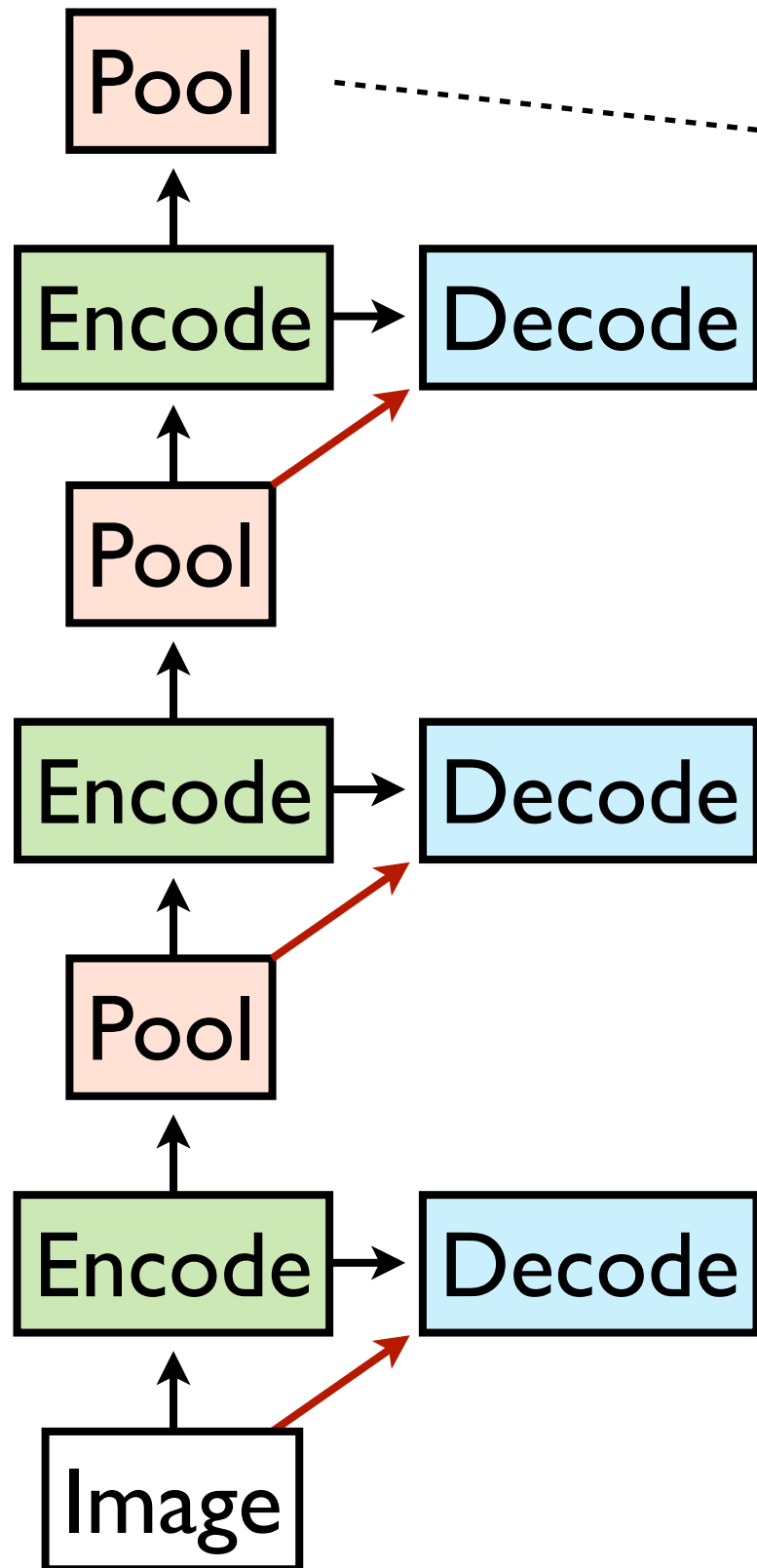


60,000 neurons at top level

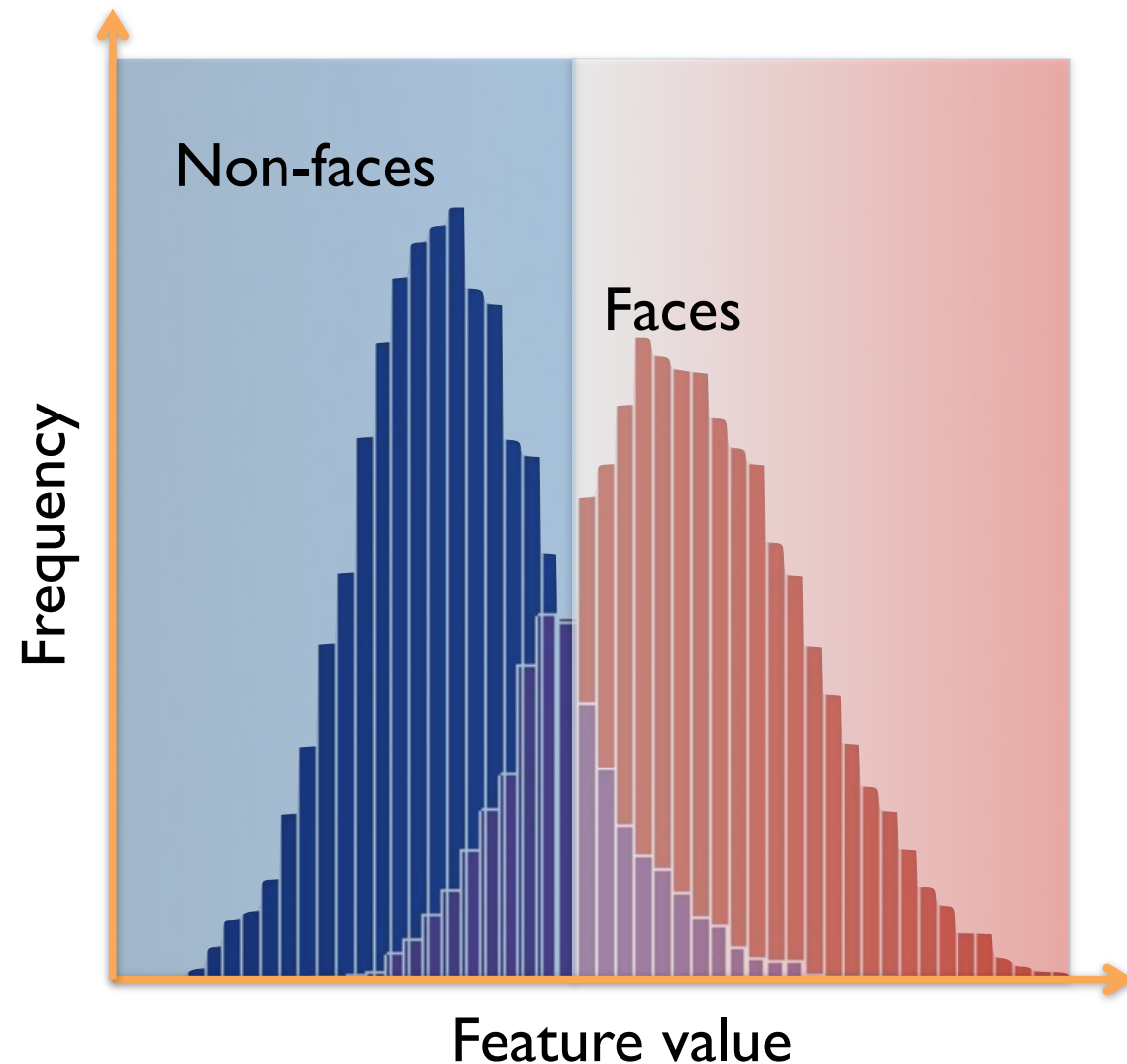
- 1.15 billion parameters (50x larger than largest deep network in the literature)
- Trained on 16k cores for 1 week using Async-SGD
- Do **unsupervised** training on one frame from each of 10 million YouTube videos (200x200 pixels)
- **No labels!**

Details in our ICML paper [Le et al. 2012]

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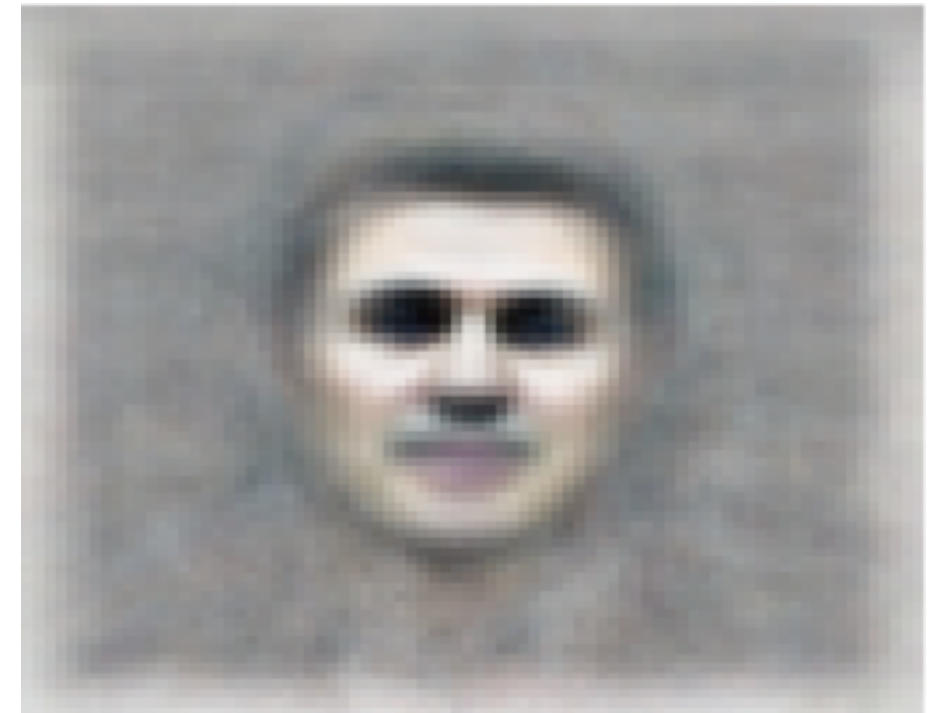
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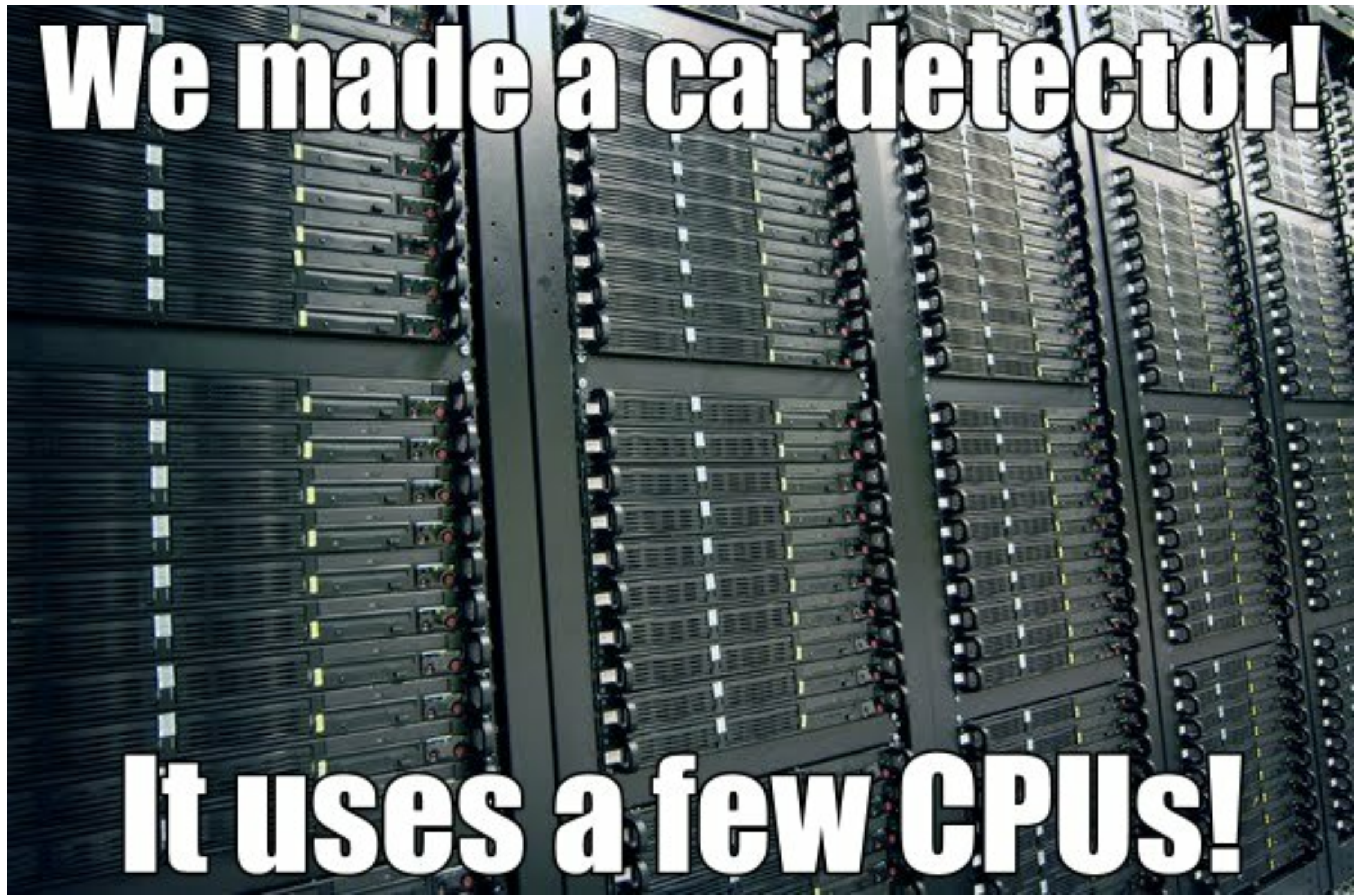
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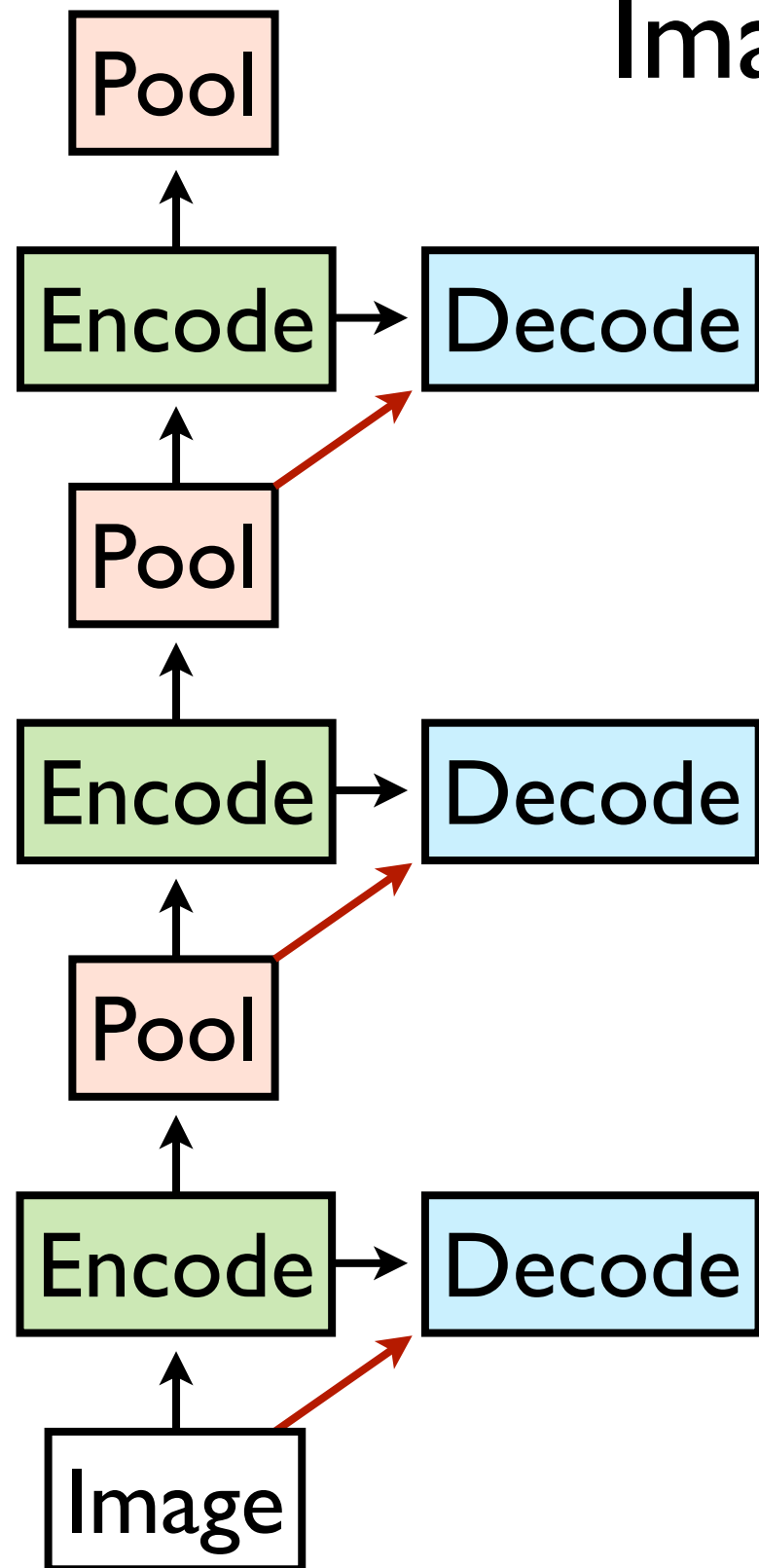
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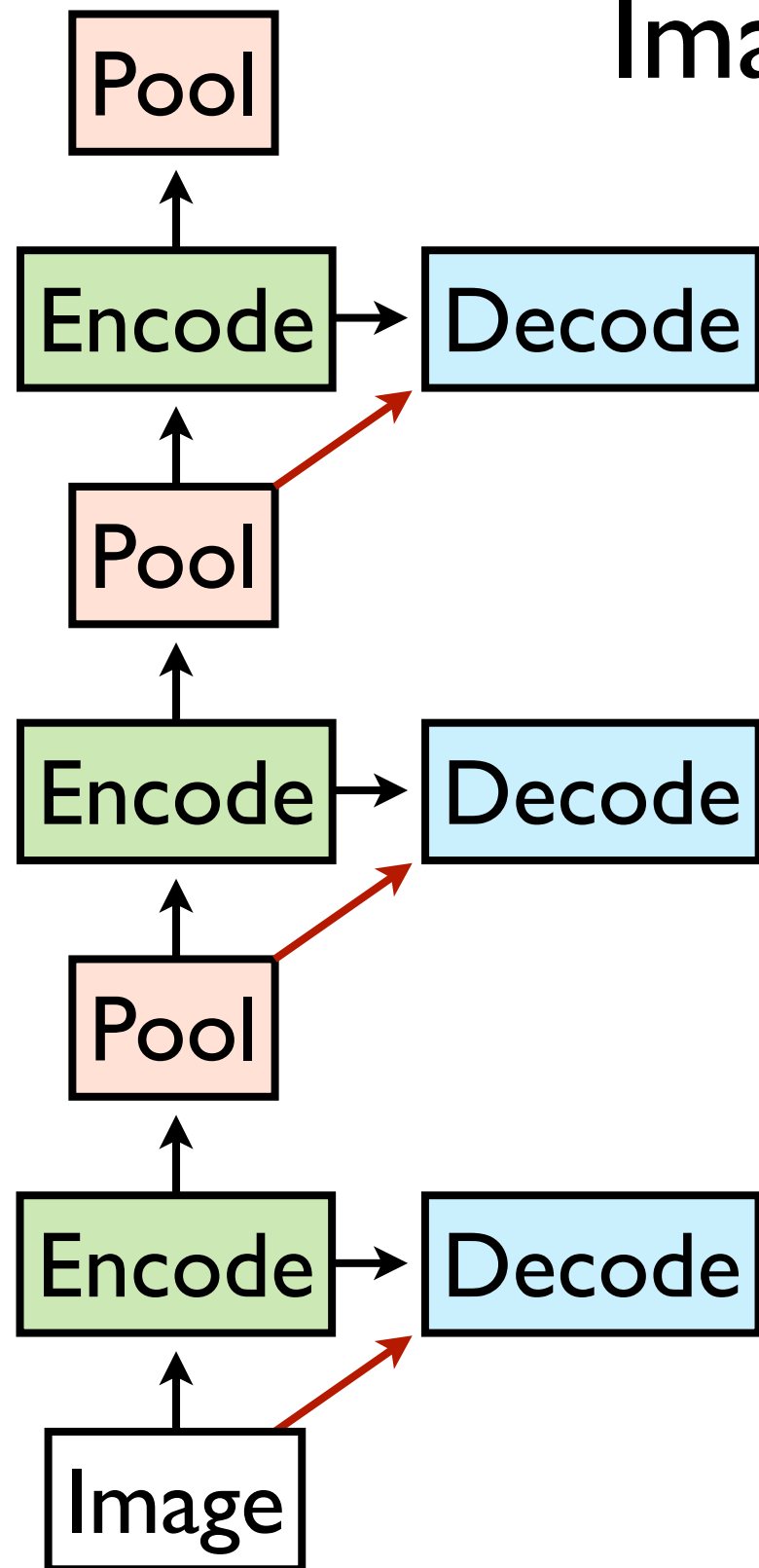


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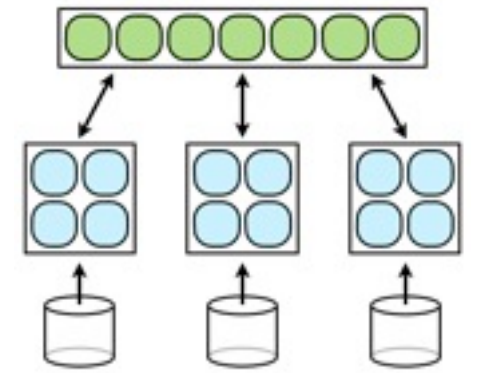


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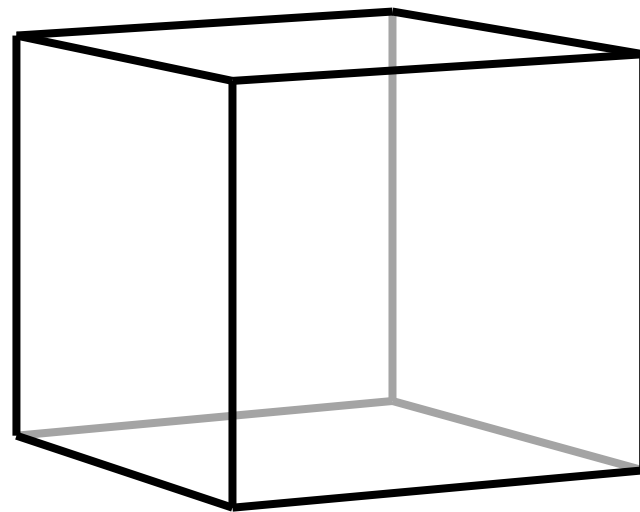
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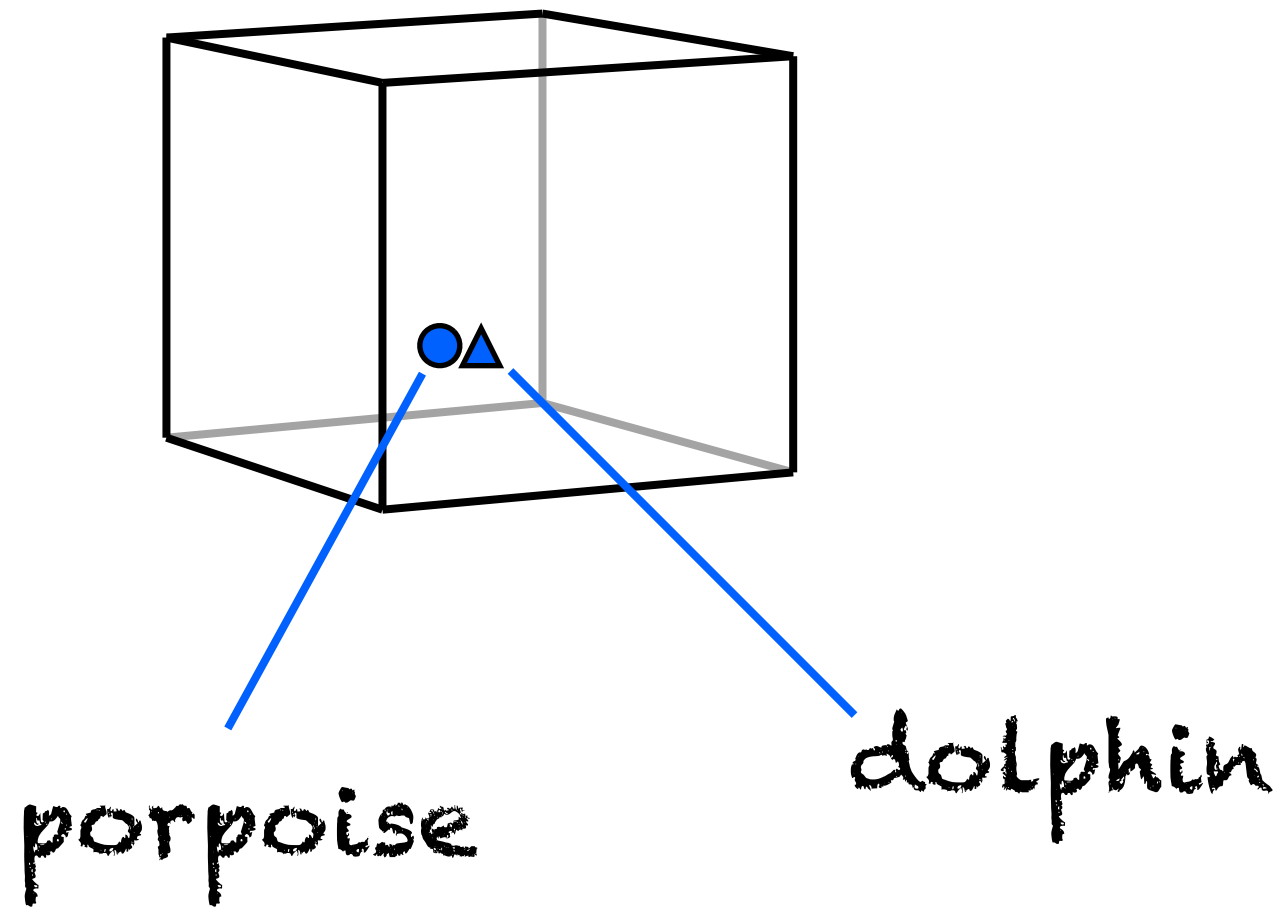


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dolphin

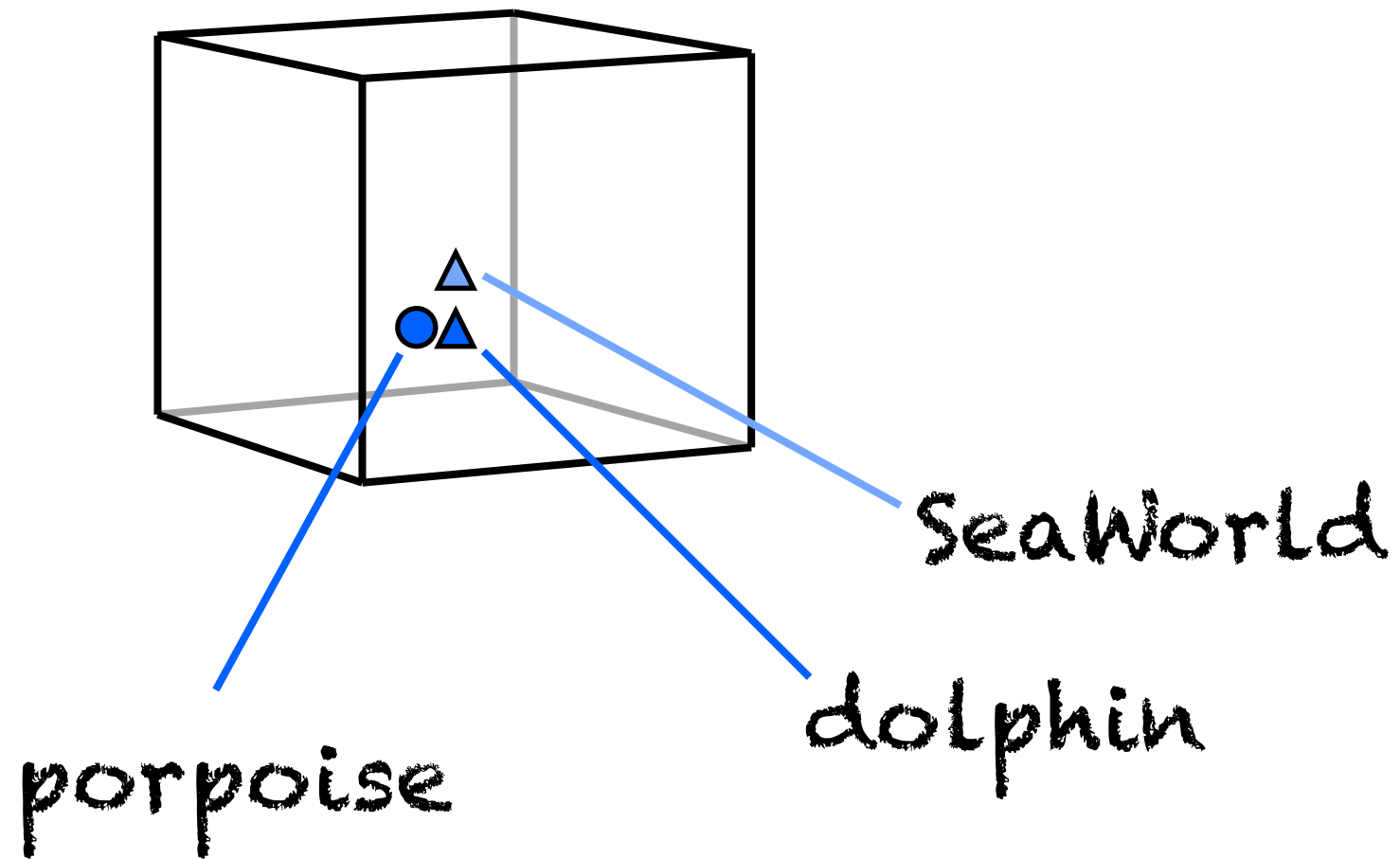
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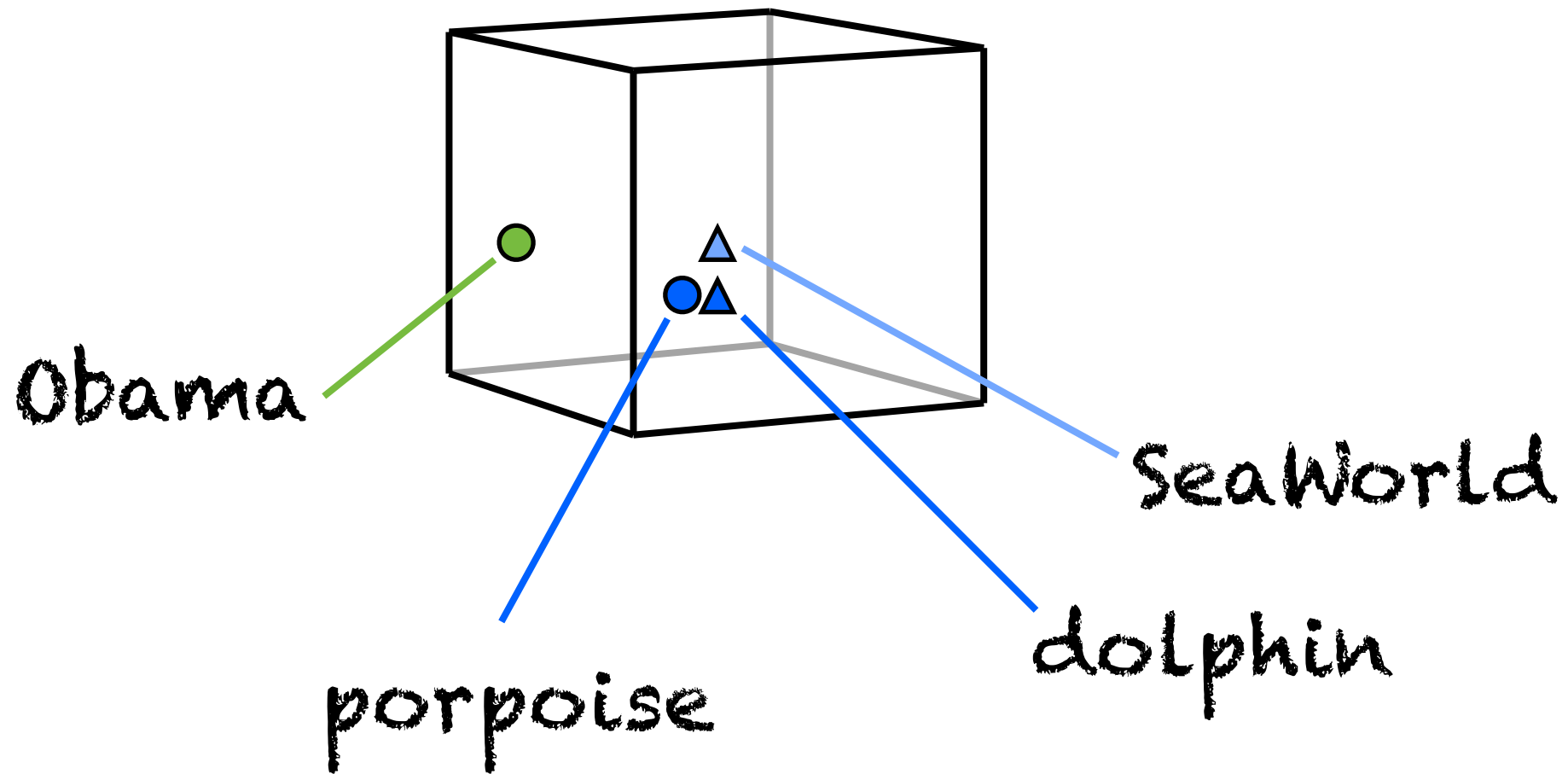
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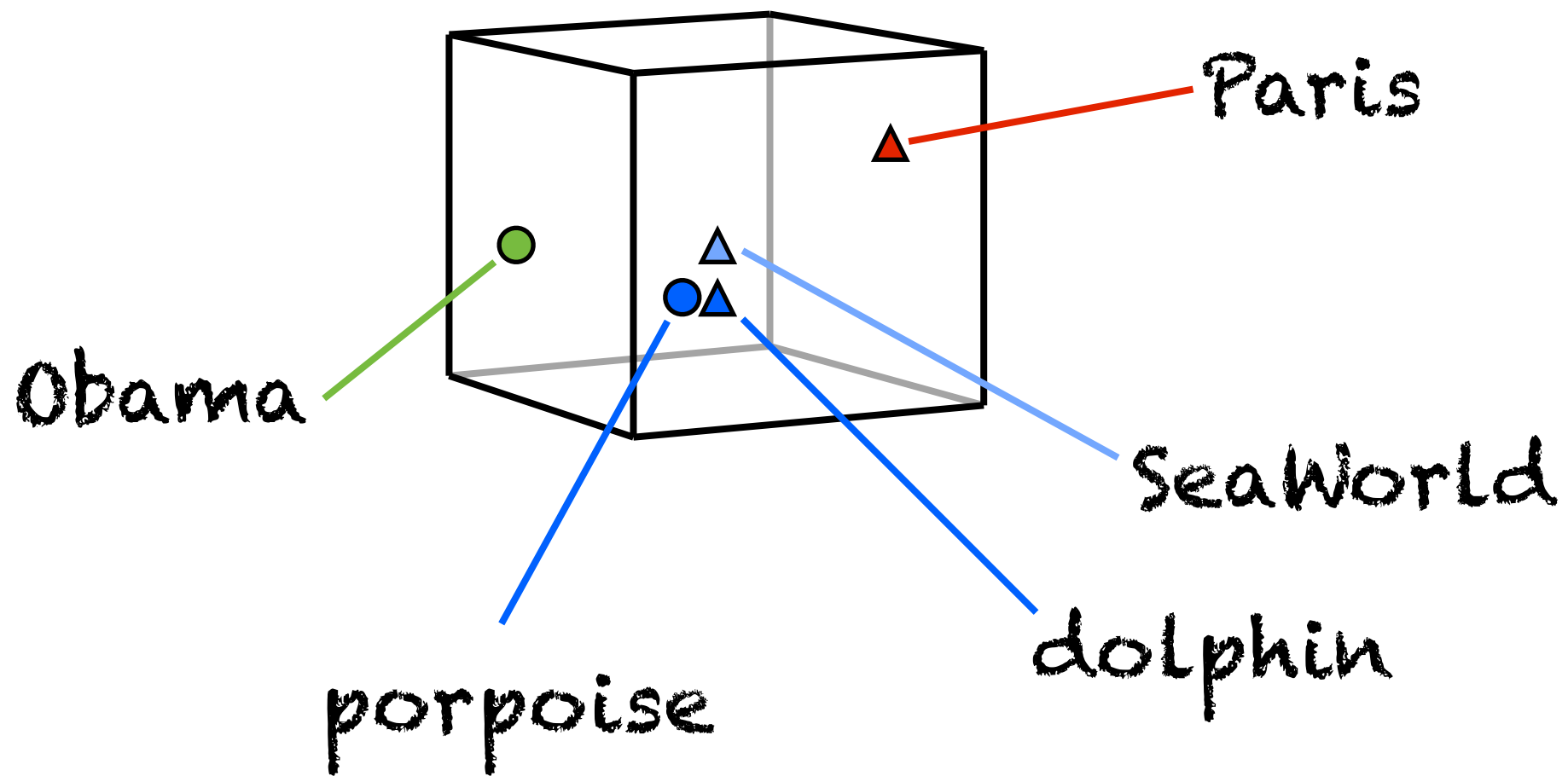
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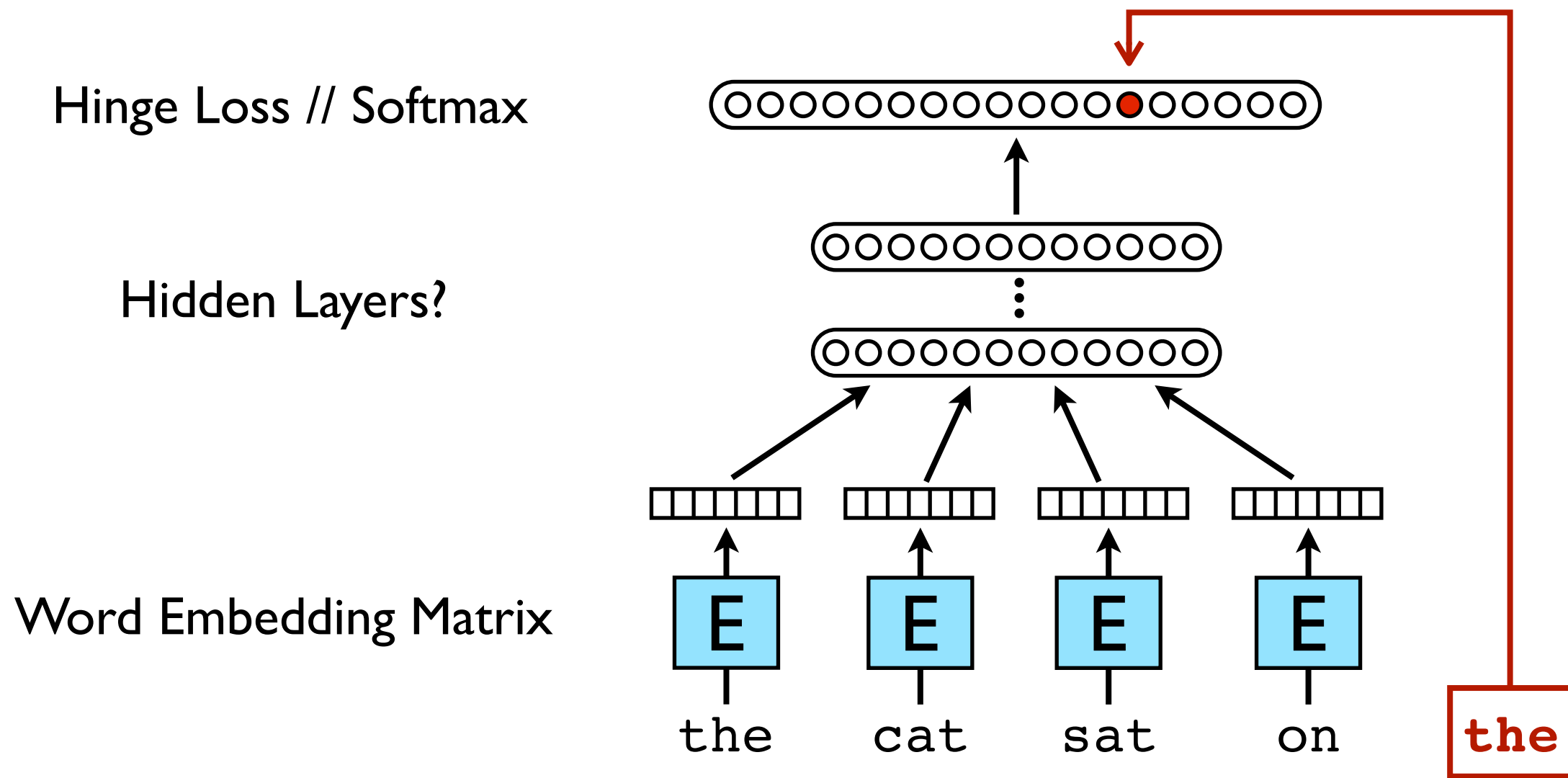


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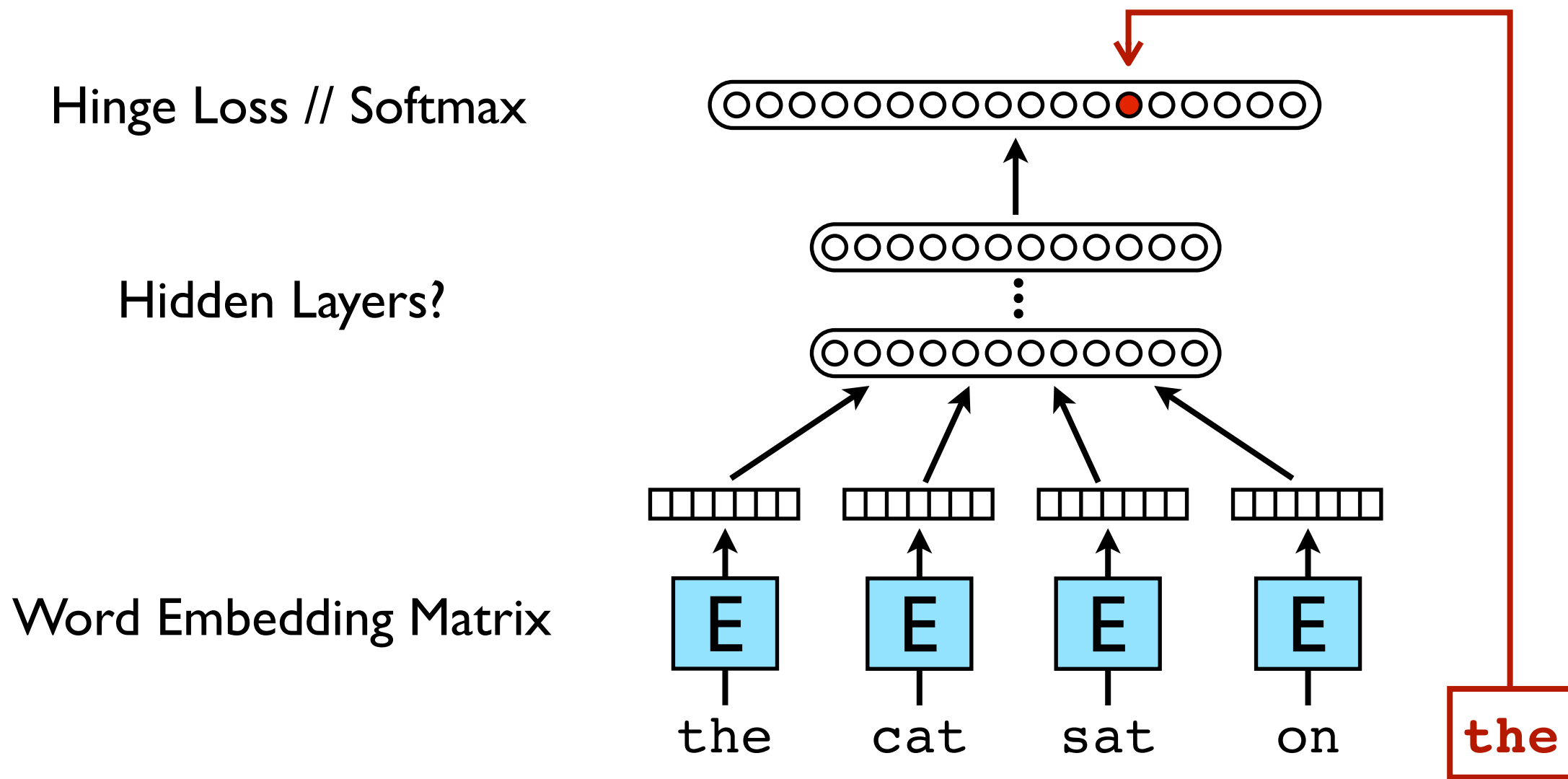


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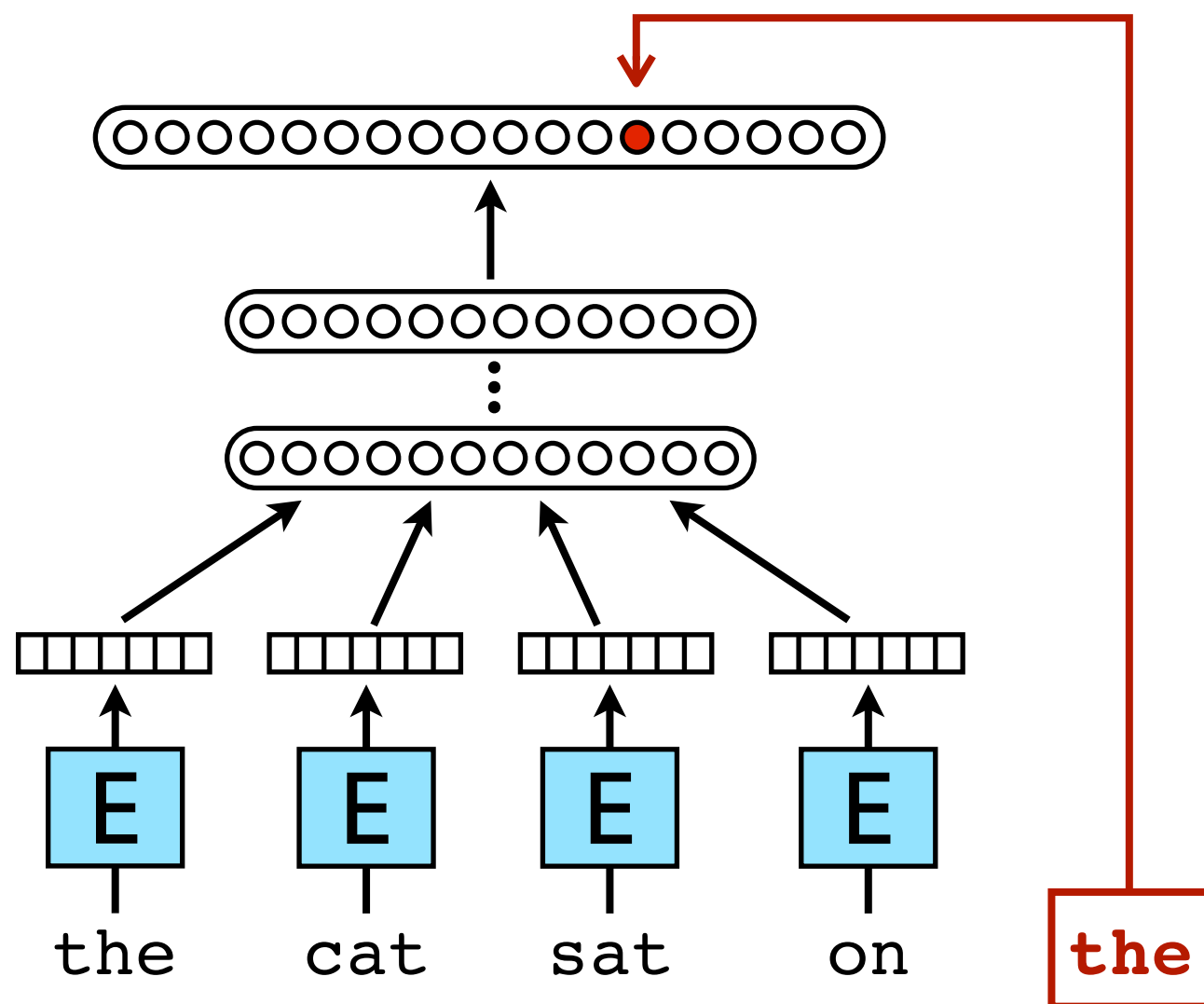
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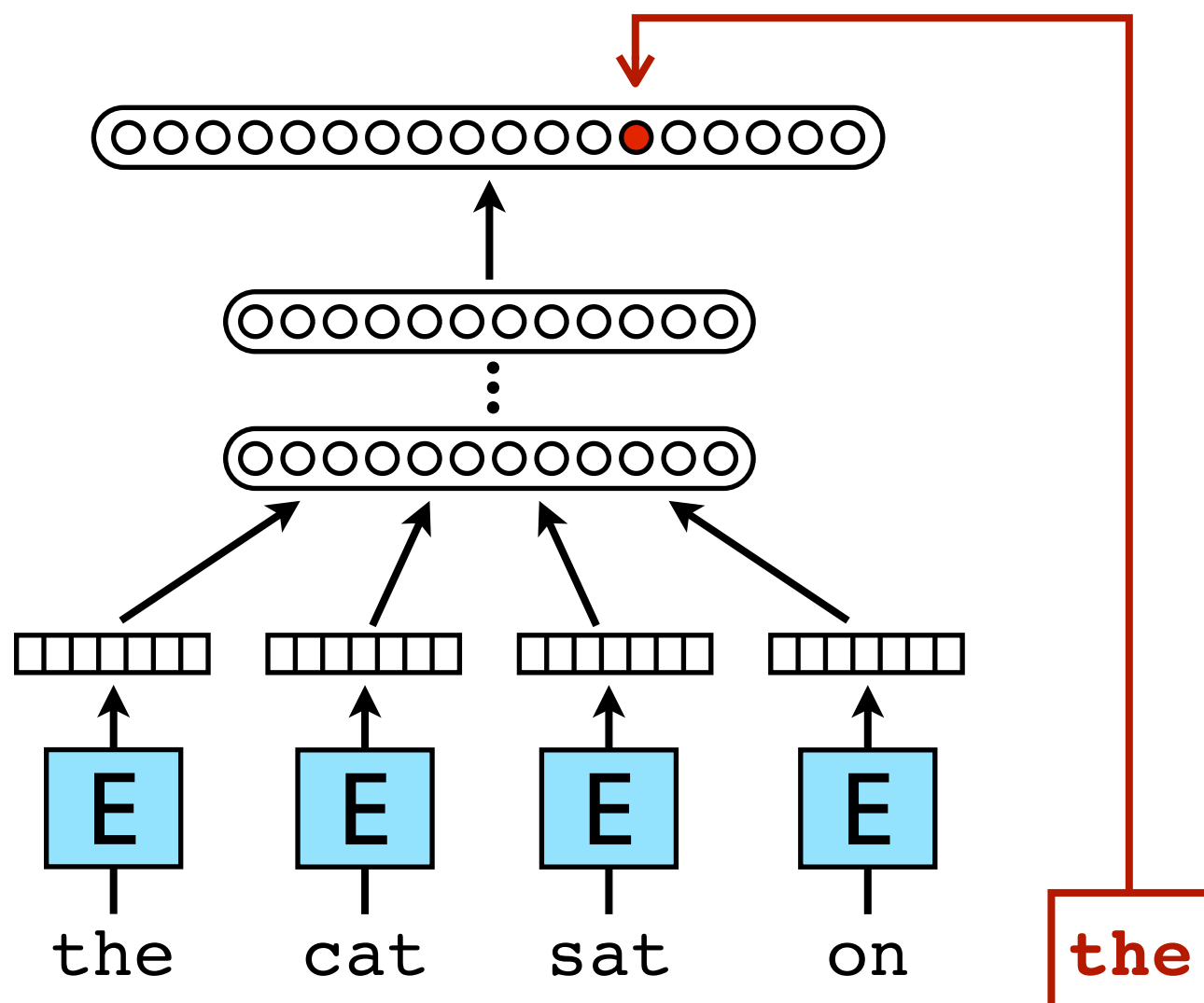


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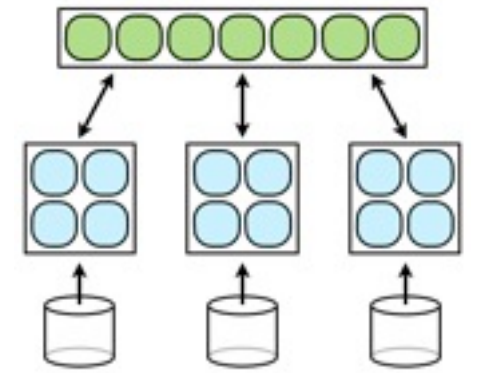
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Traditional 5-gram	XXX
NLM	+15%
5-gram + NLM	-33%





Deep Learning Applications



Many other applications not discussed today:

- Clickthrough prediction for advertising
- Video understanding
- Recommendation systems

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Thanks! Questions...?

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