

# BenchFlow

## A Platform for End-to-end Automation of Performance Testing and Analysis

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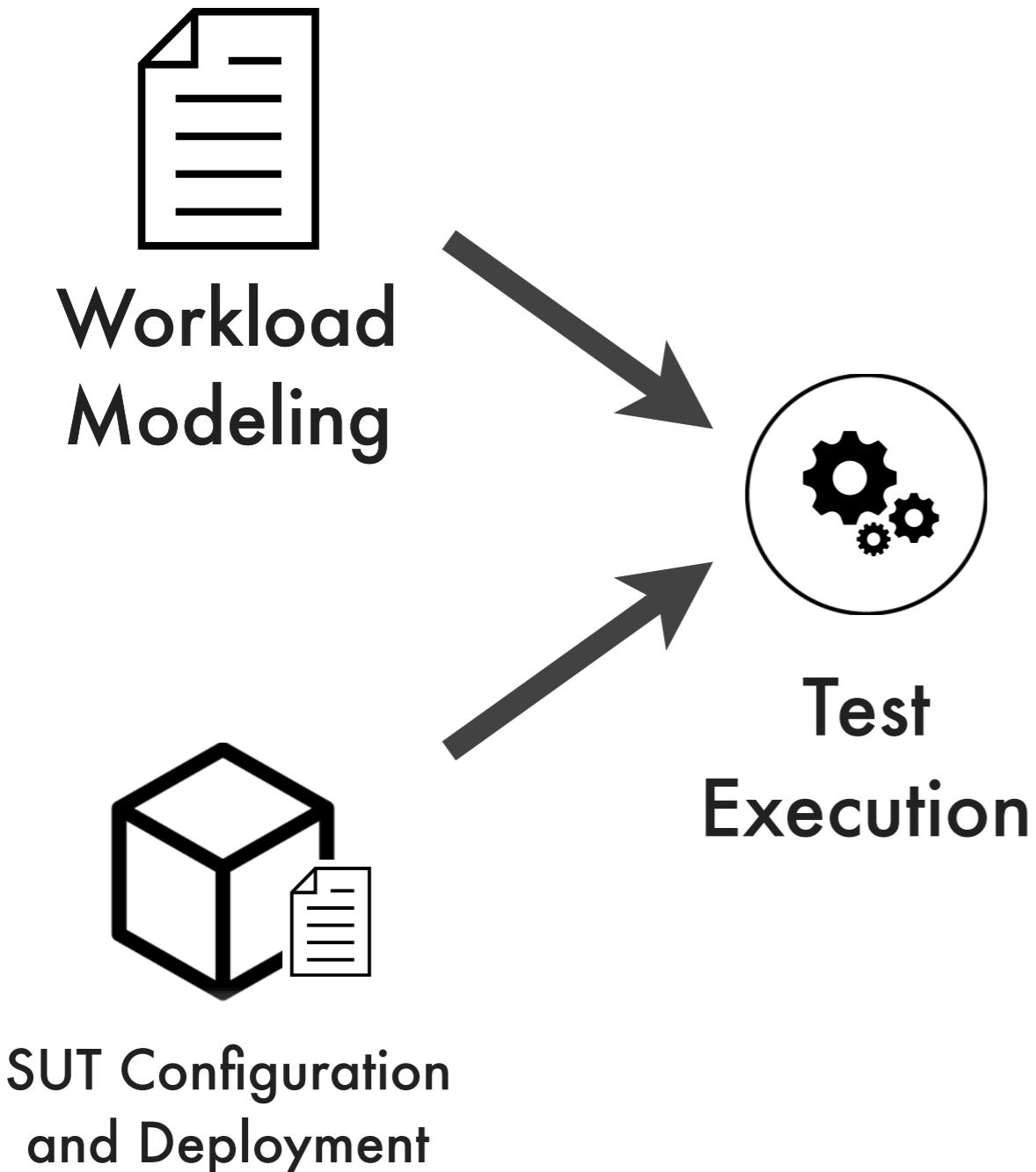


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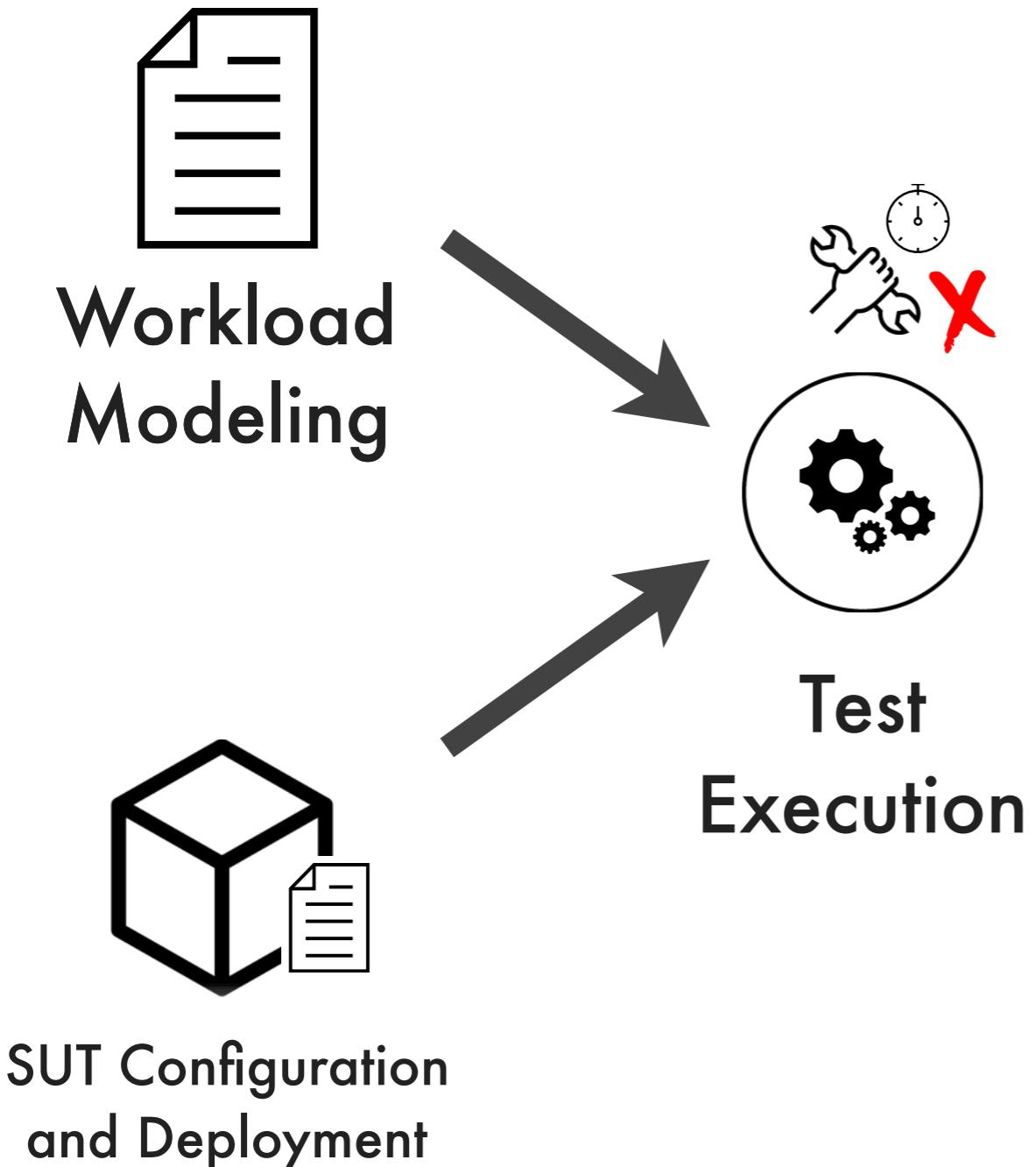


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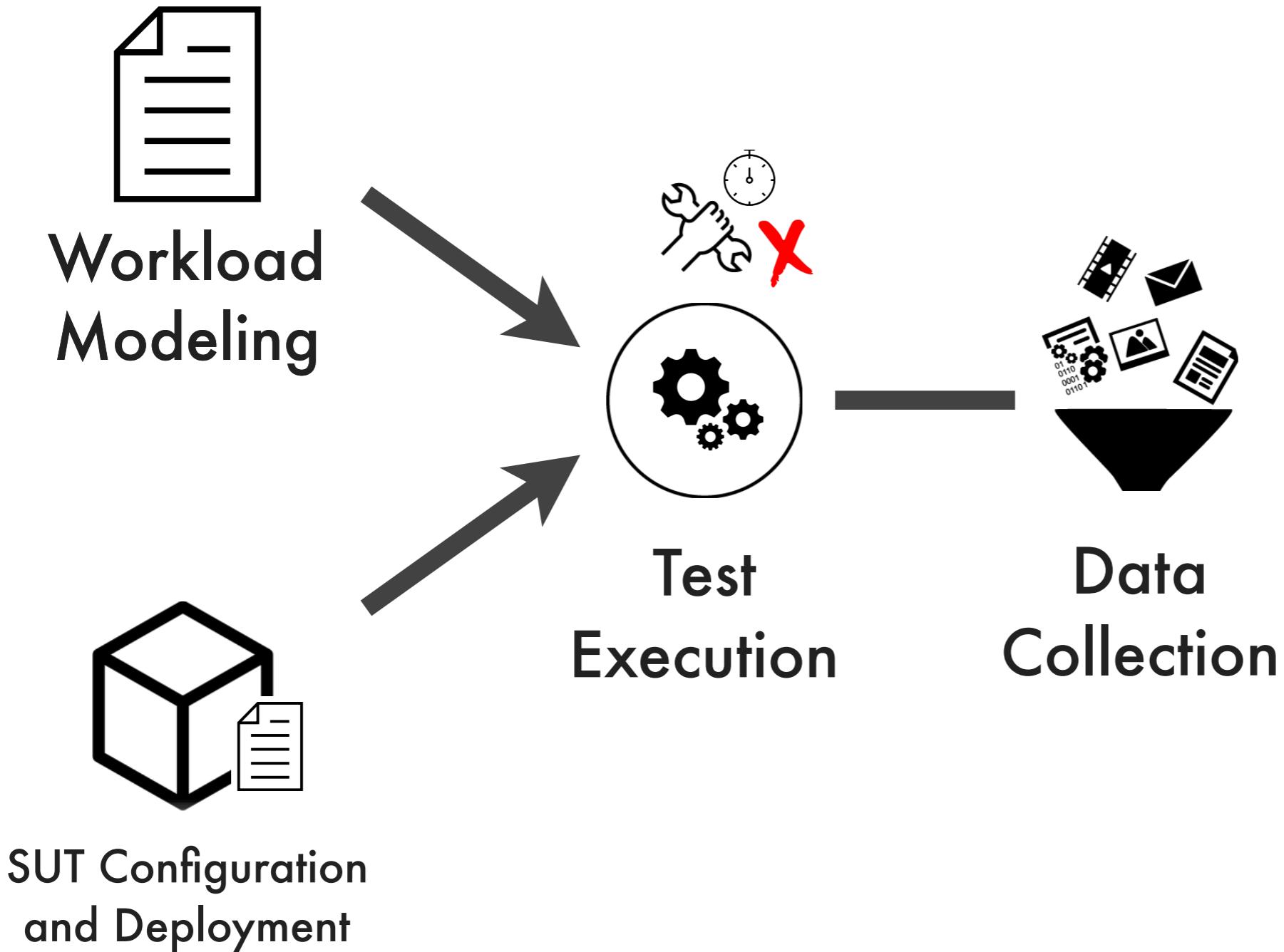
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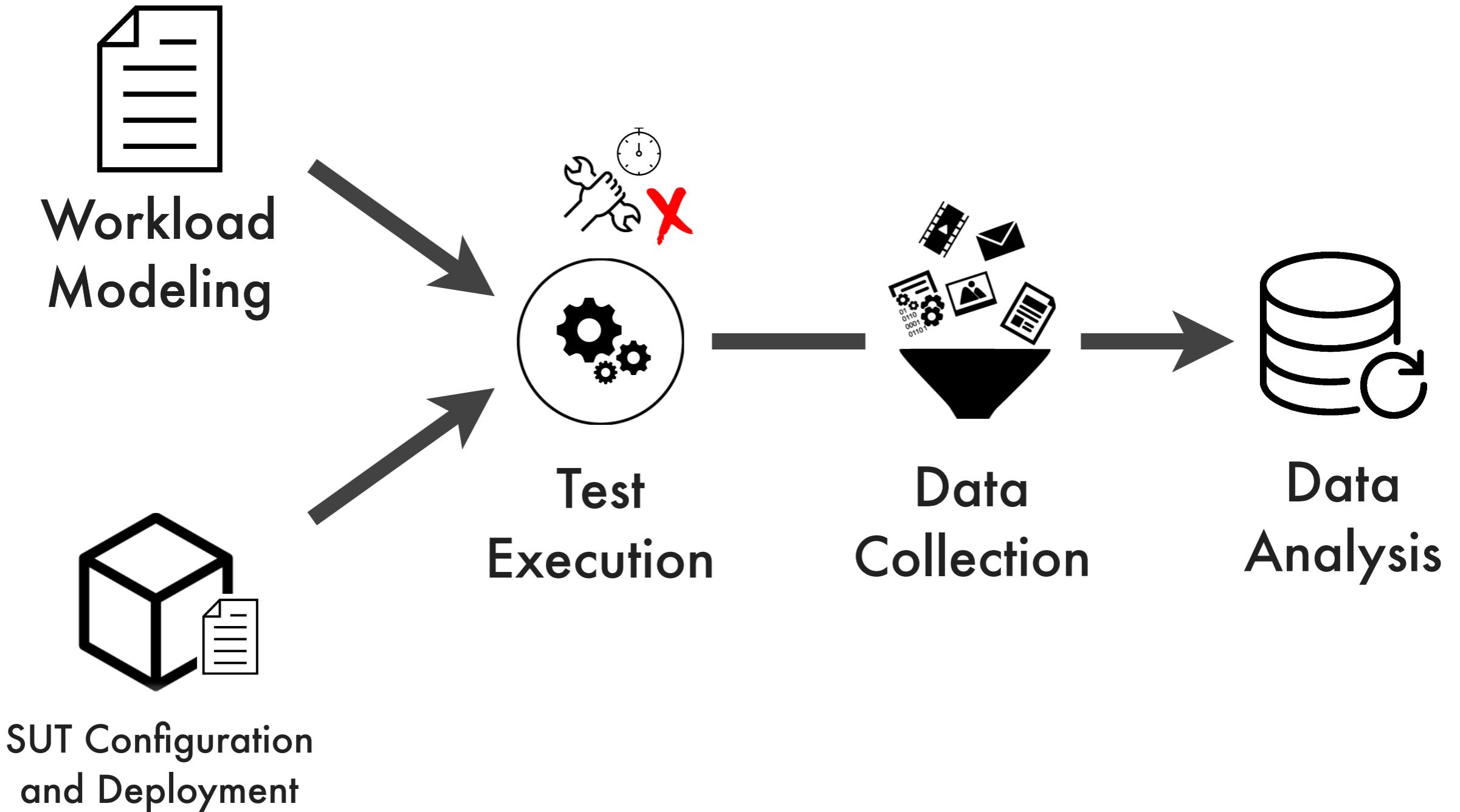
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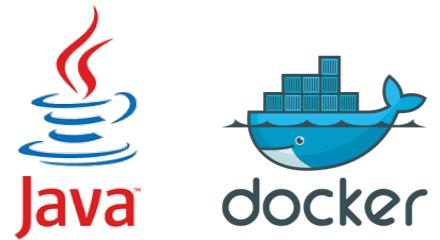
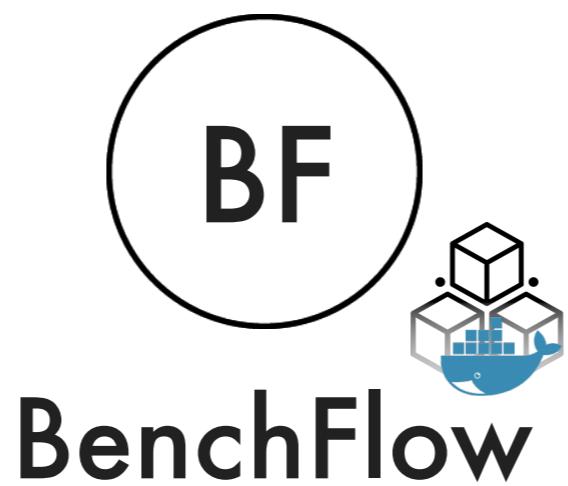
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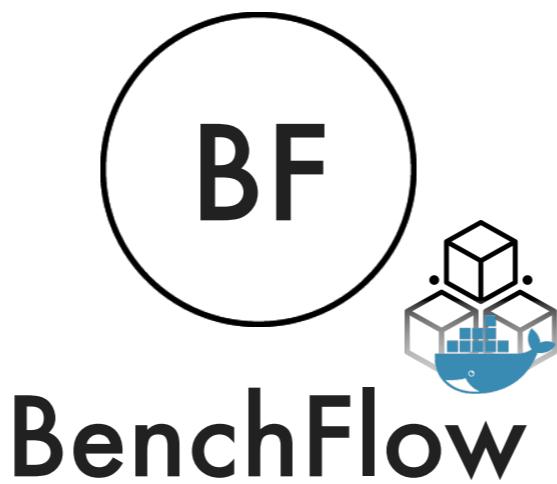
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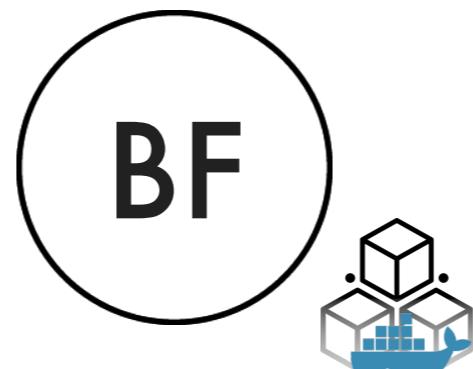
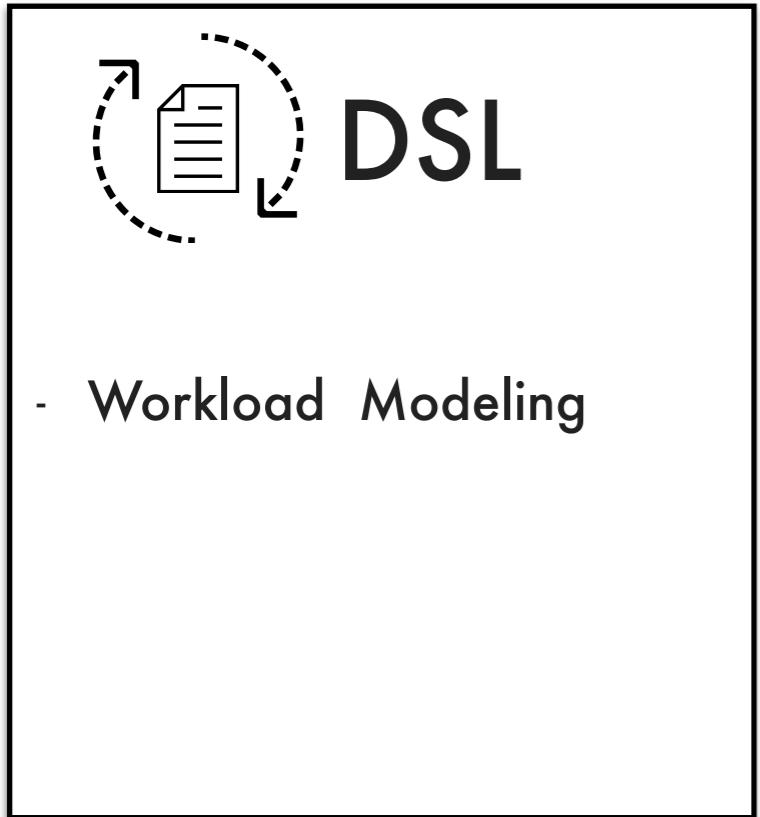
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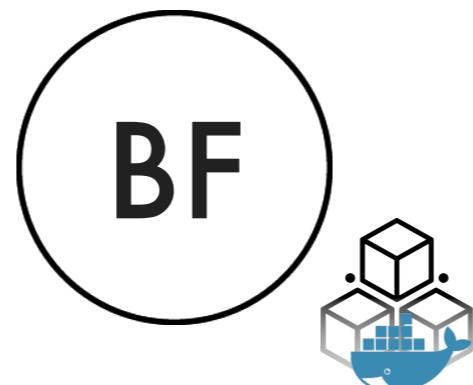
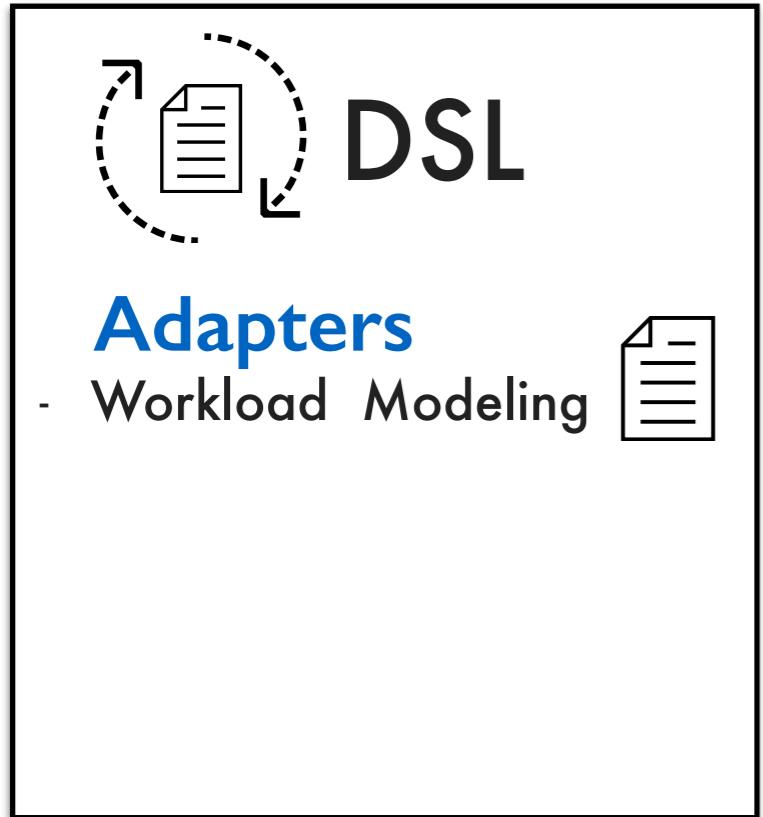
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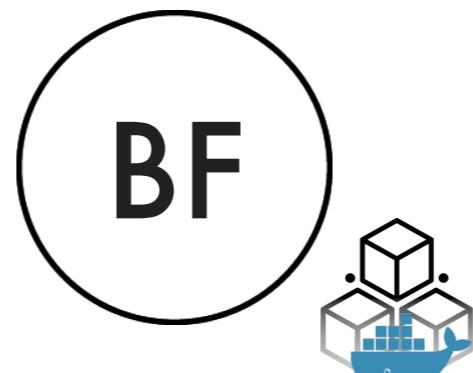
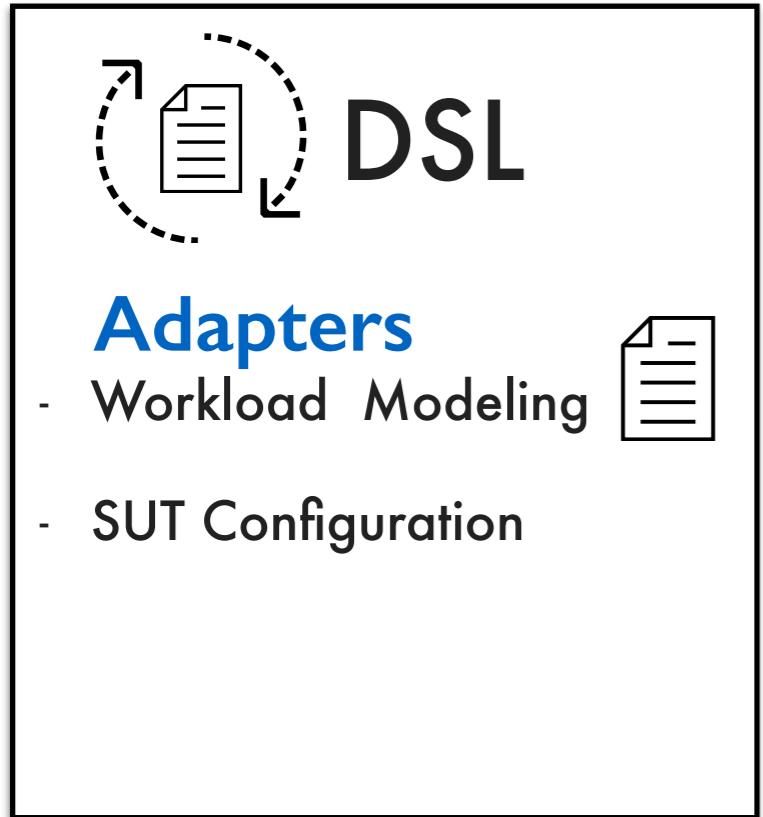
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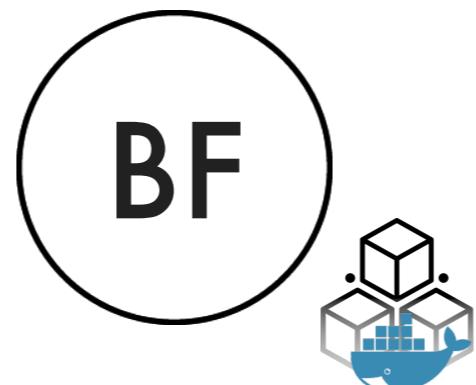
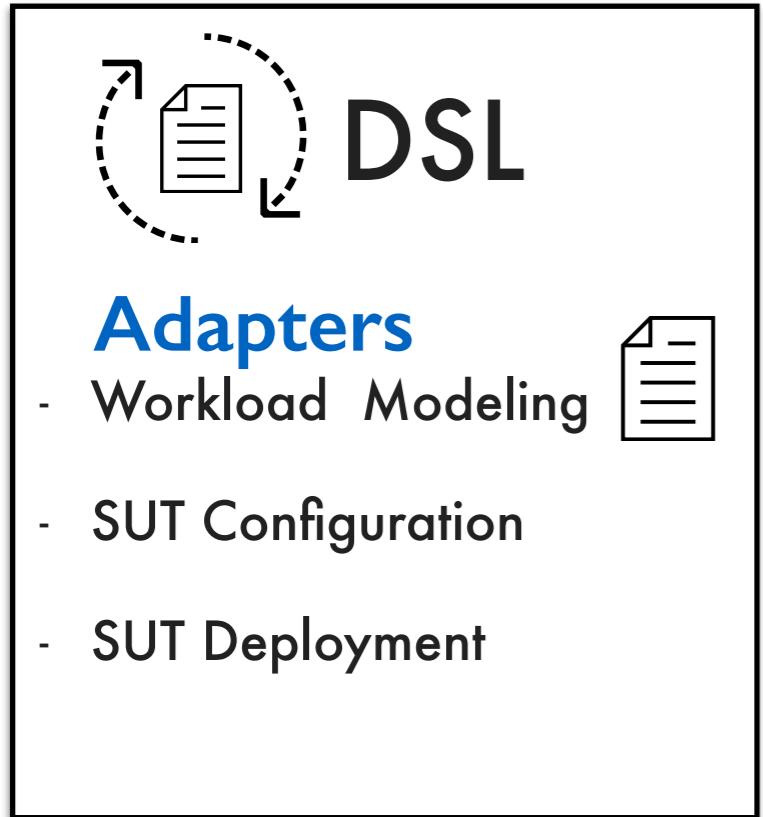
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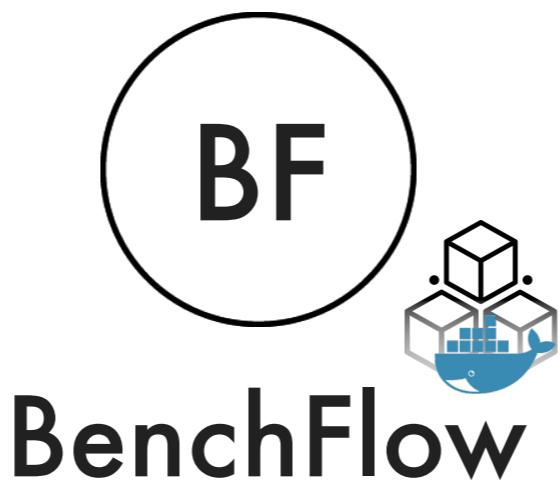
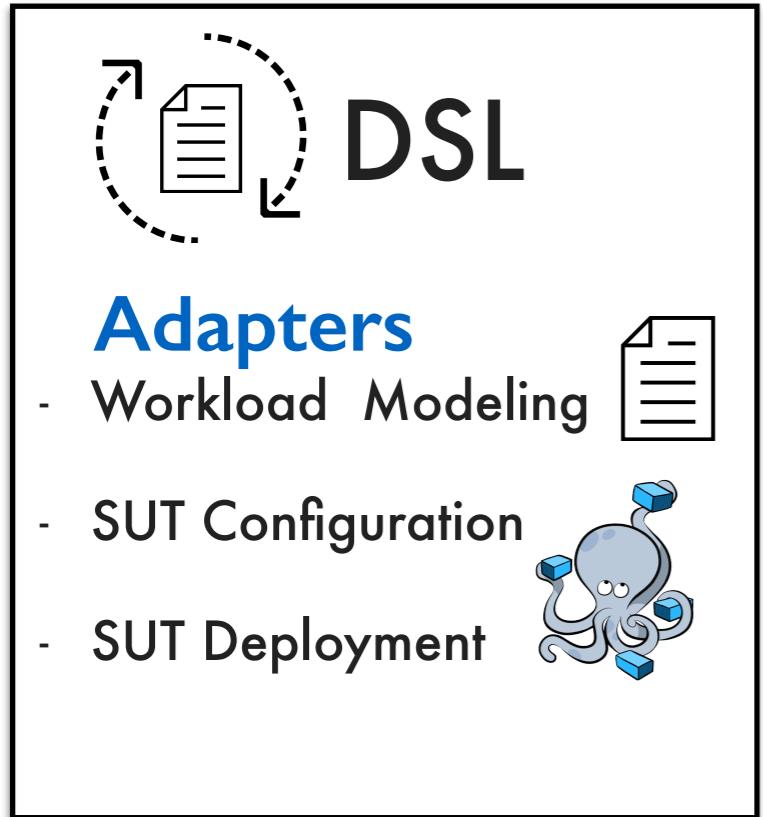
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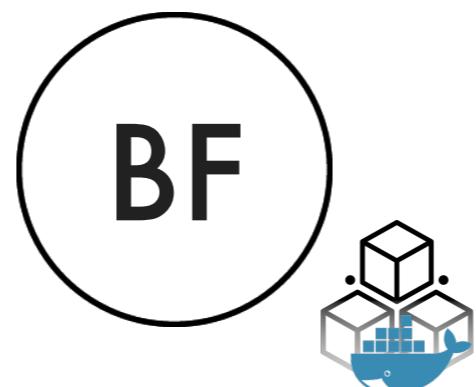
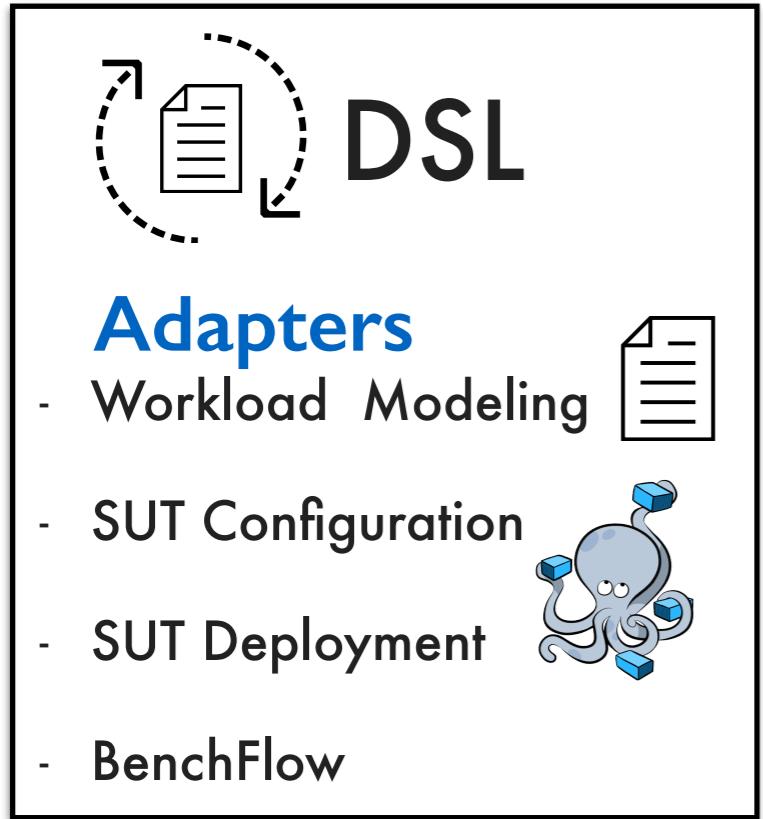
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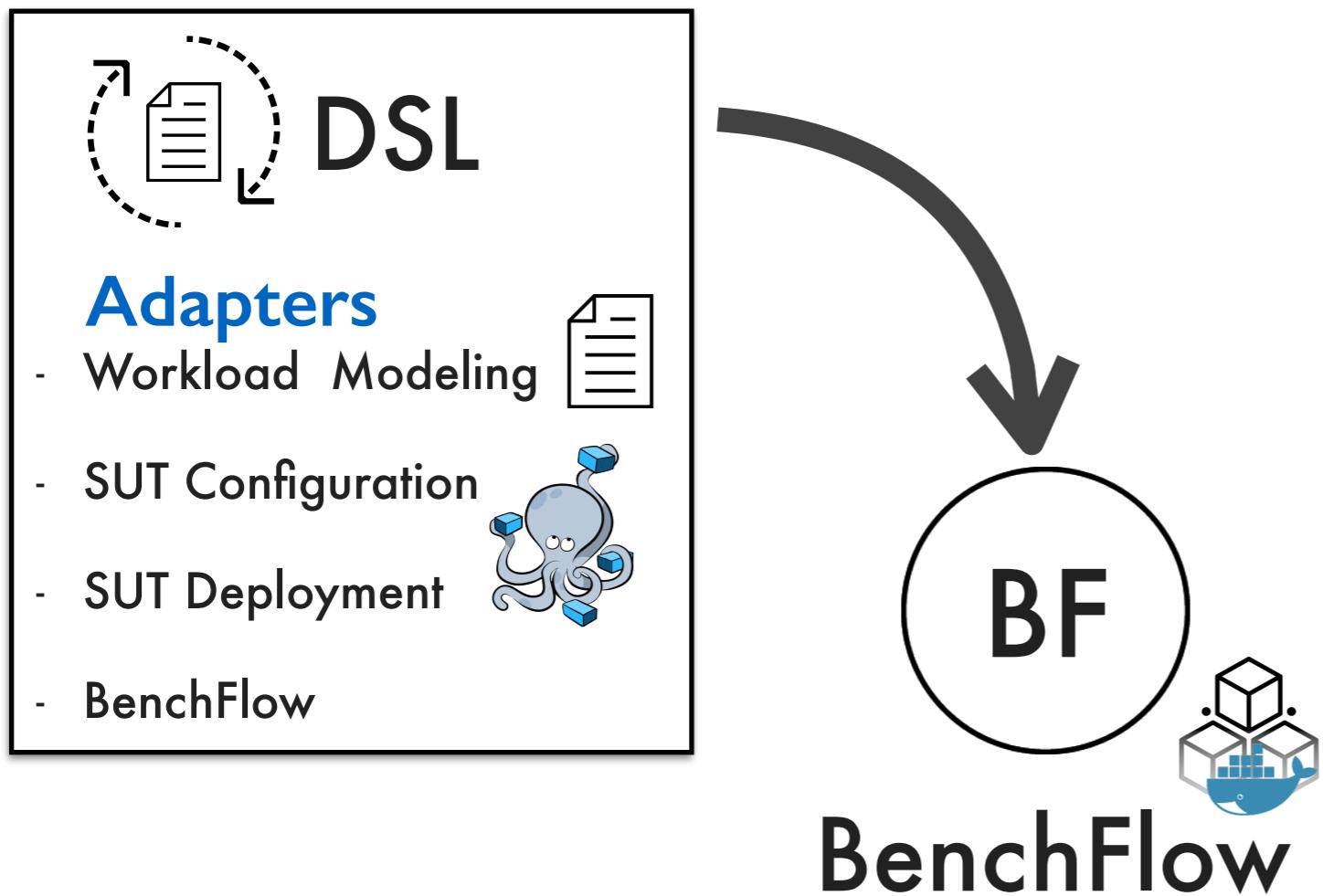
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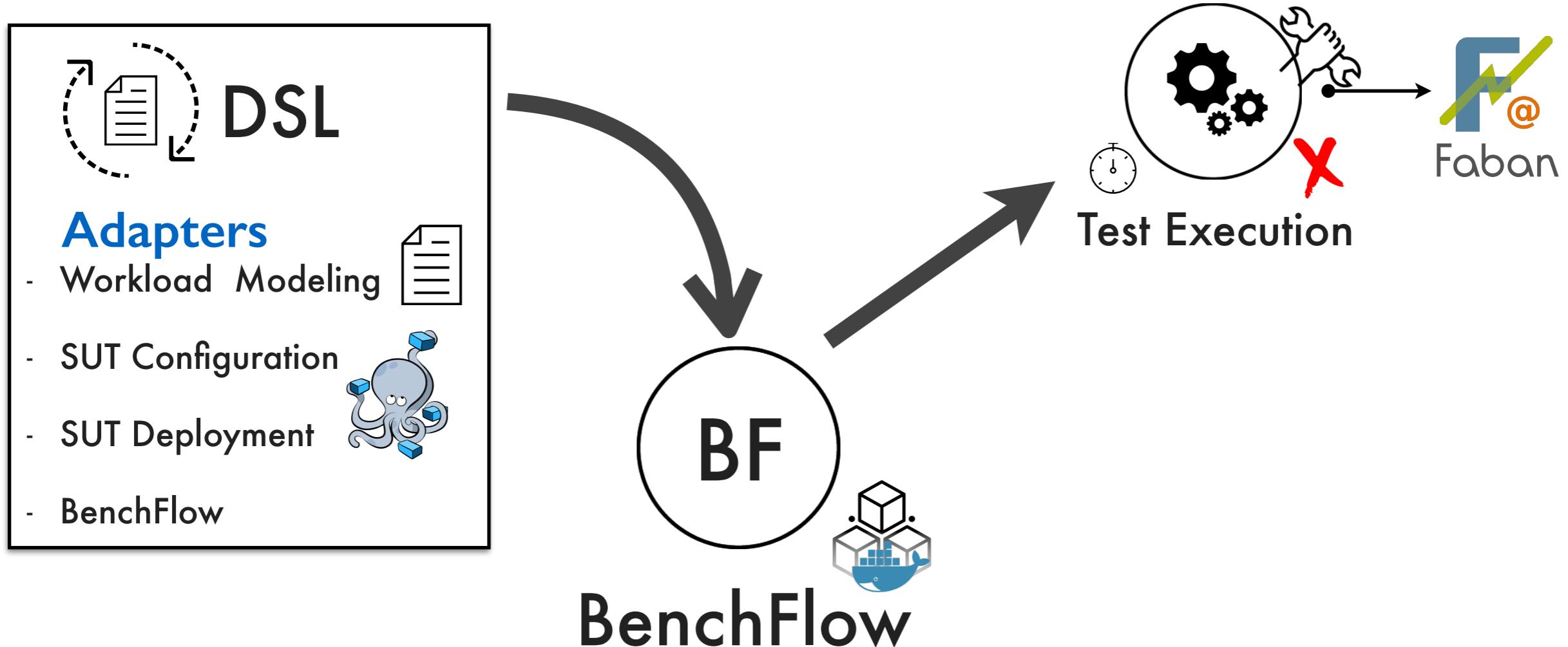
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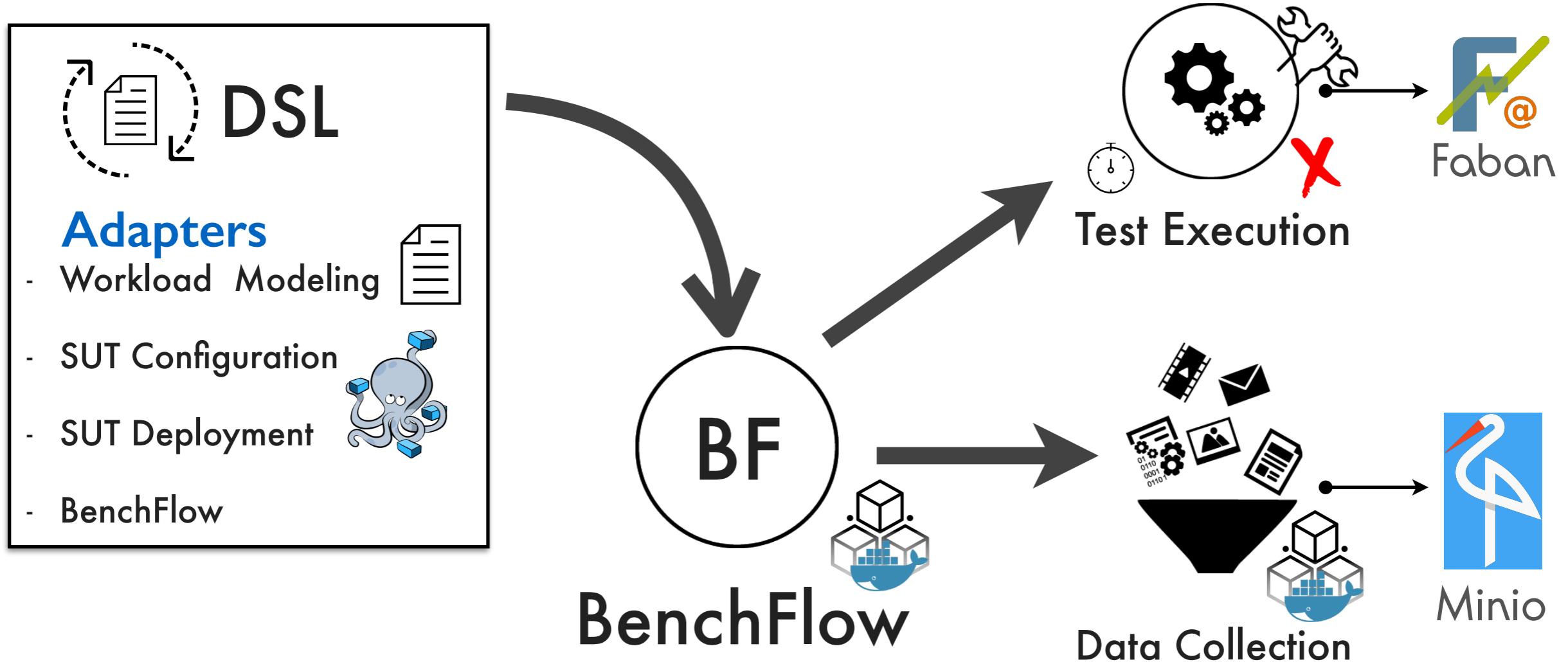
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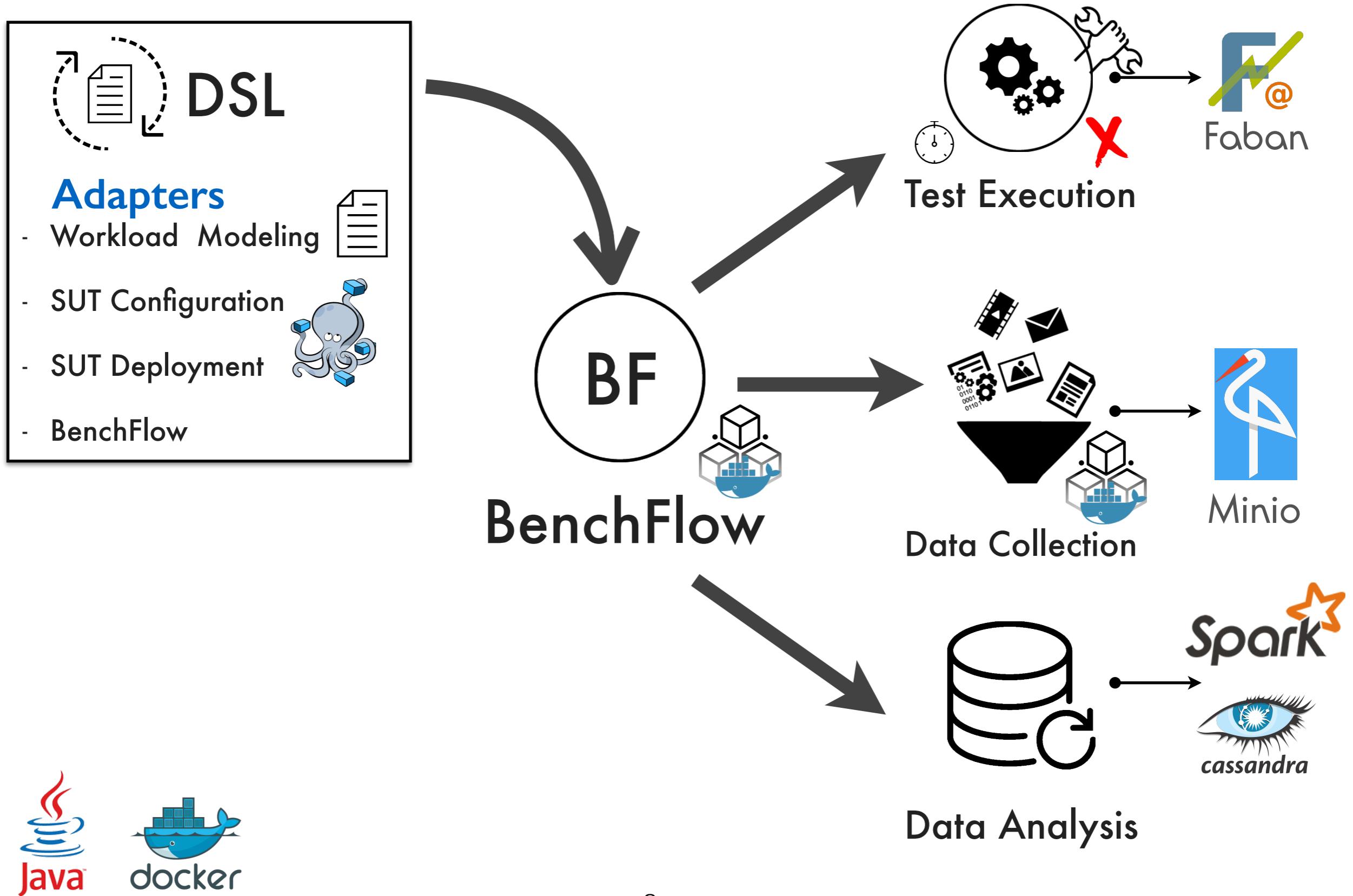
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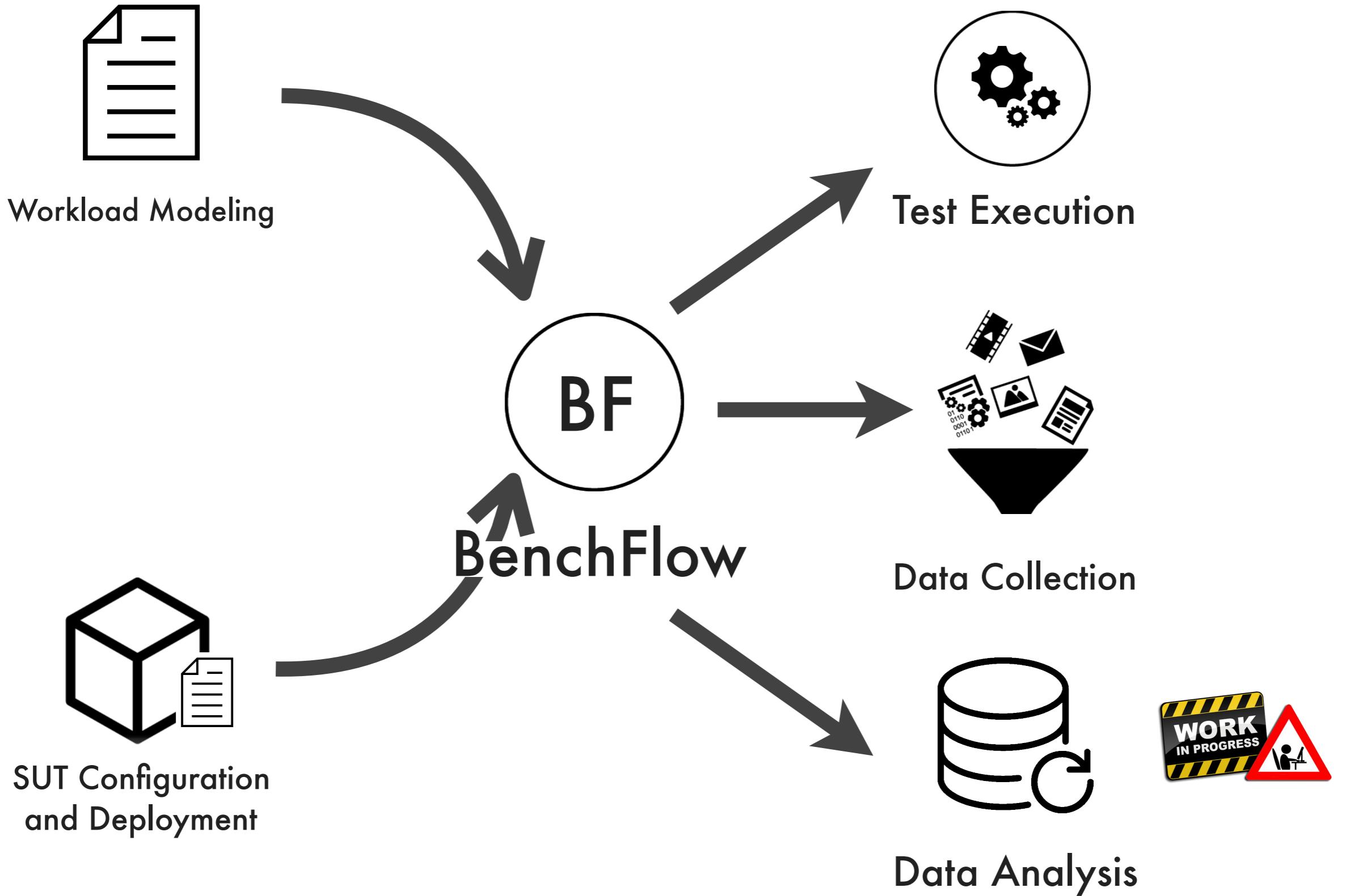
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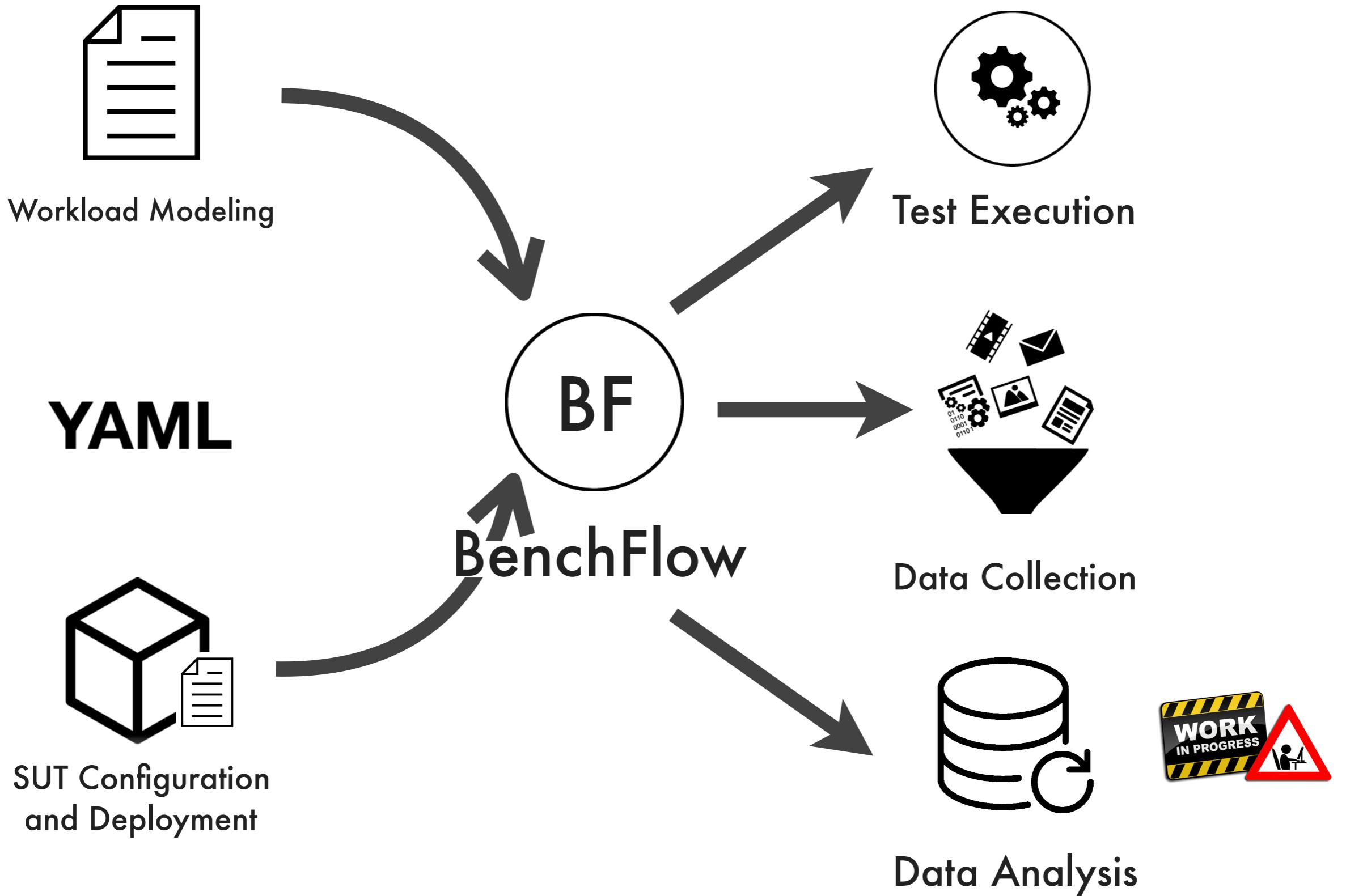
# A Declarative DSL to Configure and Control the e2e Process



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# Workload Modeling



**users: 1000**

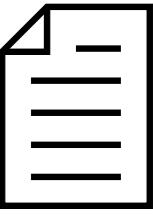
**workload\_execution:**

**ramp\_up: 30s**

**steady\_state: 10m**

**ramp\_down: 30s**

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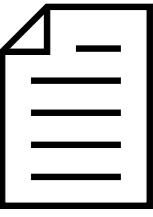
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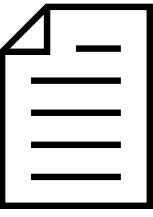
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```
{ String : <name of the workload > }
driver_type: { String : <"start", "http"> }
popularity: { [String] : <number + "%" > }
inter_operation_timings: { String: <"negative-exponential", "uniform", "fixed-time"> }
```

### operations:

```
- { String : <name of the .bpnn file with the process > }
```

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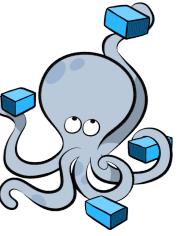
```
{ String : <Name of operation> }
protocol: { String: <"http"> }
endpoint: { String : <path of call> }
method: { String : <"OPTIONS", "GET", "HEAD", "POST", "PUT", "DELETE", "TRACE", "CONNECT"> }
headers:
  Accept: { String : <Media Type> }
  ...
  data: { String : <JSON object> }
max90th_response_time: { Number : <max response time allowed for 90th percentile> }
```

### mix:

```
fixed_sequence: { [String] : <name of operations in the wanted order> }
flat: { [String] : <number + "%" > }
# IF FlatSequenceMix
flat: { [String] : <number + "%" > }
sequences:
  - { [String] : <name of operations in the wanted order> }
  ...
matrix:
```

```
  - { [String] : <number + "%" > }
  ...
max_deviation: { String : <number + "%" > }
```

# SUT Configuration and Deployment



**services:**

**service\_a:**

**image:** 'service\_a'

**environment:**

- DB\_URL=jdbc:mysql://\${BF\_db\_IP}:\${BF\_db\_PORT}/\${BF\_db\_MYSQL\_DATABASE}

**network\_mode:** host

**ports:**

- 8080:8080

**db:**

**image:** 'mysql:5.7.18'

**network\_mode:** host

**environment:**

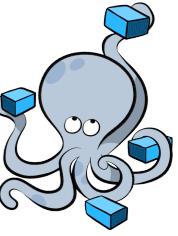
- MYSQL\_DATABASE="test\_database"

**ports:**

- 3306:3306



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**sut:**

**name:** example\_name

**version:** 1.0.0

**type:** "http"

**configuration:**

**target\_service:**

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**endpoint:** /

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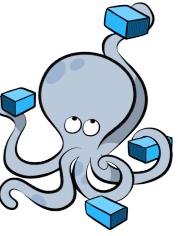
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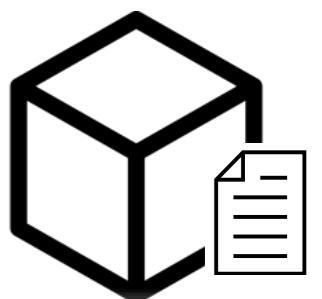
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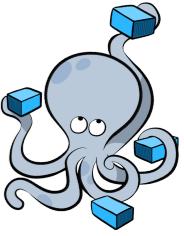
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**sut:**

...

**service\_a:**

**resources:**

- **memory:** **1GB**

- **cores:** **1**

...

**environment:**

...

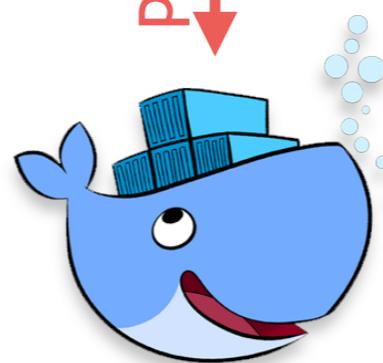


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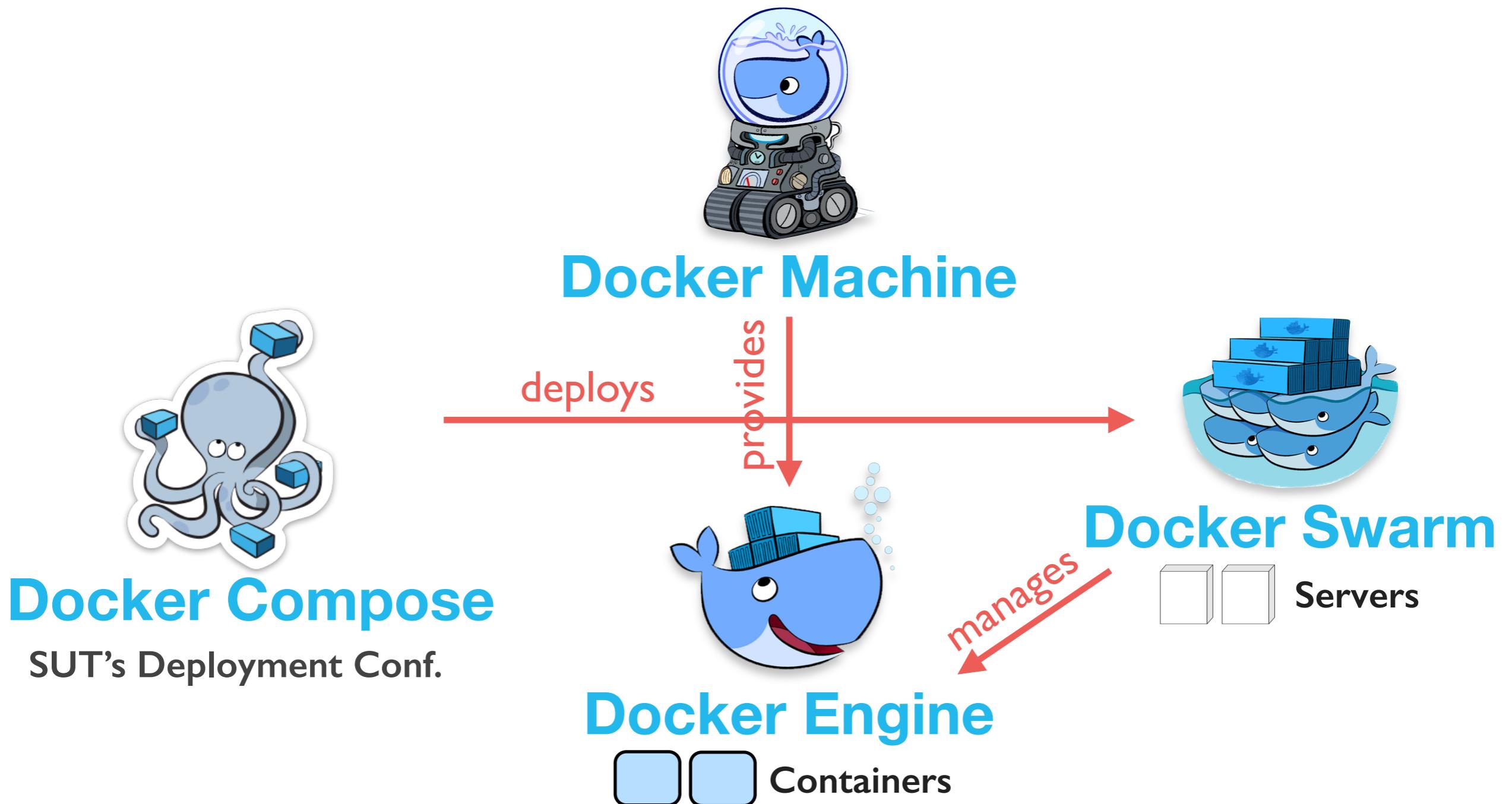


Docker Engine



Containers

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# BenchFlow and Test Execution



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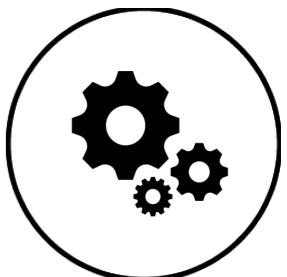
**test:**

**max\_time = 1h**

...

...

...



# Data Collection



**data\_collection:**

**client\_side:**

**faban:**

...

**interval: 1s**

...

**server\_side:**

**service\_a: logs**

**db:**

**mysql:**

**environment:**

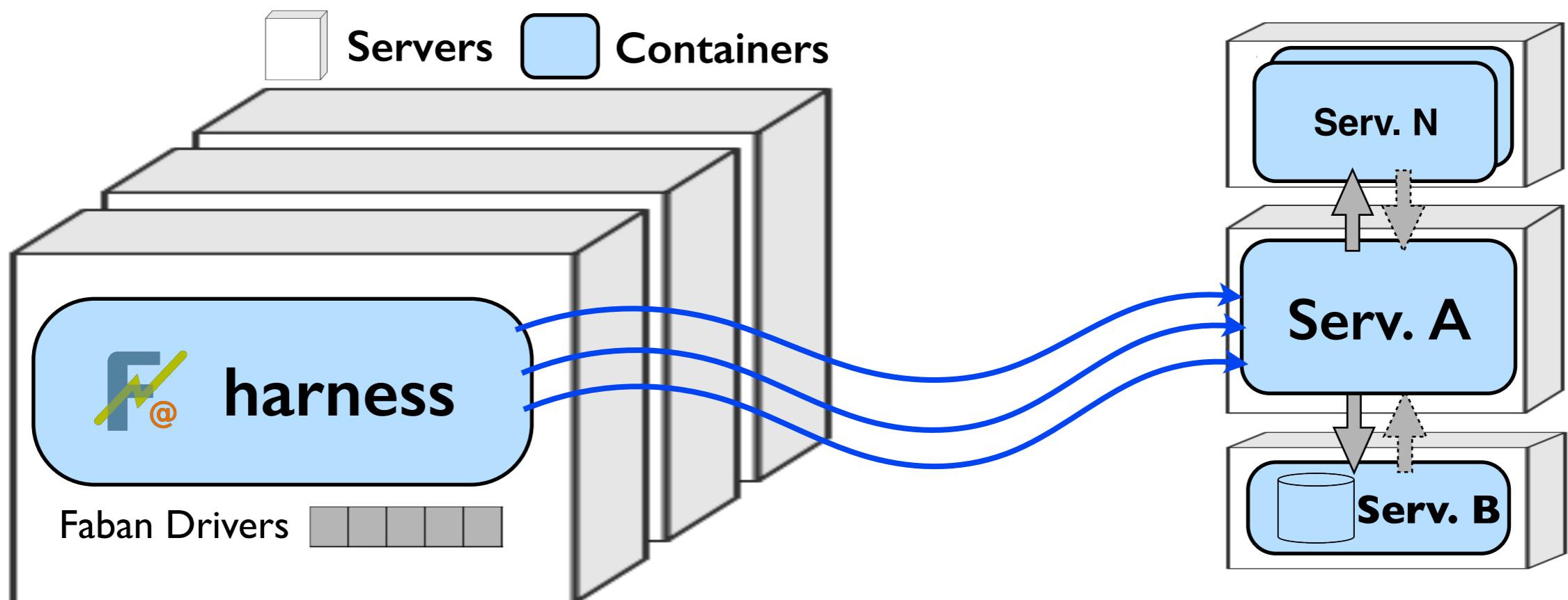
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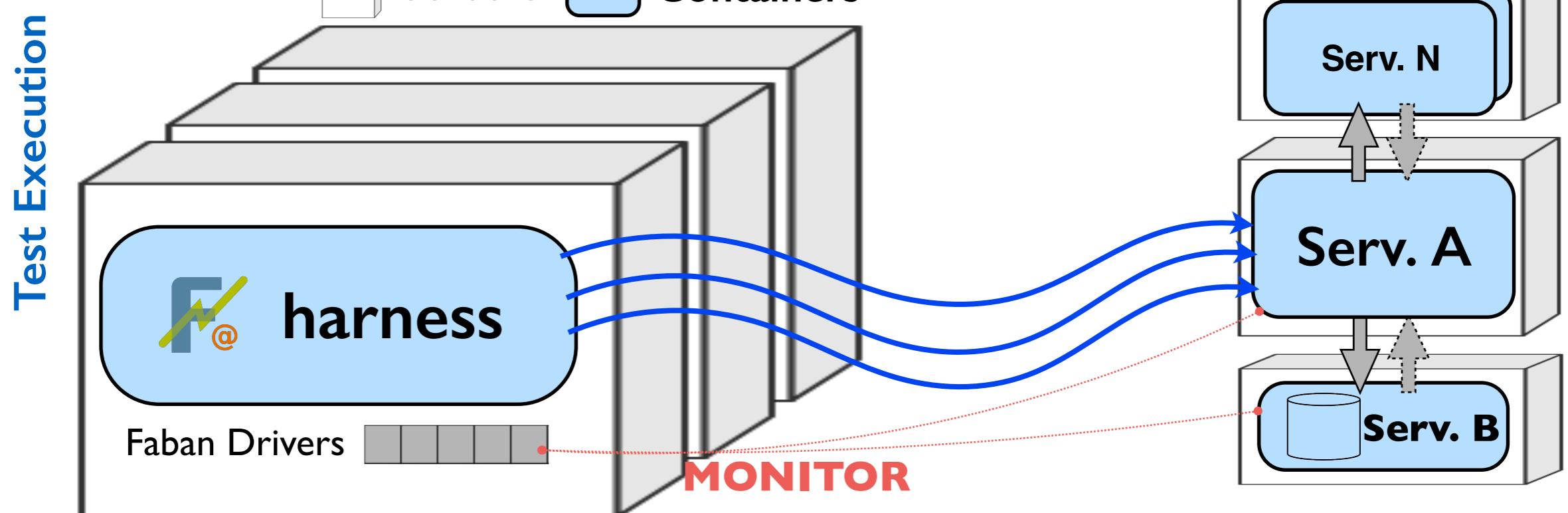


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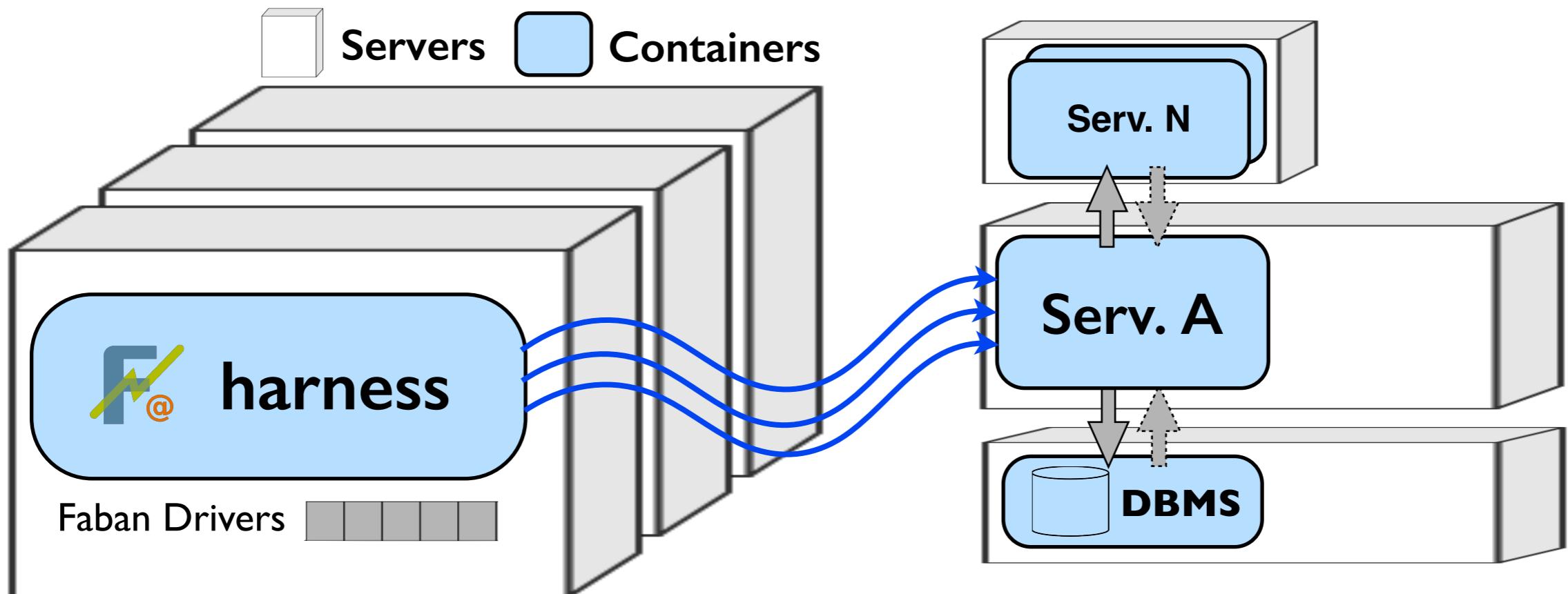


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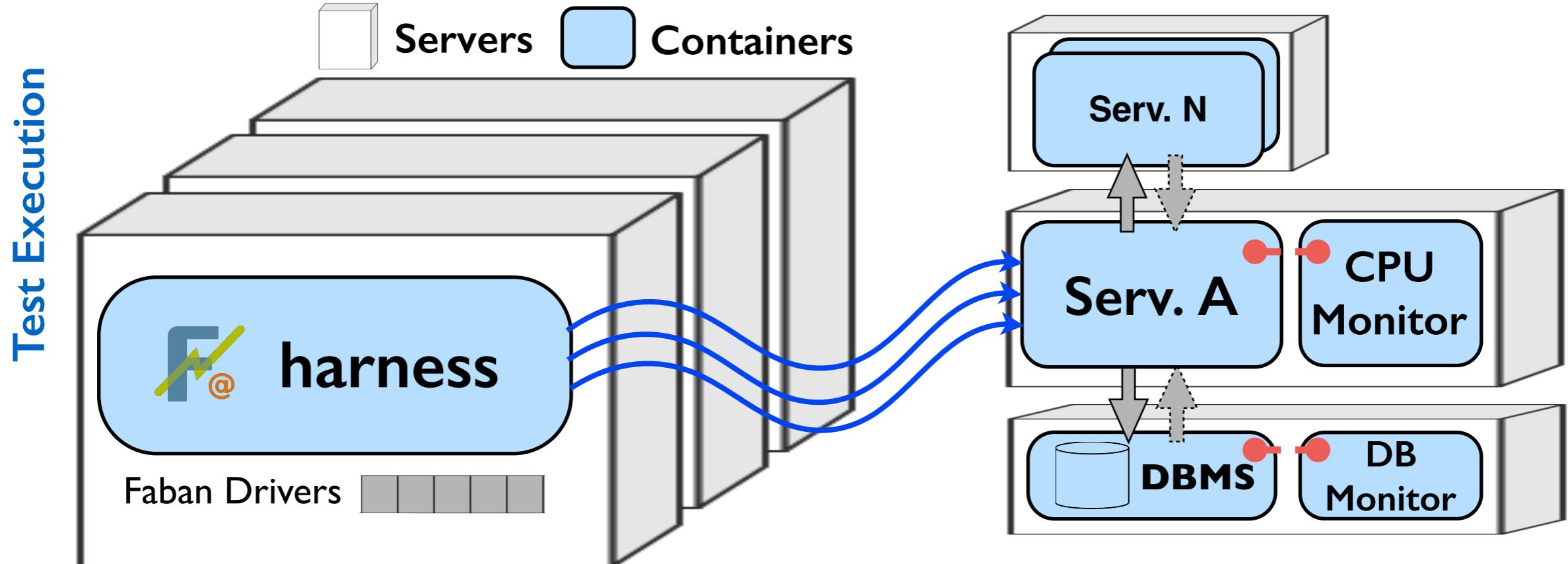
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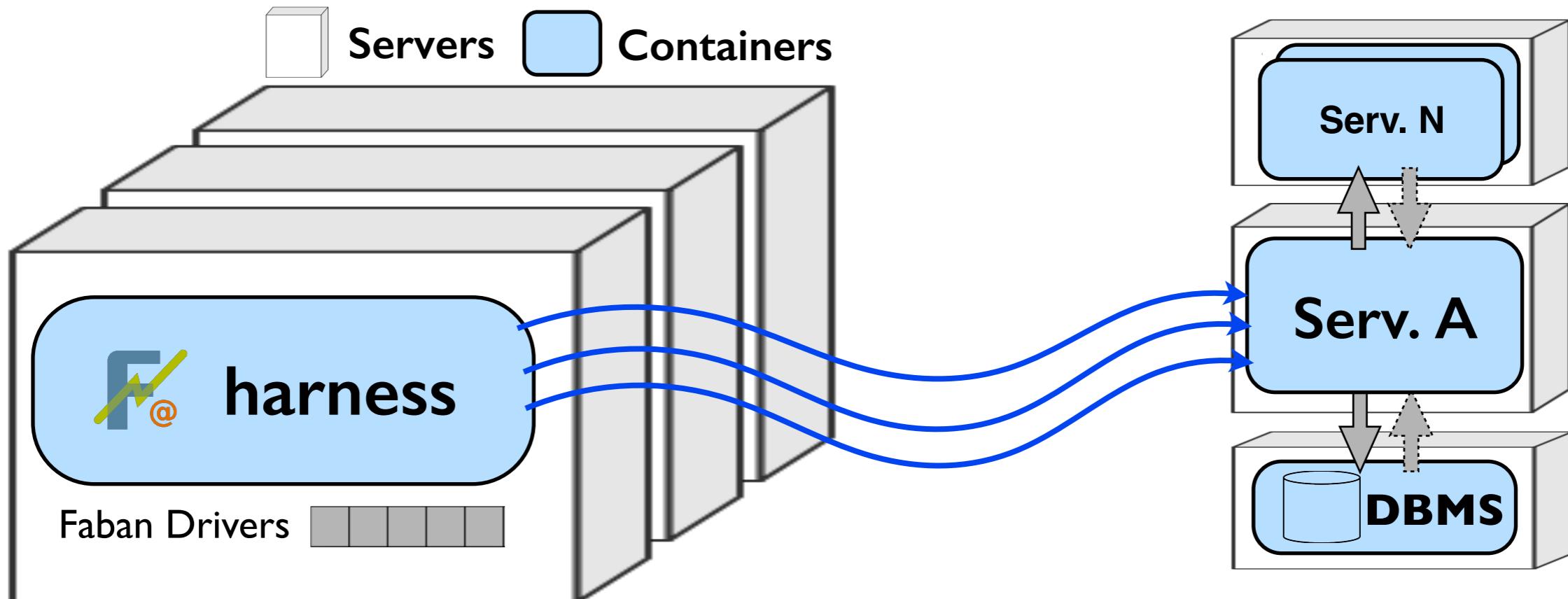
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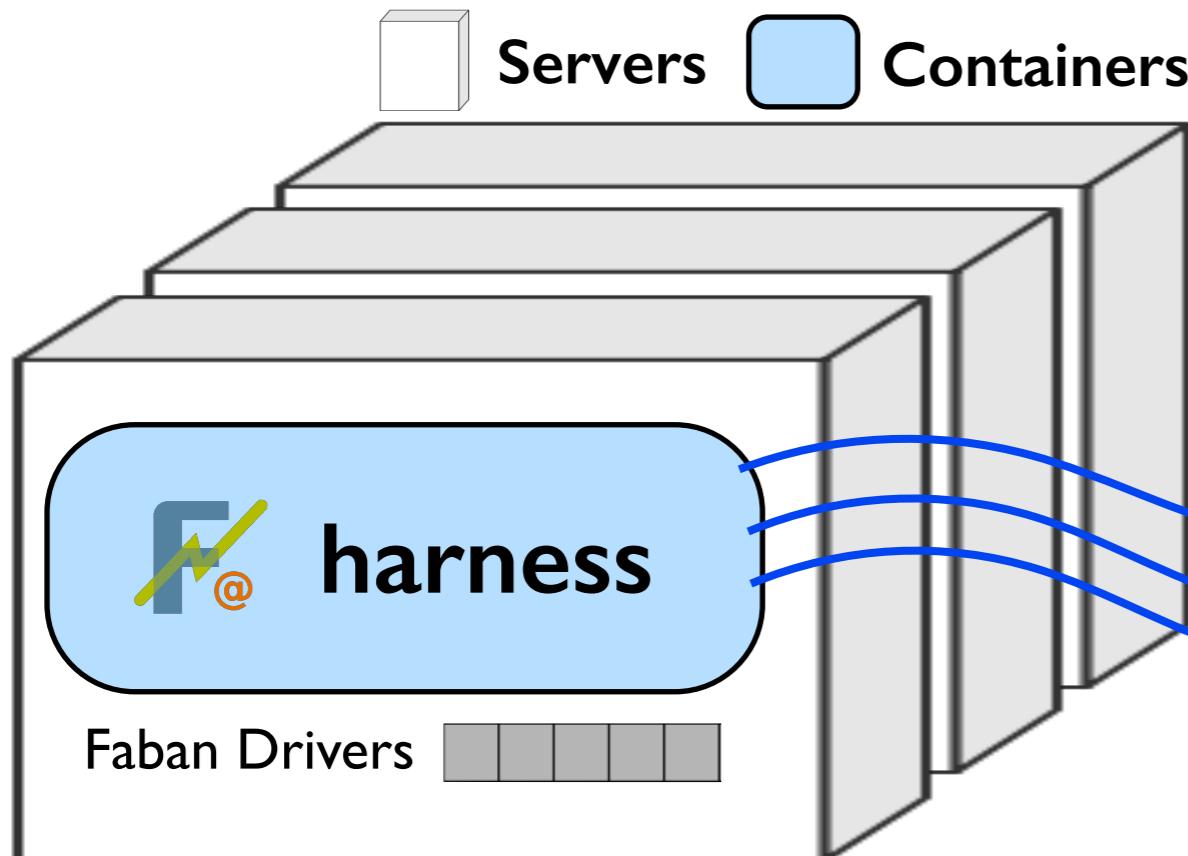
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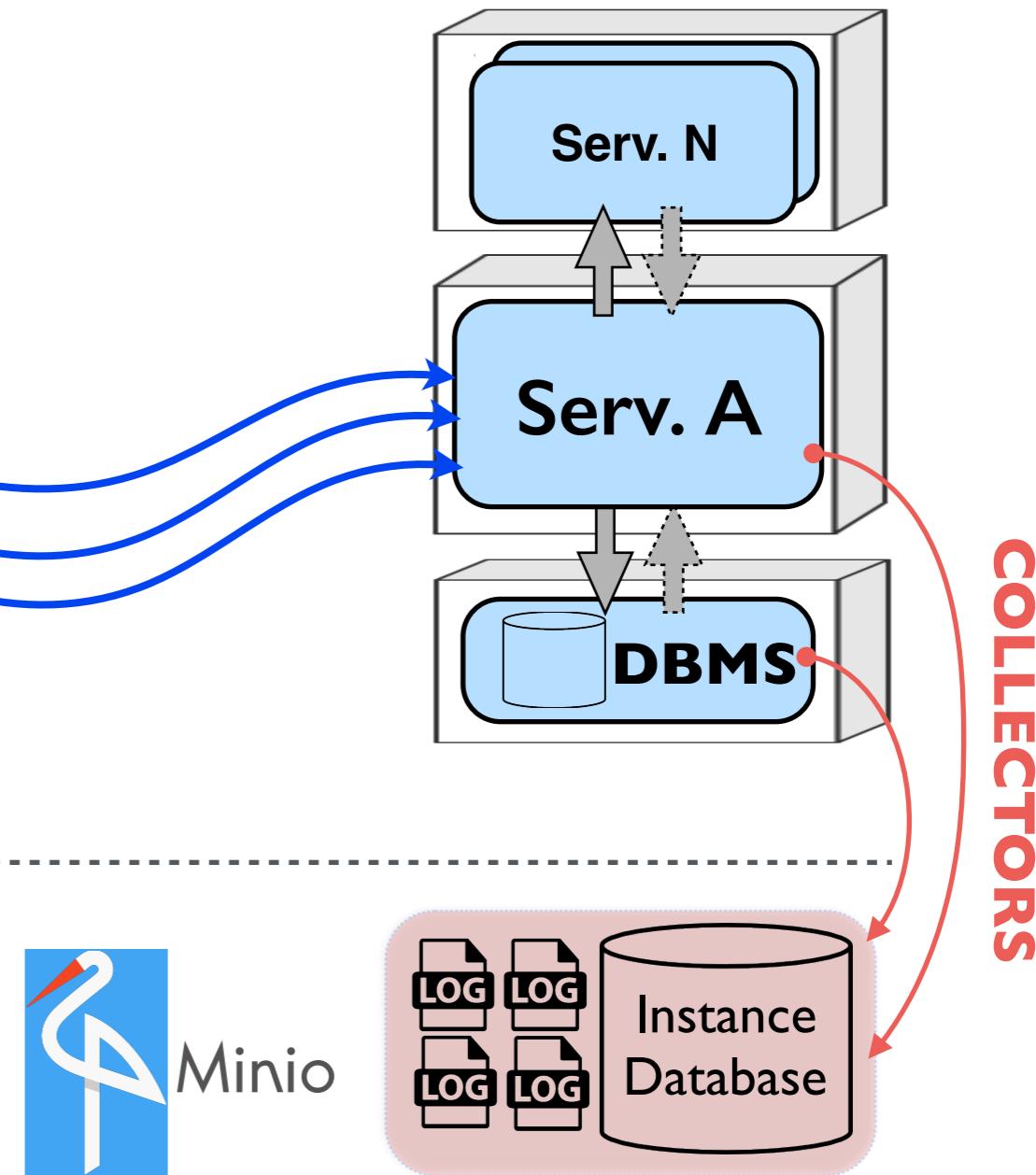


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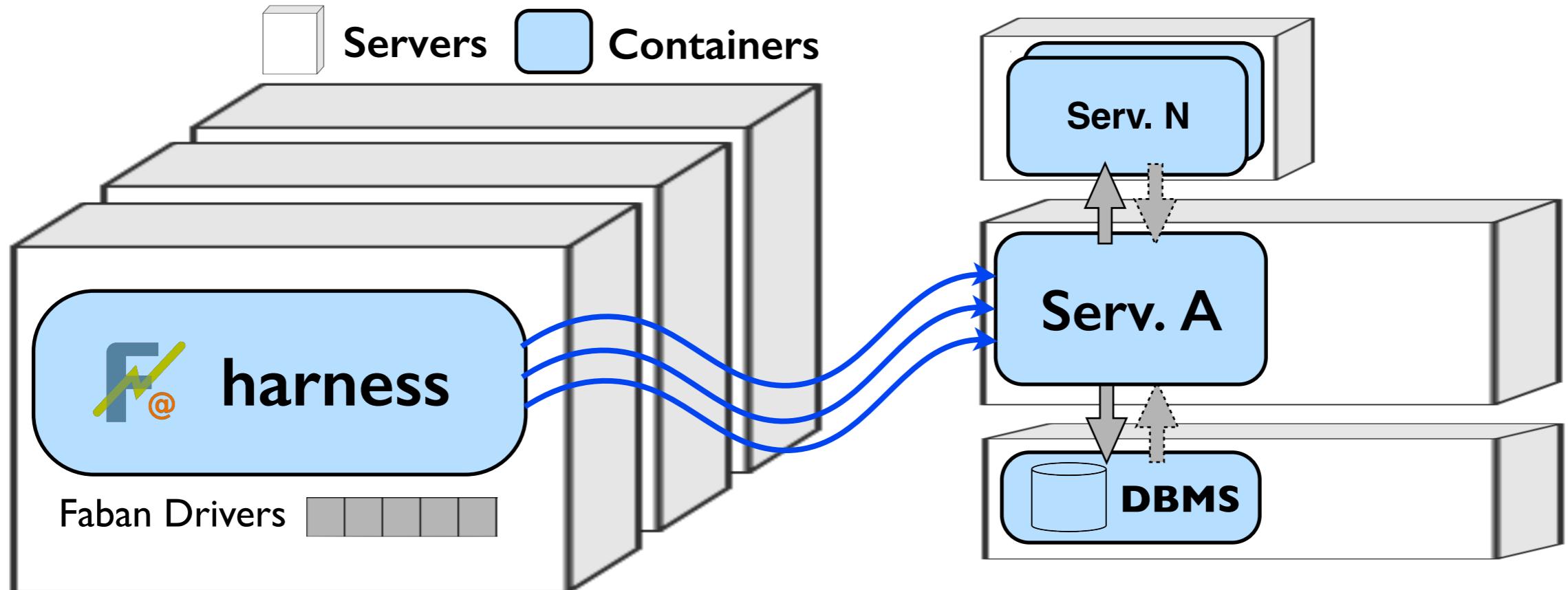


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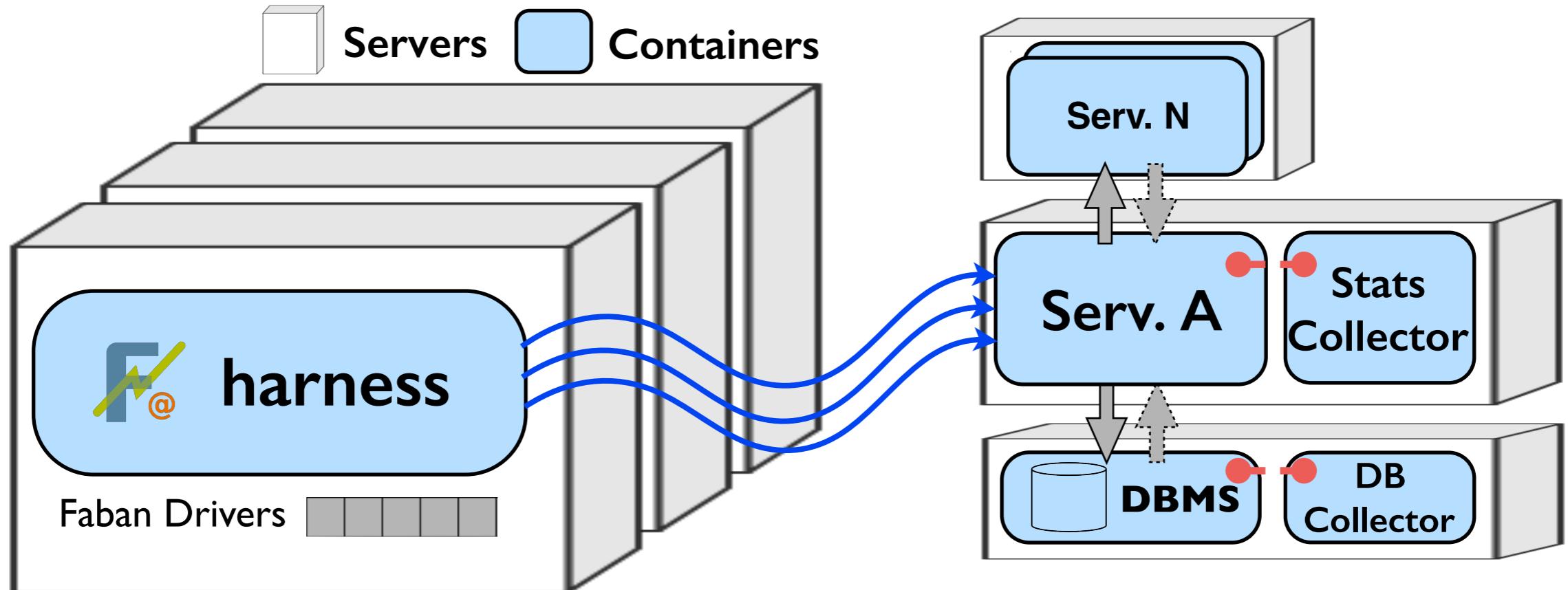
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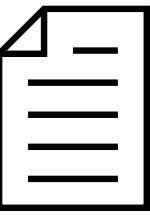
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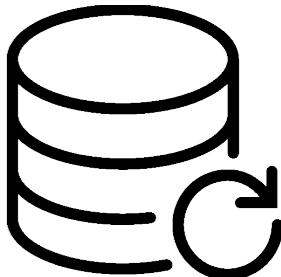
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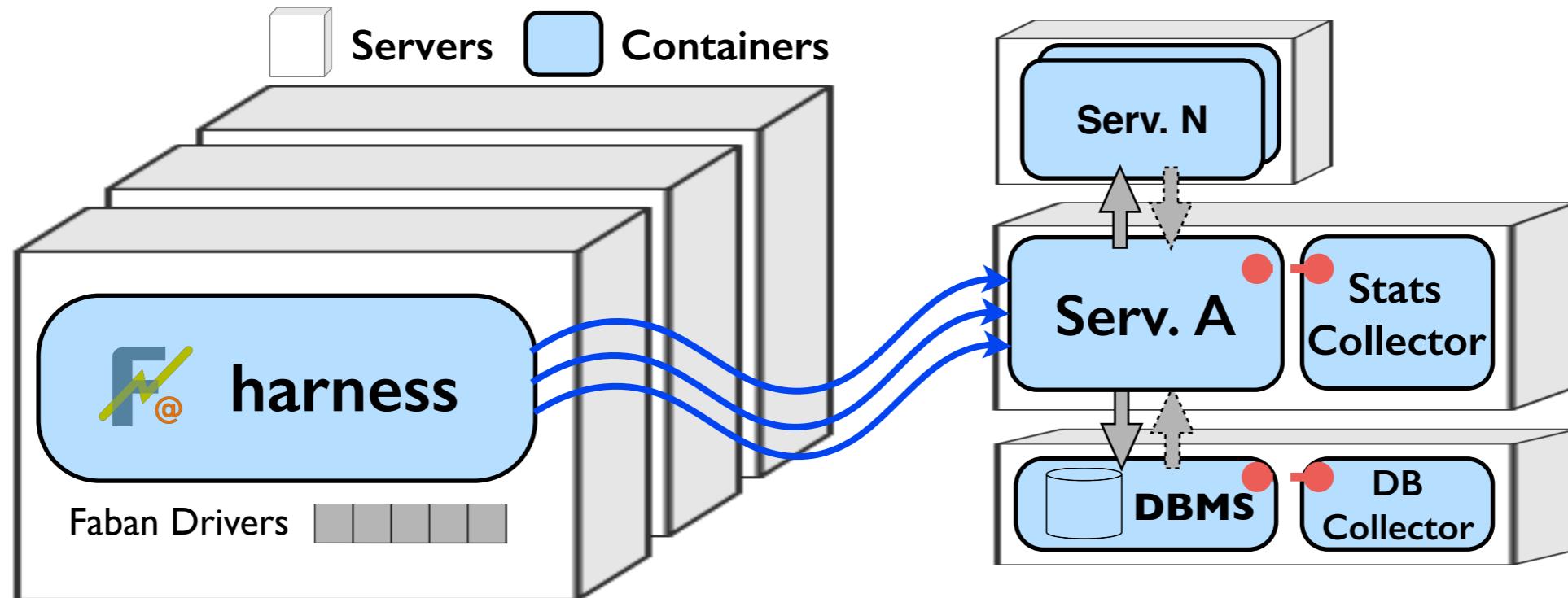


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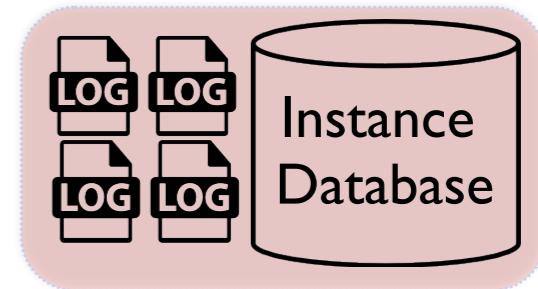


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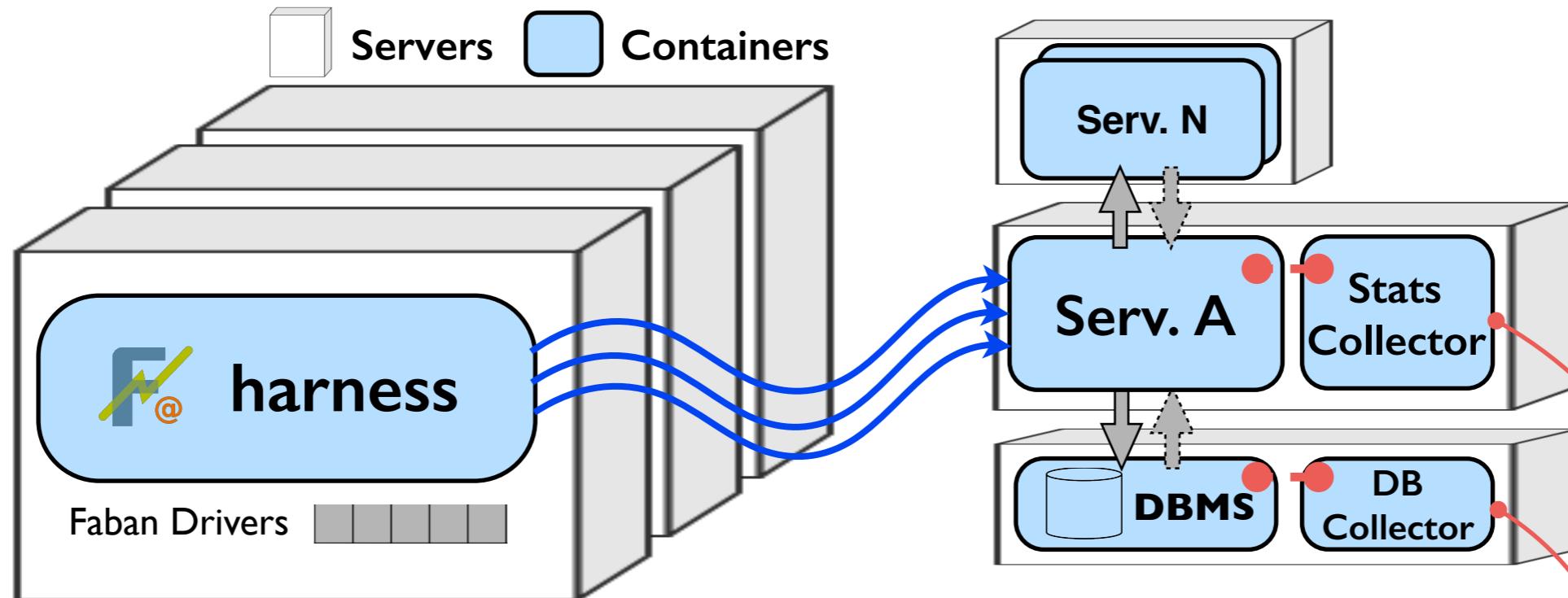


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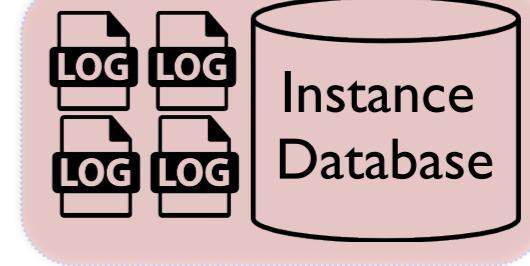


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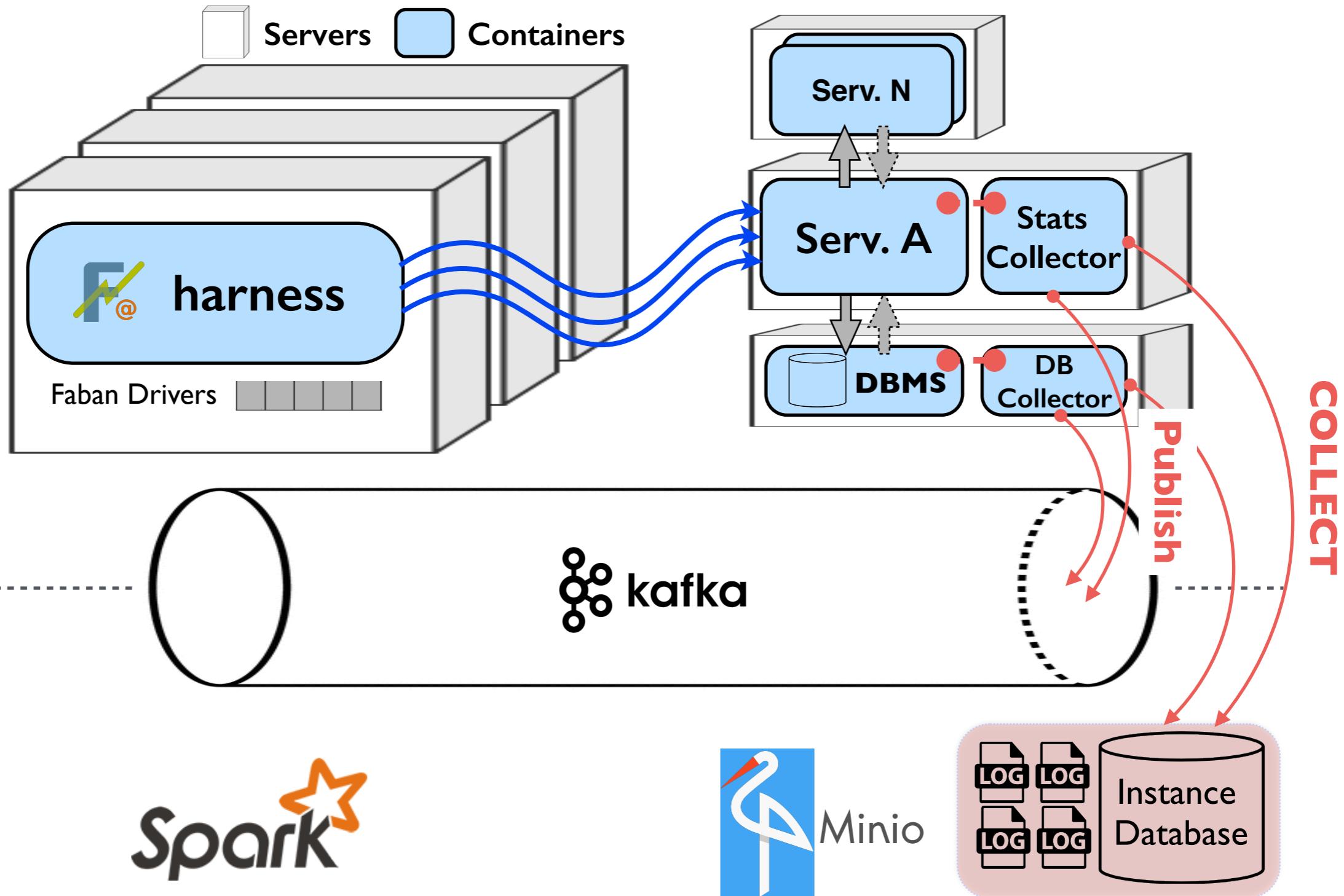


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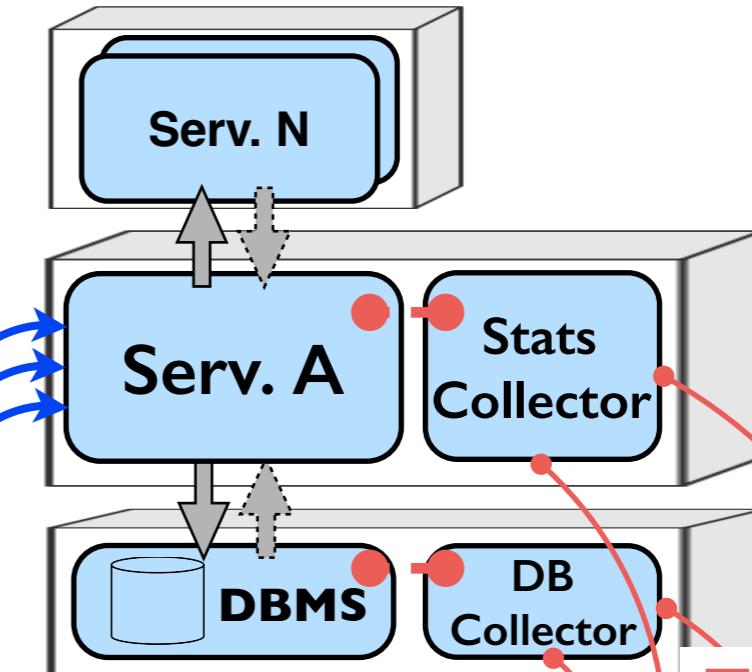
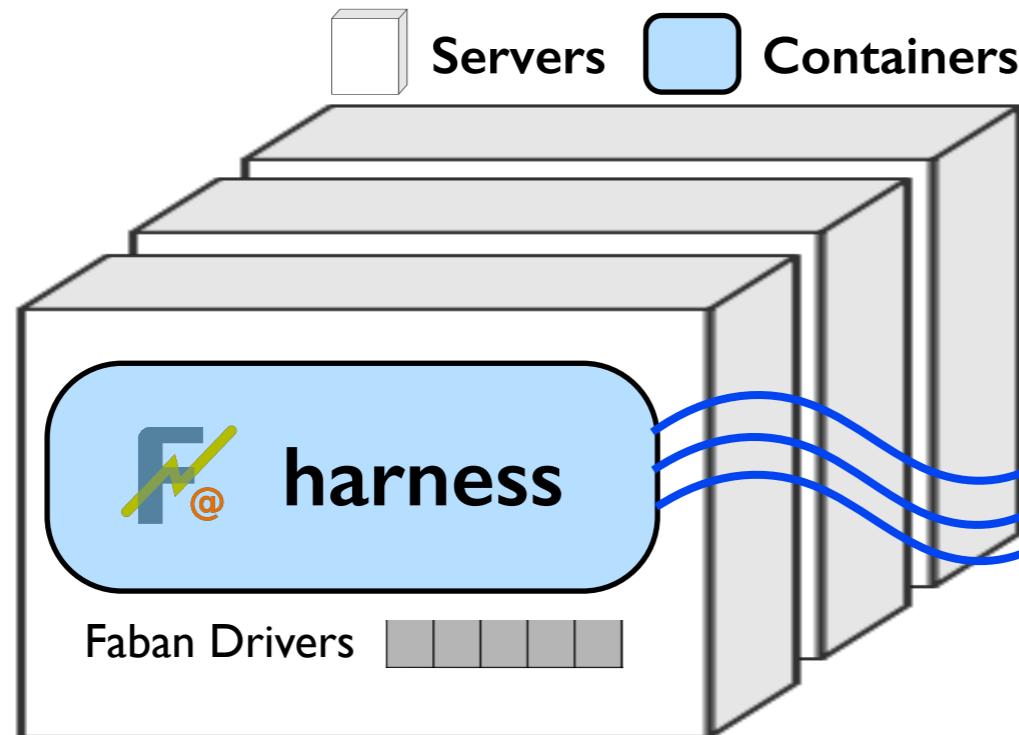
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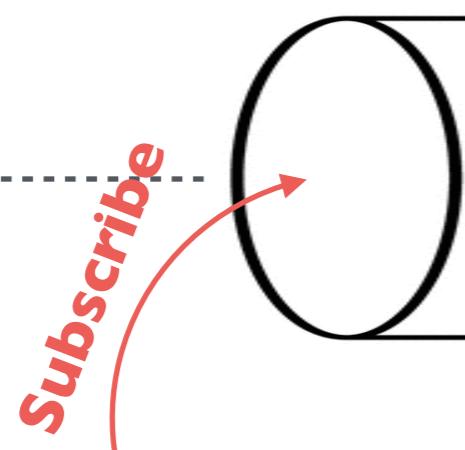


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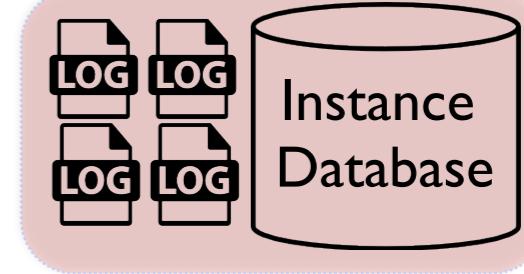


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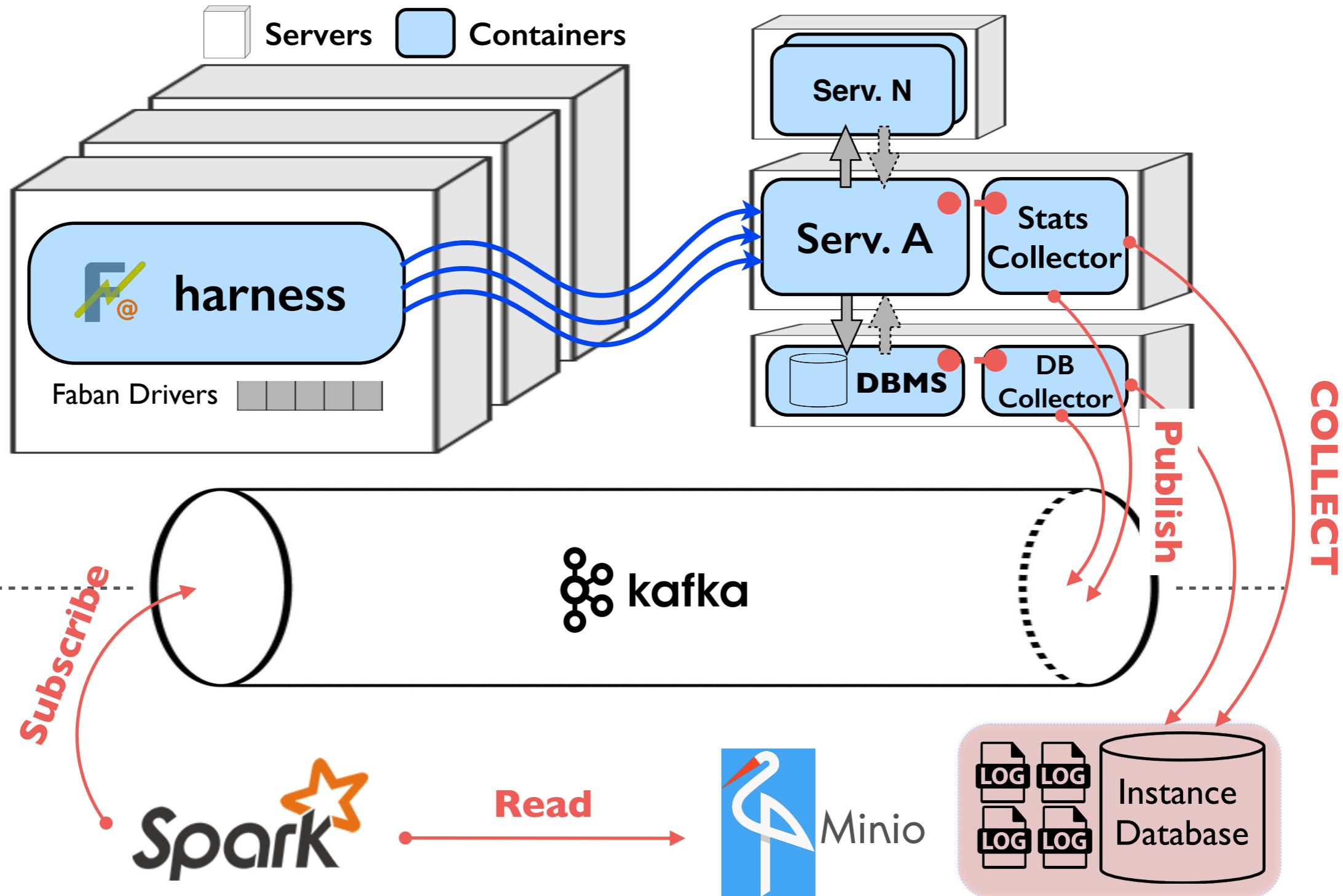
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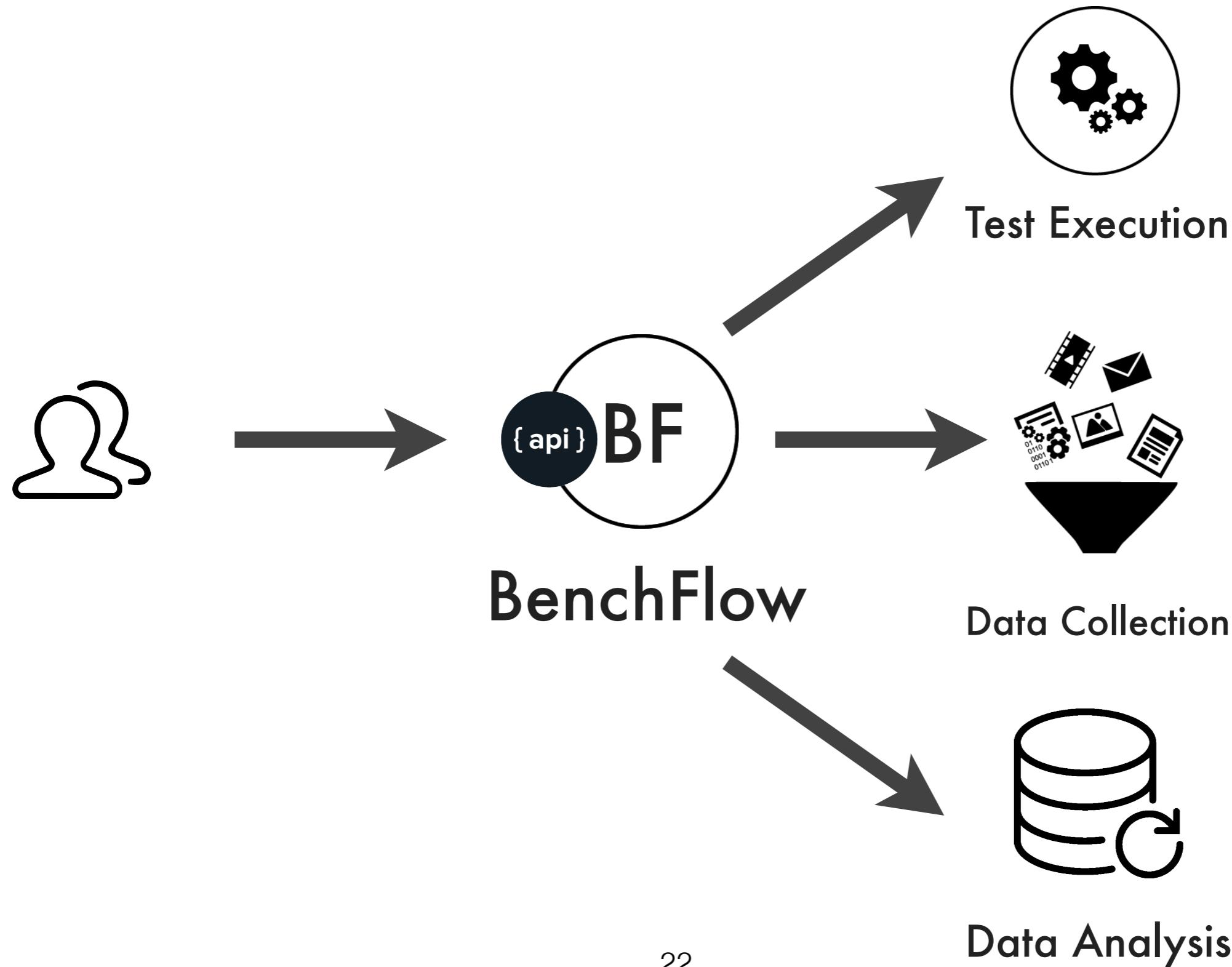
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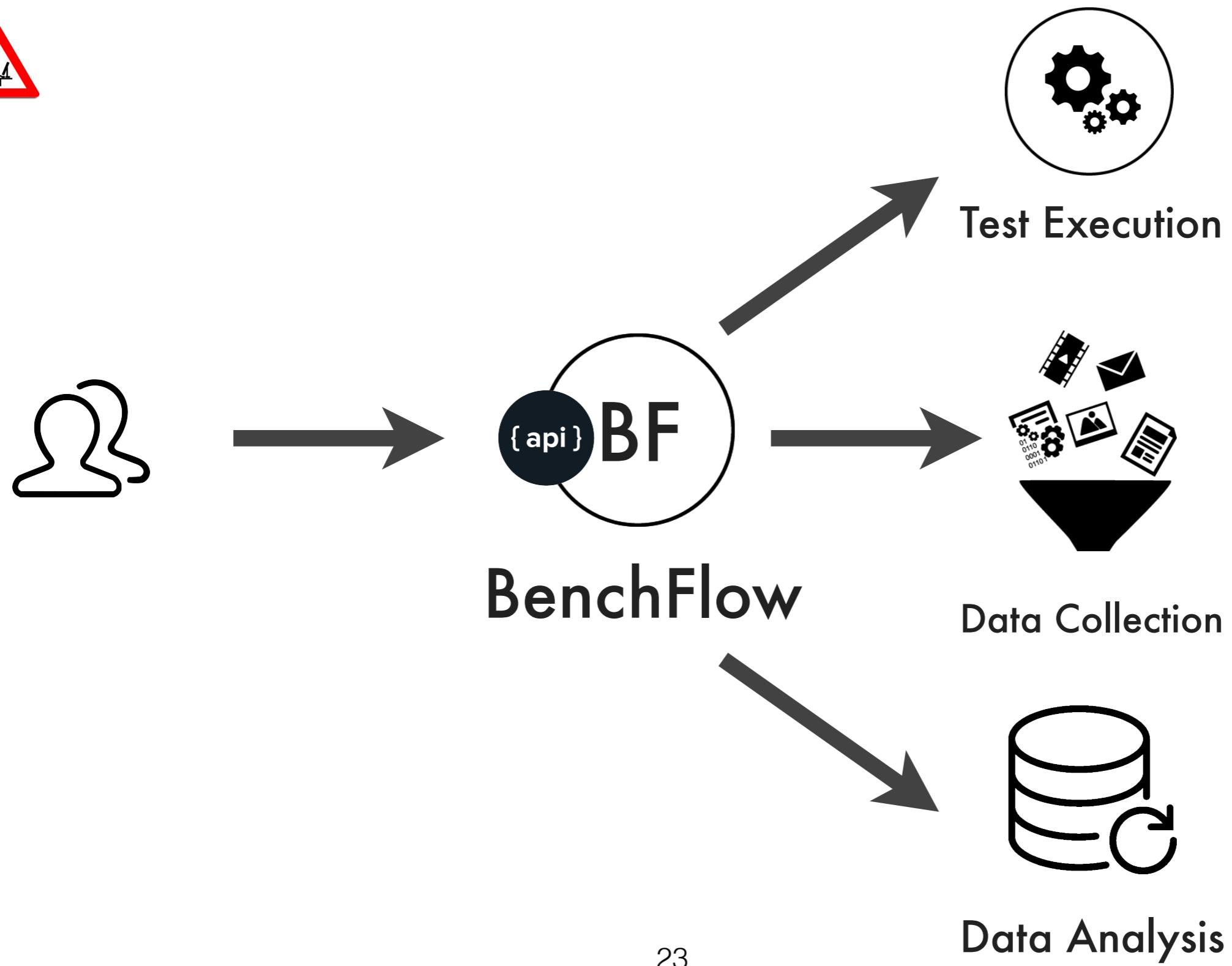
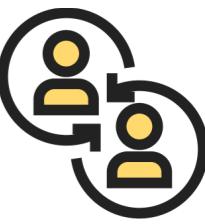
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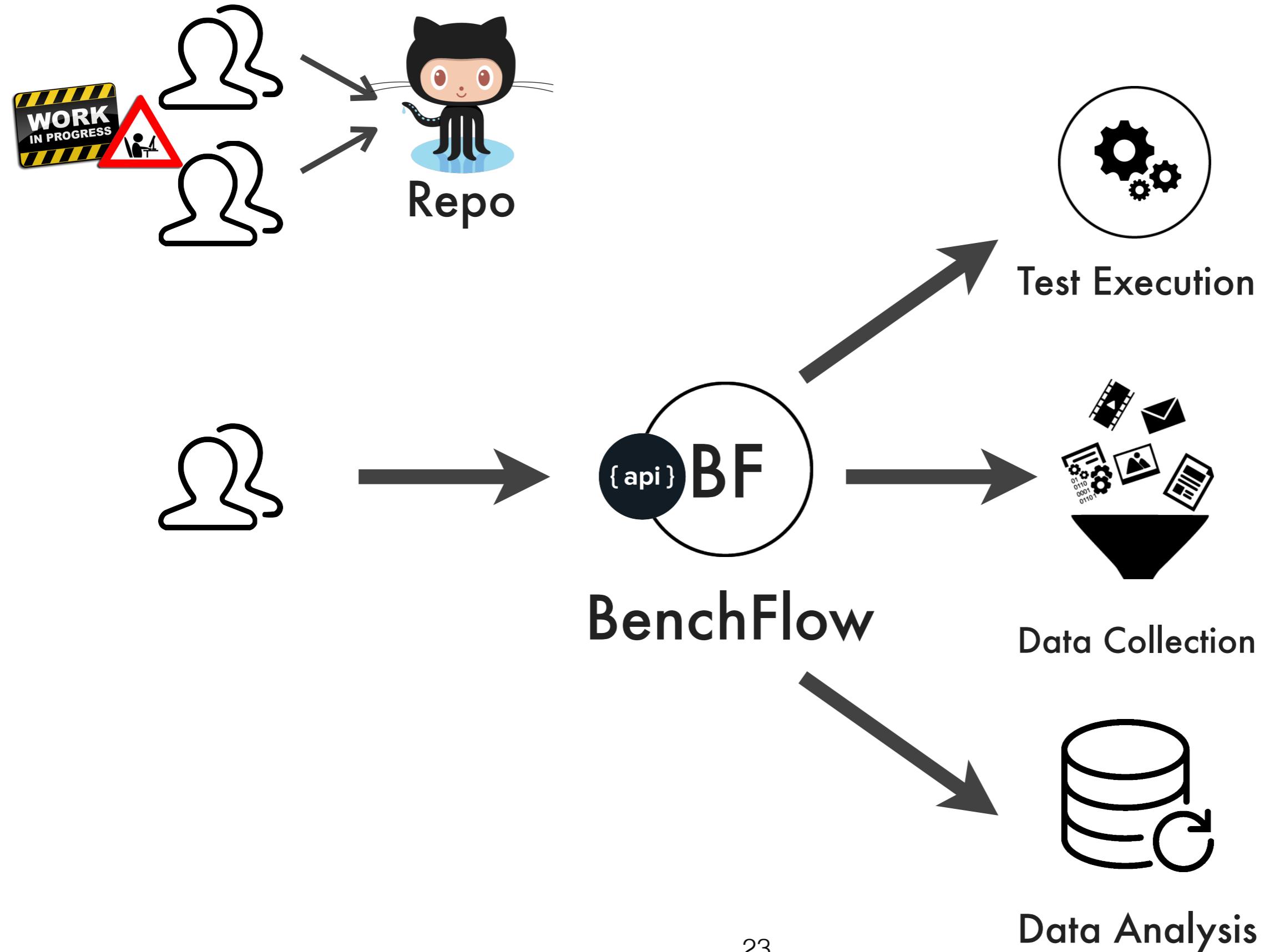
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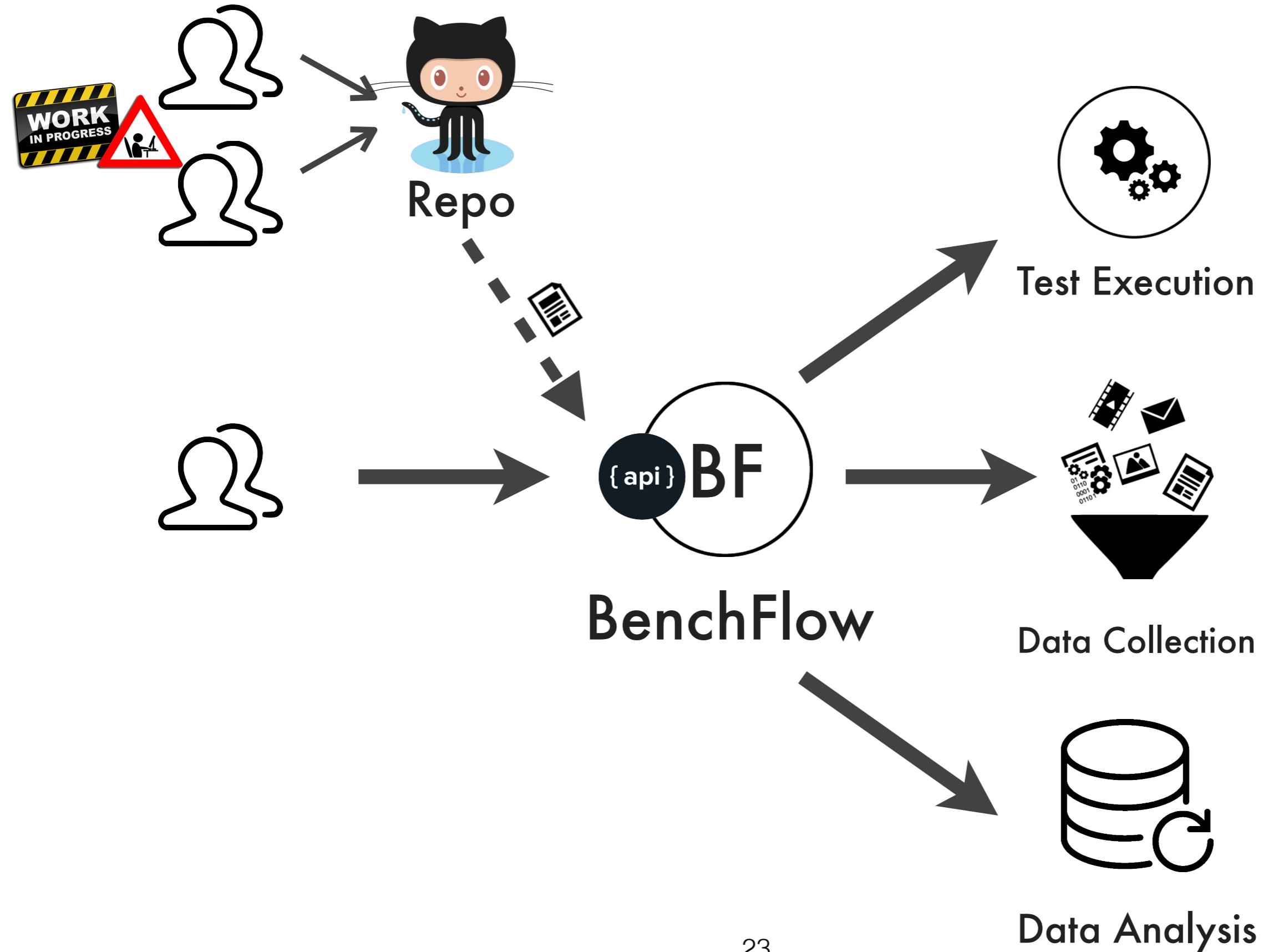
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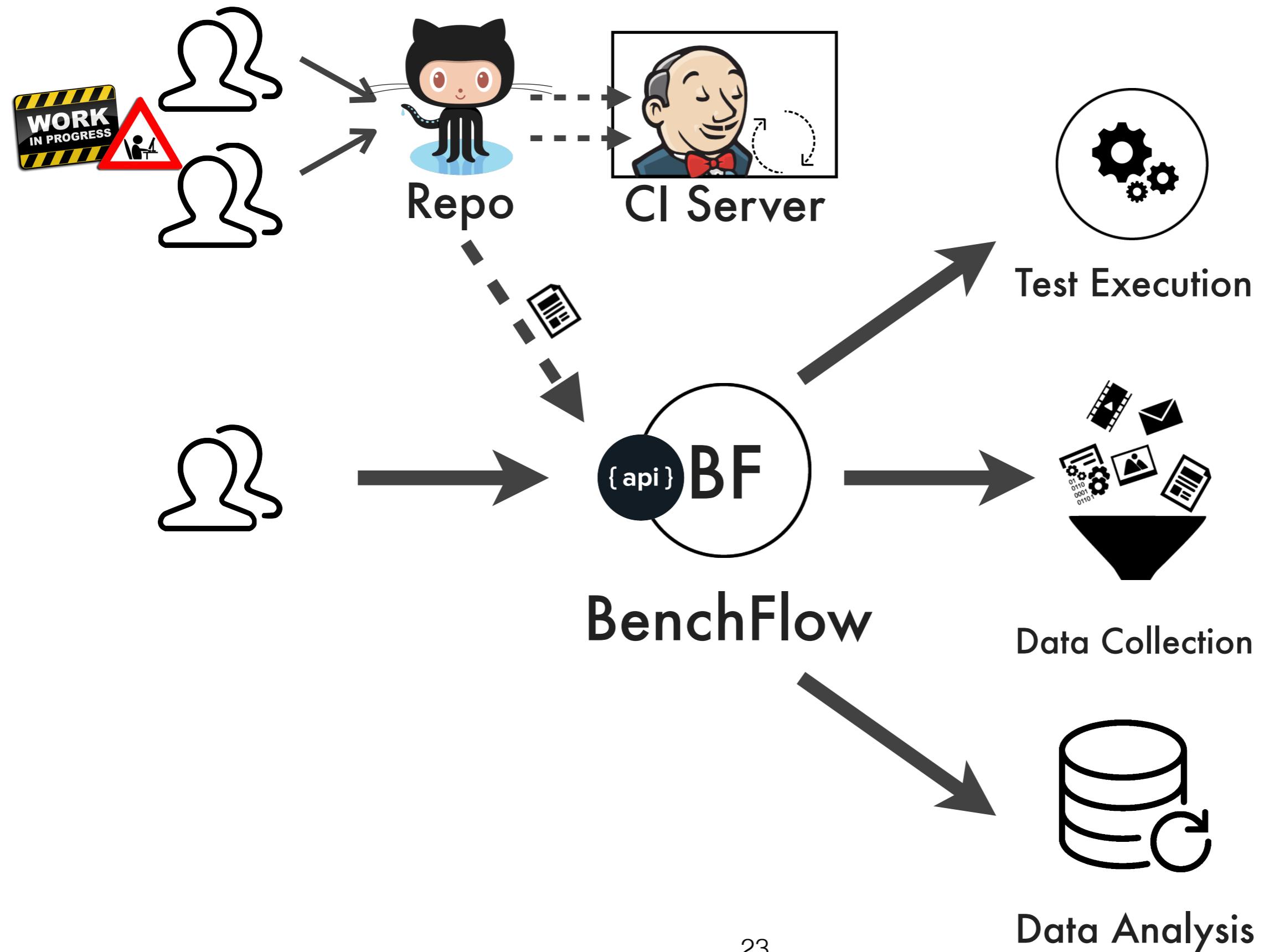
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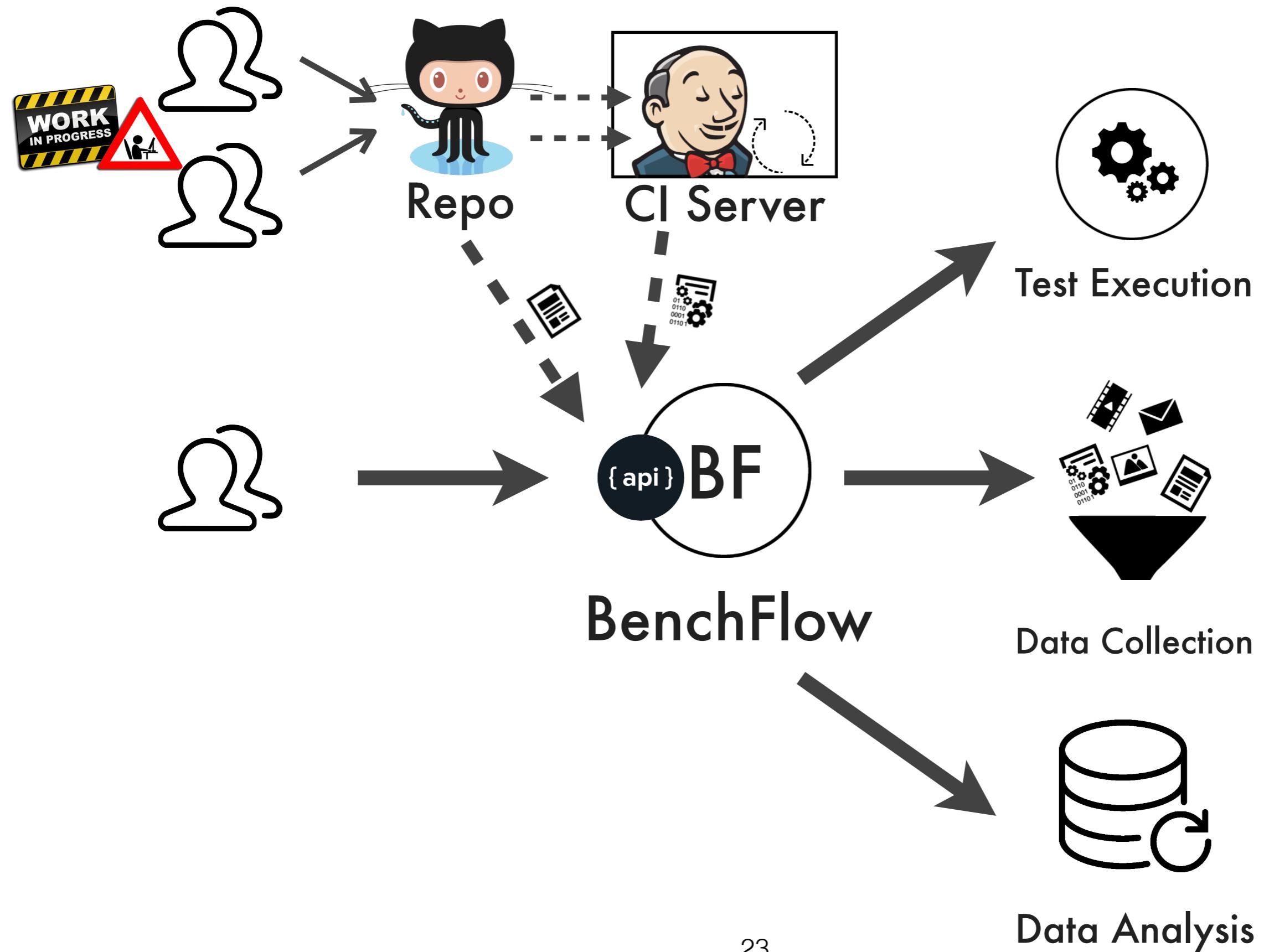
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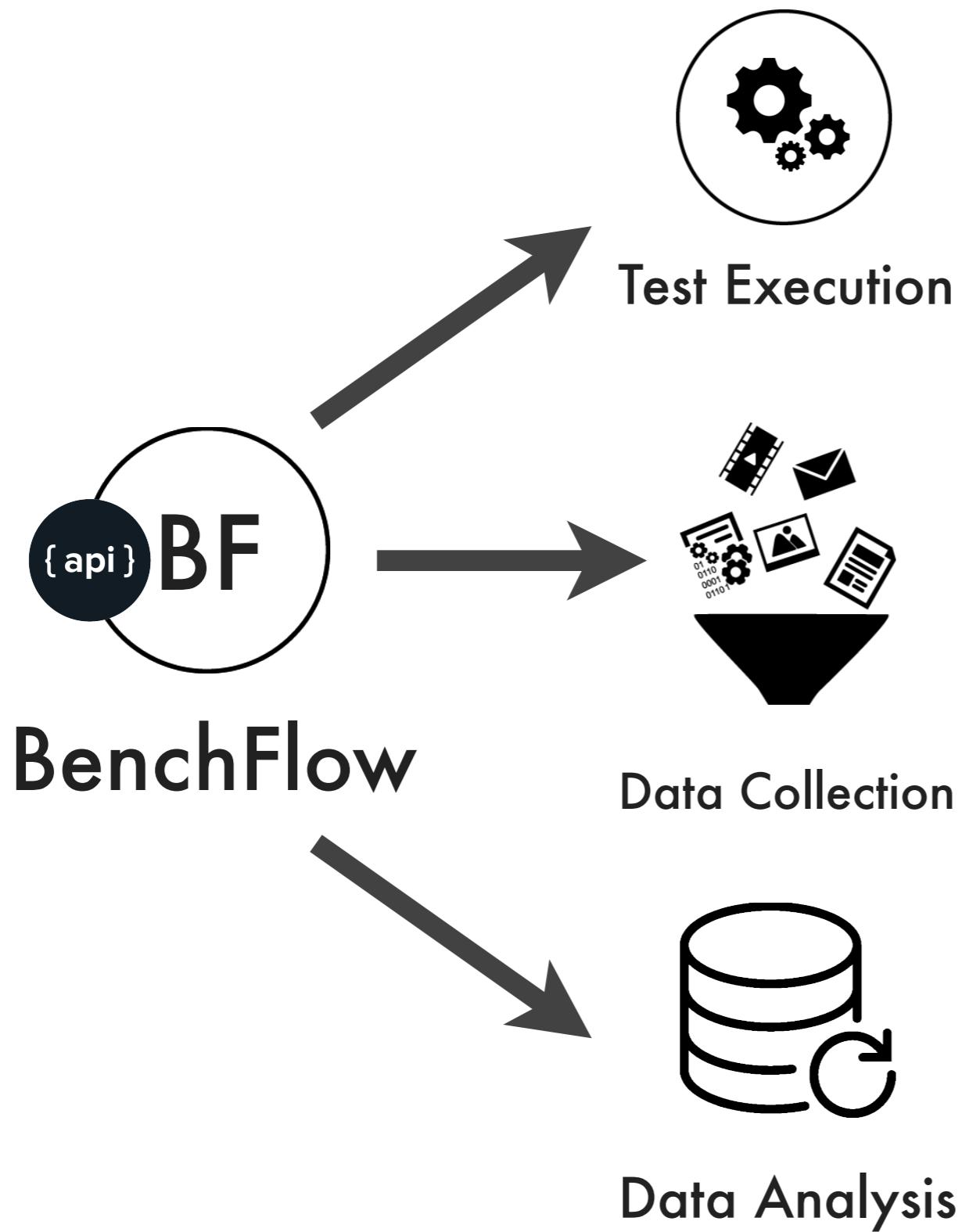
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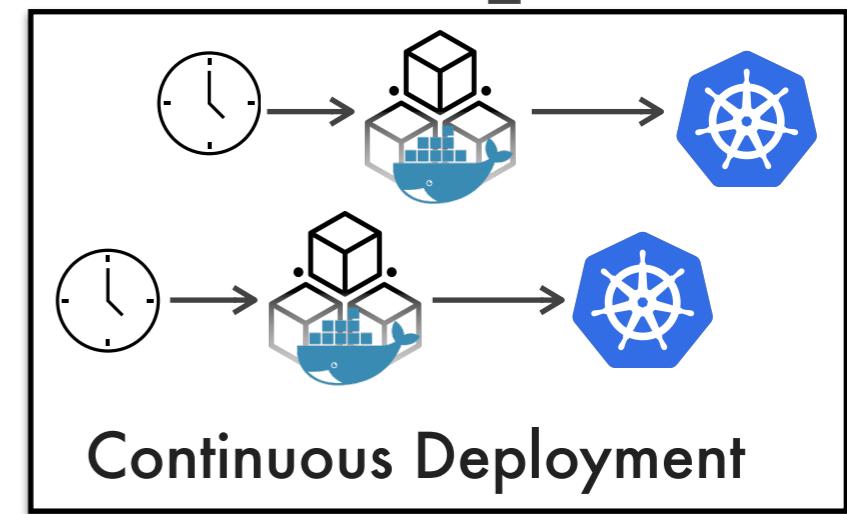
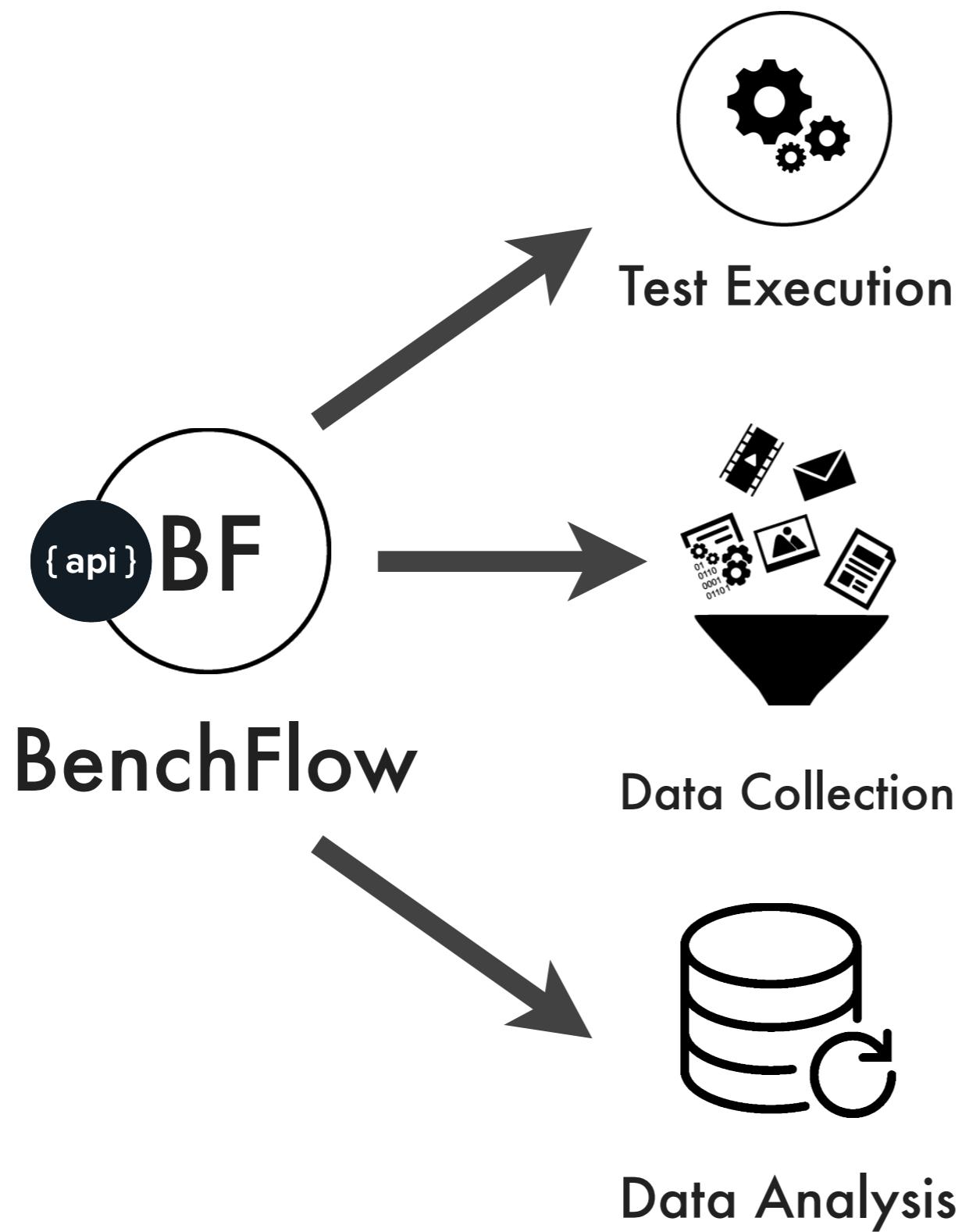
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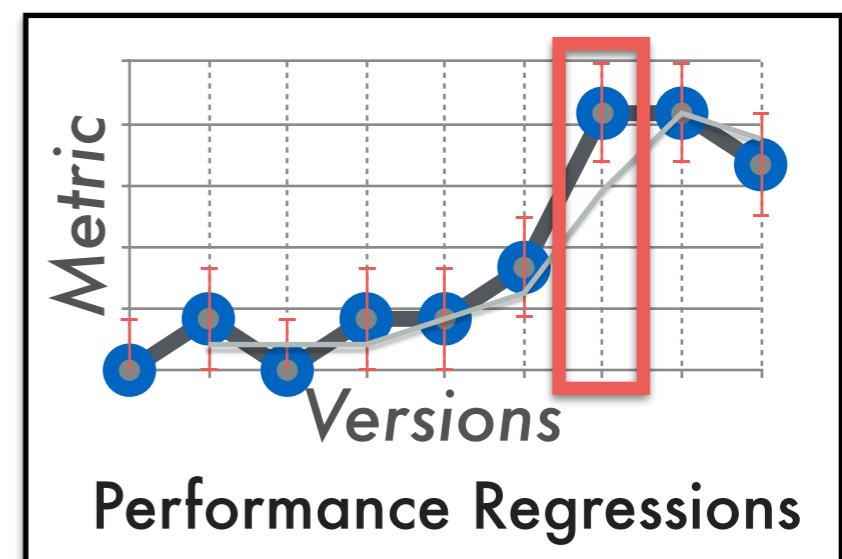
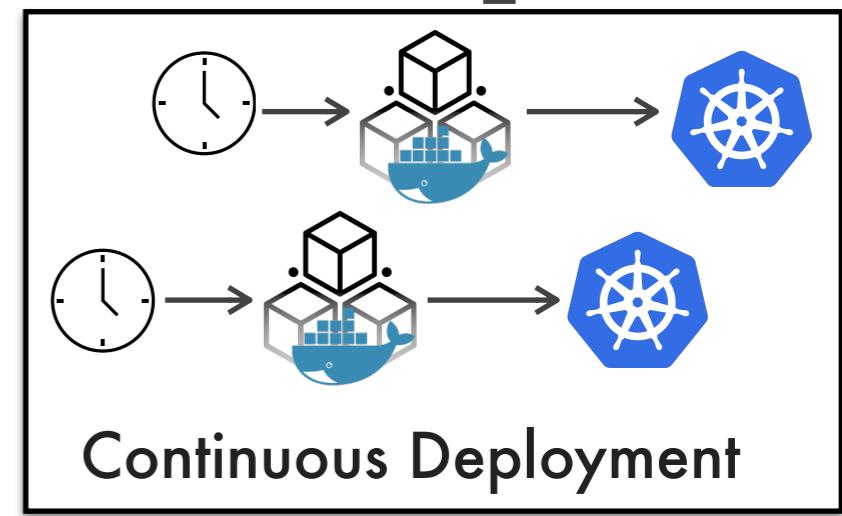
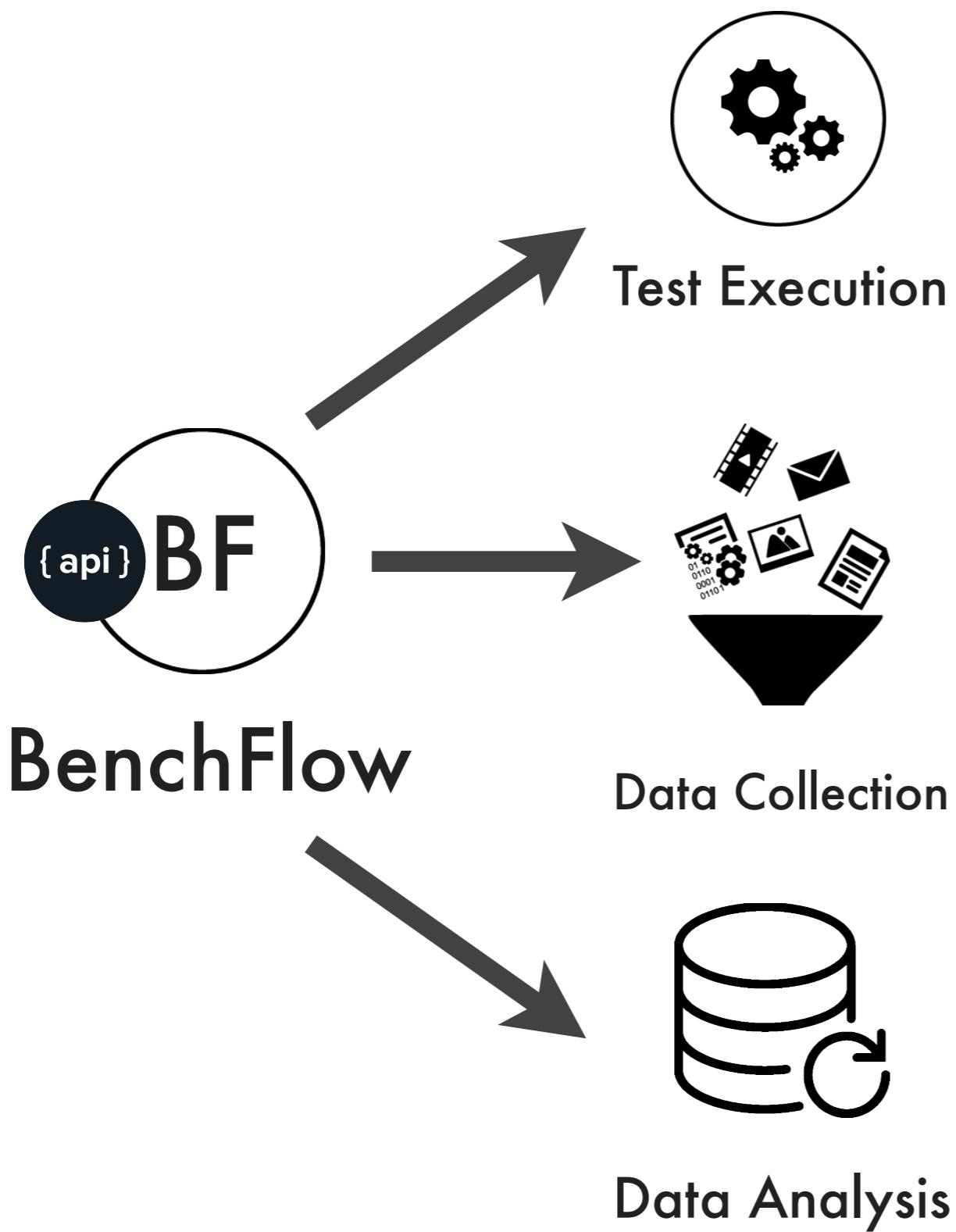
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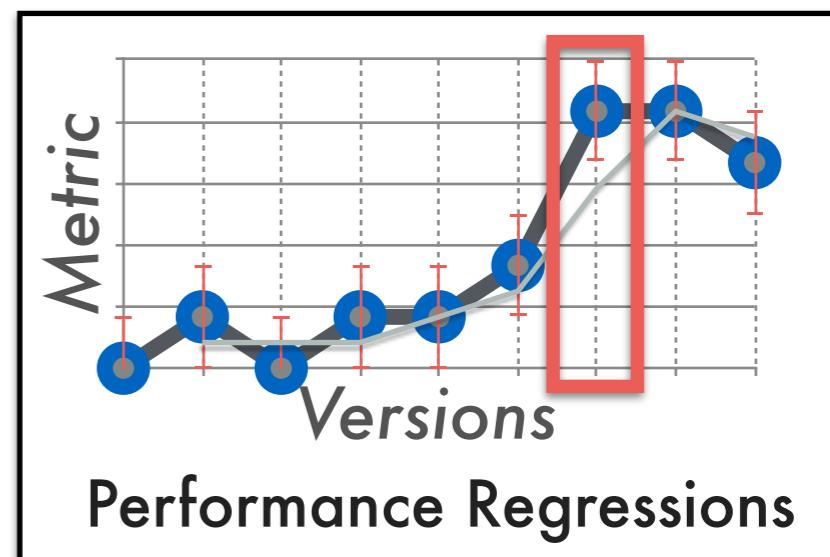
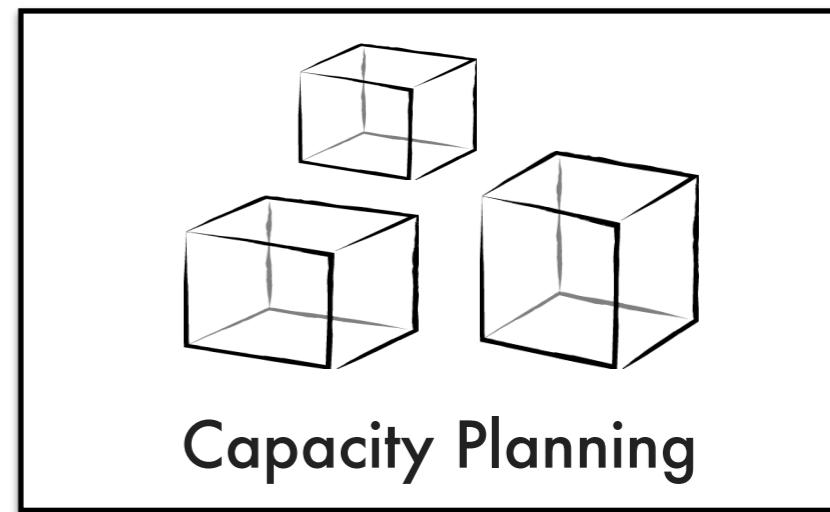
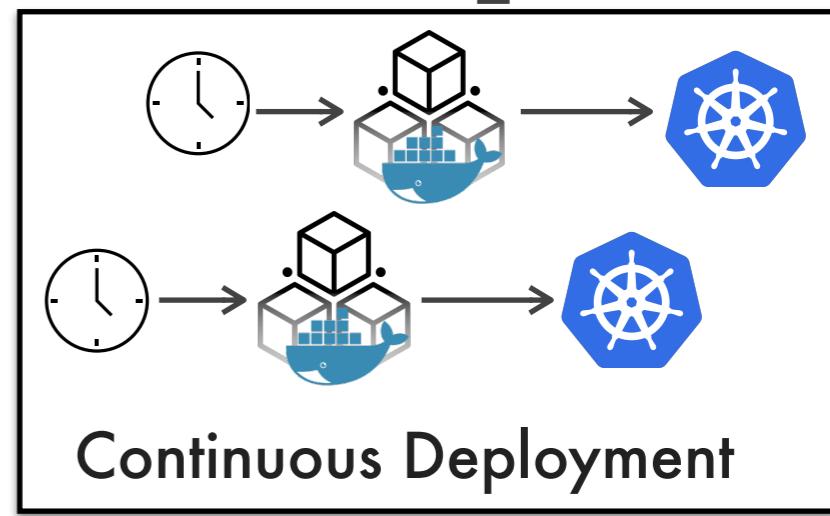
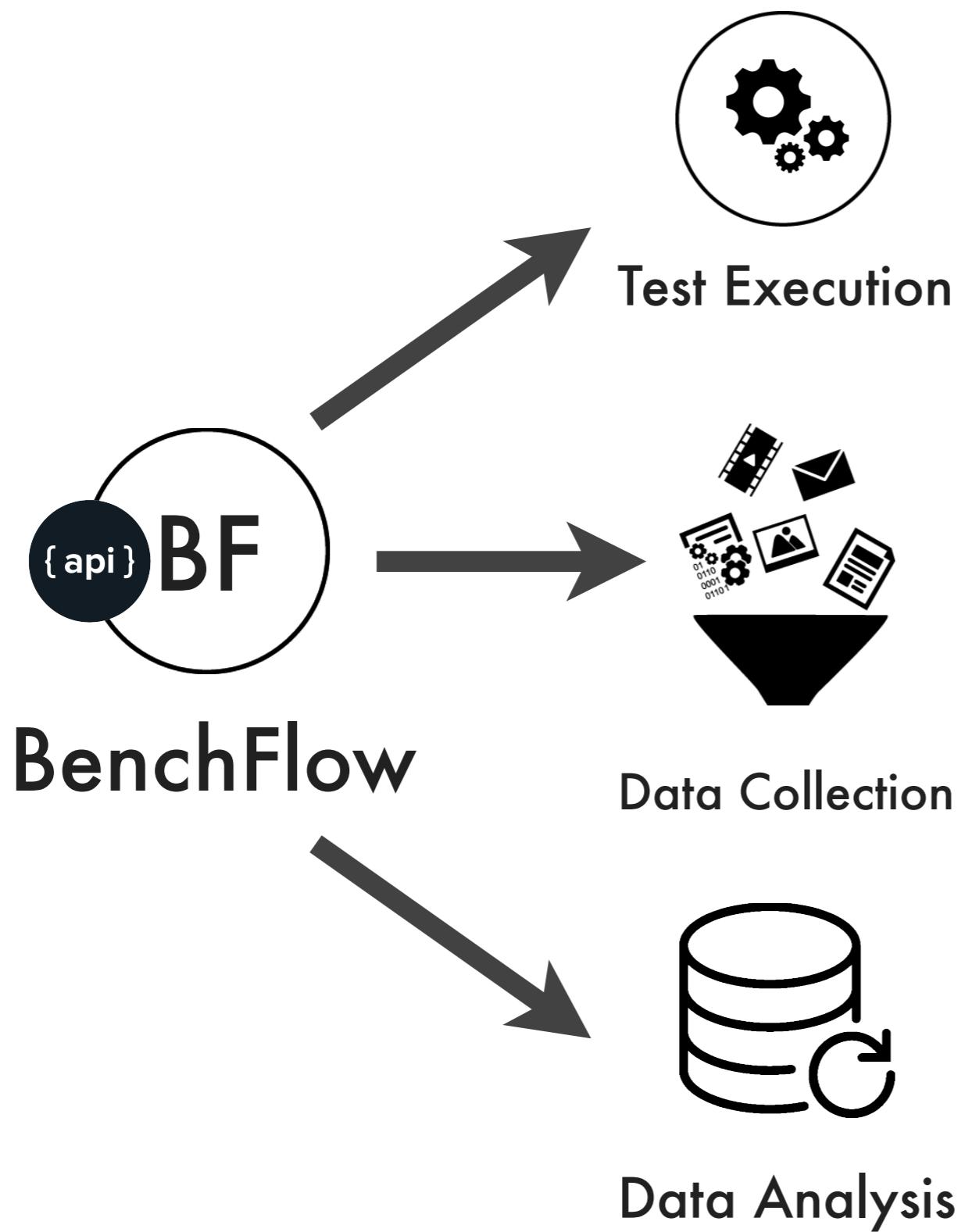
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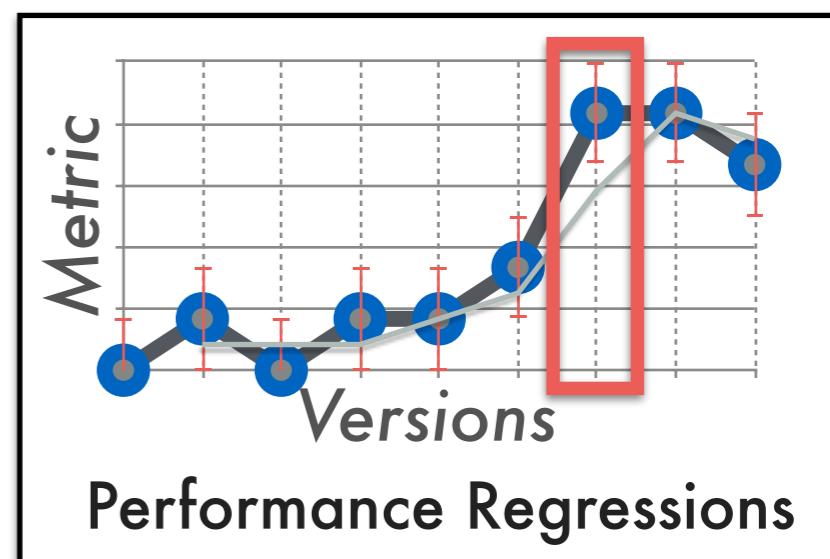
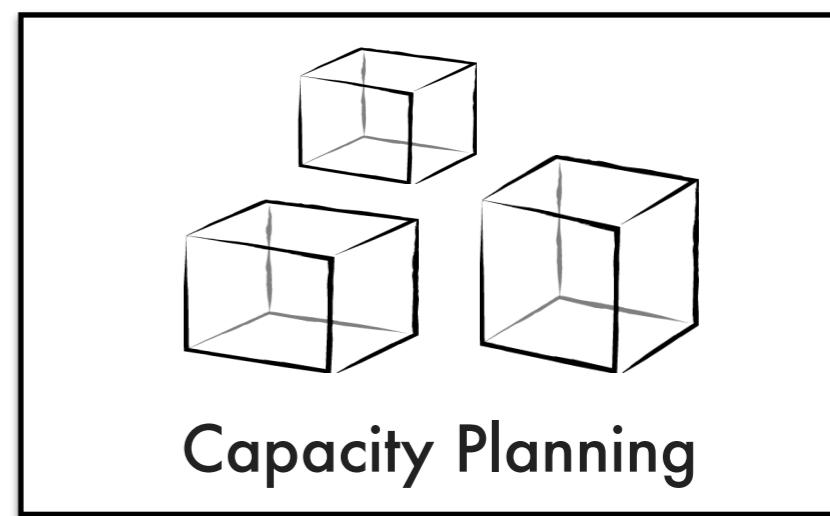
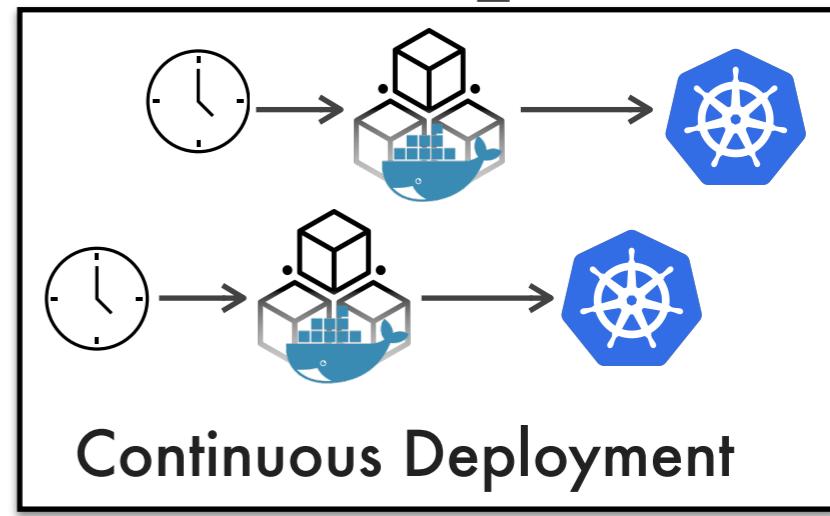
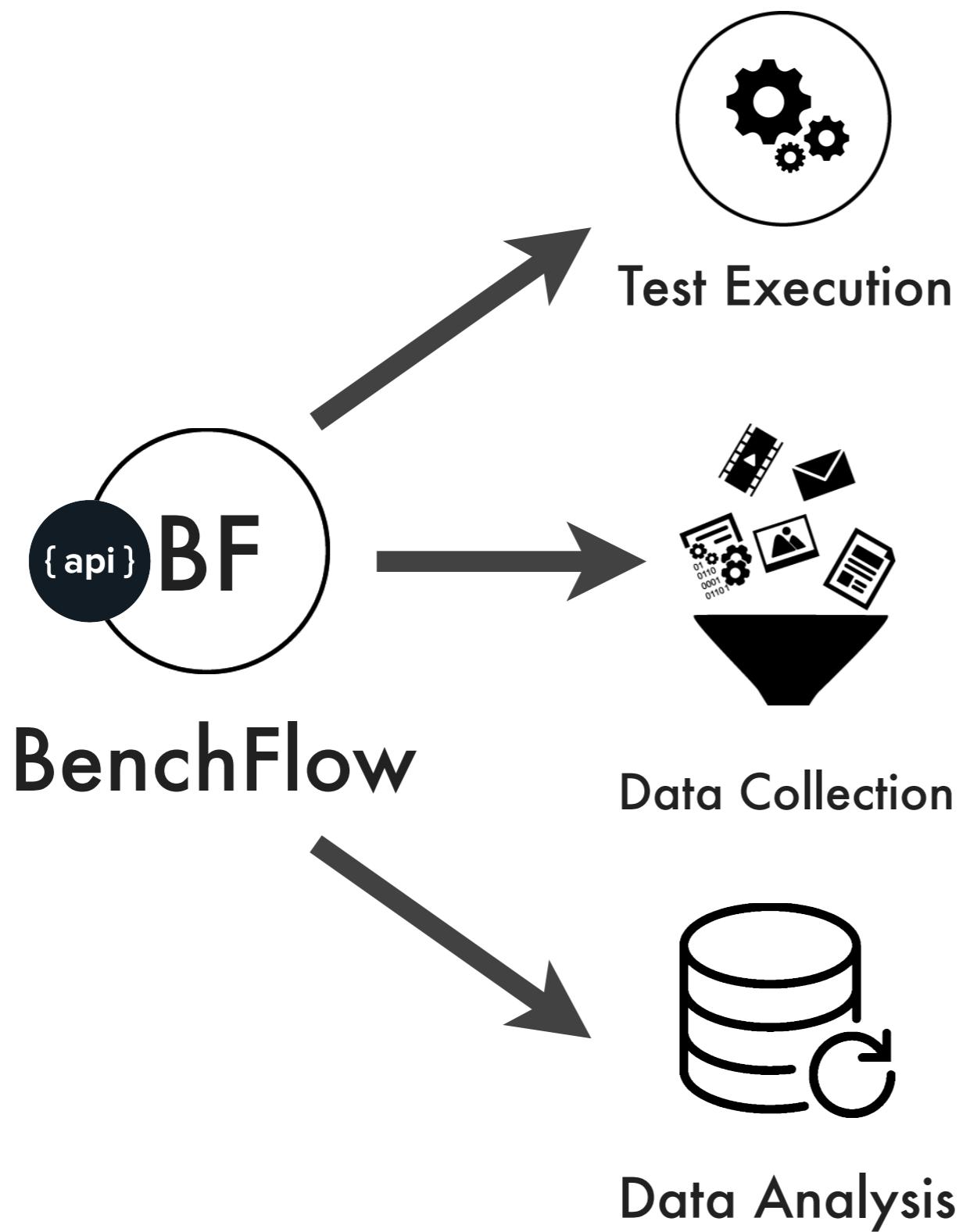
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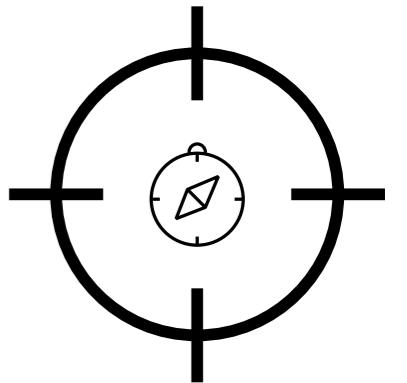
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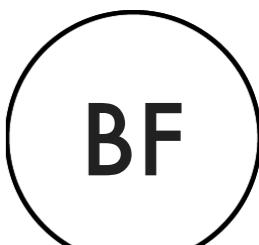
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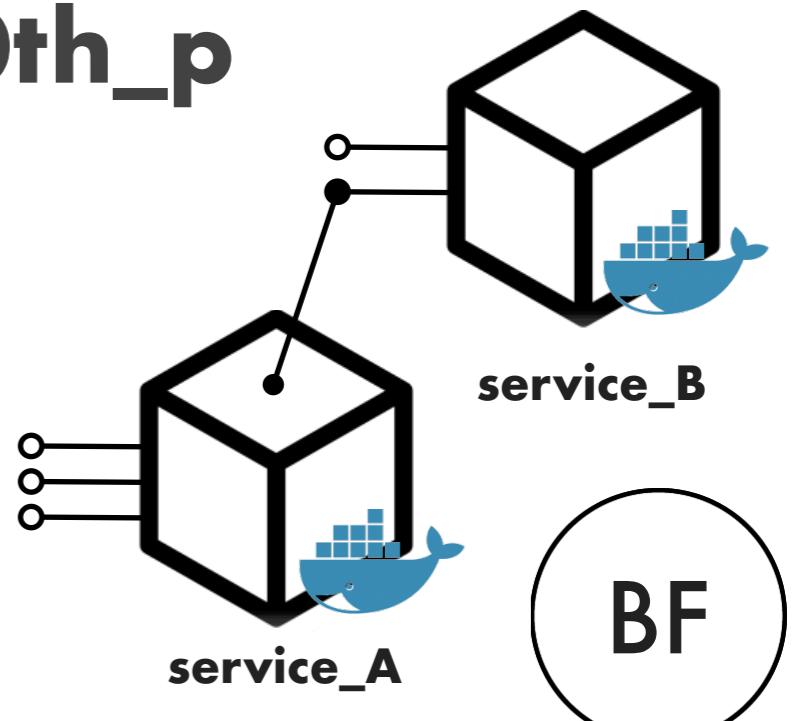
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- **cpus:**

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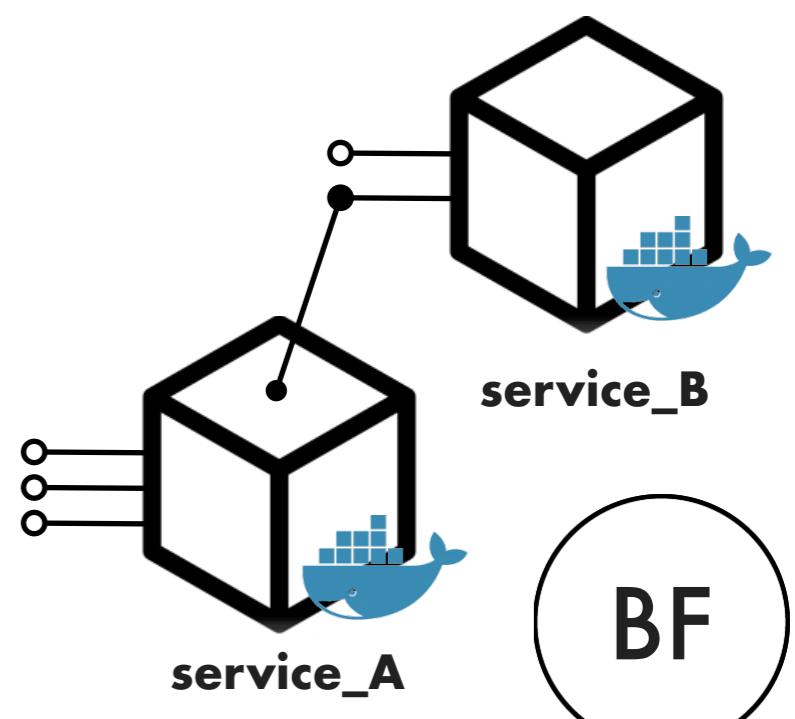
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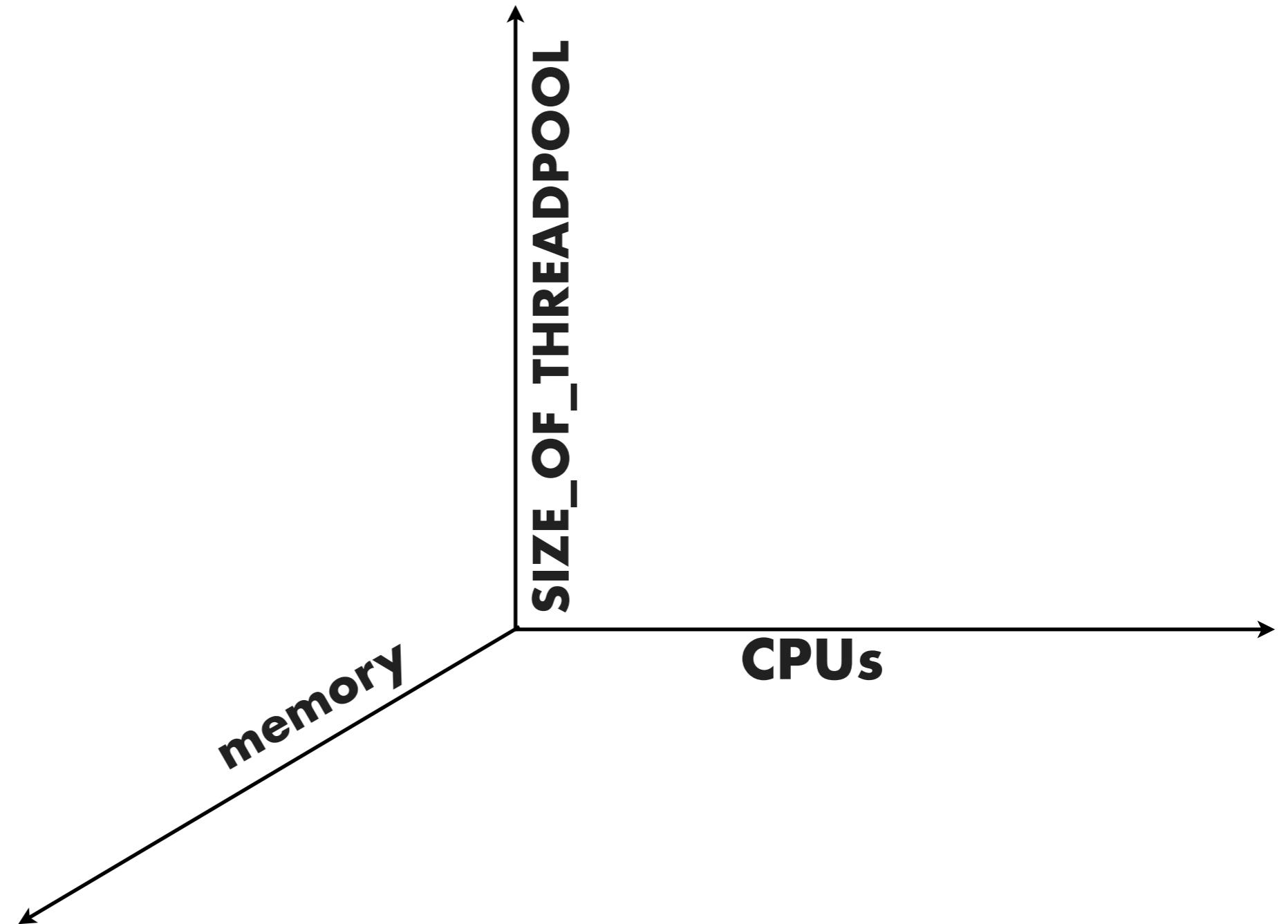
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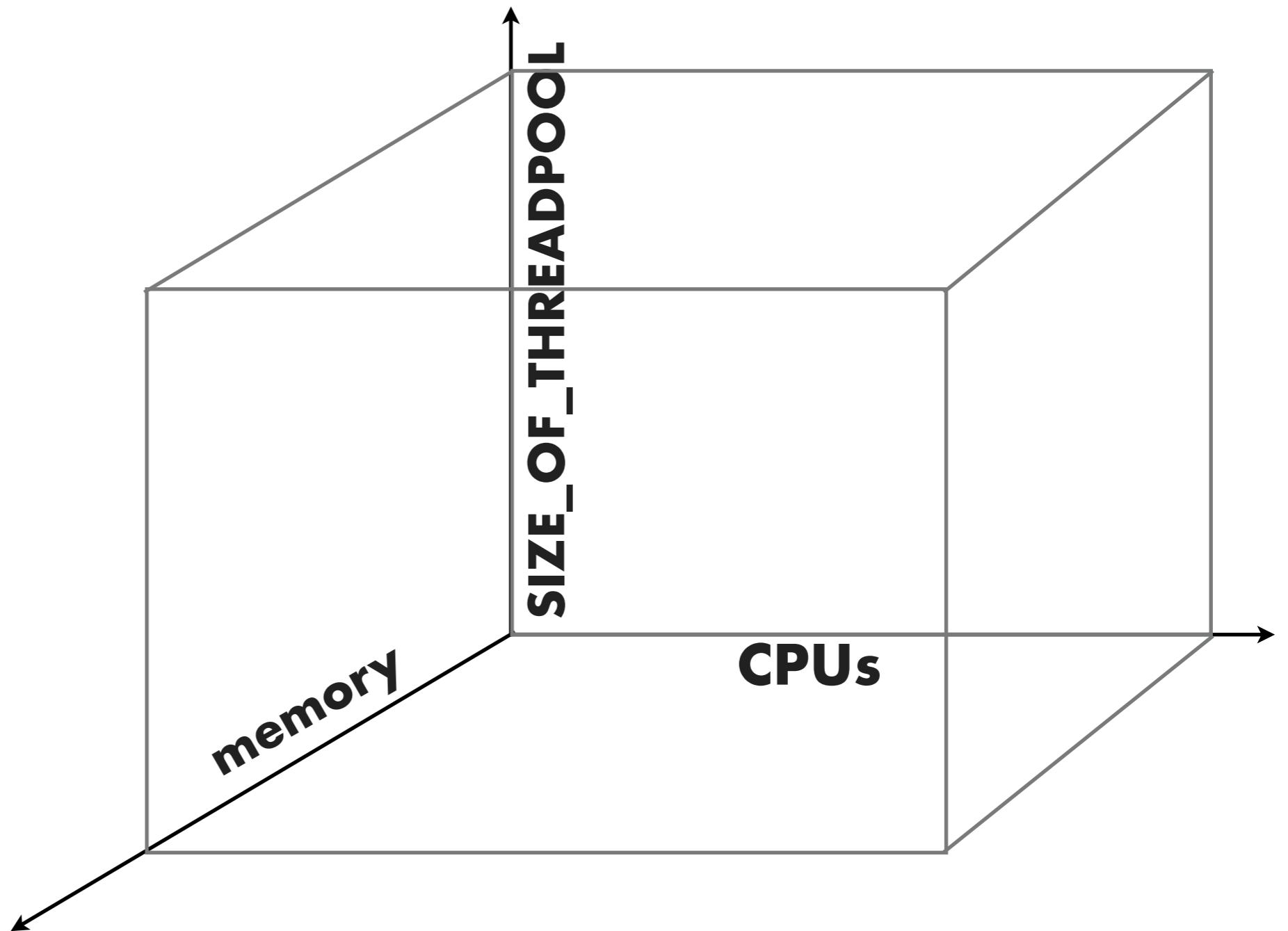
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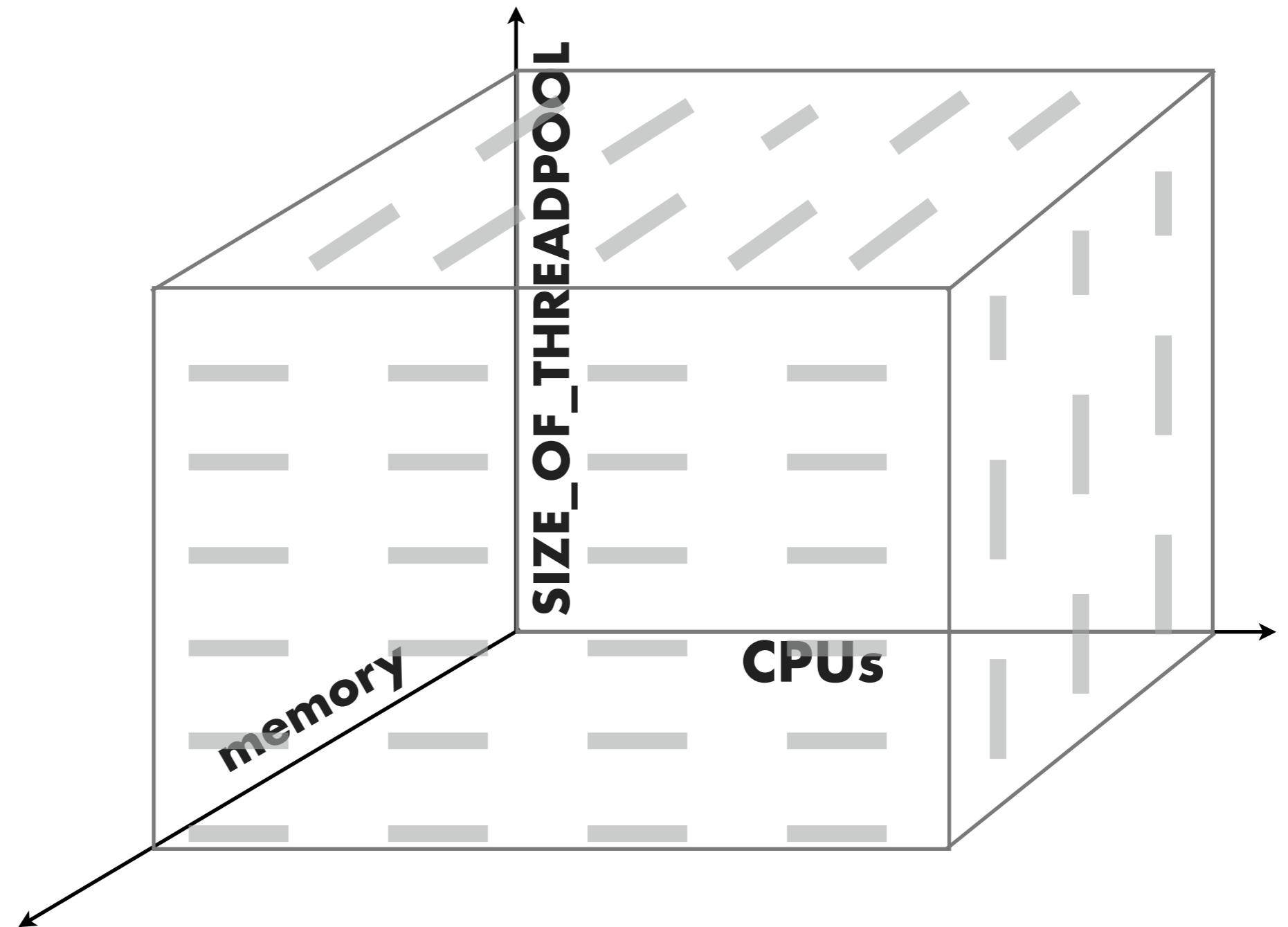
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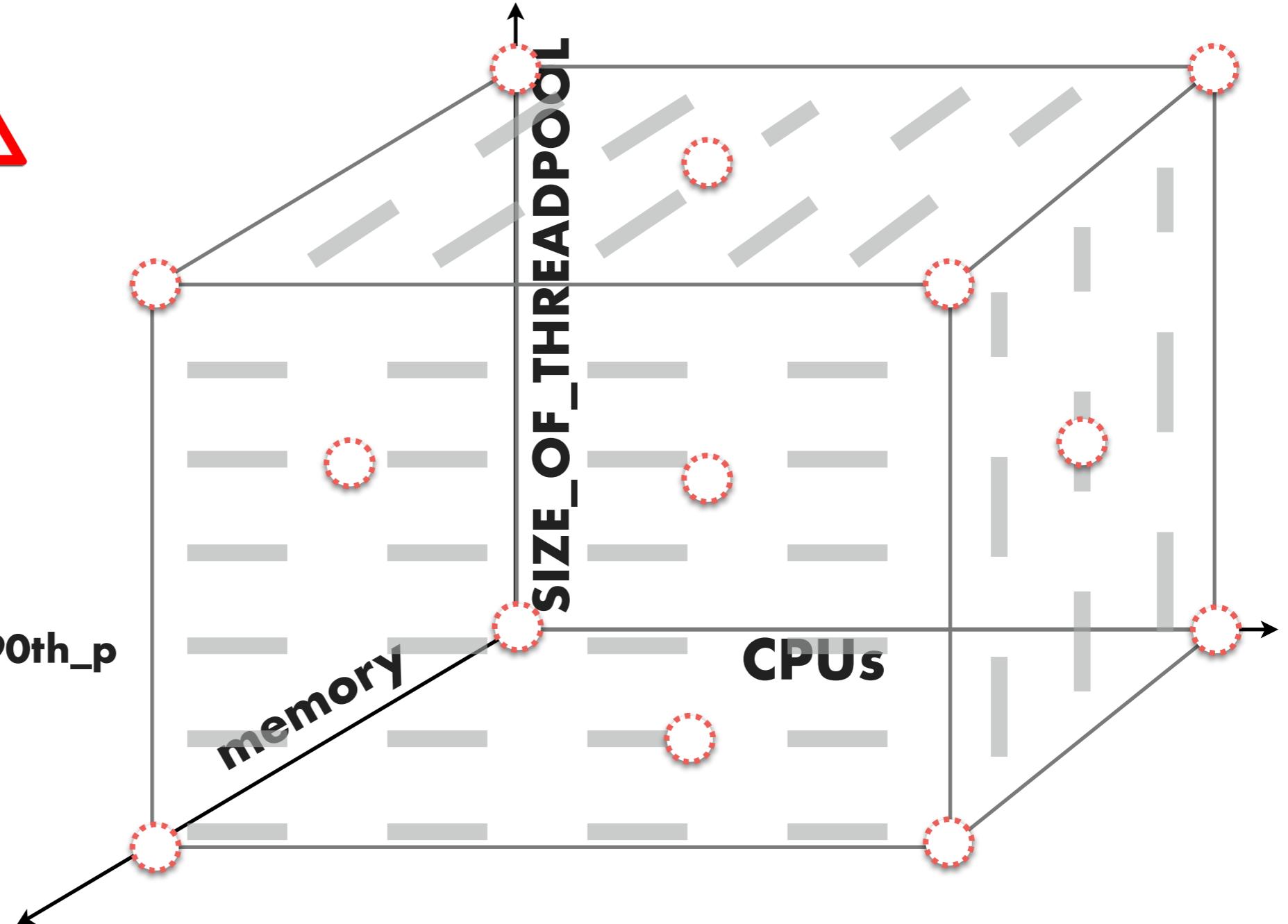
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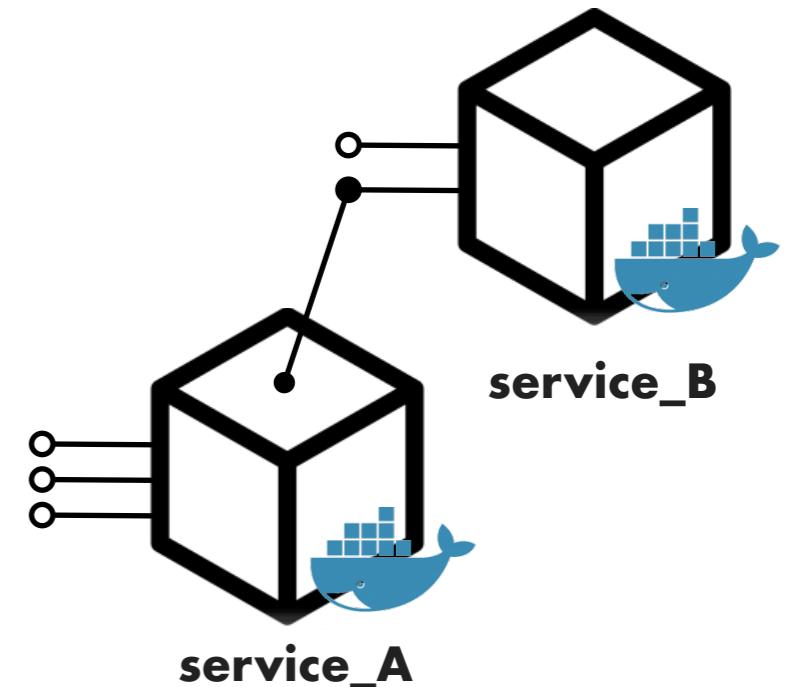
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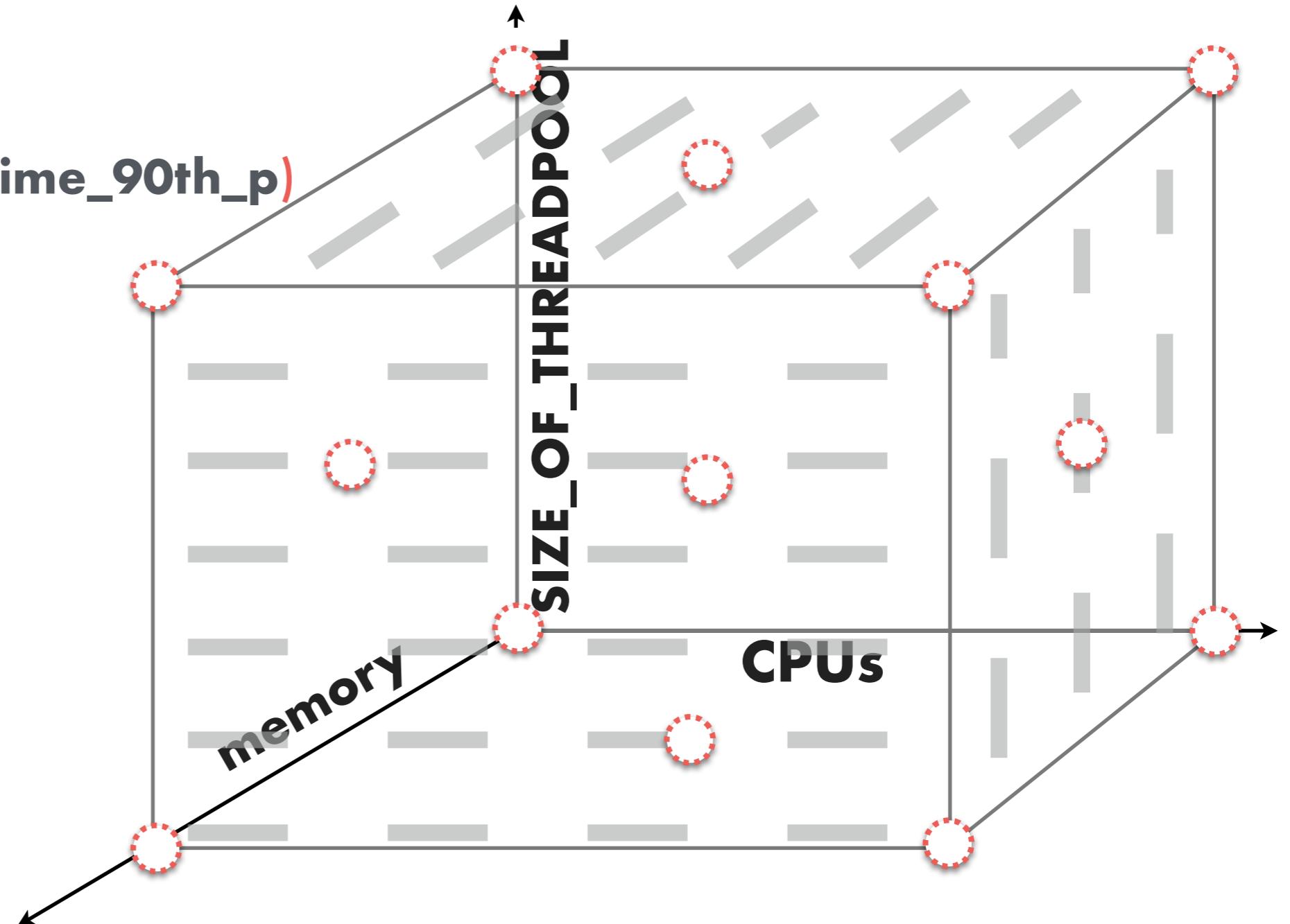
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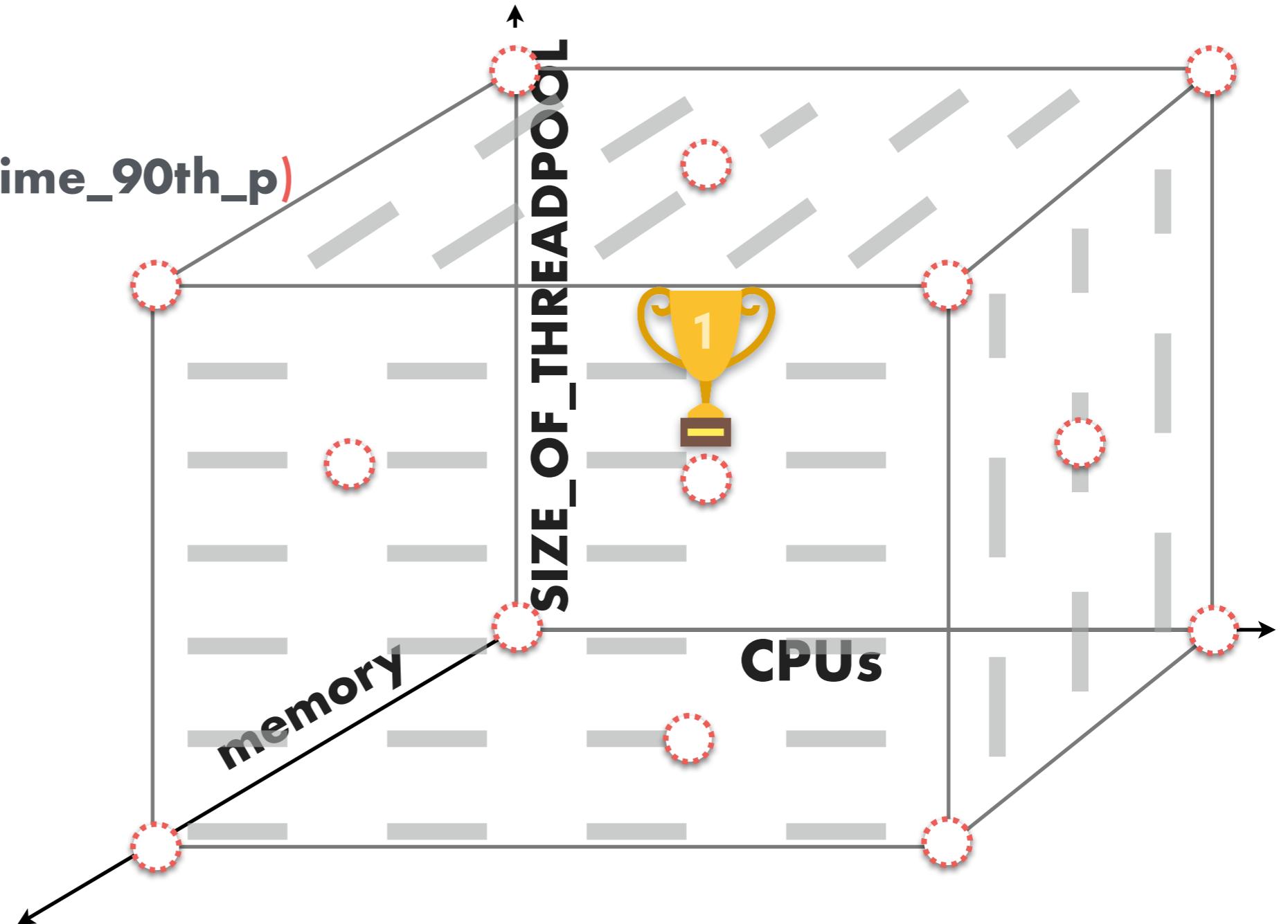
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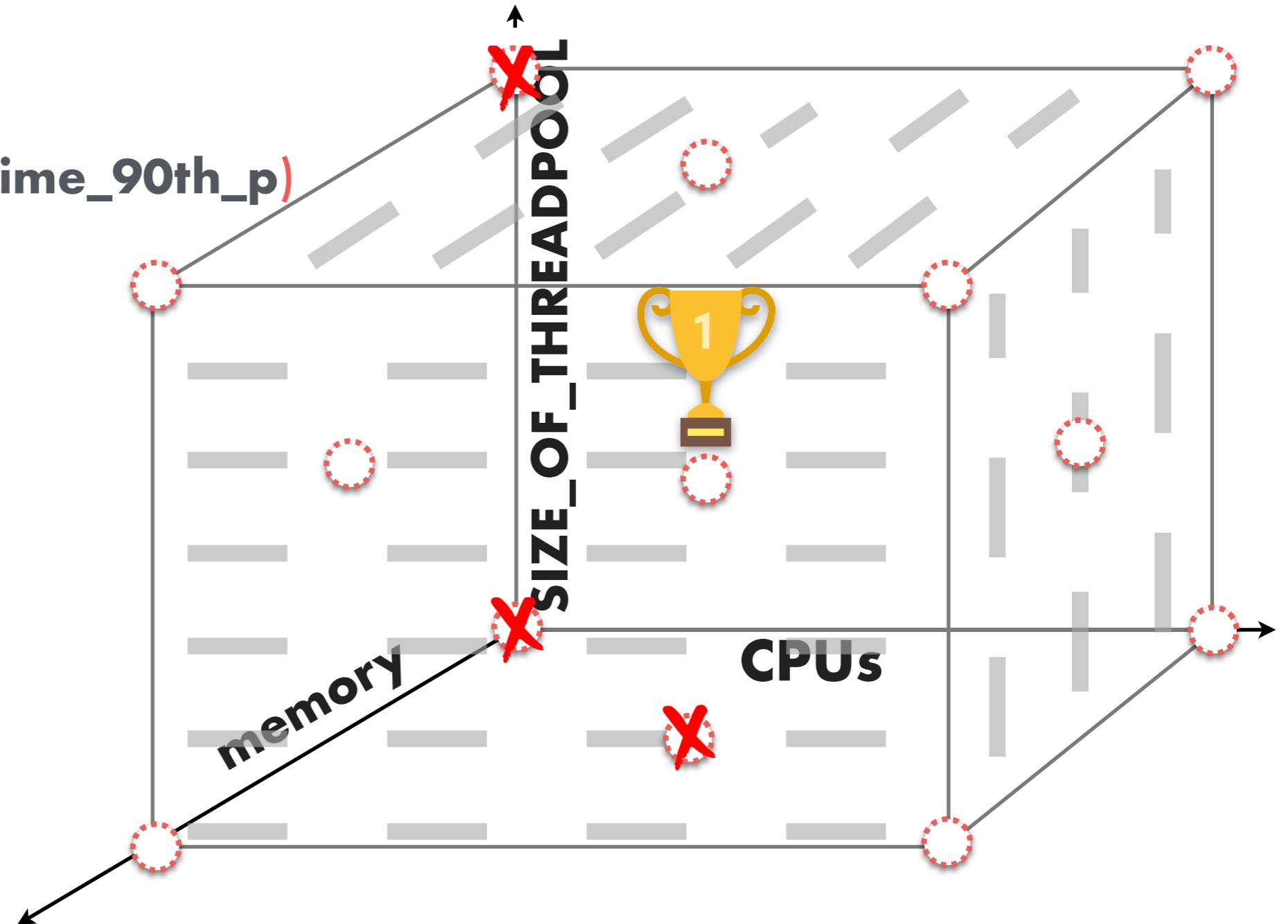
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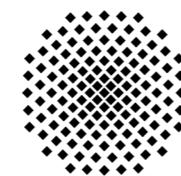


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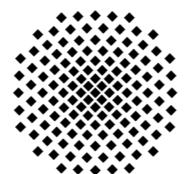
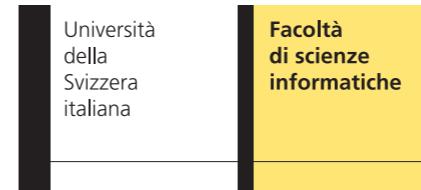


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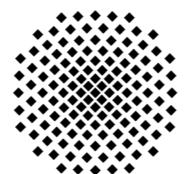
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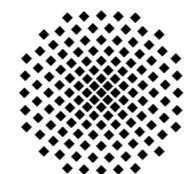
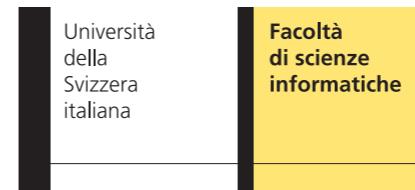
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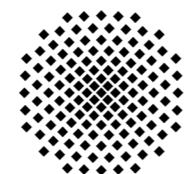
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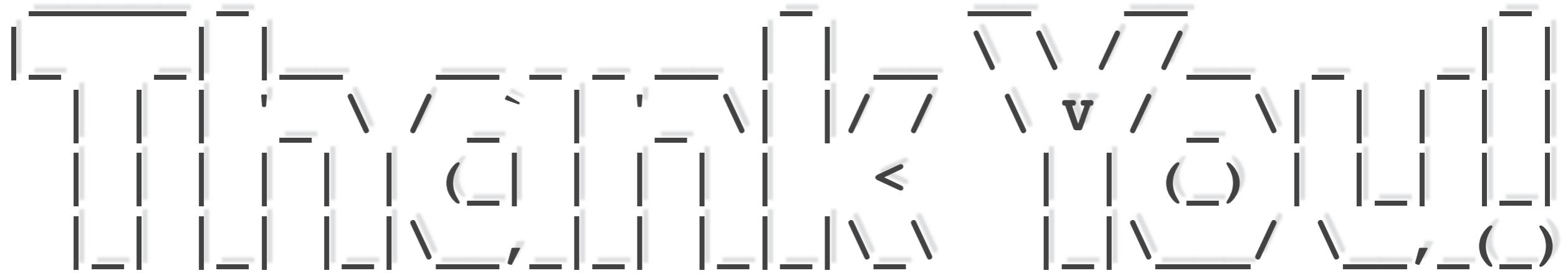
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