

# Q-Store: Distributed, Multi-Partition Transactions via Queue-Oriented Execution and Communication



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# Cloud Computing Trends

The rise of cloud computing

Large core counts

Large main-memory

	<i>RAM</i>	<i>vCPUs</i>
<i>AWS</i> <sup>1</sup>	<i>24 TB</i>	<i>448</i>
<i>MSA</i> <sup>2</sup>	<i>12 TB</i>	<i>416</i>
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Google Cloud



<sup>1</sup> <https://aws.amazon.com/ec2/instance-types/high-memory/>

<sup>2</sup> <https://azure.microsoft.com/en-us/pricing/details/virtual-machines/series/>

<sup>3</sup> <https://cloud.google.com/compute/docs/machine-types>

# Distributed Commit Protocols

Challenge ???

- Two-phase Commit (2PC)
- **Very good general solution and widely used**
- Adds **overhead per transaction**
- **Can we avoid using it?**



# Distributed Deterministic Transaction Processing

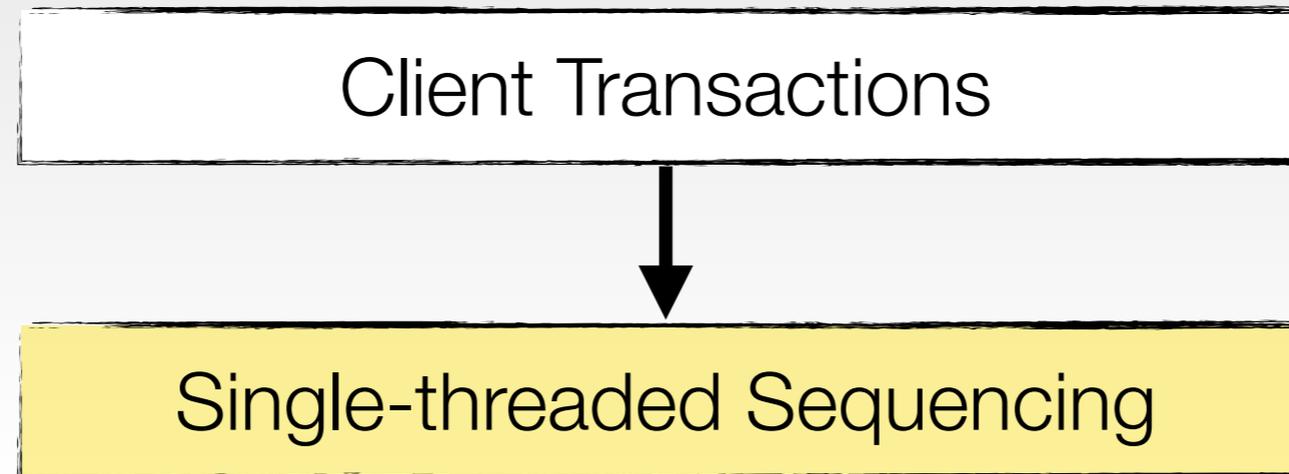
- Provides strict serializability
- **Avoids** non-deterministic transaction **aborts** due to concurrency control
- Removes the **coordination** for transaction-commit from the **critical path**
- Key limitations: requires **knowledge of full read/write sets of transactions prior to execution**

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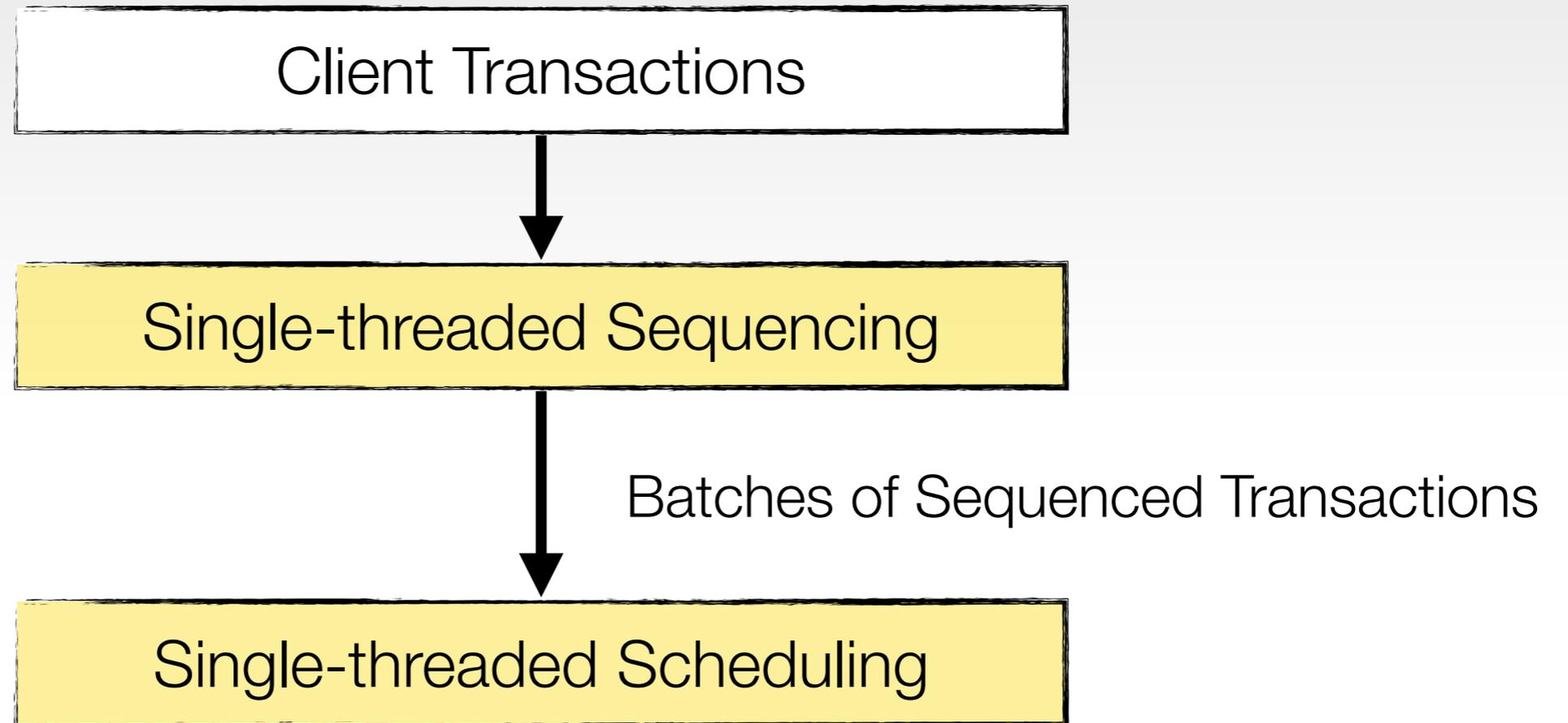
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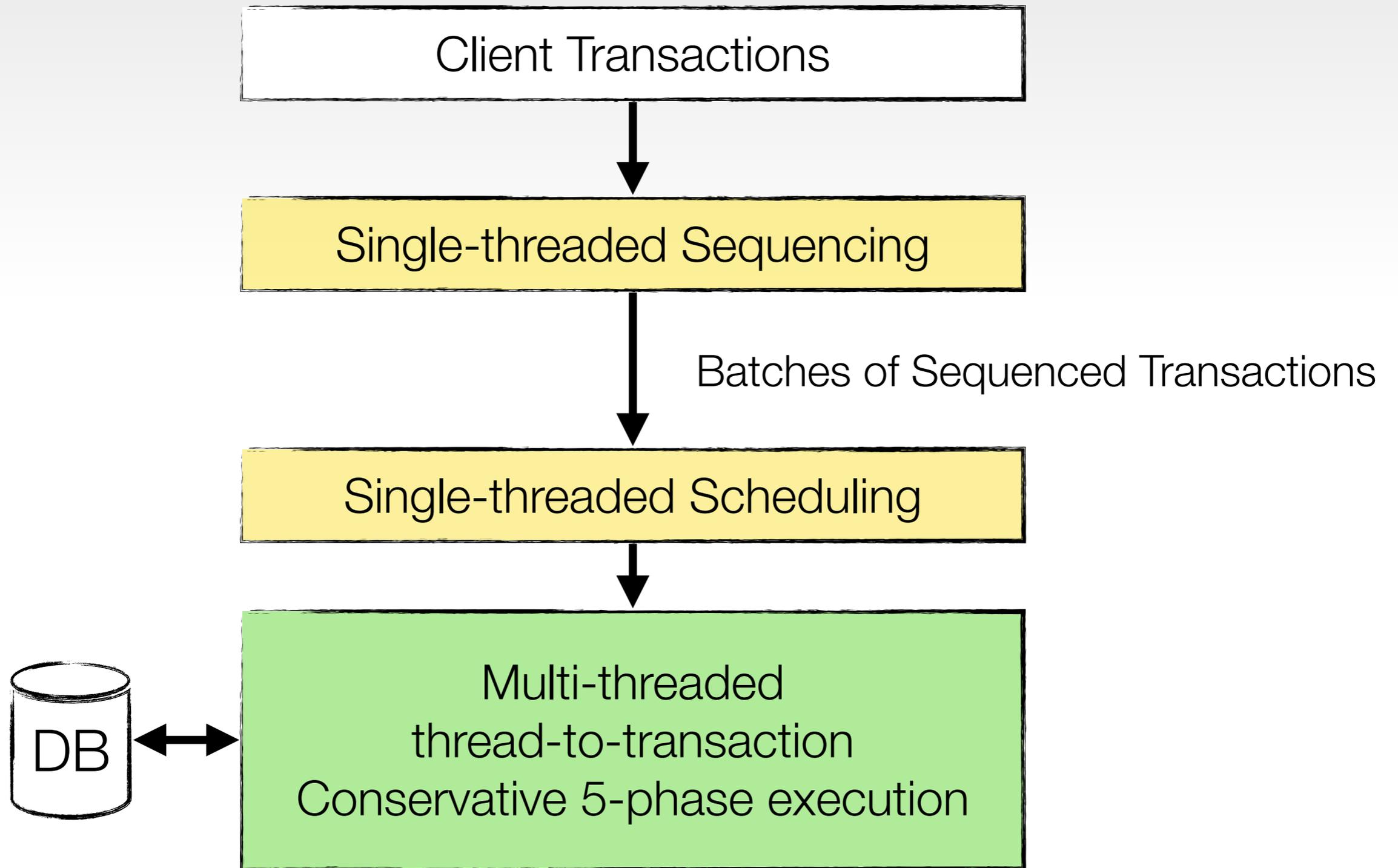
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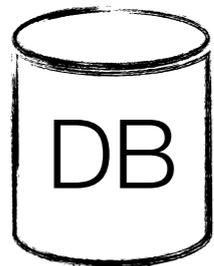
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Single-threaded Sequencing



Is it possible to avoid the two single-threaded pre-execution steps and improve parallelism during execution?



Multi-threaded  
thread-to-transaction  
Conservative 5-phase execution

# Key Ideas in Q-Store

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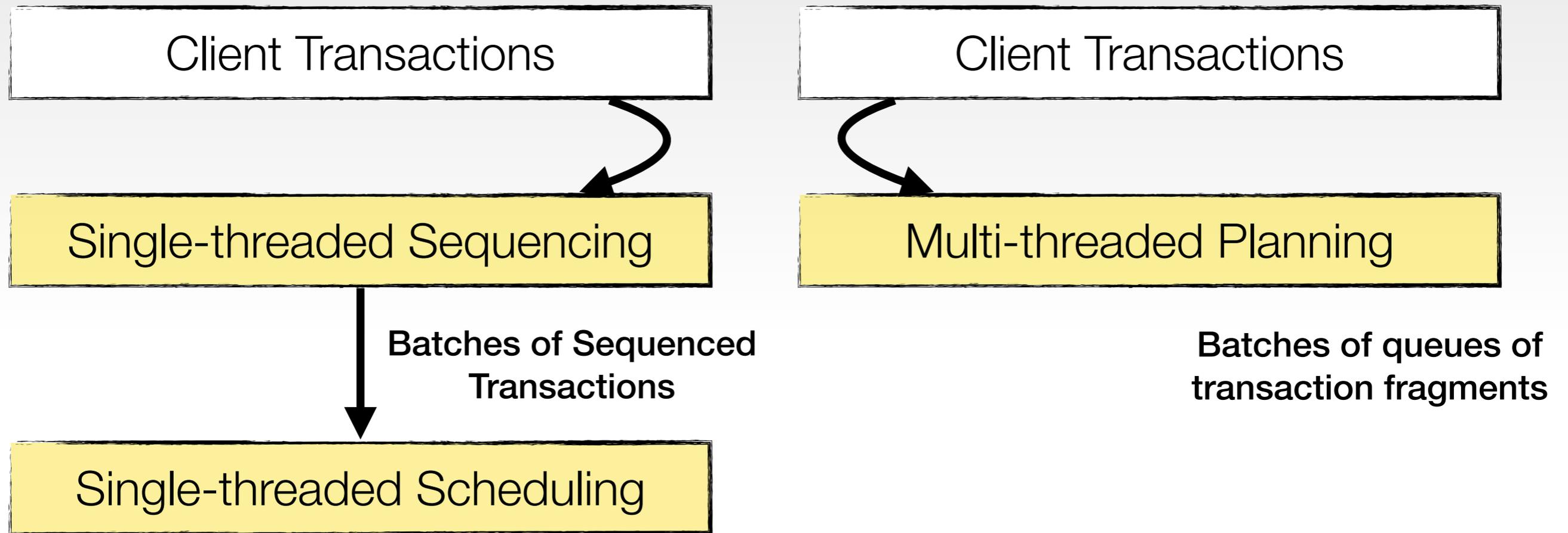
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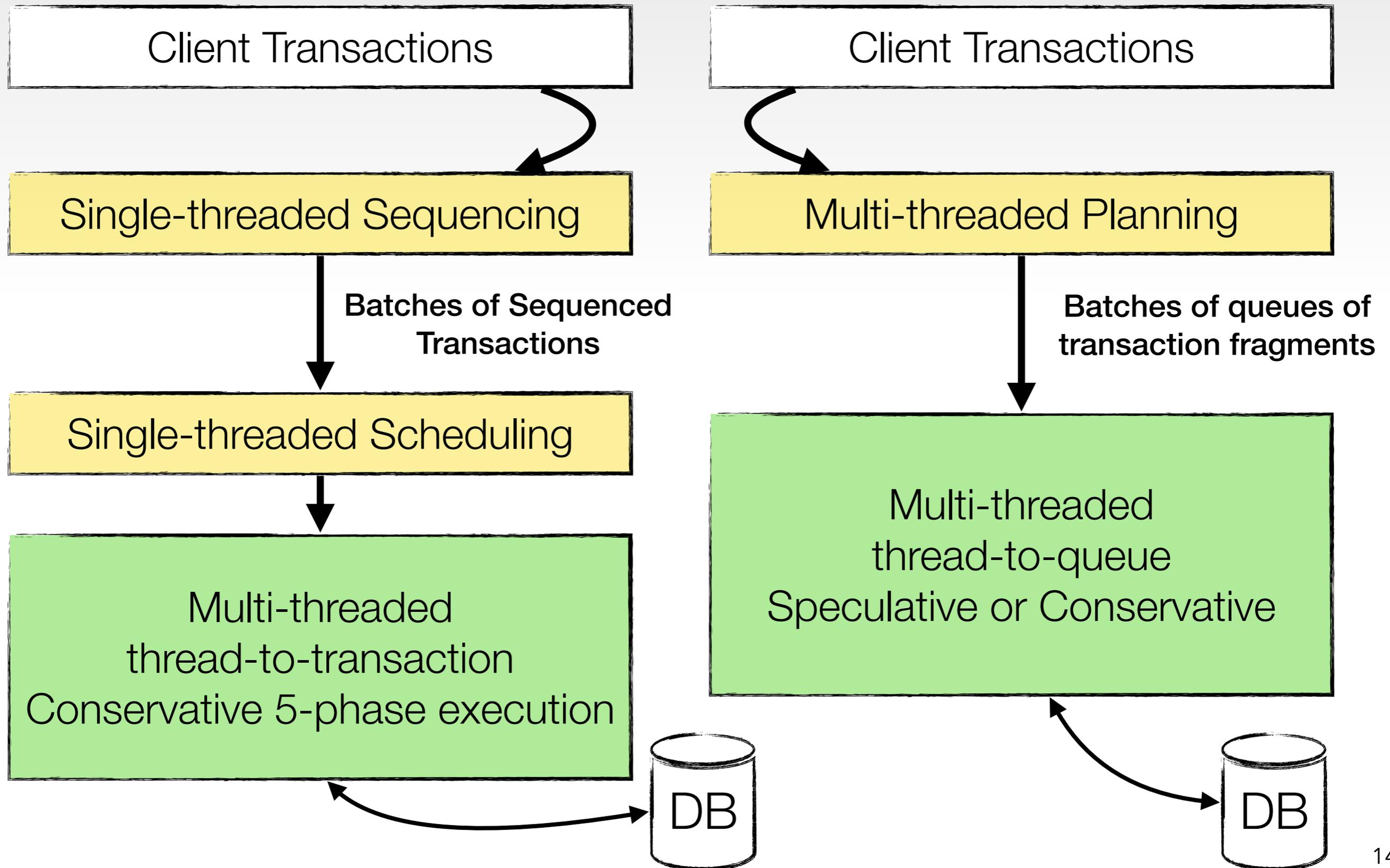
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# Processing Transactions in Q-Store

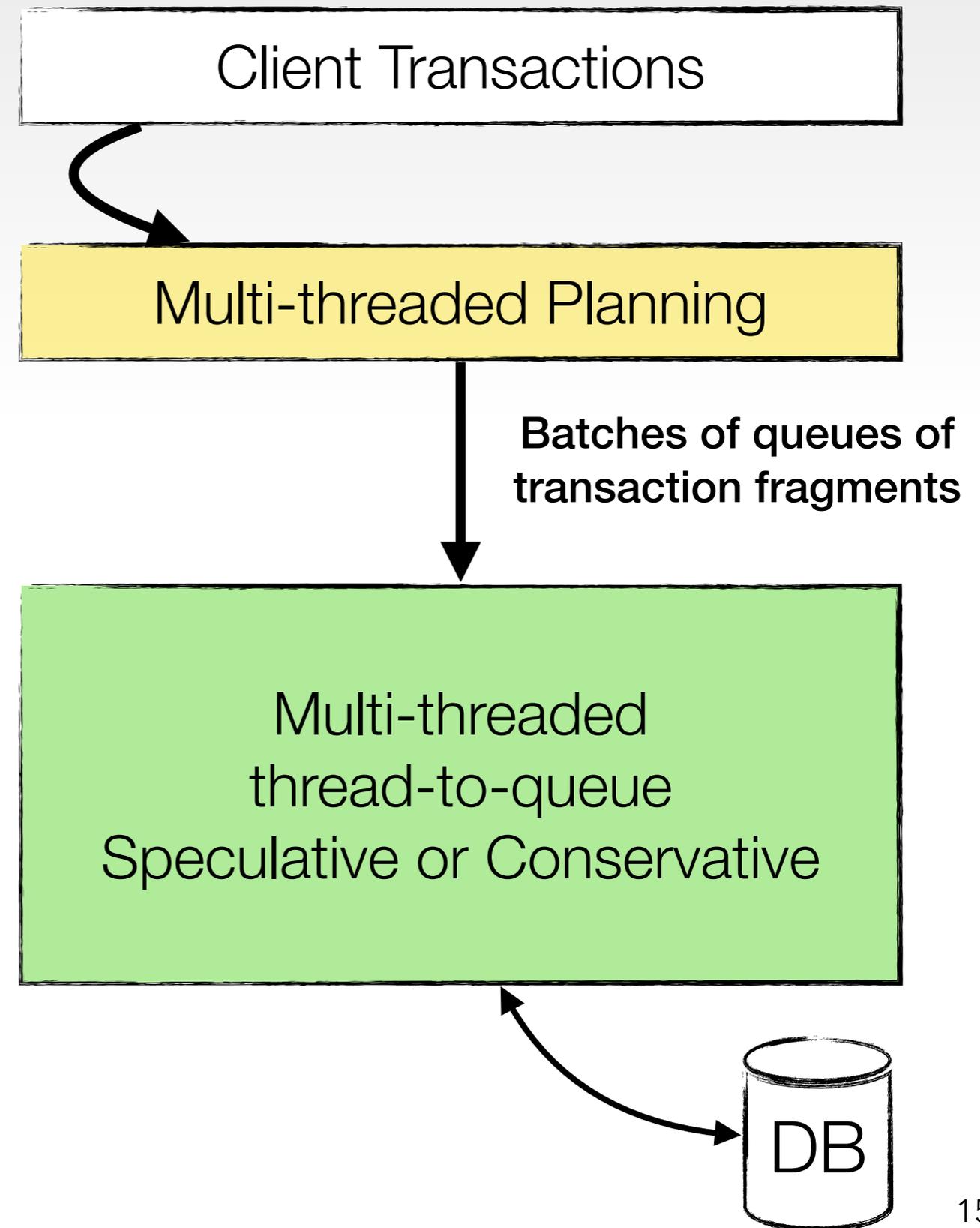
## Planning Phase

1. Breakdown transactions into fragments
2. Create prioritized execution-queues of transaction fragments
3. Enforce a strict serial order of conflicting fragments within an execution-queue

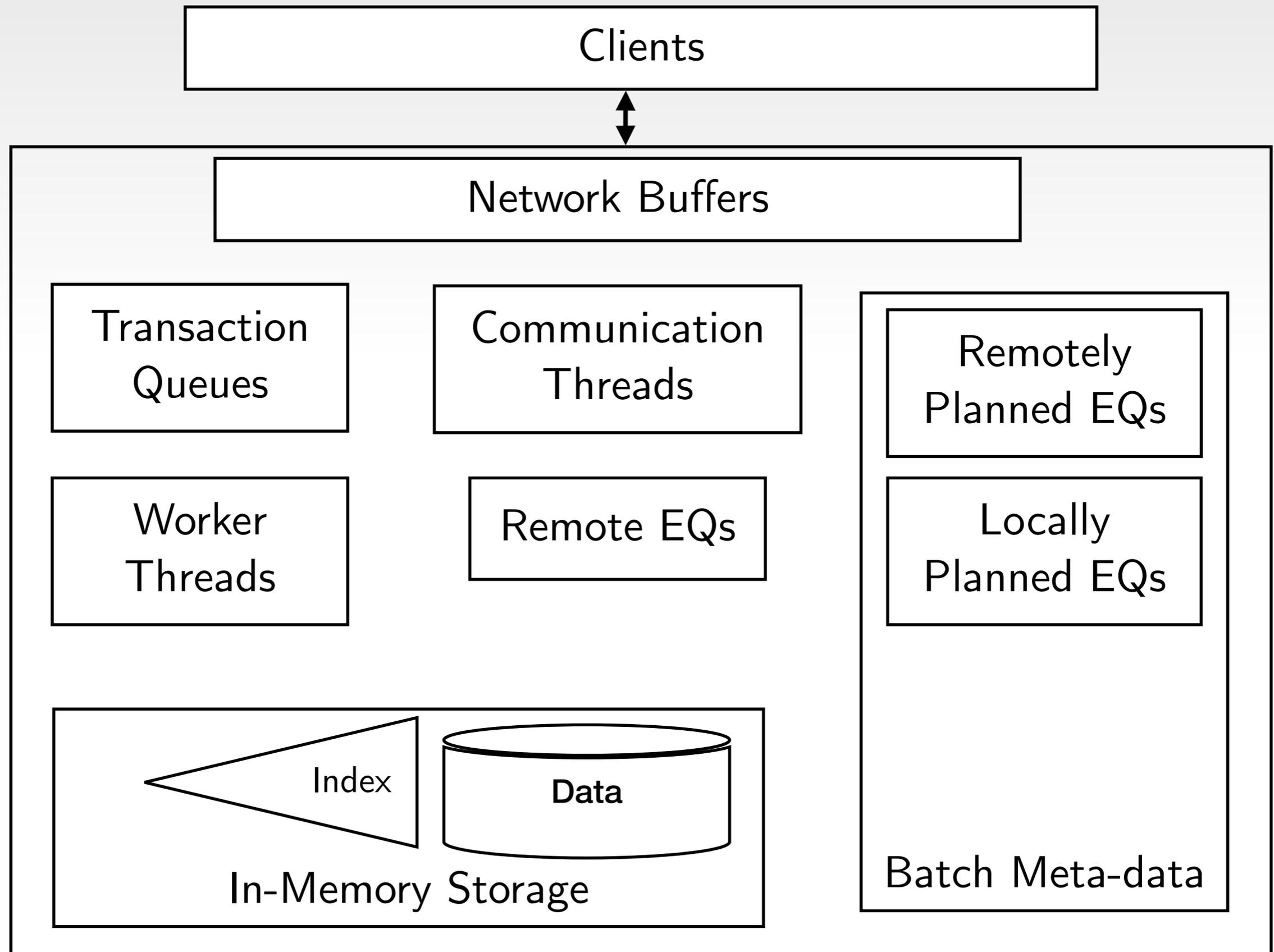
## Execution Phase

Process queues while maintaining the **global execution priority invariant**:

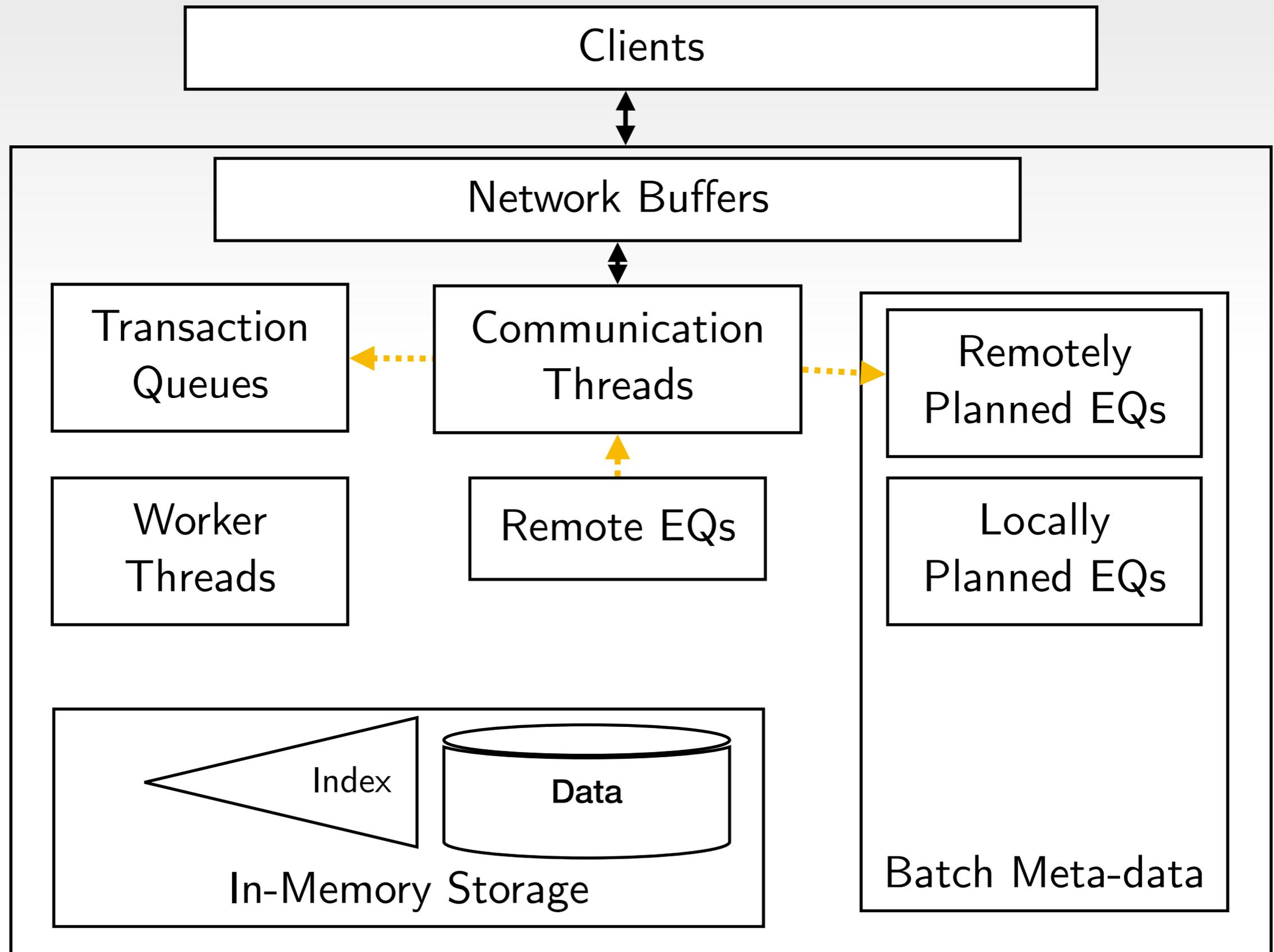
*Operations belonging to higher priority execution-queues must always be executed before executing any conflicting lower priority operations.*



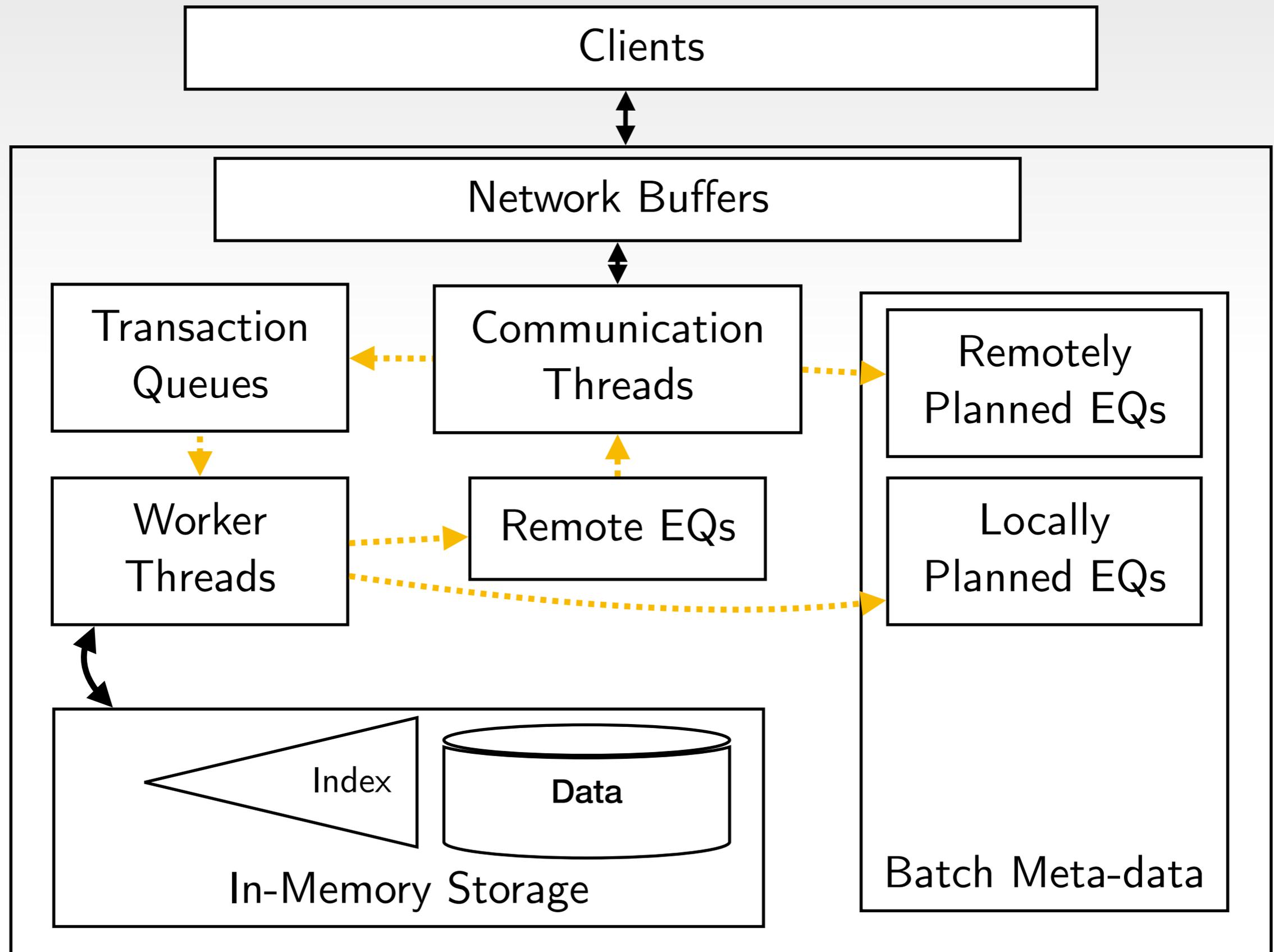
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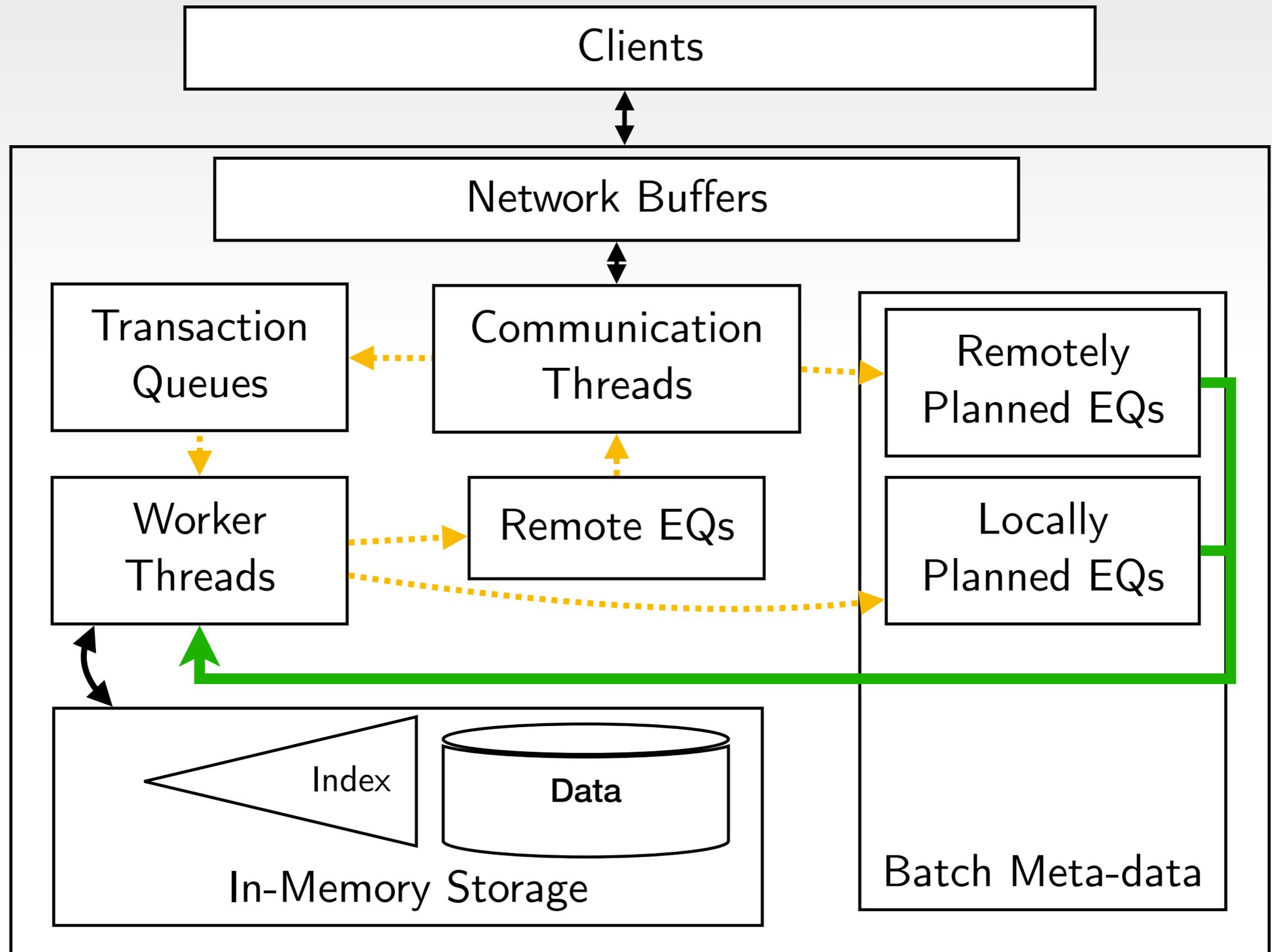
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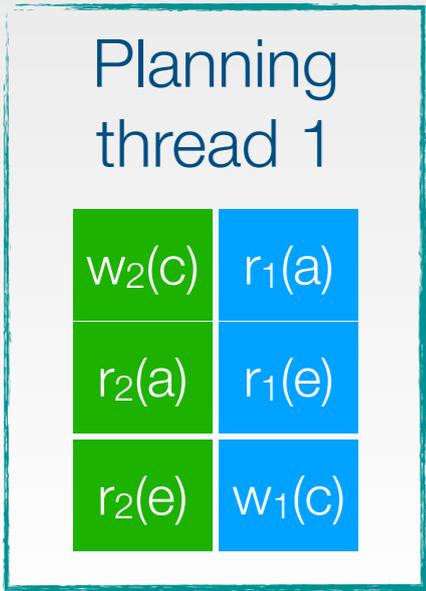
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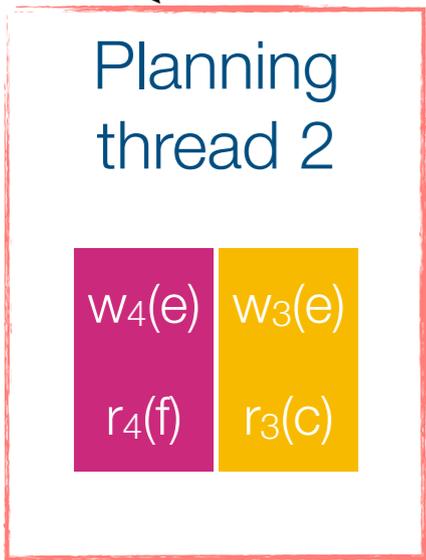
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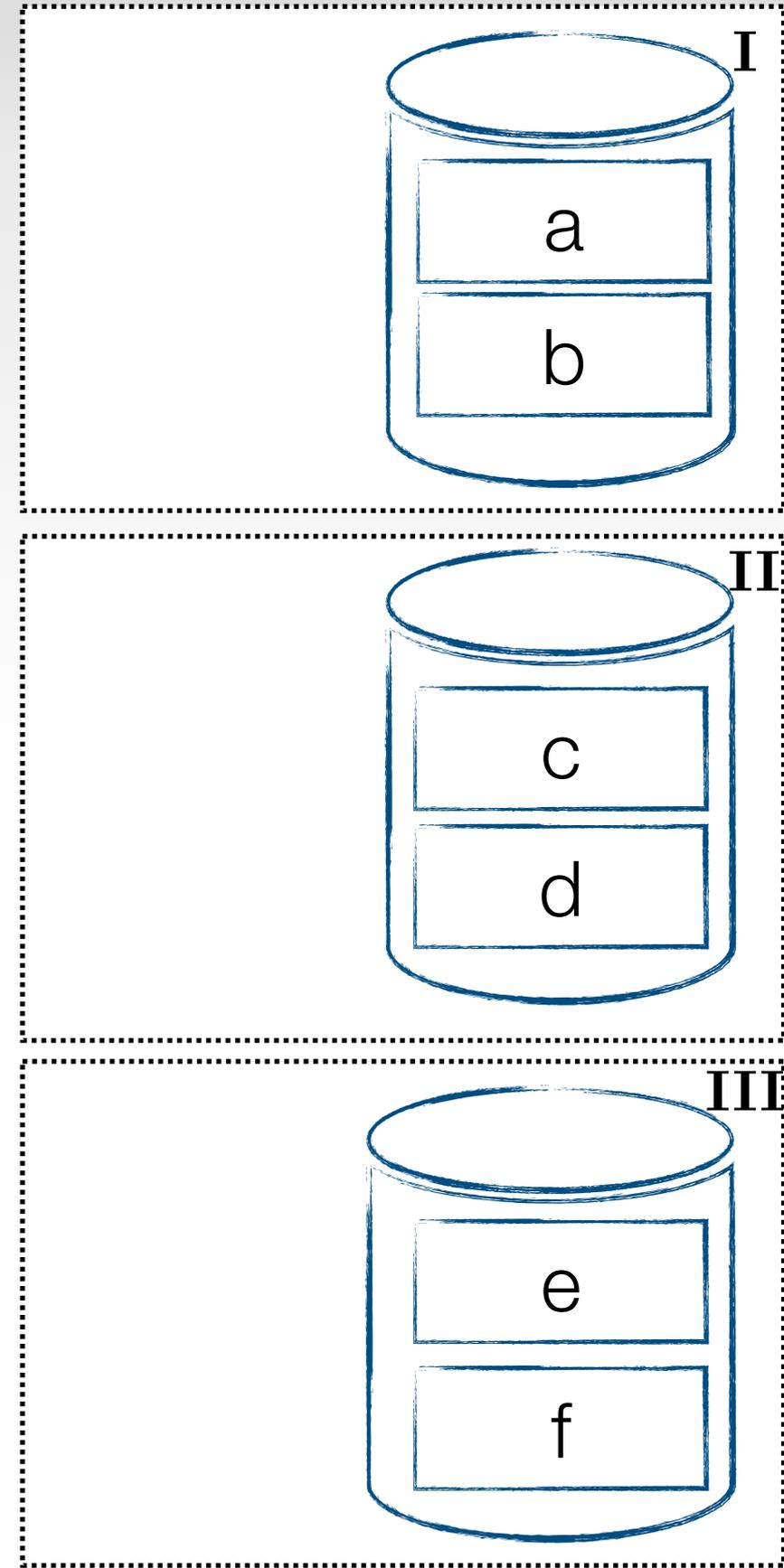
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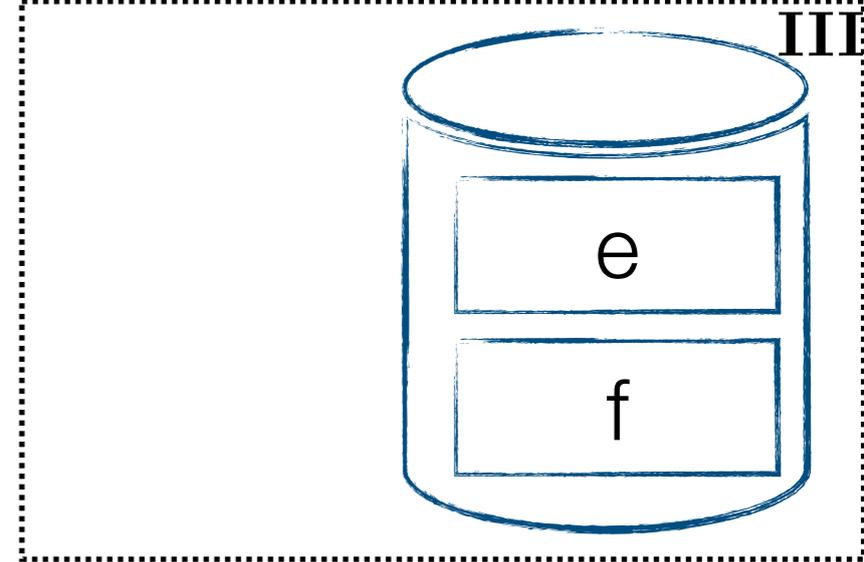
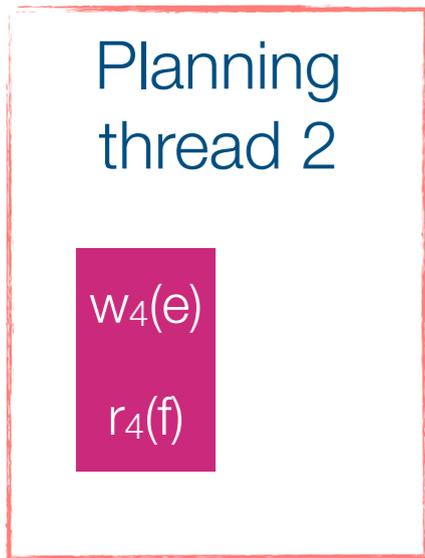
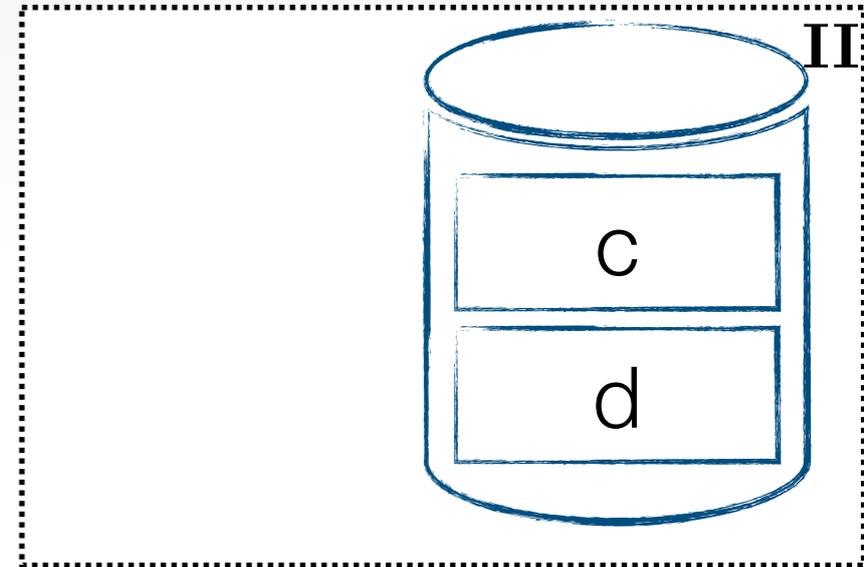
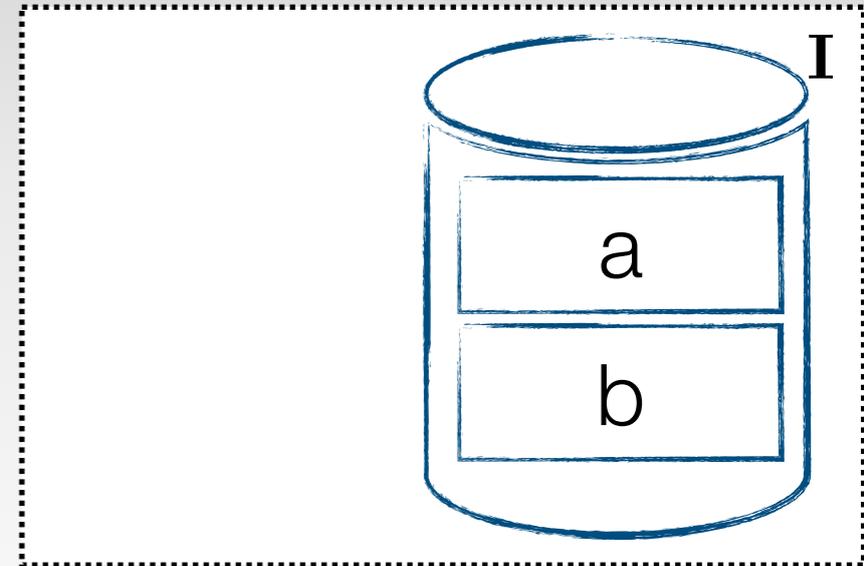
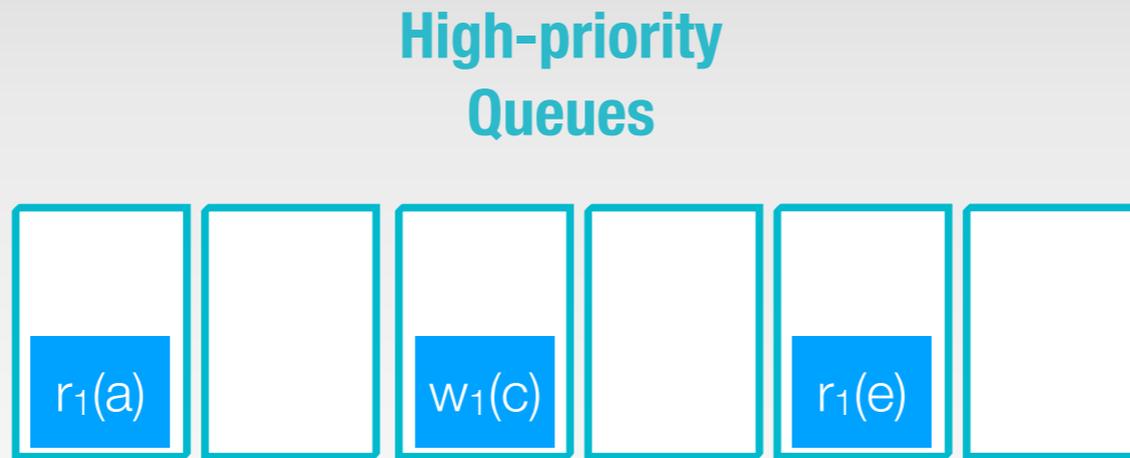
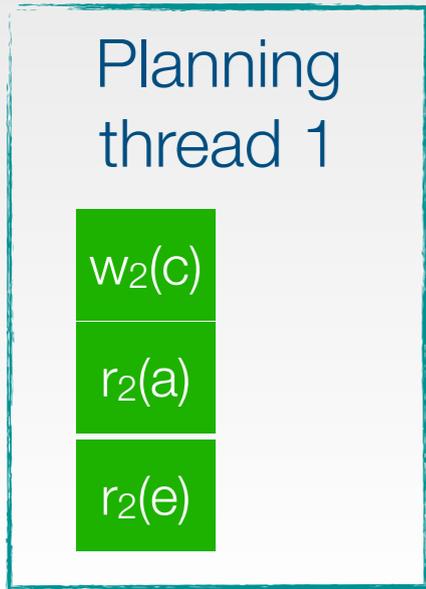
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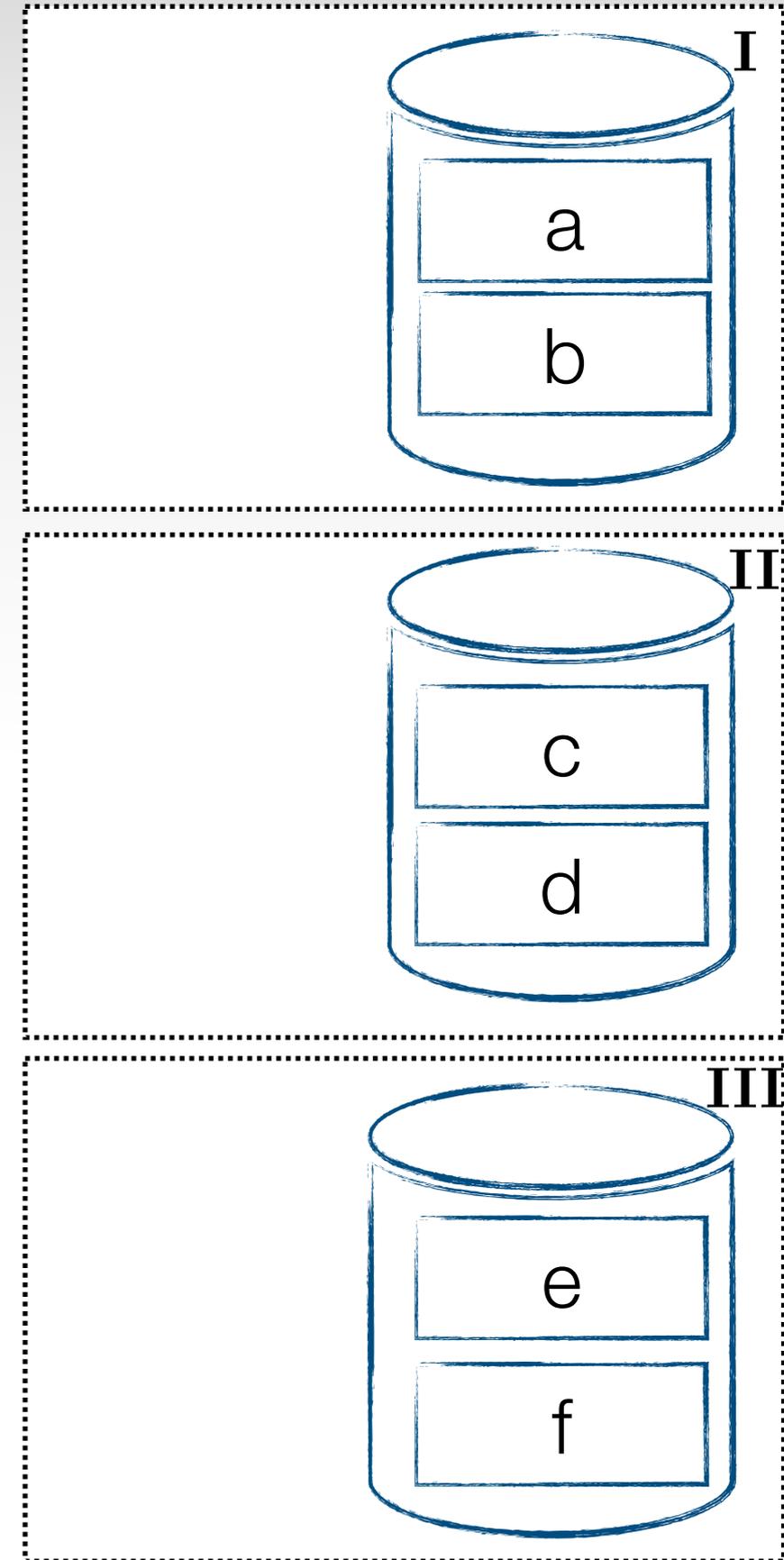
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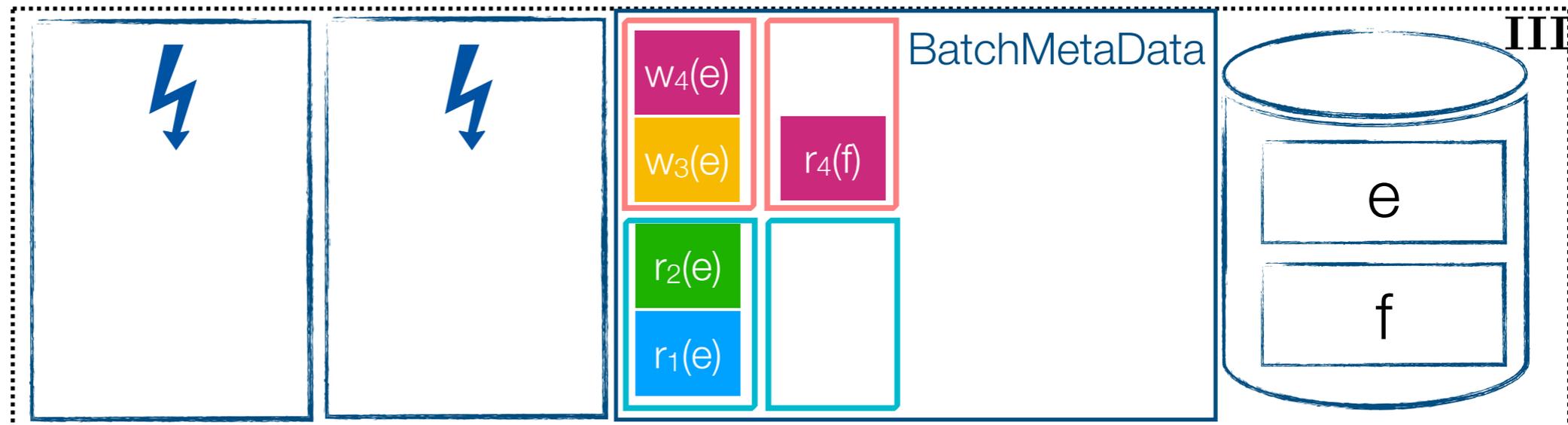
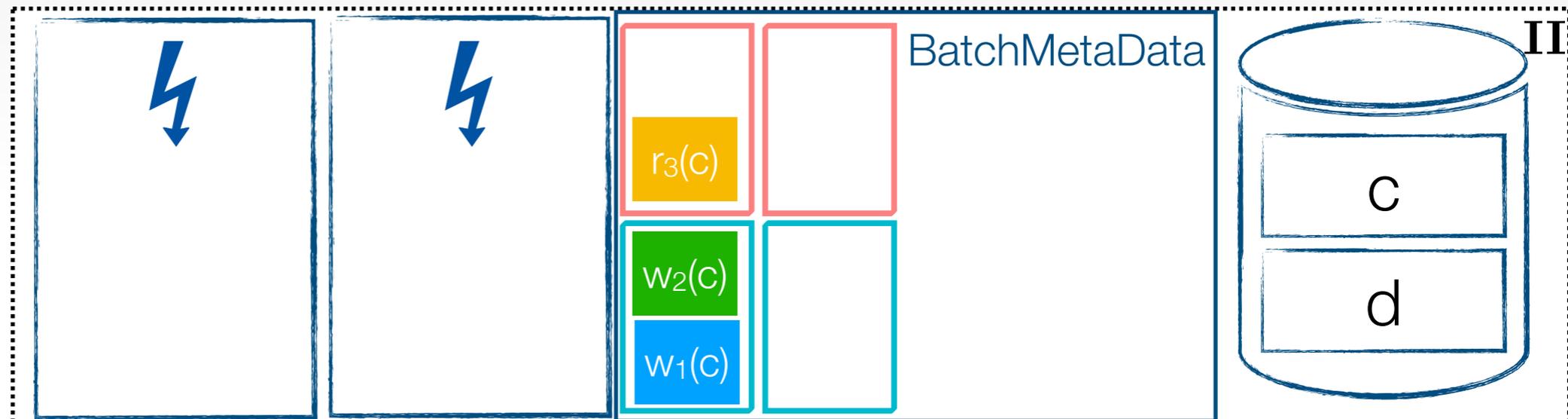
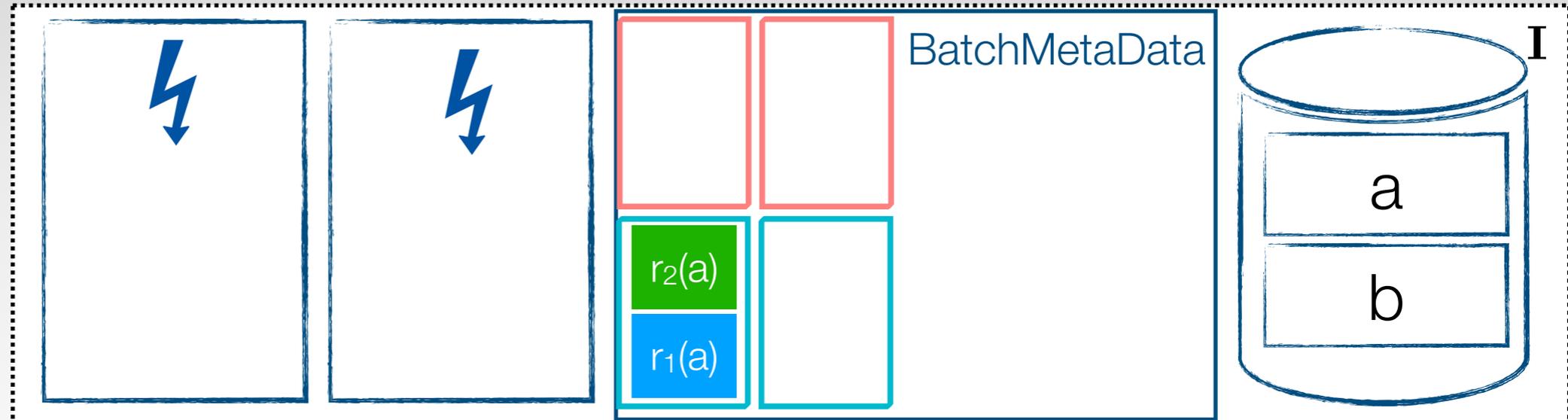


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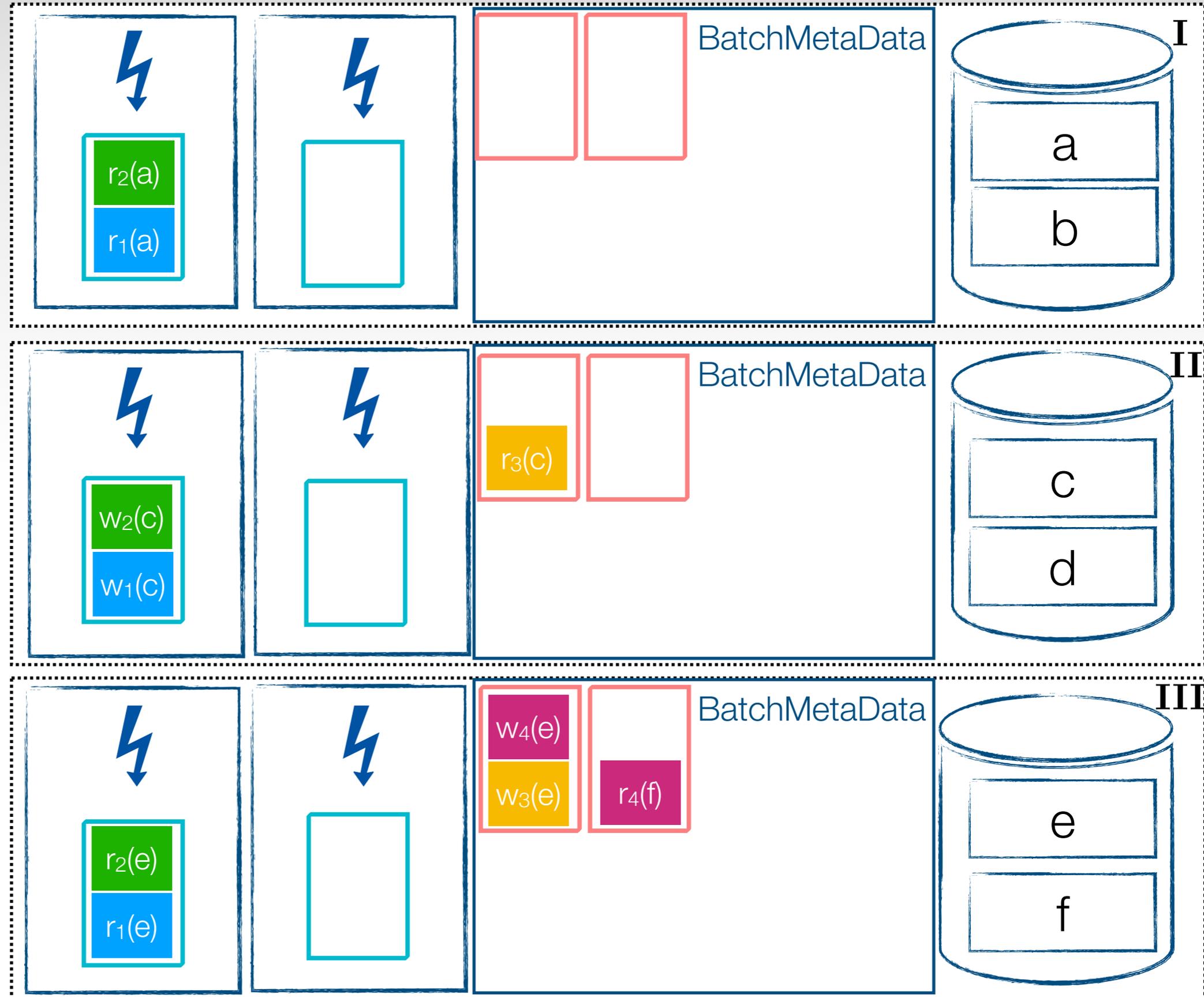
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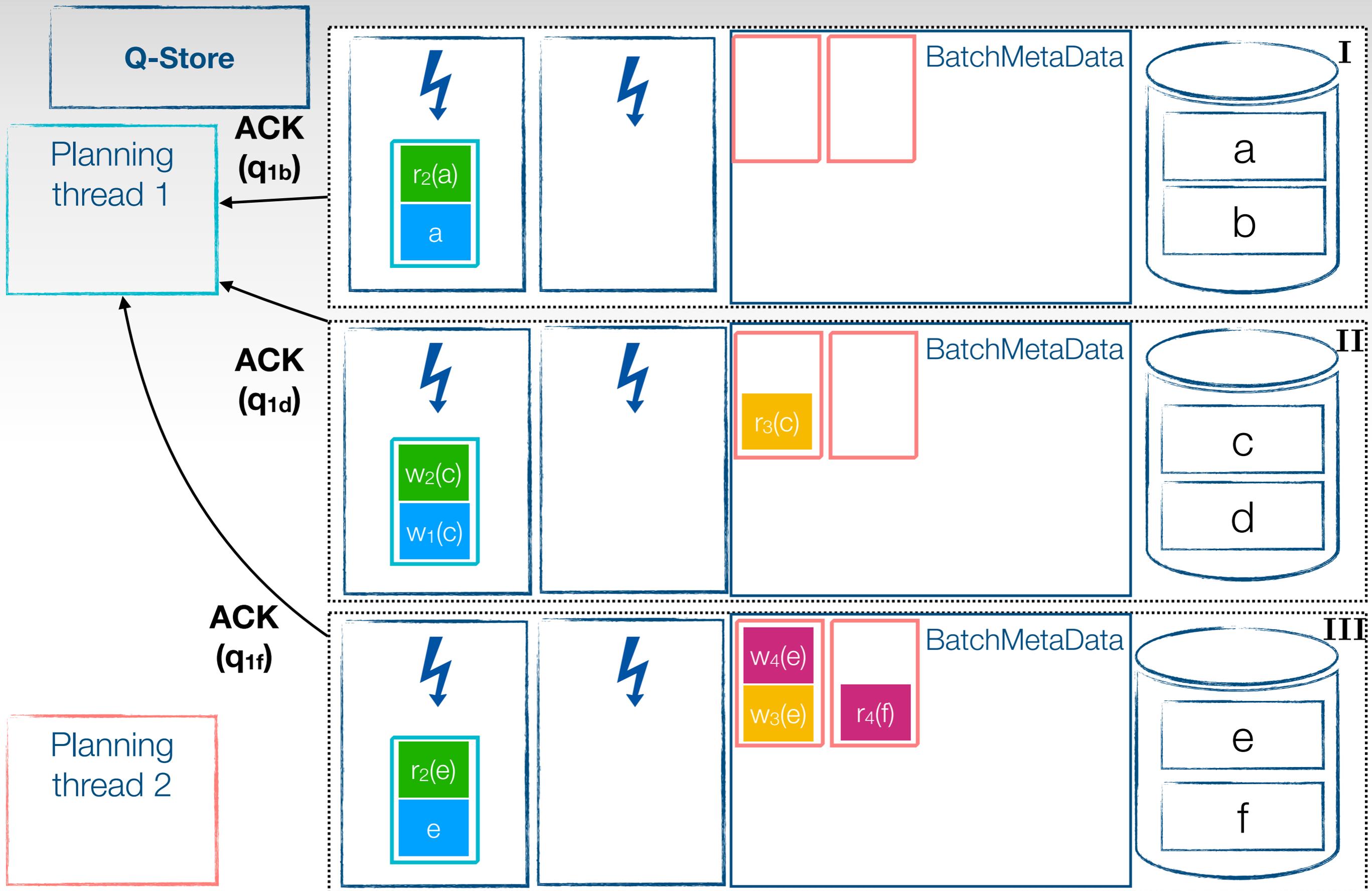
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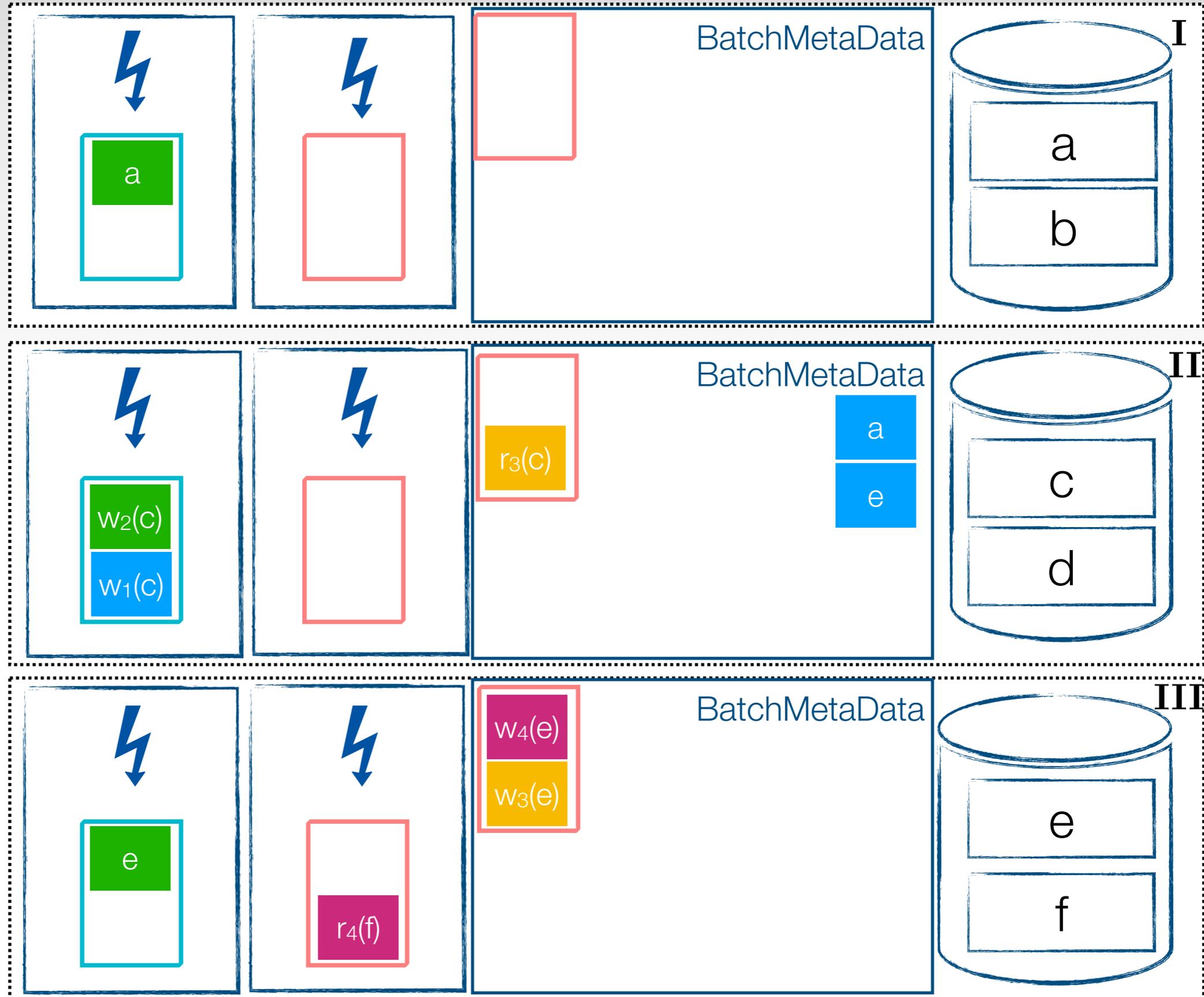


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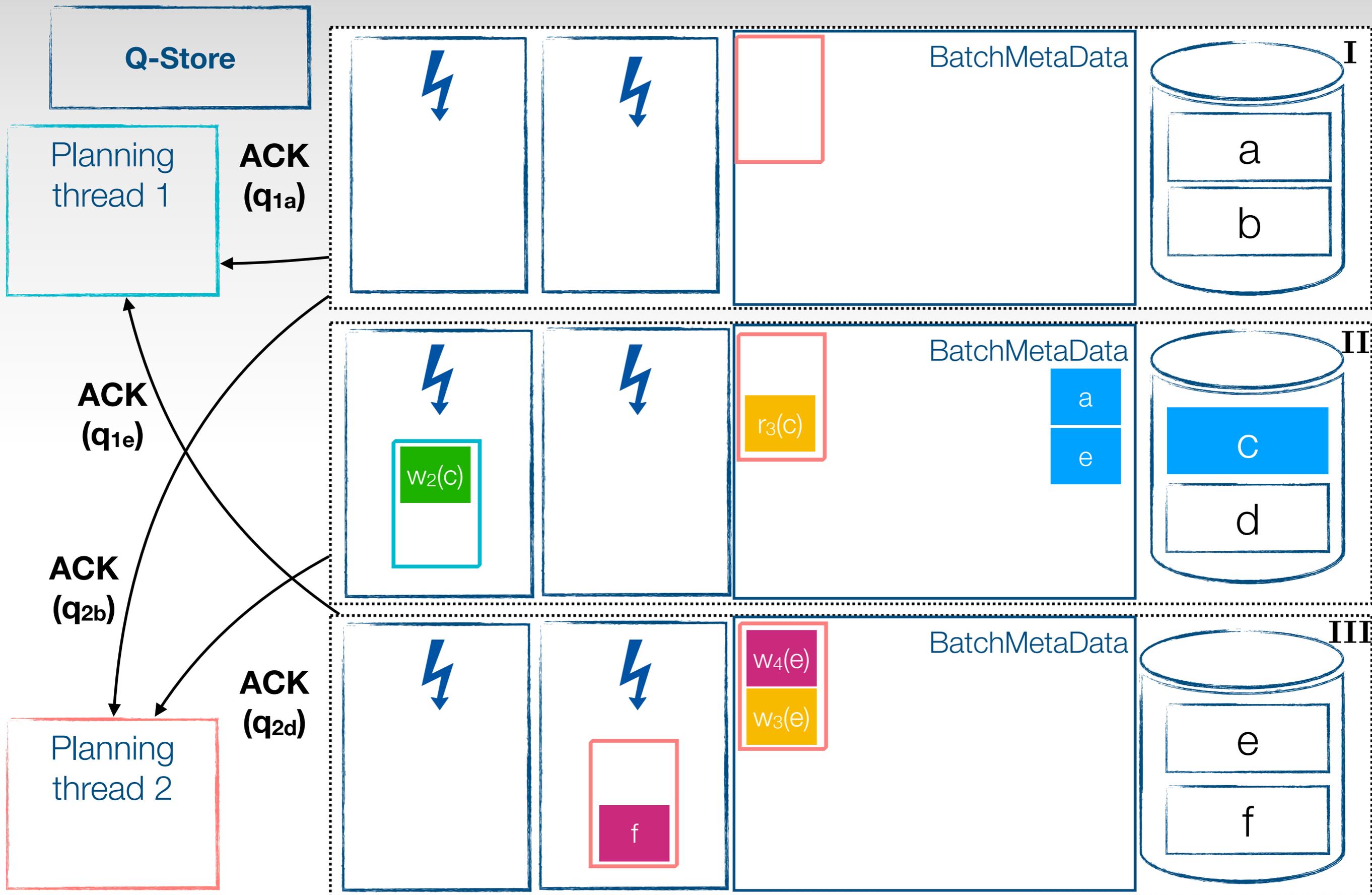


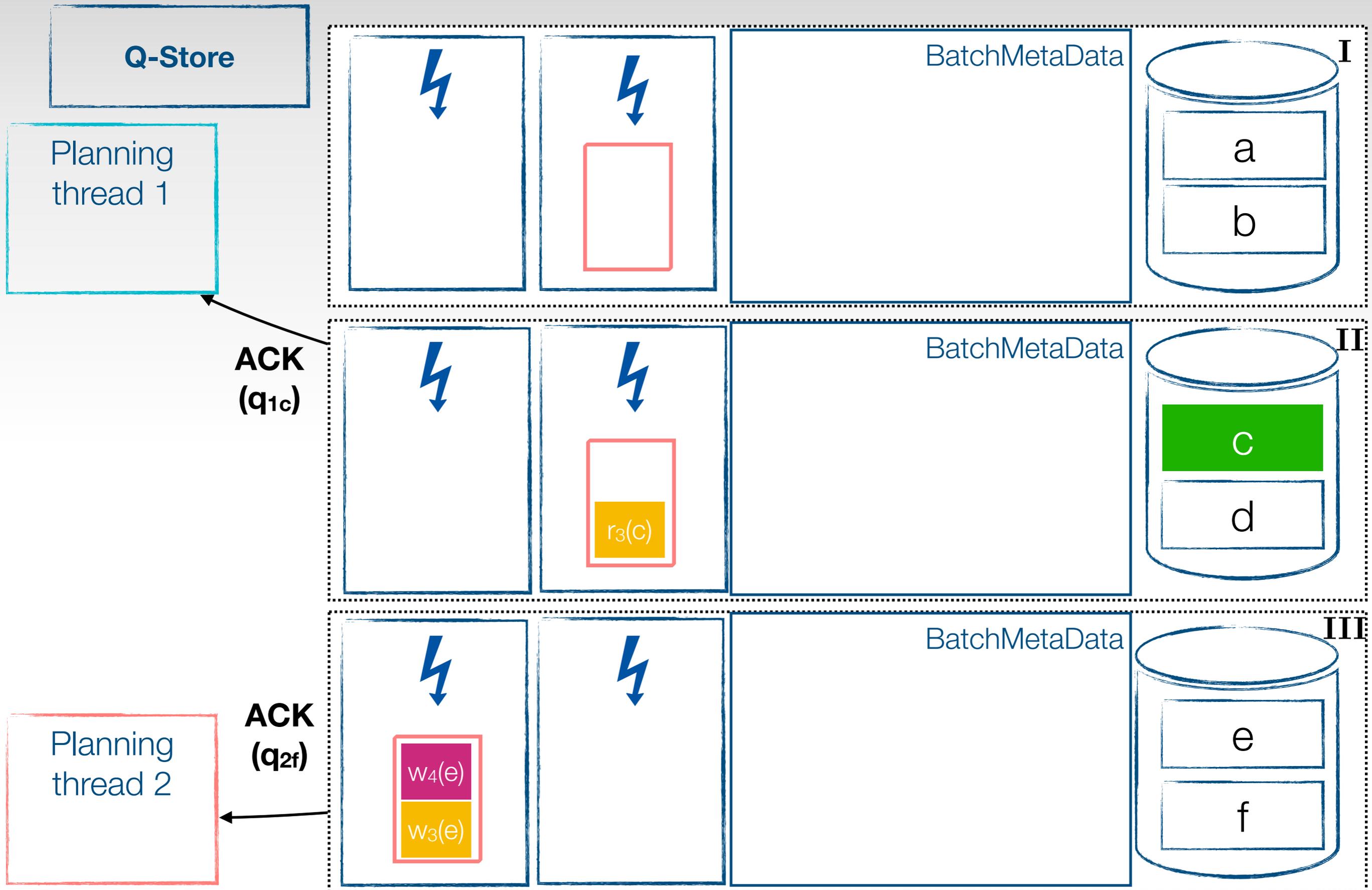
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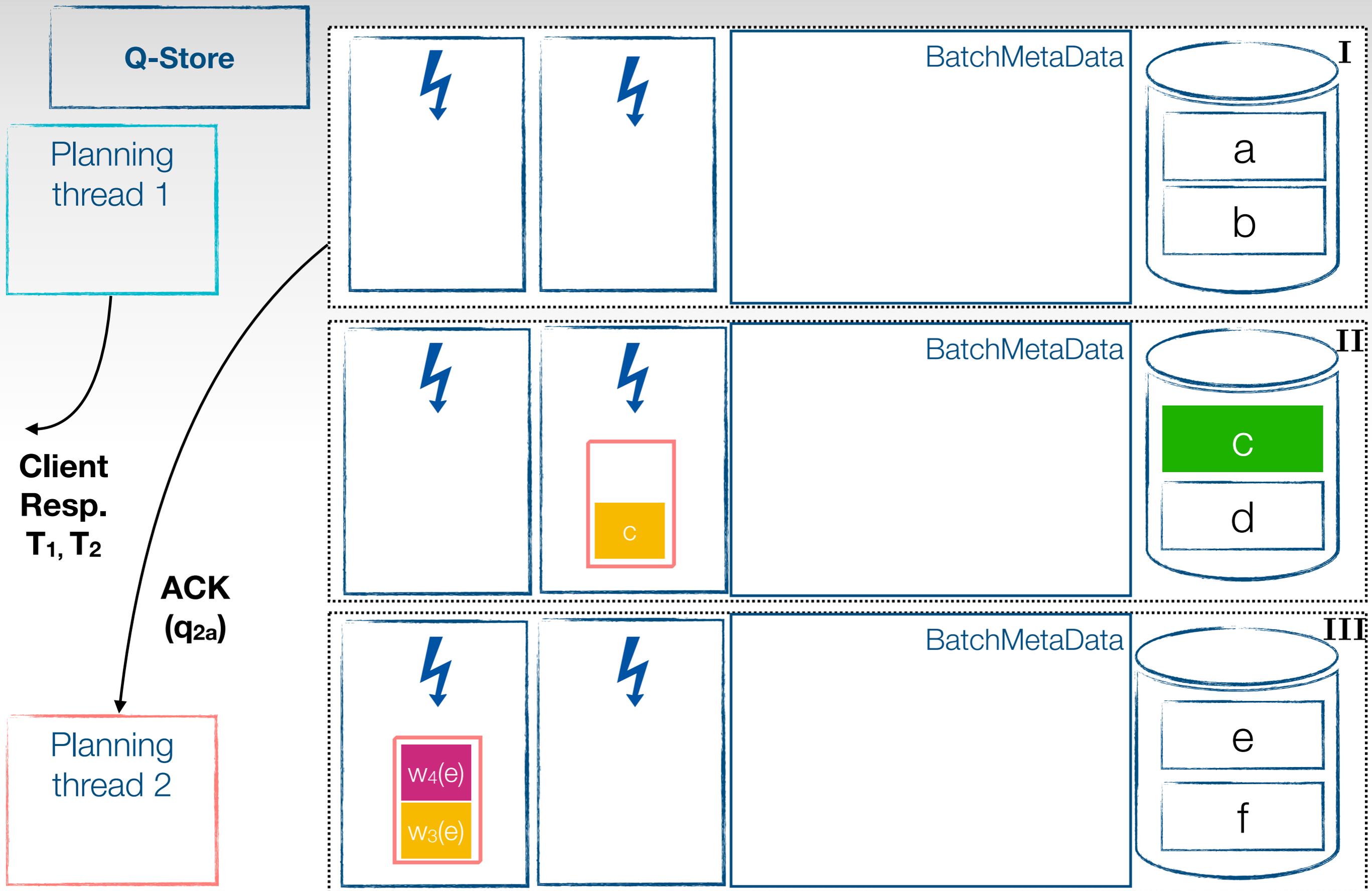
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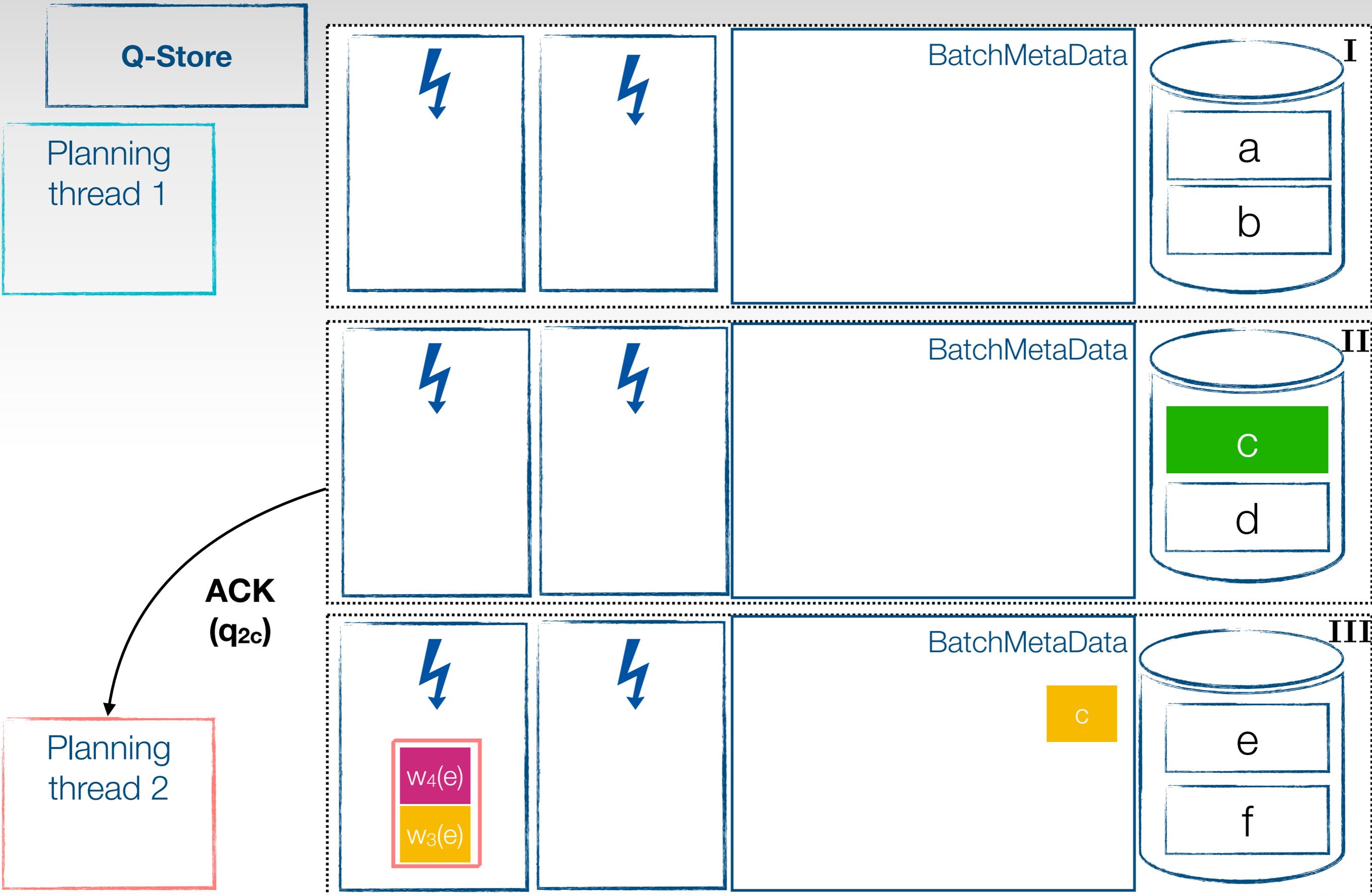


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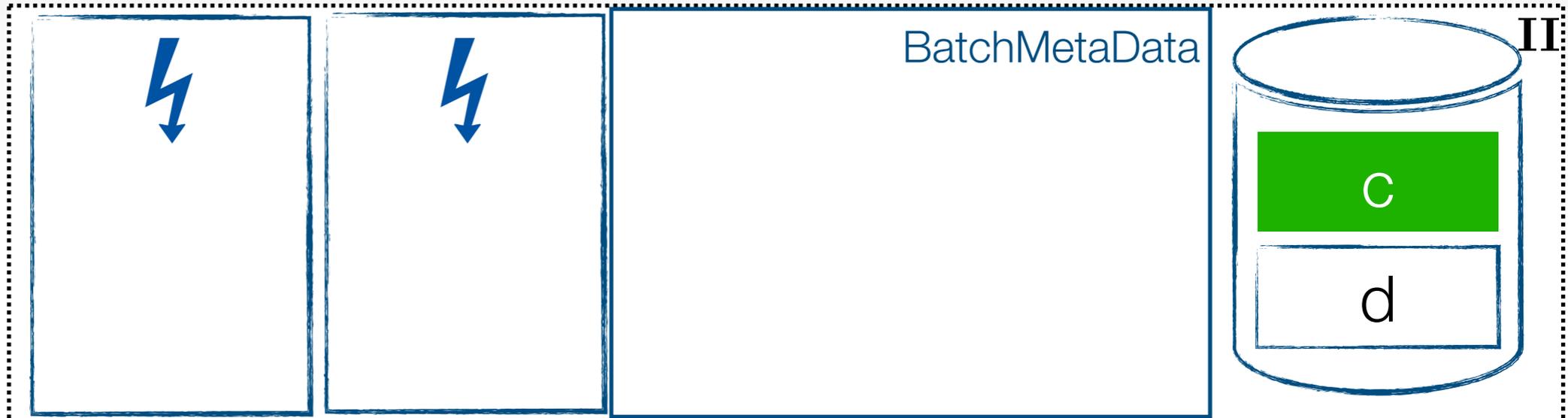
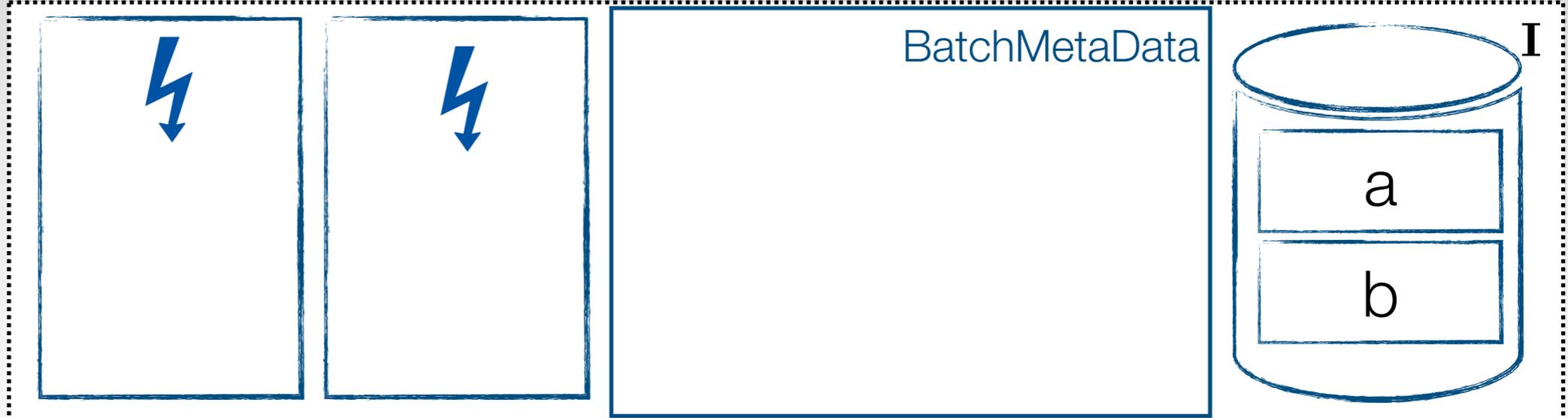




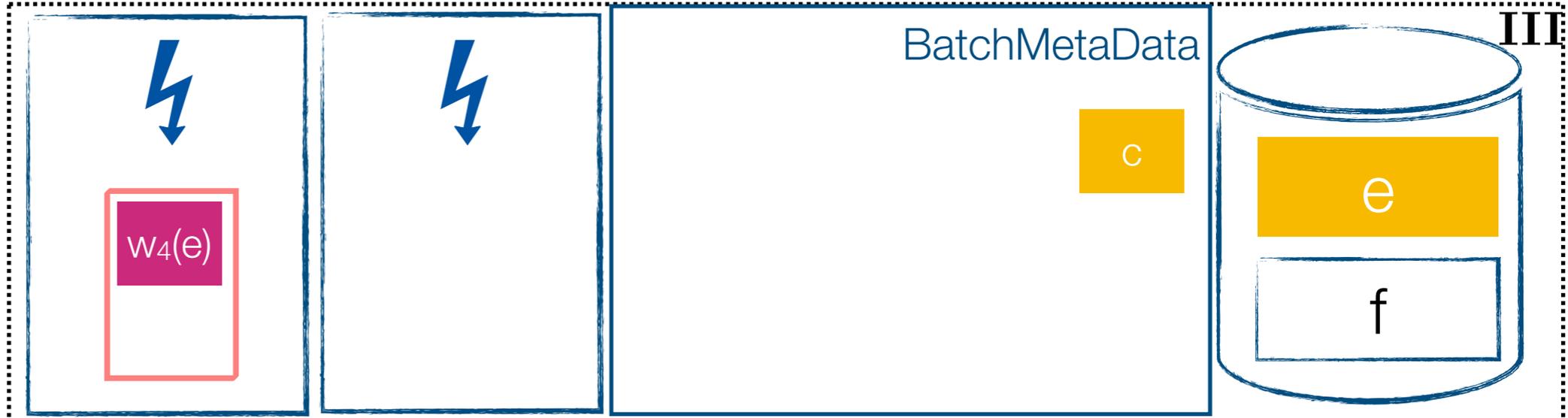


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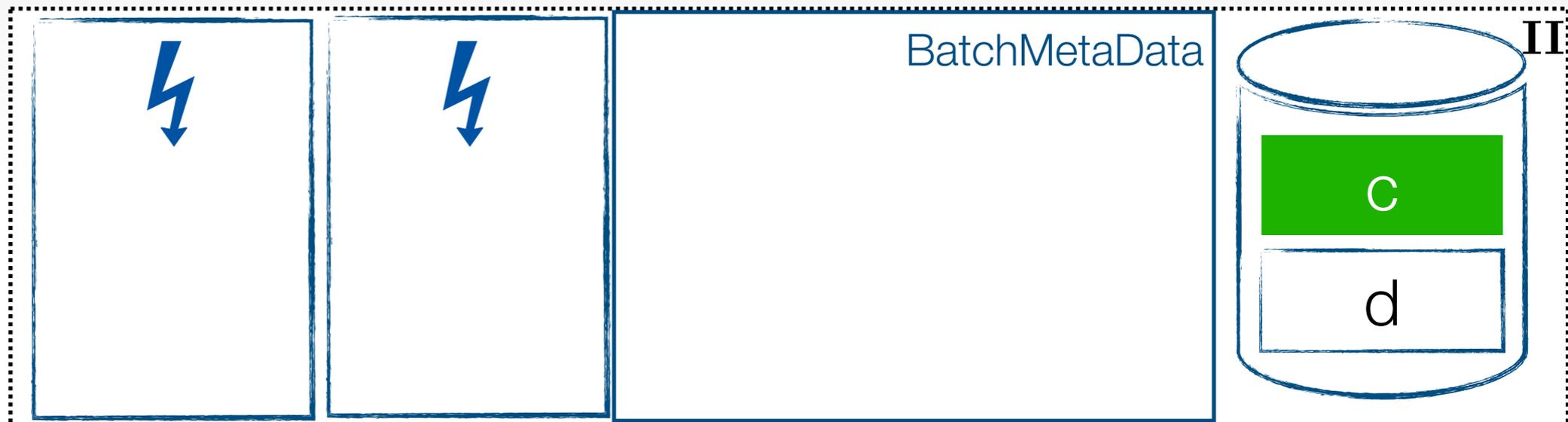
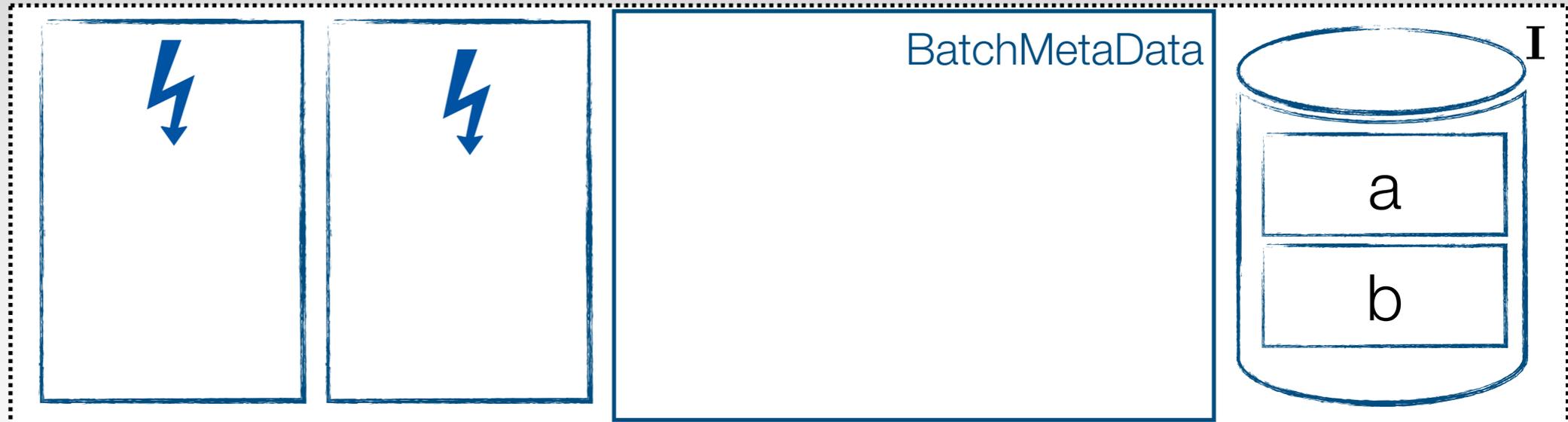


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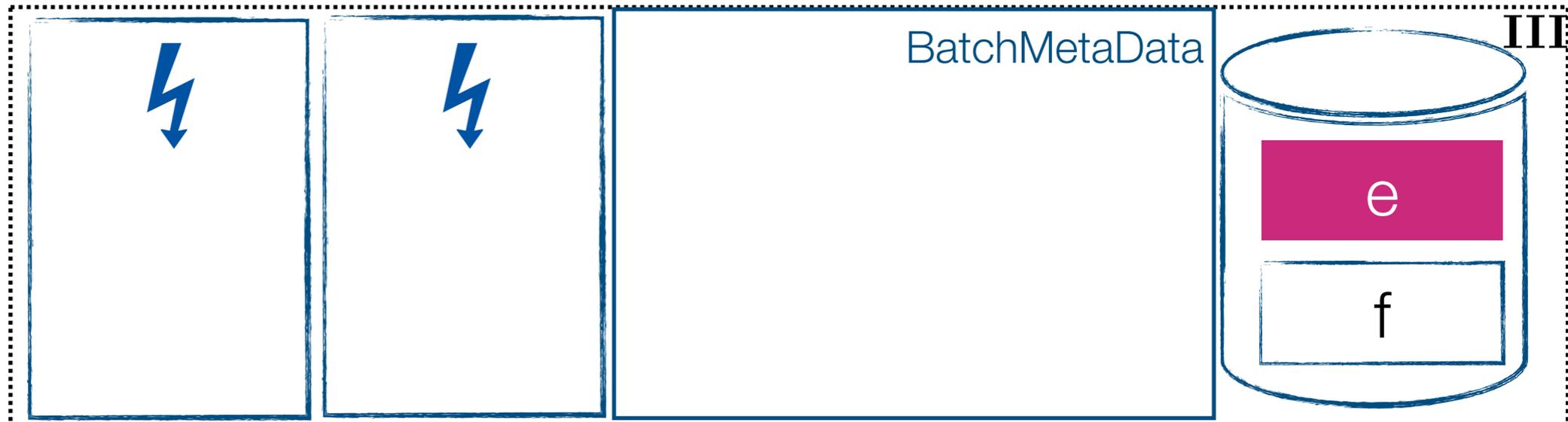


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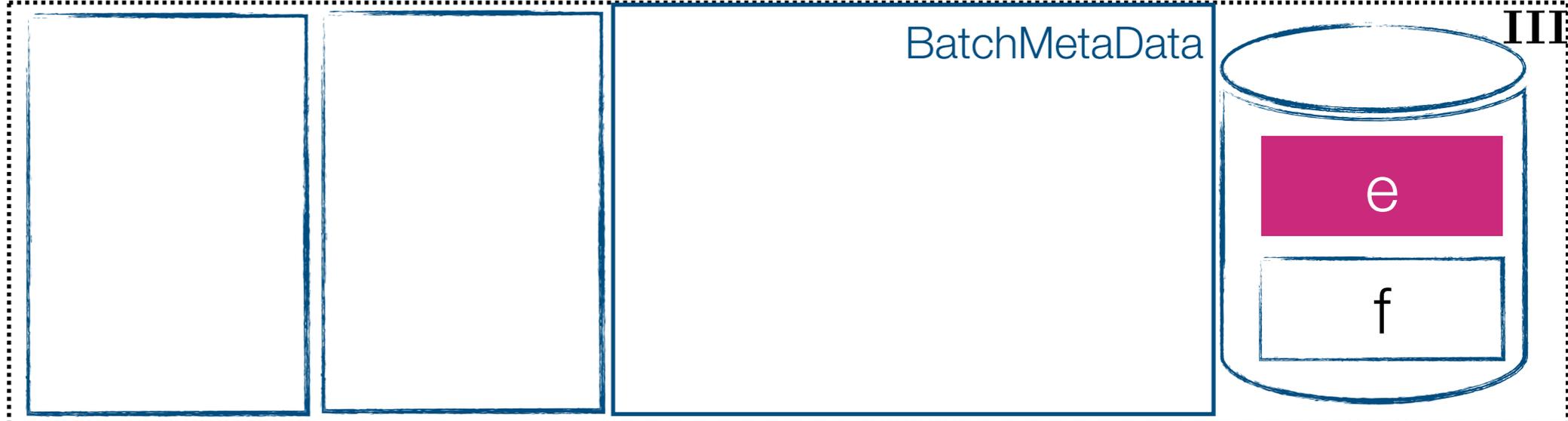
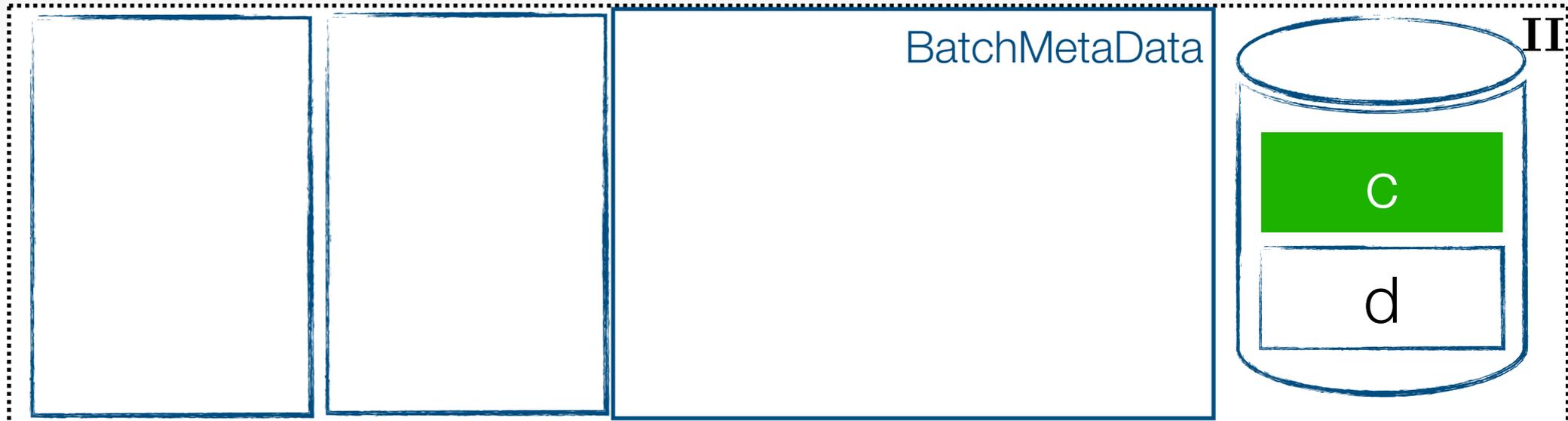
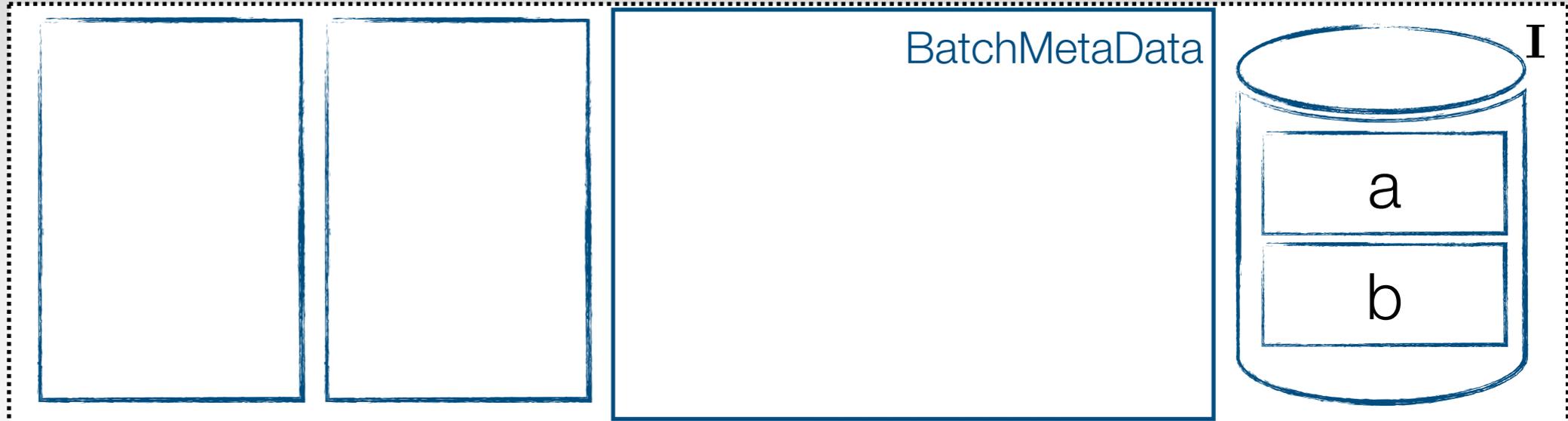
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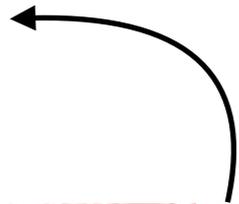
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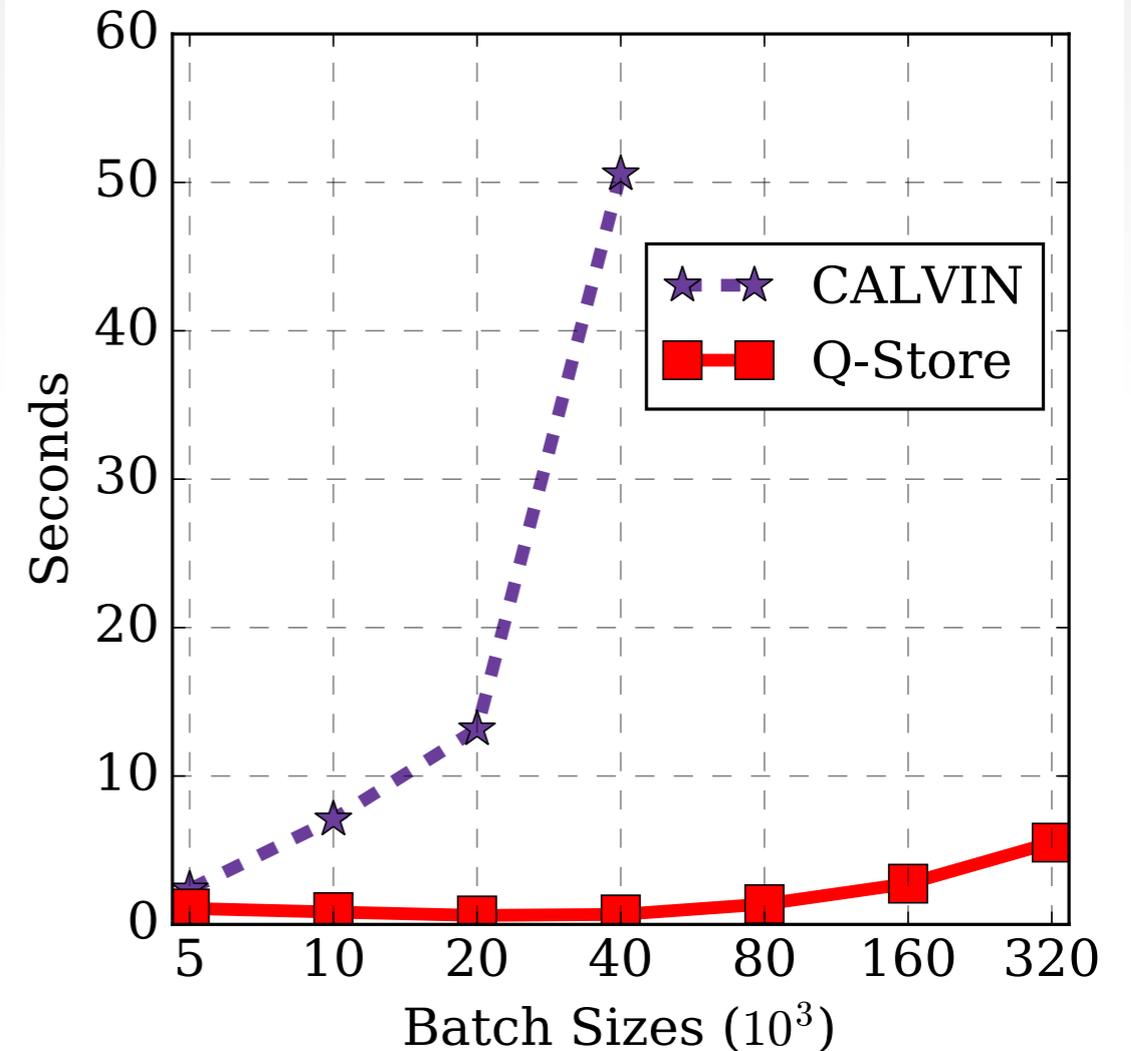
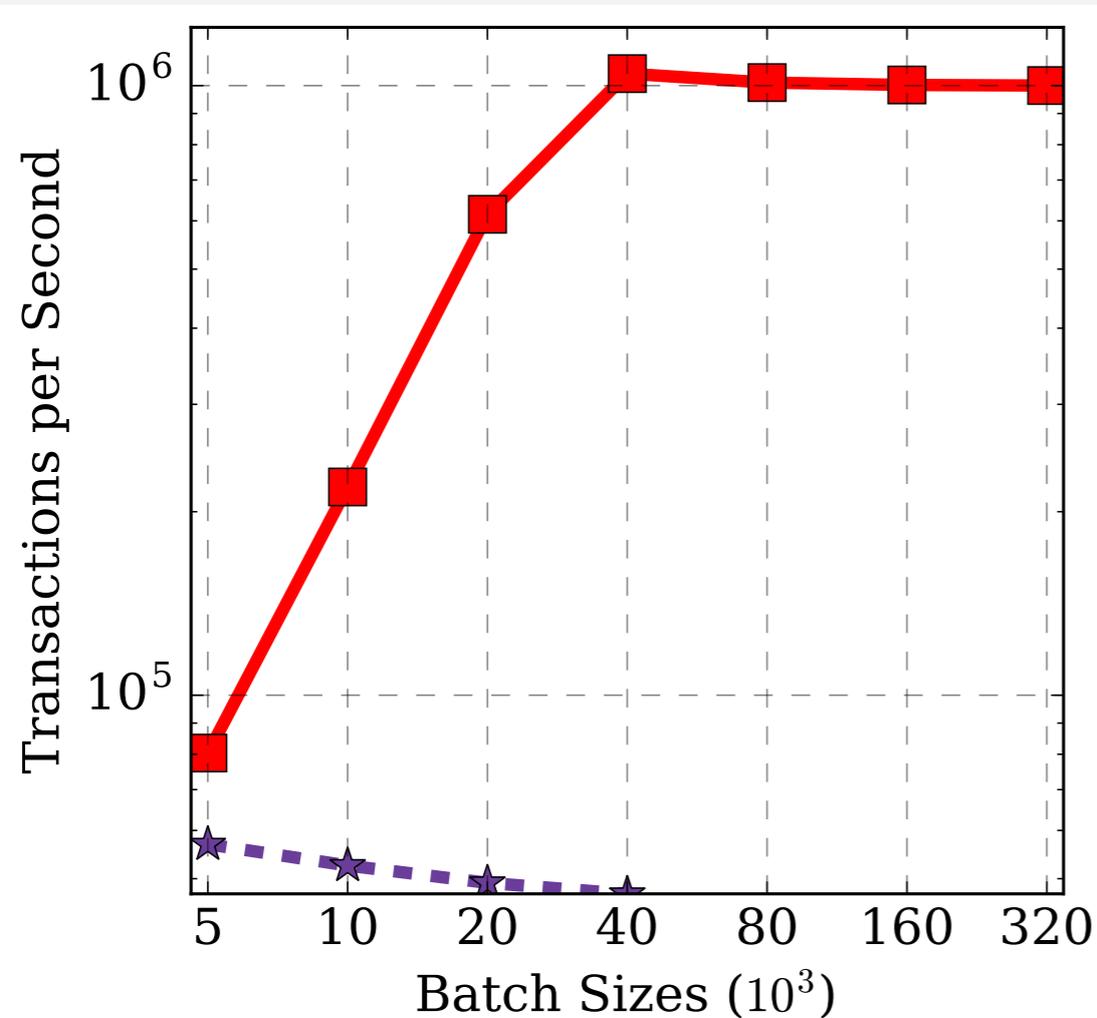
# Evaluation Environment



Hardware	32 (16 clients + 16 servers) AWS EC2 c5.2xlarge instances with: CPU: 8 vCPUs RAM: 16GB
Workload	YCSB: 1 table, RMW and Read-only operations, Uniform and Zipfian distribution TPC-C: 9 tables, Payment and NewOrder
Software	Operating System: Ubuntu LTS 16.04.3 Compiler: GCC with -O2 compiler optimizations

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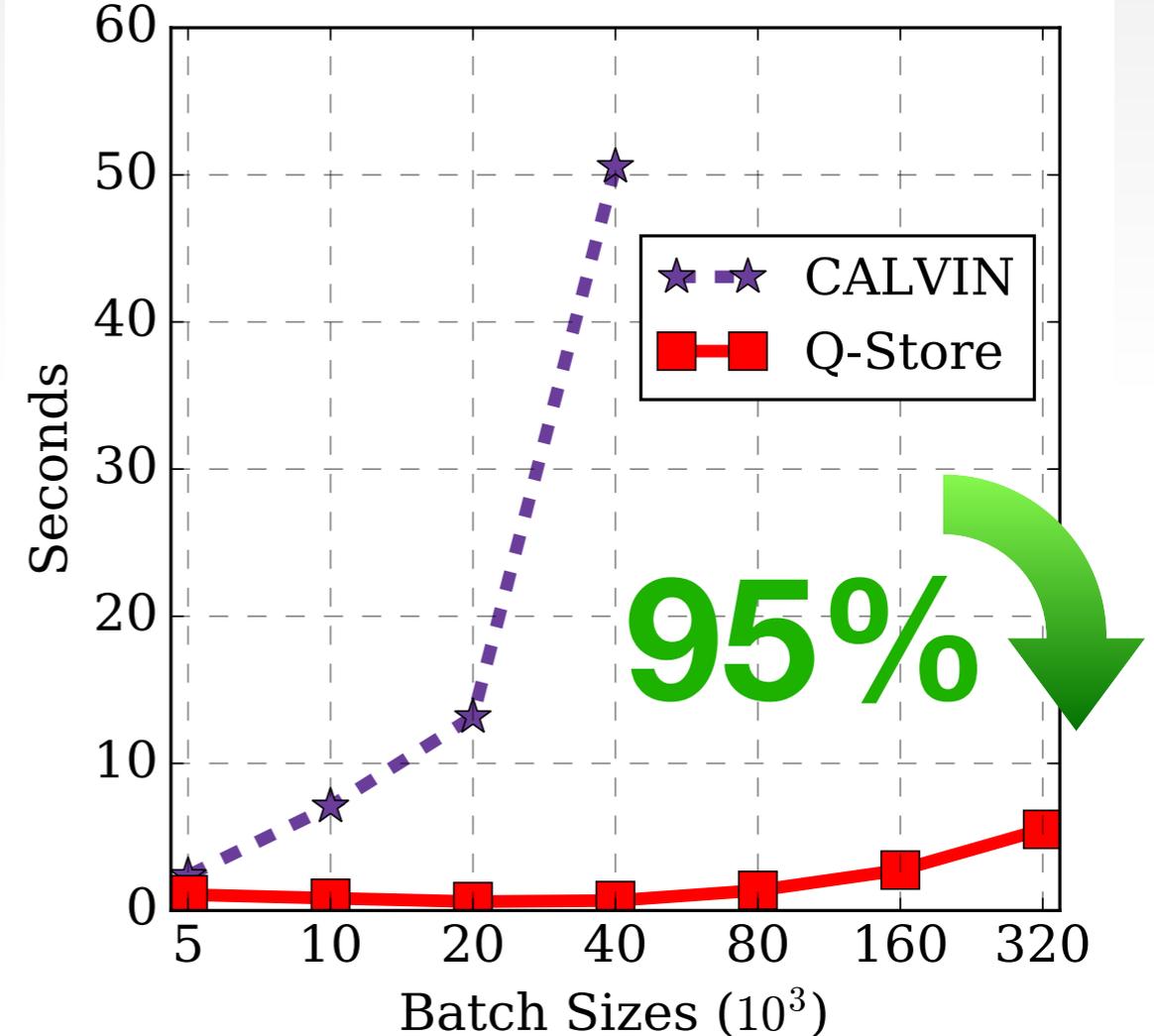
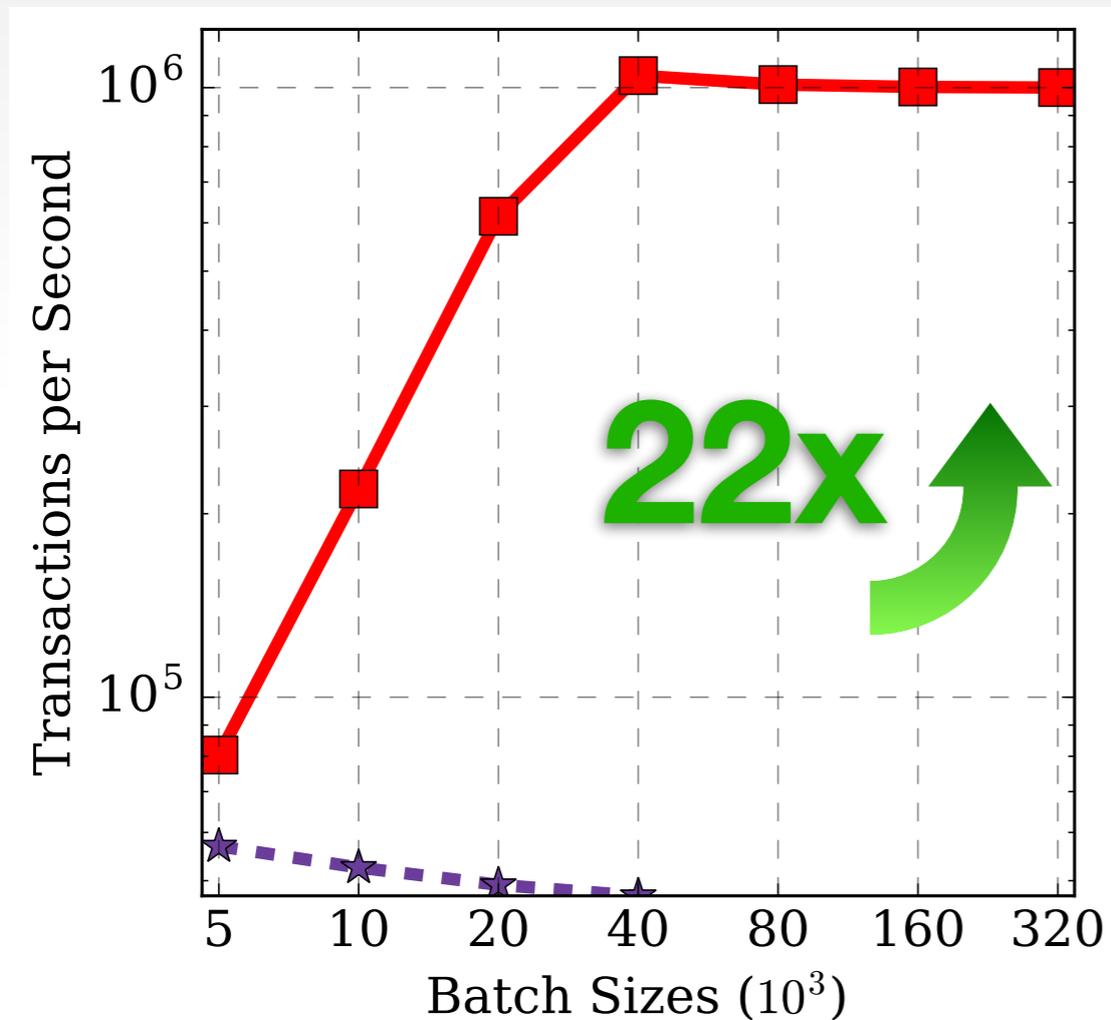
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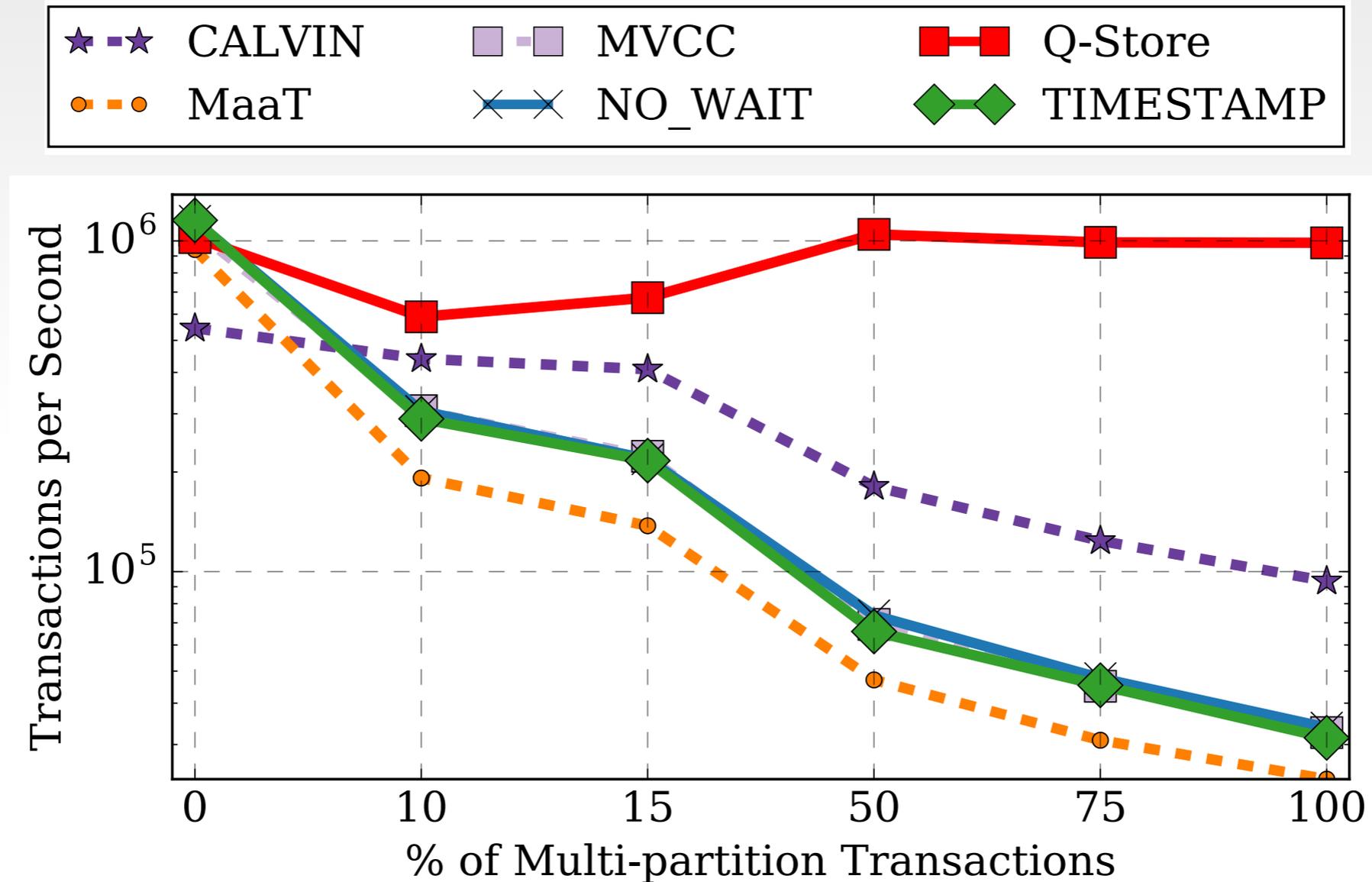
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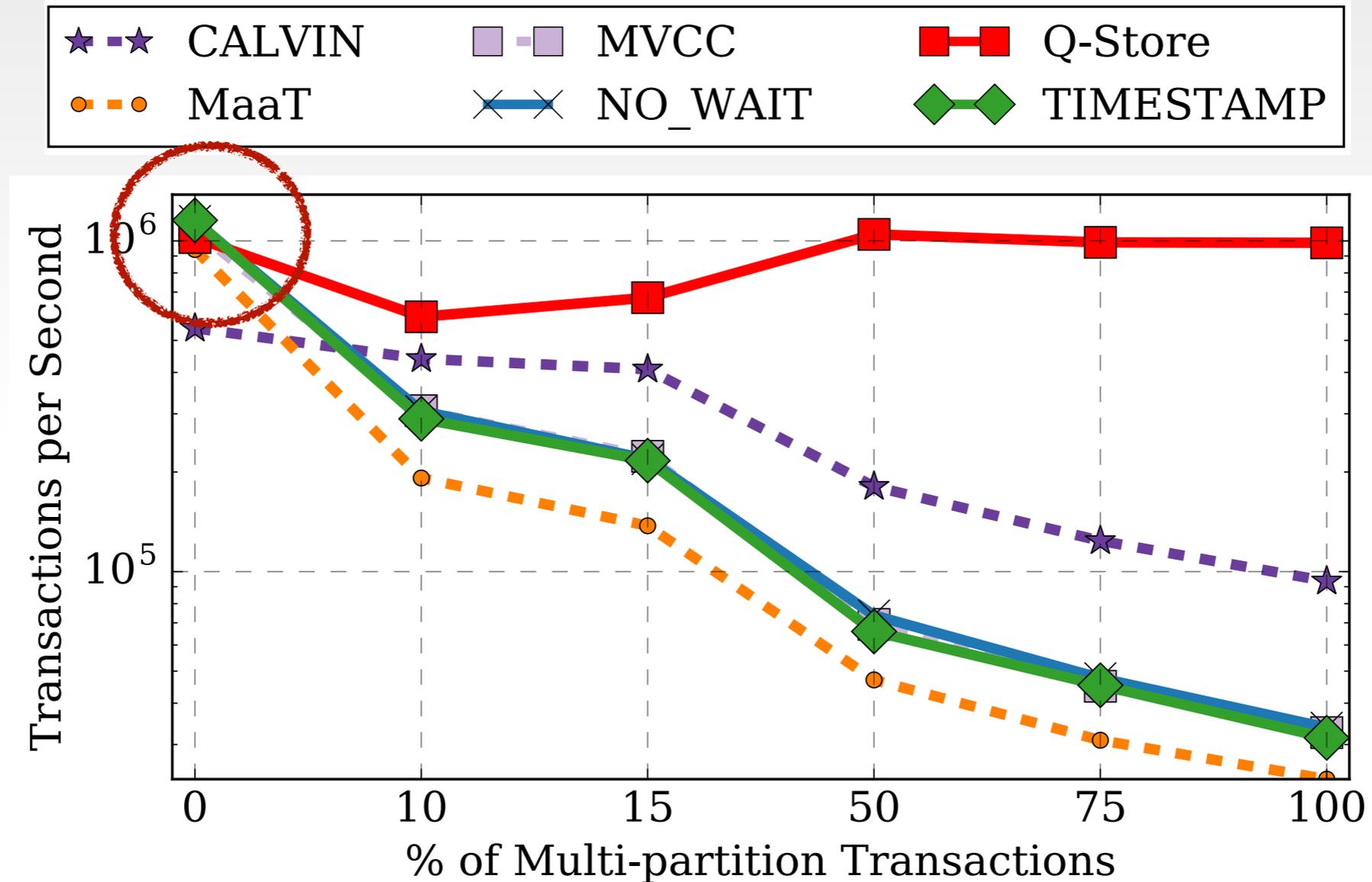
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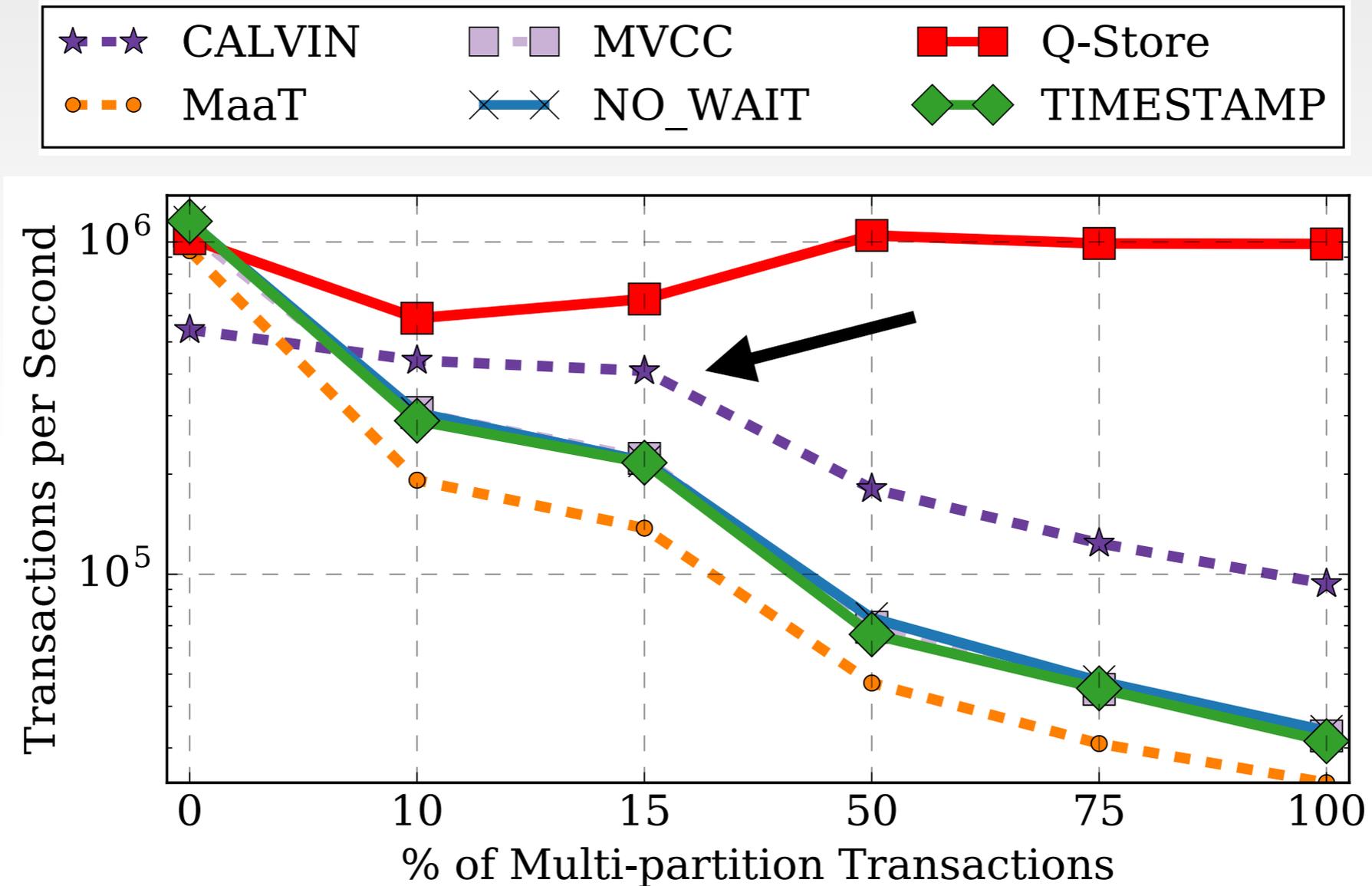
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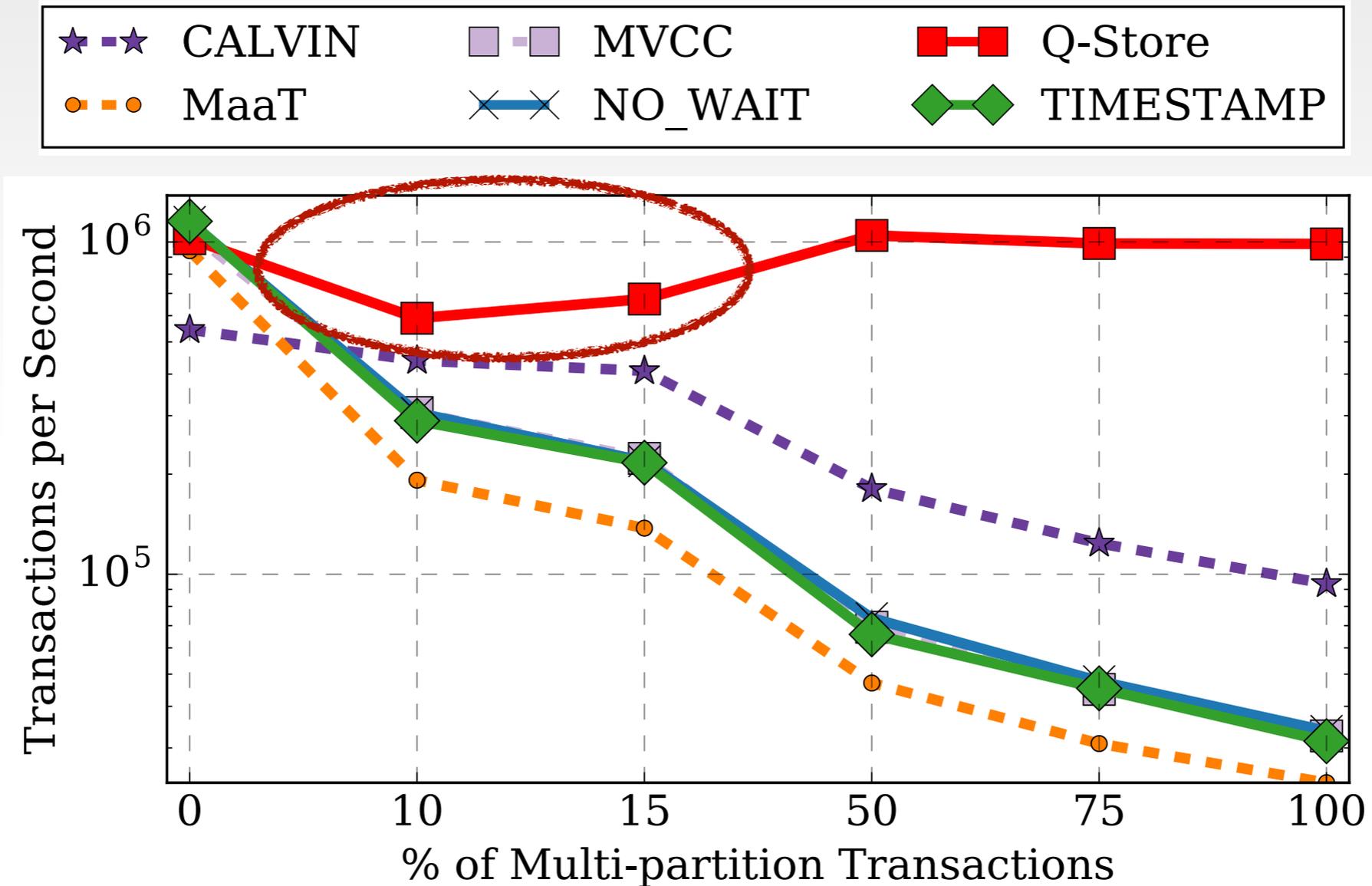
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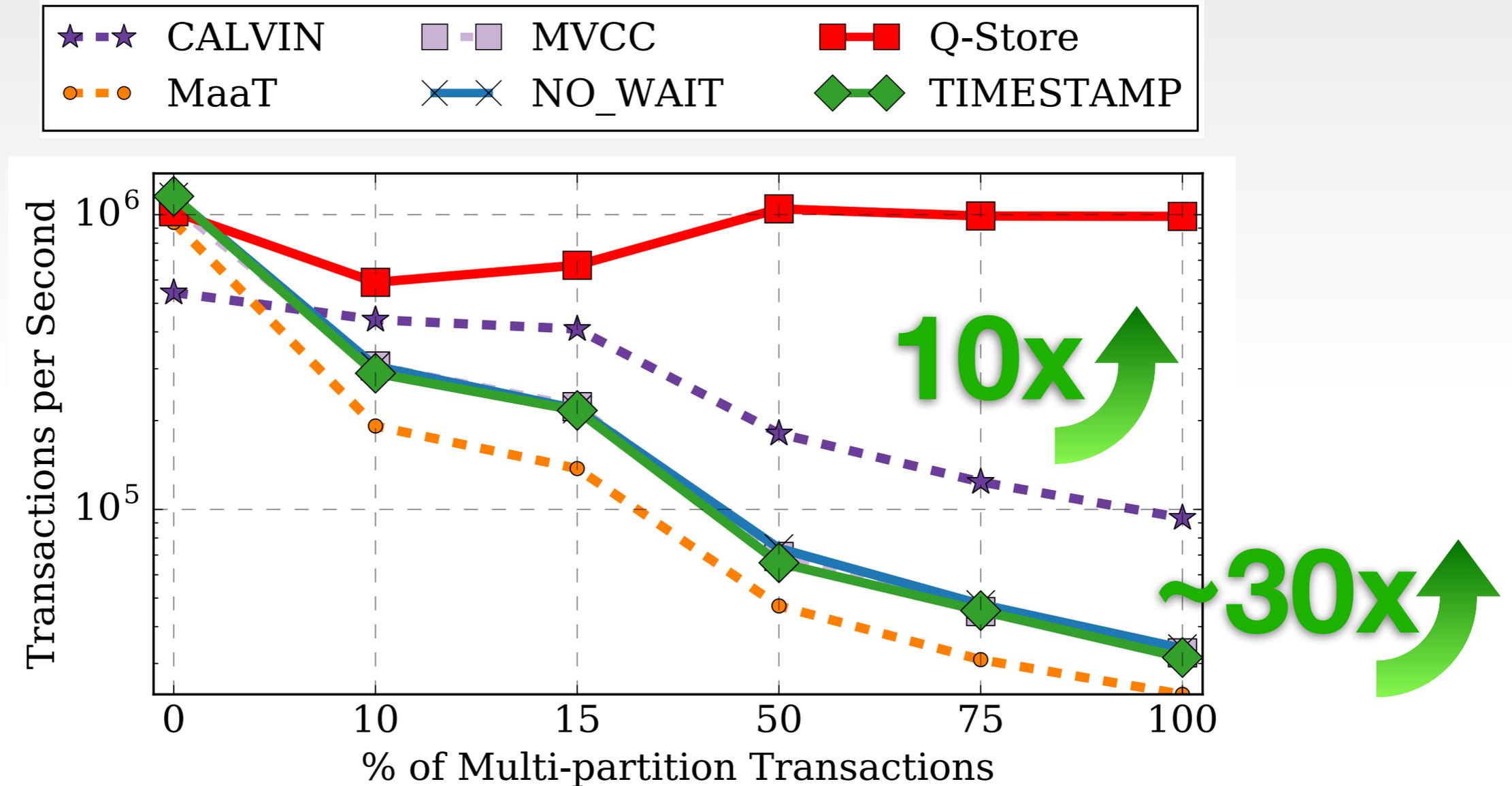


Calvin is sensitive to multi-partition transactions while Q-Store is not

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Best performance with multi-partition transactional workload

# Conclusions and Future Work

- We can **improve the performance and efficiency** of deterministic transaction processing by using **queue-oriented transaction processing principles**
- Q-Store improves system throughput over Calvin by **up to 22x**
- Q-Store improves system throughput over non-deterministic protocols by **up to two orders of magnitude**
- Future work include studying and developing **queue-oriented protocols for byzantine fault-tolerance in database systems**