Better Code: Concurrency

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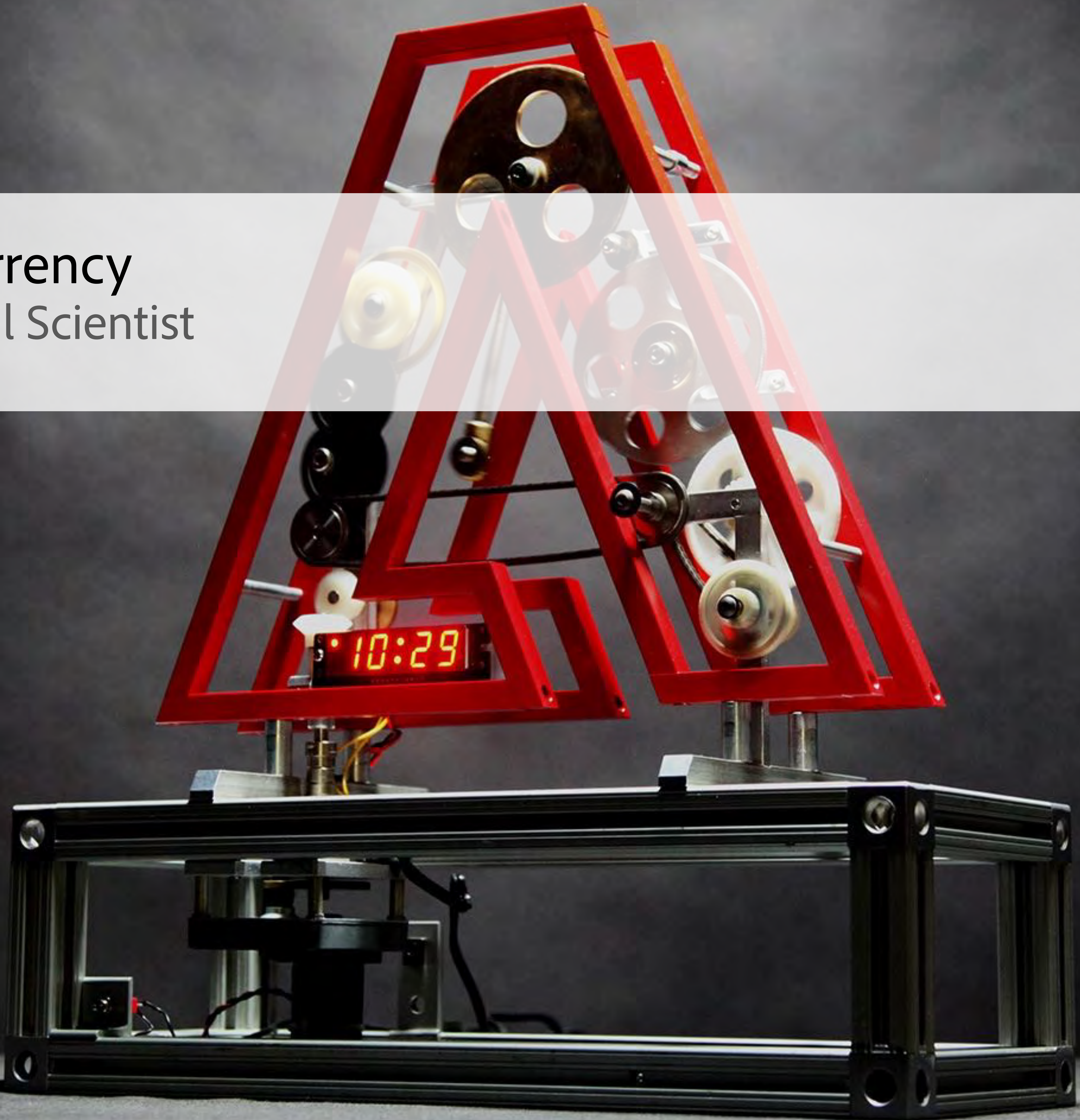

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Common Themes

- Manage Relationships
- Understand the Fundamentals
- Code Simply


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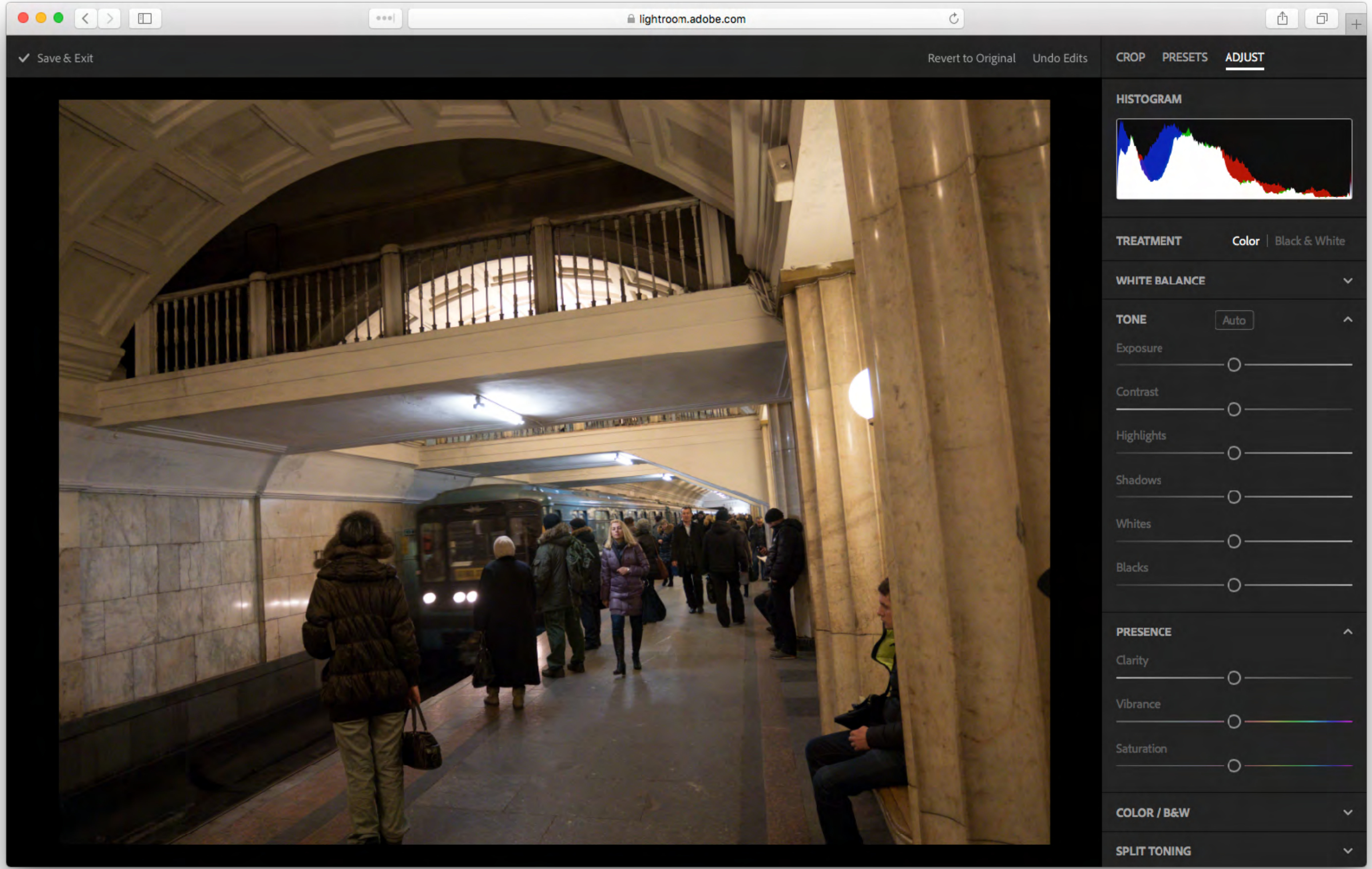
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Concurrency

- Concurrency: when tasks start, run, and complete in overlapping time periods
- Parallelism: when two or more tasks execute simultaneously

- Why?
  - Enable performance through parallelism
  - Improve interactivity by handling user actions concurrent with processing and IO

http://docs.oracle.com/cd/E19455-01/806-5257/6je9h032b/index.html

Goal: No Raw Synchronization Primitives

What are raw synchronization primitives?

- Synchronization primitives are basic constructs such as:
  - Mutex
  - Atomic
  - Semaphore
  - Memory Fence
  - Condition Variable

You Will Likely Get It Wrong

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- There is a subtle race condition here:
  - if count != 1 then the bad_cow could also is owned by another thread(s)
  - if the other thread(s) releases the bad_cow between these two atomic operations
  - then our count will fall to zero and we will leak the object

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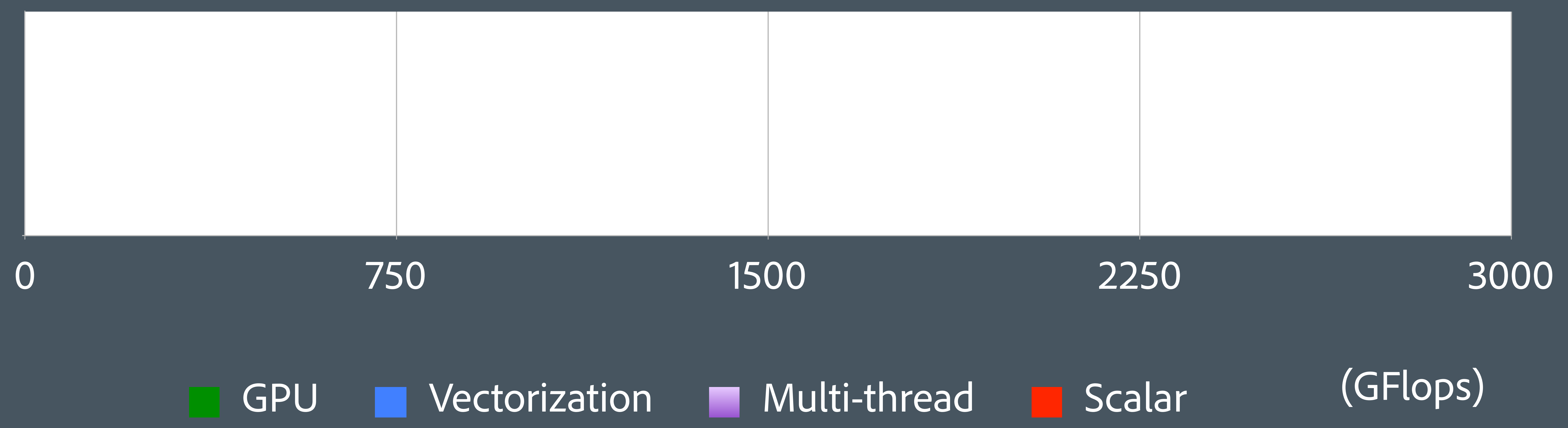

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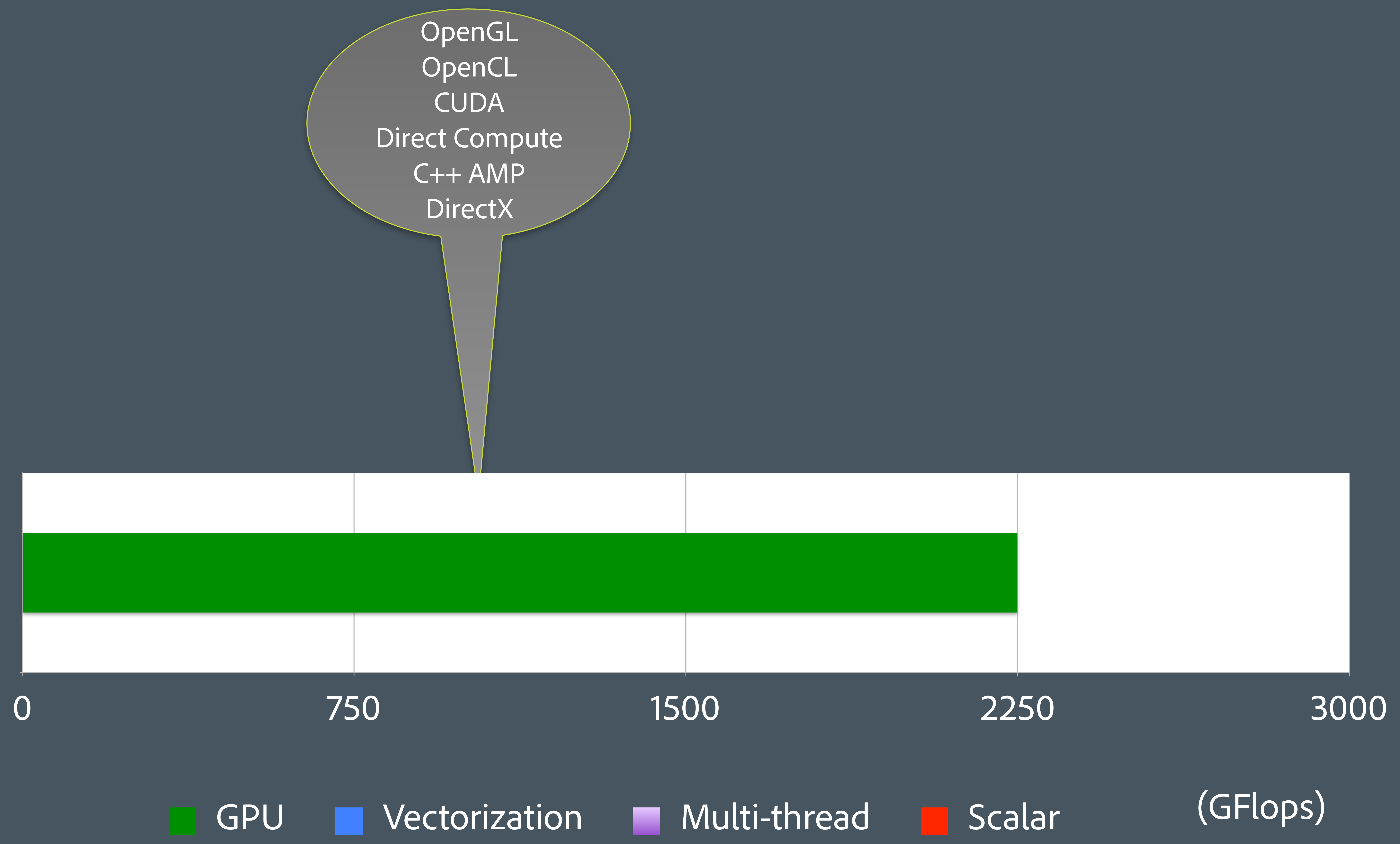

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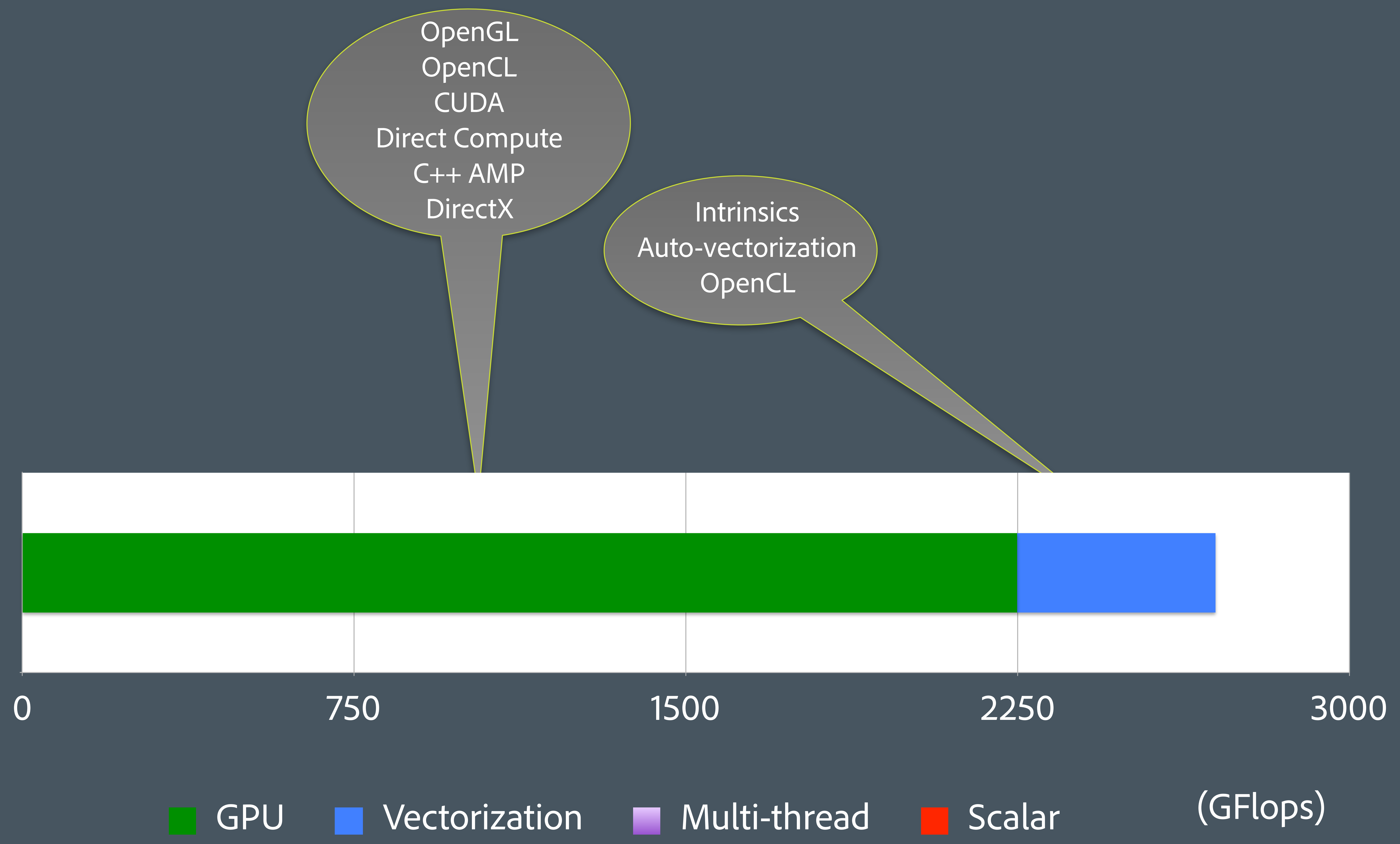

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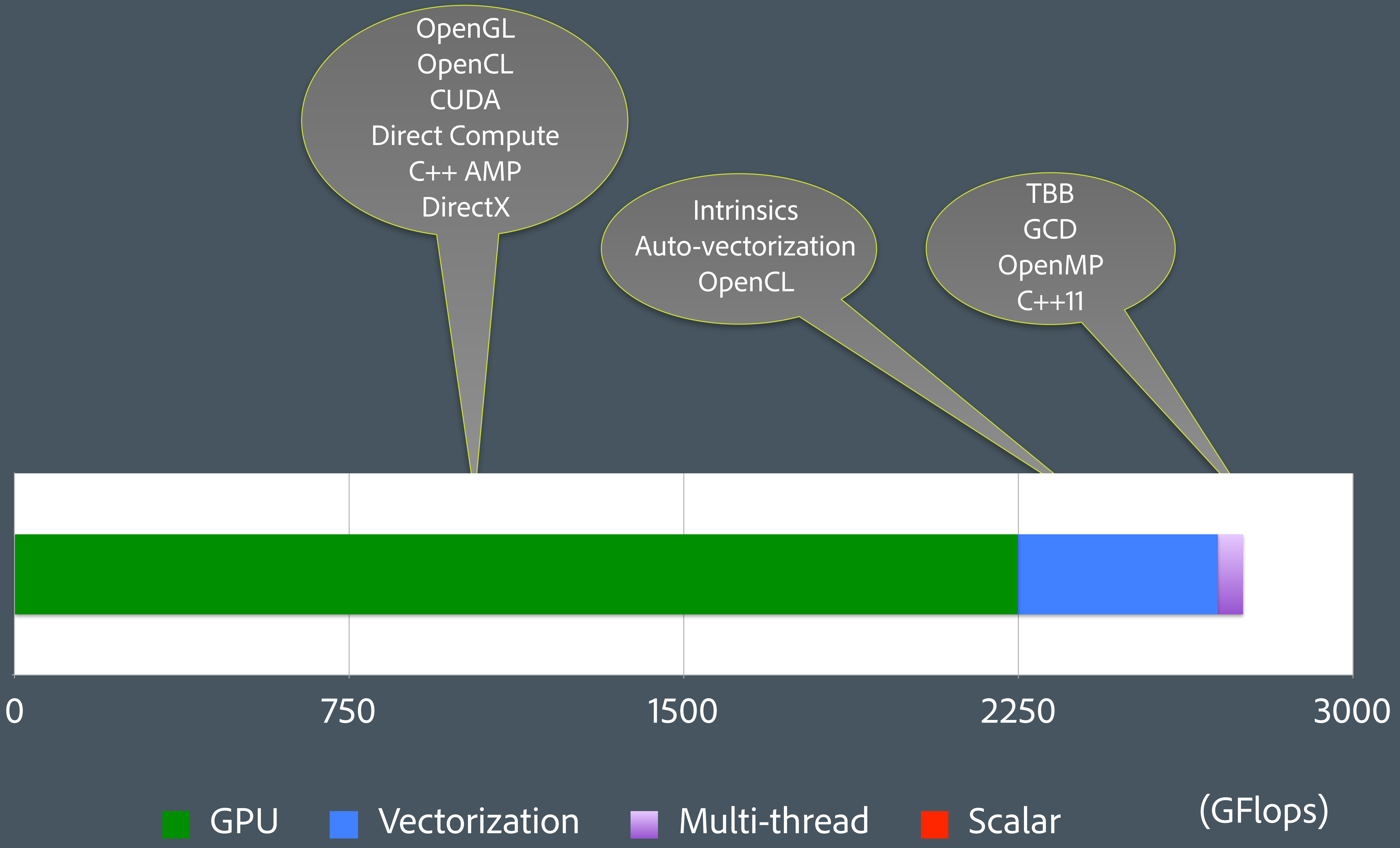

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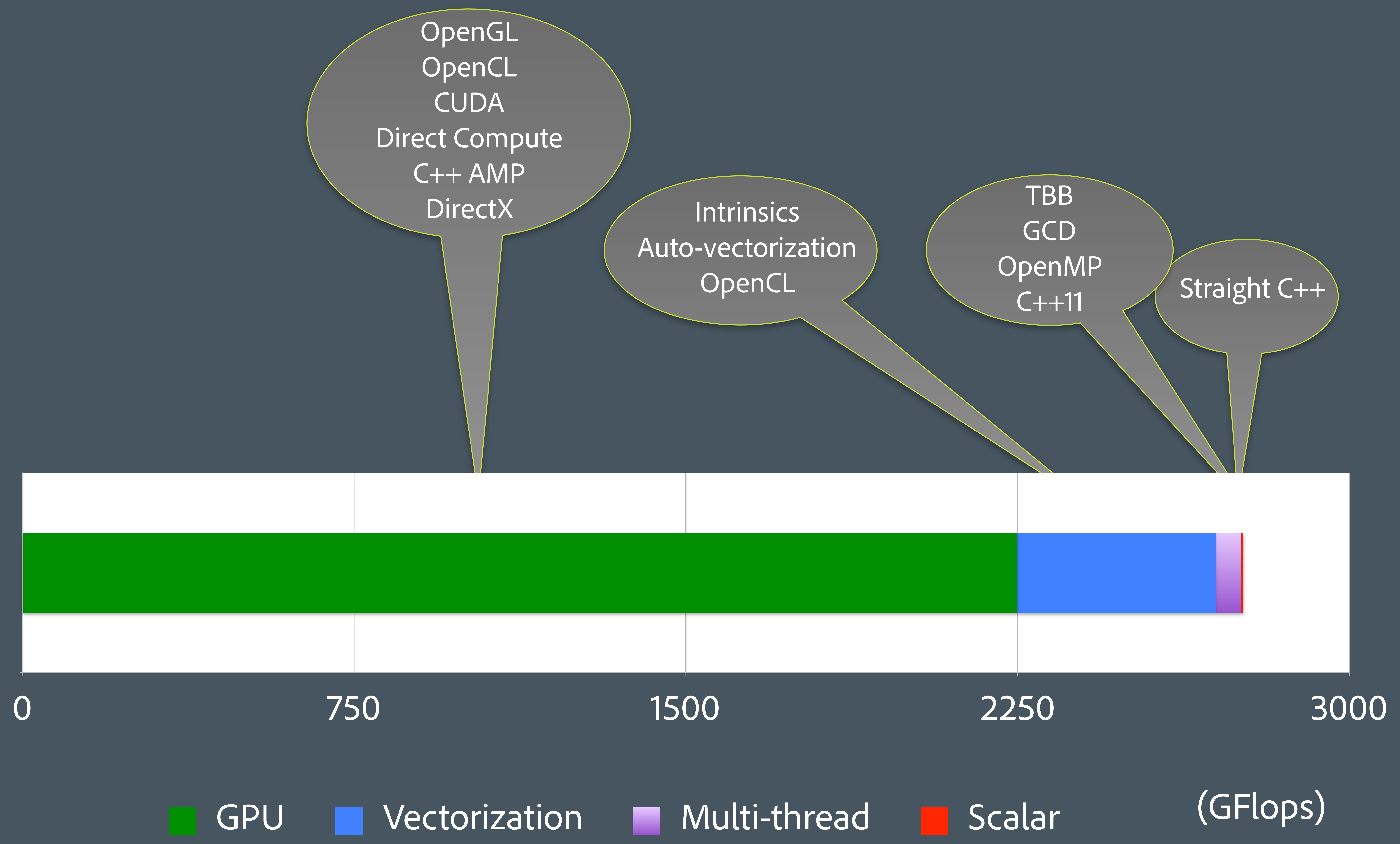

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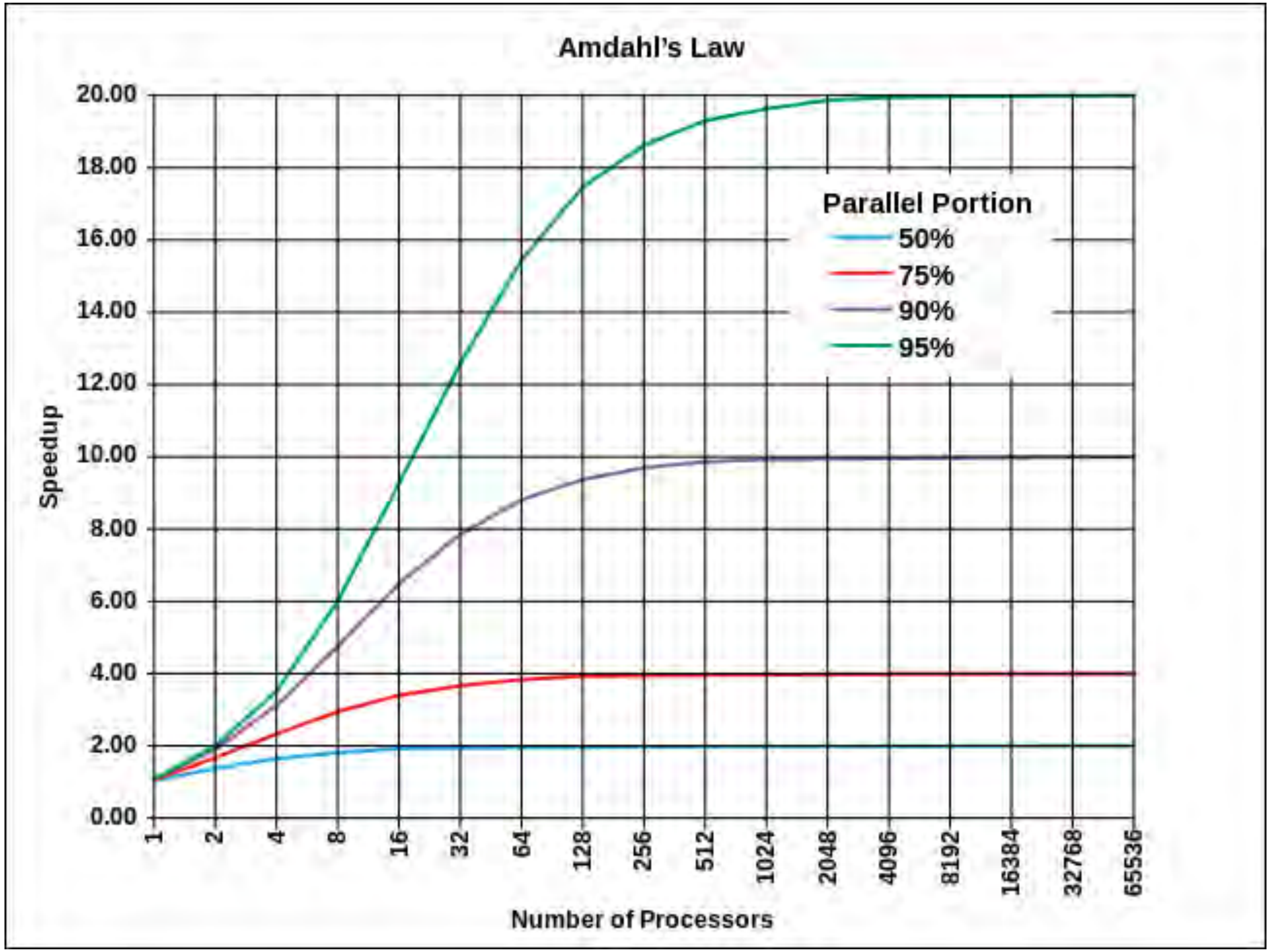

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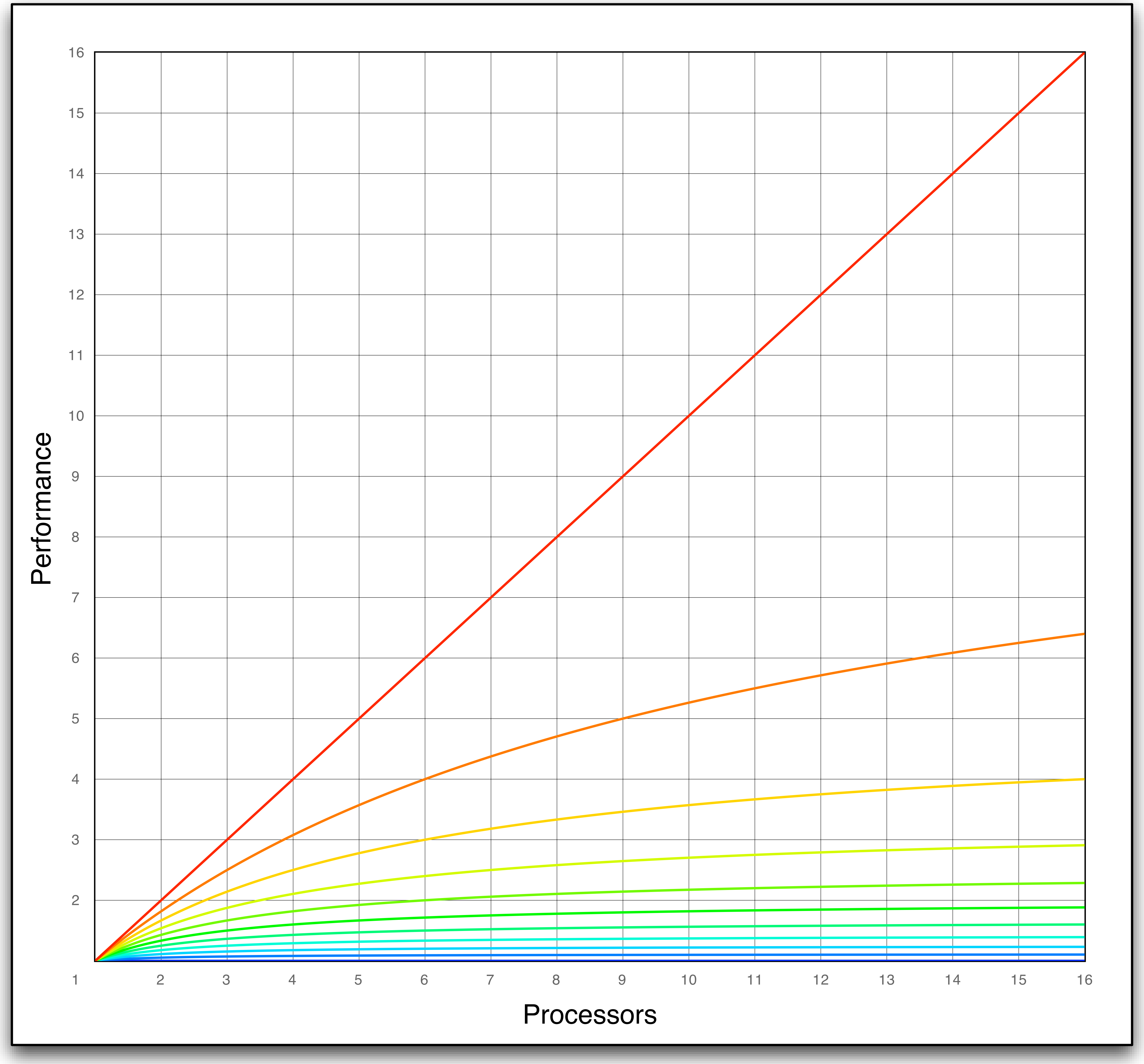
Each line represents 10% more synchronization



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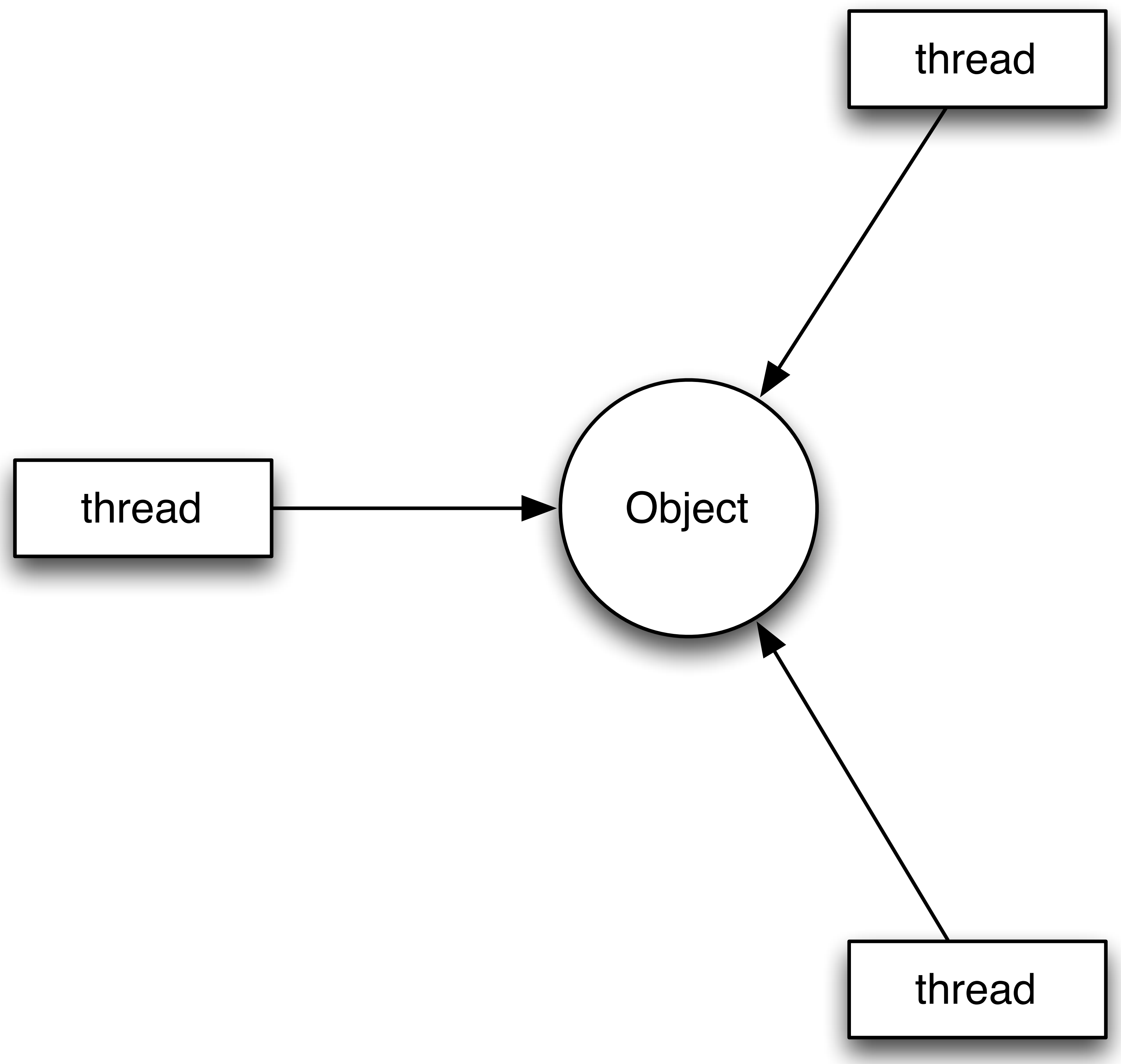

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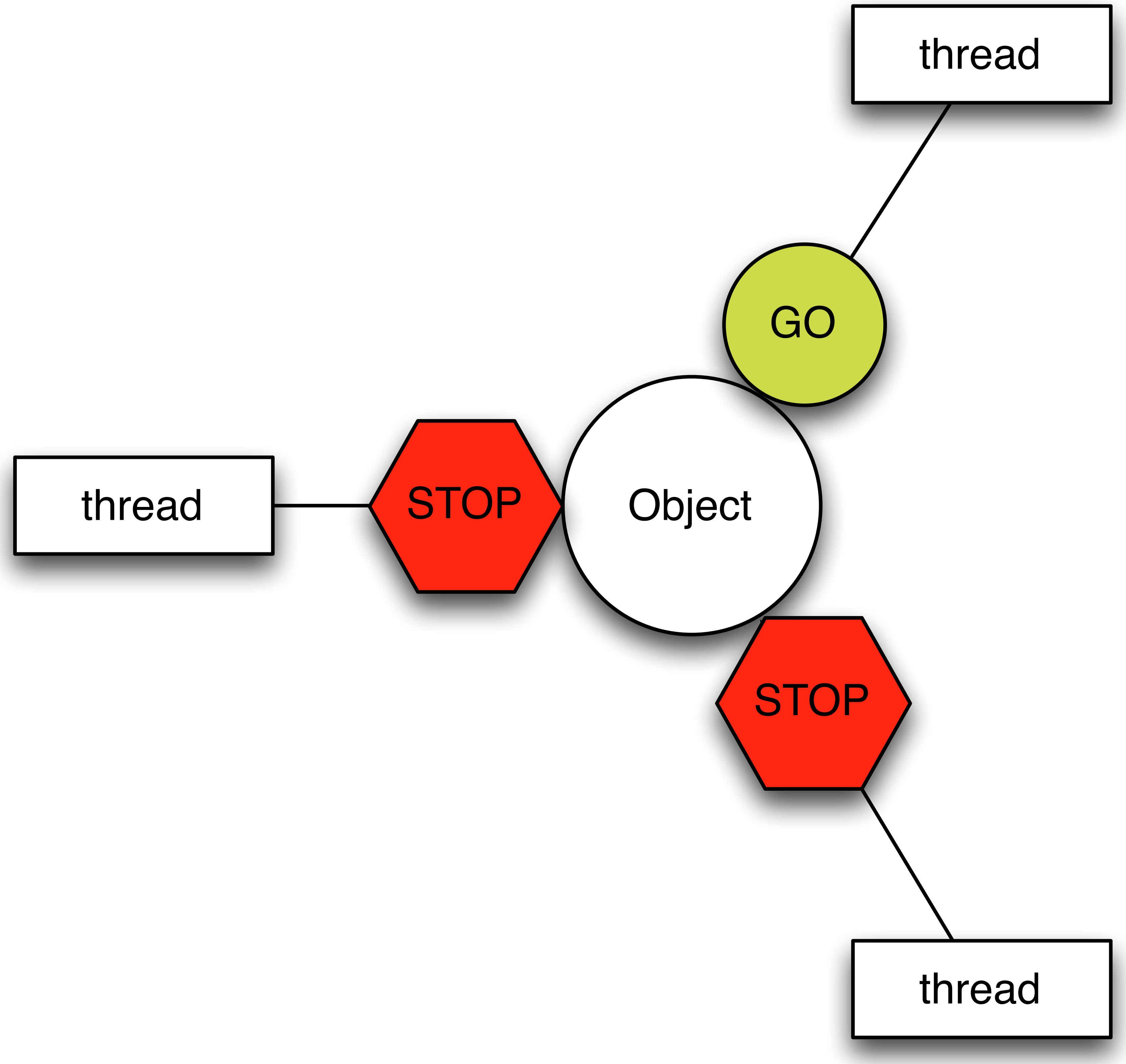

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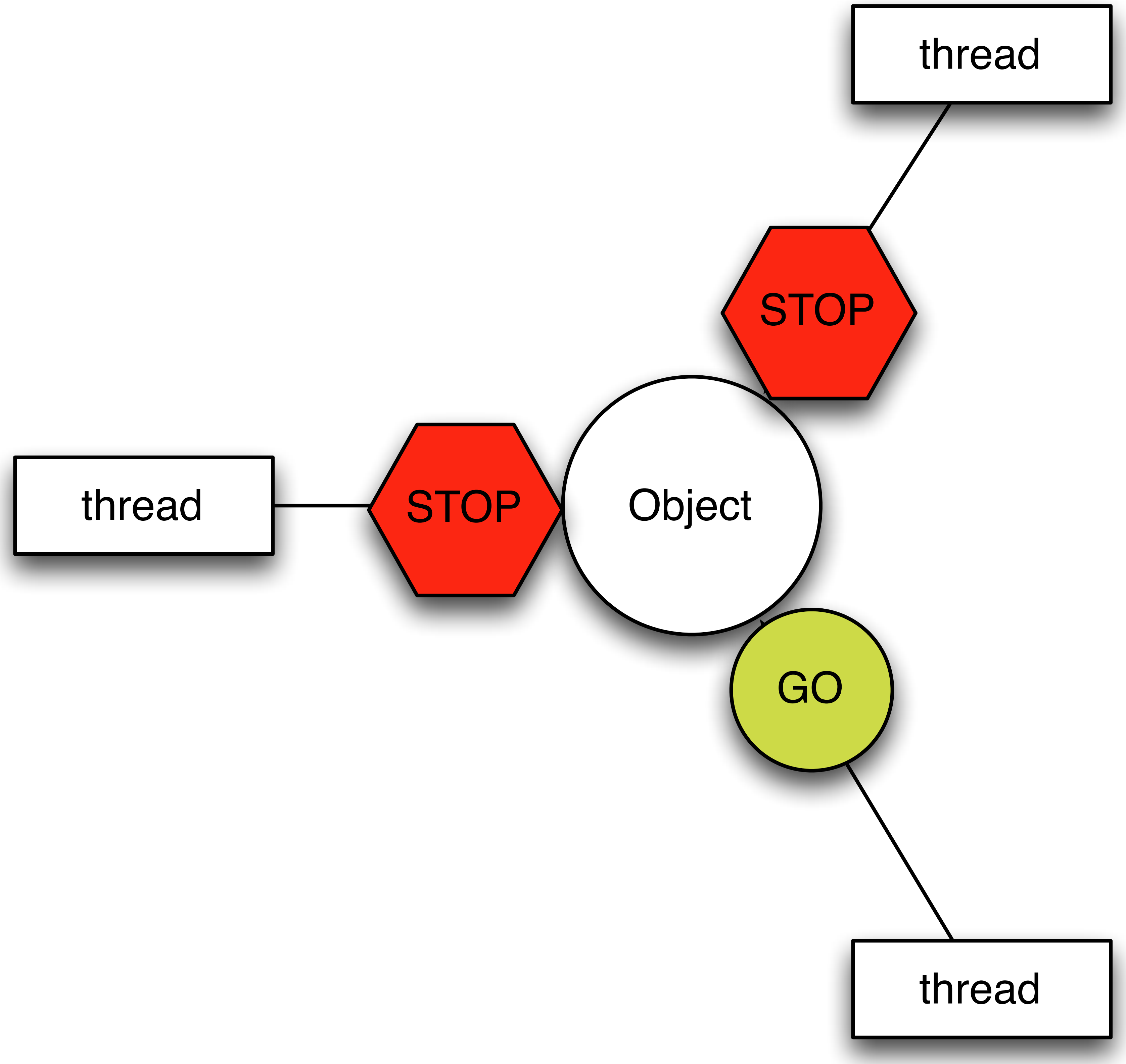

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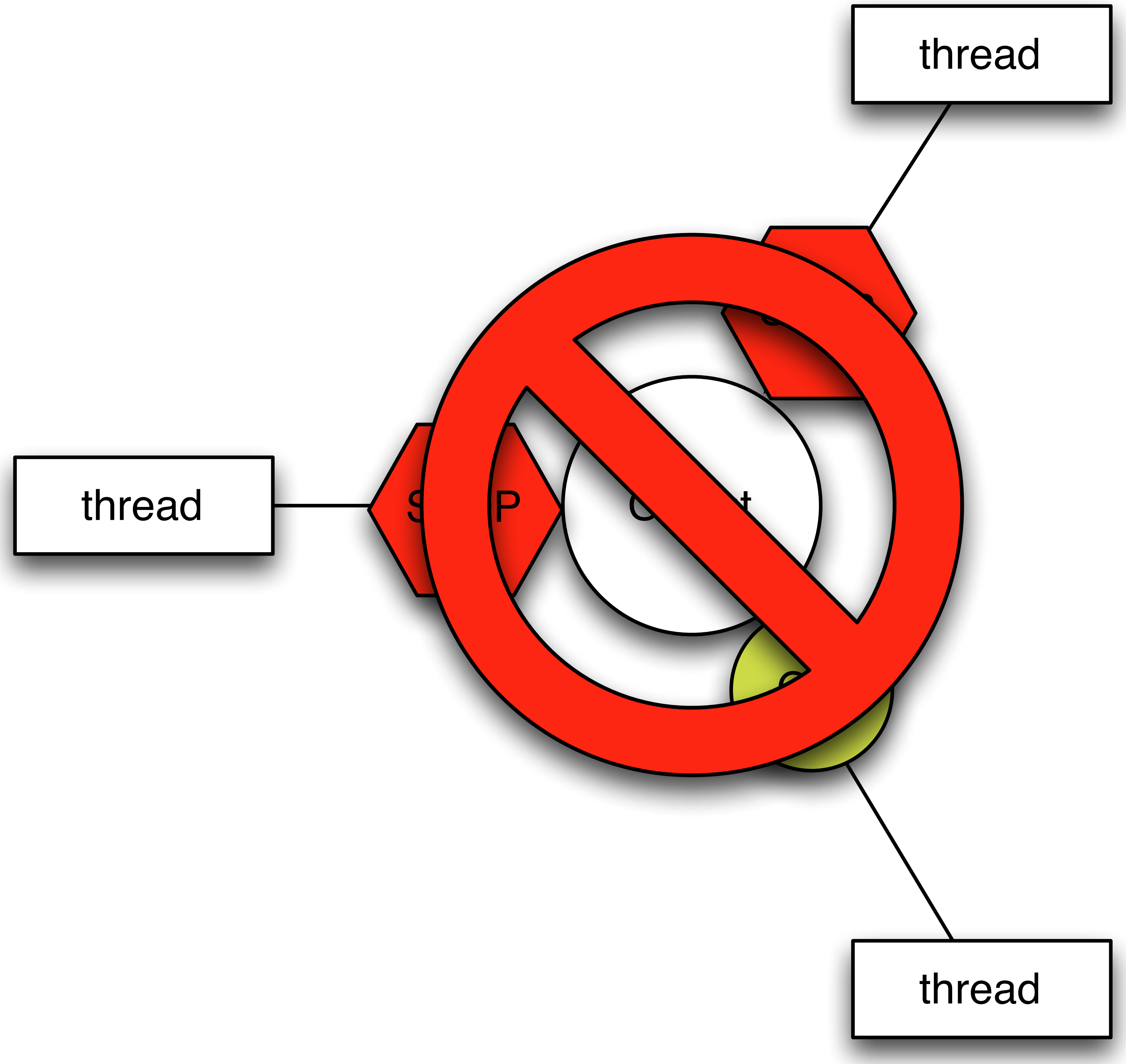

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Threads and Tasks

- Thread: Execution environment consisting of a stack and processor state running in parallel to other threads
- Task: A unit of work, often a function, to be executed on a thread

- Tasks are scheduled on a thread pool to optimize machine utilization

C++14 and Tasks

- C++14 does not (really) have a task system
  - Threads
  - Futures

- It is implementation defined if std::async() spins up a thread or executes on a thread pool.

Building a Task System

- Portable Reference Implementation in C++14
- Windows - Window Thread Pool and PPL
- Apple - Grand Central Dispatch (libdispatch)
  - open source, runs on Linux and Android
- Intel TBB - many platforms
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- HPX - many platforms
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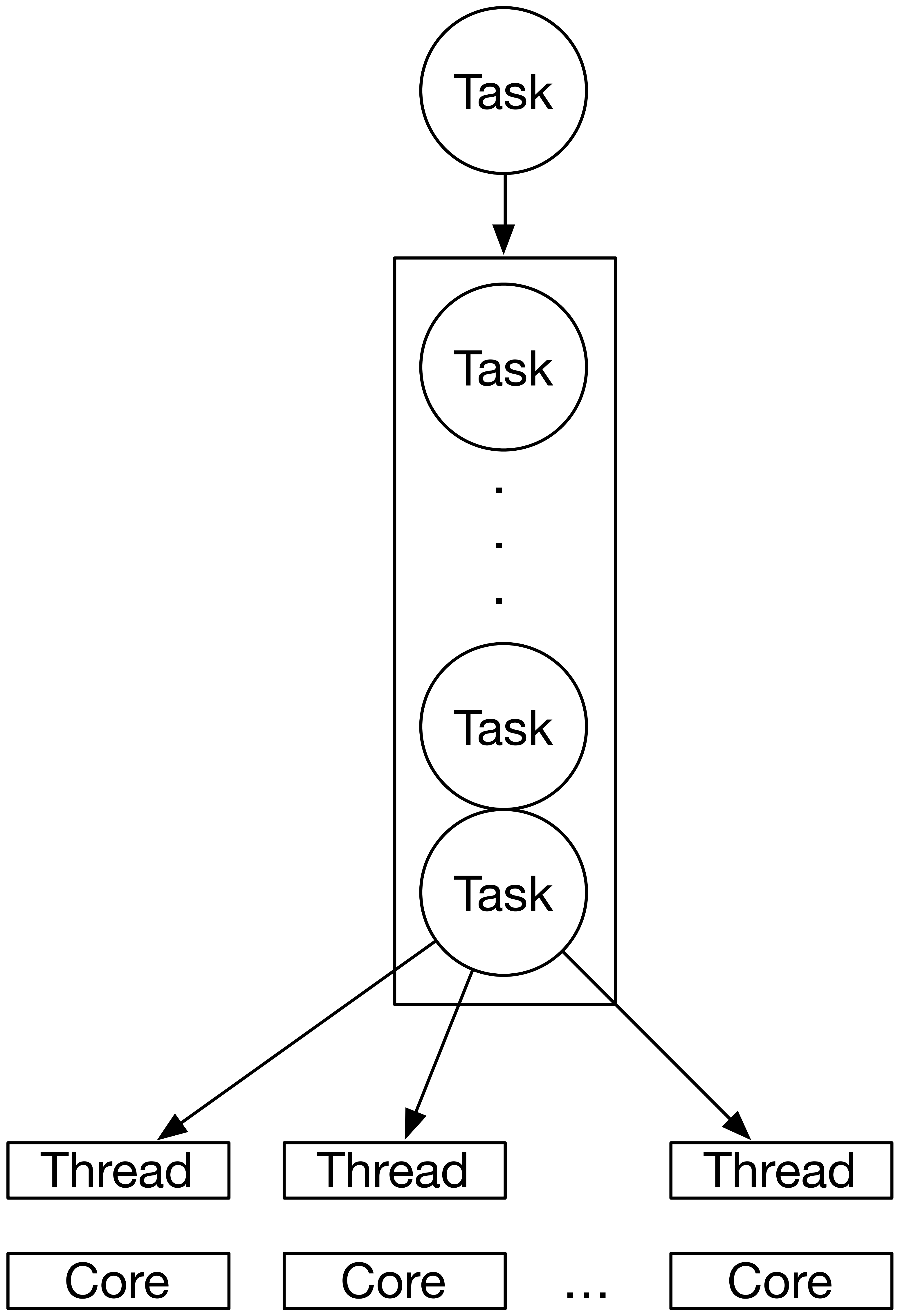

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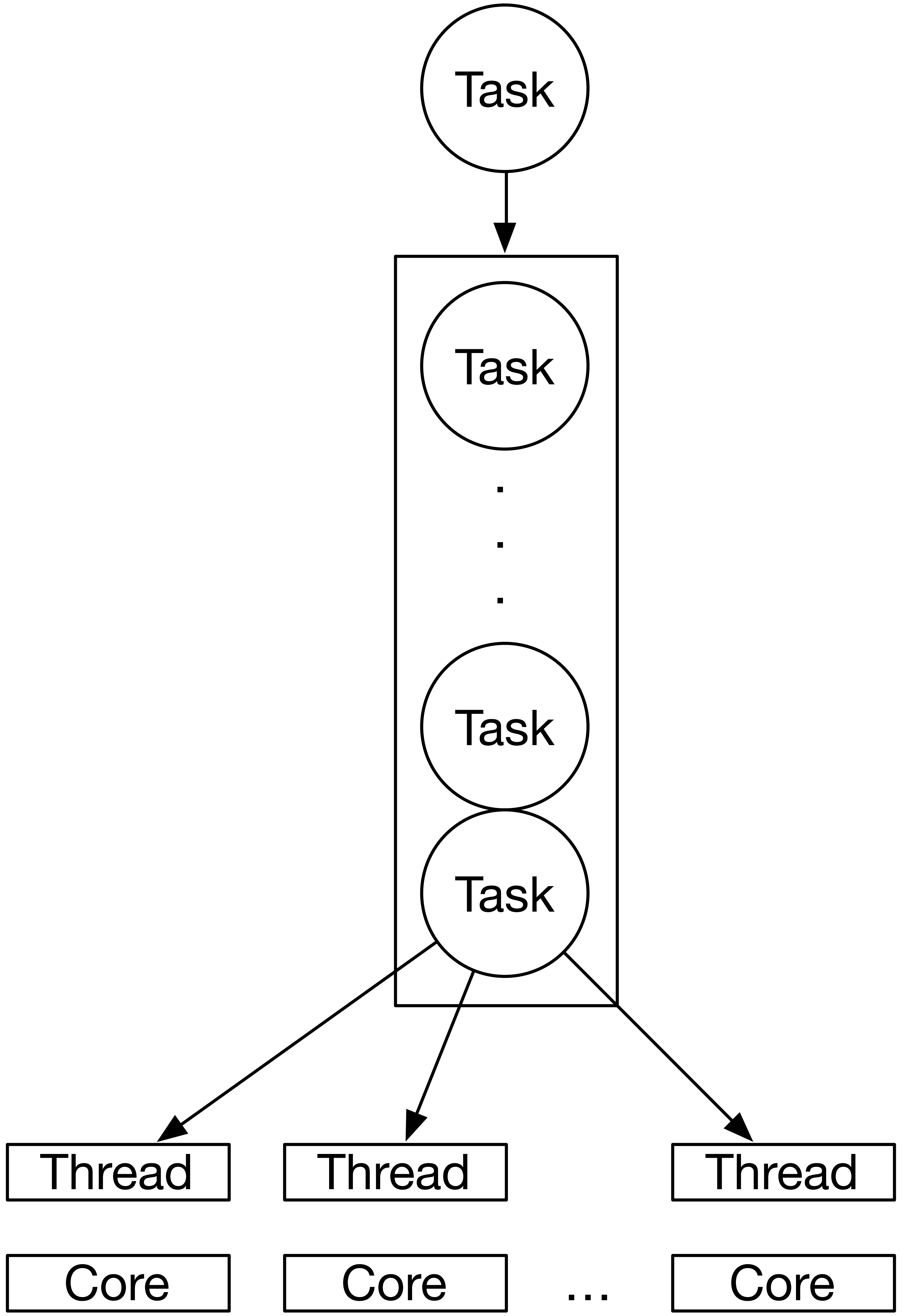

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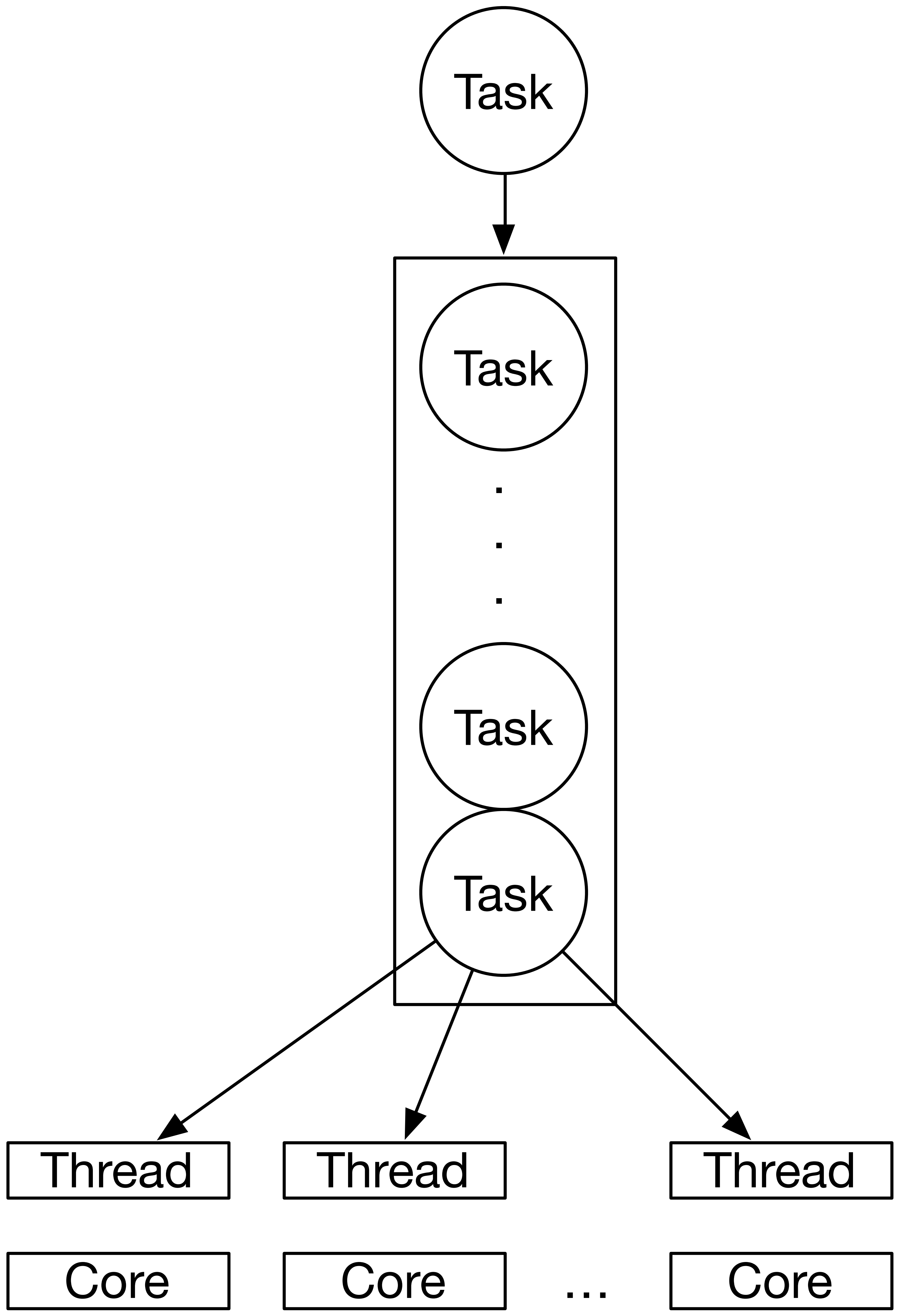

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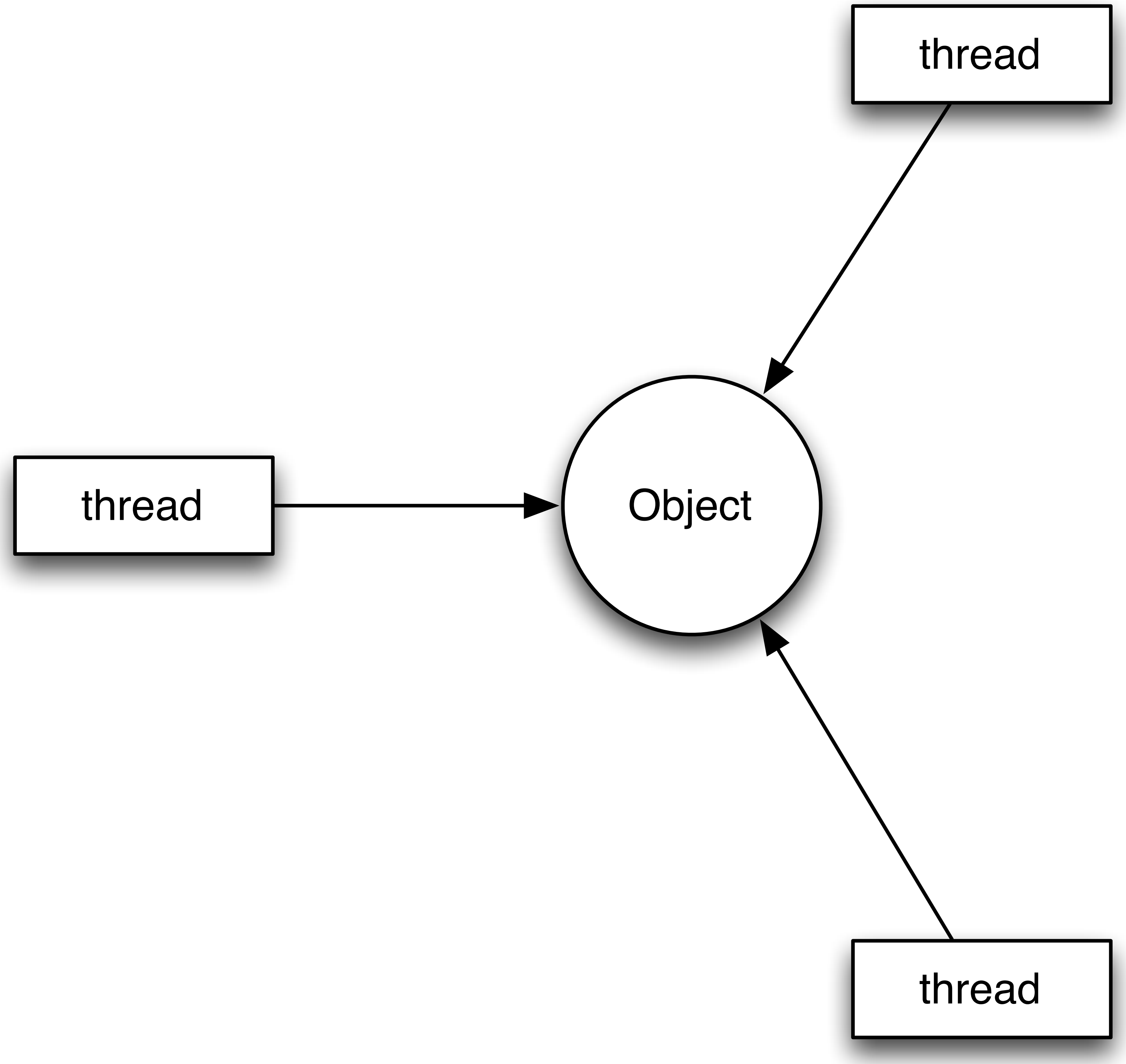

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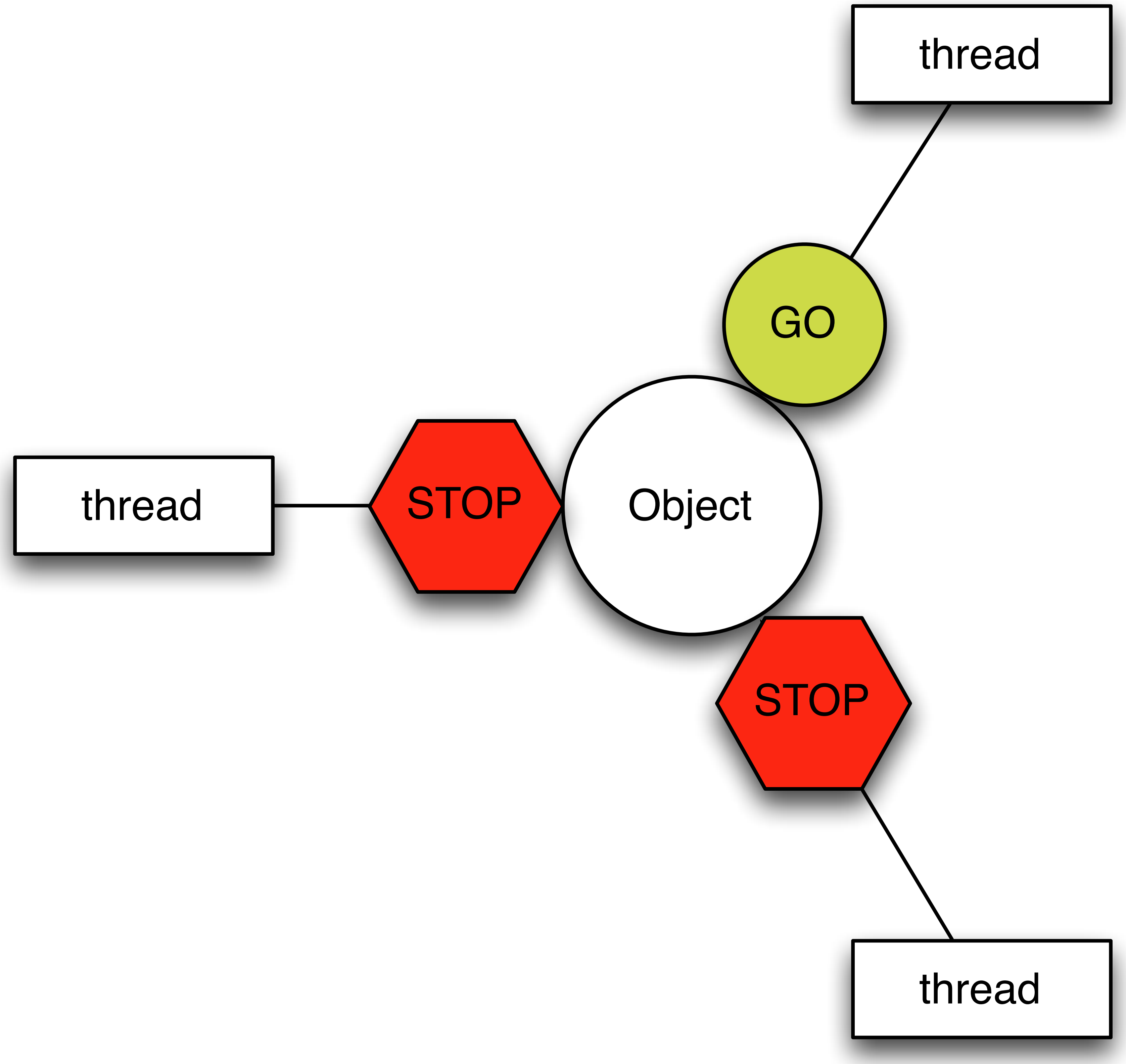

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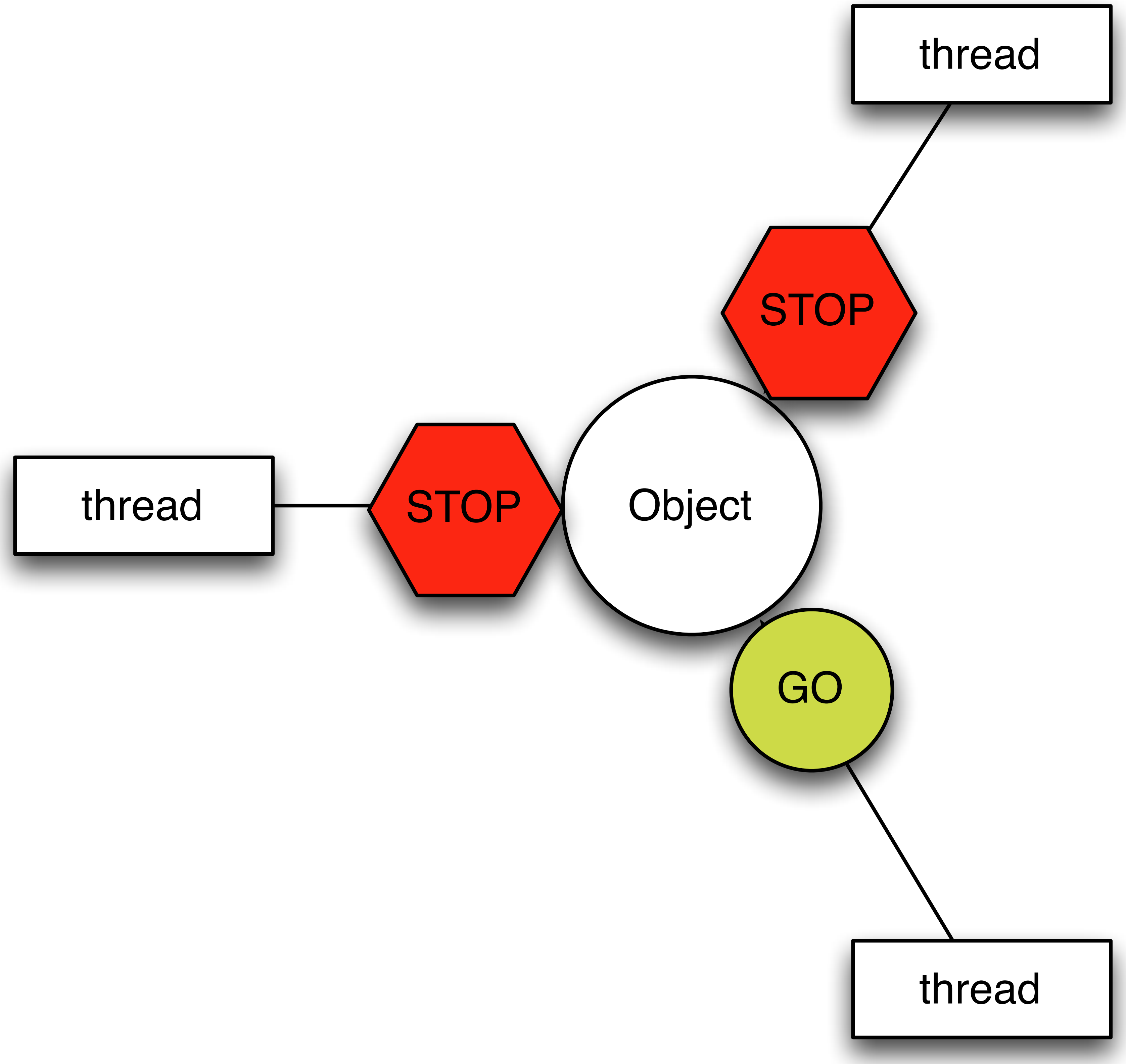

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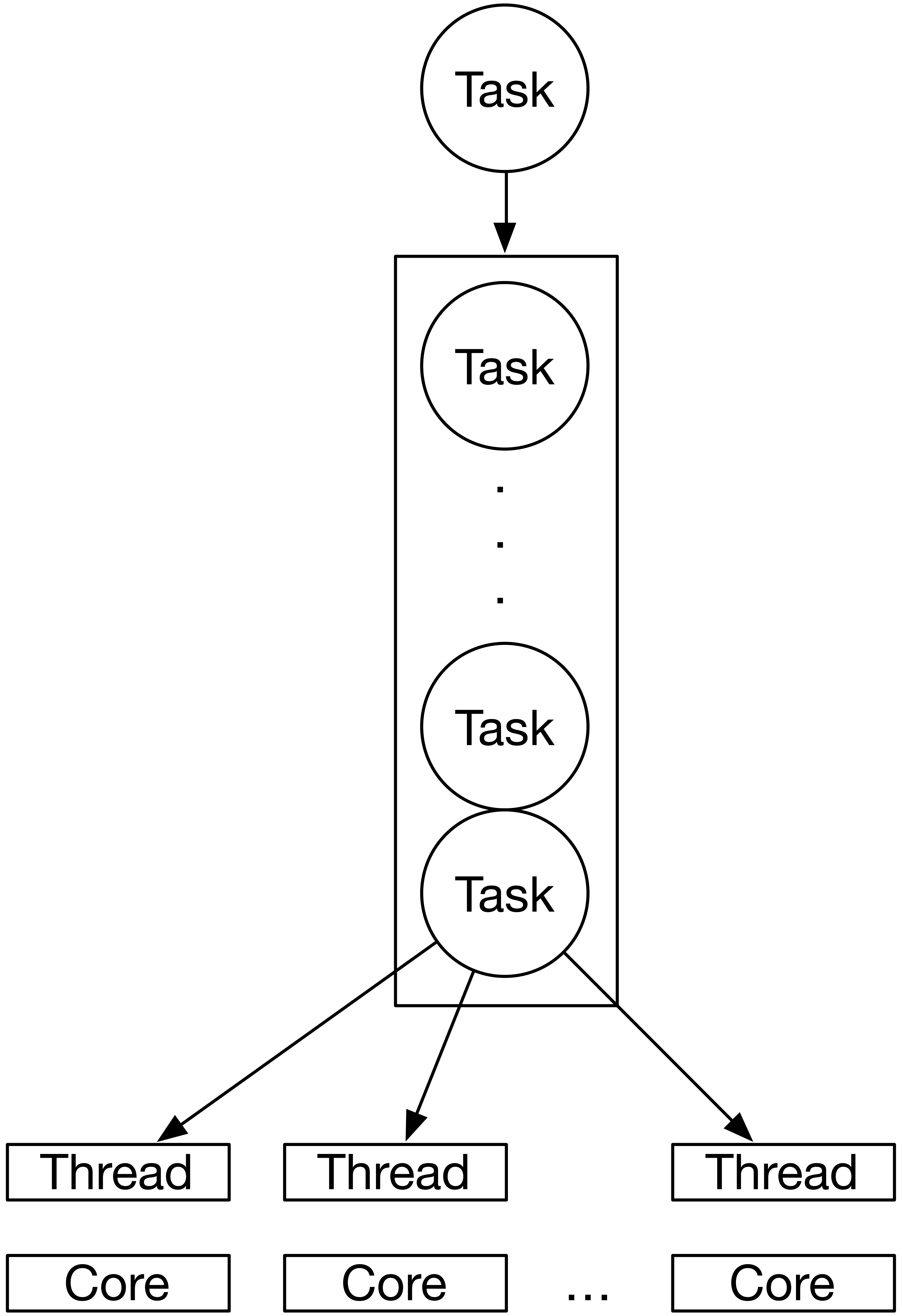

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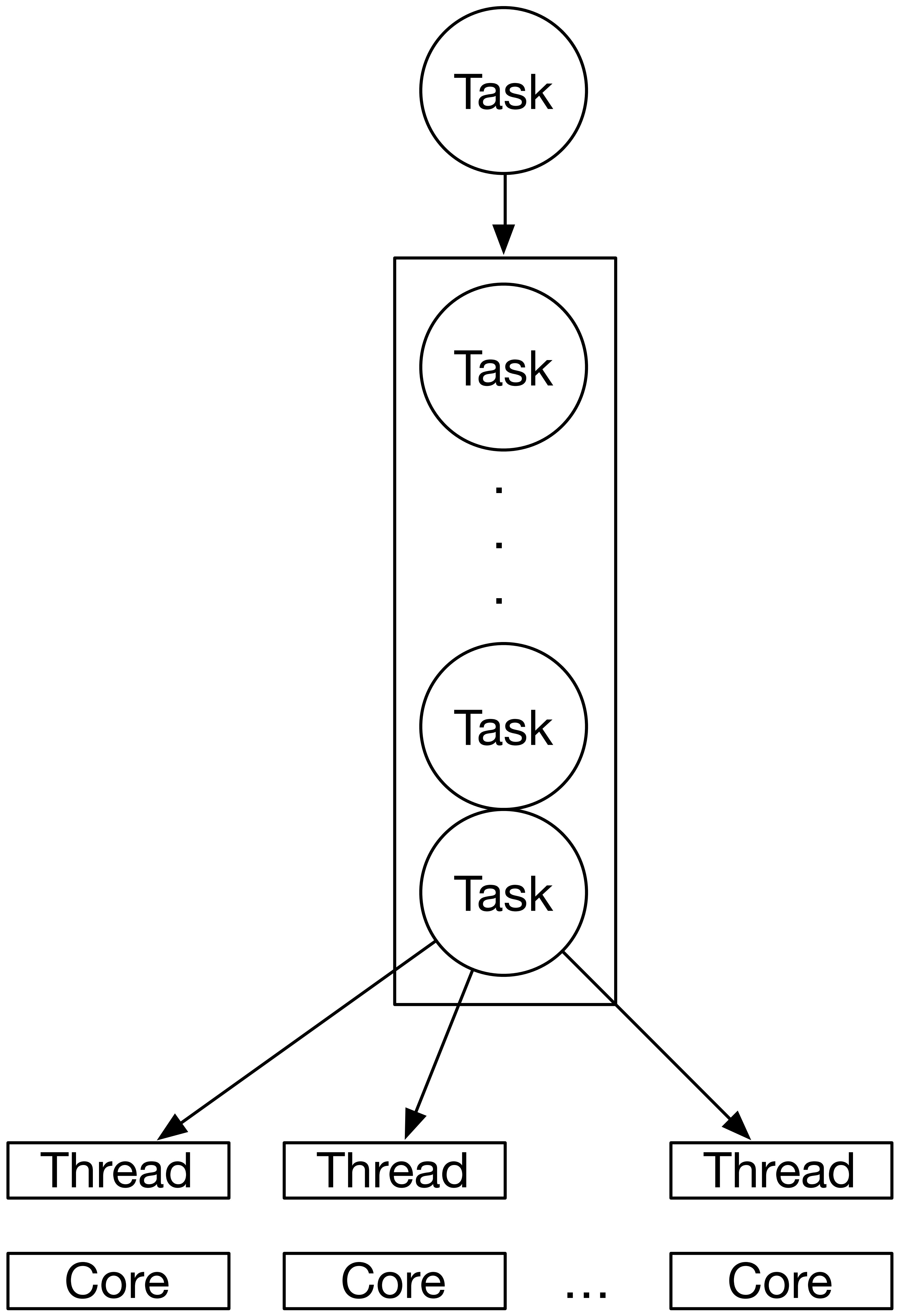

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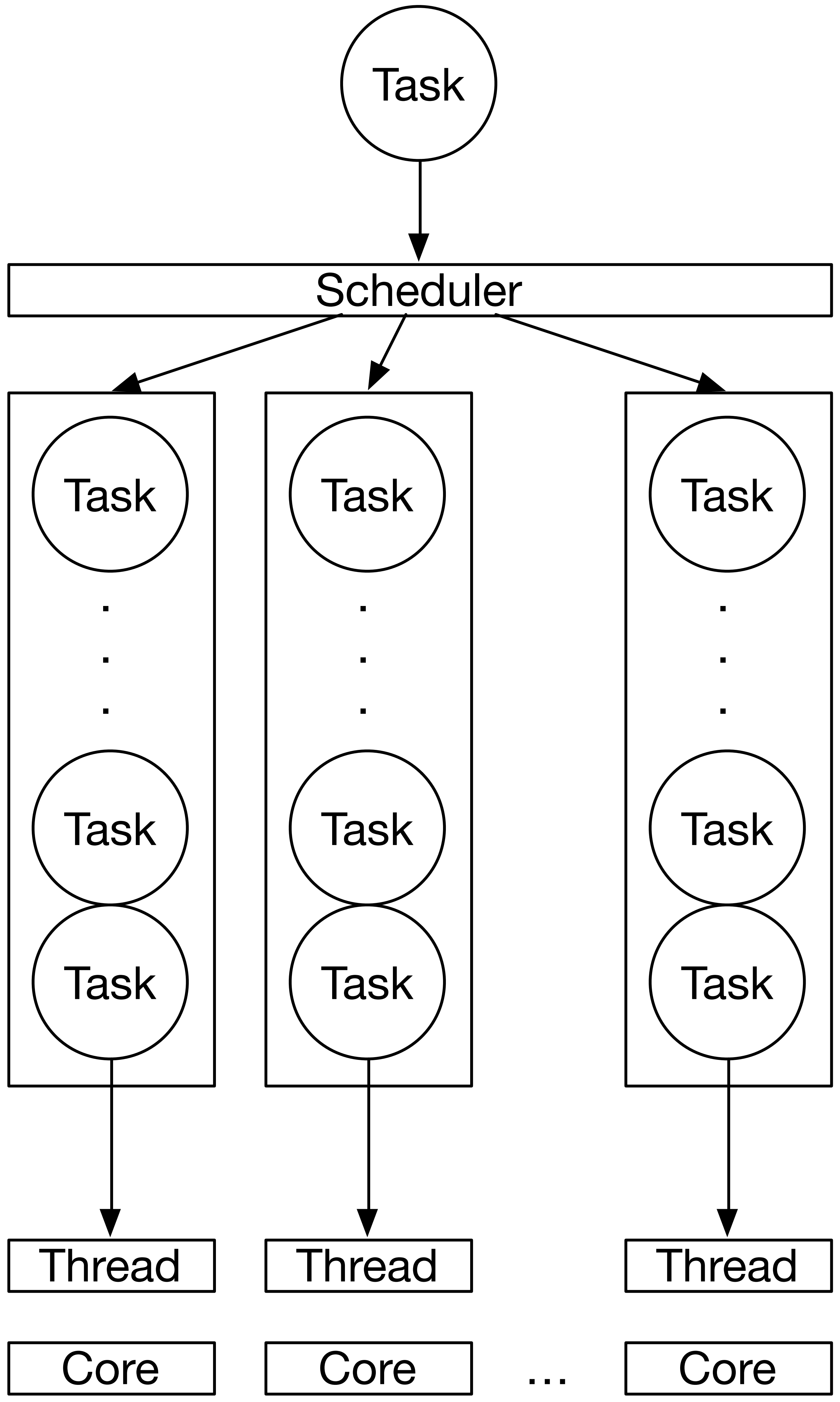

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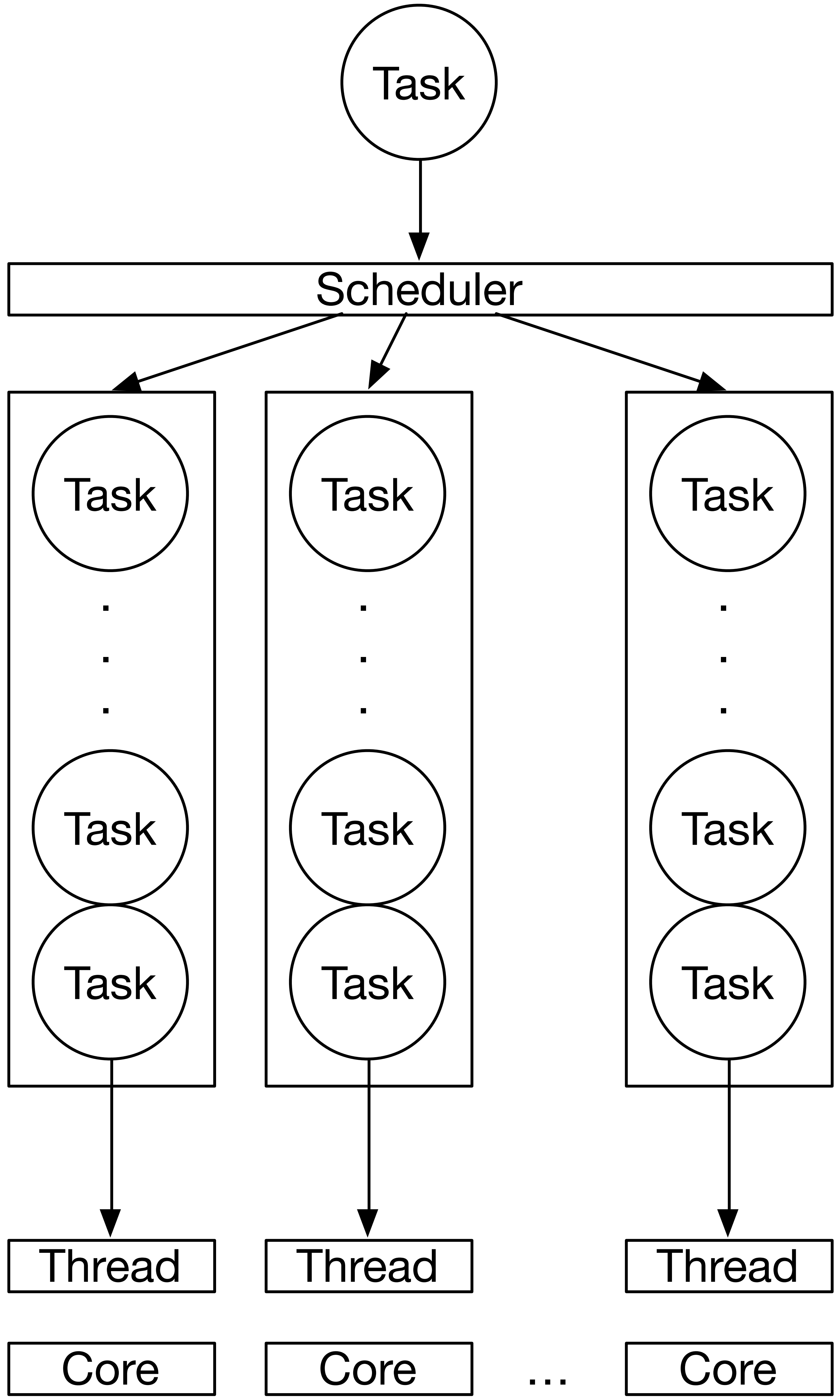

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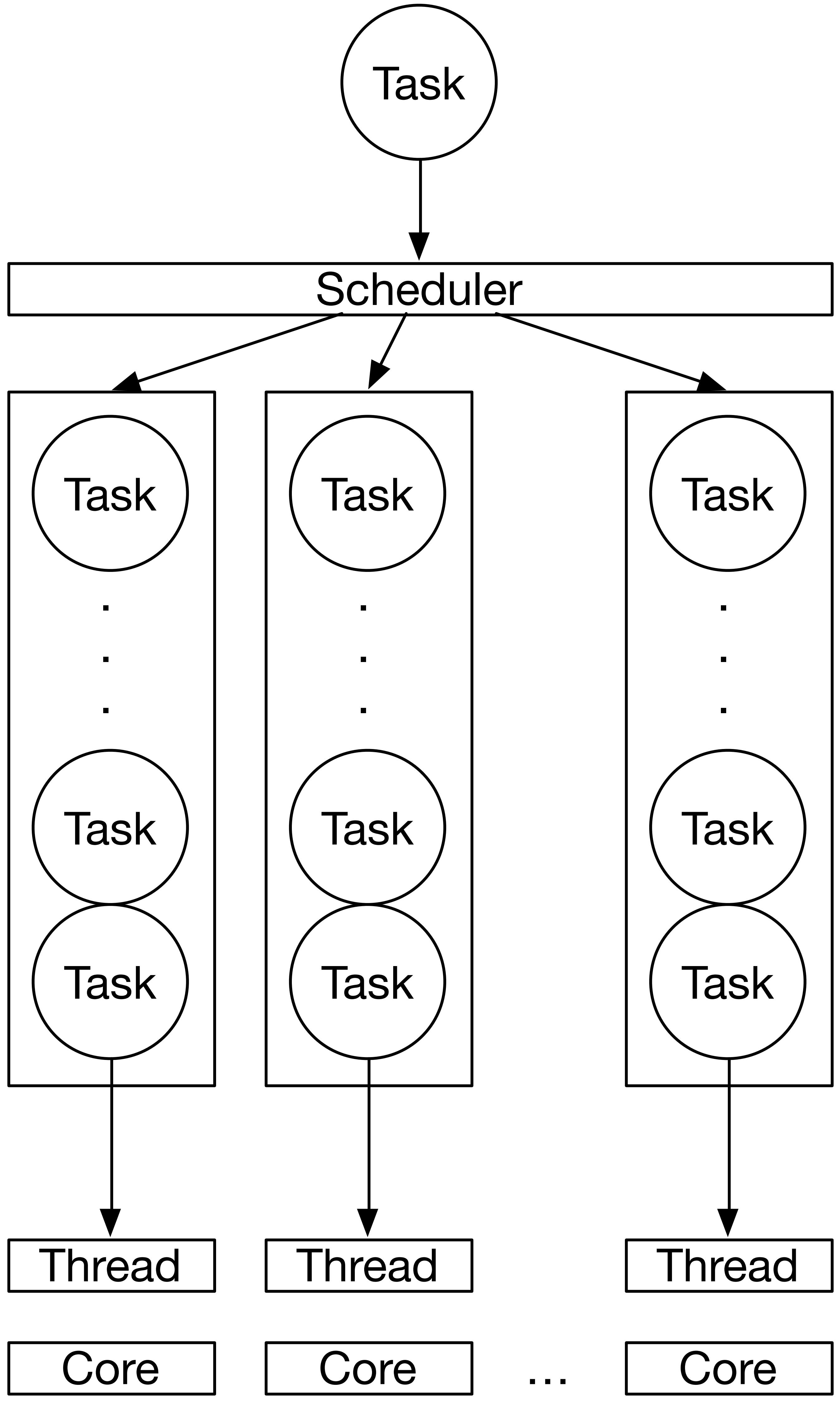

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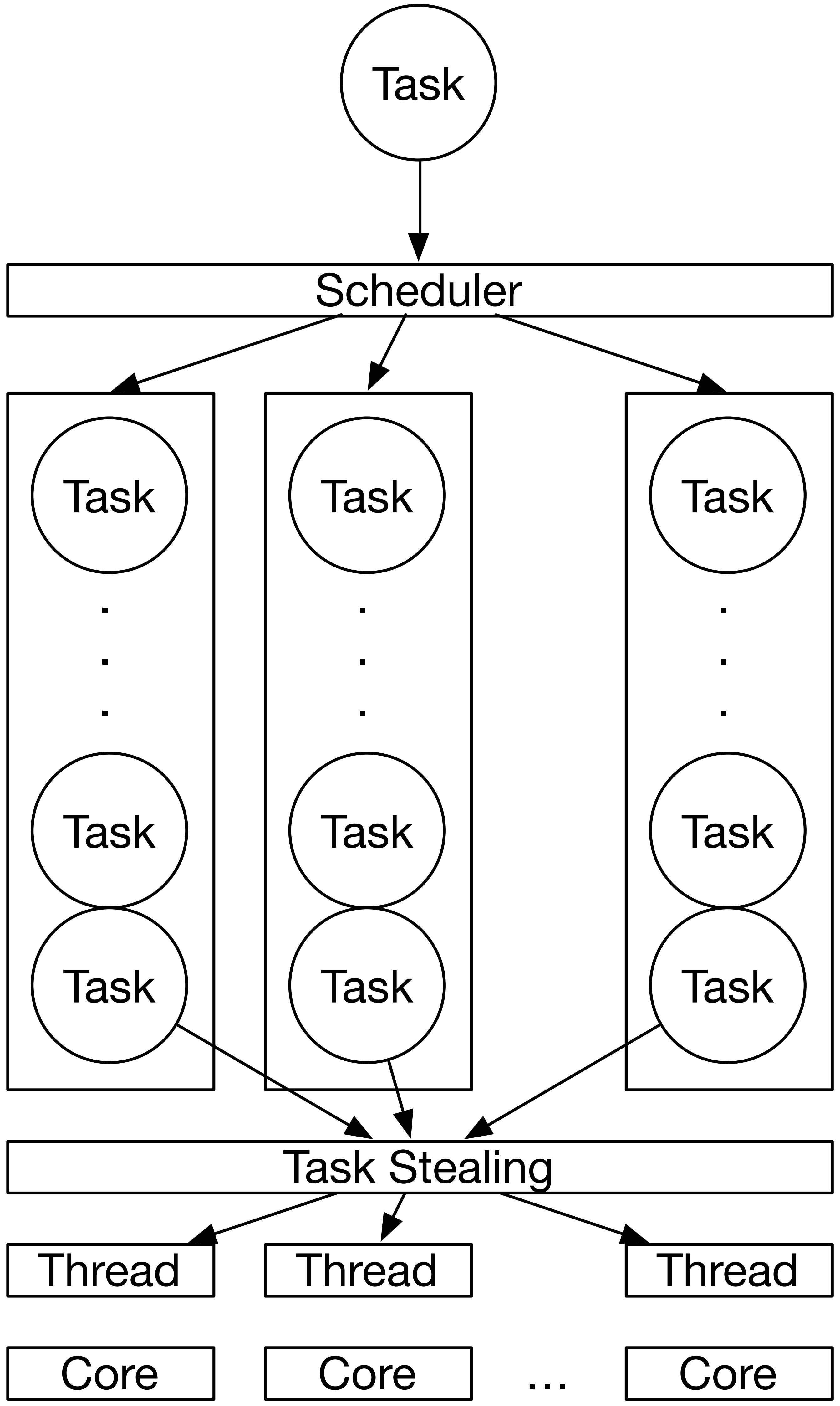

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        _q.pop_front();
        return true;
    }

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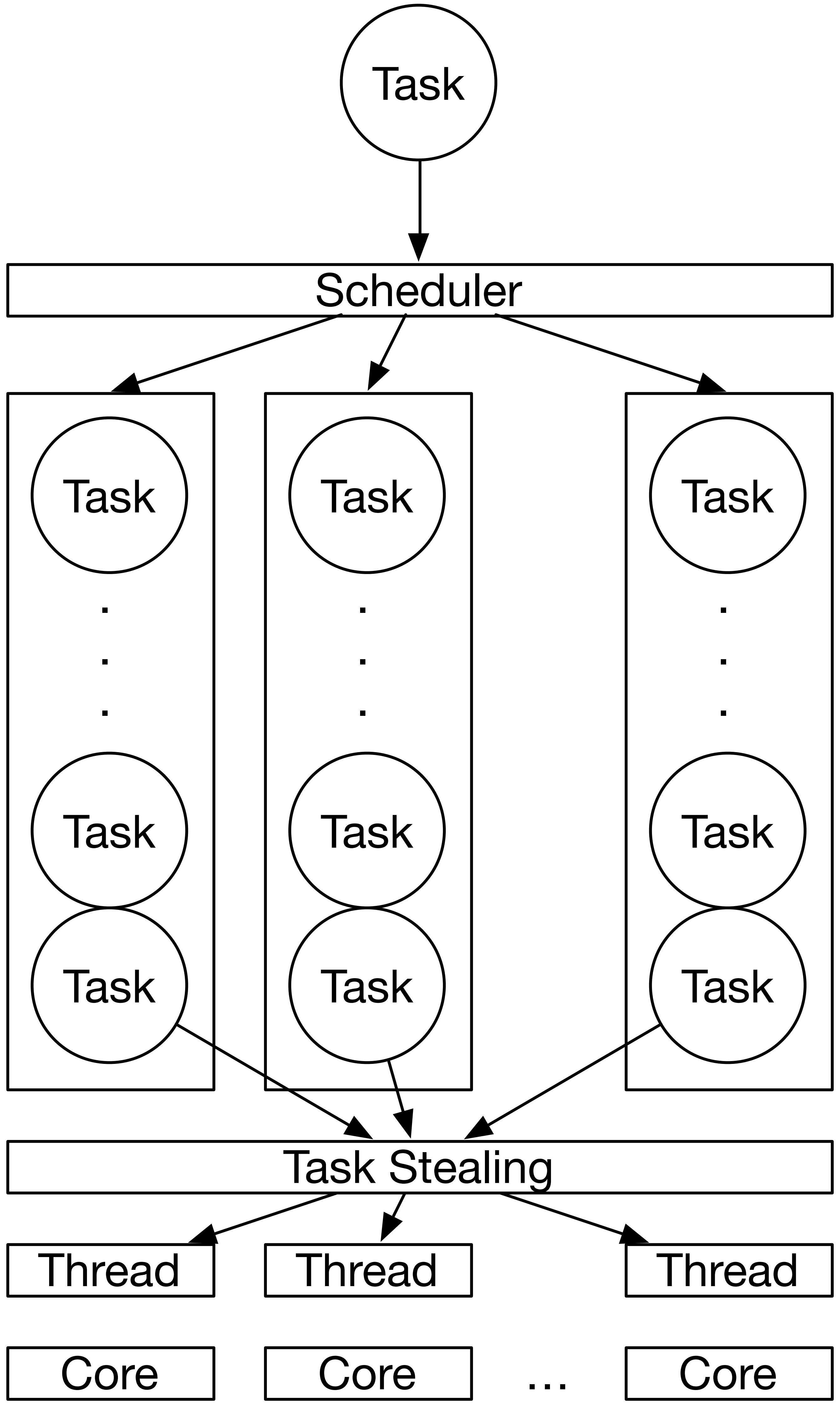

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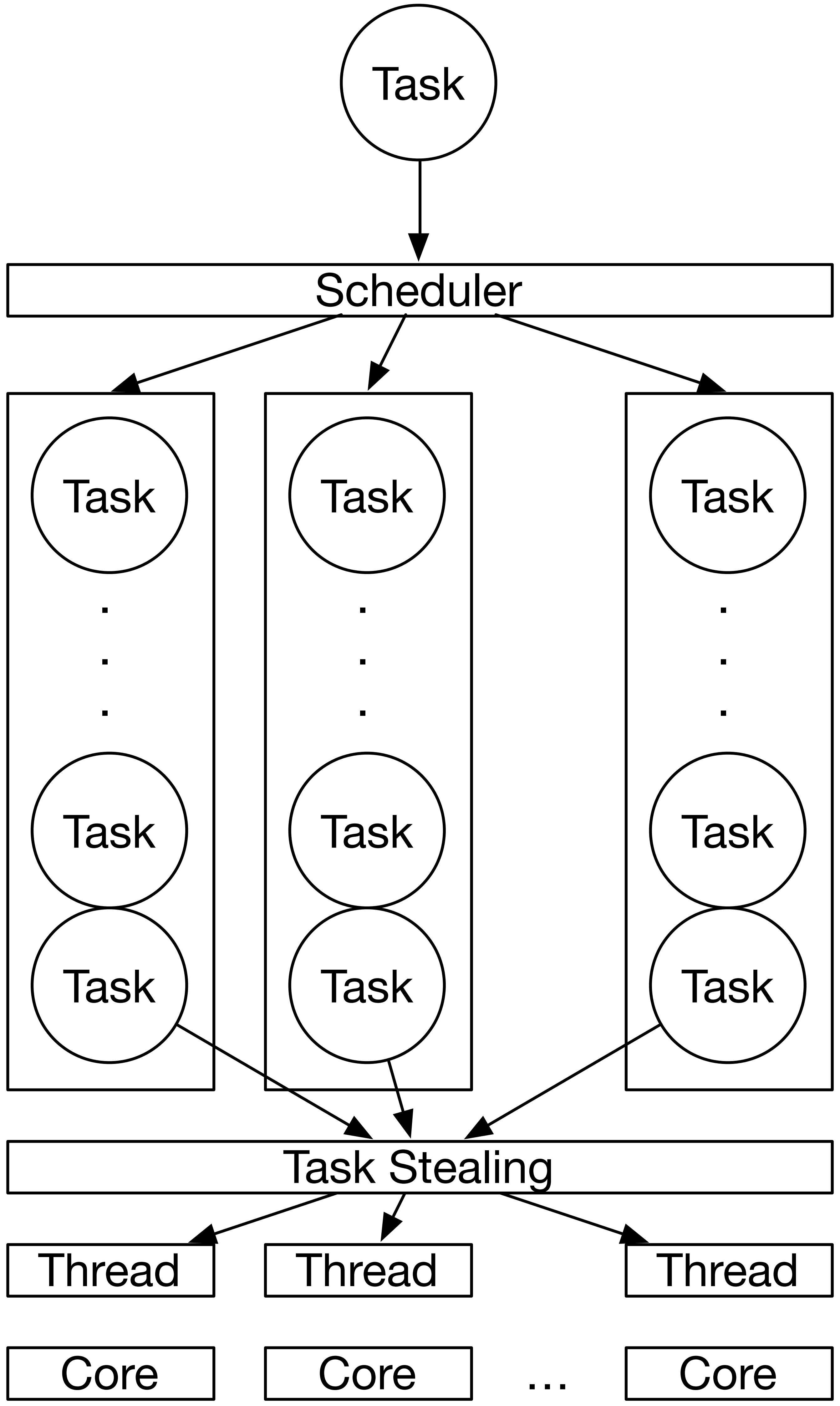

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C++14 compatible async with libdispatch

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#include <future>
#include <type_traits>

#include <dispatch/dispatch.h>

namespace stlab {

template <class Function, class... Args>
auto async(Function&& f, Args&&... args )
{
    using result_type = std::result_of_t<std::decay_t<Function>(std::decay_t<Args>...)>;
    using packaged_type = std::packaged_task<result_type()>;

    auto p = new packaged_type(std::bind(std::forward<Function>(f), std::forward<Args>(args)...));
    auto result = p->get_future();

    dispatch_async_f(dispatch_get_global_queue(DISPATCH_QUEUE_PRIORITY_DEFAULT, 0),
            p, [](void* f_) {
                packaged_type* f = static_cast<packaged_type*>(f_);
                (*f)();
                delete f;
            });

    return result;
}

} // namespace stlab
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Task System

- Written with ASIO (Boost 1.62.0)

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    vector<thread>                  _threads;
    unique_ptr<io_service::work>    _work{make_unique<io_service::work>(_service)};

  public:
    task_system() {
        for (unsigned n = 0; n != thread::hardware_concurrency(); ++n) {
            _threads.emplace_back([&]{
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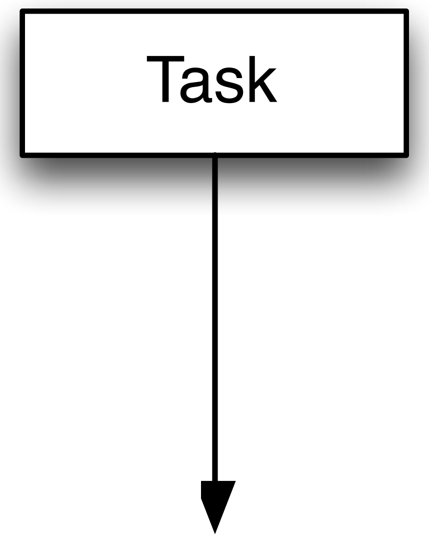

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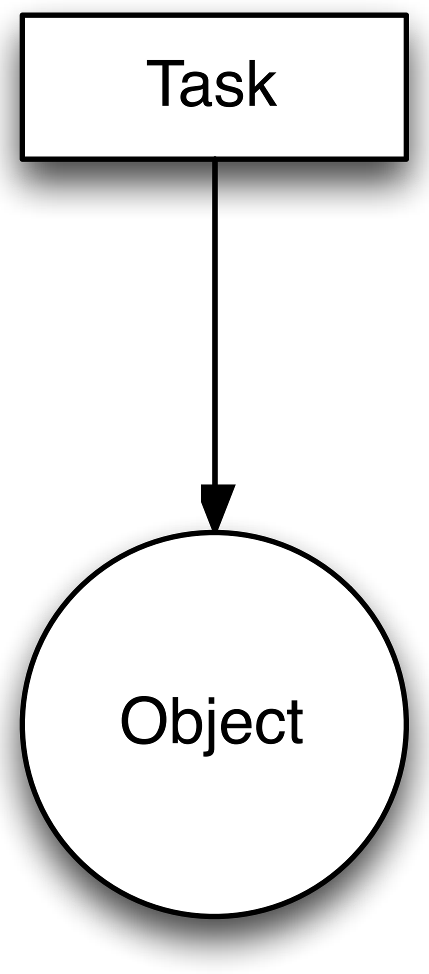

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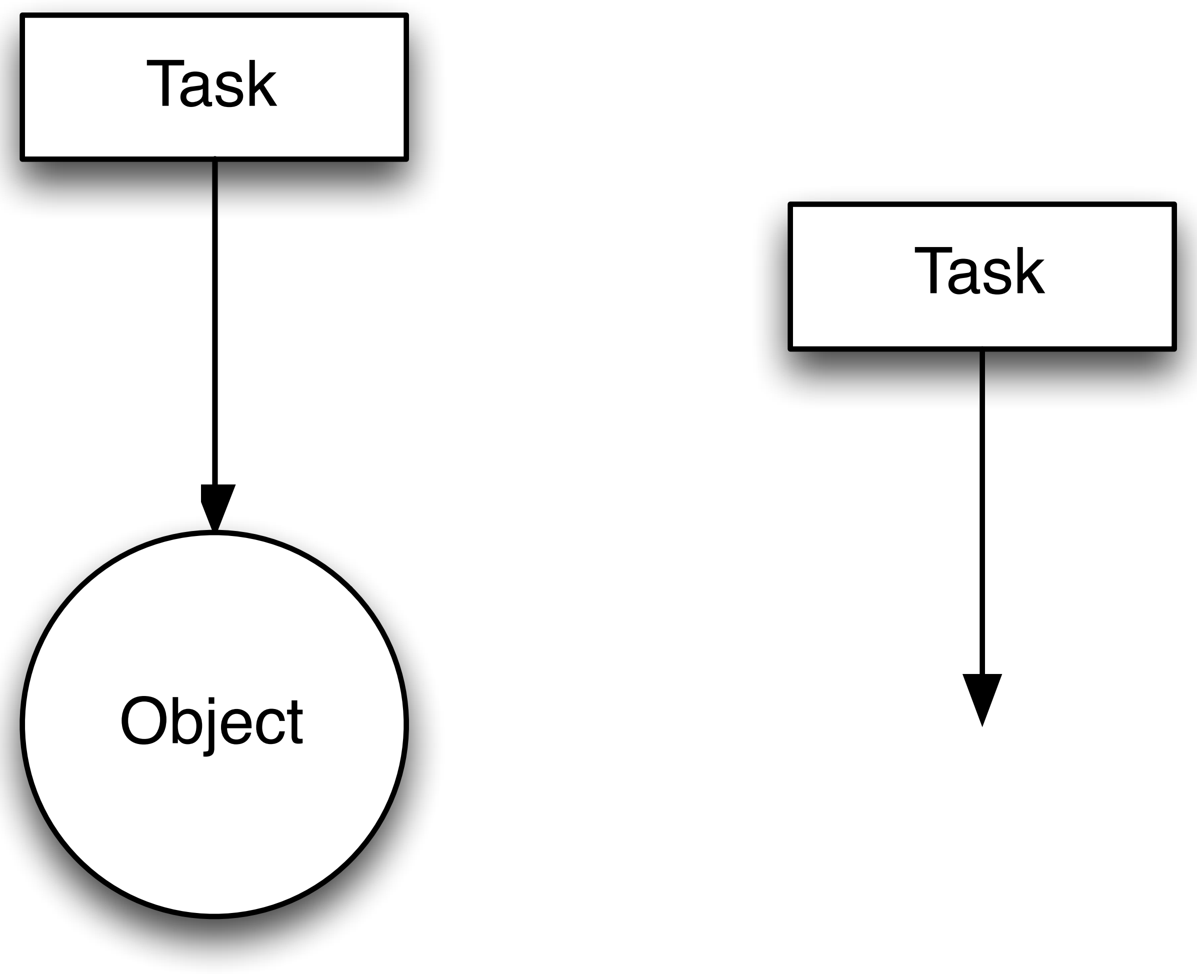

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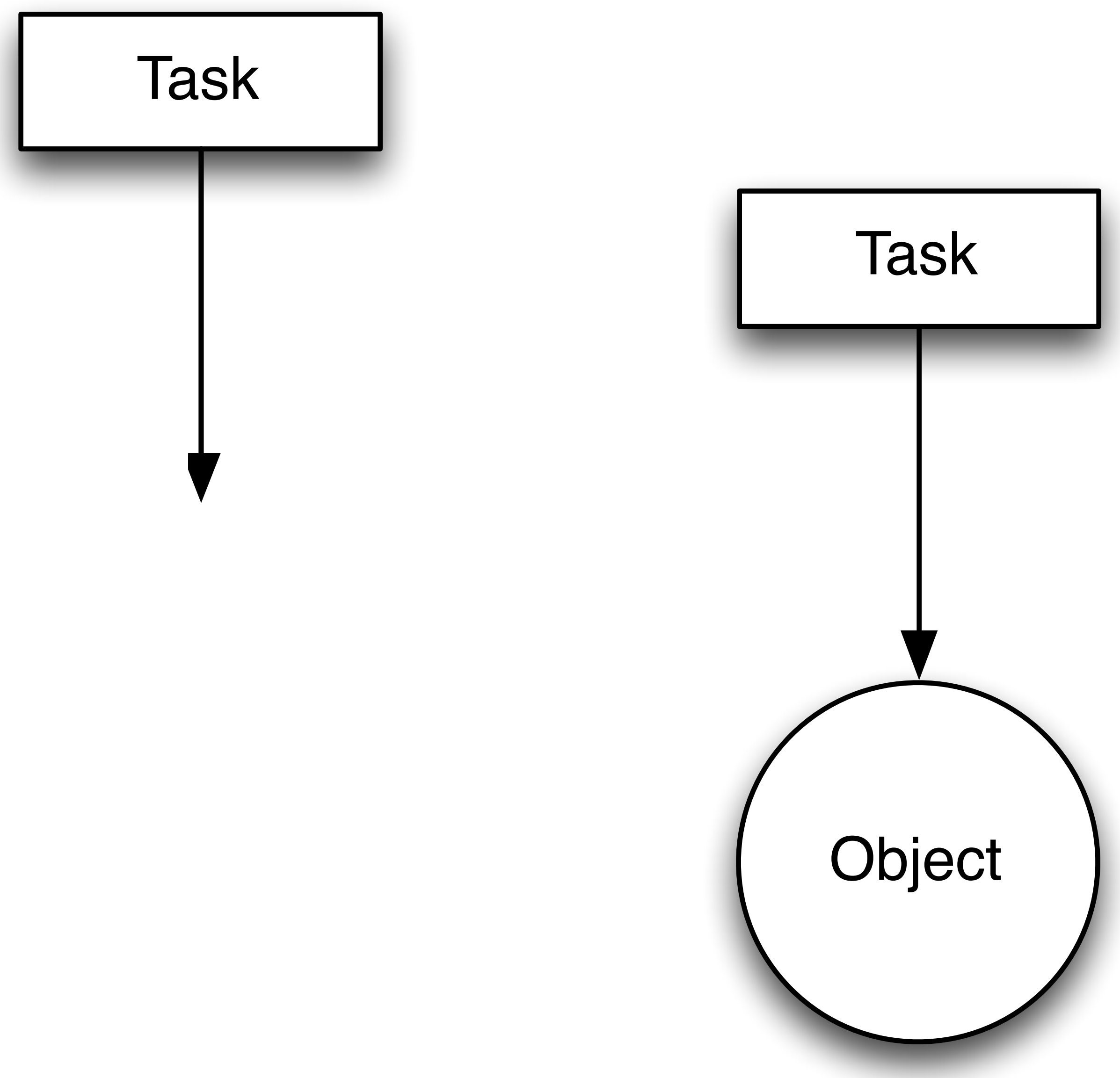

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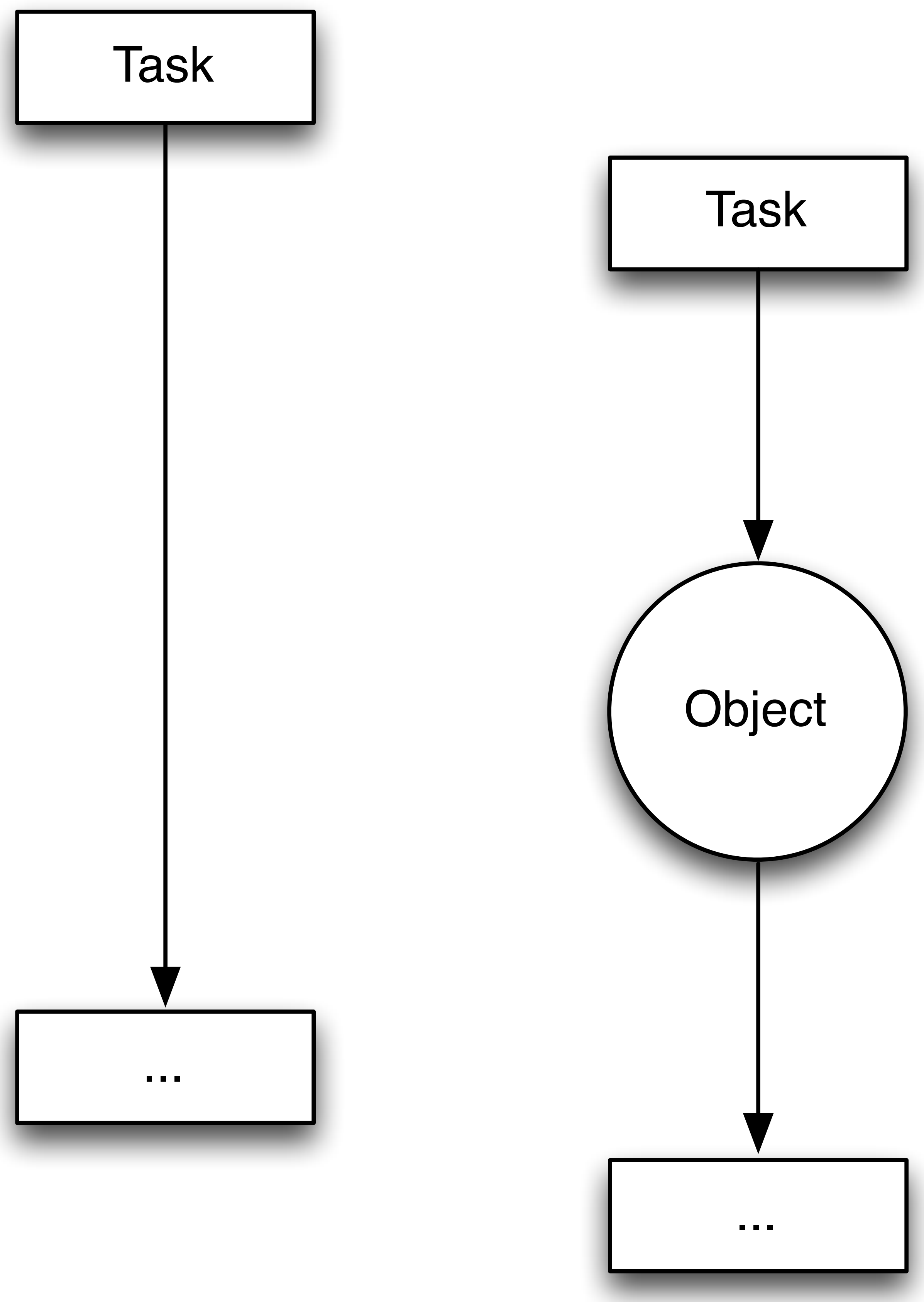

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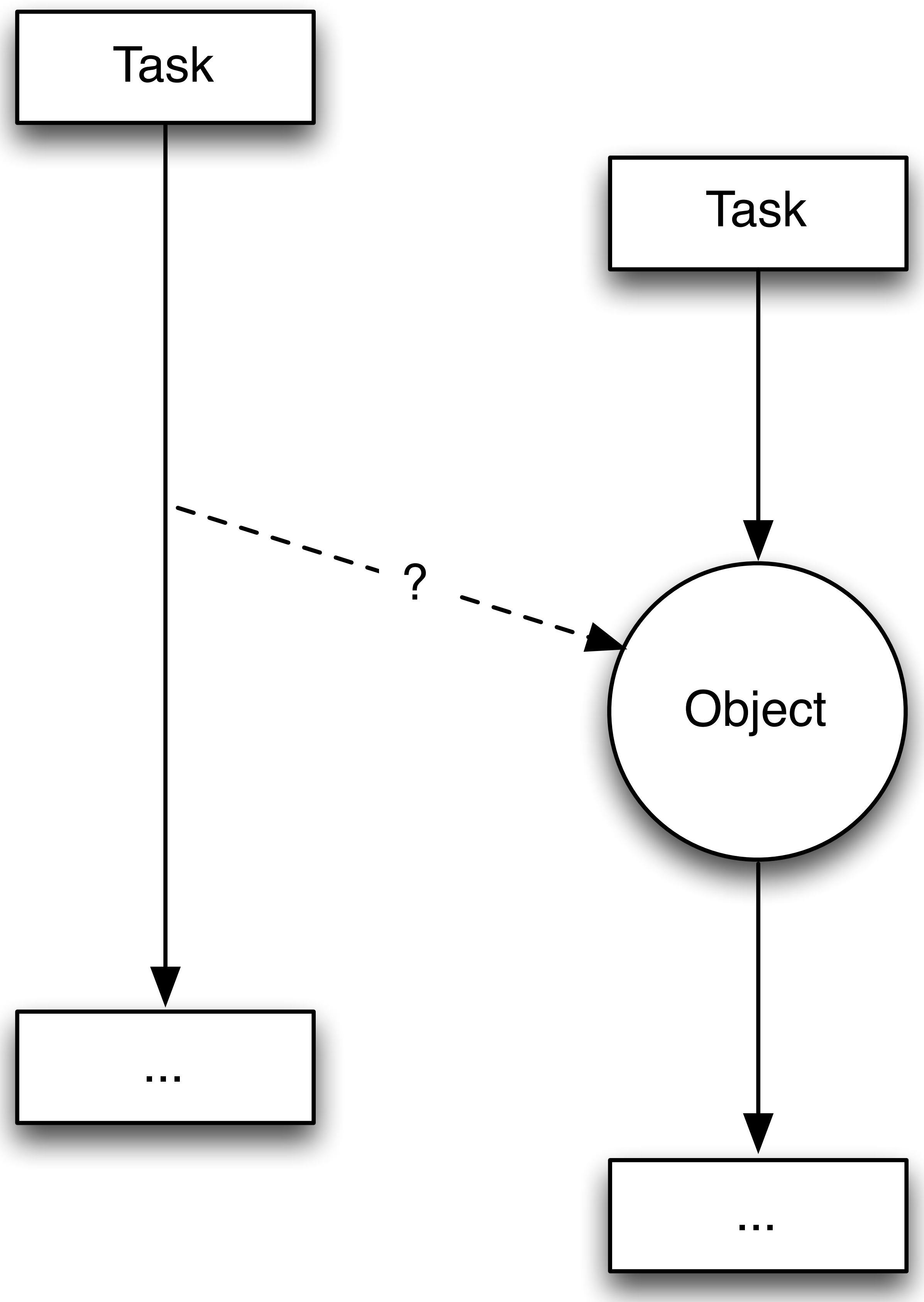

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- Fibonacci is often used as an example for parallel algorithms
  - Please stop…

Public Service Announcement - How to Write Fibonacci

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{
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Egyptian Multiplication (Russian Peasant Algorithm)
See "From Mathematics to Generic Programming" - Alex Stepanov and Dan Rose

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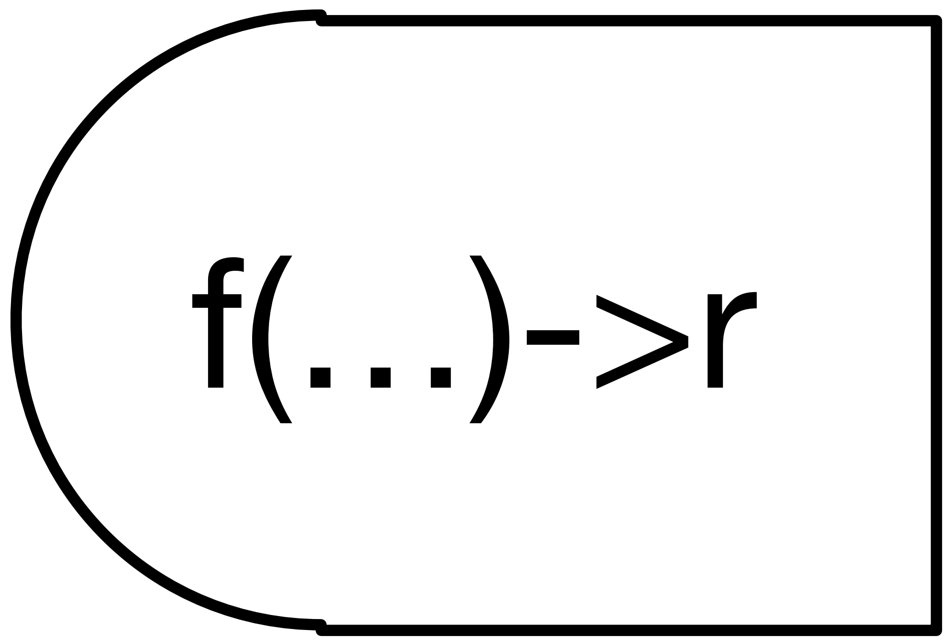

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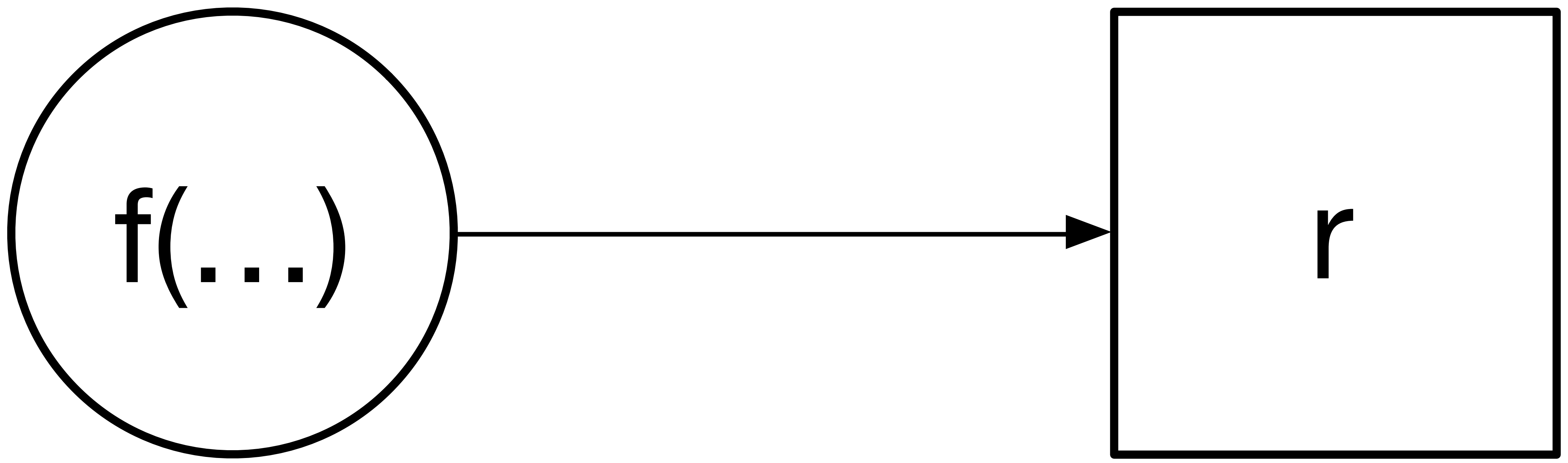

Futures

- Futures allow minimal code transformations to express dependencies

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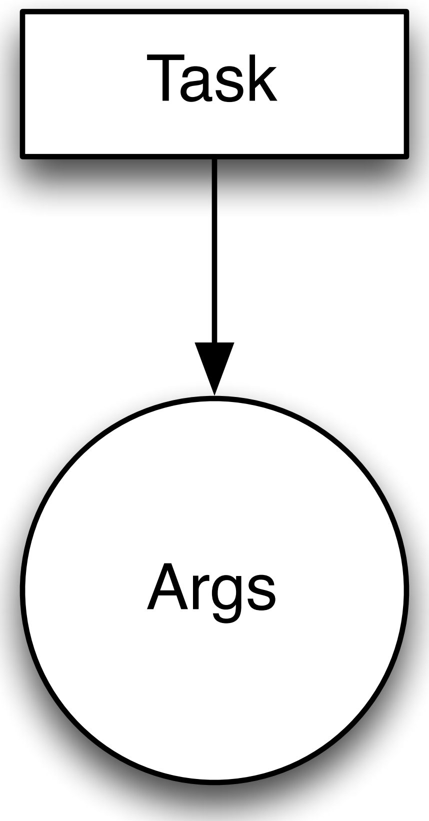

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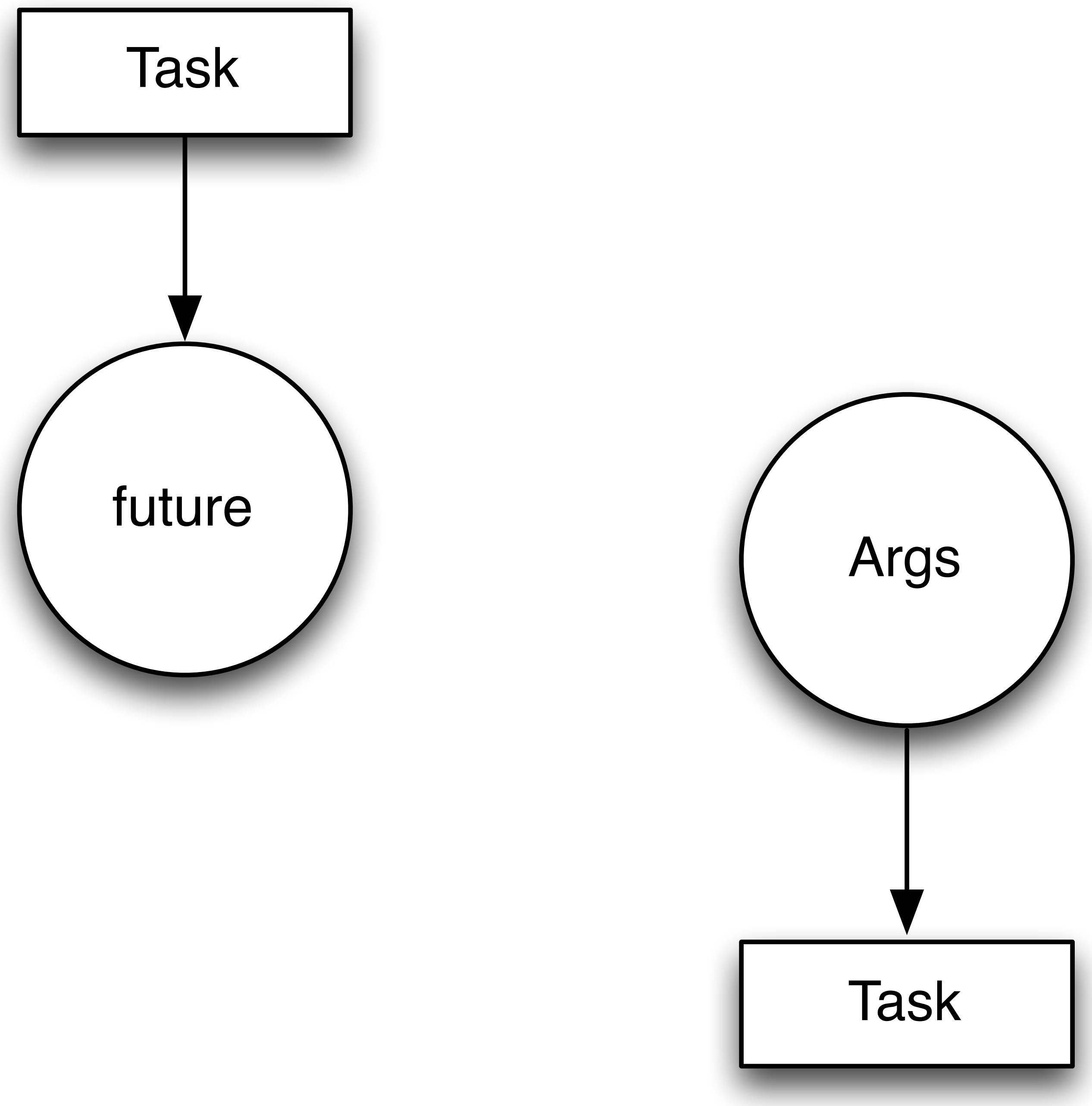

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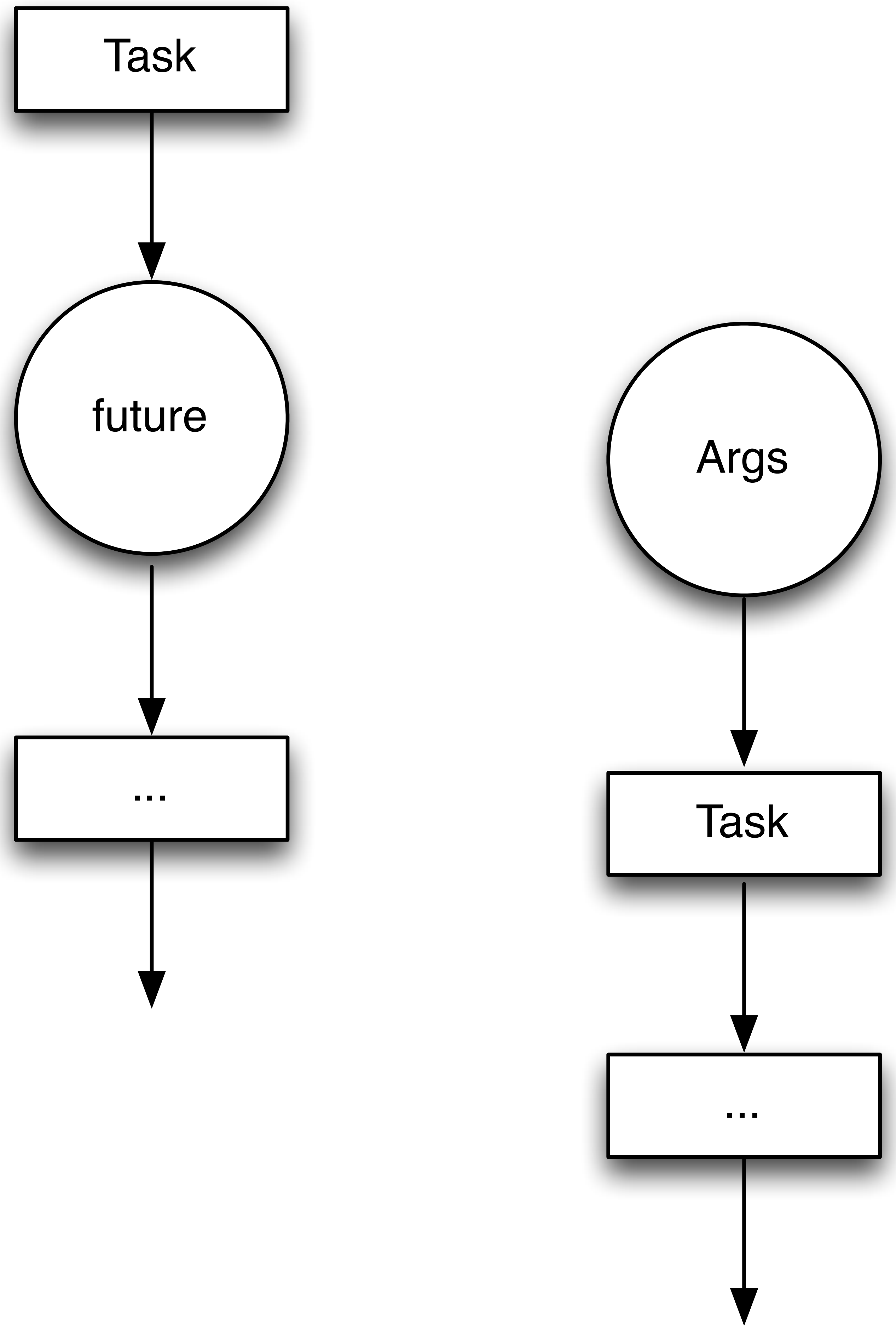

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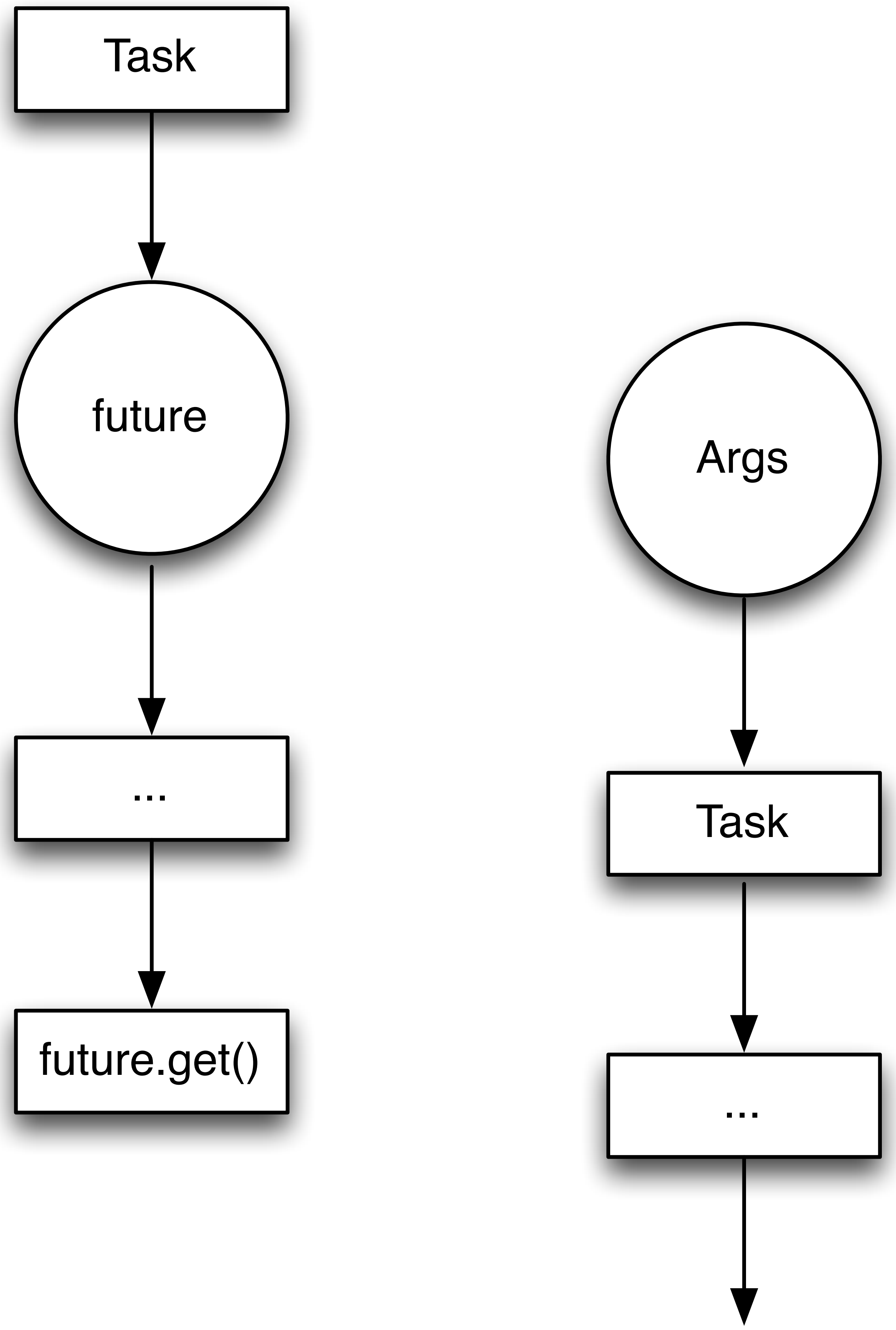

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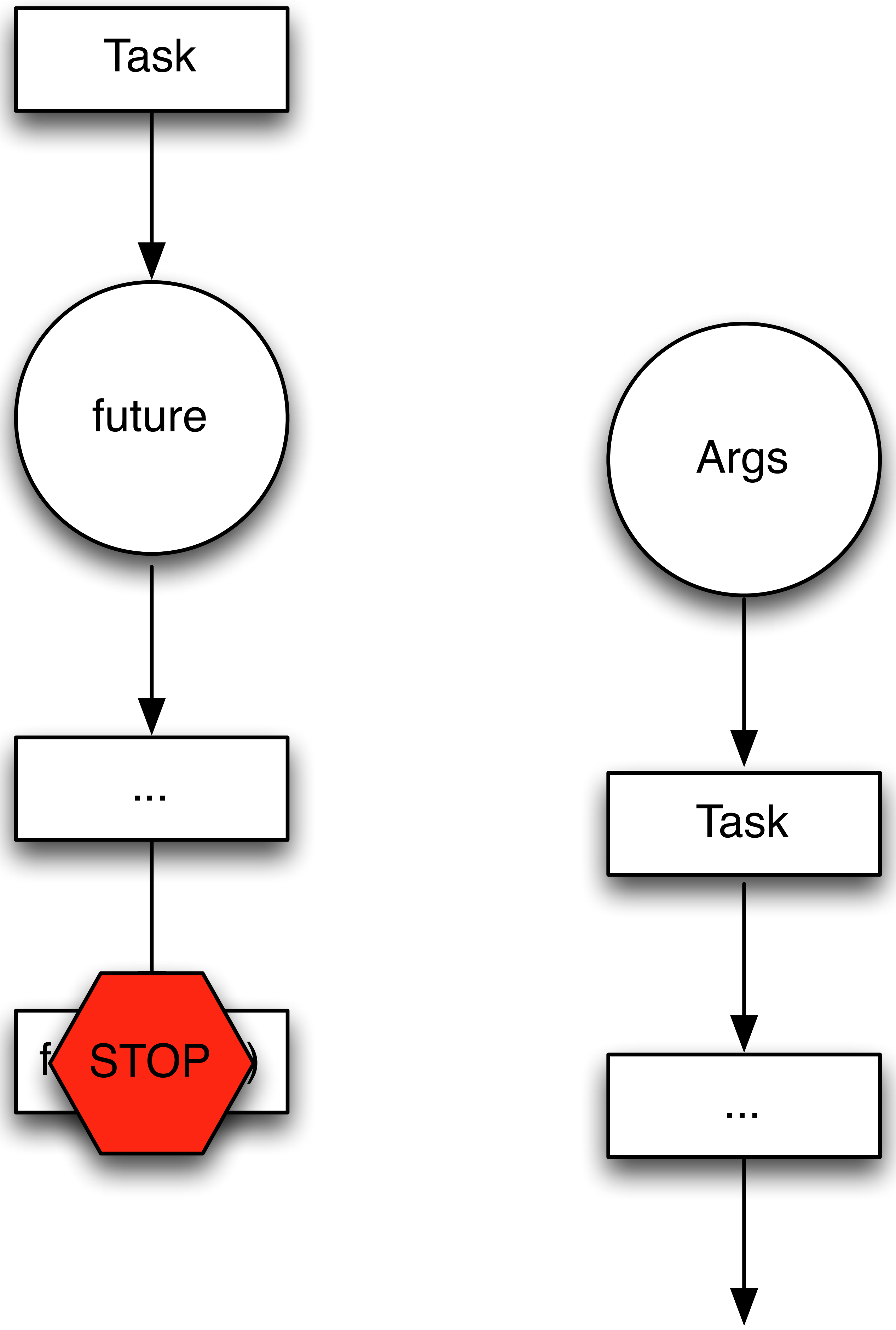

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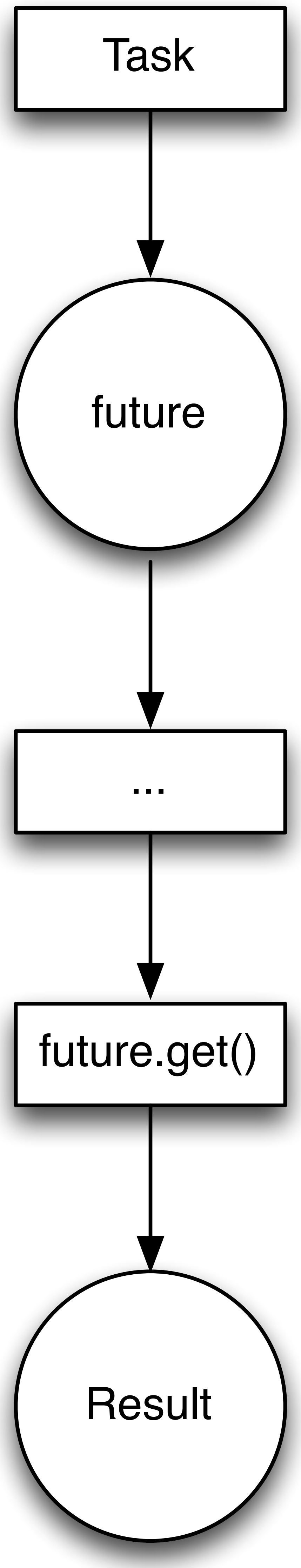

Futures: What year is this?

- C++14 futures lack:
  - Continuations - `.then()`
  - Joins - `when_all()`
  - Split
  - Cancelation
  - Progress Monitoring (Except Ready)

  - And C++14 futures don't compose (easily) to add these features

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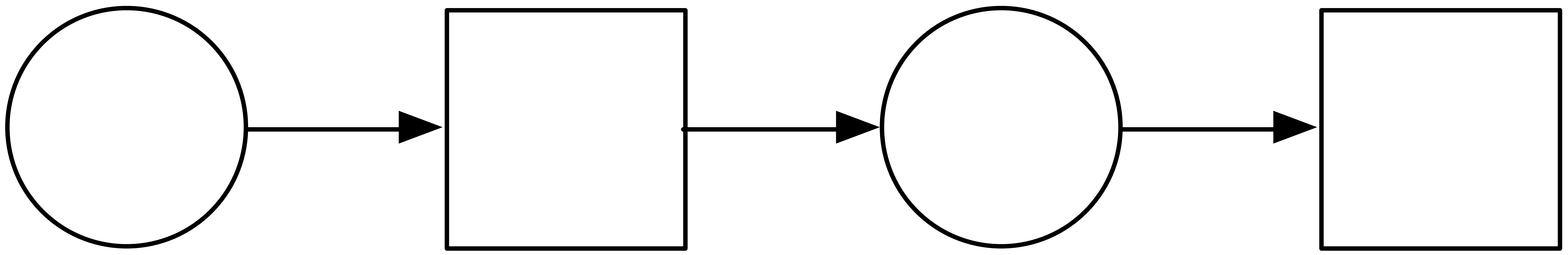

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- Blocking on `std::future.get()` has two problems
  - One thread resource is consumed, increasing contention
    - Possibly causing a deadlock in our tasking system!
  - Any subsequent non-dependent calculations on the task are also blocked

- C++14 doesn't have continuations
  - GCD has serialized queues and groups
  - PPL has chained tasks
  - TBB has flow graphs
  - TS Concurrency will have `.then()`
    - Boost futures have them now

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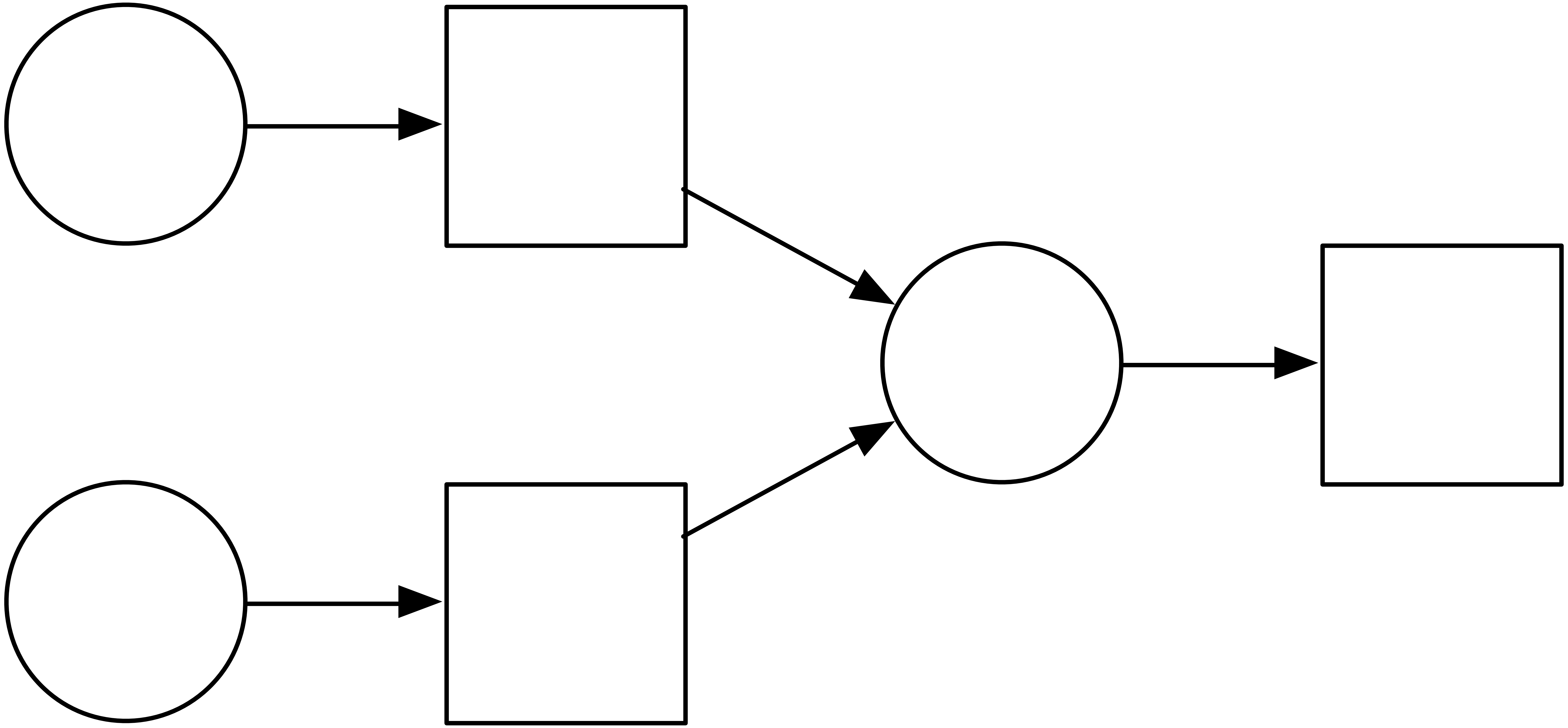
Futures vs Completion Handlers

- Completion handlers are callbacks, they must be known prior to the call
  - No need to synchronize between invoking and setting the continuation

- Futures allow setting the continuation after the sending call is in flight
  - Simpler to compose
  - Require synchronization between invoking and setting the continuation

Futures: Joins



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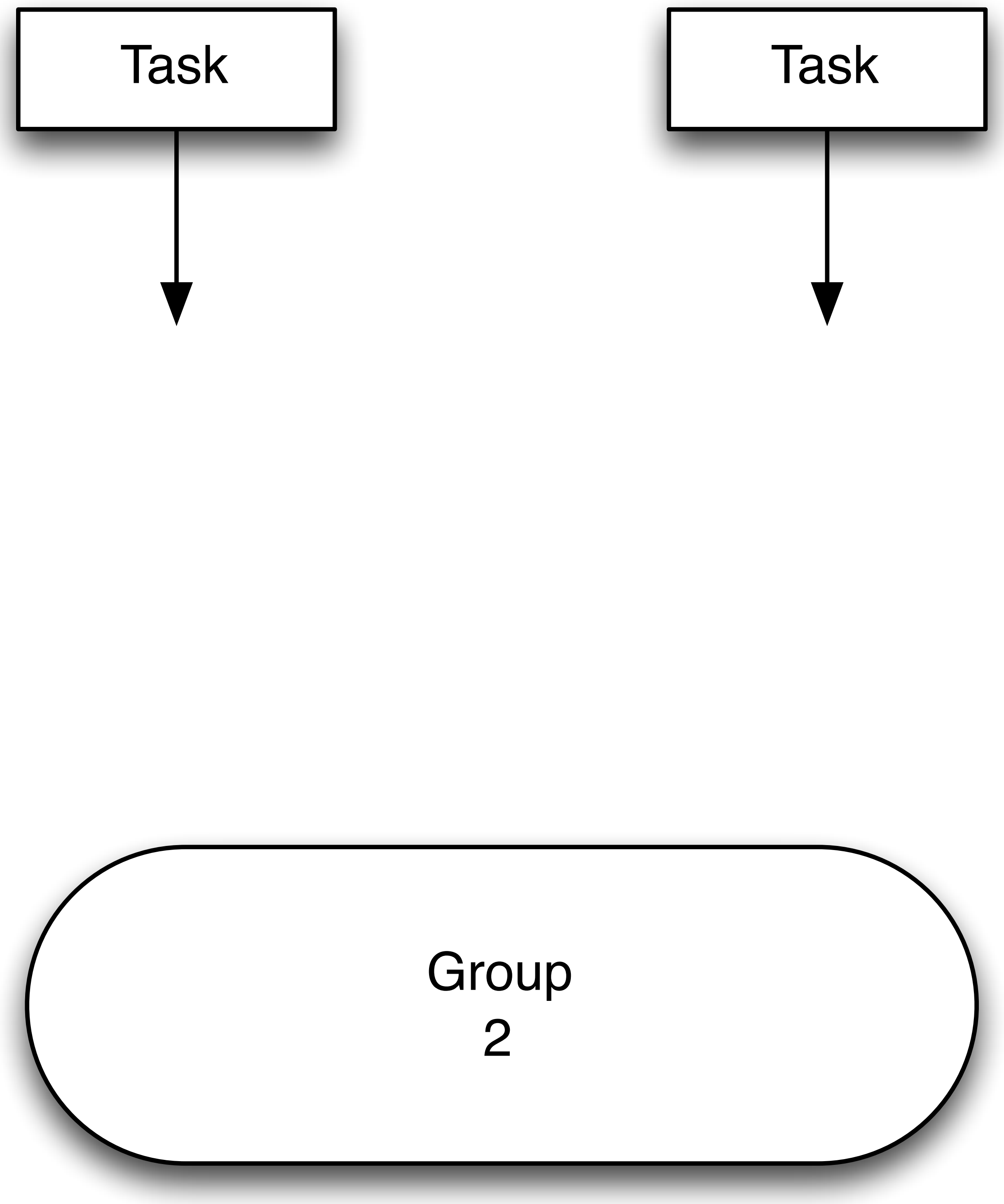

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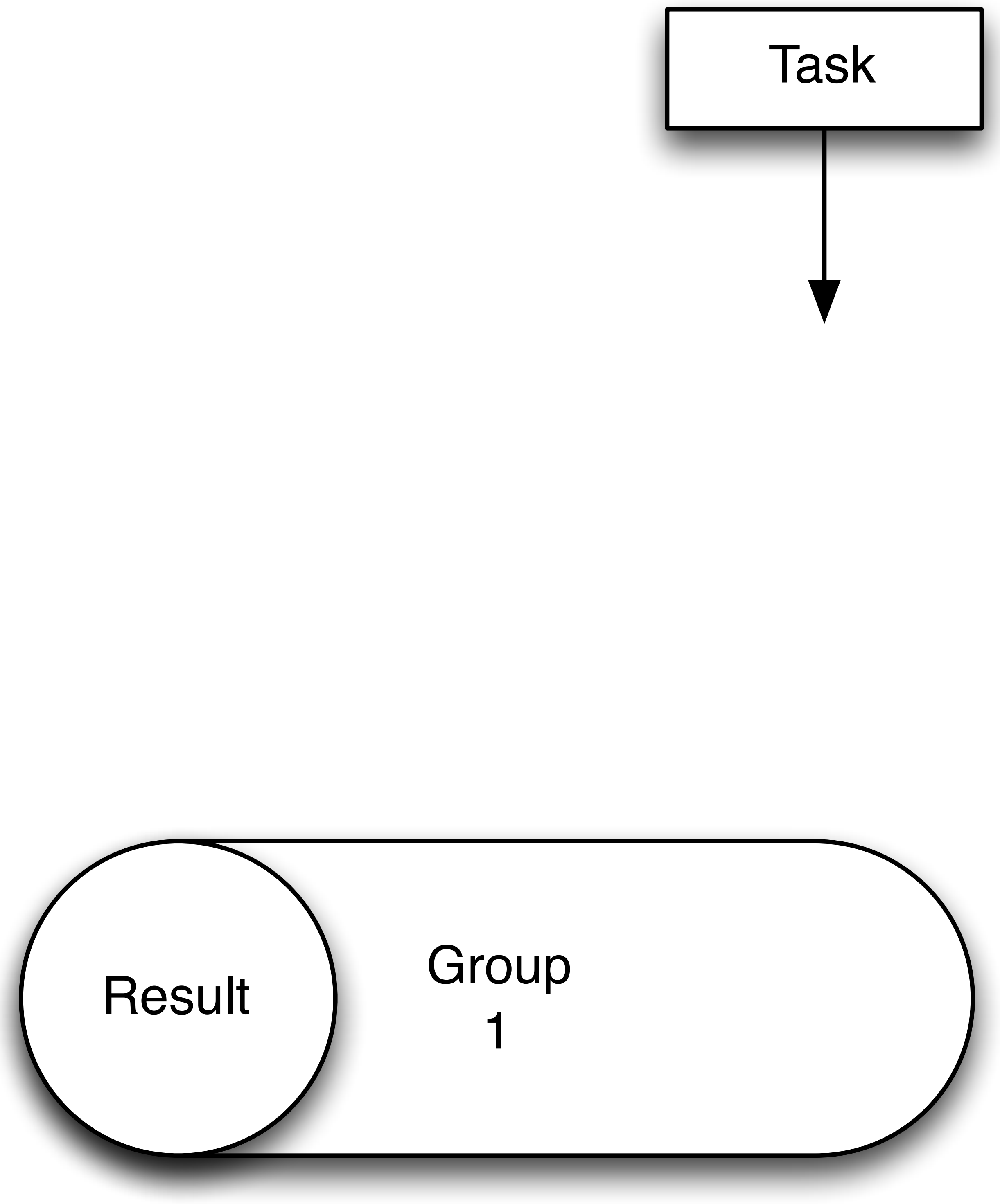

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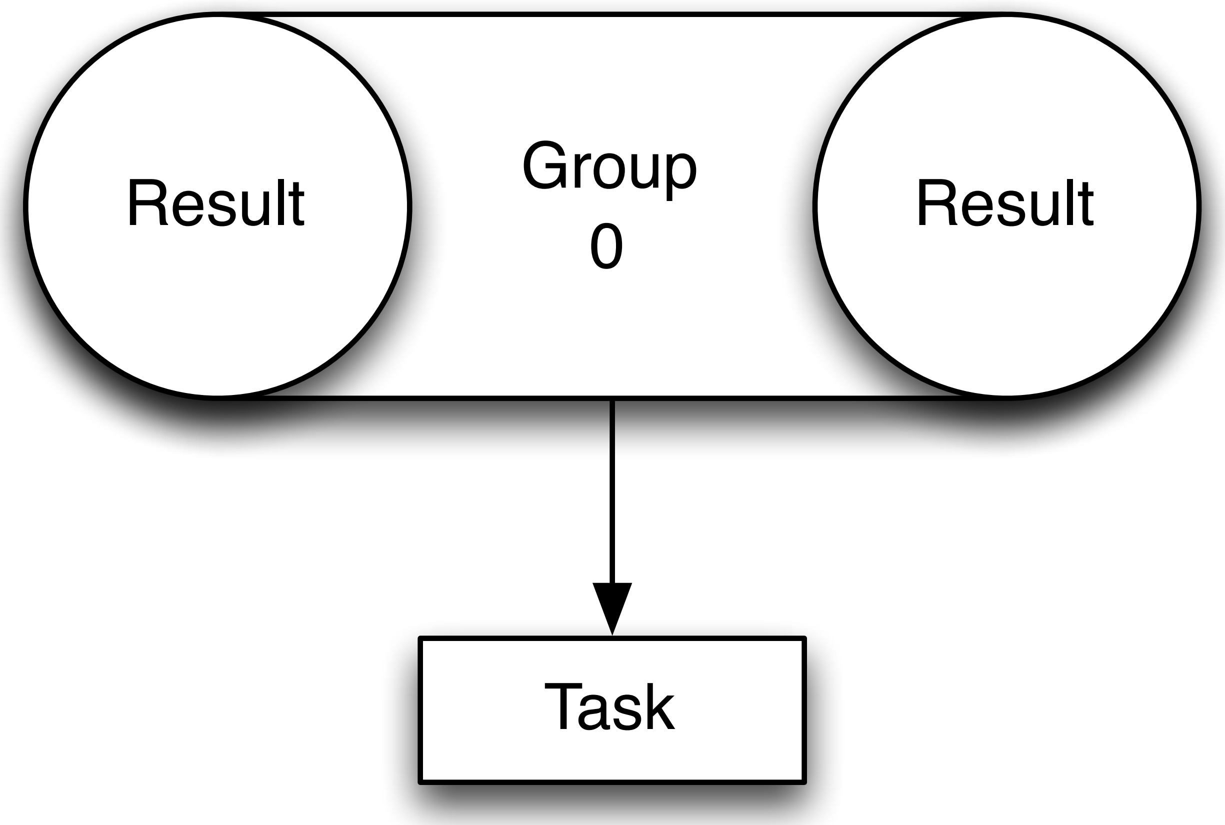

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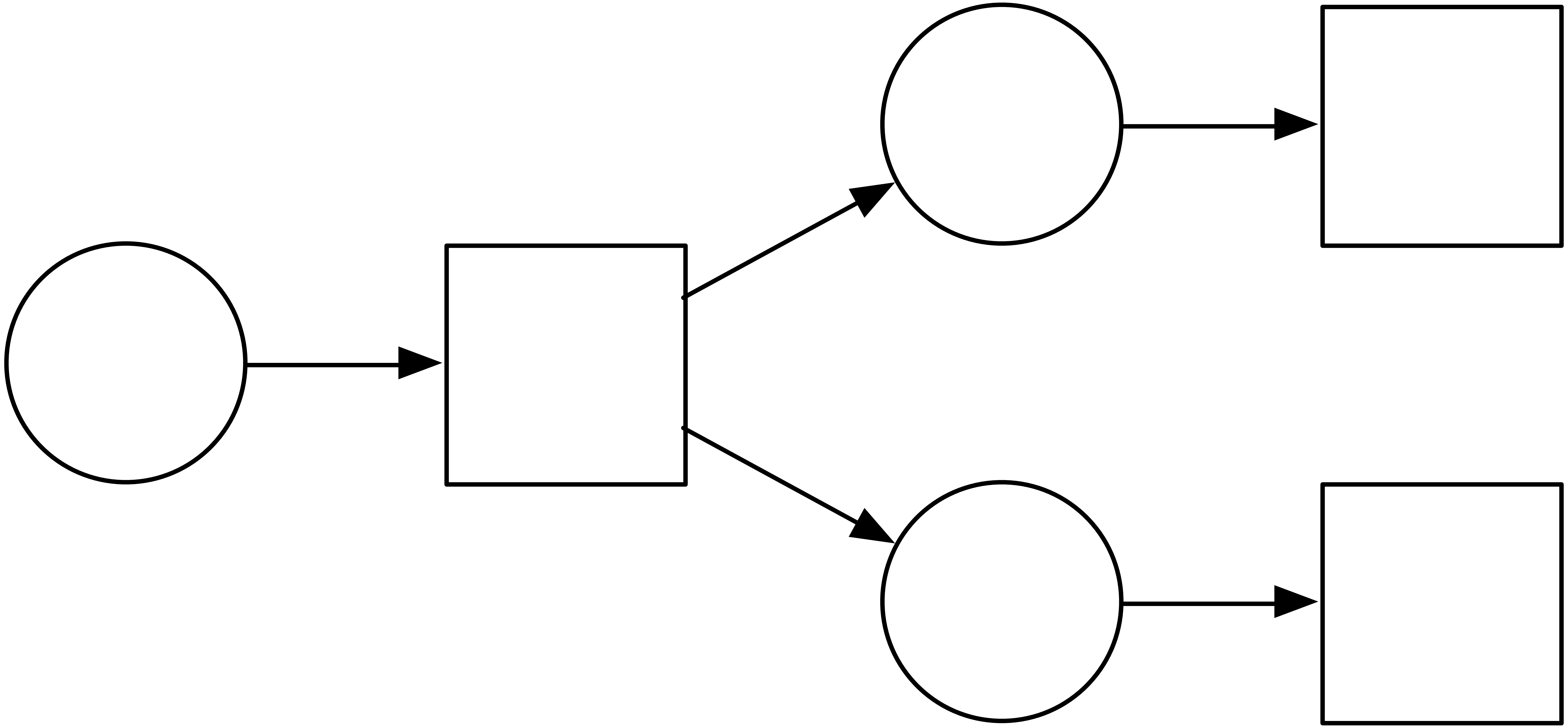

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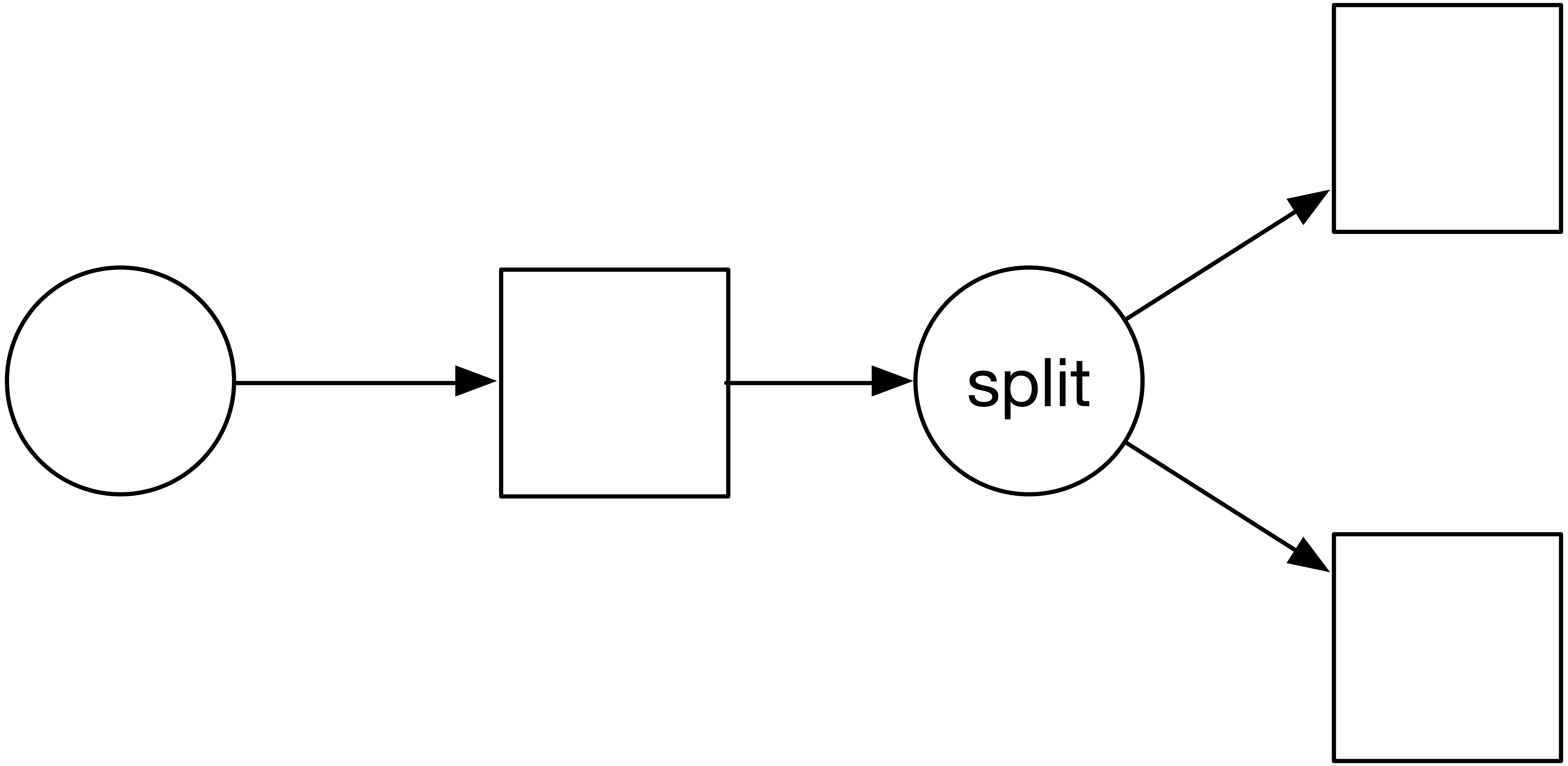
Continuations

- Desired behavior
  - A future should behave as a *regular* type - a token for the actual value
    - shared_futures let me “copy” them around and do multiple get() operations
      - But not multiple continuations

Continuations

- We can write a pseudo-copy, split().



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Building Blocks

- Promise is the sending side of a future
- Promises are packaged with a function to formed a packaged task
  - Packaged tasks handle the exception marshalling through a promise

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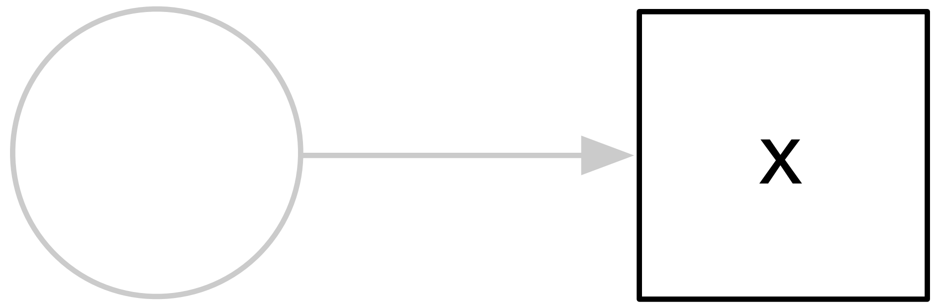

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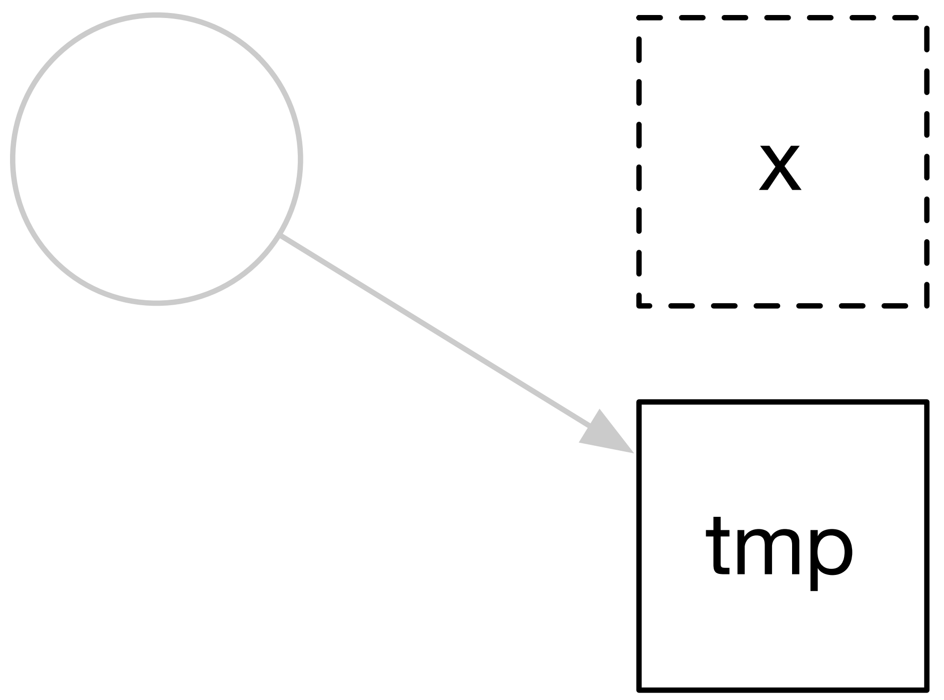

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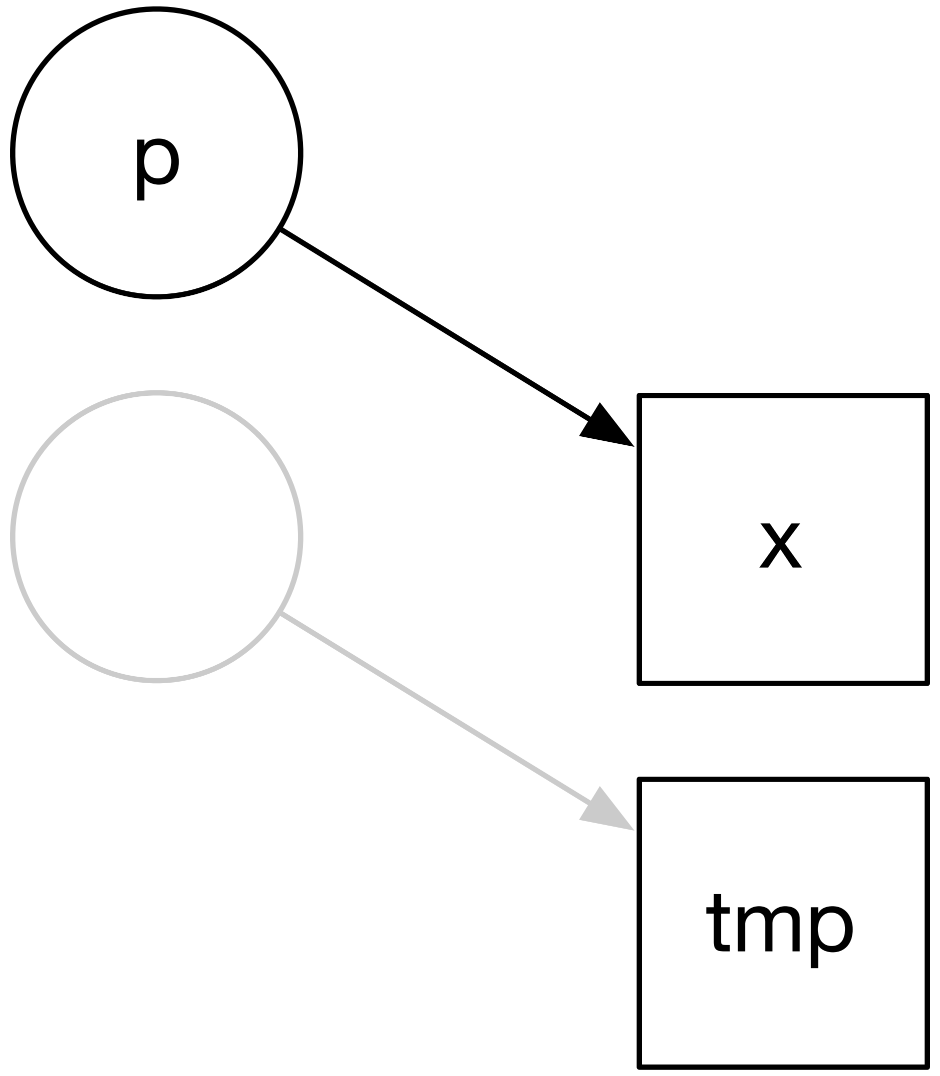

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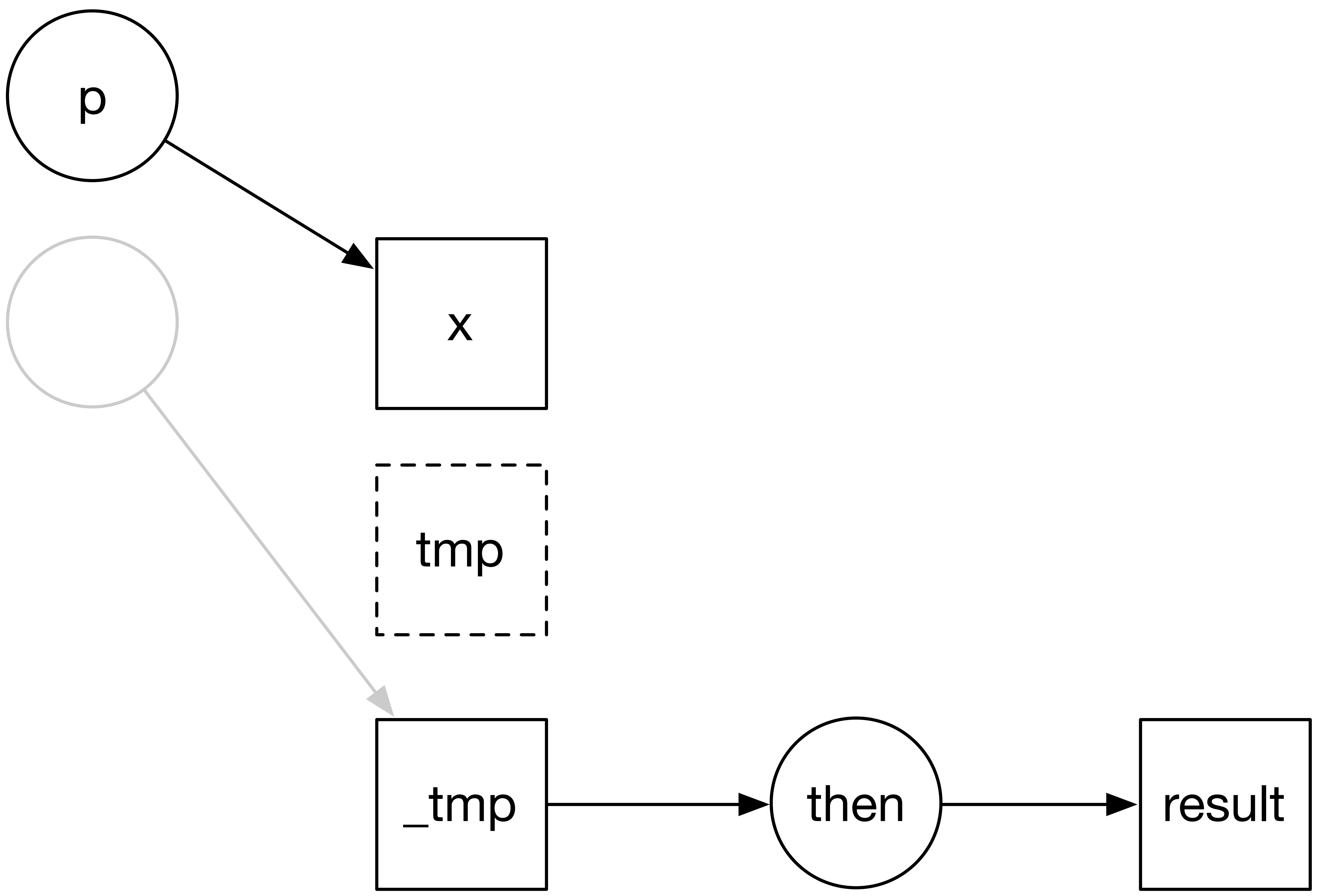

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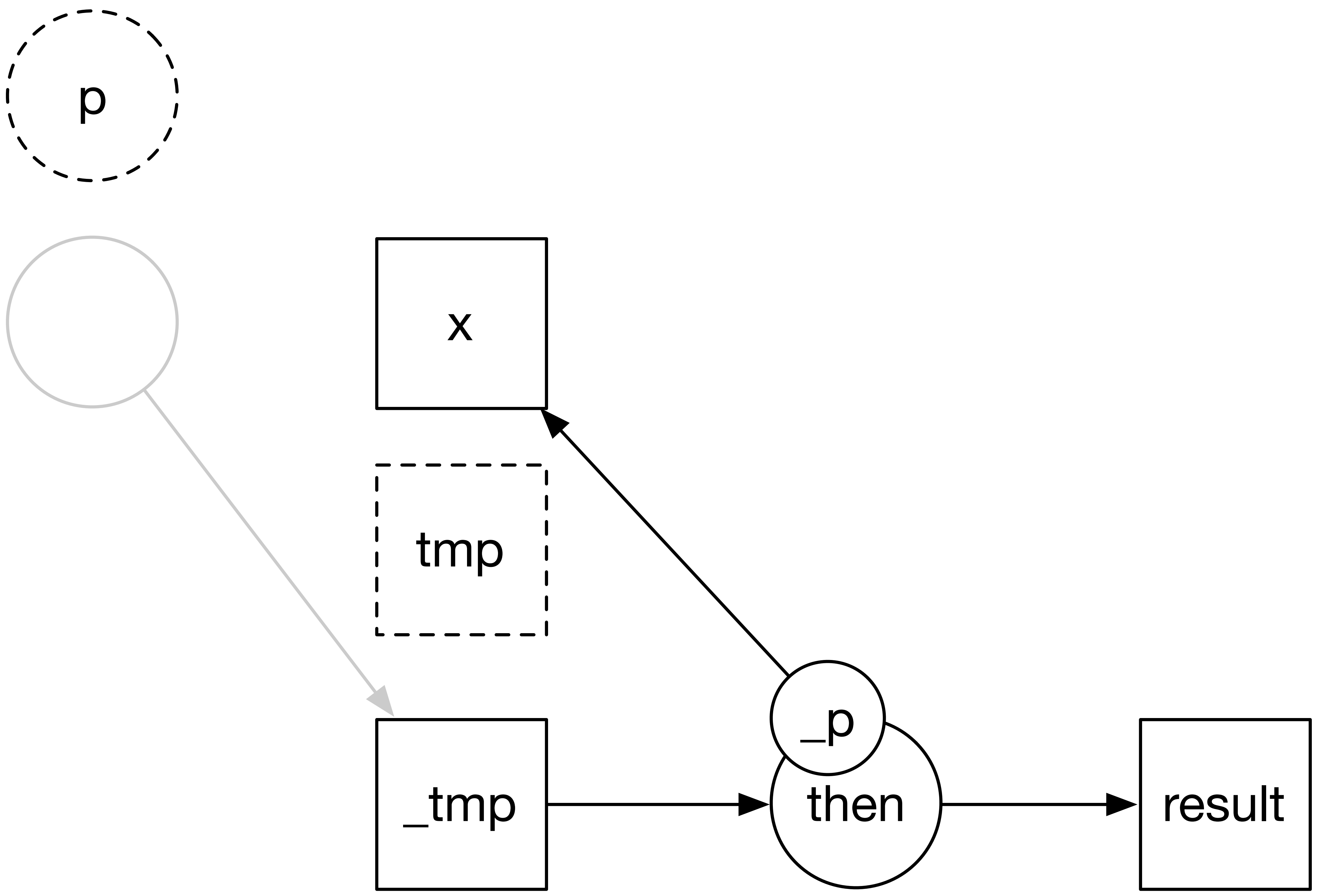

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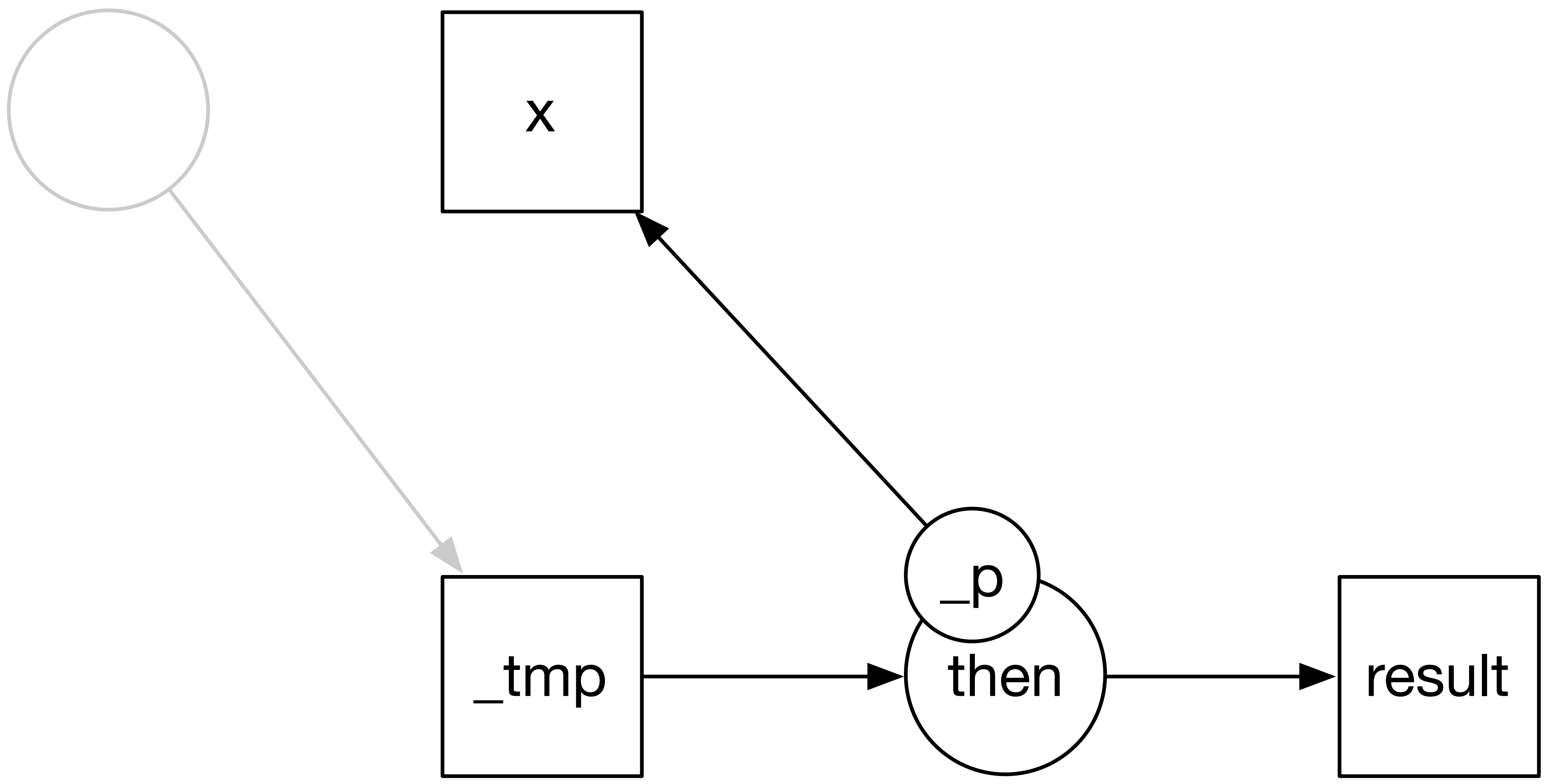

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  - Except to create something more complex than re-implementing futures

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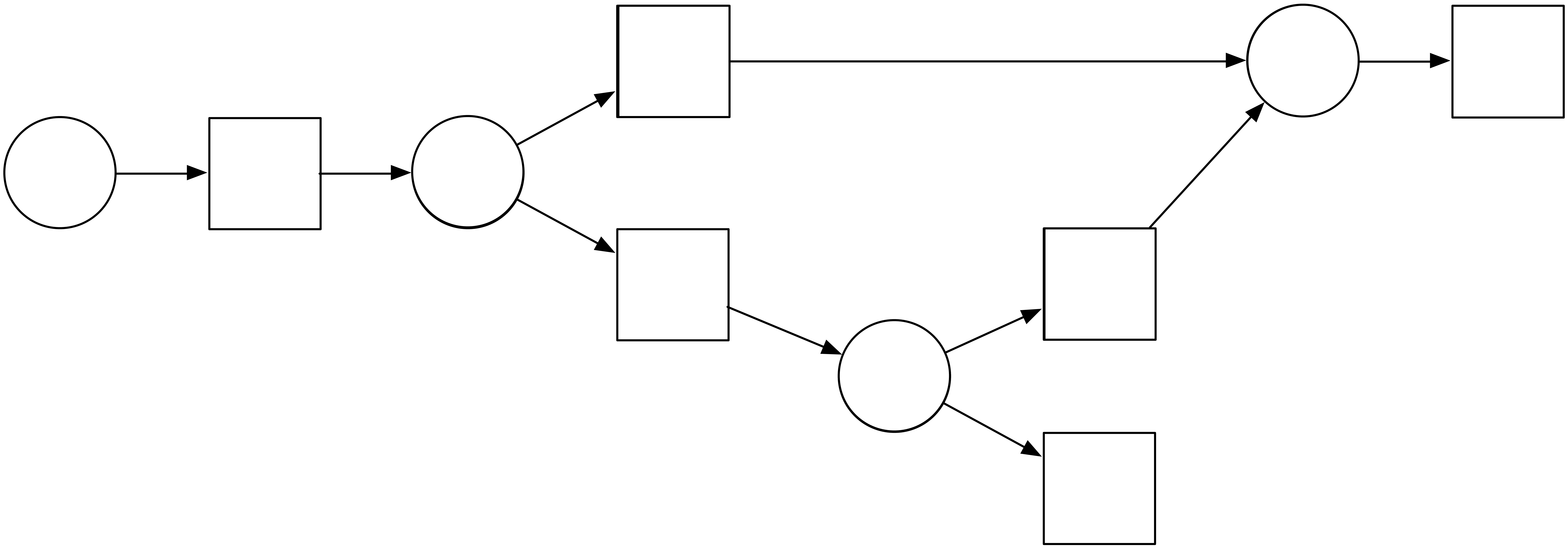

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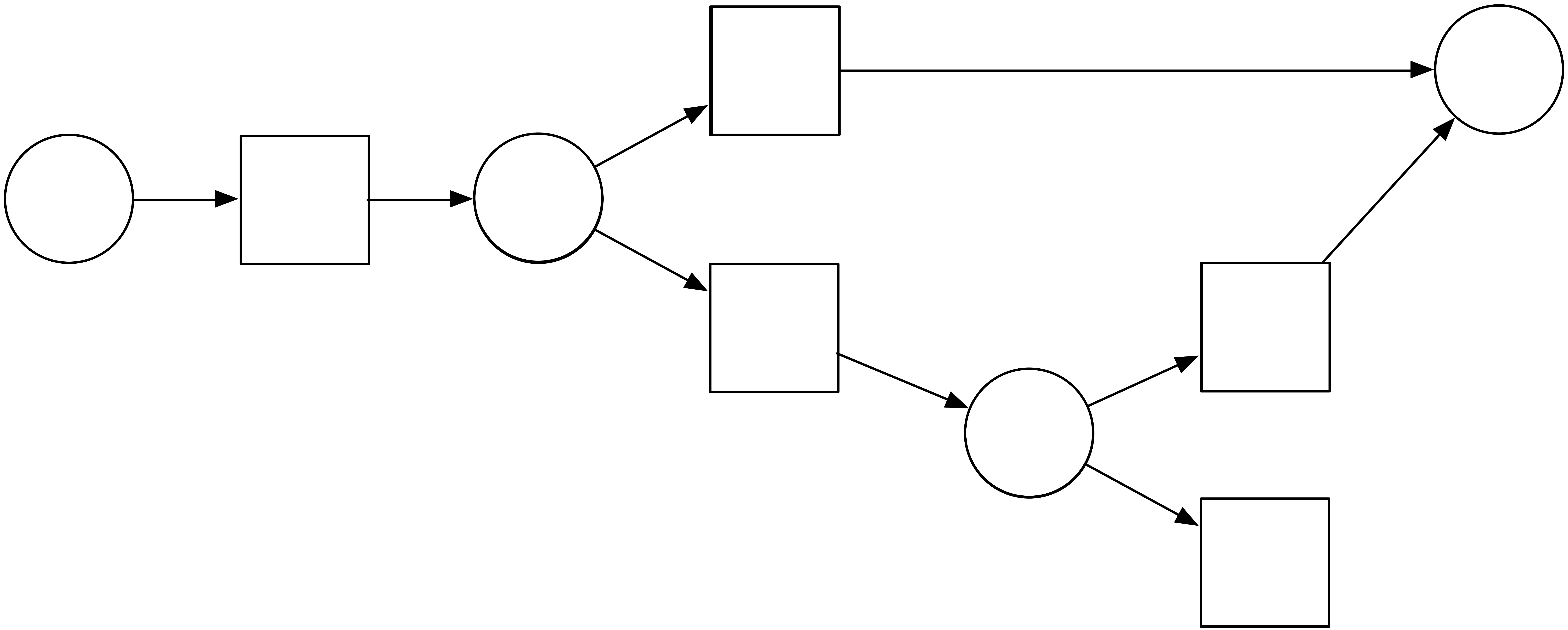

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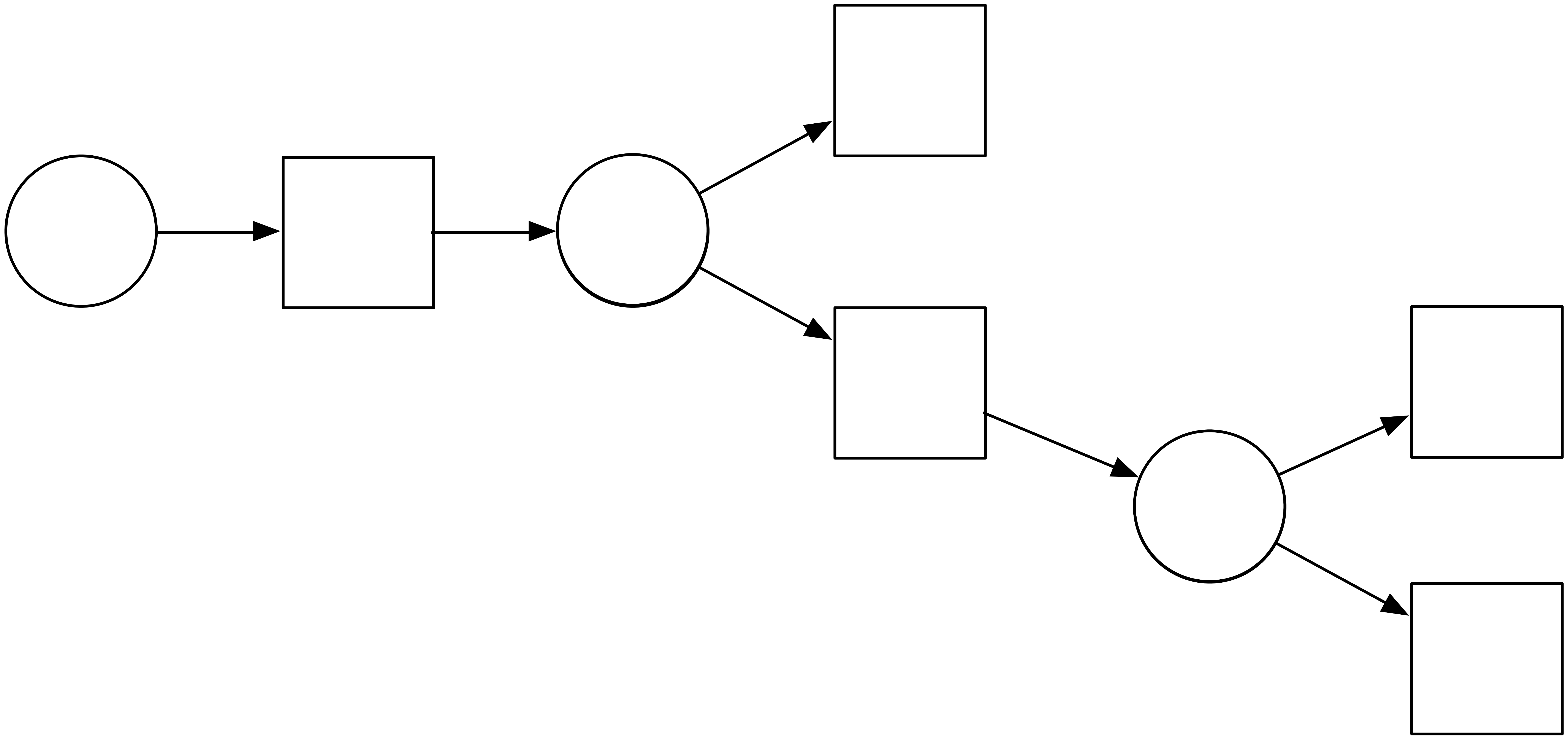

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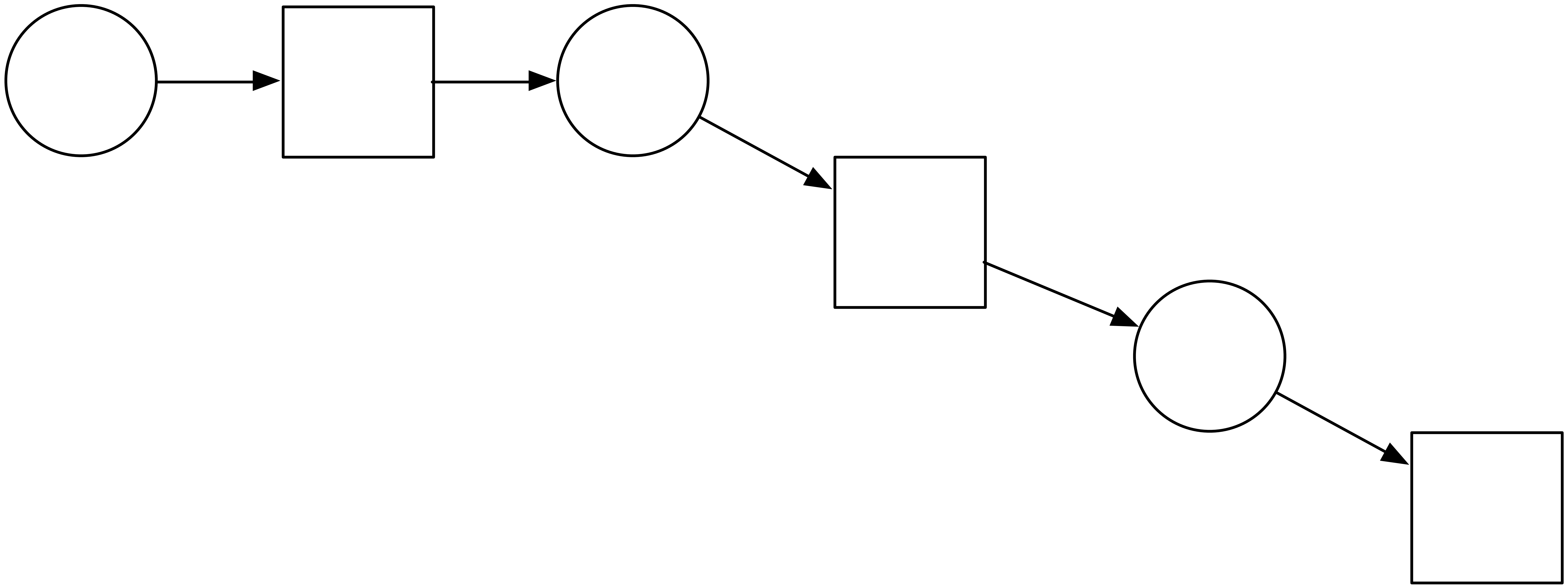

Channels

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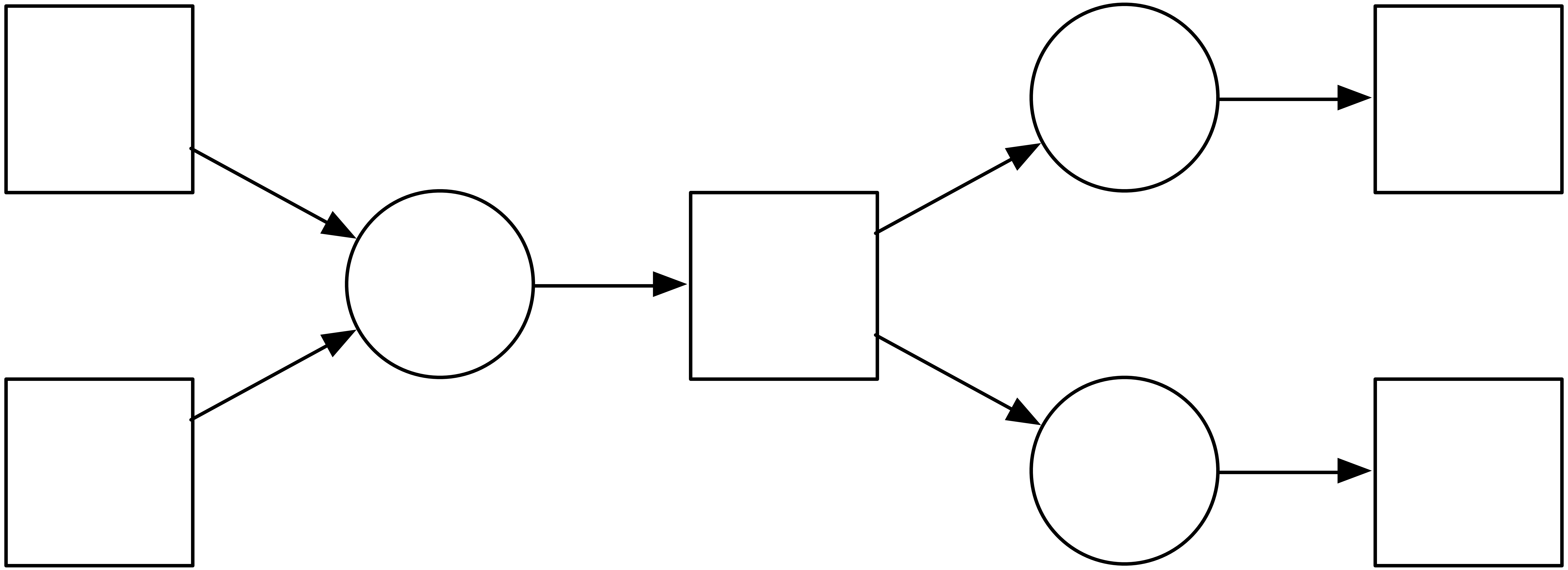

What if we persist the graph?

- Allow multiple invocations of the tasks by setting the source values
- Each change triggers a notification to the sink values
  - This is a reactive programming model and futures are known as *behaviors* or *channels*

Accumulators and Generator

- Each operation does not have to be a 1:1 mapping of input to output
- Coroutines are one way to write n:m functions

Futures: Continuations

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channel<int> send;

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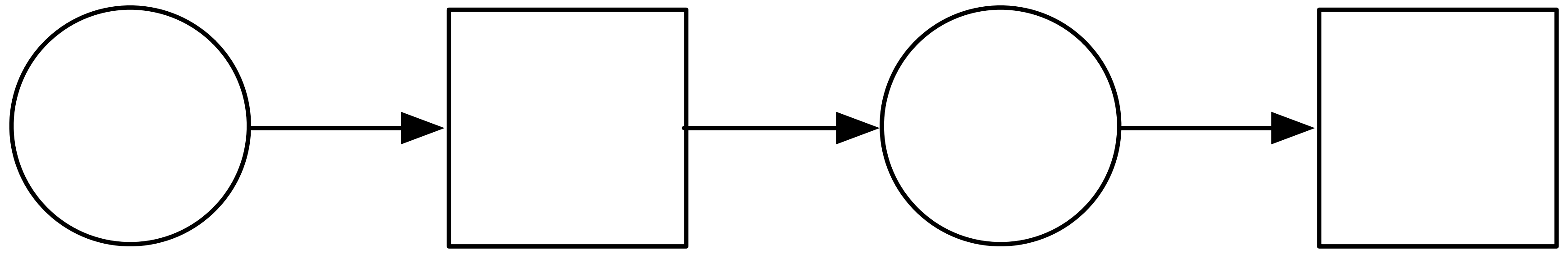

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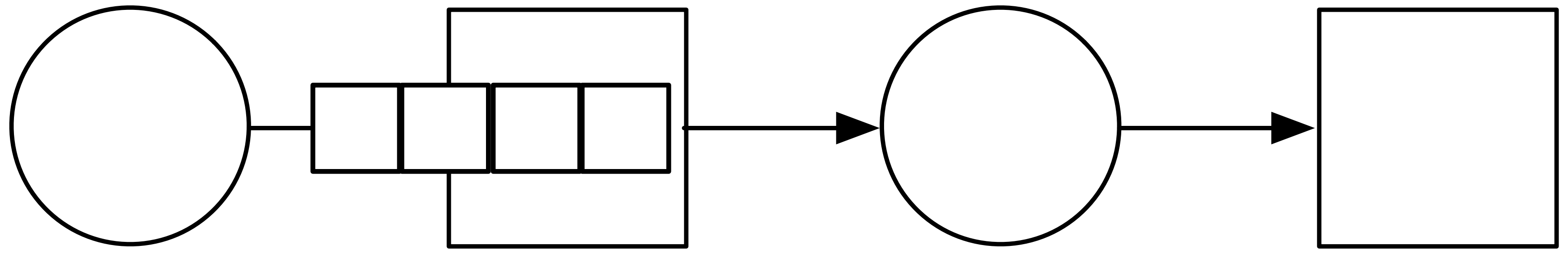

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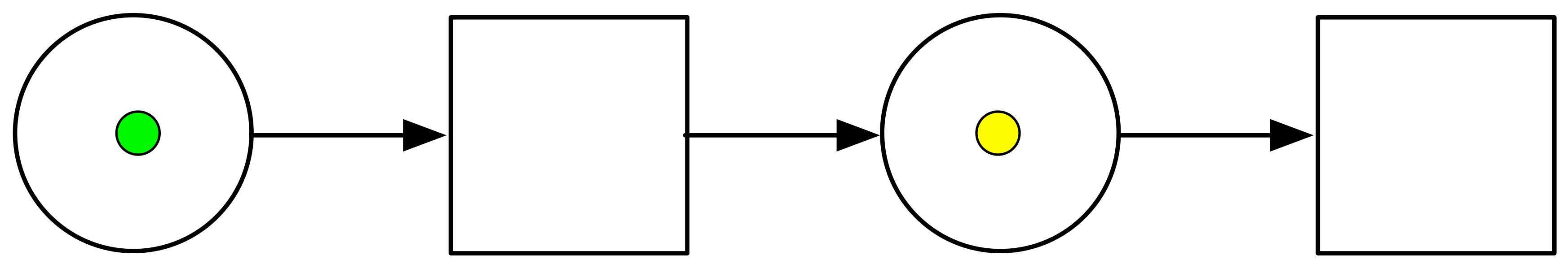

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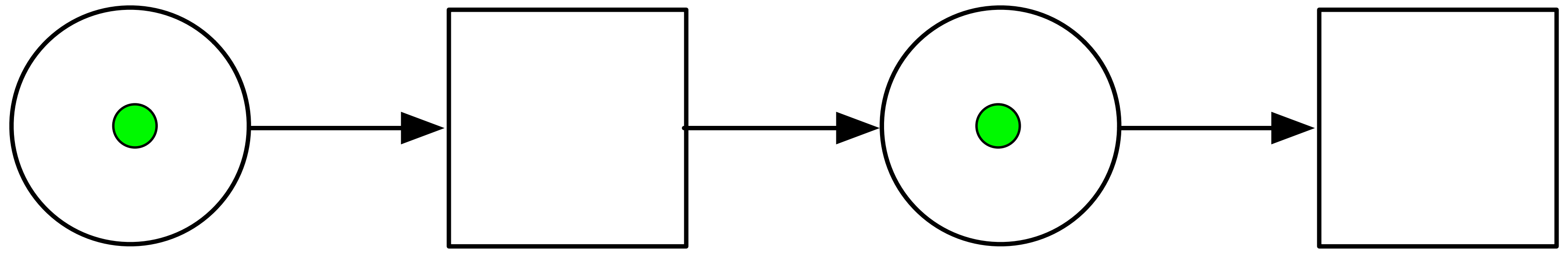

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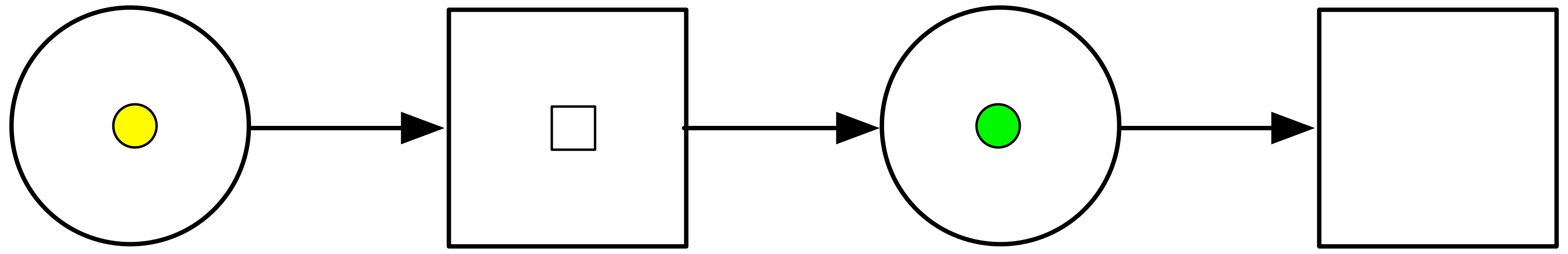

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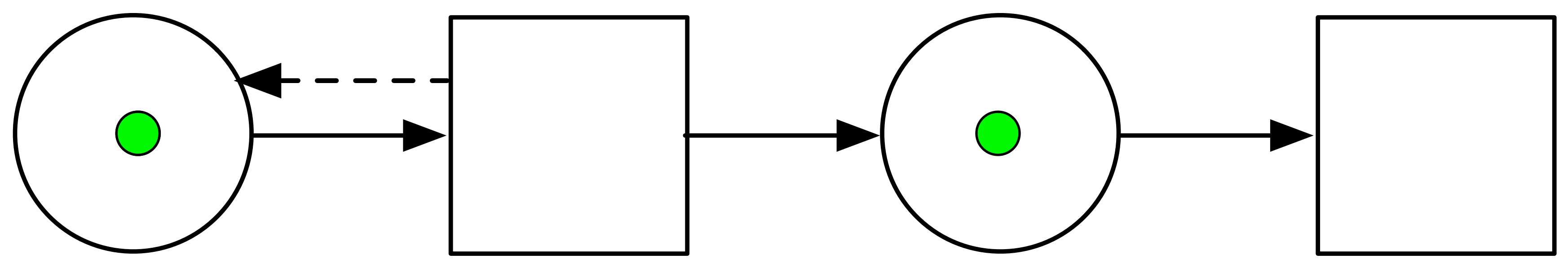

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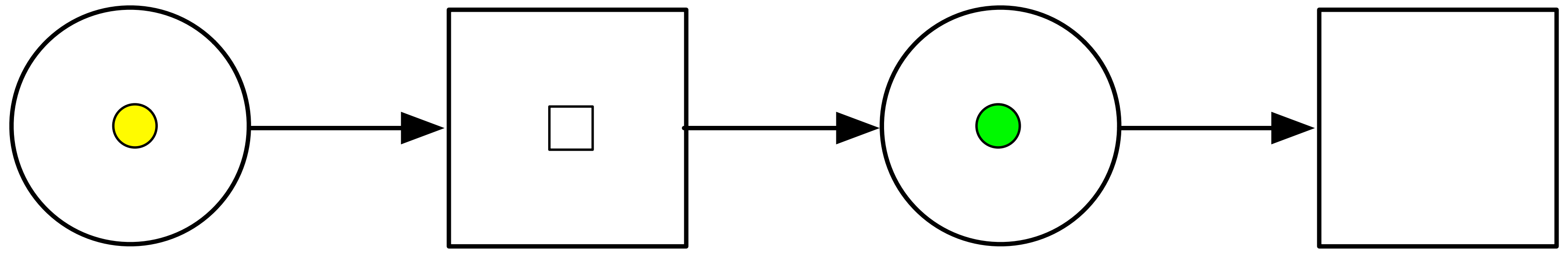

Property Models

How do the graphs change during execution?

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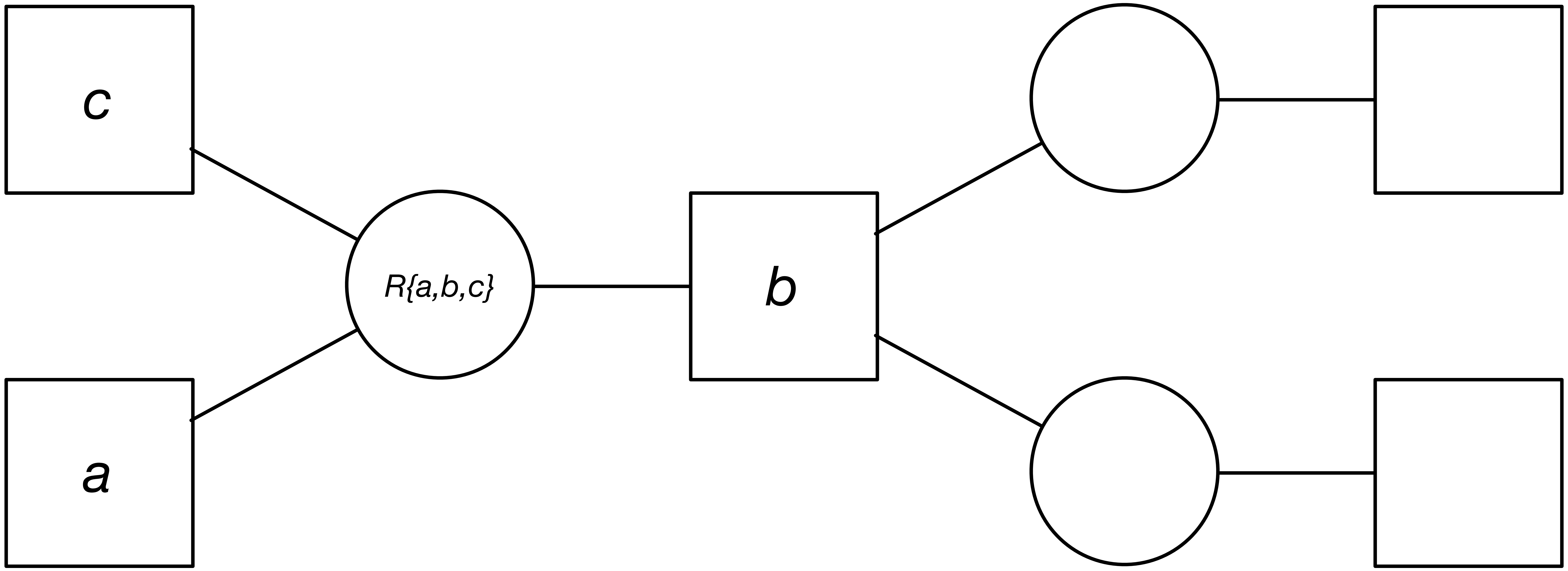

A function is a directed relationship

- We can remove the arrows by providing a package of functions to represent the relationship
  - a = b * c
    b = a / c
    c = a / b
  - This forms a type of constraint system called a *property model*
  - Flow is determined by value, or *cell*, priority
  - Relationships can be conditional, so long as predicate can be determined regardless of flow
  - Cells can only have one in-edge for a given flow or the system is over constrained

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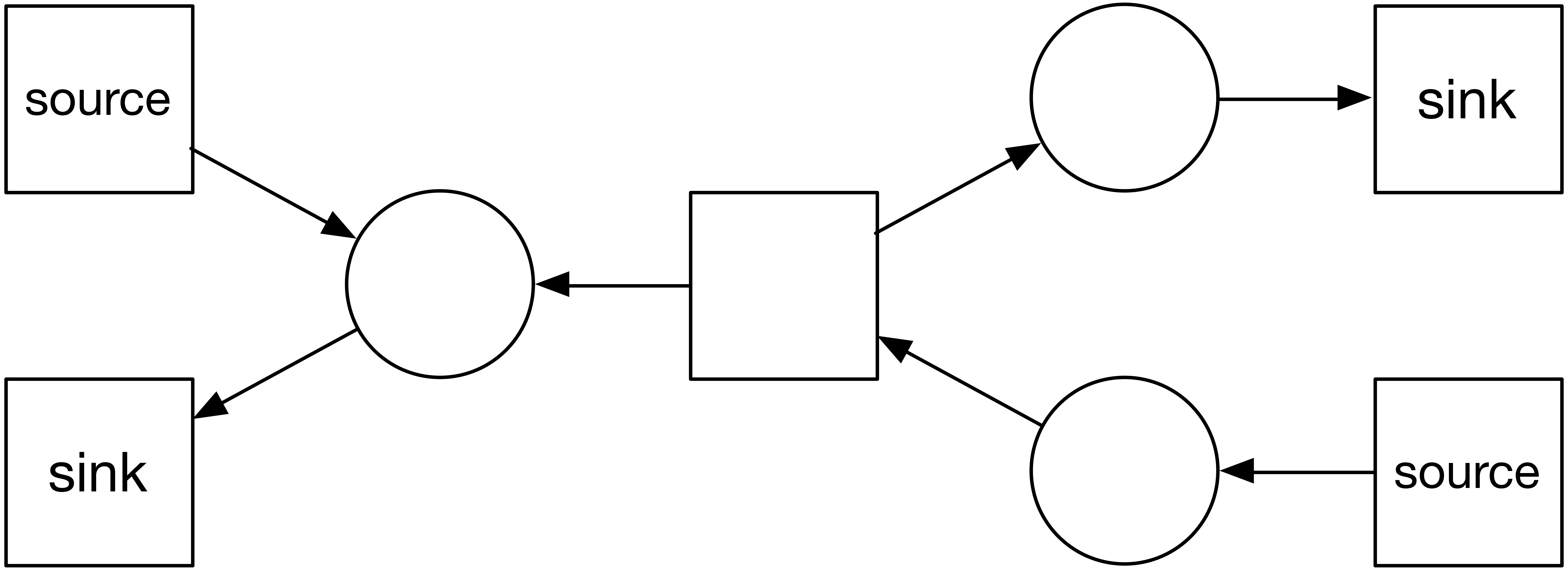
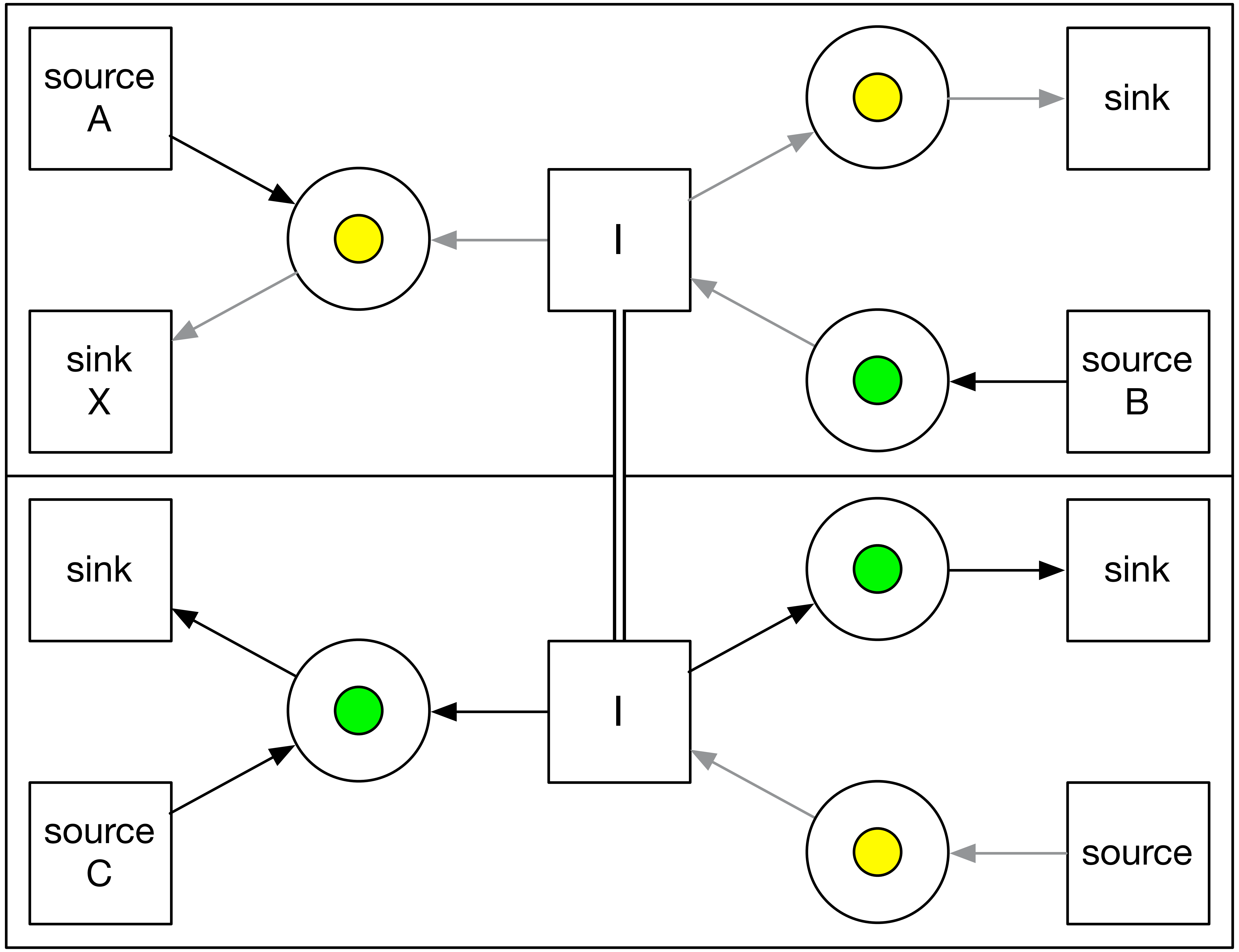


Property Models

- Reflowing a property model doesn't require all relationships to be resolved
  - The task representing them can still be executing concurrently
- This creates a single dependency graph that is appended to for each new flow and is pruned and *unravels* as tasks are complete

Property Model

- Value set in source A then B
- Operation connected to B is high latency
- Value is set in source C causing reflow
  - Sink X is no longer needed, pending operation is canceled
  - Source A is discarded
  - Intermediate value I is shared between flows, once determined
- Final values determined by source B (via I) and source C



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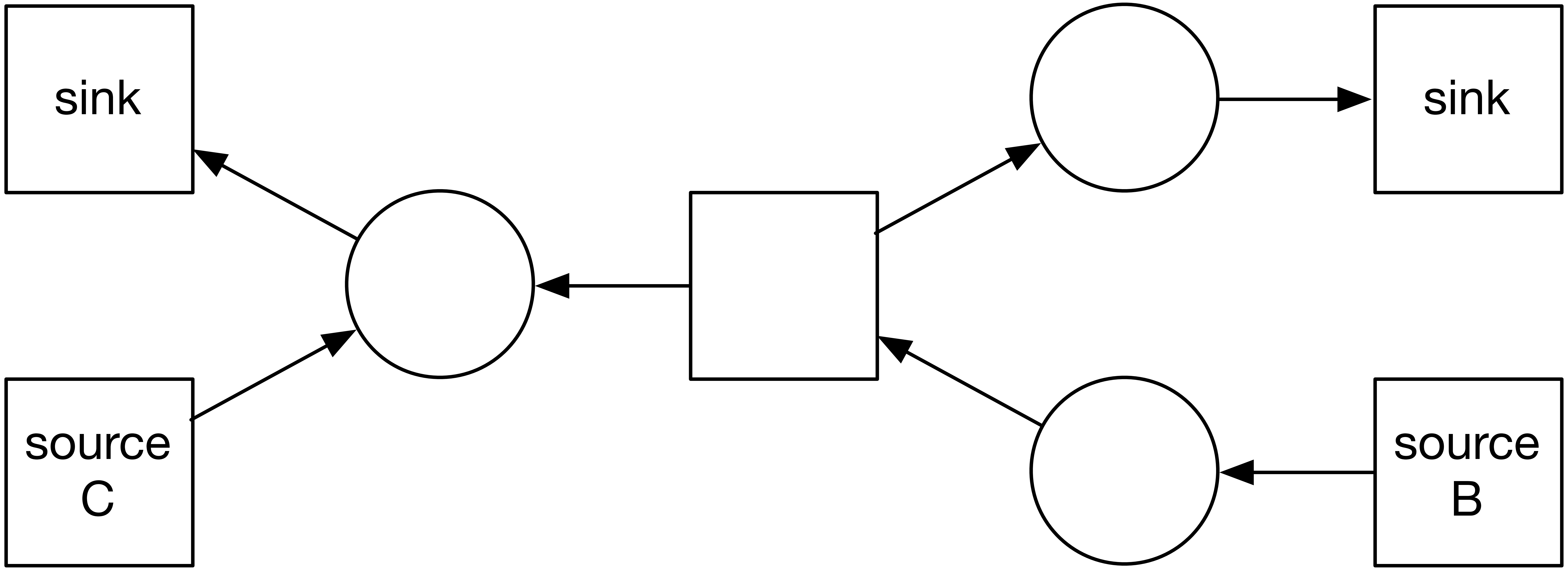

Property Models

- Very useful for UI behavior

- Significant information is in the graph
  - Source / Derived values form a partition set
    - Easily model checked
  - Equal result regardless of source order
    - Form an operational transform, useful for collaborative editing
  - A value is *implied* by the current state it only has in in-edge
  - Source values determine *intent*
  - Values disconnected from result (sink) are *don't care*

Demo

Final Thoughts

- Perhaps representing such systems *as if* it where imperative code is not the correct approach
- Instead the a graph description can be compiled and statically validated

- Slides and code from talk:
- http://sean-parent.stlab.cc/papers-and-presentations

- Experimental future library:
- https://github.com/stlab/libraries/tree/develop

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