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# OpenTelemetry Collector Deployment Patterns

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# Agenda

- OpenTelemetry
- OpenTelemetry Collector
- Patterns!

- Pattern #1 - Basic I and II
- Pattern #2 - Normalizer
- Pattern #3 - On Kubernetes
- Pattern #4 - Load balancer
- Pattern #5 - Multi-cluster
- Pattern #6 - Multitenant

→ Take a look at the GitHub  
[repository](#) for detailed explanations  
and working examples.

# OpenTelemetry

- Fusion of OpenTracing and OpenCensus
- Specifications and conventions
- Client APIs and SDKs
- OTLP (Line Protocol)
- Collector (or “otelcol”)

# OpenTelemetry Collector



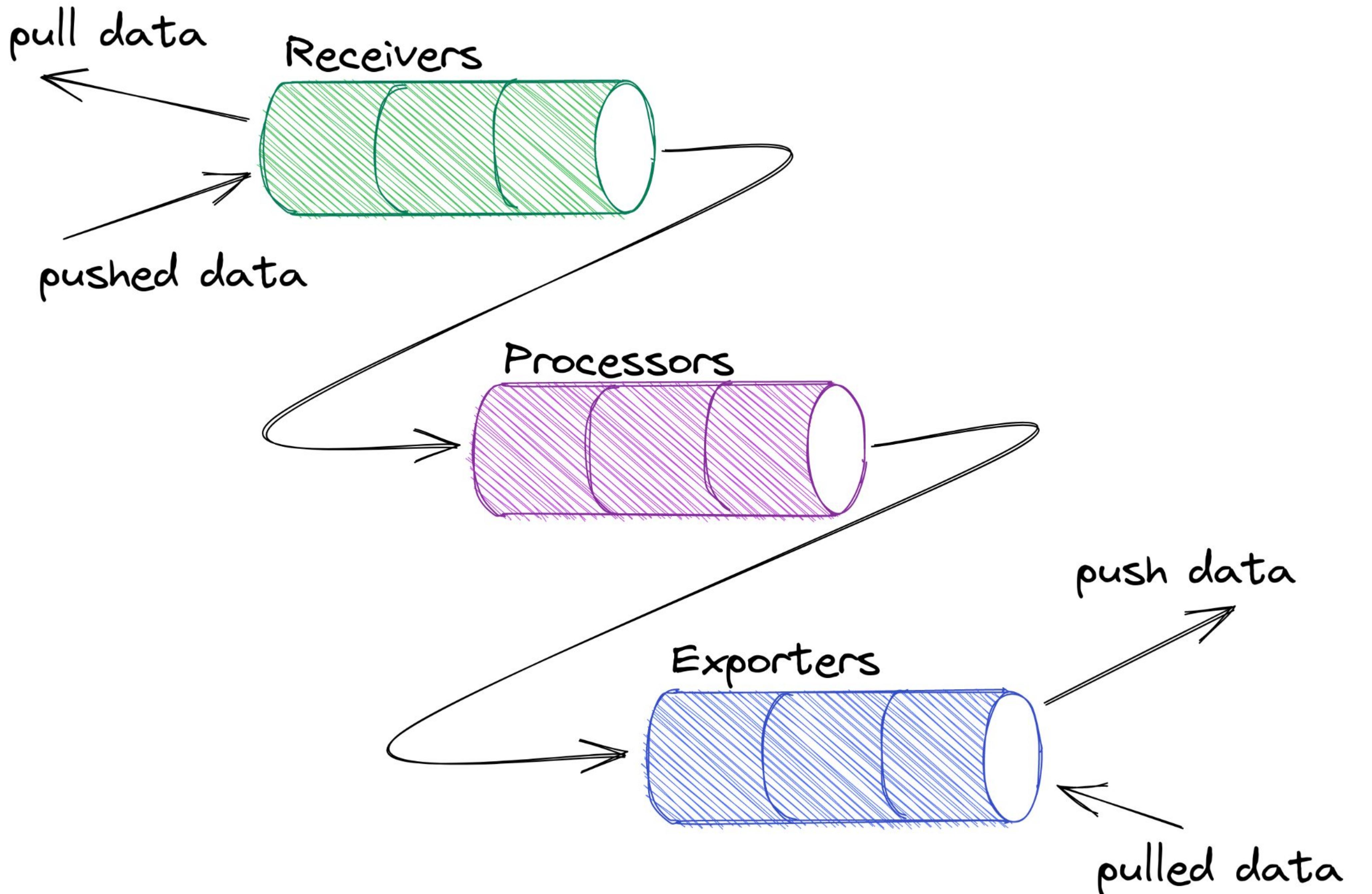
*“Vendor-agnostic way to receive,  
process and export telemetry data.”*

-- <https://opentelemetry.io/docs/collector/>

# OpenTelemetry Collector

- Receivers
- Processors
- Exporters
- Extensions

# OpenTelemetry Collector



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## → Receivers

- ◆ Jaeger
- ◆ Prometheus
- ◆ OTLP
- ◆ Zipkin
- ◆ ...

# OpenTelemetry Collector

## → Processors

- ◆ Sampling
- ◆ Change attributes
- ◆ Batching
- ◆ ...

# OpenTelemetry Collector

## → Exporters

- ◆ Jaeger, Zipkin, ...
- ◆ Prometheus
- ◆ OTLP
- ◆ Pretty much all commercial vendors...

# OpenTelemetry Collector

- Contrib is where all non-core components live, including vendor-specific ones
- Builder allows you to create your own distribution

# OpenTelemetry Collector

```
$ cat opentelemetry-collector-config.yaml
extensions:
  health_check:

receivers:
  otlp:
    protocols:
      grpc:

processors:
  batch:

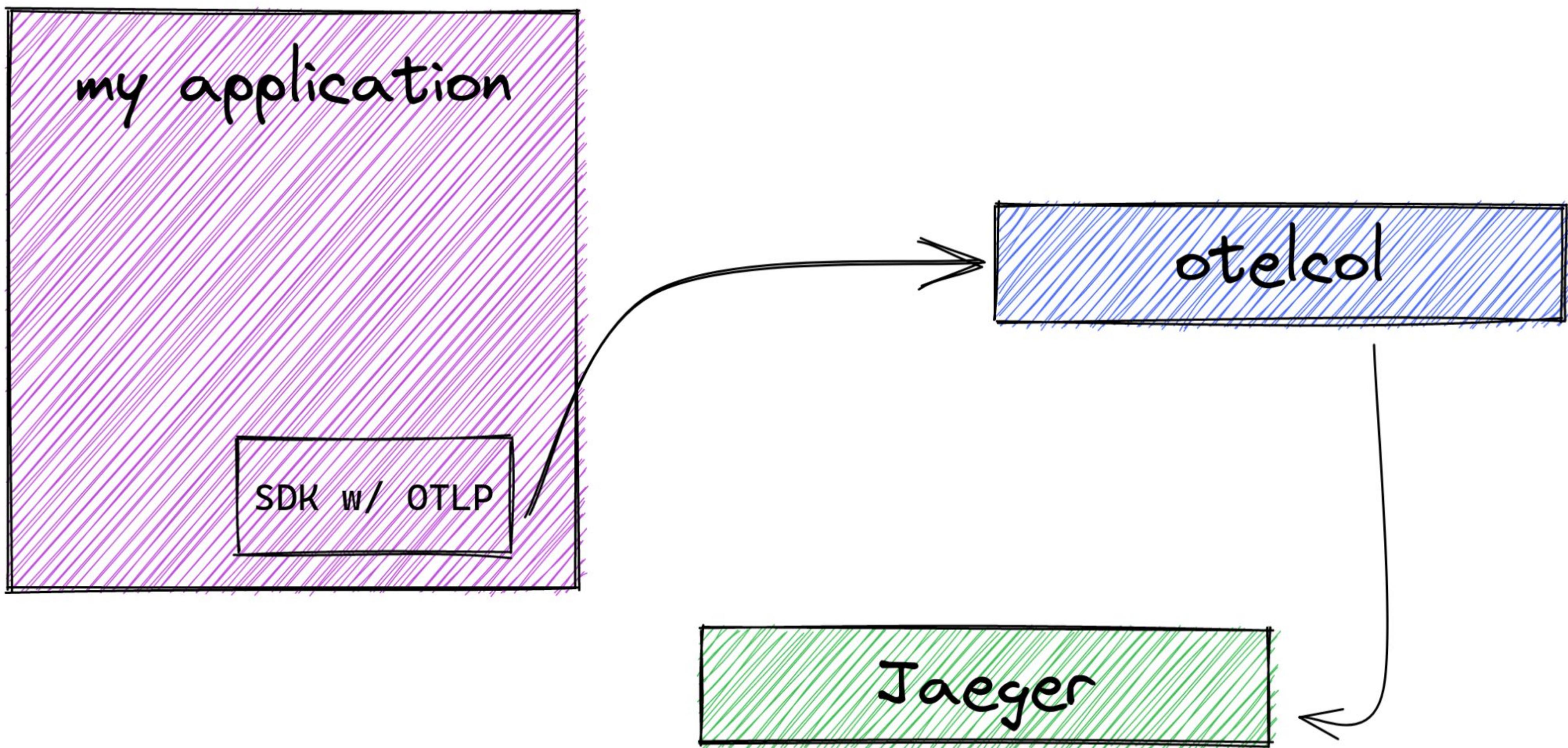
exporters:
  logging:

service:
  extensions: [health_check]
pipelines:
  traces:
    receivers: [otlp]
    processors: [batch]
    exporters: [logging]
```

# Pattern #1 - Basic I

- OpenTelemetry SDK with OTLP
- OpenTelemetry Collector
- Jaeger

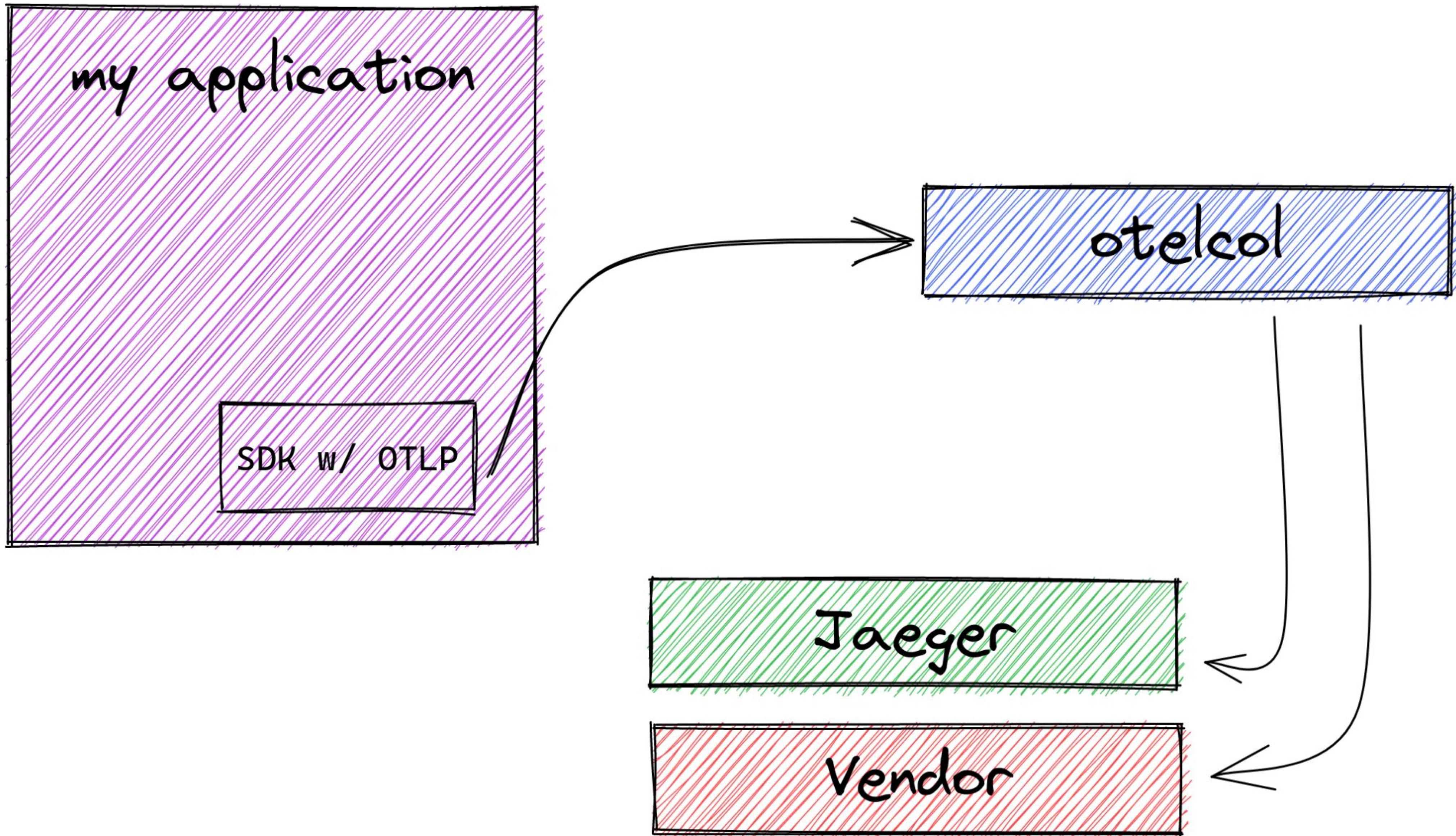
# Pattern #1 - Basic I



# Pattern #1 - Basic II - Fanout

- OpenTelemetry SDK with OTLP
- OpenTelemetry Collector
- Jaeger
- Some vendor

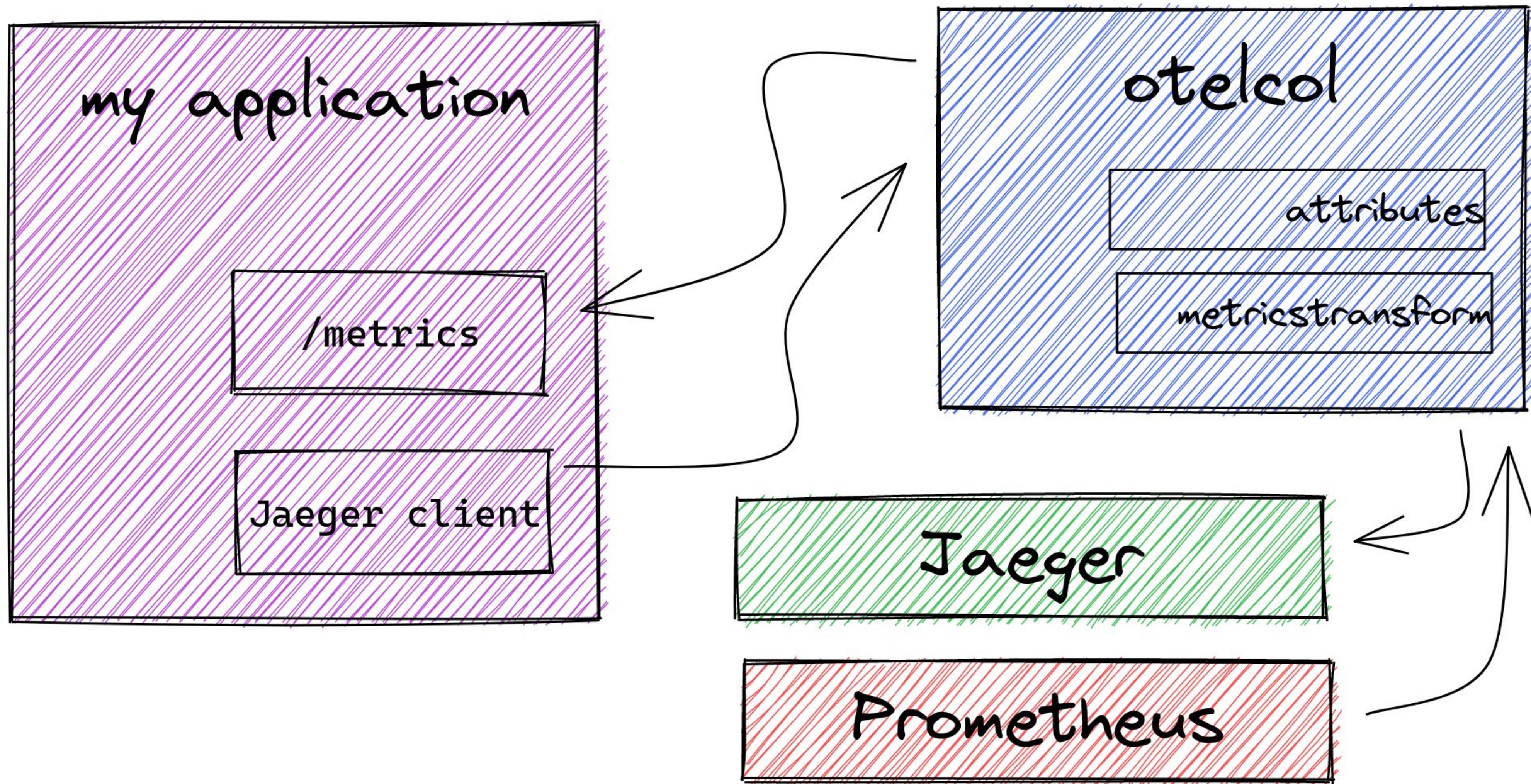
# Pattern #1 - Basic II - Fanout



# Pattern #2 - Normalizer

- Prometheus client
- Jaeger client
- Collector with attributes processor
- Jaeger
- Prometheus

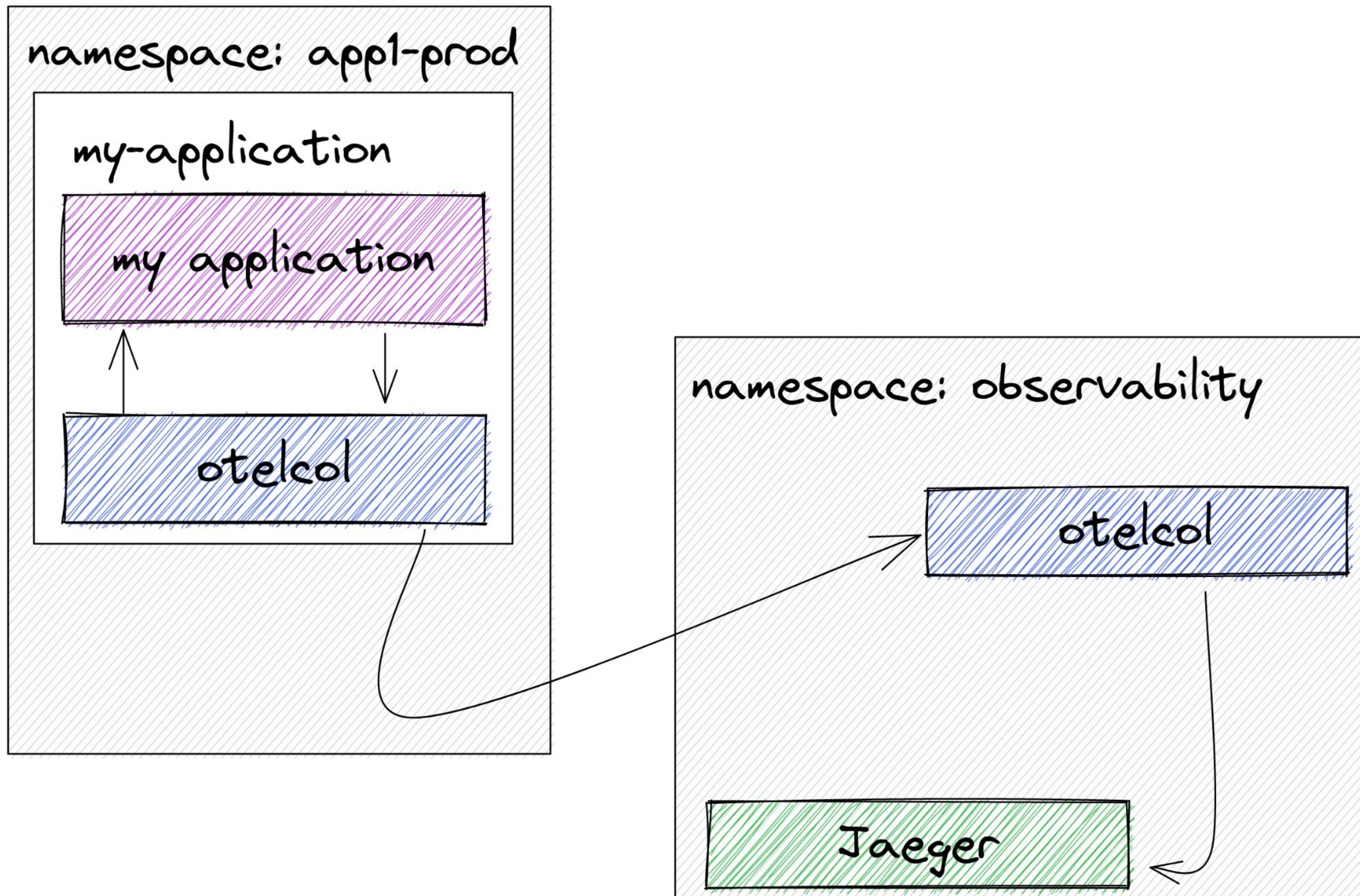
# Pattern #2 - Normalizer



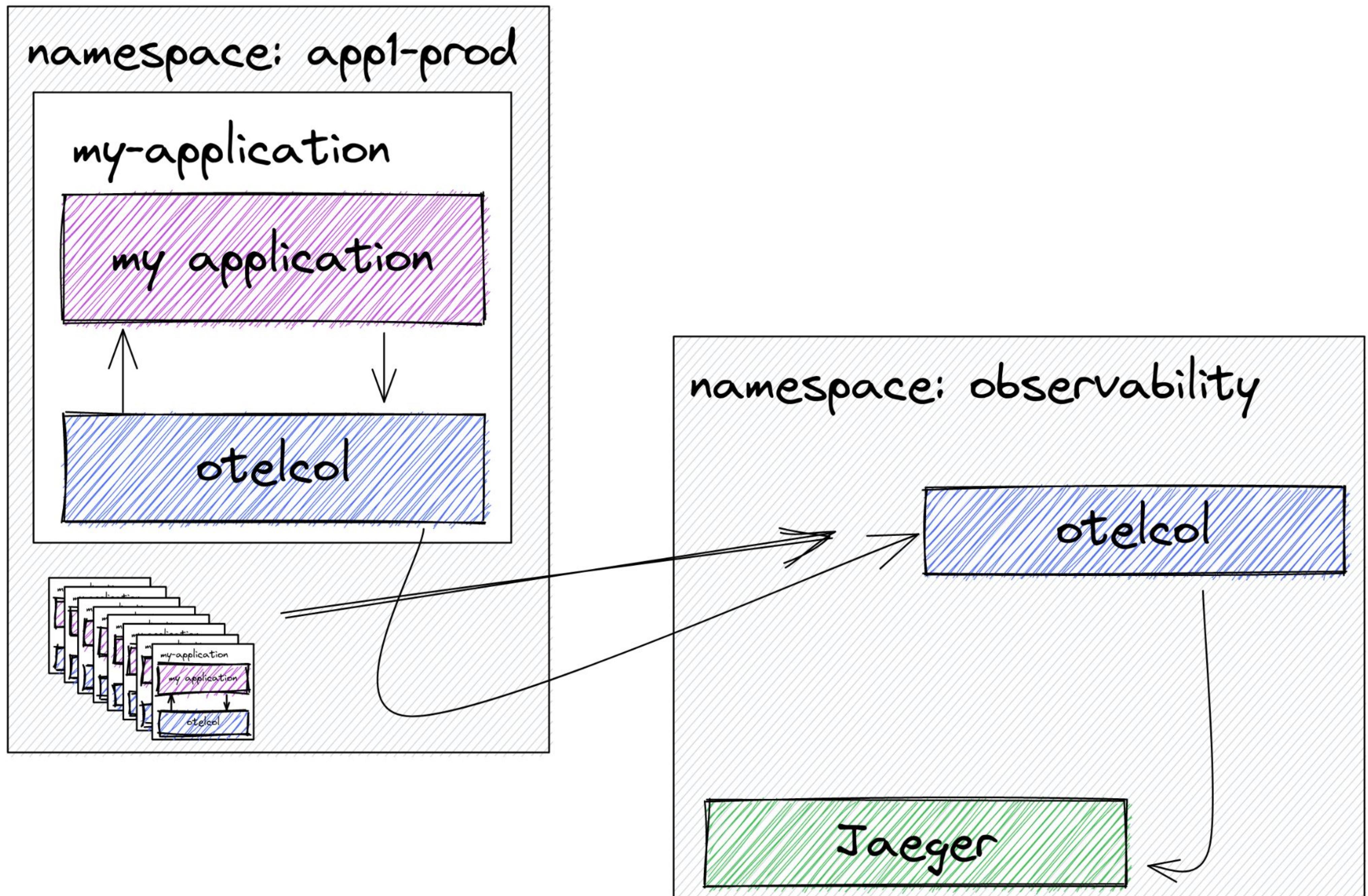
# Pattern #3 - On Kubernetes I

- Workload pod with collector sidecar
- Collector
- Backends

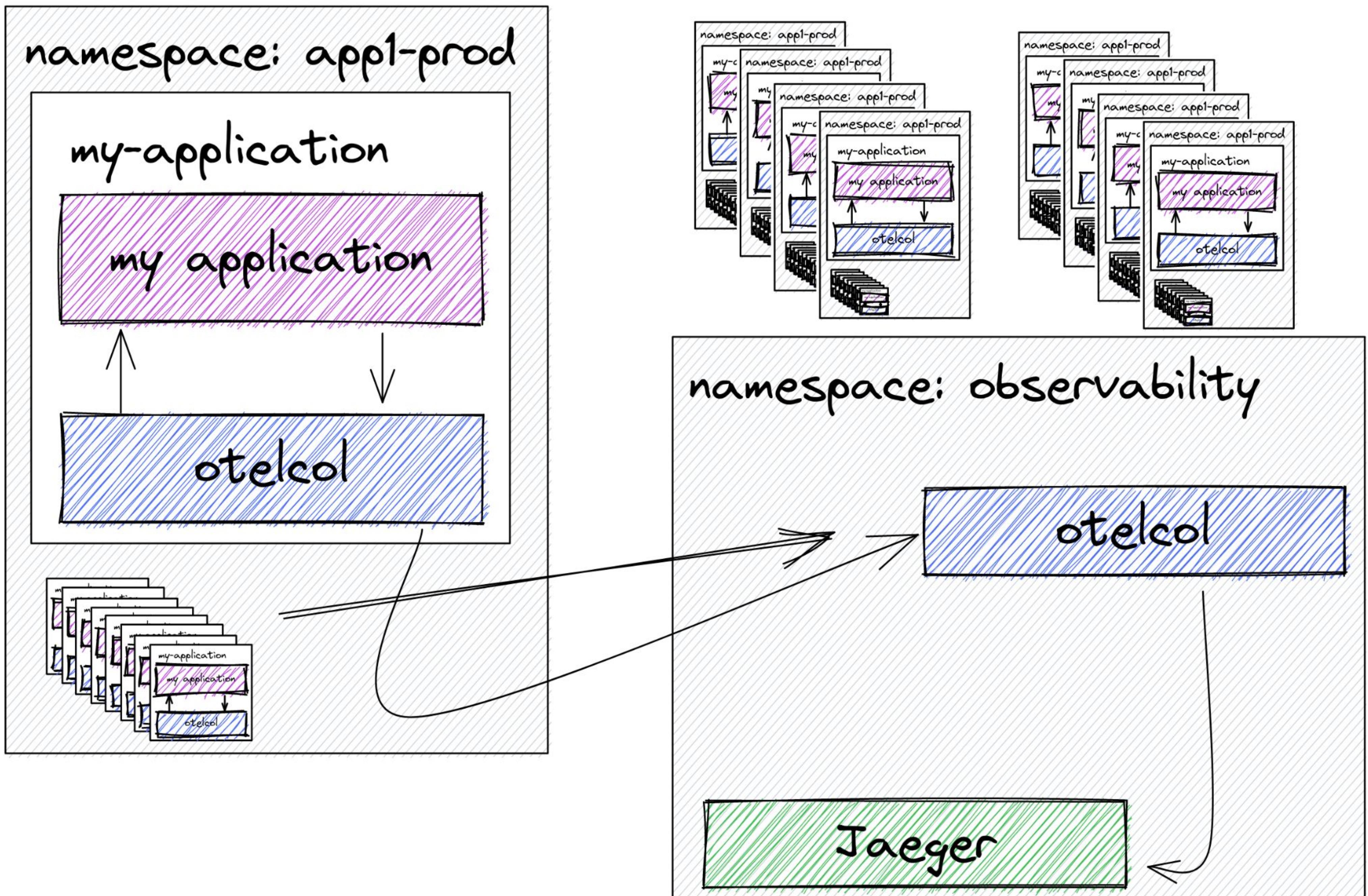
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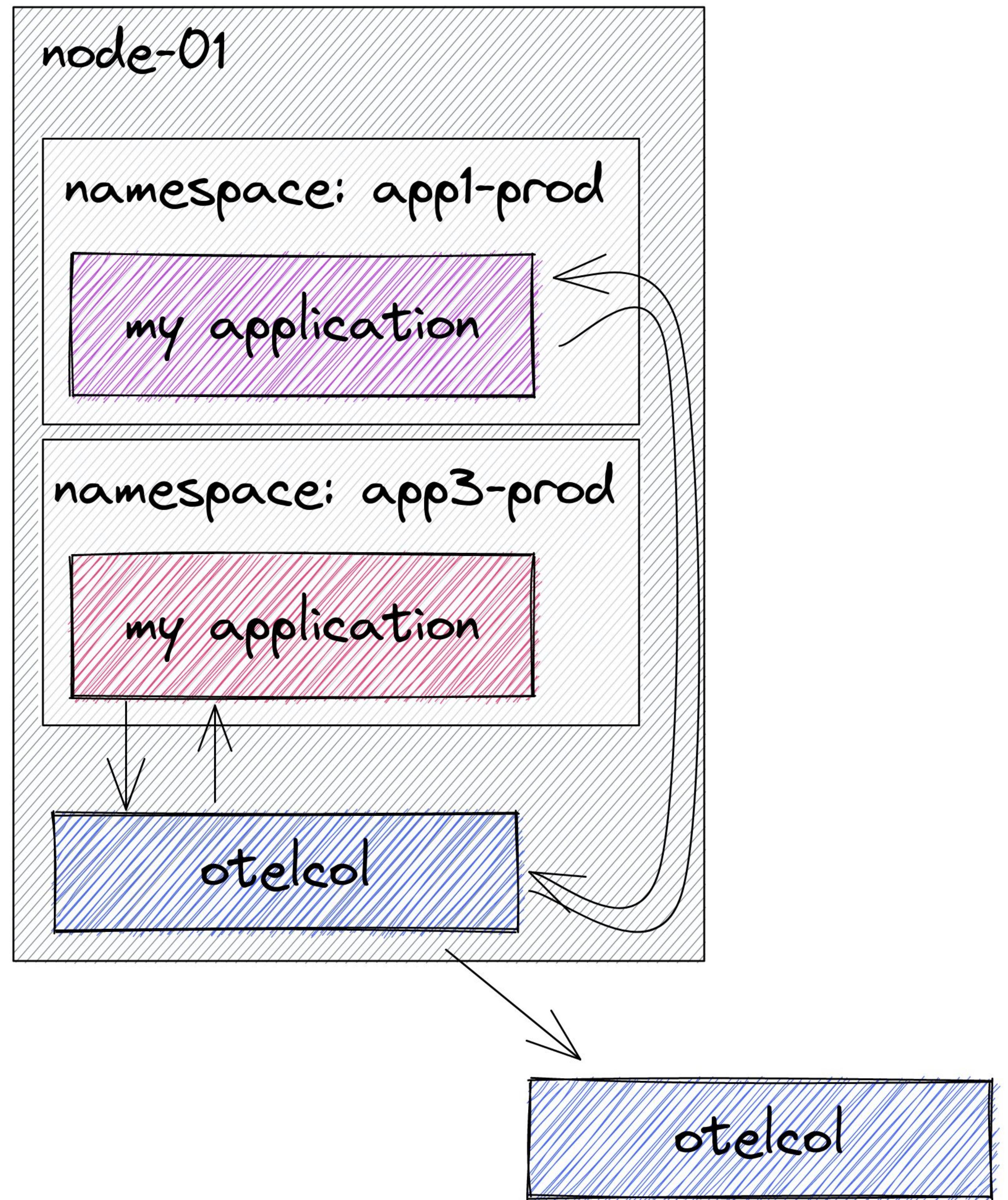
# Pattern #3 - On Kubernetes I



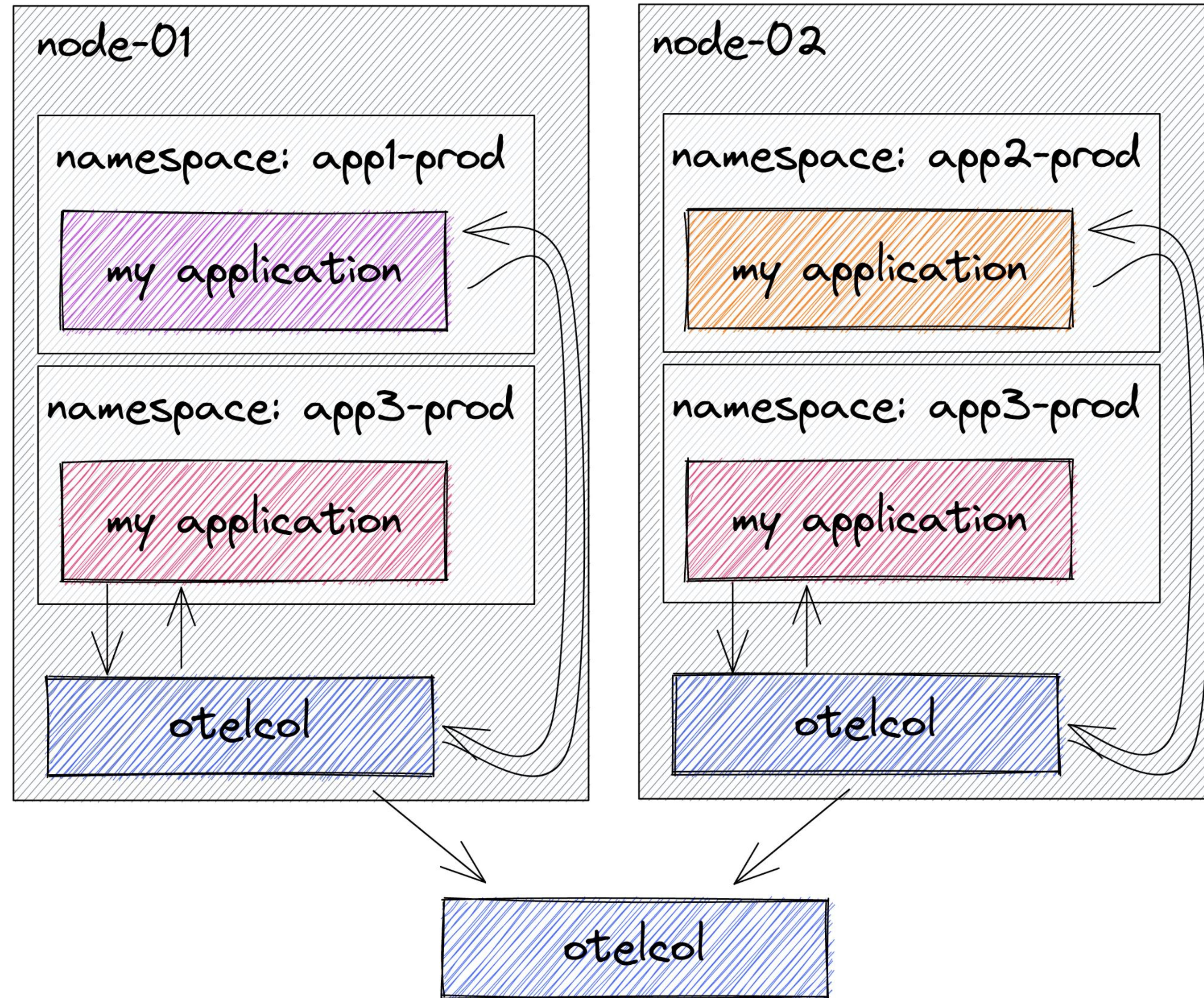
# Pattern #3 - On Kubernetes II

- Collector as DaemonSet
- Collector
- Backends

# Pattern #3 - On Kubernetes II



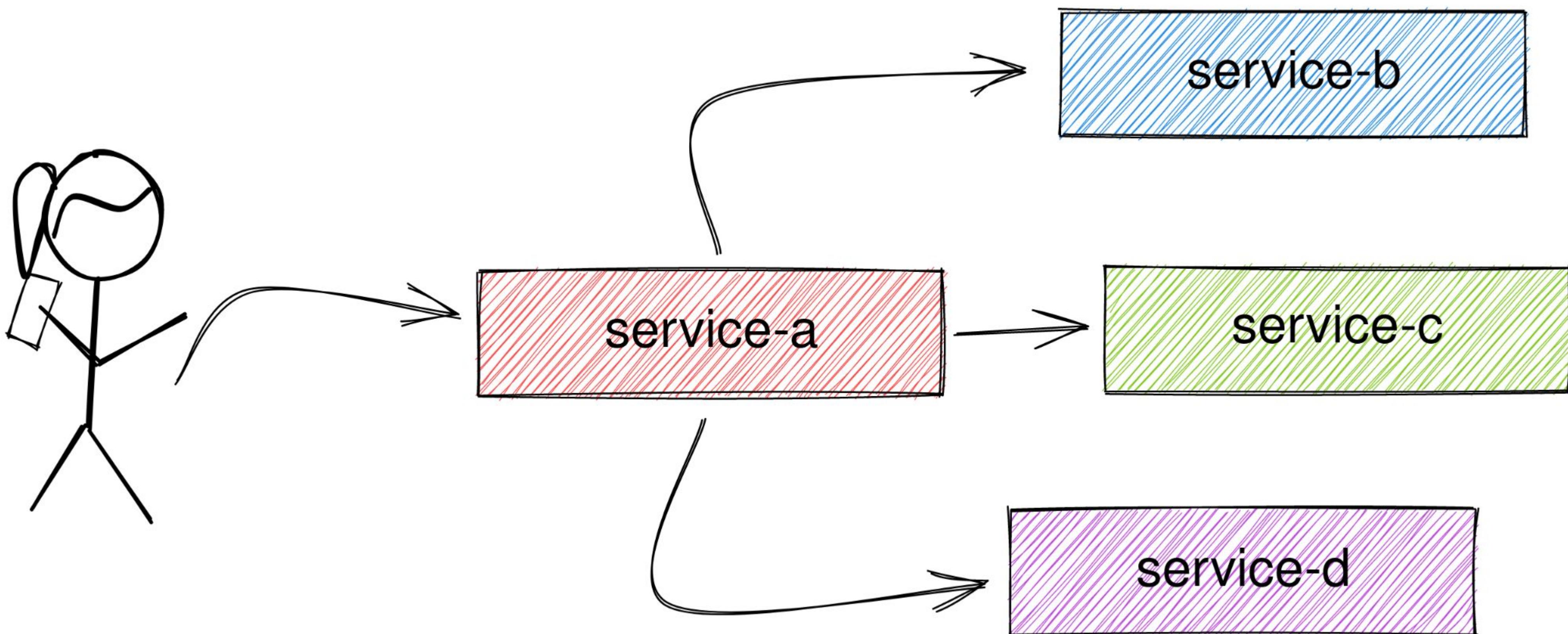
# Pattern #3 - On Kubernetes II



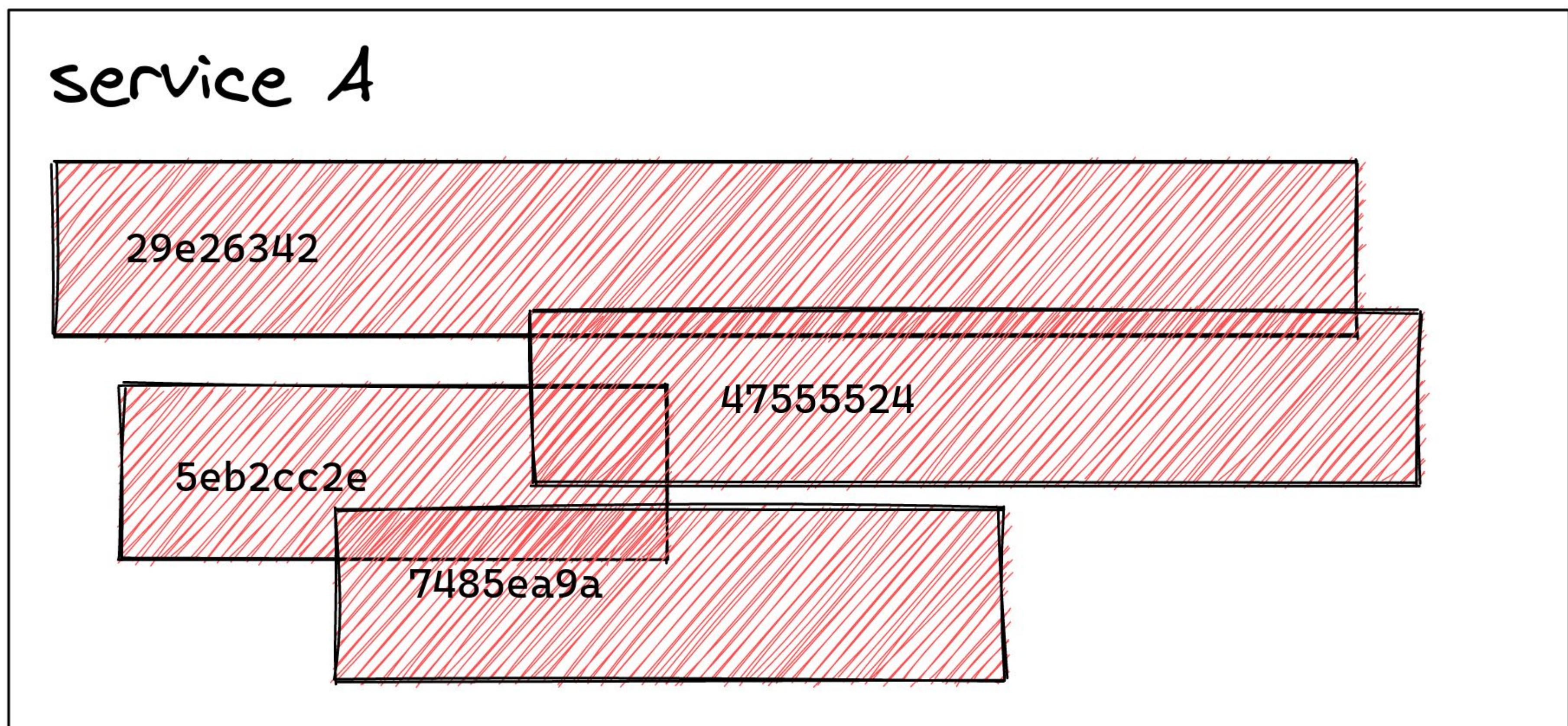
# Pattern #4 - Load balancer

- Multiple services sending data
- Trace ID aware load balancer
- Scalable tail-based sampling!
- Backends

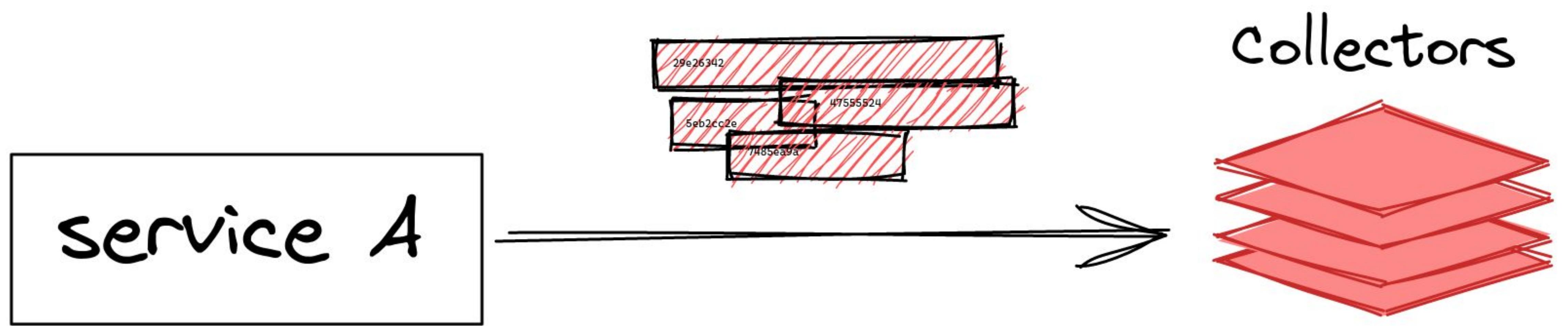
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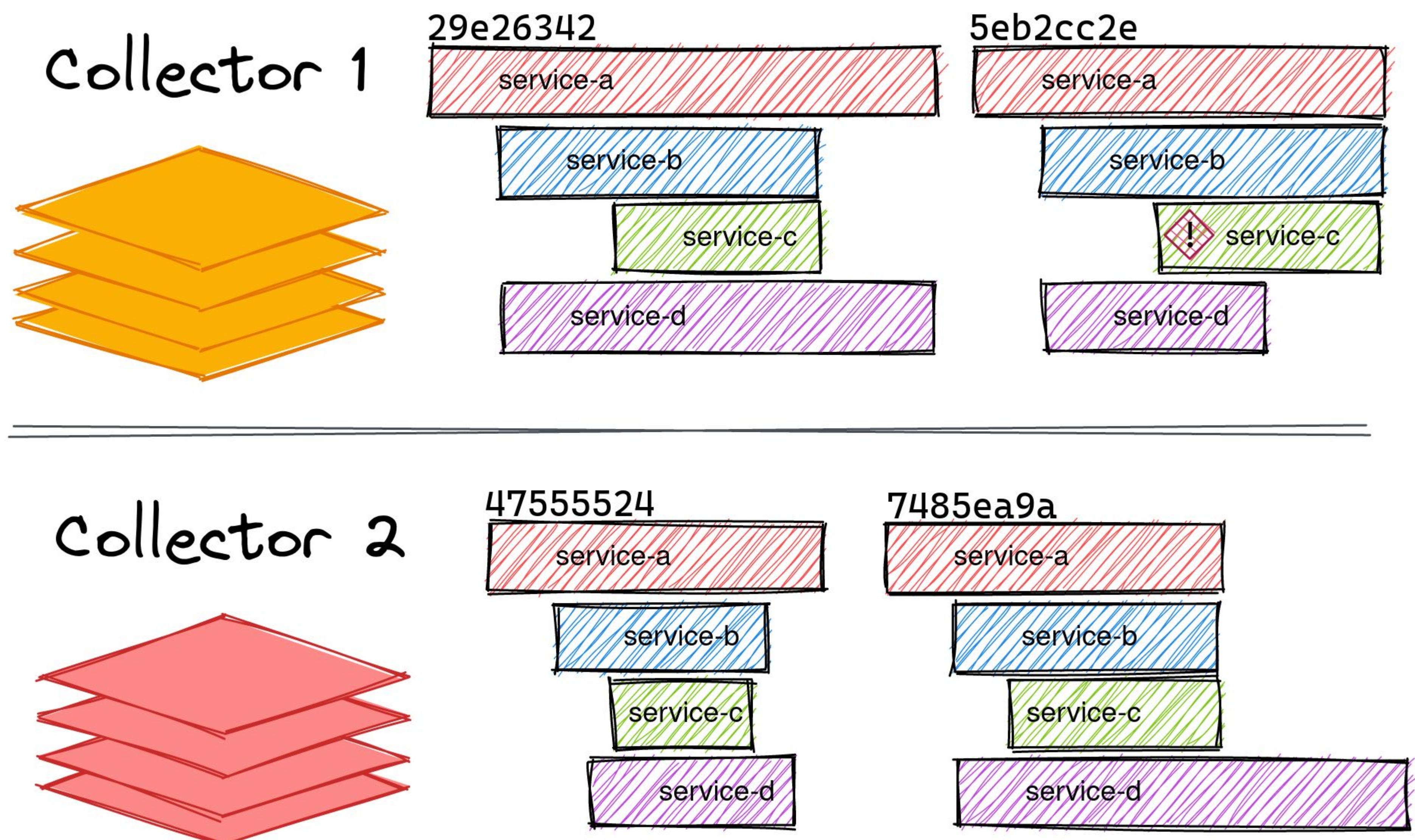
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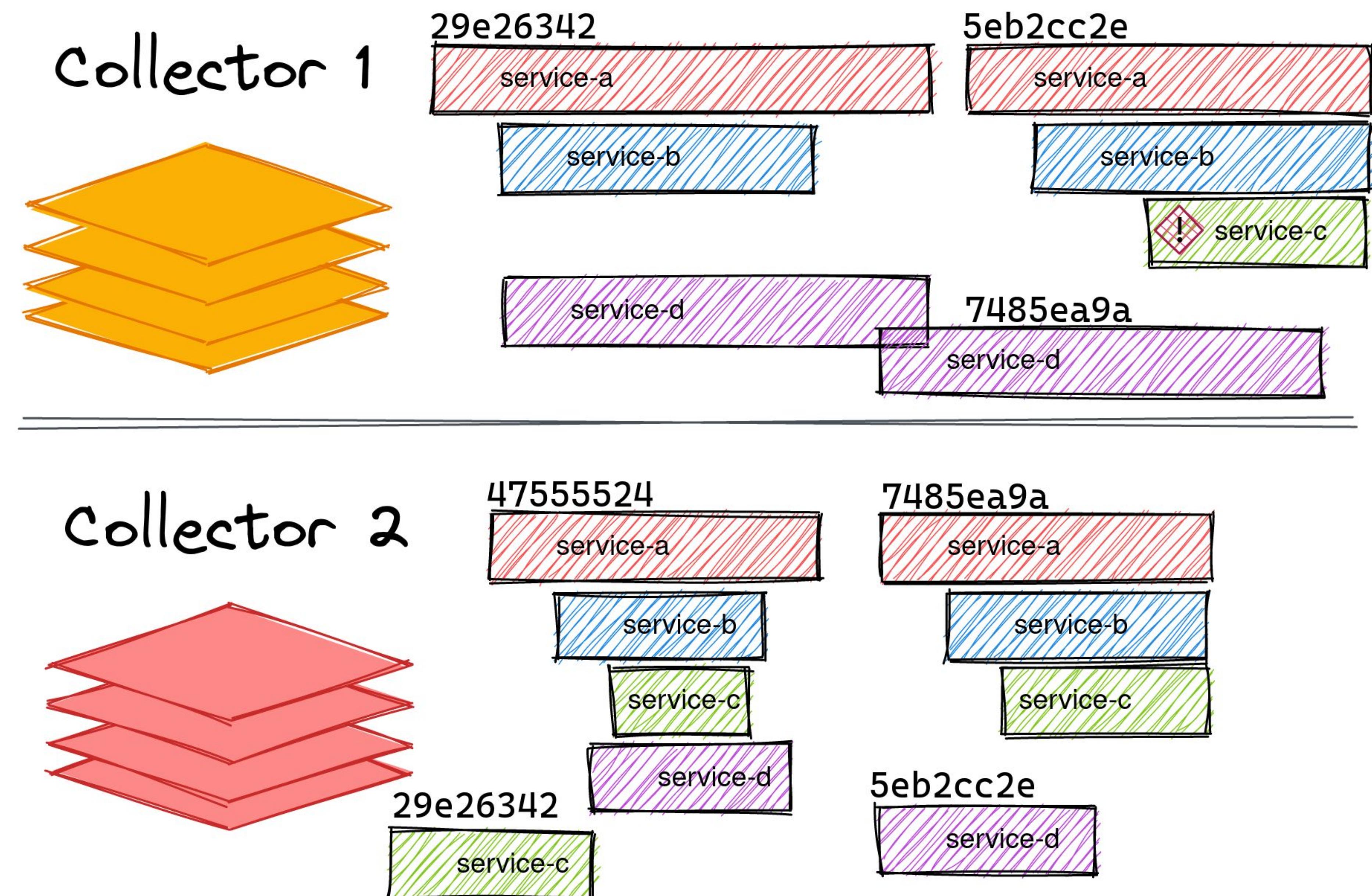
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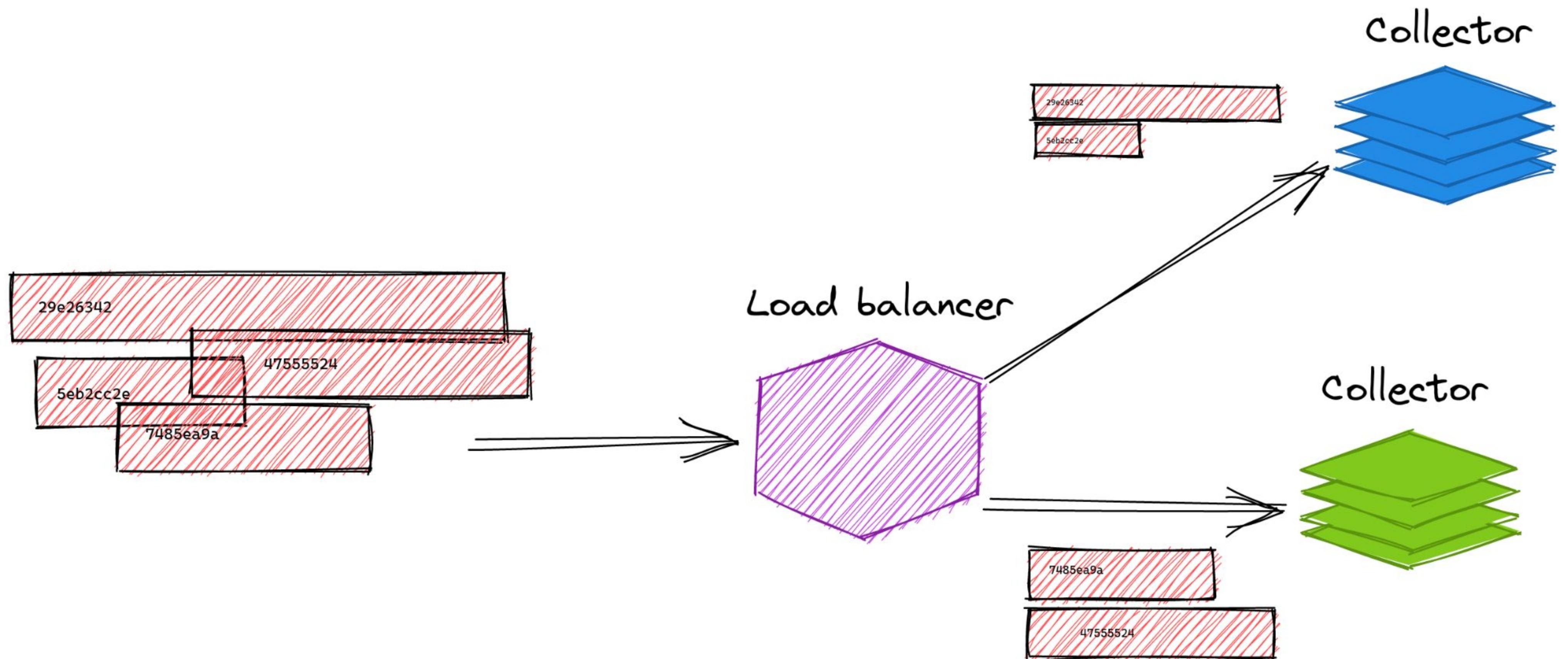
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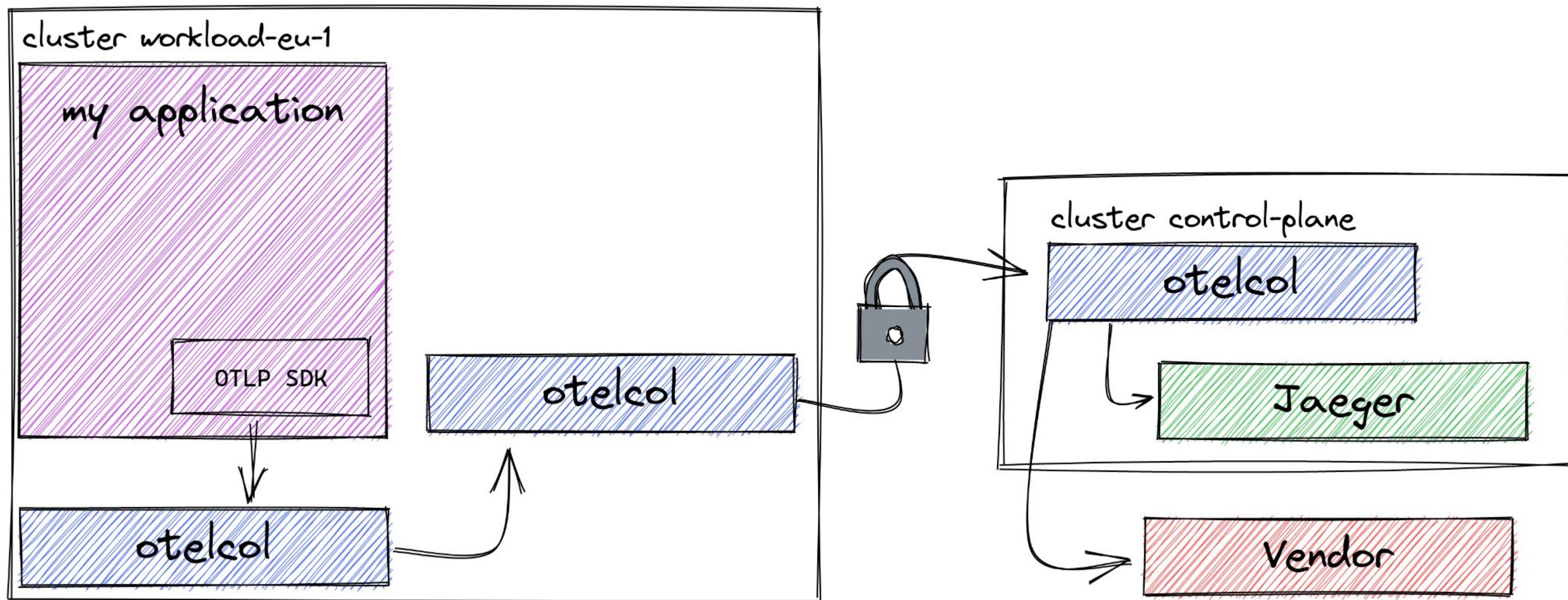
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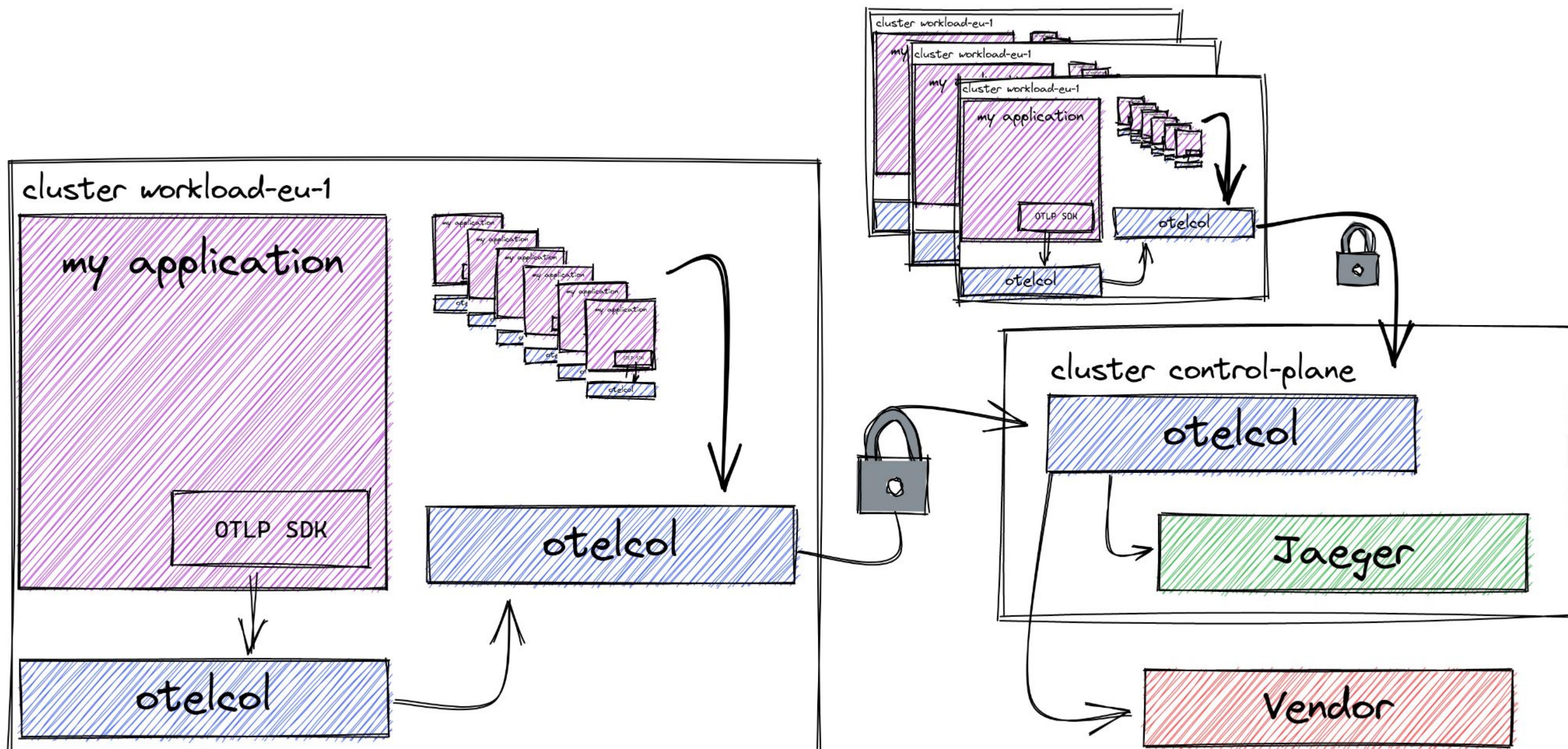
# Pattern #5 - Multi-cluster

- Collector as agent
- Collector in the workload cluster
- Collector in the control-plane cluster
- Backends possibly elsewhere

# Pattern #5 - Multi-cluster



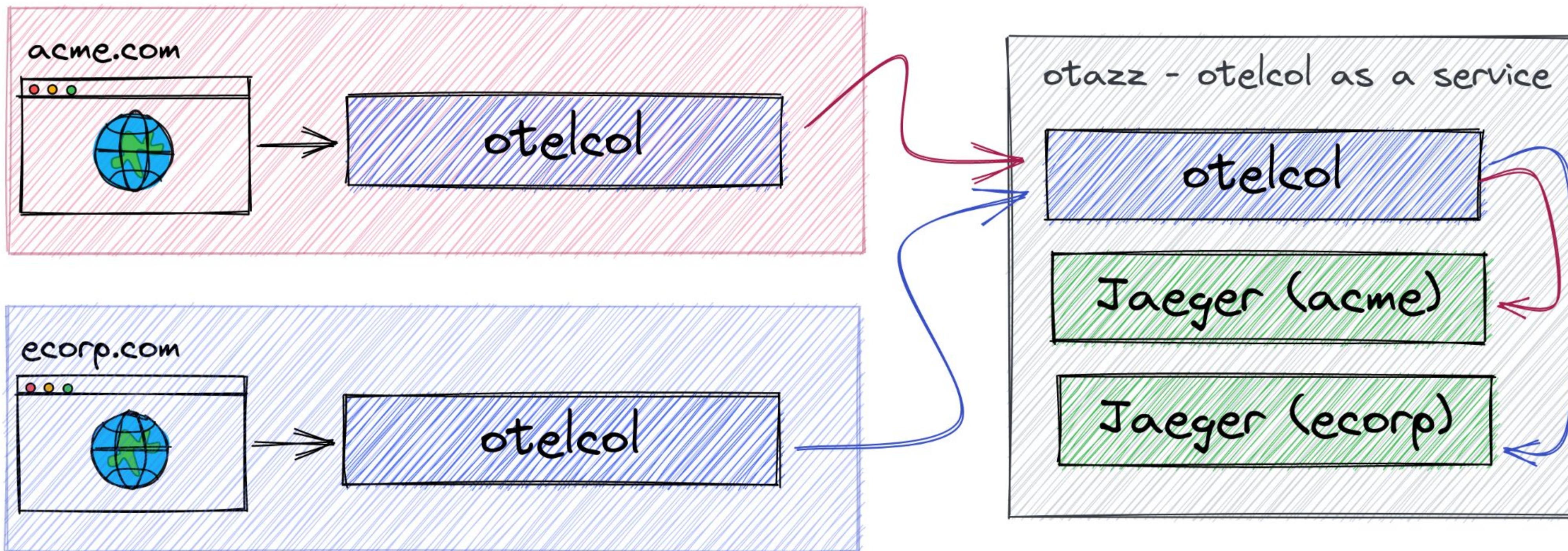
# Pattern #5 - Multi-cluster



# Pattern #6 - Multitenant

- Incoming data from different tenants
- Collector with the routing processor
- Multiple Jaeger instances

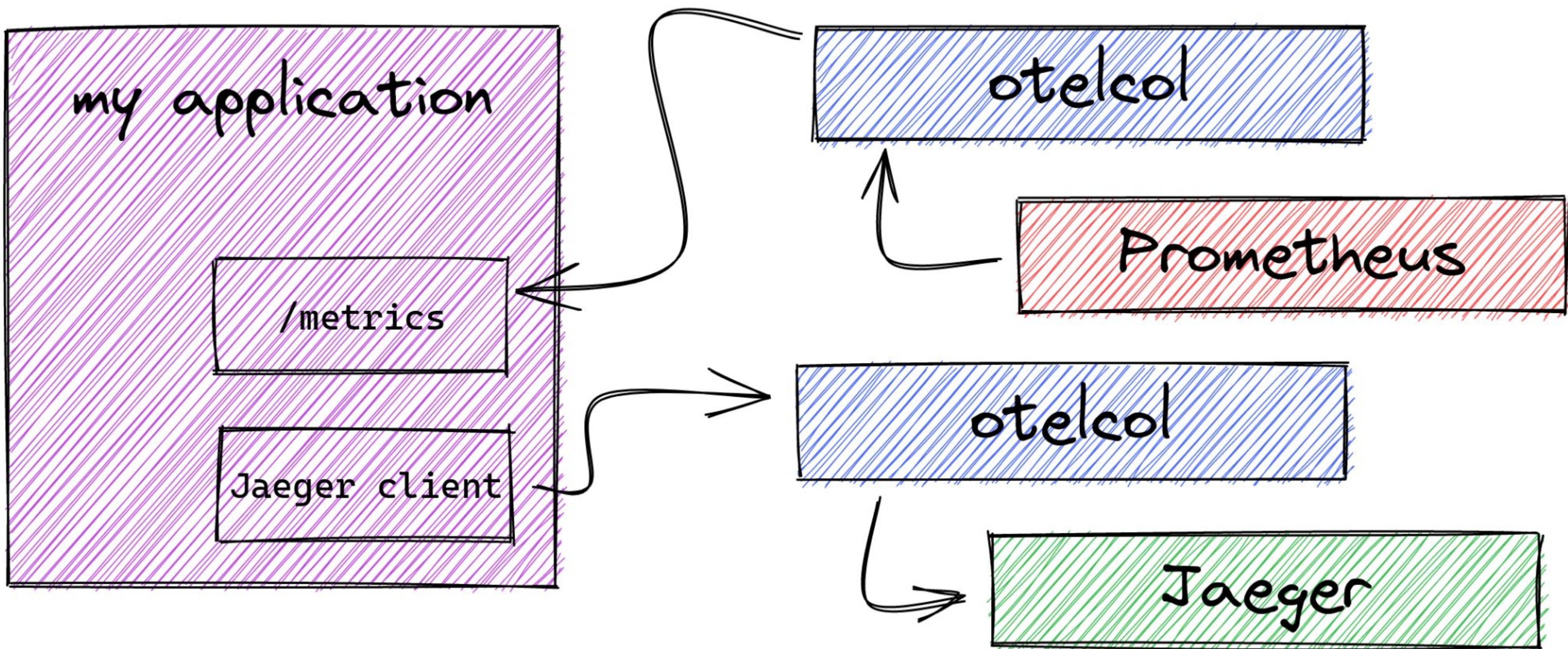
# Pattern #6 - Multitenant



# Bonus Pattern - Per signal

- Client emits different signals
- One collector for each signal
- Different backends

# Bonus Pattern - Per signal



# Key takeaways

- The OpenTelemetry Collector is very versatile
- Get to know the existing components
- Chain collectors together
- Mix and match

# Resources

- [OpenTelemetry](#)
- [OpenTelemetry Collector](#)
- [OpenTelemetry Collector Contrib](#)
- [OpenTelemetry Collector Builder](#)
- [Patterns](#) from this presentation

Contribute with your own patterns!

# Thank you!