

# Caching in Deep Learning Systems

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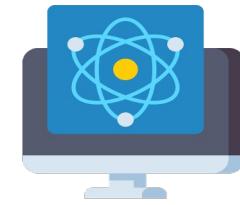
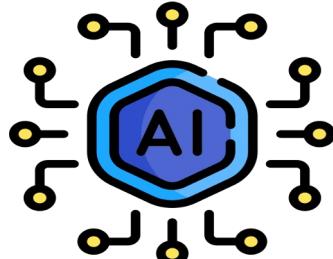
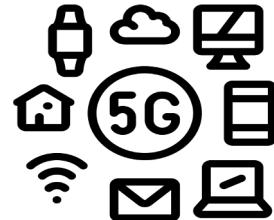
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# Today's Agenda

We need **flexible data storage systems** for modern workloads  
that **can adapt** itself to the **ever-changing workload requirements** by considering the underlying **workload and system characteristics**.

“Characteristic Awareness”

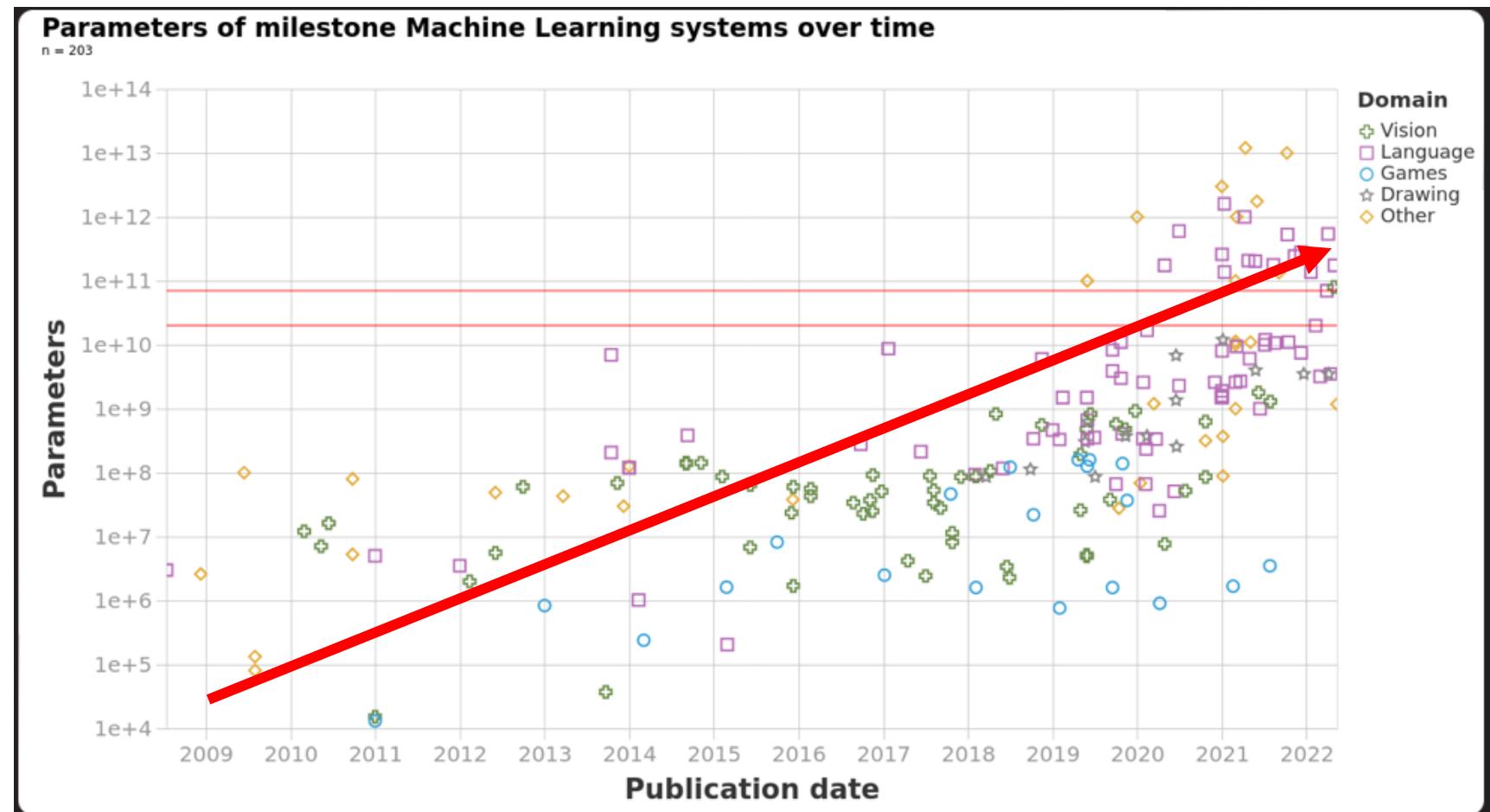
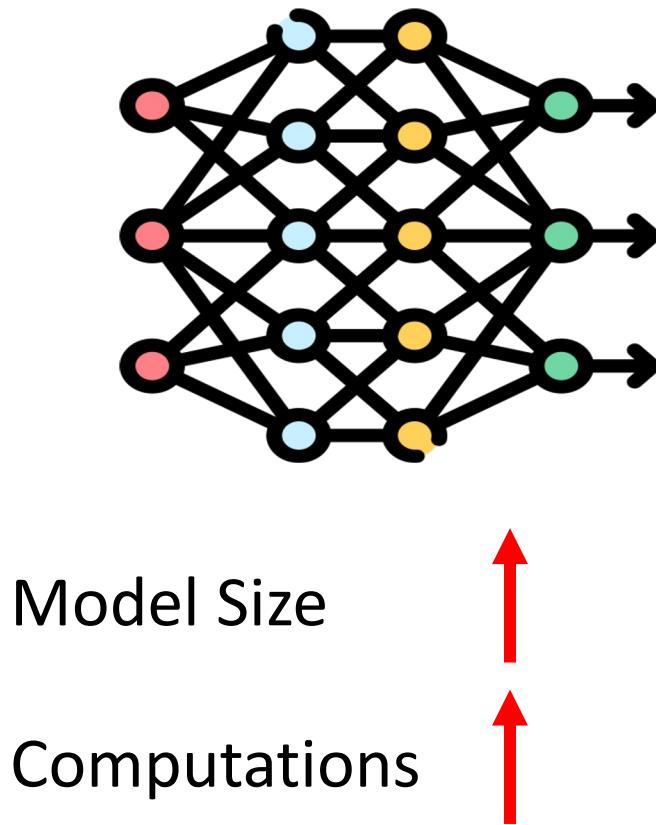
# Modern workloads are ML-based or using ML



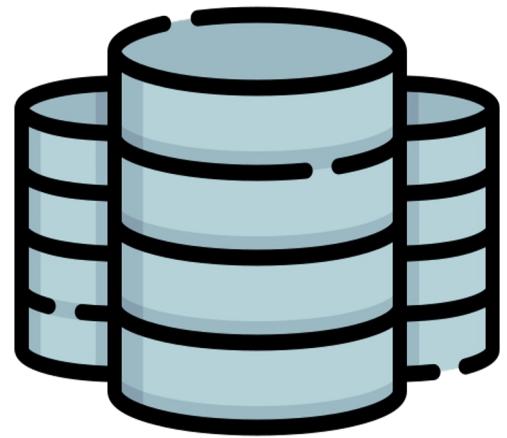
Applications are using Computer Vision, NLP, Reinforcement Learning, etc.  
Market expected to reach **12 billion dollars** by 2025!

Exponential growth ~19% annually

# Problem 1: ML workloads are Compute Intensive



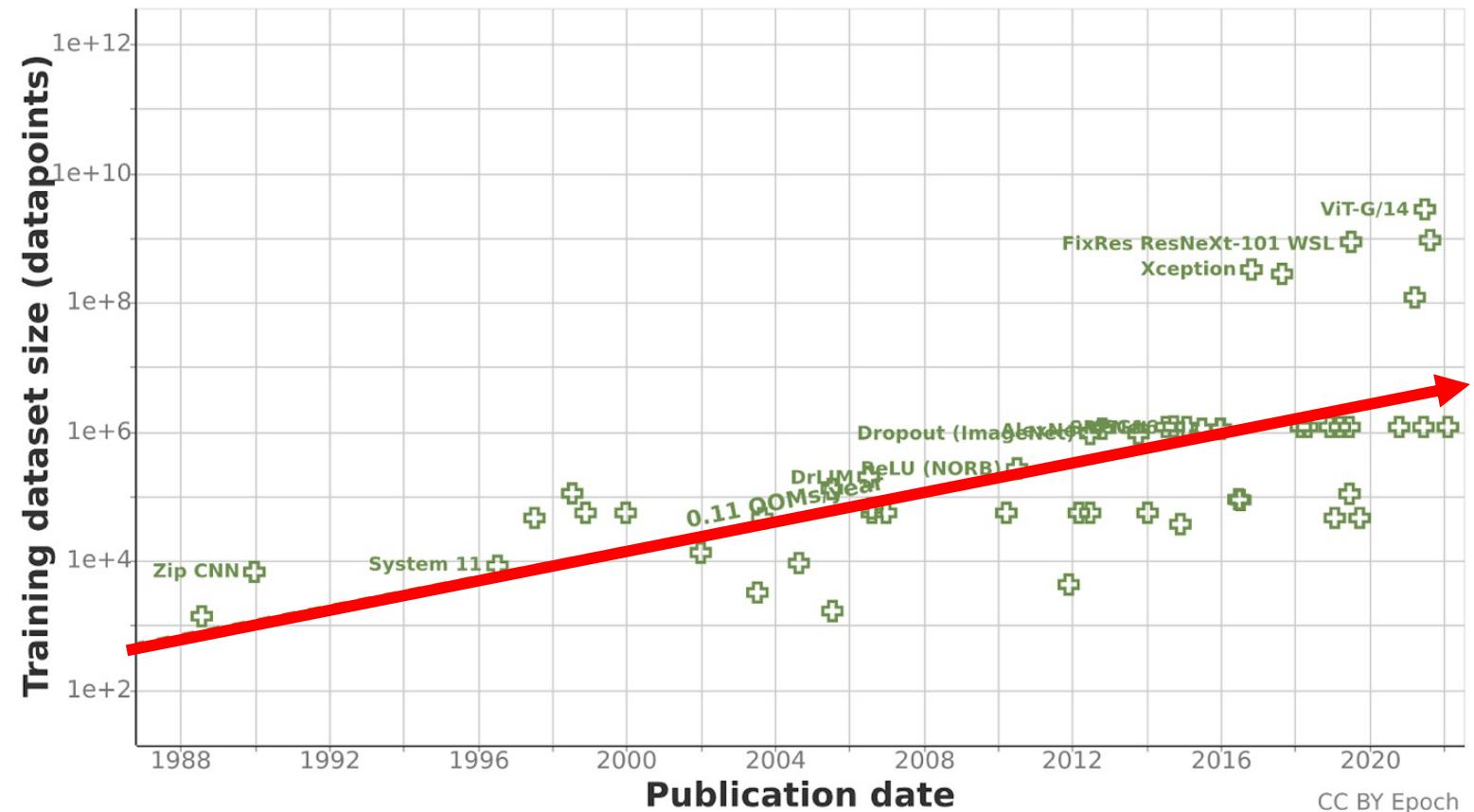
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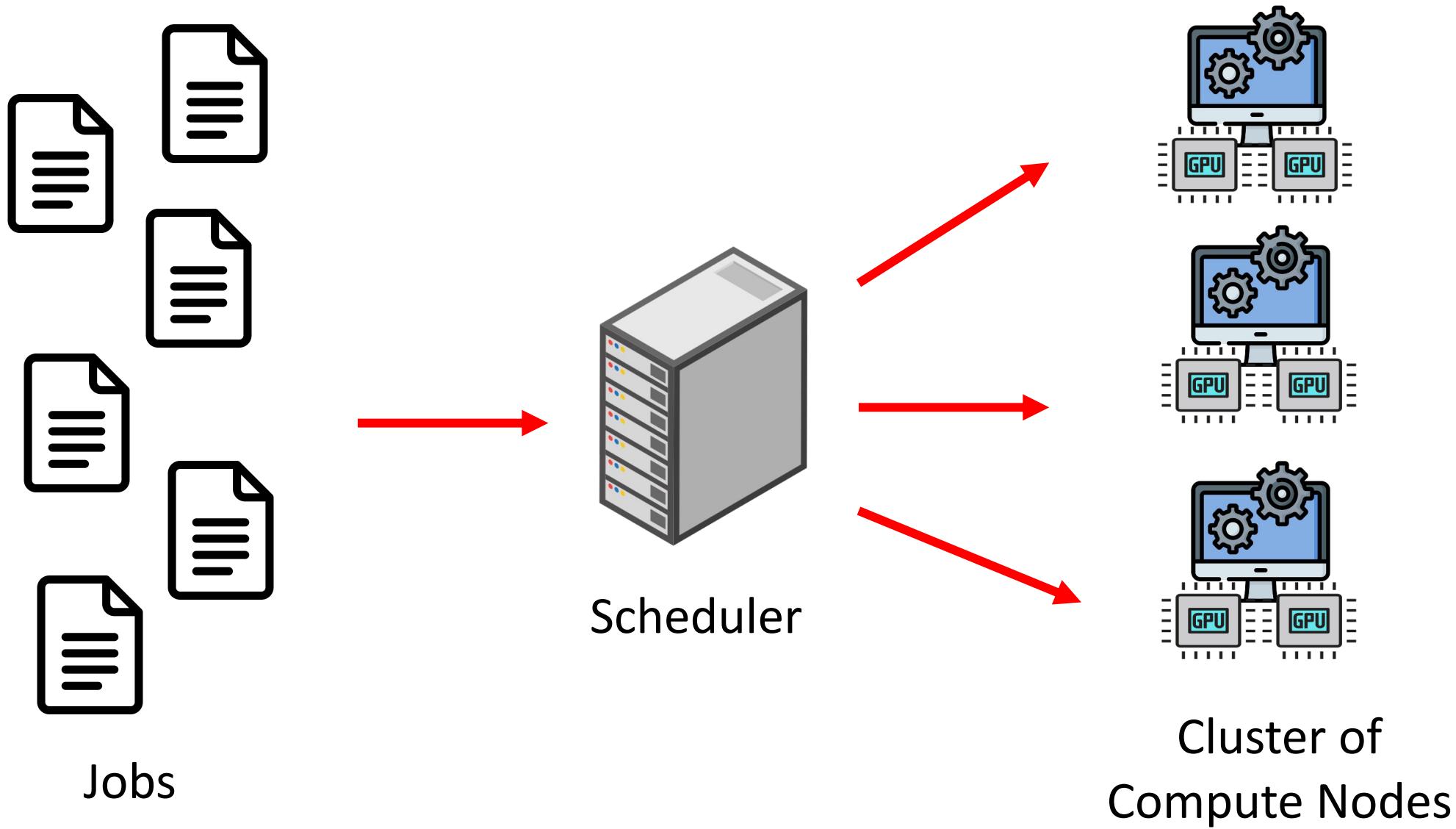
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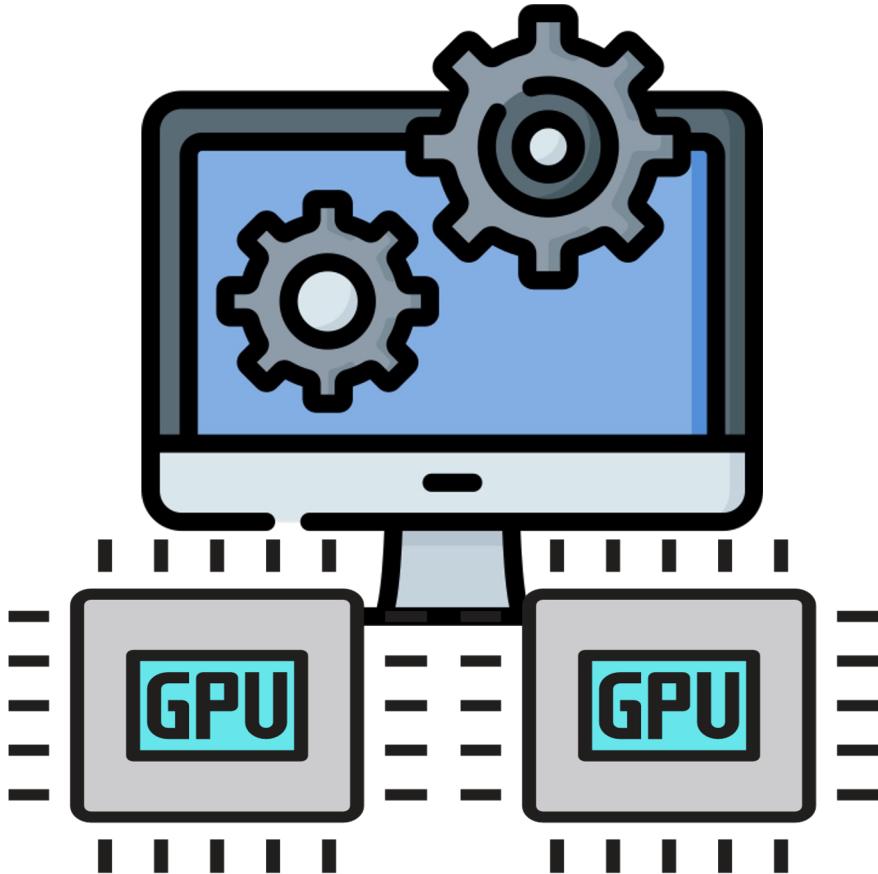
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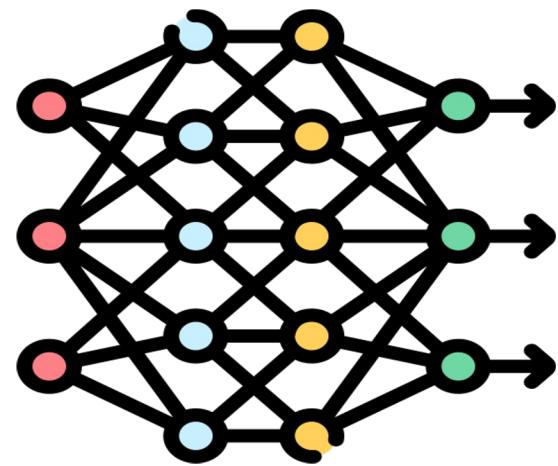
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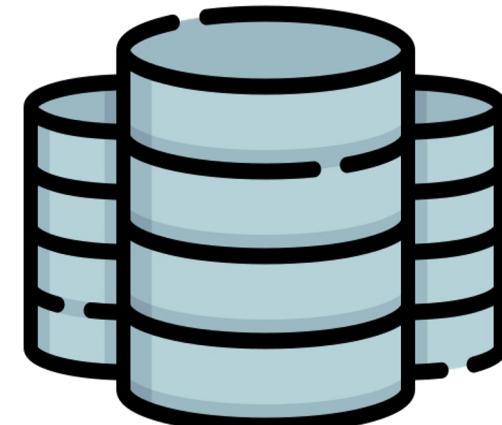
# Challenge: Matching App Needs with System Resources



compute-intensive

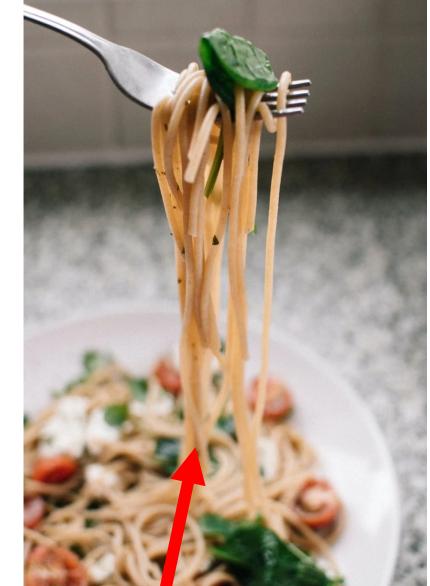


Applications



data-intensive

# A Practical Example



Modern ML  
workloads

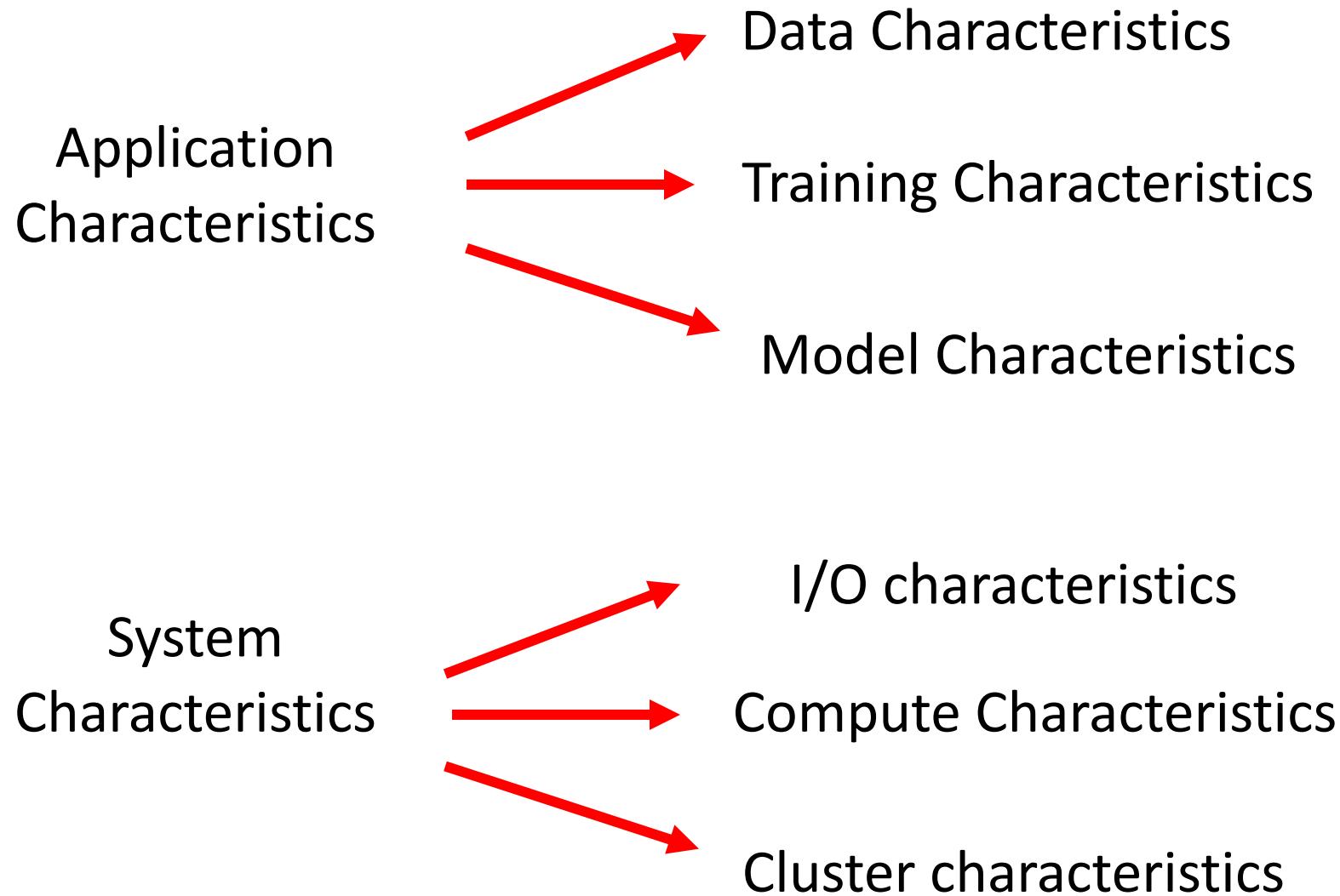


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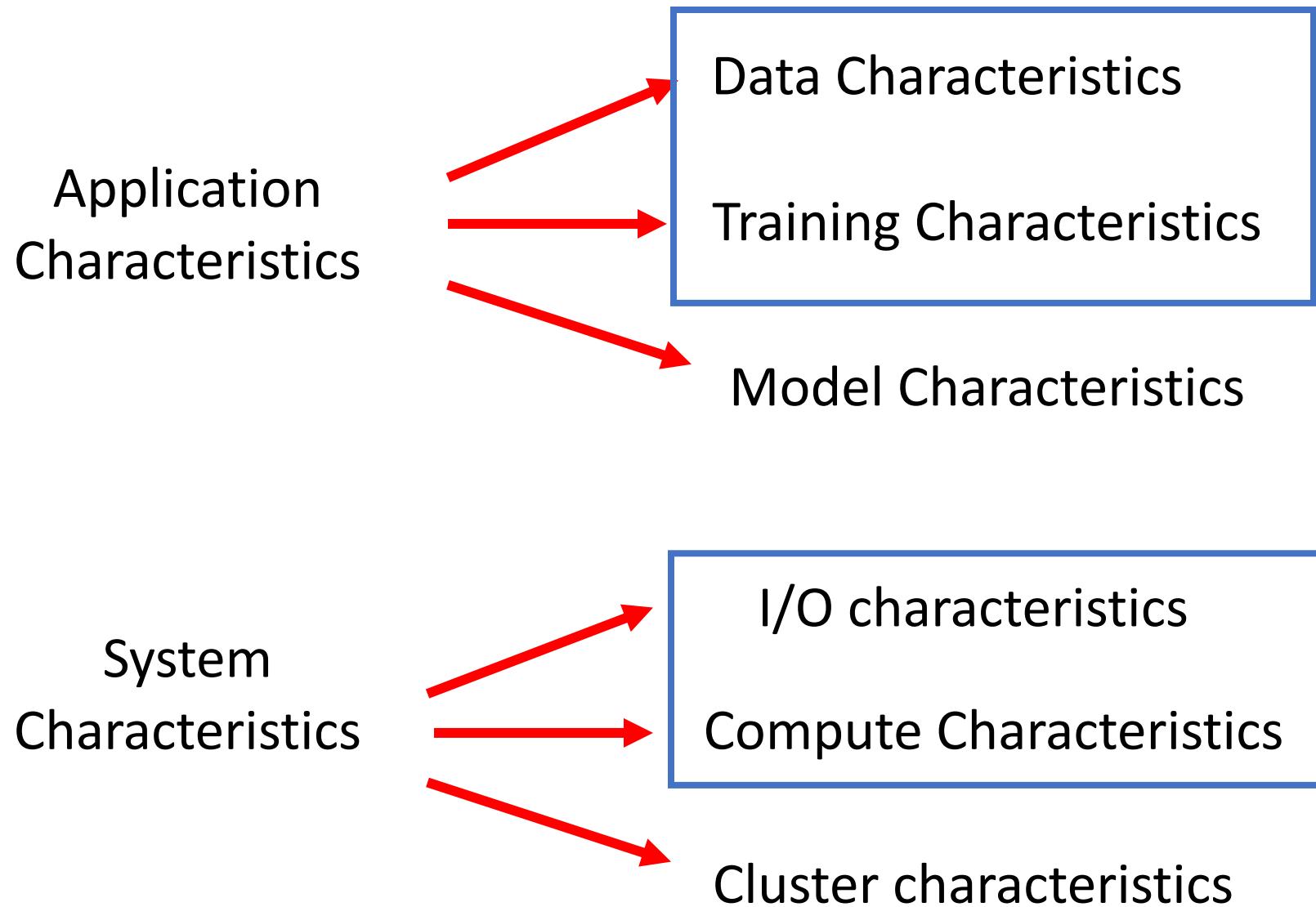
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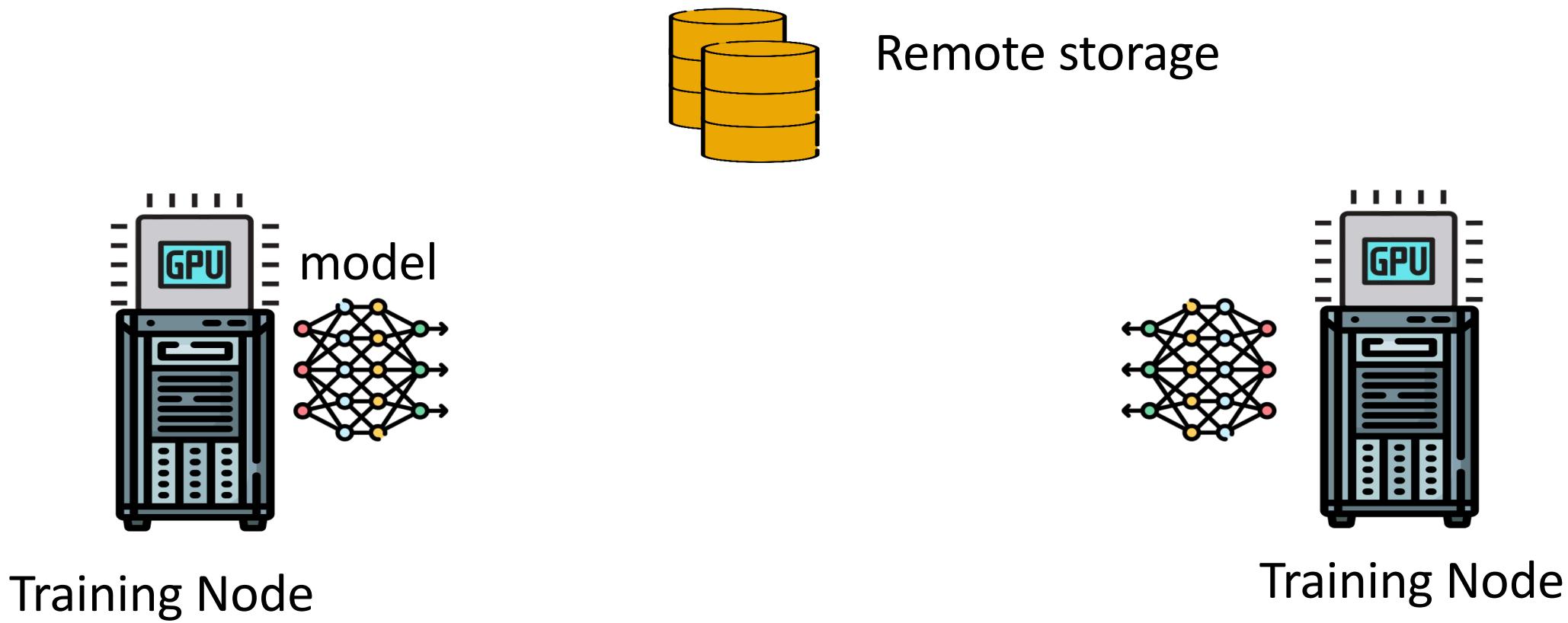
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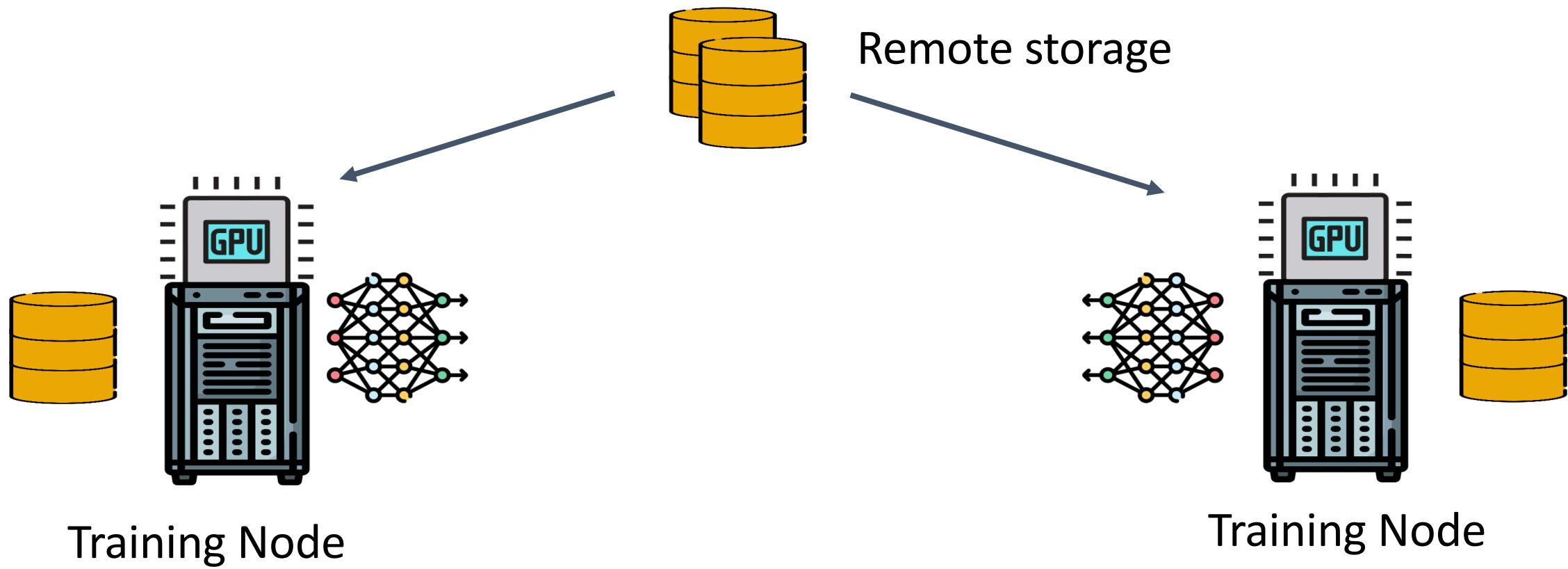
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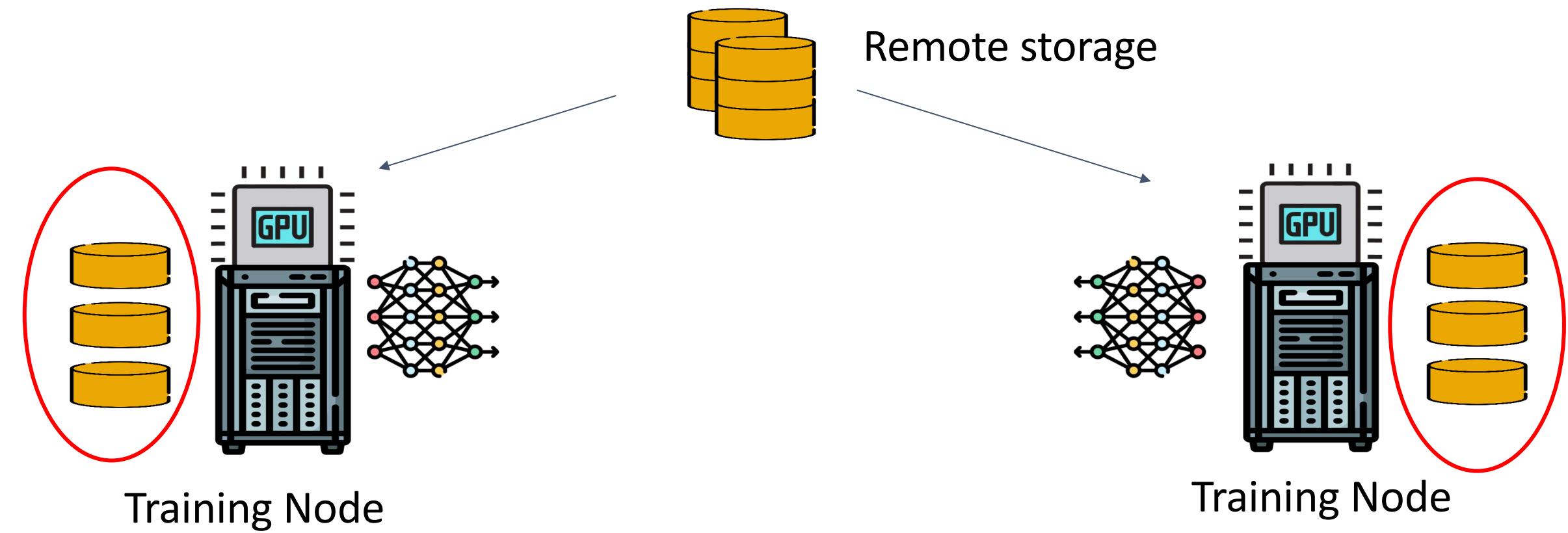
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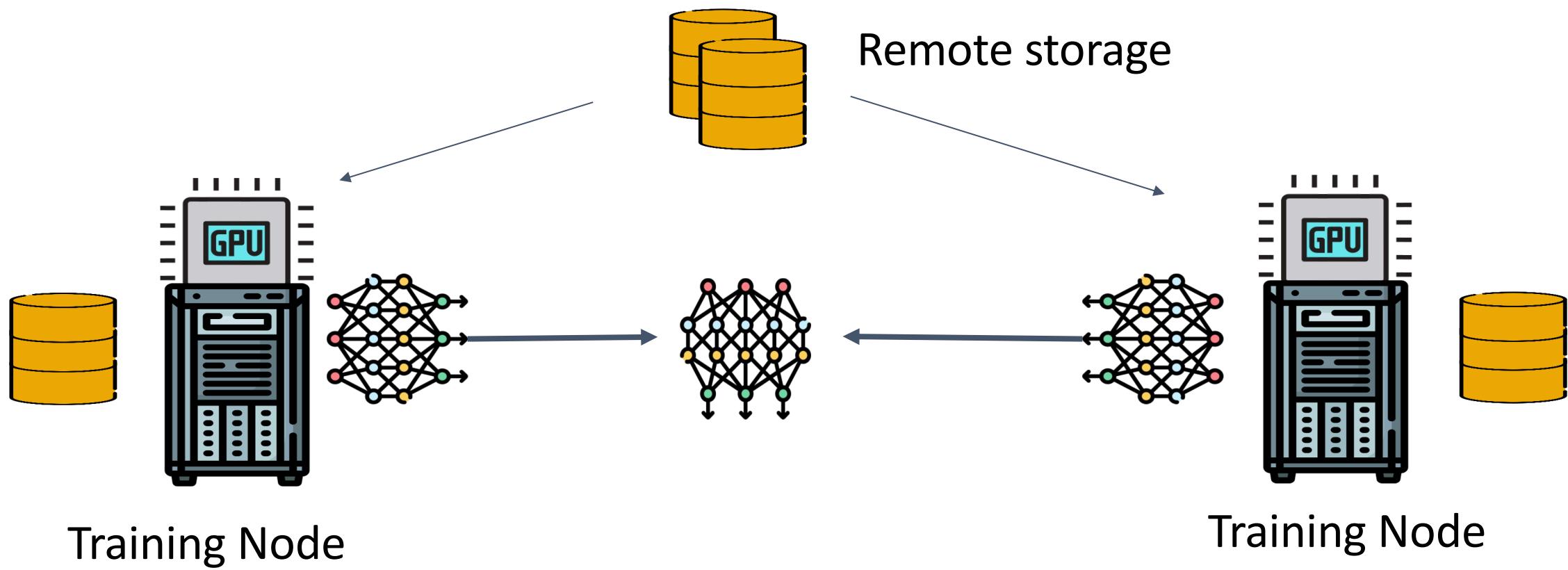
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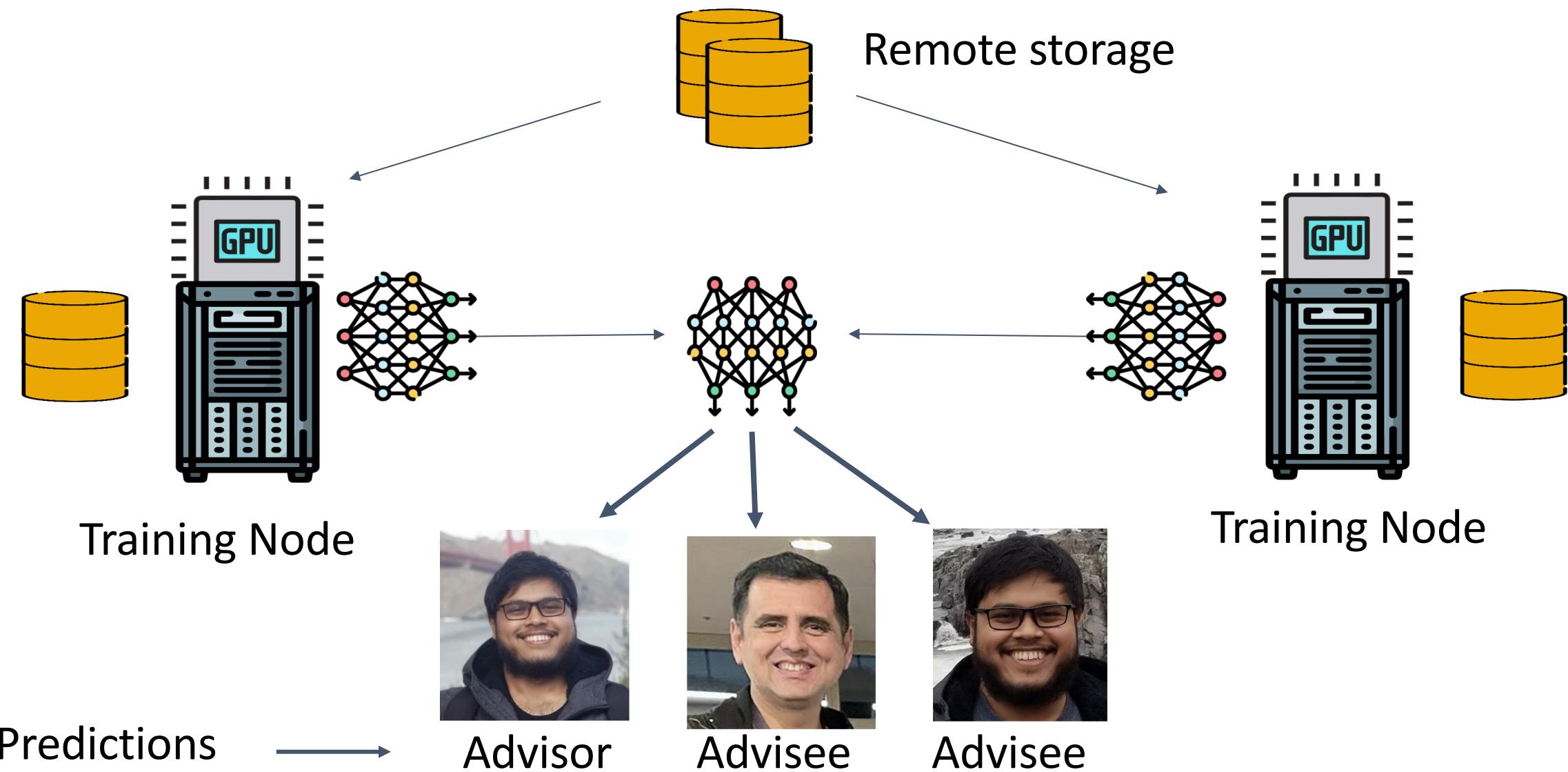
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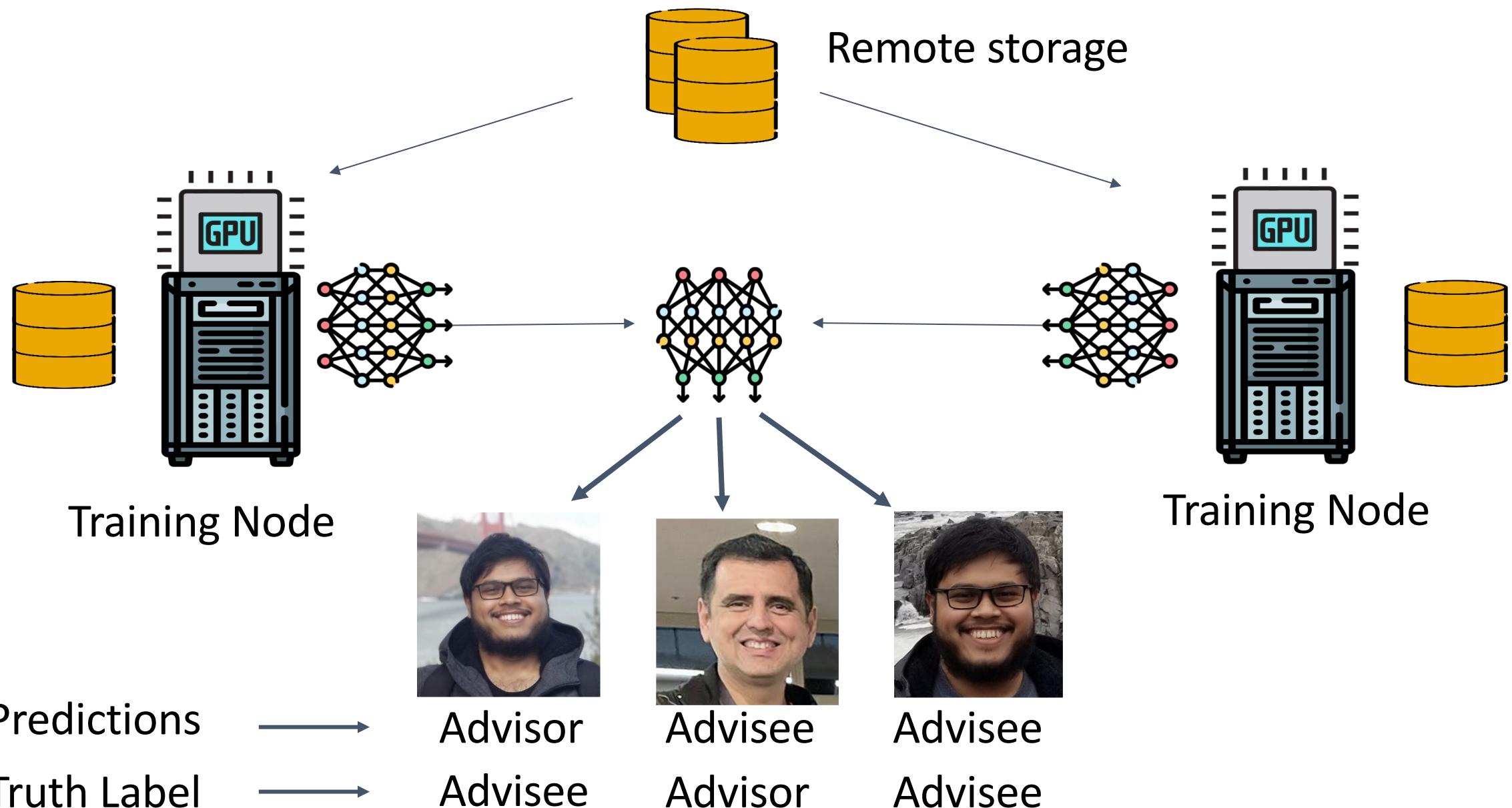
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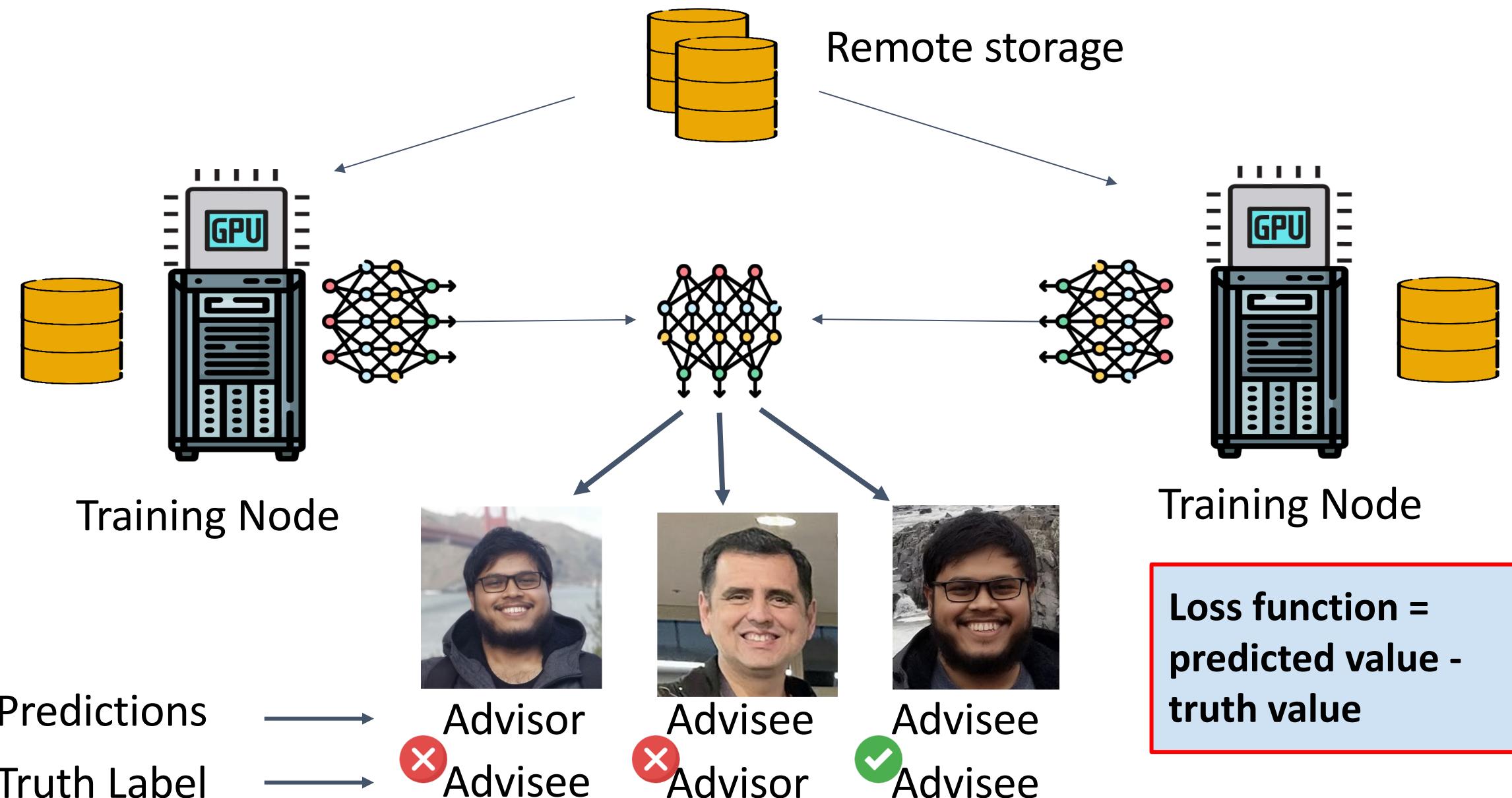
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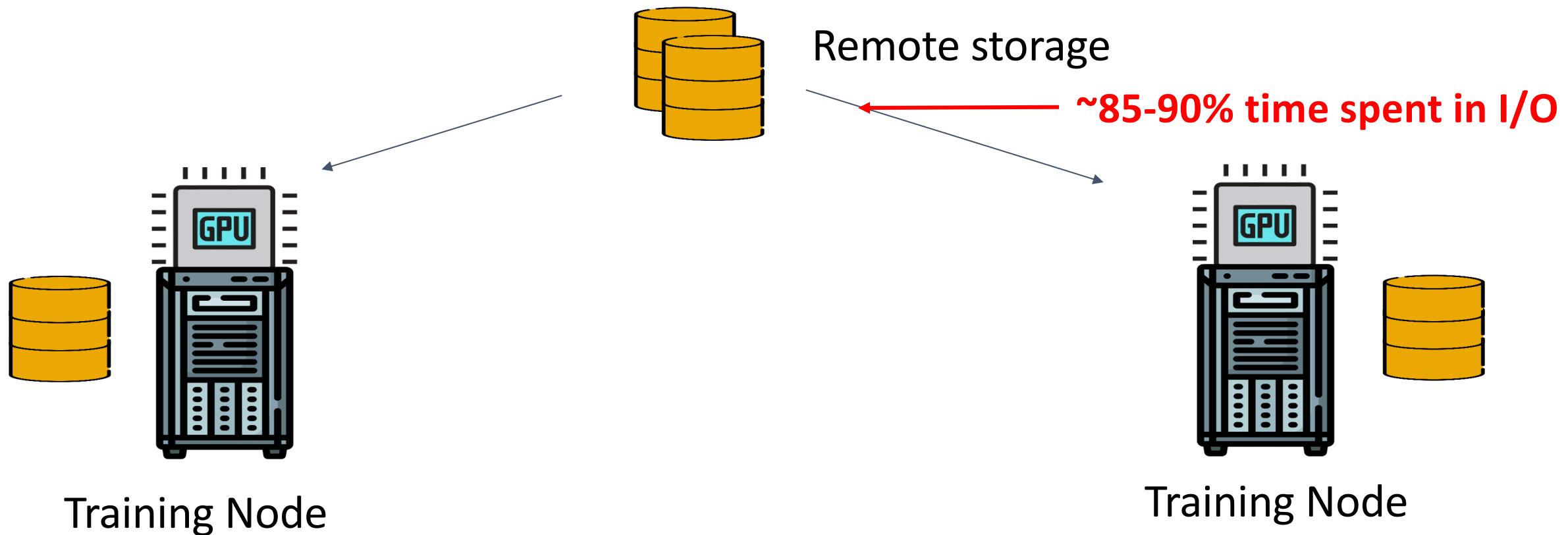
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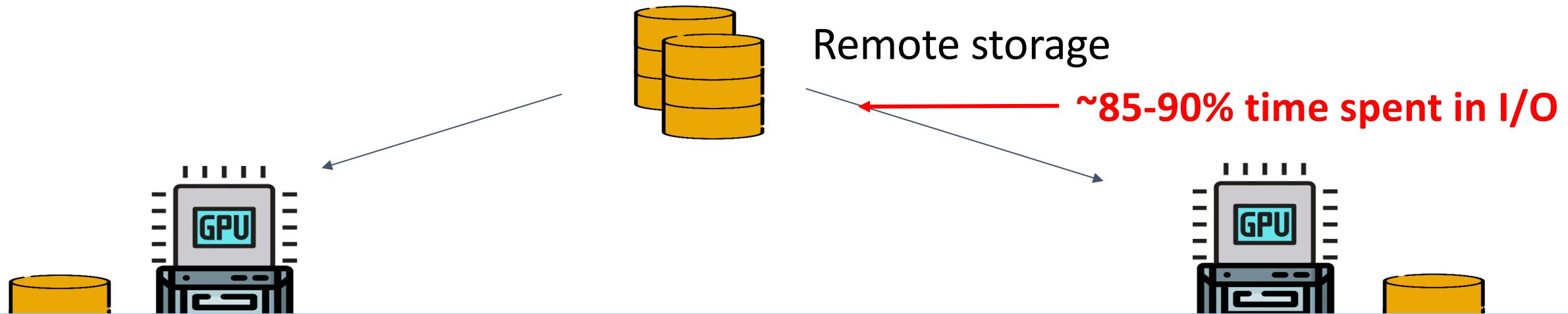
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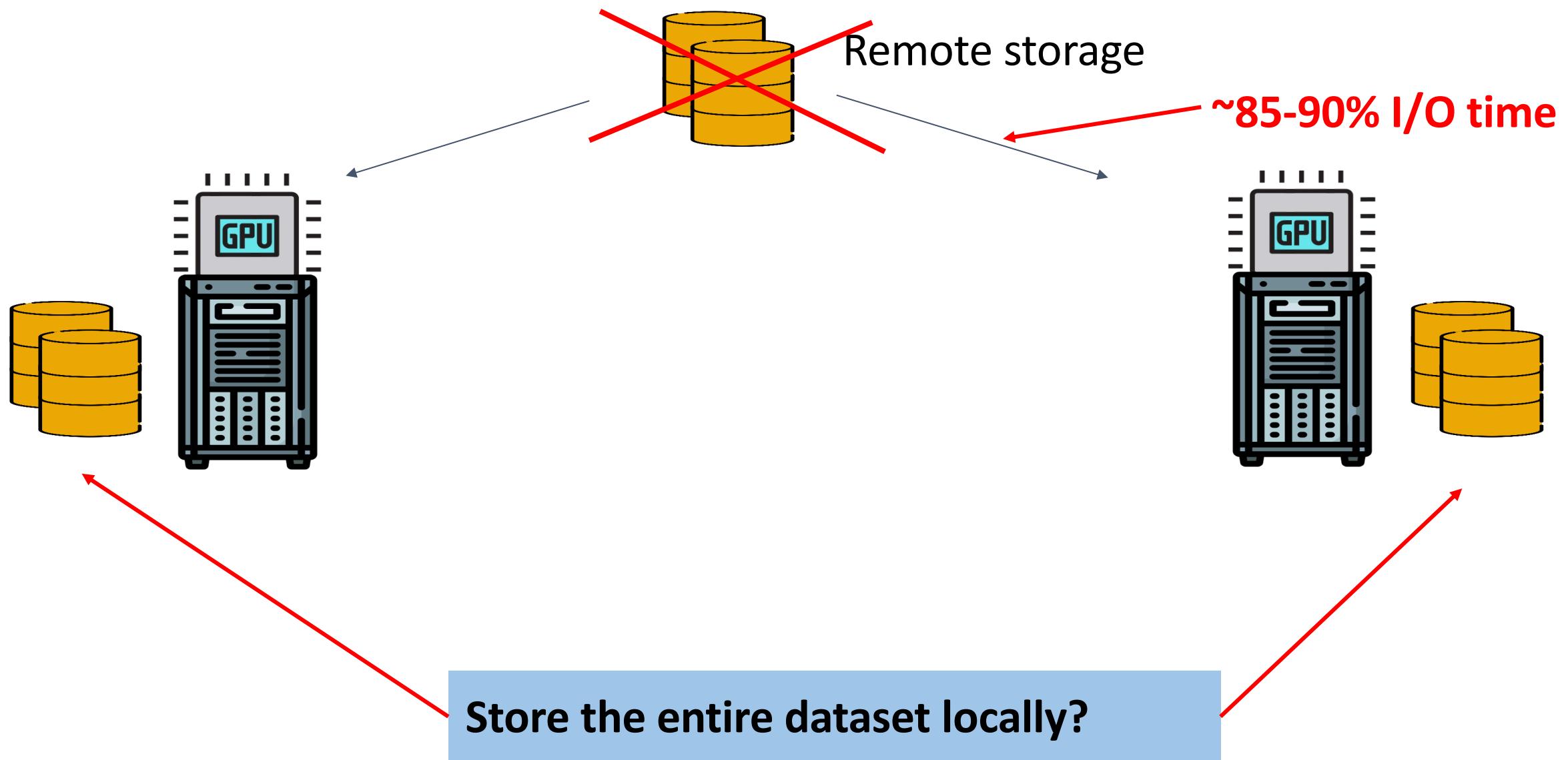


What can be done to solve this I/O bottleneck?

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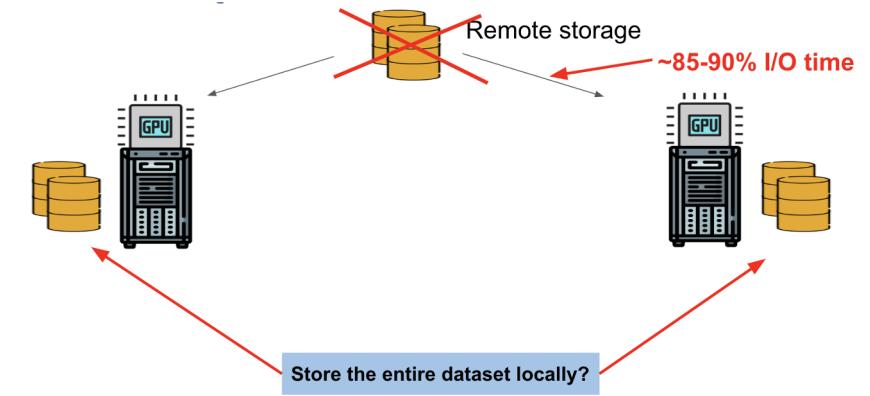
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# A Possible Solution - Local Storage



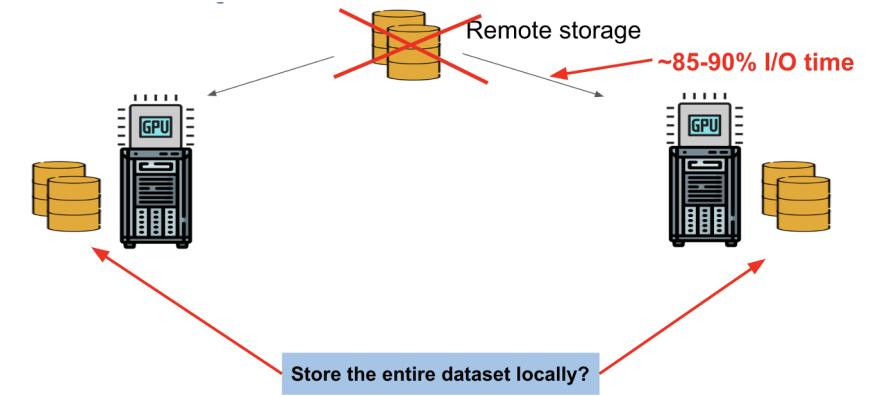
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**Which samples should we cache?**

# Exploiting Data Characteristics – Find the important ones!

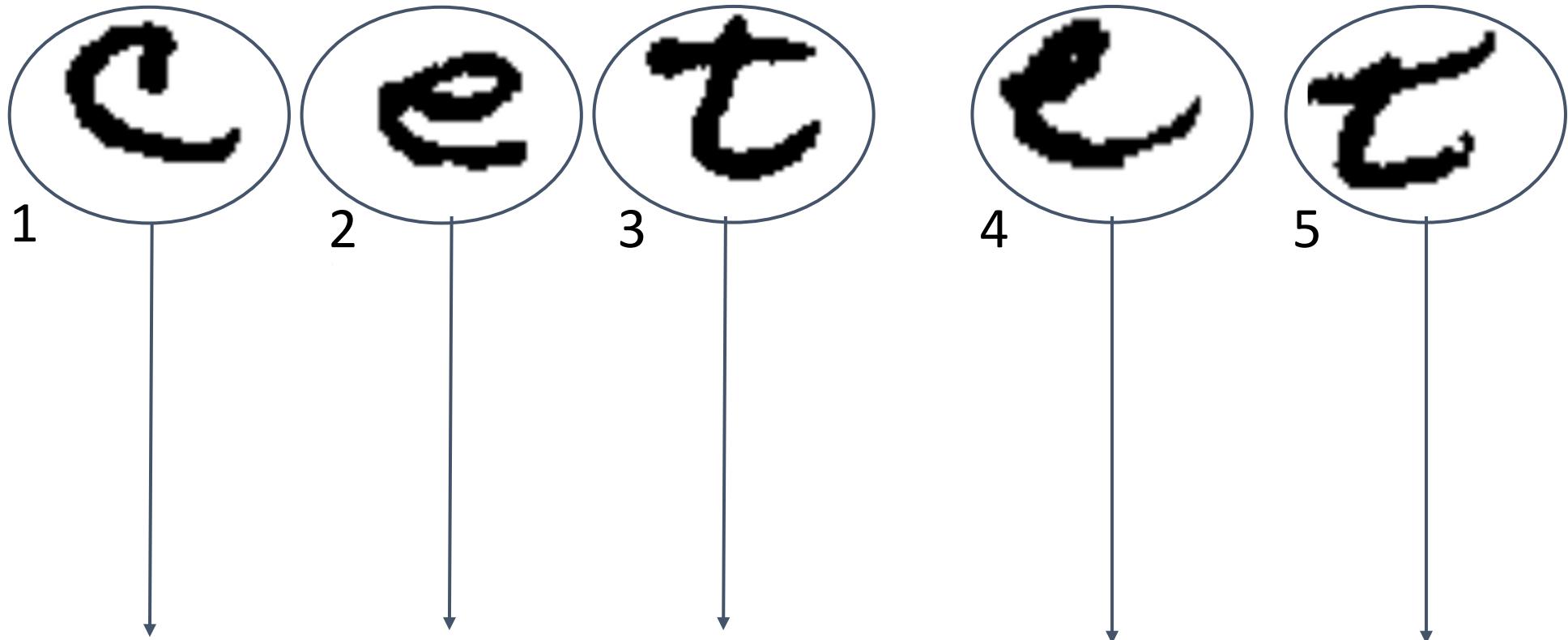
**Not all samples are equal<sup>1,2</sup>.** Some are more important than others as they contribute more towards increasing the accuracy of a DL model.

1. Angelos Katharopoulos and Francois Fleuret. Not all samples are created equal: Deep learning with importance sampling. In Jennifer Dy and Andreas Krause, editors, Proceedings of the 35th International Conference on Machine Learning, volume 80 of Proceedings of Machine Learning Research, pages 2525–2534. PMLR, 10–15 Jul 2018
2. Ilya Loshchilov and Frank Hutter. Online batch selection for faster training of neural networks. arXiv preprint arXiv:1511.06343, 2015.

# Inequality Among Sample Contribution

Hard-to-learn samples are the most important

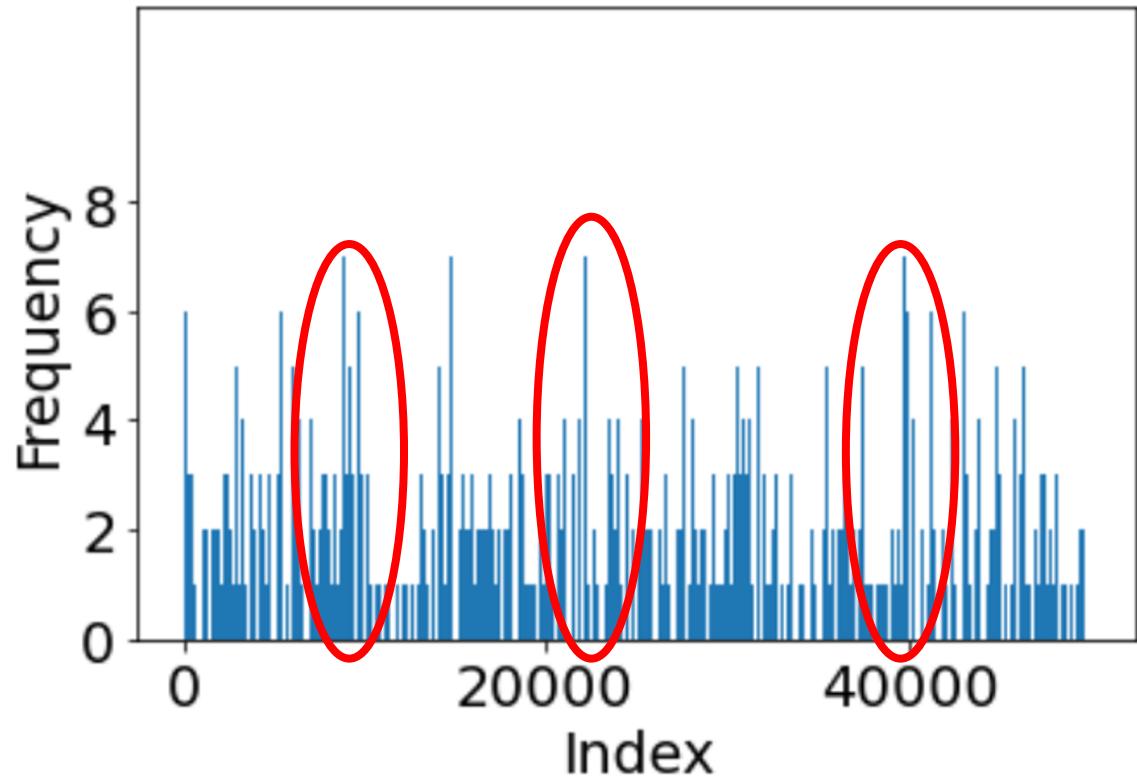
Example: FEMNIST dataset



Not Important (easier-to-learn)

Important (harder-to-learn)

# Repetitive Access Patterns are Amenable to Caching



## Observations

- ~26% samples accessed more than once
- ~10% samples accessed more than three times

# Key Insight of New System - SHADE

**DL Training can treat different samples differently. If we can predict the I/O accesses, we can cache the samples to fundamentally improve the I/O efficiency.**

# Making Important Samples Cacheable is Challenging

1. Identify per-sample importance
2. Avoid making the model biased
3. Track importance scores



# Challenge 1: Coarse-grained Importance Scores

Importance scores are generally coarse-grained and thus inaccurate.

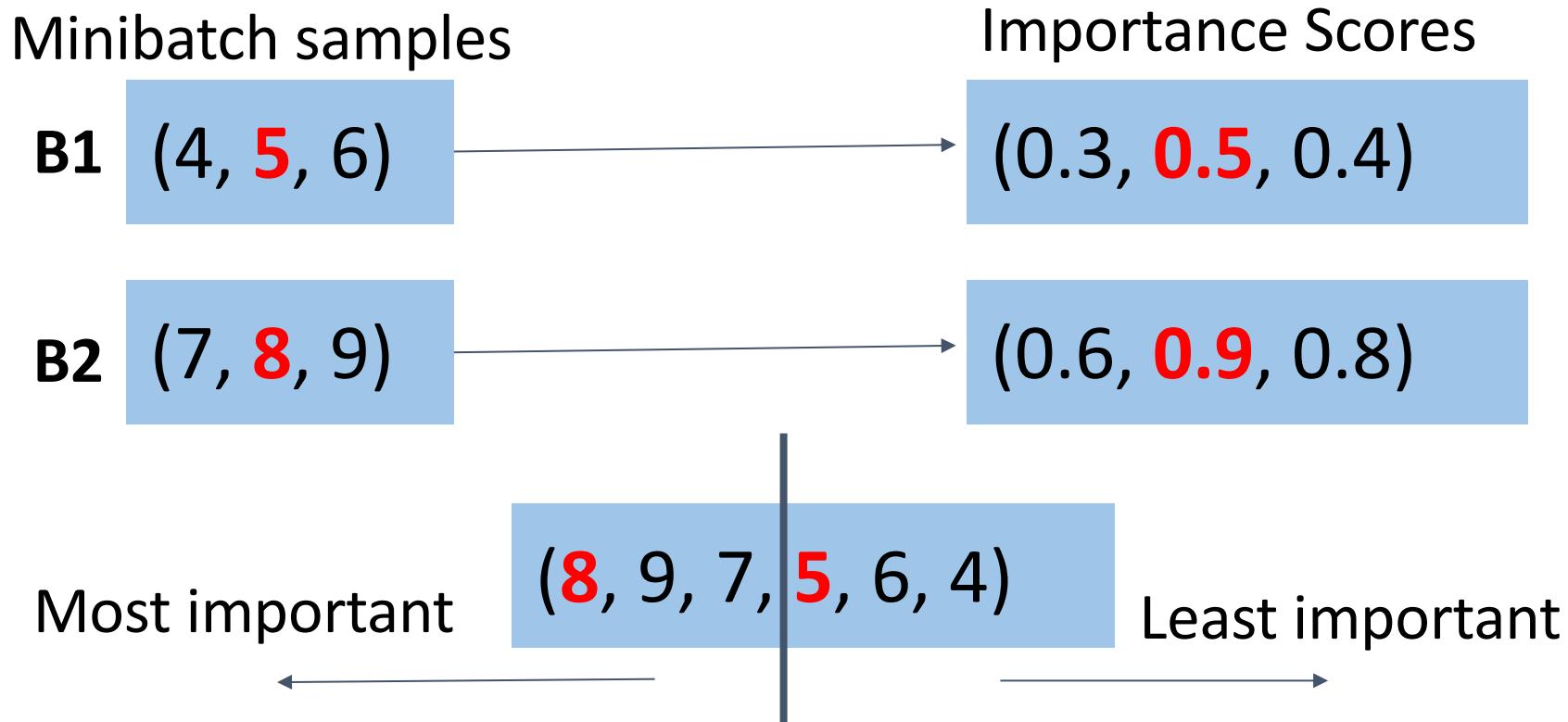


$\text{Score}(4) = \text{Score}(5) = \text{Score}(6) \rightarrow \text{Not accurate}$

Individual samples have their own contribution towards improving the accuracy of the model.

# Challenge 1: Coarse-grained Importance Scores

How can we compare the importance across minibatches?



Relative comparison across minibatches become difficult.

## Challenge 2: Biased Models

Minibatch samples

(6, **8, 8, 8**, 9)

Importance Scores

(0.5, 0.8, 0.8, 0.8, 0.7)

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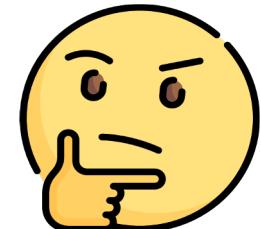
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But, wait a sec!

Would training on repeated samples lead to biased results?



# Challenge 3: Constant Change of Importance Scores

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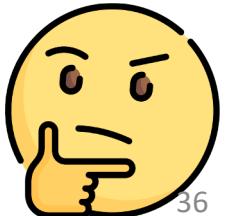
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Future score

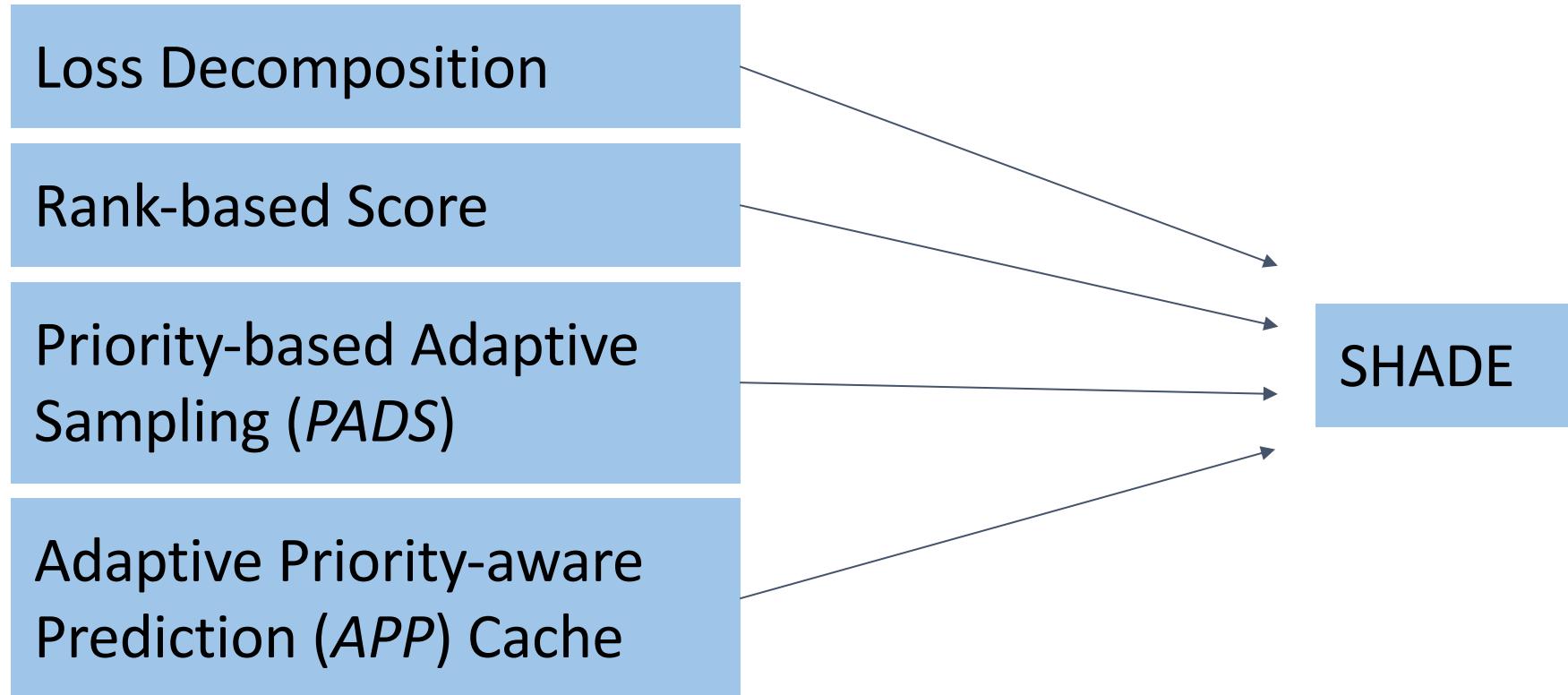
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(**0.5, 0.3, 0.4, 0.6**)

If cache is not updated, most important samples will not be in cache.



# Making Important Samples Amenable to Caching



# Technique 1: Loss Decomposition

Tackling coarse-grained nature of importance scores

Minibatch samples

(4,5,6)

batch-based  
loss

Importance Scores

0.4

Use for training

*per-sample  
loss*

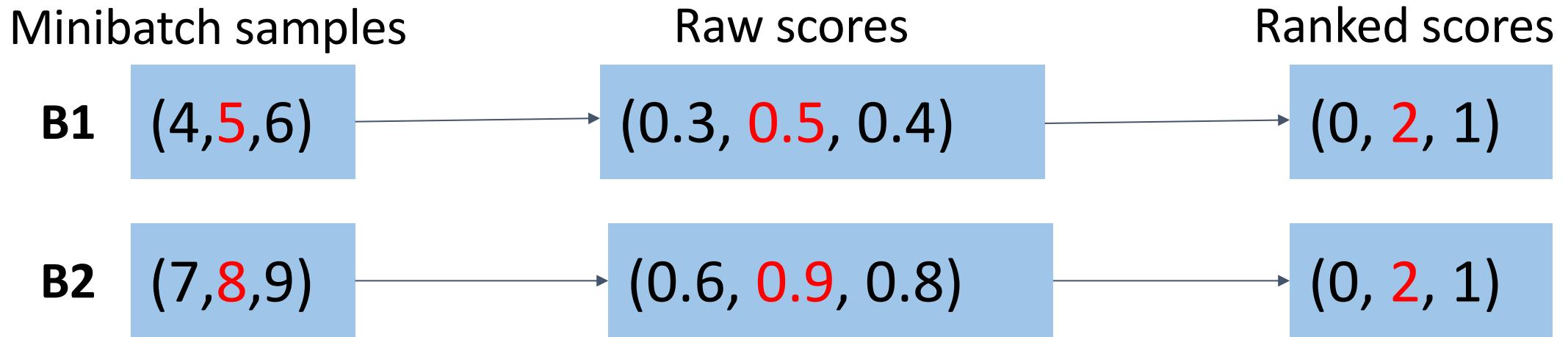
(0.3, 0.5, 0.4)

Use for importance  
sampling

Use coarse-grained loss for training, fine-grained loss for importance sampling

# Technique 2: Rank-based Importance Score

Adapting importance scores for priority-based caching



Rank fine-grained losses to detect relative importance.

# Technique 3: Priority-based Adaptive Sampling (*PADS*)

Adapting sampling based on loss/accuracy change to avoid bias

Samples

4, 7, 3, 5, 3, 5, 2, 2, 1, 10



Create samples list with repetitions based on importance.  
Higher repetitions → Higher importance

3, 3, 5, 5, 2



Send optimal list for training and caching  
Cache → (3,5)  
Hits → (3,3,5,5); Hit rate → 80%

Monitor the loss + accuracy in real time

Increase hit rate at will while keeping the accuracy improvement in check

## Technique 4: Adaptive Priority-aware Prediction (APP)

Keep the most important samples in cache

Priority Queue(PQ) → importance of currently cached samples

Ghost Cache → importance of all trained samples.

Compare(importance of cached sample, importance of incoming sample)



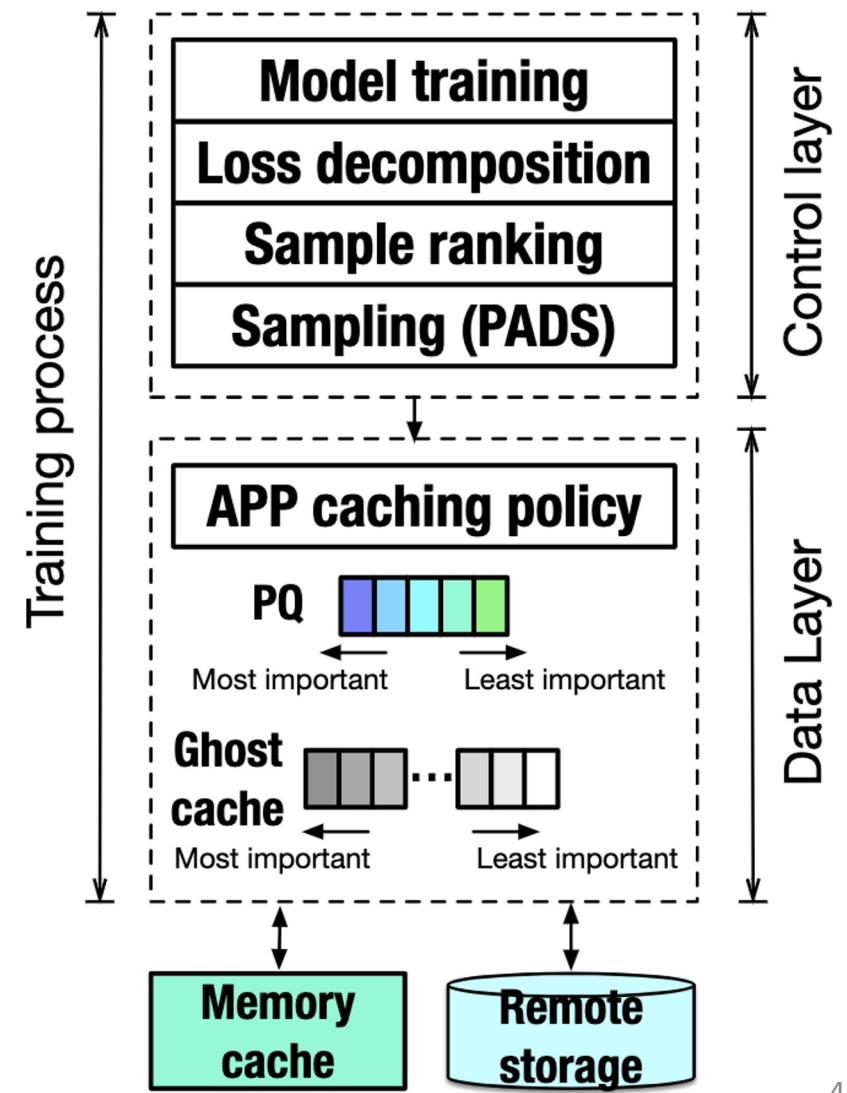
Get from PQ



Get from ghost cache

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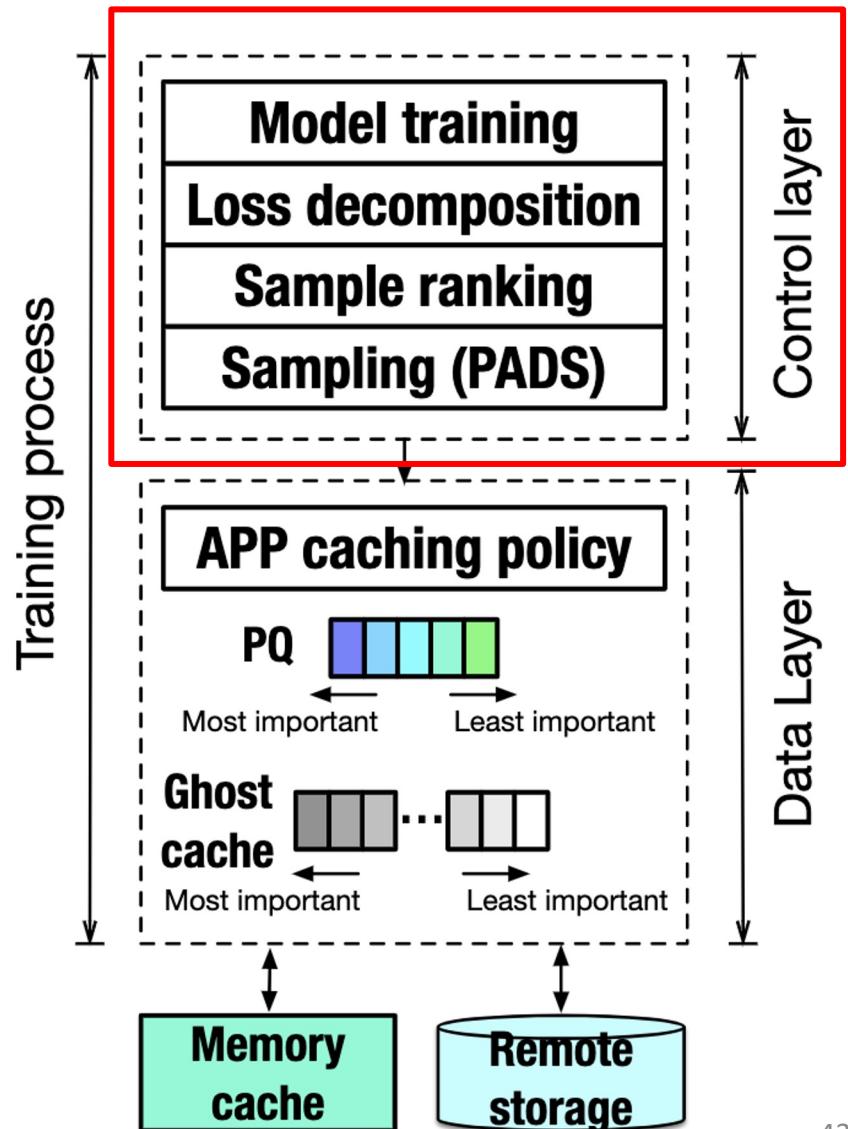
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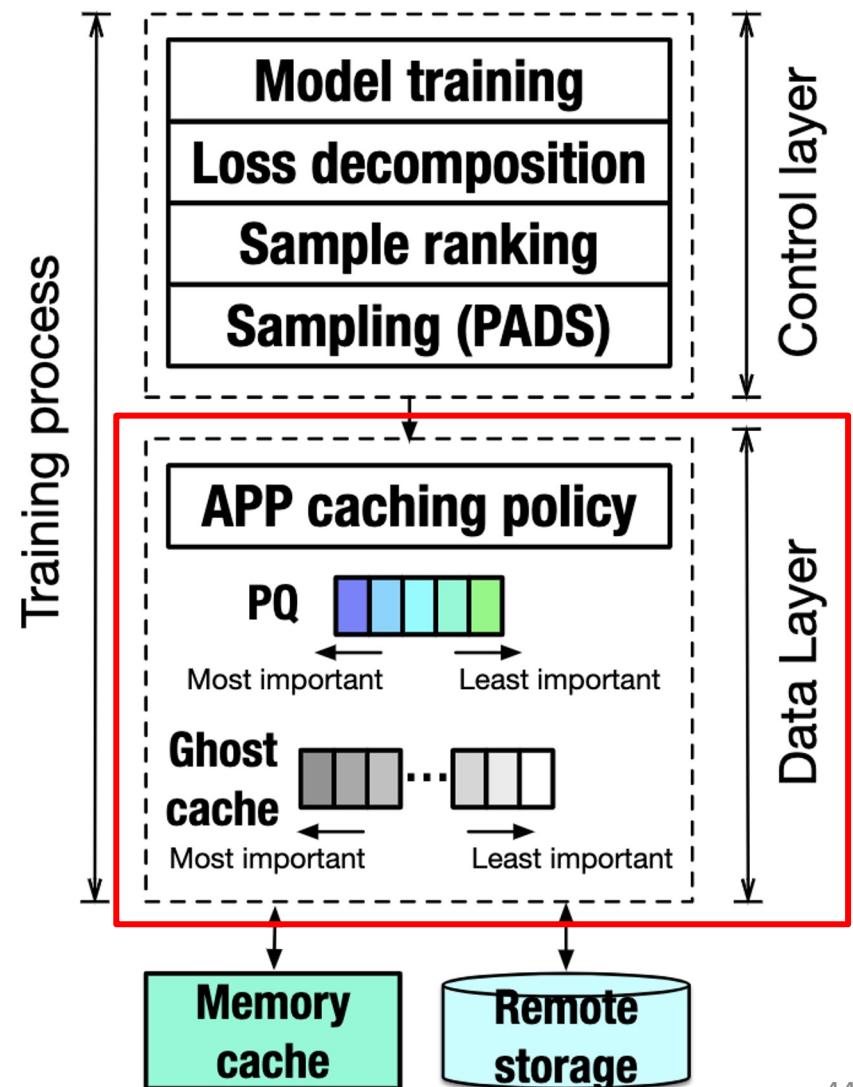
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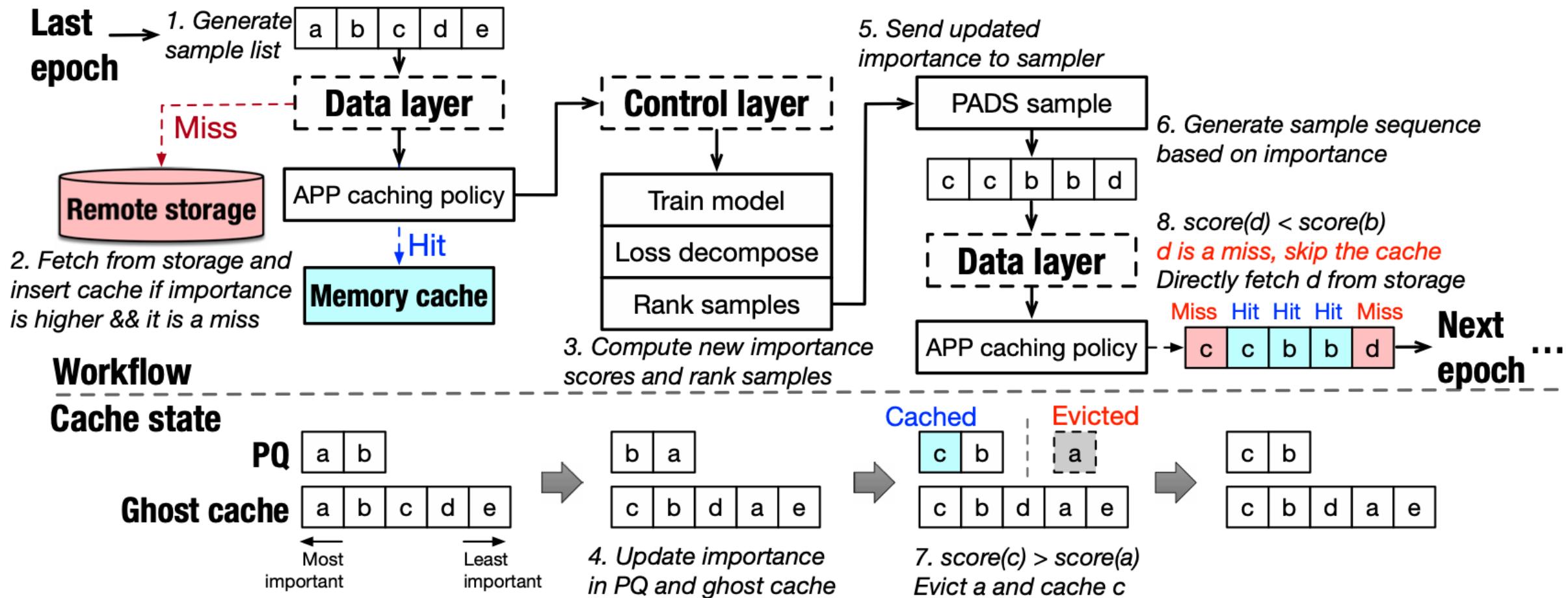
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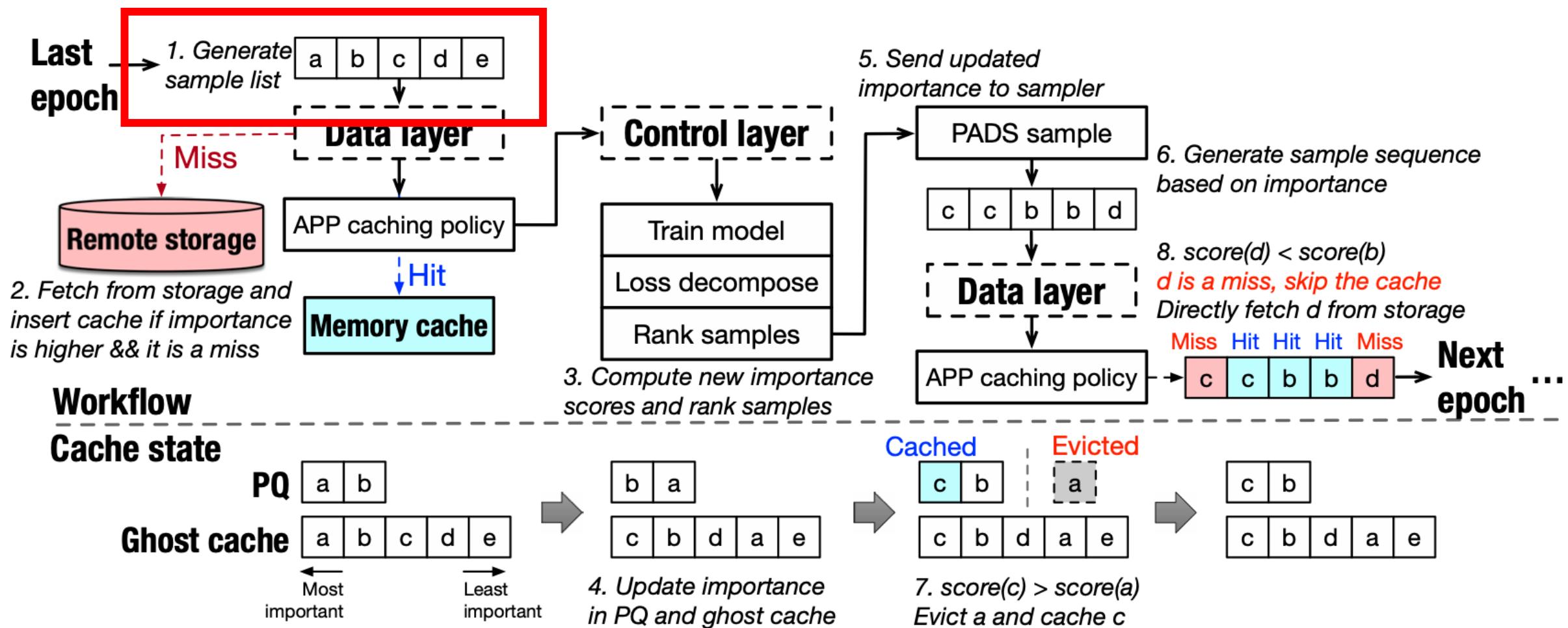
- Stores and retrieves from cache
- Updates the cache



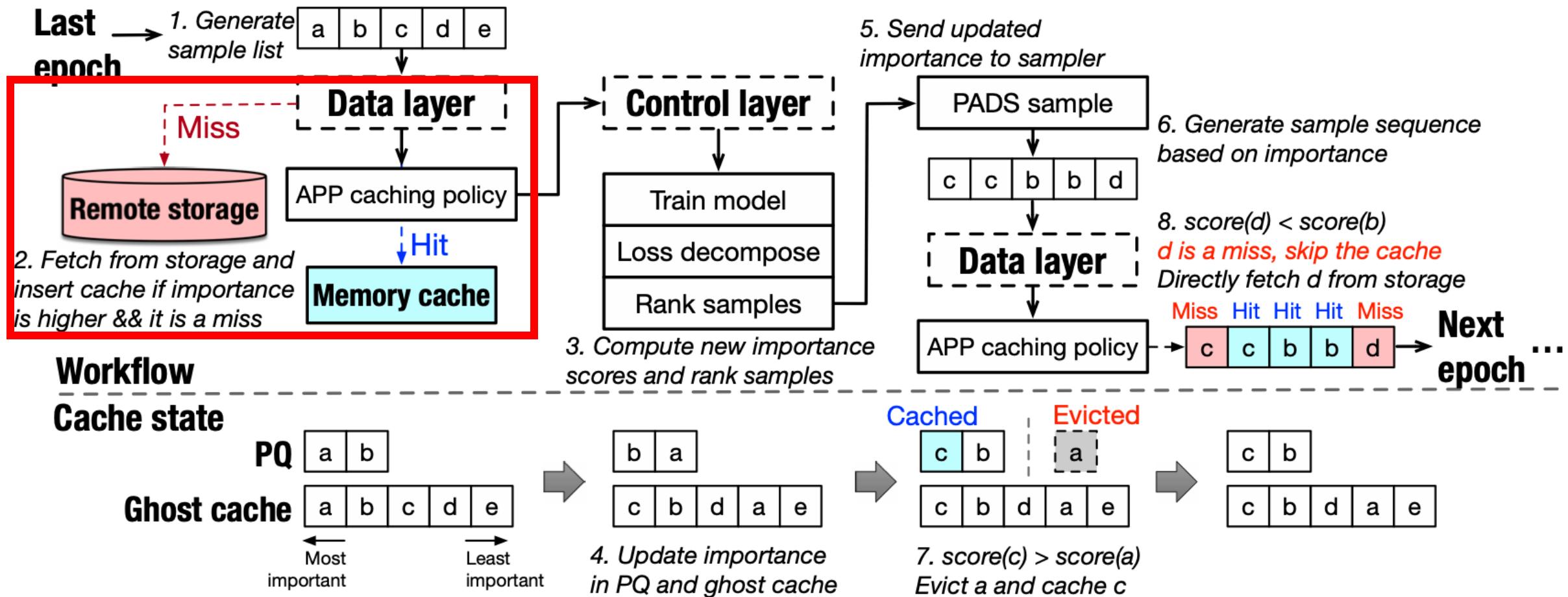
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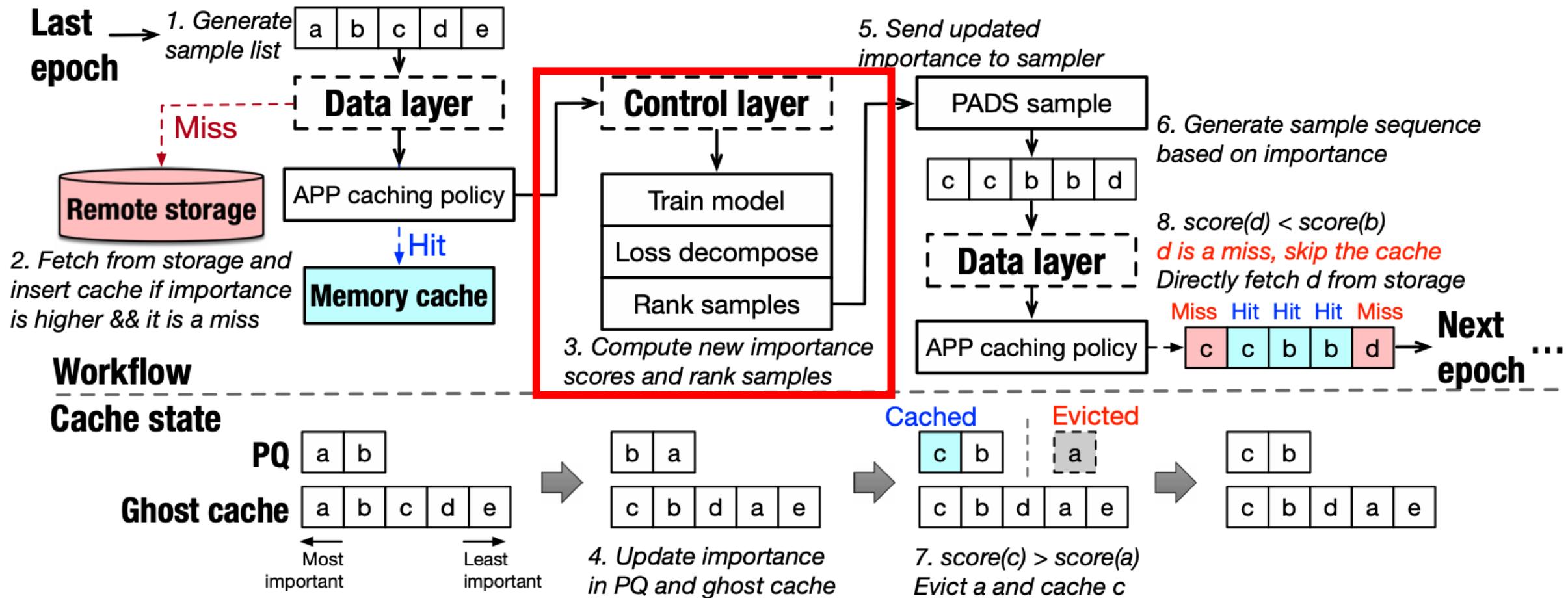
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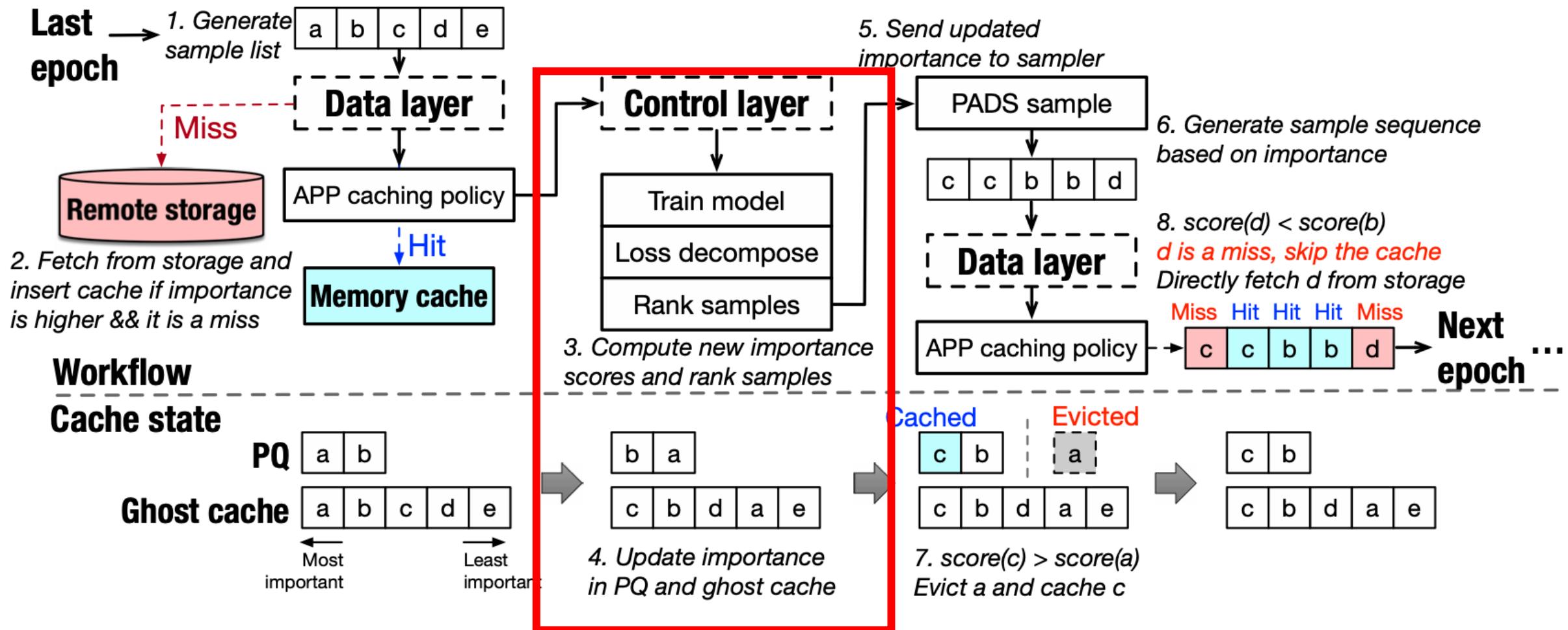
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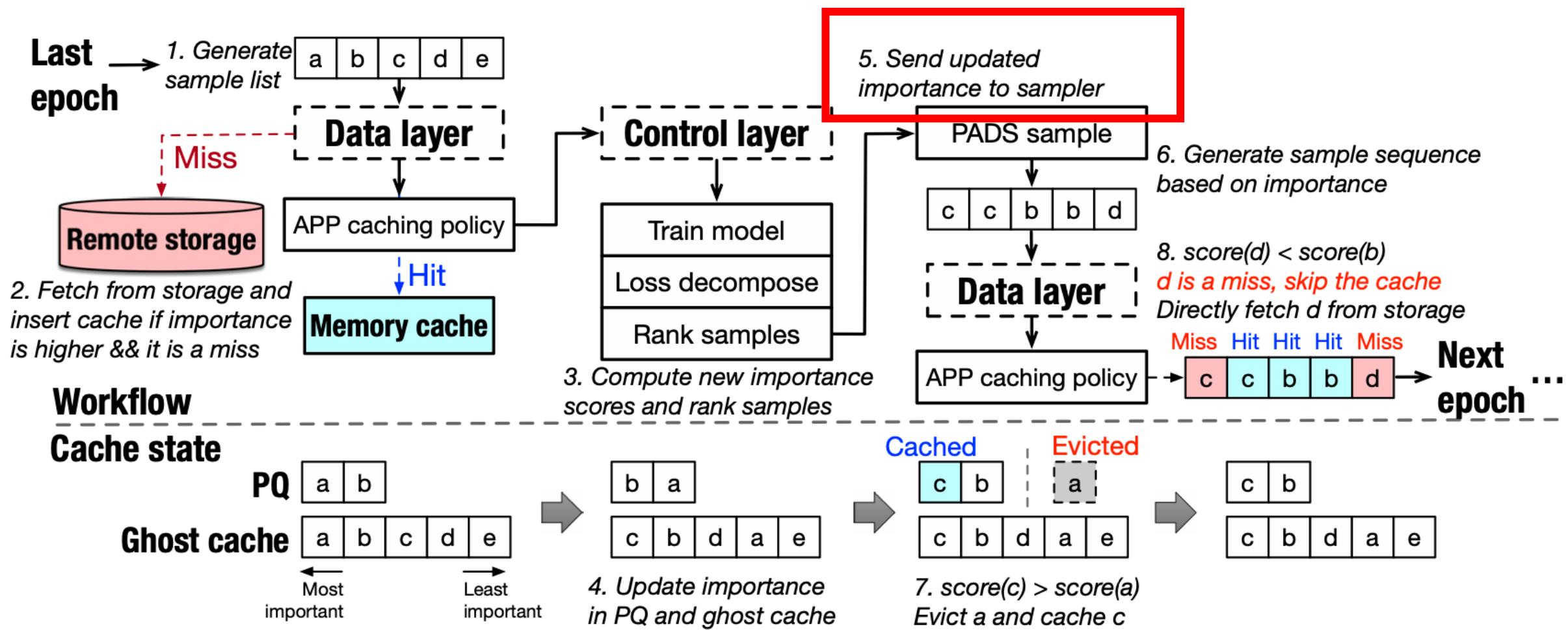
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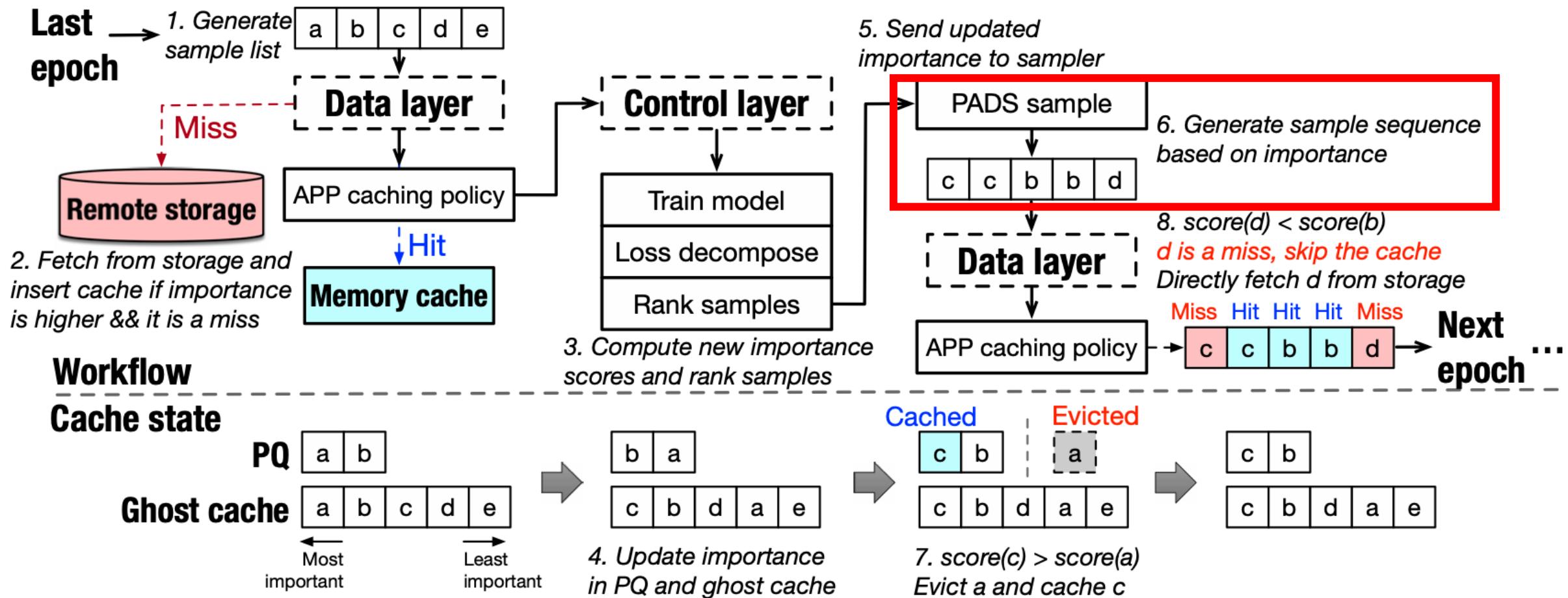
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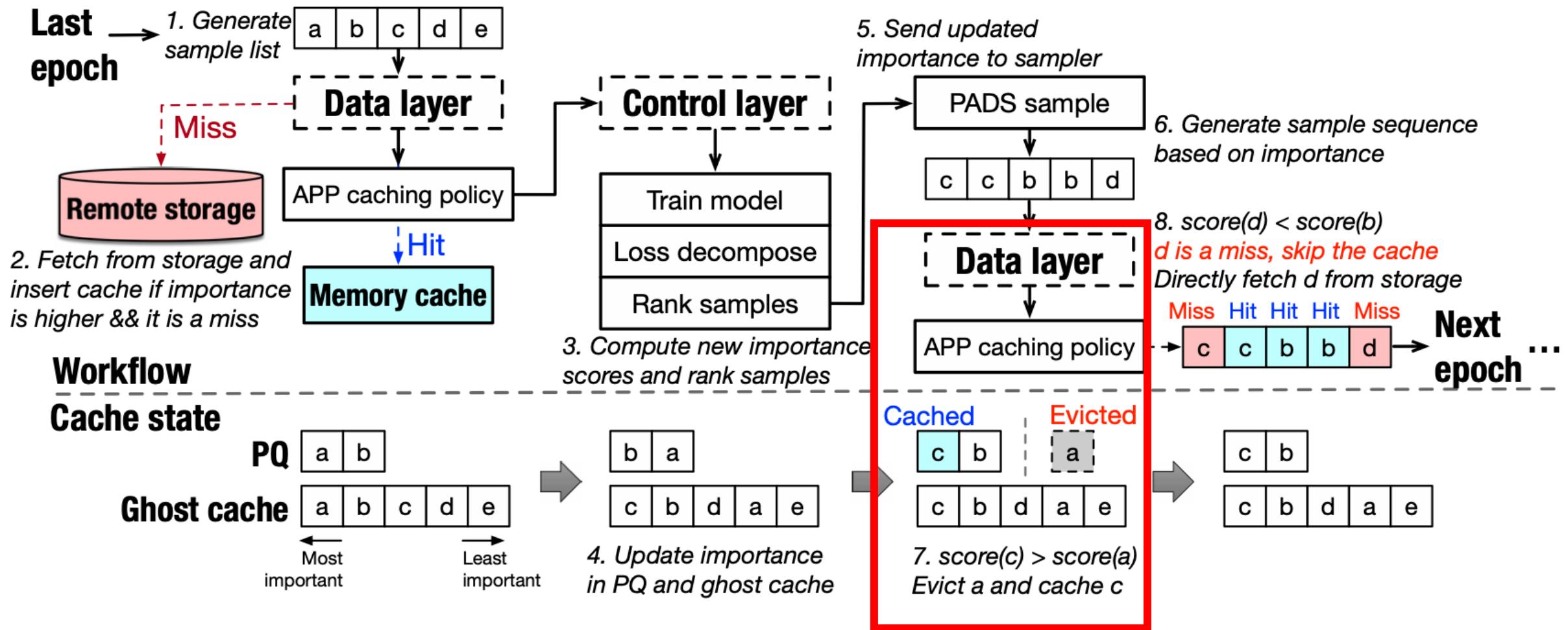
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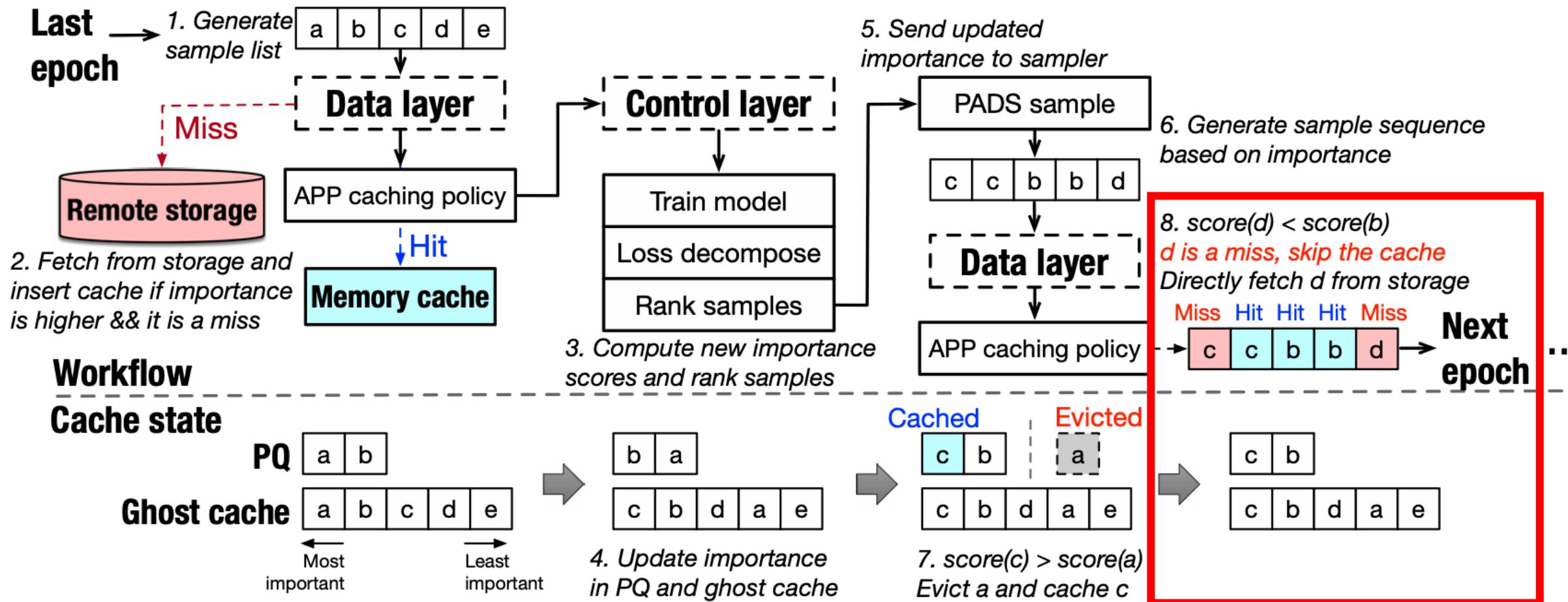
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# SHADE Feature: Ease of Deployment

Default PyTorch

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DistributedSampler(train_dataset)  
Train()  
Validate()
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train_dataset = ShadeDataset(  
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val_dataset = ShadeValDataset(  
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train_sampler =  
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# Evaluation Setup

## Cluster

- 4 nodes each having 2 P100 GPUs
- HDD-based NFS server as a remote storage

## Datasets

- ImageNet-1K
- CIFAR-10

## Models

- AlexNet, ResNet-18, ResNet-50, VggNet

## Baseline

- LRU incorporated PyTorch Distributed Training

# Evaluation Objectives

1. Read Hit Ratio
2. Accuracy vs. Time
3. Throughput
4. Minibatch Load Time

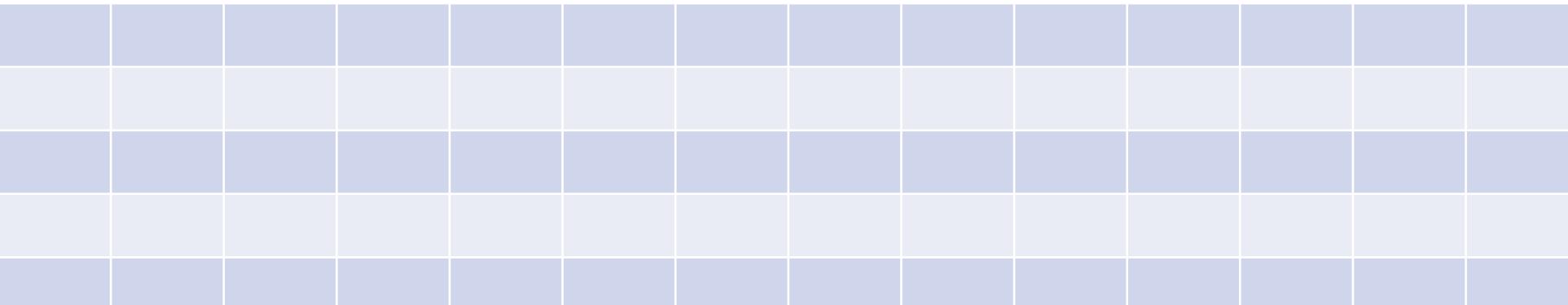
# Belady's Optimal Cache Replacement Algorithm - MIN

- Pages are replaced which would not be used for the longest duration in the future
- Optimal i.e. perfect policy as it has knowledge about the future.
- Not possible in practice as OS cannot know future requests.
- Used for setting up benchmarks so that other replacement algorithms can be analyzed against it.

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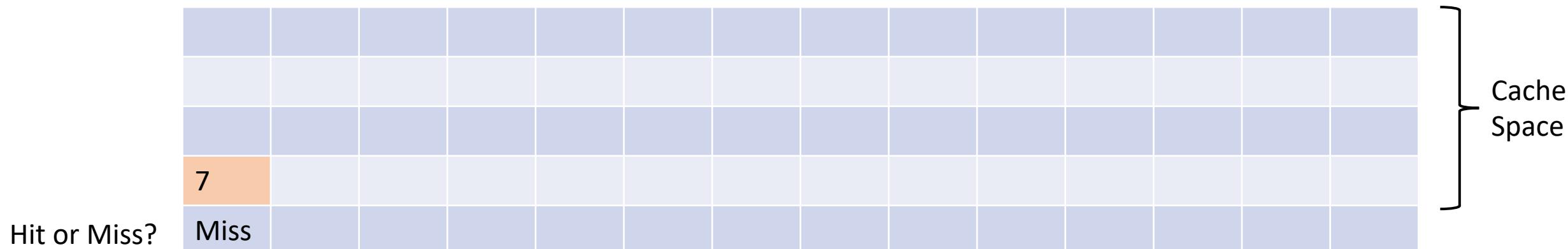
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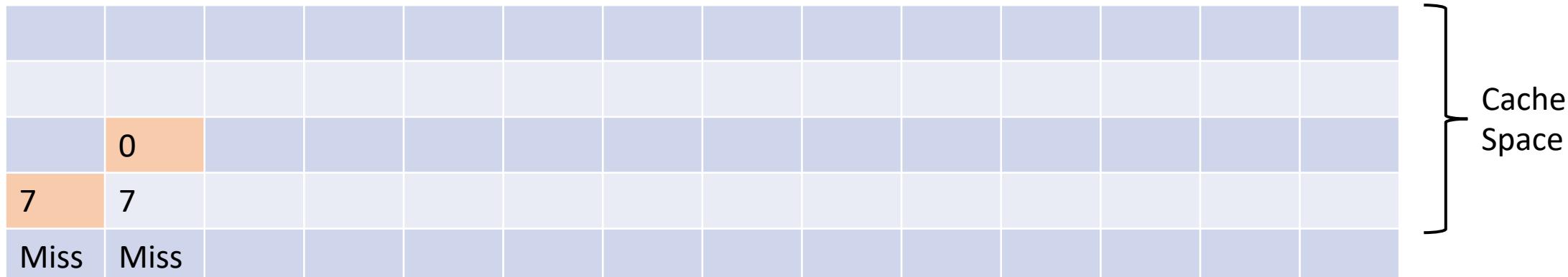
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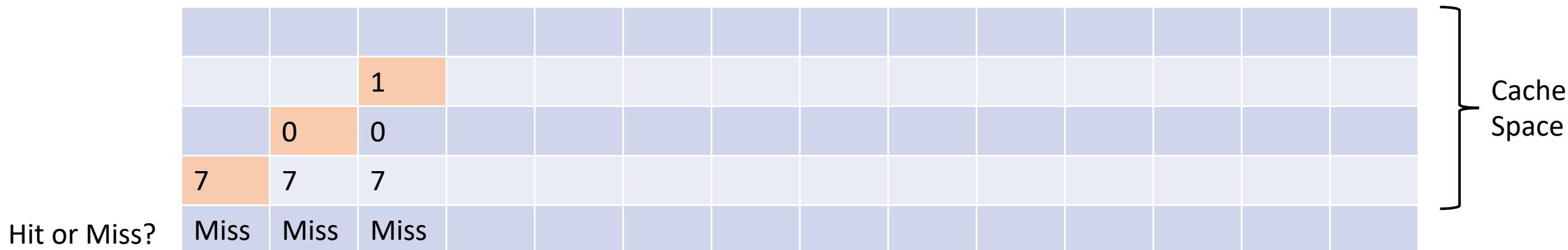
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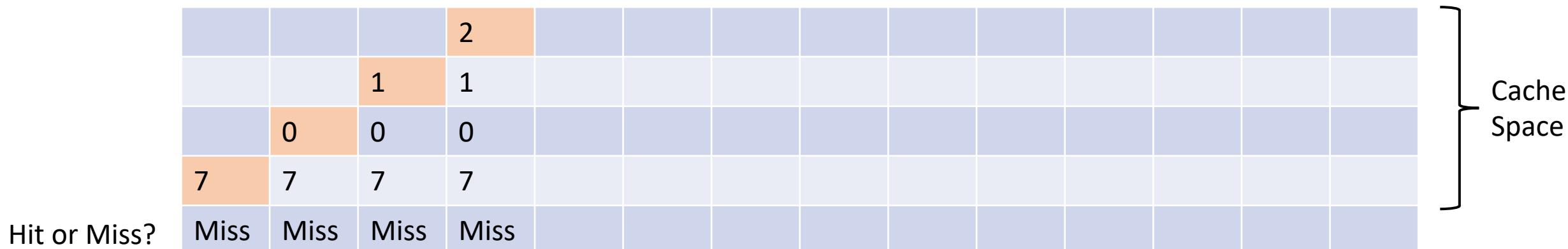
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Time difference between current and future usage of pages in cache

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- $1 \rightarrow 7 - 6 = 1$
- $0 \rightarrow 11 - 6 = 5$
- $7 \rightarrow \text{inf} - 6 = \text{inf}$  [EVICT]

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Cache Space

# Belady's MIN example

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Cache Space

# Belady's MIN example

Total Page Faults = 6

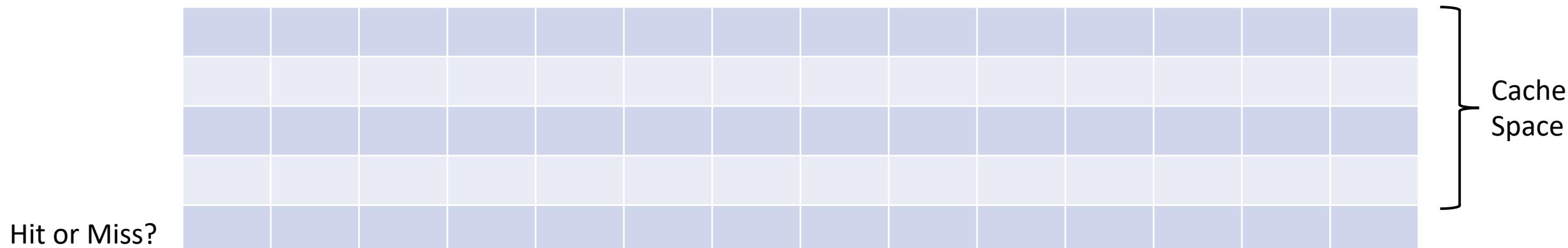
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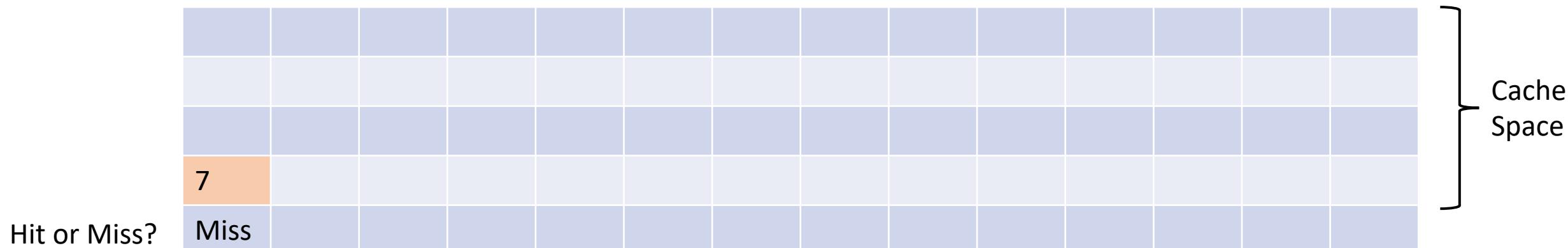
# Comparison with LRU

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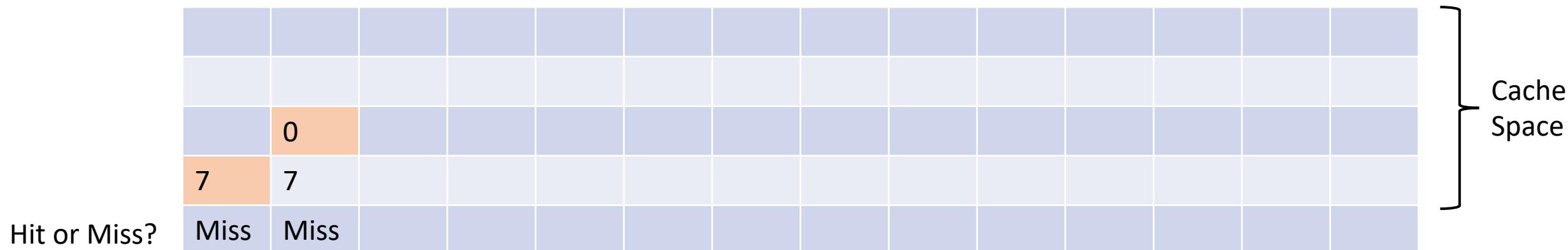
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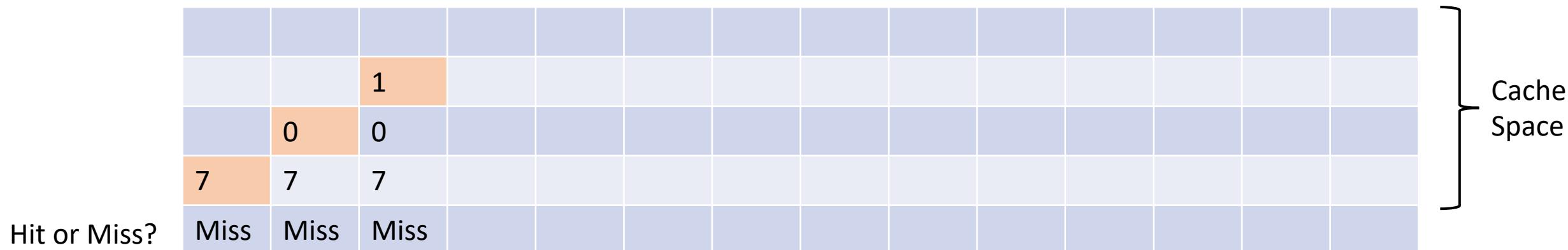
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Cache Space

# Comparison with LRU

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Hit or Miss?	Miss	Miss	Miss	Miss	Hit									

Cache Space

# Comparison with LRU

## Last Used Timestamp

- $2 \rightarrow 4$
- $1 \rightarrow 3$
- $0 \rightarrow 5$
- $7 \rightarrow 1$  [Least recently used] [EVICT]

Time stamp	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Page Reference	7	0	1	2	0	3	1	4	2	3	0	3	2	3

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Hit or Miss?	Miss	Miss	Miss	Miss	Hit	Miss								

Cache Space

# Comparison with LRU

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Hit or Miss?	Miss	Miss	Miss	Miss	Hit	Miss	Hit							

Cache Space

# Comparison with LRU

## Last Used Timestamp

- $2 \rightarrow 4$  [Least Recently Used] [Evict]
- $1 \rightarrow 7$
- $0 \rightarrow 5$
- $3 \rightarrow 6$

Time stamp	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Page Reference	7	0	1	2	0	3	1	4	2	3	0	3	2	3

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Cache Space

# Comparison with LRU

## Last Used Timestamp

- $4 \rightarrow 8$
- $1 \rightarrow 7$
- $0 \rightarrow 5$  [Least Recently Used] [Evict]
- $3 \rightarrow 6$

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# Comparison with LRU

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Cache Space

# Comparison with LRU

## Last Used Timestamp

- $4 \rightarrow 8$
- $1 \rightarrow 7$  [Least Recently Used][EVICT]
- $2 \rightarrow 9$
- $3 \rightarrow 10$

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# Comparison with LRU

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# Comparison with LRU

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Cache Space

# Comparison with LRU

Total Page Faults = 8

Time stamp	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
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Hit or Miss?	Miss	Miss	Miss	Miss	Hit	Miss	Hit	Miss	Miss	Hit	Miss	Hit	Hit	Hit

Cache Space

# Belady's MIN example

Total Page Faults = 6

Time stamp	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
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Hit or Miss?	Miss	Miss	Miss	Miss	Hit	Miss	Hit	Miss	Hit	Hit	Hit	Hit	Hit	Hit

Cache Space

# SHADE Magic!

Total sample misses = 4

Time stamp	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
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Hit or Miss?	Miss	Miss	Miss	Miss	Hit									

Cache Space

# SHADE Magic!

Total sample misses = 4

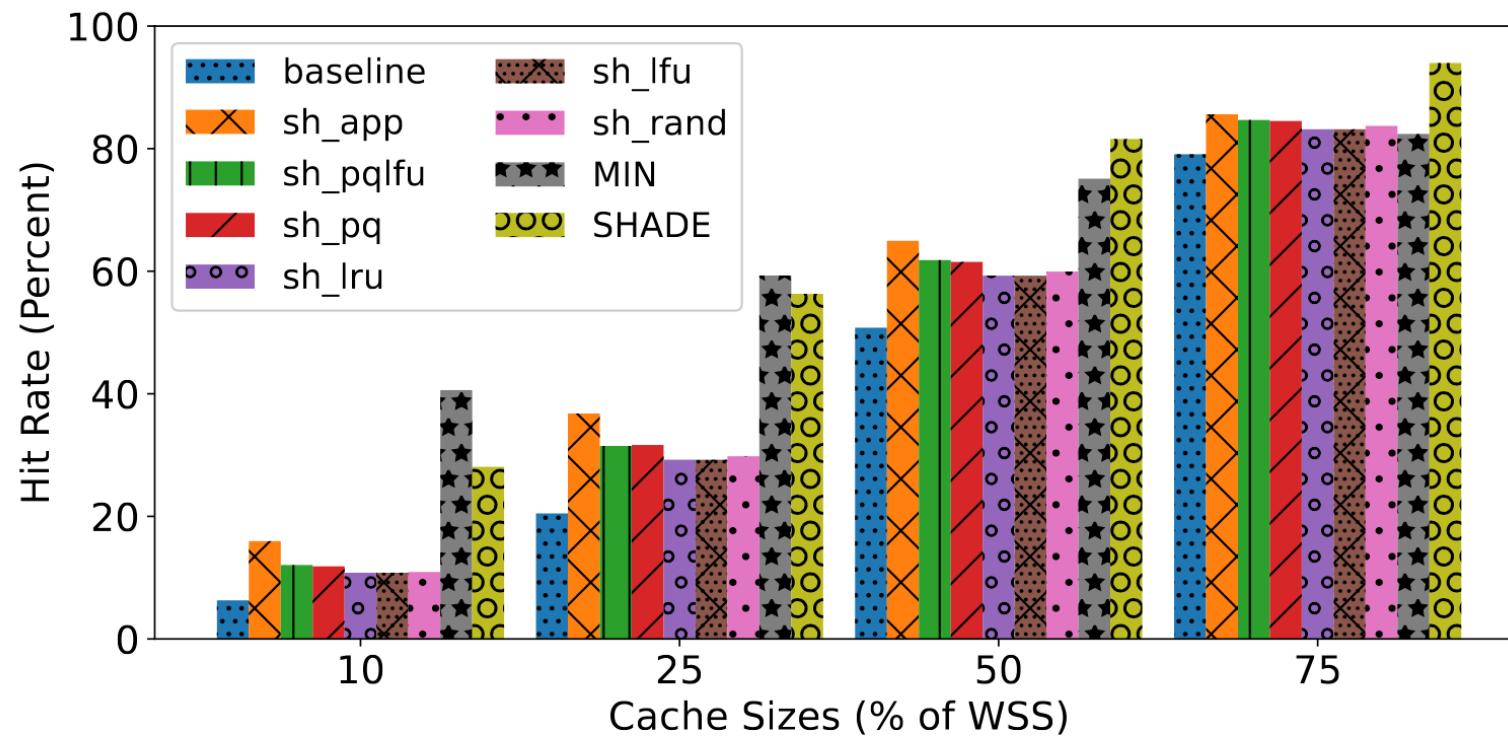
Belady's MIN knows the future, SHADE creates it.

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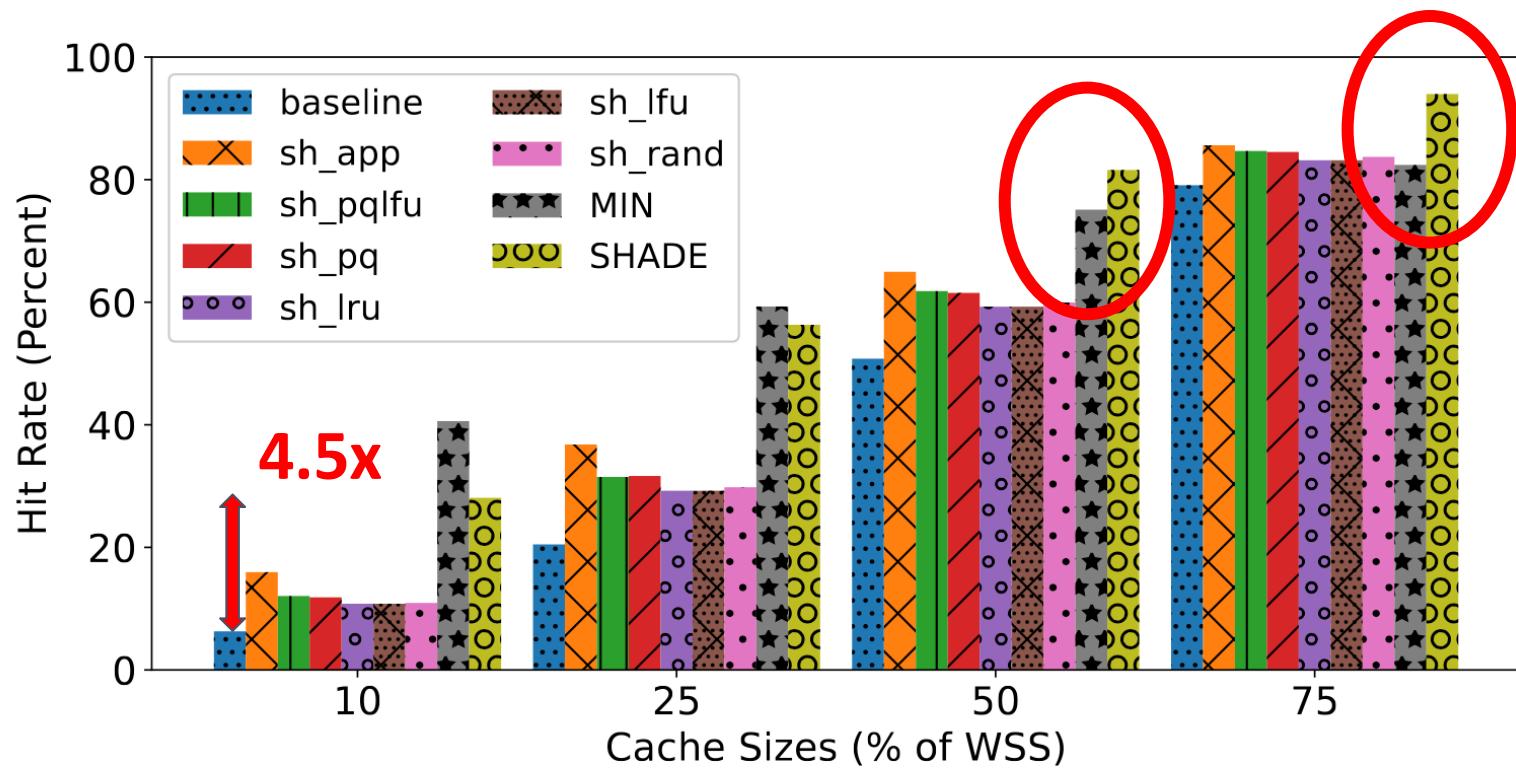
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Cache Space

# Impact on Hit Ratio

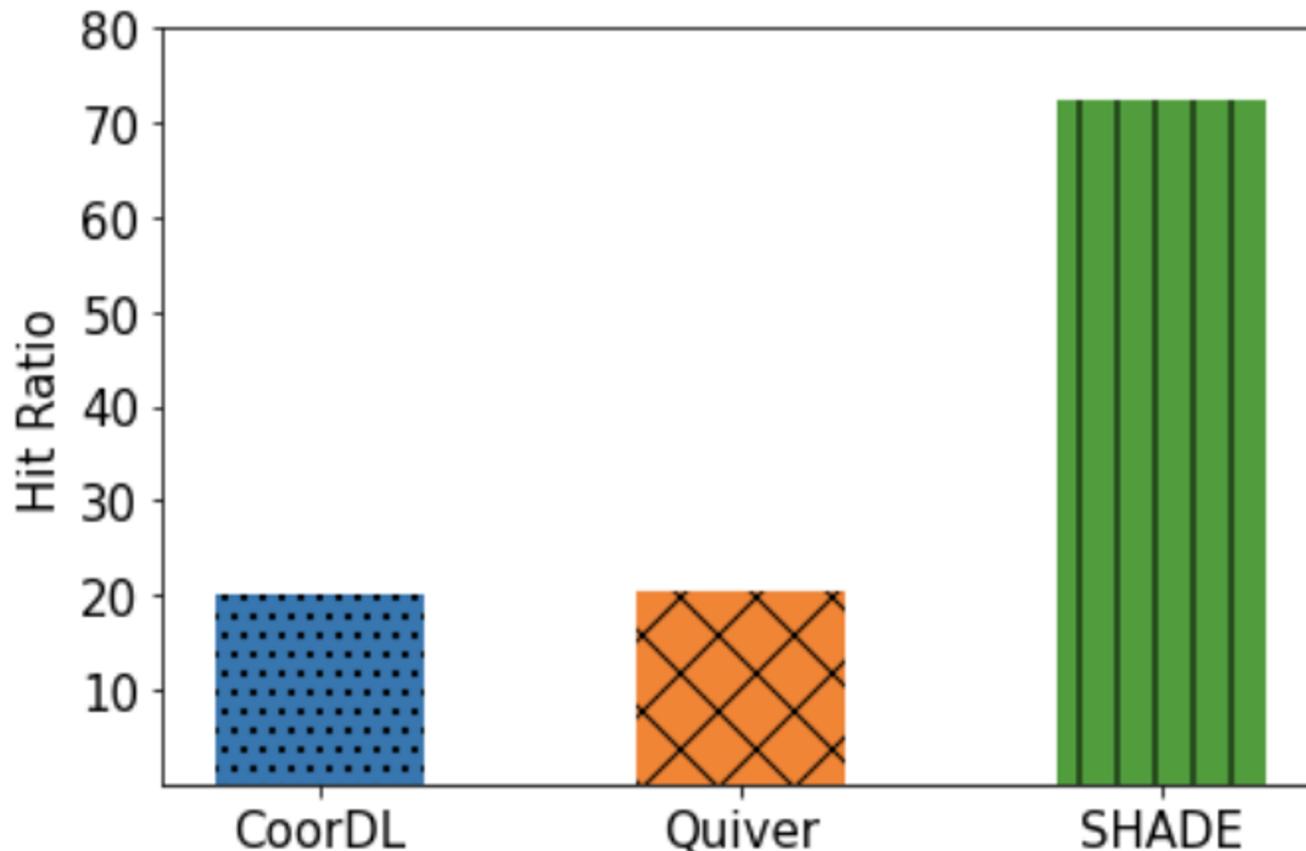


# Impact on Hit Ratio



**SHADE can achieve read hit ratio up to 4.5x compared to LRU  
and outperforms MIN in some cases**

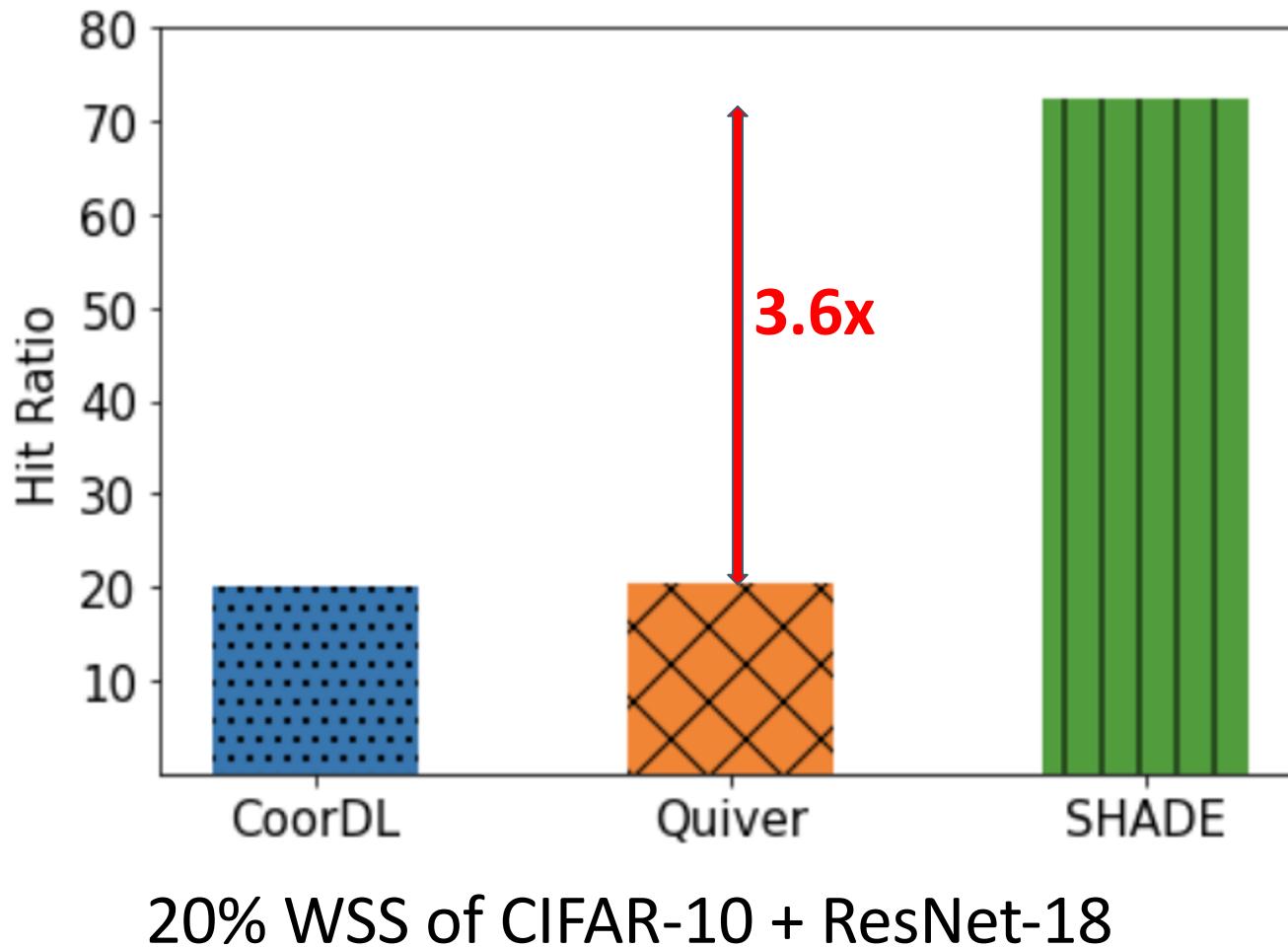
# Impact on Hit Ratio



20% WSS of CIFAR-10 + ResNet-18

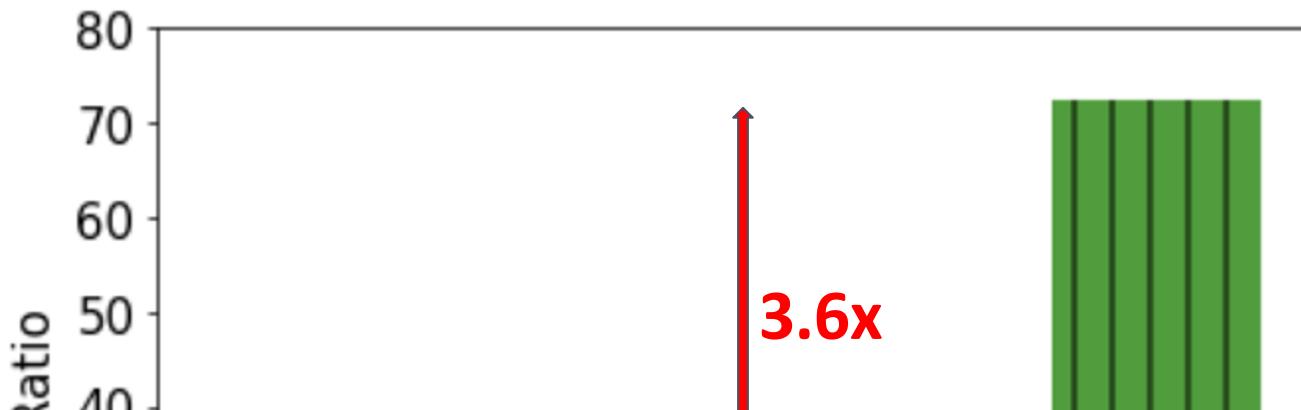
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# Higher Exploitation of Data Locality

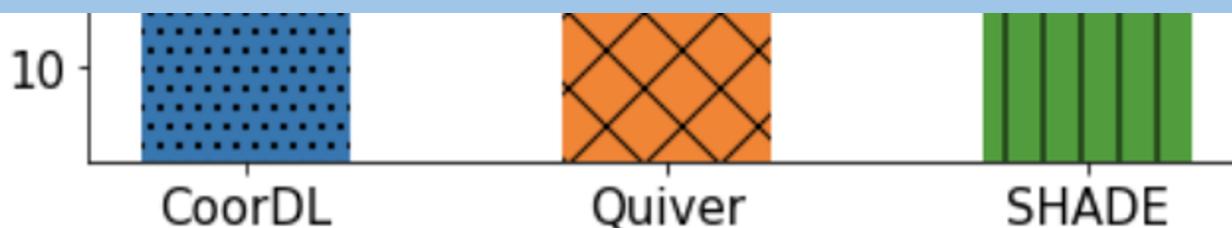


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# Higher Exploitation of Data Locality



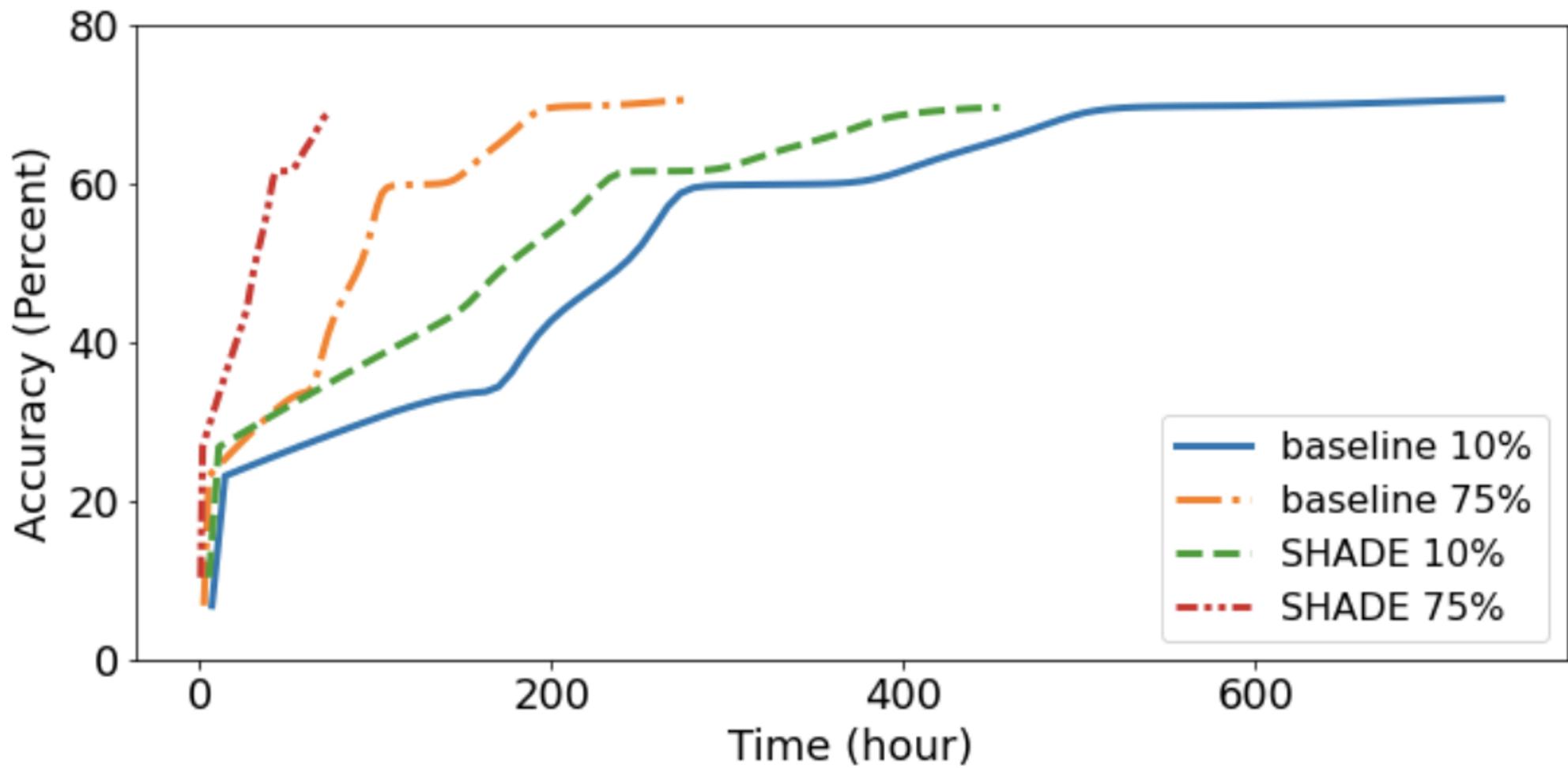
**SHADE can exploit the data locality of samples and make the best utilization of a small cache, i.e., it enables fundamental cacheability of DL workloads.**



20% WSS of CIFAR-10 + ResNet-18

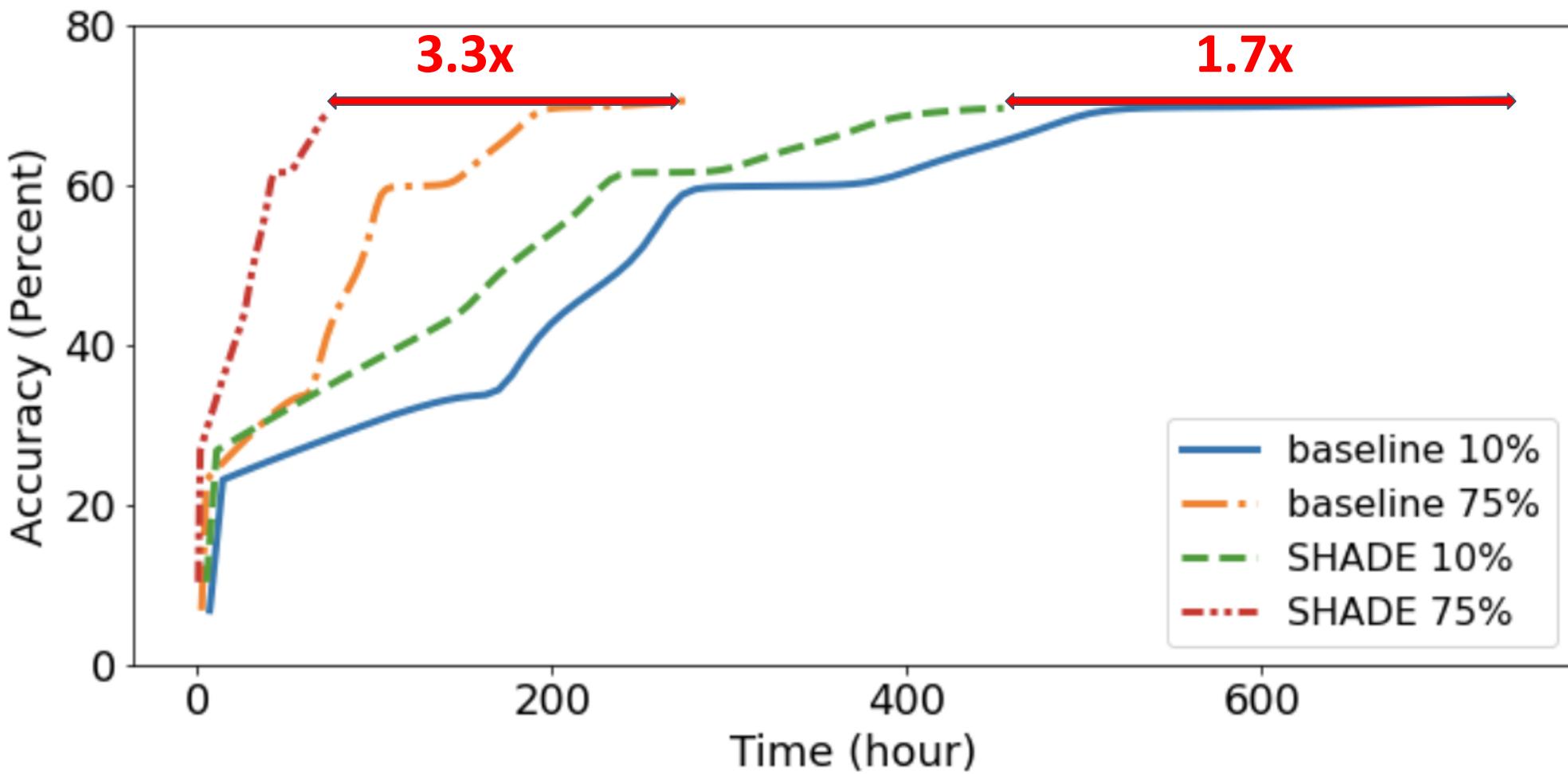
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# Accuracy vs. Time



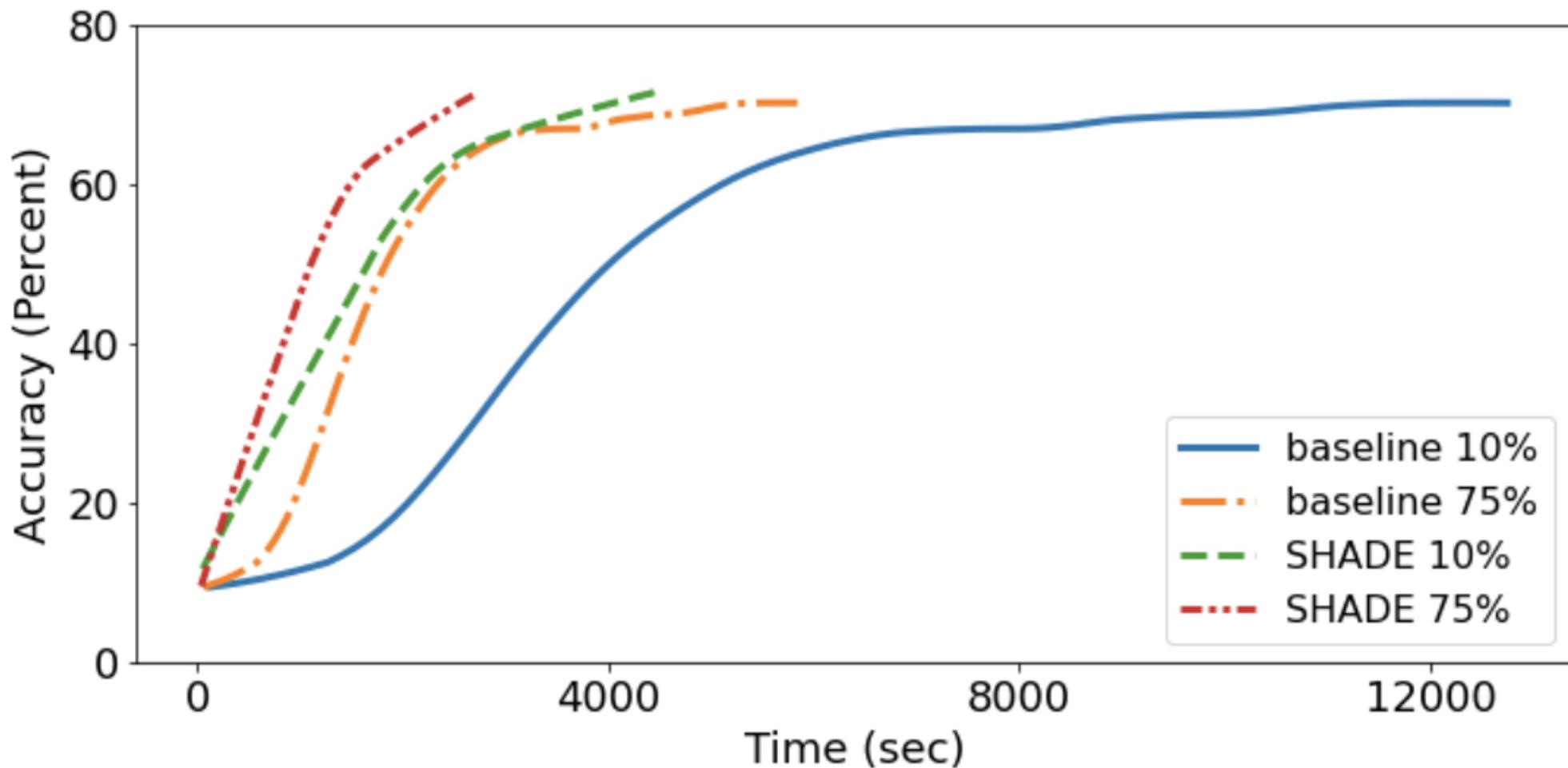
ResNet-50 model + ImageNet Dataset

# Faster Accuracy Convergence



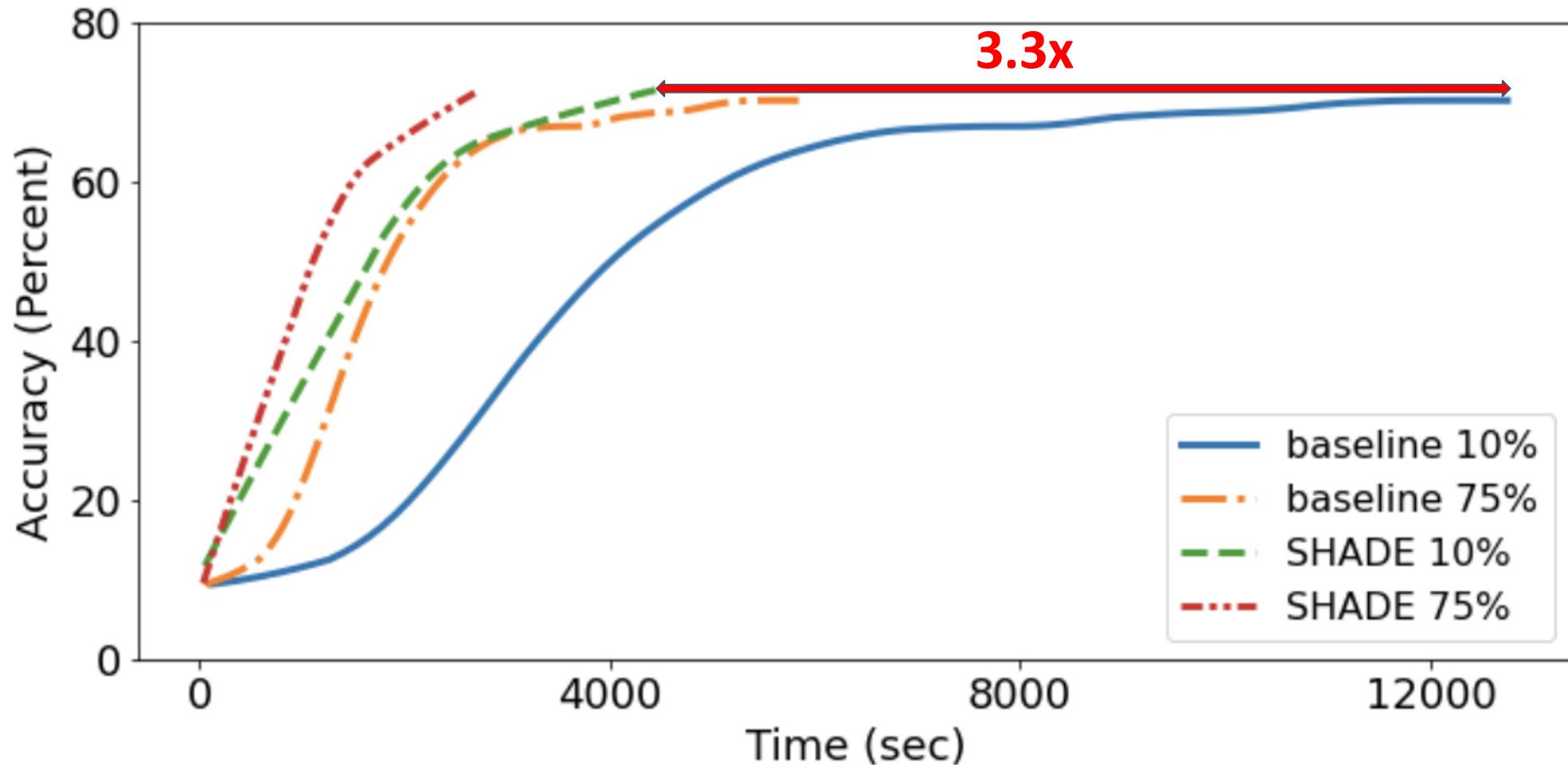
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# Accuracy vs. Time



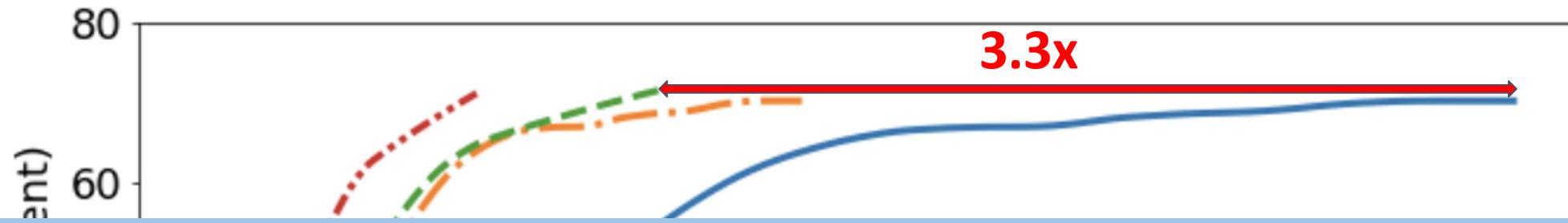
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# Faster Accuracy Convergence

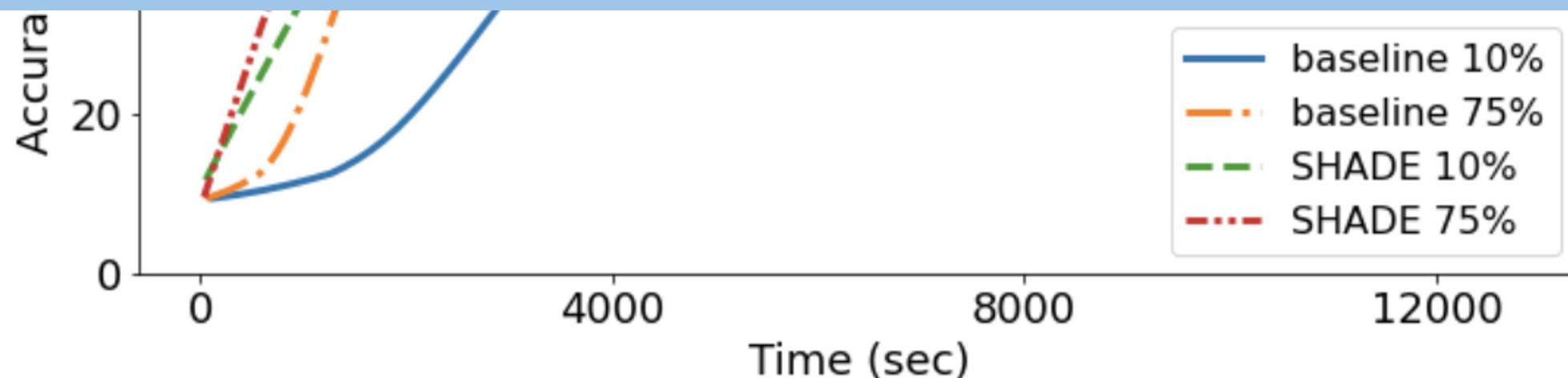


AlexNet model + CIFAR-10 Dataset

# Faster Accuracy Convergence

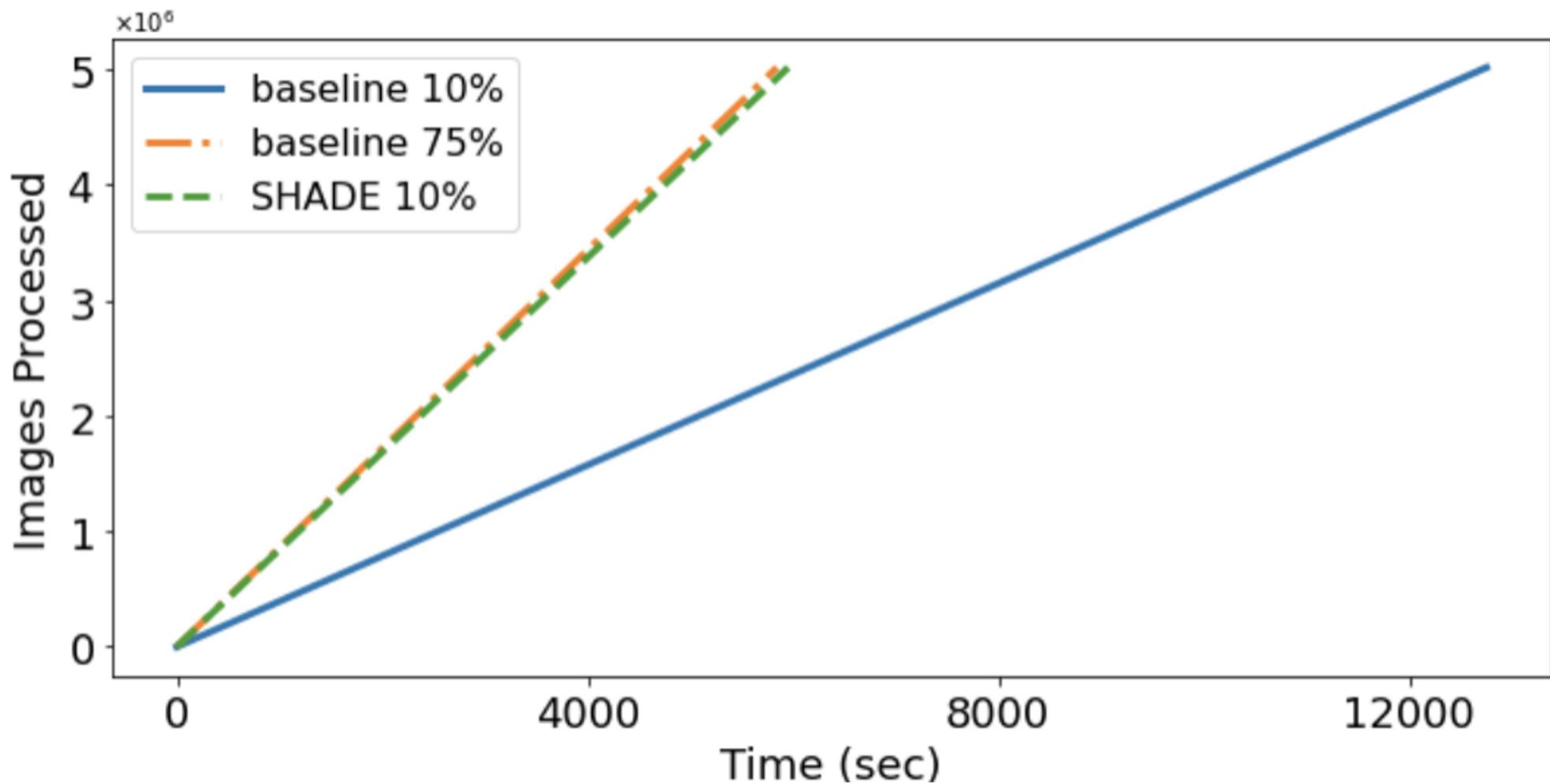


**SHADE can quickly train a model and improve the accuracy using a limited cache space.**



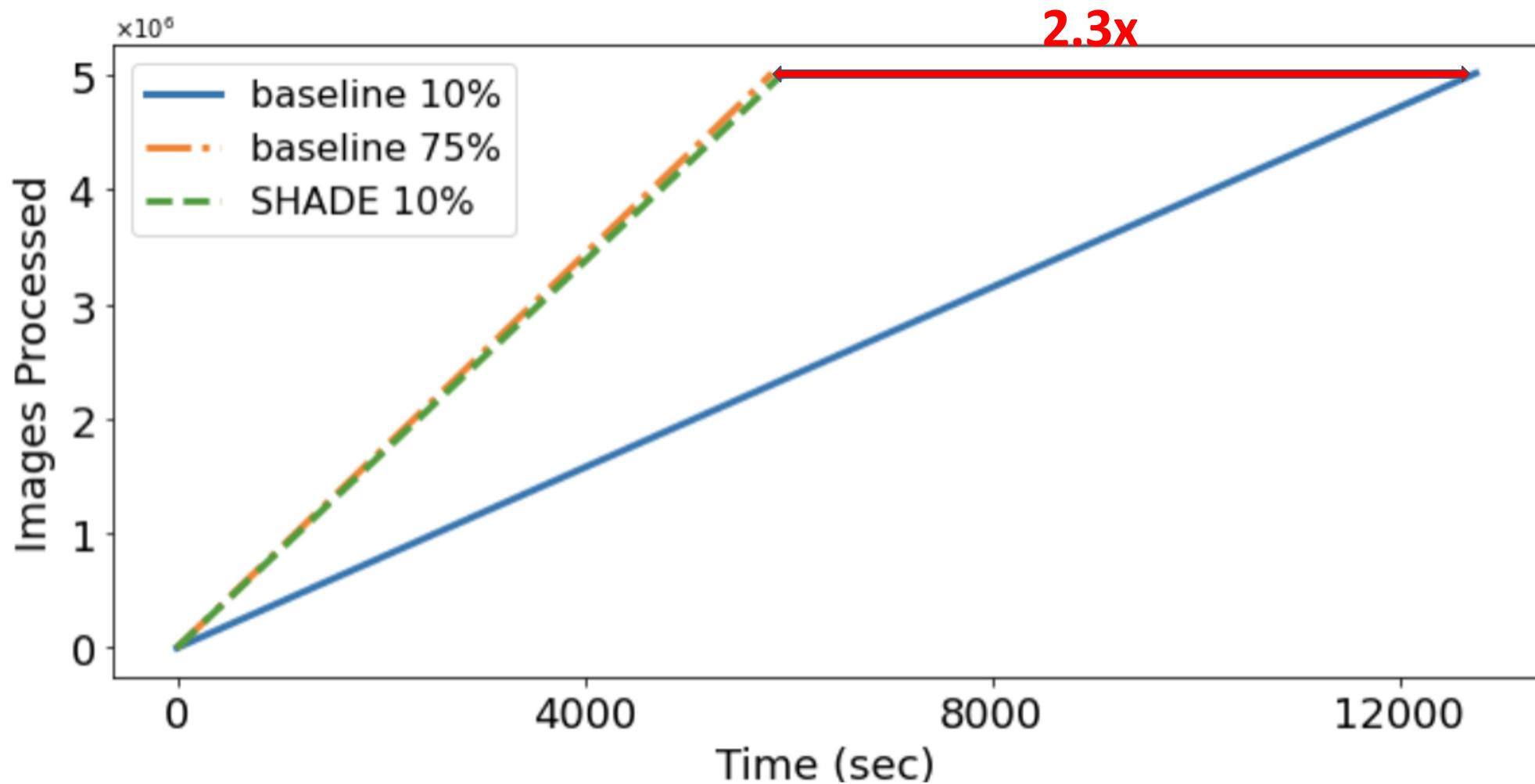
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# Impact on Throughput



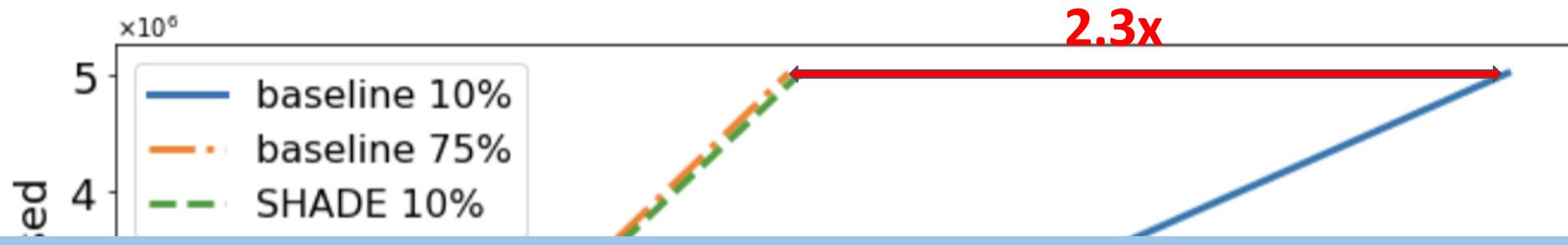
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# Higher Throughput

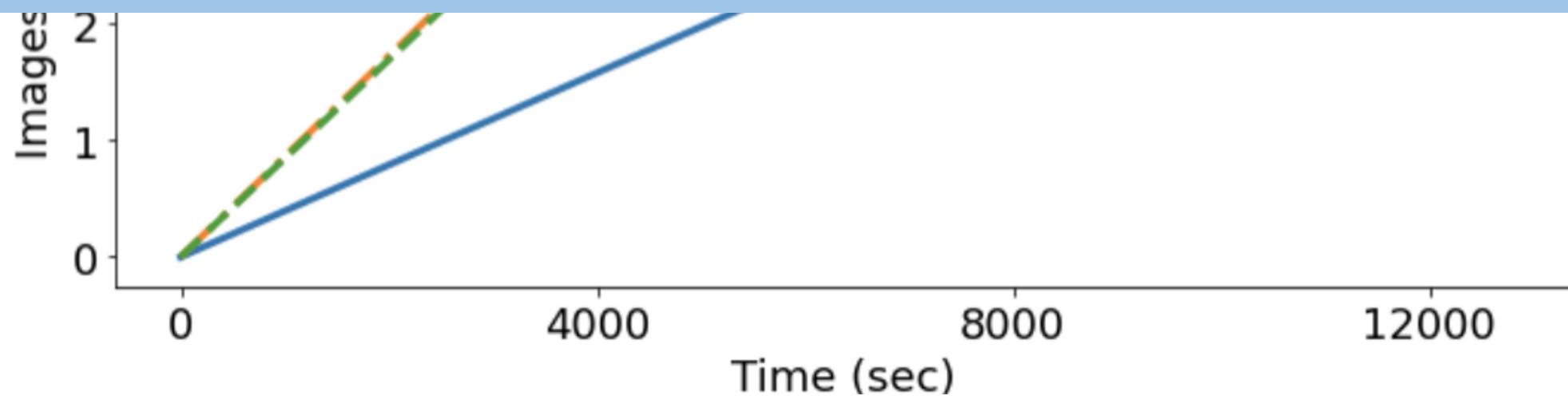


AlexNet model + CIFAR-10 Dataset

# Higher Throughput

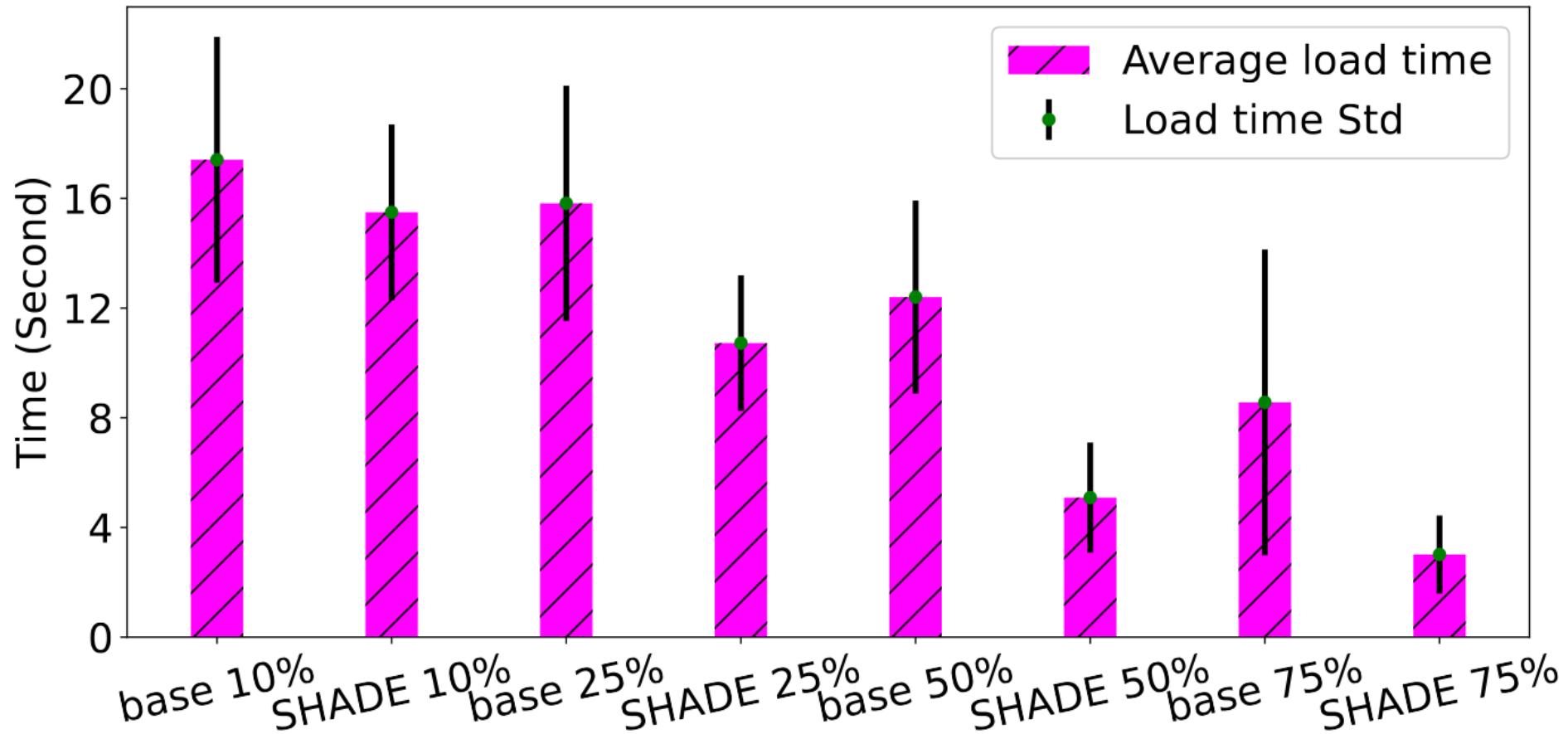


SHADE can process images quickly using a small cache, leading to a decrease in overall training time.

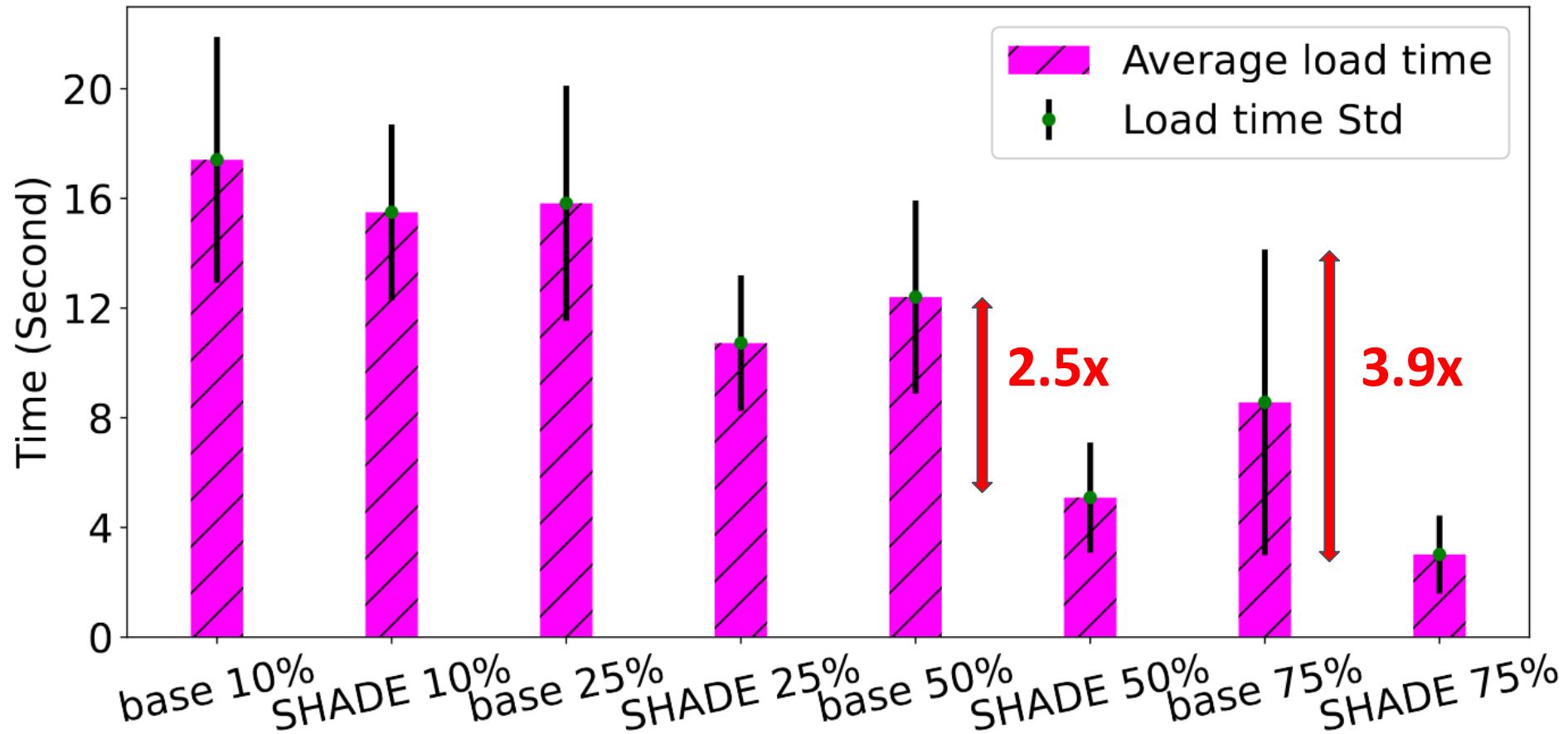


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# Minibatch Load Time

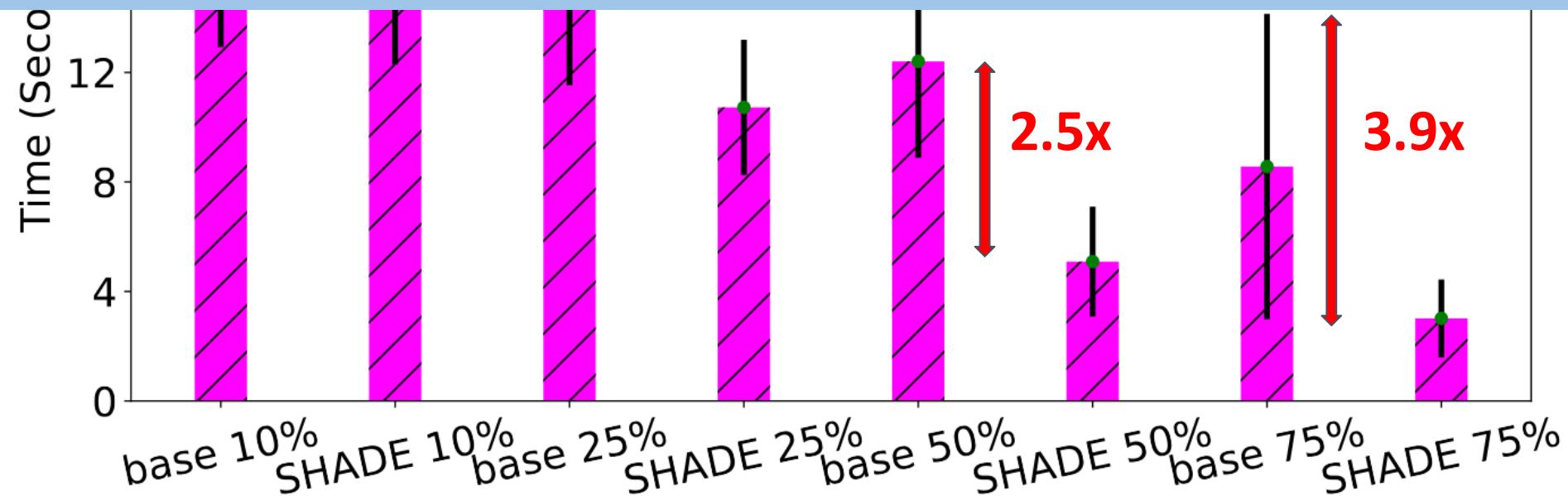


# Minibatch Load Time



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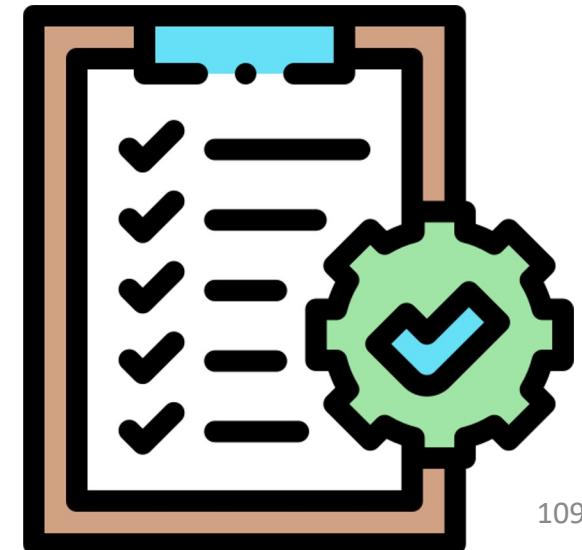
SHADE can maintain better consistency in minibatch load times leading to better coordination between training processes.



# Summary

SHADE is a caching system that **exploits data and system characteristics** in DLT.

- Provides the ability to train more on hard-to-learn samples (Ranking fine-grained importance + *PADS policy*)
- Retains the most important samples in cache (*APP Cache*)
- Increases hit rate in cache leading to faster accuracy convergence (~3.3x) and increased throughput (~2.3x)
- Enables fundamental cacheability of DL Training outperforming optimal Belady's MIN policy in DLT context



SHADE is available at <https://github.com/R-I-S-Khan/SHADE>

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