

GOpt: A Graph-Native Query Optimization Framework

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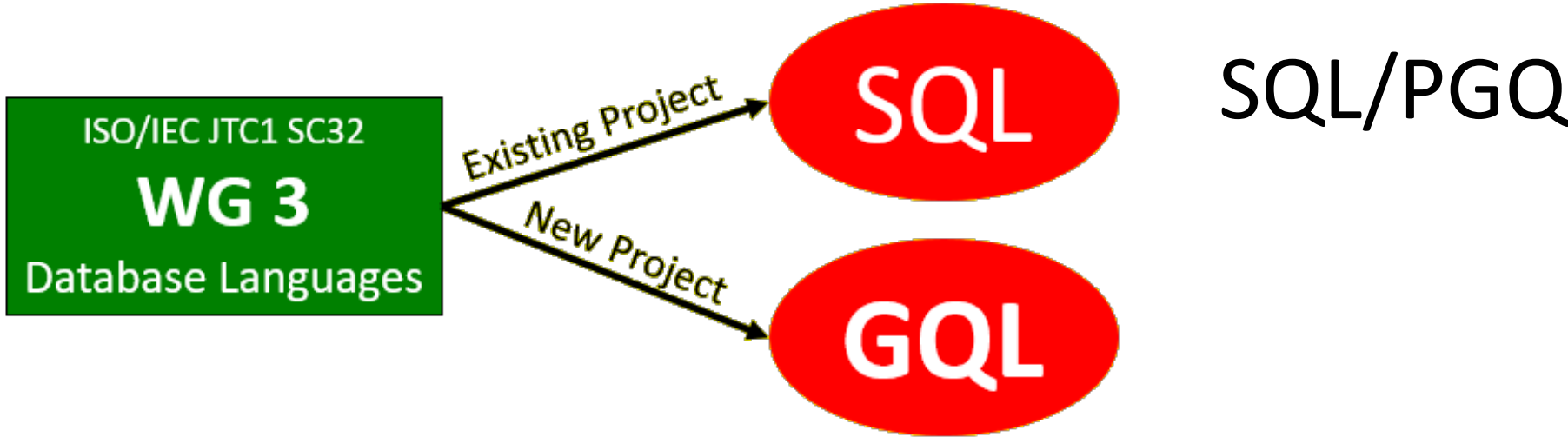
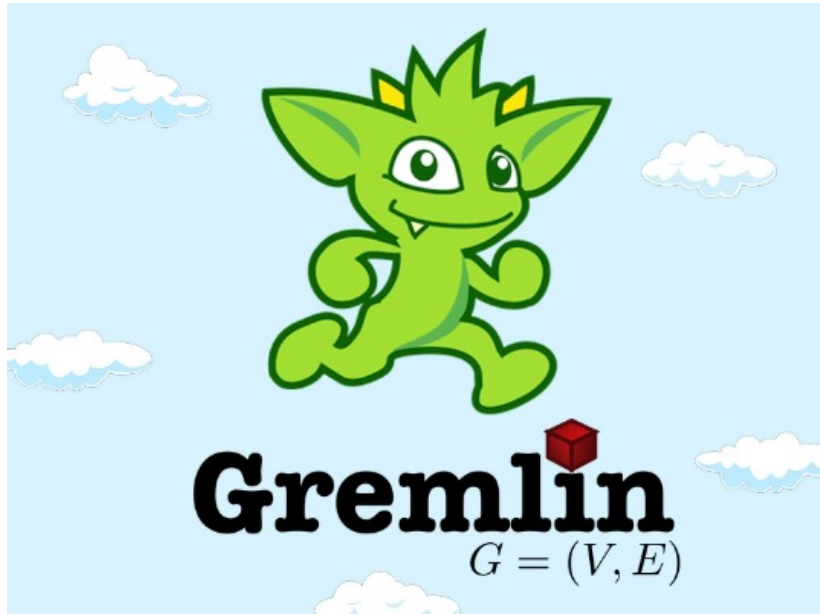
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01 / BACKGROUND



Motivation and Solution Overview

Background



Declarative Graph Query Languages

Optimizer is a KEY component in (G)DBMS!



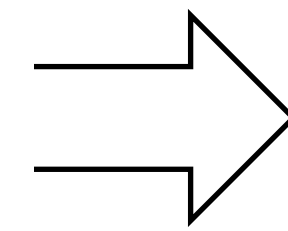
Graph Database



Relational Database

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A Relational Optimization Pipeline

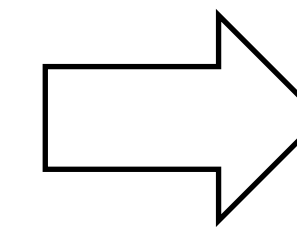


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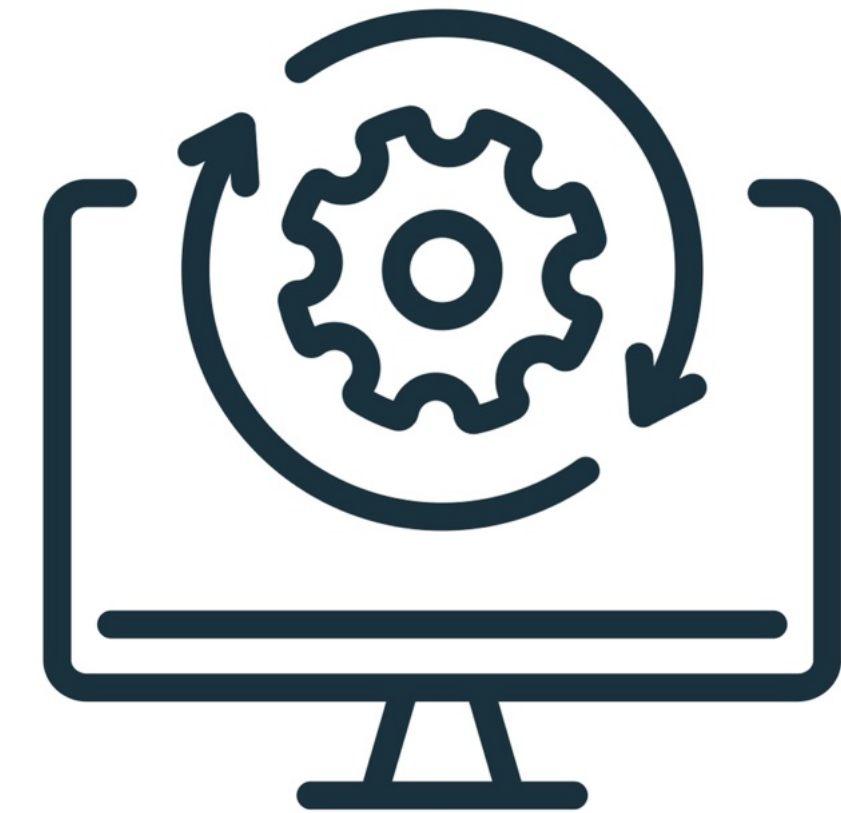
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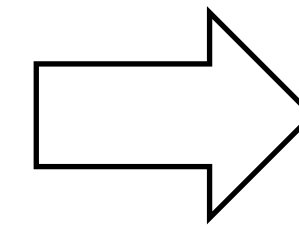
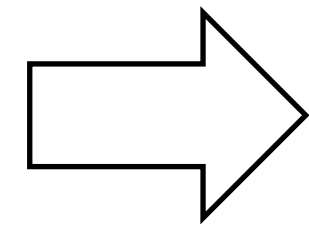


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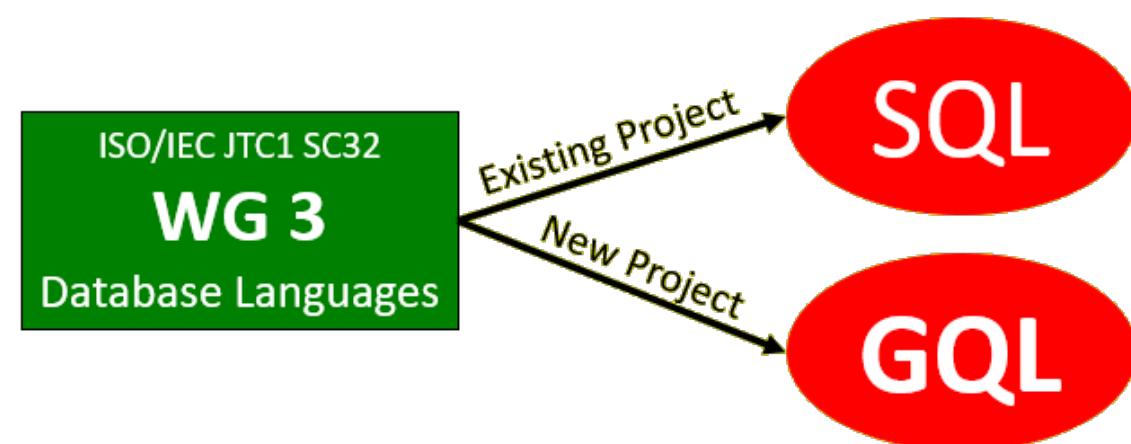
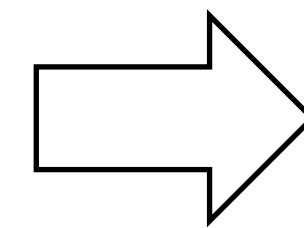
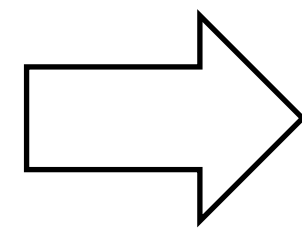
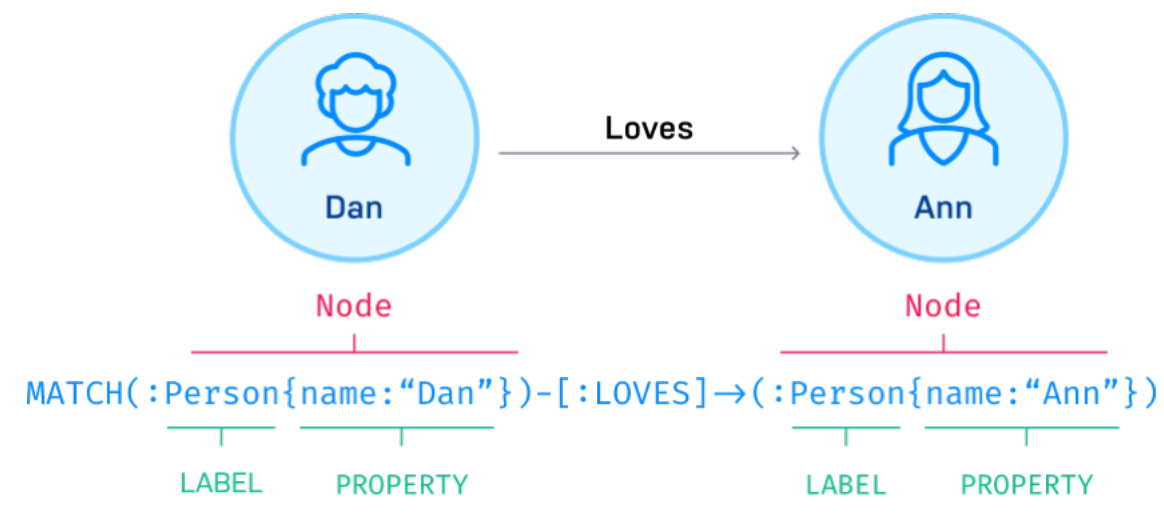
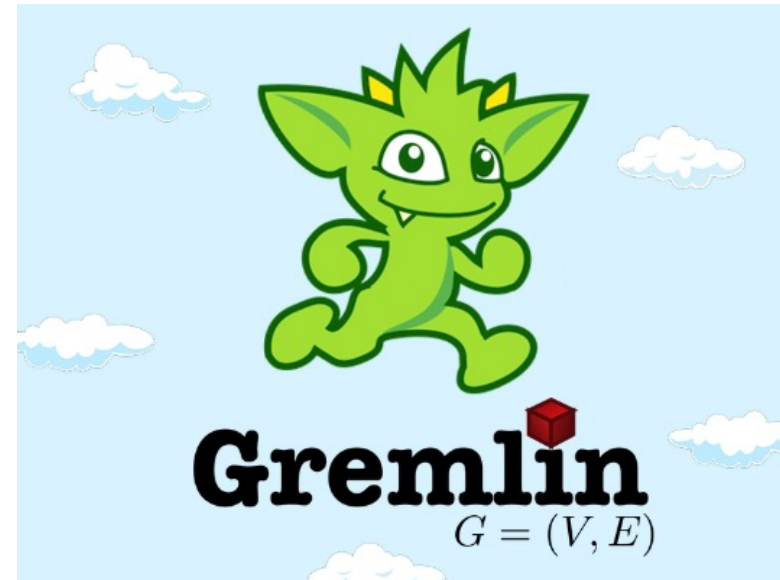


A Graph Optimization Pipeline?

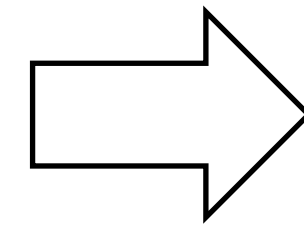
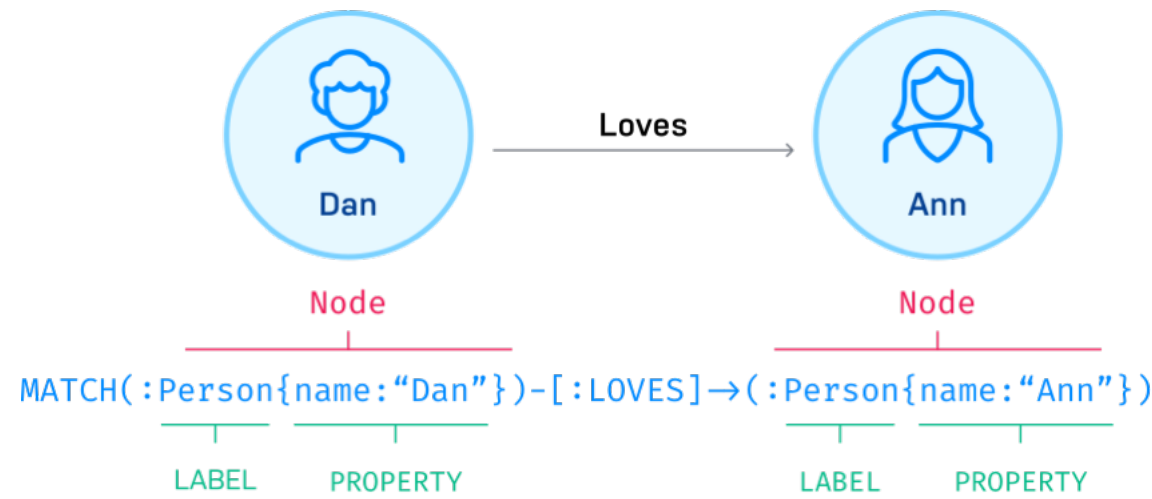
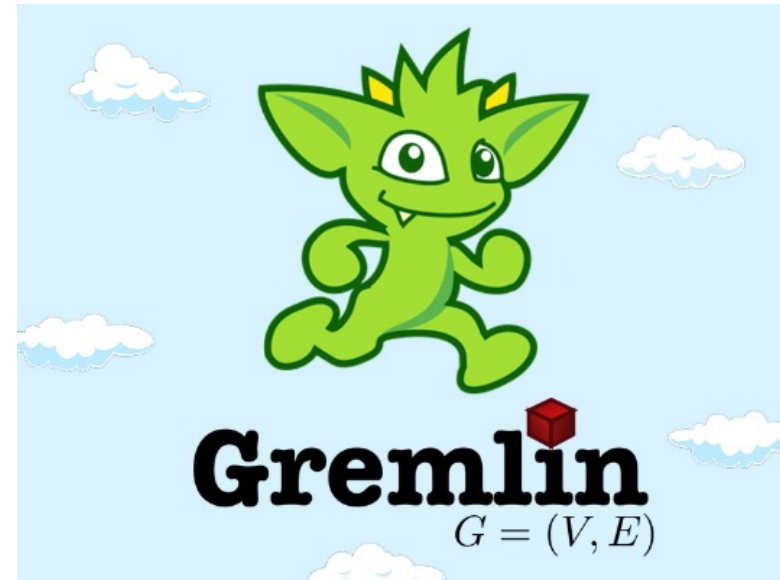
Graph Query



A Variety of Graph Query Languages



A Non-graph-native Pipeline for graph optimization

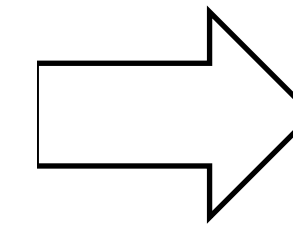


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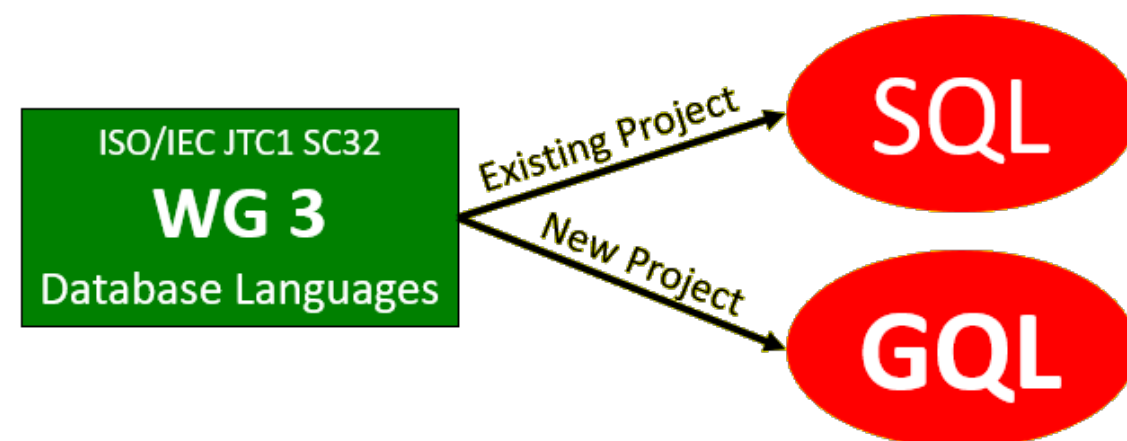
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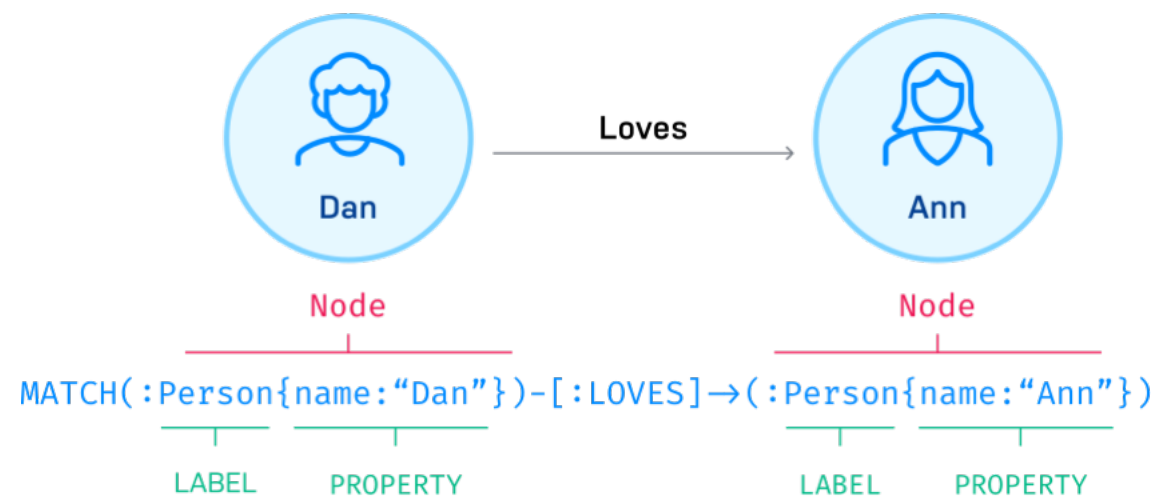
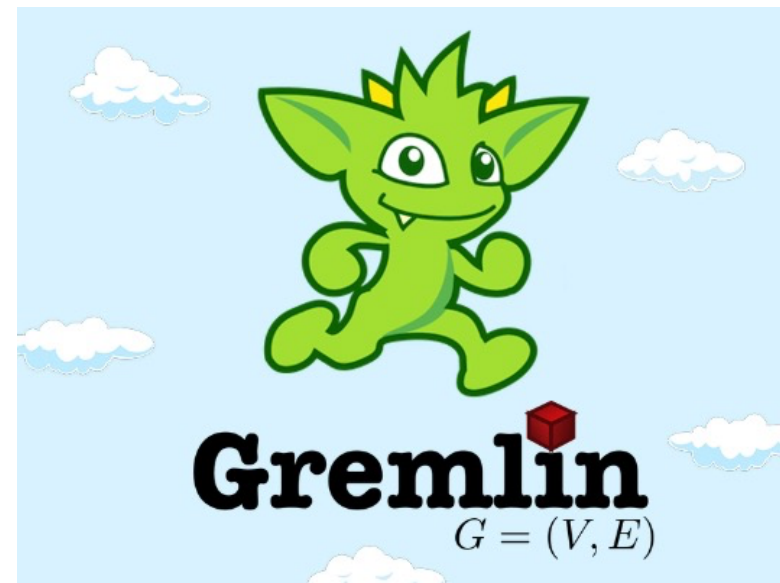
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Implementing Graph queries in a Relational Database,

<https://blog.whiteprompt.com/implementing-graph-queries-in-a-relational-database-7842b8075ca8?gi=fb6853dc262e>



A Non-graph-native Pipeline for graph optimization (Cont.)



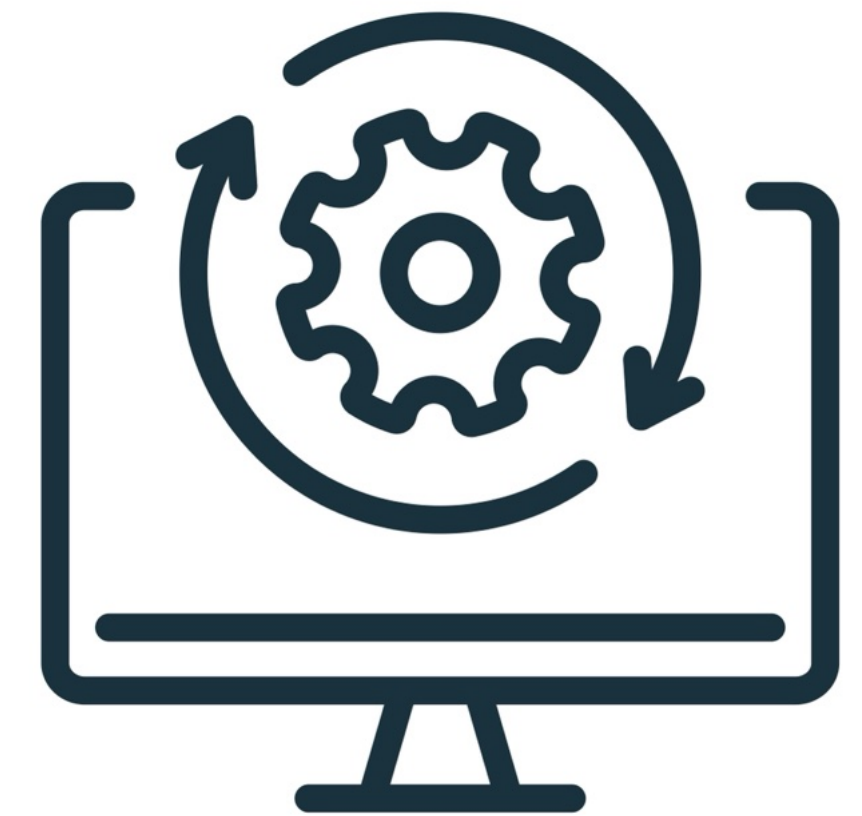
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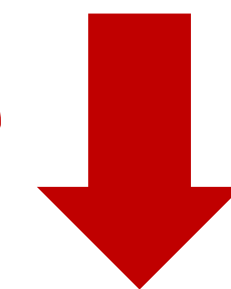
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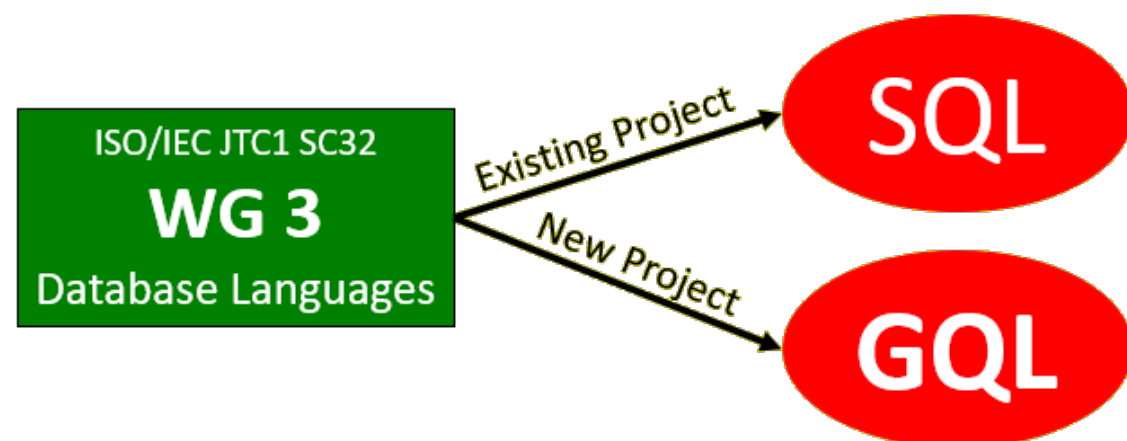
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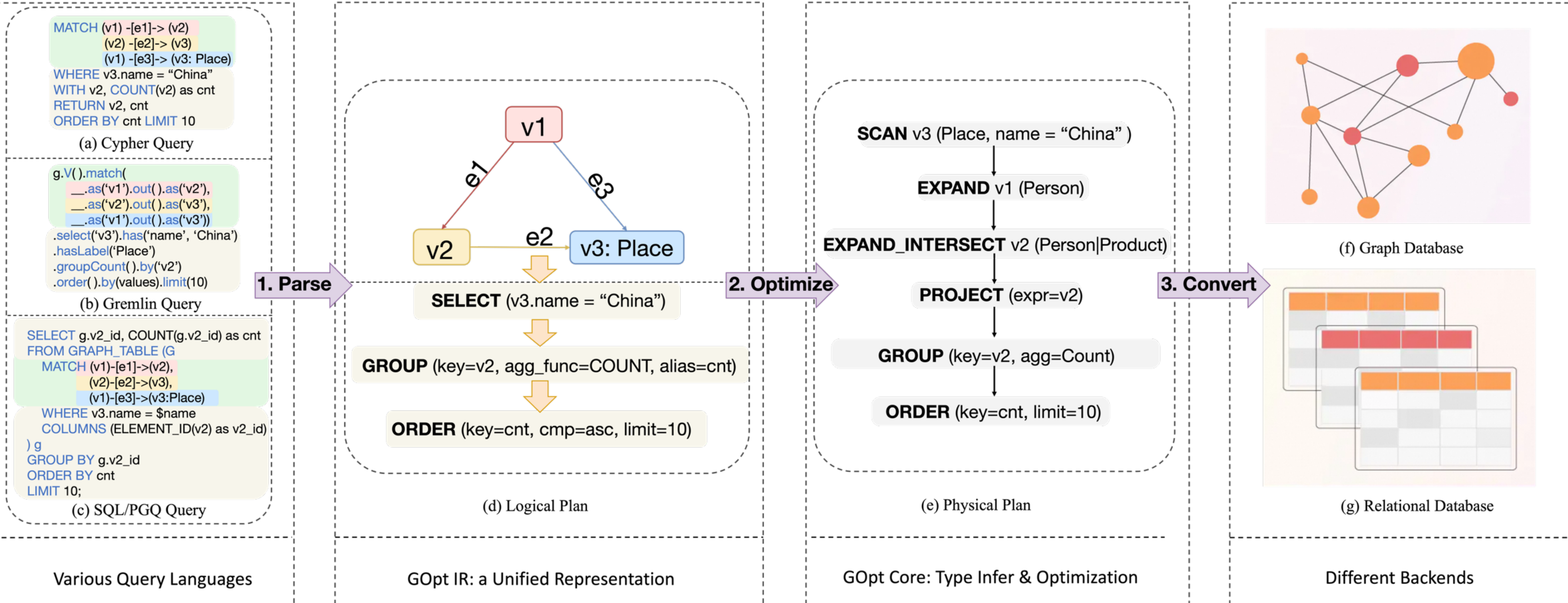
Bridging the Gap between Relational OLTP and Graph-based OLAP, Sijie Shen et al., ATC 2023 (The later GART talk)



GOpt: A Unified Graph-native Optimization Framework



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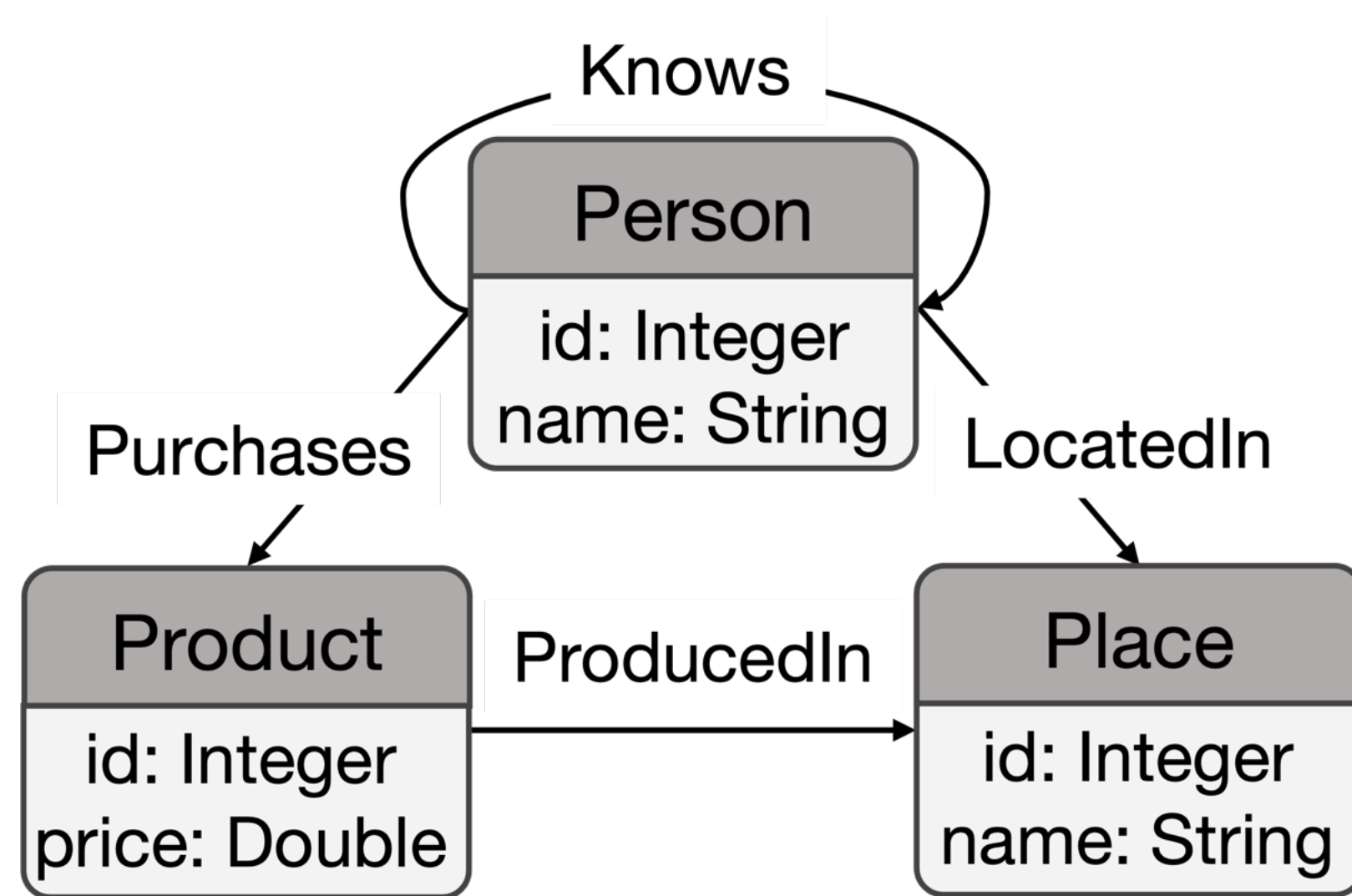
Key techniques in GOpt:

- Graph Intermediate Representation

- Type Inference

- RBO & CBO

A Simple Query Example



Schema

MATCH a triangle pattern containing a Place vertex, and then **FILTER** with a specified place name, **GROUP** the matchings by the name and the **TOP** 10 results are returned?

```
MATCH (v1) -[e1]->(v2),  
      (v2) -[e2]->(v3),  
      (v1) -[e3]->(v3: Place)
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```
WHERE v3.name=$name  
WITH v2, COUNT(v2) as cnt  
RETURN v2  
ORDER BY cnt LIMIT 10
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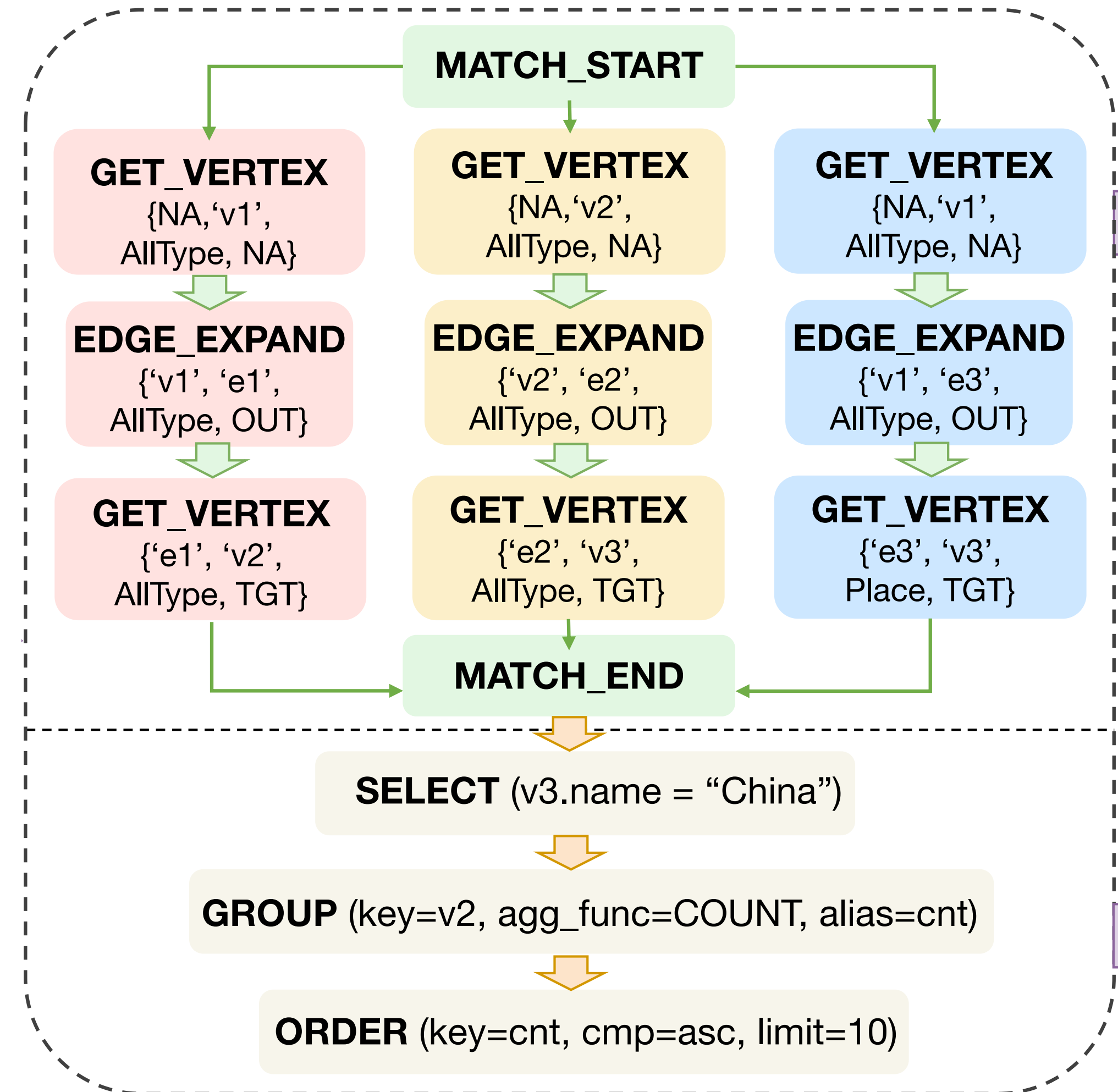
User Query

The Graph Intermediate Representation

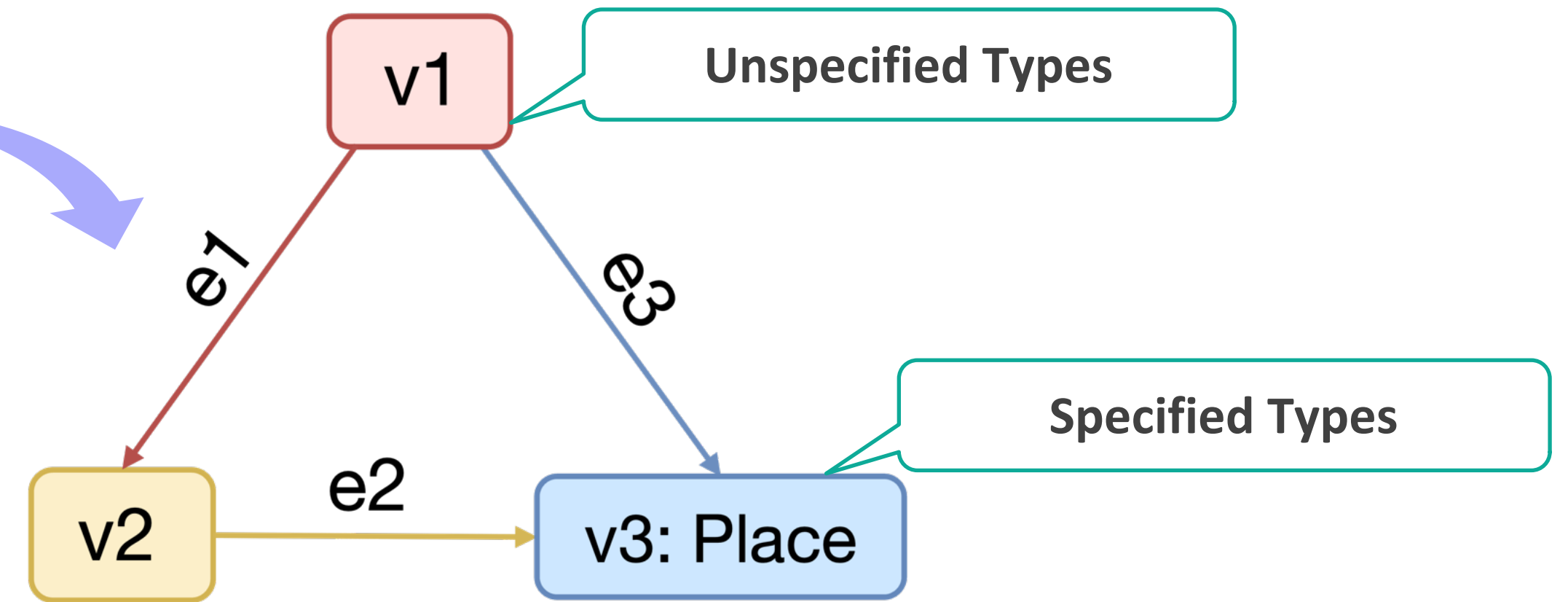
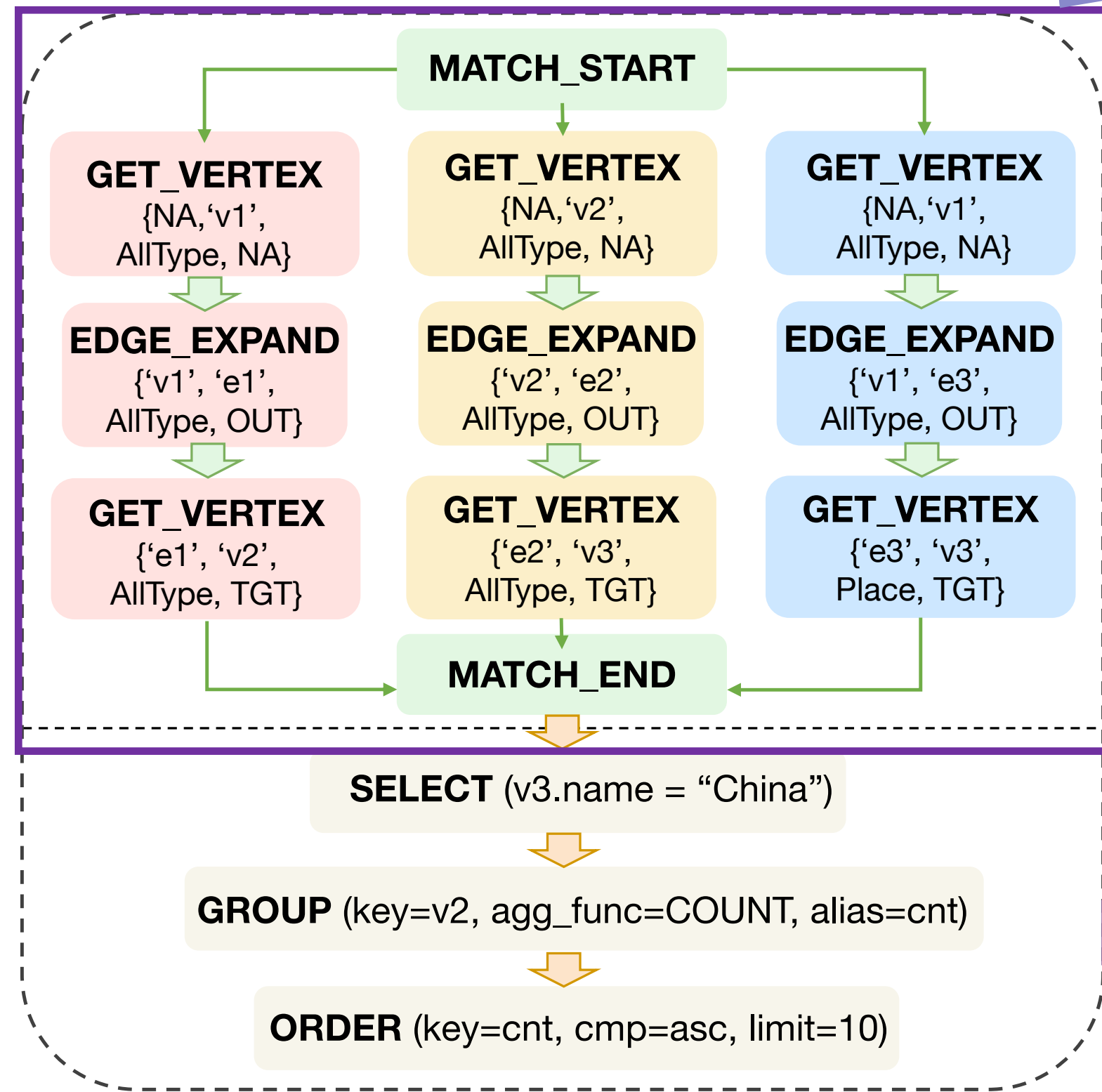
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Cypher Query

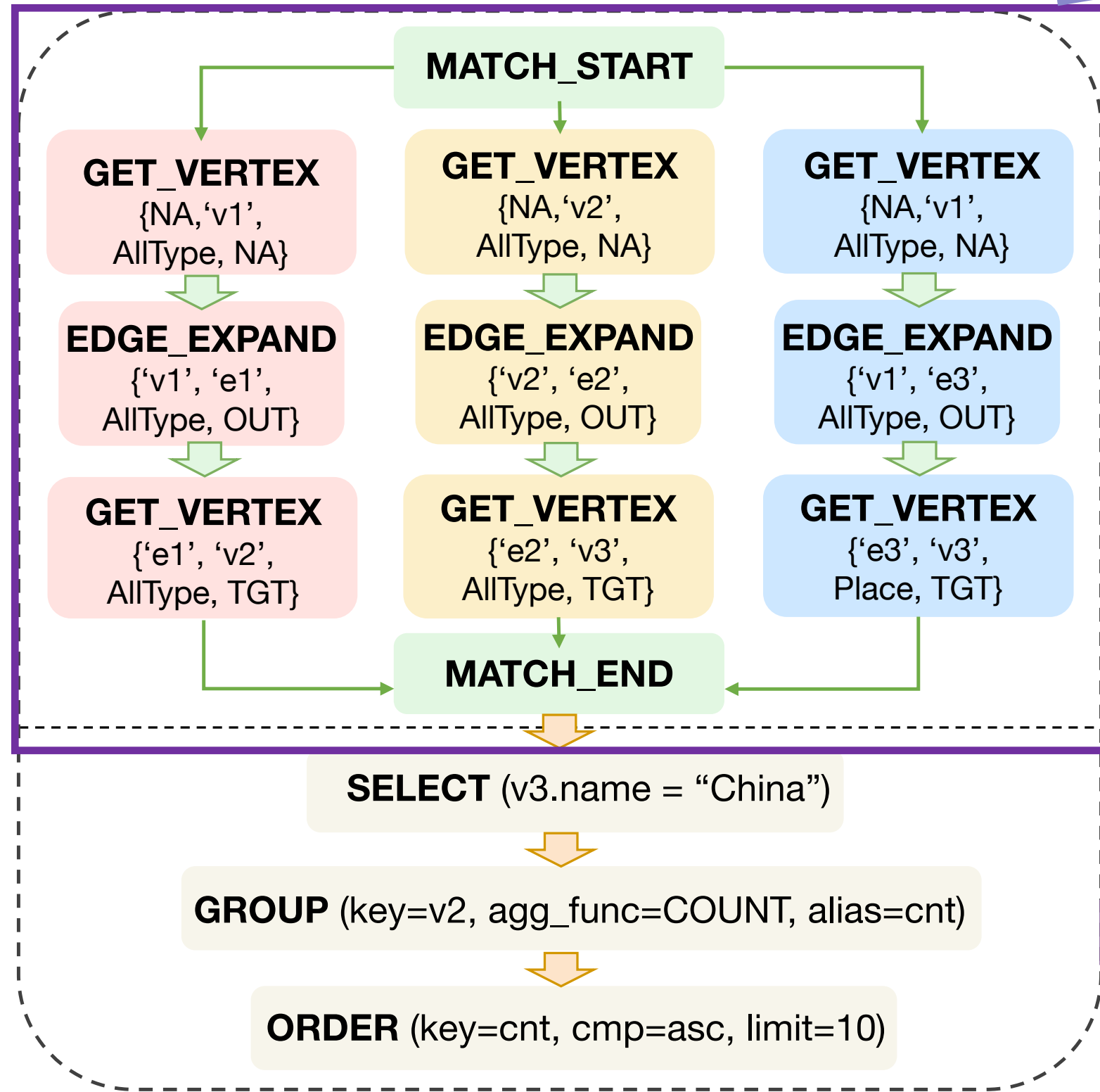
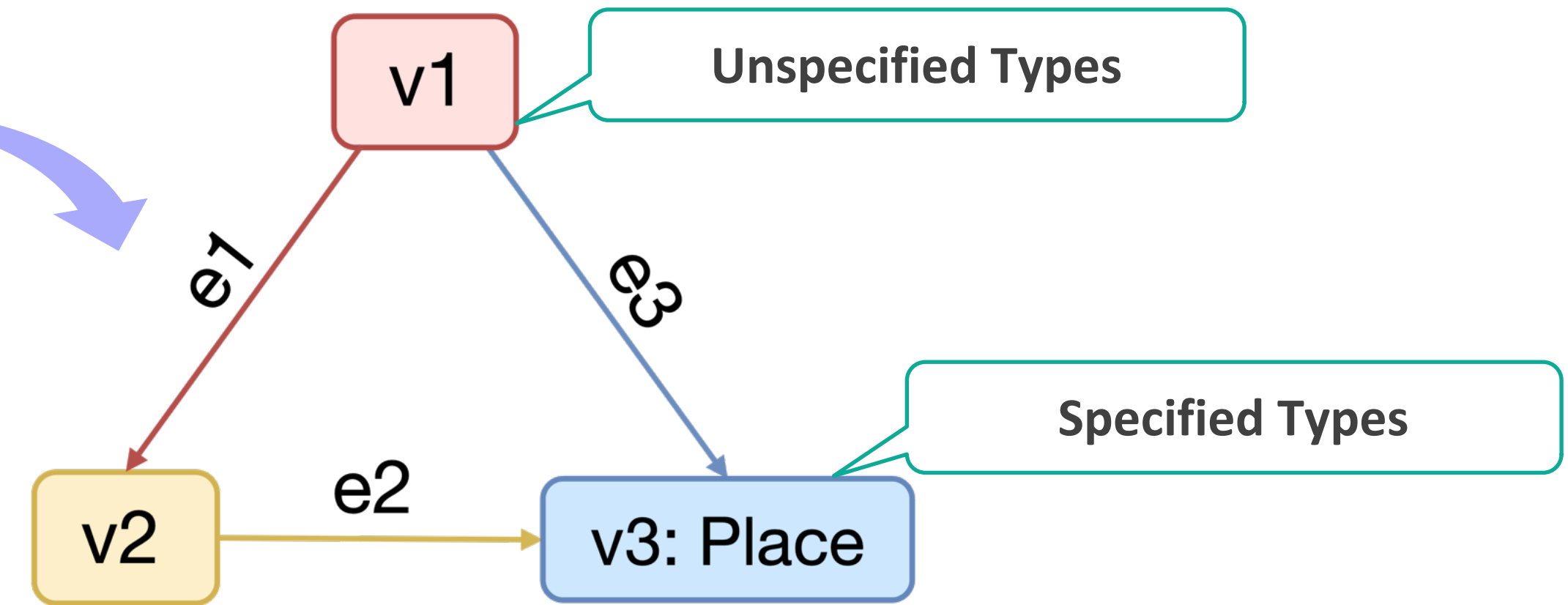
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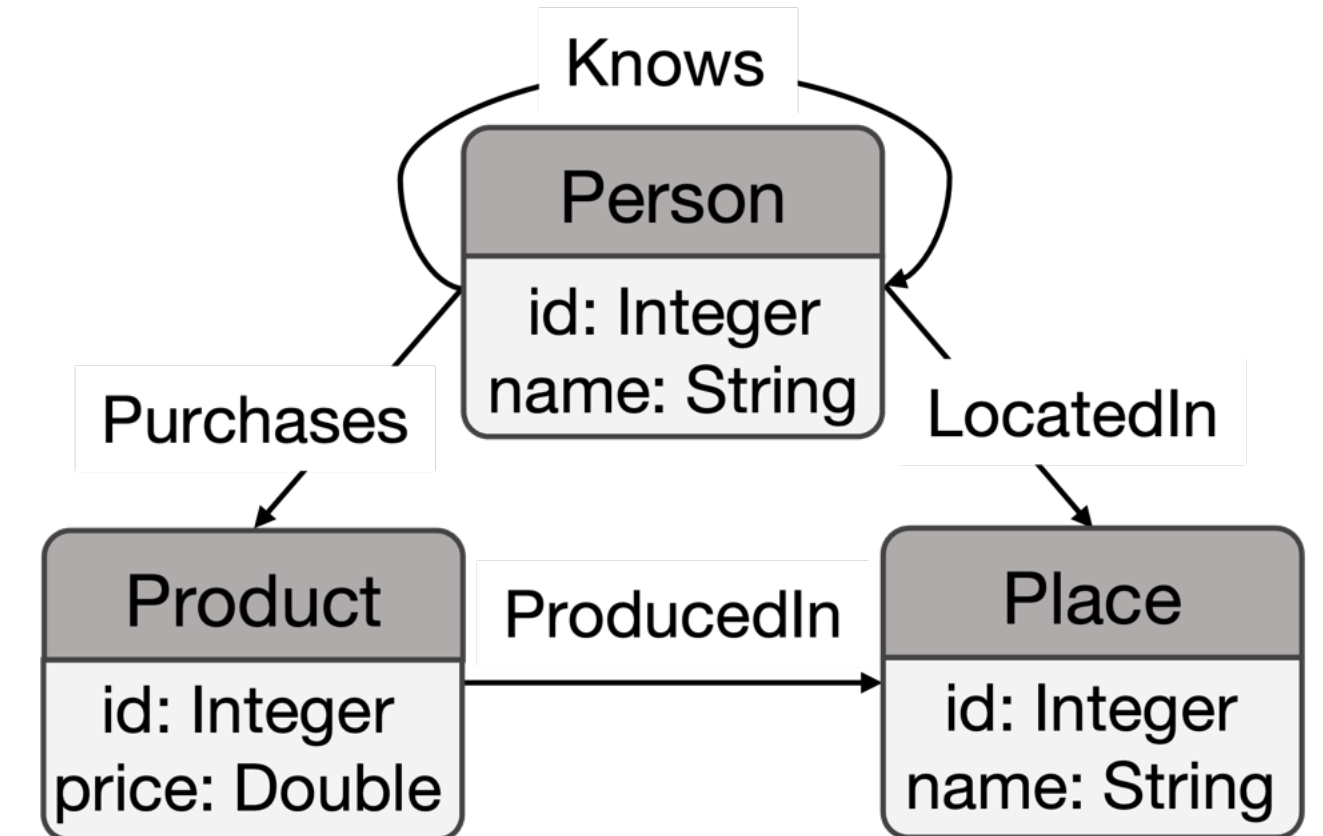
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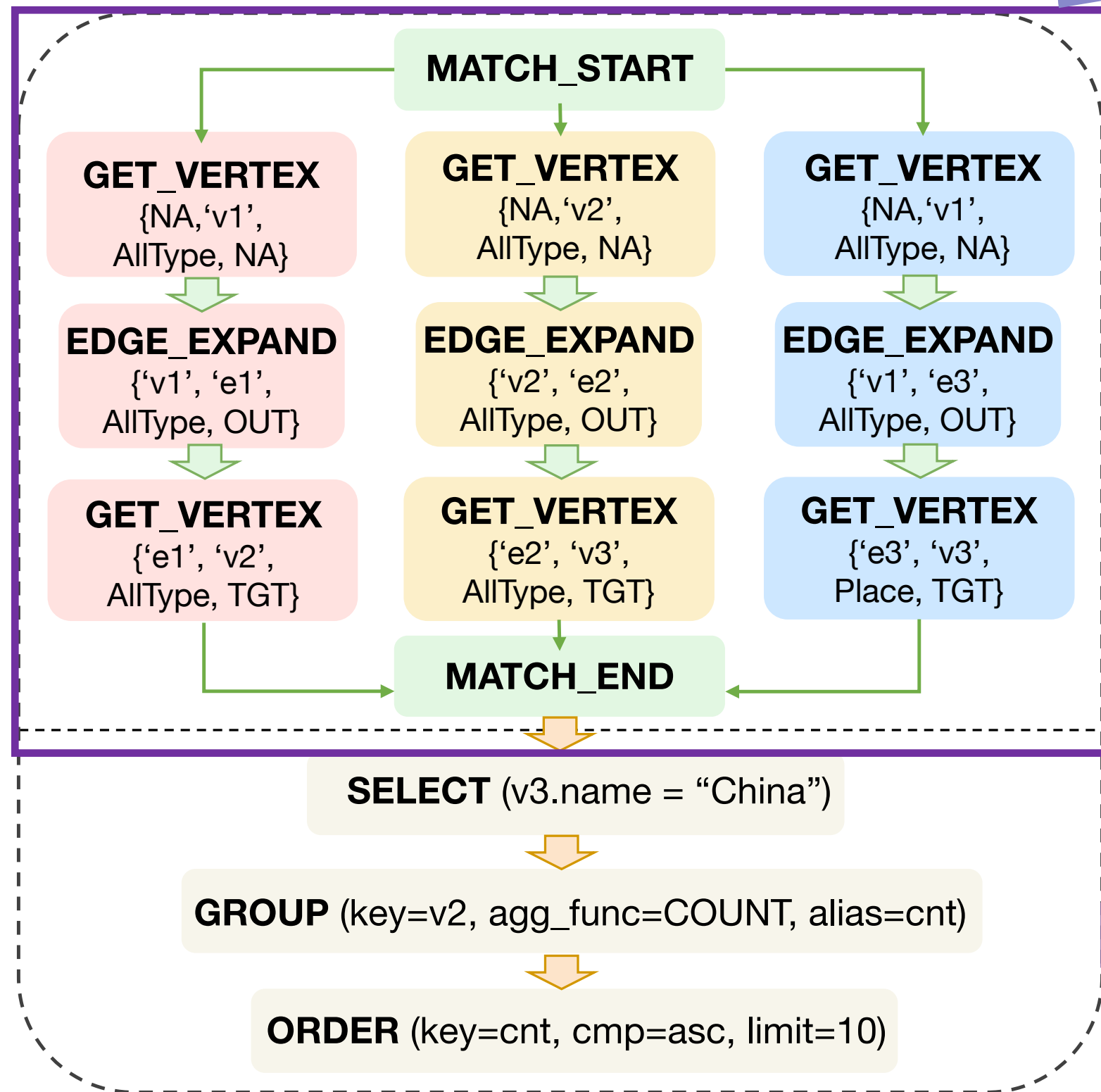
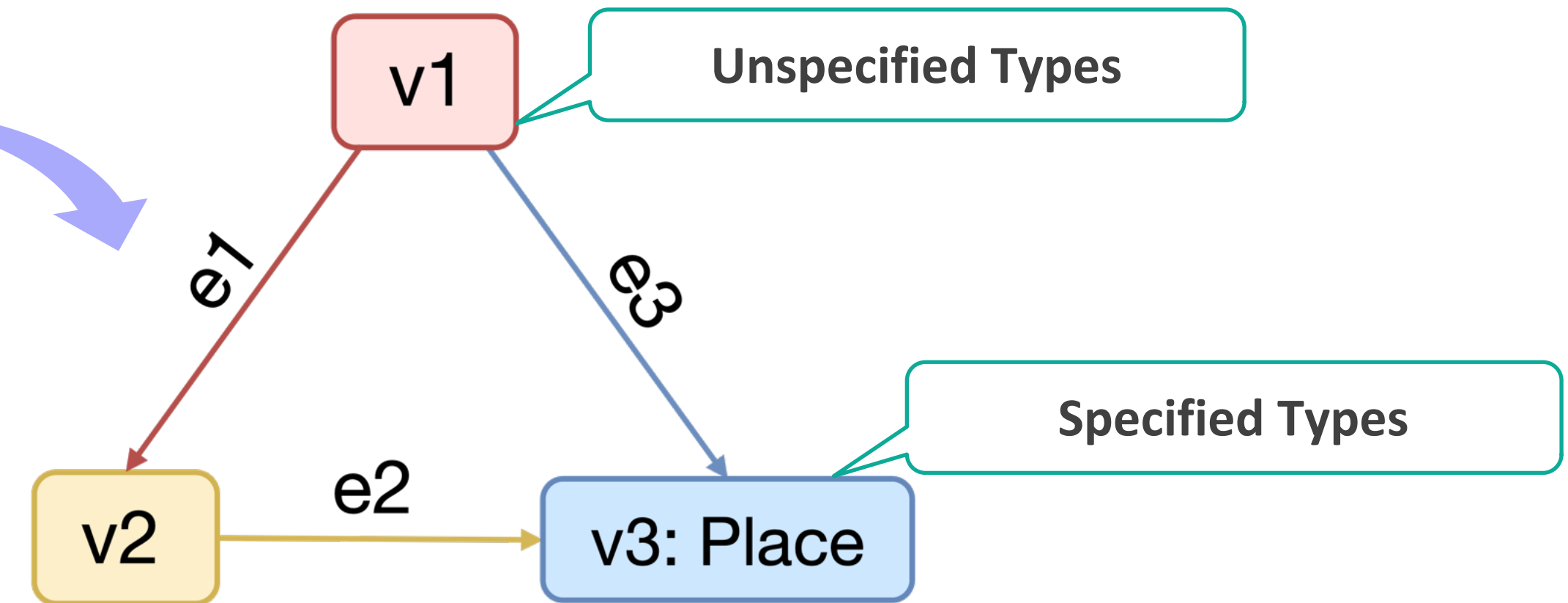
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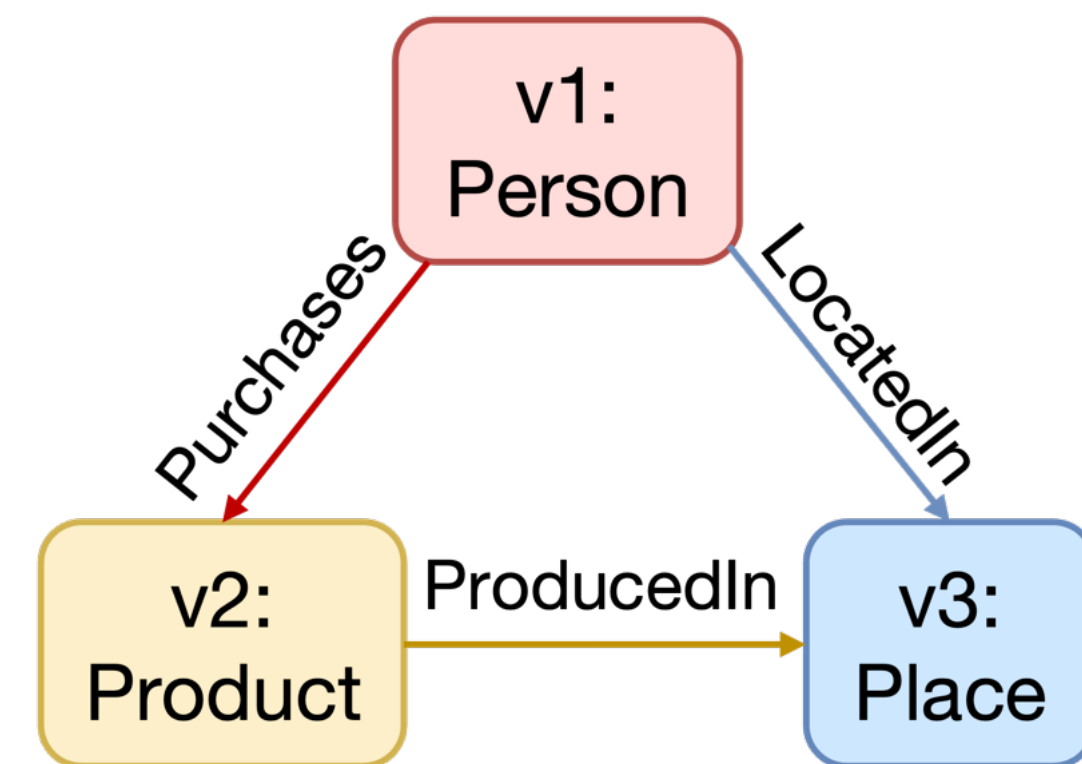
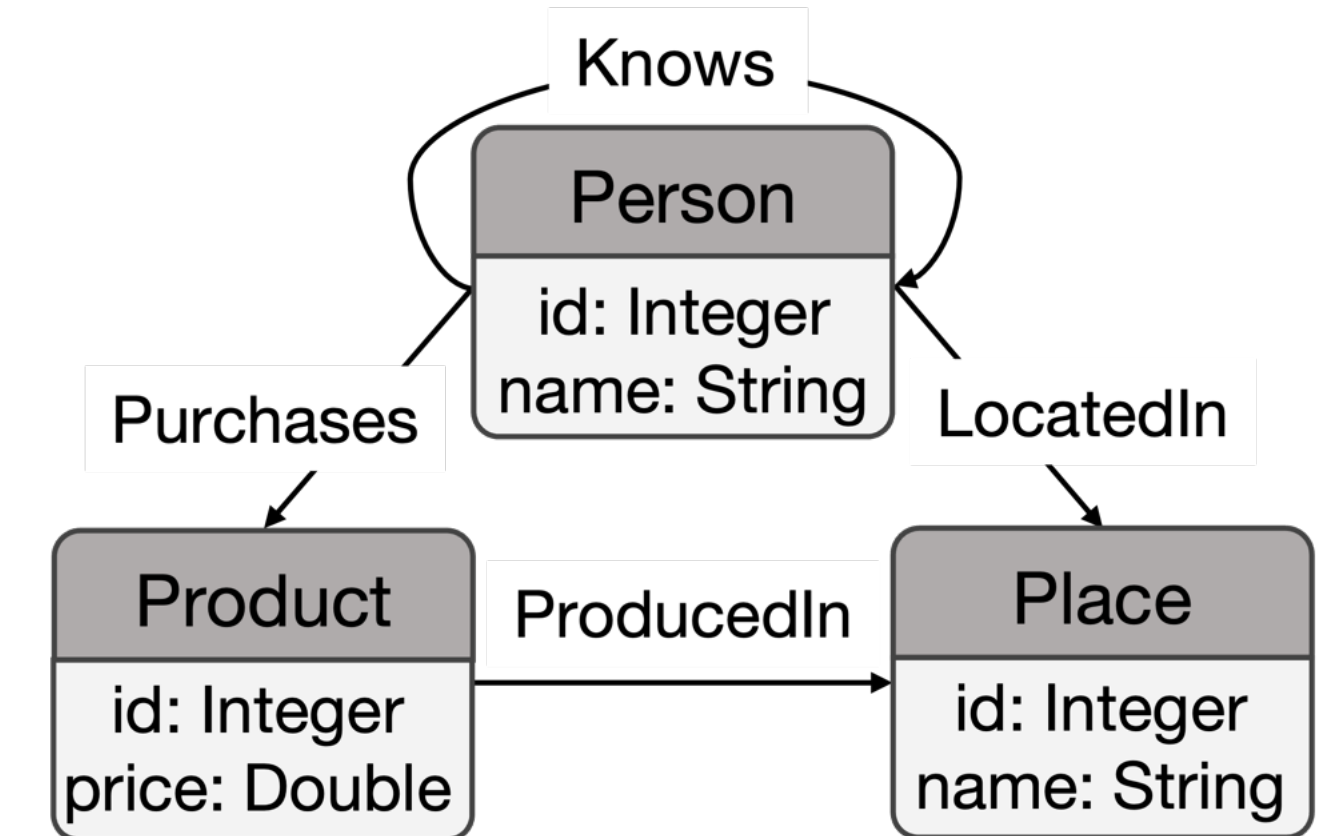
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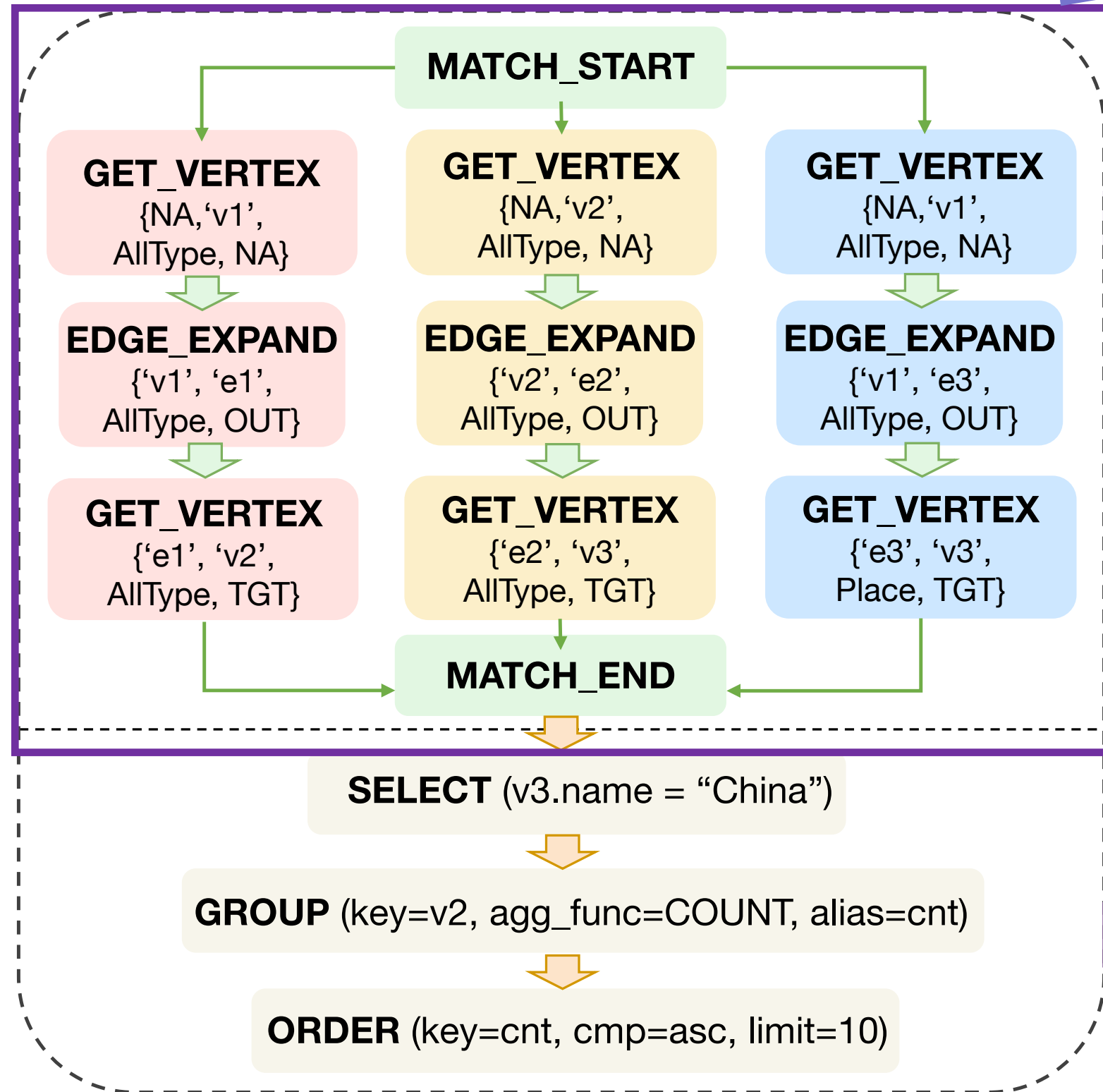
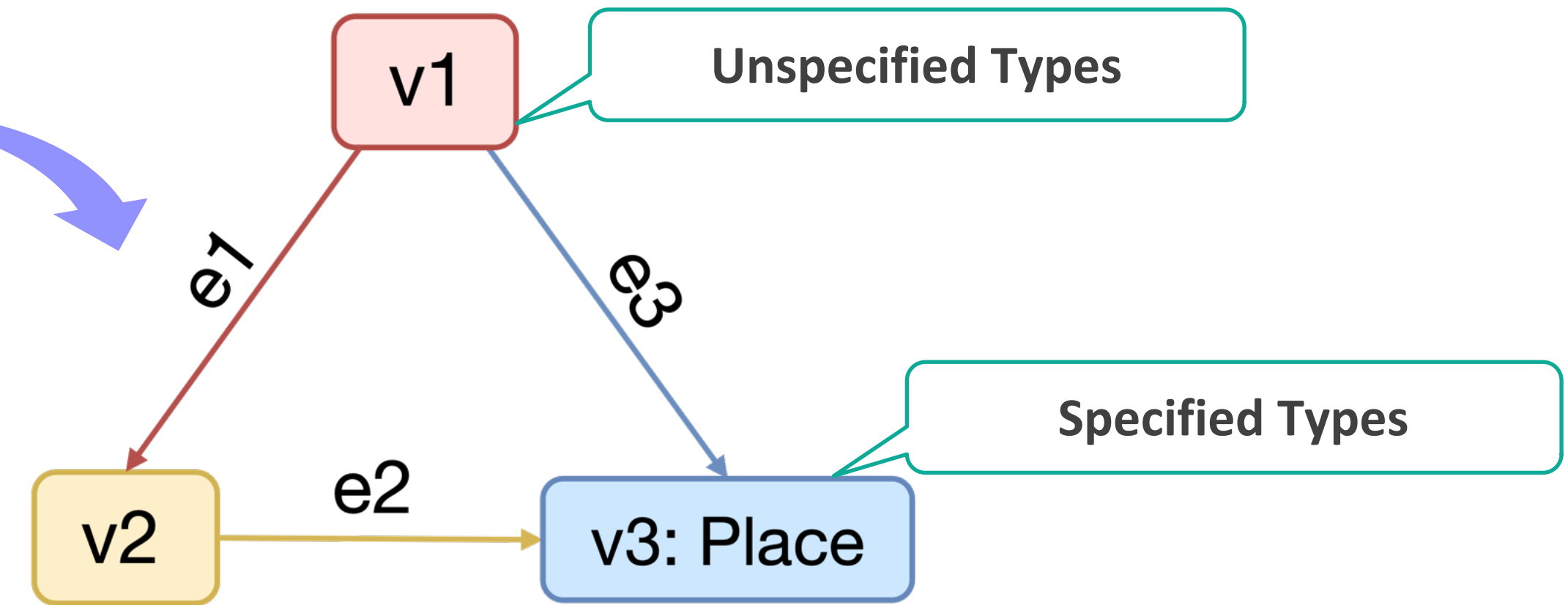
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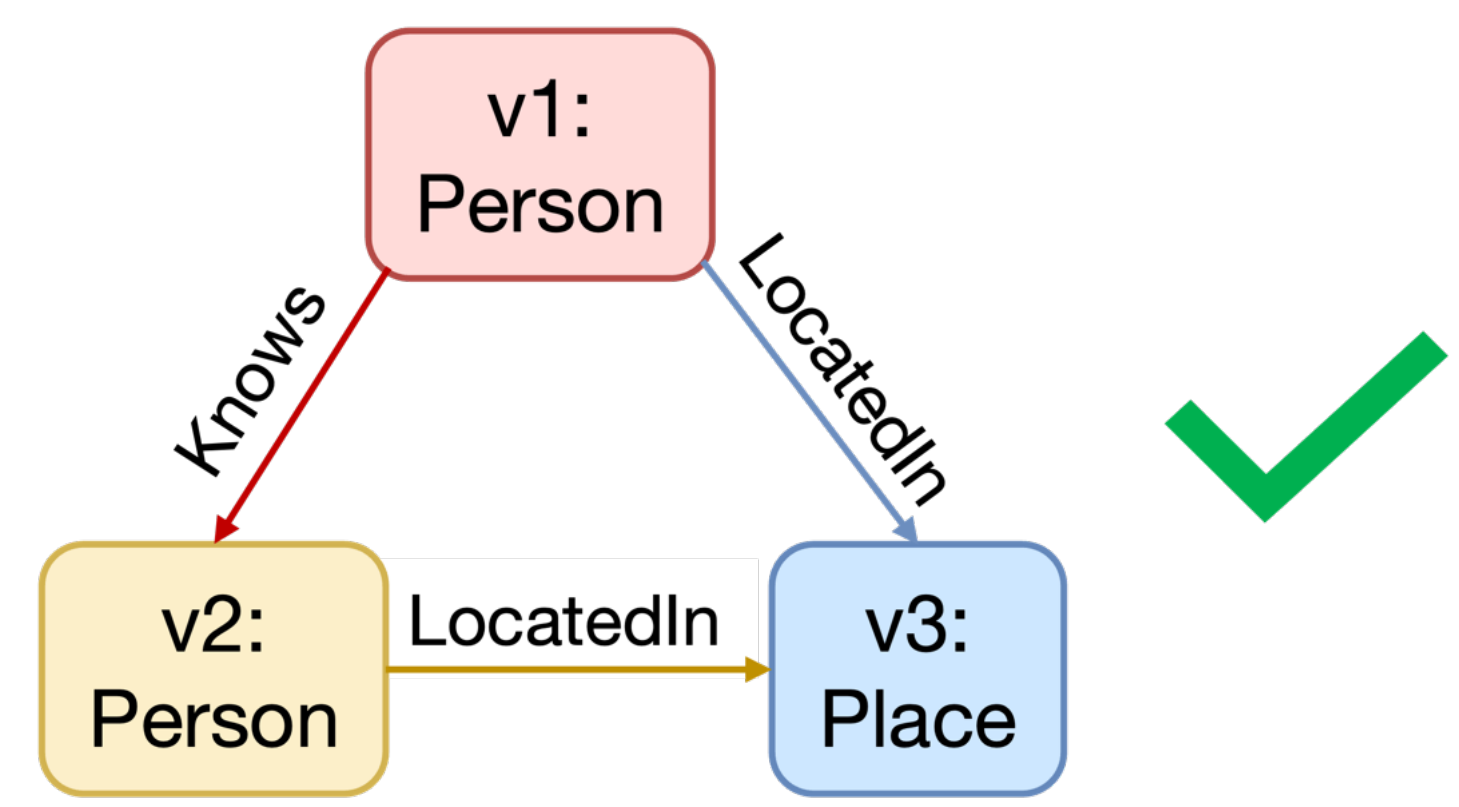
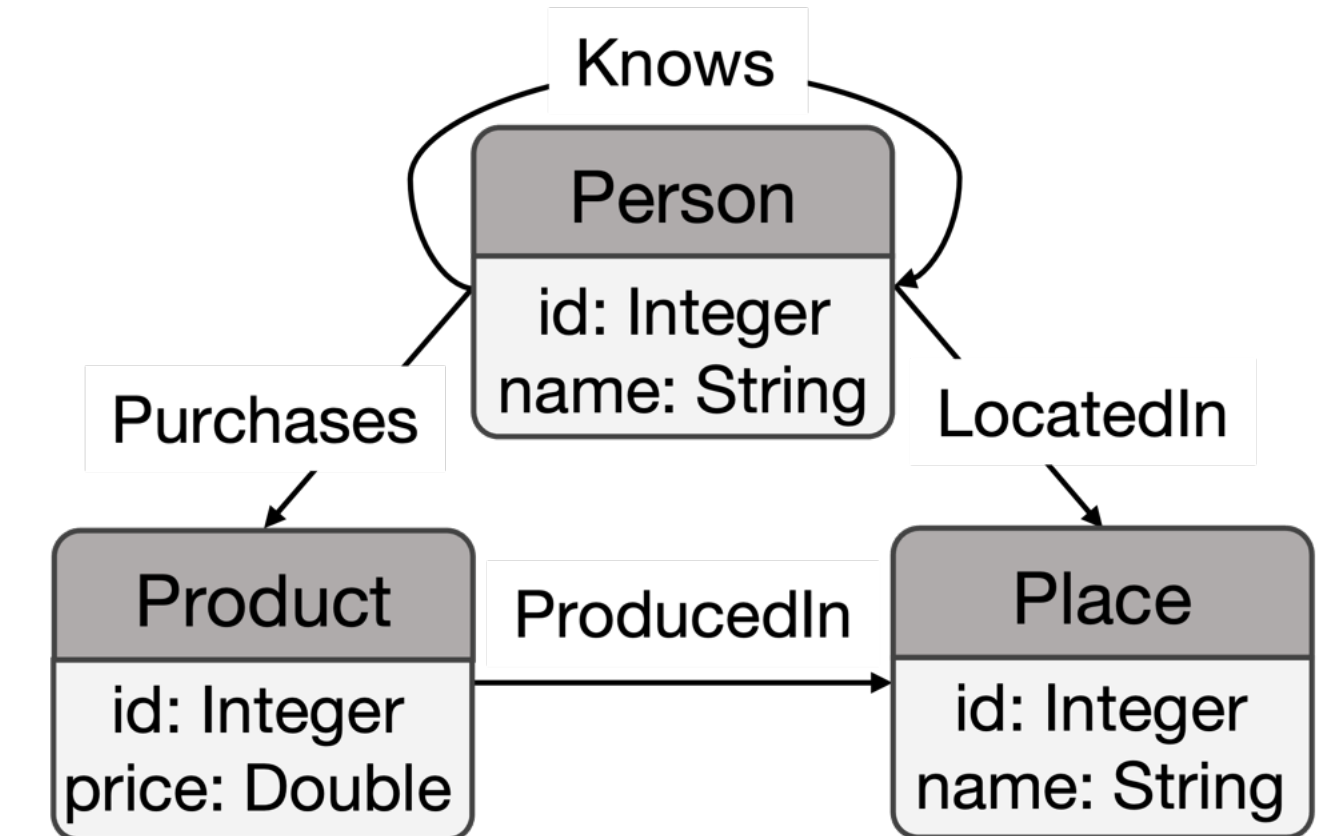
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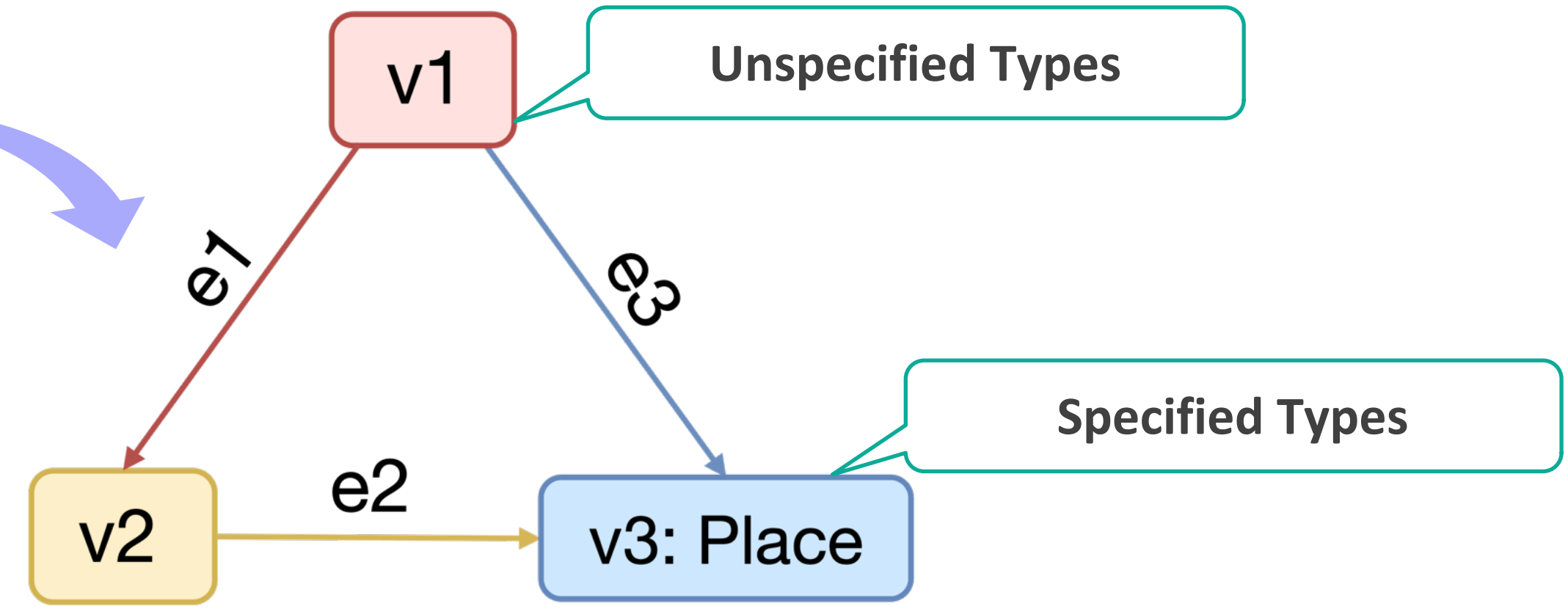
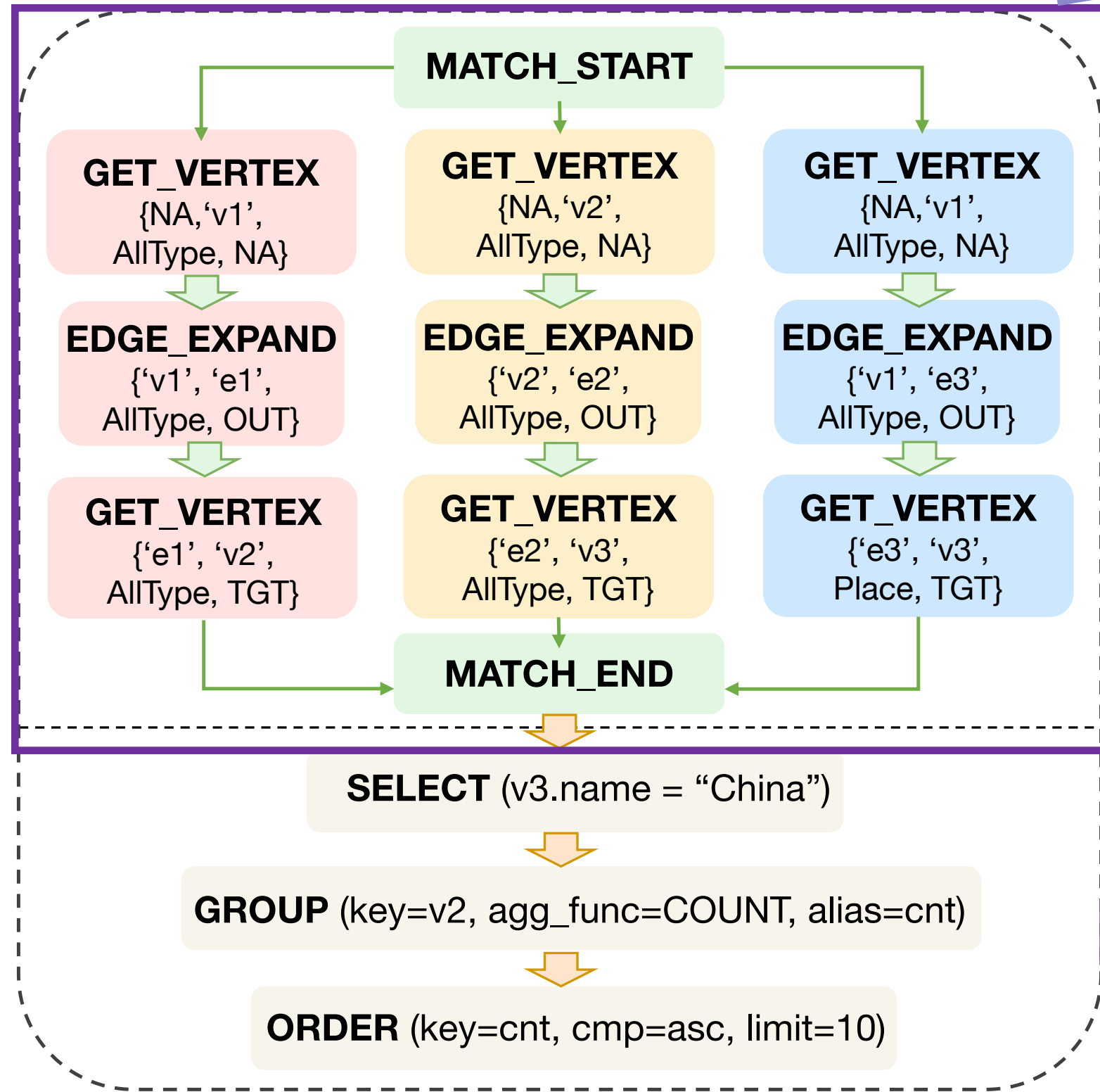
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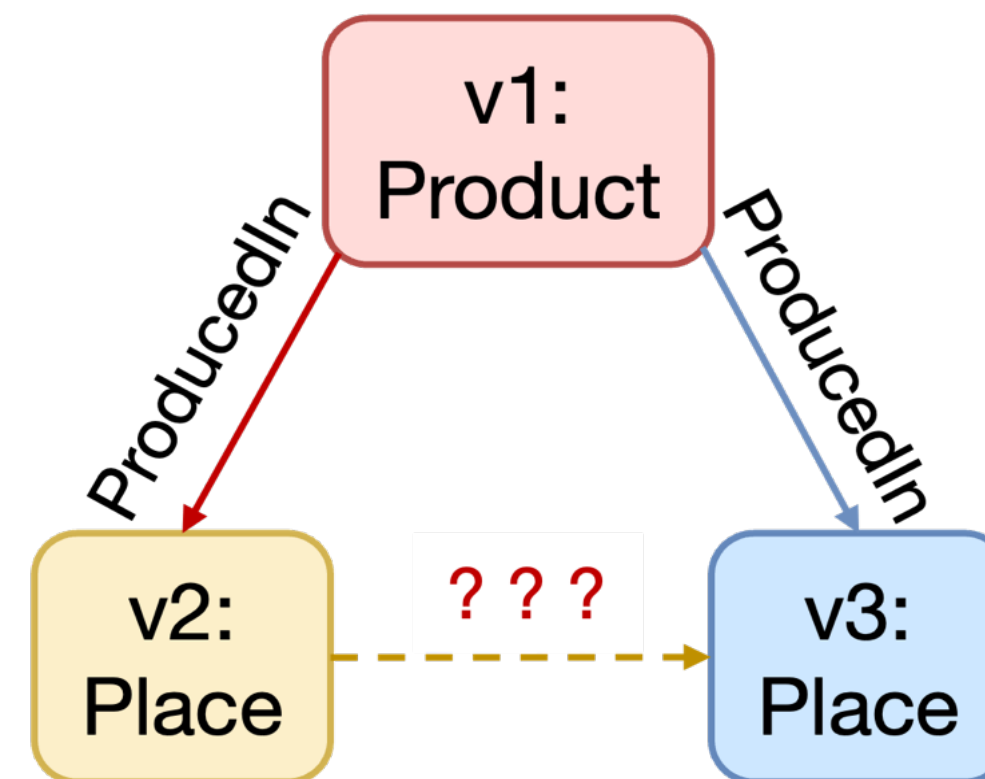
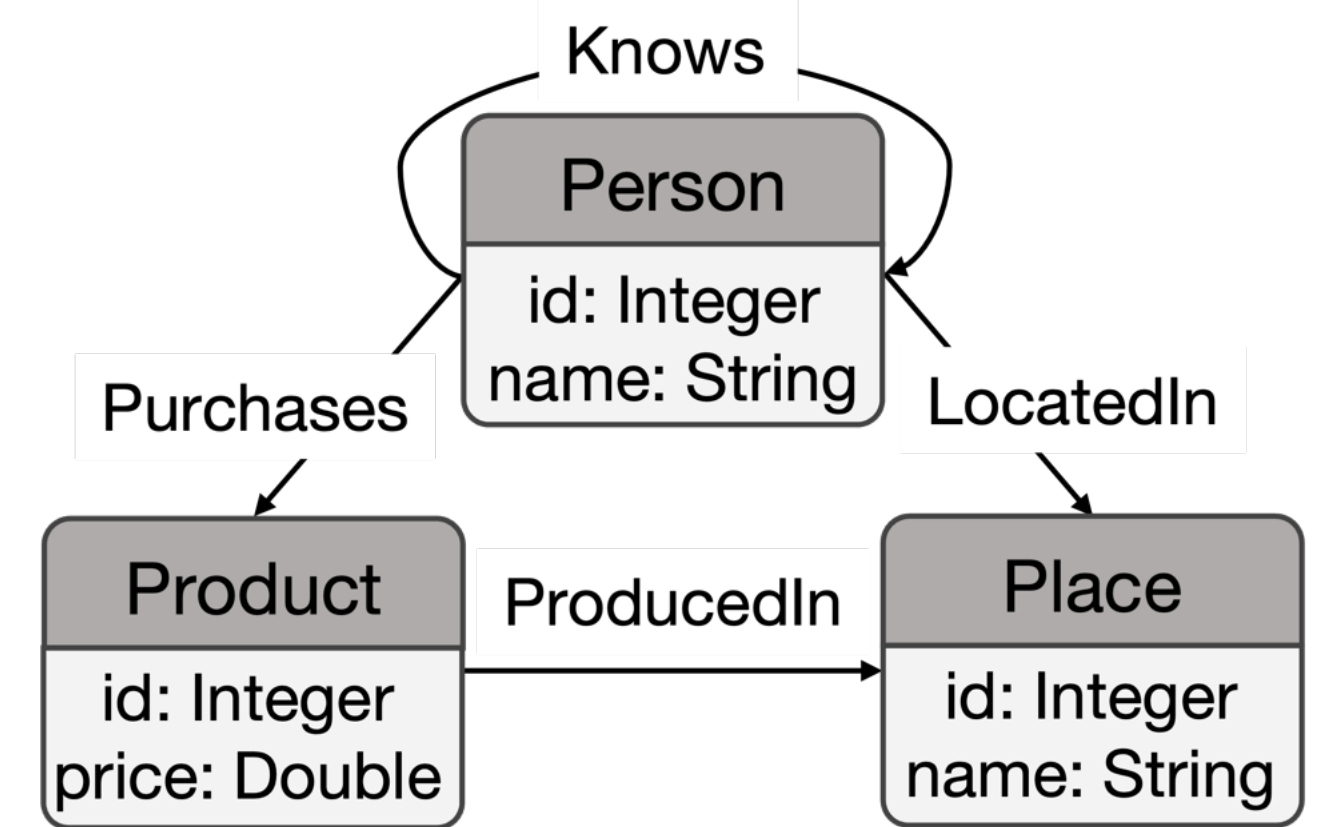
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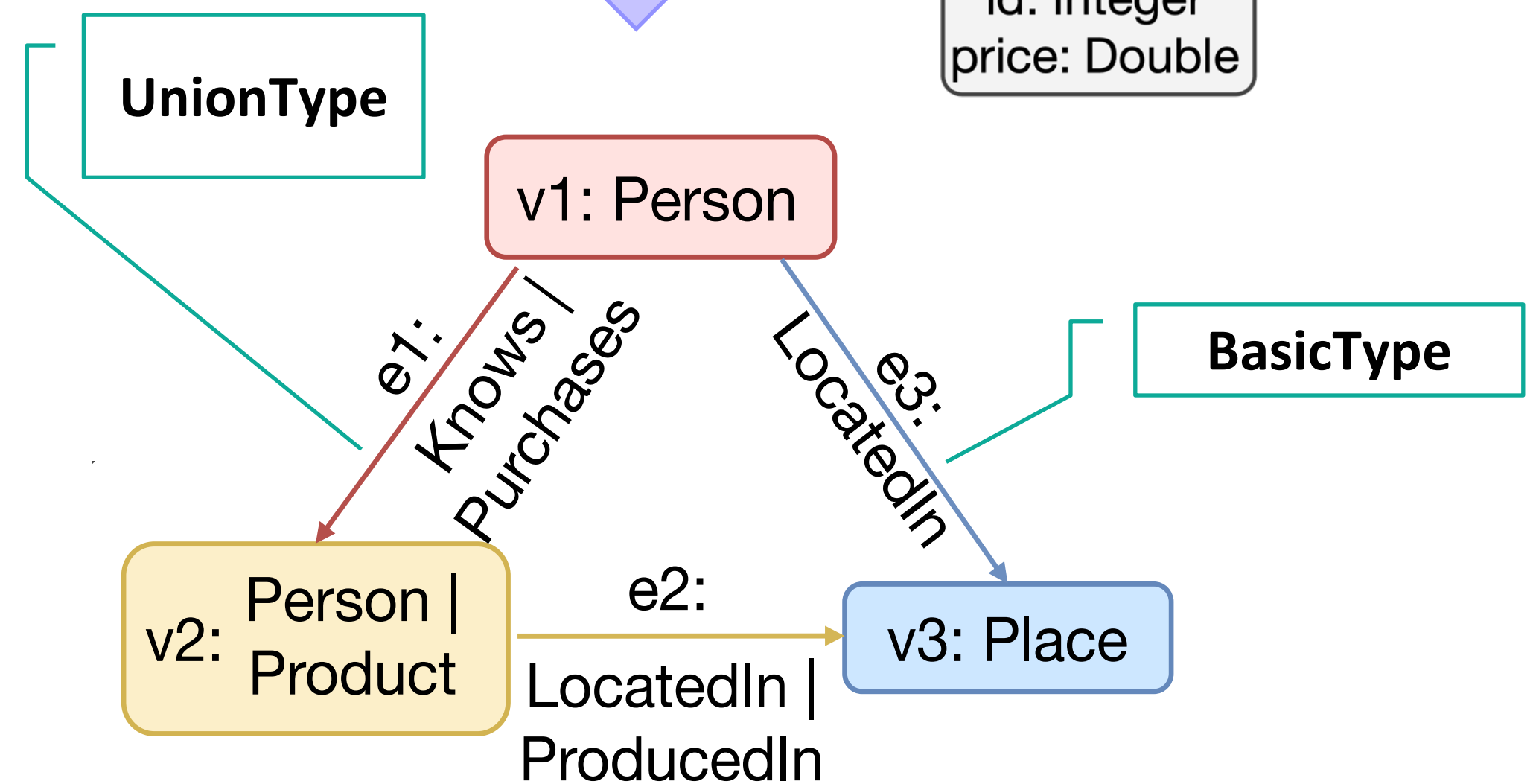
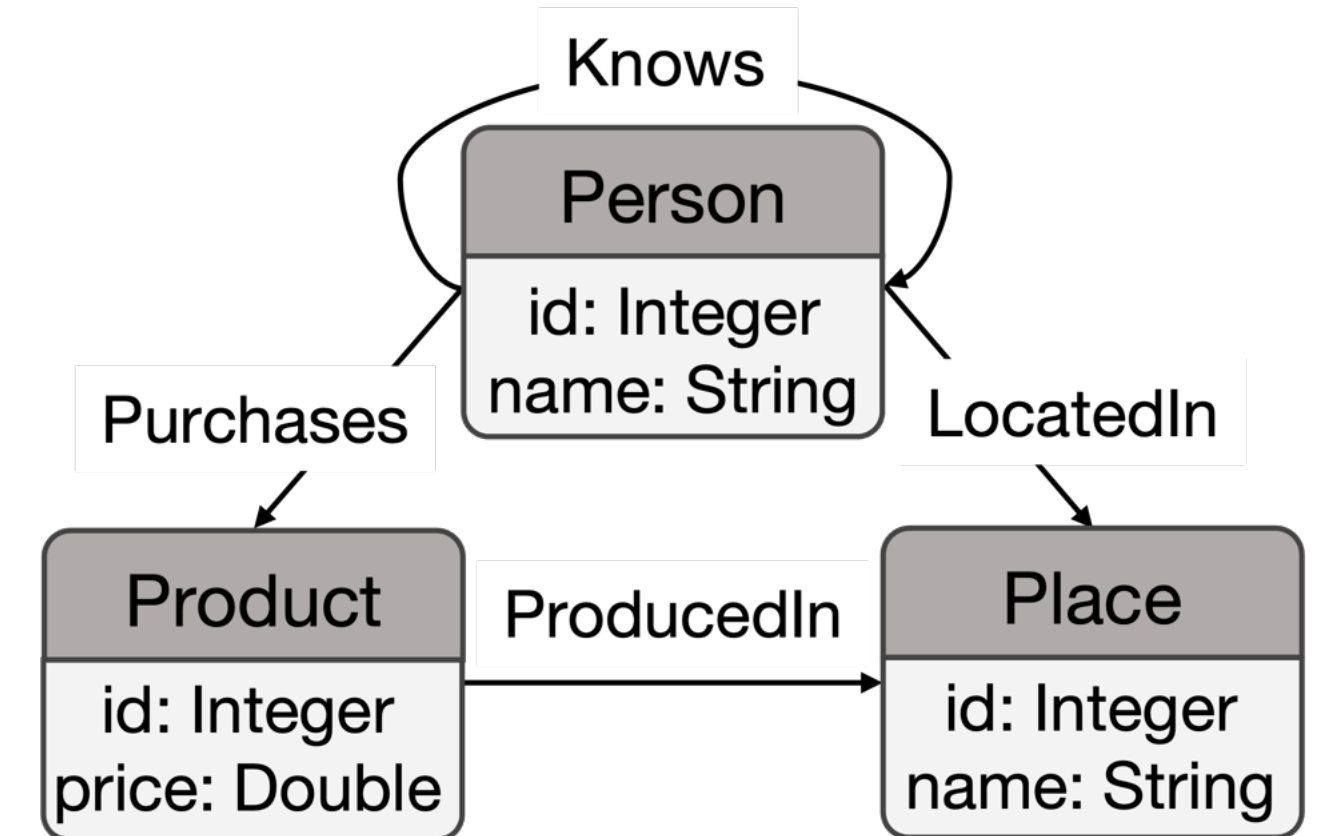
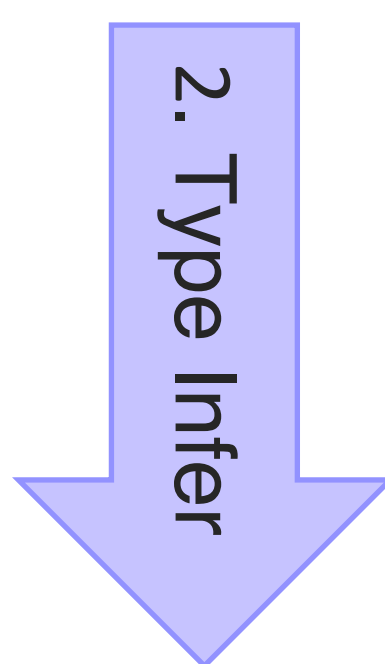
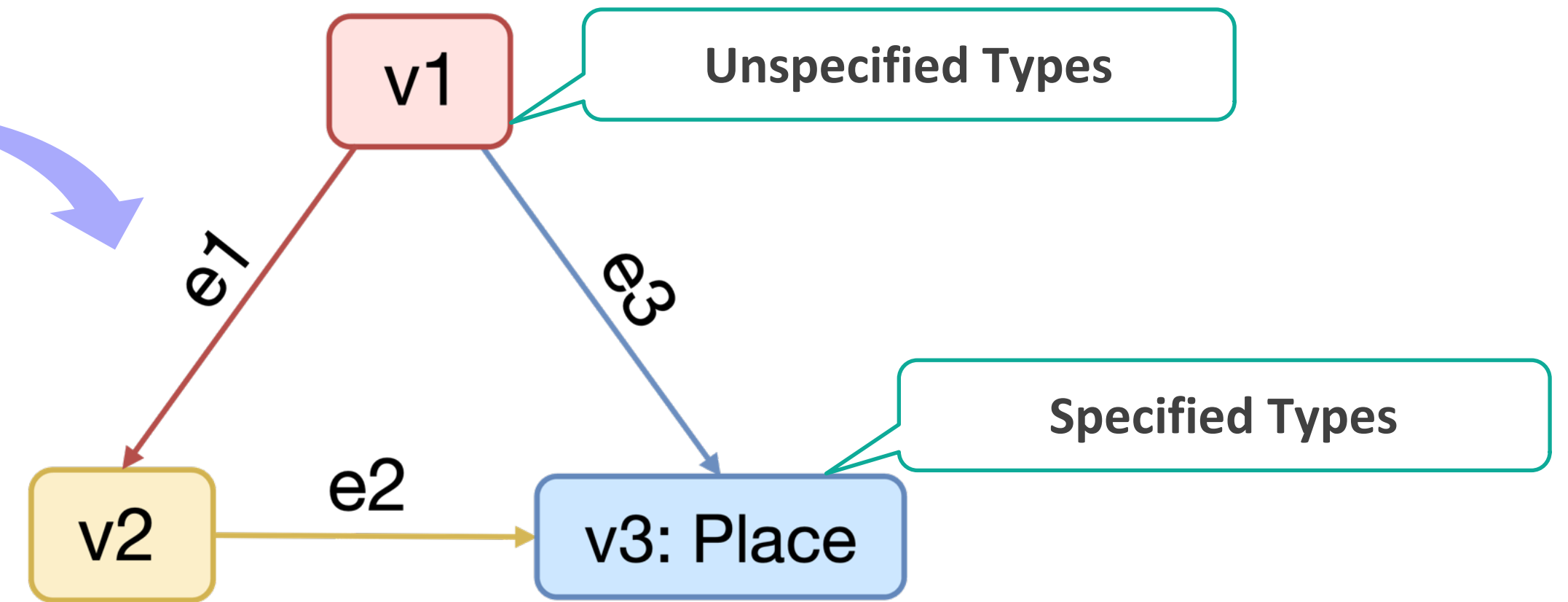
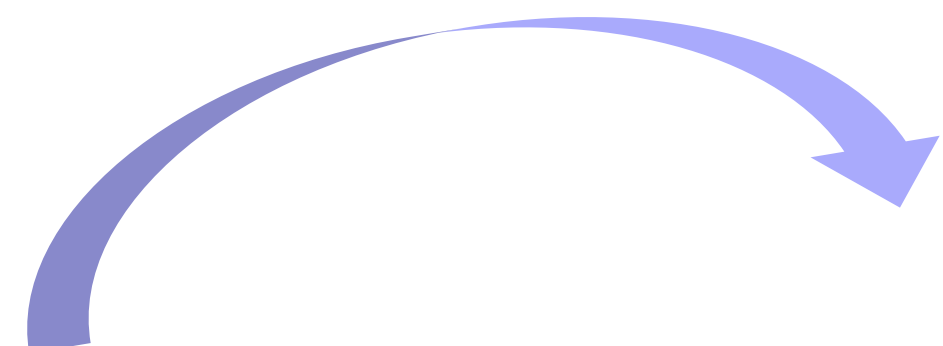
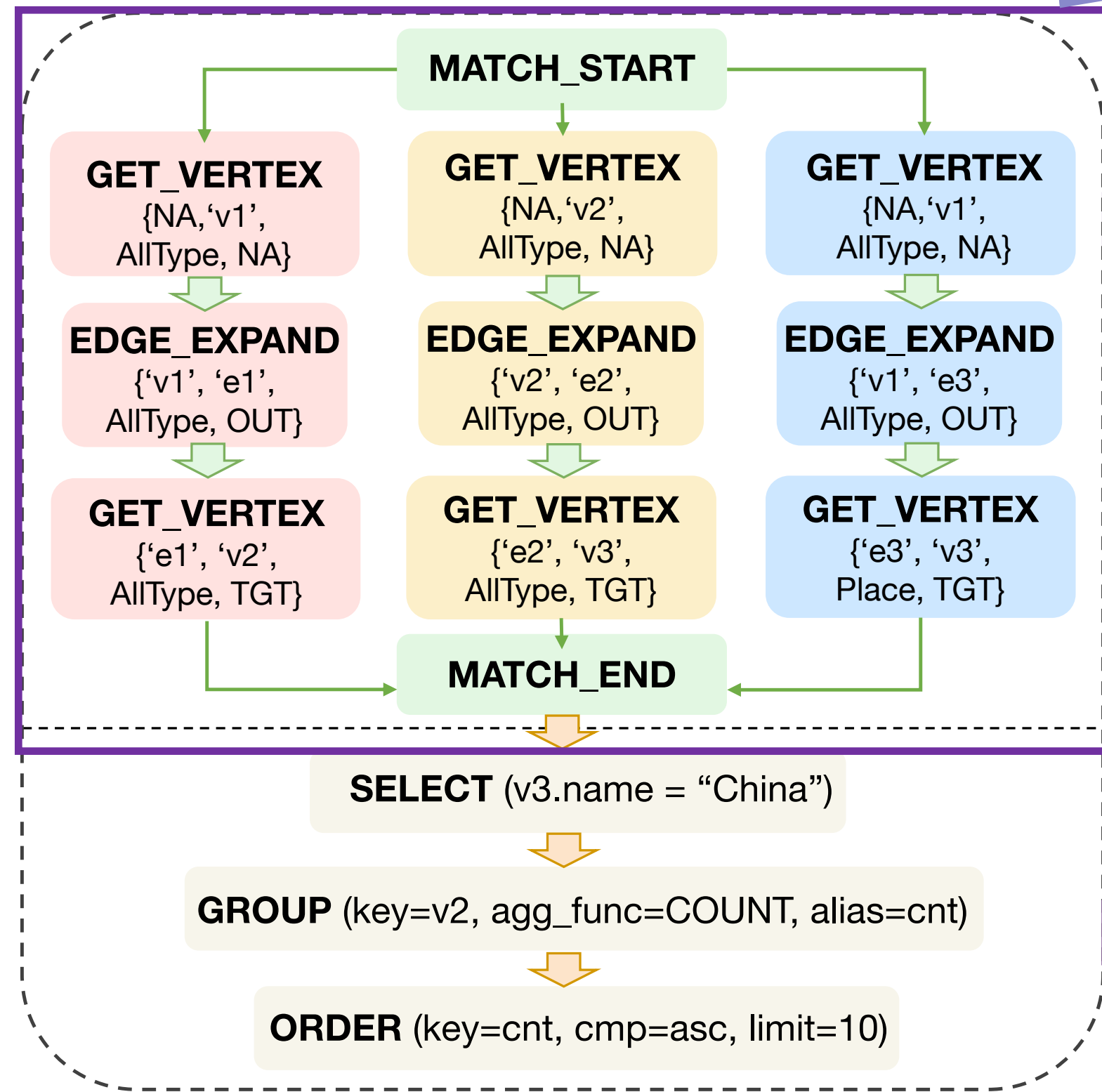
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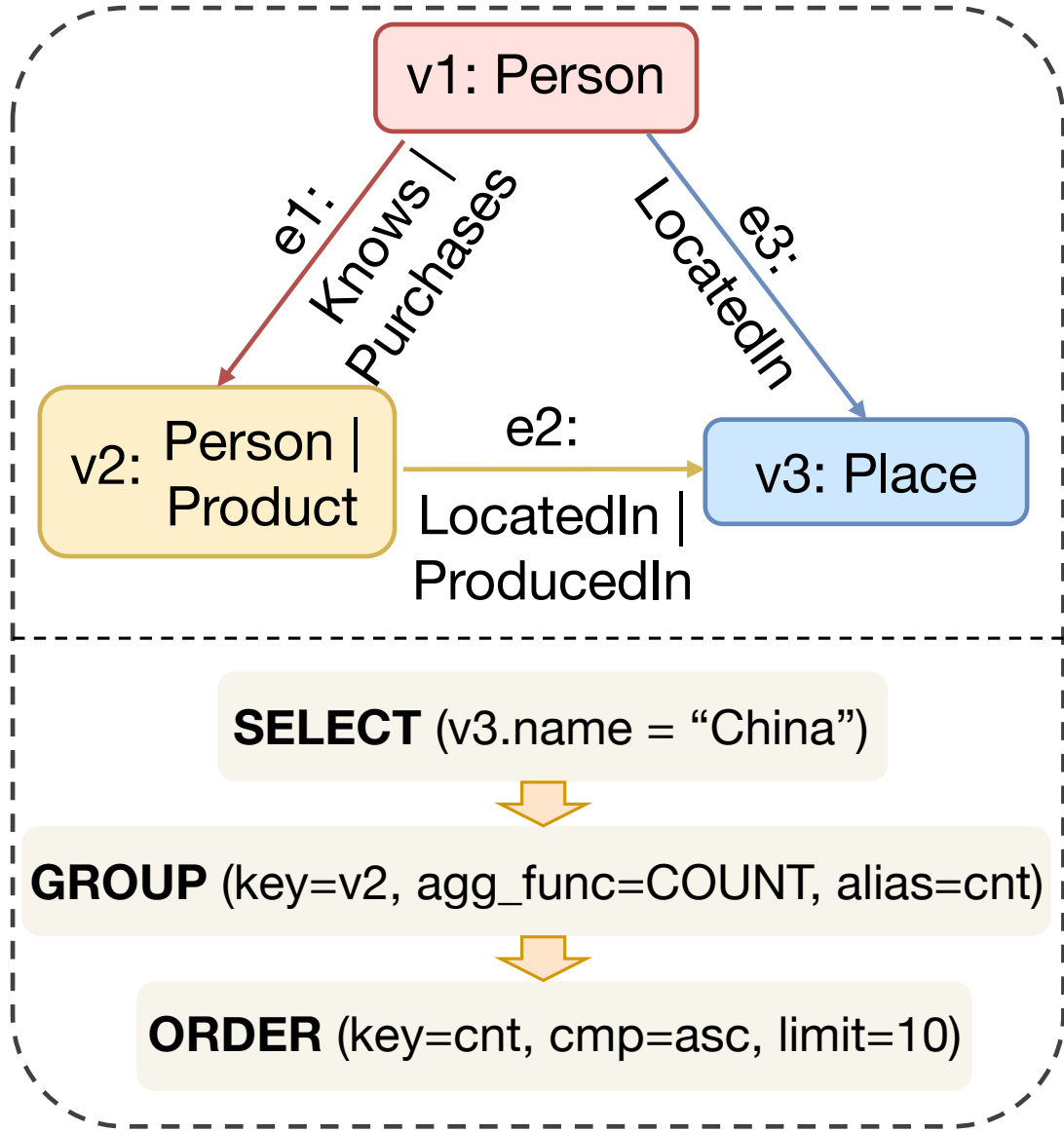
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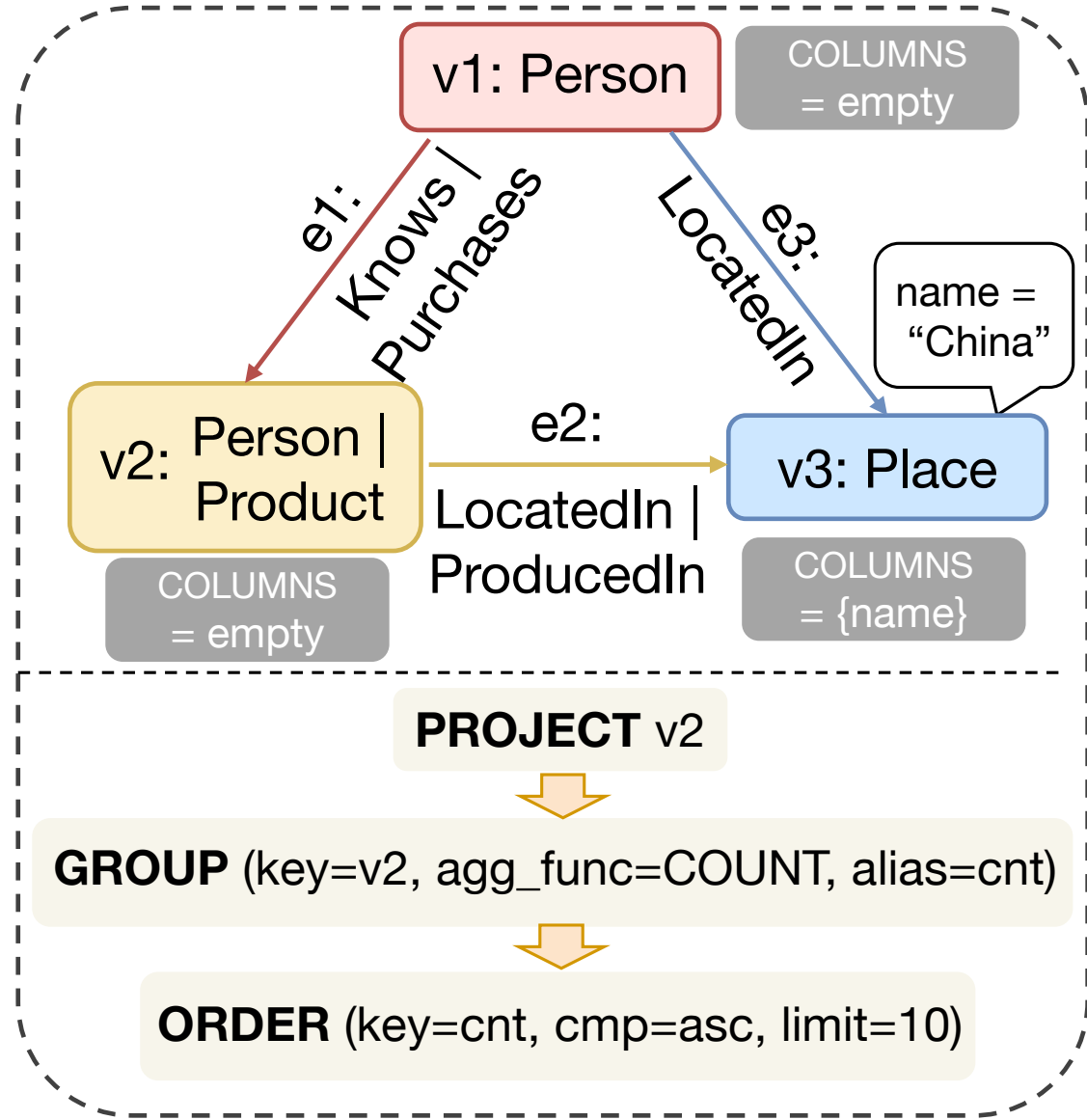


Rule-based Optimization (RBO)



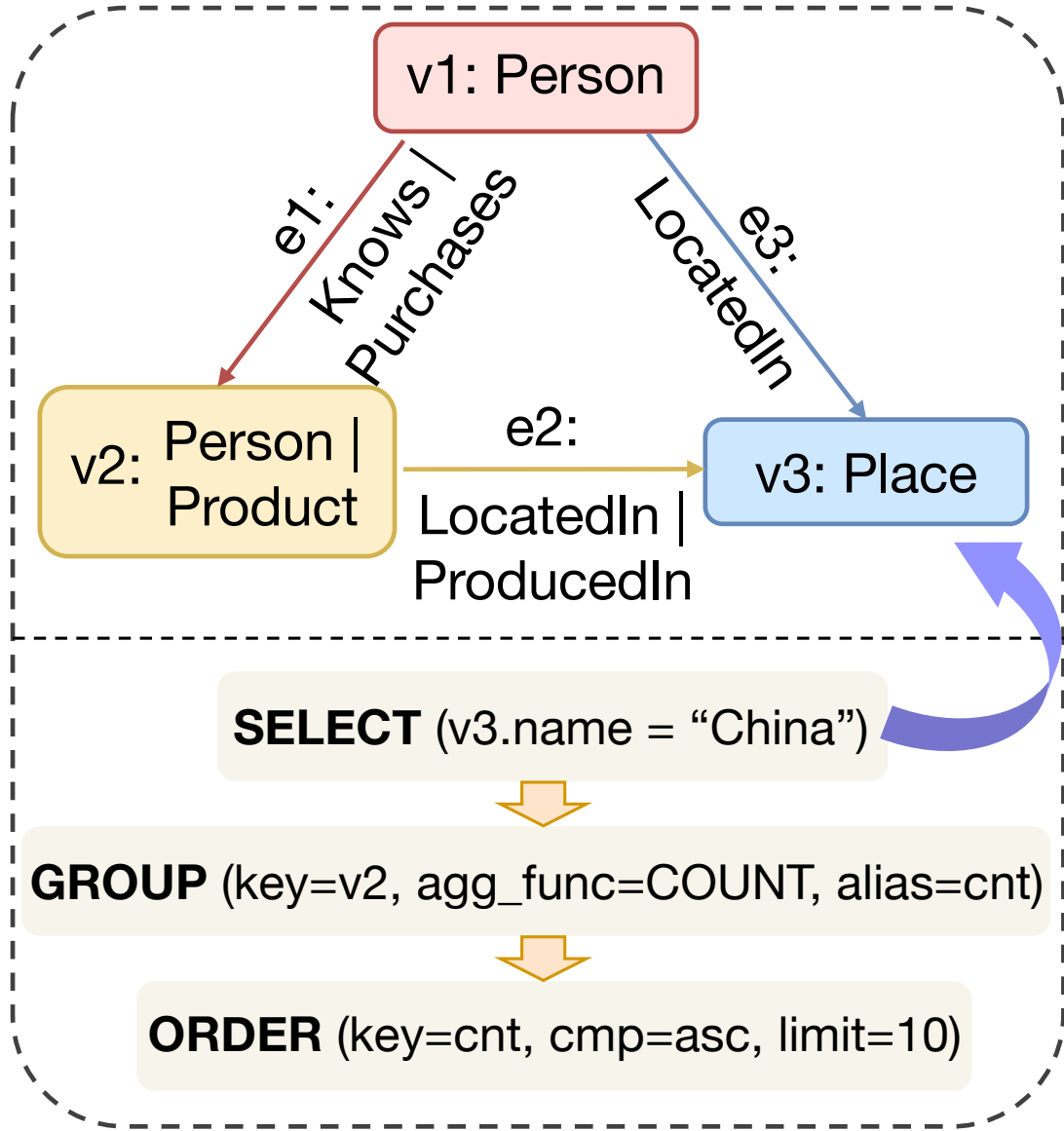
(a) Logical Plan

RBO



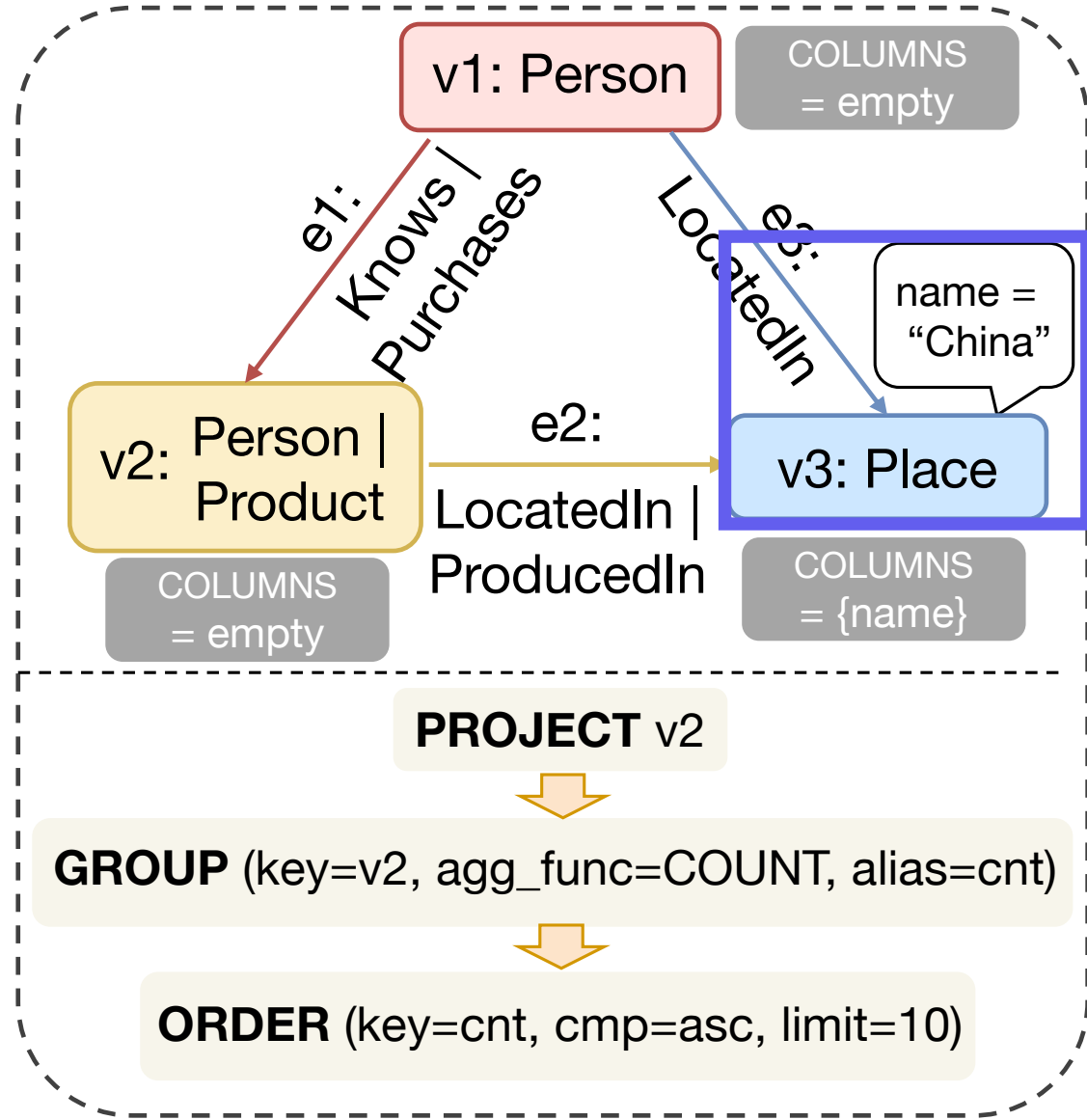
(b) Optimized Logical Plan after RBO

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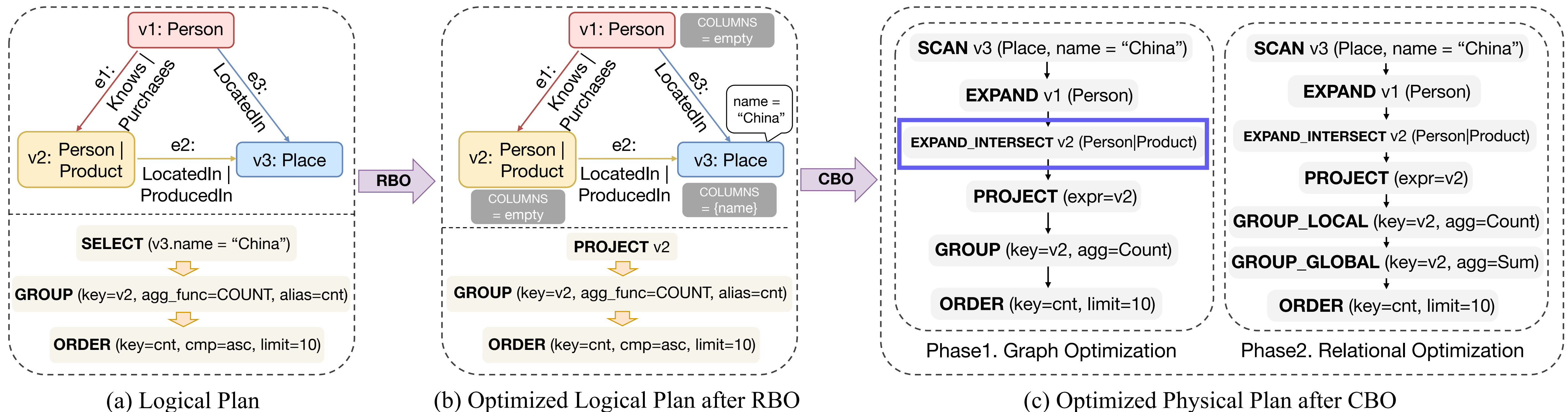
Cost-based Optimization (CBO)



High-order statistics: Frequencies of small patterns like 2-hop paths & triangles

Worst-case optimal join: Expand & Intersection

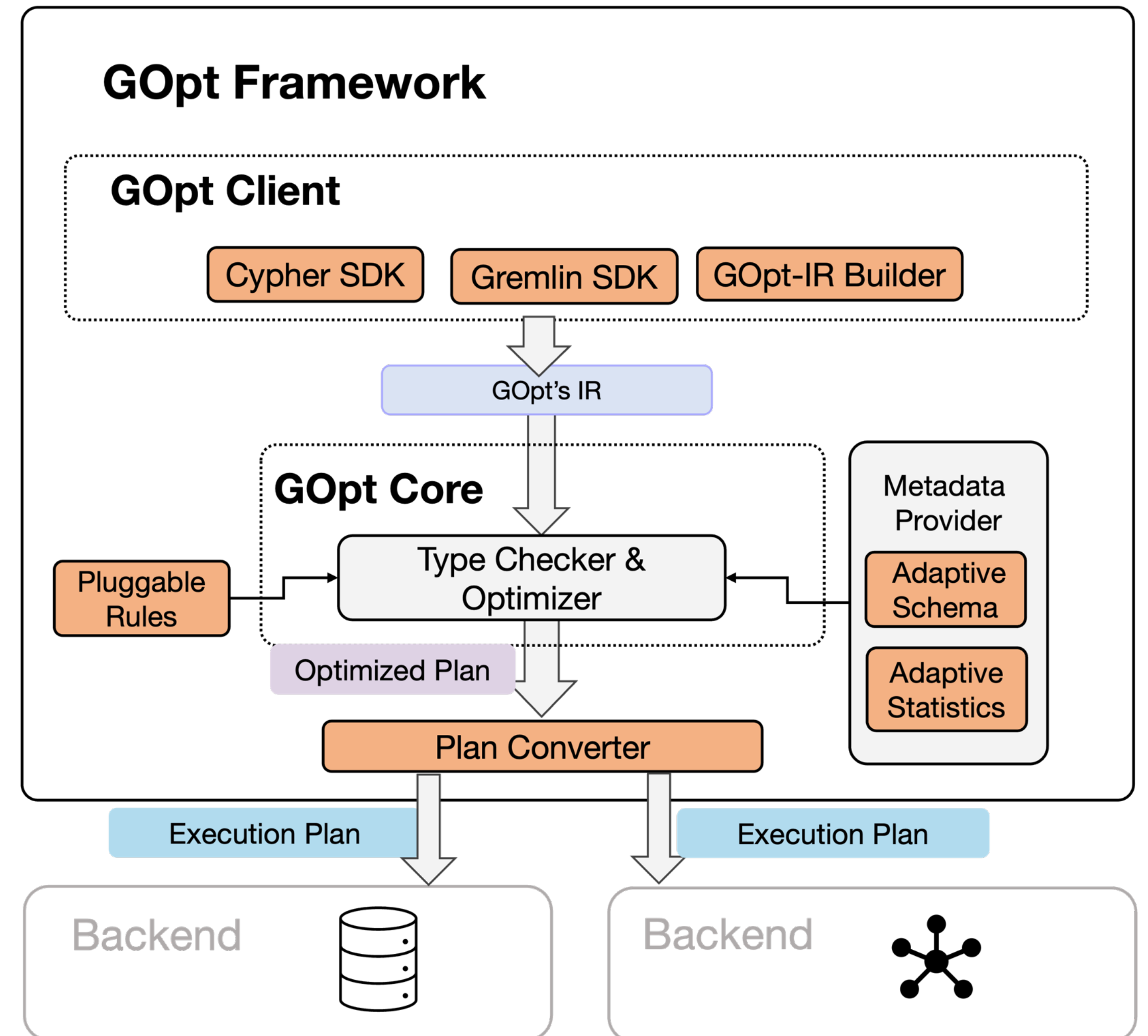
GLogS: Interactive Graph Pattern Matching Query At Large Scale, Lai et al, ATC 2023



System Architecture of GOpt

User-friendly interfaces in GOpt

- Input: various clients to the unified IR
- Output: convert to alternative execution plans
- Metadata: adaptive schema and statistics
- Optimizer: pluggable optimization rules



03 / GOPT INTEGRATION

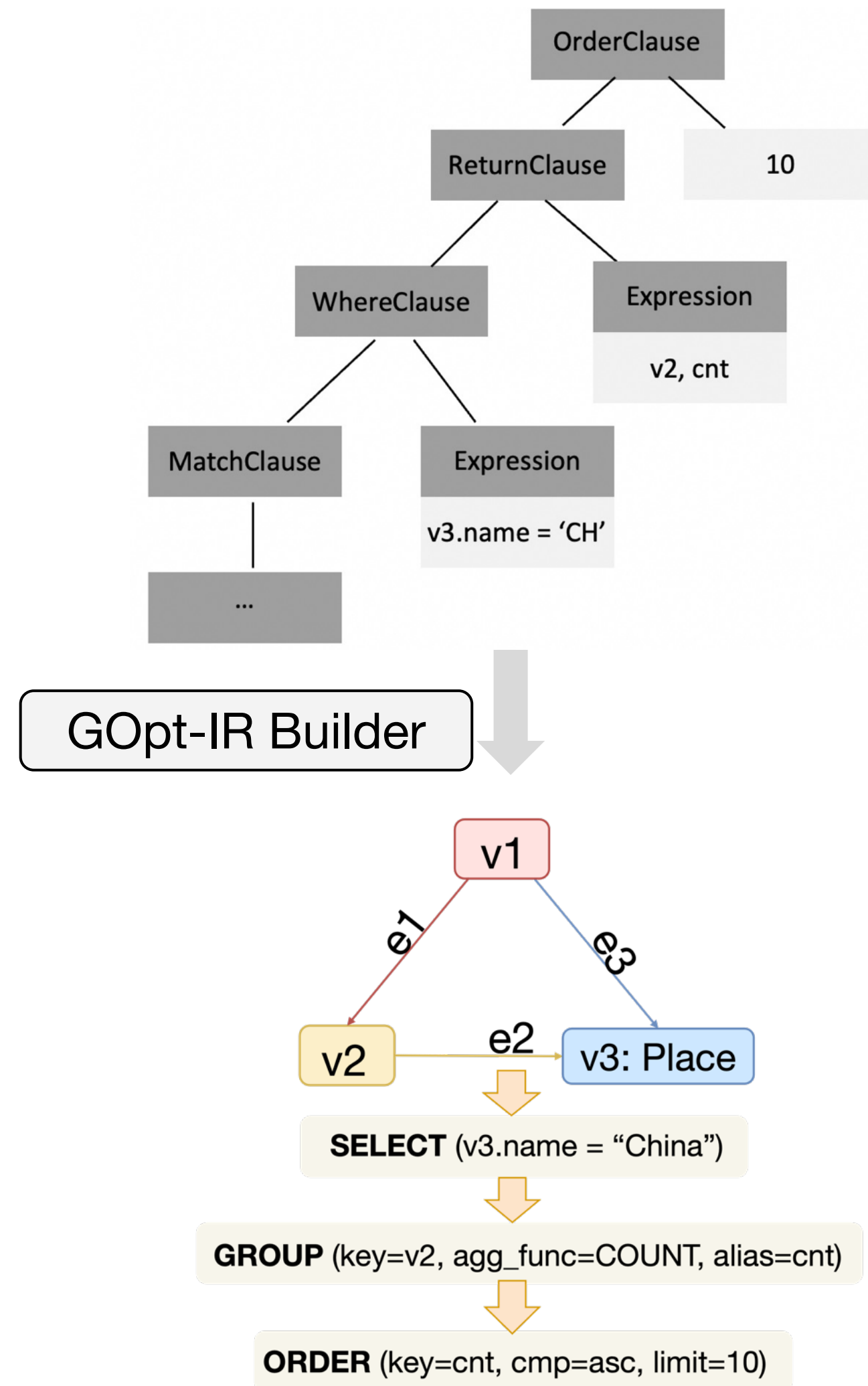


Neo4j - Cypher
DuckDB – SQL/PGQ

GOpt on Neo4j: Convert Input and Output

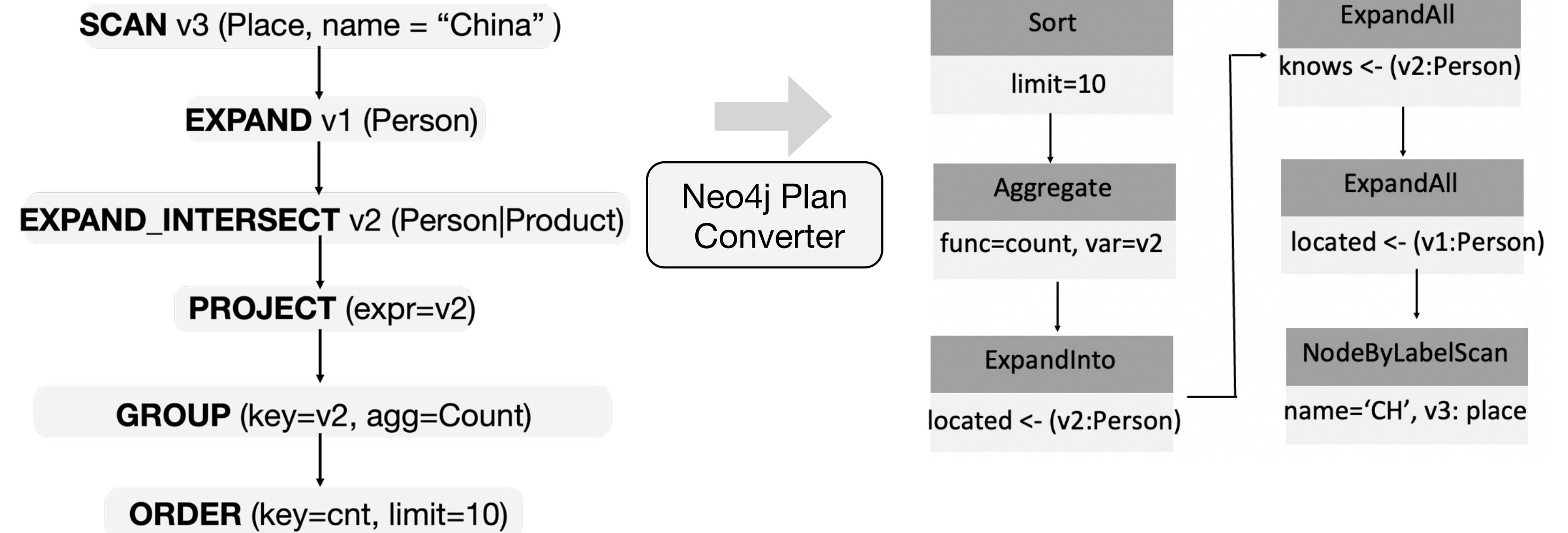
➤ Input

- Neo4j AST-> GOpt-IR



➤ Output

- GOpt Physical Plan -> Neo4j Execution Plan
 - WCOJ is unsupported in Neo4j natively
 - Convert ExtendIntersect to ExpandAll + ExpandInto
 - GOpt optimized plan can reflect Expand orders in Neo4j



GOpt on Neo4j: Register Configuration

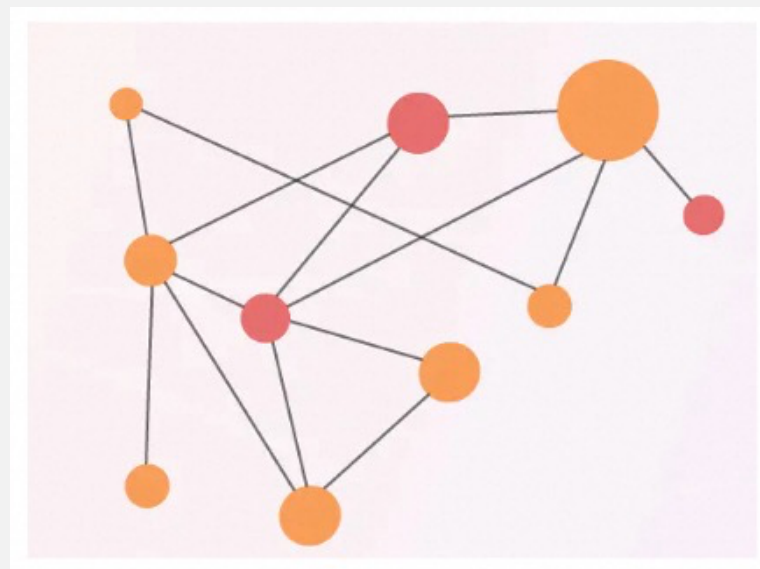
➤ Register Metadata

- Sample neo4j graph data by APOC procedure
- Adapt data model & statistics

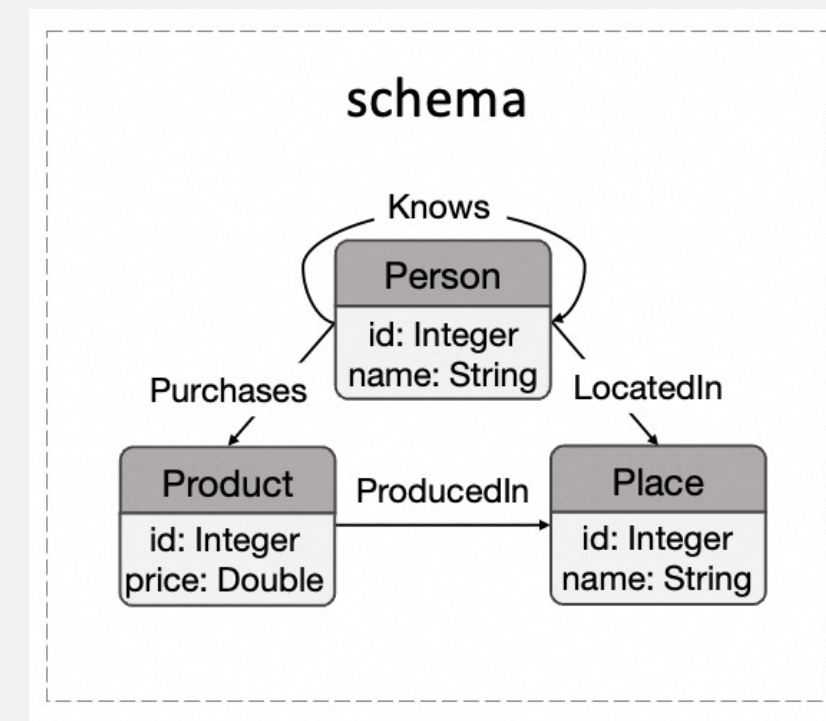
➤ Register Optimize Rules

- Leverage Build-in Heuristic Rules
- Design TrimTypeFiltering Rule for Neo4j to remove unnecessary type filtering

Adaptative Meta



Apoc
adaptor



Statistics



Pluggable Rules

ExtendIntersect

JoinDecomposition

TrimField

FilterIntoMatch

TrimTypeFiltering

...

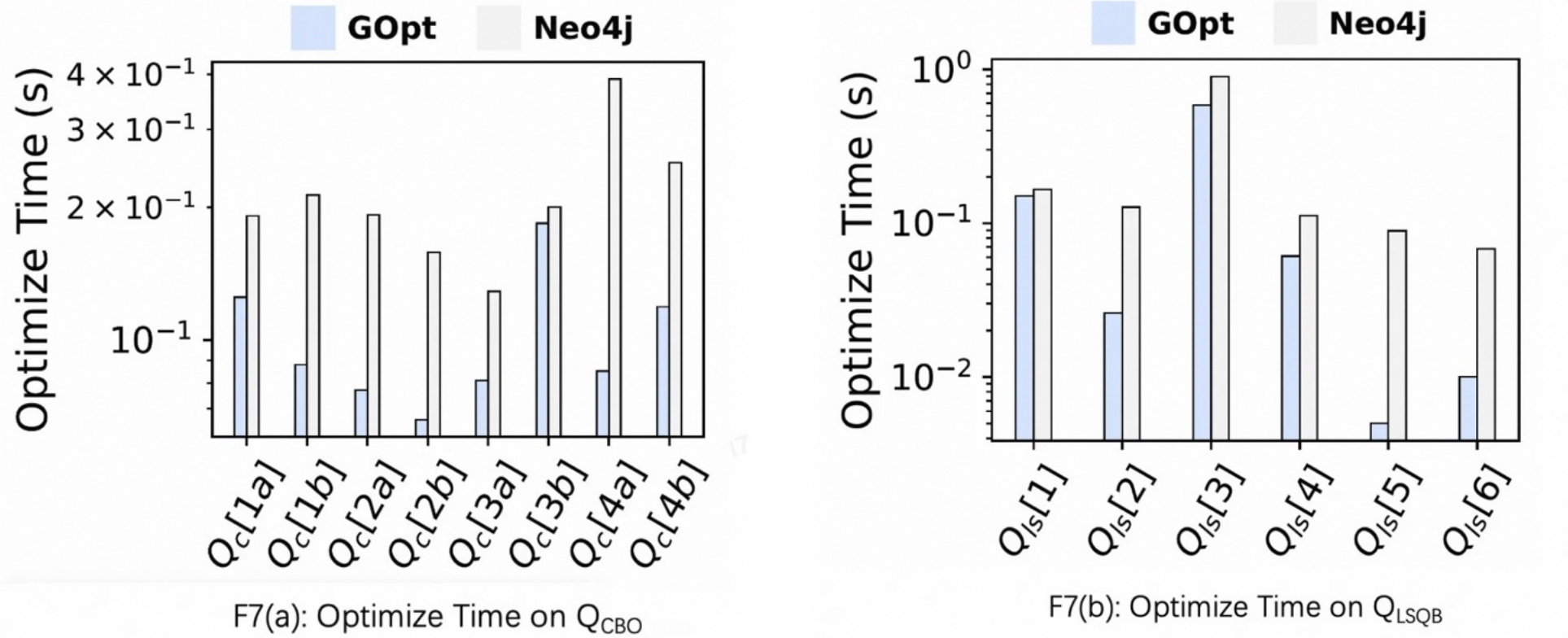
GOpt on Neo4j: Evaluation



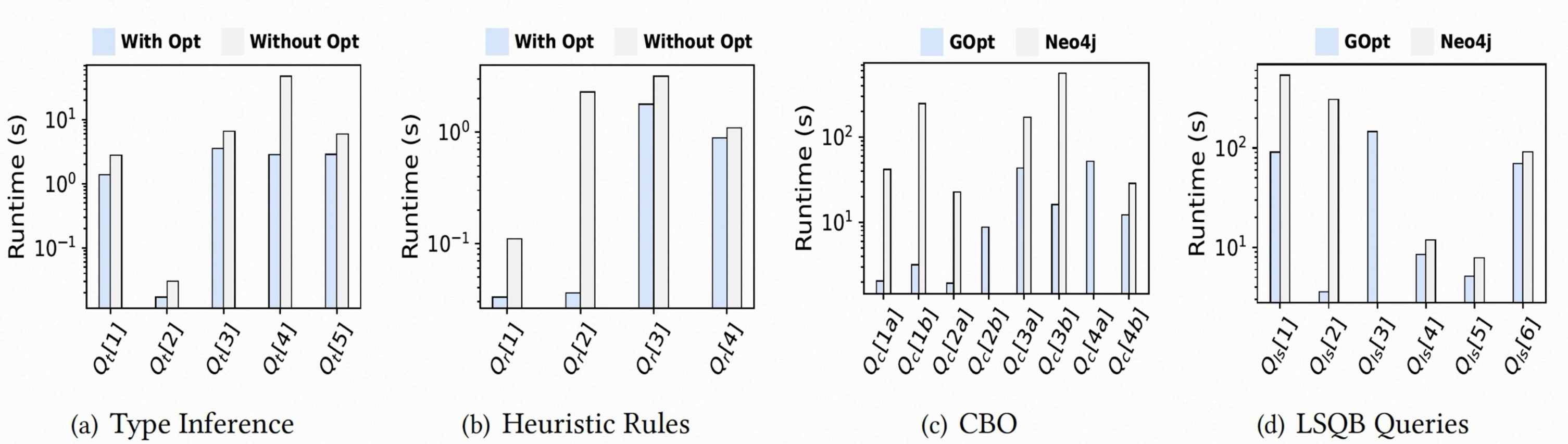
- Dataset:
 - LDBC Graph with 3 million vertices and 17 million edges
- Queries
 - Designed query sets for key techniques in GOpt and pattern matching queries LSQB

Enhancing Neo4j Query Efficiency with Seamless Integration of the GOpt Optimization Framework, Lyu et al, LSGDA Workshop 2024

Optimize time:



Execution time:



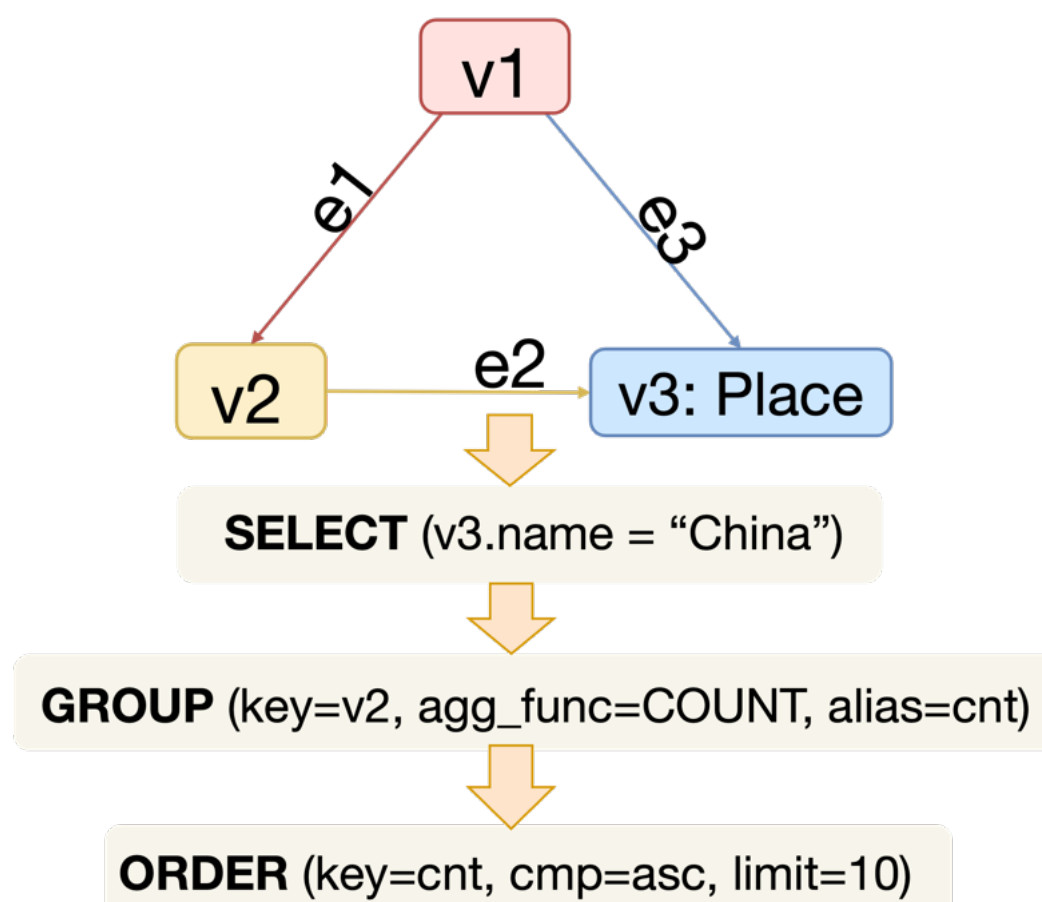
GOpt on DuckDB: Convert Input and Output

➤ Input

- SQL/PGQ Query -> GOpt-IR

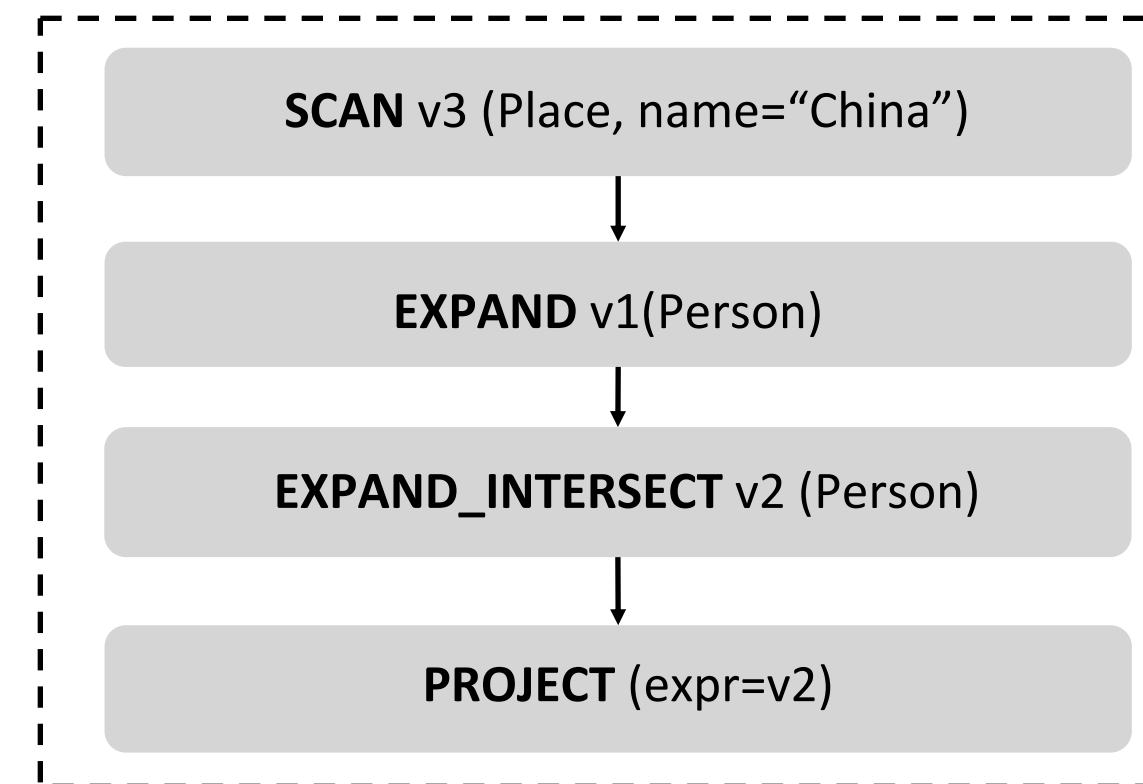
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      (v1)-[e3]->(v3:Place)
WHERE v3.name = $name
COLUMNS (ELEMENT_ID(v2) as v2_id)
) g
GROUP BY g.v2_id
ORDER BY cnt
LIMIT 10;
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DuckDB Parser
+ GOpt-IR Builder

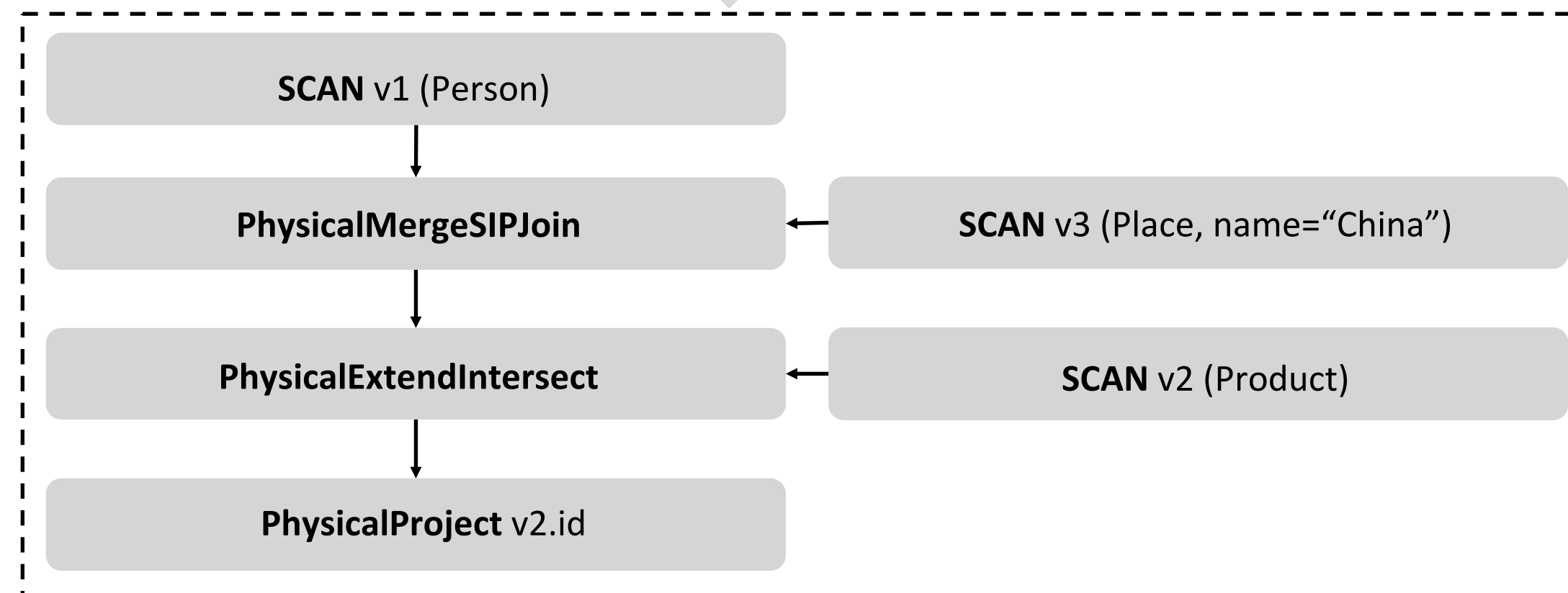


➤ Output

- GOpt Physical Plan -> DuckDB Execution Plan



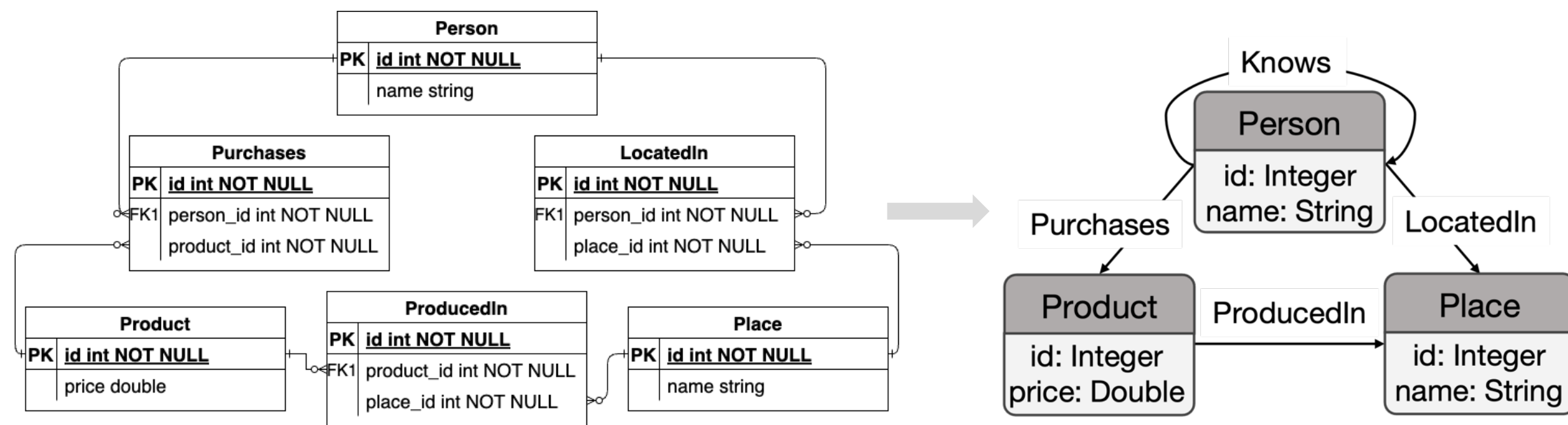
DuckDB Plan Converter



GOpt on DuckDB: Register Configuration

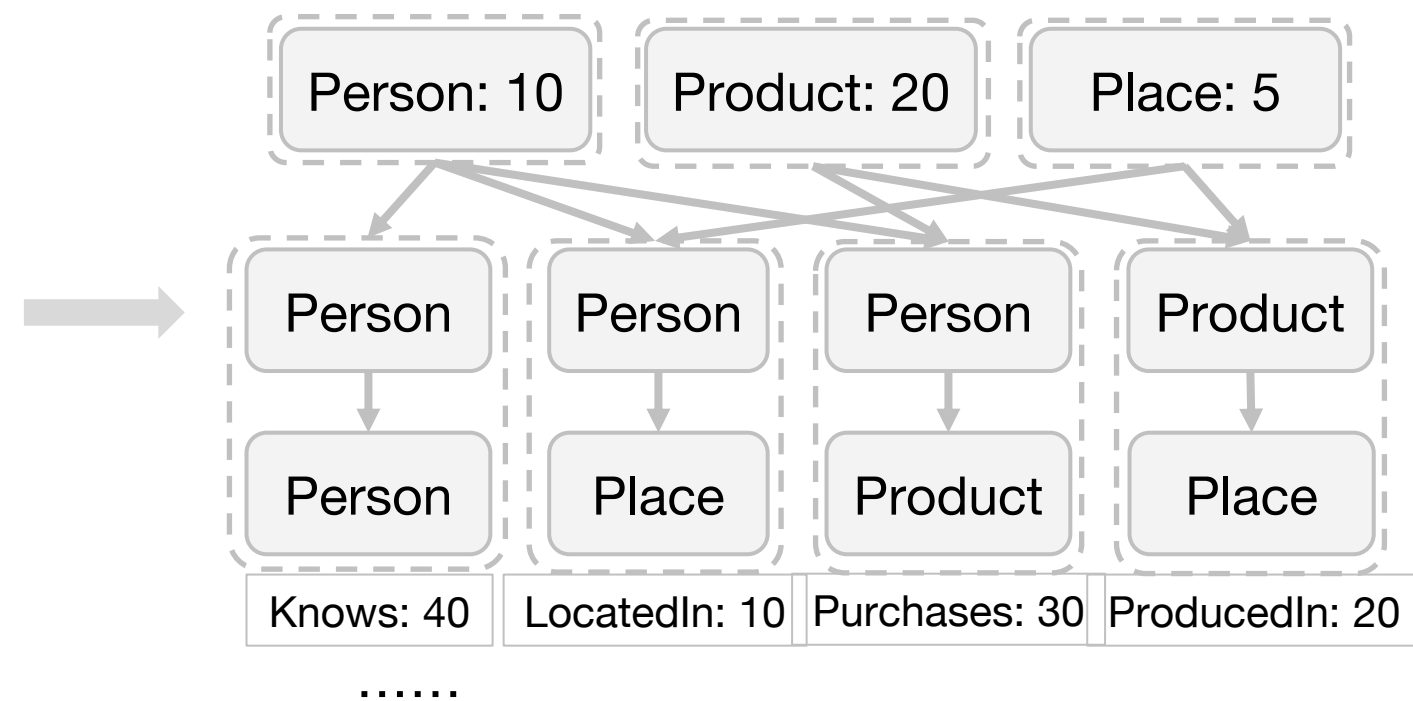
➤ Register Metadata

- Relational Schema -> Graph Schema



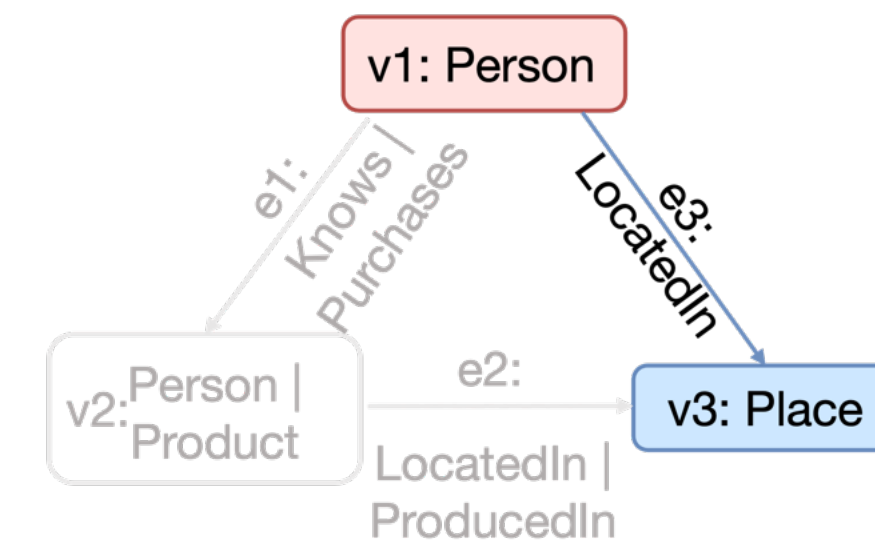
- Relational Tables -> Graph Statistics

Relations	Row Number
Person	10
Product	20
Place	5
Knows	40
Purchases	30
LocatedIn	10
ProducedIn	20



➤ Register Optimize Rules

- Design GraphIndexAwareRule for DuckDB



With Graph Index

Without Graph Index



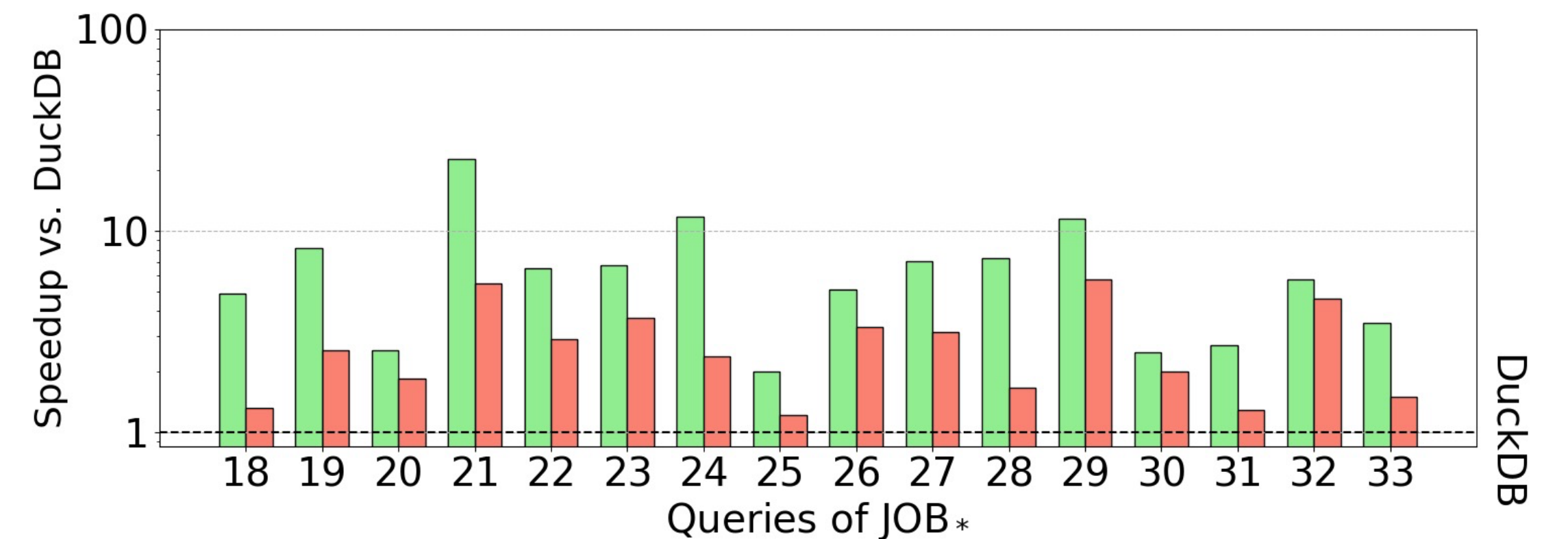
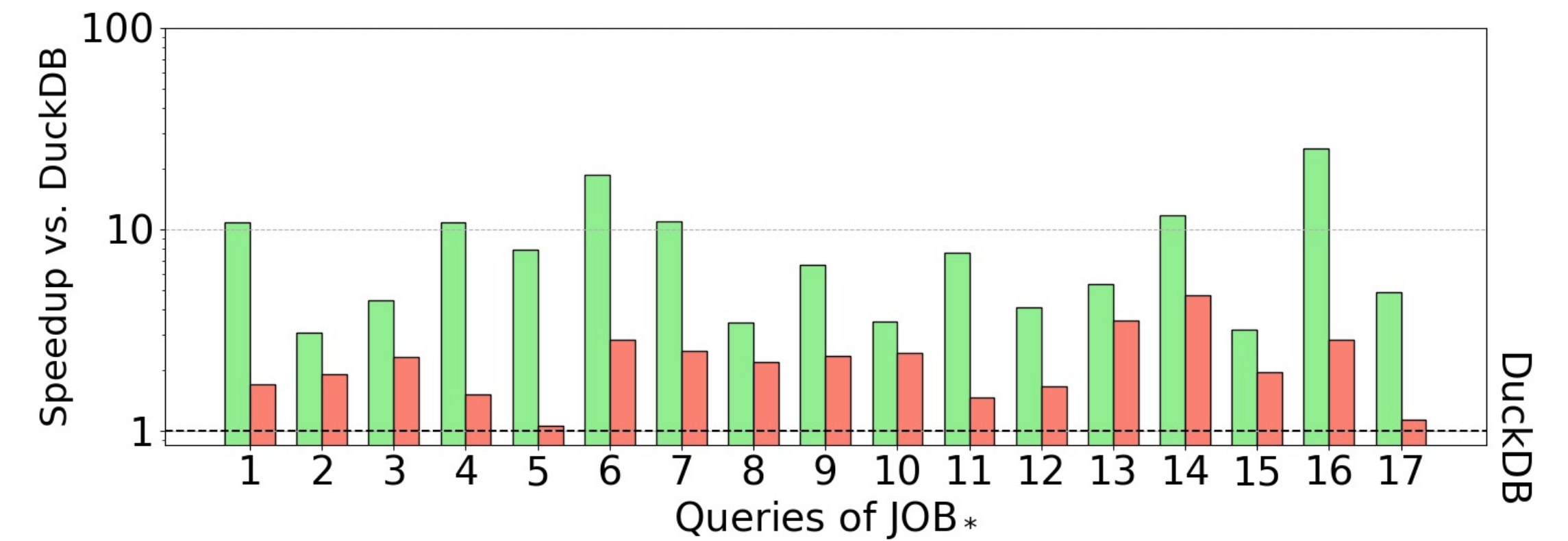
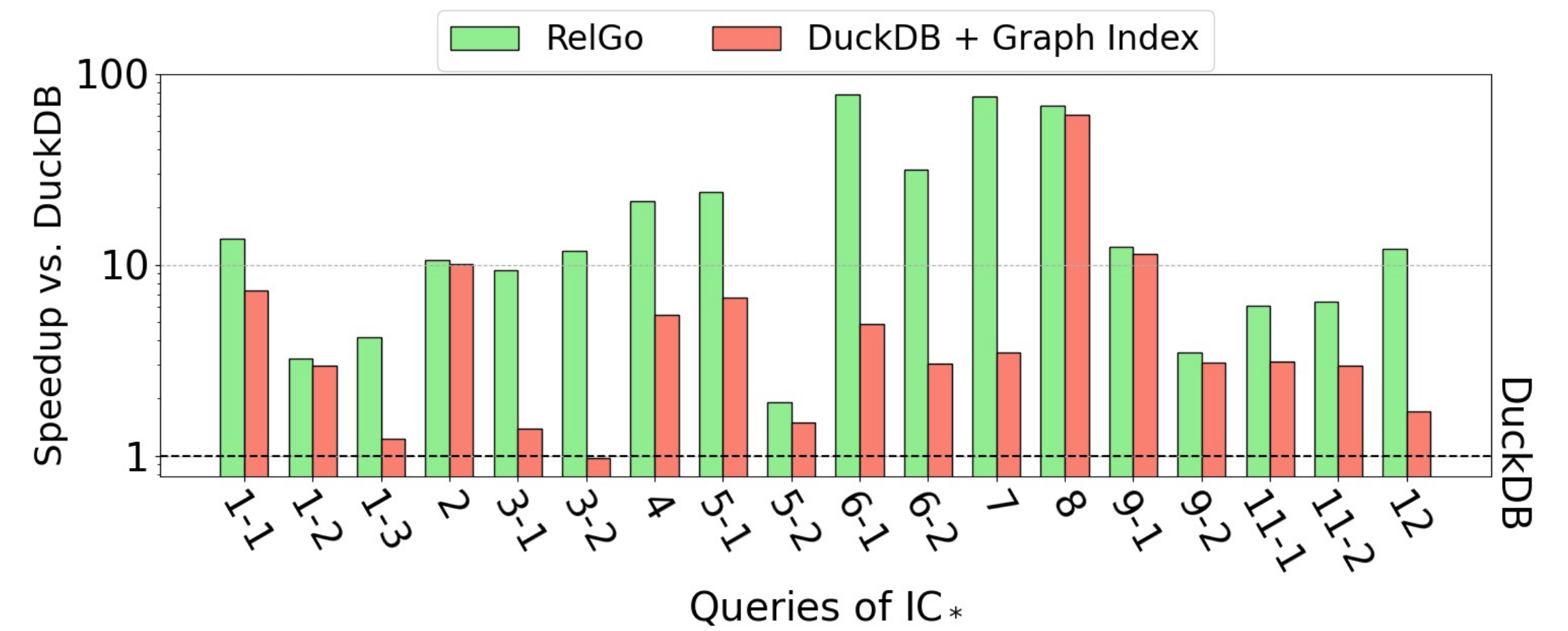
GOpt on DuckDB: Evaluation

➤ Experimental Settings

- LDBC Graph with 282 million vertices and 938 million edges
- IMDB Graph with 50 million vertices and 162 million edges

➤ Experimental Results

- IC Queries on LDBC
 - GOpt on DuckDB is about **21.9×**, **5.4×** faster than DuckDB, DuckDB + Graph Index (GrainDB)
- JOB Queries on IMDB
 - GOpt on DuckDB is about **8.2×**, **4.0×** faster than DuckDB, DuckDB + Graph Index (GrainDB)



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