Accelerating Dynamic Software Analyses

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A problem has been detected and windows has been shut down to prevent damage to your computer.

The problem seems to be caused by the following file: SPCMDCON.SYS

PAGE_FAULT_IN_NONPAGED_AREA

If this is the first time you've seen this Stop error screen,
restart your computer. If this screen appears again, follow
these steps:

Check to make sure any new hardware or software is properly installed.
If this is a new installation, ask your hardware or software manufacturer
for any windows updates you might need.

If problems continue, disable or remove any newly installed hardware
or software. Disable BIOS memory options such as caching or shadowing.
If you need to use Safe Mode to remove or disable components, restart
your computer, press F8 to select Advanced Startup Options, and then
select Safe Mode.

Technical information:

*** STOP: 0x00000050 (0xFD3094C2,0x00000001,0xFBFE7617,0x00000000)

*** SPCMDCON.SYS - Address FBFE7617 base at FBFE5000, DateStamp 3d6dd67c

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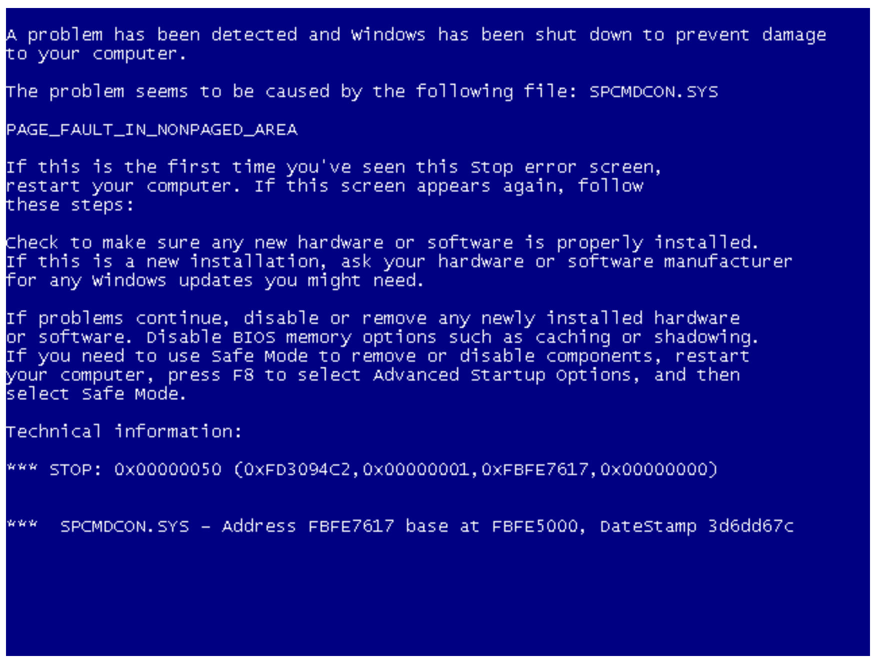

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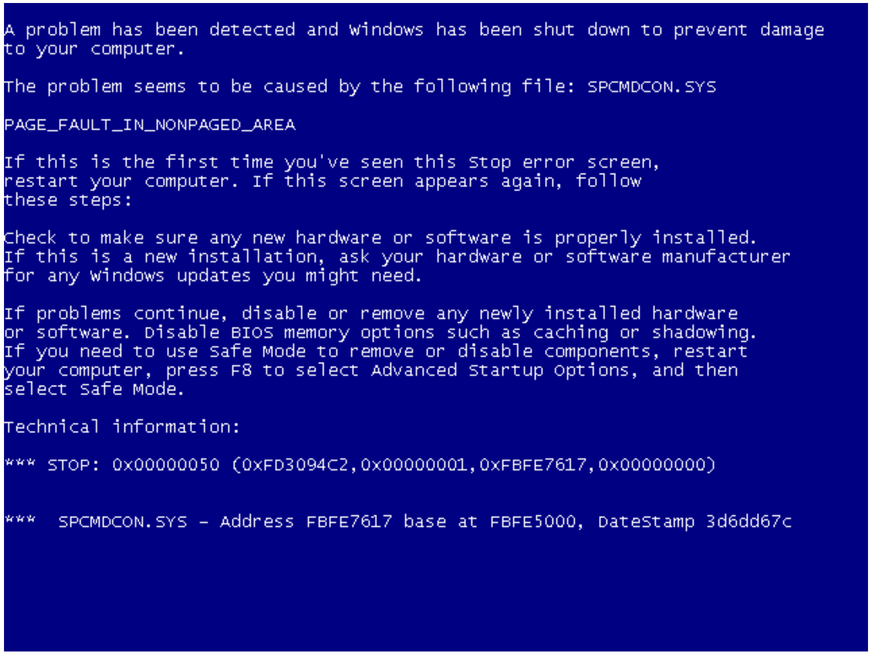

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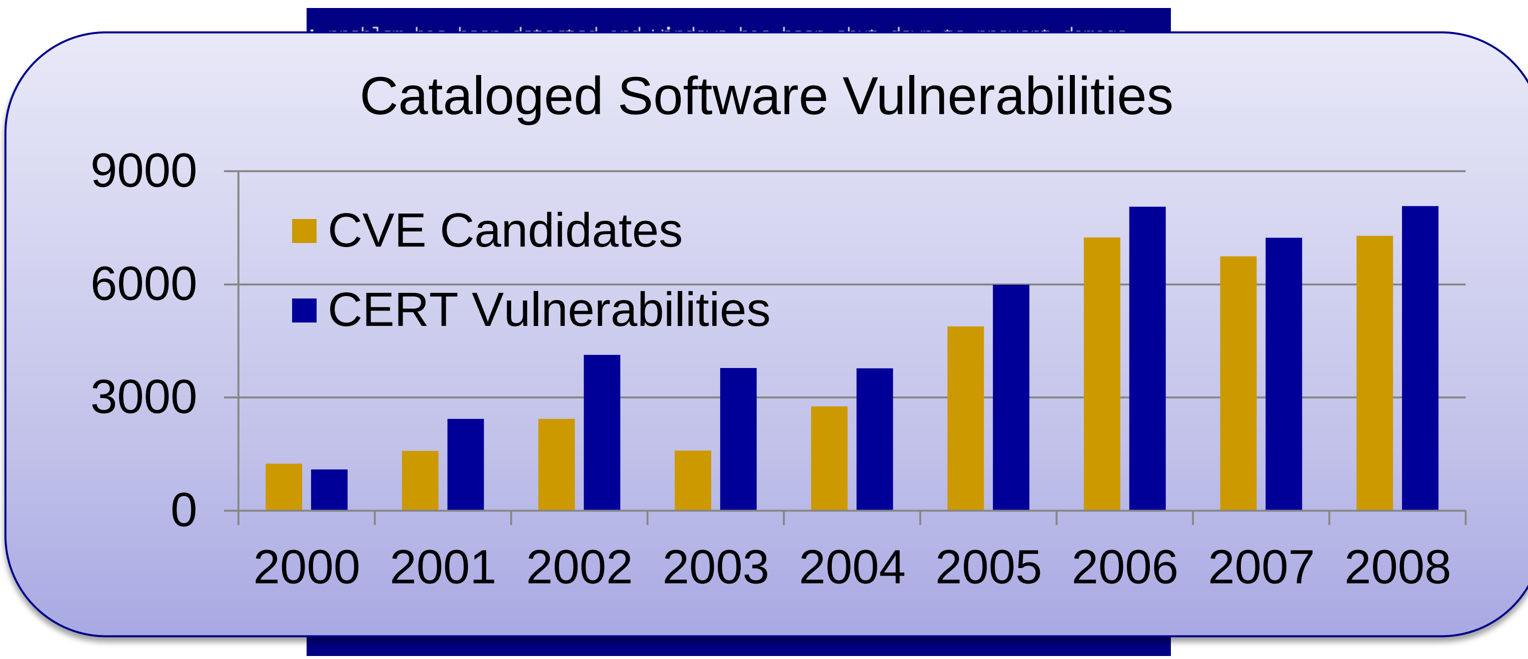

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Nov. 2010 OpenSSL Security Flaw

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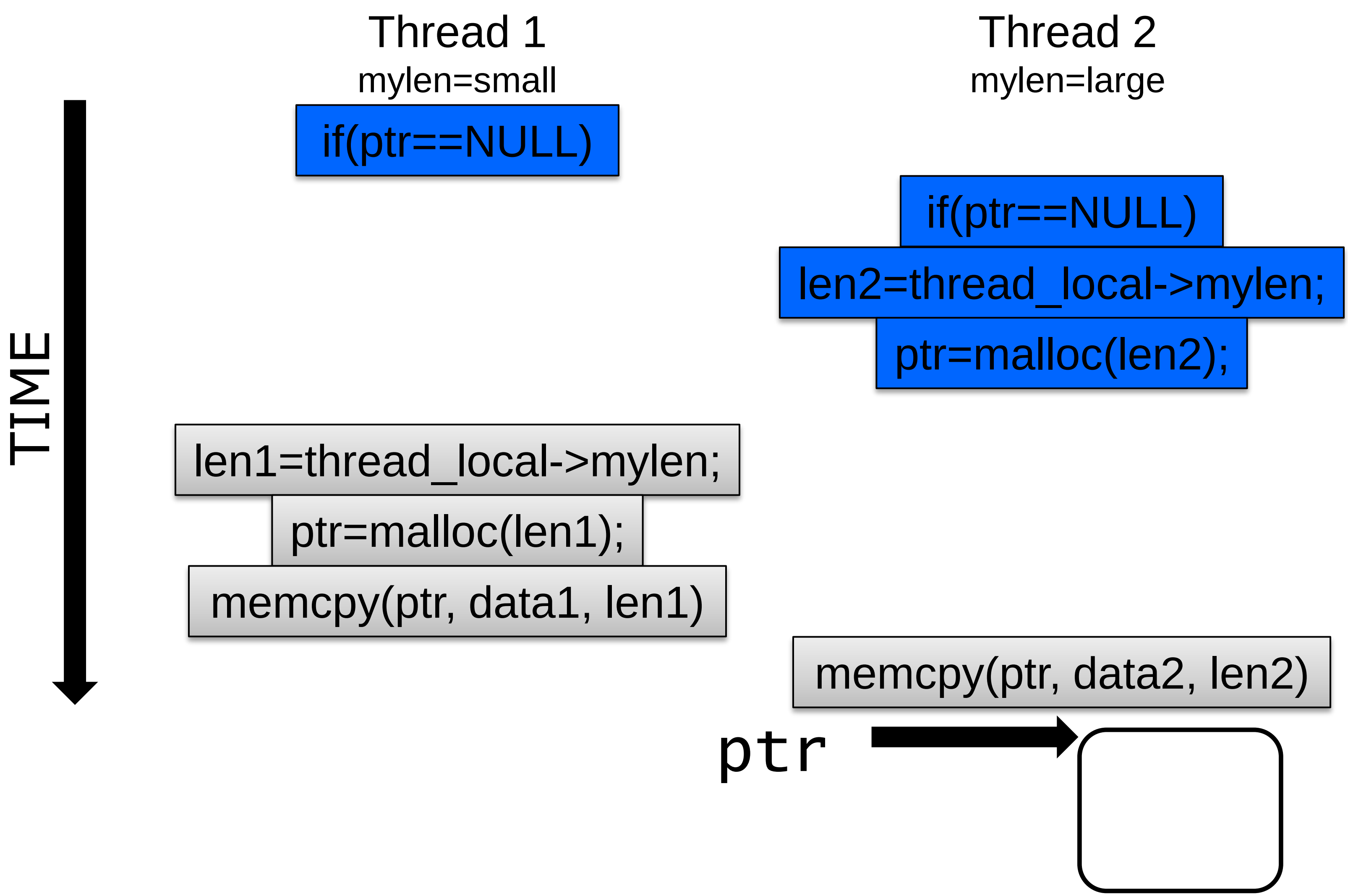

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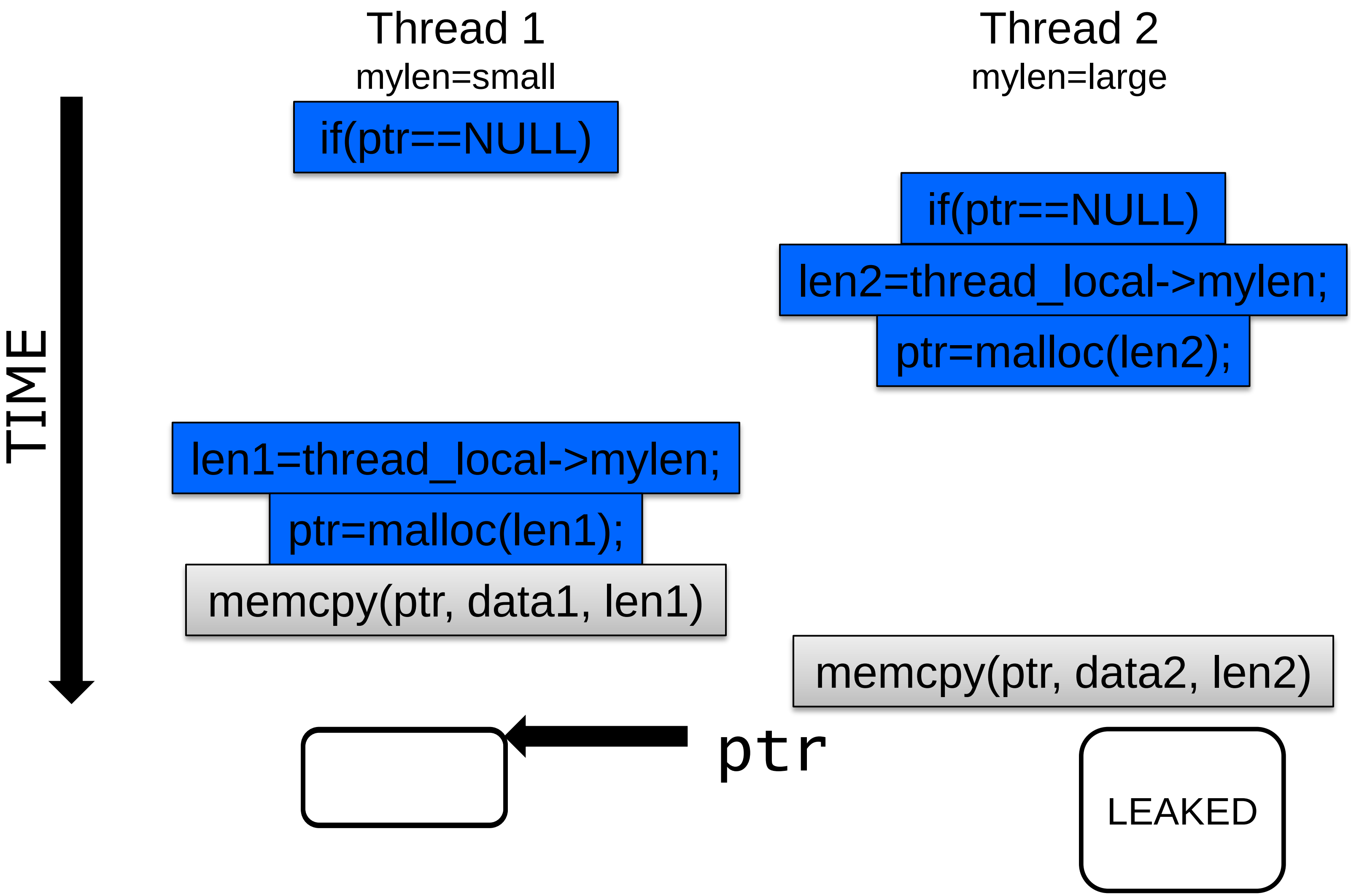

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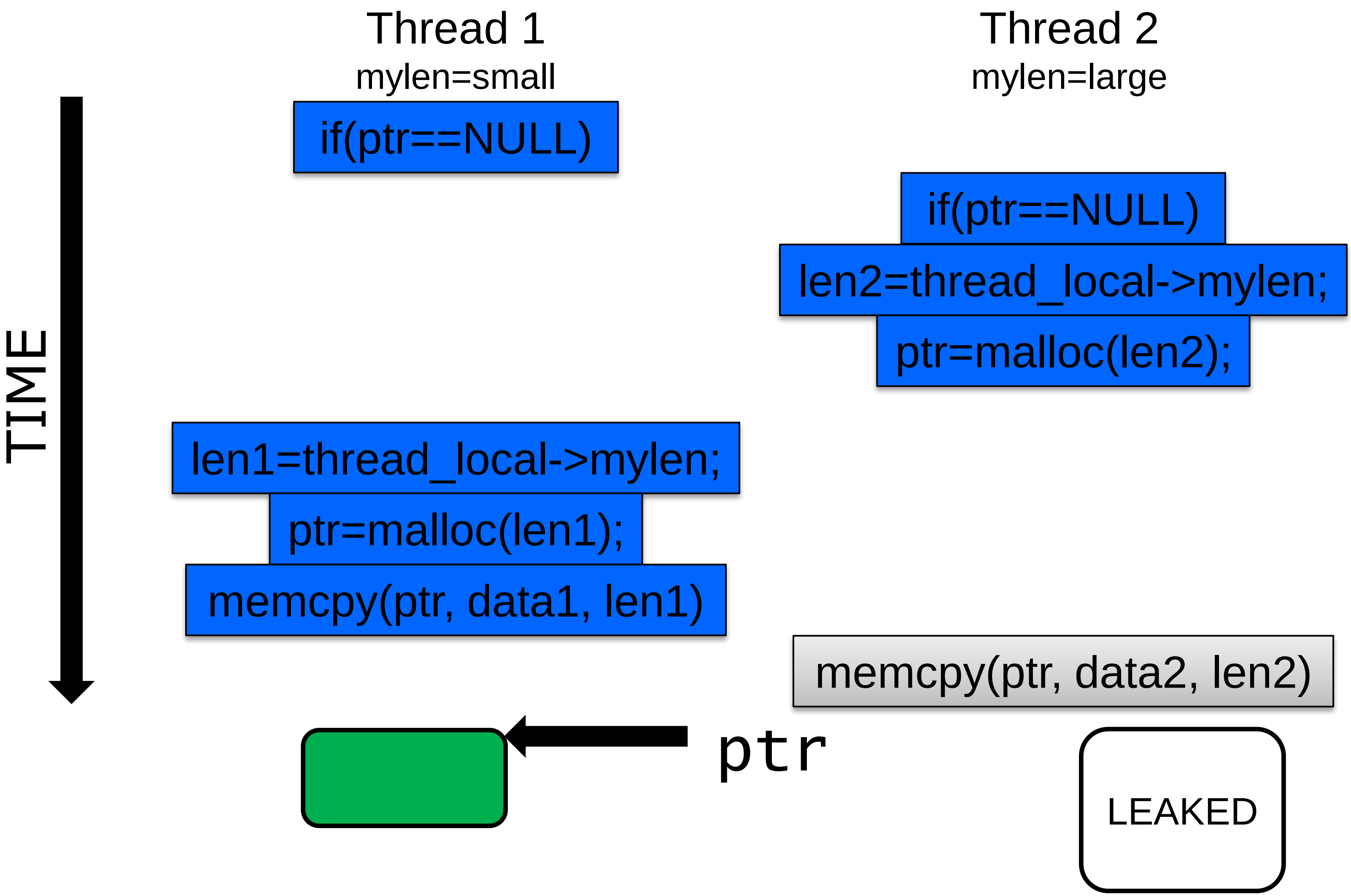

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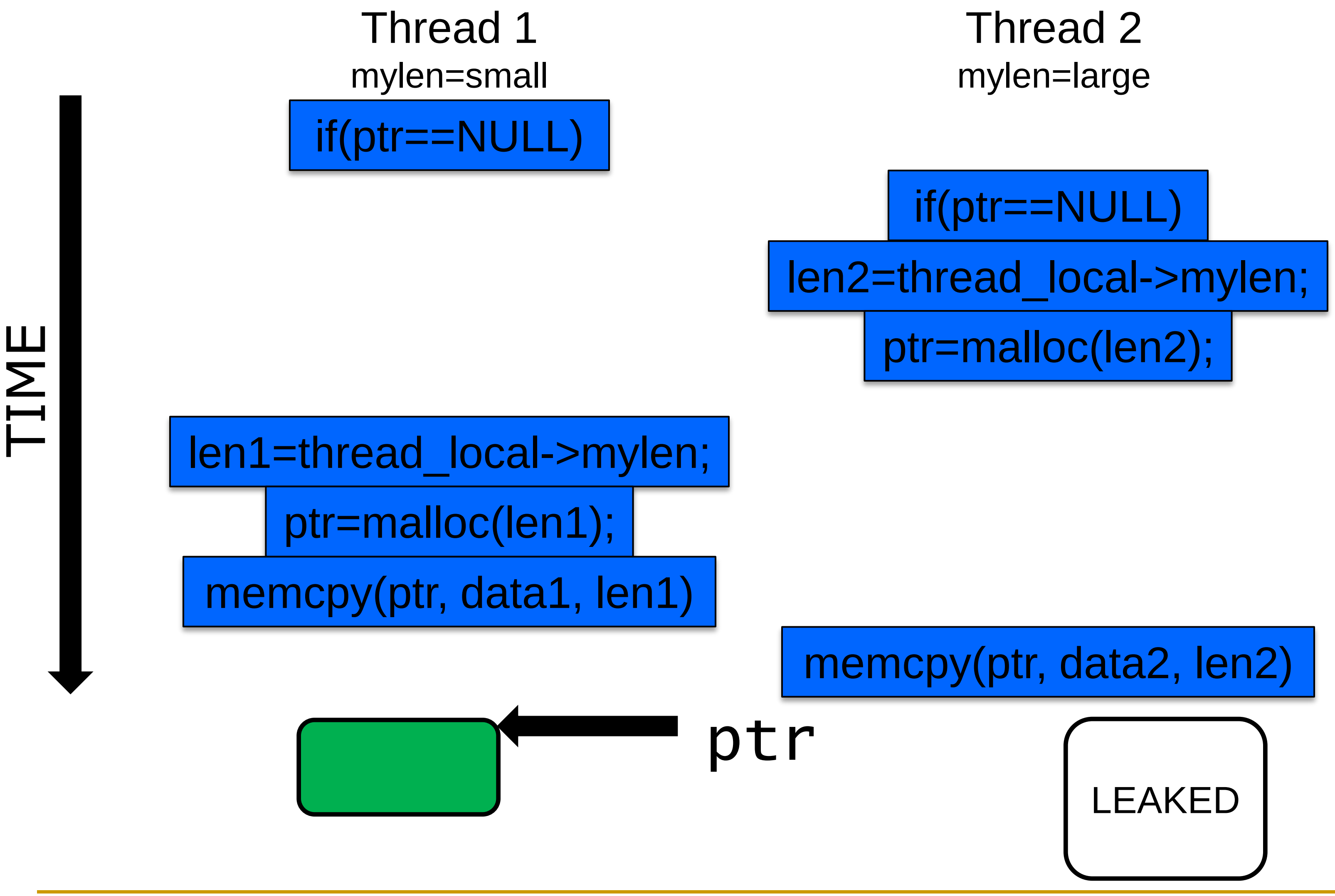

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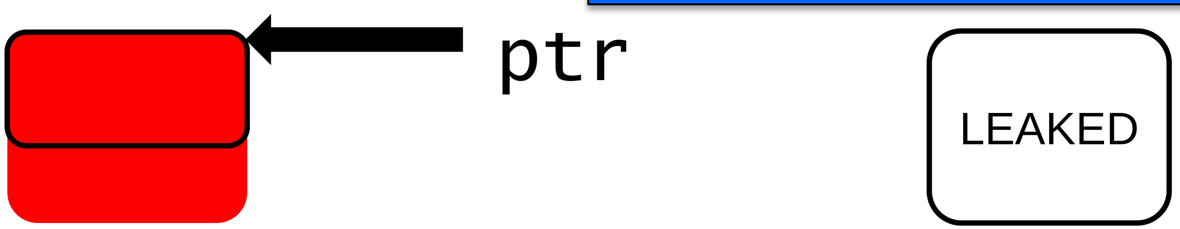

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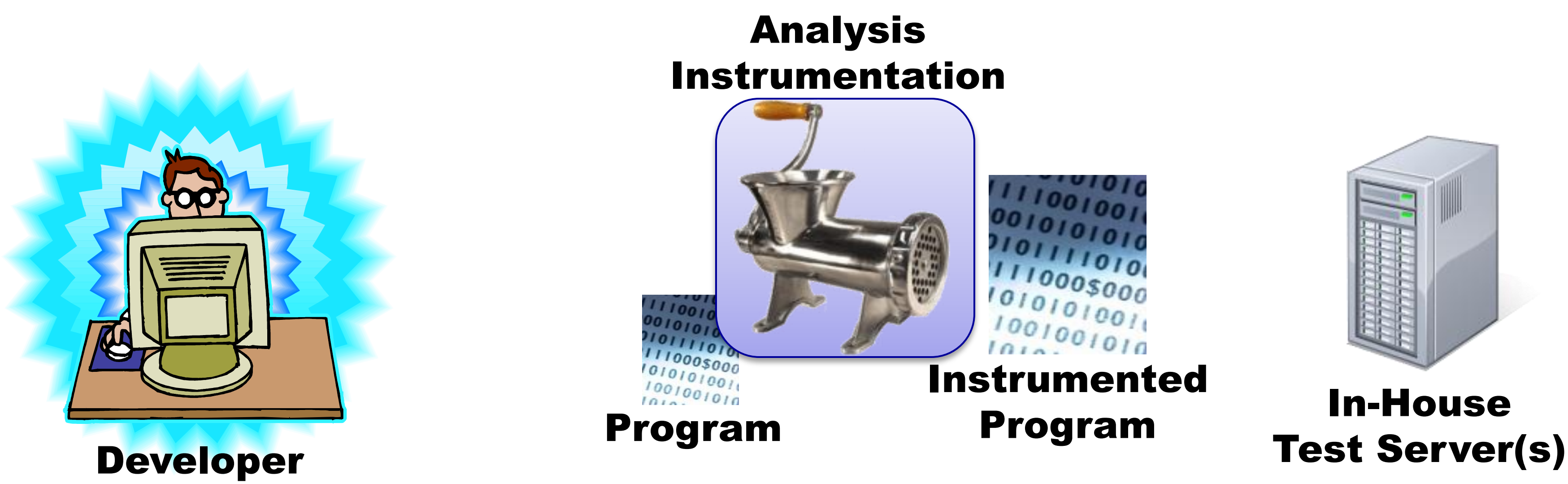

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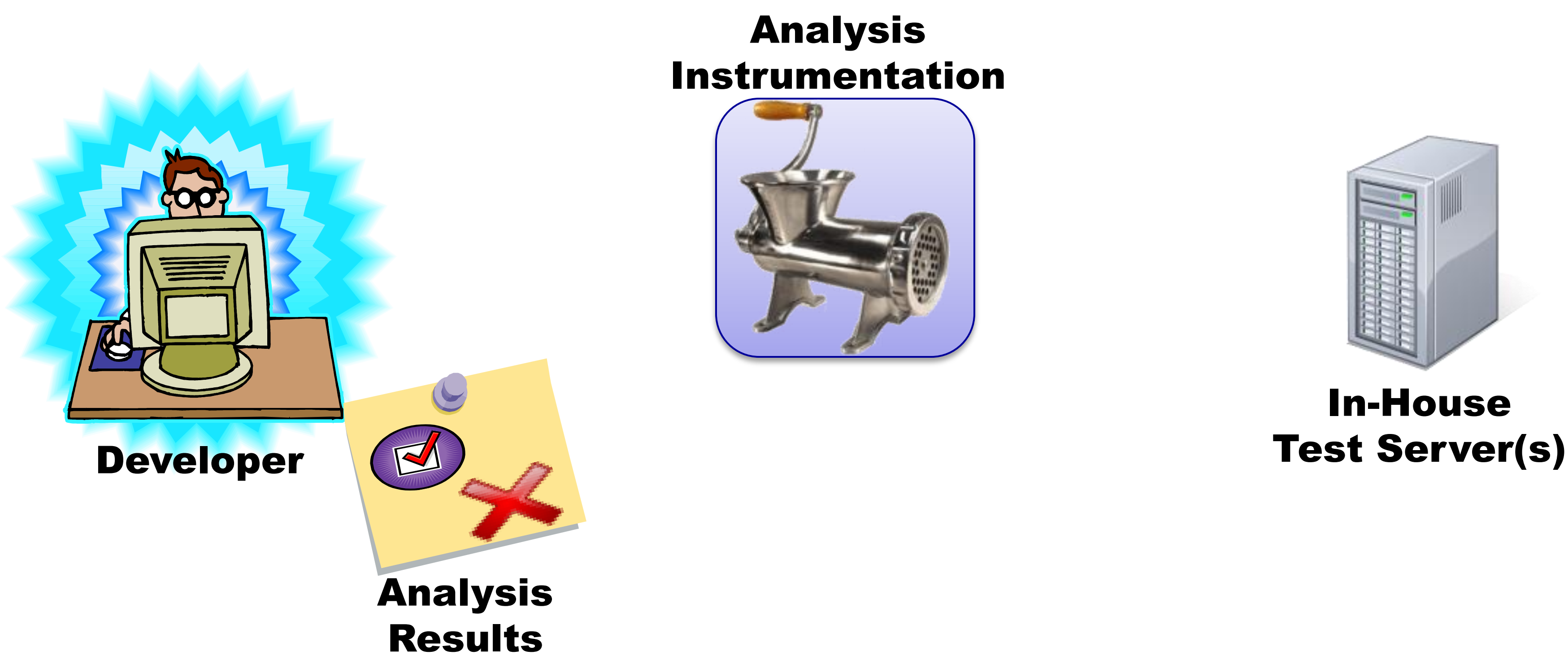

Runtime Overheads: How Large?

- Data Race Detection
  (e.g. Inspector XE)
  2-300x
- Taint Analysis
  (e.g.TaintCheck)
  2-200x
- Memory Checking
  (e.g. MemCheck)
  5-50x
- Dynamic Bounds Checking
  10-80x
- Symbolic Execution
  10-200x

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- **Associate** meta-data with program values
- **Propagate/Clear** meta-data while executing
- **Check** meta-data for safety & correctness
- Forms dataflows of meta/shadow information

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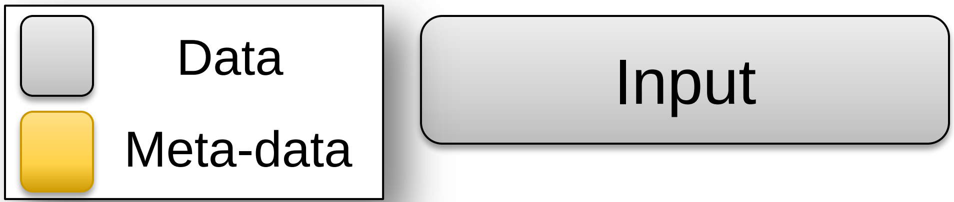

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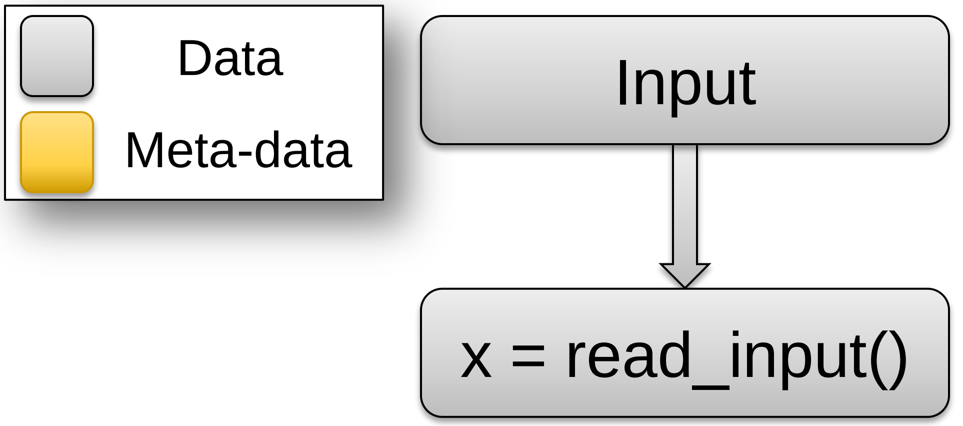

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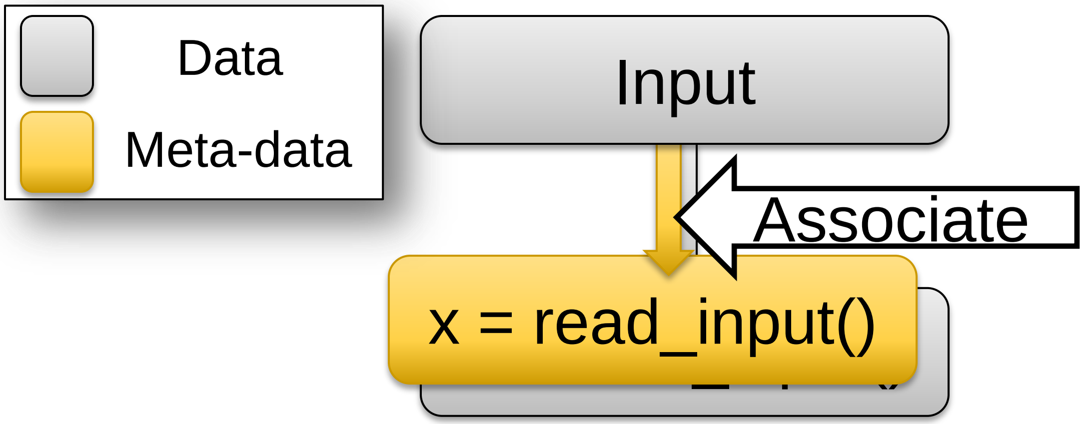

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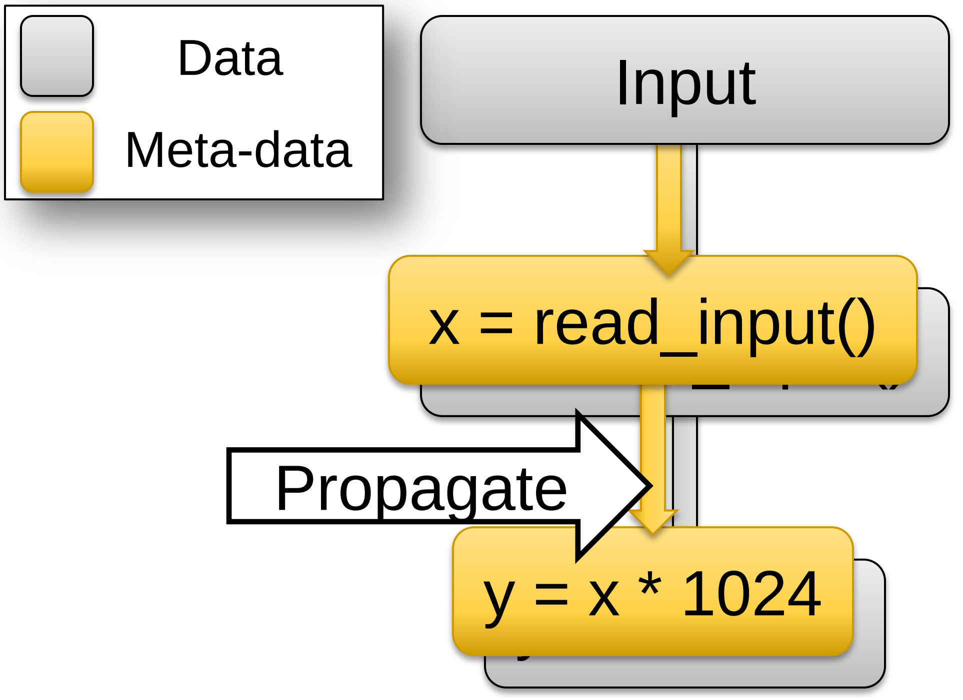

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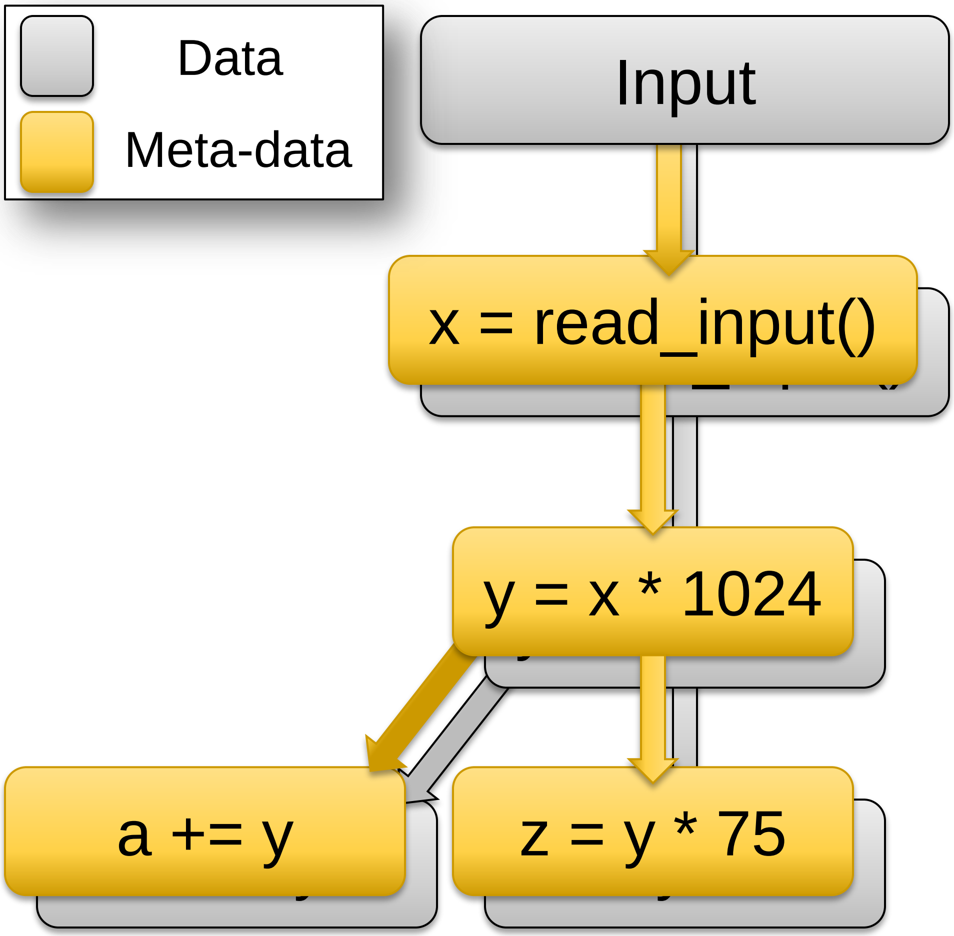

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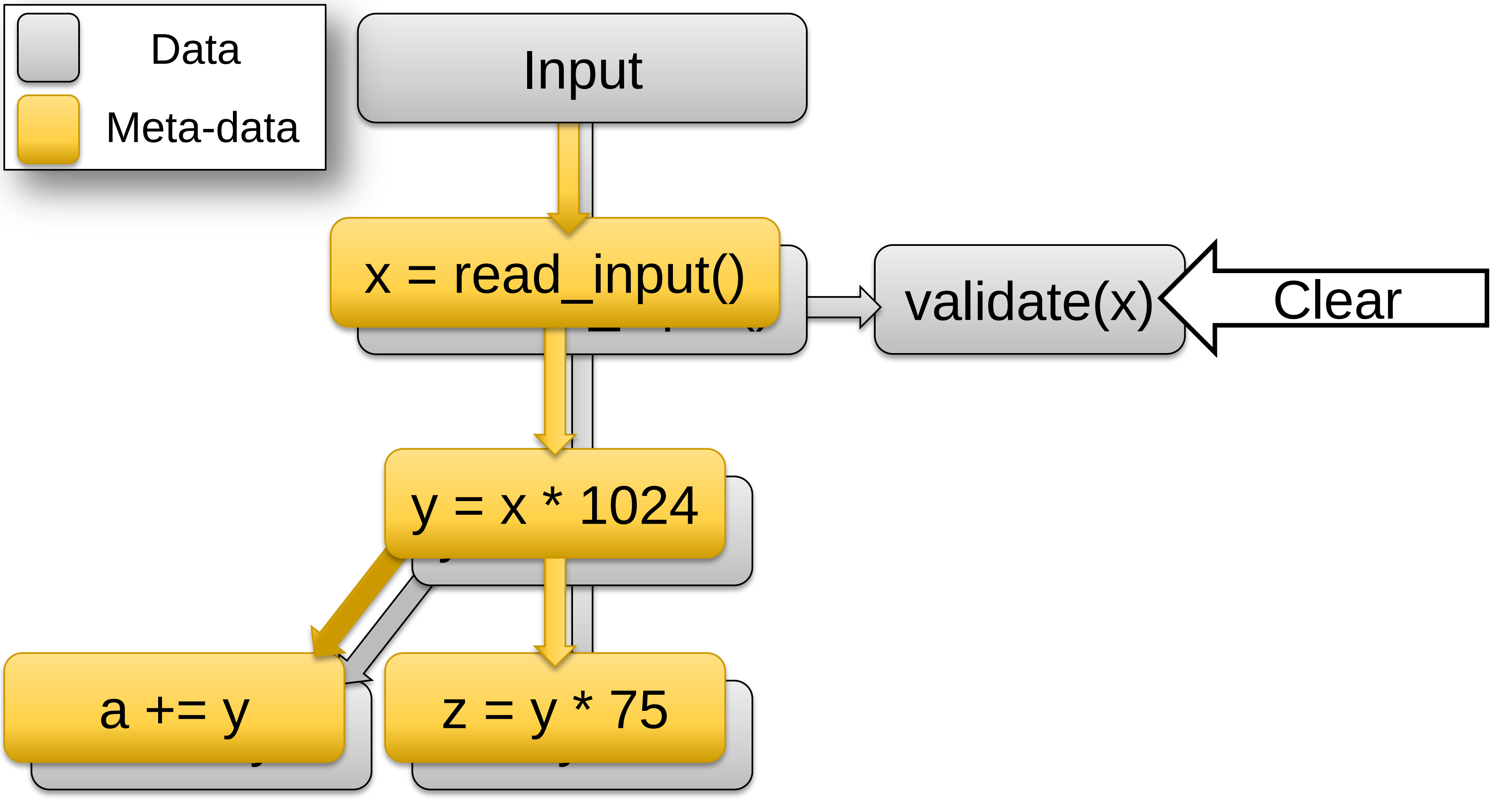

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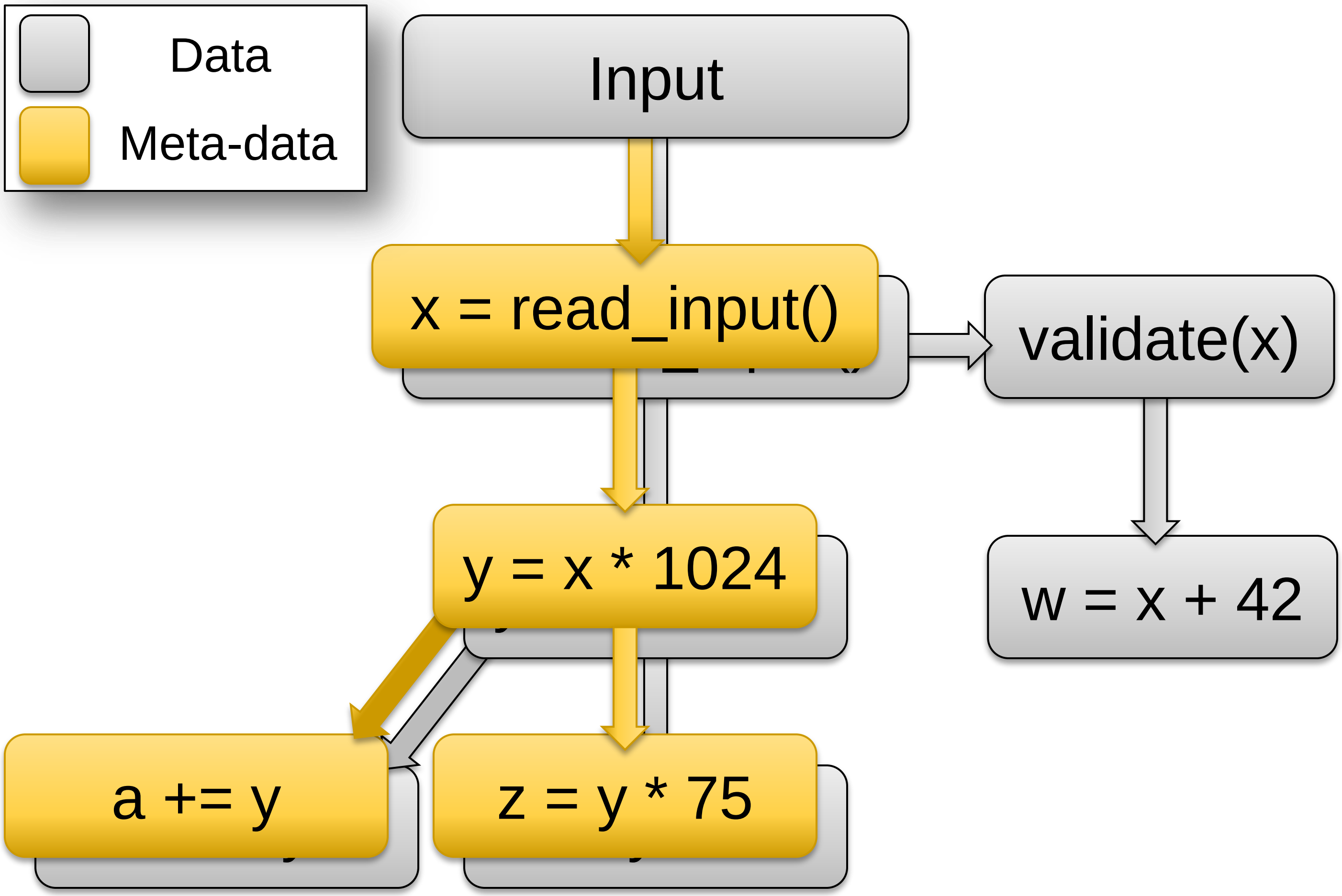

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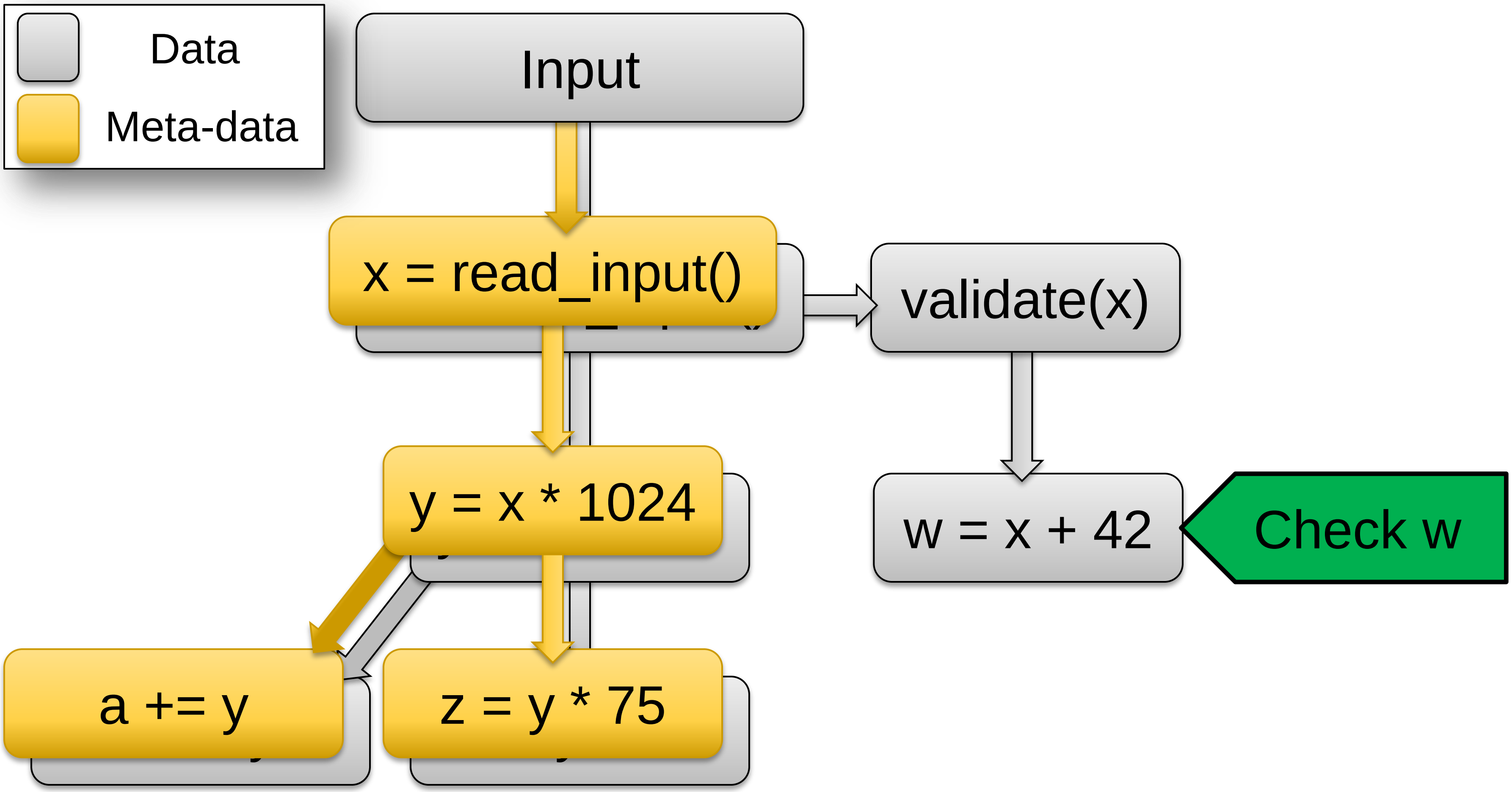

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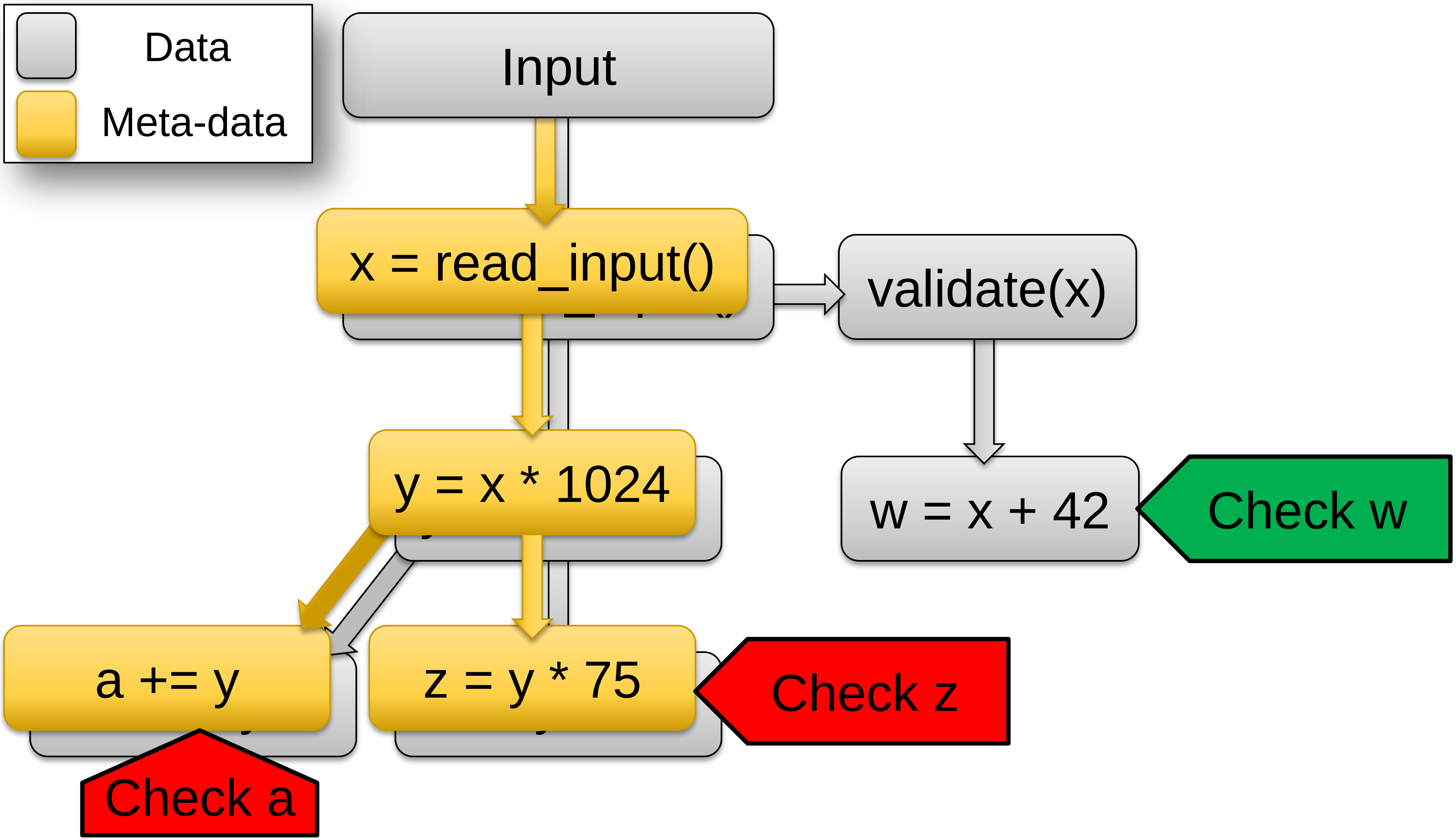

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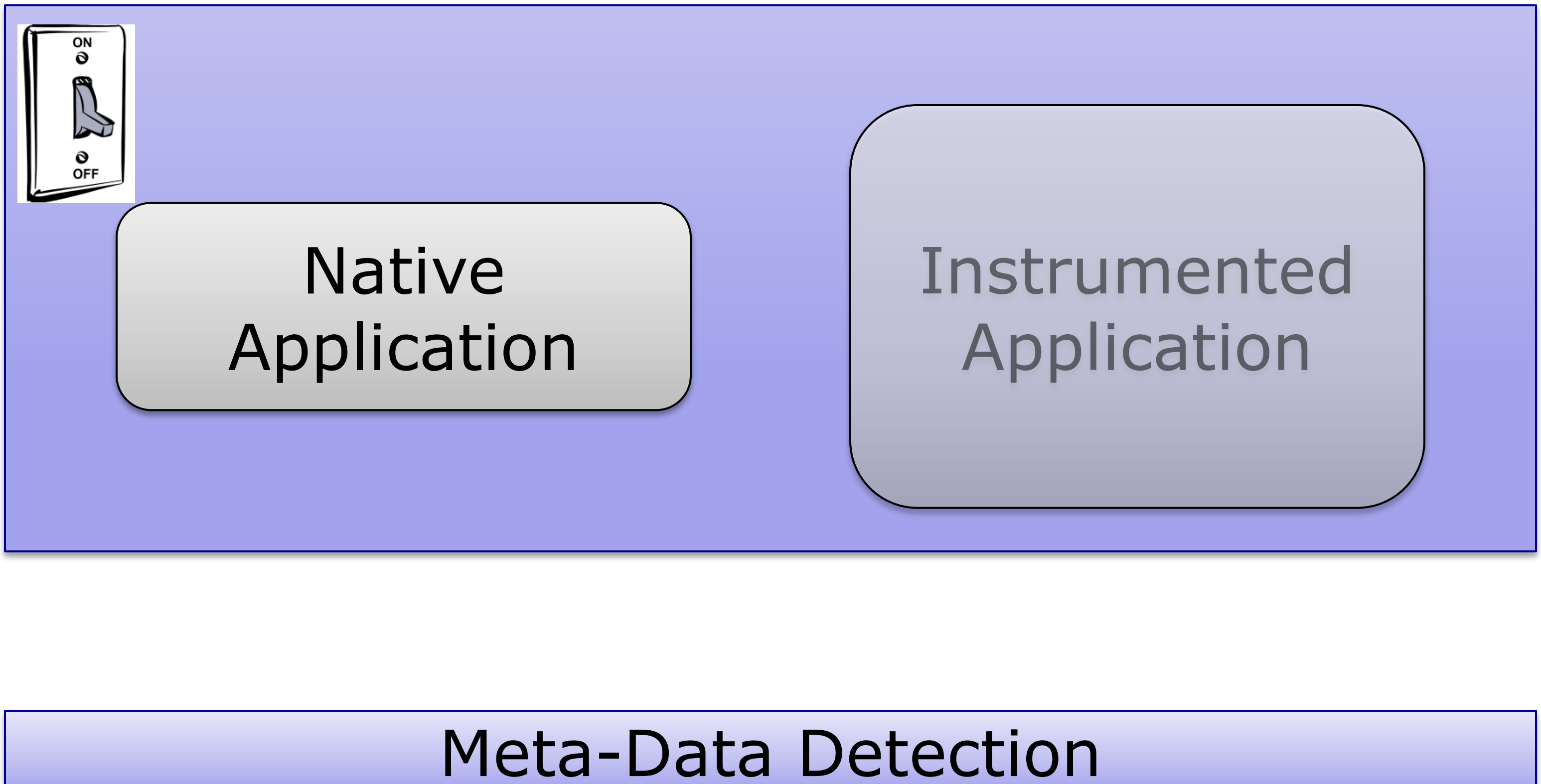

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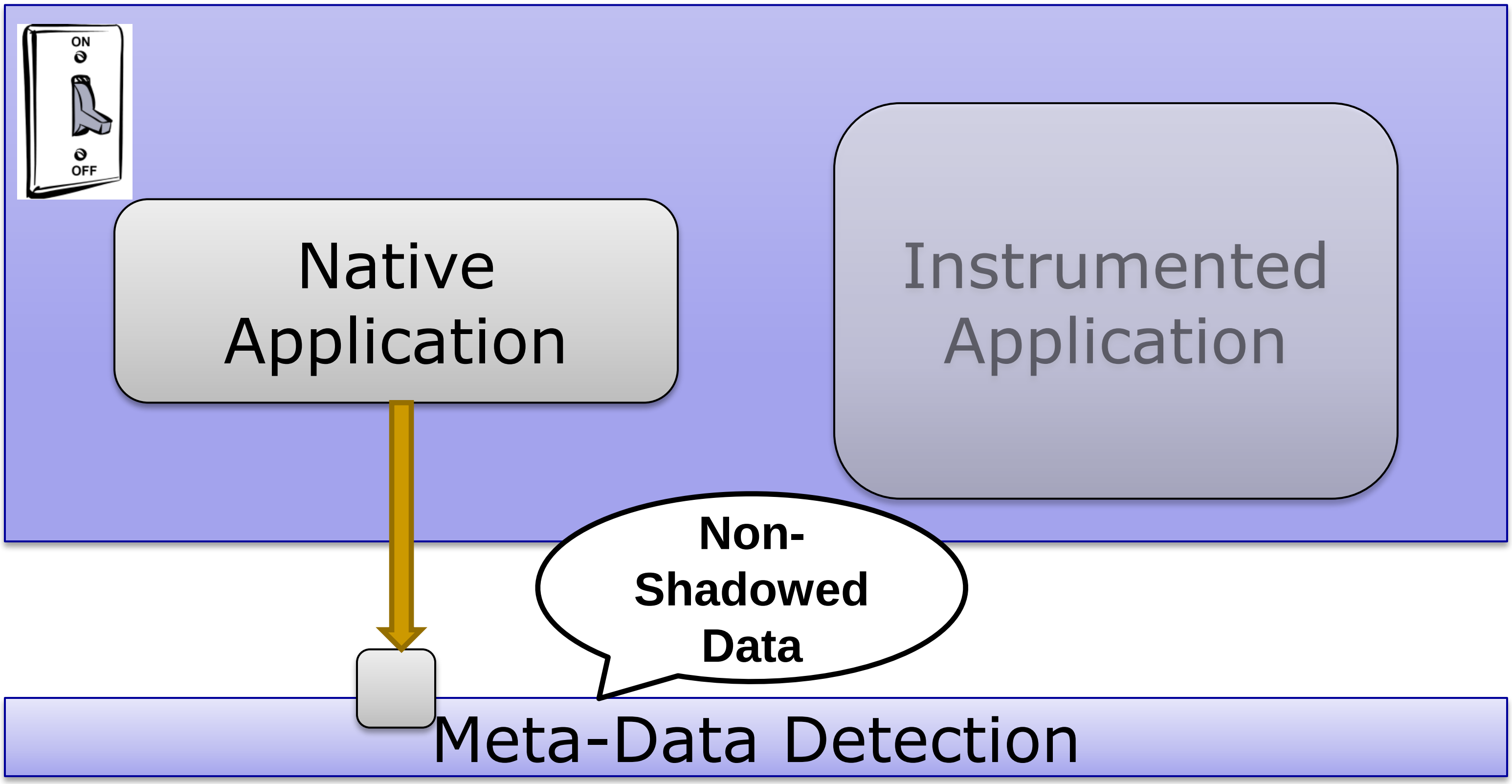

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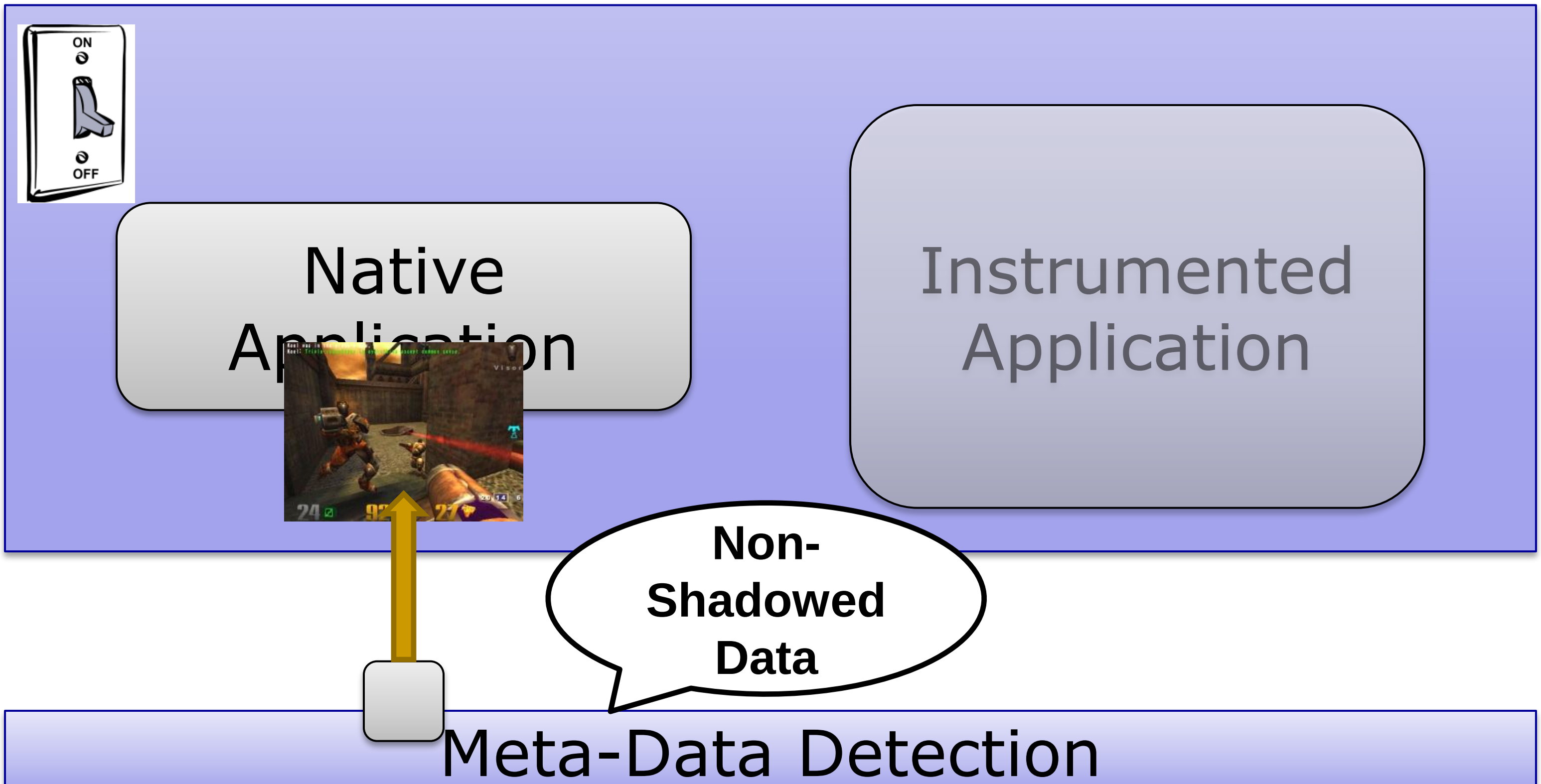

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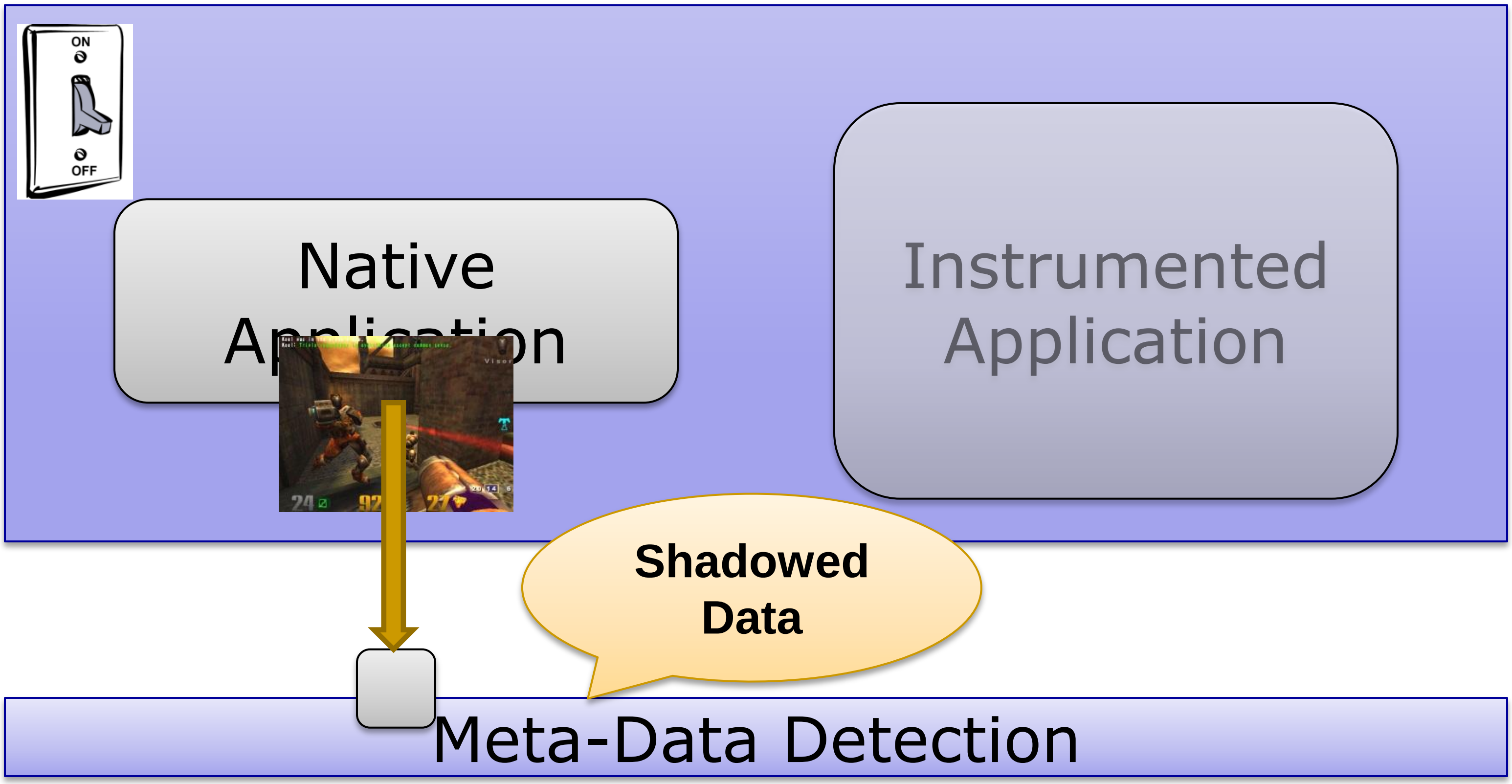

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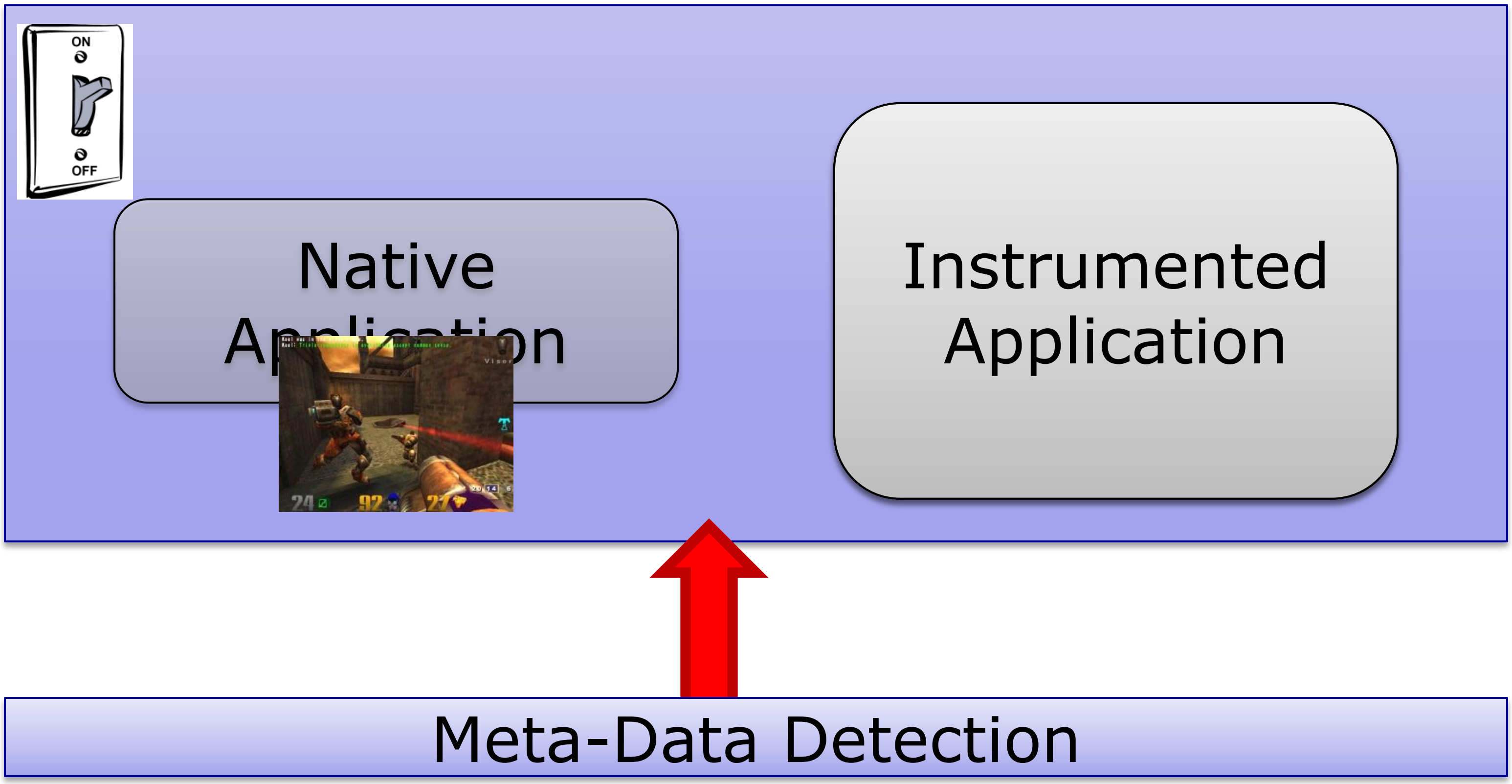

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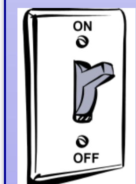

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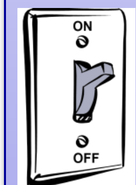

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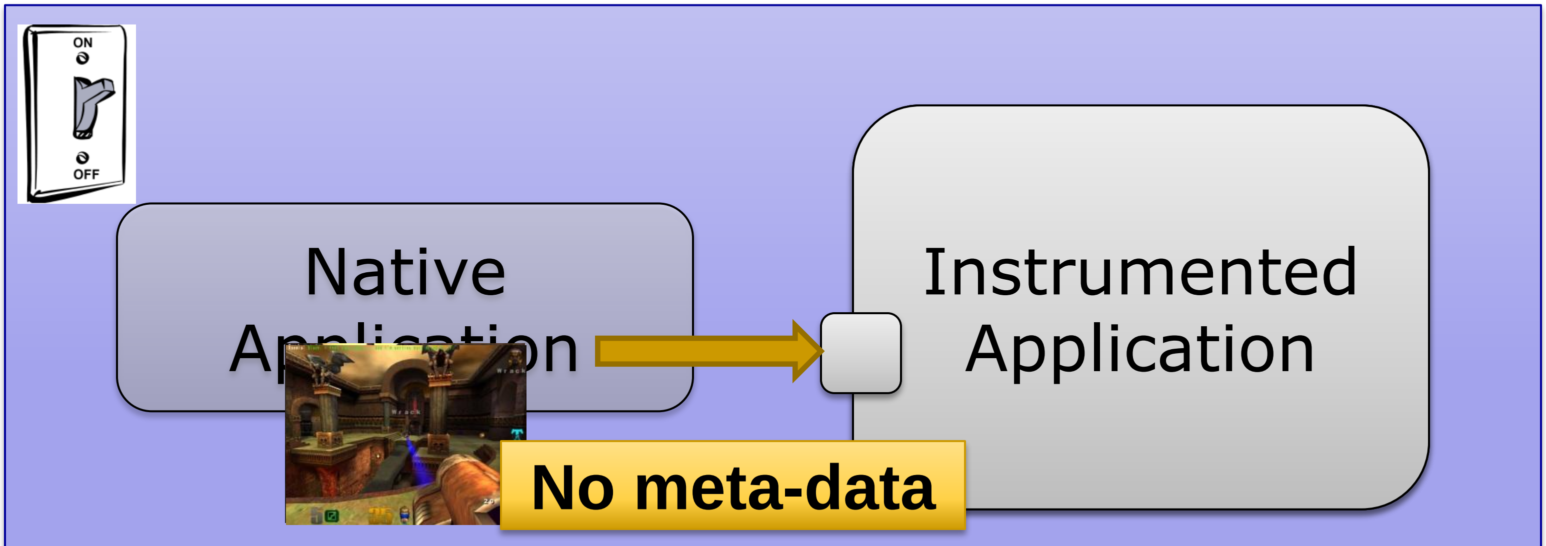

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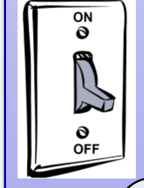

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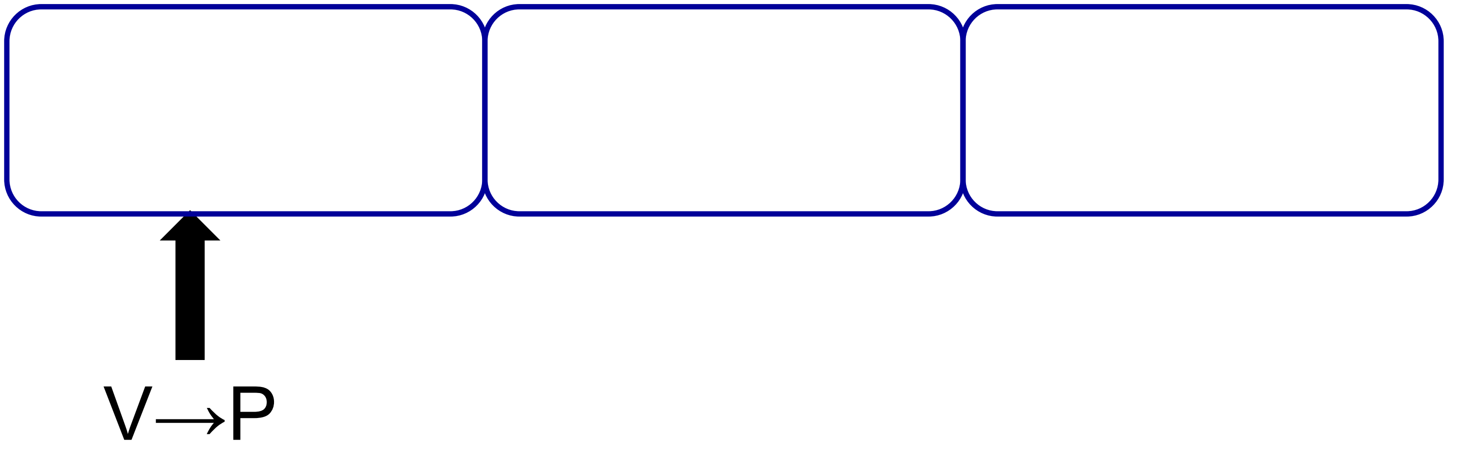

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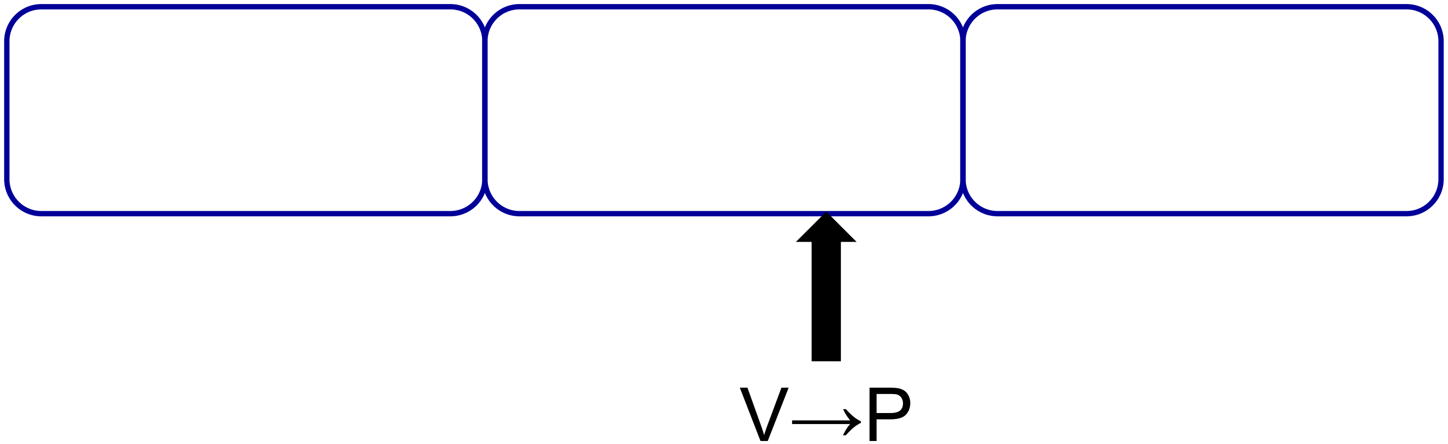

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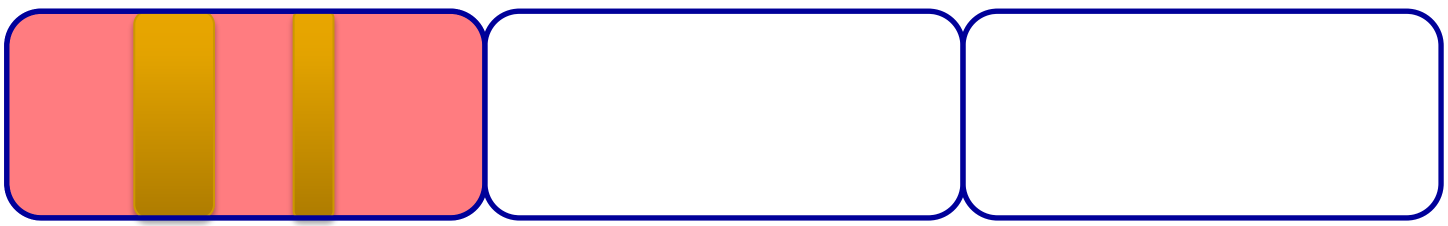

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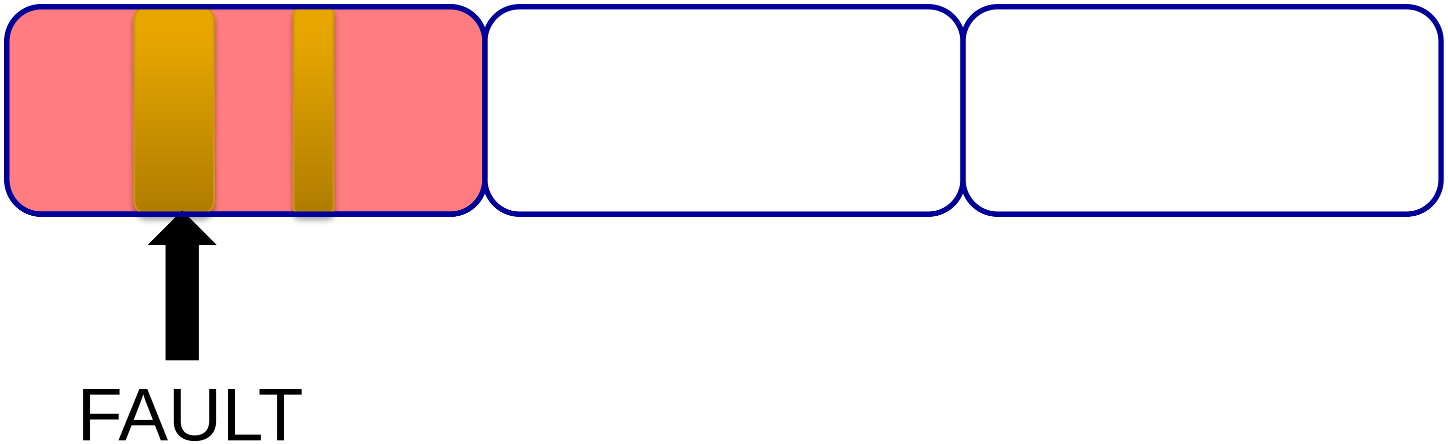

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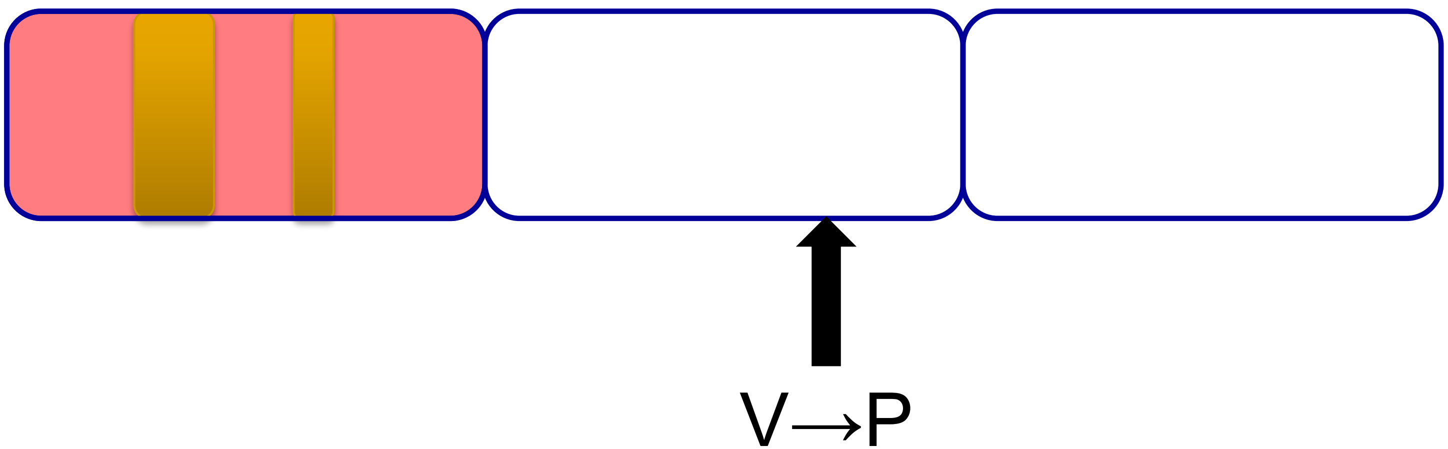
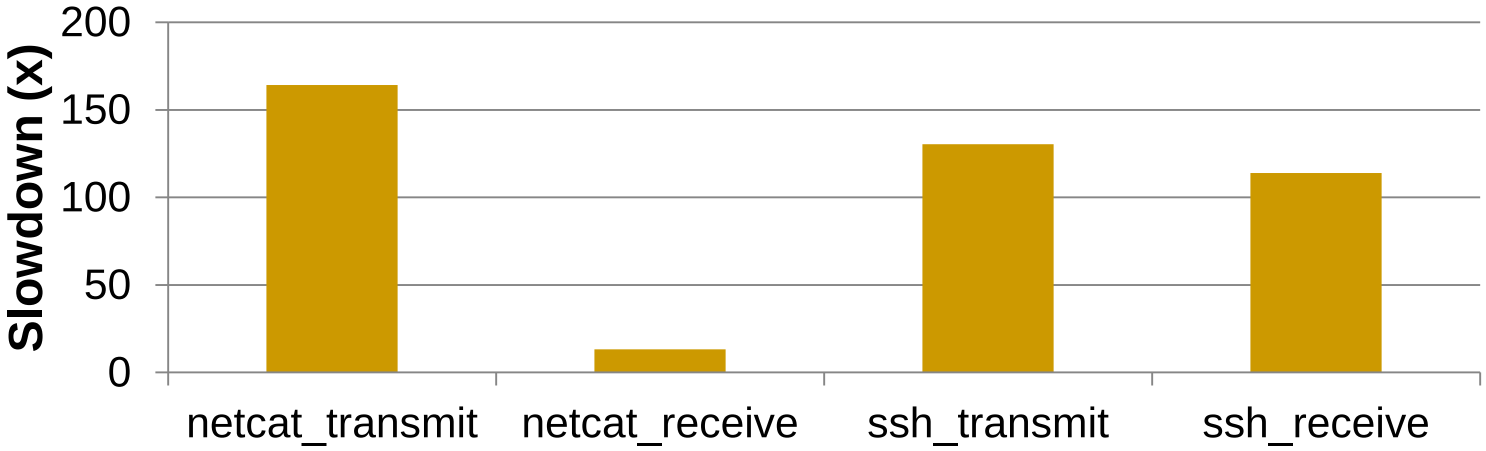


Results by Ho et al.

- lmbench Best Case Results:

System	Slowdown (normalized)
Taint Analysis	101.7x
On-Demand Taint Analysis	1.98x

- Results when everything is tainted:



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- Add checks around every memory access
- Find inter-thread sharing events
- Synchronization between write-shared accesses?
  - No? Data race.

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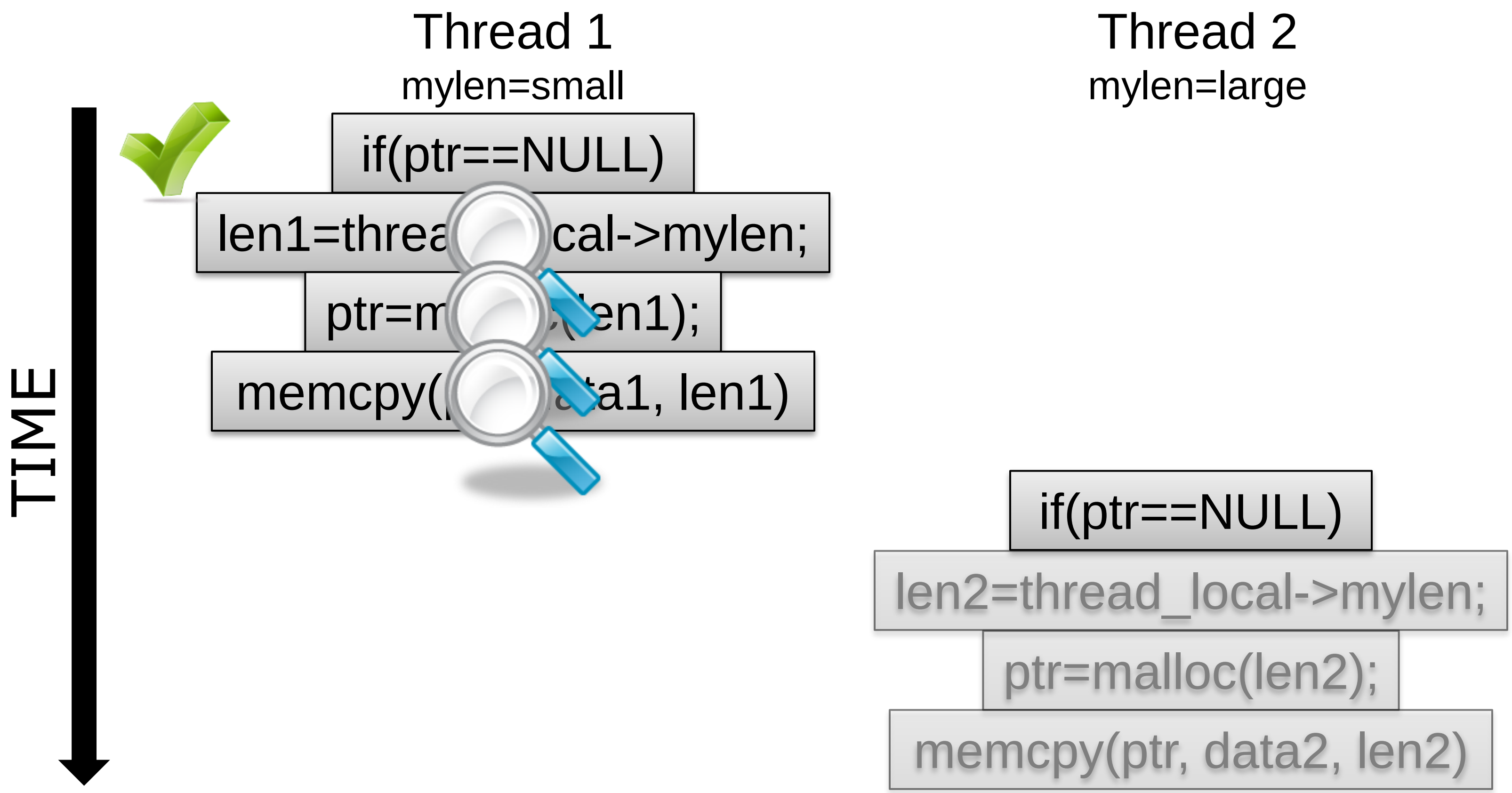

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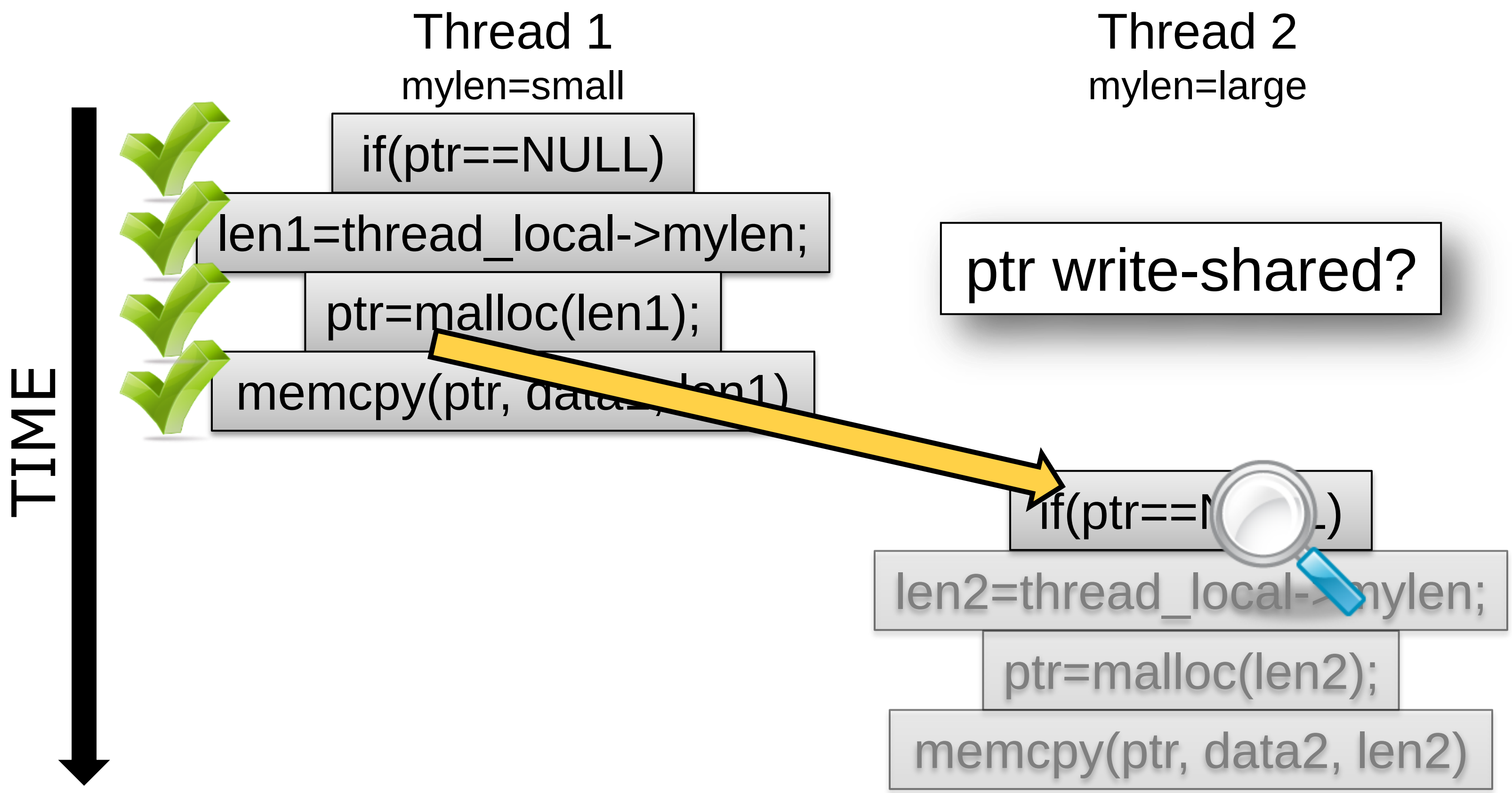

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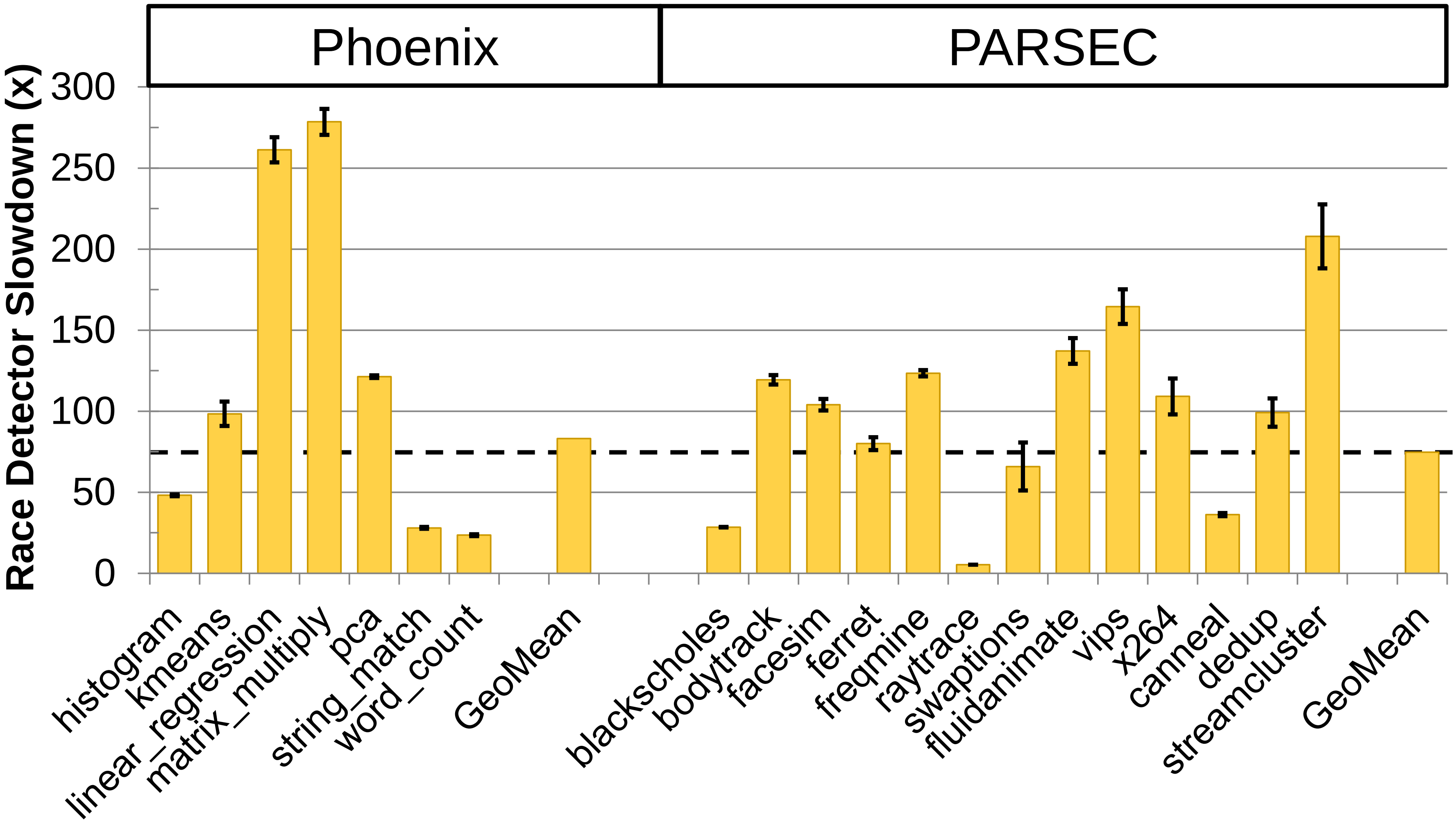

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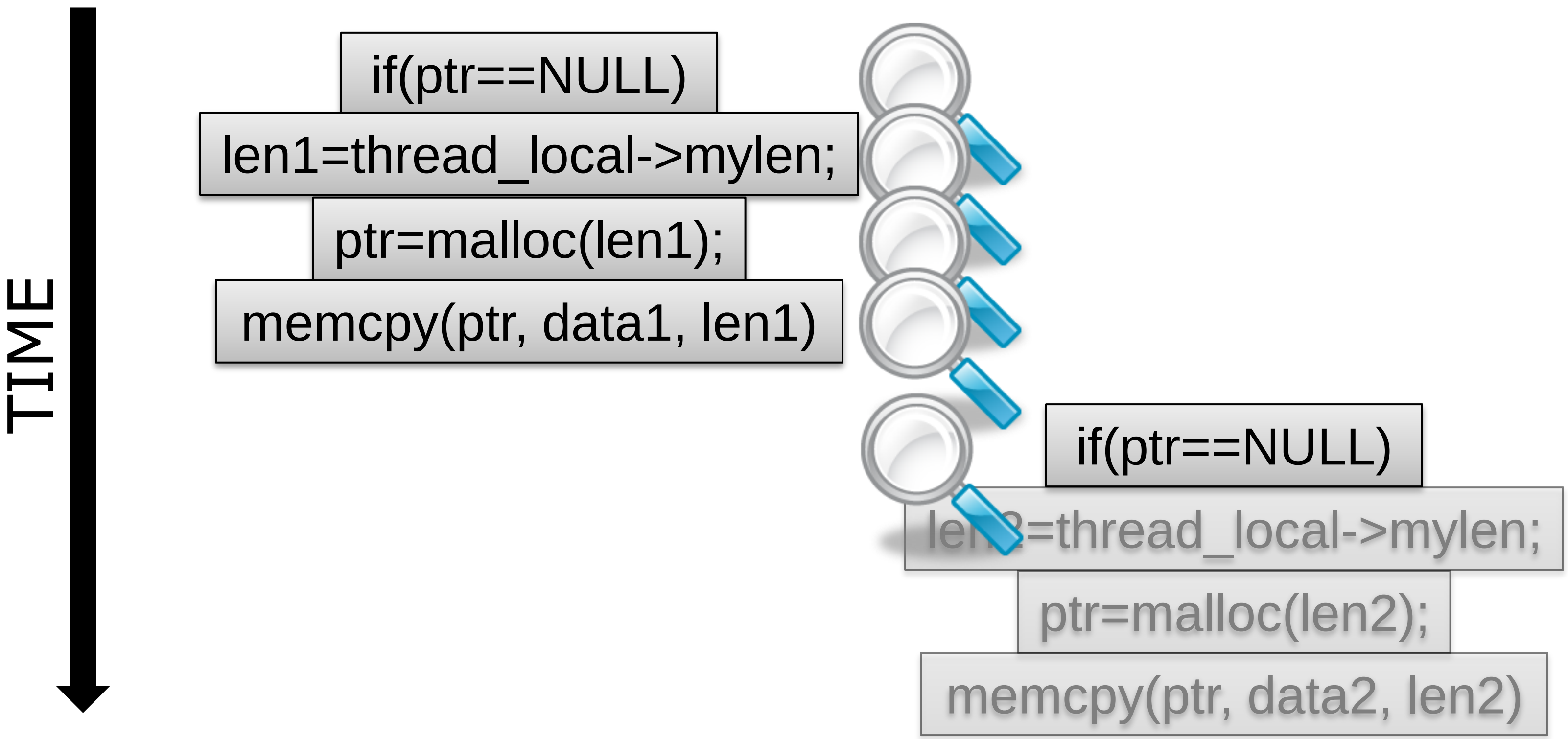

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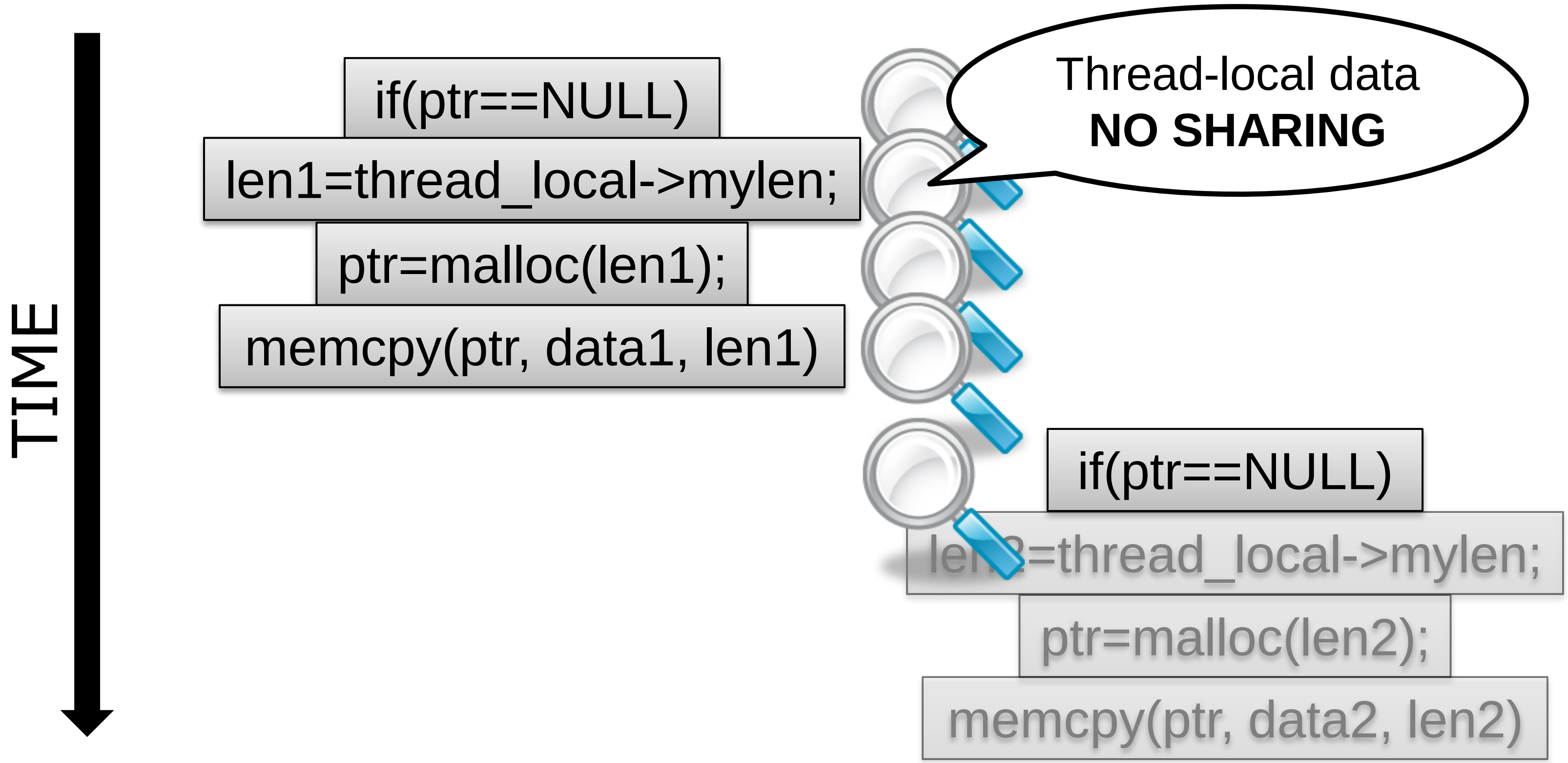

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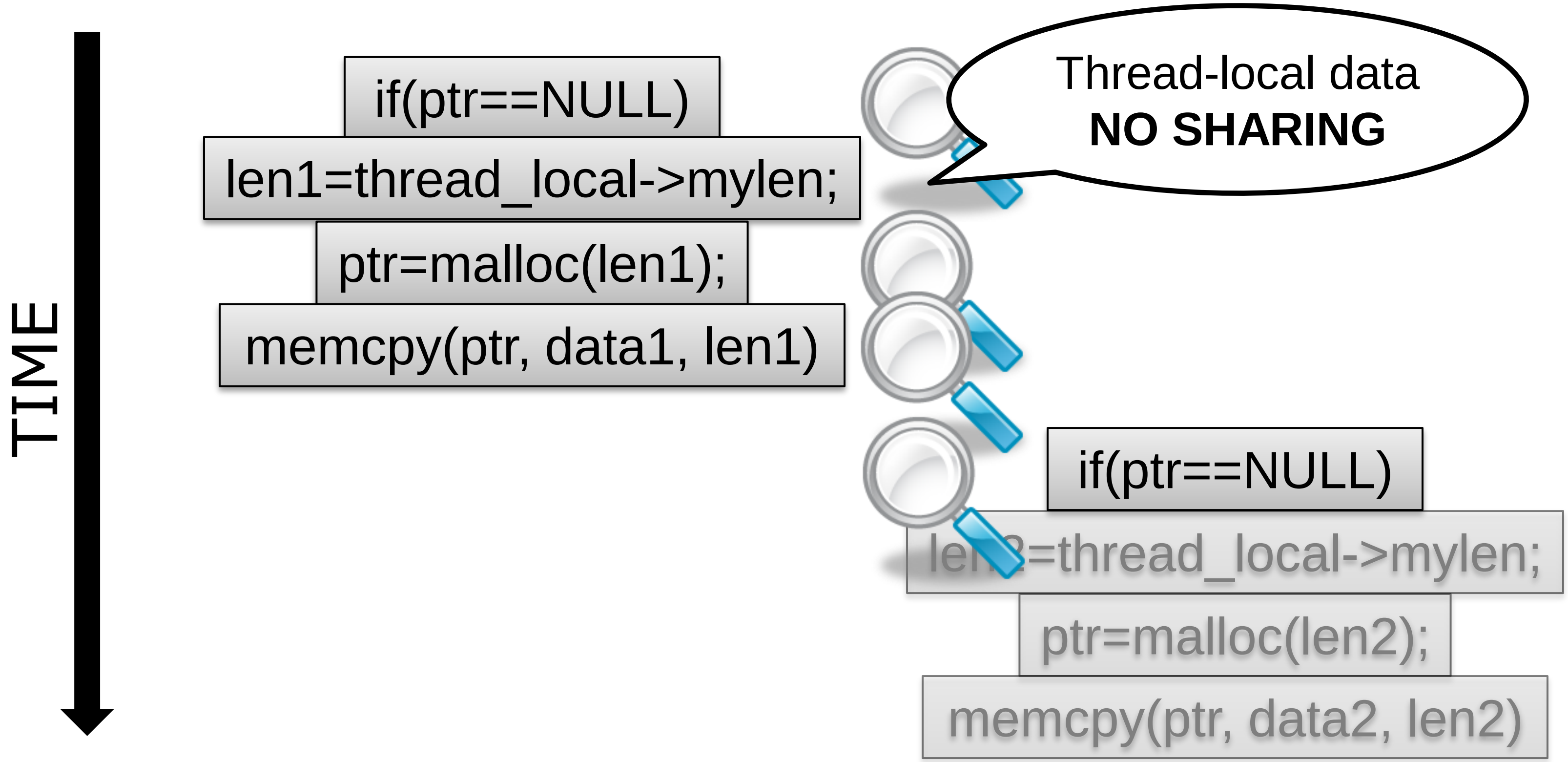

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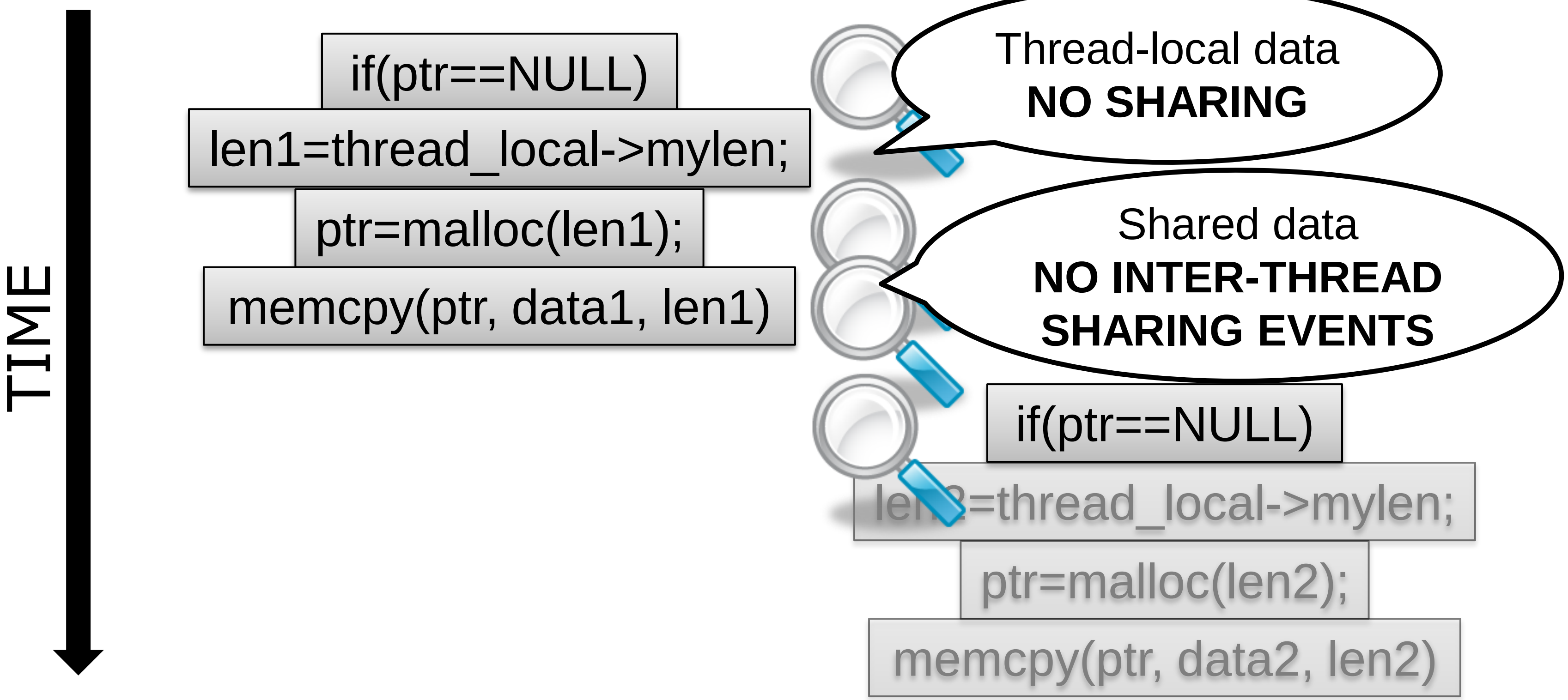

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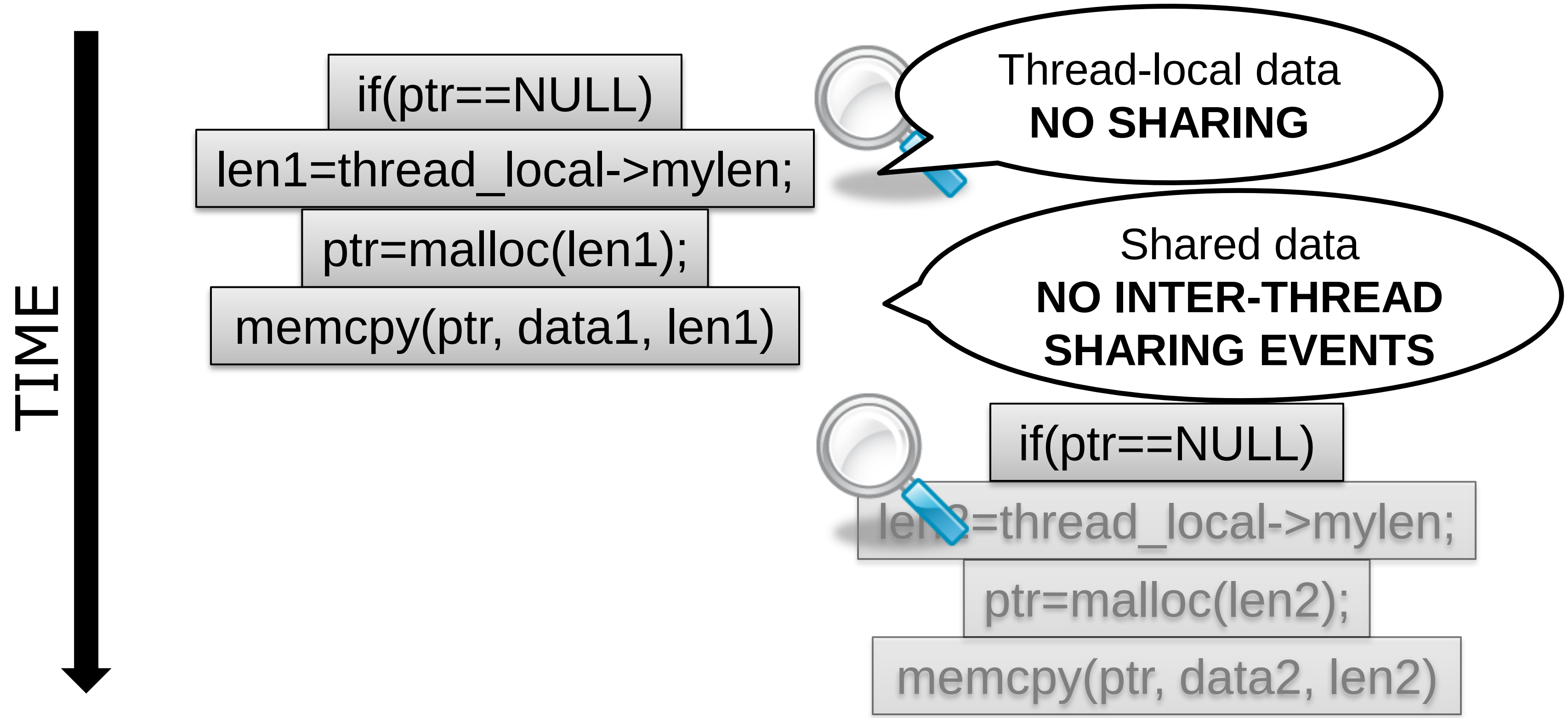

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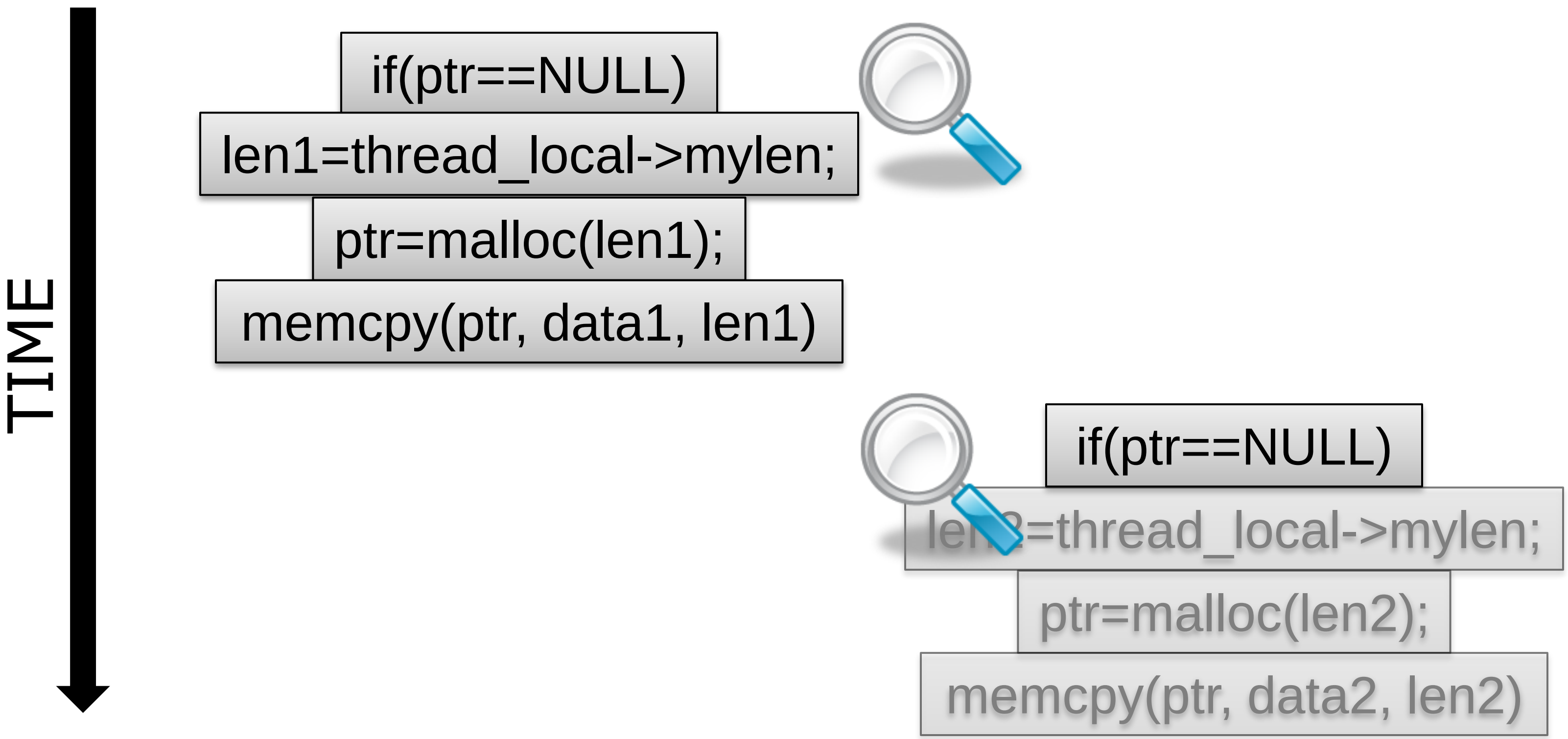

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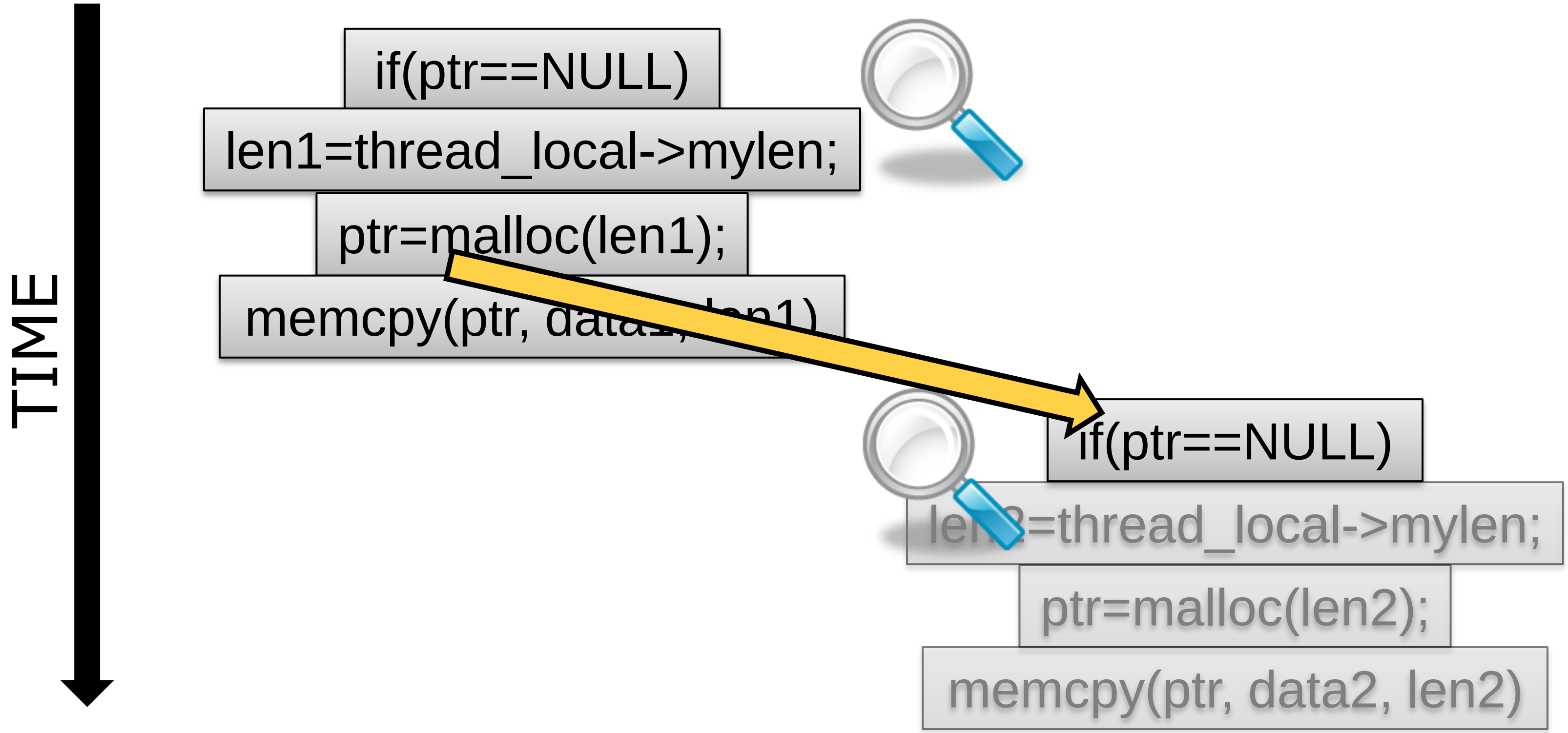

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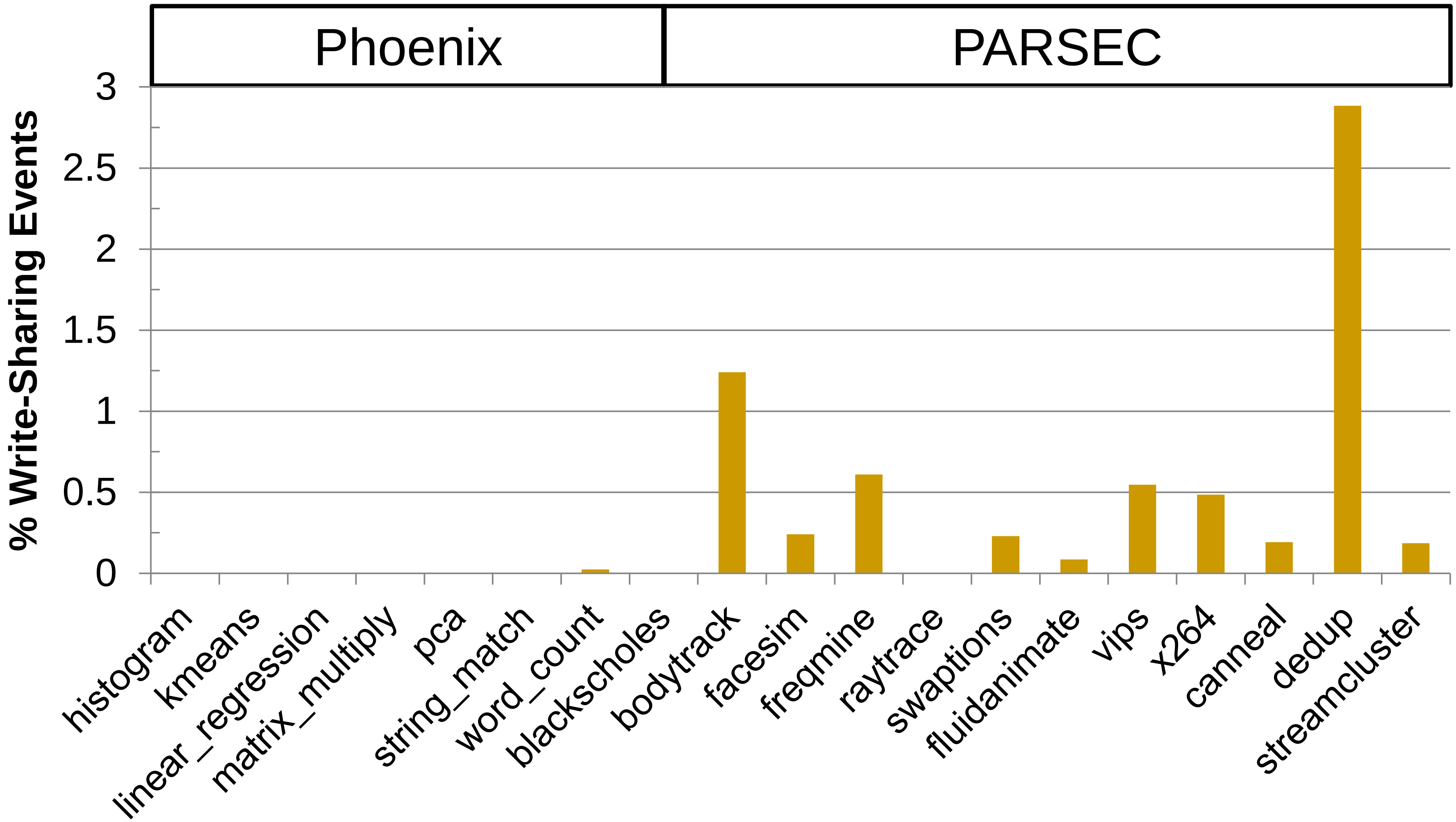

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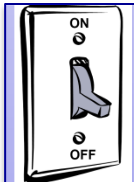

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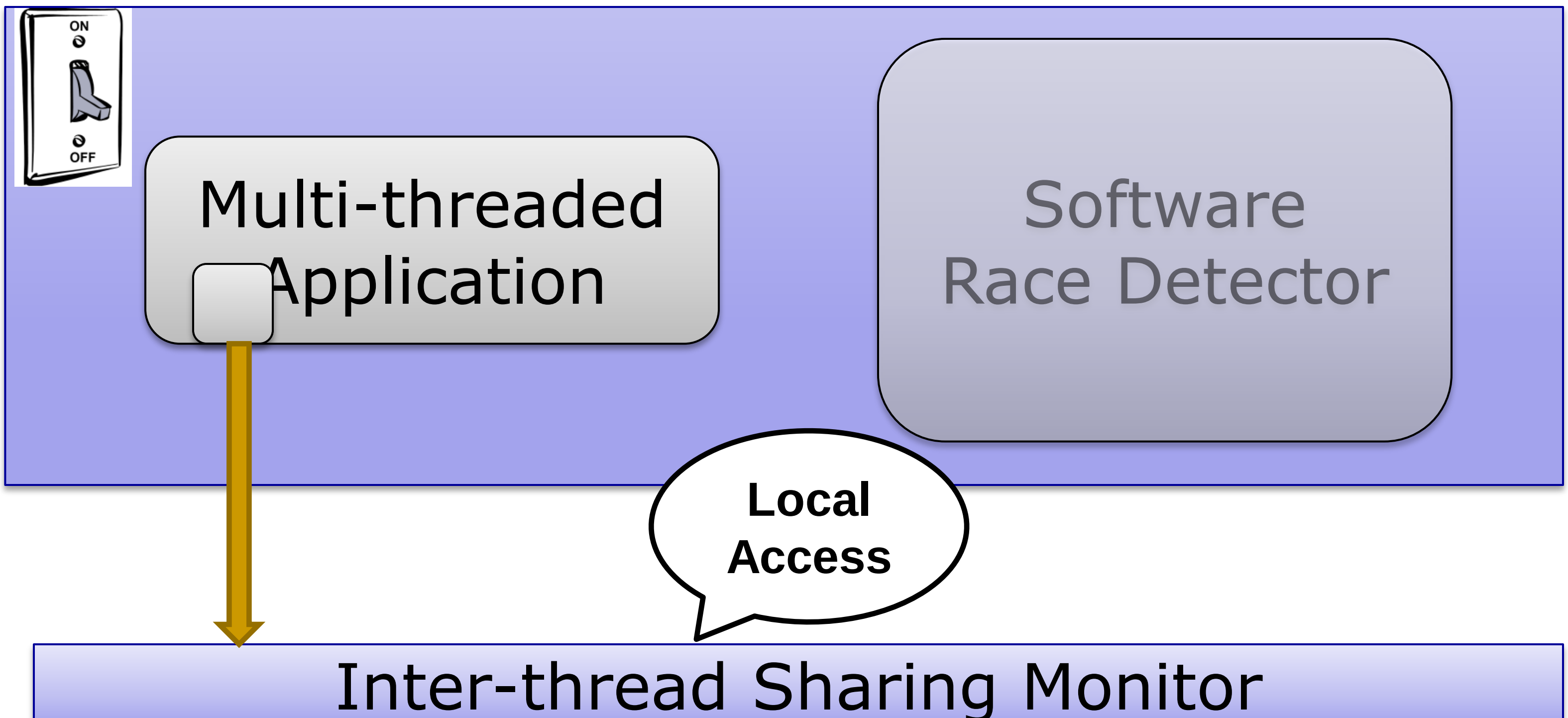

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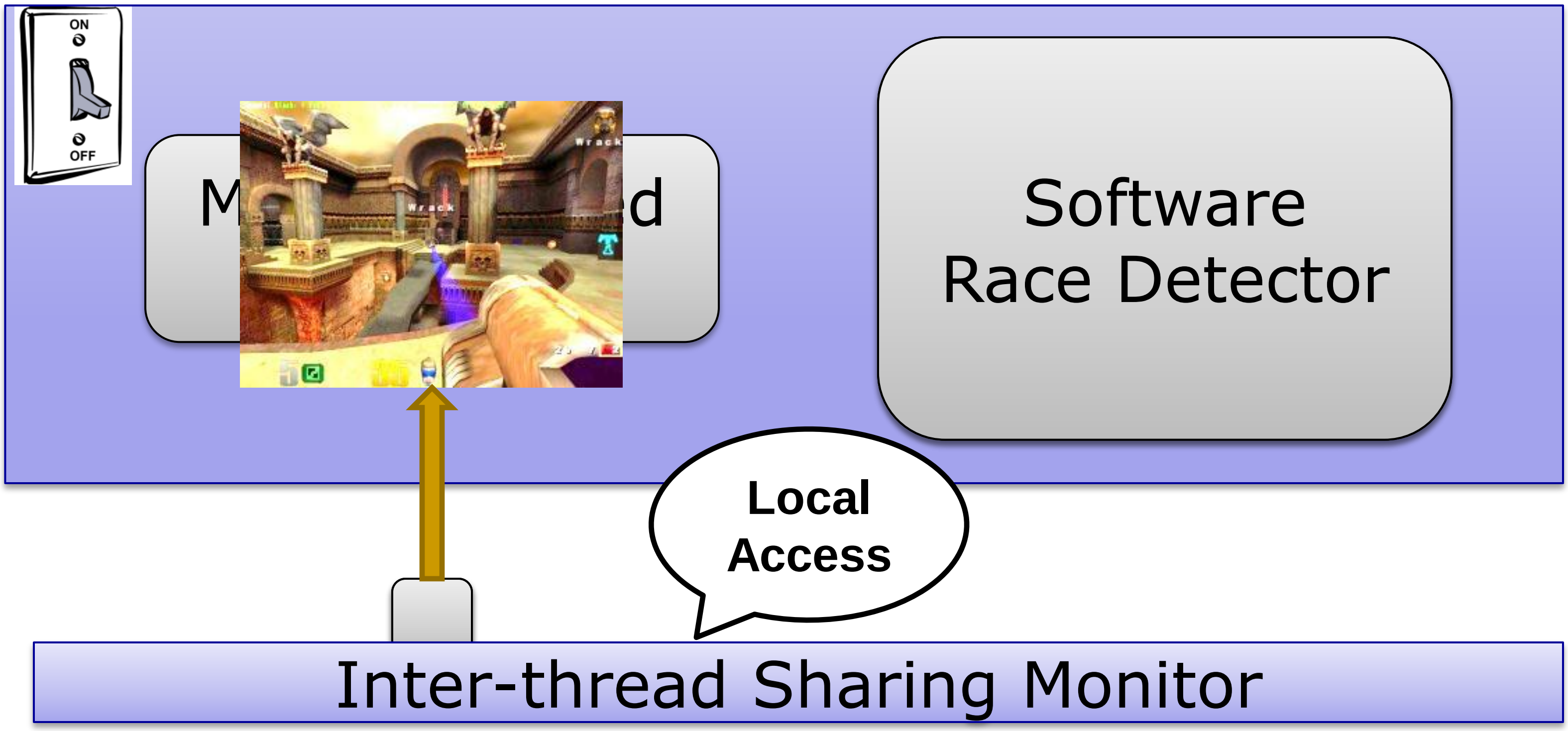

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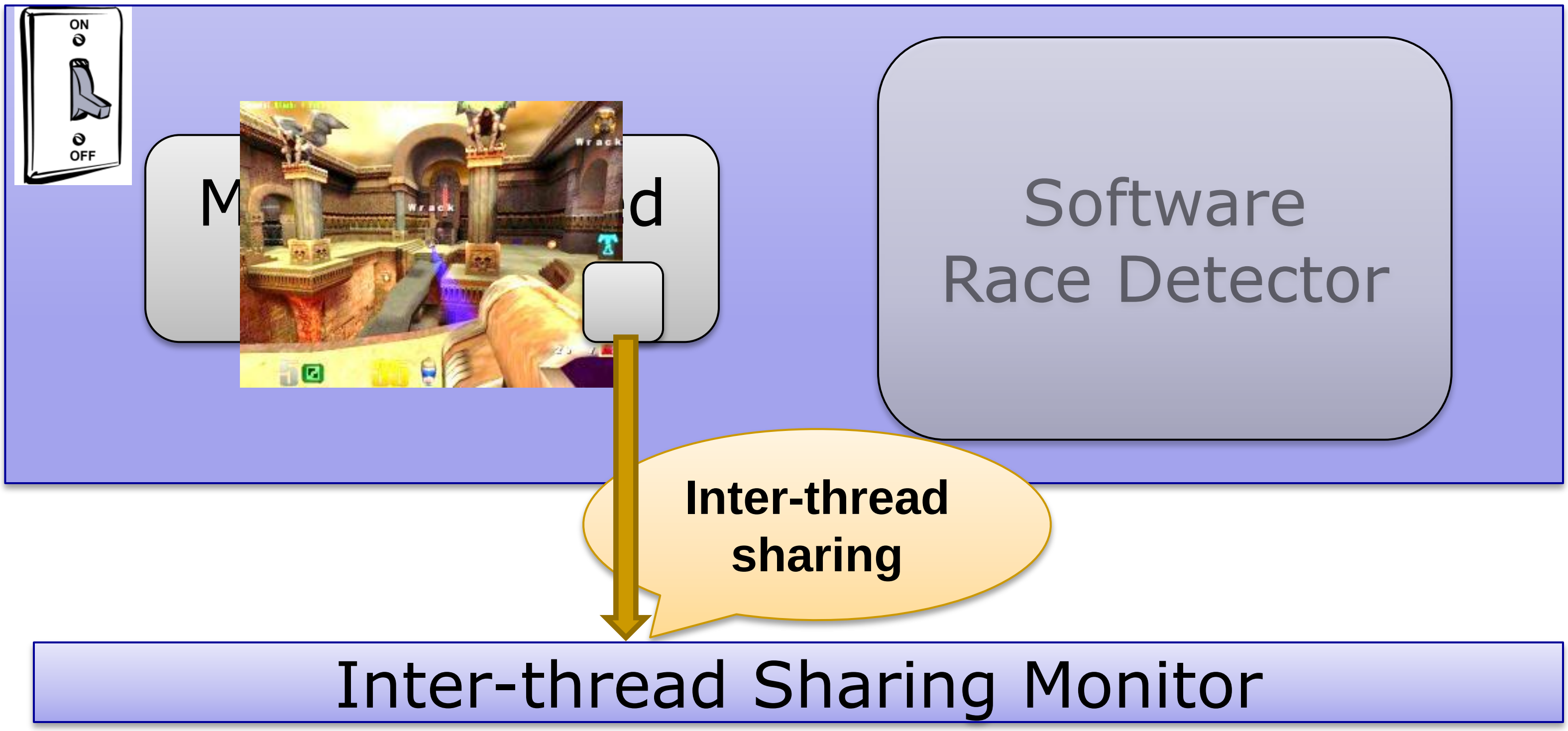

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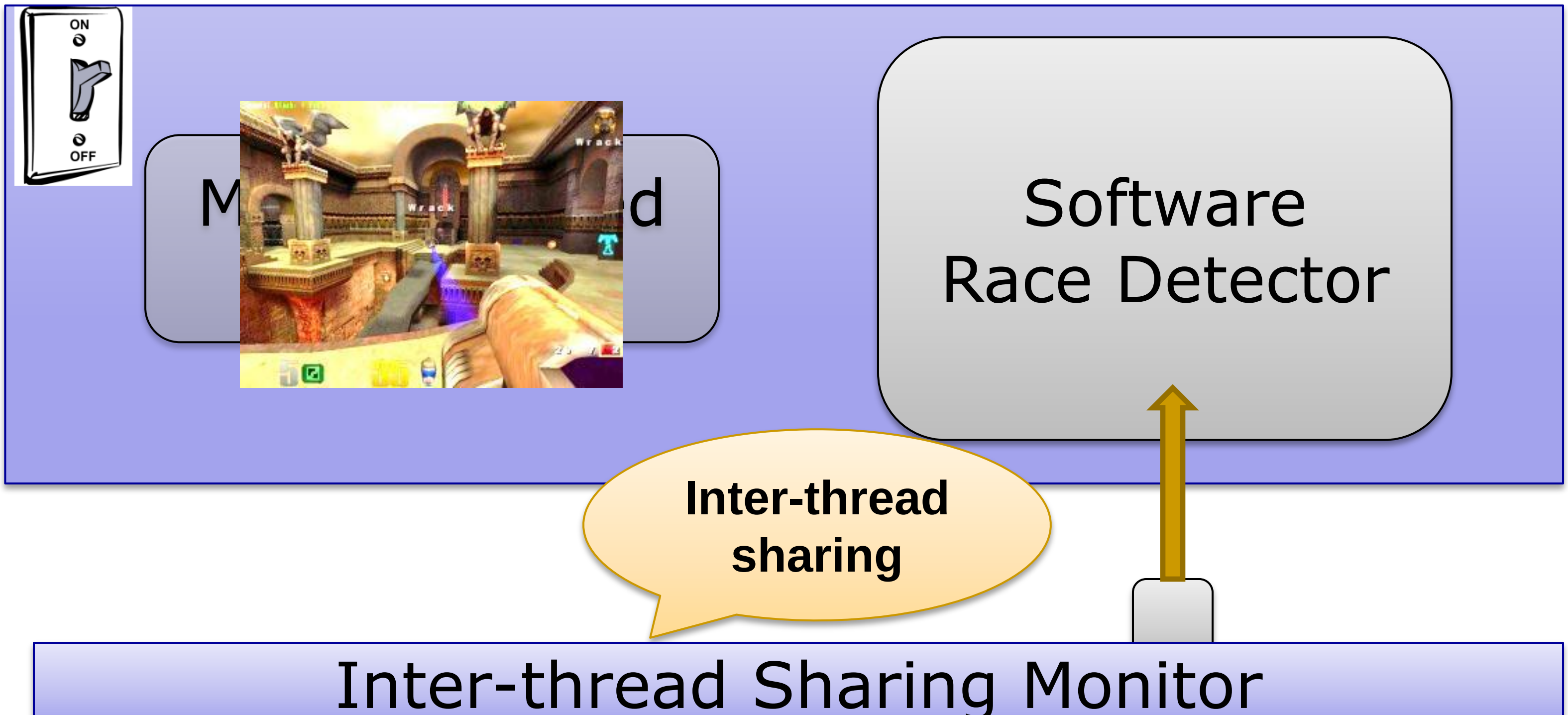

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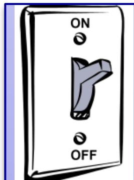

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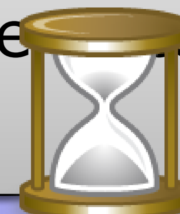

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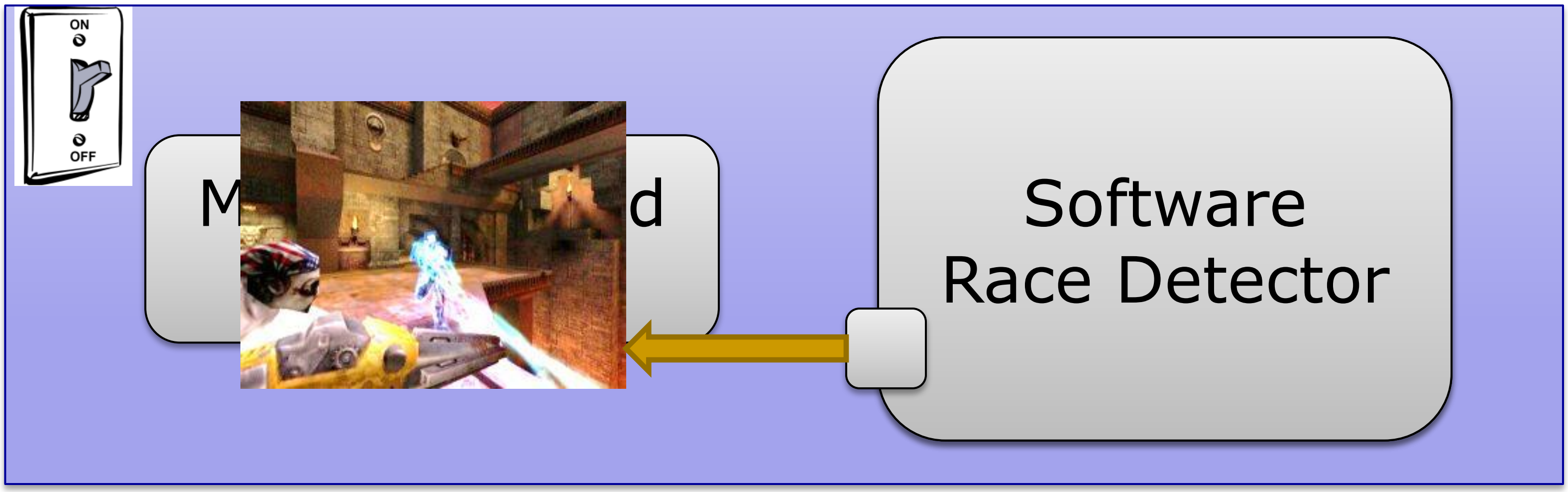

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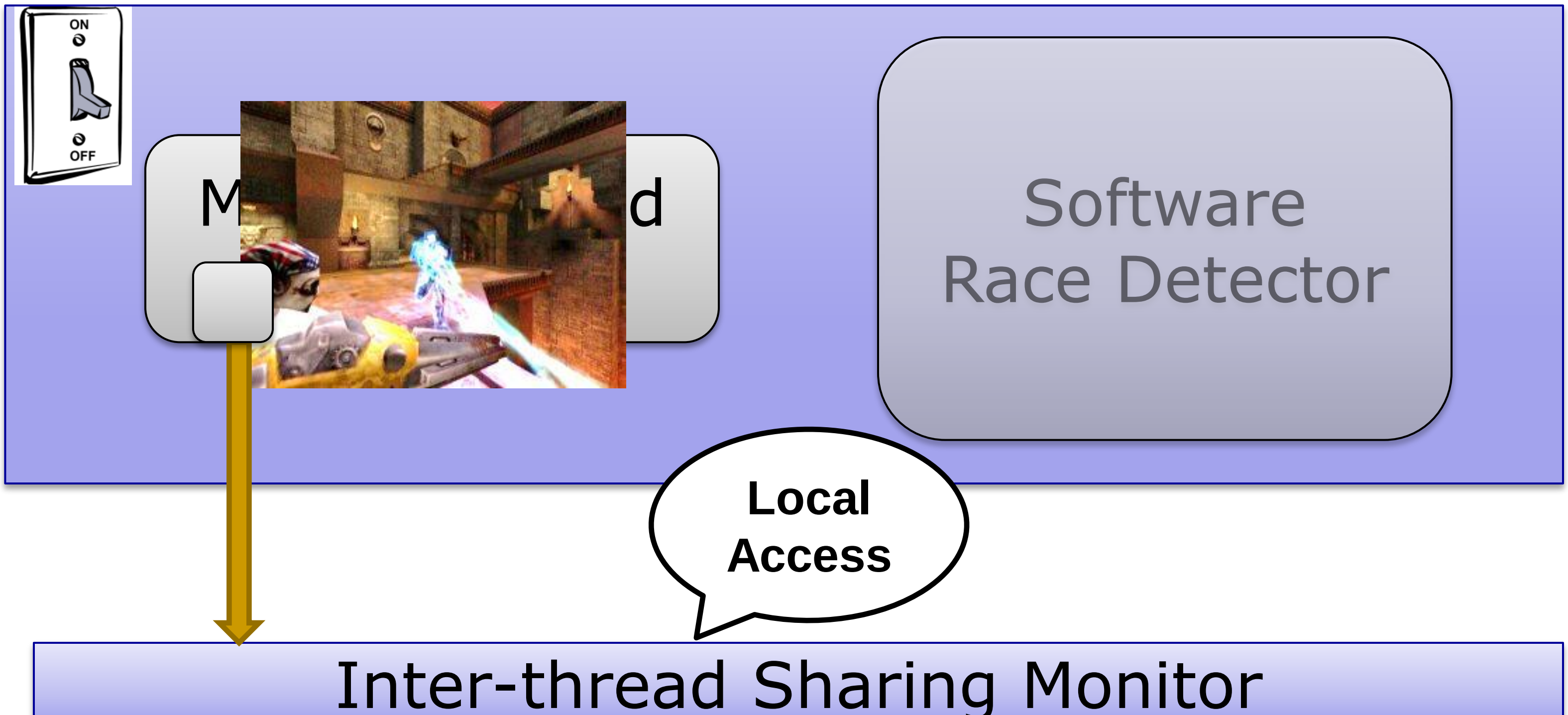

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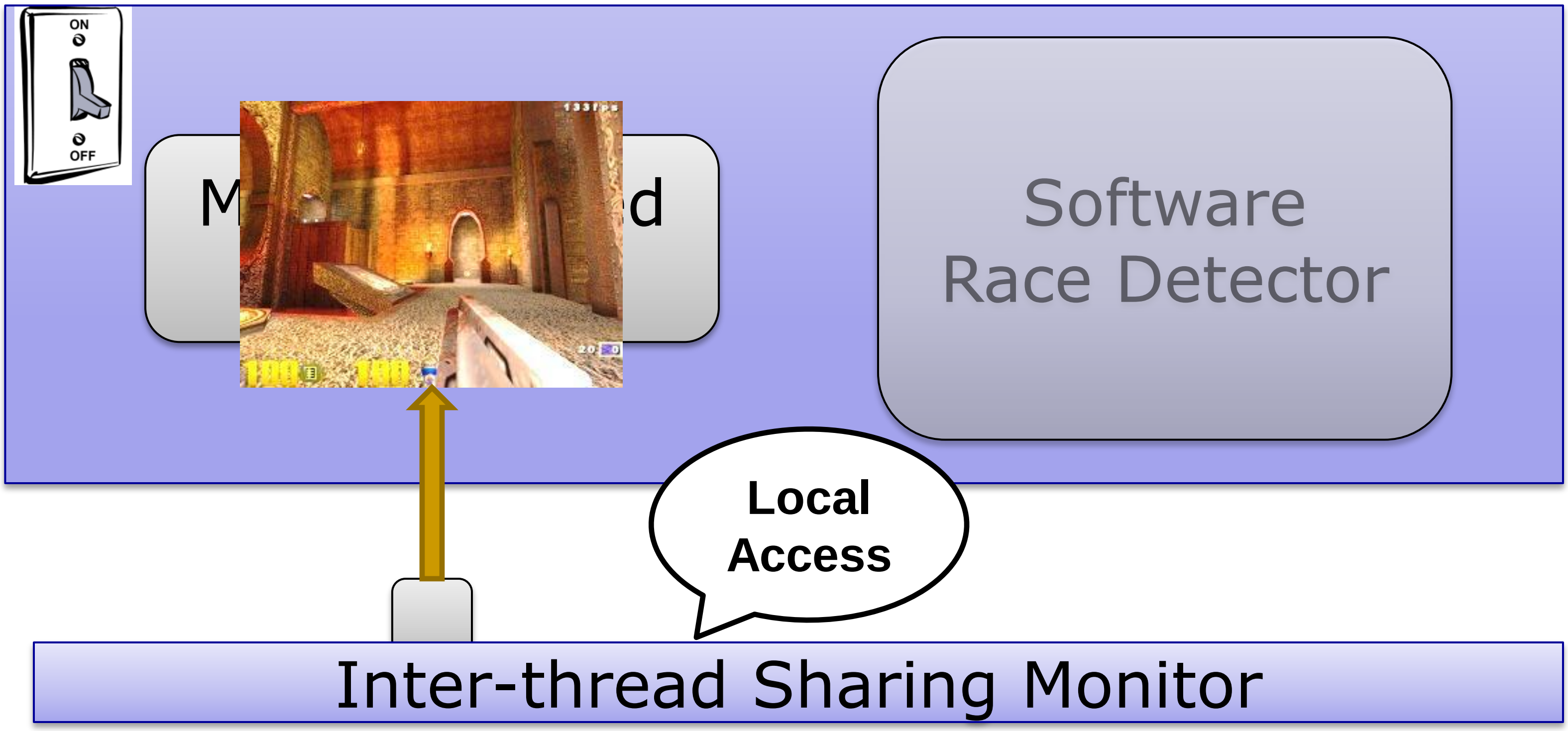

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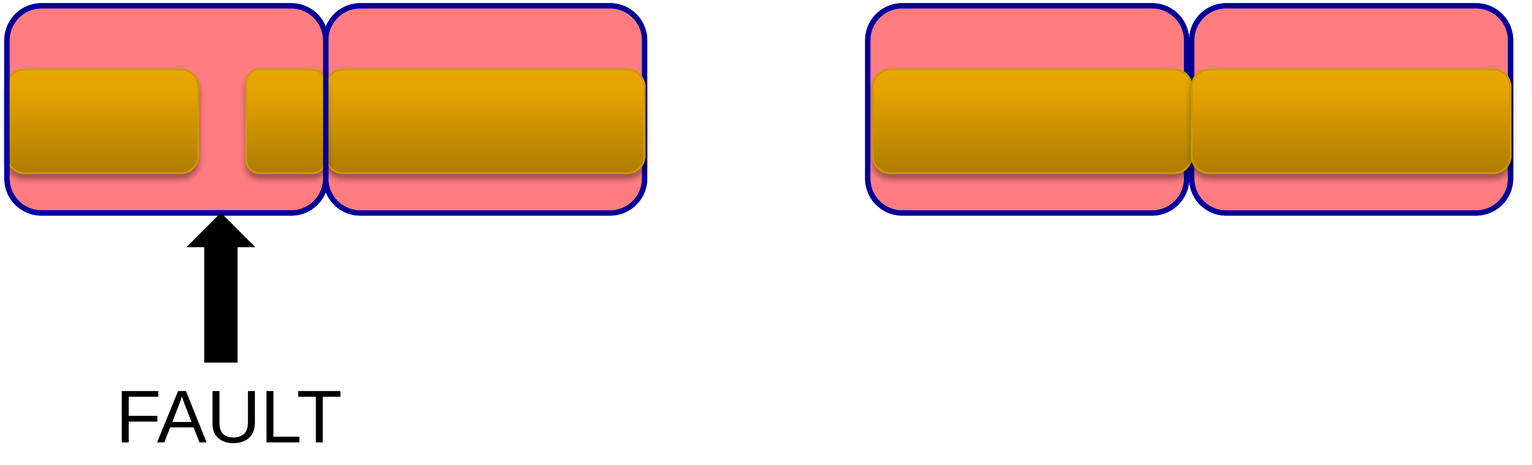

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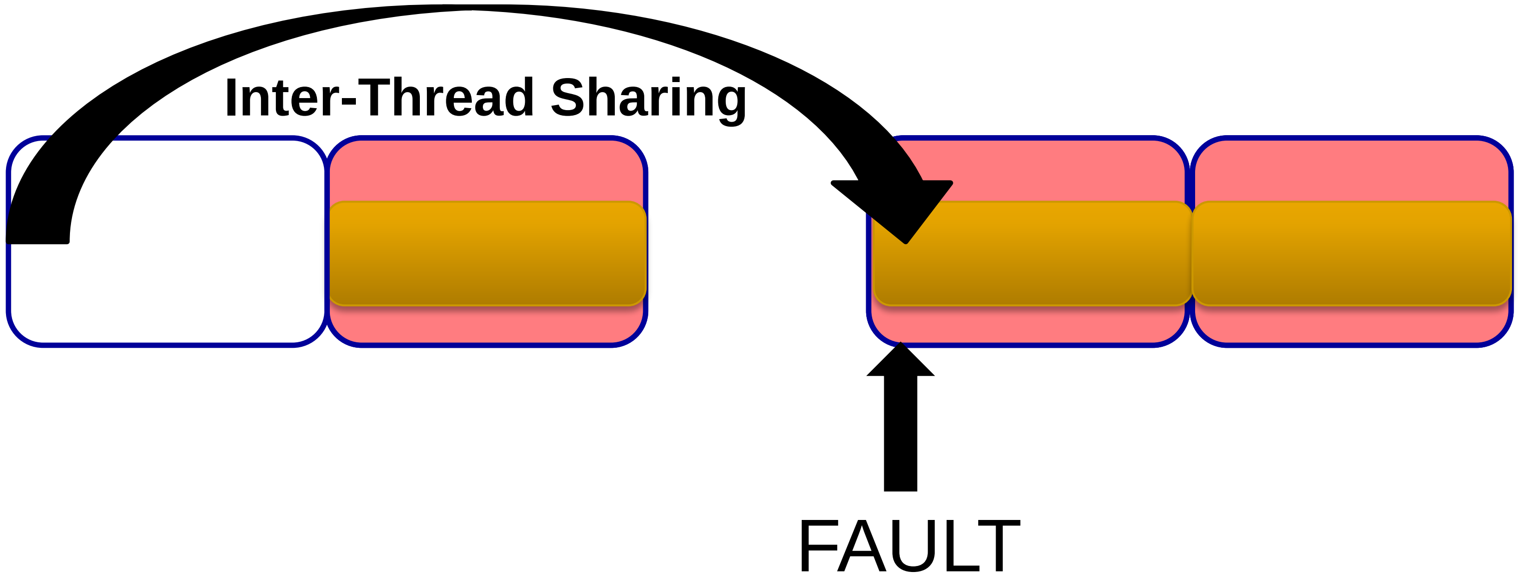

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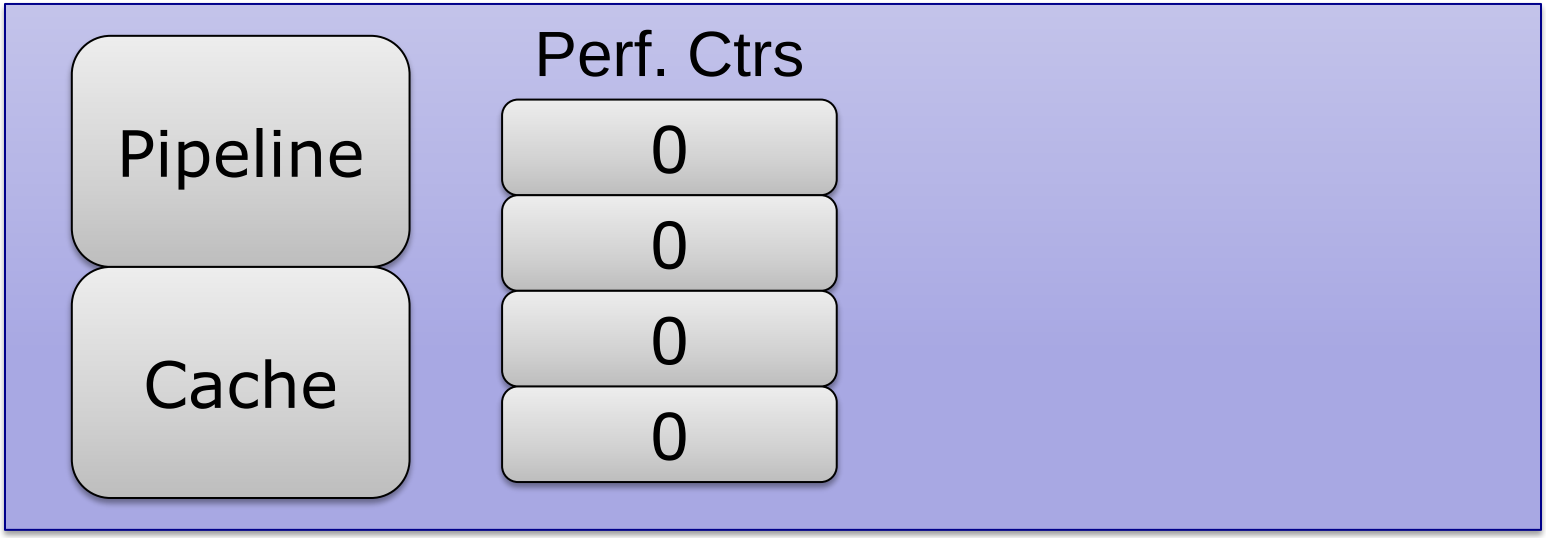

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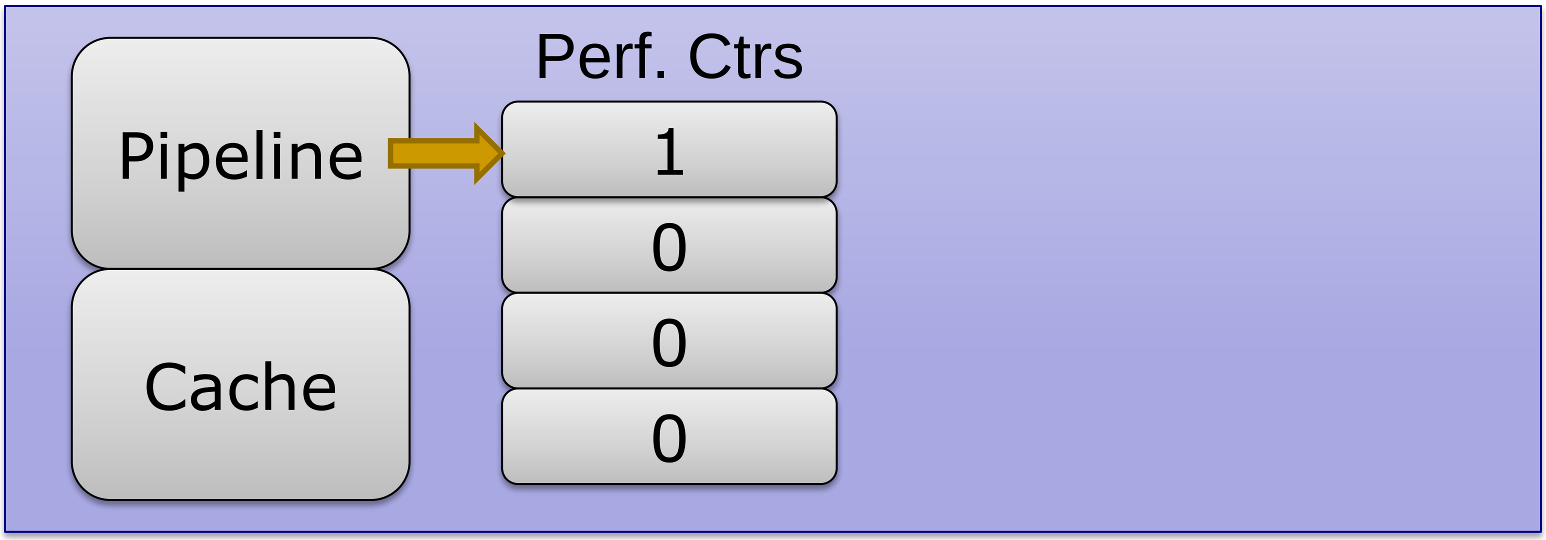

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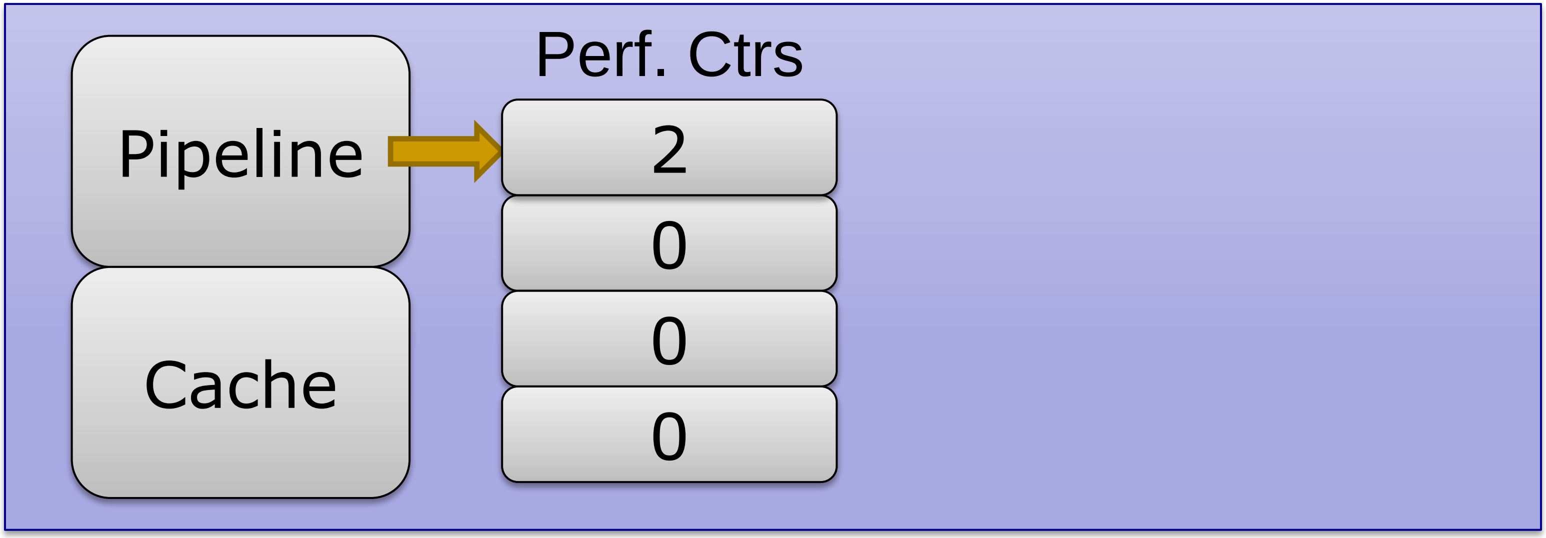

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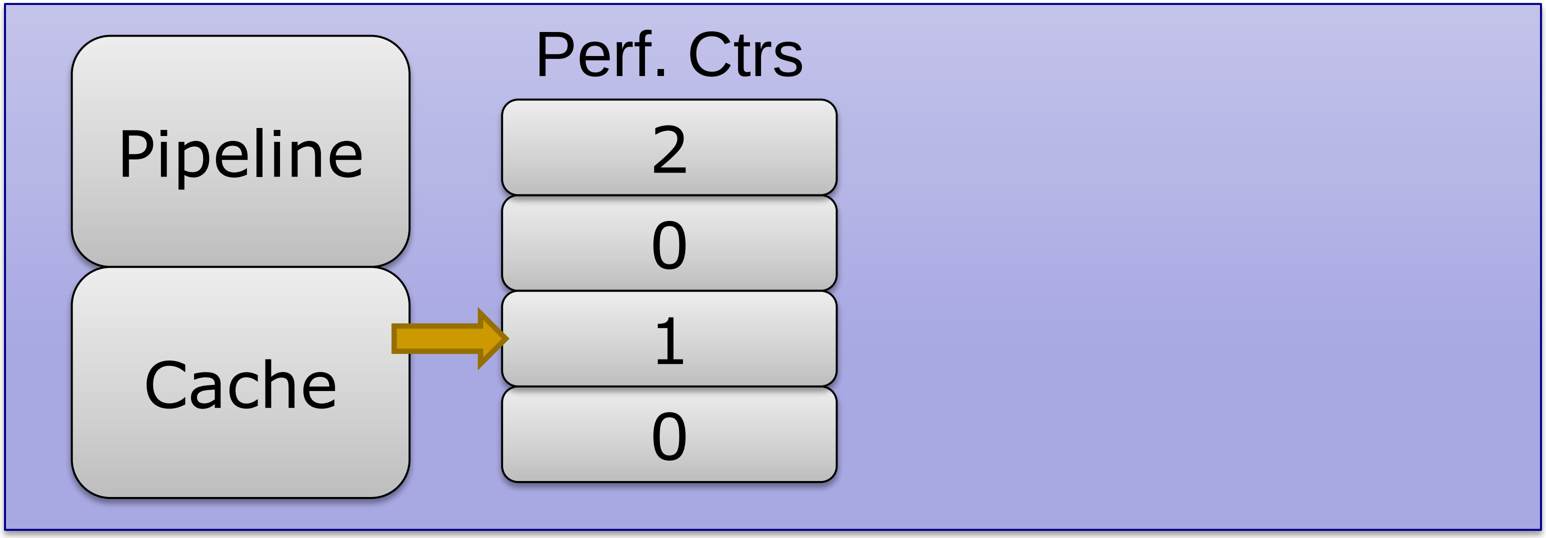

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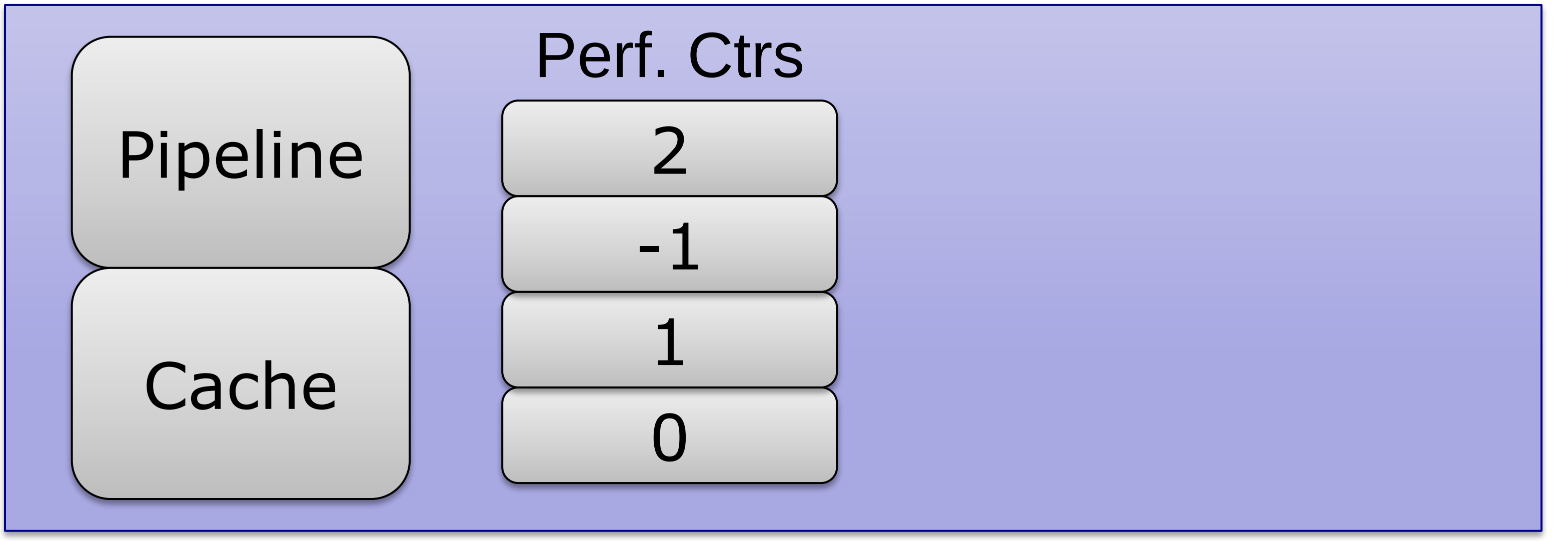

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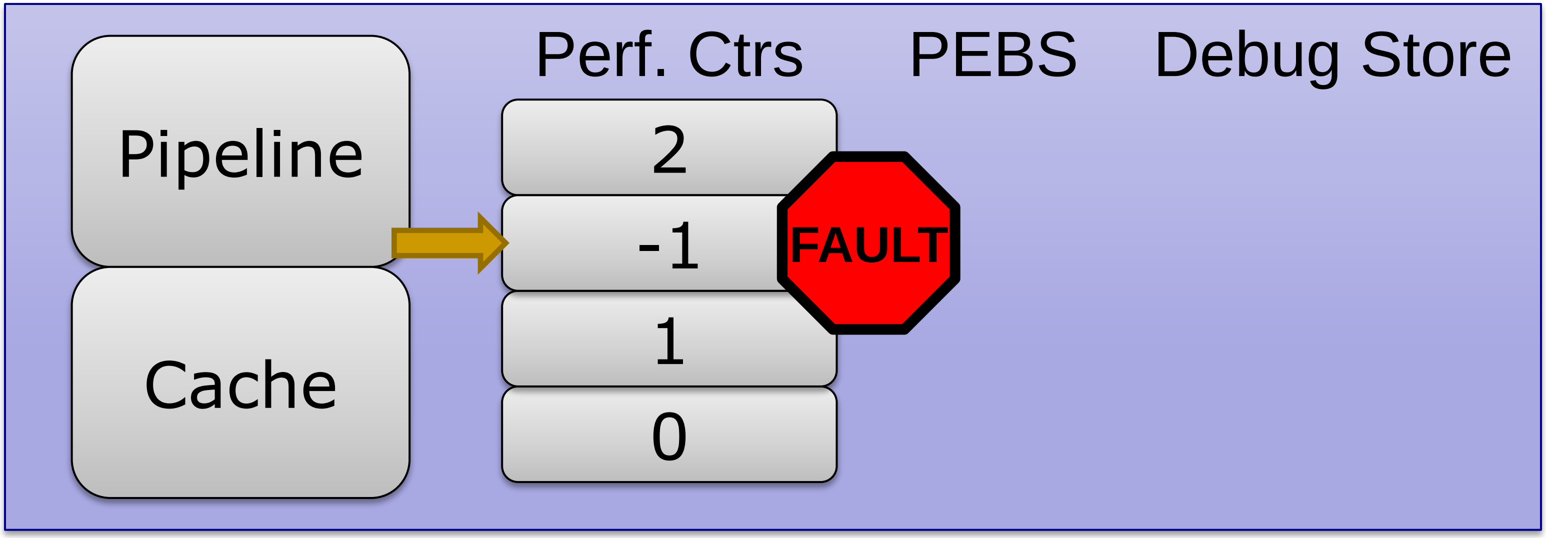

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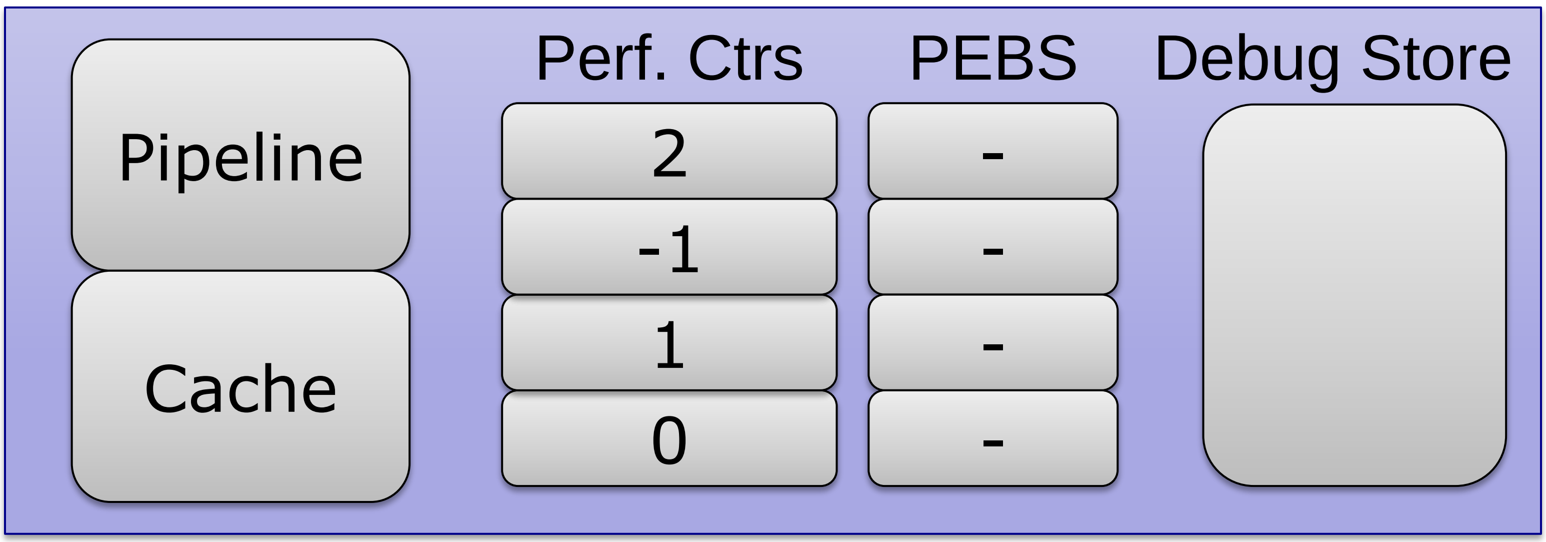

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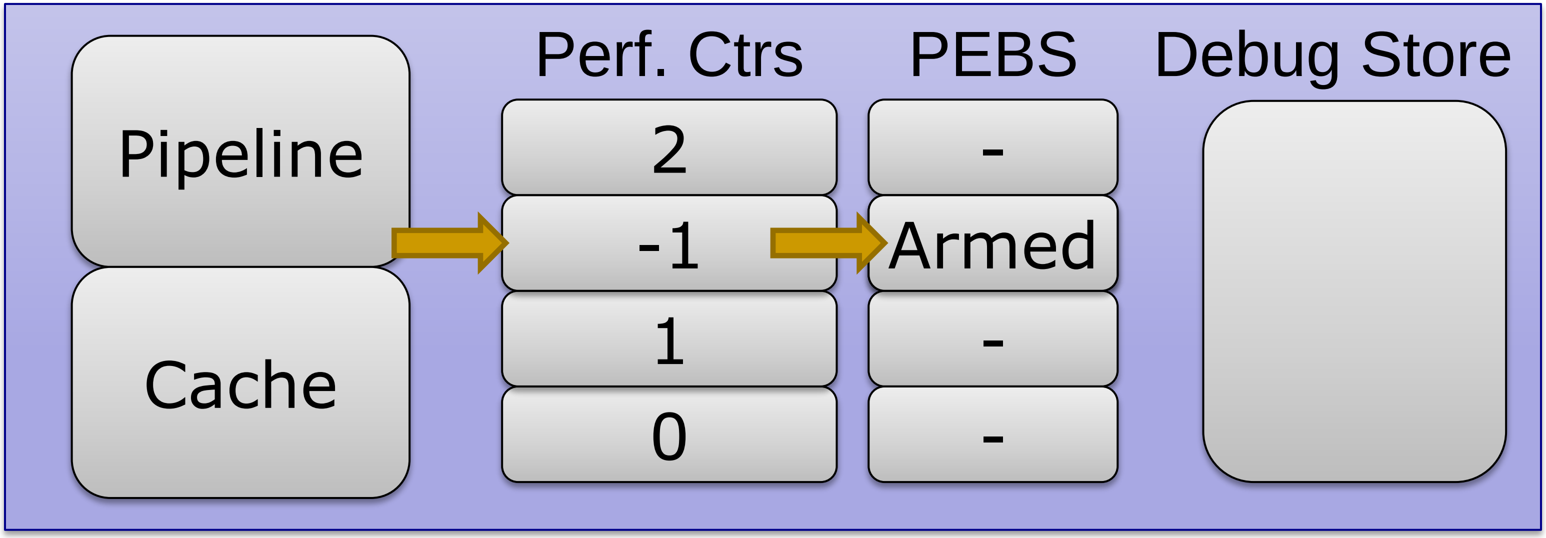

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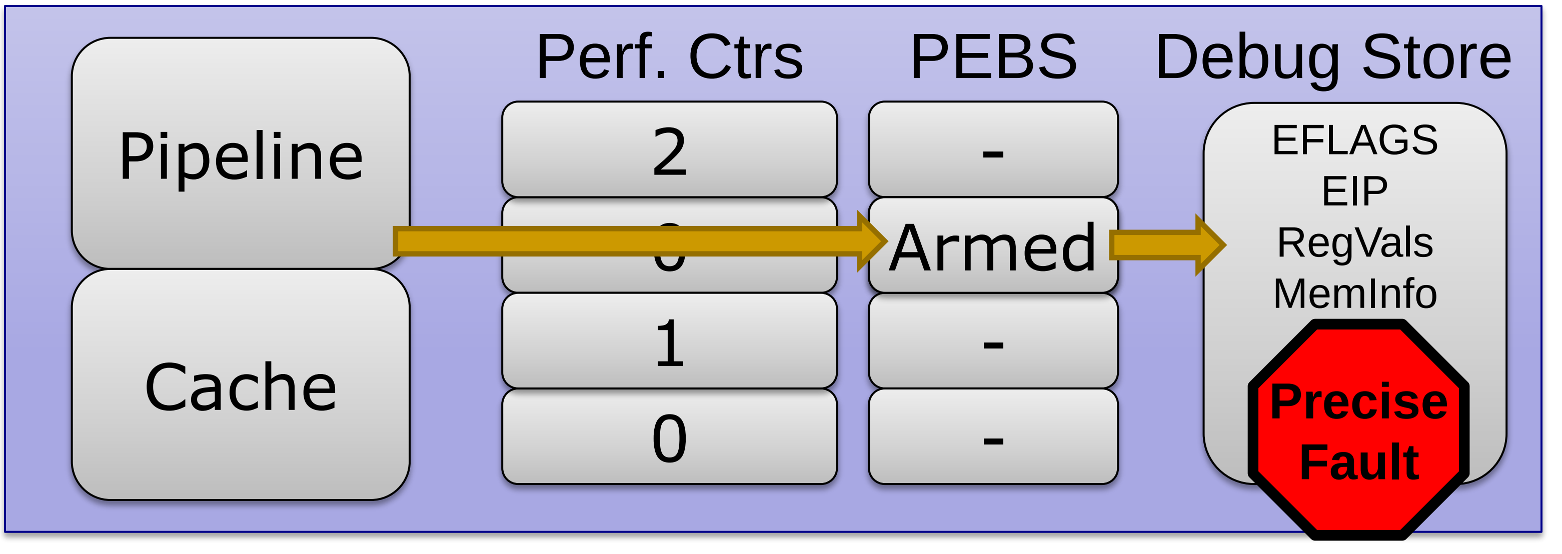

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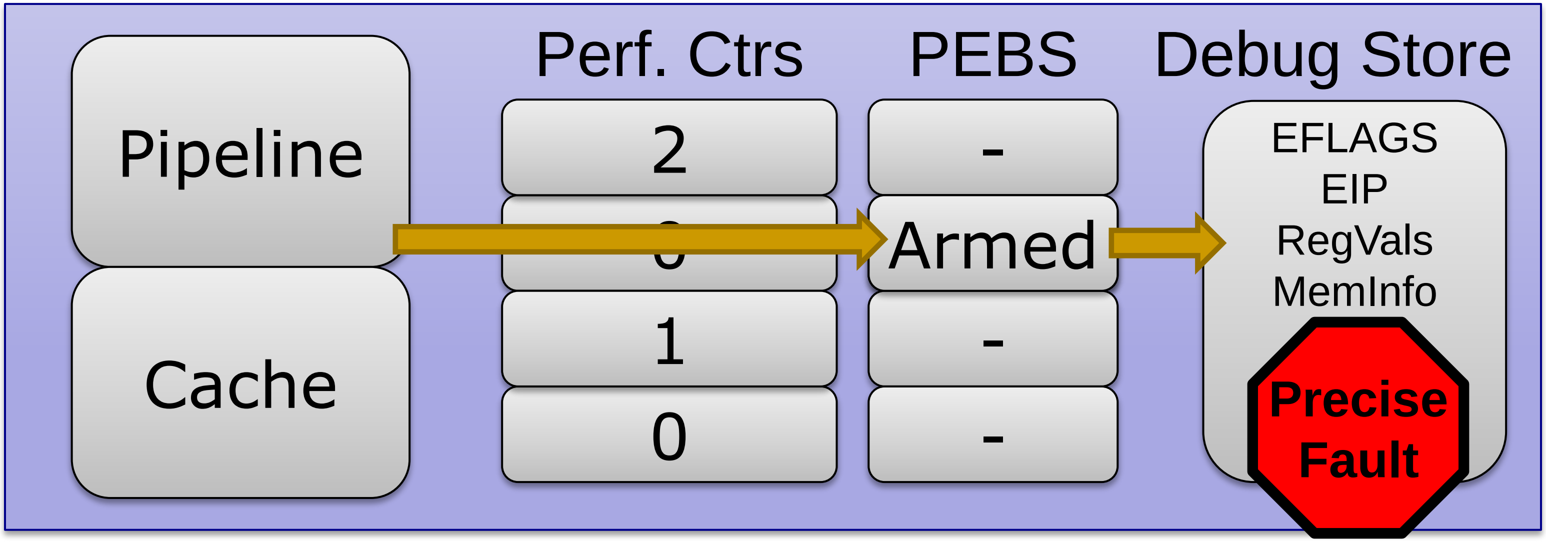

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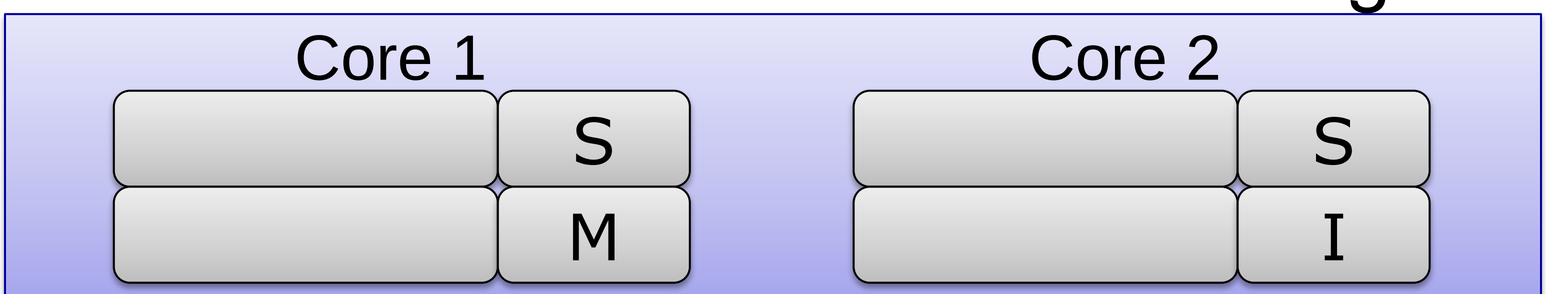

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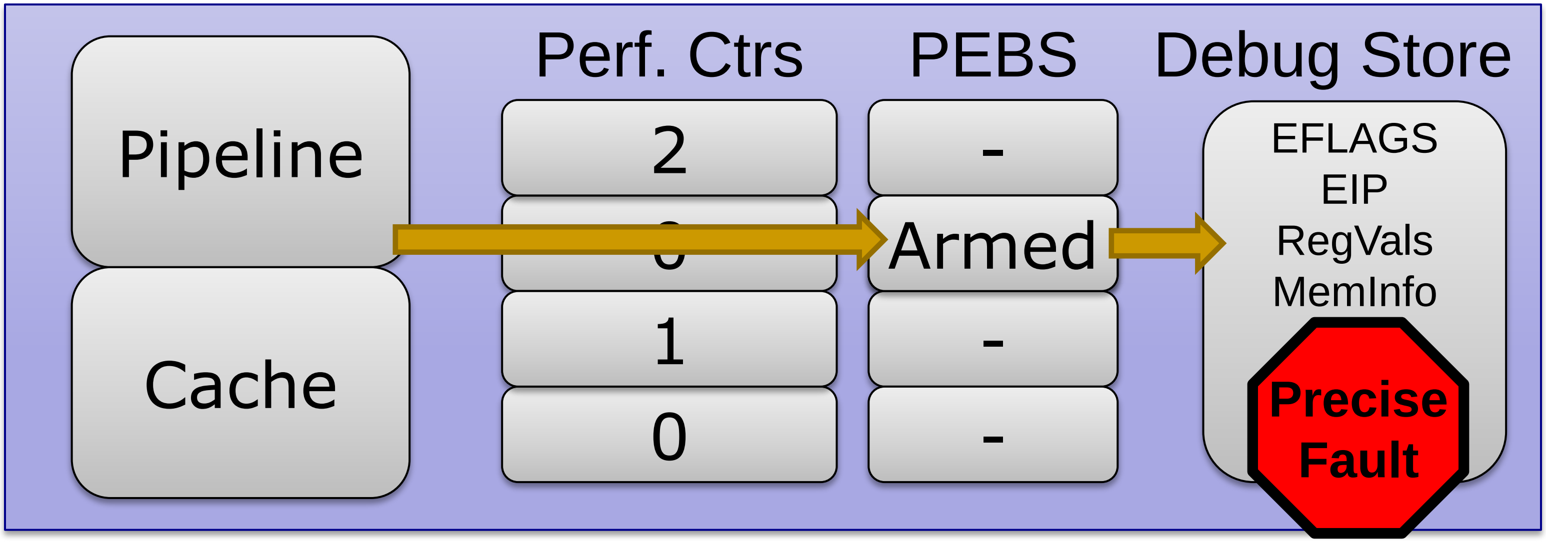

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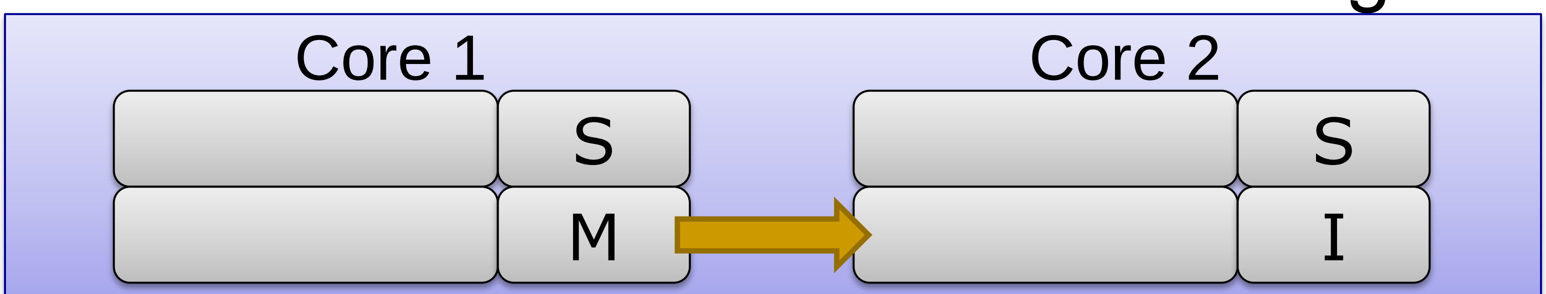

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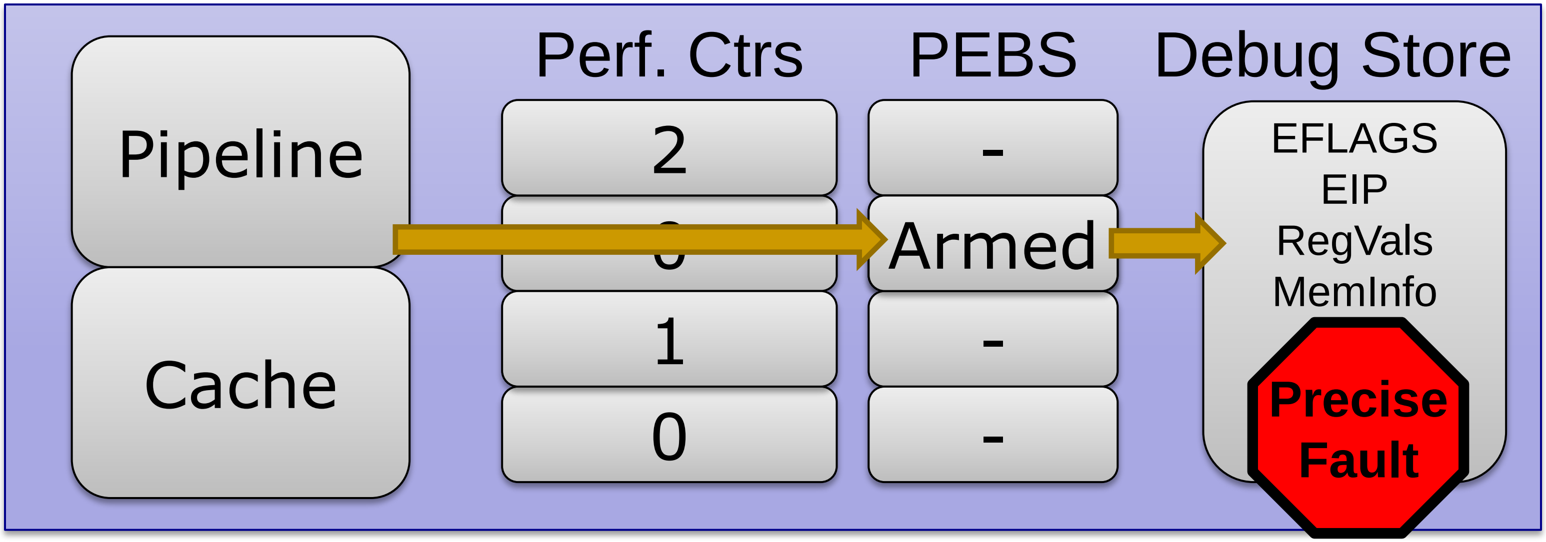

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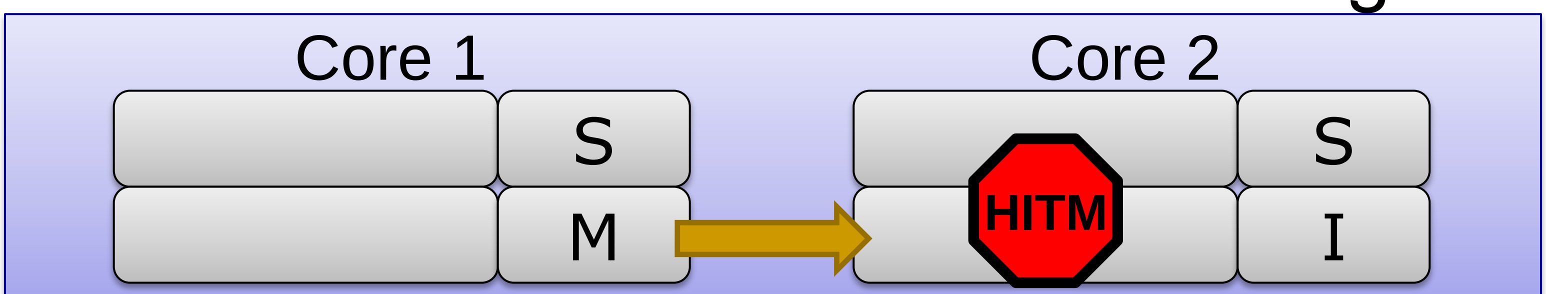

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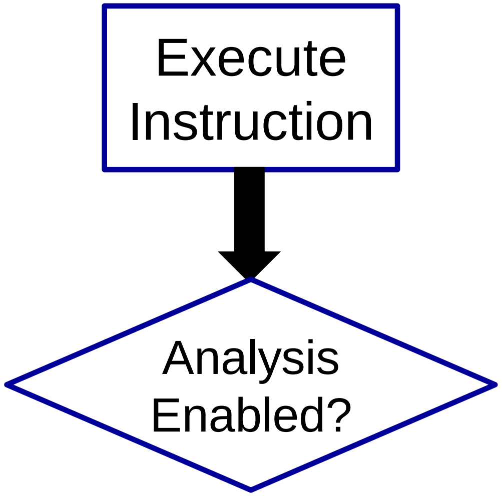

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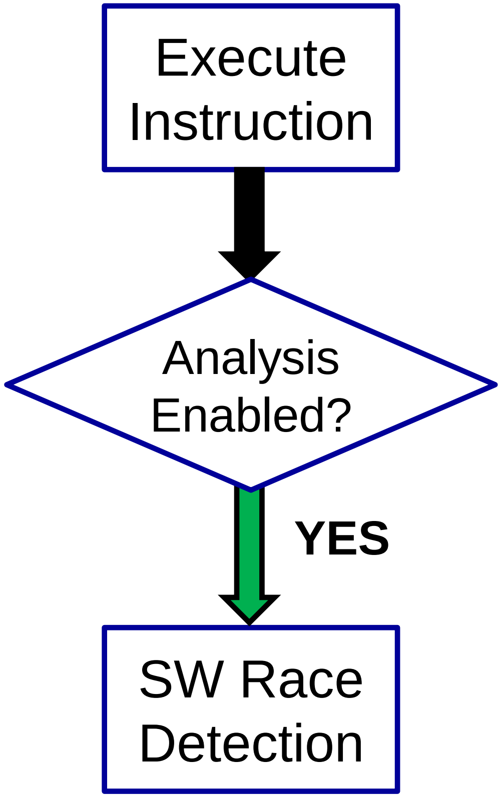

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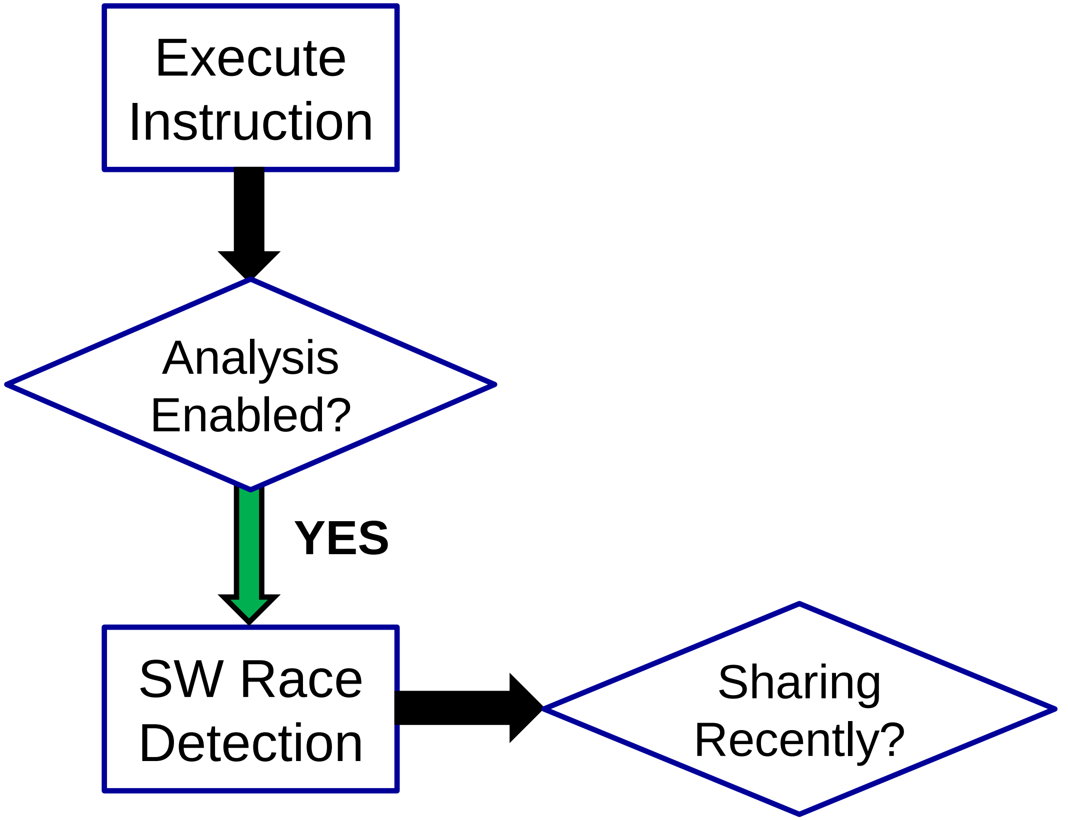

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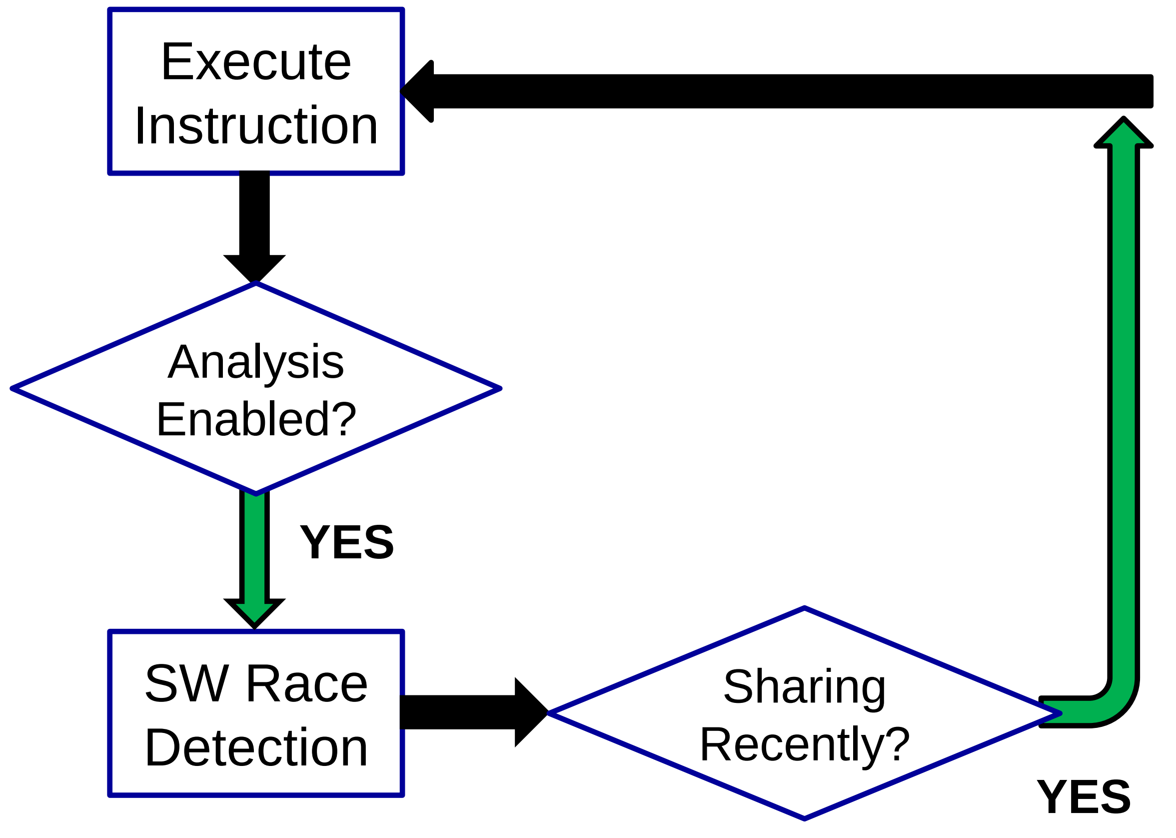

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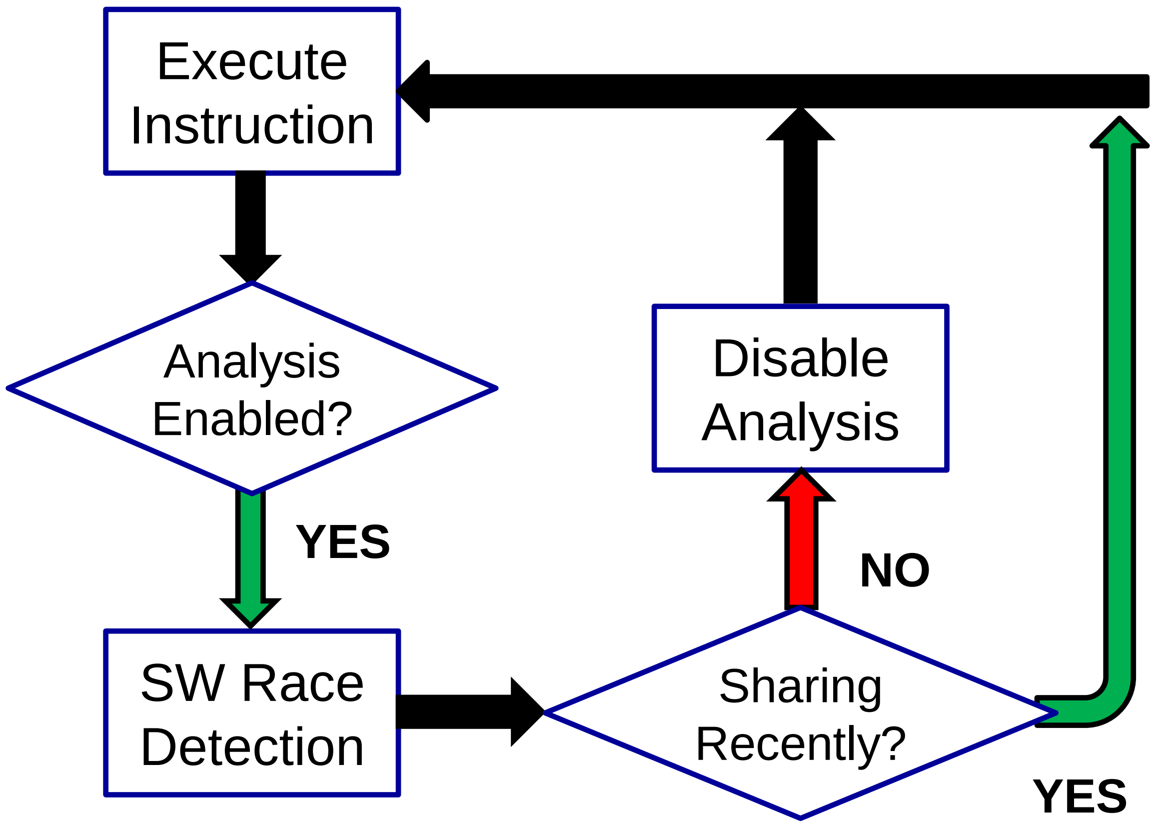

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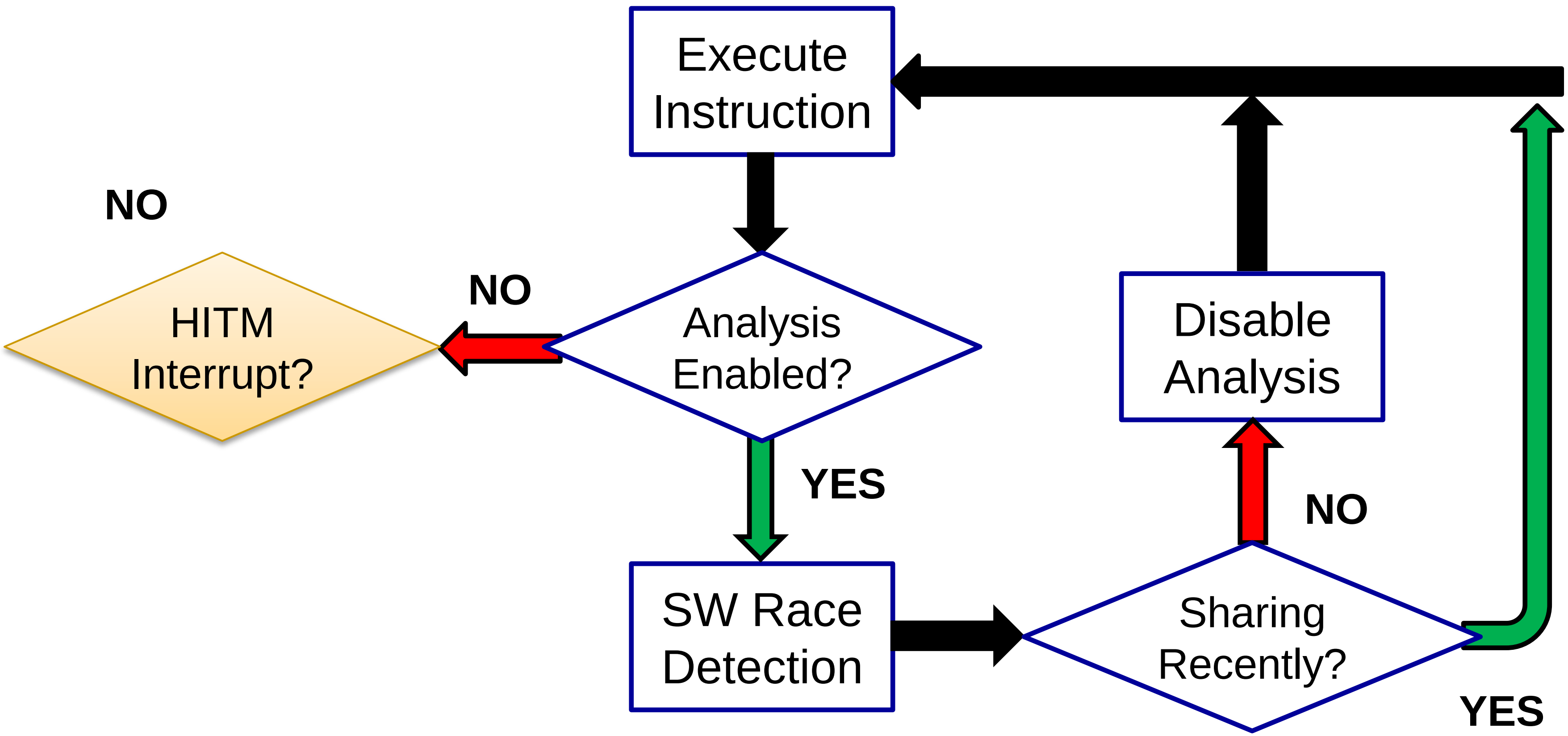

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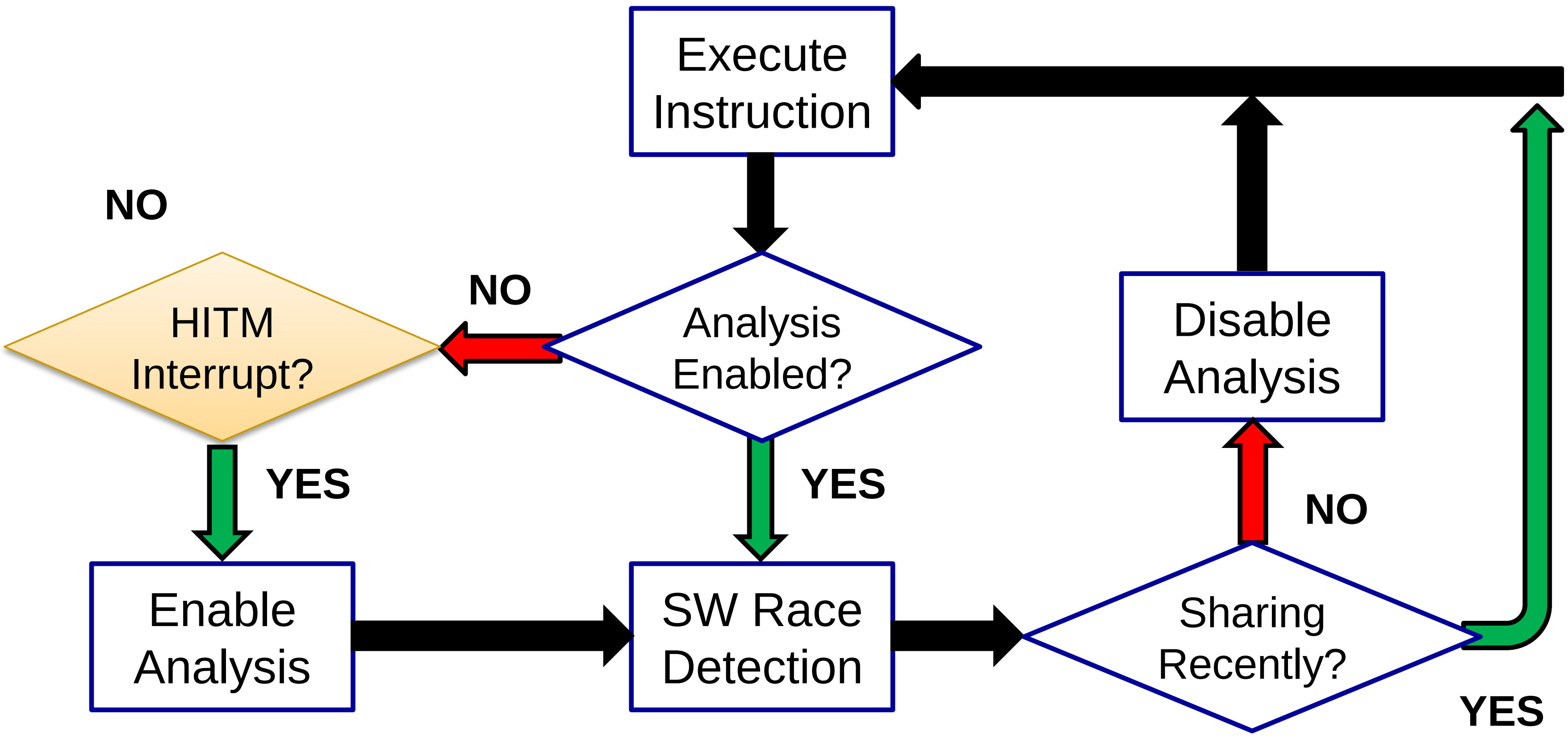

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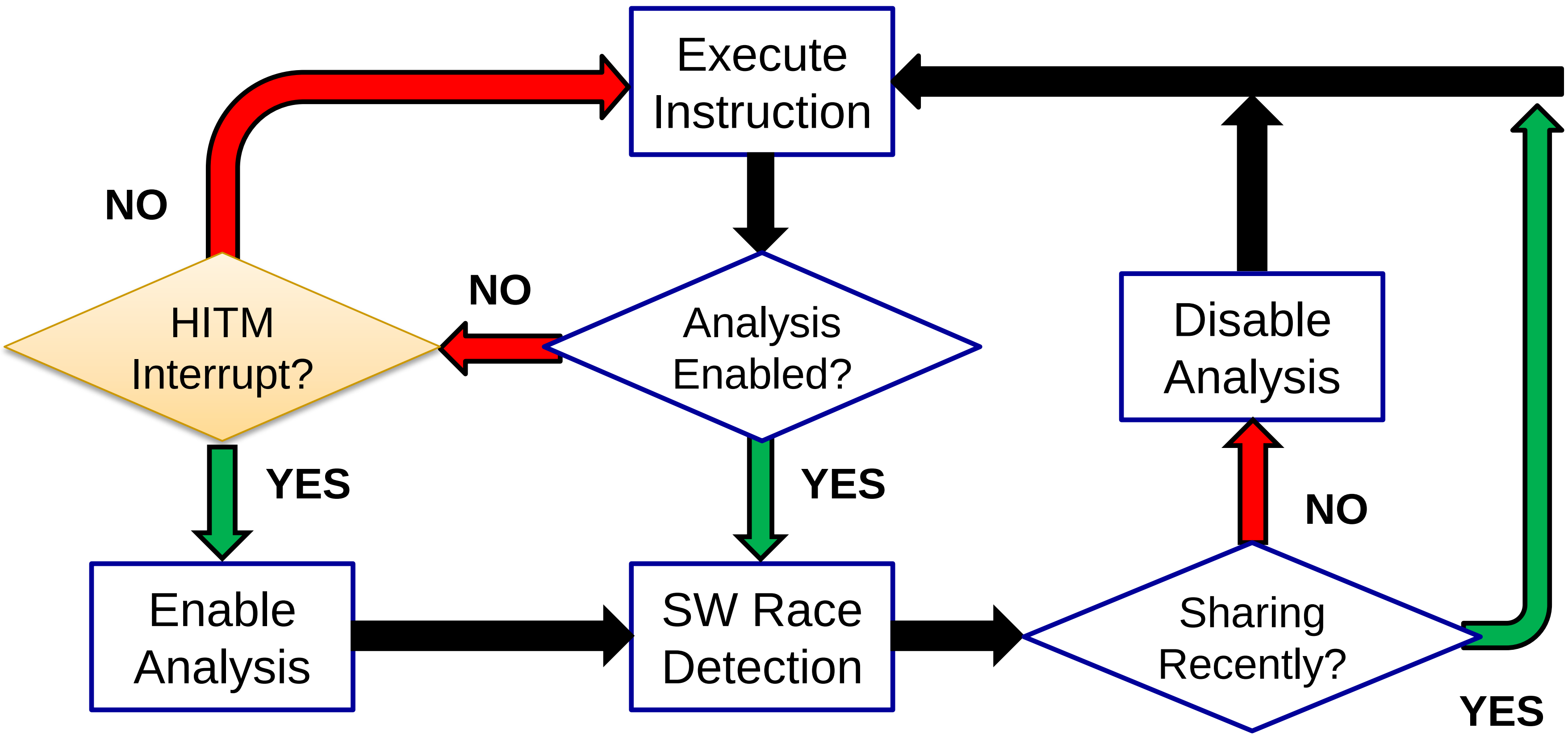

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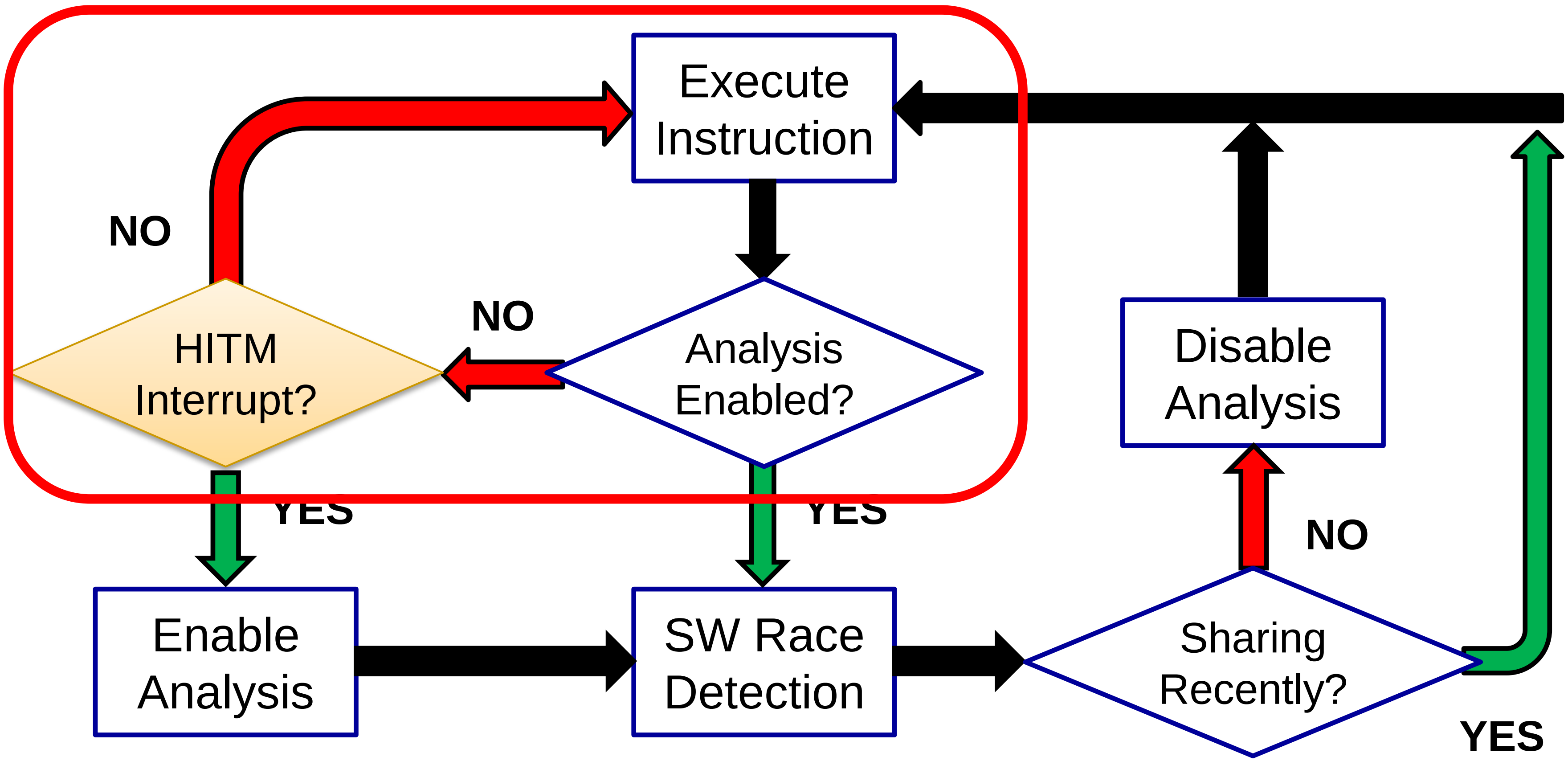

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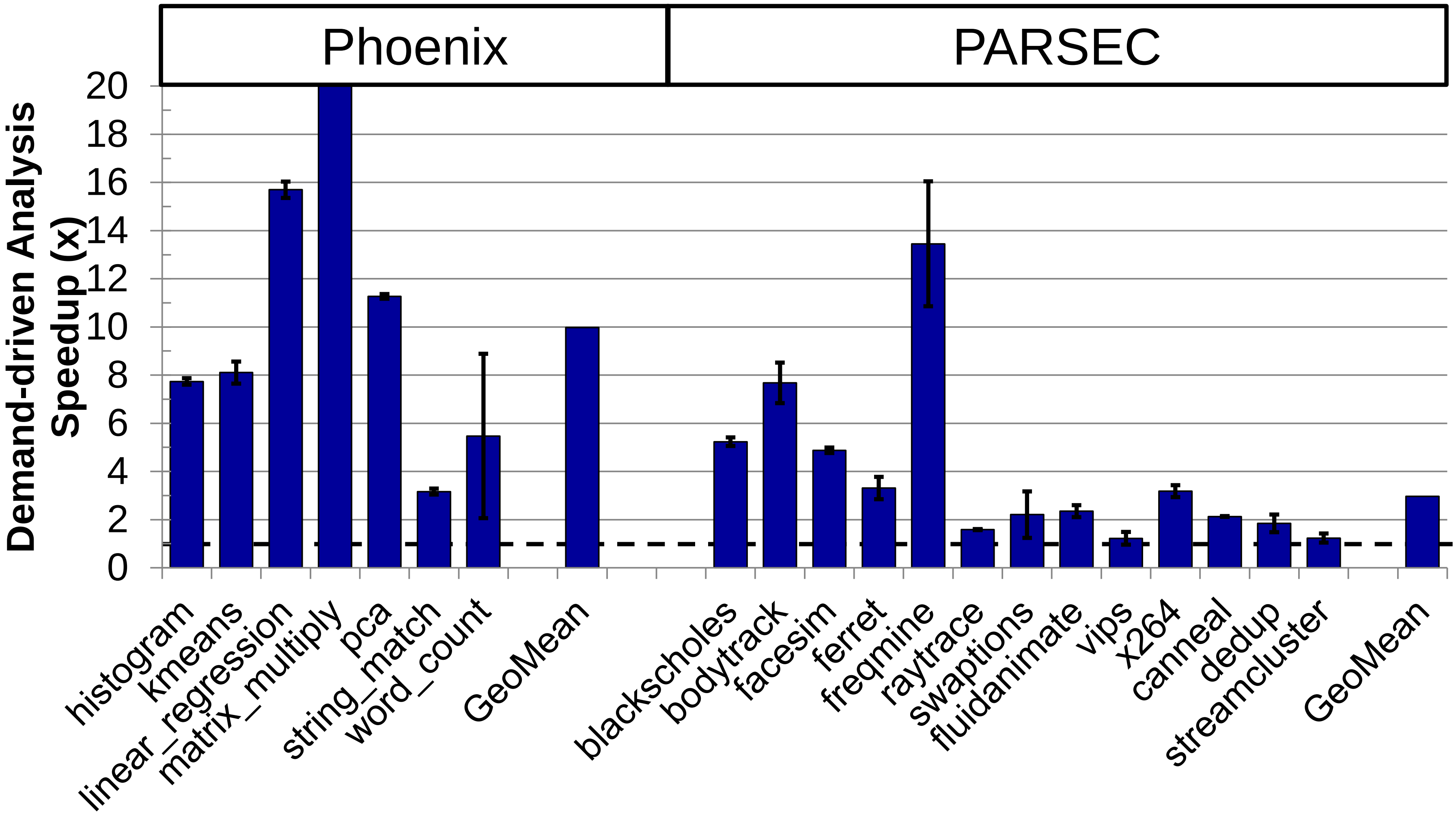

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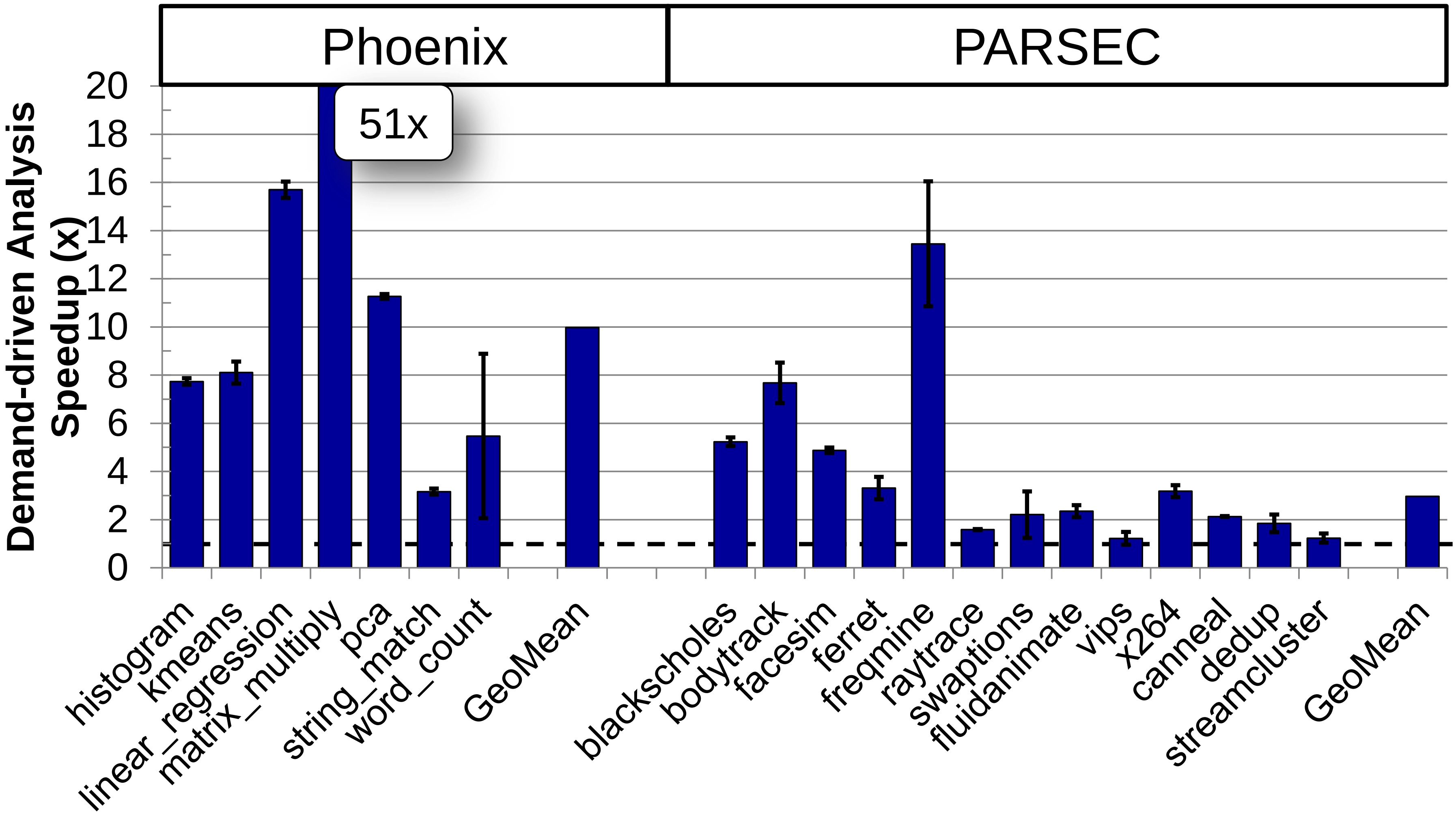

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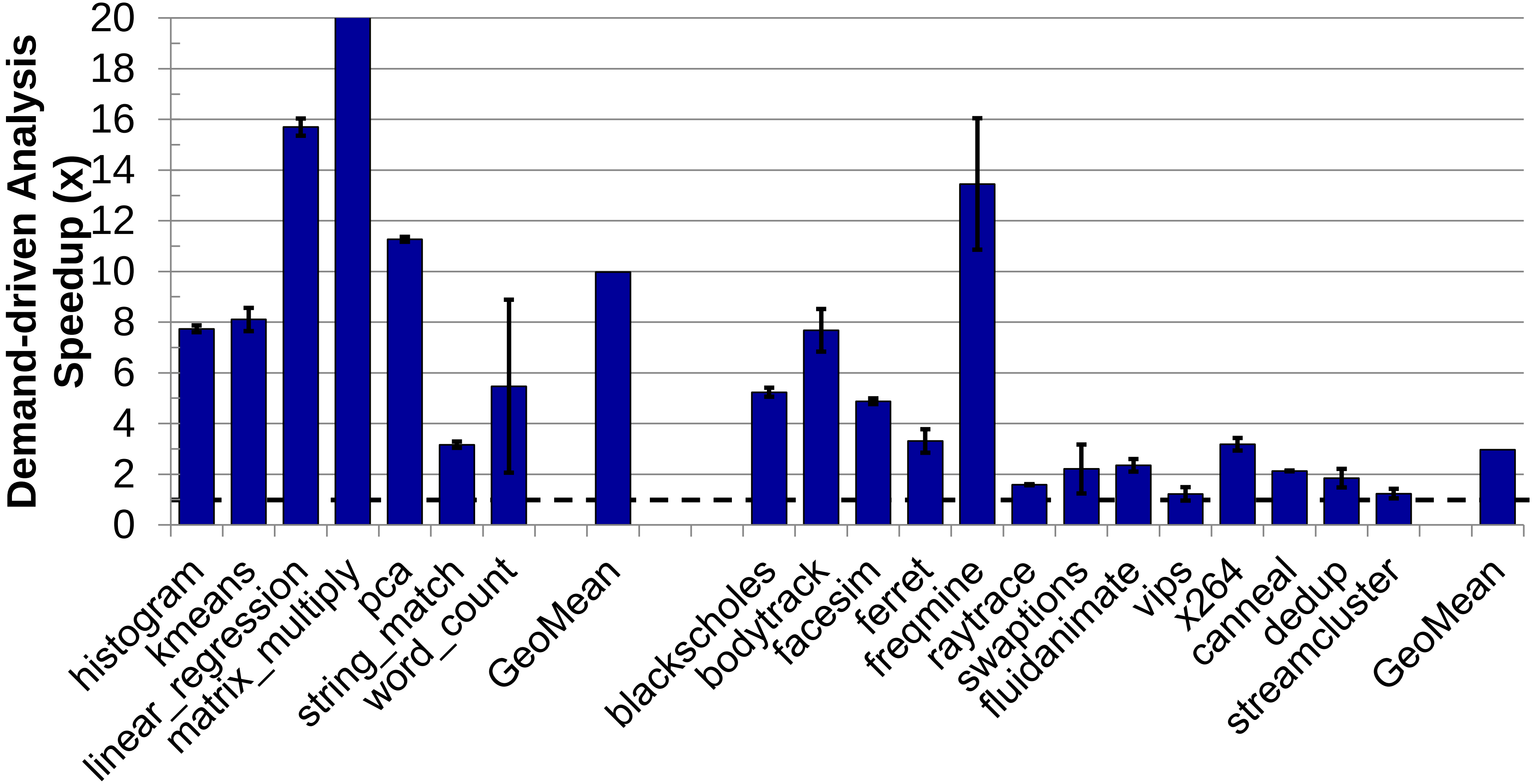

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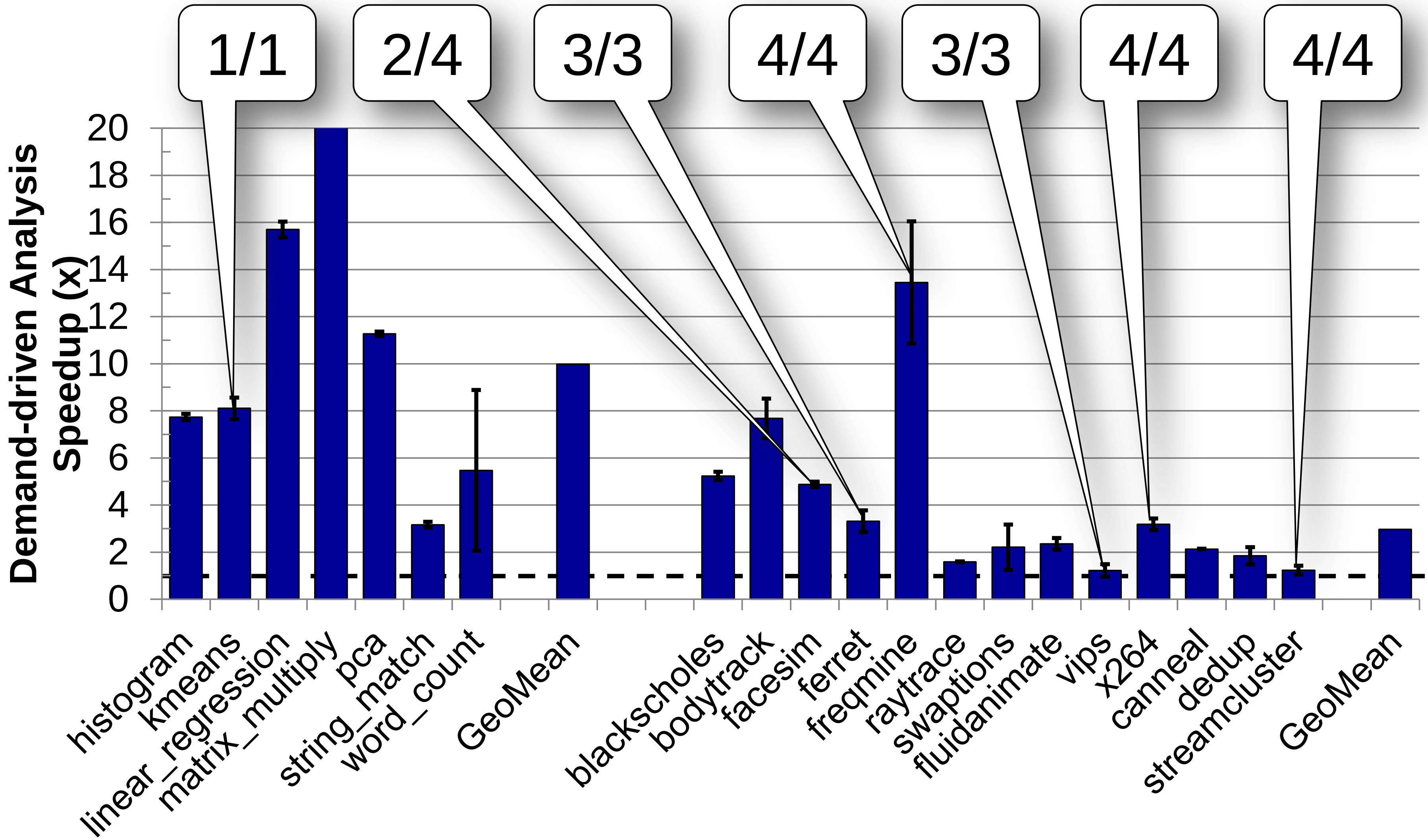

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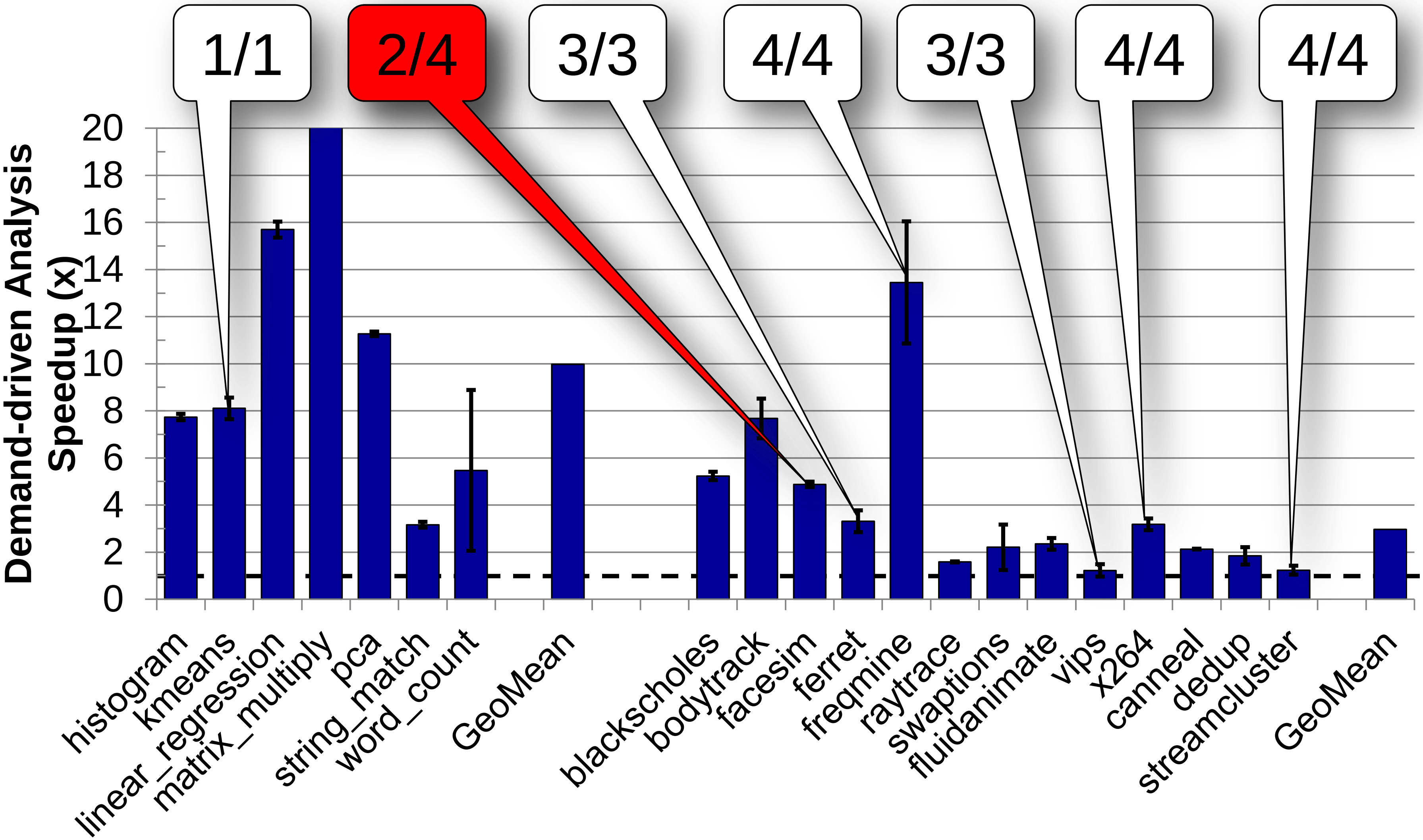

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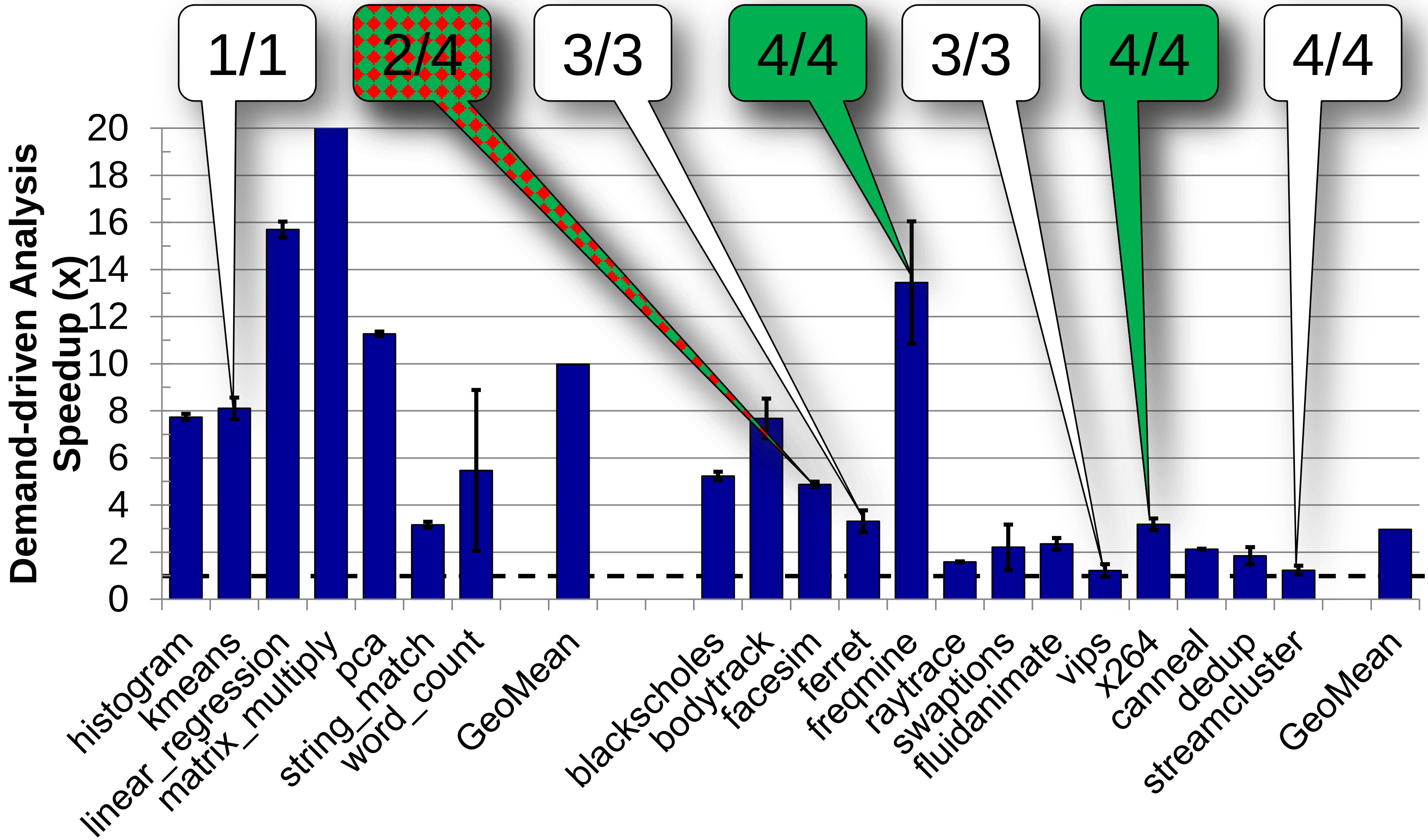

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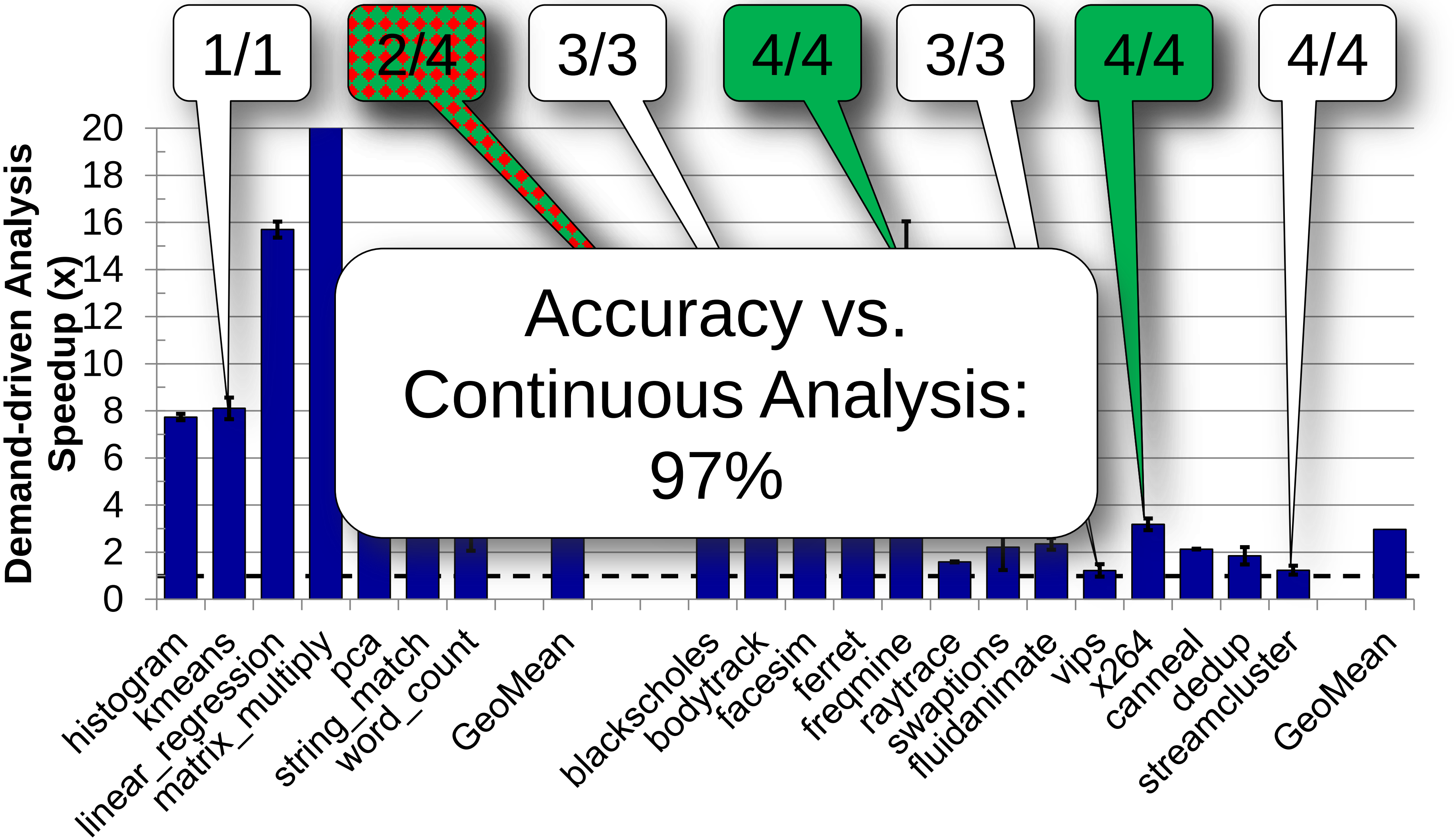

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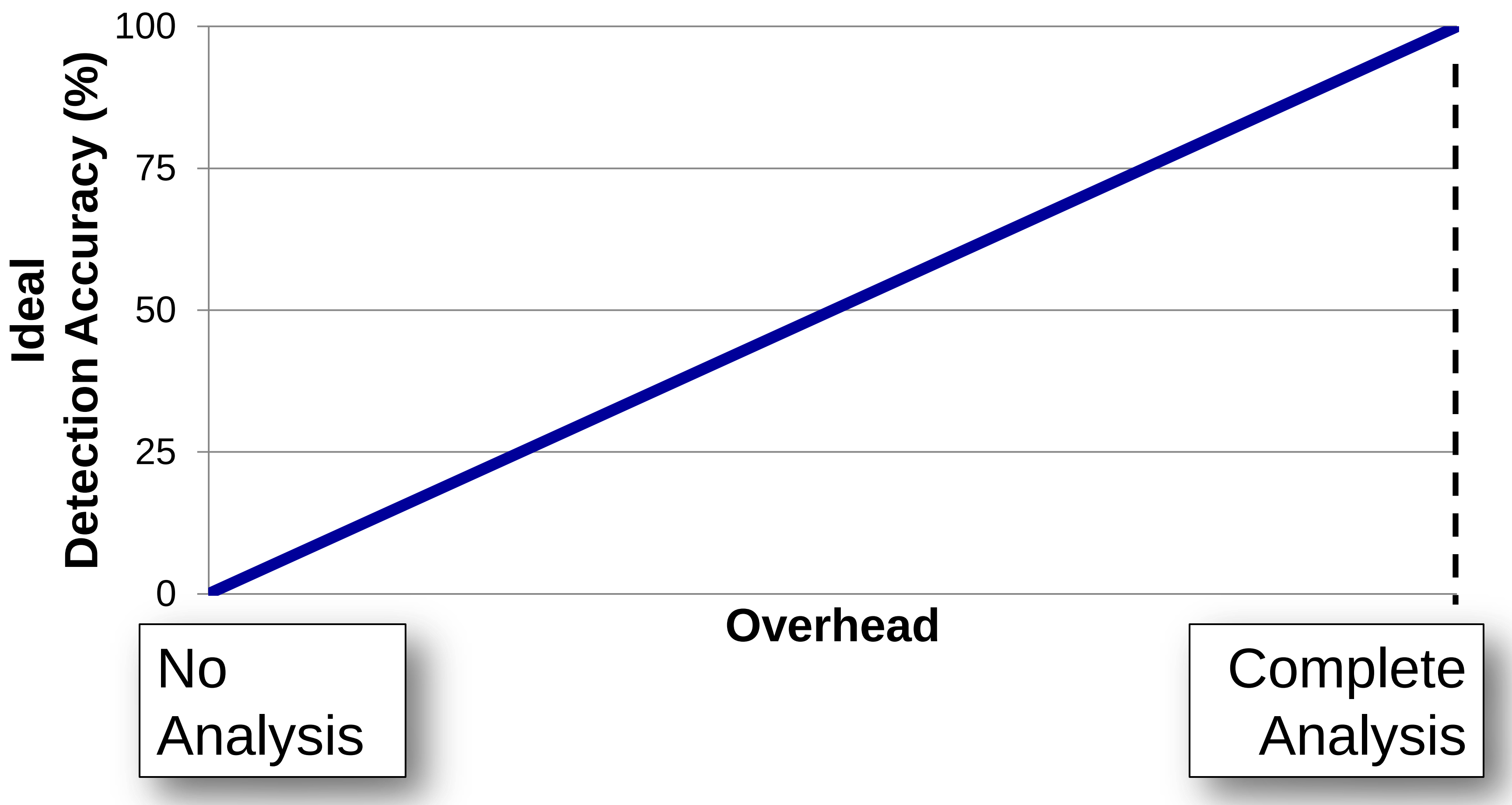

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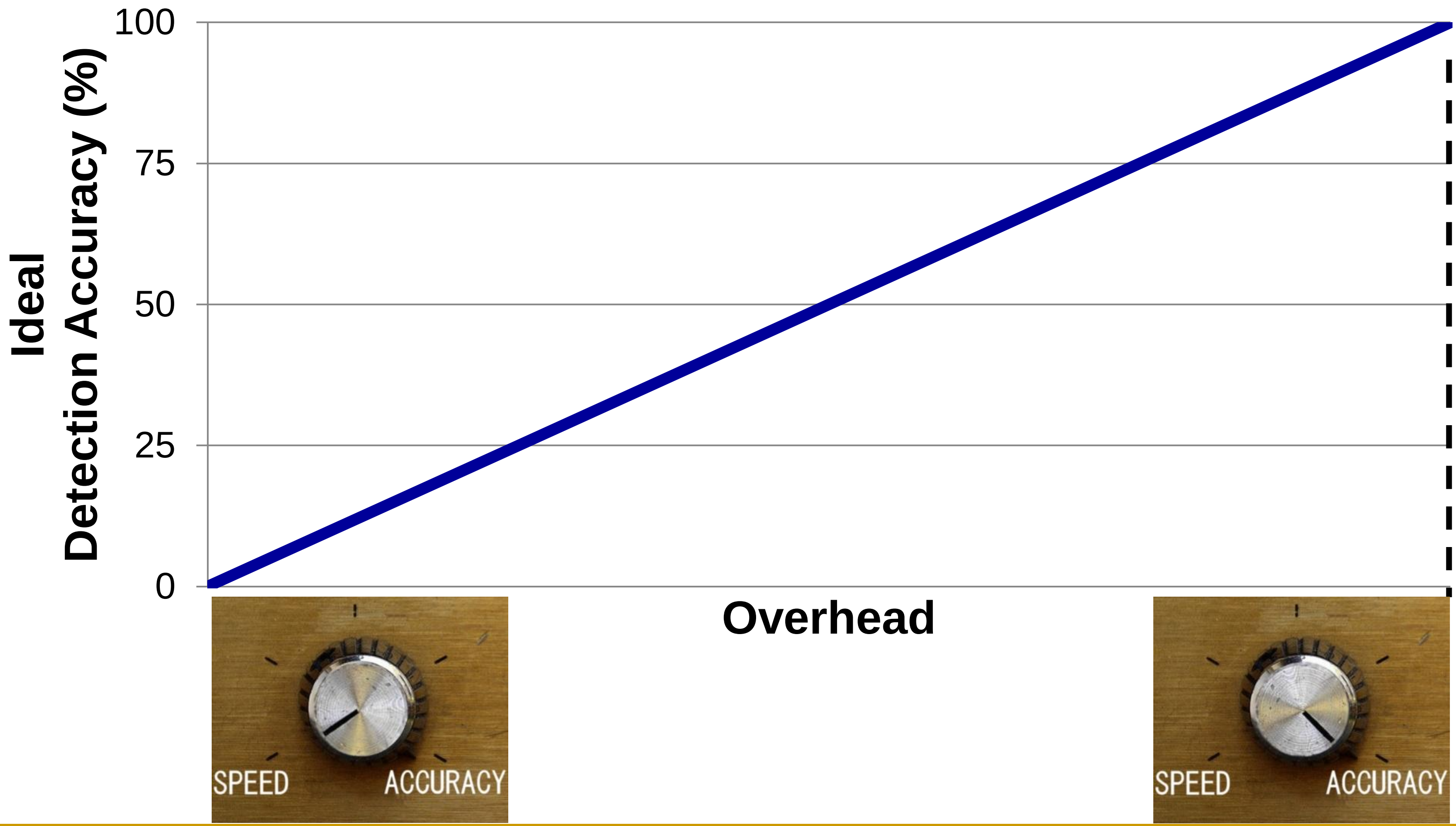

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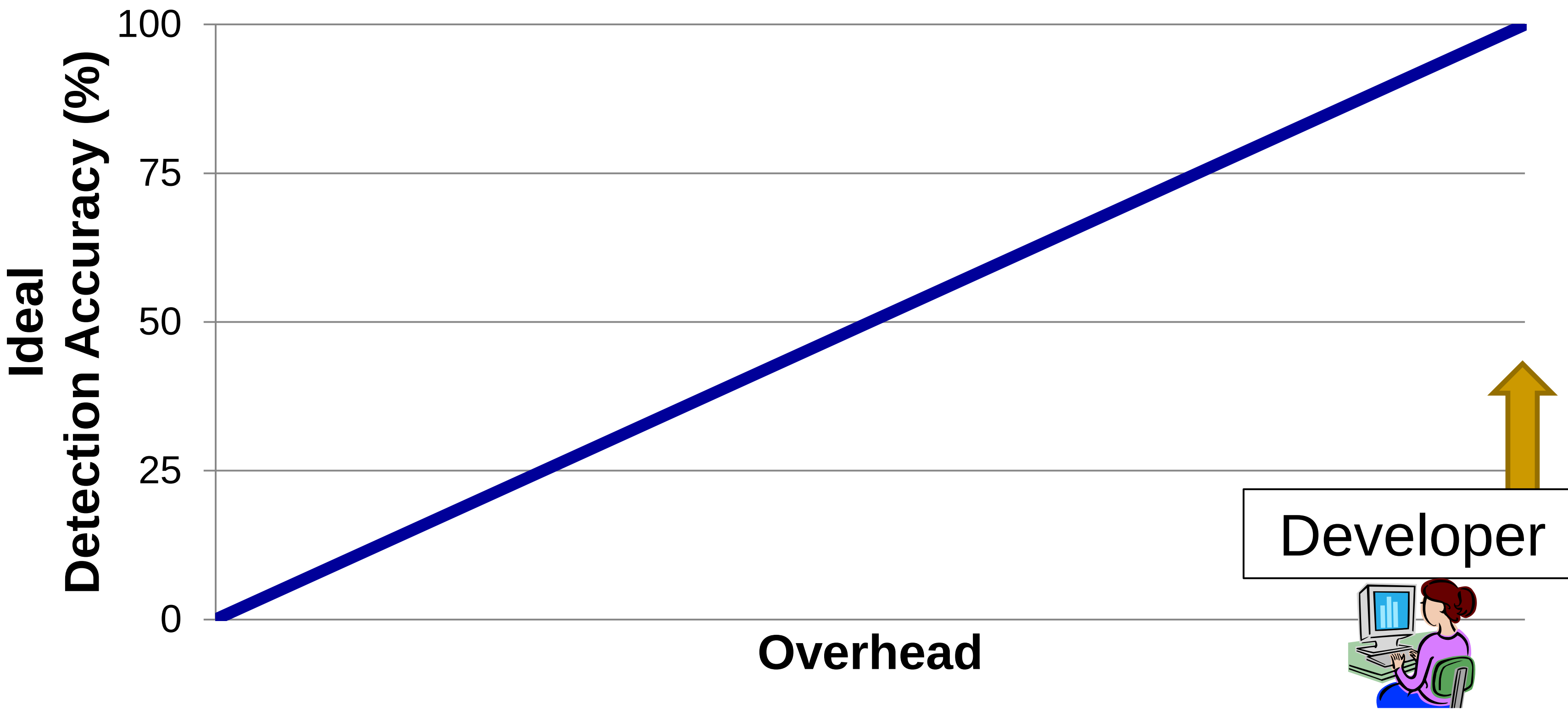

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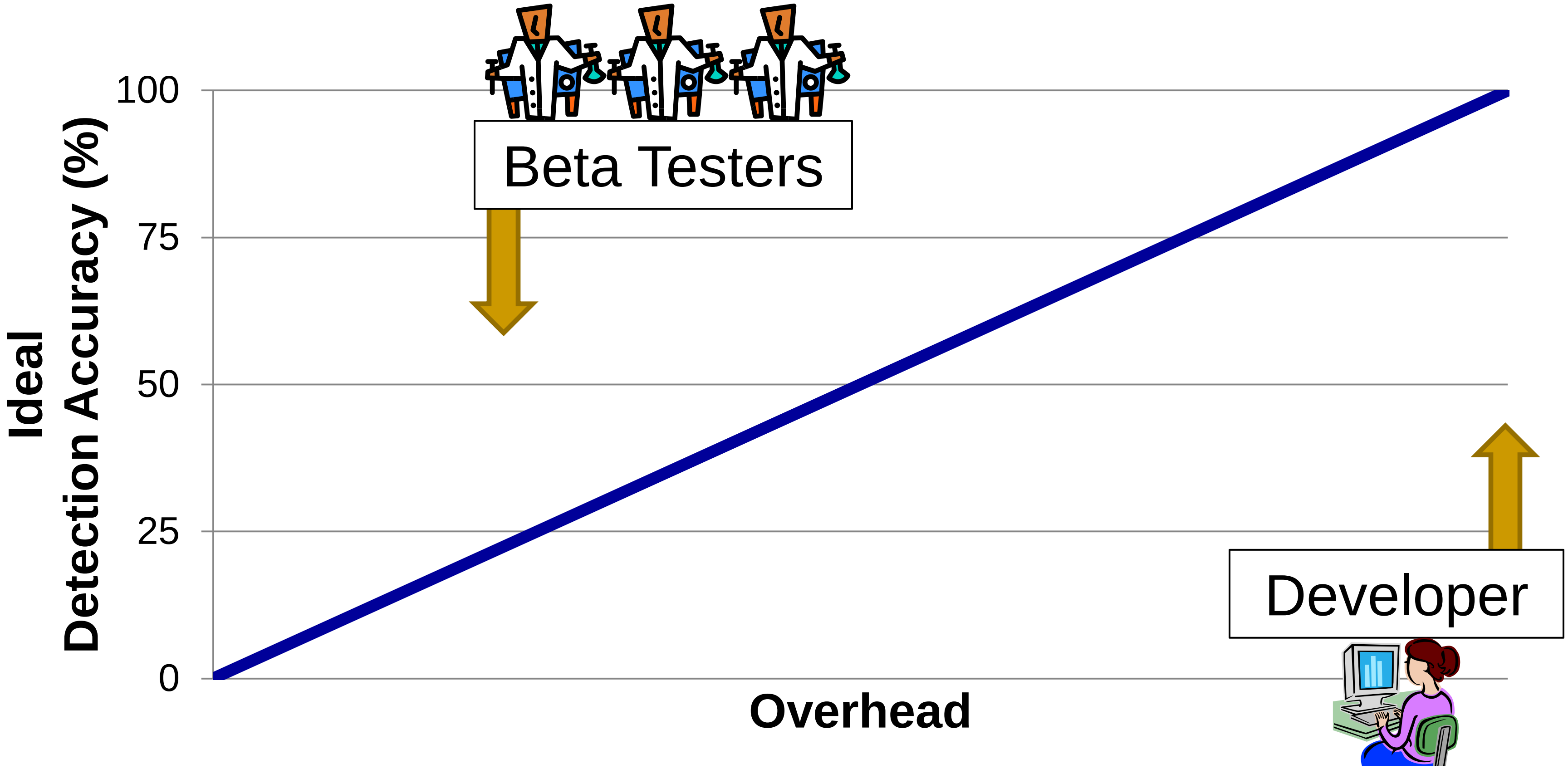

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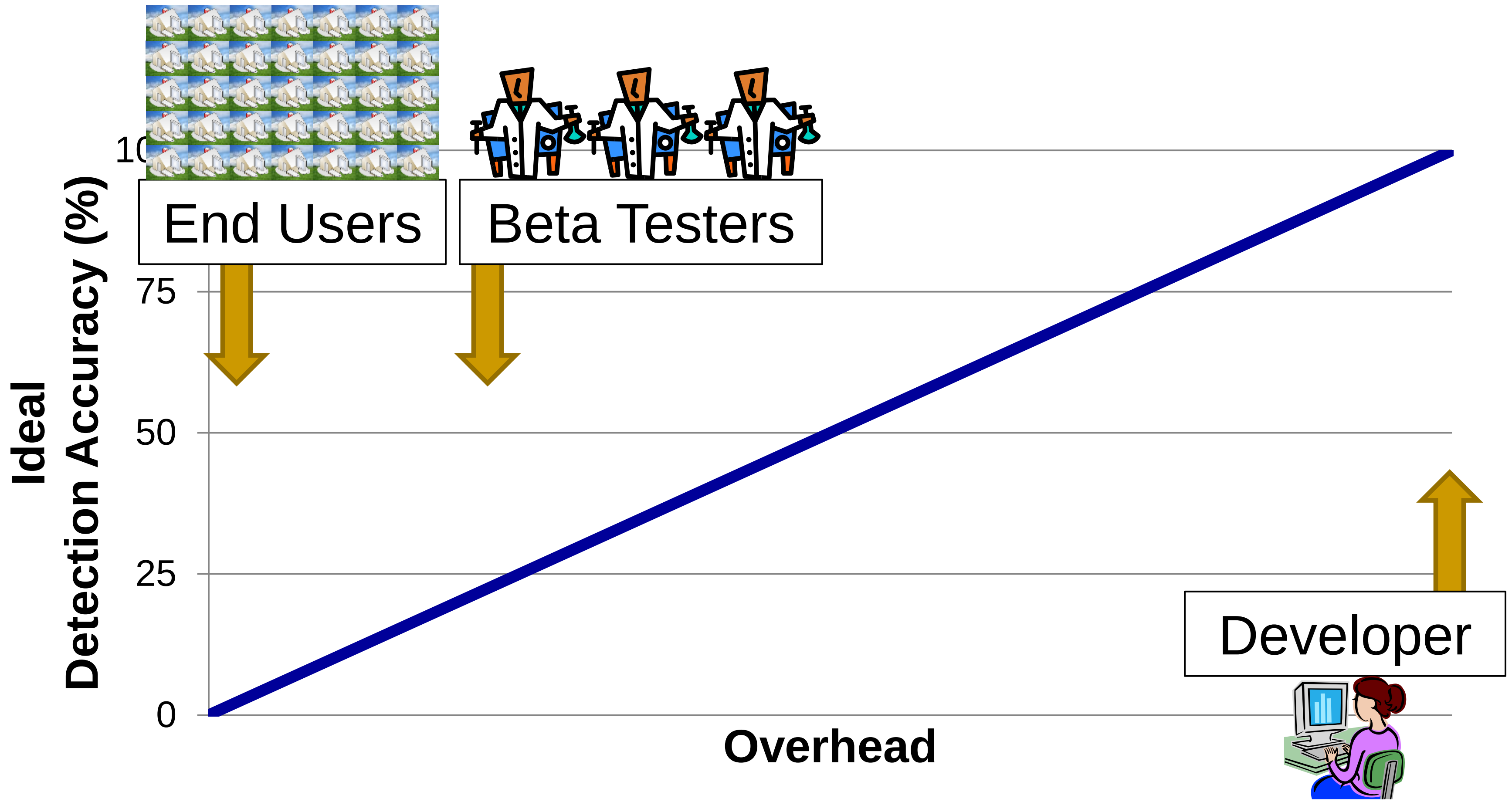

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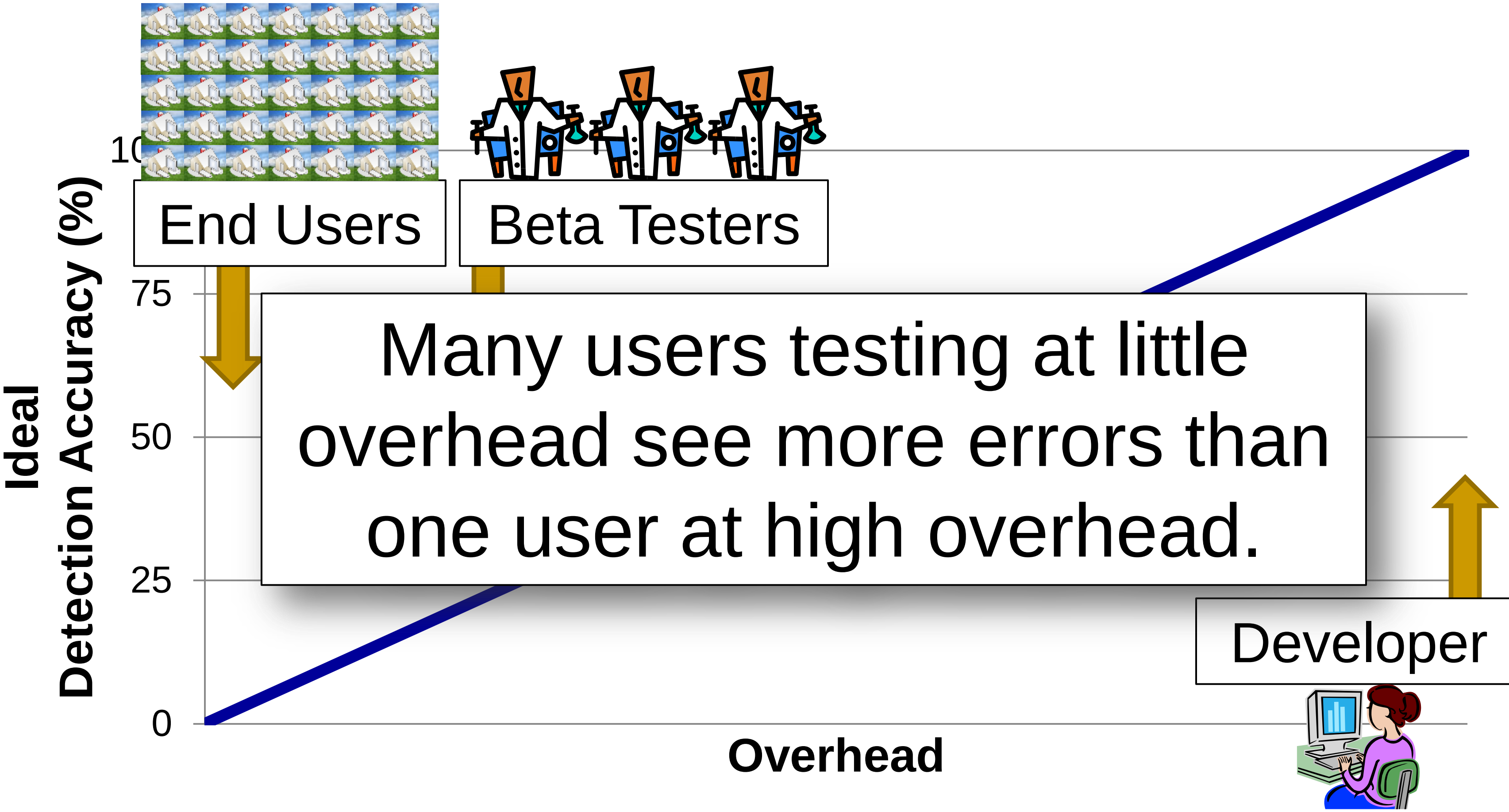

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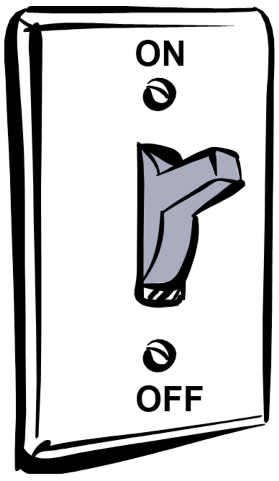

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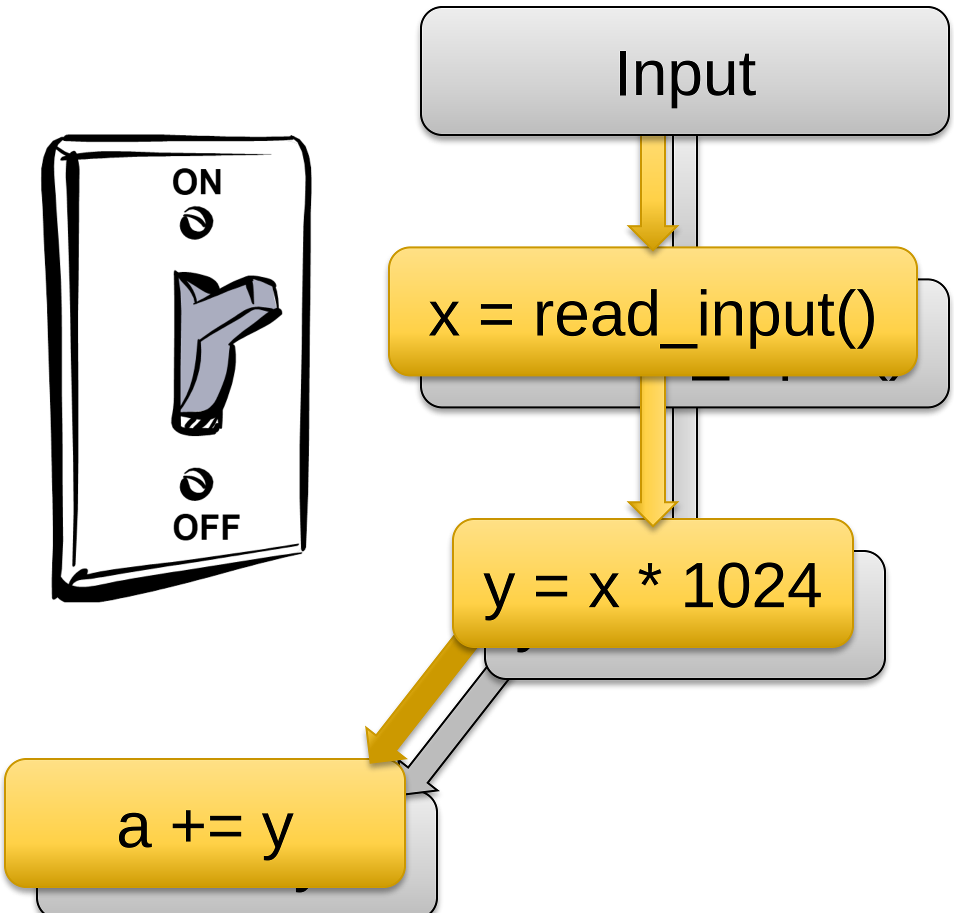

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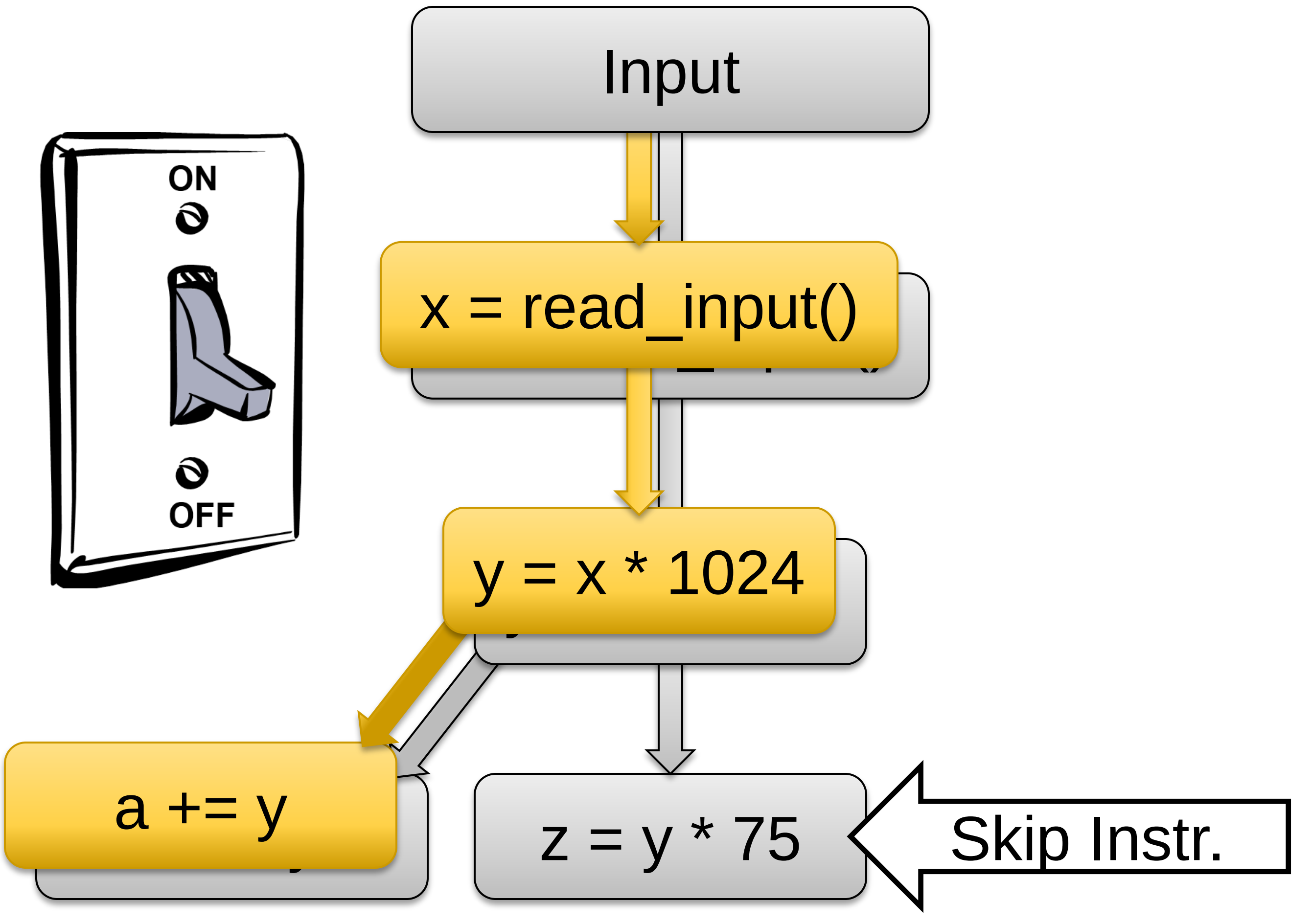

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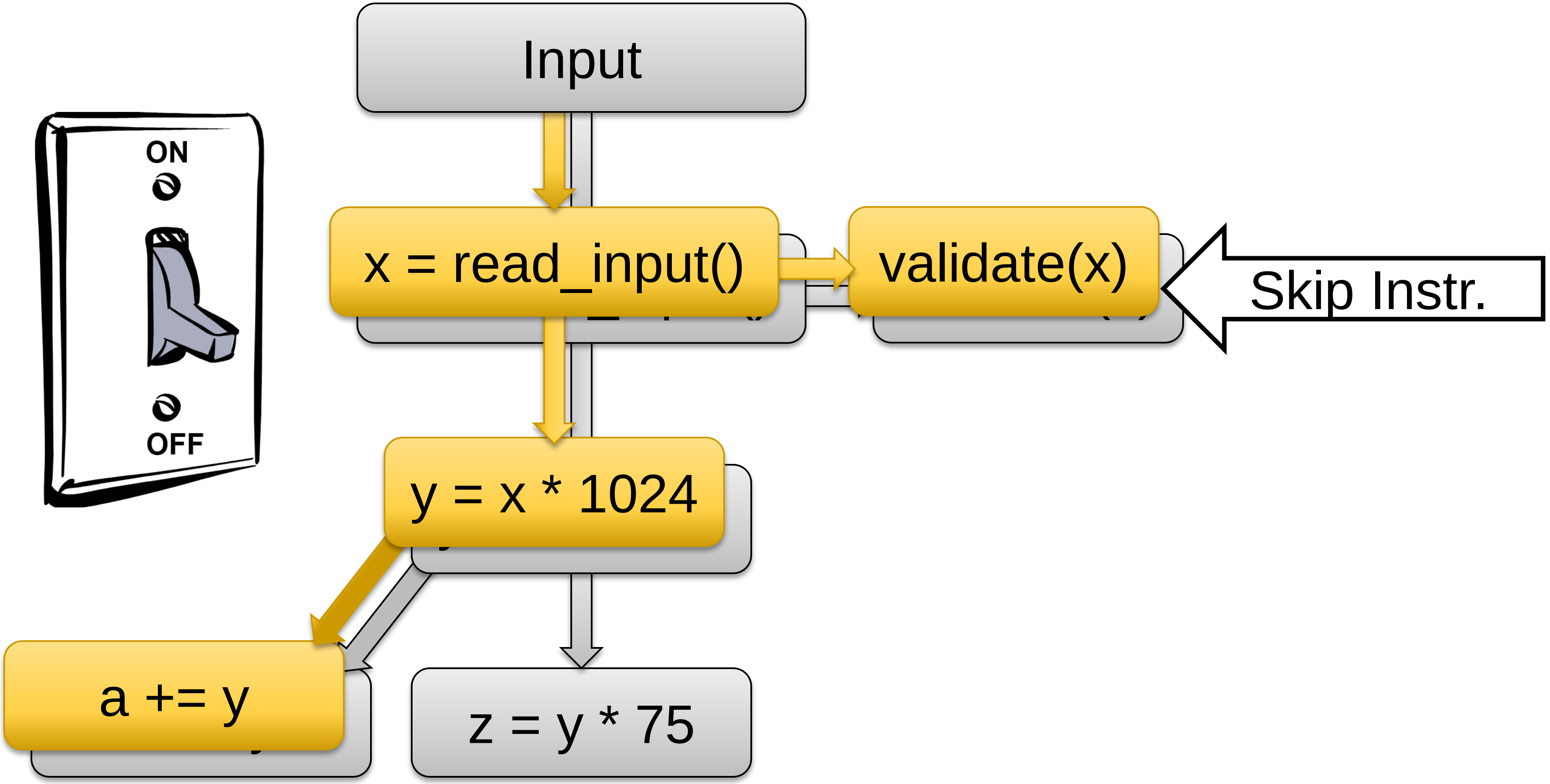

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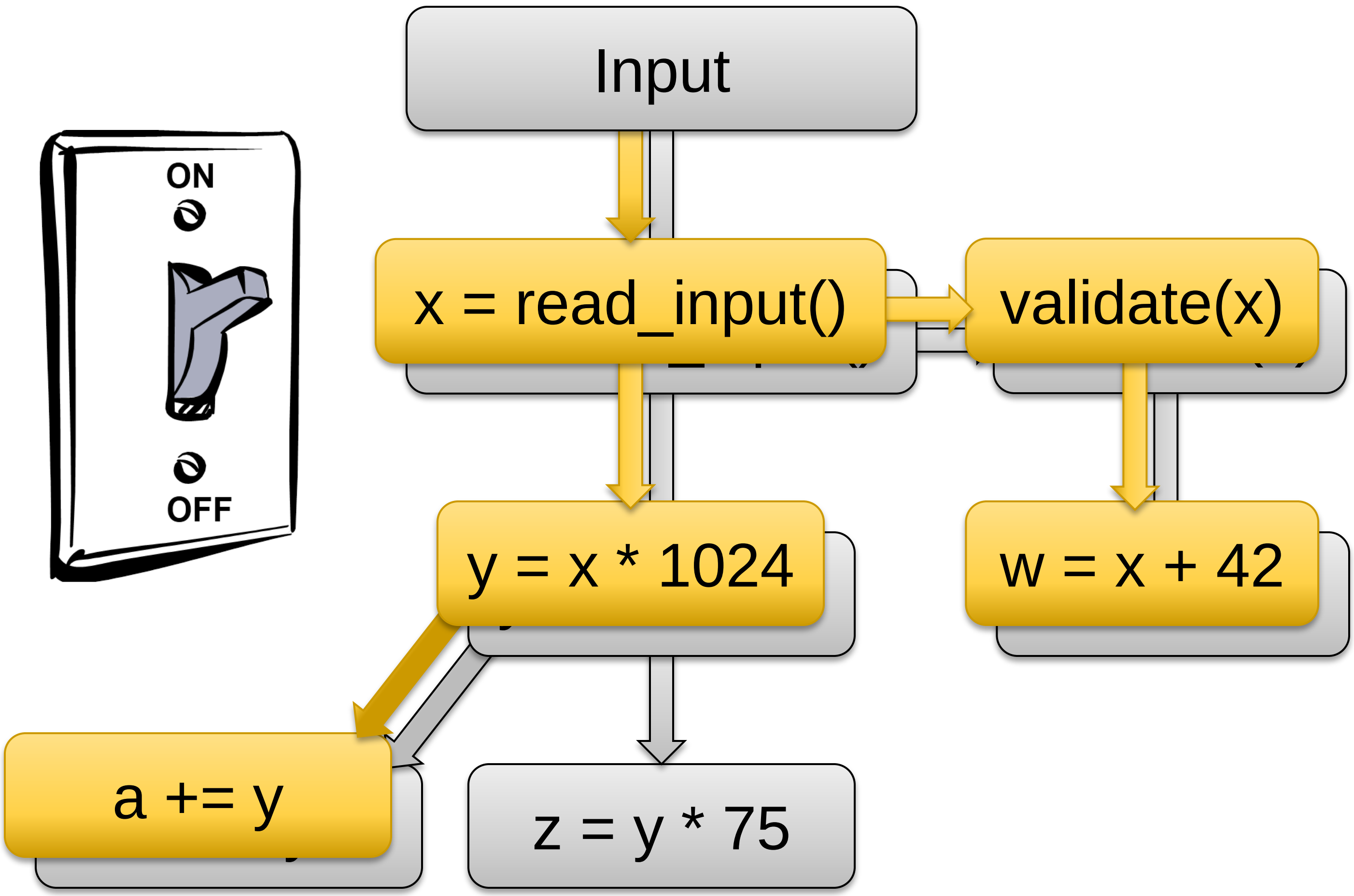

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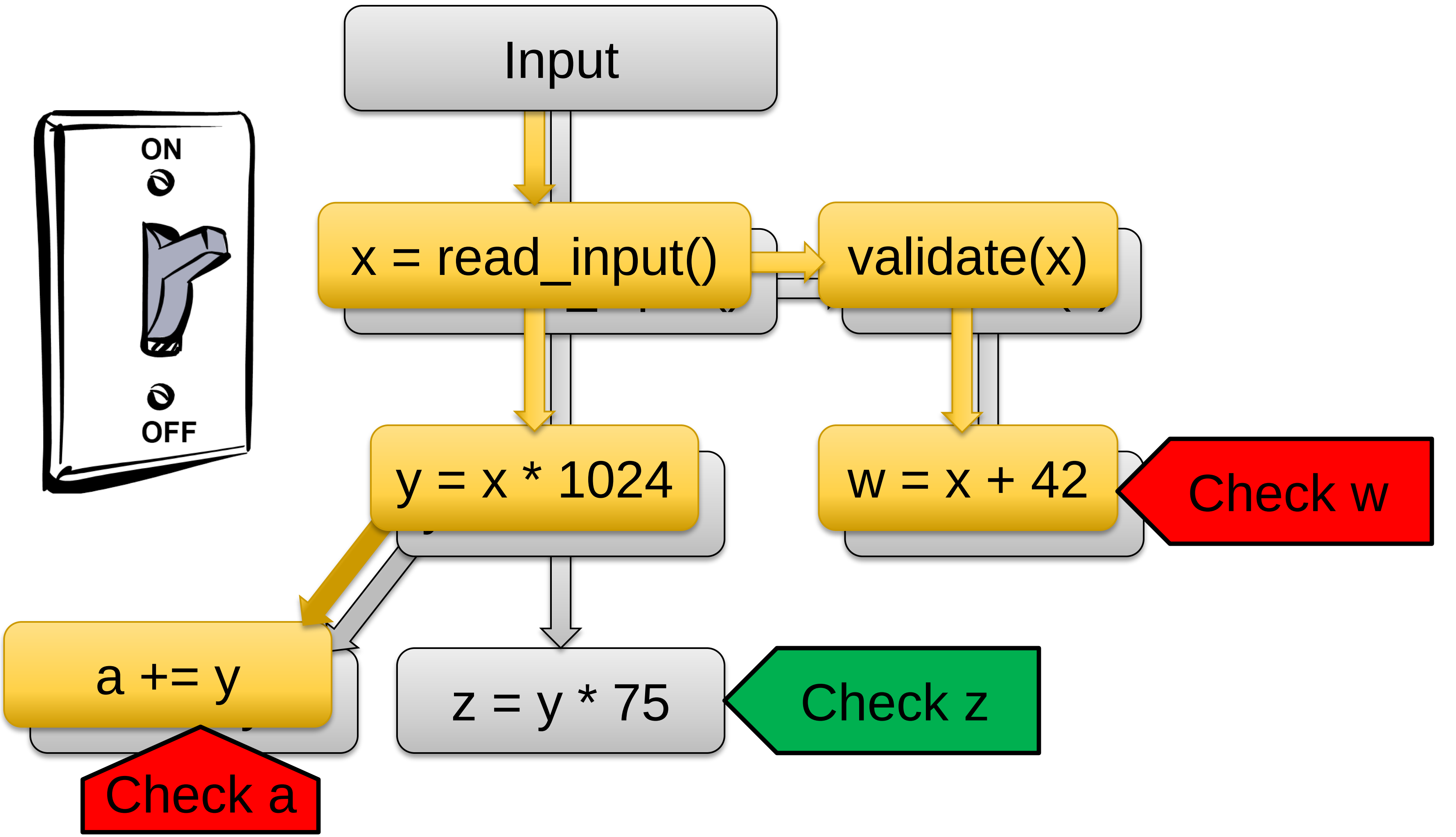

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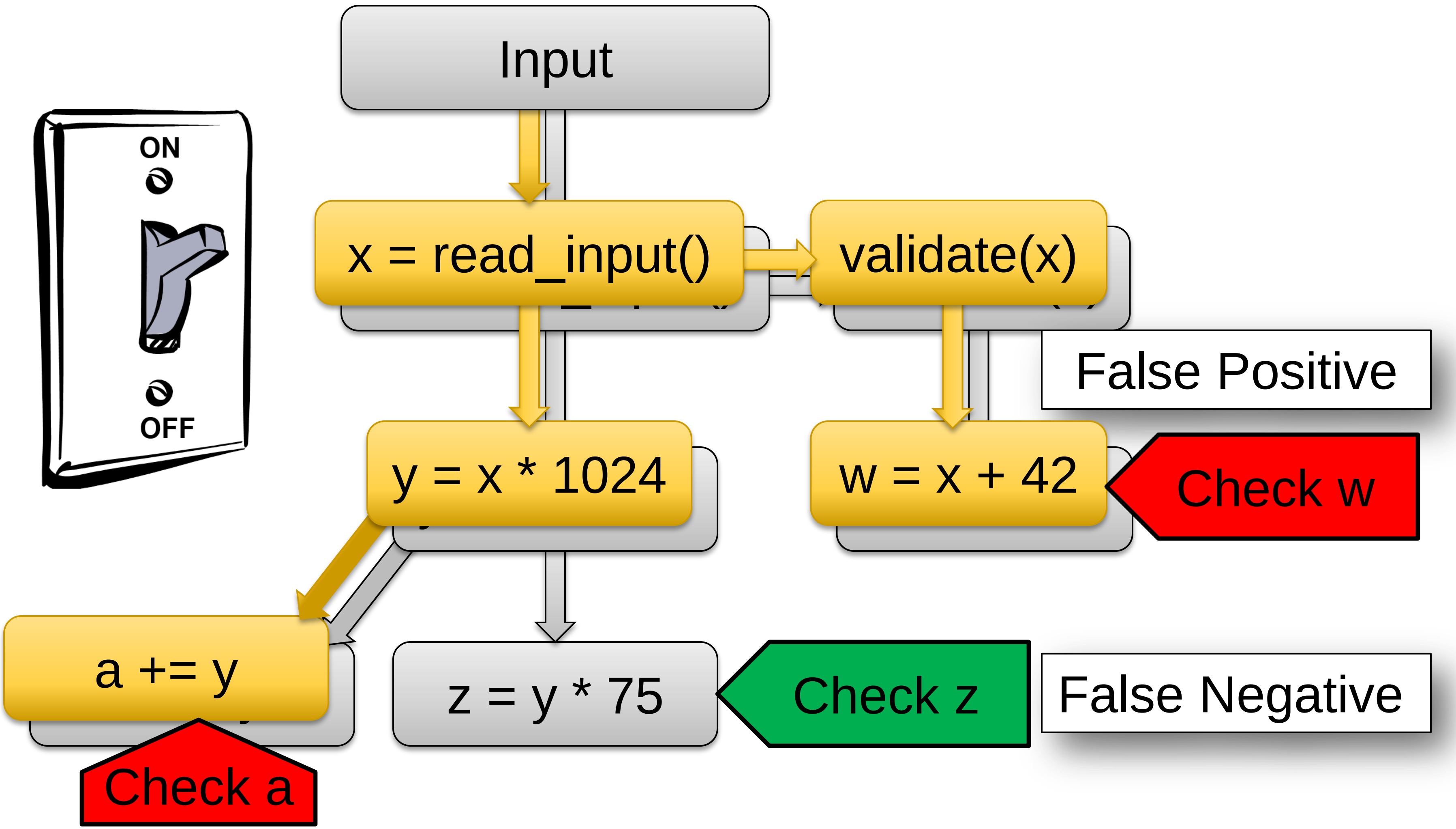

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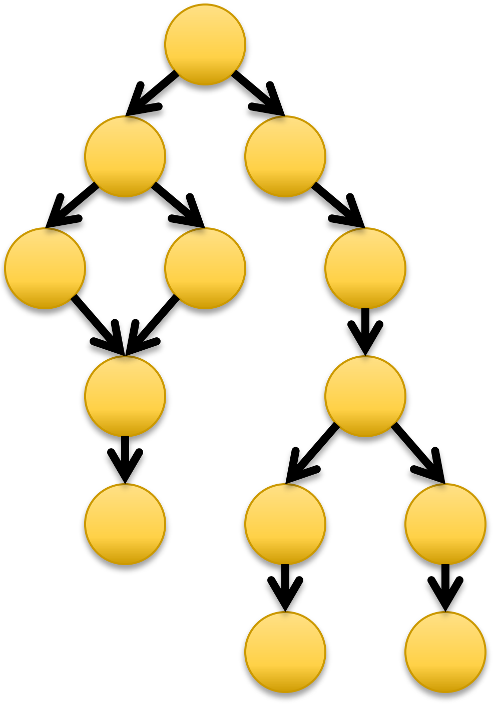

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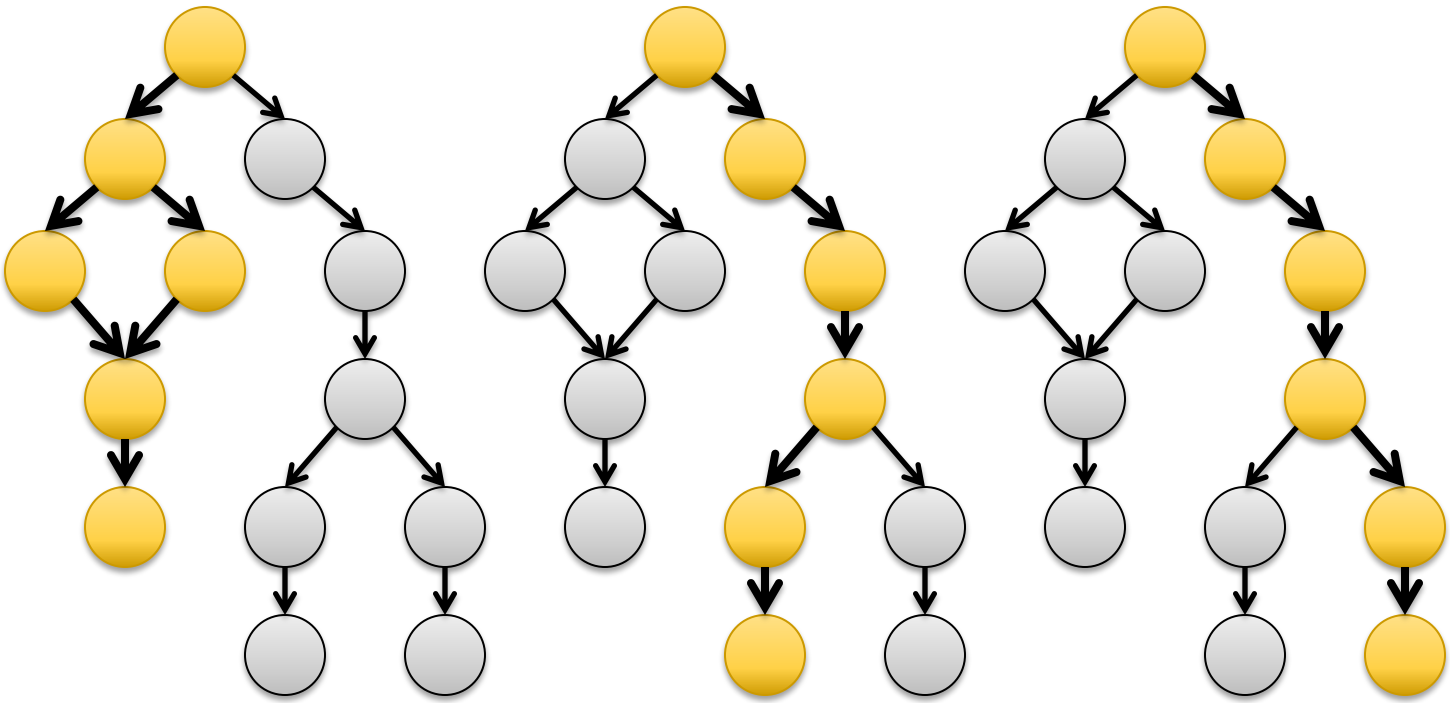

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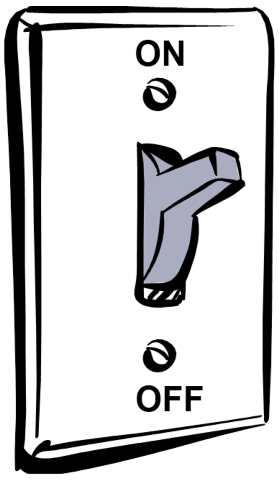

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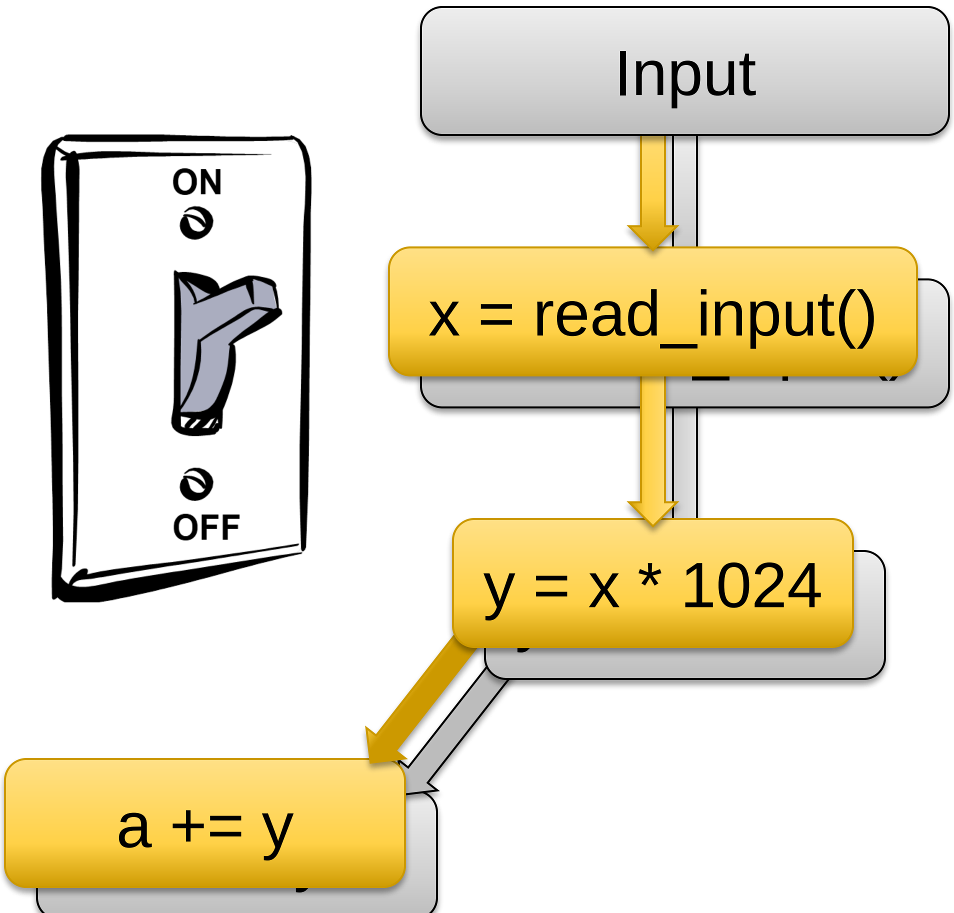

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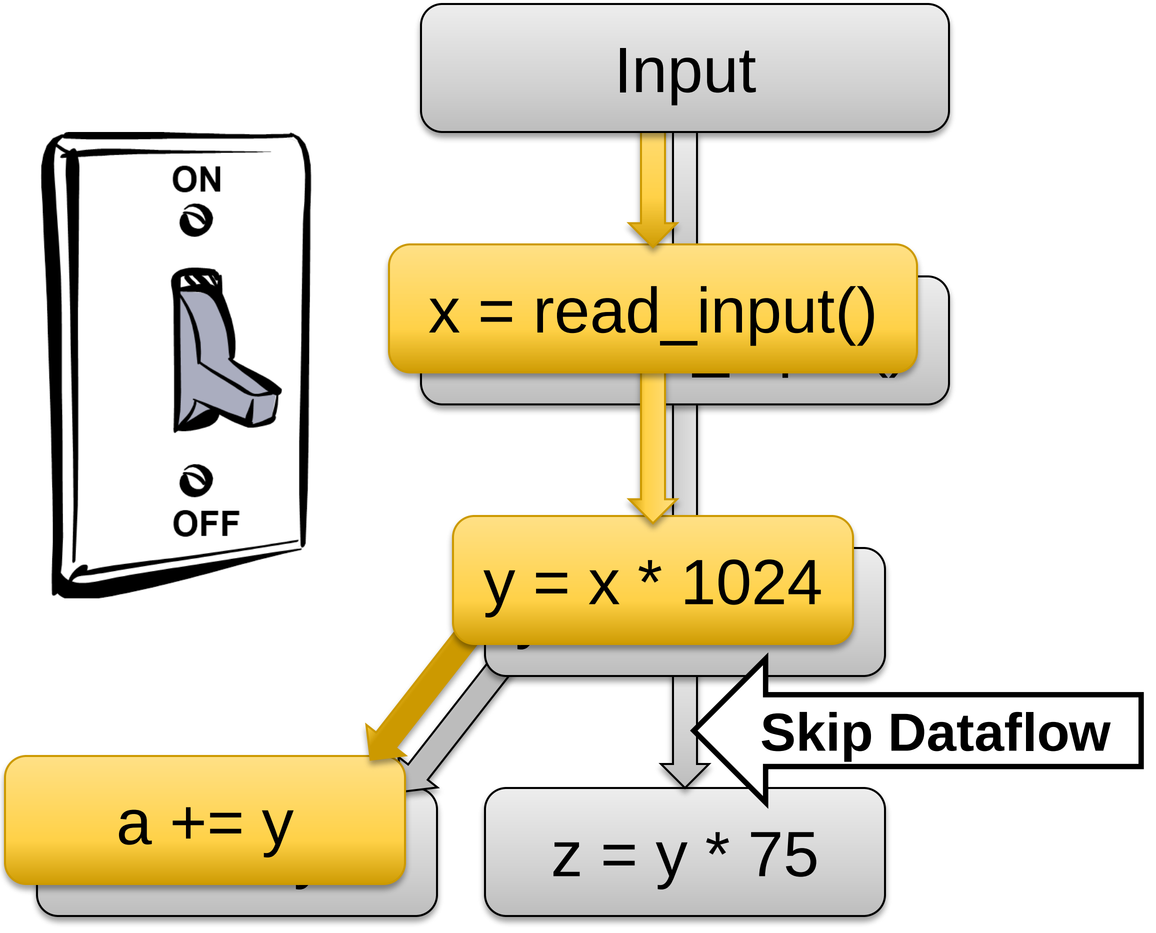

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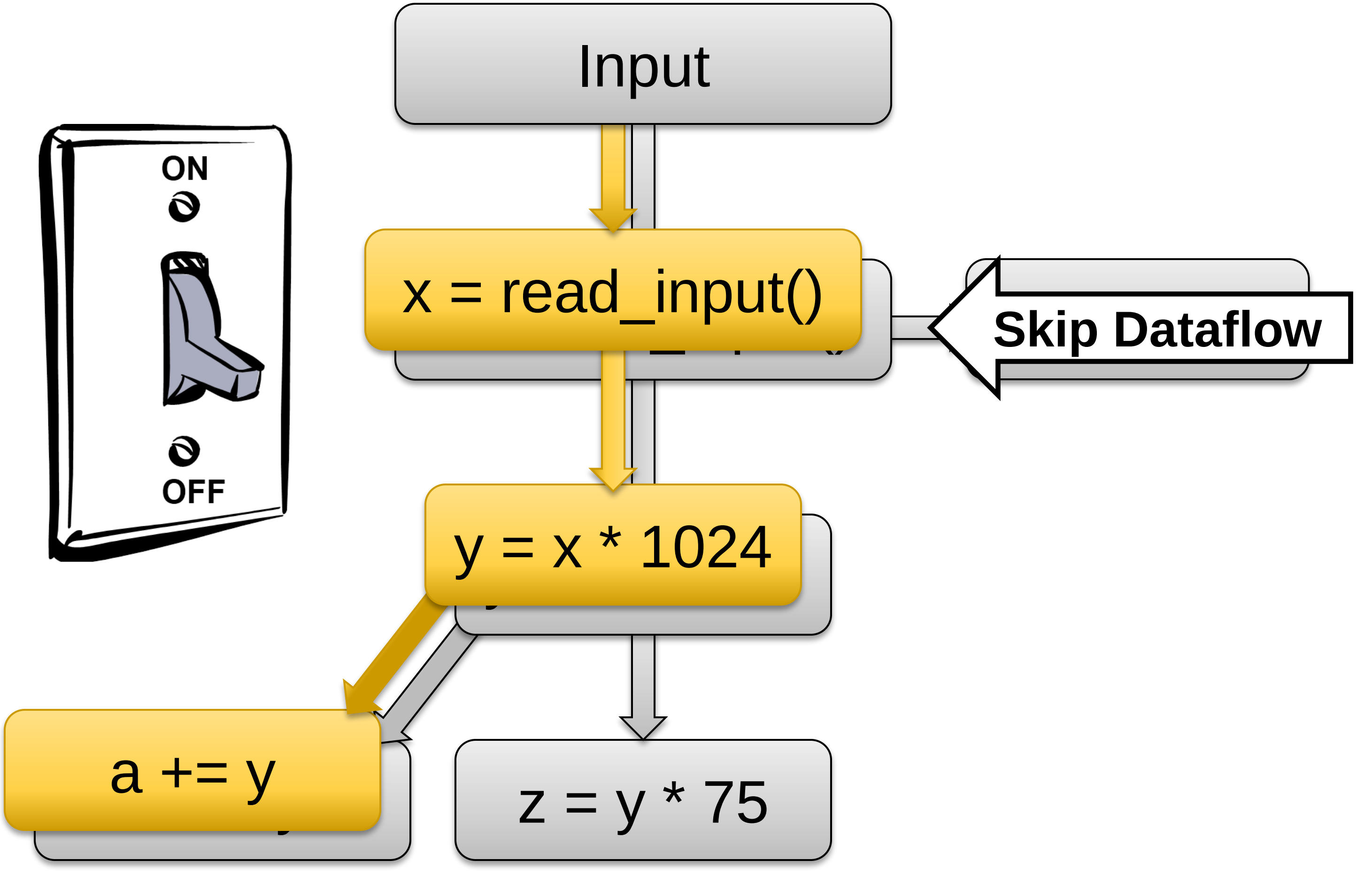

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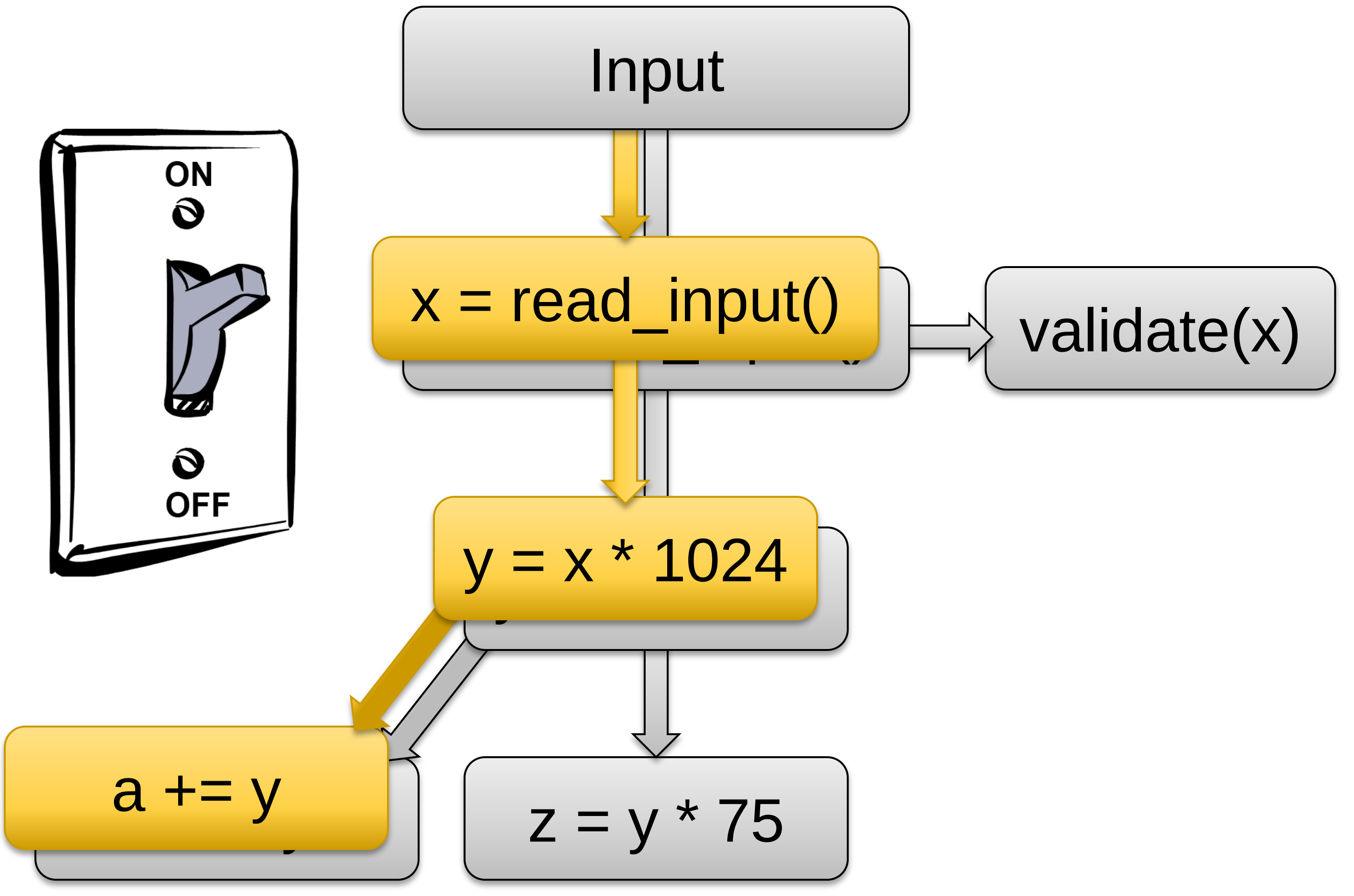

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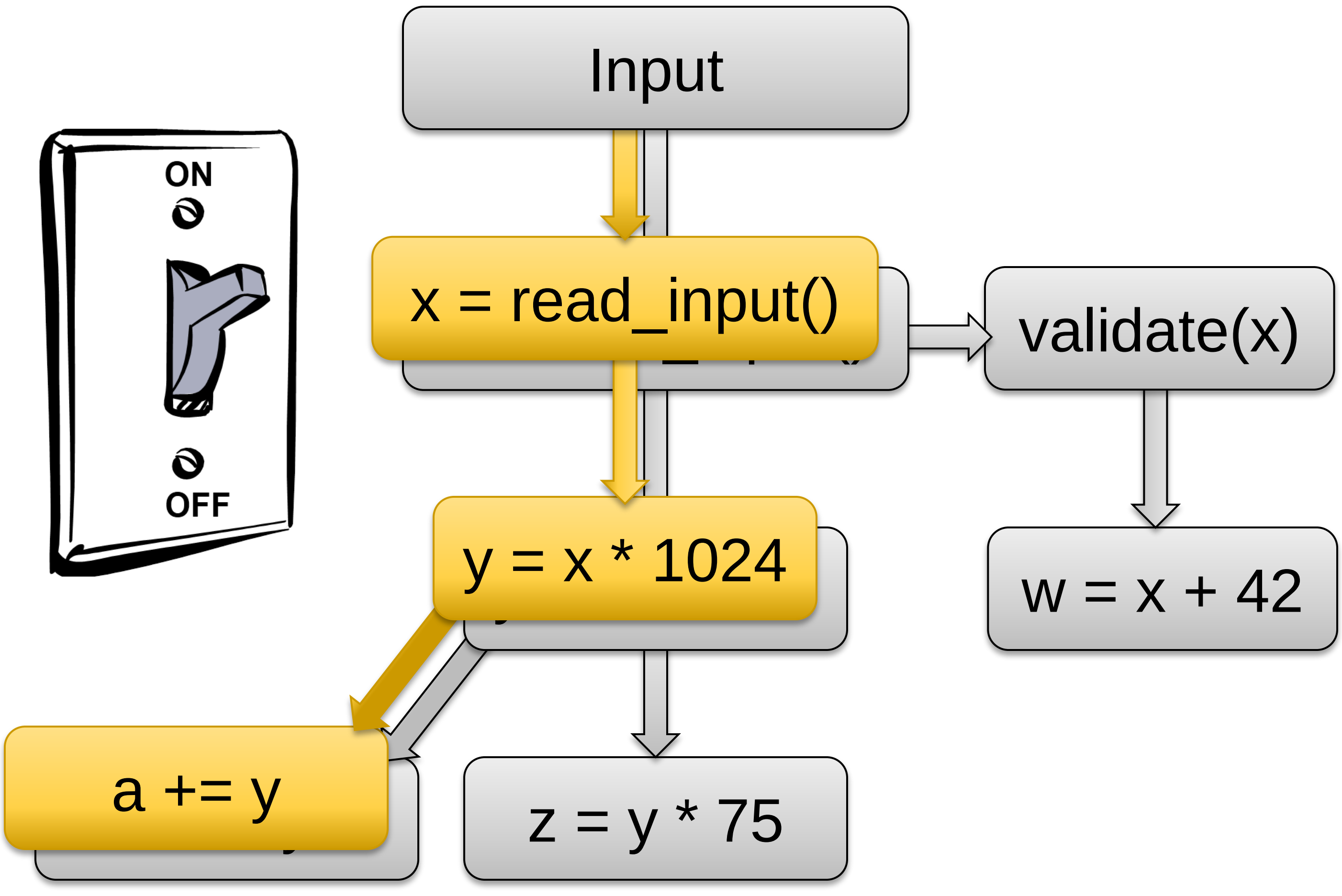

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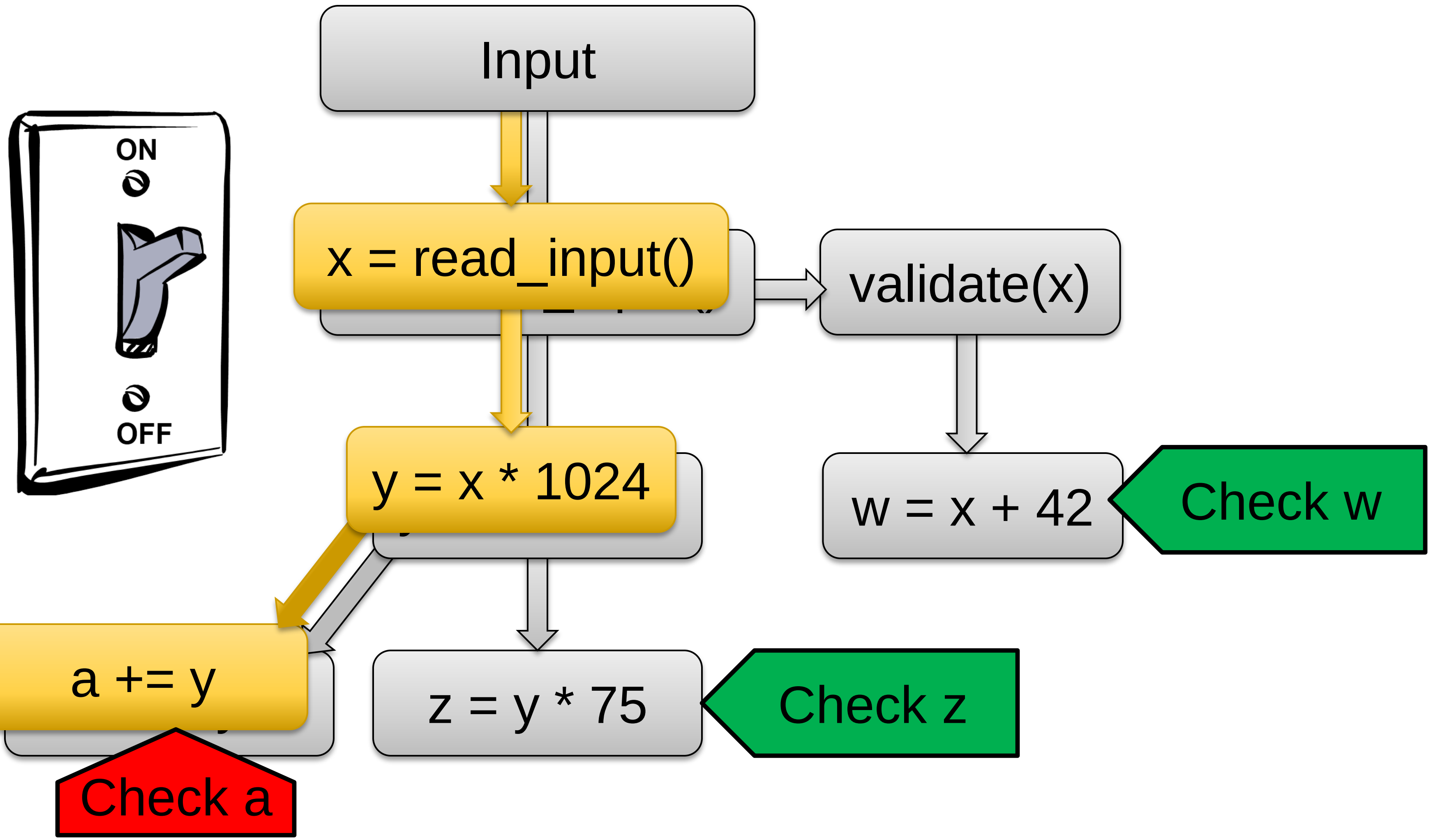

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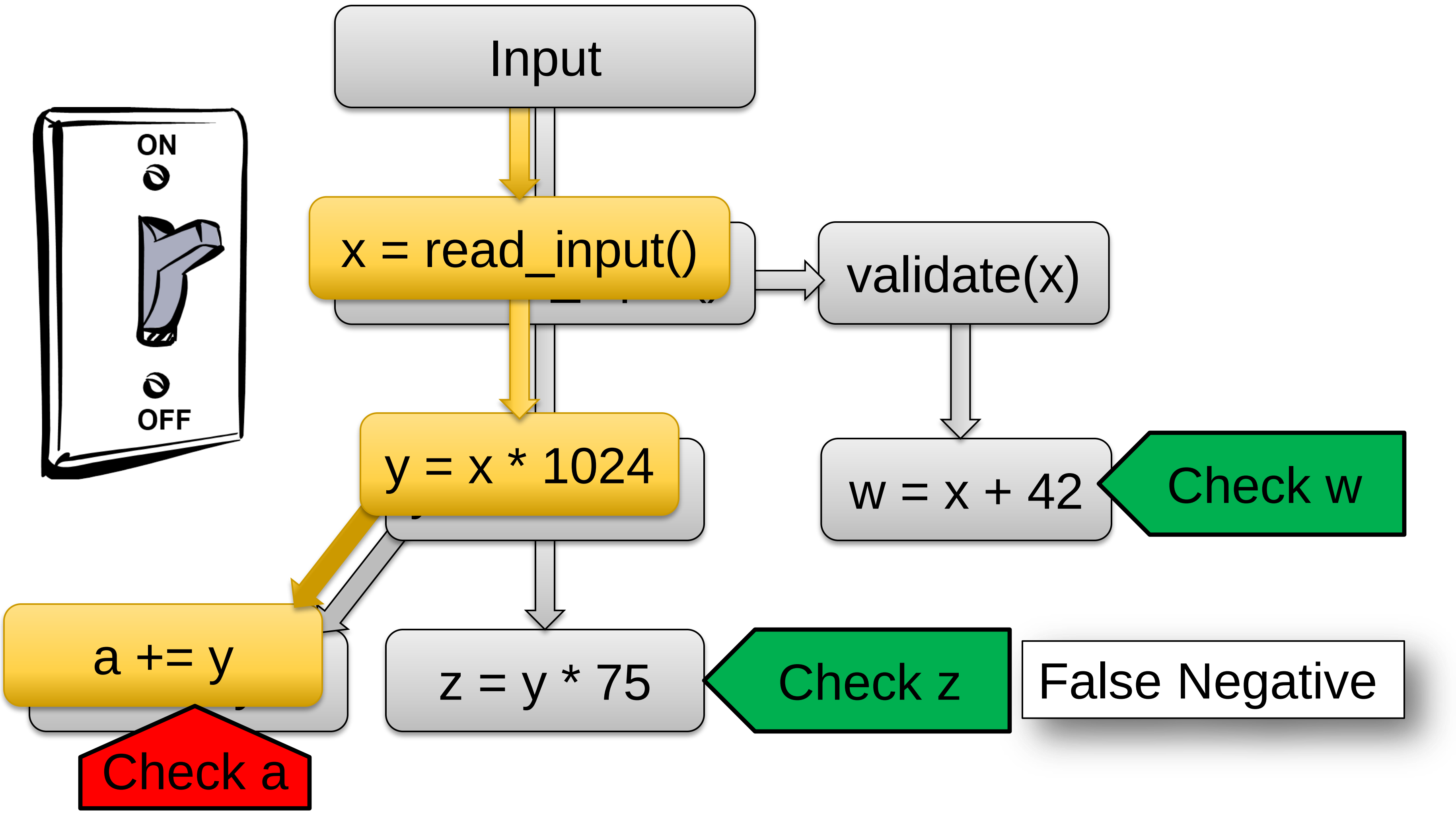

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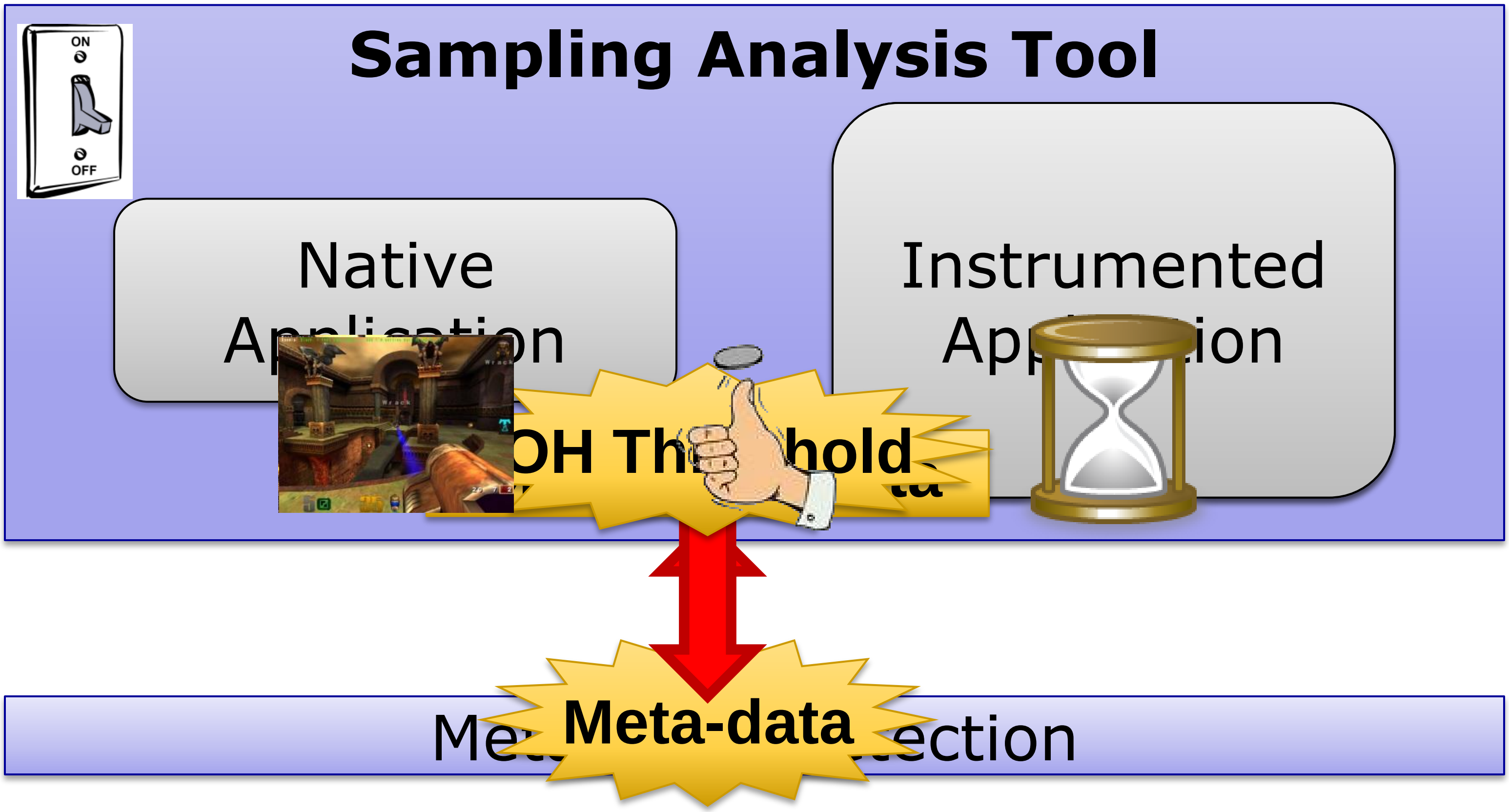

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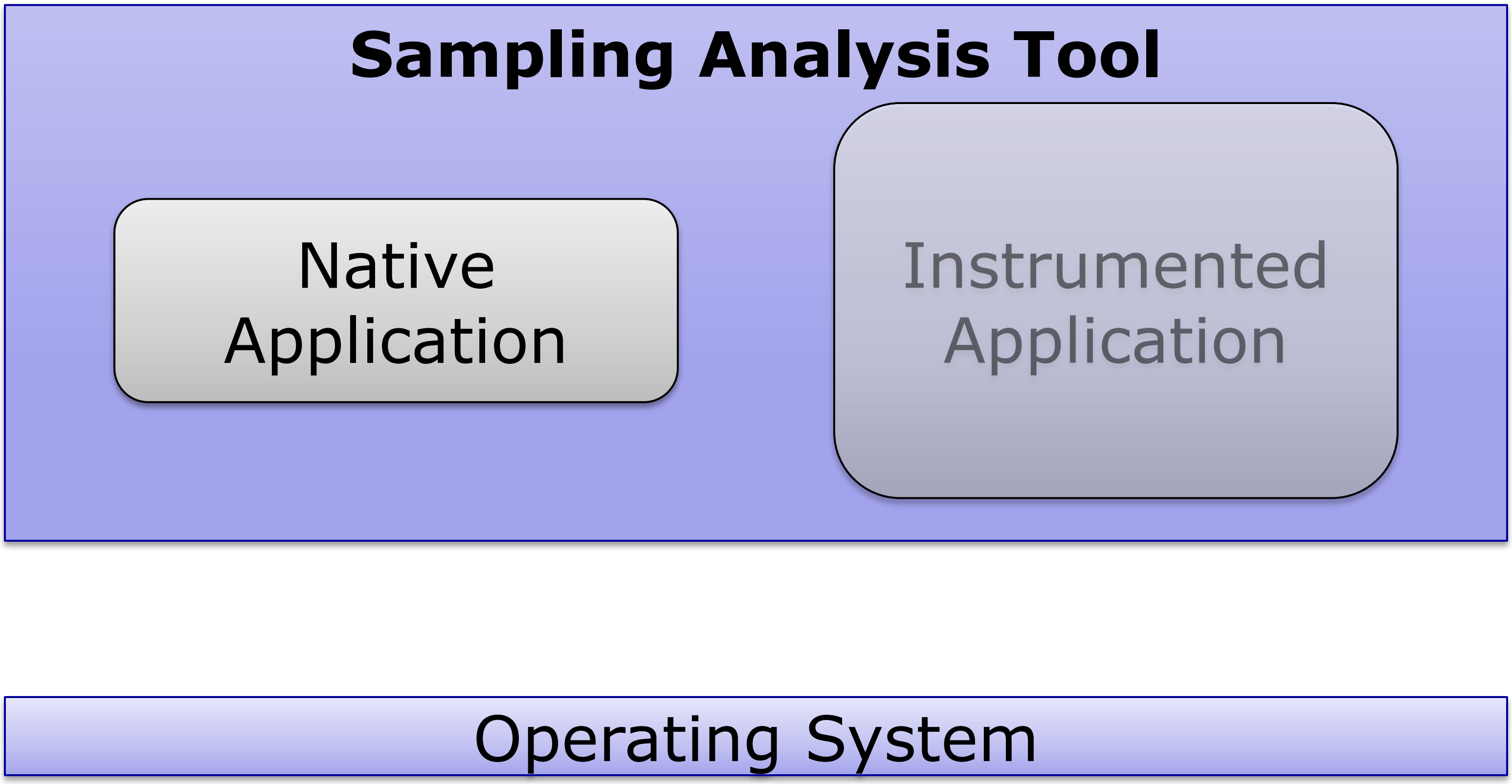

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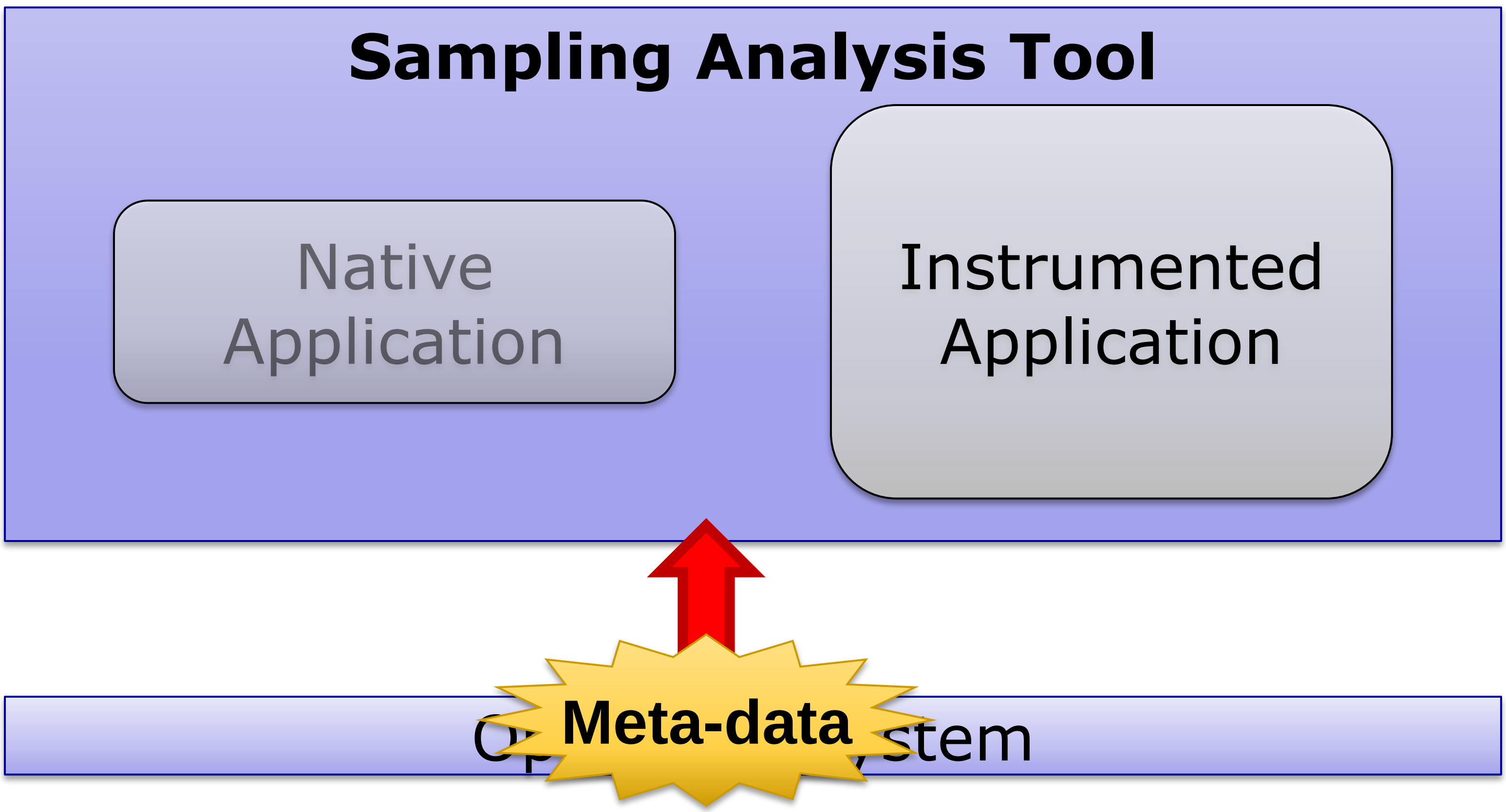

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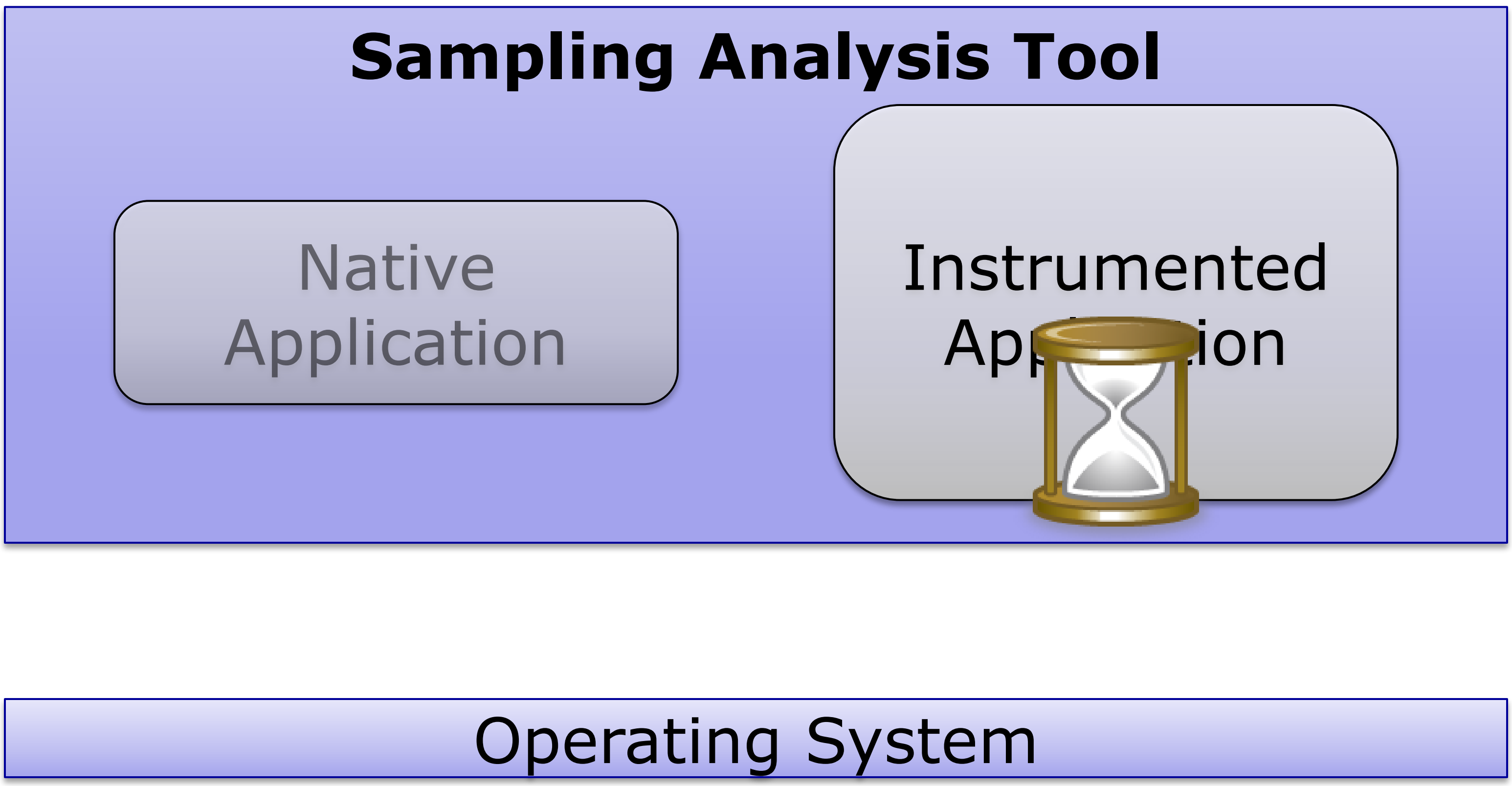

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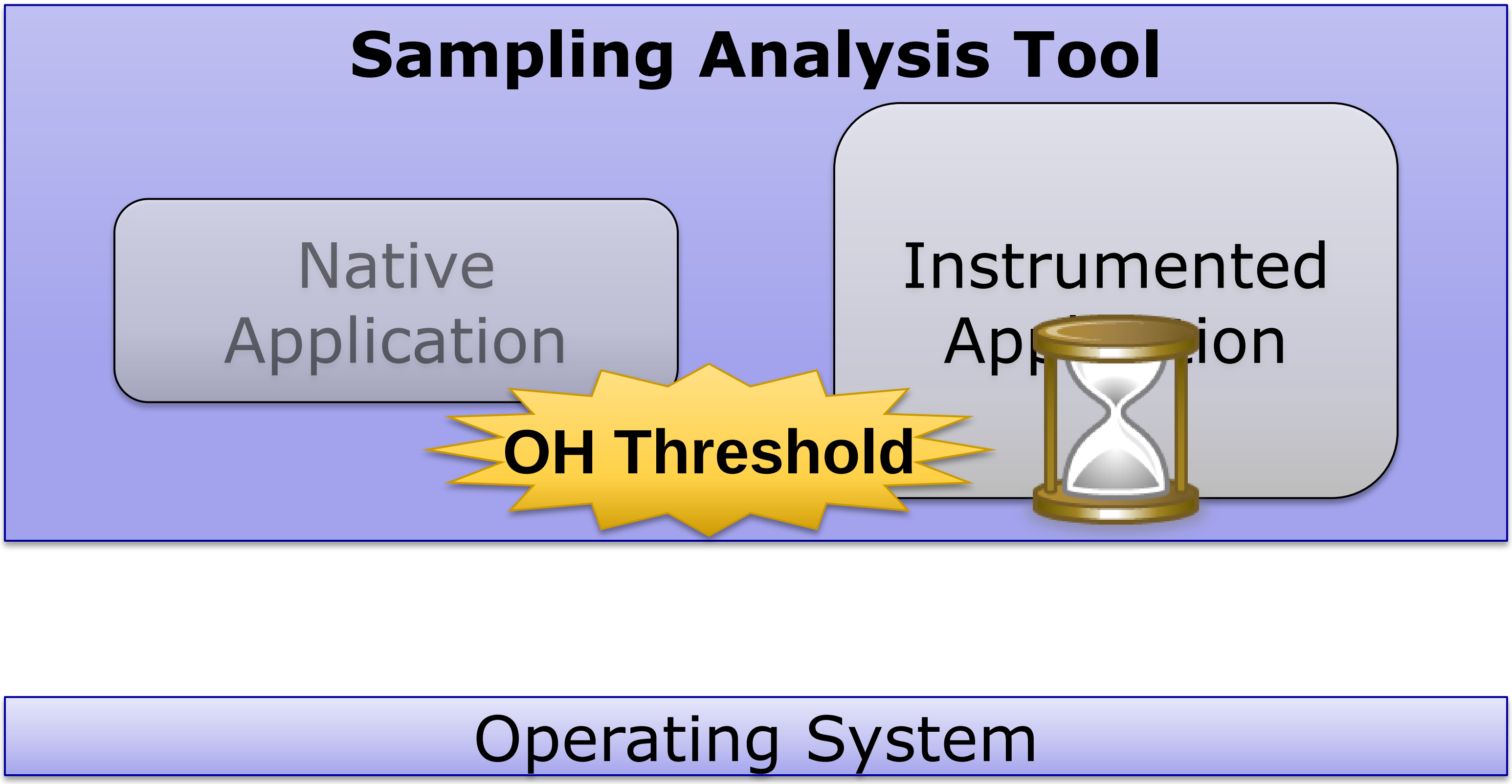

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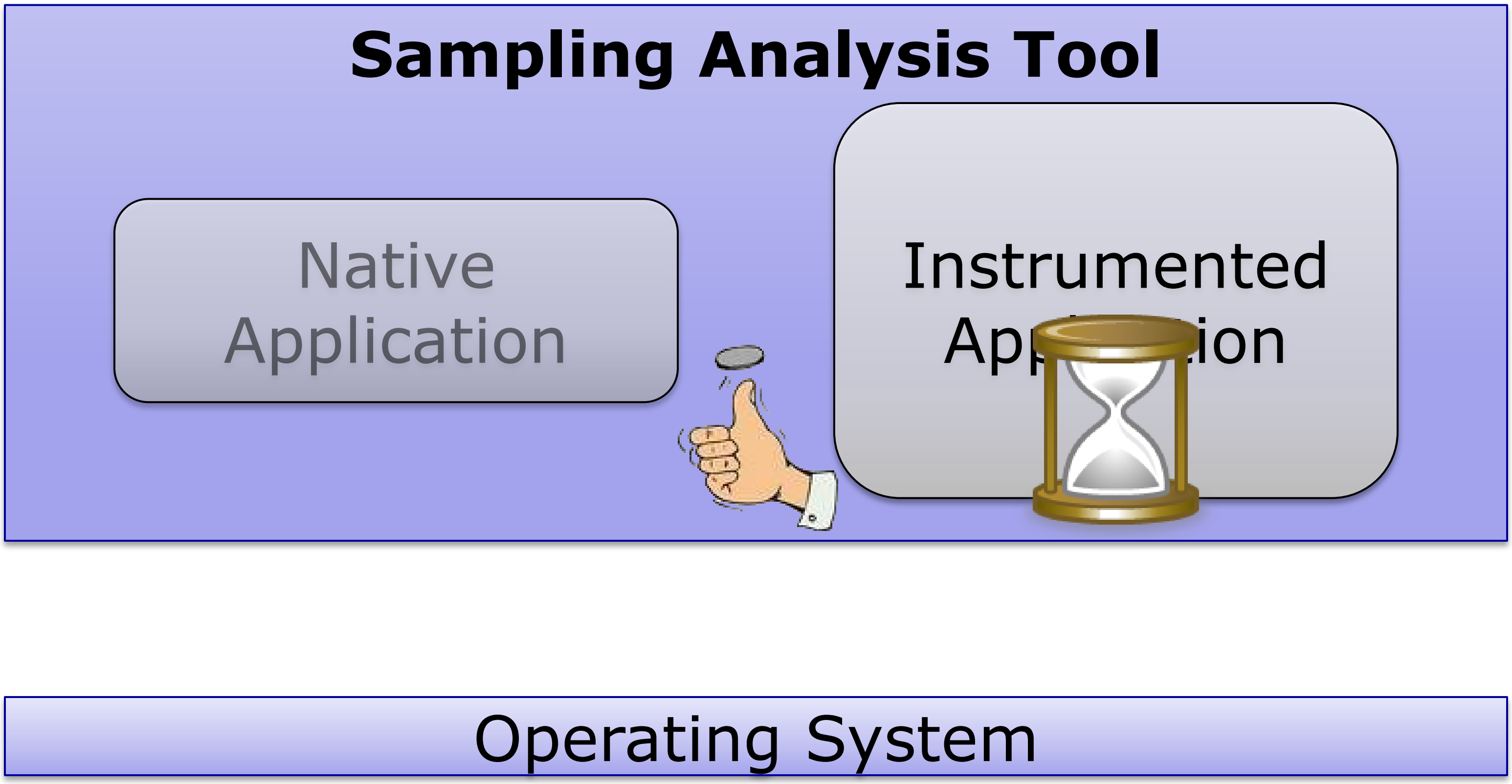

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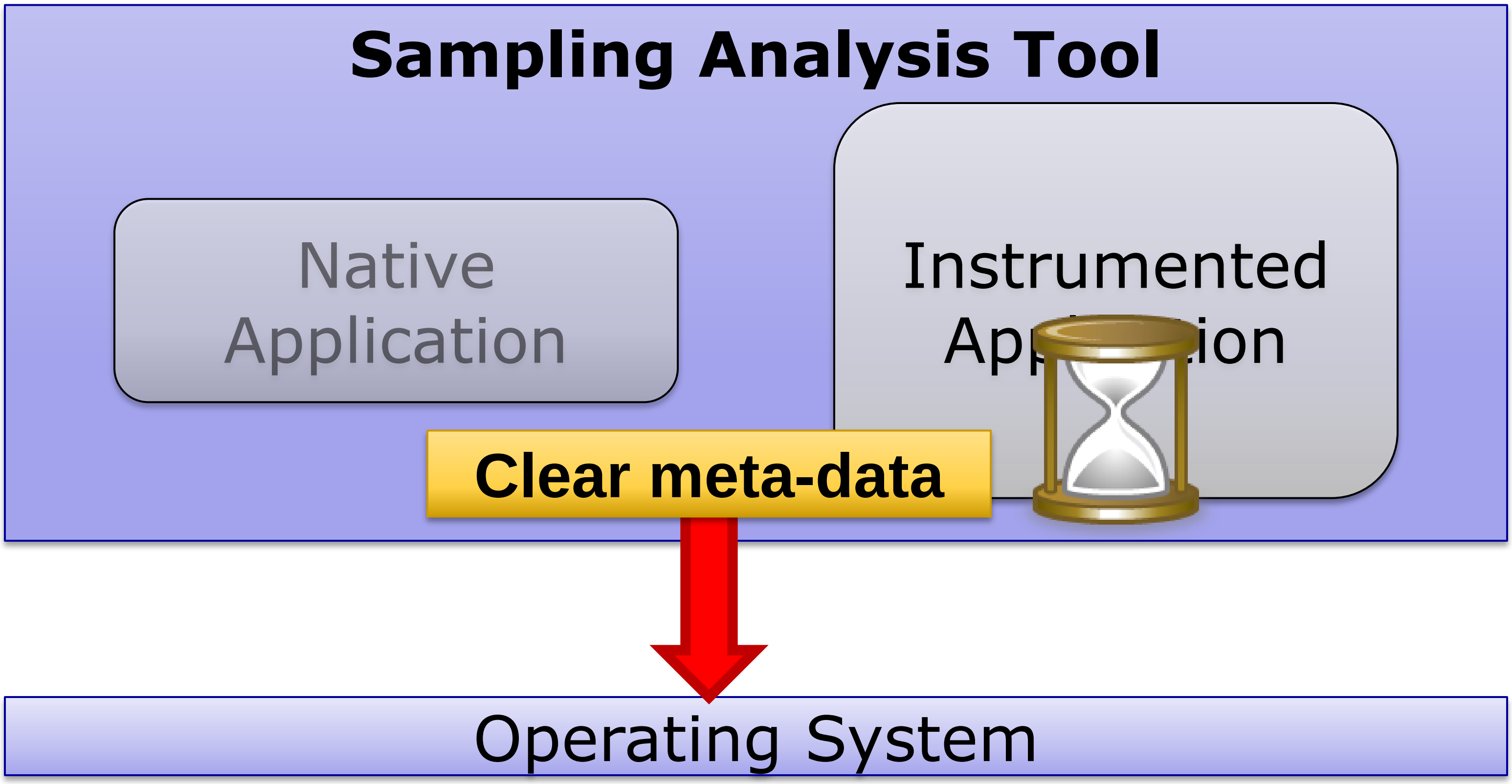

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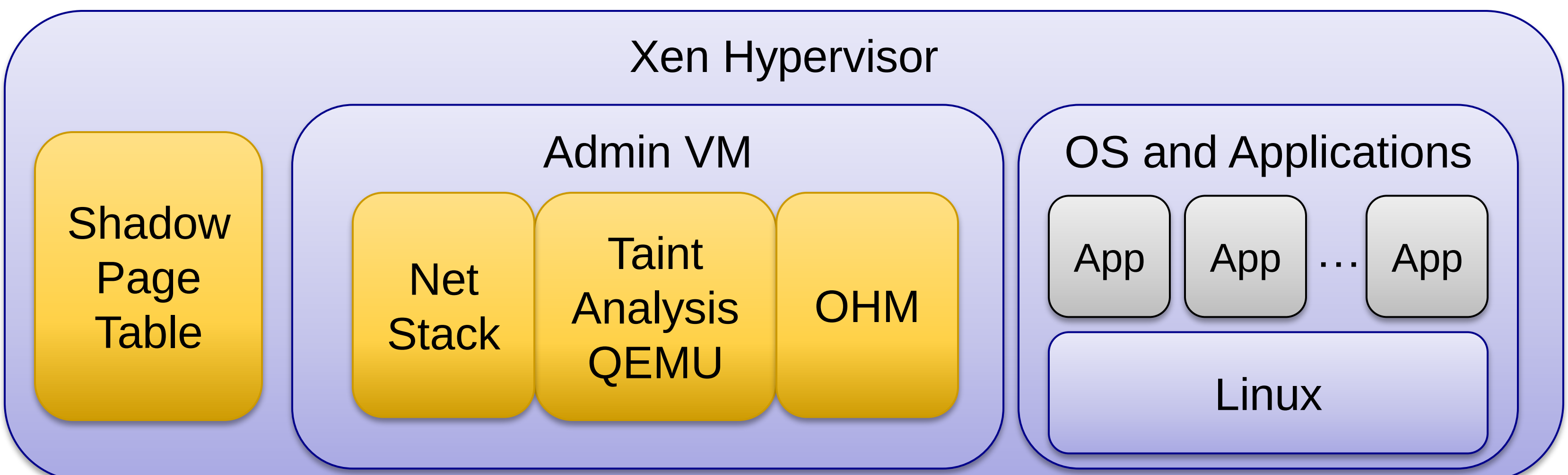
Prototype Setup

- Taint analysis sampling system
  - Network packets untrusted
- Xen-based demand analysis
  - Whole-system analysis with modified QEMU
- Overhead Manager (OHM) is user-controlled

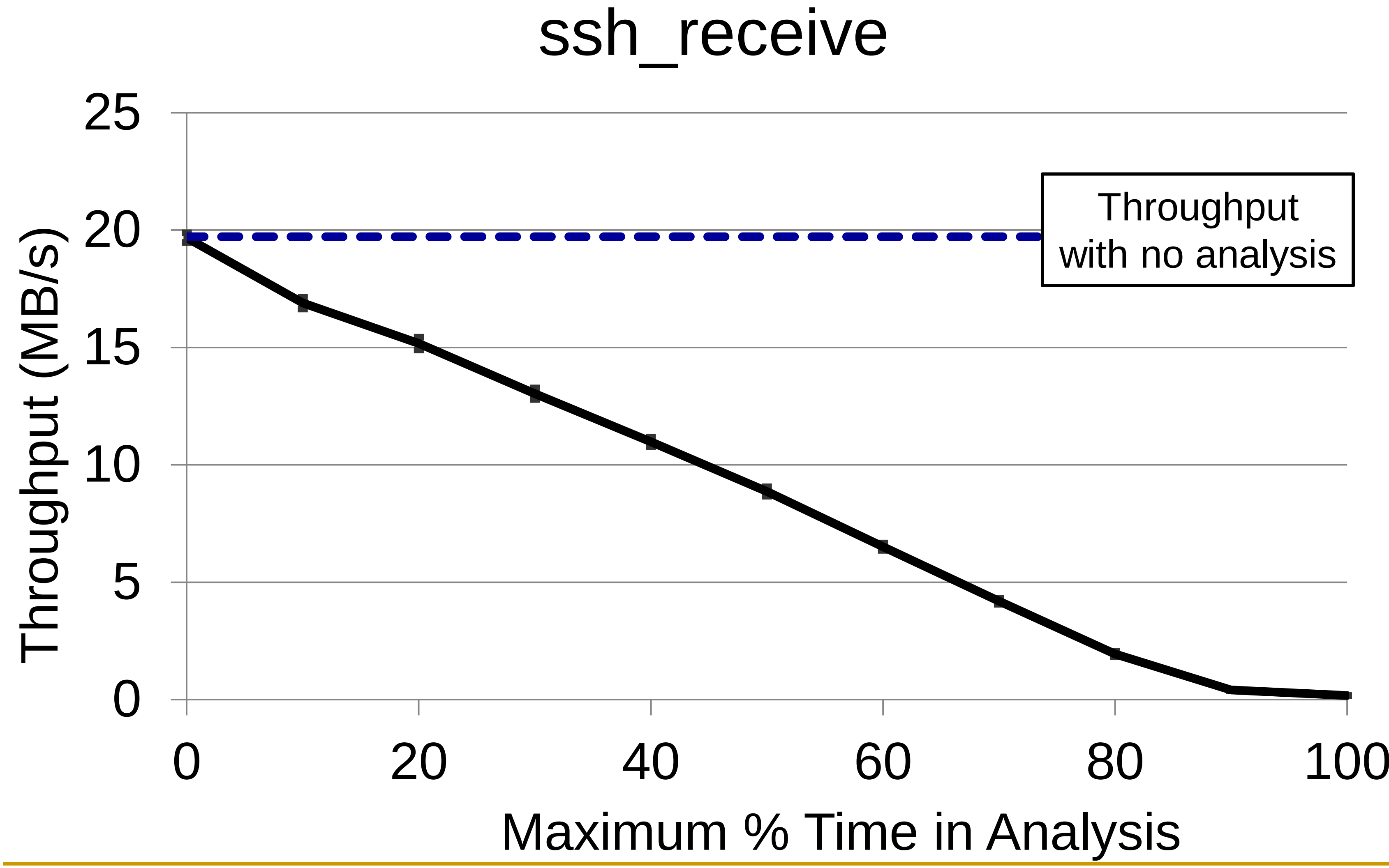


Benchmarks

- Performance – Network Throughput
  - *Example:* ***ssh_receive***
- Accuracy of Sampling Analysis
  - Real-world Security Exploits

Name	**Error Description**
Apache	Stack overflow in Apache Tomcat JK Connector
Eggdrop	Stack overflow in Eggdrop IRC bot
Lynx	Stack overflow in Lynx web browser
ProFTPD	Heap smashing attack on ProFTPD Server
Squid	Heap smashing attack on Squid proxy server

Performance of Dataflow Sampling



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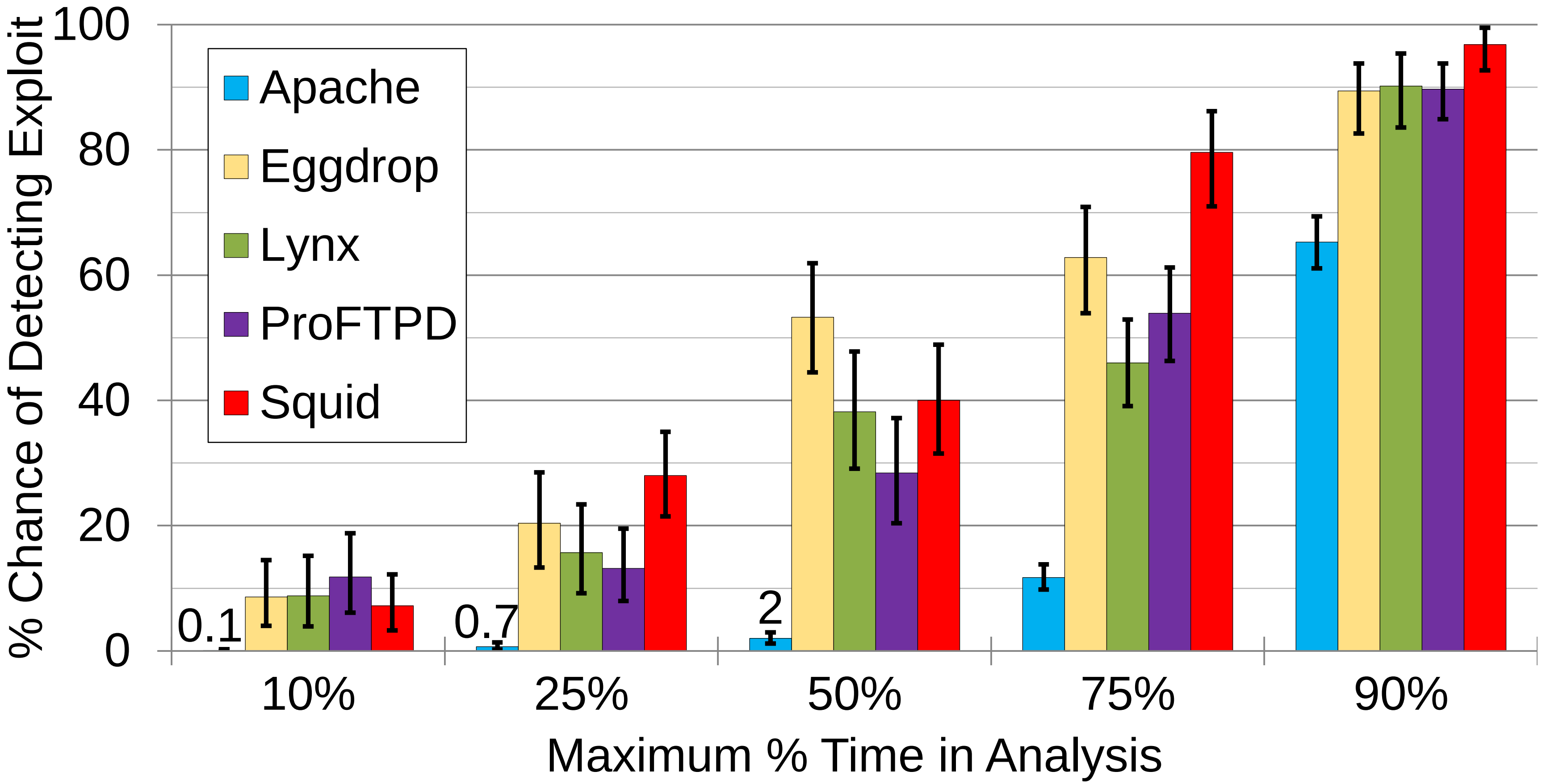

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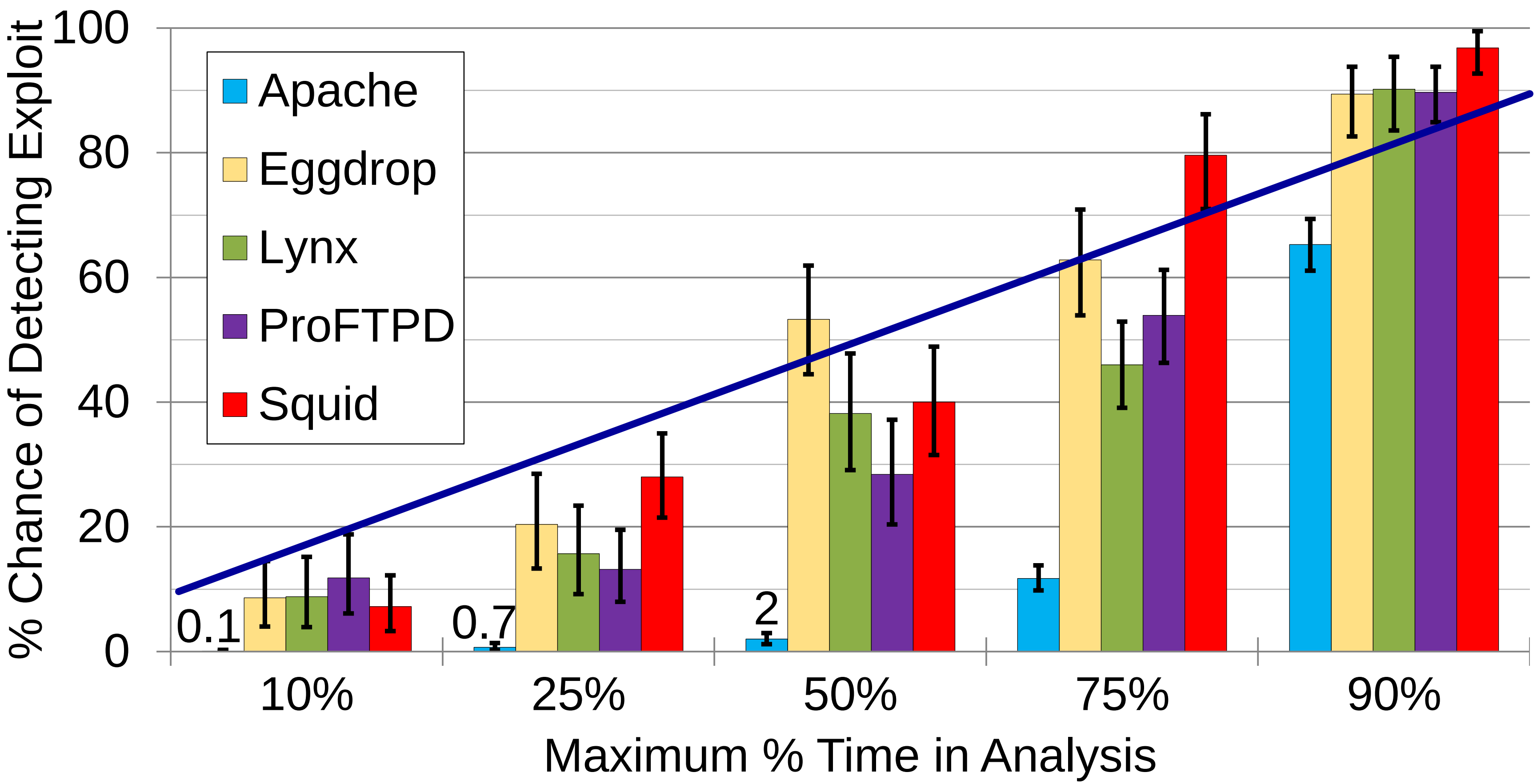

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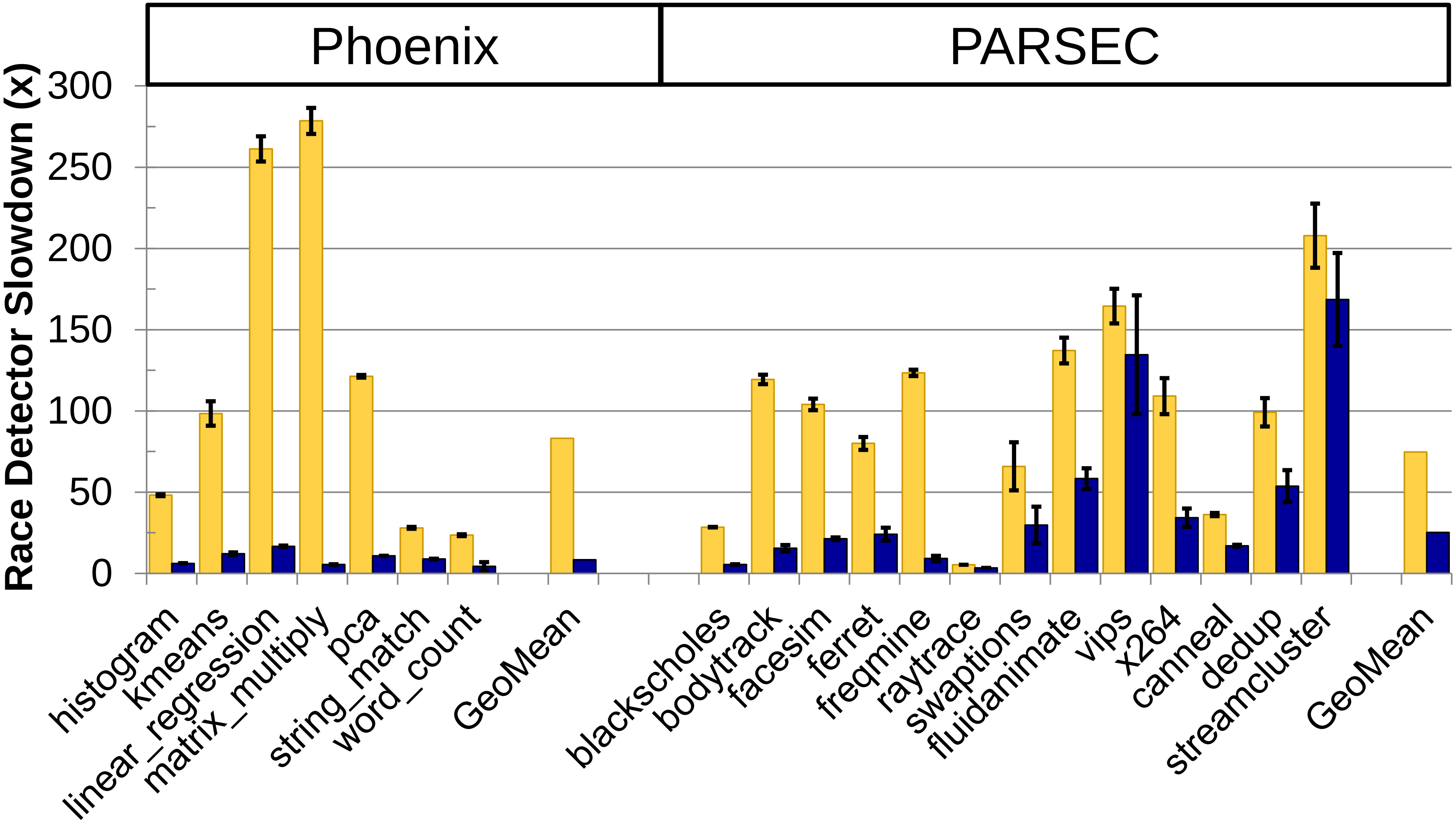

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