COROUTINES AND RXJAVA

AN ASYNCHRONICITY COMPARISON

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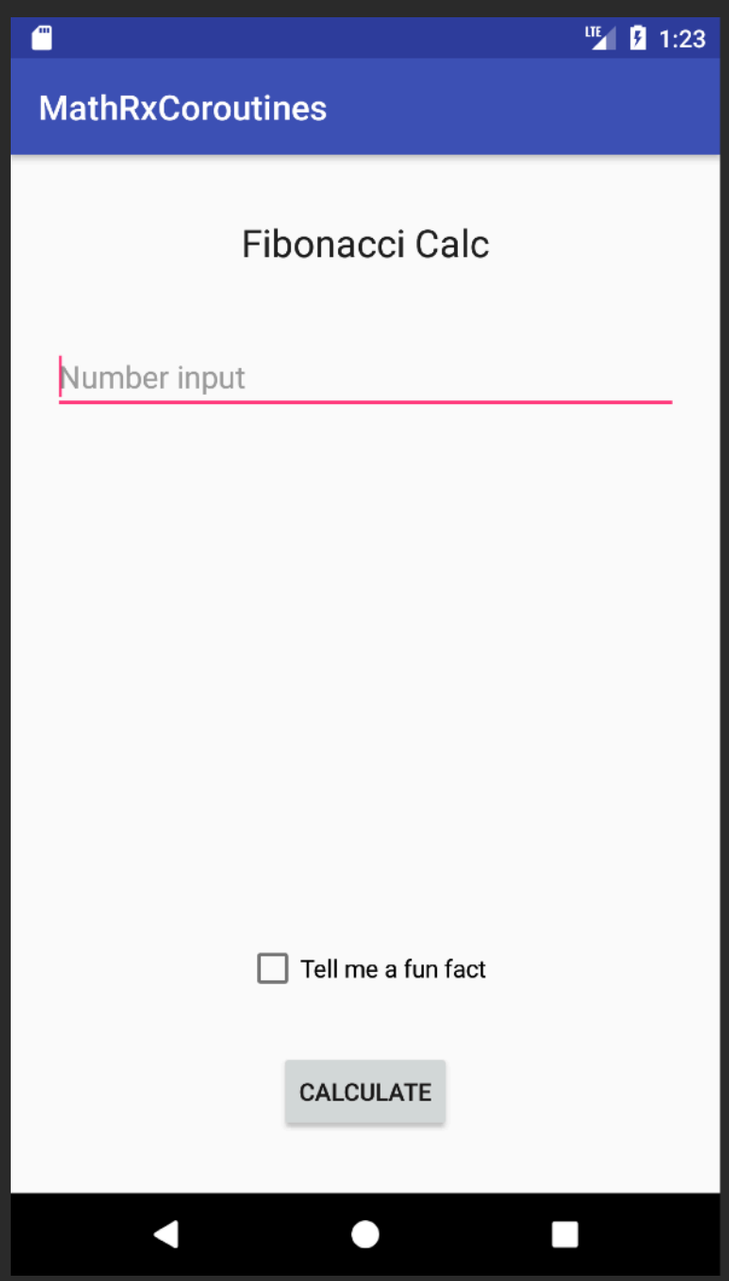
AGENDA

- Coroutines Recap
- RxJava & Coroutines concepts
- Build an App

GOALS

- Learn Coroutines with basic RxJava knowledge
- Compare both libraries on different topics
- Use what we learned to build the App
- Code available

THE APP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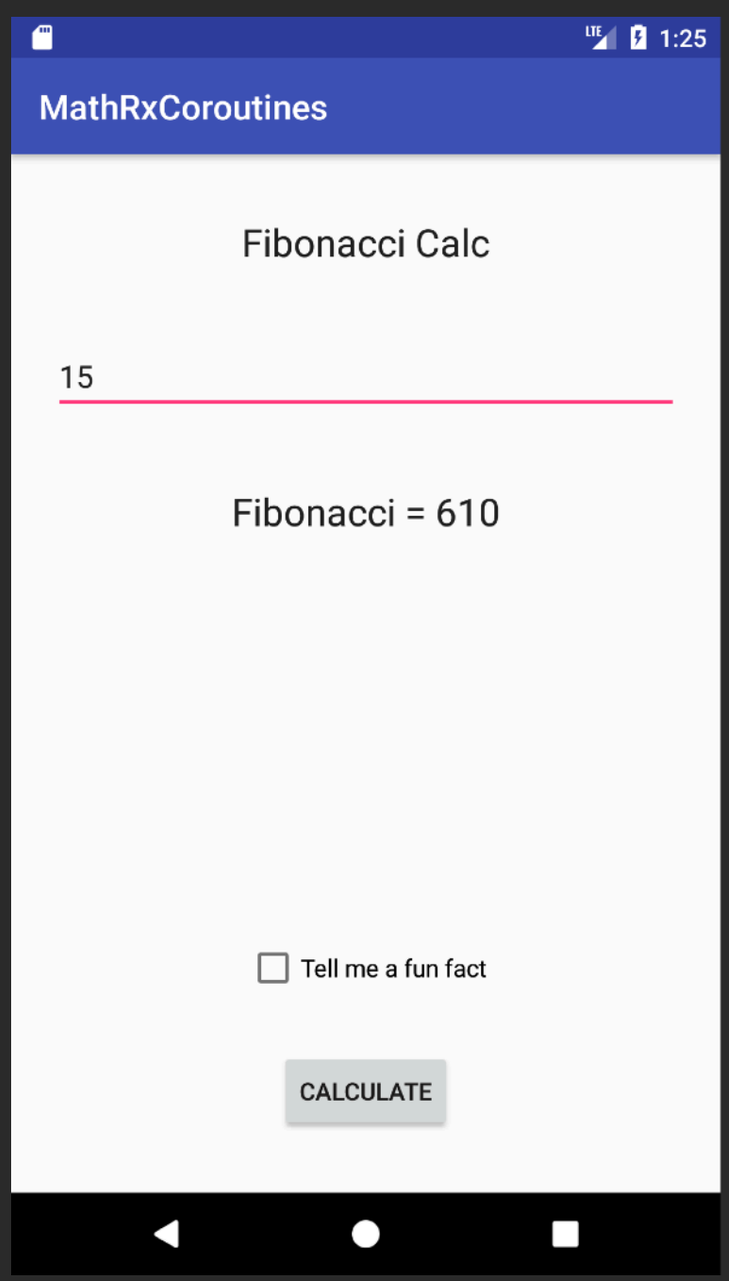
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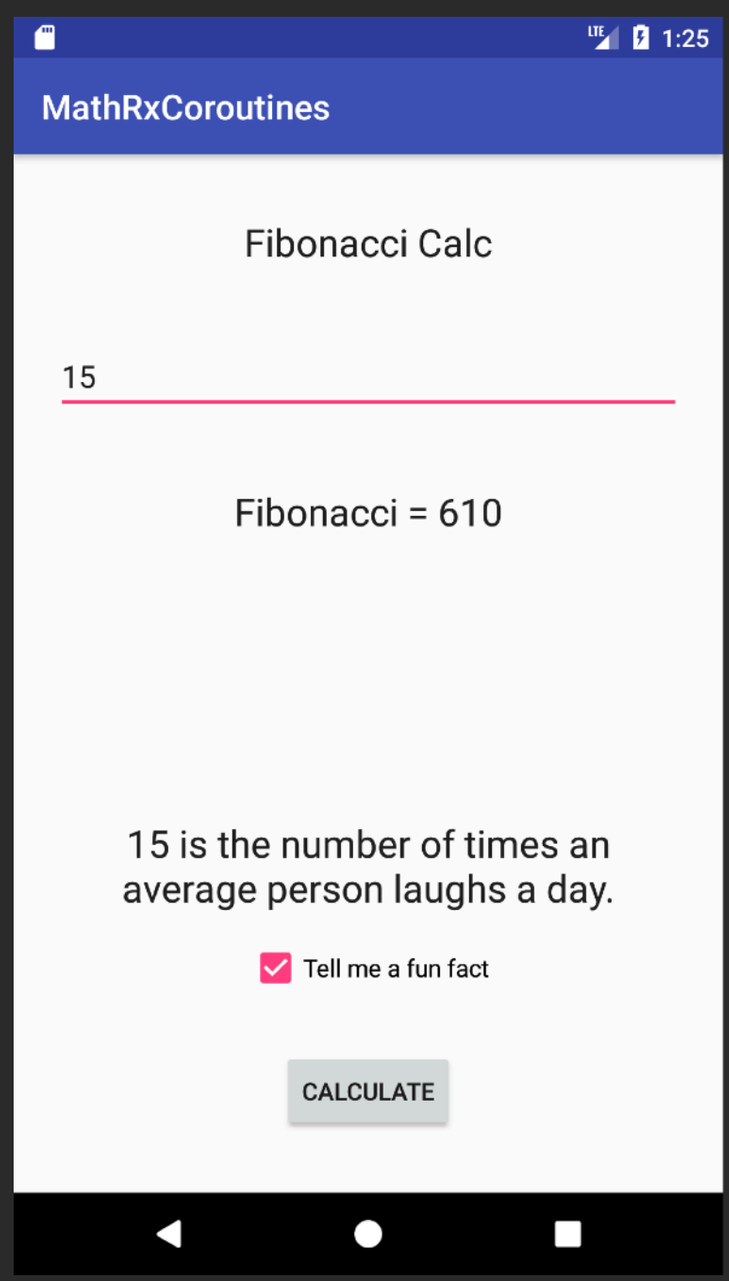
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- Basic RxJava experience
- Coroutines 101
- You want to learn differences and similarities between RxJava and Coroutines

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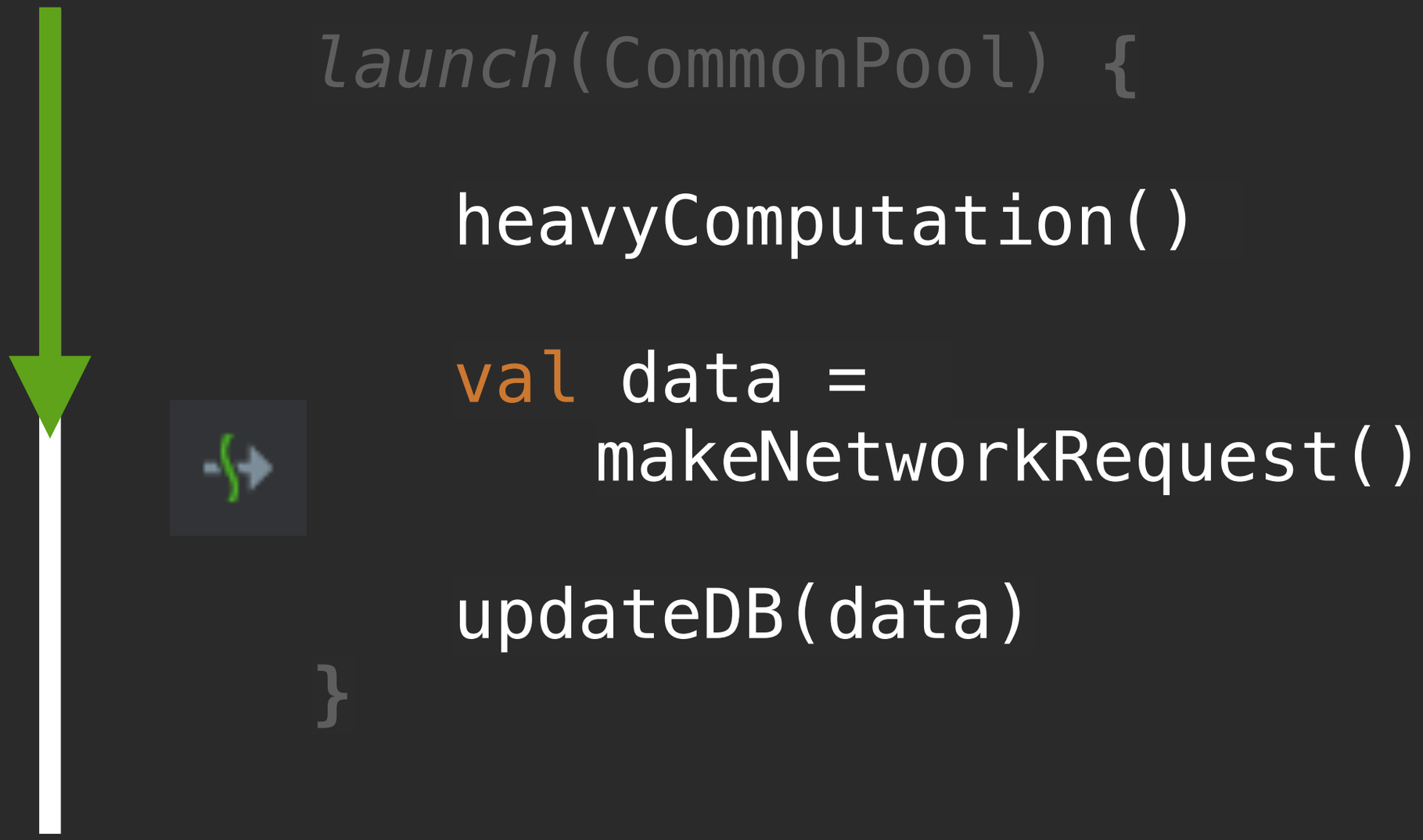

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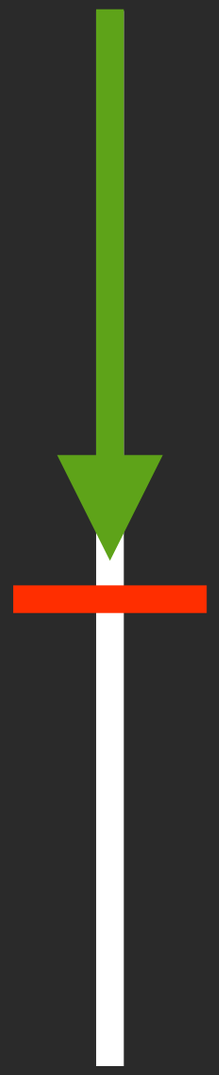

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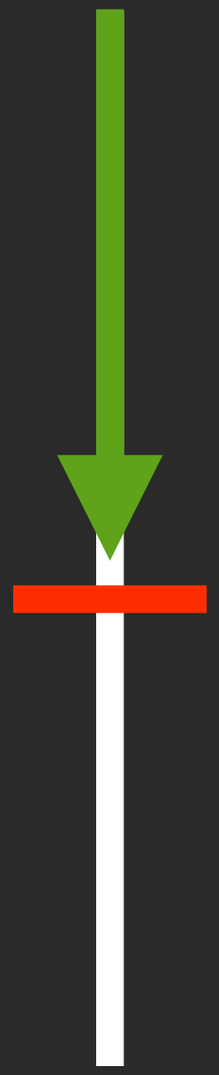

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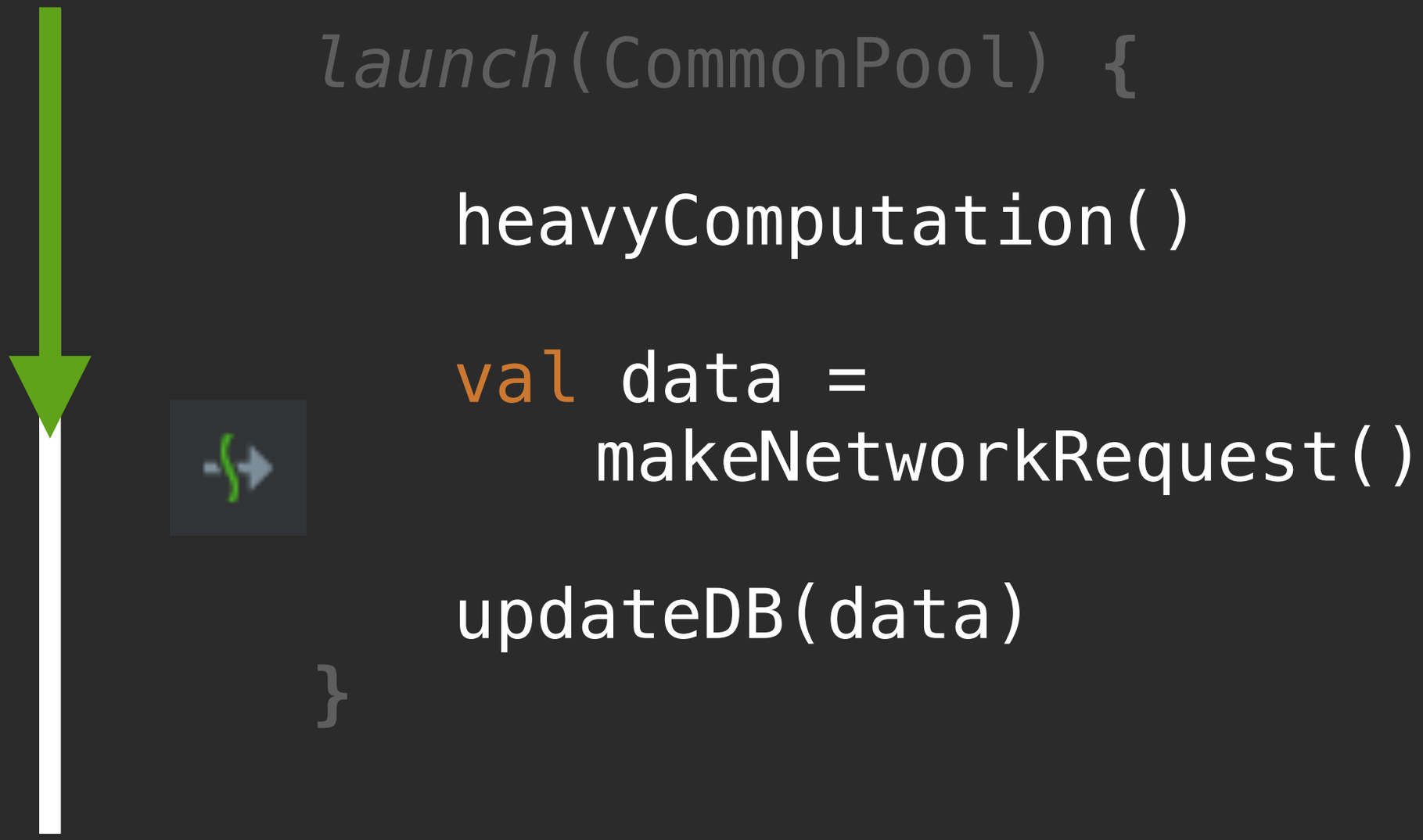

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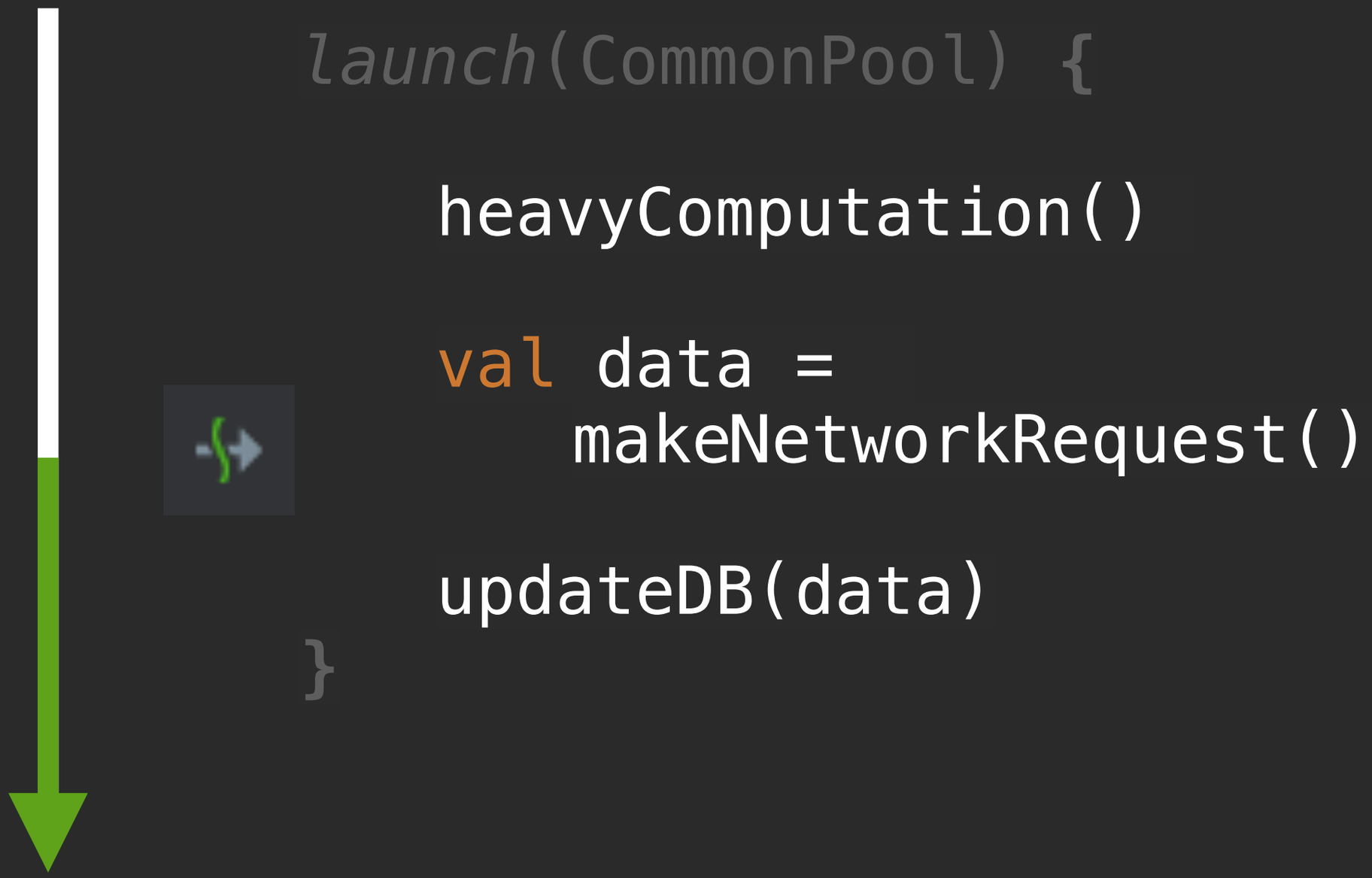

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COROUTINES - RXJAVA COMPARISON

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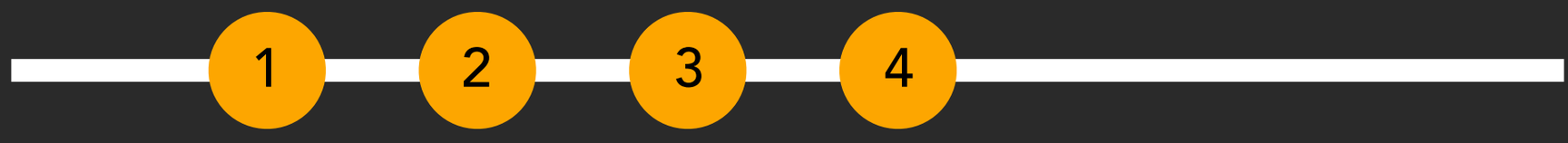

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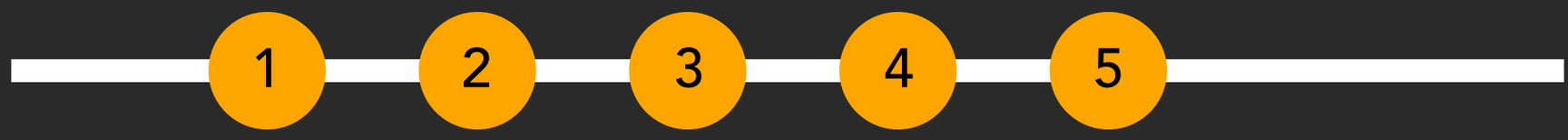

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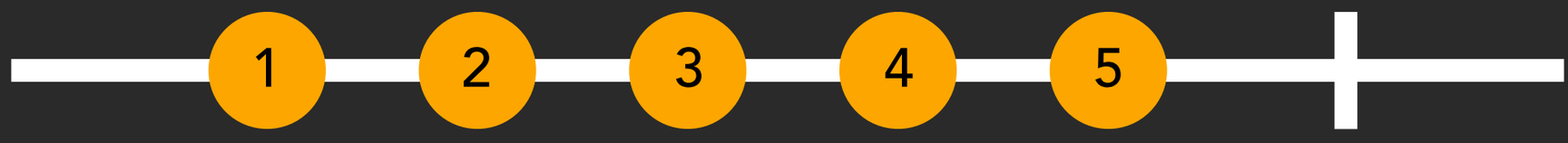

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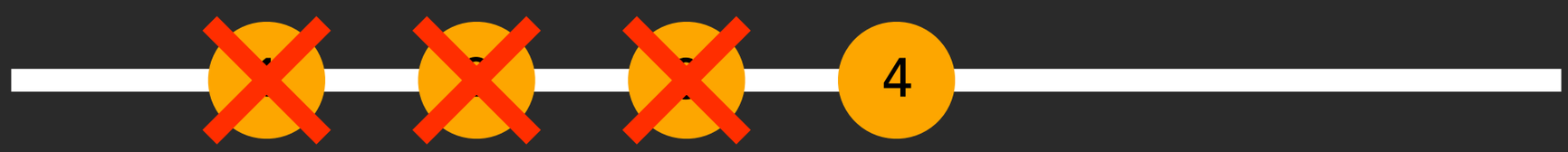

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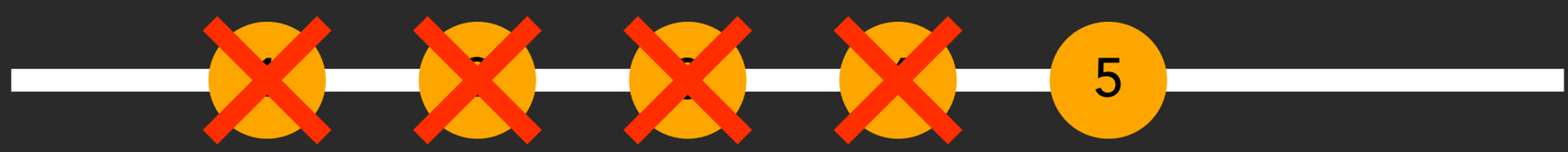

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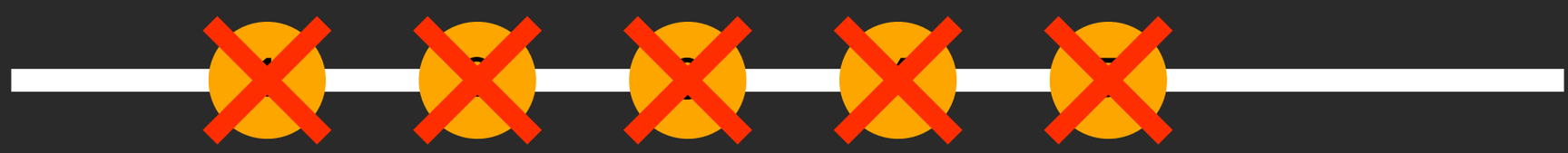

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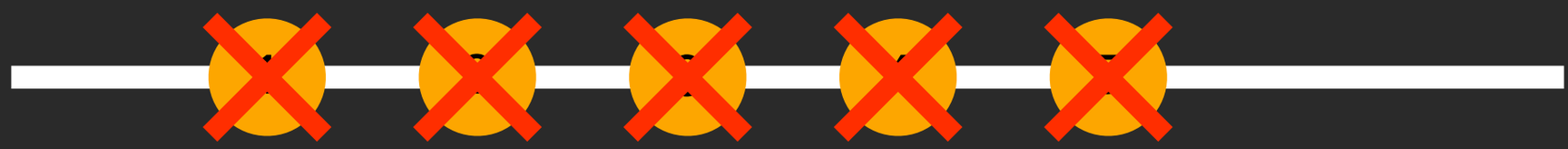

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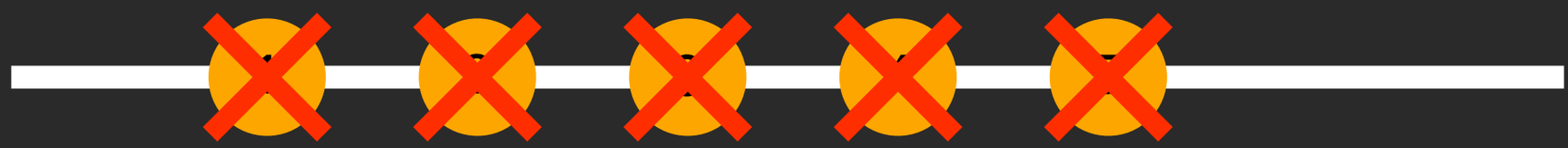

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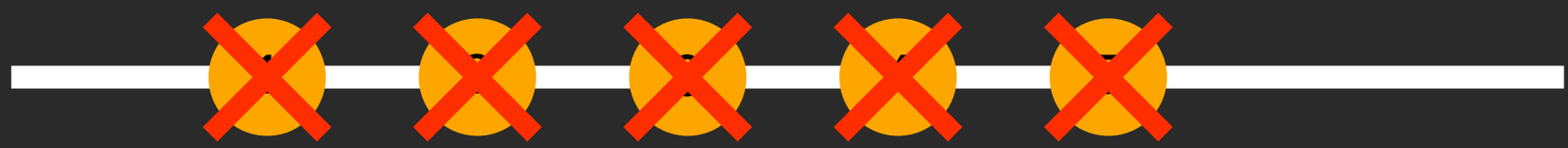

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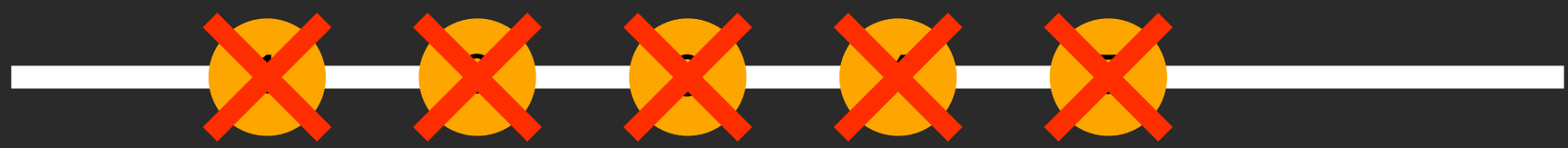

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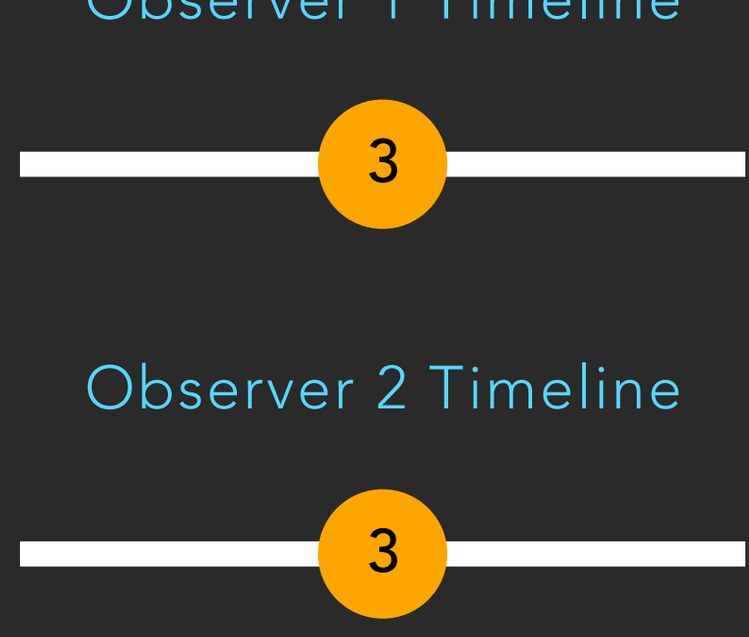

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- BroadcastChannel implements the **SendChannel<E>** interface

- Emit the same item to multiple consumers that listen for the elements using **openSubscription()**

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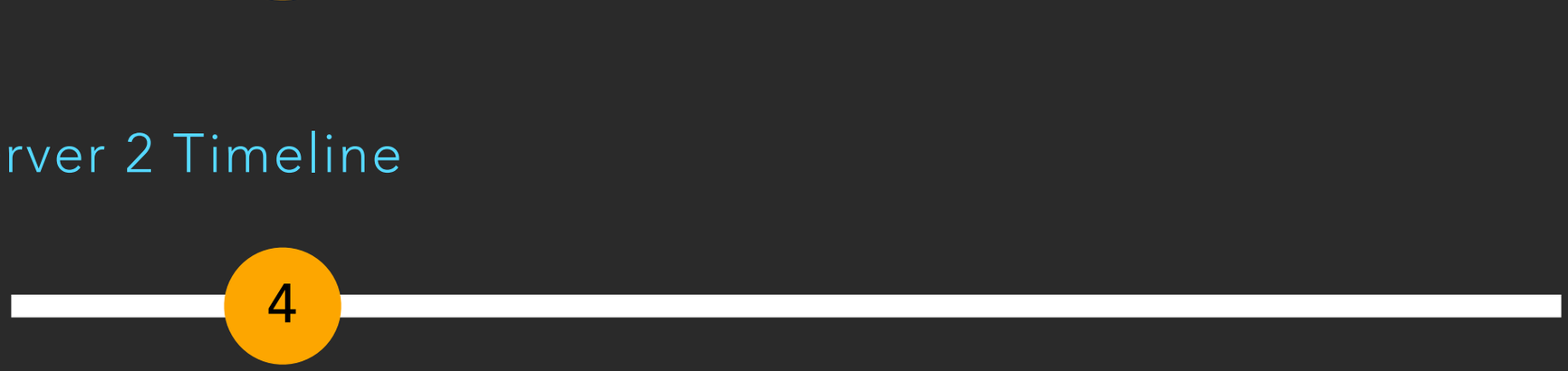


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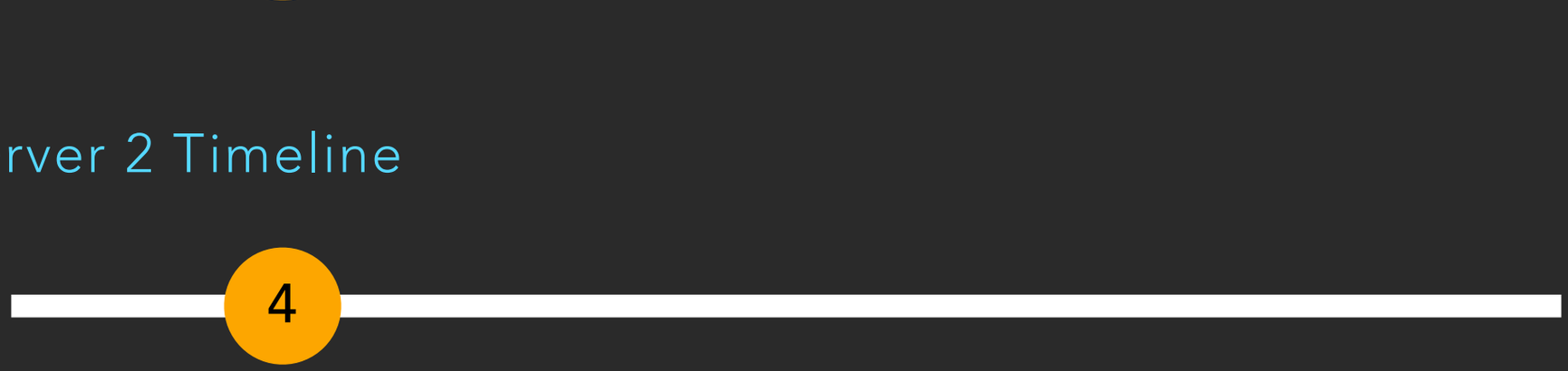


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- Conflated is a special type of capacity
- Behavior similar to Rx **BehaviorSubject**

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What about Rx back-pressure?

It’s supported by default

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INTEROP

org.jetbrains.kotlinx:**kotlinx-coroutines-rx2**:$kotlin_coroutines_version

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}.subscribe()
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- Some operators are built into the language with Kotlin Collections

RxJava	Coroutines
map	map
filter	filter
skip	drop
reduce	reduce

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- Some others are easy to implement

```
fun range(
        context: CoroutineContext,
        start: Int,
        count: Int
) = publish(context) {
    for (x in start until start + count) send(x)
}
```

OPERATORS

- Some others require more work
- Completable.zip

```
suspend fun zip(block: () -> Unit, block2: () -> Unit) {

    val deferred1 = async { block() }
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    deferred1.await()
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COMPLEX OPERATORS

RxJava	Coroutines
timeout	withTimeoutOrNull
retry	repeat(times)
debounce	ReceiveChannel<T>.debounce()
groupBy	groupBy

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MATH APP

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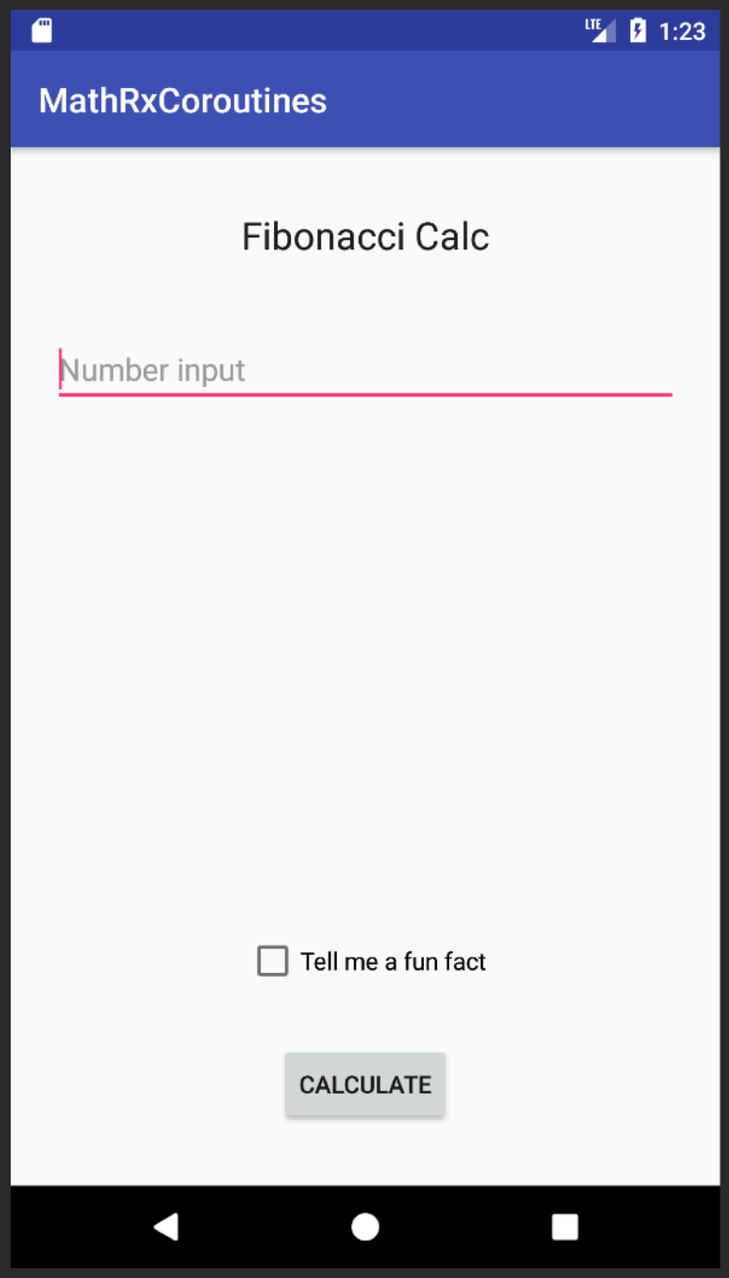
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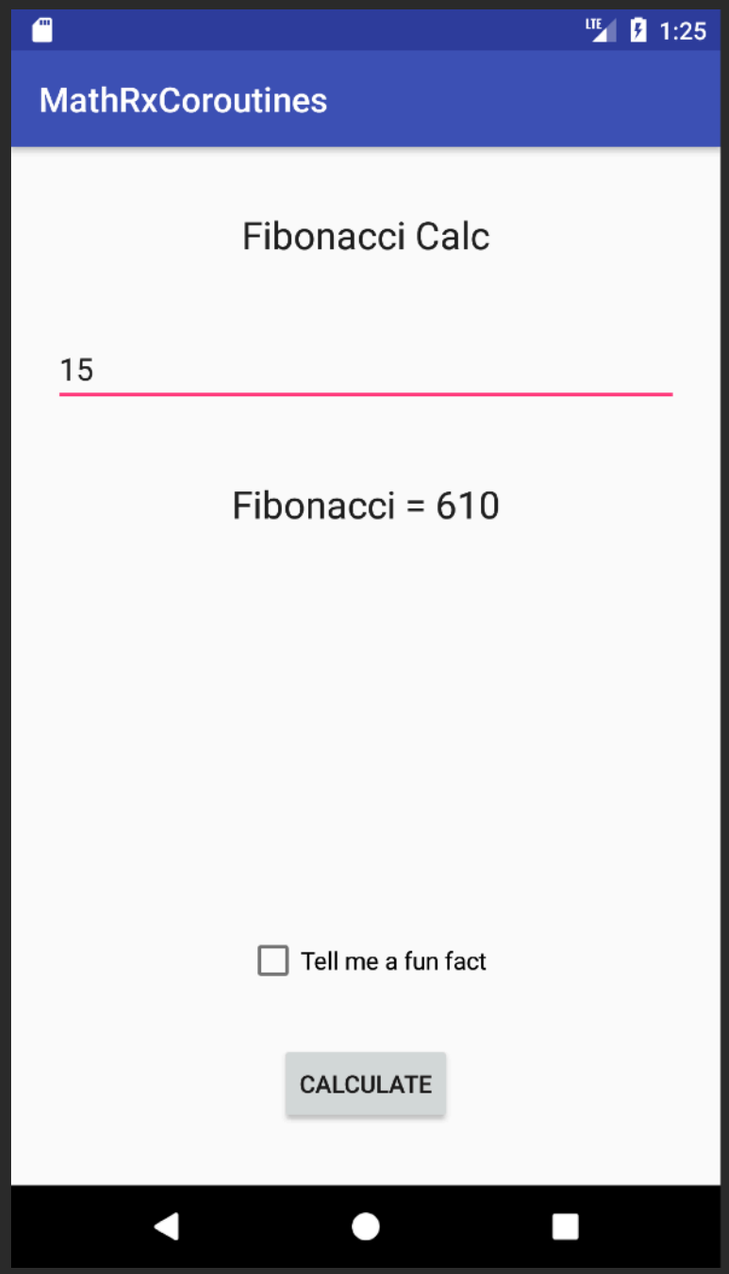
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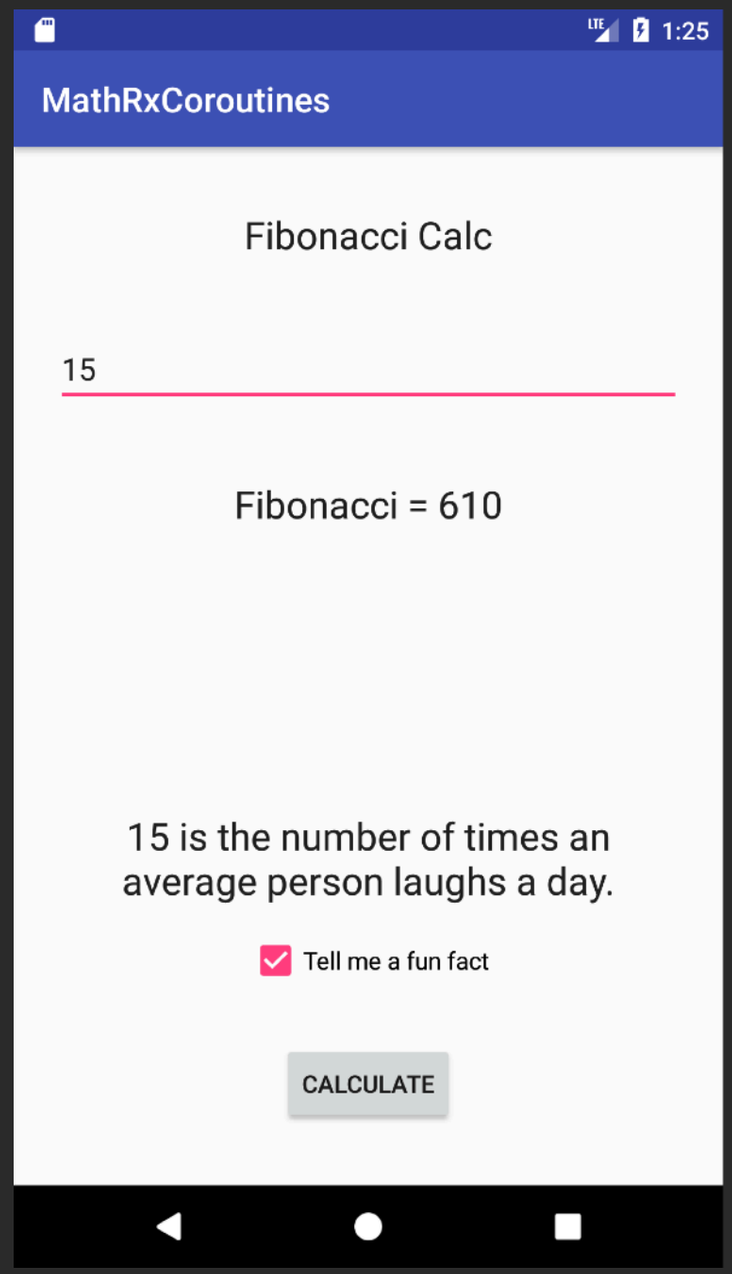
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MathRxCoroutines
Fibonacci Calc
15
Fibonacci = 610
15 is the number of times an average person laughs a day.
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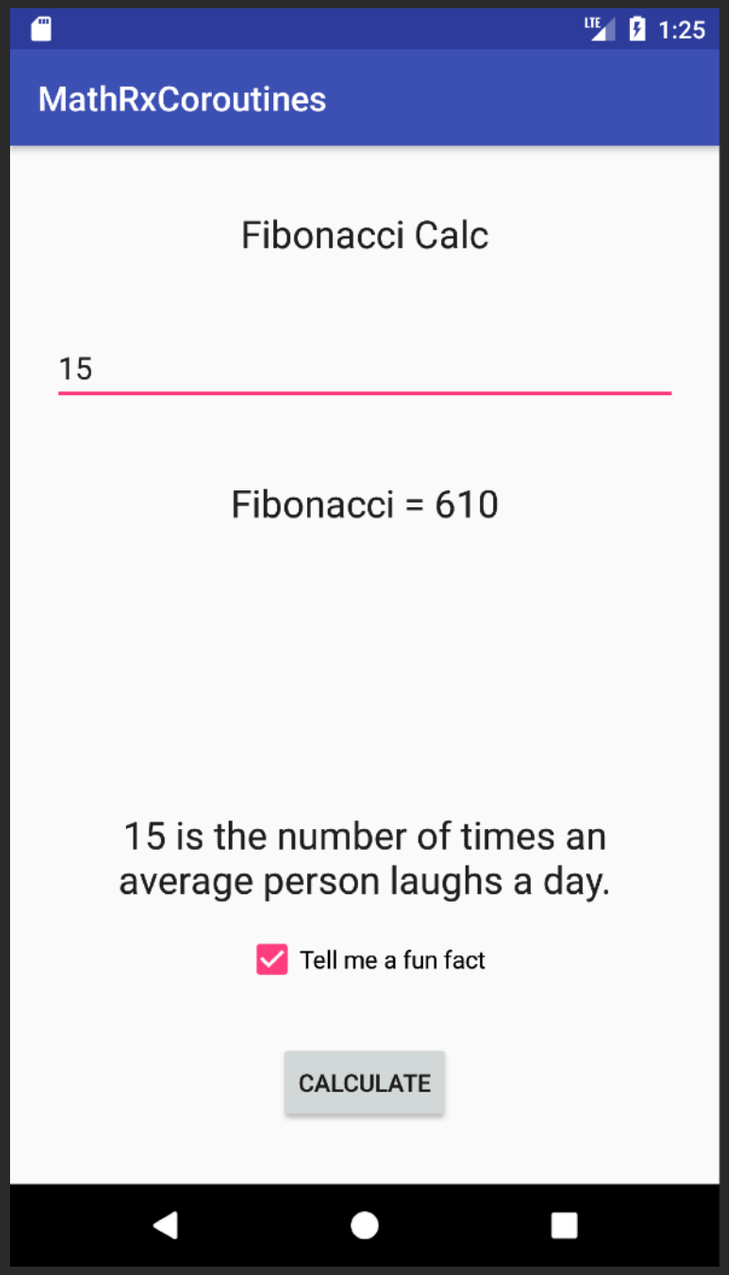
MATH APP

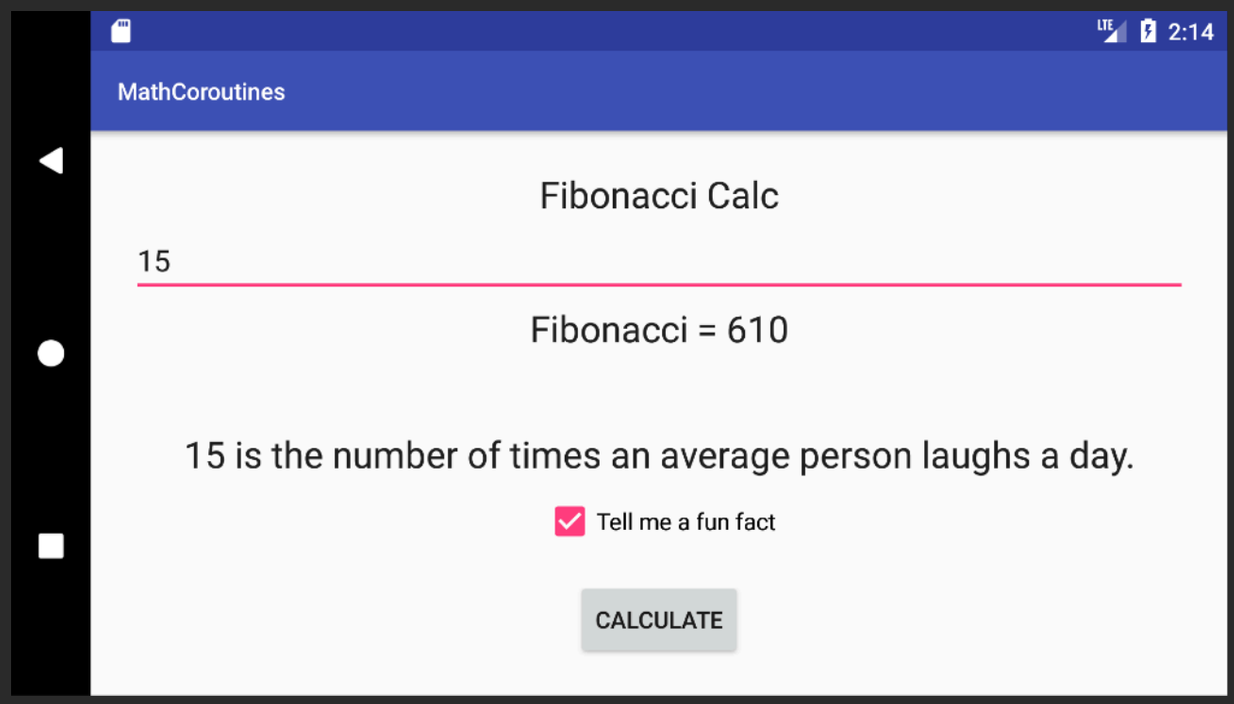
- Three Projects. Implemented with:
  - Coroutines
  - RxJava
  - Coroutines/RxJava Interop

MATH APP

- MVI
- Architecture Components ViewModels
  - Survives Configuration Changes

RESTORE STATE





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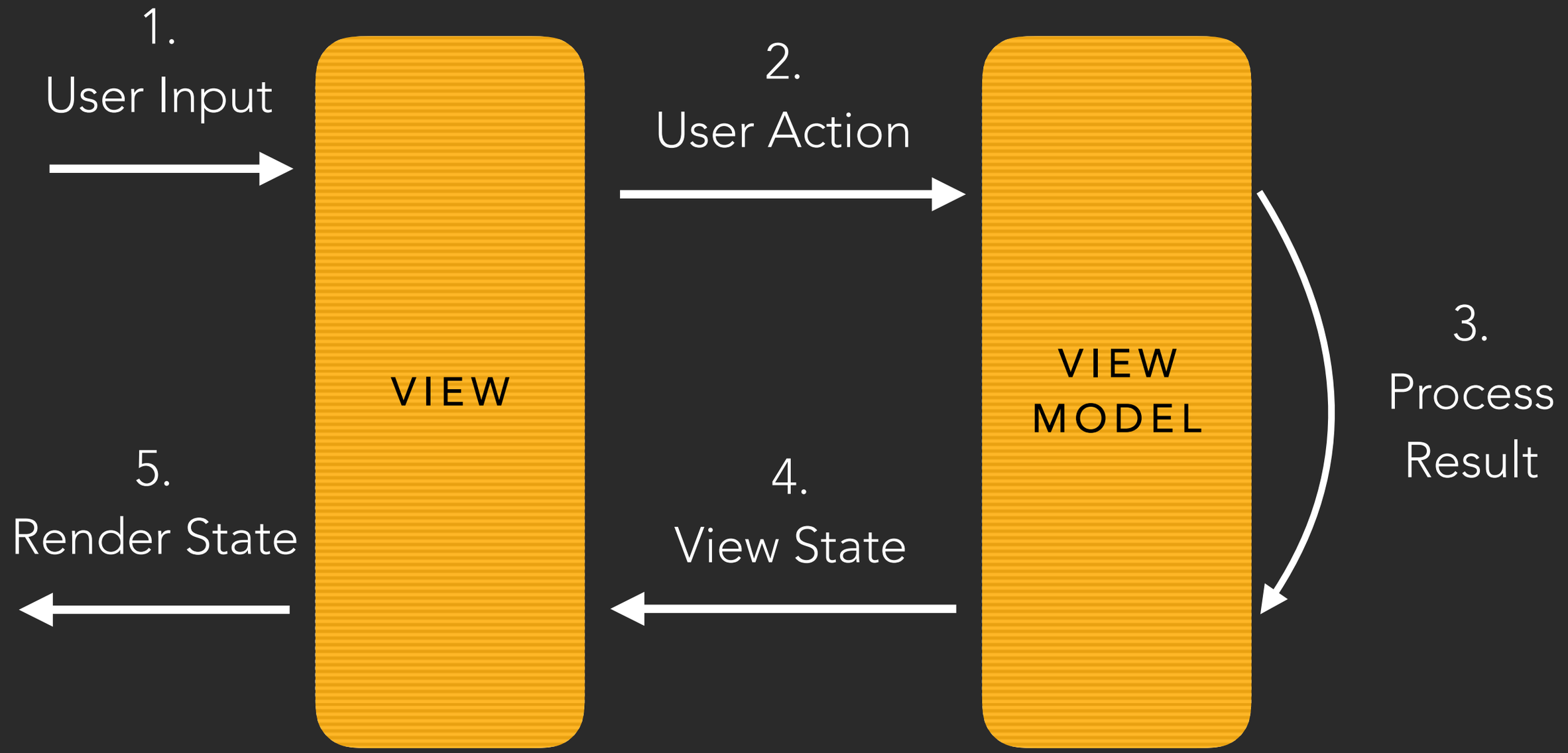

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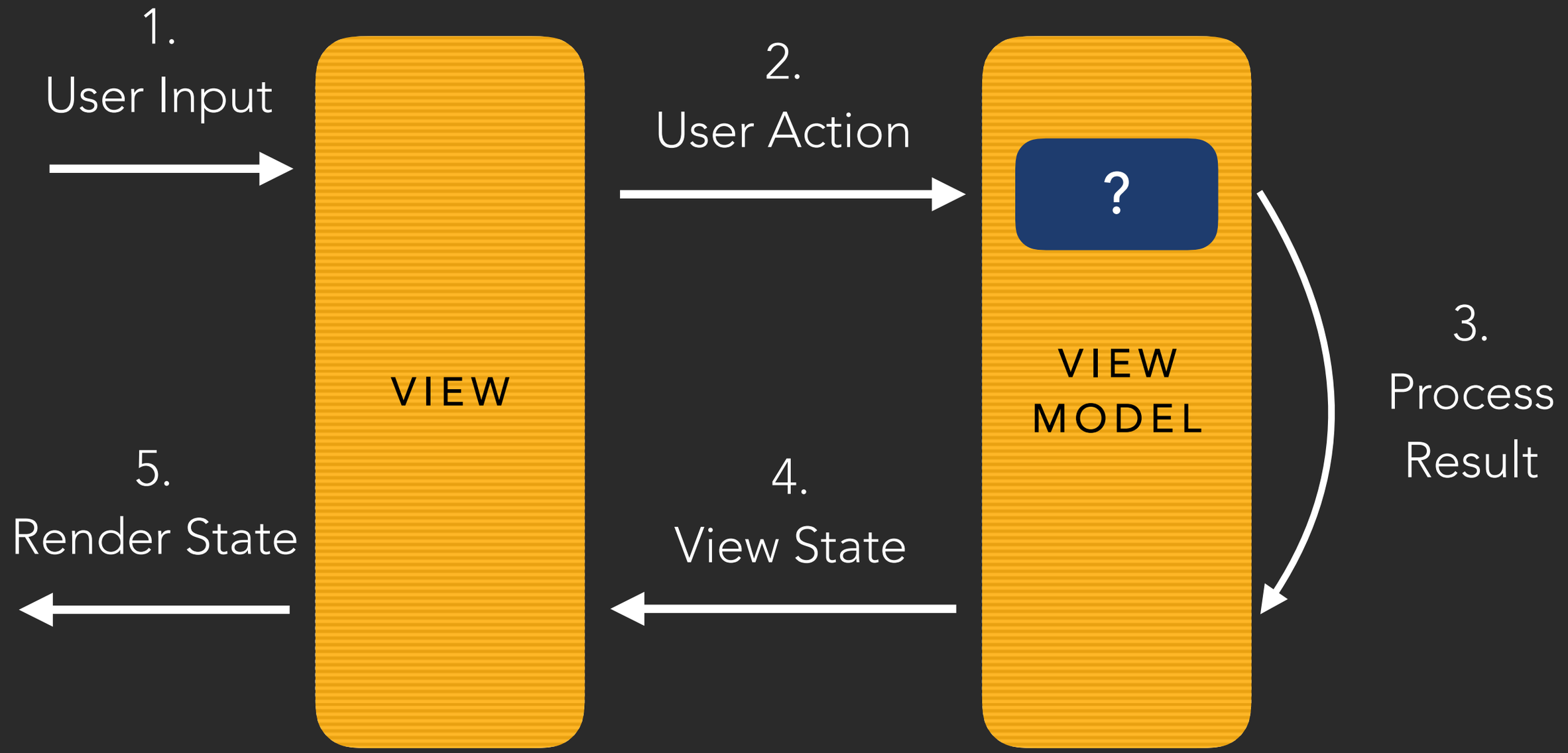

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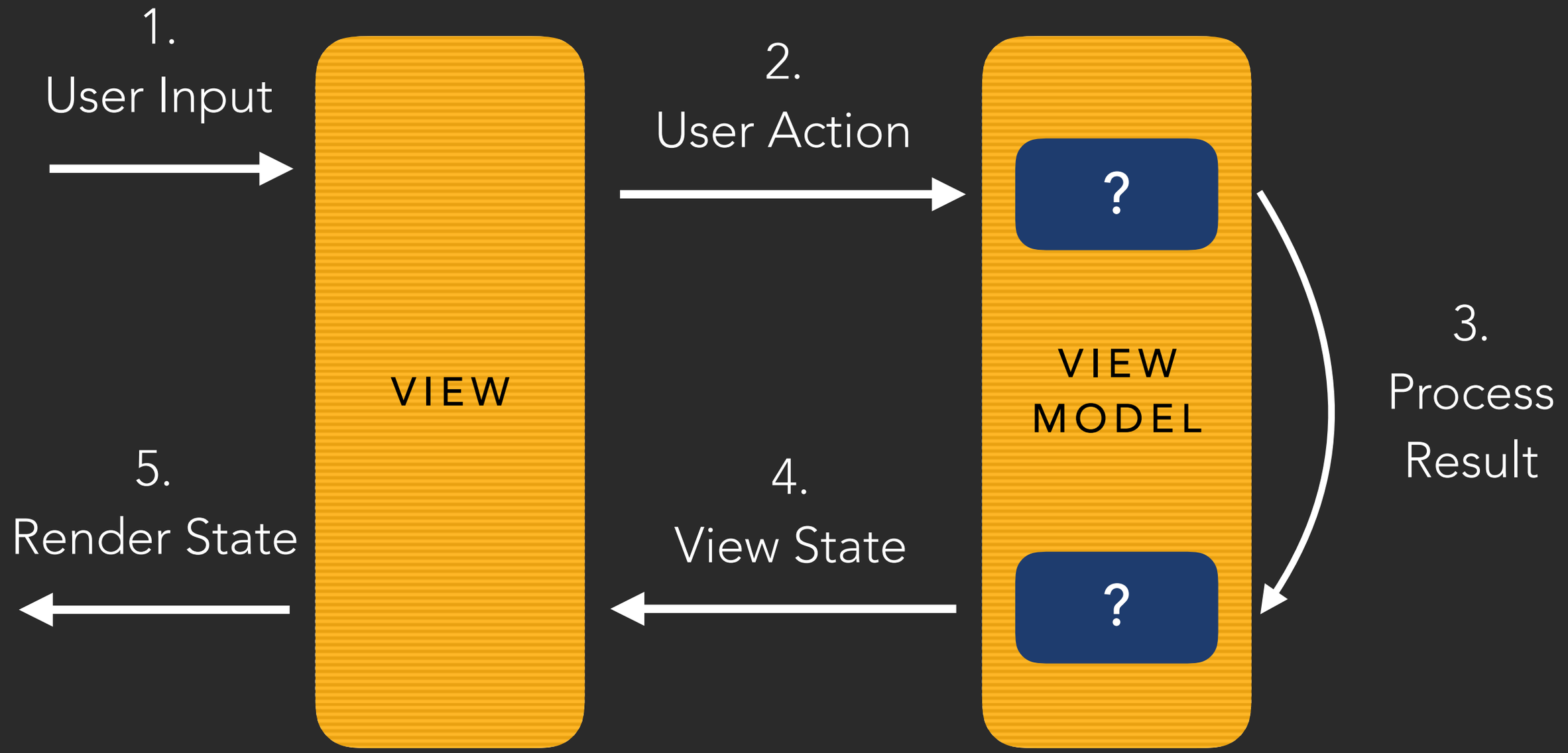

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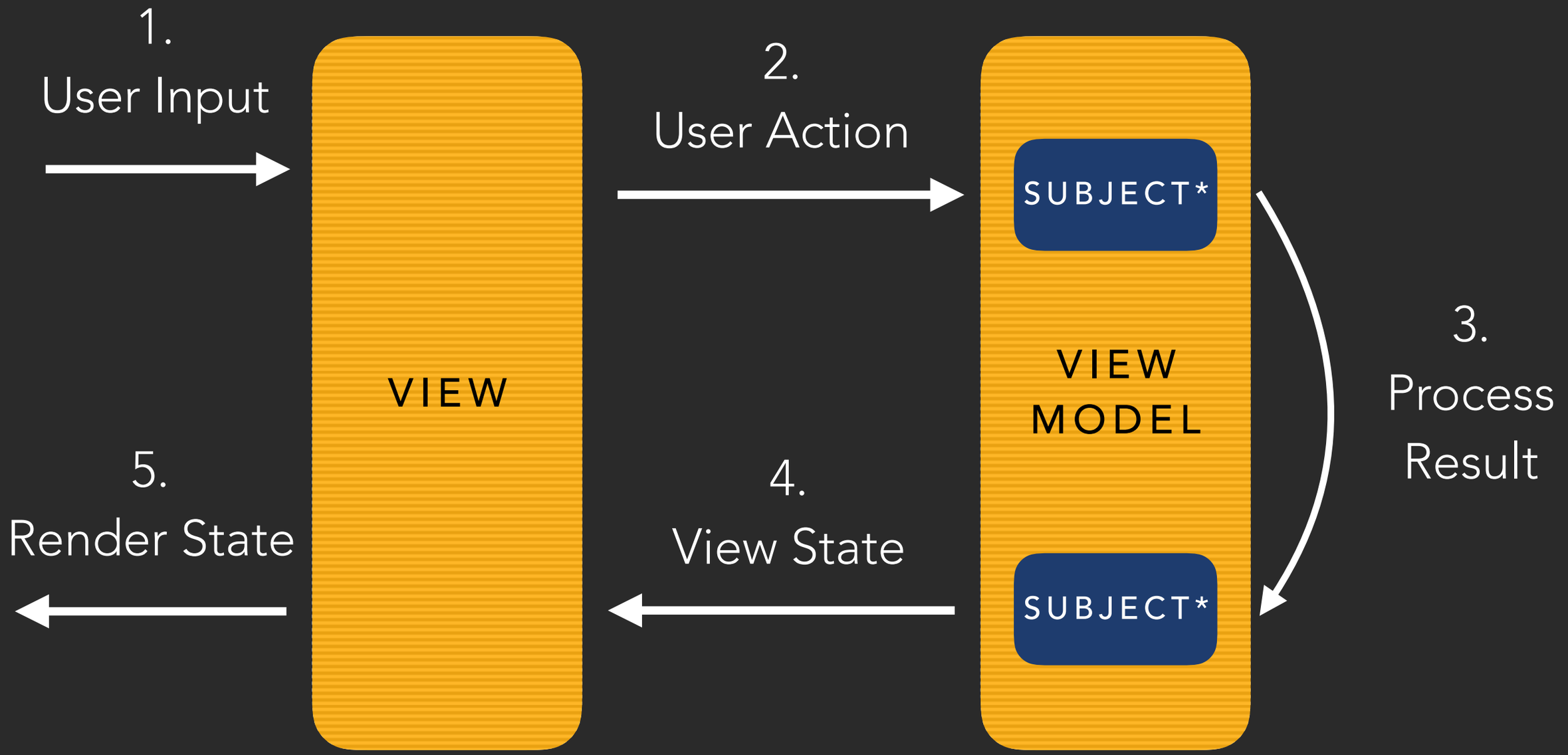

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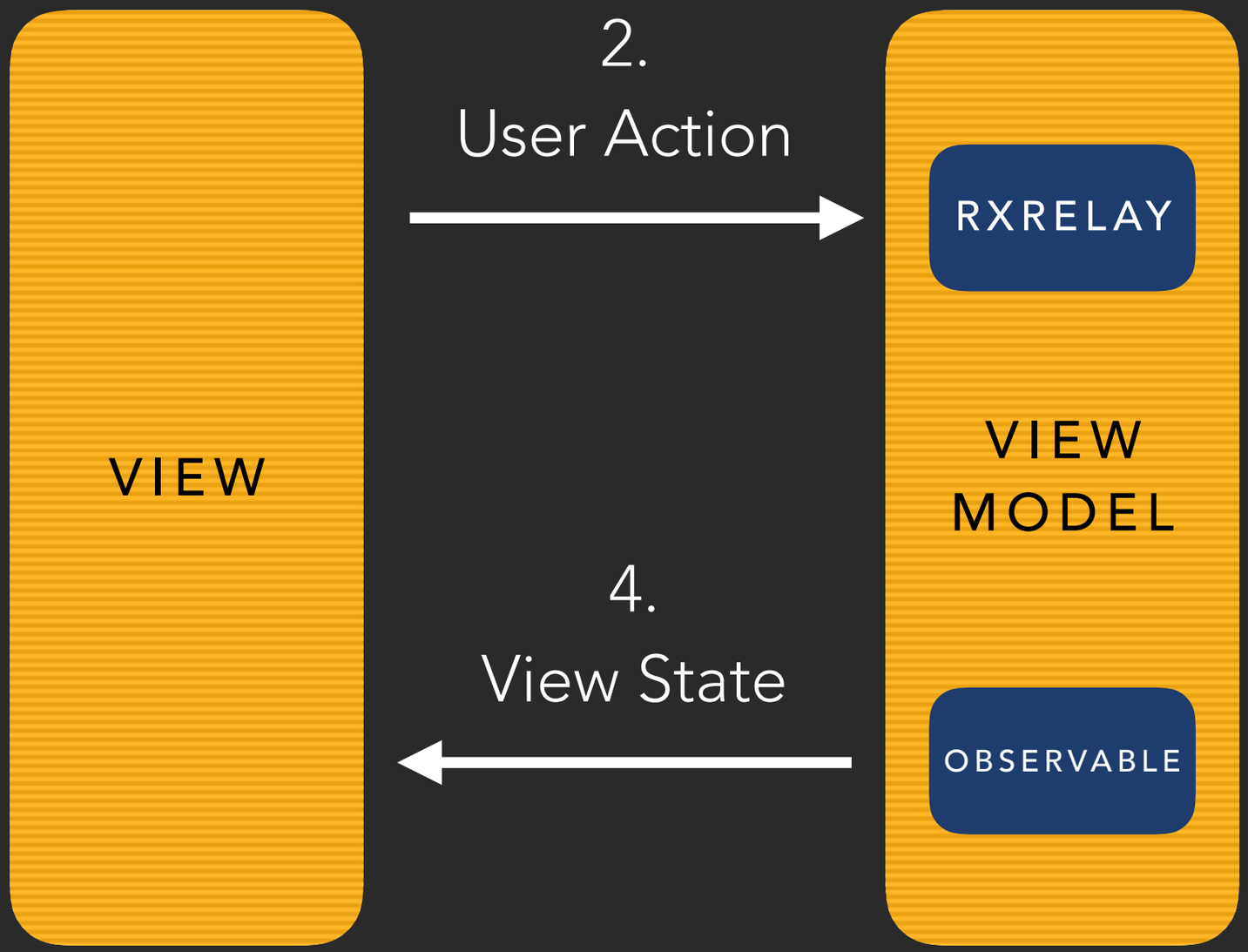

RxRelay to avoid the View calling onComplete()

Exposes an Observable but implemented with a Subject so View cannot call onNext()

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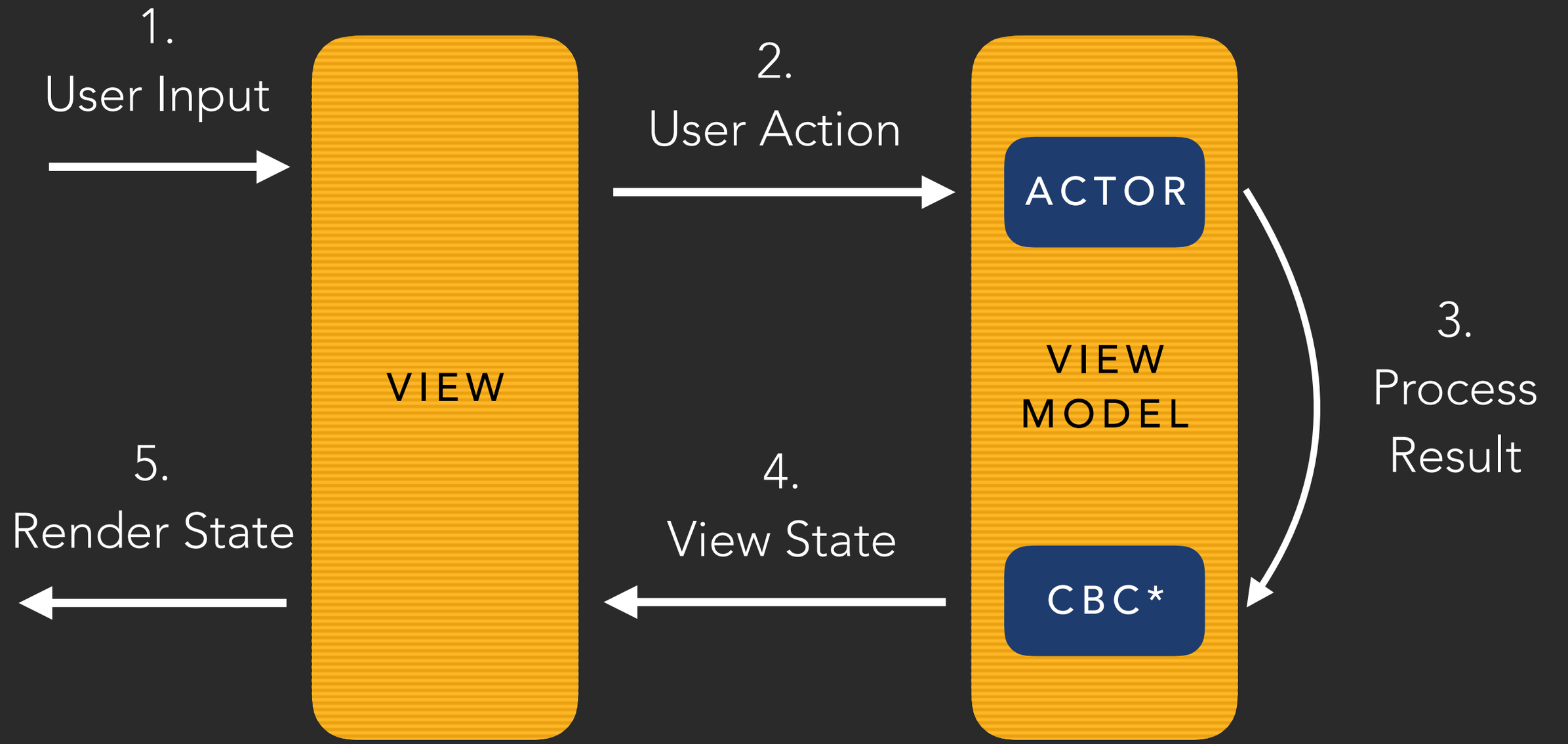

* ConflatedBroadcastChannel

COMMON IMPLEMENTATION

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sealed class MainUserAction {

    class Calculate(
        val number: Long
    ) : MainUserAction()

    class FunFactEnabled(
        val enabled: Boolean
    ) : MainUserAction()
}
```

COMMON IMPLEMENTATION

```
sealed class MainViewState {

    object Loading : MainViewState()

    class Rendered(
        val fibonacciNumber: Long,
        val funFact: String
    ) : MainViewState()

    object WrongInputError : MainViewState()

    object RequestError : MainViewState()
}
```

VIEW MODEL

- Extends from ViewModel in Architecture Components
- Receives User Actions
- Processes User Action
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    viewStateSubject.onComplete()
    super.onCleared()
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    parentJob.cancel()          // Cancels the Actor
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SHOW ME SOME NUMBERS

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- Roughly the same
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SIZE

Measure	Coroutines	RxJava	Interop
APK Size	2.4MB	2.9MB	3.1MB
Method Count	29,131	37,271	39,590

GITHUB LINKS

Coroutines

manuelvicnt/**MathCoroutines**

RxJava

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Coroutines and RxJava

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CONCLUSION

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- Both libraries provide a way to do Asynchronous Programming
- If you are a RxJava expert, no need to switch
- If you struggle with RxJava, Coroutines is another option you can try
- For new Android developers, Coroutines has a lower learning curve

ANY QUESTIONS?

COROUTINES AND RXJAVA
AN ASYNCHRONICITY COMPARISON

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