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# DATA REUSE ANALYSIS FOR AUTOMATED SYNTHESIS OF CUSTOM INSTRUCTIONS IN SLIDING WINDOW APPLICATIONS

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## MOORE'S LAW – DENNARD SCALING

### Expectation

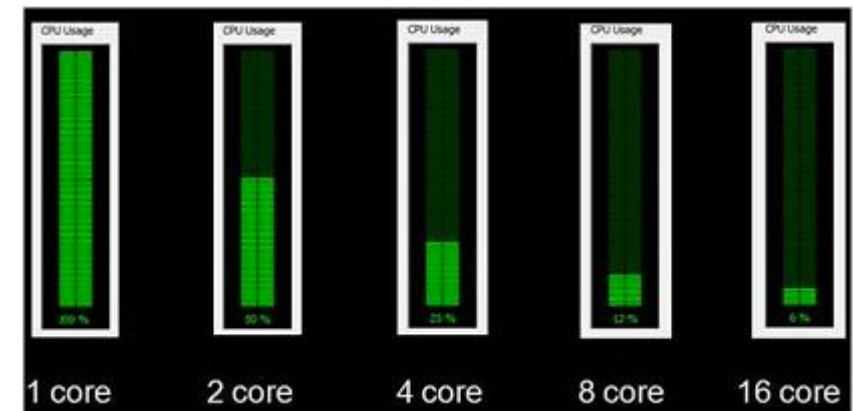
- ▶ Performance should keep increasing

### Reality

- ▶ Performance is NOT increasing anymore

# BREAKDOWN OF DENNARD SCALING

▶ Single core → Multiple cores



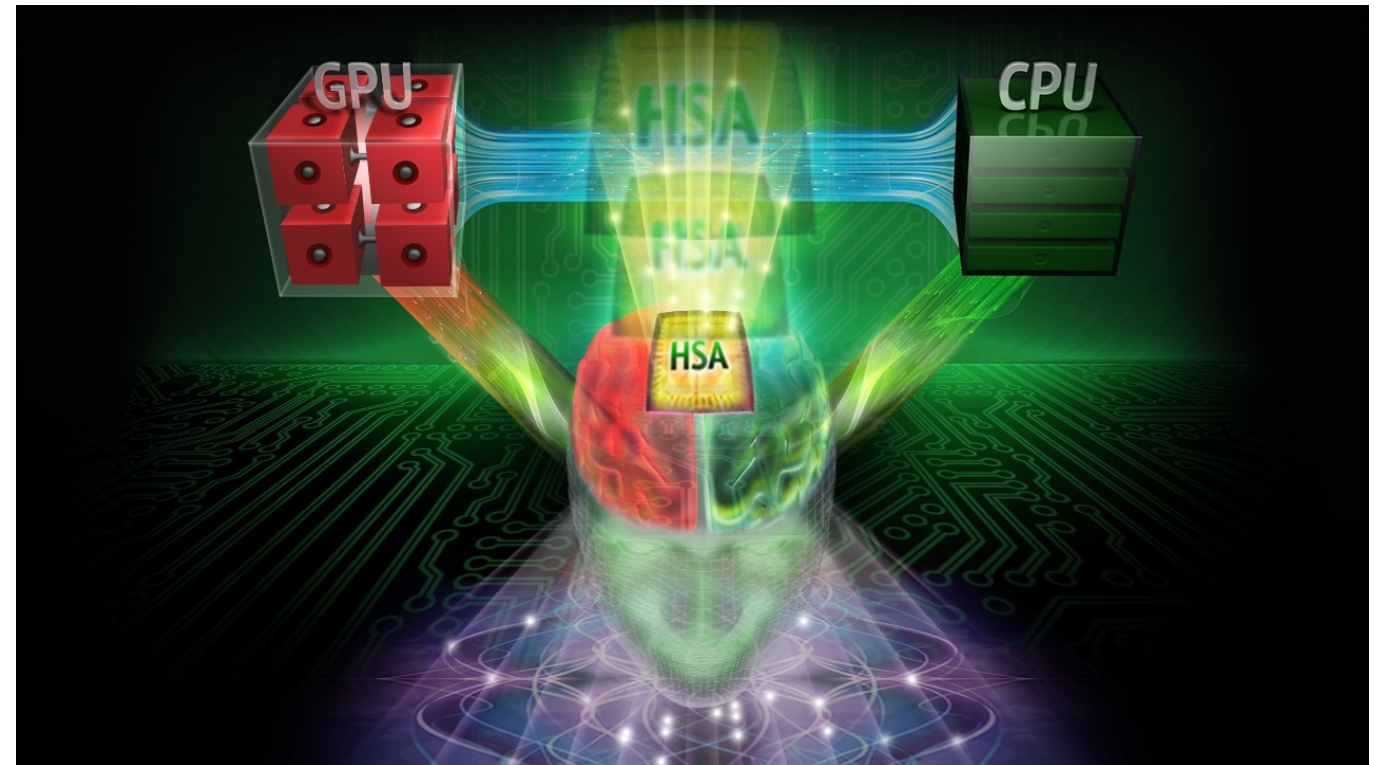
▶ Dark Silicon



# HETEROGENEOUS ERA

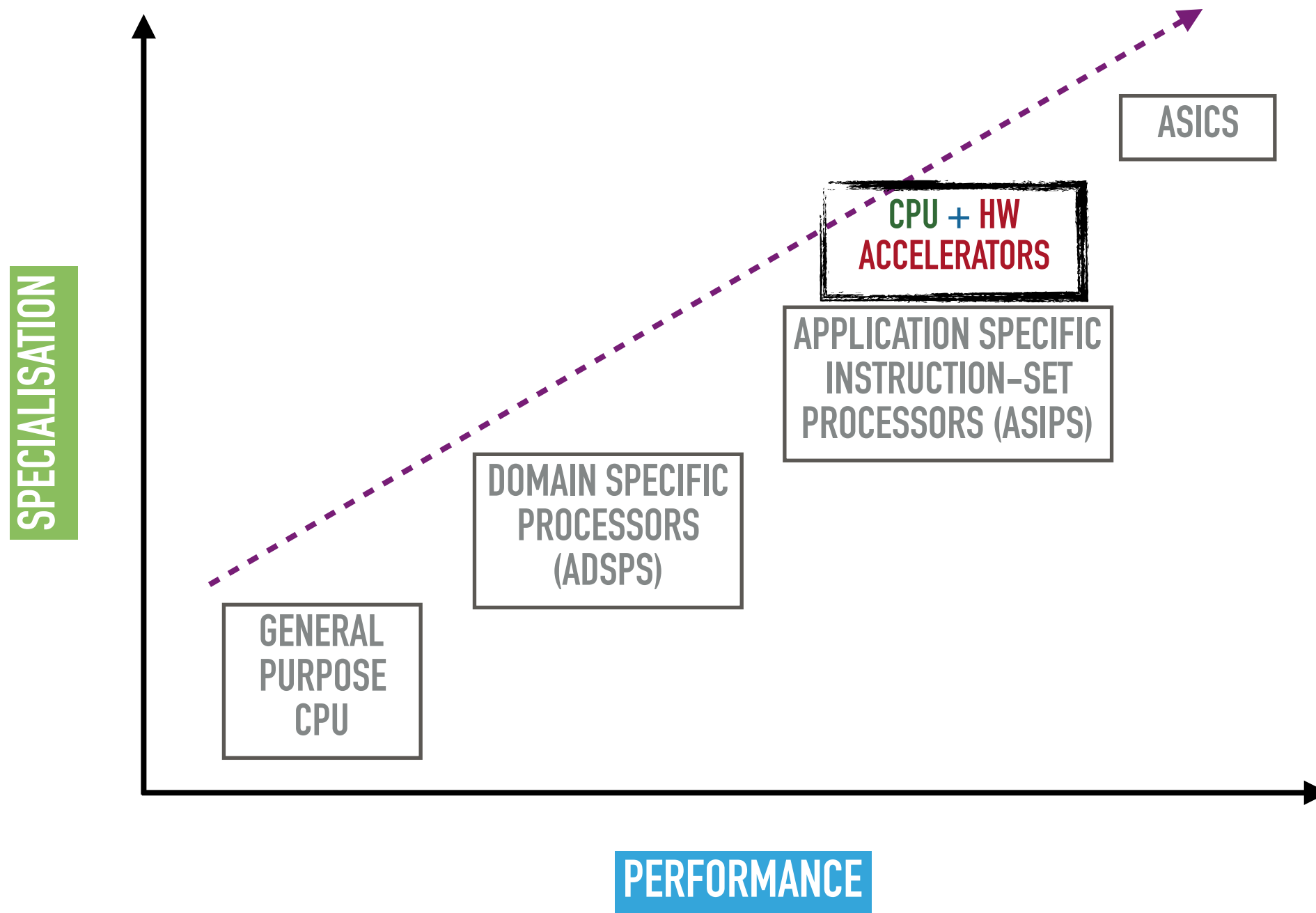
► Multiple cores —> Heterogeneous Computing

► Need for Specialised HW



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# SPECIALISATION AND PERFORMANCE



## DATA TRANSFER IS THE BOTTLENECK

- ▶ Accelerate data transfer between accelerators and memory<sup>[4] [5]</sup>
  - ▶ Custom storage as an optimisation<sup>[6] [7]</sup>
- ➡ Identify Data reuse for building custom storage

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- ➡ Area efficient Accelerators

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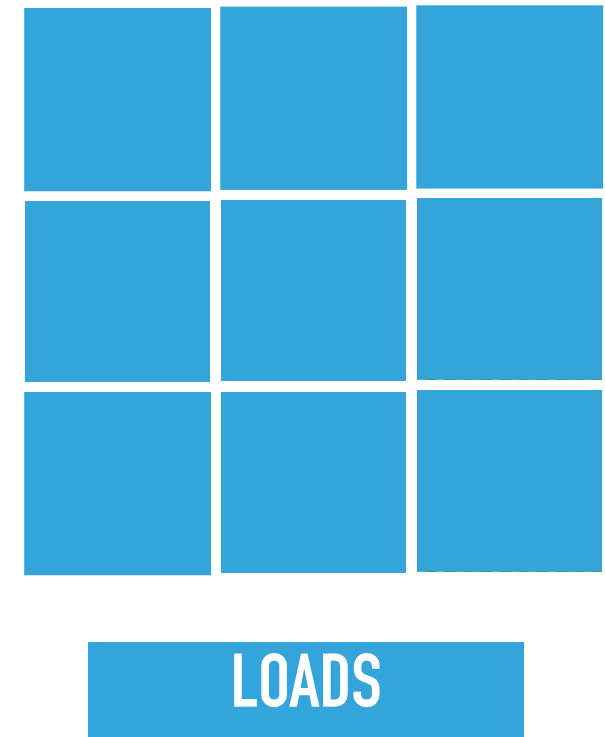
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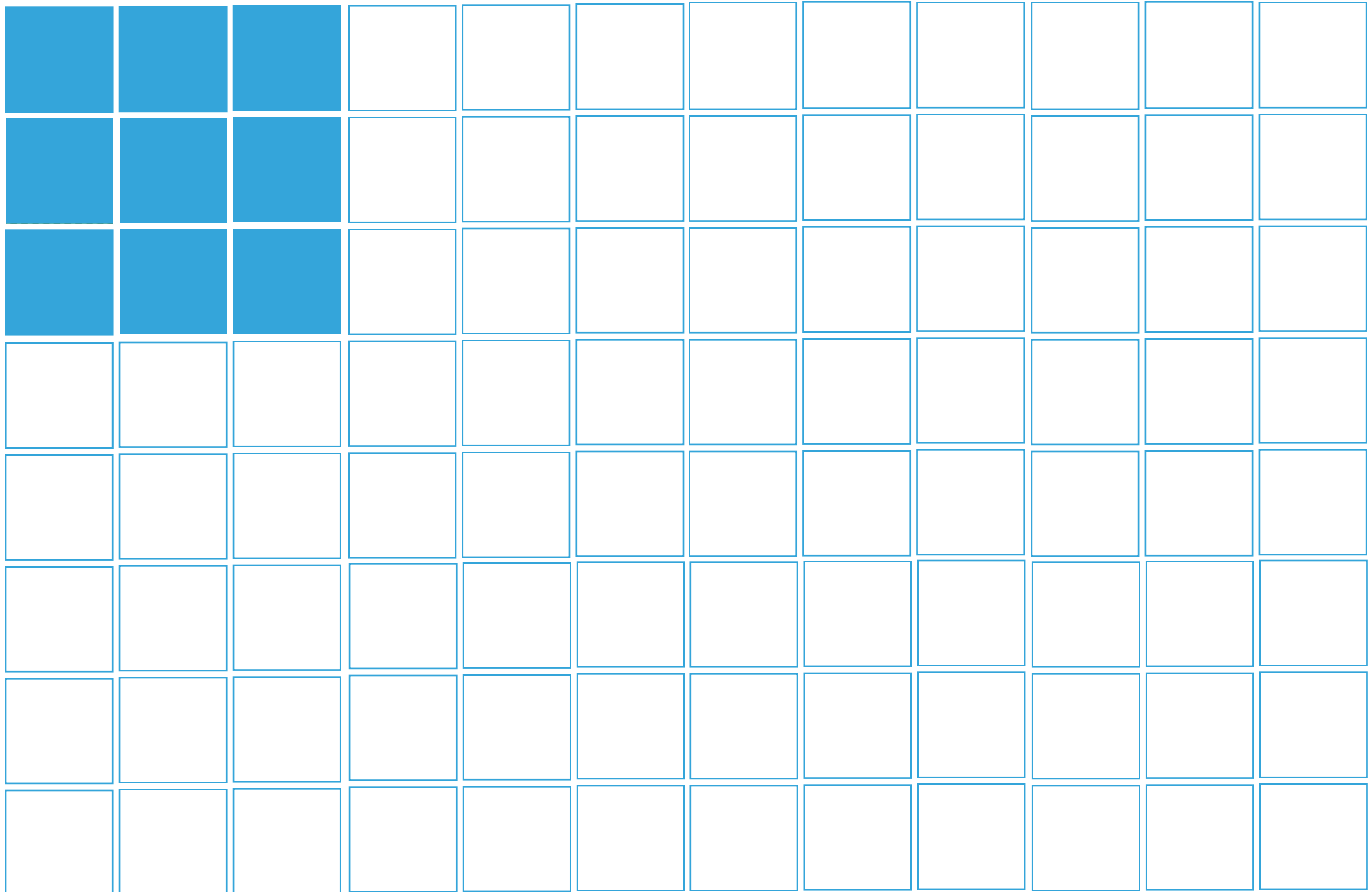


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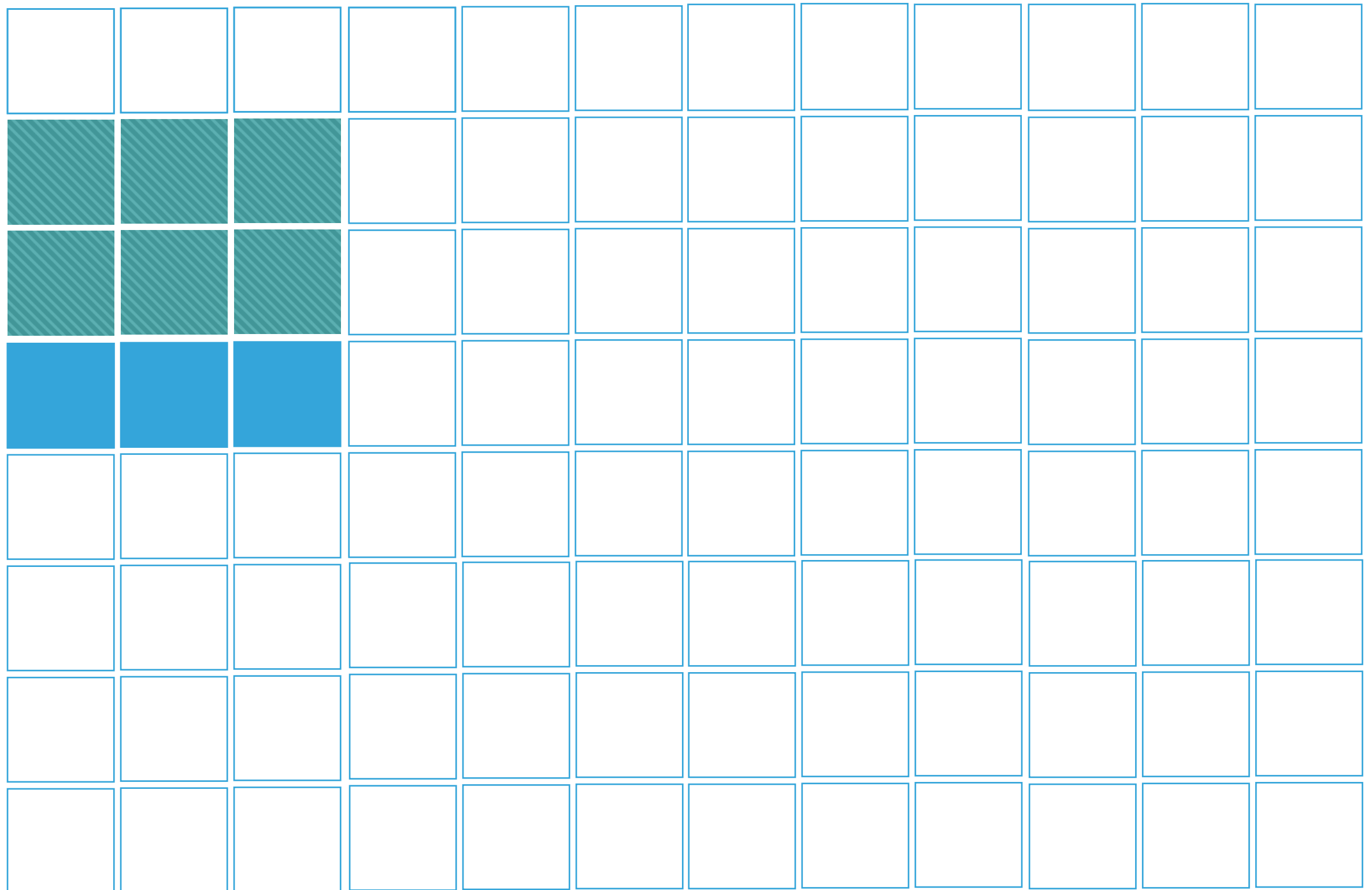
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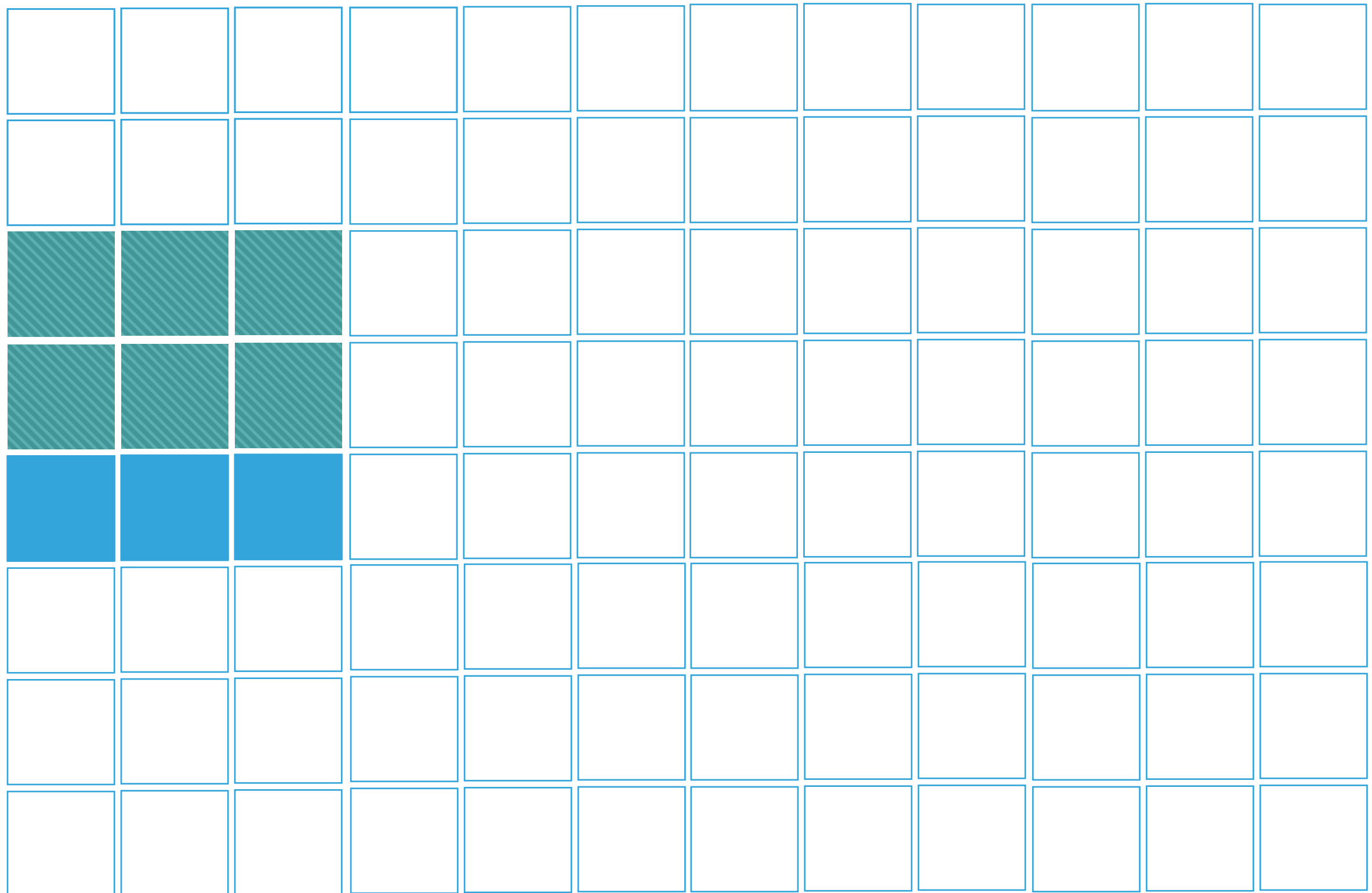
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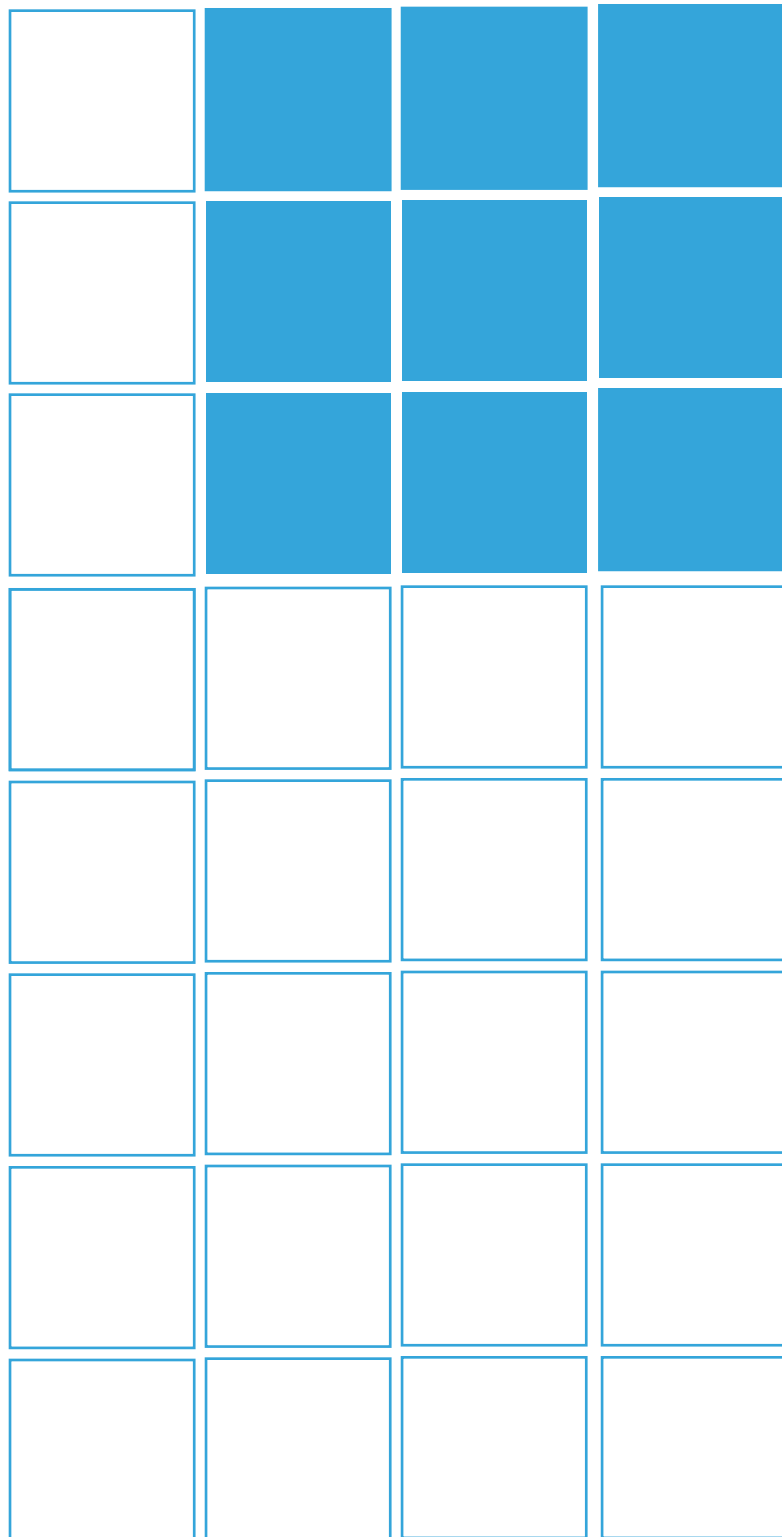


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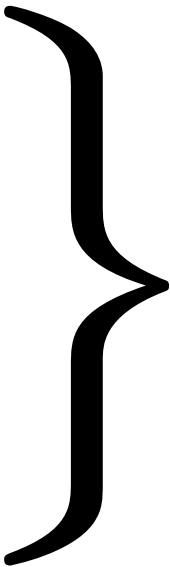
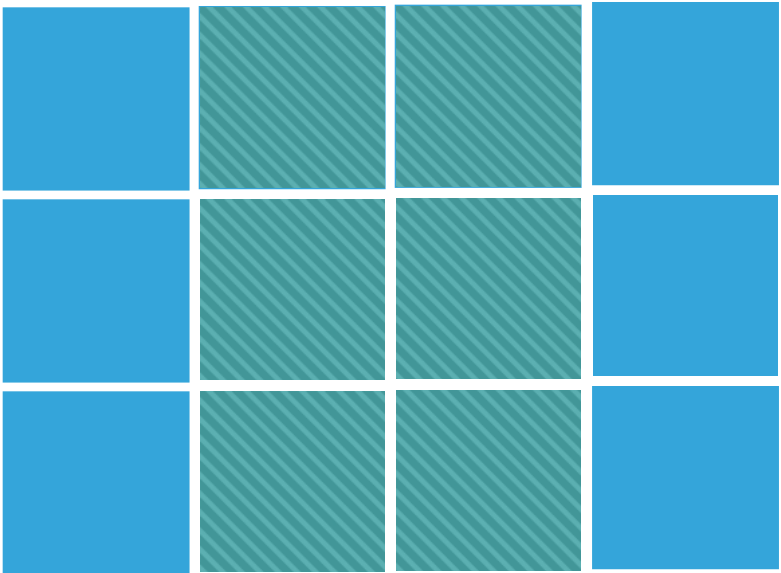


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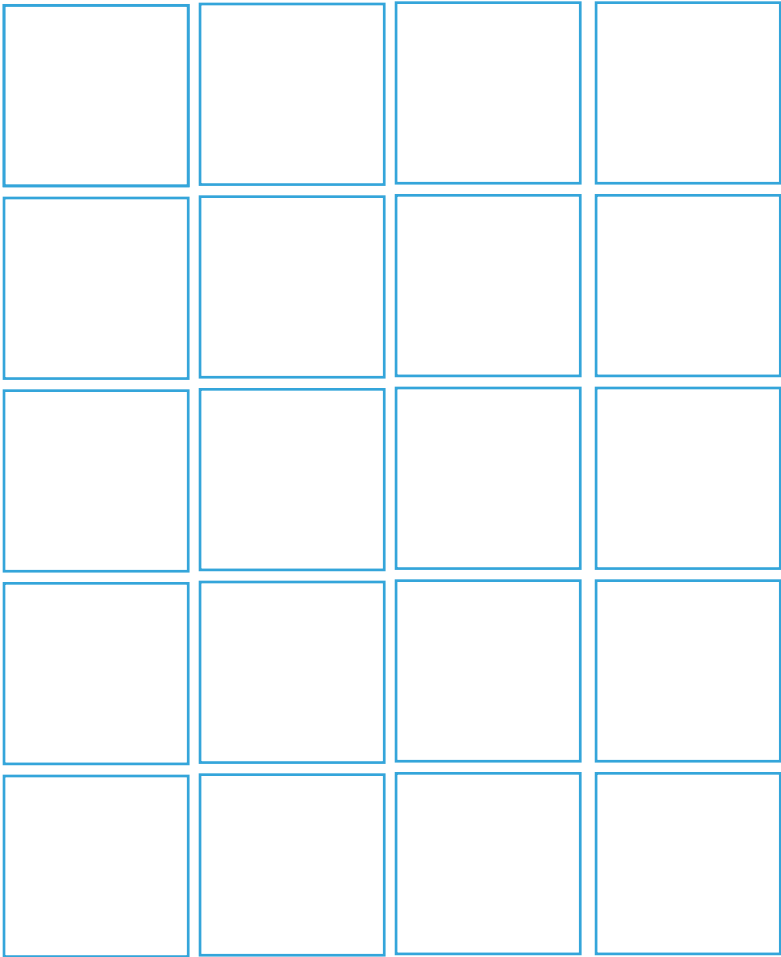


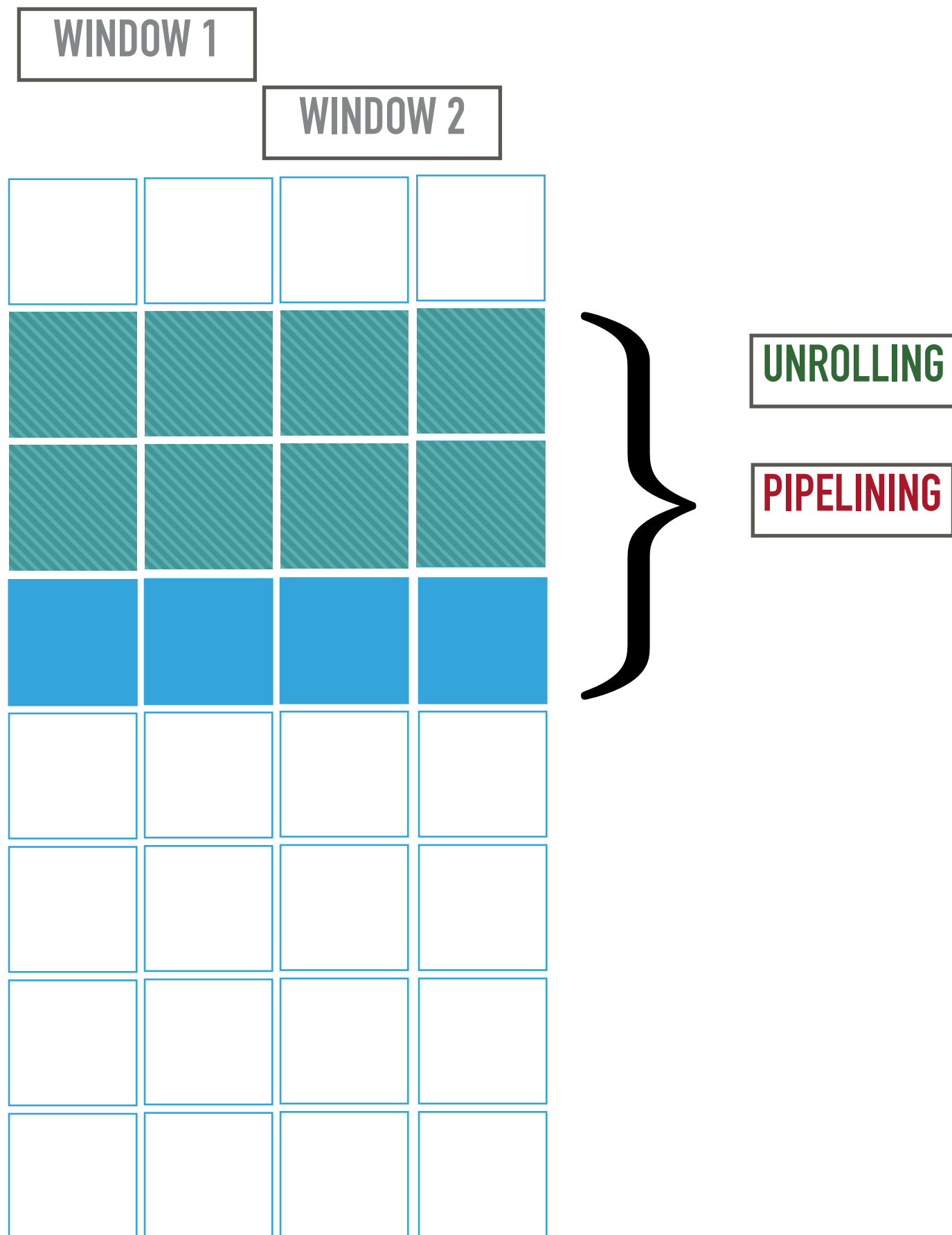
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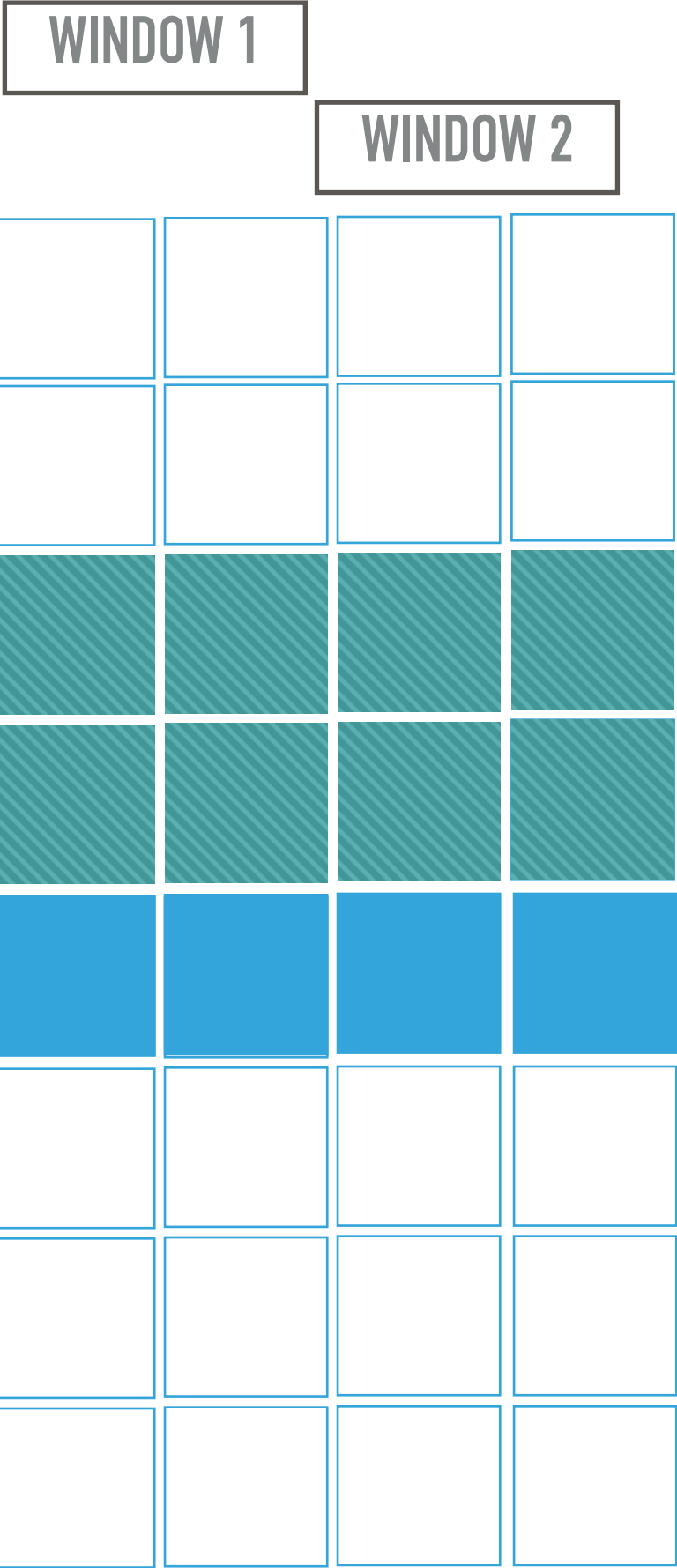


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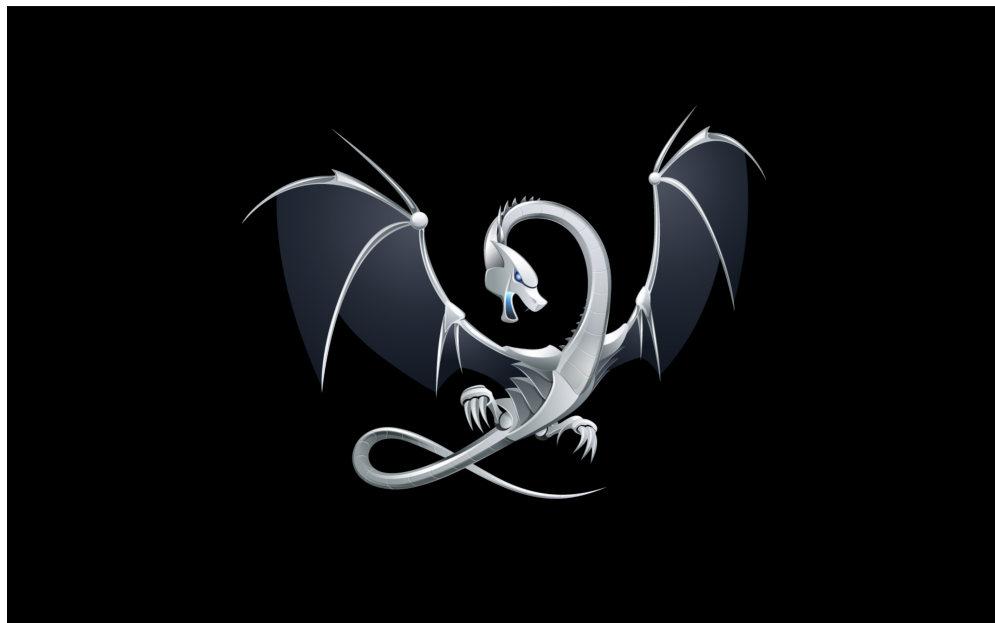
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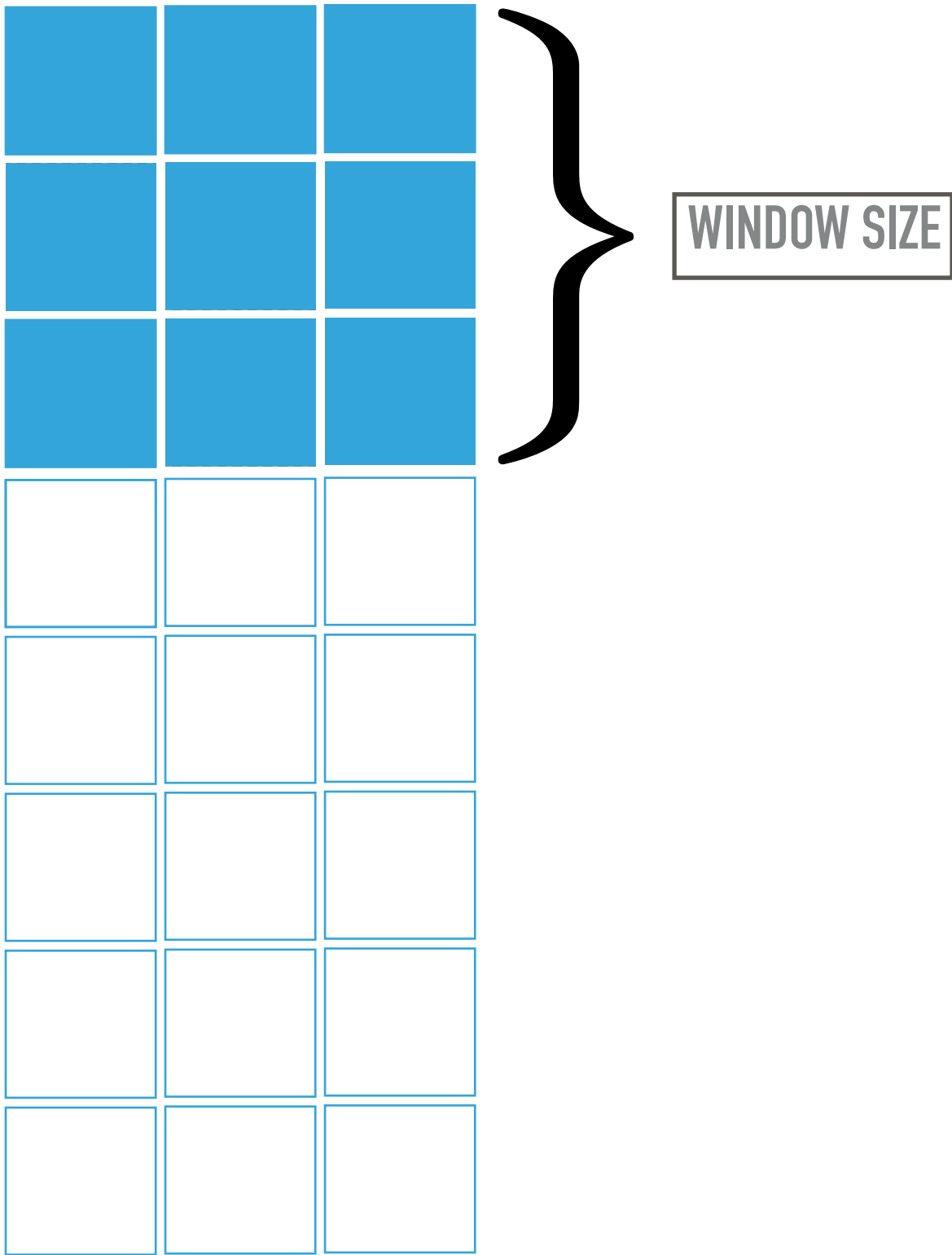


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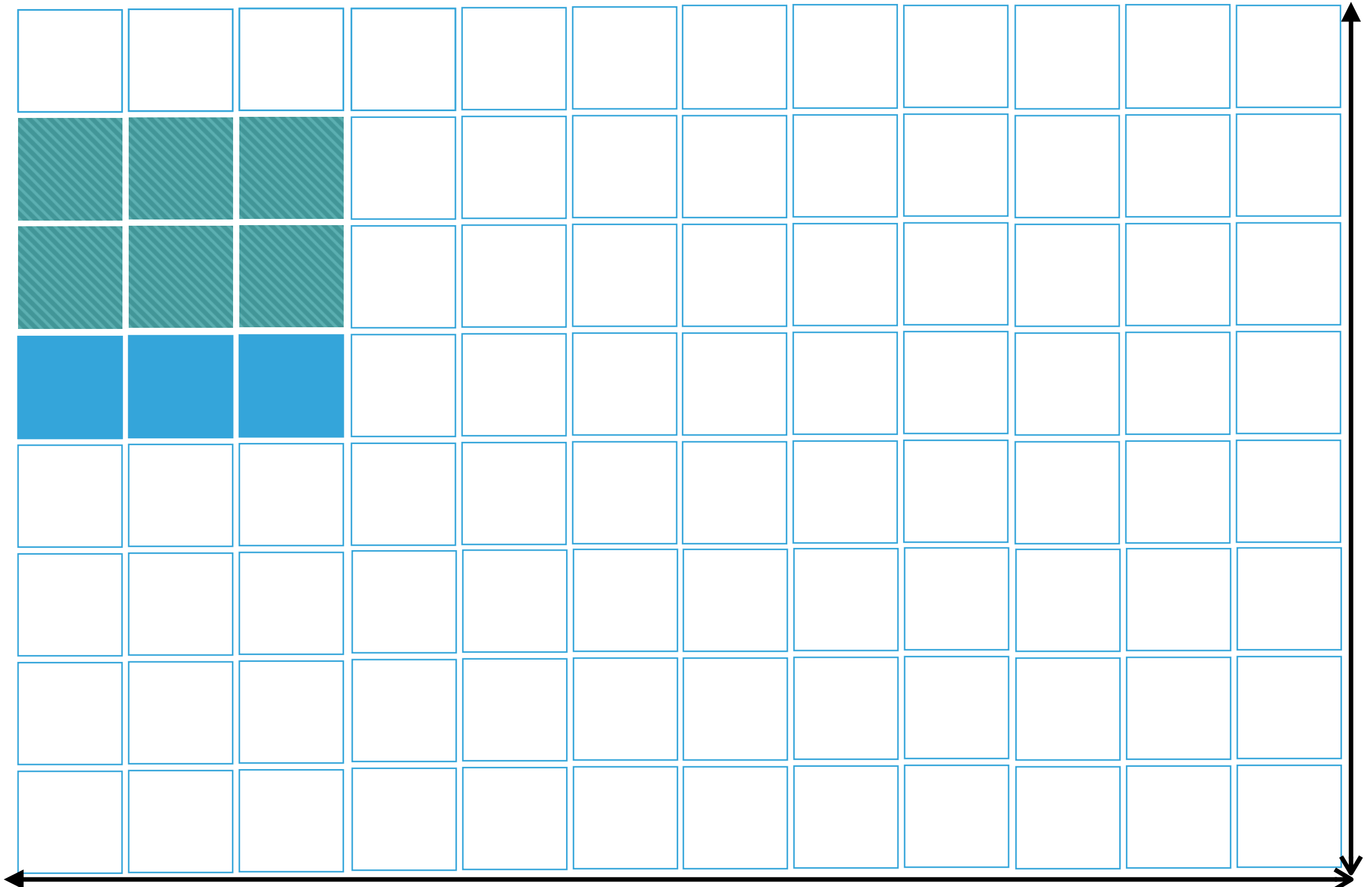
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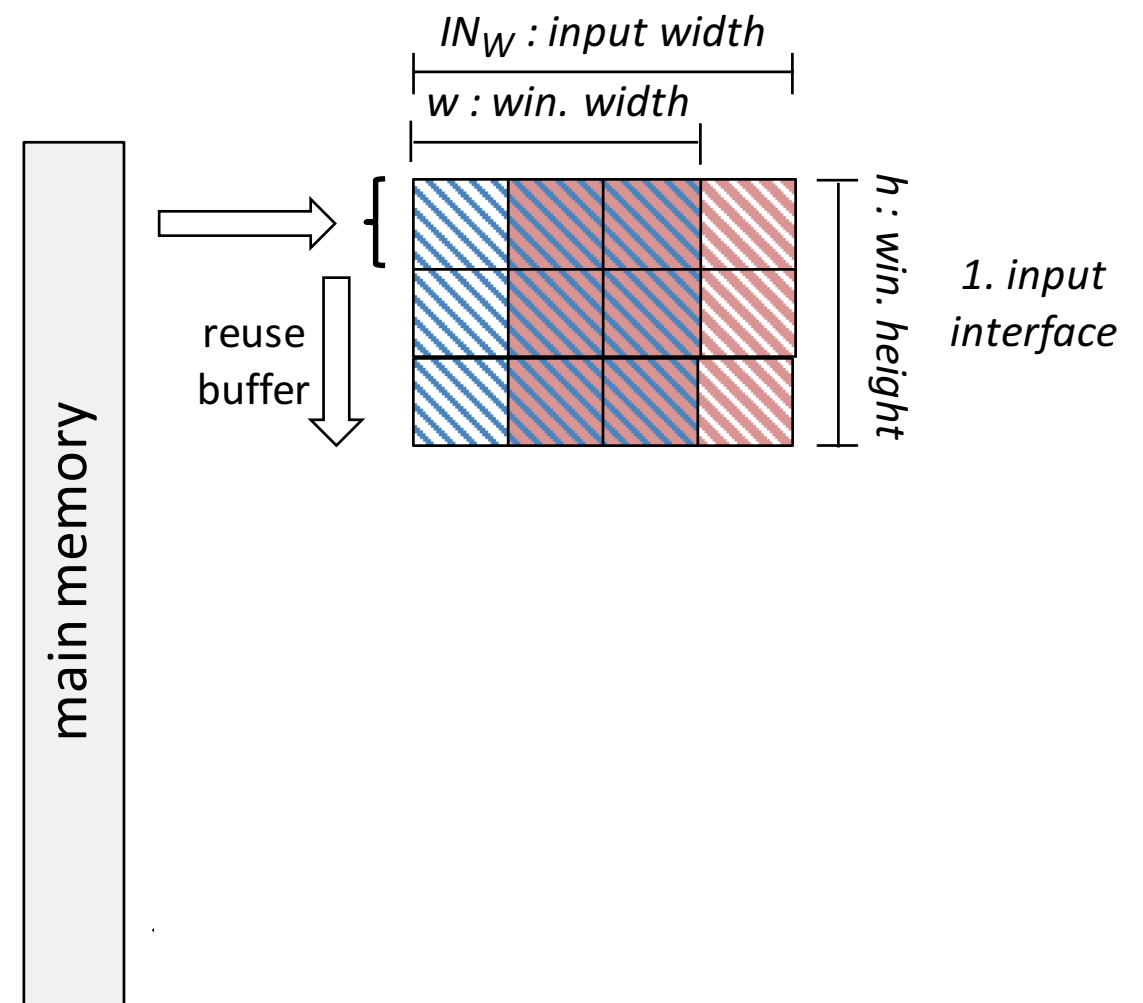


## HW IMPLEMENTATION

Parameters retrieved with LLVM Polly Analysis Pass:

- ▶ Horizontal and Vertical Window Size
- ▶ Stride
- ▶ Iteration Domain (Frame Size)

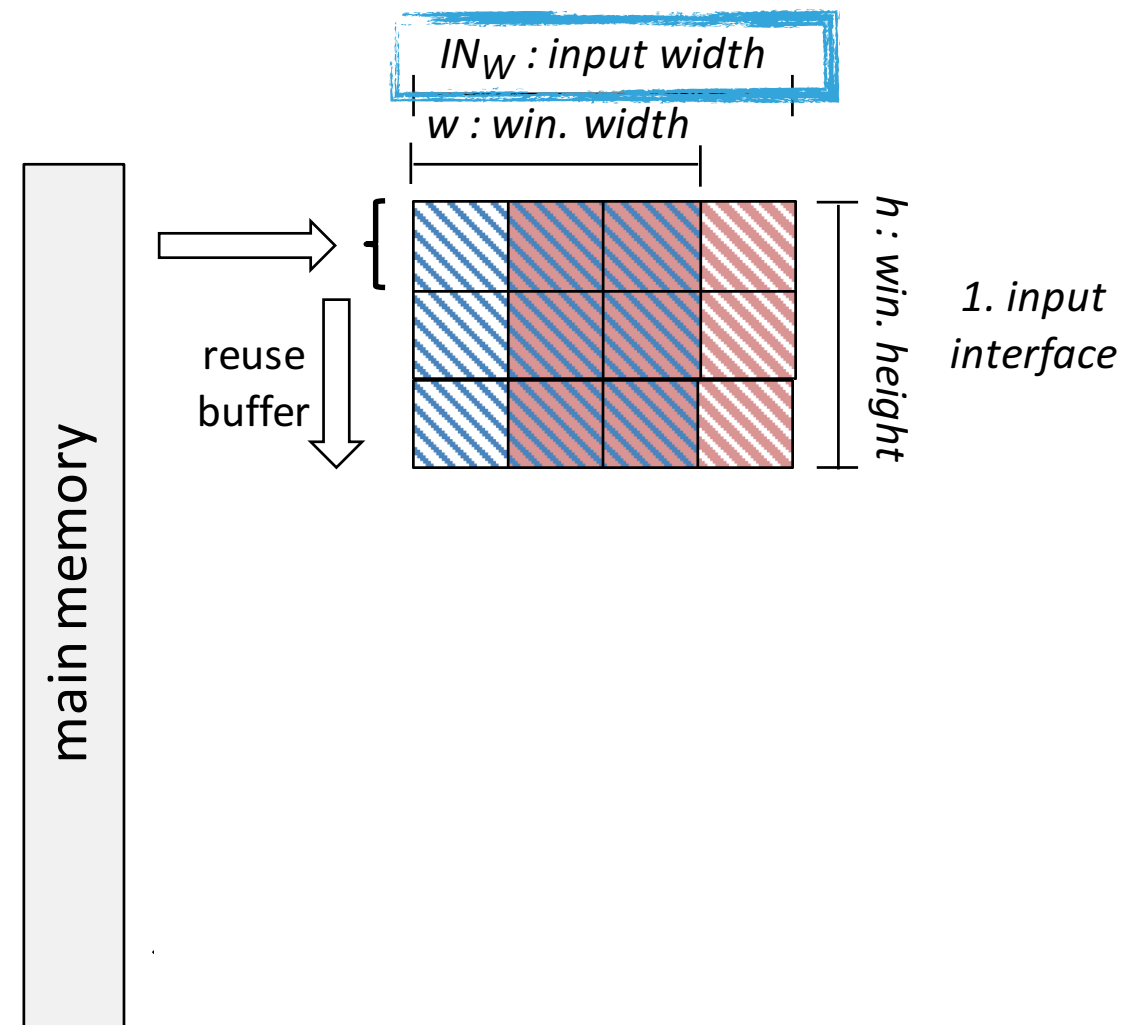
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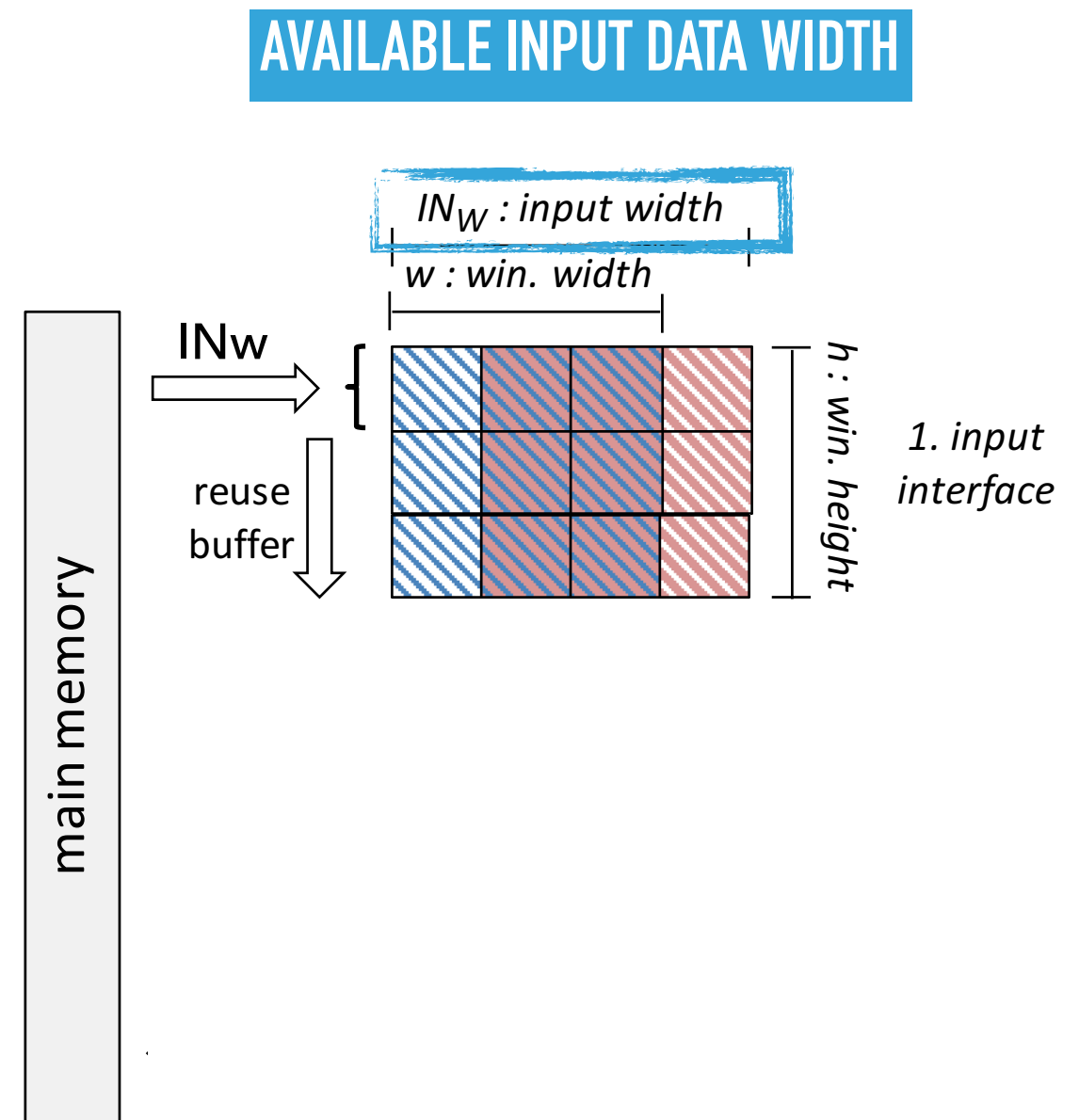
## AVAILABLE INPUT DATA WIDTH



# HW IMPLEMENTATION

Buffer Size:

Horizontal Width = Input Width (INw)



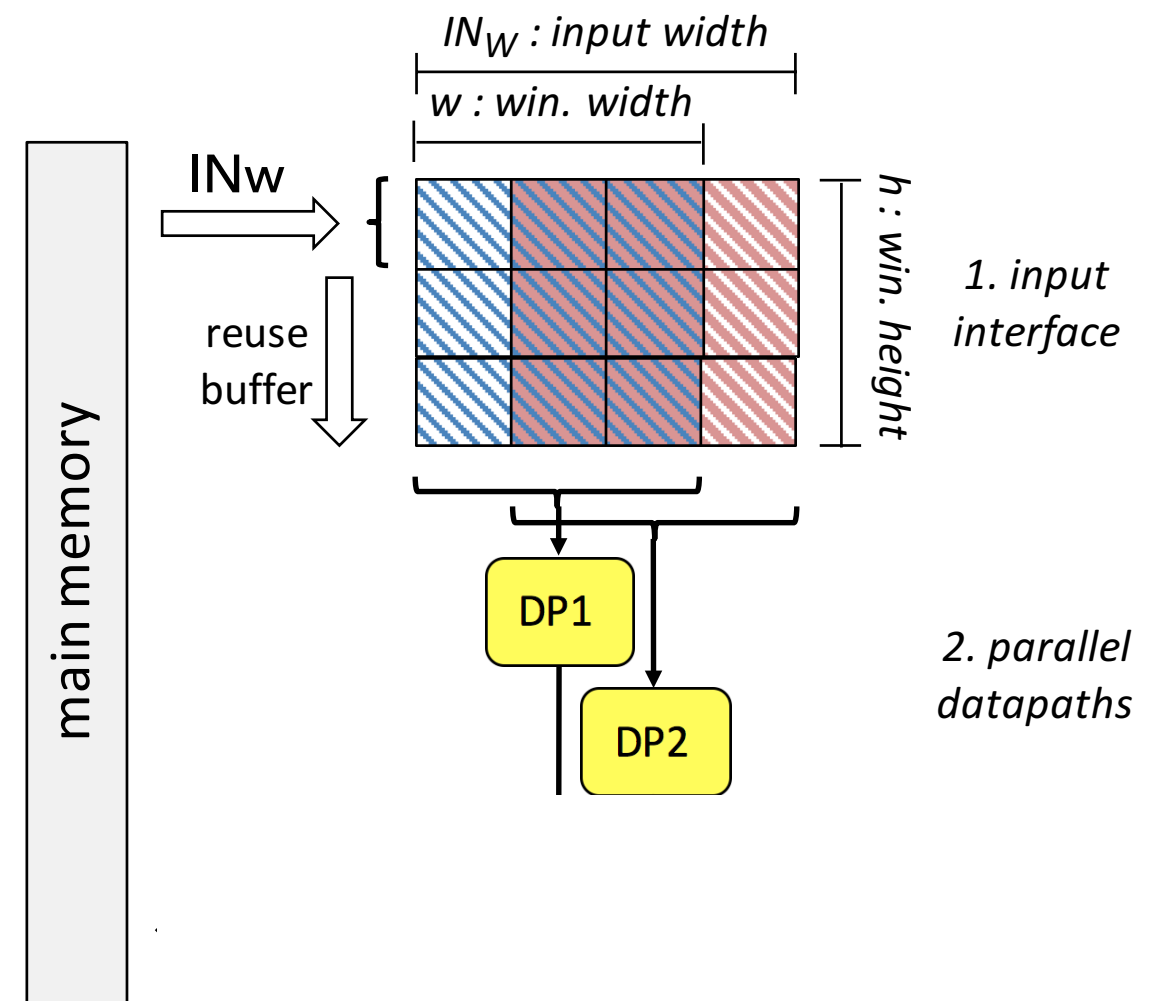
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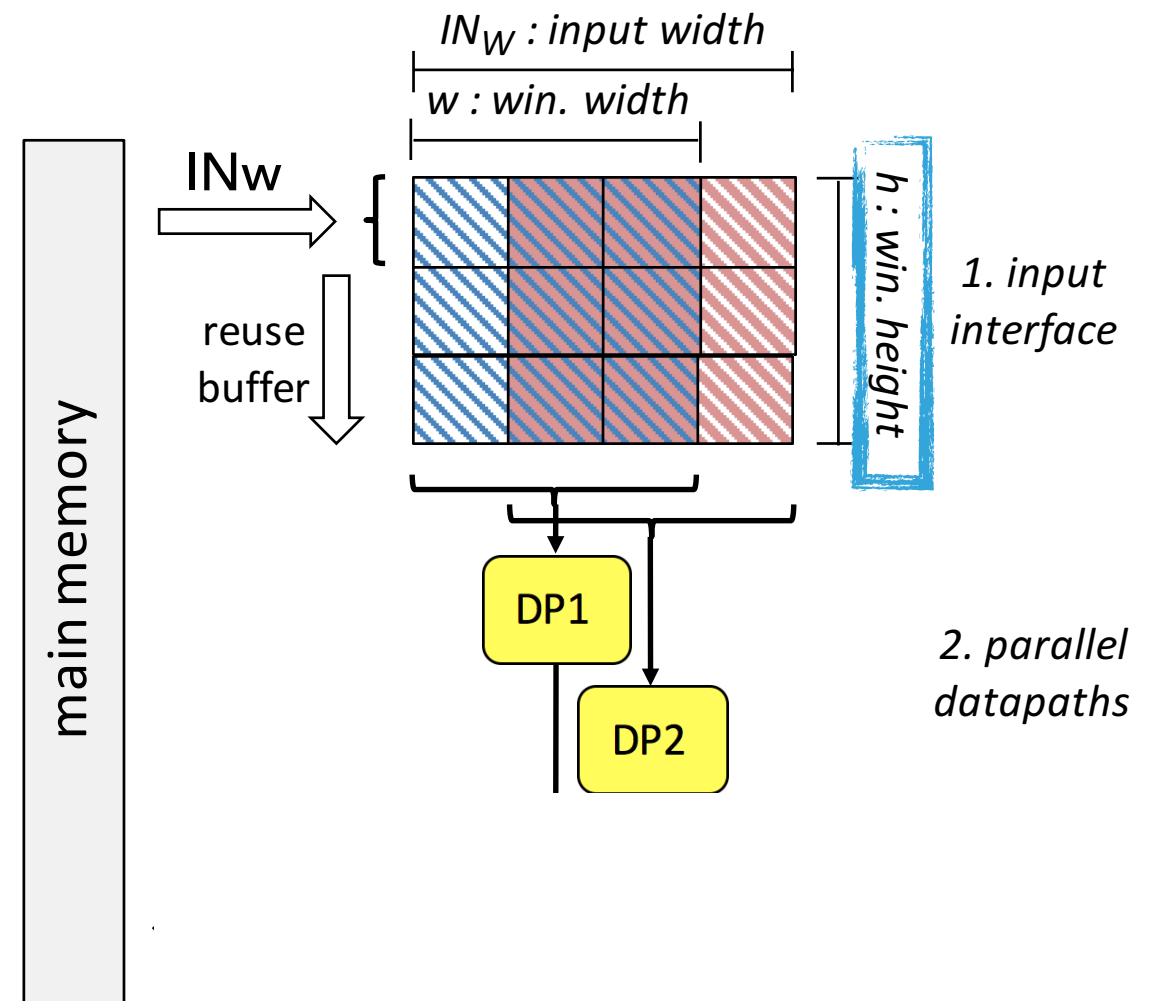
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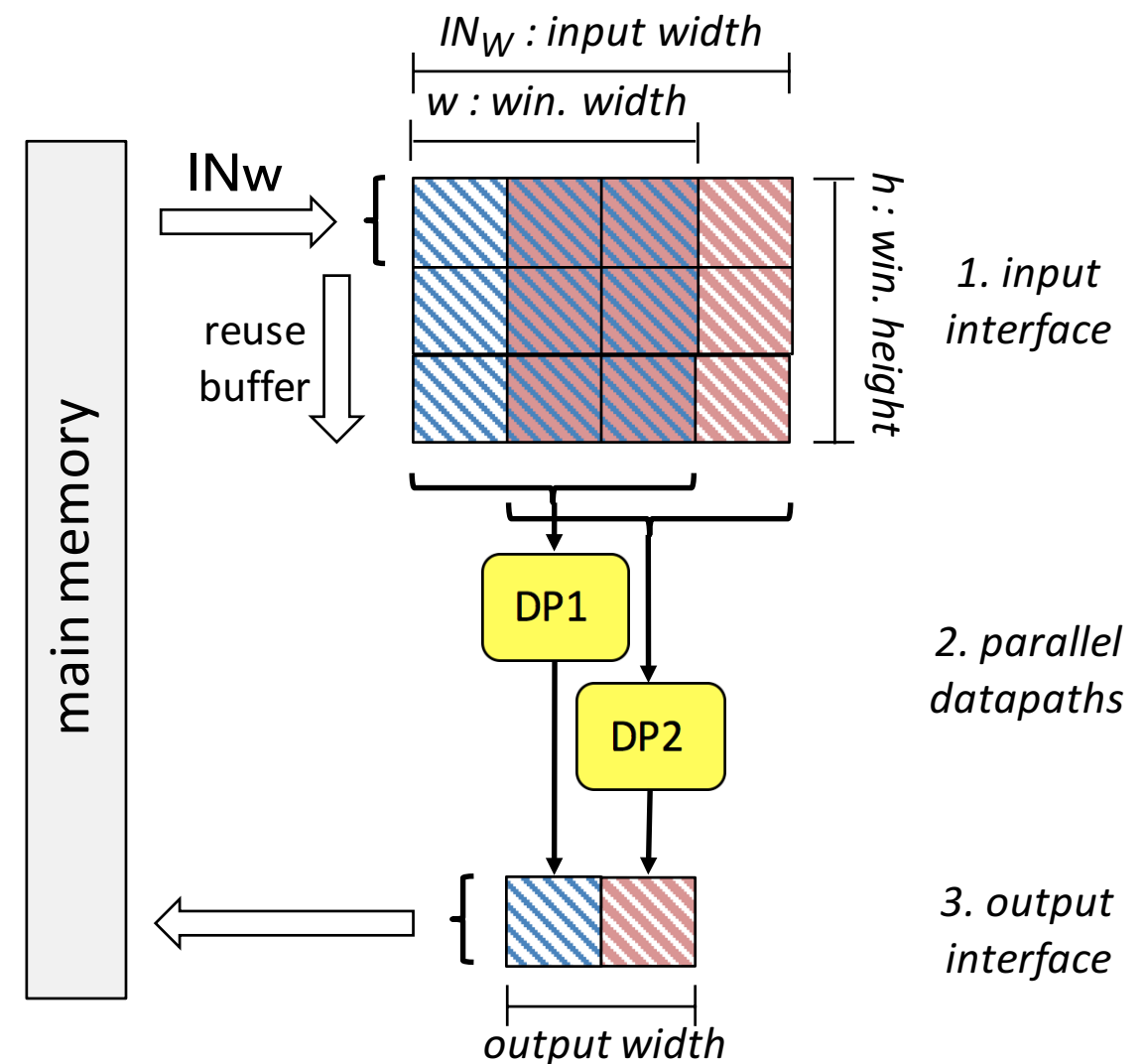
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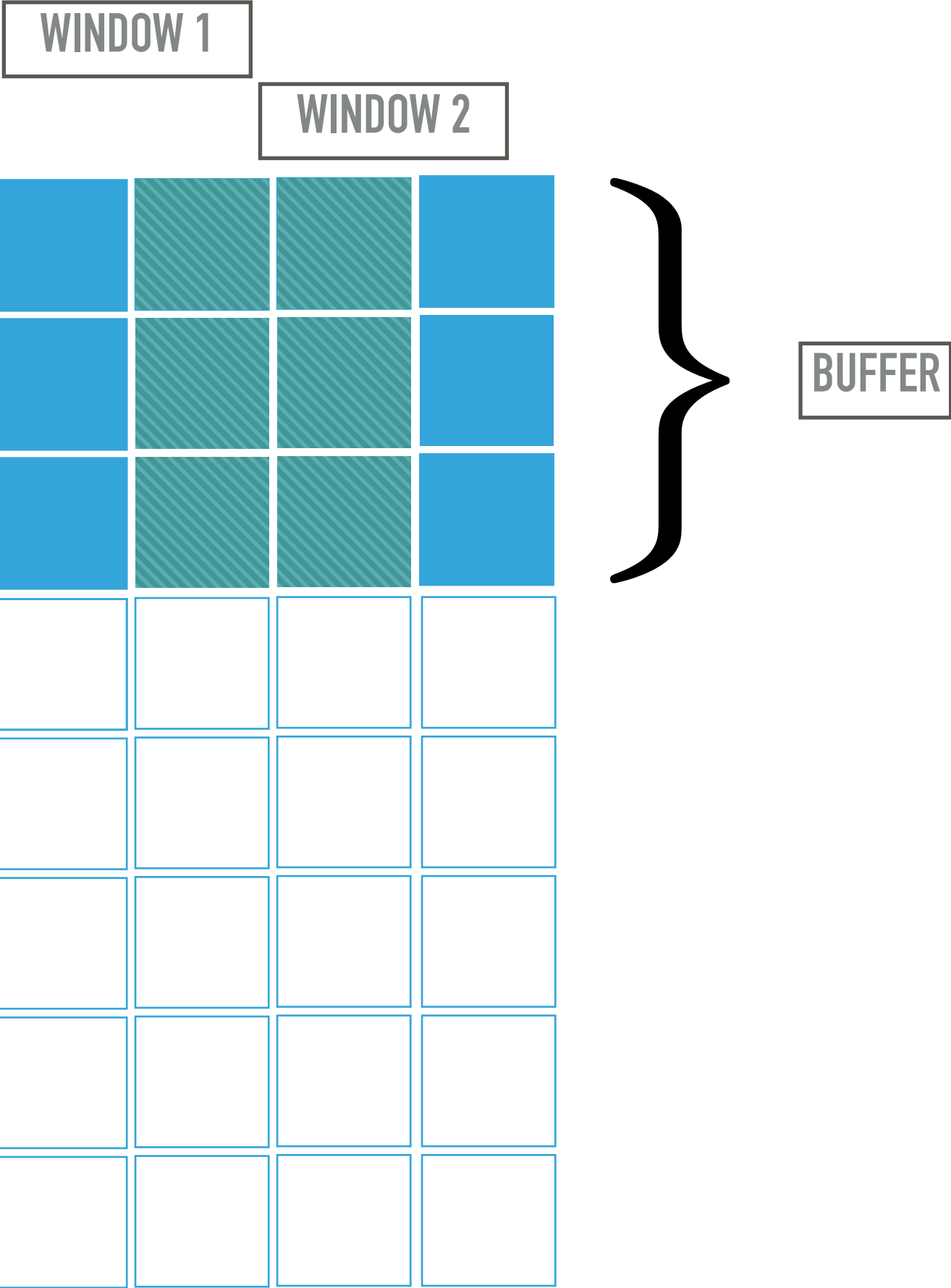
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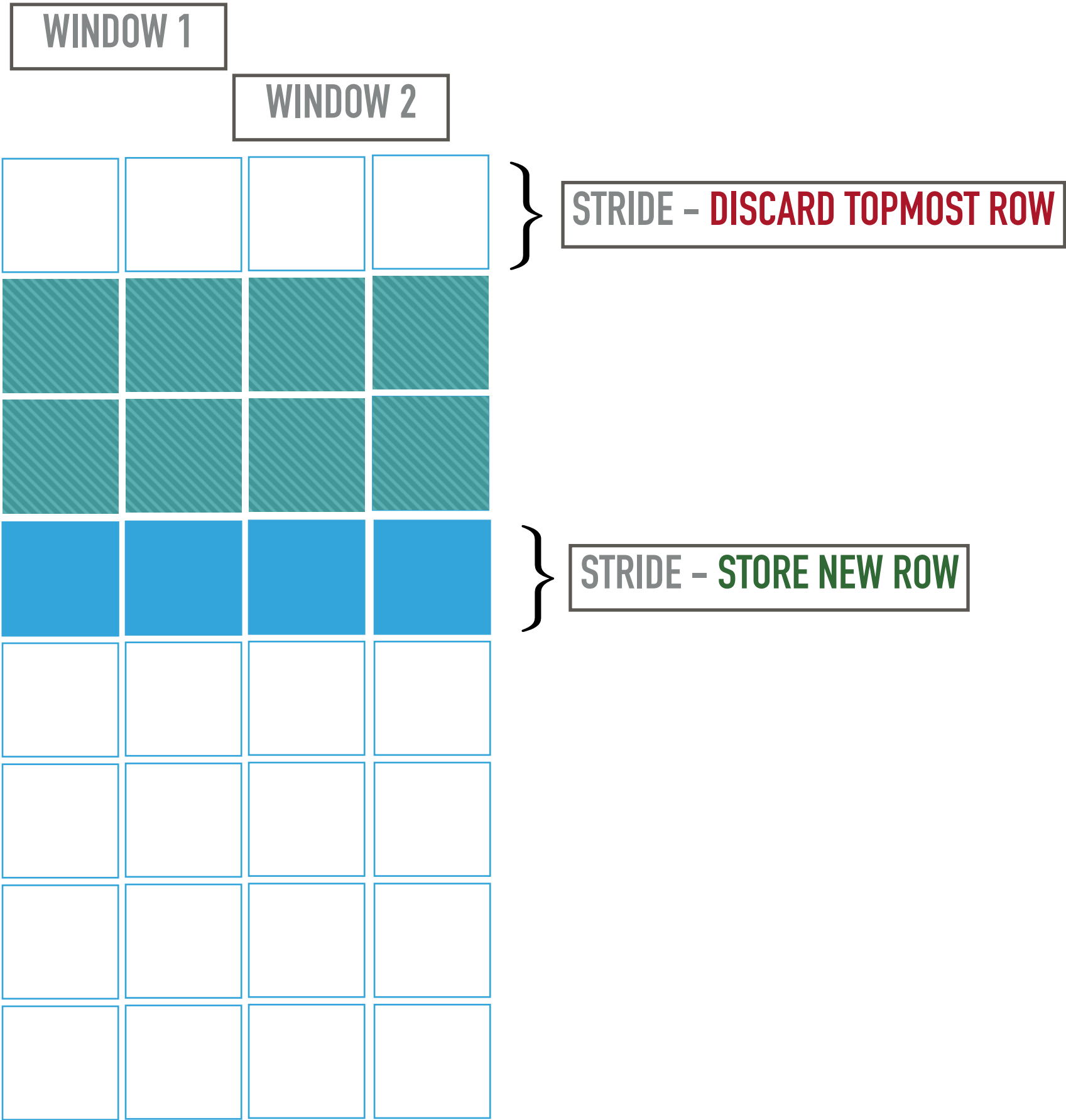
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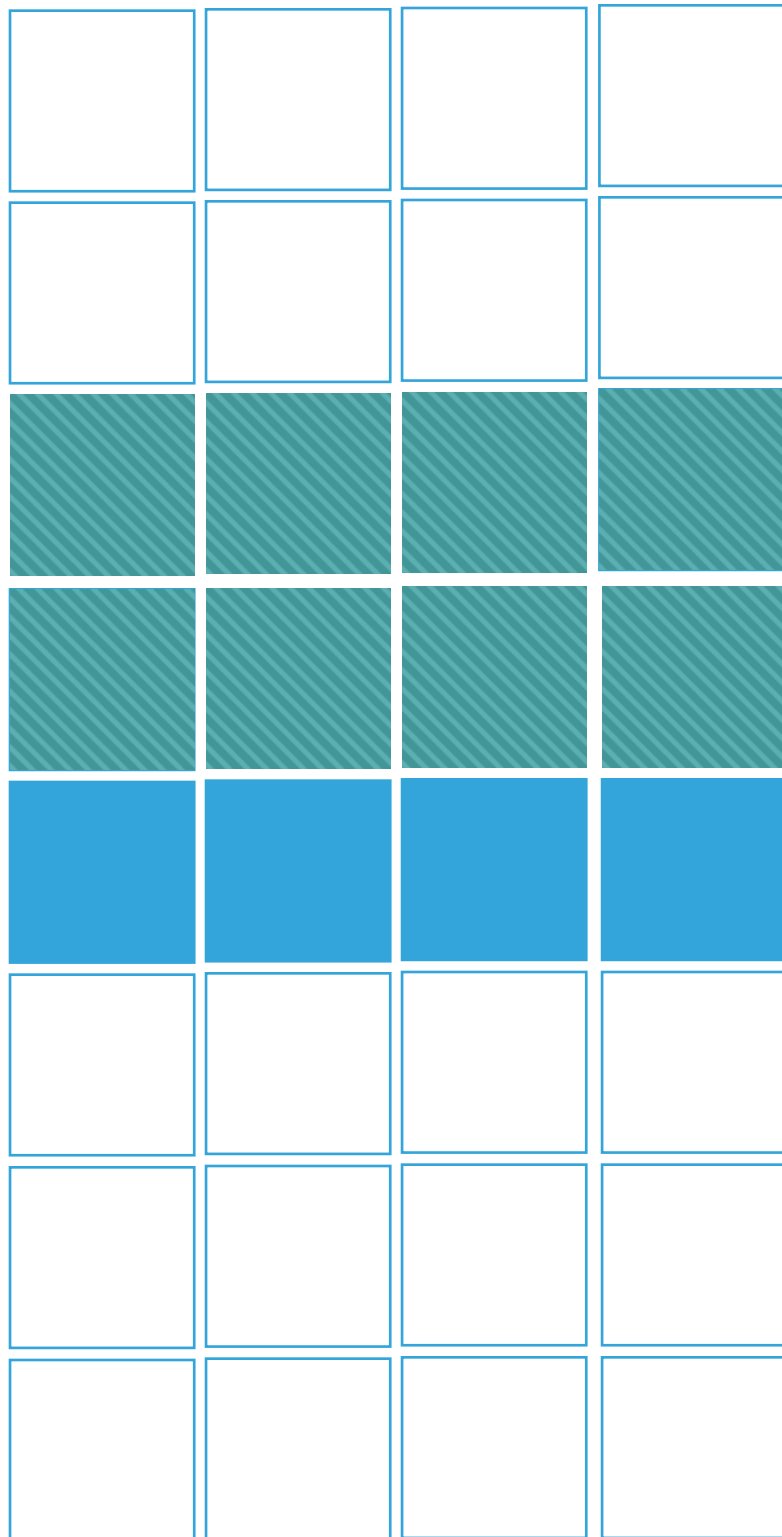






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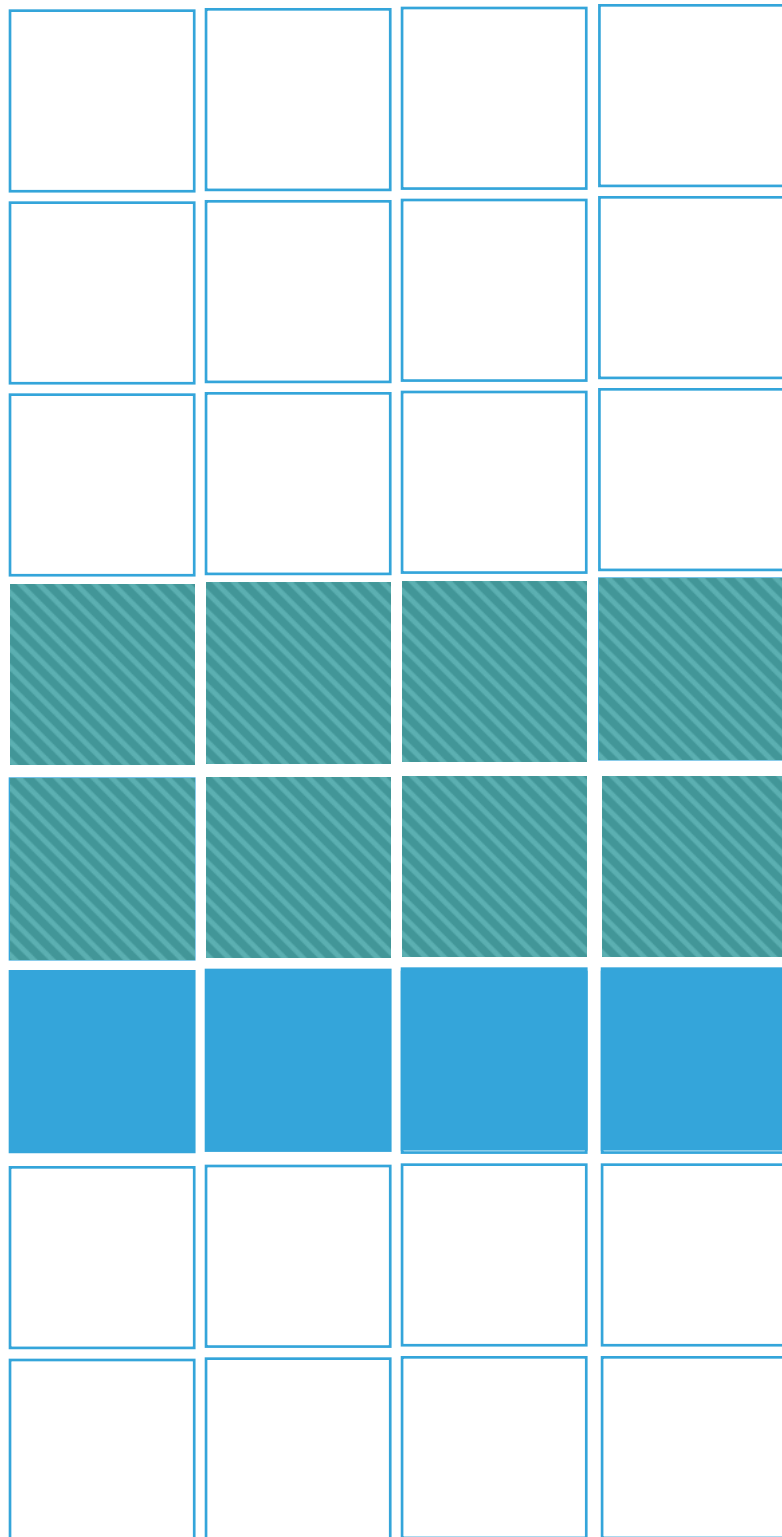
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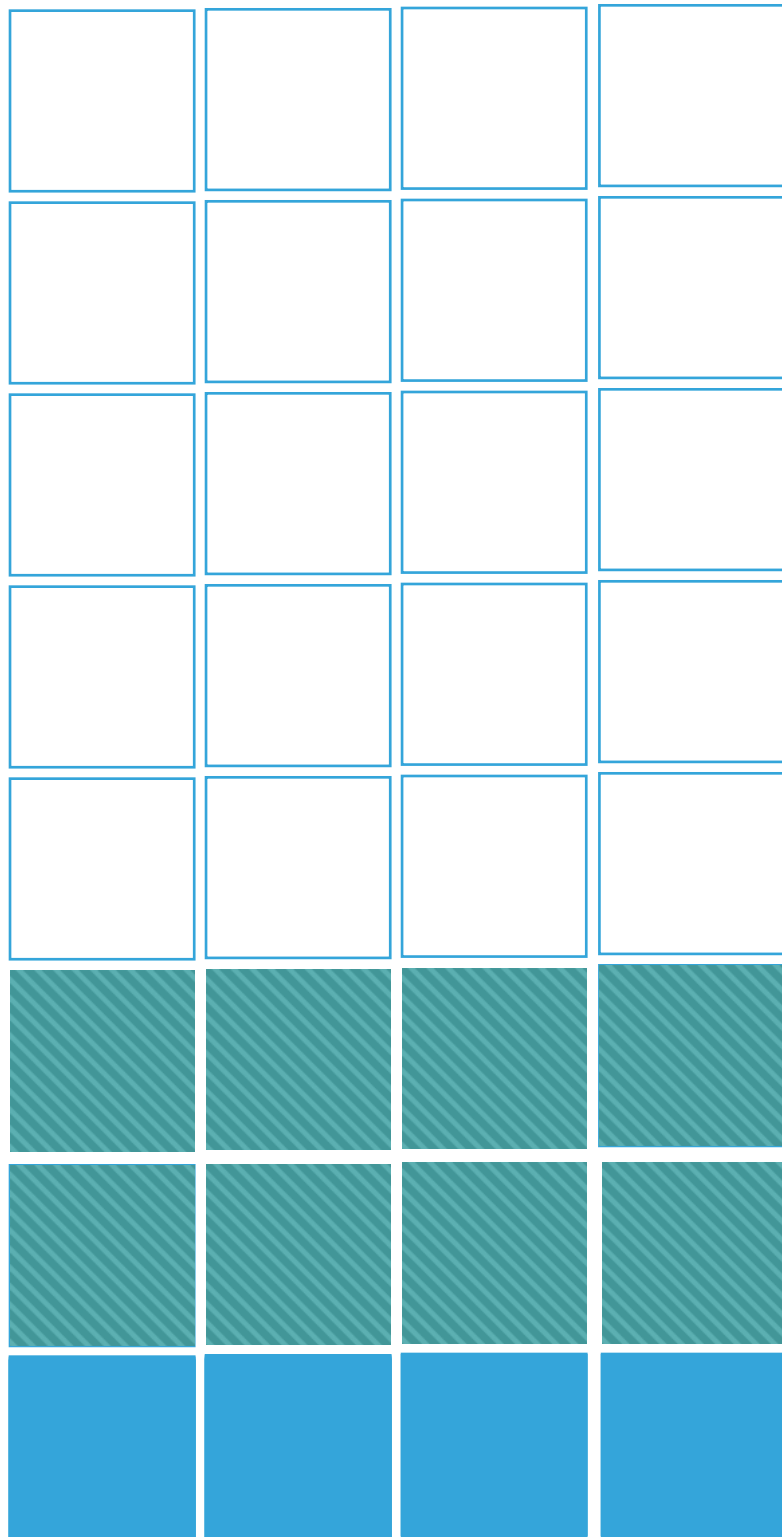
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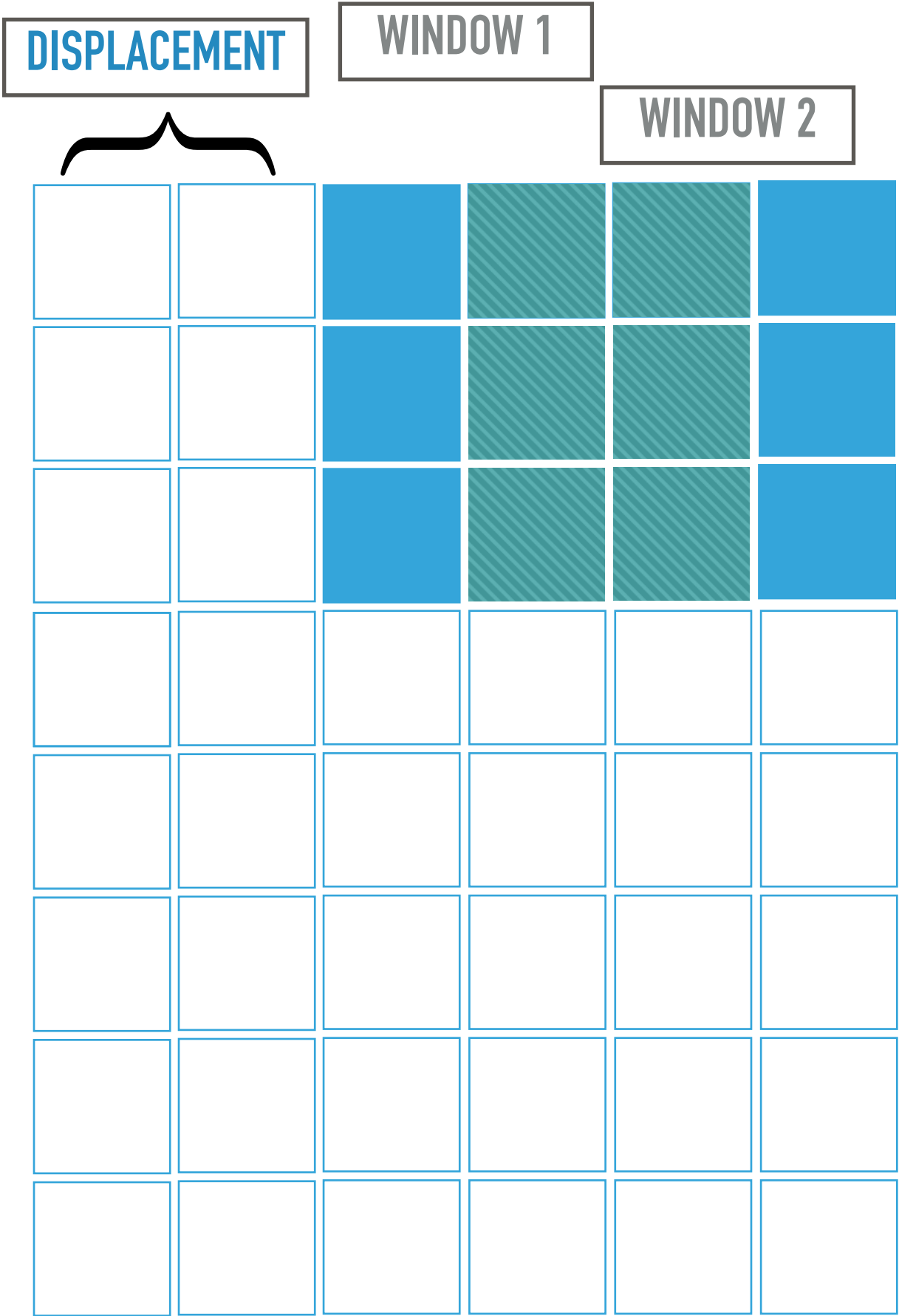


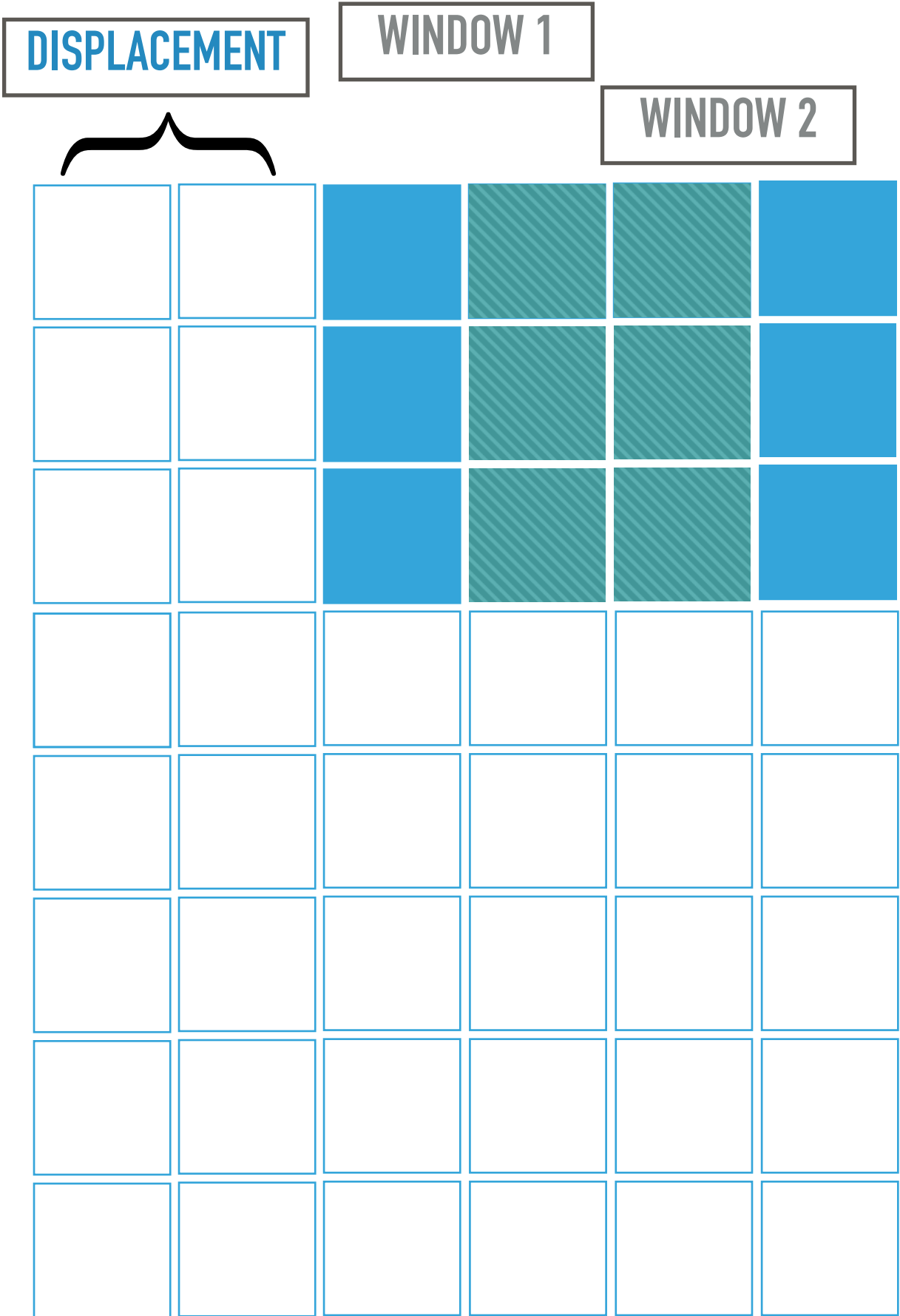


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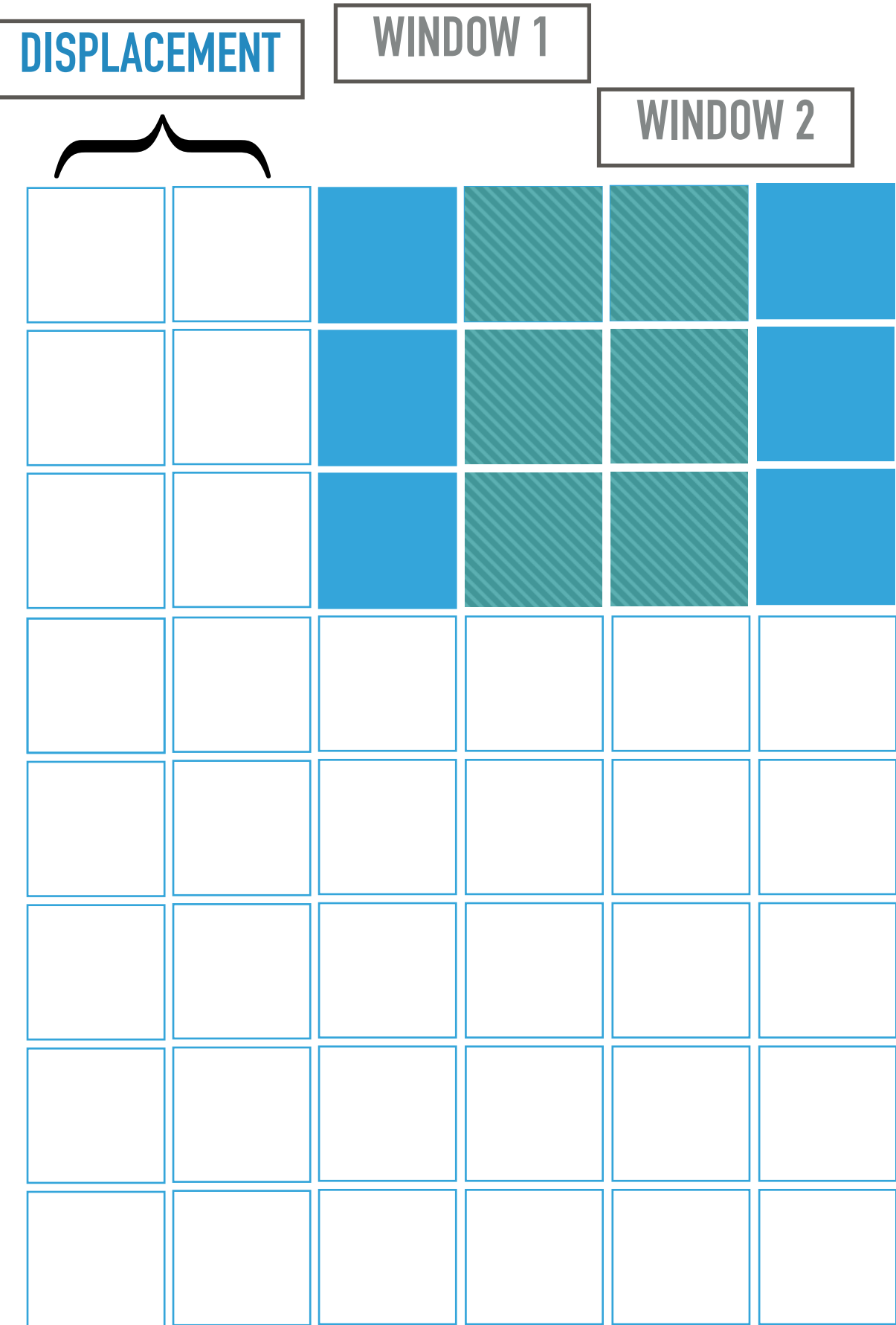
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Example:

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Horiz. Displacement = 2

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- ▶ ROCCC
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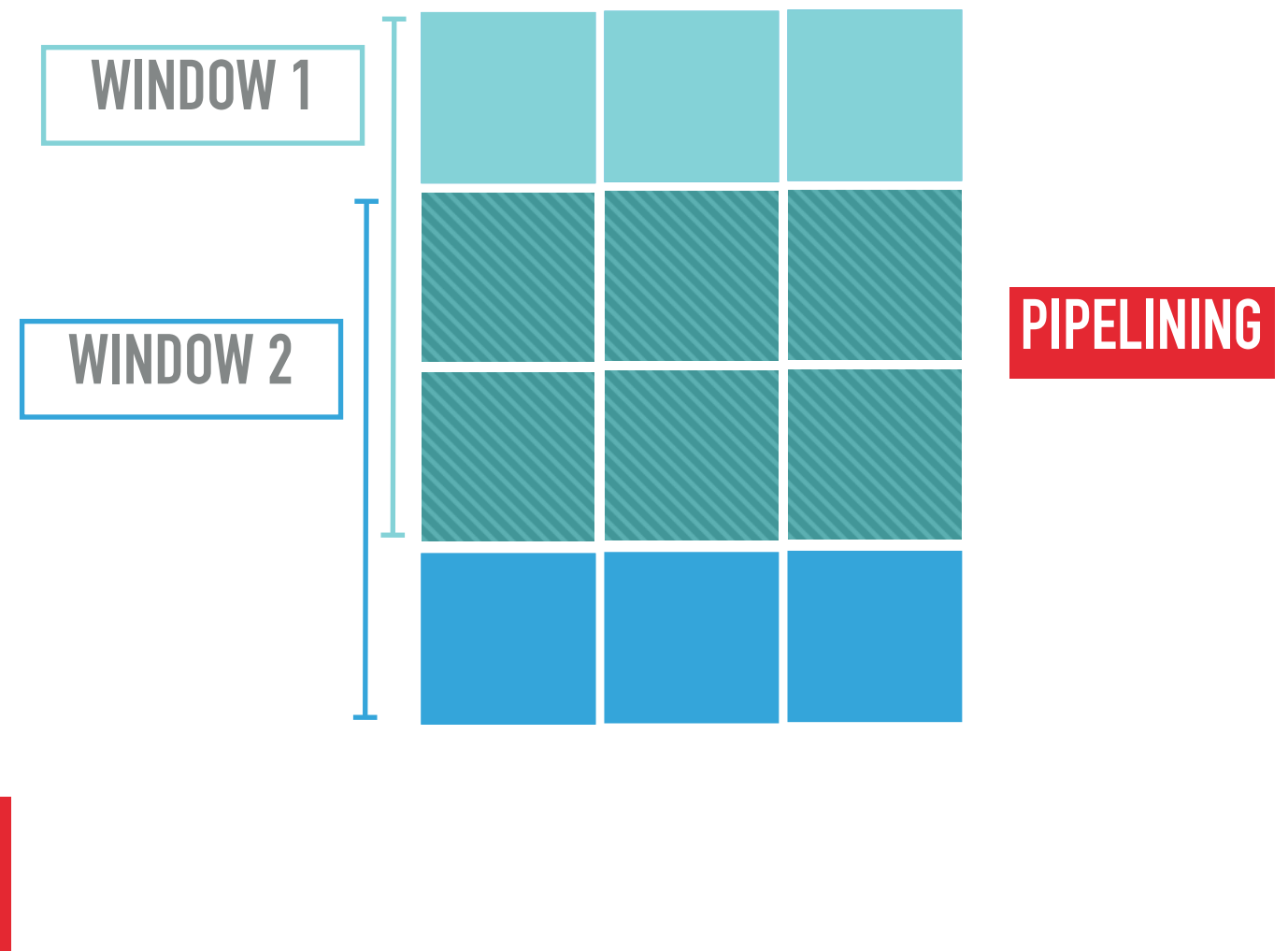
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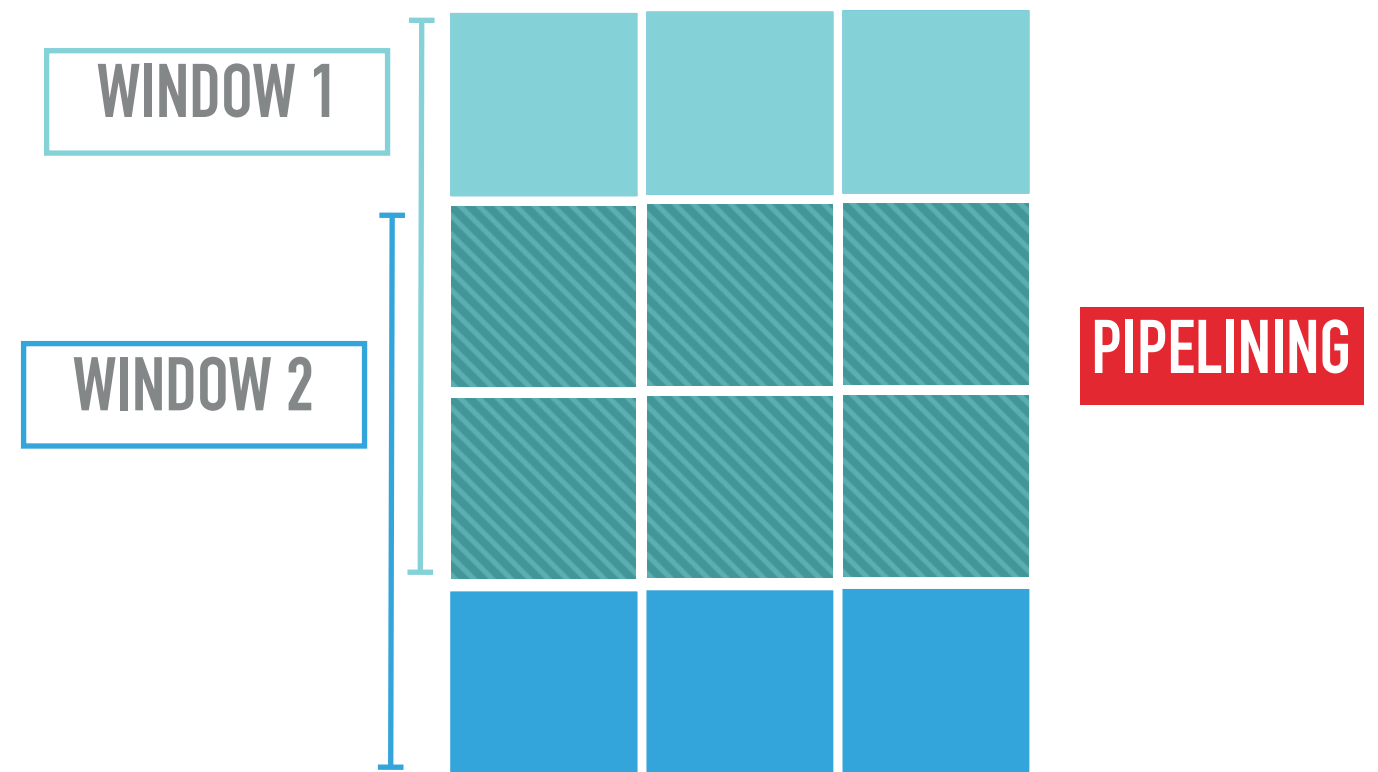
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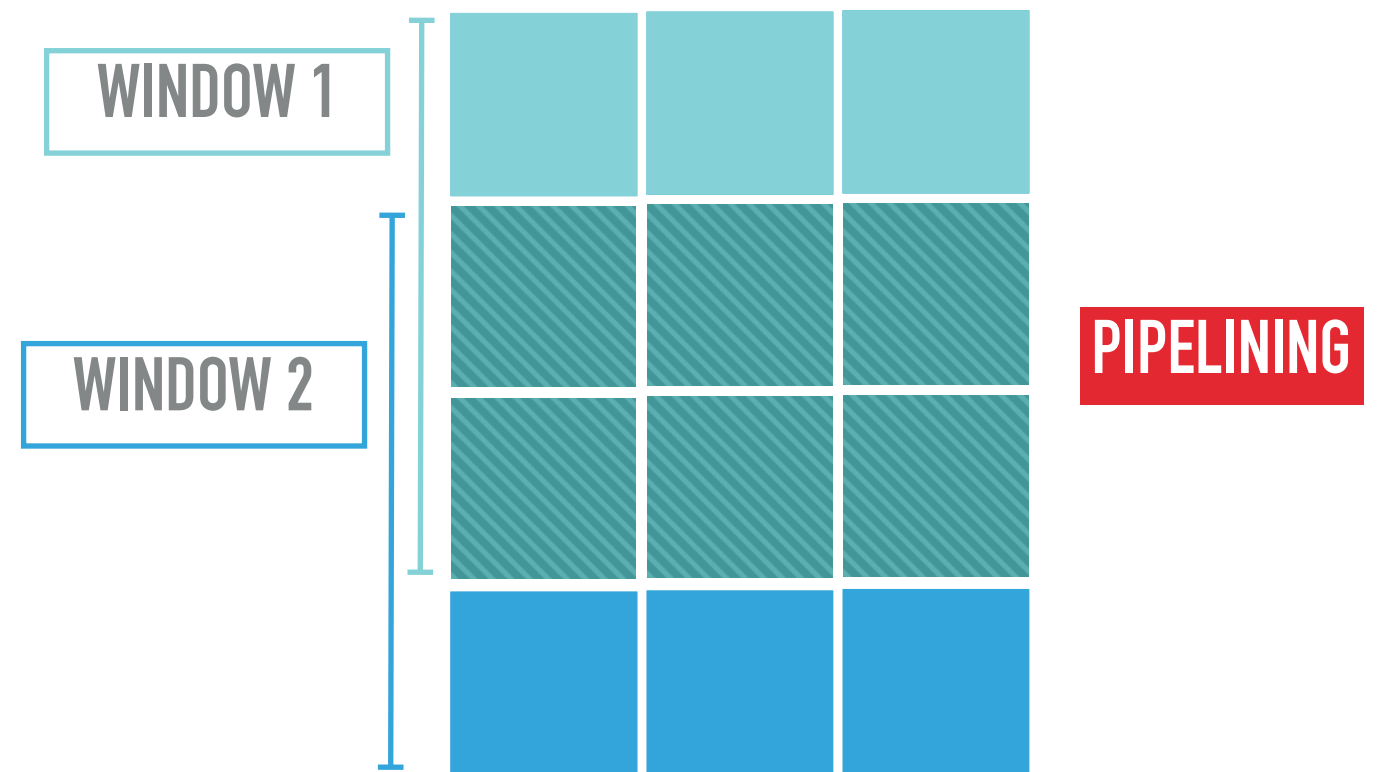
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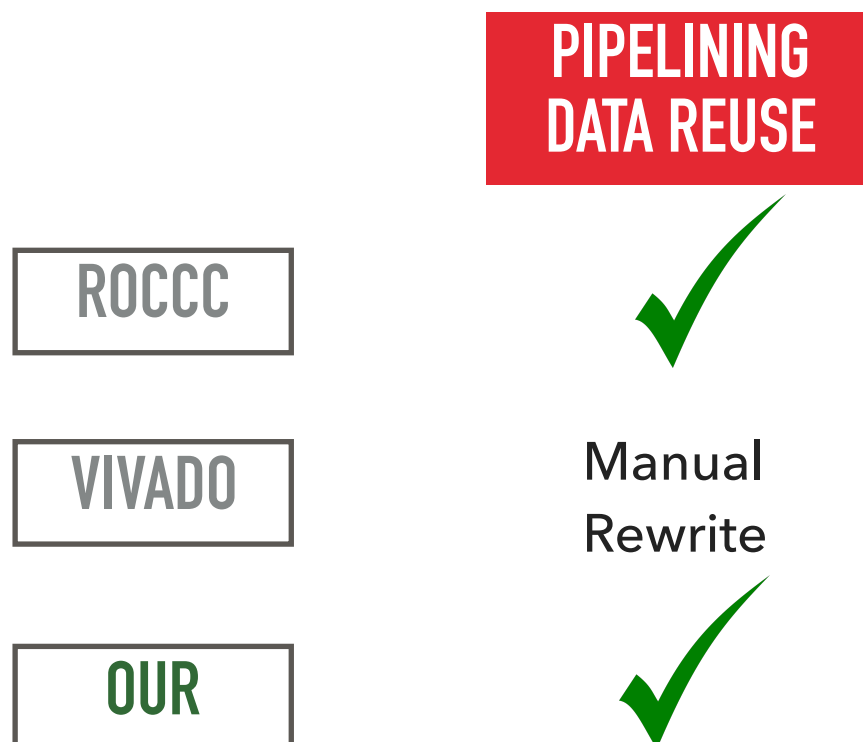
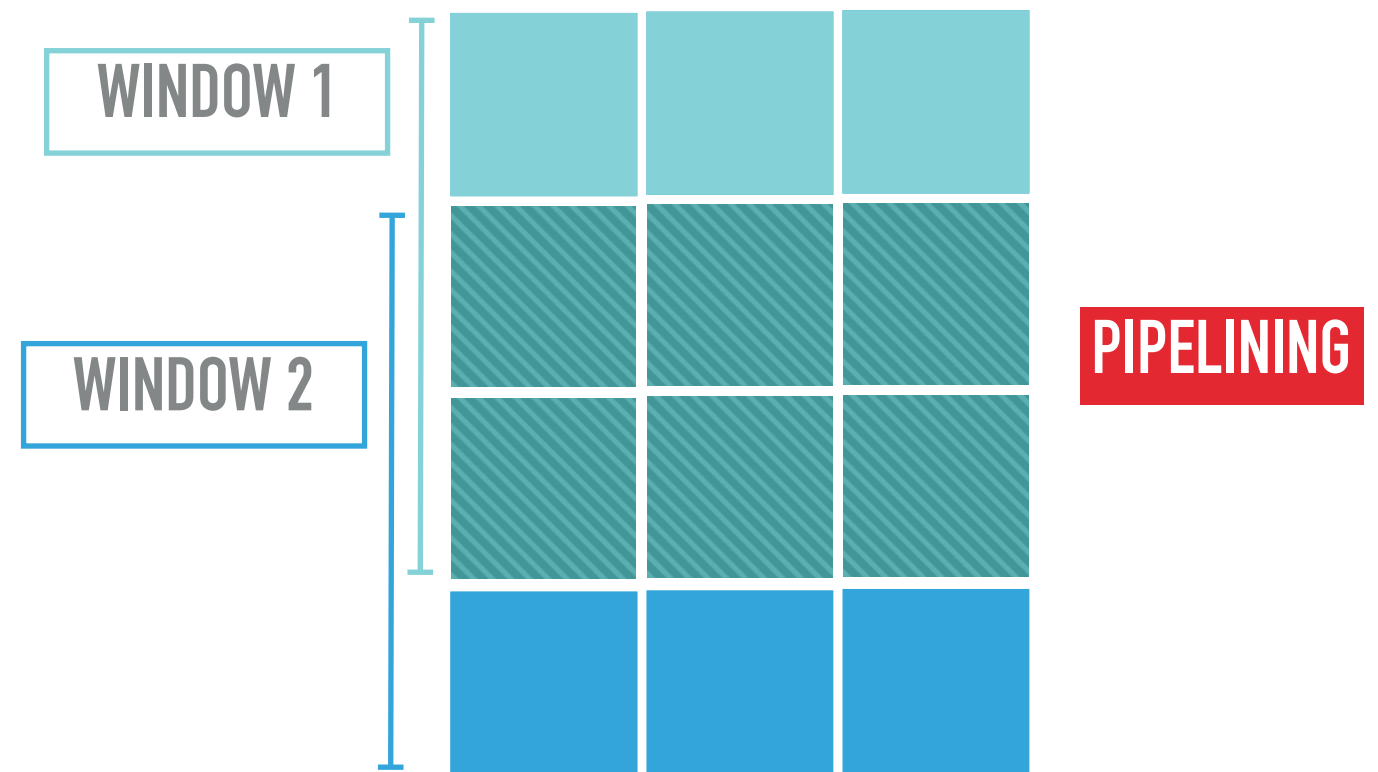
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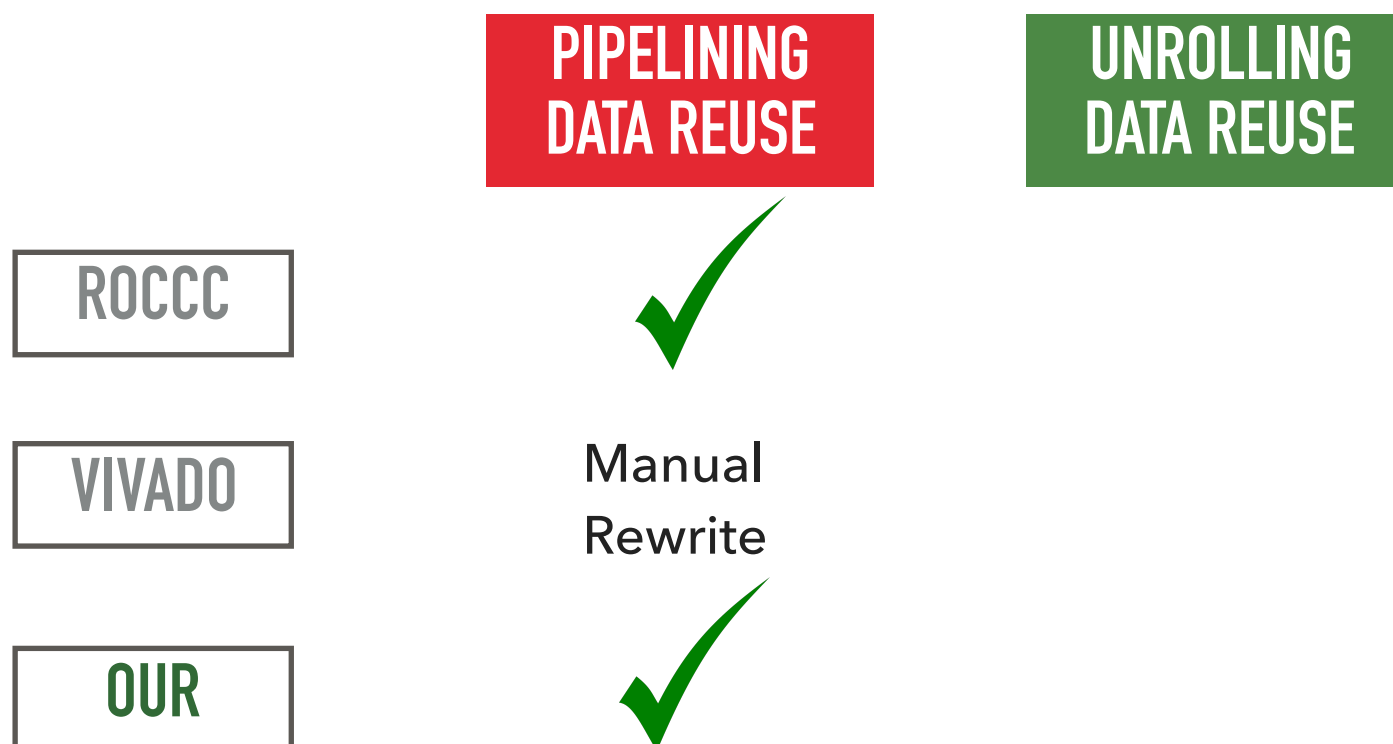
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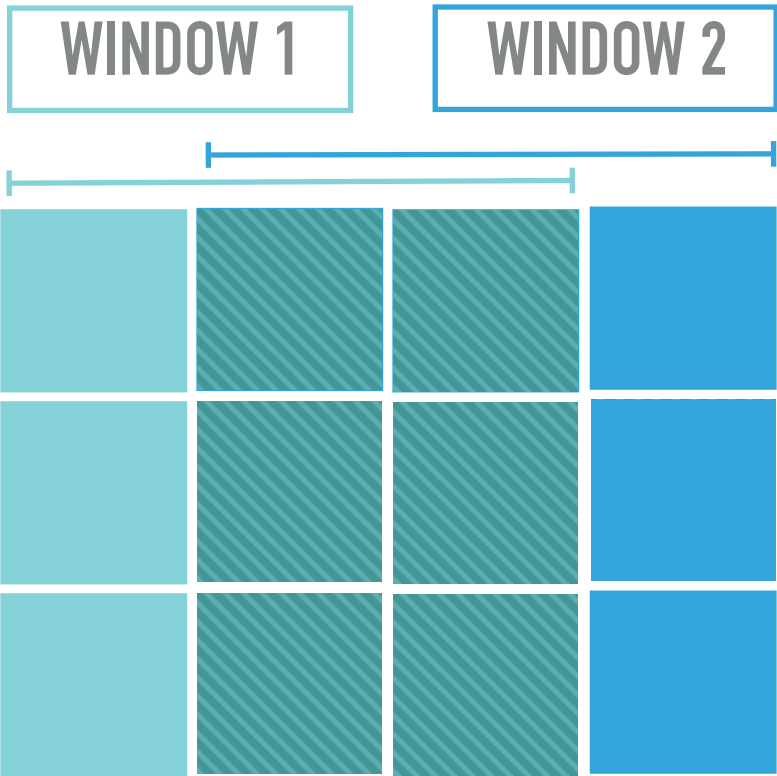
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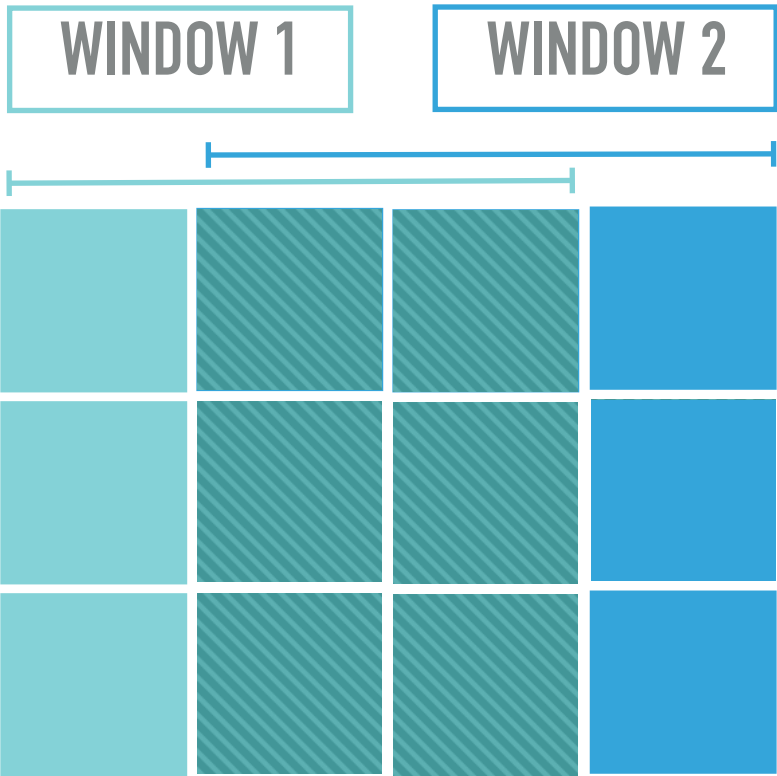


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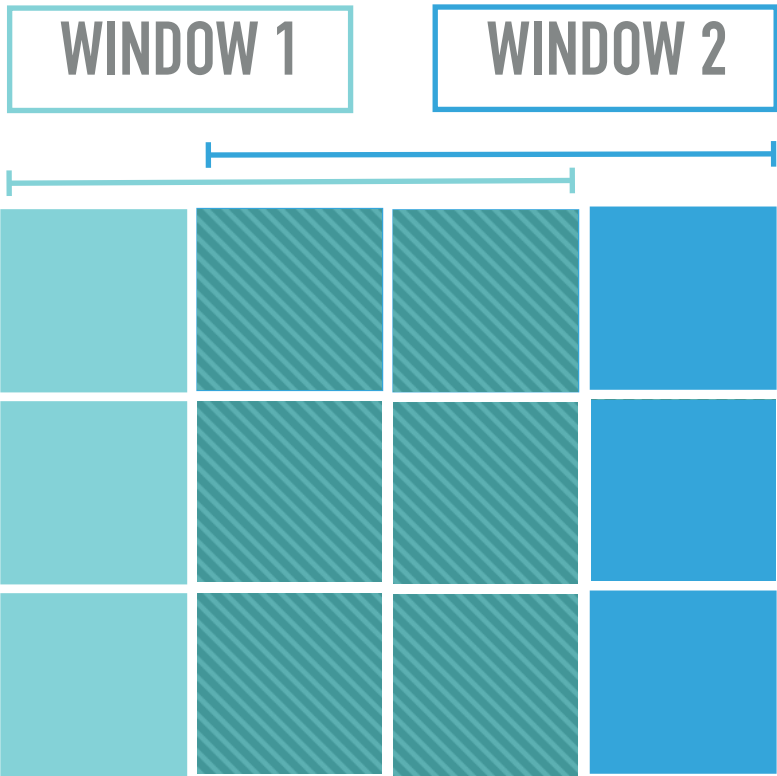


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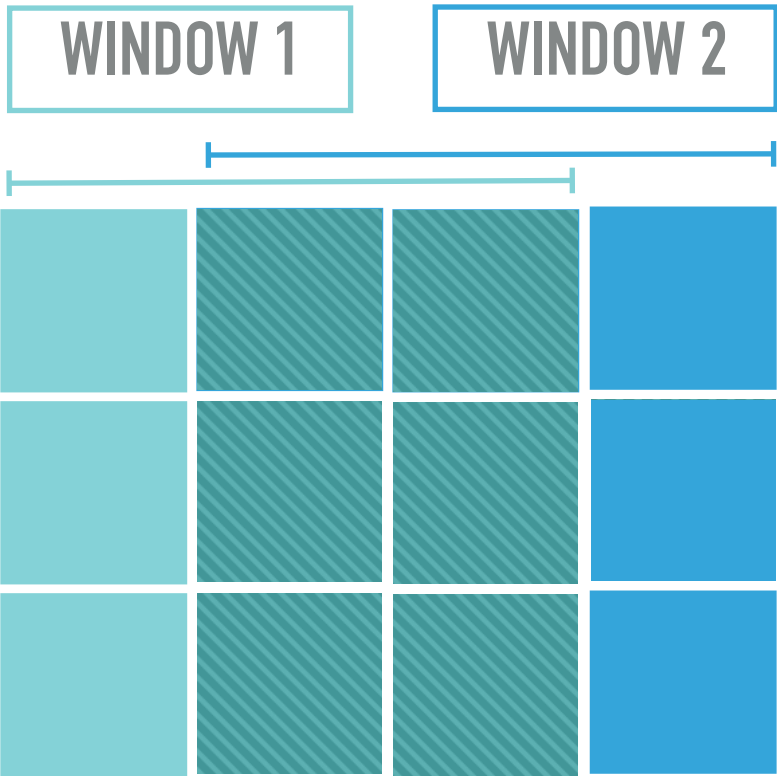
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OUR	✓	✓

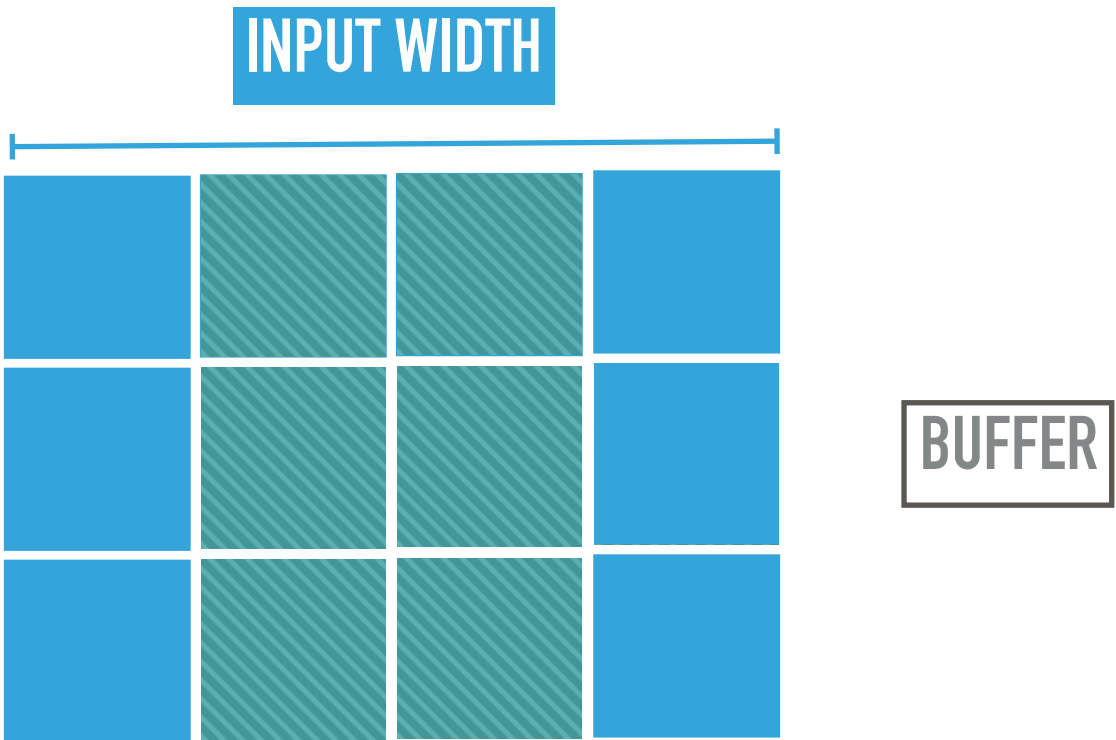
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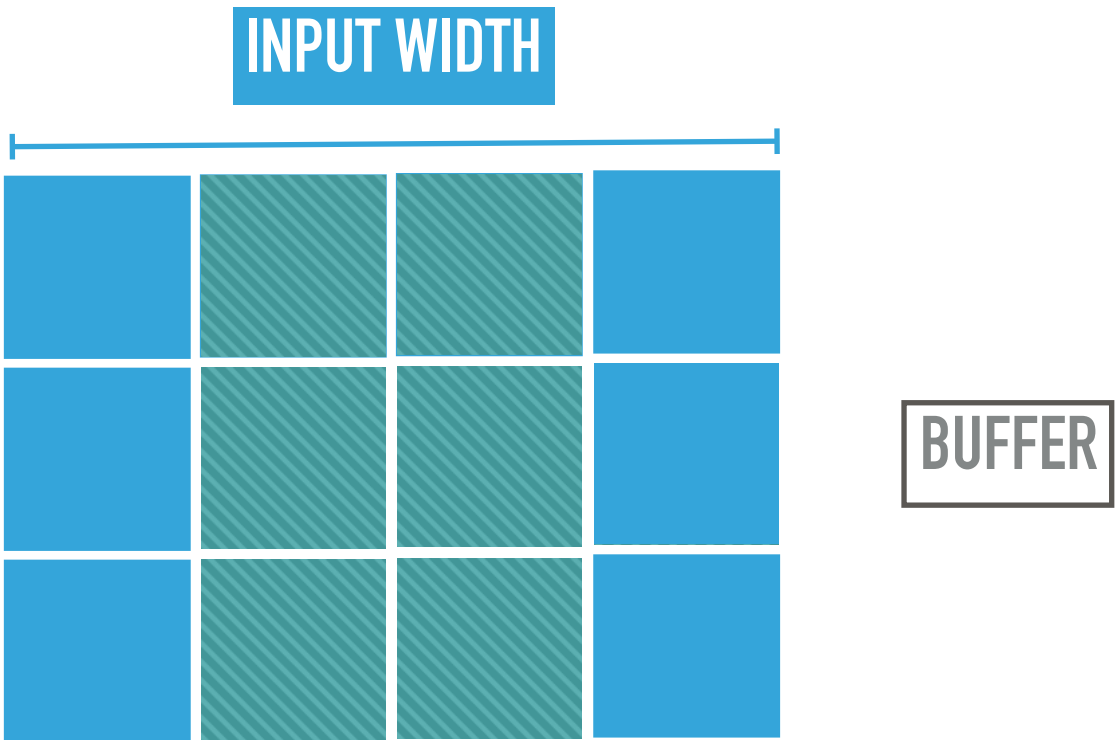
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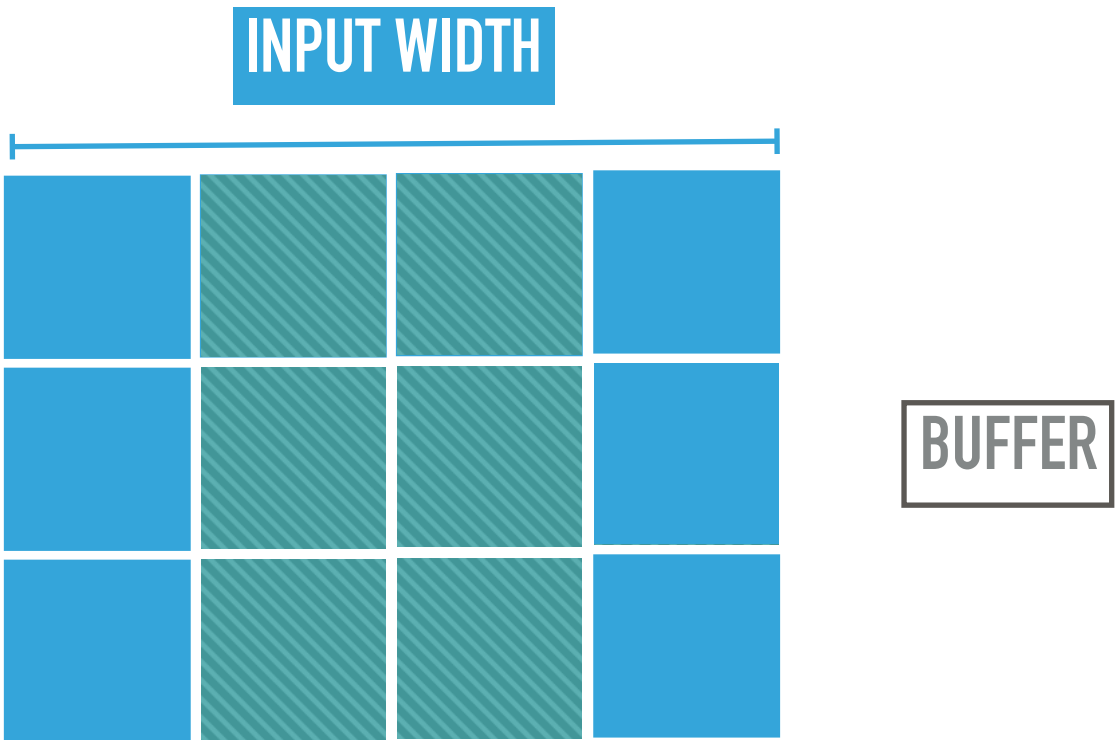
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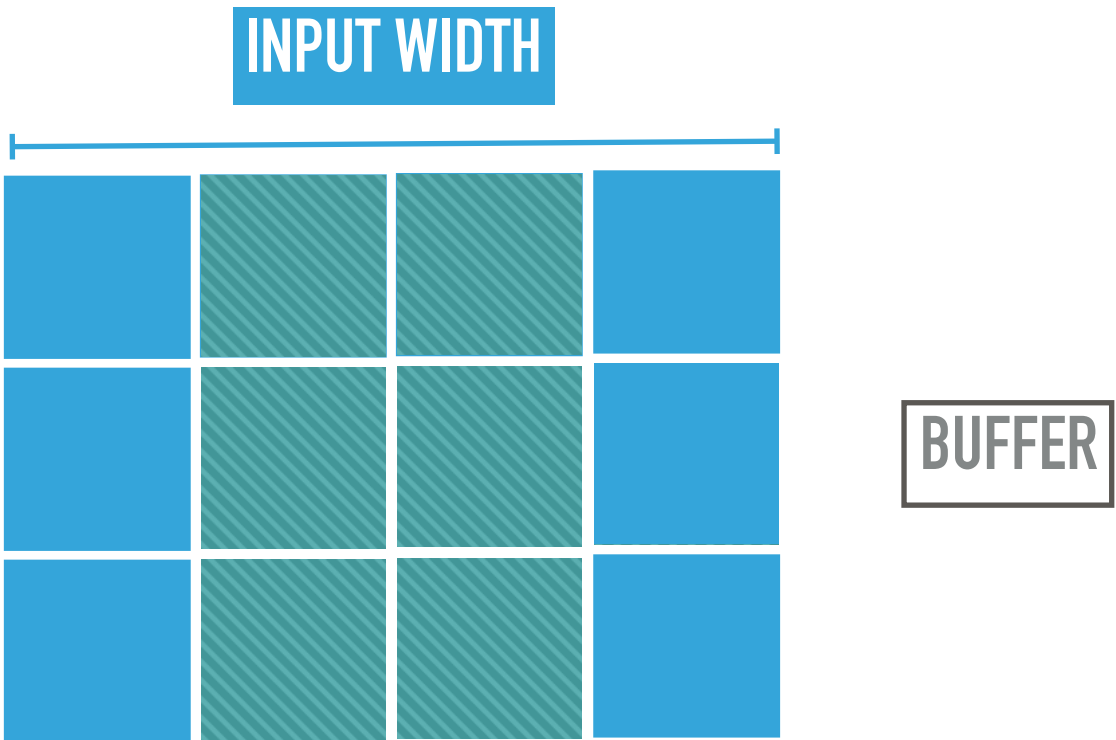
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### WINDOW SIZE

SAD

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MAX  
FILTER

8X8

SOBEL

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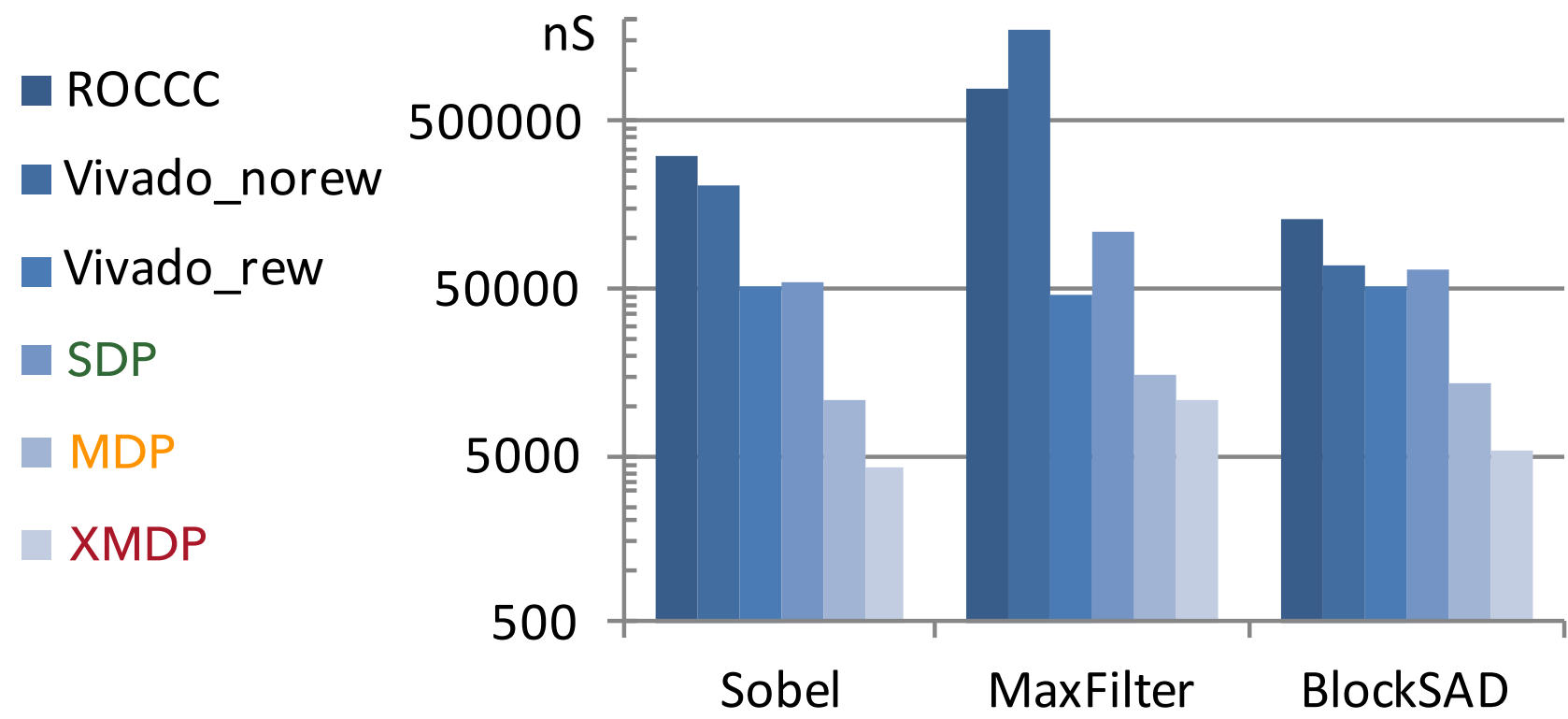
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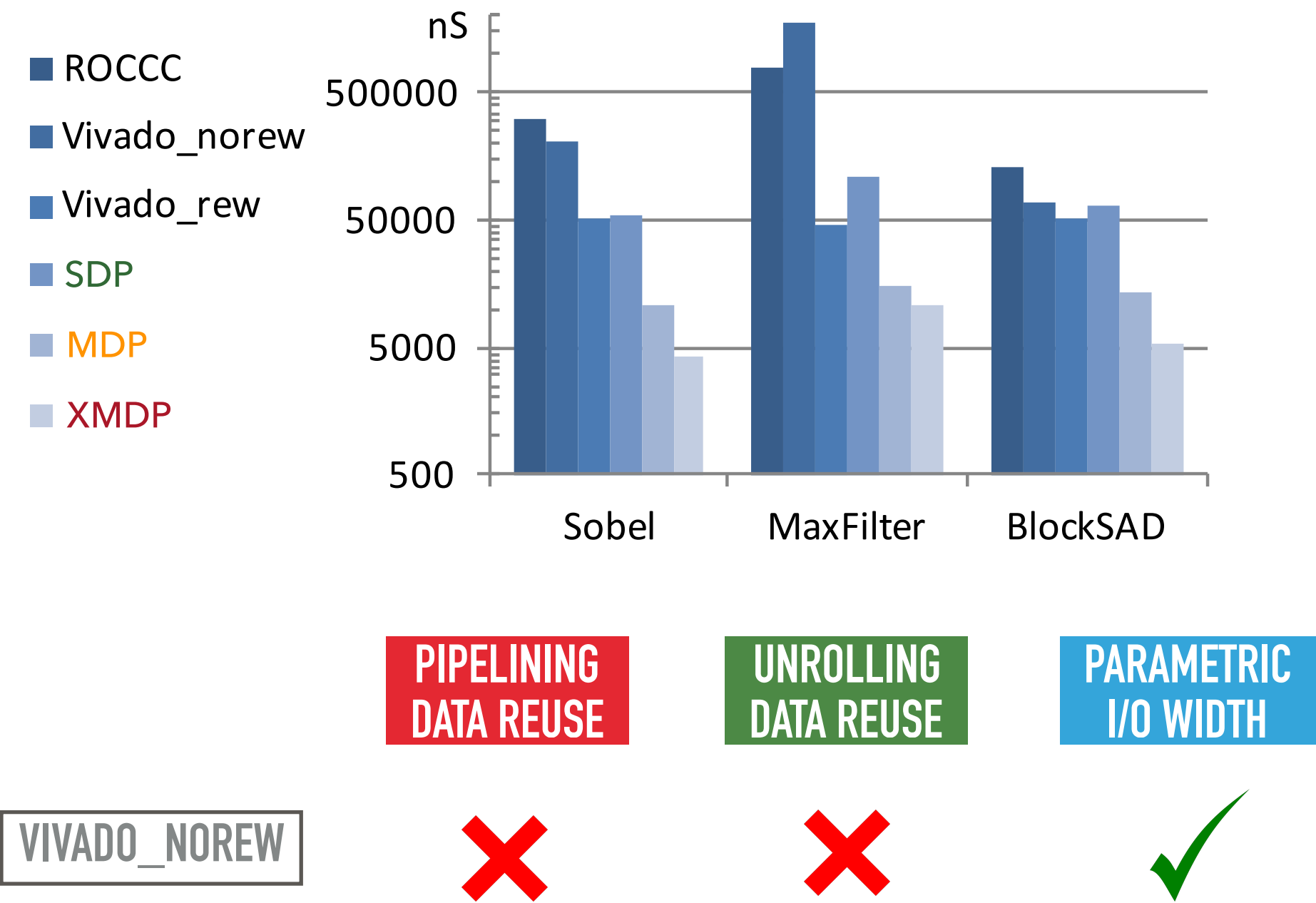
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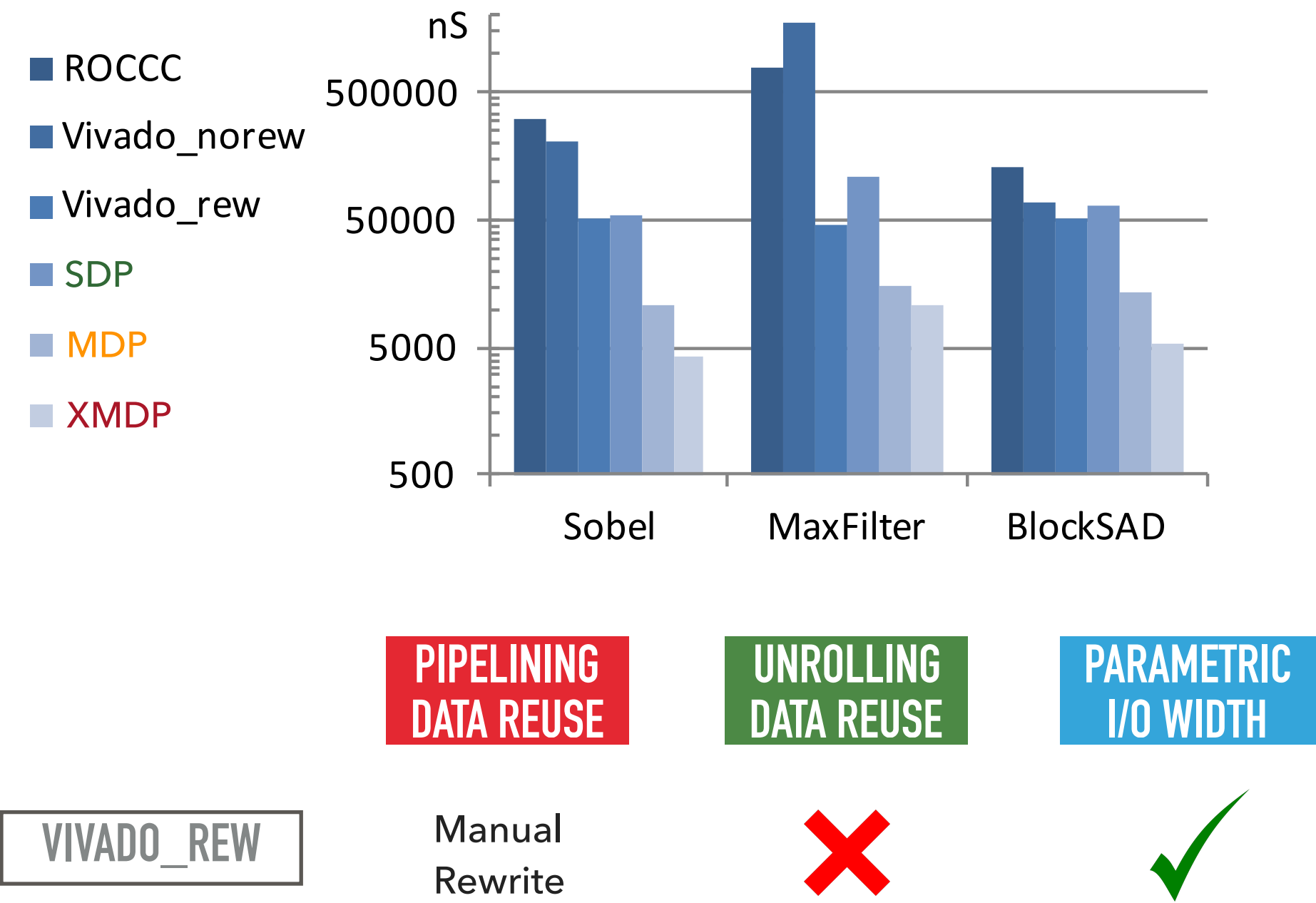
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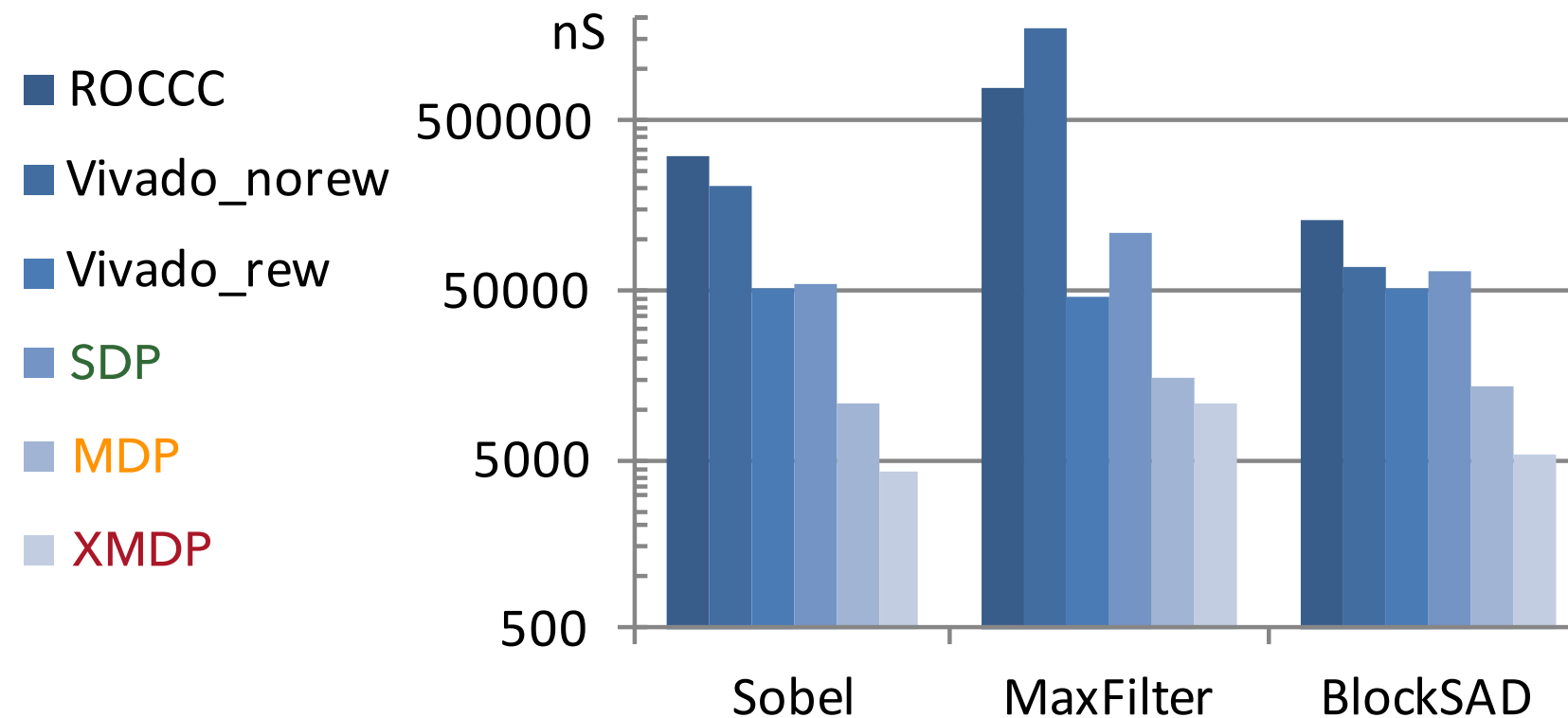
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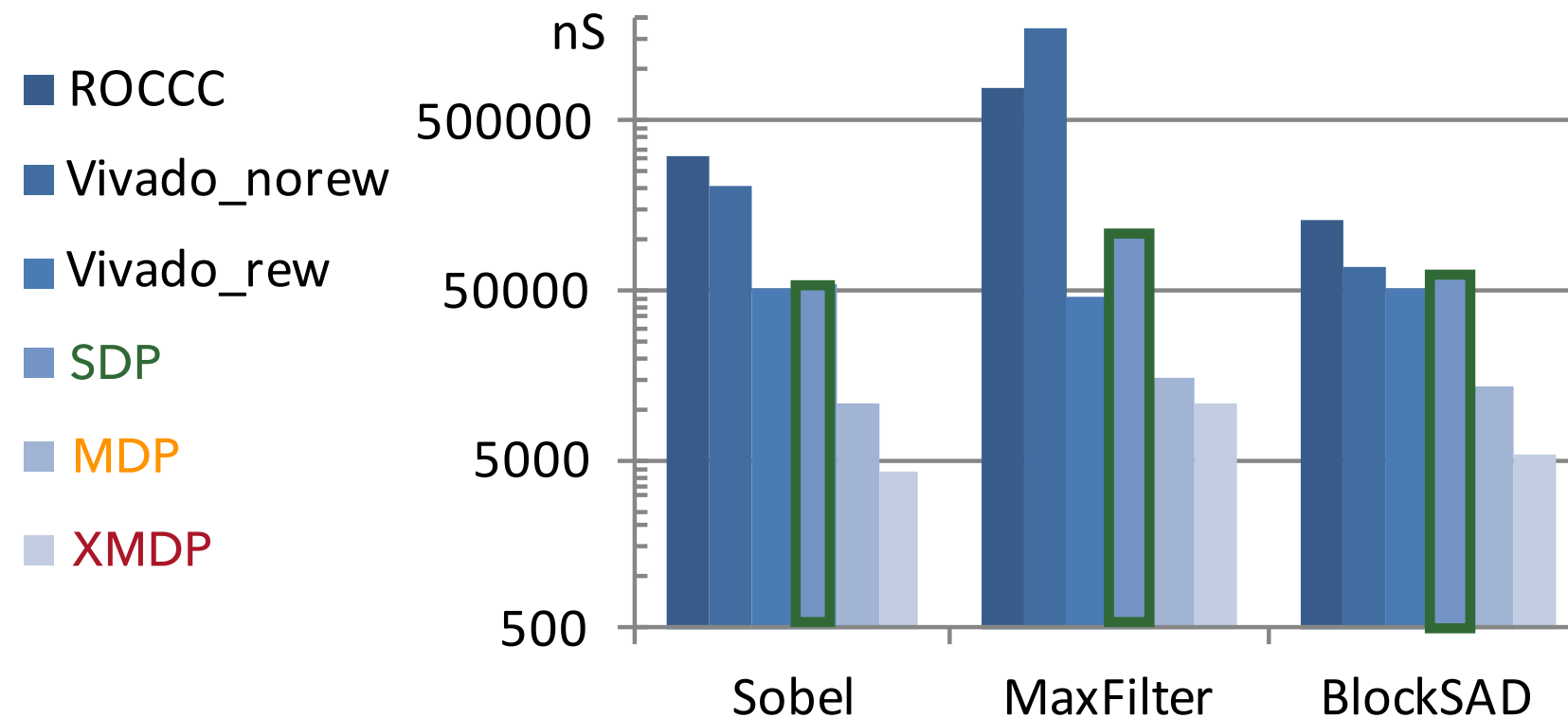


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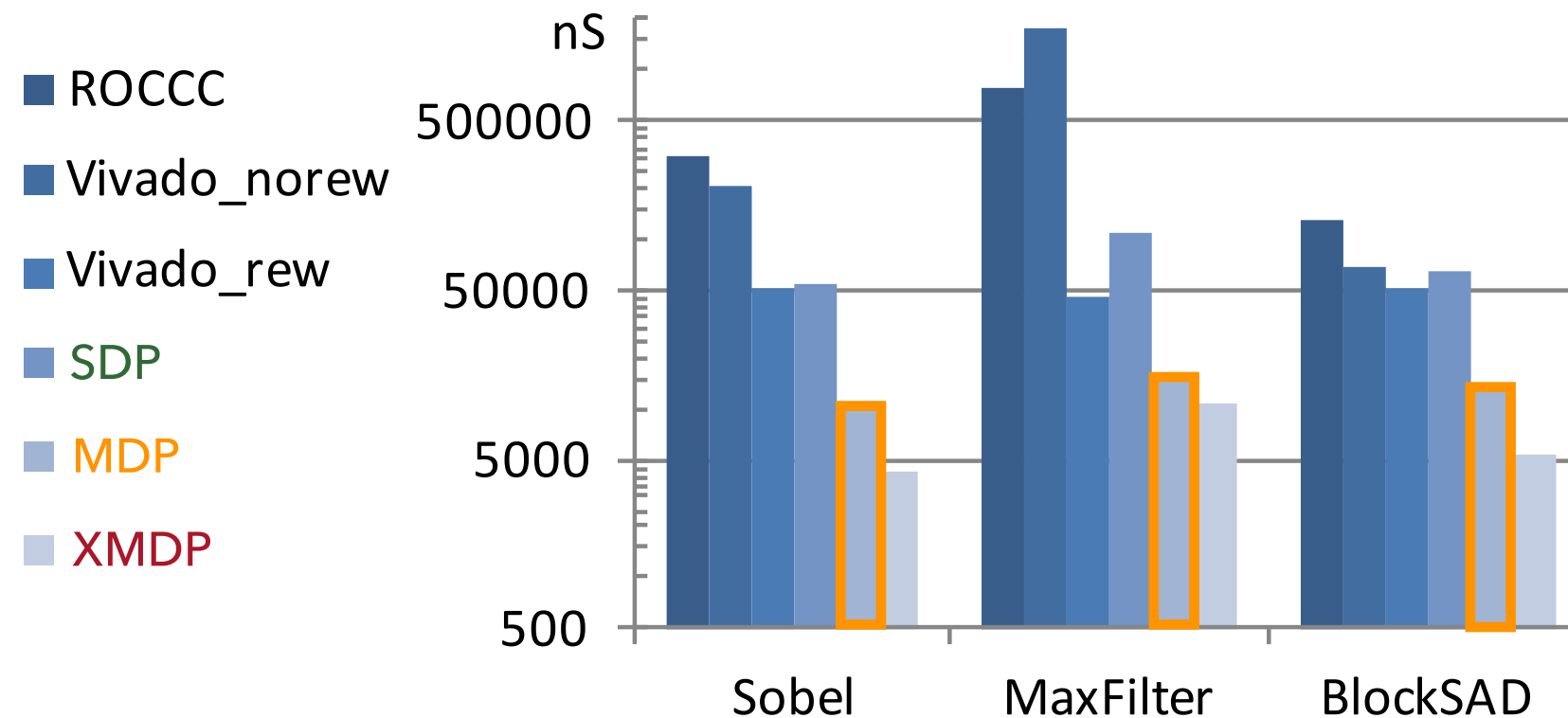
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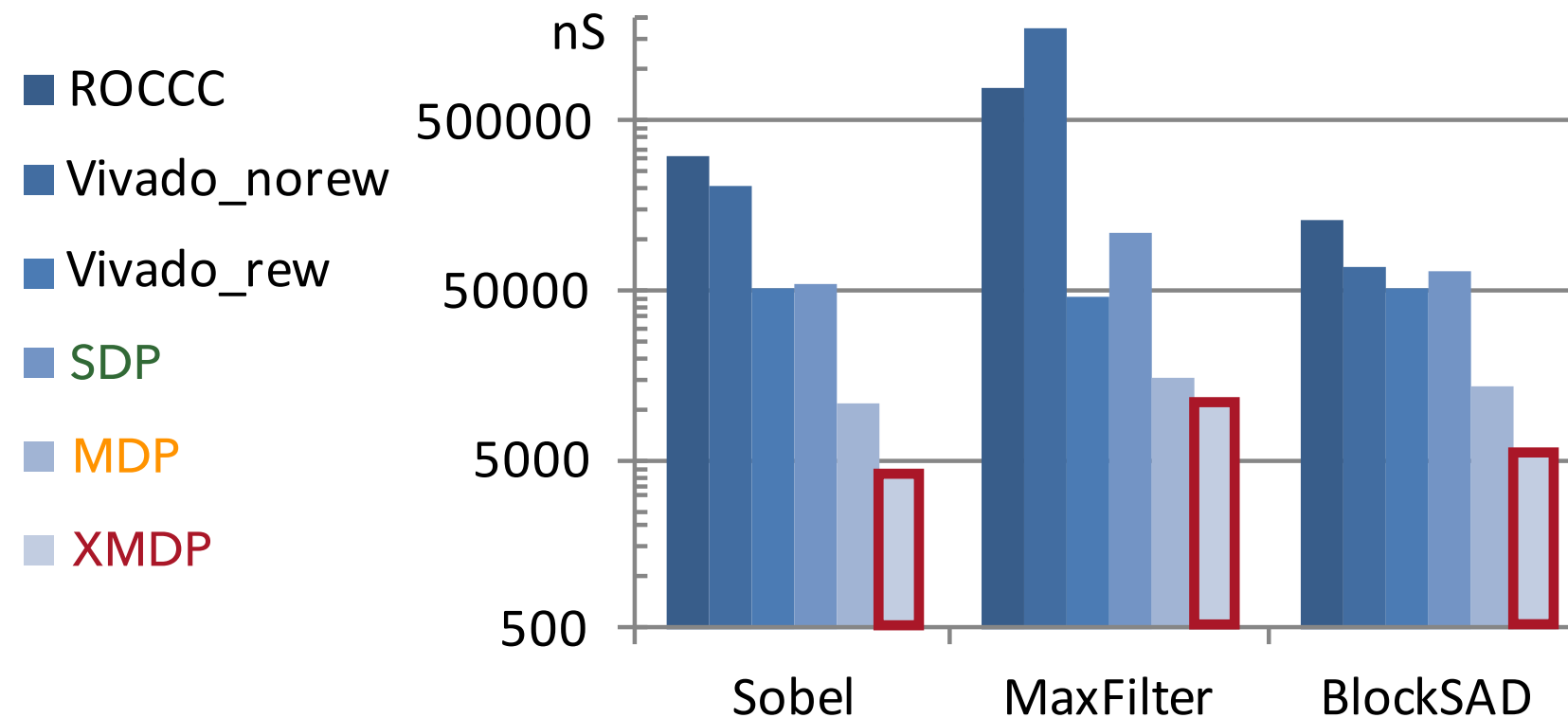
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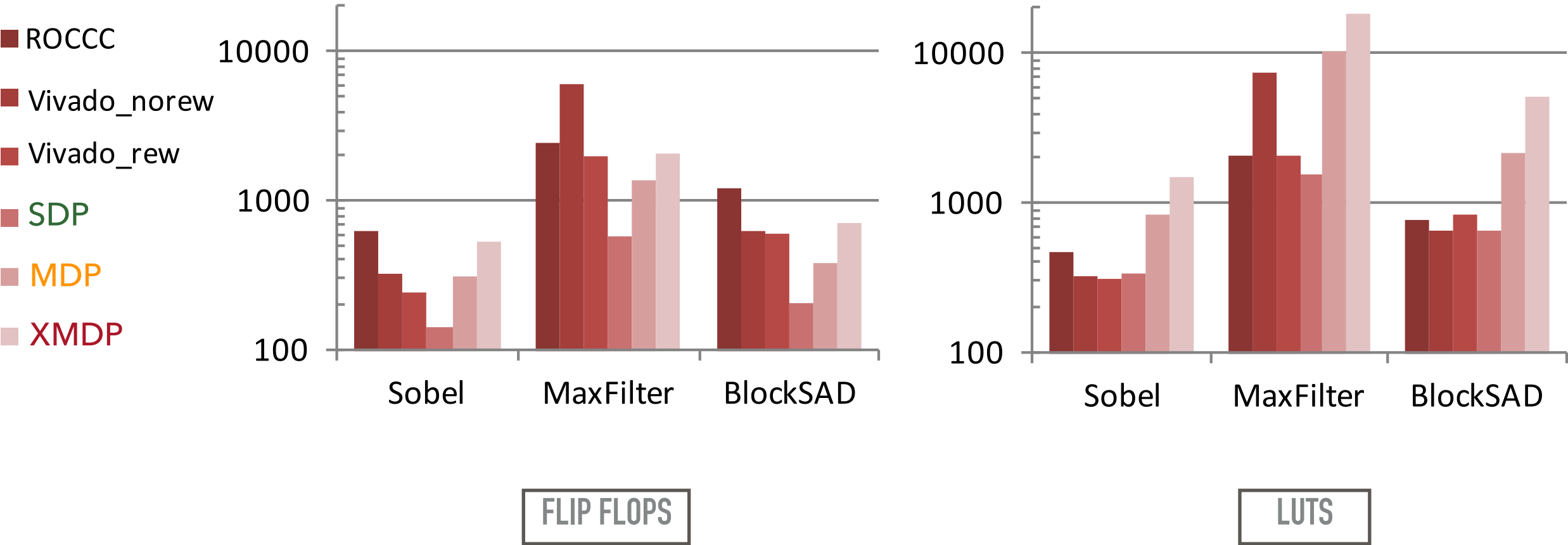
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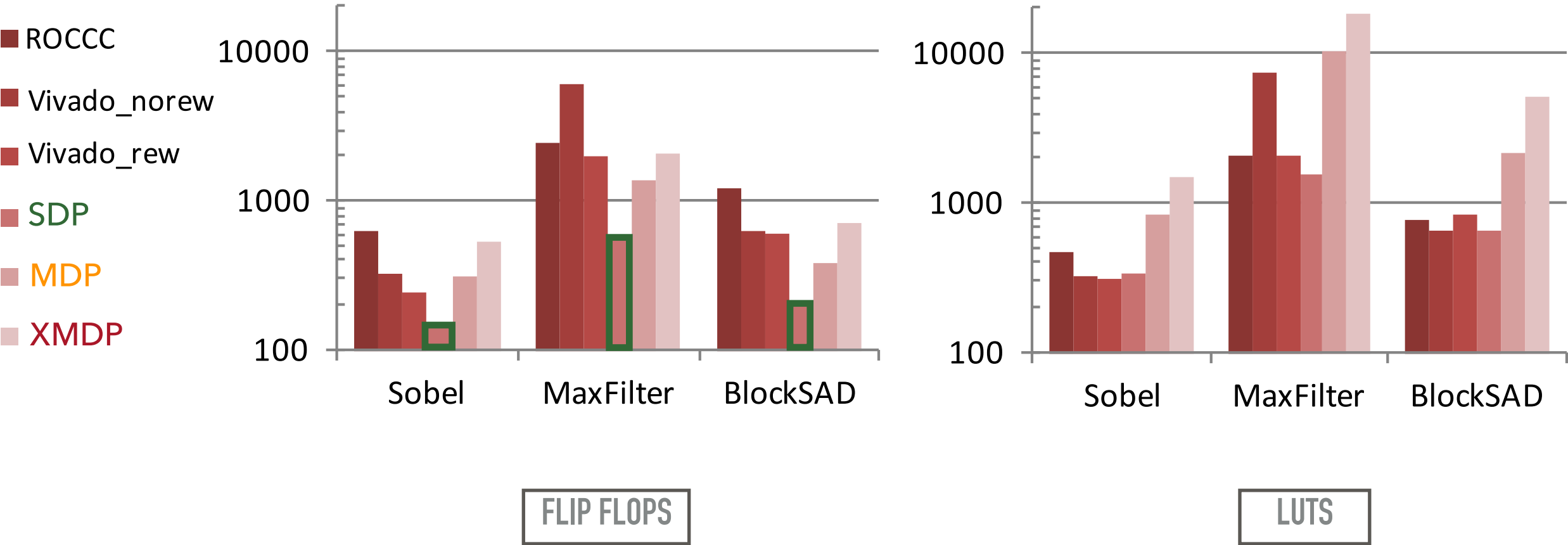
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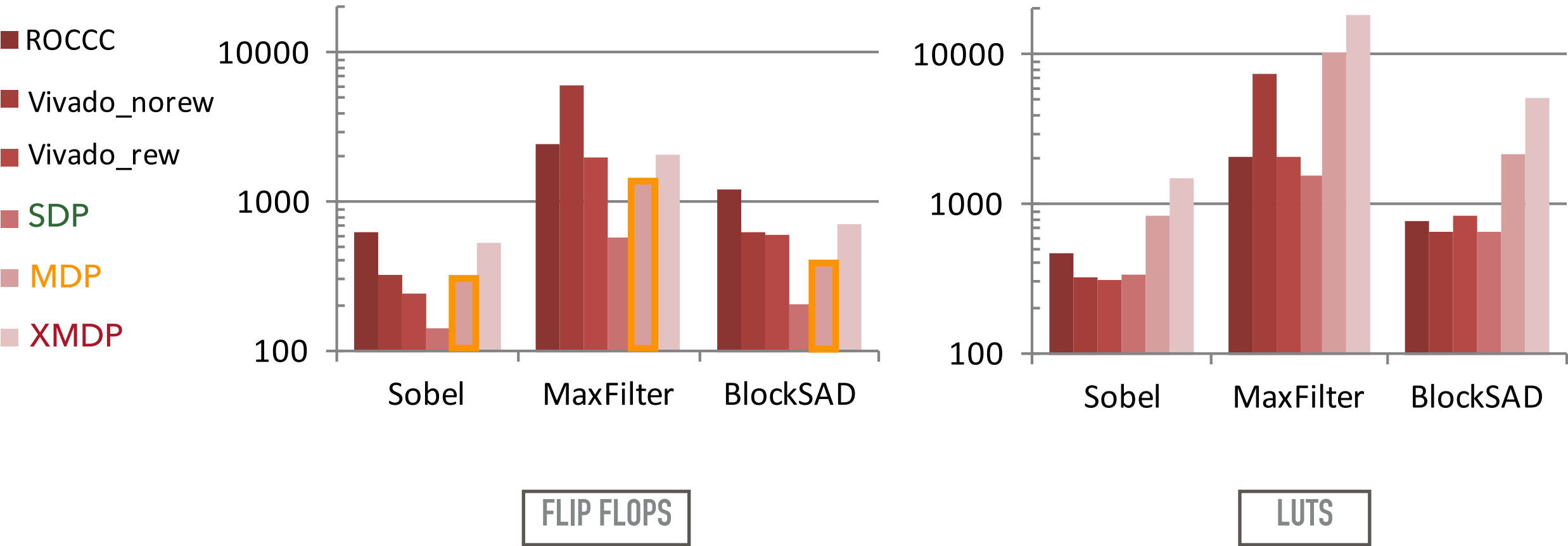




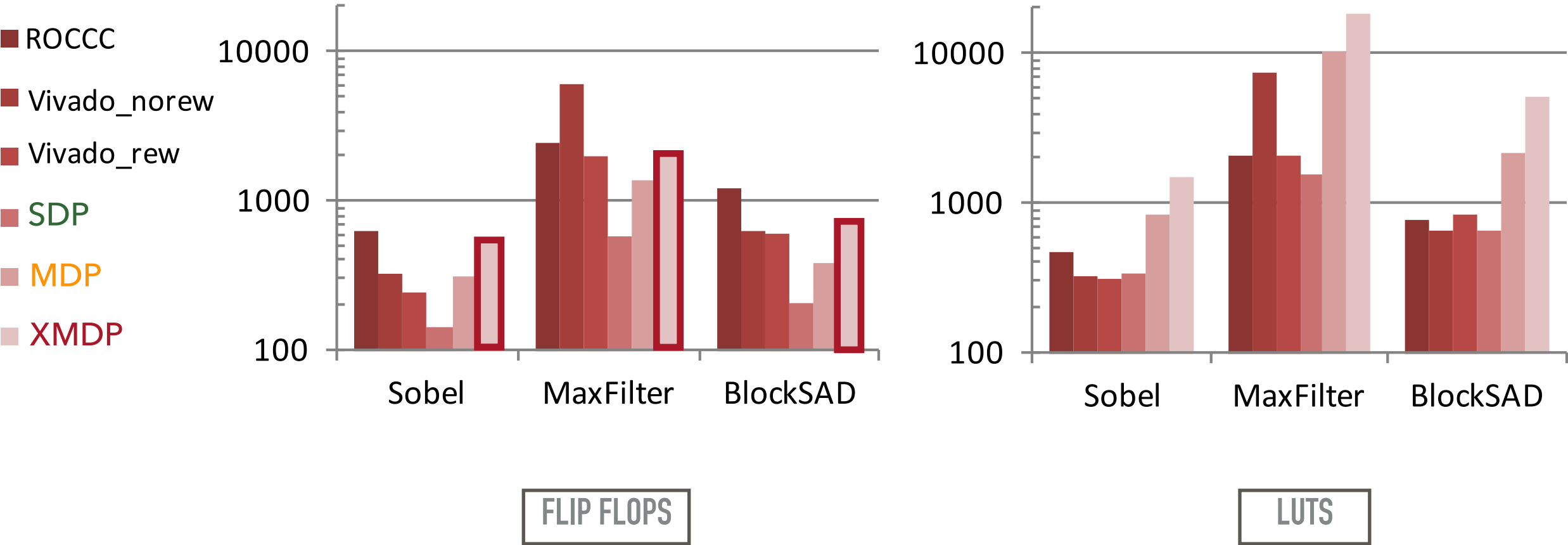
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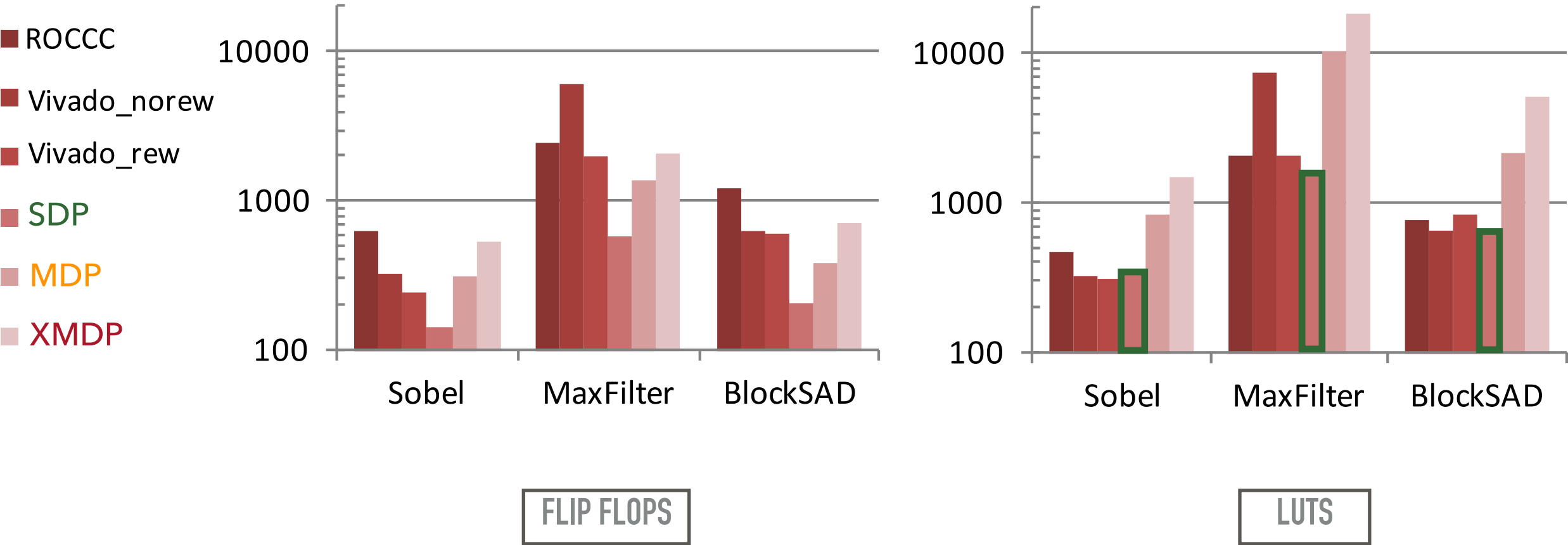
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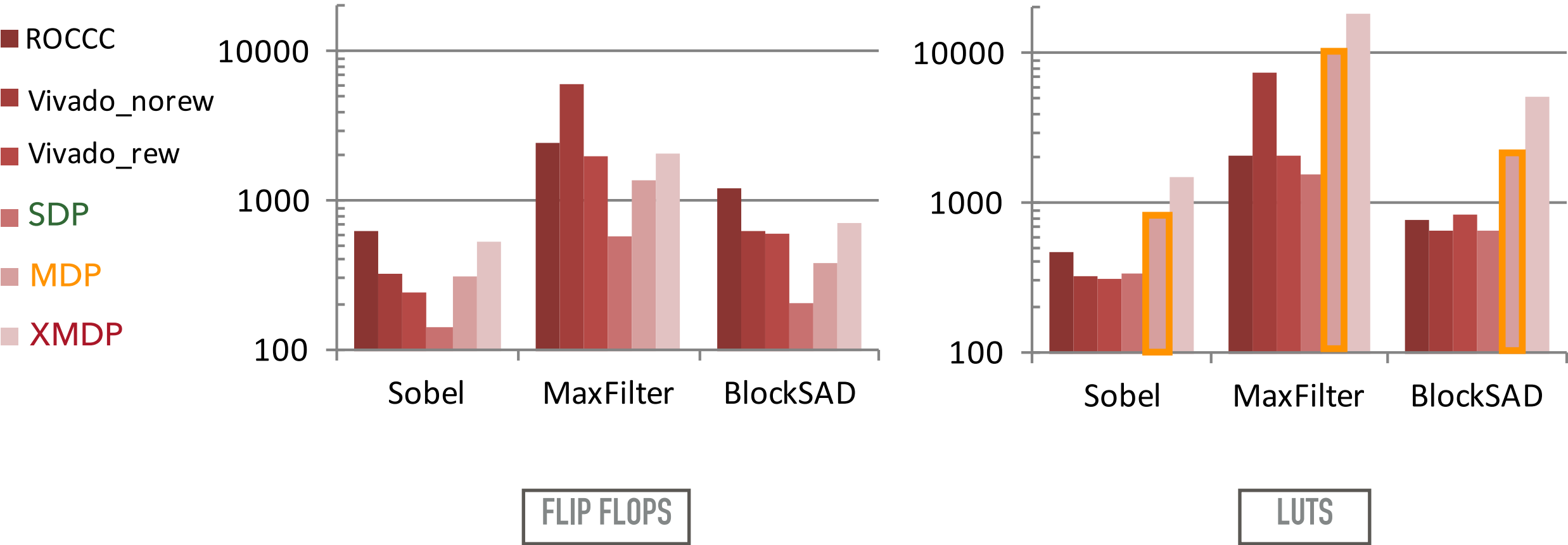
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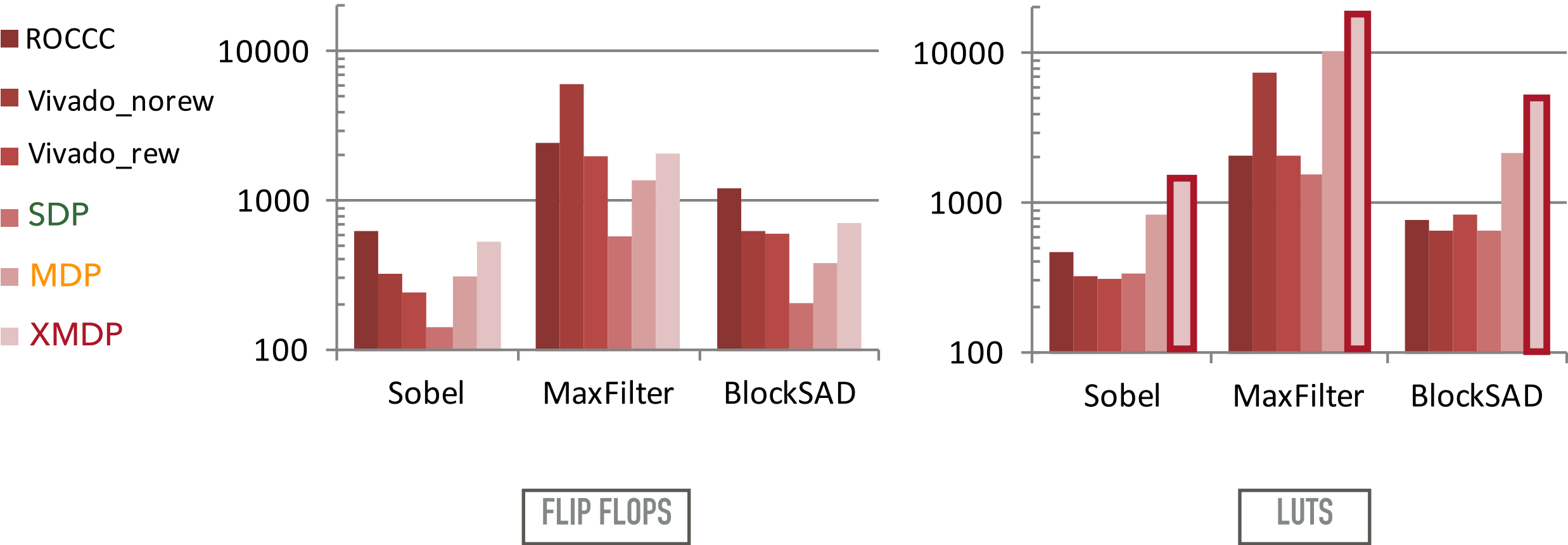
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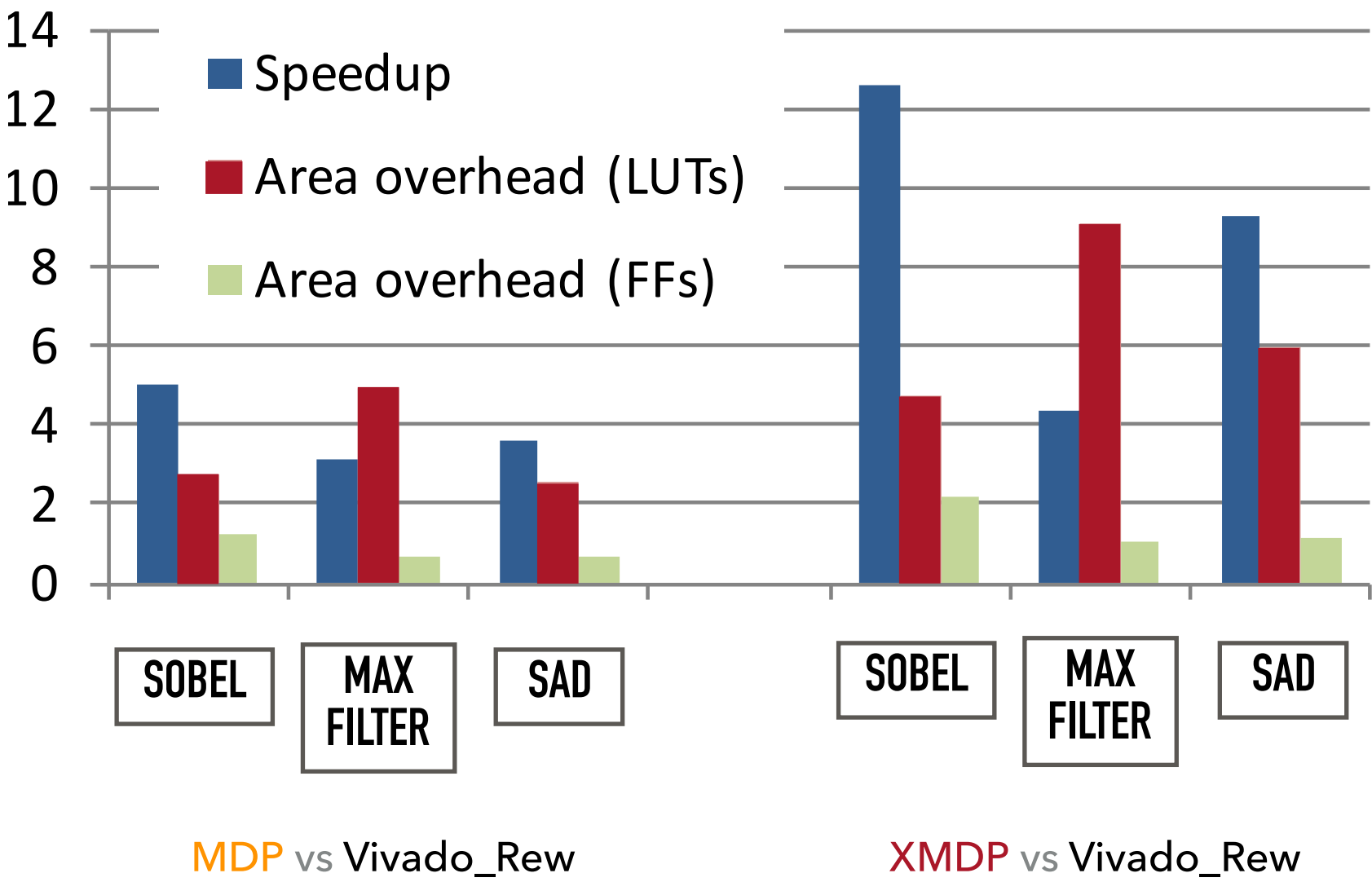
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