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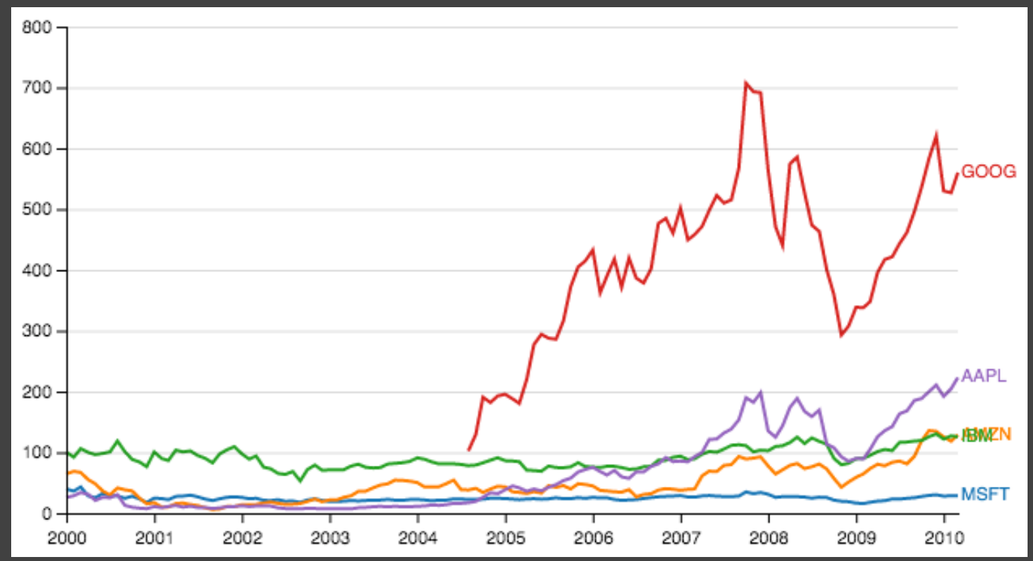

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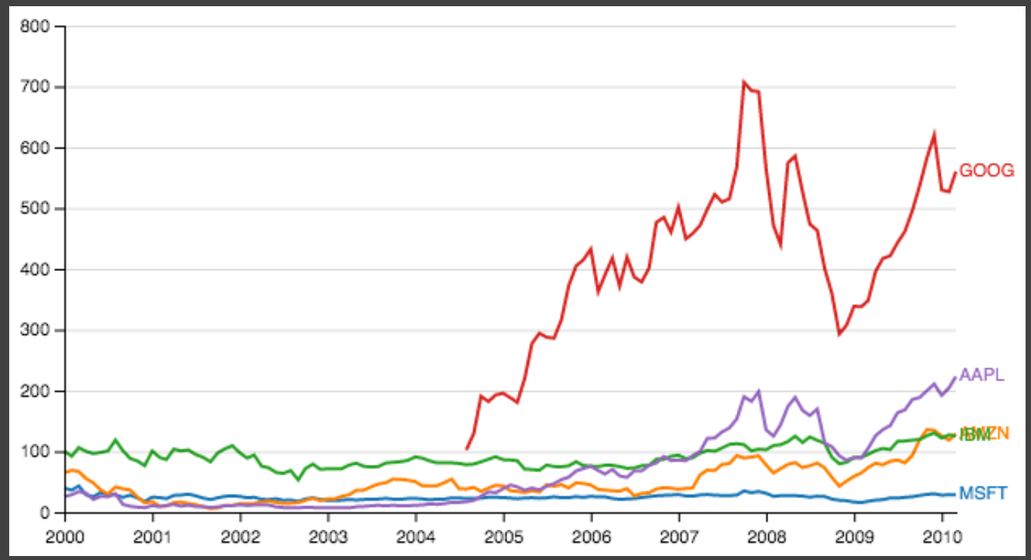

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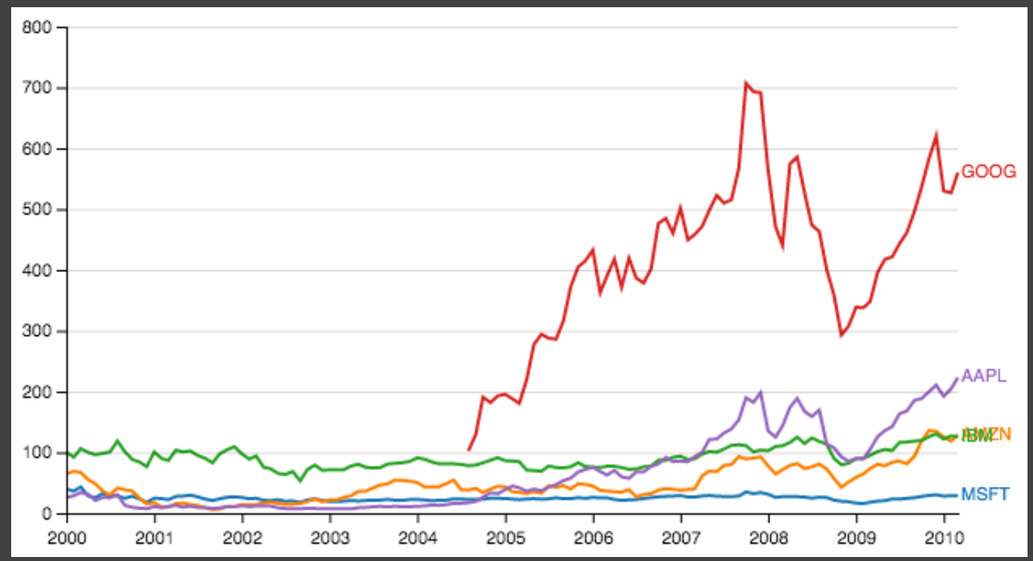

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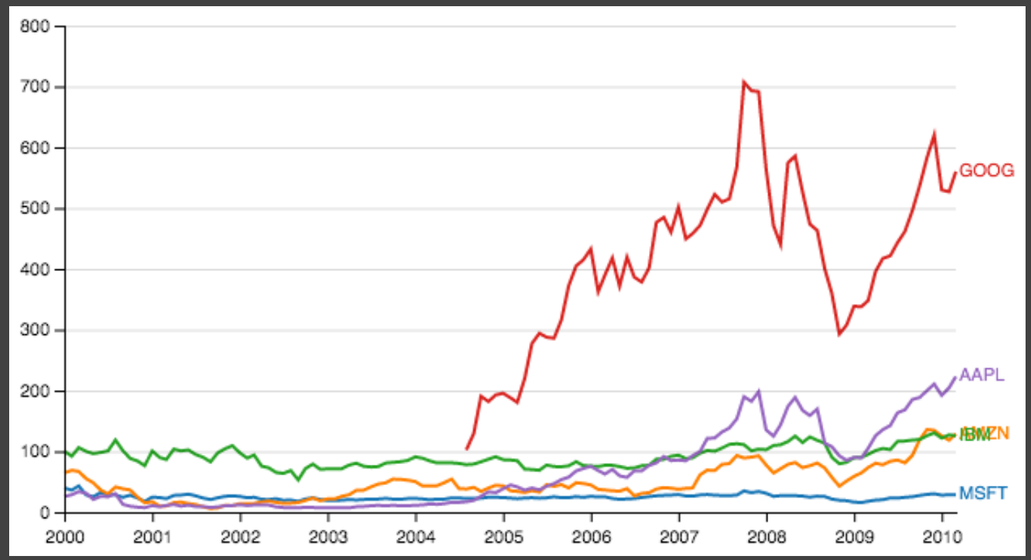

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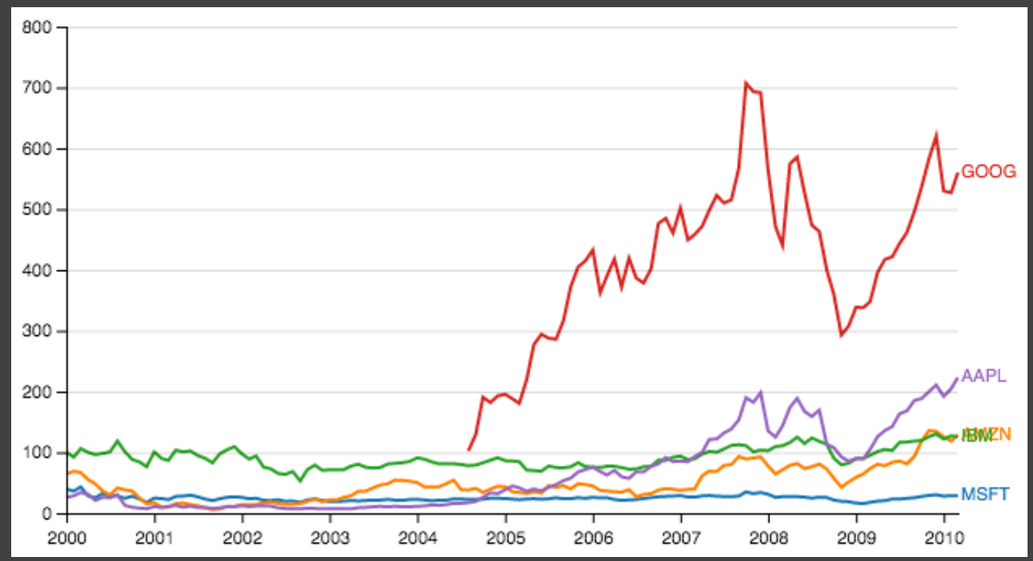

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Higher-level software for creating and recommending visualizations.

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“A graphic is not ‘drawn’ once and for all; it is ‘constructed’ and reconstructed until it reveals all the relationships constituted by the interplay of the data. The best graphic operations are those carried out by the decision-maker himself.”

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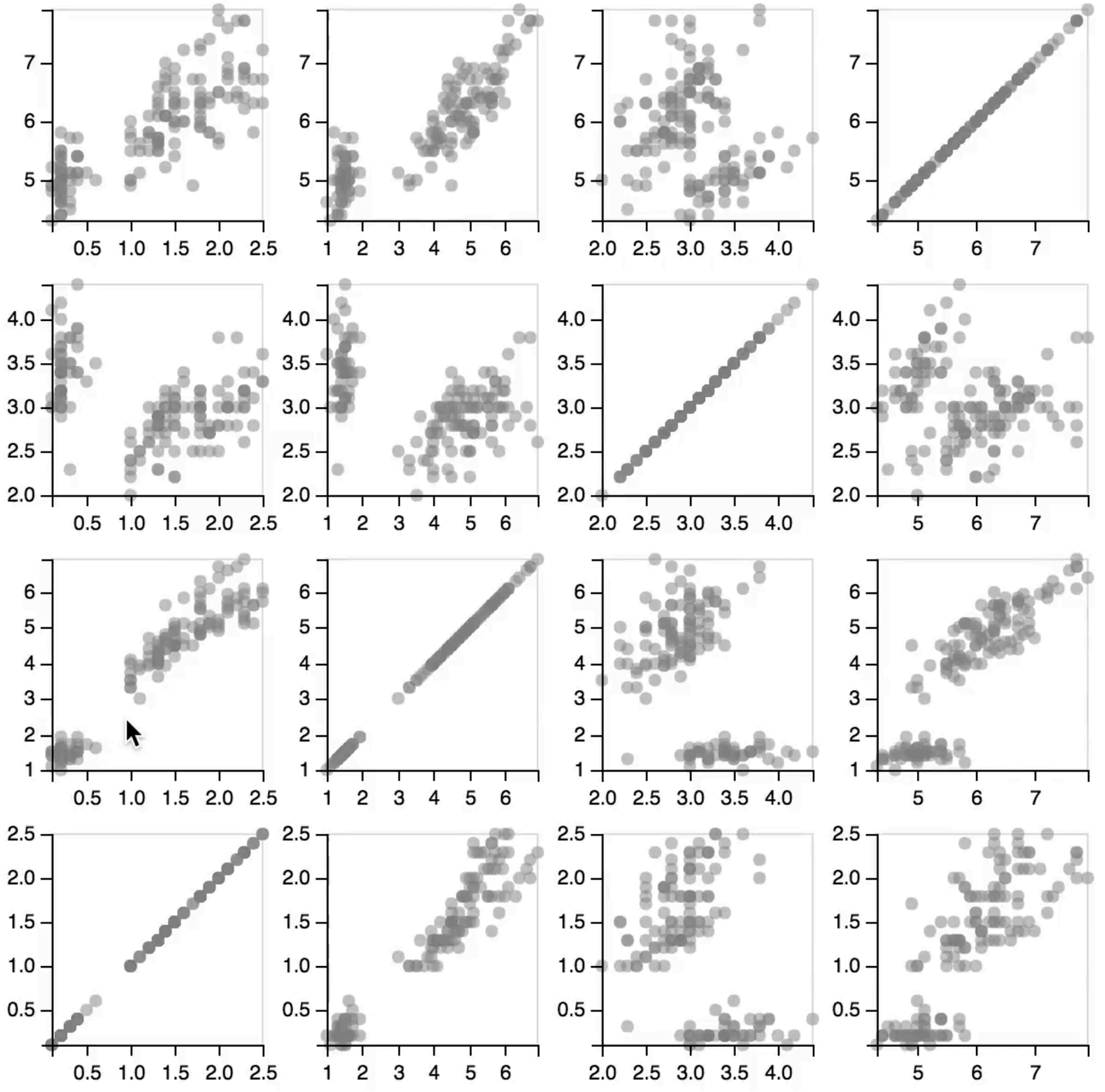
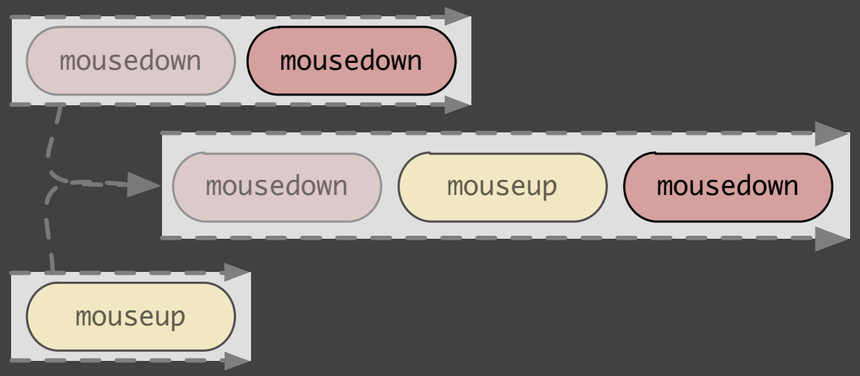
Example

Brushing & Linking



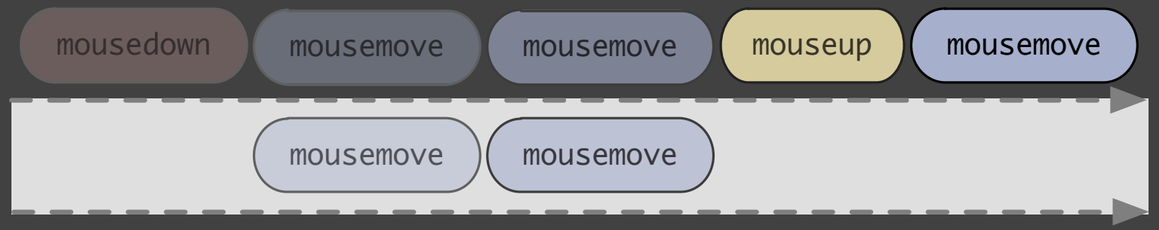
`*:mousedown, *:mouseup`

a single stream merges `mousedown` and `mouseup` streams.



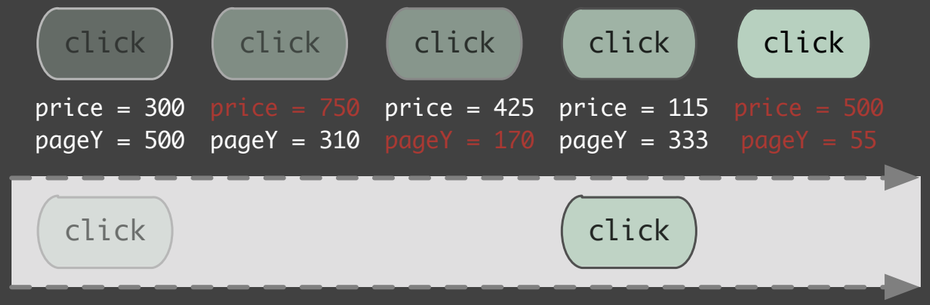
`[*:mousedown, *:mouseup] > *:mousemove`

drag



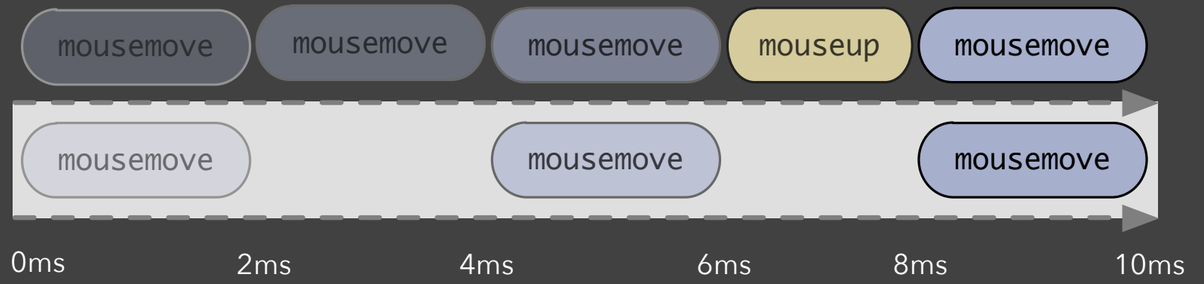
`*:click[event.pageY >= 300]`
`[data.price < 500]`

filtered stream of `click` events



`*:mousemove{3ms,5ms}`

stream of `mousemove` events that occur at least 3ms, and at most 5ms, apart



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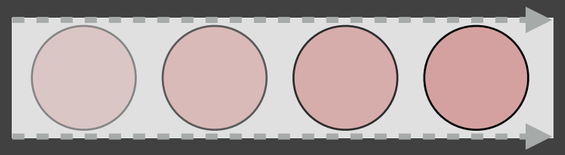

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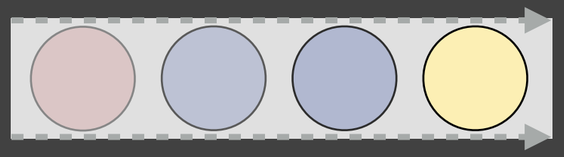

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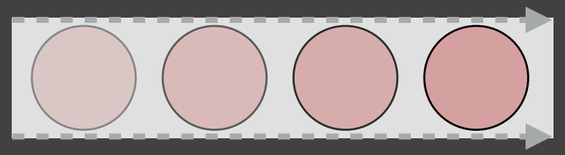

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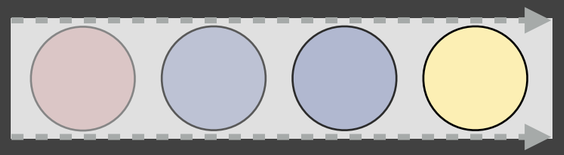

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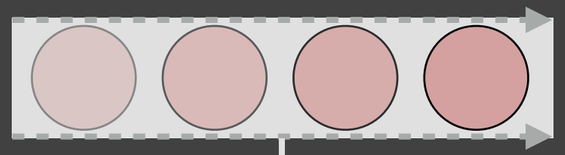
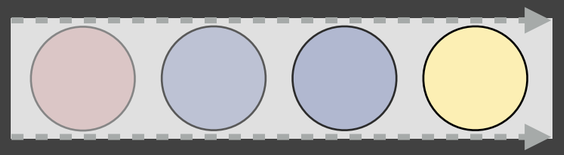
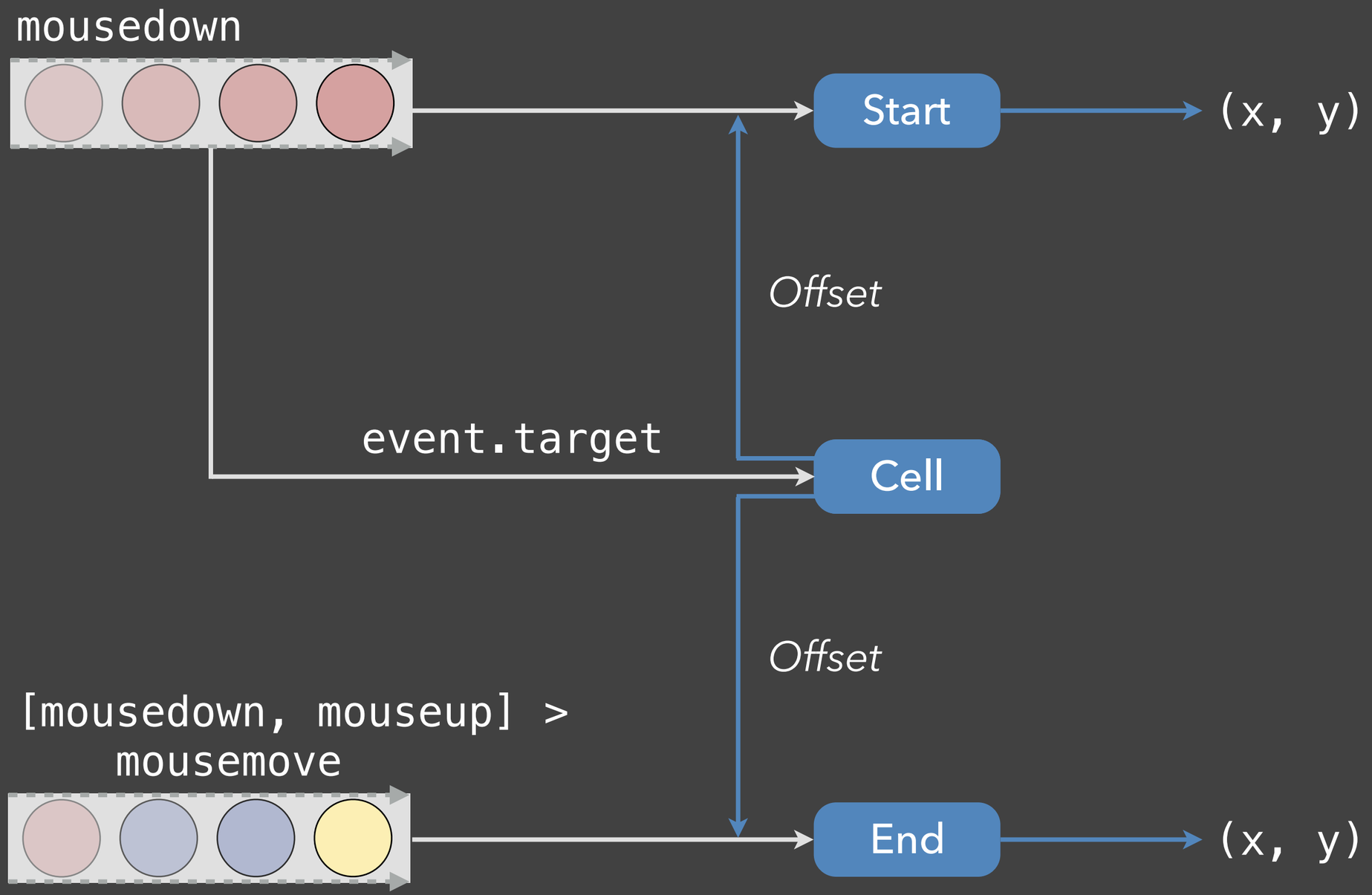


event.target

Cell

[mousedown, mouseup] >
mousemove

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Start
(x, y)
Offset
event.target
Cell
Offset
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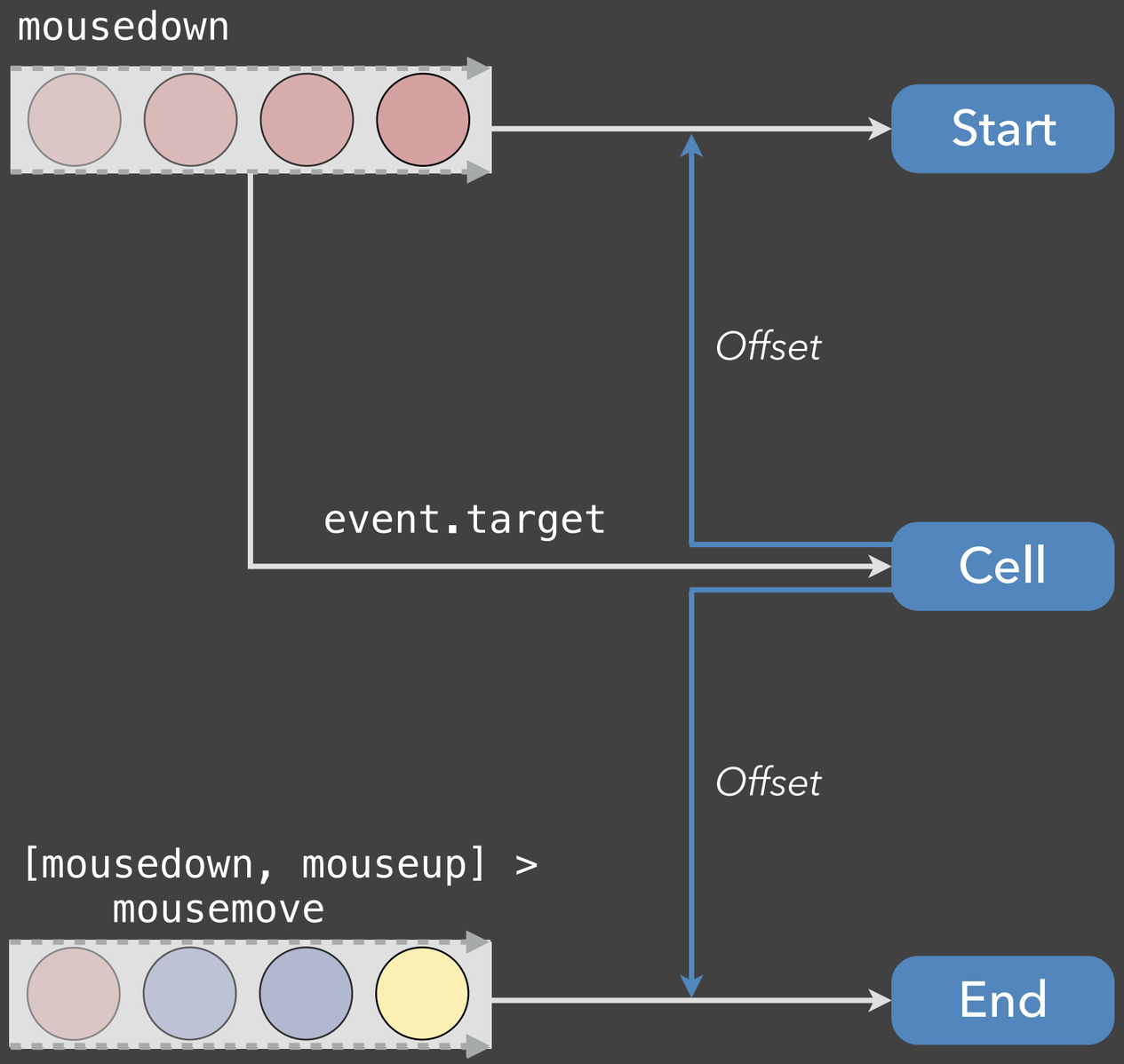
mousemove
End
(x, y)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mousemove
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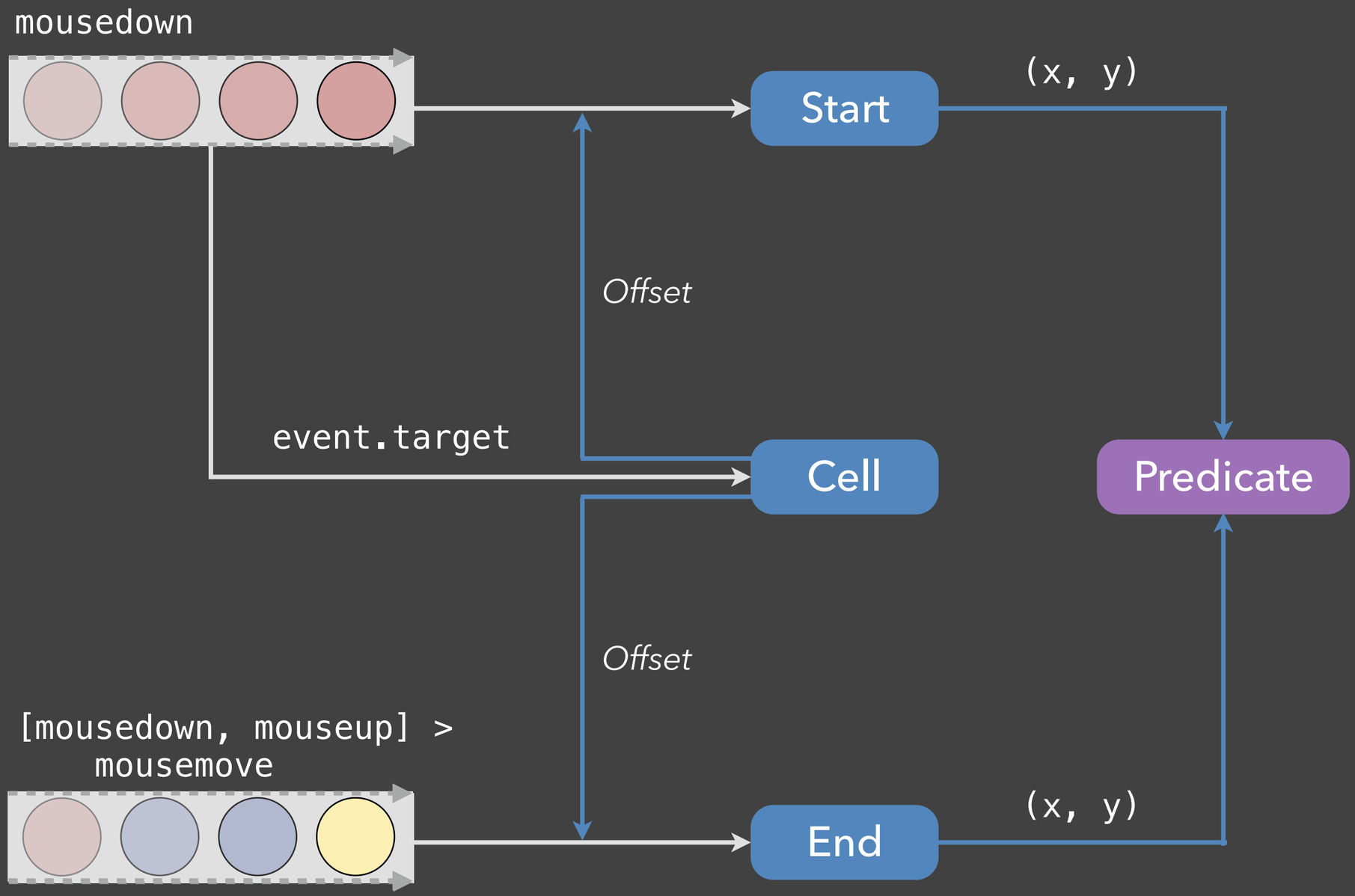
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Start
(x, y)
Offset
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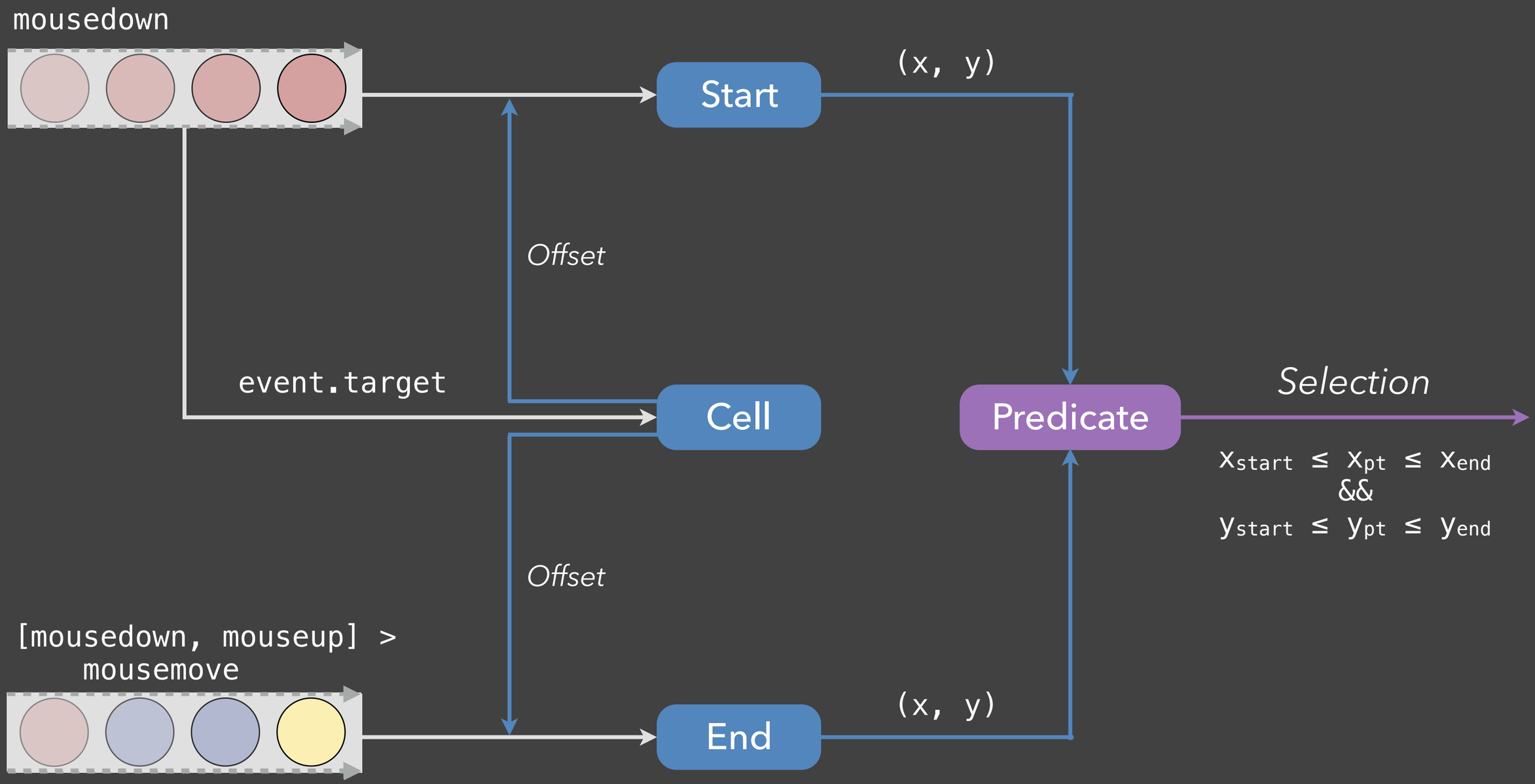
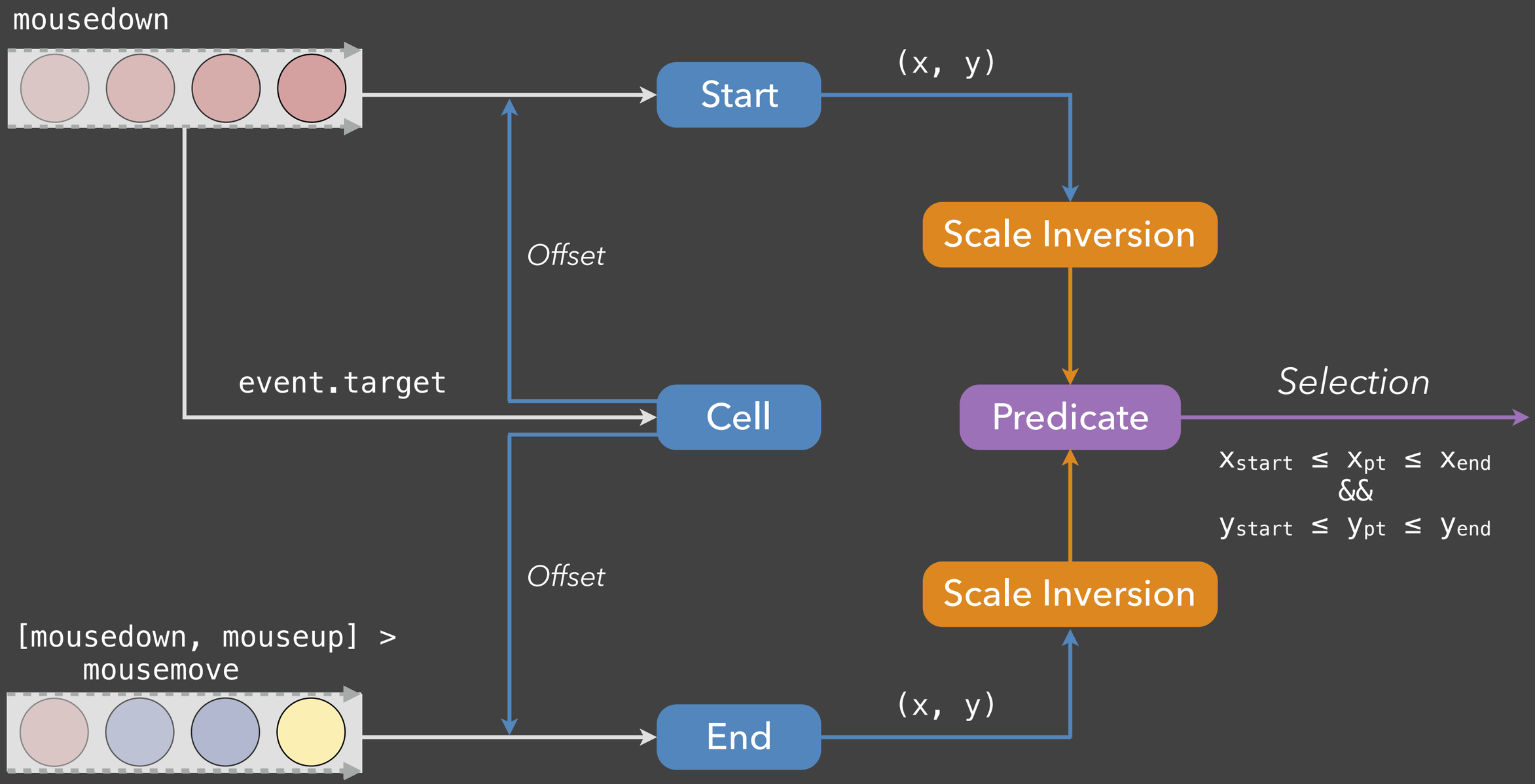
Cell
Predicate
Offset
[mousedown, mouseup] >
mousemove
End
(x, y)


mousedown
Start
(x, y)
Offset
event.target
Cell
Predicate
Selection
$x_{start} \le x_{pt} \le x_{end}$
&&
$y_{start} \le y_{pt} \le y_{end}$
Offset
[mousedown, mouseup] >
mousemove
End
(x, y)


mousedown
Start
(x, y)
Scale Inversion
Offset
event.target
Cell
Predicate
Selection
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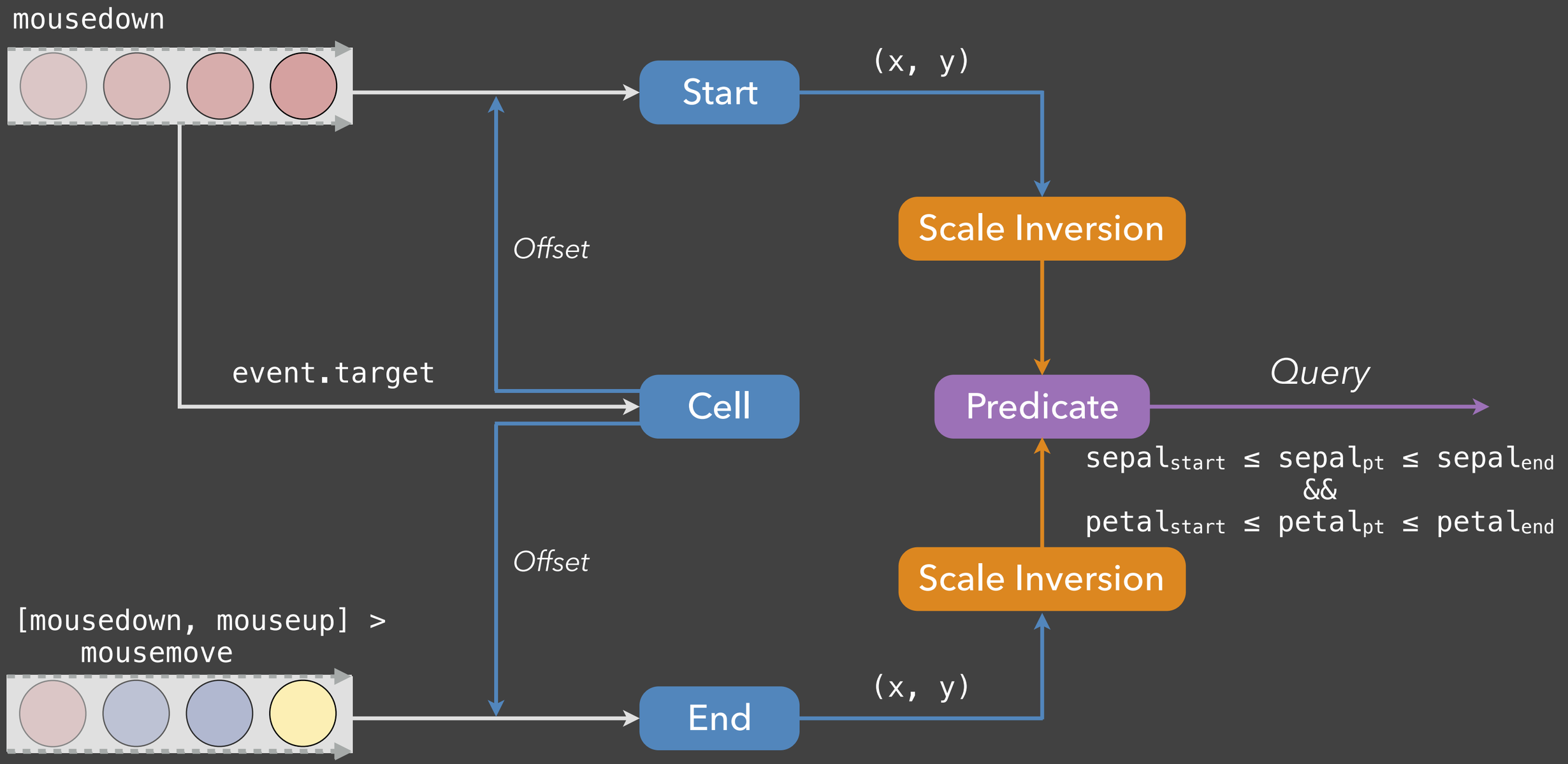
Offset
Scale Inversion
[mousedown, mouseup] >
mousemove
(x, y)
End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(x, y)
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Cell
Predicate
Query
sepal_start ≤ sepal_pt ≤ sepal_end
&&
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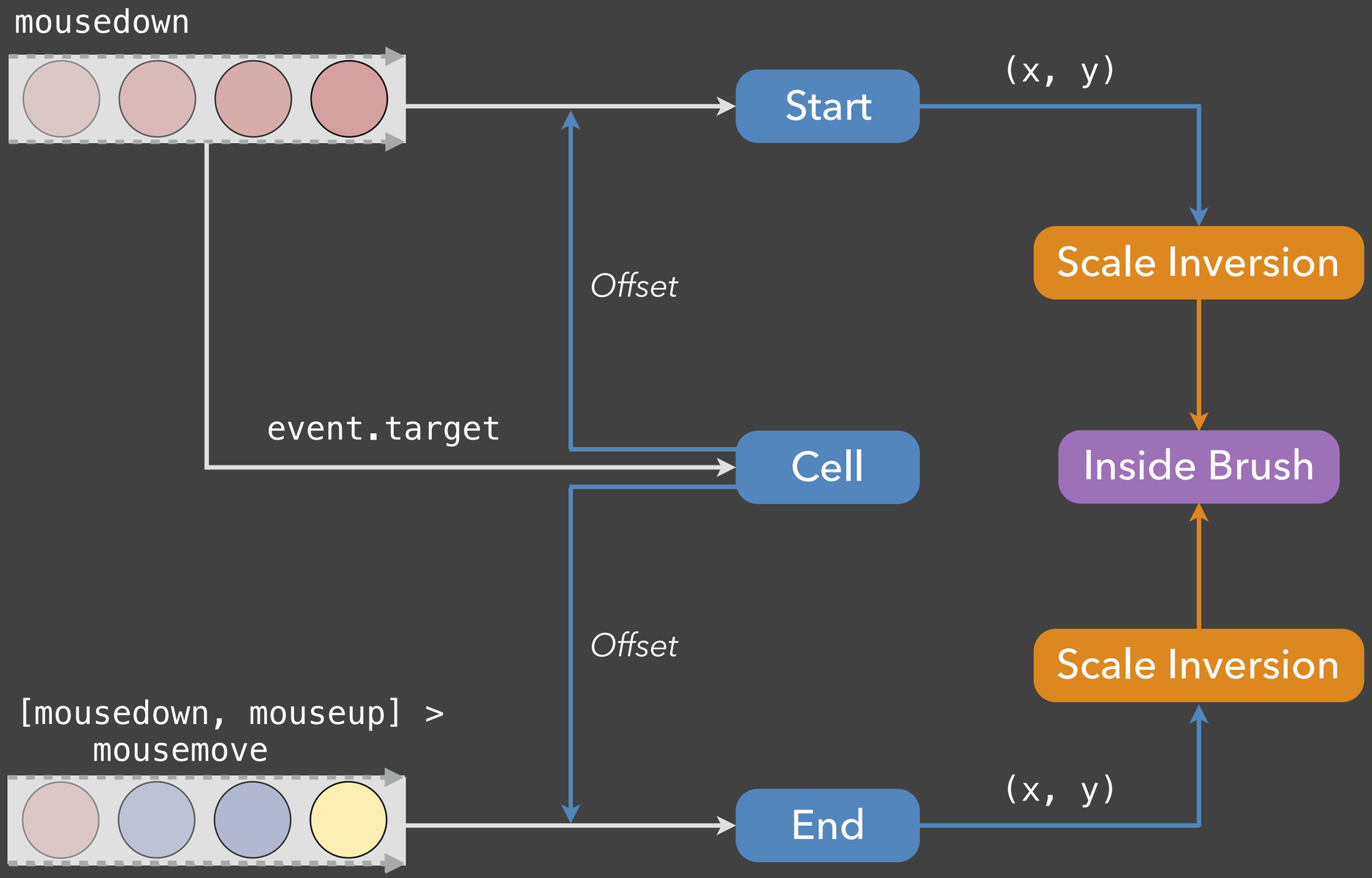
Offset
Scale Inversion
[mousedown, mouseup] >
mousemove
(x, y)
End


mousedown
Start
(x, y)
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Offset
event.target
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Offset
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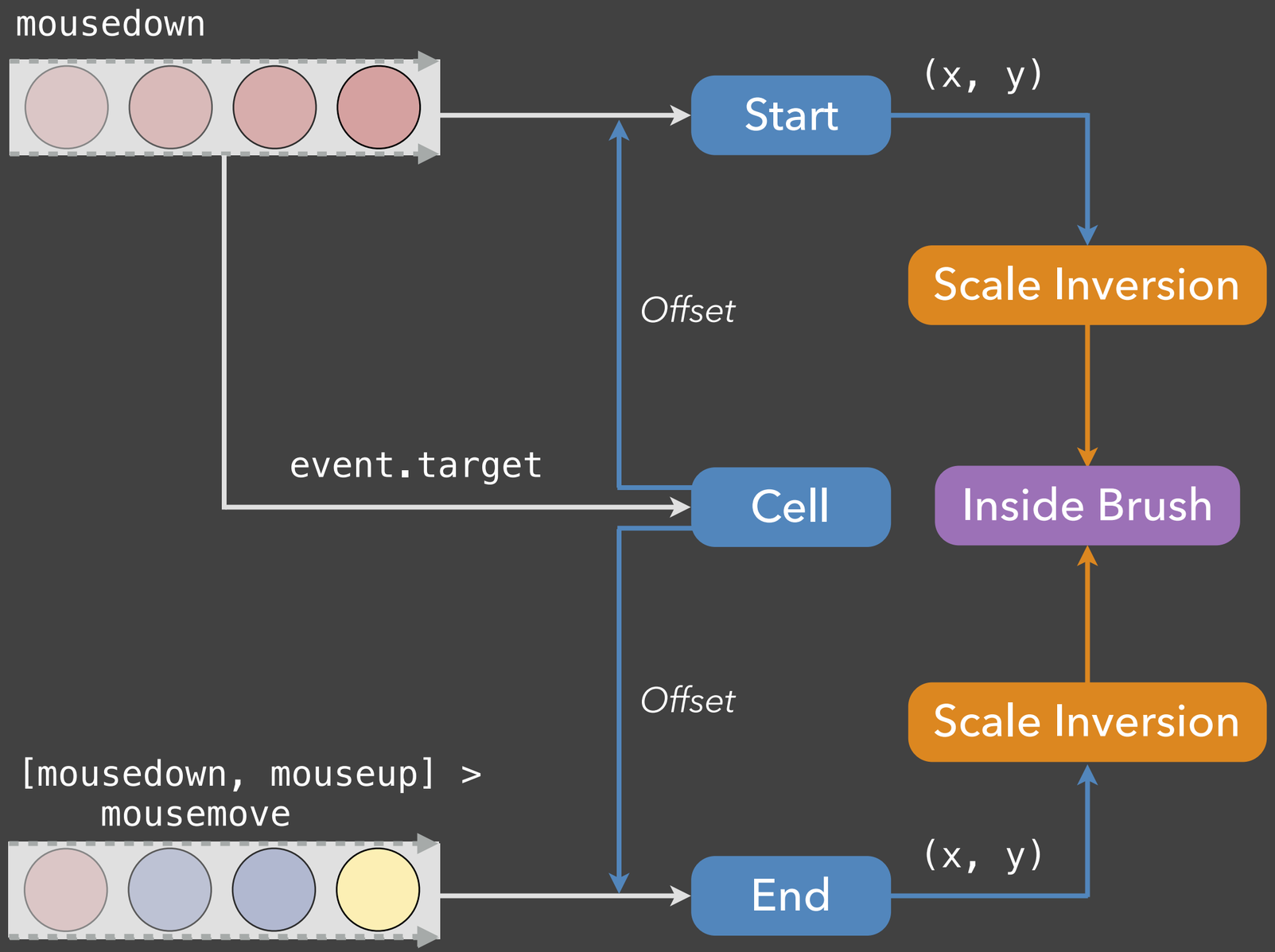
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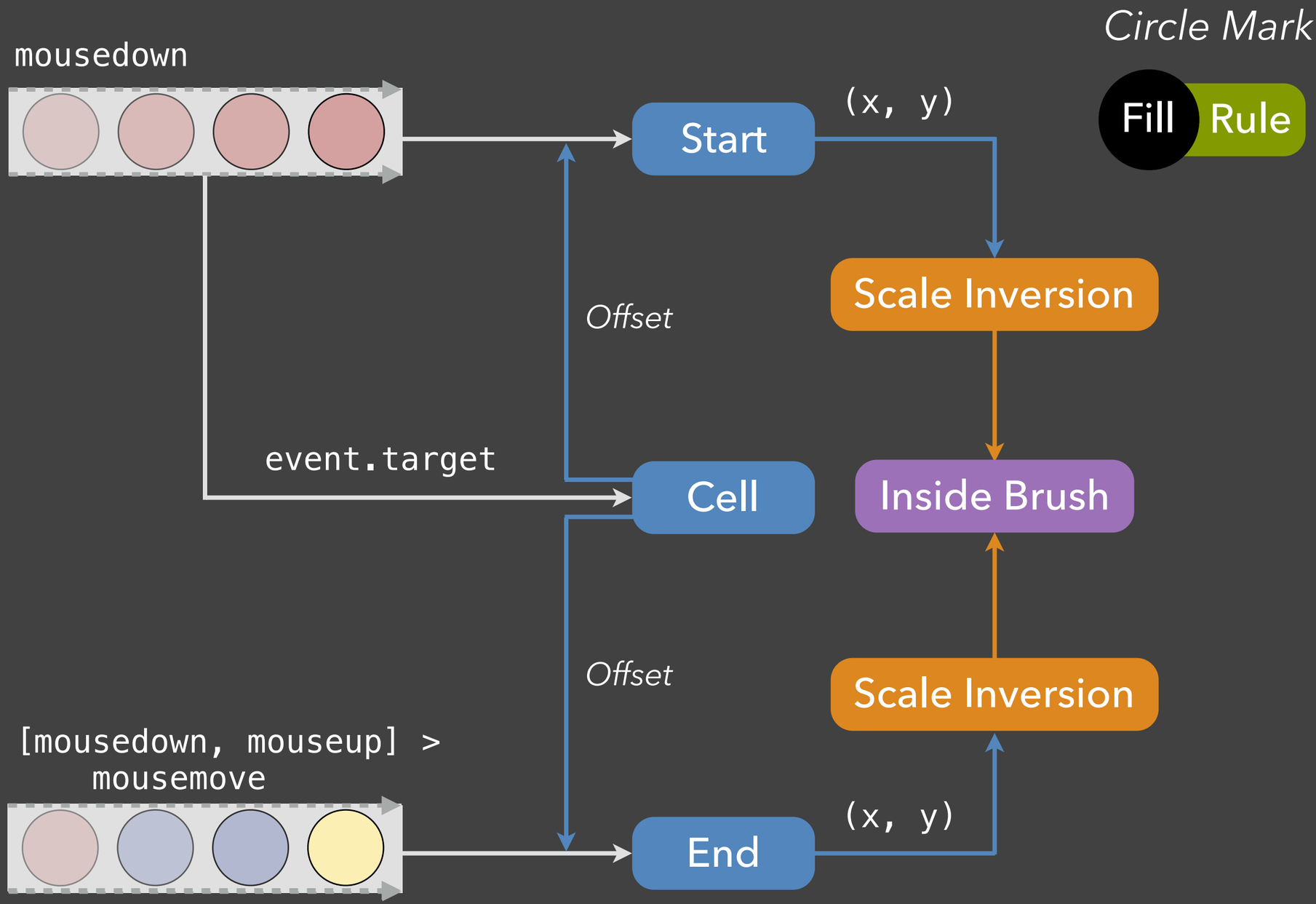
Circle Mark
Fill
Rule
mousedown
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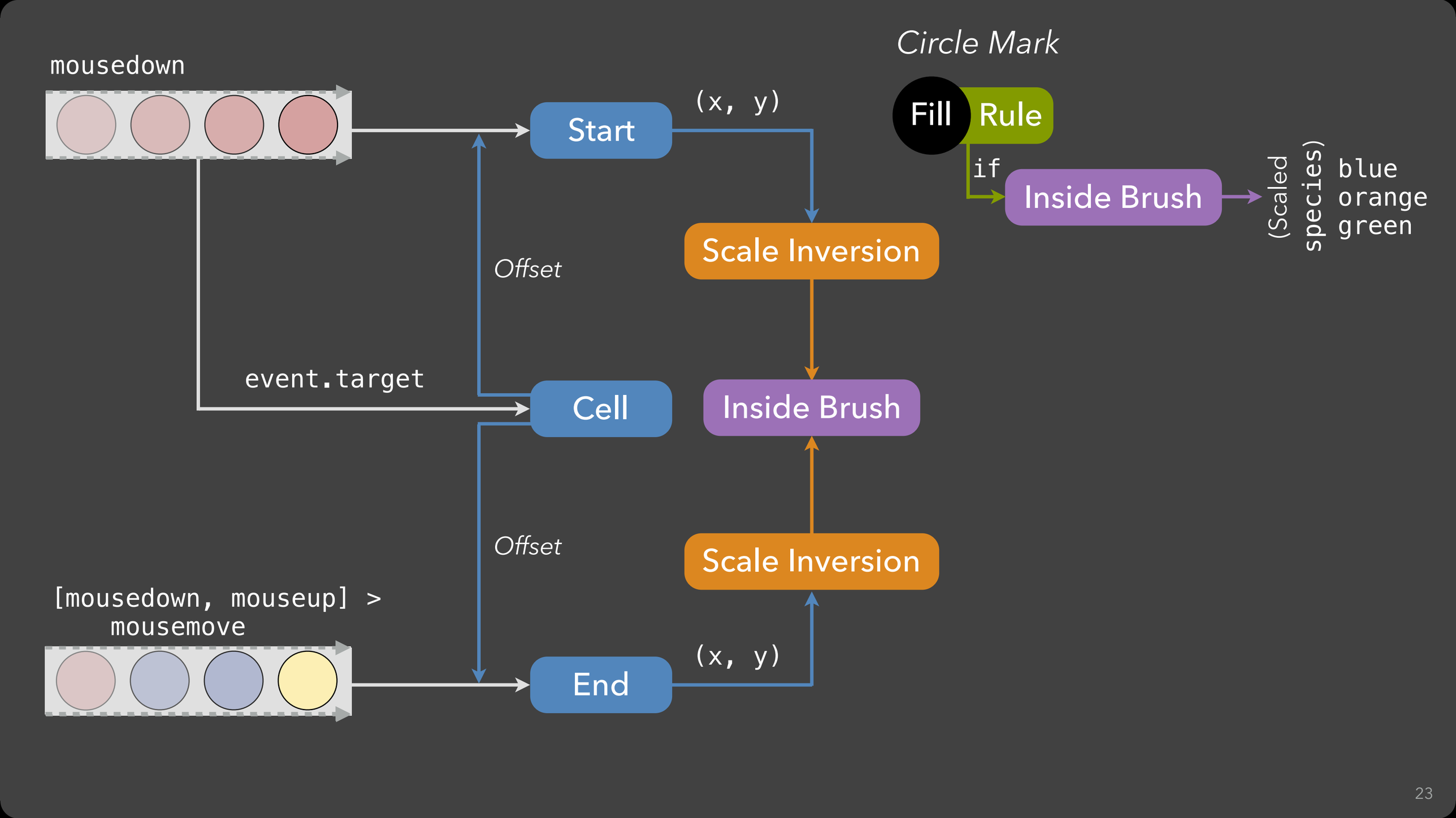
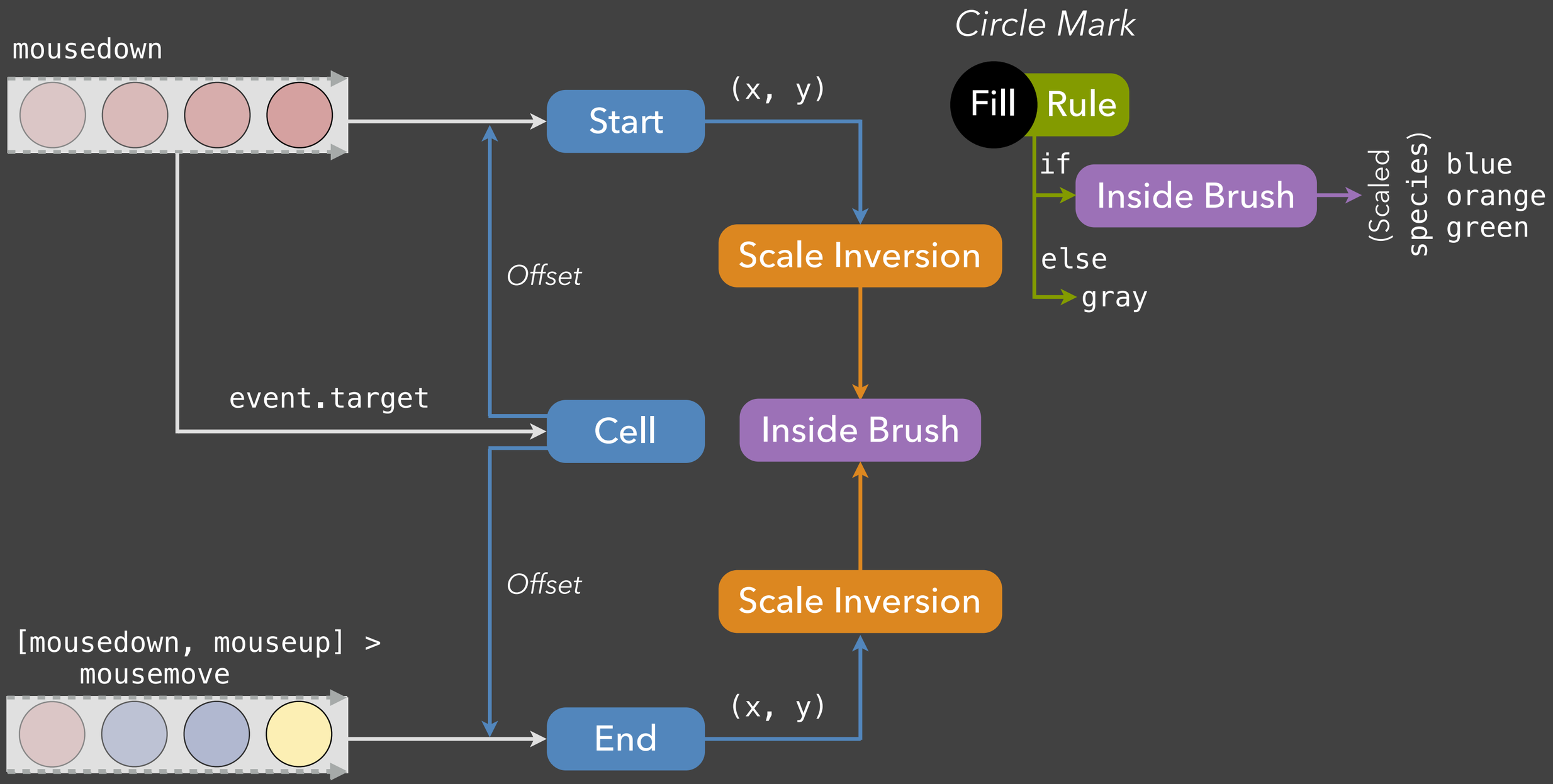

Circle Mark
mousedown
Start
(x, y)
Fill
Rule
if
Inside Brush
(Scaled species)
blue
orange
green
Scale Inversion
Offset
event.target
Cell
Inside Brush
Offset
Scale Inversion
[mousedown, mouseup] > mousemove
(x, y)
End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Fill
Rule
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Inside Brush
(Scaled species)
blue
orange
green
else
gray
Scale Inversion
Offset
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Inside Brush
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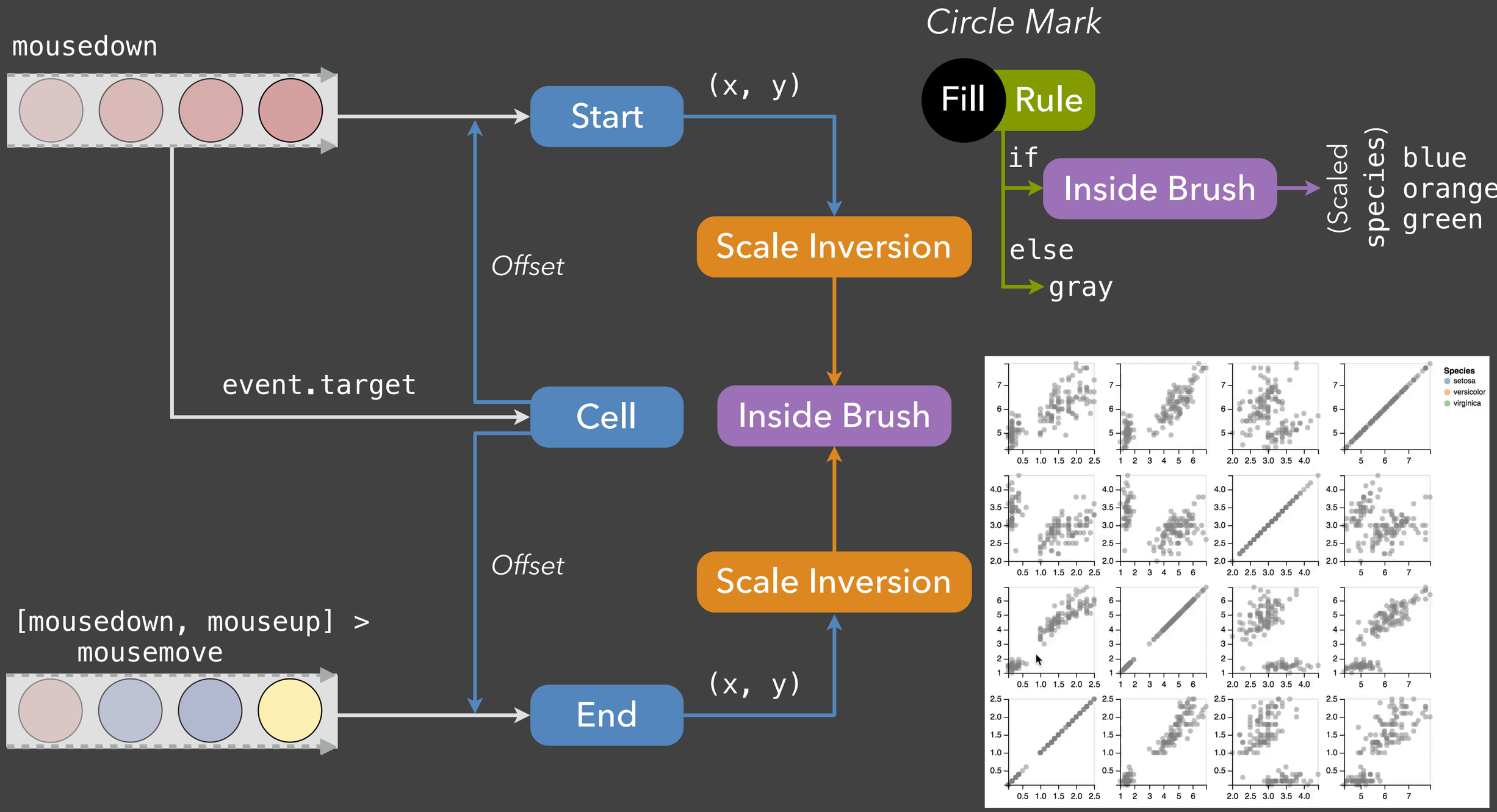
Scale Inversion
[mousedown, mouseup] > mousemove
(x, y)
End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mousemove
End
(x, y)
Circle Mark
Fill
Rule
if
Inside Brush
(Scaled species)
blue
orange
green
else
gray
Species
setosa
versicolor
virginica

Demo

http://vega.github.io/vega-editor

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```
{
  "width": 650, "height": 300,
  "data": [
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  ],
  "scales": [
    {
      "name": "sx", "type": "ordinal",
      "domain": {"data": "stocks", "field": "date"}
      "range": "width"
    }, ...
  ],
  "axes": [
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  ],
  "marks": [{
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      ]
    },
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      }}
    }, {
      "type": "text",
      ...
    }]
```

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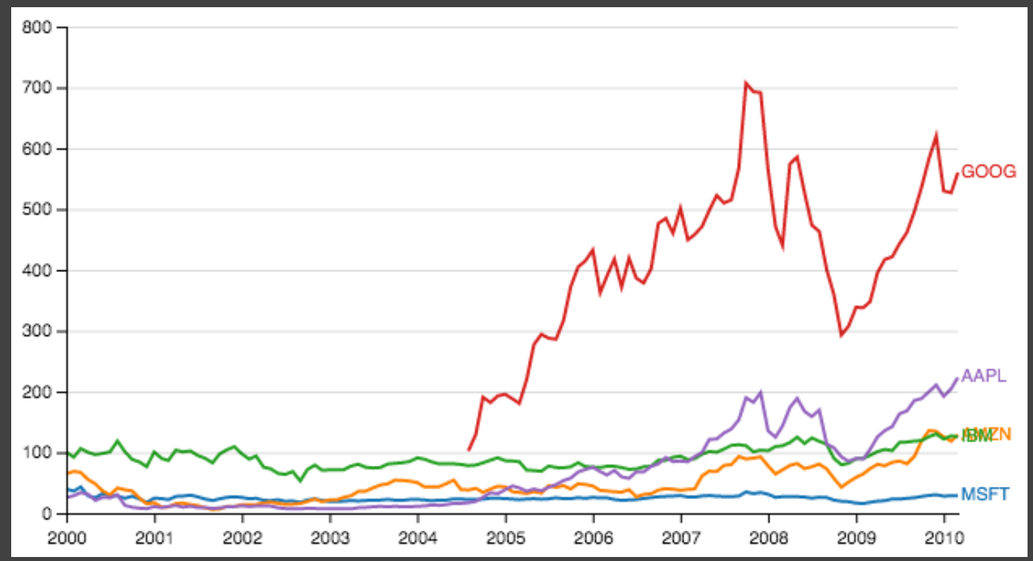

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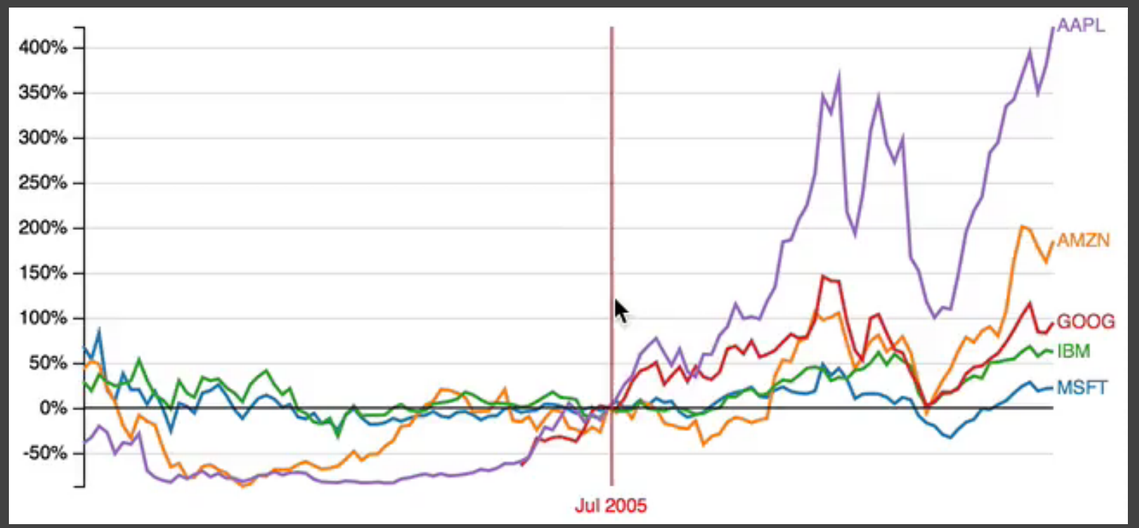

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  "data": [
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      "transform": [{
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        "test": "month(datum) ==
month(index) && year(datum) ==
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      }]
    },
    {...}
  ]
}
```

Compile Time

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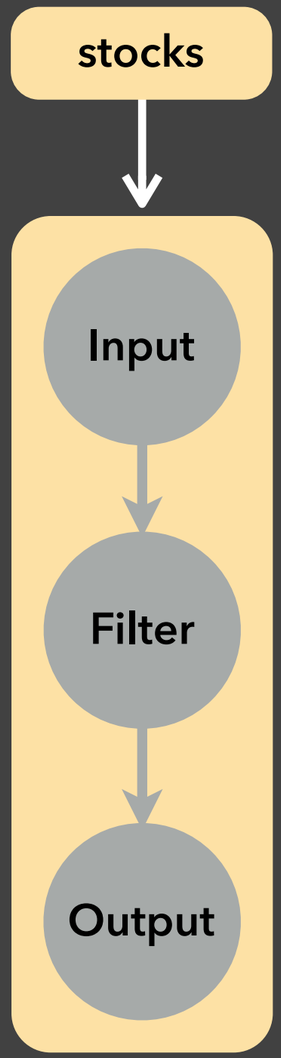

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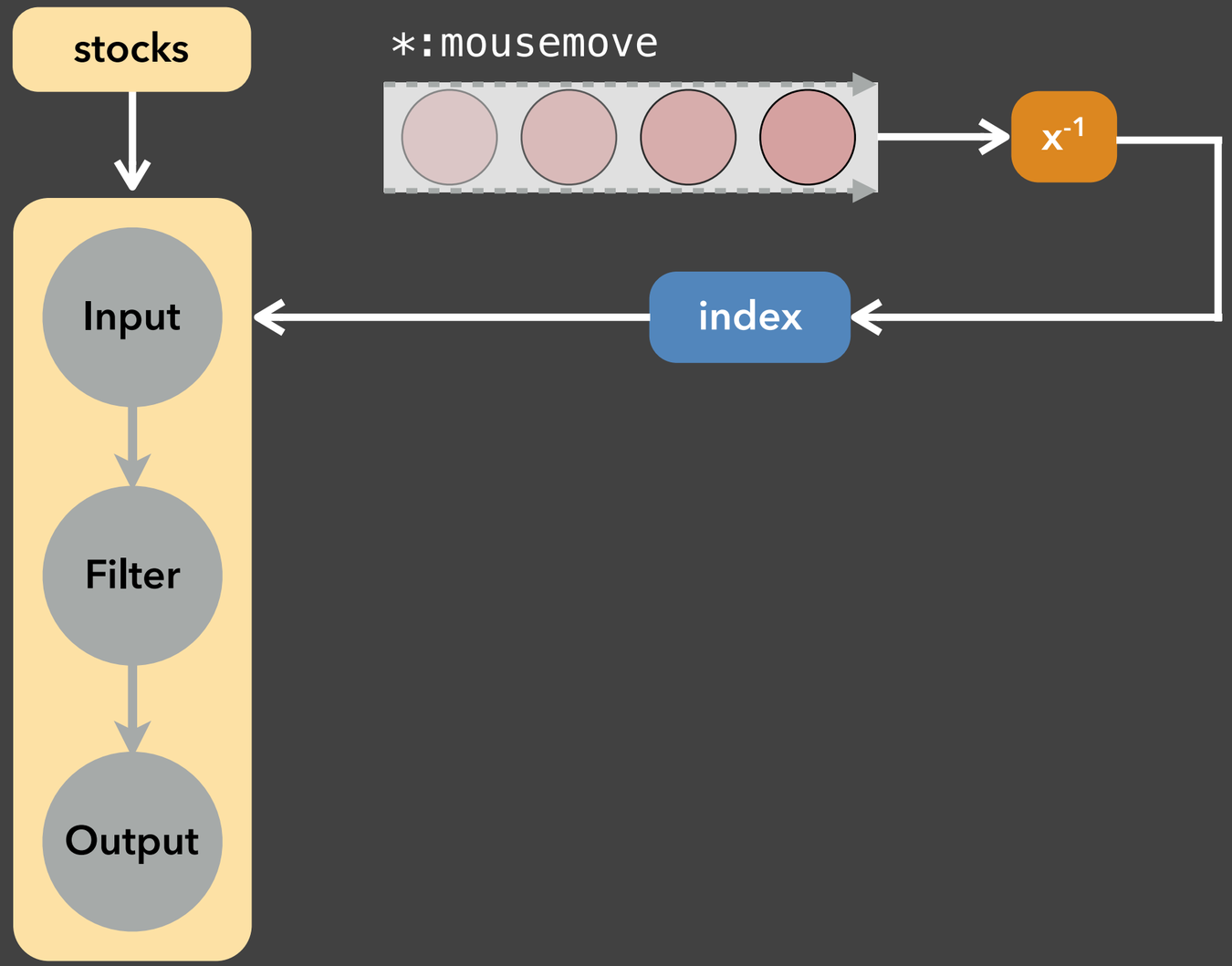

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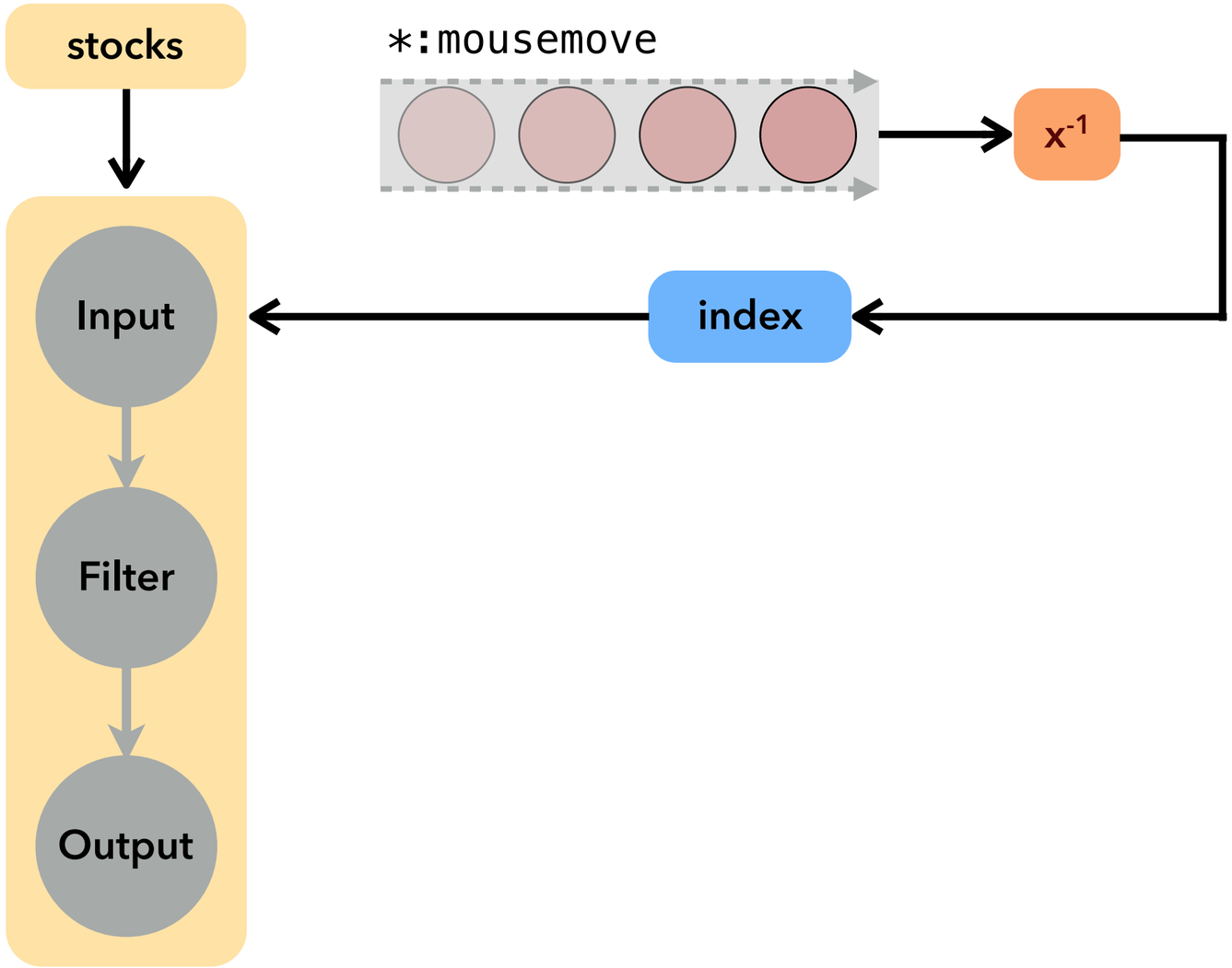

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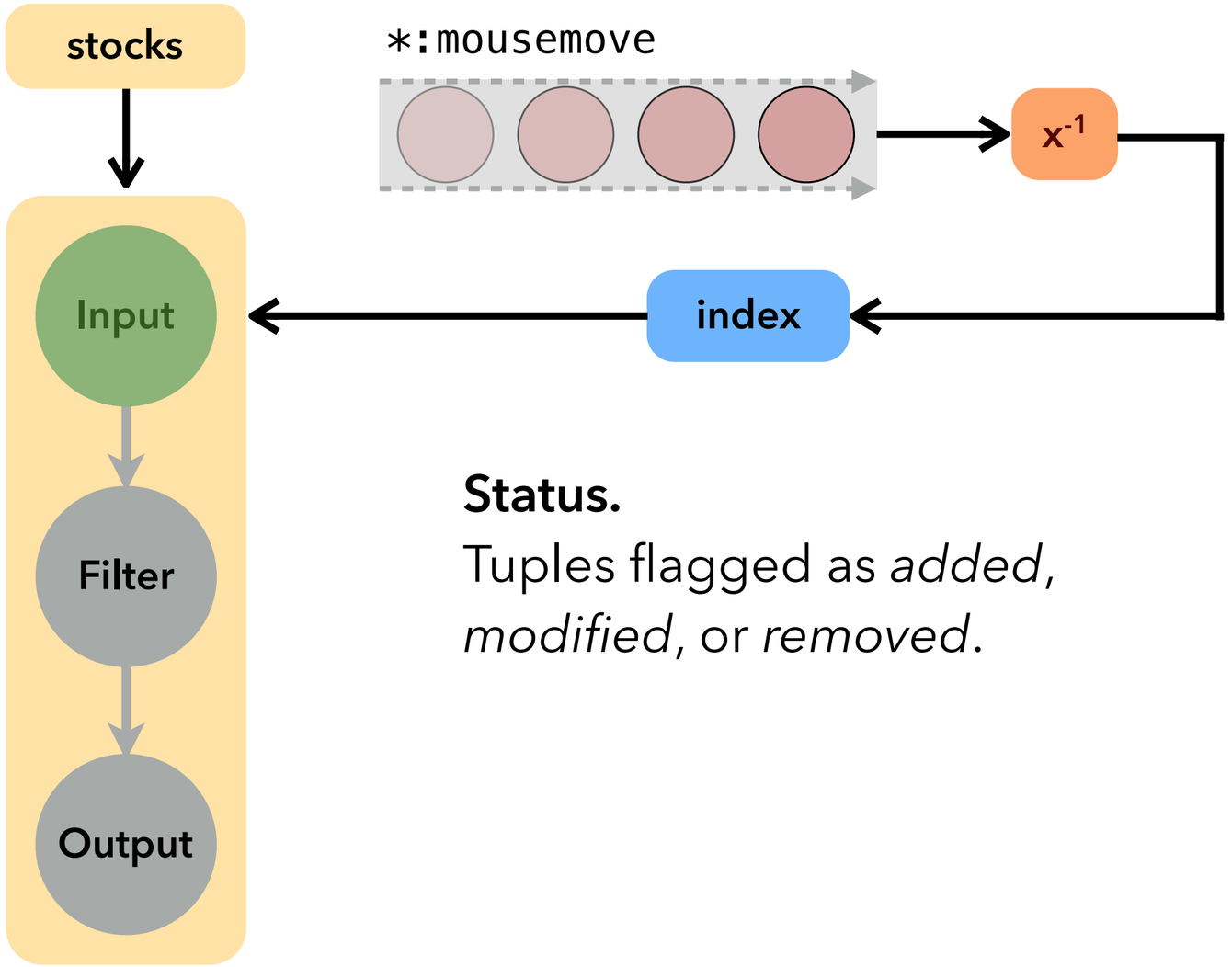

Status.

Tuples flagged as *added*, *modified*, or *removed*.

Run Time

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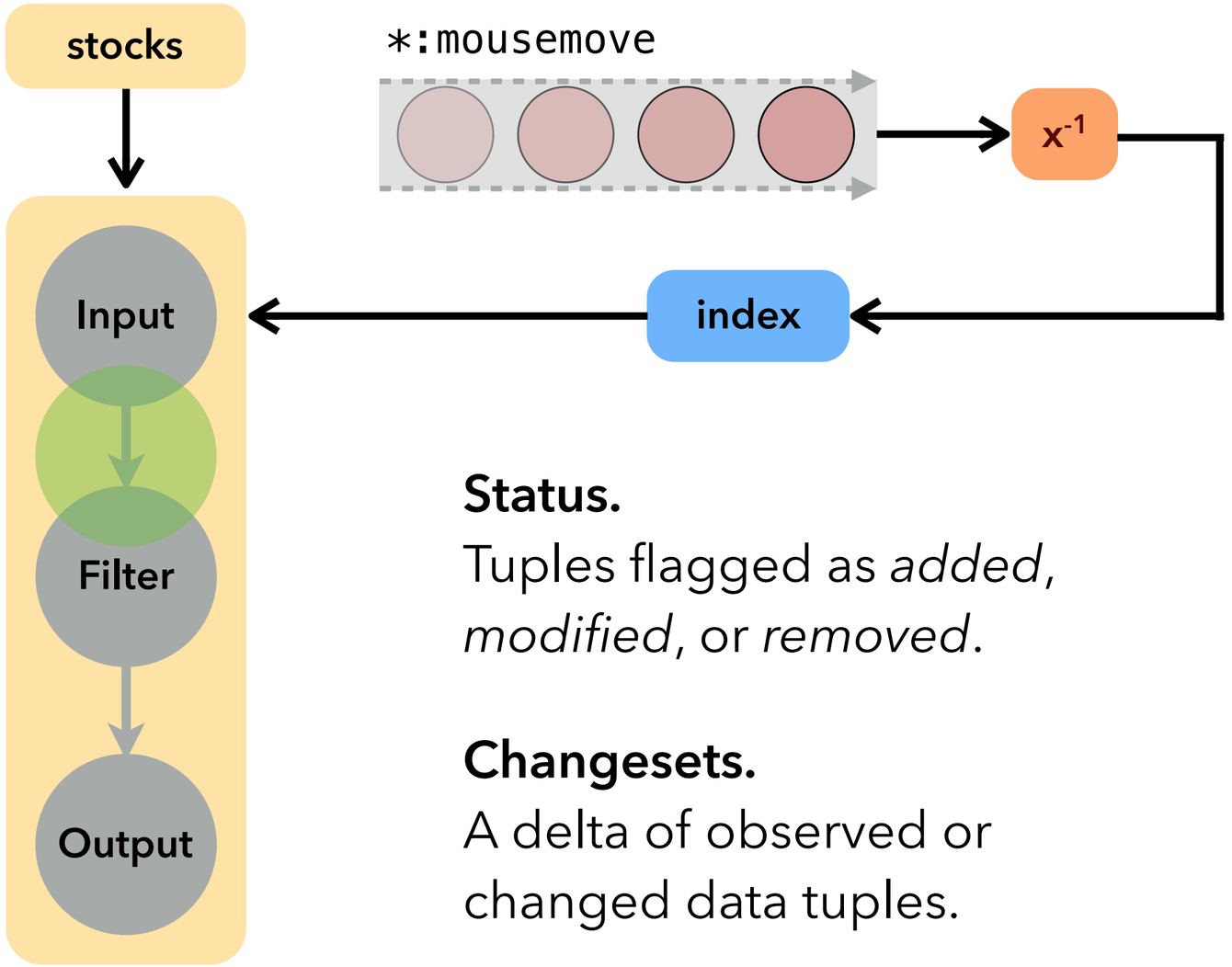

Status.
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Changesets.
A delta of observed or changed data tuples.

Run Time

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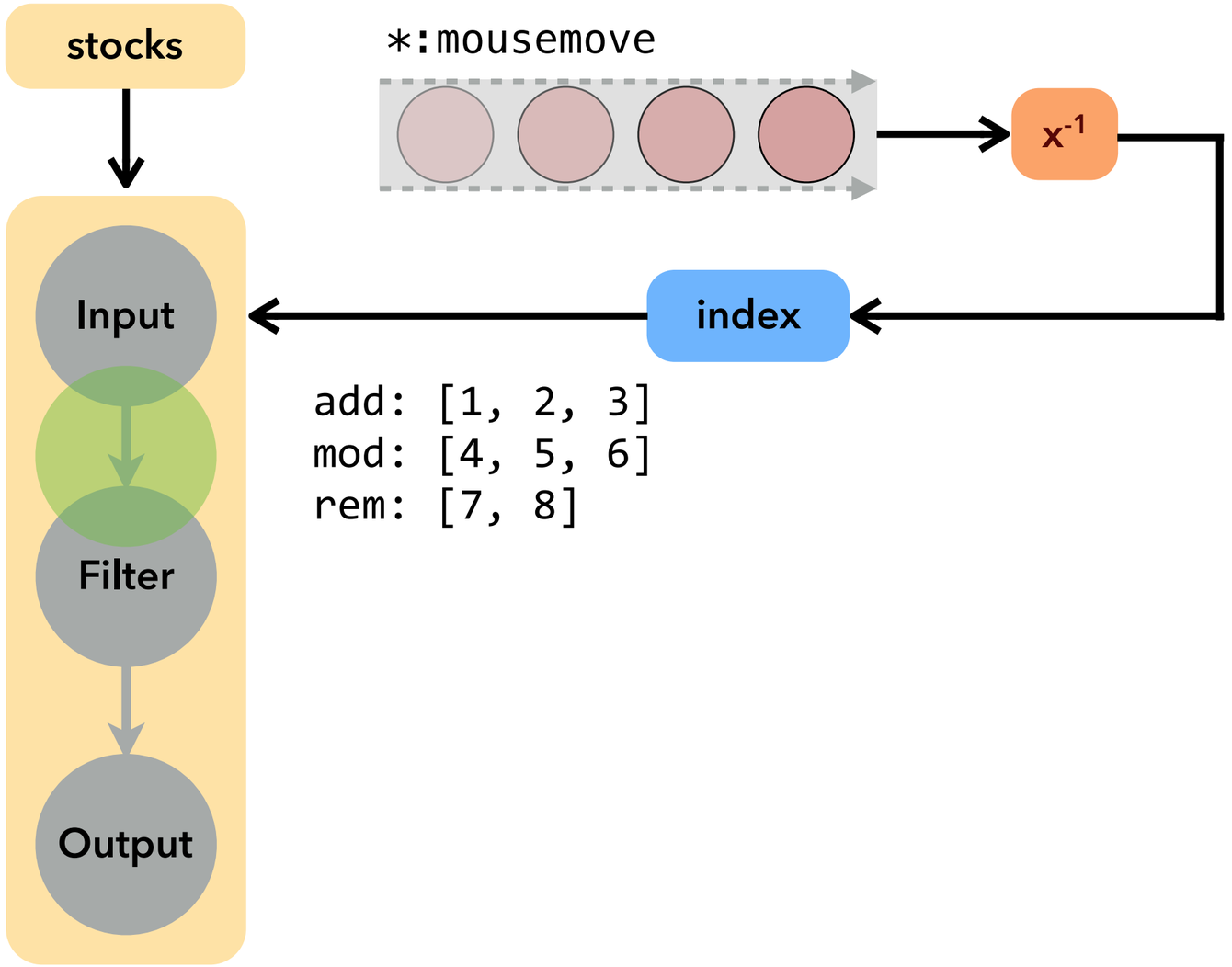

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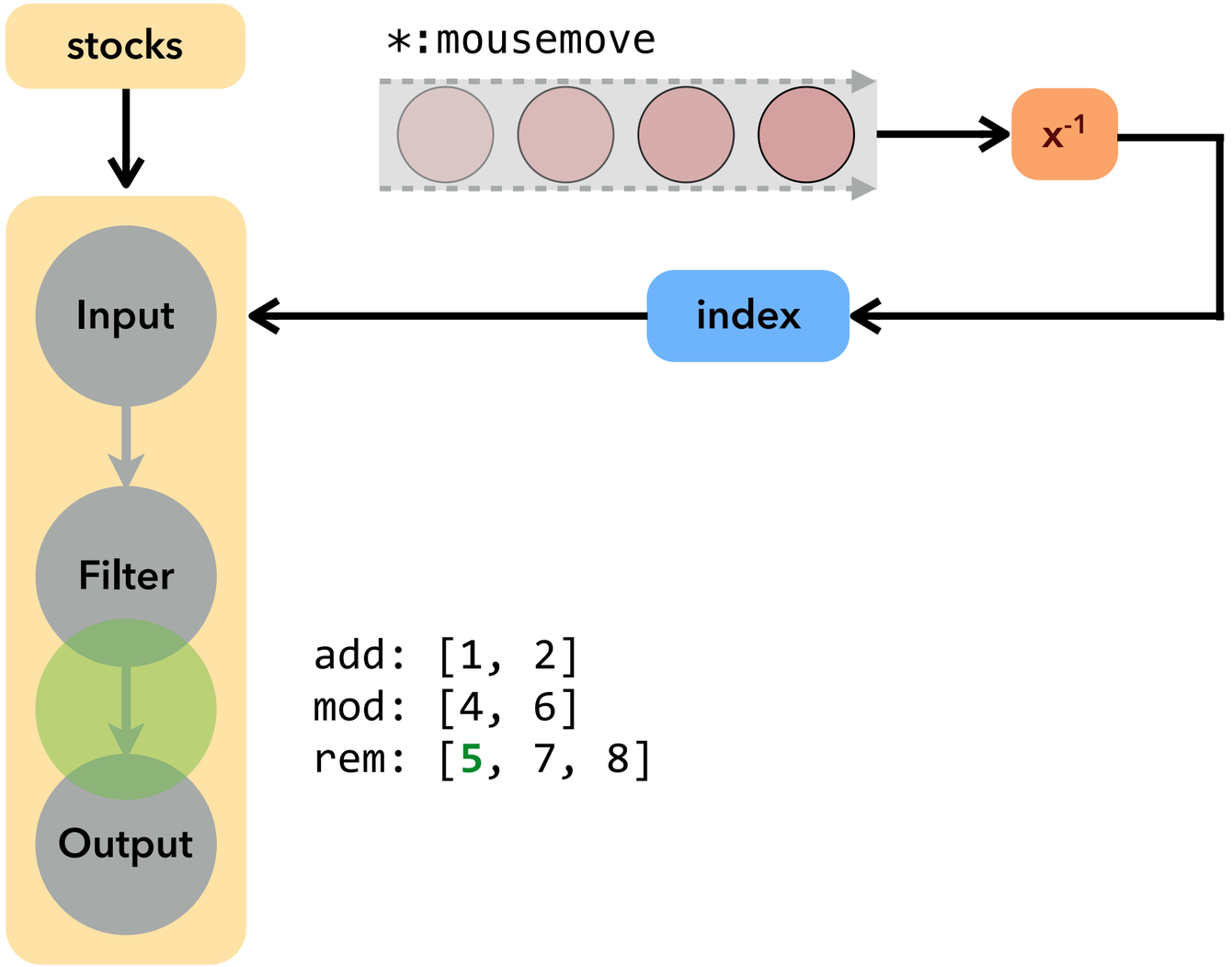


```
add: [1, 2]
mod: [4, 6]
rem: [5, 7, 8]
```

Run Time

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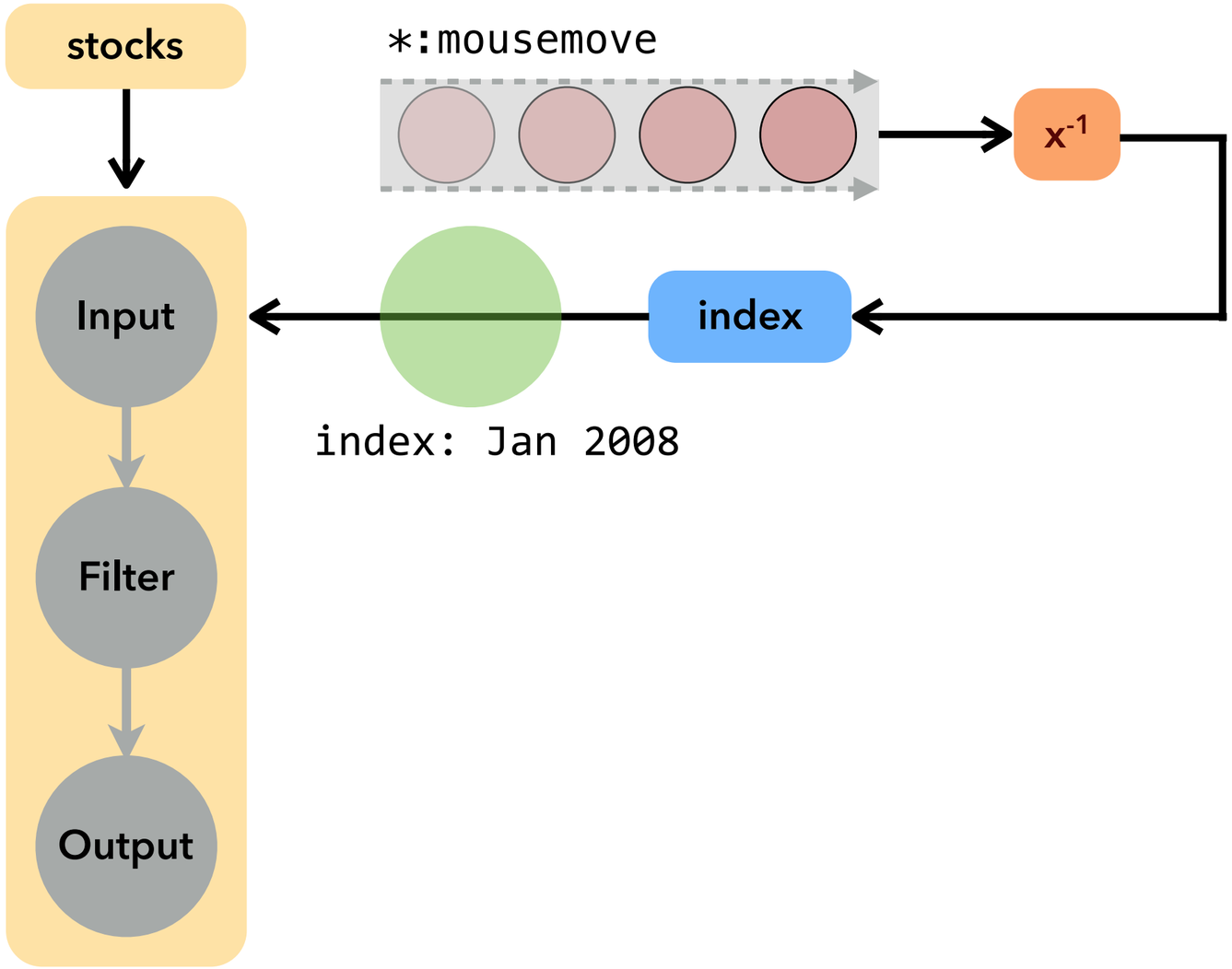

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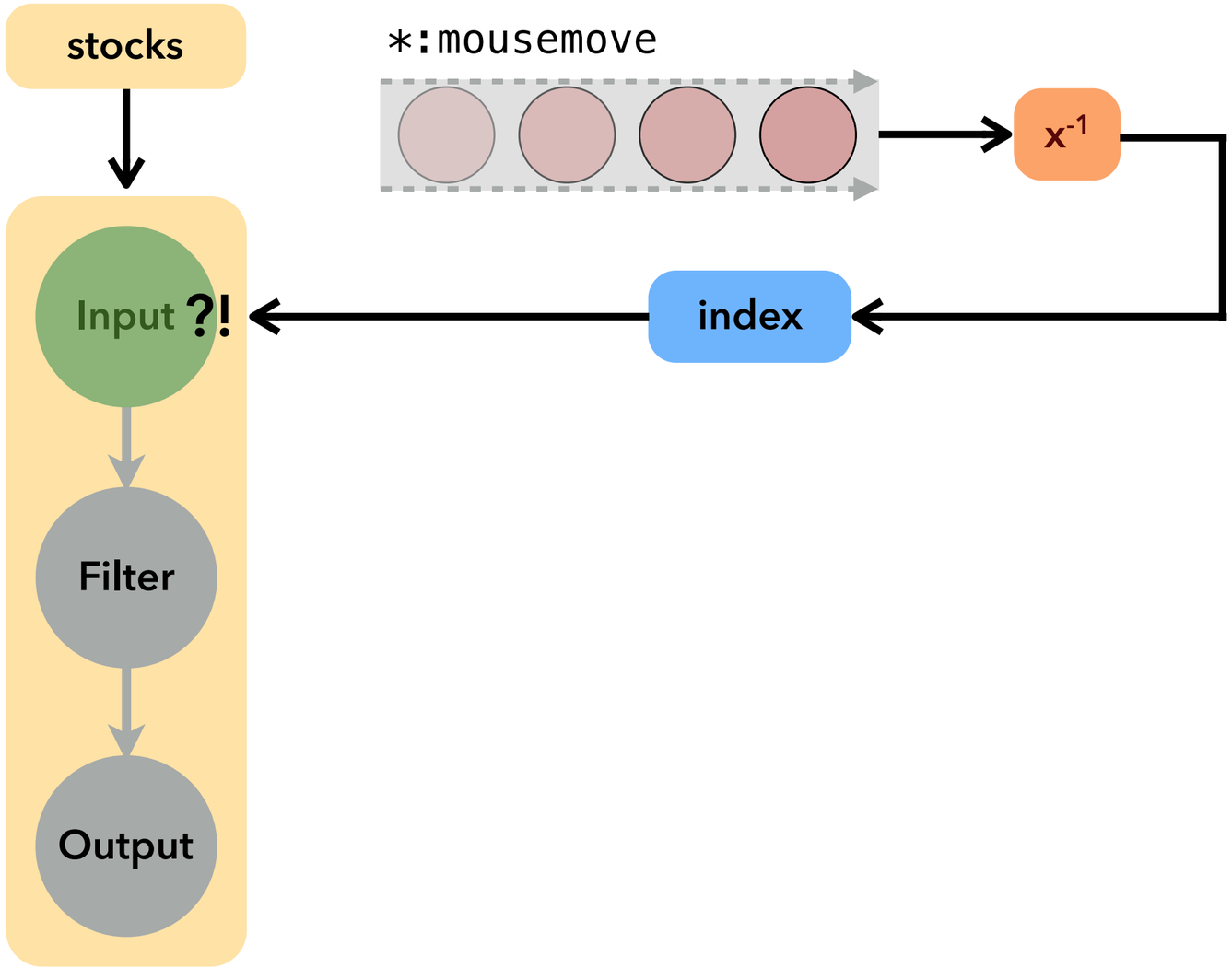

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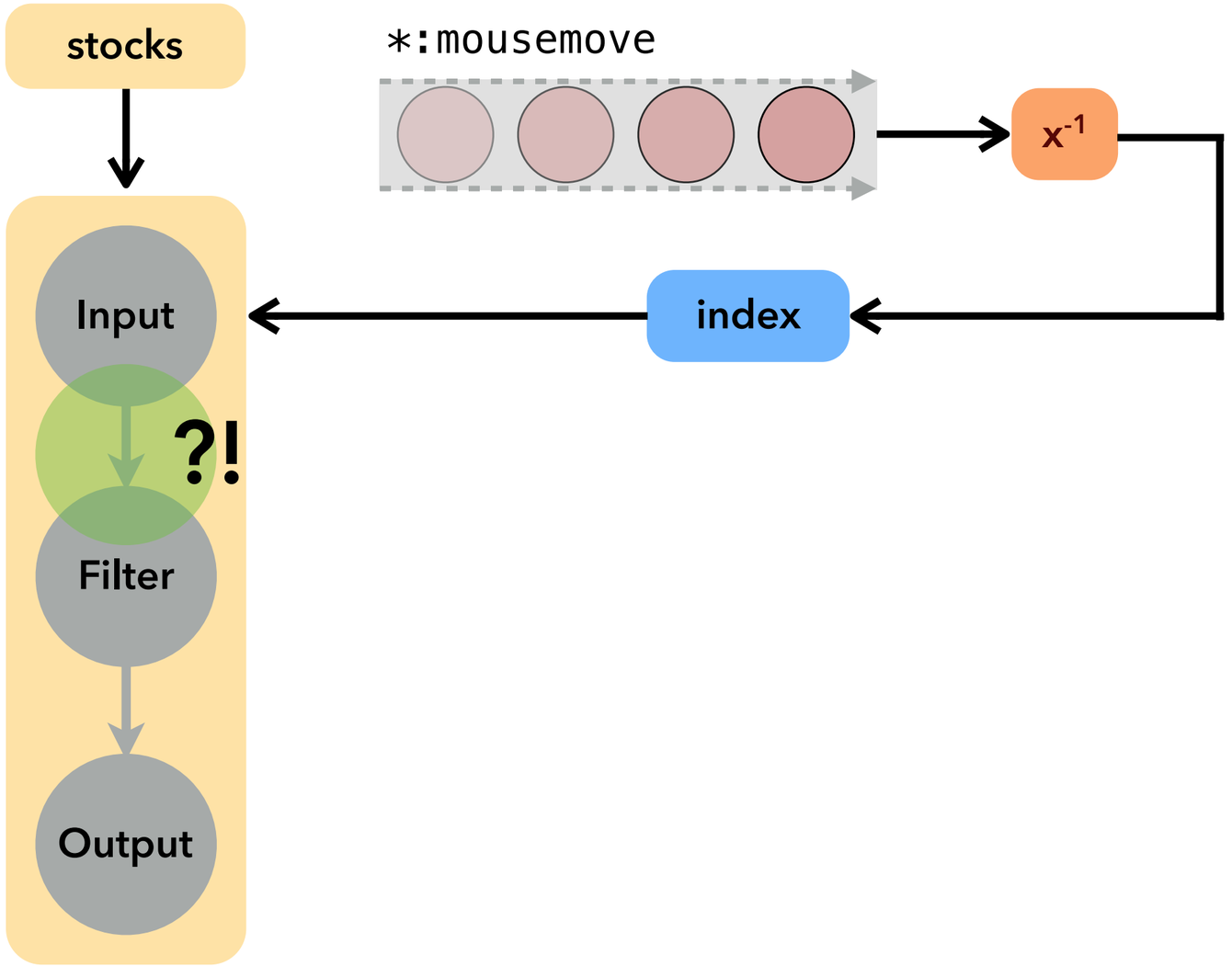

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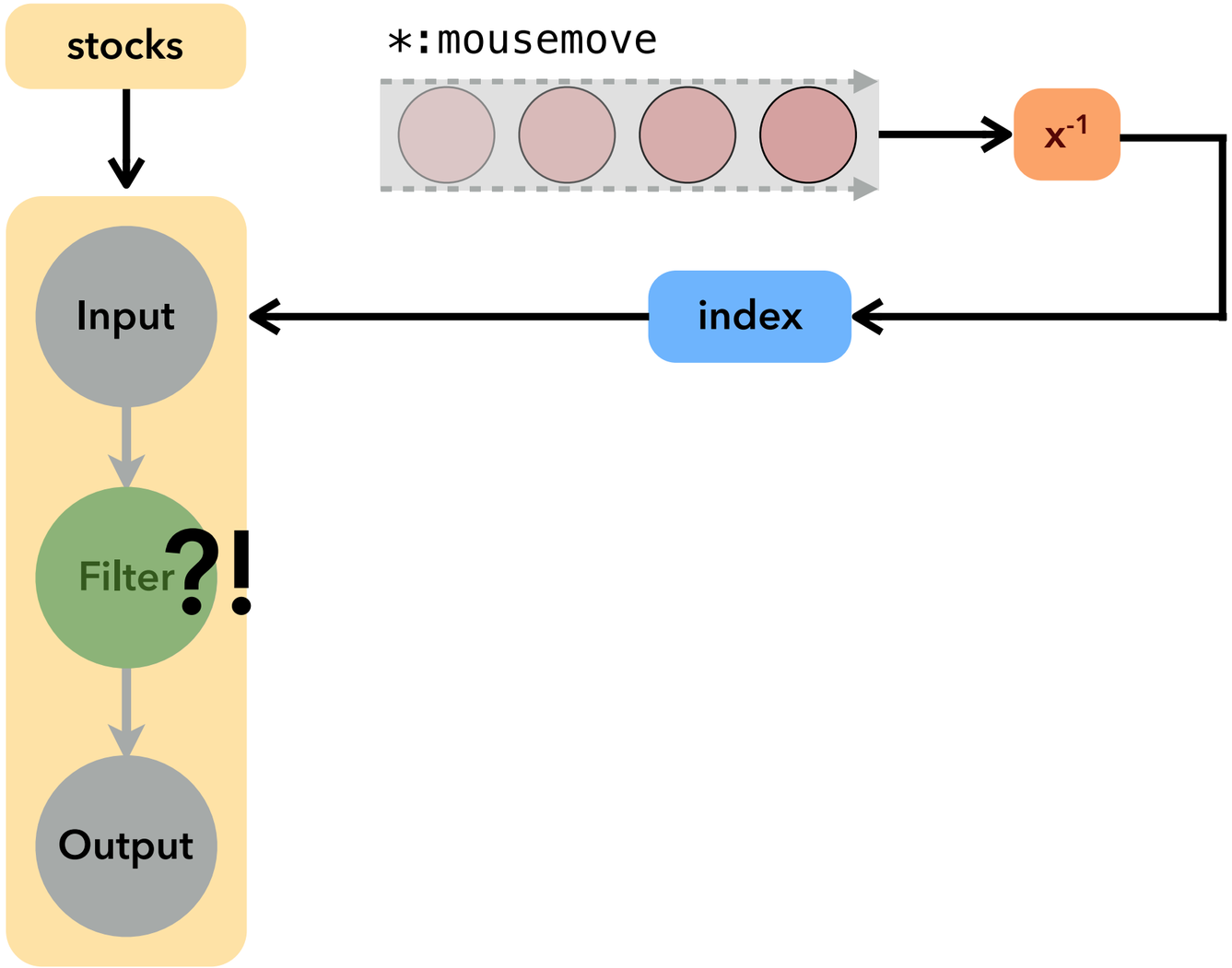

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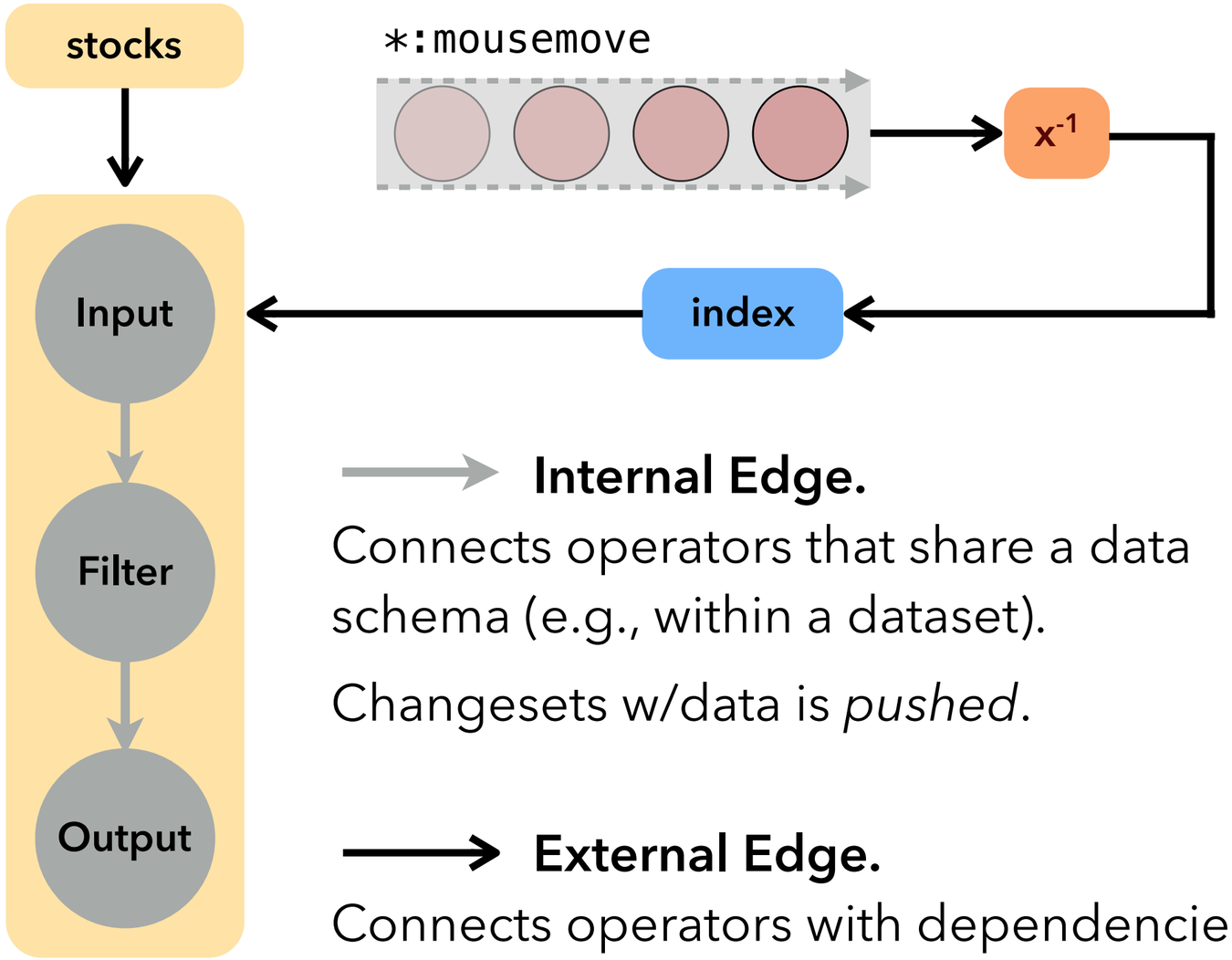

Internal Edge.

Connects operators that share a data schema (e.g., within a dataset).

Changesets w/data is *pushed*.

External Edge.

Connects operators with dependencies (e.g., signals and datasets).

Reflow changesets. Data is *pulled*.

Run Time

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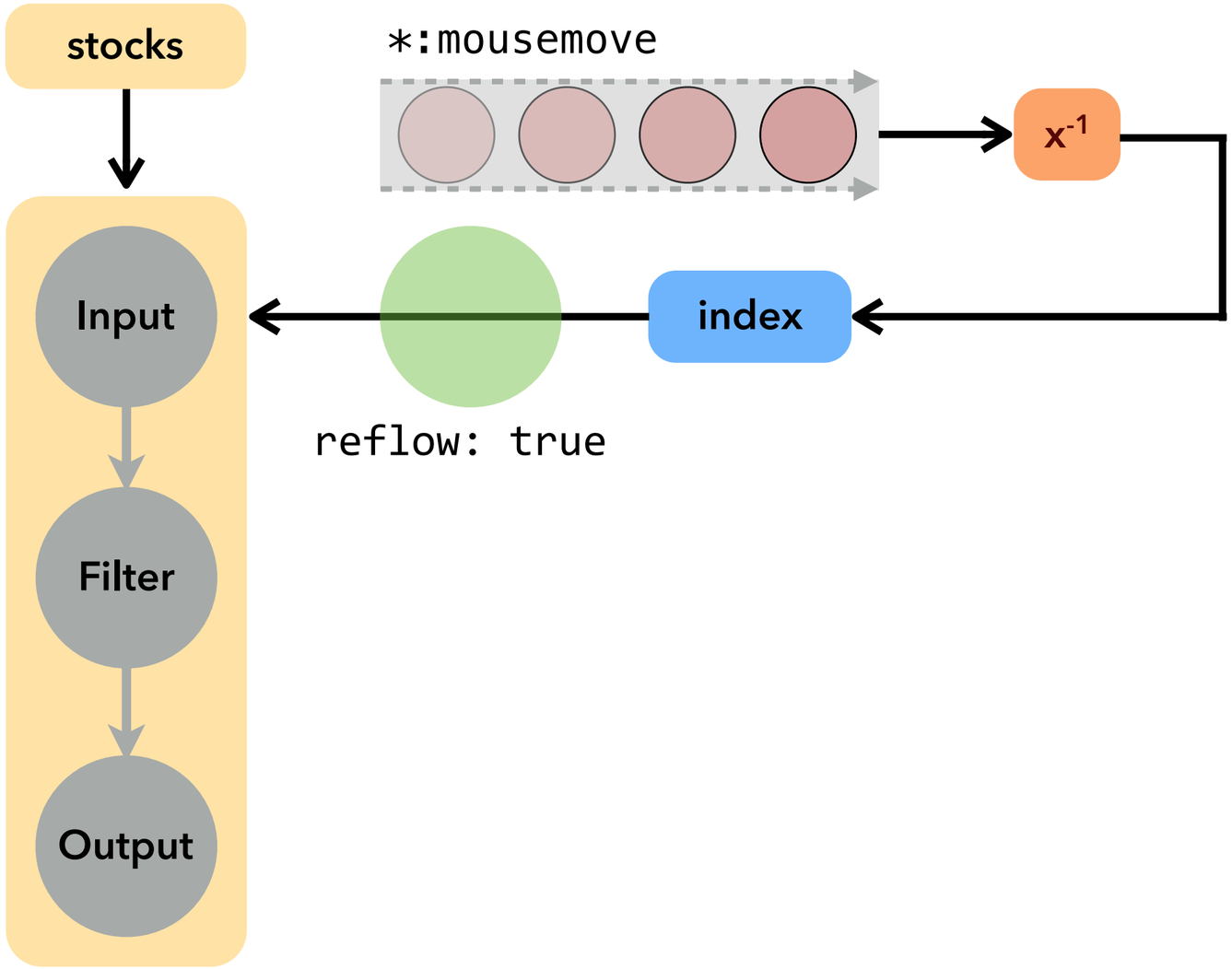

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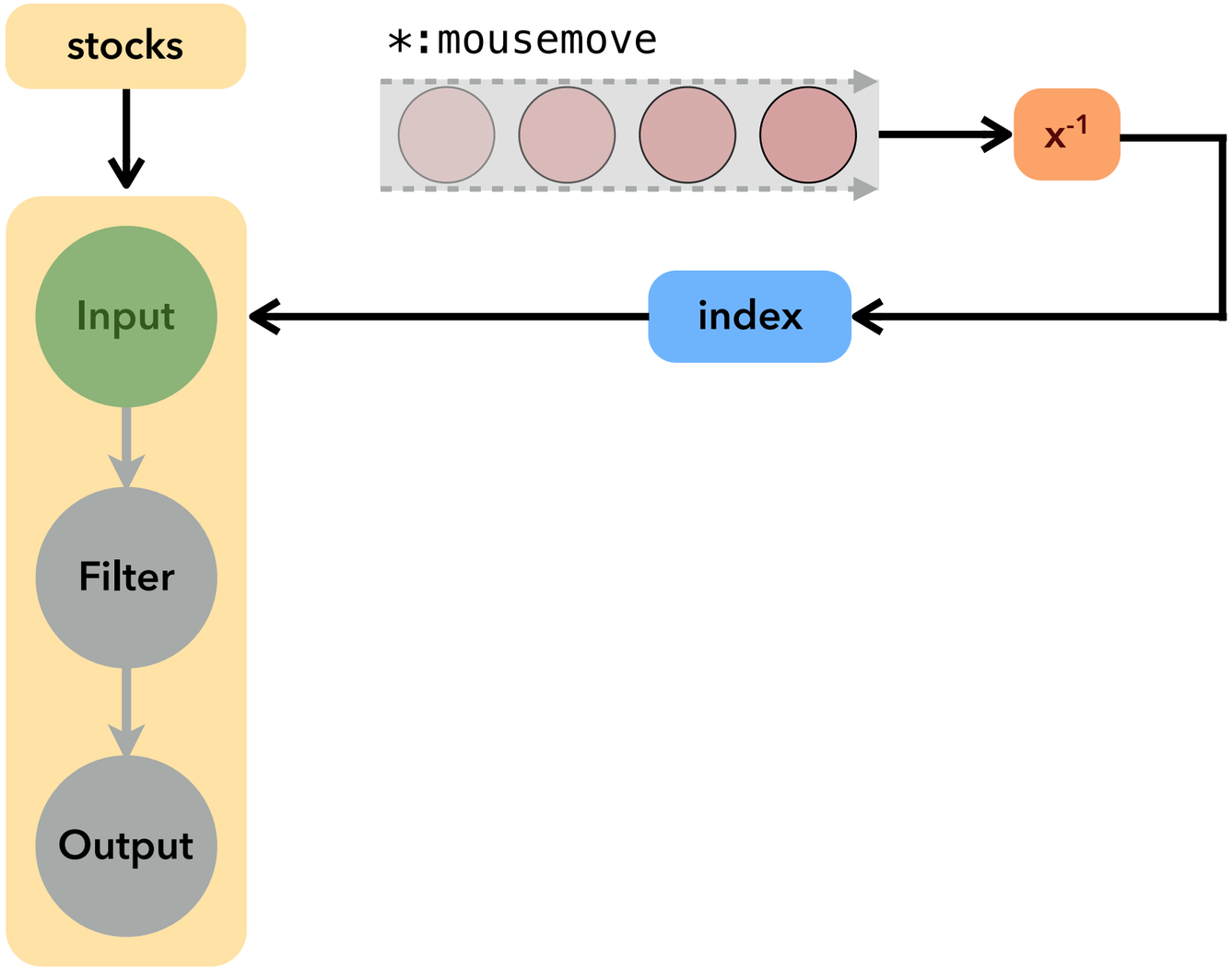

Run Time

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    {...}
  ]
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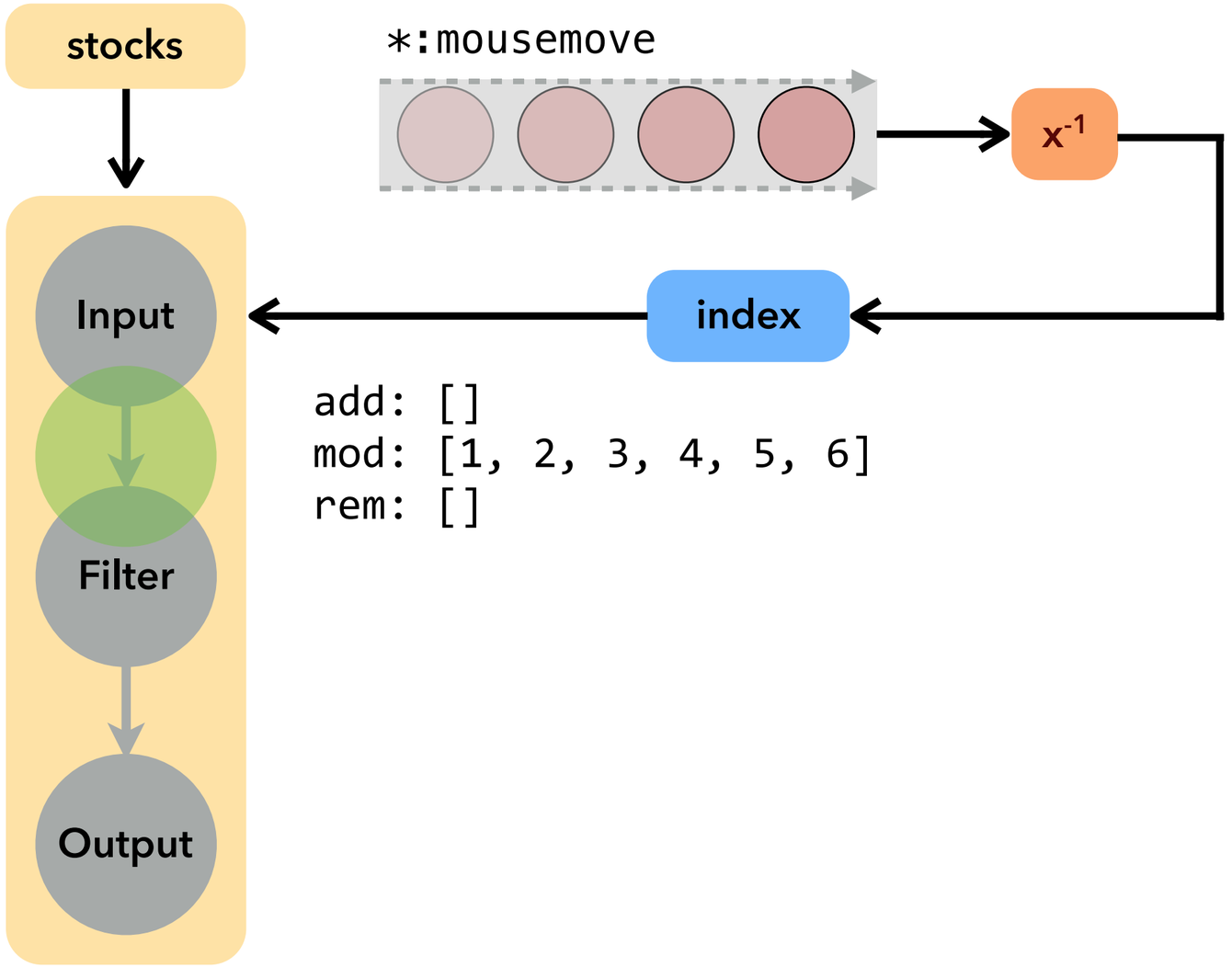

Run Time

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year(index)"
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    {...}
  ]
}
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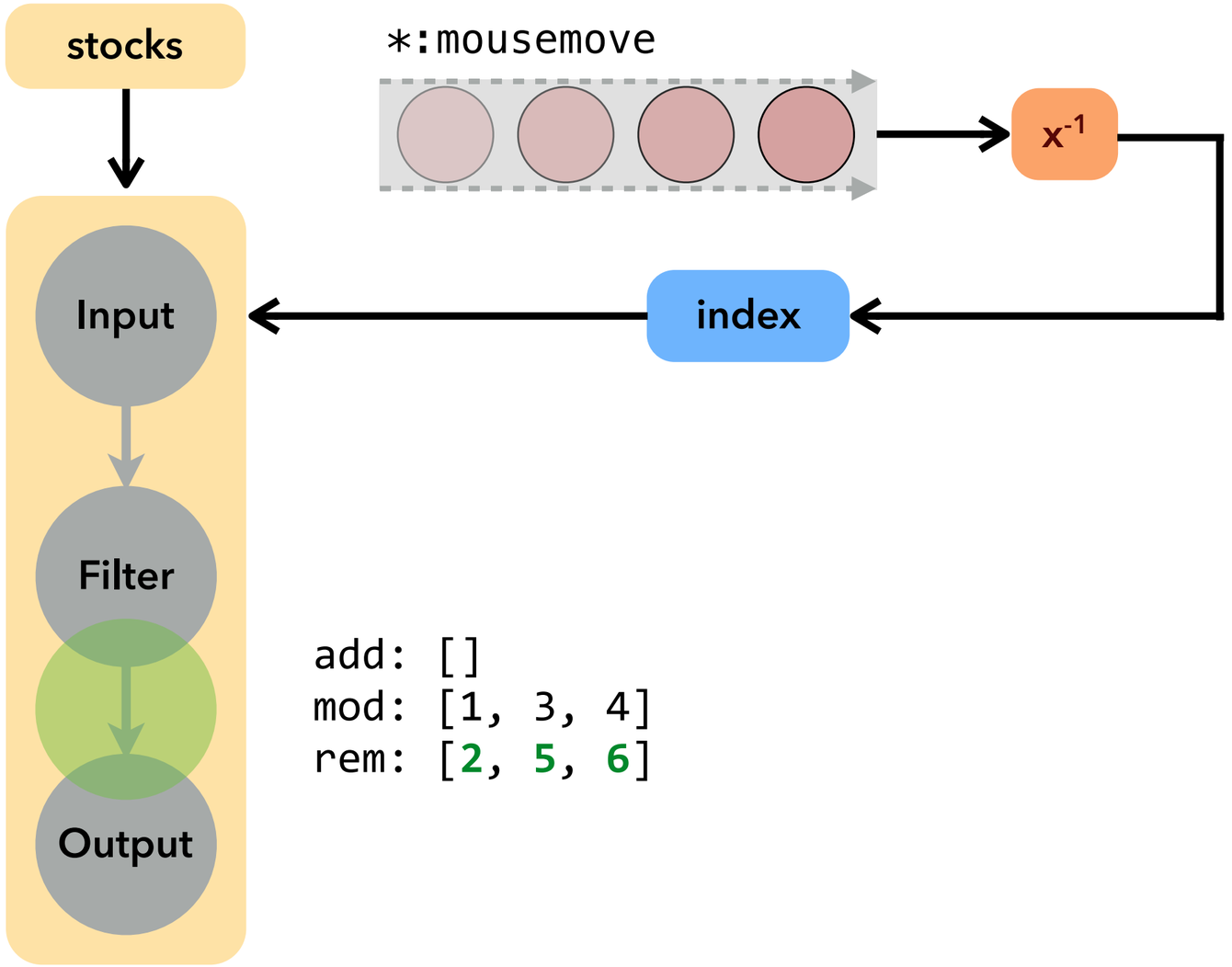

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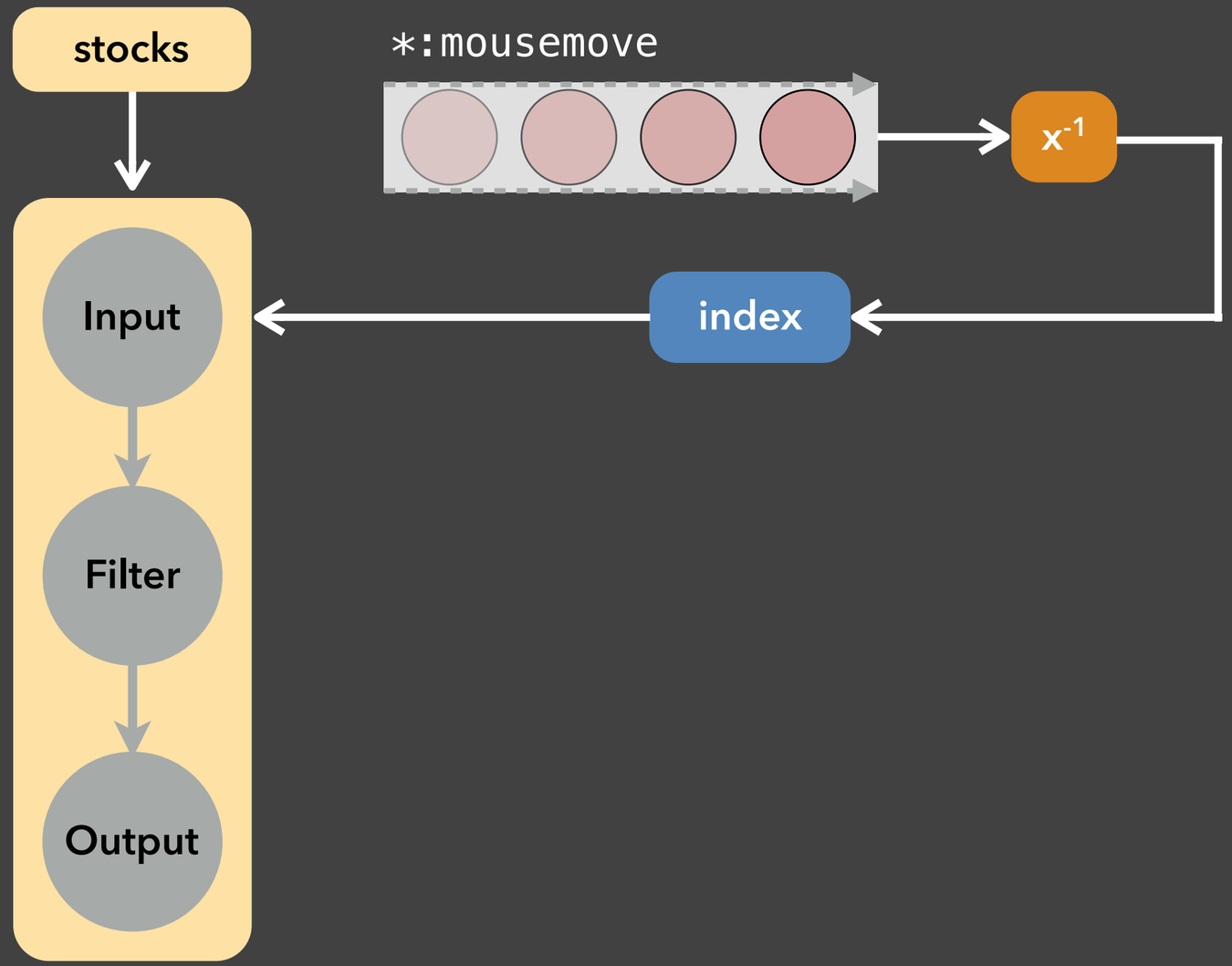

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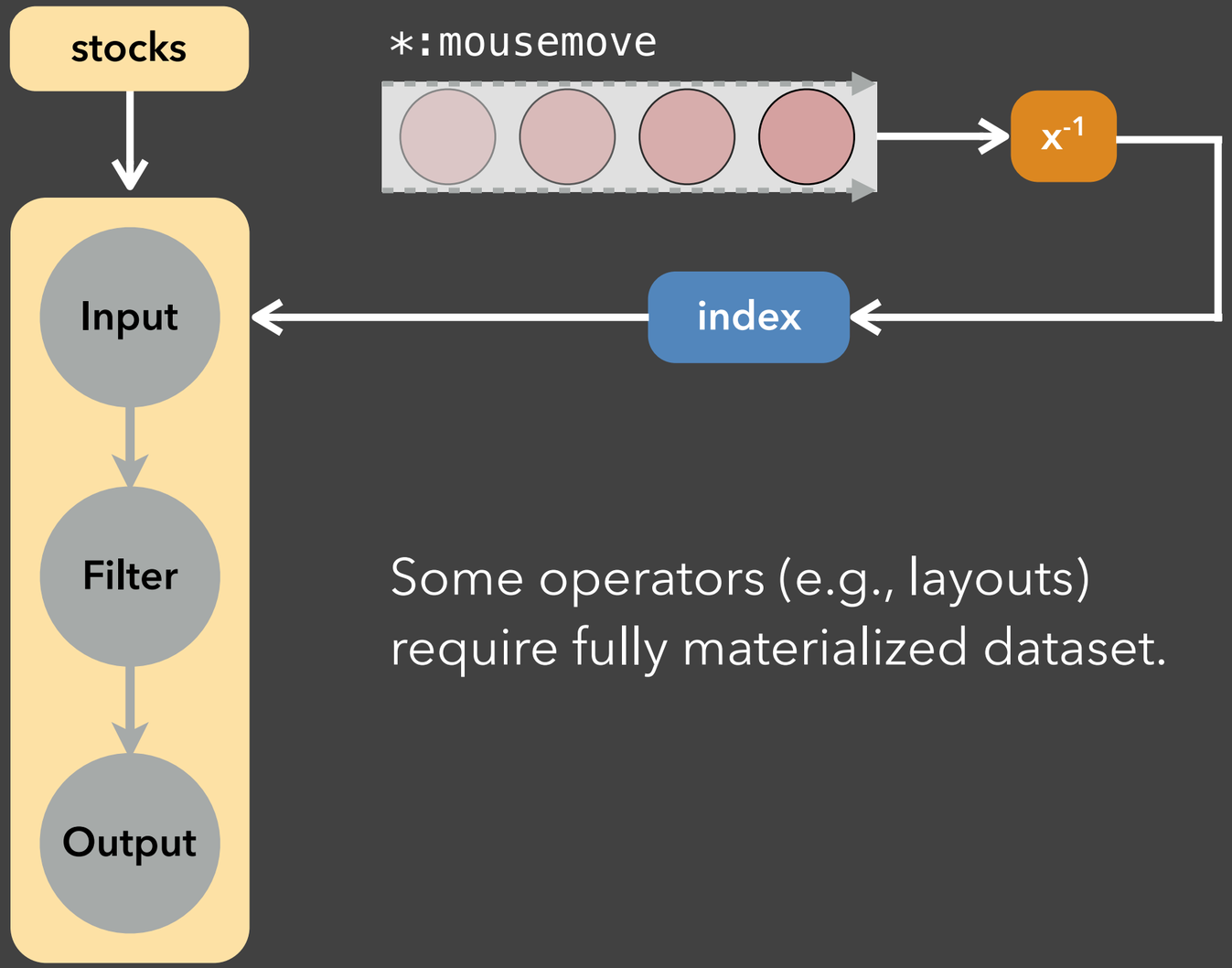

Some operators (e.g., layouts) require fully materialized dataset.

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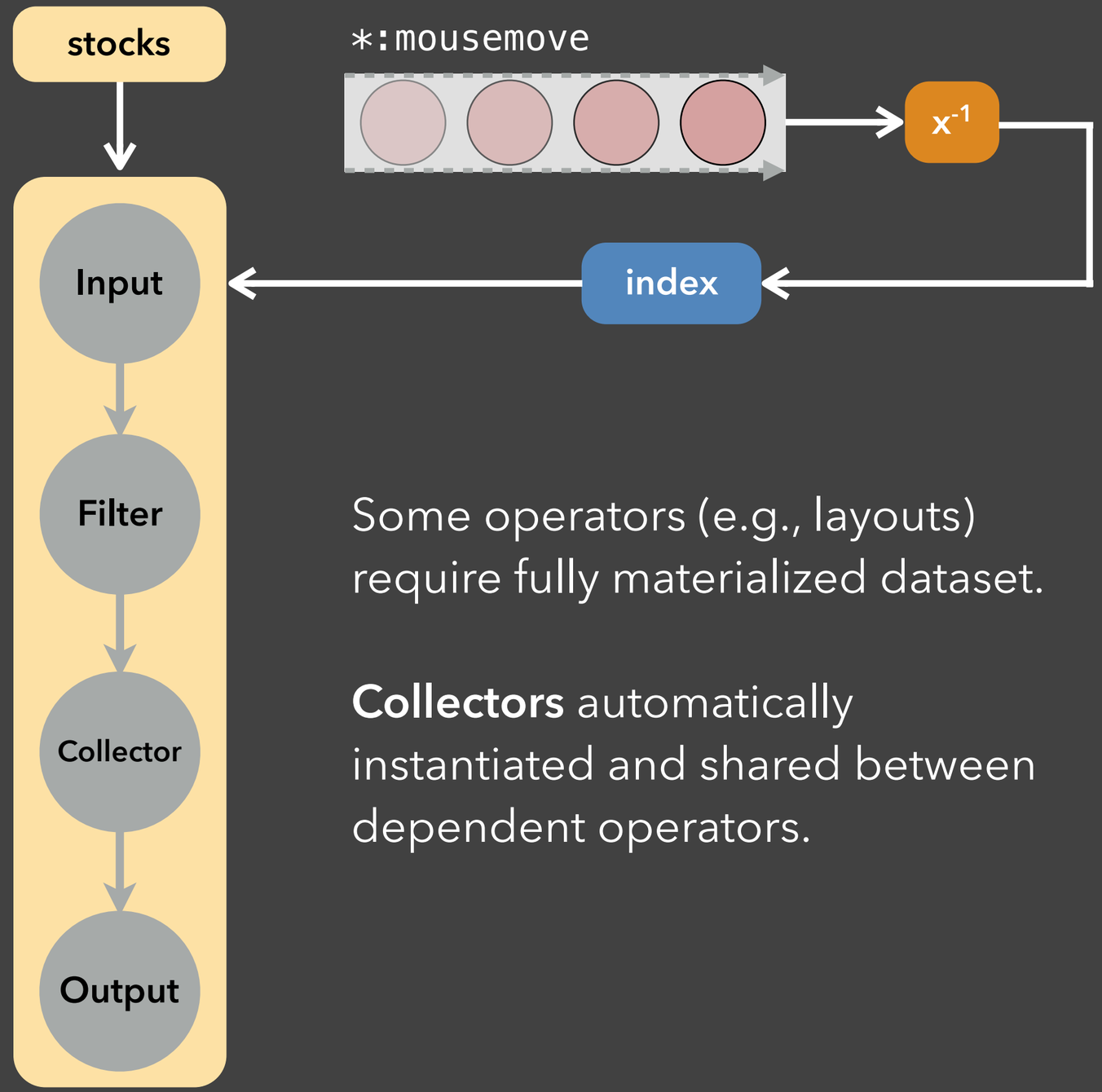
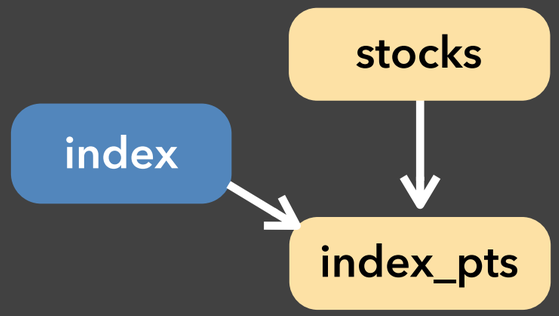


Some operators (e.g., layouts) require fully materialized dataset.

Collectors automatically instantiated and shared between dependent operators.

Compile Time

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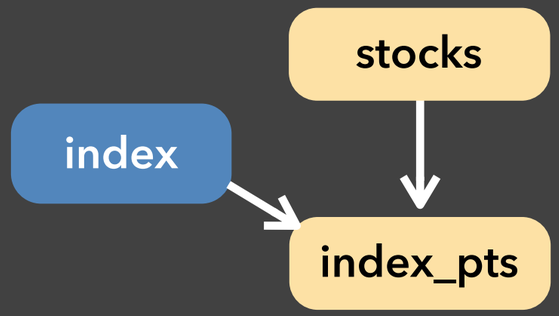


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      "source": "stocks",
      "transform": [
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          "on": "index_pts", ...},
        { "type": "formula",
          "field": "price_norm",
          "expr": ... }
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    }
  ]
}
```

Compile Time

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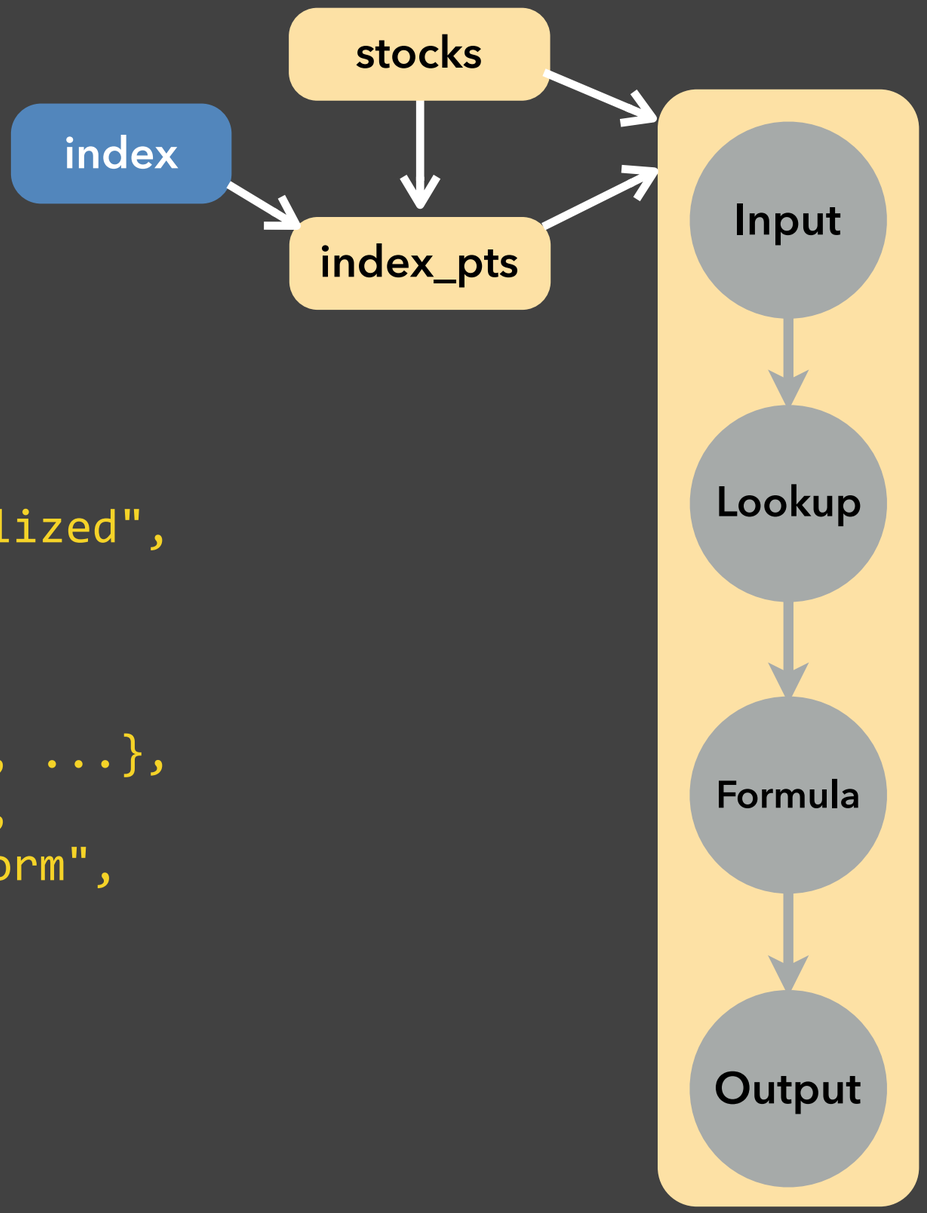

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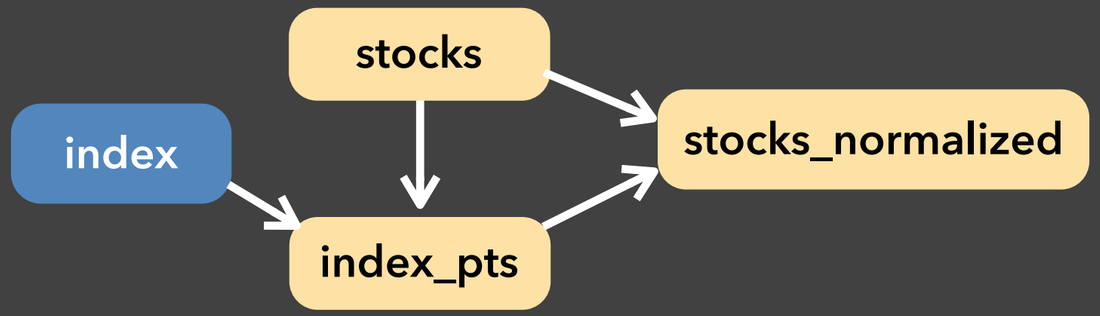


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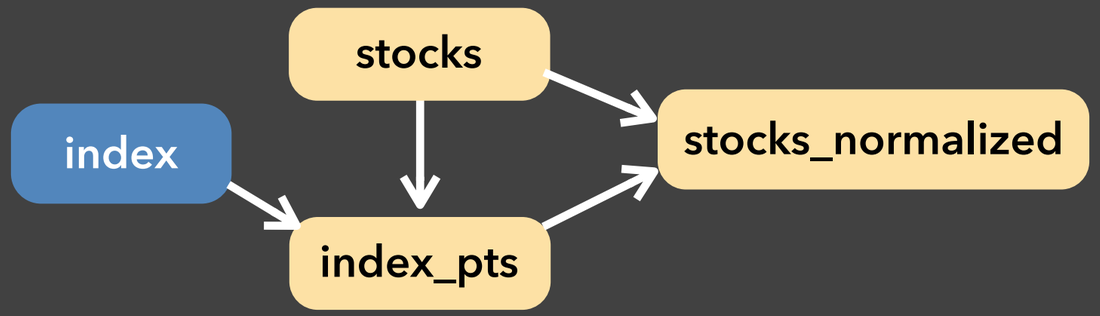


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}
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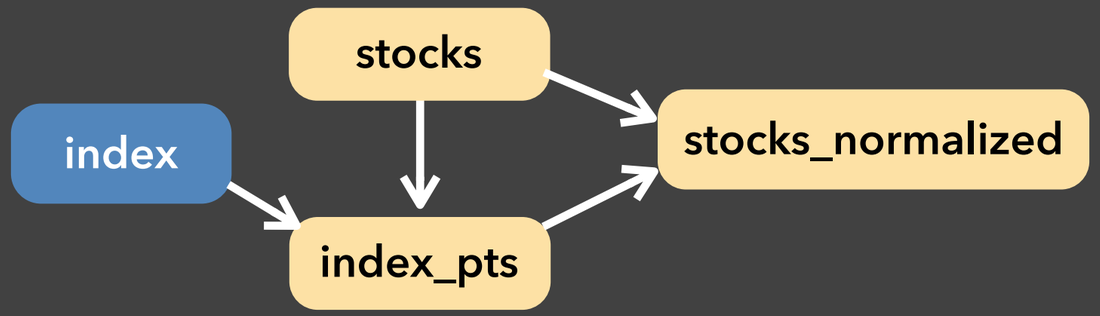


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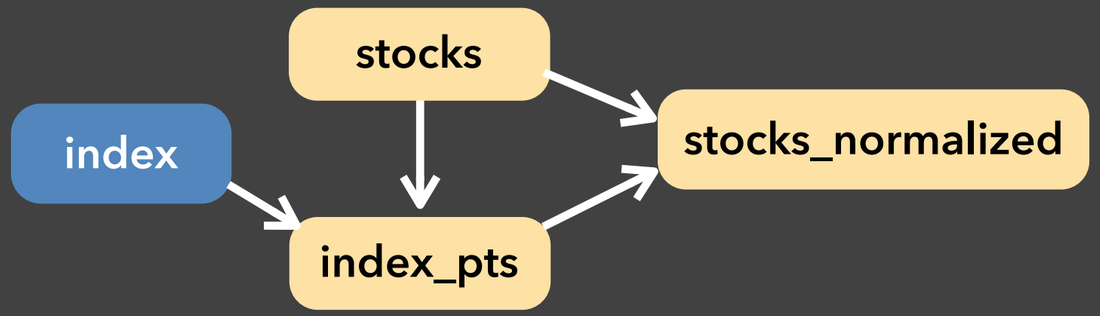

Scene-Root Builder

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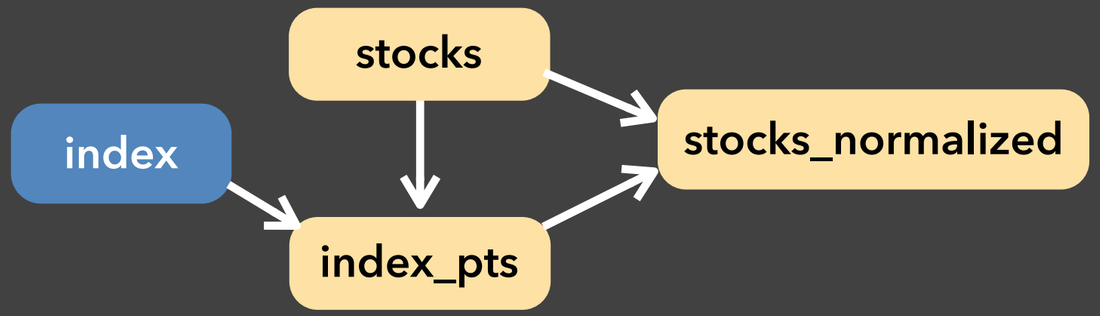


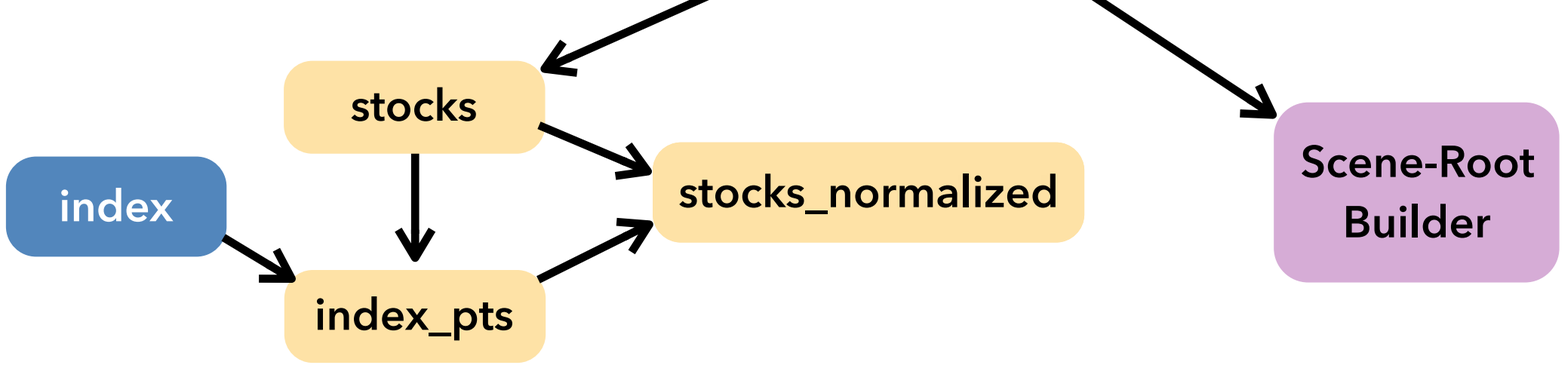
Scene-Root Builder

At compile-time, we do not know what data we will see.

What are the different ticker symbols?
How many facets will be constructed?
How will groups build out with nested children?

Dynamic Self-Instantiating Dataflows.
Operators extend/prune dataflow branches at runtime.

Run Time

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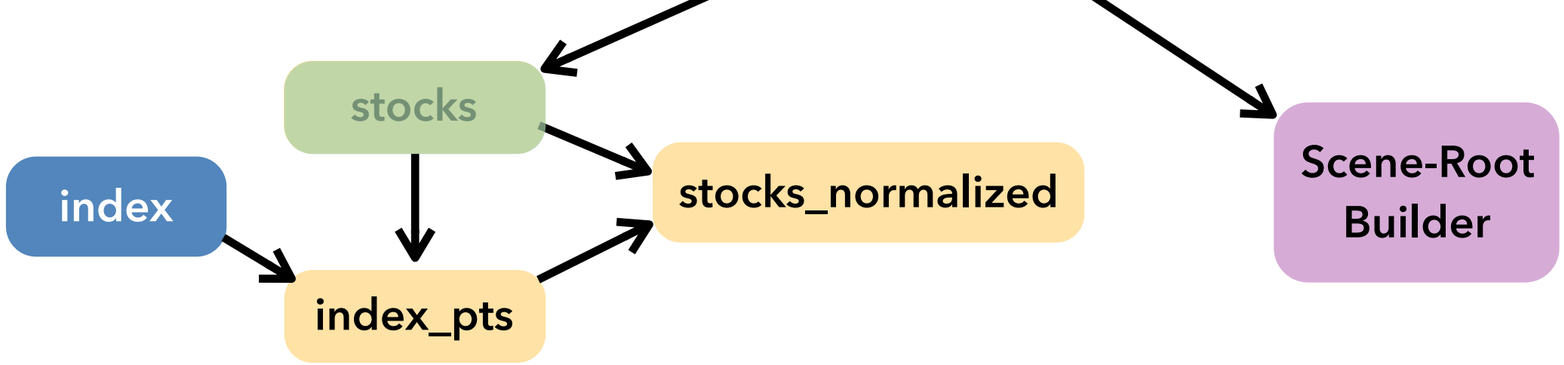


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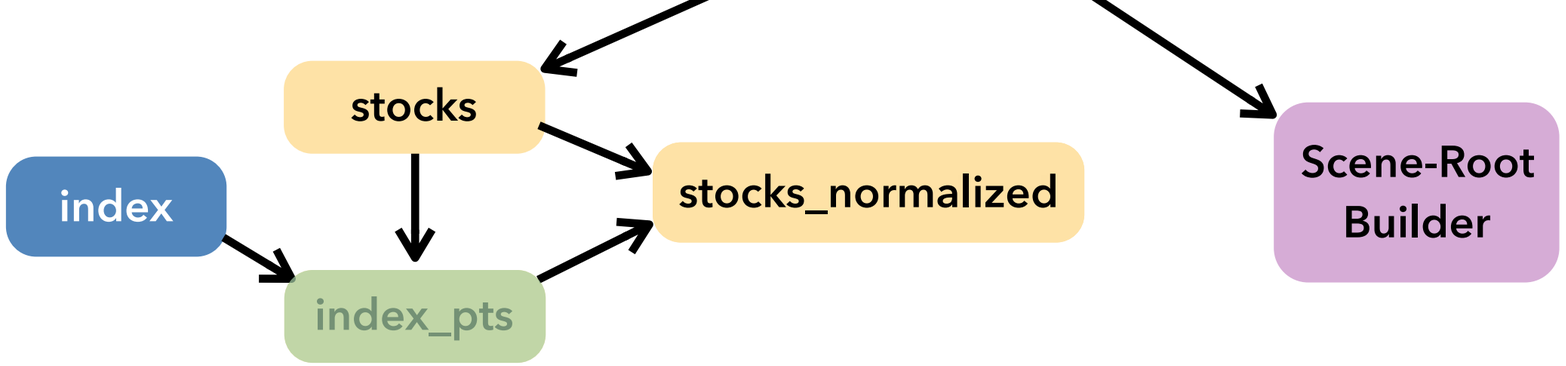


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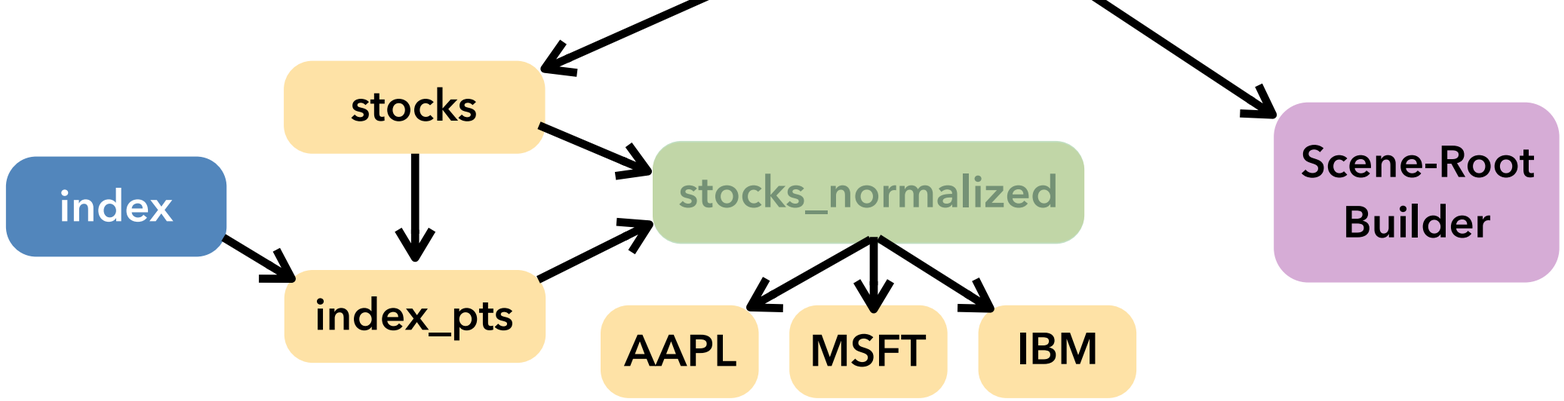

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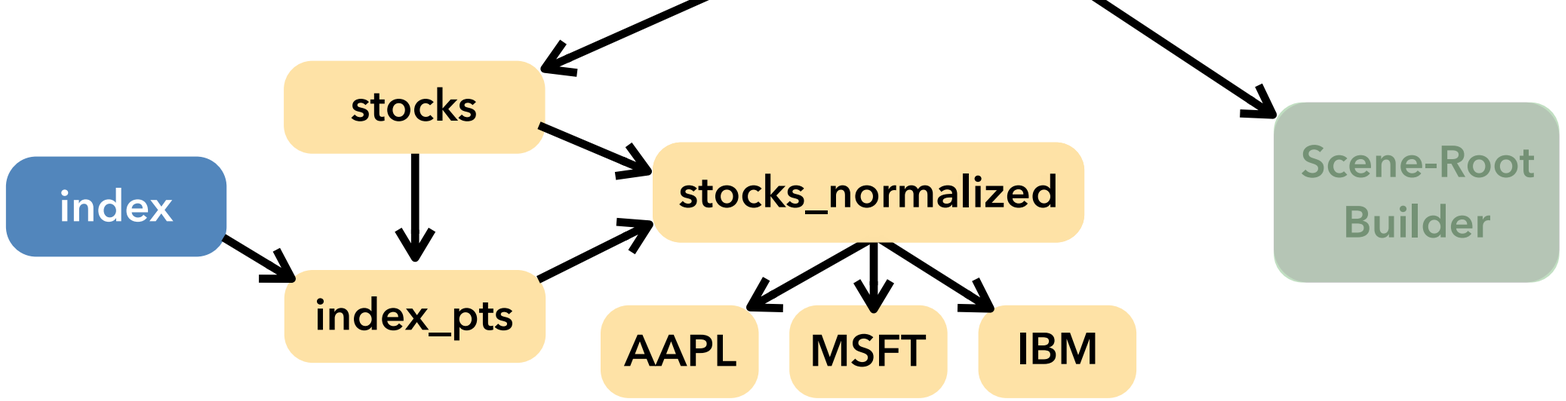

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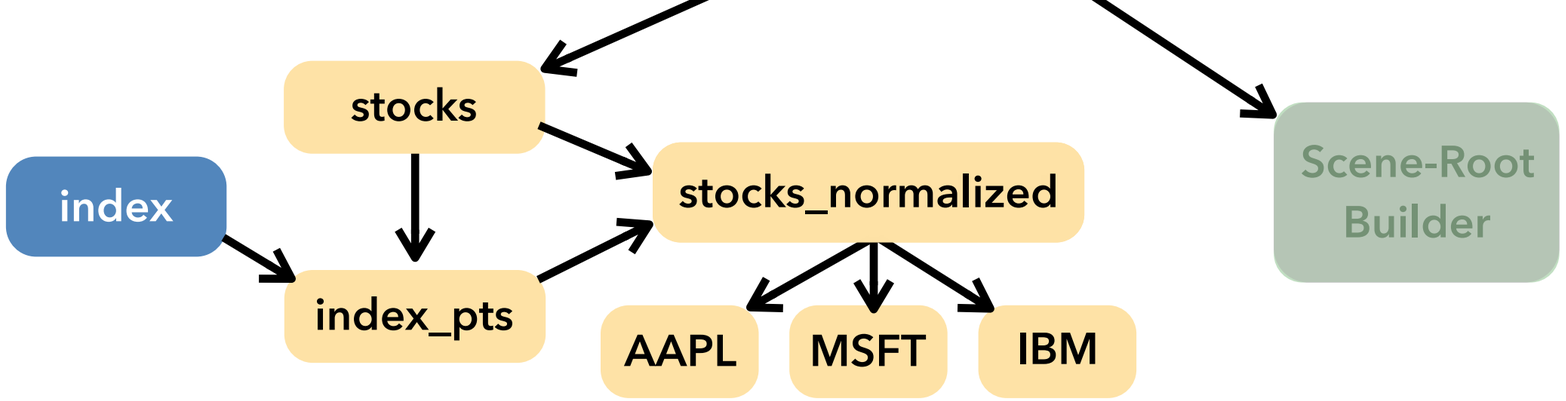

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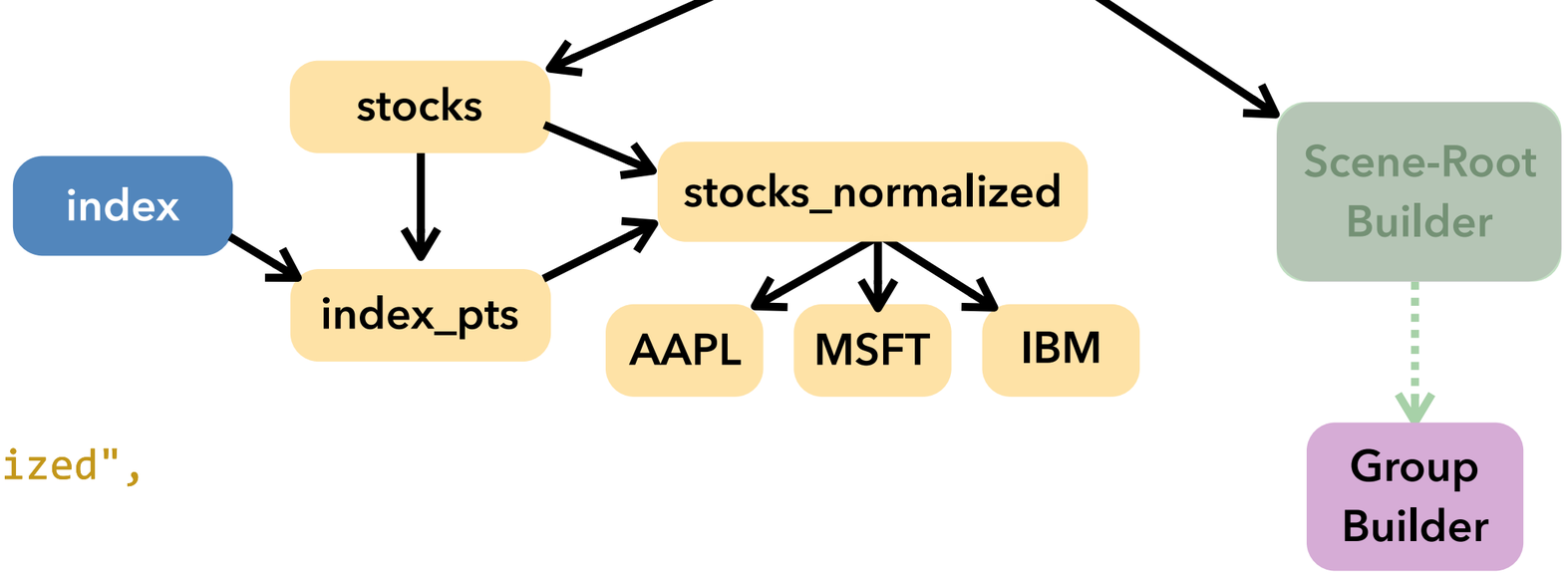

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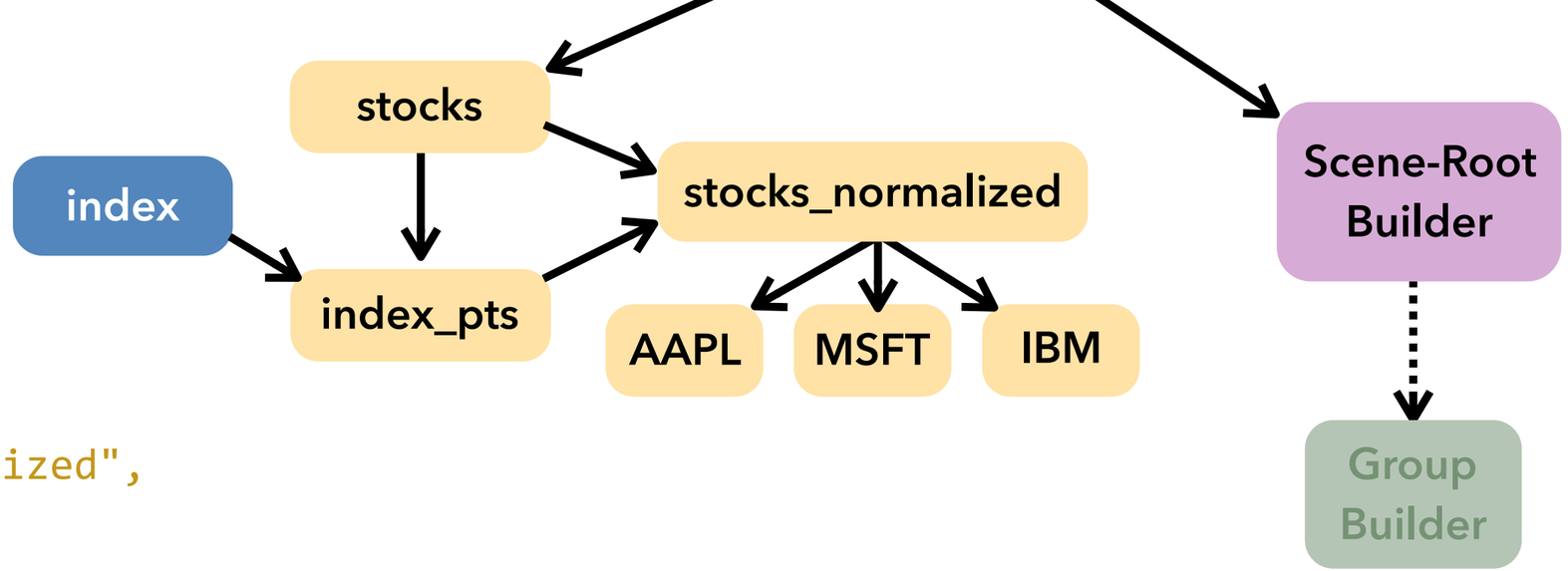

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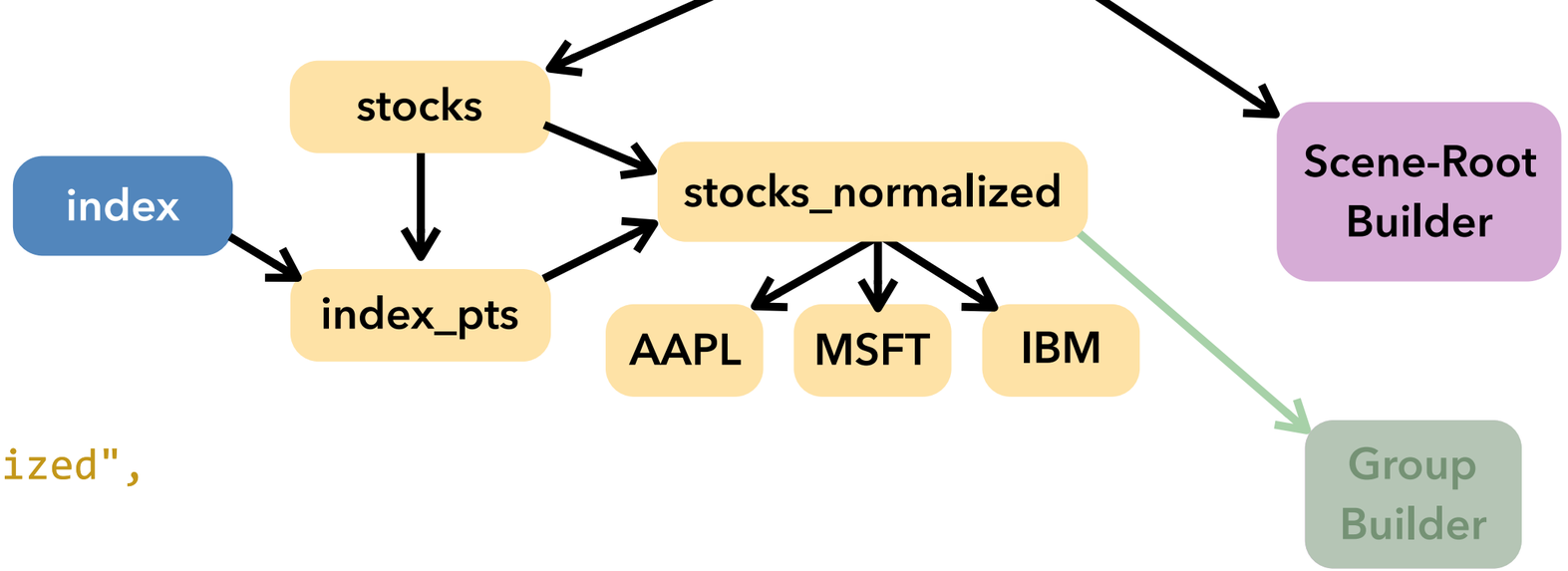

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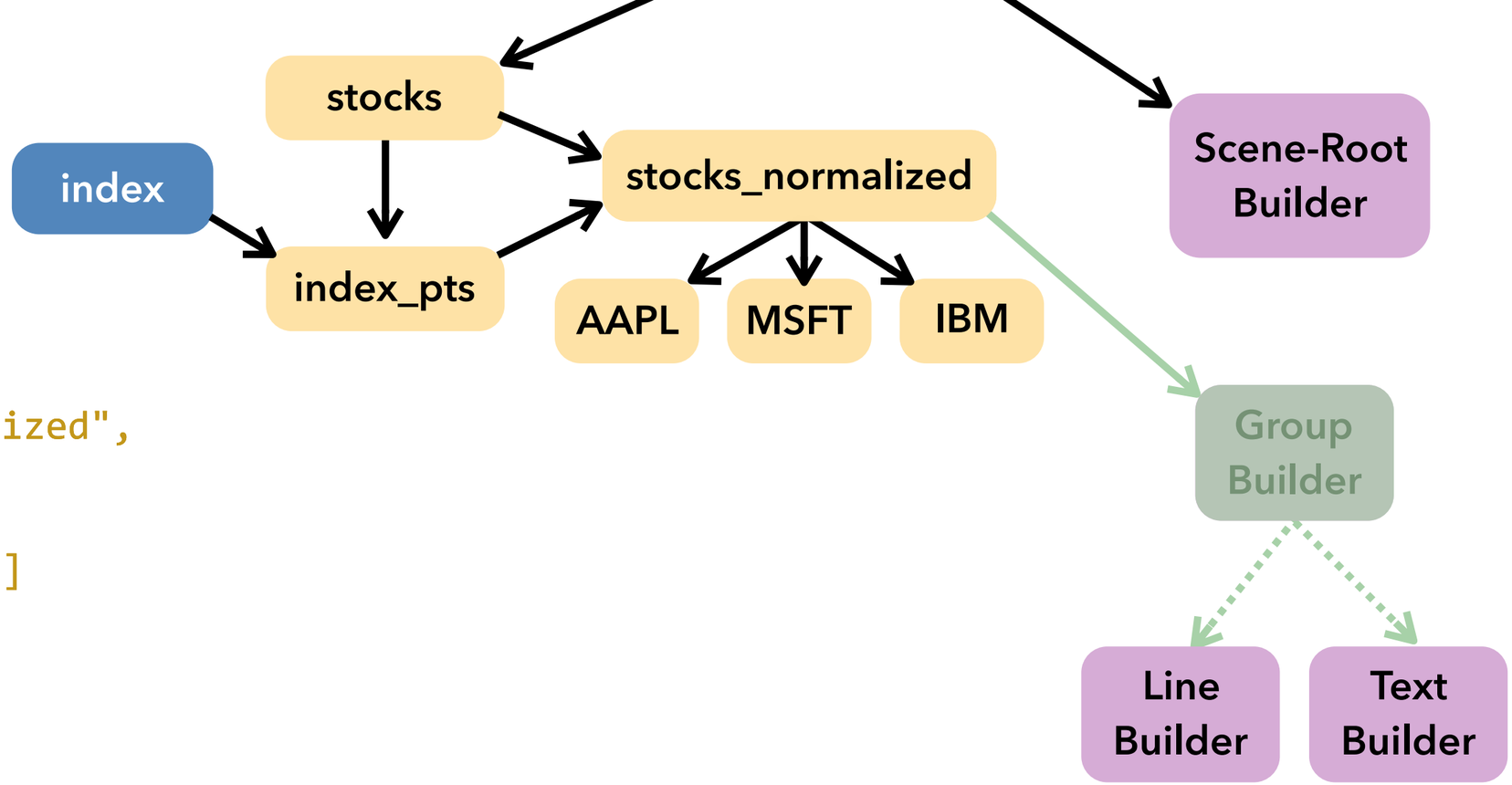

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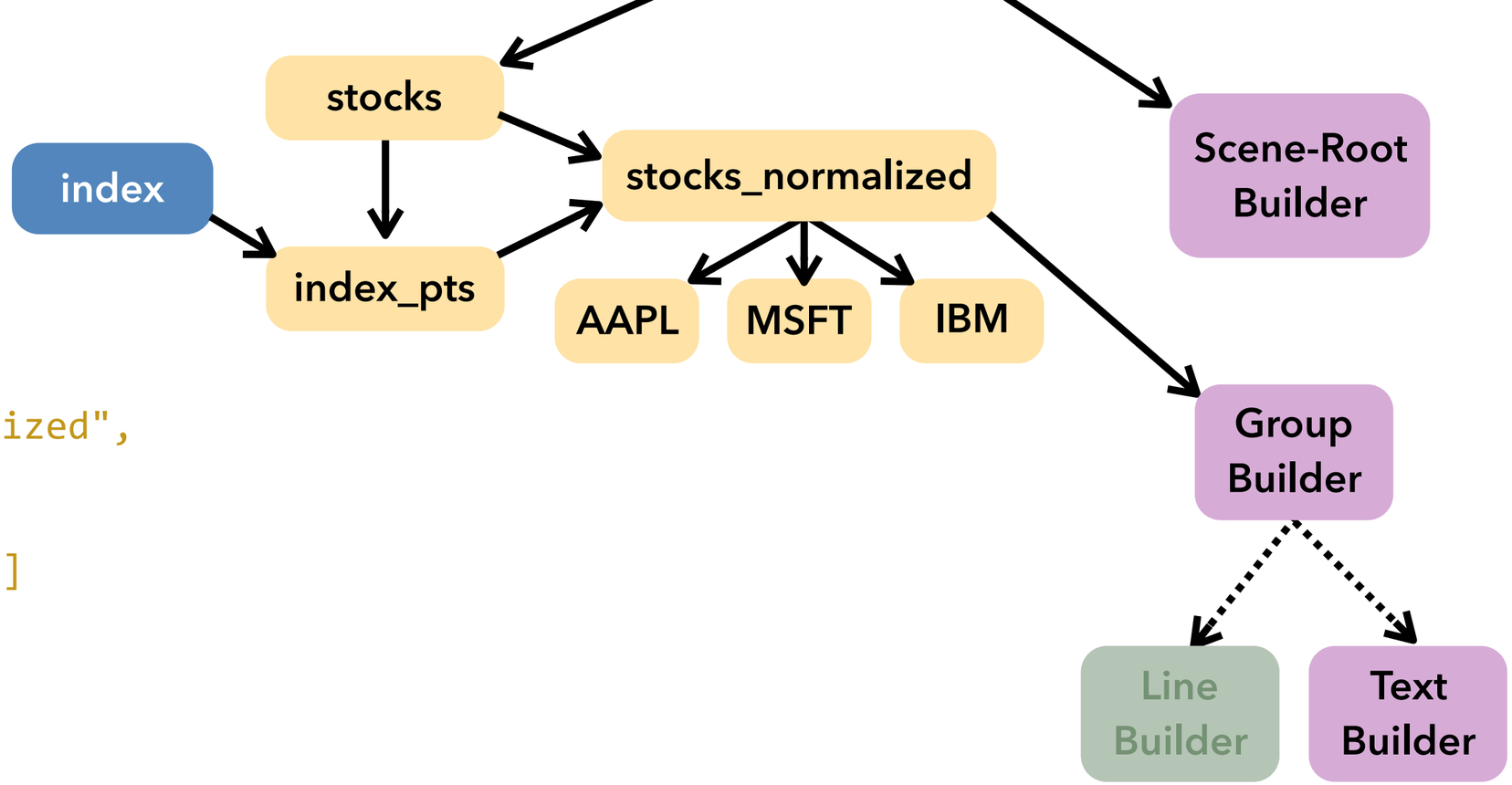

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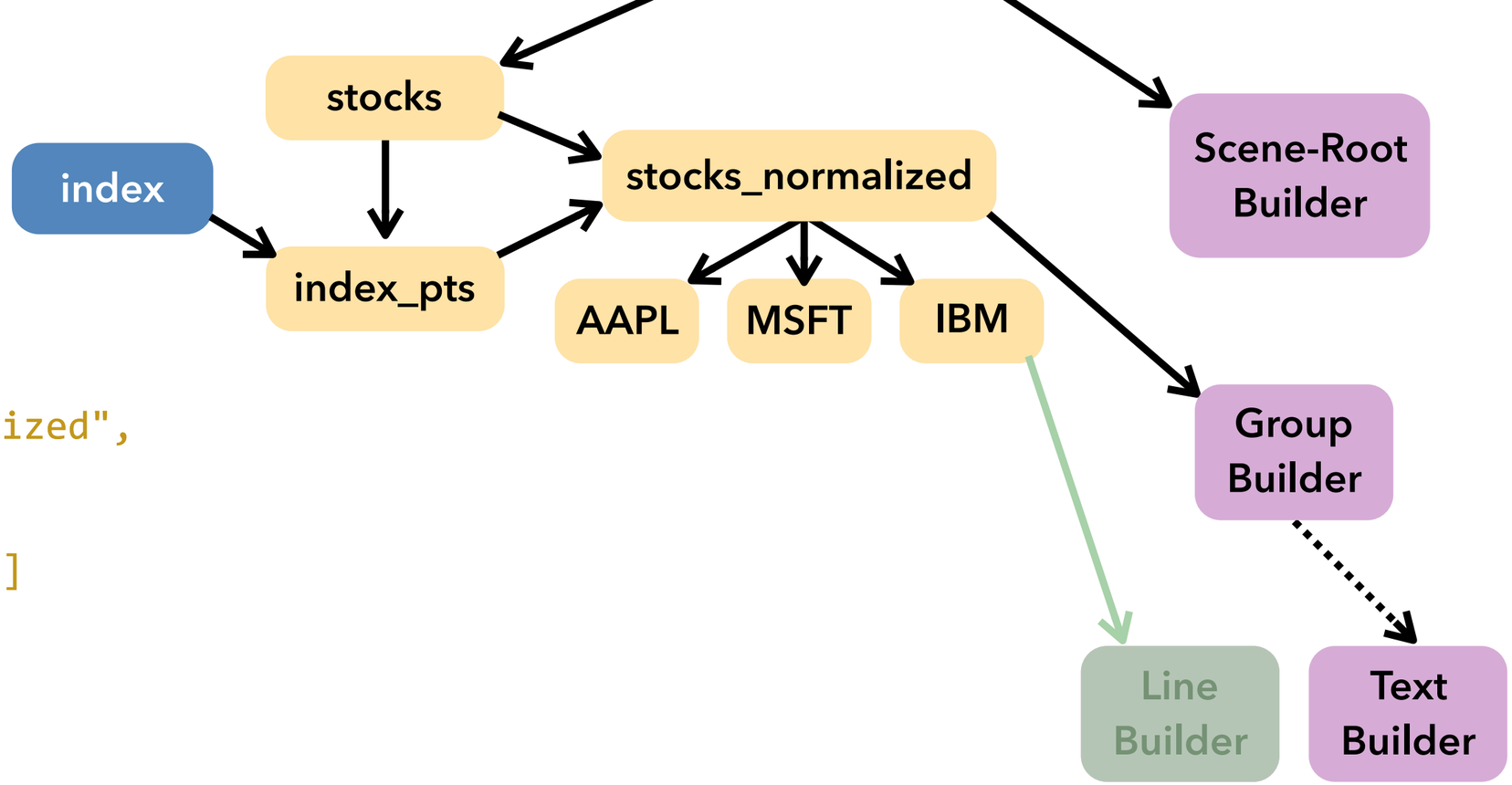

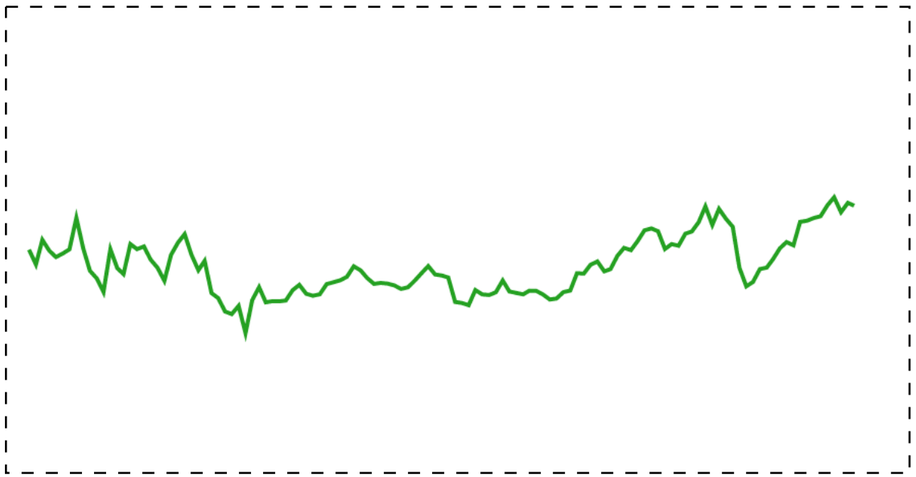

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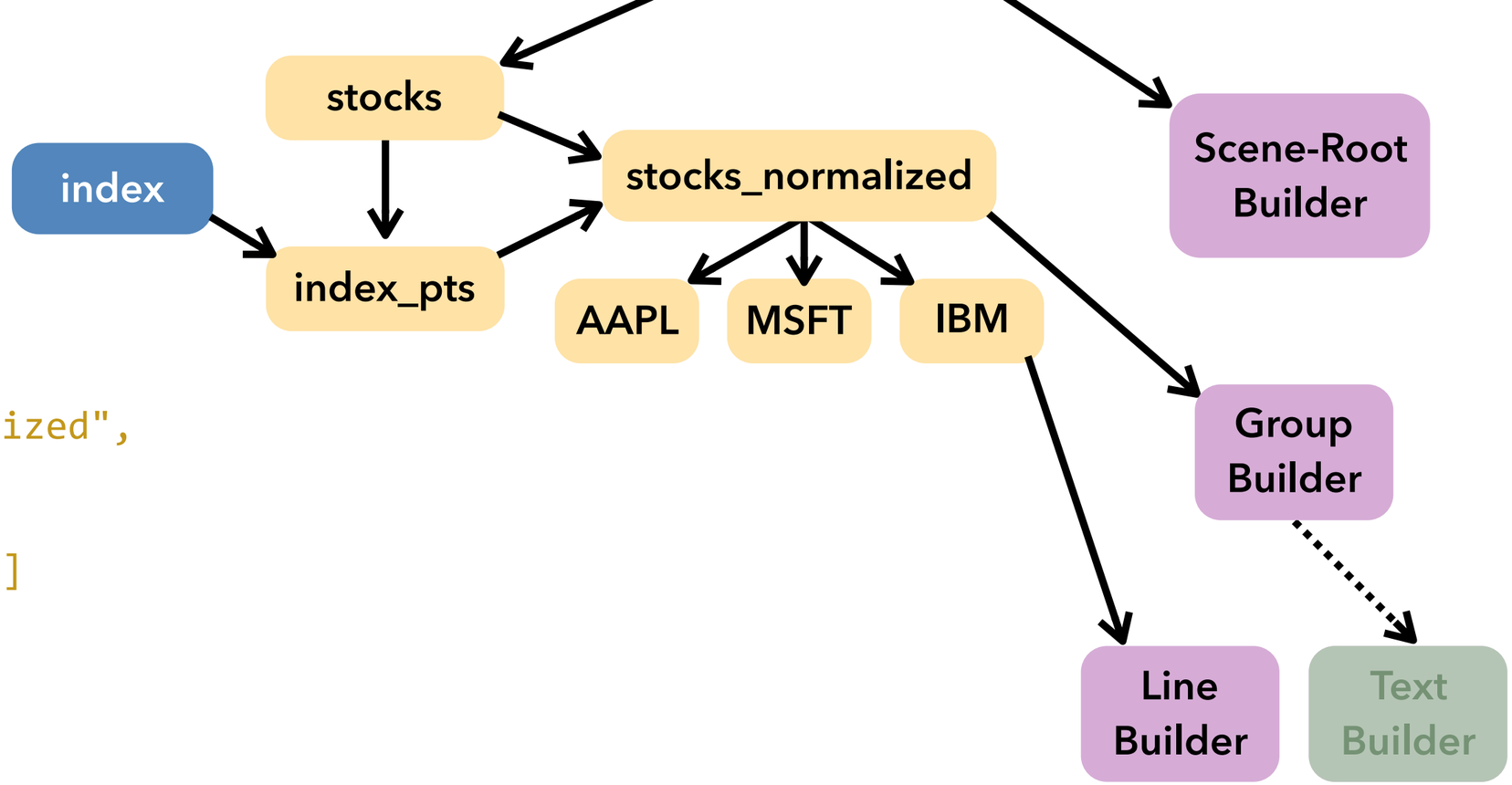

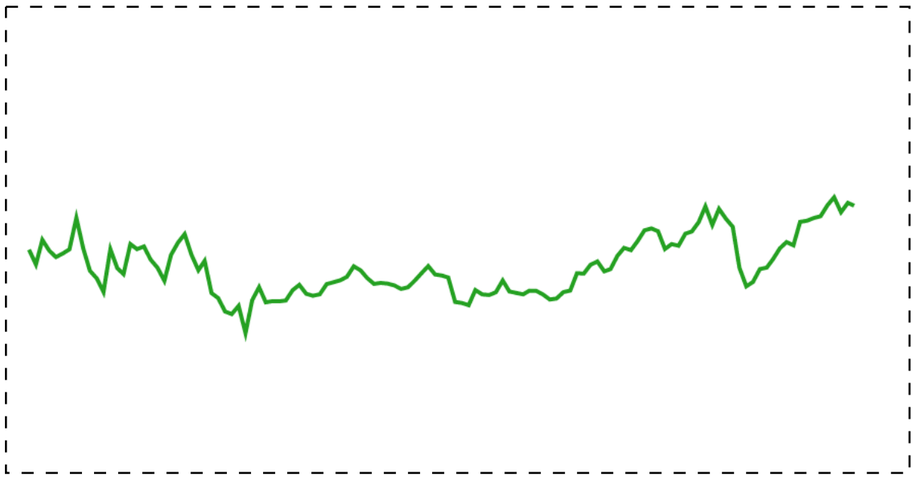

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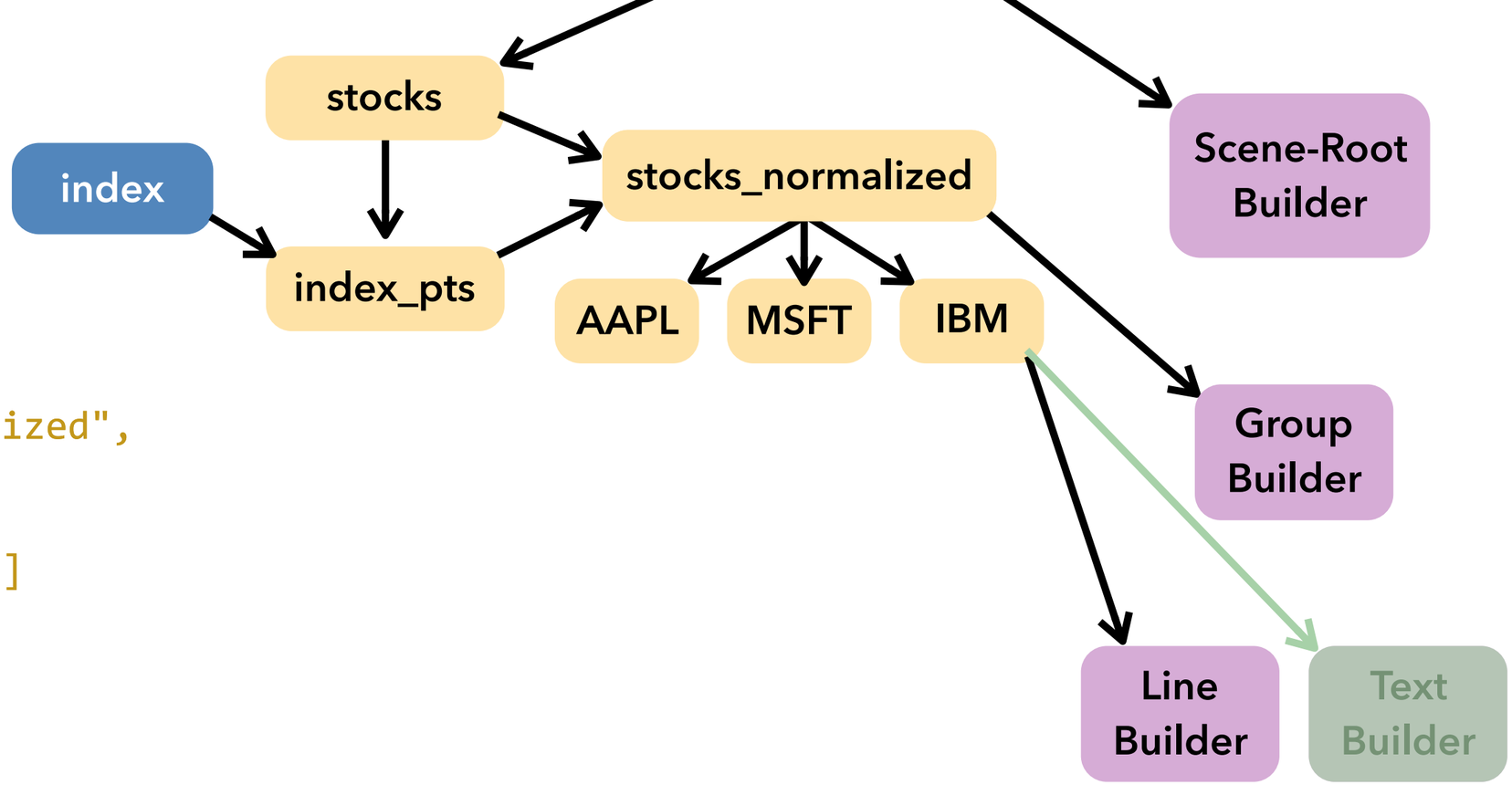

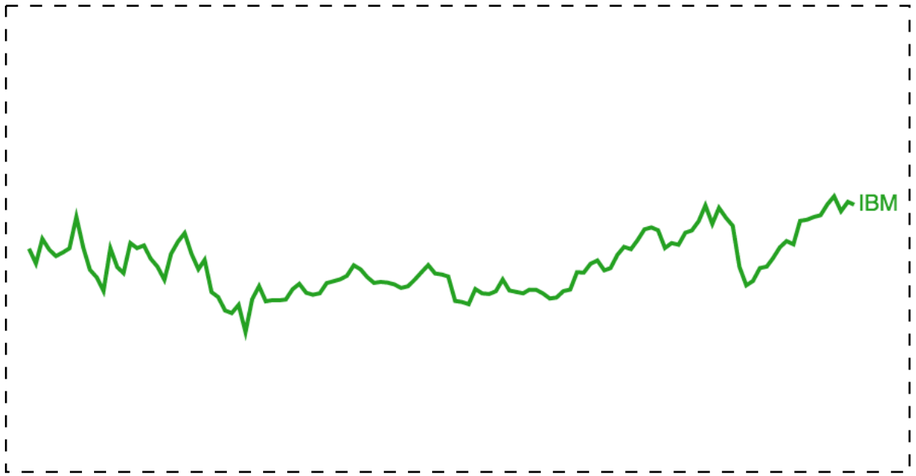

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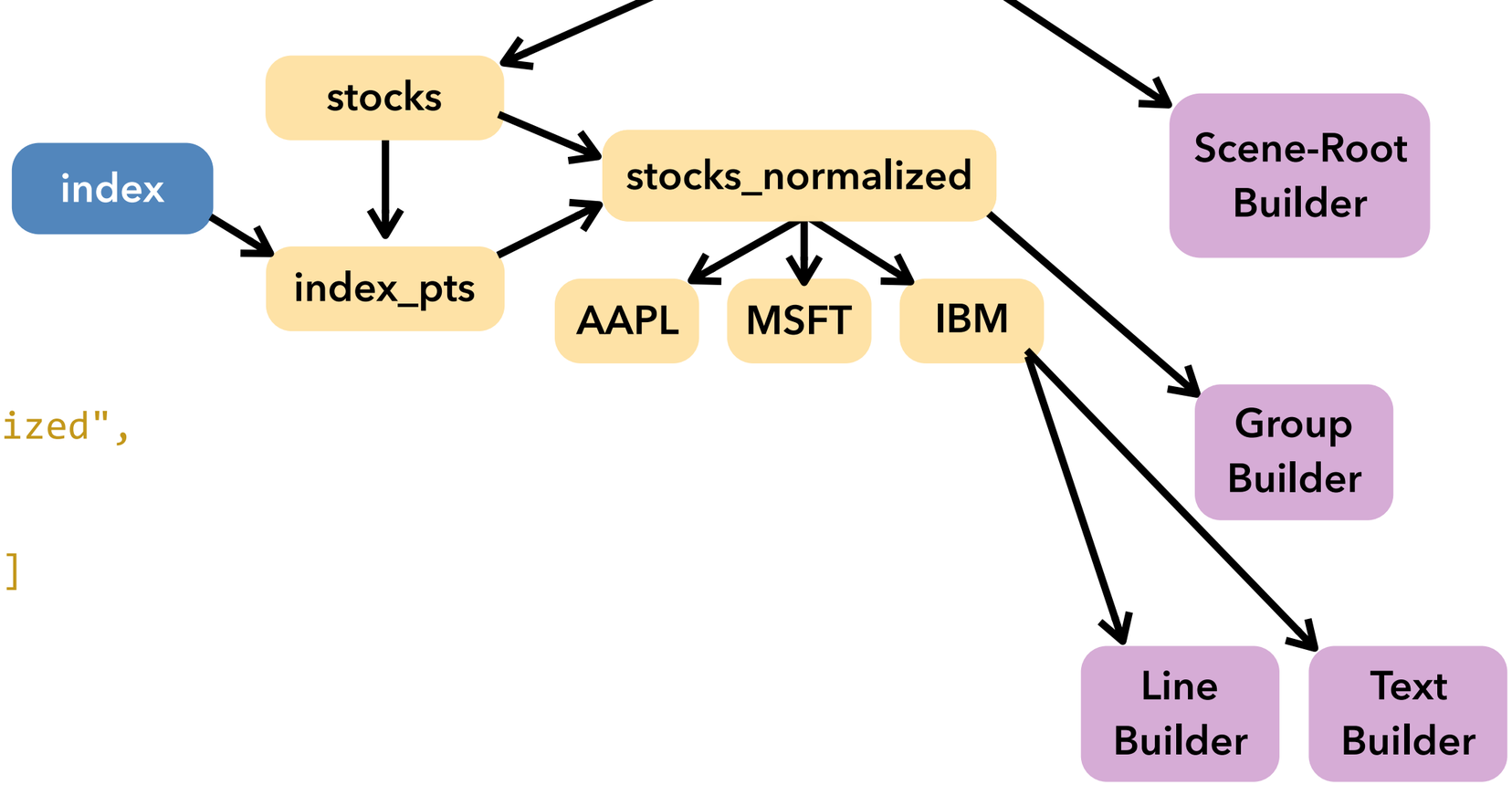

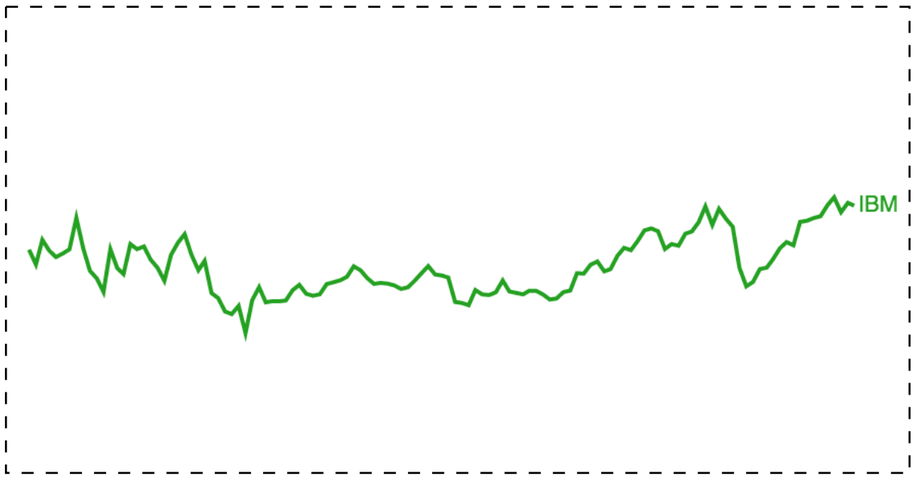

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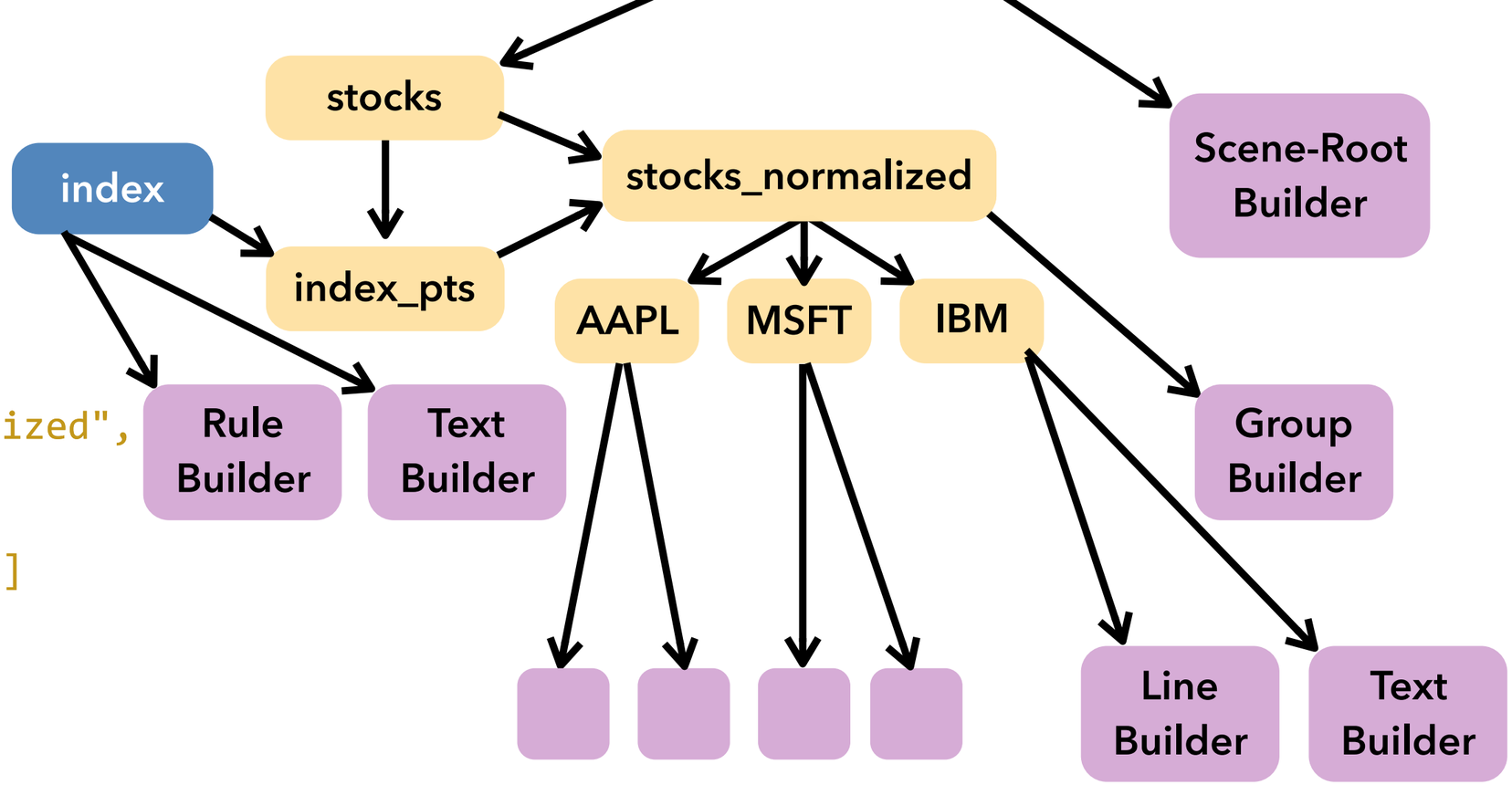

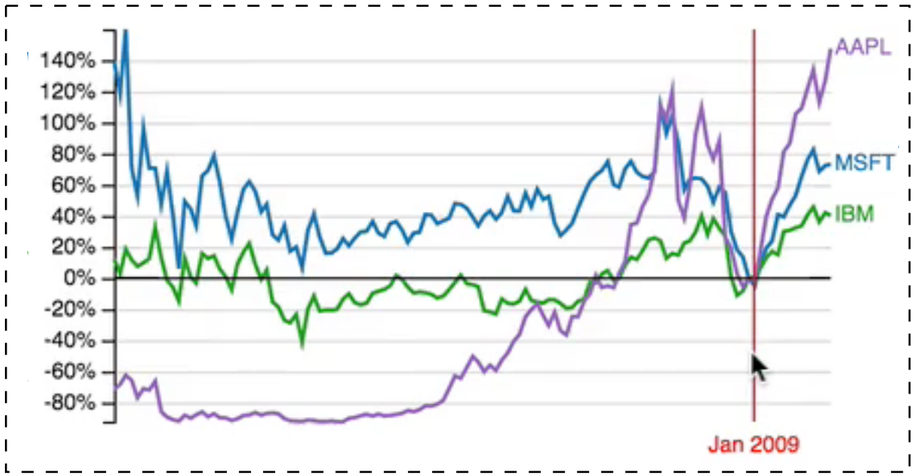

What about performance?

~2x faster than D3.

Full benchmark studies in the paper and online:
http://github.com/vega/vega-benchmarks

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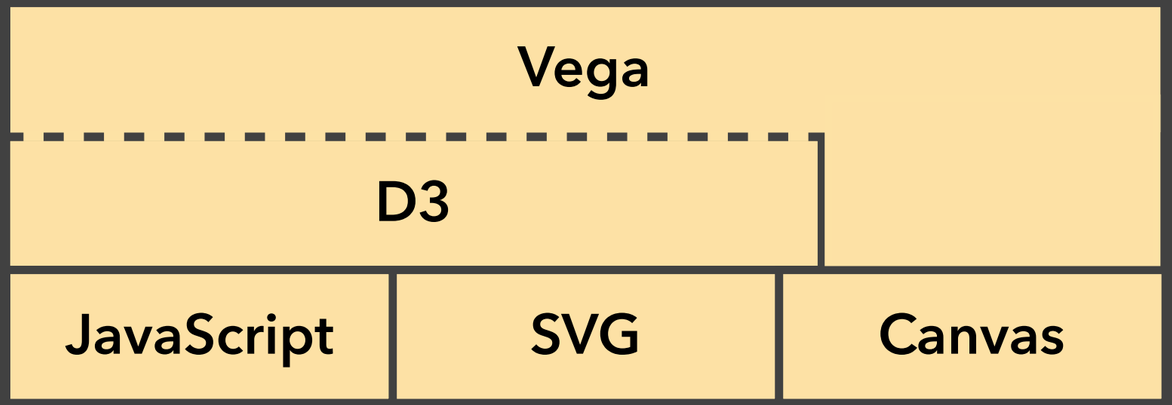

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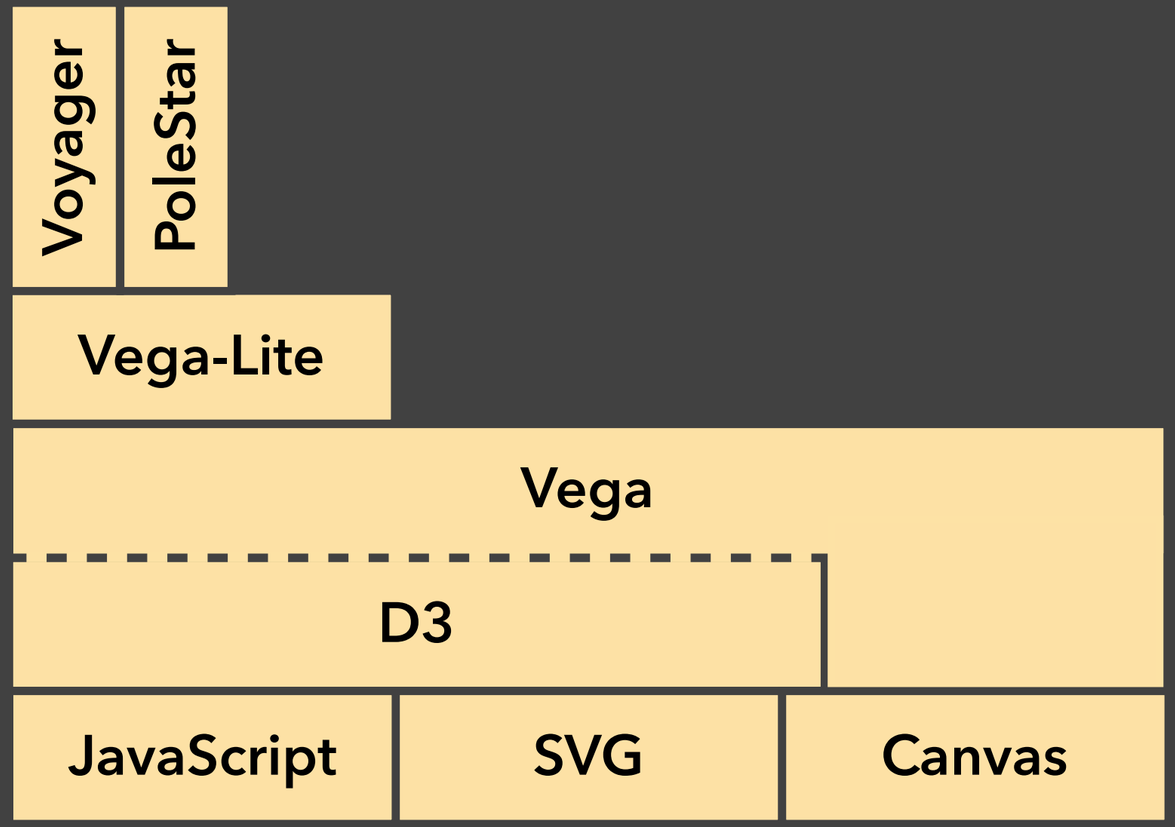

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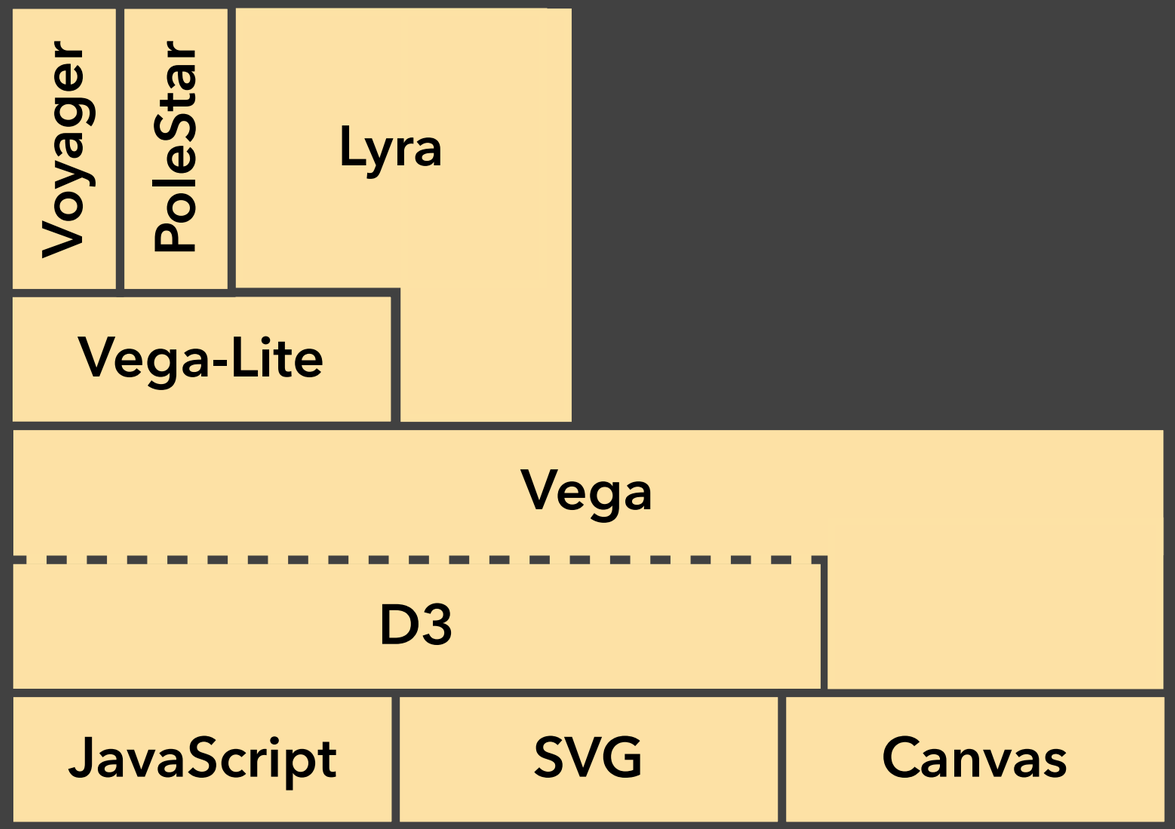
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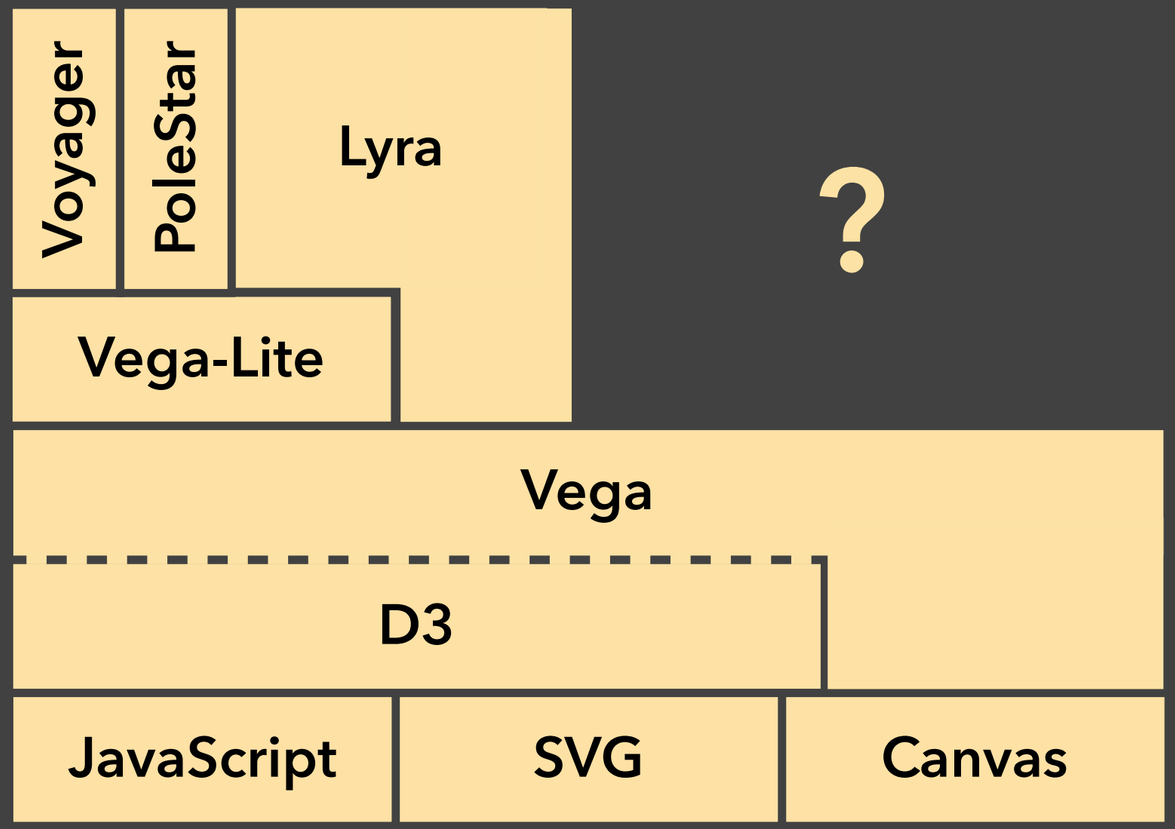
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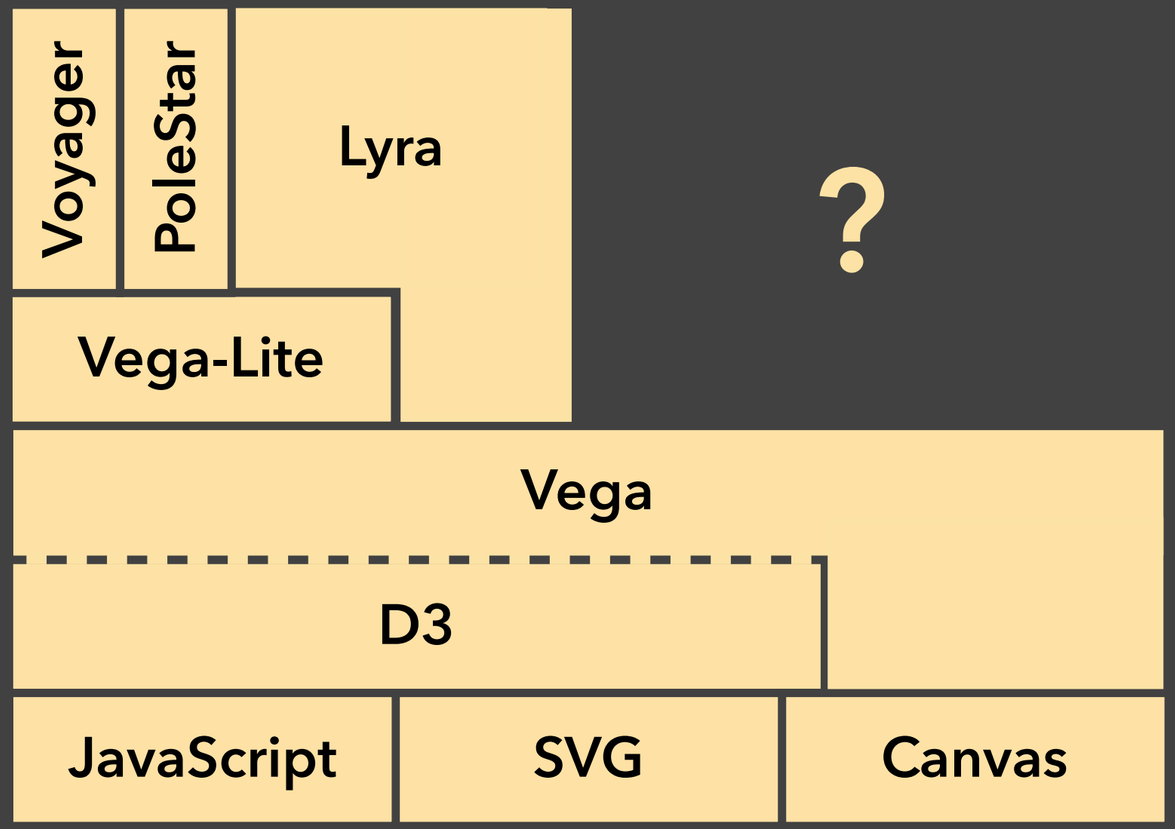

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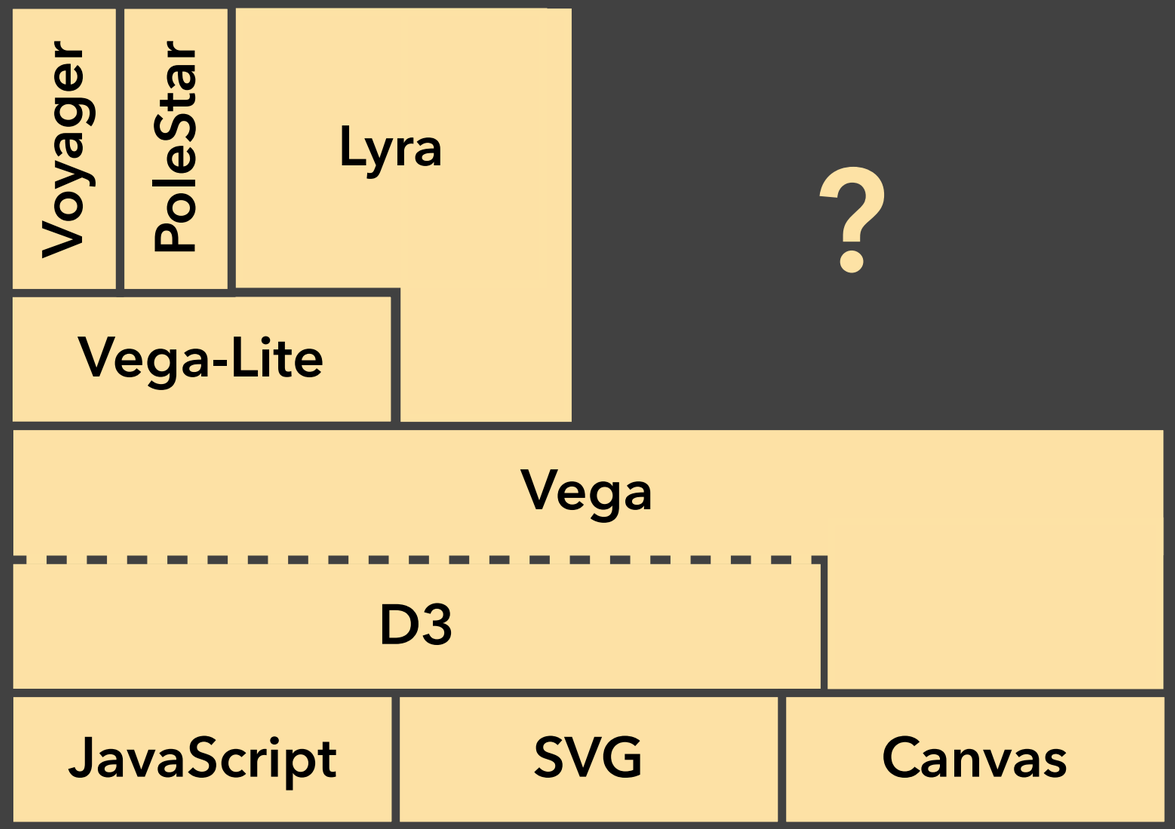
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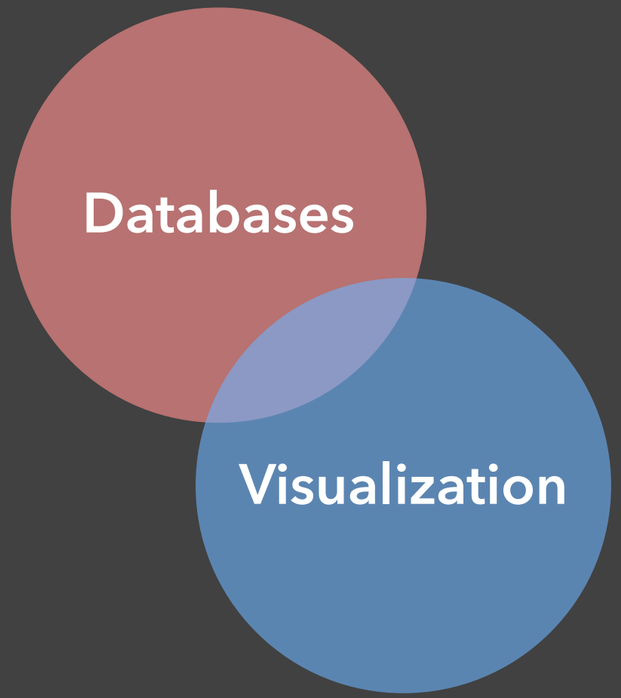
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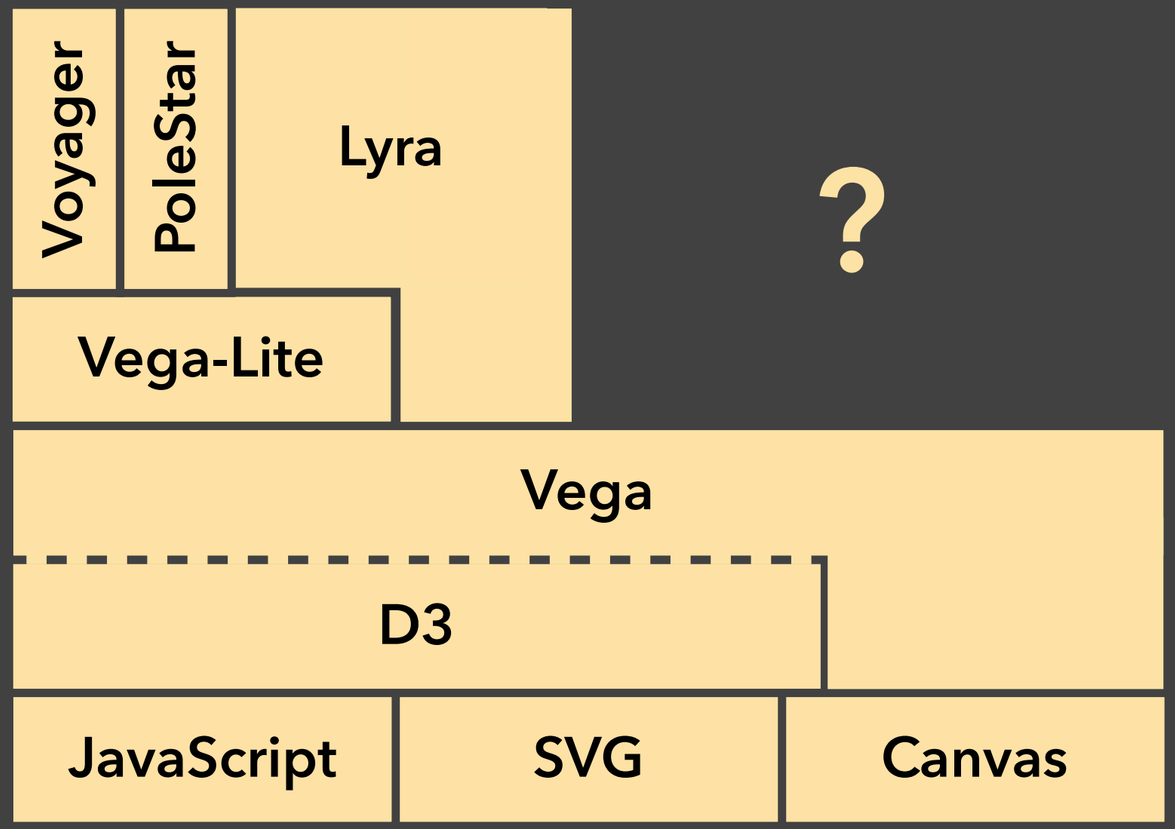
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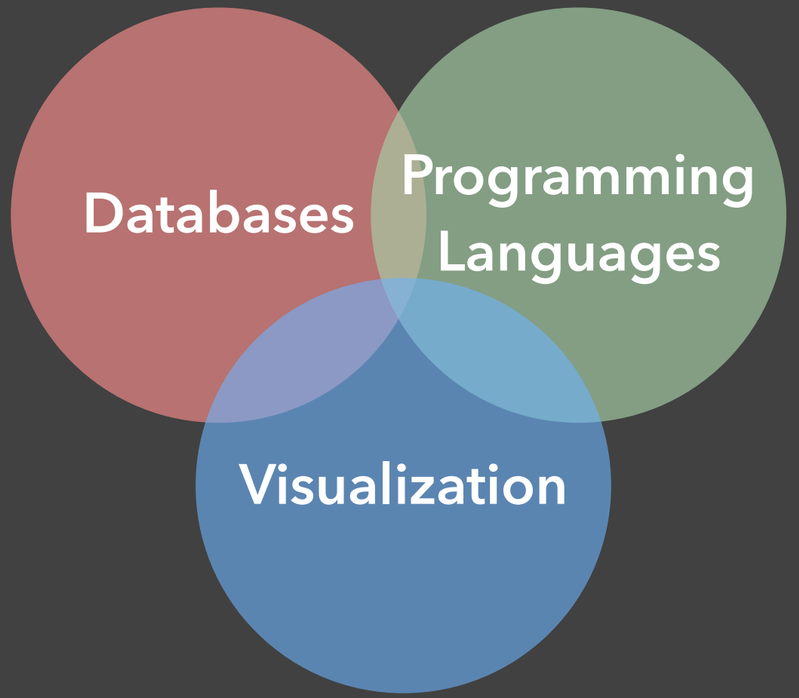
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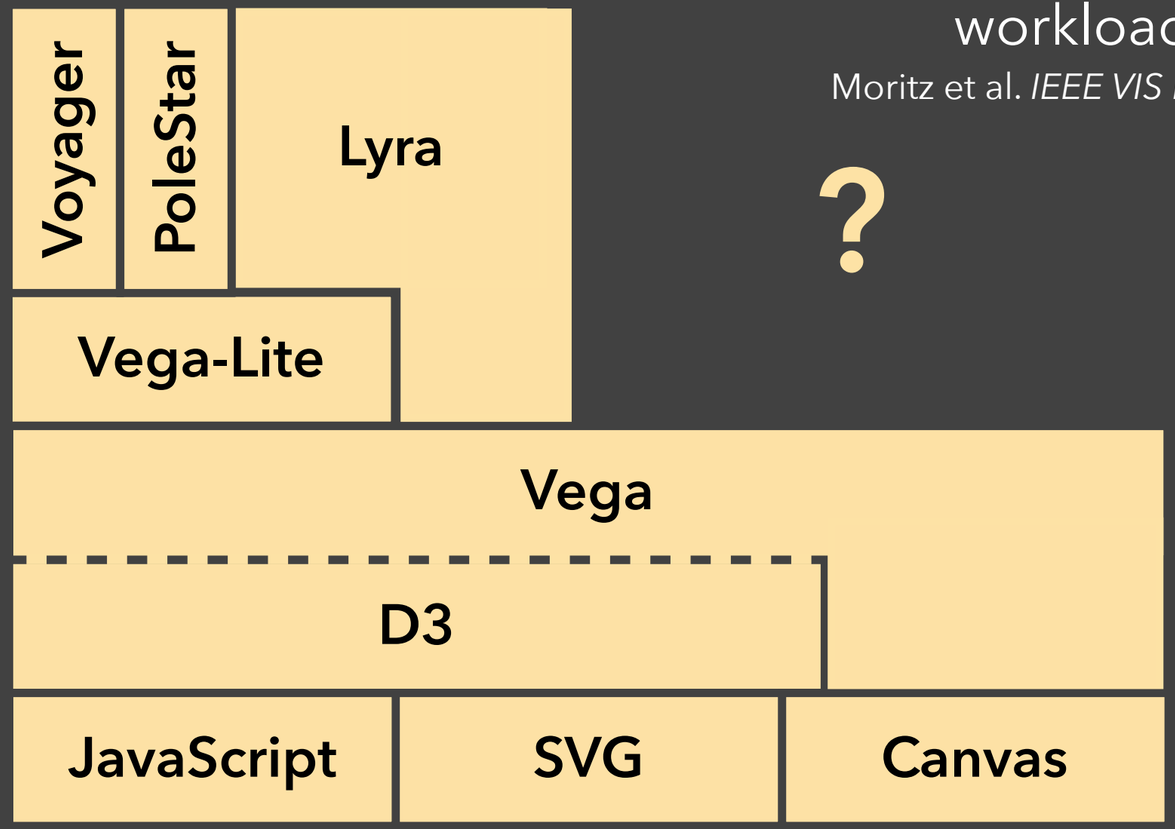

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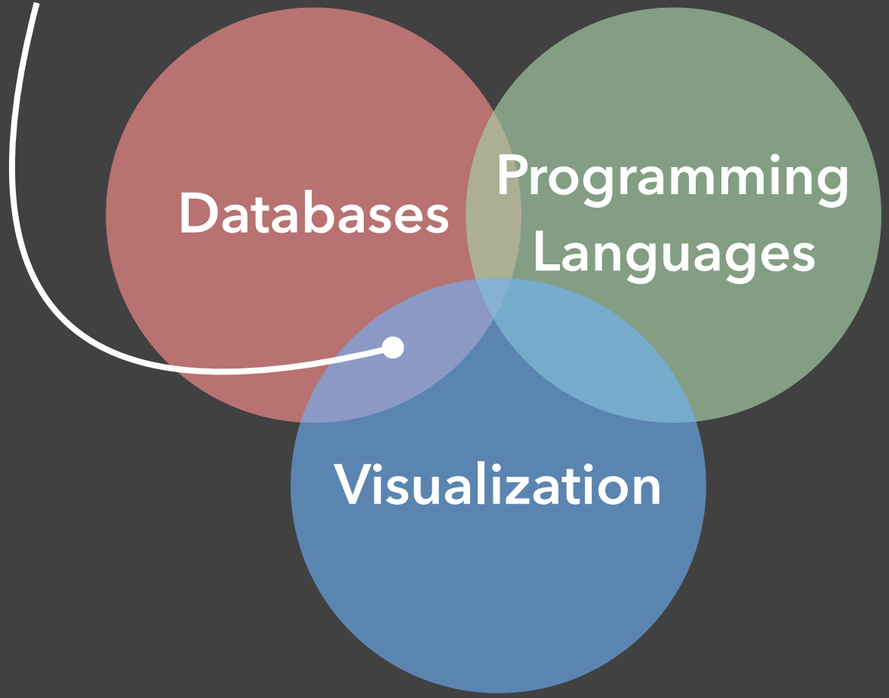

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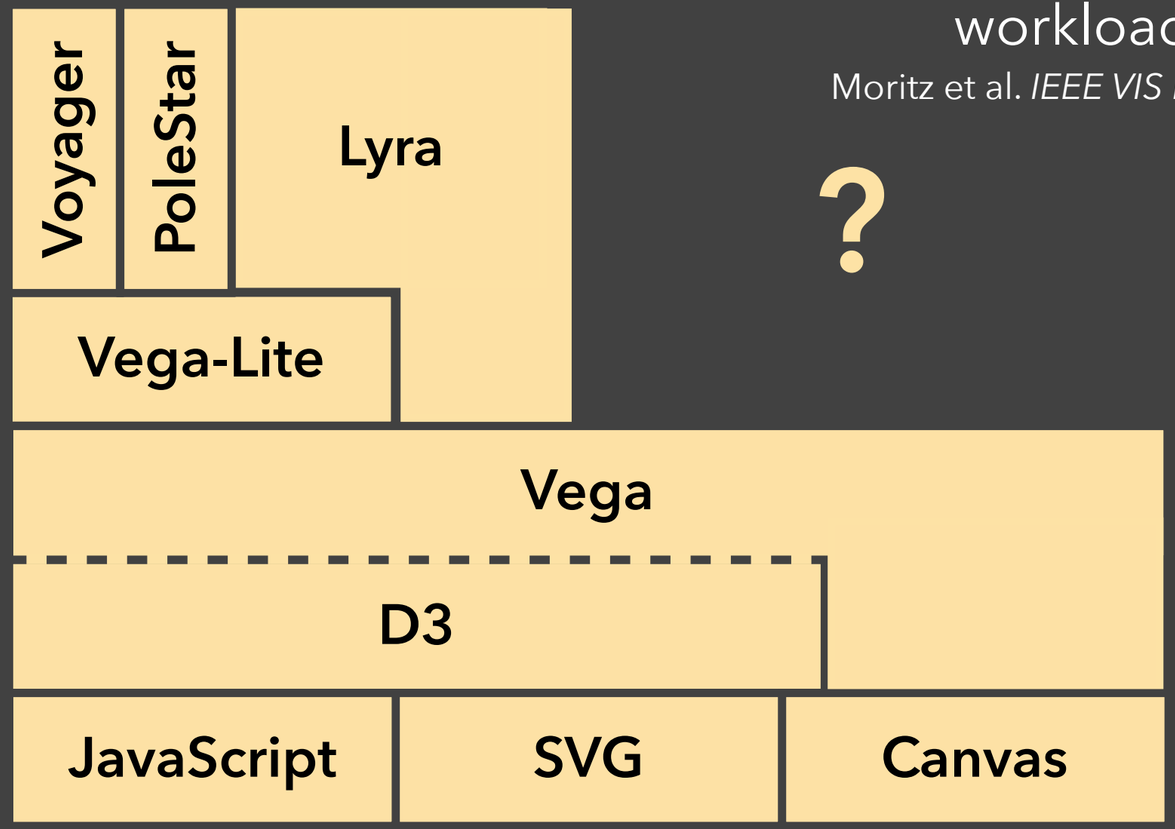

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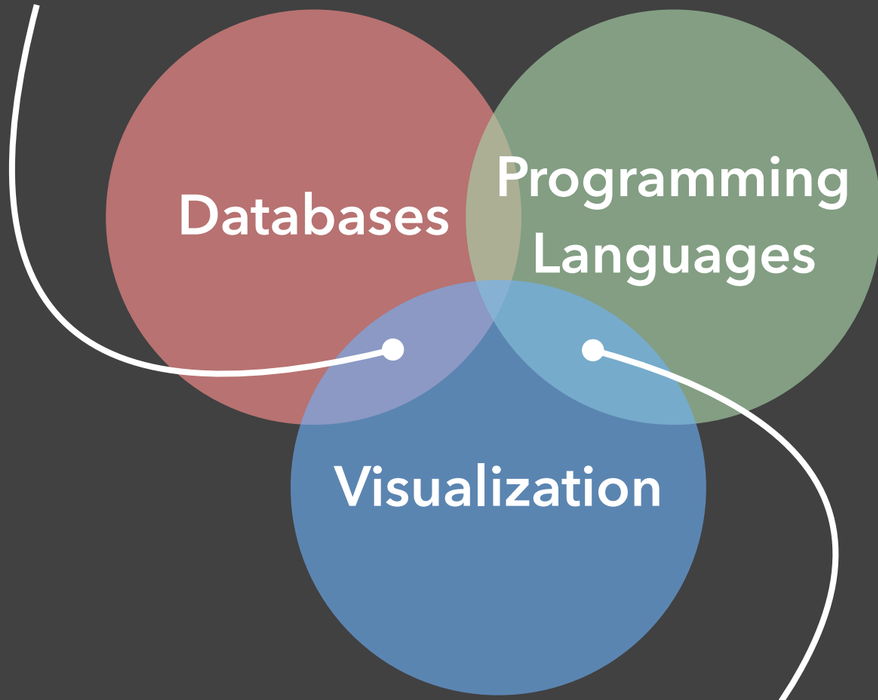
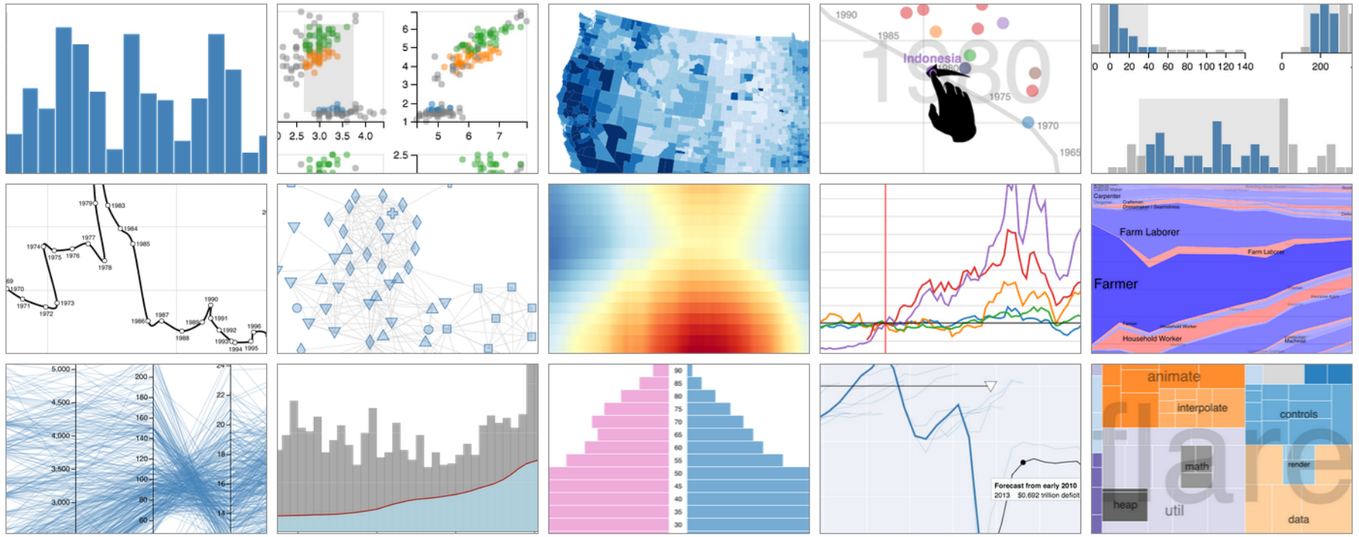


What are **higher-level languages** for interaction design?

Can **visual debugging tools** improve learnability of declarative specification?

vega

vega.min.js
JSON Schema
GitHub



Vega is a *visualization grammar*, a declarative format for creating, saving, and sharing interactive visualization designs.

With Vega, you can describe the visual appearance and interactive behavior of a visualization in a JSON format, and generate views using HTML5 Canvas or SVG.

Read the tutorial, browse the documentation, and join the discussion. Click an example visualization above to explore it using the web-based Vega Editor.

vega.github.io/vega/