

OBSERVABLE APIs WITH Rx

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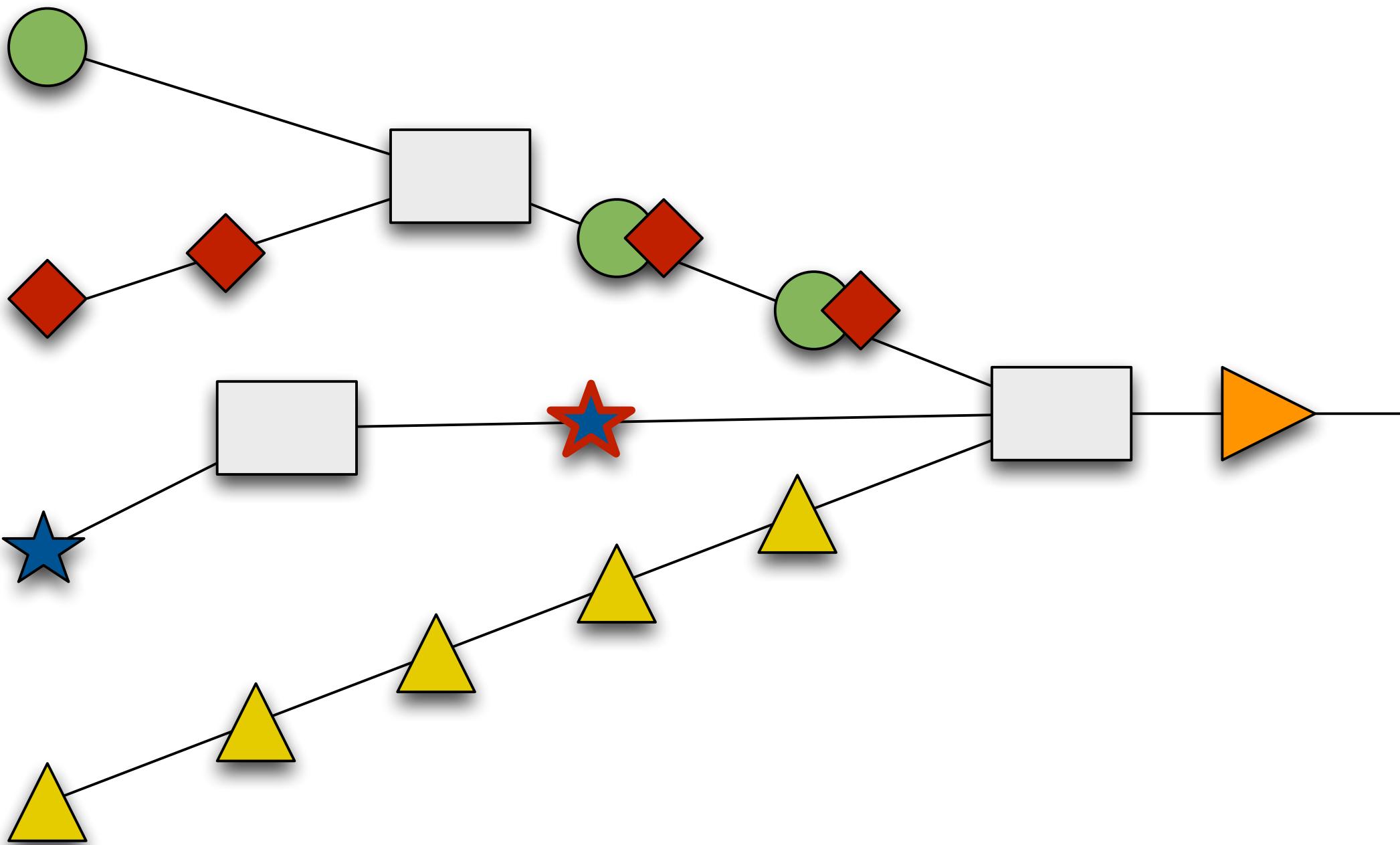
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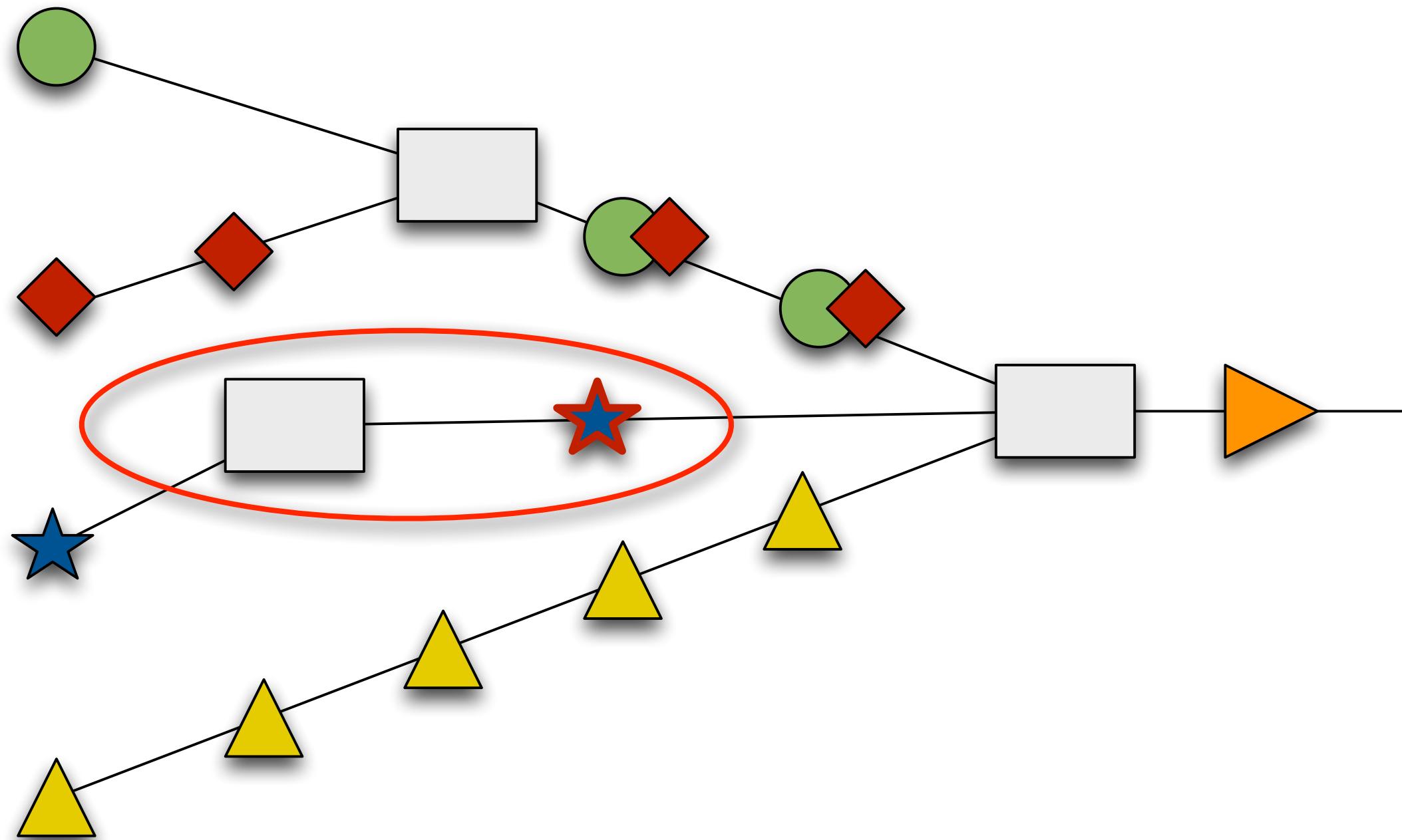
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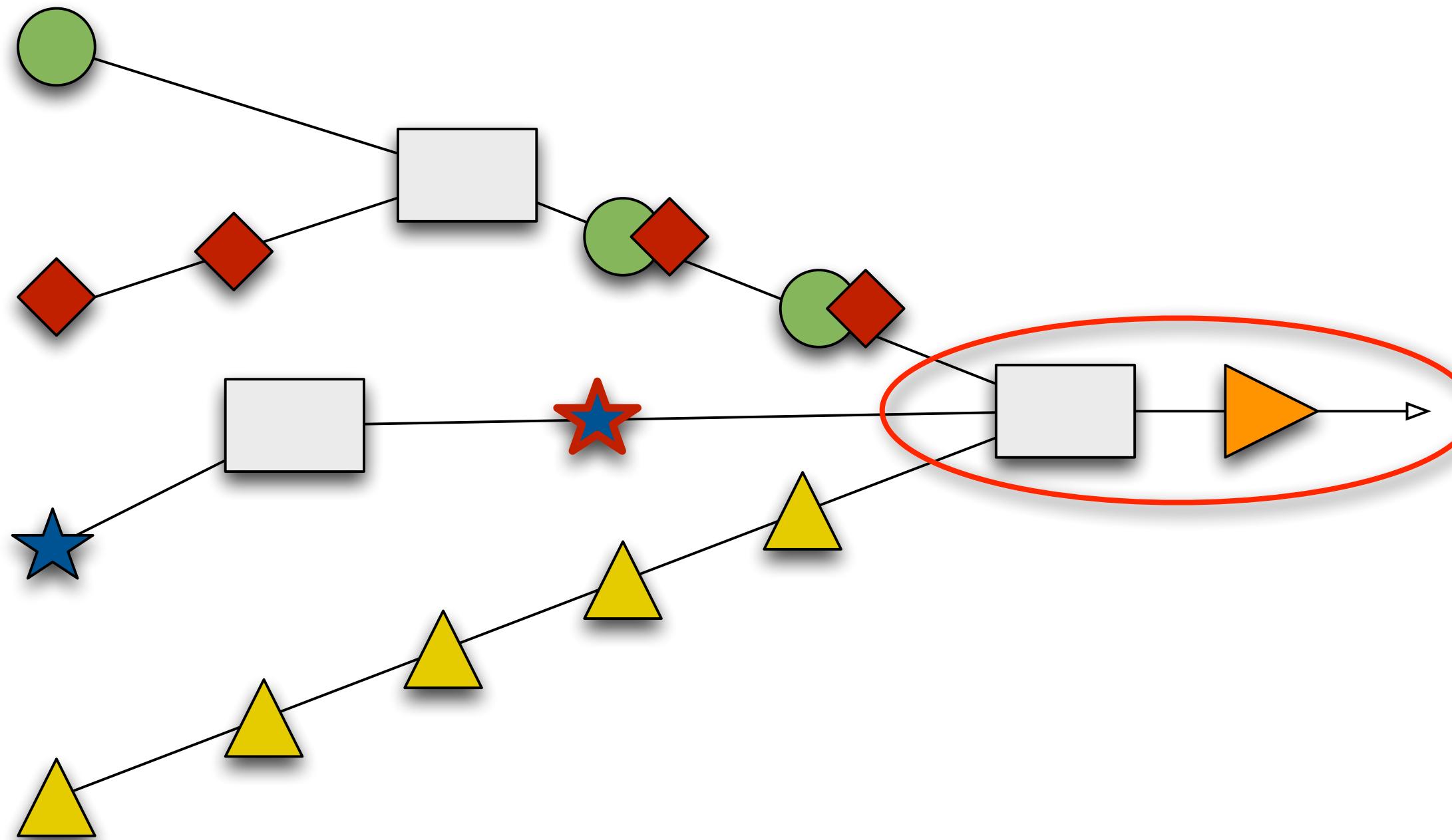
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ASYNCHRONOUS
VALUES
EVENTS
PUSH

FUNCTIONAL REACTIVE
LAMBDAS
CLOSURES
(MOSTLY) PURE
COMPOSABLE

Clojure

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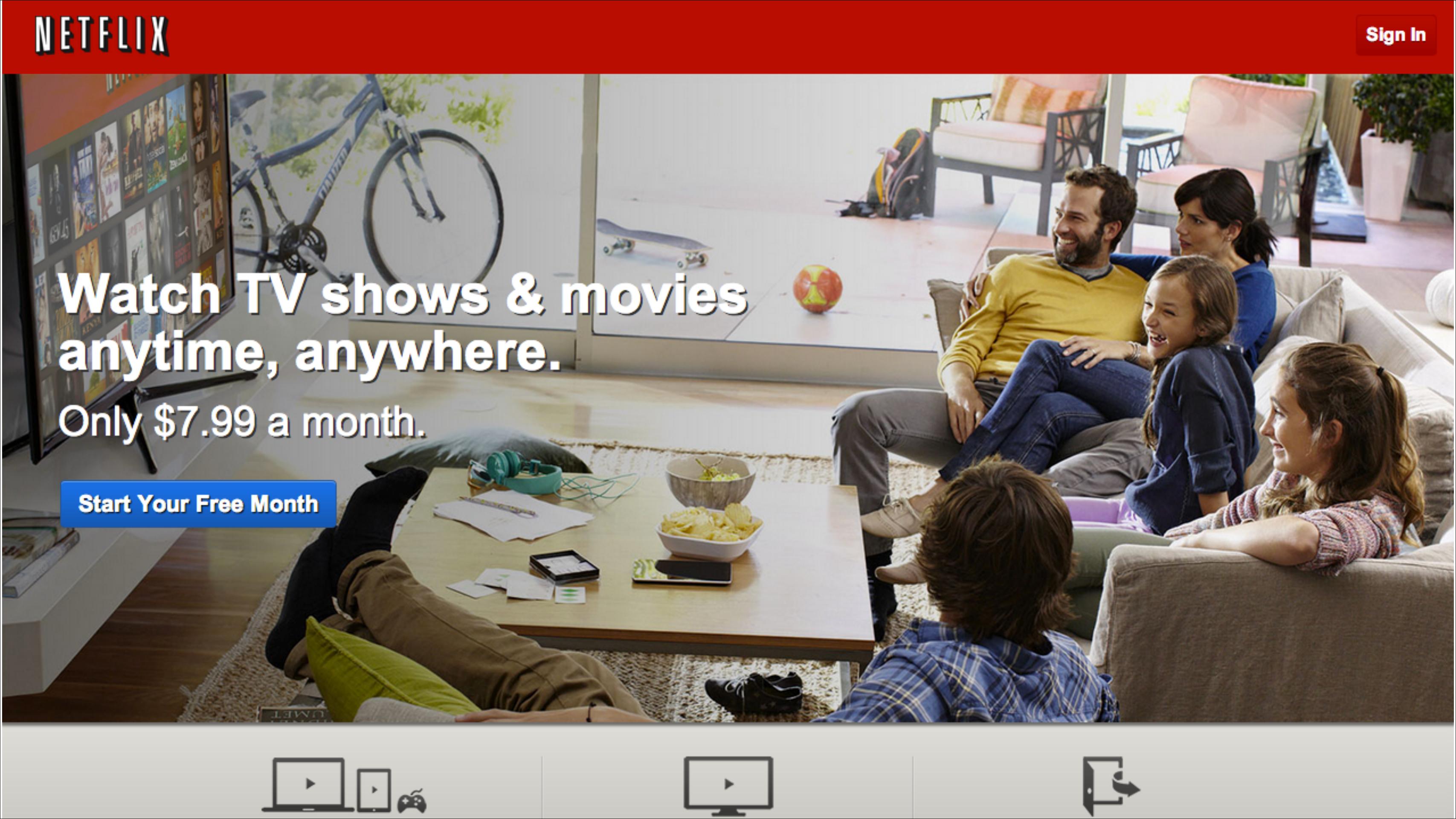
RxJAVA

<http://github.com/Netflix/RxJava>

**“A LIBRARY FOR COMPOSING
ASYNCHRONOUS AND EVENT-BASED
PROGRAMS USING OBSERVABLE
SEQUENCES FOR THE JAVA VM”**



A Java port of Rx (Reactive Extensions)
<https://rx.codeplex.com> (.Net and Javascript by Microsoft)

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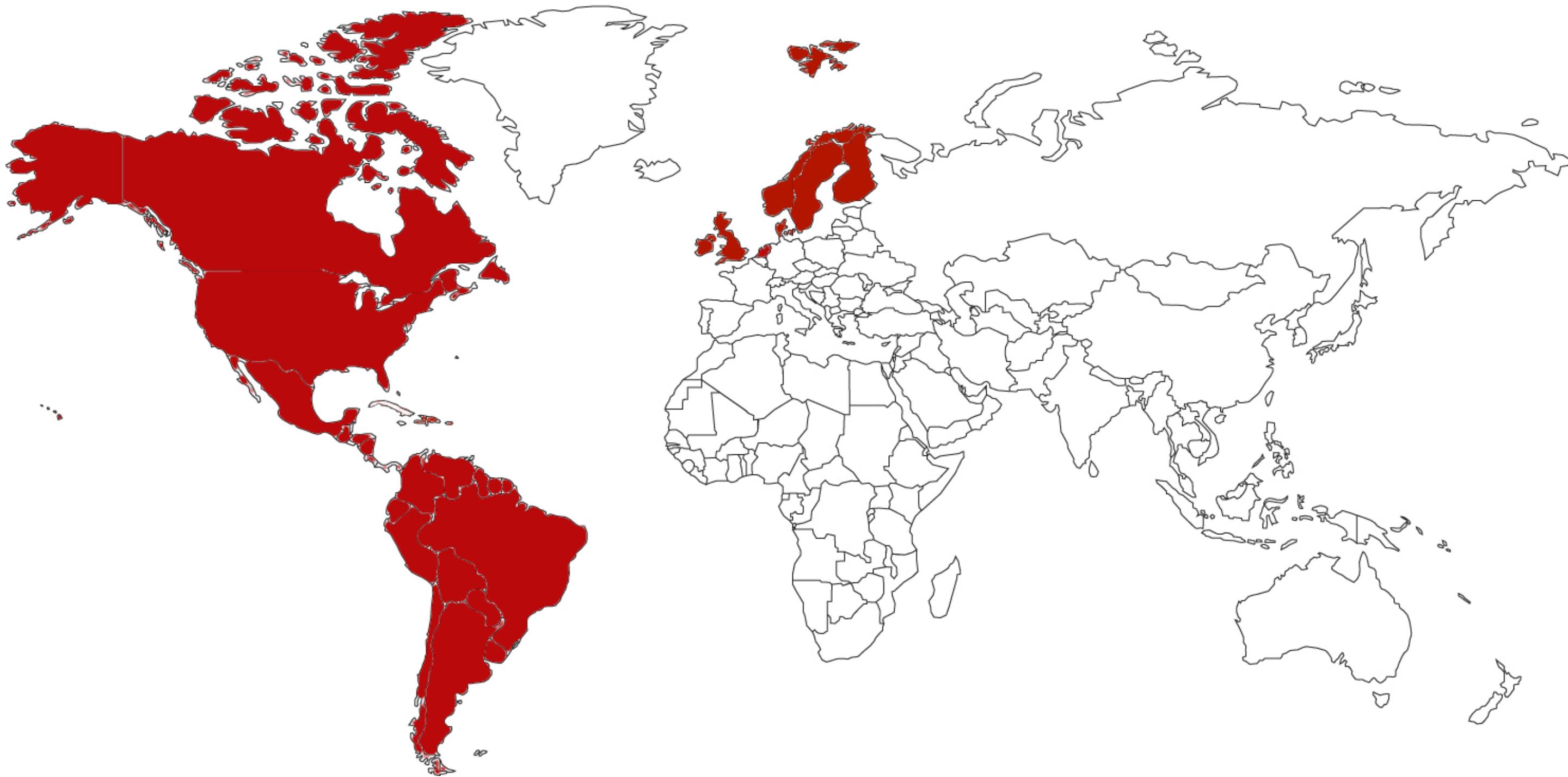
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IN 50+ COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES**



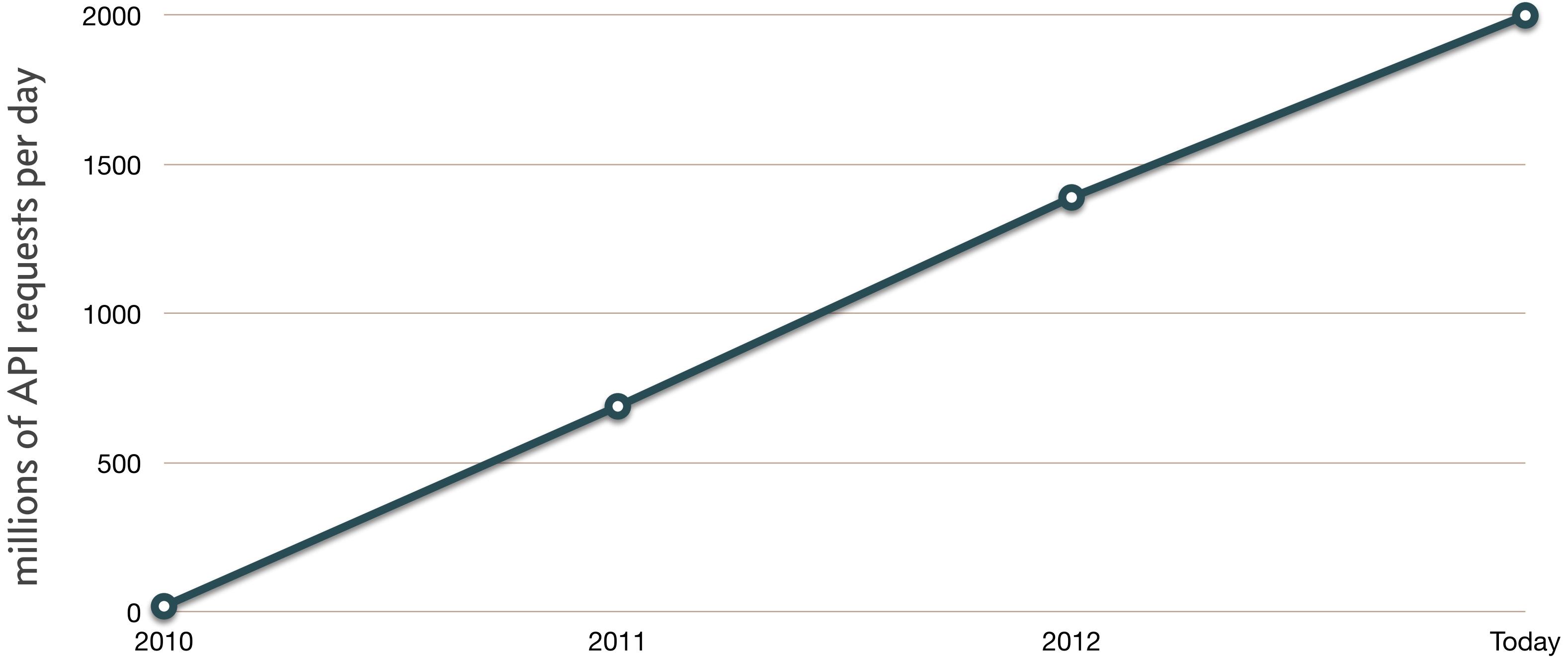
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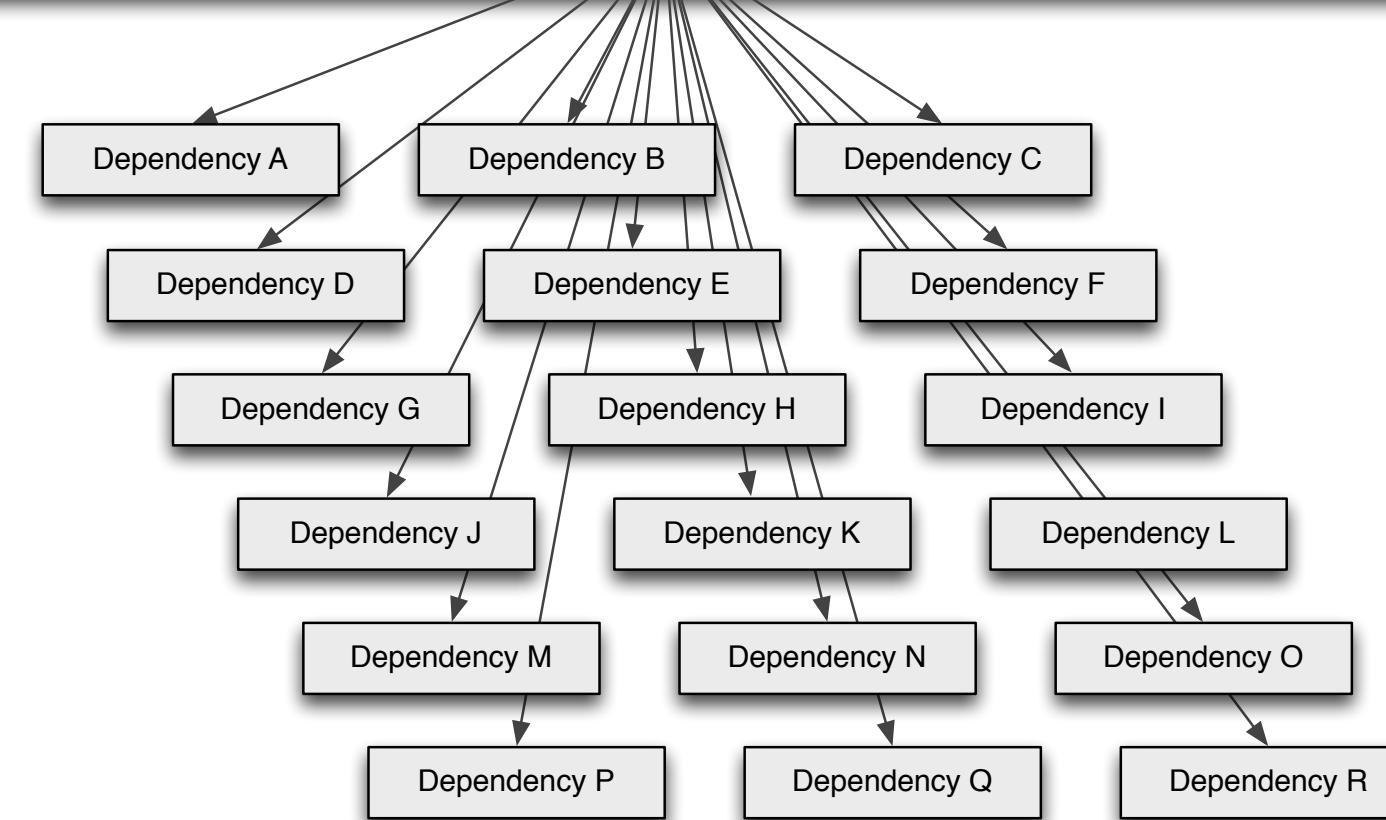
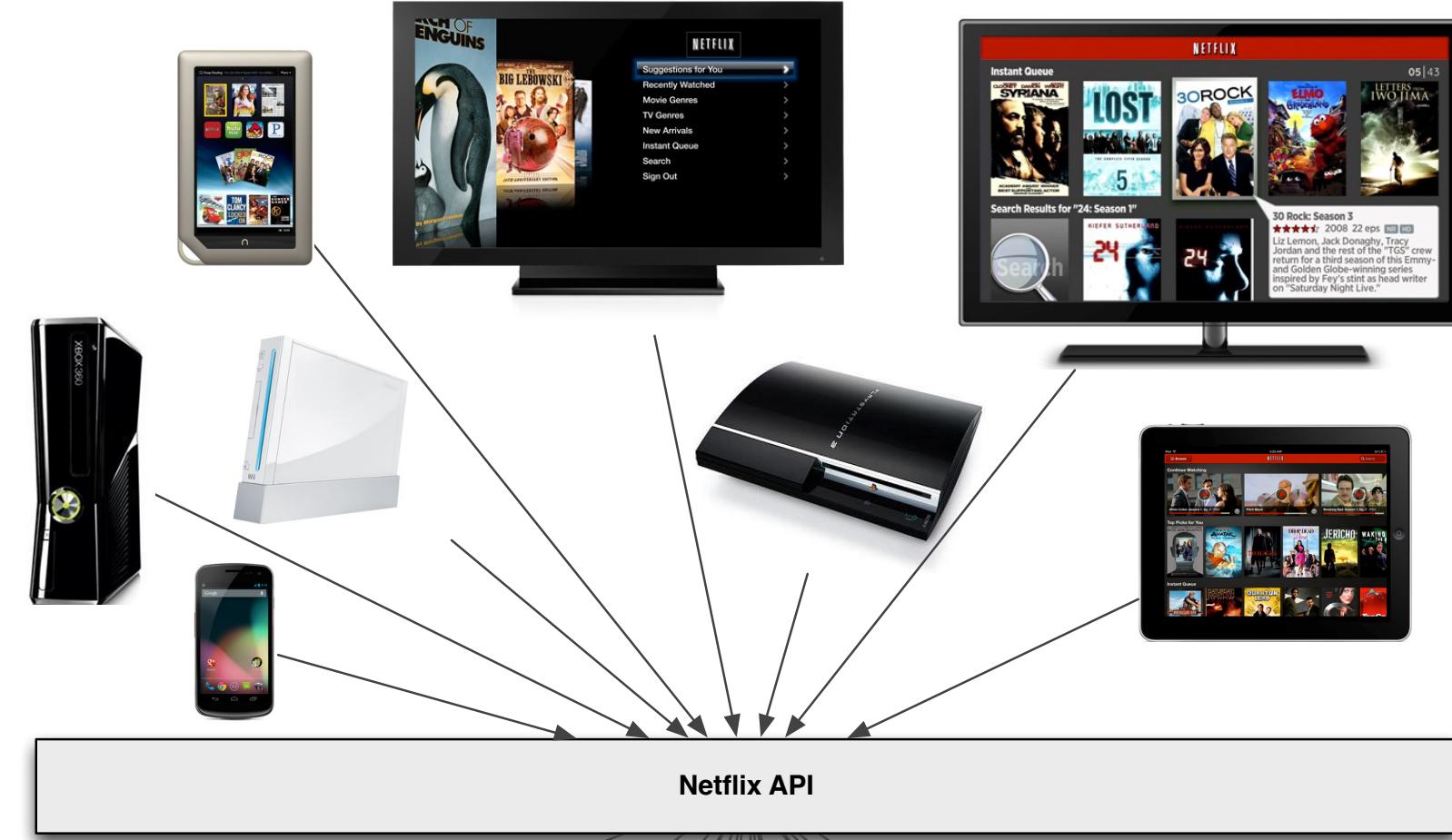
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	Application	Share	Application	Share	Application	Share
1	BitTorrent	36.8%	Netflix	33.0%	Netflix	28.8%
2	HTTP	9.83%	YouTube	14.8%	YouTube	13.1%
3	Skype	4.76%	HTTP	12.0%	HTTP	11.7%
4	Netflix	4.51%	BitTorrent	5.89%	BitTorrent	10.3%
5	SSL	3.73%	iTunes	3.92%	iTunes	3.43%
6	YouTube	2.70%	MPEG	2.22%	SSL	2.23%
7	PPStream	1.65%	Flash Video	2.21%	MPEG	2.05%
8	Facebook	1.62%	SSL	1.97%	Flash Video	2.01%
9	Apple PhotoStream	1.46%	Amazon Video	1.75%	Facebook	1.50%
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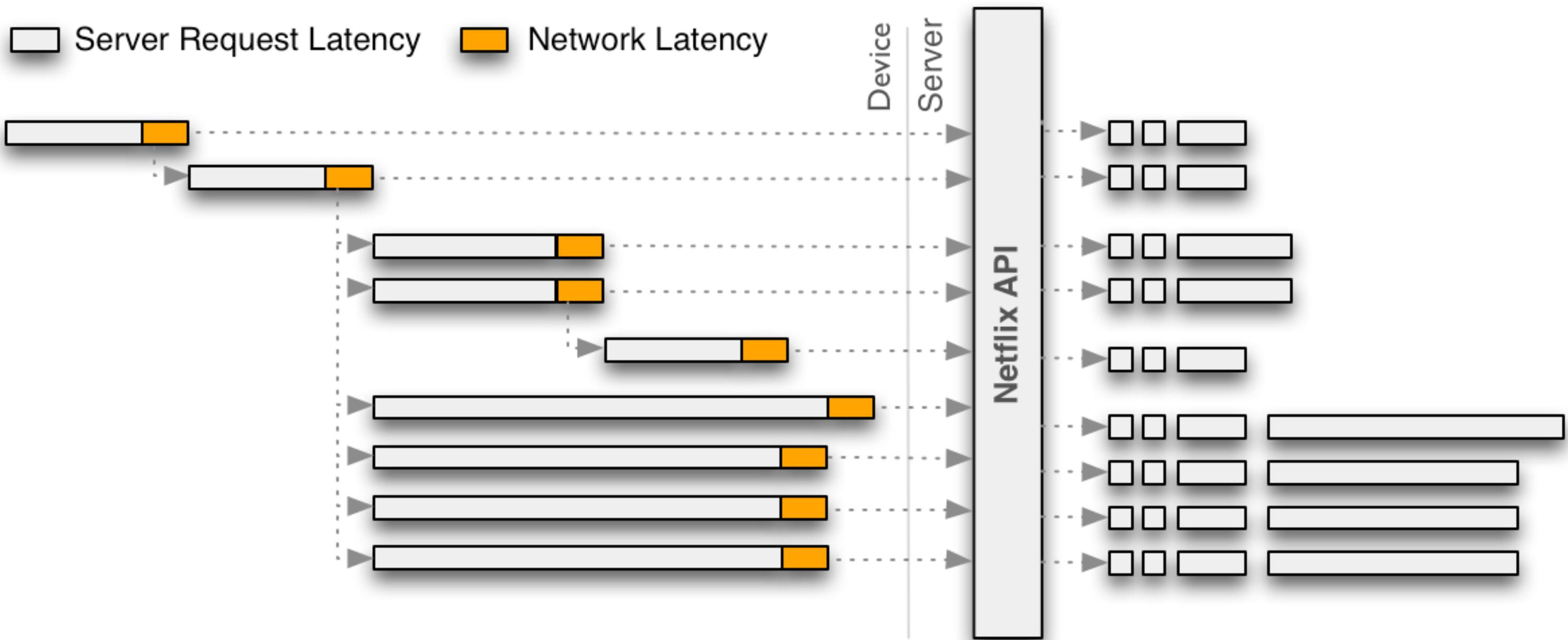
NETFLIX SUBSCRIBERS ARE WATCHING
MORE THAN 1 BILLION HOURS A MONTH

API TRAFFIC HAS GROWN FROM
~20 MILLION/DAY IN 2010 TO >2 BILLION/DAY

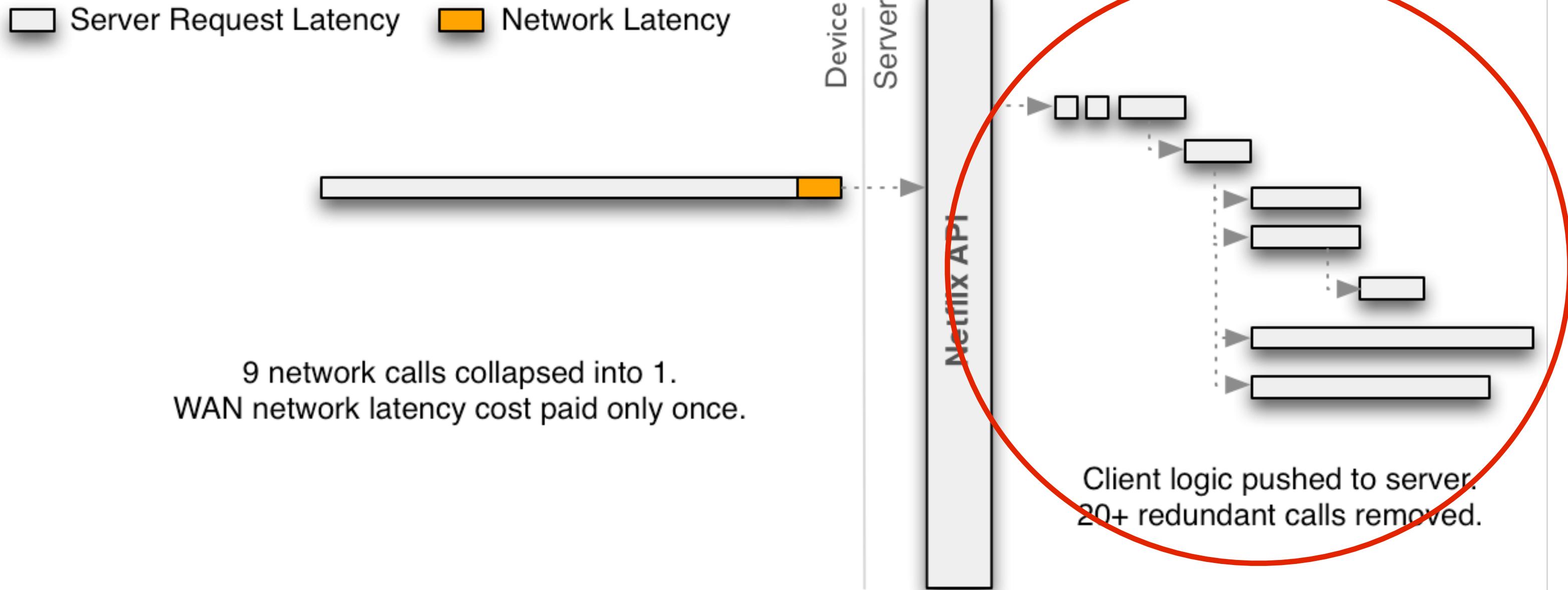




Discovery of Rx began with a re-architecture ...

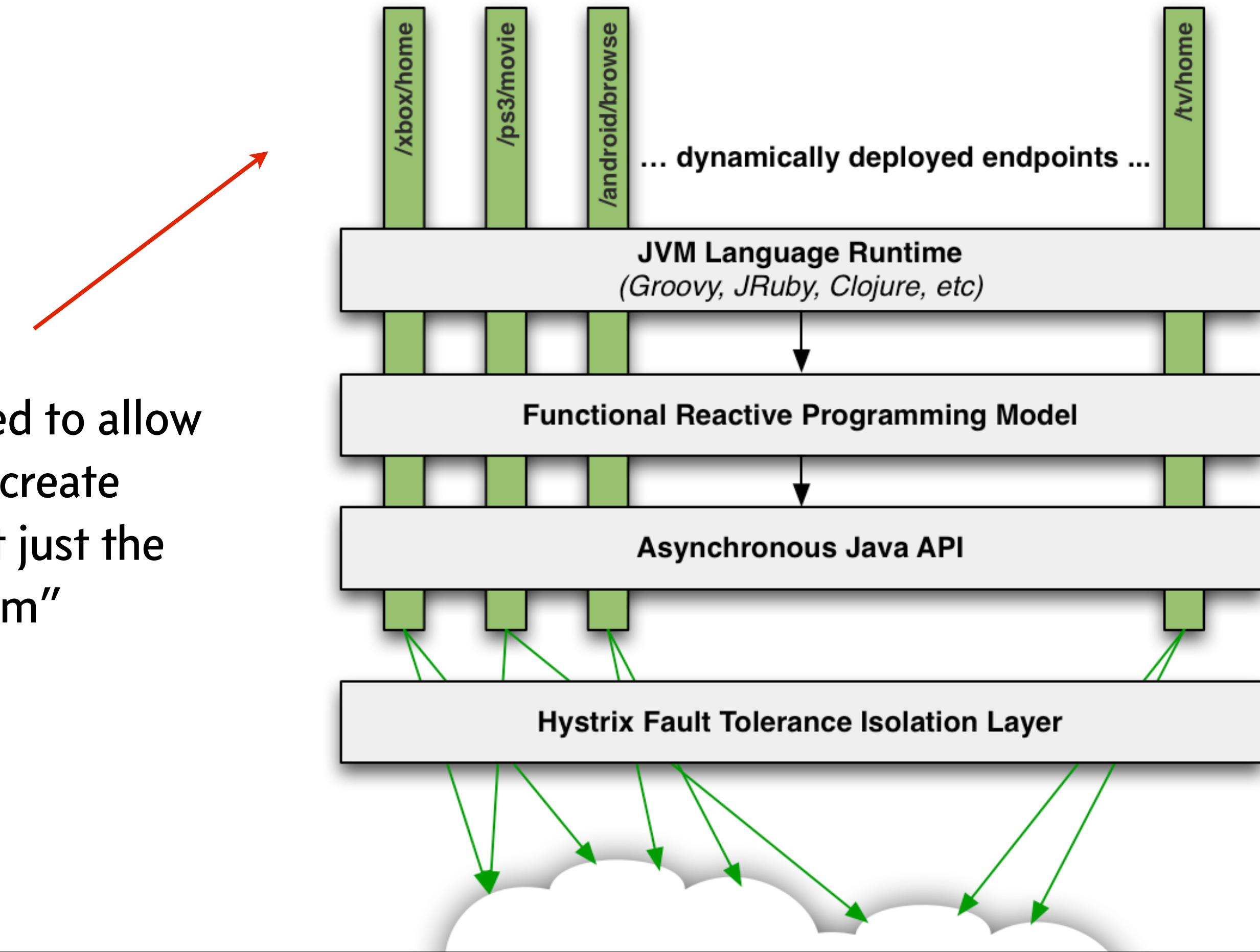


... that collapsed network traffic into coarse API calls ...



NESTED, CONDITIONAL, CONCURRENT EXECUTION

... and we wanted to allow
anybody to create
endpoints, not just the
“API Team”





Clojure

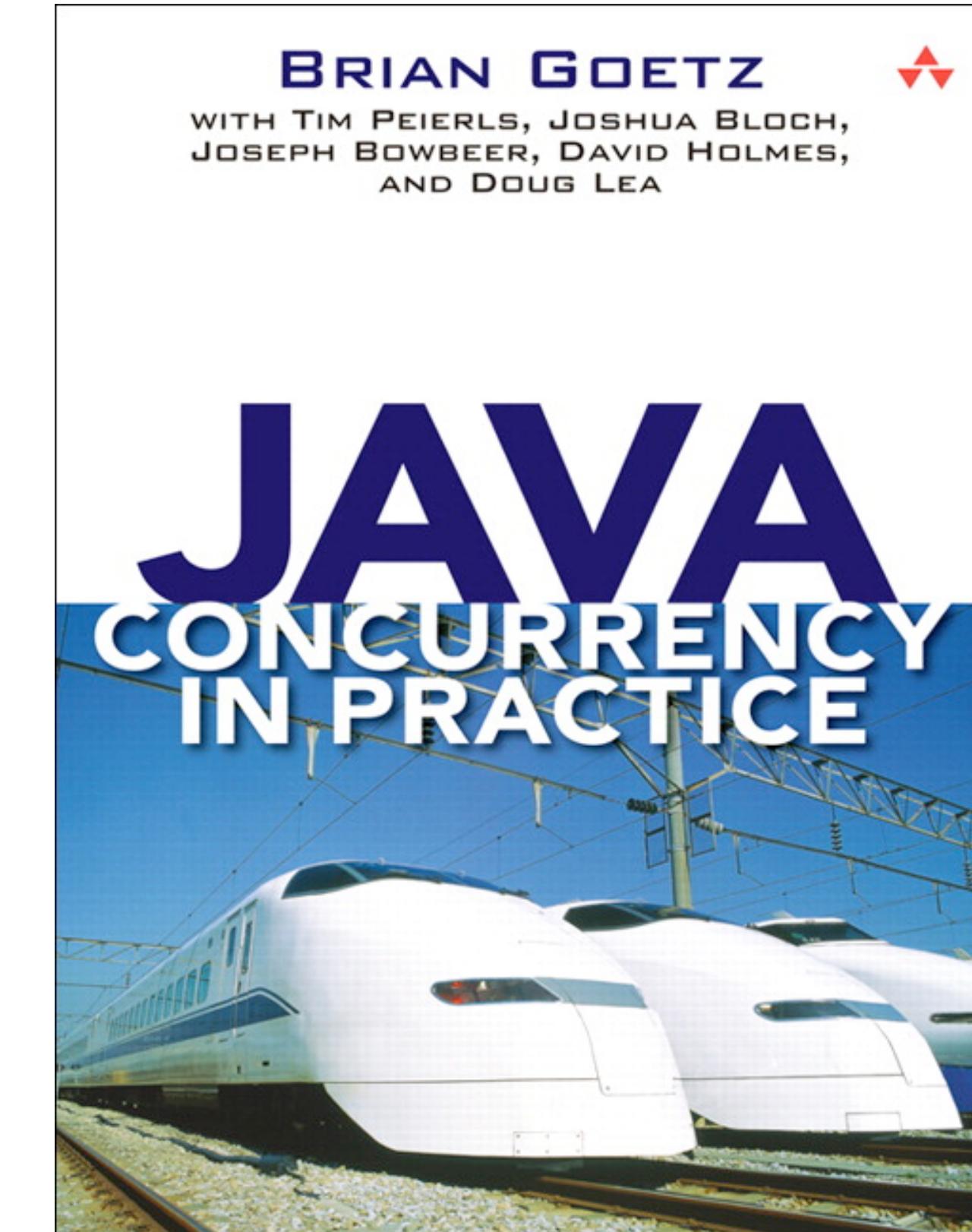
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Concurrency without each engineer
reading and re-reading this →

*(awesome book ... everybody isn't going to - or
should have to - read it though, that's the point)*



**OWNER OF API SHOULD RETAIN CONTROL
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```
public Data getData();
```

WHAT IF THE IMPLEMENTATION NEEDS TO CHANGE
FROM SYNCHRONOUS TO ASYNCHRONOUS?

How SHOULD THE CLIENT EXECUTE THAT METHOD
WITHOUT BLOCKING? SPAWN A THREAD?

```
public Data getData();
```

```
public void getData(Callback<T> c);
```

```
public Future<T> getData();
```

```
public Future<List<Future<T>>> getData();
```

other options ... ?

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throws Exception
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Observable

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onError(Exception)

onCompleted()

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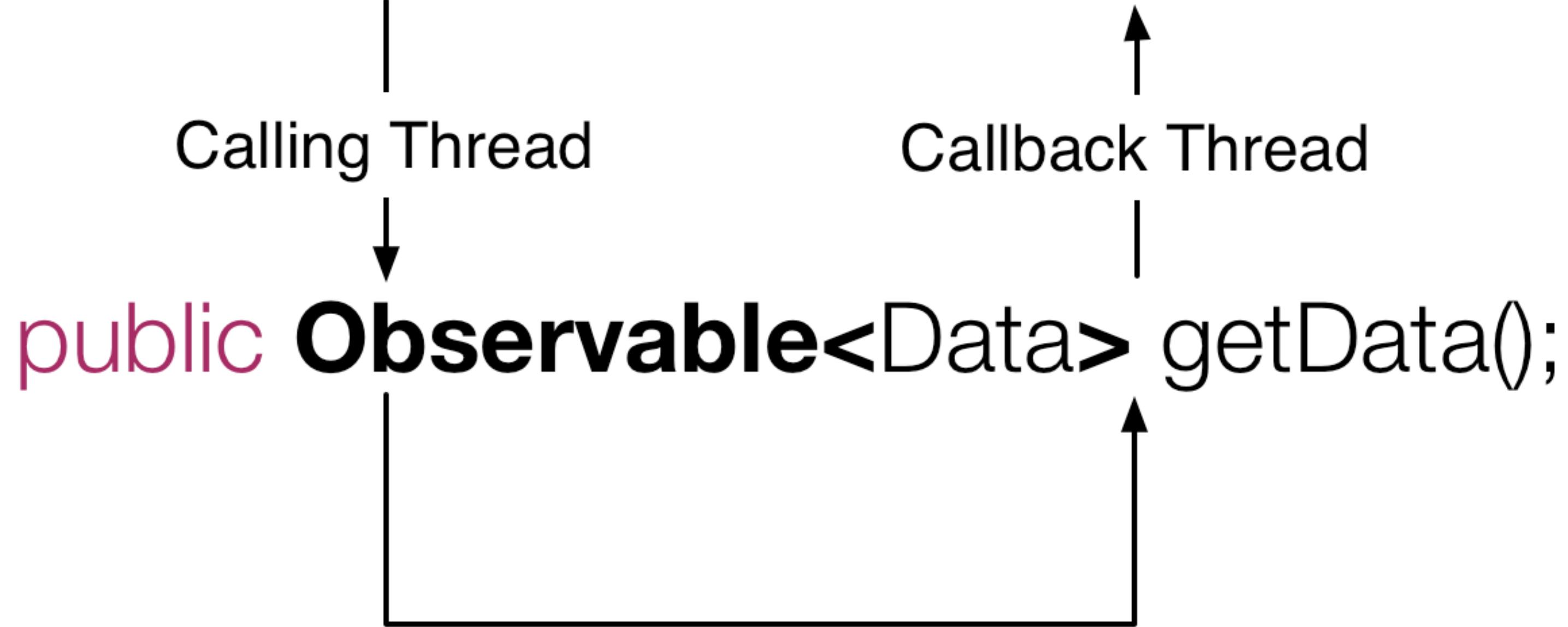
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INSTEAD OF A BLOCKING API ...

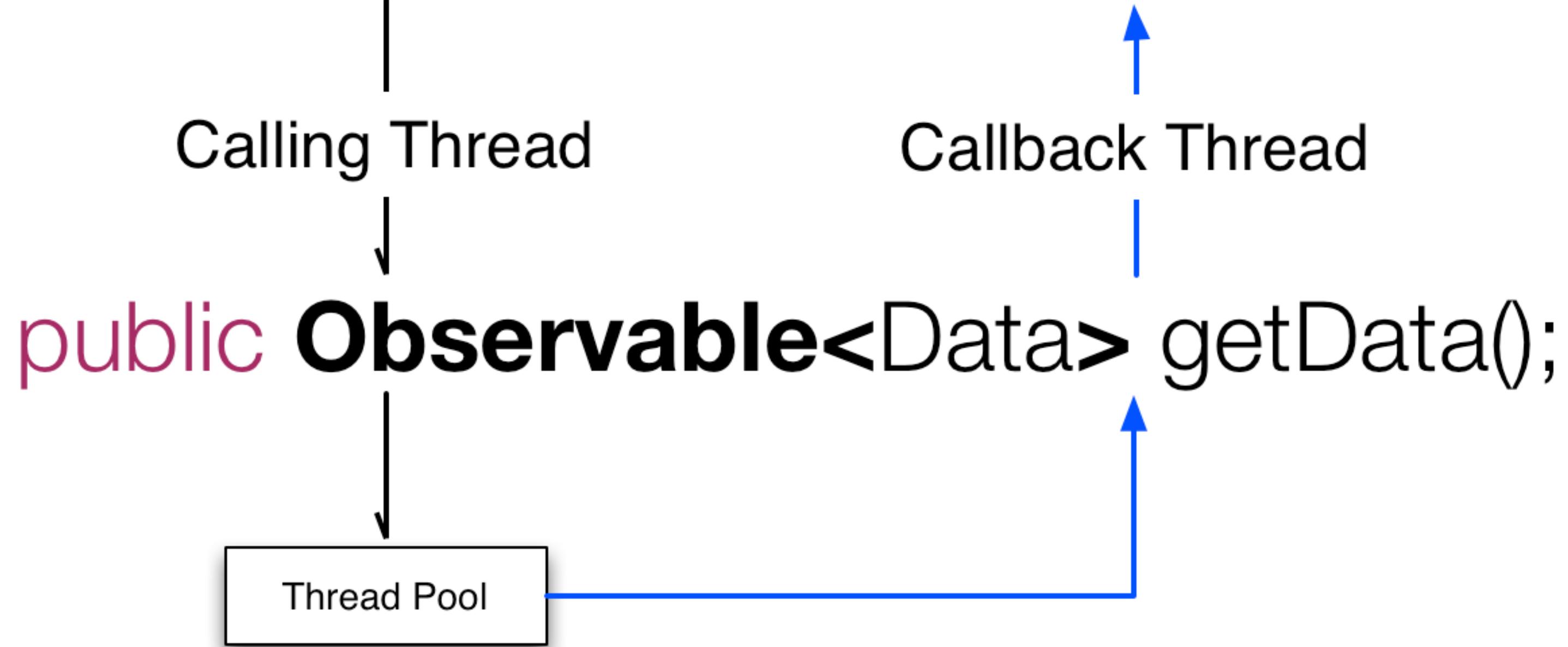
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... CREATE AN OBSERVABLE API:

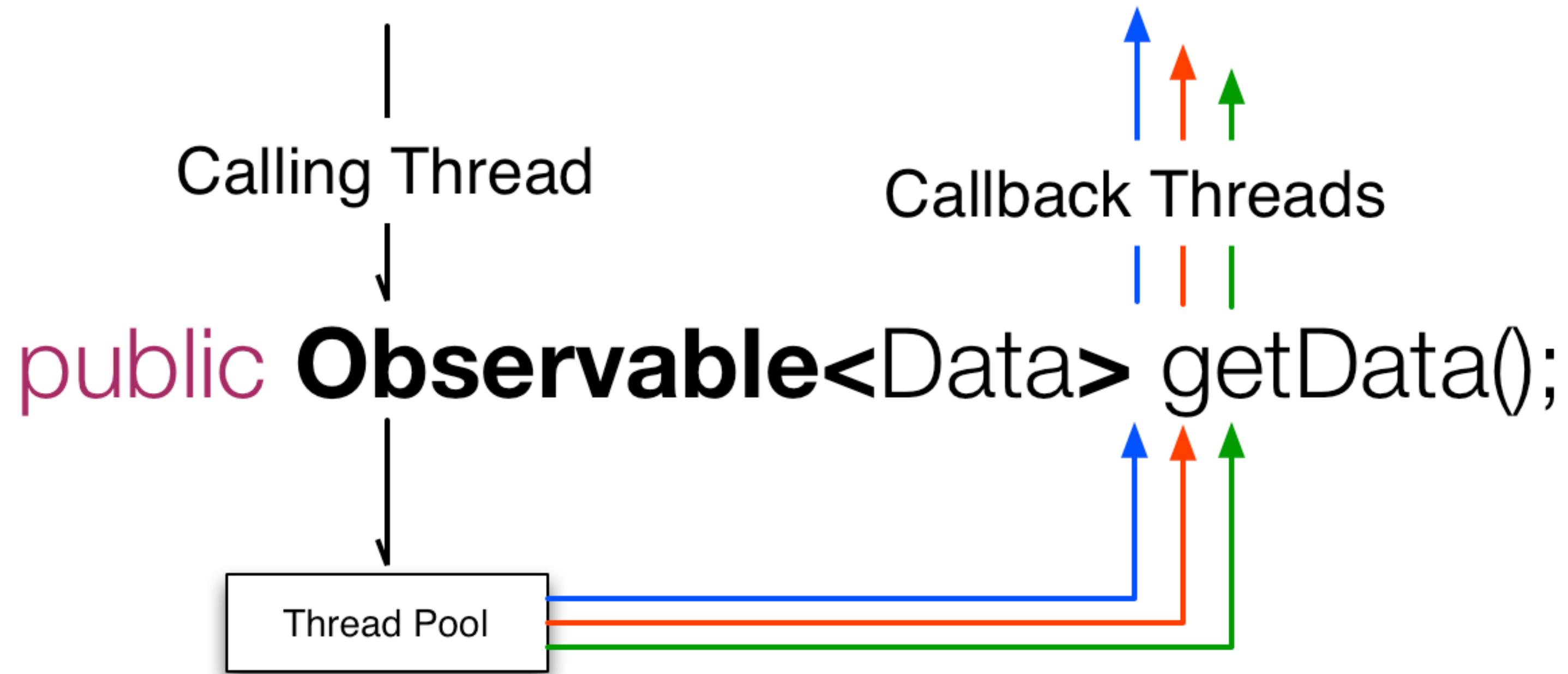
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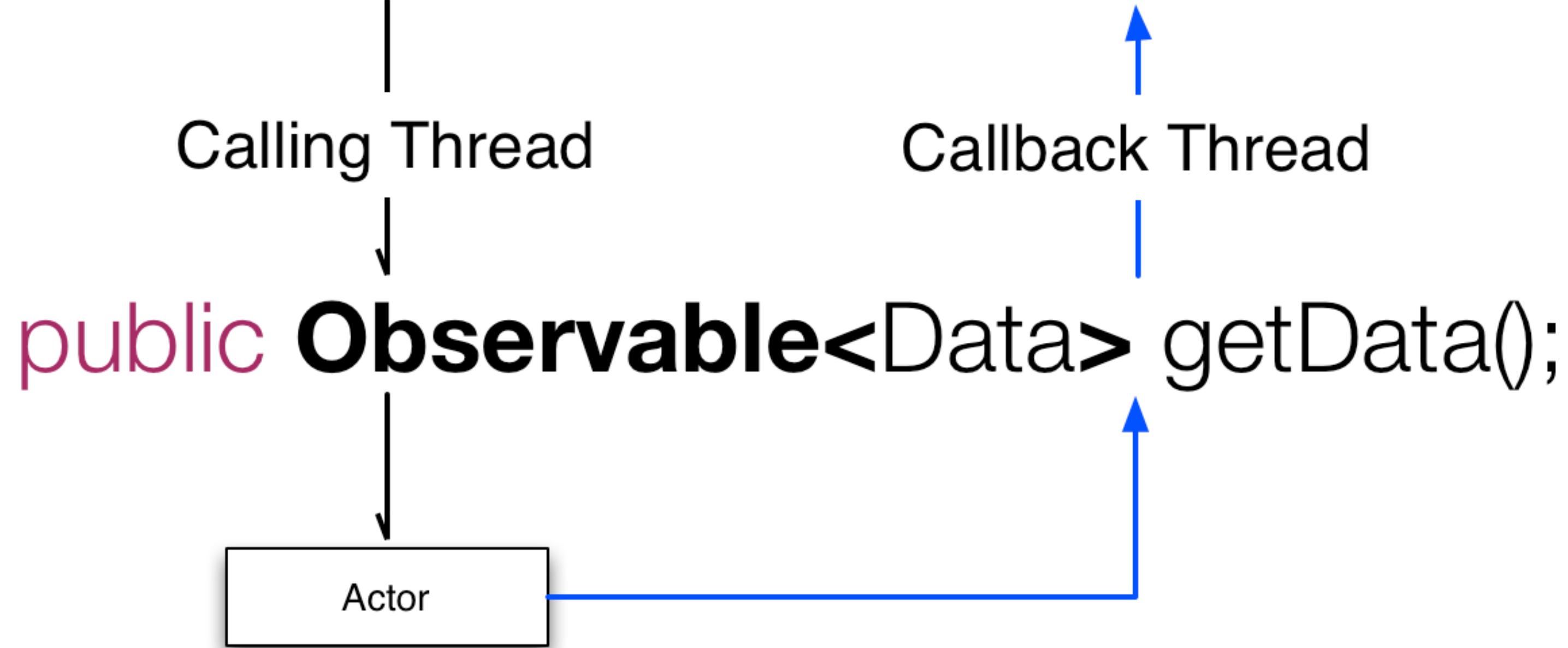
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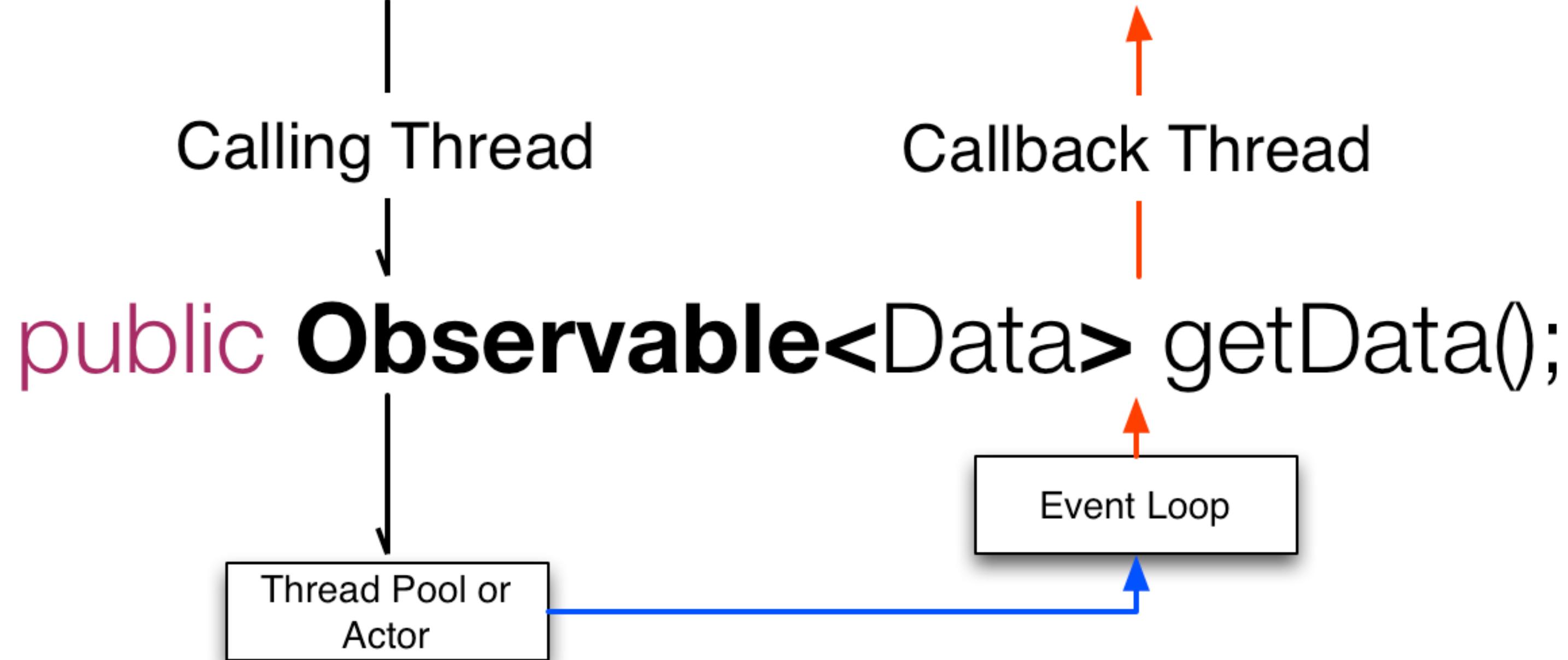
Do work asynchronously on a multiple threads.



Do work asynchronously on an actor
(or multiple actors).



Do network access asynchronously using NIO
and perform callback on Event Loop

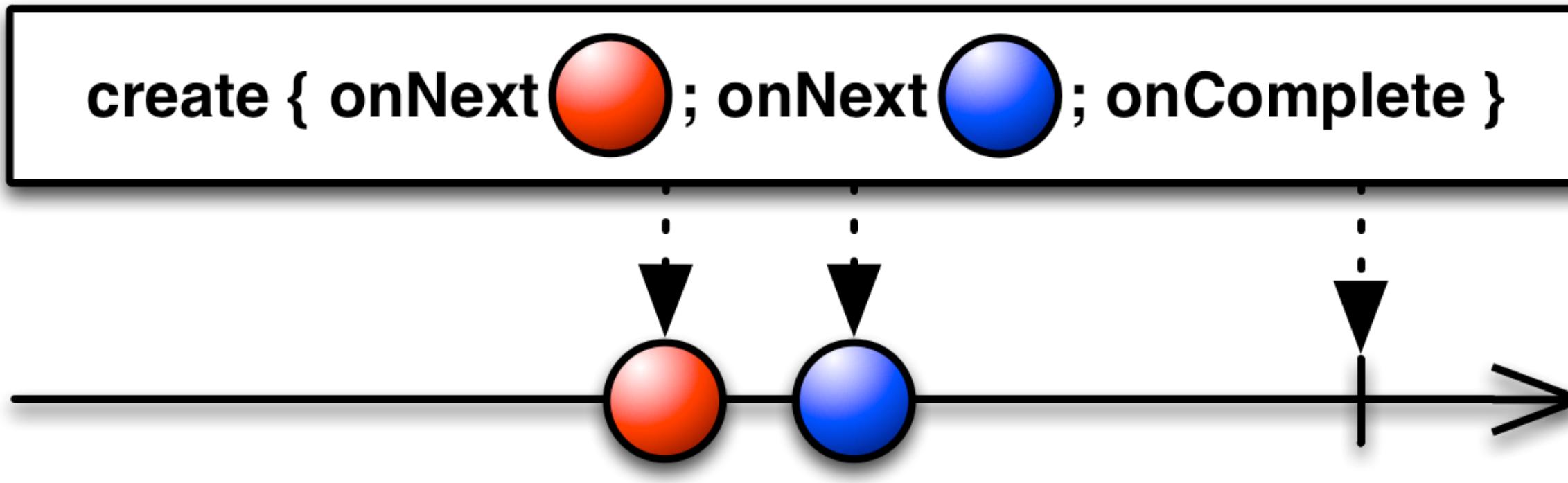


Do work asynchronously and perform callback via a single or multi-threaded event loop.

**CLIENT CODE TREATS ALL INTERACTIONS
WITH THE API AS ASYNCHRONOUS**

**THE API IMPLEMENTATION CHOOSES
WHETHER SOMETHING IS
BLOCKING OR NON-BLOCKING
AND
WHAT RESOURCES IT USES**

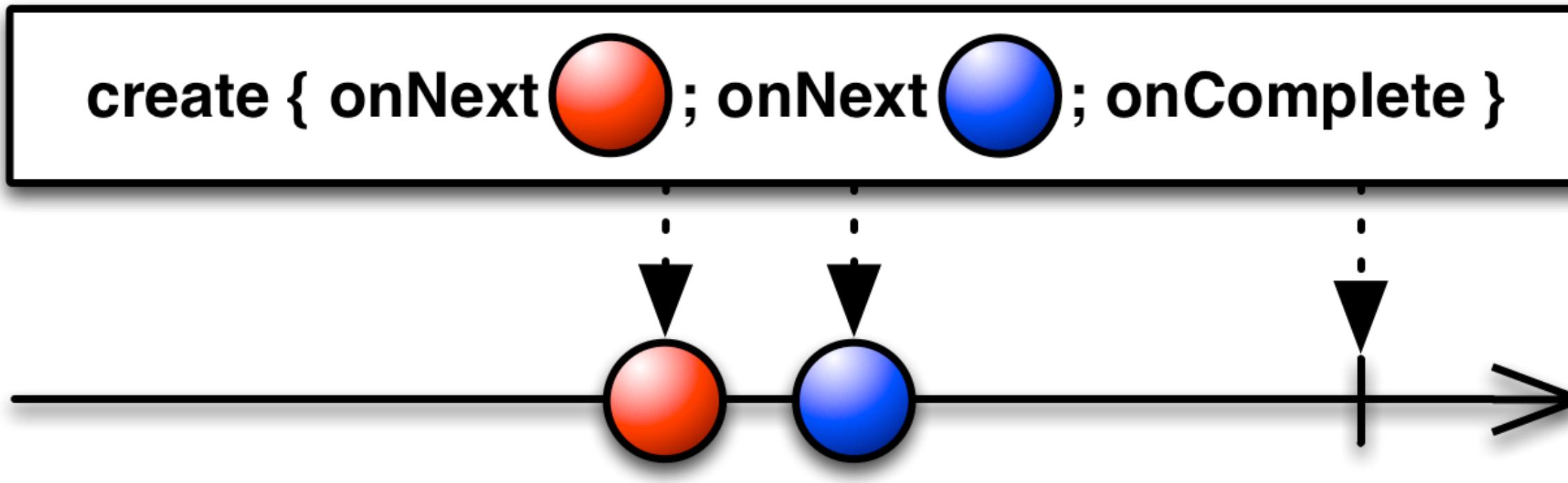
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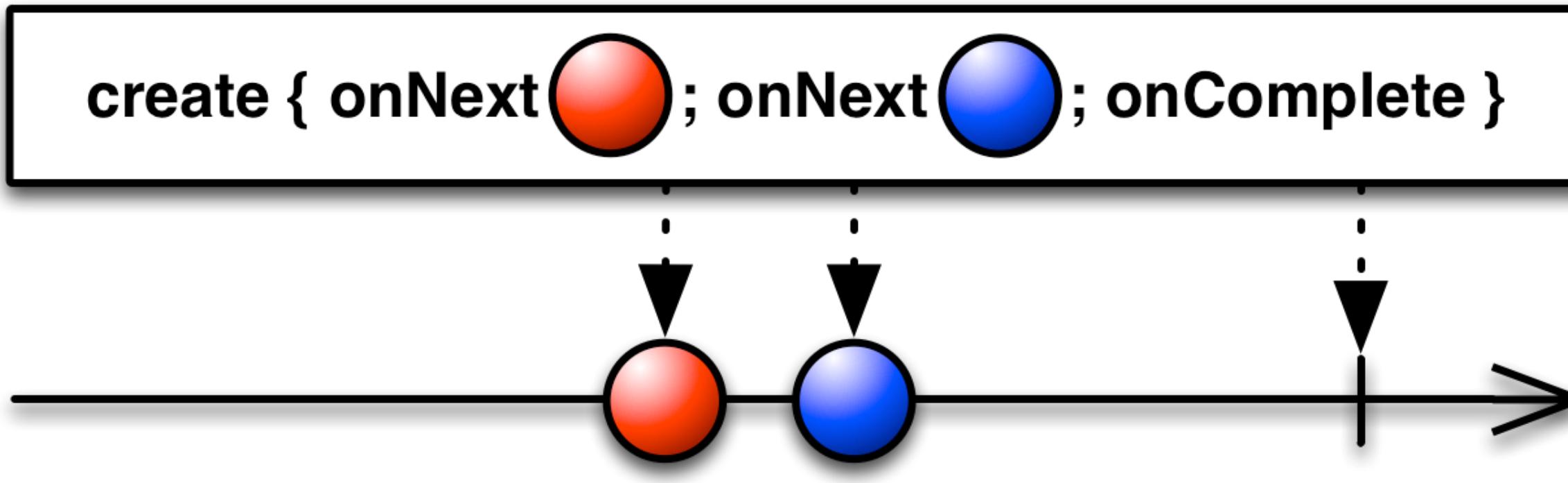
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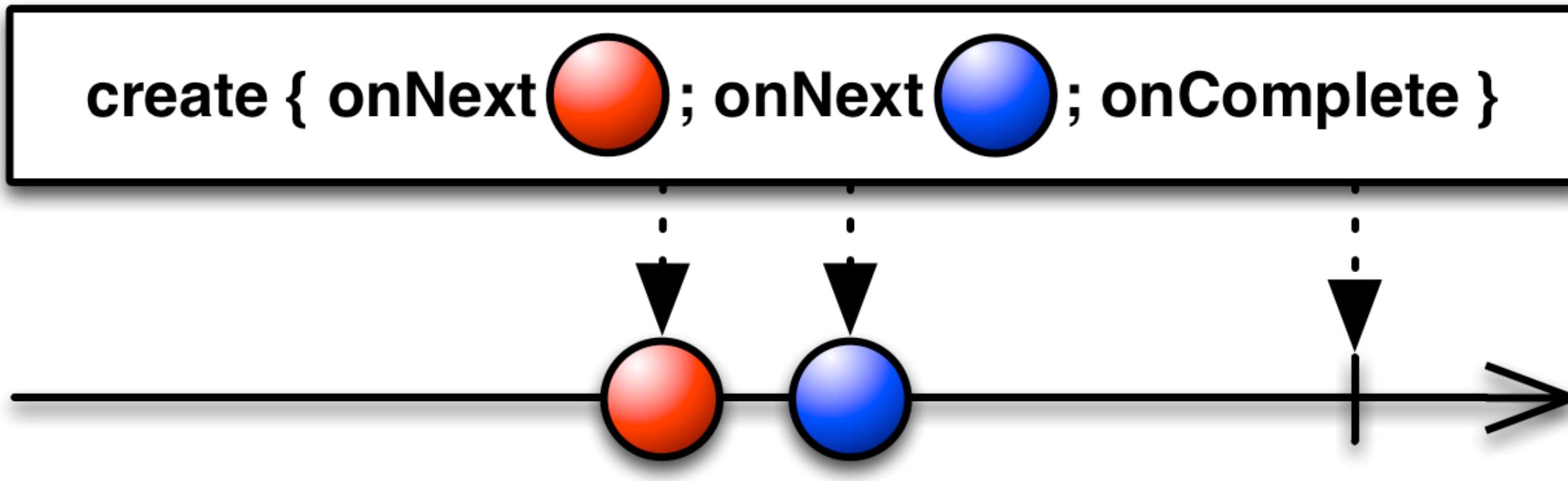
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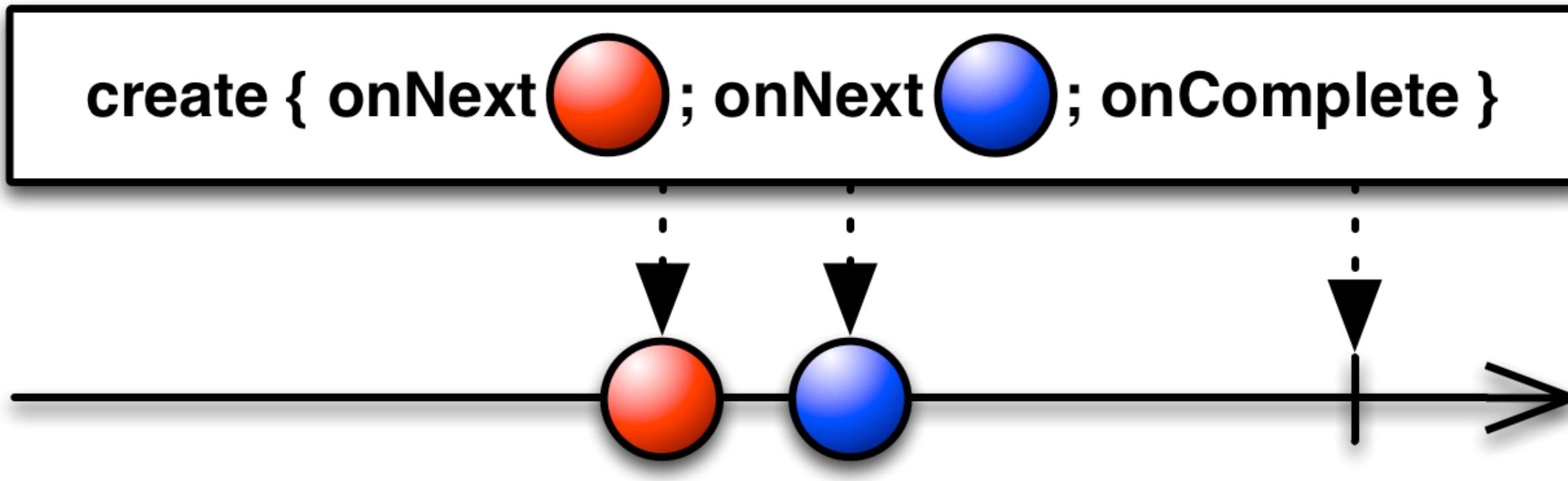
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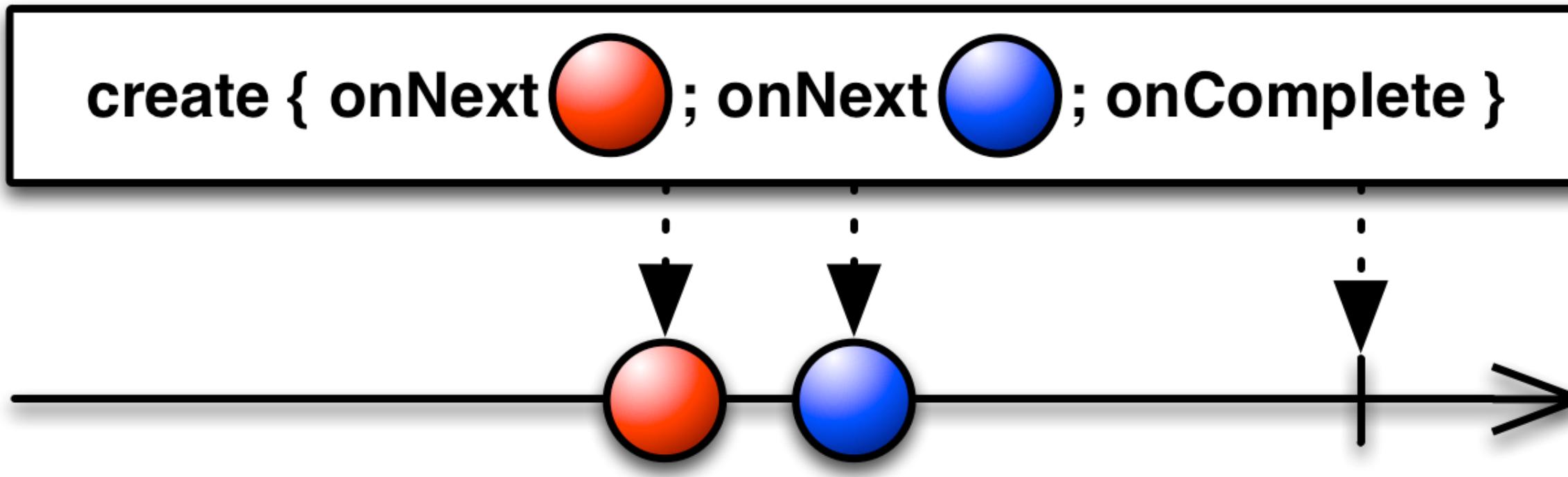
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ASYNCHRONOUS OBSERVABLE WITH SINGLE VALUE

```
def Observable<VideoRating> getRating(userId, videoId) {  
    // fetch the VideoRating for this user asynchronously  
    return Observable.create({ observer ->  
        executor.execute(new Runnable() {  
            def void run() {  
                try {  
                    VideoRating rating = ... do network call ...  
                    observer.onNext(rating)  
                    observer.onCompleted();  
                } catch(Exception e) {  
                    observer.onError(e);  
                }  
            }  
        })  
    })  
}
```

SYNCHRONOUS OBSERVABLE WITH MULTIPLE VALUES

```
def Observable<Video> getVideos() {  
    return Observable.create({ observer ->  
        try {  
            for(v in videos) {  
                observer.onNext(v)  
            }  
            observer.onCompleted();  
        } catch(Exception e) {  
            observer.onError(e);  
        }  
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Caution: This example is eager and will *always* emit all values regardless of subsequent operators such as `take(10)`

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ASYNCHRONOUS OBSERVER

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getVideos().subscribe(new Observer<Video>() {  
  
    def void onNext(Video video) {  
        println("Video: " + video.videoId)  
    }  
  
    def void onError(Exception e) {  
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        e.printStackTrace()  
    }  
  
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    }  
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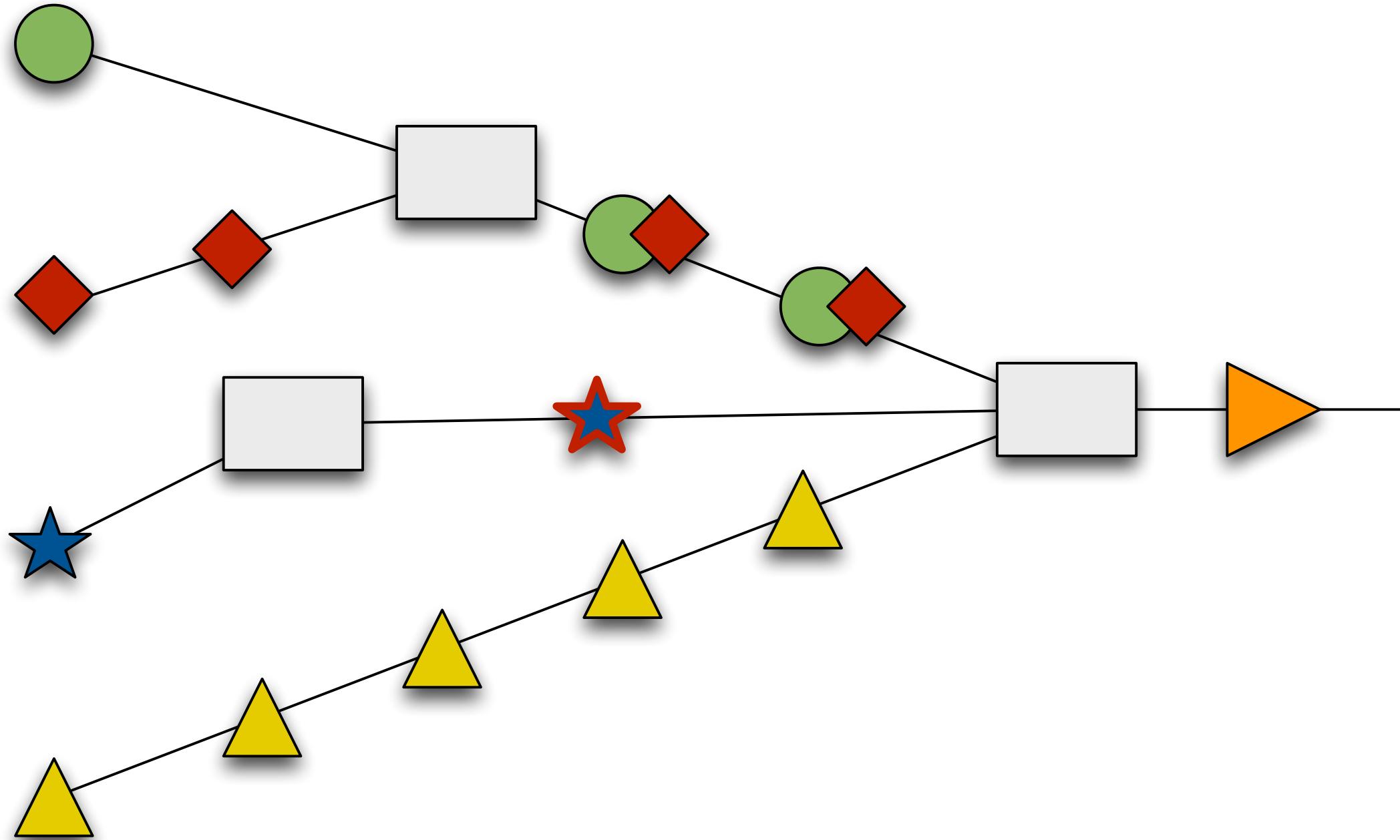
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TRANSFORM: MAP, FLATMAP, REDUCE, SCAN ...

FILTER: TAKE, SKIP, SAMPLE, TAKEWHILE, FILTER ...

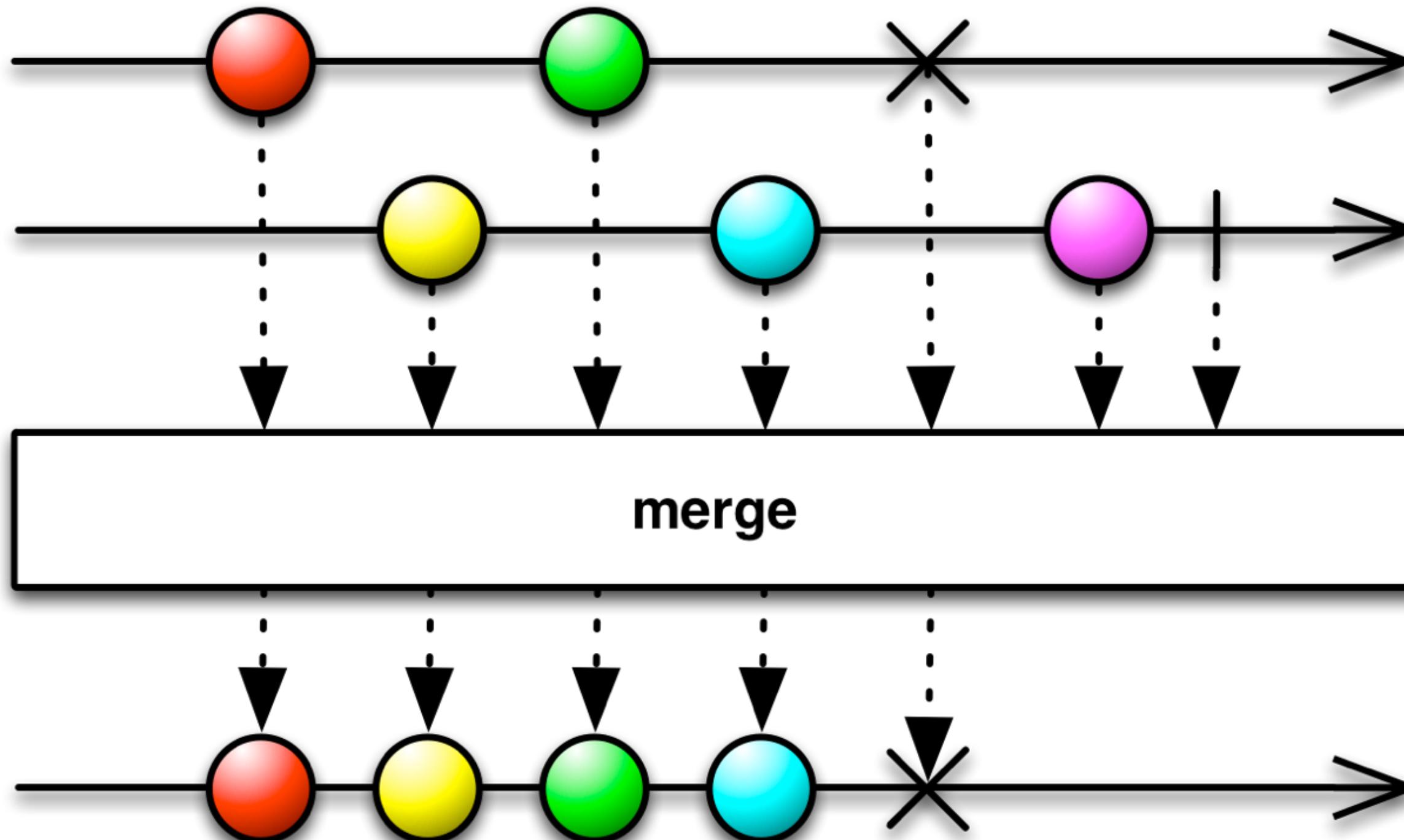
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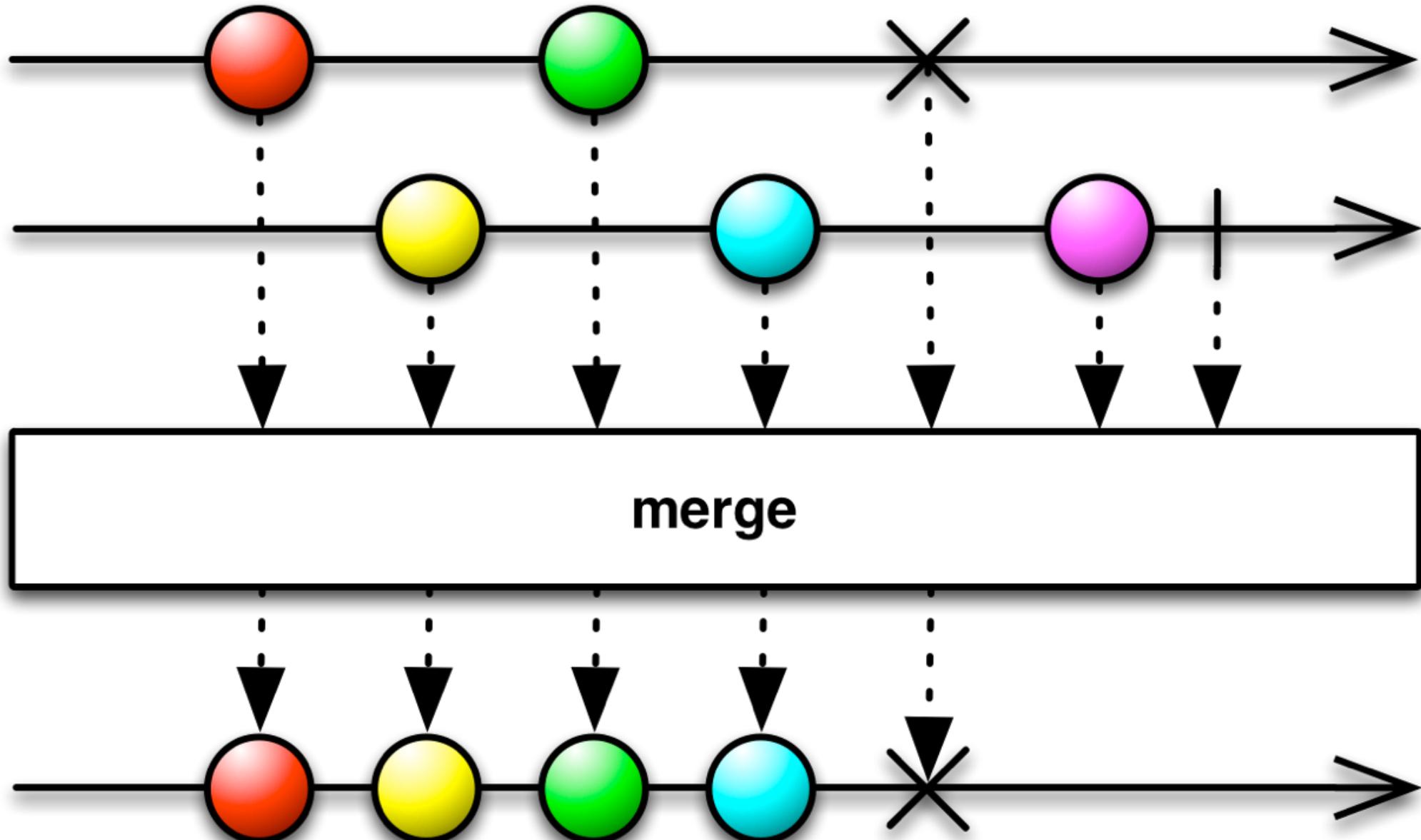
MULTICAST, PUBLISH, CACHE, REFCOUNT ...

CONCURRENCY: OBSERVEON, SUBSCRIBEON

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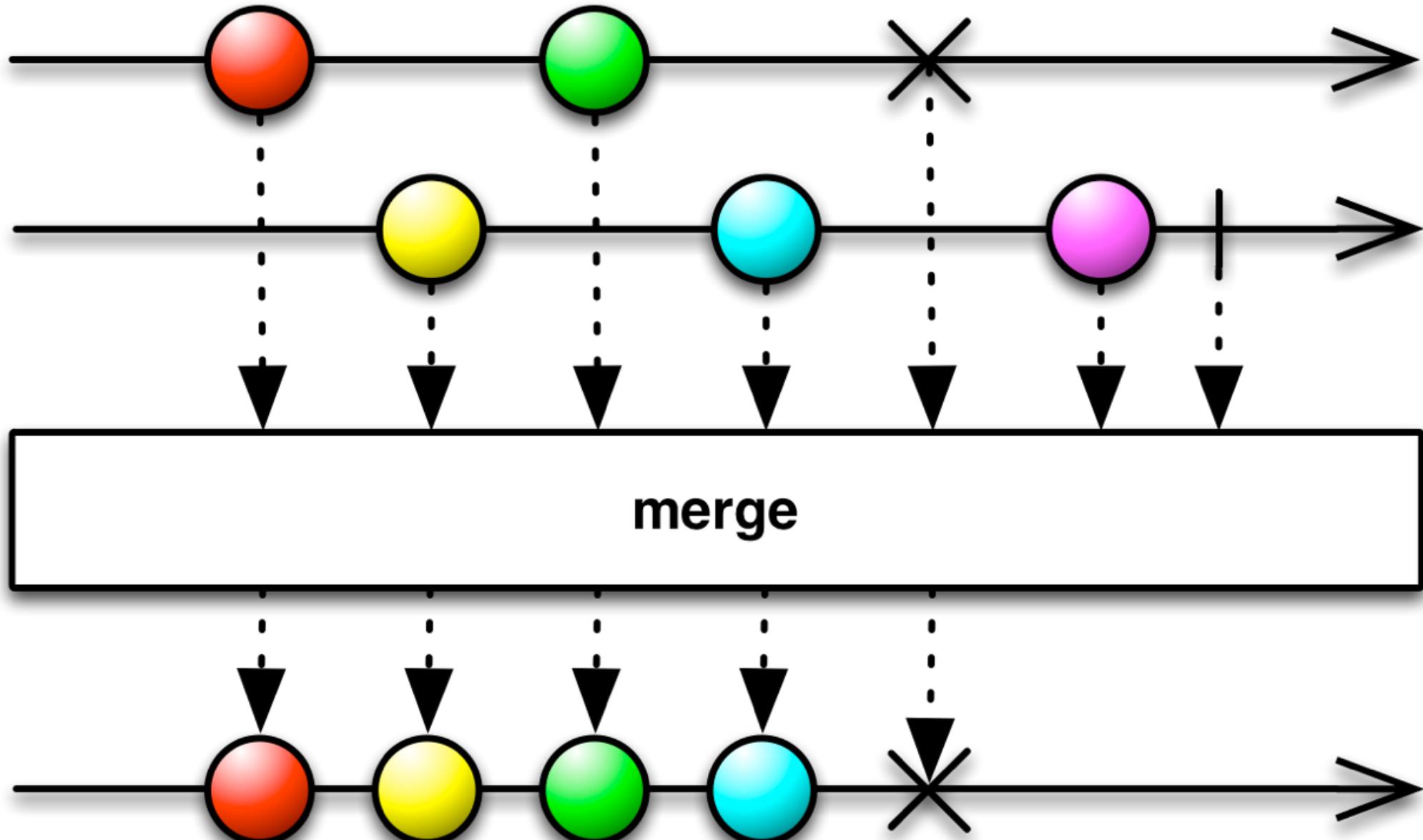
COMBINING VIA MERGE





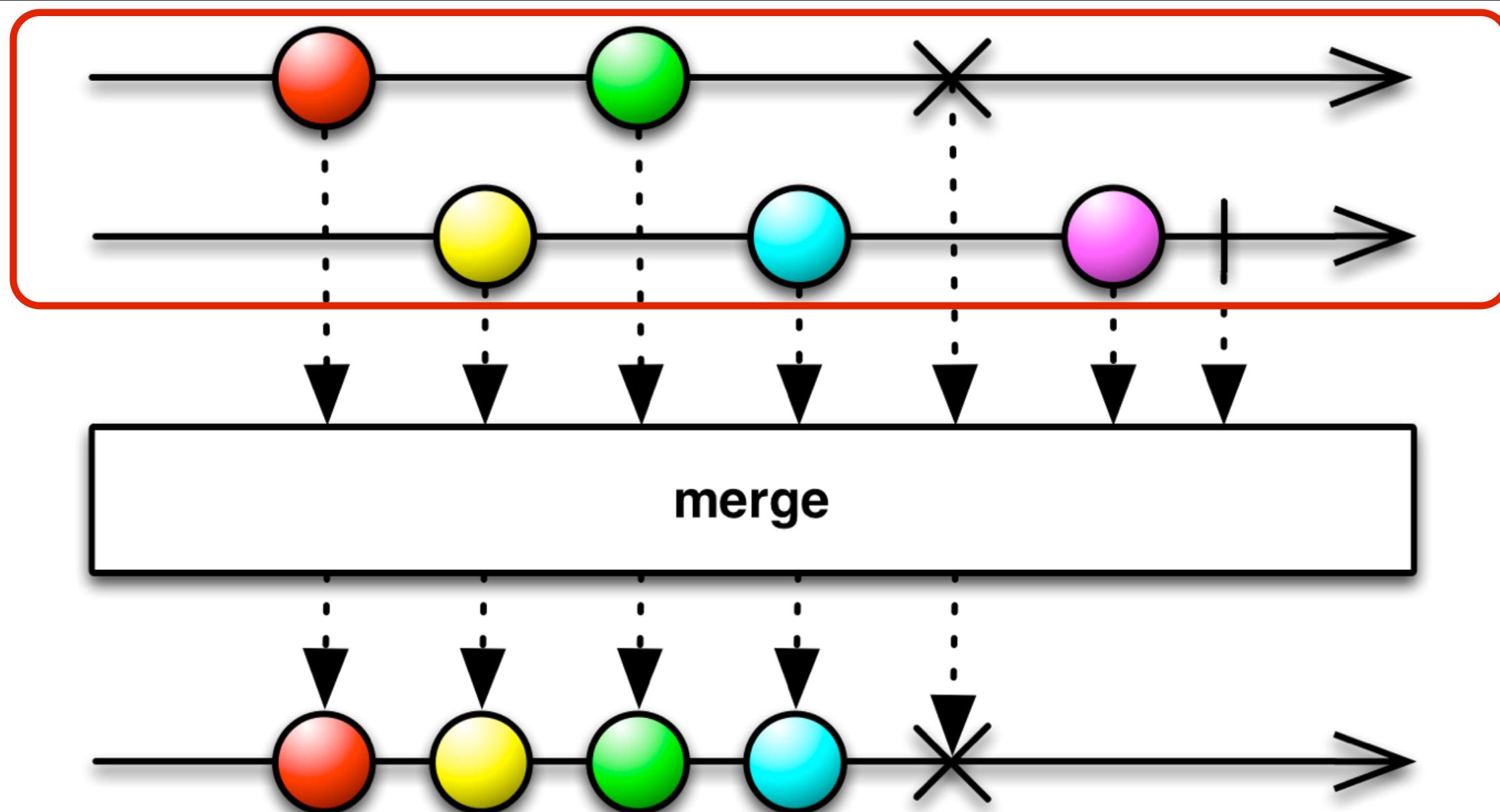
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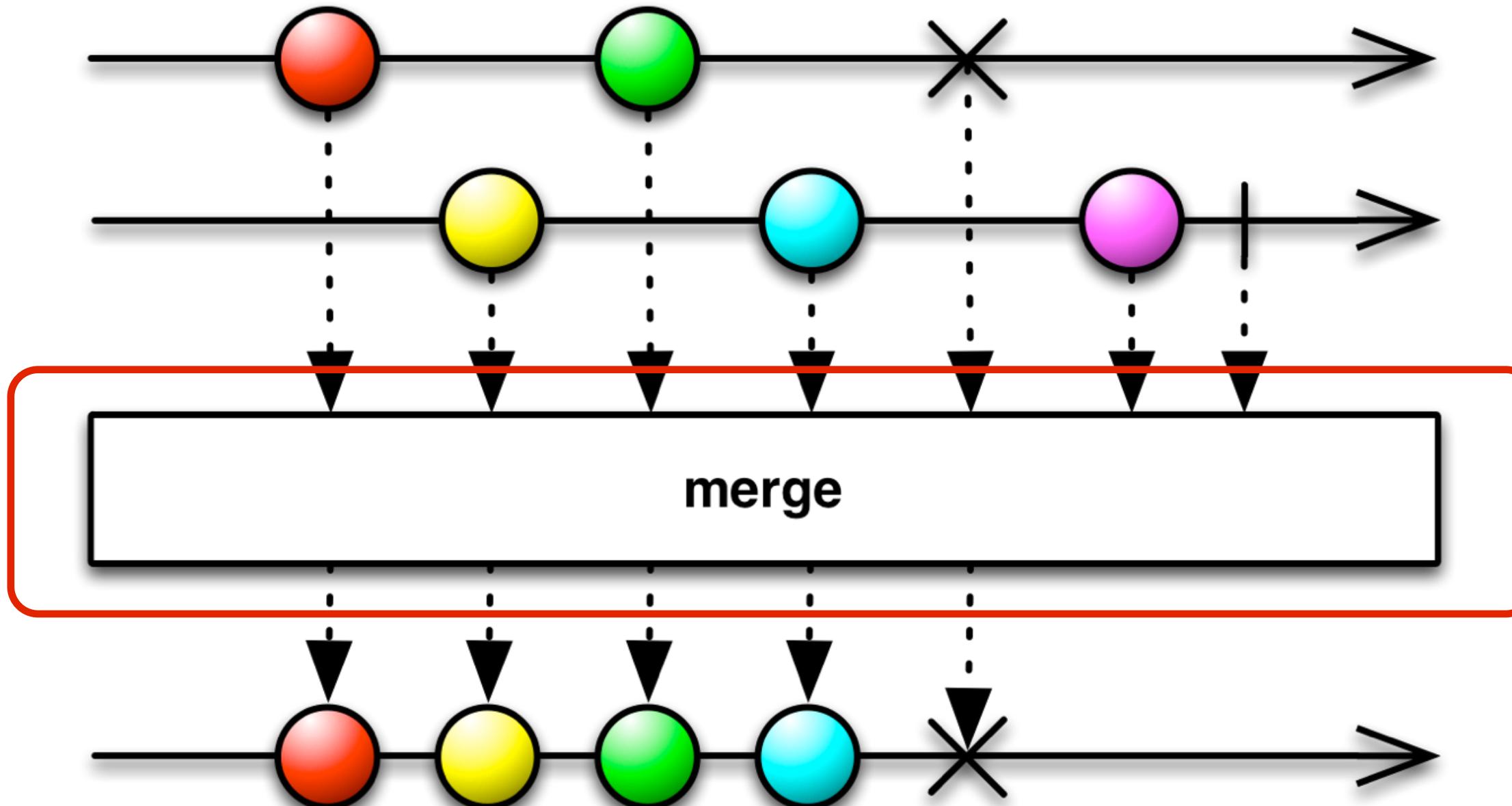
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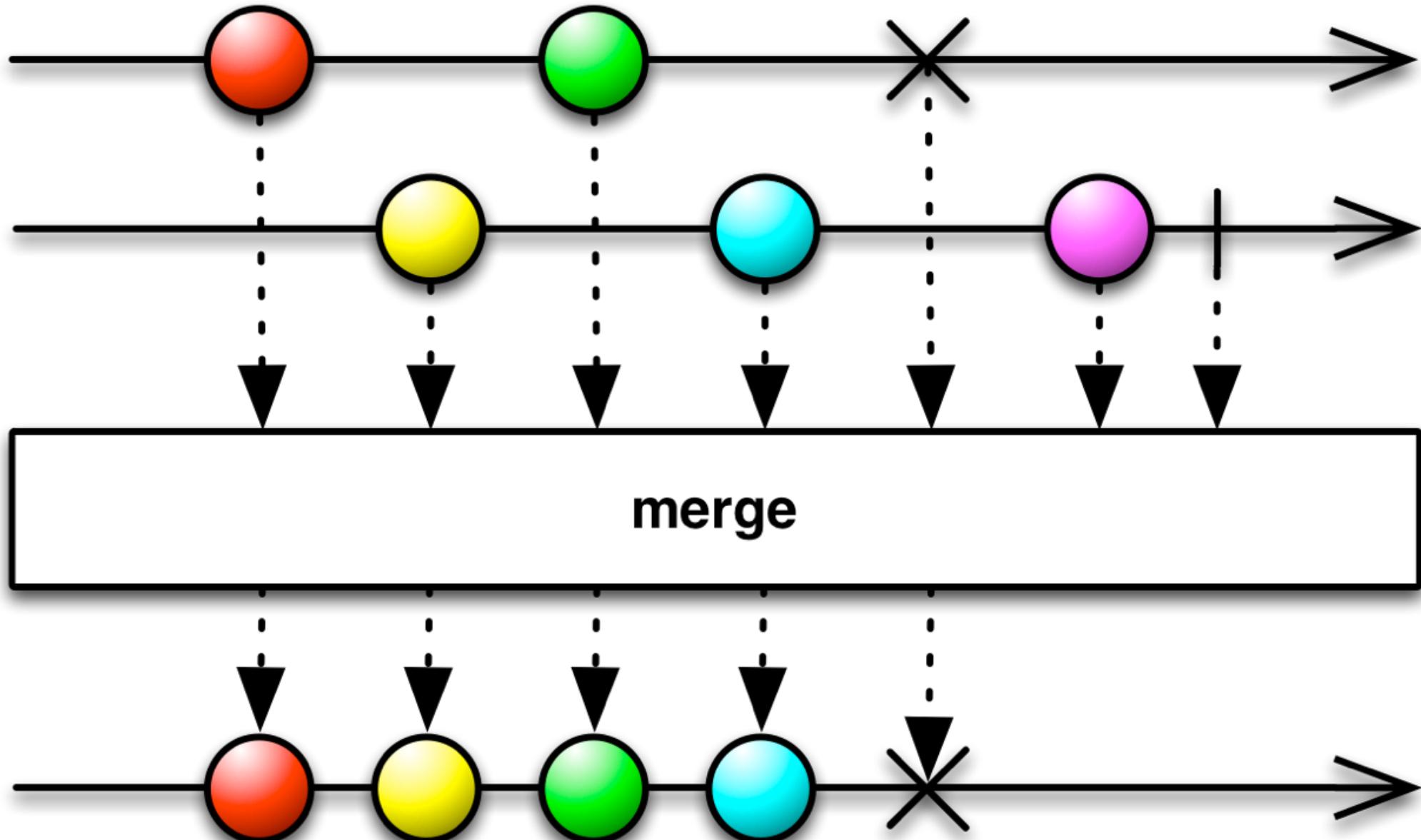
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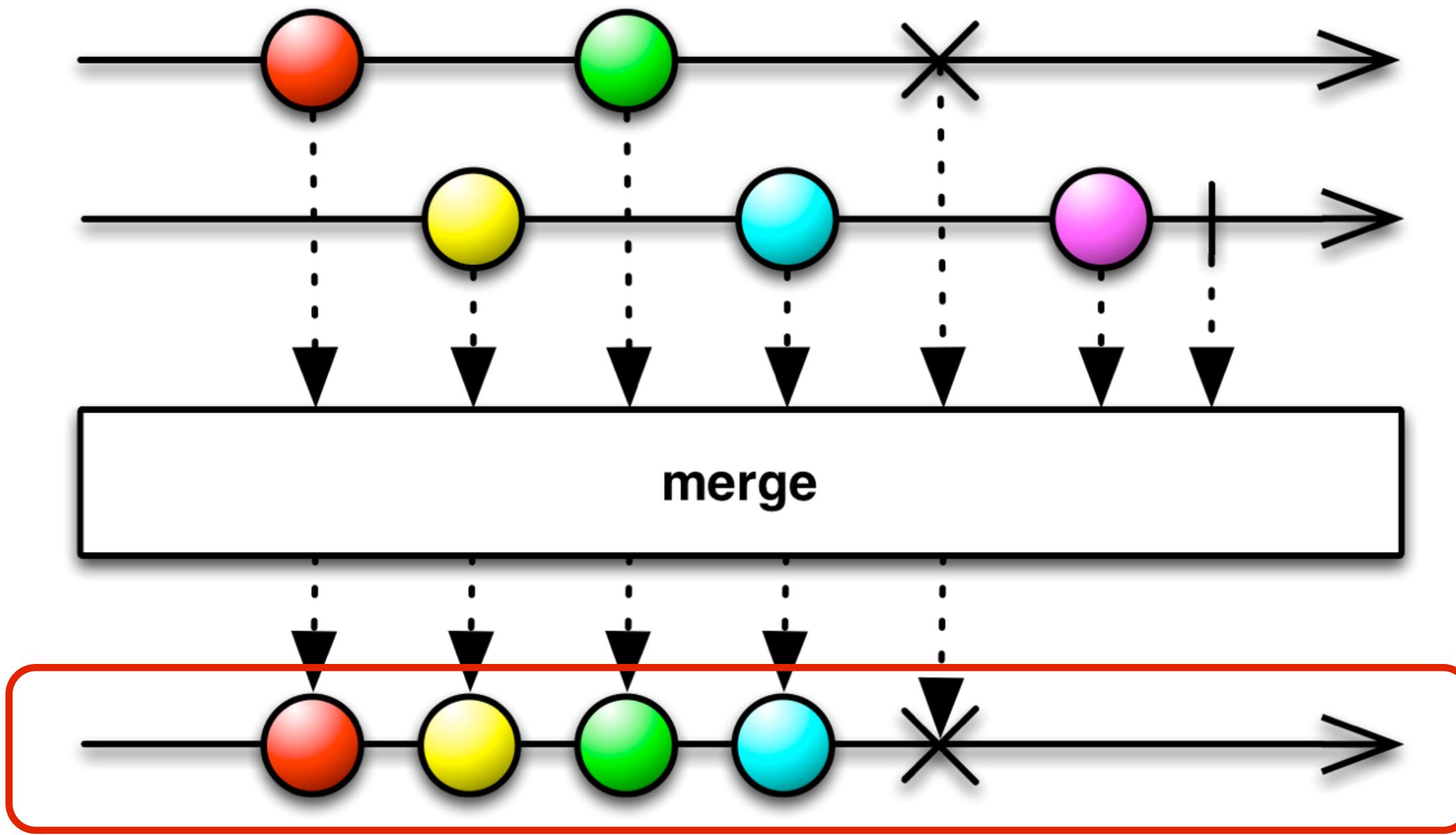


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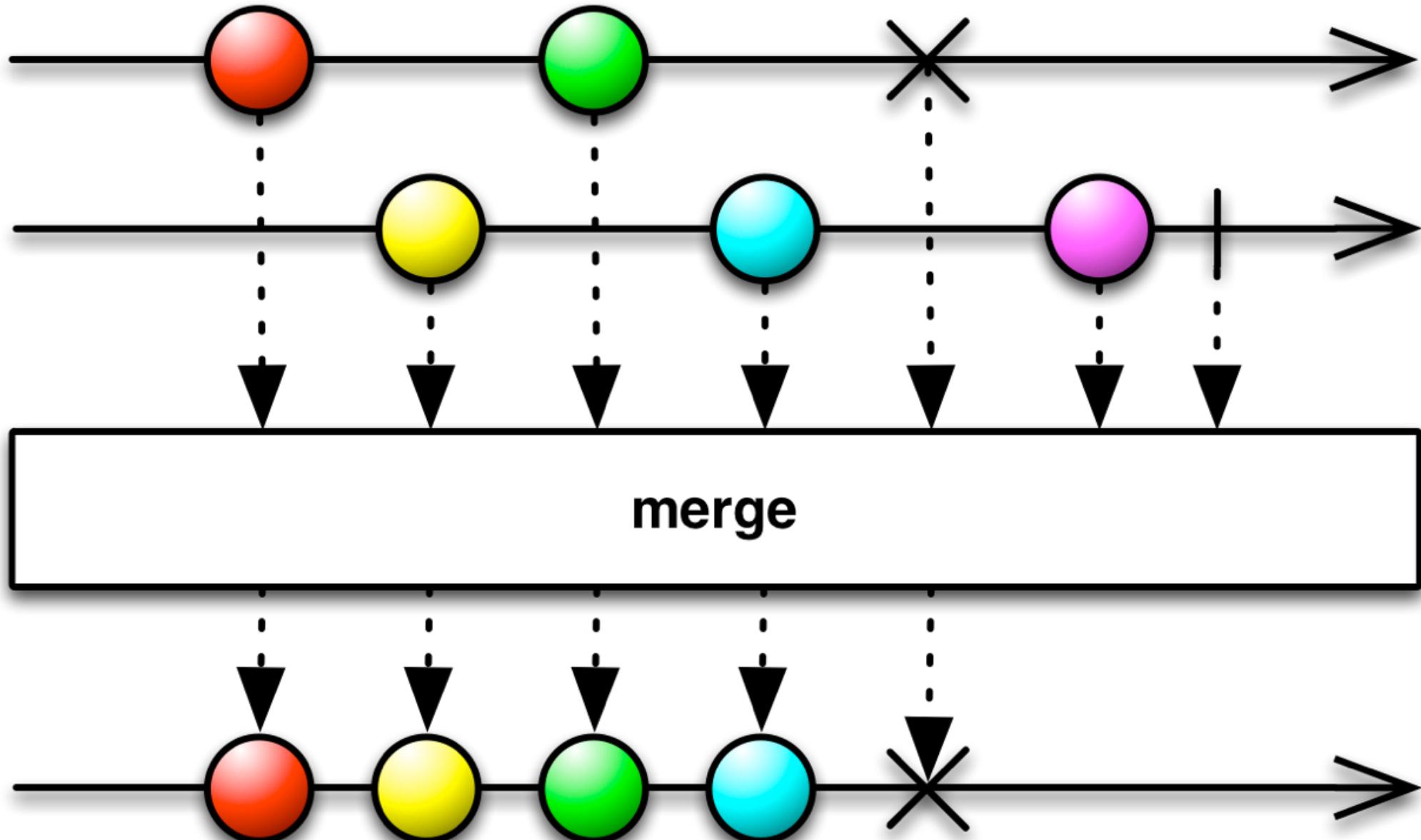
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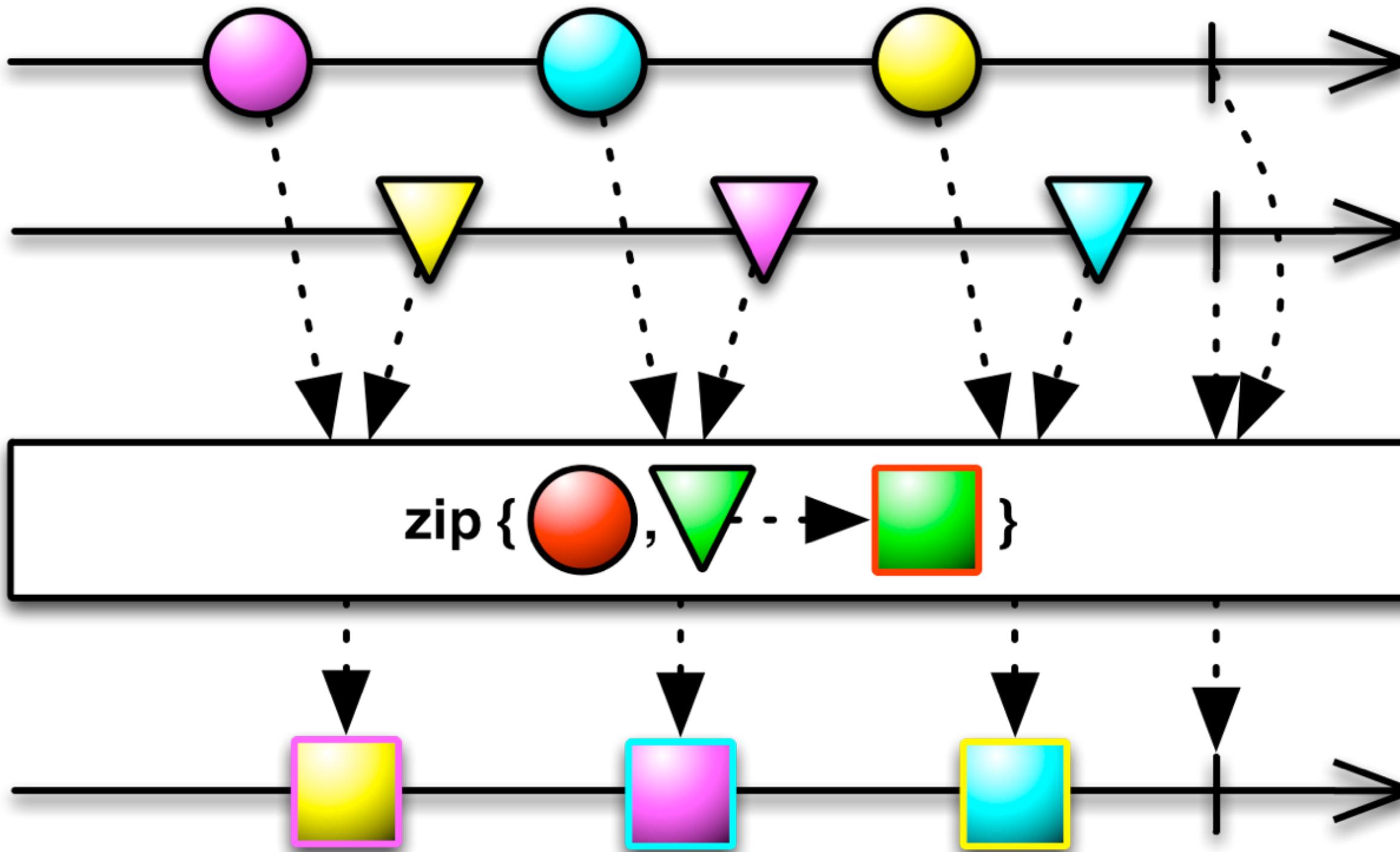
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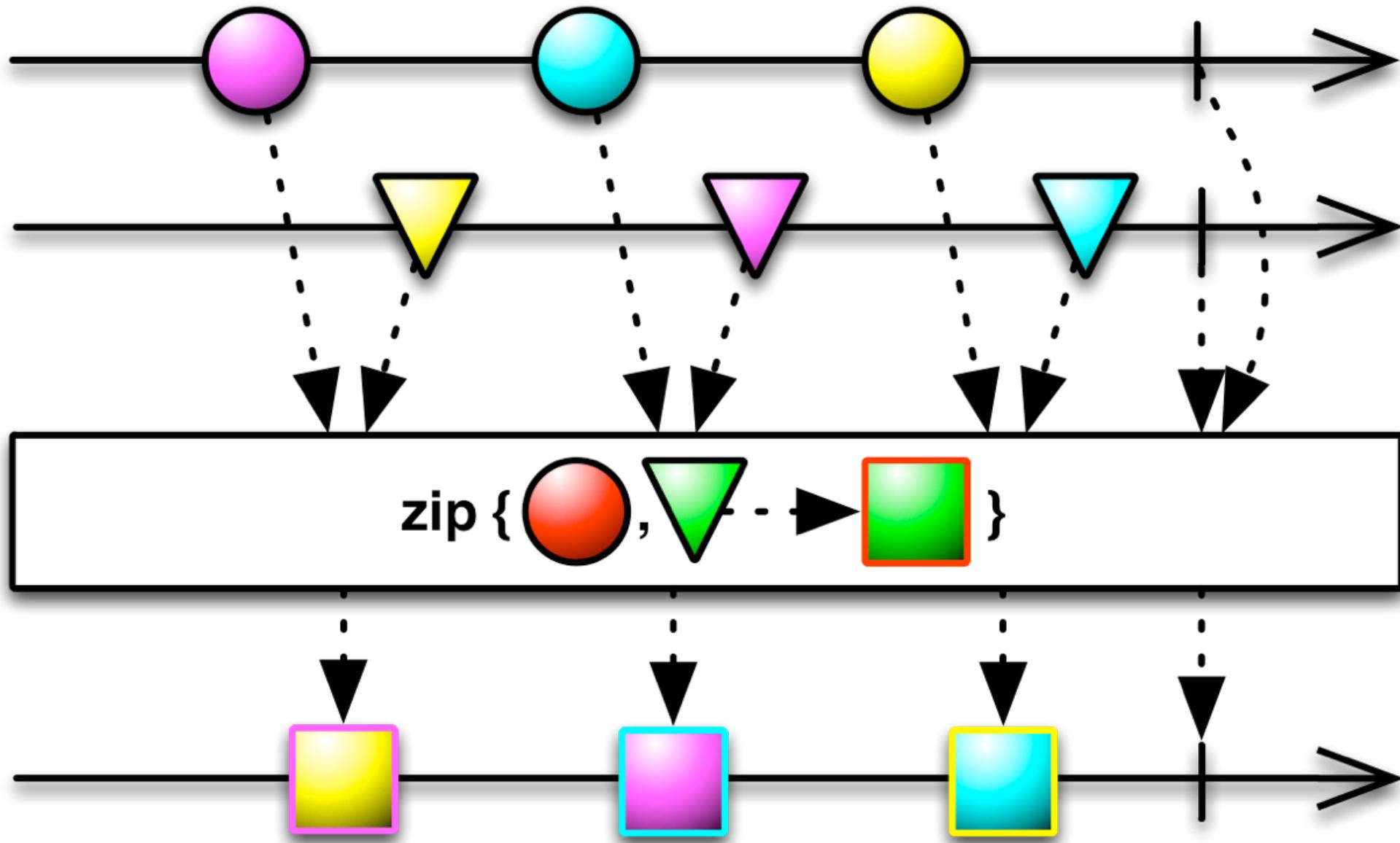


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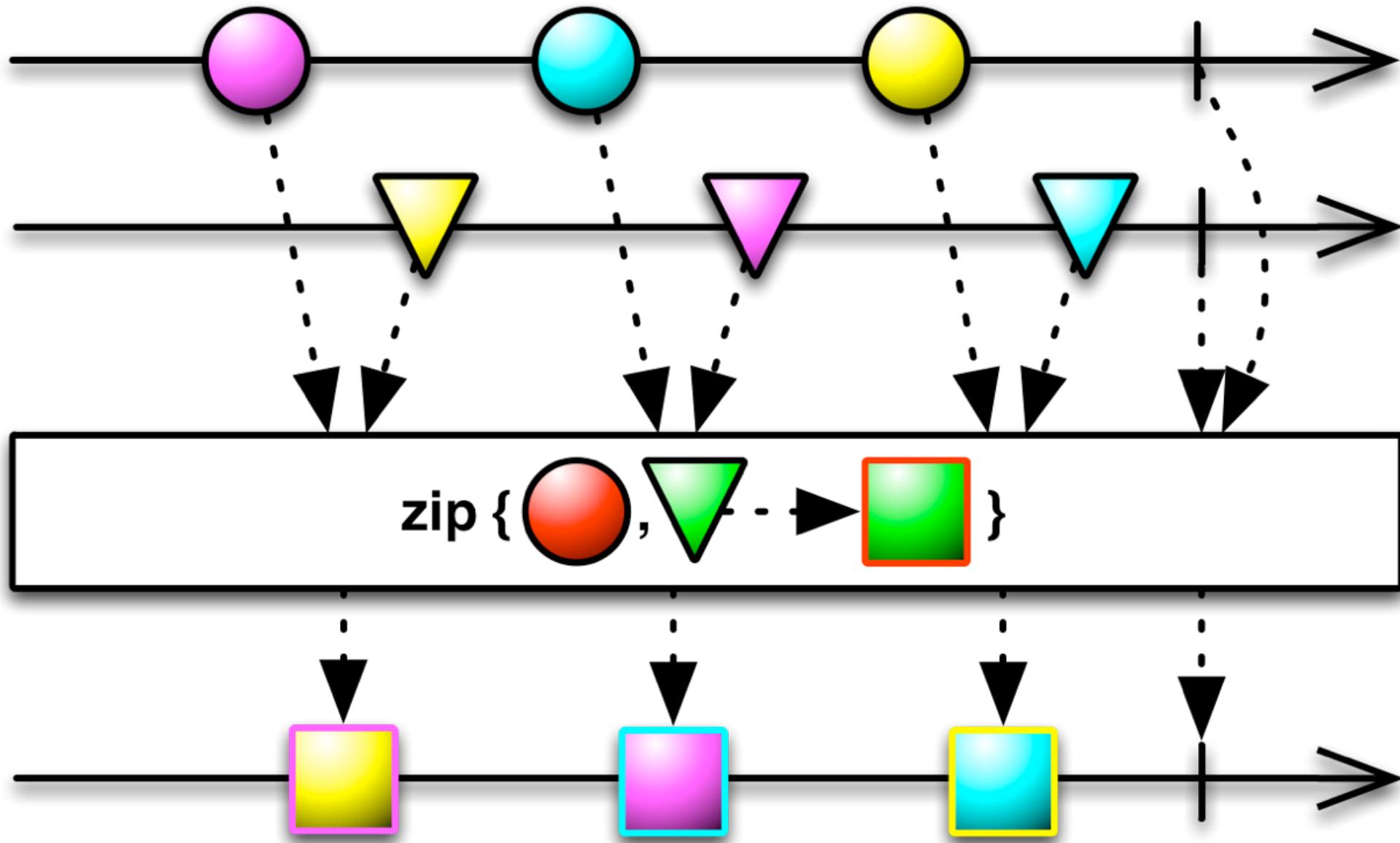
COMBINING VIA ZIP





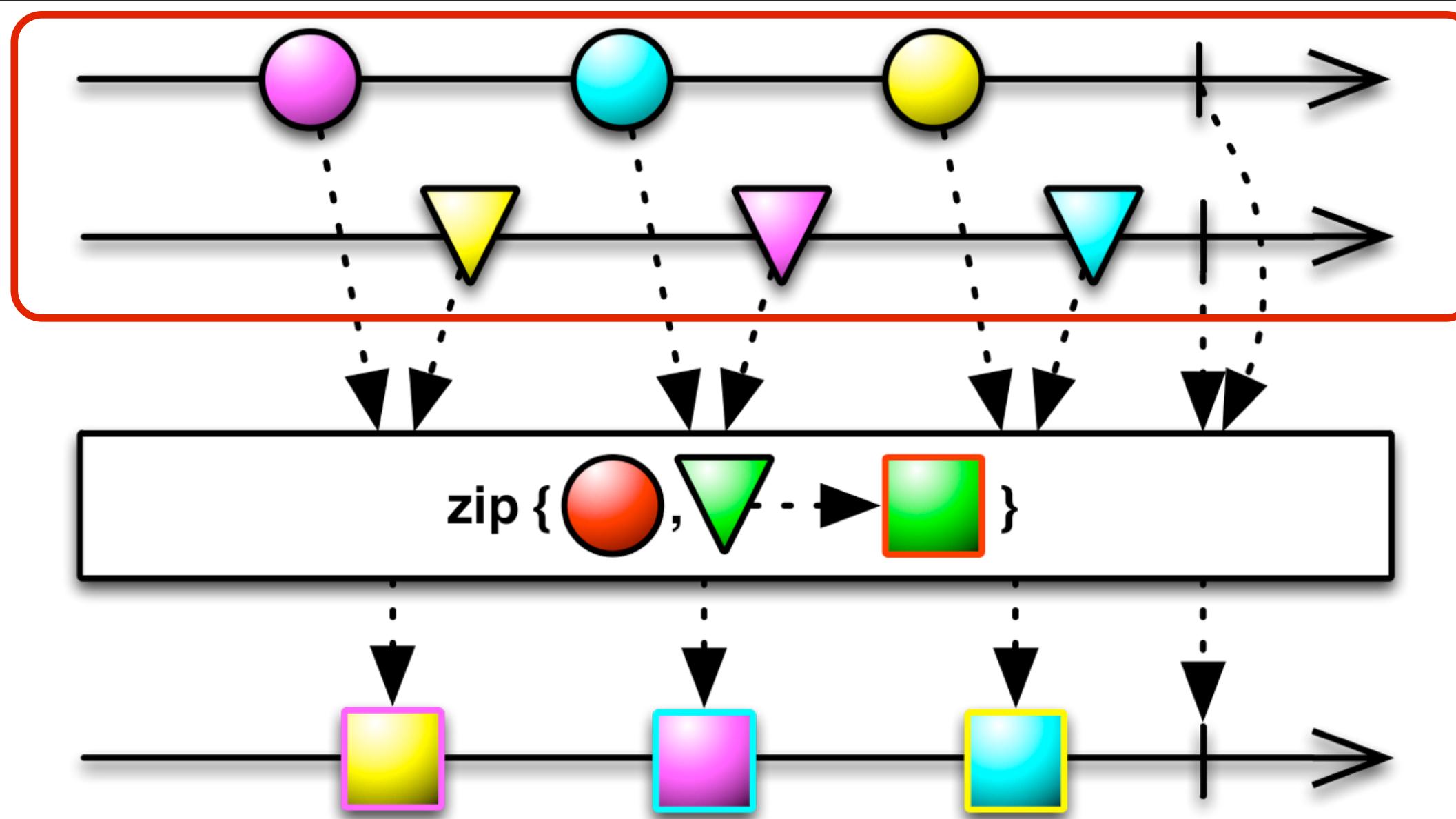
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```

```
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.subscribe(  
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        + " b: " + pair[1])})
```



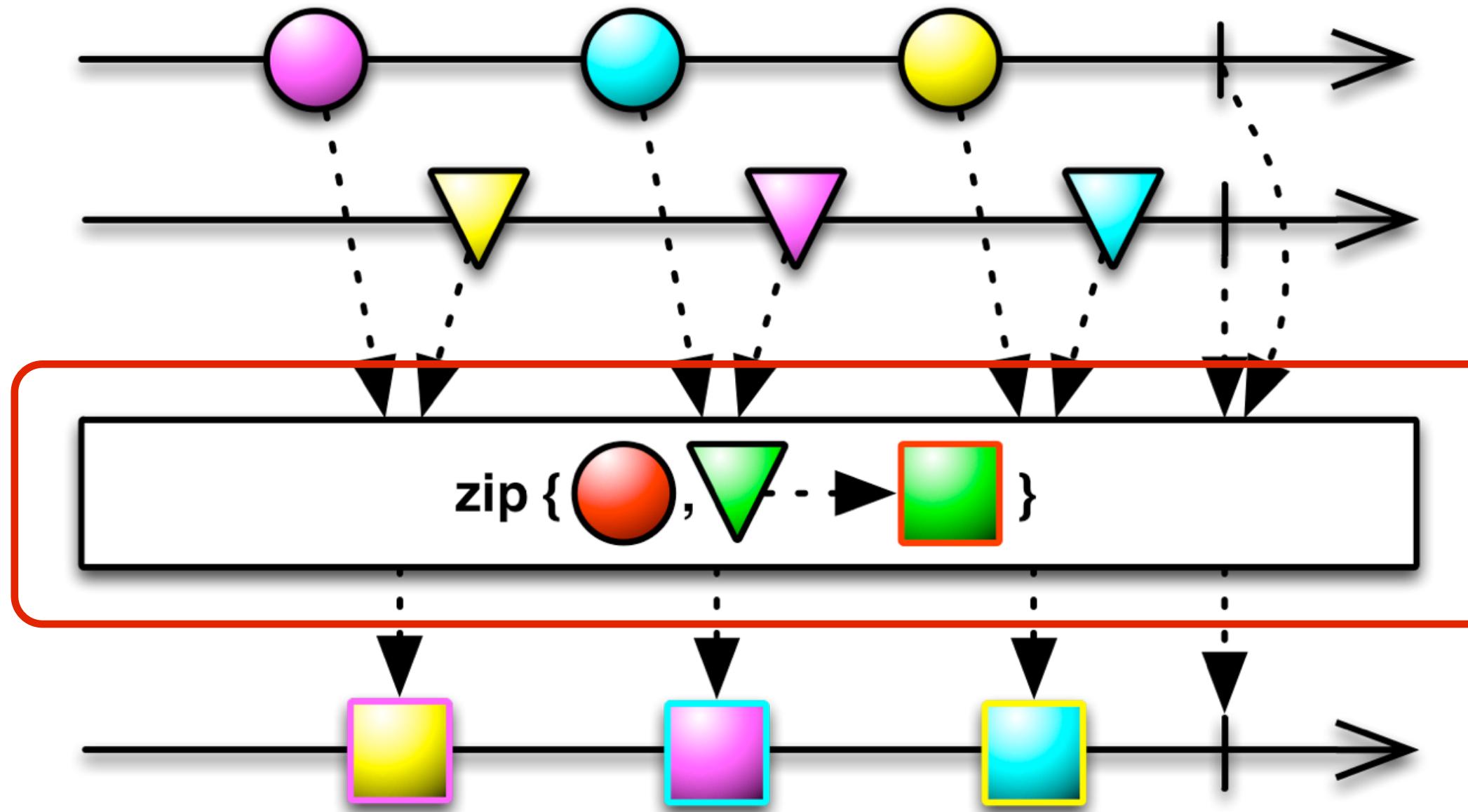
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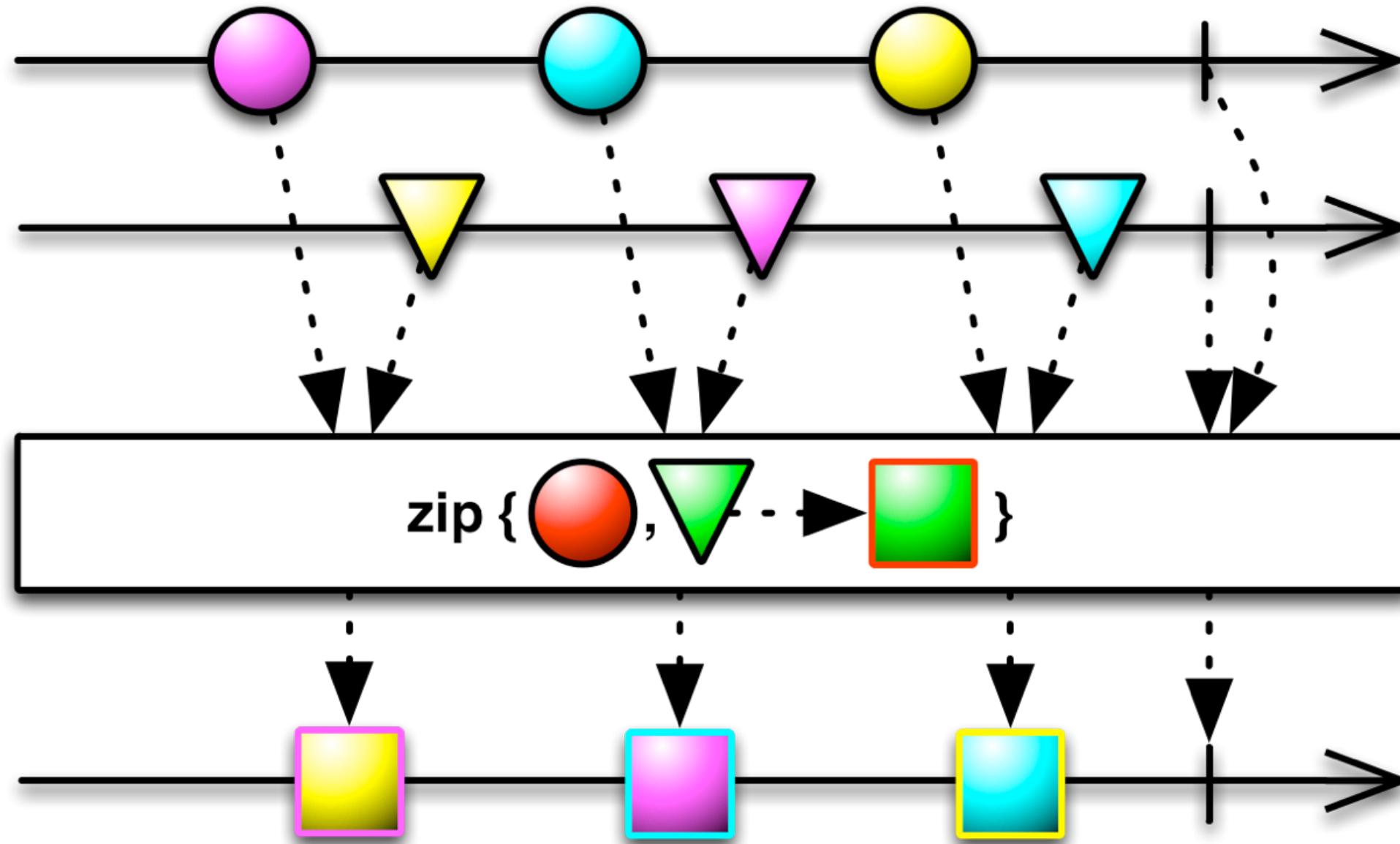
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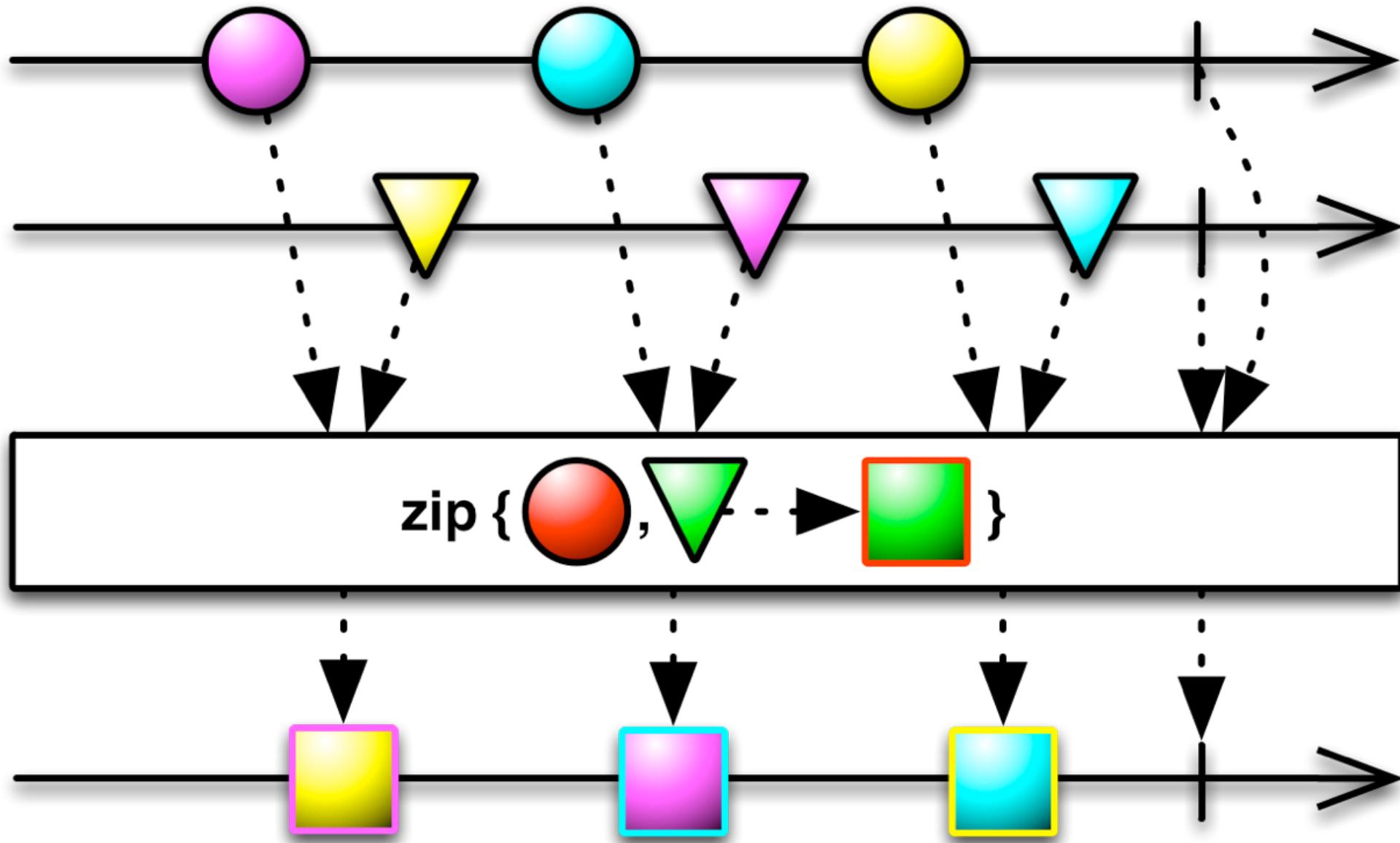
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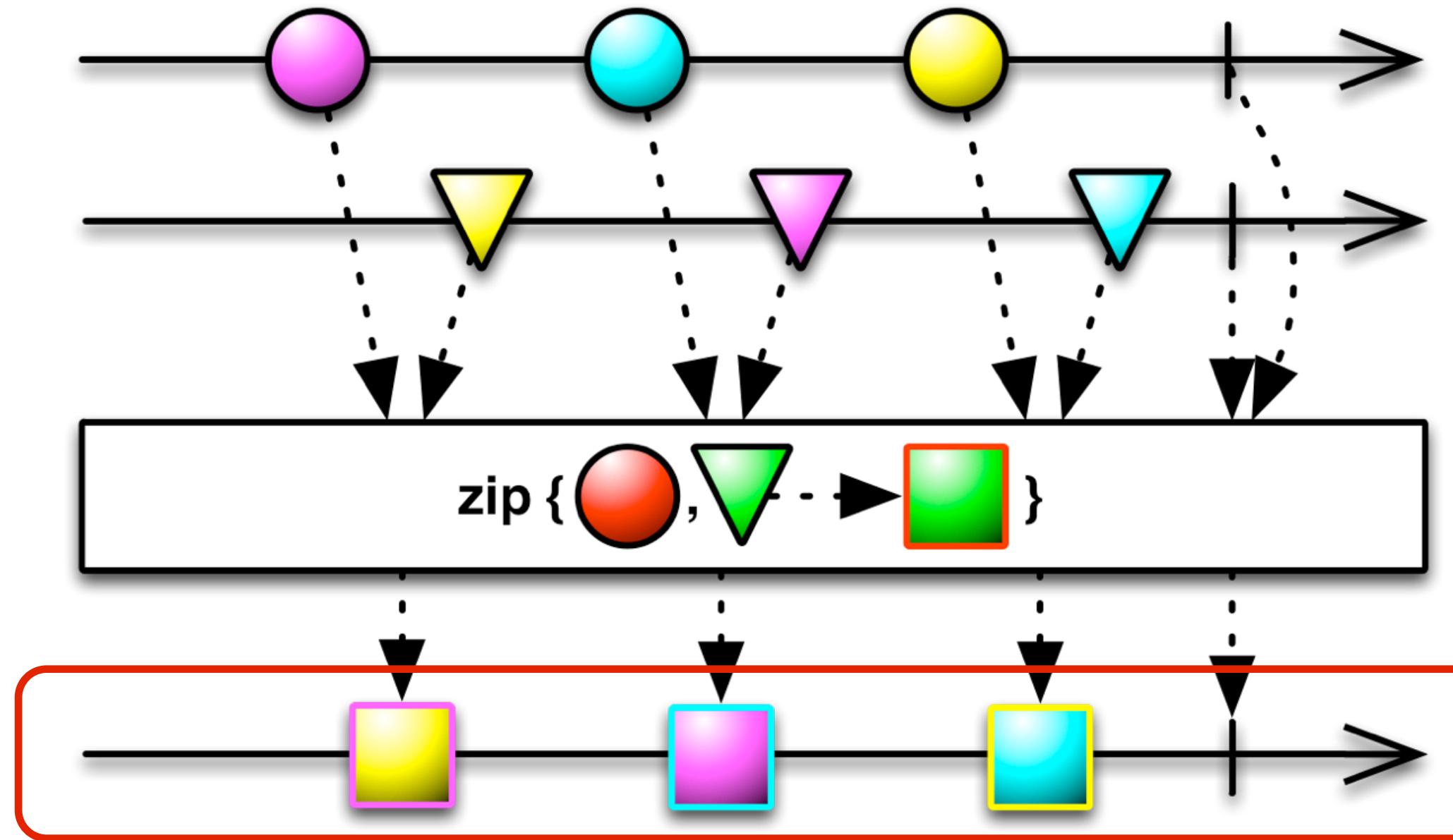
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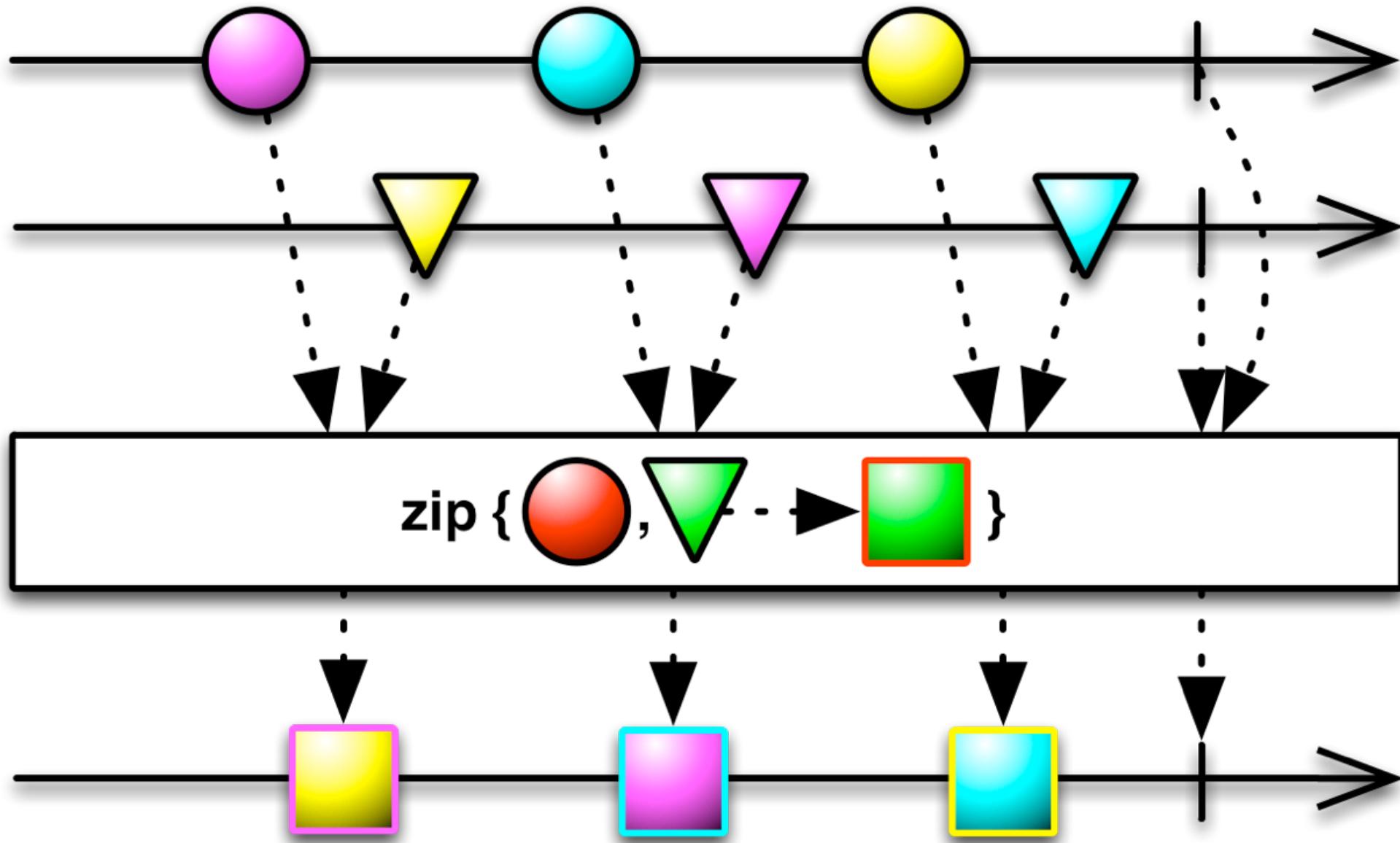
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    .subscribe(
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        { exception -> println("error occurred:
                            + exception.getMessage())},
        { println("completed") } )
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onNext(T) → **Observable.zip(a, b, {x, y -> [x, y]})**

onError(Exception) → { exception -> println("error occurred: " + exception.getMessage())},

onCompleted() → { println("completed") })

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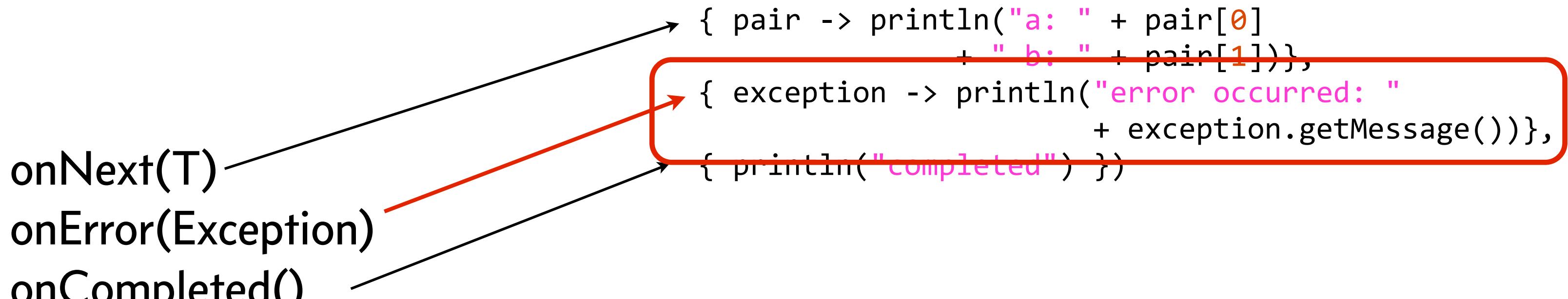
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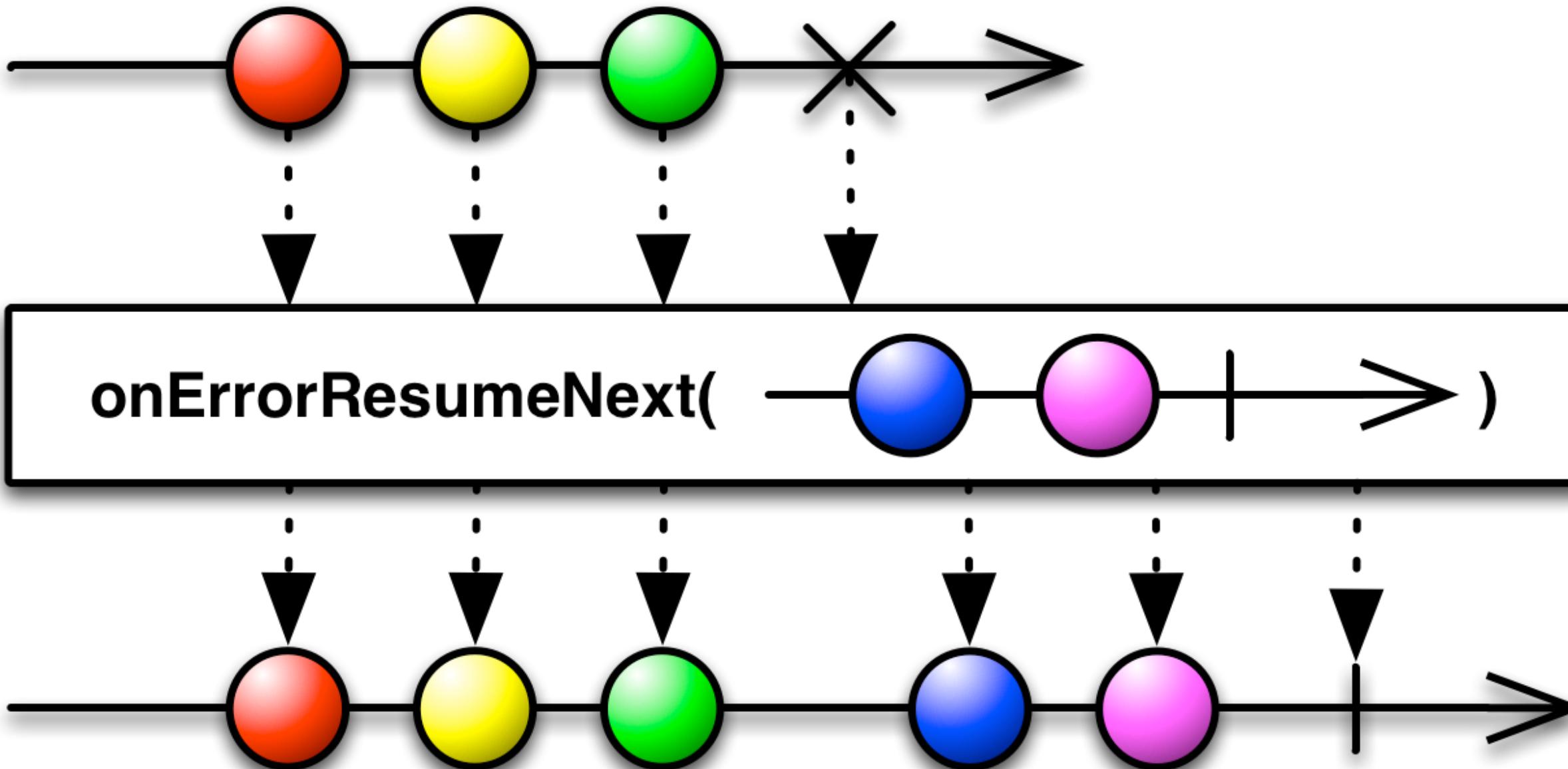
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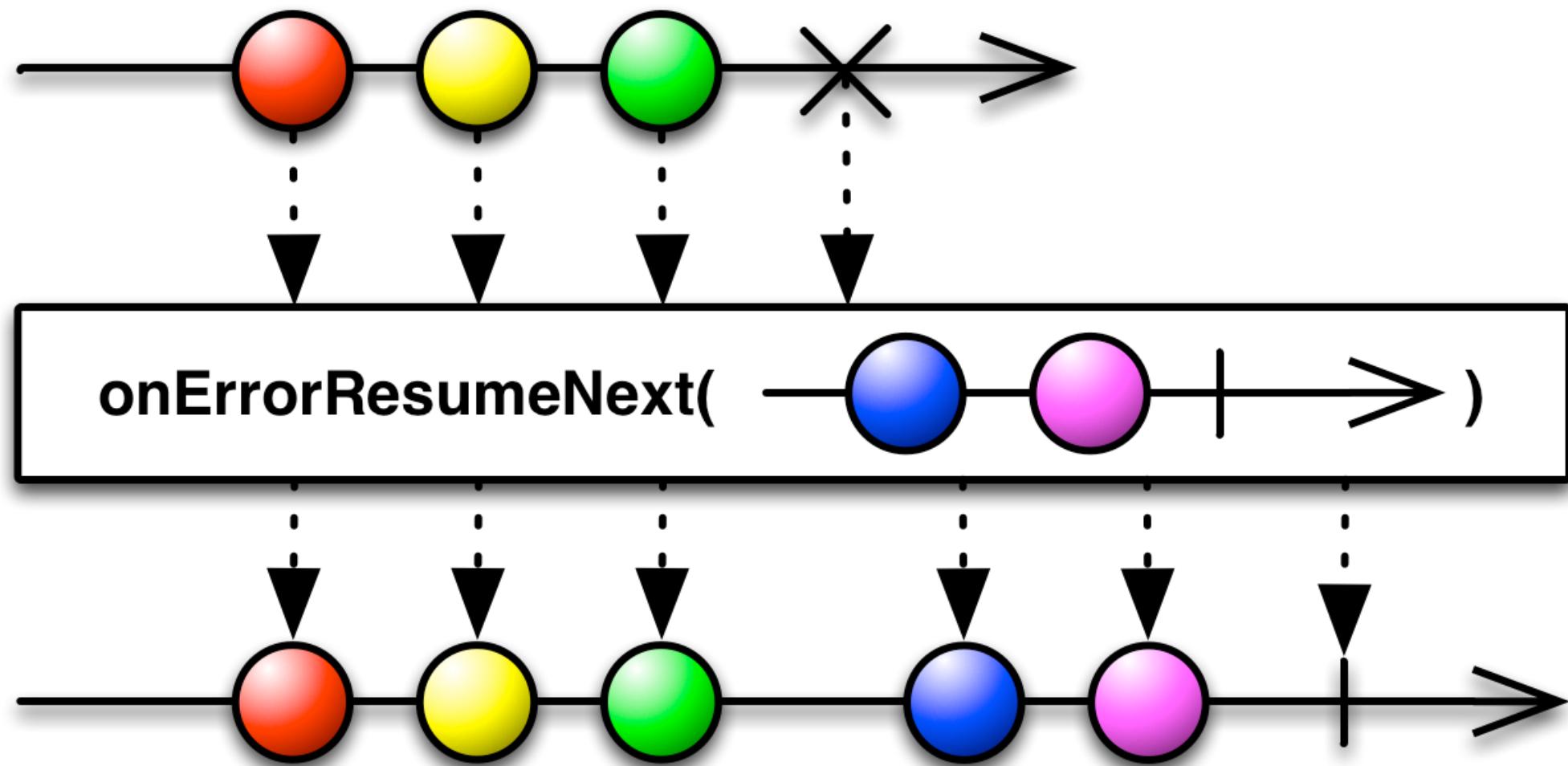
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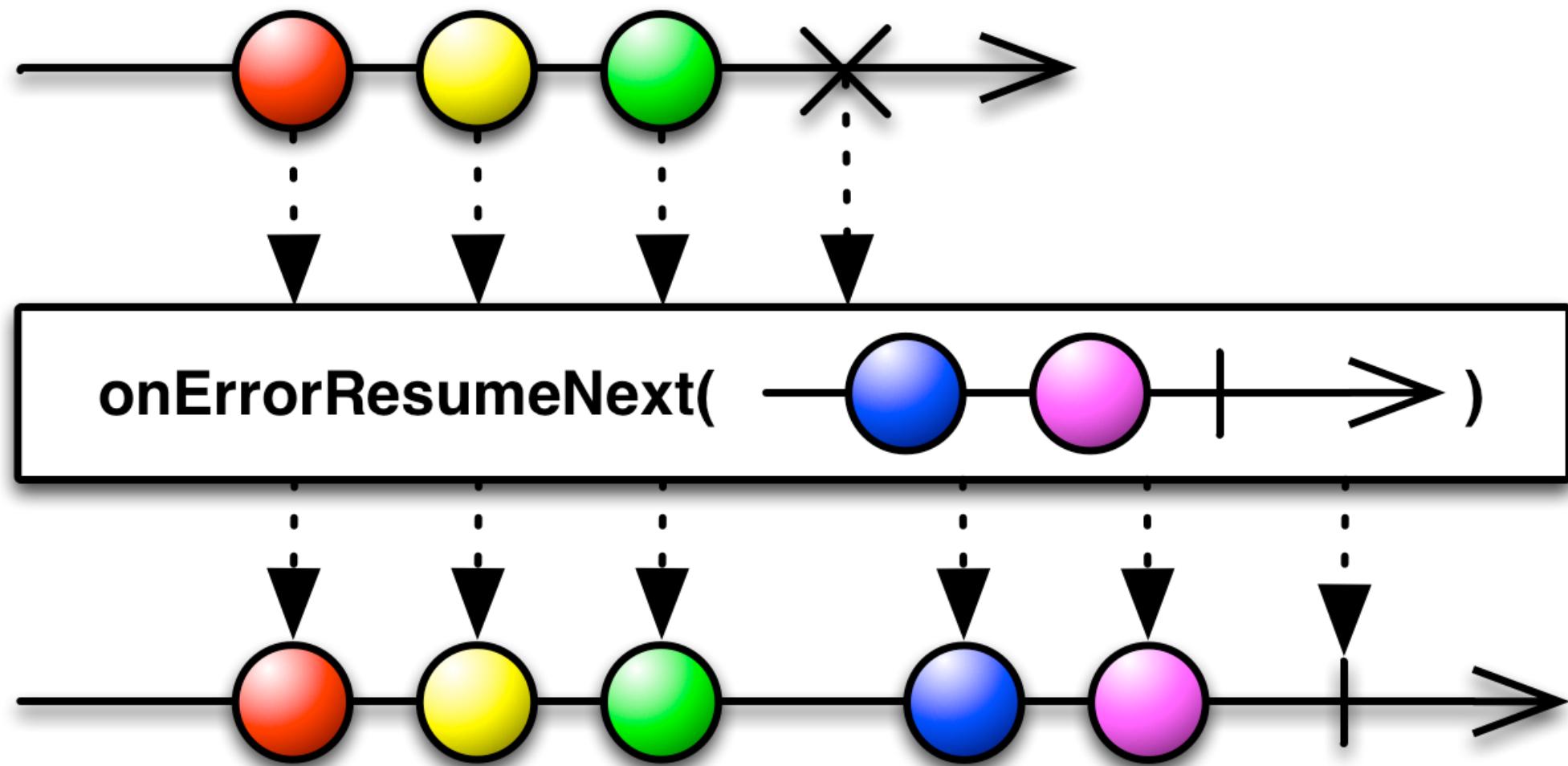
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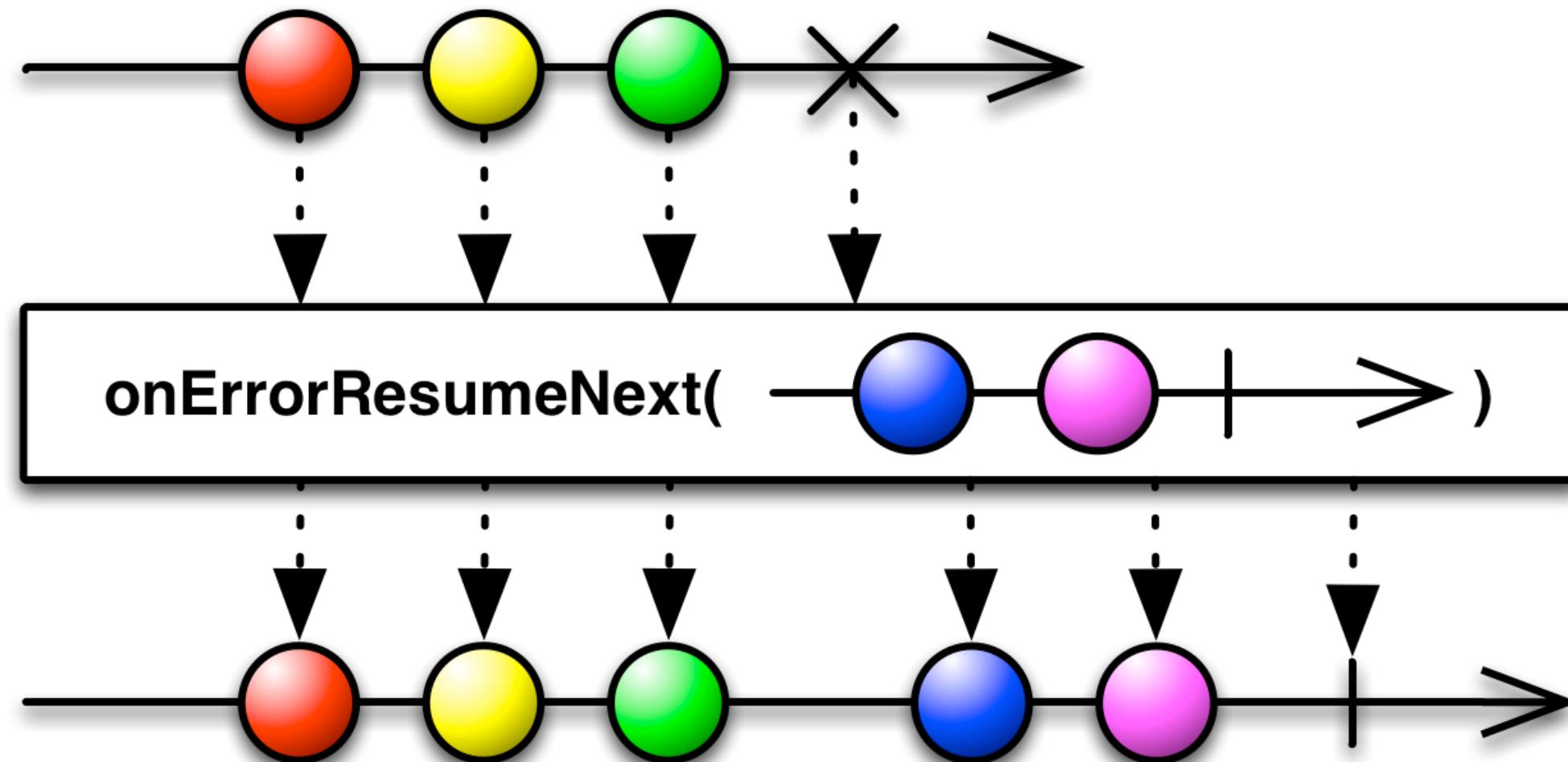


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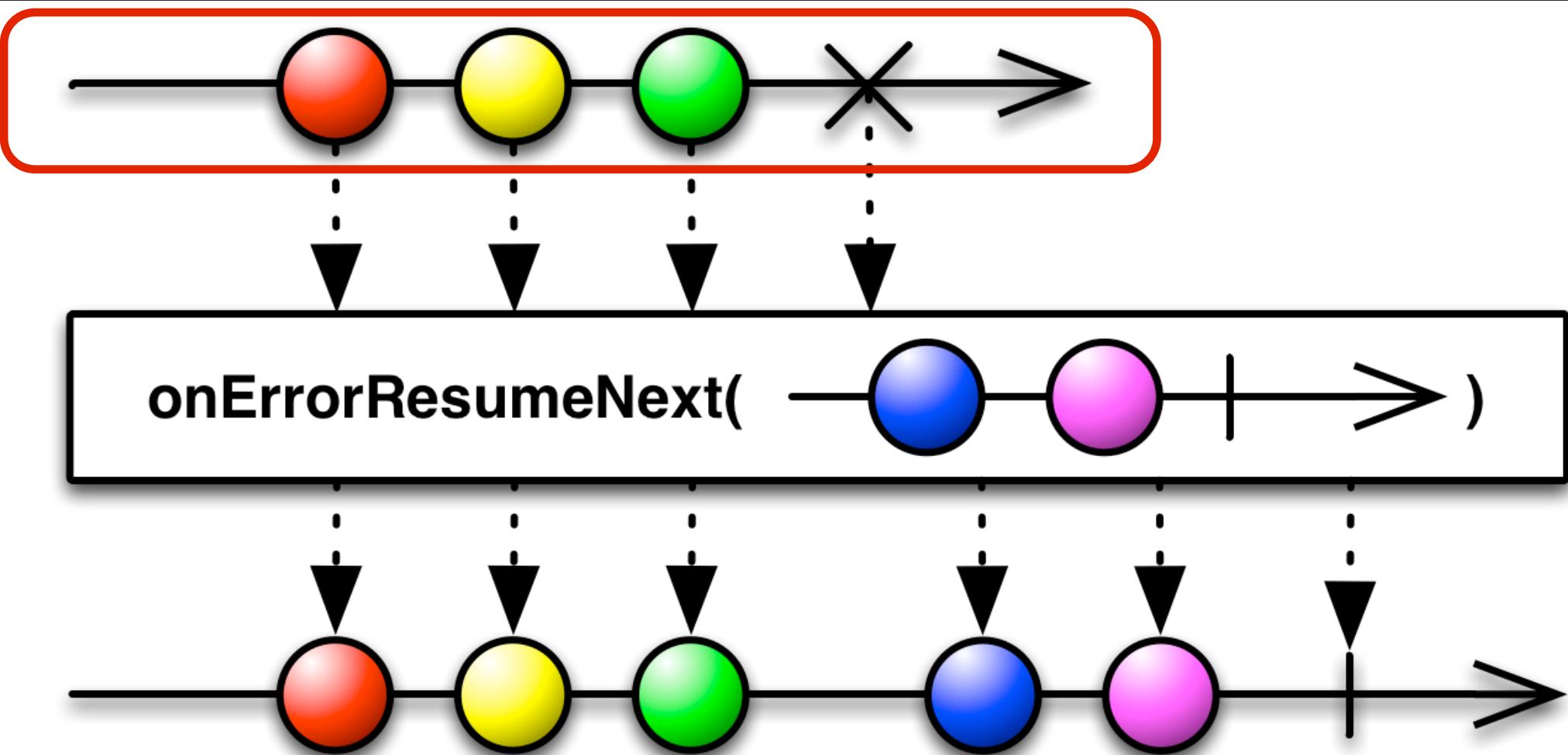
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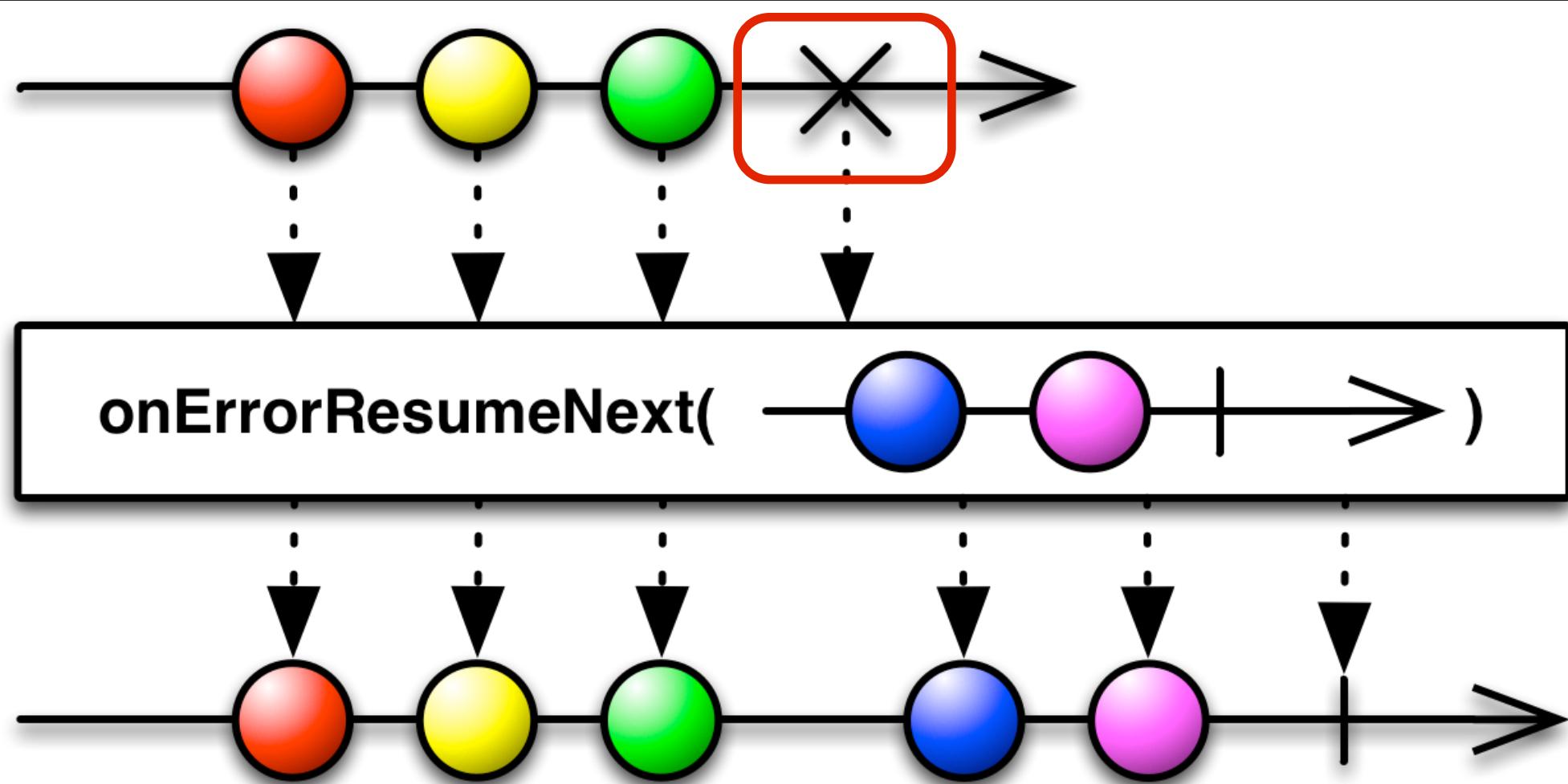


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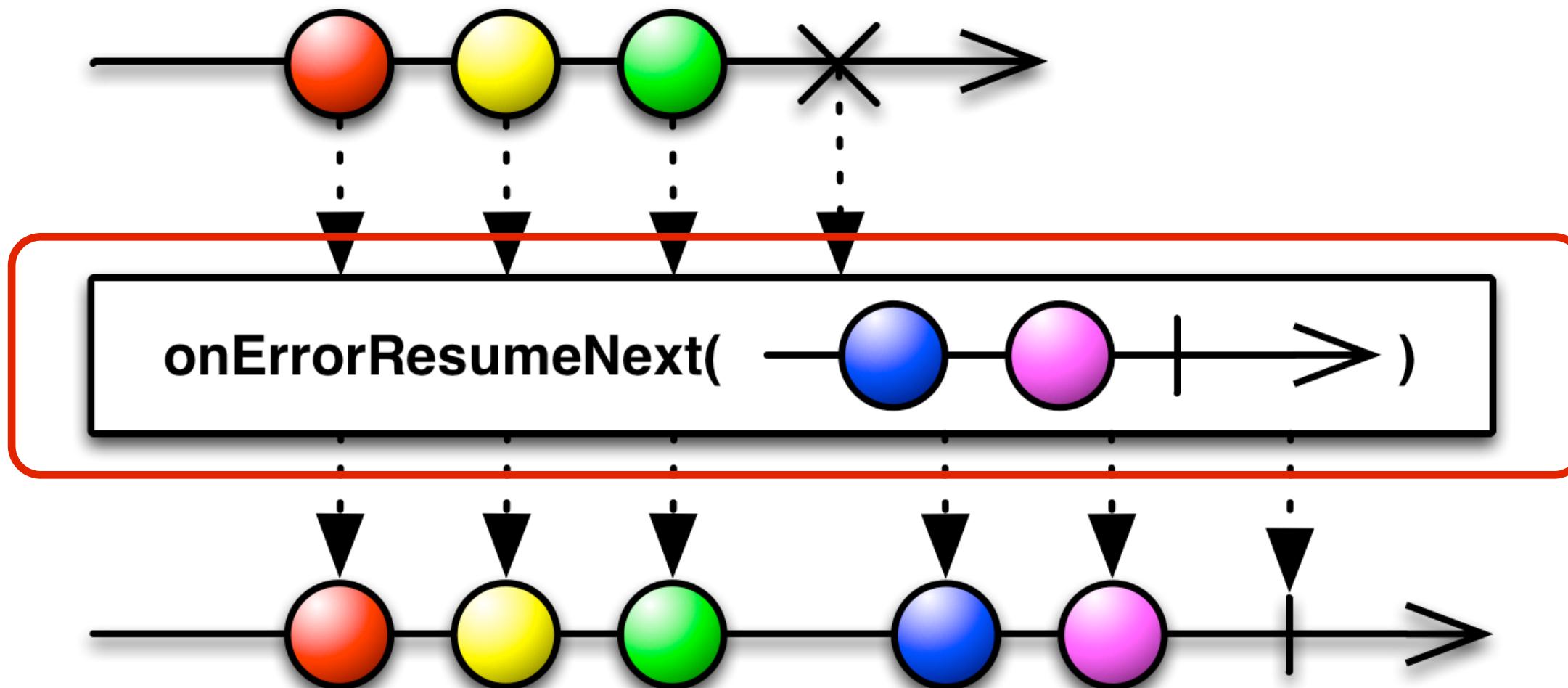


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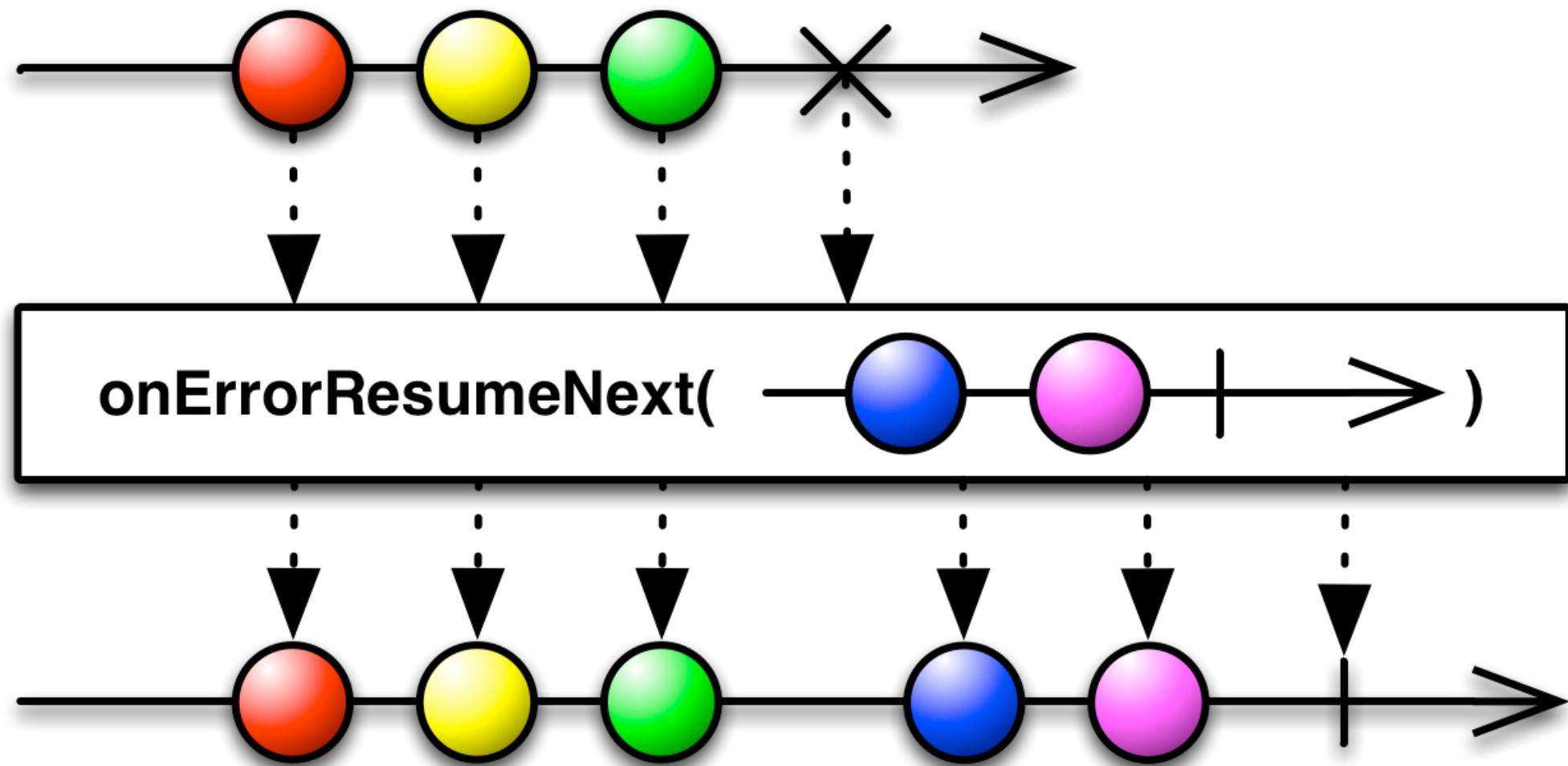


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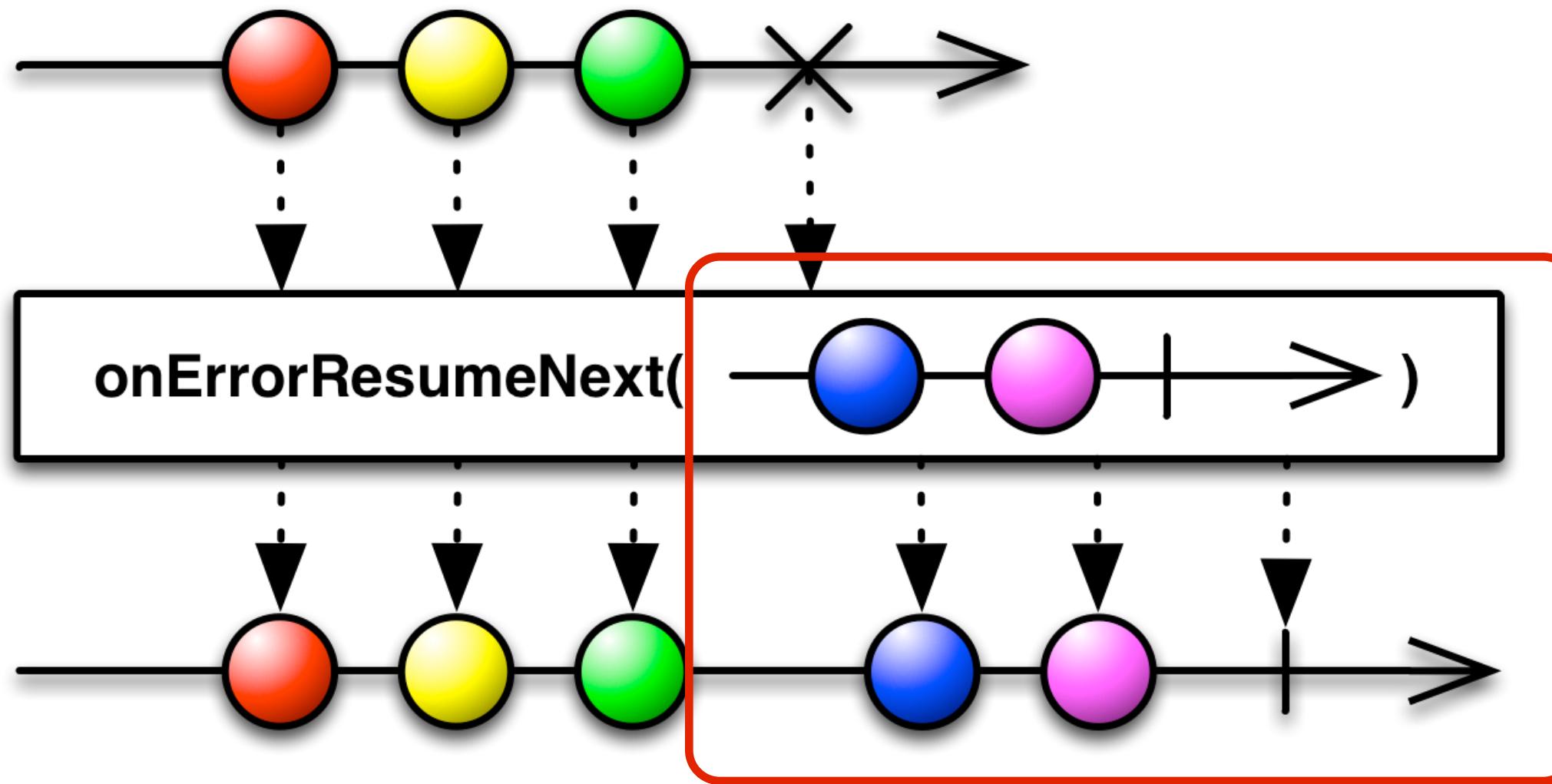
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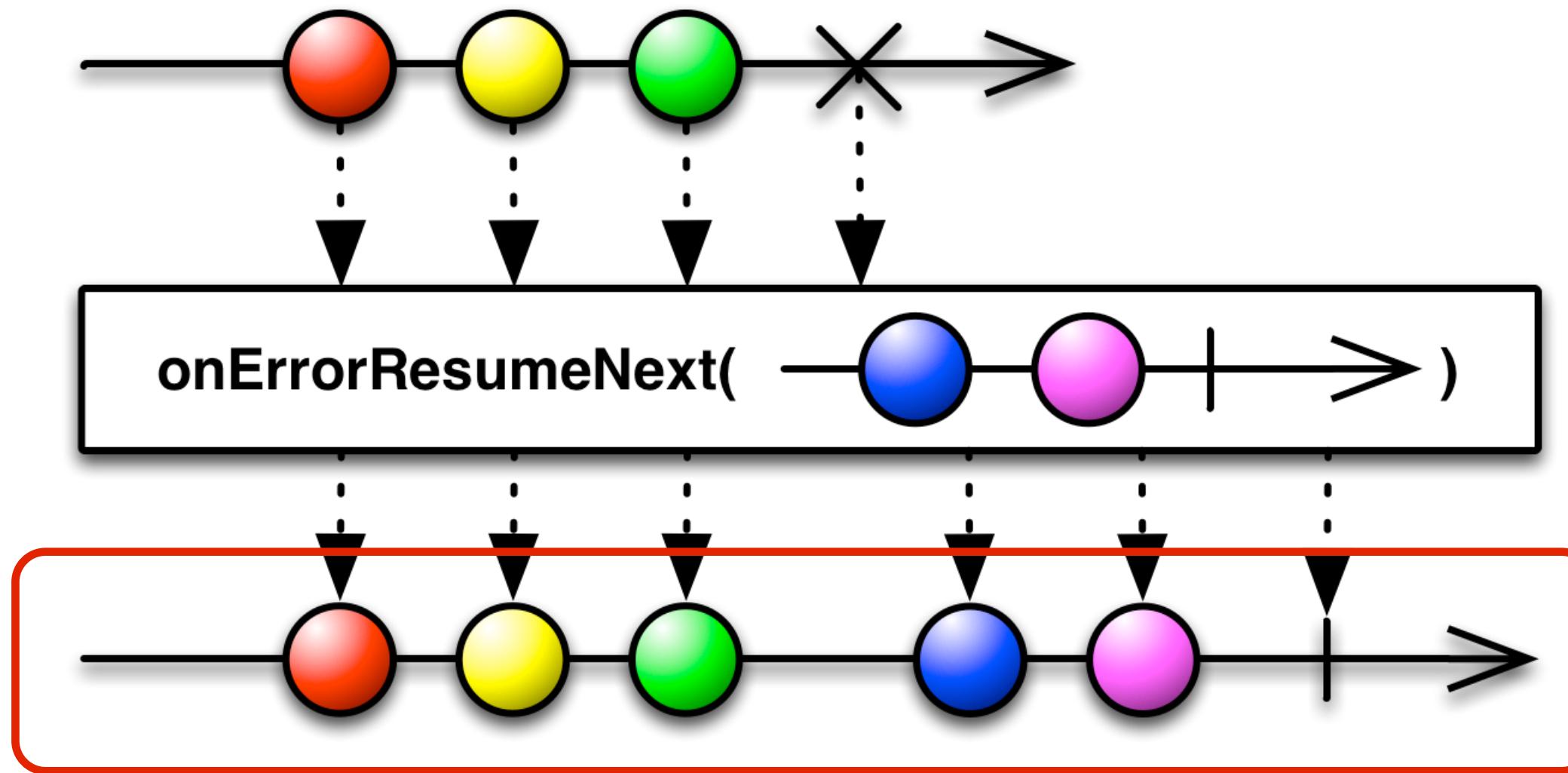


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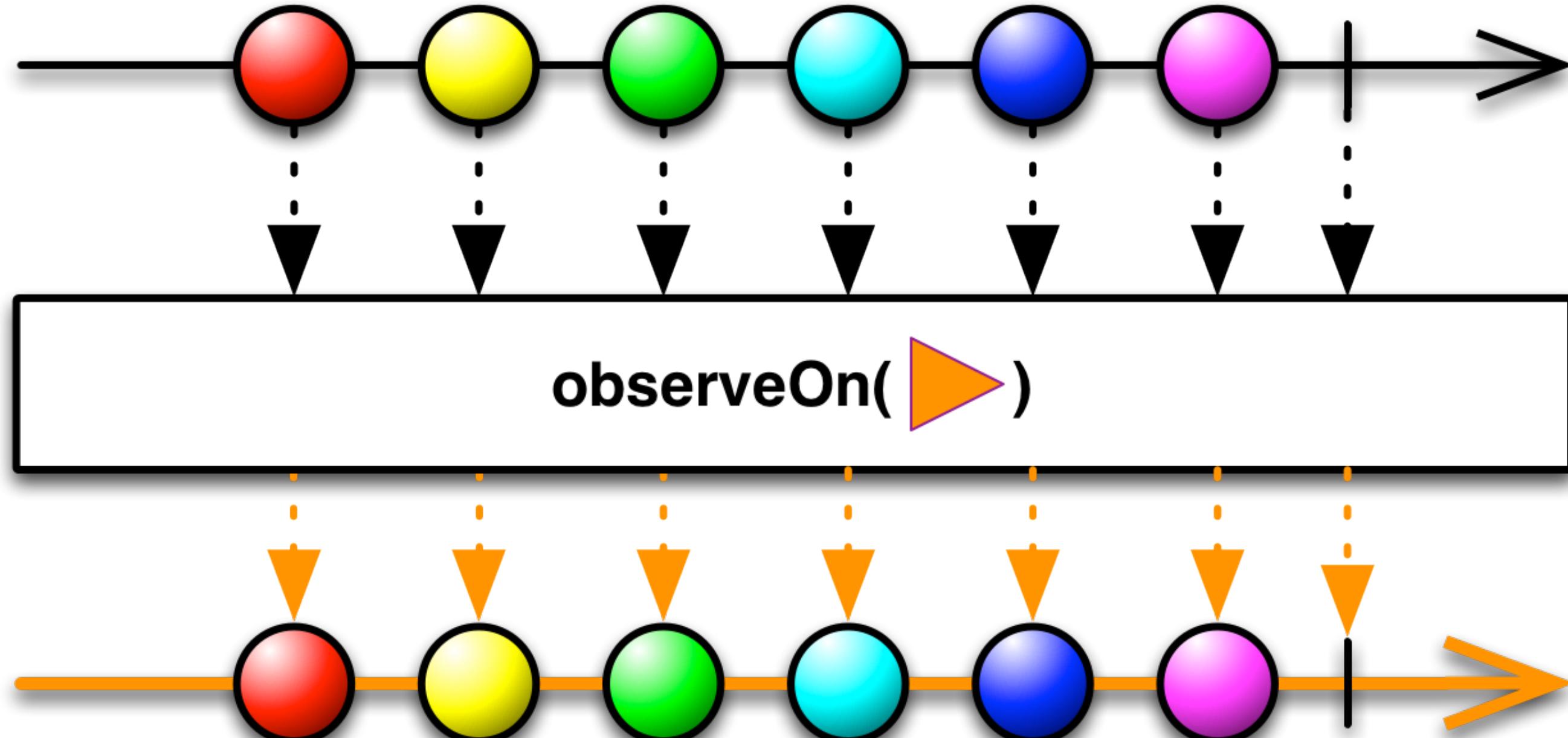
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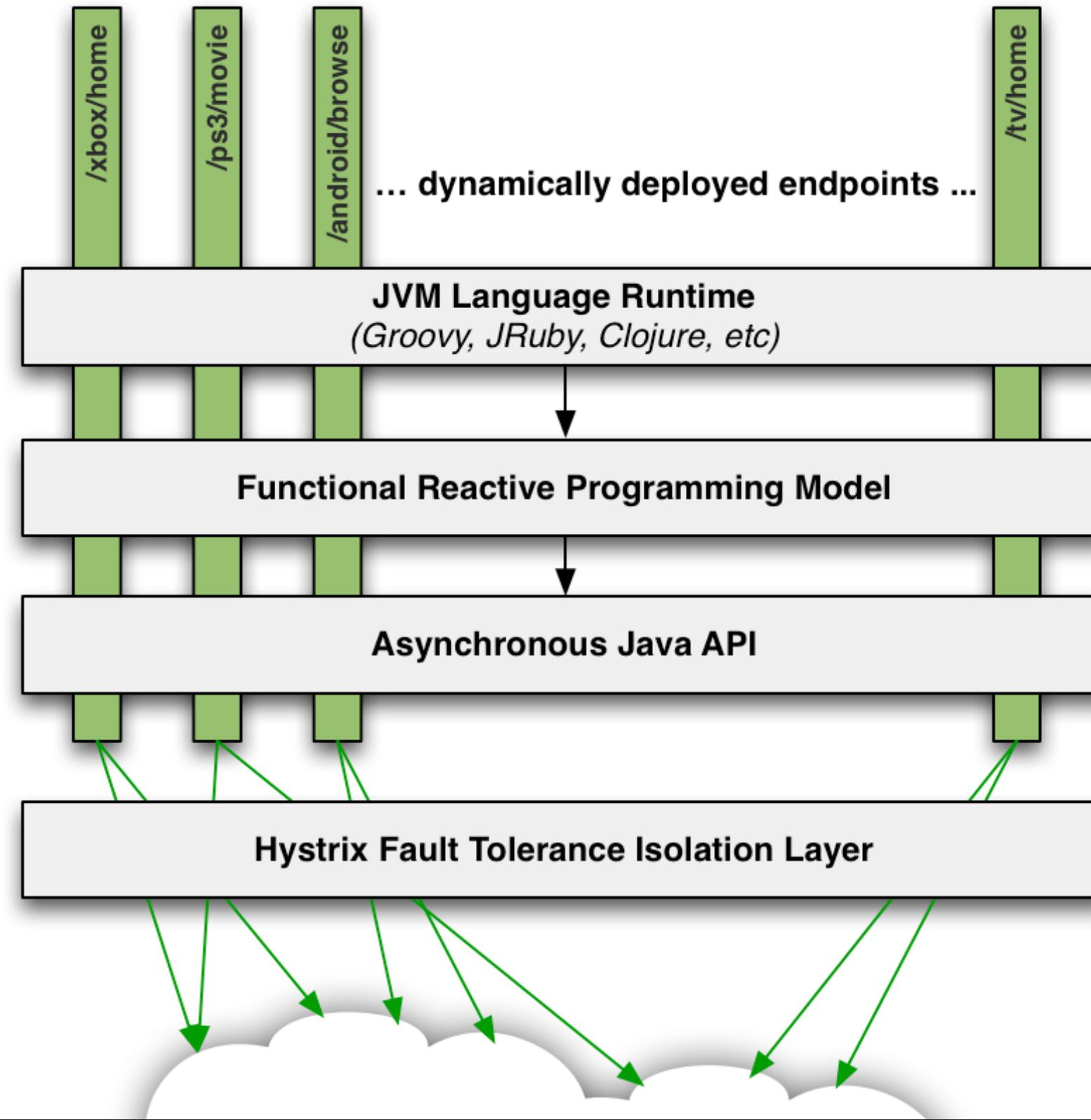
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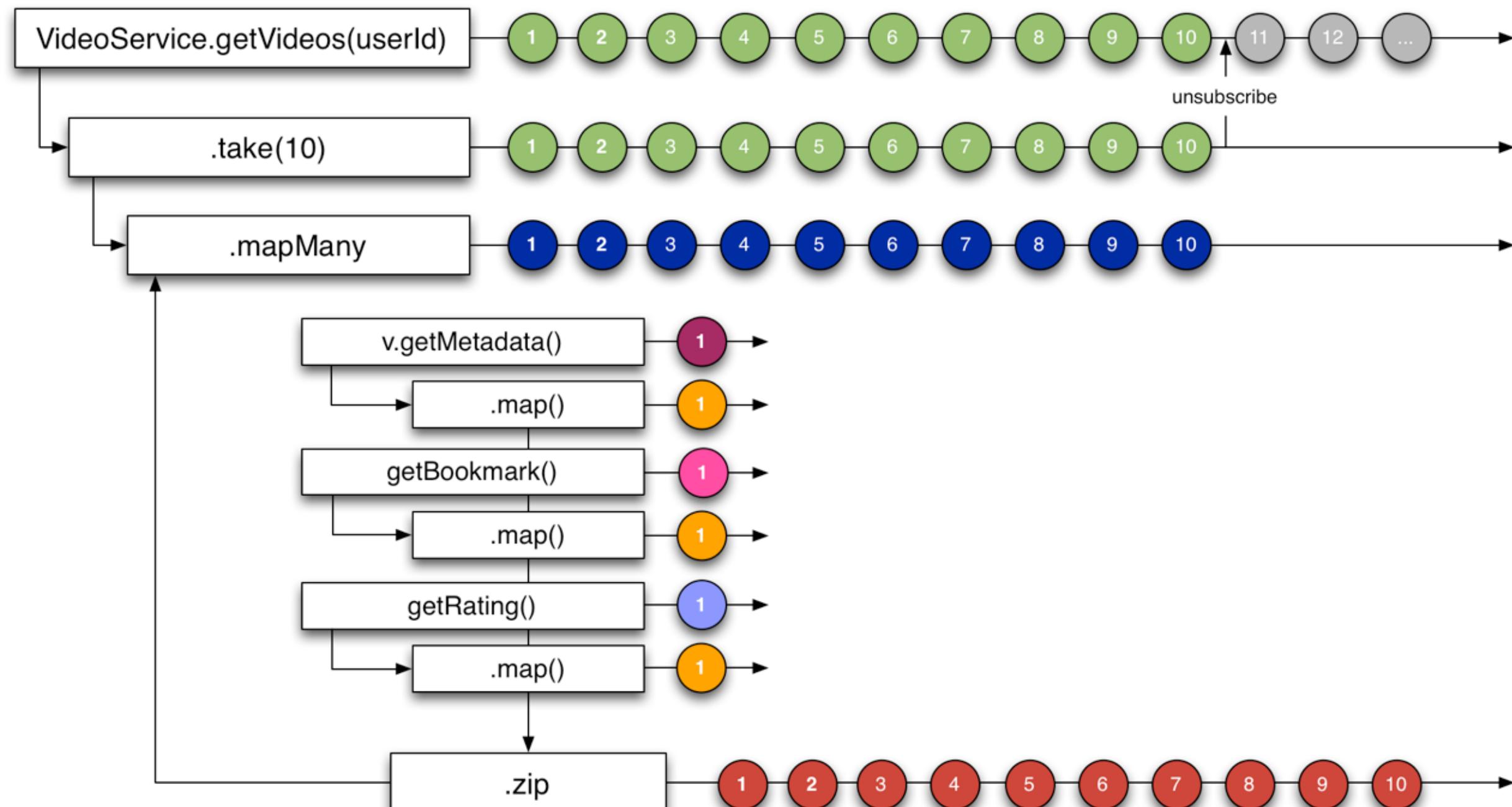
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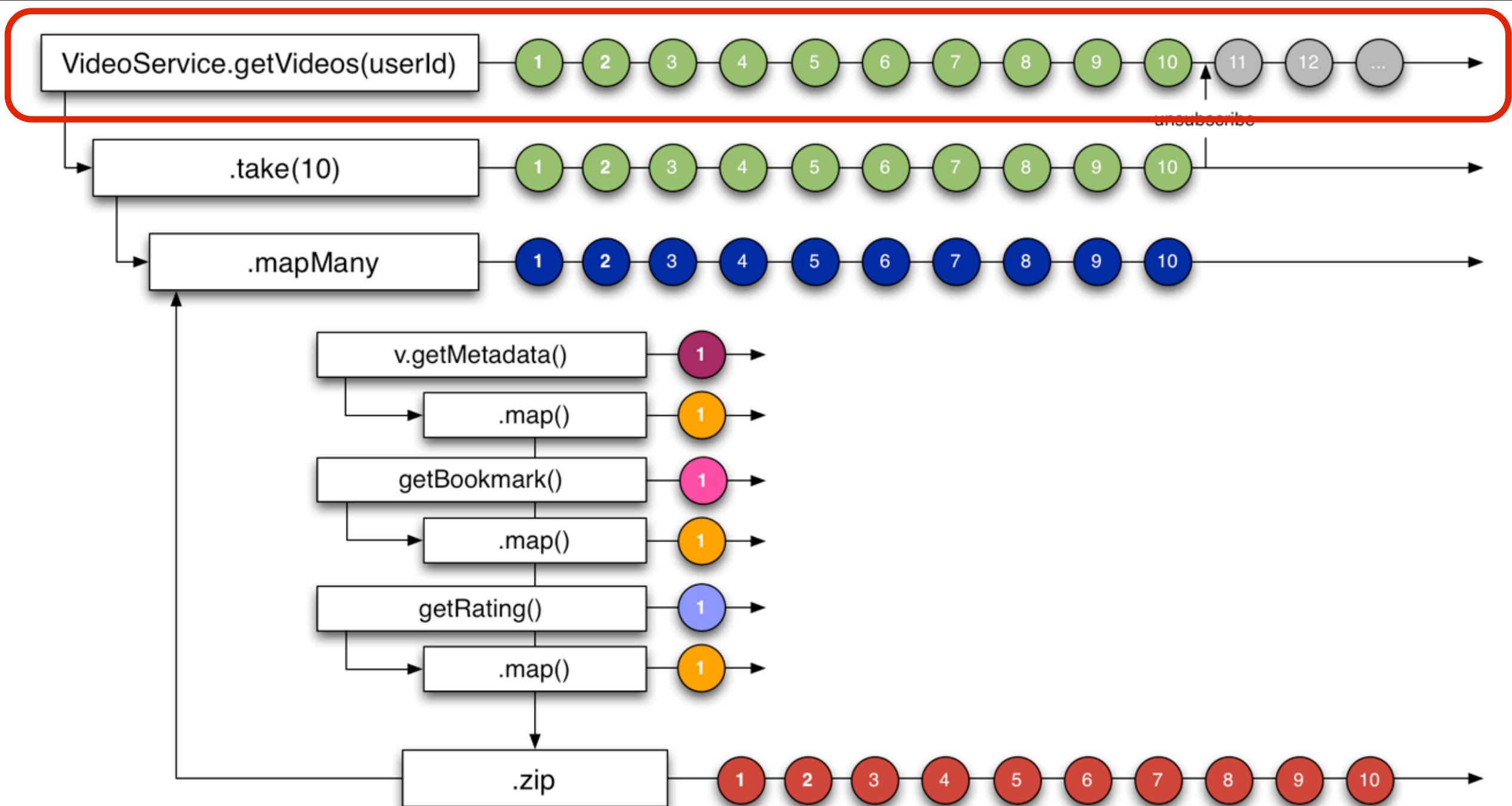
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NETFLIX API USE CASE





[**id:1000, title:video-1000-title, length:5428, bookmark:0, rating:[actual:4, average:3, predicted:0]**]



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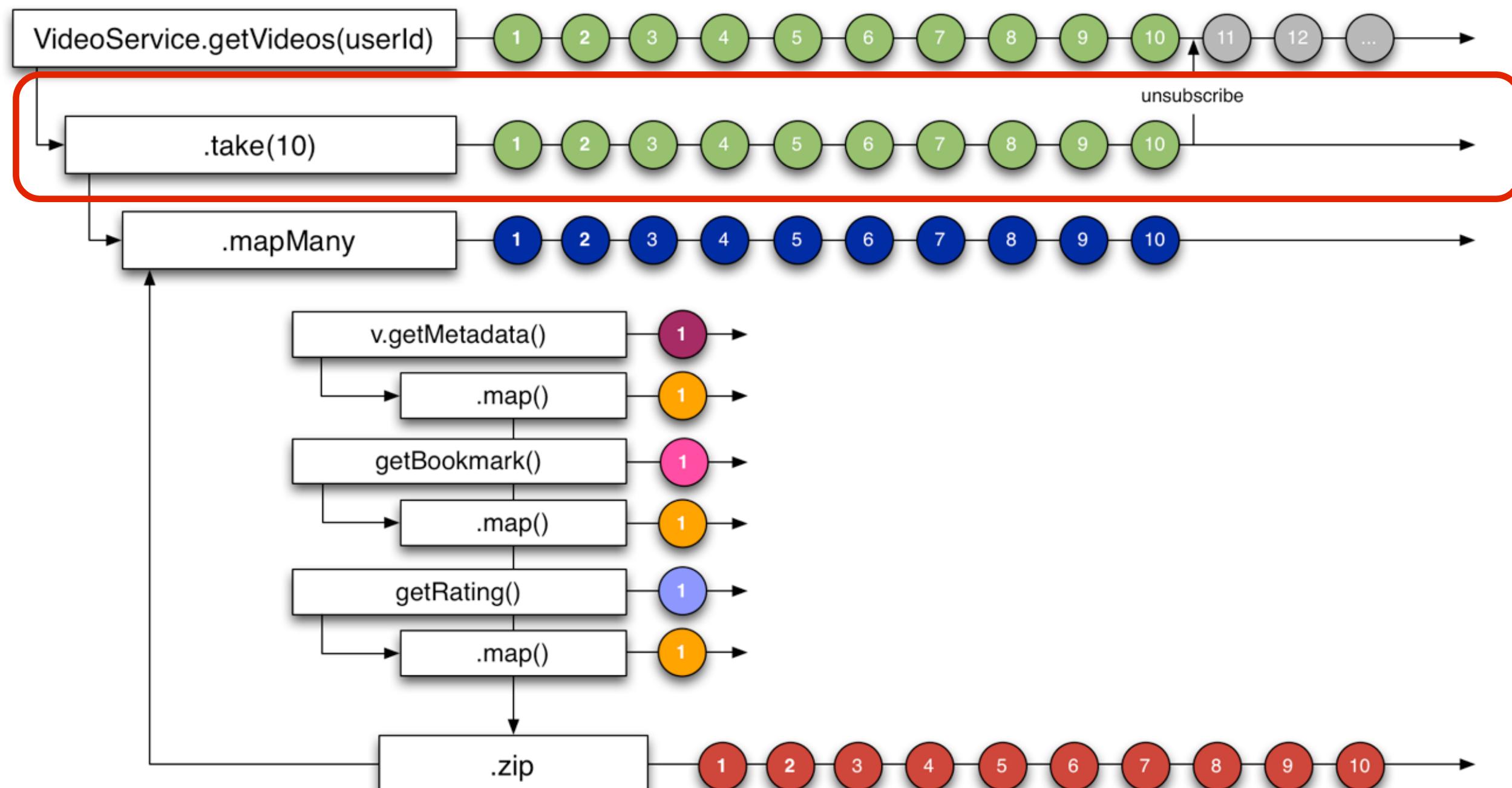
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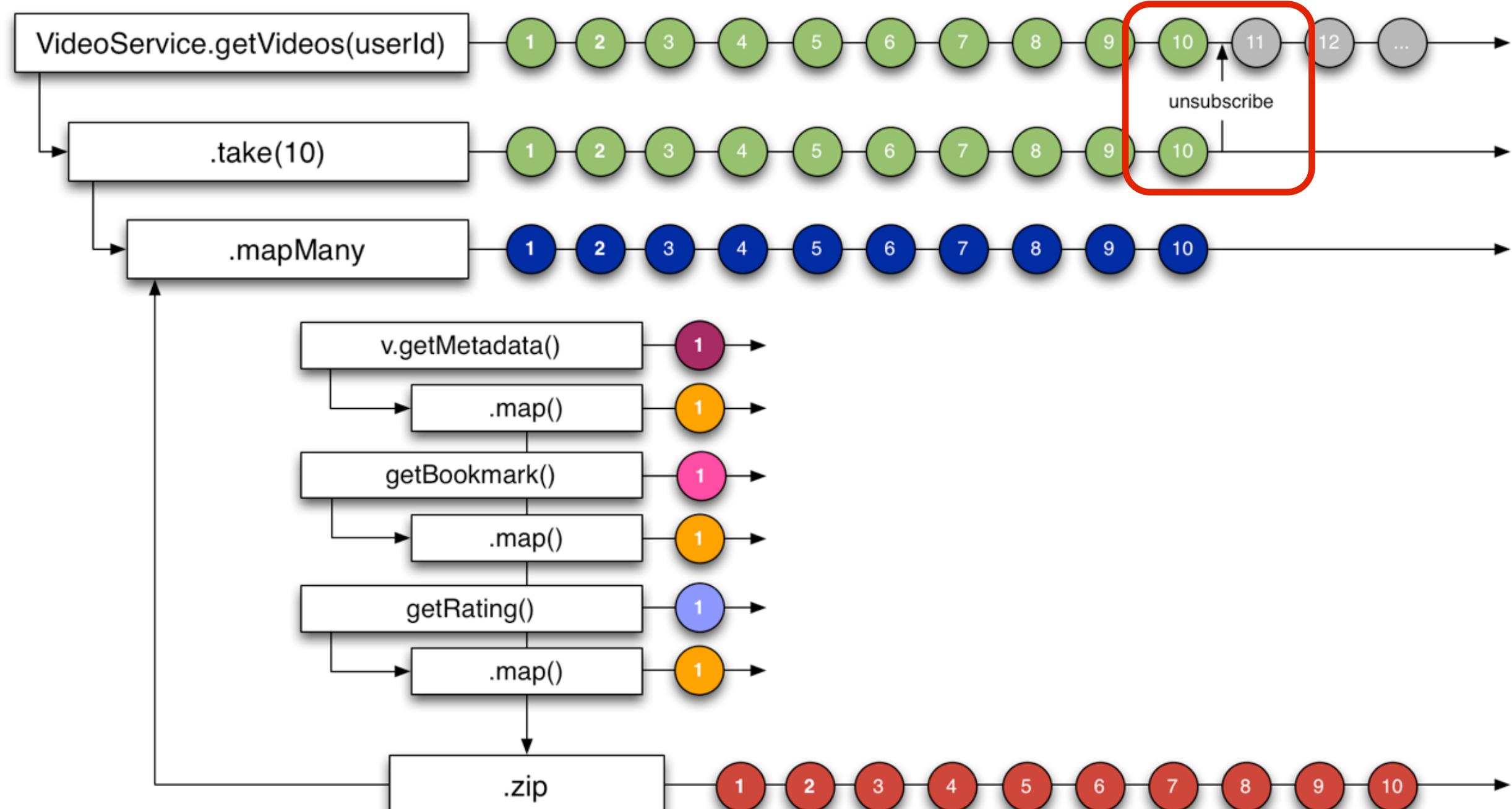
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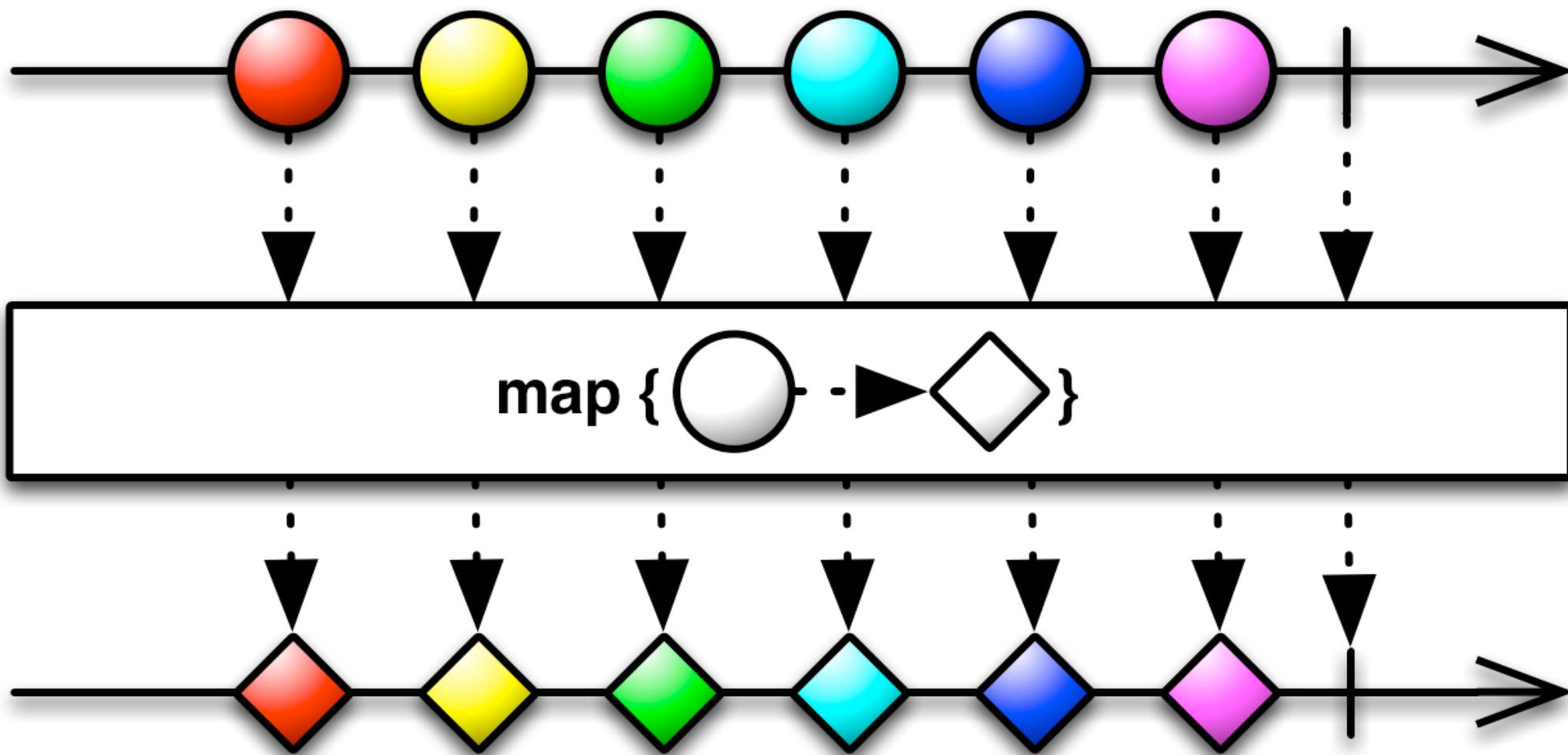


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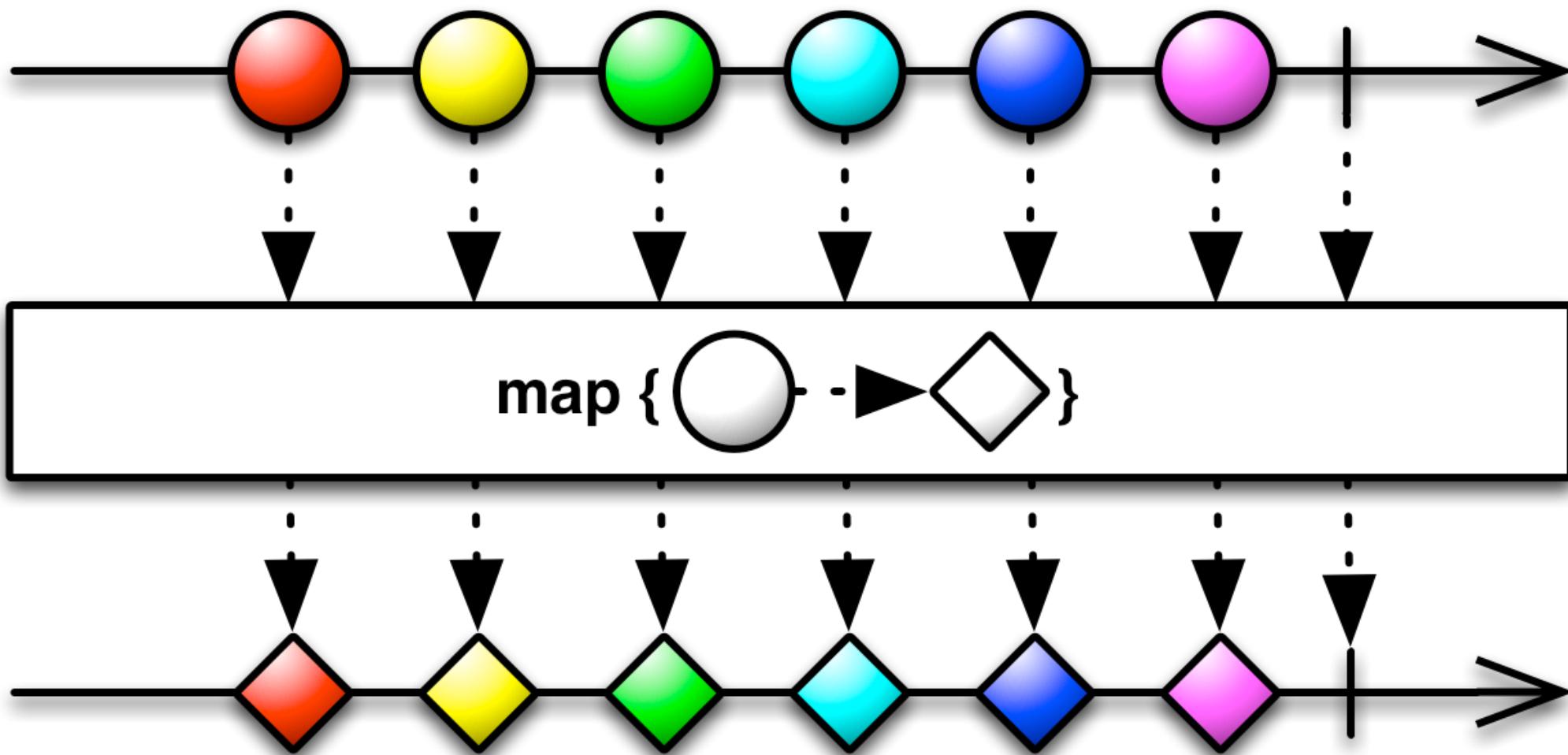
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        })  
}
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The 'map' operator allows transforming the input value into a different output.



```
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    R r = ... transform t ...
    return r;
})
```



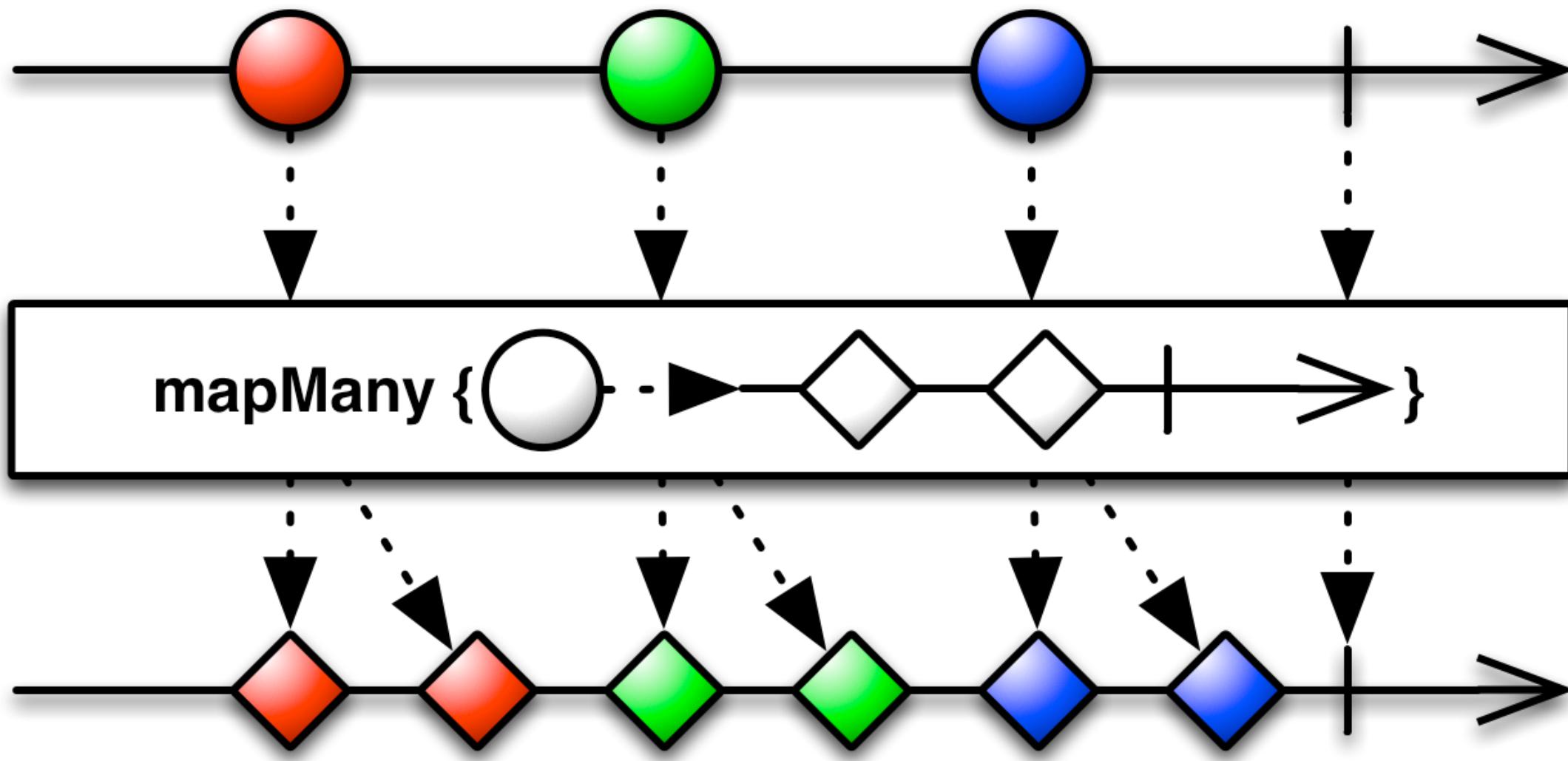
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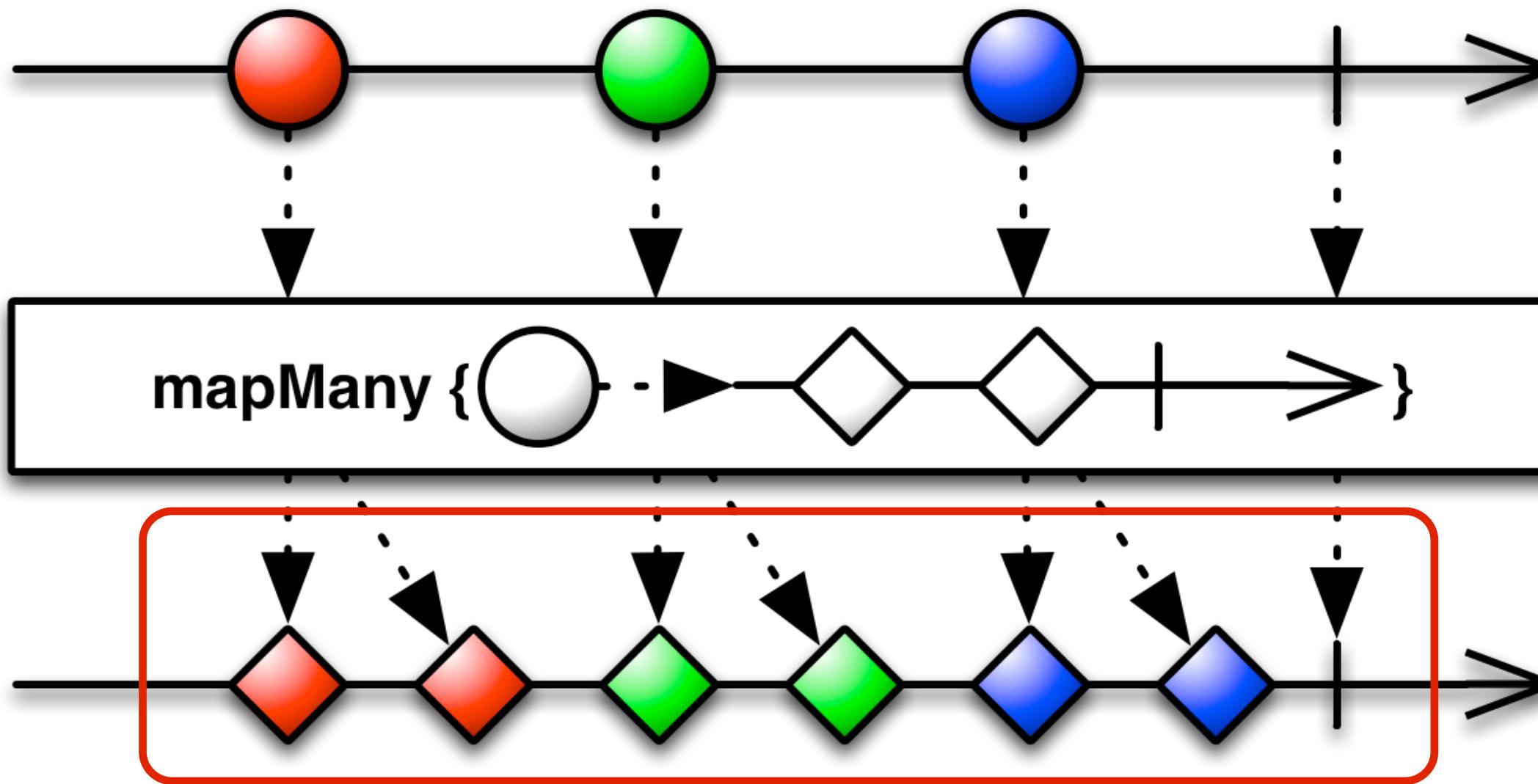
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        .flatMap({ Video video ->  
            // for each video we want to fetch metadata  
            def m = video.getMetadata()  
            .map({ Map<String, String> md ->  
                // transform to the data and format we want  
                return [title: md.get("title"), length: md.get("duration")]  
            })  
            // and its rating and bookmark  
            def b ...  
            def r ...  
        })  
}
```

We change to 'mapMany'/'flatMap' which is like merge(map()) since we will return an Observable<T> instead of T.



```
flatMap  
Observable<R> b = Observable<T>.mapMany({ T t ->  
    Observable<R> r = ... transform t ...  
    return r;  
})
```



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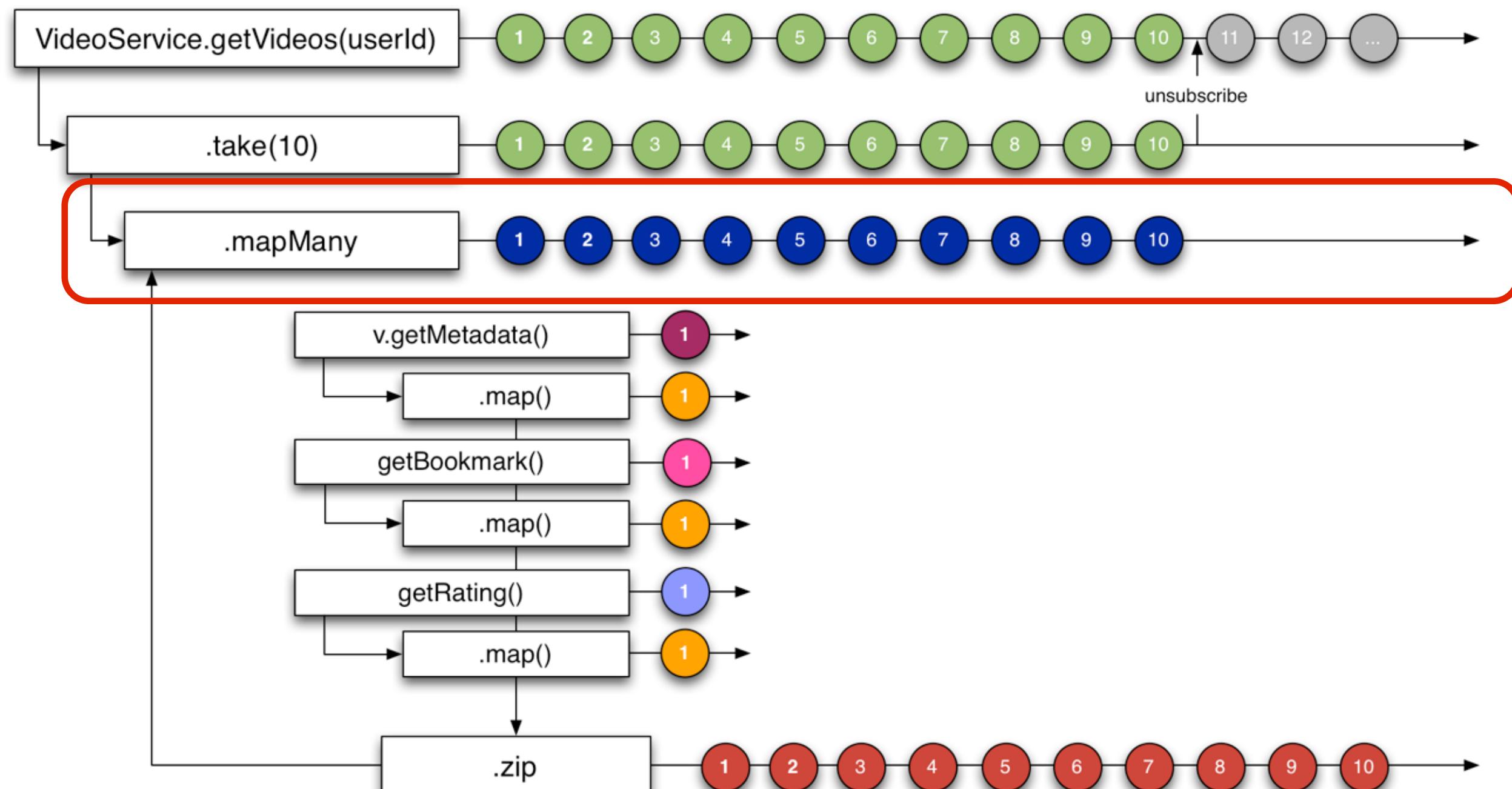
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        })  
}
```

Observable<VideoMetadata>
Observable<VideoBookmark>
Observable<VideoRating>

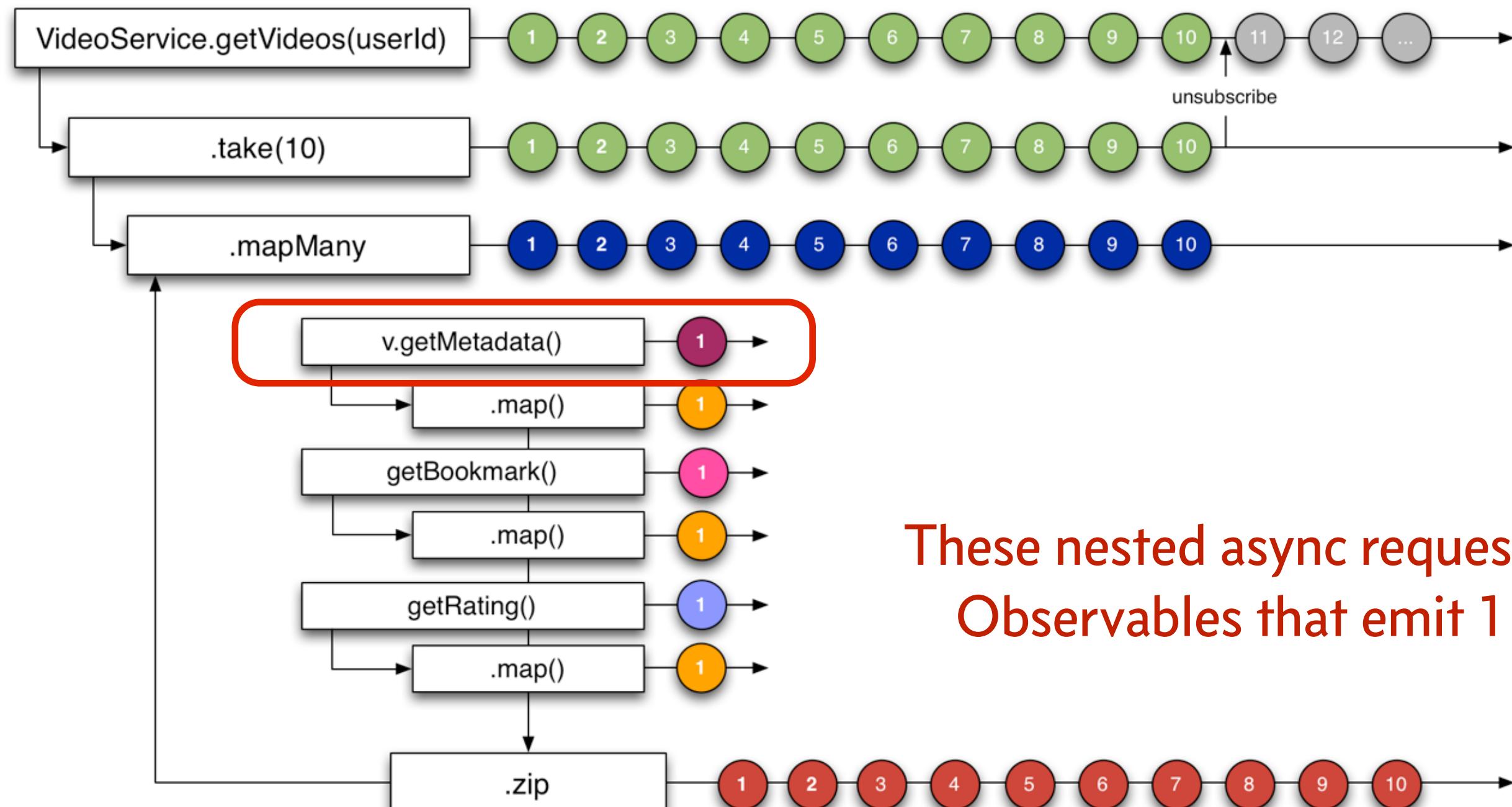
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        .flatMap({ Video video ->  
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            def m = video.getMetadata()  
                .map({ Map<String, String> md ->  
                    // transform to the data and format we want  
                    return [title: md.get("title"), length: md.get("duration")]  
                })  
            // and its rating and bookmark  
            def b ...  
            def r ...  
        })  
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```

Each Observable transforms
its data using 'map'



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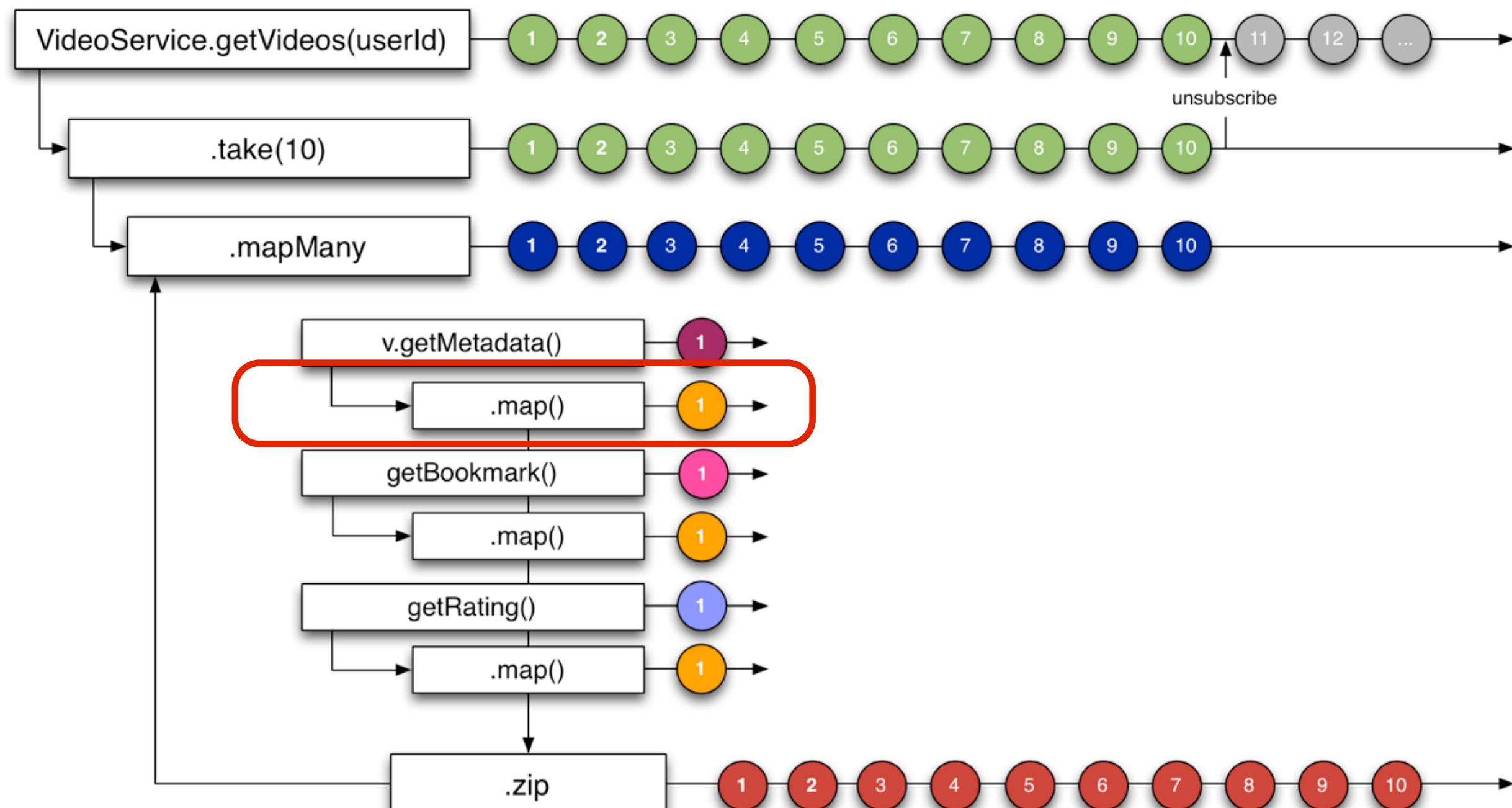
For each of the 10 Video objects it transforms via 'mapMany' function that does nested async calls.



These nested async requests return Observables that emit 1 value.

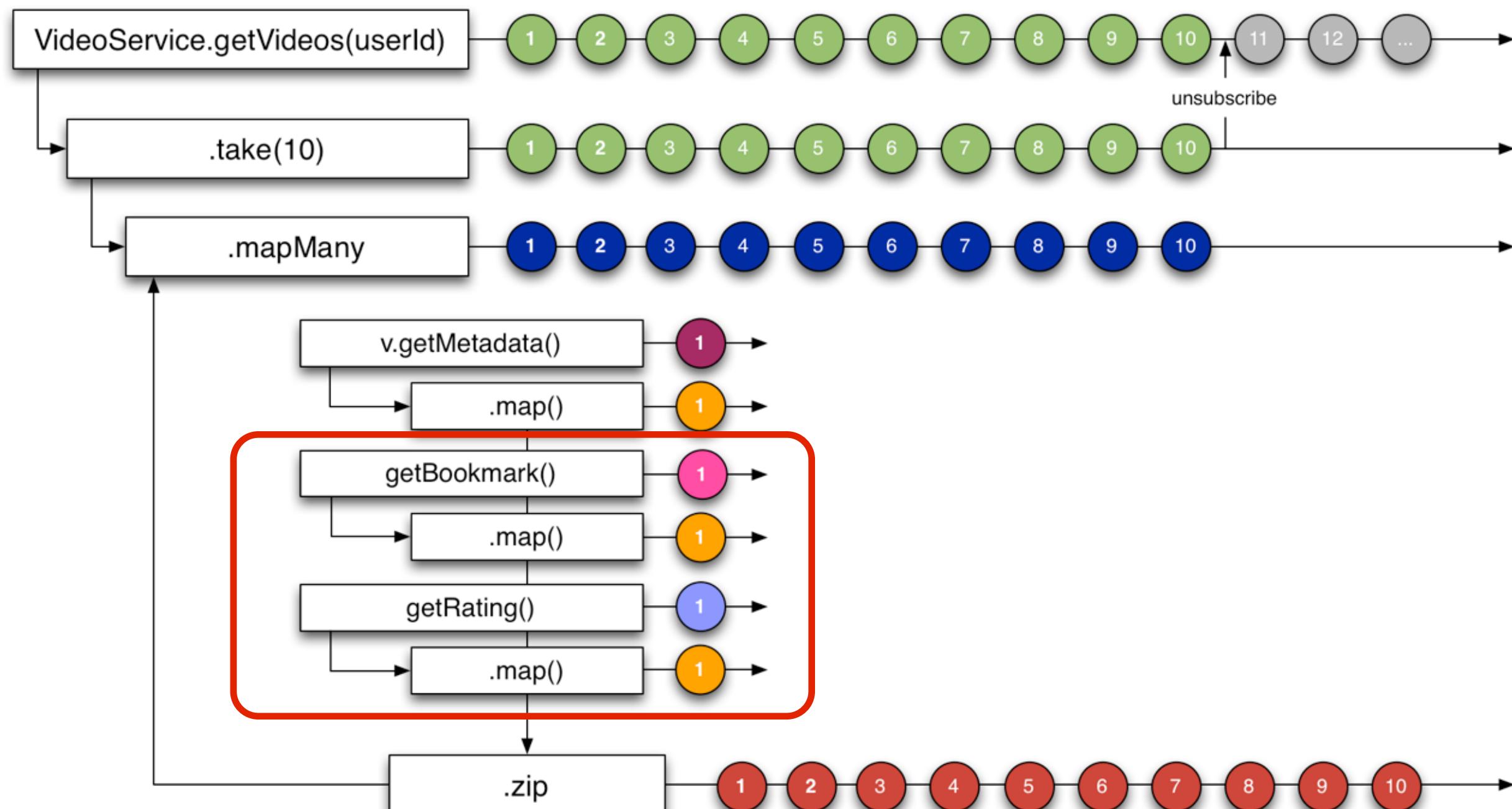
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For each Video 'v' it calls `getMetadata()`
which returns `Observable<VideoMetadata>`



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The Observable<VideoMetadata> is transformed via a 'map' function to return a Map of key/values.



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Same for Observable<VideoBookmark> and Observable<VideoRating>

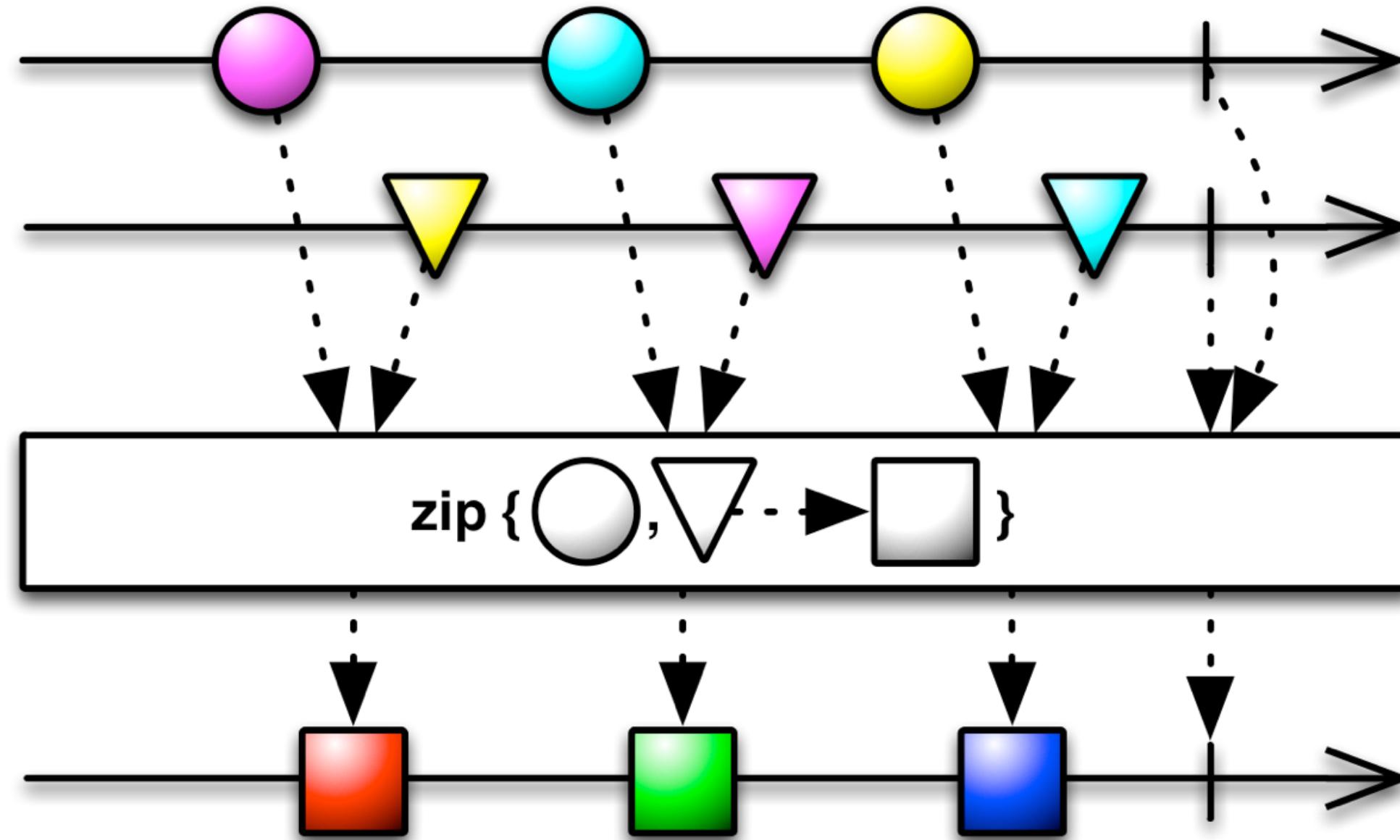
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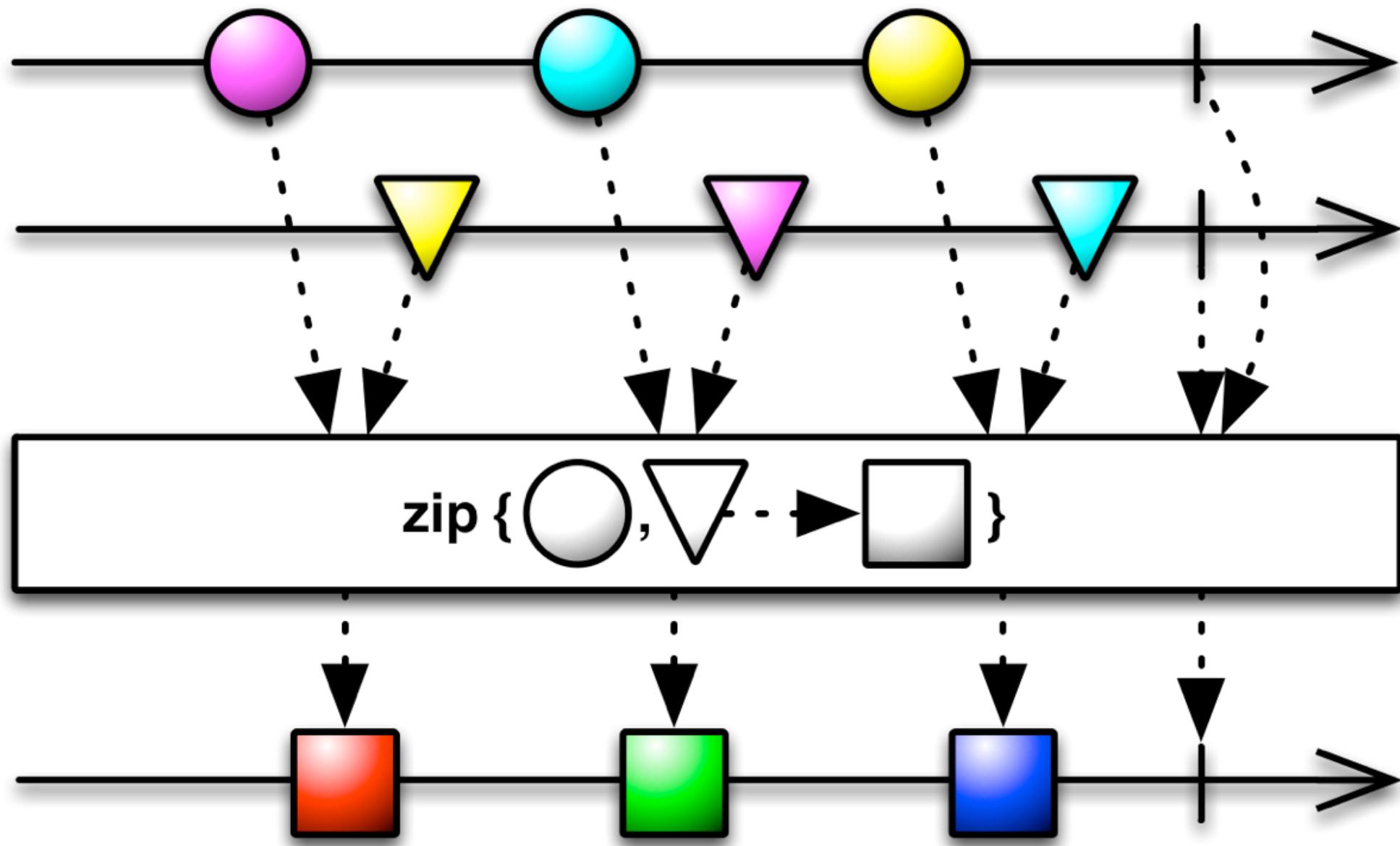
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            def r ...
            // compose these together
            return Observable.zip(m, b, r, { metadata, bookmark, rating ->
                // now transform to complete dictionary
                // of data we want for each Video
                return [id: video.videoId] << metadata << bookmark << rating
            })
        })
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The 'zip' operator combines the 3 asynchronous Observables into 1



```
Observable.zip(a, b, { a, b, ->
    ... operate on values from both a & b ...
    return [a, b]; // i.e. return tuple
})
```



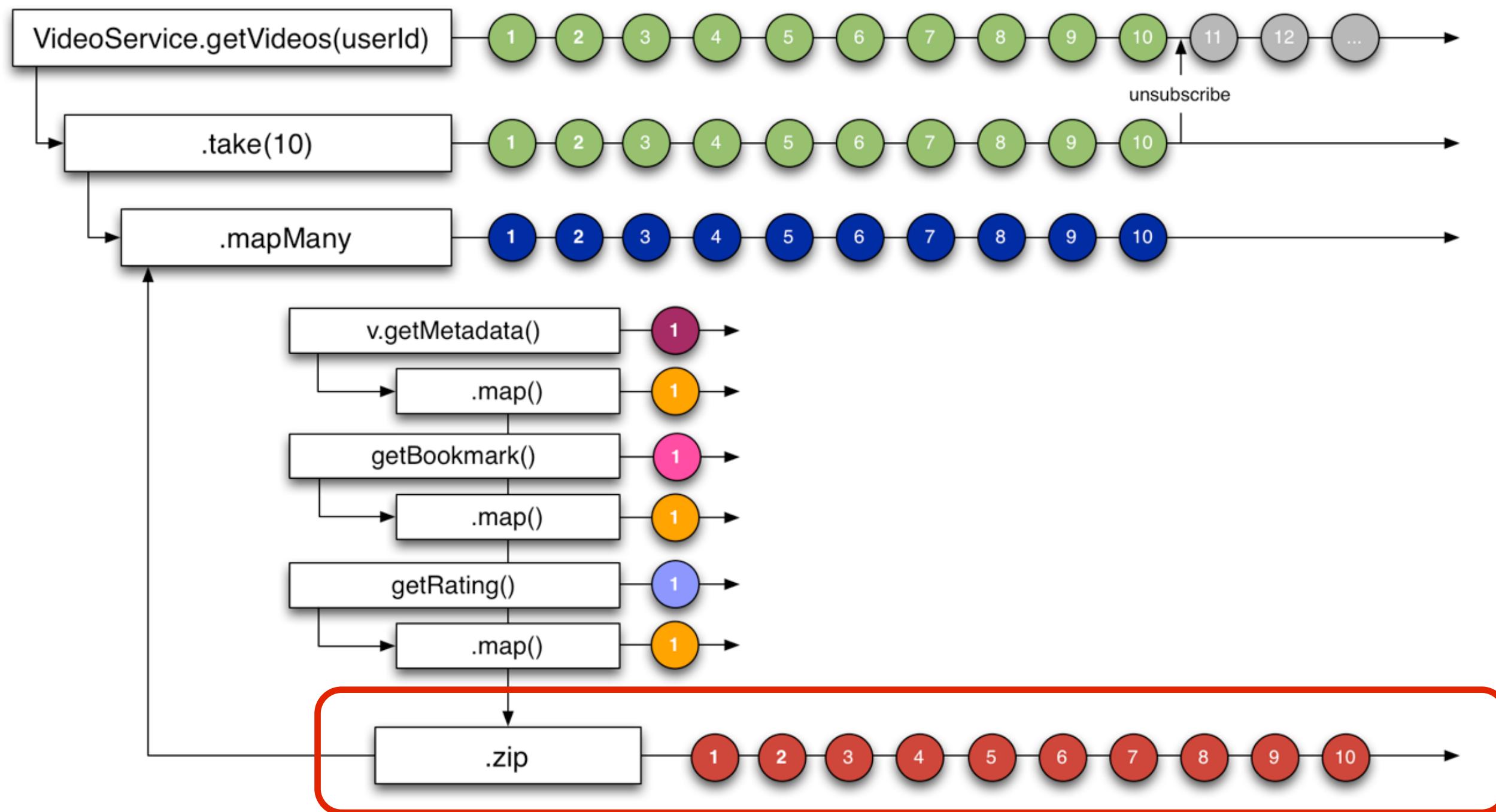
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return a single Map (dictionary) of transformed
and combined data from 4 asynchronous calls

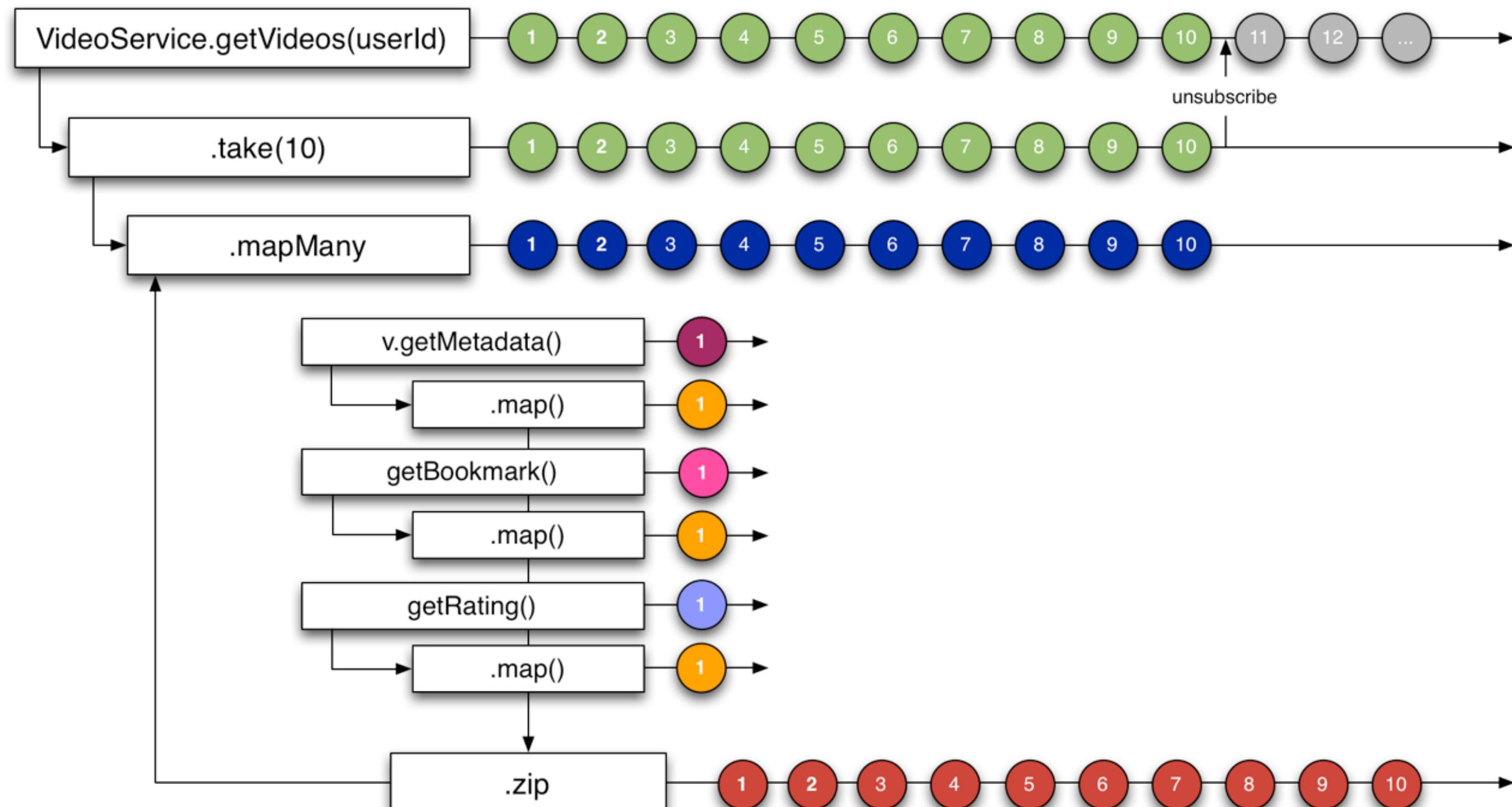
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The 'mapped' Observables are combined with a 'zip' function
that emits a Map (dictionary) with all data.

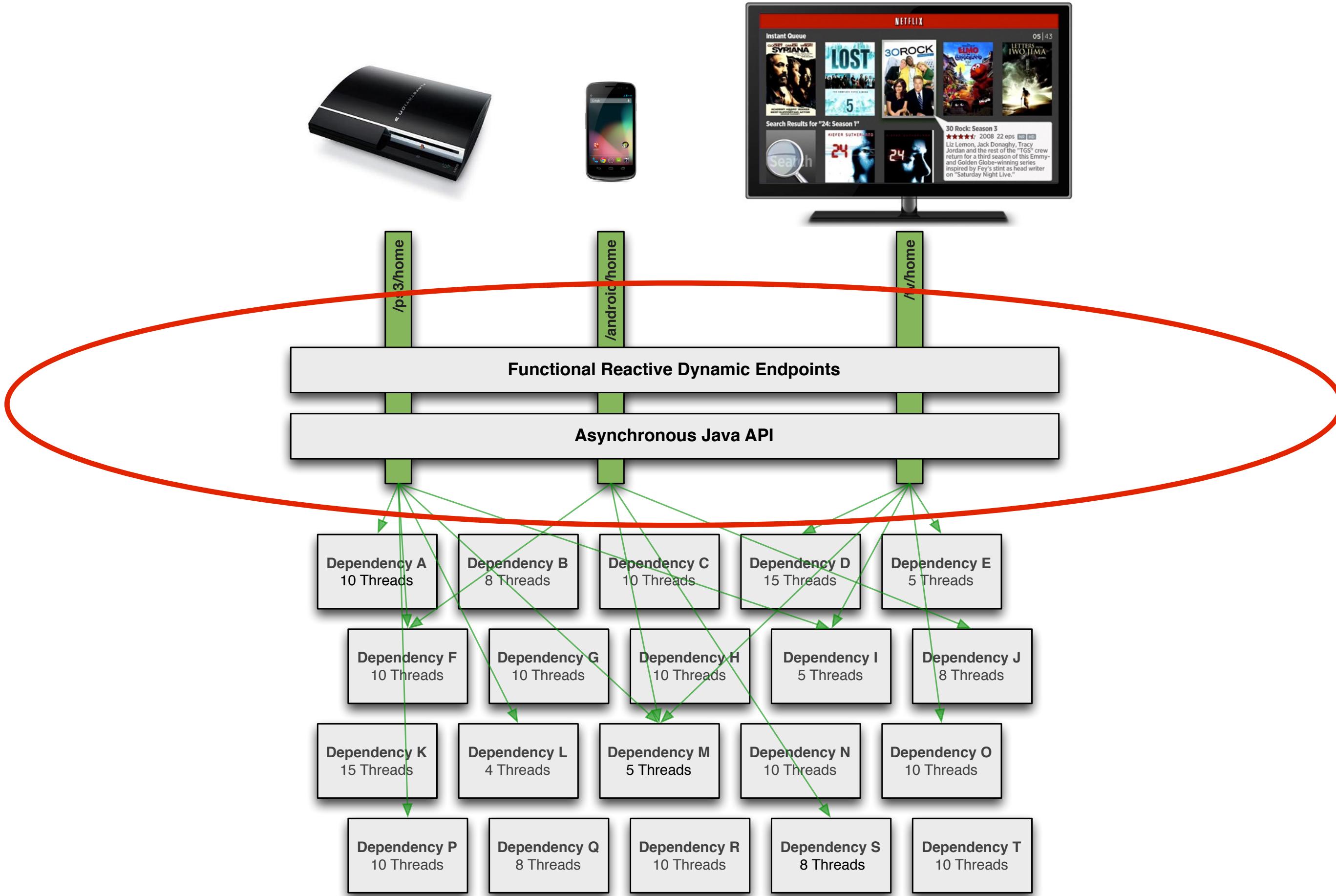


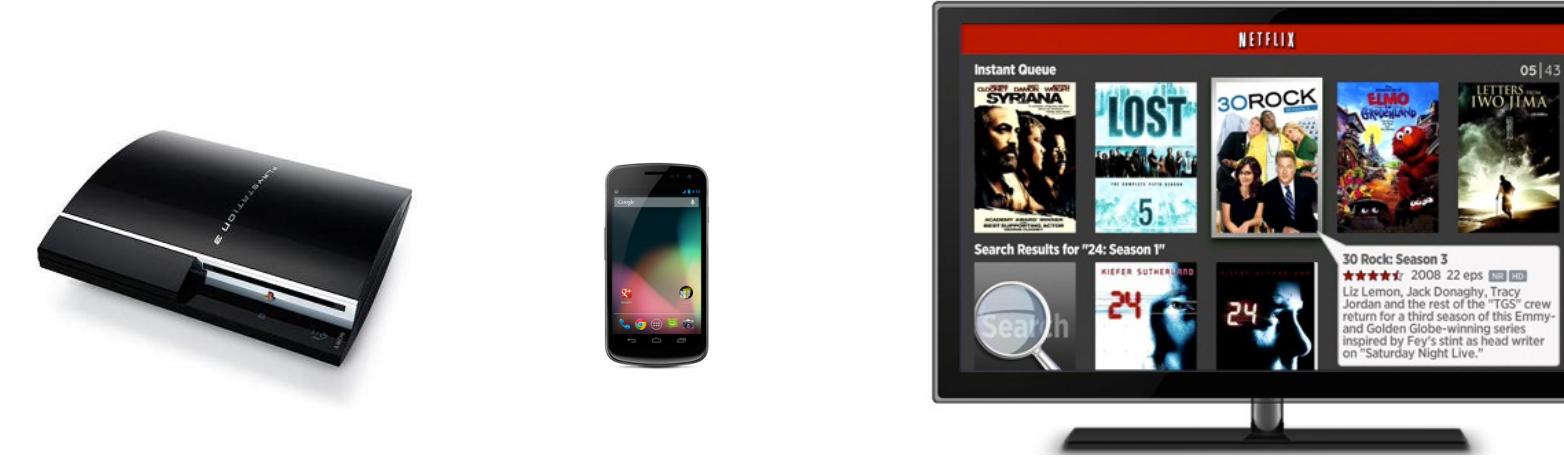
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The full sequence returns Observable<Map> that emits a Map (dictionary) for each of 10 Videos.

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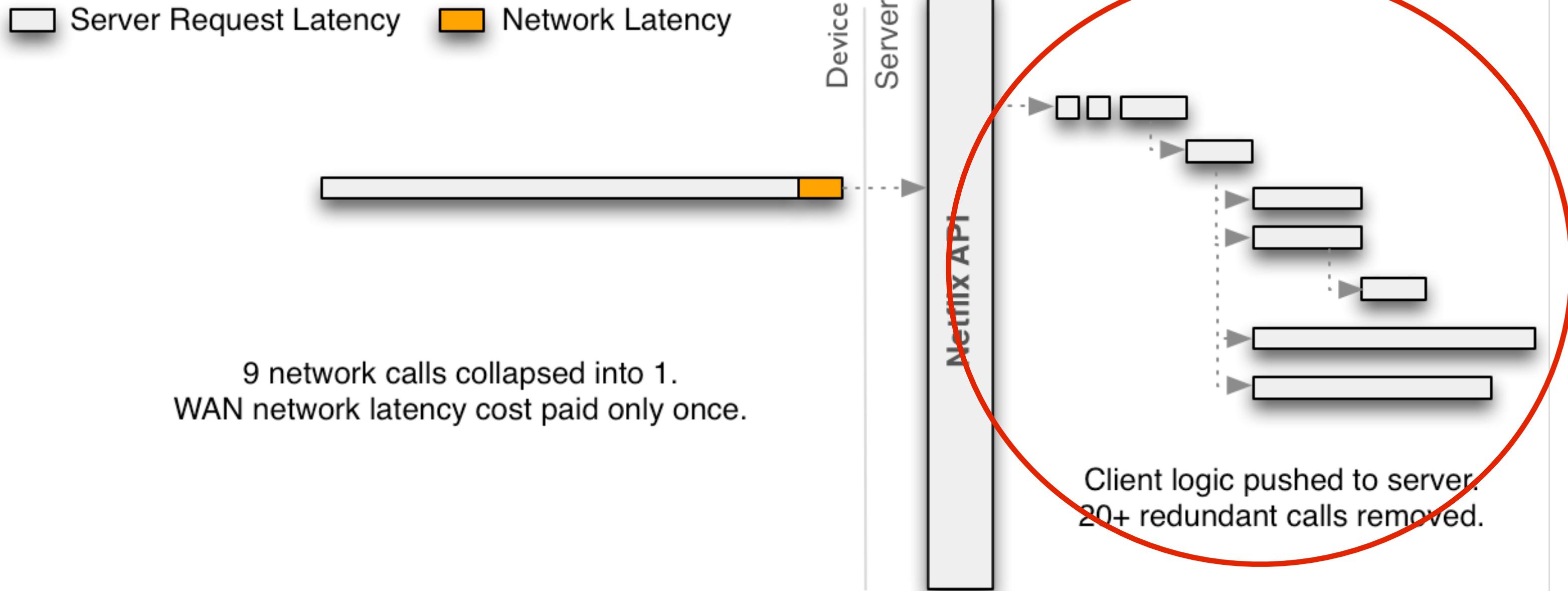


```
Observable<User> u = new GetUserCommand(id).observe();
Observable<Geo> g = new GetGeoCommand(request).observe();

Observable.zip(u, g, {user, geo ->
    return [username: user.getUsername(),
            currentLocation: geo.getCounty()]
})
```

RxJava in Hystrix 1.3+
<https://github.com/Netflix/Hystrix>

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Functional Reactive in the Netflix API with RxJava

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