

# Computing Dedekind Numbers

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VON  
R. DEDEKIND.

**Richard Dedekind,**  
**1897**

Die Anzahl der in dieser Gruppe  $\mathfrak{B}$  enthaltenen Elemente scheint mit der Anzahl  $n$  der gegebenen Elemente (1) sehr rasch zu wachsen; sie ist  $= 18$  im Falle  $n = 3$ , und (wenn ich nicht irre)  $= 166$  im Falle  $n = 4$ ; einen allgemeinen Ausdruck für diese Anzahl zu finden, habe ich noch nicht versucht. Dagegen leuchtet ein, dass die Elemente von  $\mathfrak{B}$ , d. h. die vollständigen Producte  $n$  sich nach der Anzahl der

NUMERICAL ANALYSIS OF CERTAIN FREE DISTRIBUTIVE  
STRUCTURES

BY RANDOLPH CHURCH

**Randolph Church,  
1940**

Consider the set  $\Sigma_n$  of all formal cross-cuts and unions<sup>1</sup> of  $n$  symbols  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n$ . Disjoint classes which exhaust  $\Sigma_n$  can be formed with respect to an equivalence introduced according to the axioms of a distributive

Dedekind<sup>3</sup> gave the order of  $\Delta_n$  for  $n \leq 4$ . The purpose of this paper is to present an analysis of  $N(\Delta_n)$ ,  $n \leq 5$ . The analysis depends on the notion of conjugate elements. Let  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  be two elements of  $\Delta_n$ , written as the cross-

$n = 2$

$h \backslash r$	1	2	$N_r$
2	1	1	1
1	1	1	2
0	1	1	1
	2	1	4

$n = 3$

$h \backslash r$	1	3	$N_r$
6	1	1	1
5	1	1	3
4	1	1	3
3	1	1	4
2	1	1	3
1	1	1	3
0	1	1	1
	3	5	18

$n = 4$

$h \backslash r$	1	3	4	6	12	$N_r$
14	1					1
13		1				4
12			1			6
11		1	1			10
10	1			1		13
9			1	1		18
8		1	1	1		19
7			3	1		24
6		1	1	1		19
5				1	1	18
4	1				1	13
3		1	1			10
2			1			6
1				1		4
0	1					1
	4	2	9	6	7	166

$n = 5$

$h \backslash r$	1	5	10	12	15	20	30	60	120	$N_r$		
30	1									1		
29		1								5		
28			1							10		
27				1						20		
26					1					35		
25						1				61		
24				2	1		1			95		
23				1	1	2	1	1		155		
22				1	1	2	1	2		215		
21			1	2	1	1	1	4		310		
20			1	1	1		2	5		387		
19			1	1	1	1	2	6		470		
18				1		2	4	4	1	530		
17					2	2	3	5	1	580		
16			1	1		1	3	6	1	605		
15			1	2	2		1	3	6	621		
14			1	1			1	3	6	605		
13					2	2	3	5	1	580		
12				1		2	4	4	1	530		
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2						1				10		
1							1			5		
0										1		
			5	14	28	2	14	21	43	74	7	7579

## Morgan Ward, 1946

[Morgan Ward, Note on the order of free distributive lattices](#) Bulletin of the American Mathematical Society, Vol. 52, No. 5 (1946), p. 423.  
Eric Weisstein's World of Mathematics [Antichain](#)

### 135. Morgan **Ward**: *Note on the order of the free distributive lattice.*

If  $r_n$  denotes the order of the free distributive lattice on  $n$  elements, and if we set  $\log_2 r_n$  equal to  $2^n \phi(n)$ , then for large  $n$ ,  $1/n^{1/2} < \phi(n) < 1/4$  so that  $\log_2 \log_2 r_n \sim n$ . Computational evidence and combinatorial arguments suggest that  $n^{1/2} \phi(n) \rightarrow \infty$ , but the exact order of  $\phi(n)$  is unknown. Incidentally the value of  $r_6$  was computed. It is 7,828,352. The method of computation devised easily verified Randolph Church's value 7579 for  $r_5$  (Duke Math. J. vol. 6 (1940) pp. 732–734) but is not powerful enough to evaluate  $r_7$  without prohibitive labor. (Received March 22, 1946.)

**Six Hundred Twenty-Sixth Meeting  
Massachusetts Institute of Technology  
Cambridge, Massachusetts  
October 30, 1965**

**Randolph Church,  
1965**

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65T-447. RANDOLPH CHURCH, U. S. Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, California 93940.

Enumeration by rank of the elements of the free distributive lattice with seven generators.

A method has been devised by which it has been feasible to calculate, using a high speed digital computer [CDC 1604] as time on it was available, the number of isotone functions from B [the Boolean lattice having two elements, 0 and 1] to FDL(6). The method of enumeration yields a table in which the entry in the  $i$ th row and  $j$ th column is the number of these isotone functions for which the

Order 8: 5–6, 1991.

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Doug Wiedemann,  
1991

## A Computation of the Eighth Dedekind Number

DOUG WIEDEMANN\*

*Thinking Machines Corporation, 245 First Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts 02142, U.S.A.*

$$d_8 = \sum_{R \in R_6, T \in D_6} \gamma(R)\eta(R \cap T)\eta(R^* \cap T^*).$$

The computation of  $d_8$  was completed by using only the elements of  $R_6$ , since the value of  $\eta$  only depends on the symmetric class. The entire computation used about 200 hours of time on one Cray-2 processor. A very short test run reproduced the previously known value of  $d_7$ .

The number obtained for  $d_8$  was 56, 130, 437, 228, 687, 557, 907, 788. This is slightly larger than the estimate of about  $5.43 \times 10^{22}$  obtained by substituting  $n = 8$  into Korshunov's formula [4]. Another, very minor check on our result is that  $d_n$  is even whenever  $n$  is even [2, p. 63].

# Lennart Van Hirtum, 2023

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**Christian Jäkel,  
2023**

$$d(n+3) = \sum_{y \in \mathcal{D}(n)} \sum_{a, b, c \in [\perp, y]} \perp(a \wedge b \wedge c) \cdot \top(a \vee b) \cdot \top(a \vee c) \cdot \top(b \vee c)$$

$$d(n+4) = \sum_{[I] \in \text{Int}(\mathbb{D}_n) / \equiv} \#[I] \cdot \sum_{a, b \in I} \text{Tr}(\gamma_{ab}^2).$$

$$\gamma(e, d) = \sum_{f \in I} \alpha(e, f) \beta(f, d).$$

Parallelizing with MPI in Java to find  
the ninth Dedekind Number

Pieter-Jan Hoedt

At last it is worth mentioning De Causmaecker introduced a new formula

$$|\mathcal{A}_{n+3}| = \sum_{\alpha, \beta, \gamma \leq \rho \in \mathcal{A}_n} |[\perp, \alpha \wedge \beta \wedge \gamma]| \cdot |[\alpha \vee \beta, \rho]| \cdot |[\gamma \vee \beta, \rho]| \cdot |[\alpha \vee \gamma, \rho]|$$

**Christian Jäkel,  
2023**

The only thing left to say is that we run the algorithm on Nvidia A100 GPUs. 5311 GPU hours and 4257682565 matrix multiplications later, we got the following value for the ninth Dedekind number:

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Lennart Van Hirtum,  
2023

$$D(n+2) = \sum_{\alpha, \beta \in D_n} |[\perp, \alpha]| 2^{C_{\alpha, \beta}} |[\beta, \top]|$$

$$\sum_{\alpha \in R_n} |[\perp, \alpha]| D_\alpha \sum_{\substack{\beta \in R_n \\ \exists \delta \simeq \beta: \alpha \leq \delta}} |[\beta, \top]| \frac{D_\beta}{n!} \sum_{\substack{\gamma \in \text{Permut}_\beta \\ \alpha \leq \gamma}} 2^{C_{\alpha, \gamma}}$$

$C_{\alpha, \beta}$  : P-coefficient = number of connected components of a graph.

- Vertices sets in  $\beta$
- Arcs: intersection of the sets is not below  $\alpha$

-> Master thesis -> FPGA -> Noctua 2...

## A000372 as a simple table

<b>n</b>	<b>a(n)</b>
0	2
1	3
2	6
3	20
4	168
5	7581
6	7828354
7	2414682040998
8	56130437228687557907788
9	286386577668298411128469151667598498812366

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[A000372](#)    **Dedekind numbers** or **Dedekind's problem**: **number** of monotone Boolean functions of  $n$  variables, **number** of antichains of subsets of an  $n$ -set, **number** of elements in a free distributive lattice on  $n$  generators, **number** of Sperner families. +40  
82  
(Formerly M0817 N0309)

2, 3, 6, 20, 168, 7581, 7828354, 2414682040998, 56130437228687557907788,  
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COMMENTS        A monotone Boolean function is an increasing functions from  $P(S)$ , the set of subsets of  $S$ , to  $\{0,1\}$ .  
The count of antichains includes the empty antichain which contains no subsets and the antichain consisting of only the empty set.  
 $a(n)$  is also equal to the **number** of upsets of an  $n$ -set  $S$ . A set  $U$  of subsets of  $S$  is an upset if whenever  $A$  is in  $U$  and  $B$  is a superset of  $A$  then  $B$  is in  $U$ . - [W. Edwin Clark](#), Nov 06 2003  
Also the **number** of simple games with  $n$  players in minimal winning form. - [Fabián Riquelme](#), May 29 2011  
The unlabeled case is [A003182](#). - [Gus Wiseman](#), Feb 20 2019  
From [Amiram Eldar](#), May 28 2021 and [Michel Marcus](#), Apr 07 2023: (Start)  
The terms were first calculated by:  
   $a(0)$ - $a(4)$  - **Dedekind** (1897)  
   $a(5)$  - Church (1940)  
   $a(6)$  - Ward (1946)  
   $a(7)$  - Church (1965, verified by Berman and Kohler, 1976)  
   $a(8)$  - Wiedemann (1991)  
   $a(9)$  - Jäkel (2023)  
   $a(9)$  - independently computed by Lennart Van Hirtum, Patrick De Causmaecker, Jens Goemaere, Tobias Kenter, Heinrich Riebler, Michael Lass, and Christian Plessl (2023)  
(End)



# A Computation of the 9<sup>th</sup> Dedekind Number using FPGA Supercomputing

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Paderborn Center for Parallel Computing

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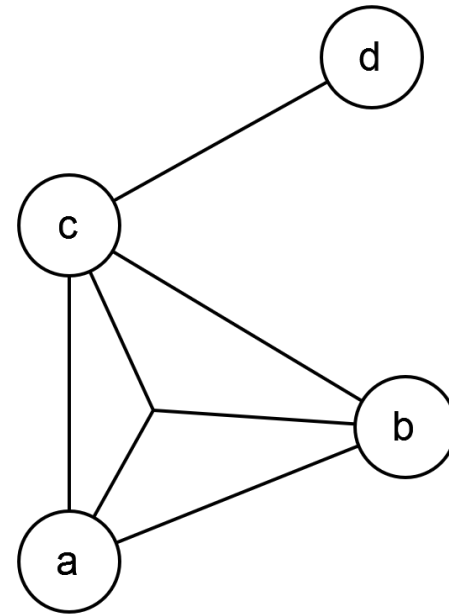
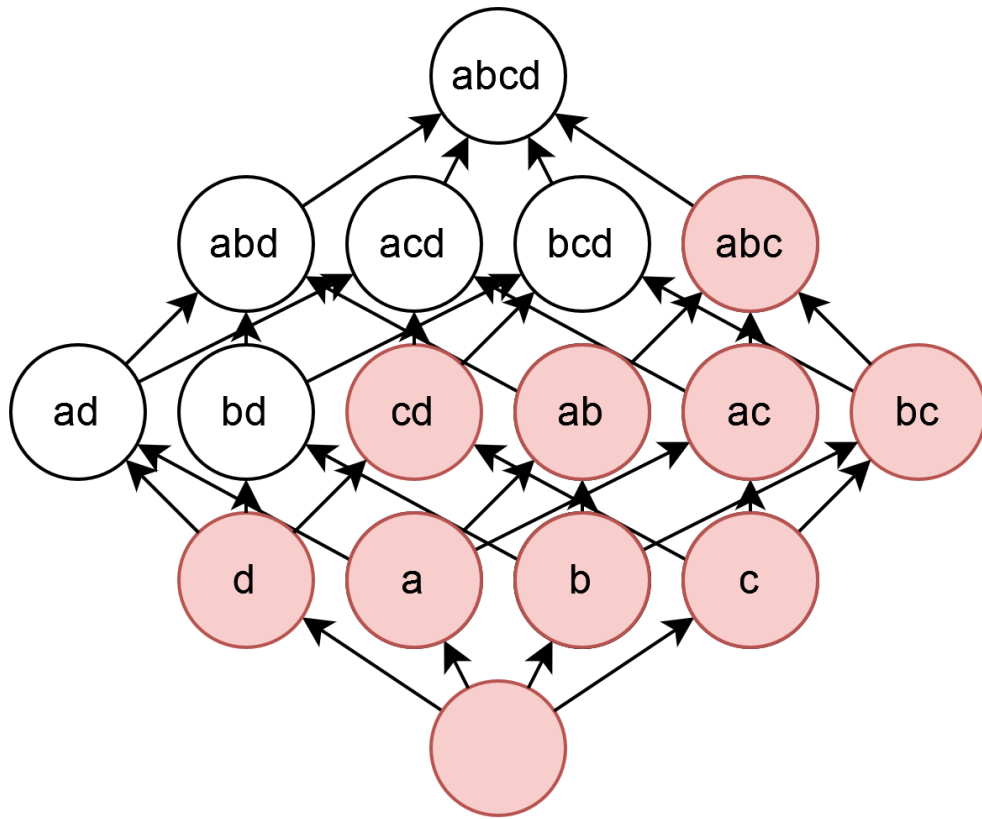


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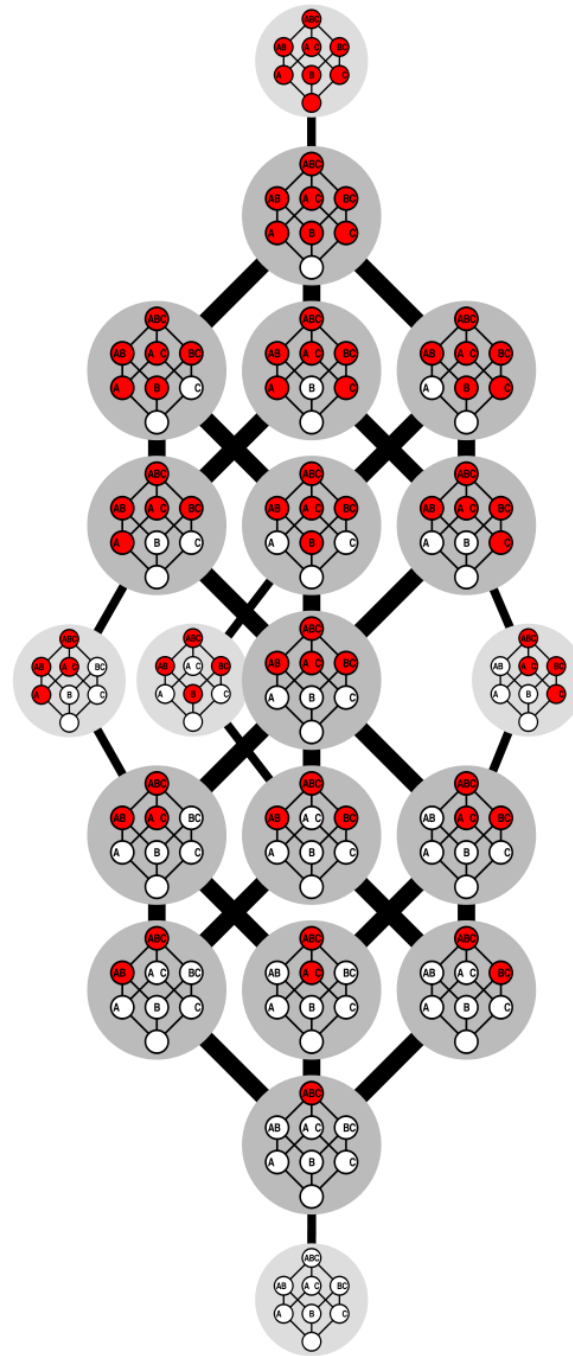
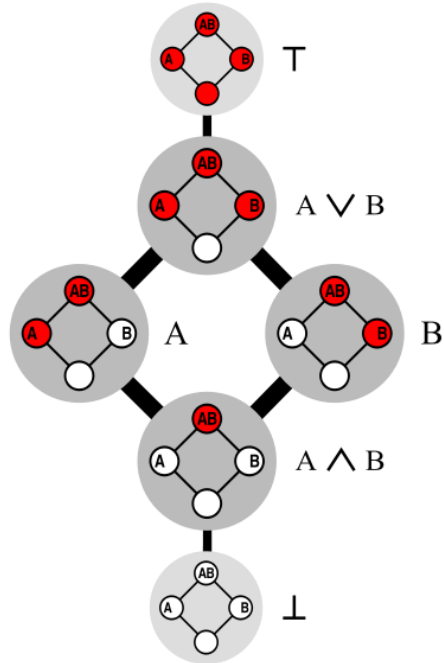
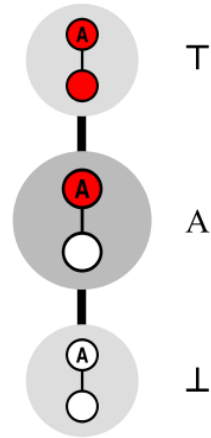
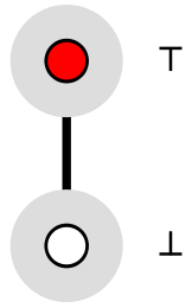
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$D(3) =$	20	Dedekind (1897)
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# Monotone Boolean Functions





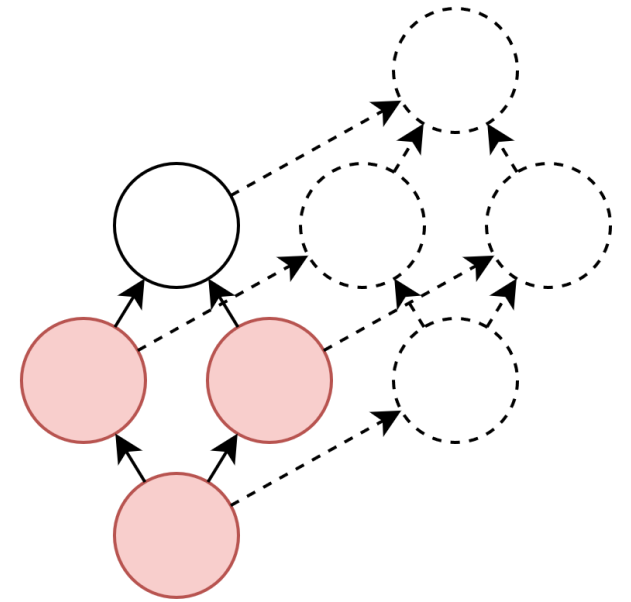
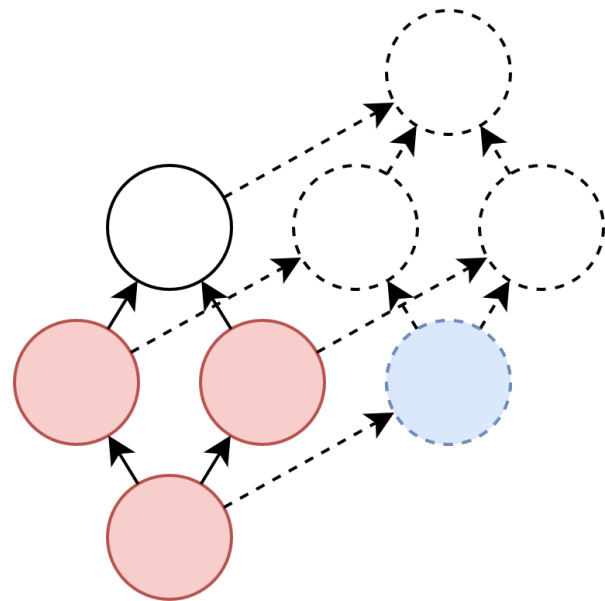
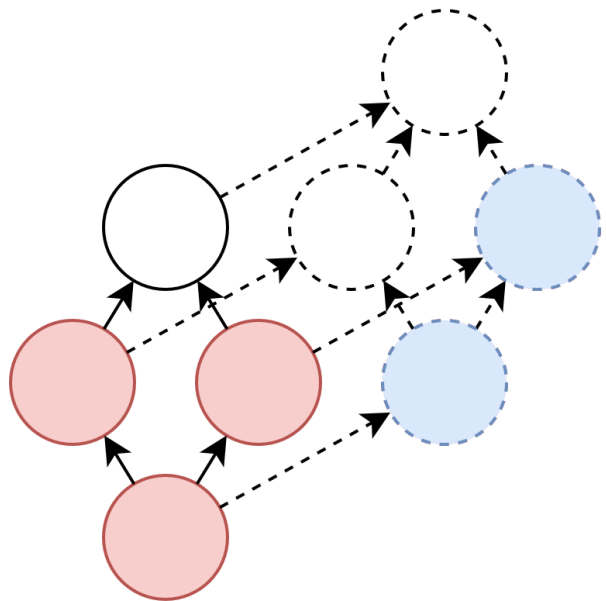
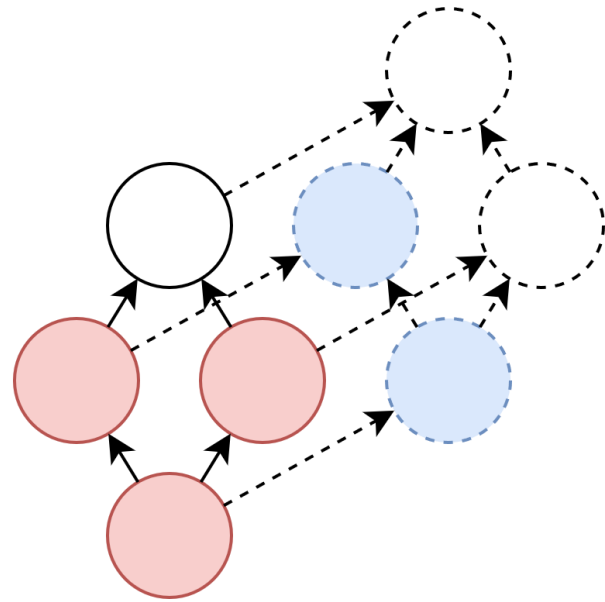
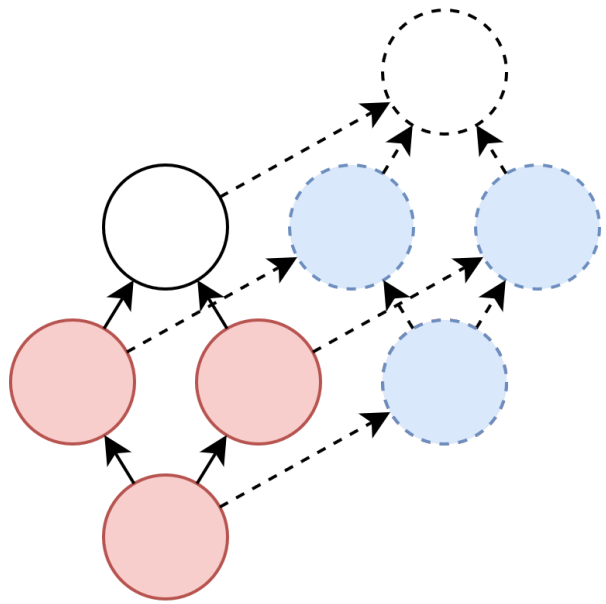
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# Jumping Formulas

$$D(n+1) = \sum_{\alpha \in A_n} |[\perp, \alpha]|$$

# Core Idea

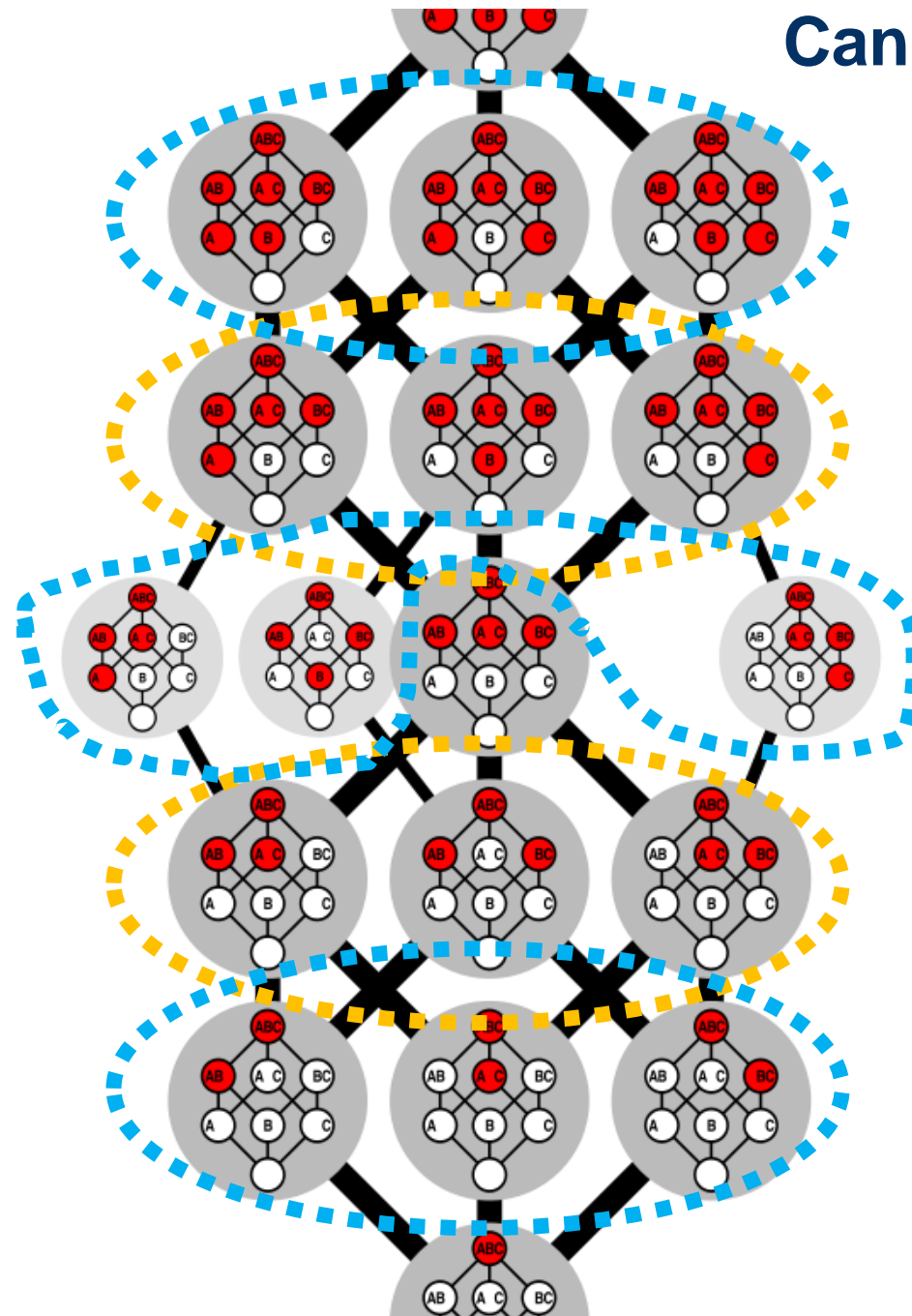
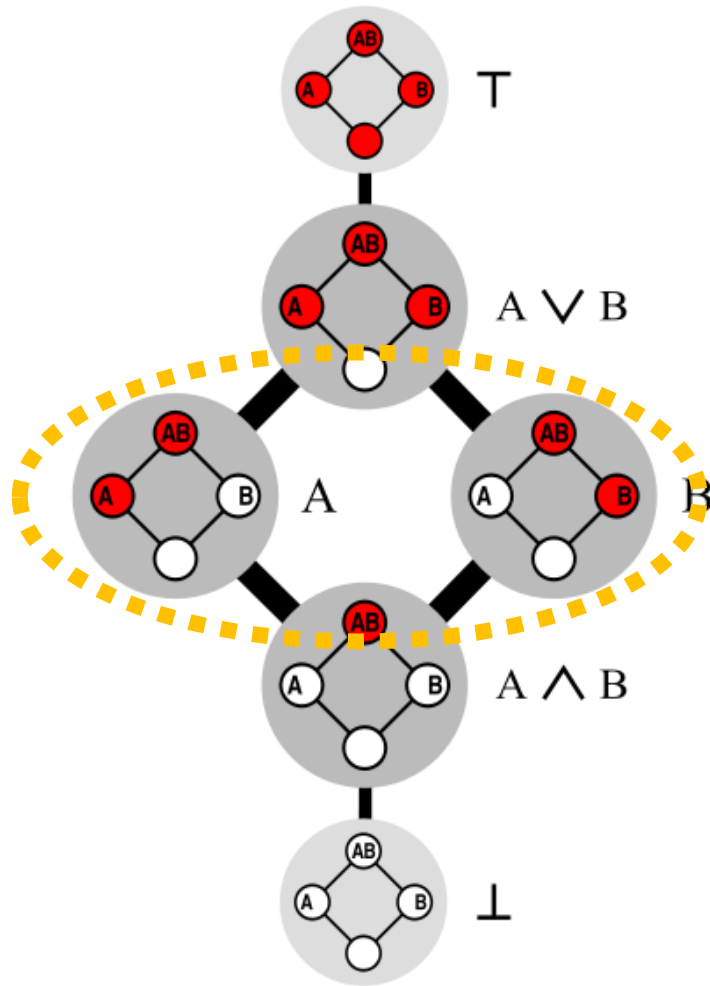


$$D(n+1) = \sum_{\alpha \in A_n} |[\perp, \alpha]|$$

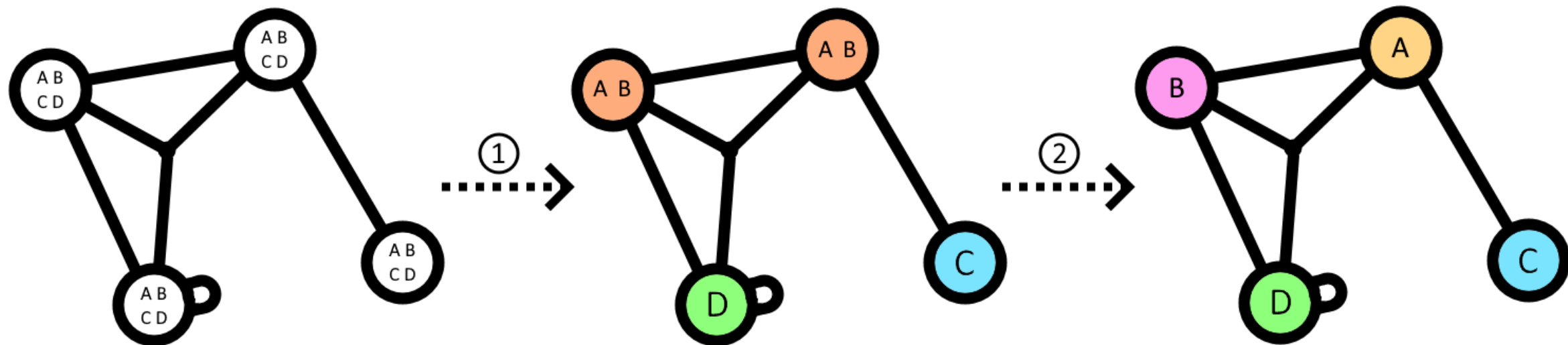


$$D(n+1) = \sum_{\alpha \in R_n} D_\alpha |[\perp, \alpha]|$$

# Canonization



# Canonization

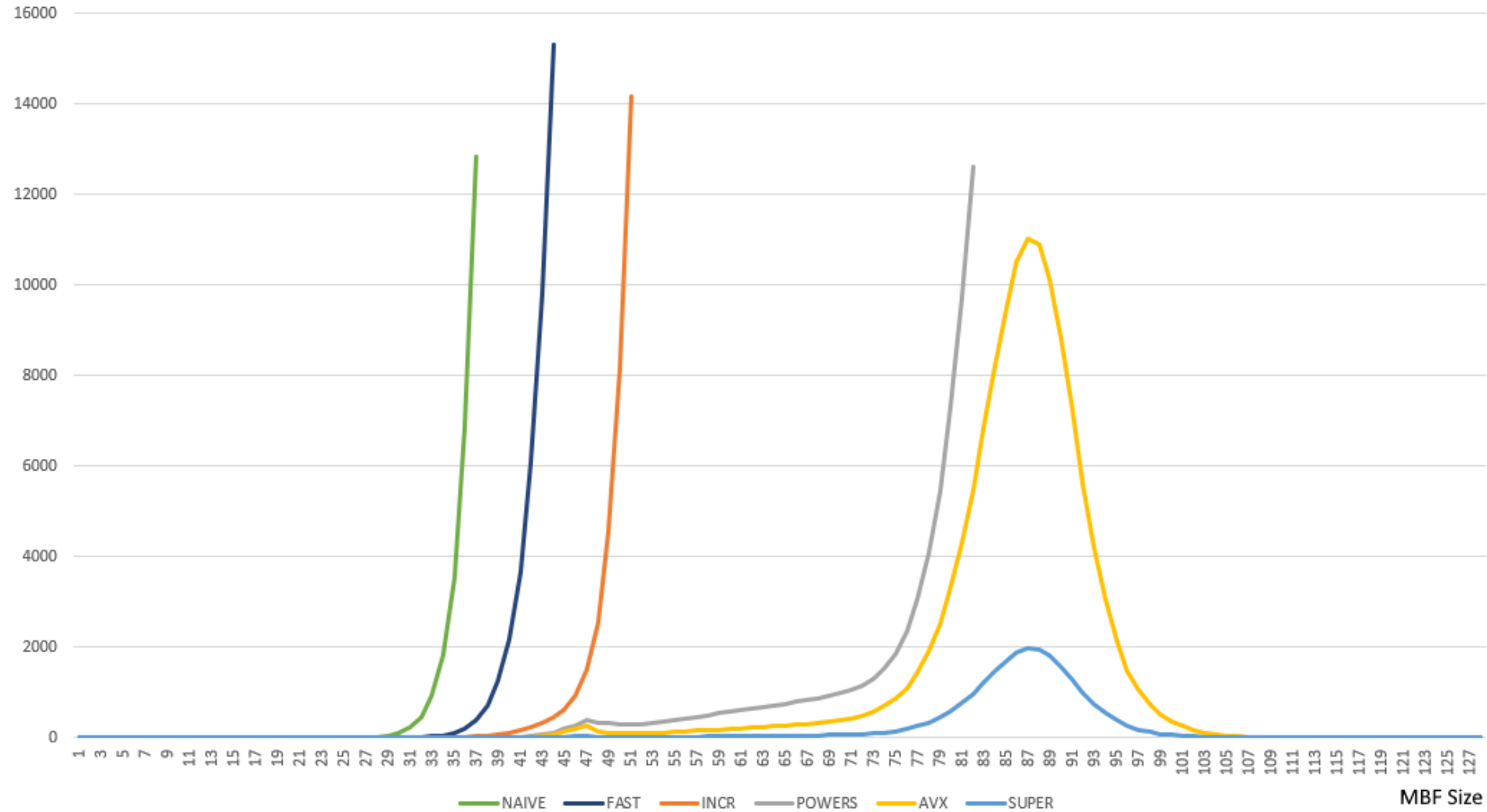




R(0) =	2	
R(1) =	3	
R(2) =	5	
R(3) =	10	
R(4) =	30	
R(5) =	210	
R(6) =	16353	
R(7) =	490013148	Yusan (2012)
R(8) =	1392195548889993358	Pawelski (2021)
R(9) =	789204635842035040527740846300252680 (Paw 2023)	

$$D(n+2) = \sum_{\substack{\alpha, \beta \in A_n \\ \alpha \leq \beta}} |[\perp, \alpha]| 2^{C_{\alpha, \beta}} |[\beta, \top]|$$

seconds to process all



## Expanded P-Coefficient Formula

$$D(n+2) = \sum_{\substack{\alpha, \beta \in A_n \\ \alpha \leq \beta}} |[\perp, \alpha]| 2^{C_{\alpha, \beta}} |[\beta, \top]|$$



$$D(n+2) = \sum_{\alpha \in R_n} |[\perp, \alpha]| D_\alpha \sum_{\substack{\beta \in R_n \\ \exists \delta \simeq \beta: \alpha \leq \delta}} |[\beta, \top]| \frac{D_\beta}{n!} \sum_{\substack{\gamma \in \text{Permut}_\beta \\ \alpha \leq \gamma}} 2^{C_{\alpha, \gamma}}$$

$$|[\perp, \alpha]| 2^{C_{\alpha, \beta}} |[\beta, \top]| = |[\bar{\alpha}, \top]| 2^{C_{\bar{\beta}, \bar{\alpha}}} |[\perp, \bar{\beta}]|$$

# Expanded P-Coefficient Formula

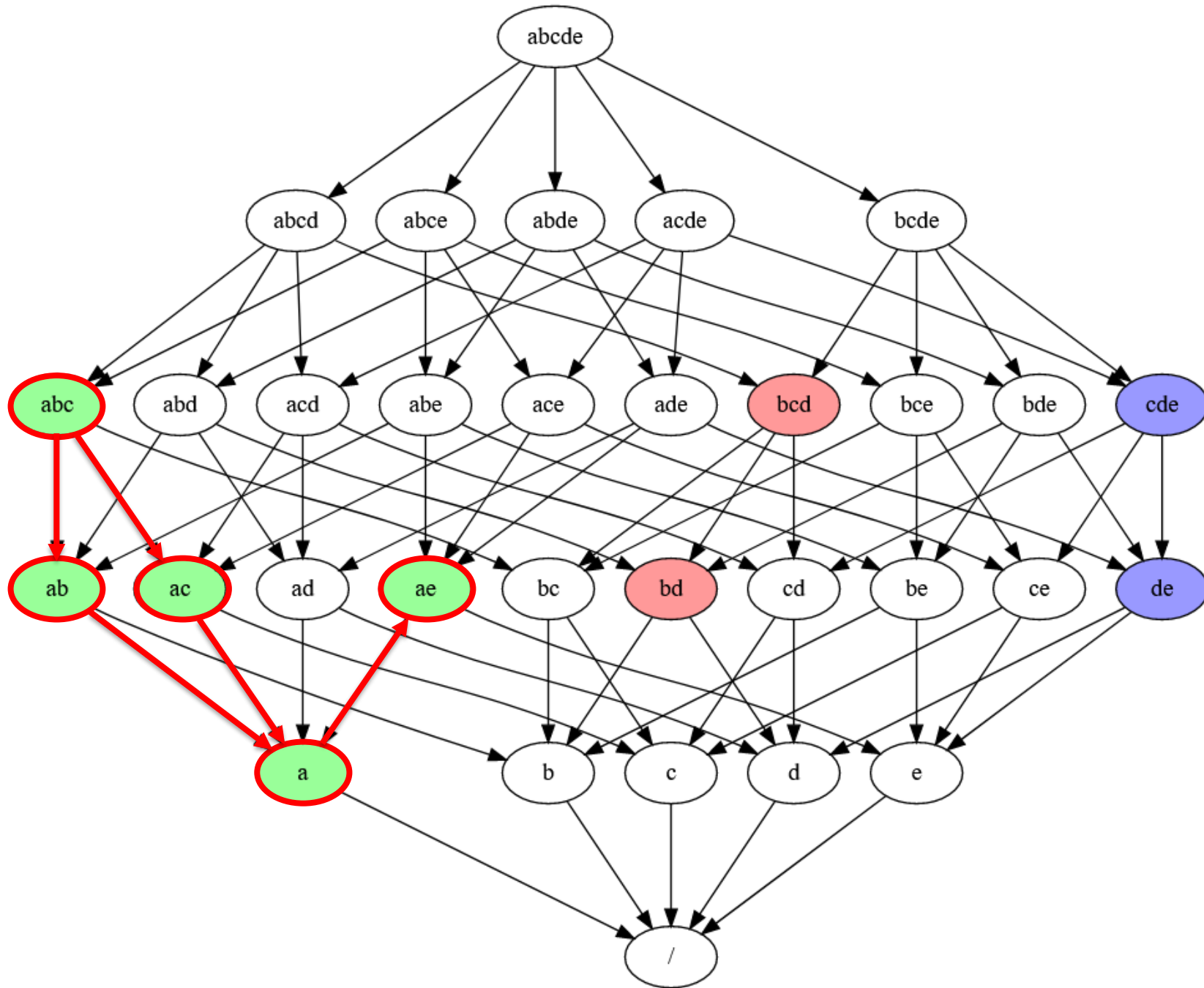
$$D(n+2) = \sum_{\alpha \in R_n} |[\perp, \alpha]| D_\alpha \sum_{\substack{\beta \in R_n \\ \exists \delta \simeq \beta: \alpha \leq \delta}} |[\beta, \top]| \frac{D_\beta}{n!} \sum_{\substack{\gamma \in \text{Permut}_\beta \\ \alpha \leq \gamma}} 2^{C_{\alpha, \gamma}}$$

490M
\*45M
\*5040

$5.57 * 10^{18}$   $C_{\alpha, \gamma}$  values in total!

# FloodFill Algorithm

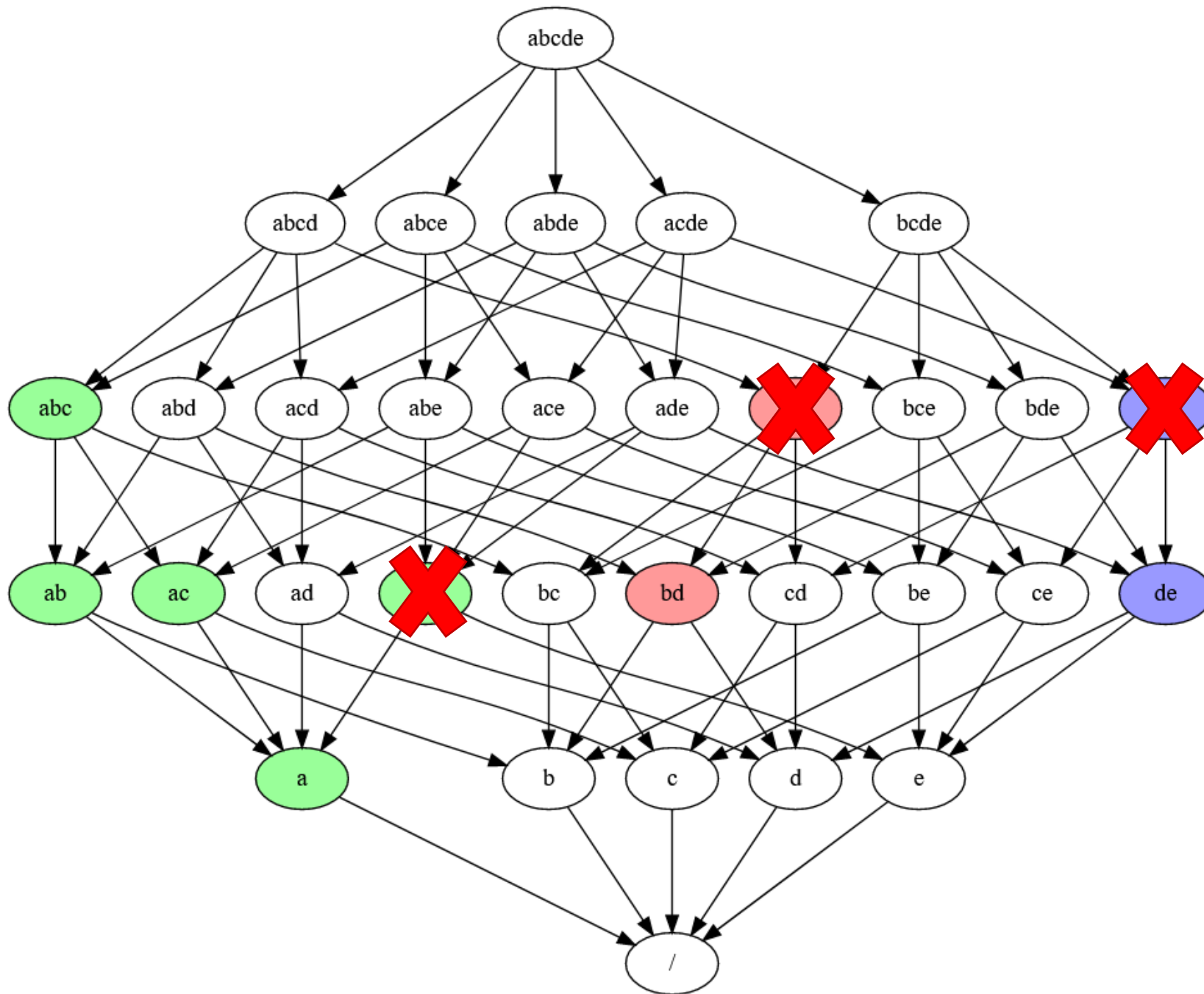
# FloodFill Algorithm



$$C_{\alpha, \beta} = 3$$



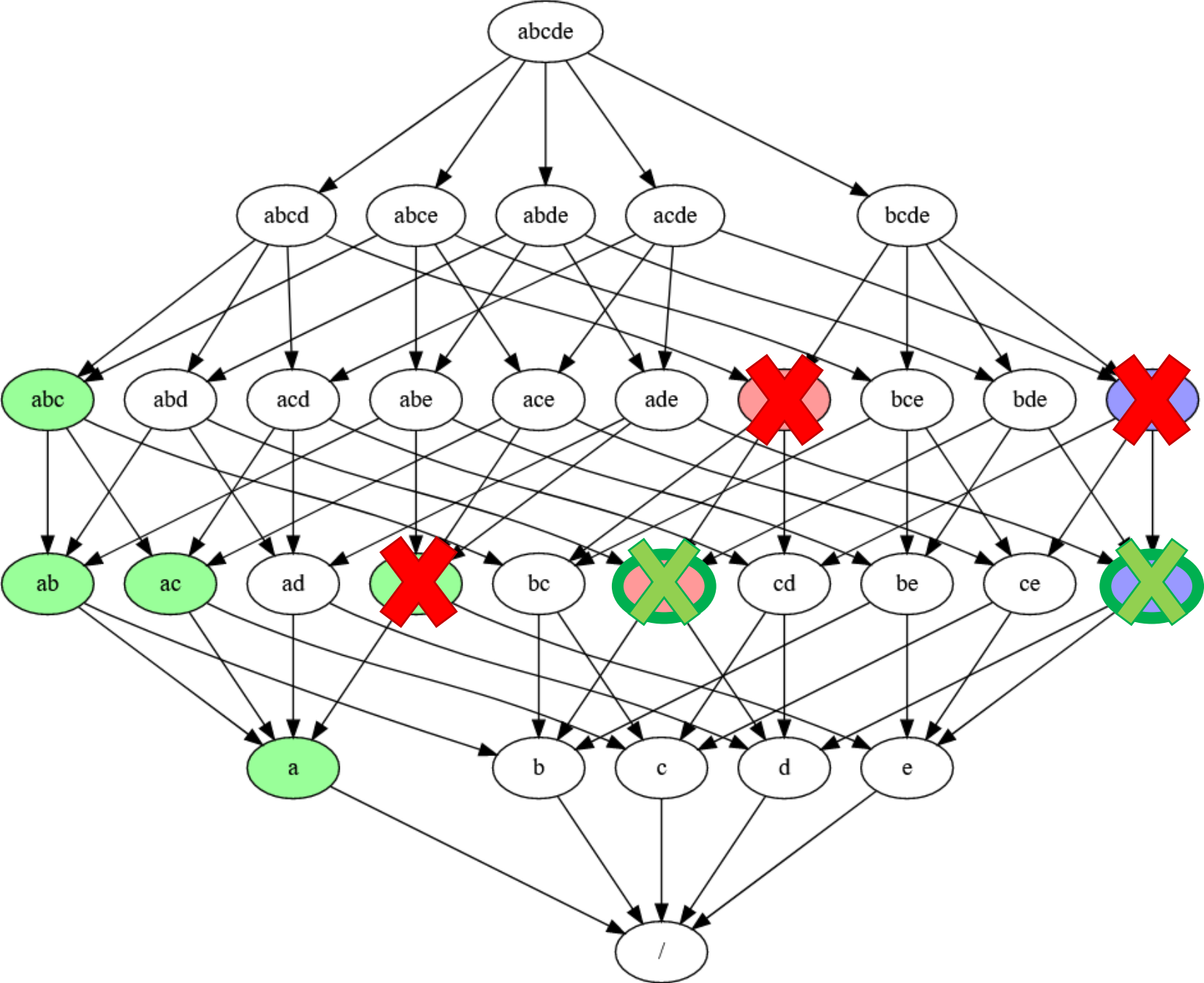
# Leaf Elimination



- LE Up

- LE Down

# Singleton Elimination



**def** countConnected(**MBF**  $\alpha$ , **MBF**  $\gamma$ ): **FloodFill Algorithm**

**BF** graph =  $\alpha \ \& \ \neg\gamma$

graph = eliminateLeafesUp(graph)

graph, **int** count = eliminateSingletons(graph)

**while** graph **not empty**:

**BF** seed = firstNode(graph)

**do**:

**BF** seedUp = monotonizeUp(seed) & graph

        seed = monotonizeDown(seedUp) & graph

**while** seedUp != seed

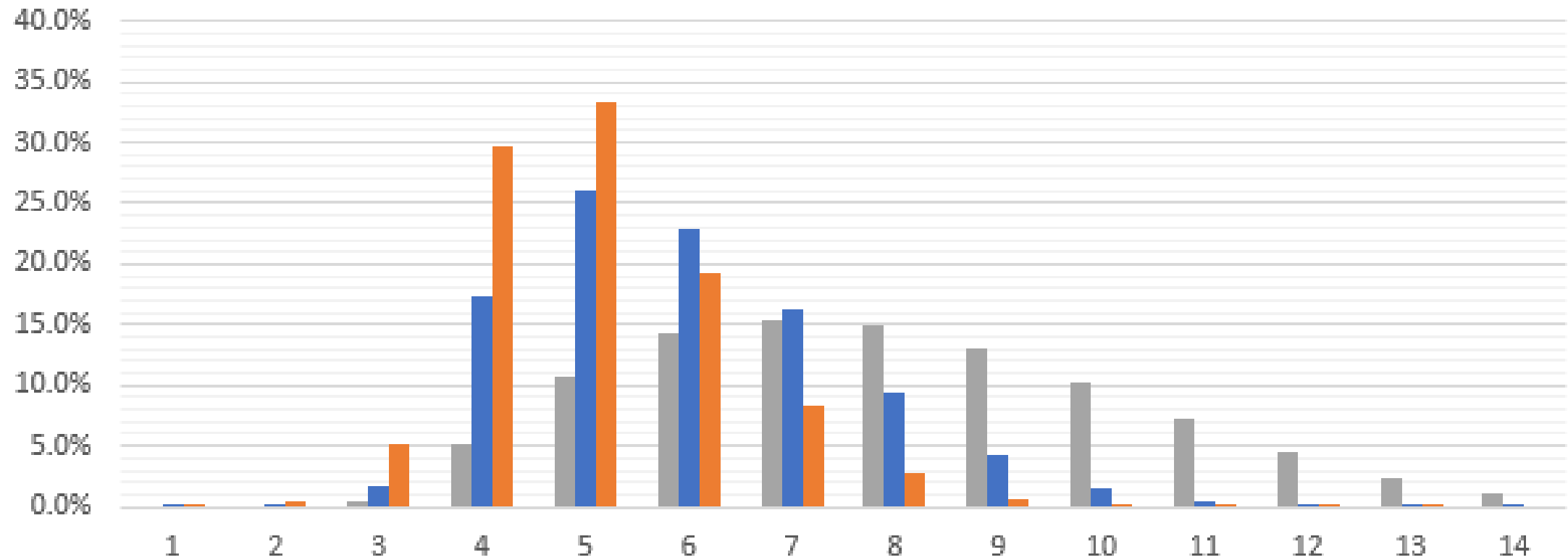
    graph = graph &  $\neg$  seed

    count++

**return** count

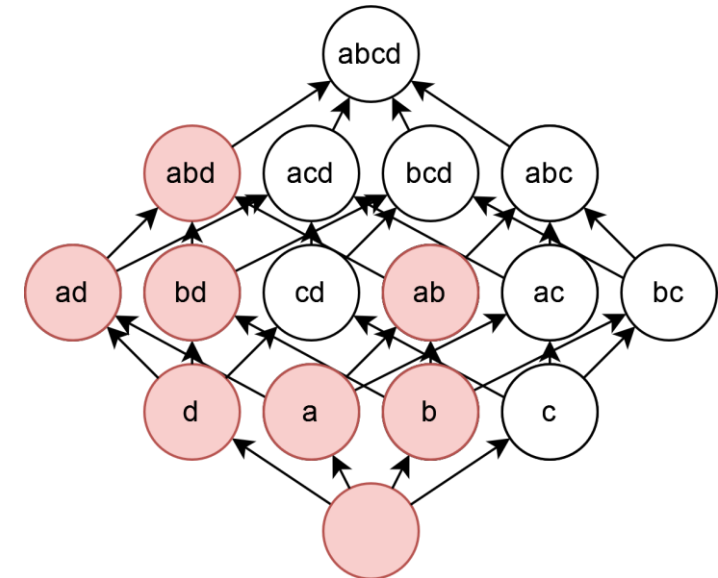
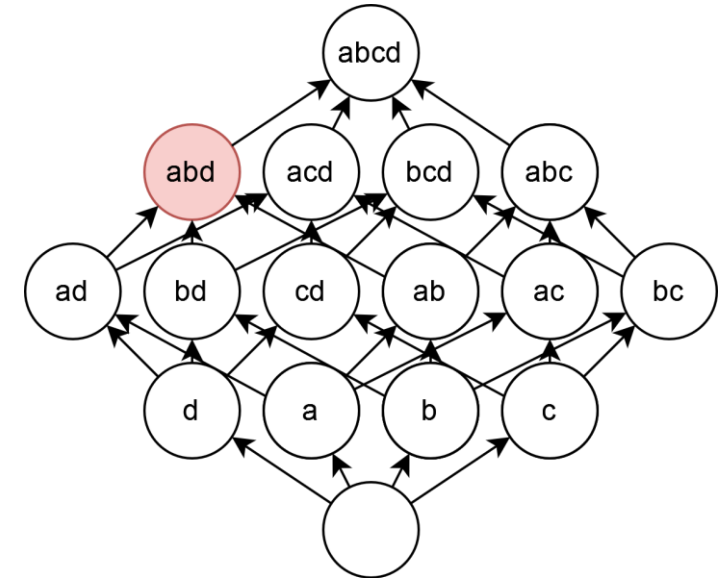
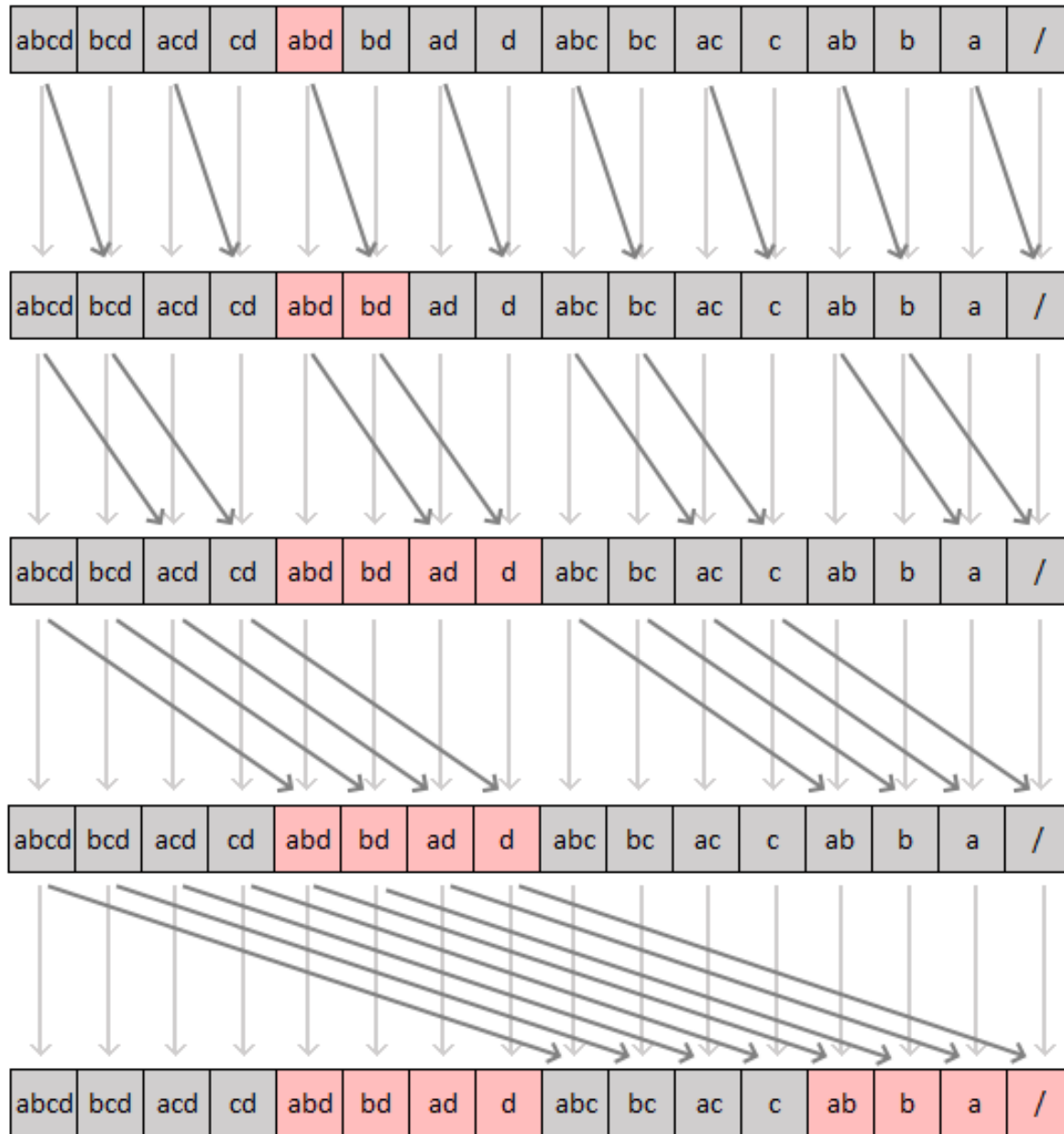
# FloodFill Cycles Distribution

■ FloodFill   ■ Singleton Elimination   ■ Leaf Elimination

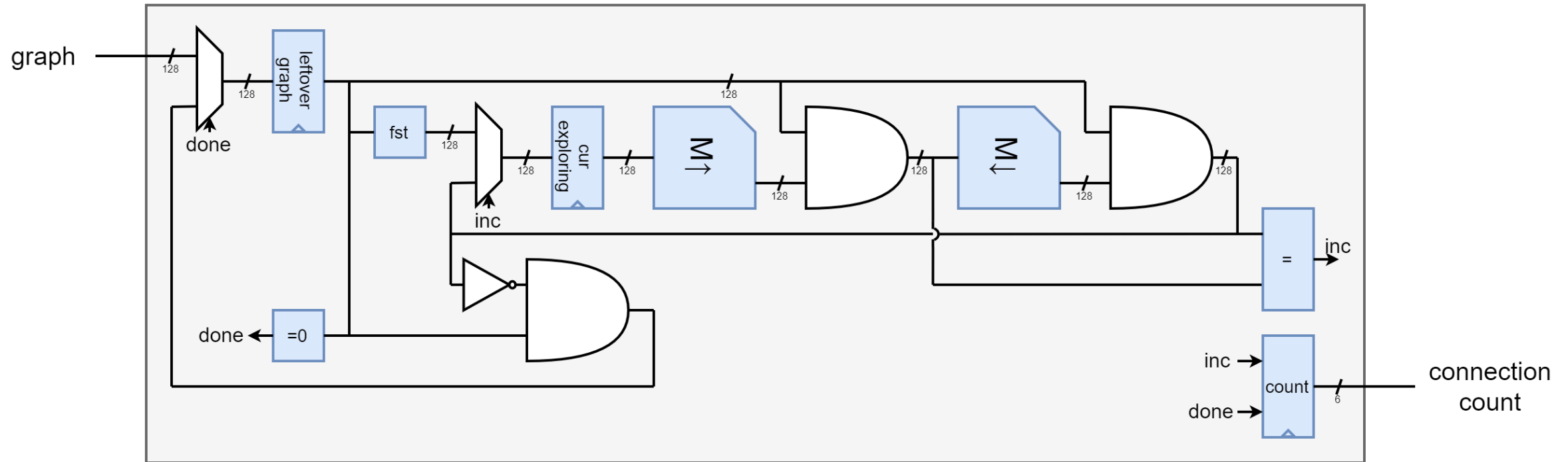


# Hardware Implementation

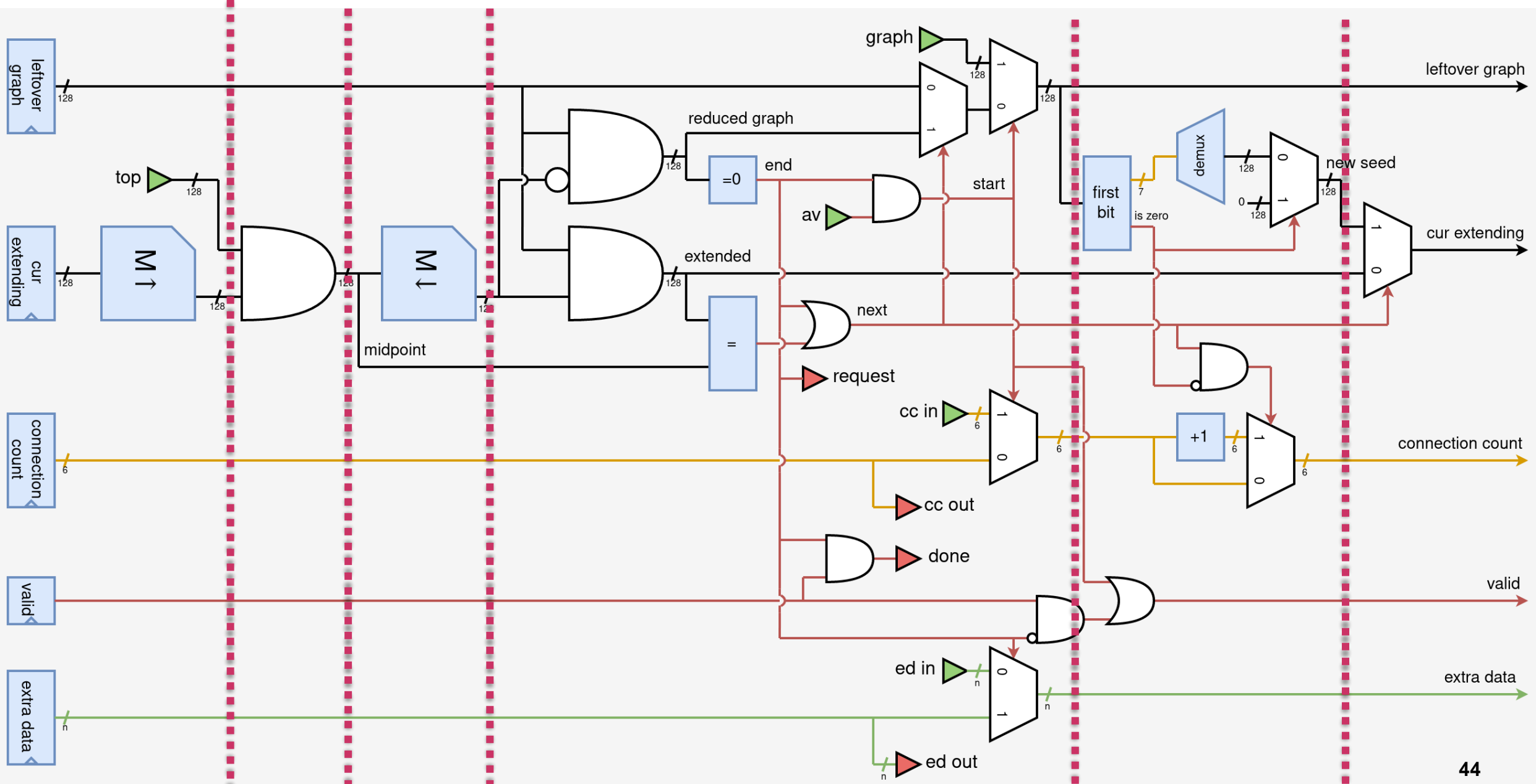
# Monotonization



# Count Connected Core

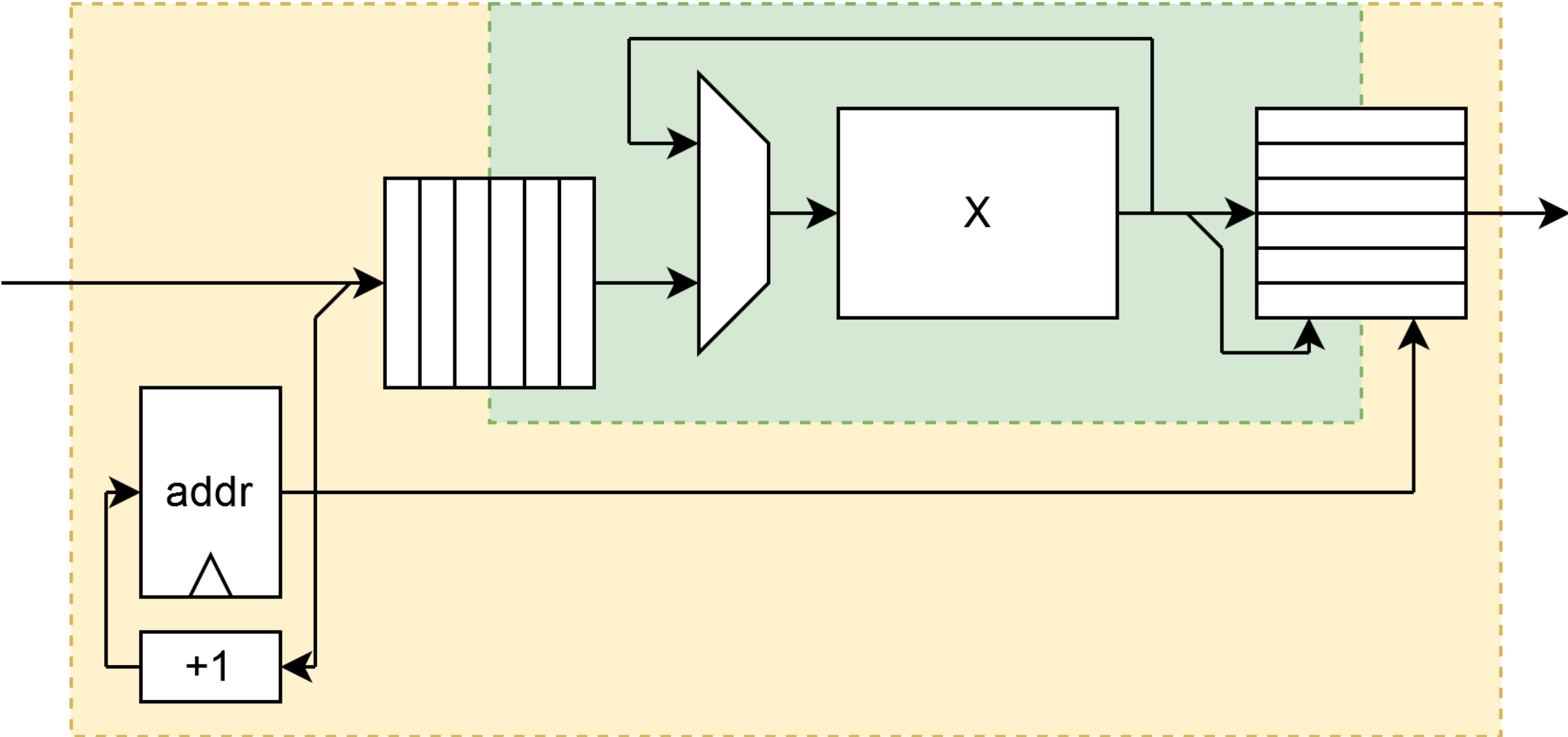


# Pipelined

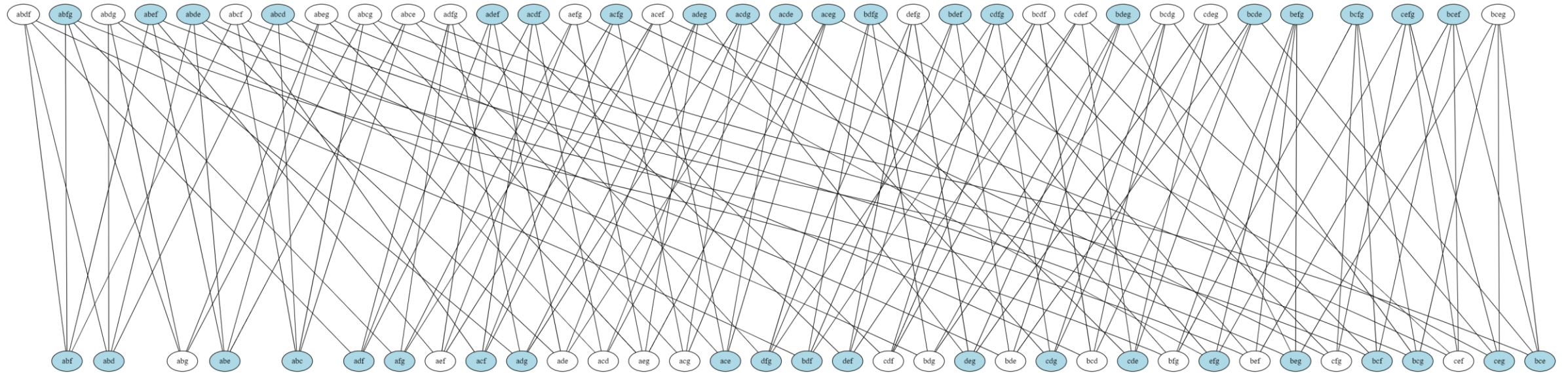




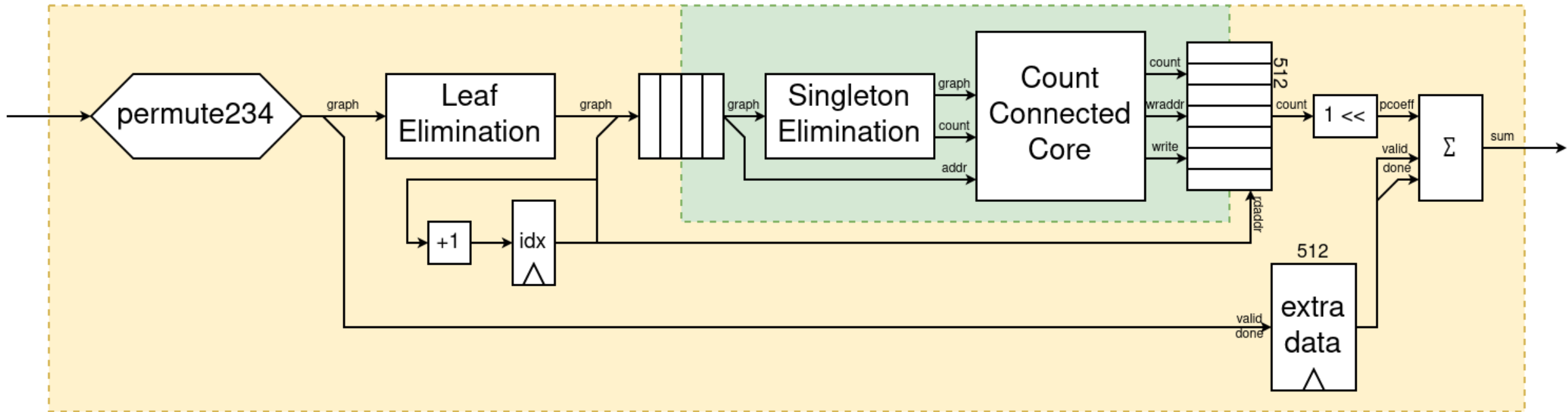
# Loop implementation



# Worst Case



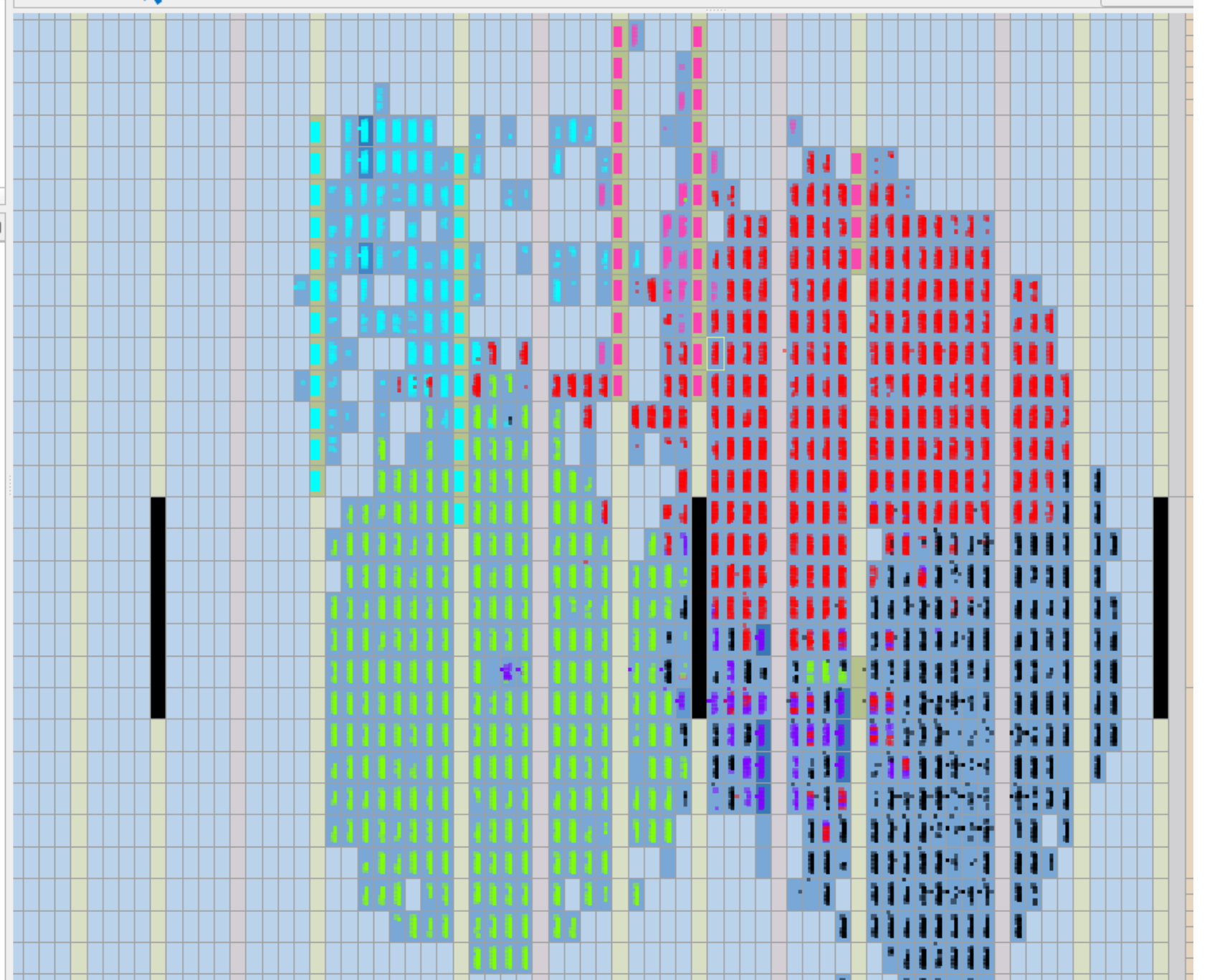
# Processing Module



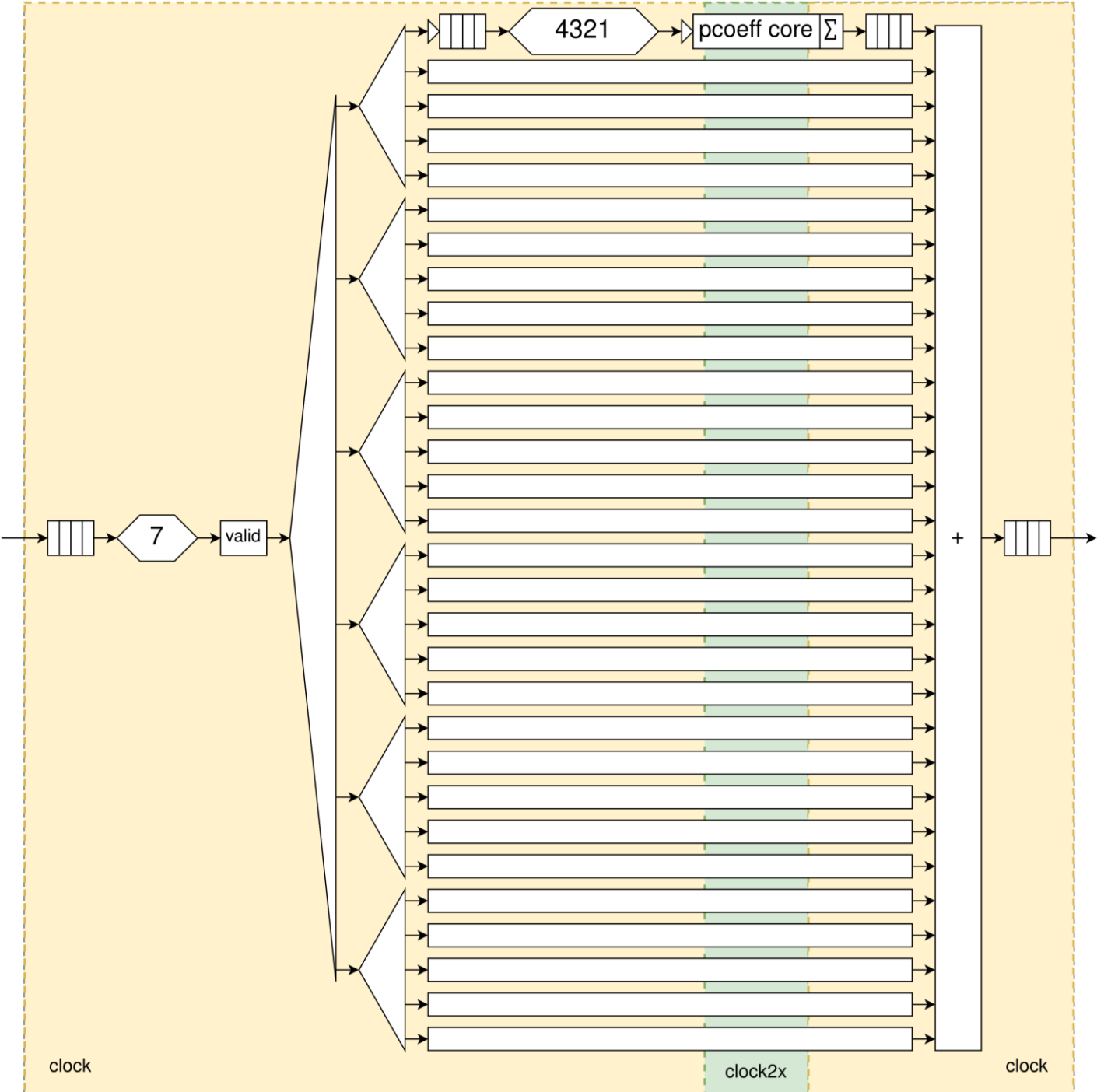
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Tasks

- Toggle Background Colors
- Report Resources...
- Report Compilation Messages...
- Mark Selection
- Report Registered Connections...
- 📁 Core Reports
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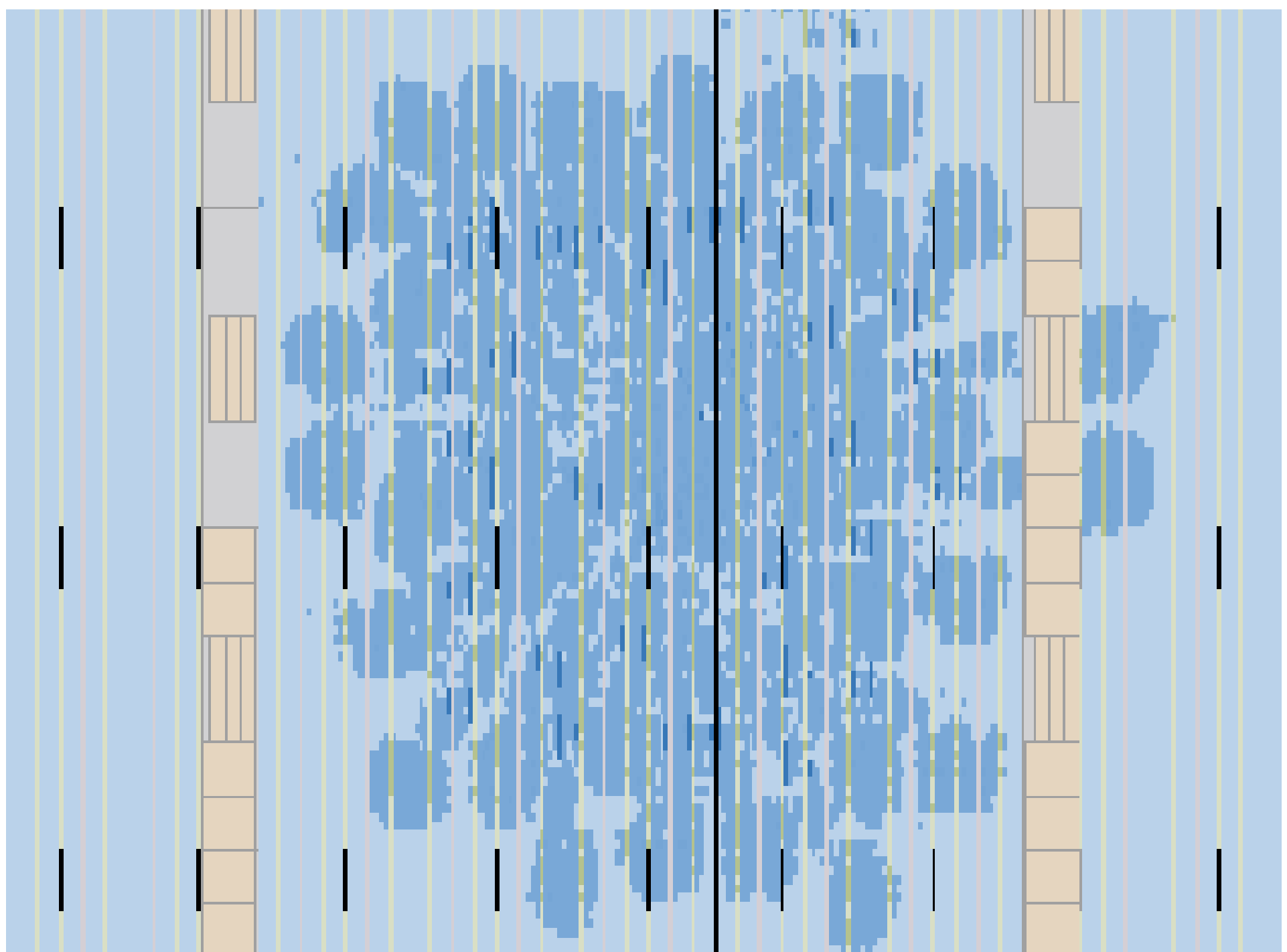


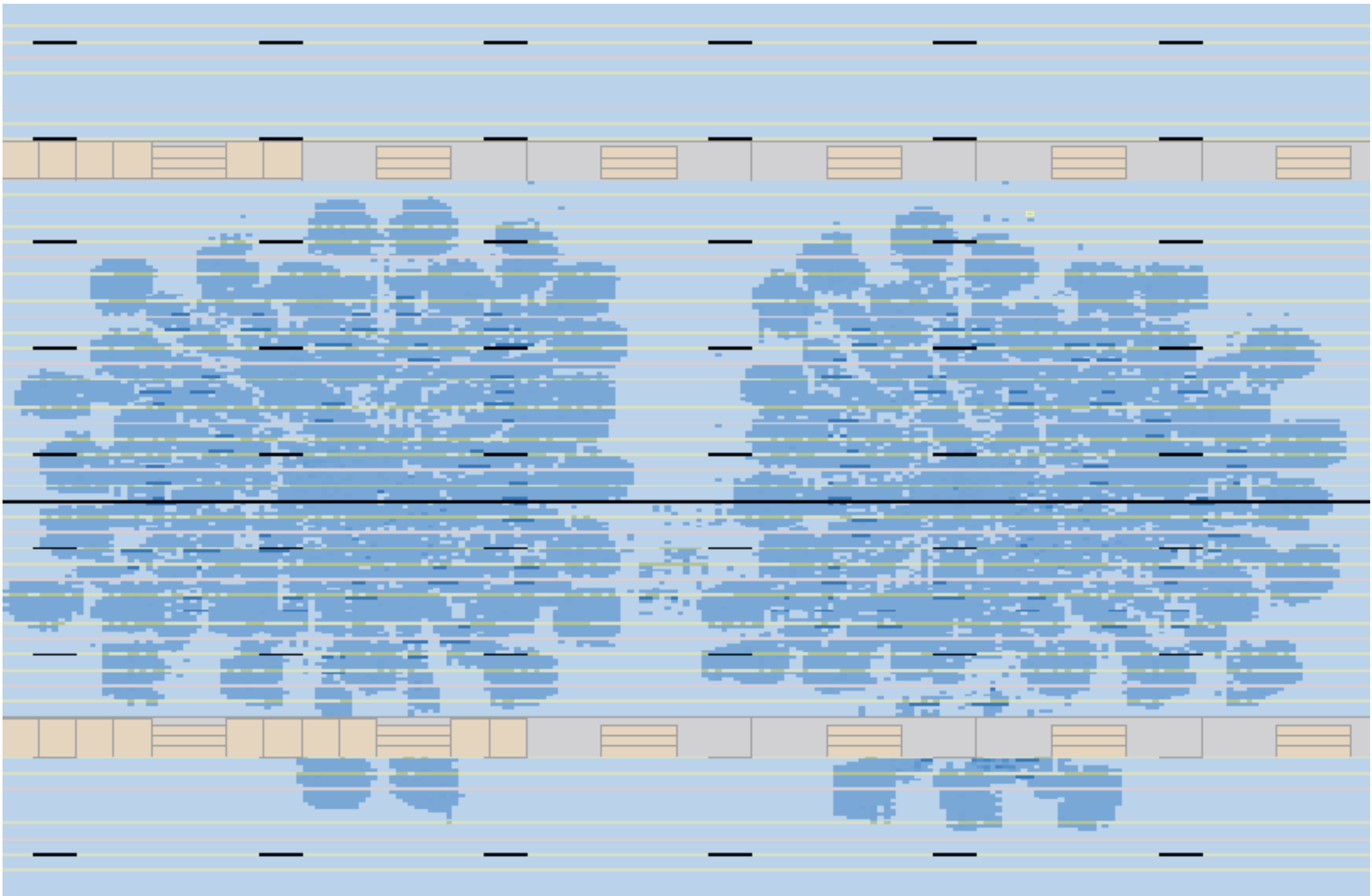
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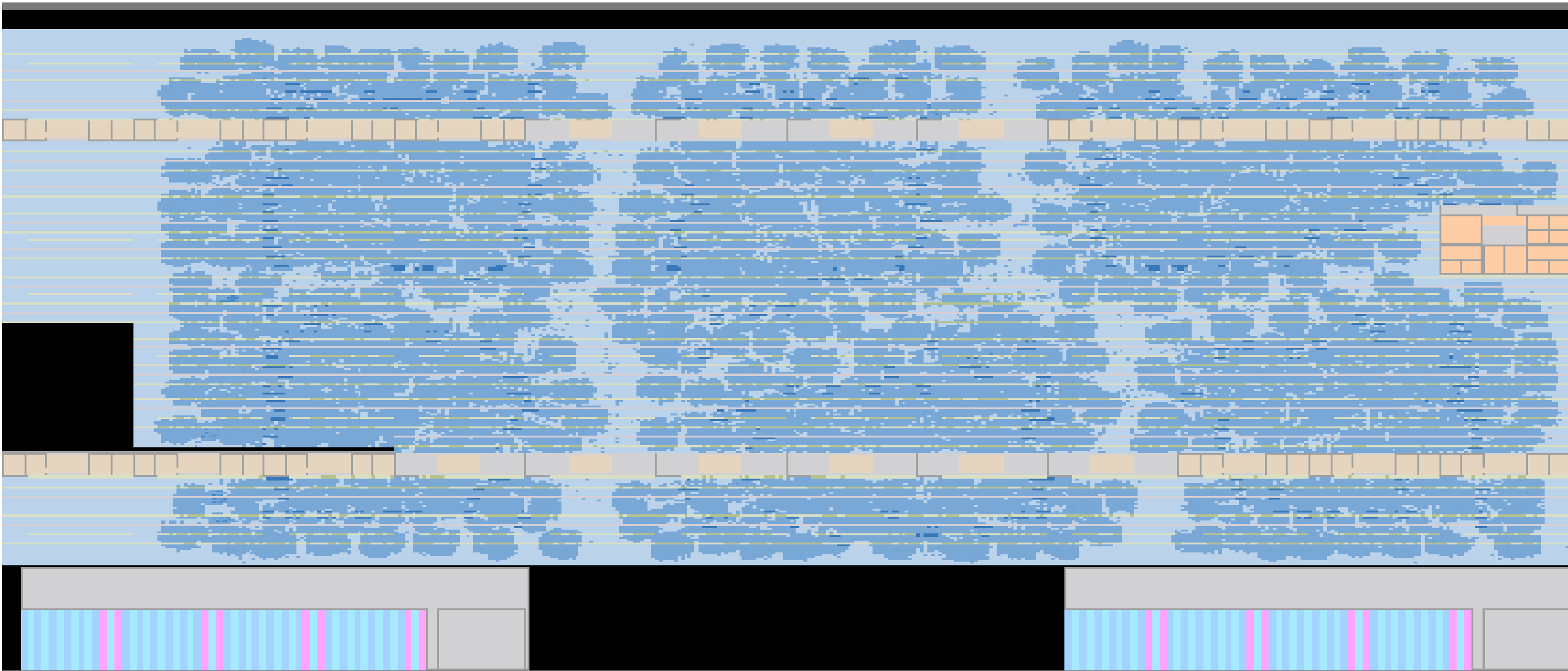
$$\sum_{\substack{\gamma \in \text{Permut}_\beta \\ \alpha \leq \gamma}} 2^{C_{\alpha, \gamma}}$$

7! = 5040  
permutations





# 6 pipelines

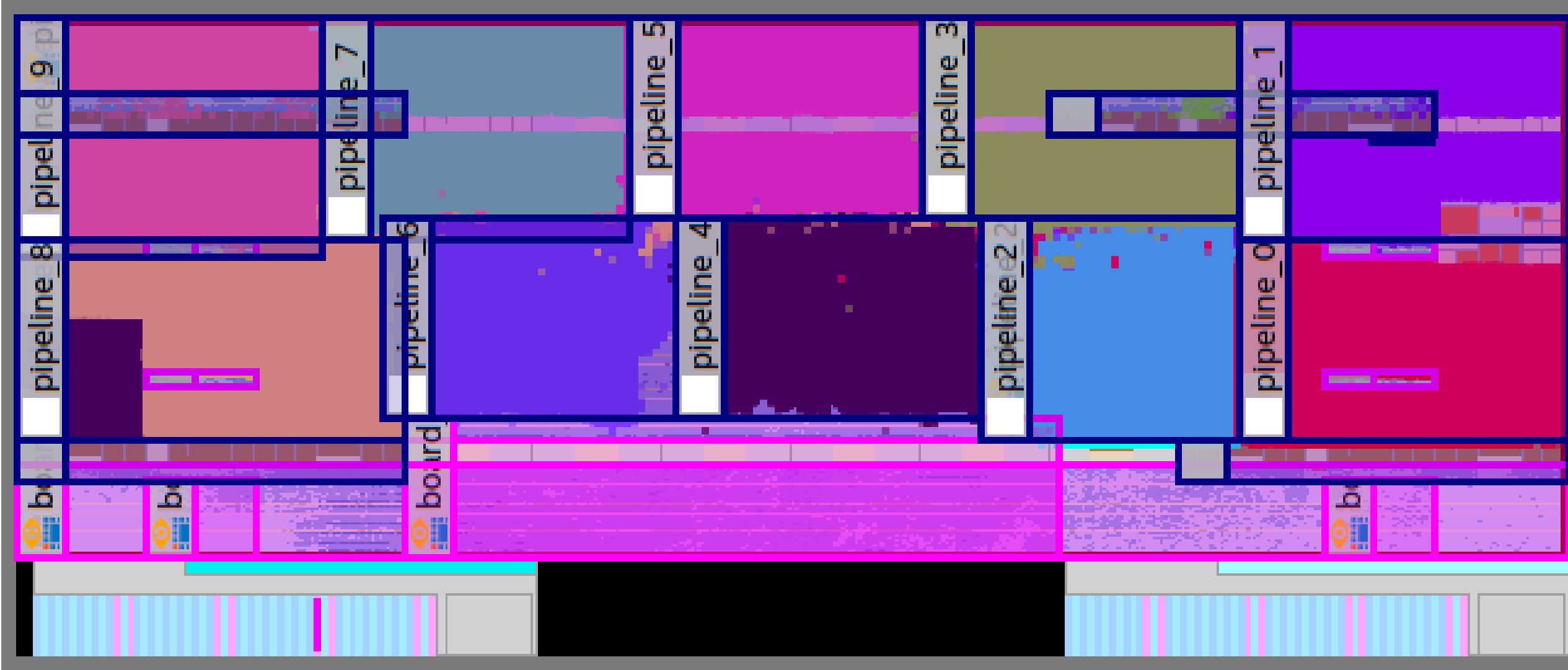






Terrible performance!

# Adding logic lock regions



450 MHz!

92% Logic Density

300 Mbits/s

# Performance Comparison

64 Cores  
~0.6M bots/sec

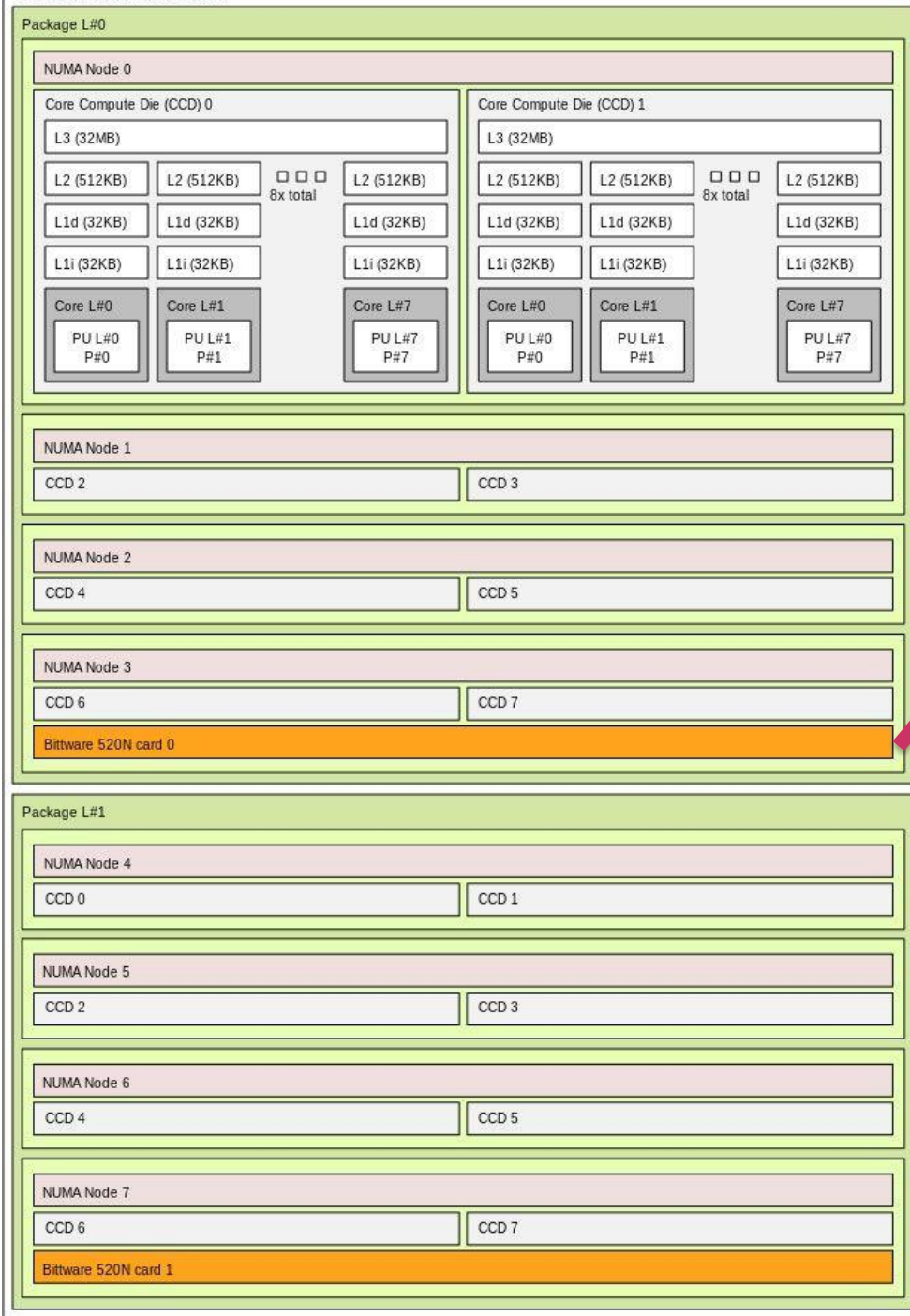


300 P-Coëff Cores  
300M bots/sec



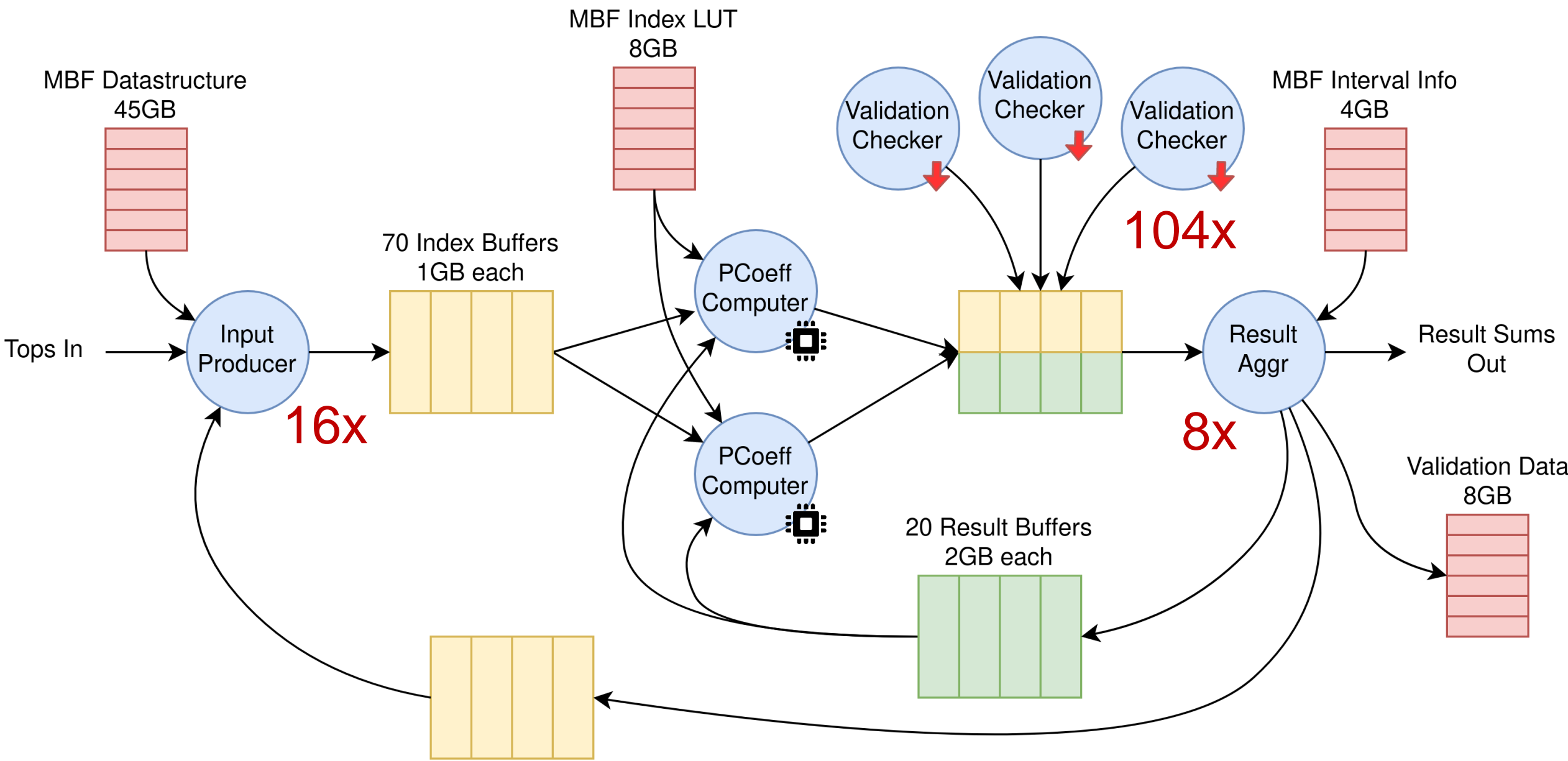
500x  
Faster!


# Supercomputing



# Noctua 2 FPGA Node





$$D(n + 2) = \sum_{\alpha \in R_n} |[ \perp, \alpha ] | D_\alpha \sum_{\substack{\beta \in R_n \\ \exists \delta \simeq \beta : \alpha \leq \delta}} |[ \beta, \top ] | \frac{D_\beta}{n!} \sum_{\substack{\gamma \in \text{Permut}_\beta \\ \alpha \leq \gamma}} 2^{C_{\alpha, \gamma}}$$


5.8  $\alpha$  per second  
490 million in total

- 15'000 jobs
- 33'000 tops/job
- 100 mins / job
- 16 FPGA servers

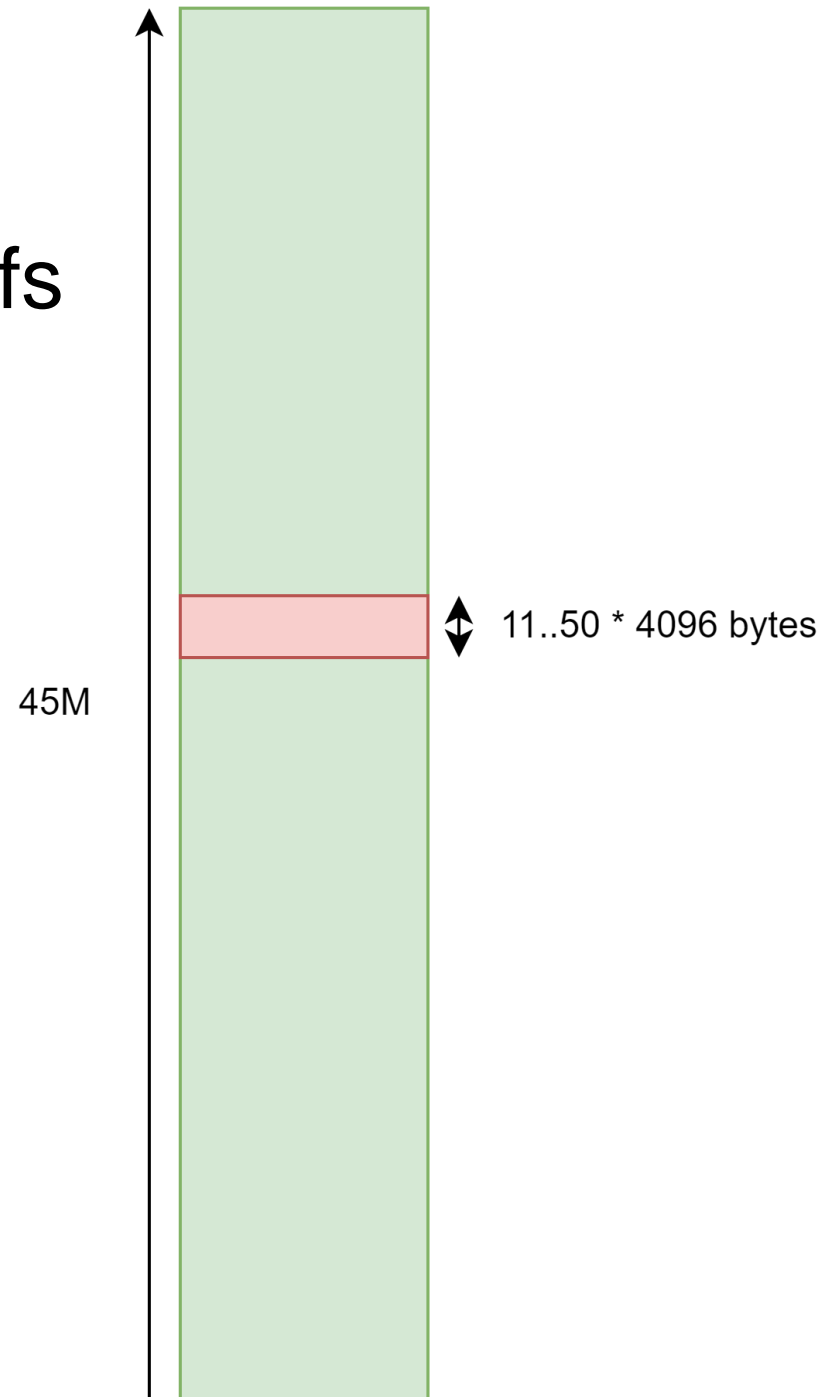


- After 4 months on Noctua 2
- 47'000 FPGA hours in total

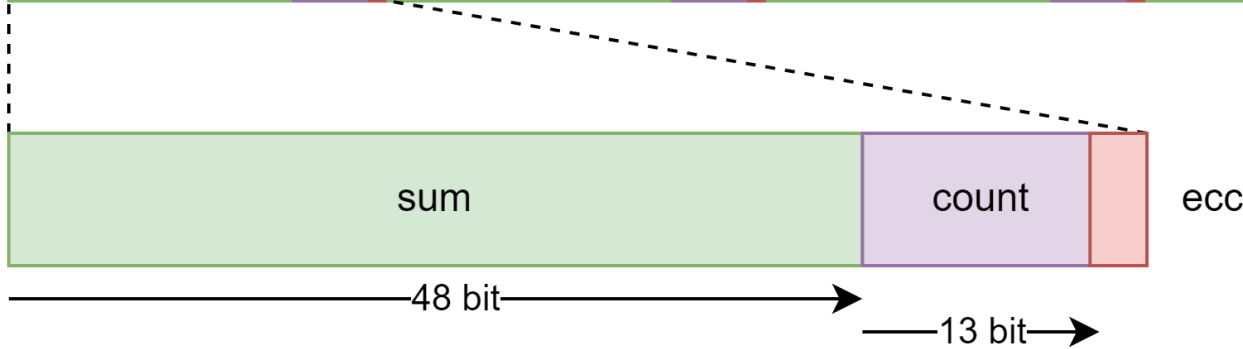
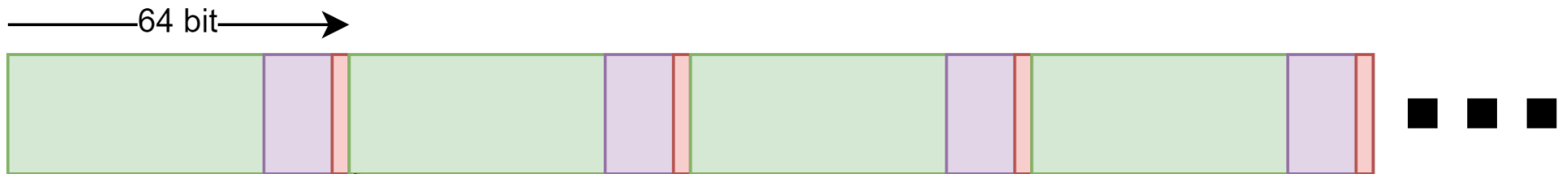
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- Large error blocks in result bufs
- Aligned to 4096 bytes
- “Forgot to copy”?
- Fixed now



# Errors



$$D(n + 1) = \sum_{\alpha \in R_n} D_\alpha \sum_{\substack{\beta \in R_n \\ \exists \delta \simeq \beta: \alpha \leq \delta}} \frac{D_\beta}{n!} \sum_{\substack{\gamma \in \text{Permut}_\beta \\ \alpha \leq \gamma}} 1$$

$$\sum_{\substack{\gamma \in \text{Permut}_\beta \\ \alpha \leq \gamma}} 2^{C_{\alpha, \gamma}}$$

$$\sum_{\substack{\gamma \in \text{Permut}_\beta \\ \alpha \leq \gamma}} 1$$

**Lucky Checksum!**





## Mathematics

# Mathematicians calculate 42-digit number after decades of trying

Dedekind numbers describe the number of ways sets of logical operations can be combined, and are fiendishly difficult to calculate, with only eight known since 1991 - and now mathematicians have calculated the ninth in the series

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3 July 2023



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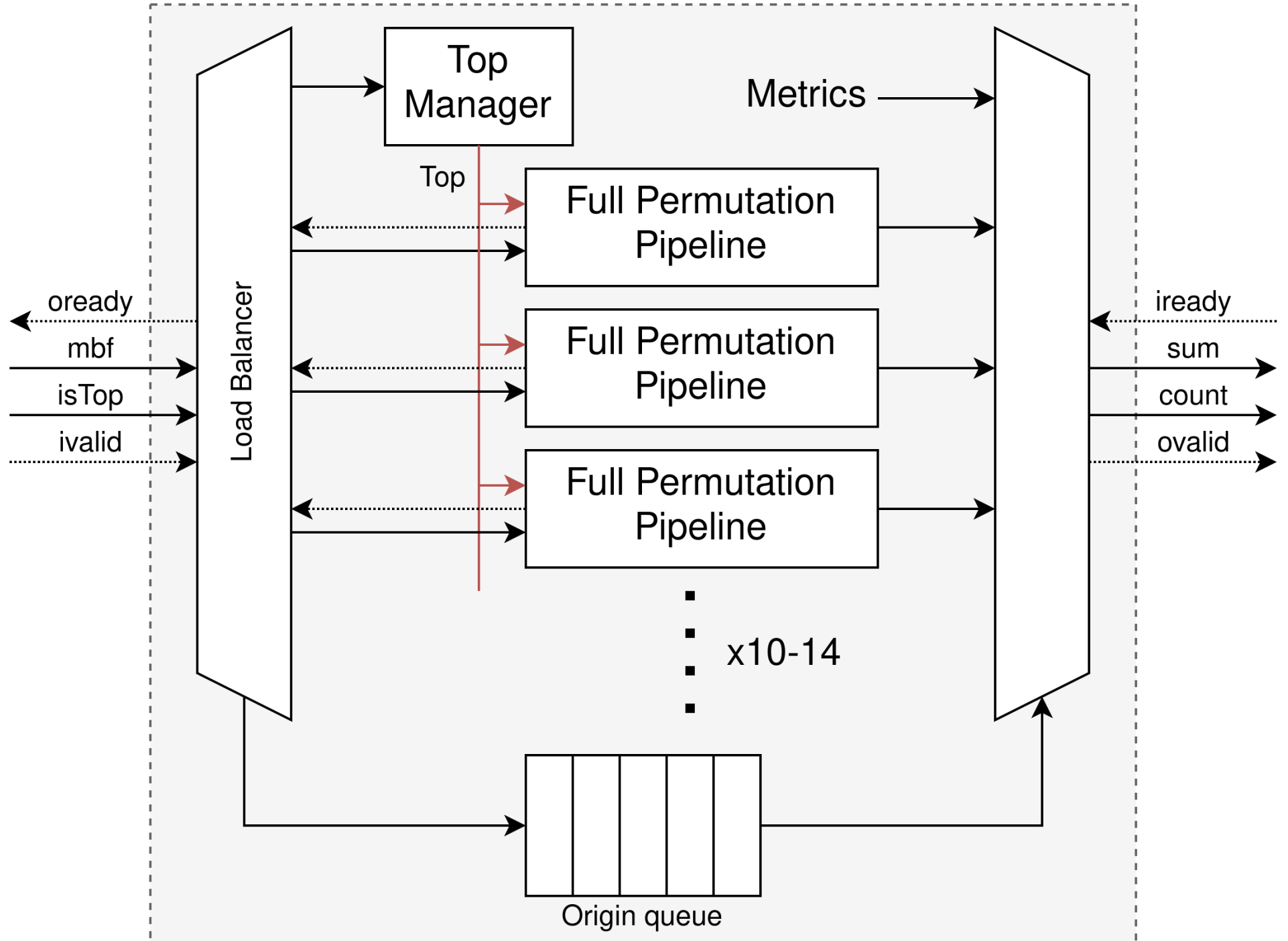
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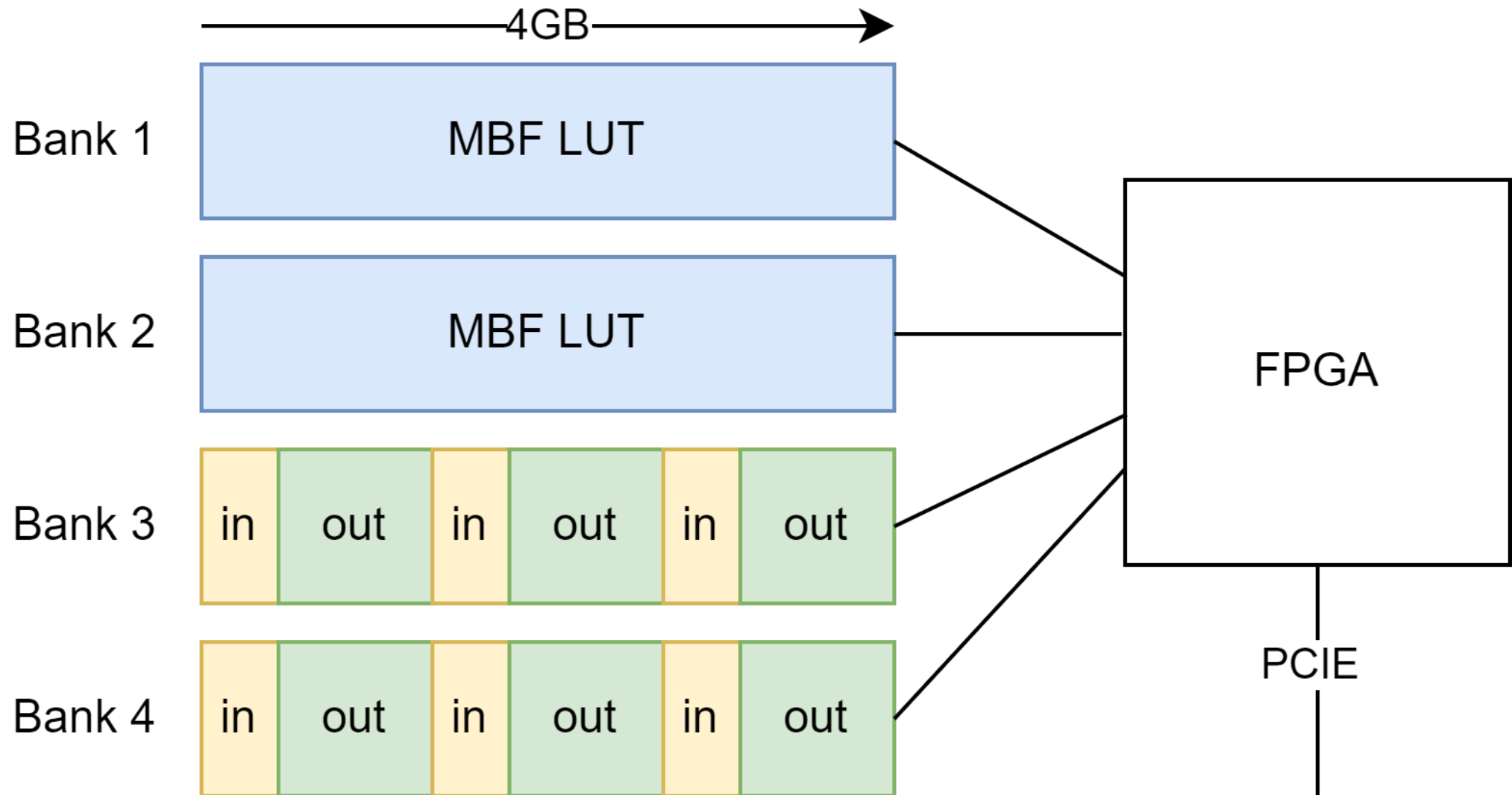
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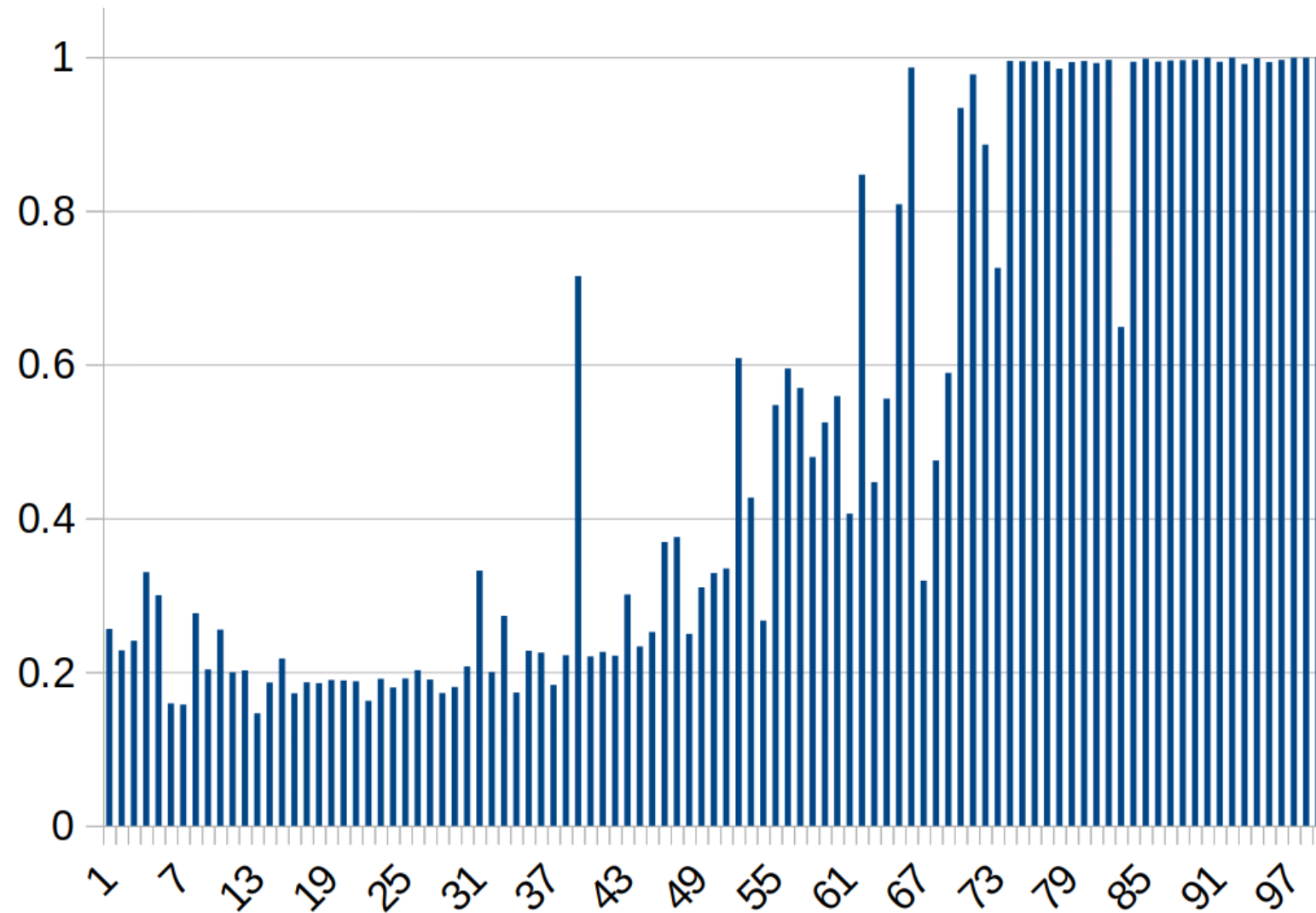


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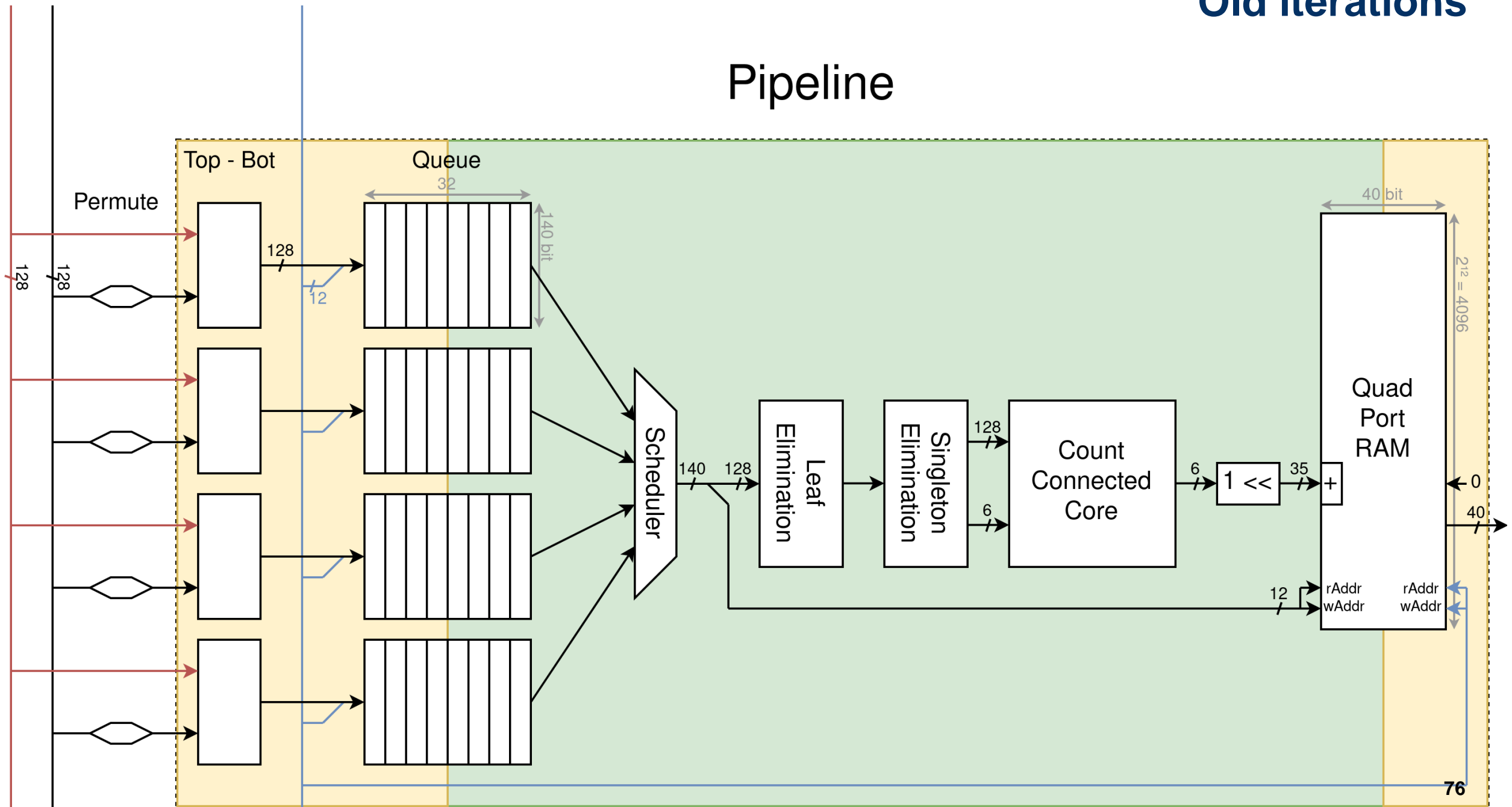




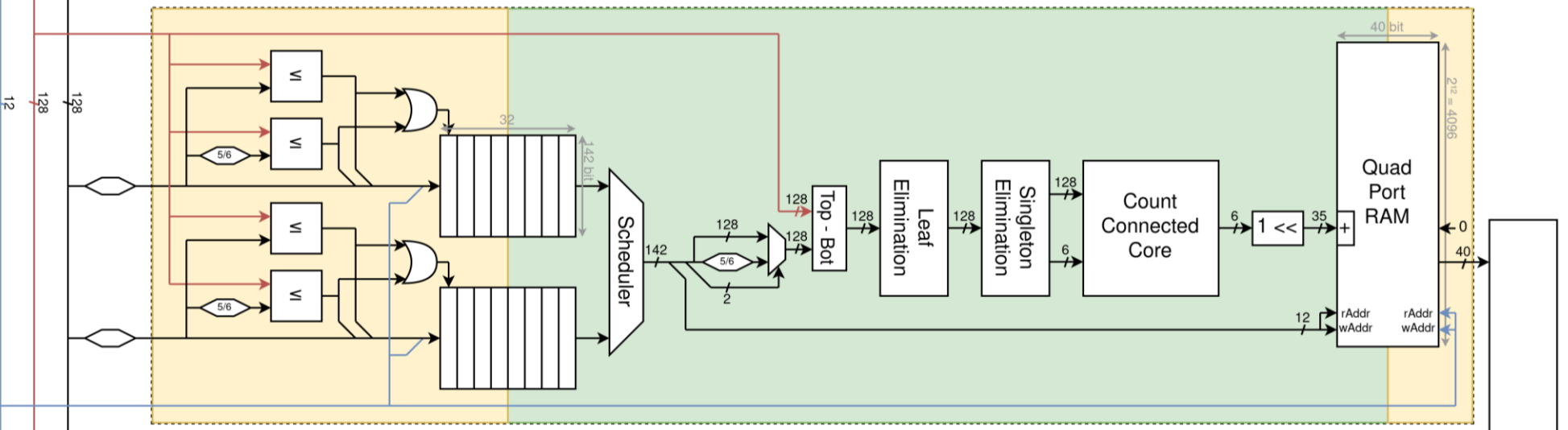
# Efficiency Distribution



# Pipeline



Pipeline



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- 1260x
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