

# H E R M E S

Efficient Ring Packing using MLWE Ciphertexts  
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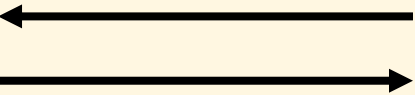
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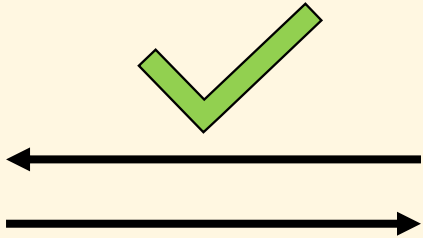
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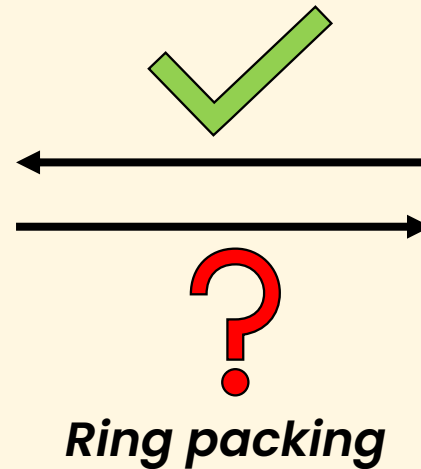
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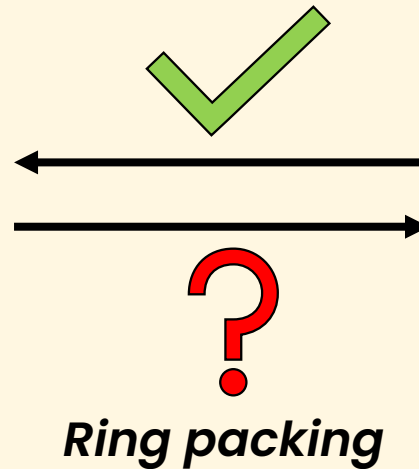


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- Ring packing (RP) bridges LWE and RLWE formats [CGG17, MS18, BGGJ20, CDKS21, LHH+21]

- Scheme switching during homomorphic computation
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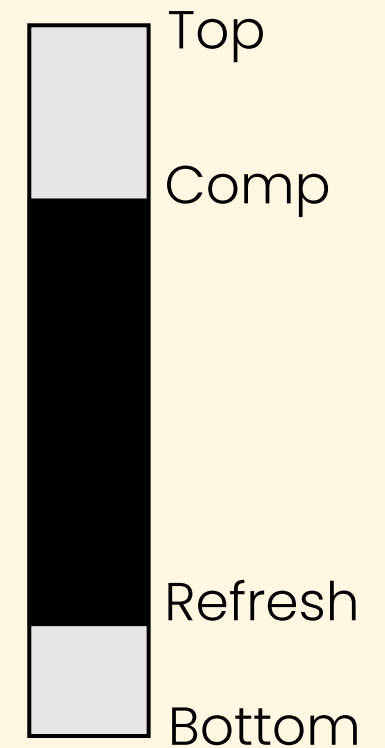
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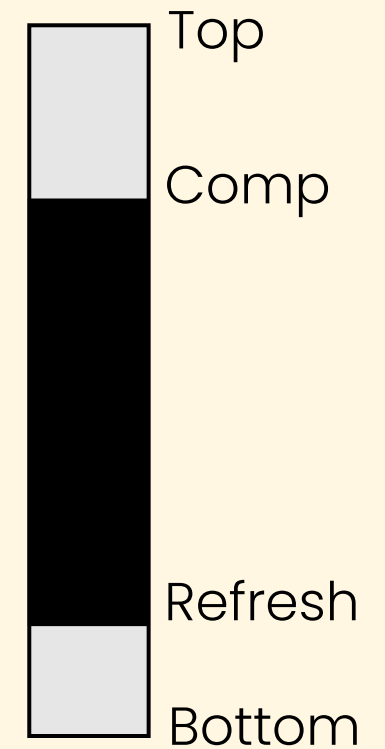




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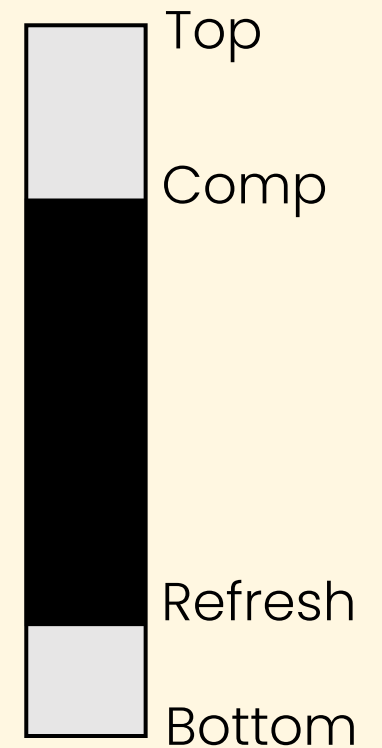
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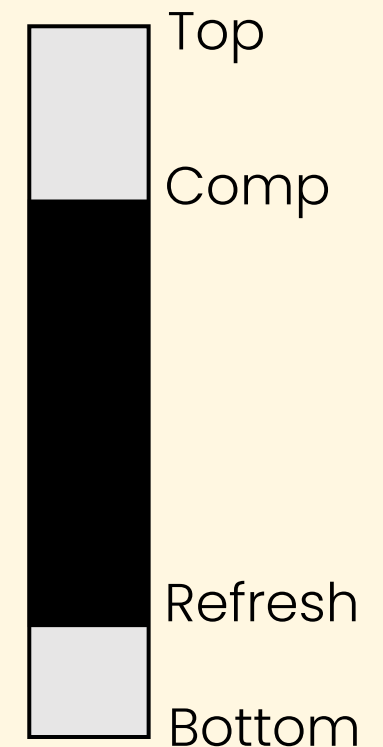


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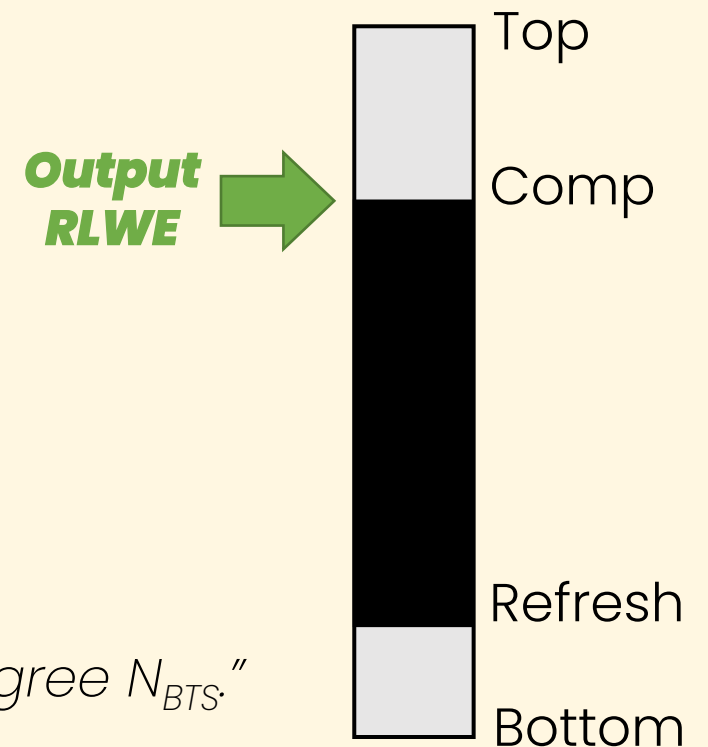
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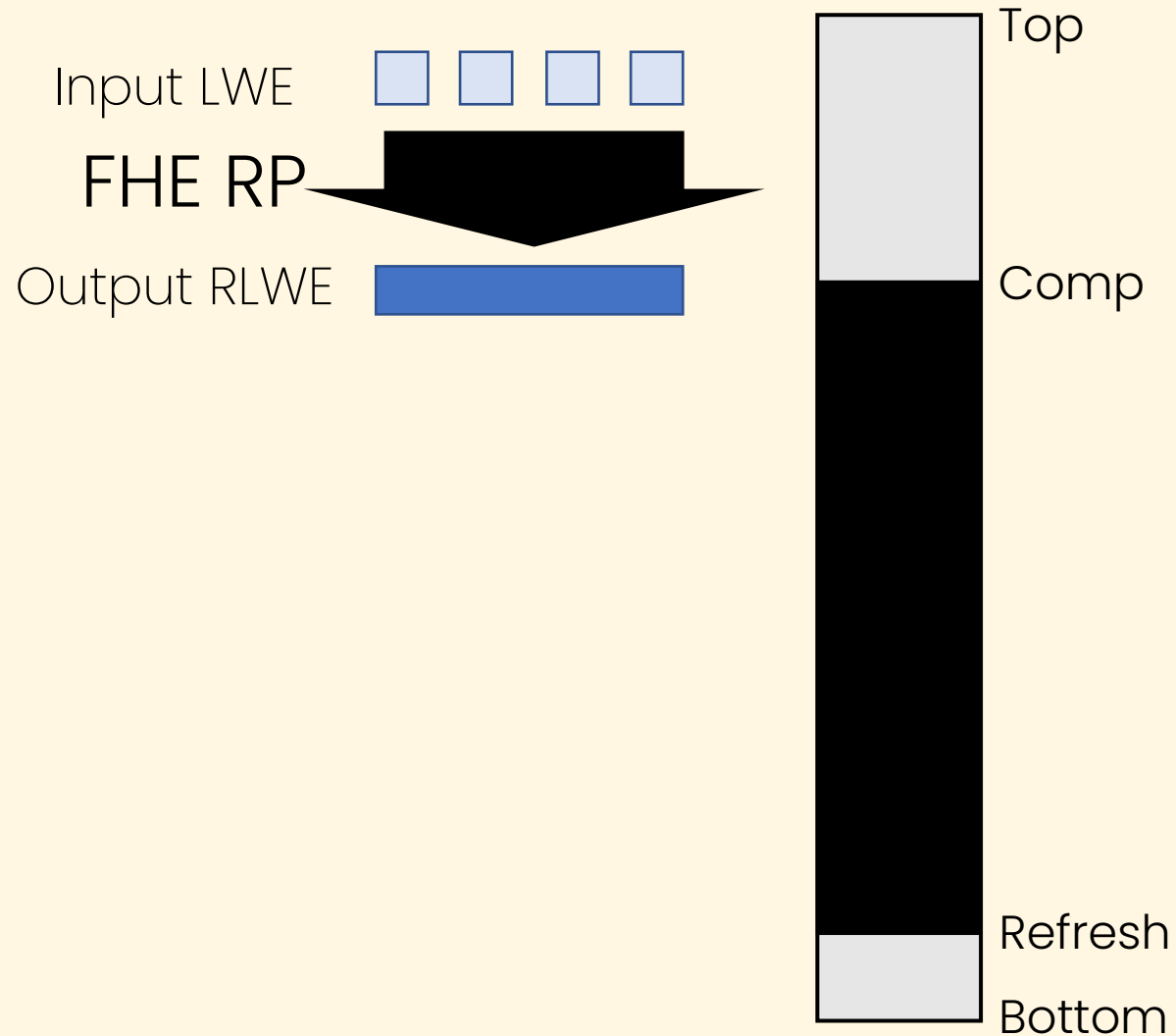
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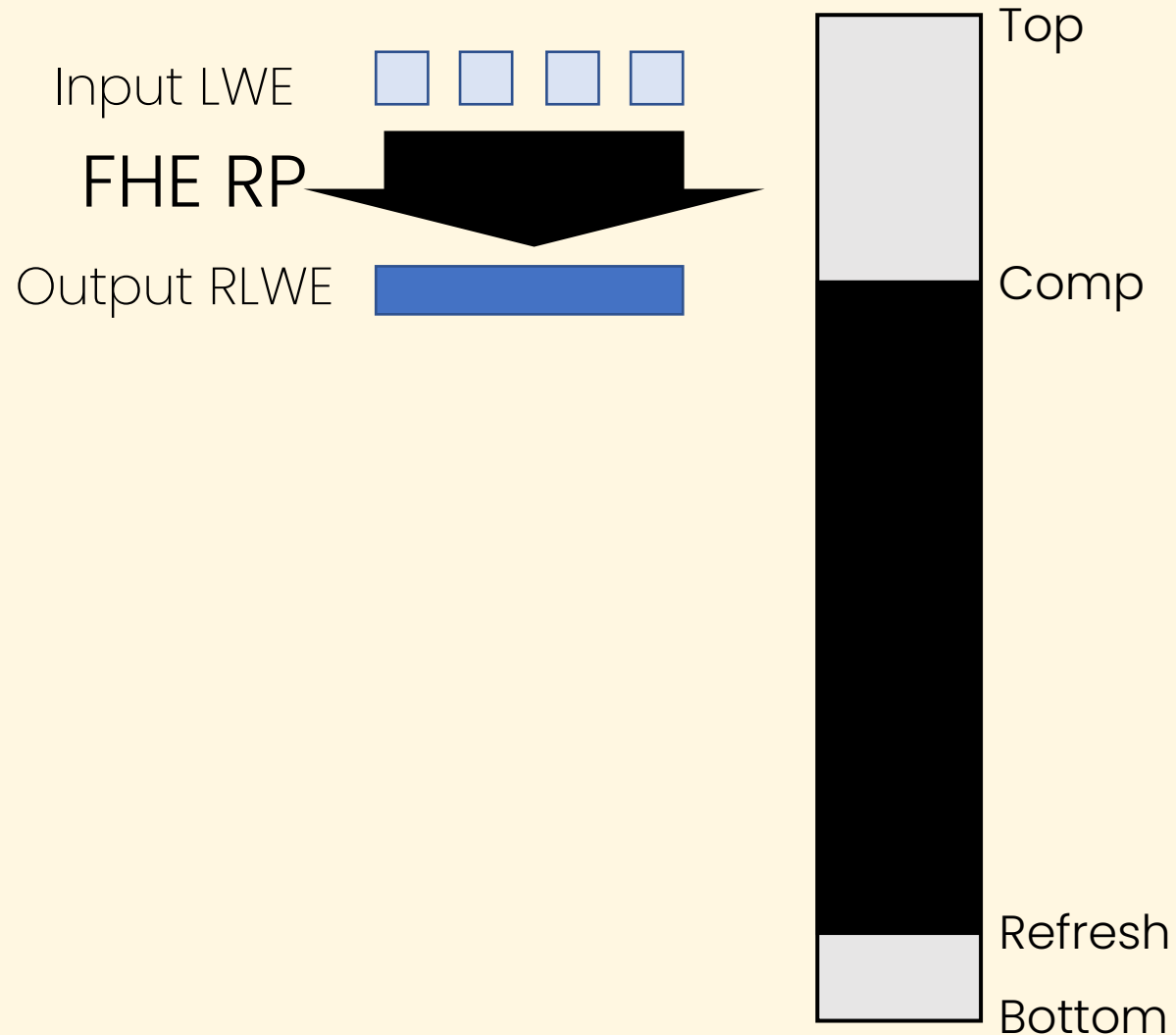


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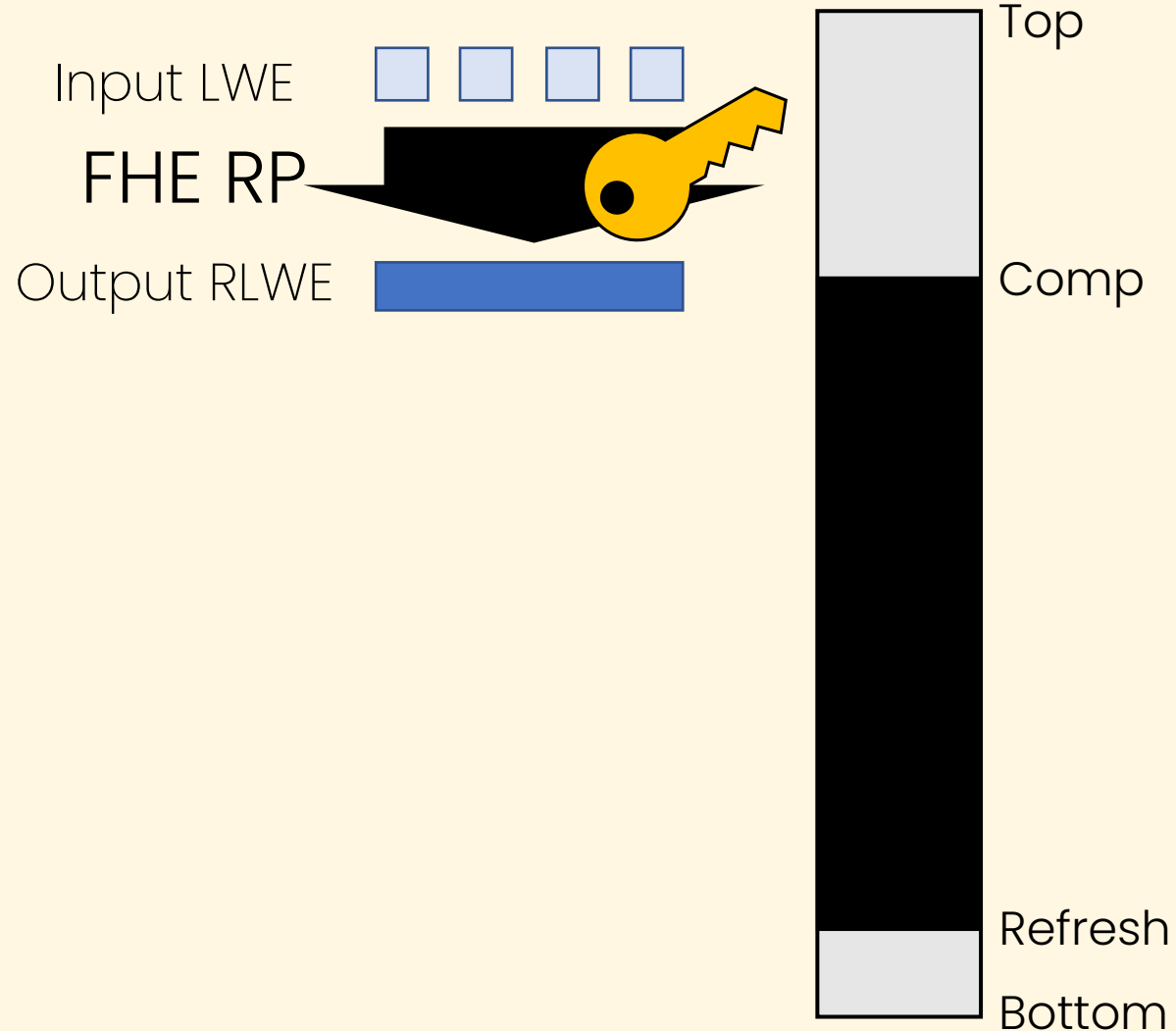
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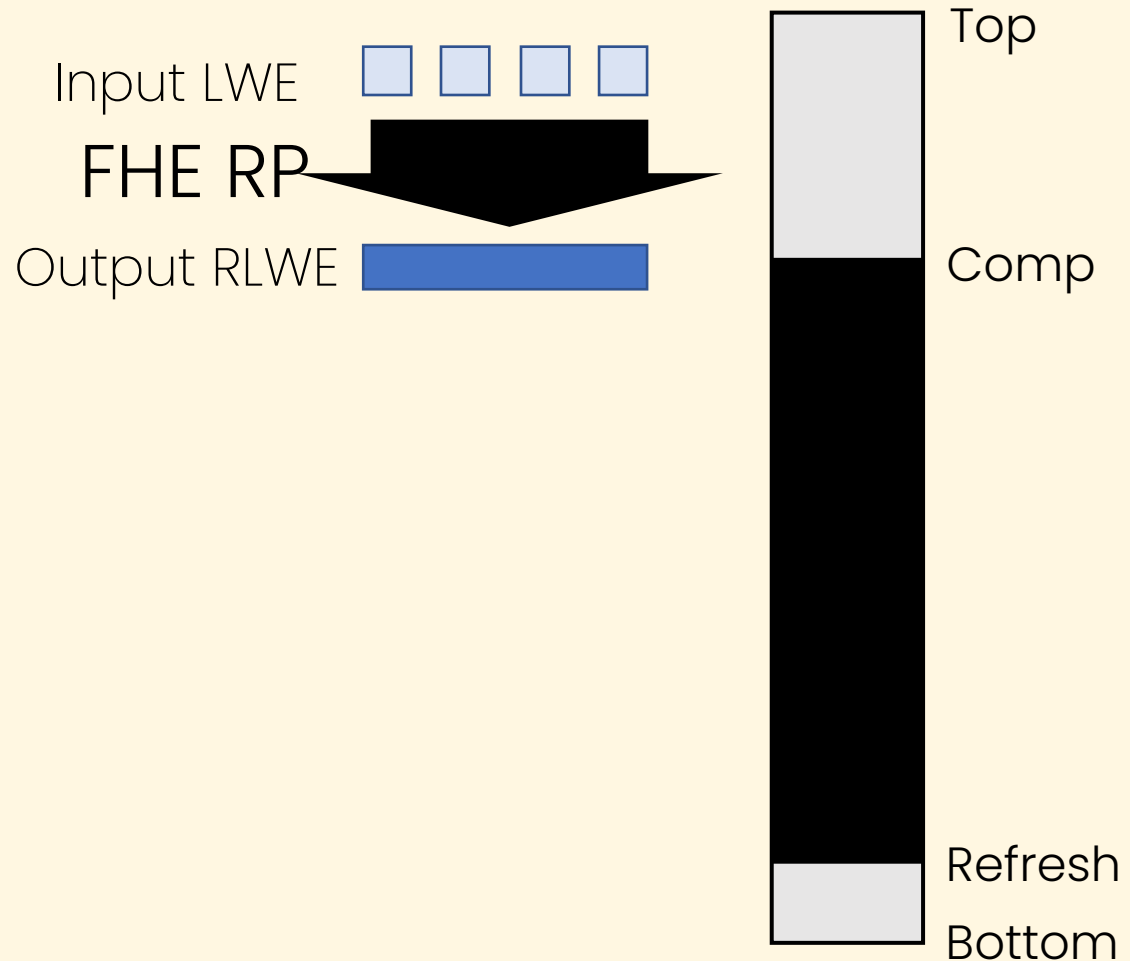
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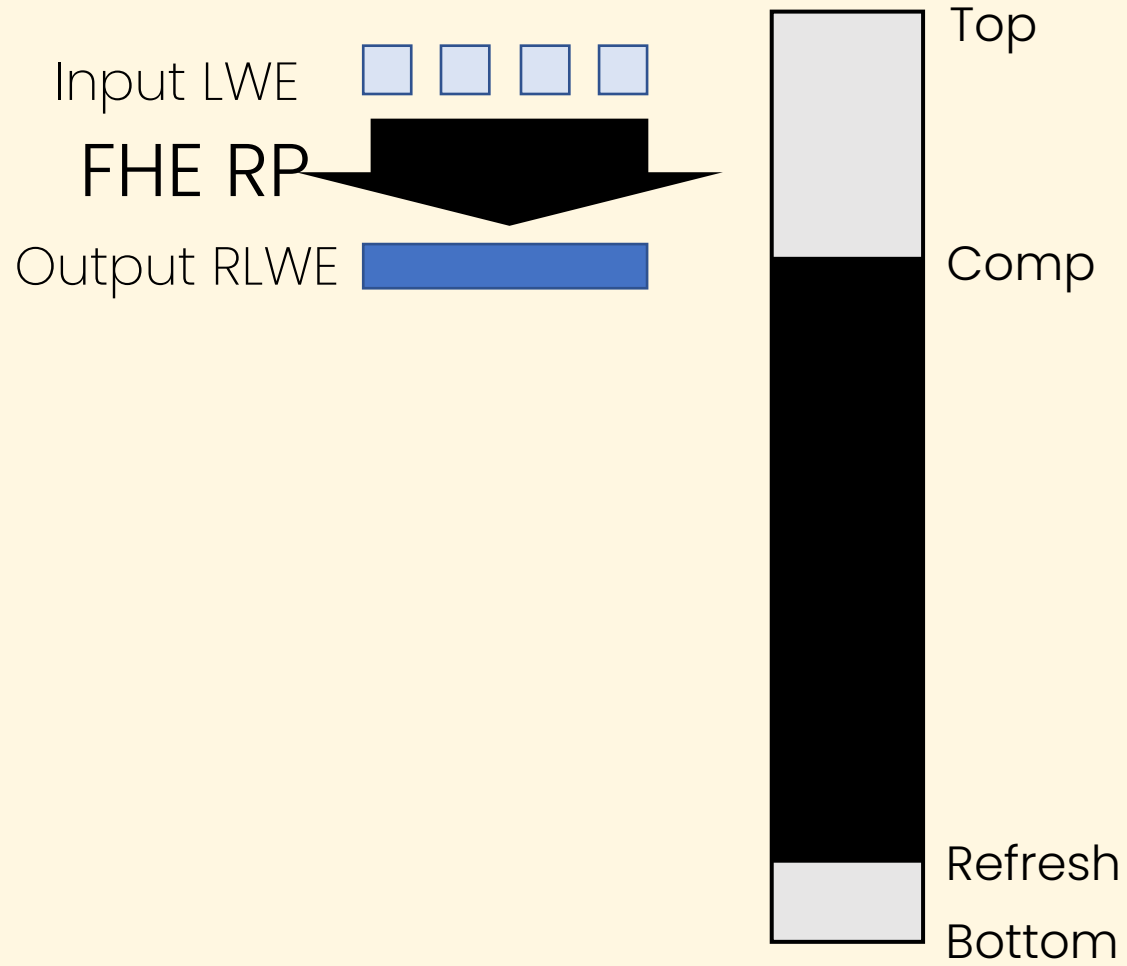
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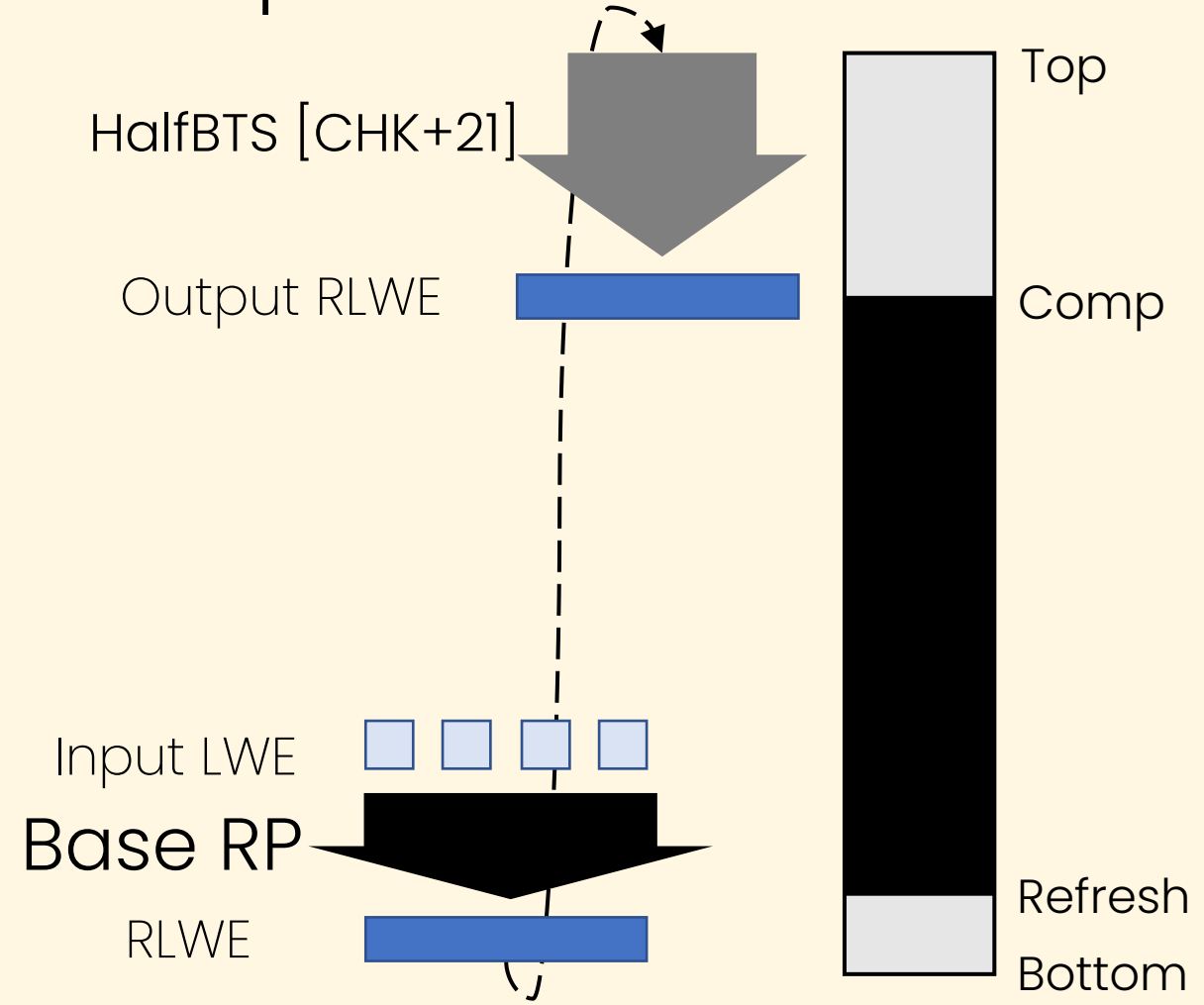


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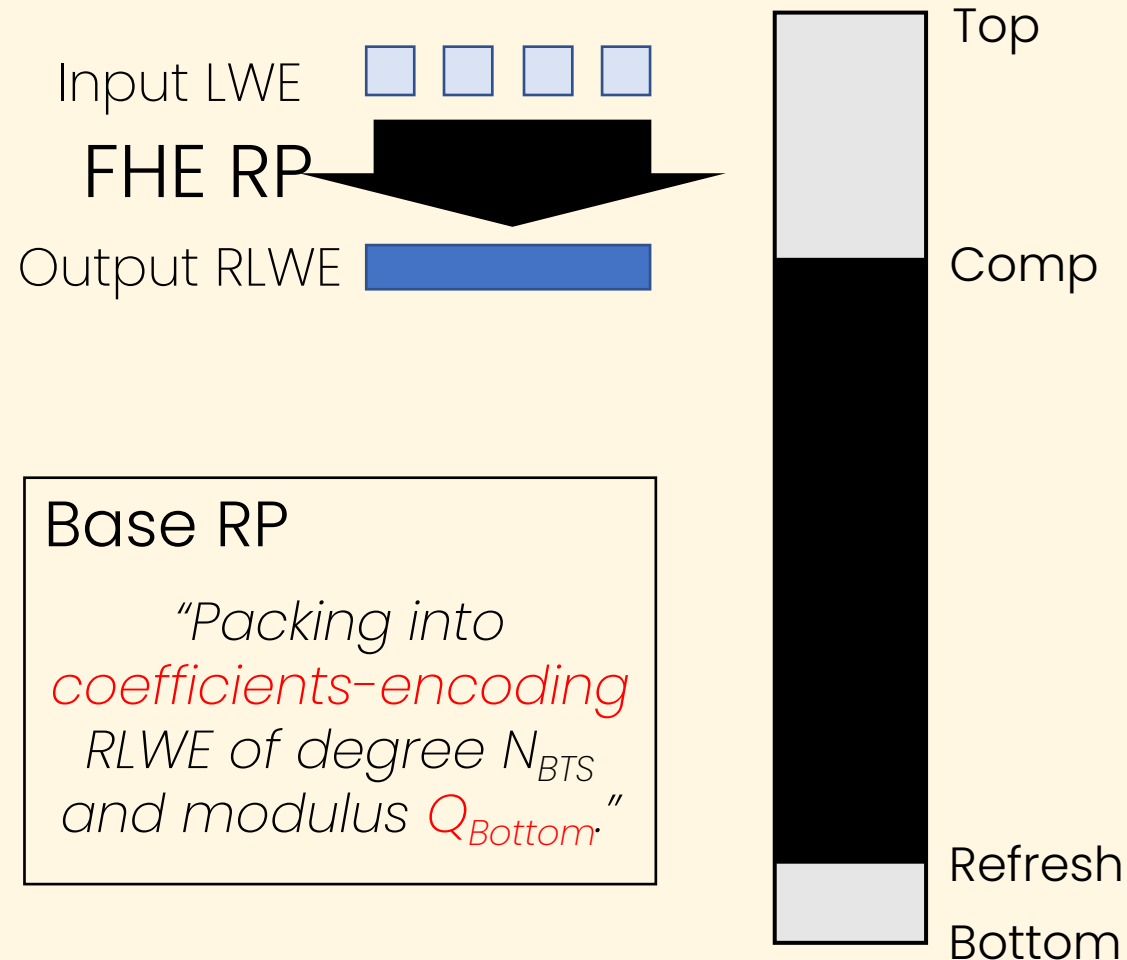


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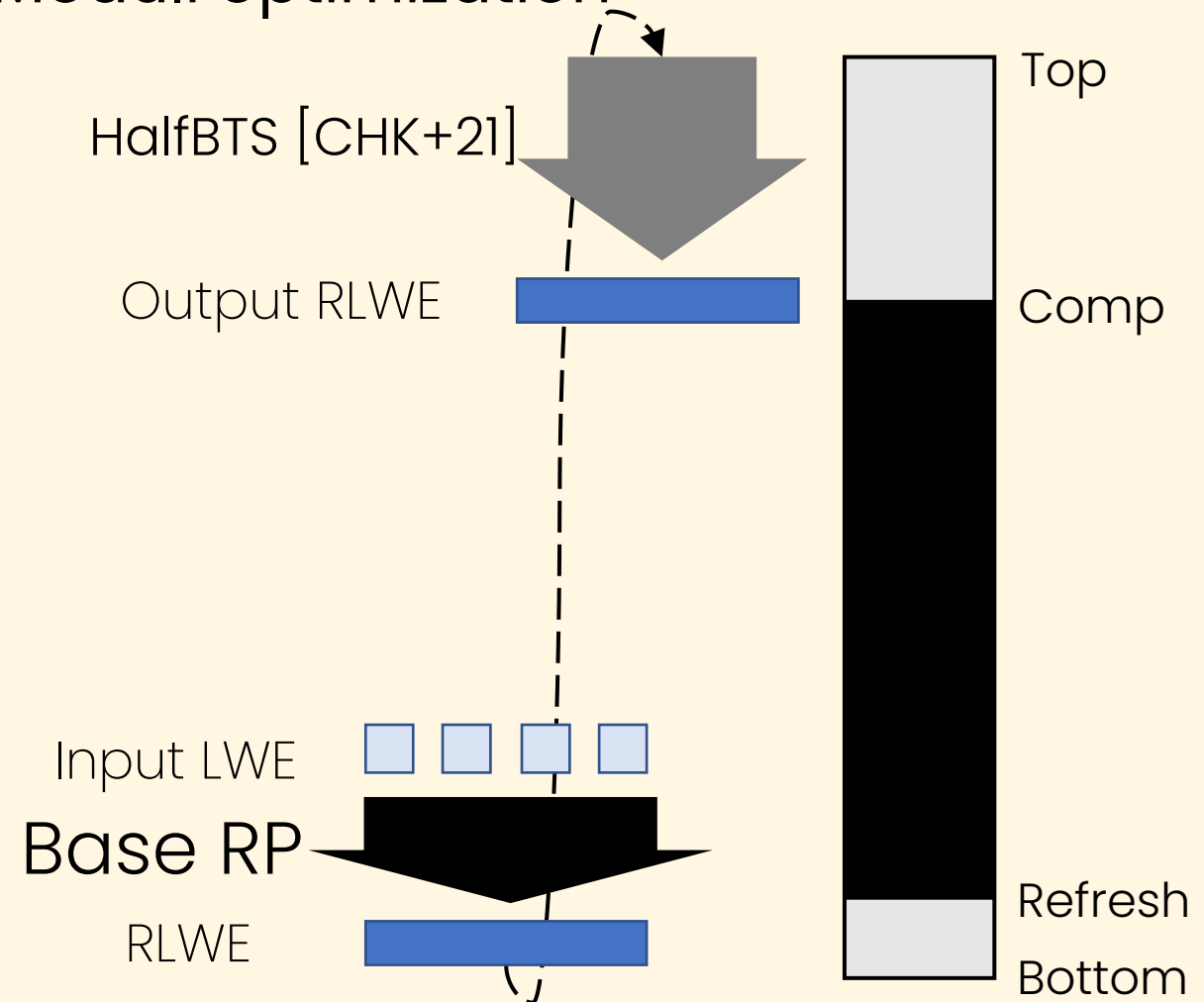


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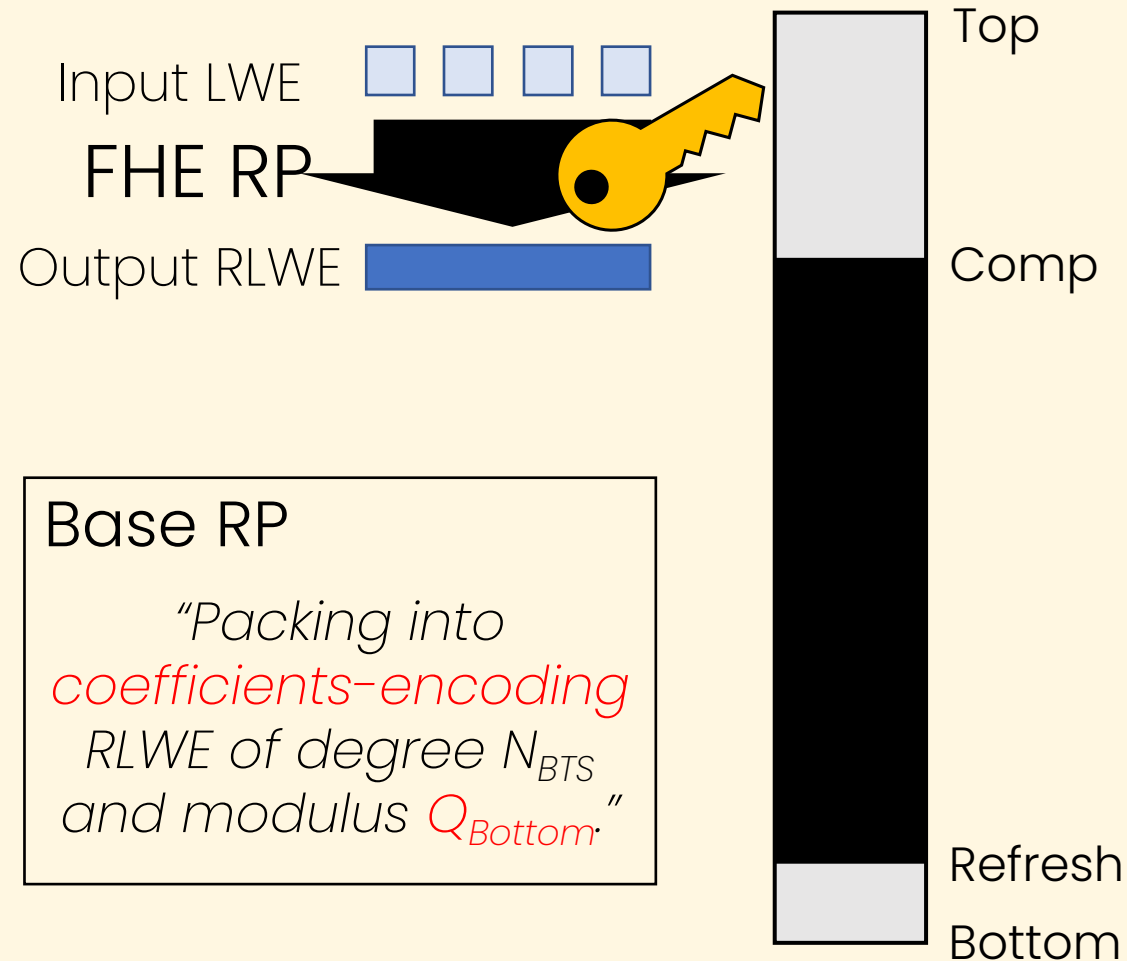


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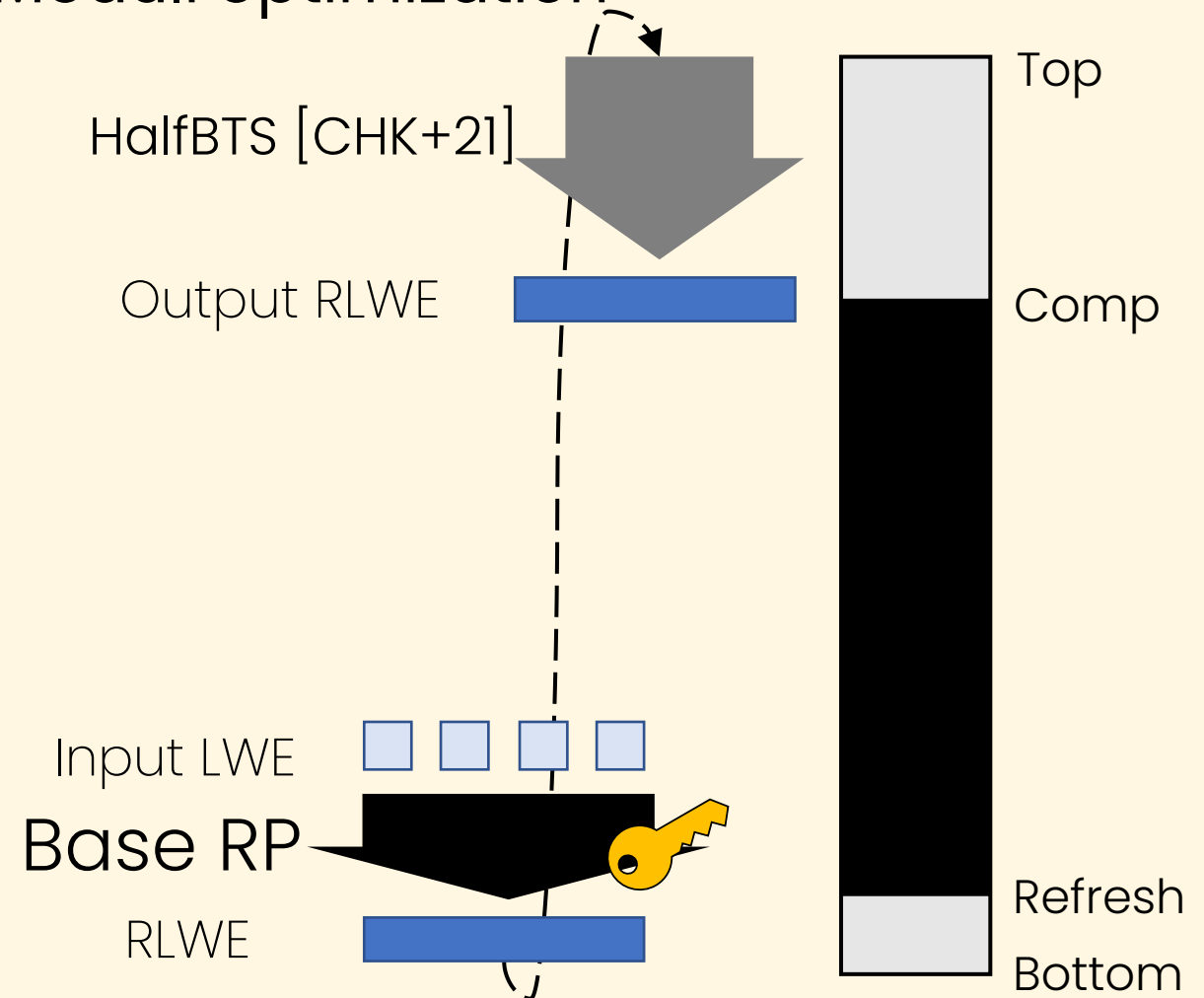


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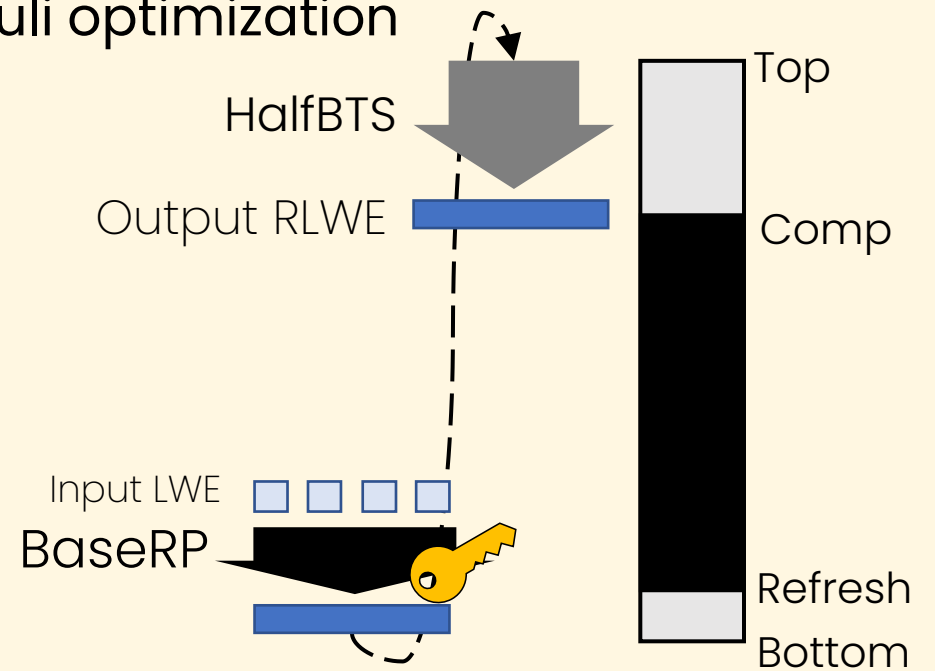


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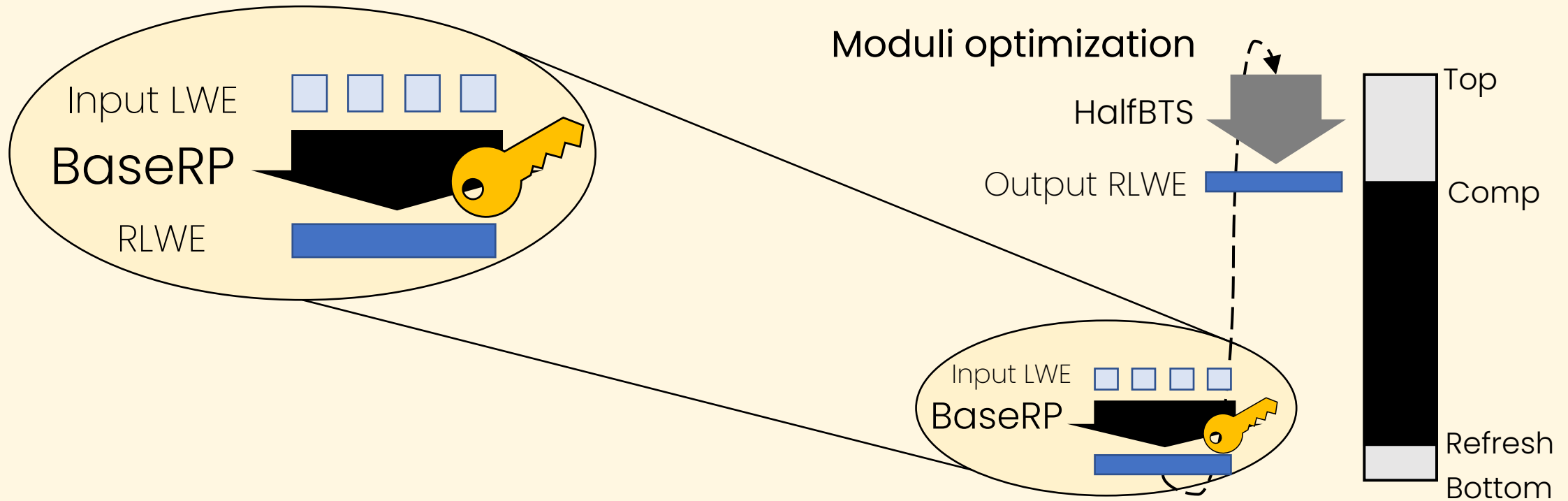


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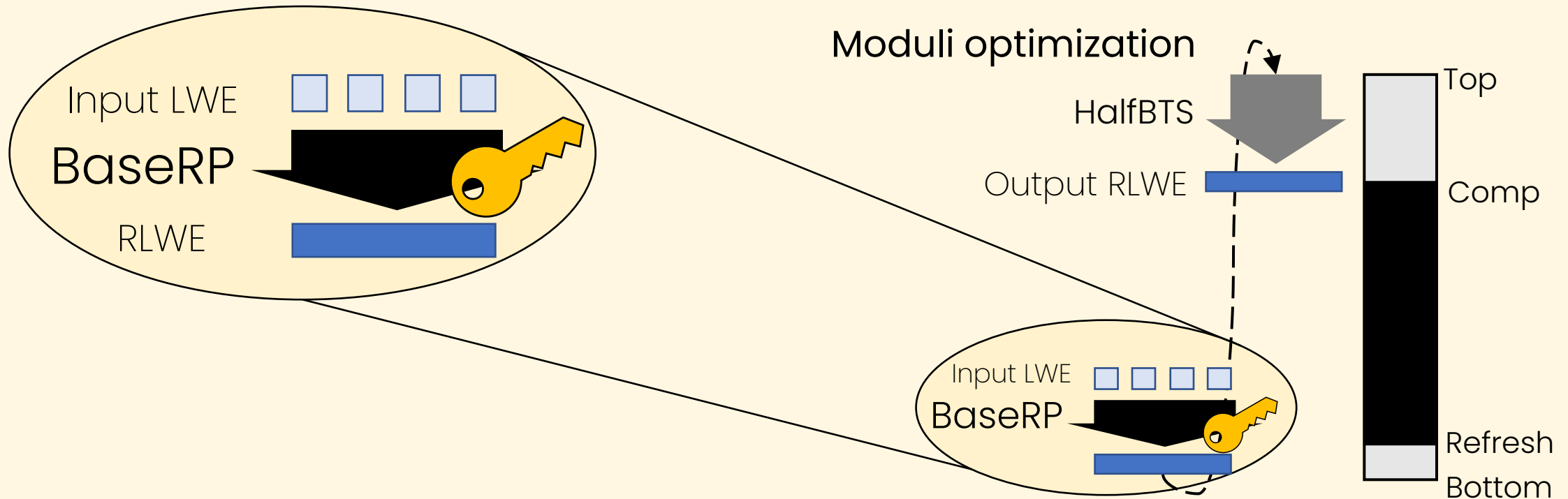
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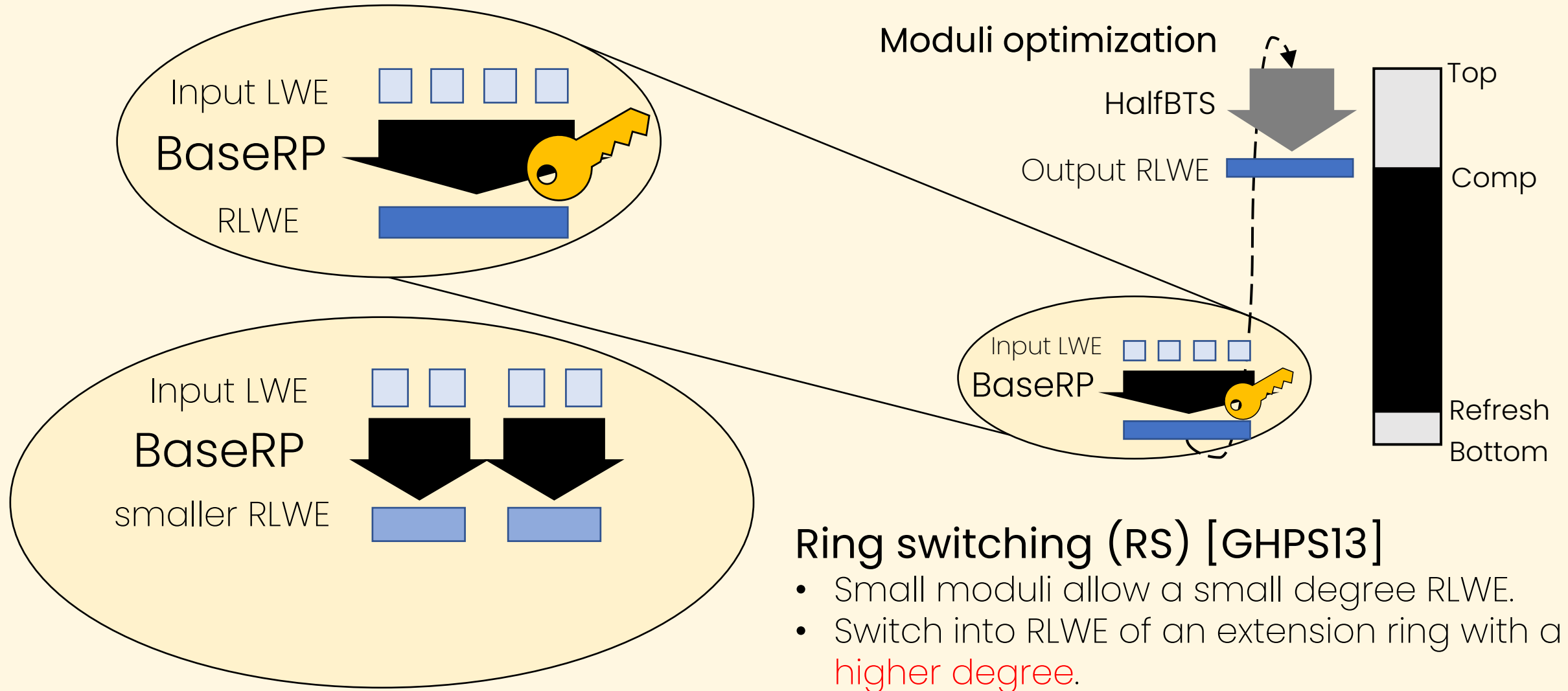
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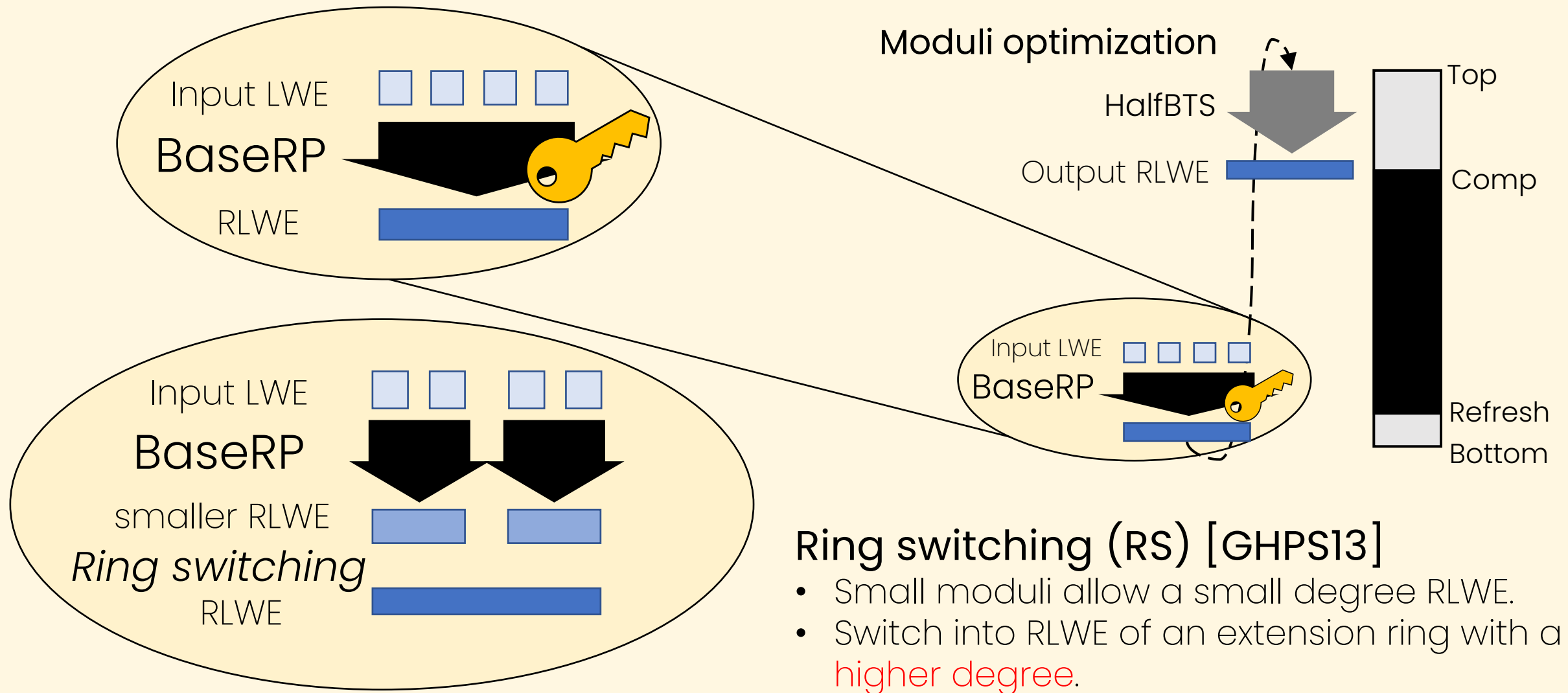
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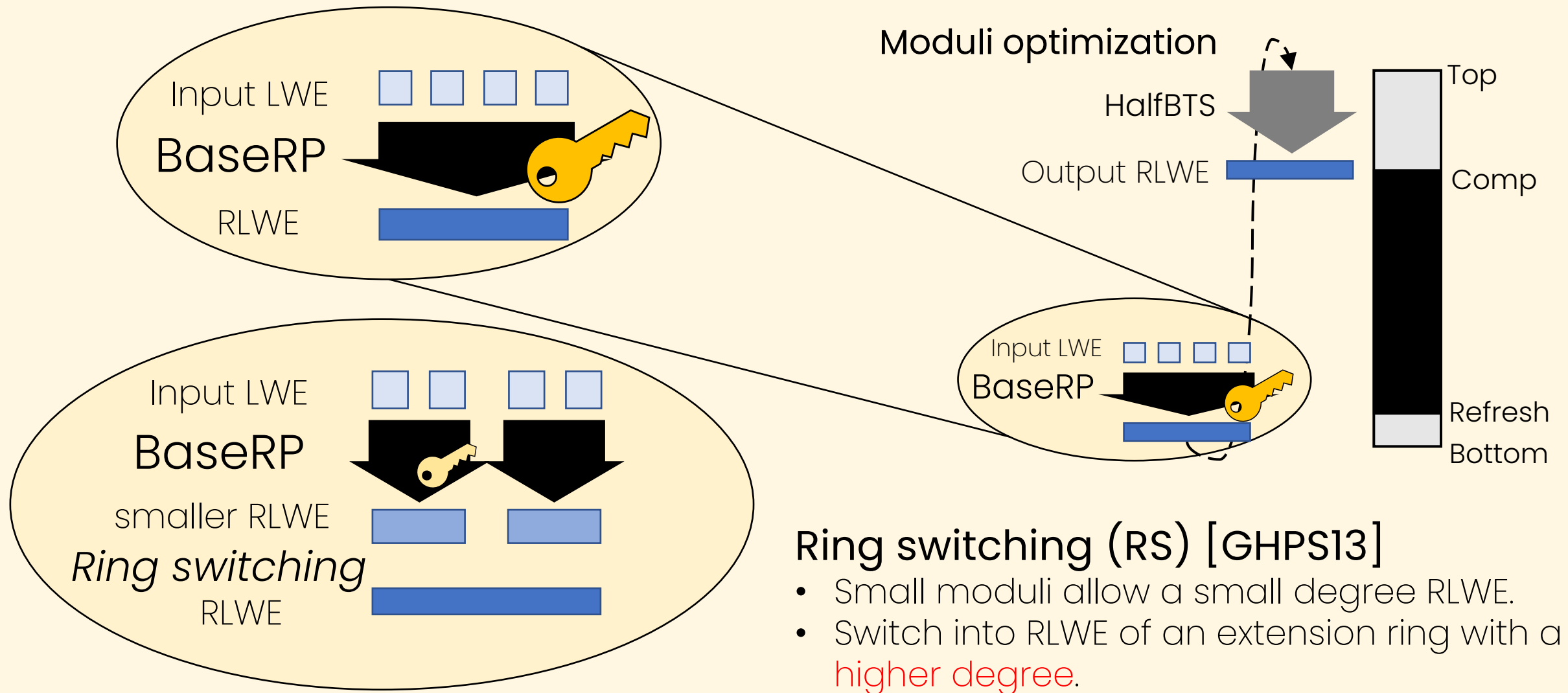


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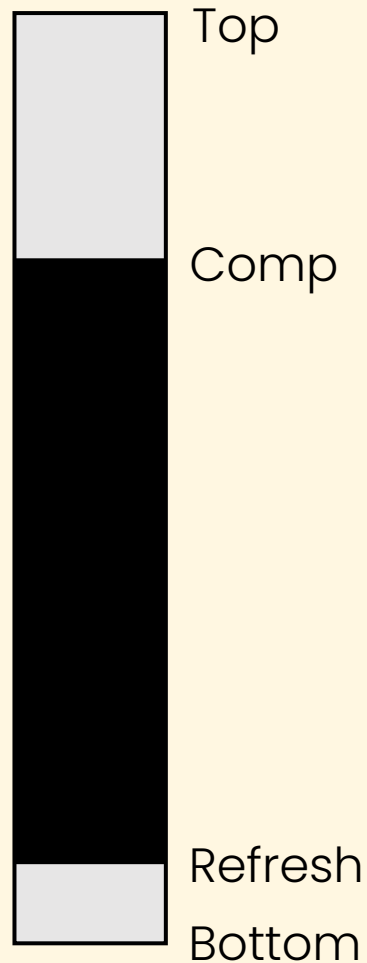
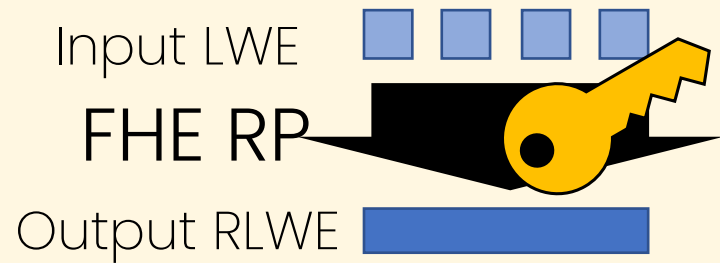


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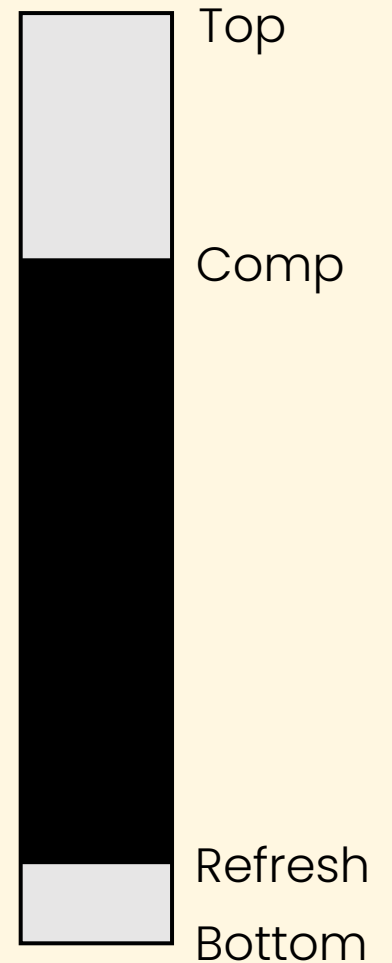
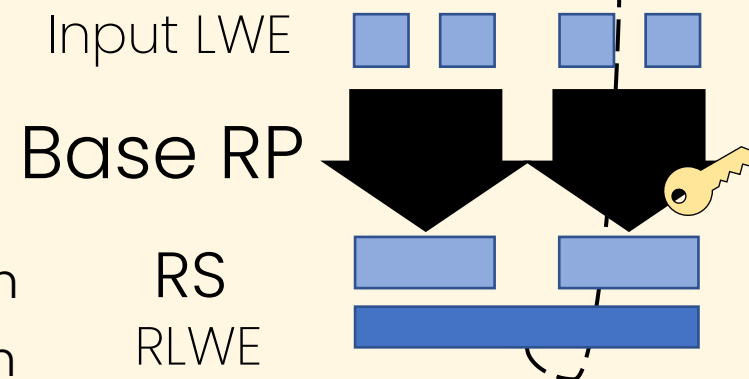
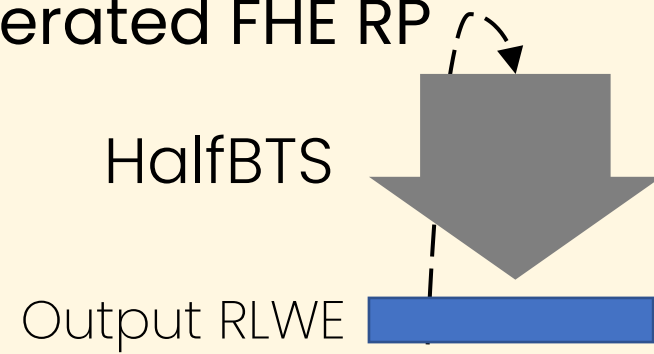
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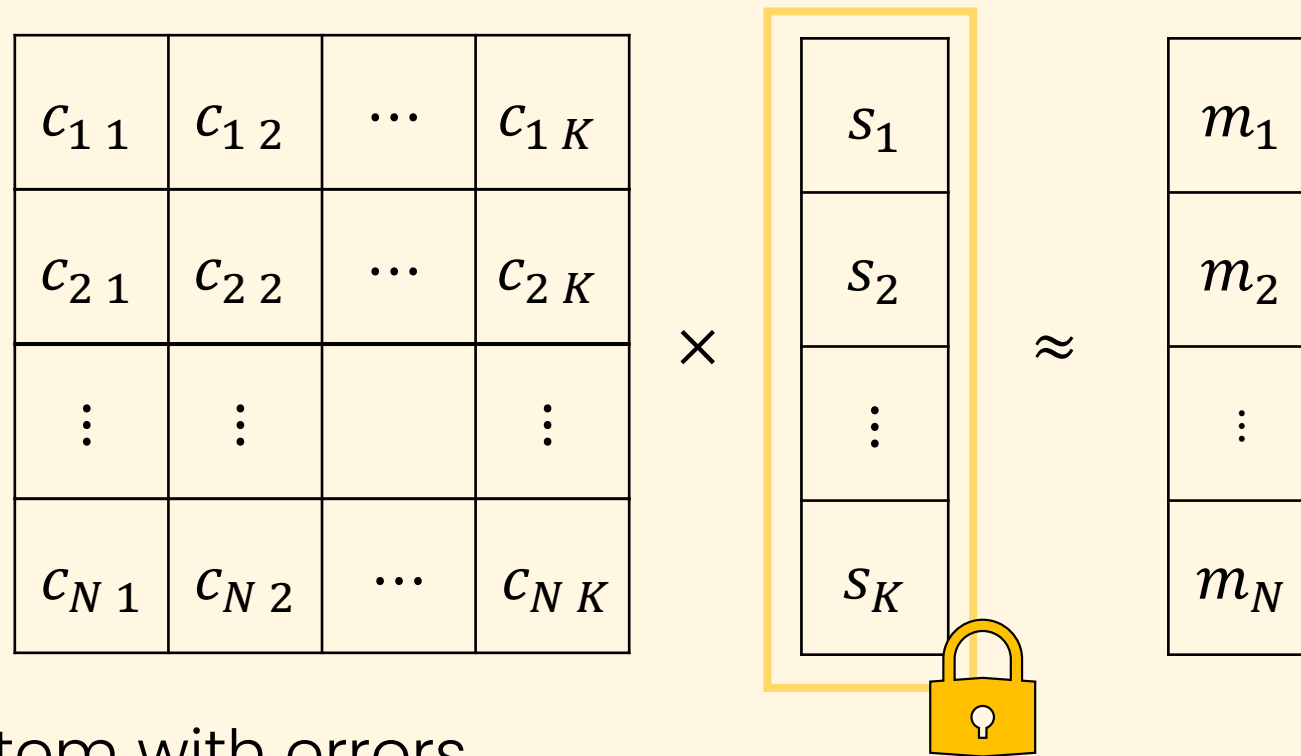
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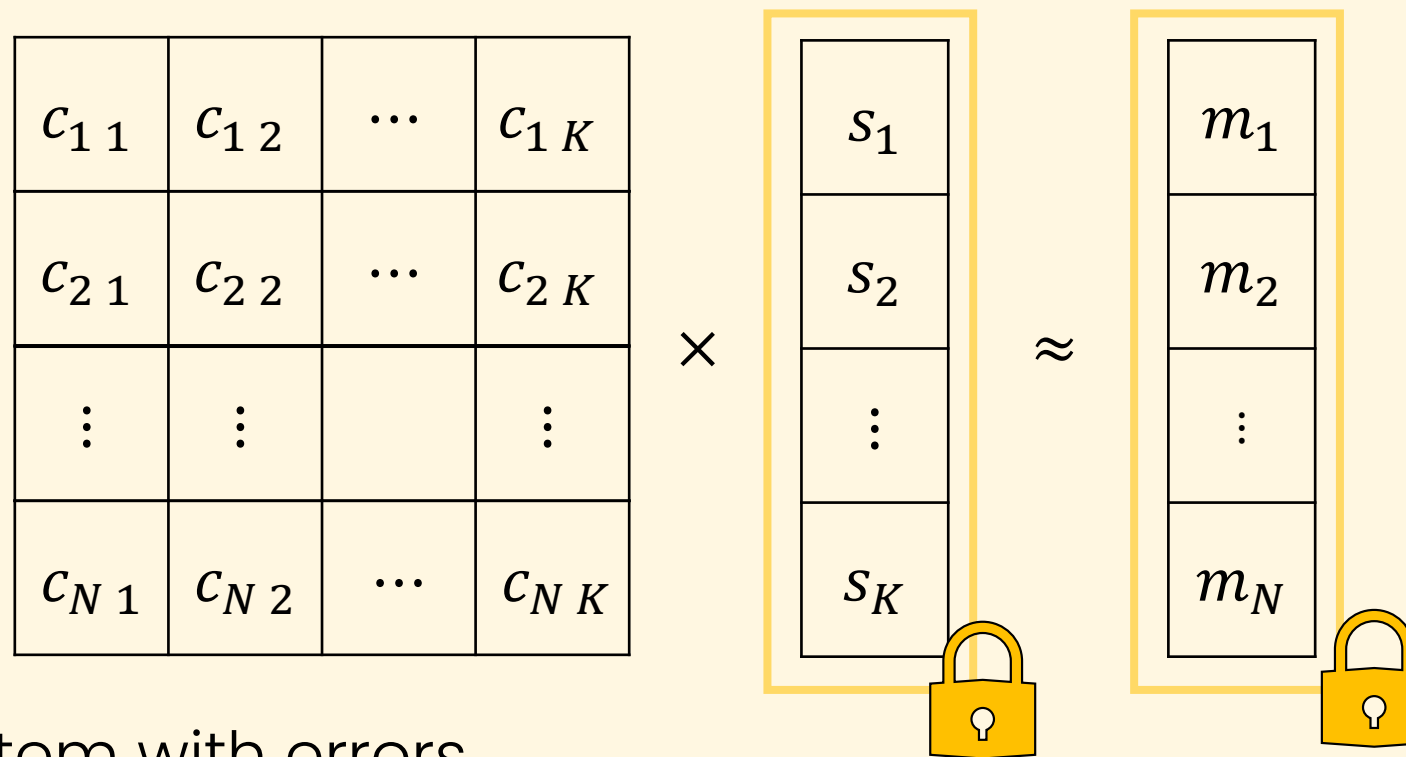
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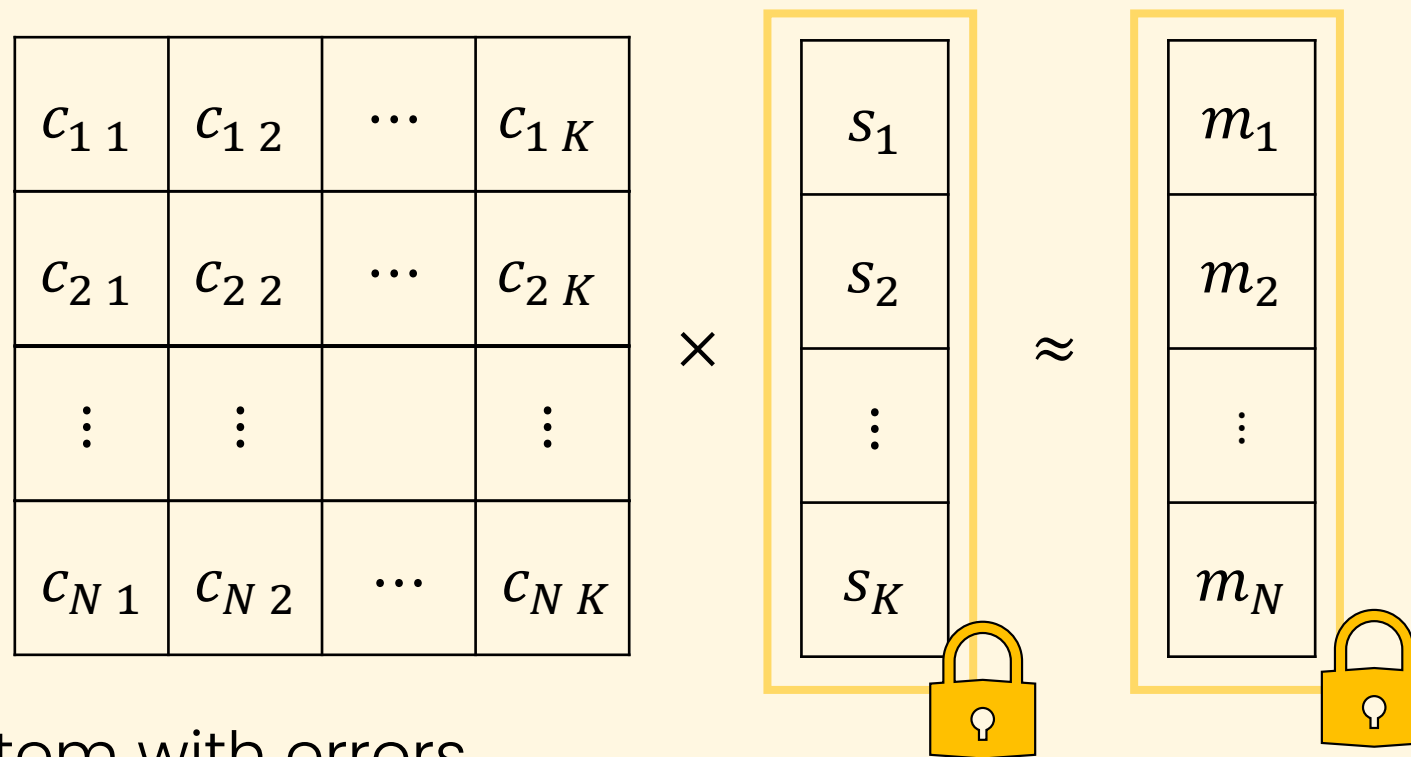


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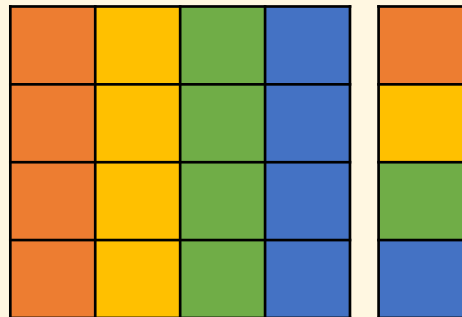
- RP is (plaintext) matrix – (ciphertext) vector multiplication in RLWE formats.

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- Three approaches to encode the plaintext matrix.

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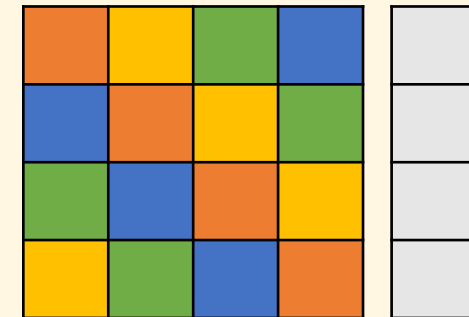
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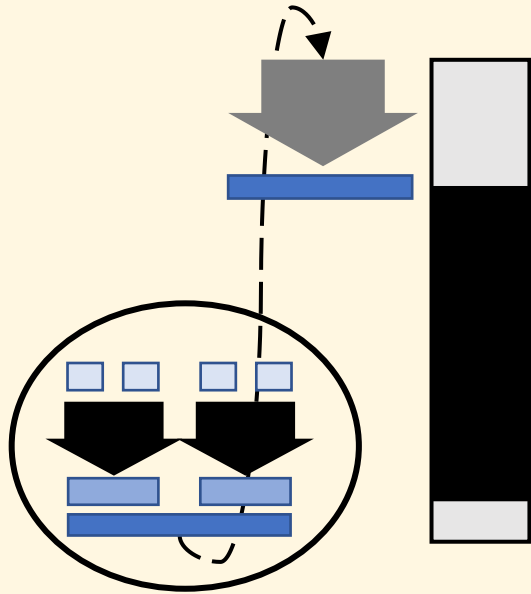


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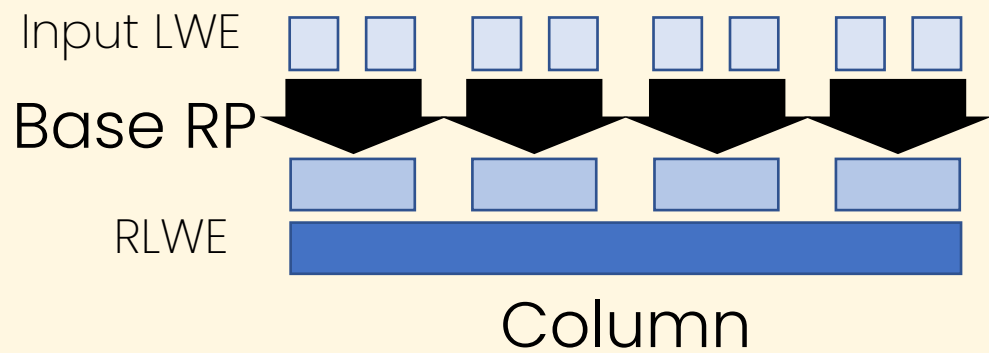
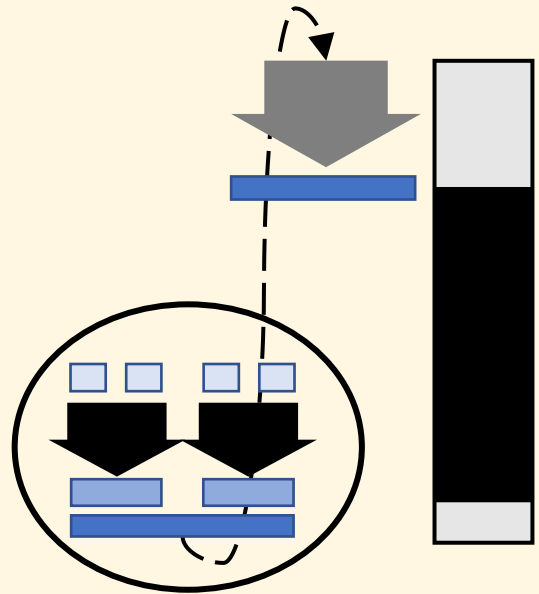
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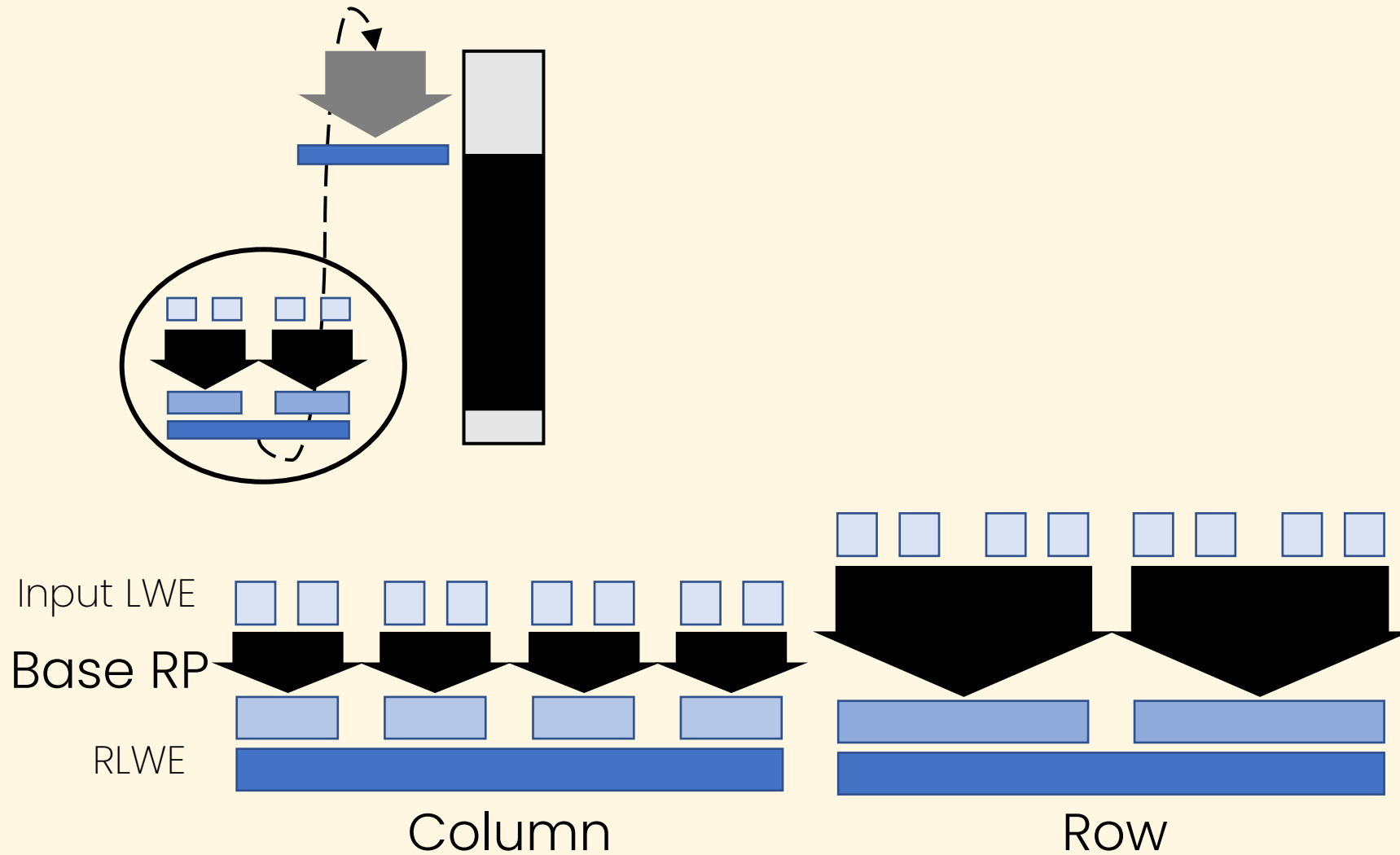
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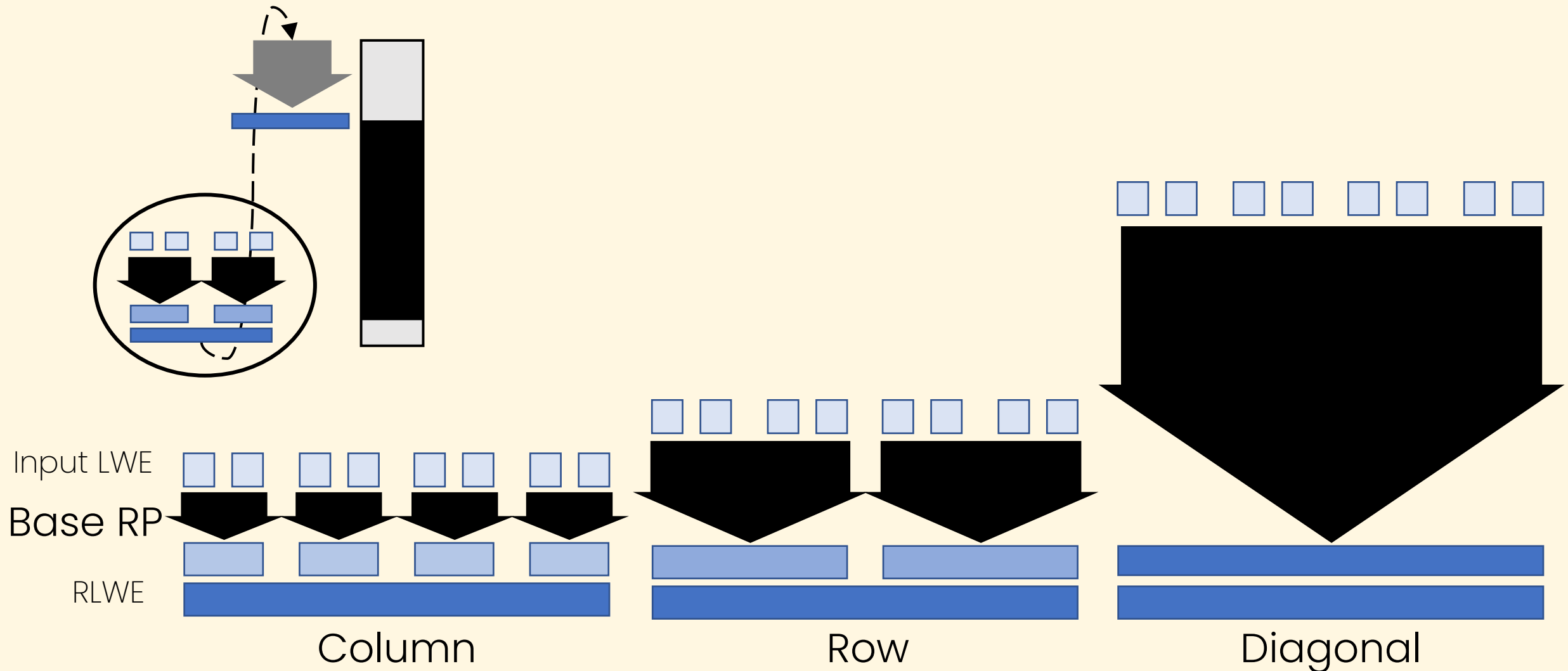
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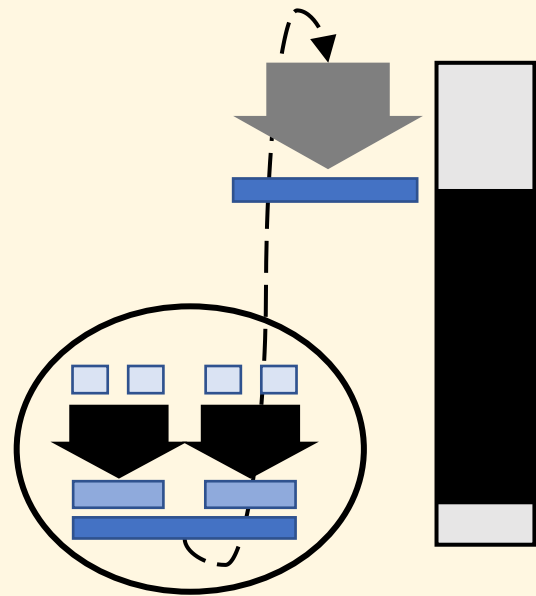
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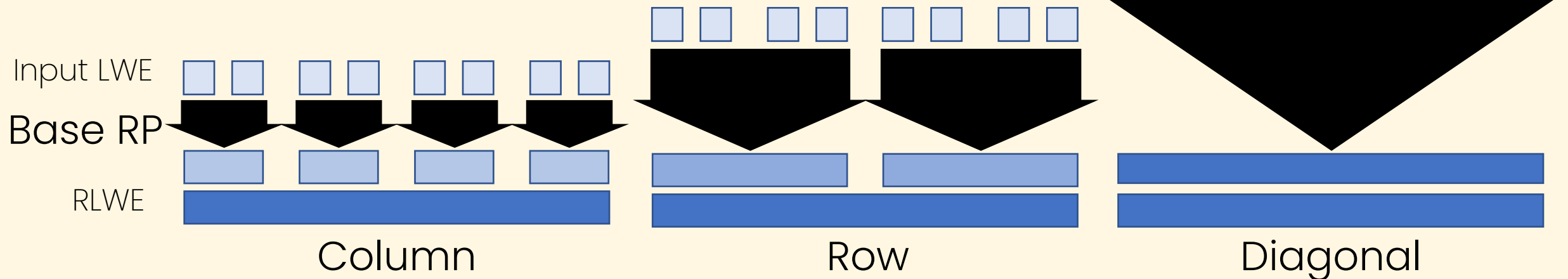
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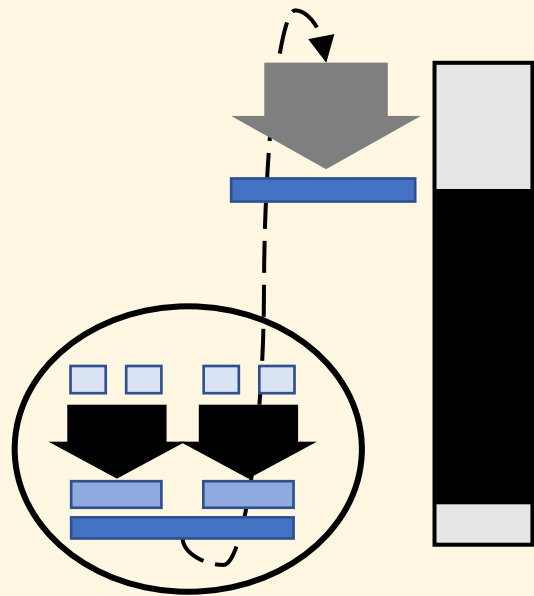
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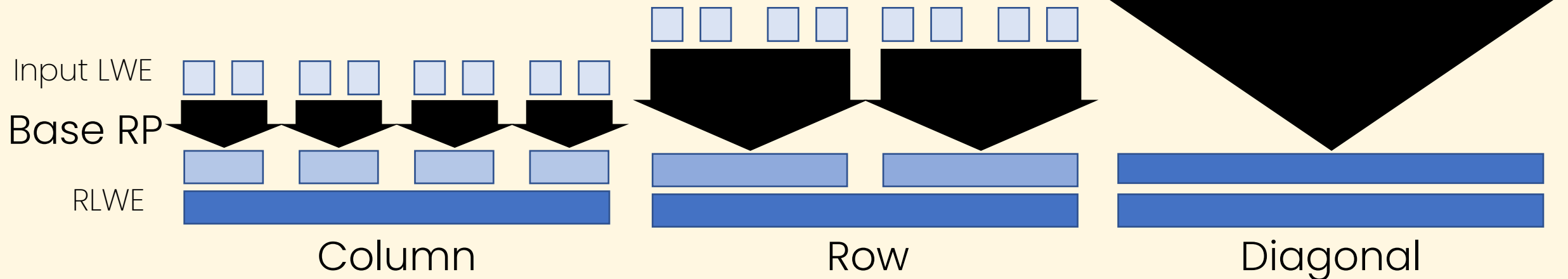
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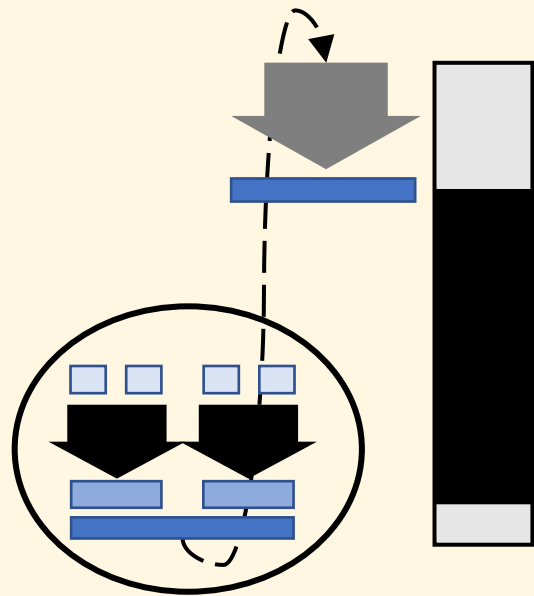


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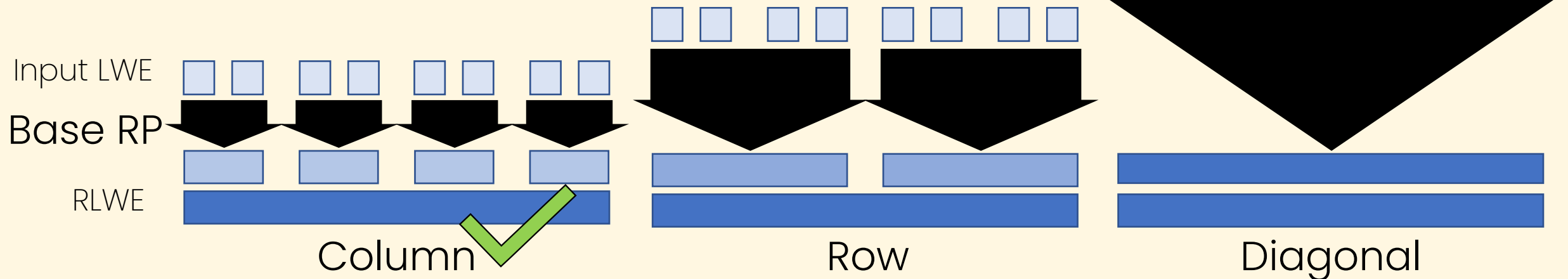




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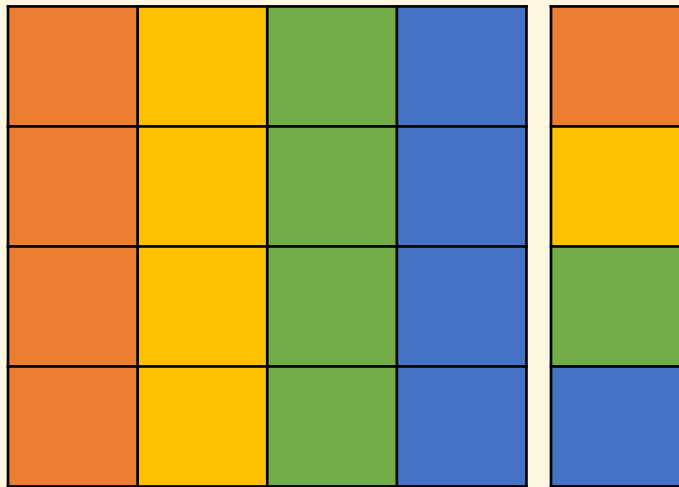


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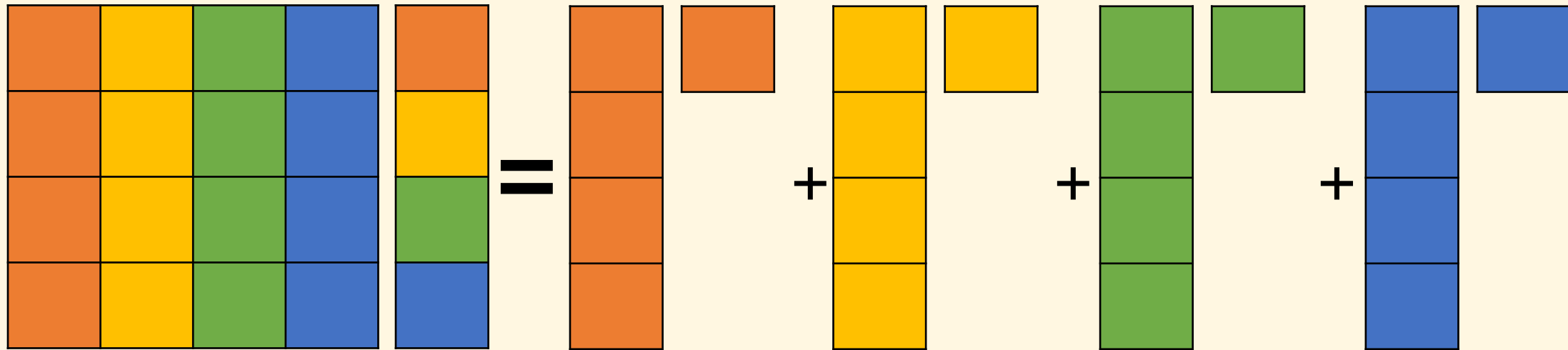
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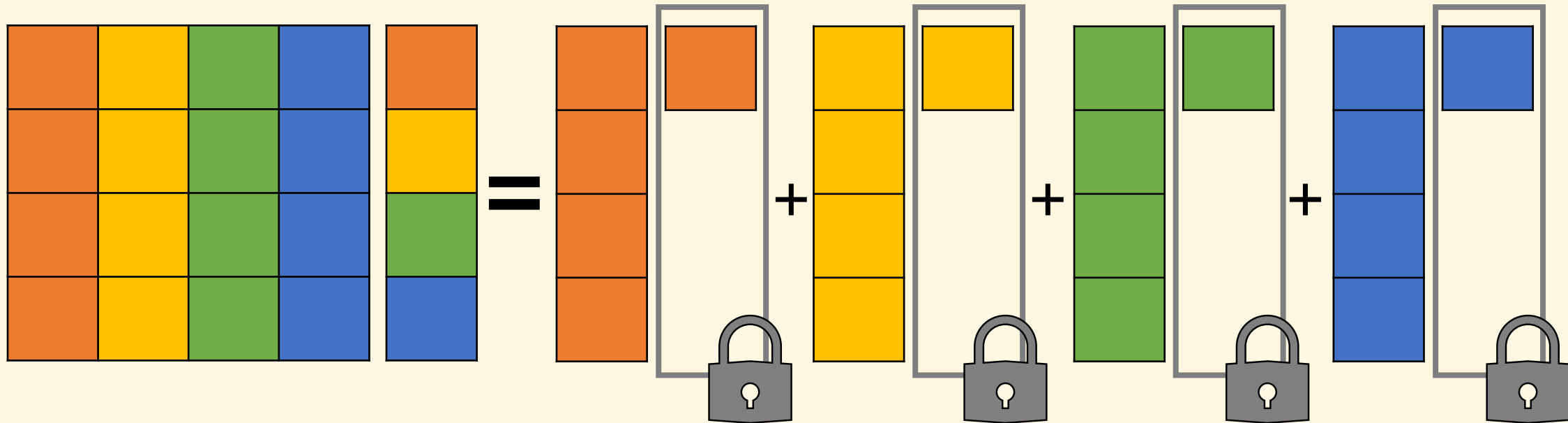
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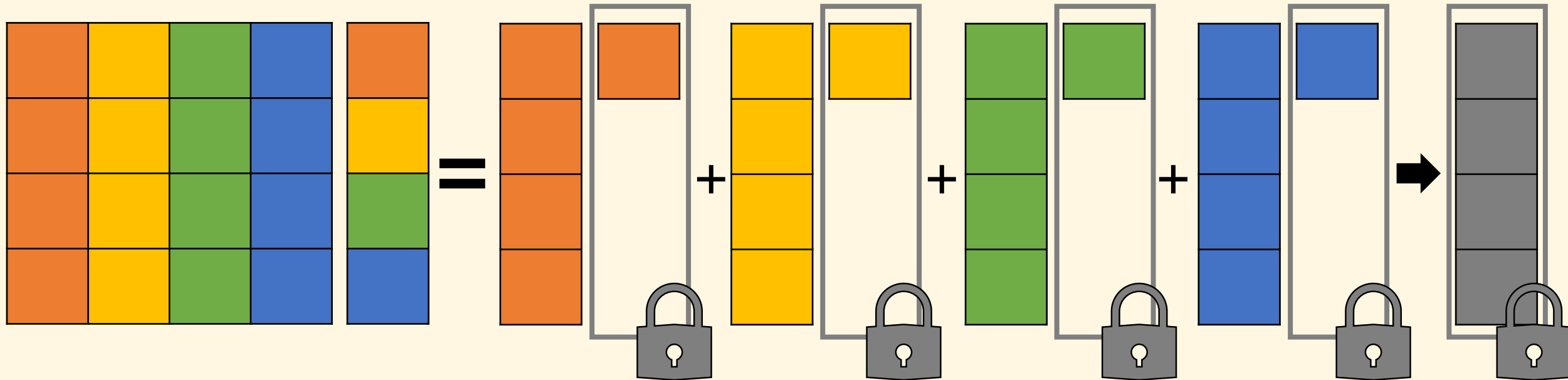
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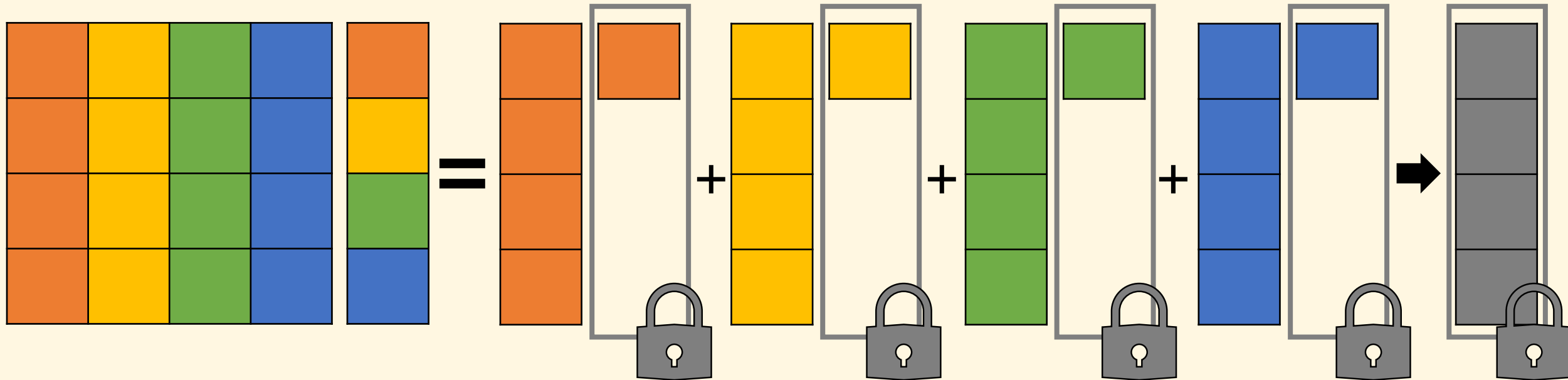
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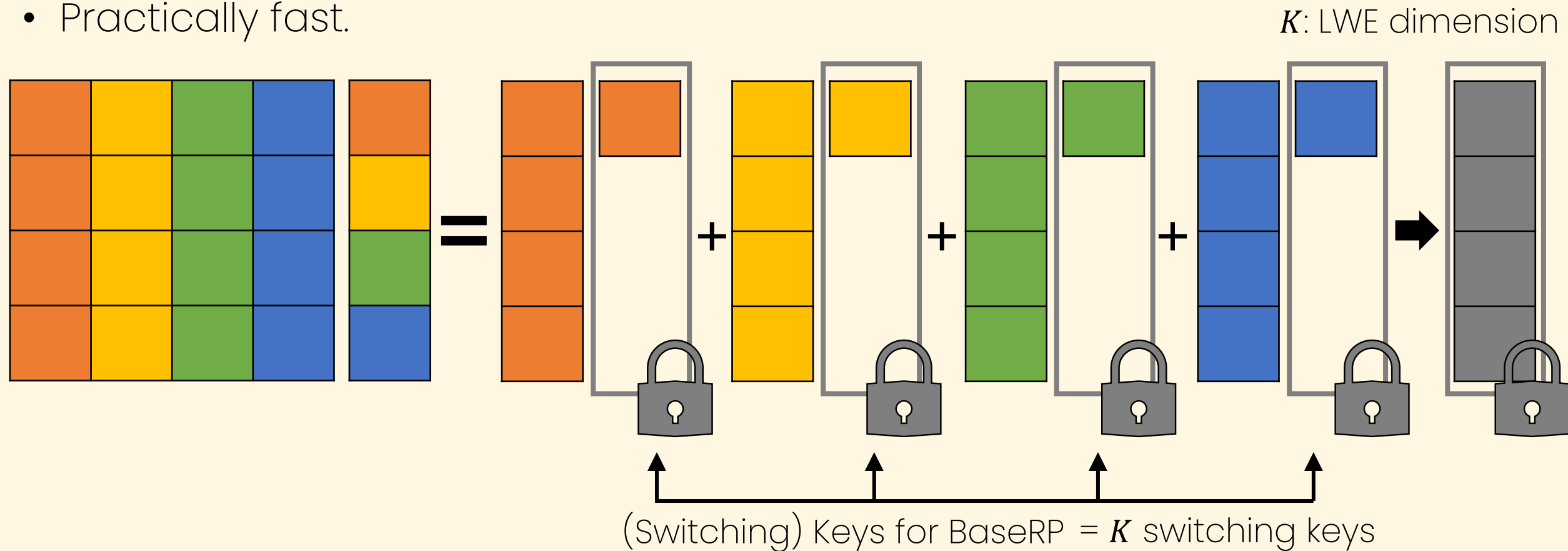
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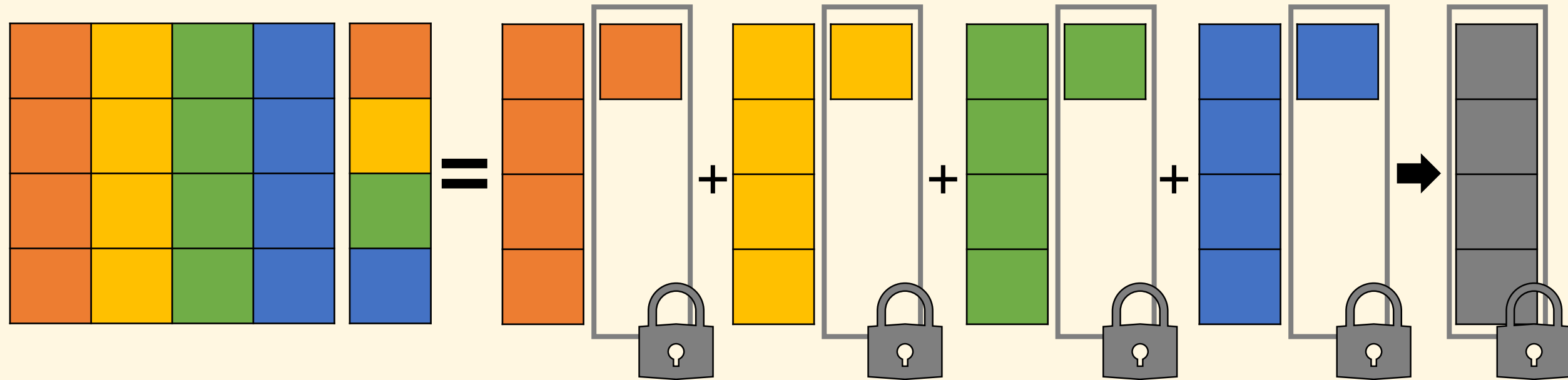




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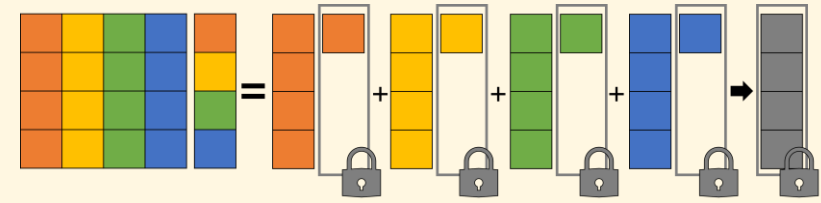
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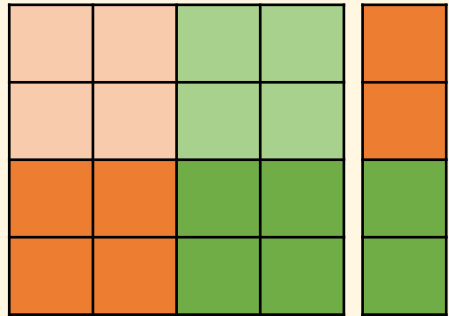
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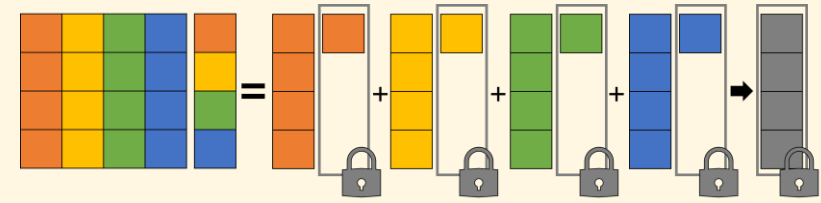
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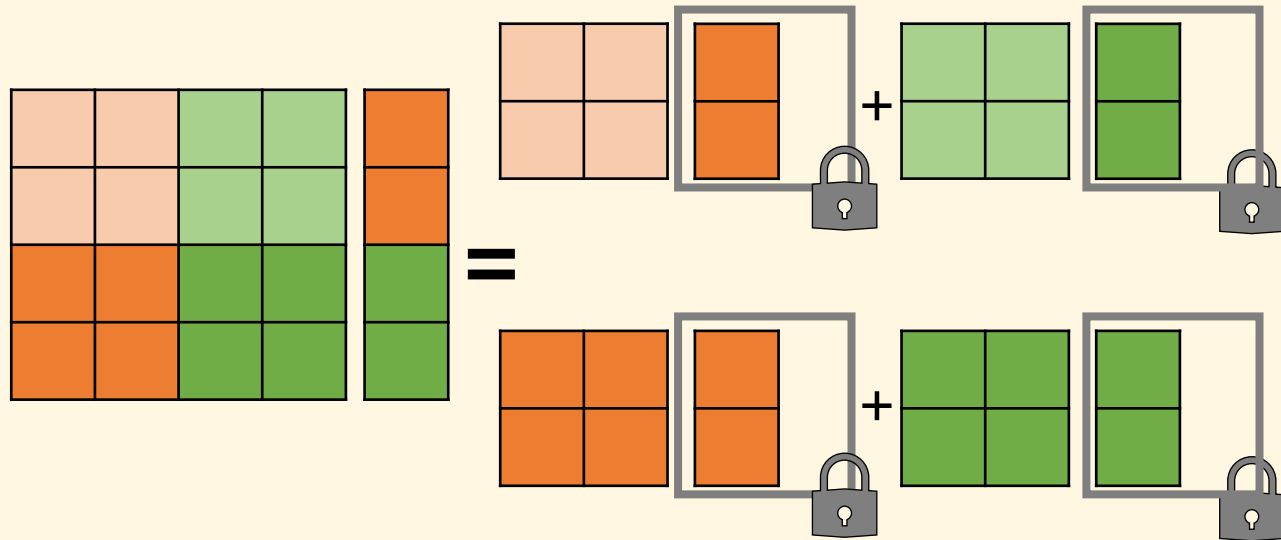
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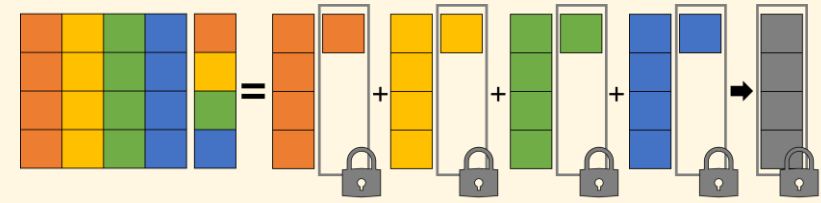
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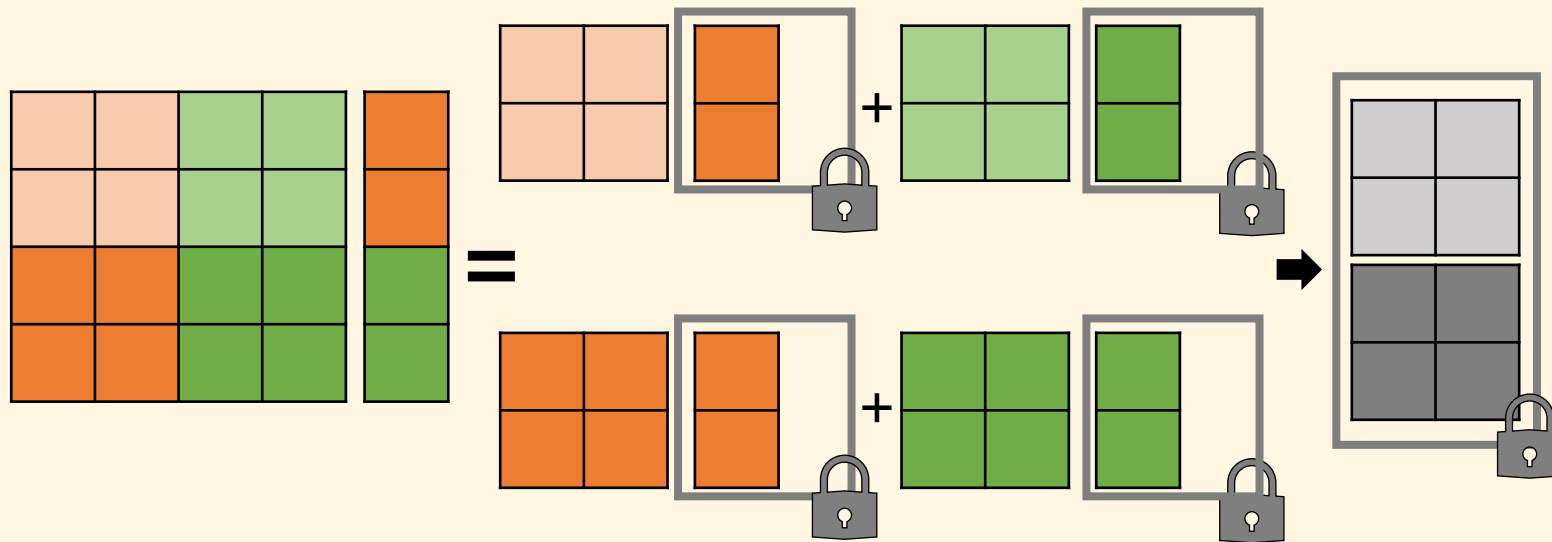
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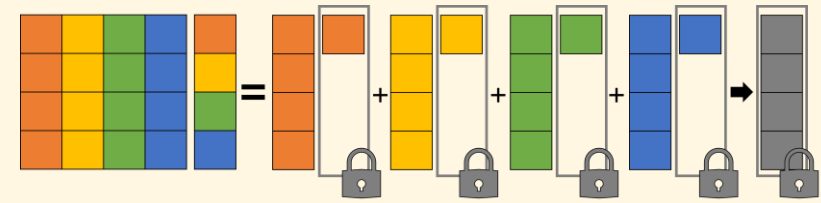
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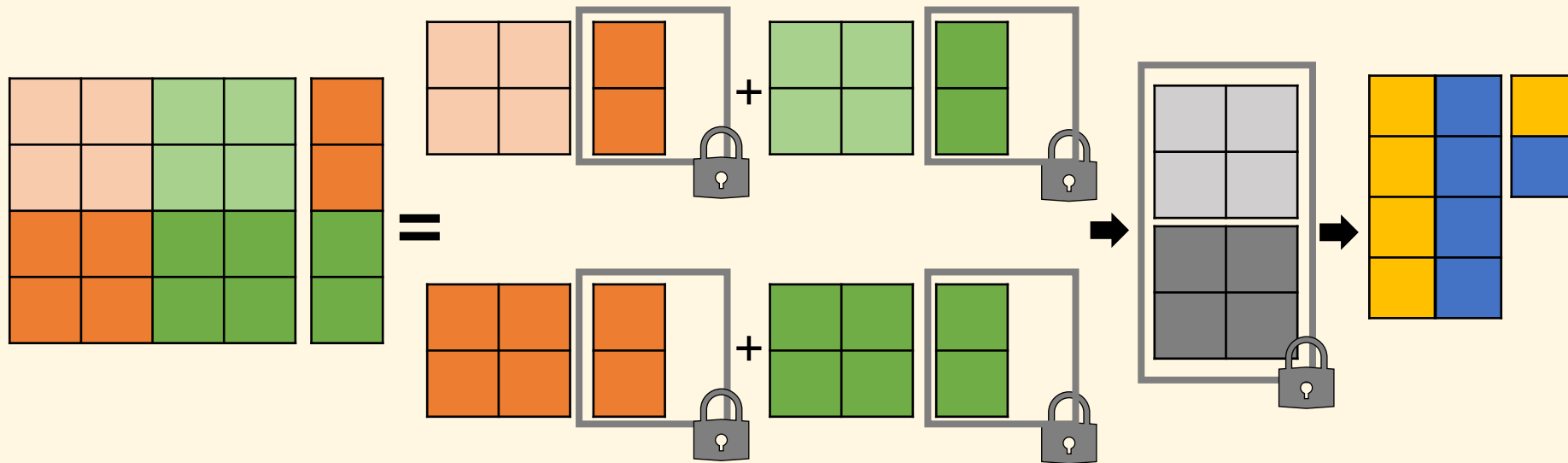
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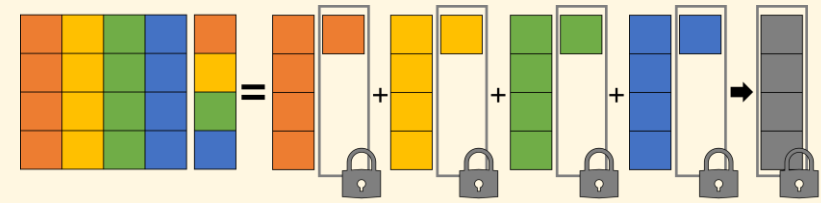
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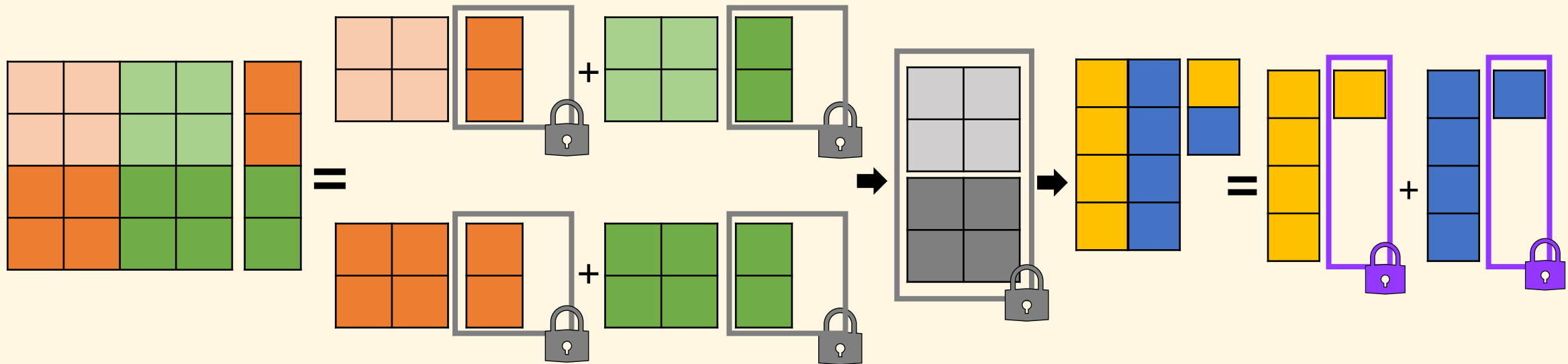
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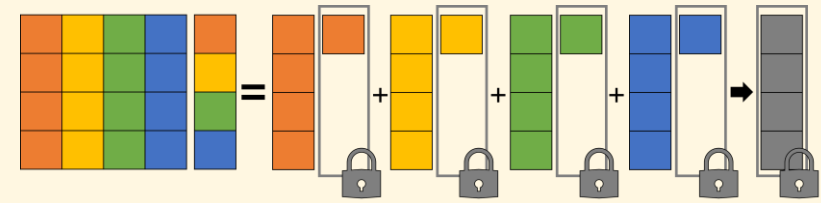
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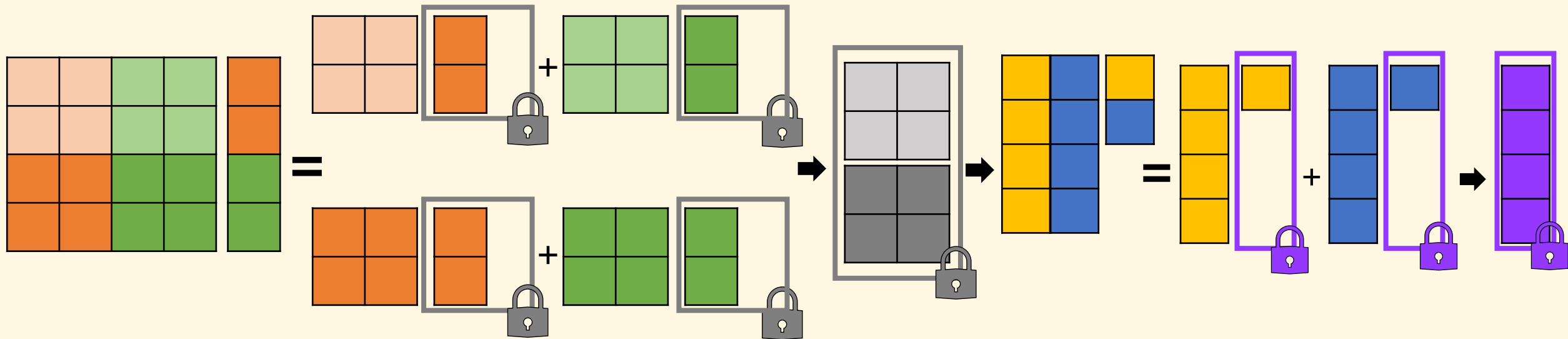
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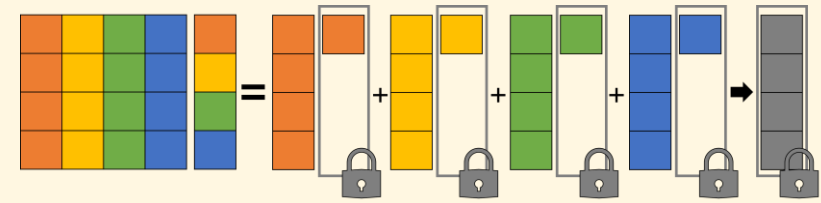
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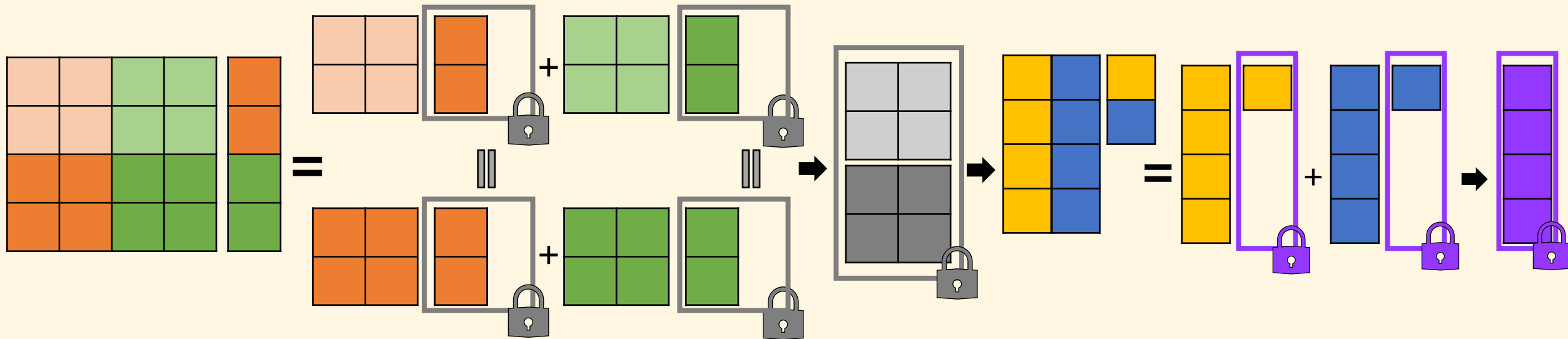
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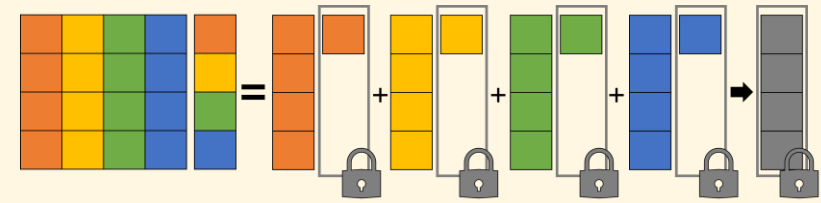


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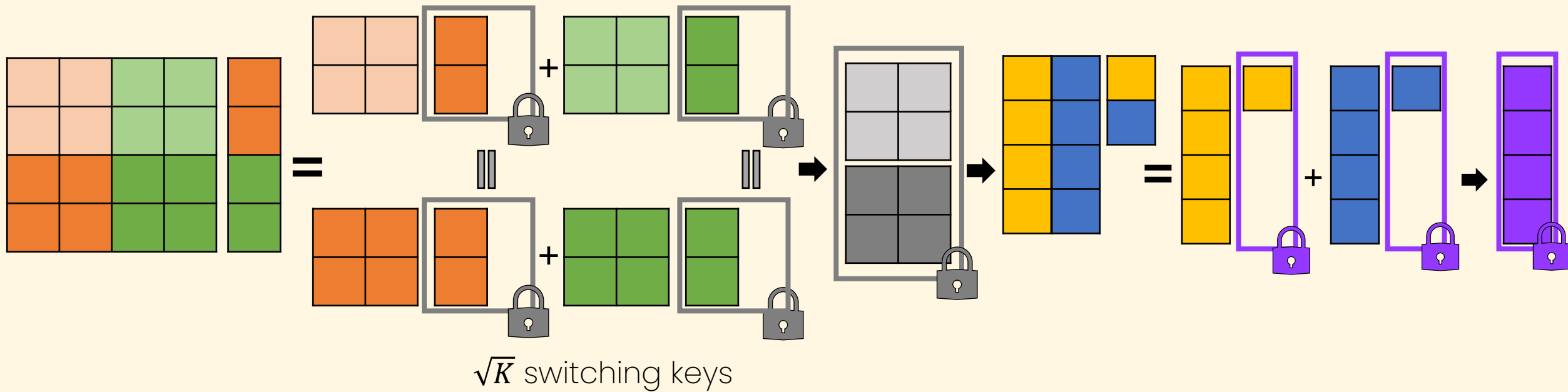


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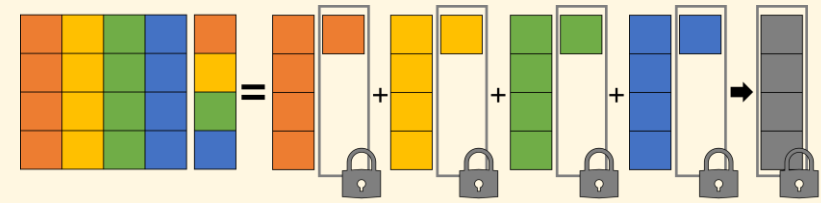


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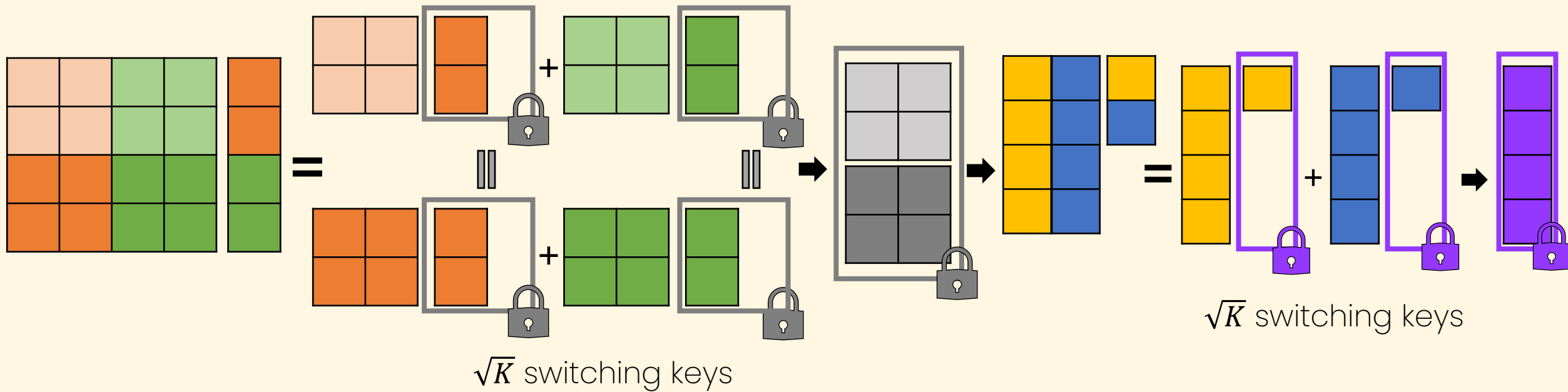


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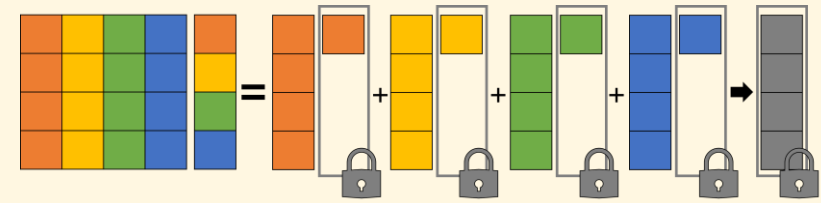
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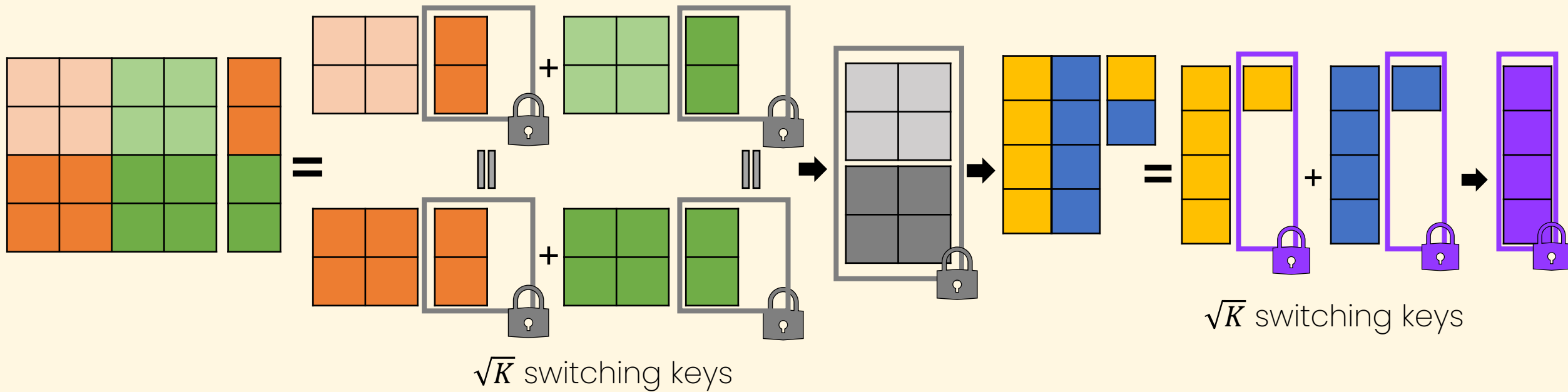
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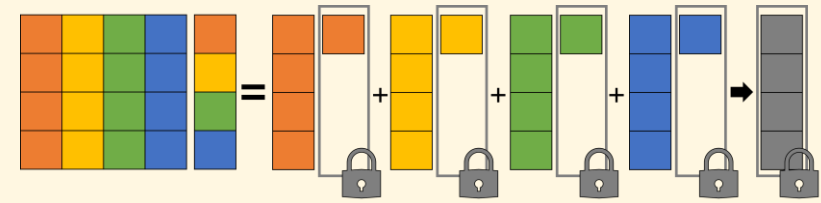
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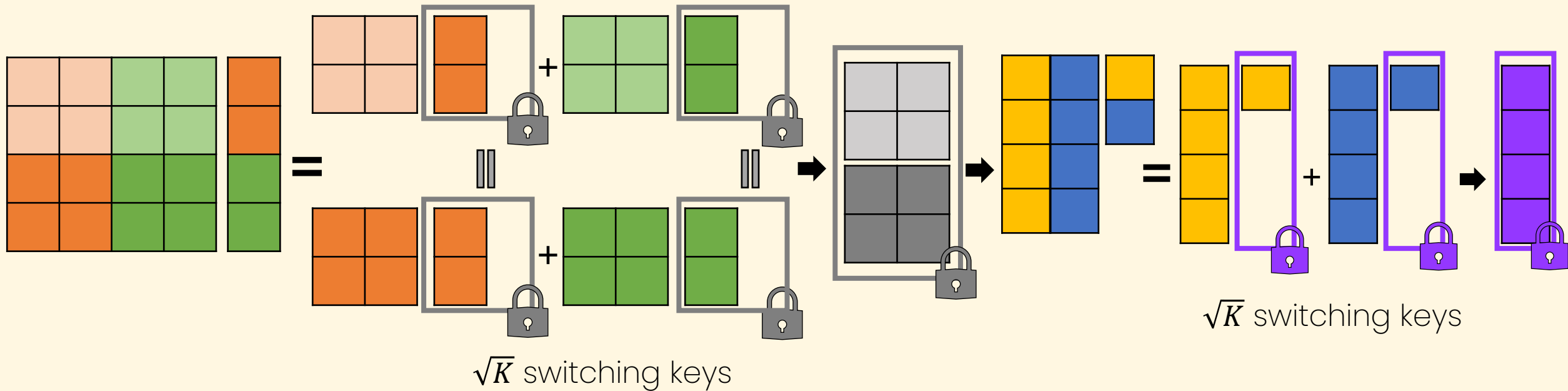
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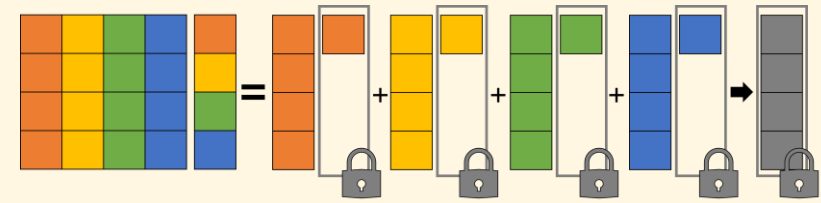
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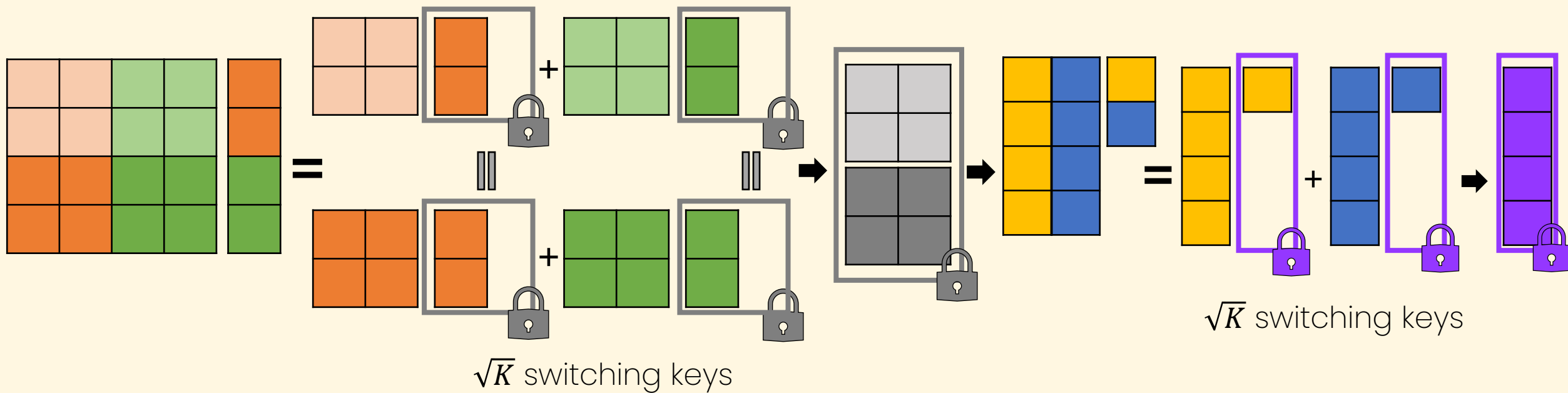
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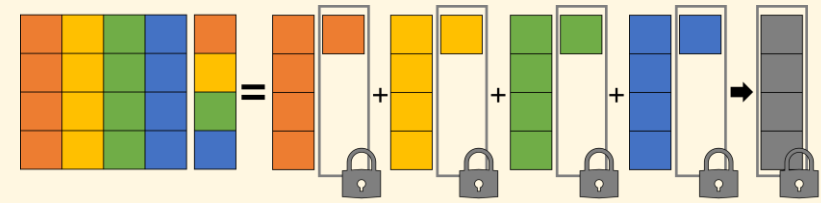
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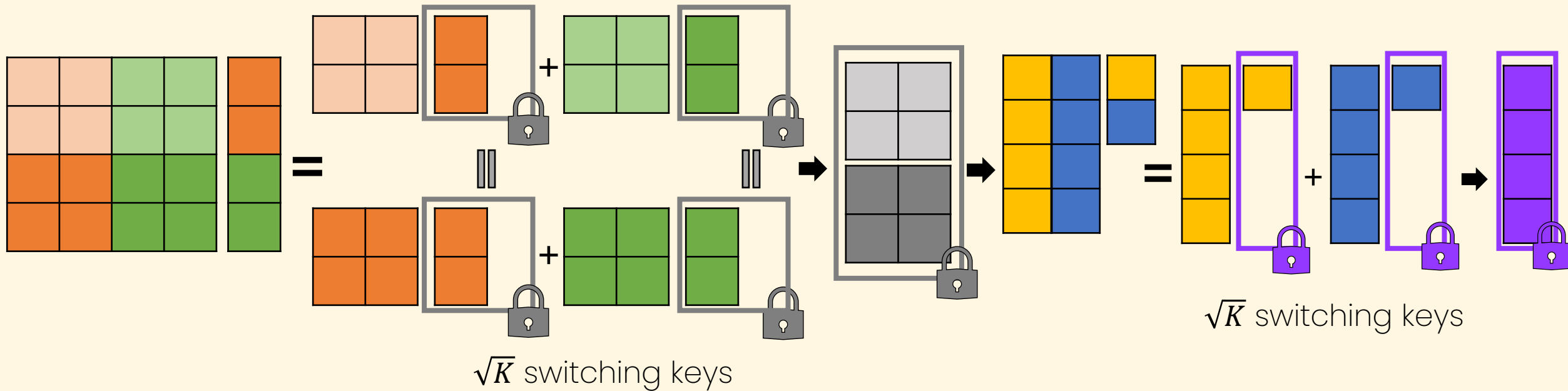
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		16	71.1	1.31	18.8
HERMES		64	25.8	1.58	23.0
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