



Test Selection for Unified Regression Testing

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Security researchers at SOCRadar informed Microsoft on September 24, 2022, of a misconfigured Microsoft endpoint. This [misconfiguration](#) resulted in the potential for unauthenticated access to some business transaction data corresponding to interactions between Microsoft and prospective customers, such as the planning or potential implementation and provisioning of Microsoft services.

Upon being notified of the [misconfiguration](#), the endpoint was quickly secured and is now only accessible with required authentication. Our investigation found no indication customer accounts or systems were compromised. We have directly notified the affected customers.

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 By Arielle Waldman, News Writer

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Cloud incident response vendor Mitiga discovered the [misconfiguration](#) a few months ago while researching Google Cloud Platform's (GCP) Compute Engine, specifically its [virtual machine](#) (VM) service. The company discovered a [misconfiguration](#) that could allow threat actors to transmit and receive data from VMs and possibly gain complete control of the system.

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Explainer

Facebook outage: what went wrong and why did it take so long to fix after social platform went down?

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Why did Facebook go down?

Just before 5pm UTC, people began noticing they could not access Facebook, Instagram, WhatsApp or Messenger. It would be more than five hours before services would begin to be restored.

Facebook issued a statement on Tuesday confirming that the cause of the outage was a configuration change to the backbone routers that coordinate network traffic between the company's data centres, which had a cascading effect, bringing all Facebook services to a halt.

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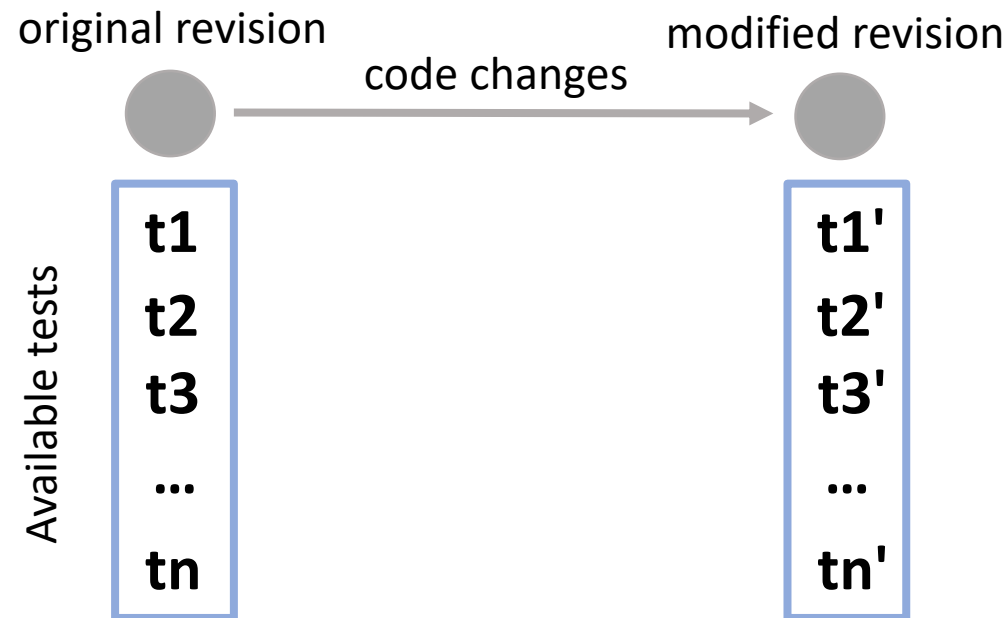
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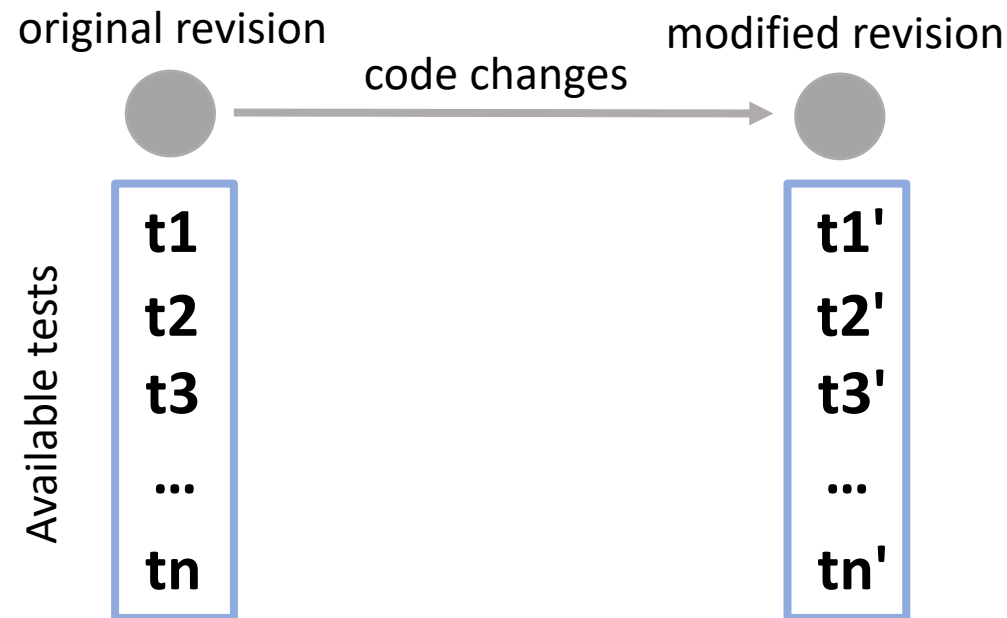
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Production Config change (for @Ctest)

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- hbase.http.max.threads = 10
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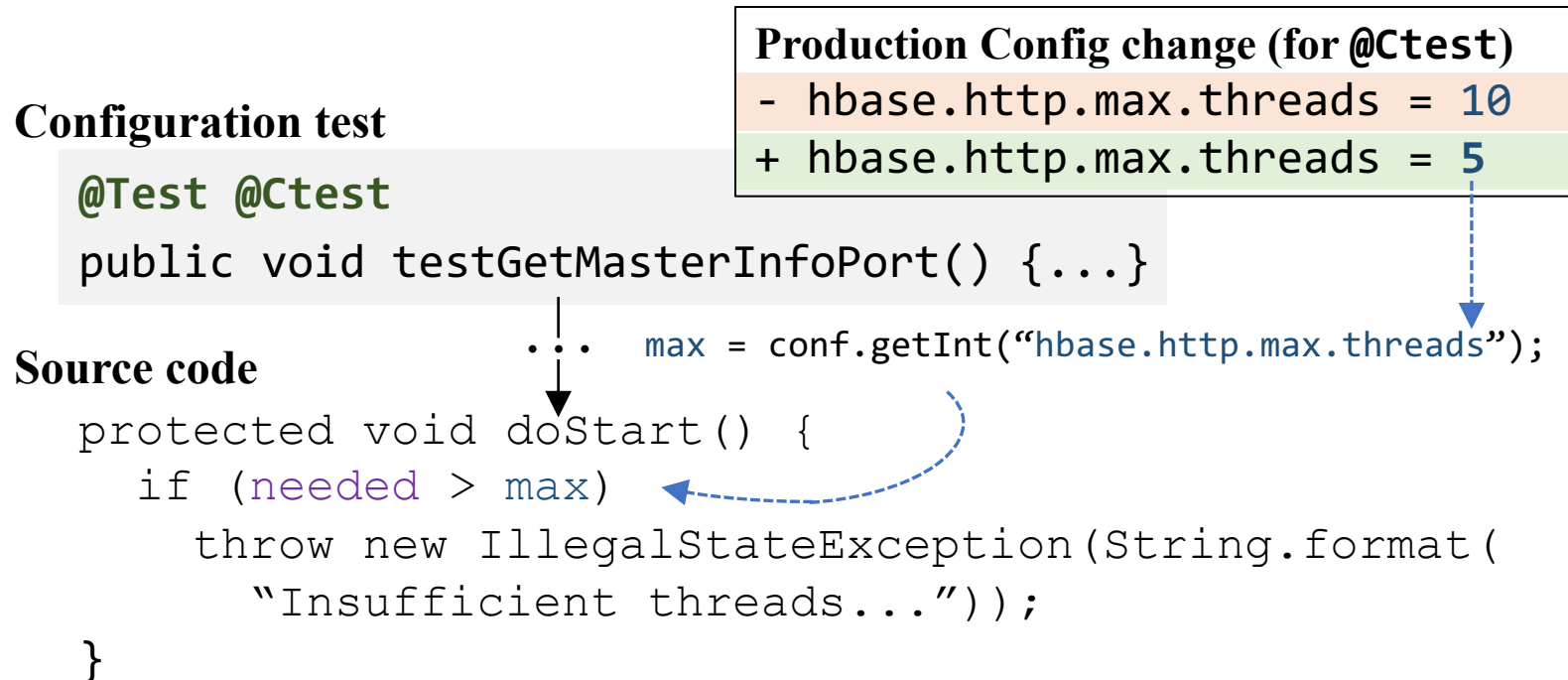
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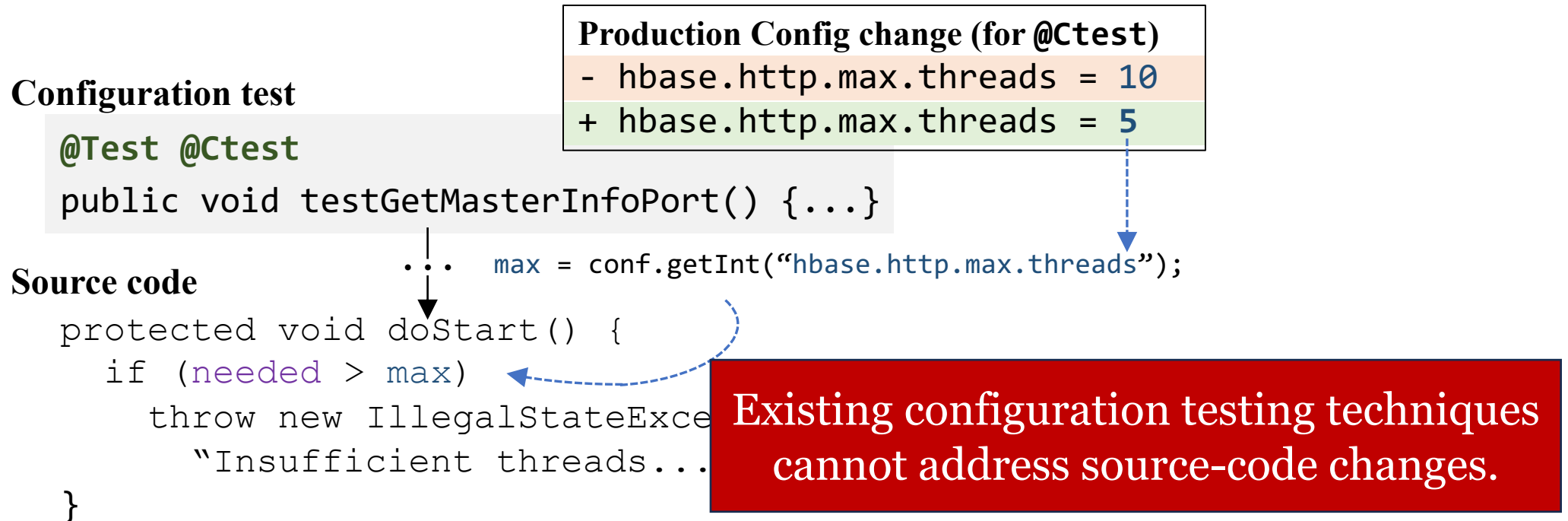
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Contributions

- **Concept: Unified Regression Testing (URT)** for checking both code and configuration changes
- **Algorithm: Unified Regression Test Selection (uRTS)** for speeding up URT, with the same safety guarantee
- **Implementation:** Implemented on top of Ekstazi and OpenCtest
- **Evaluation** with five large software projects
 - Hundreds of code revisions and dozens of configuration files
 - Largest RTS experiments performed on open-source projects
- **Data/code release:** <https://github.com/xlab-uiuc/uRTS-ae>

Unified regression testing is costly

- URT generalizes traditional regression testing and config testing
- Testing  changes under not only default  but also production 
- Testing  changes against the new 
- Handling diffs that co-change both  and 
- **May run each change multiple times under different **
 - Existing regression testing (on default config) is already expensive!



Source code



Configuration

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Change	Regular Test	Config Test
Only code change	Run	Run
Only default config	Run	Skip
Only production config	Skip	Run
Code + default config	Run	Run
Code + production config	Run	Run
Code + default and prod config	Run	Run

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- **Key observation -- changes are typically small**
 - A diff changes a small piece of code, or a small number of config values
 - A production config changes only a small number of default config values
 - The production configs only differ in a small number of values

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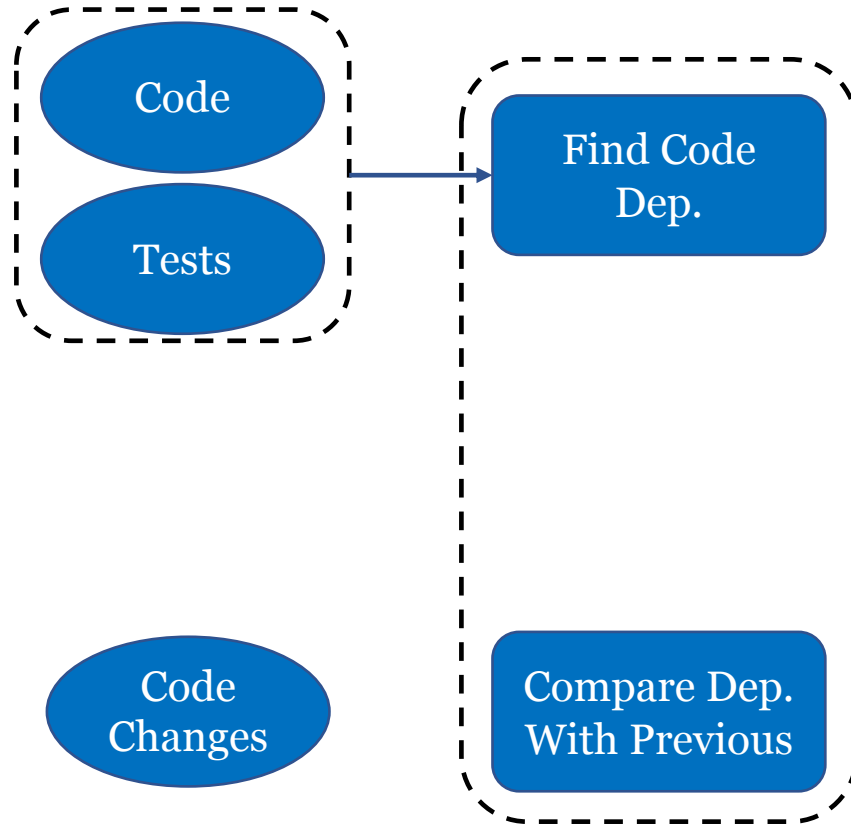
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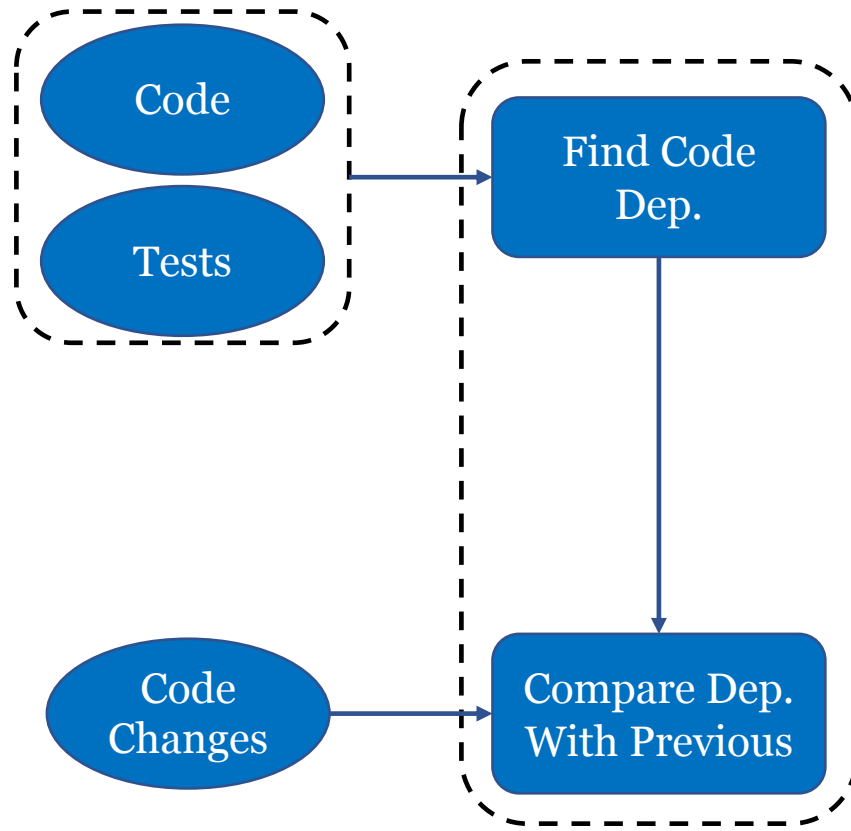
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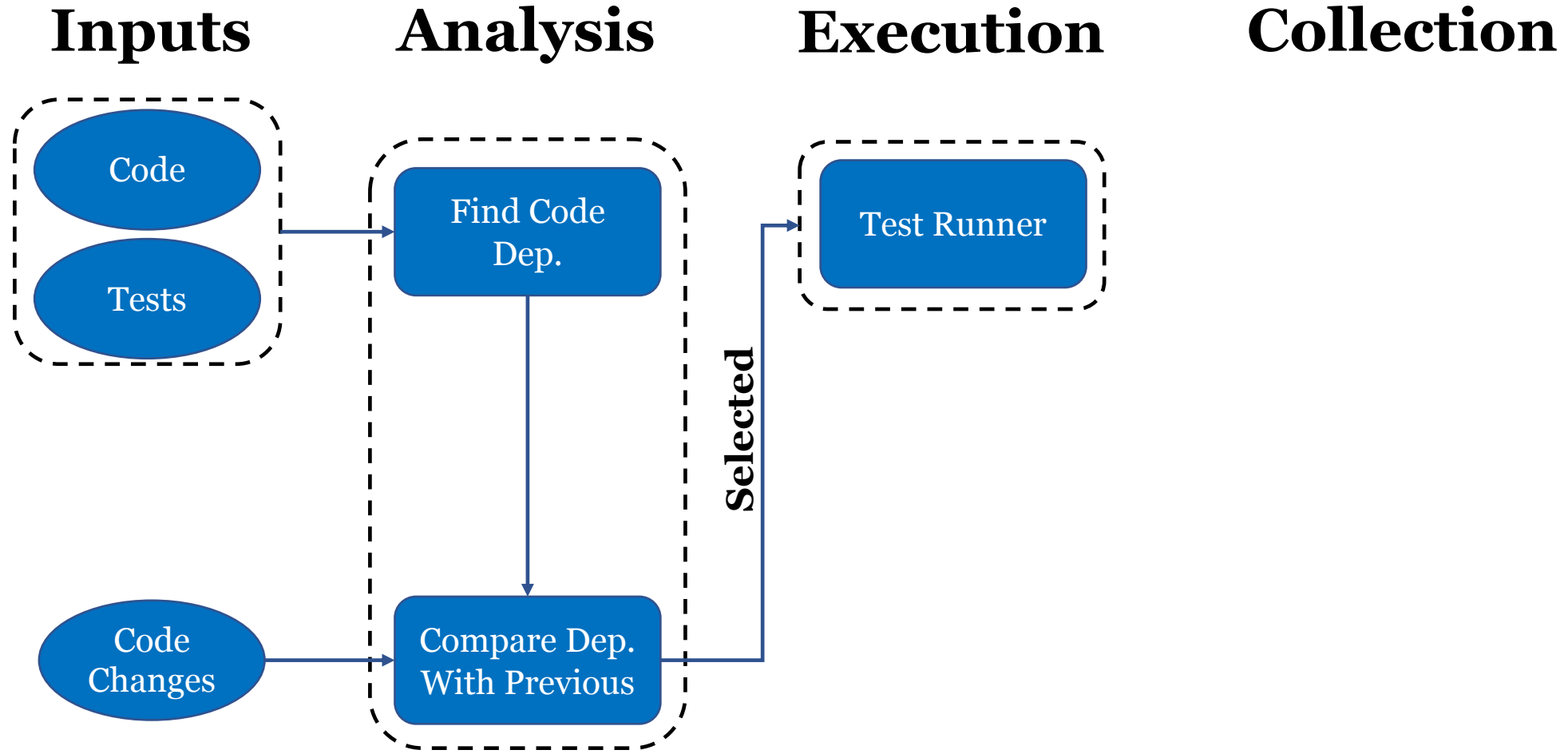
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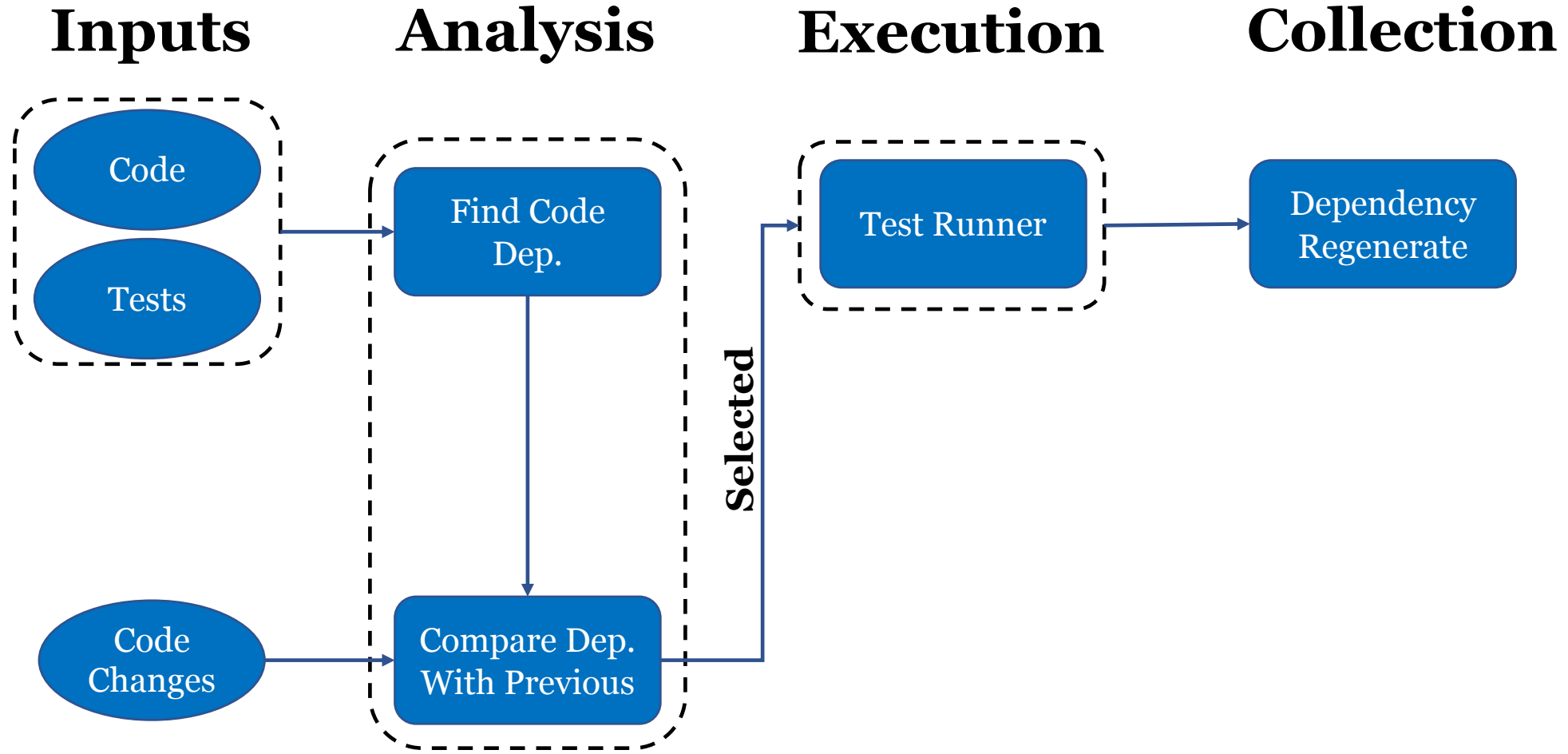
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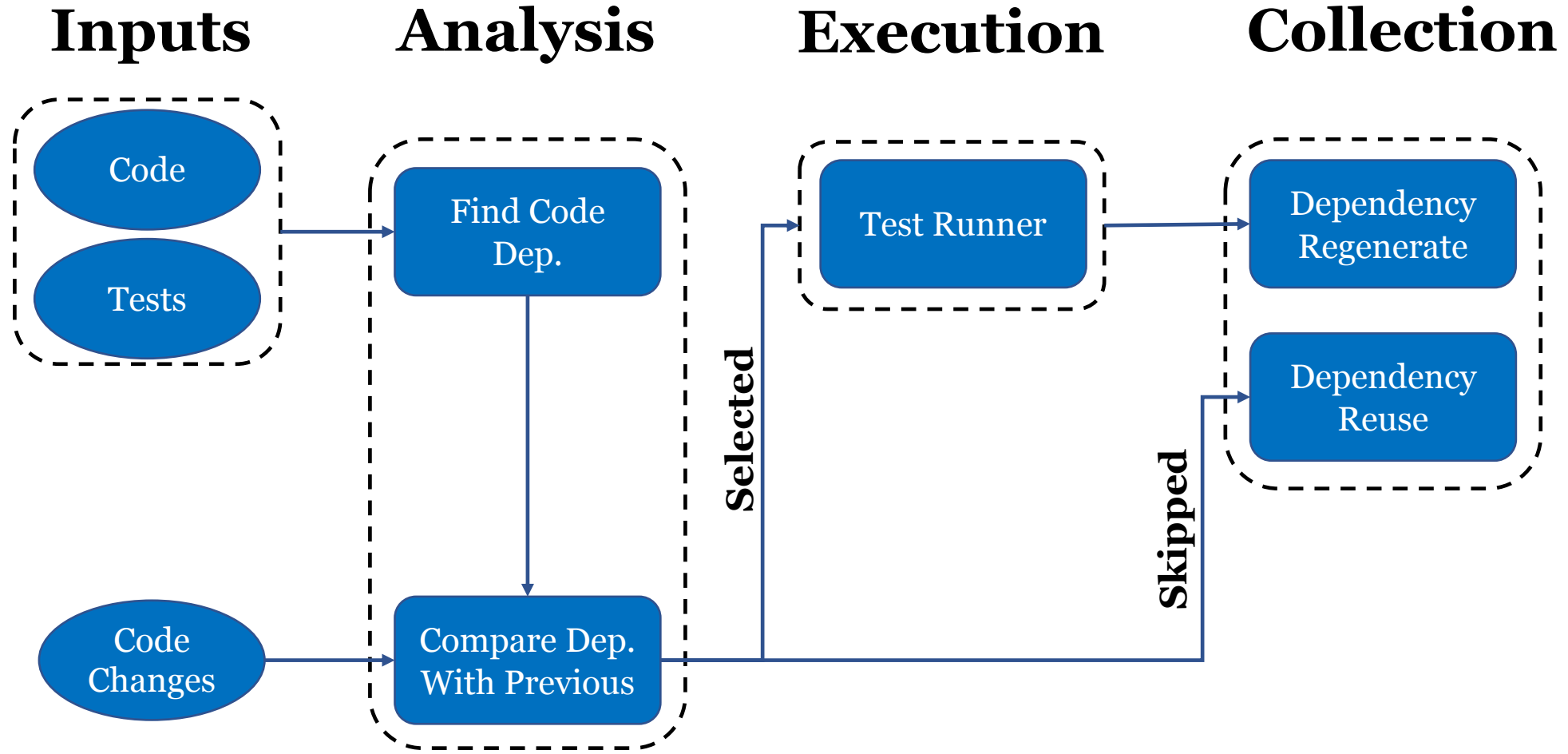
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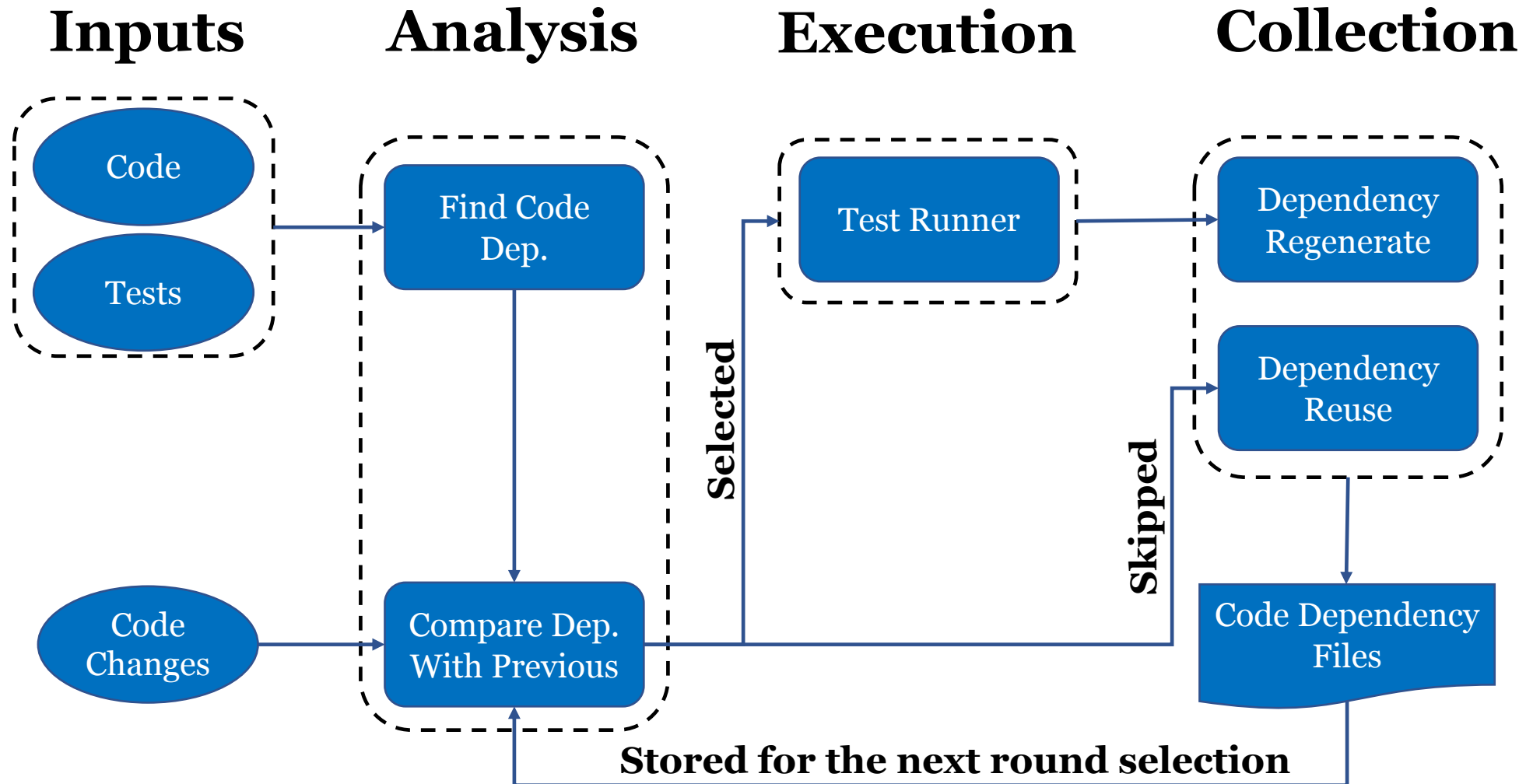
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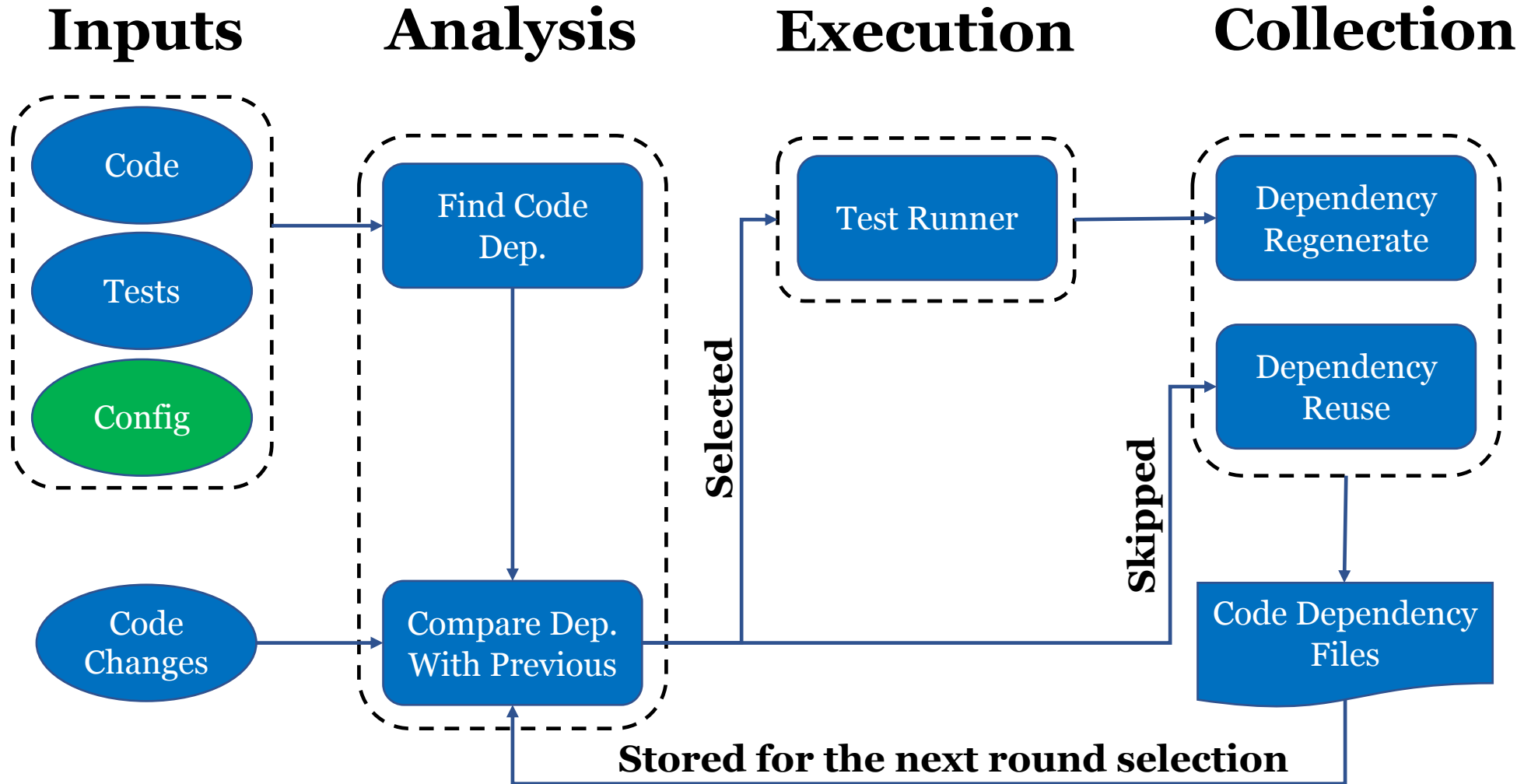
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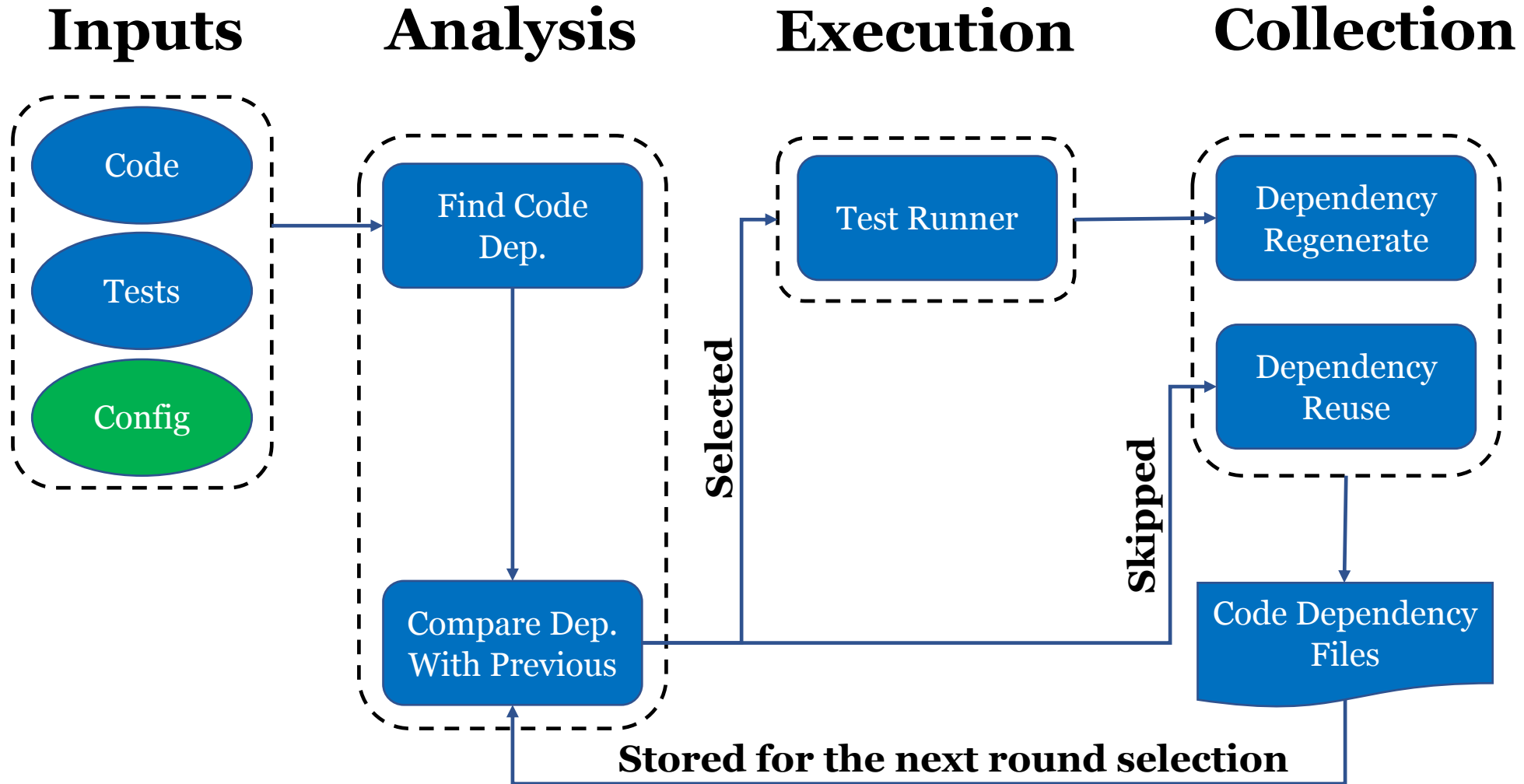


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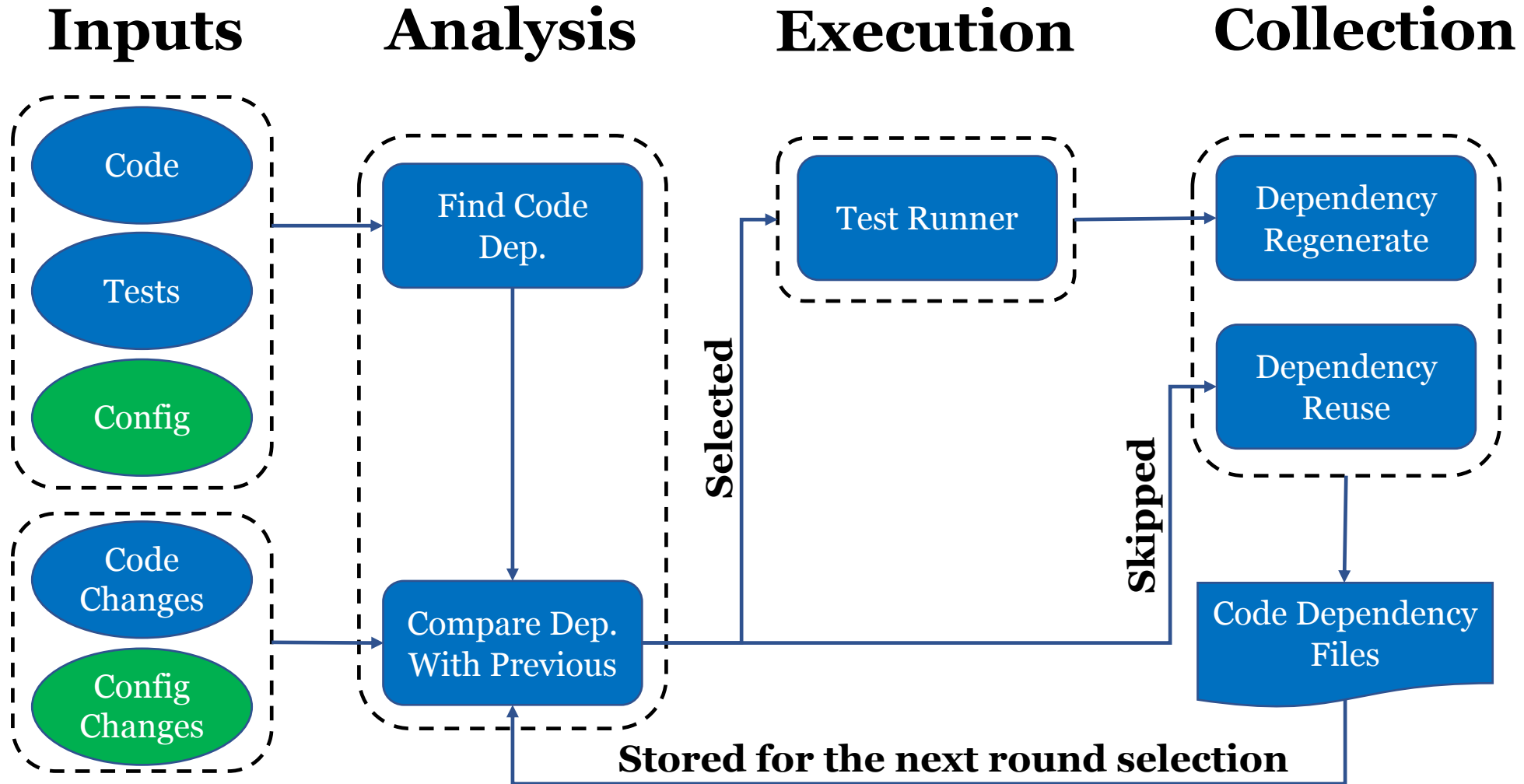
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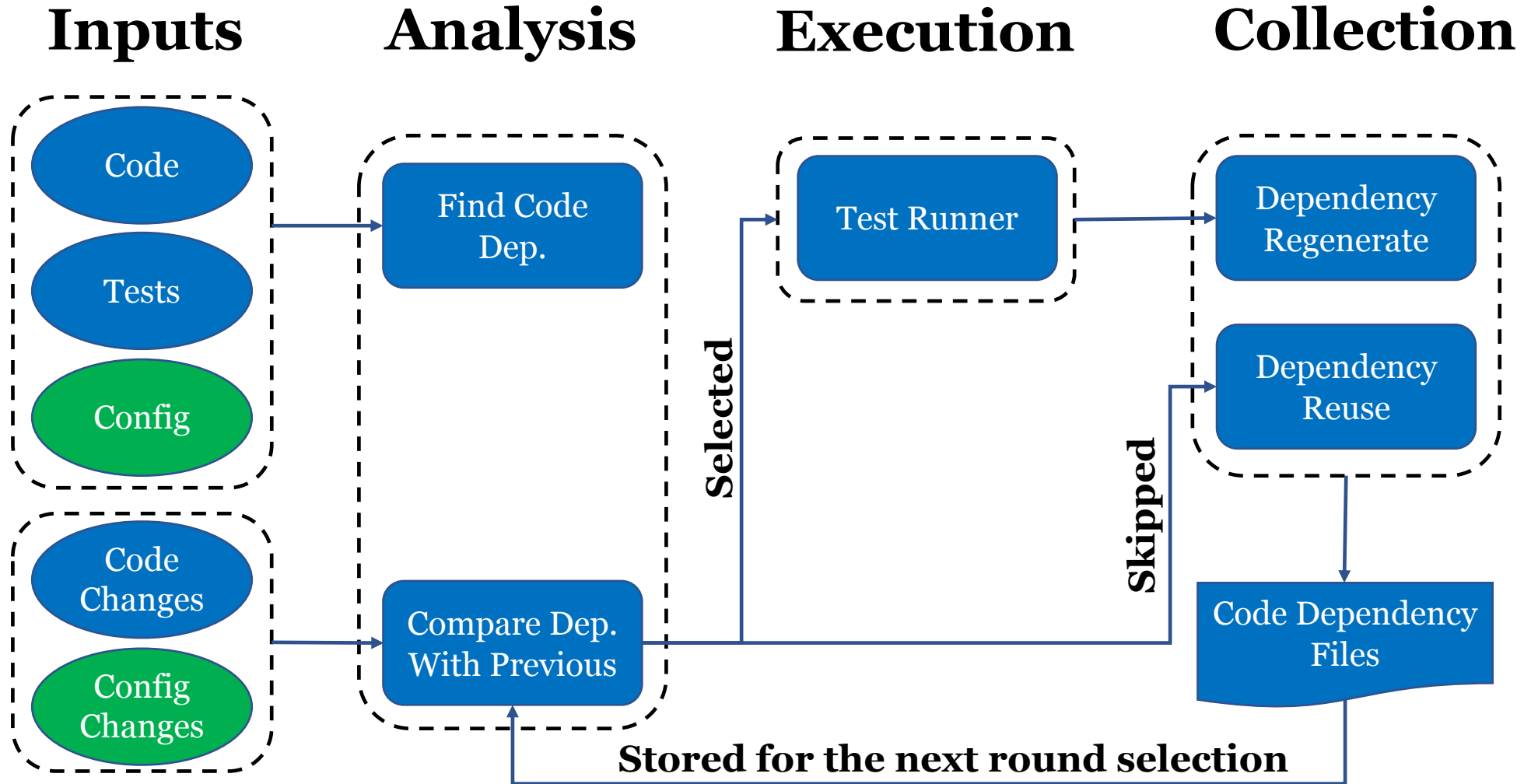
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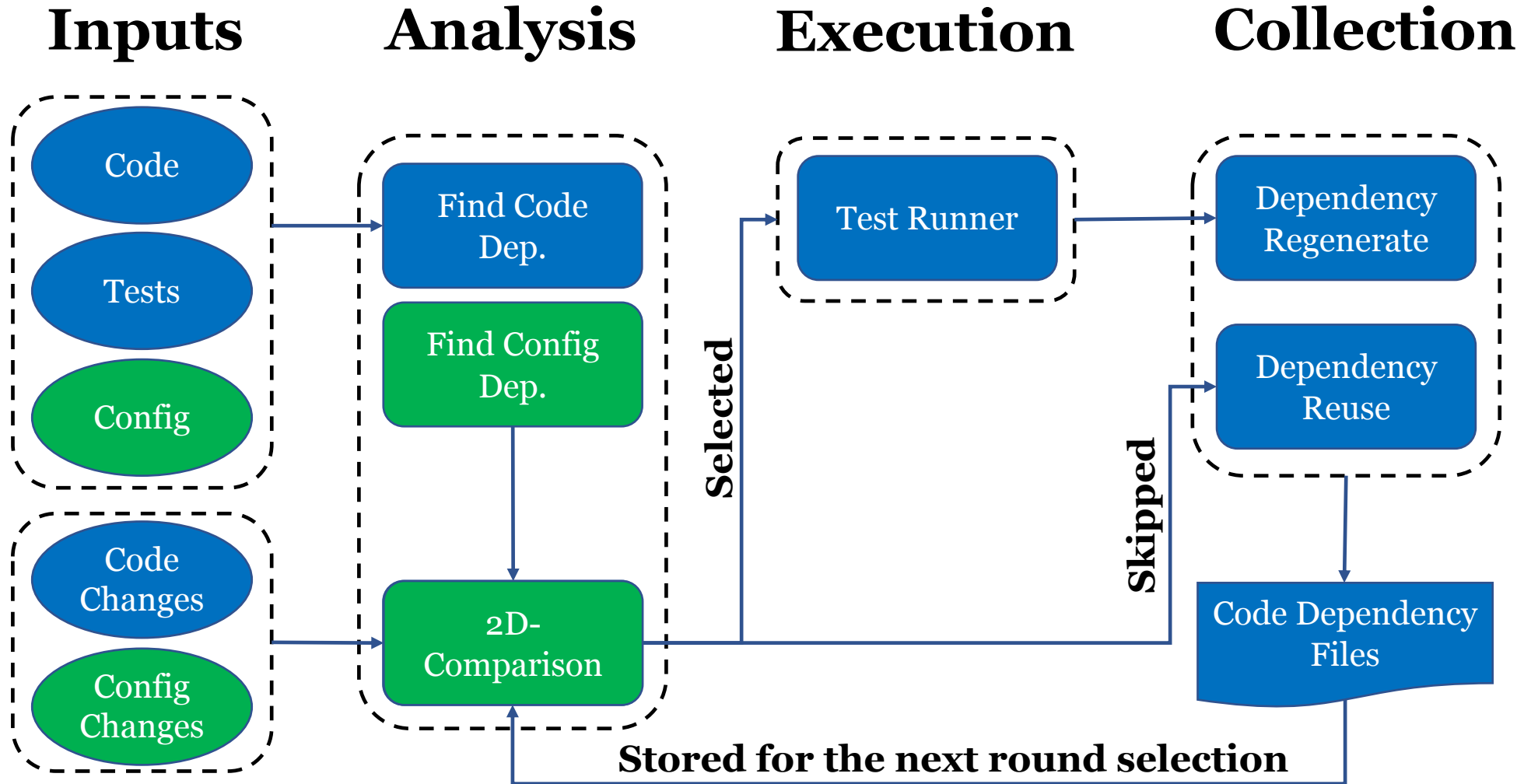
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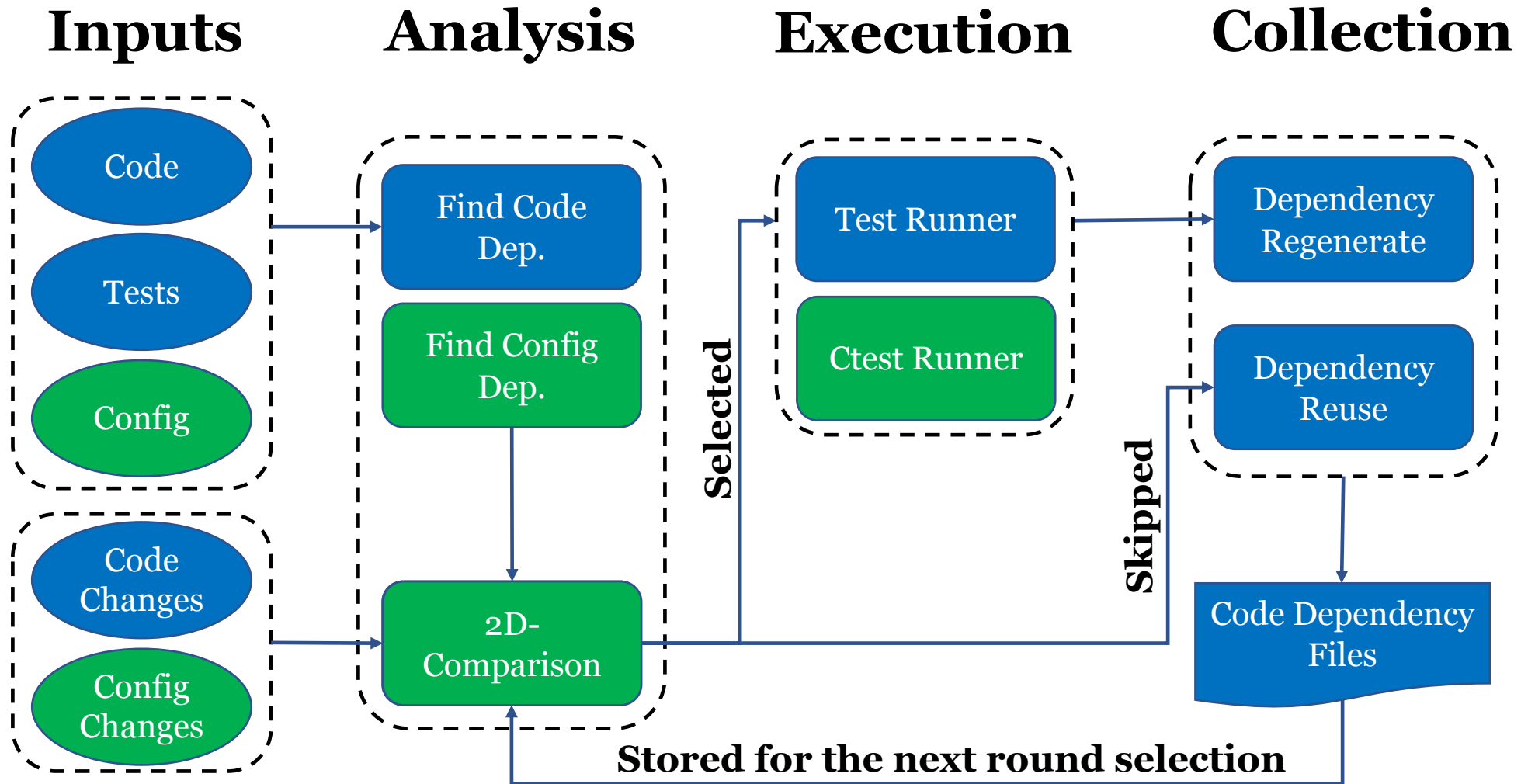
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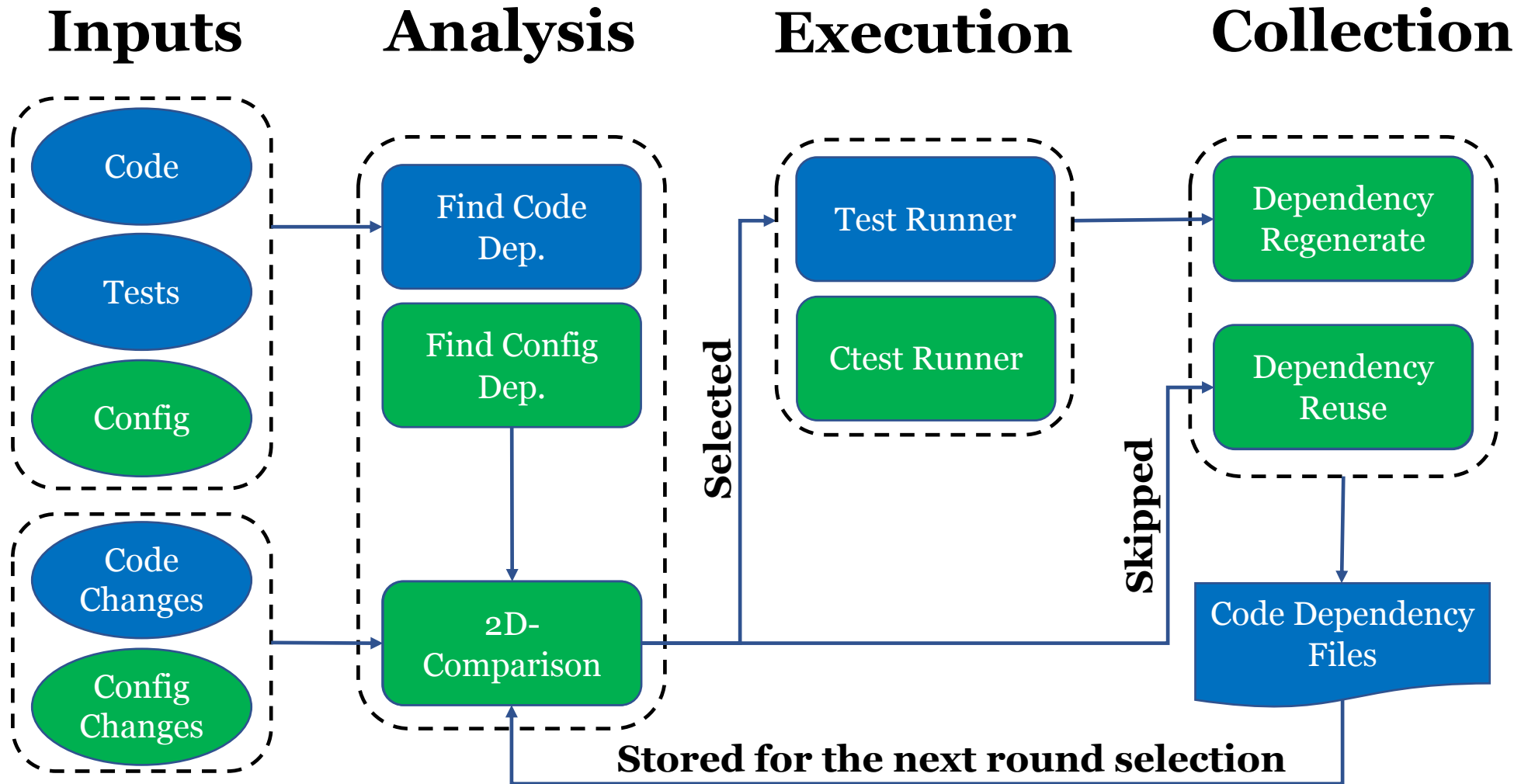
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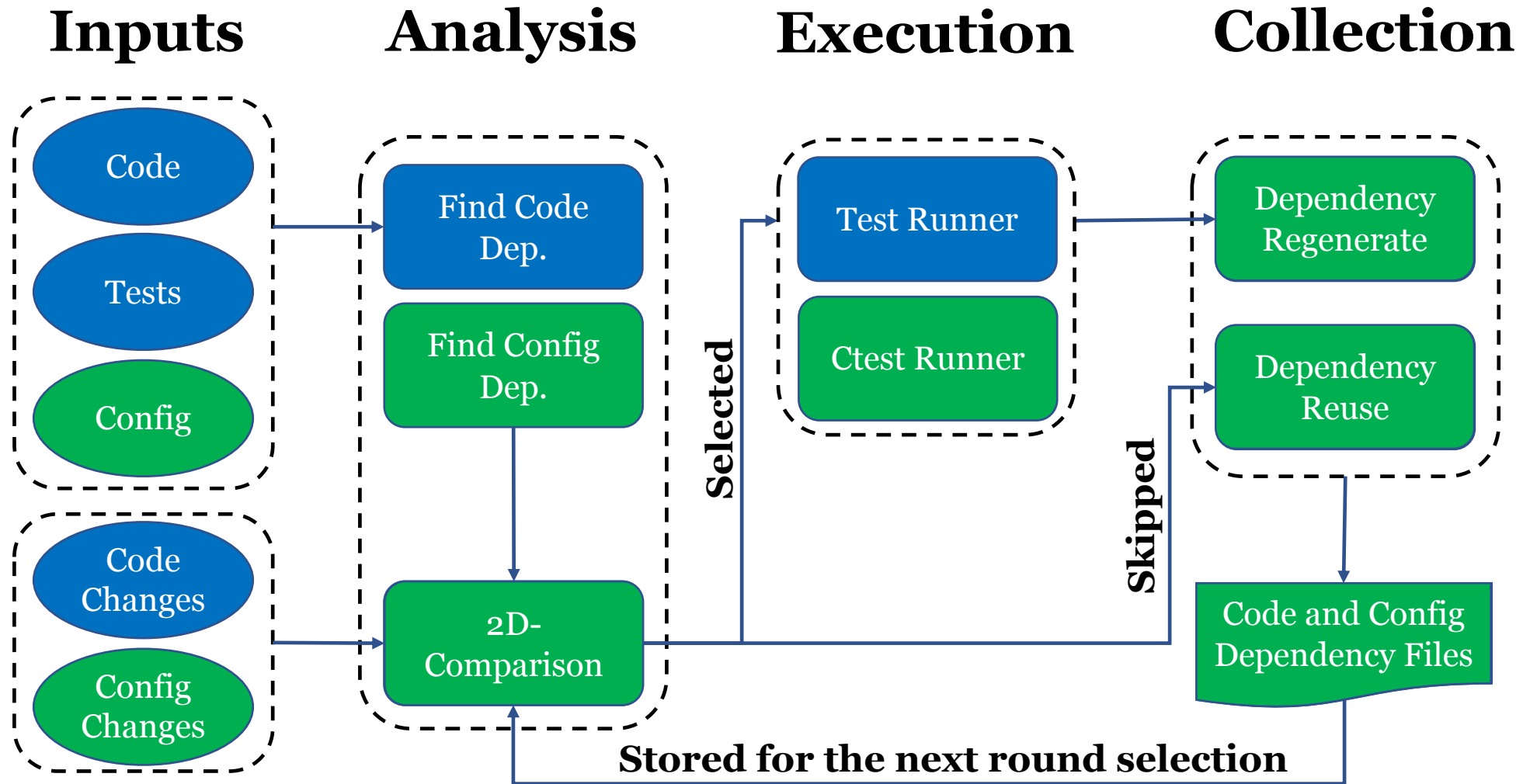
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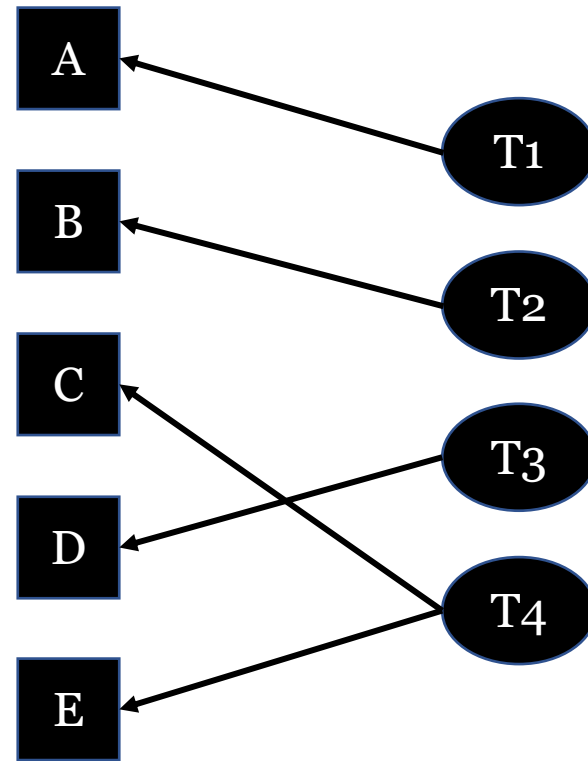


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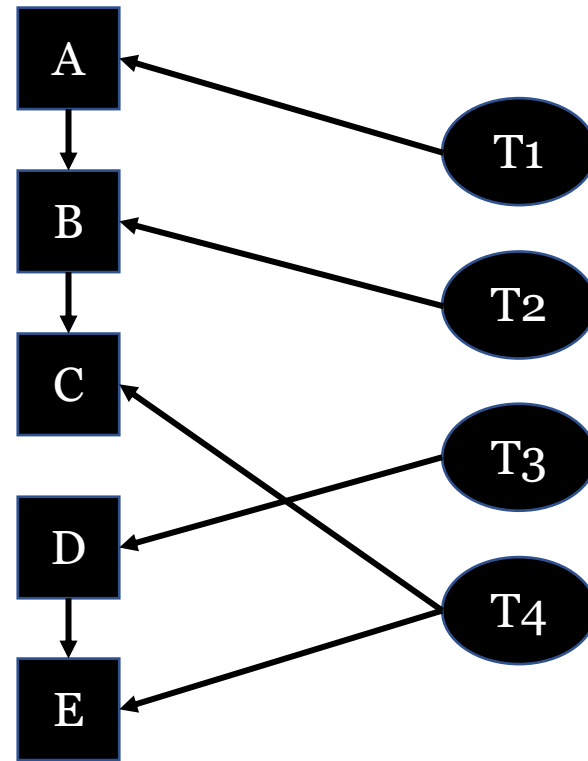


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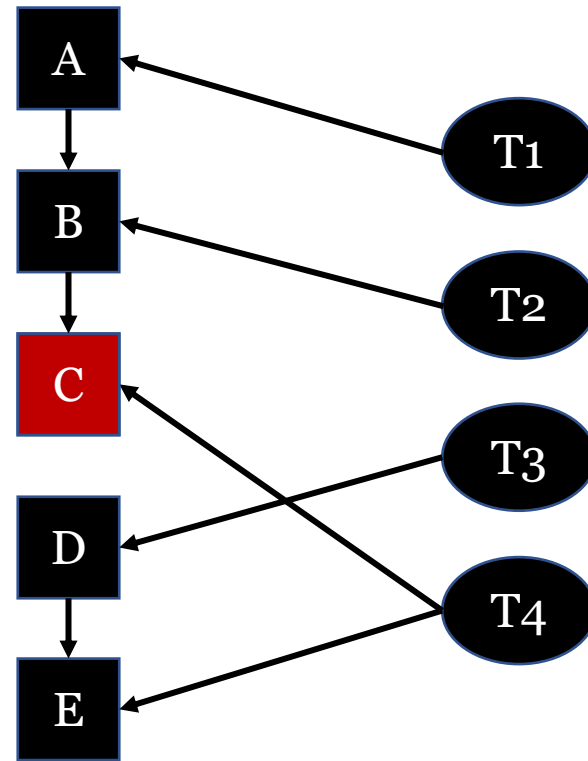


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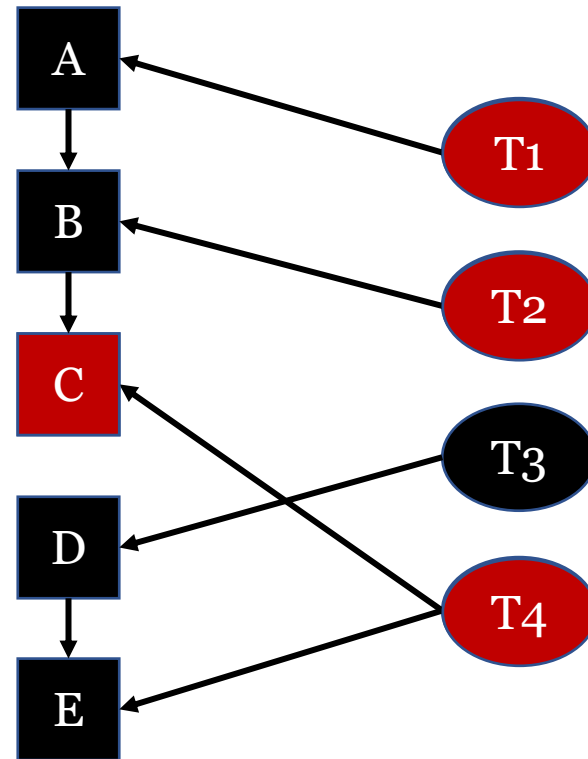


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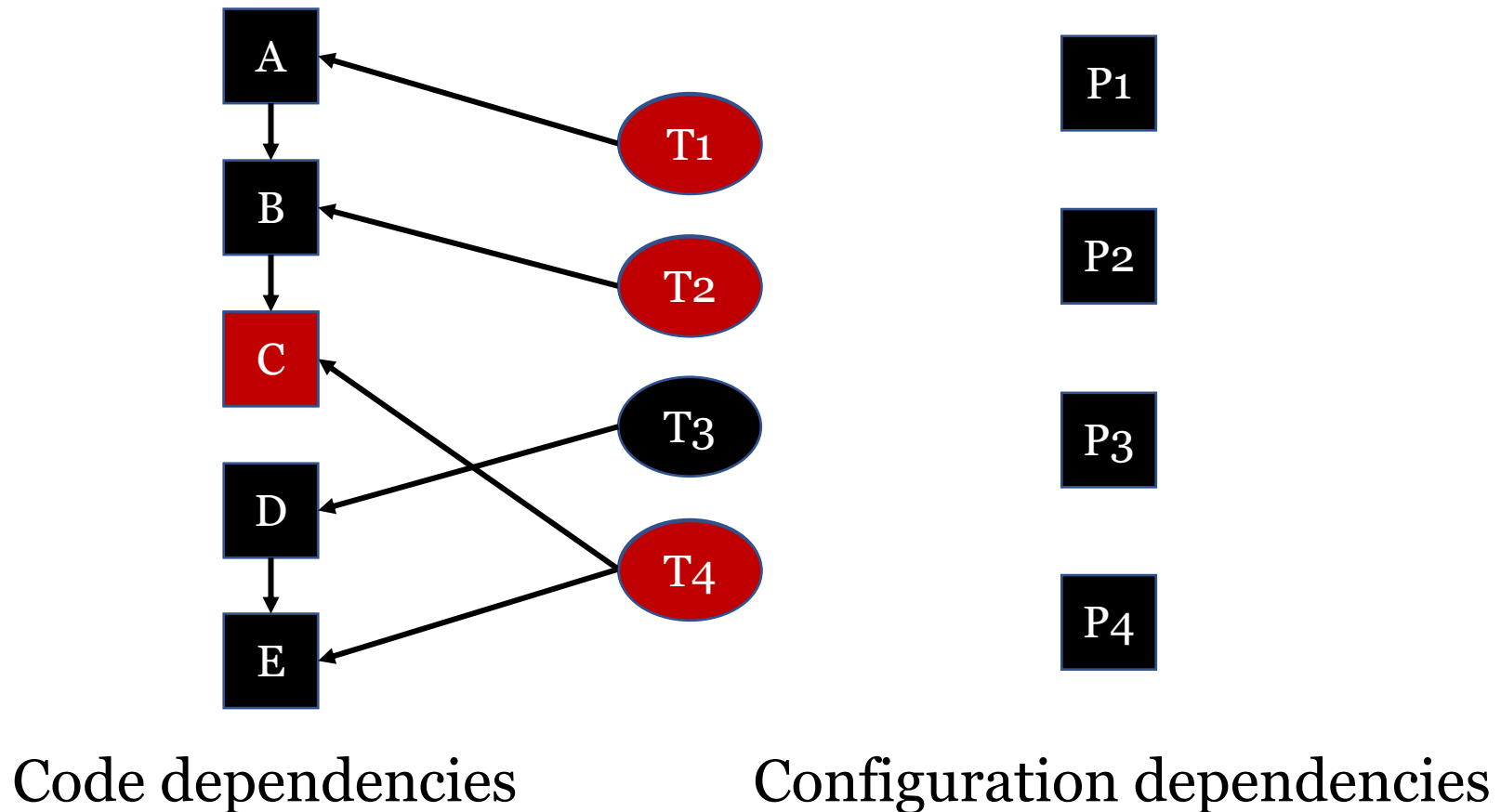


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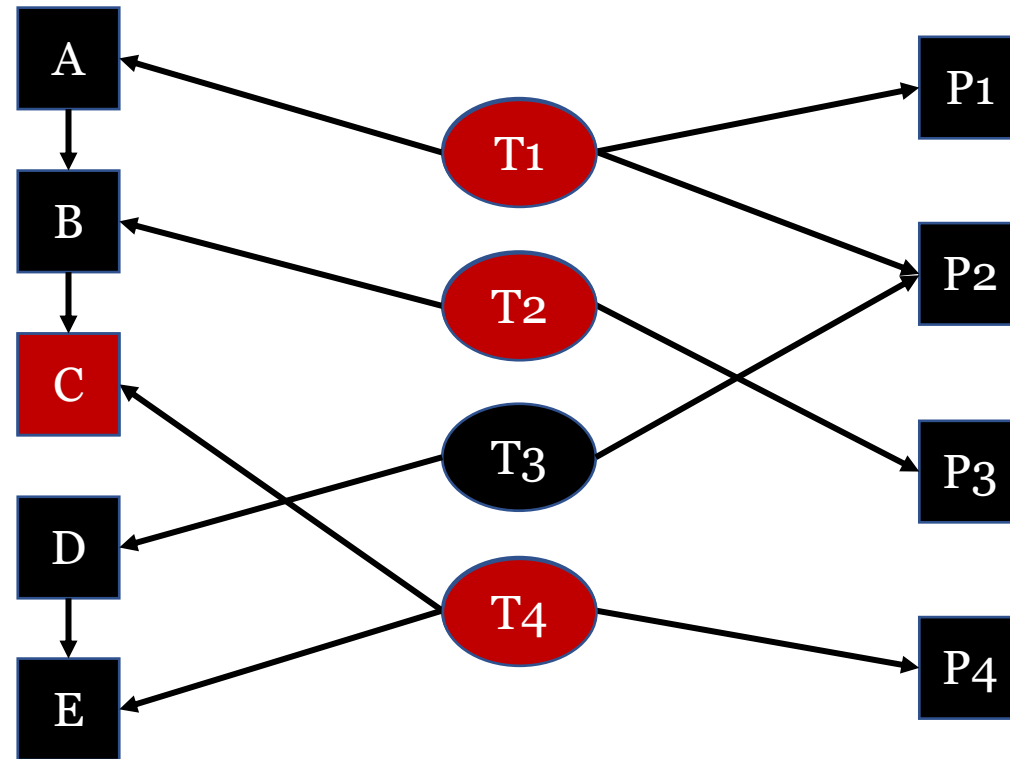
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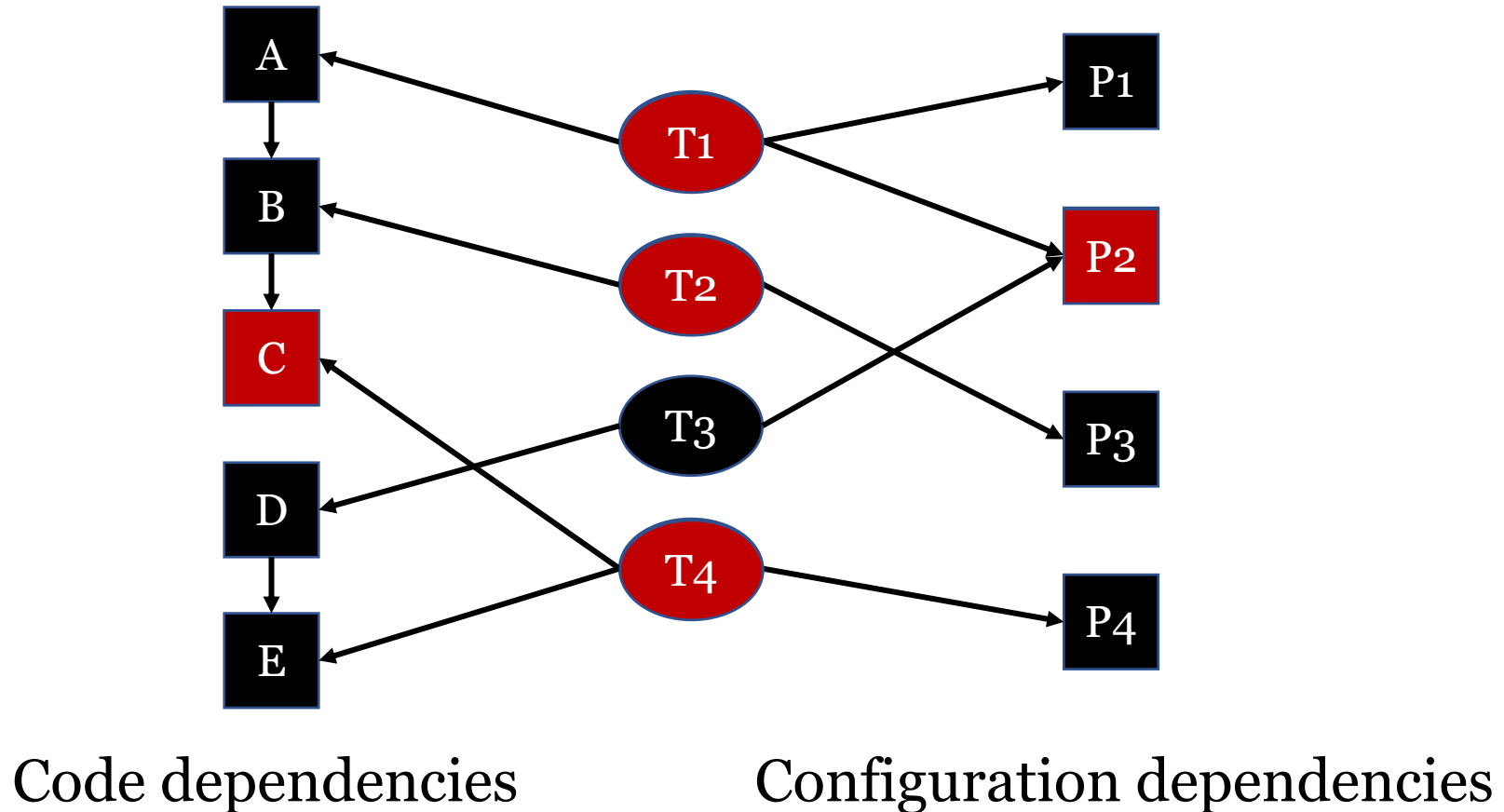


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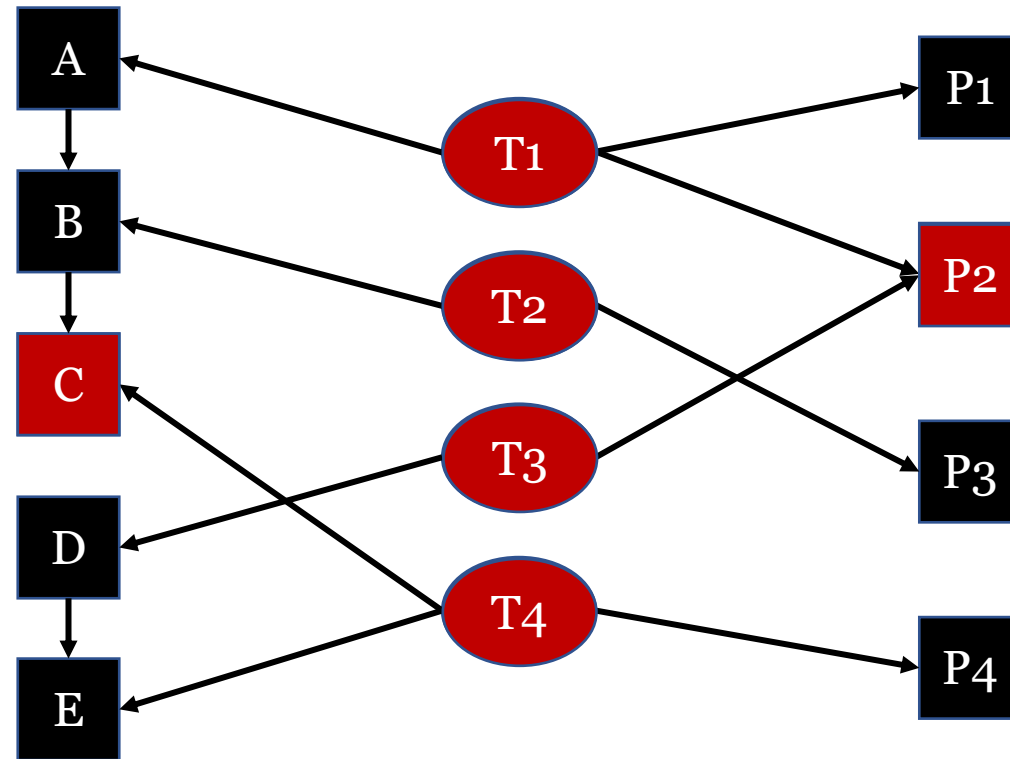
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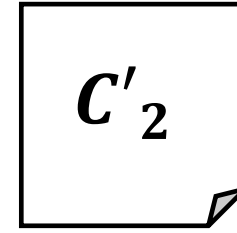
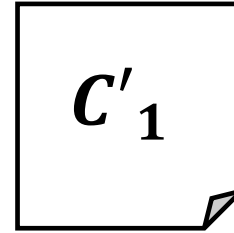
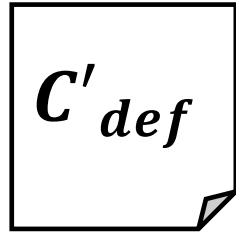
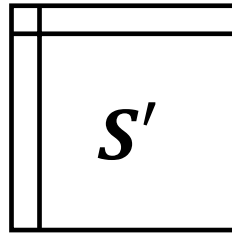
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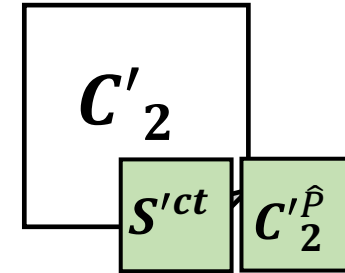
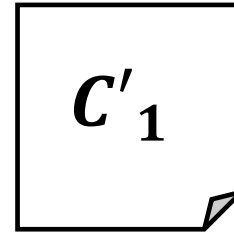
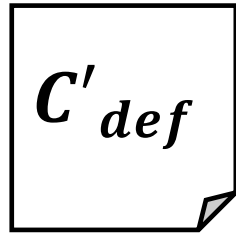
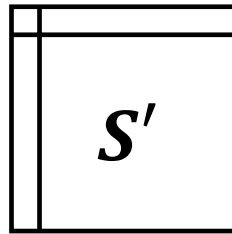
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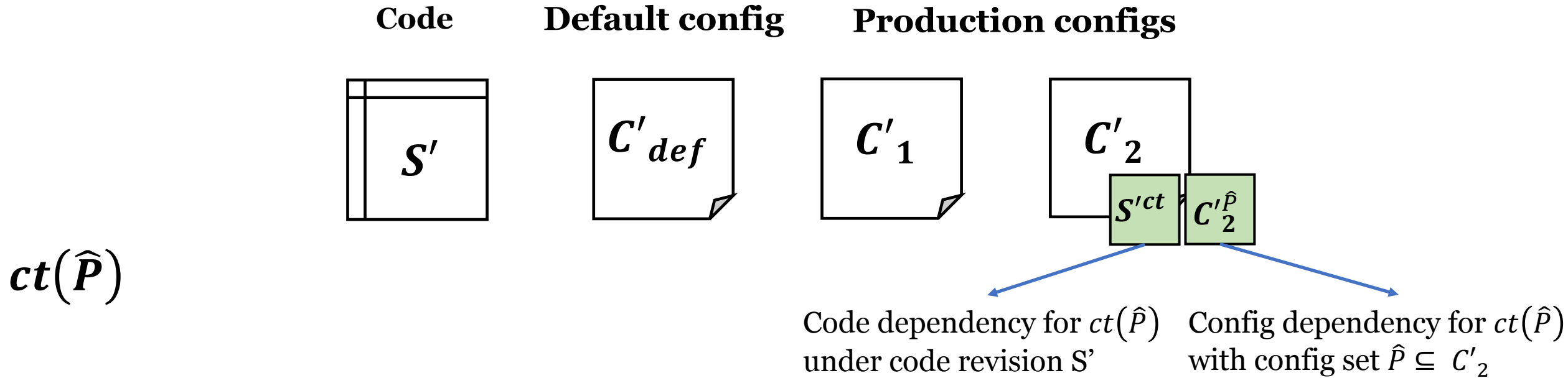
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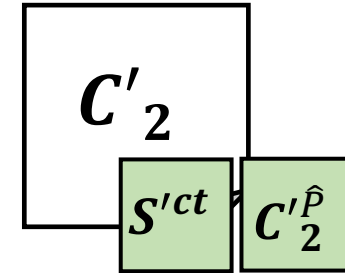
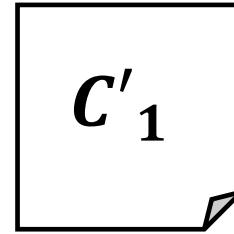
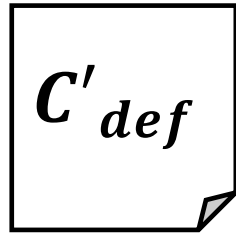
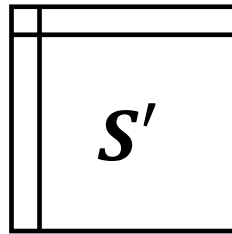


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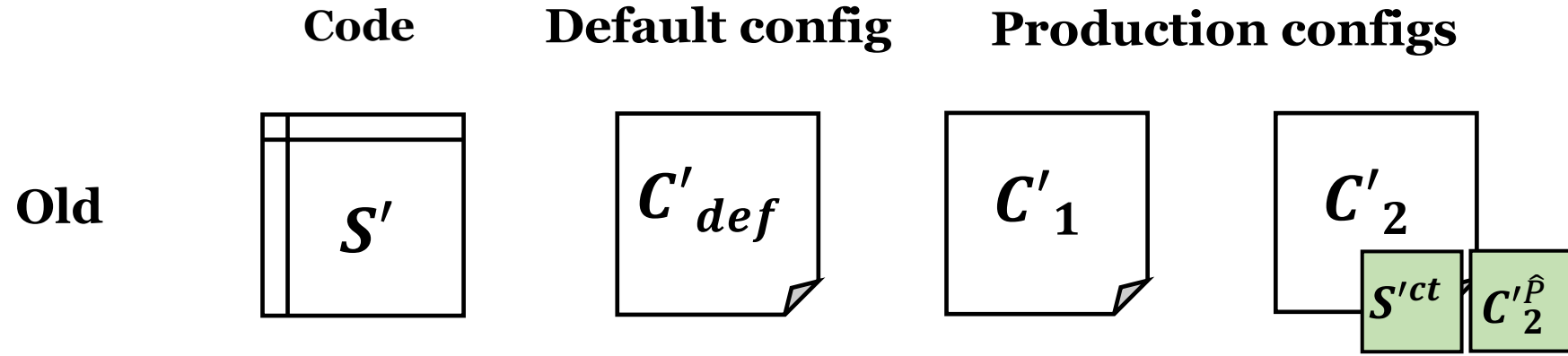
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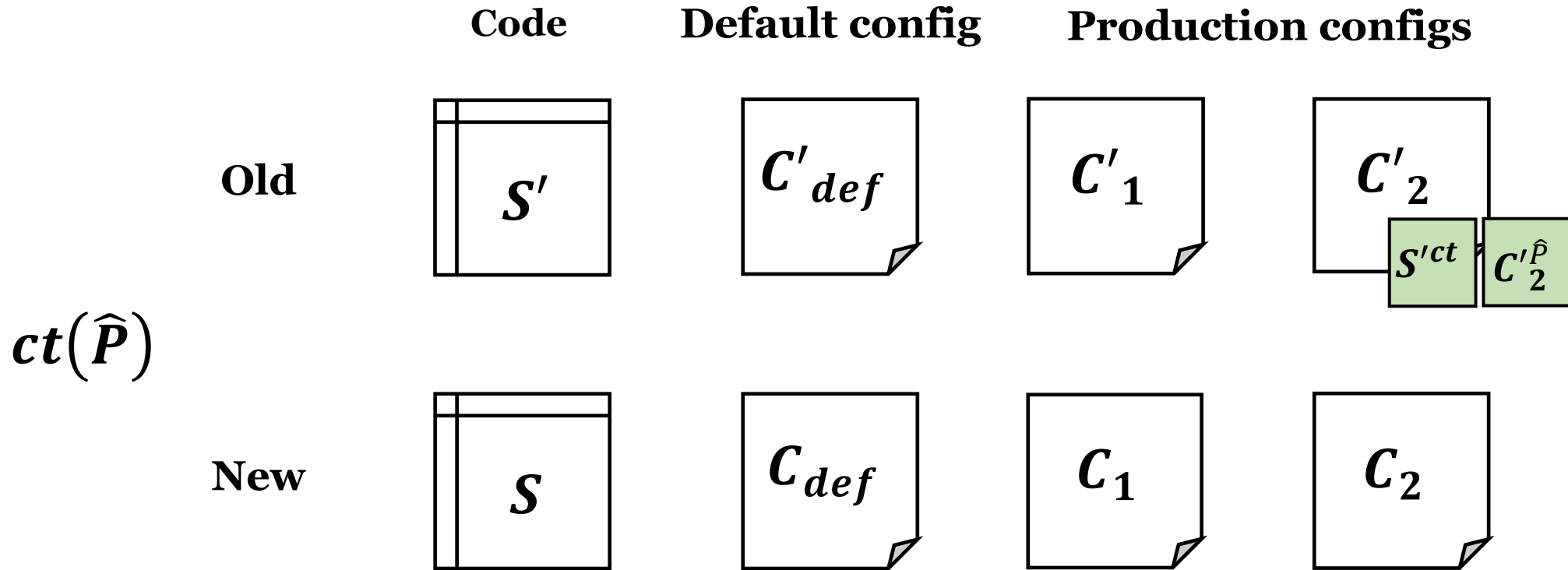
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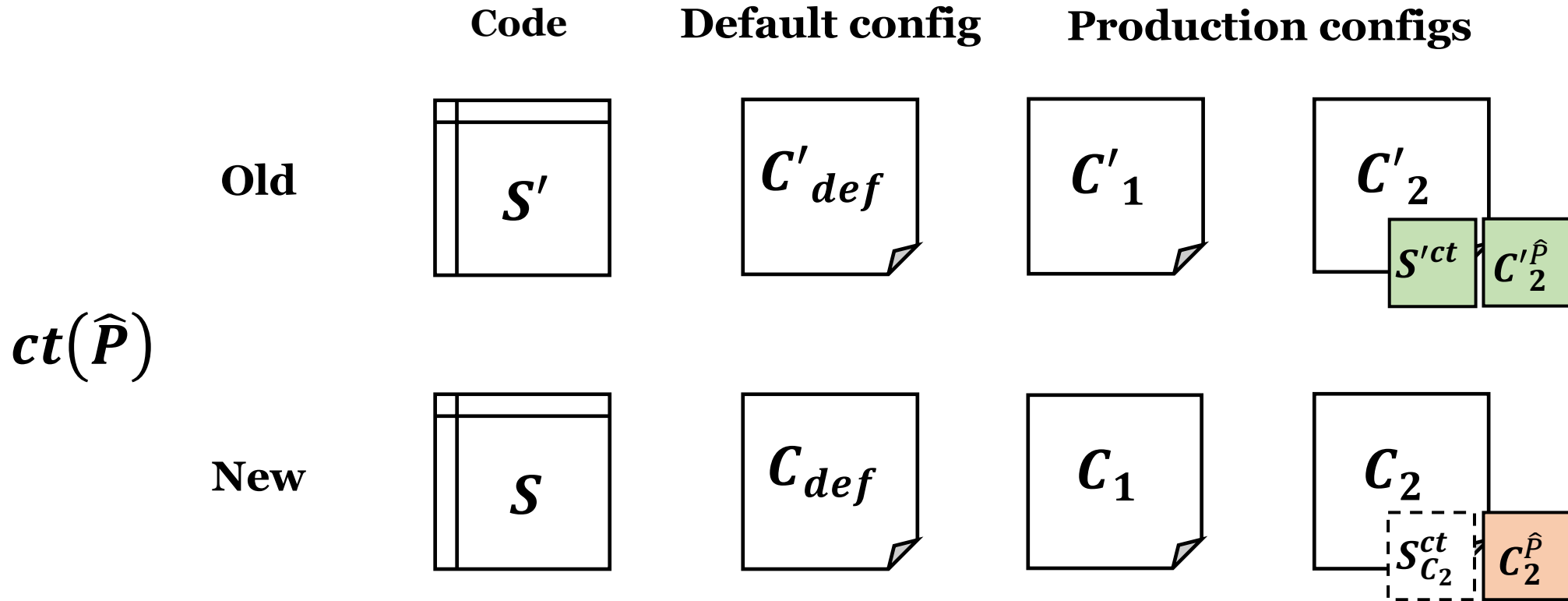


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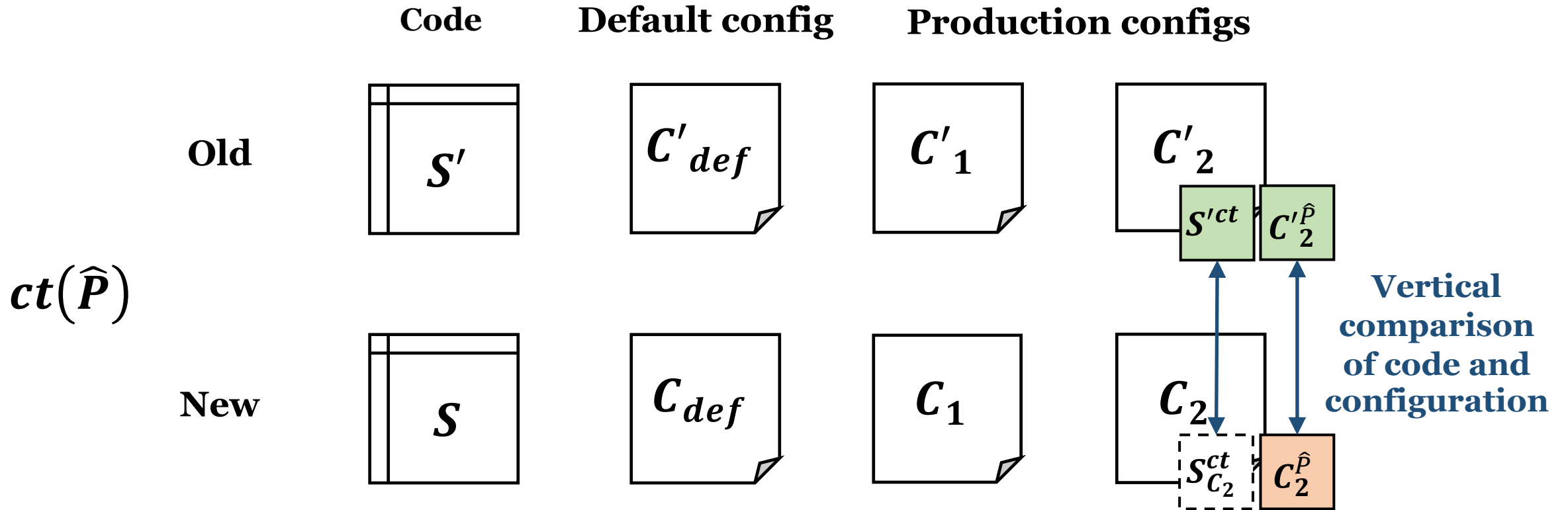
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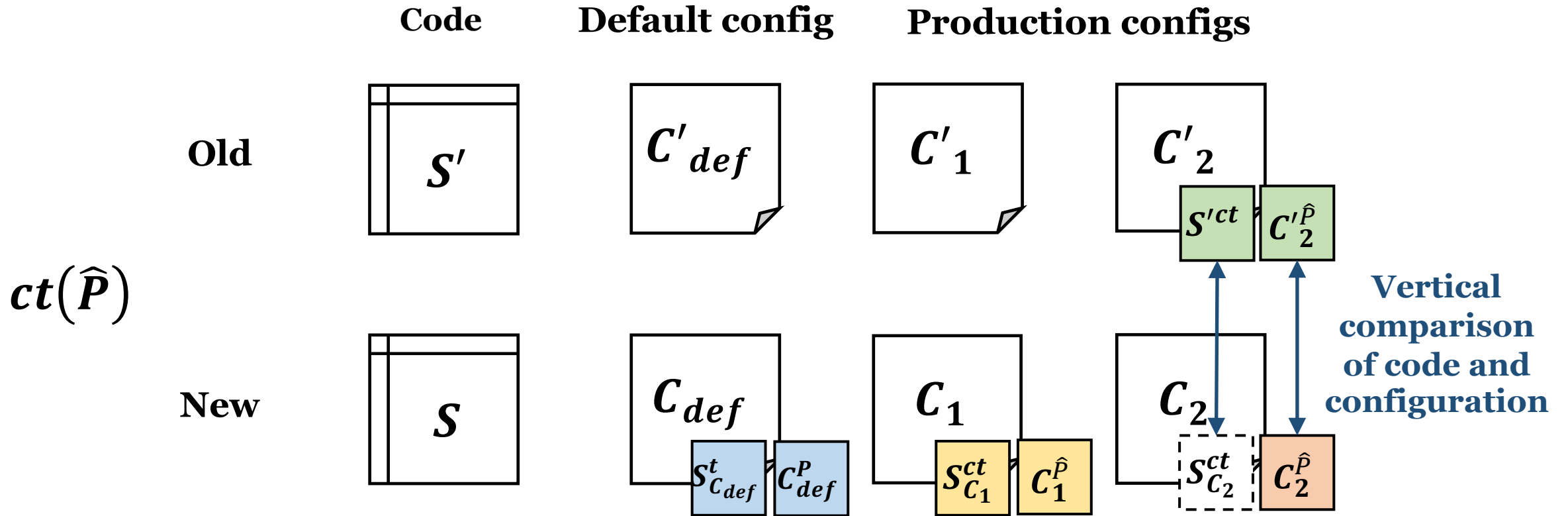
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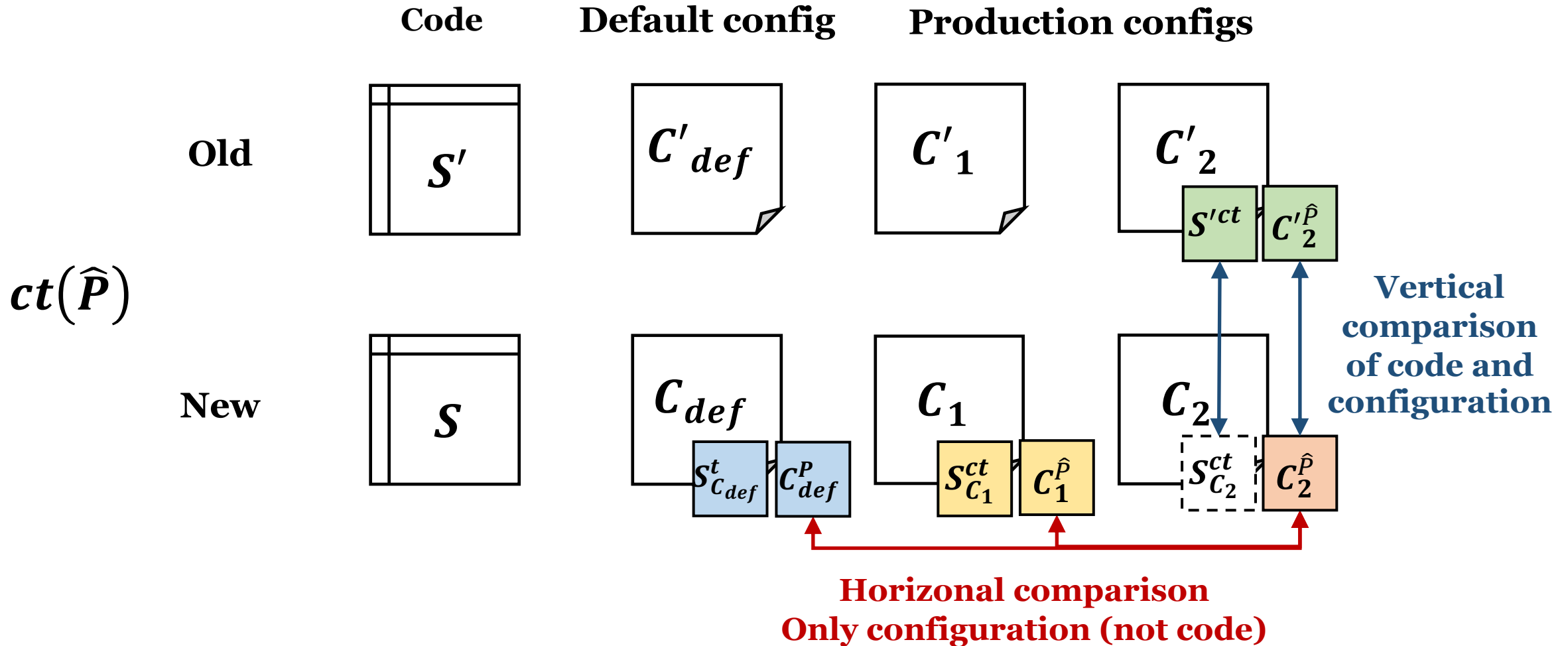
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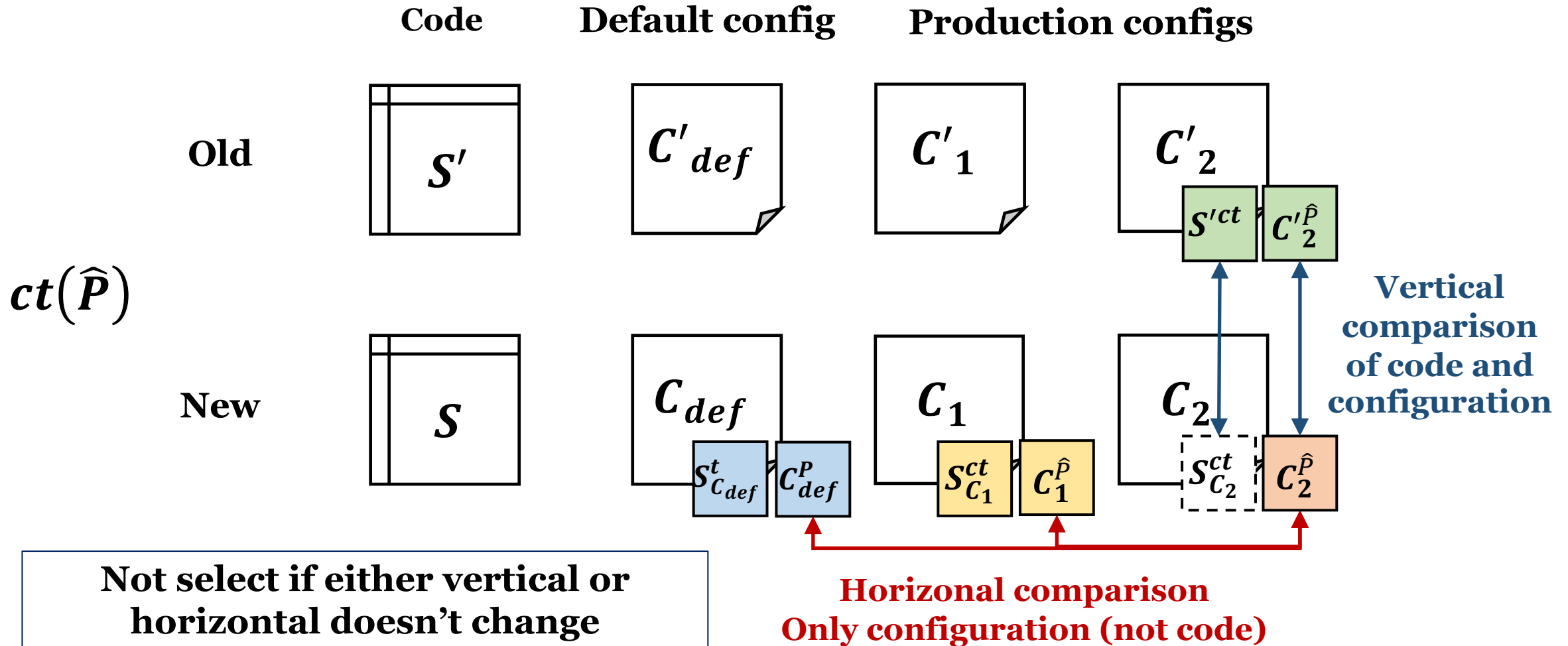
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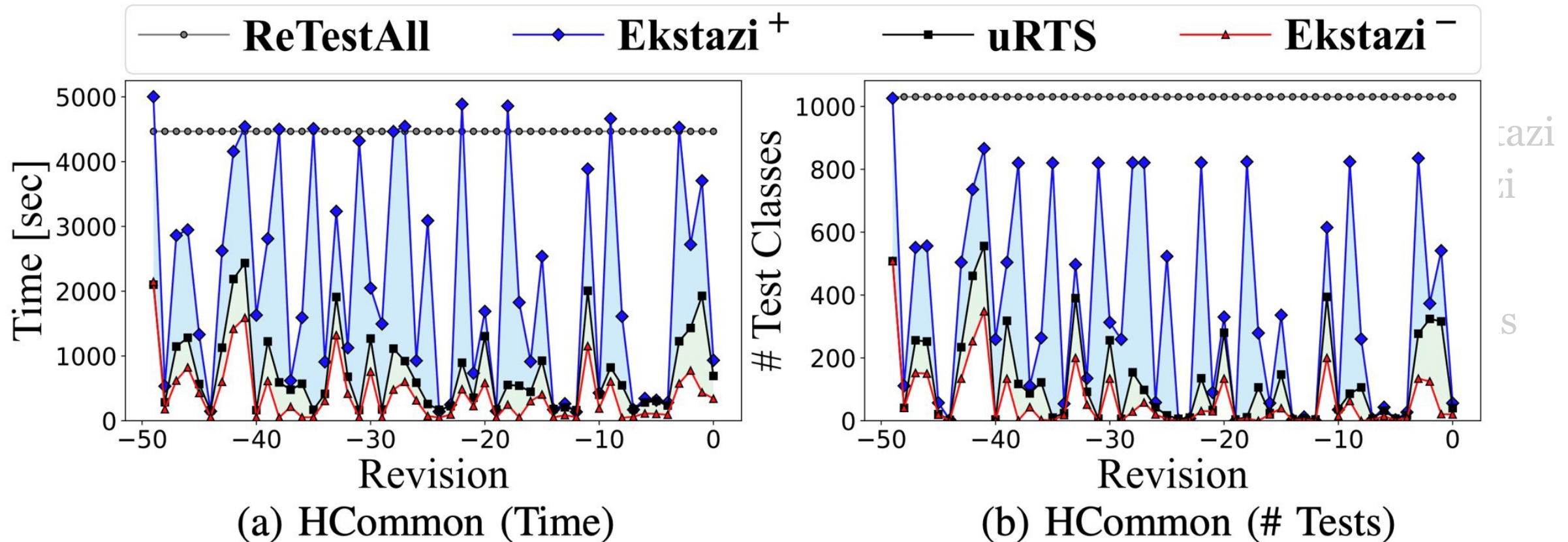
Main Results

- Evaluated uRTS with 5 popular large, widely used open-source projects, 250 code revisions and 100 config changes
- Can uRTS effectively reduce the test overhead?
 - Reduce end-to-end timing by **3.64X** and **1.87X** over ReTestAll and *safe*-Ekastazi
 - Reduce number of tests by **8.92X** and **2.29X** over ReTestAll and *safe*-Ekastazi
- What is the overhead of URT with uRTS?
 - Take **1.93X** on end-to-end timing over *unsafe*-Ekastazi on three configurations



Main Results

- Evaluated uRTS with 5 popular large, widely used open-source projects,





Conclusion

- **Concept: Unified Regression Testing (URT)** for checking both code and configuration changes
- **Algorithm: Unified Regression Test Selection (uRTS)** for speeding up URT, with the same safety guarantee
- **Implementation:** Implemented on top of Ekstazi and OpenCtest
- **Evaluation** with five large software projects
 - Hundreds of code revisions and dozens of configuration files
 - Largest RTS experiments performed on open-source projects
- **Data/code release:** <https://github.com/xlab-uiuc/uRTS-ae>