

# Portfolio

## Finding Relevant Functions and their Usages

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# Virtues of Programmers:

- Laziness
- Impatience
- Hubris

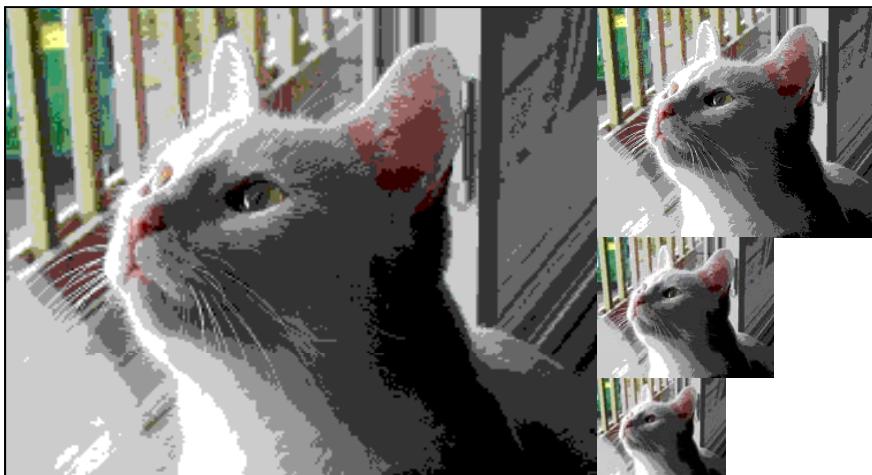
Larry Wall,

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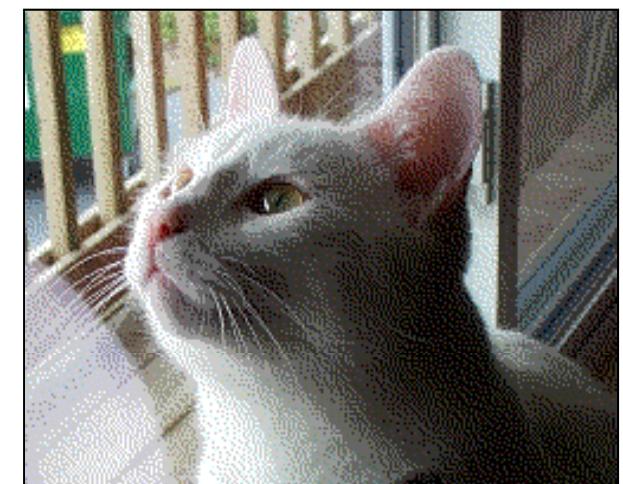


# Example Programming Task

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Mip Maps



Dithering

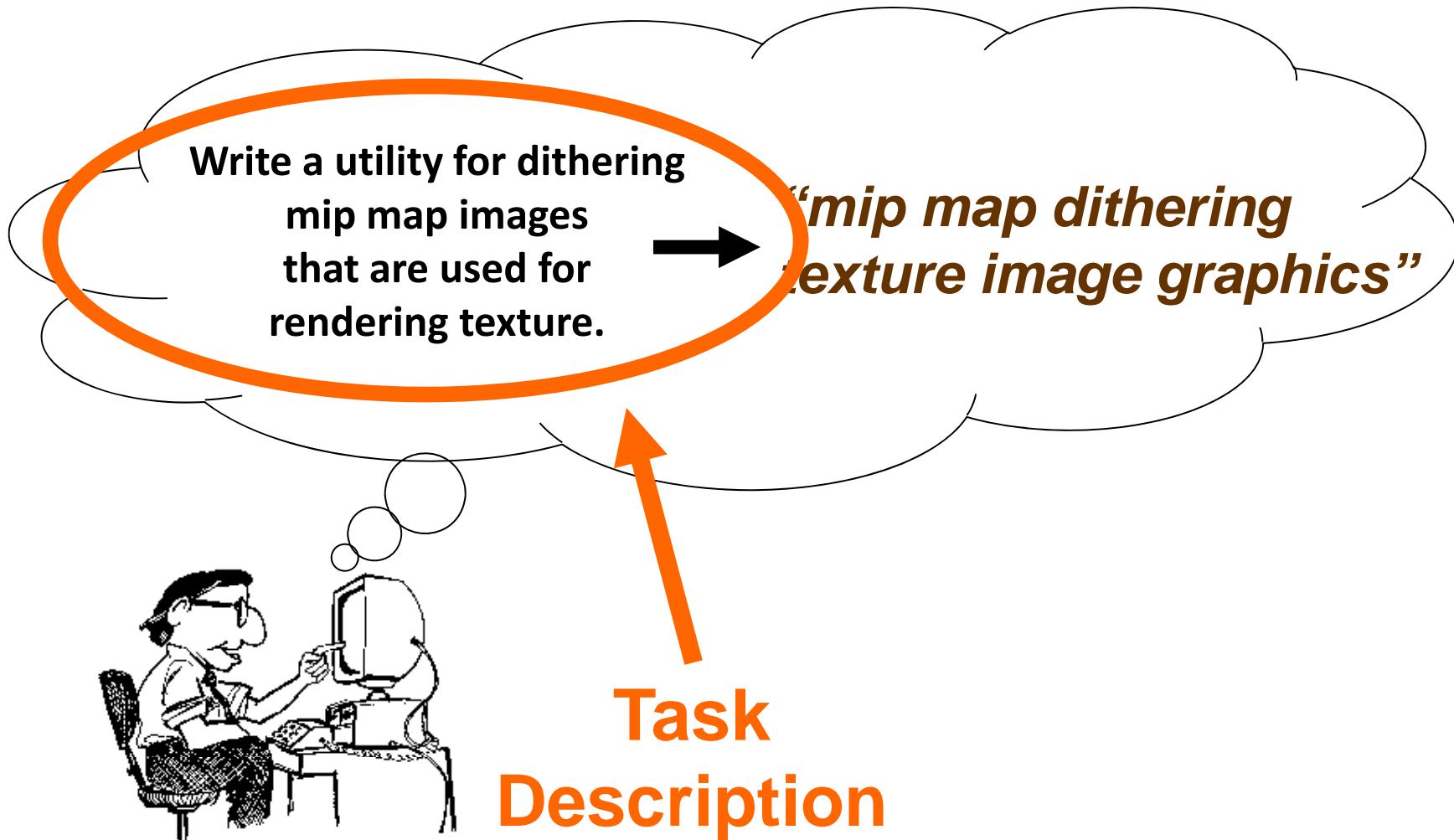
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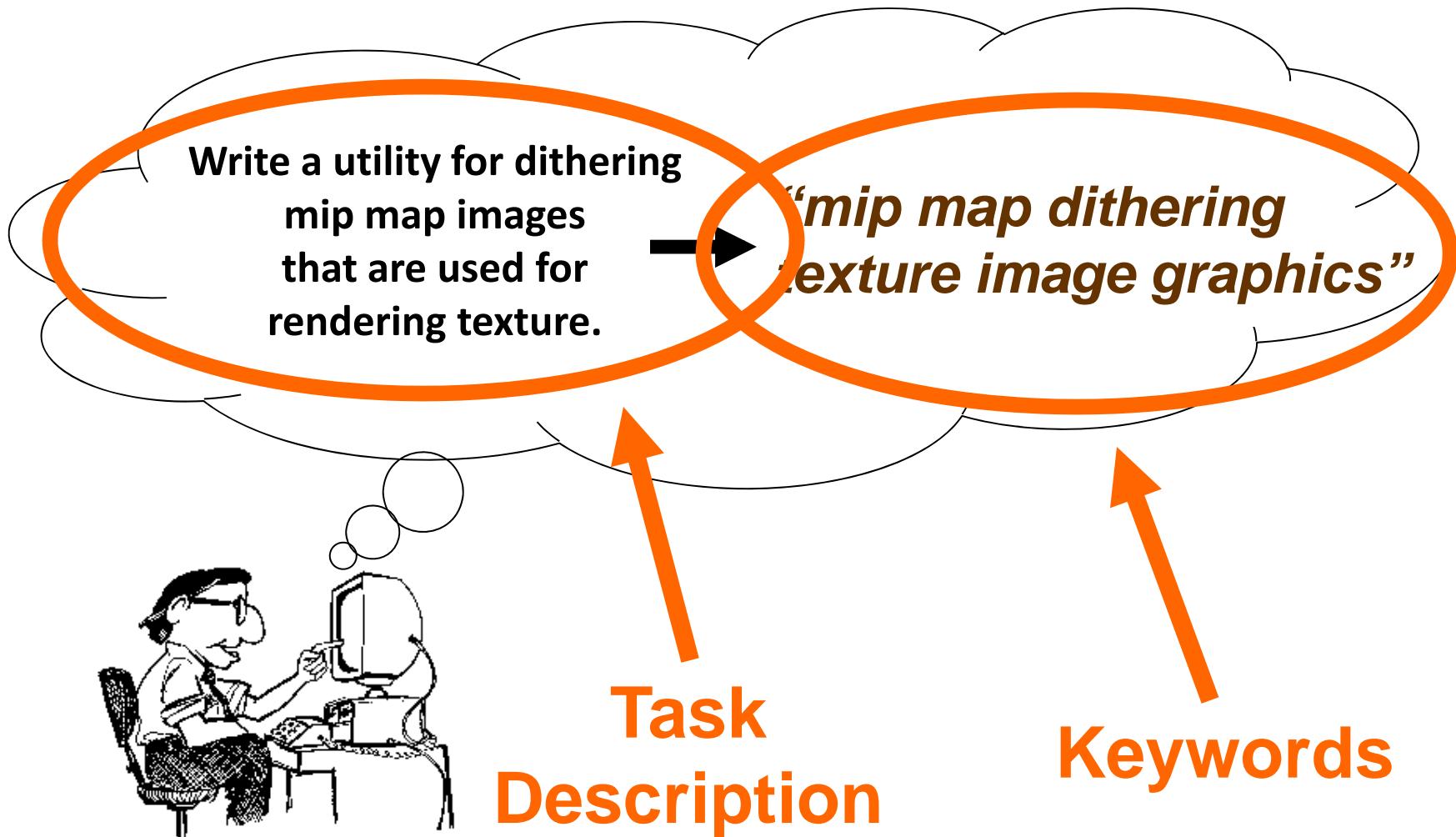
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# Example Source Code Search Engine

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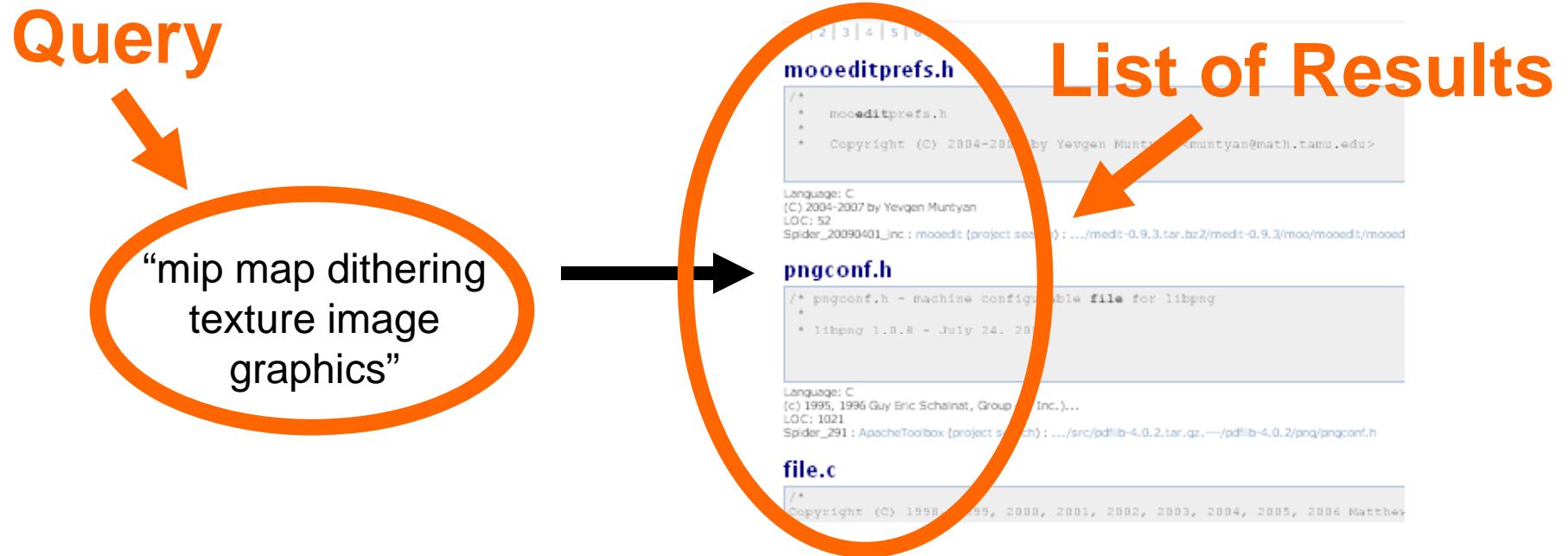
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***How Could This Happen?***

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**Keywords in Comments**

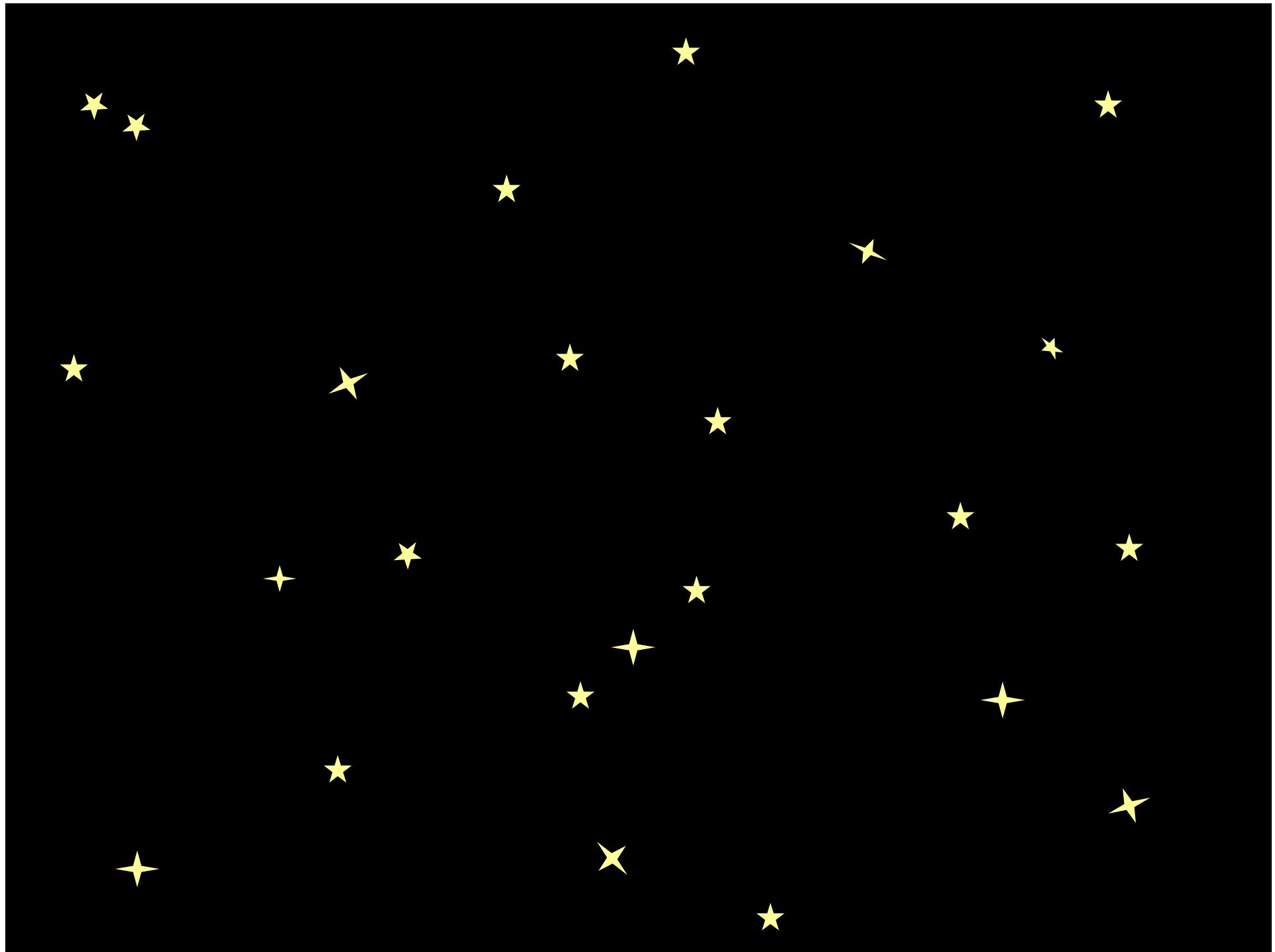
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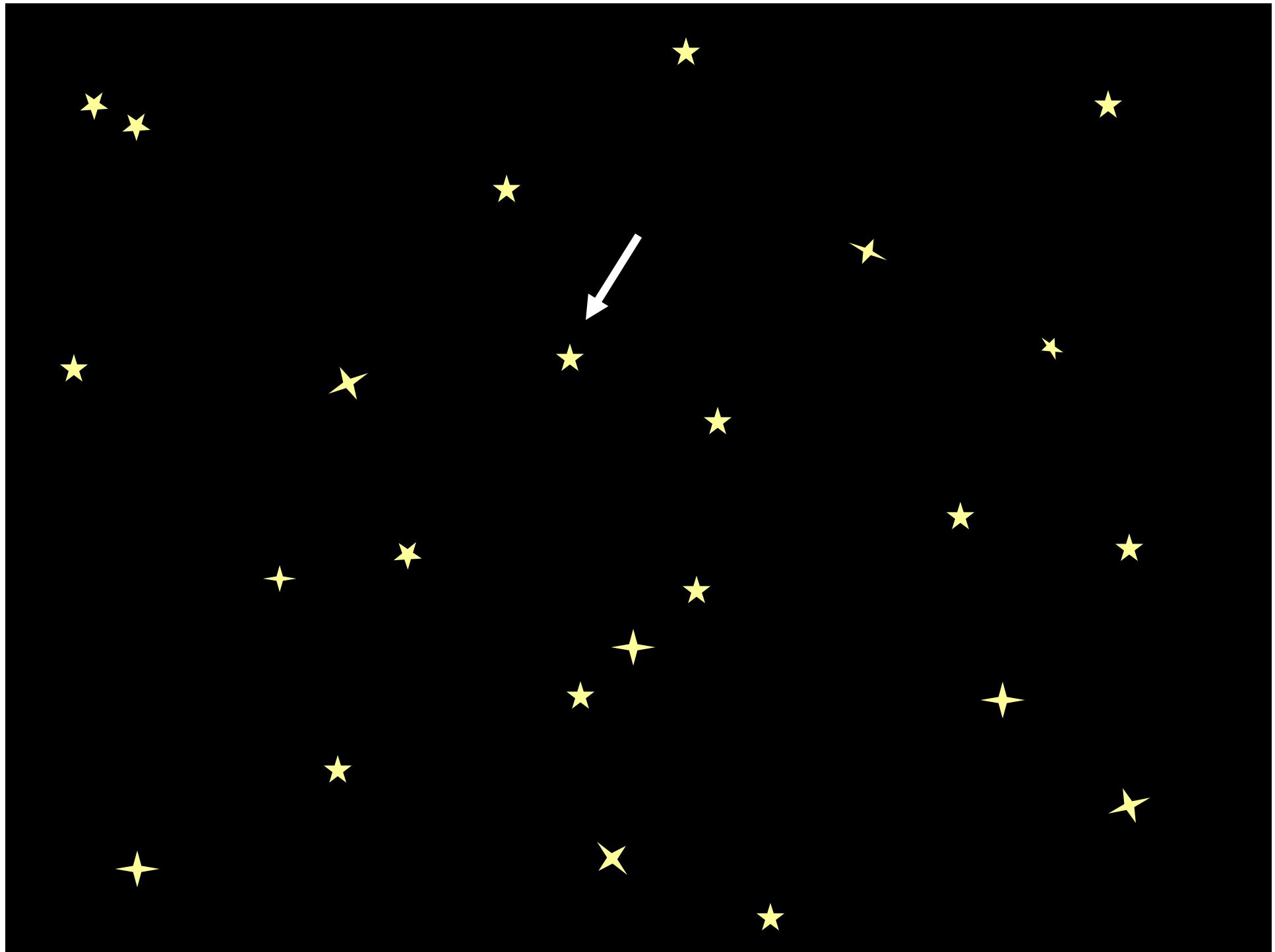
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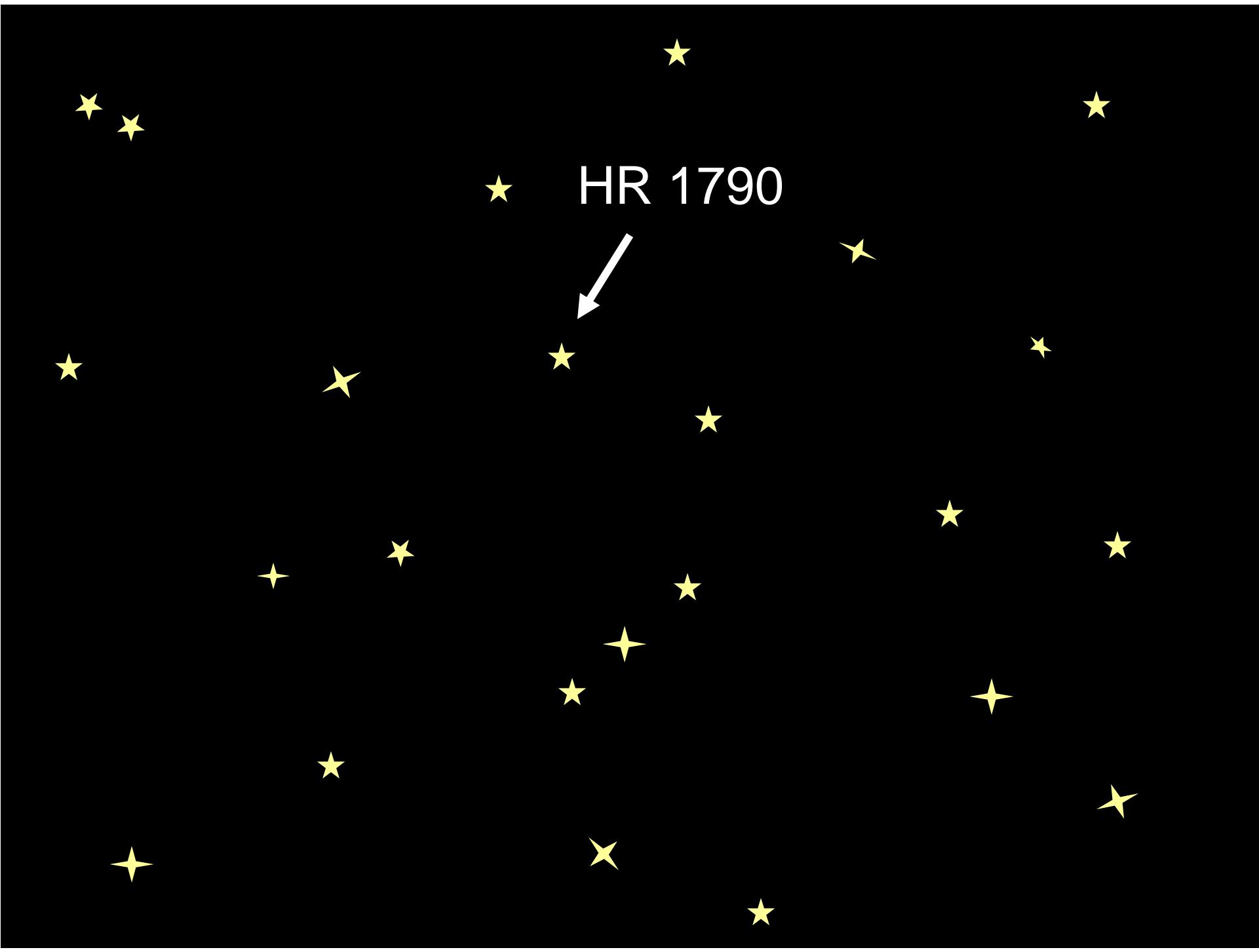
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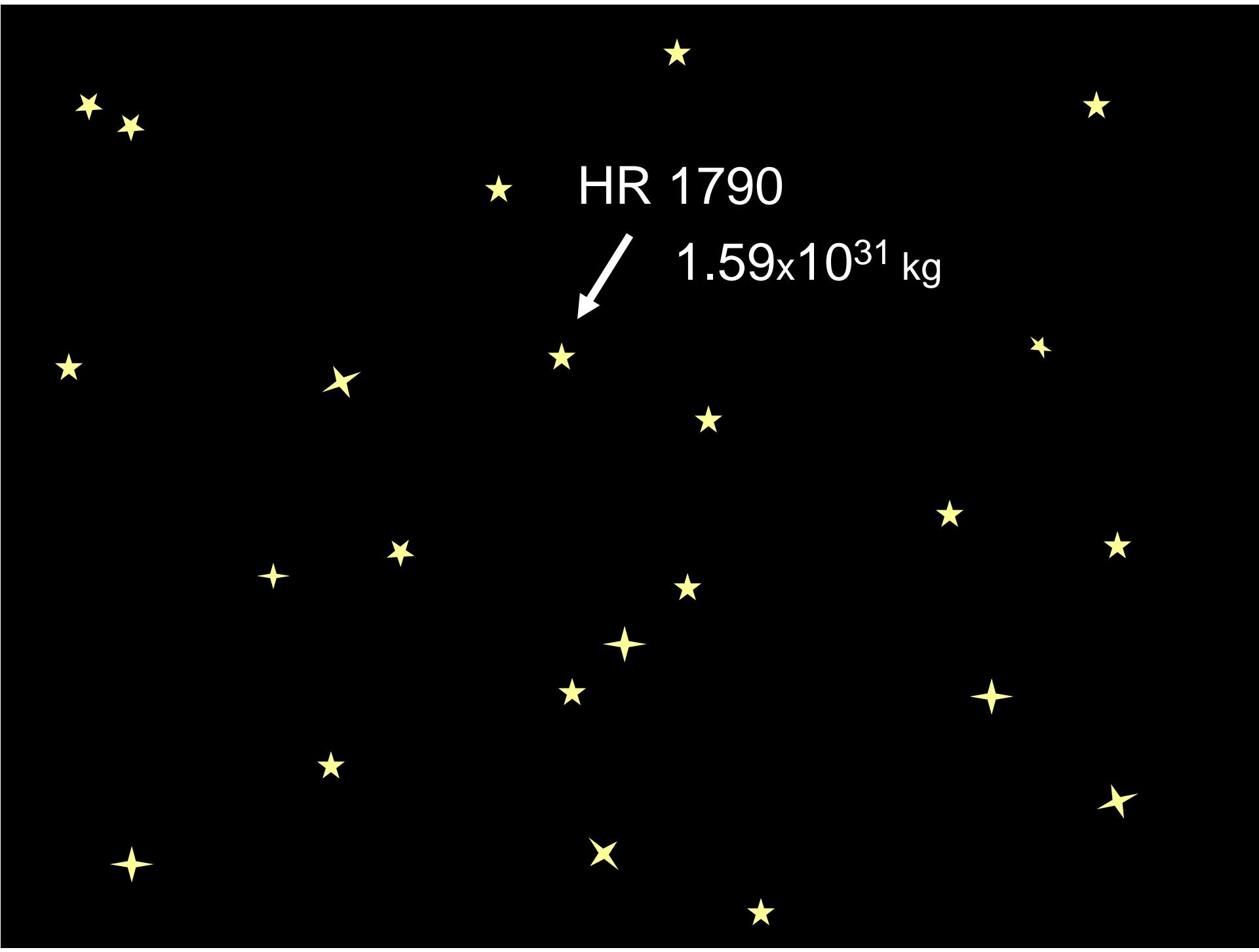






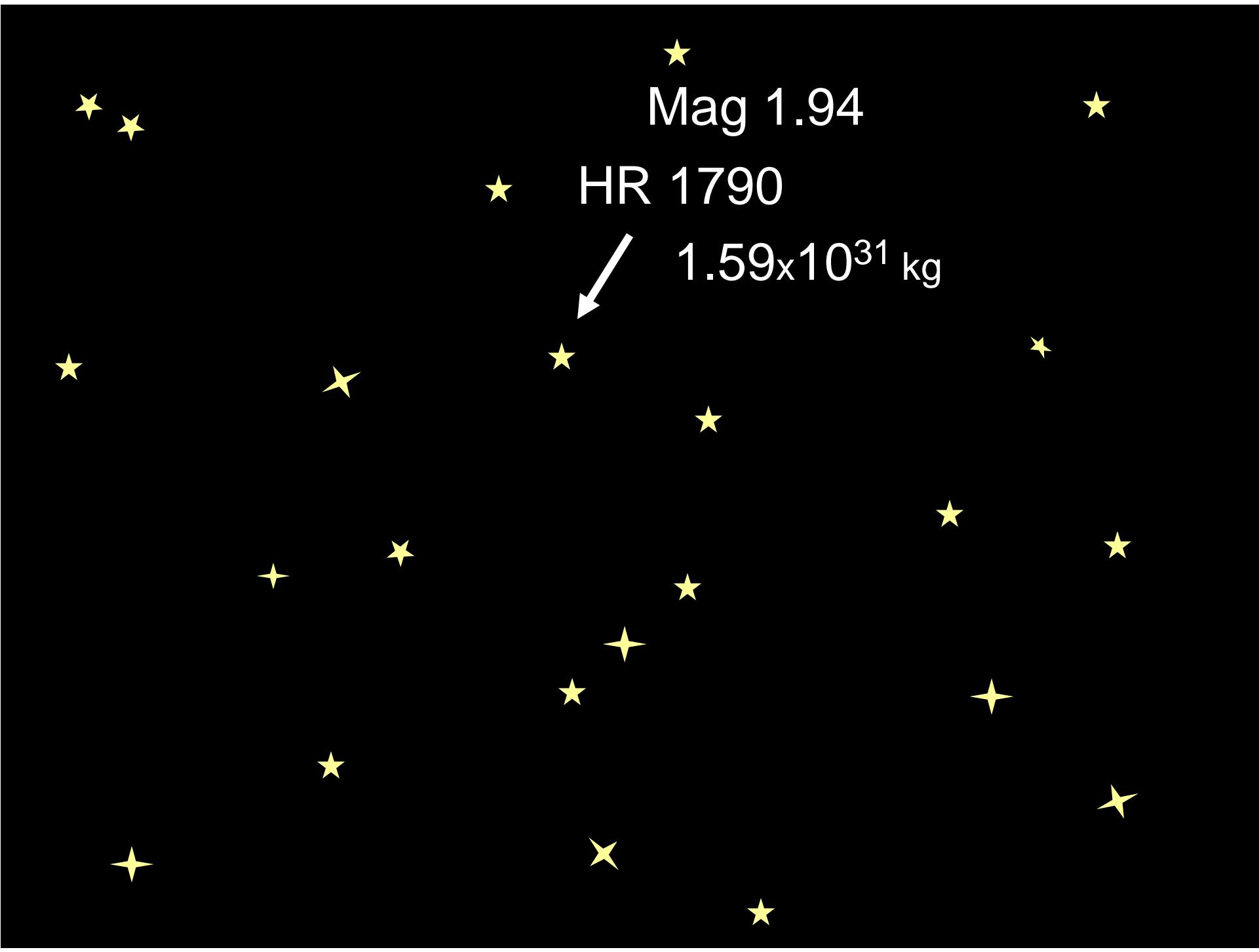
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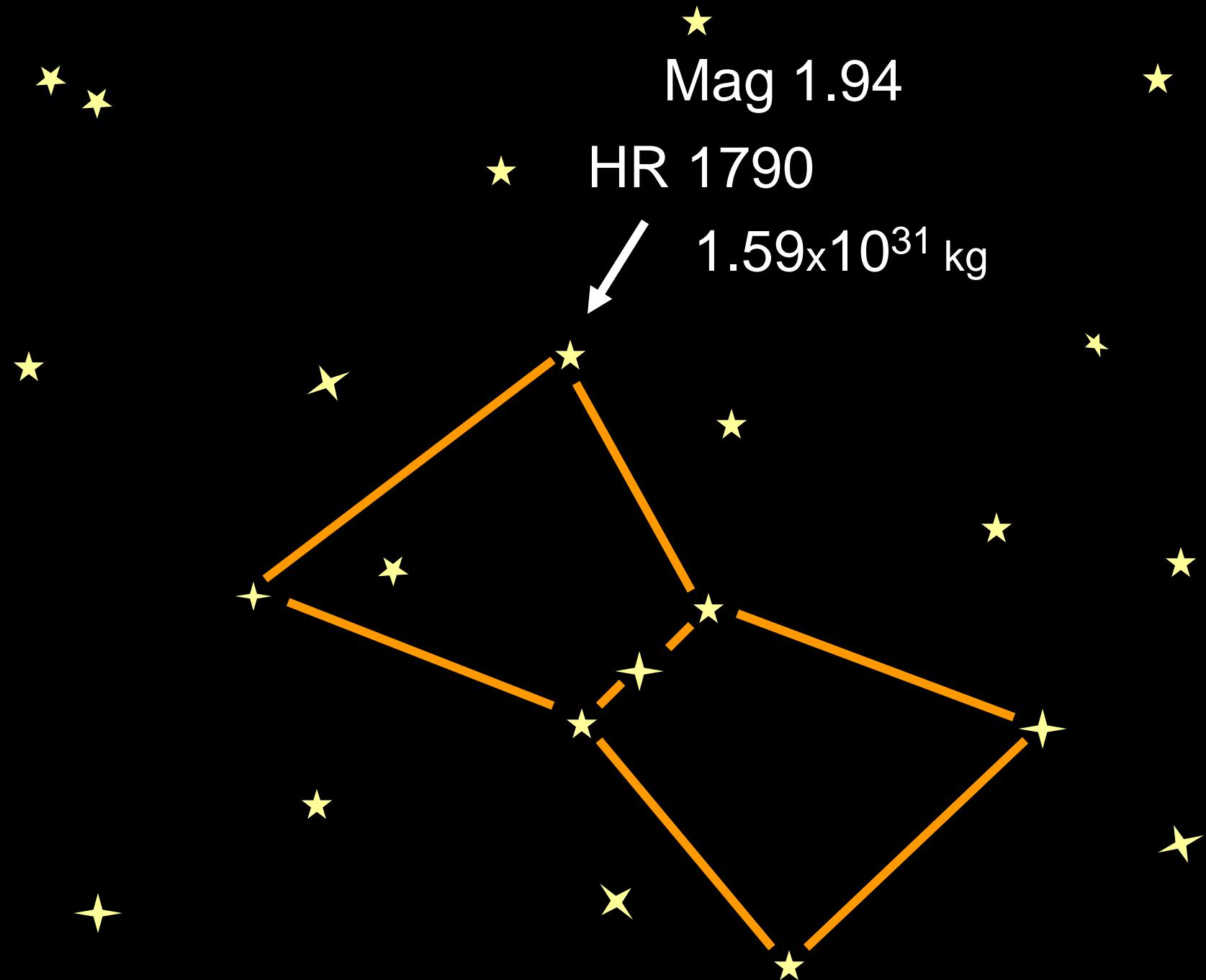
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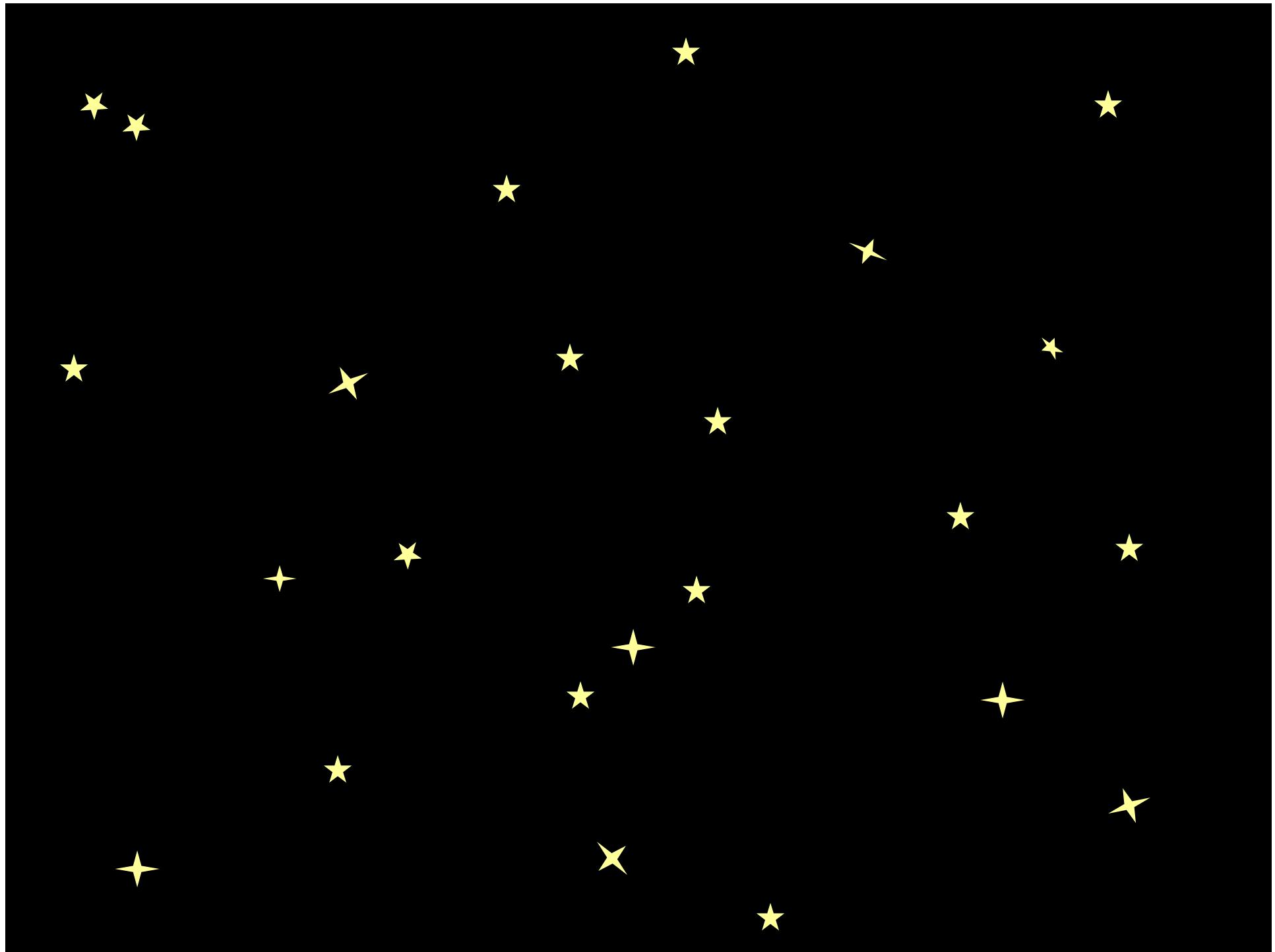


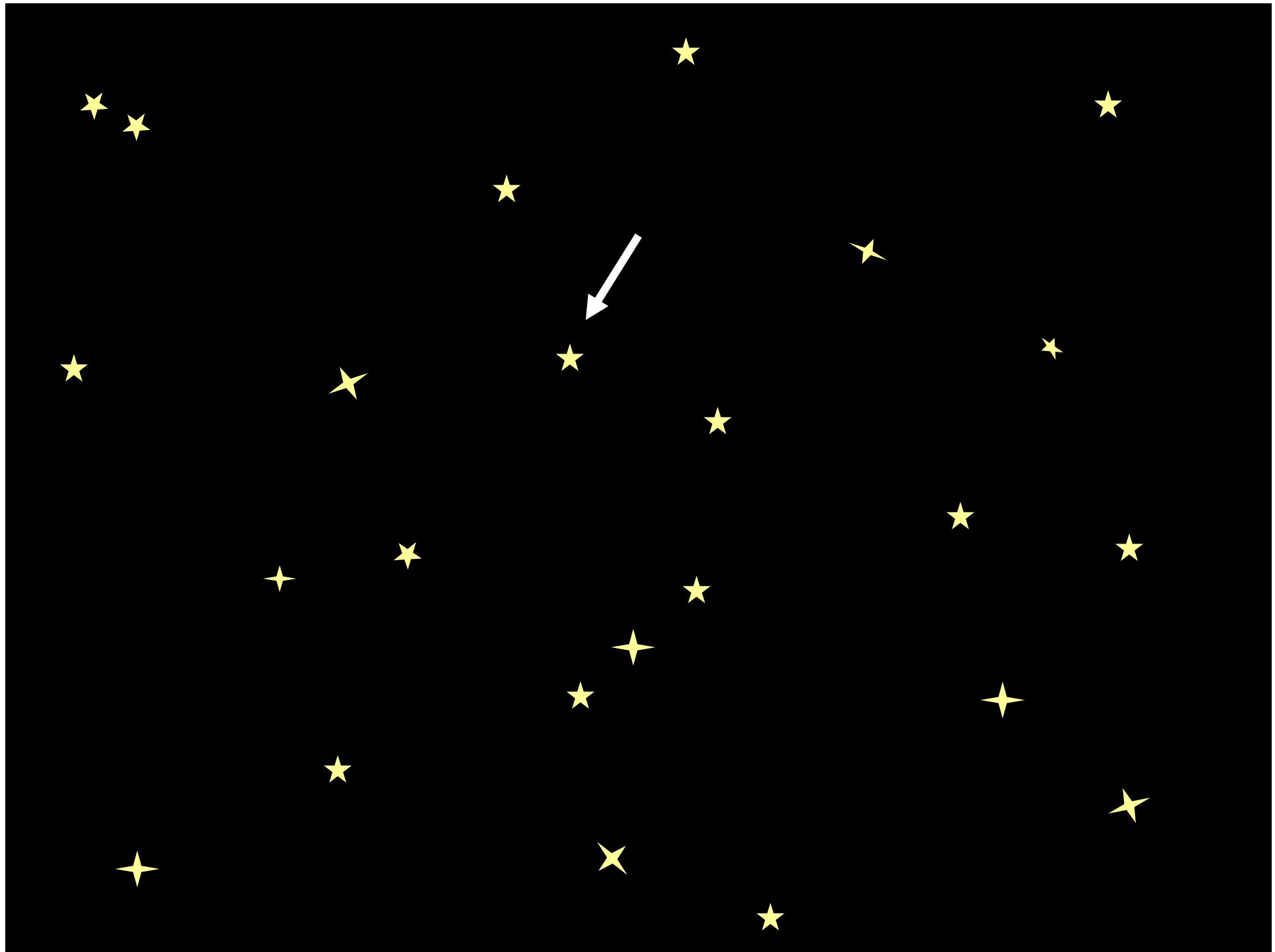
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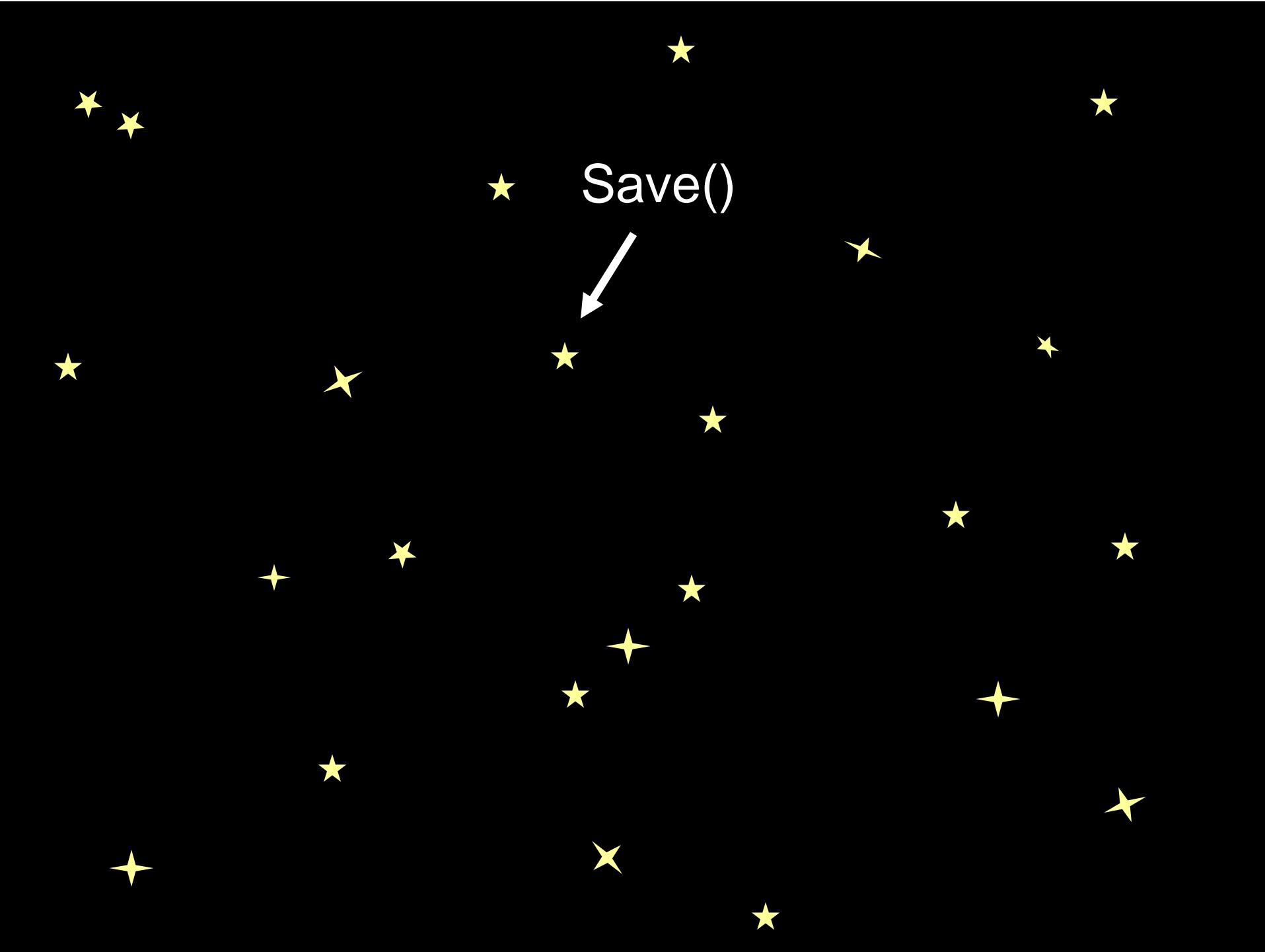
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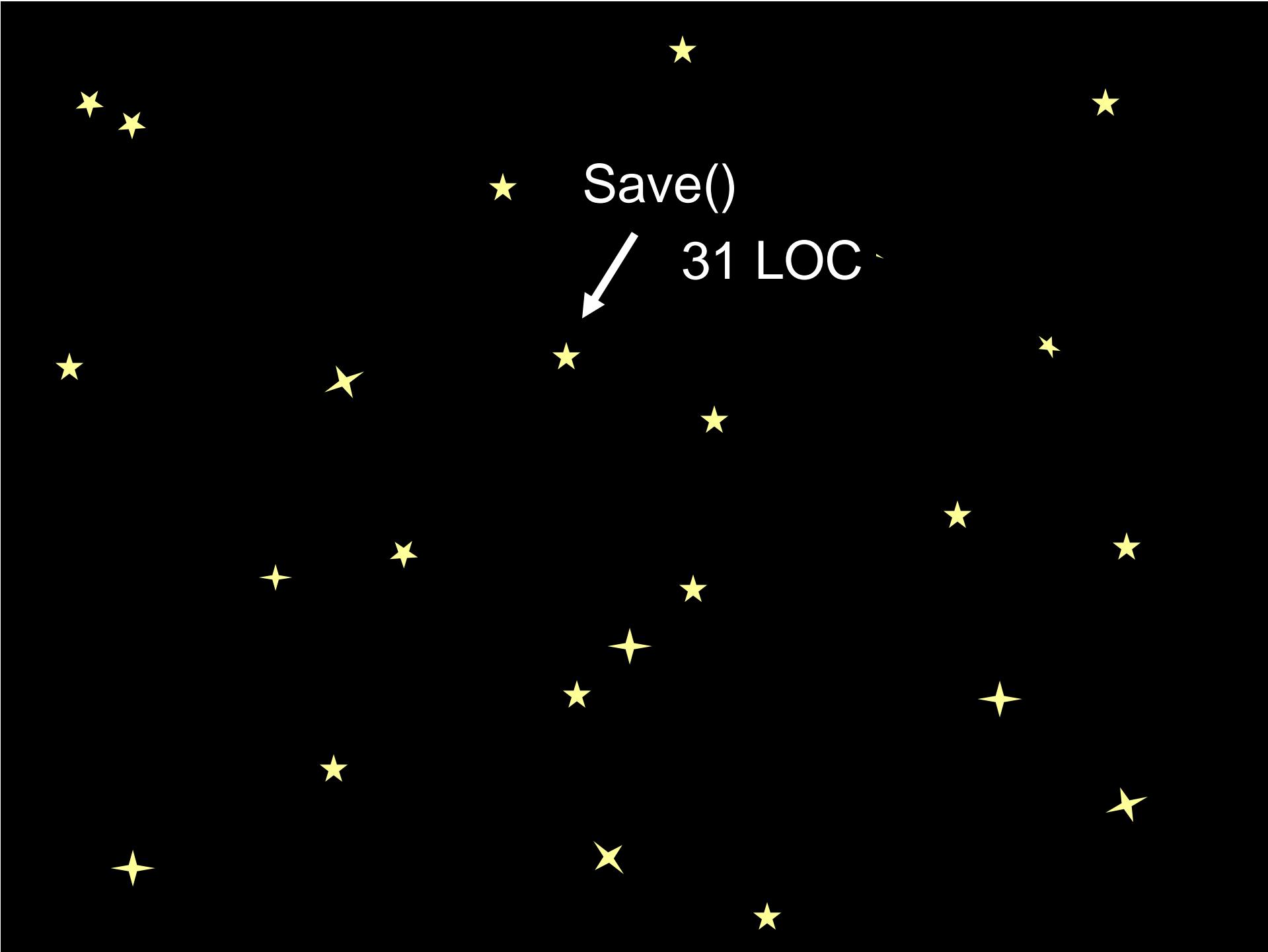






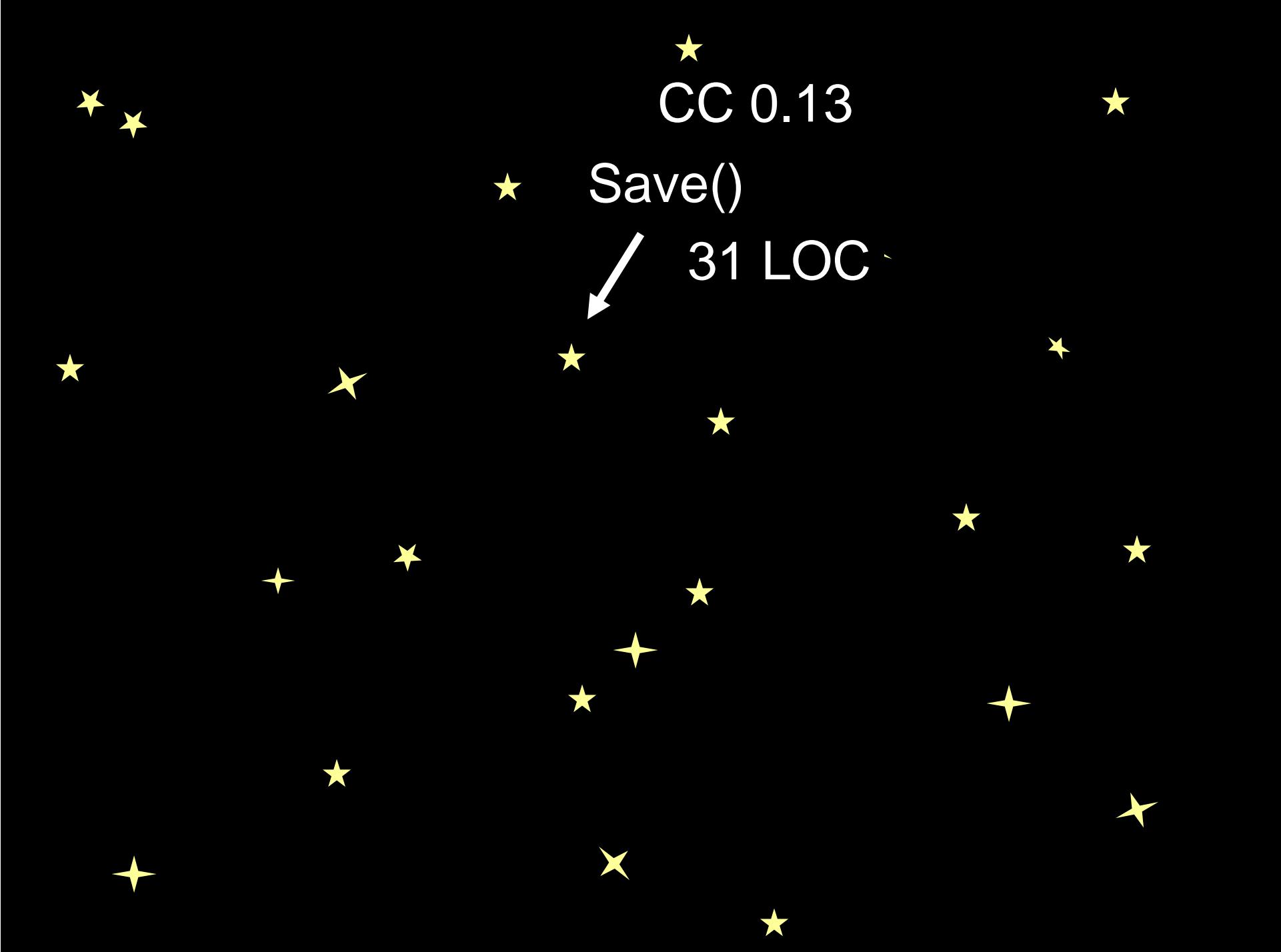
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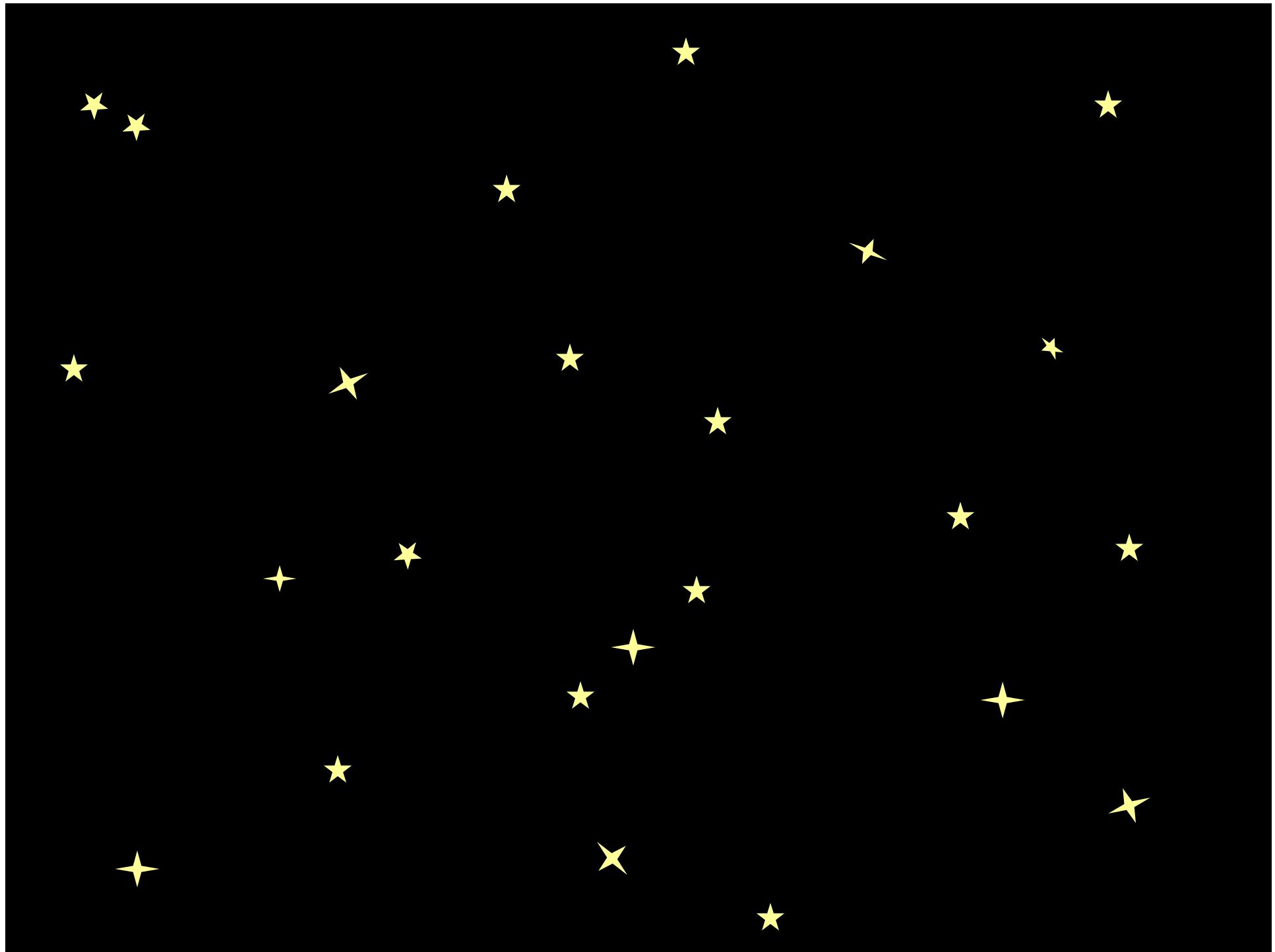
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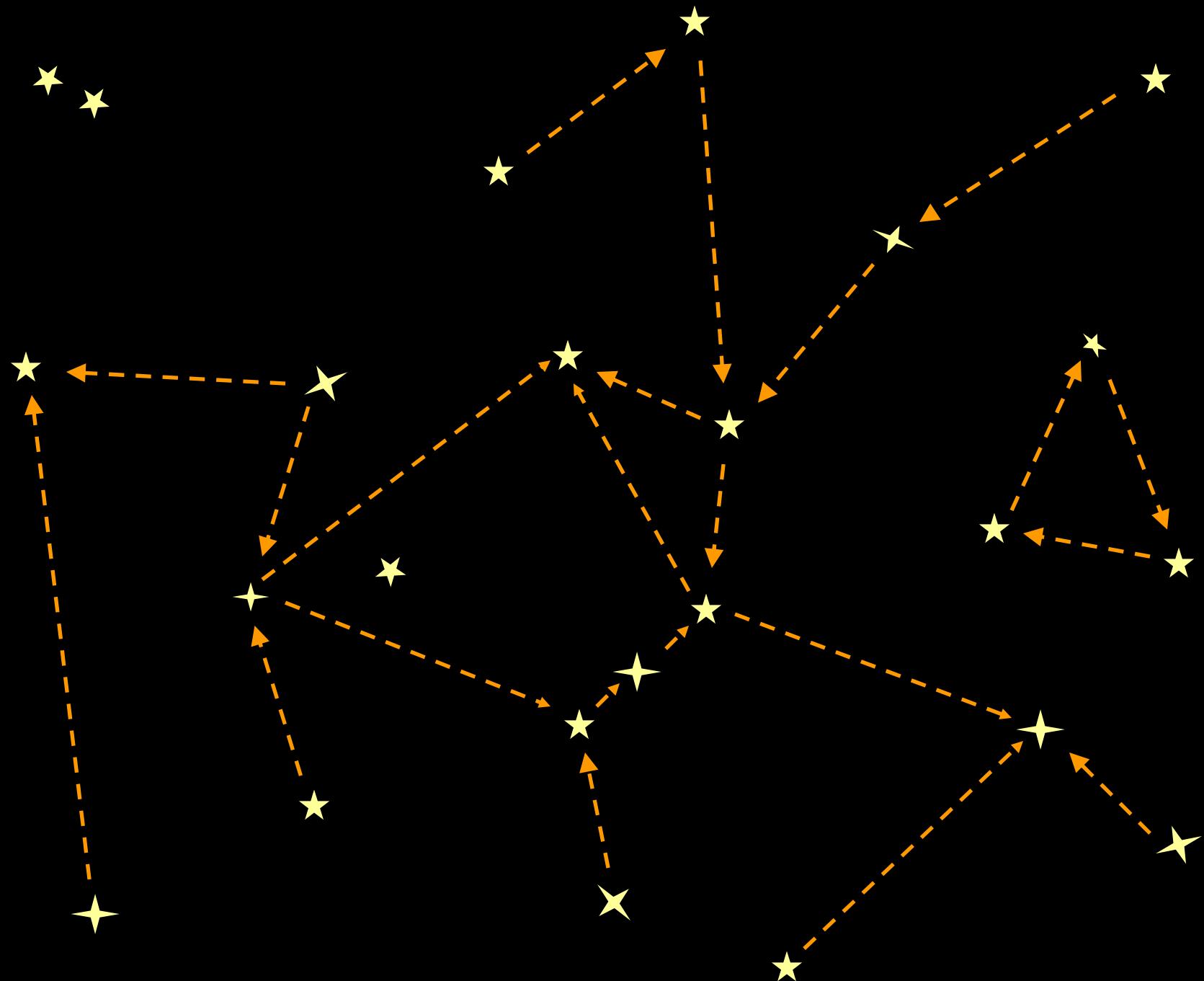


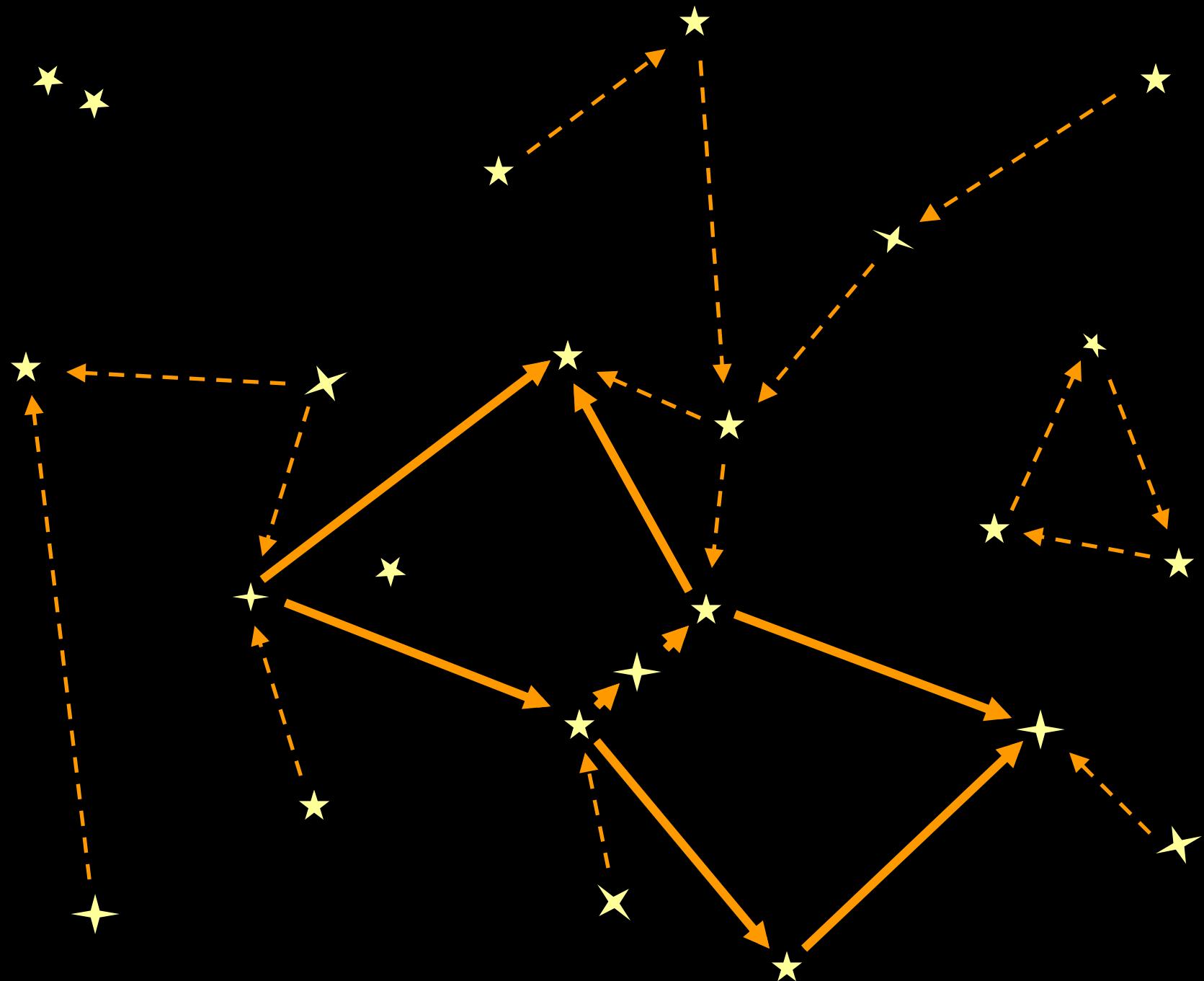
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# Our Search Engine: Portfolio

Our Contribution, Two Search Models:

- 1) Navigation Model for Software
- 2) Association Model for Software

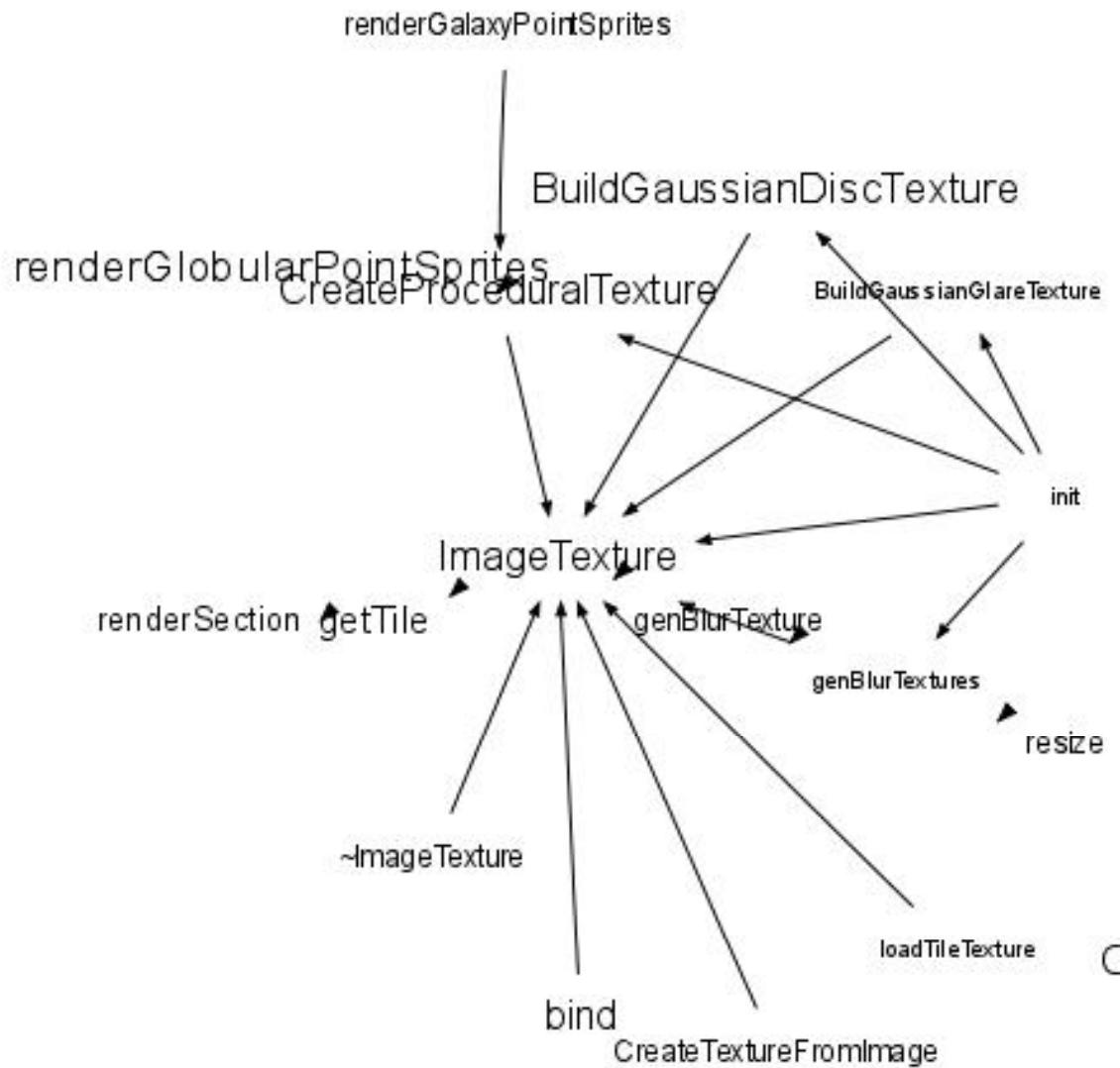
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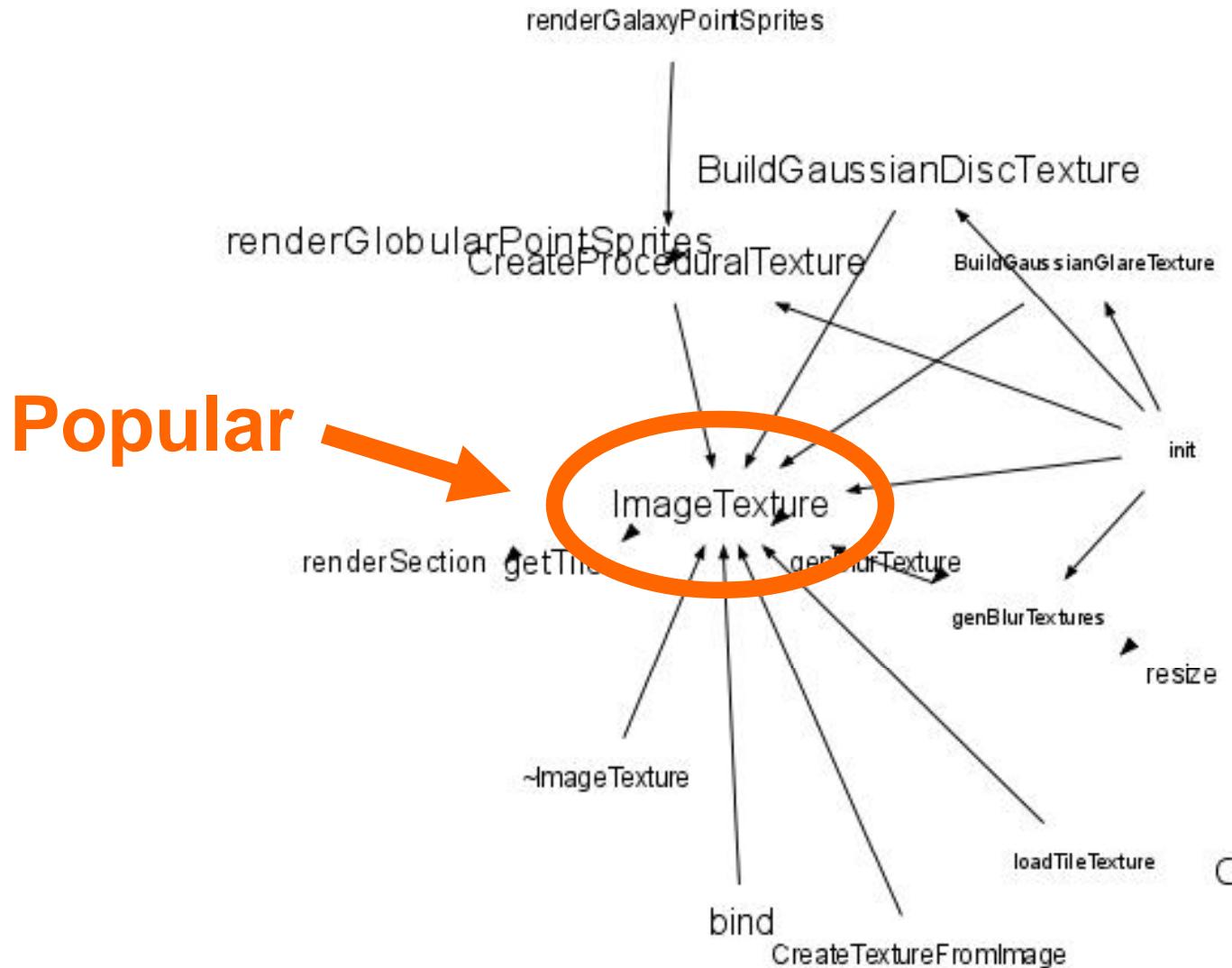
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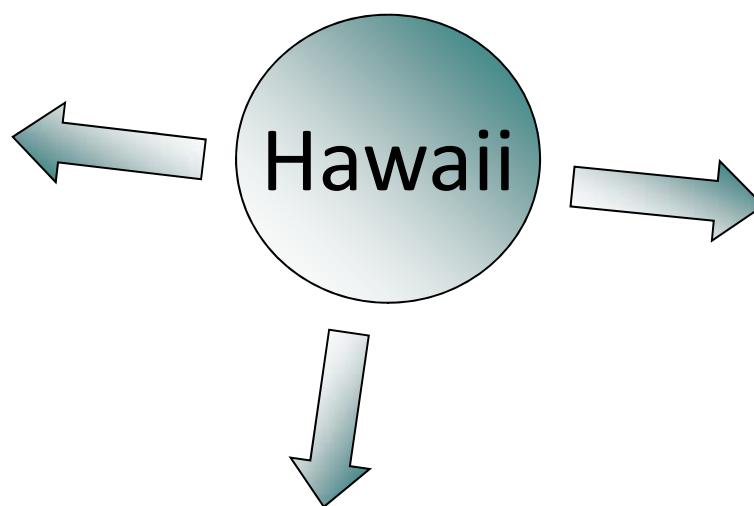
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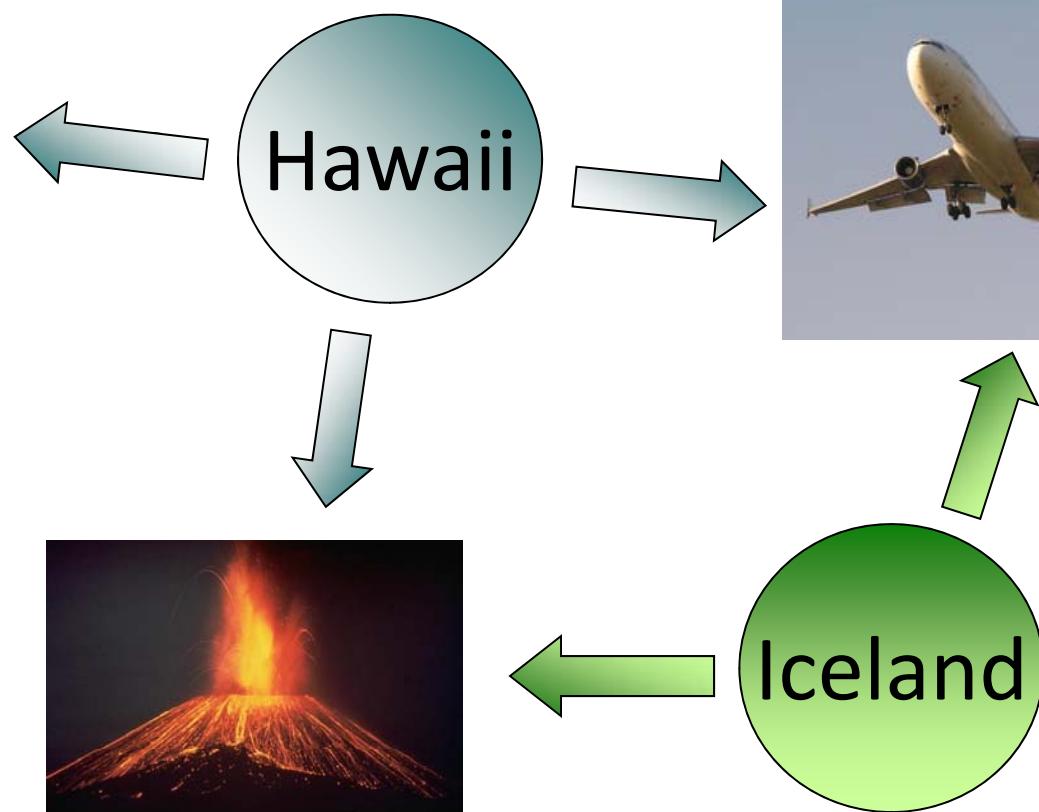
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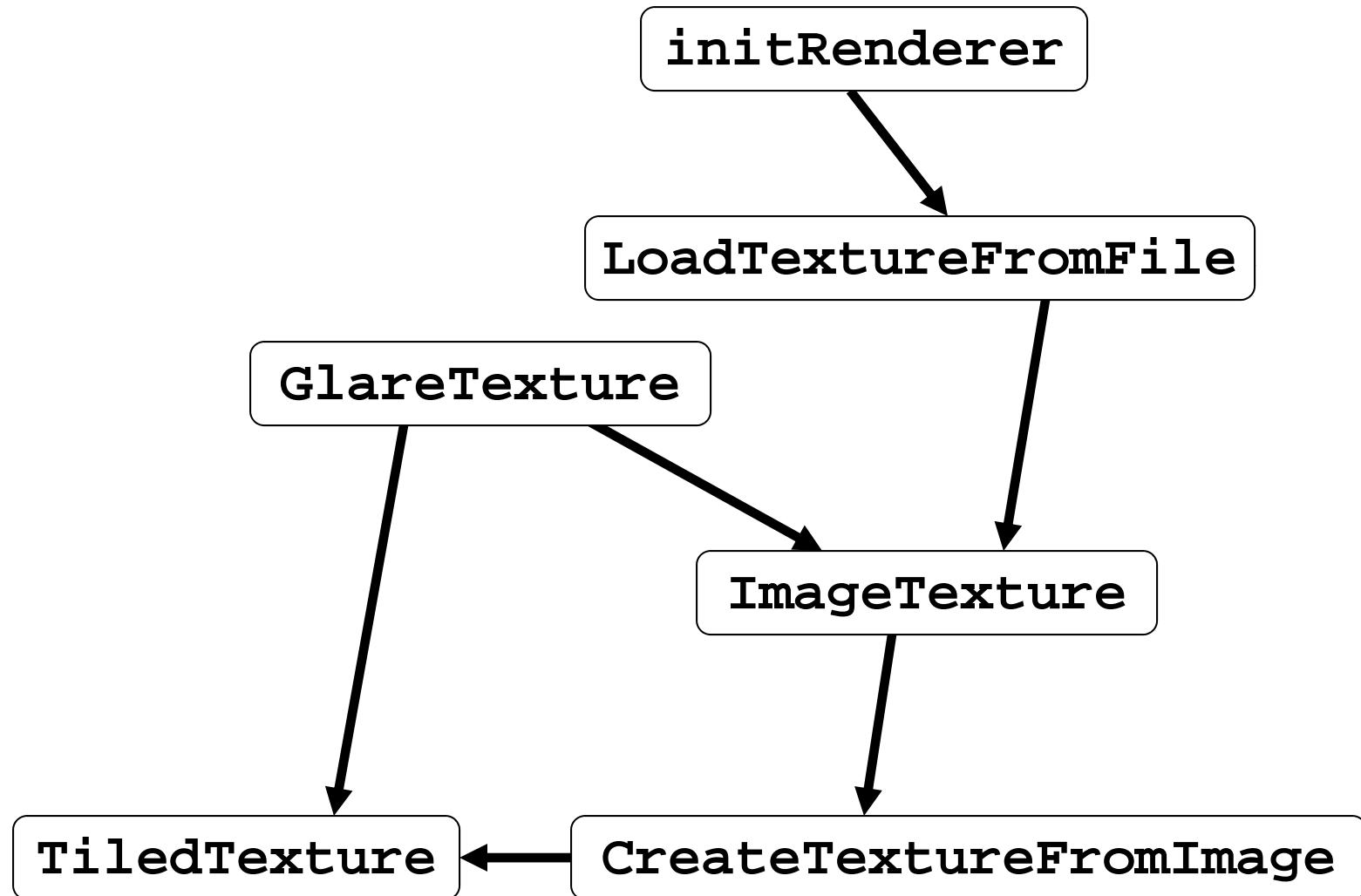
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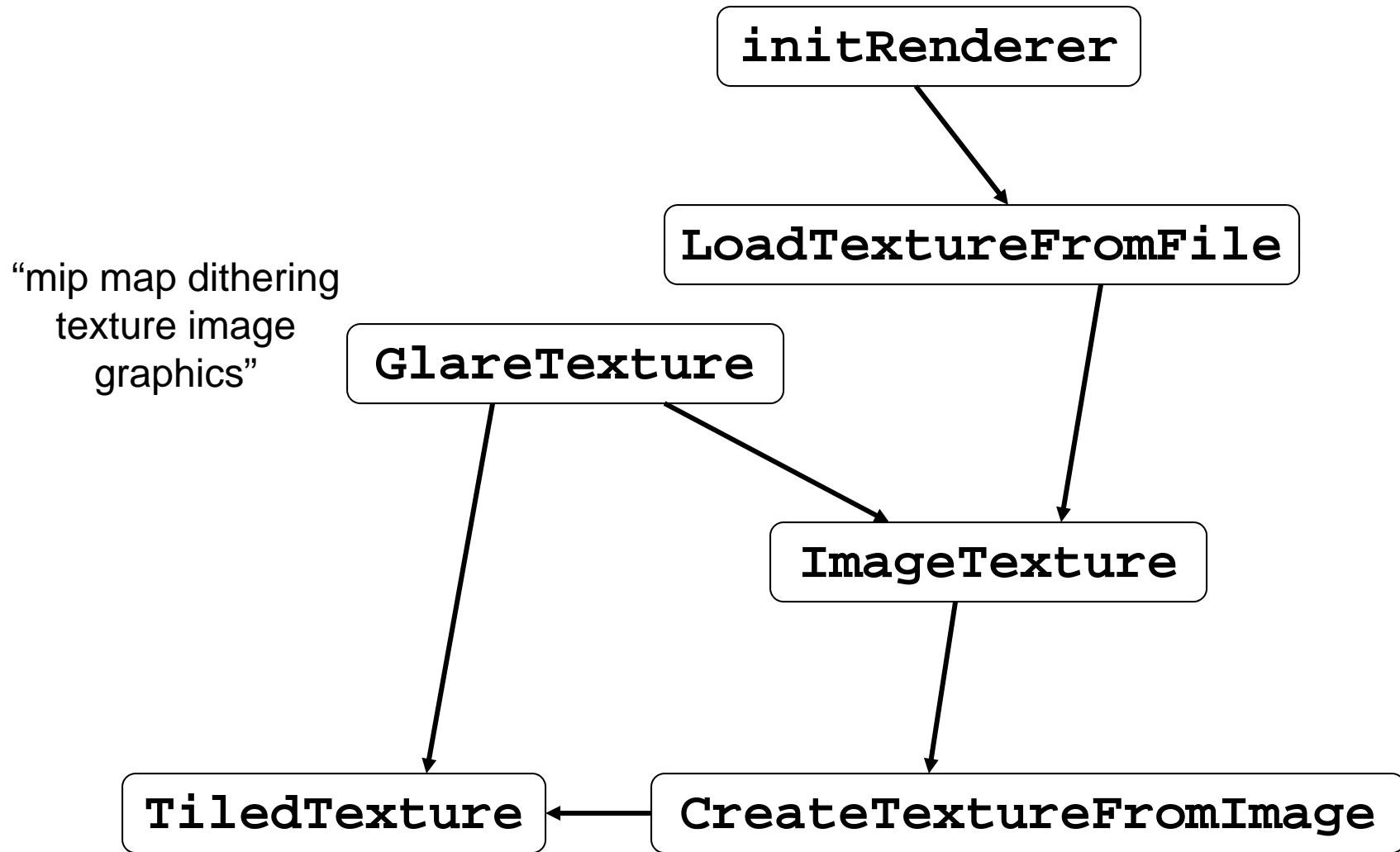
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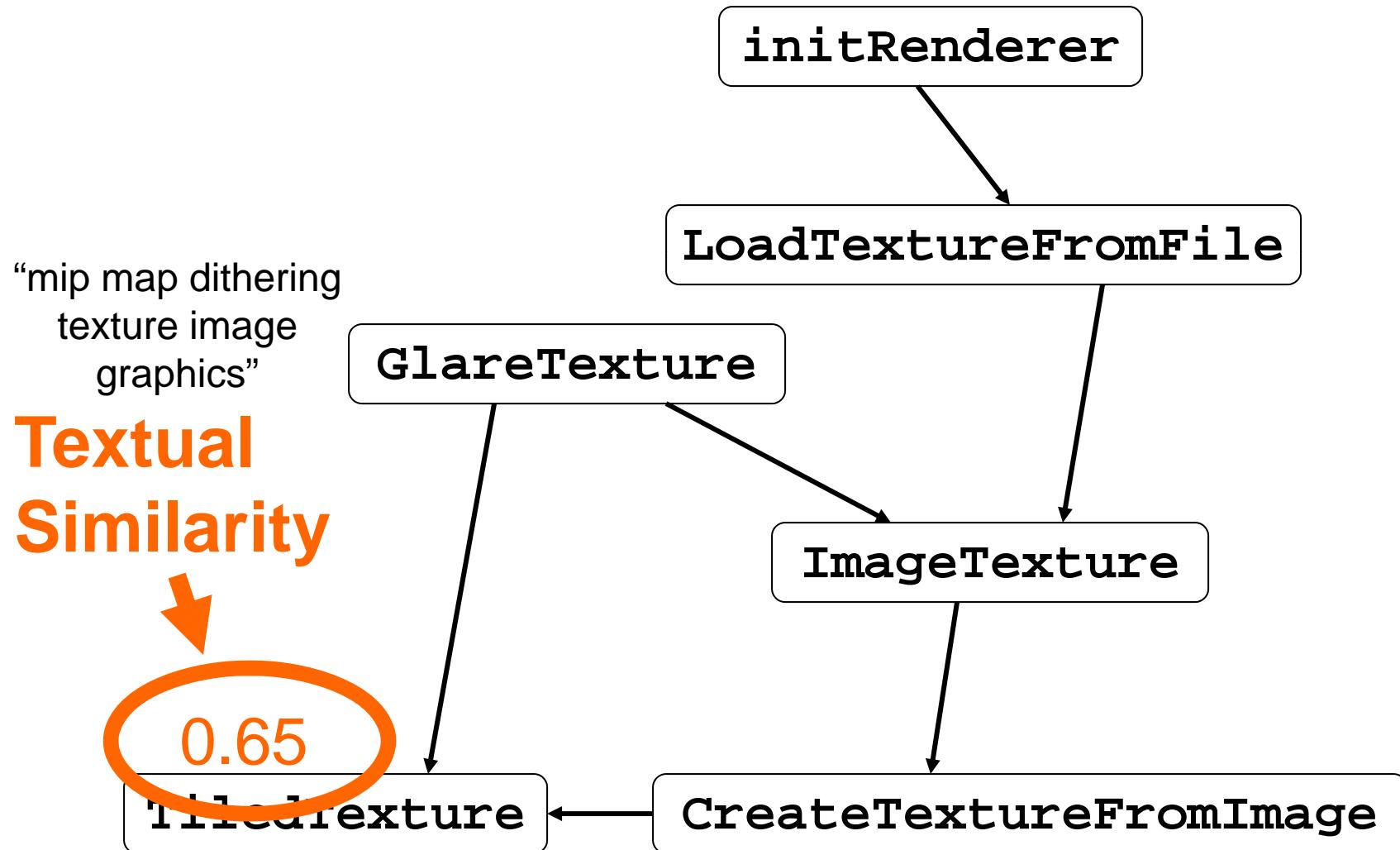
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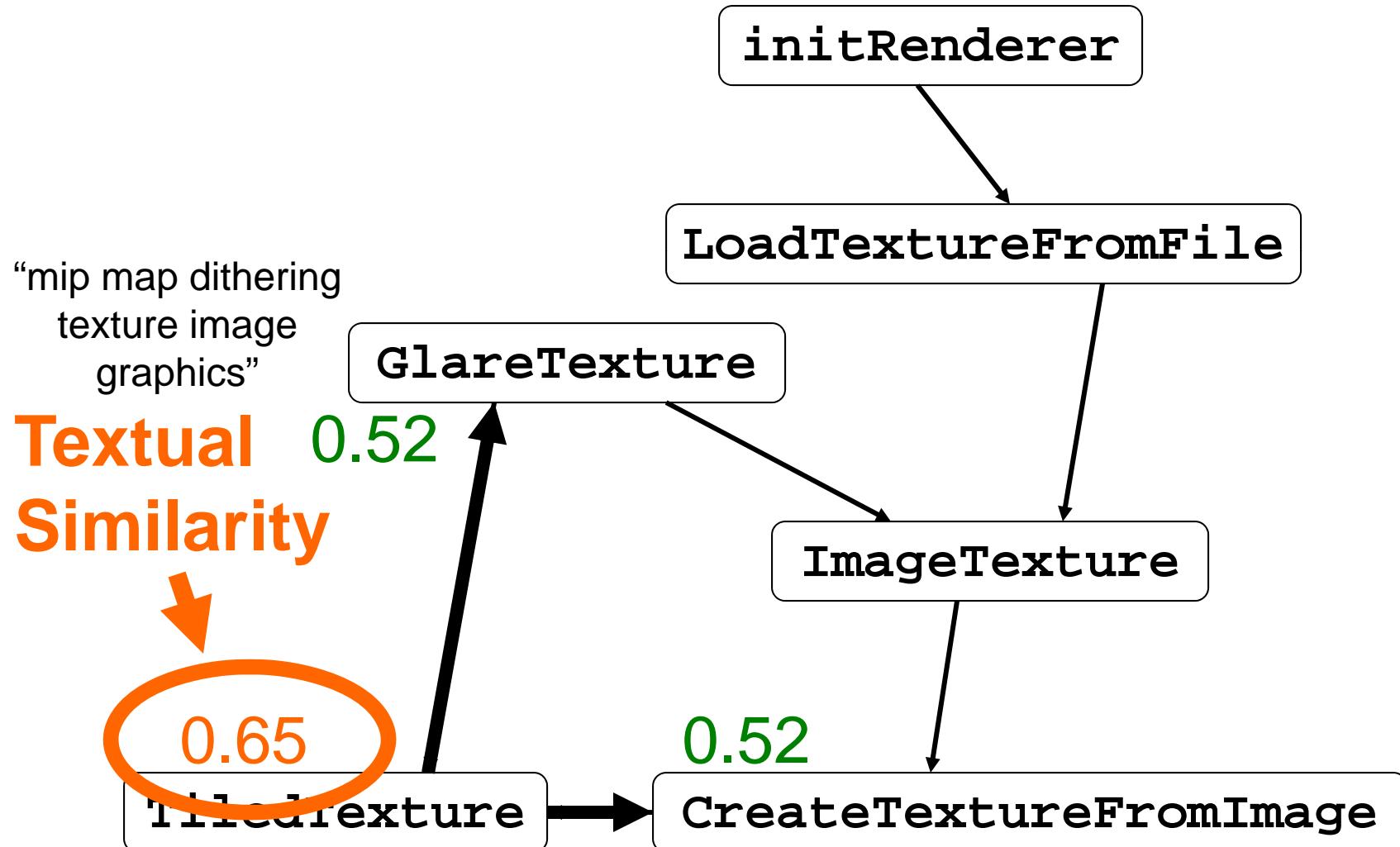
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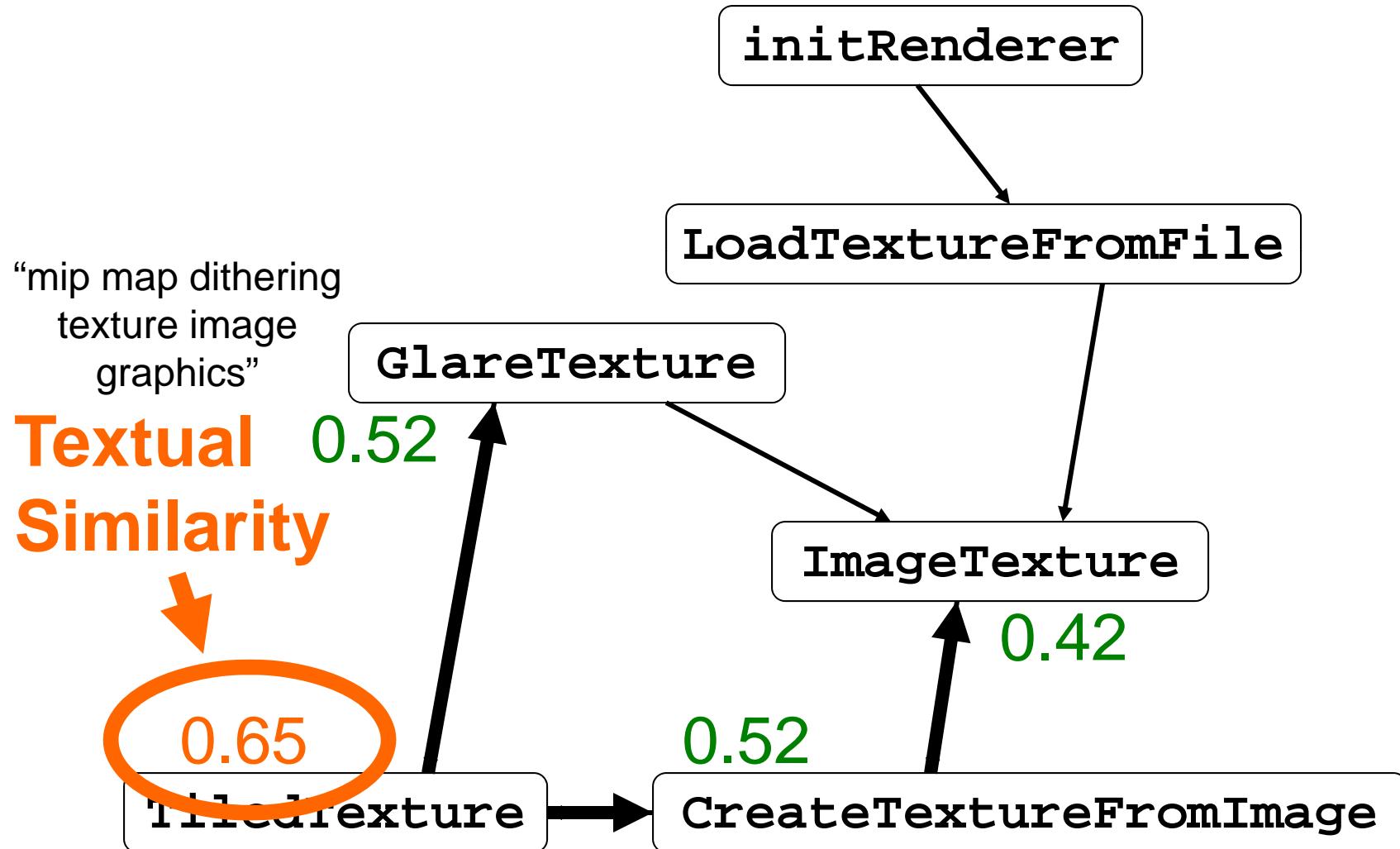
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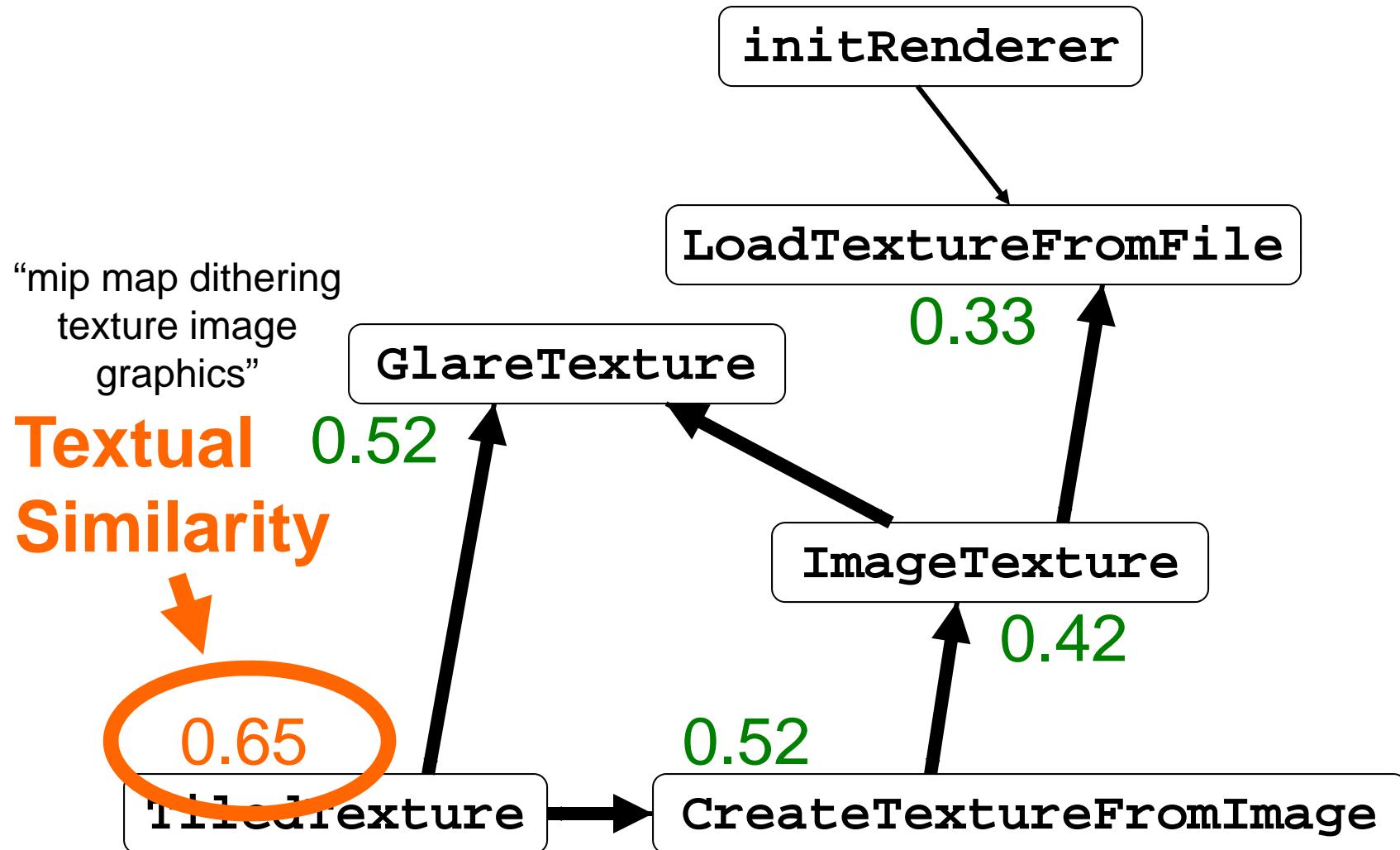
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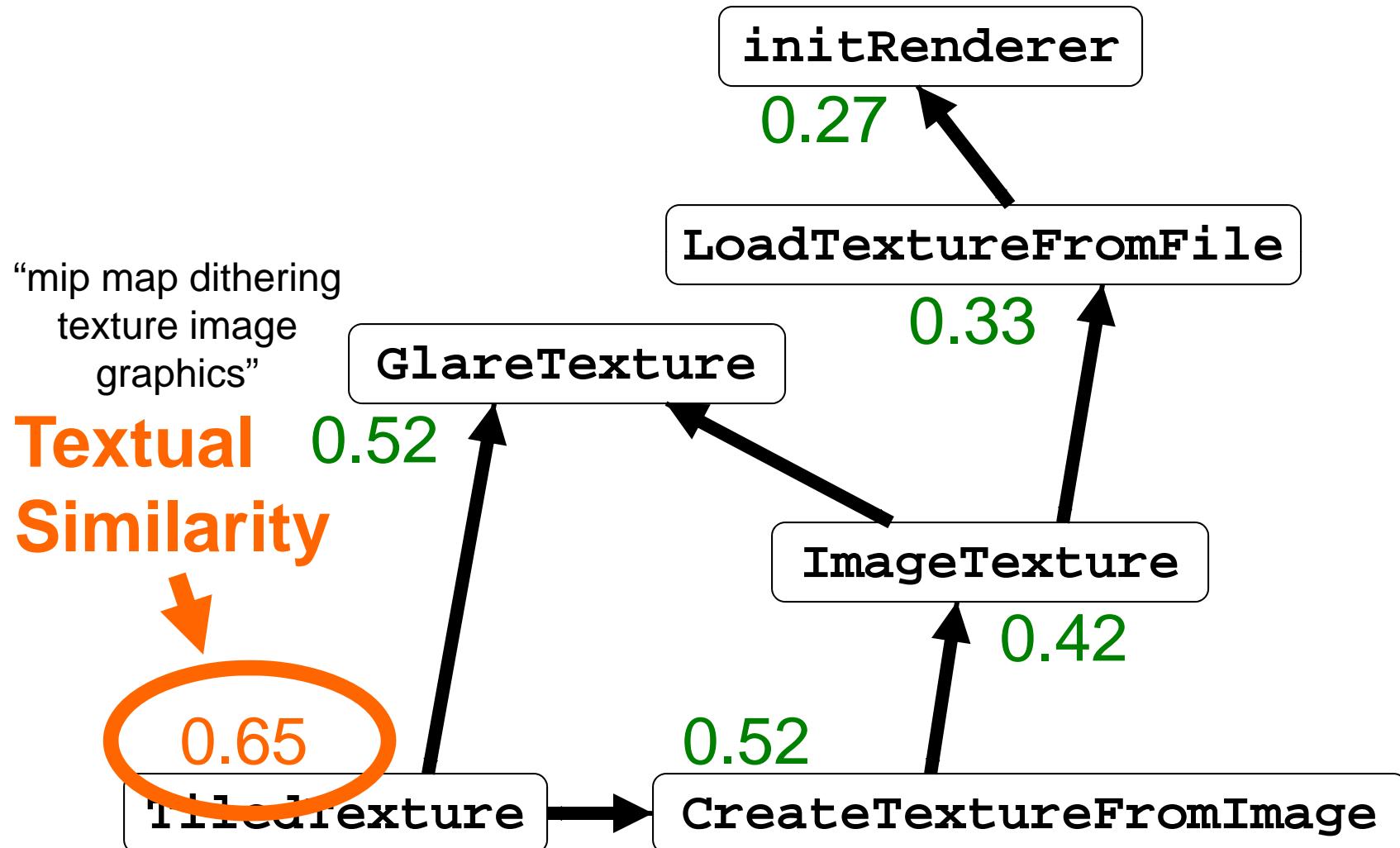
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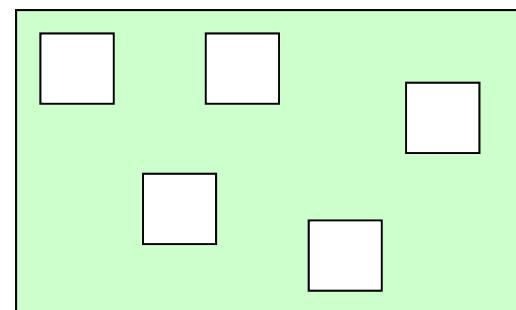
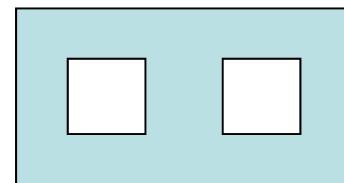
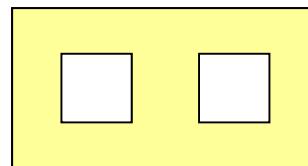


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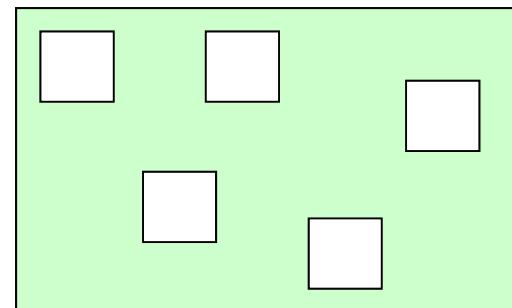
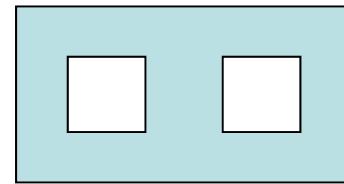
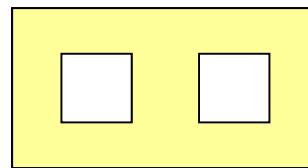
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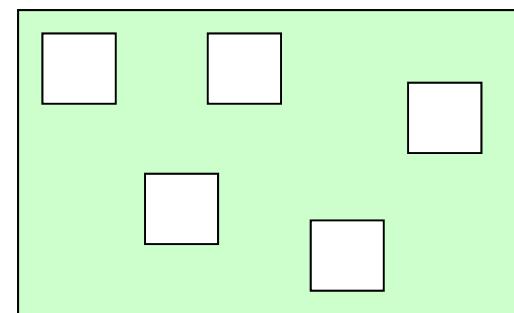
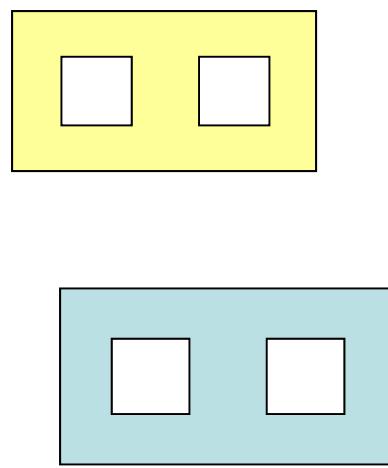
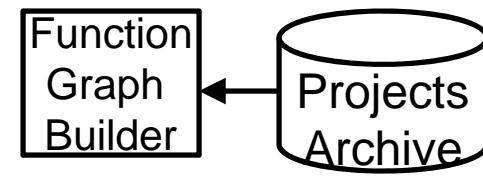


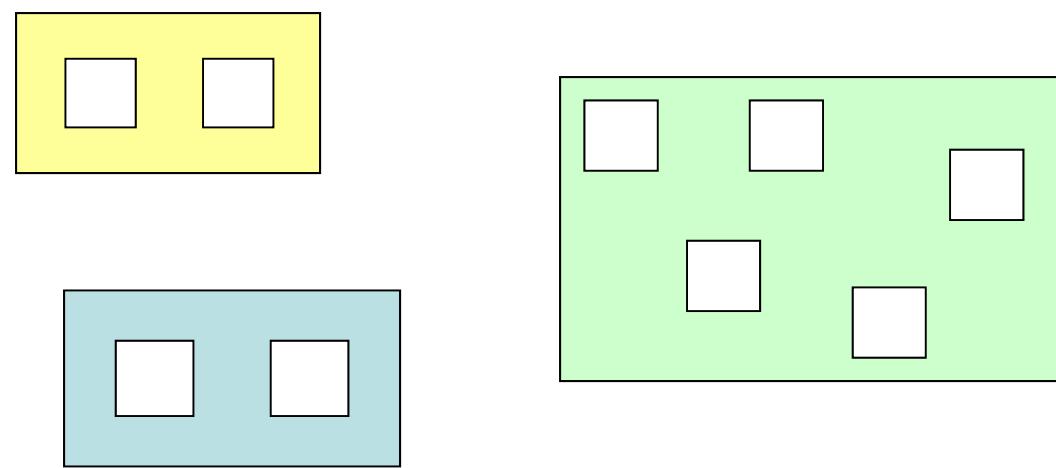
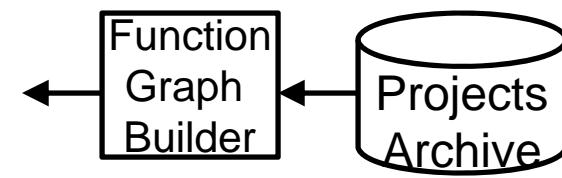
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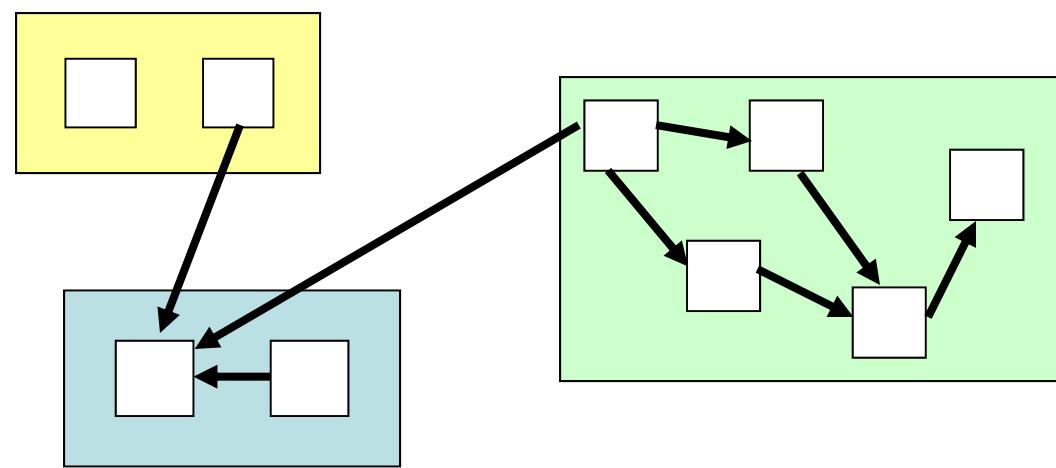
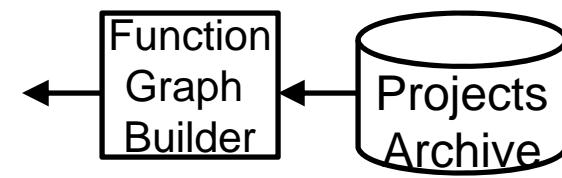
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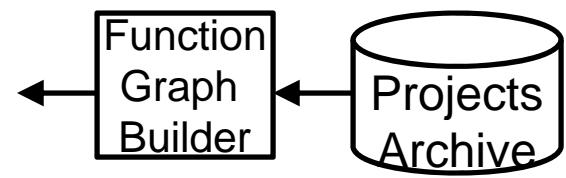
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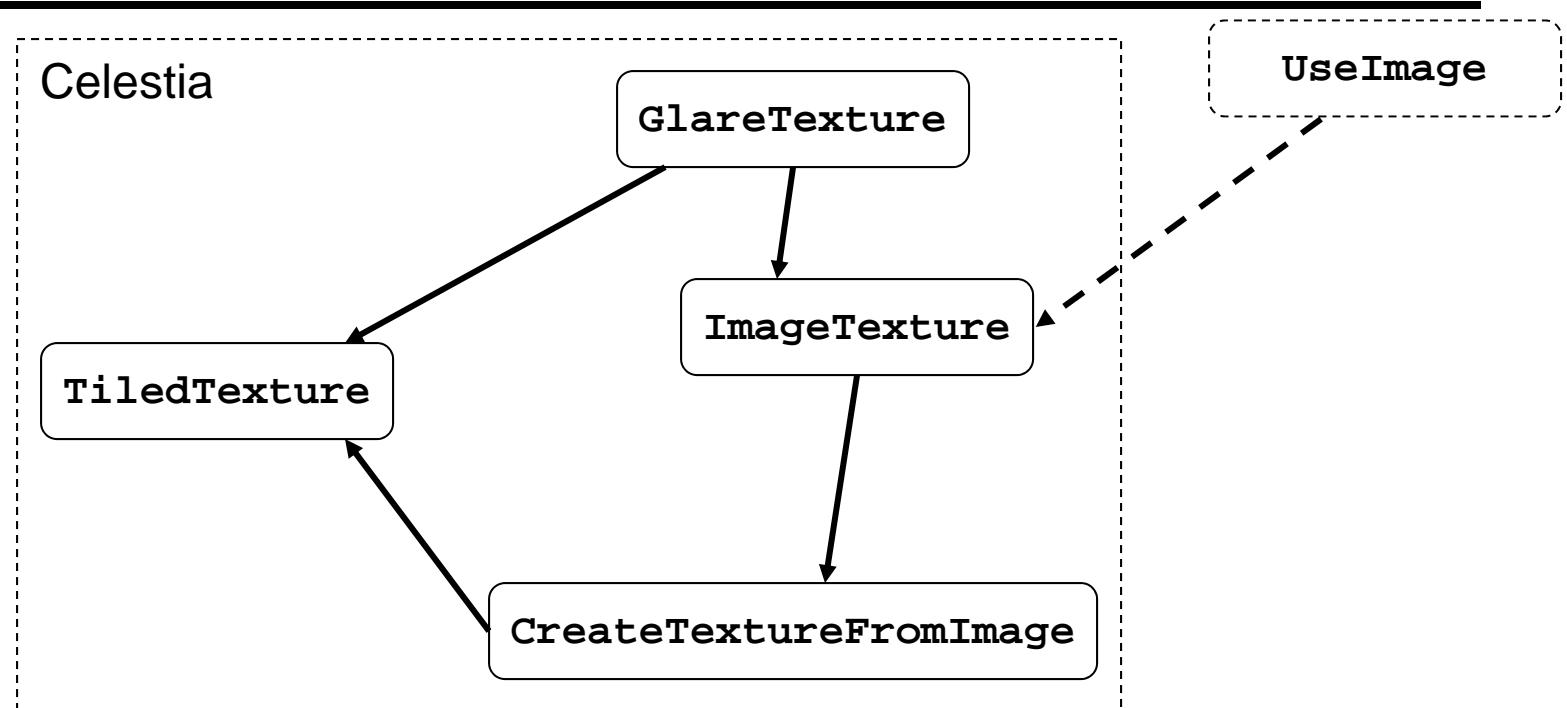
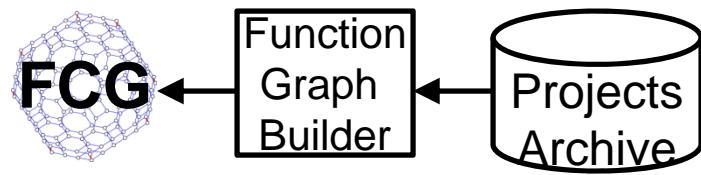


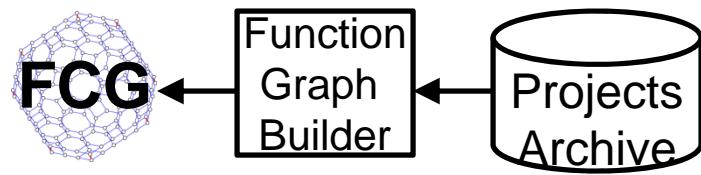






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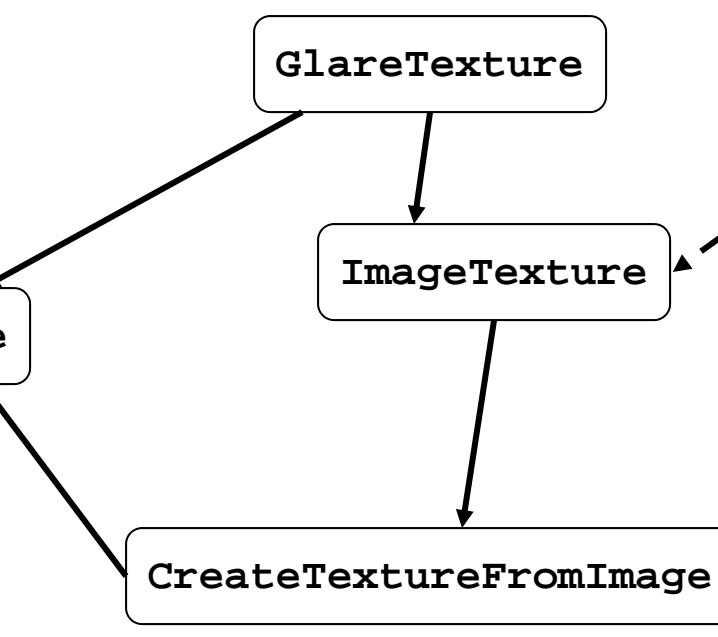
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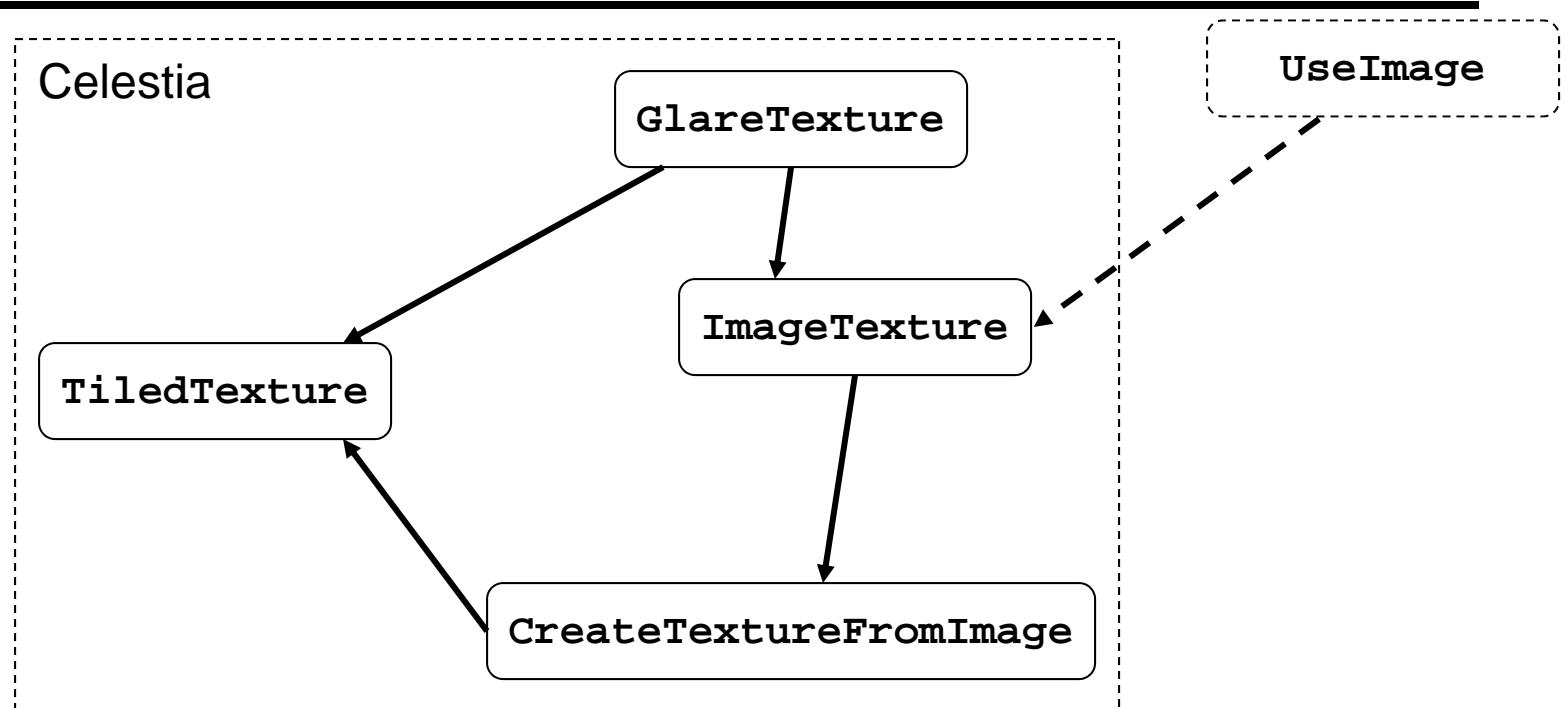
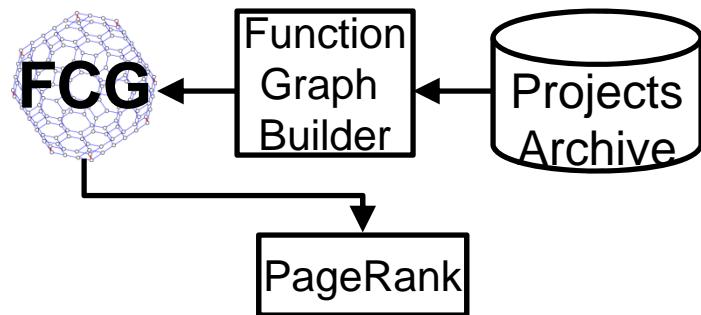
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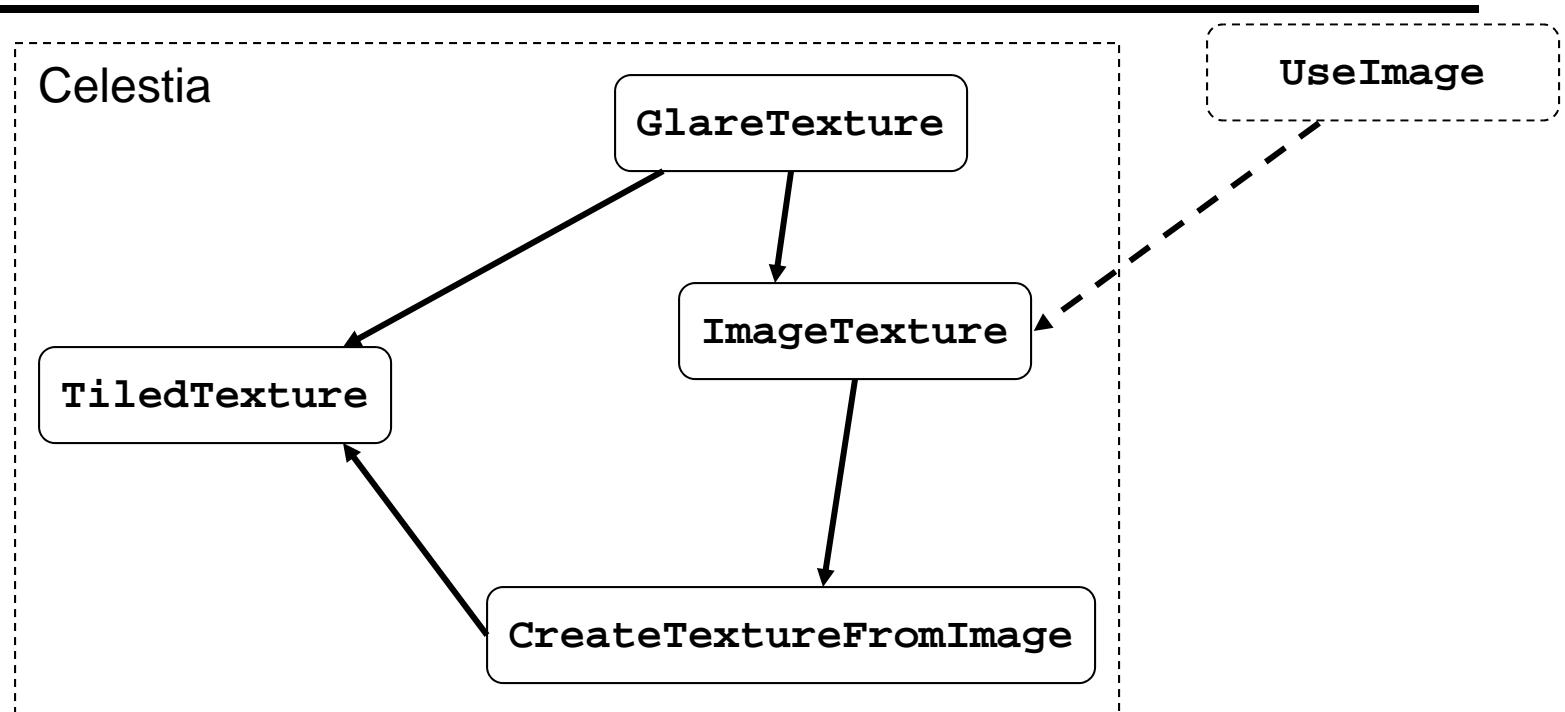
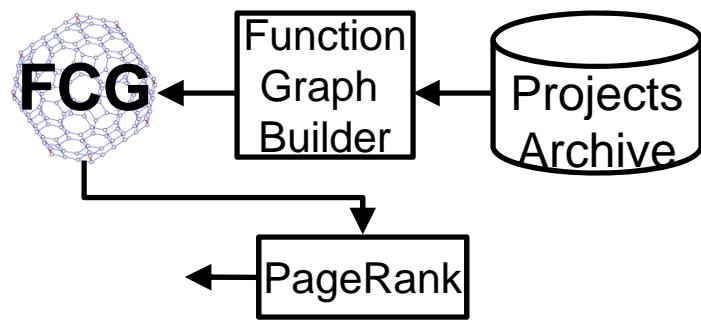
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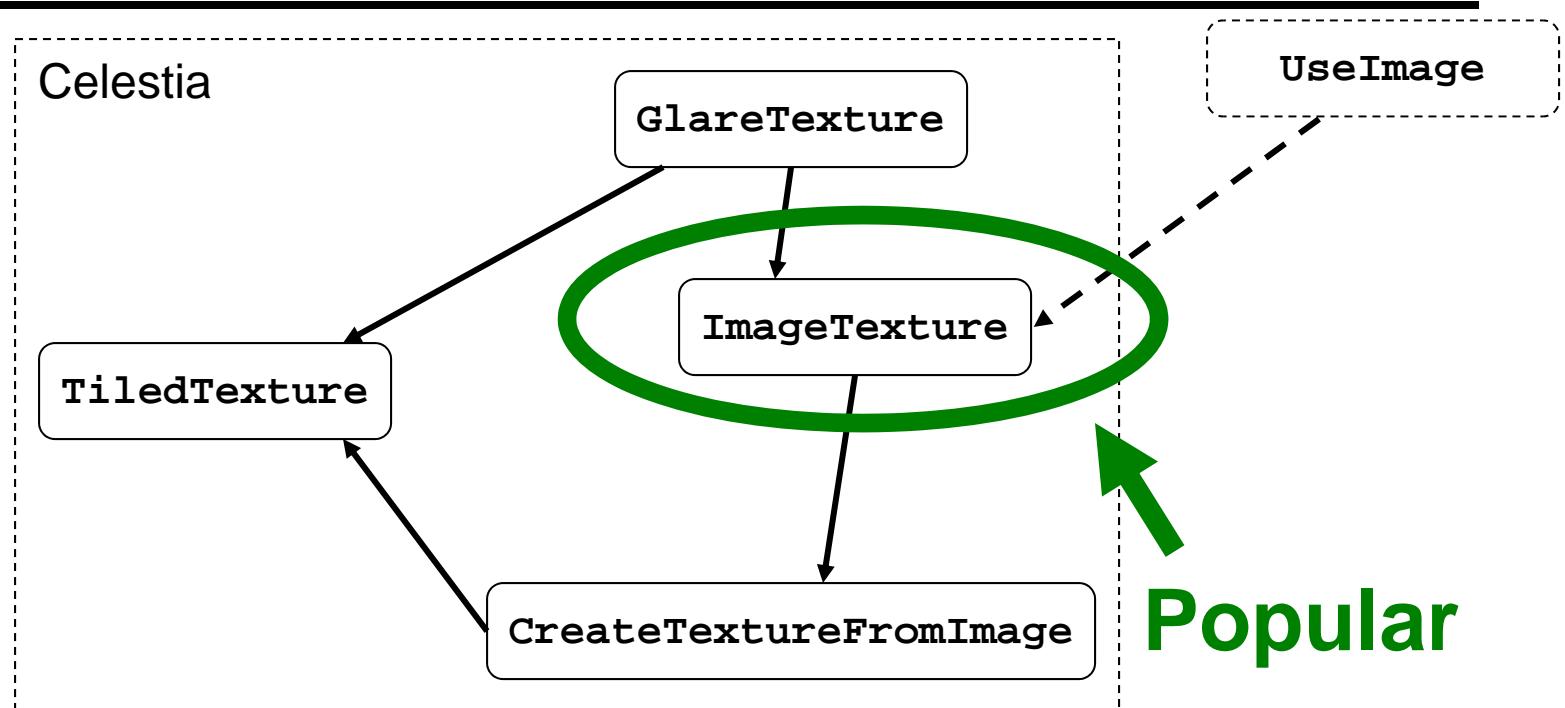
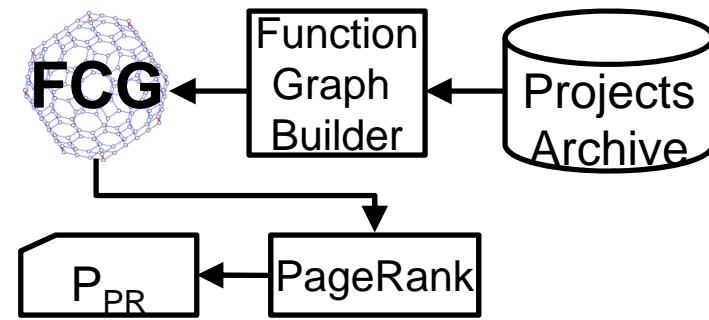
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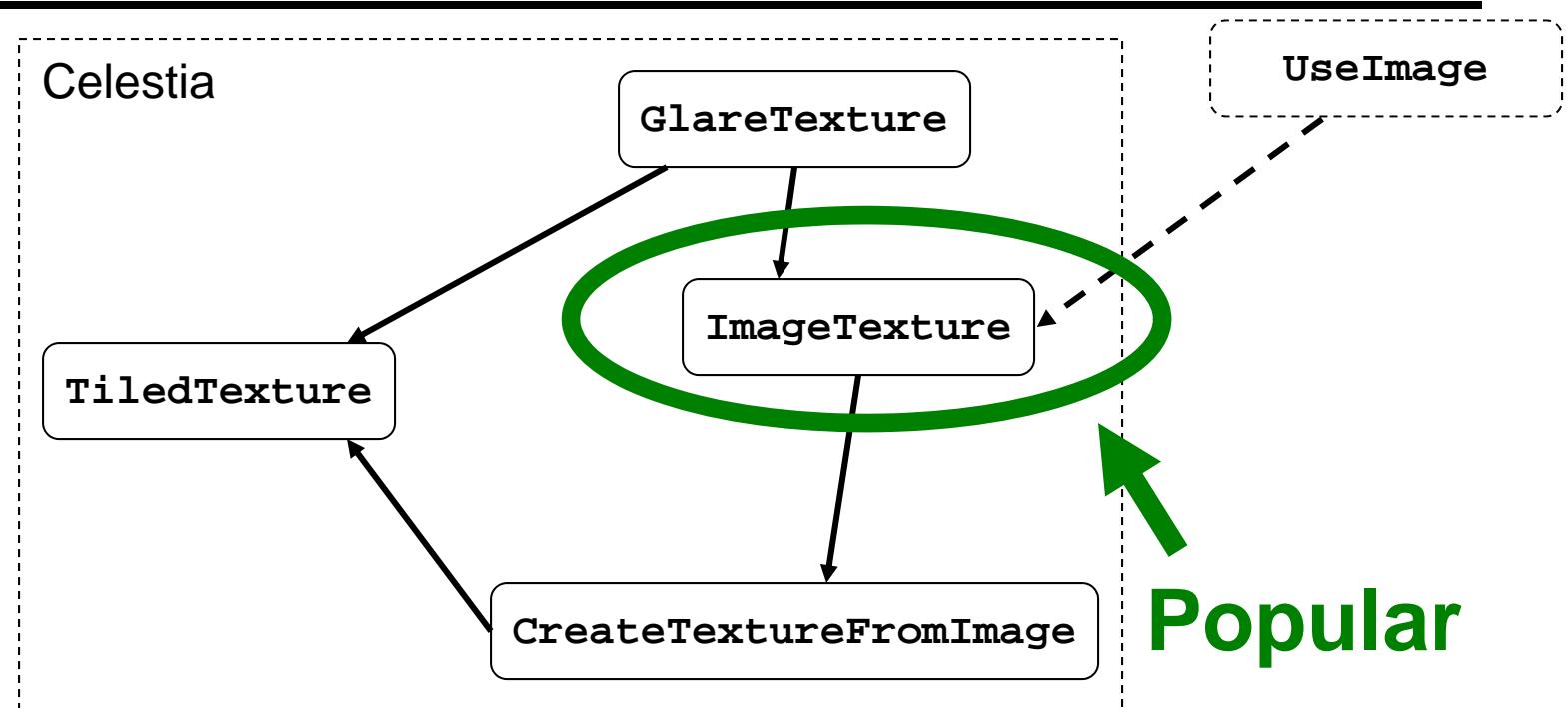
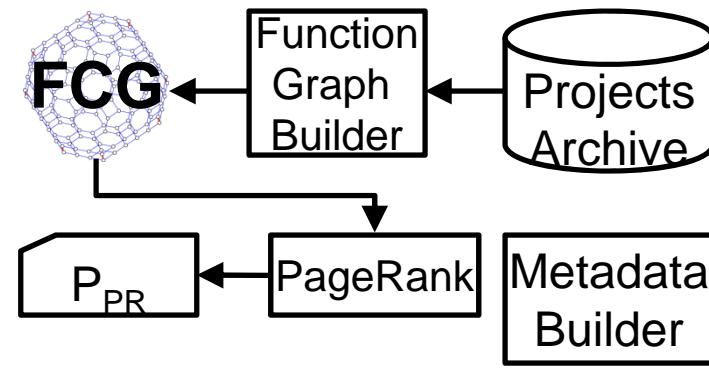
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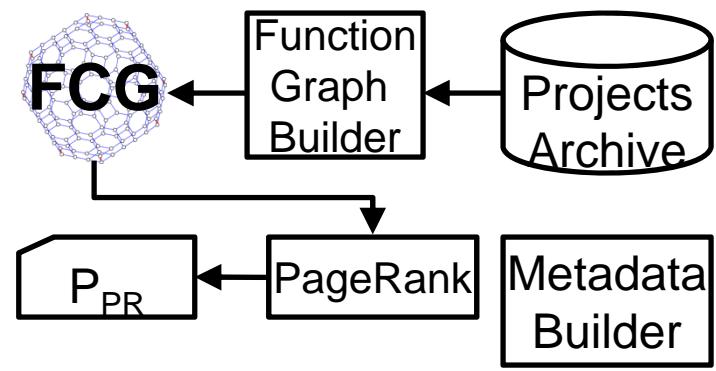


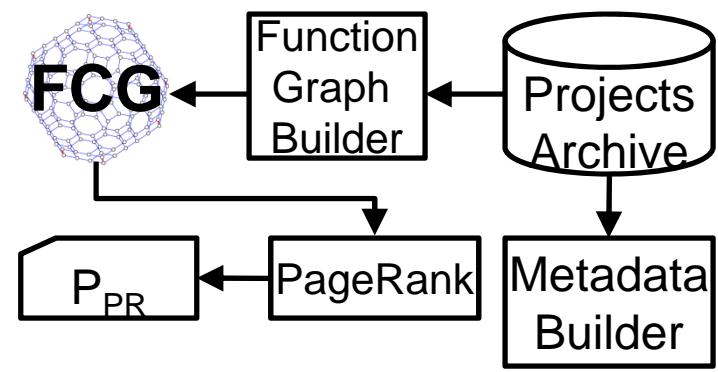


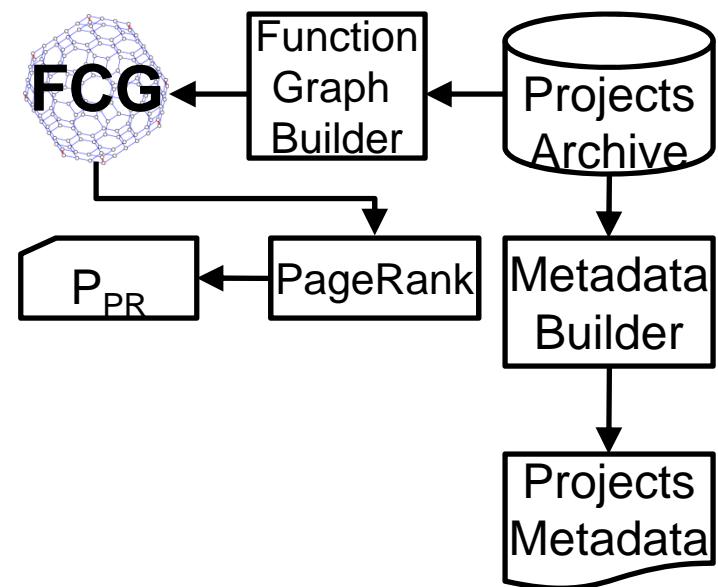


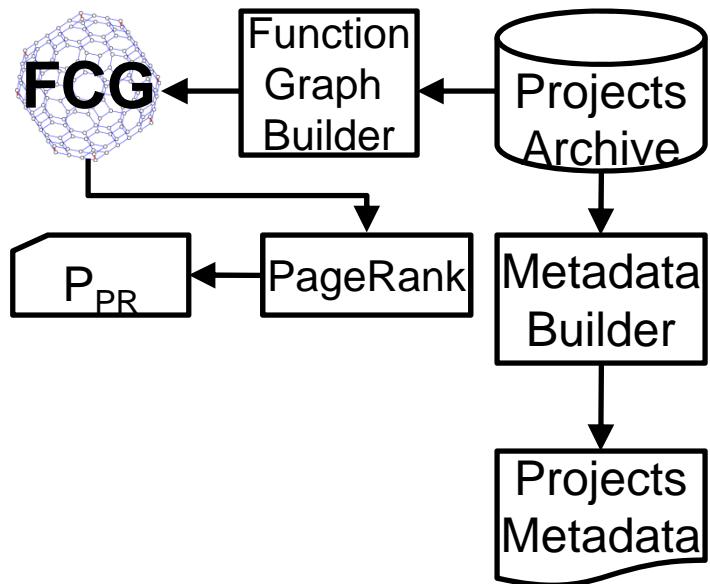








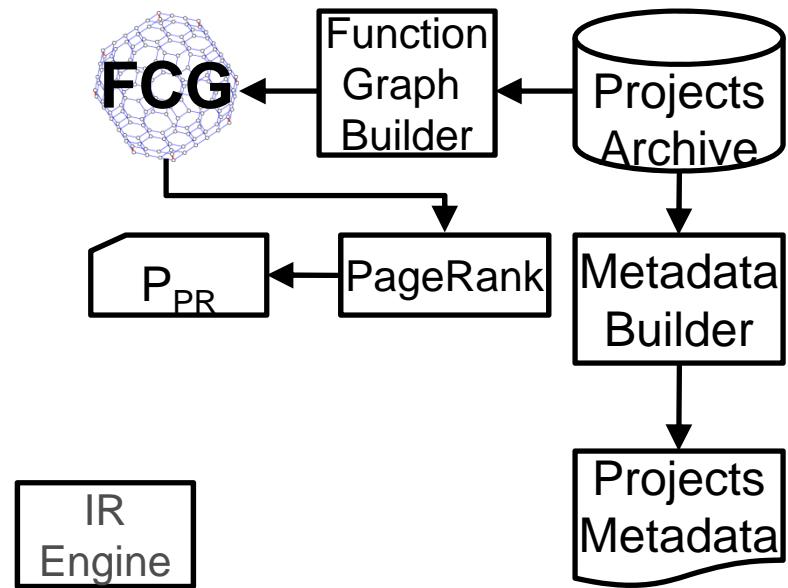





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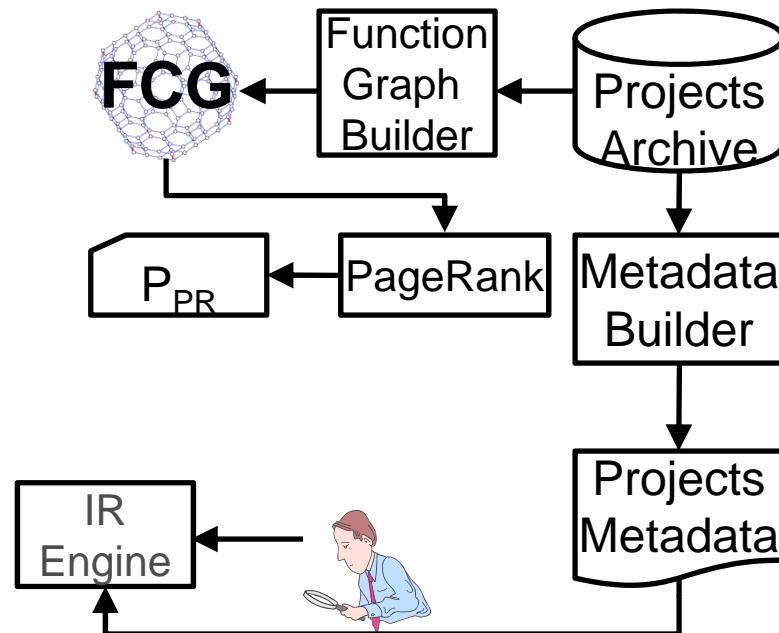



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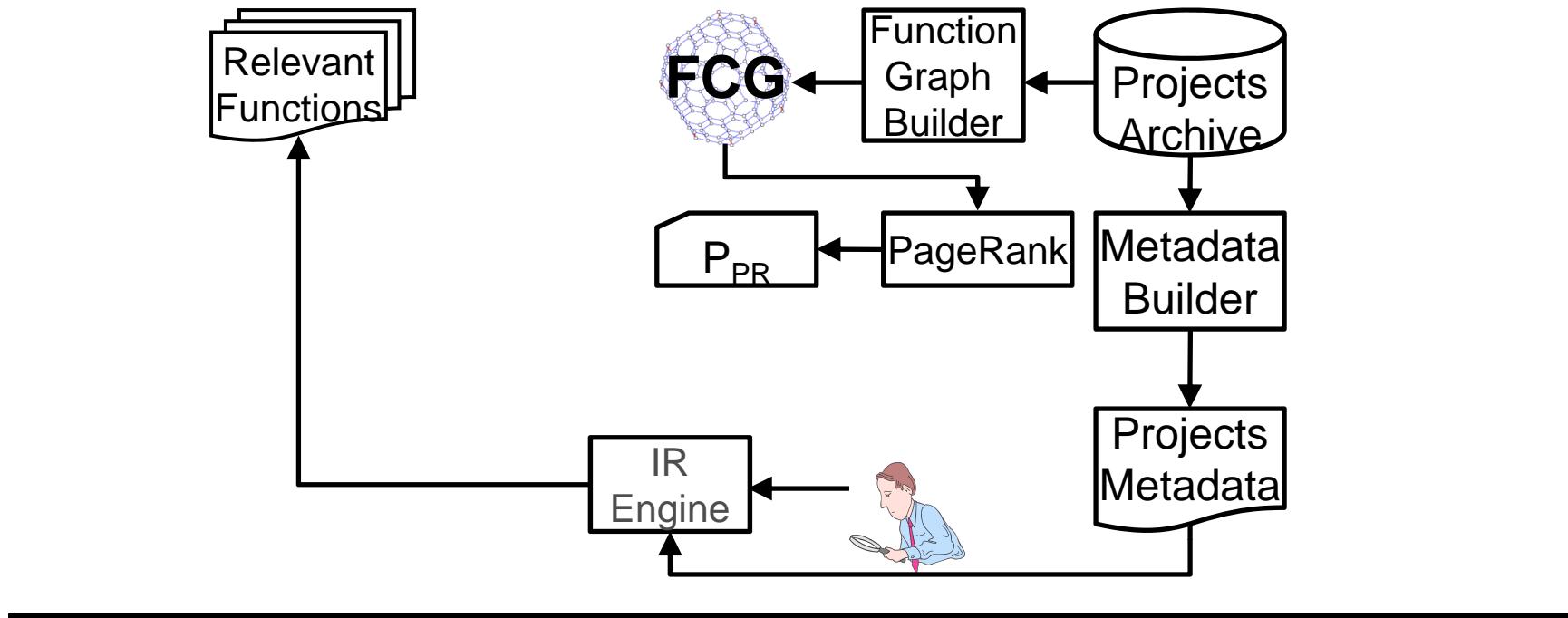
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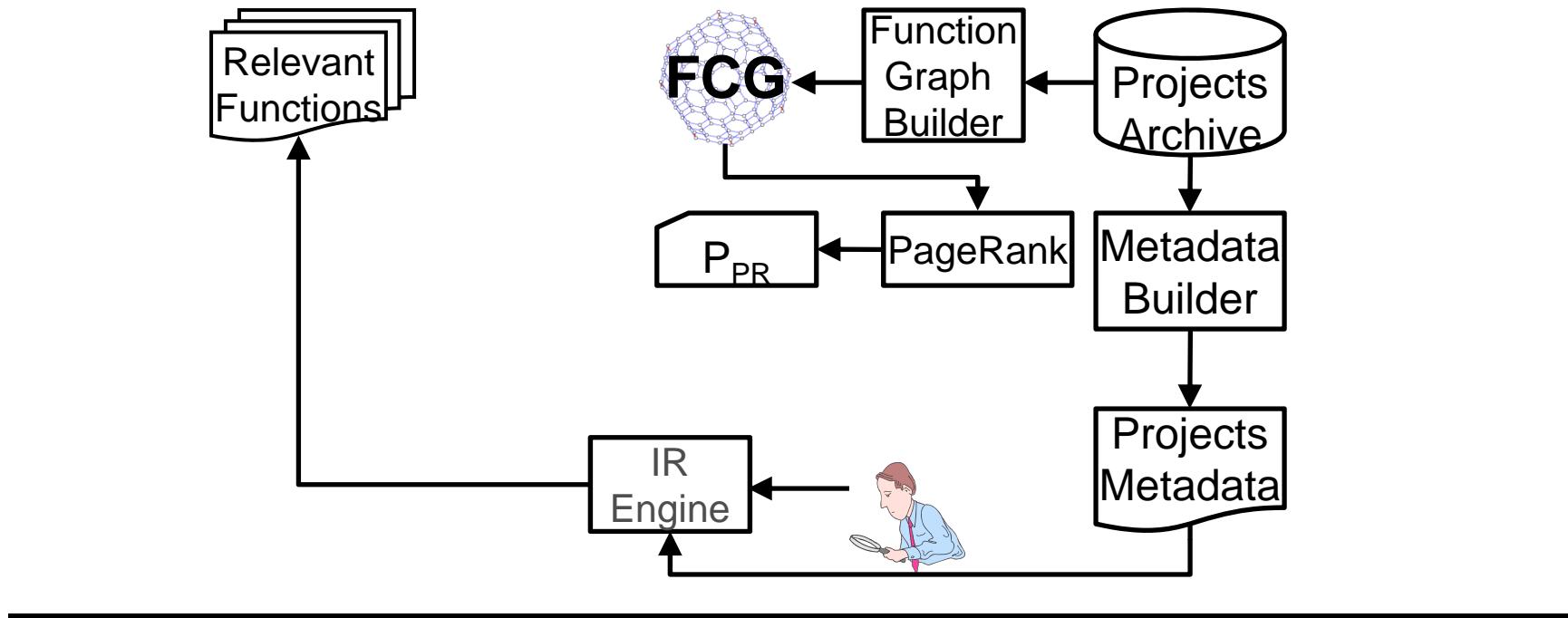


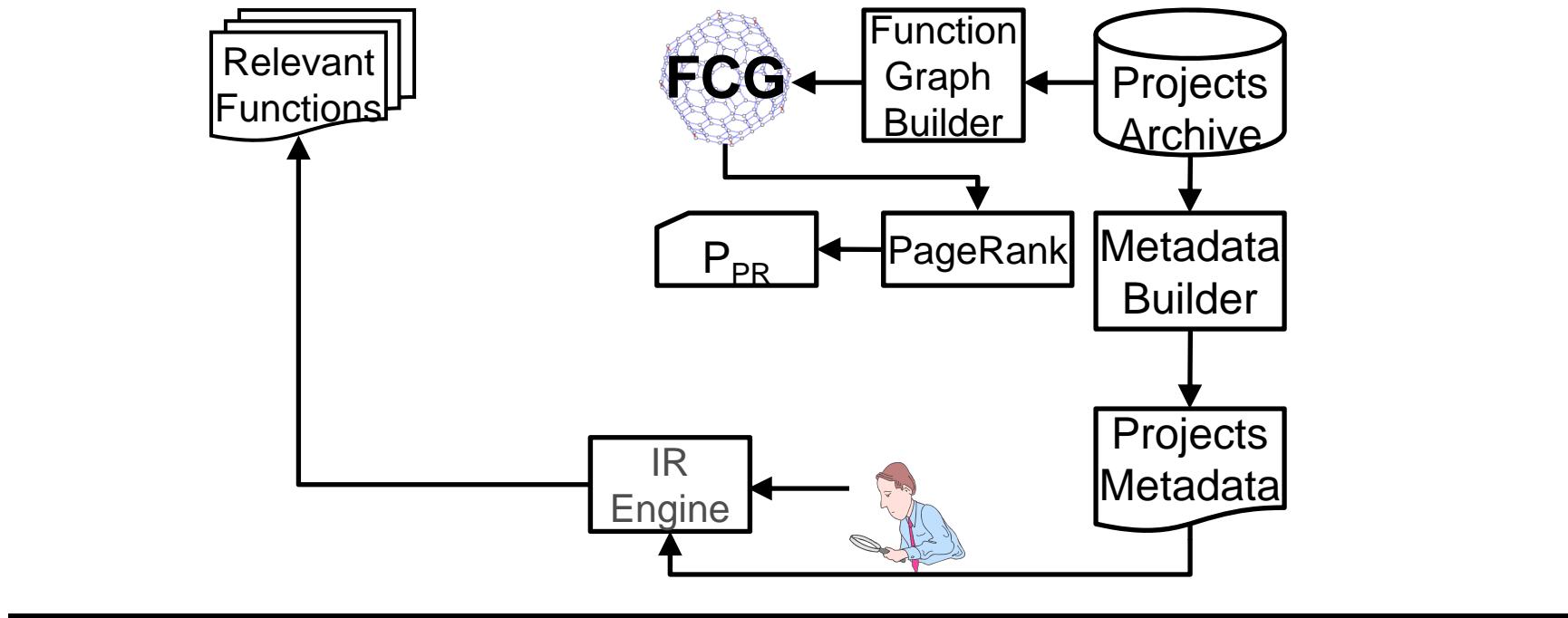
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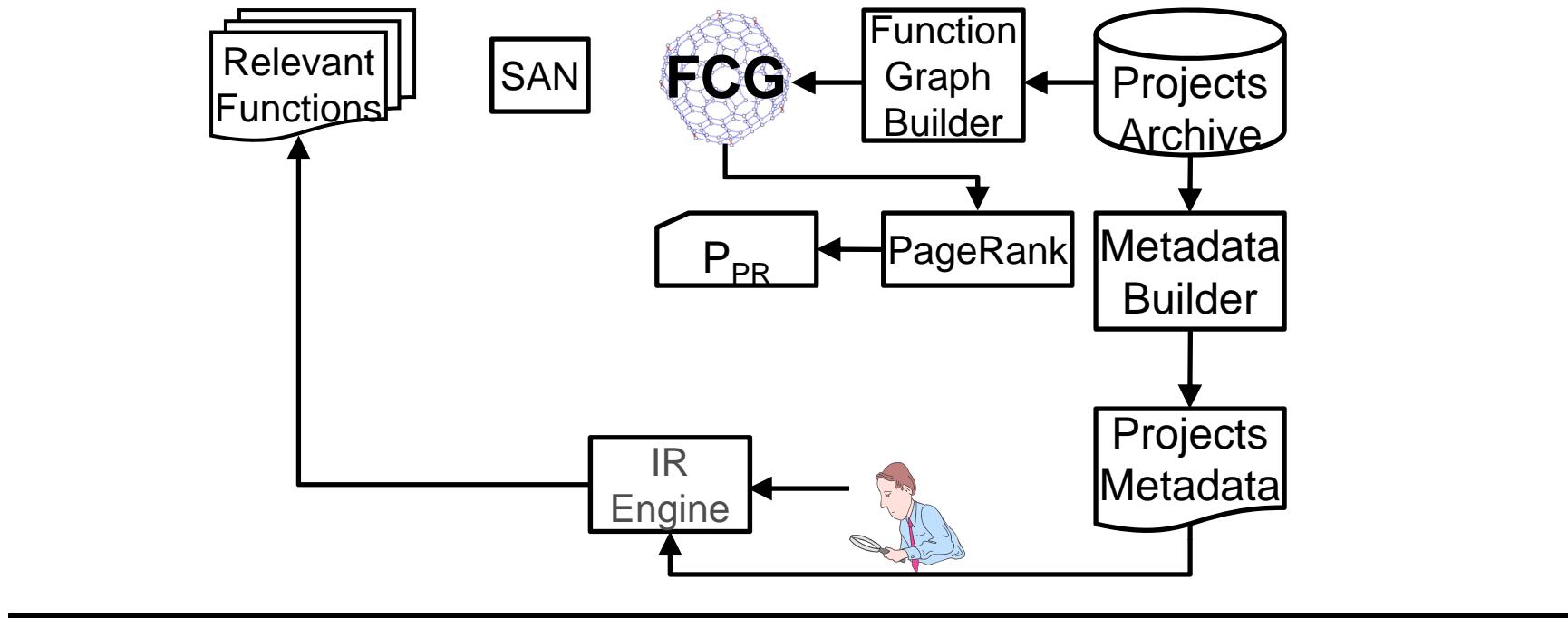
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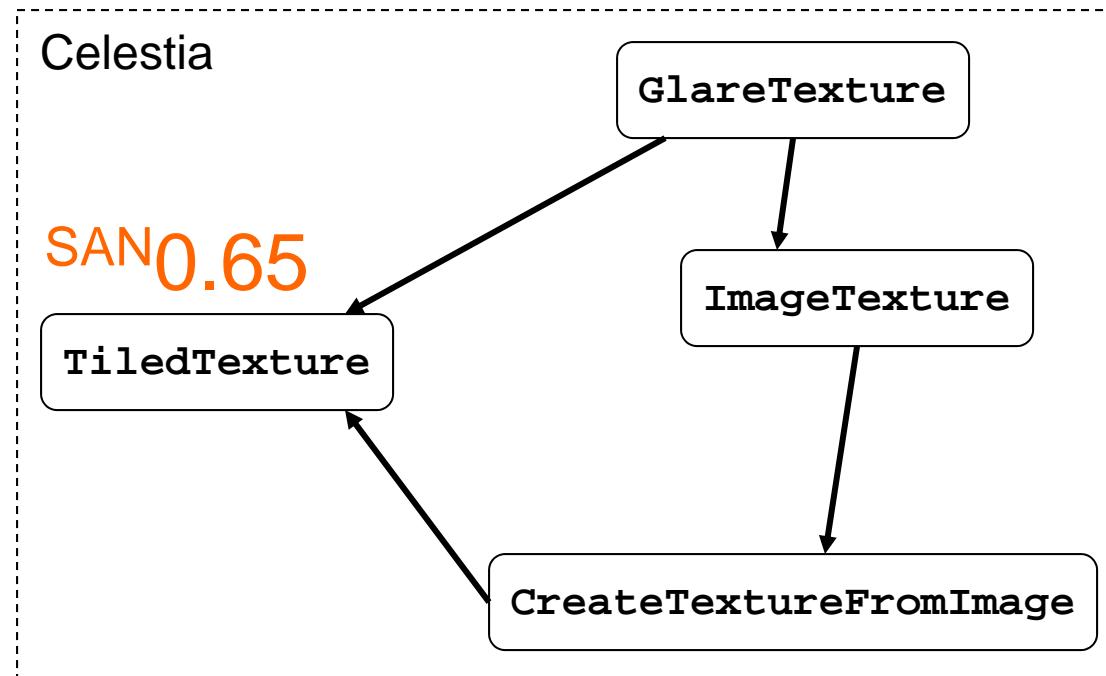
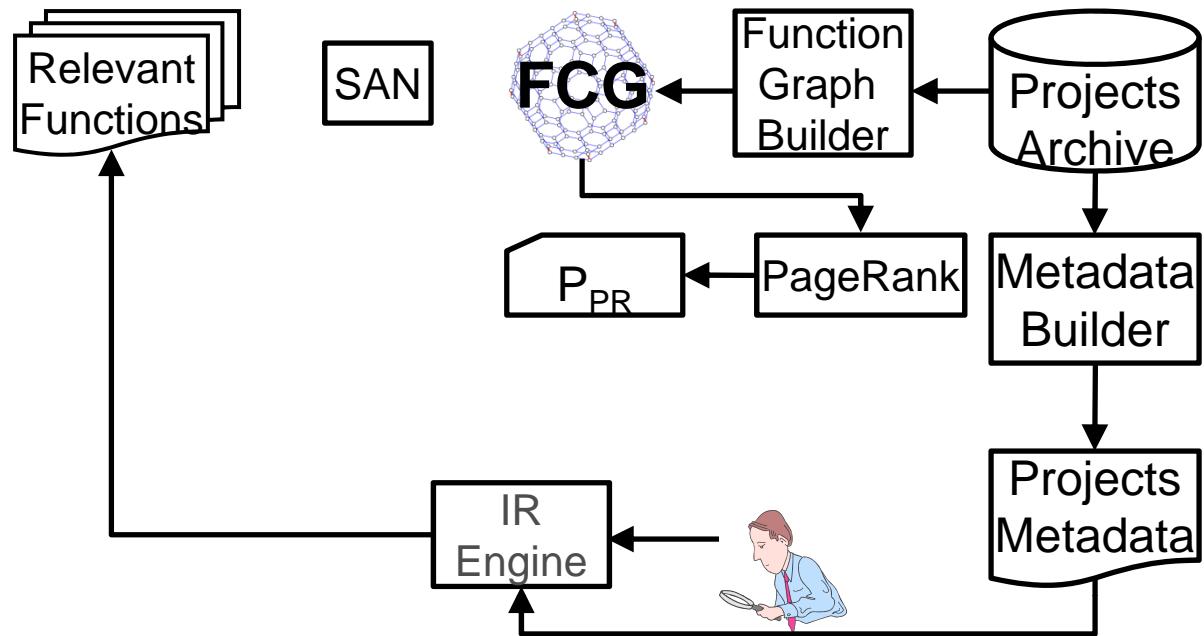
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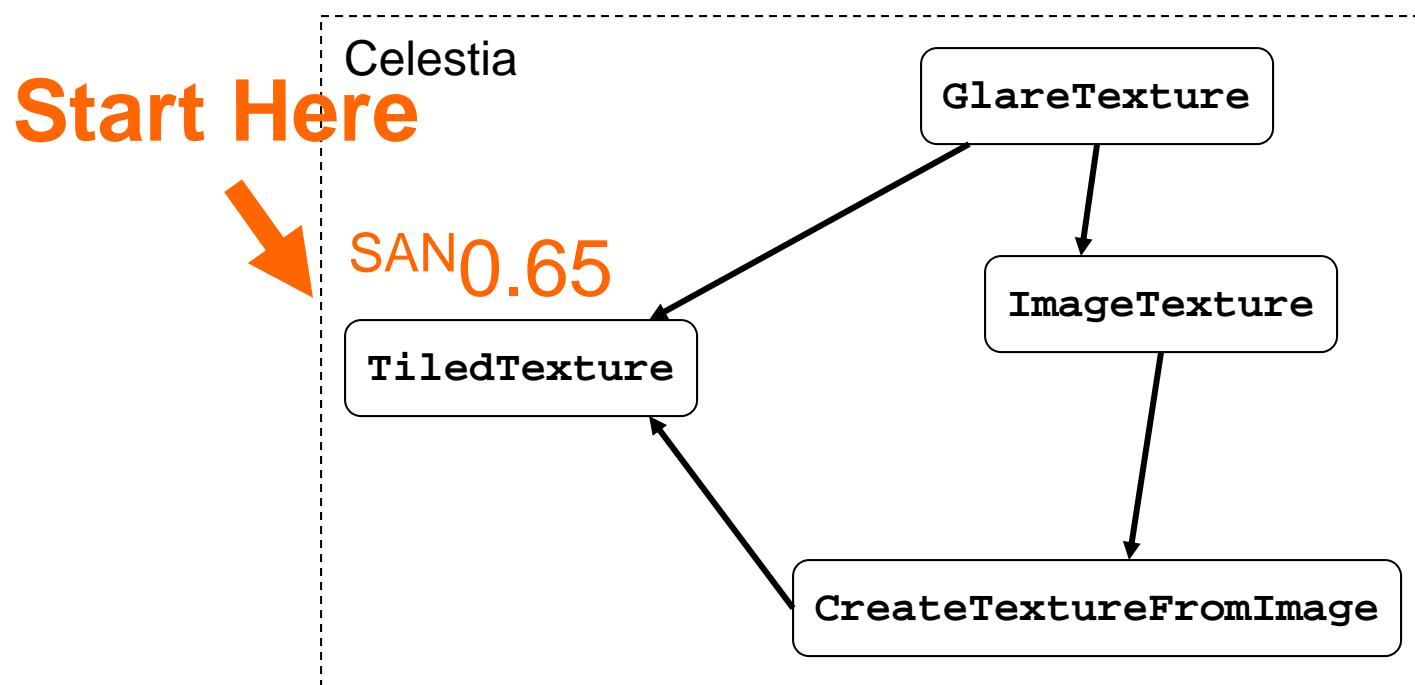
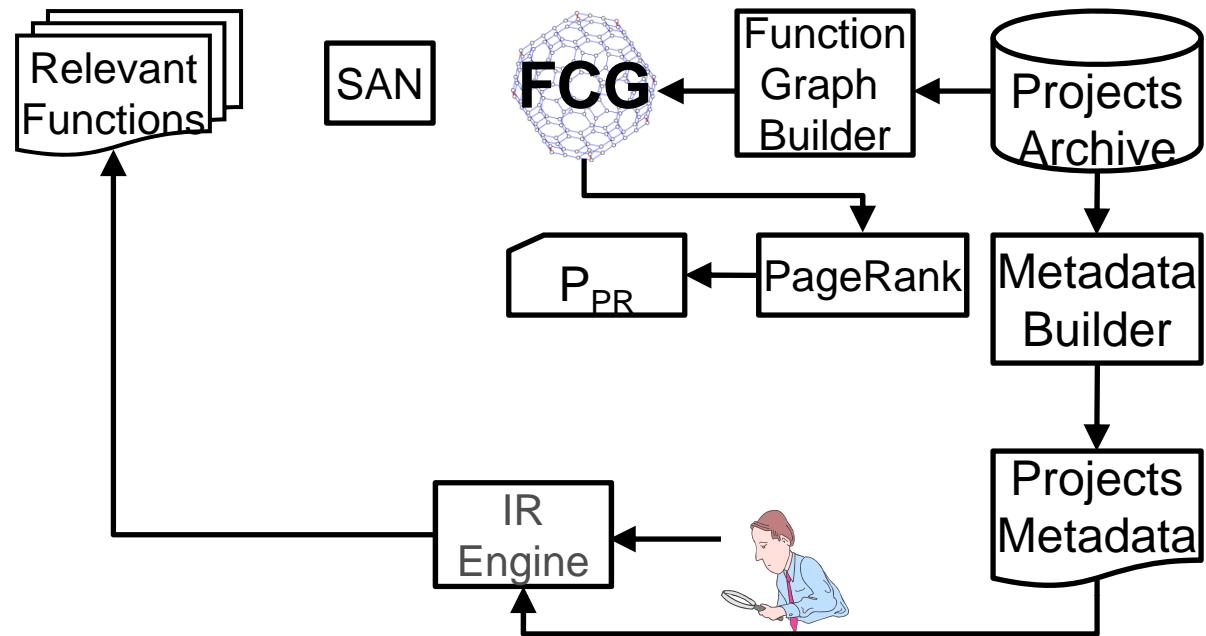
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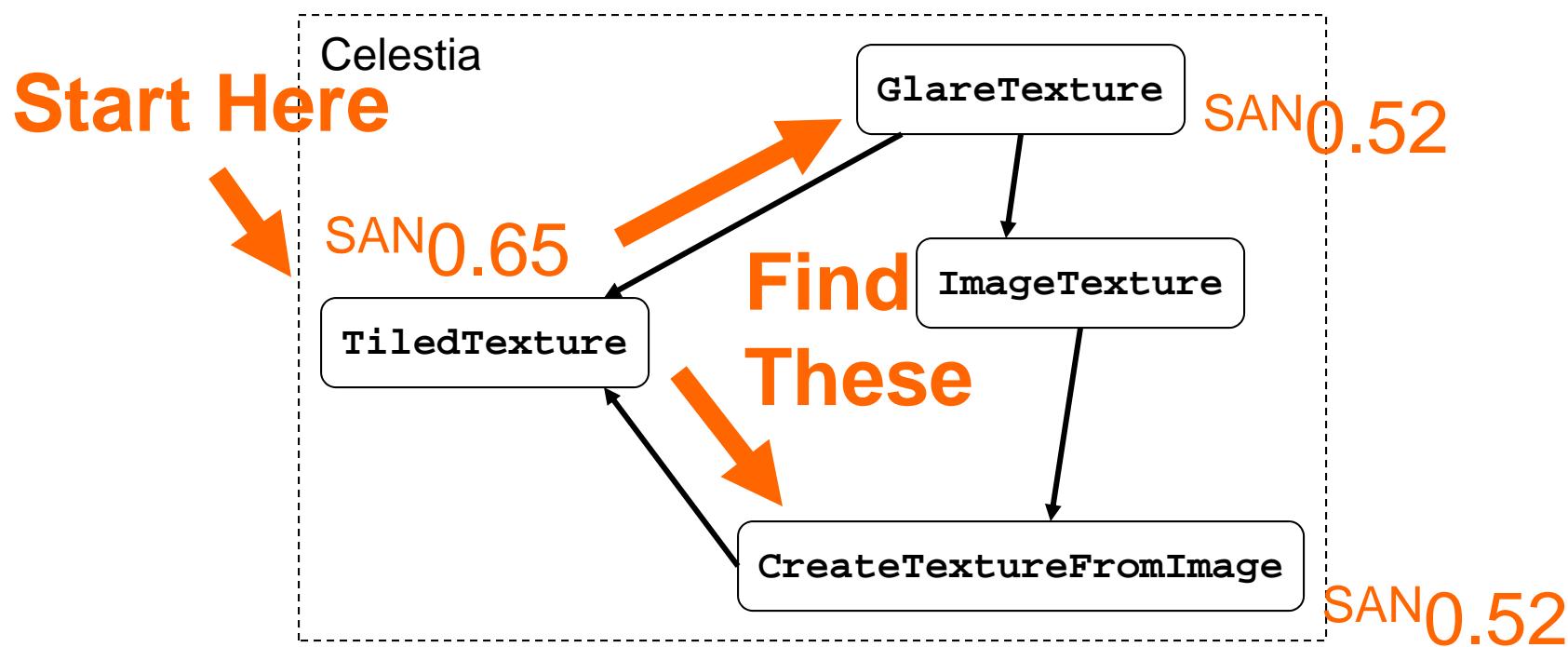
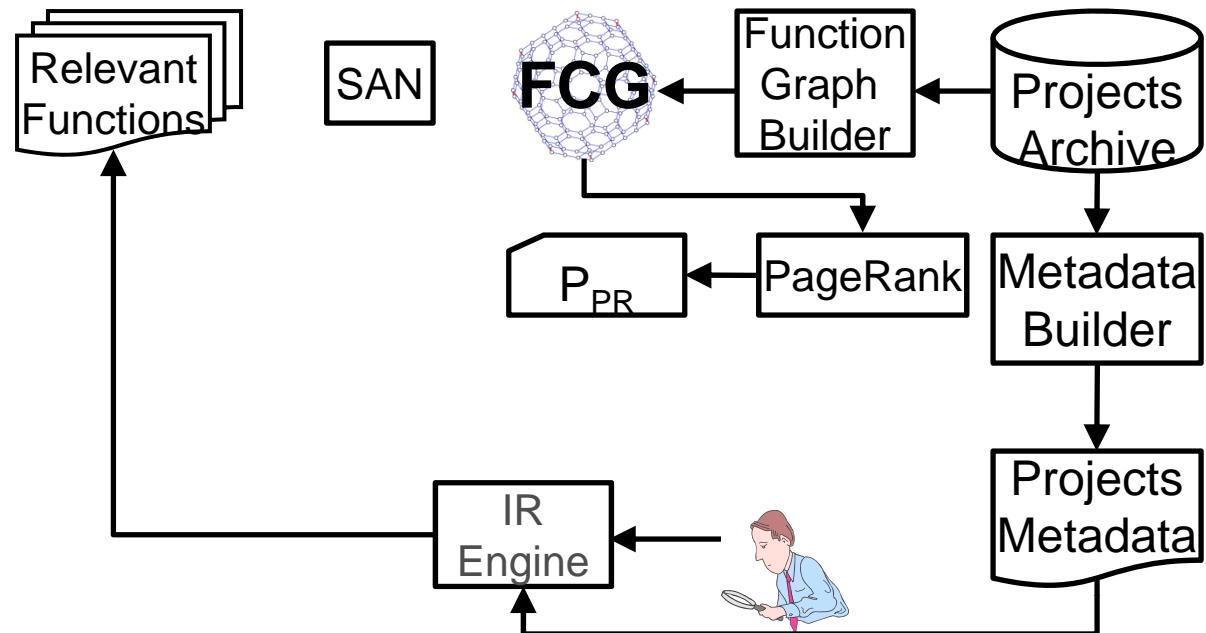


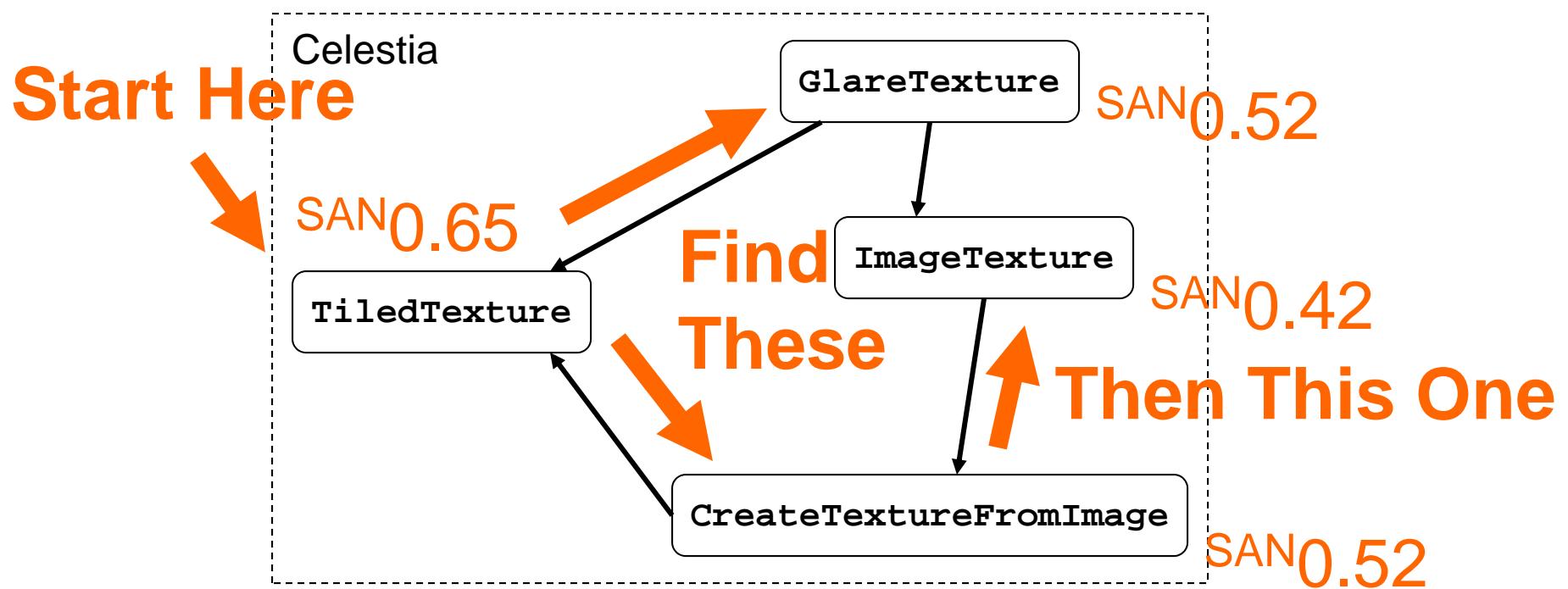
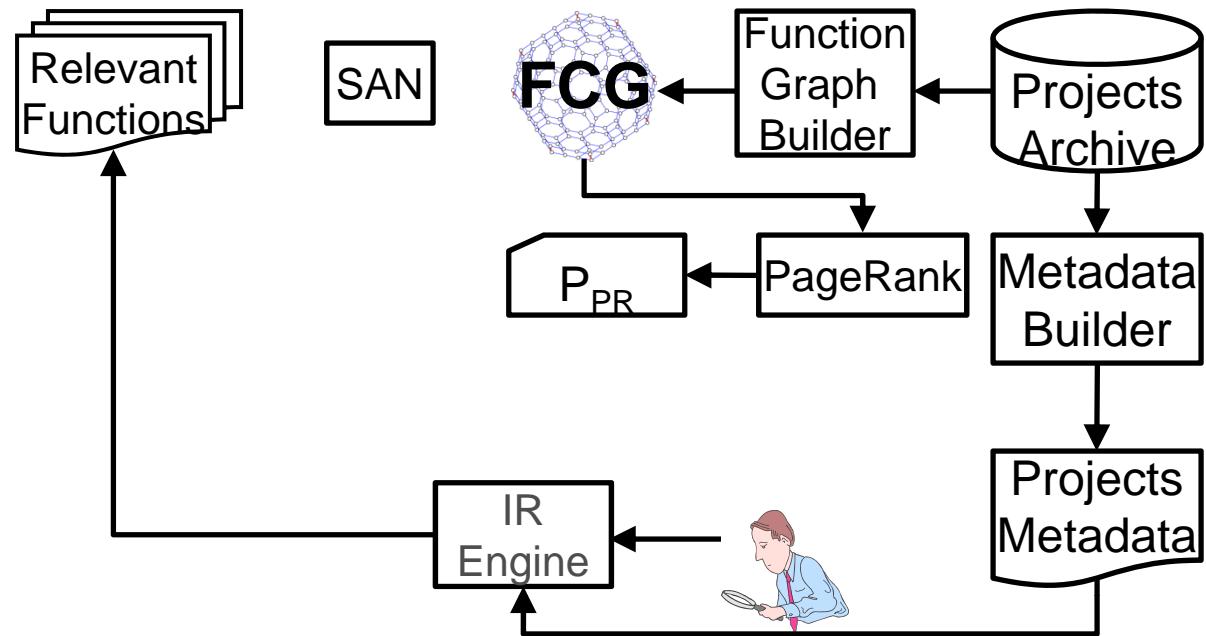
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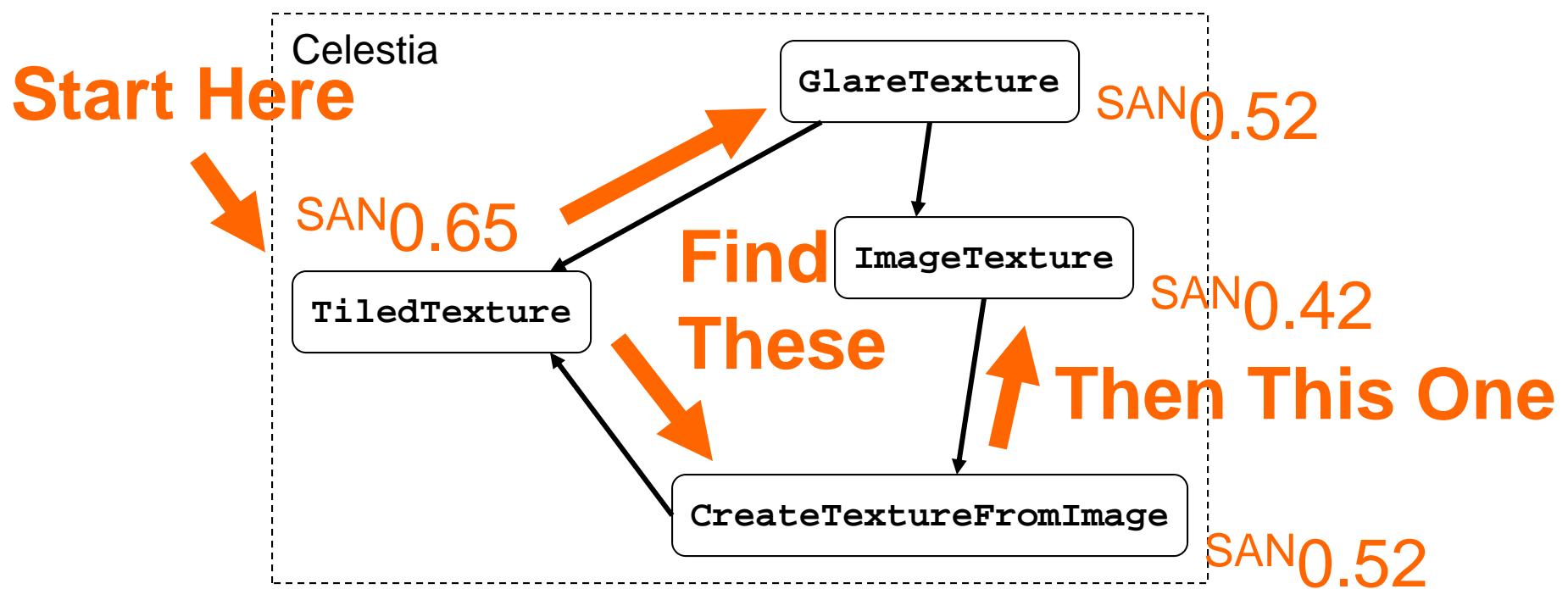
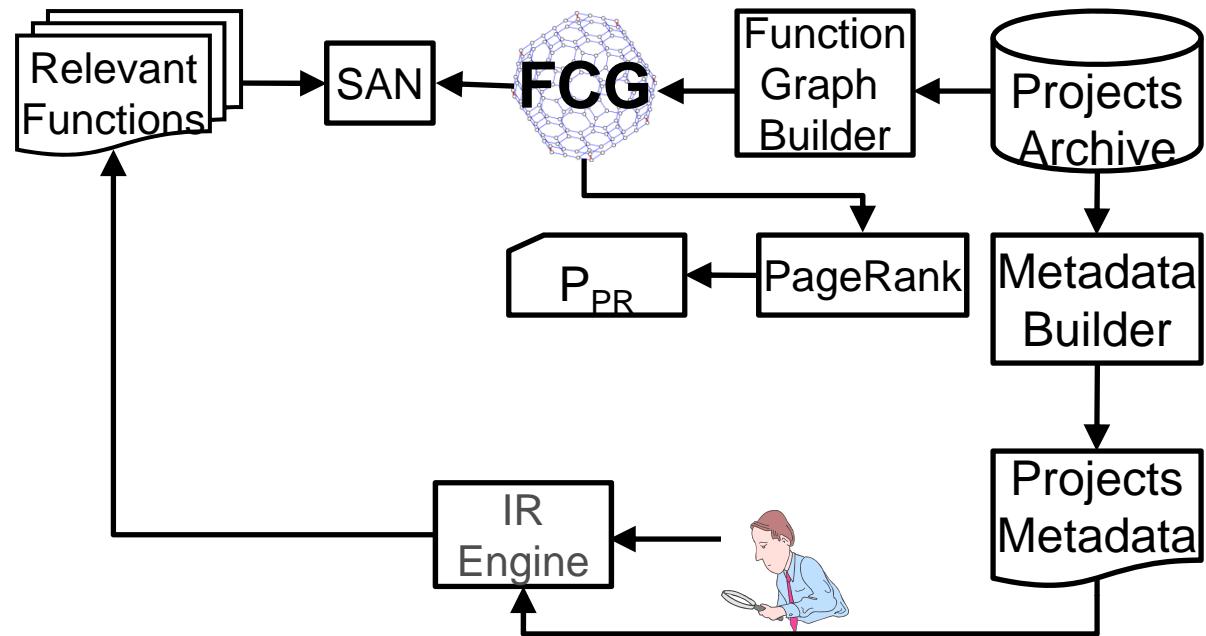
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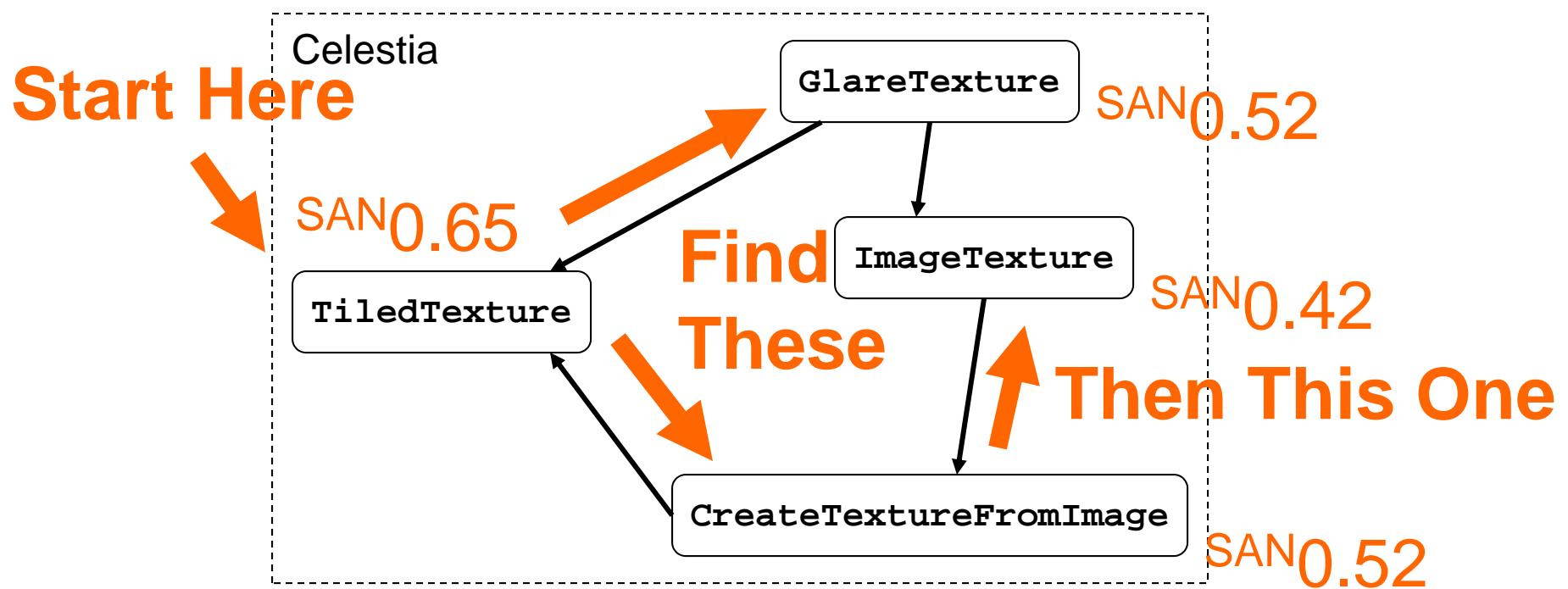
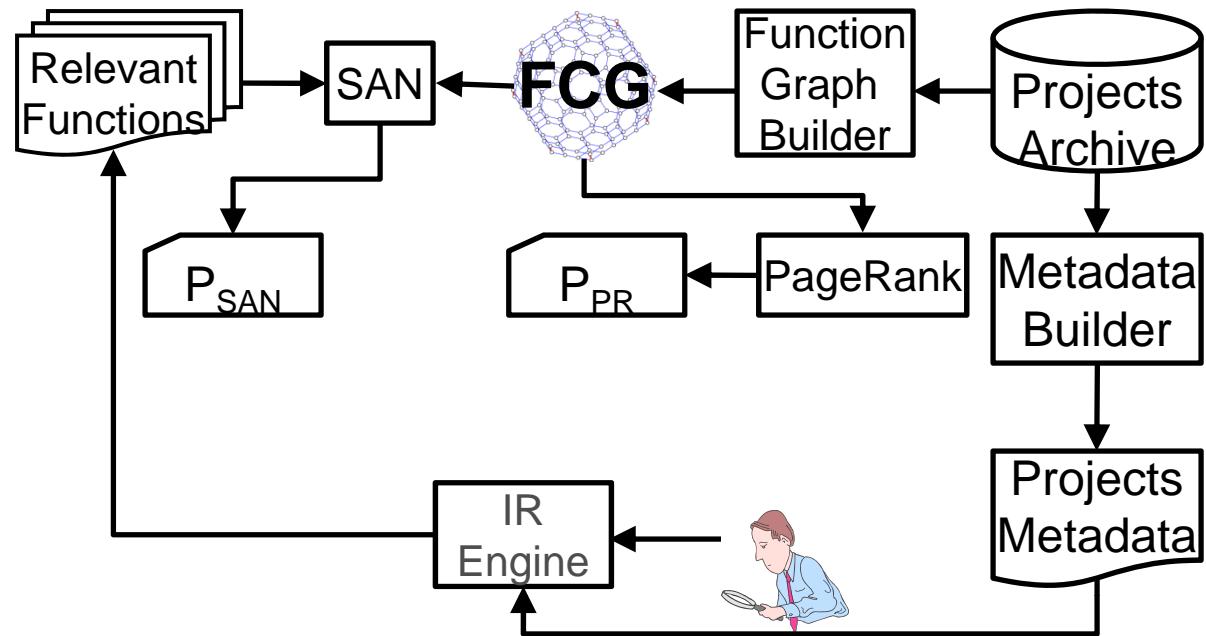


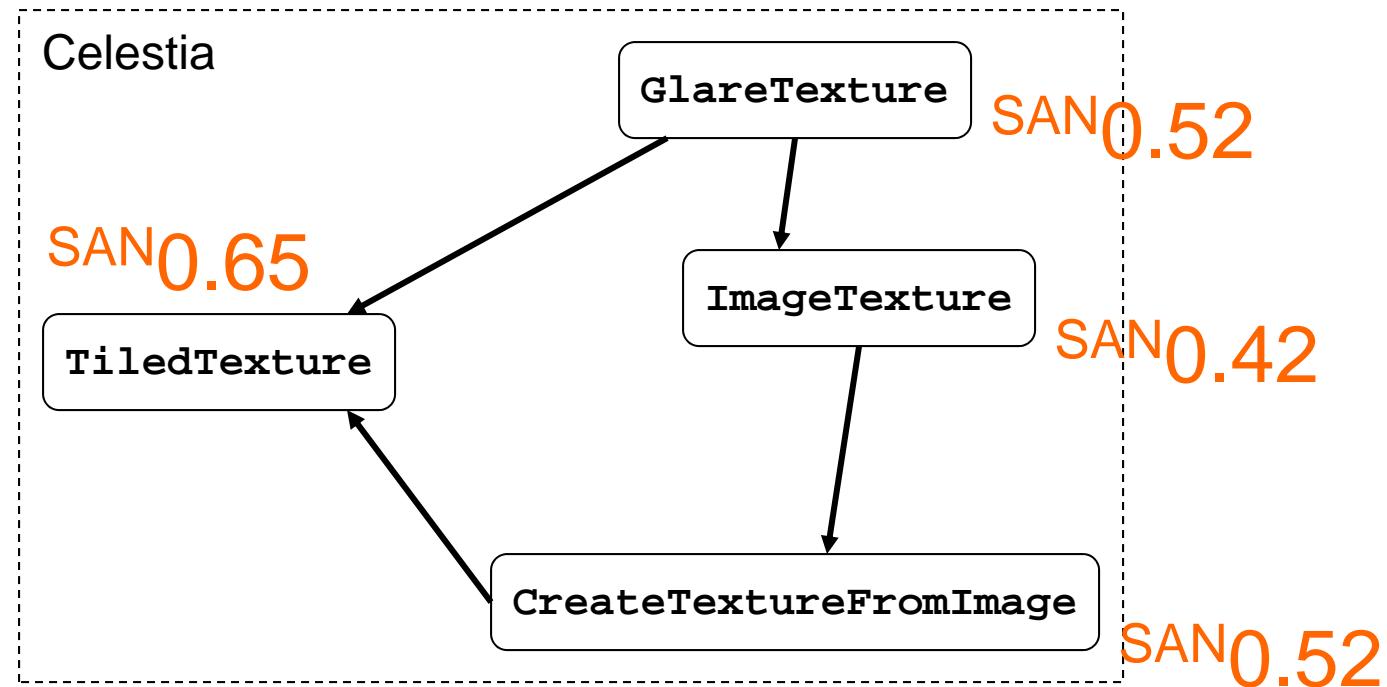
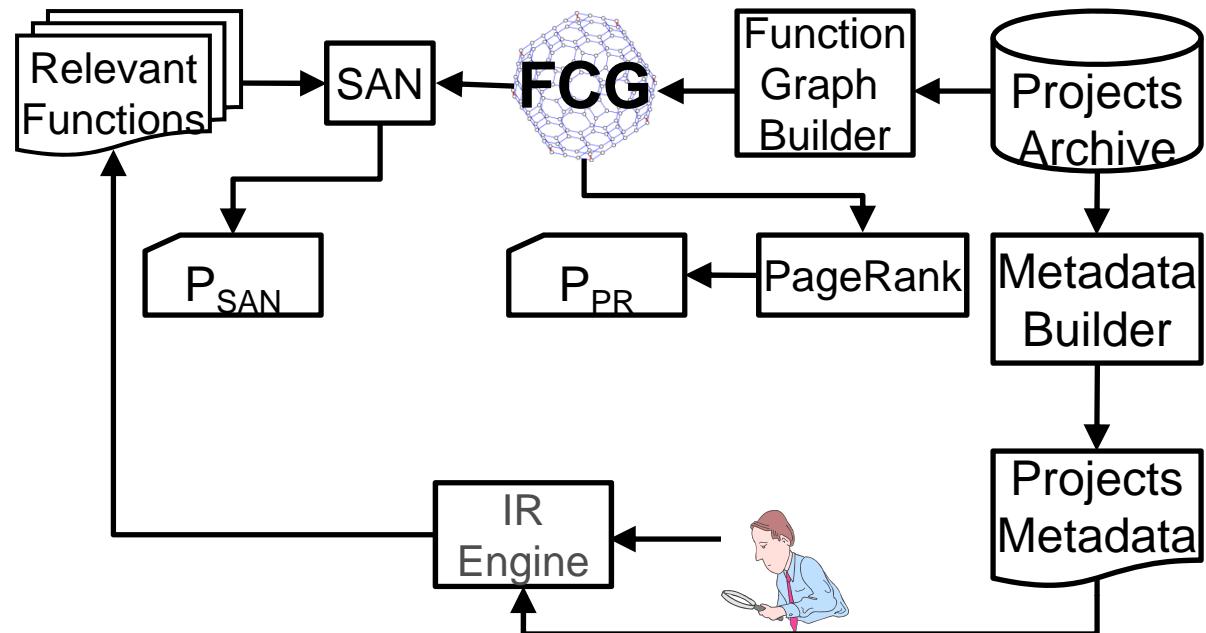


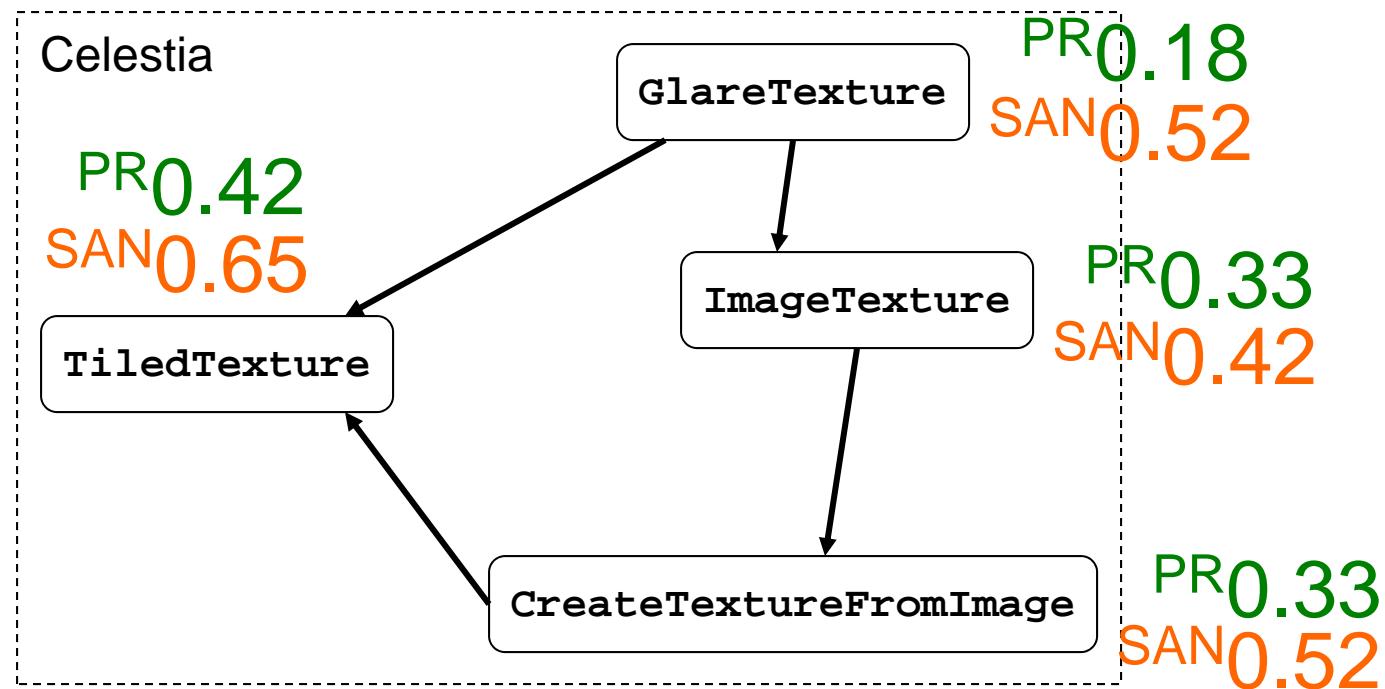
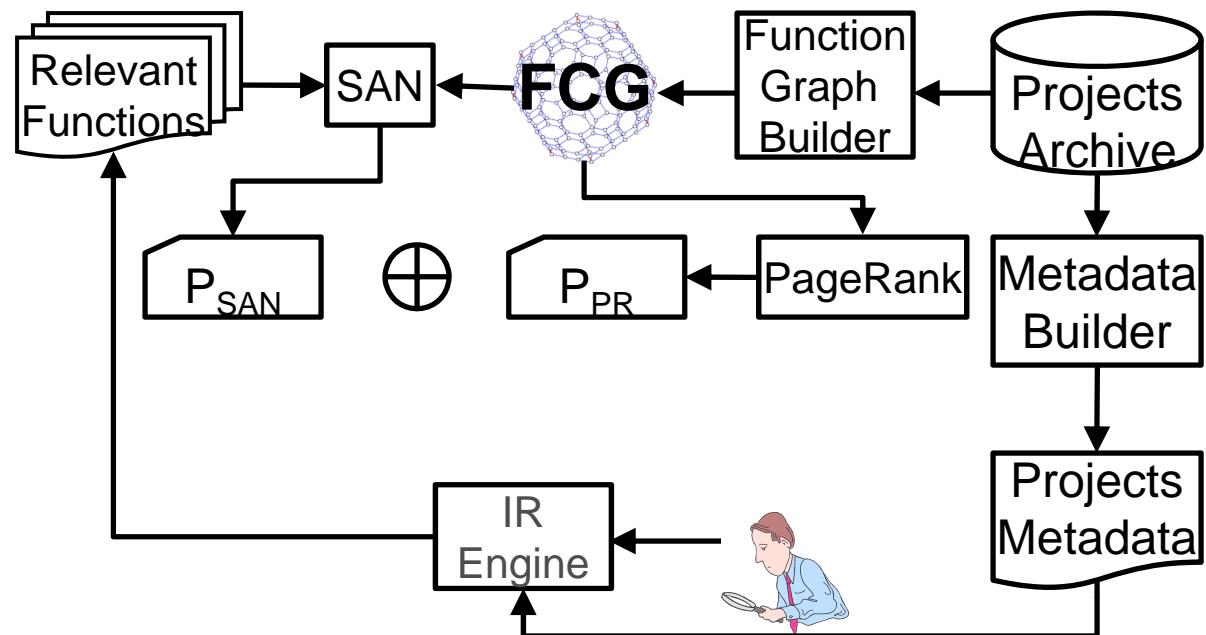


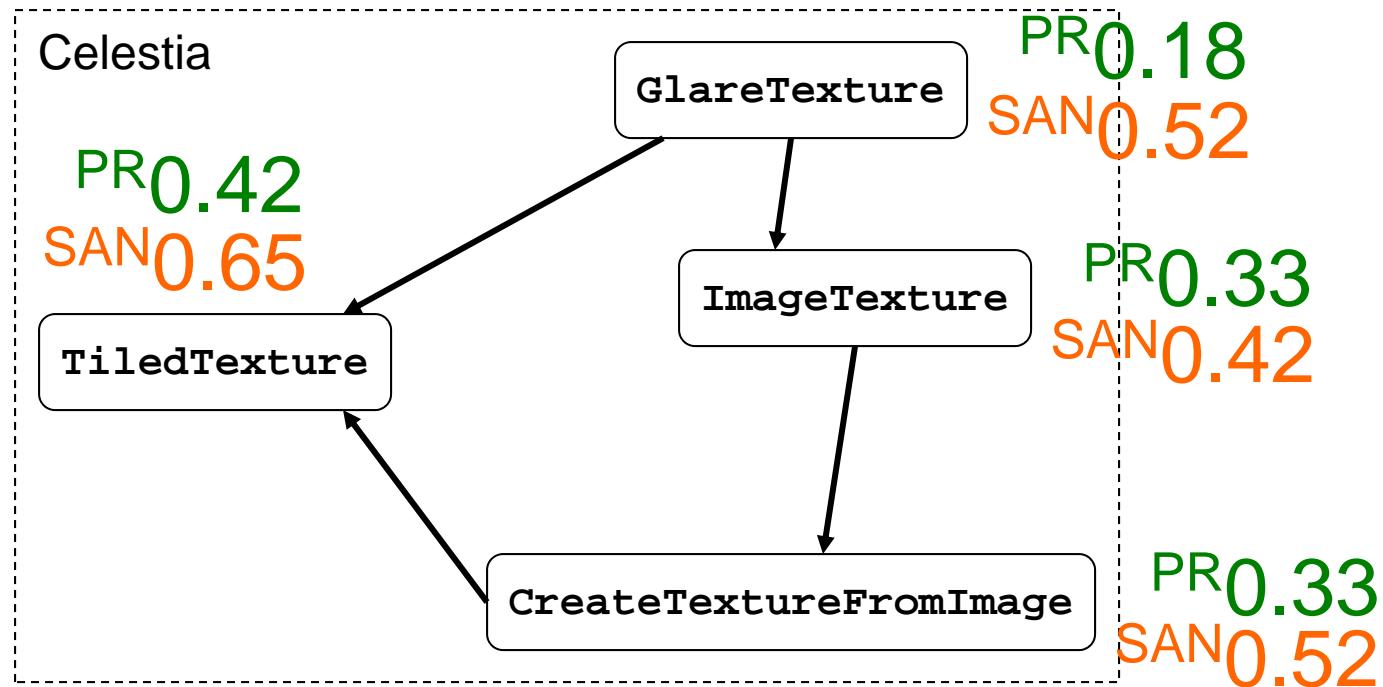
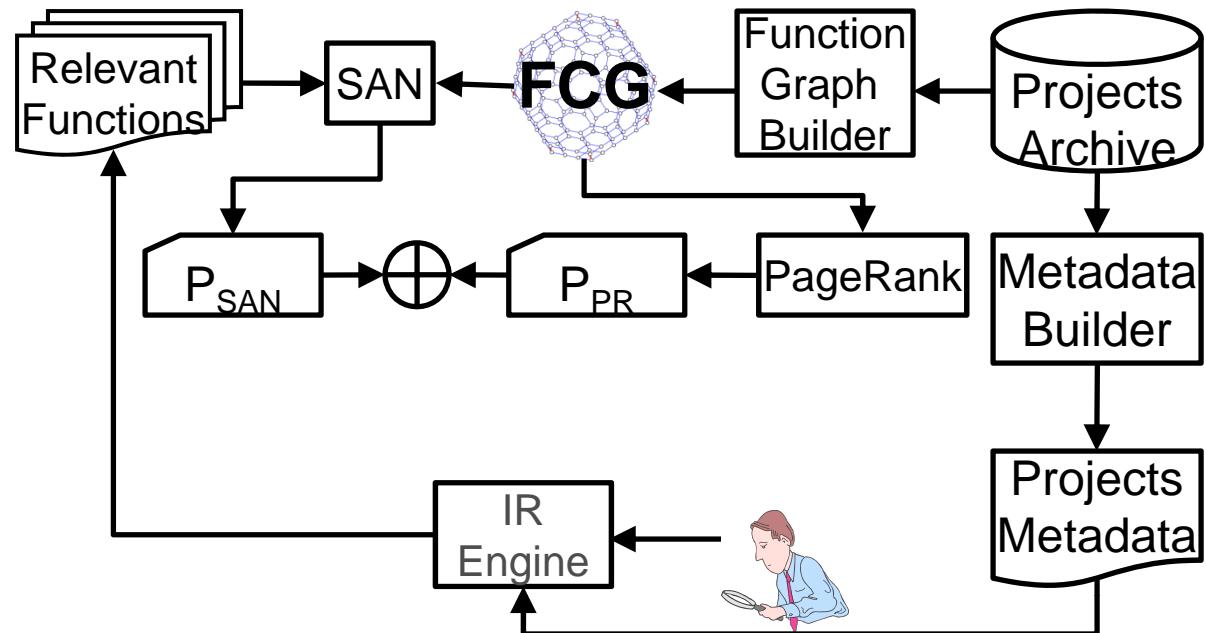


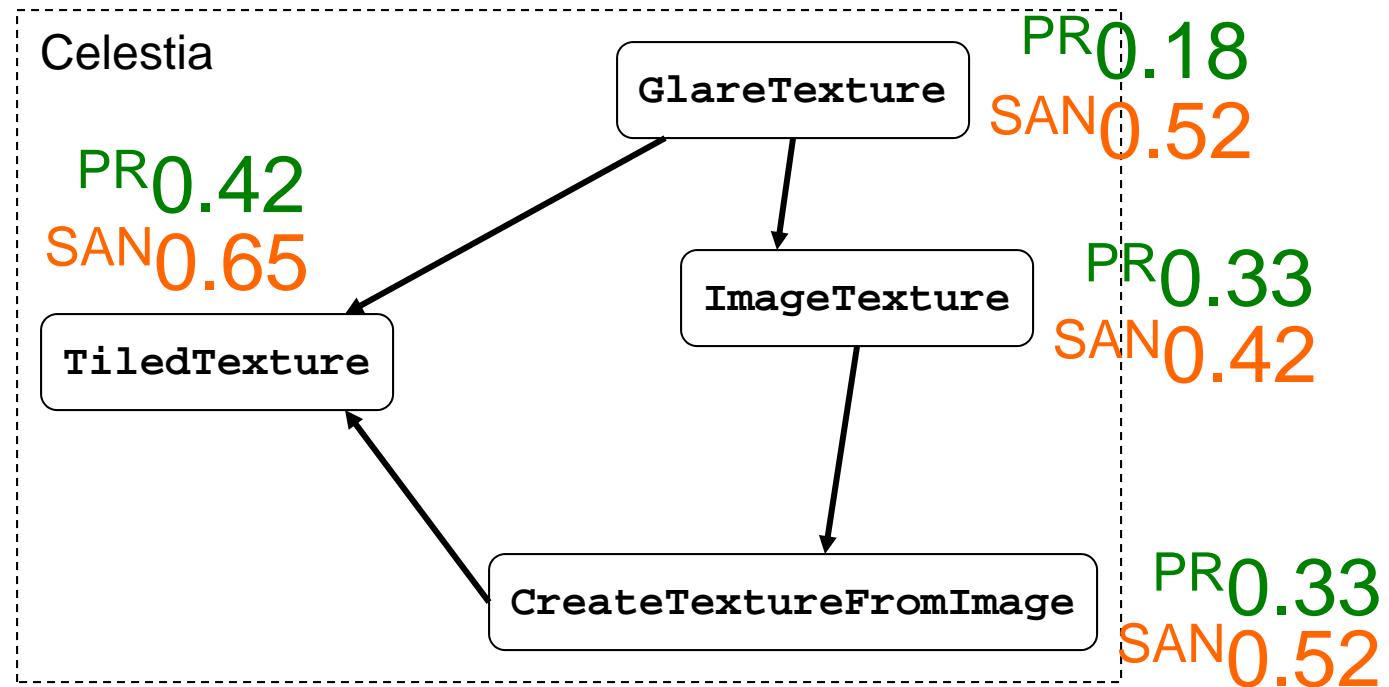
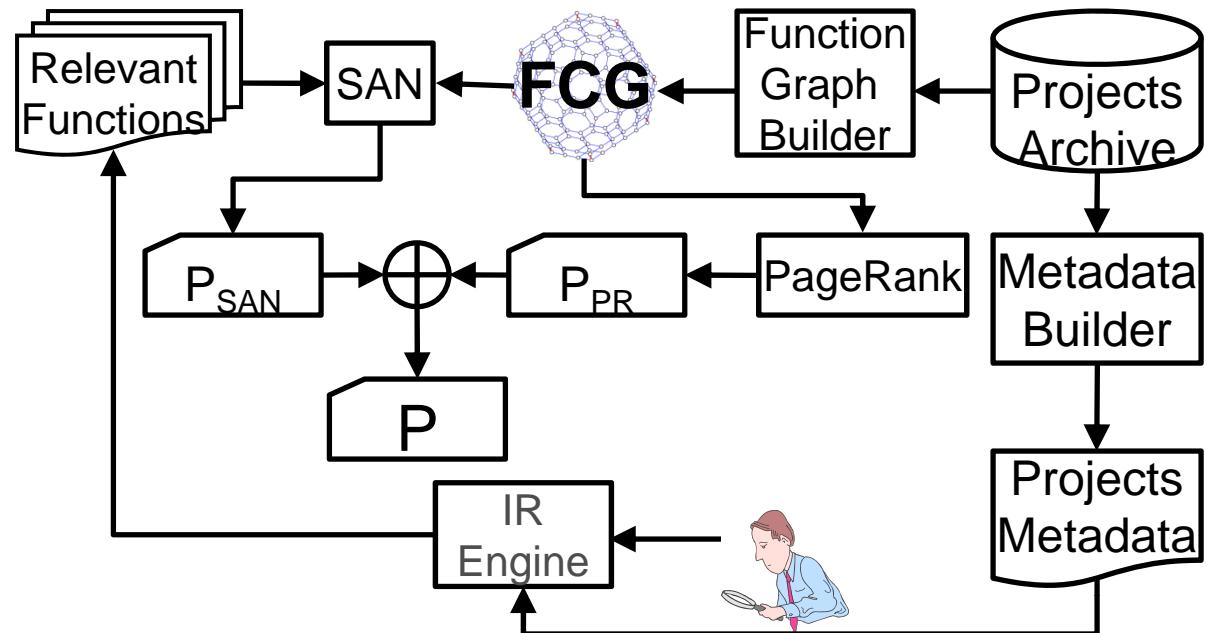


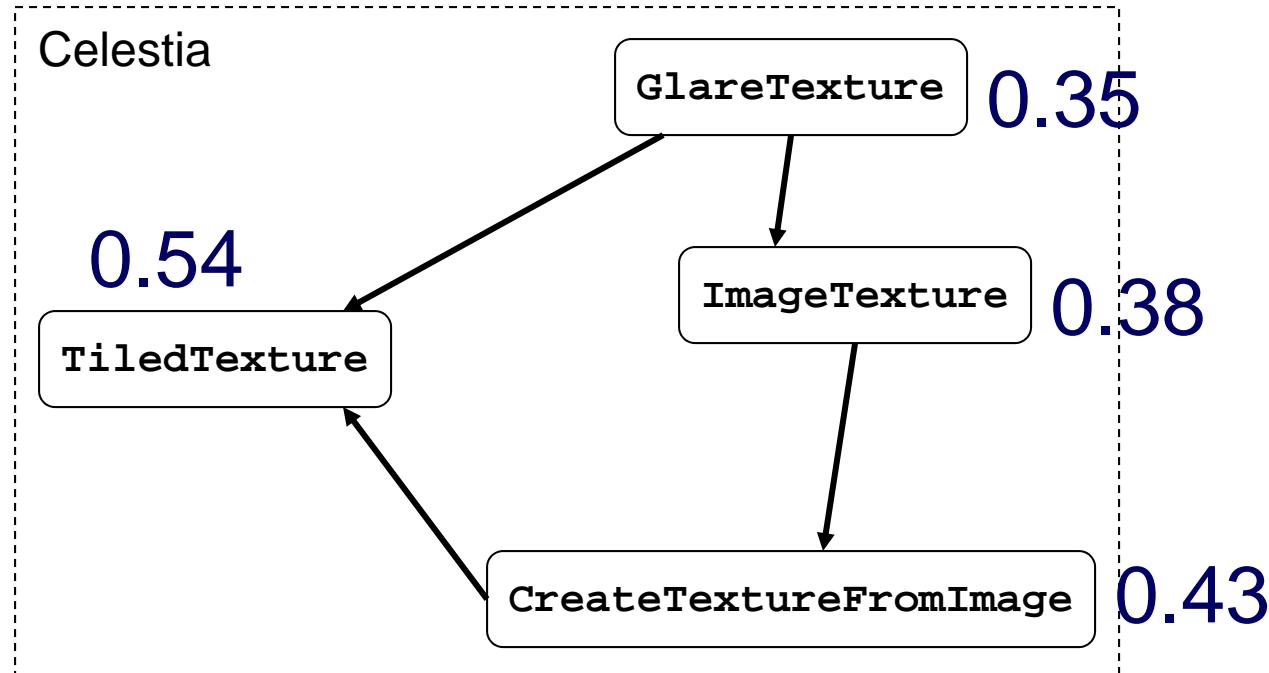
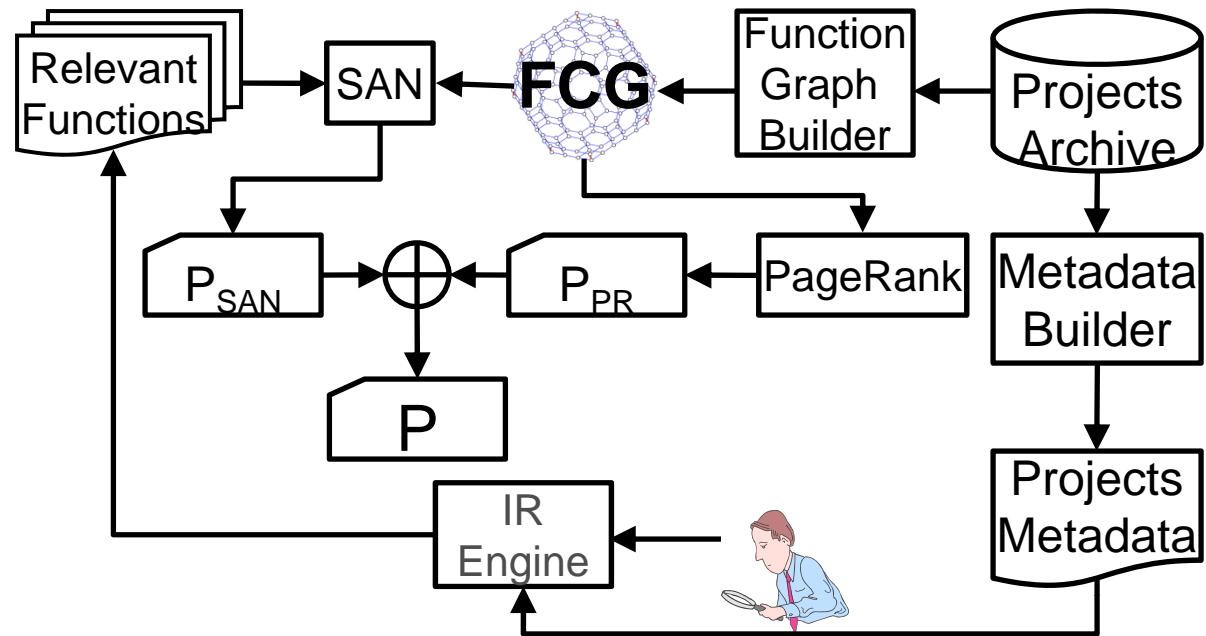


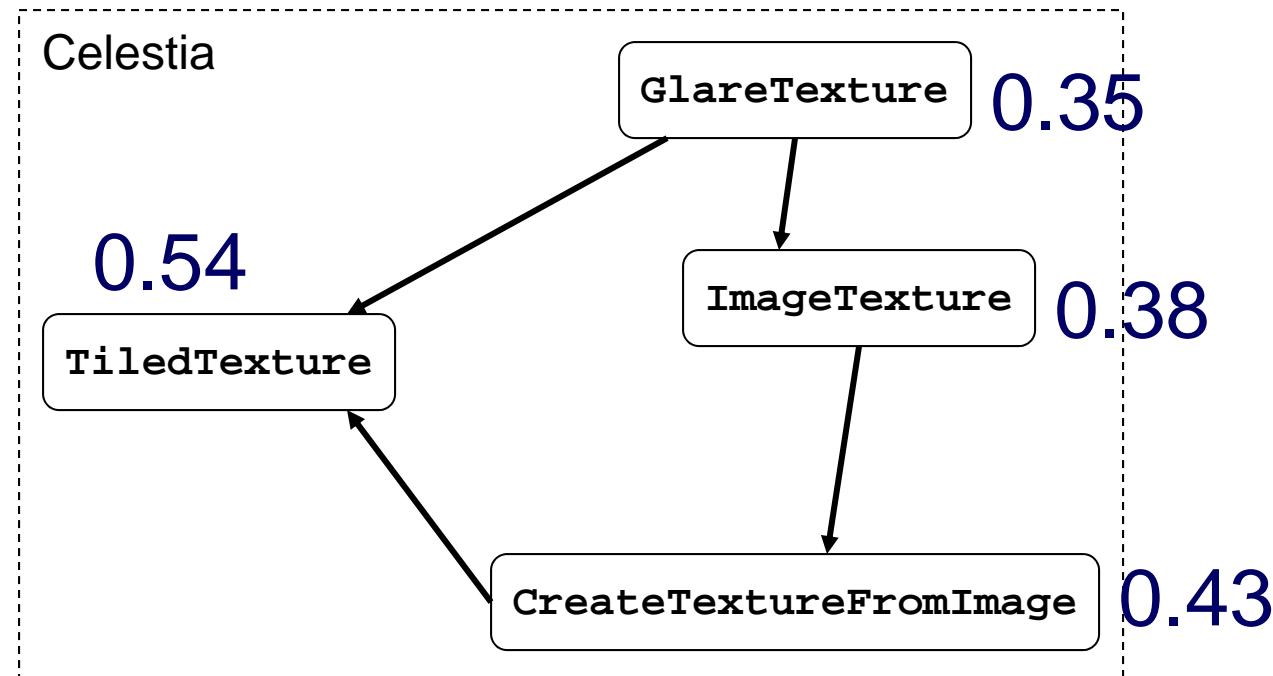
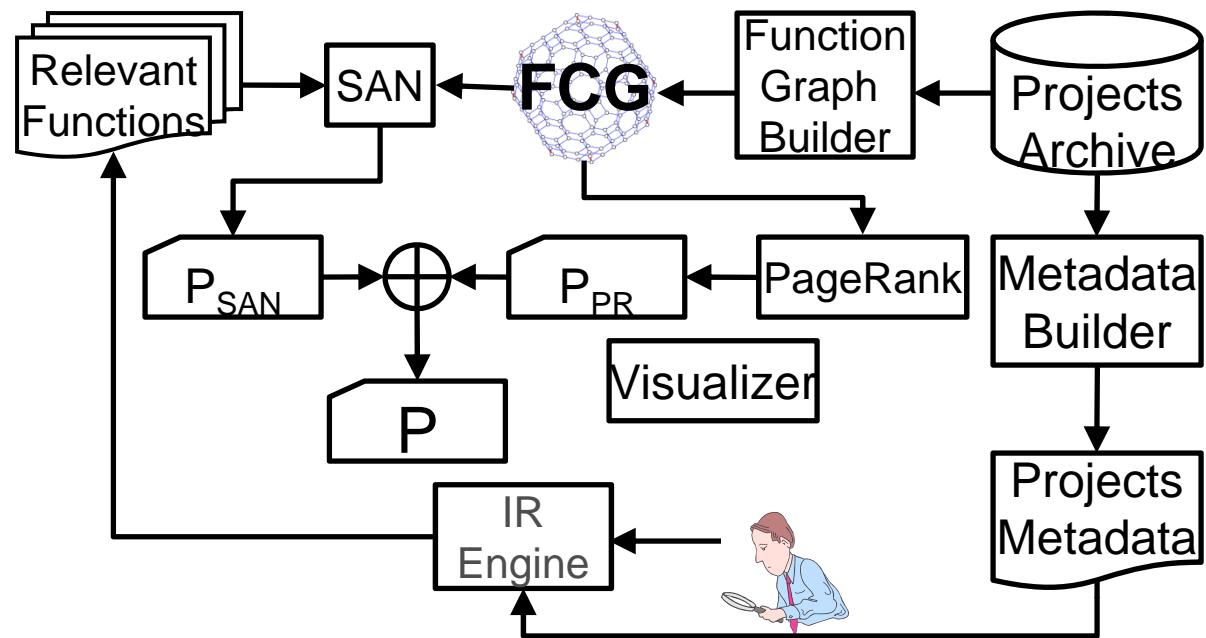


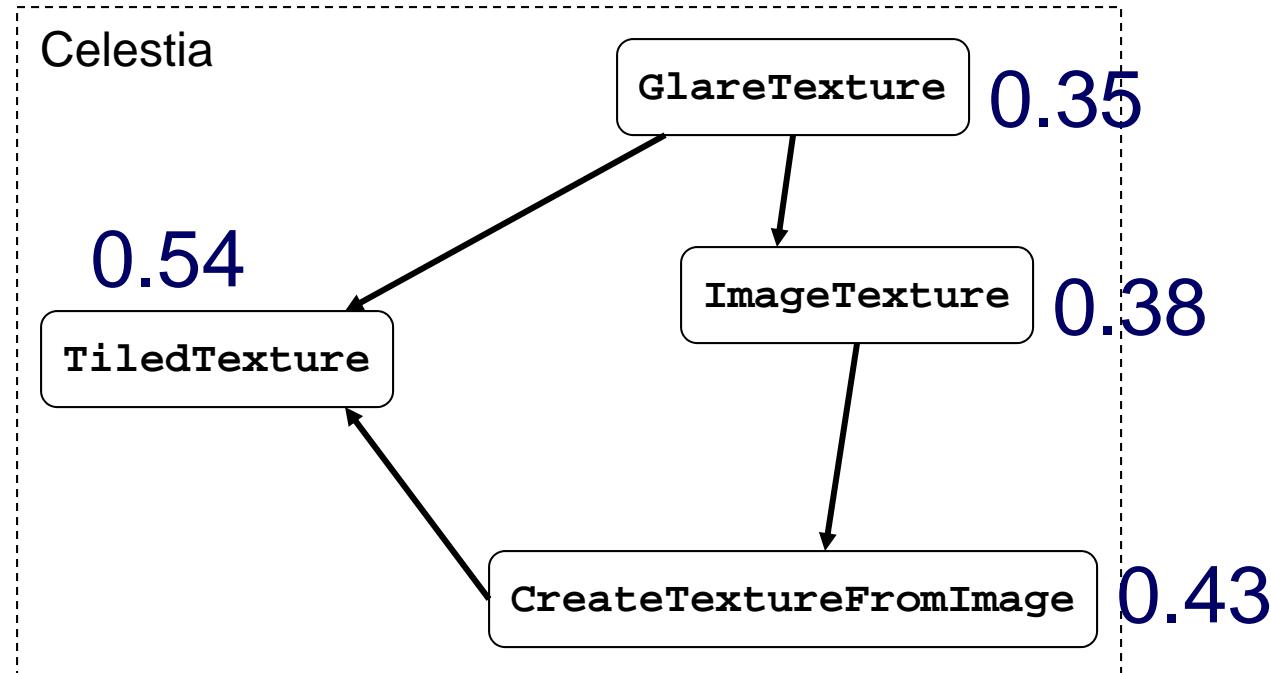
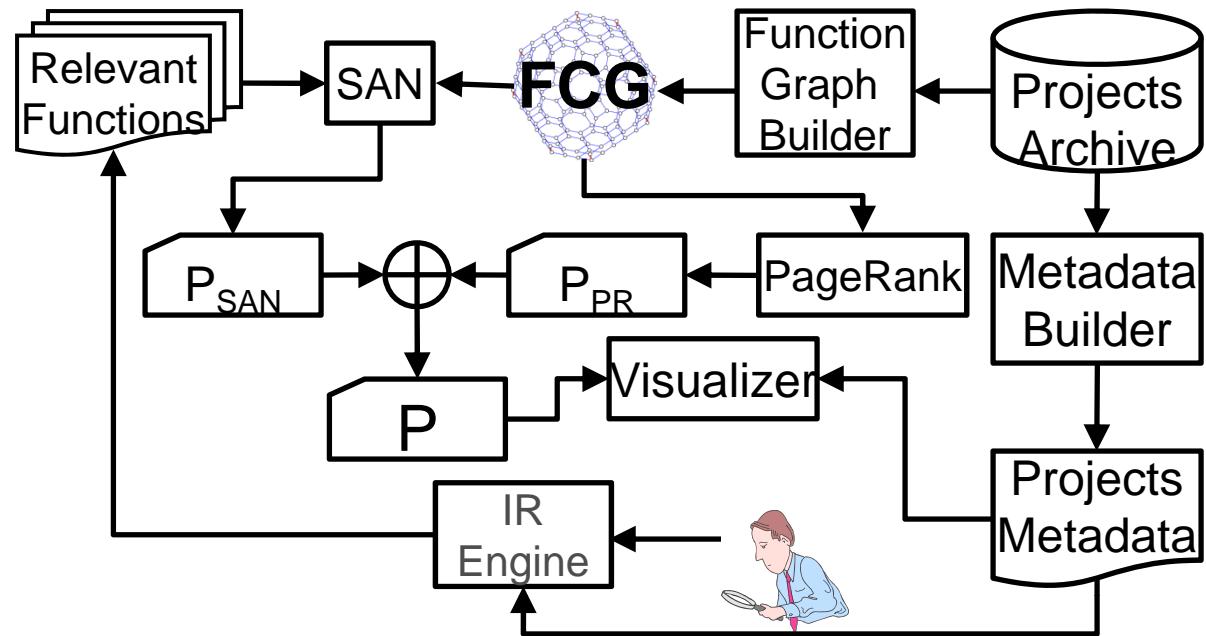


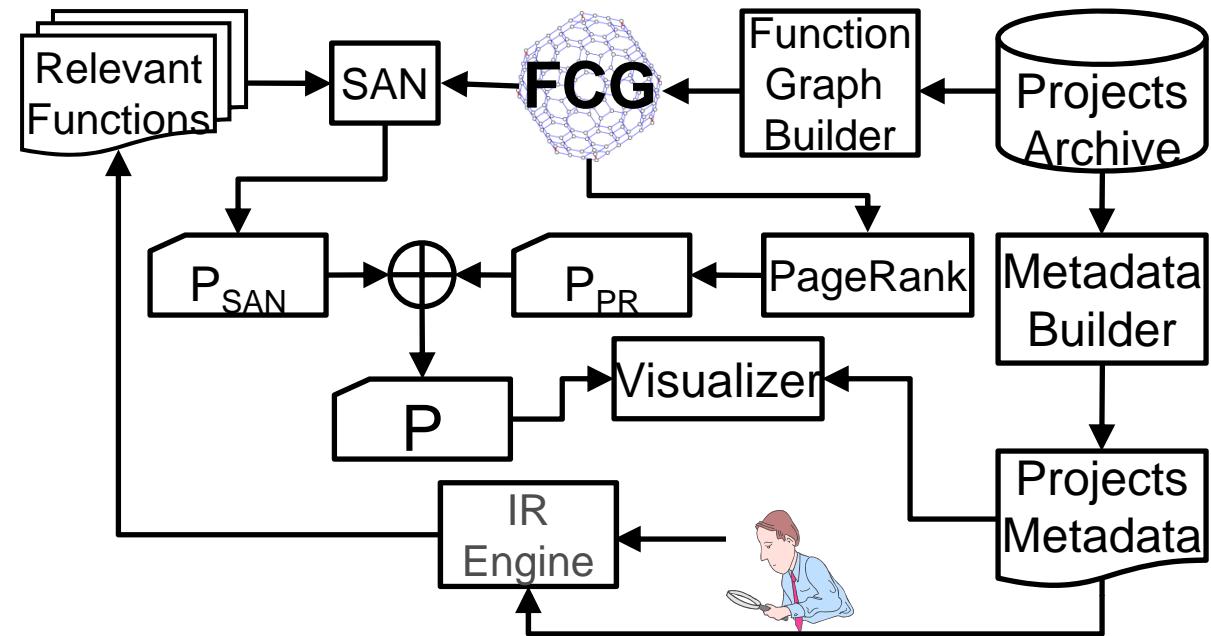


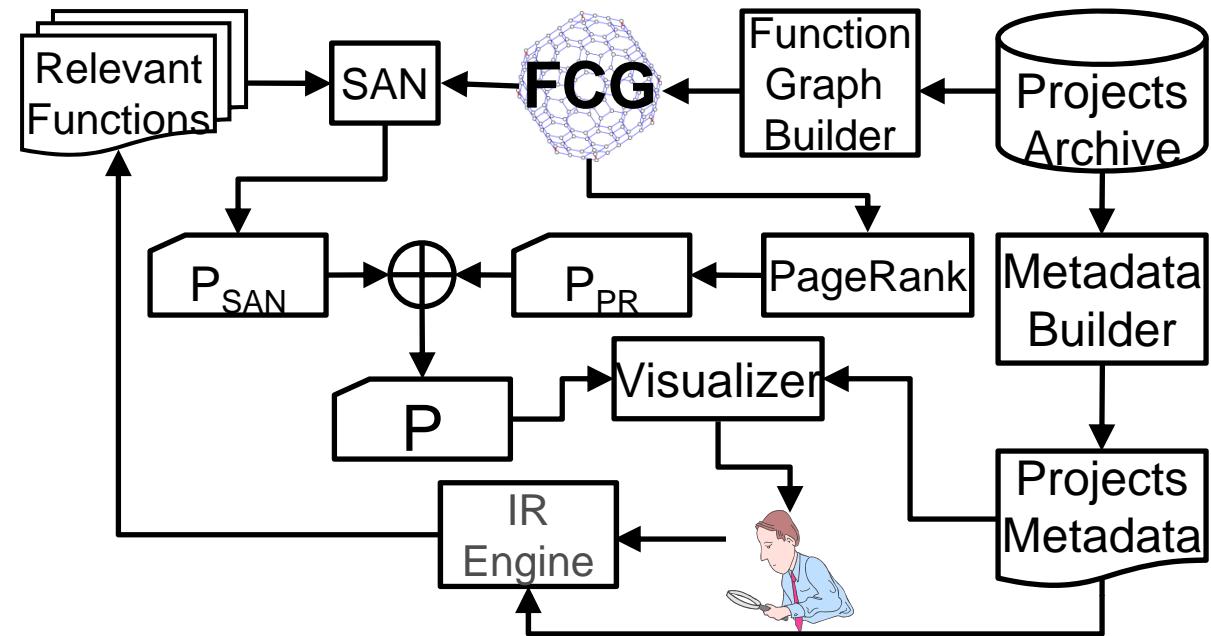


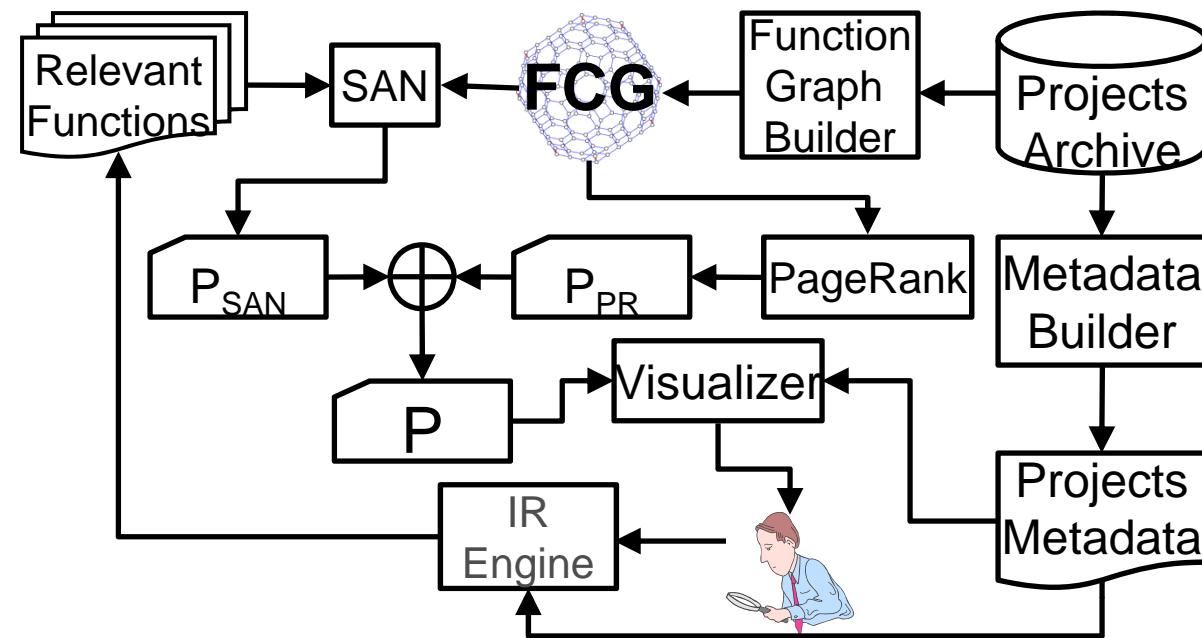






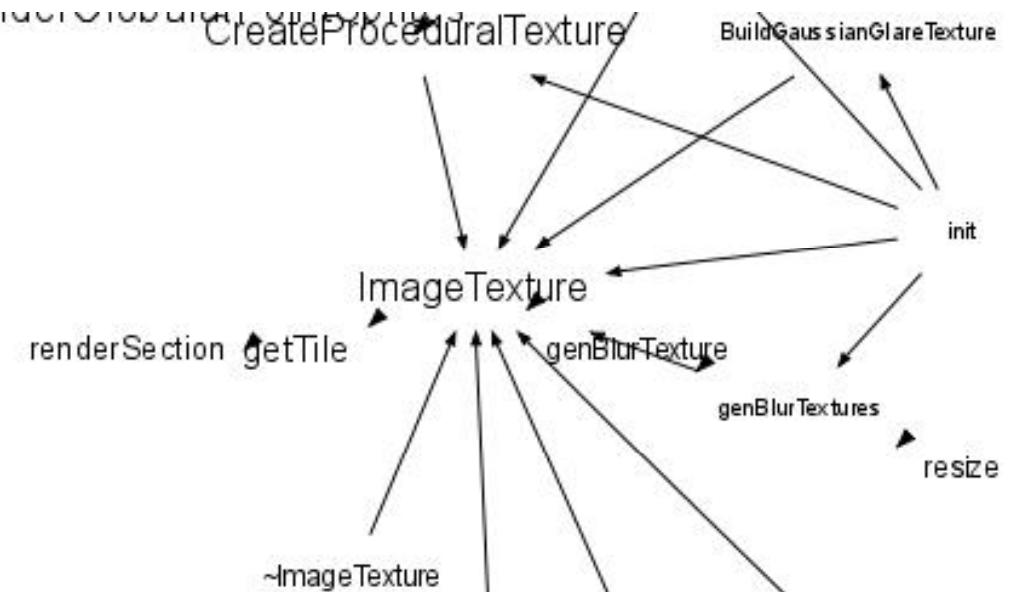






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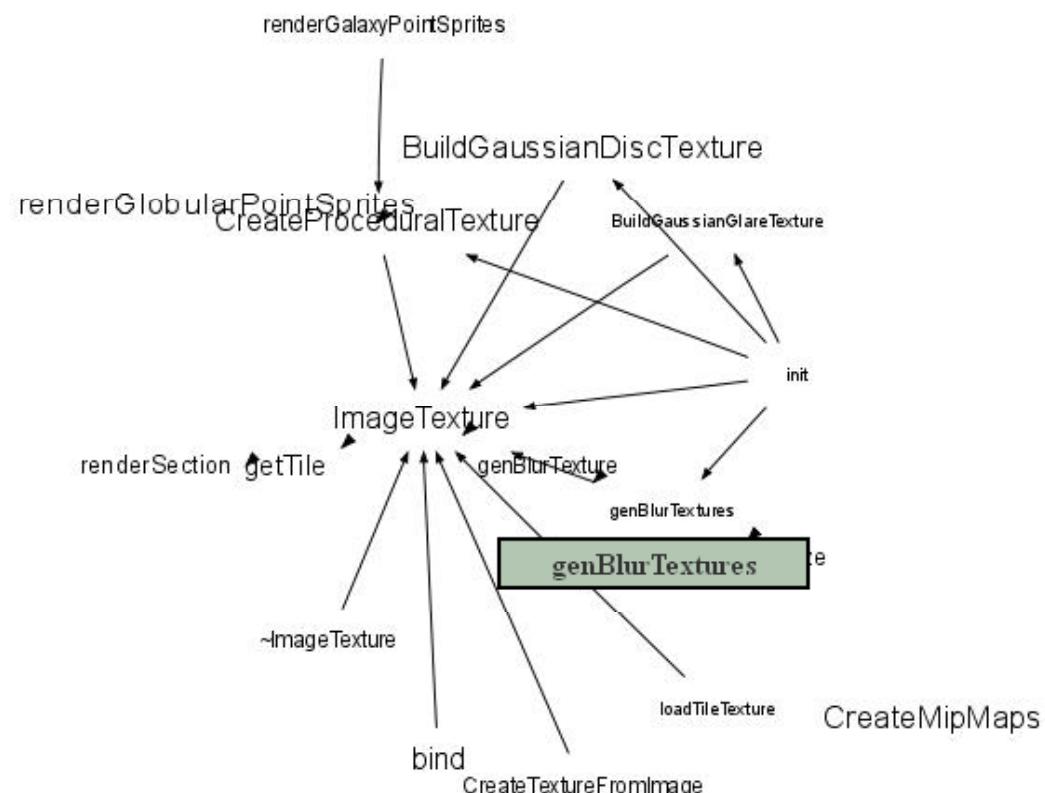
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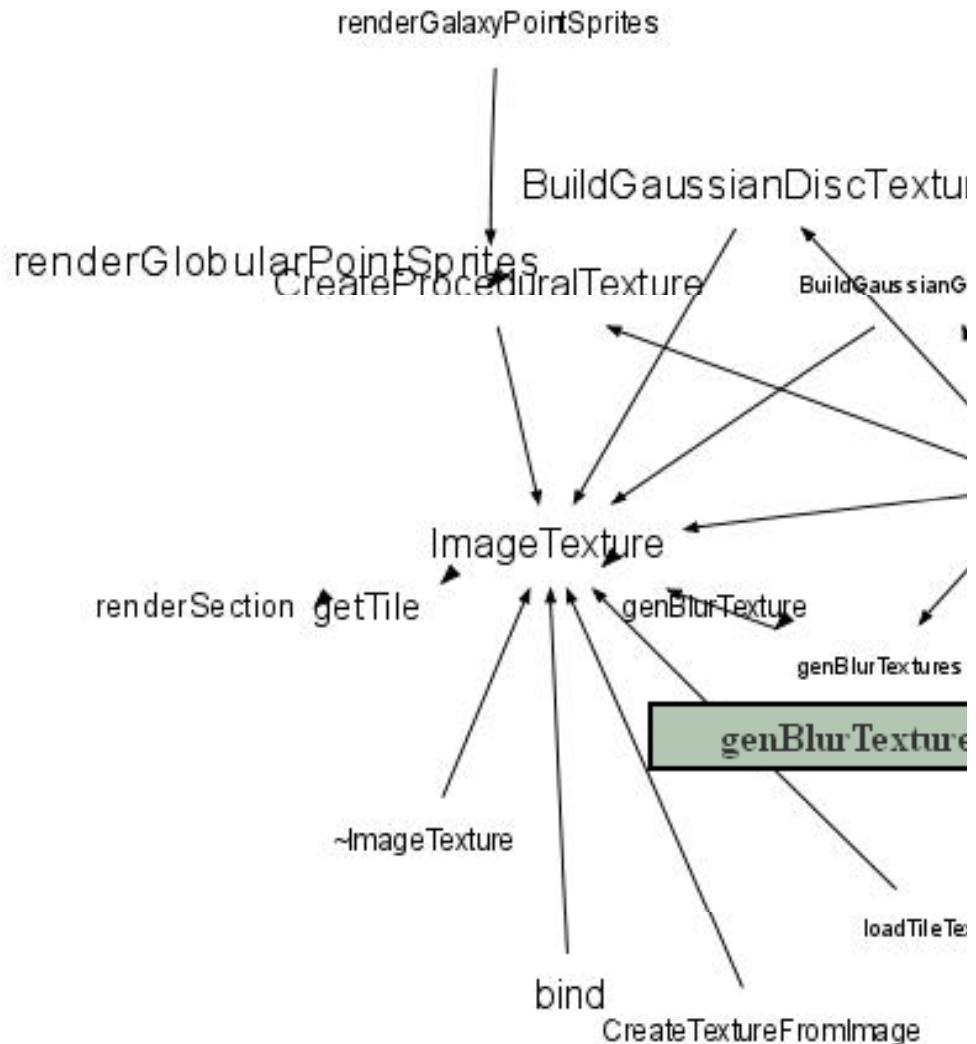
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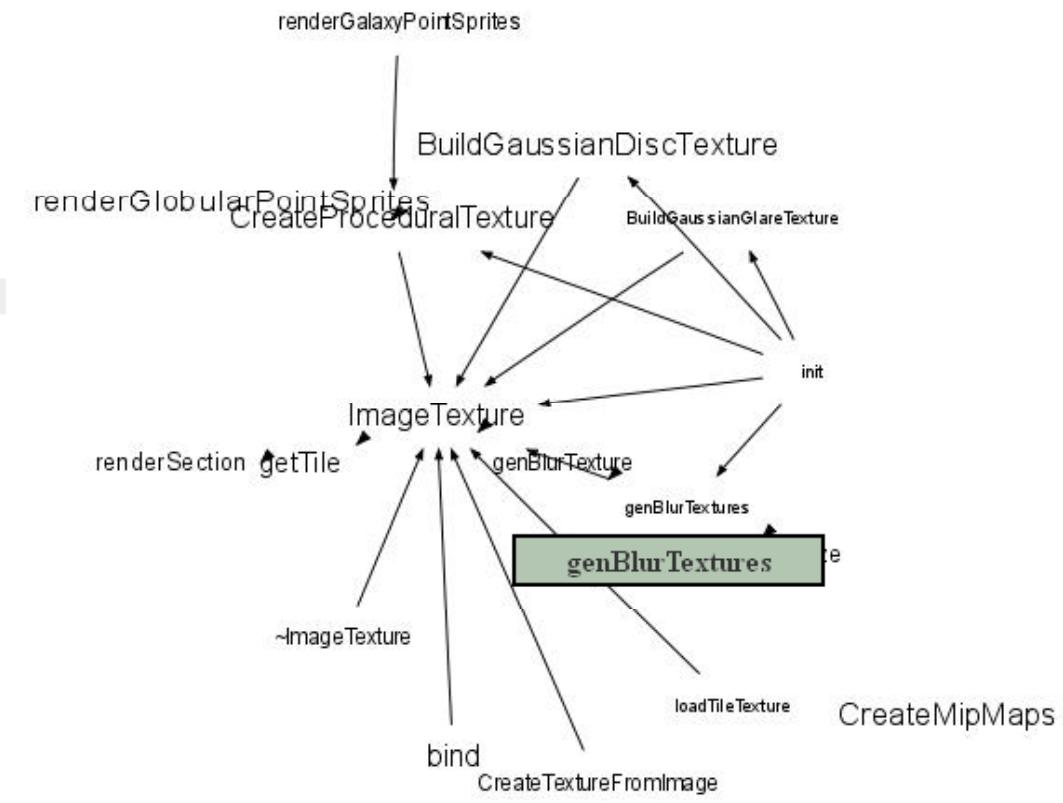


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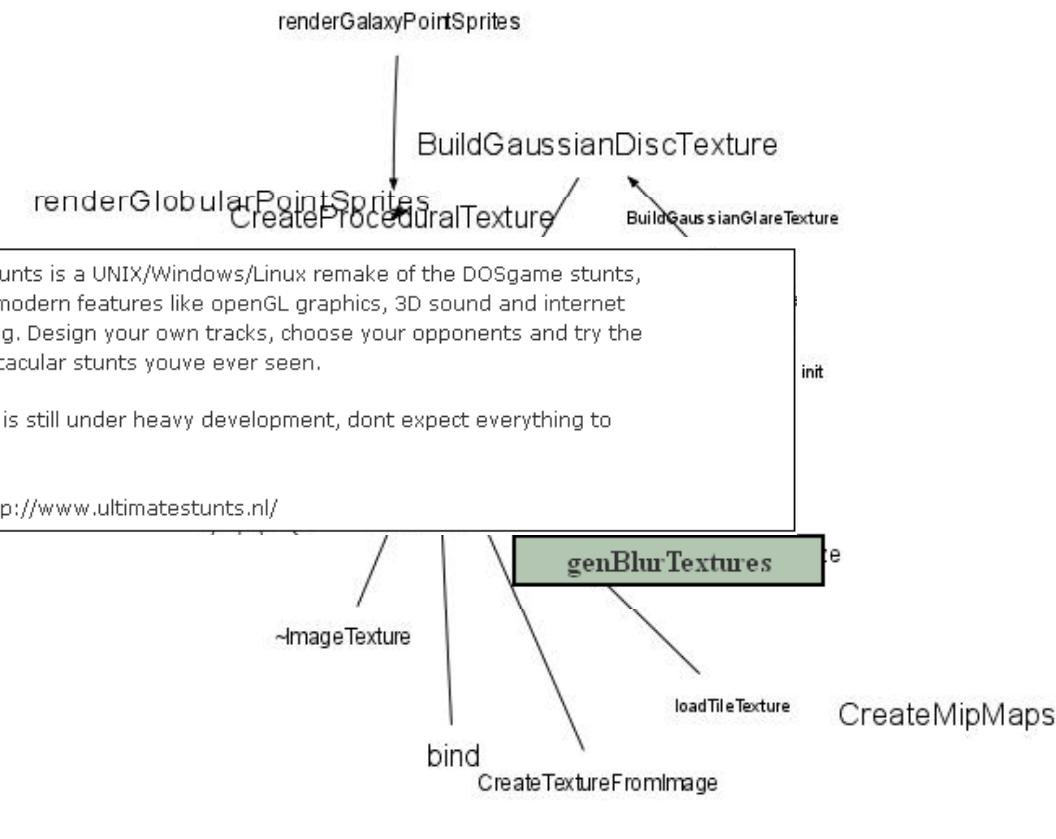


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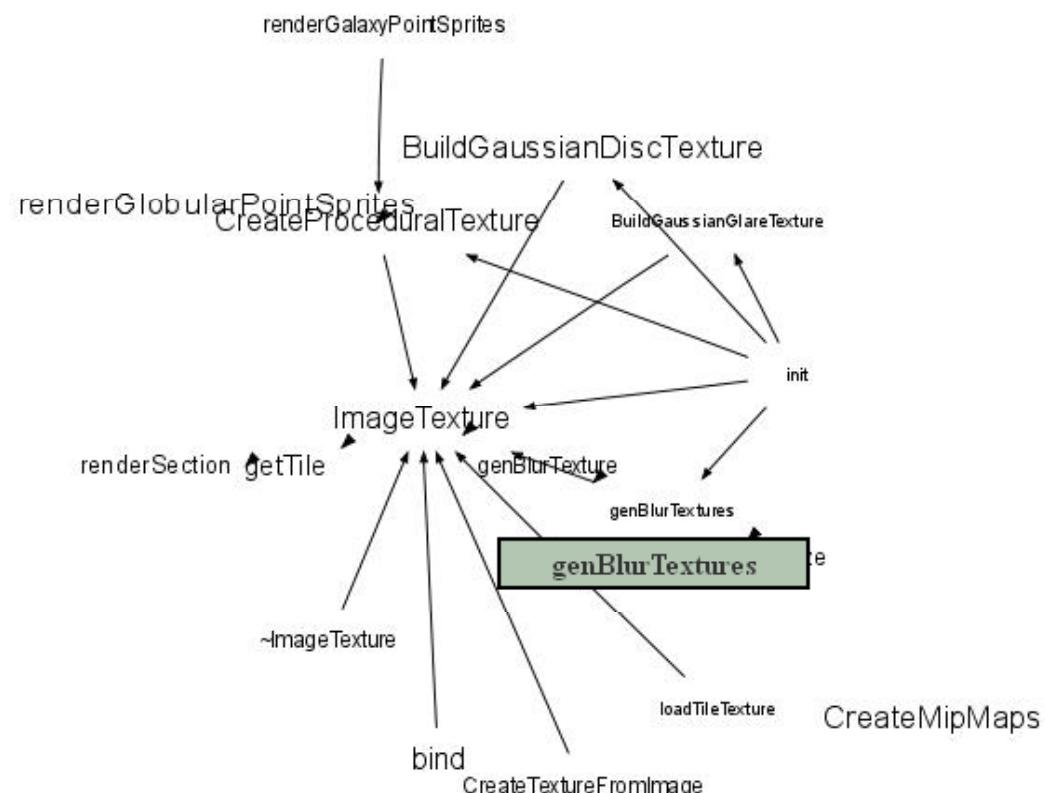
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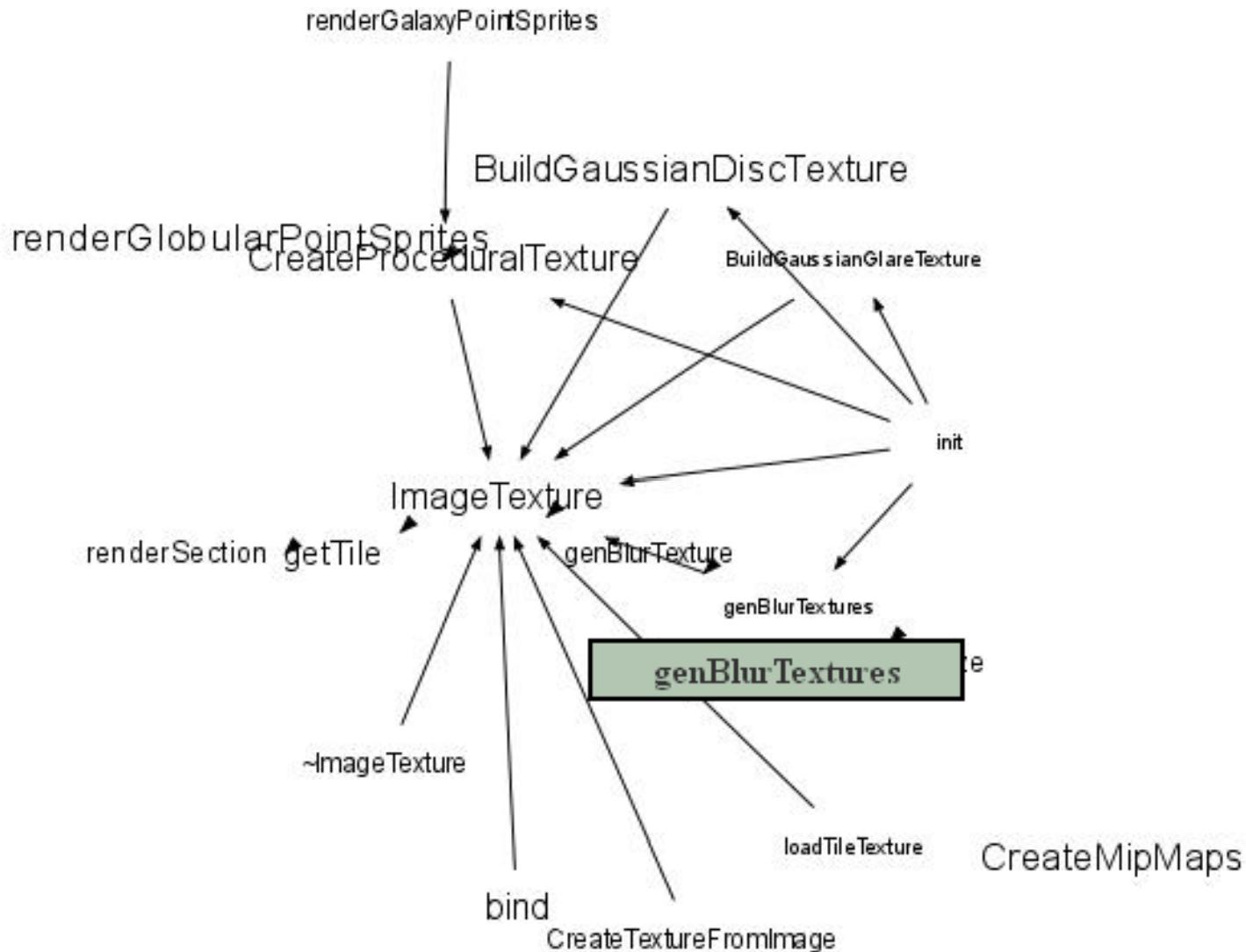
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# Experiment

To compare **Portfolio** with **Google Code Search** and **Koders**

49 C/C++ Programmers participated

- 44 Professionals from Accenture
- 5 Students from the University of Illinois at Chicago

## Large Case Studies are Rare

“First, it is very difficult to scale human experiments to get quantitative, significant measures of usefulness; this type of large-scale human study is very rare.

Second, comparing different recommenders using human evaluators would involve carefully designed, time-consuming experiments; this is also extremely rare.”

Saul, Filkov, Devanbu, Bird  
Recommending Random Walks, ESEC/FSE’07



# Participants' Role

- 1) Receive Task and Search Engine

**Write a utility for dithering mip map images  
that are used for rendering texture.**

- 2) Translate Task to Query, enter into Engine

## Portfolio

A Source Code Search Engine for [FreeBSD ports](#)

mip map dithering texture image graphics

Search



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# Likert Scale - Confidence

- ★☆☆☆☆ Completely irrelevant – there is absolutely nothing that the participant can use from this retrieved code fragments, nothing in it is related to keywords that the participant chose based on the descriptions of the tasks.
- ★☆☆☆☆ Mostly irrelevant – a retrieved code fragment is only remotely relevant to a given task; it is unclear how to reuse it.
- ★☆☆☆☆ Mostly relevant – a retrieved code fragment is relevant to a given task and participant can understand with some modest effort how to reuse it to solve a given task.
- ★★★★★ Highly relevant – The participant is highly confident that code fragment can be reused and s/he clearly see how to use it.

# Analysis of the Results

Metrics:

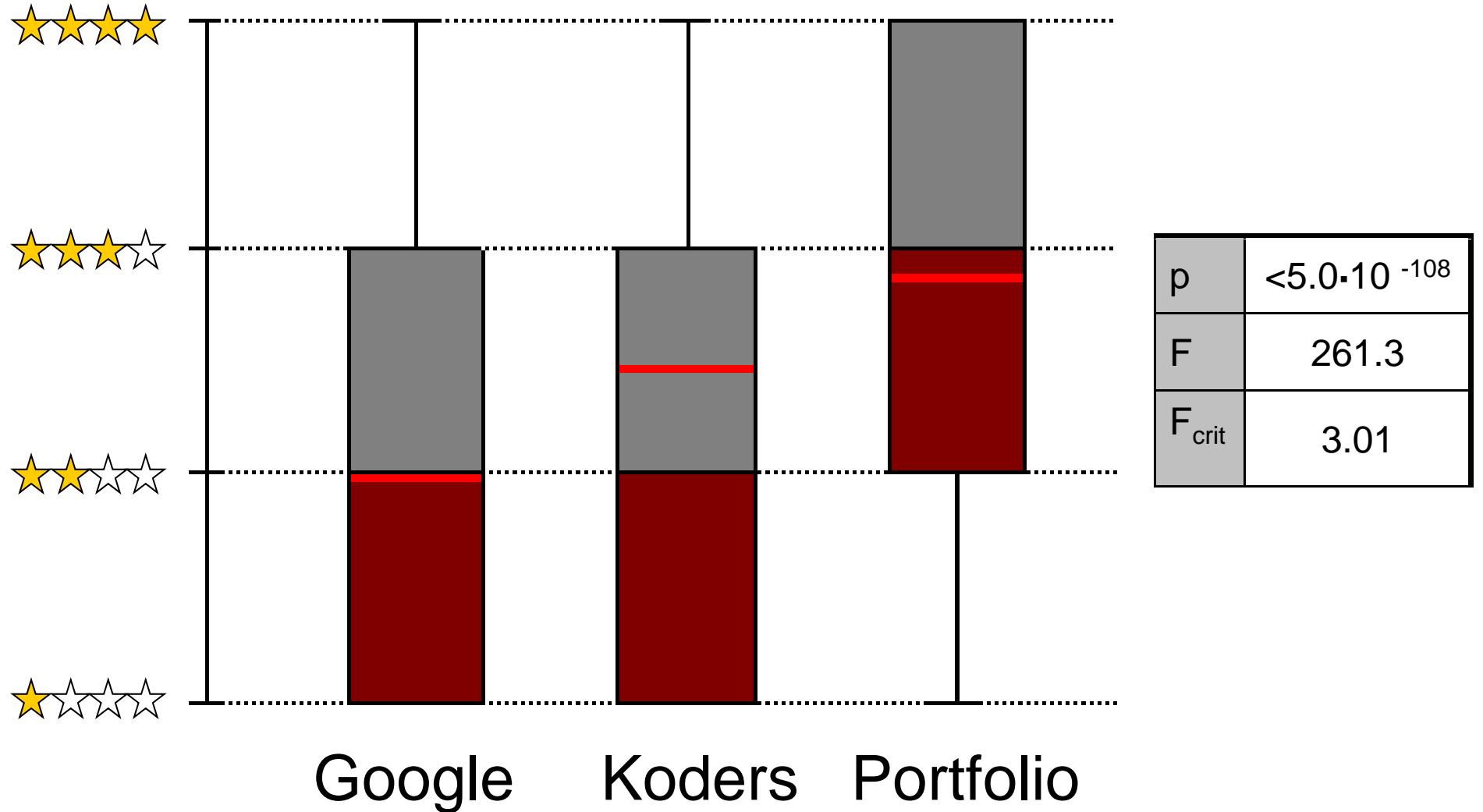
Confidence (C)

Precision (P)

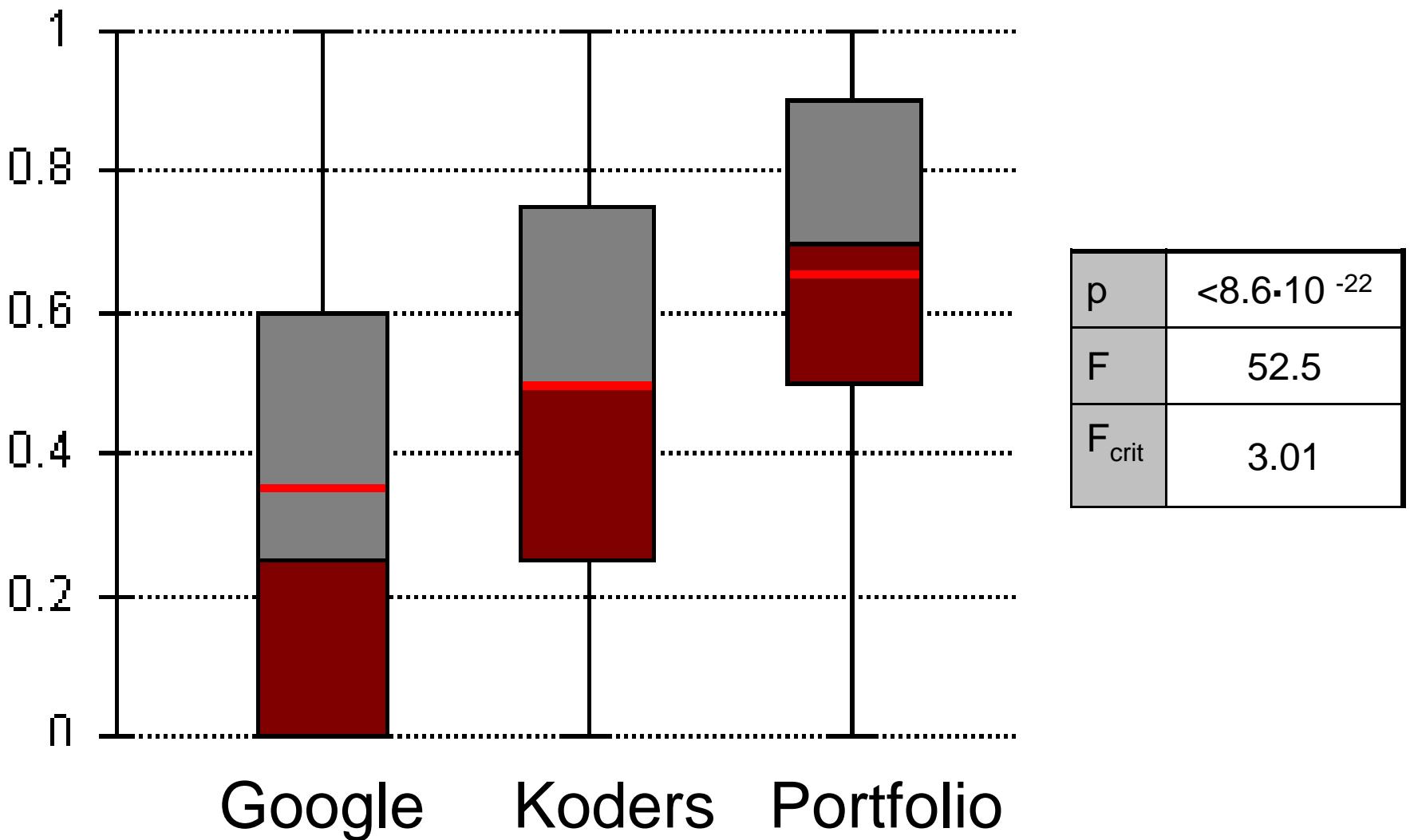
Normalized Discounted Cumulative Gain (NG)

Search Engine	Queries Entered	Responses Rated
Portfolio	184	1276
Google Code Search	198	1373
Koders	208	1486

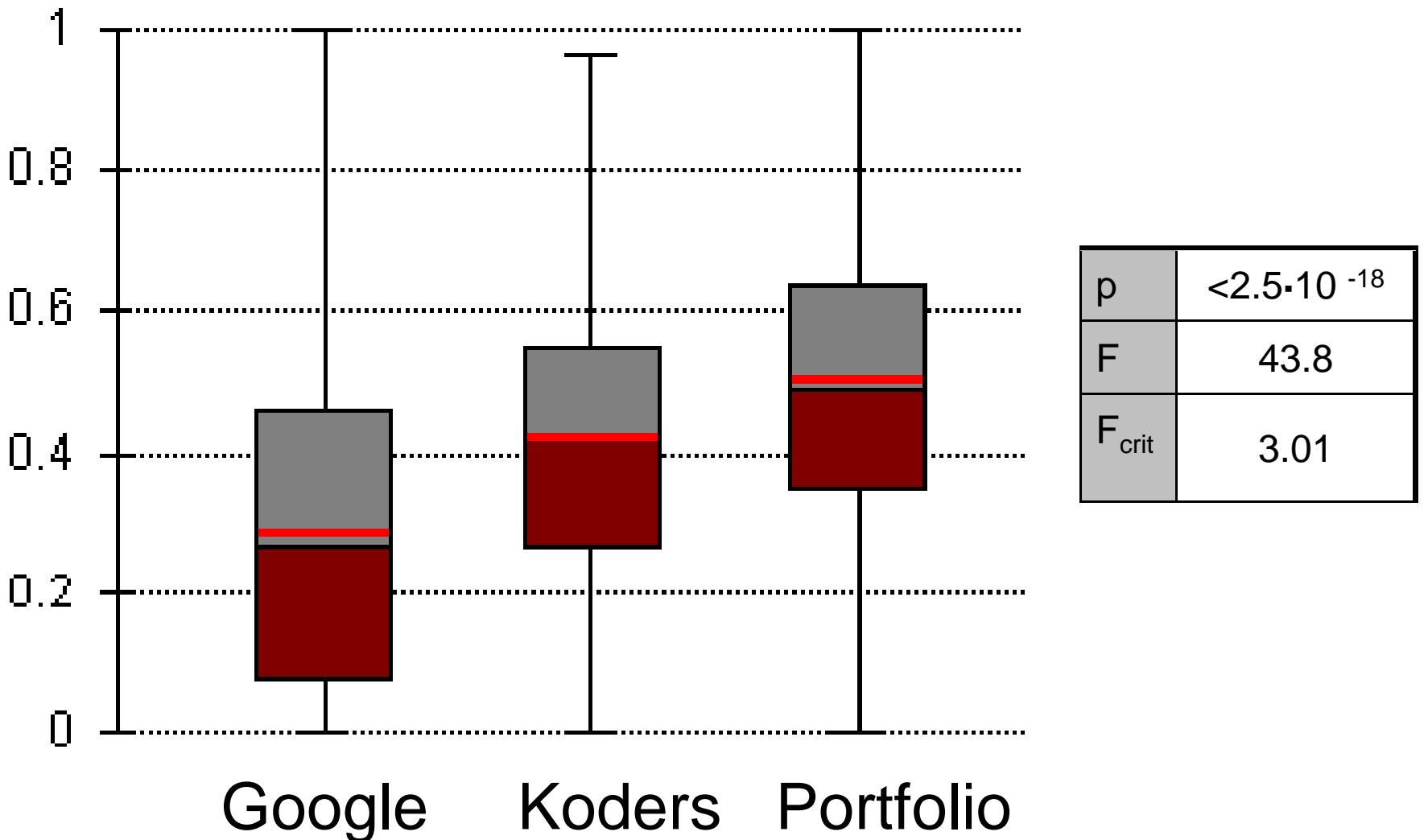
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# Responses from Programmers

“The search engine Portfolio is a good search tool ... developers won’t waste time exploring different projects or functions.”

“Portfolio looks into functional not based exactly on the wording like Google, so when it’s found the right function, the search is really on target.”

“The ‘code web’ of search results was very helpful for finding out which things to analyze.”

# Suggestions from Programmers

“The best addition to Portfolio would be the ability to navigate though functions much like an IDE can.”

“I would like to see more feedback from the search and more options on how to search.”

“If query is misspelled, [Portfolio] does not return suggestions.”

# Ongoing Improvements

## Data Available

- All Source Code in Our Repository

- Function Dependency Extractor: FUNDEX

- Case Study Tasks and Responses

## Programmer Access

- SOAP web service

- Java search now available

See <http://www.searchportfolio.net/>

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**Portfolio** We conducted an experiment with 49 C/C++ programmers, including 44 professionals from Accenture. We asked all participants to compare 3 source code search engines: Google Code Search, Koders, and Portfolio. We found statistically-significant improvement of Portfolio over both GCS and Koders! From this link you can down... [See More](#)

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**Portfolio** The results of the query "record music file". On the left are individual relevant functions (and projects) from FreeBSD Ports. On the right is a call graph showing how those functions are connected!

[Using Portfolio](#)

 Portfolio

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**Free source code for everyone!**

Search for code among 18,203 C/C++ projects.

Welcome to Portfolio. From this page you can search for functions in C or C++ that perform a task you specify. You will see relevant functions along with a [call graph](#) showing how they interact. All of the code indexed by Portfolio comes from [FreeBSD](#)'s source code repository [ports](#), and includes over 18,000 C/C++ projects, 2.2 million files, and 8.5 million functions!

Query:   
 How many results to display:

**Programmer access to Portfolio:**

You can now build Portfolio into your own programs using our SOAP web service. Visit the [programmer access guide](#) for more information. [NEW!](#)

**How Portfolio works:**

There are essentially two parts to the system. One downloads, extracts, and parses the source code from ports. The parsing involves locating every project in the archive, then every C/C++ file in every project, and then every function in every file. Each function is then analyzed to see all the other functions that it calls.

The second part is the search engine you can use here. First, keywords from your query are matched to keywords in the source code of functions (such as identifier names, comments, or the contents of strings). Second, we find functions which call the functions from the first step. Third, we consider the global importance of the functions of both steps by looking at the [PageRank](#) score of each function. When calculating the PageRank, we look at the call graph of [every function](#) and [function call](#).