# VectorCDC: Accelerating Data Deduplication with Vector Instructions

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# Introduction

- Data explosion
  - Global data production expected to exceed 180 ZB by 2025 [1]
  - Cloud storage providers





- Mechanisms
  - Distributed file systems [2]
  - Storage Architectures [3]
  - Data Deduplication [4]



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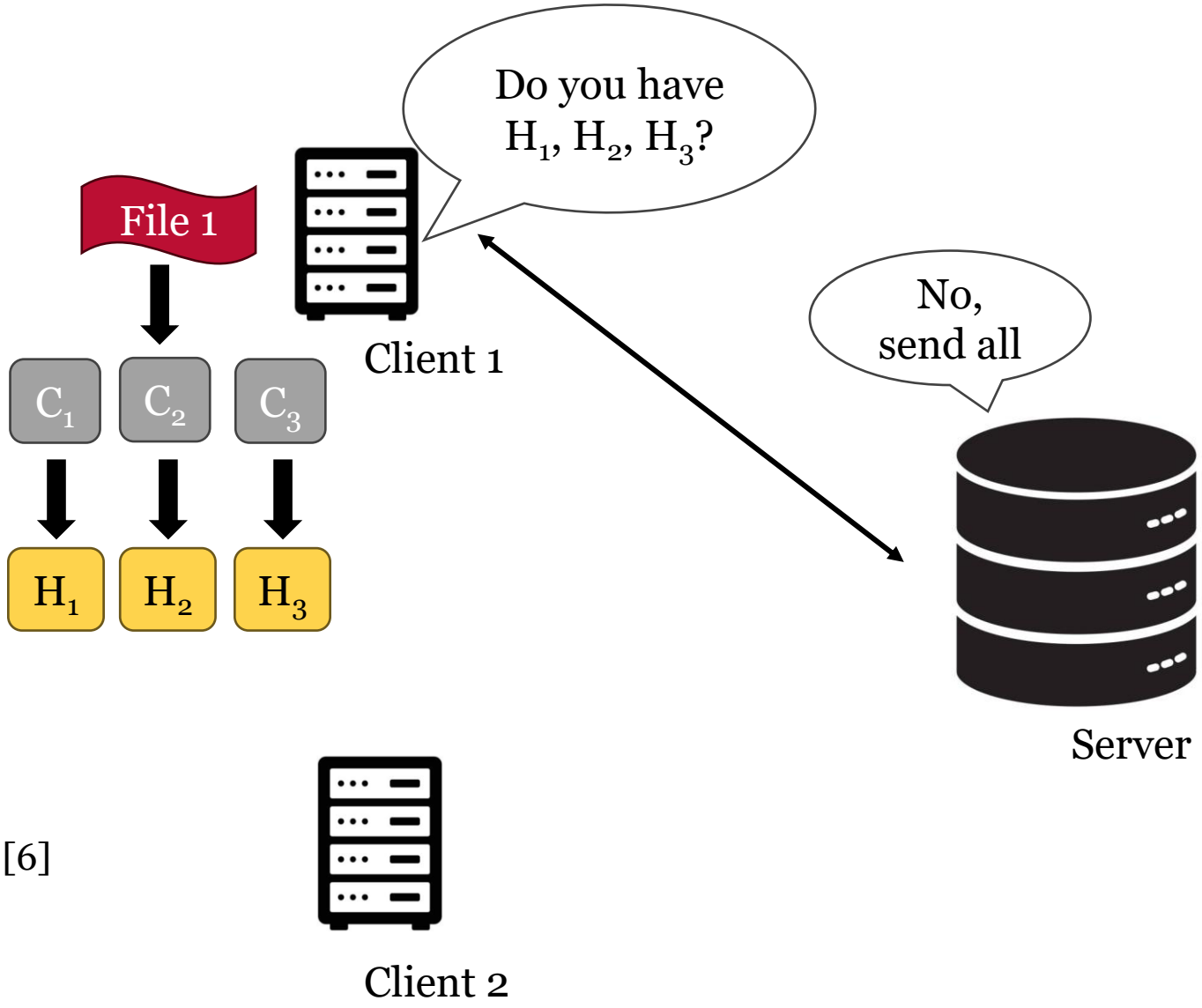
  - Fingerprint Comparison
  - Data Storage
- Content-Defined Chunking (CDC) [6]
  - Hash-based and Hashless





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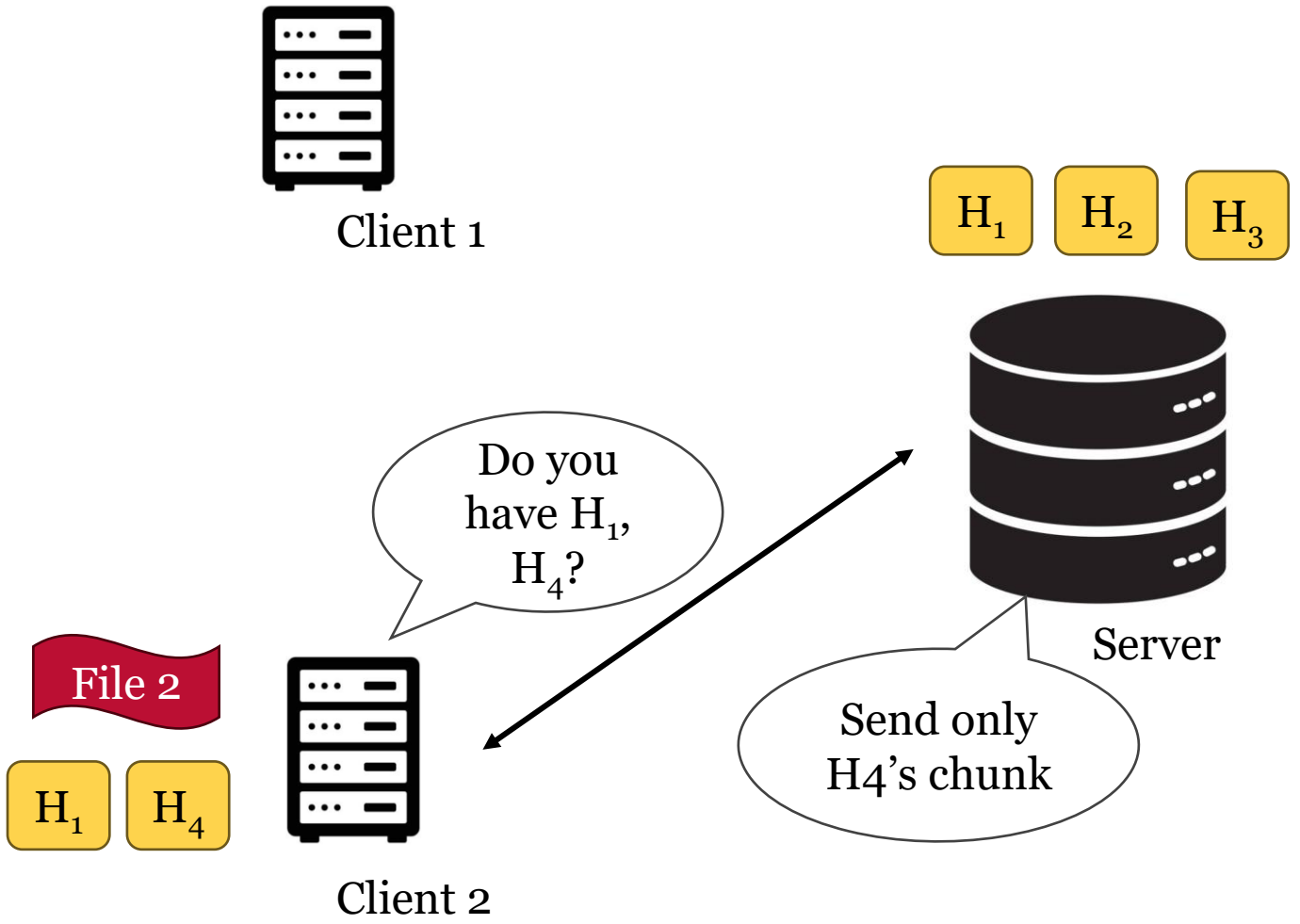



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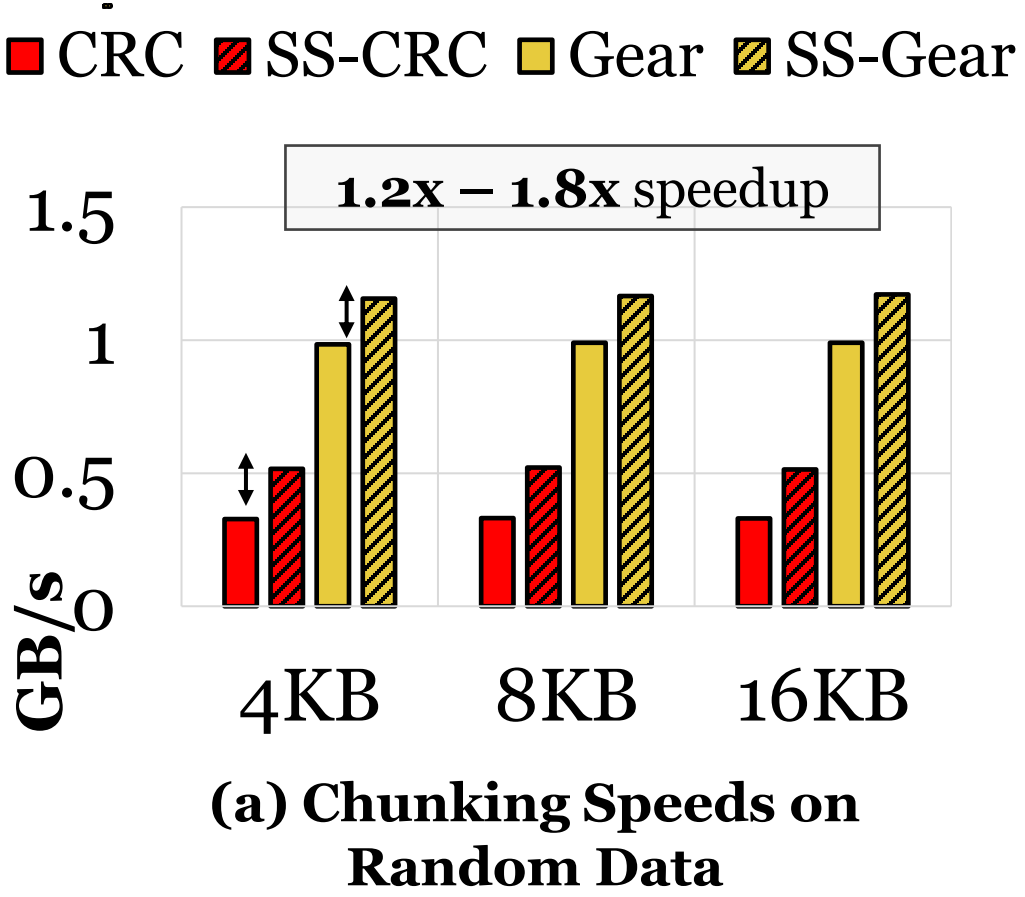
# Motivation – Vector Accelerated CDC

- CDC is computationally intensive
  - **Idea:** Accelerate with SIMD (AVX / SSE) CPU instructions
- Existing approaches
  - SS-CDC [8]
  - Low speedups despite using AVX-512 instructions




**(a) Chunking Speeds on Random Data**

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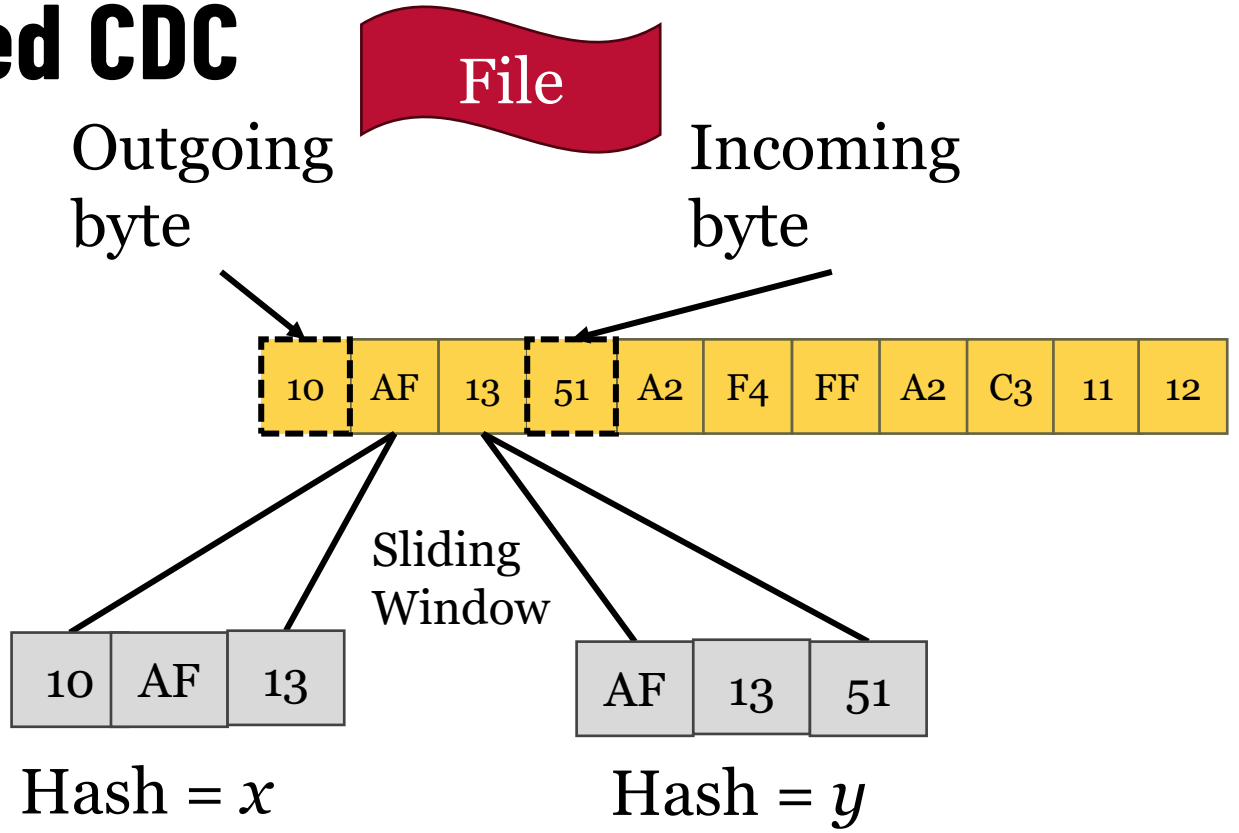
- Fundamental inefficiencies
  - Rolling hash algorithms [8]
- Dependency between adjacent bytes
  - *Solution:* Process different regions of the file with SIMD
  - Expensive scatter/gather instructions




$$y = x + f(51) - g(10)$$

$f(x)$ and $g(x)$ are functions

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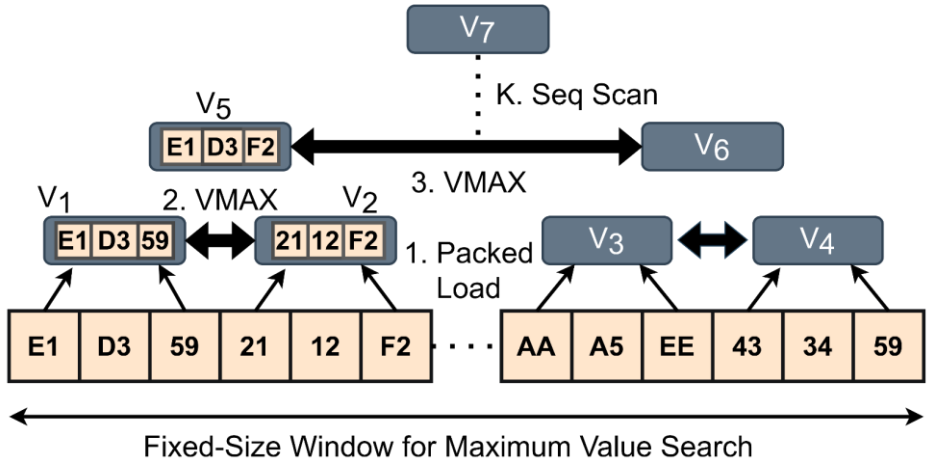
# VectorCDC

- New vector acceleration method for hashless CDC
  - Use AVX-friendly *tree-based search* and *packed scanning*
    - Compatible with a wide range of existing hashless CDC
  - **21x higher throughput** over SS-CDC
    - No impact on deduplication space savings

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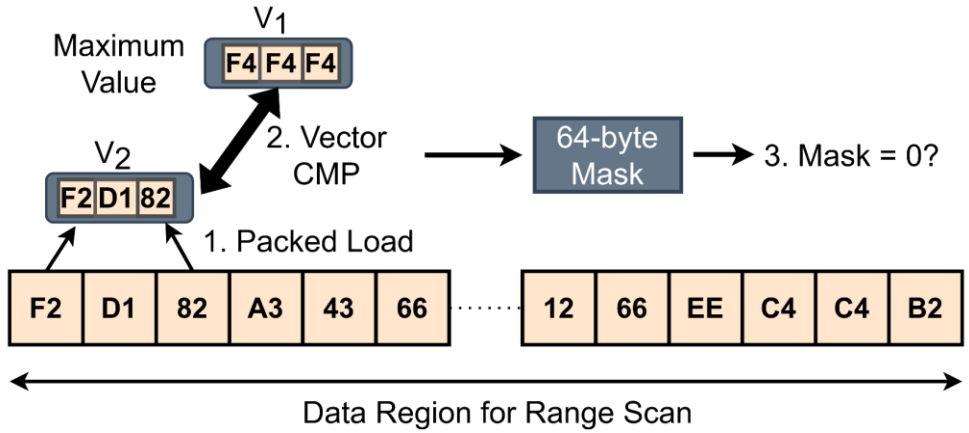


b) Packed Scanning

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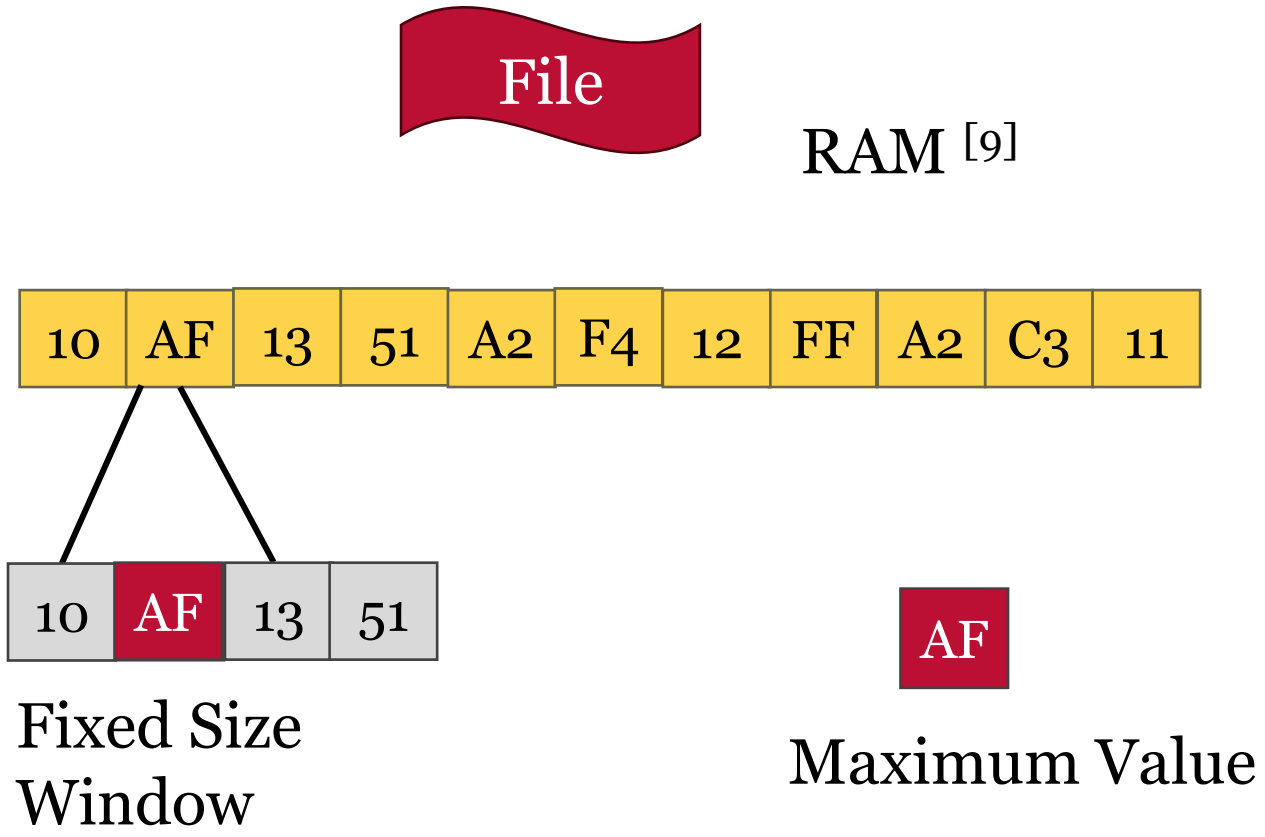



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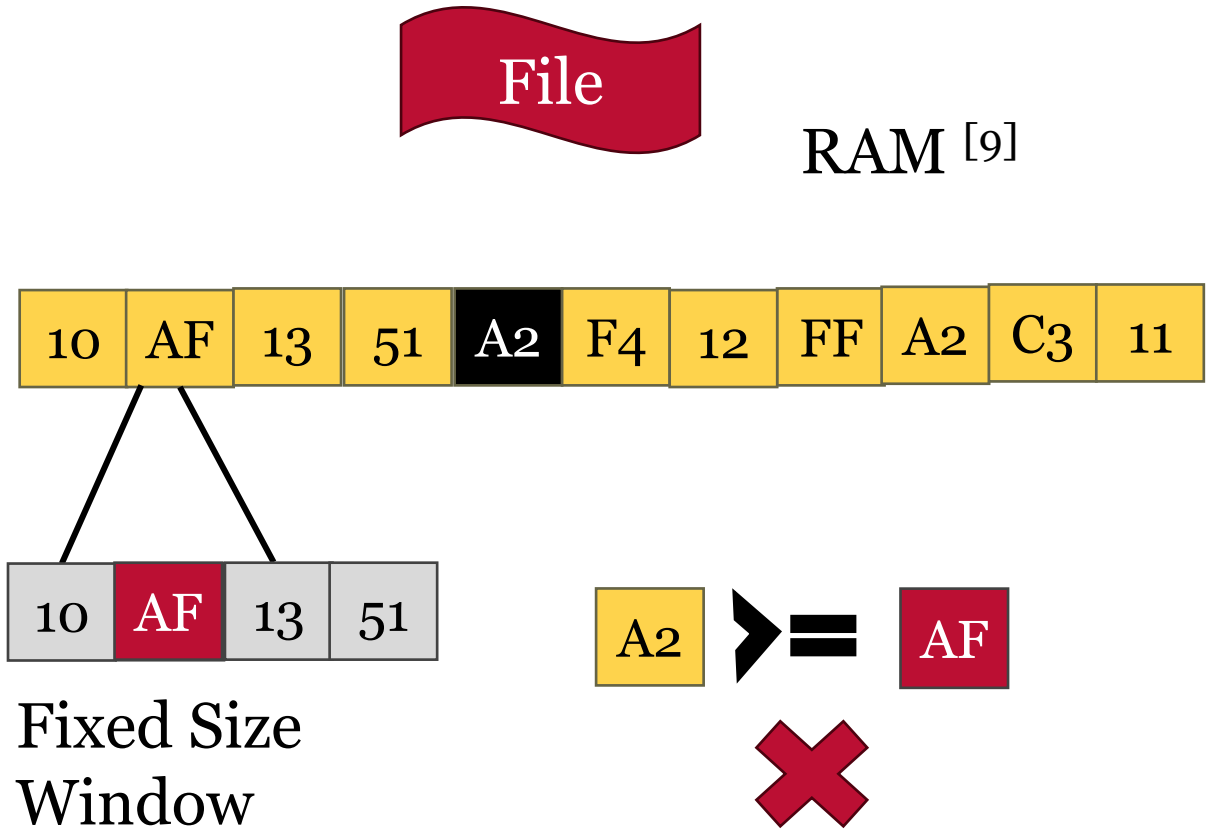



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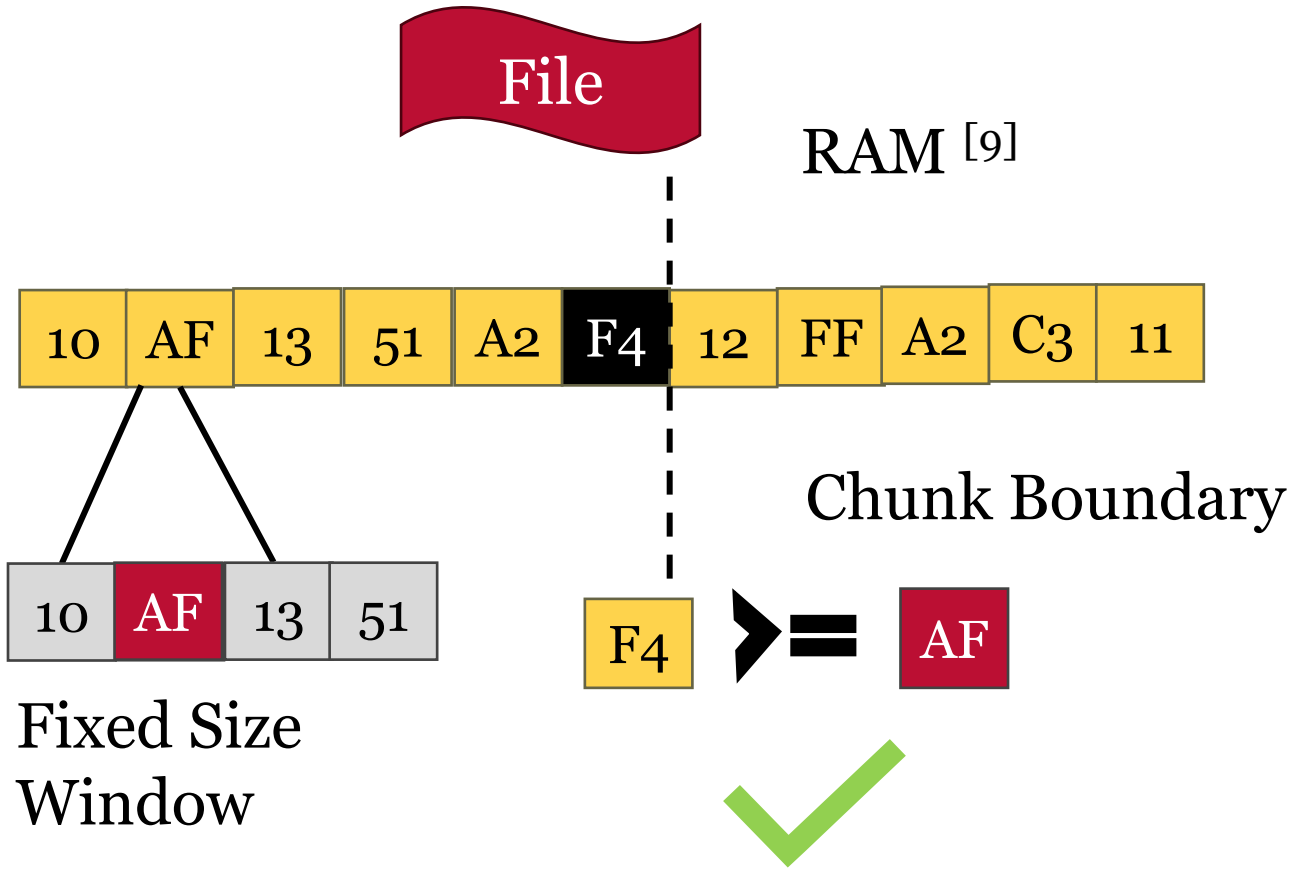



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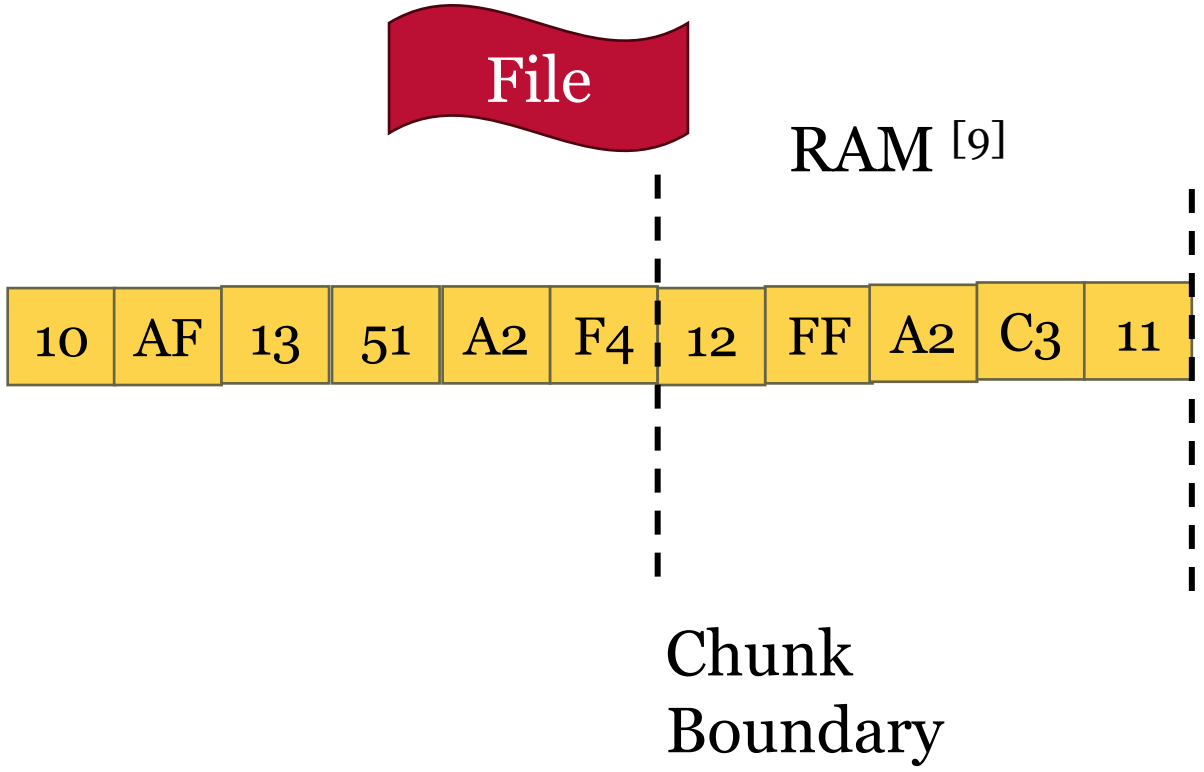


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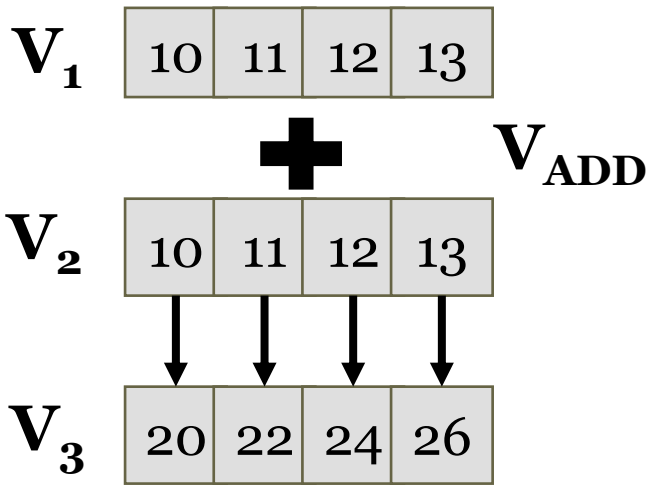
# Background – Vector Instructions

- Special CPU instructions with SIMD capabilities [11]
  - Used in math / multimedia applications
- Vector registers
  - 128 – 512 bits (16 – 64 bytes) wide
    - SSE-128
    - AVX-256
    - AVX-512

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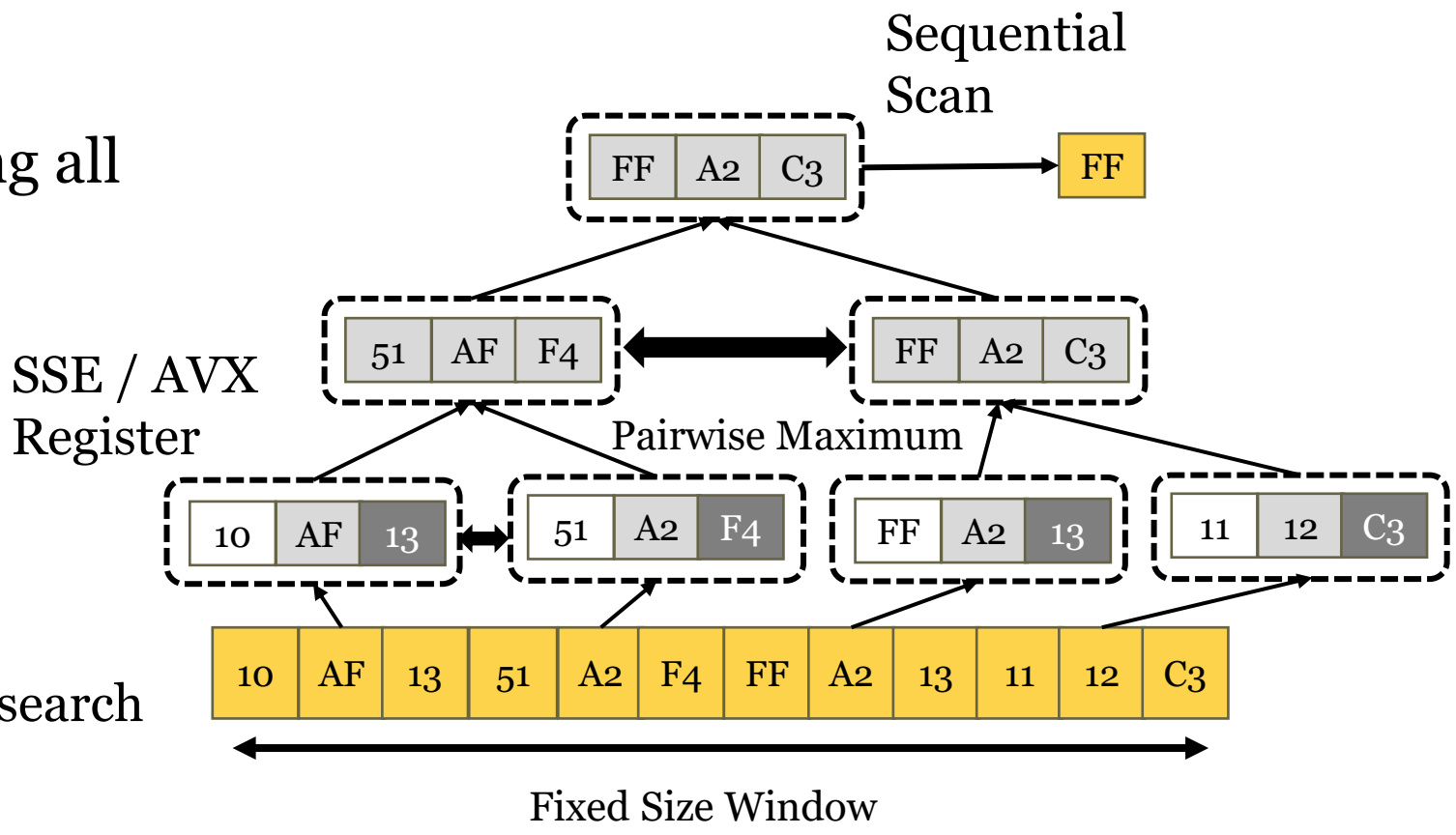


**Extreme Byte Search for maximum value**

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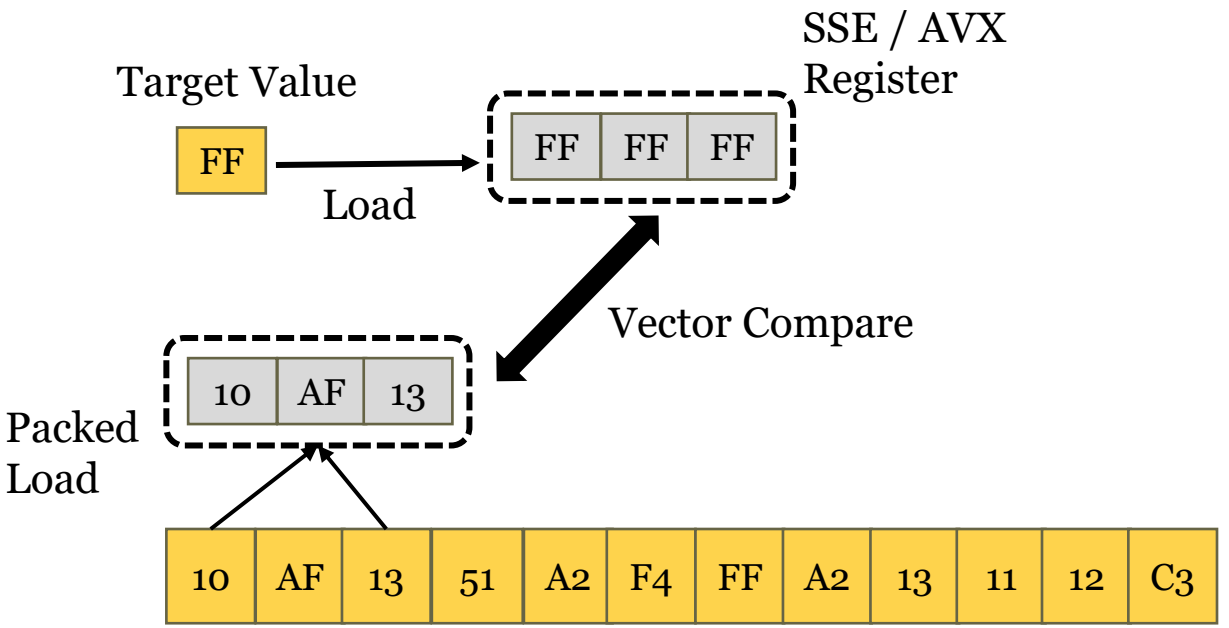

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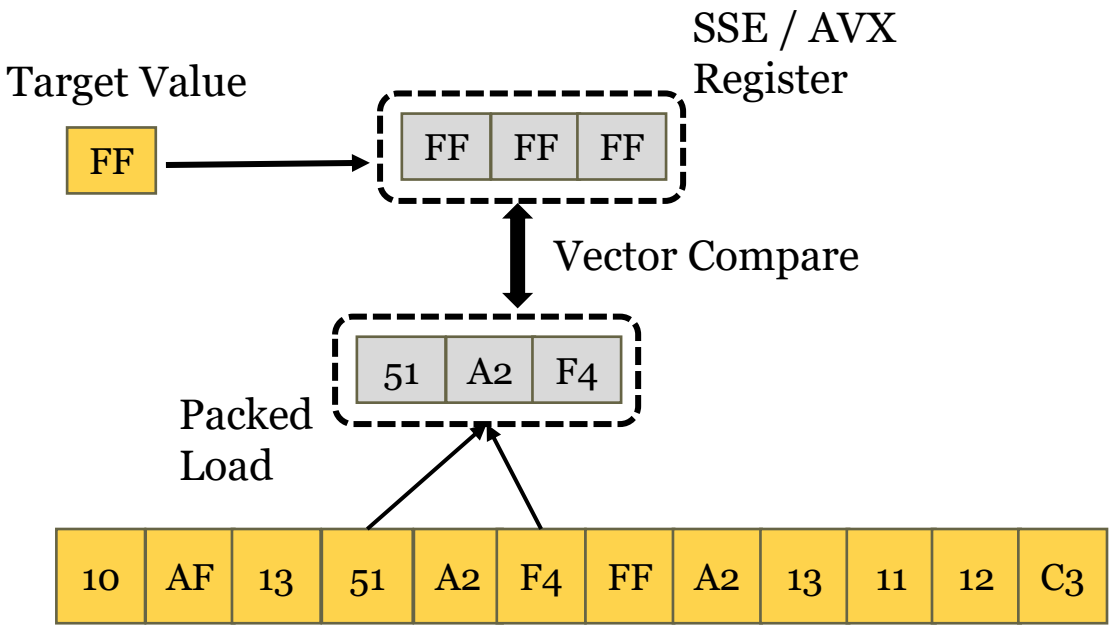




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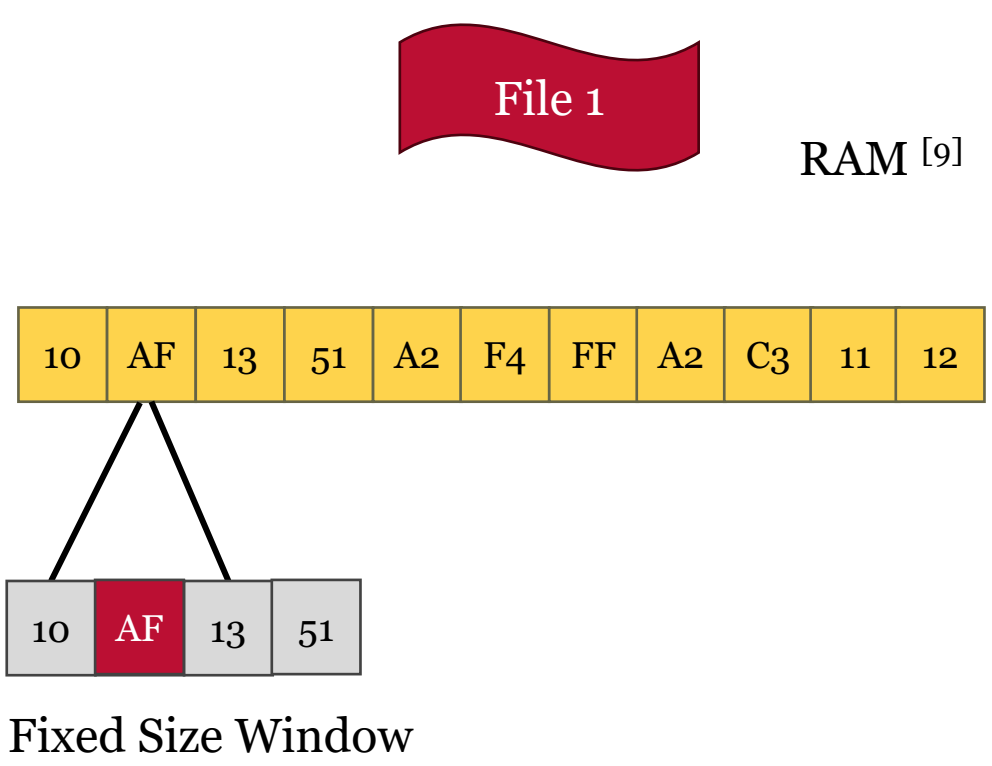
# Accelerating RAM with VectorCDC

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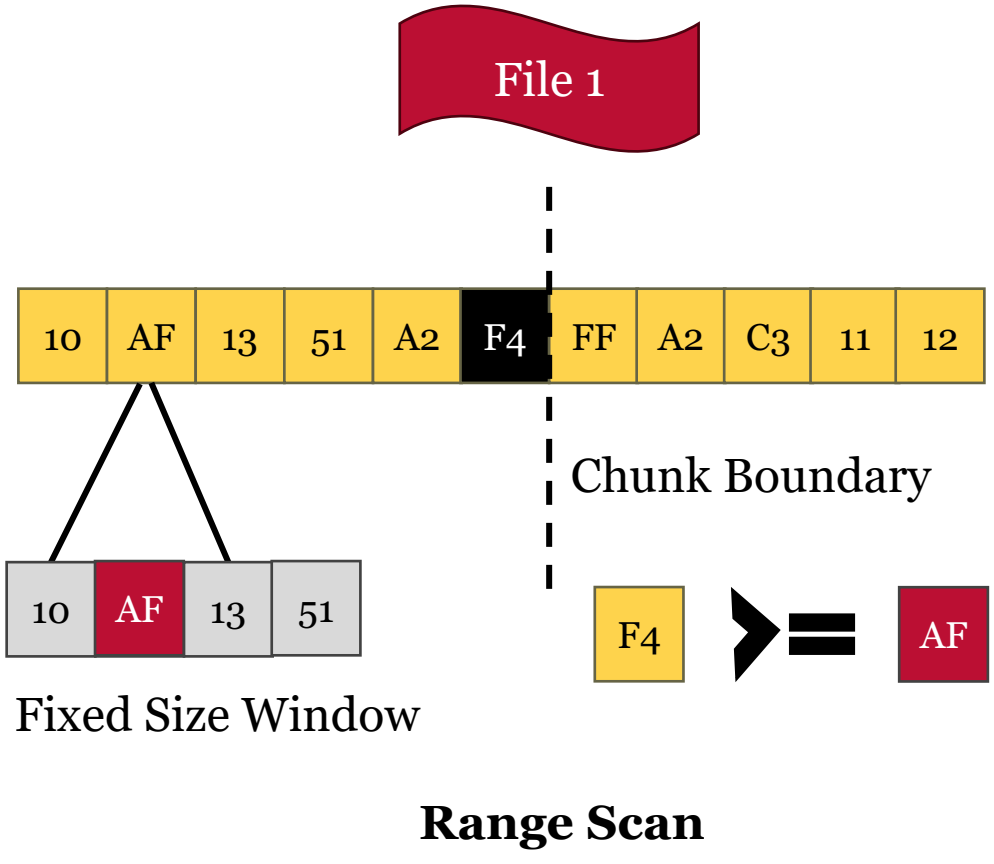


**Range Scan**

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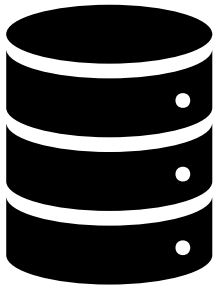


**Datasets**



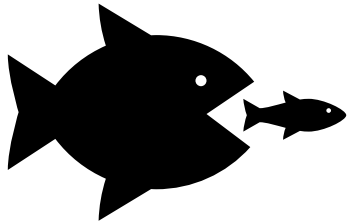



**Metrics**

Space Savings

Speed / Throughput

Backward Compatibility



**Alternatives**

**Hashless**

AE [7]

RAM [9]

**Hash-based**

FastCDC [13]

Rabin's Chunking [6]

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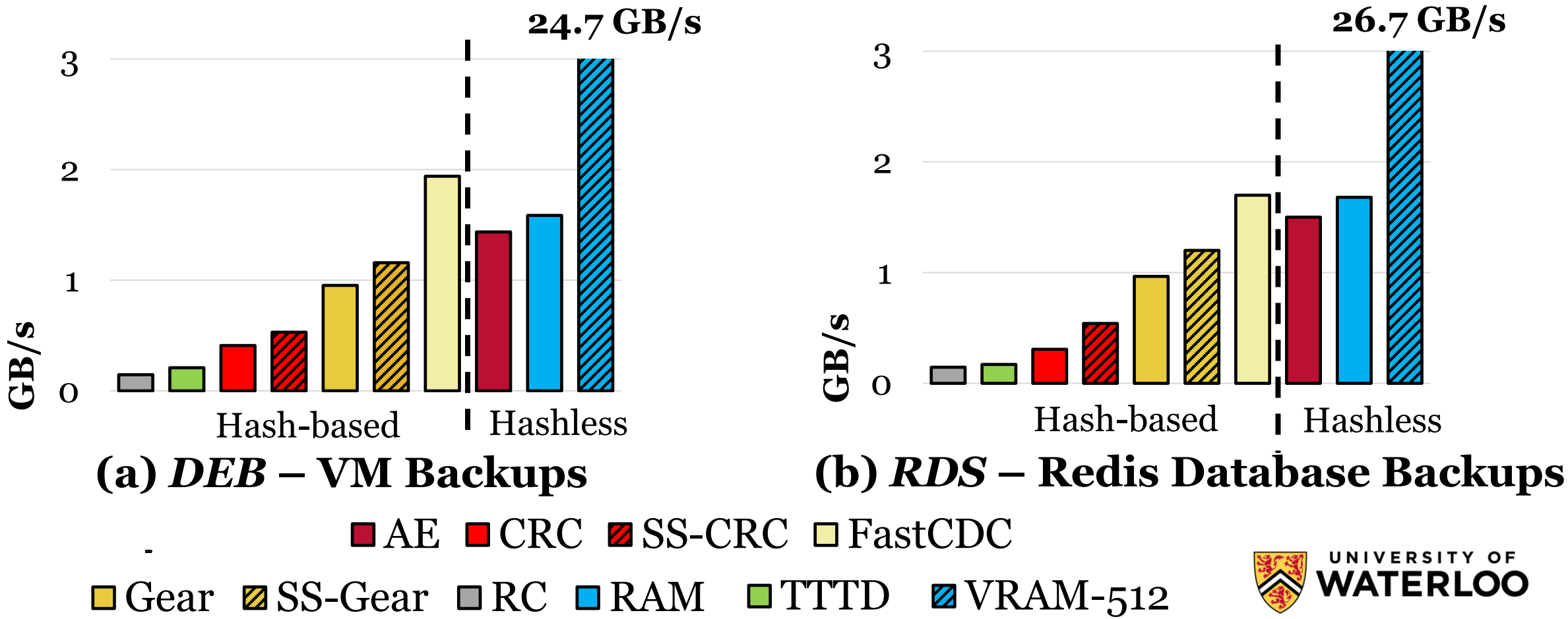
# Chunking Throughput

- Configuration: 8 KB chunks

**1. *VRAM* is 12-15x faster than alternatives!**



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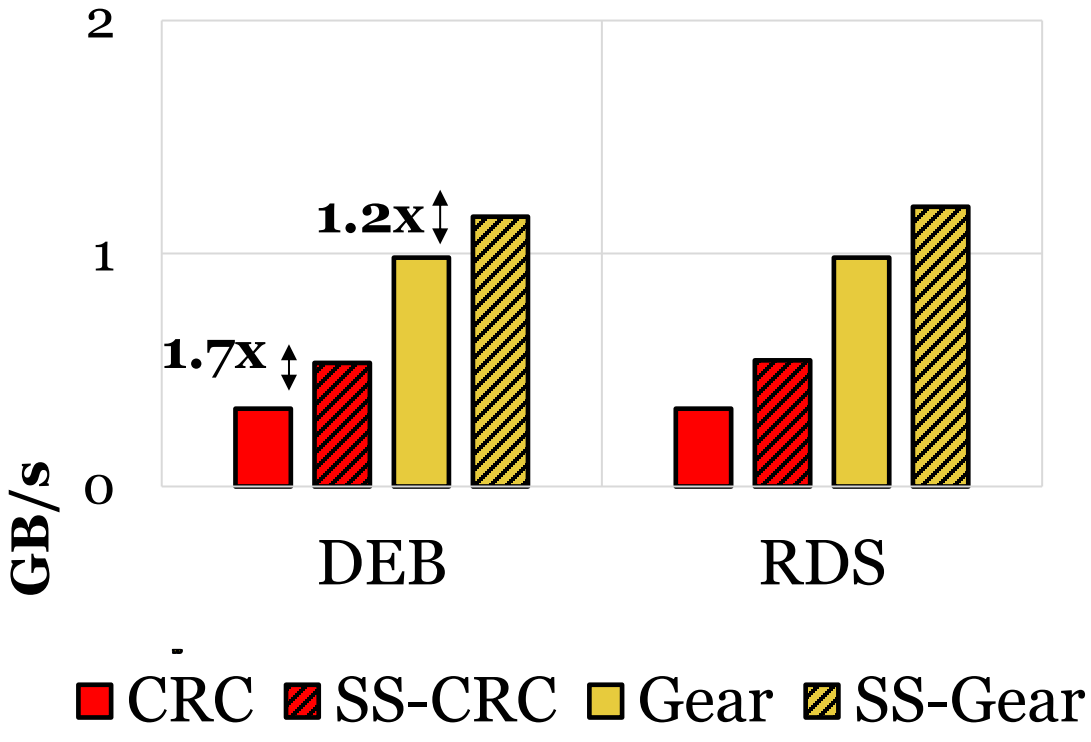
**2. VectorCDC achieves higher speedups than SS-CDC!**

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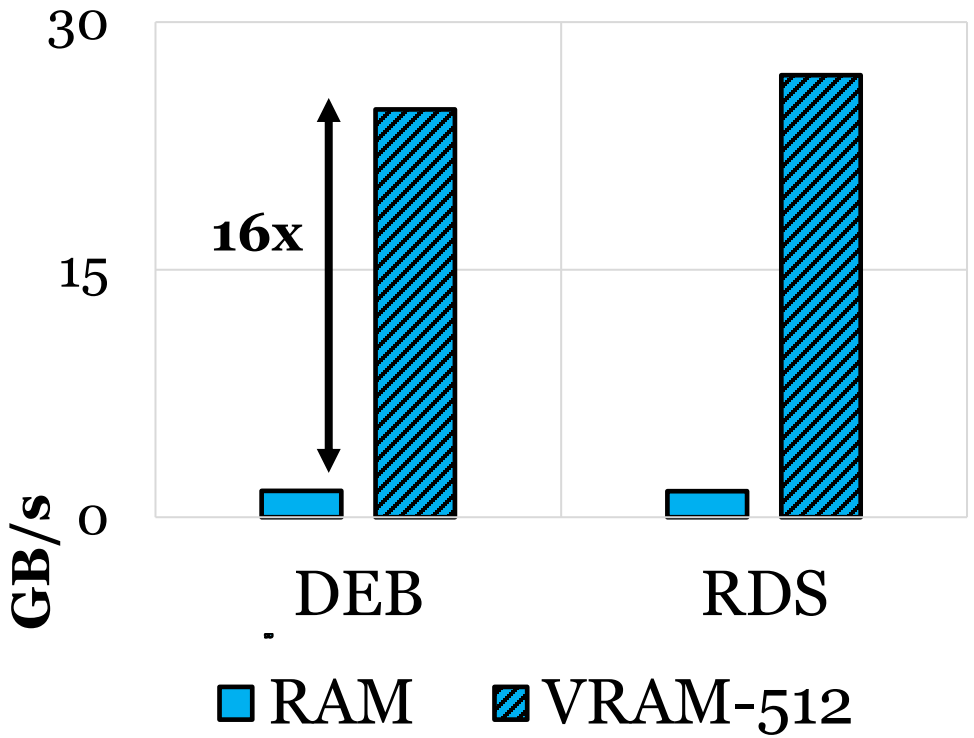


**(b) Speedups with VectorCDC**

**3. *VRAM* is 21x faster than *SS-Gear*!**

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# Summary

- Data deduplication is used to improve storage efficiency
  - Content-defined chunking algorithms critical to system performance
- VectorCDC
  - Redesign hashless CDC with SSE/AVX-friendly techniques
  - **21x** higher throughput than state-of-the-art vector accelerated CDC
  - No negative space savings impact
- **Code:** https://github.com/UWASL/dedup-bench


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