



# Can't see the Forest for All the TEEs

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Zero Trust Hardware Architectures  
Workshop



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## Trusted Execution Environment: What It Is, and What It Is Not

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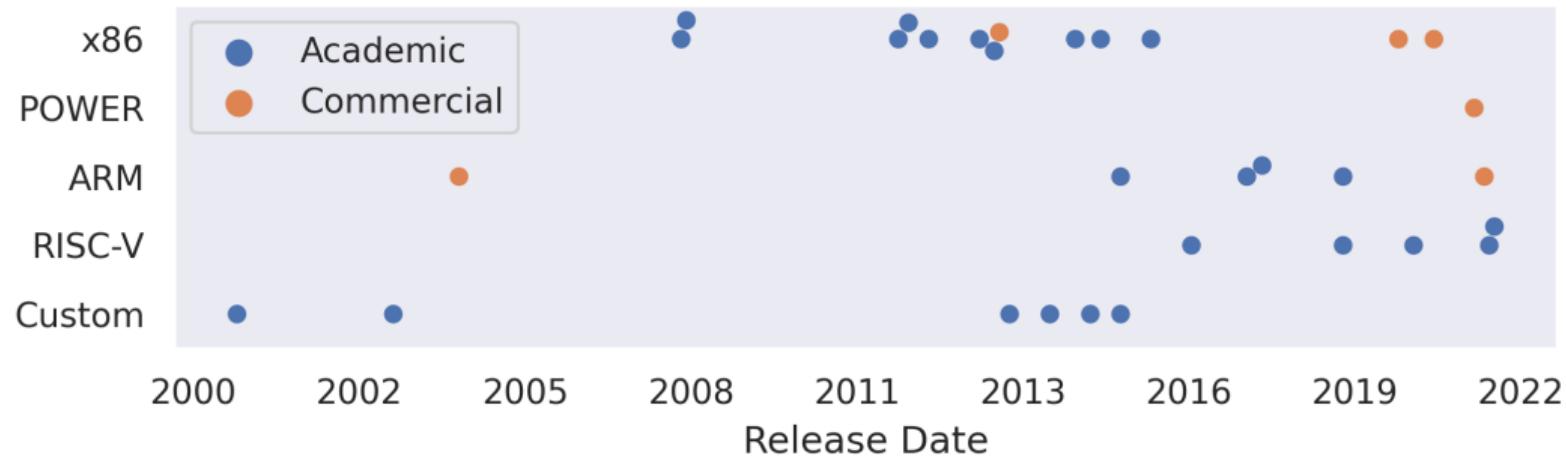
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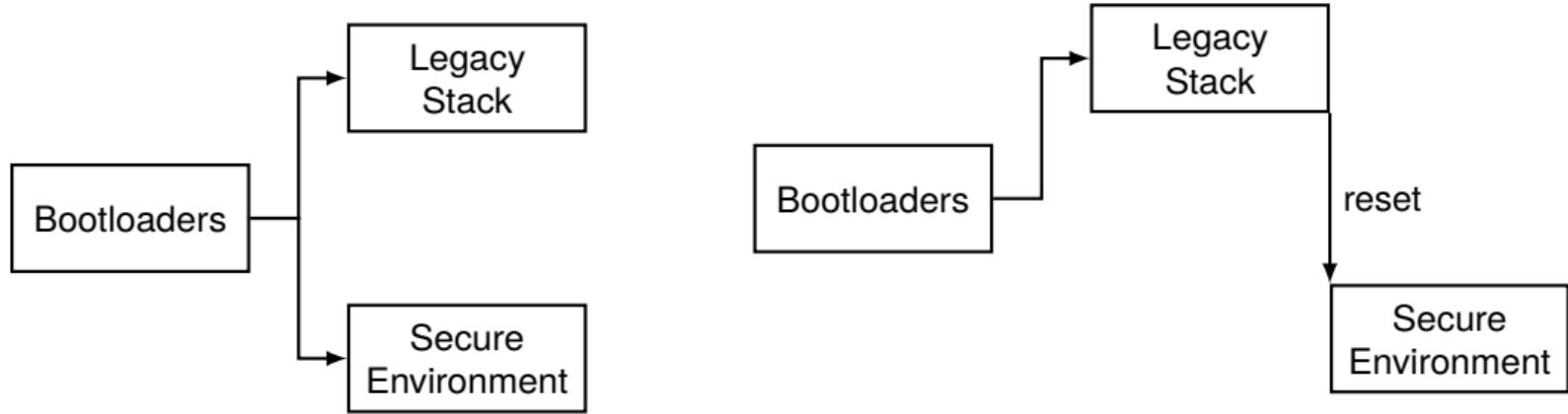
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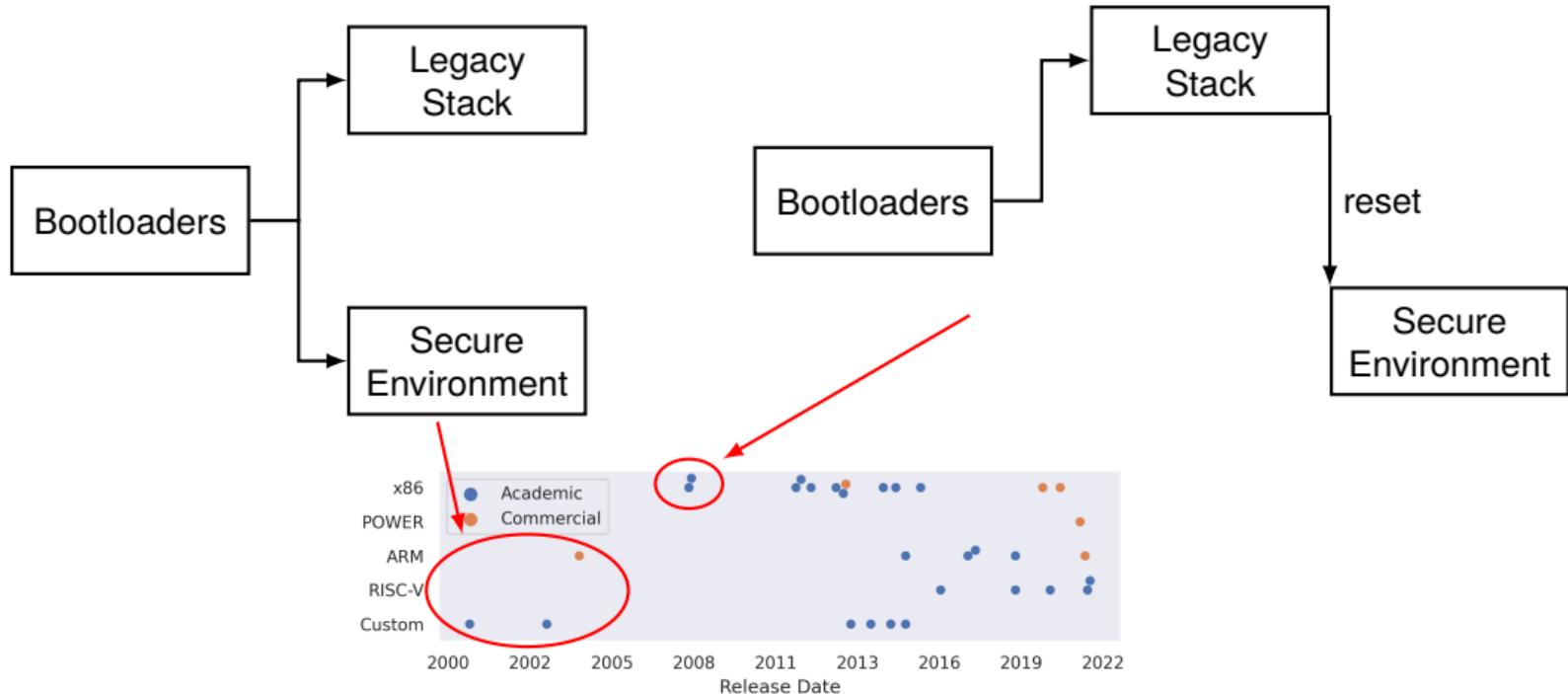
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- Verifiable Launch
- Runtime Isolation
- Cryptographic Memory Protection
- Secure Storage
- Trusted IO
- Physical Adversary?
- Migration
- etc.

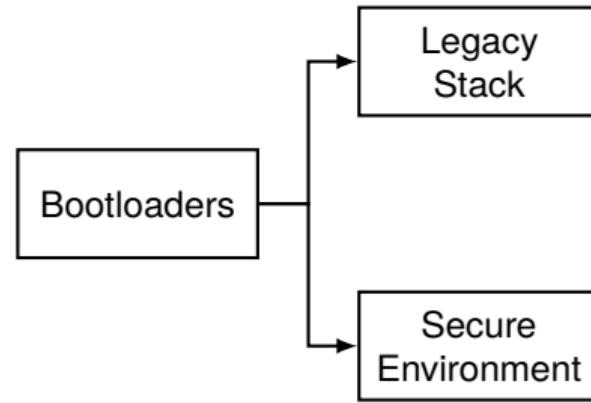
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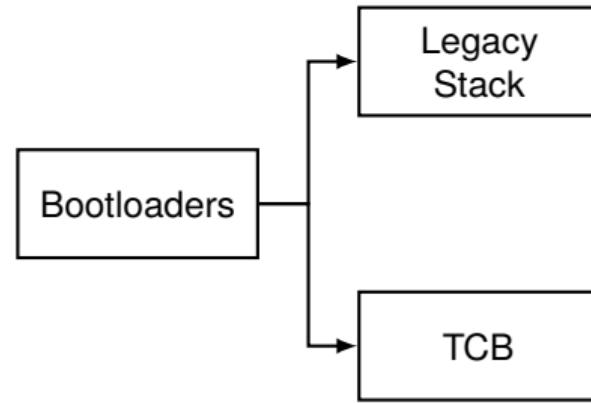
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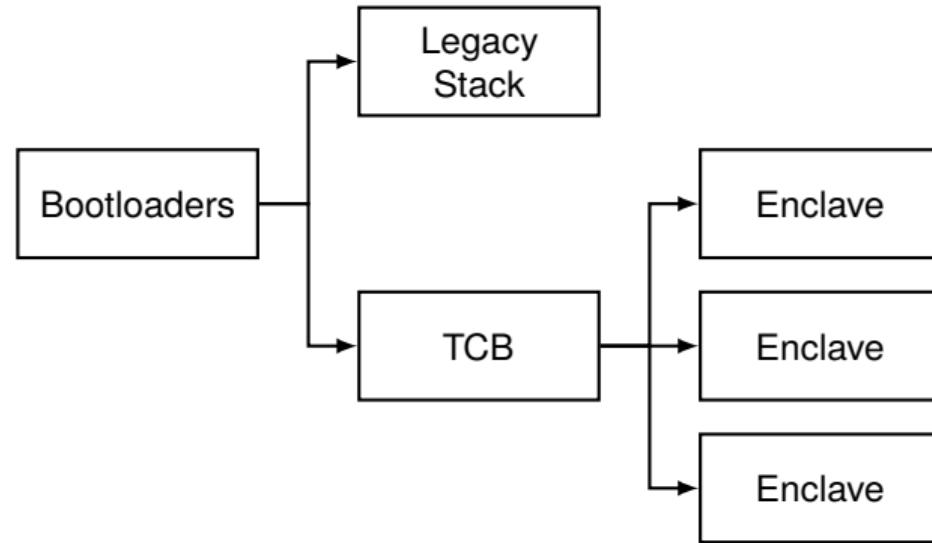
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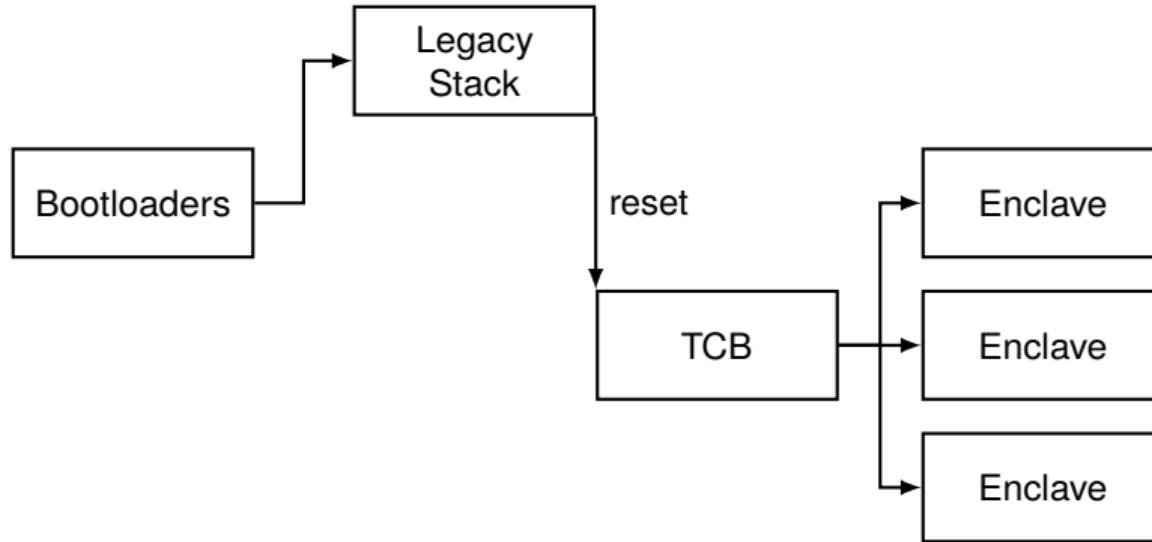
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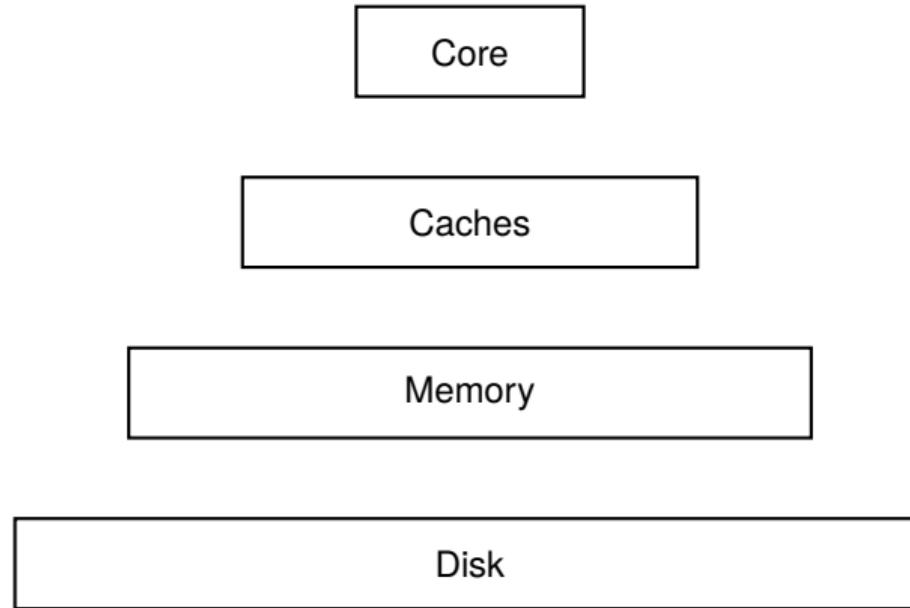
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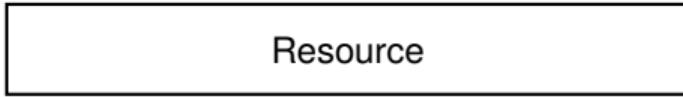
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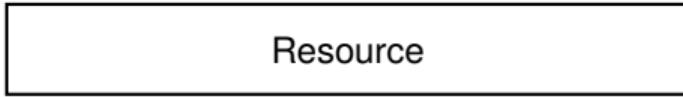
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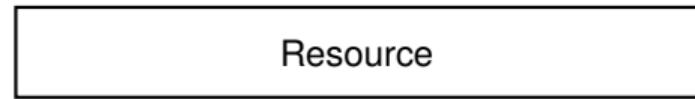
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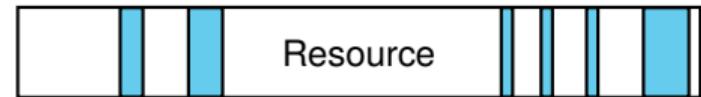


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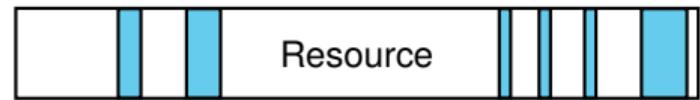


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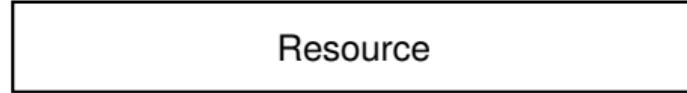
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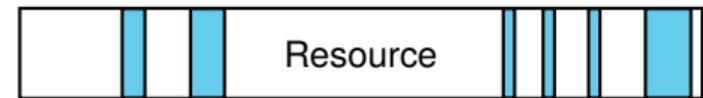


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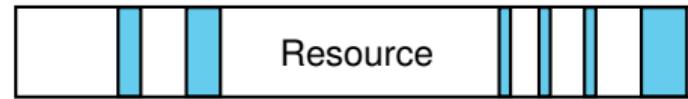
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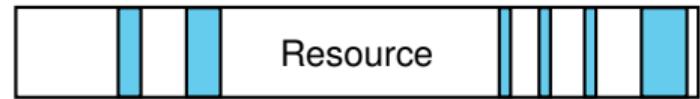


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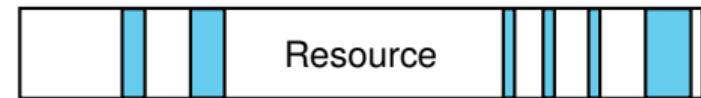


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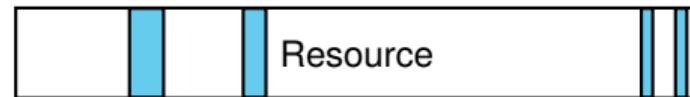
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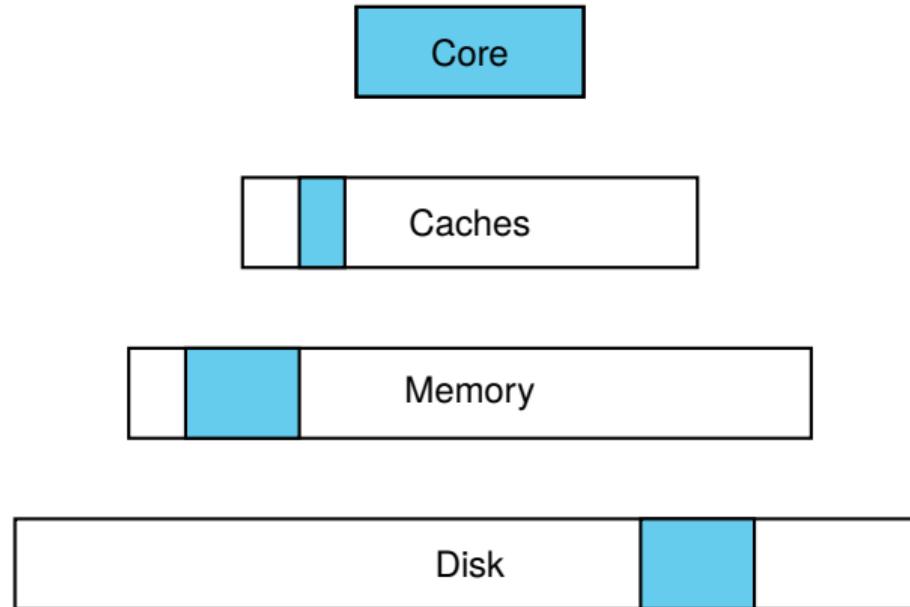
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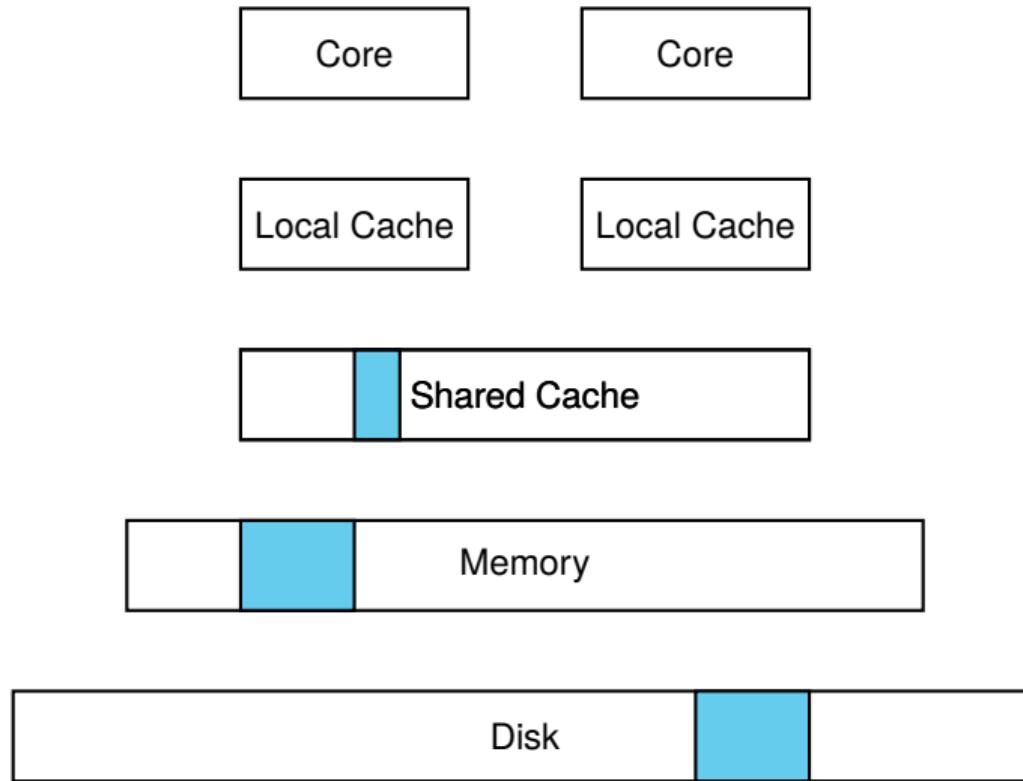
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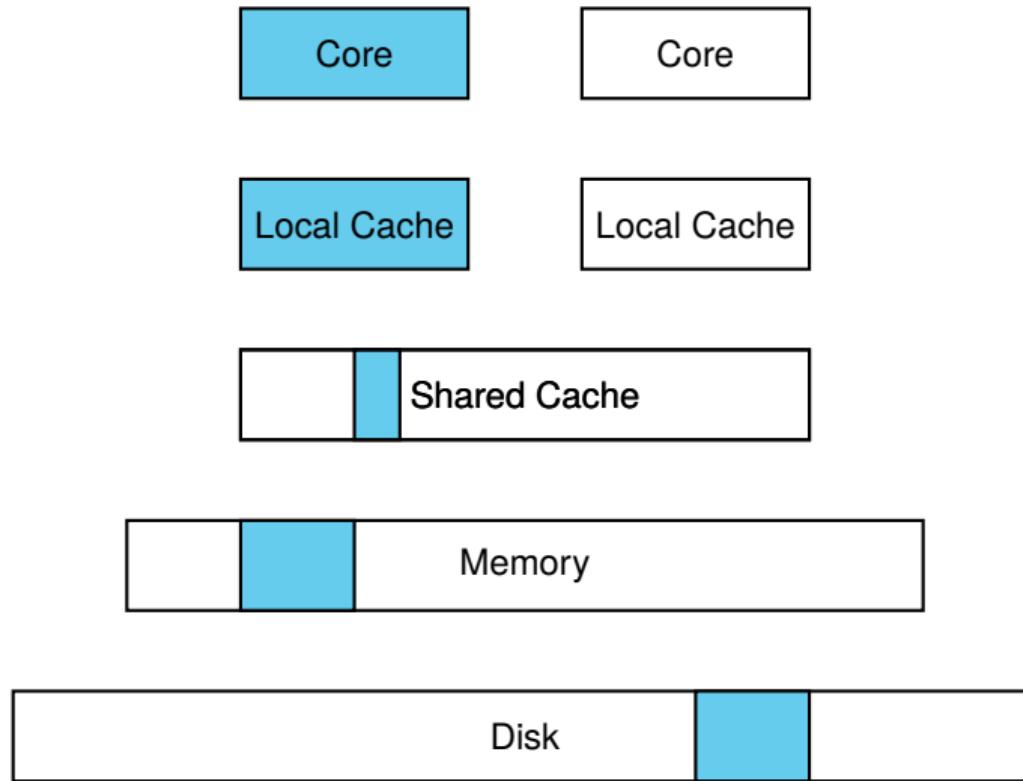
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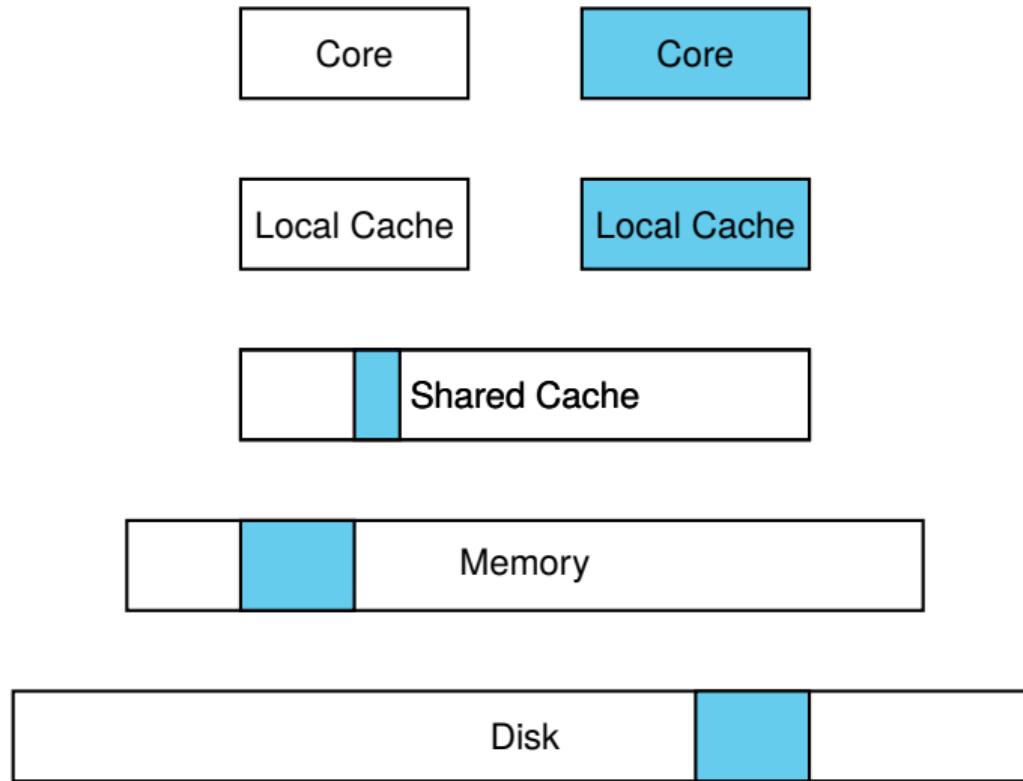
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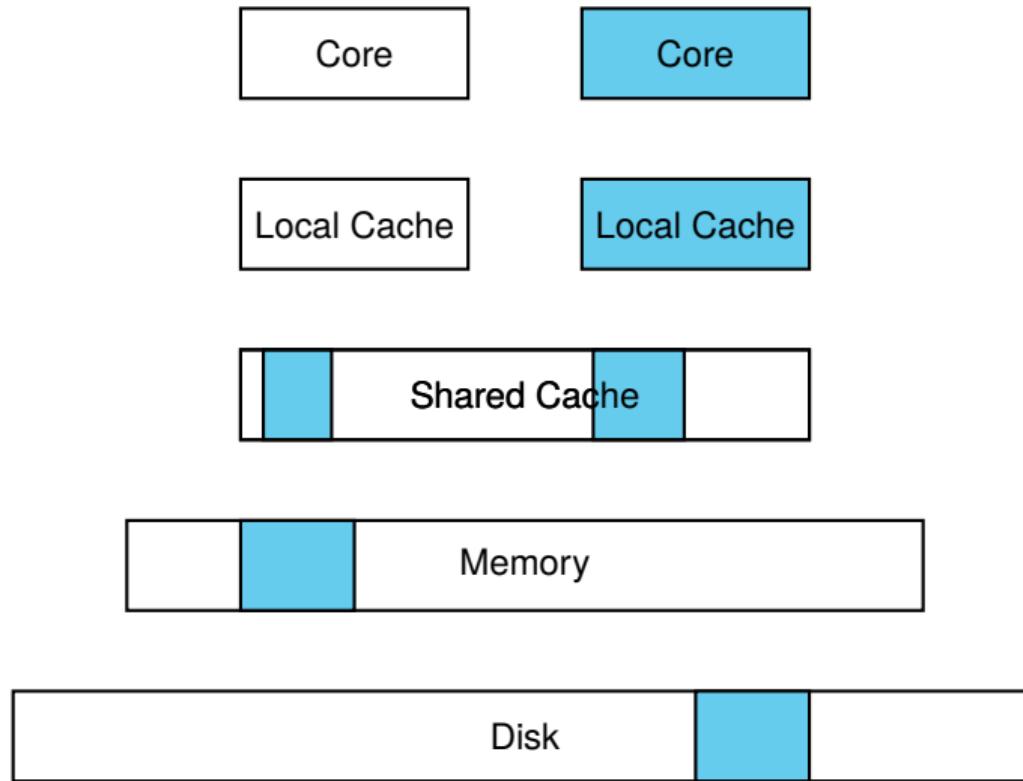
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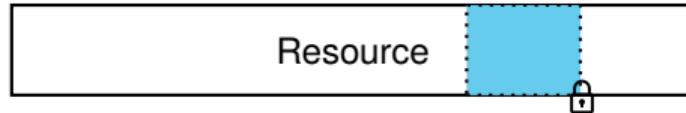


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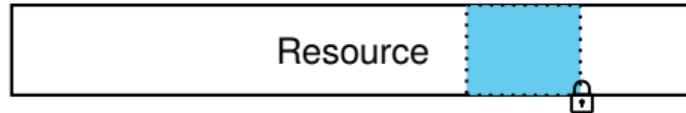
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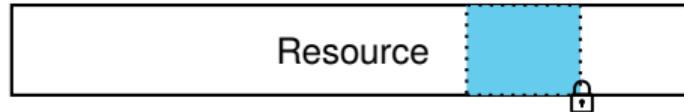
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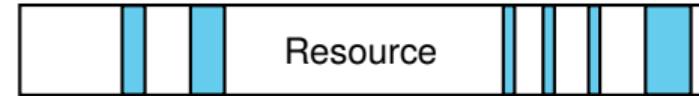
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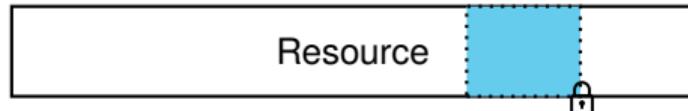


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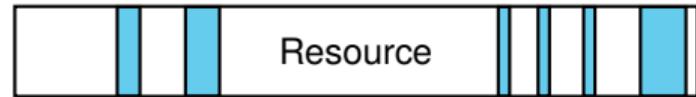


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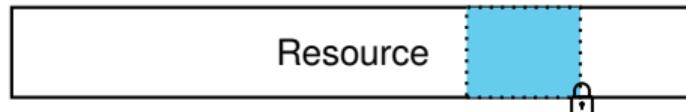
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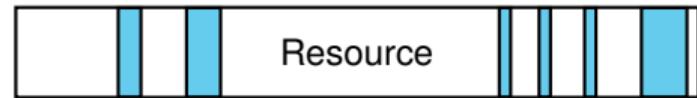
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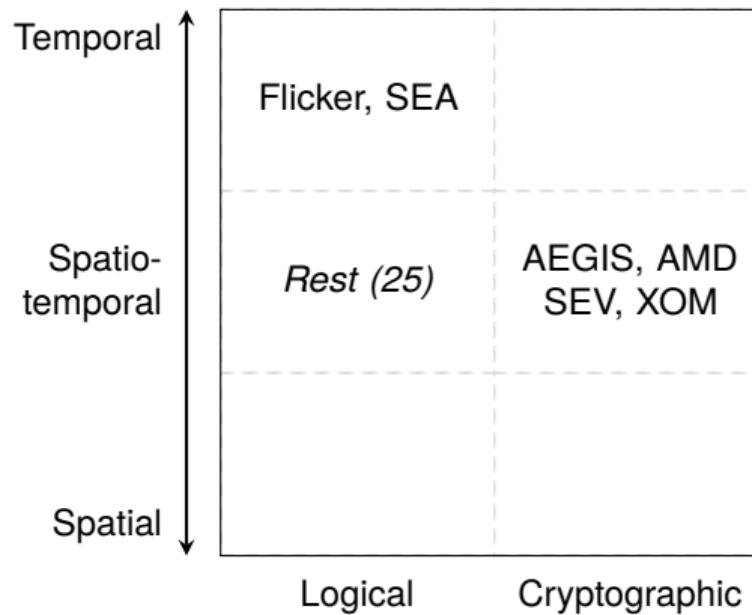
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	HyperCoffer [32]	T-L	VM	PL0
	H-SVM [15, 16]	T-L	VM	-
	EqualVisor [10]	T-L	VM	PL1
	xu-cc15 [33]	T-L	App	-
	wen-cf13 [31]	T-L	VM	-
	Komodo [13]	T-L	App	PL0 + PL2
	SANCTUARY [6]	T-L	App	PL0 + PL2
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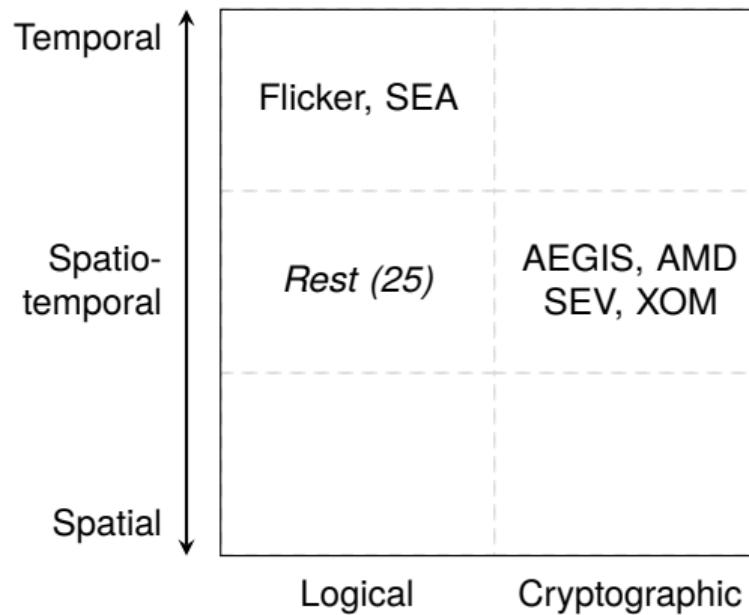
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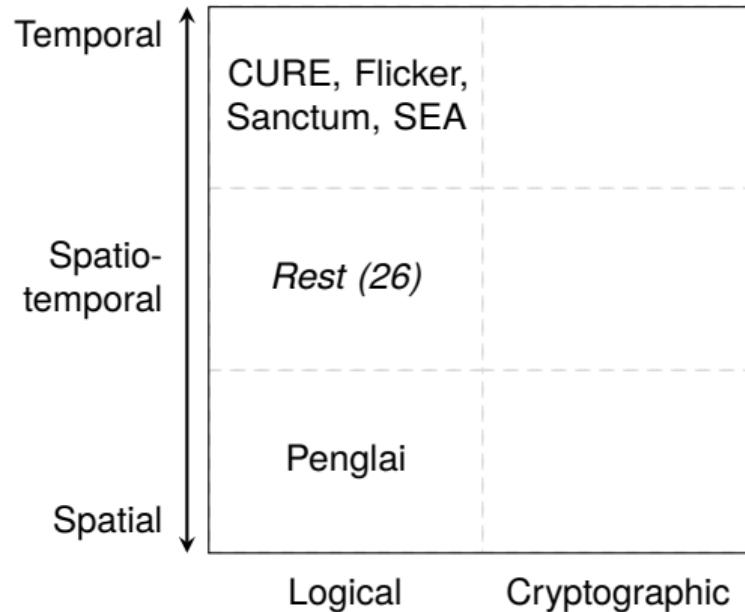
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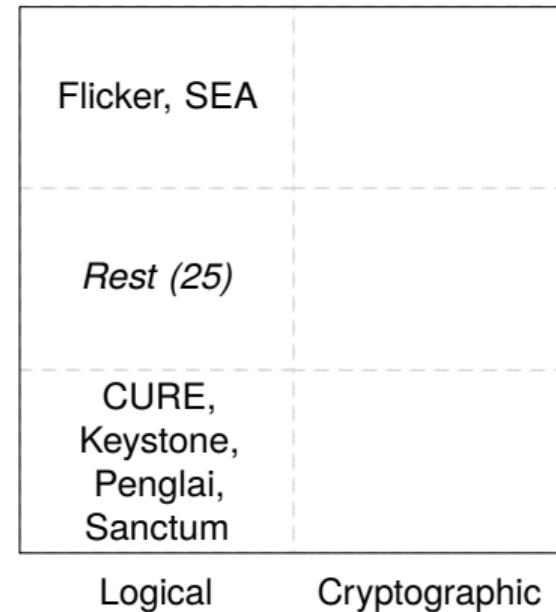
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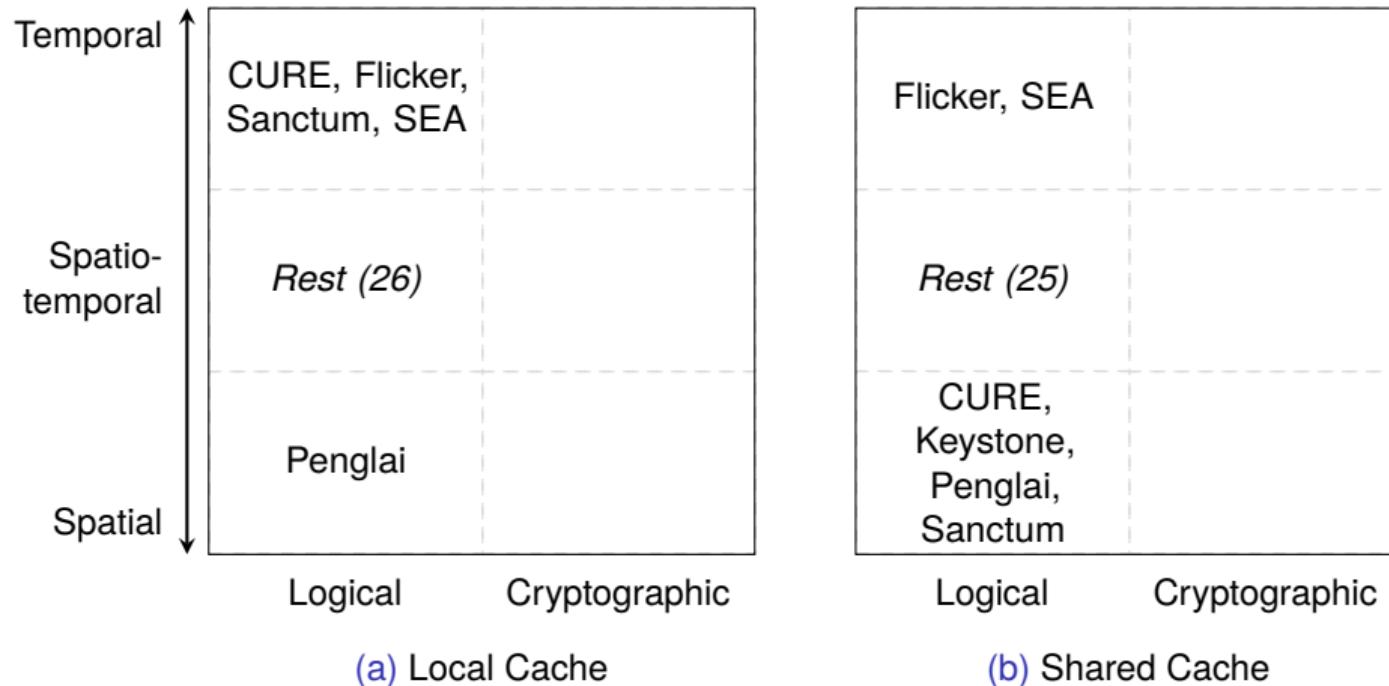


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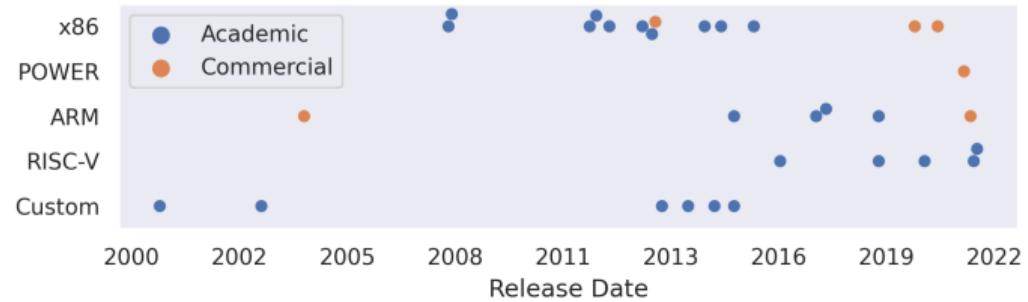
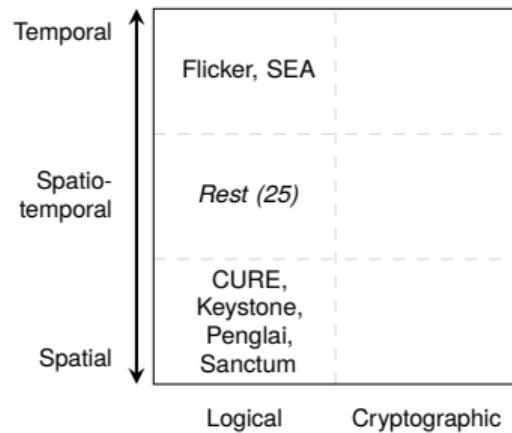


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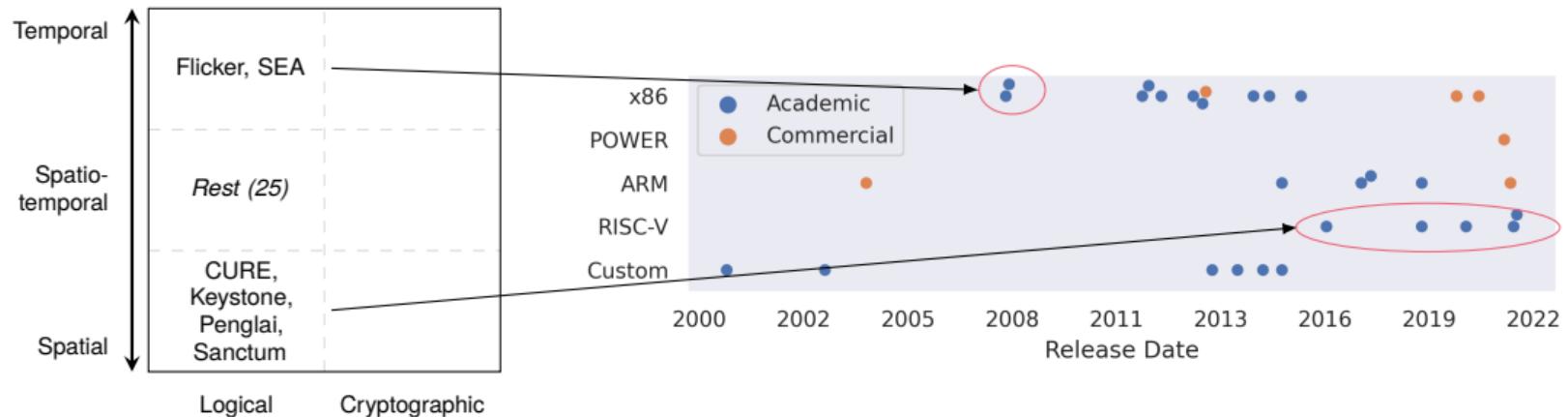
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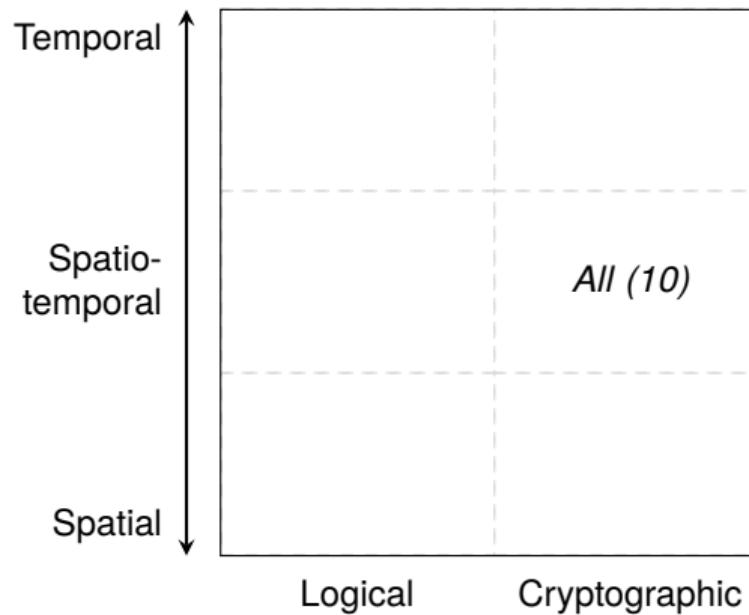
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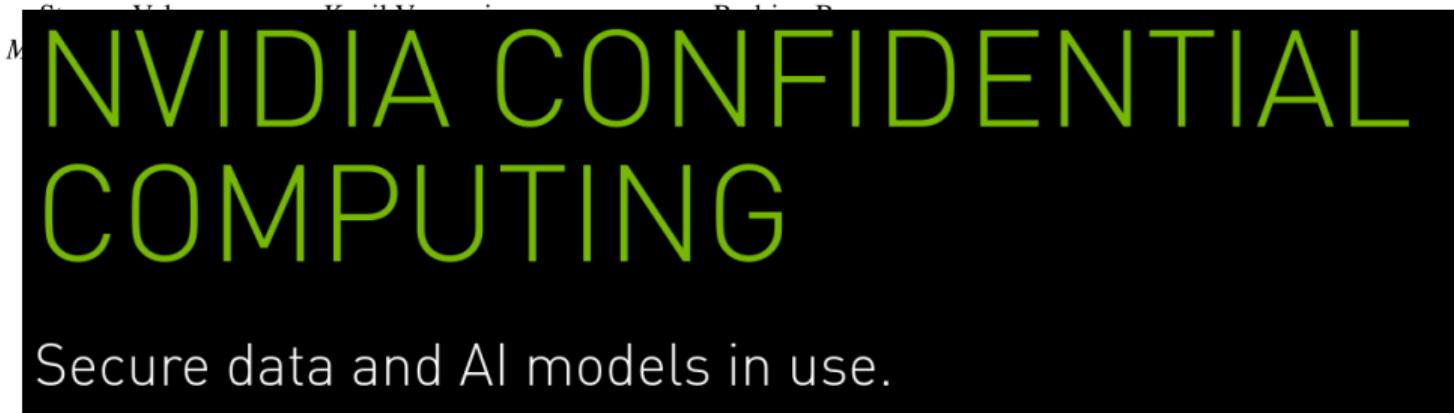
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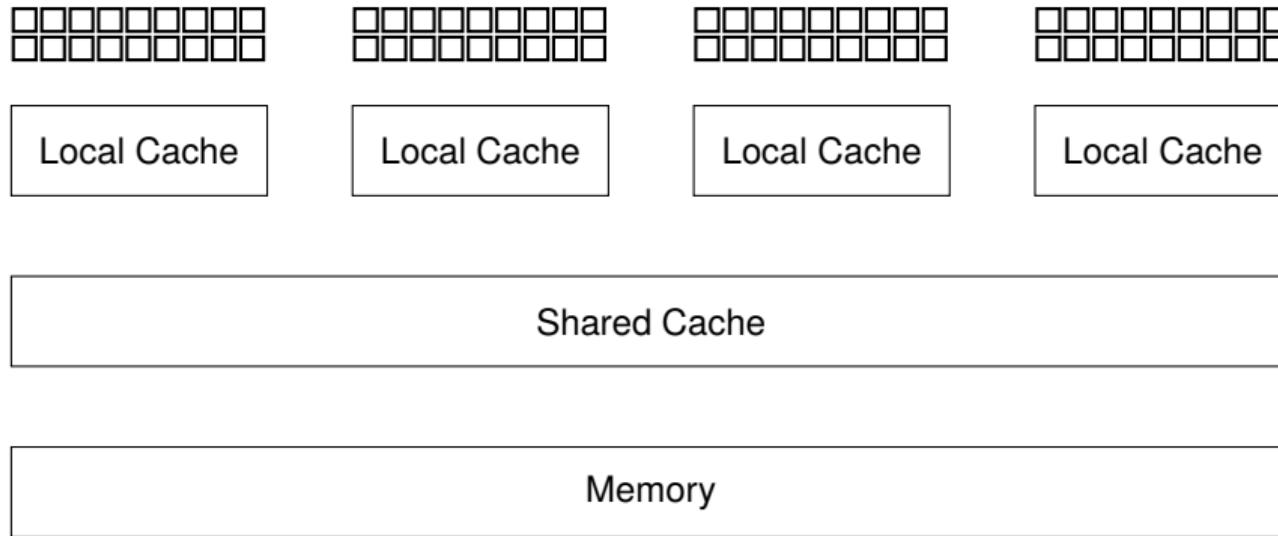
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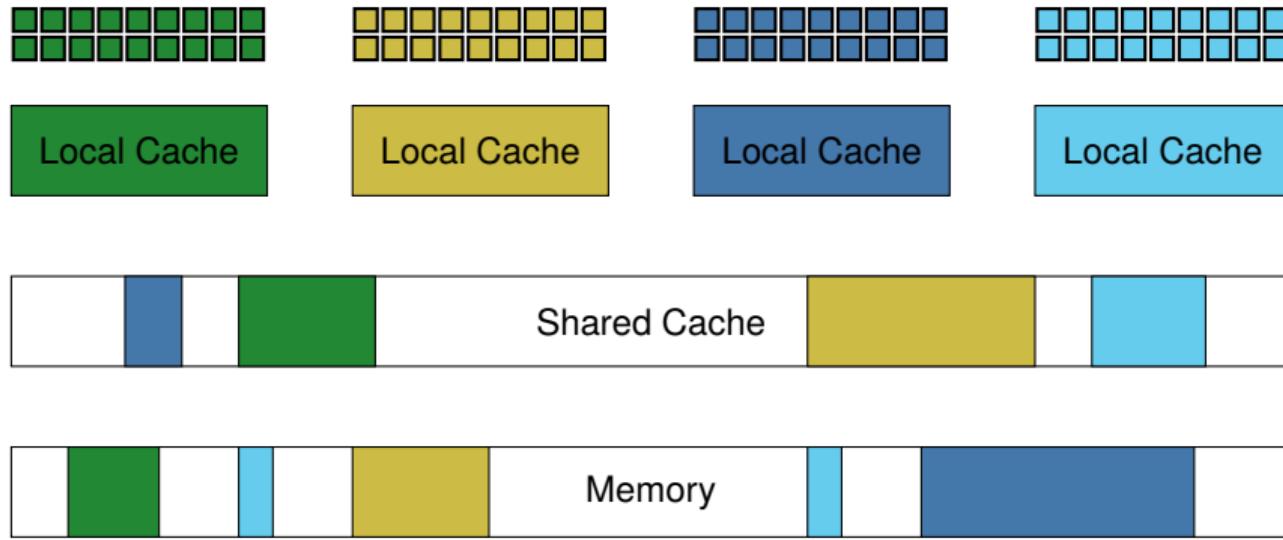
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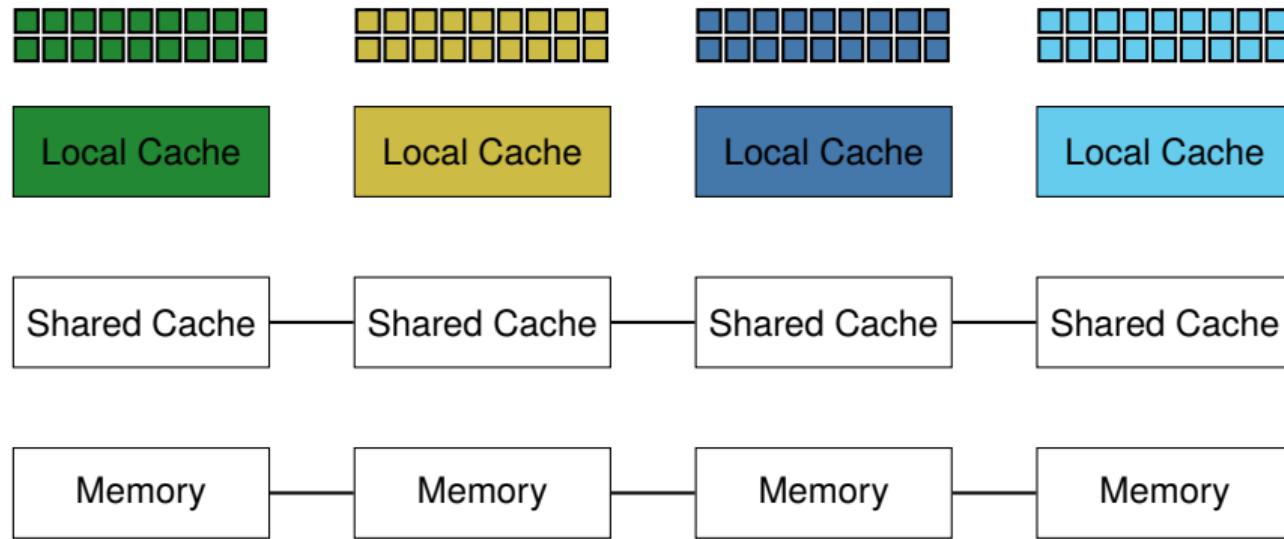
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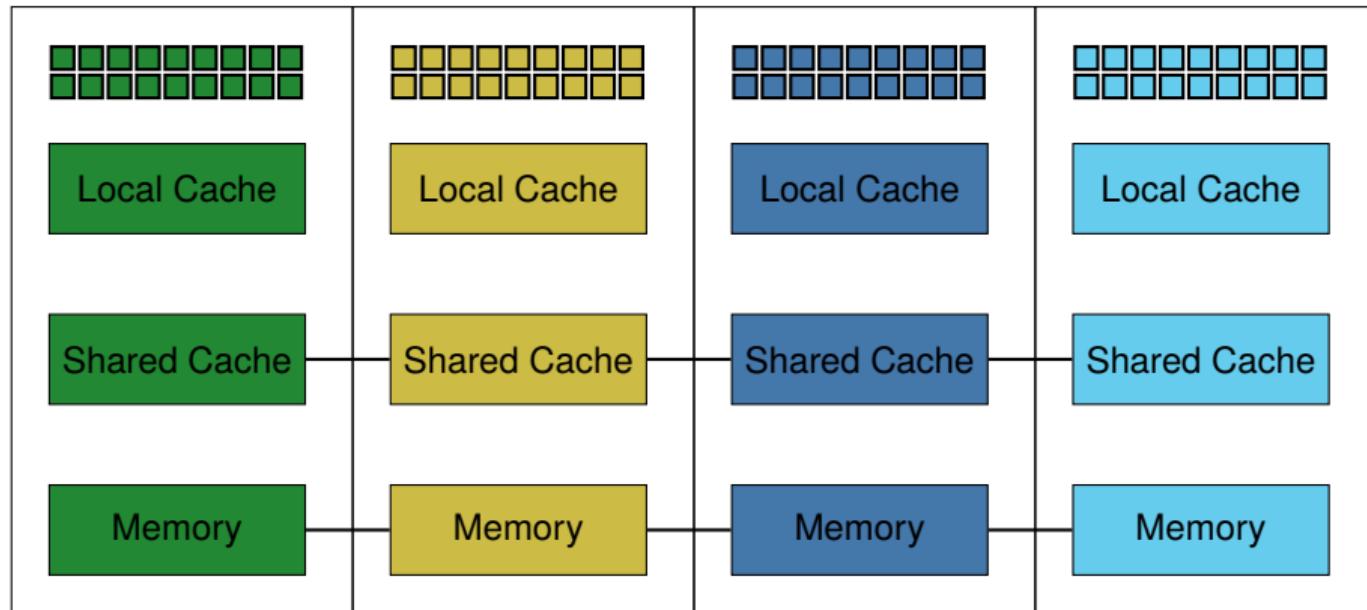
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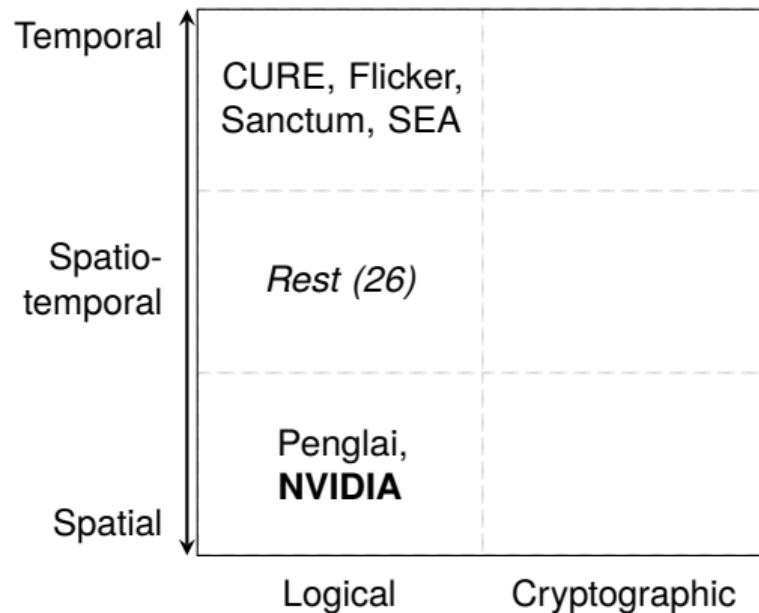
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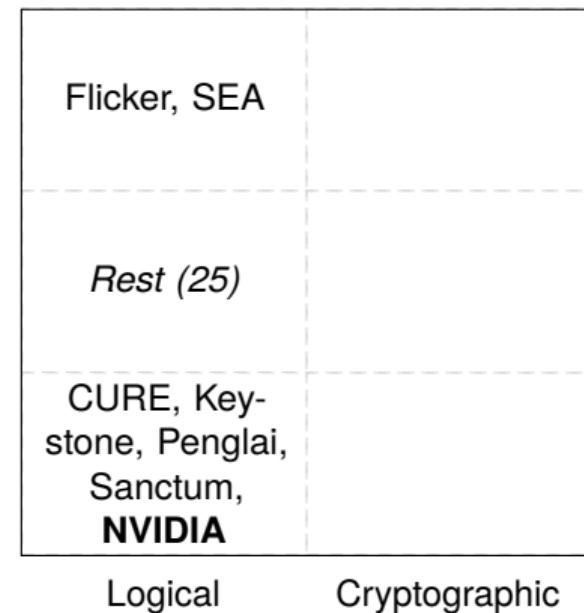
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