

# Fast RDMA-based Ordered Key-Value Store using Remote Learned Cache

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XSTORE

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Important *building block* for

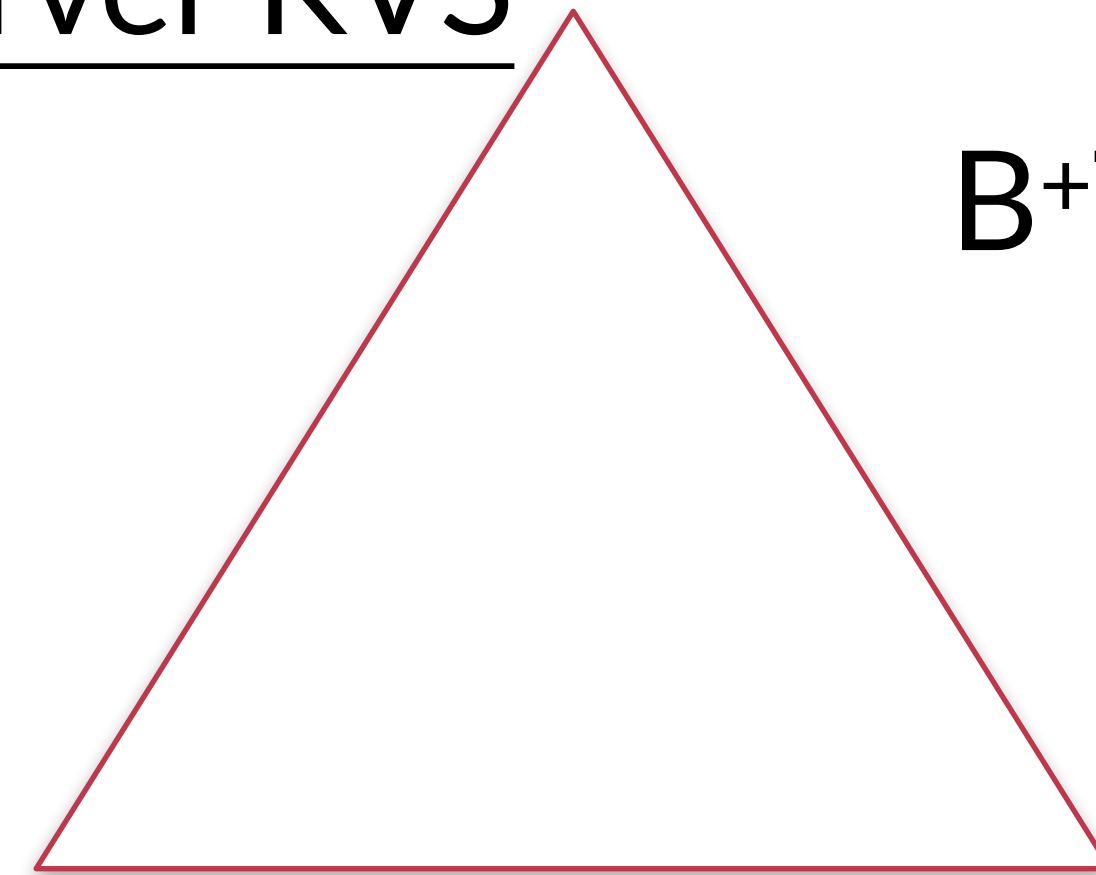
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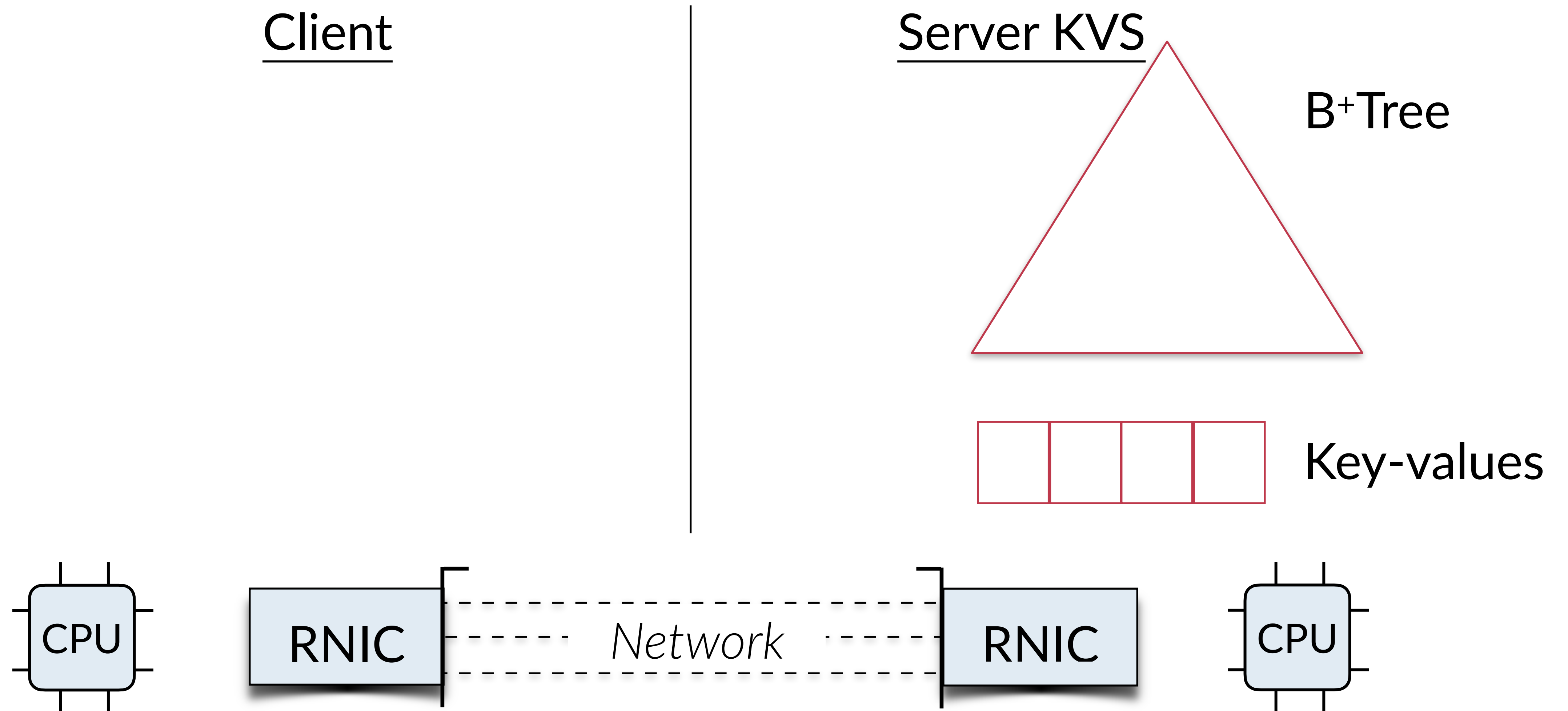
Server KVS

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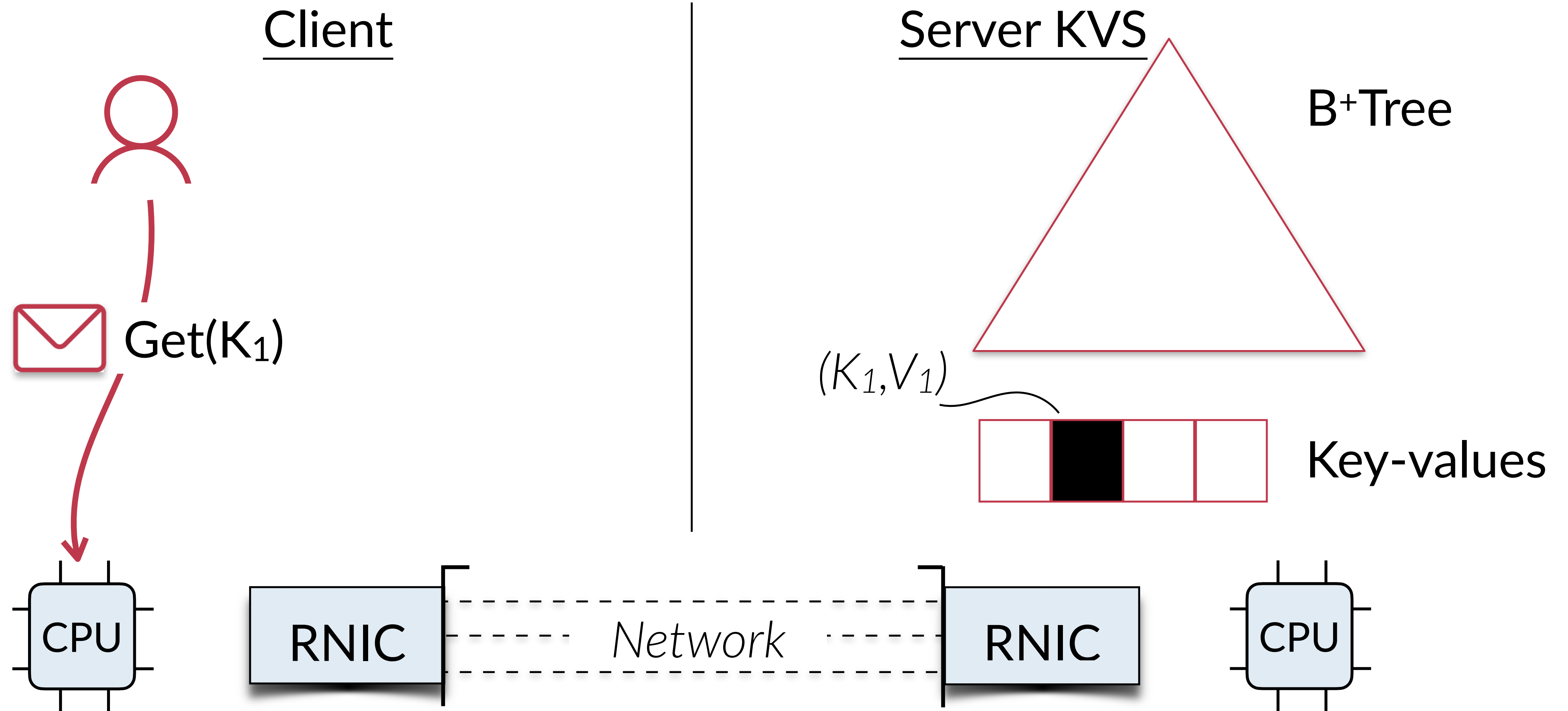


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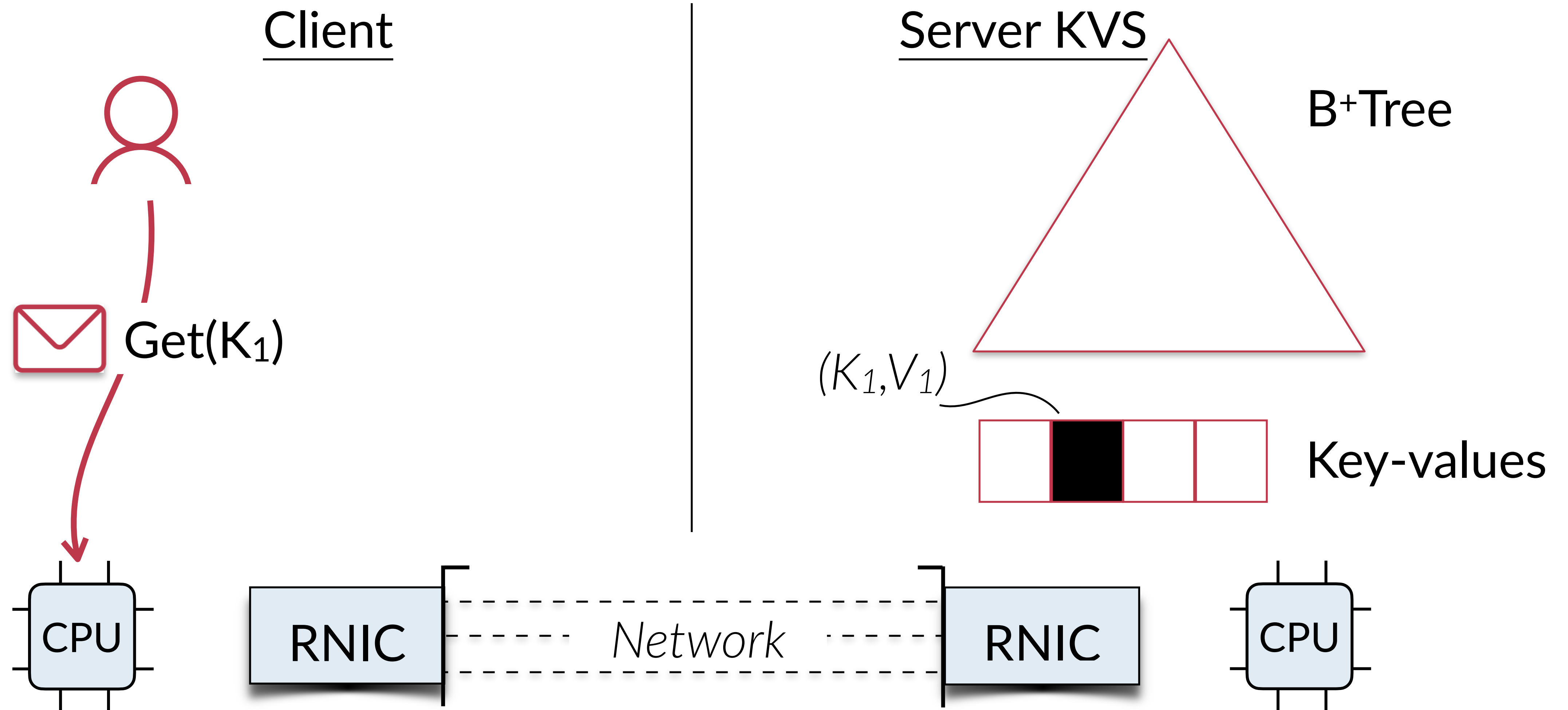
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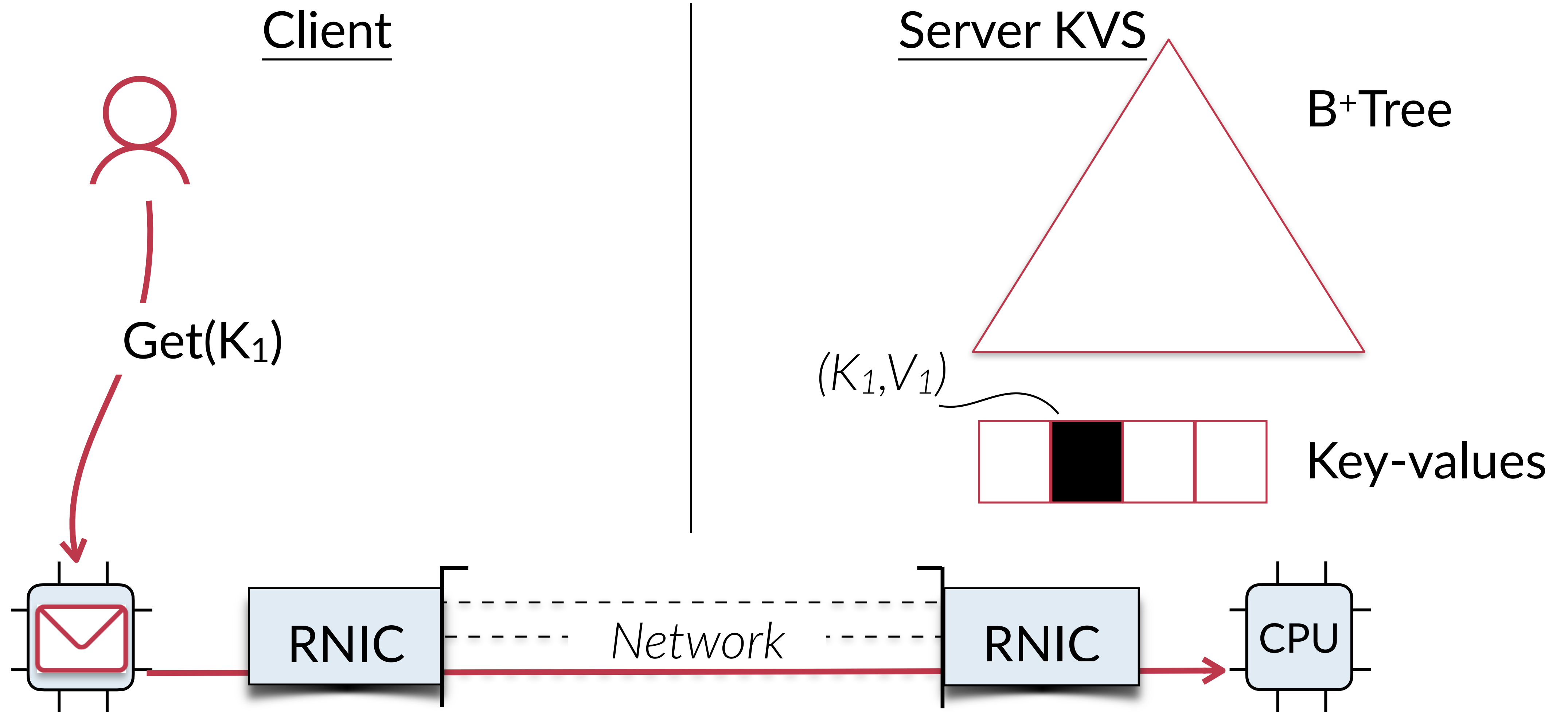
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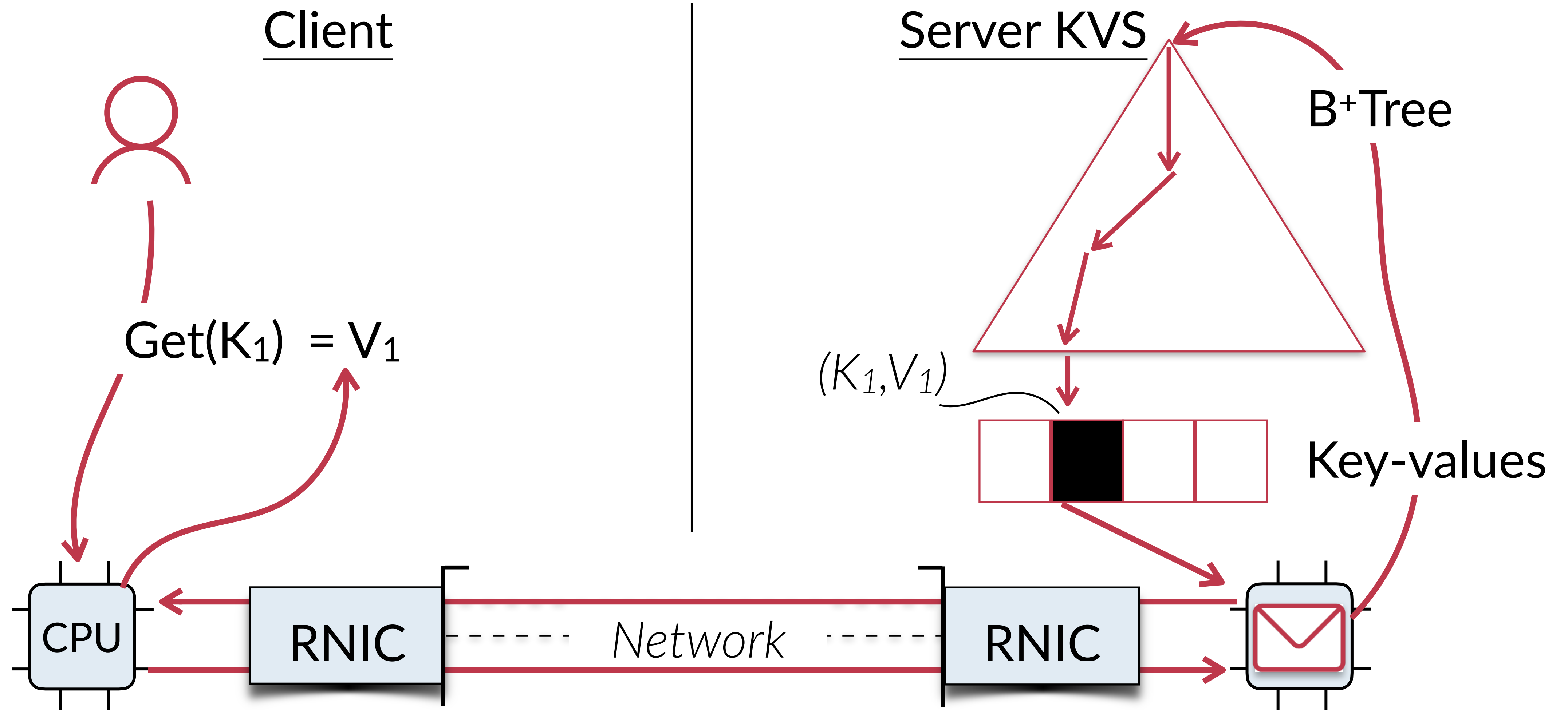
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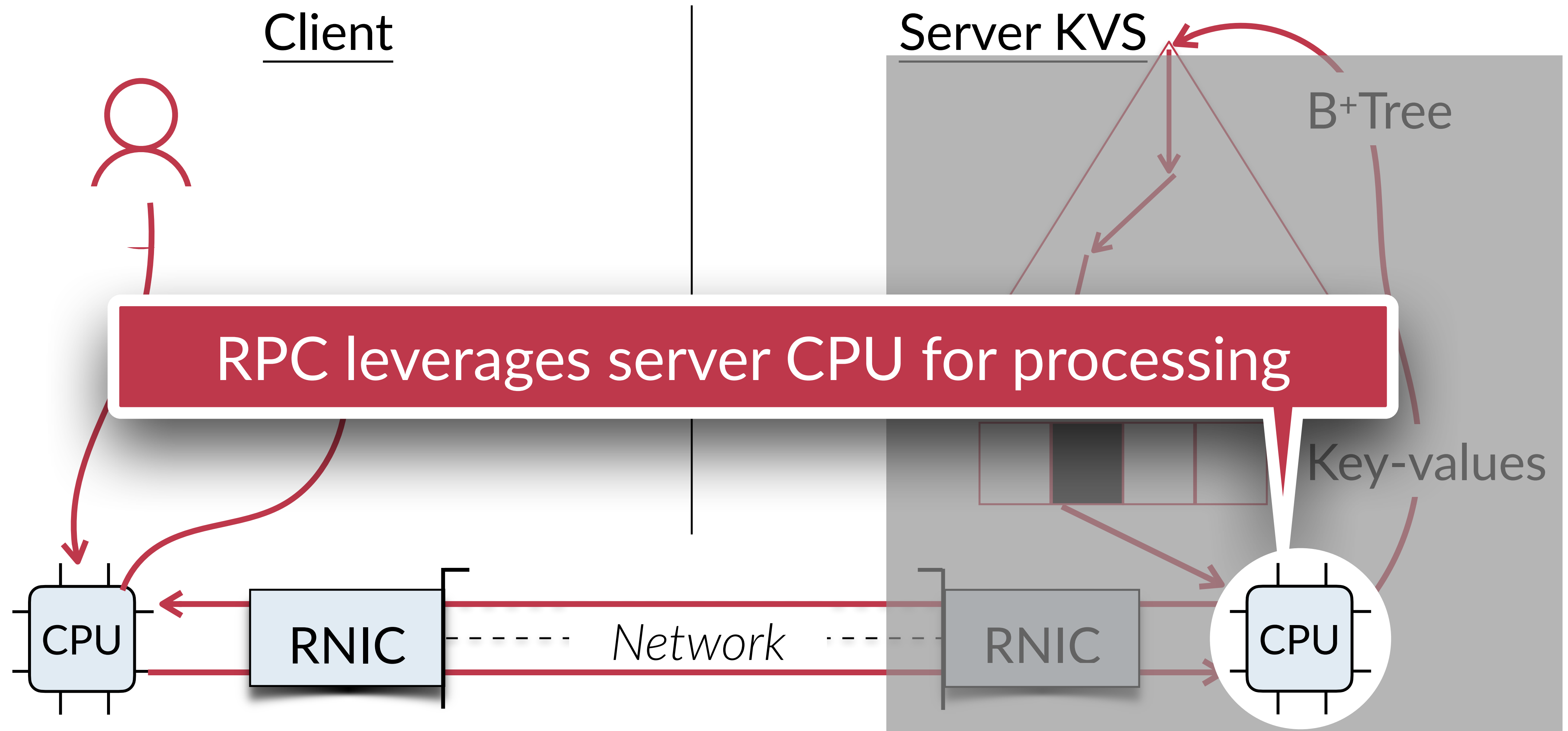


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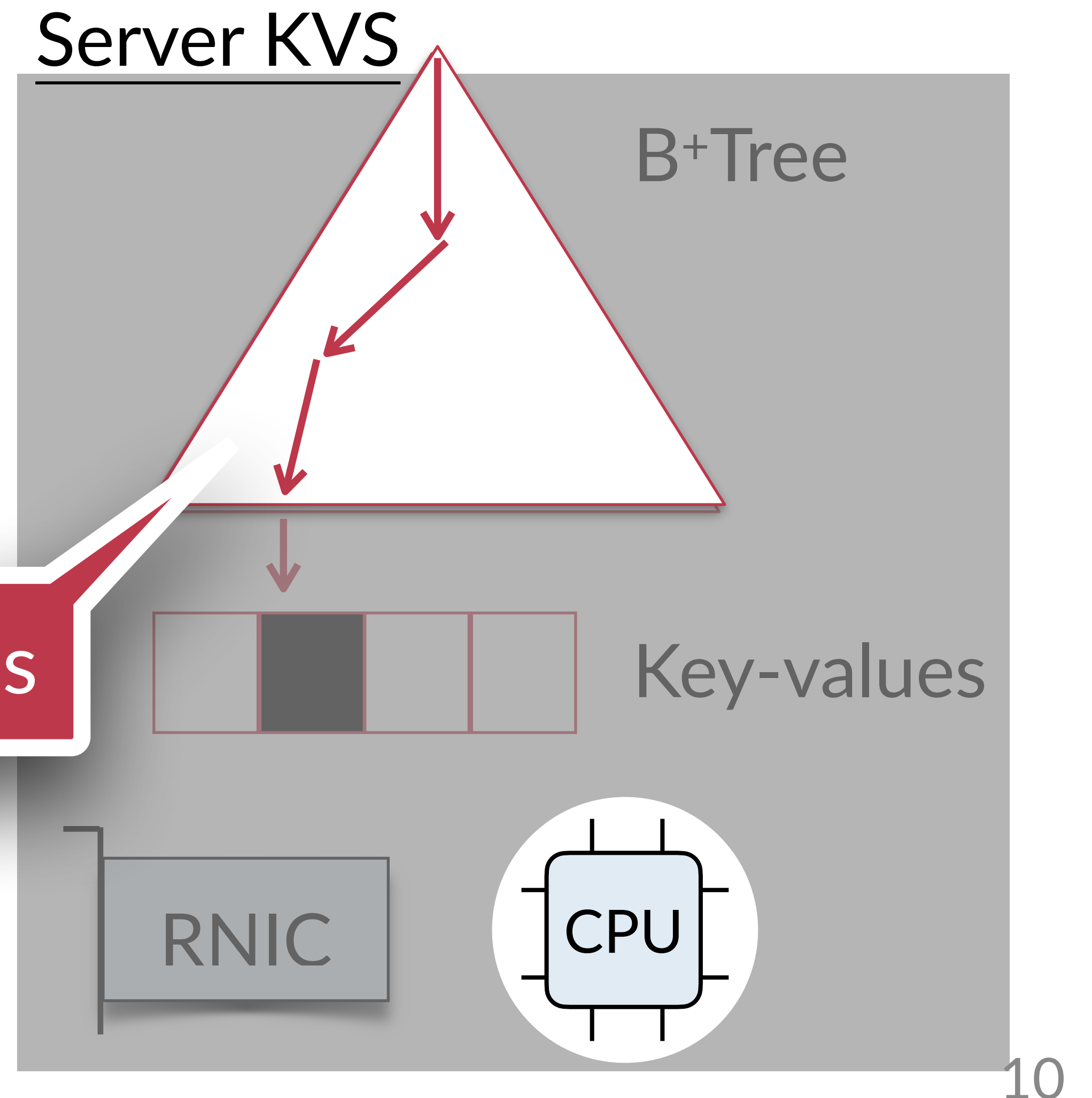
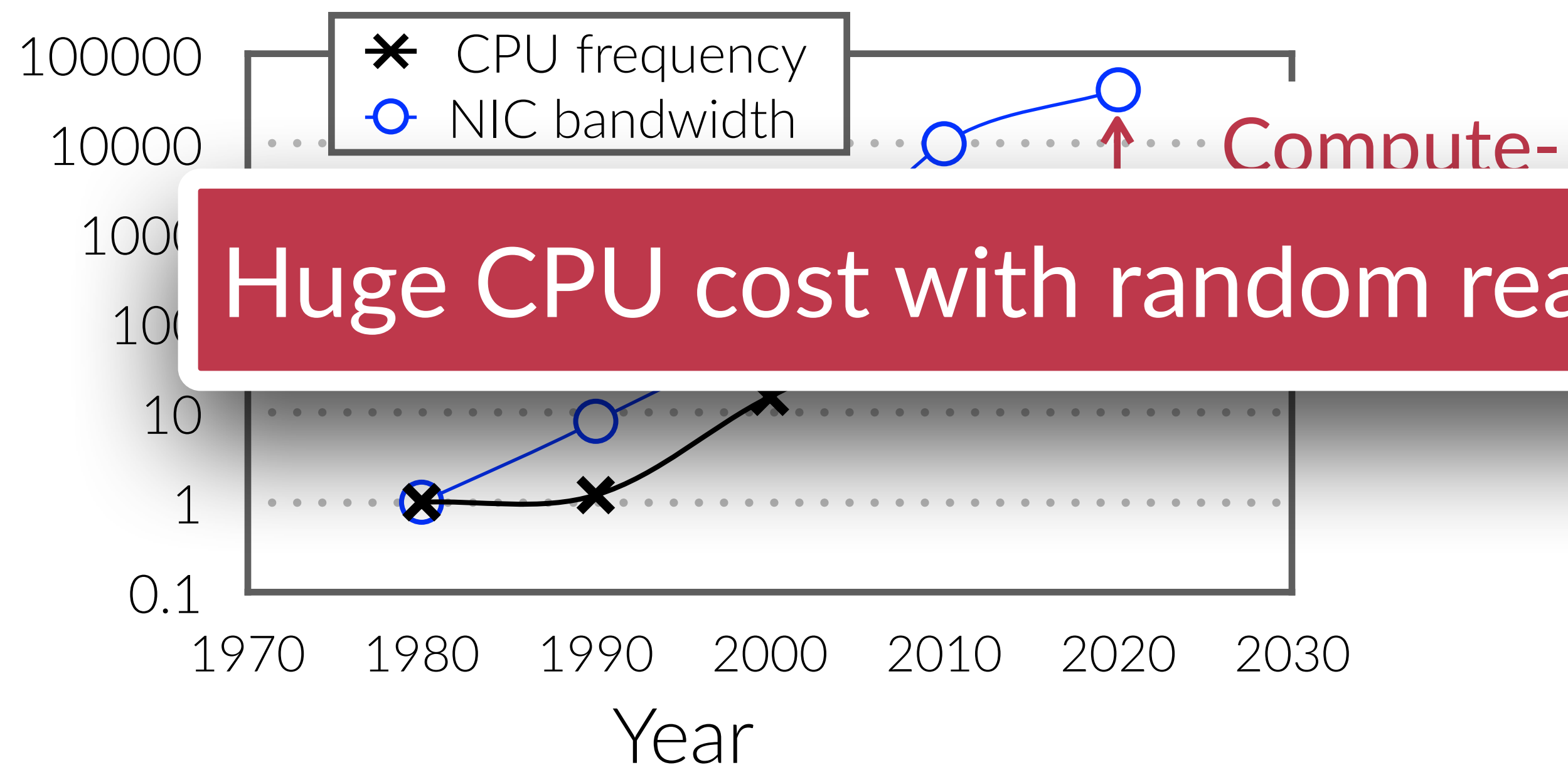


# Server CPU is becoming the bottleneck

Increasing **CPU-NIC gap**

🎵: NIC's speed is growing faster !

Relative speedup<sup>[1]</sup>



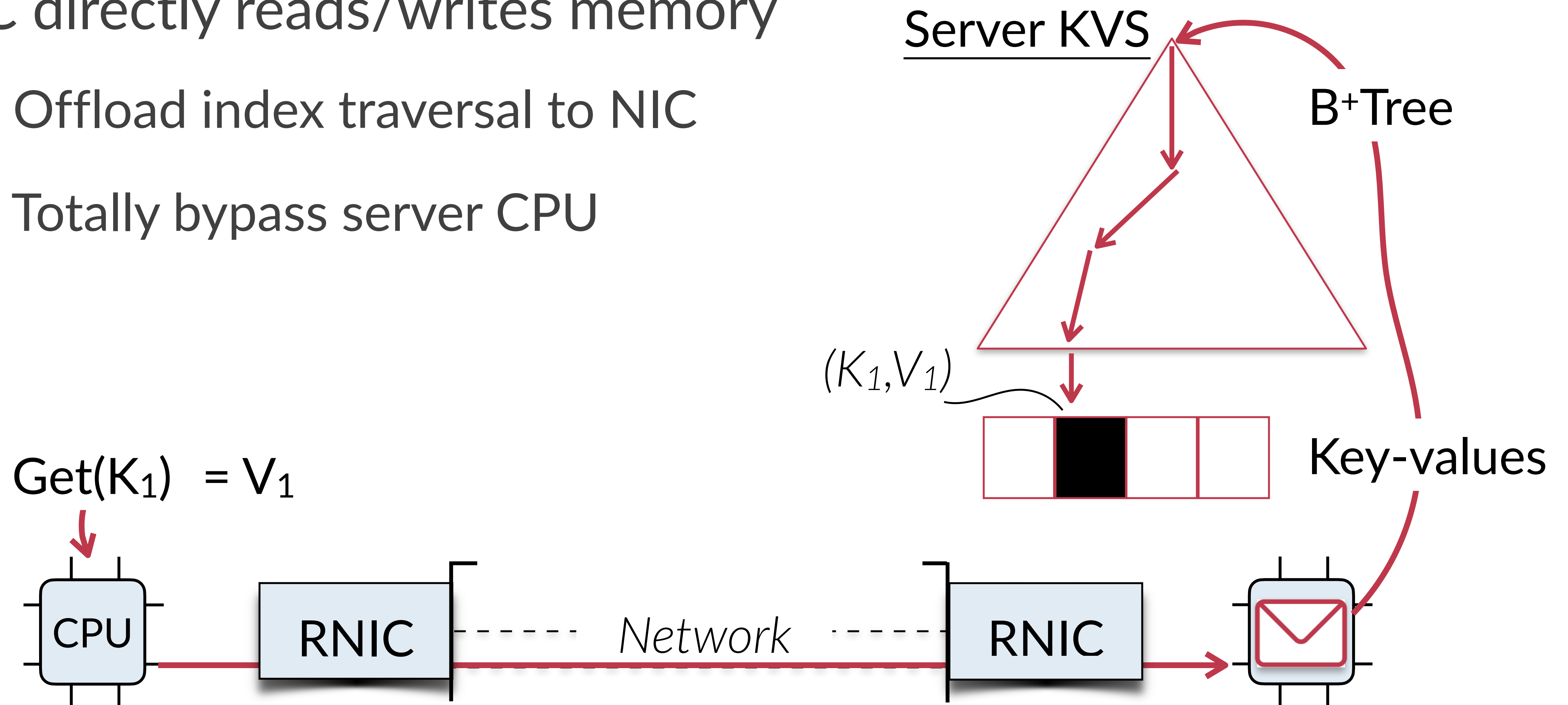
[1] Credits: StRoM: Smart Remote Memory @ Eurosys'20

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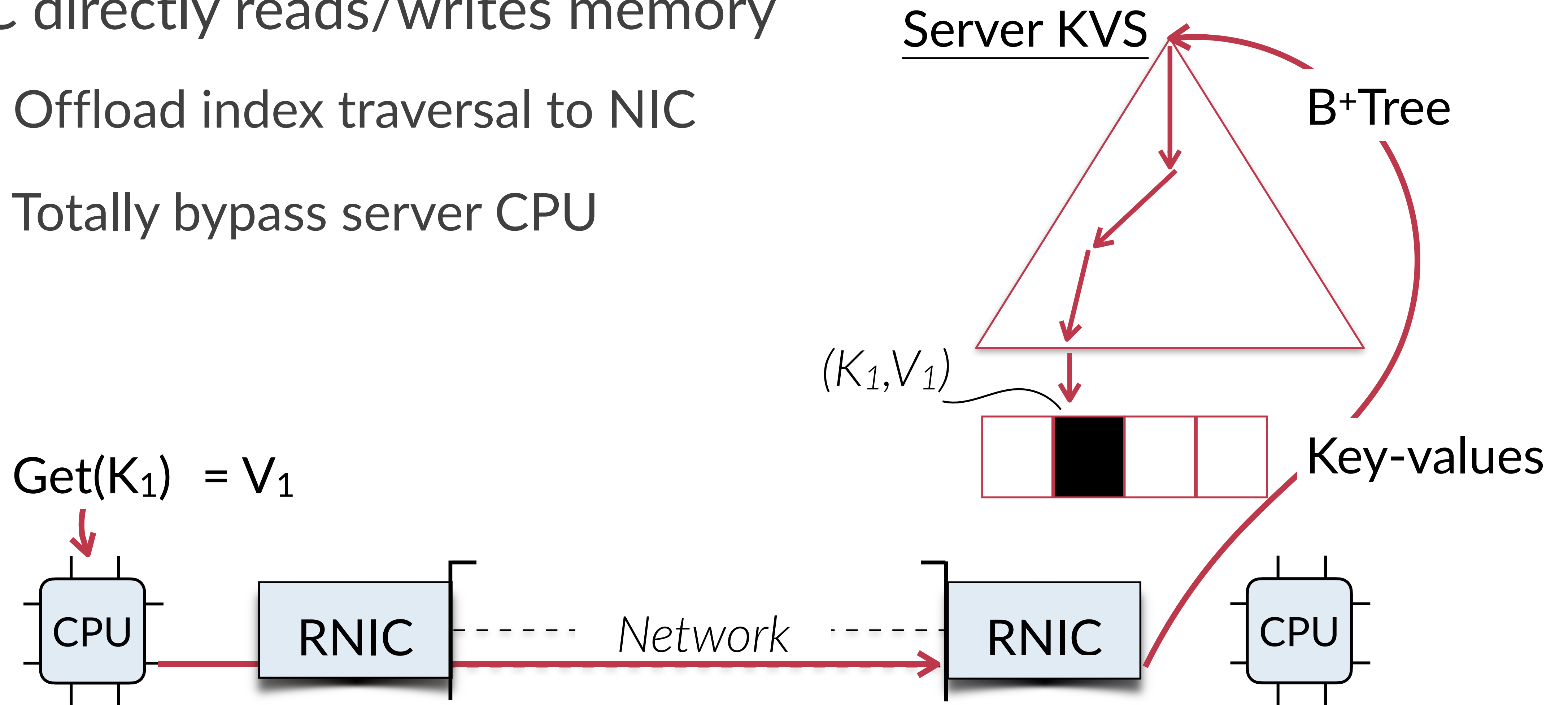


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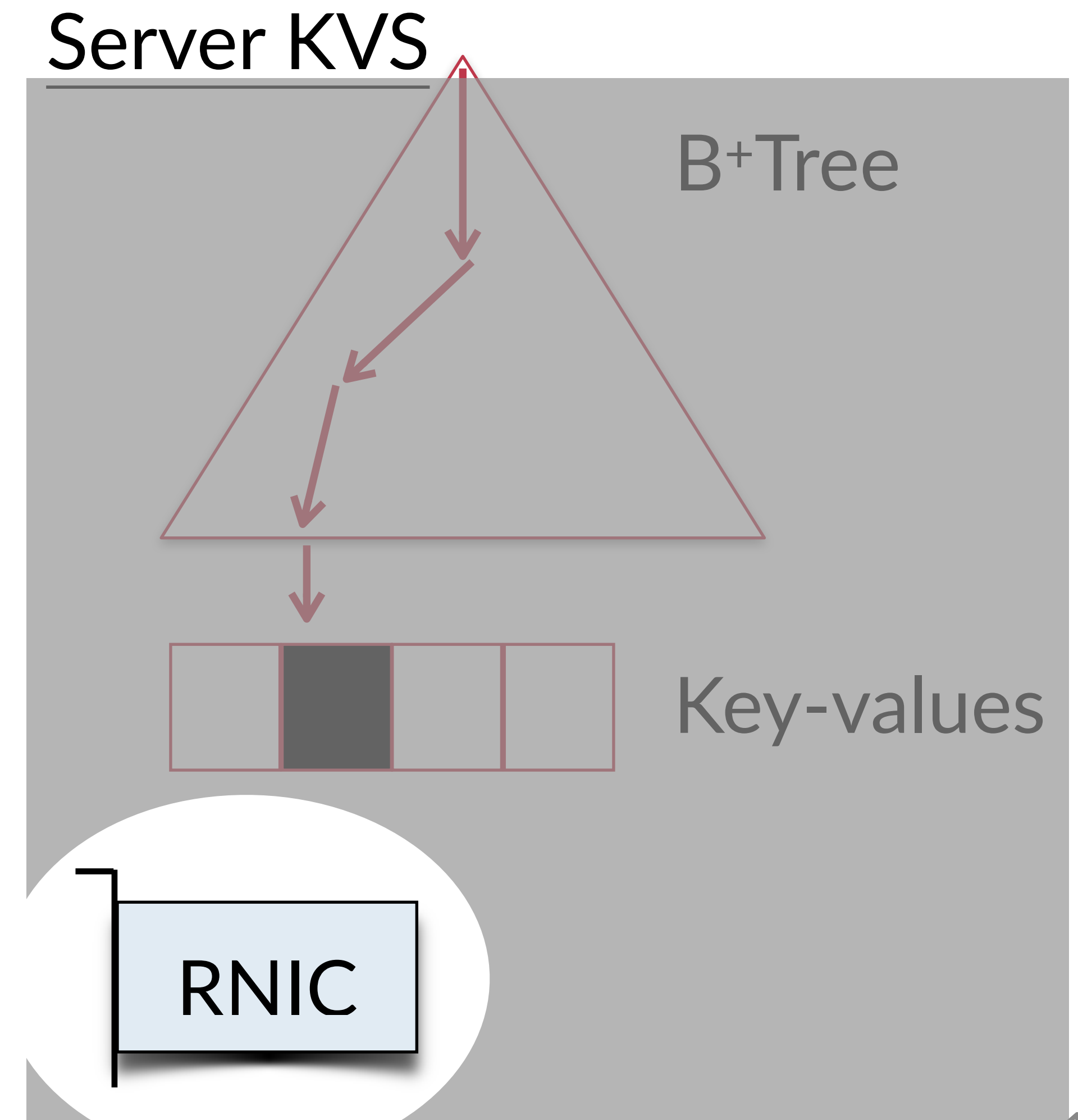
🎵 e.g., memory *read/write*

Works well for simple index structure

🎵 e.g. *HashTable,  $O(1)$*  network RTT<sup>[1]</sup>

Inferior for complex index structure

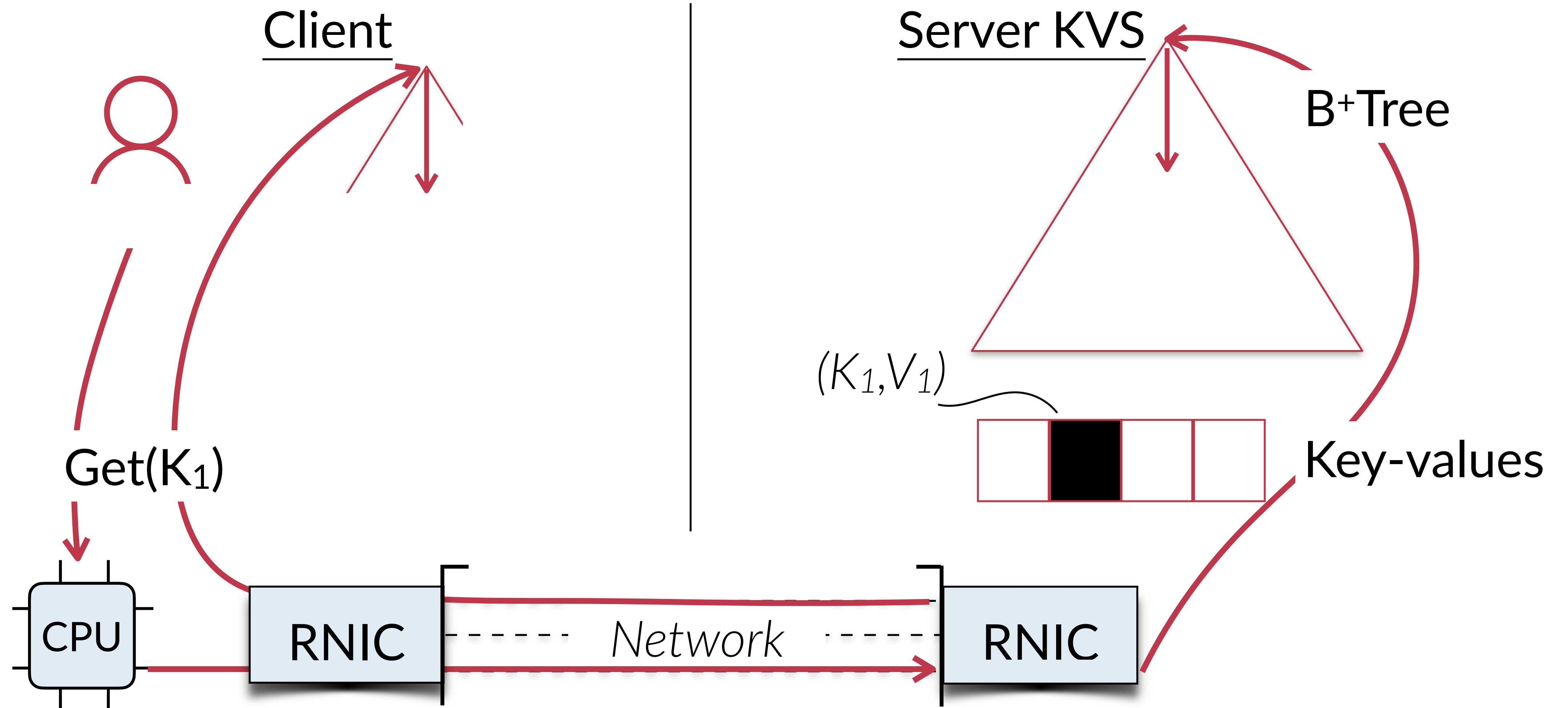
🎵 e.g., *B+Tree,  $O(\log(n))$* <sup>[2]</sup> network RTT



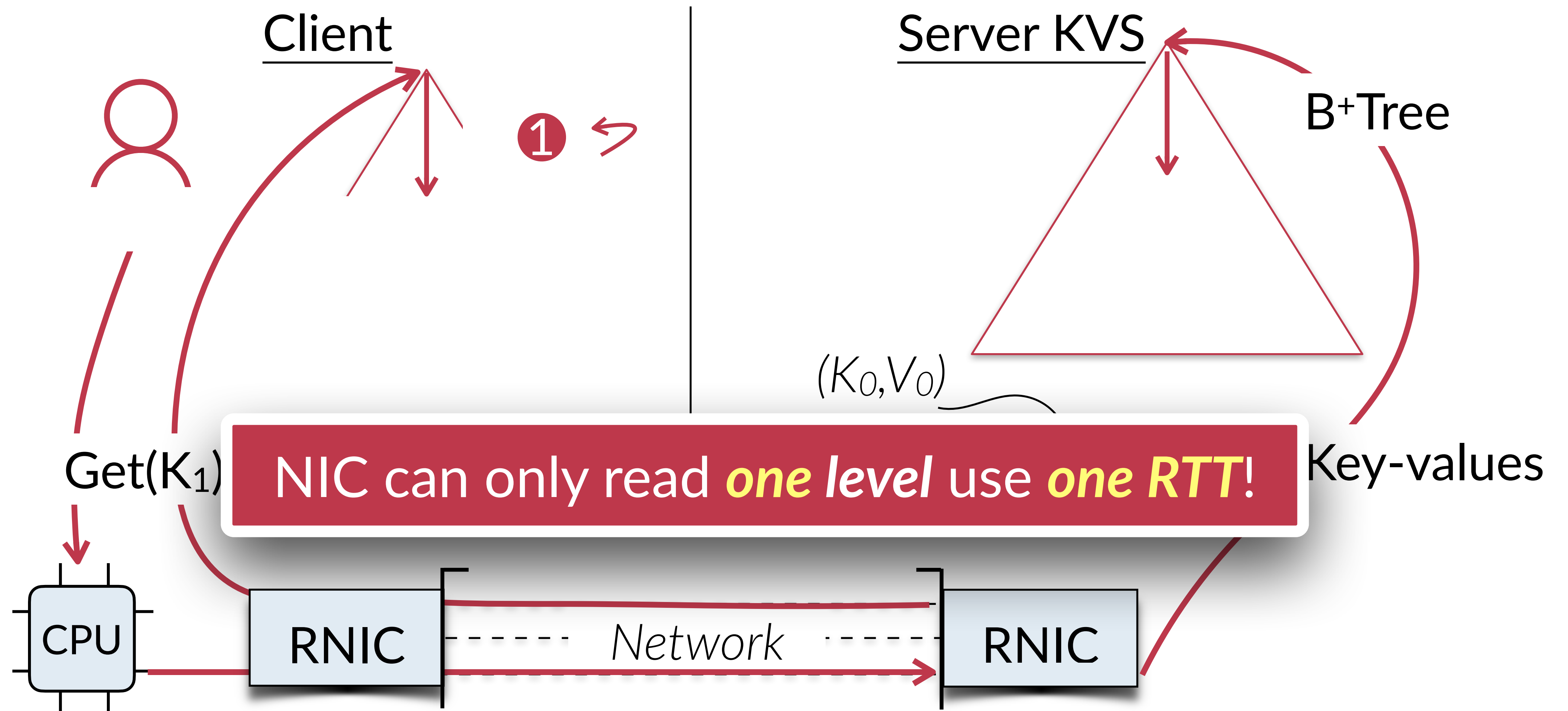
[1] RTT: roundtrip time

[2] n:the scale of the KVS

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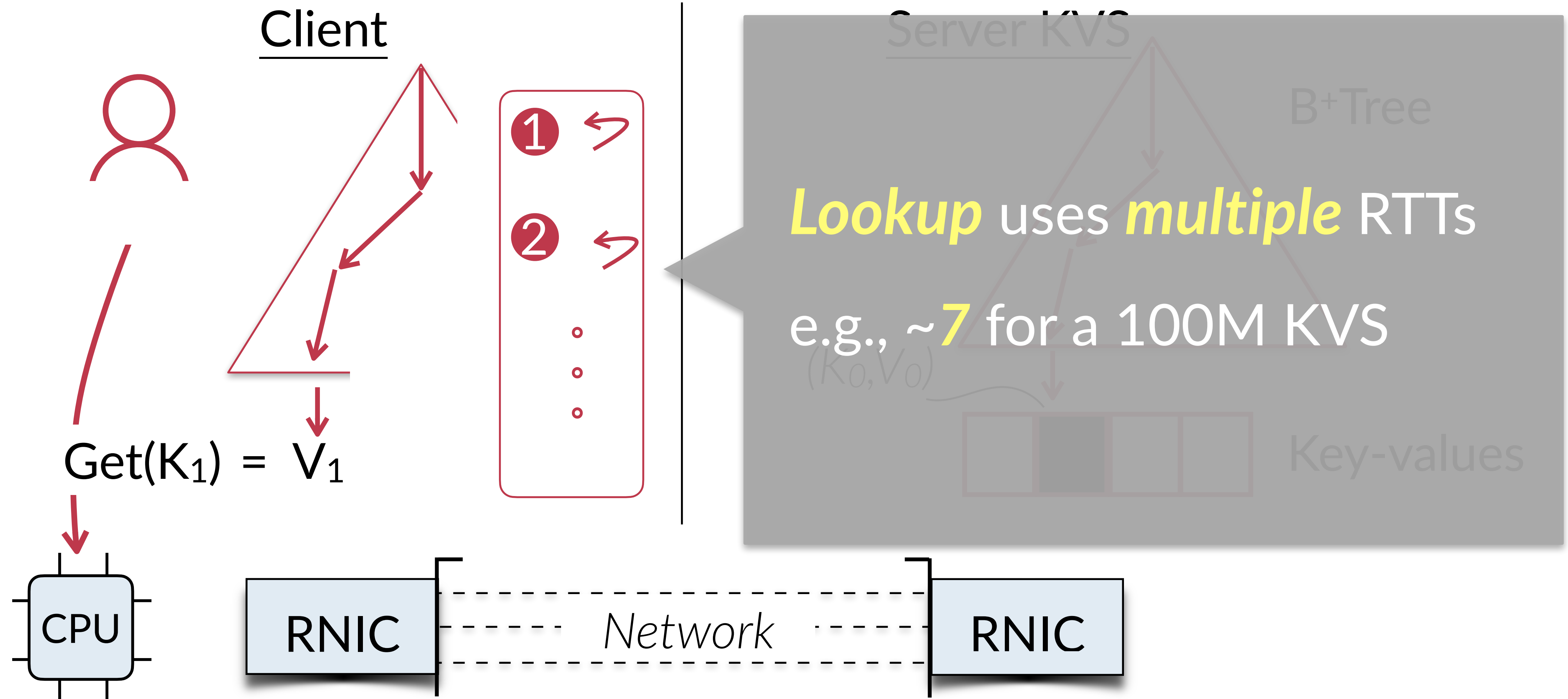


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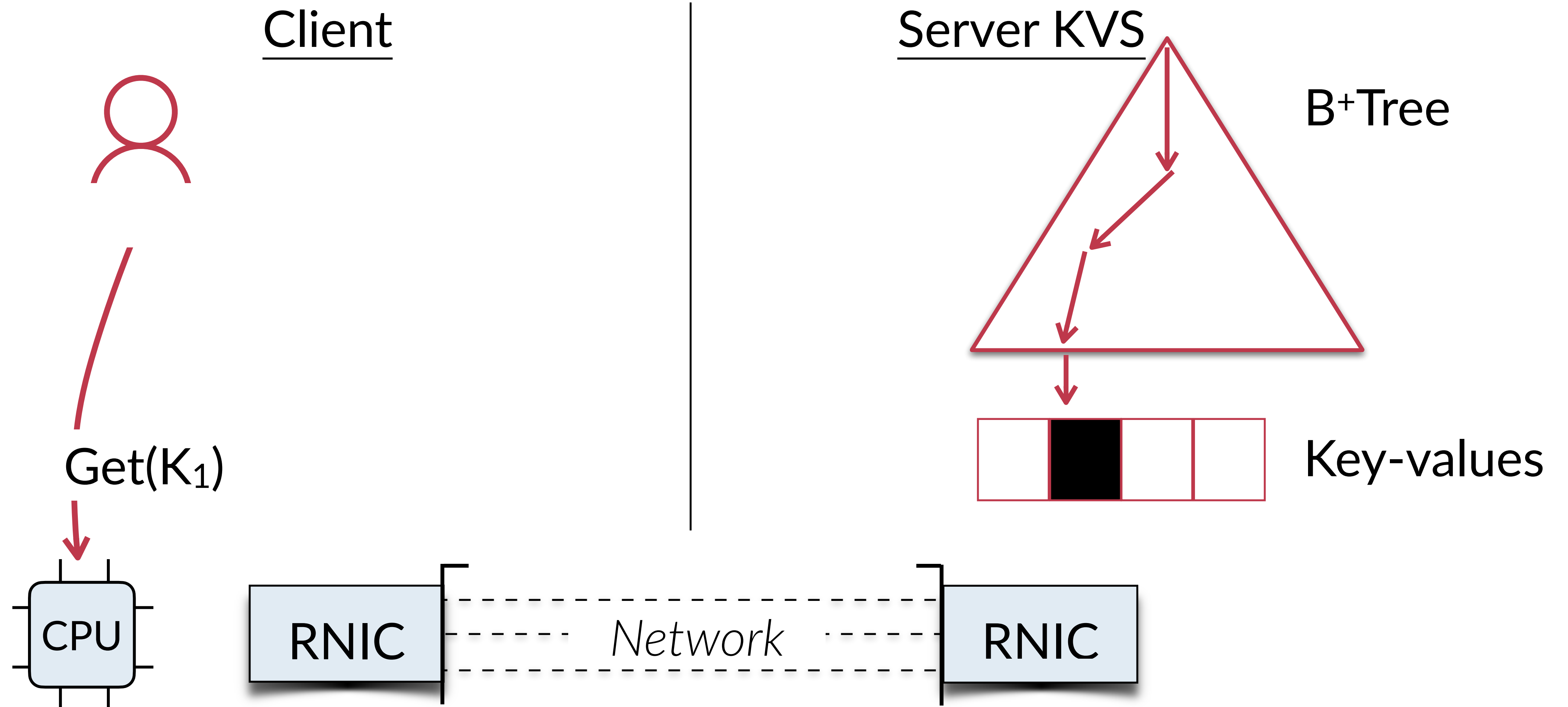


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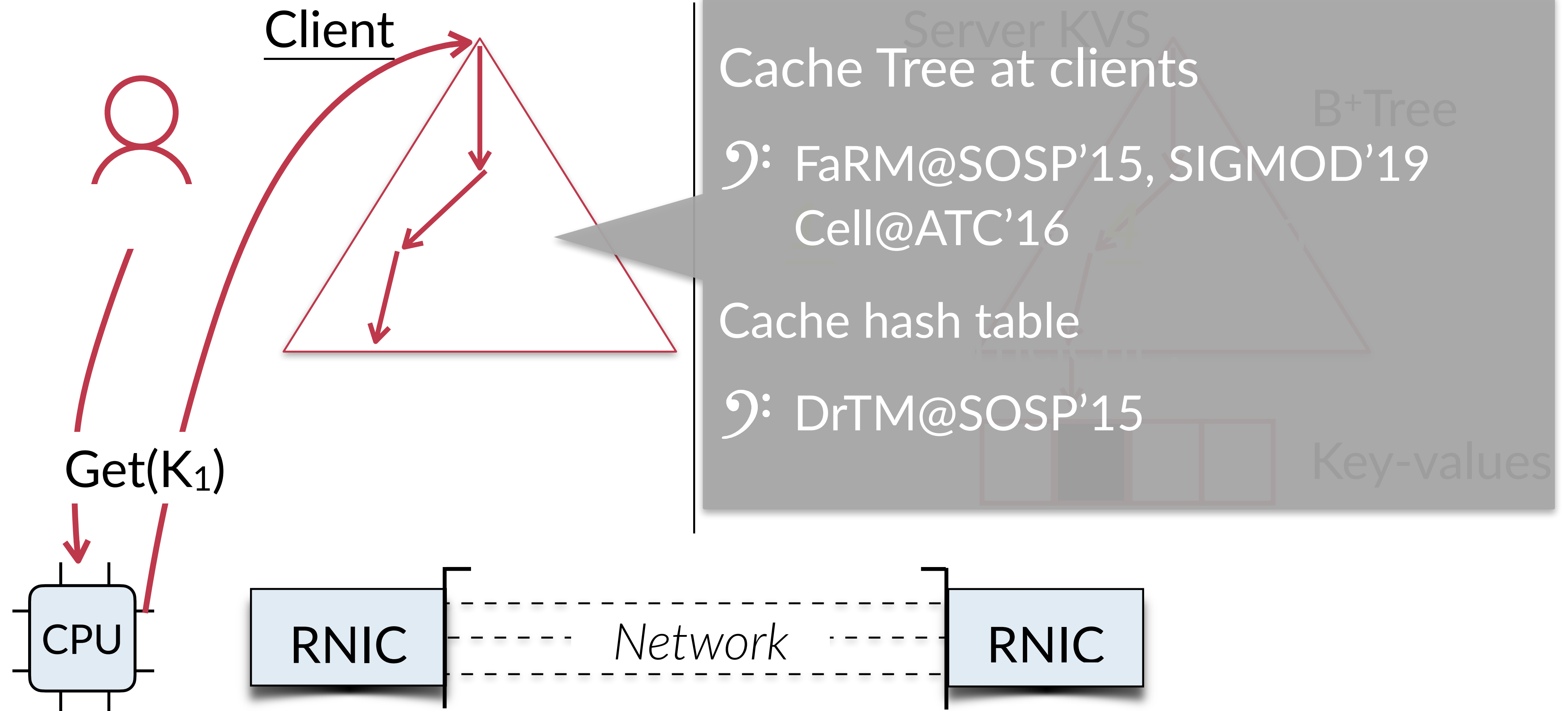




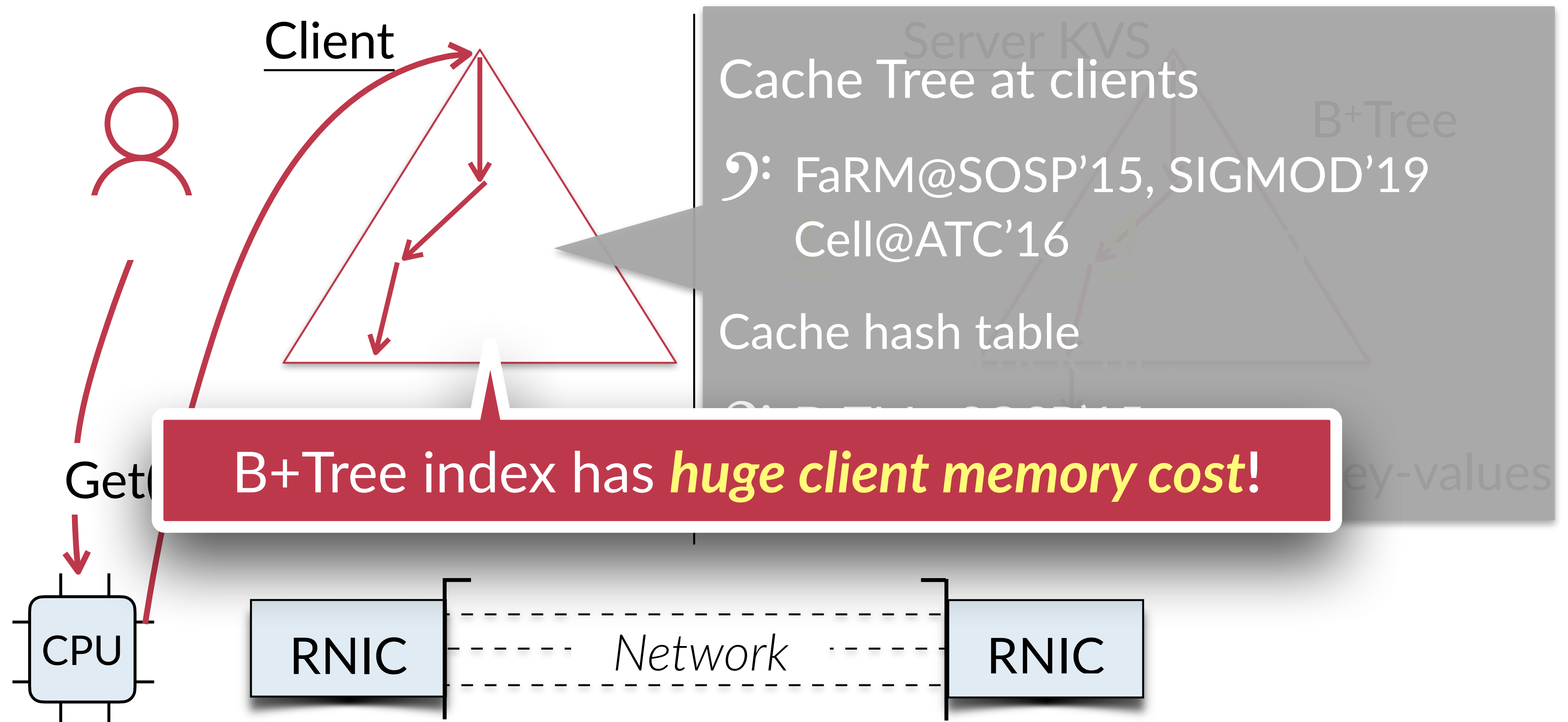
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# High cache miss cost for caching tree

Tree node size can be *much larger* than the KV

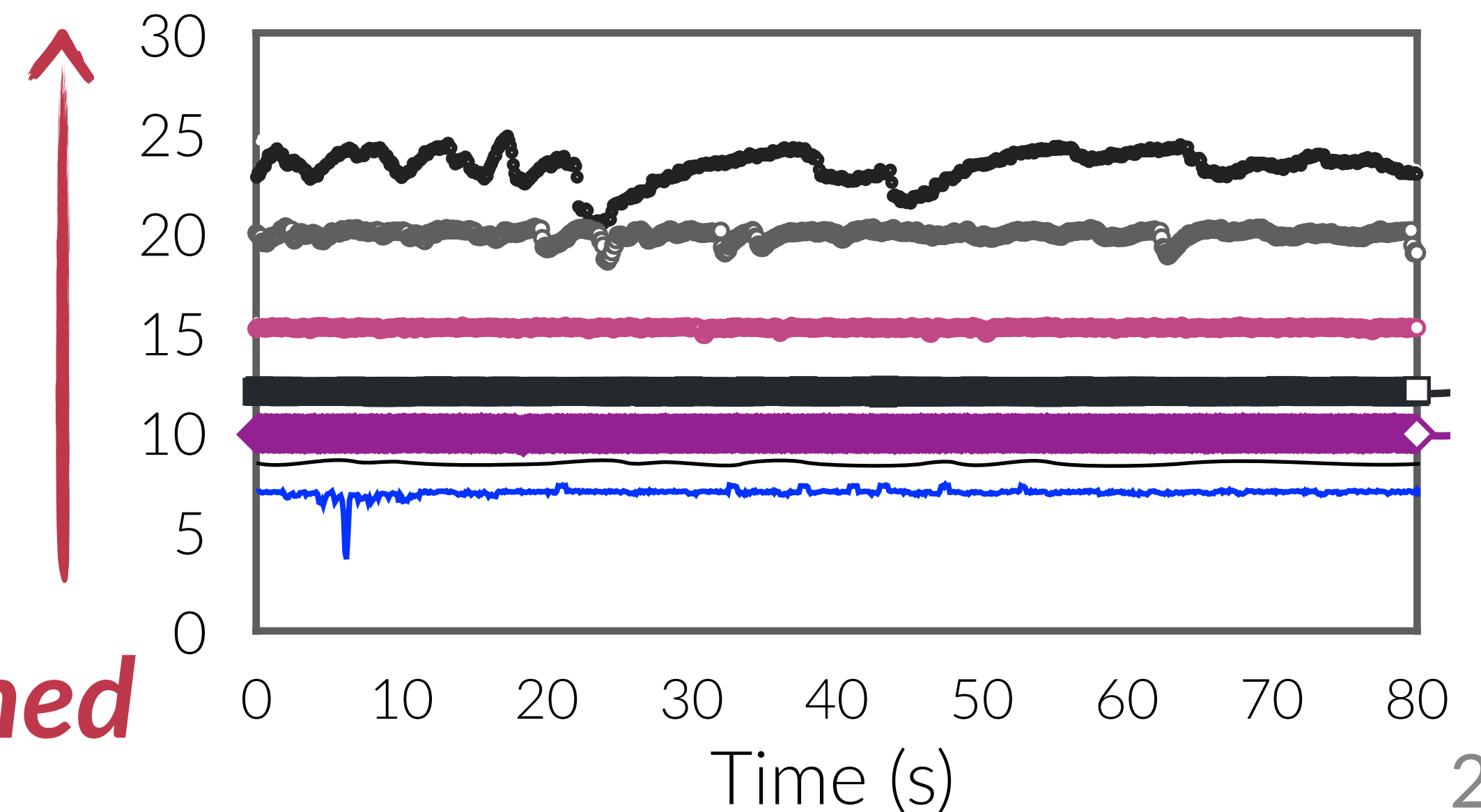
🎵 e.g., 1K vs. 8B

*Recursive invalidation* under insertions

🎵 When cache more tree layers

*More layer cached*

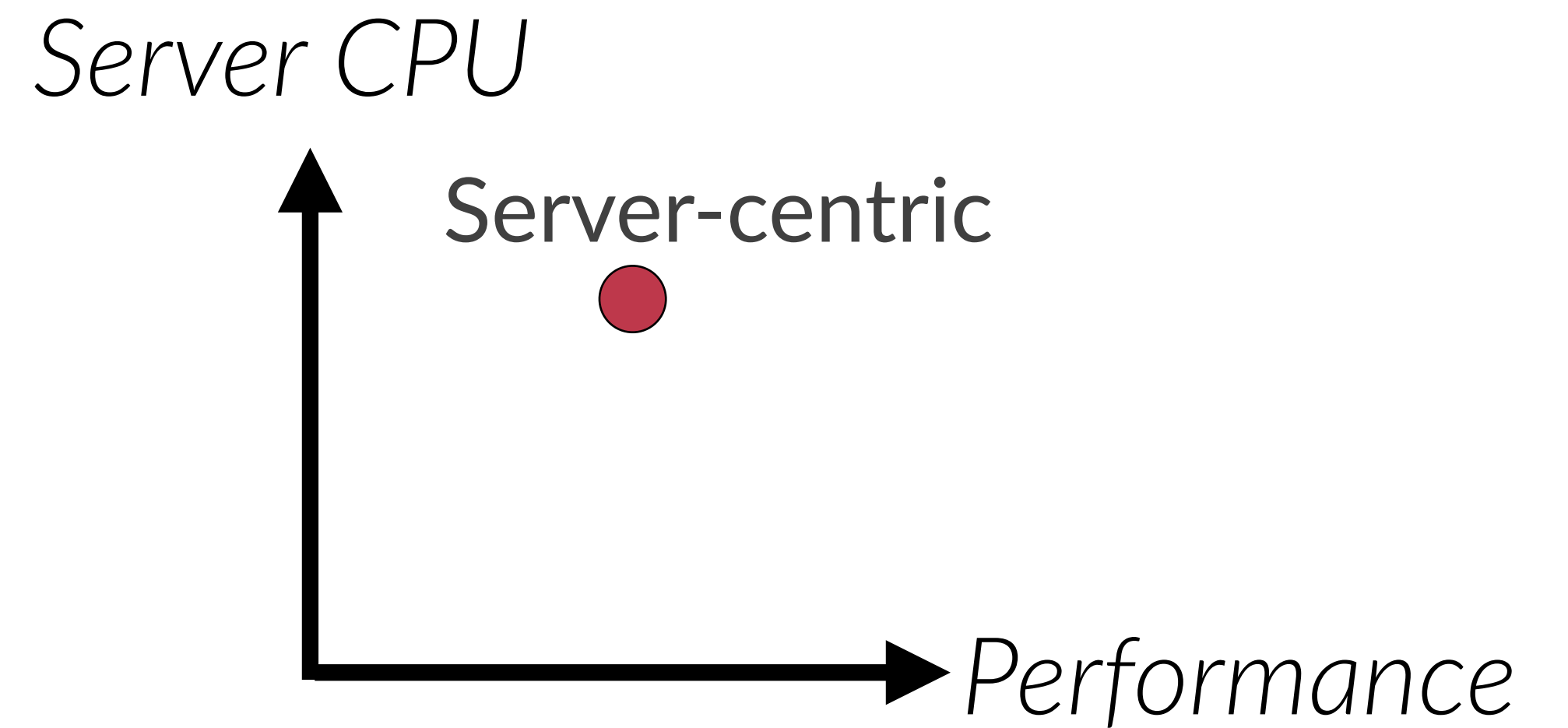
Throughput(Mreqs/sec) (YCSB-D uniform)



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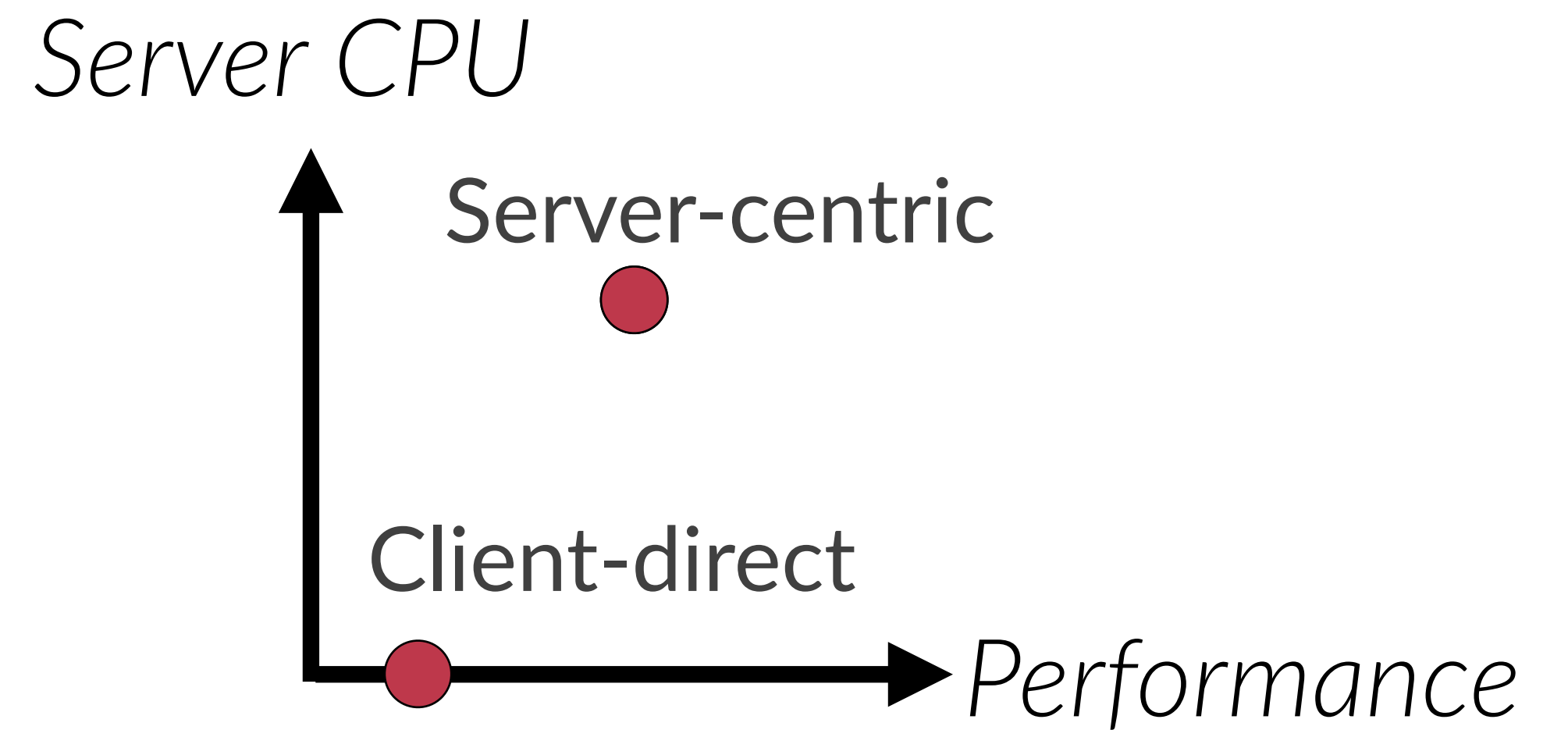
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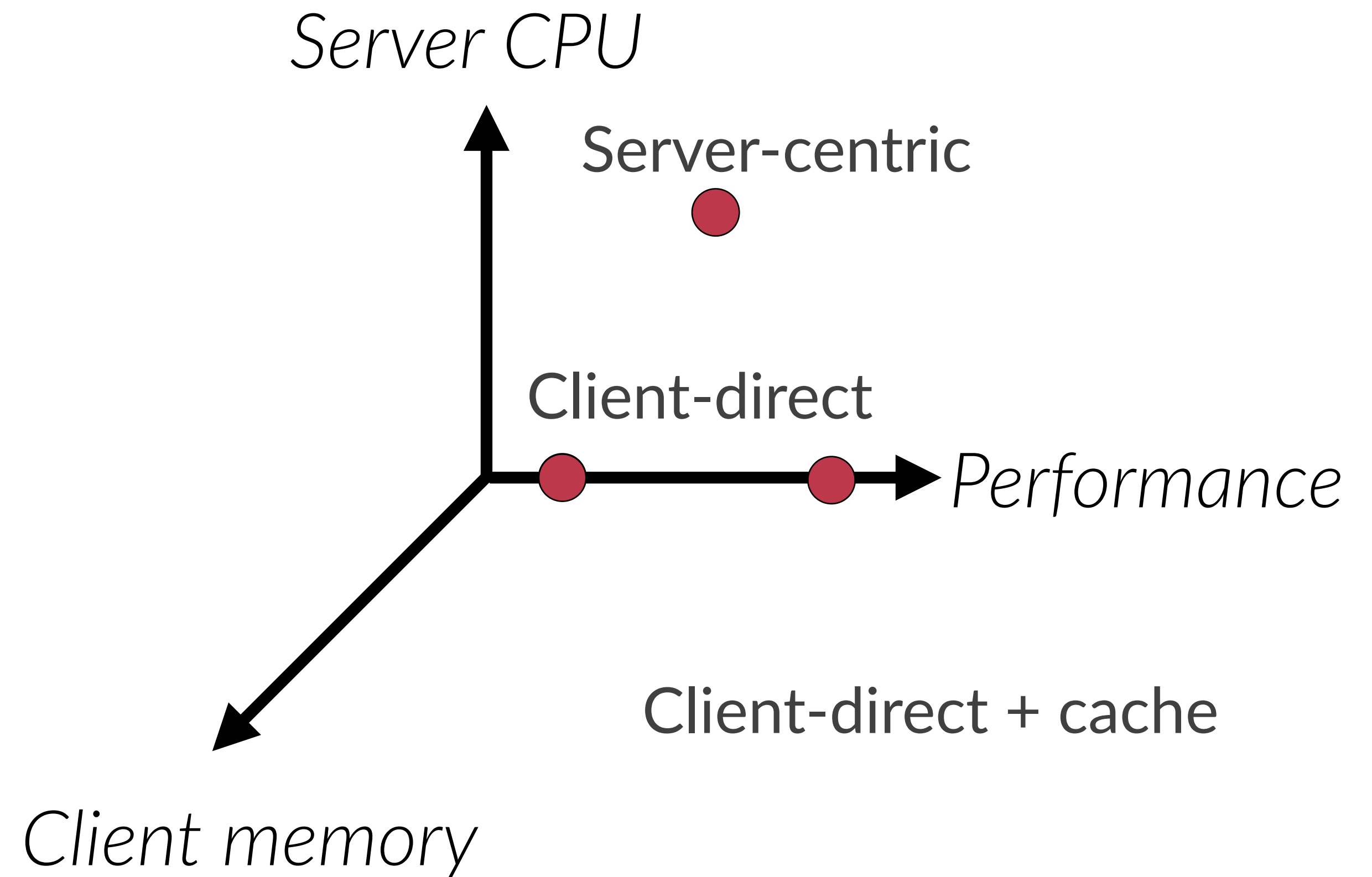
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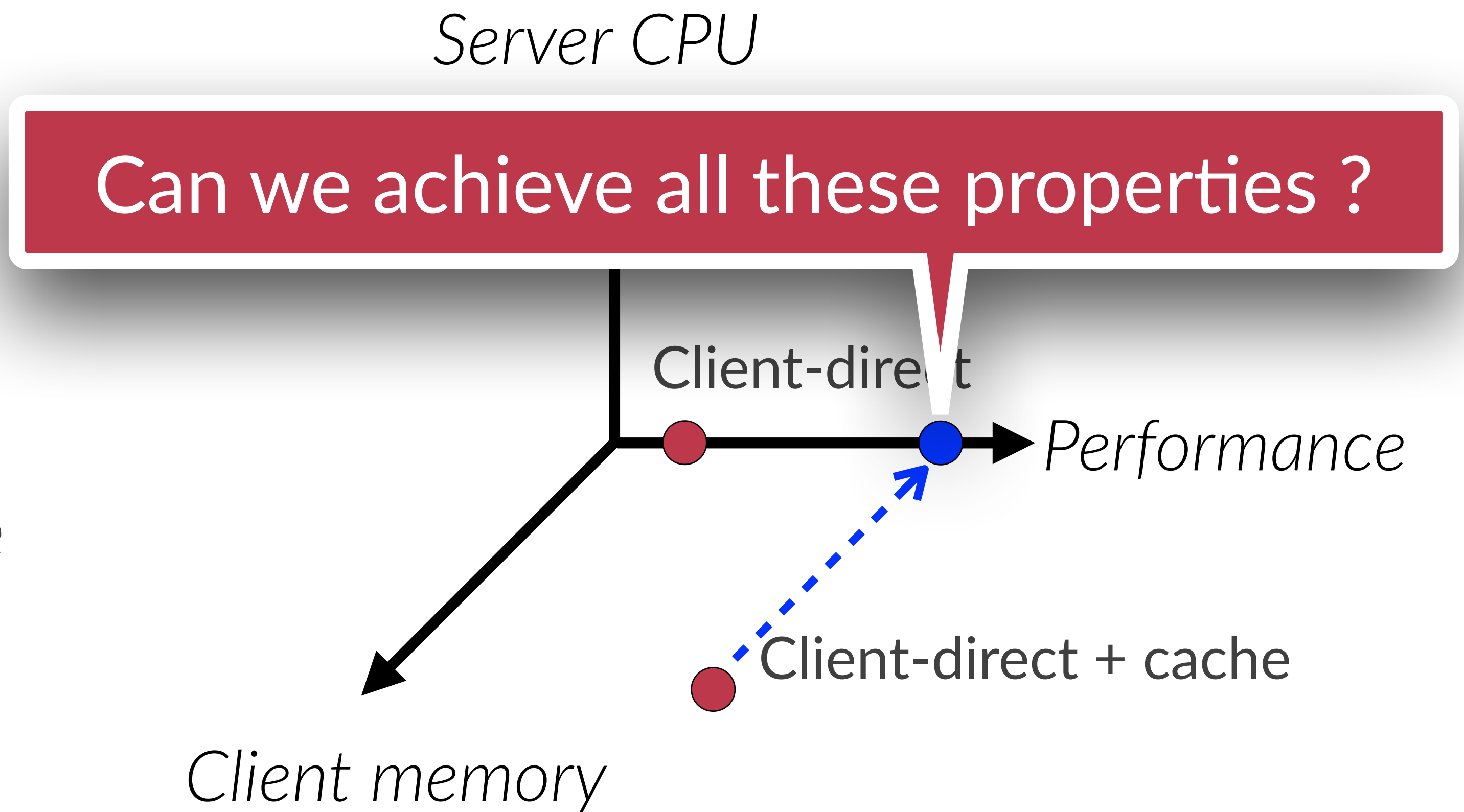
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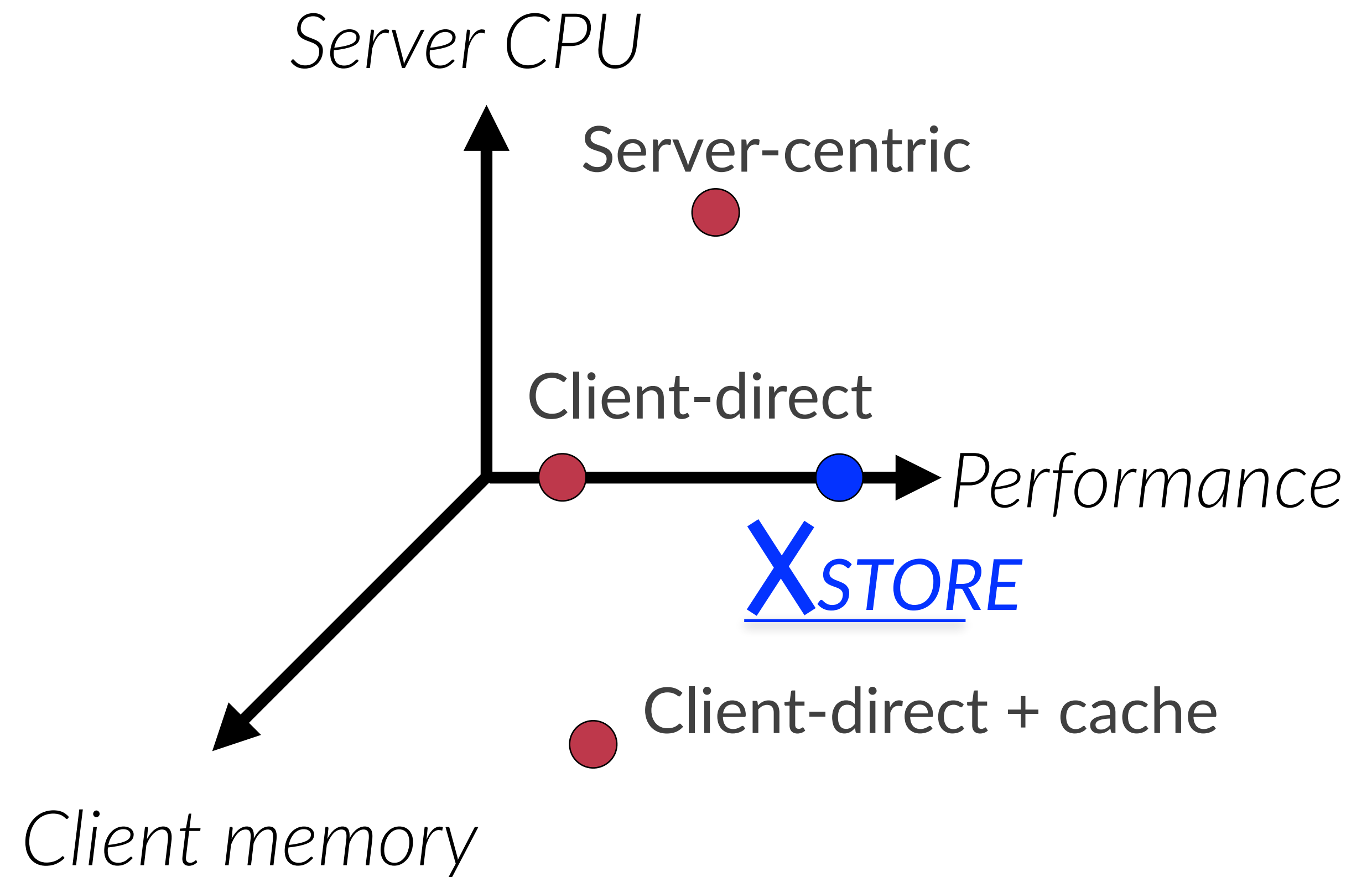
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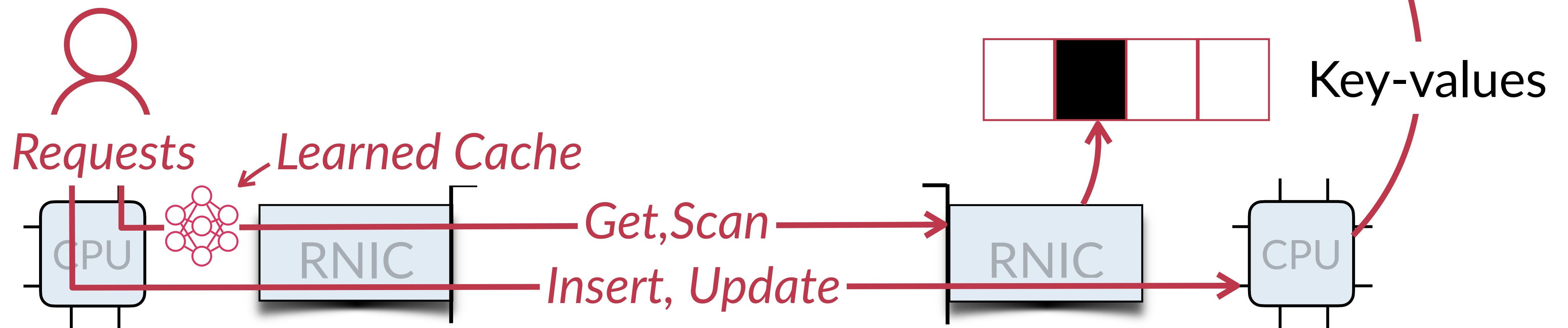
# Overview of XSTORE

Hybrid architecture [1]

♫: *Sever-centric* updates

♫: Because one-sided has *simple semantic*

*O(1) Client-direct* Get, Scan



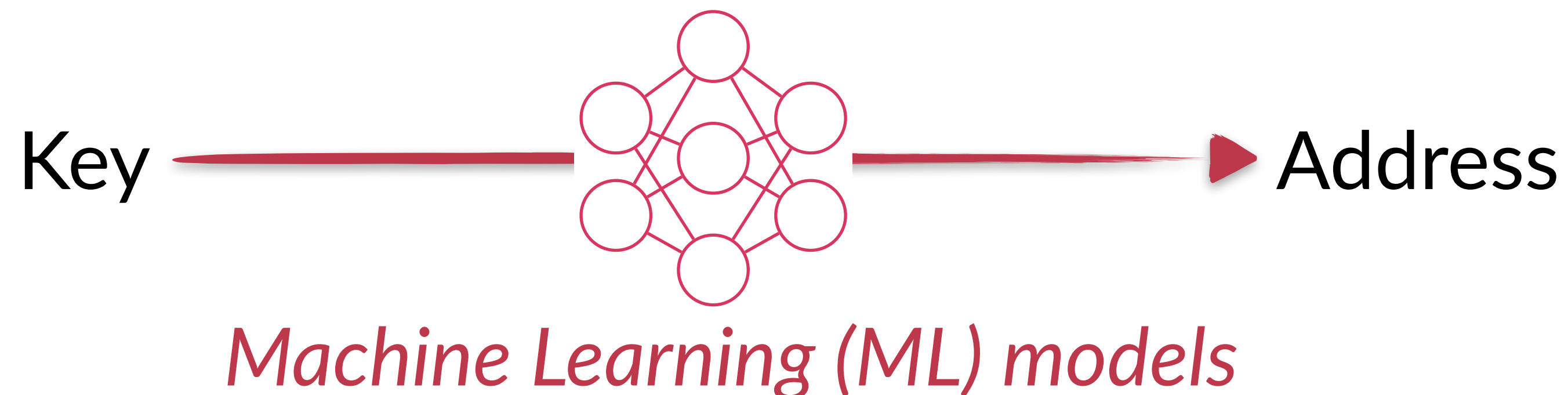
# Our approach: Learned cache

Using **ML** as the cache structure for tree-based index

Motivated by the *learned index*<sup>[1]</sup>

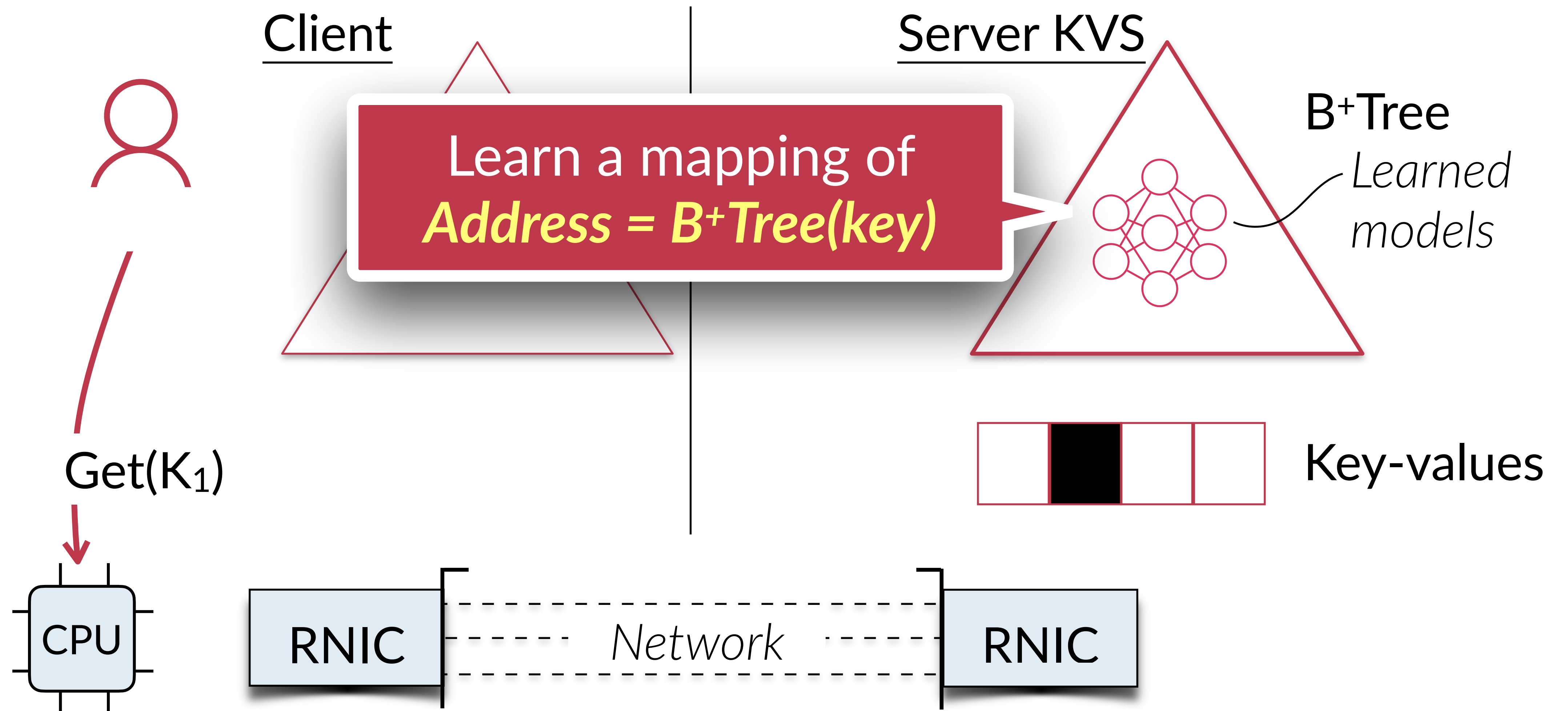
🌀 Replace *index traversal* with *calculation*

🌀 The ML model can be *orders of magnitude smaller* than tree



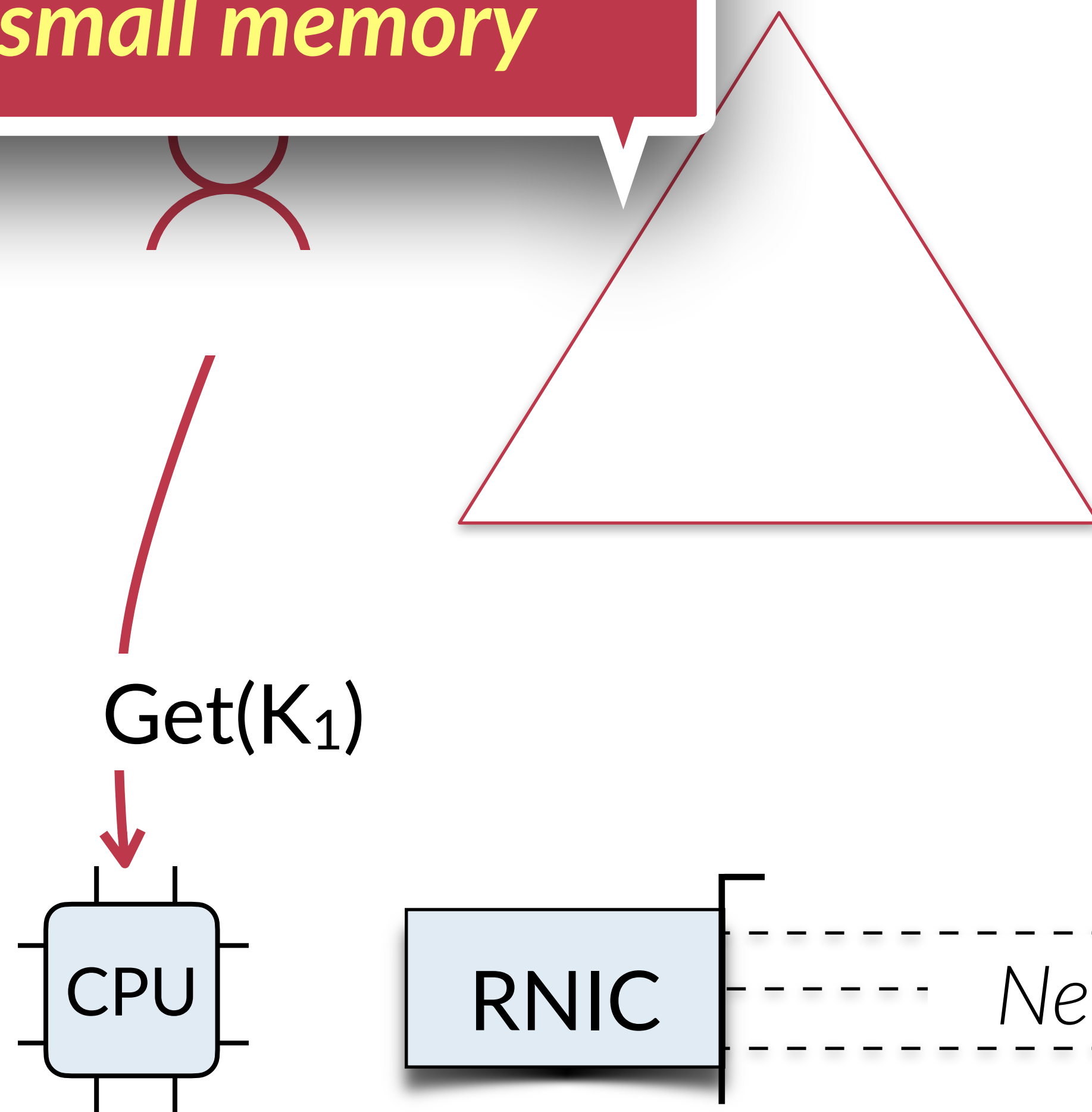
[1] The case for the learned index @ SIGMOD'18

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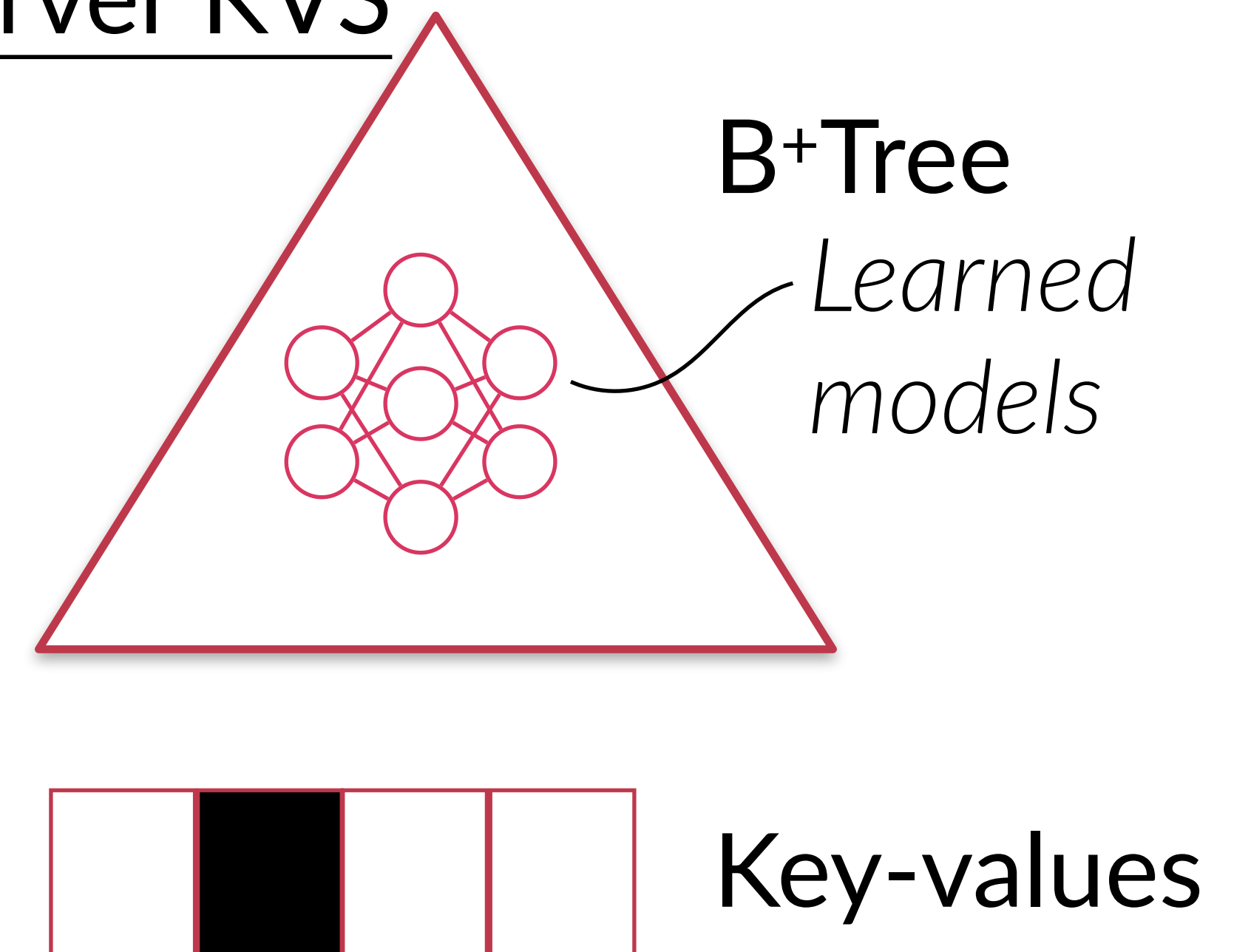


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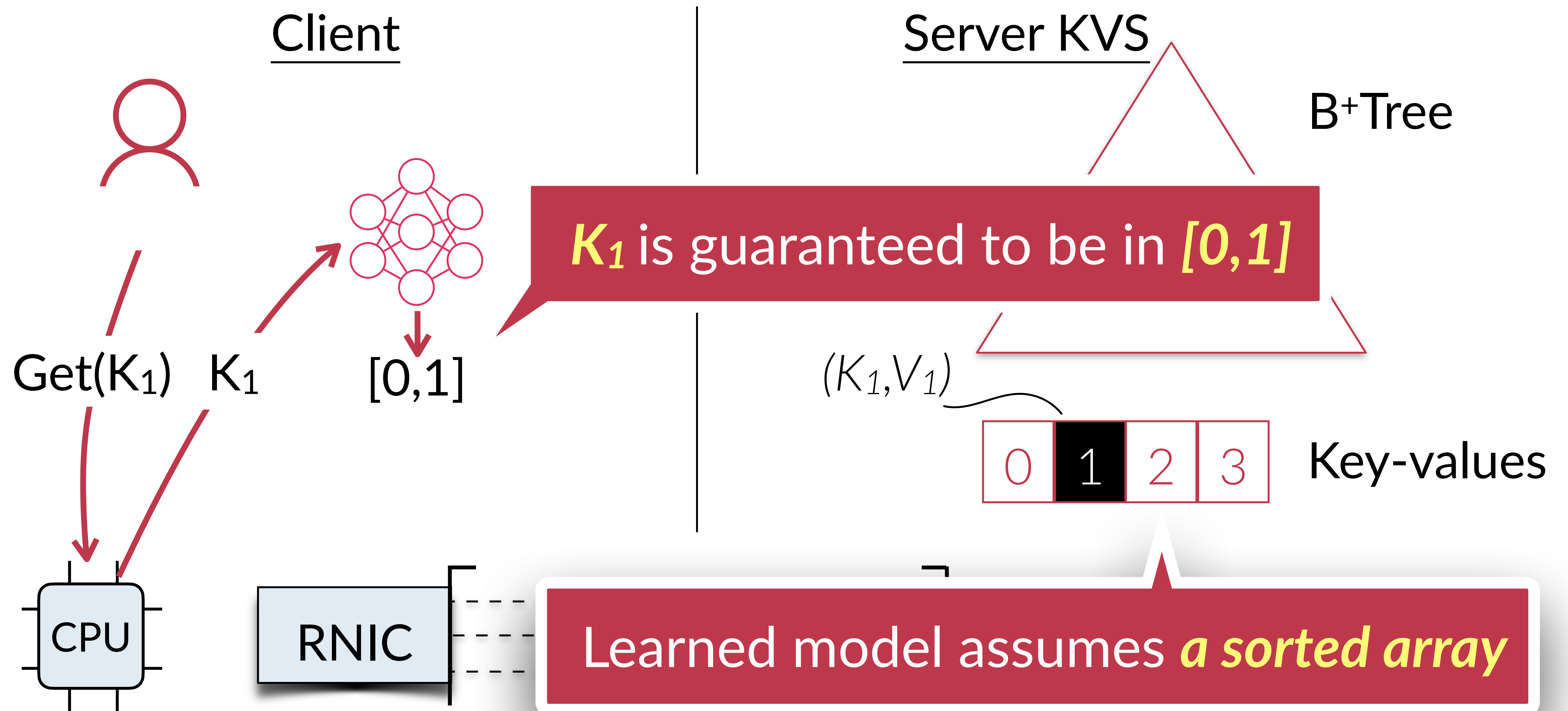
Learned model with  
*small memory*



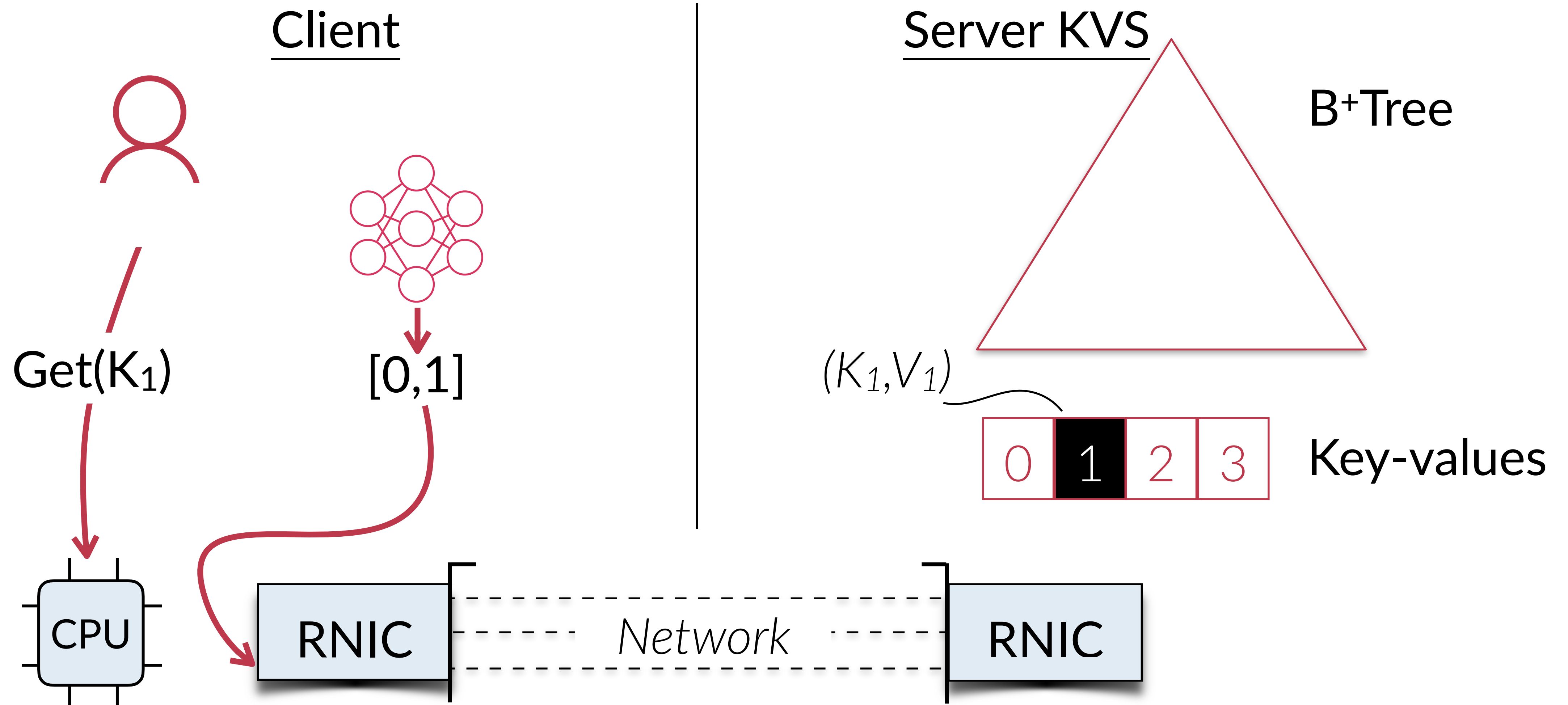
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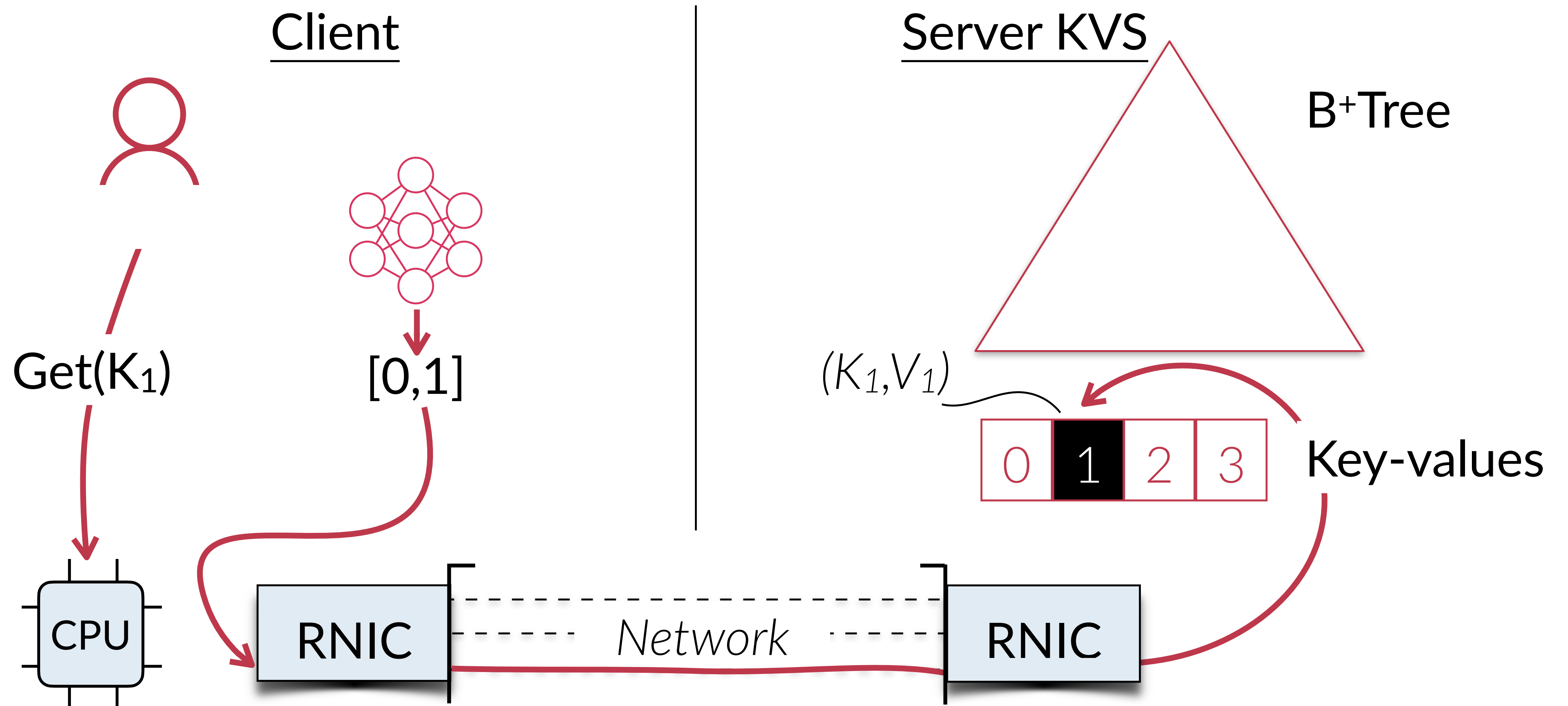


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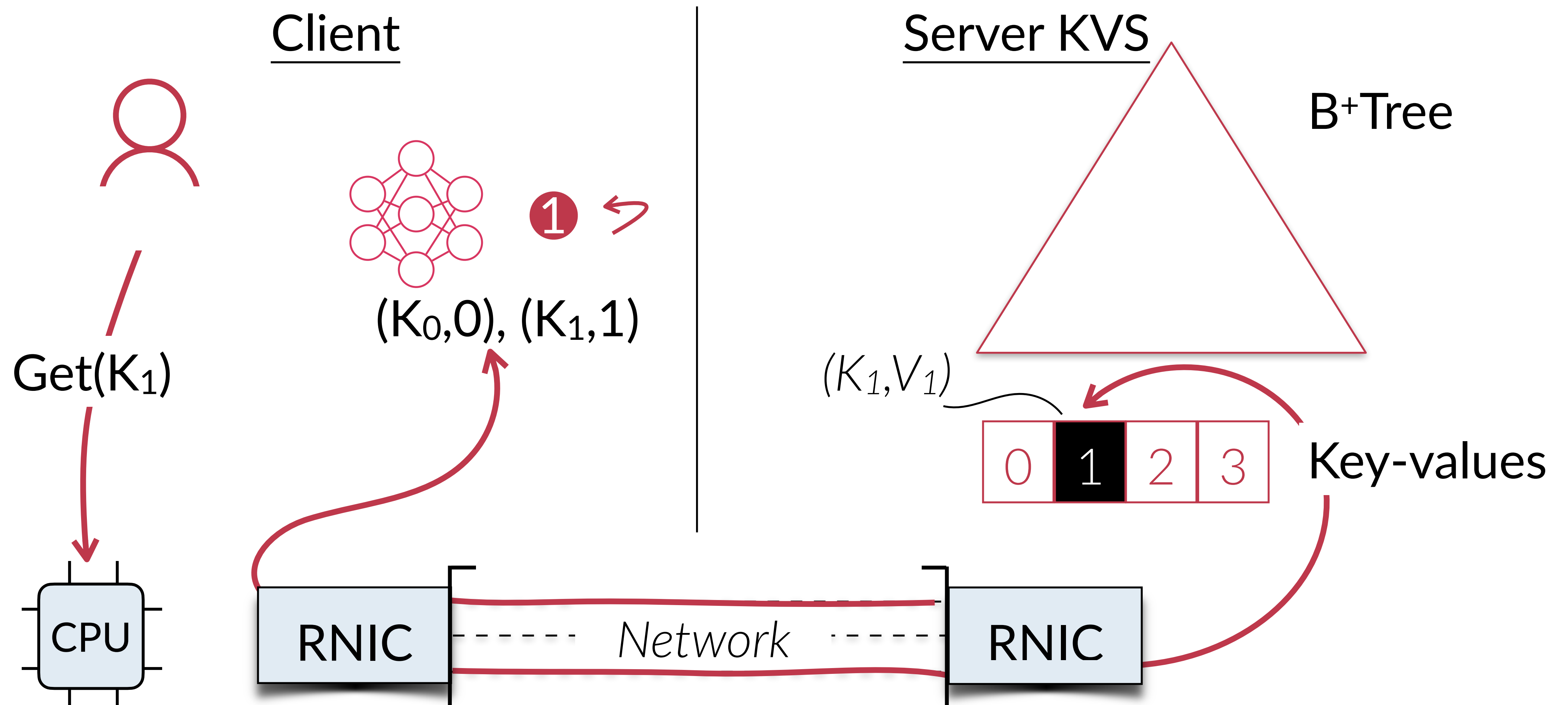


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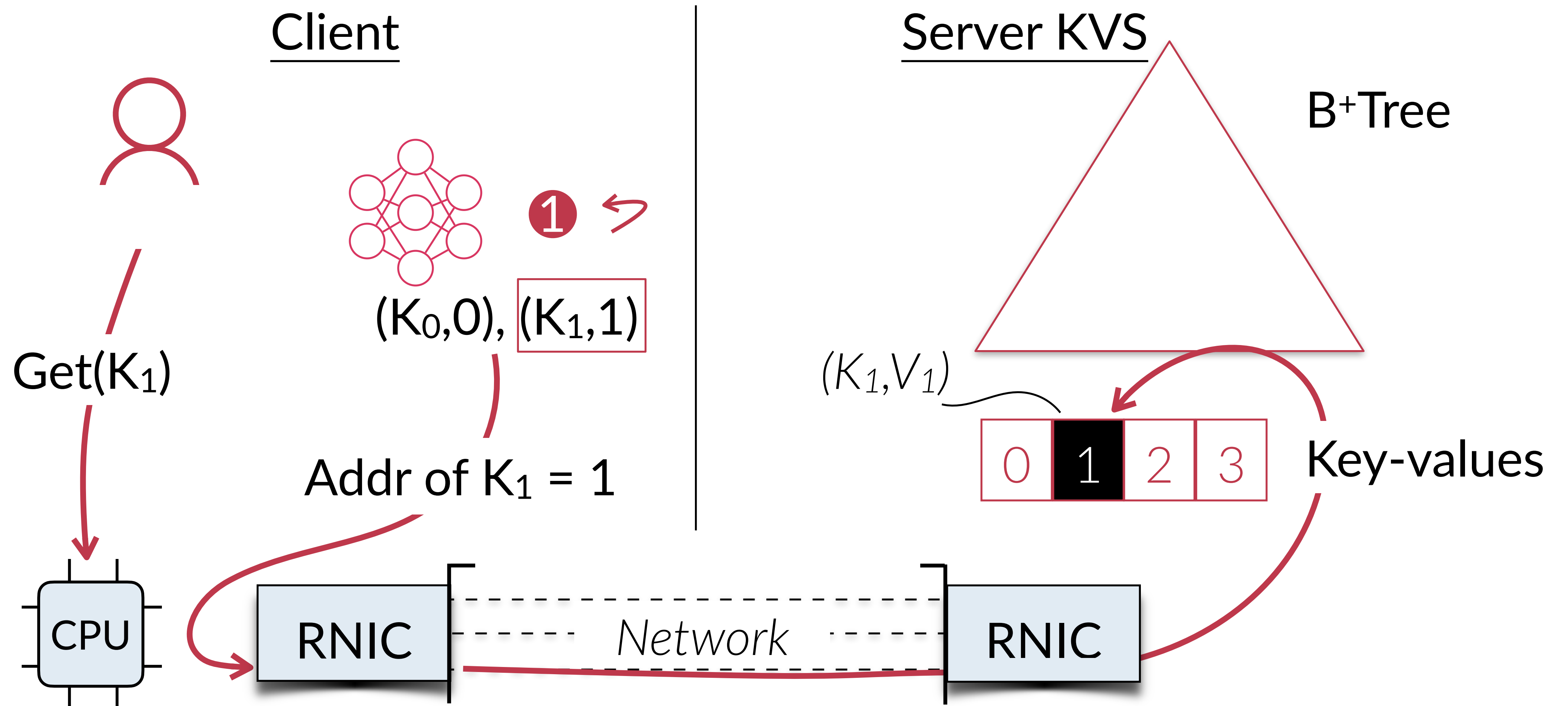




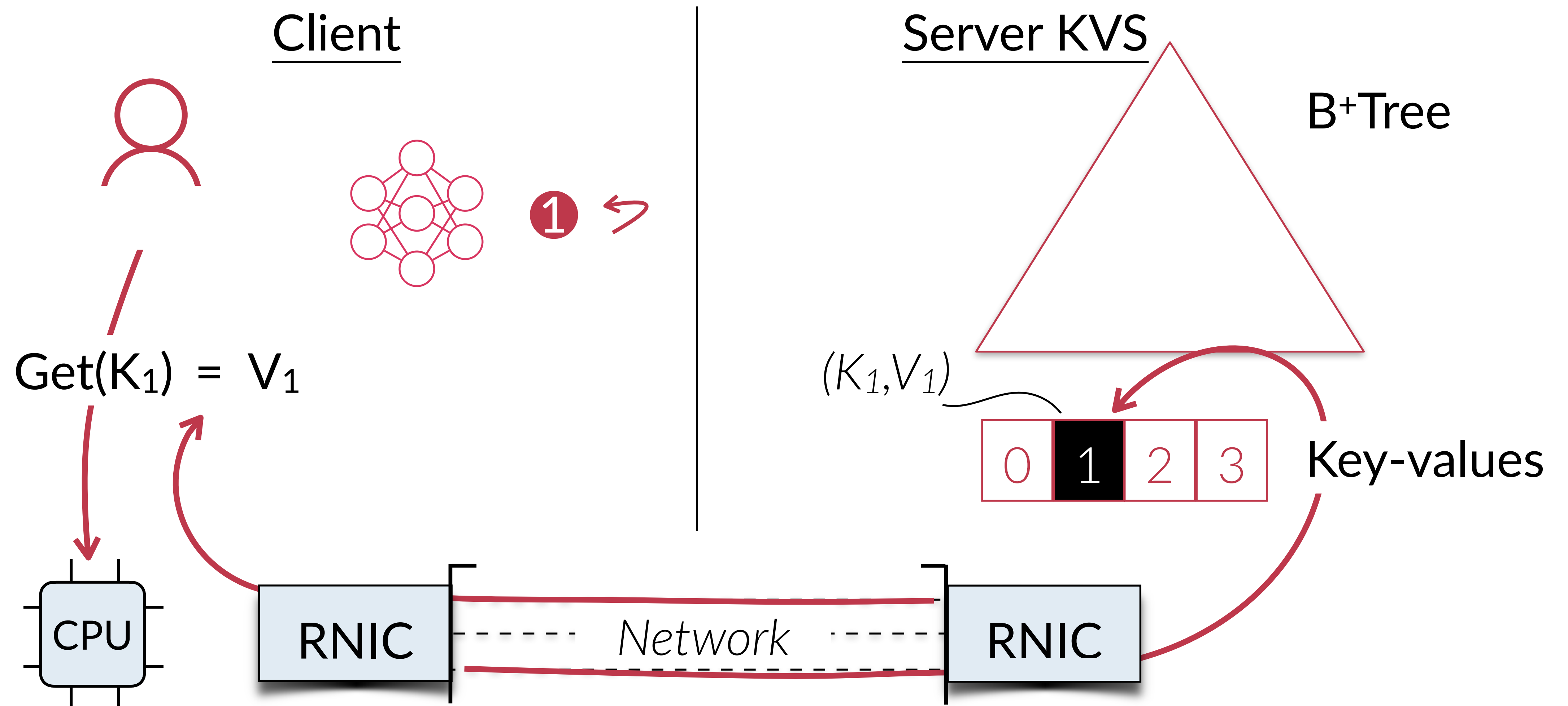
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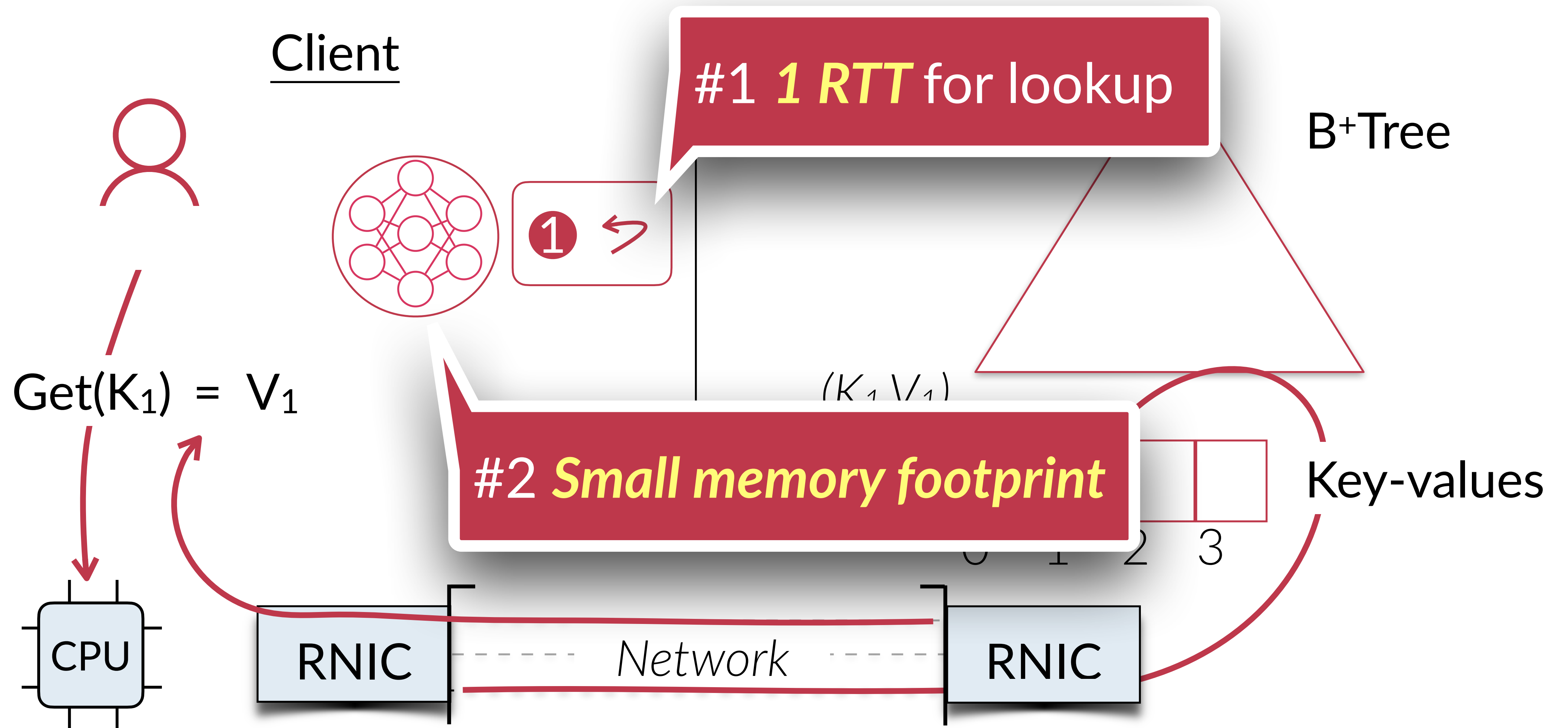
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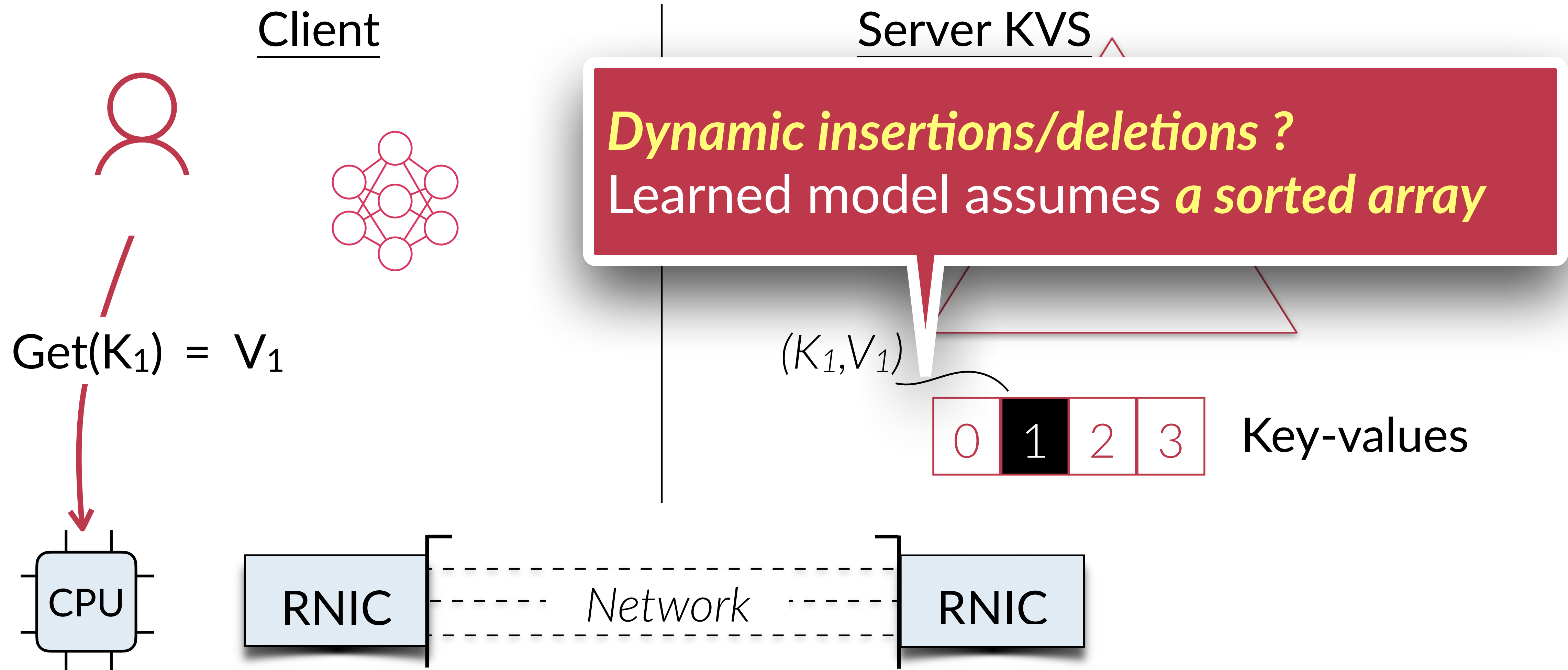
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# Benefits of the learned cache



# Challenges of learned cache



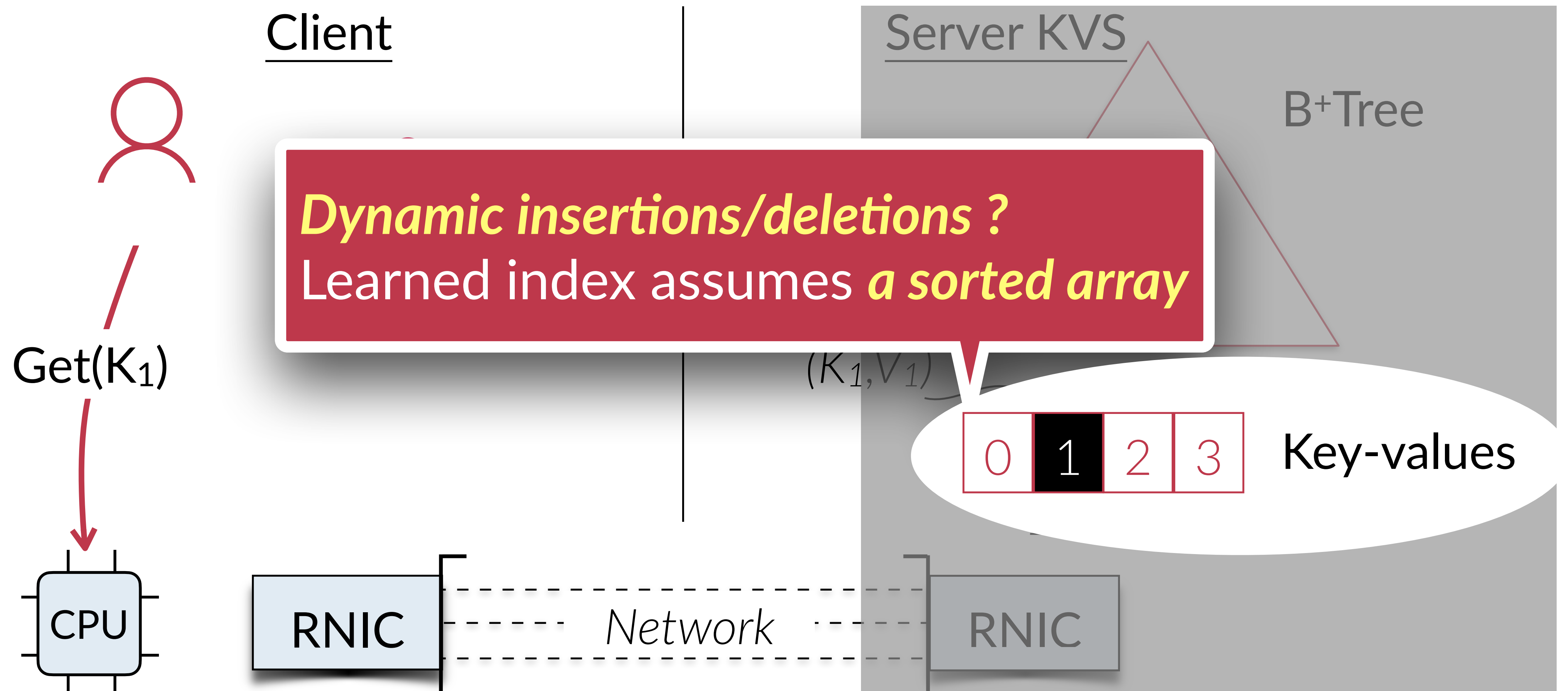
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Client-side learned cache & TT

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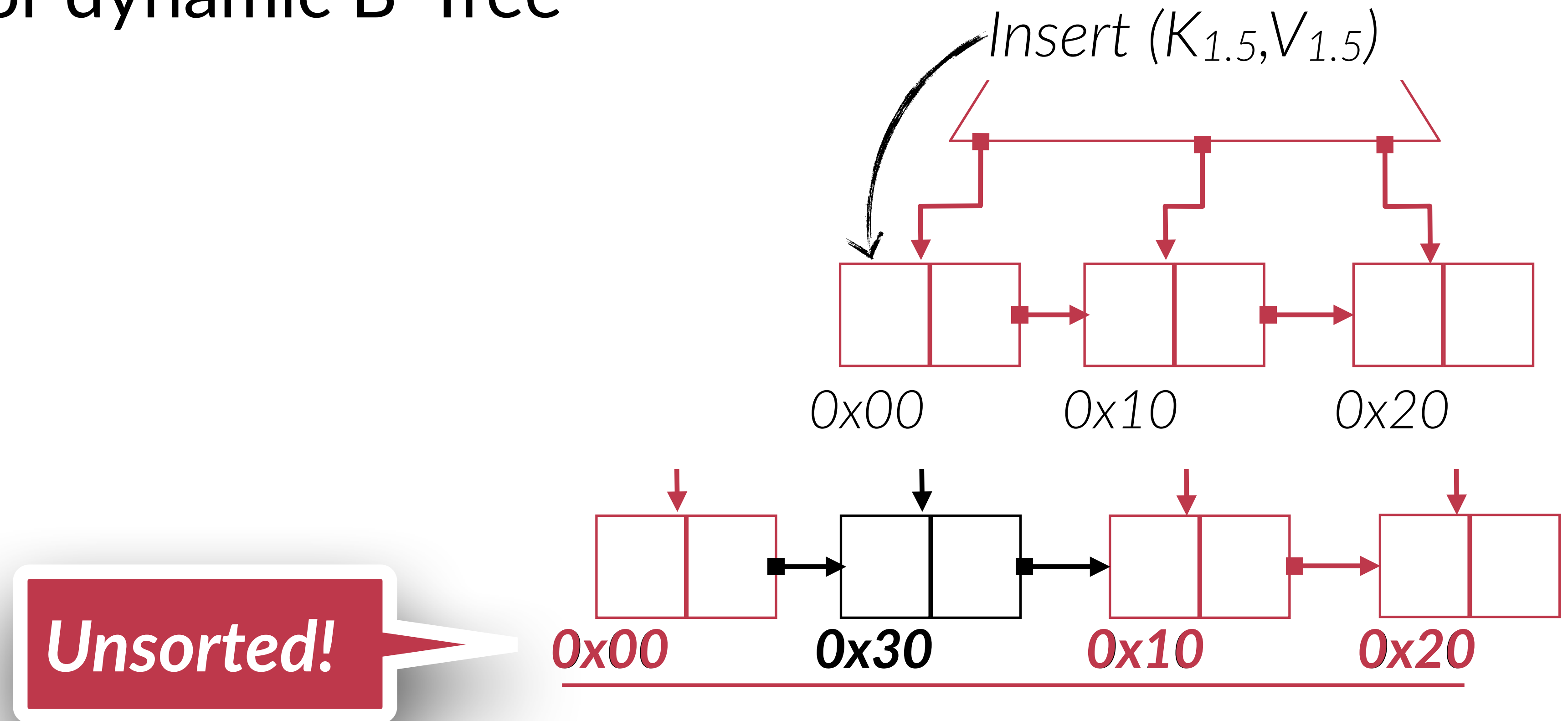
# XSTORE stores KVs in B<sup>+</sup>Tree leaf nodes



# Models cannot learn dynamic B<sup>+</sup>Tree address

Can only learn when the addresses are *sorted*

Not the case for dynamic B<sup>+</sup>Tree





# Solution: another layer of indirection

Observation: leaf nodes are logically sorted

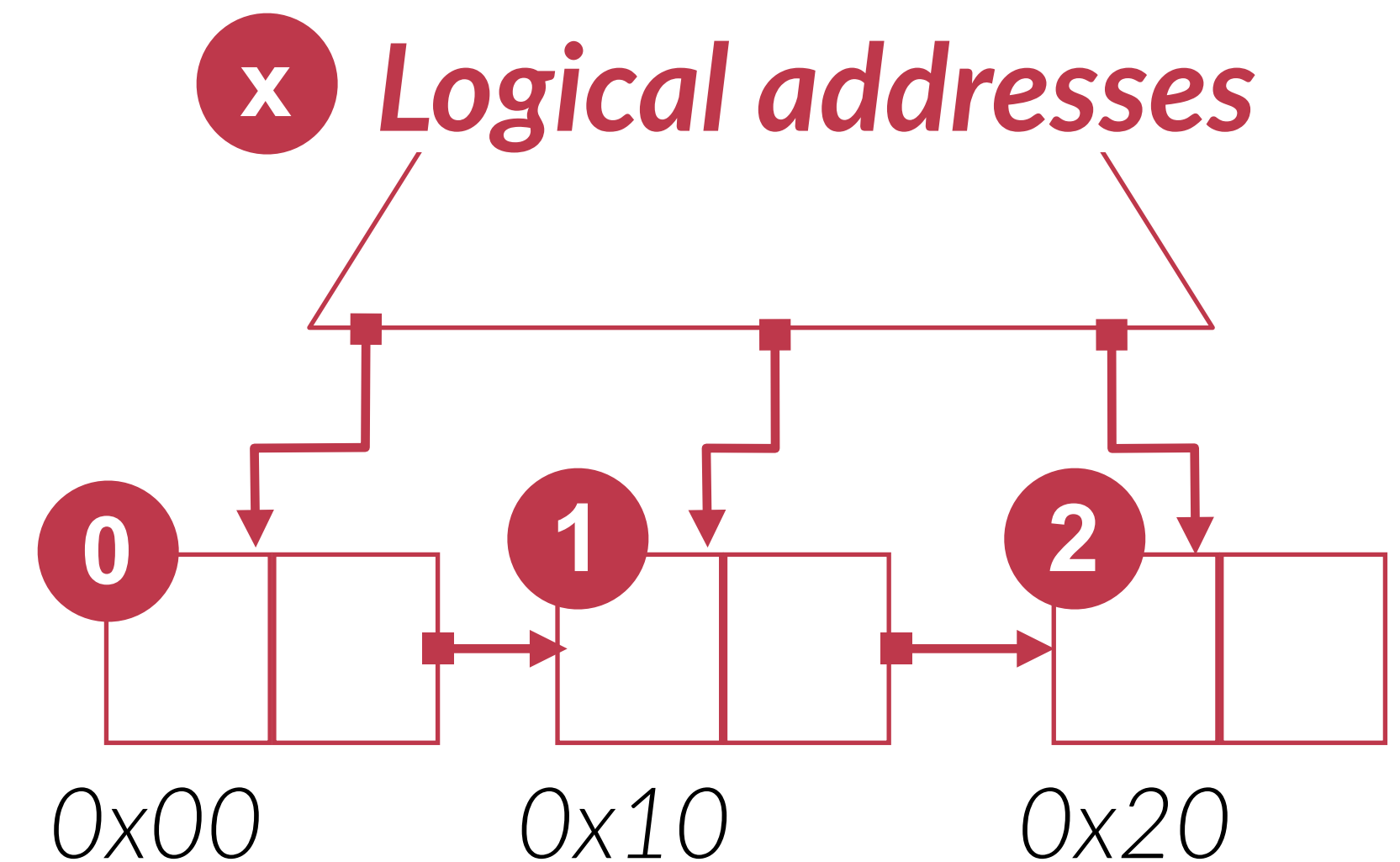
♫ Assign logical addresses to leaf nodes

ML: key  $\rightarrow$  logical

♫ Translation table (TT): logical  $\rightarrow$  physical

**Translation Table**

0x00	0x10	0x20
0	1	2



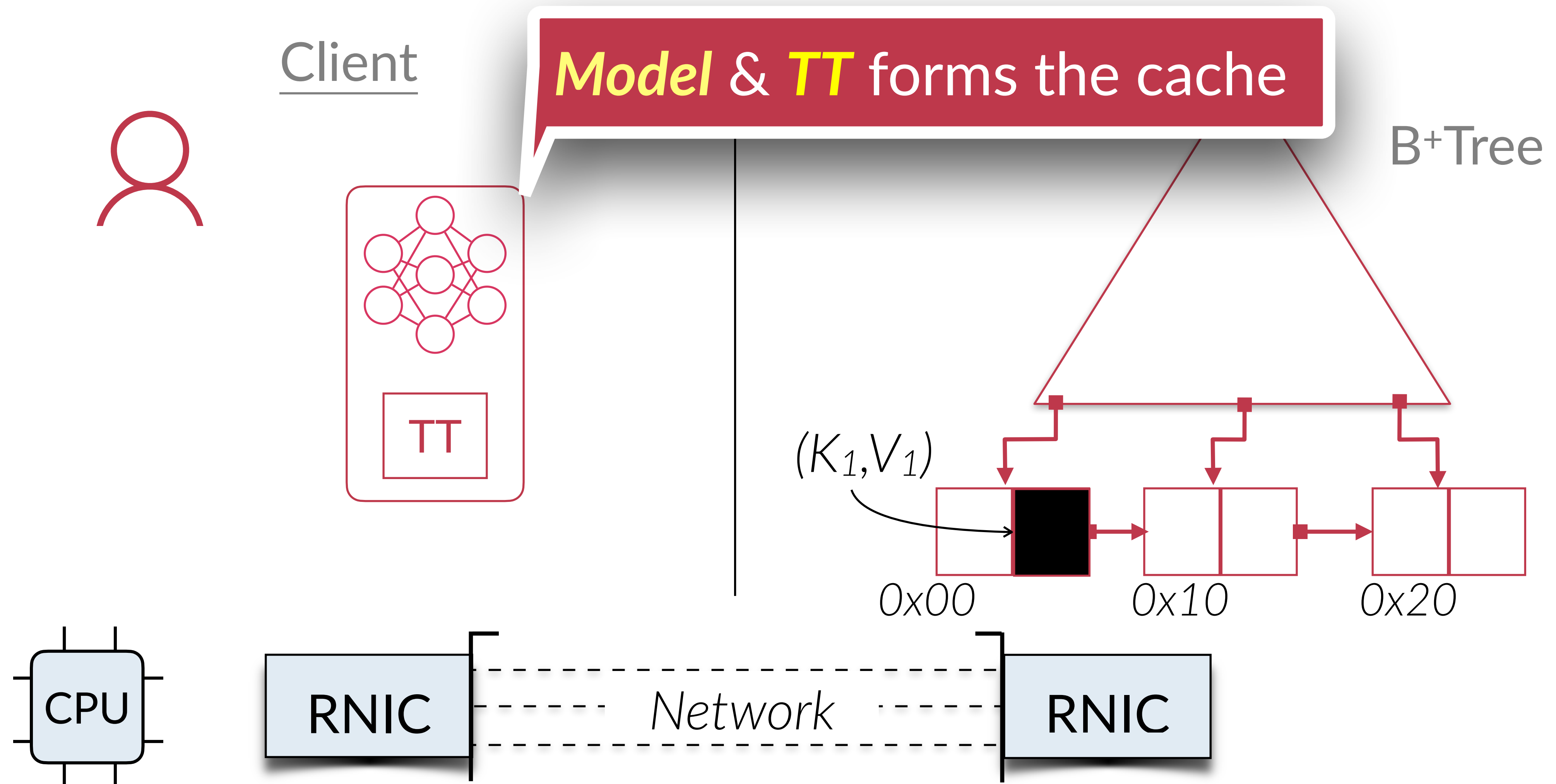
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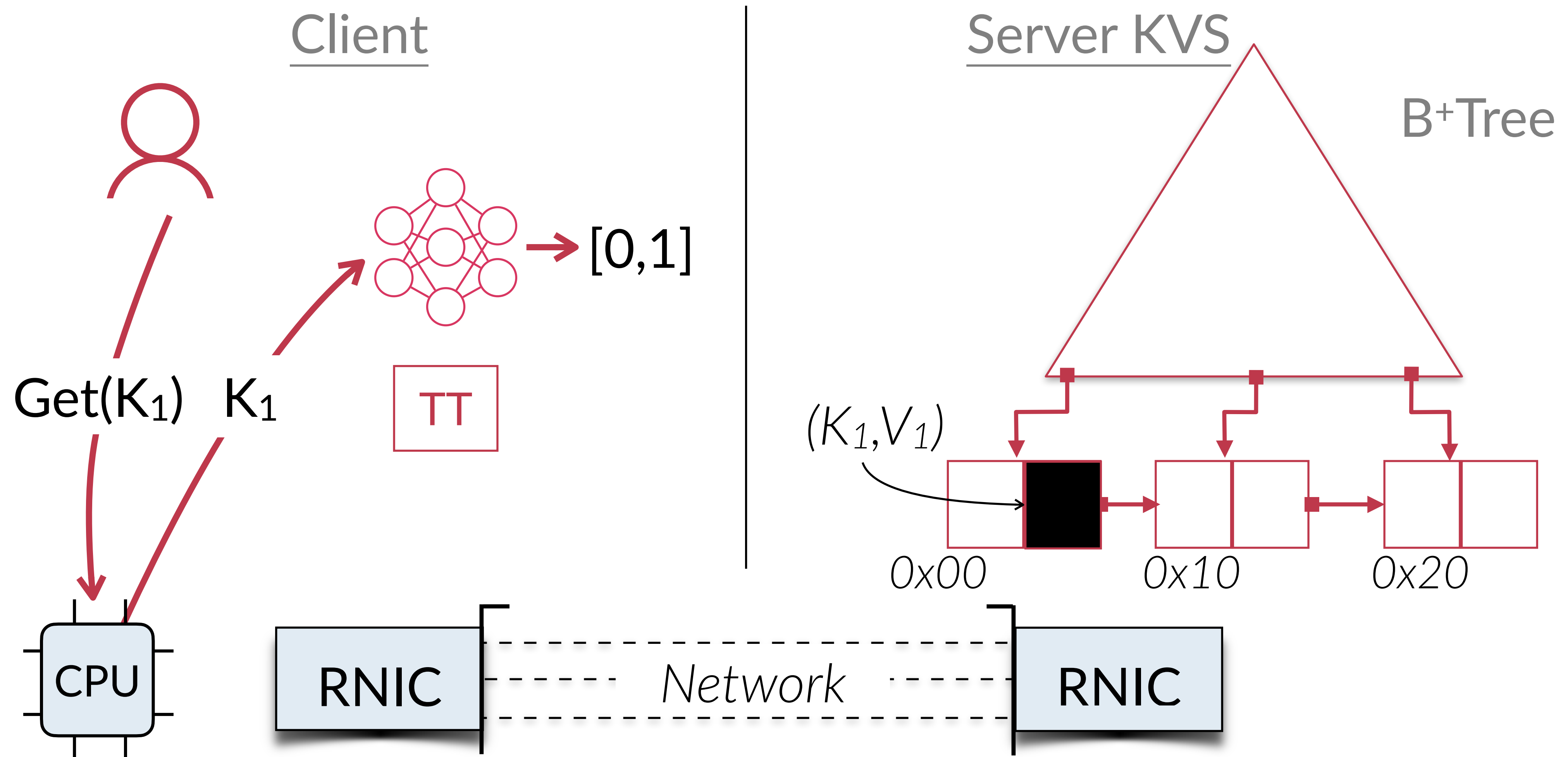
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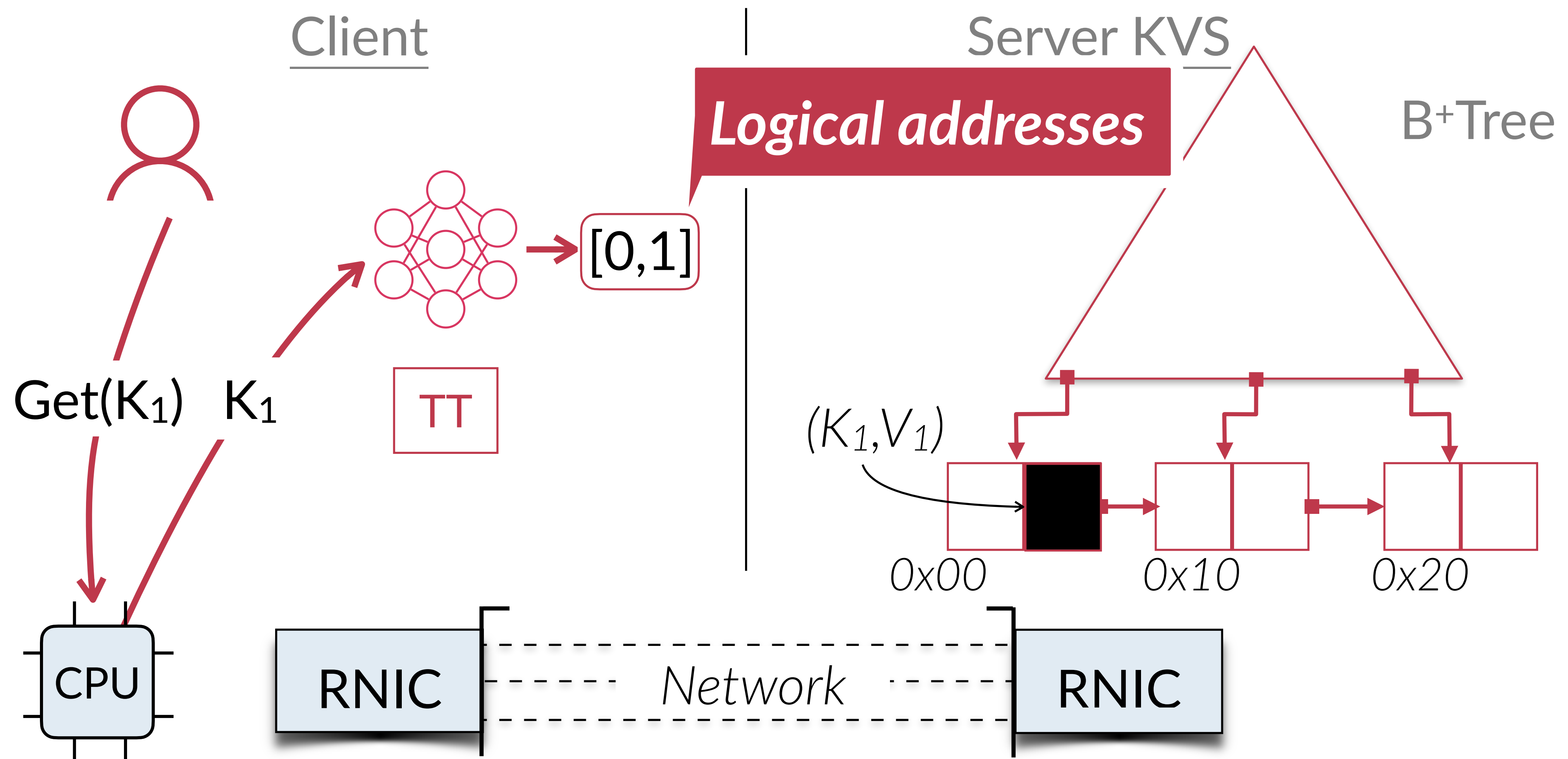
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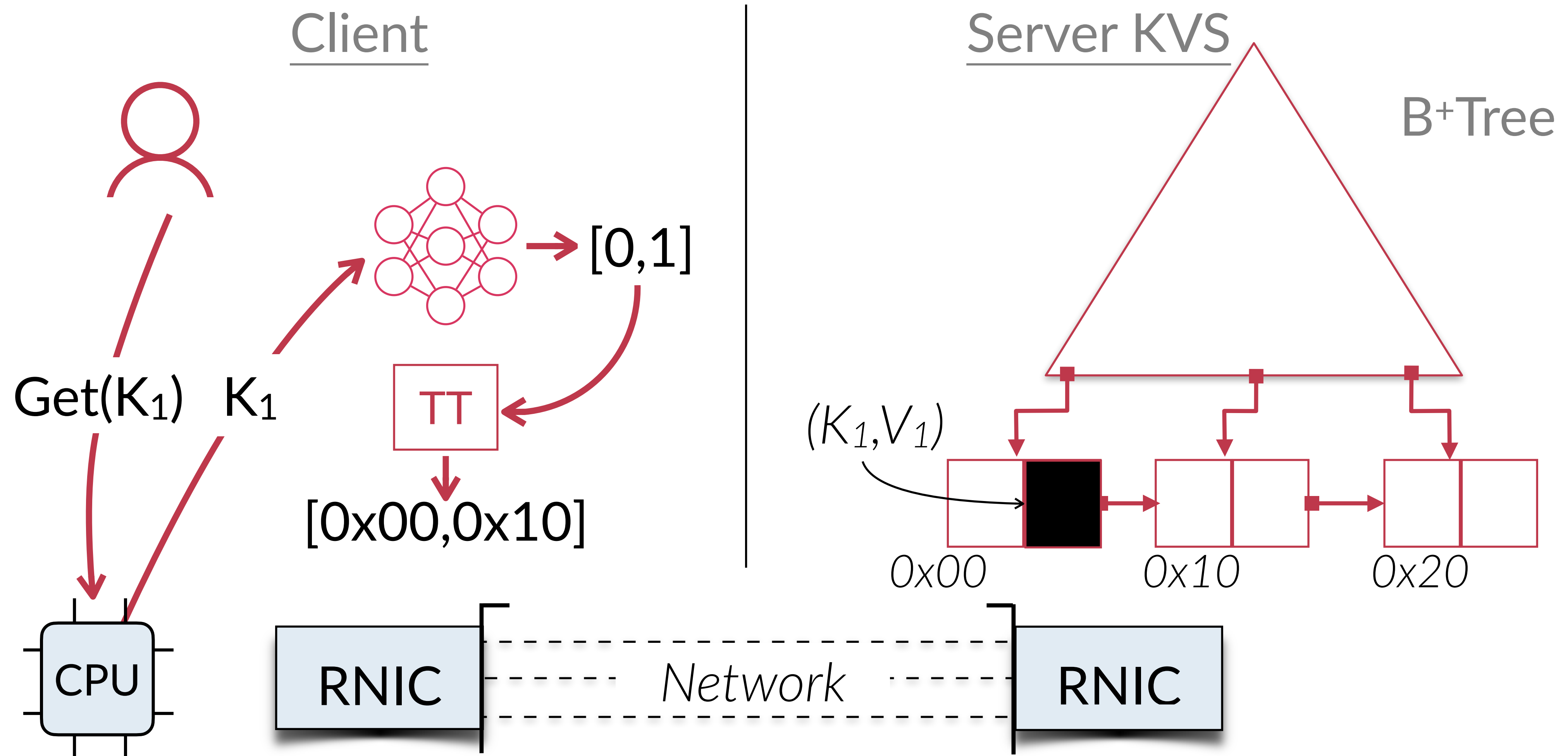
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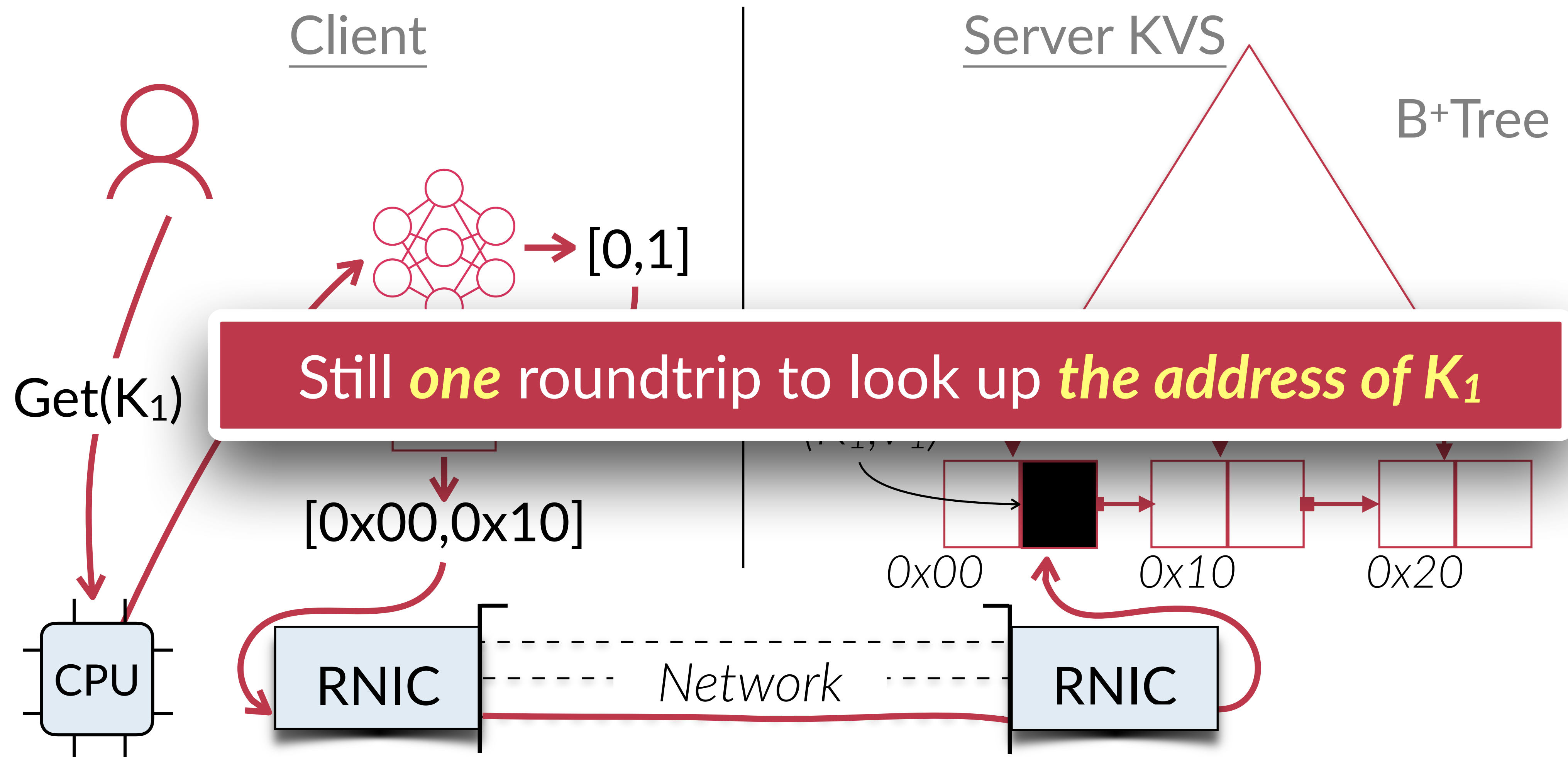
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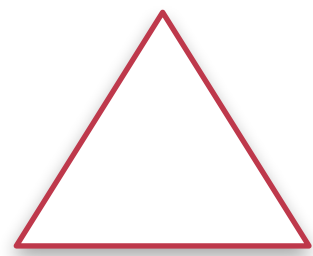
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# Model retraining

Model is retrained at server in background threads

♫: Small cost & extra CPU usage at the server

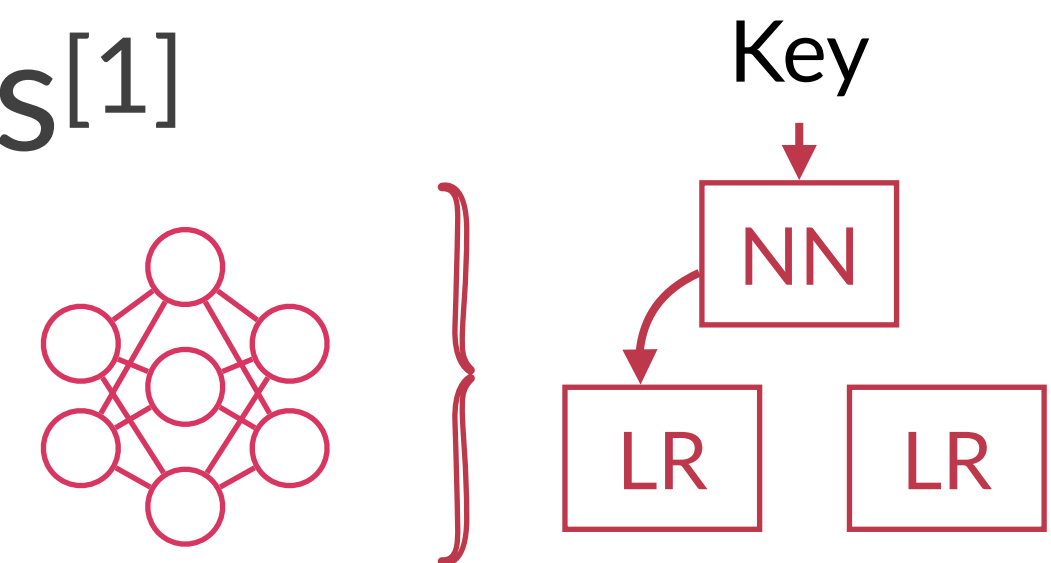


Server KVS

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XSTORE uses a two-layer RMI to organize models<sup>[1]</sup>

♫: *Fine-grained* model retraining





# Stale model handling

Background update causes *stale learned models*

But stale learned models & TT could correctly *find most keys*

🌀: If the key is *not moved*, a stale Model & TT still maintains correct

Key → Logical → Physical

# Many other design details & optimizations

Server-side operations

Find *non-trained* keys

*Optimizations* of speculative execution

Dynamic model expansion

Fault tolerance of XSTORE

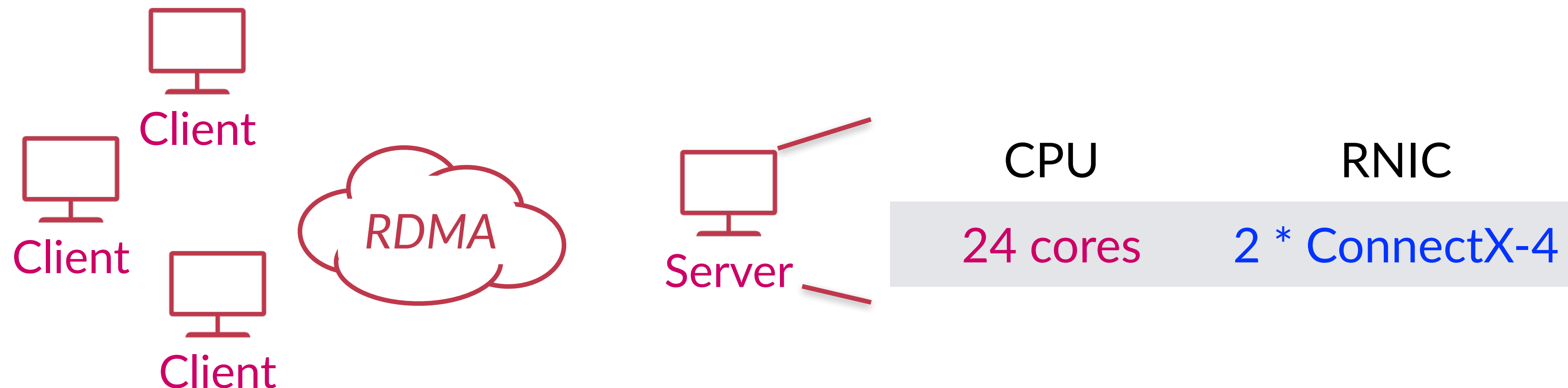
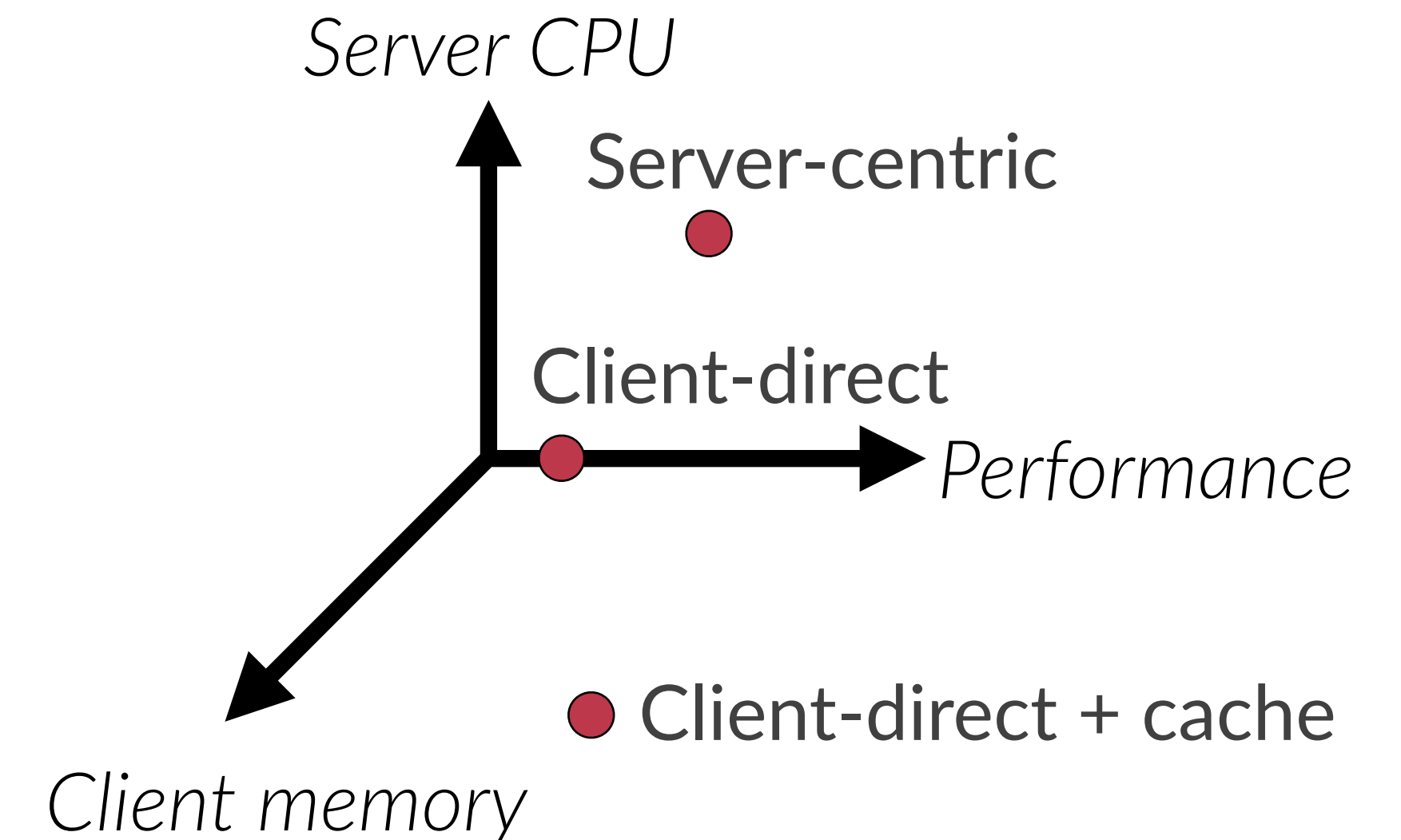
Scale-out XSTORE



# Evaluation of XSTORE

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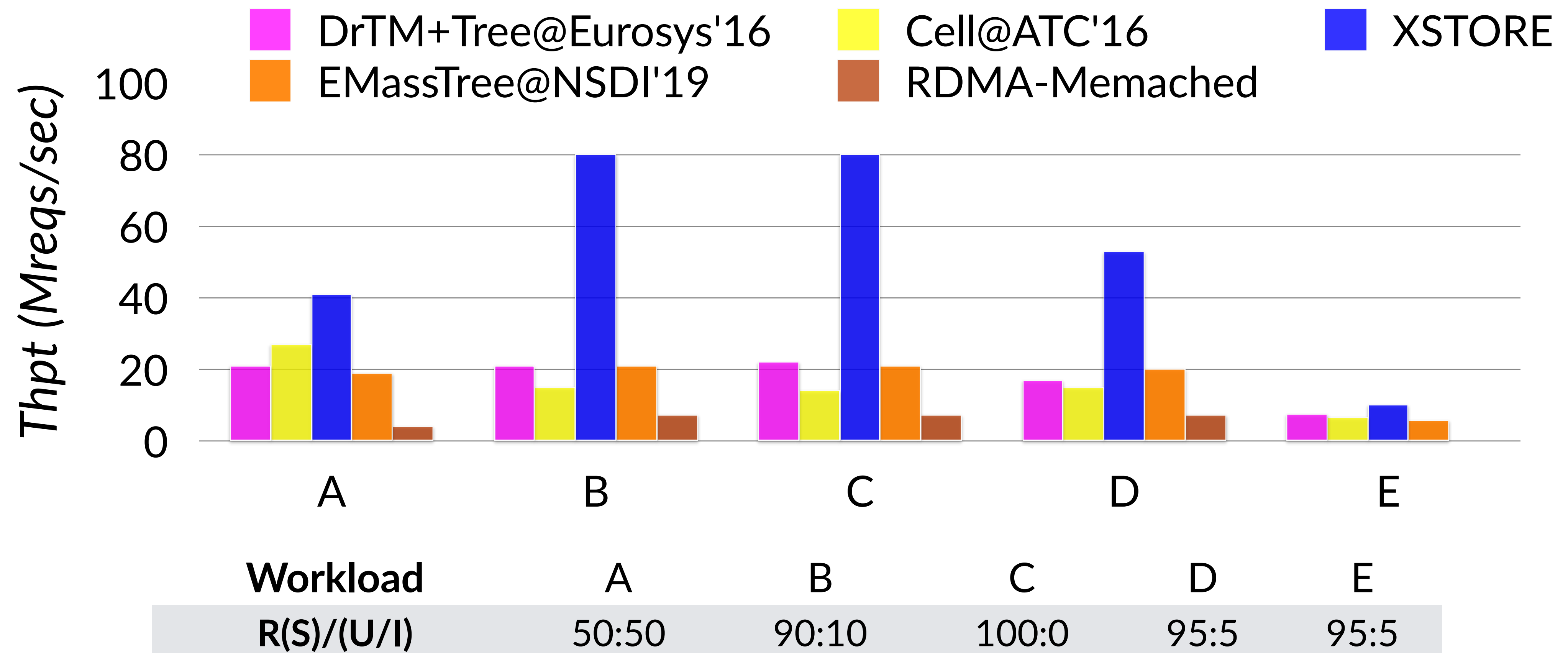
- 🎵 Comparing to server-centric designs?
- 🎵 Comparing to client-direct designs?
- 🎵 Does XStore provide better trade-off?





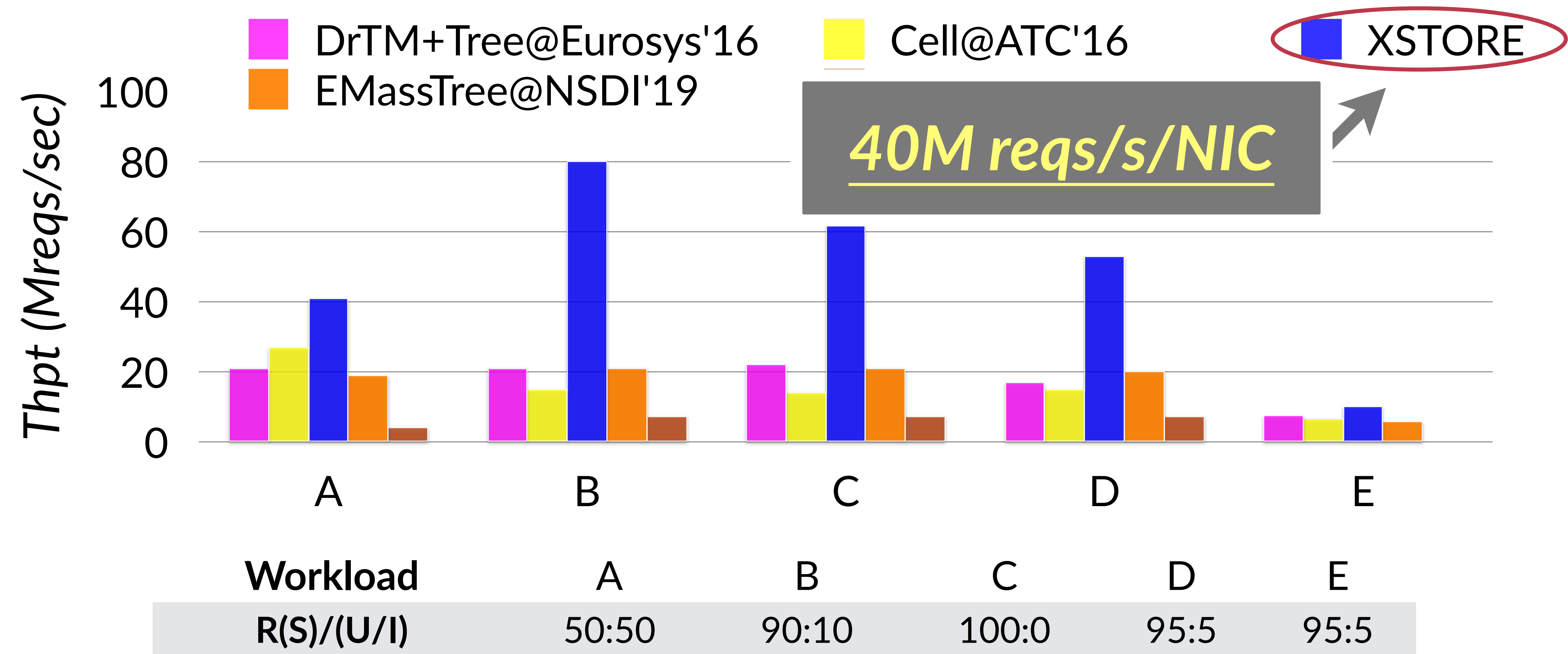
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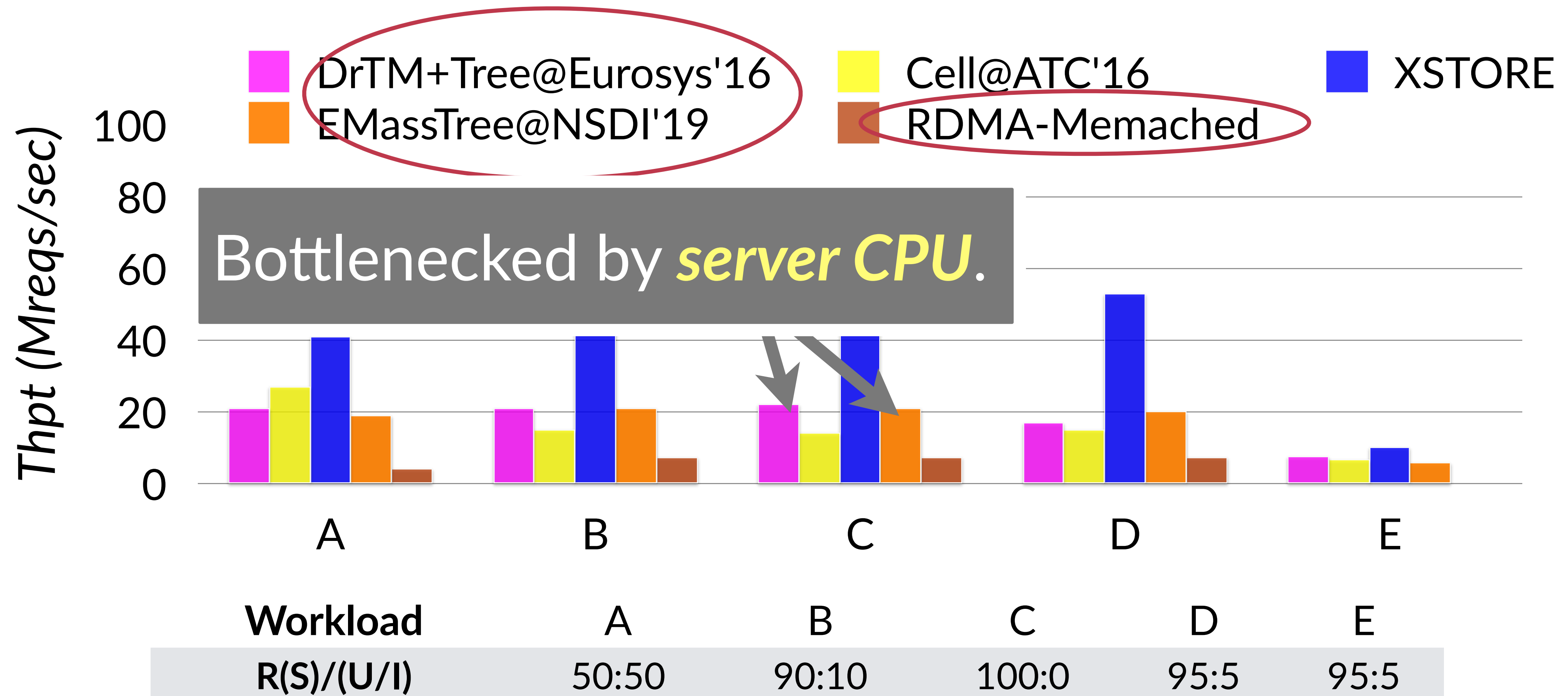
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[\*] Read, Scan, Uppdate, Insert

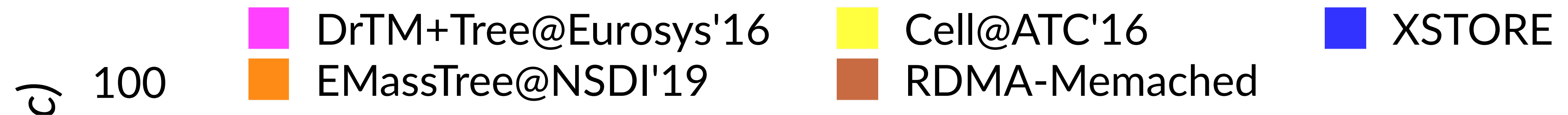
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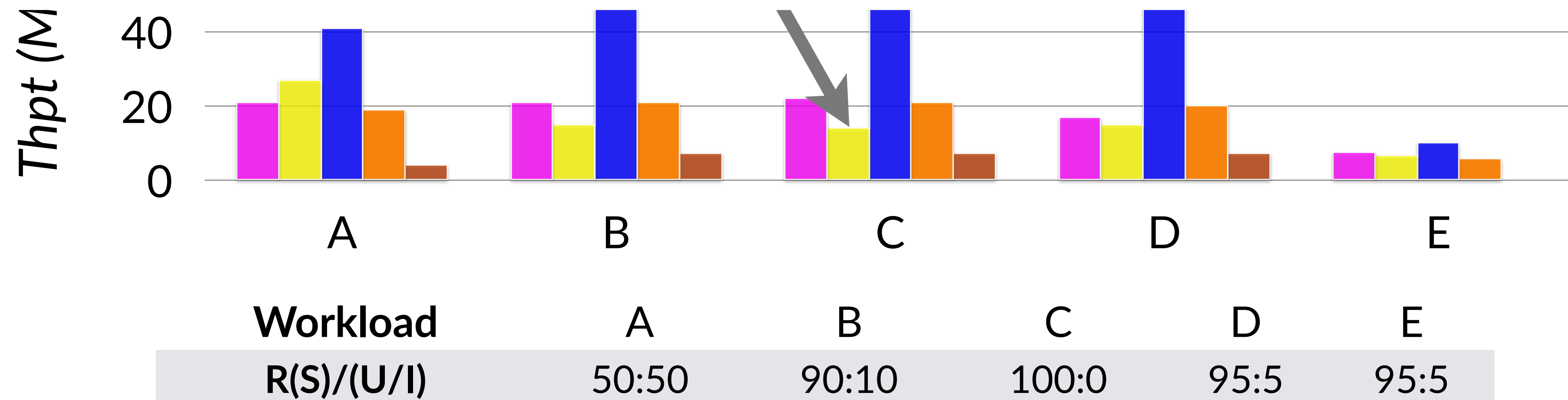


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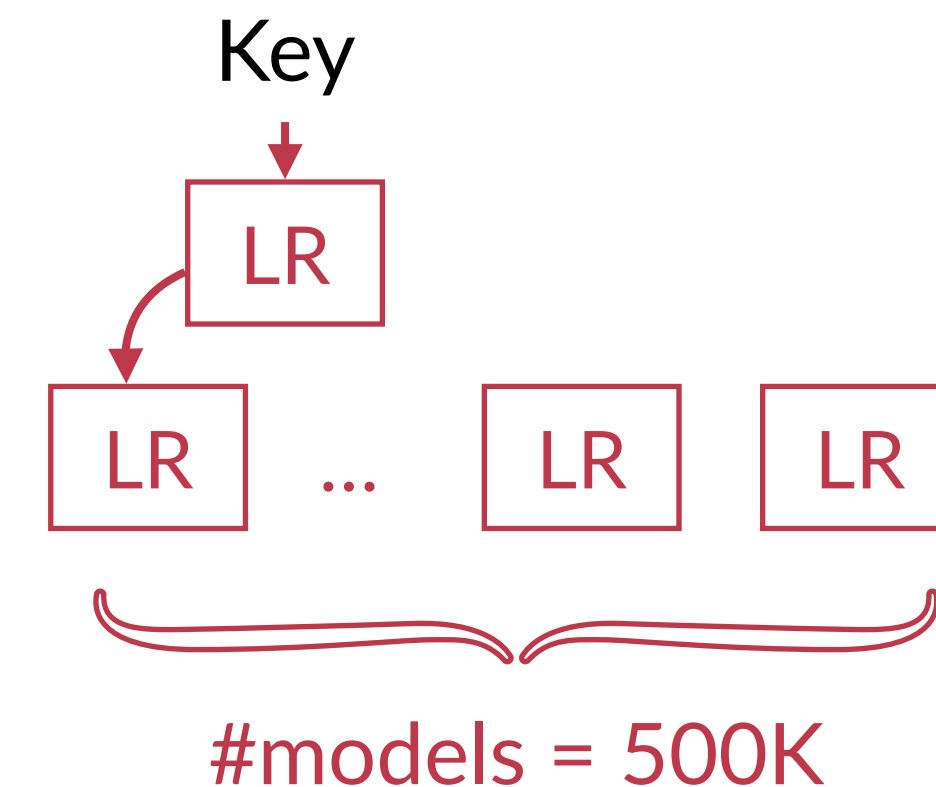
*Traversing B+Tree* with one-sided RDMA is *costly*!



# The XCache in details

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- ♫: 500K Linear regression as models, each 14B
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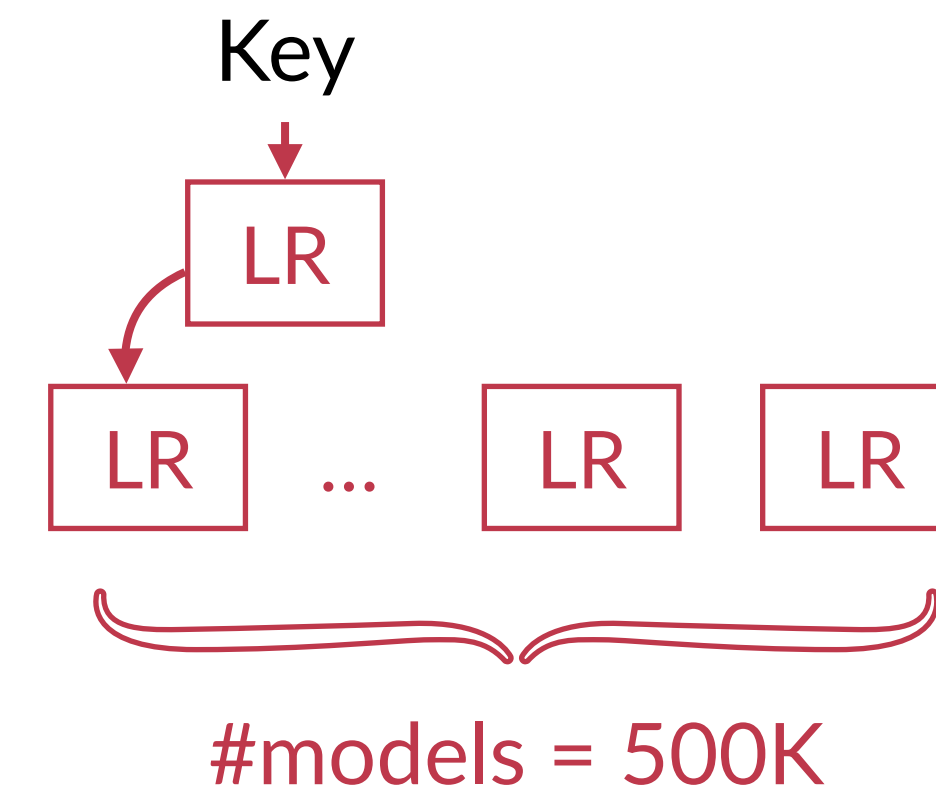
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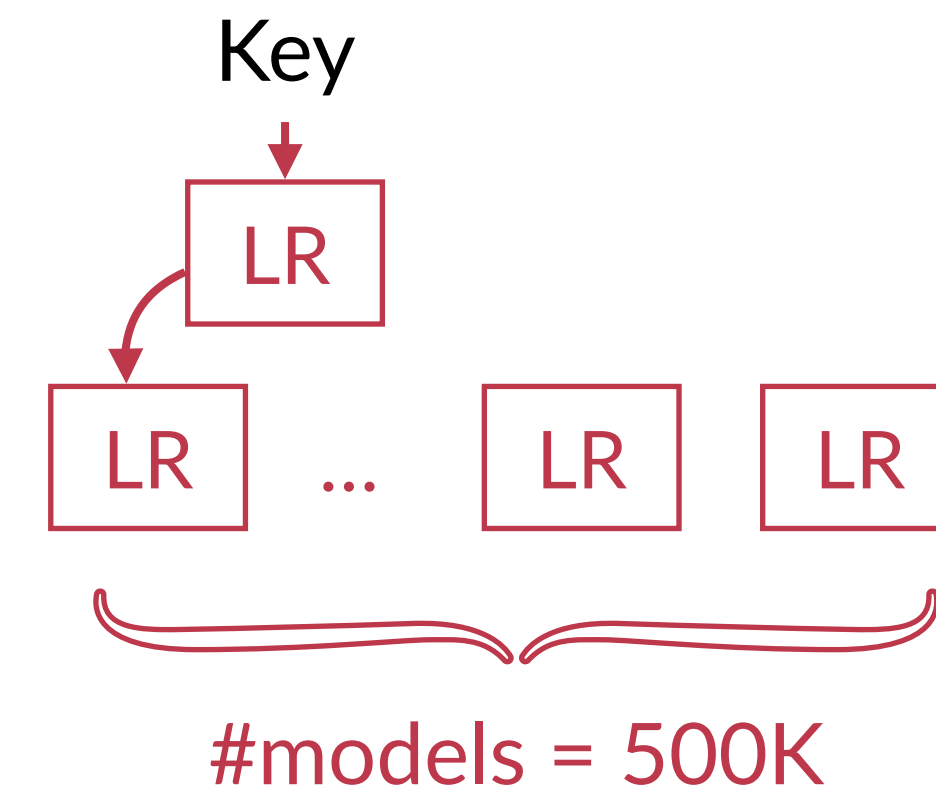
*Small model to fit the dataset*



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**Quick retrain** under dynamic workload

# Sensitive to the dataset

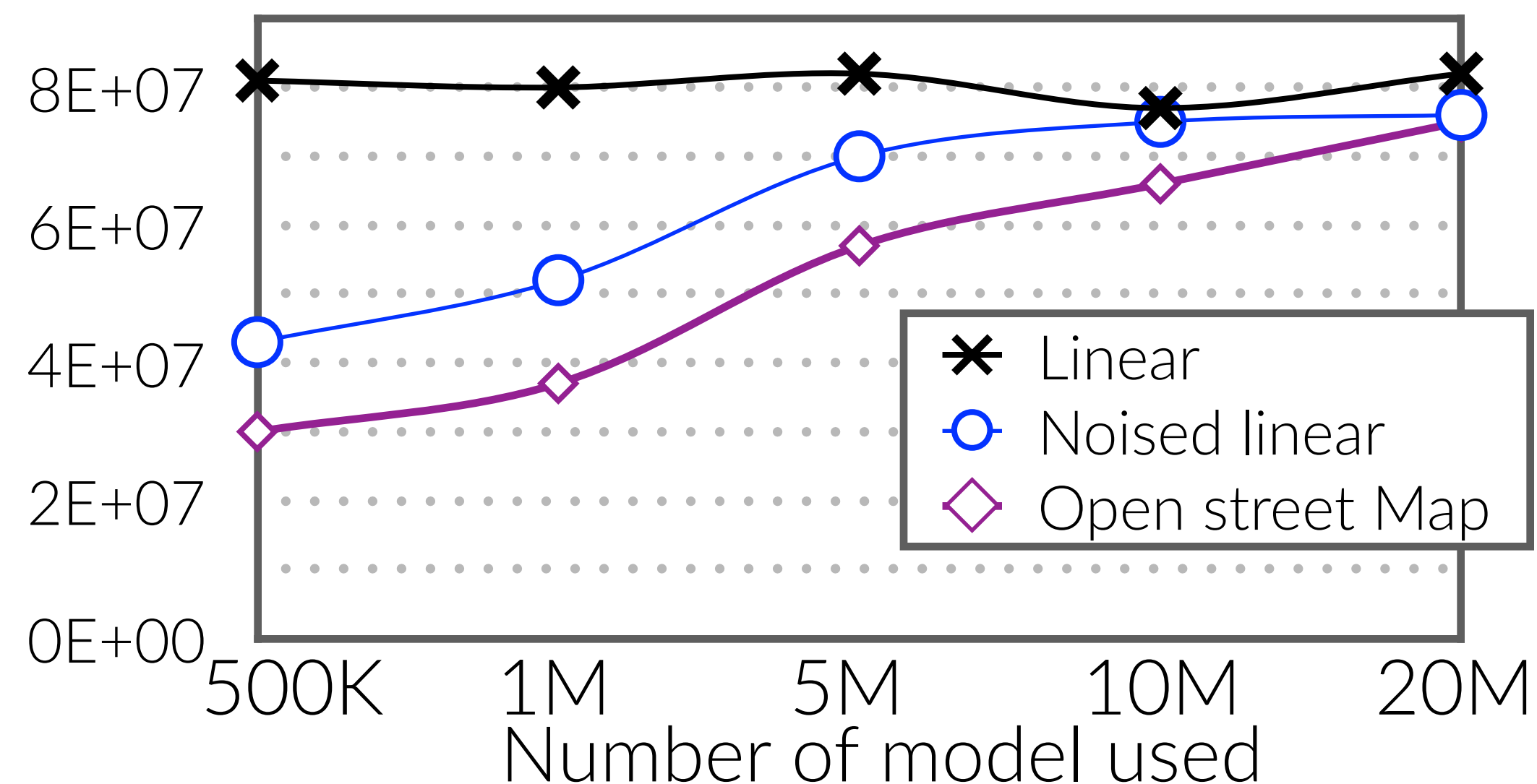
Different dataset has different accuracy

🎵: May affect the performance

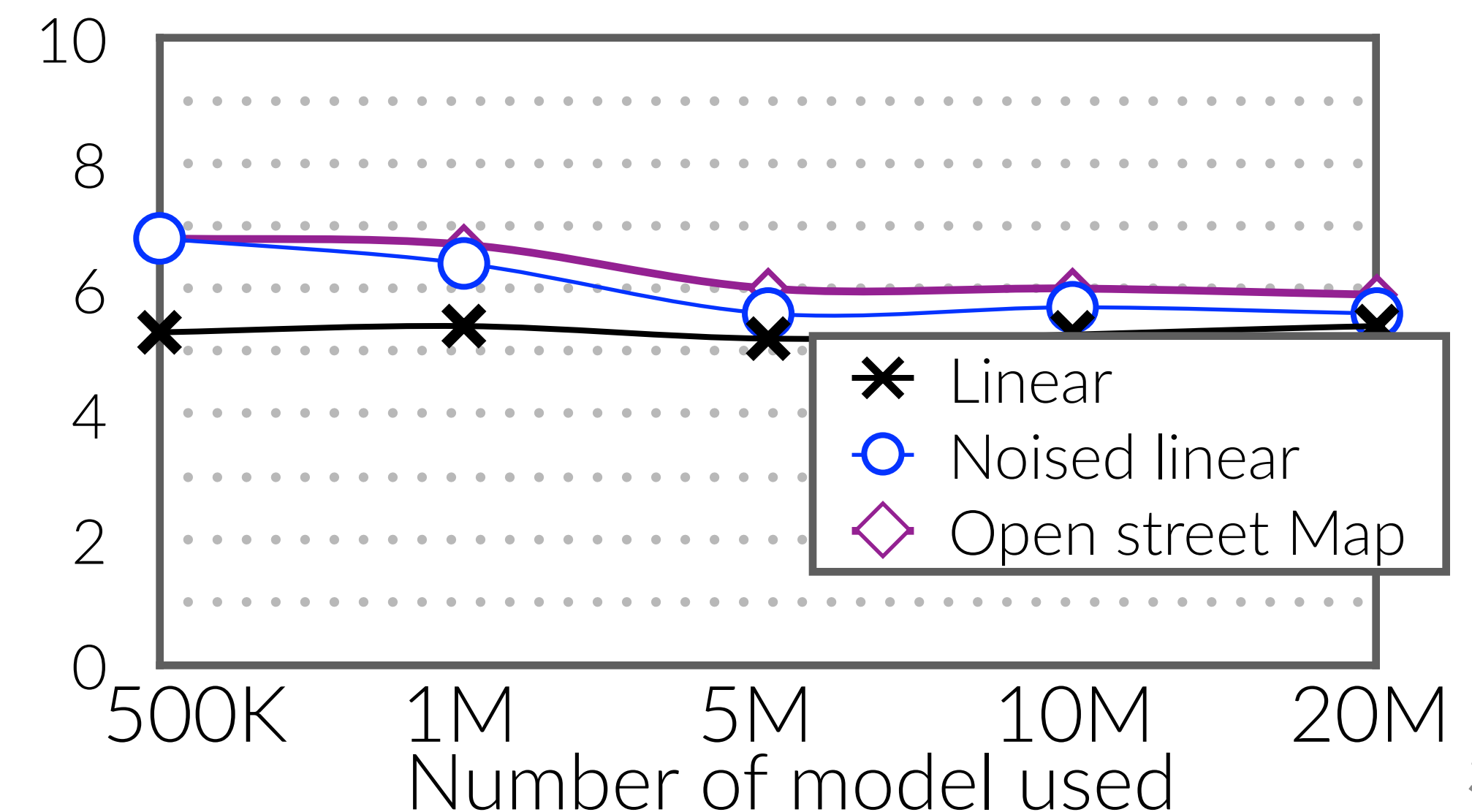
<u>Name</u>	<u>Workloads</u>
Linear	e.g., YCSB,TPC-C
Noised Linear	e.g., YCSB
Open street map	e.g., OpenStreetMap

## Throughput drop due to increased error for complex dataset

Peak throughput (100M dataset)



Average latency ( $\mu$ s)

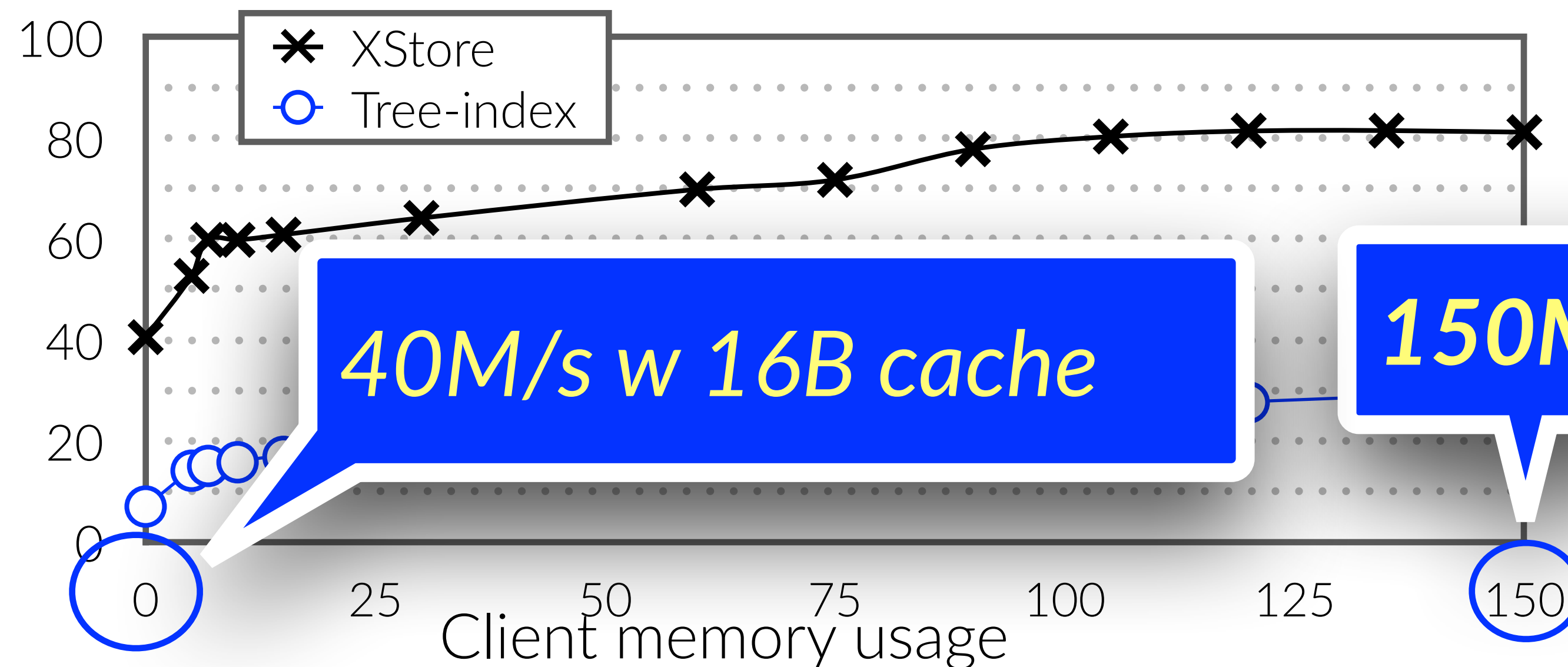


# Learned cache vs. Tree-based cache

XStore provides better *memory-performance trade-off*

🎵: YCSB-C uniform workload

Peak throughput (YCSB-C uniform)



# Current limitations and future work

XSTORE currently only supports fixed-length keys

- ♫ Our paper describes our plan to support variable-length keys

Focus on simple models (e.g., LR)

- ♫ Efficient upon retraining under dynamic workloads

- ♫ May results in huge error for complex data distribution

- ♫ Trade-off: retraining speed vs. accuracy vs. memory

Orthogonal to the design of XSTORE



# Conclusion



XSTORE provides *a new design* for RDMA-enabled KVS

🎵 First adopts the learned models for one-sided RDMA READ

XSTORE provides better trade-offs:

🎵 *Server-side CPU* vs. *Client-side memory* vs. *Performance*

Please check XSTORE@

🎵 <https://ipads.se.sjtu.edu.cn/projects/xstore>



Thanks & QA

