



ReZone: Disarming TrustZone with TEE Privilege Reduction

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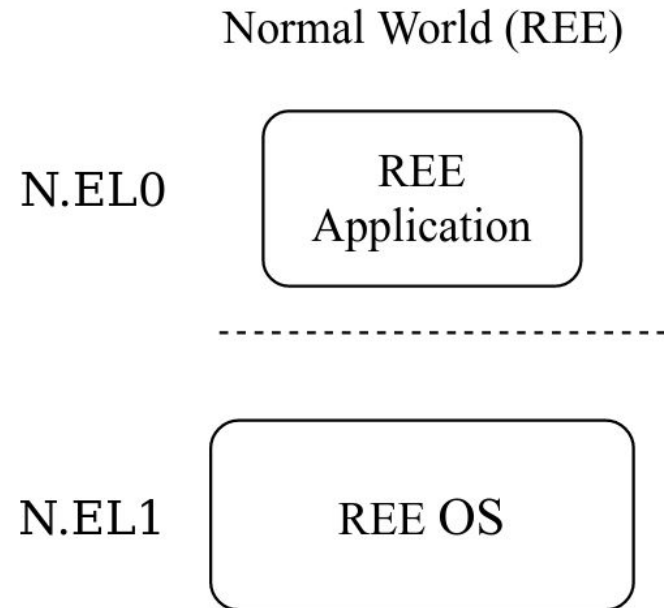
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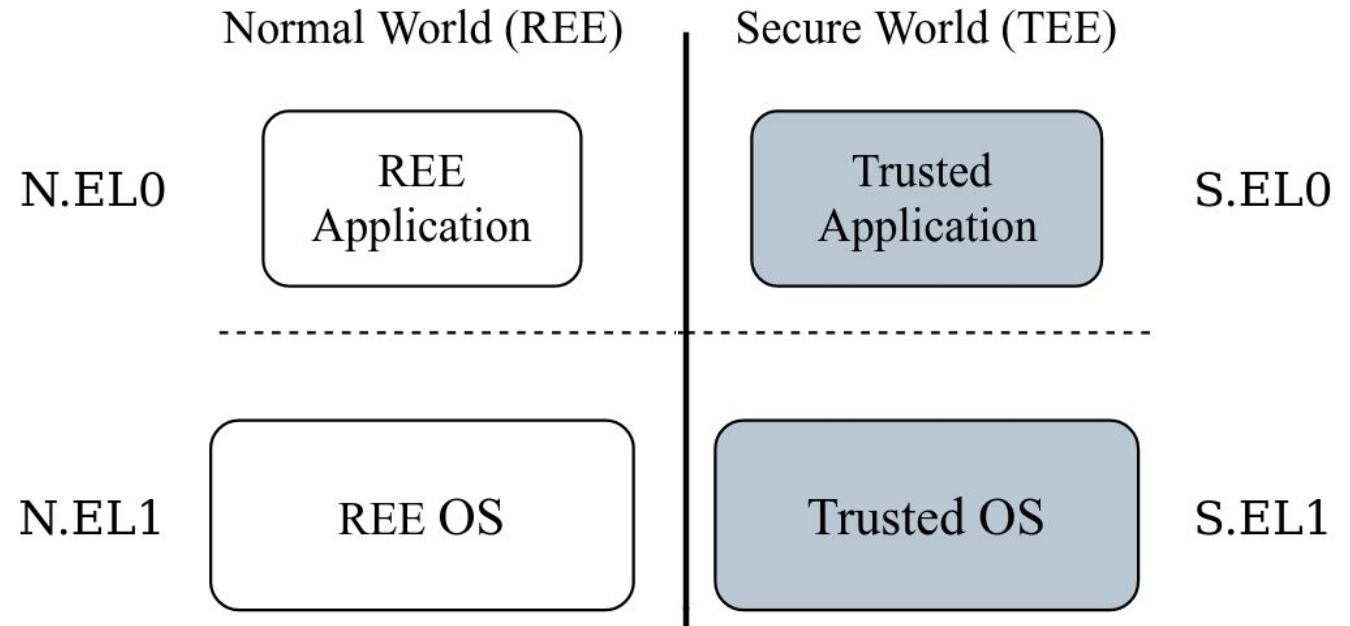
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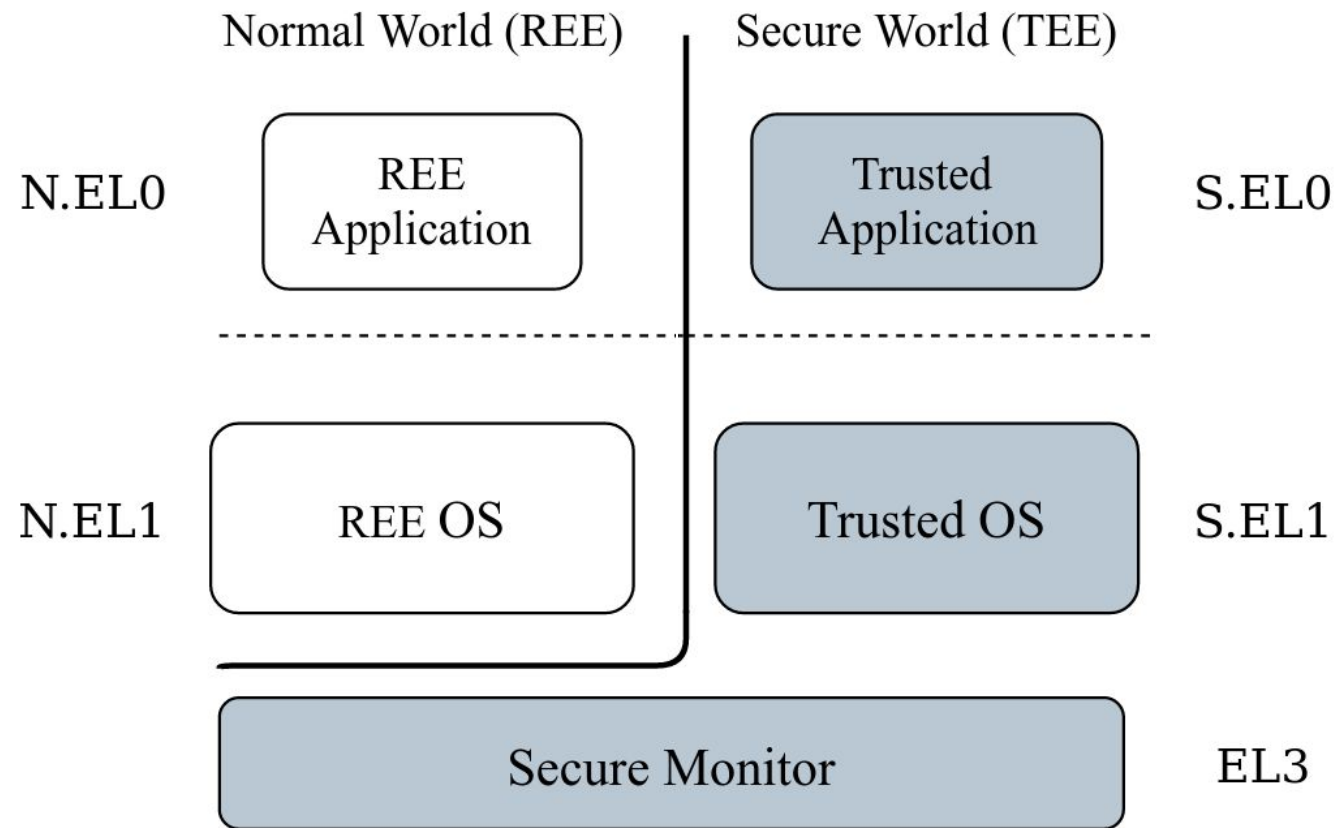
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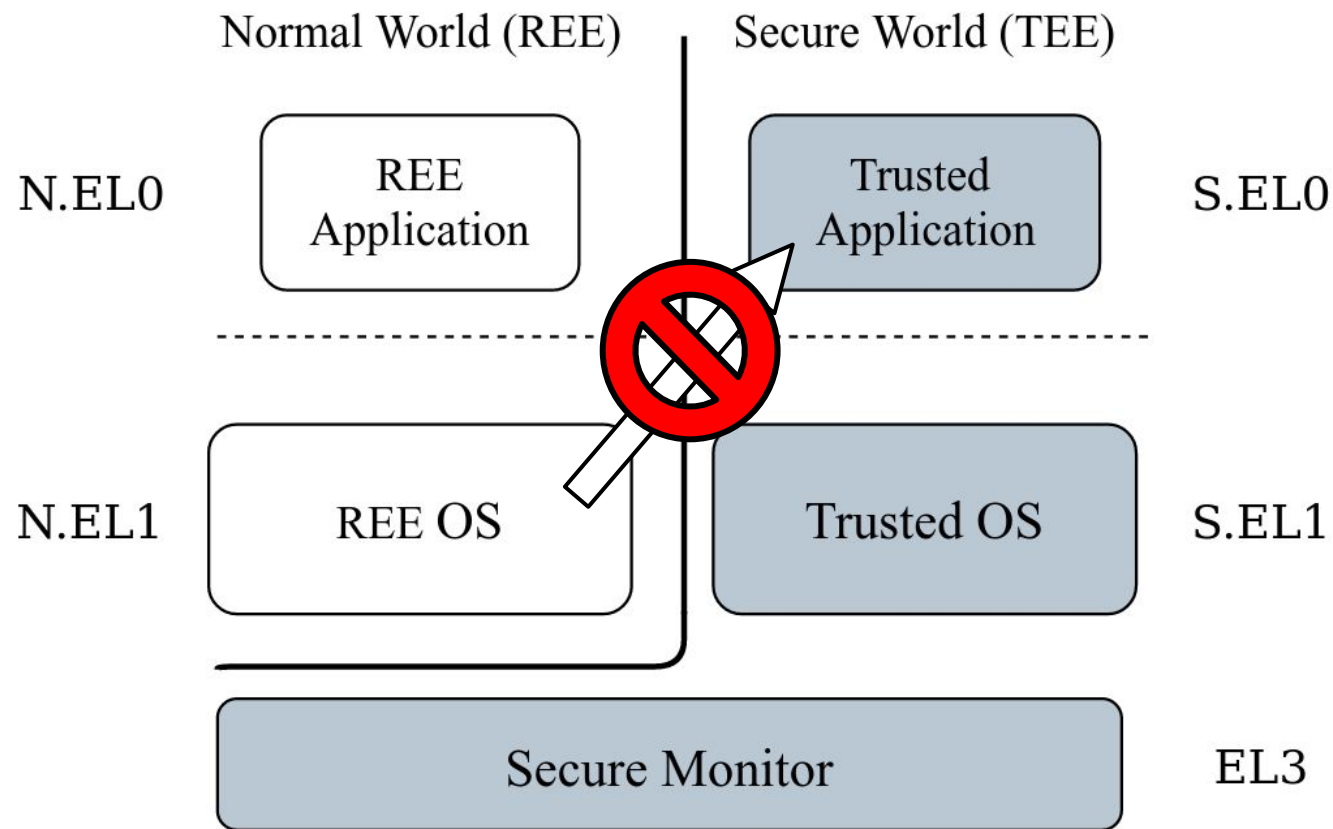
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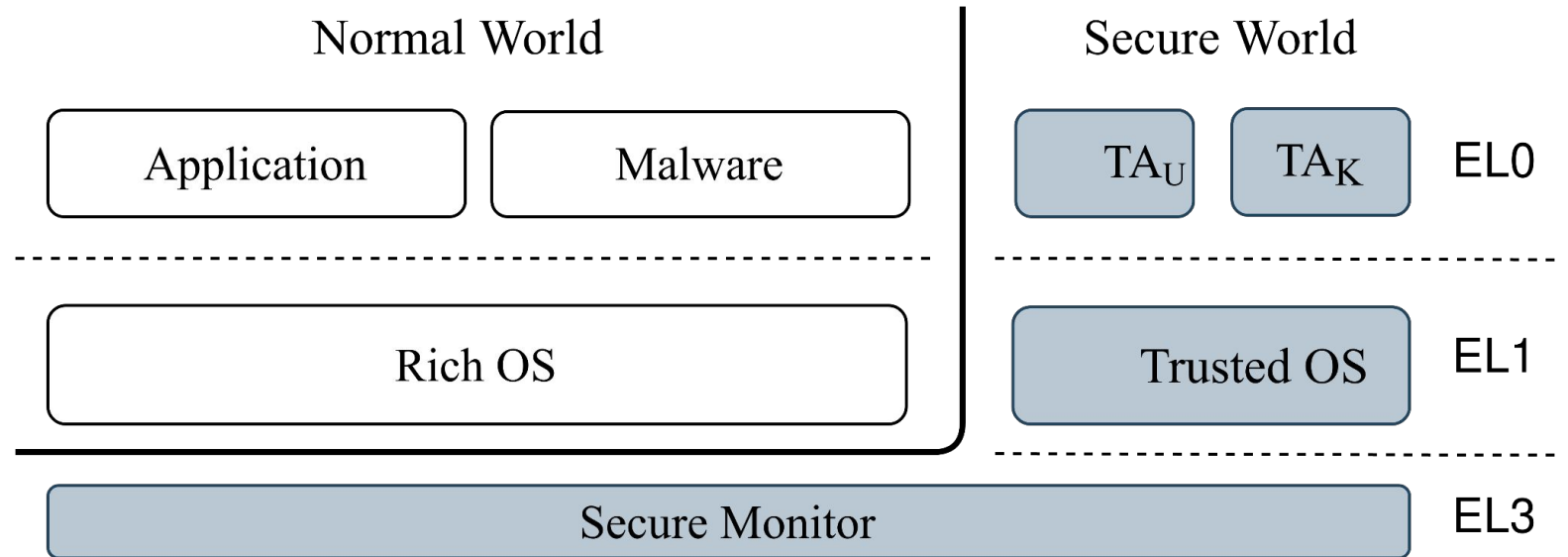


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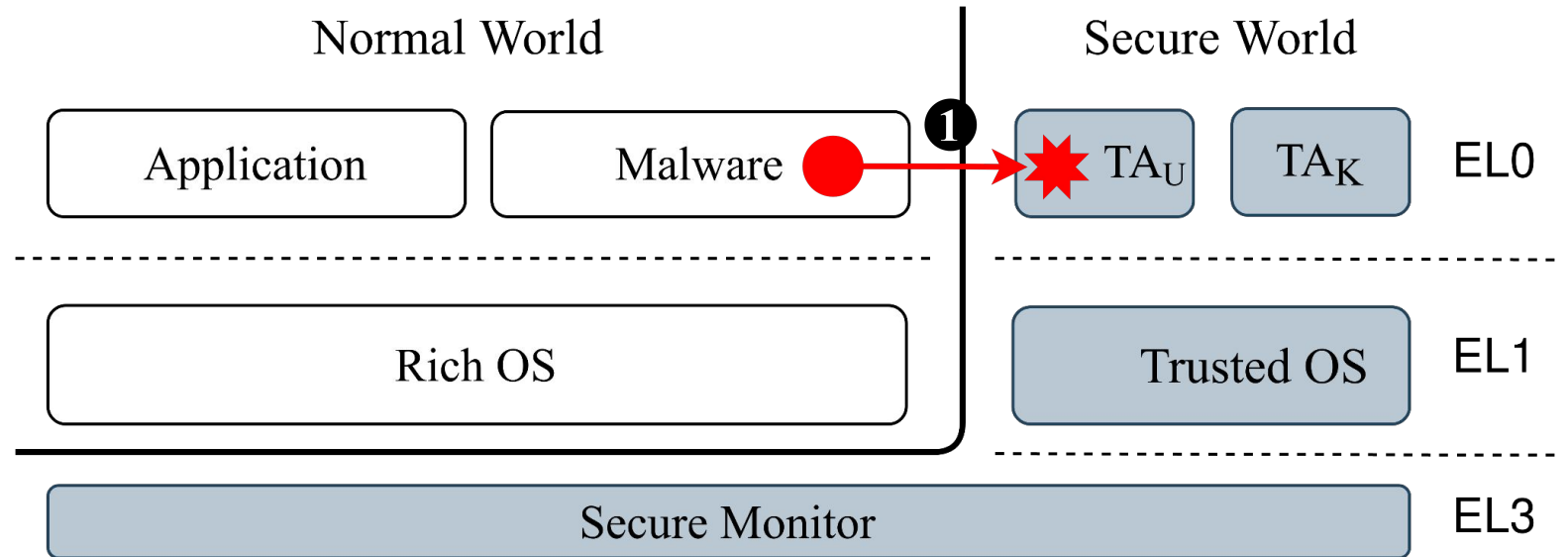
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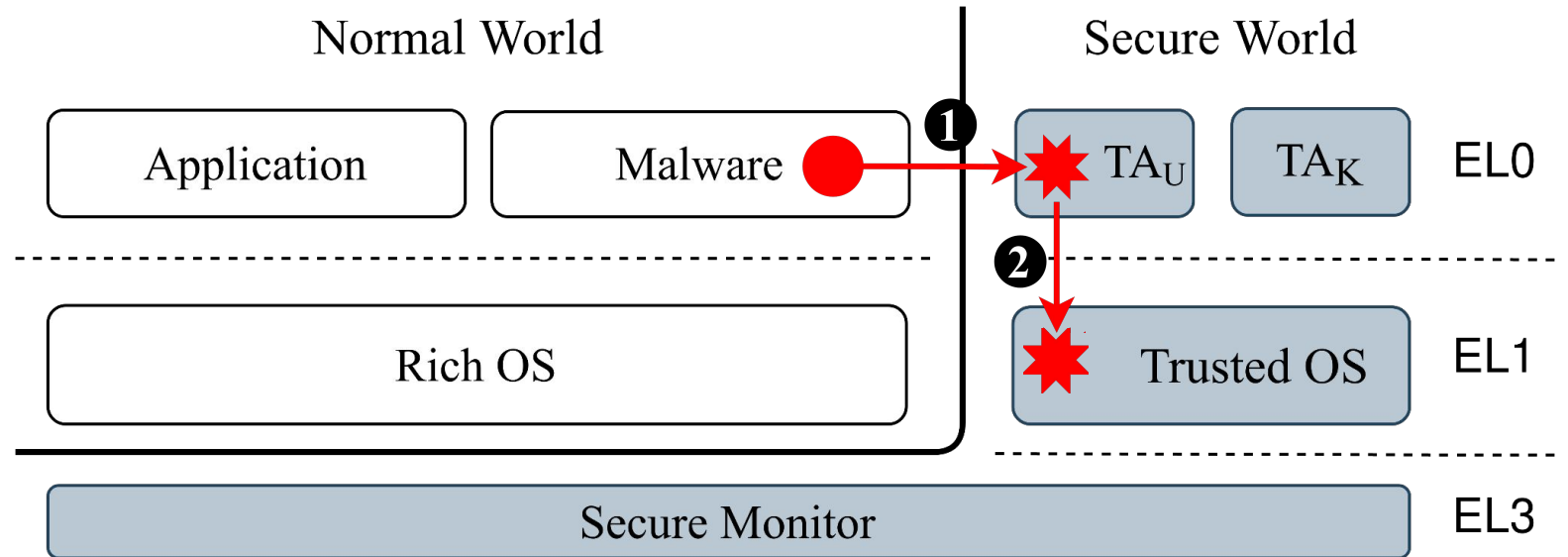
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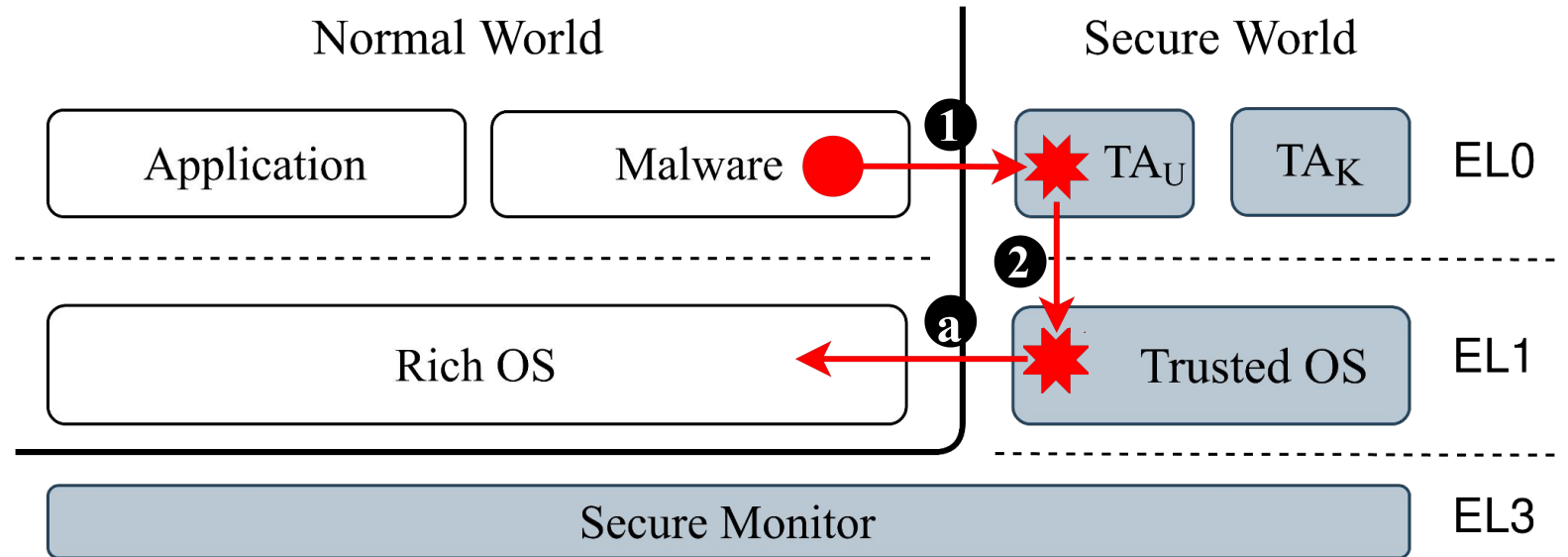
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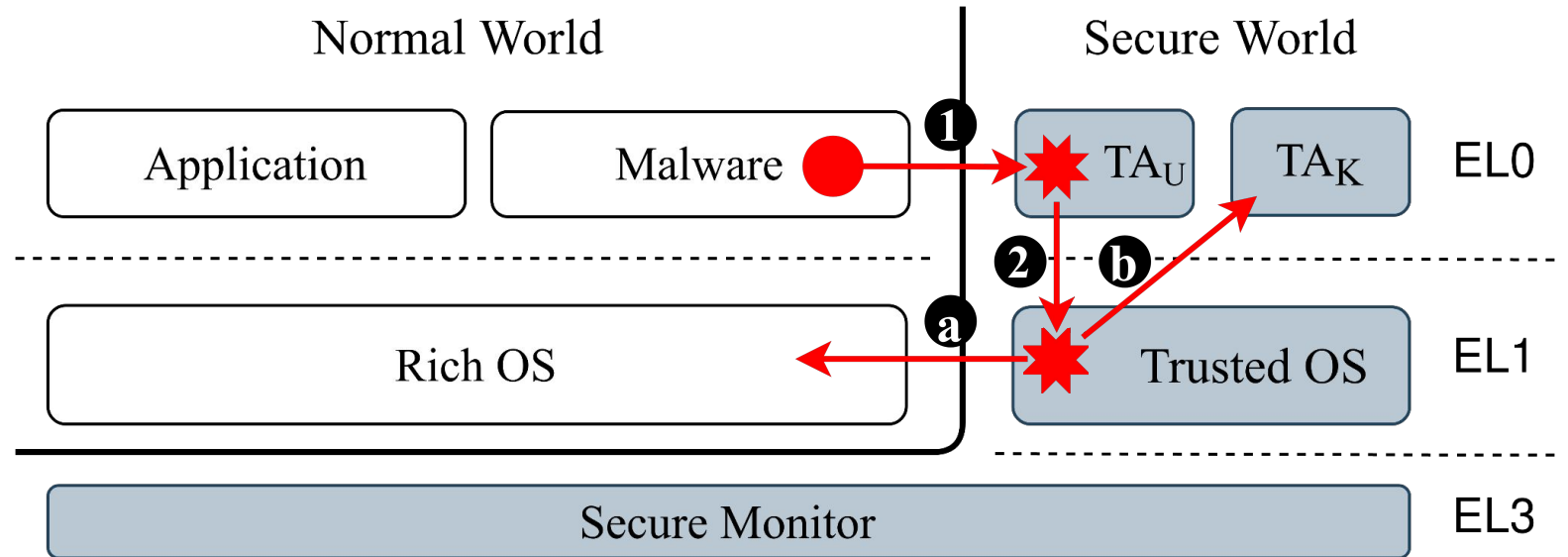


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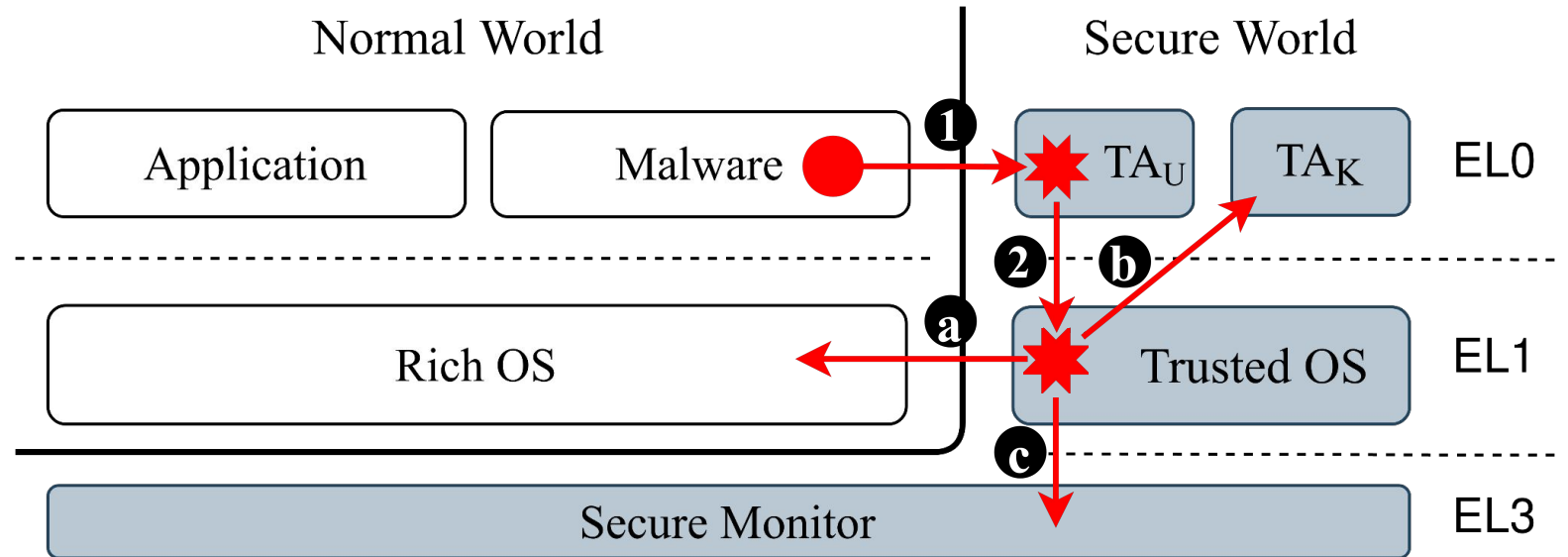


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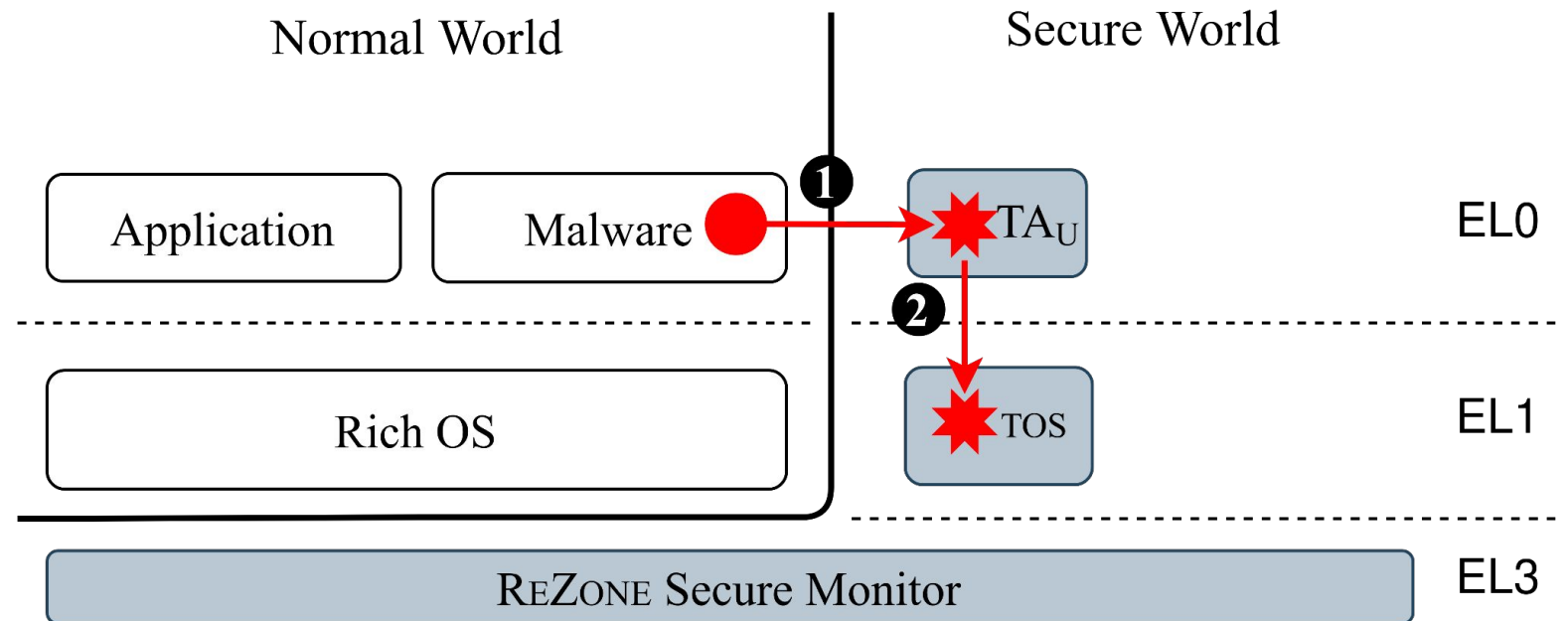
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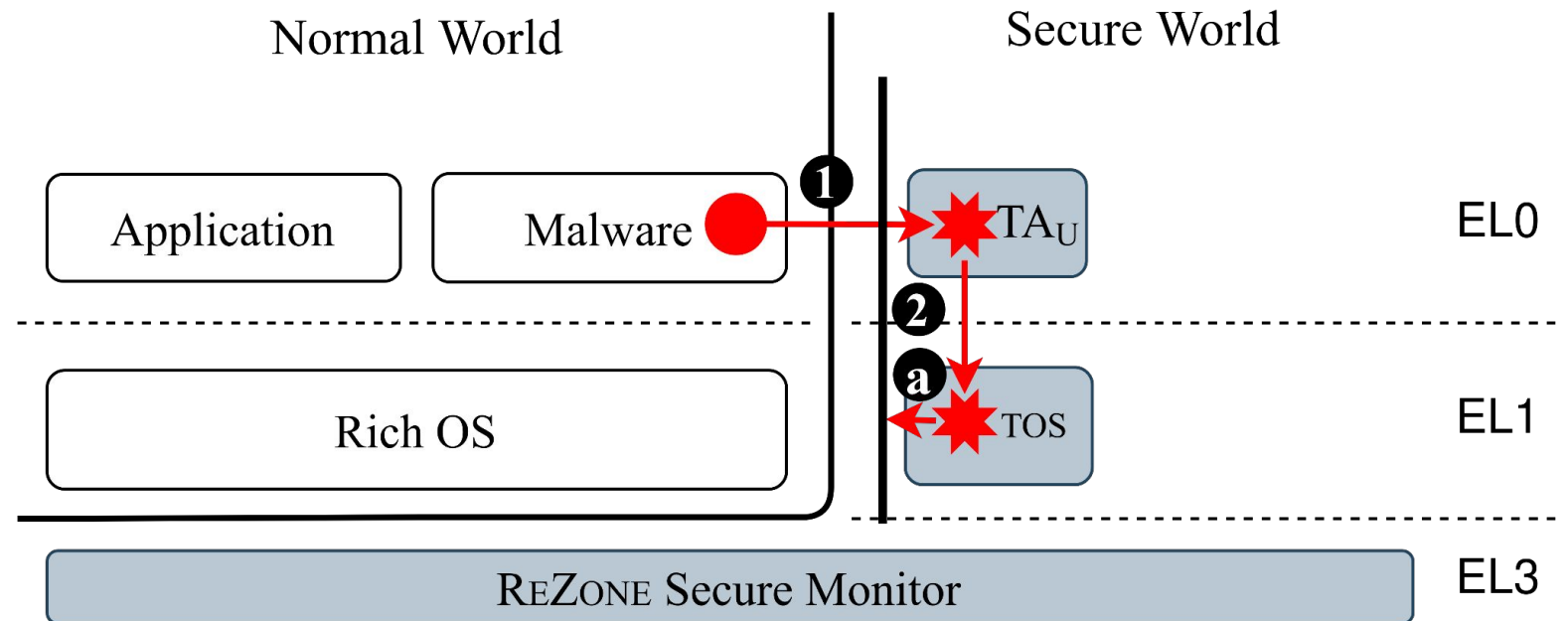
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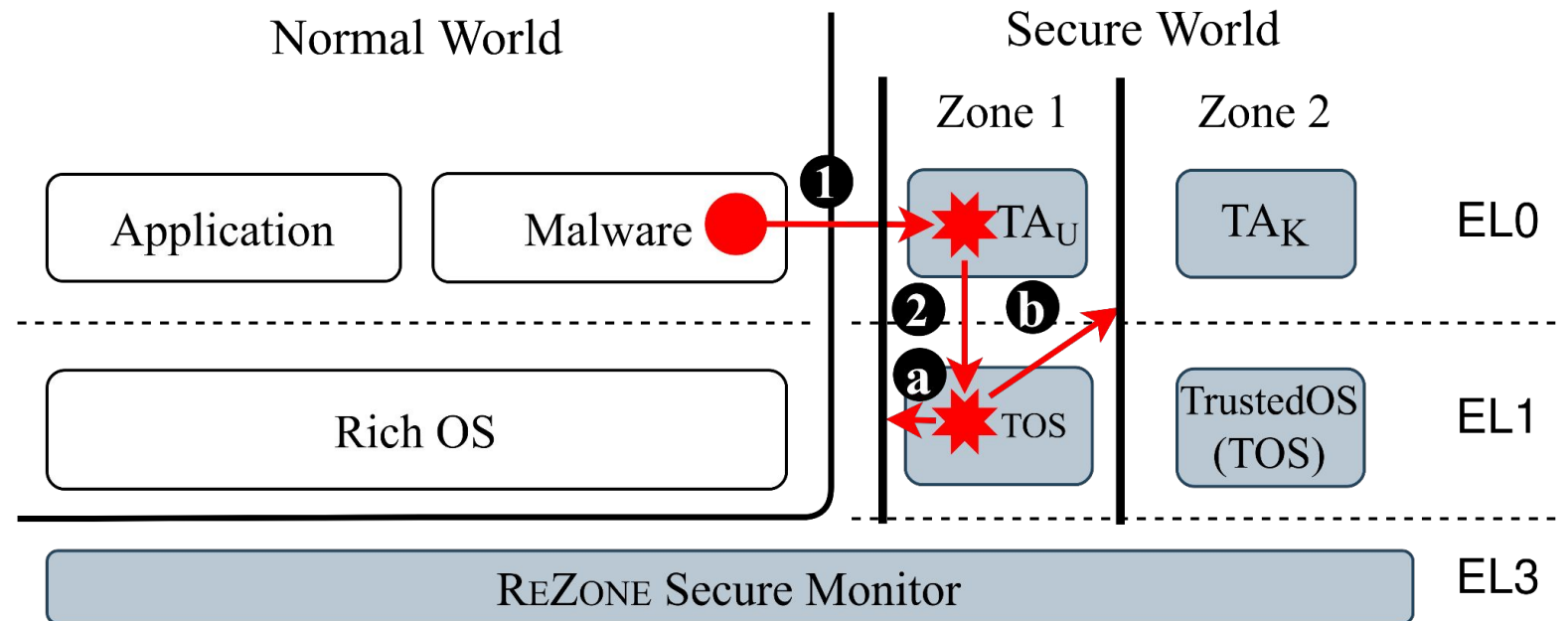


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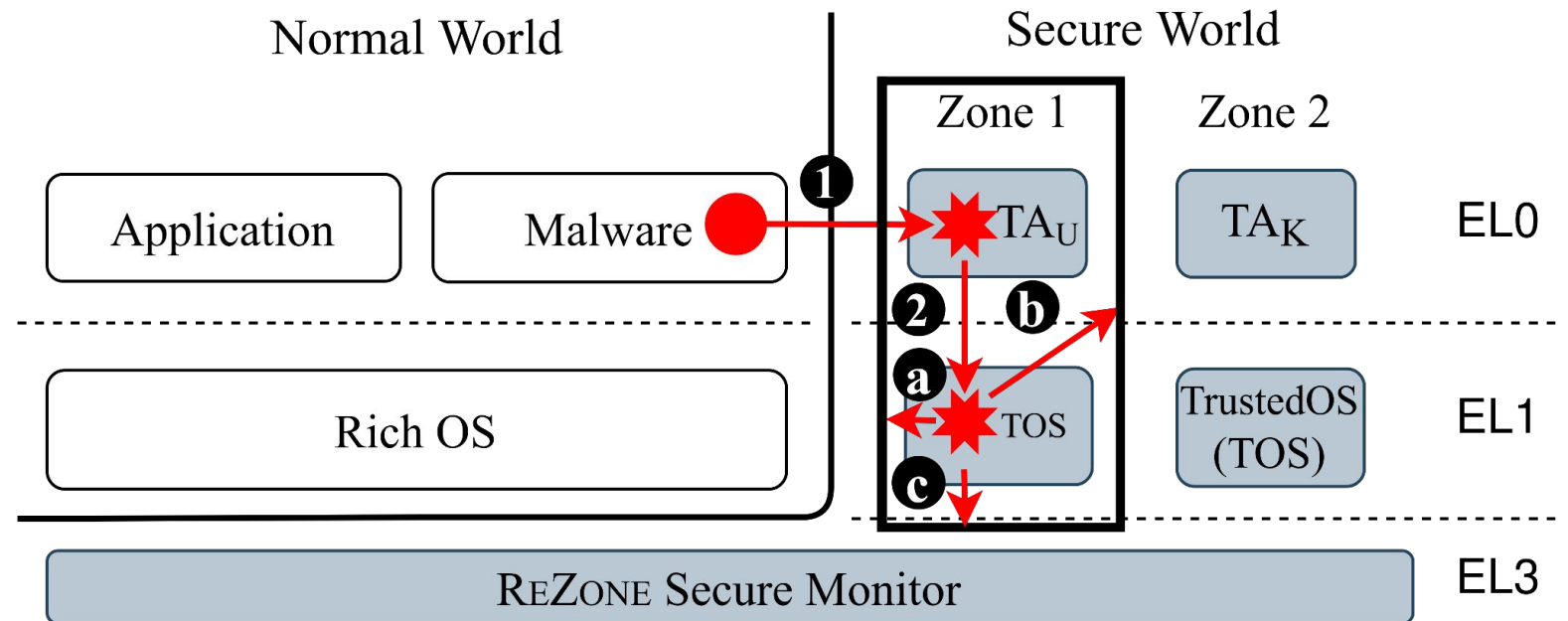
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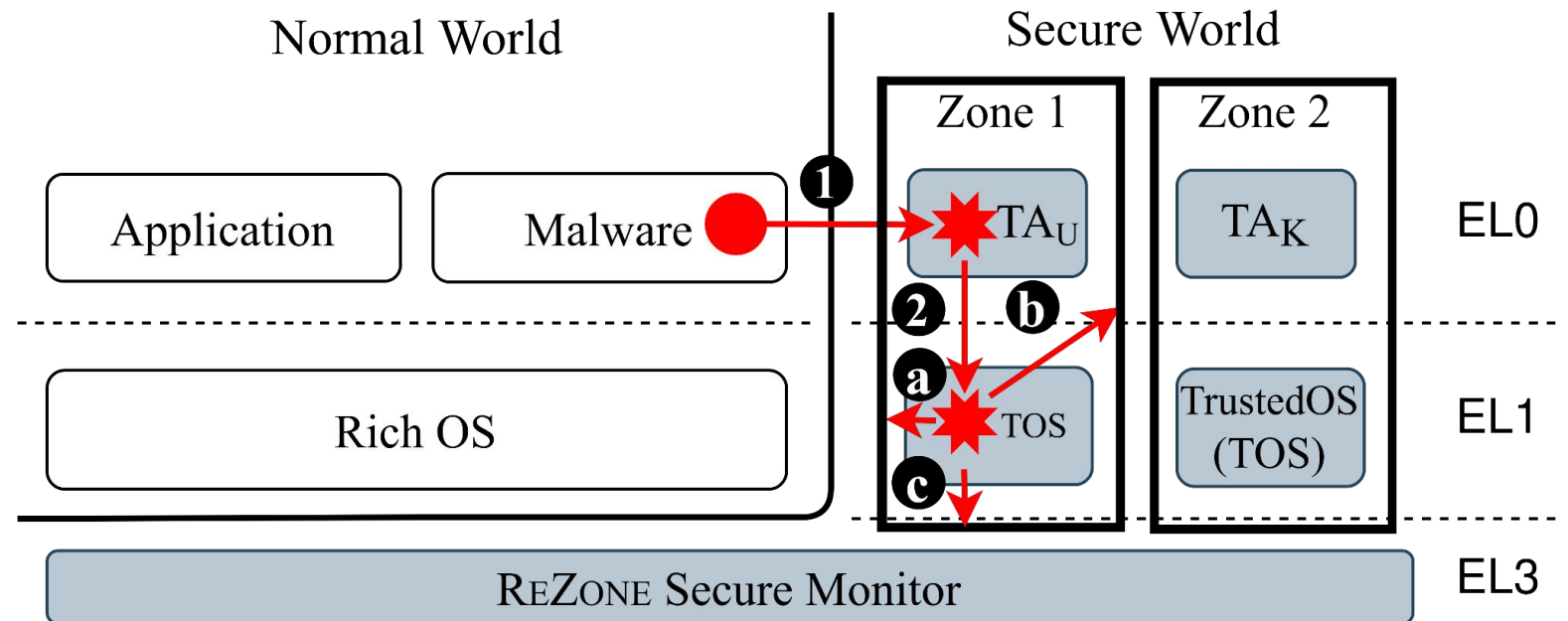
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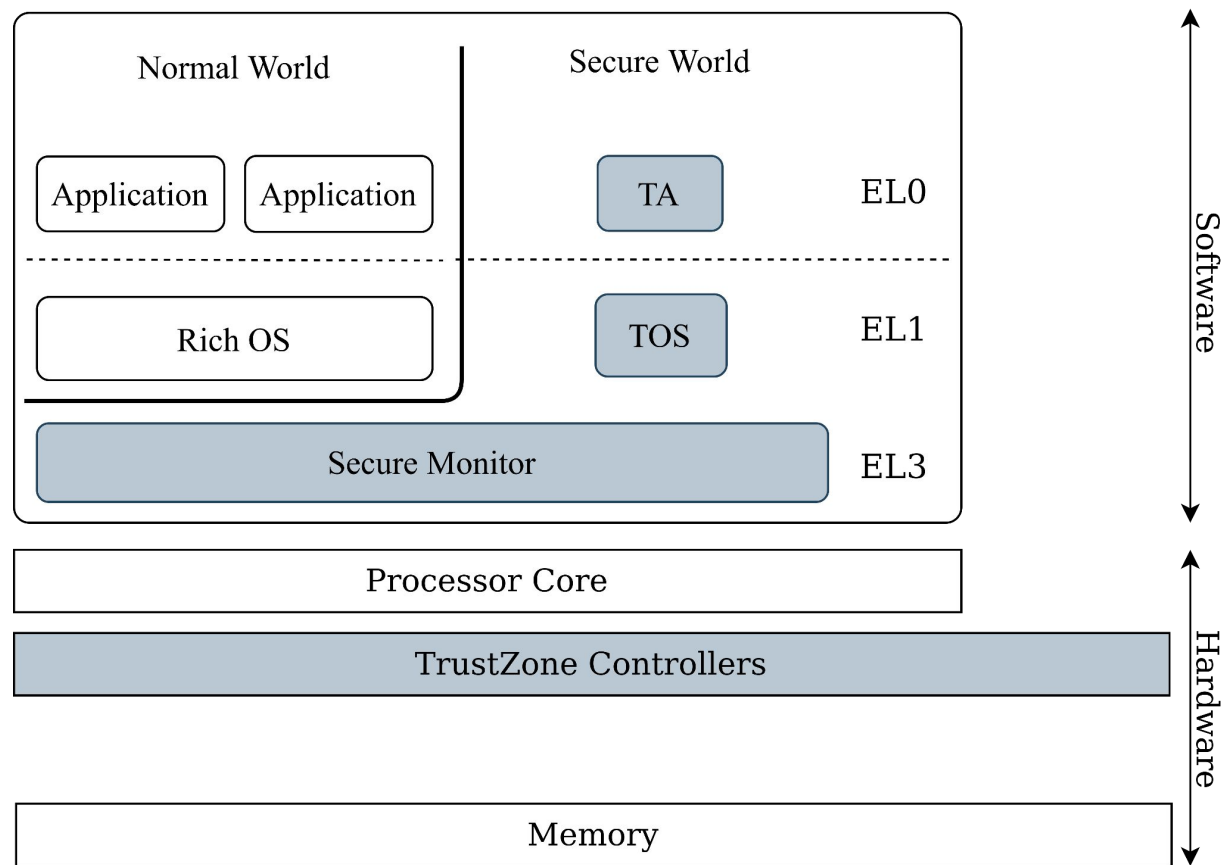
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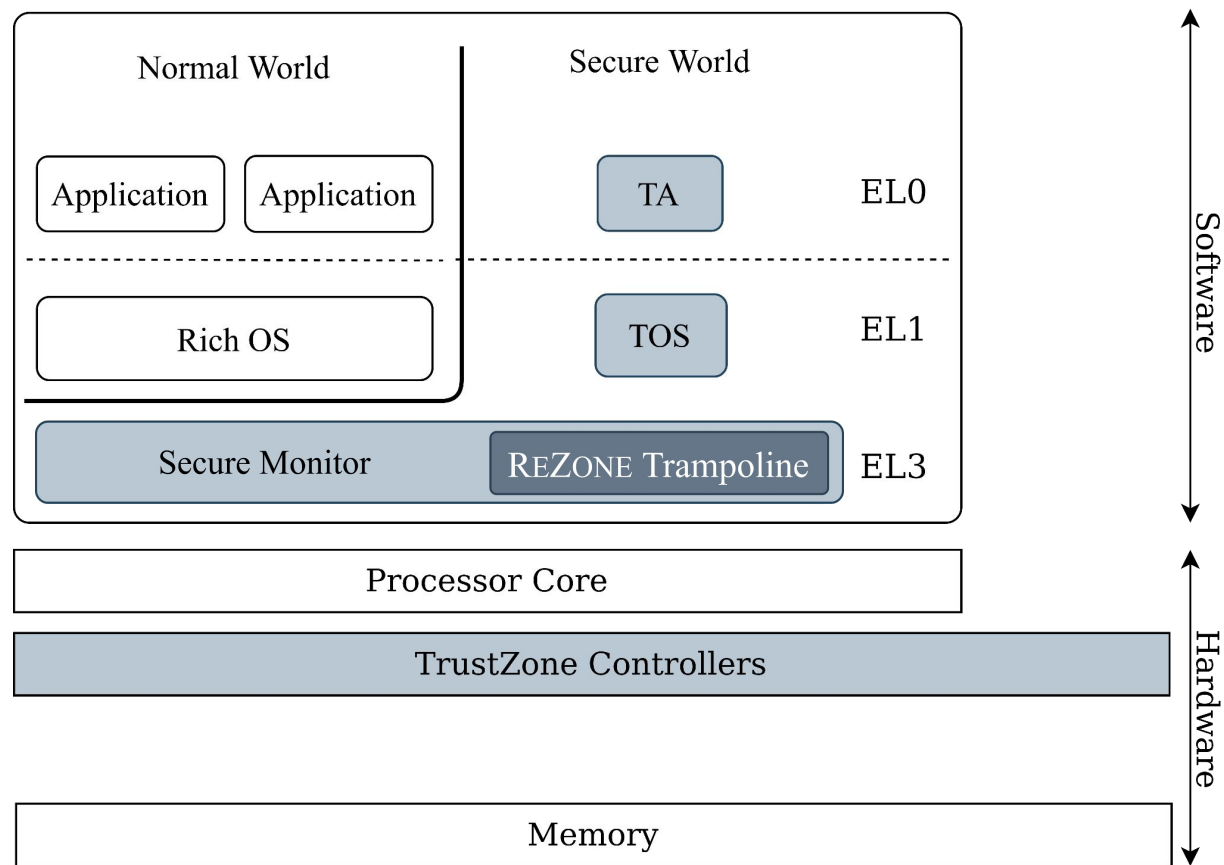
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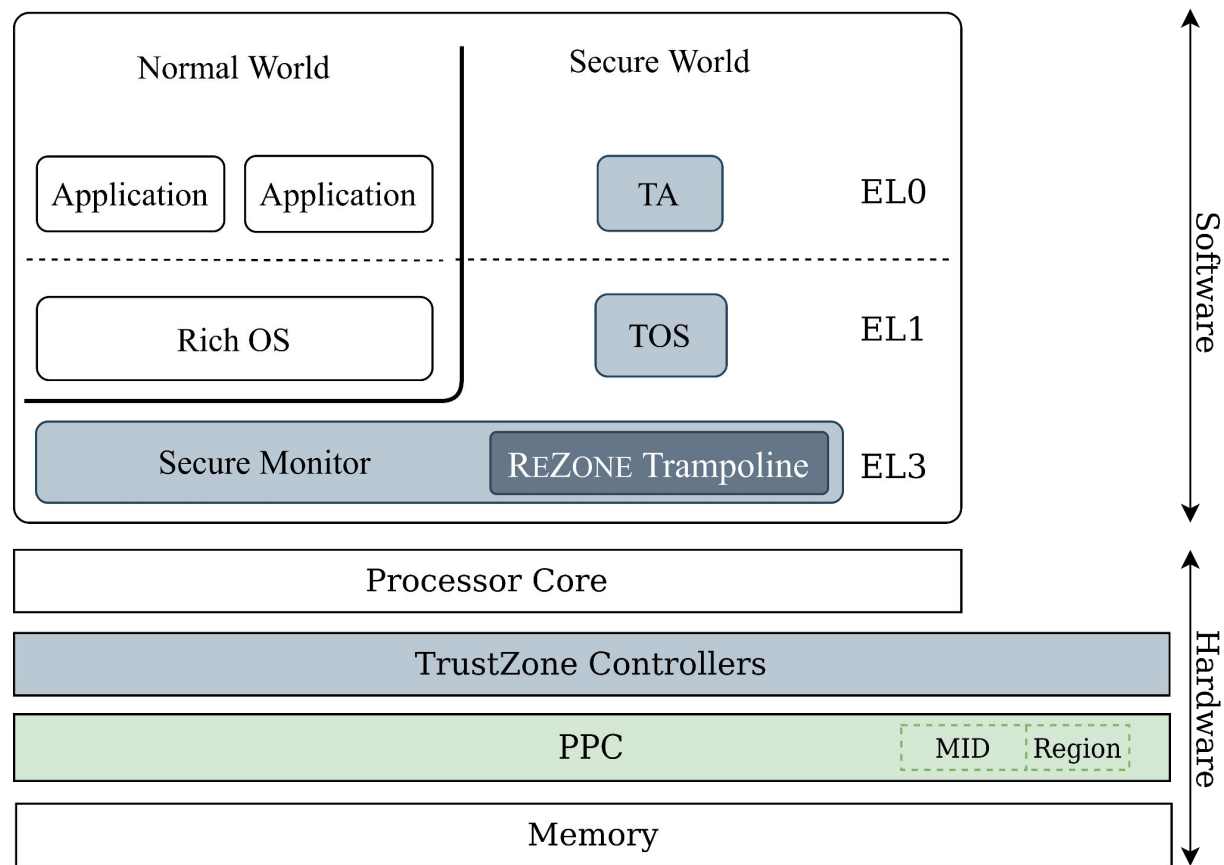
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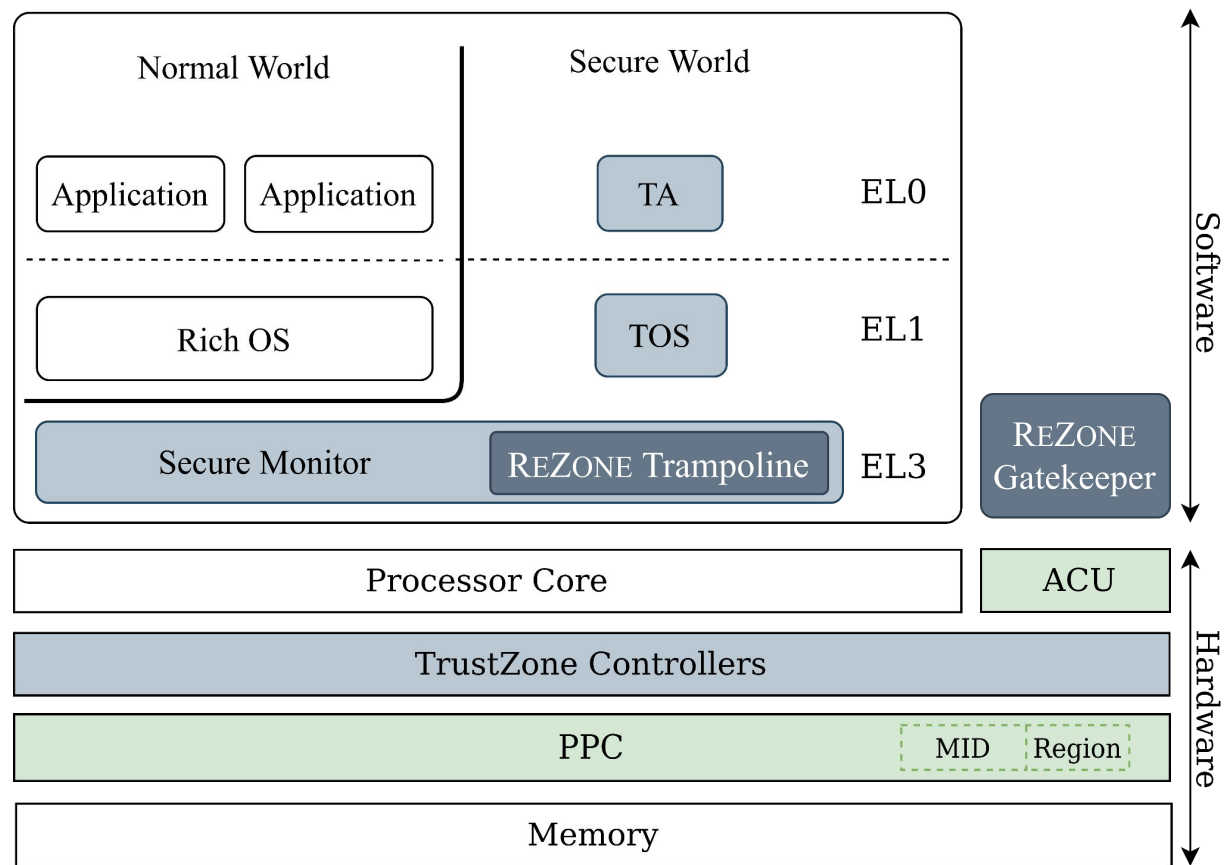
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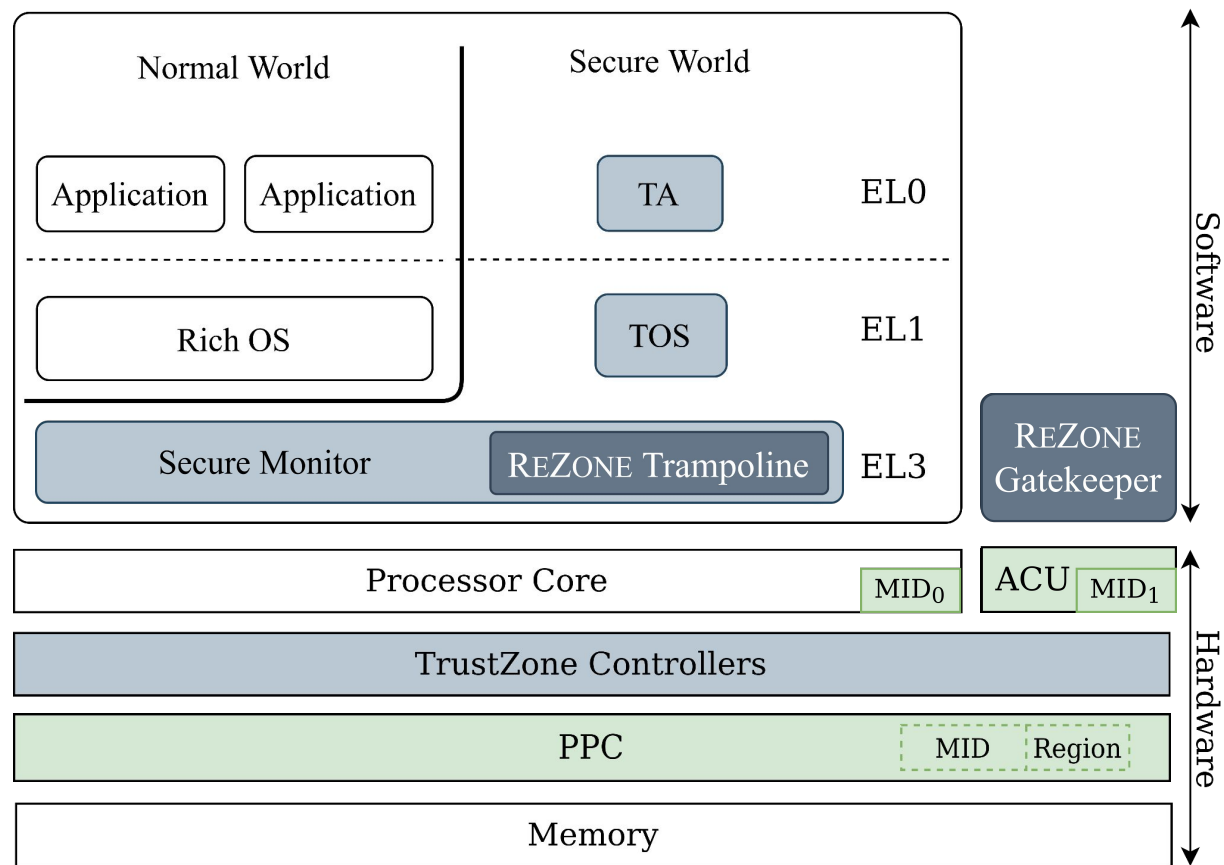
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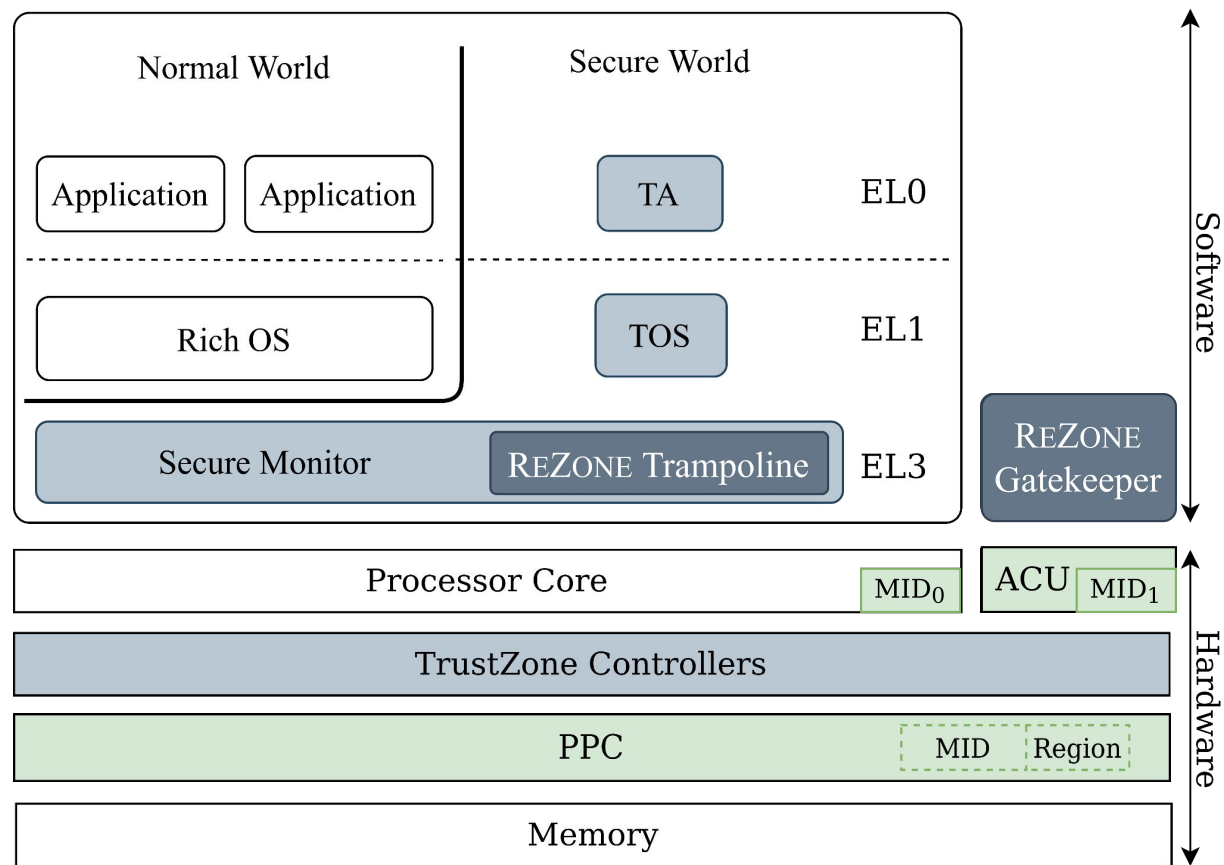
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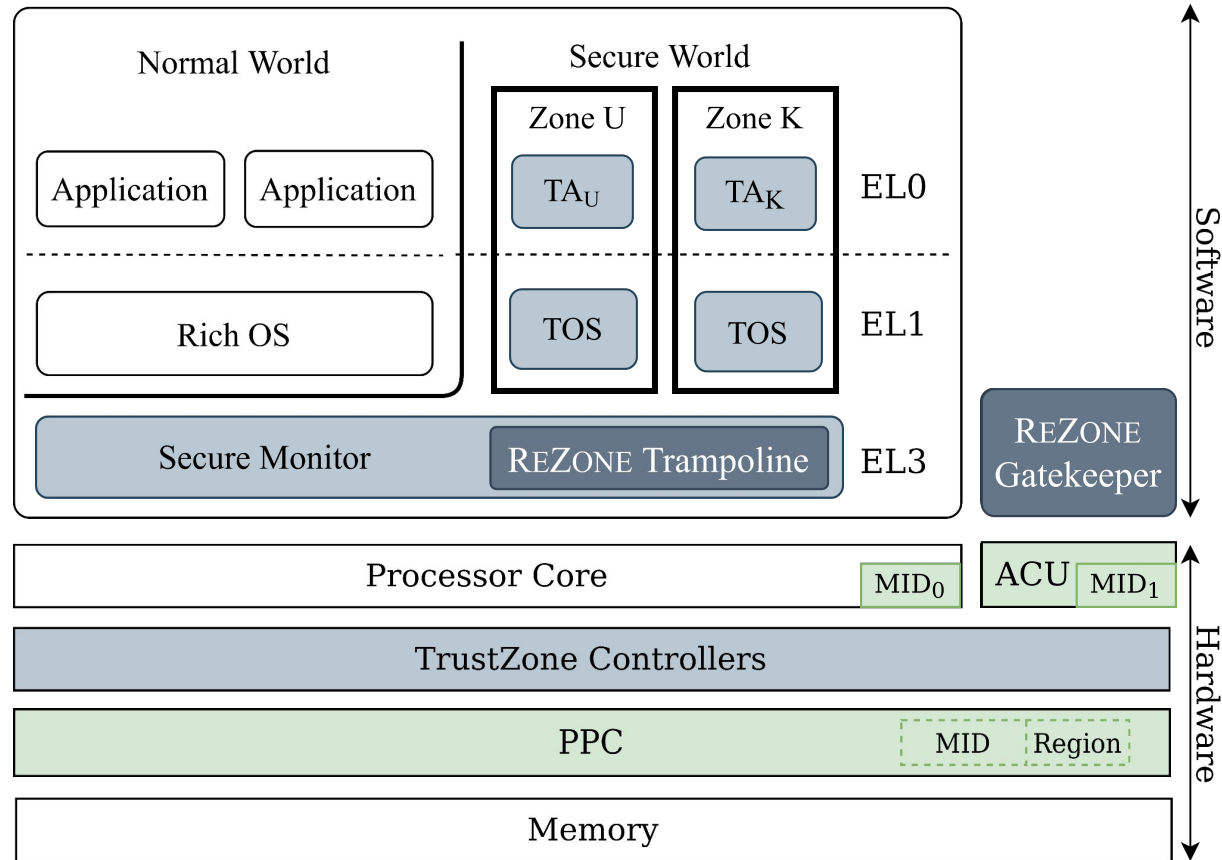


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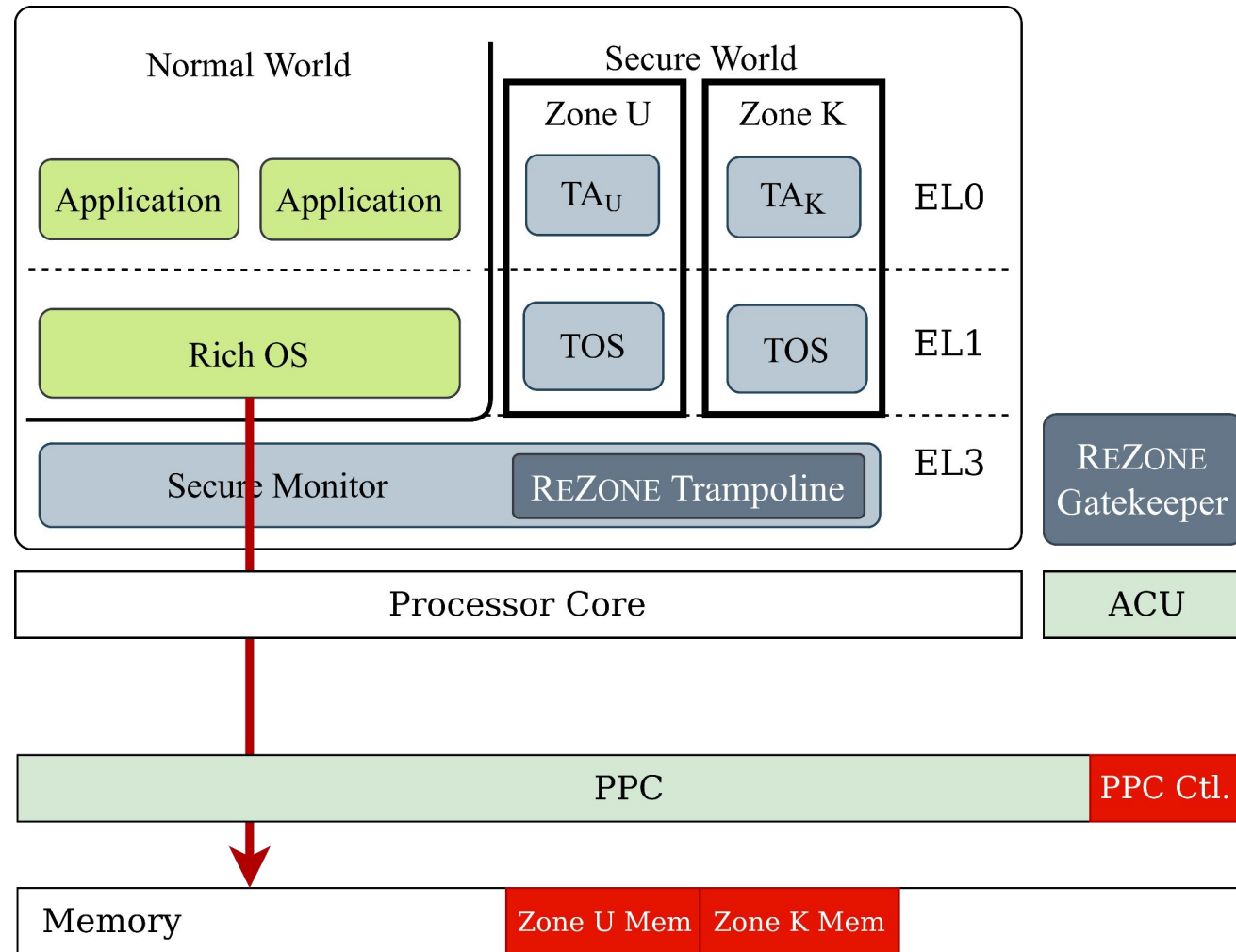


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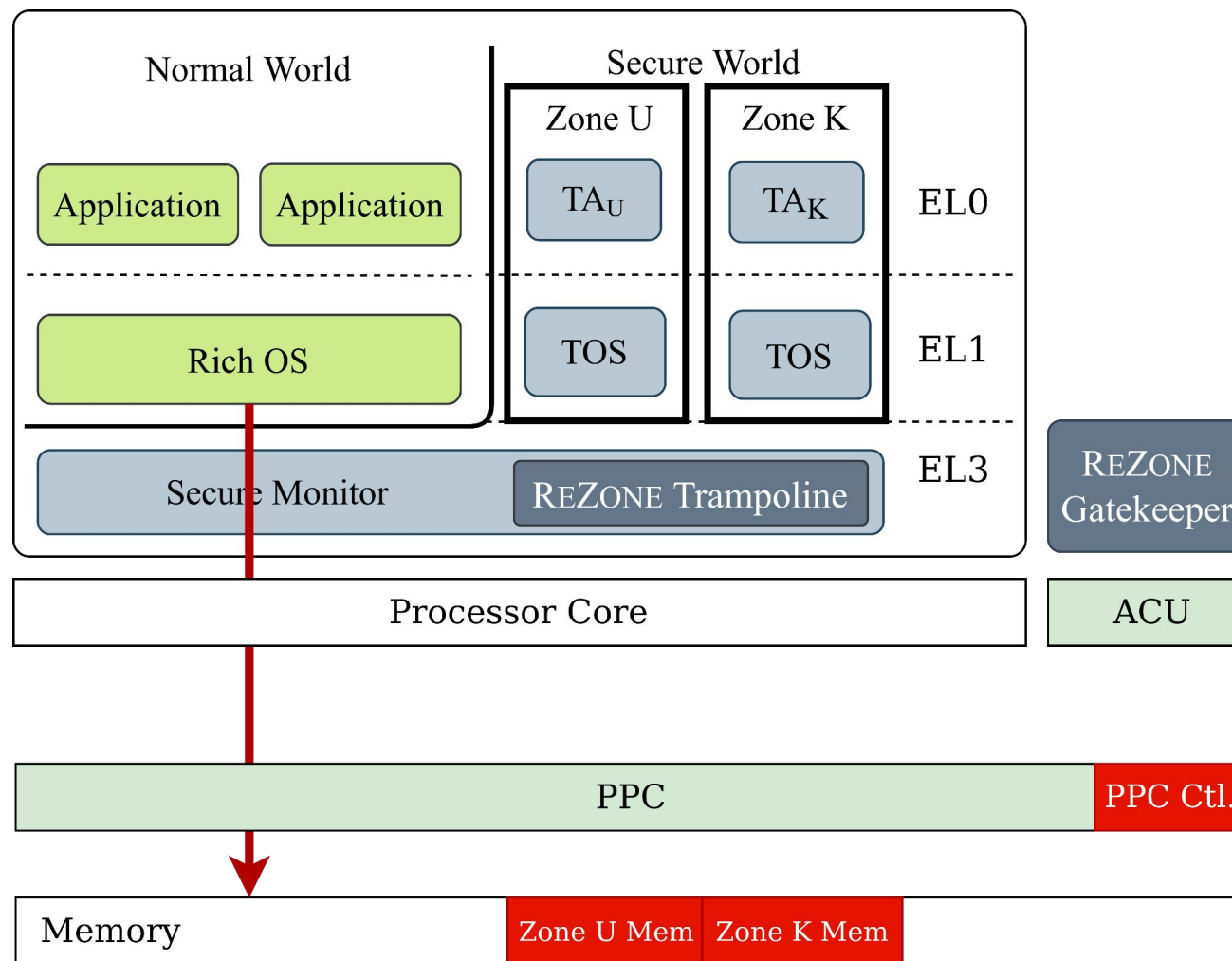
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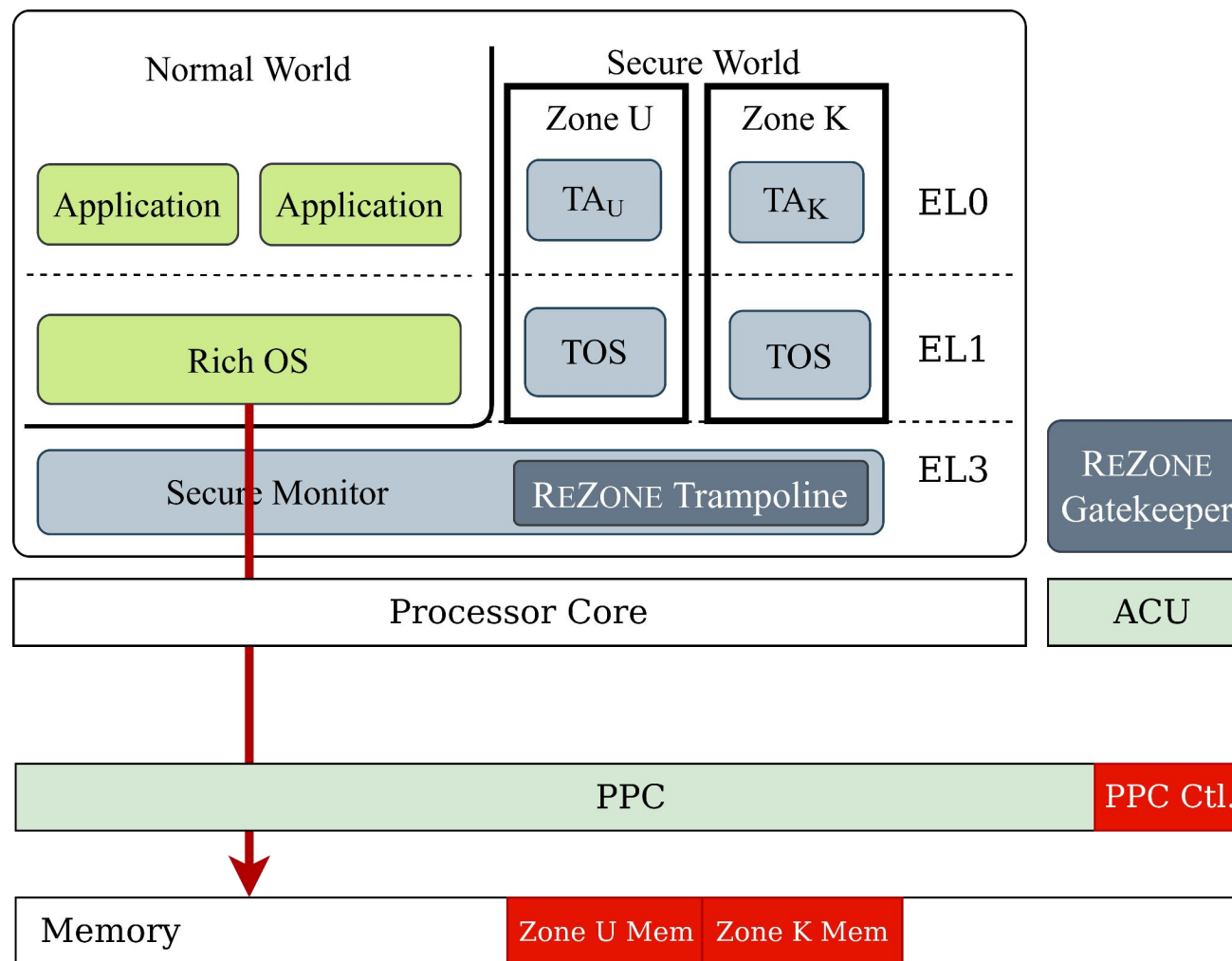
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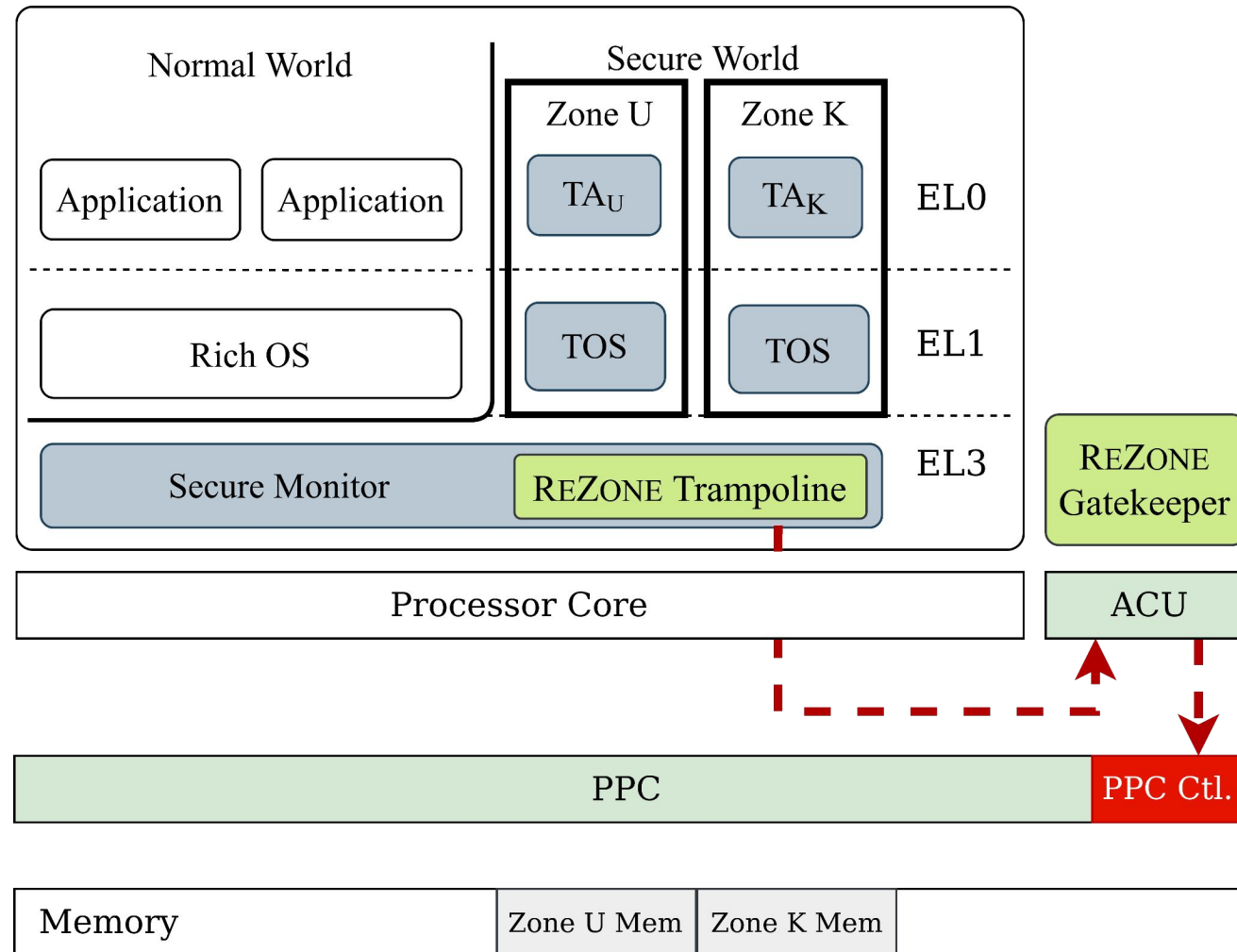
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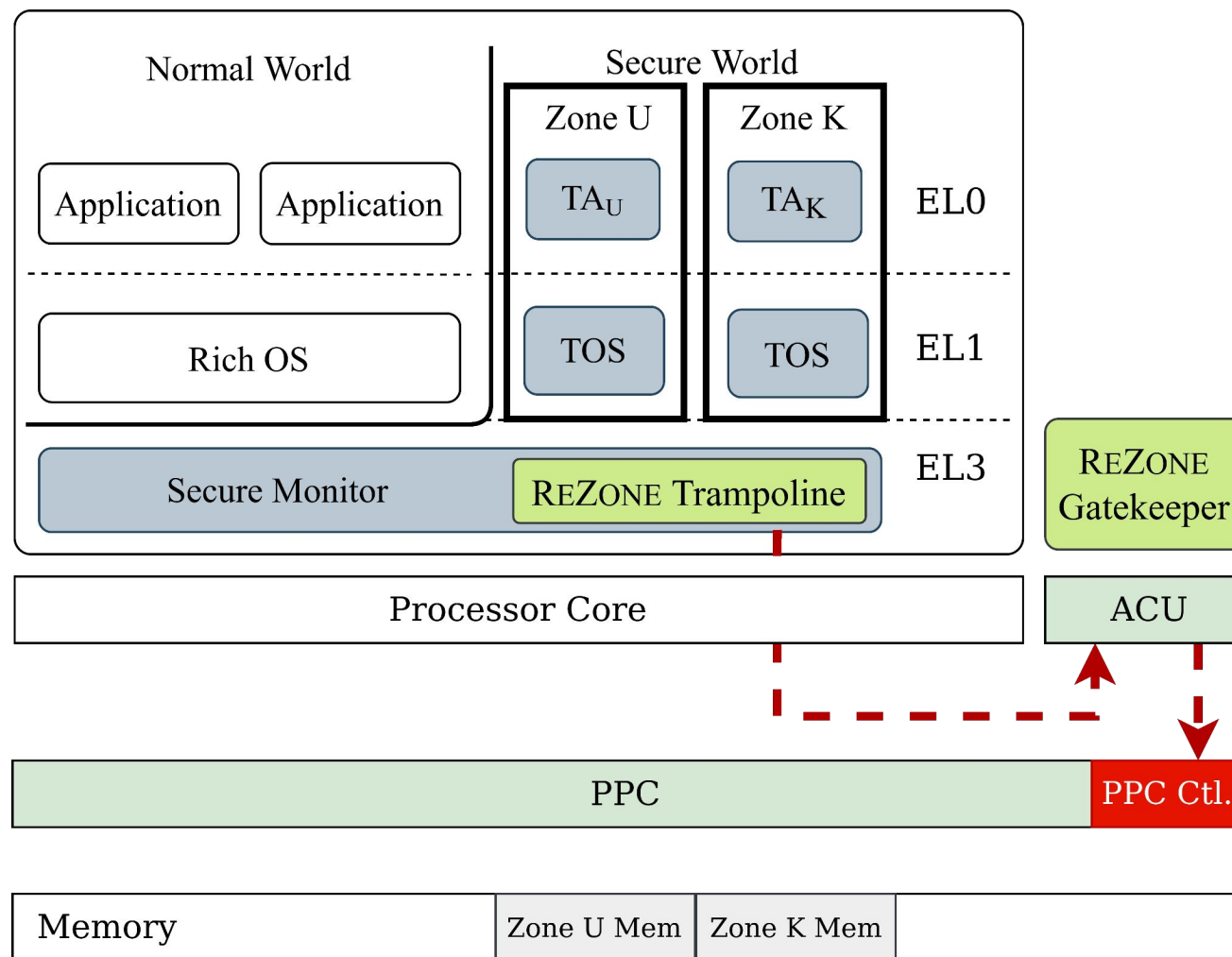
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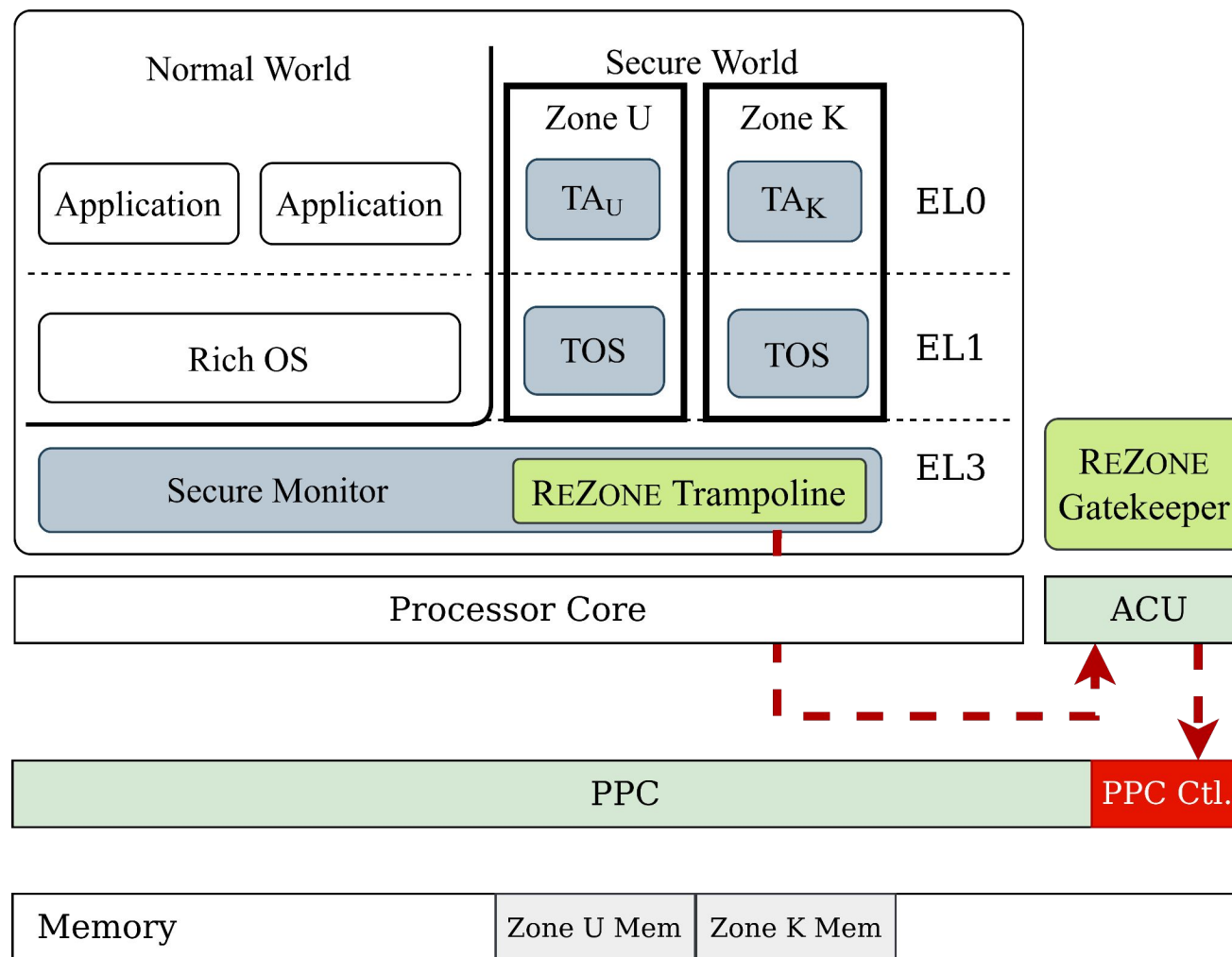
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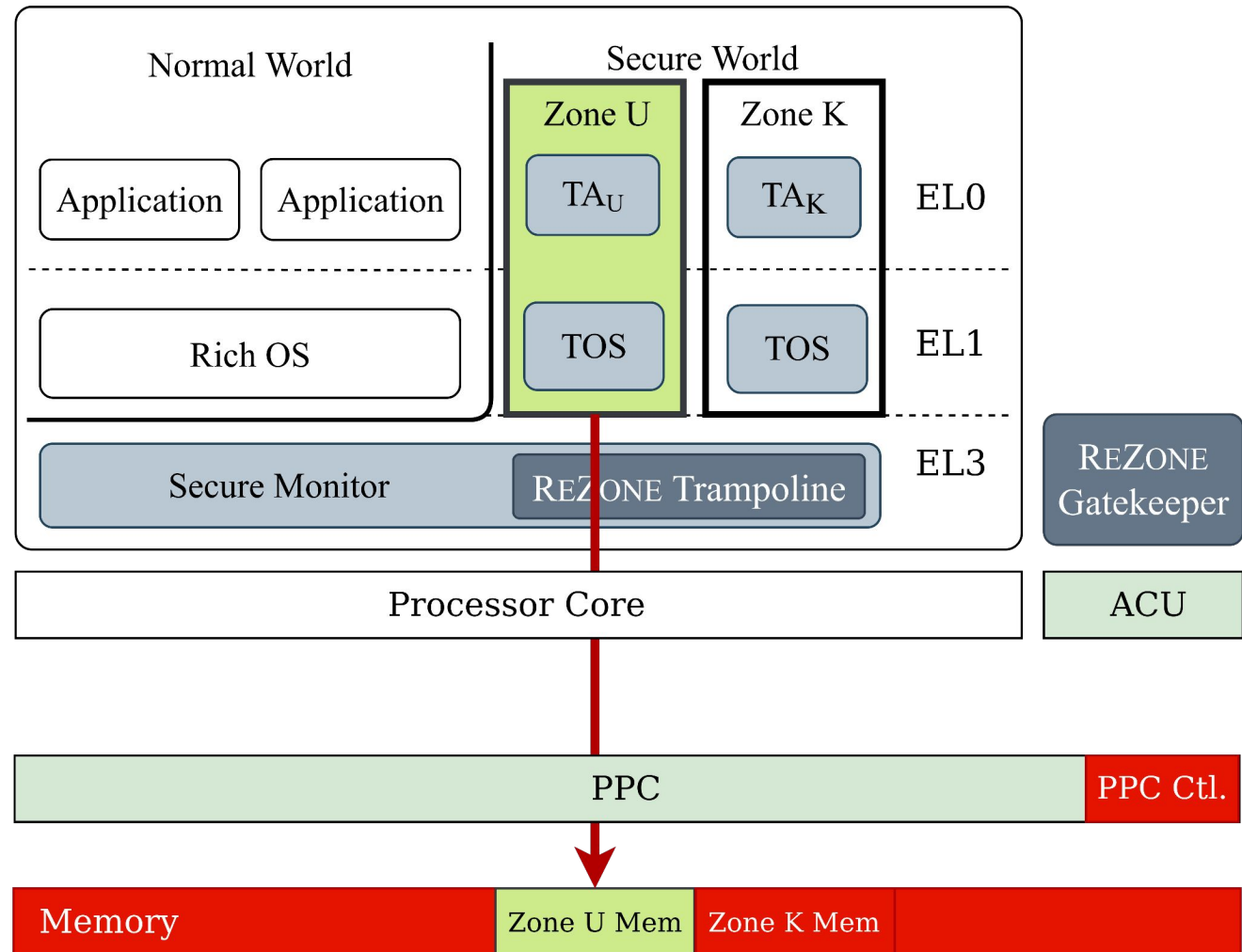
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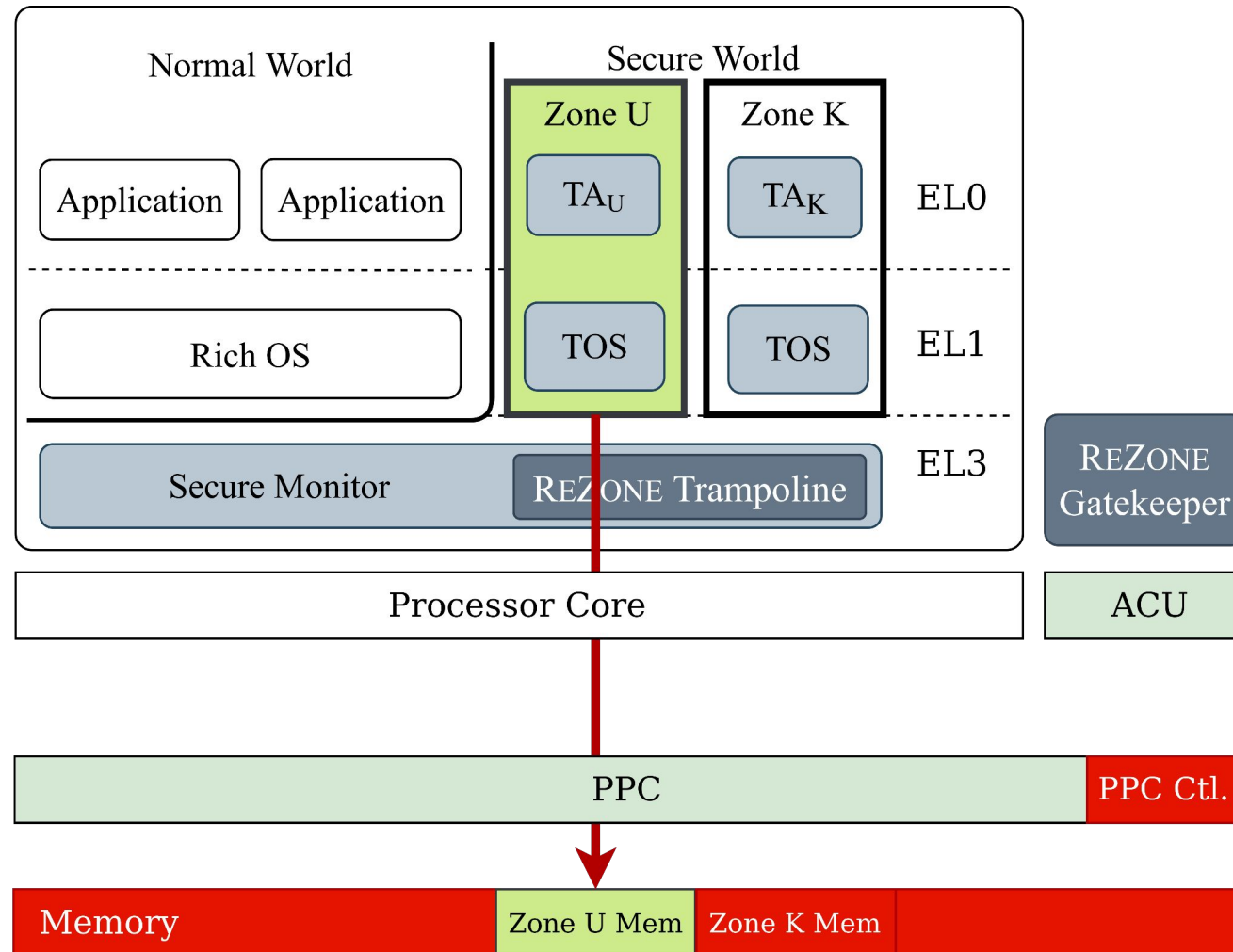
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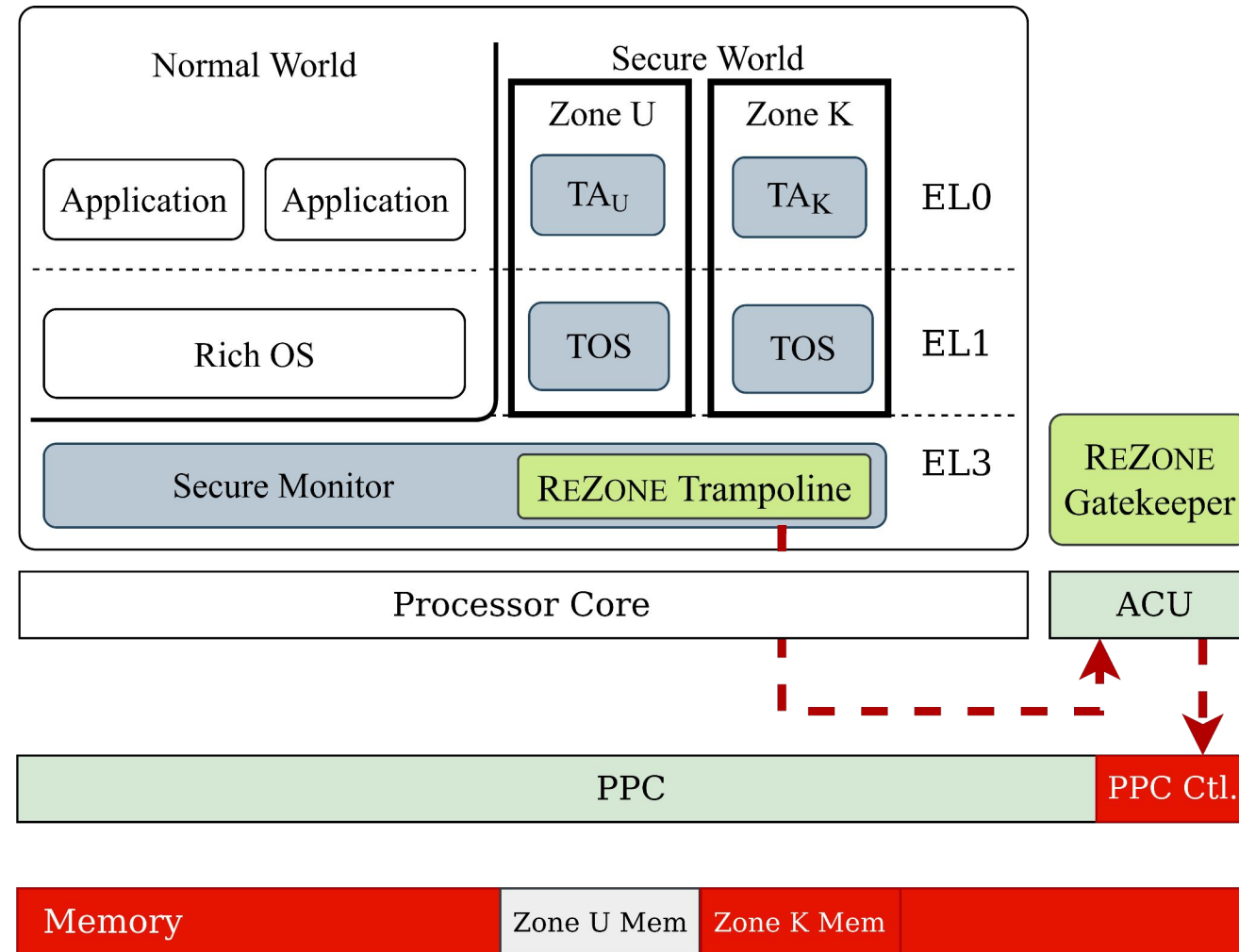
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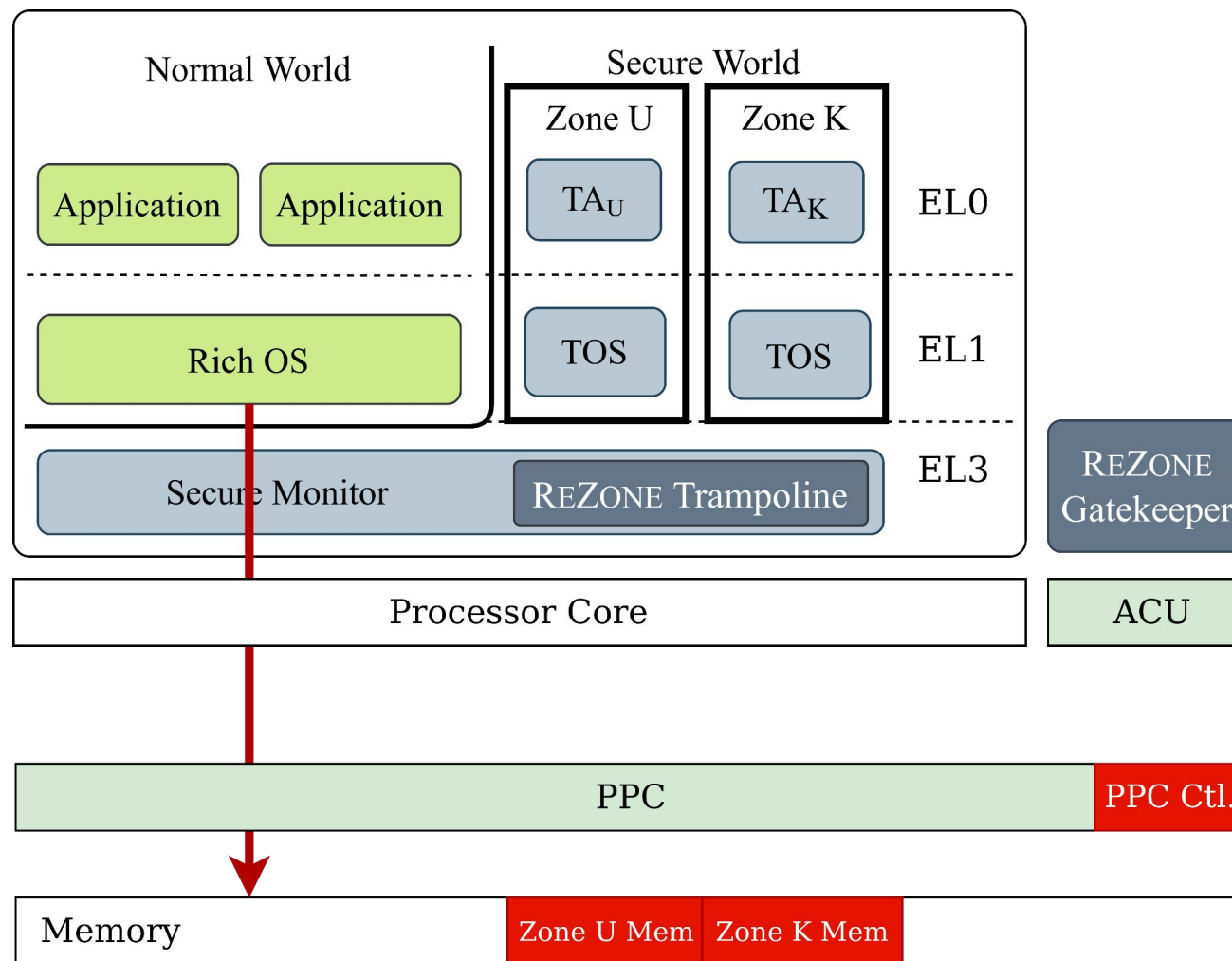
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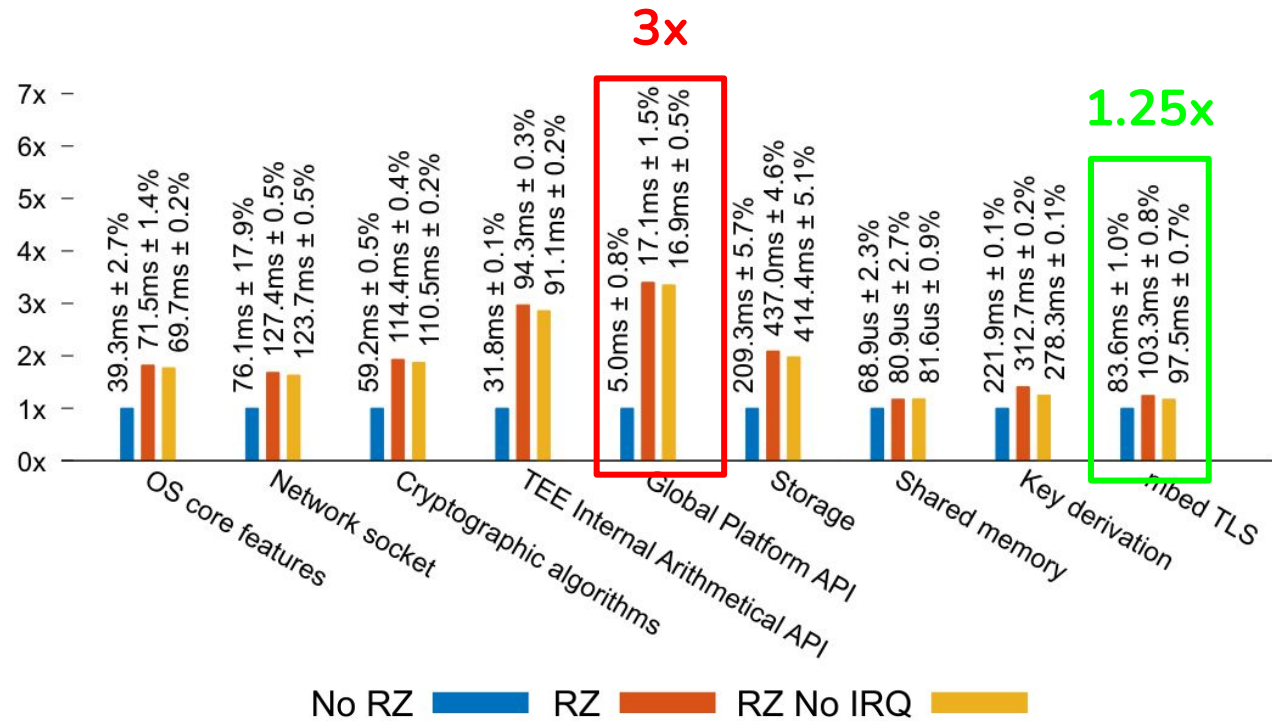
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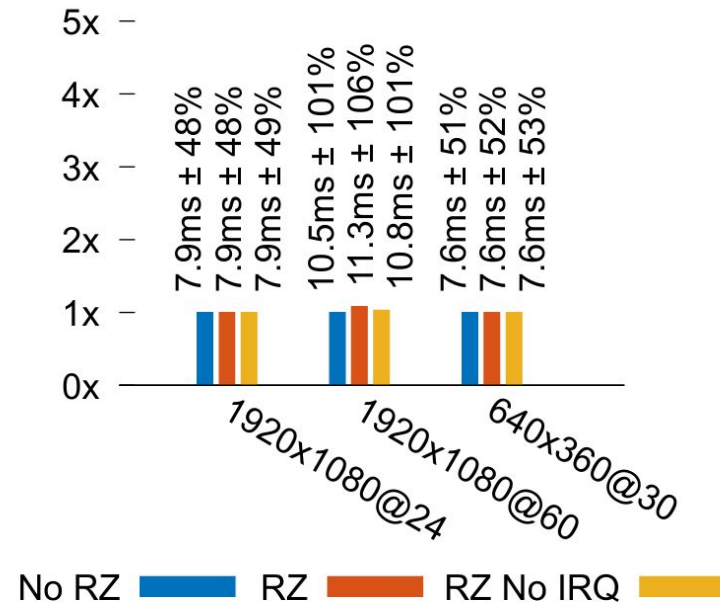
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CVE Mitigation

- Assuming multiple Zones with one TA per zone
- Mitigates ~87% CVEs:
 - Most TOS and TA vulnerabilities
- Doesn't Mitigate against:
 - Secret disclosures, Hardware attacks, Cryptographic flaws, Bootloader flaws

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2014-9979	TO ✓	2017-11011	TO ✓	2015-9000	TA ✓	2015-8997	TO/TA ✓
2015-8999	TO ✓	2017-14912	TO ✓	2015-9002	TA ✓	2015-8998	TO/TA ✓
2015-9070	TO ✓	2017-14916	TO ✓	2015-9162	TA ✓	2015-9005	TO/TA ✓
2015-9071	TO ✓	2017-14917	TO ✓	2015-9174	TA ✓	2015-9007	TO/TA ✓
2015-9072	TO ✓	2017-17176	TO ✓	2015-9183	TA ✓	2016-2432	TO/TA ✓
2015-9073	TO ✓	2017-18071	TO ✓	2017-6293	TA ✓	2016-10297	TO/TA ✓
2015-9108	TO ✓	2017-18128	TO -	2017-18310	TA -	2017-6289	TO/TA ✓
2015-9112	TO ✓	2017-18129	TO ✓	2017-18312	TA ?	2017-14913	TO/TA ✓
2015-9113	TO ✓	2017-18132	TO ✓	2017-18317	TA ?	2017-18293	TO/TA ✓
2015-9198	TO ✓	2017-18133	TO ✓	2018-5210	TA ✓	2017-18296	TO/TA ?
2015-9199	TO -	2017-18311	TO ✓	2018-5885	TA ✓	2017-18297	TO/TA ✓
2015-9200	TO ✓	2017-18314	TO ?	2014-9932	TO/TA ✓	2017-18298	TO/TA ✓
2016-2431	TO ✓	2017-18315	TO ✓	2014-9935	TO/TA ✓	2018-5866	TO/TA ✓
2016-10238	TO ✓	2018-3588	TO ✓	2014-9936	TO/TA ✓	2017-18282	HW -
2016-10432	TO ✓	2018-5870	TO ✓	2014-9937	TO/TA ✓	2015-9003	CI -
2017-6290	TO ✓	2016-10239	TO ✓	2014-9945	TO/TA ✓	2016-10398	CI -
2017-6292	TO ✓	2018-11950	TO ✓	2014-9948	TO/TA ✓	2017-14907	CI -
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N		2	1	1	4	2	10	13.16%
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Availability of PPC/ACU primitives on COTS platforms

Vendor	SoC Platform	PPC	ACU	RZ?
NXP	iMX8MQ iMX8QM	RDC xRDC	Cortex-M4 SCU	YES YES
Xilinx	Ultrascale+ MPSoC Versal ACAP	XMPU, XPPU, (SMMU)	PMU	YES YES
Nvidia	Tegra X1/X2 Xavier	SMMU	BPMP	YES YES
Socionext	SC2A11	SMMU	SCP	YES
Qualcomm	Snapdragon 845, 855, 865, 888, 8gen1	SMMU, XPU*	SPU	YES
Broadcom	Stingray	SMMU	SCP	YES
Samsung	Exynos 990 Exynos 2100	Periph. MMUs Periph. MMUs	iSE eSE	N/A N/A
Mediatek	Dimensity 1200	x	x	No
HiSilicon	Kirin 9000	x	PMU	No

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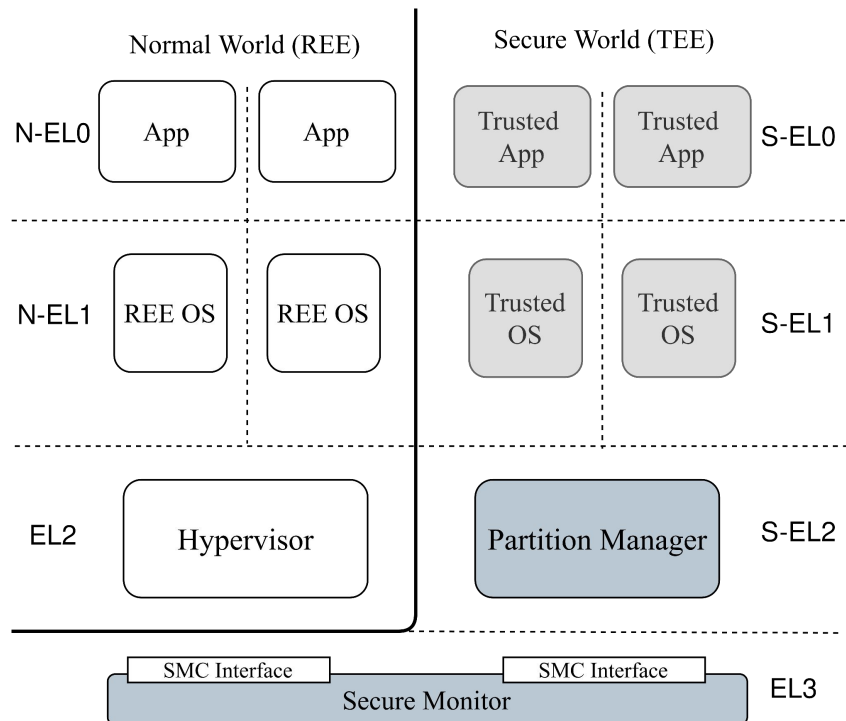
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QUESTIONS?

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ReZone in Perspective

Armv8.4 S.EL2



Armv9 CCA

