

# Oops..! I Glitched it Again!

## How to Multi-Glitch the Glitching- Protections on ARM TrustZone-M

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# Motivation - Countermeasures

## DCFG\_CC\_SOCU: Credential constraints:

DCFG\_CC\_SOCU is a bit mask that specifies debug access rights. It is derived from combination of PFR words CMPA.CC\_SOCU\_DFLT, CMPA.CC\_SoCU\_PIN, CFPA.CC\_SOCU\_DFLT\_NS, CFPA.CC\_SoCU\_PIN\_NS:

- Lower half-words of these PFR words define the functionality.

### **48.10.6.24 IDXBLK\_L\_DP register**

This register is duplicate of IDXBLK\_L register and provides protection against malicious

### **48.10.6.21 Index blocking duplicate register (IDX8 - IDX15)**

This register is duplicate of IDXBLK\_H register and provides protection against malicious

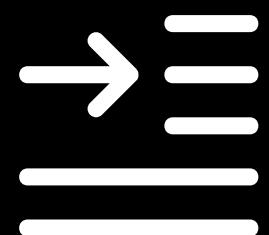
### **47.4.74 Master secure level anti-pole register**

This register is inverse of MASTER\_SEC\_LEVEL register above. Secondary register with

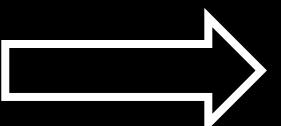
### **47.4.77 Secure control duplicate register**

This register is duplicate of MISC\_CTRL\_REG. A secondary register with duplicate programming is implemented to provide better protection against malicious hacking attacks such as glitch attack.

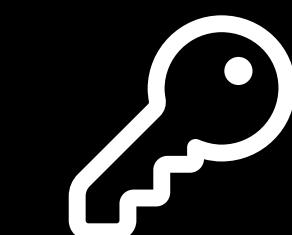
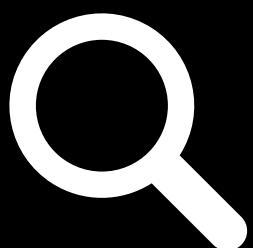
# Consequence



Modify Register



Direct Memory Access



Read Secret Keys



Access TrustZone

# Duplicated Registers

0x500acff8:

0x00000000

0x500acffc:

0x00000000

ldr r1, =0x500acff8

movw r2, #0xaa5

str r2, [r1]

...

ldr r1, =0x500acffc

movw r2, #0xaa5

str r2, [r1]

# Duplicated Registers

0x500acff8:

0x0000aaa5

0x500acffc:

0x00000000

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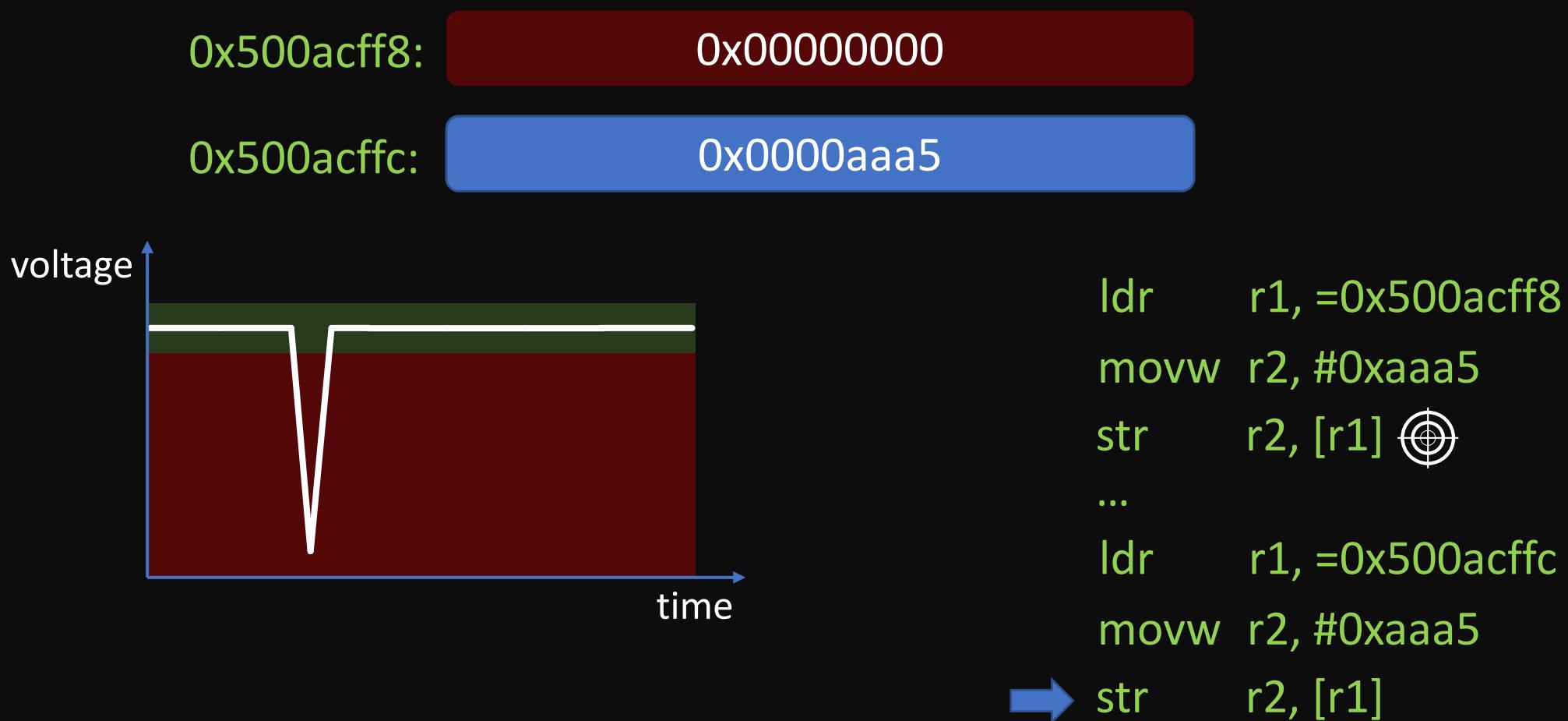
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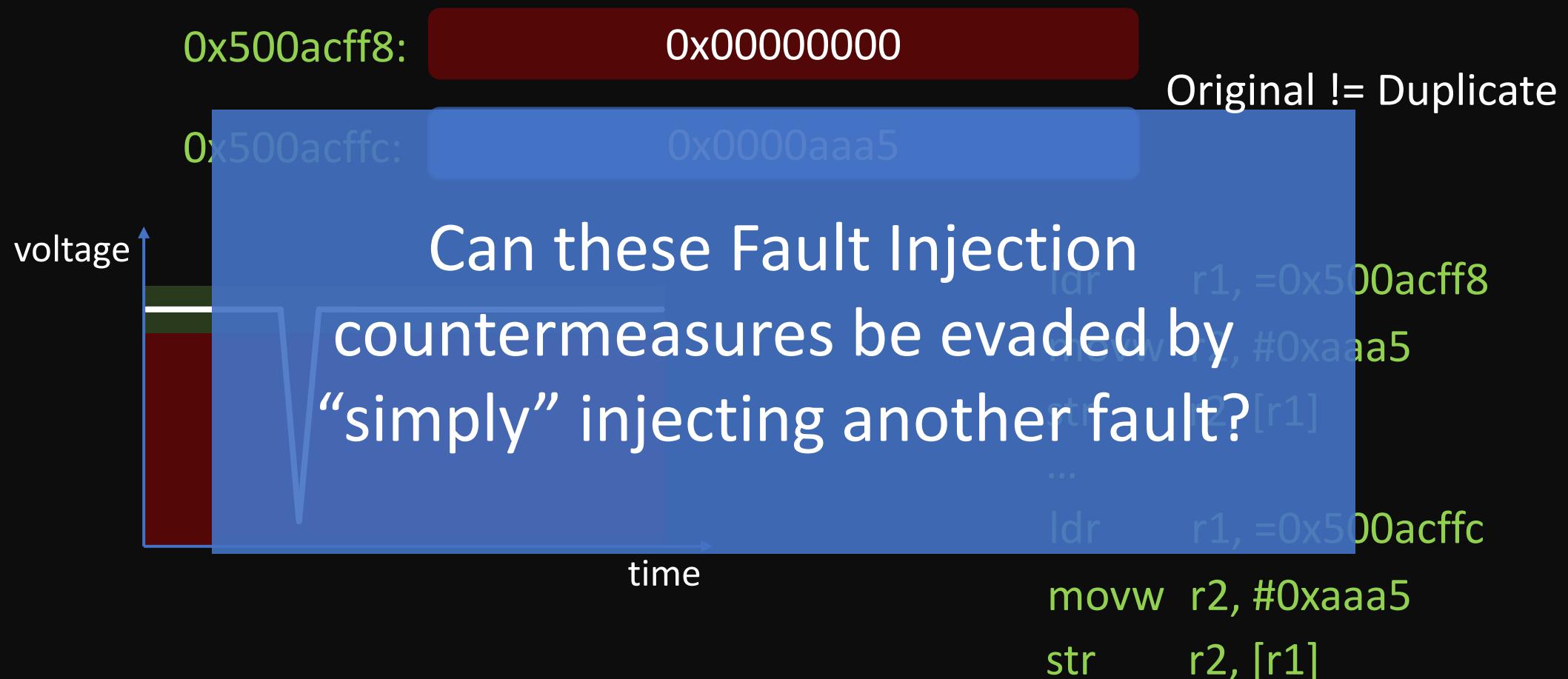
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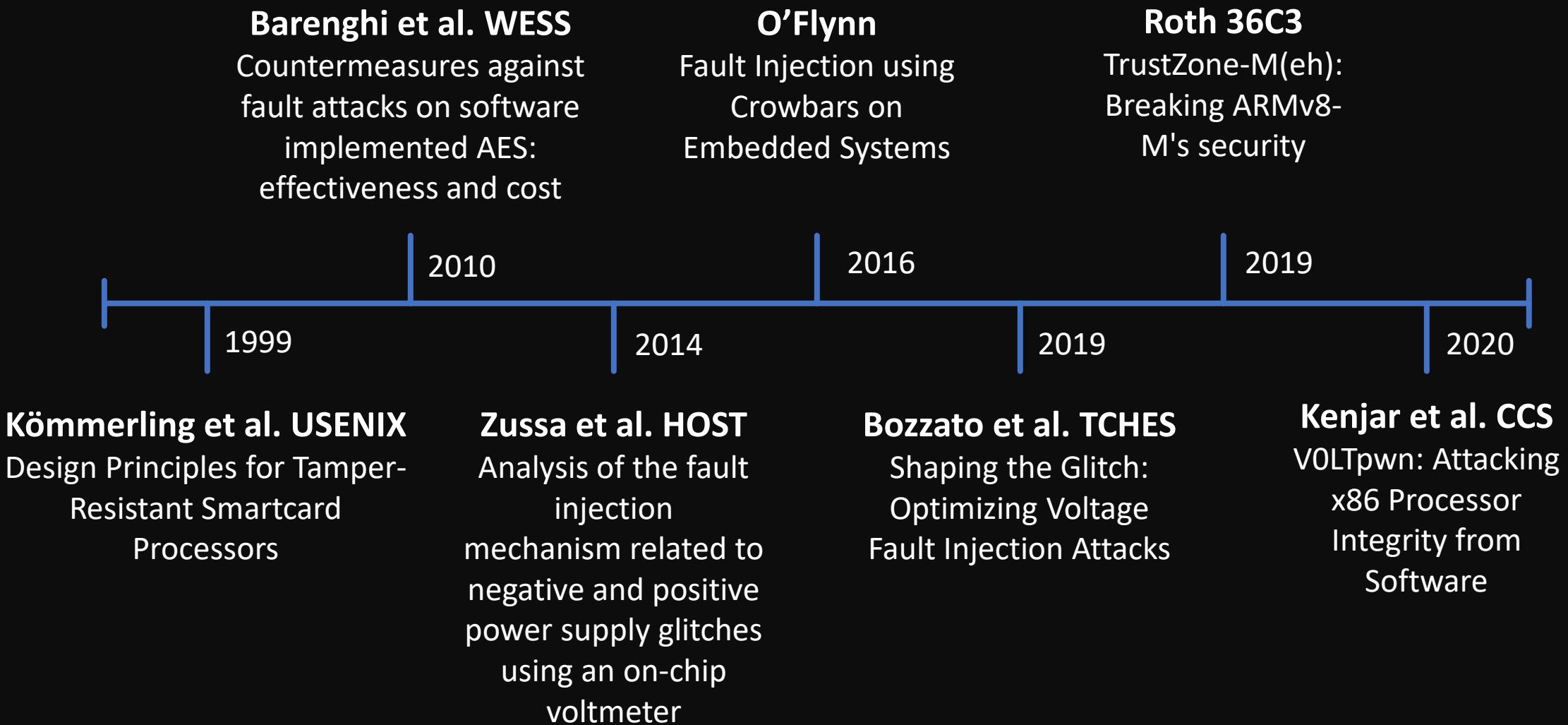


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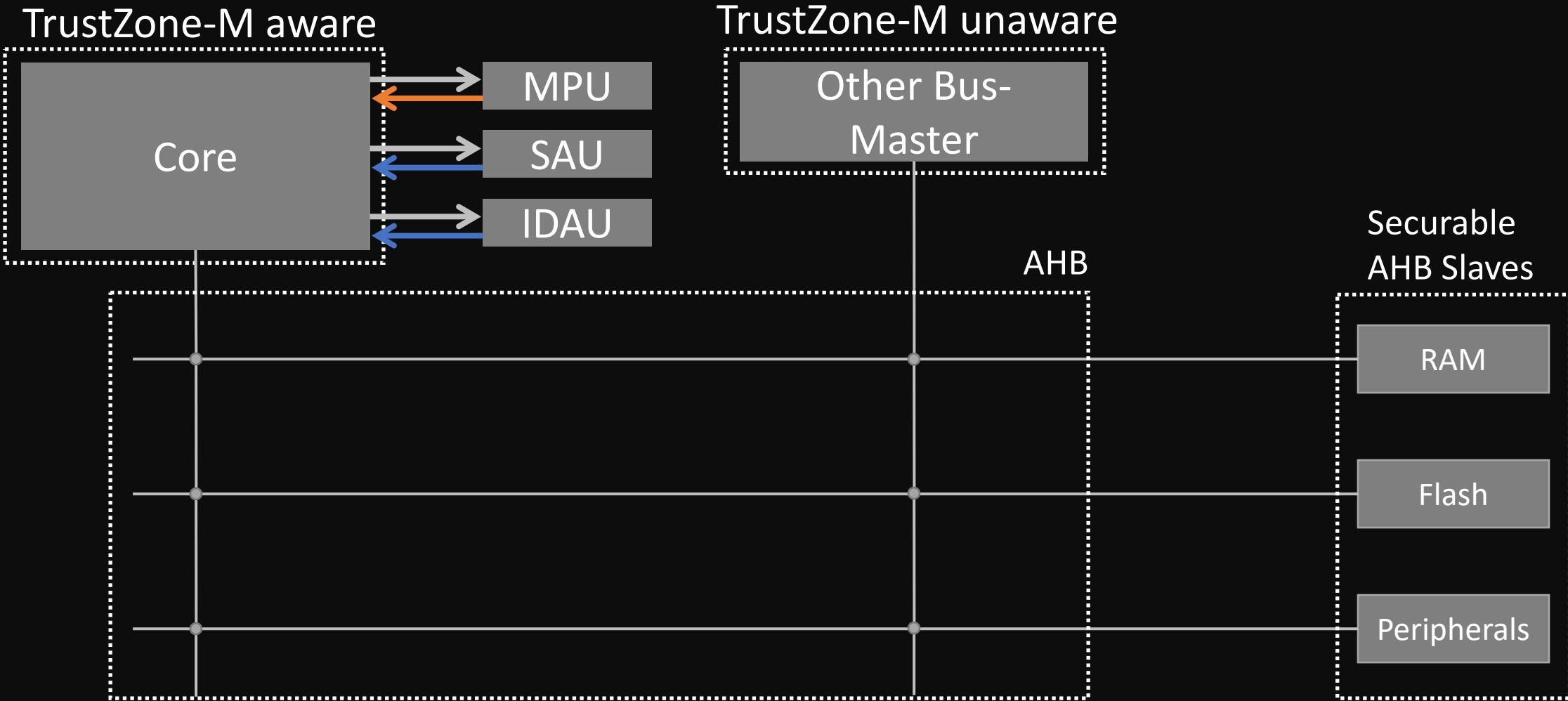


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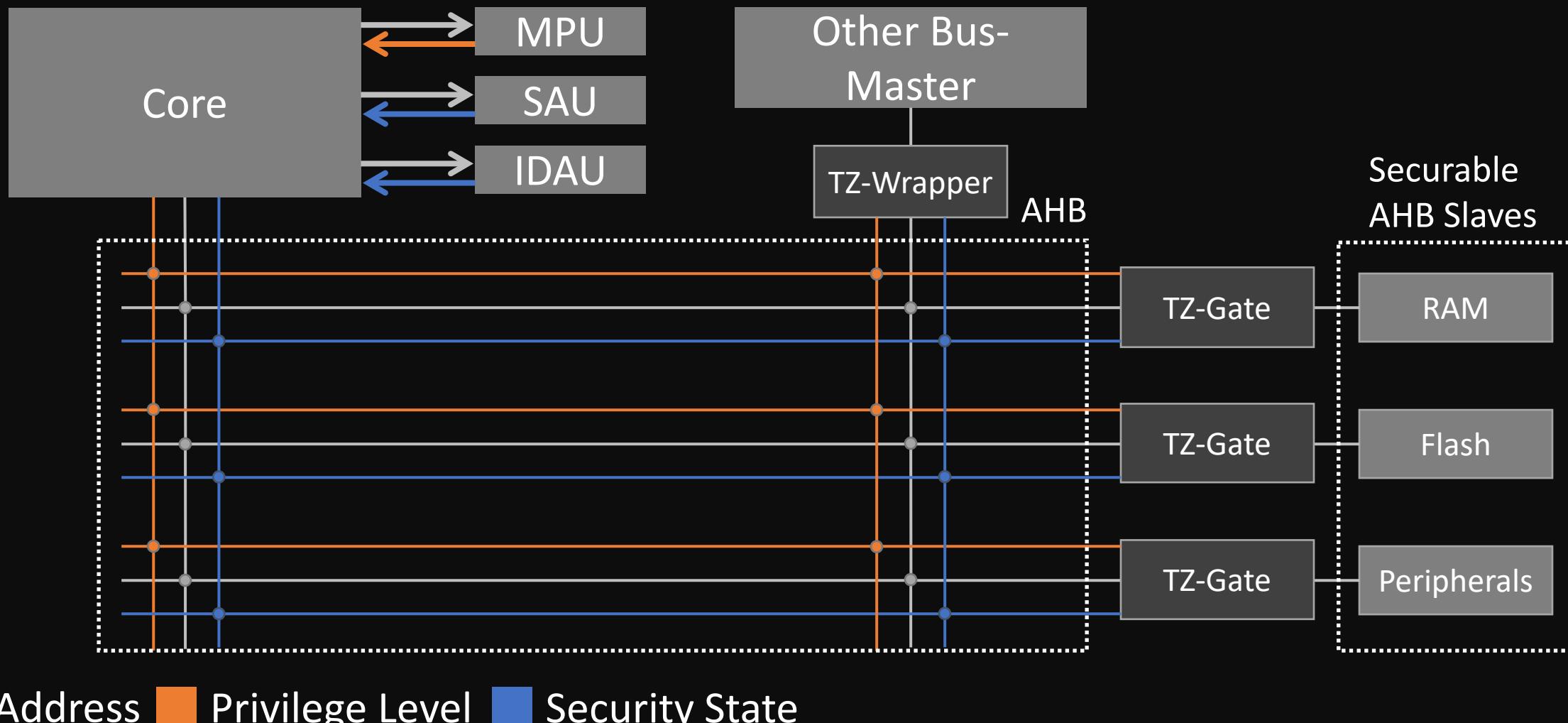
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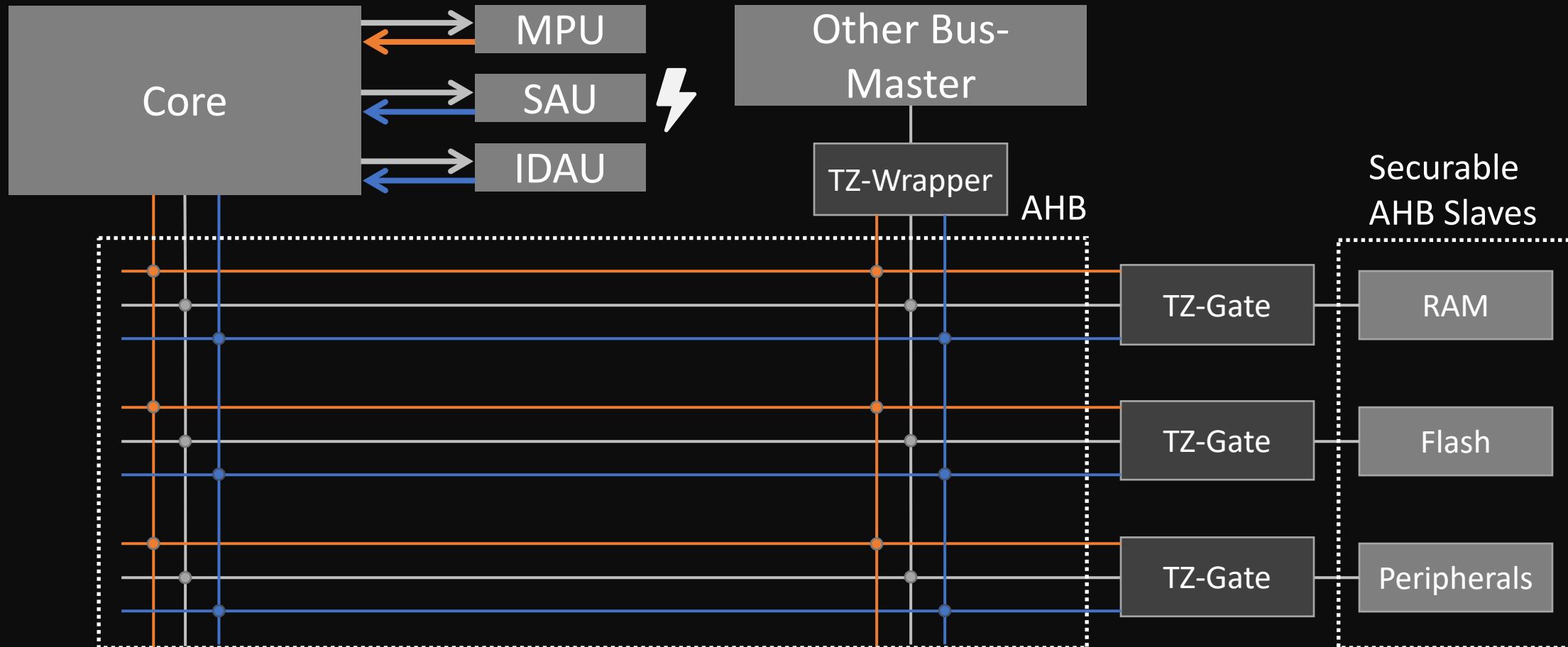
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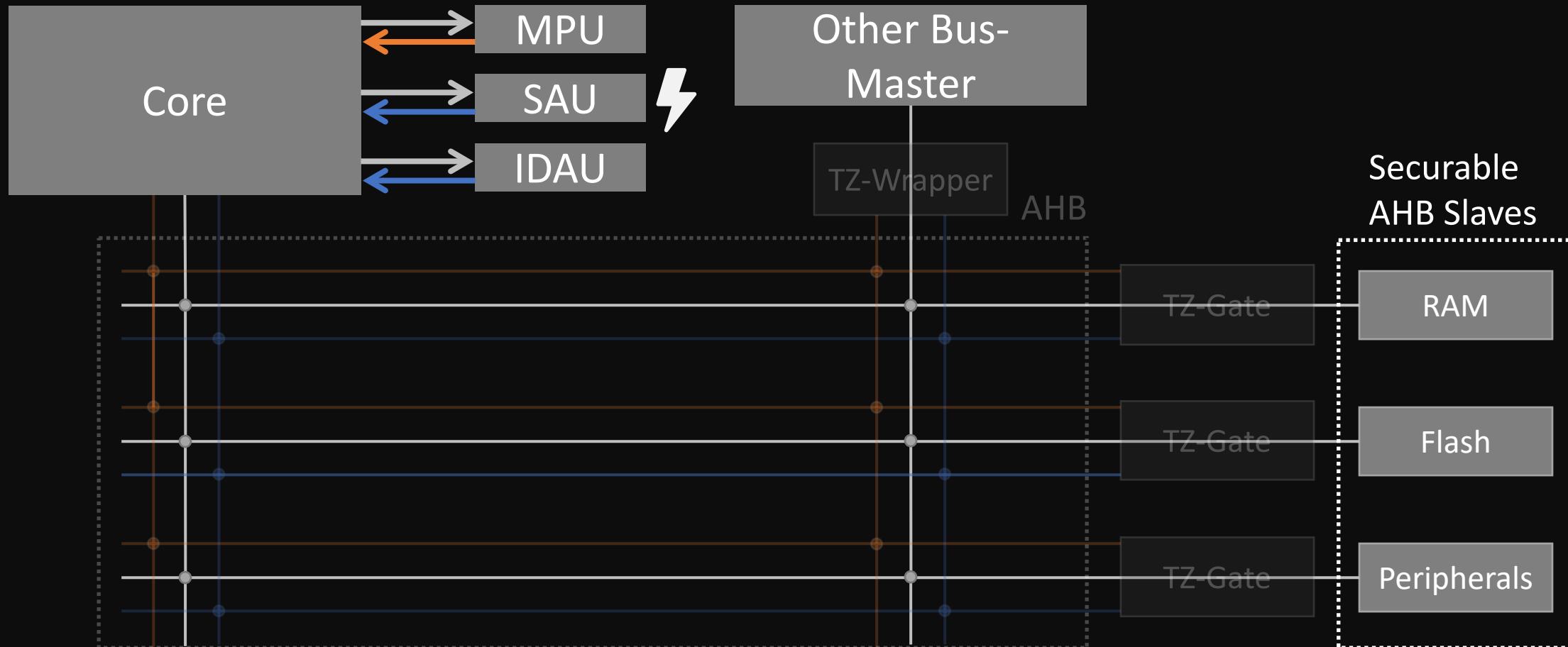
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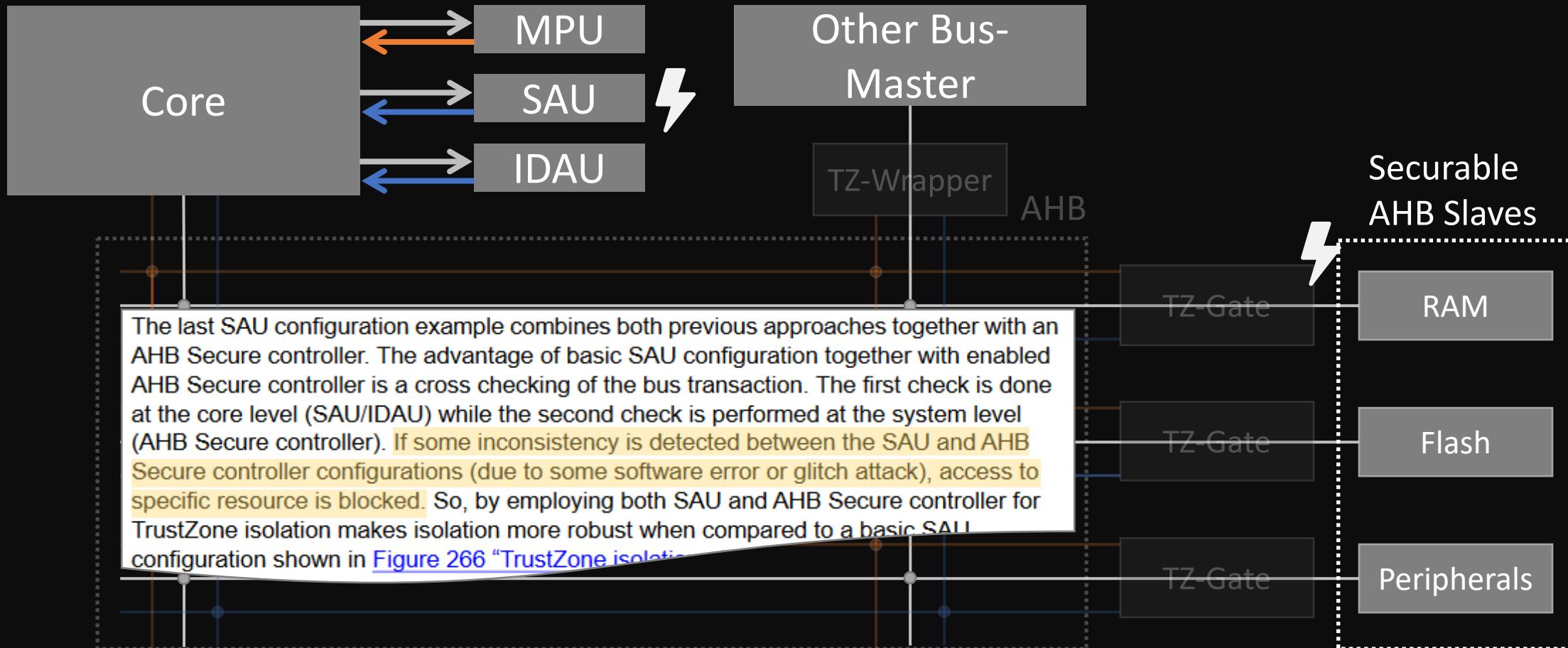
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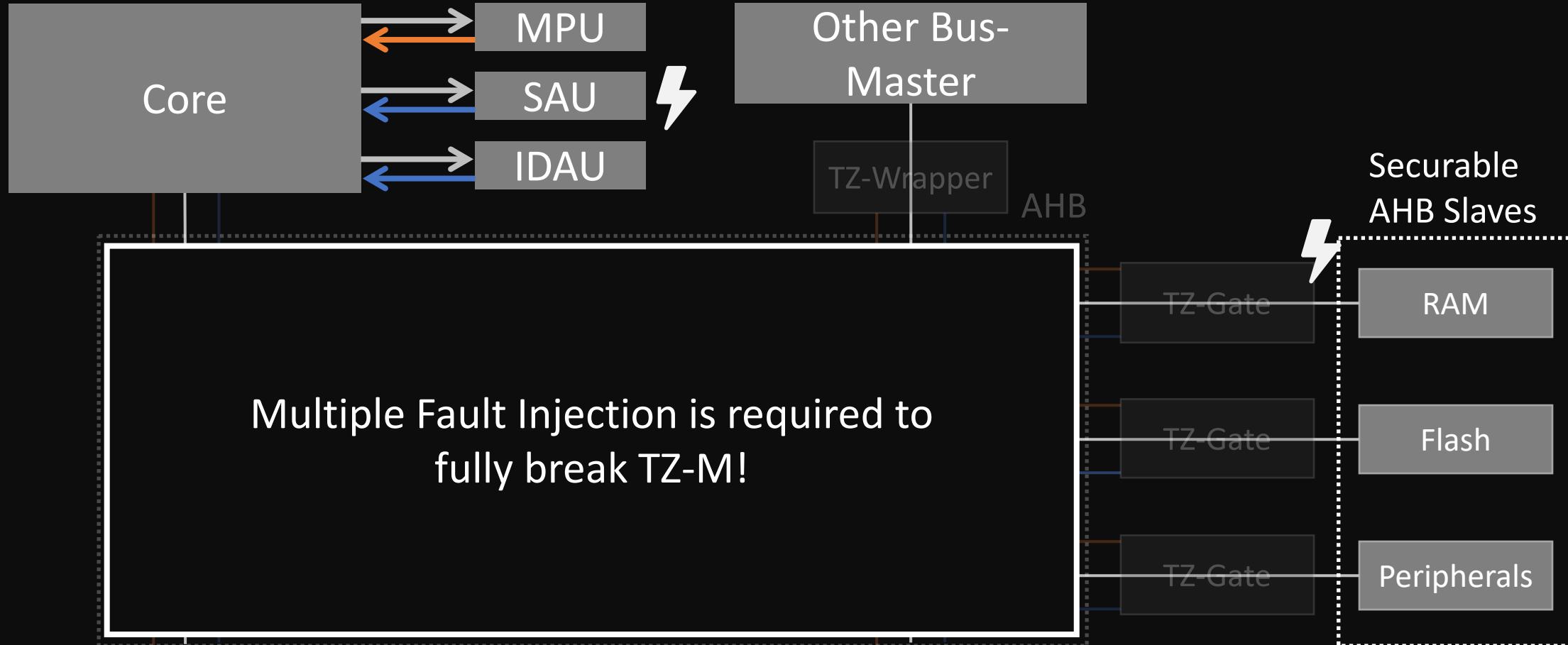
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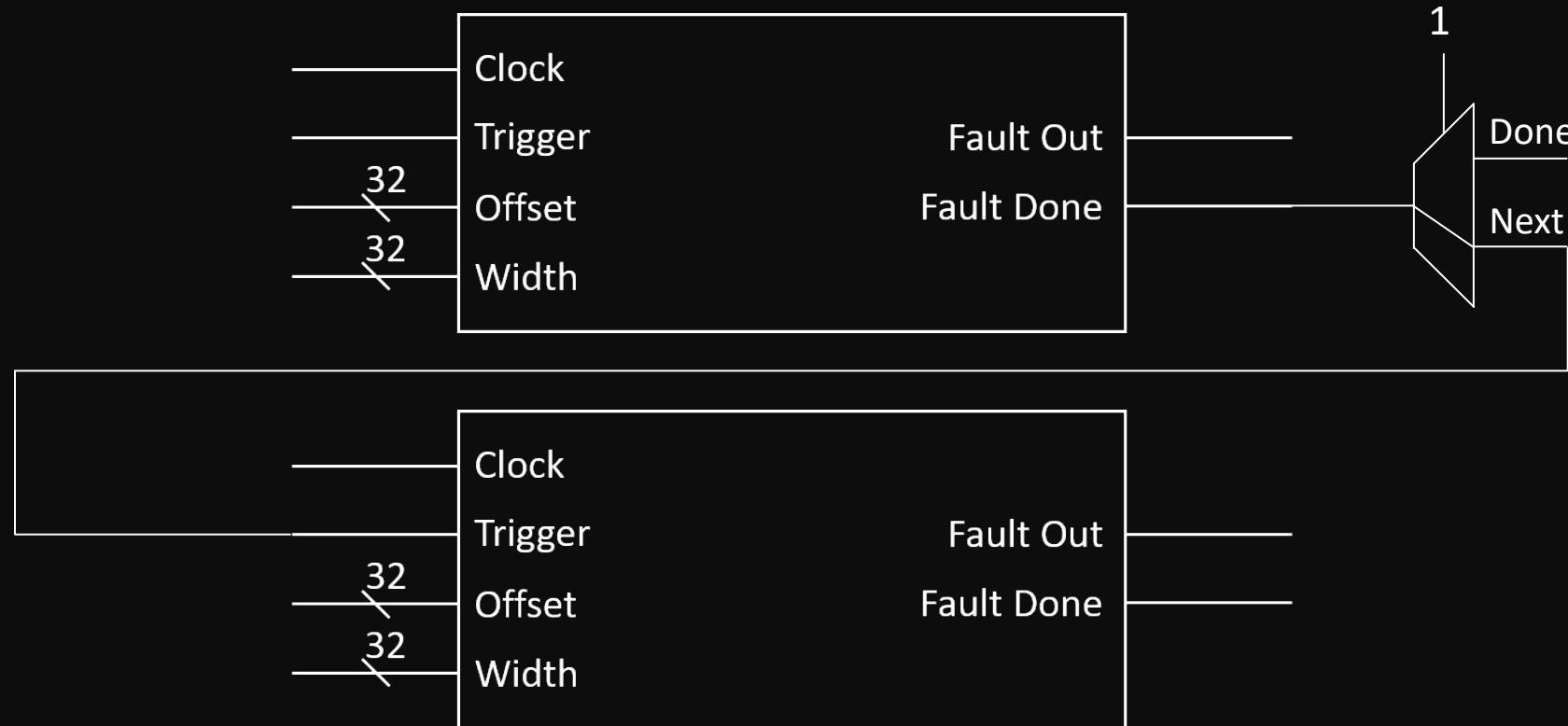


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# Multiple Voltage Fault Hardware

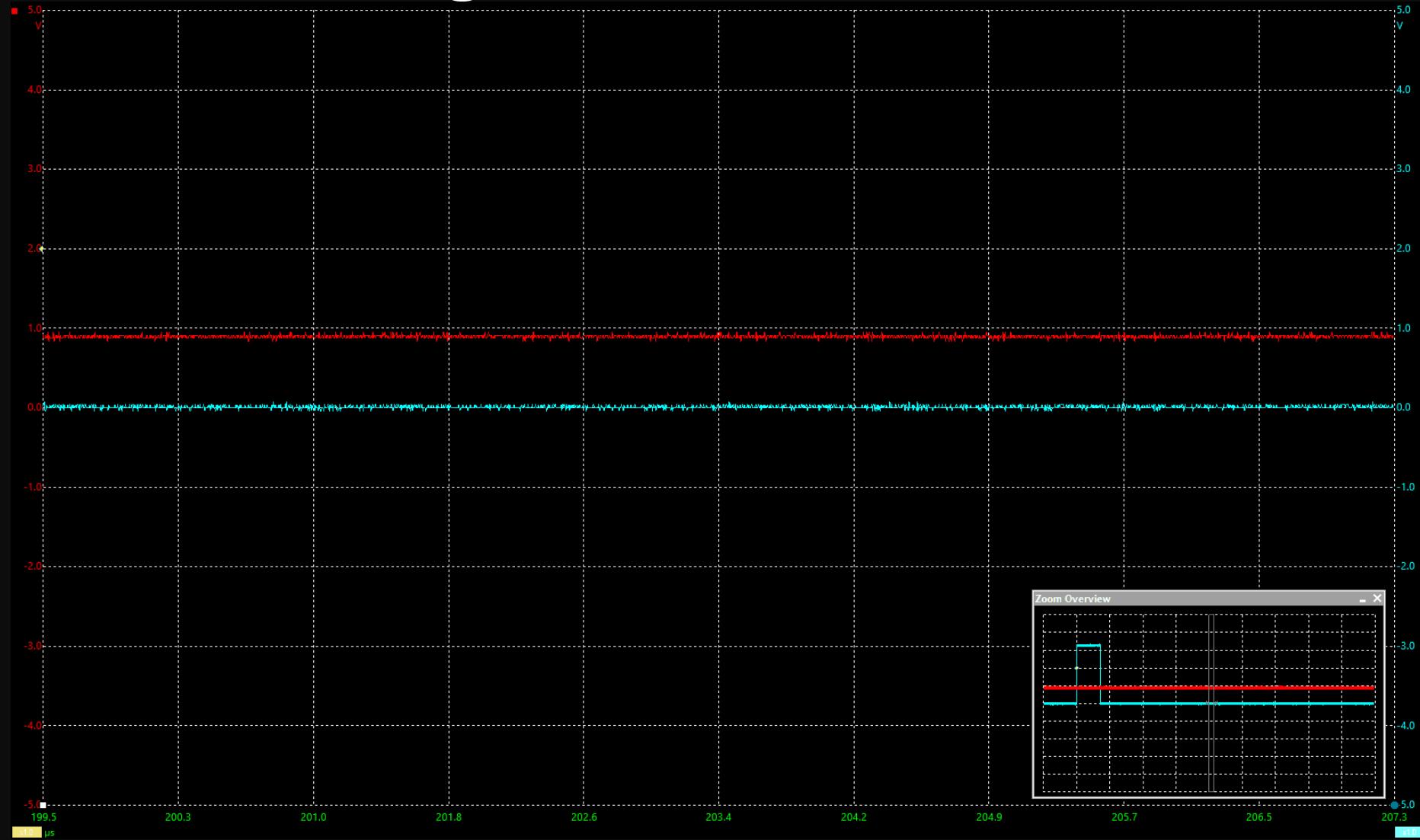
# MVFI Engine



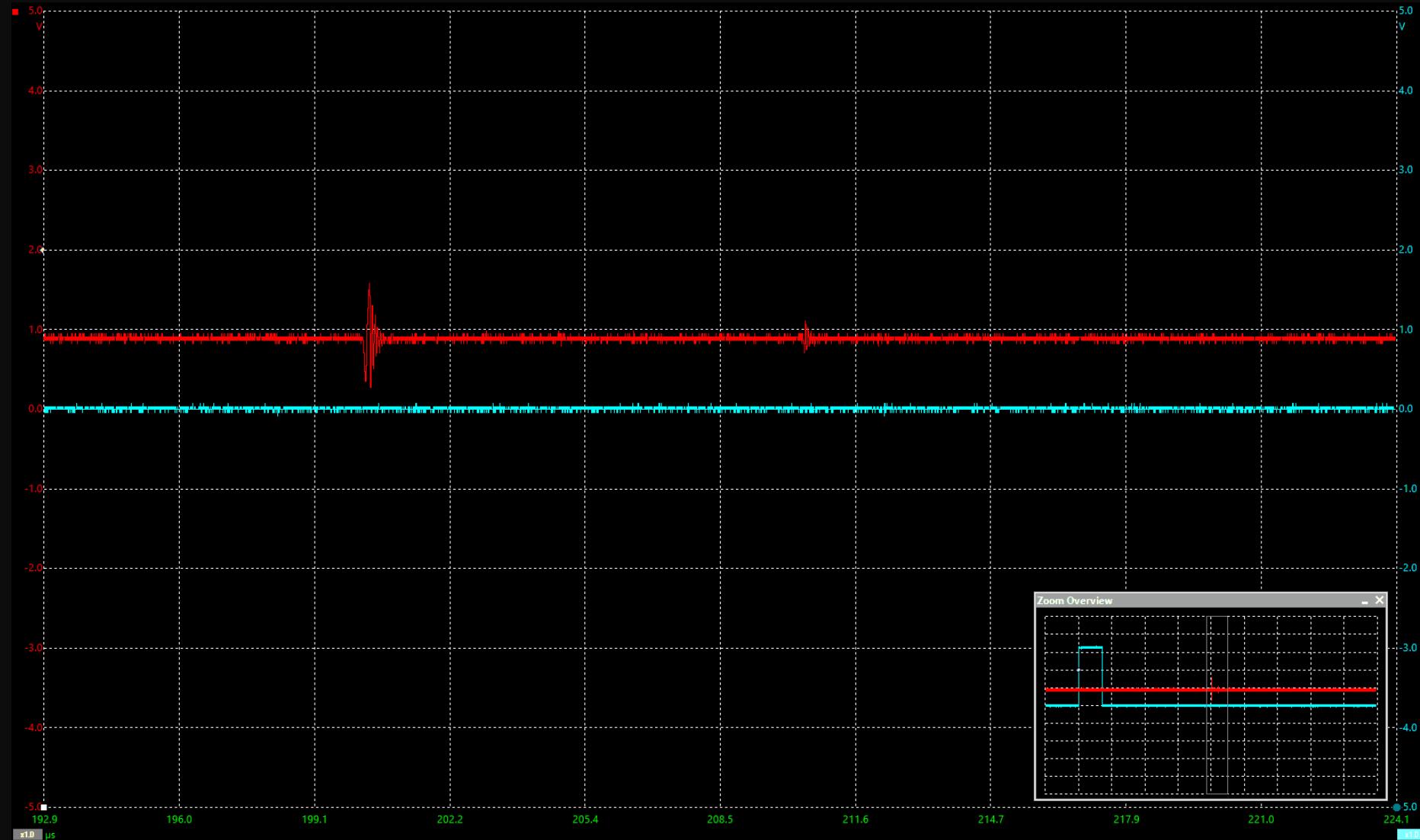
Due to the multiplexers, we are able to change the number of injected faults even after hardware synthesis

# MVFI Parameter Search

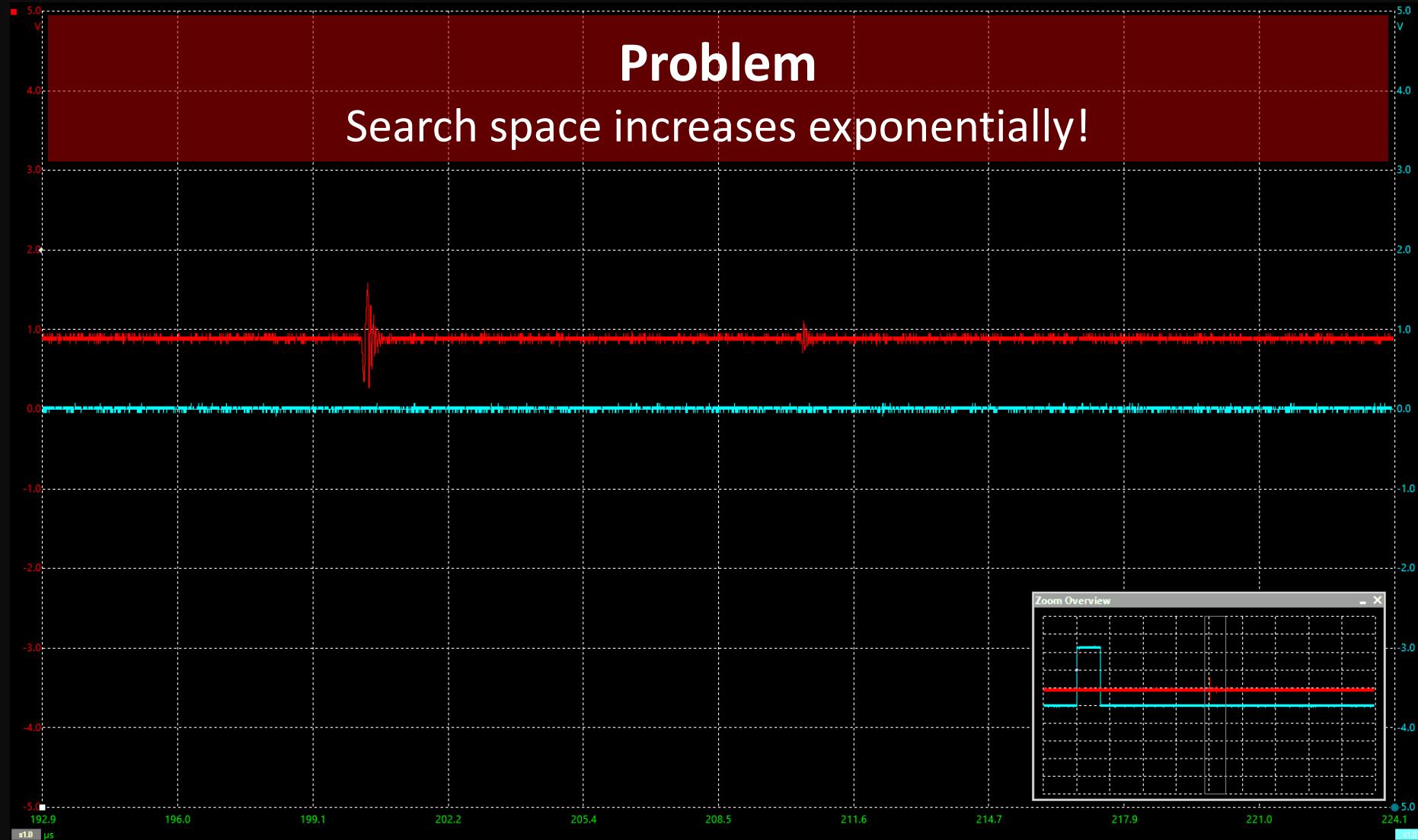
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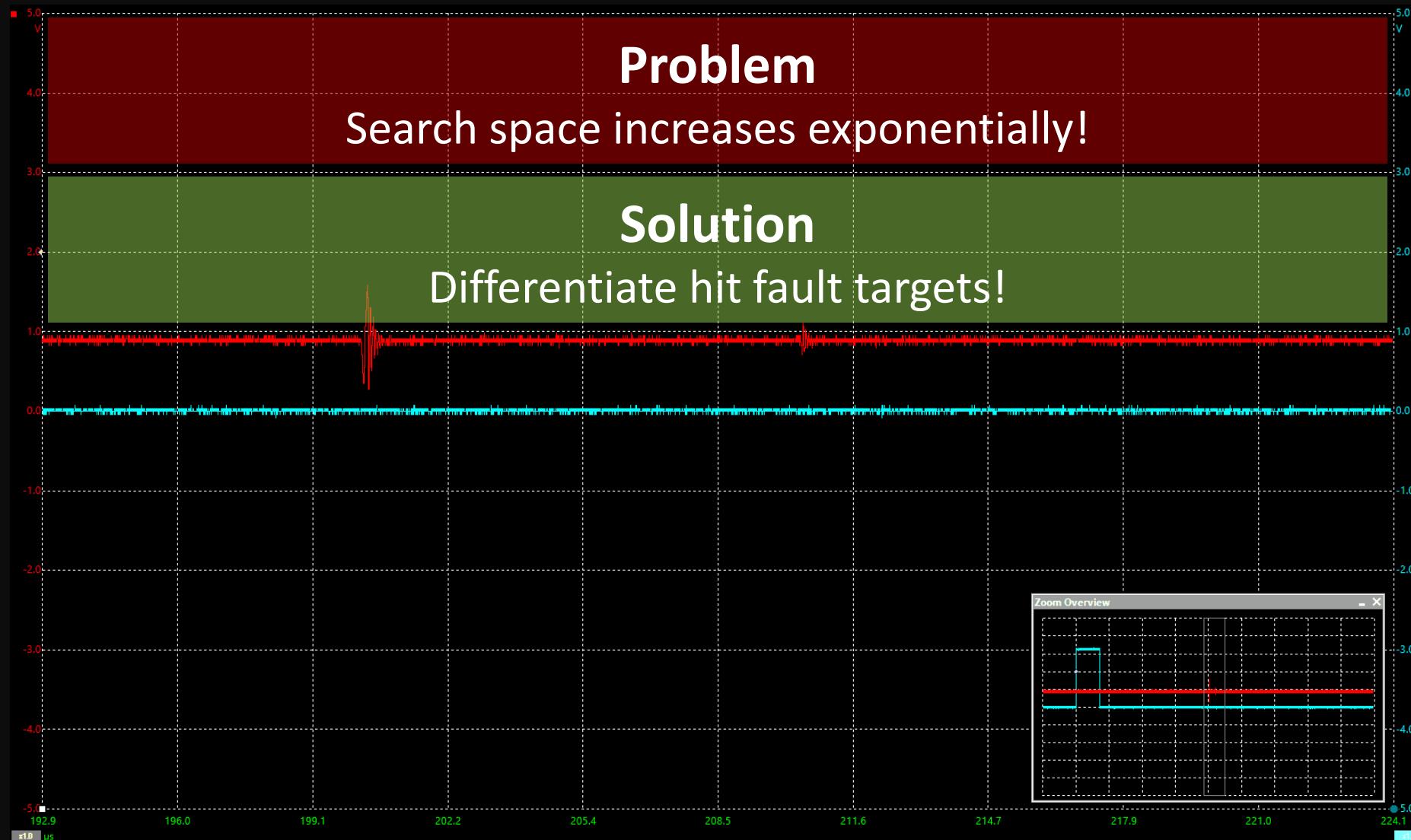
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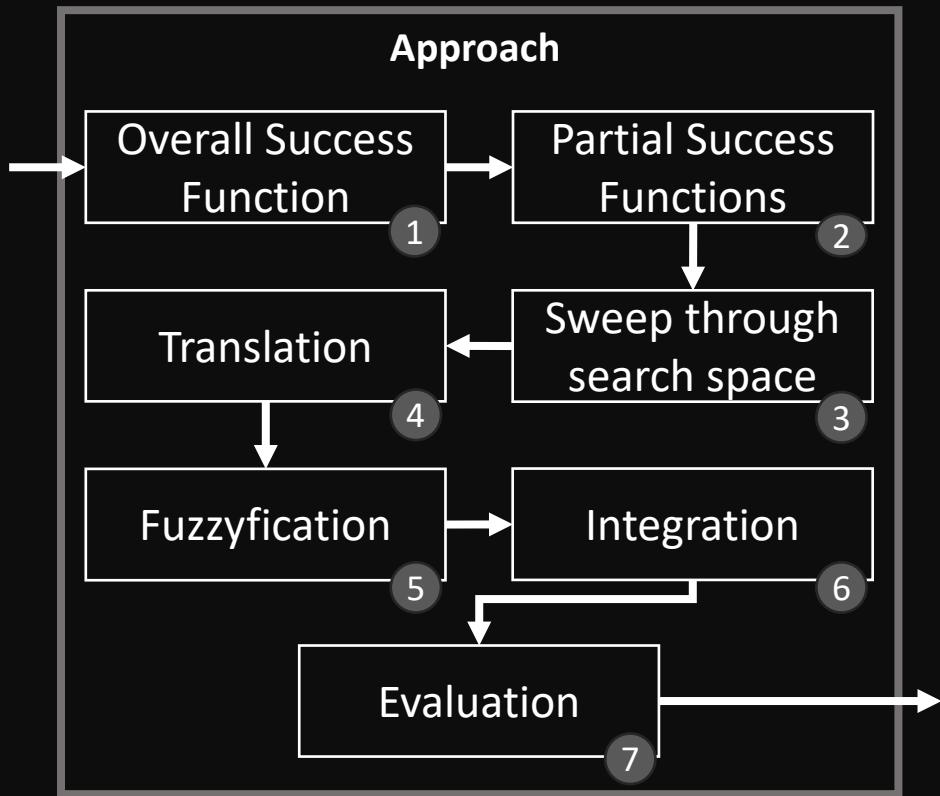
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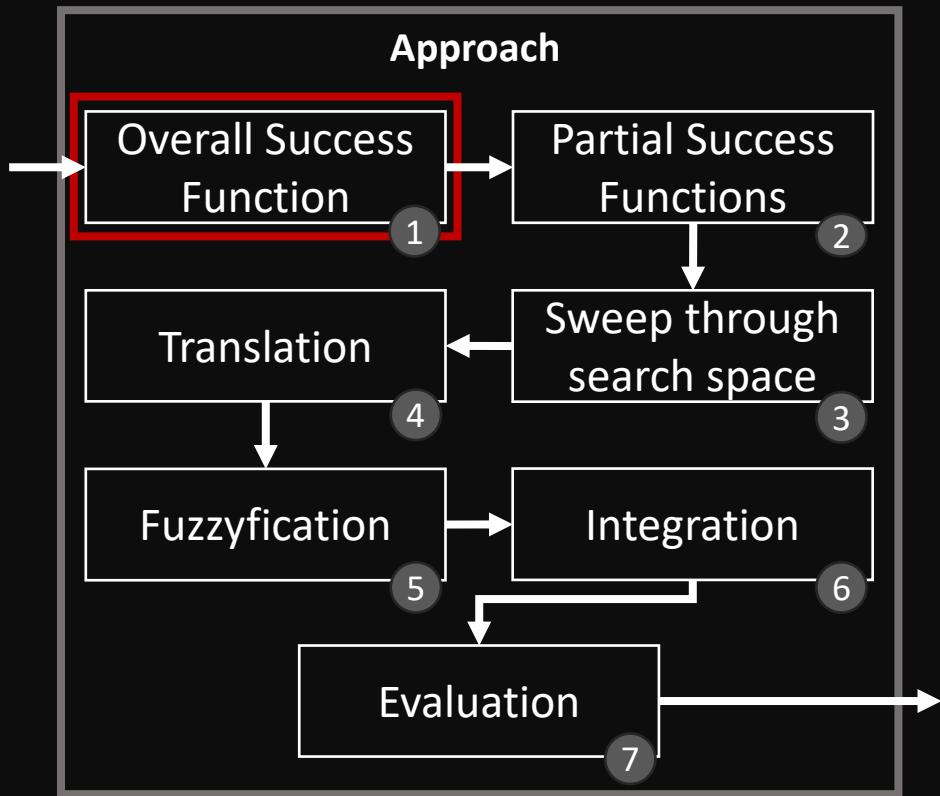
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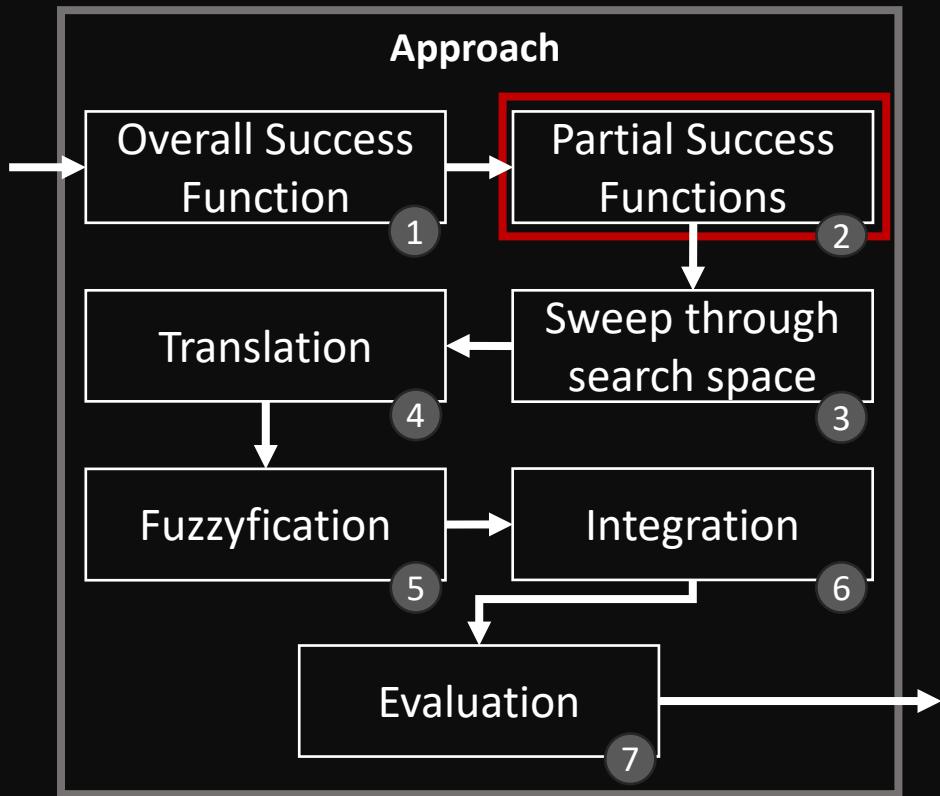


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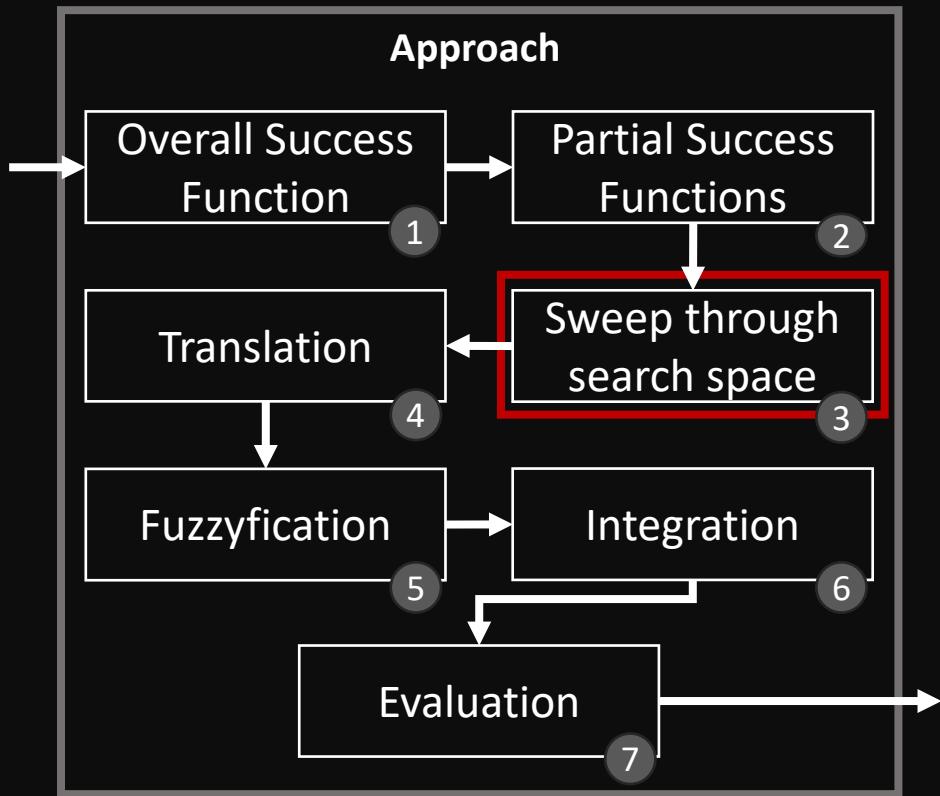
OSF determines if all fault targets have been hit  
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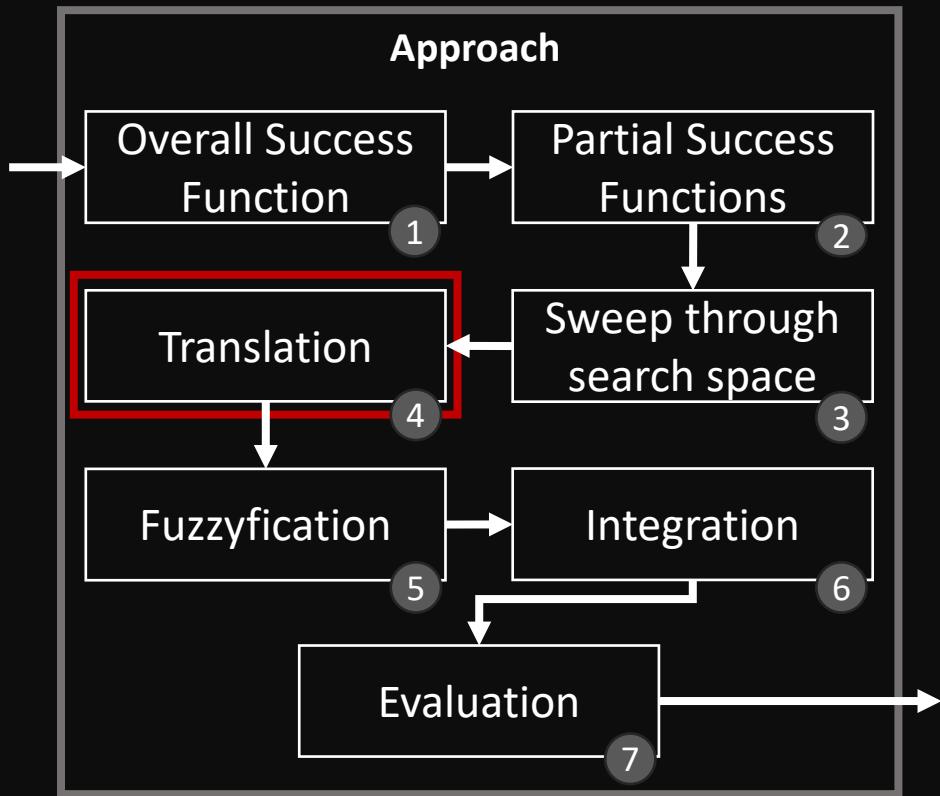
PSFs determine if a specific  
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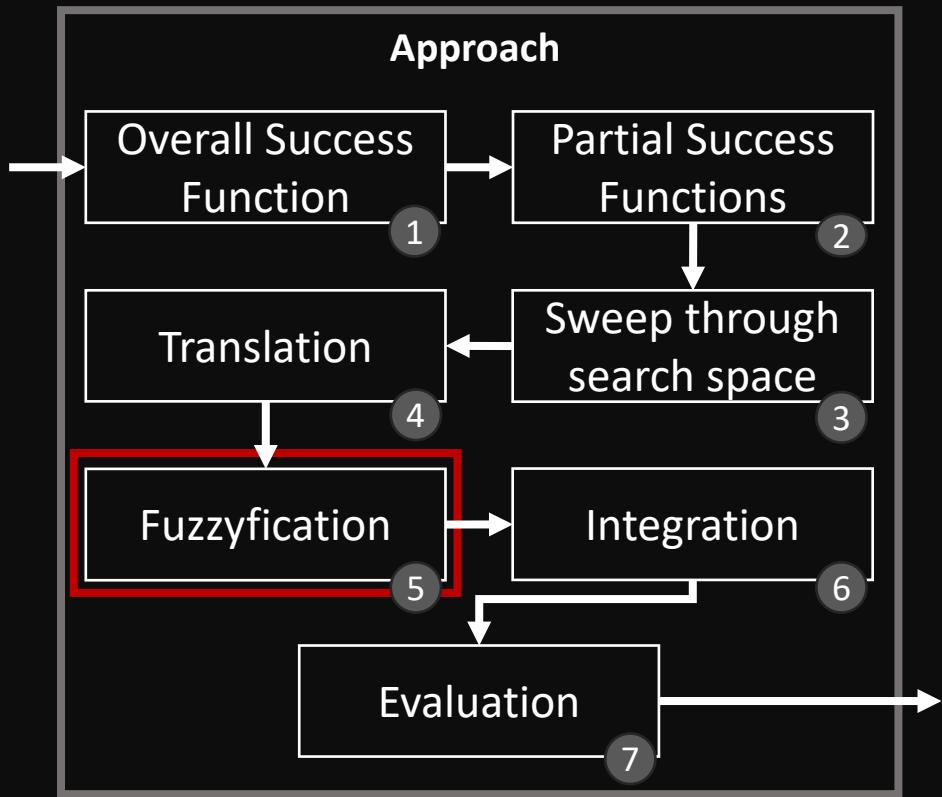
Use a single voltage fault to sweep through search space, record partial successes

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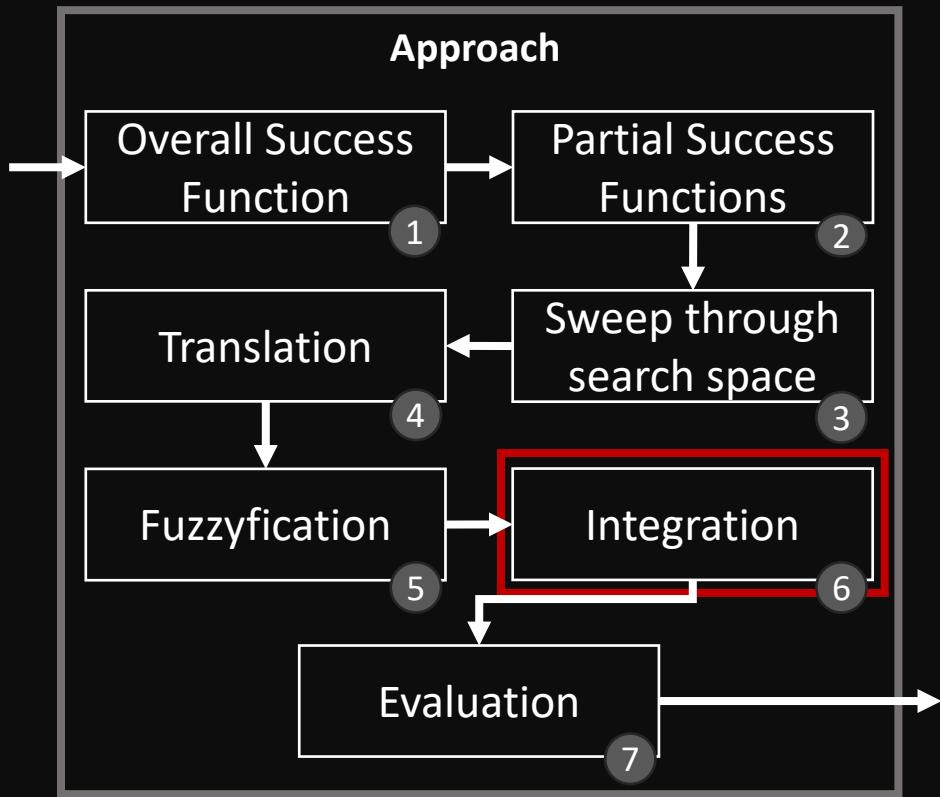
Translate absolute  
parameters into relative  
ones

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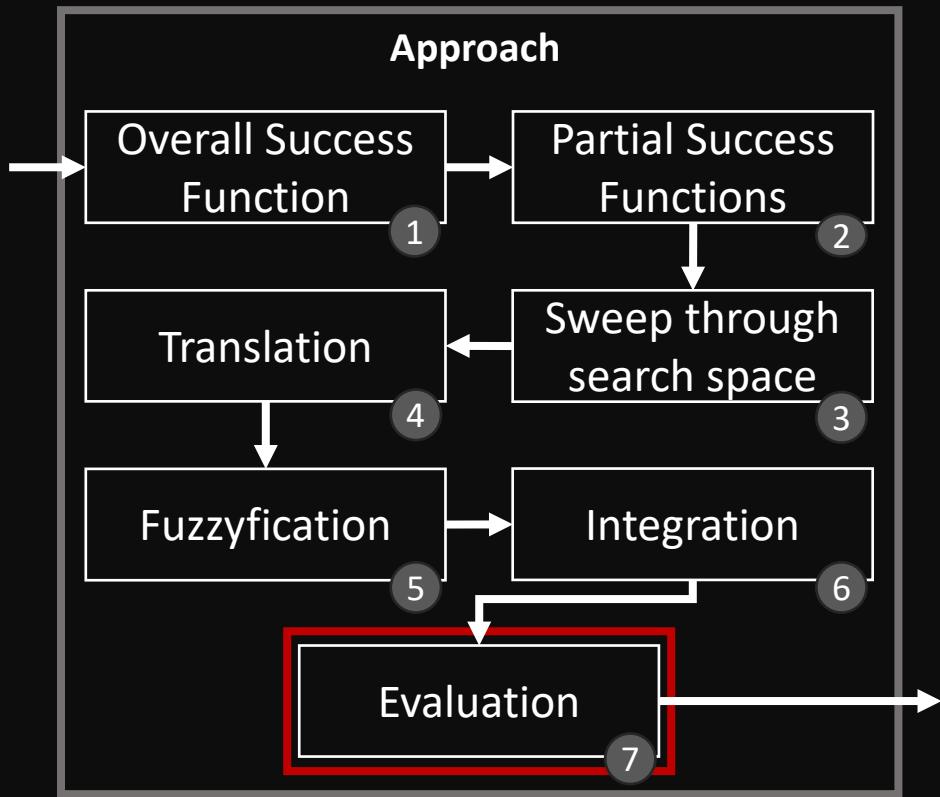
Fuzzify parameter ranges to counter uncertainty

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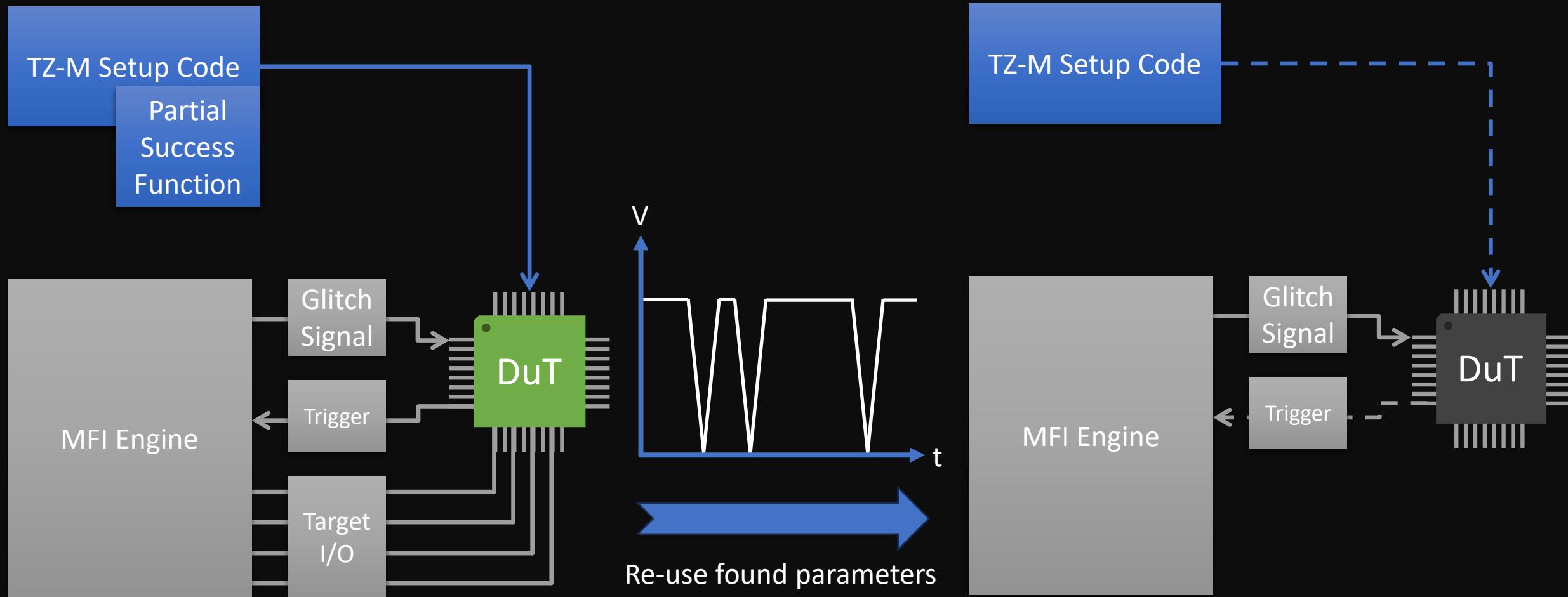
Combined brute-force  
search on small ranges  
generated by fuzzification

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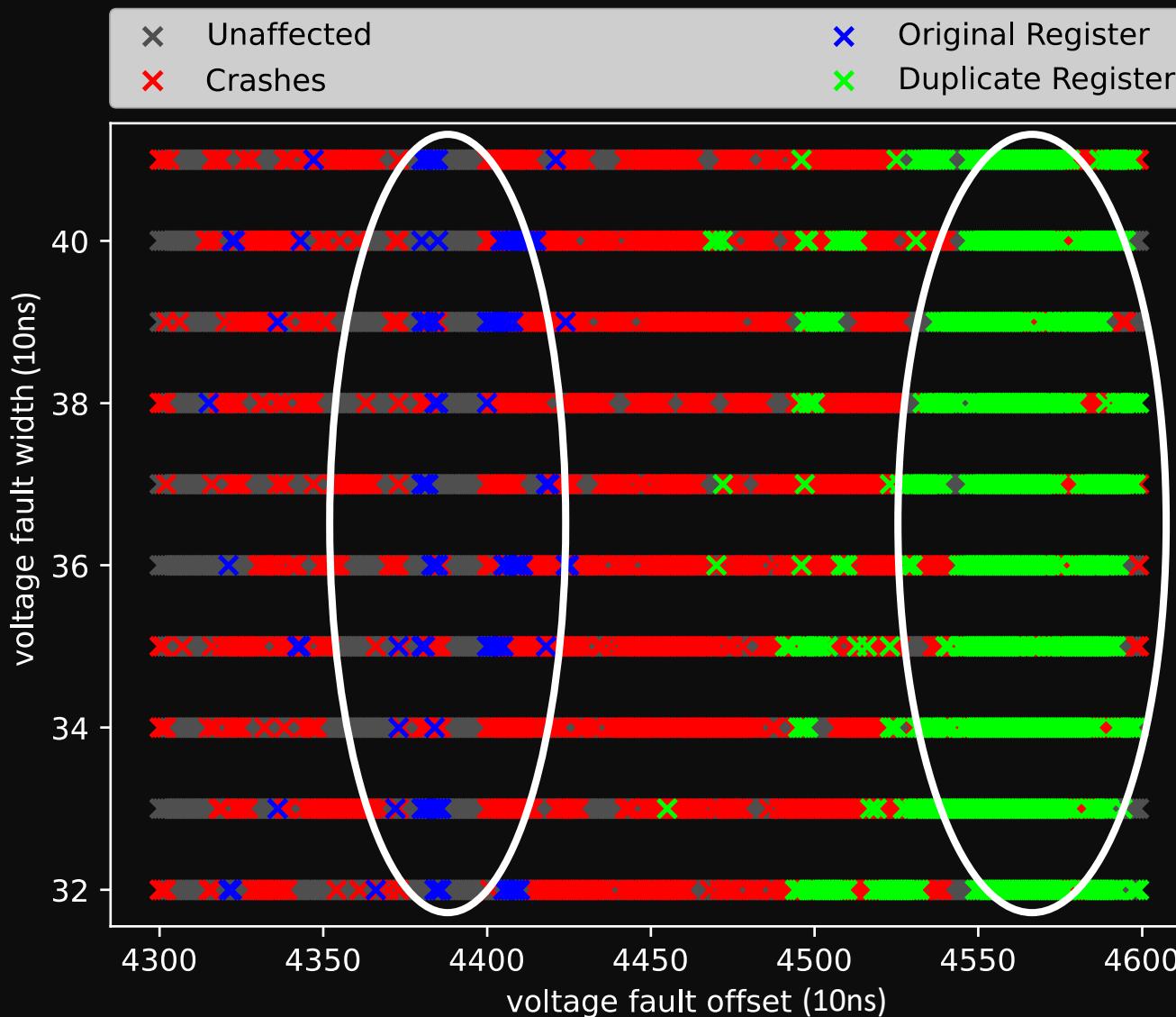
Evaluate findings from integration, check for repeatability

# System Overview

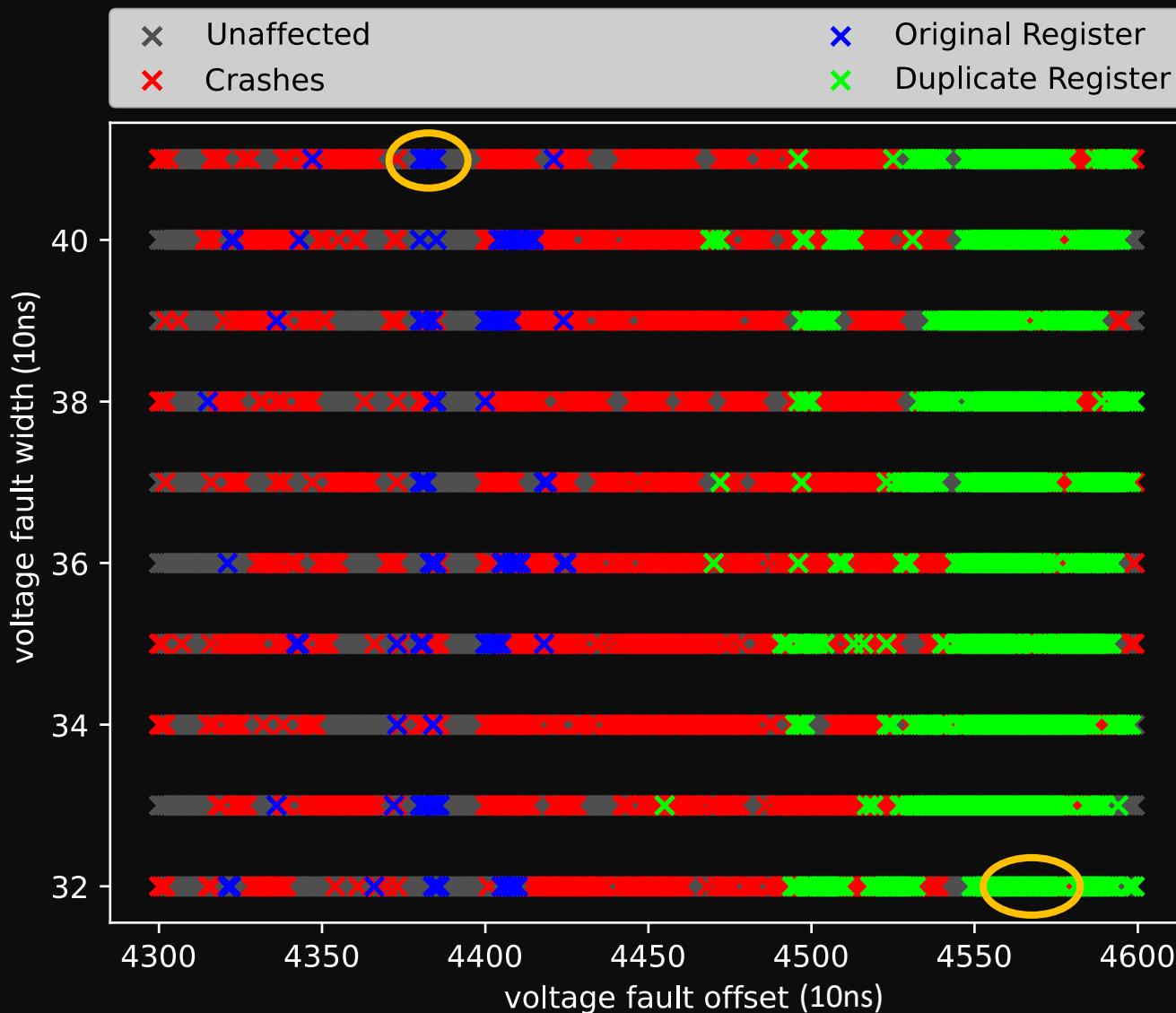


Our attack: Disabling TZ-M

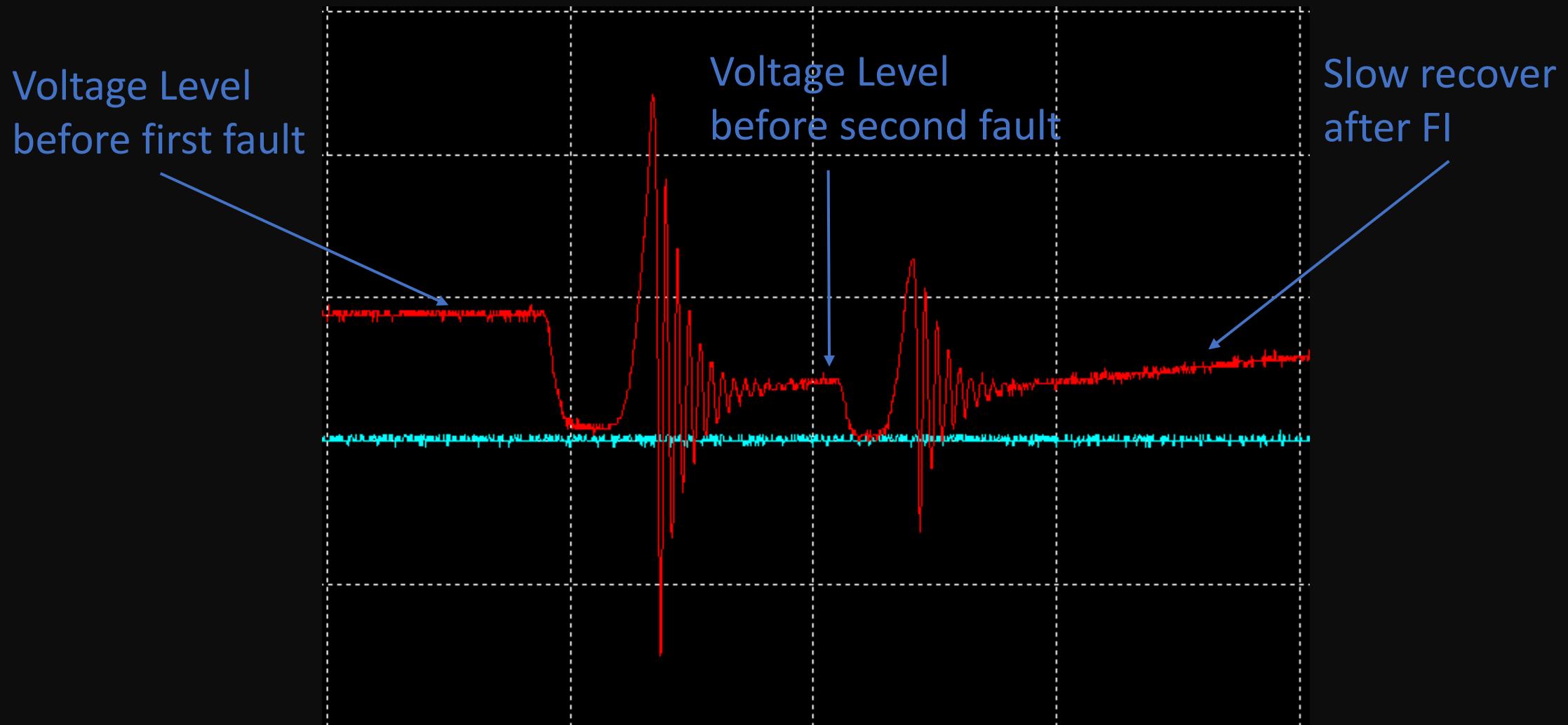
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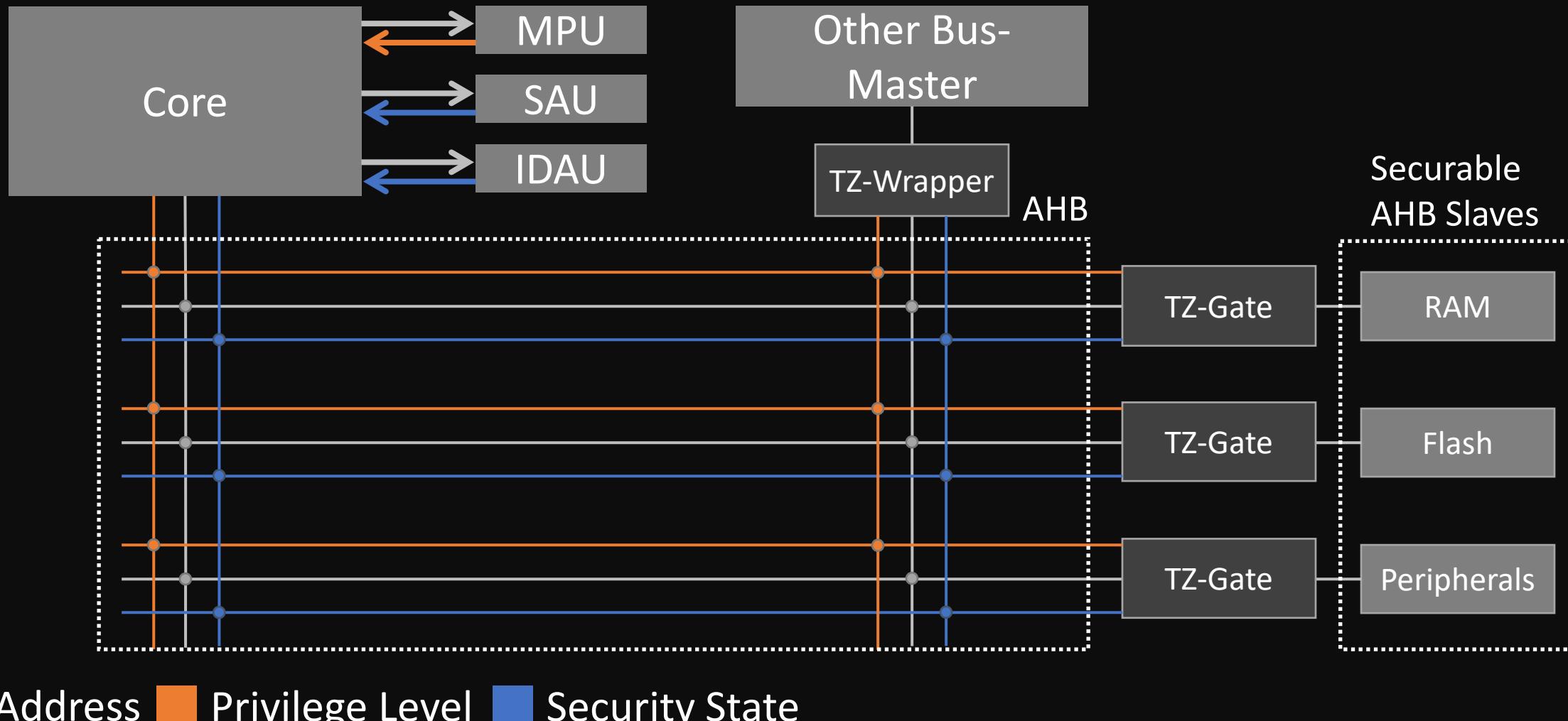
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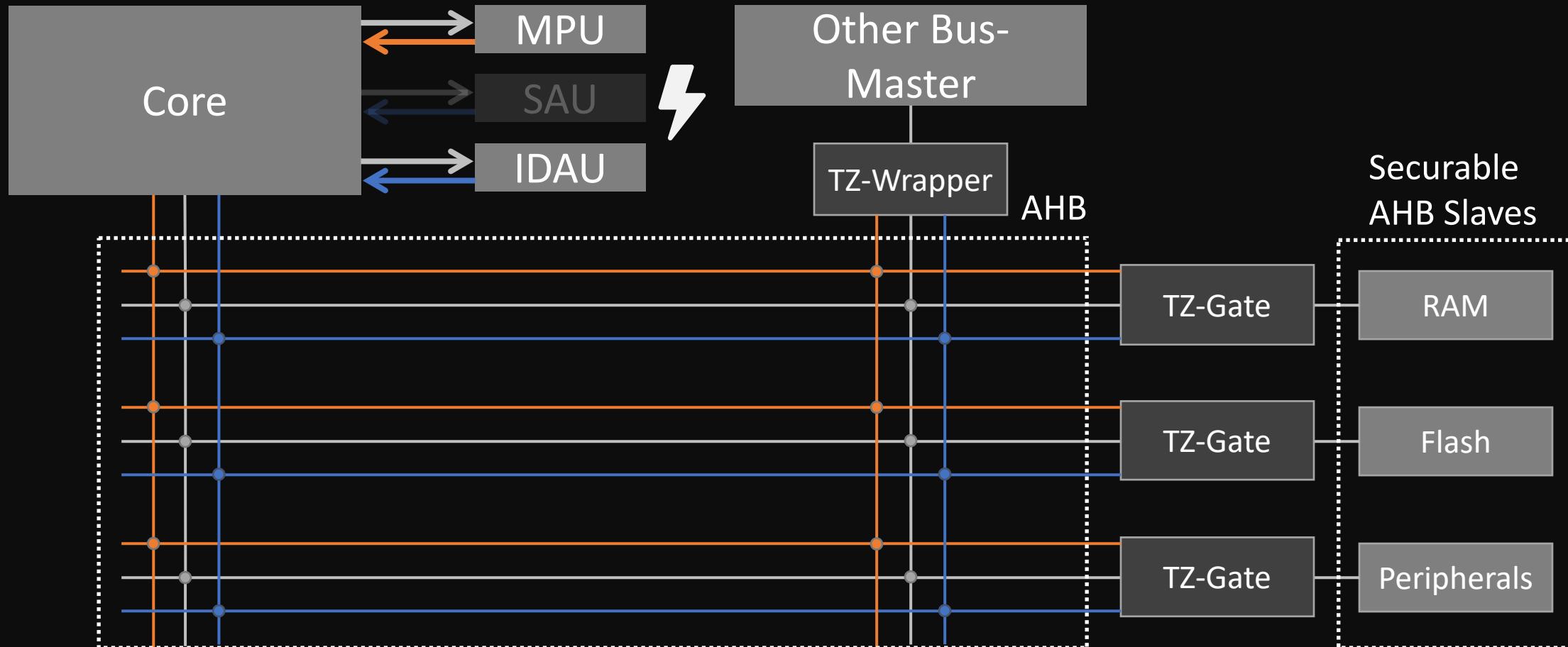
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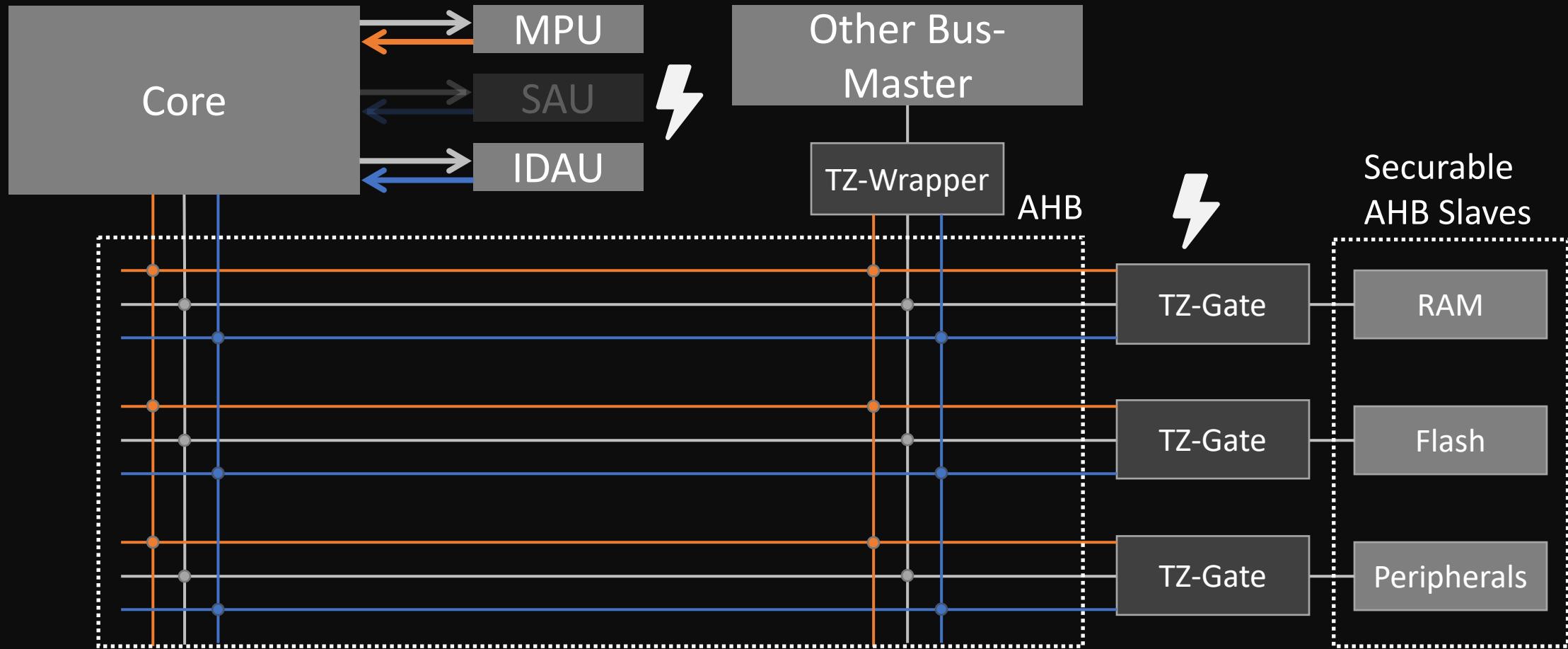
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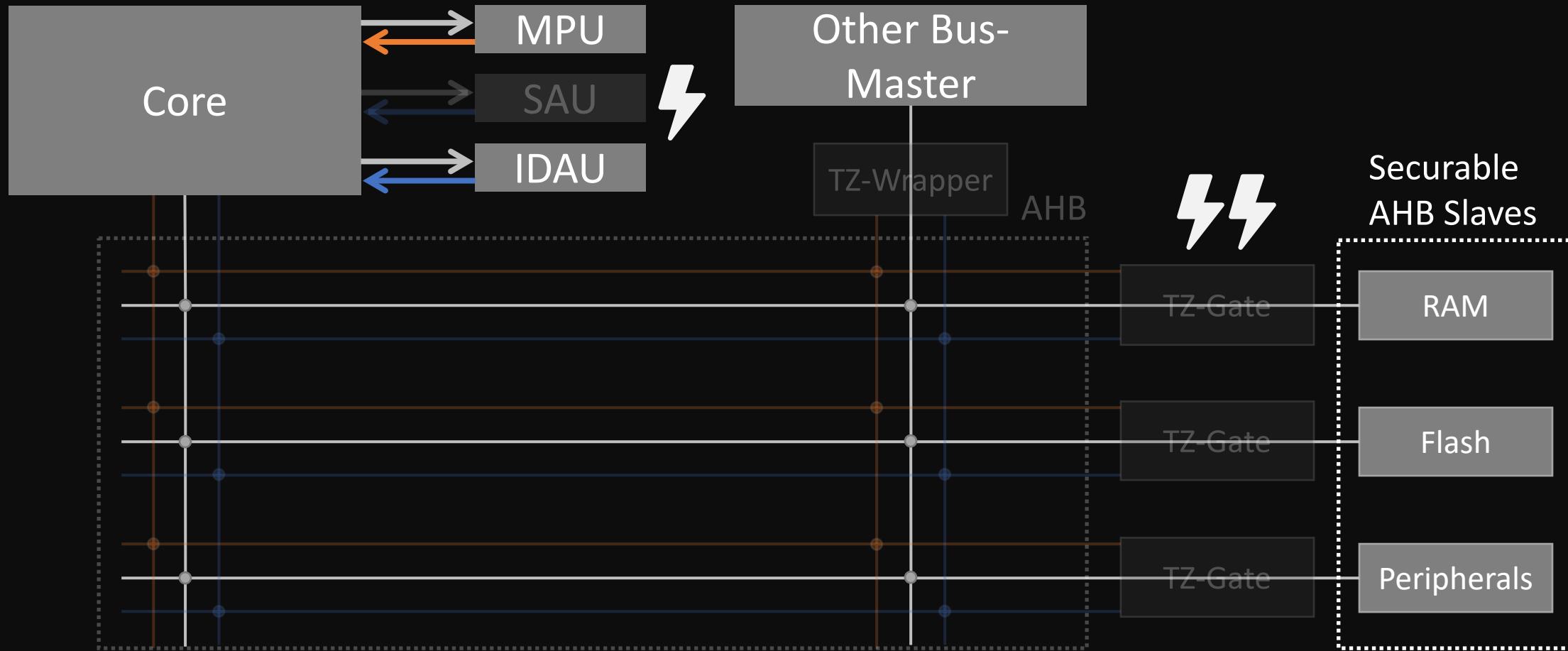
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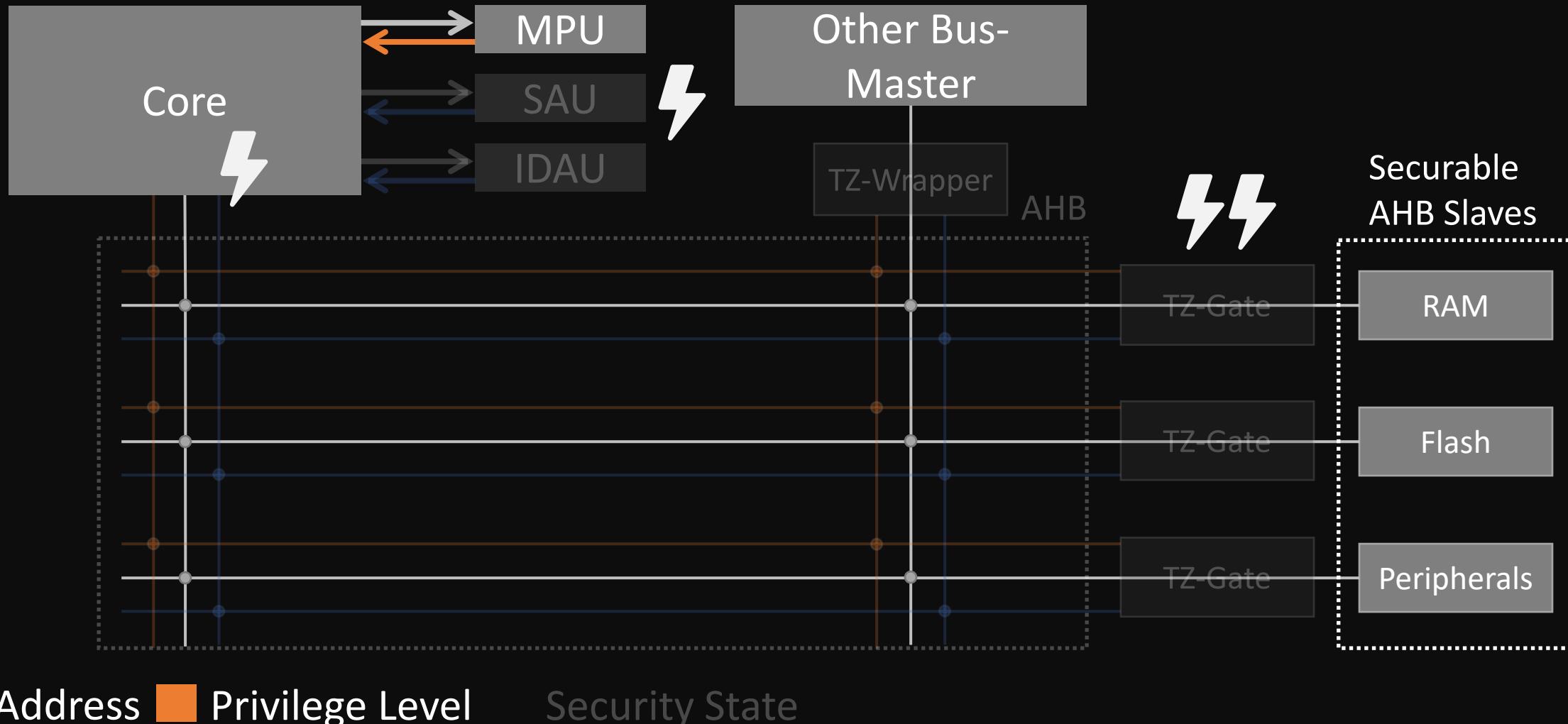
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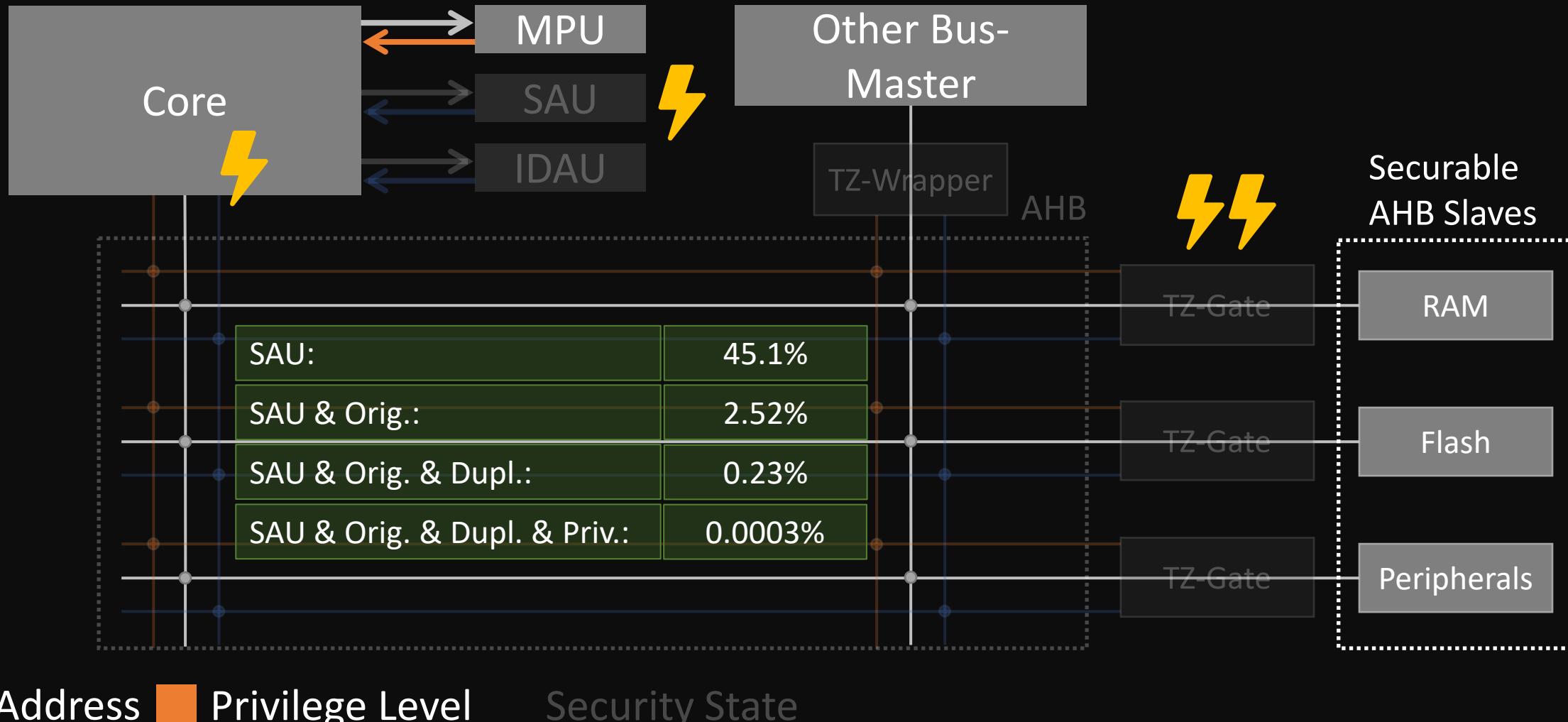
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