

A Primer on Cache Attacks

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Outline

- Mastik
- Flush + Reload
- Prime + Probe

Mastik

- Micro-Architectural Side-channel ToolKit
- <https://github.com/0xADE1A1DE/Mastik>
- Aims:
 - ▶ Collate information on side-channel attacks
 - ▶ Overcome the barrier to entry into the area
 - ▶ Shift focus to cryptanalysis

Mastik: status

- Reasonably solid implementation of four attacks:
 - ▶ Prime+Probe (L1-D, L1-I, L3)
 - ▶ Flush+Reload
 - ▶ Flush+Flush
 - ▶ CacheBleed
- Only Intel x86-64 on Linux
- Limited documentation and testing
- No user feedback

Computer Revolution

Processor speed Memory latency

1977



1 MHz

500 ns

2020



20 × 3700 MHz

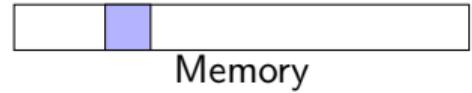
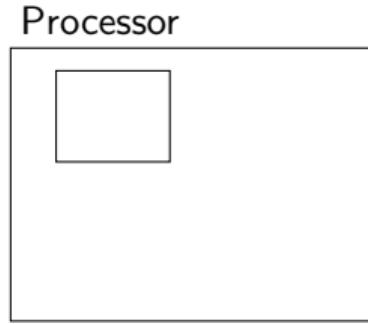
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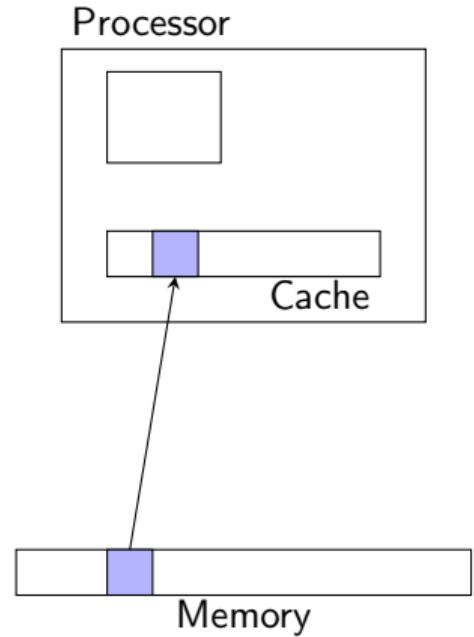
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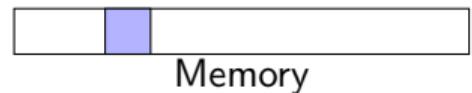
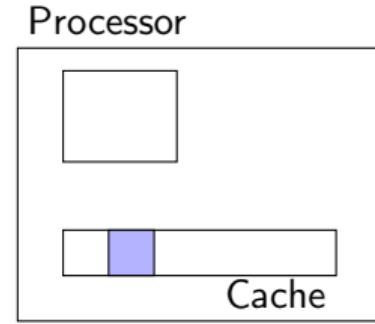
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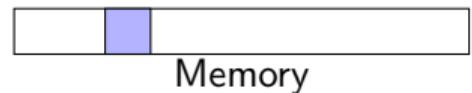
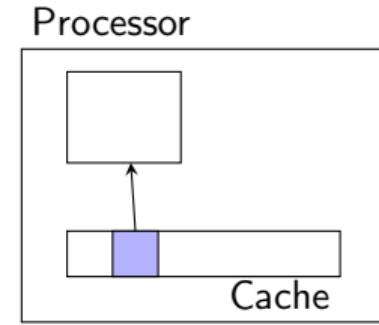
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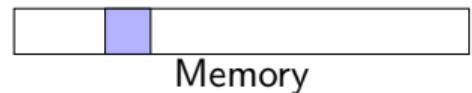
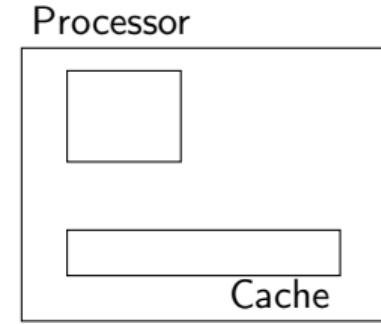
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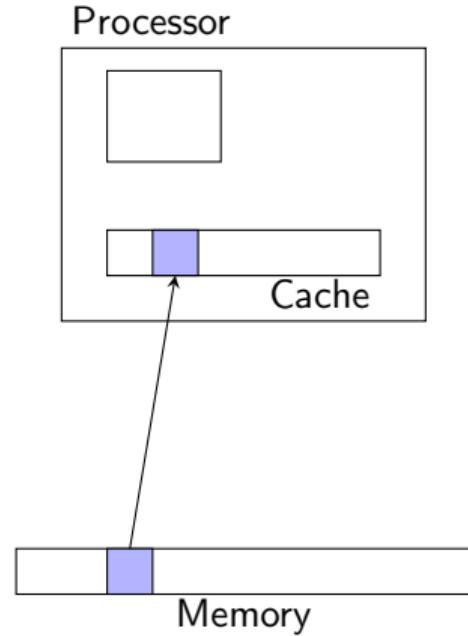
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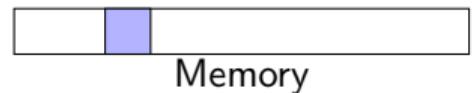
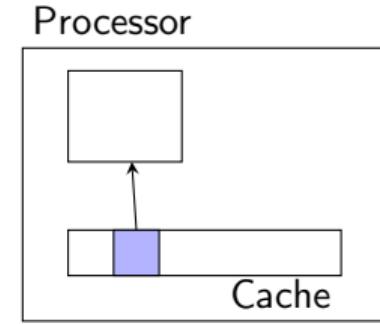
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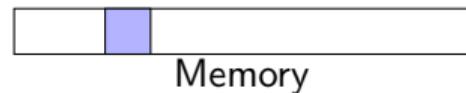
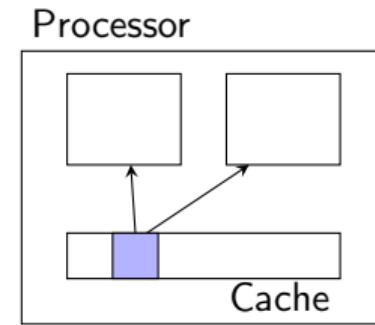
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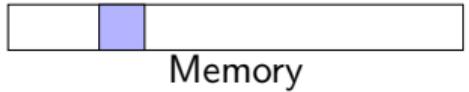
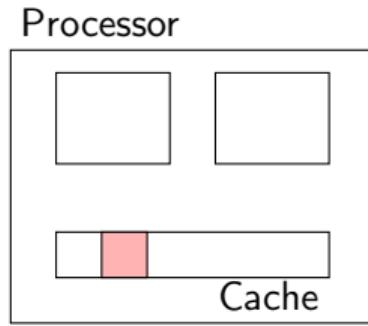
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 - ▶ improve performance of multi-core processors



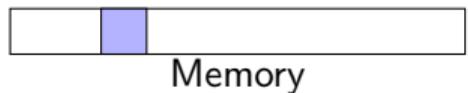
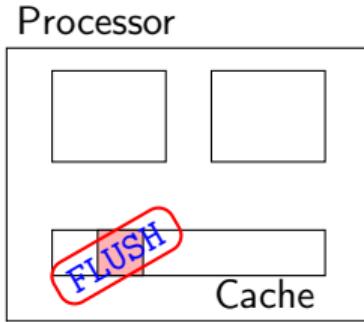
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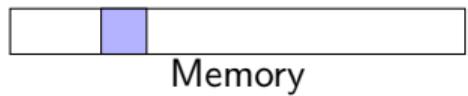
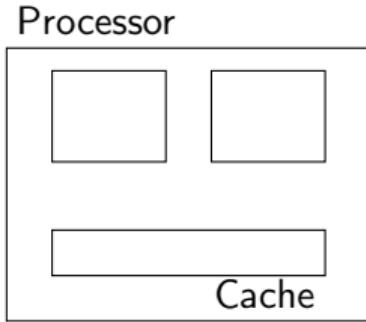
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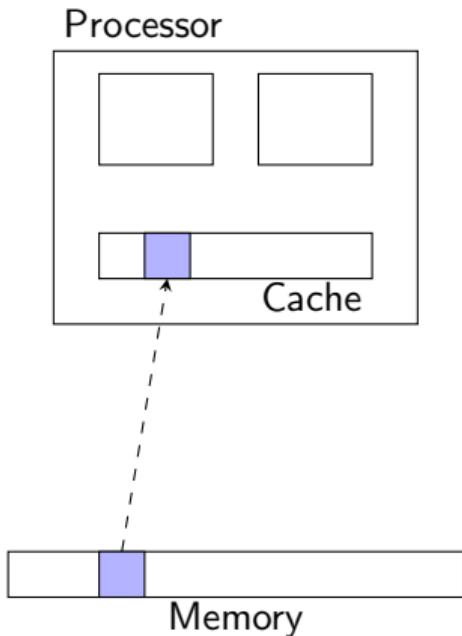
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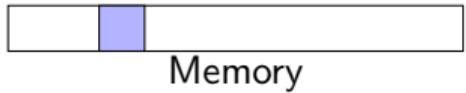
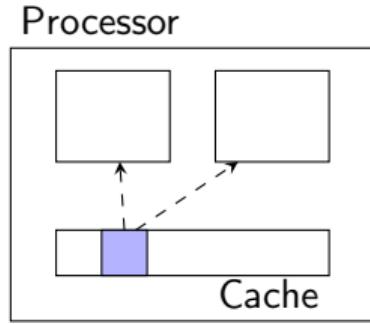
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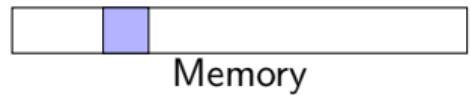
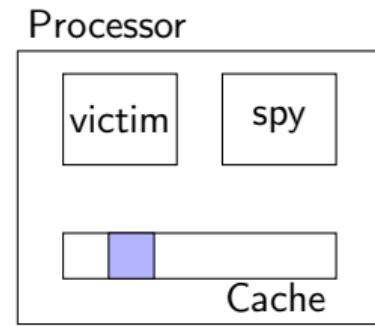
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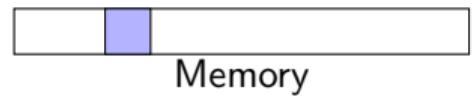
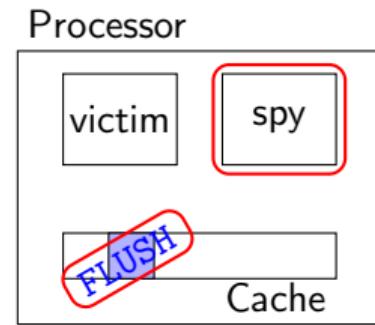
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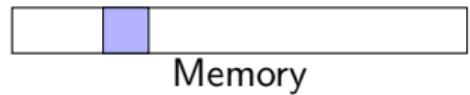
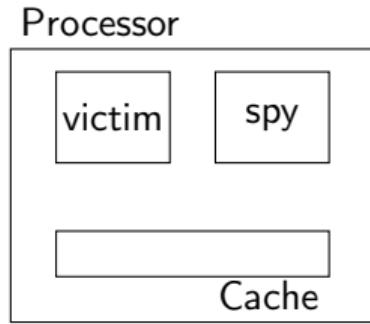
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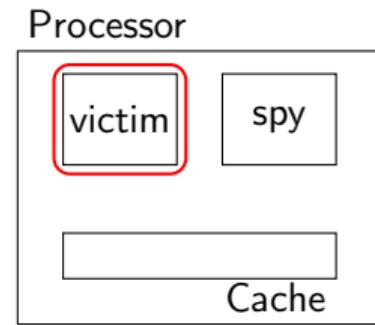
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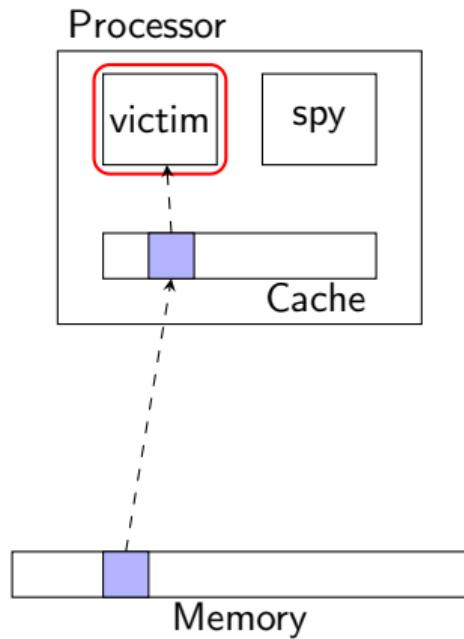
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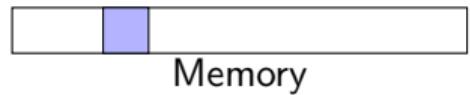
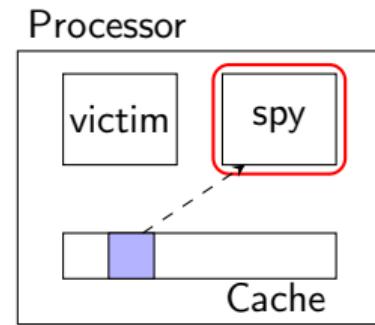
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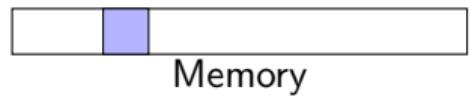
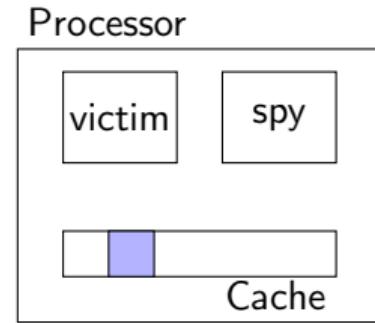
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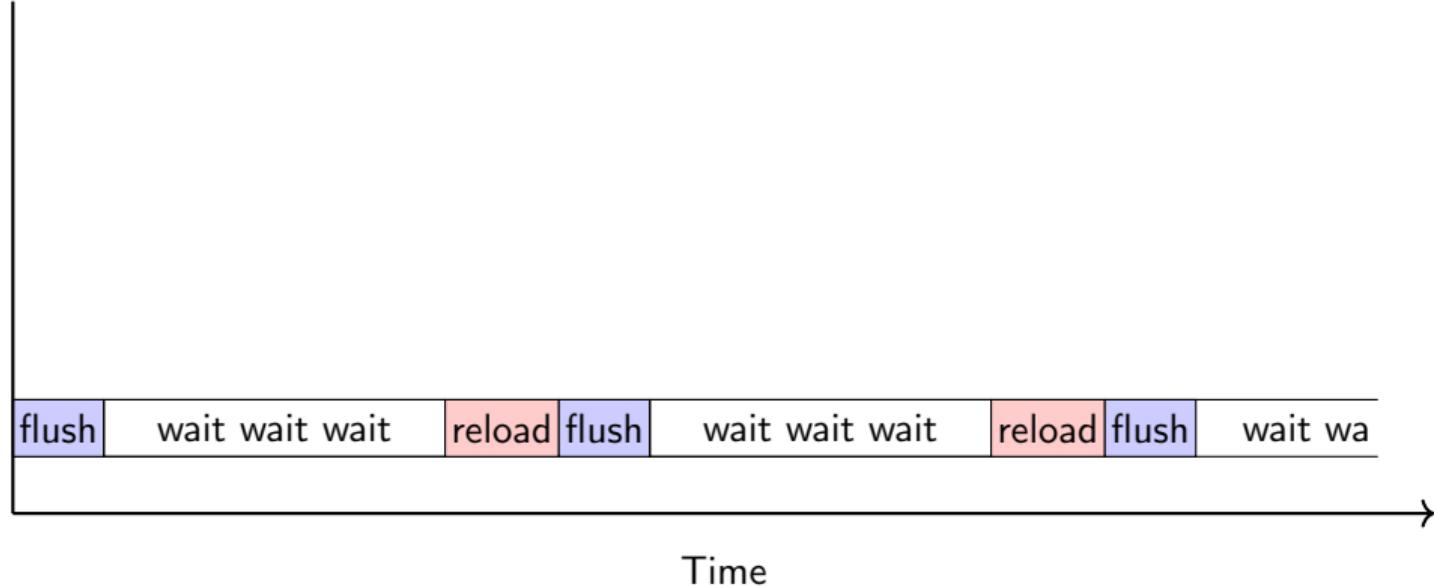
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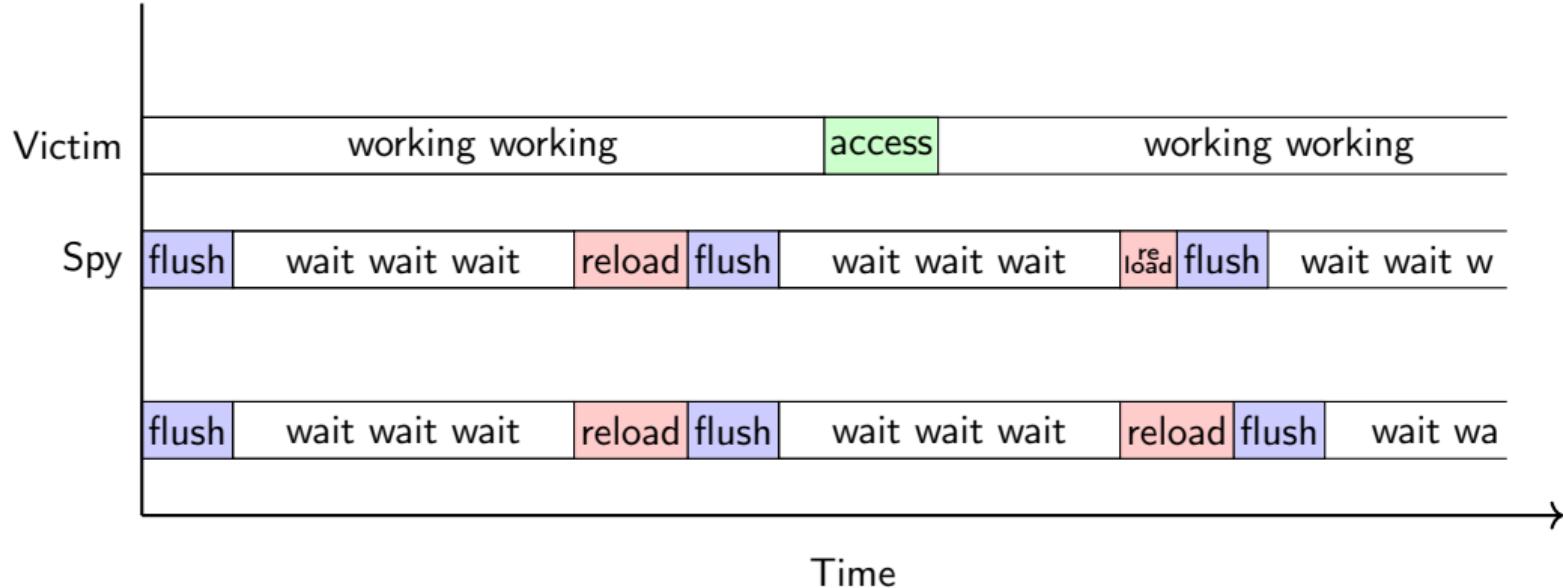
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Flush + Reload: code

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mfence          ; ensure in-order execution  
rdtscp          ; get start time  
mov %eax, %esi    ; store start time  
mov (%ebx), %eax    ; access memory  
rdtscp          ; get finish time  
sub %esi, %eax    ; subtract start and finish time  
clflush 0 (%ebx)    ; flush cache line
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Flush + Reload: demo1

- FR-access

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- FR-gnupg-1.4.13

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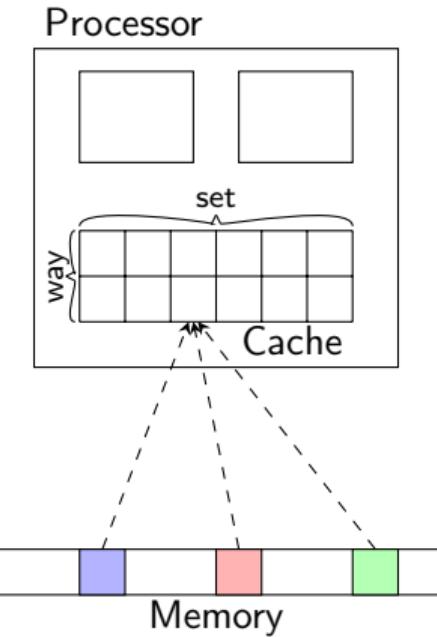
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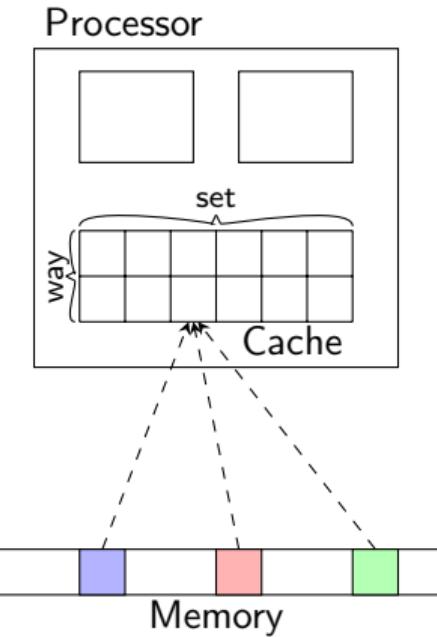
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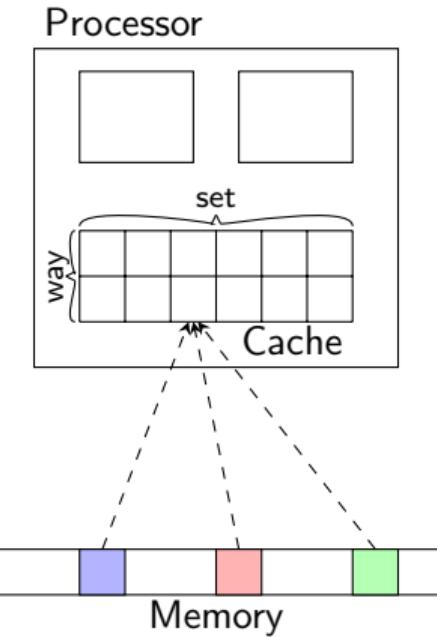
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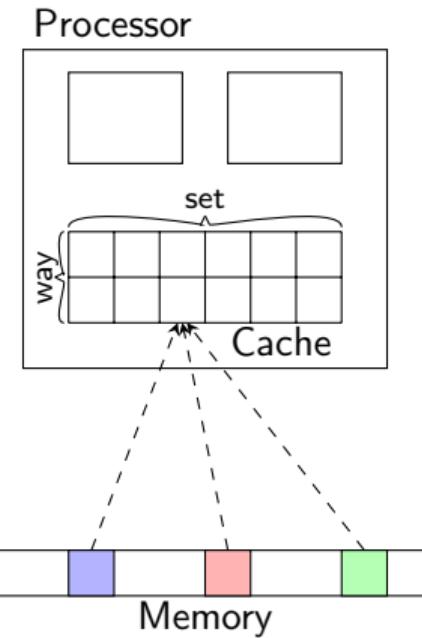
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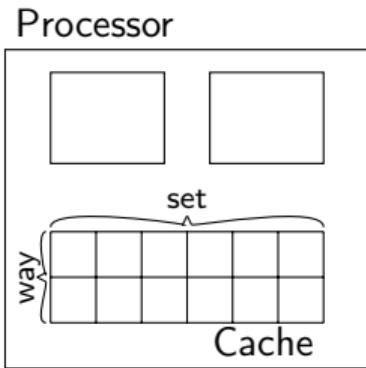
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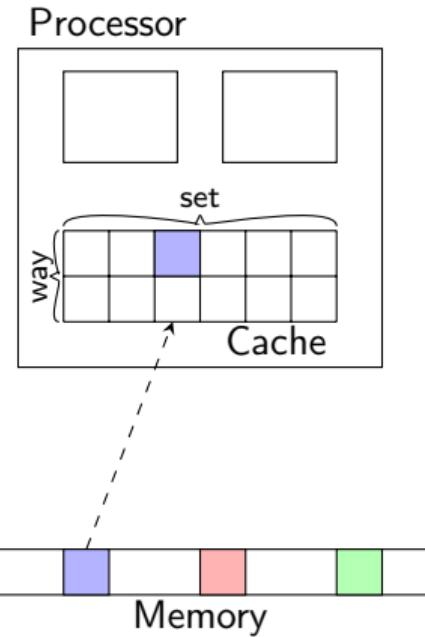
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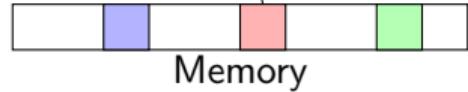
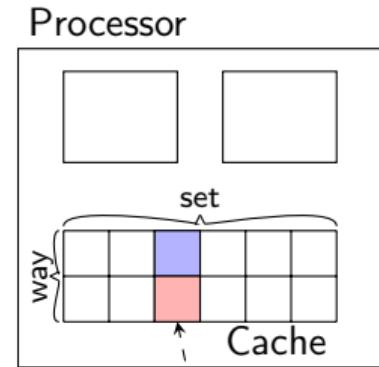
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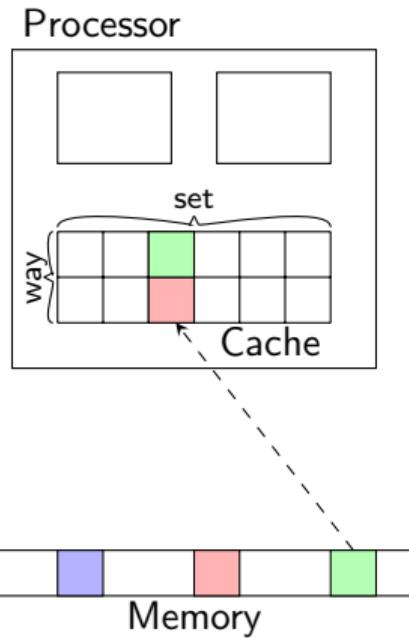
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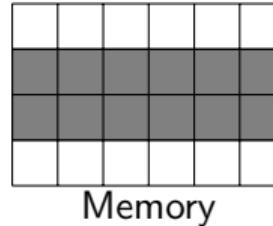
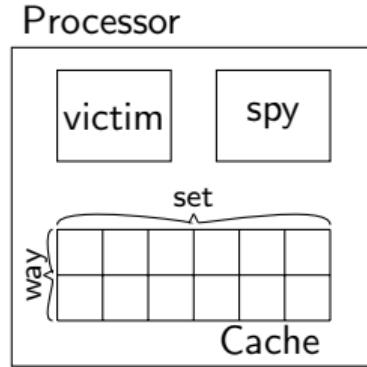
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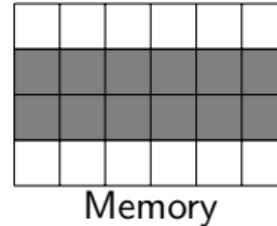
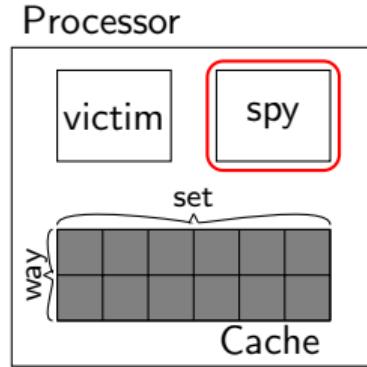
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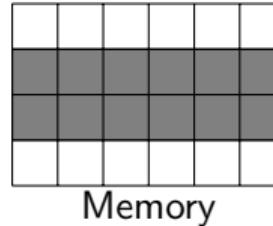
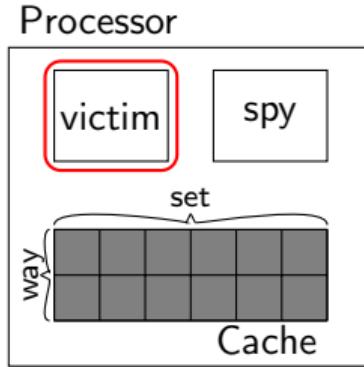
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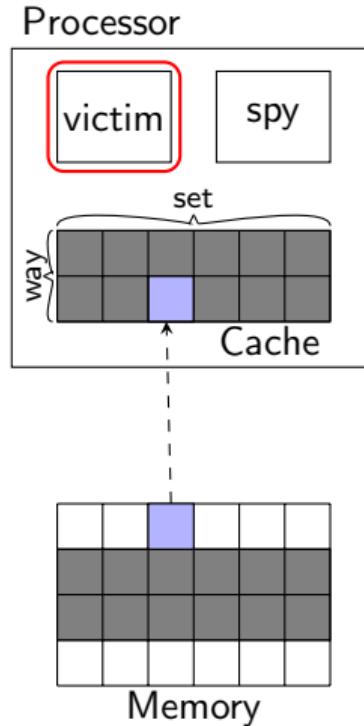
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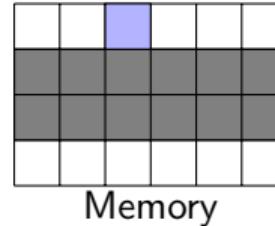
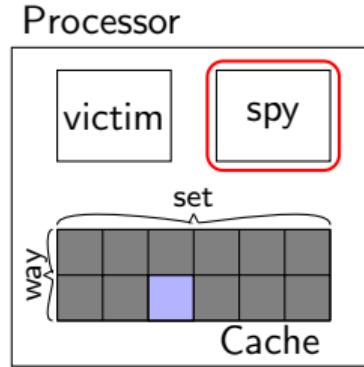
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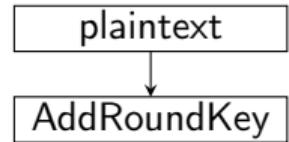
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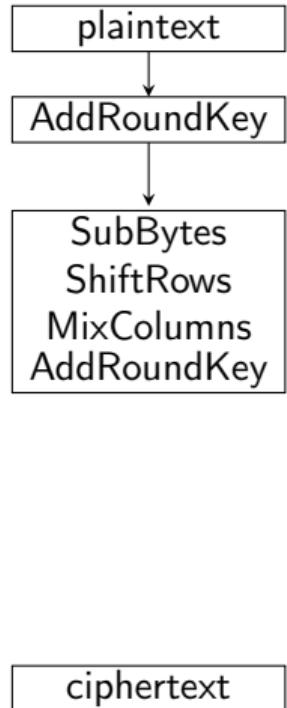
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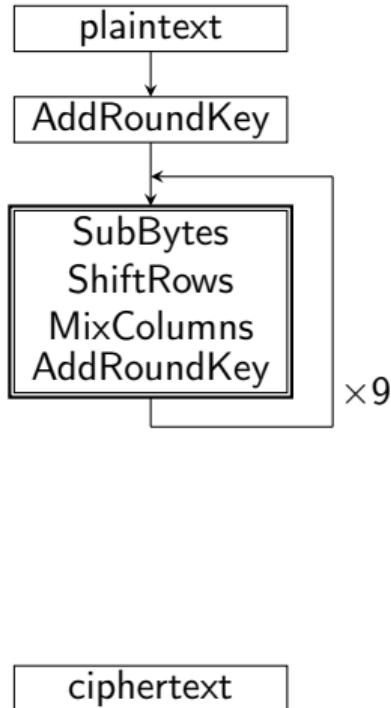


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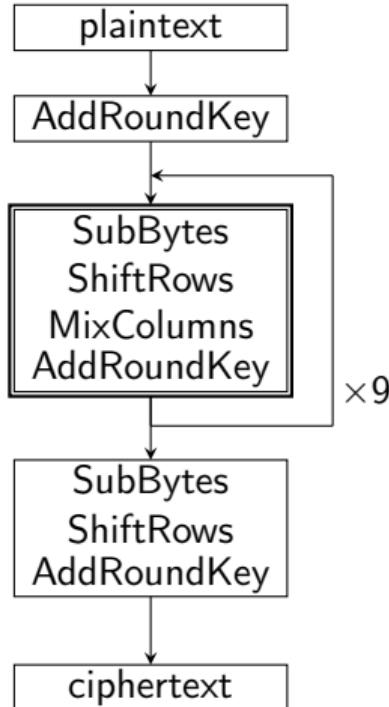
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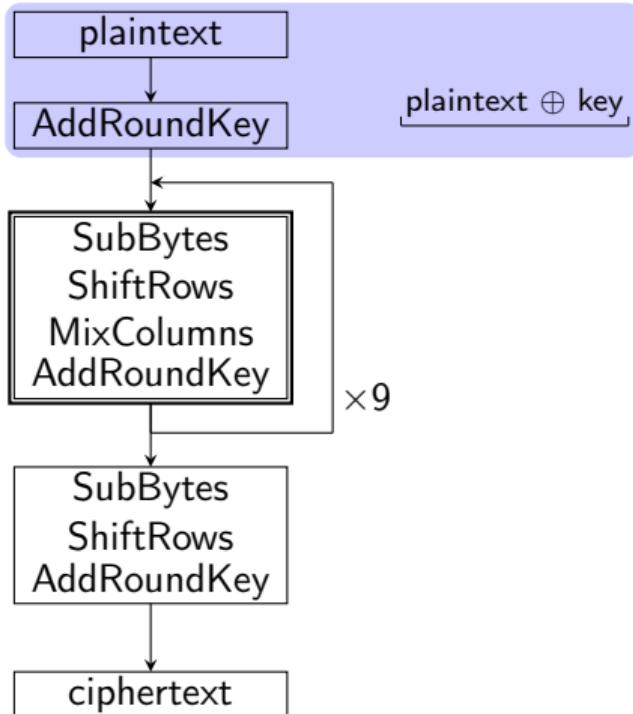
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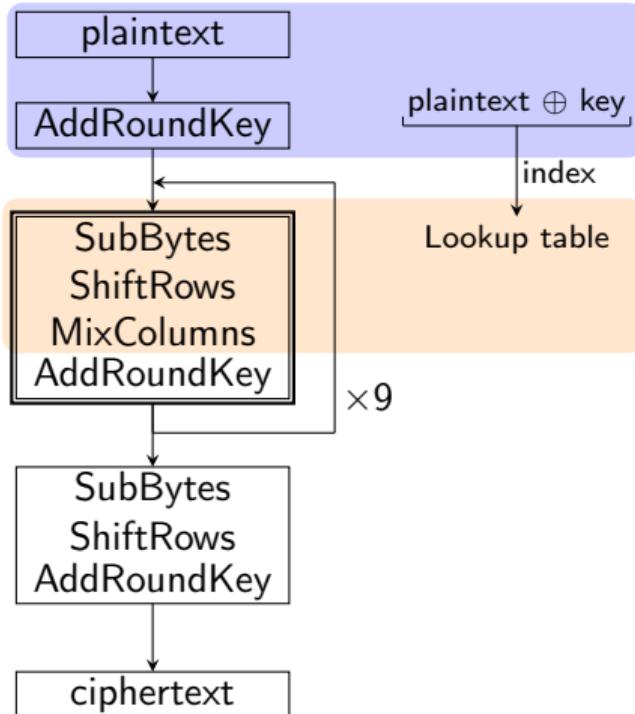
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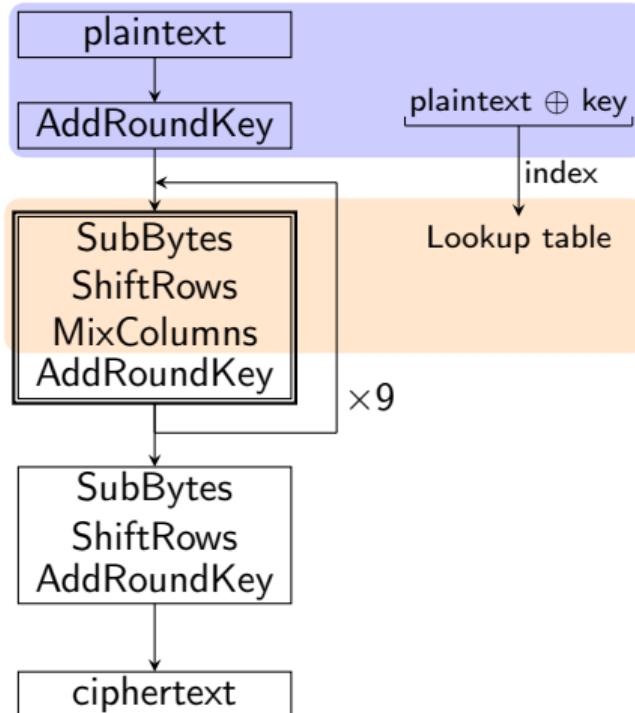
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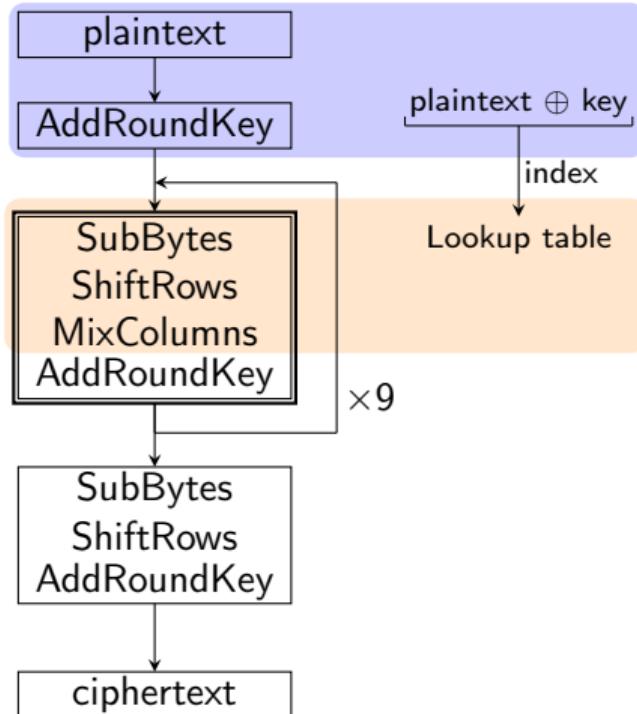


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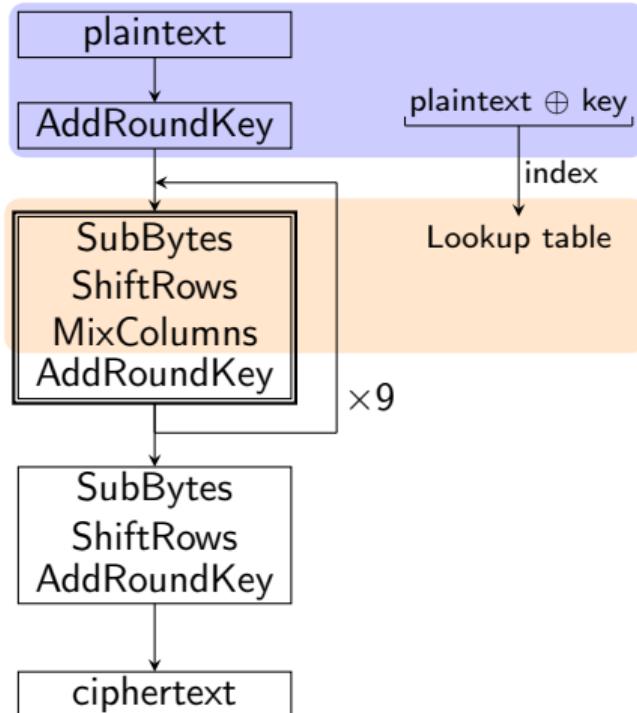
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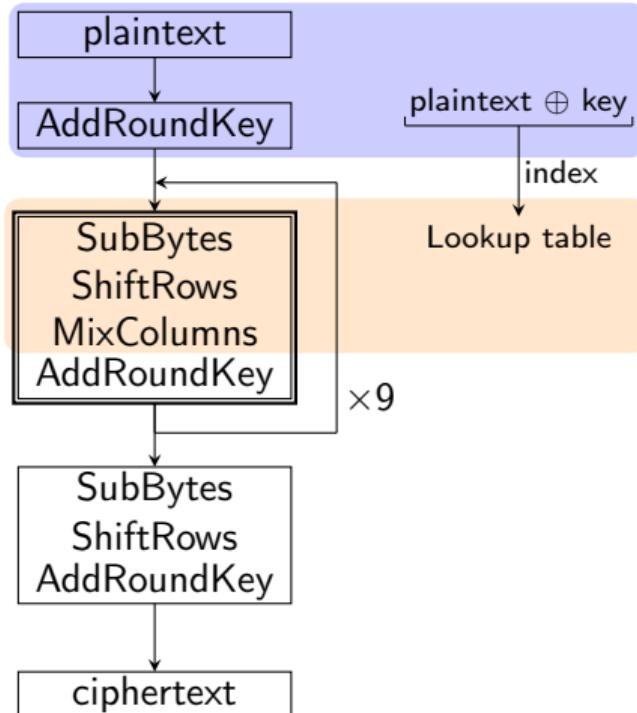
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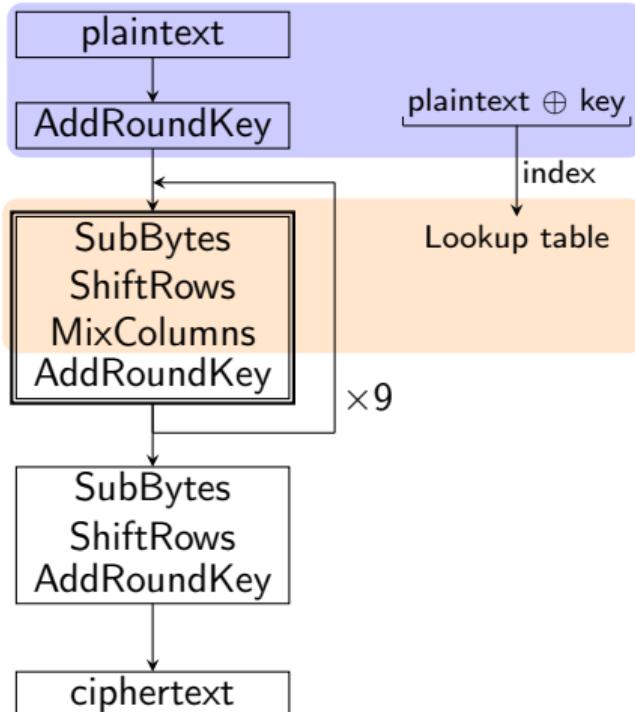
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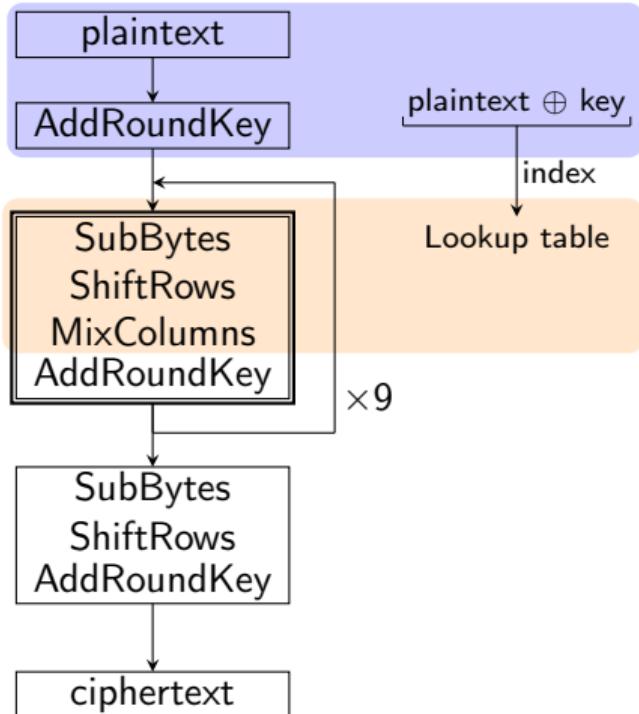
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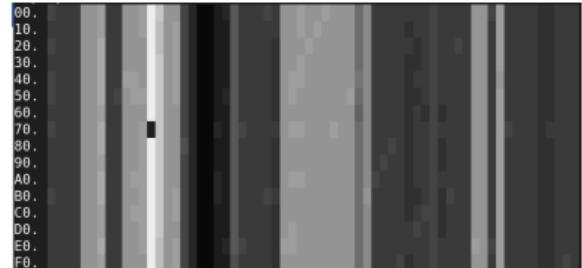
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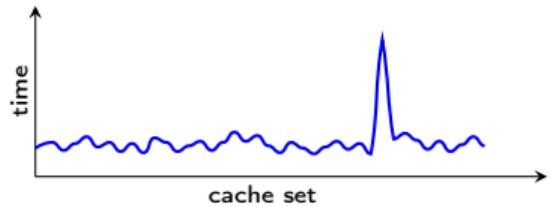
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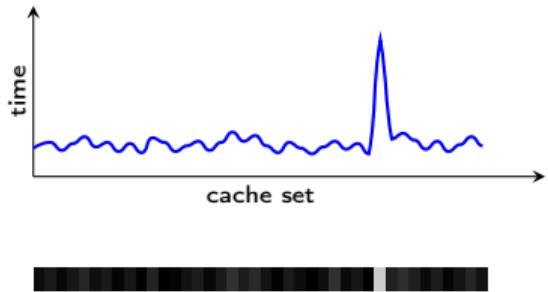
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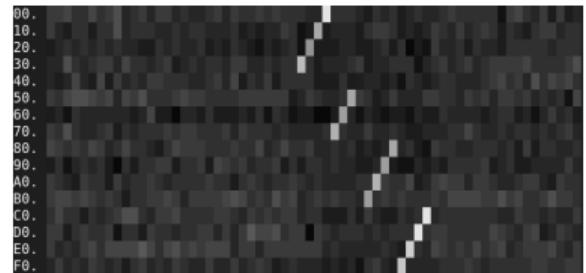
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Prime + Probe: demo

- First-round AES

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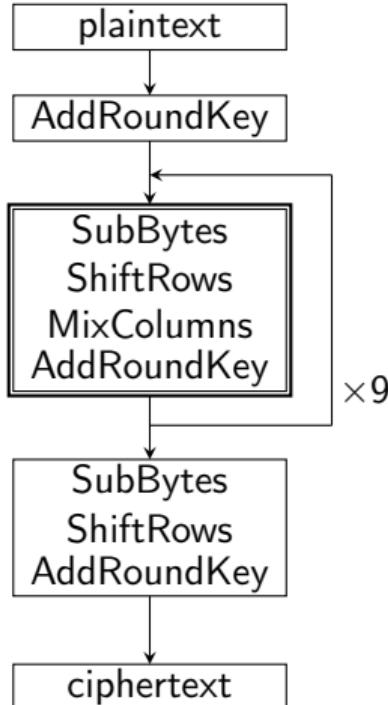
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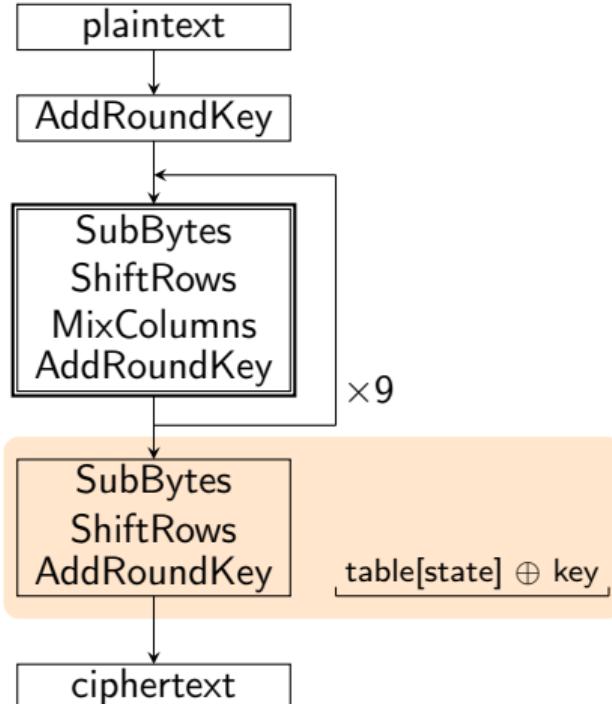
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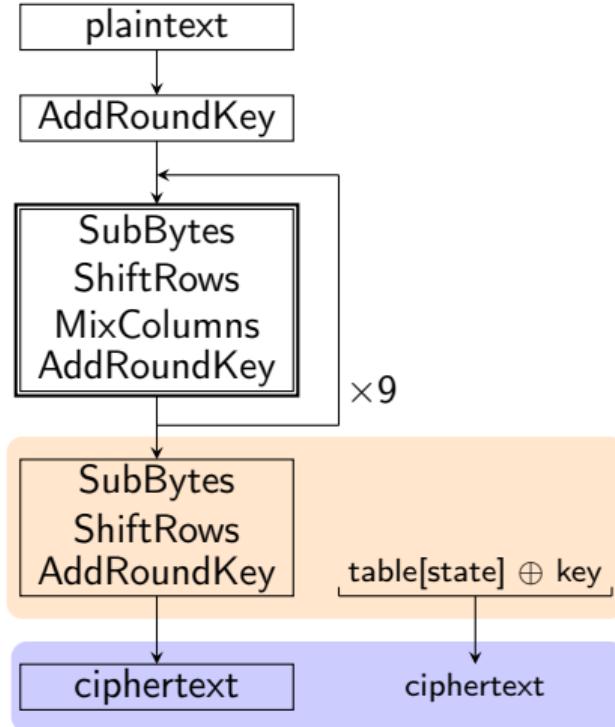
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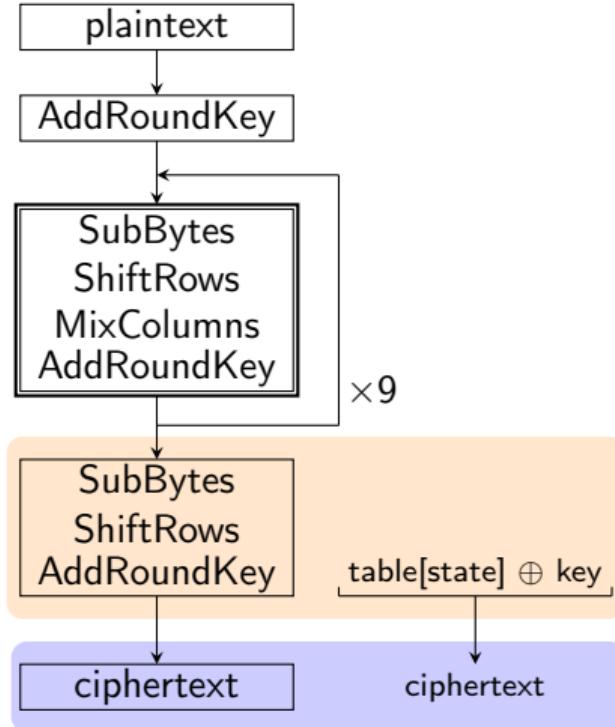
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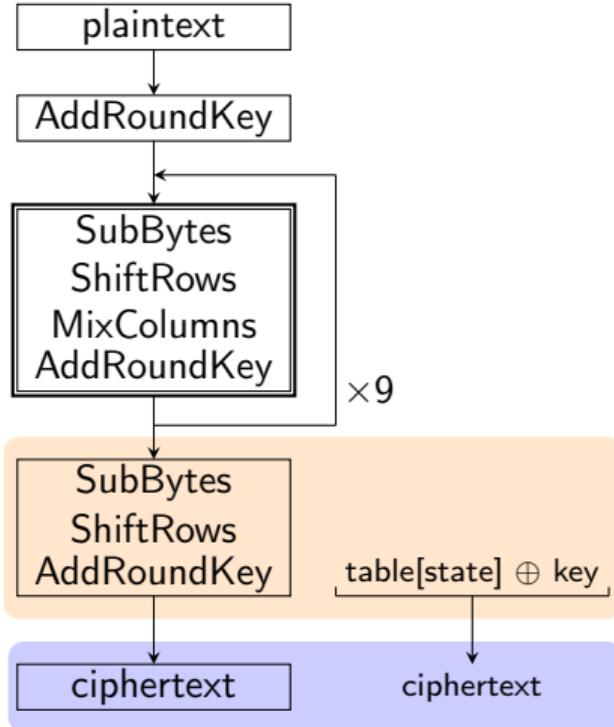


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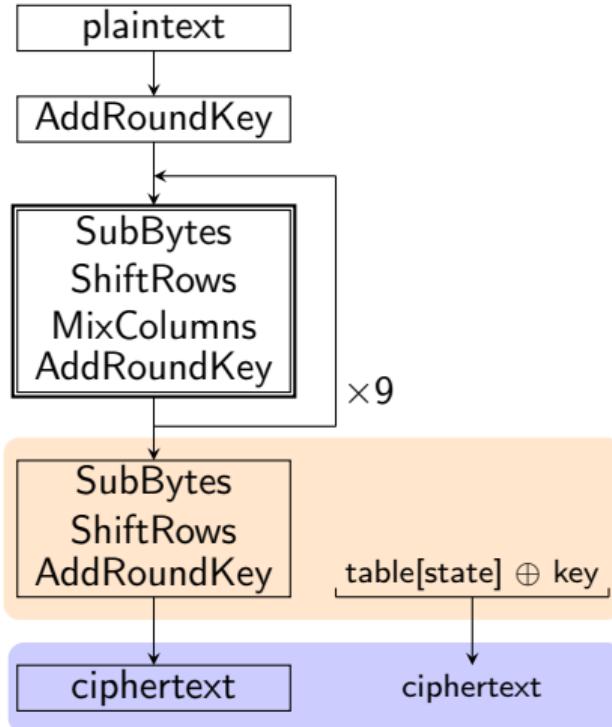
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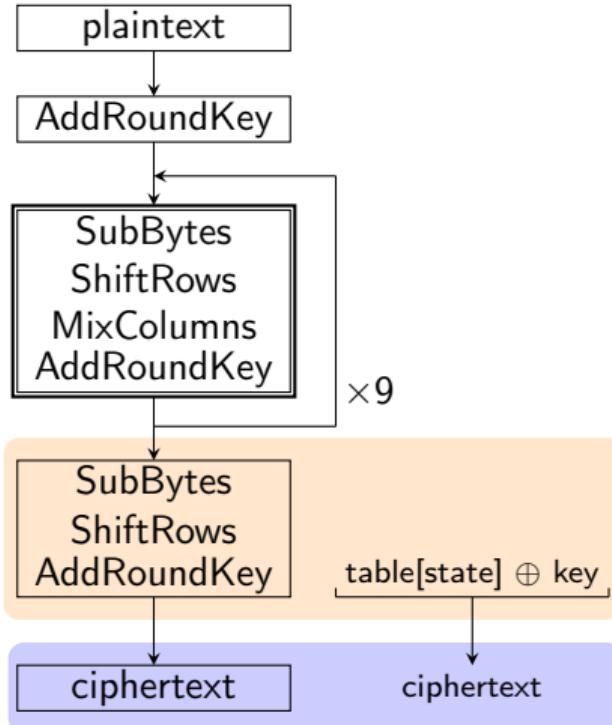
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Prime + Probe: attack final-round AES

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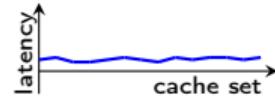
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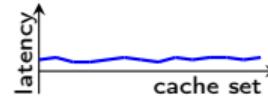
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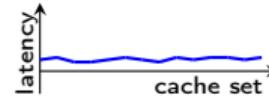
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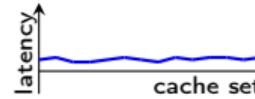
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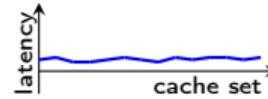
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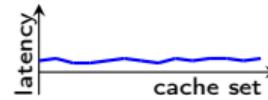
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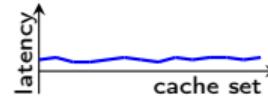
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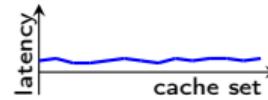
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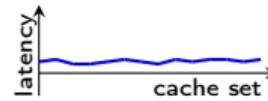
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$$\rho_{15} = \sum \tilde{p}_{\mu_{\text{FF}}}$$

Prime + Probe: attack final-round AES

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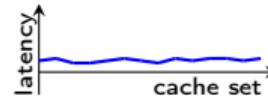
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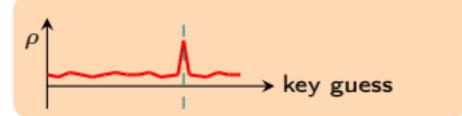


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$$\rho_1 = \sum \tilde{p}_{\mu_1}$$

$$\dots$$
$$\tilde{p}_{\mu_{FF}} = \text{sum}(\tilde{p}_{t_{FF,.}})$$
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require shared memory

identify cache line

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more generic

fewer prerequisites

identify cache set

Other Variants

- Evict + Time [OST05]
- Evict + Reload [GSM15]
- Flush + Flush [GMWM16]
- Prime + Abort [DKPT17]
- Prime + Scope [PTV21]
- Prefetch + Prefetch [GZZY22]
- etc.

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