Supporting Secure Multi-GPU Computing with Dynamic and Batched Metadata Management

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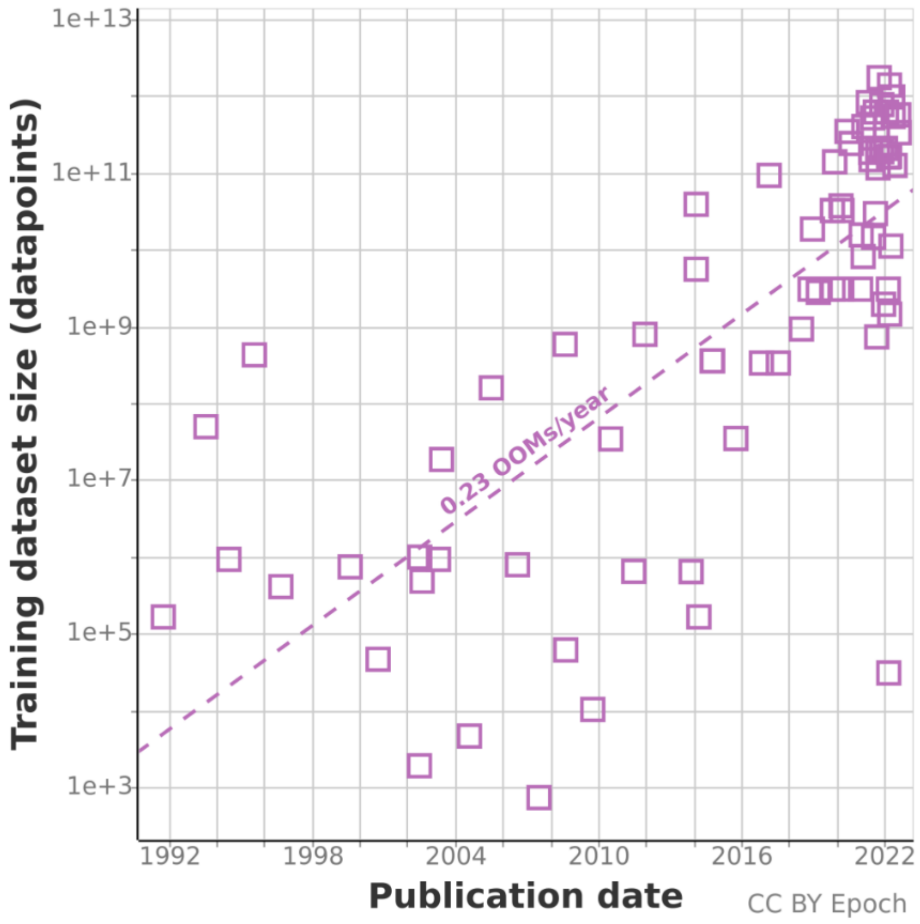
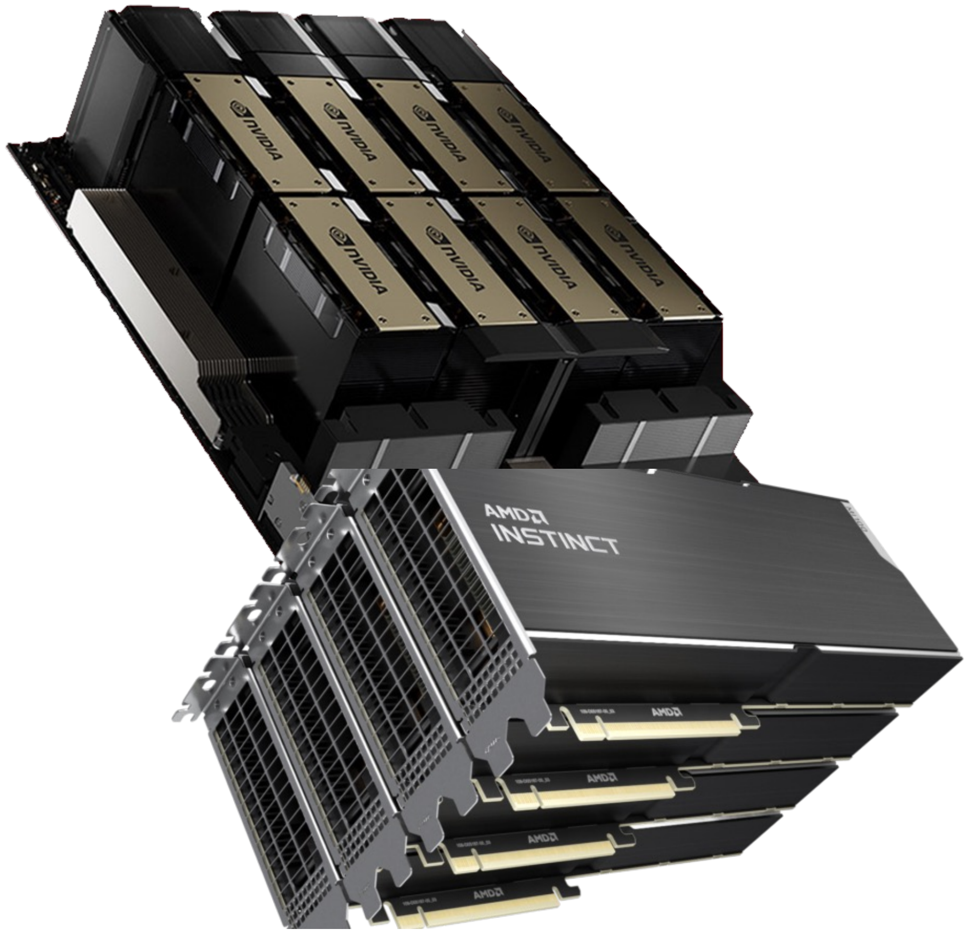
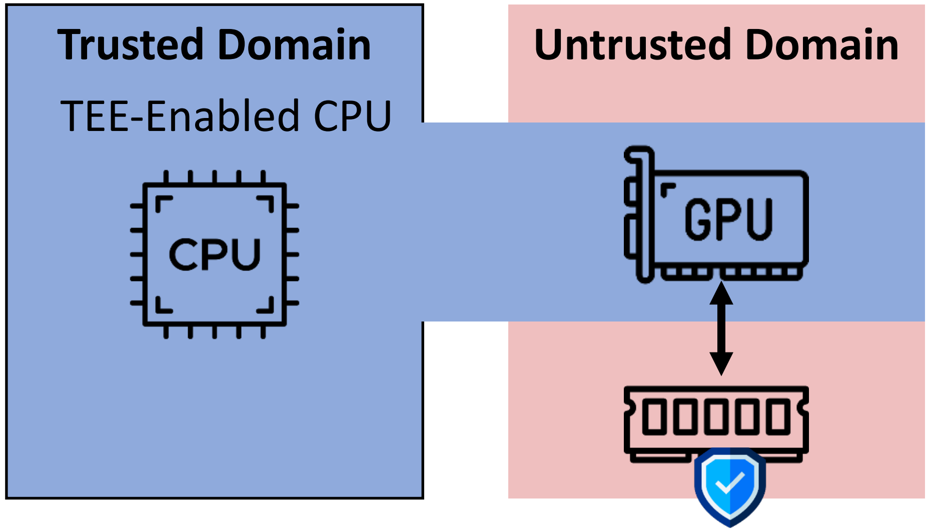
Importance of Multi-GPU Computing





Secure GPU Computing Efforts in Academia and Industry



TEE Extension

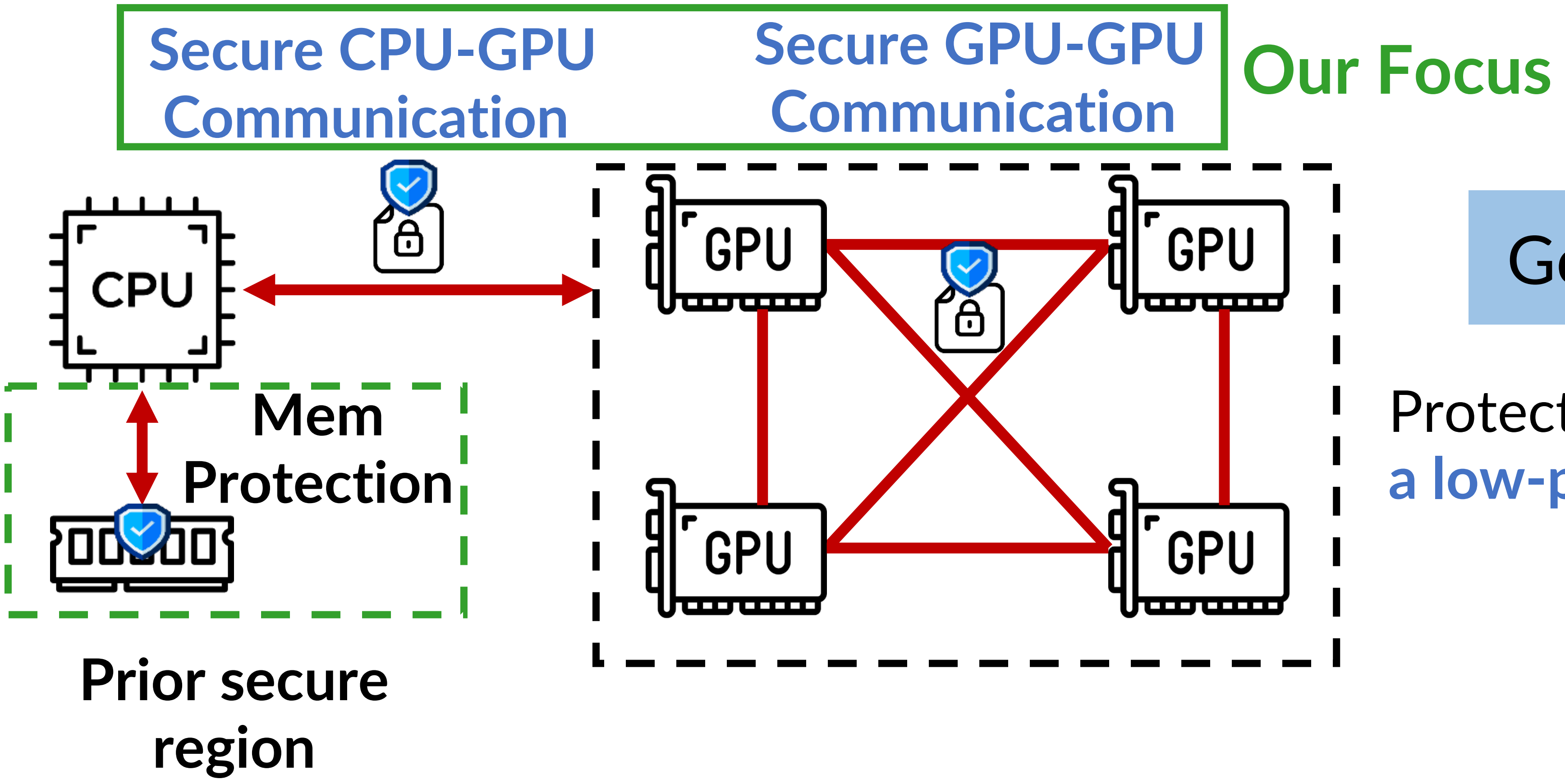
Graviton [OSDI ’18]
HIX [ASPLOS ’19]

GPU mem Protection

Common Counters [HPCA’ 21]
SHM [HPCA ’22]
Plutus [HPCA ’23]

Lack of **data protection mechanism optimized for multi-GPU systems**

Our Goal: Efficient Data Protection for Multi-GPU System



Goal of this work

Protect transferred data with a low-performance overhead

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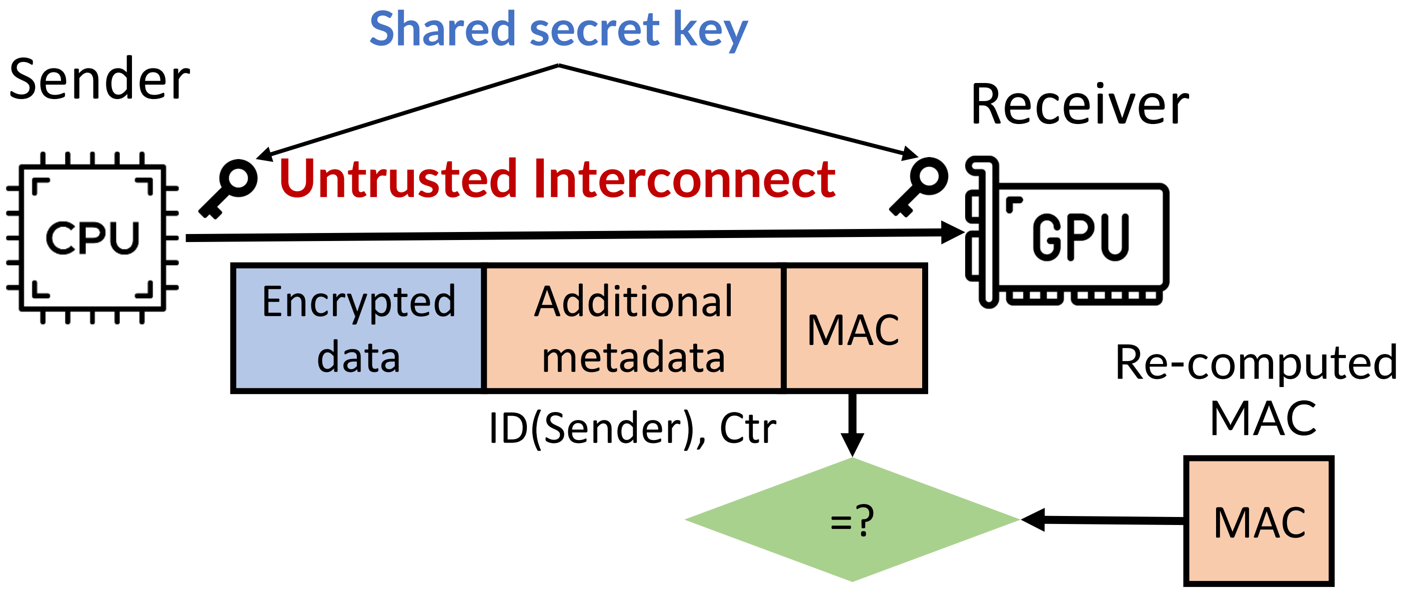
Authenticated en/decryption



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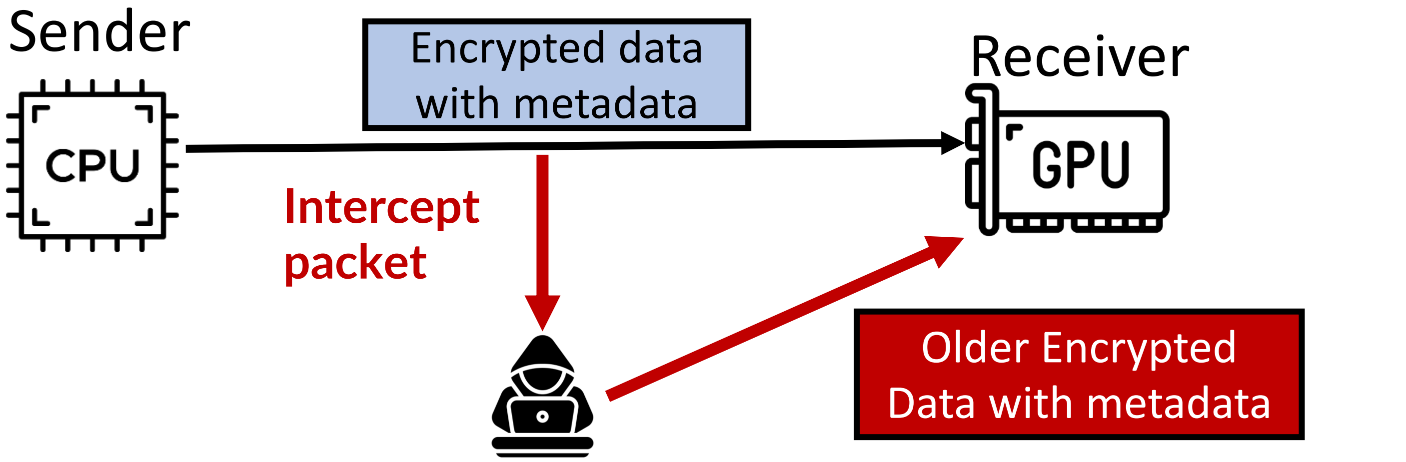

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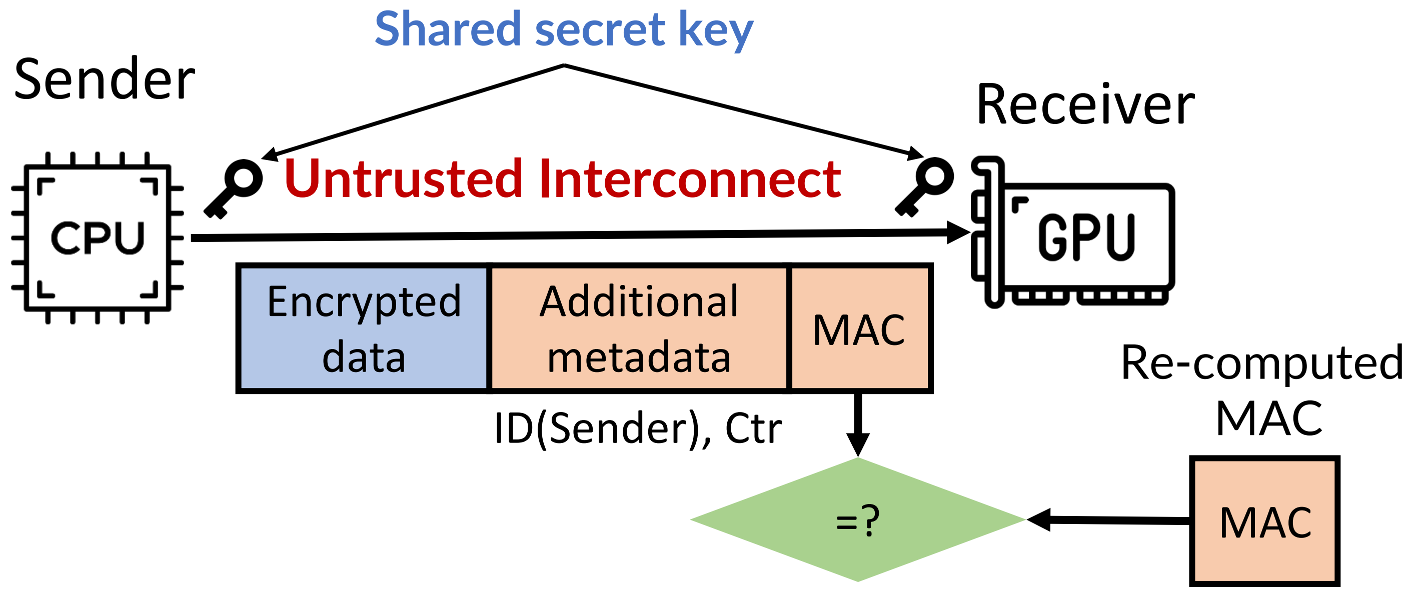

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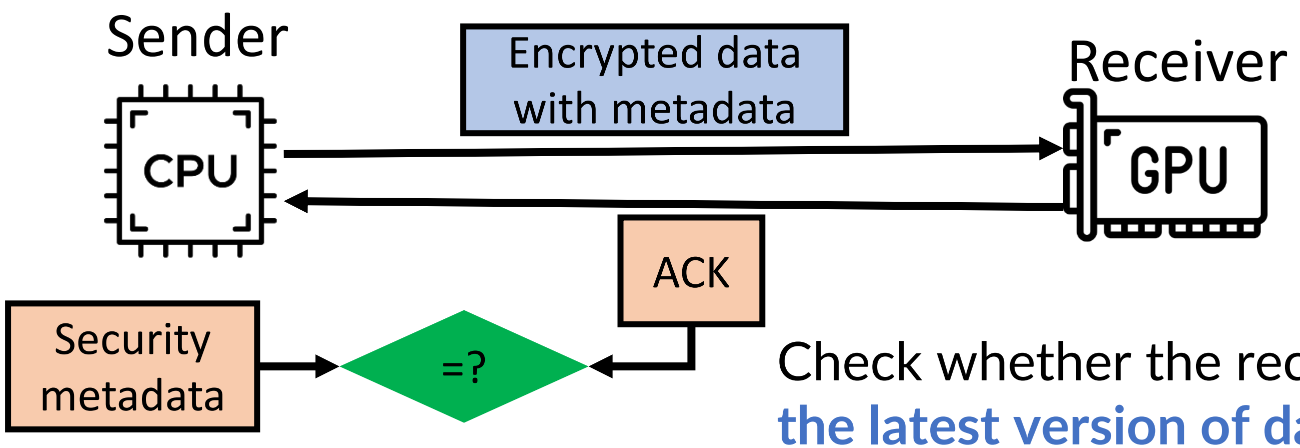
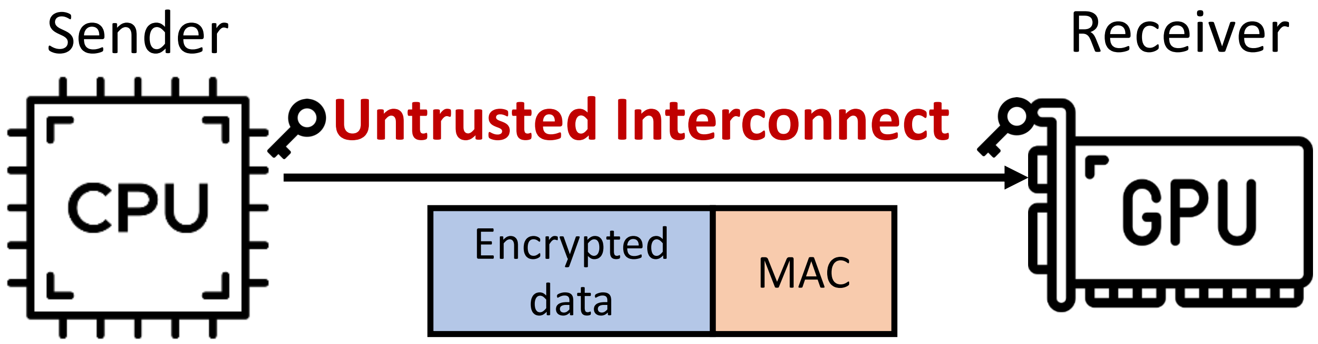
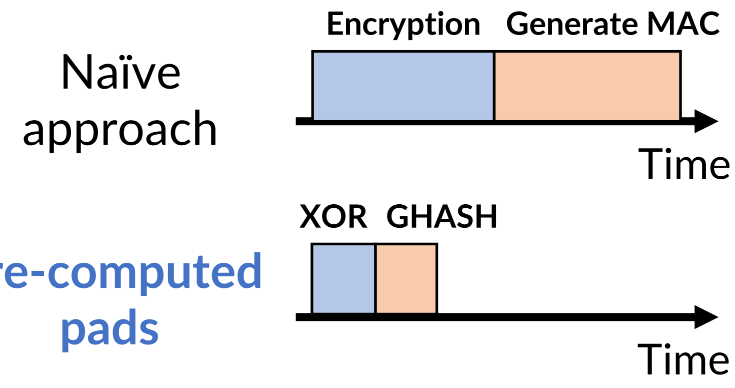


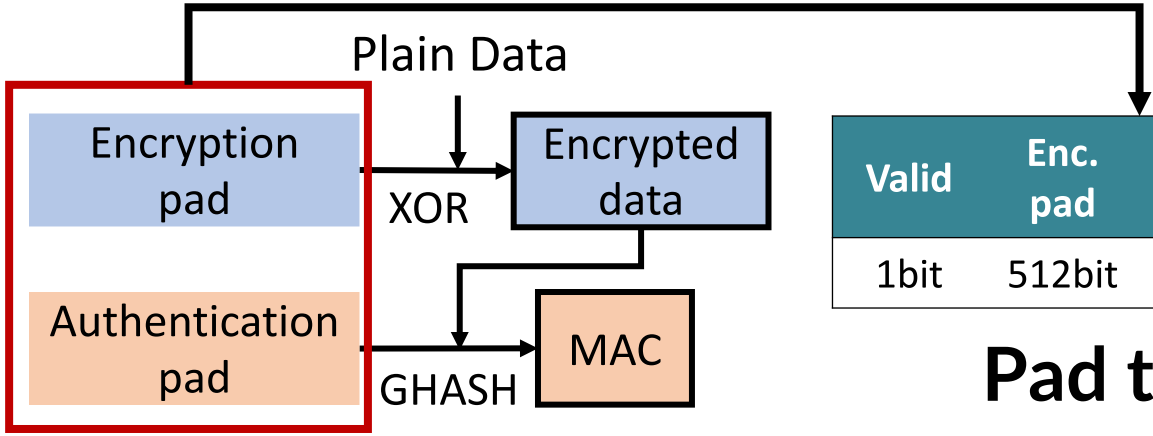
Check whether the receiver gets **the latest version of data**

Authenticated En/Decryption with Pre-Computation [1]



Store pre-generated Enc.pad/ Auth. pad





Valid	Enc. pad	Auth. pad	Ctr
1bit	512bit	64bit	64bit

Pad table

Stored in on-chip area

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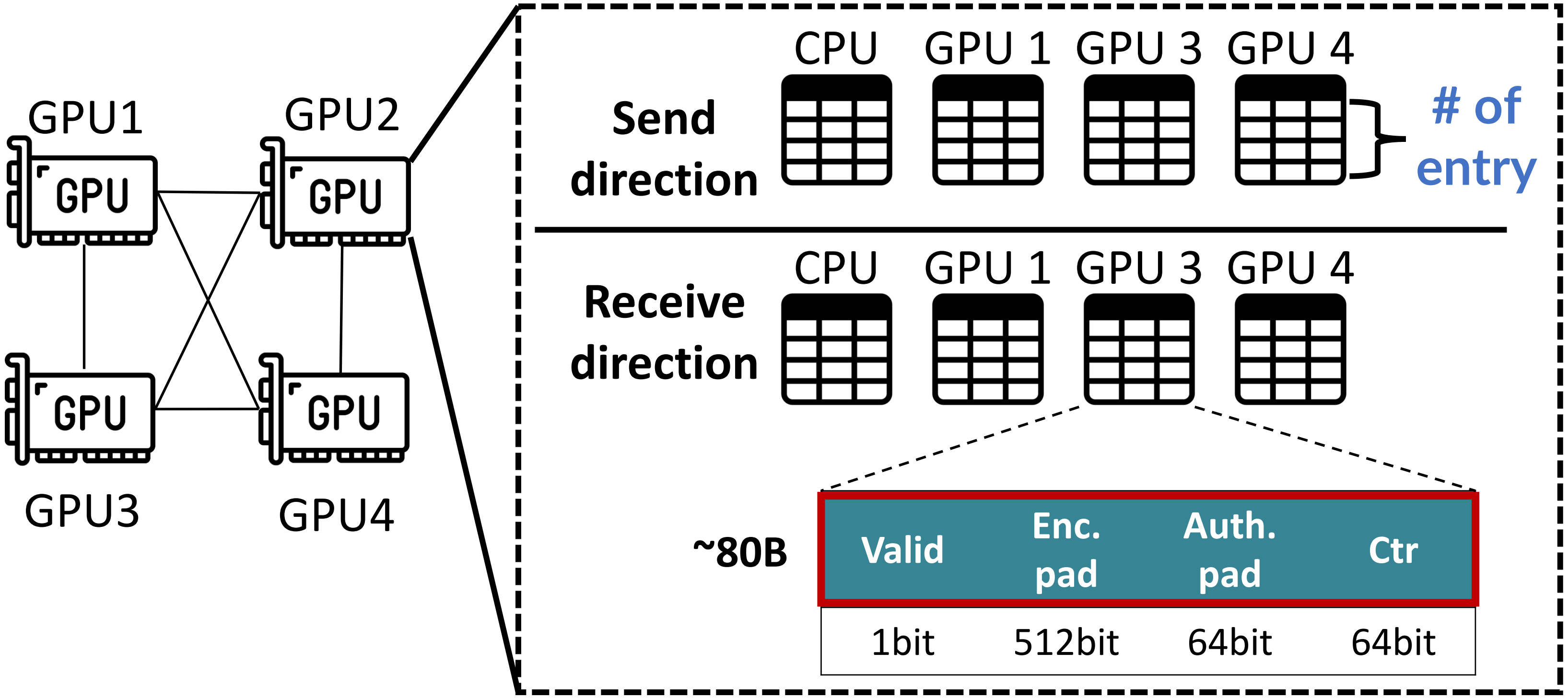
Prior Pad Table Management (Private) [1]

- Maintains **same # of pad entries** for all commu. pairs in a system

E.g.) 4-GPU System



Increasing **# of pad table entries**

Performance

On-chip storage overhead

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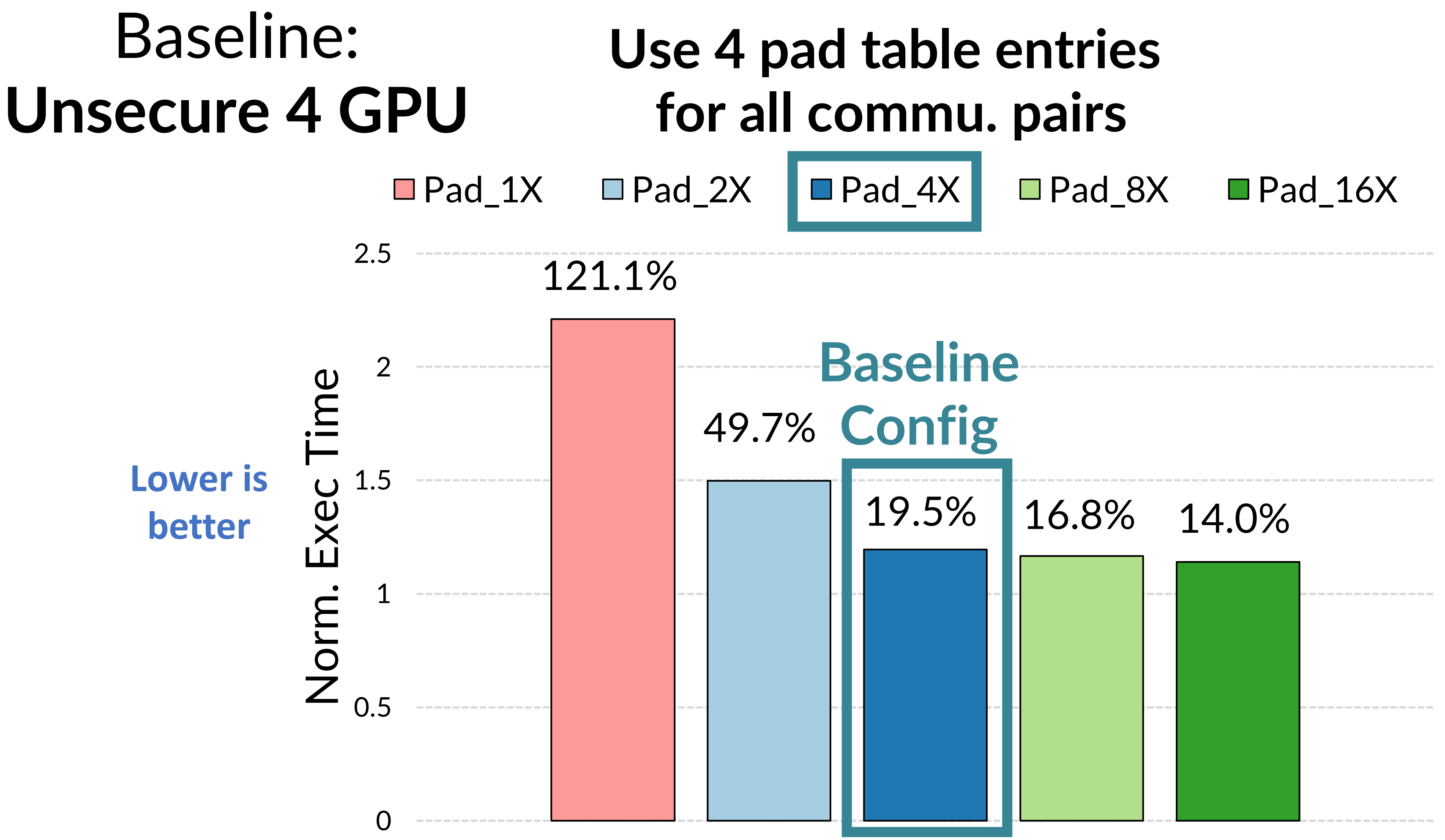
Performance Impact of # of Pad Table Entries (Private) [1]



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Performance Breakdown Analysis

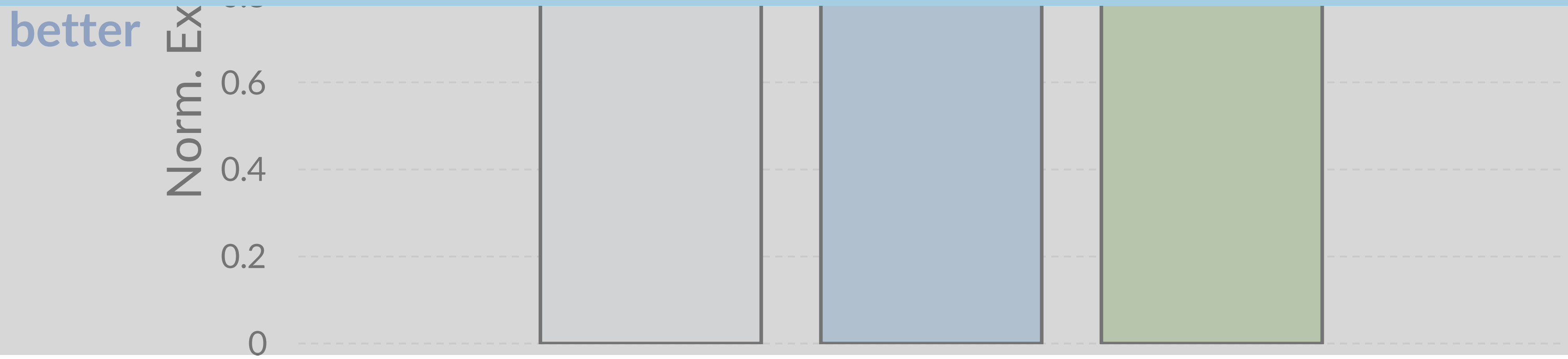
- Secure multi-GPU incurs average **19.5%** performance degradation
  - Auth. en/decryption: **8.2% slowdown**, Metadata traffic: **11.3% slowdown**

+ 8.2%   + 11.3%

Performance bottlenecks of secure communication

1. Authenticated en/decryption

2. Additional security metadata traffic



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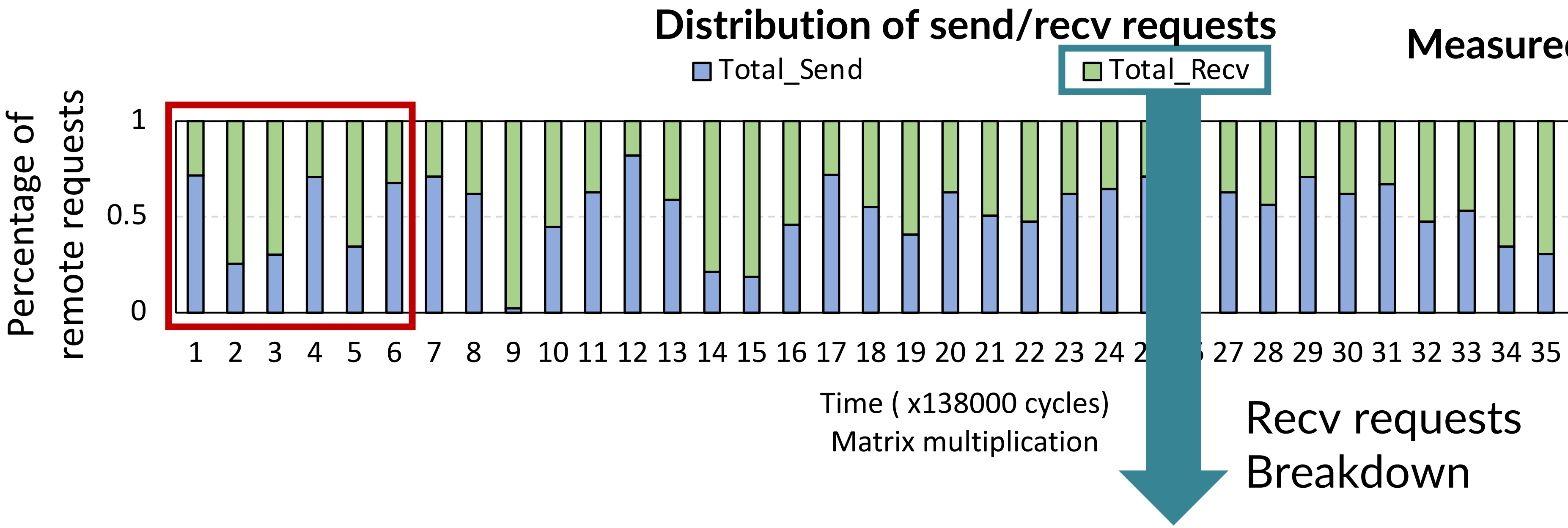
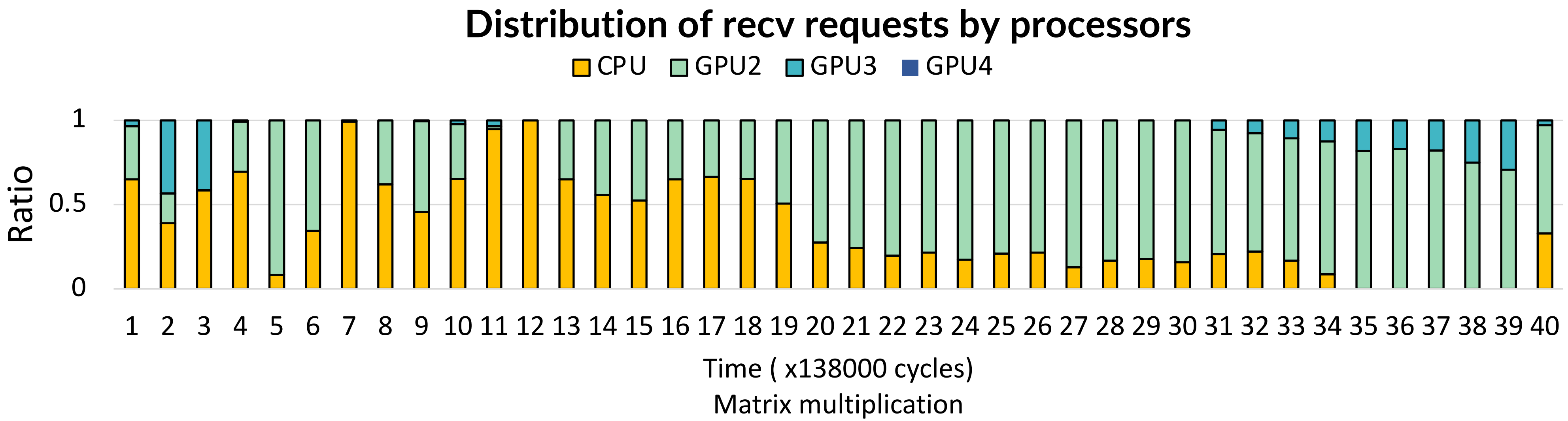
Measured on GPU1





Key Insight 2: Burstiness of Communication in Multi-GPU System

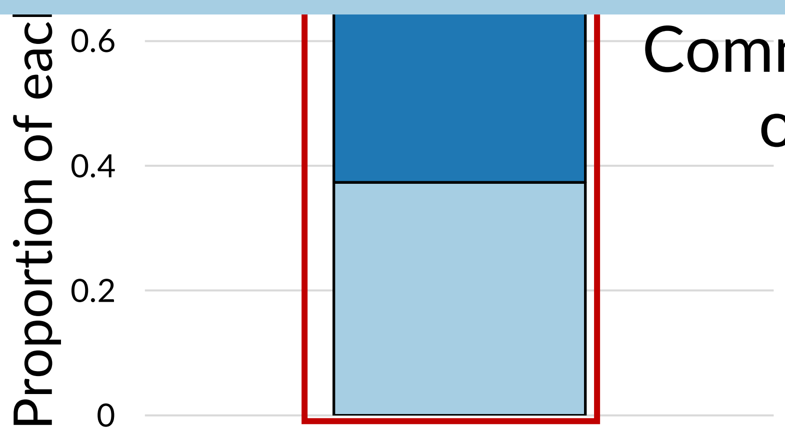
- Analyze distribution of cycles for gathering 16 transmitted data blocks

Cycle distribution

Our Key Observations

1. Dynamic behavior of communication patterns

2. Burstiness of communication



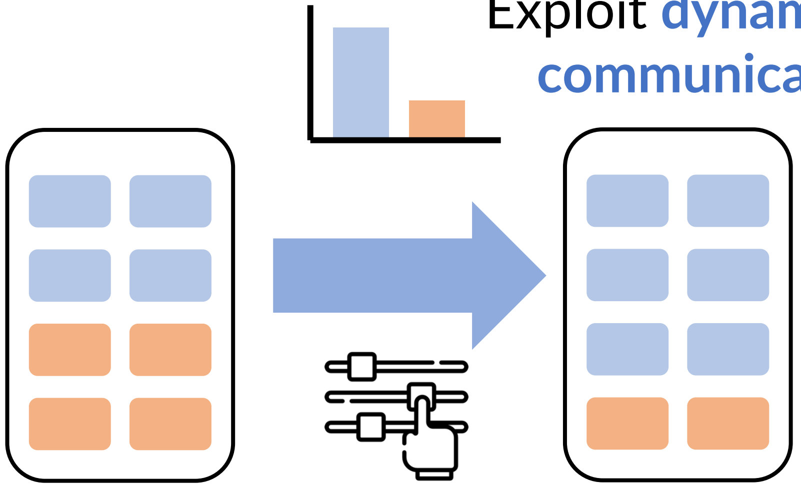
Communication between processors occurs **within a short period**

Main Idea of This Work

Challenge 1: authenticated en/decryption overhead

Dynamic pad table management

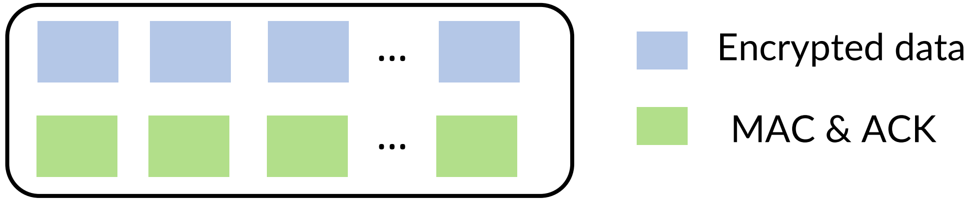
Exploit **dynamic behavior of communication pattern**



Increase opportunity to hide authenticated en/decryption latency

Challenge 2: additional bandwidth by security metadata

Batched MAC generation& verification



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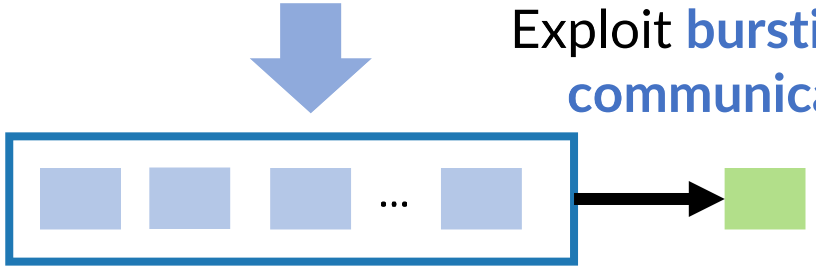
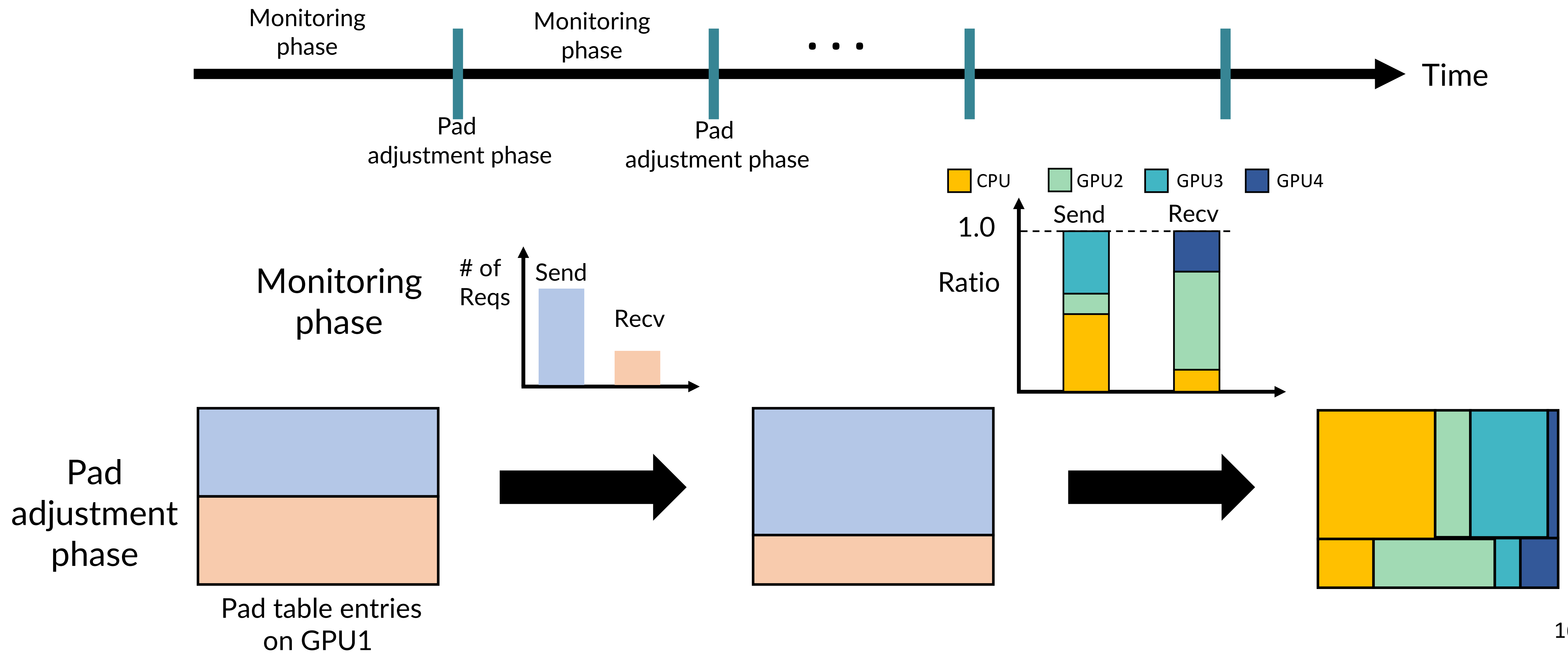


Reduce security metadata traffic

Dynamic Pad Table Management

- **Dynamically adjust pad table entries** based on communication pattern

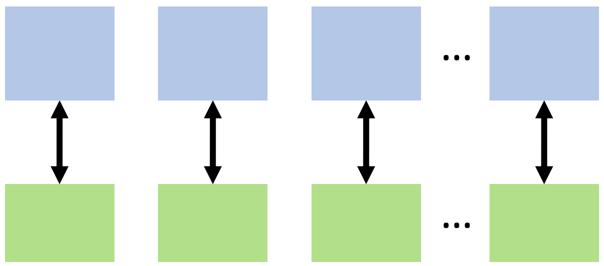


Batched MAC Generation & Verification

- Generate **coarse-grained MAC** to reduce metadata bandwidth

Example: **4KB page migration**

Prior approach



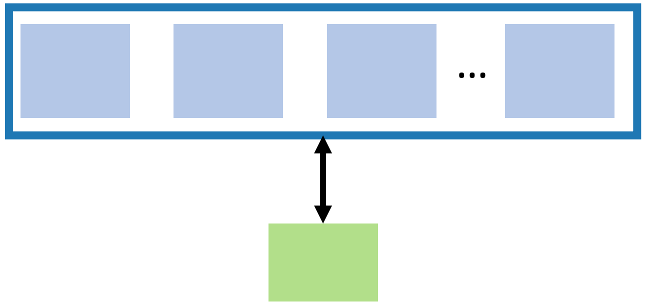
Encrypted Data

MAC & ACK

Traffic 64 Data + 64 Metadata (for decryption)
+ 64 MAC & ACK

16 or 64 data blocks

Our batched MAC



Traffic 64 Data + 64 Metadata (for decryption)
+ 1 Batch info + 1 MAC & ACK

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Evaluation Methodology

- Simulator: MGPUSim [ISCA '19]
- Workloads: 17 apps from various benchmark suites
  - AMD APP SDK, DNN Mark, Hetero Mark, Polybench, SHOC benchmark suites
- System configuration: Models 4 GPU system (AMD R9Nano GPU)

GPU Configuration	
Compute Unit	64 CUs per GPU, 1.0 GHz
L1 Inst / Vector / Scalar Caches Shared L2 Cache	16 KB / 32KB / 16KB 2MB
DRAM	4GB HBM Memory, 512 GB/s
CPU-GPU, GPU-GPU Interconnect	32 GB/s, 50 GB/s
Security Configuration	
Authenticated encryption/decryption	40 cycles [1,2]

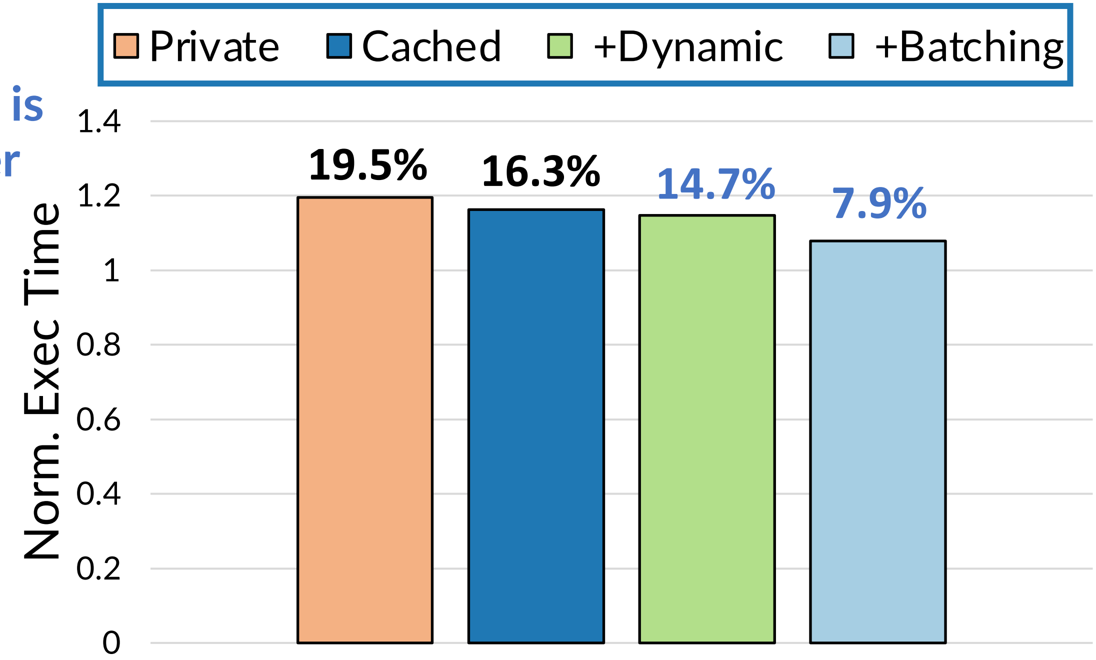
[1] Adaptive Security Support for Heterogenous Memory on GPUs, HPCA '22
[2] Plutus: Bandwidth-Efficient Memory Security for GPUs, HPCA'23

Performance Comparison Result

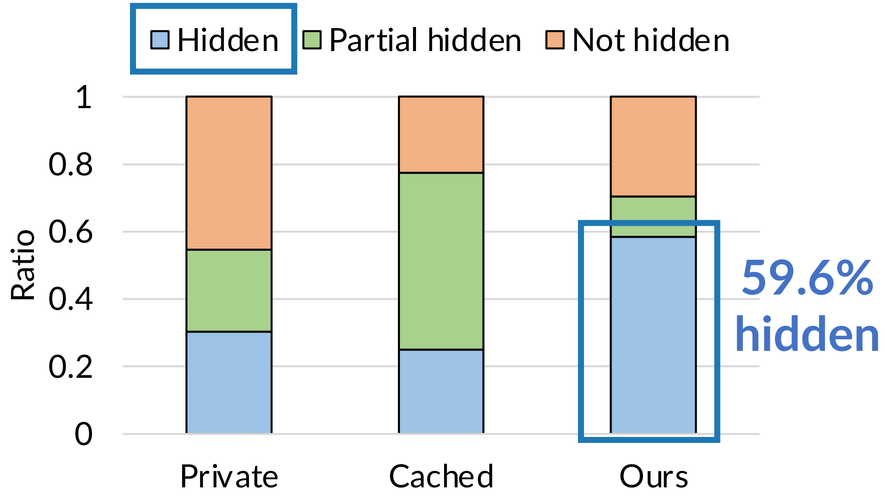
- Compared with two different mechanisms
  - **Private**[1]: Uses same number of pad entries for all pairs
  - **Cached**[1]: Allocates pad table entries like LRU cache

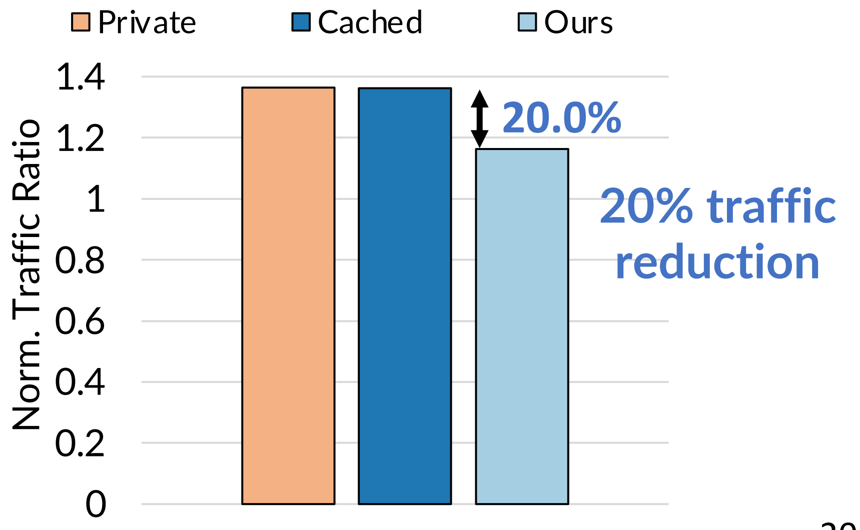
All configs have the **same total # of pad table entries**

Lower is better



Higher is better





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More Results in the Paper

- Scalability study to the number of GPUs
- Sensitivity study to authenticated encryption/decryption latency
- Hardware overhead of our design

Summary

- **Problem**
  - Secure communication degrades multi-GPU system performance

- **Key Idea**
  - **Dynamic pad table management** exploit dynamic communication patterns
  - **Batched MAC generation** leverage burstiness nature of communication

- **Evaluation results**
  - Reduces perf. overhead by 11.6%, 8.4% compared to Private, Cached