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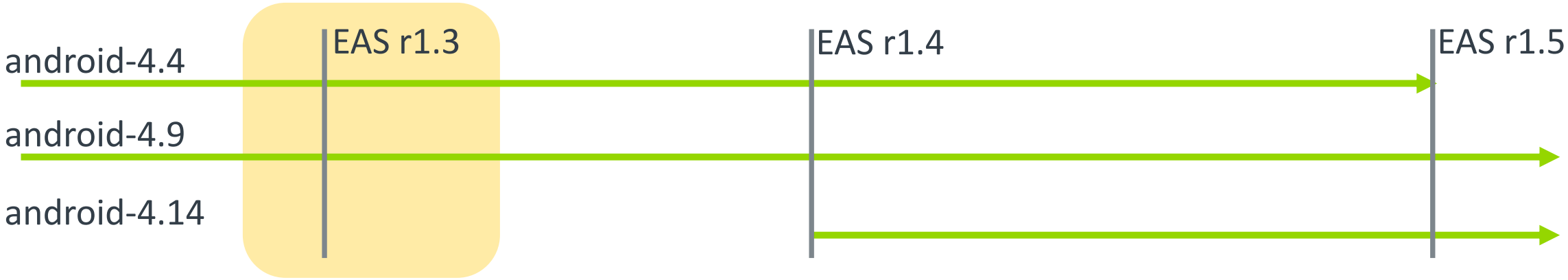

- EAS r1.3, July 2017
  - android-4.4, android-4.9
  - Default cpufreq governor switched to schedutil, sched-freq removed
  - Backports of upstream schedutil changes
  - Upstream backports of relevant scheduler features

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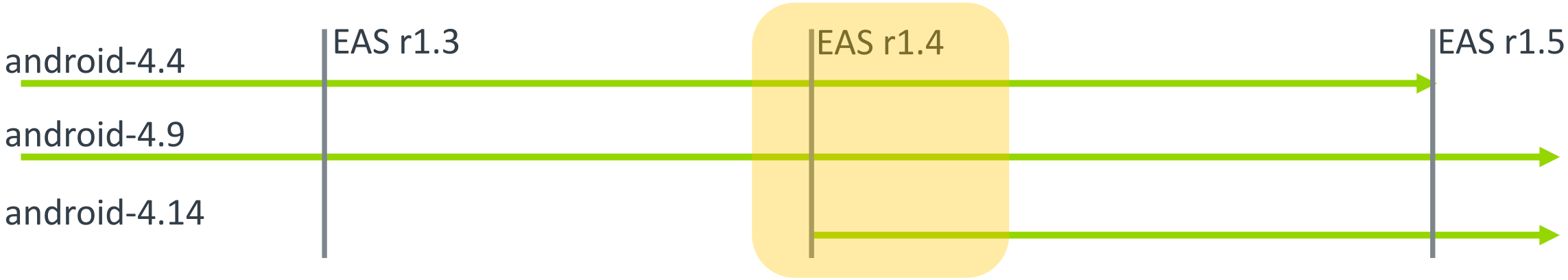

- EAS r1.4, November 2017
  - android-4.4, android-4.9
  - Upstream backports of more scheduler and schedutil patches
  - Energy diff improvements & fixes
  - android-4.14 EAS released including 1.4 & most 1.5 functionality

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EAS in android-4.14

A new set of patches implementing EAS rather than forward-porting

- Based upon our latest mainline-focussed integration branch
- Refactored latest android-eas on top to build clean set of patches
- More Experimental features placed behind sched_features
  - Feature configuration matches android-4.9
- Produced during linux-4.14 rc phase, ready 2-weeks after linux-4.14

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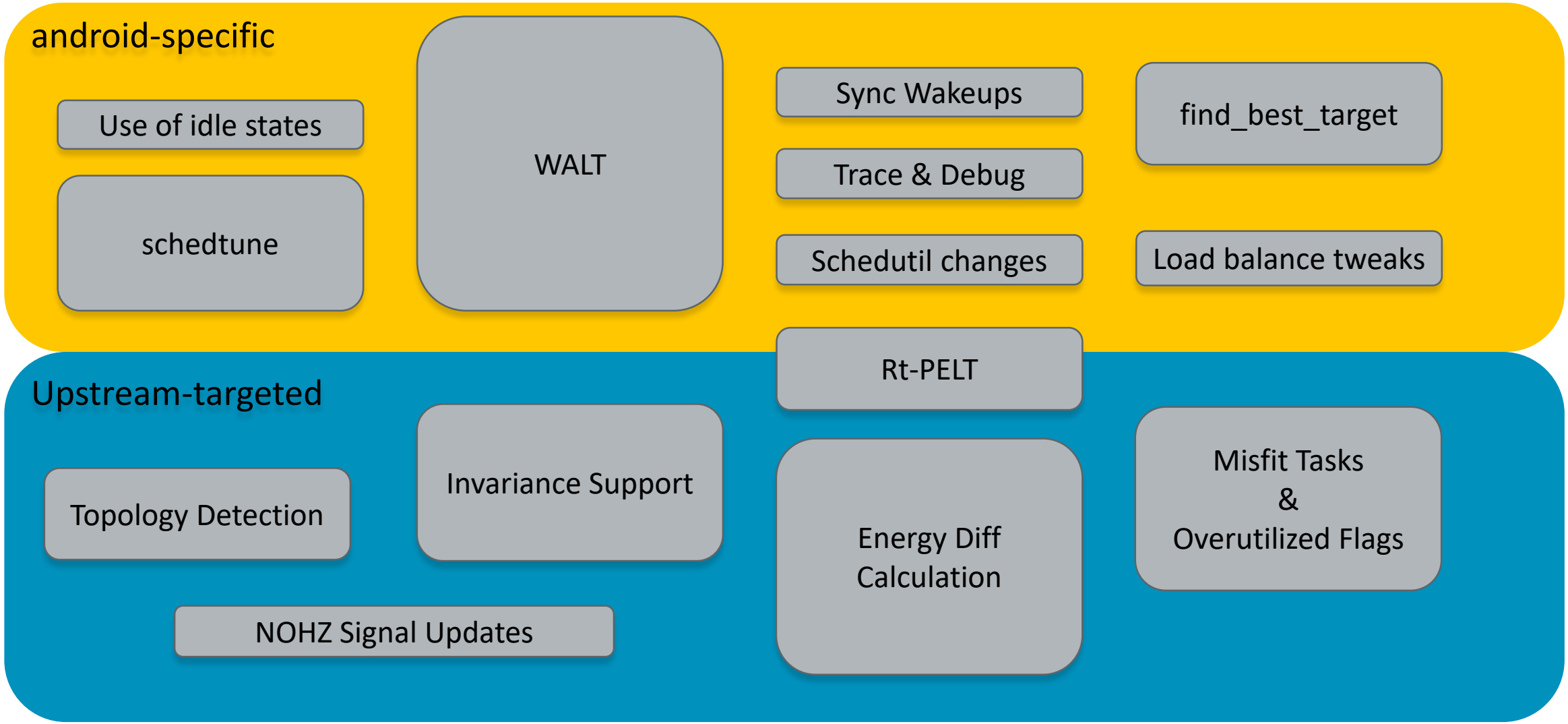

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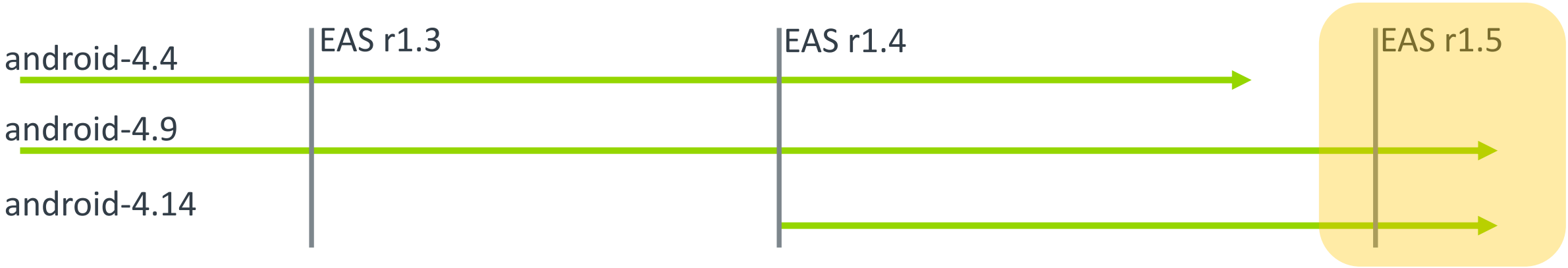

- EAS r1.5, Feb 2018 (eas-dev), merging to android-4.9 soon
  - android-4.9 only, most changes already in android-4.14
  - Refactored energy diff to make calculation more efficient
  - Further refinement of EAS CPU pre-selection (find_best_target)
    - Thanks for excellent contributions from Qualcomm, Spreadtrum, Mstar, Linaro
  - Aggressive up-migrate of Misfit tasks & WALT updates from CodeAurora

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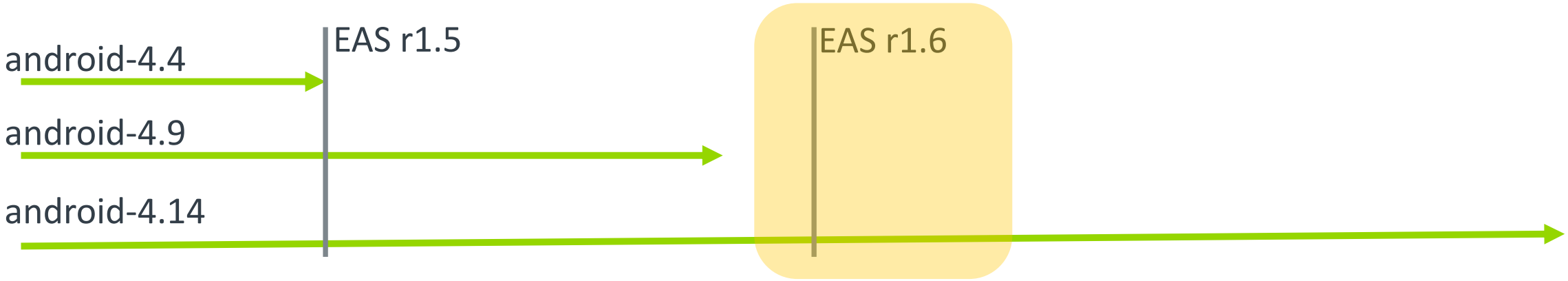

- EAS r1.6, eas-dev starting April 2018
  - Moving to android-4.14
  - Adding back Schedtune PE space filtering
  - Util_est backport, with PELT decay rate changes
  - Use mainline wakeup code for prefer_idle tasks
  - Remove ordering dependency in find_best_target
    - (better tri-gear support when using find_best_target)

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AOSP Common Kernel Update

Branches:

- android-4.4, android-4.9 & android-4.14
  - Common kernel upstream for device kernels
  - Only post against this for bugfixes
  - People merge these into device kernels, so need to be selective about changes

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AOSP Common Kernel Update

More branches:

- android-4.9-eas-dev (soon android-4.14-eas-dev)
  - This is where in-development patches should be posted
  - Arm power team usually post patches at RFC stage to stimulate discussion
  - Changes picked or merged back to common
- android-4.4-eas-test (android-4.9-eas-test later)
  - Test branch is against android common for the latest well-supported public device
  - Intended to hold backports of EAS patches which merged into the active common branch, but did not get back to the branch we test with

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- Open, collaborative development

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Open Development

- Patches for AOSP are reviewed on AOSP Gerrit
  - https://android-review.googlesource.com
  - We always try to justify patches with performance & energy numbers – use wltests for this
  - Wltests is part of LISA https://www.github.com/arm-software/lisa
- Discussion of other topics and announcements are on Linaro's eas-dev list
  - https://lists.linaro.org/mailman/listinfo/eas-dev

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EAS Mainline Strategy

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- EAS is a large, complex piece of functionality
- EAS being in AOSP helps a lot of users but not all
- Upstream development results in better code

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EAS Mainline Strategy

- We make regular bi-weekly integrations of all our upstream-focussed code
  - Available on linux-arm.org & announced on eas-dev
  - Allows us to more easily see when changes impact us and work to resolve as soon as possible

- Have been identifying suitable code we already have
  - Working on getting them into acceptable shape
  - Pushing when we think they are good enough for a review
  - Hoping to upstream quite a lot of EAS this year

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EAS Mainline Strategy

- Also working upstream where we can and backporting to Android
  - schedutil fixes
  - cpu signal updates
  - any fix/change applicable and potentially useful elsewhere
  - participating in reviews and testing

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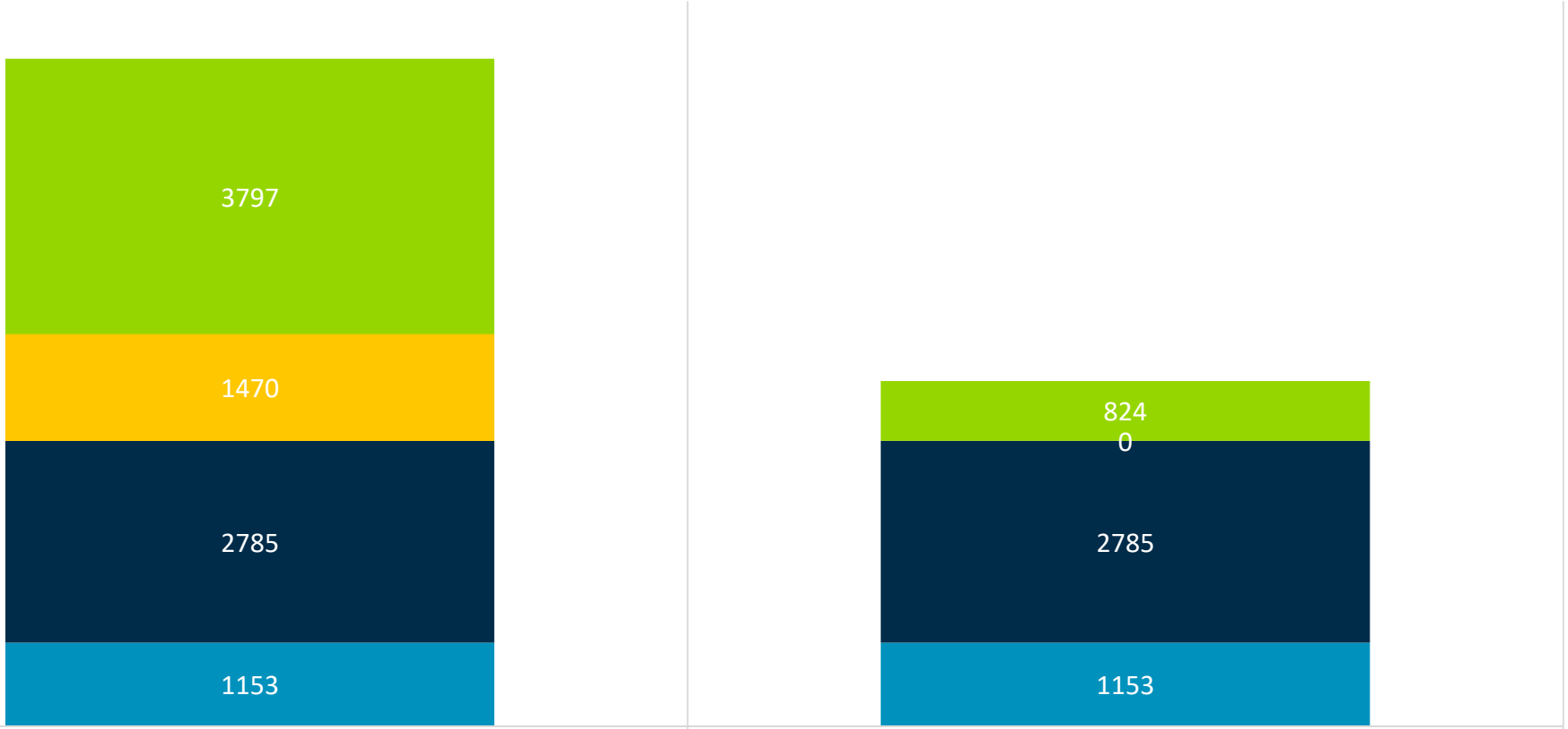
EAS in AOSP



	EAS Code Size by Category	Target EAS Code Size by Category
Android-specific	3797	824
WALT	1470	0
Upstreamable Features	2785	2785
Documentation	1153	1153

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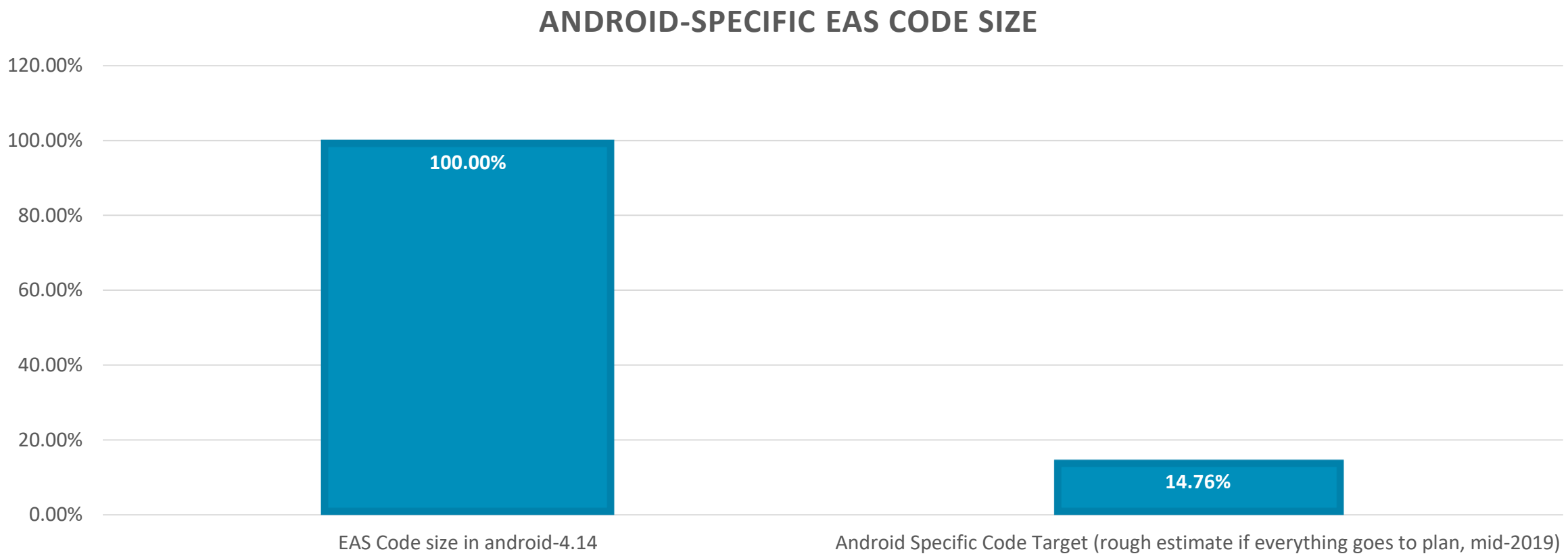
EAS Size



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Bringing EAS in AOSP Closer to Mainline

1. **Reach performance/energy parity with WALT**
   - WALT is great for mobile but not popular upstream
   - It’s also 1.5k LoC
   - Touches many parts of the scheduler we want to change upstream, which makes backporting harder

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3. **Expect to continue to carry mobile-specific changes in AOSP**
   - Schedutil up/down throttle split
   - Rt-rq signals
   - Performance/Energy task classification

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EAS Upstreaming

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7 areas identified for upstreaming.

Feature	Status
Energy Model	On LKML (v1 March 2018, during Connect!)
Frequency and Cpu Invariant Engines (FIE/CIE)	Merged in v4.15
Idle Cpu PELT update (Remote status update)	Merged in tip/sched/core
Util Est	Merged in tip/sched/core (during Connect!)
Util Clamp	Almost ready (v1 on LKML April 2018)
Misfit Task	On LKML (v2 March 2018)
Dynamic Topology Flag Detection	In development, many scenarios to cover

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EAS Upstreaming

- Util-Est
  - Add an **aggregator** on top of the PELT **estimator**
    - keep track of what “we learned” about task’s previous activations
    - generate a “new” signal on top of PELT
  - Build a **low-overhead statistic** for SEs and CPUs
    - Tasks at dequeue time
    - Root RQs at task enqueue/dequeue
- Lots of detail at last year’s OSPM Summit and lkml
  - Patches merged into upstream tip/sched/core branch

```
@@ -4834,6 +4841,14 @@ enqueue_task_fair(struct rq *rq, struct task_struct *p, int flags)
        if (!se)
                add_nr_running(rq, 1);

+       /*
+        * Update (top level CFS) RQ estimated utilization.
+        * NOTE: the following code assume that we never change the
+        *       utilization estimation policy at run-time.
+        */
+       cfs_rq = &(task_rq(p)->cfs);
+       cfs_rq->avg.util_est.last += task_util_est(p);
+
        hrtick_update(rq);
 }

@@ -4893,6 +4908,24 @@ static void dequeue_task_fair(struct rq *rq, struct task_struct *p, int flags)
        if (!se)
                sub_nr_running(rq, 1);

+       /*
+        * Update (top level CFS) RQ estimated utilization
+        * NOTE: for RQs we alwasy use util_est.last since we do not track an
+        *       EWMA, which is tracked only for Tasks.
+        */
+       cfs_rq = &(task_rq(p)->cfs);
+       cfs_rq->avg.util_est.last = max_t(long,
+                       cfs_rq->avg.util_est.last - task_util_est(p), 0);
+
+       /* Update Task's estimated utilization */
+       if (task_sleep) {
+               /* Keep track of the utilization for the last activation */
+               p->se.avg.util_est.last = task_util(p);
+               /* Update EWMA for Task utilization */
+               ewma_util_add(&p->se.avg.util_ewma, task_util(p));
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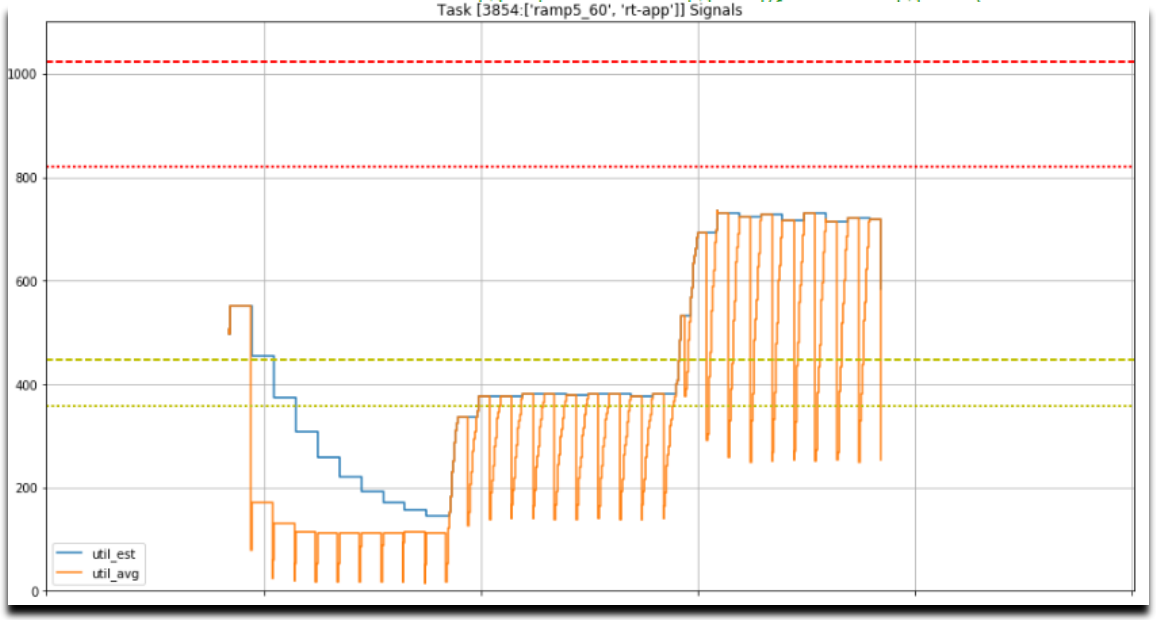

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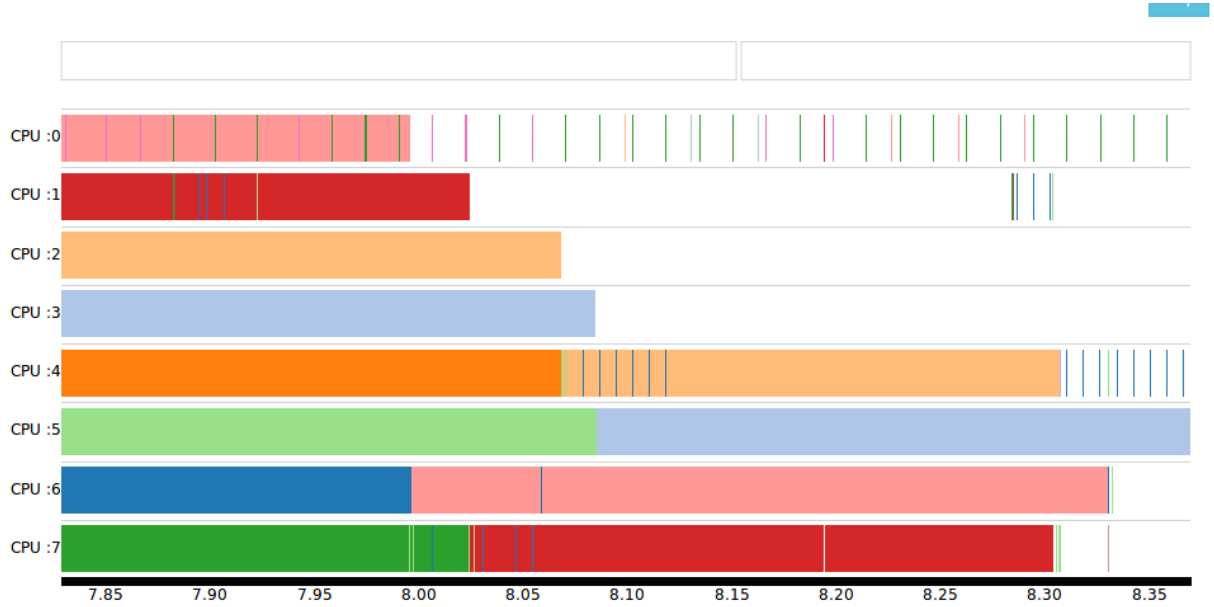
- Misfit Tasks
  - Promote long-running tasks to most capable Cpus
  - Key to achieving consistent performance in heterogenous systems
  - Tasks which don’t sleep need active migration



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A Simplified Energy Model for EAS

An Energy Model: why ?

- Power/perf. characteristics differ between different SoCs
- Heuristics don’t perform well on many platforms
- The Energy Model enables the design of a platform-agnostic algorithm in the scheduler
- Designed for mainline

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The Energy Model in Android / Hikey960

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CPU LEVEL

LITTLE			big		
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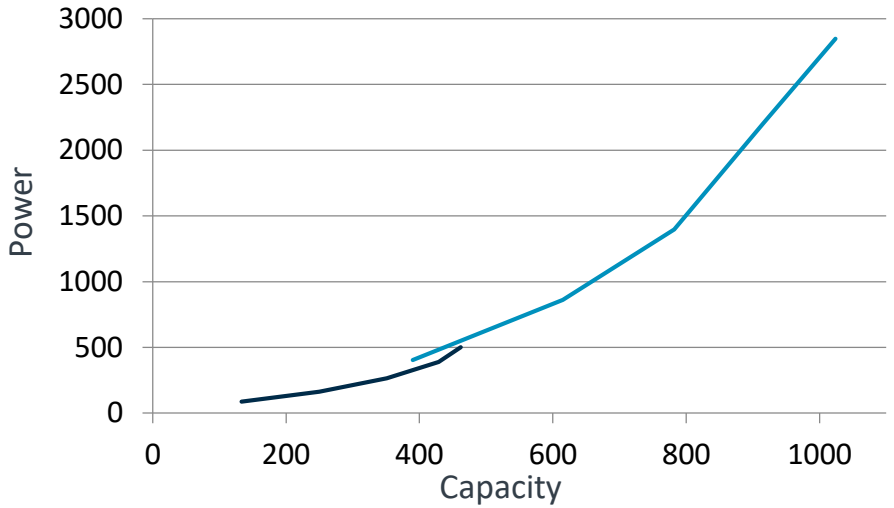

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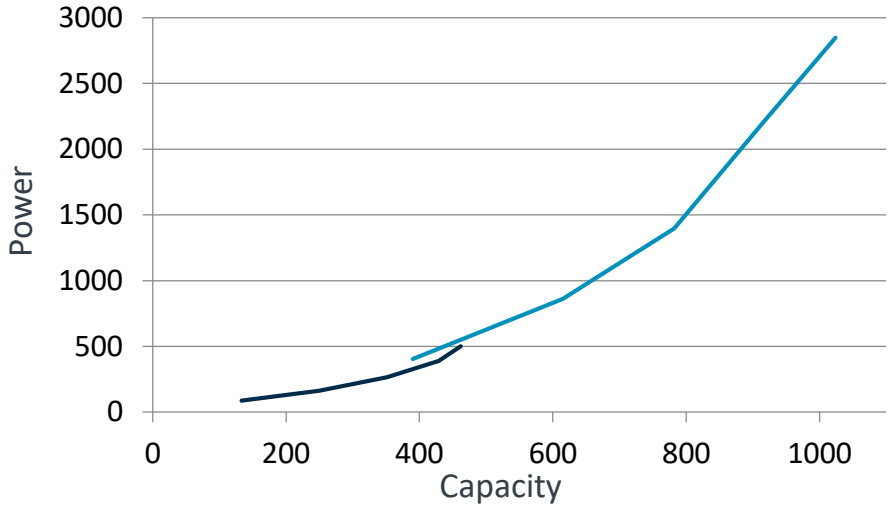

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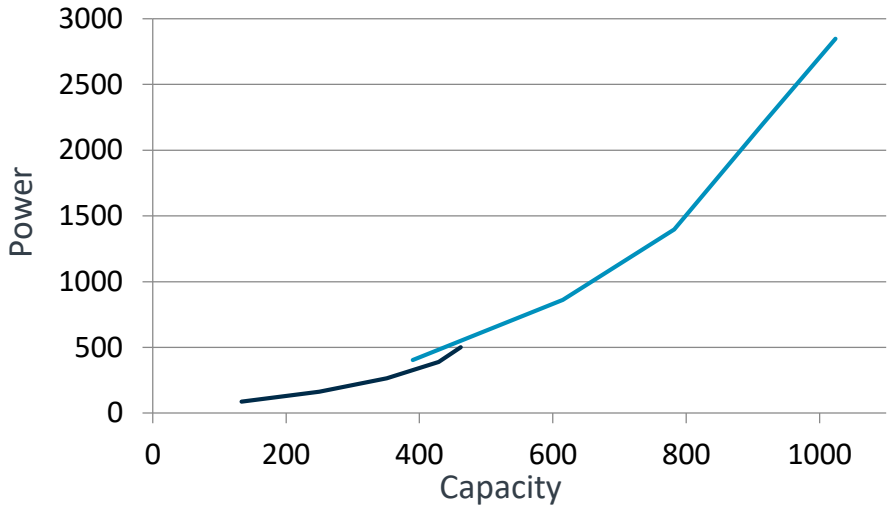

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CLUSTER LEVEL

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533	133	12	**903**	390	102
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1402	351	36	**1805**	782	221
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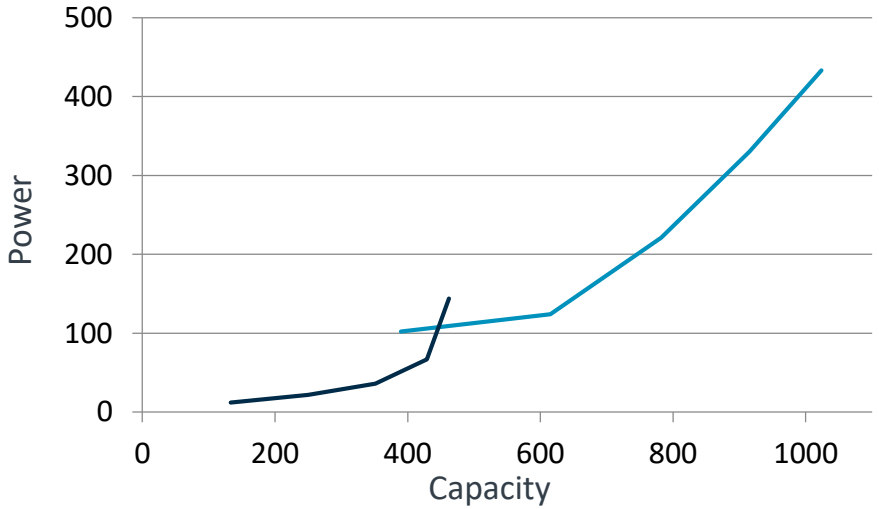
1844	462	144	2362	1024	433



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        1024   2848 >;
    idle-cost-data = < 18 18 0 0 >;
};
CPU_COST_A53: core-cost1 {
    busy-cost-data = <
        133    87
        250    164
        351    265
        429    388
        462    502 >;
    idle-cost-data = < 5 5 0 0 >;
};
CLUSTER_COST_A72: cluster-cost0 {
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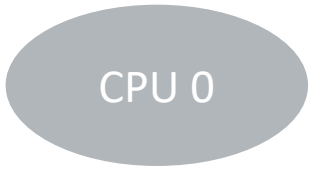

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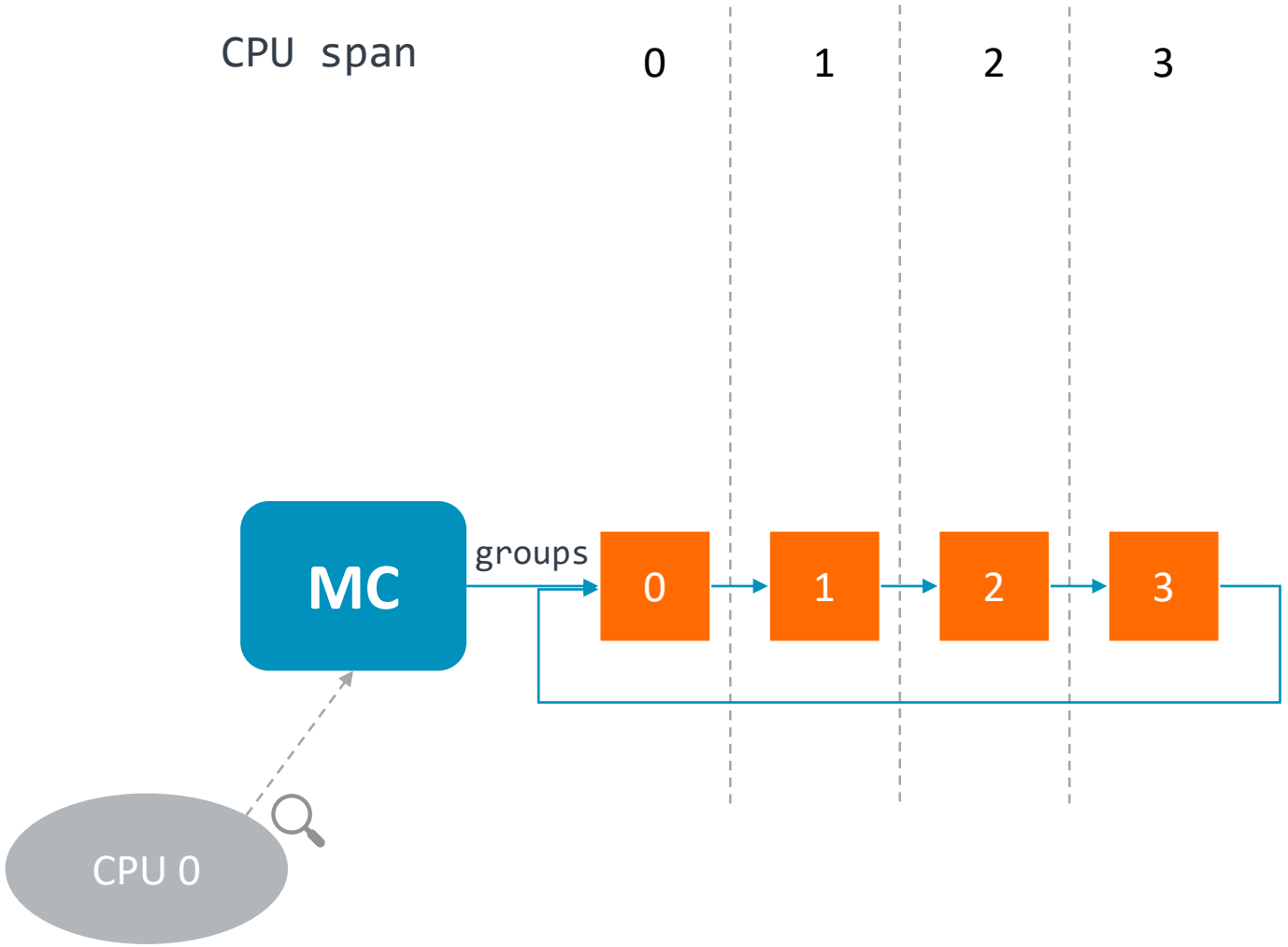

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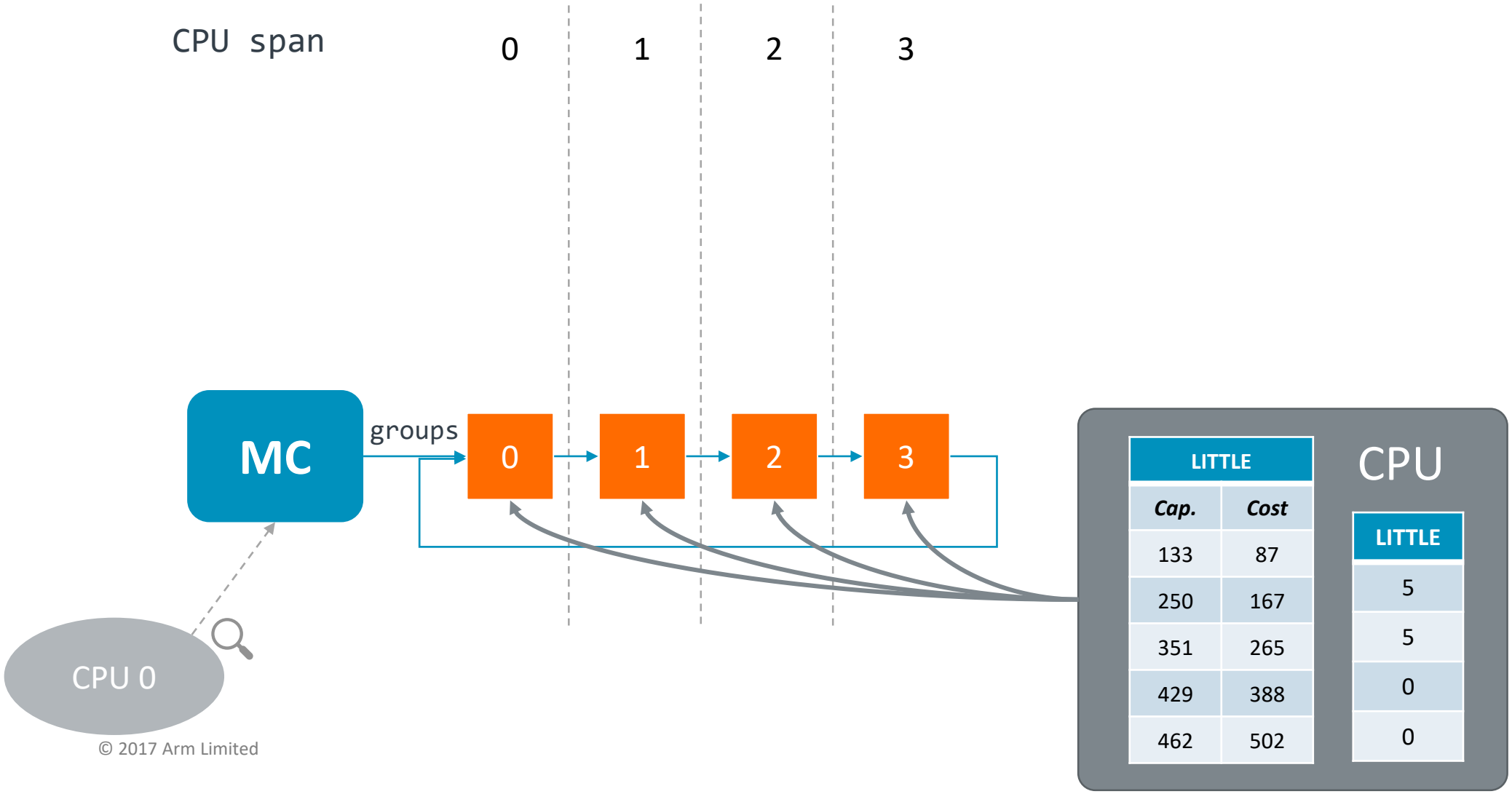

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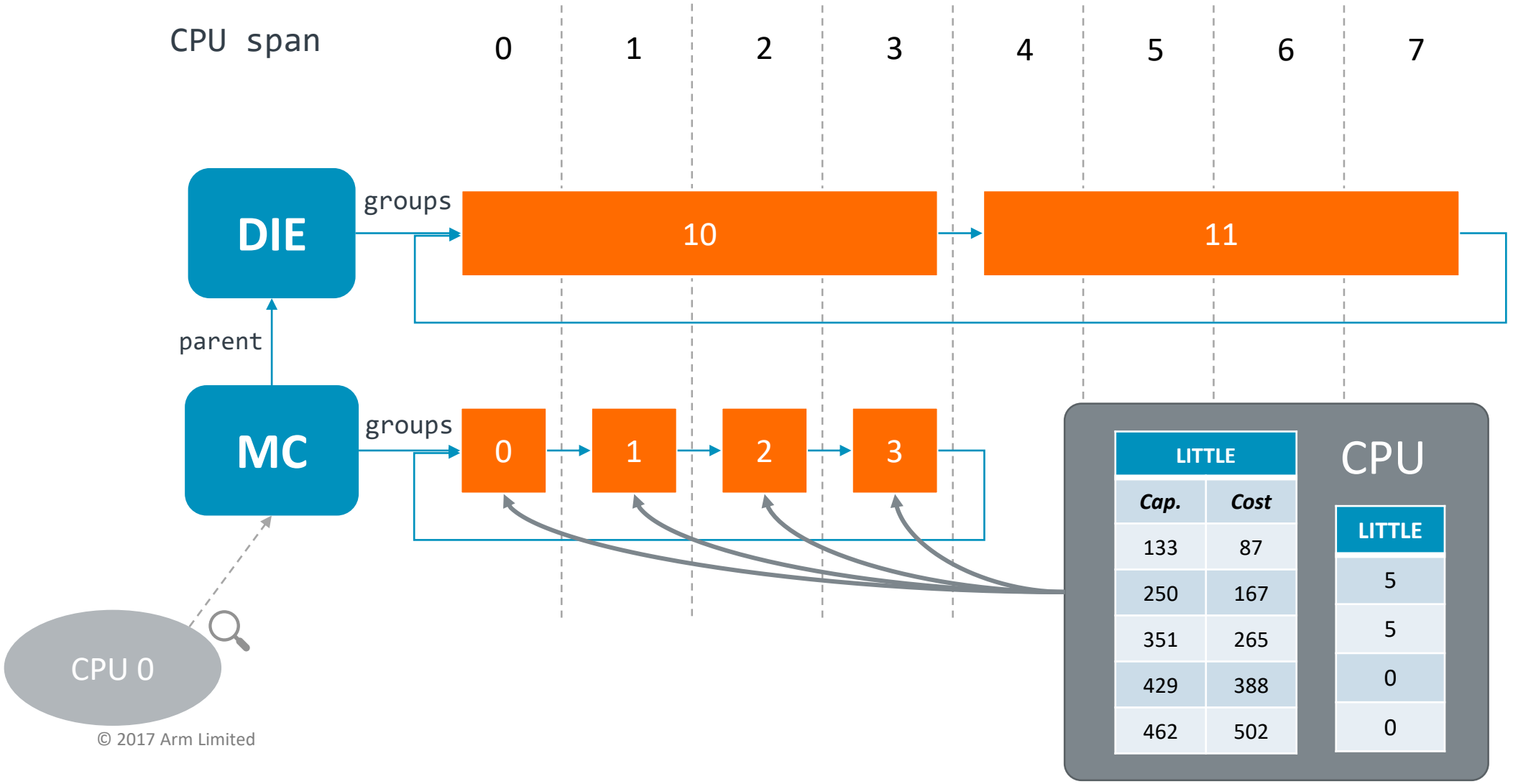

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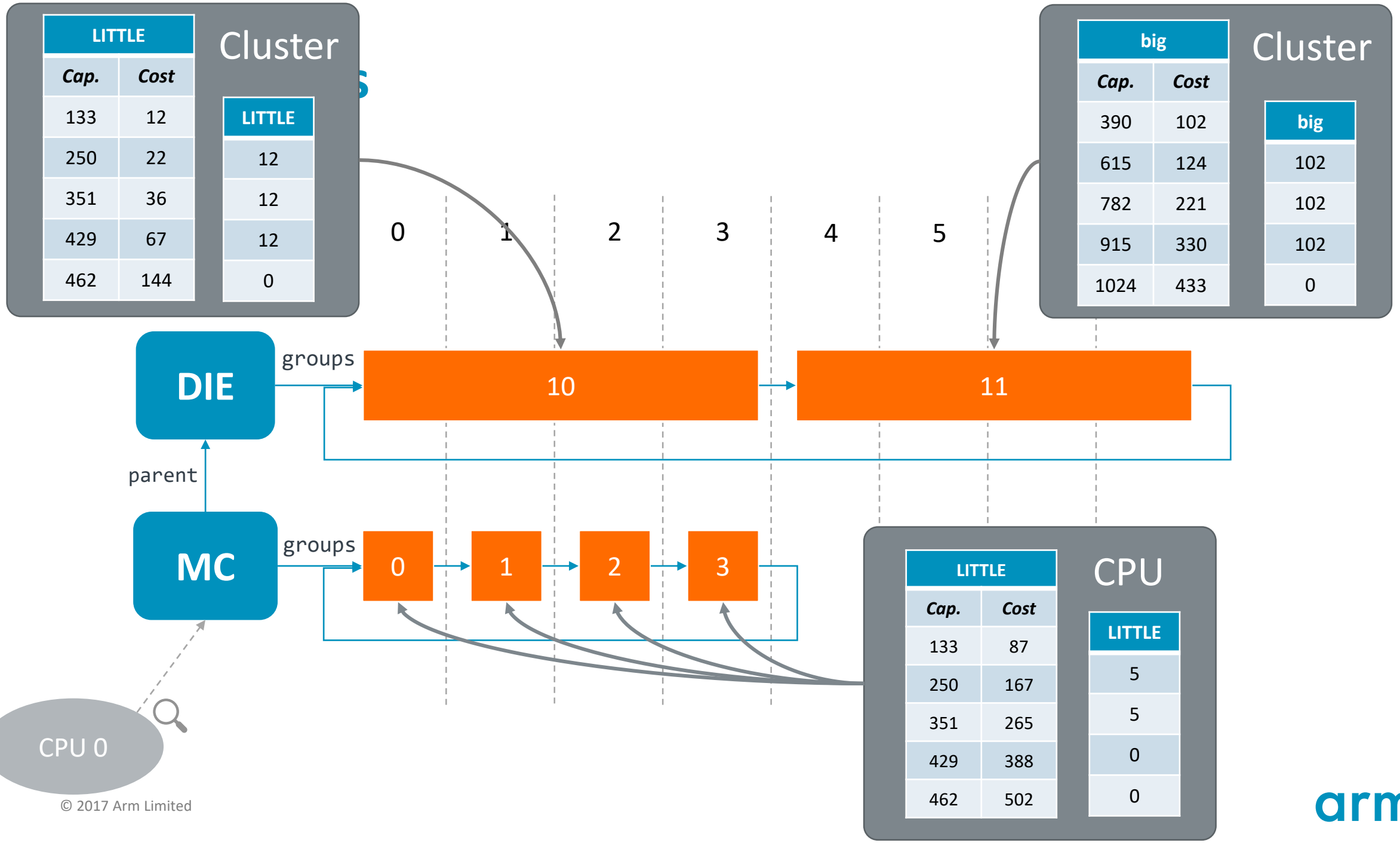

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- Tested on Android-4.4: Hikey960, Pixel2, Hikey620

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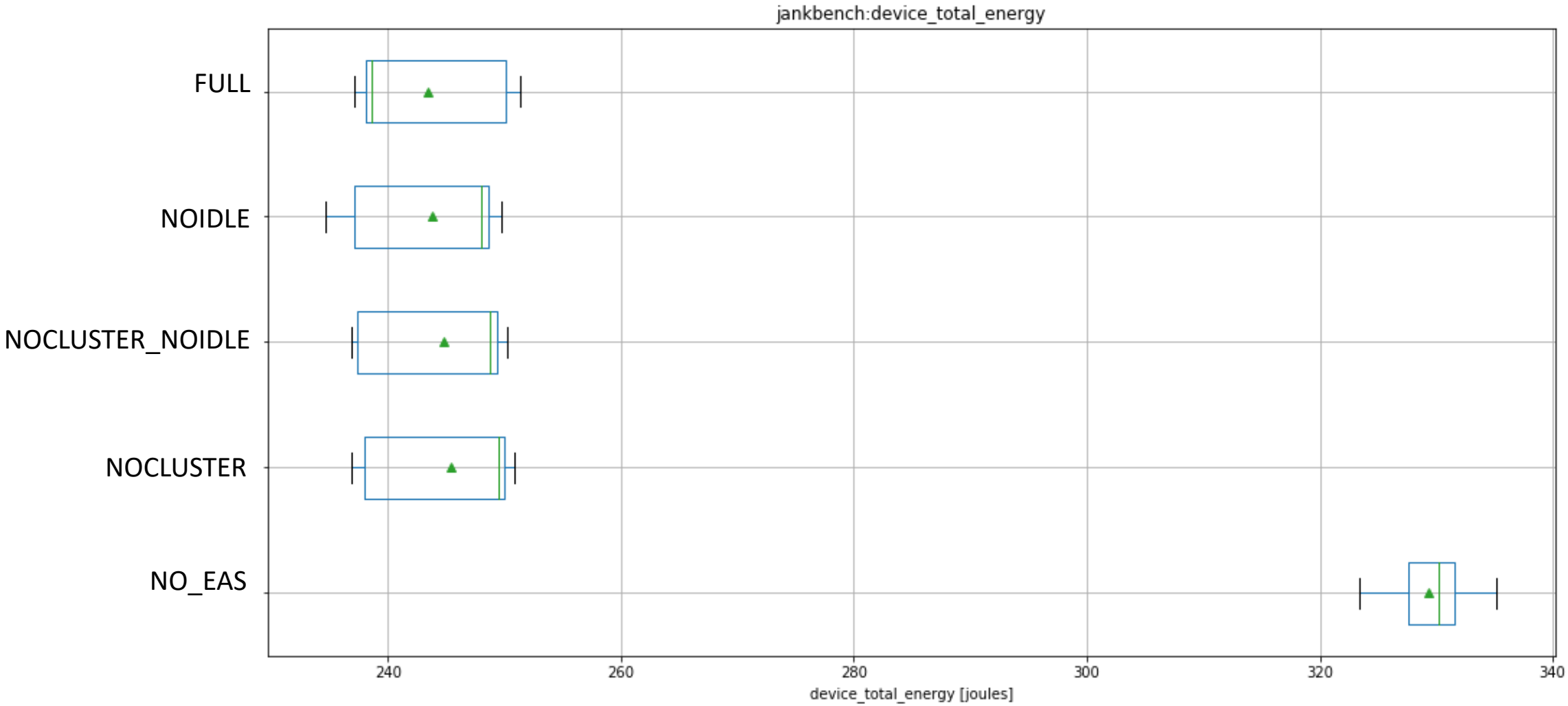
Jankbench / list_view - Hikey960



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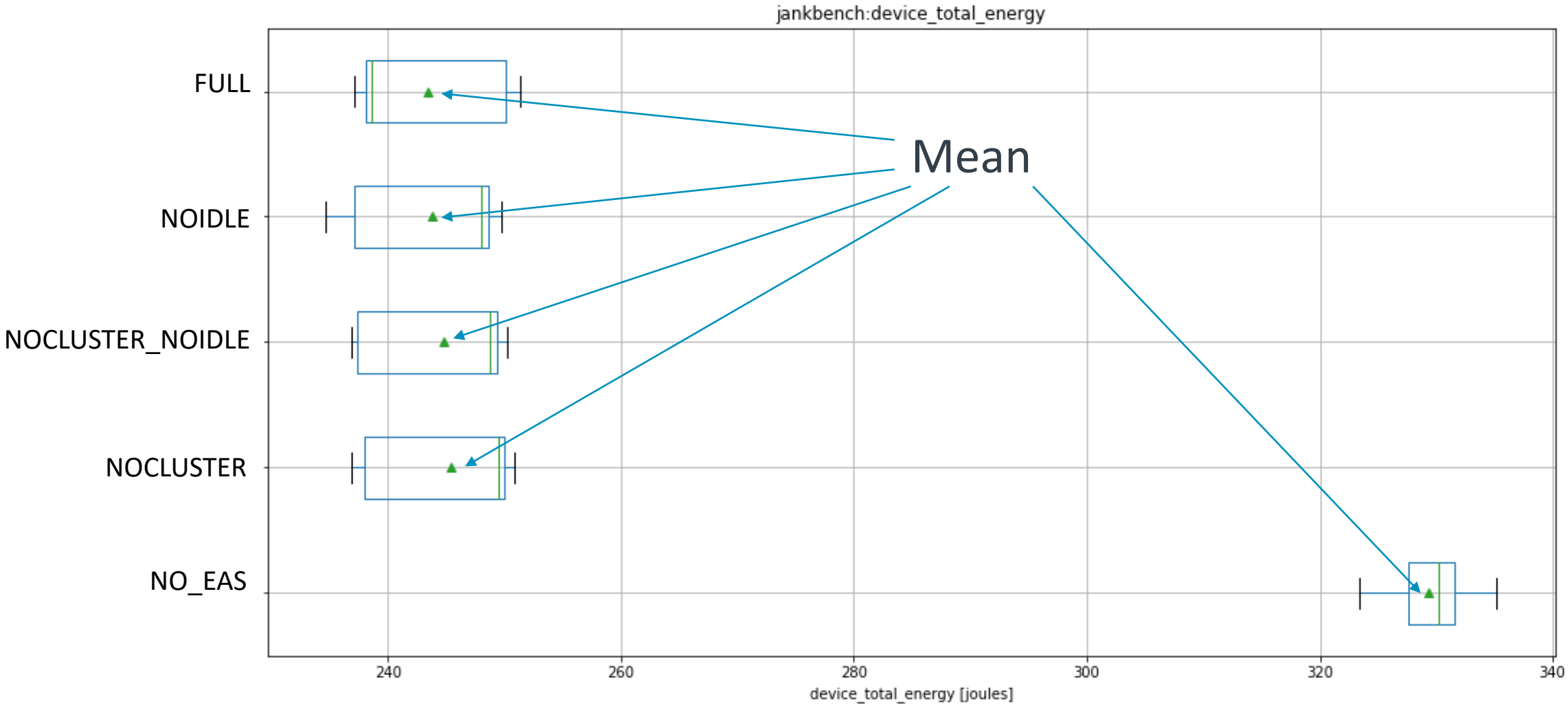

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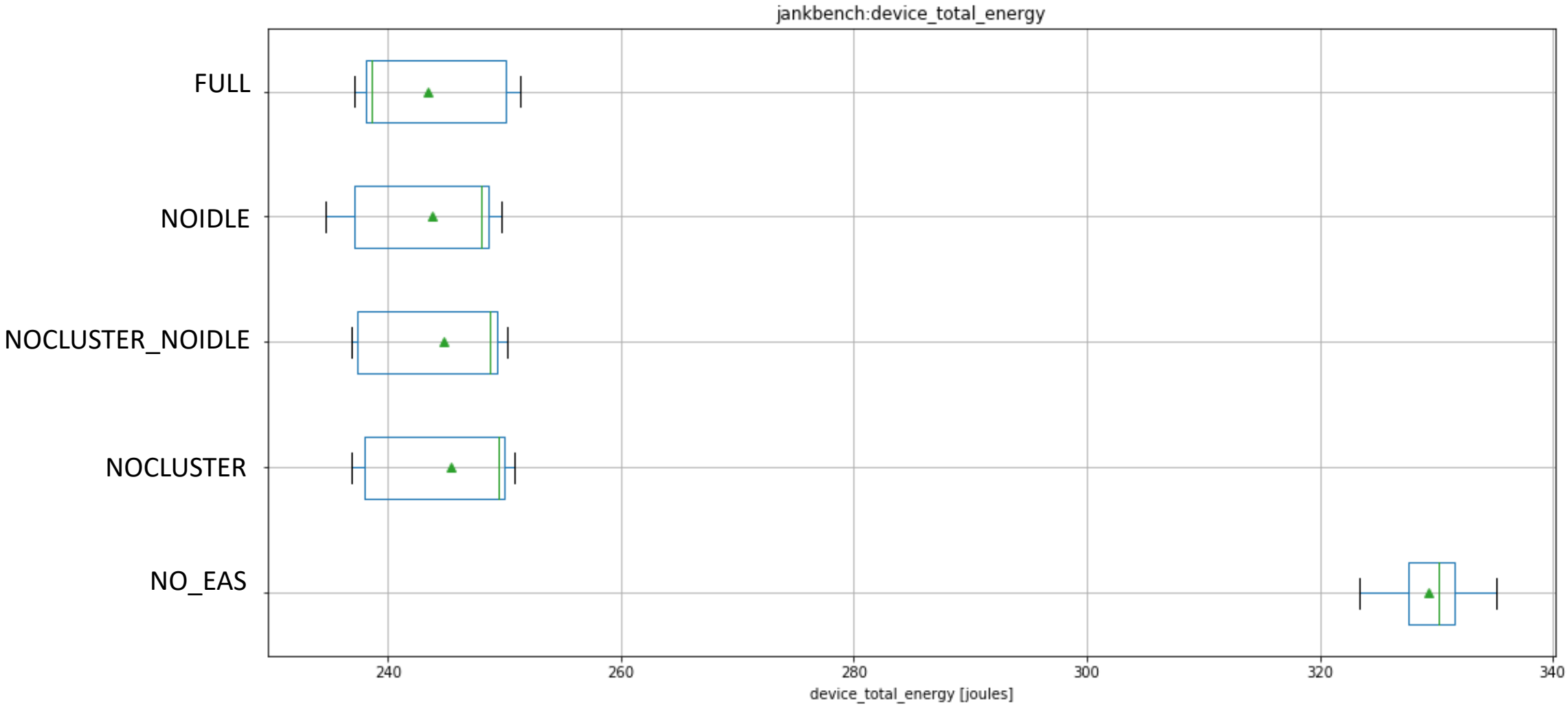

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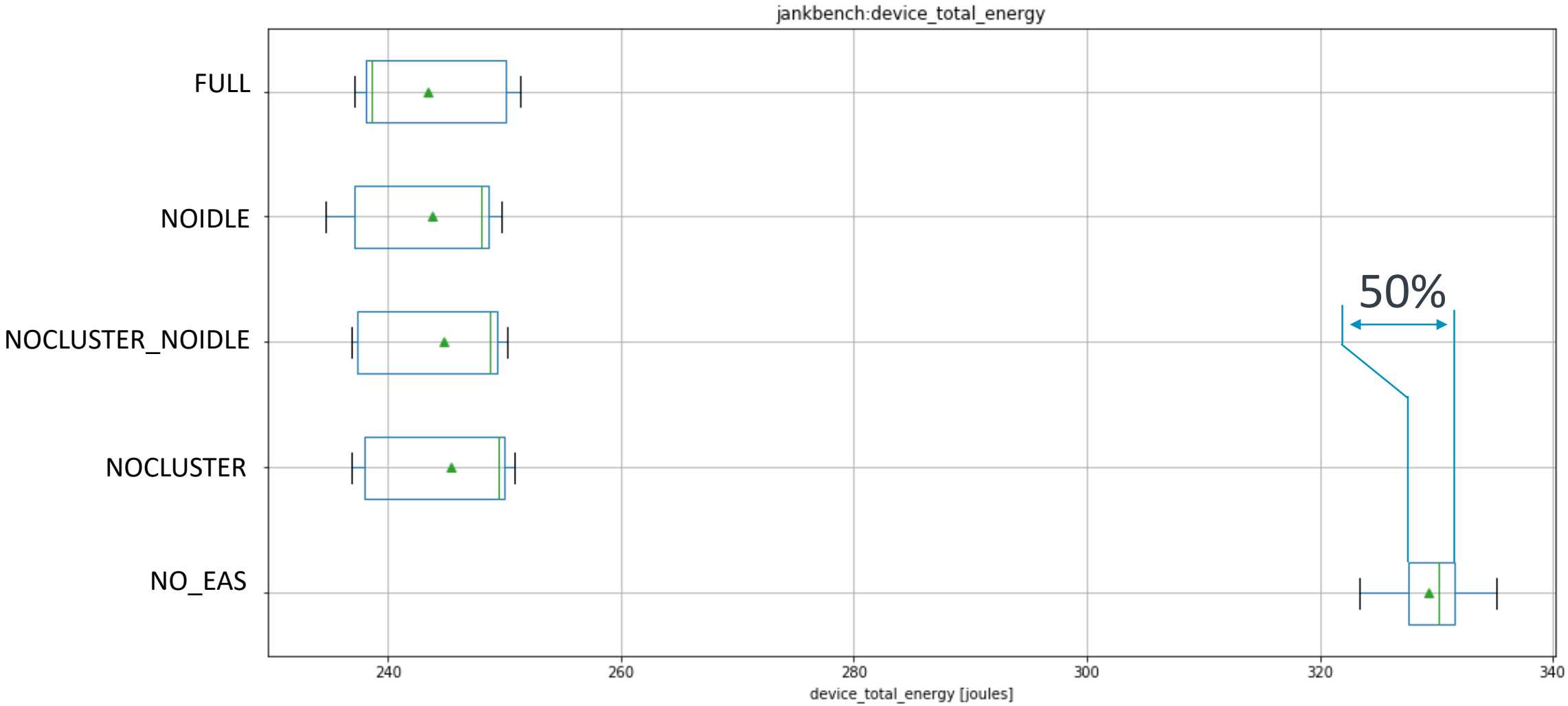

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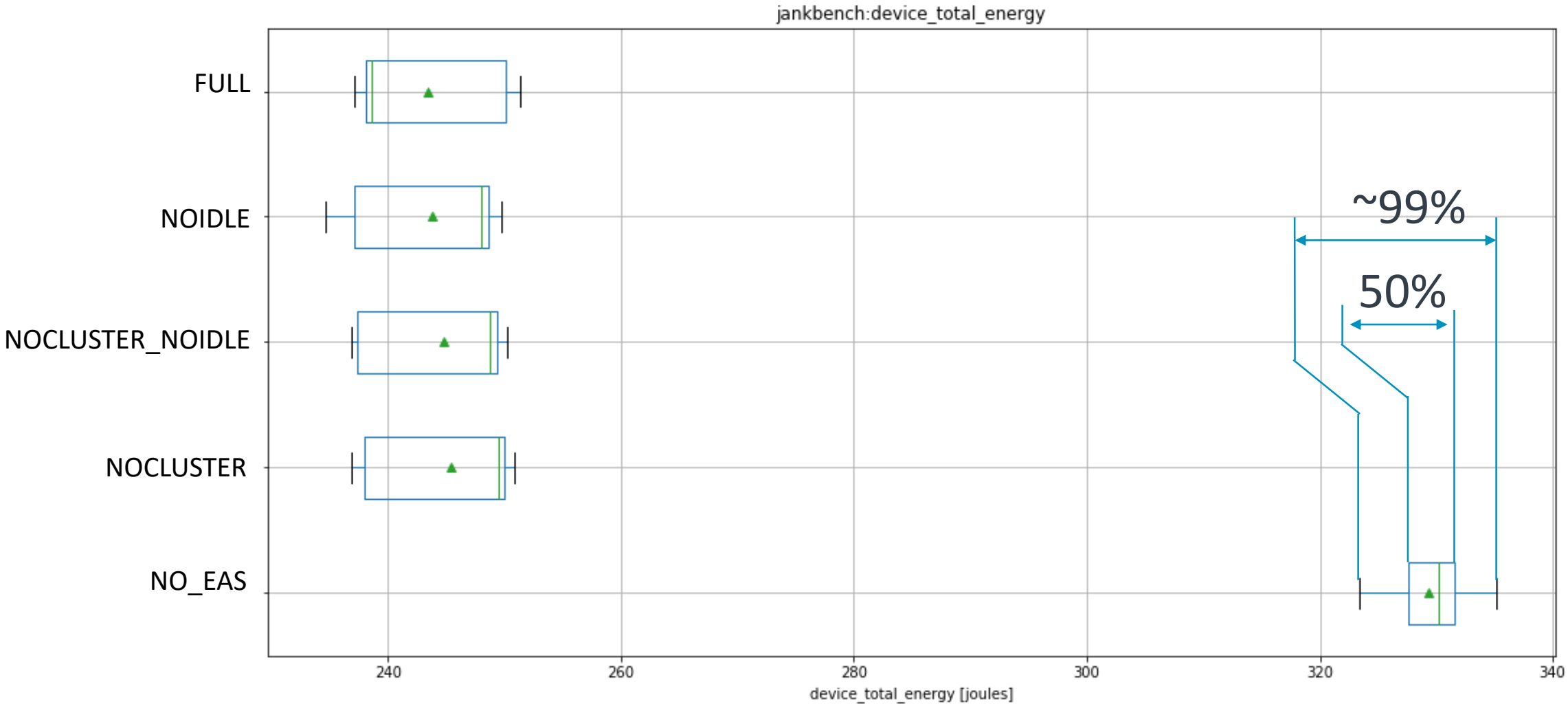

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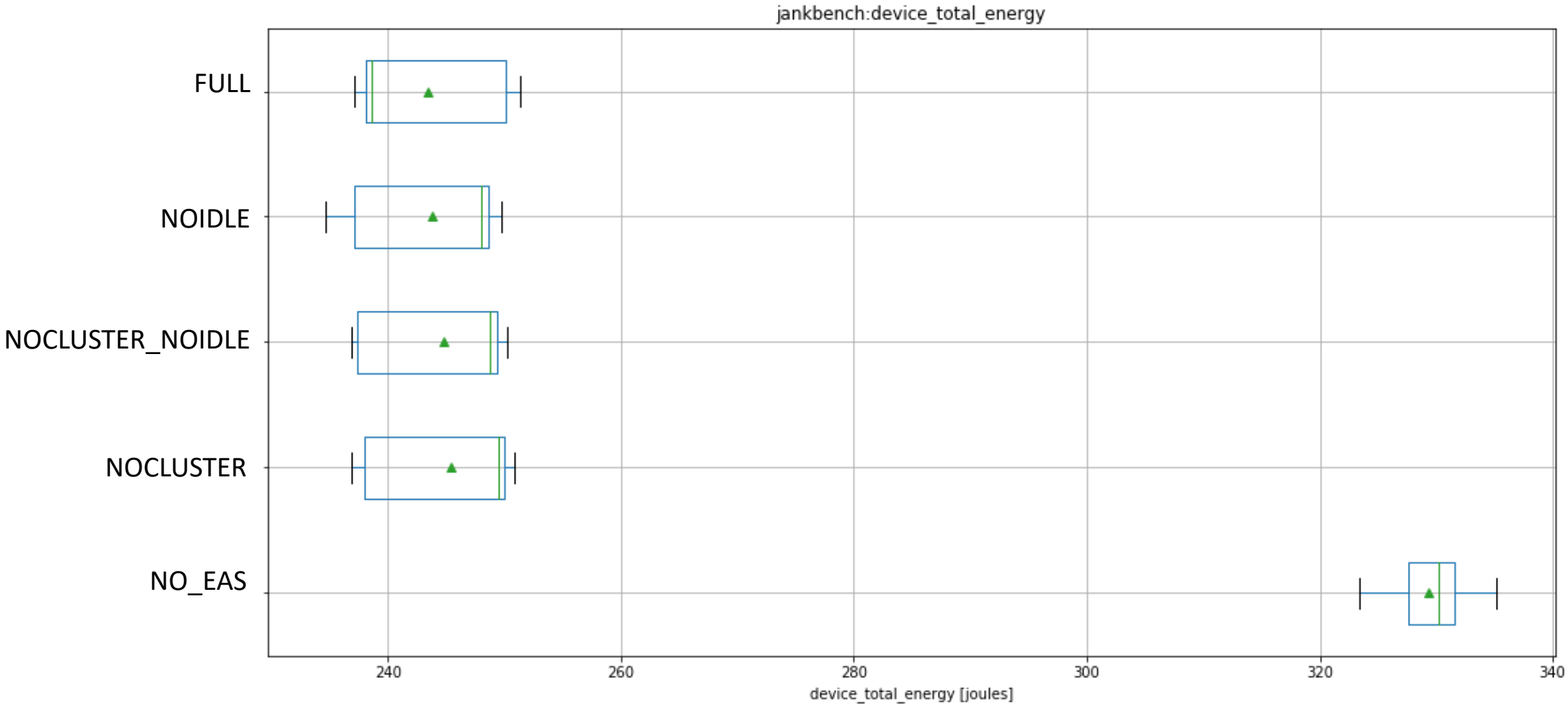

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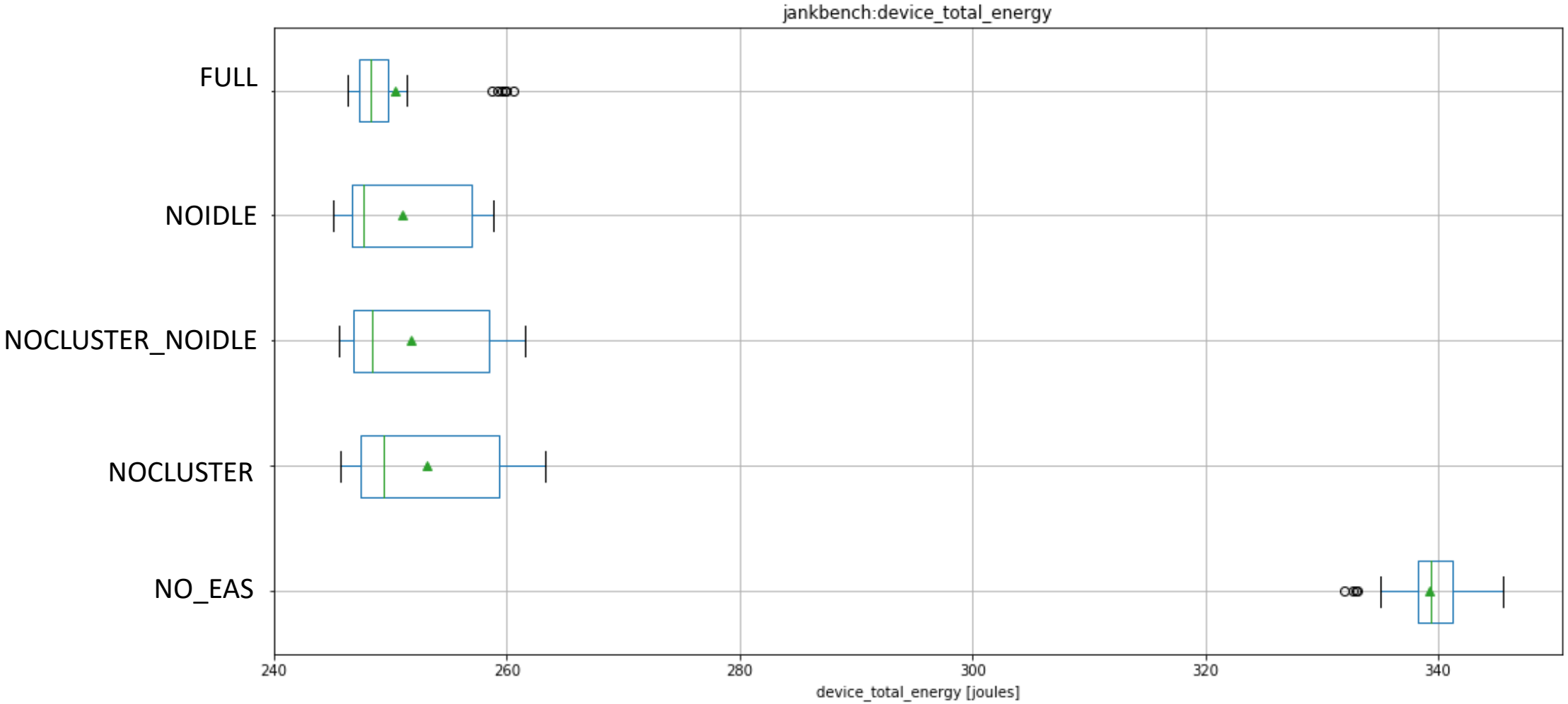

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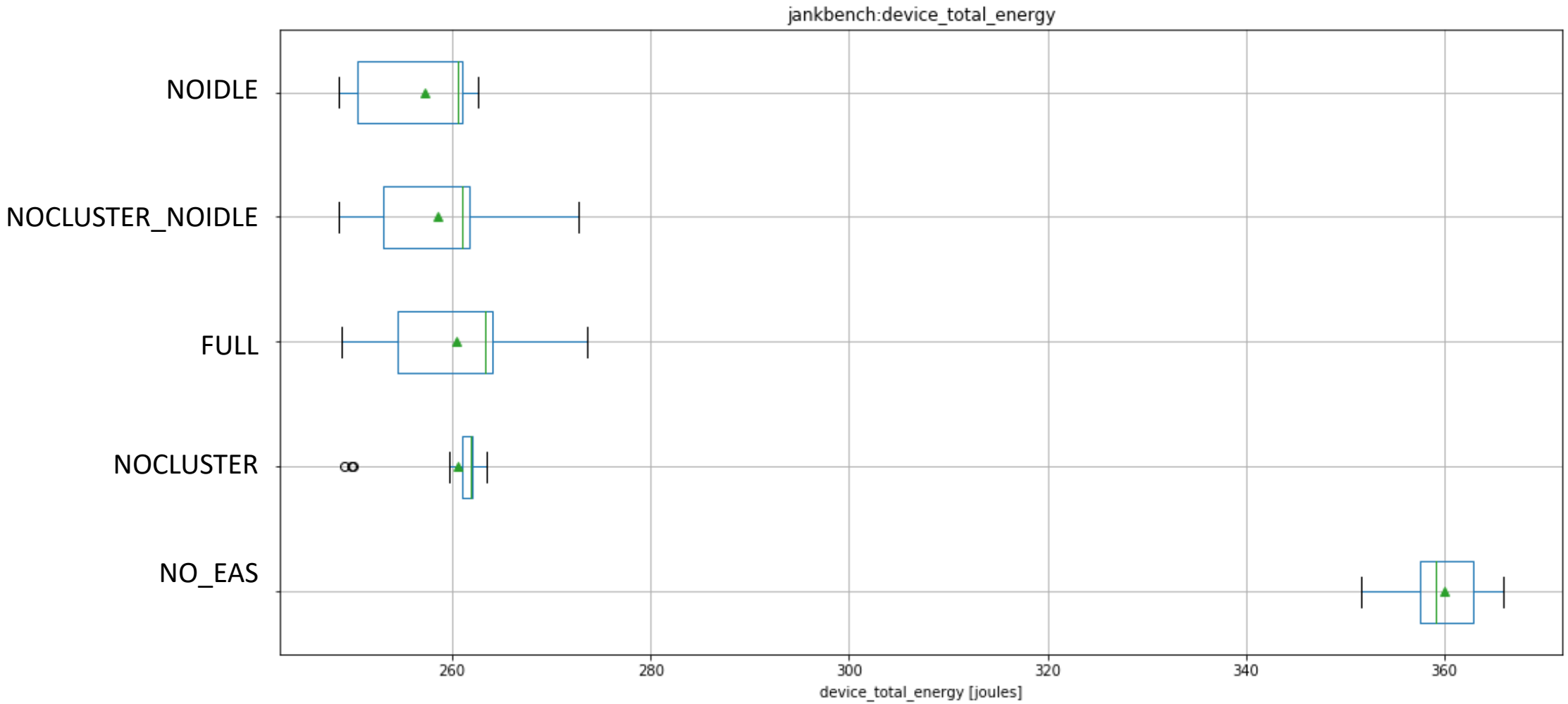

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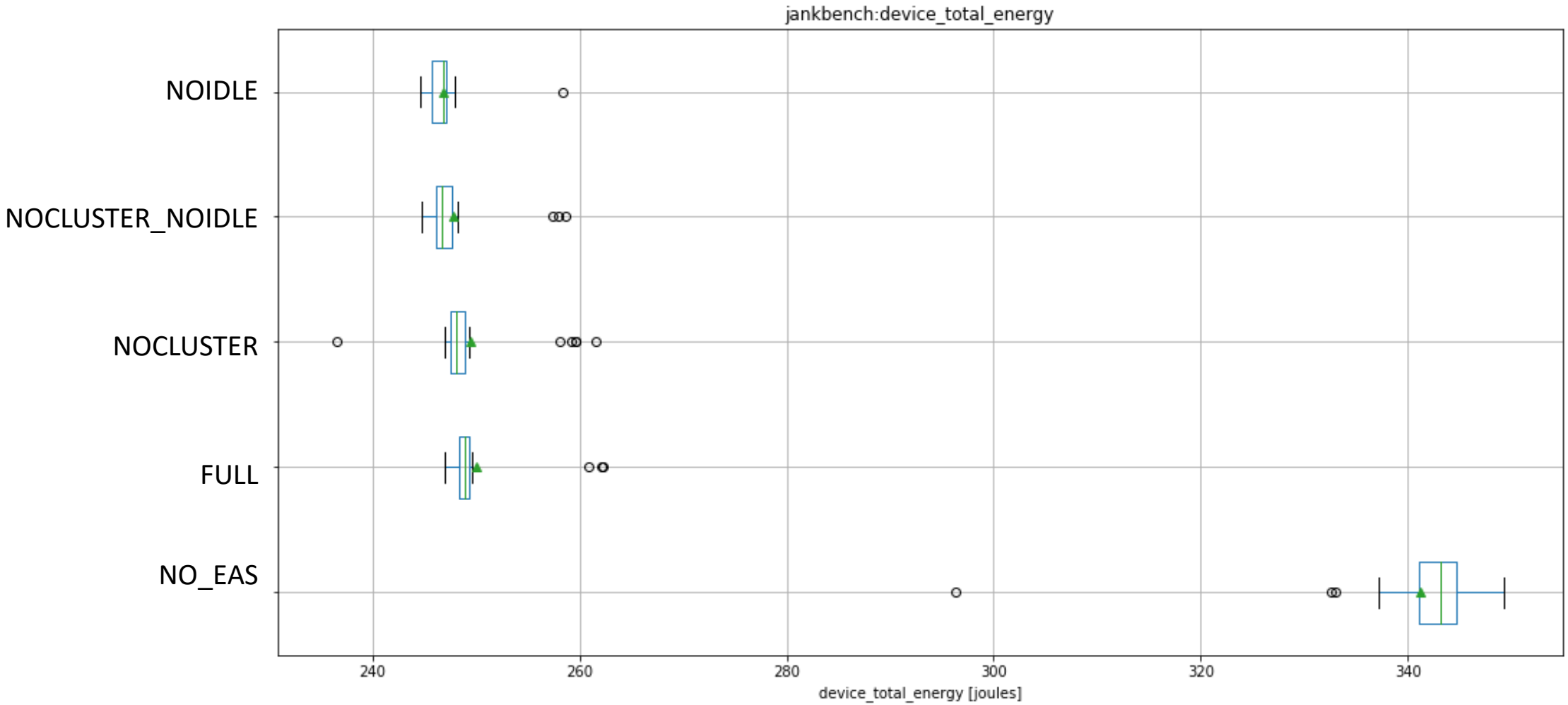

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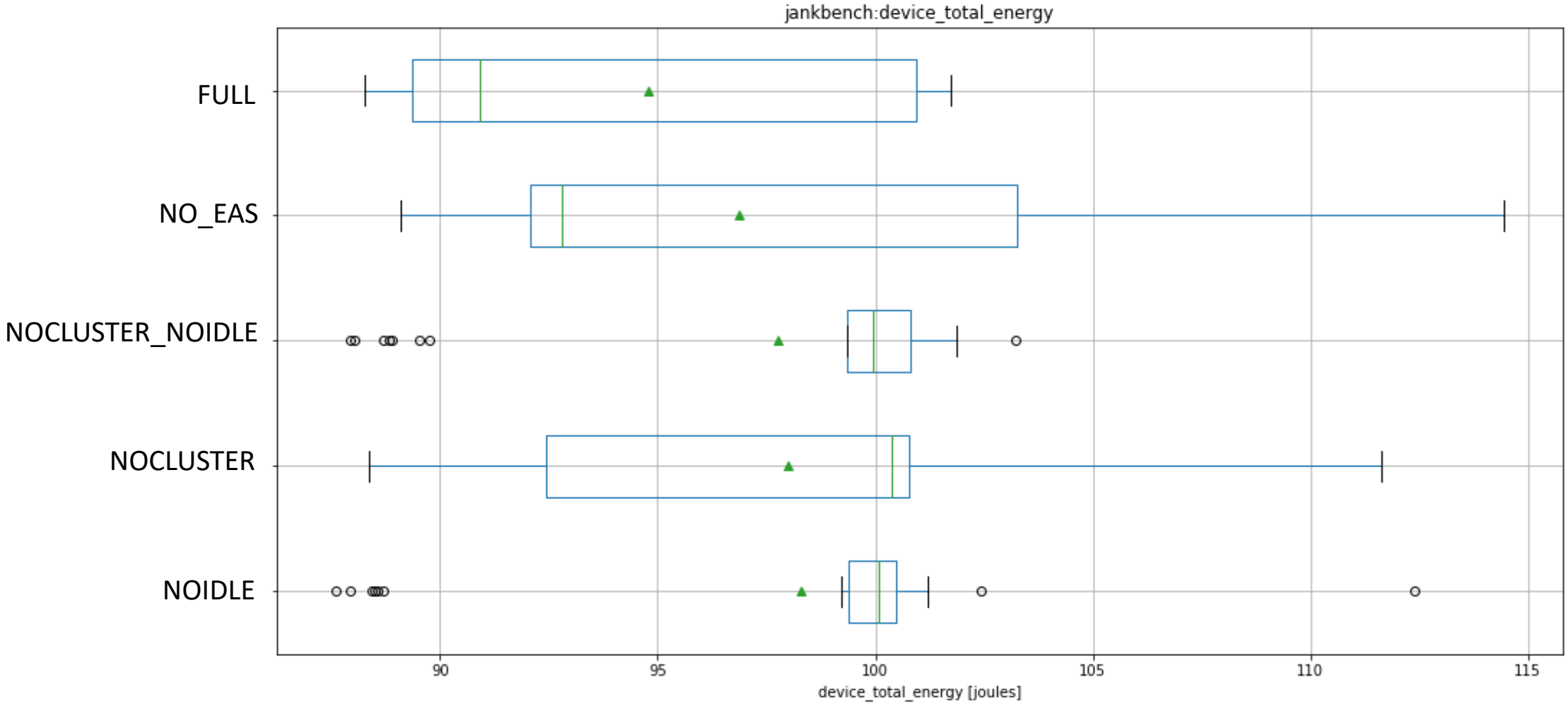

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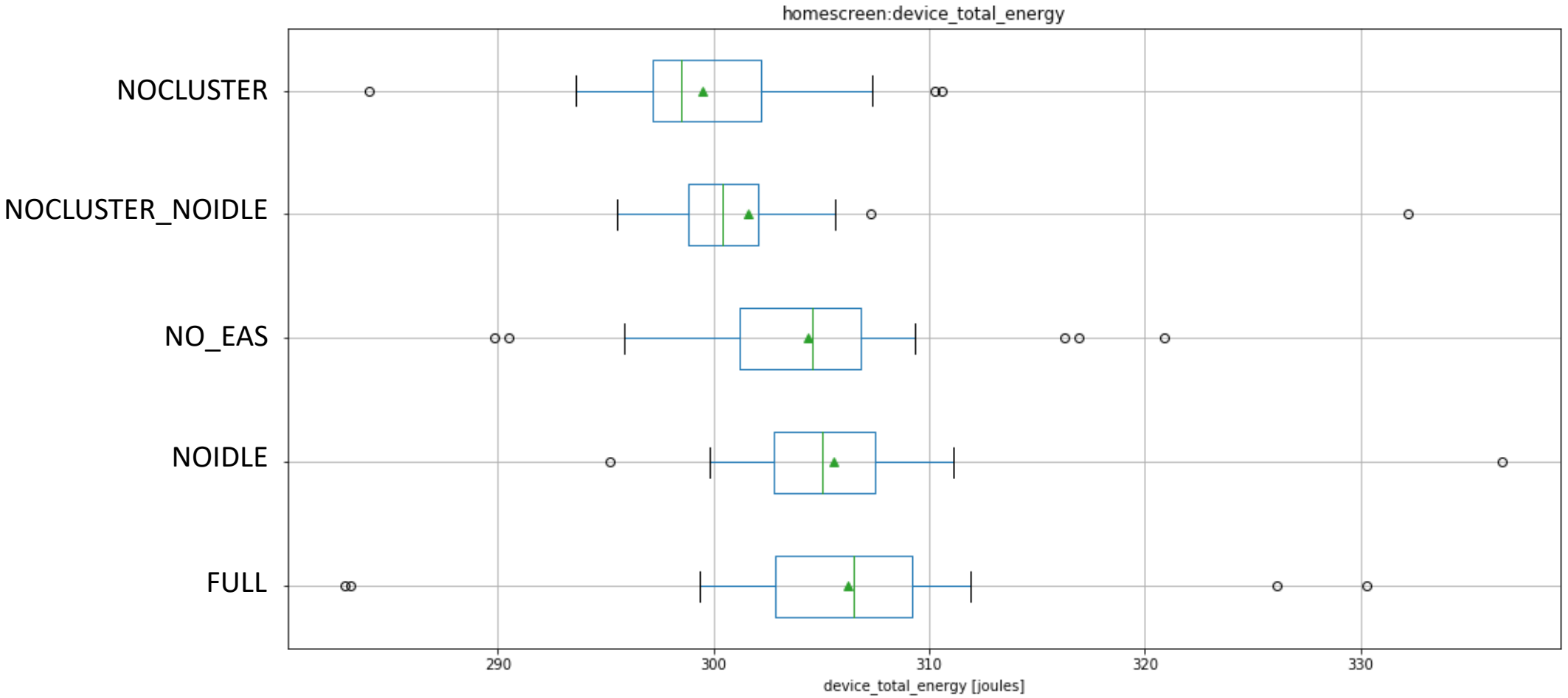

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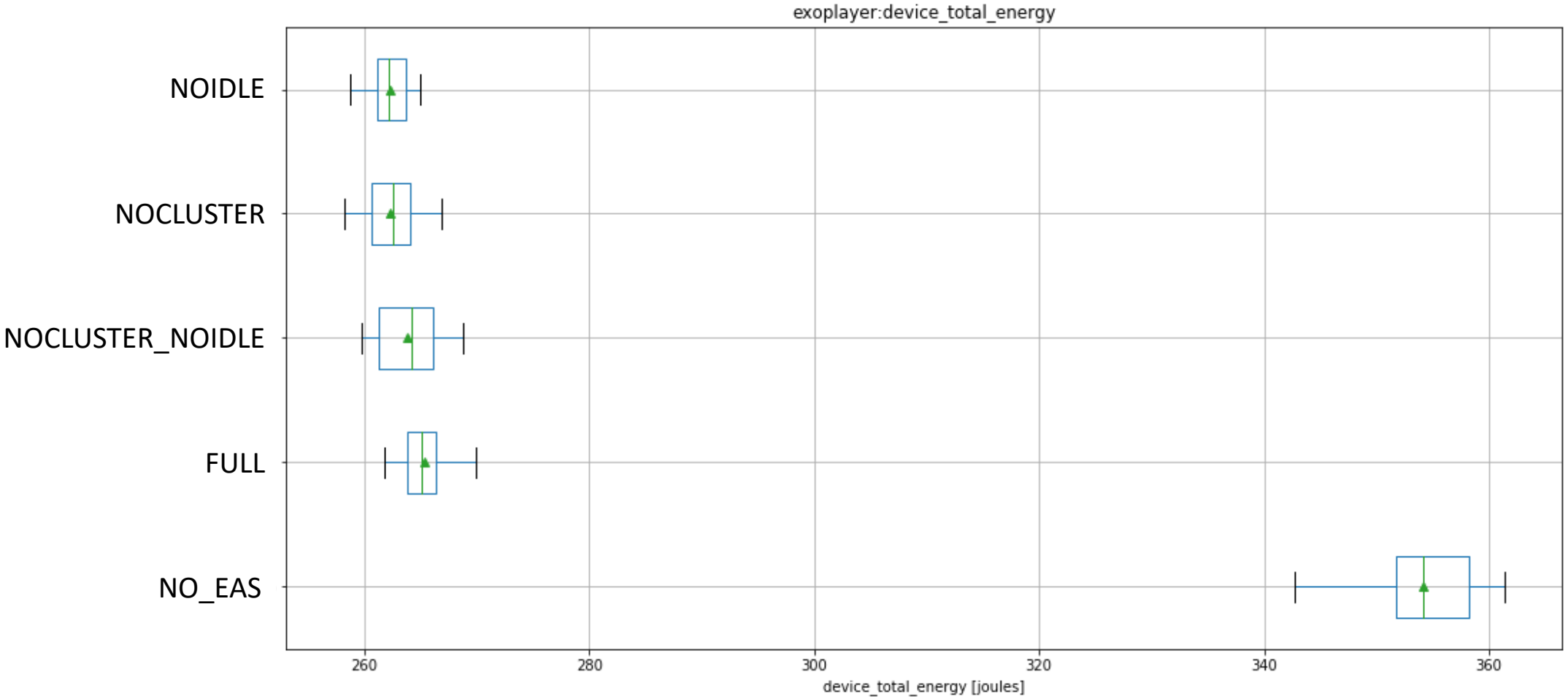

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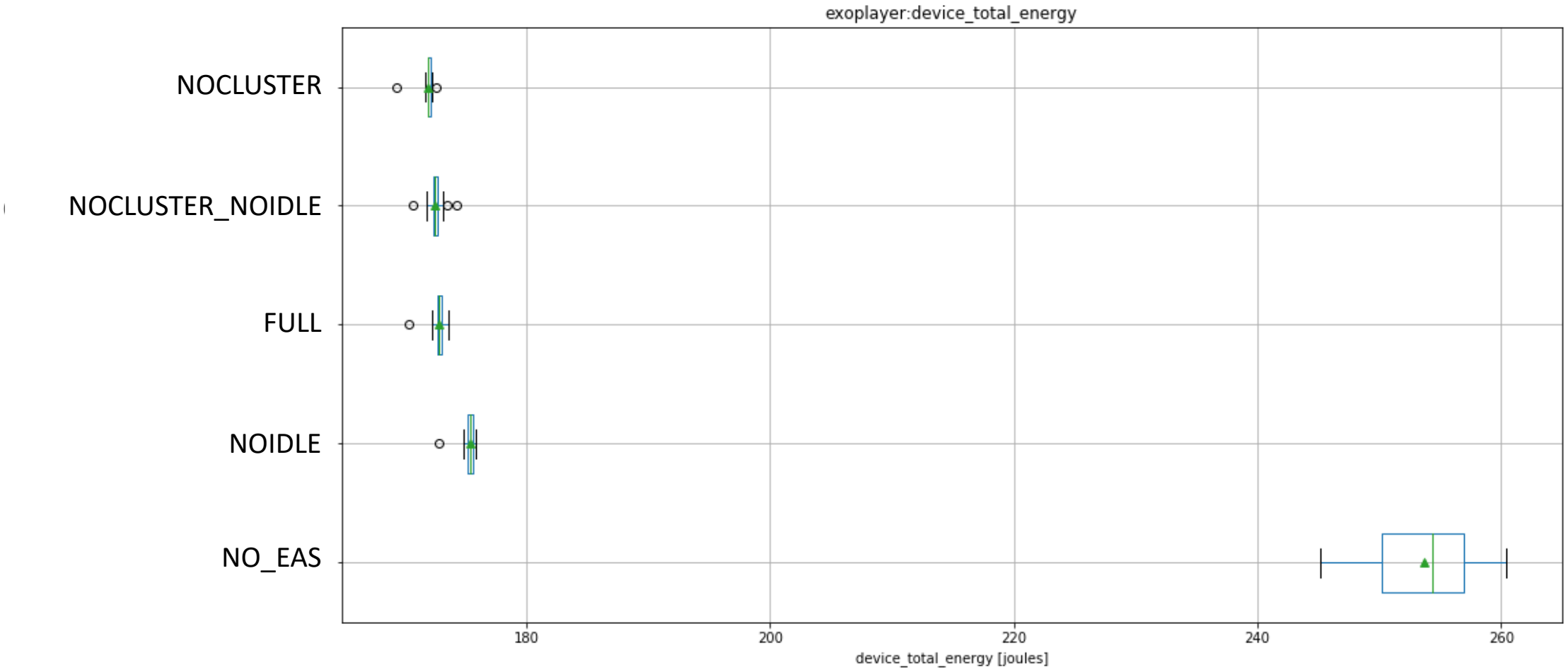

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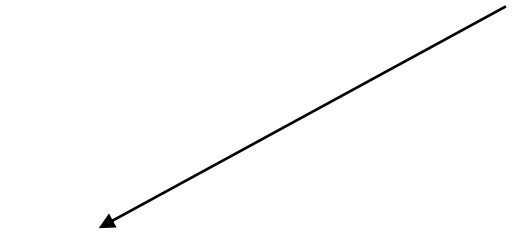

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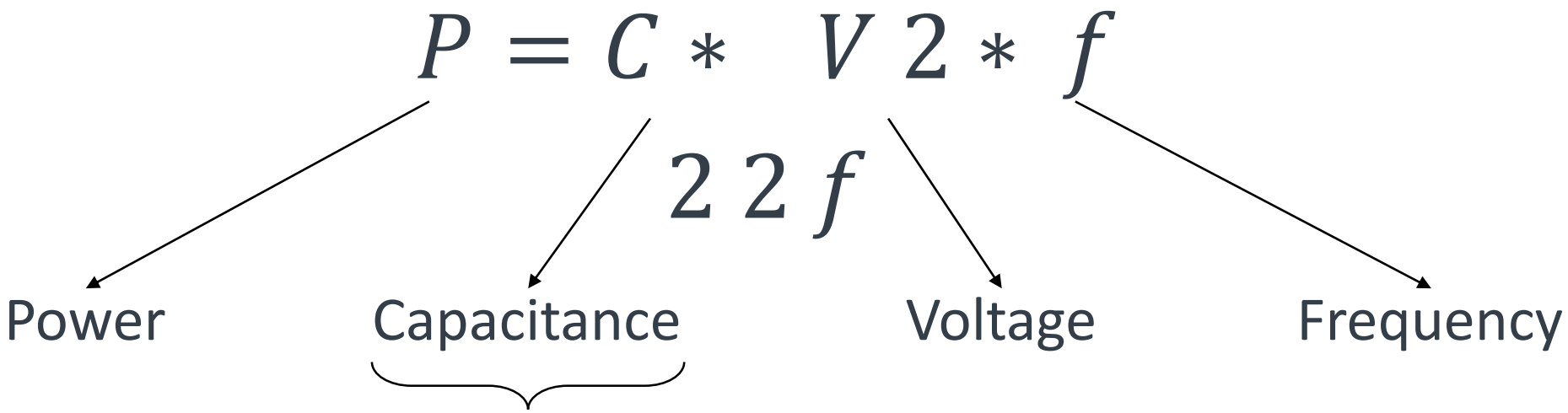

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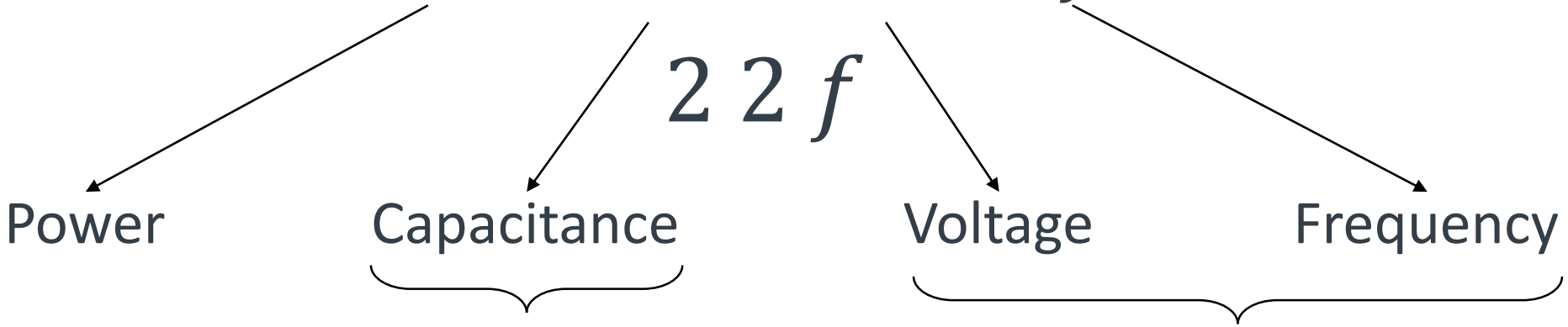

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Managed by CPUFreq / OPP

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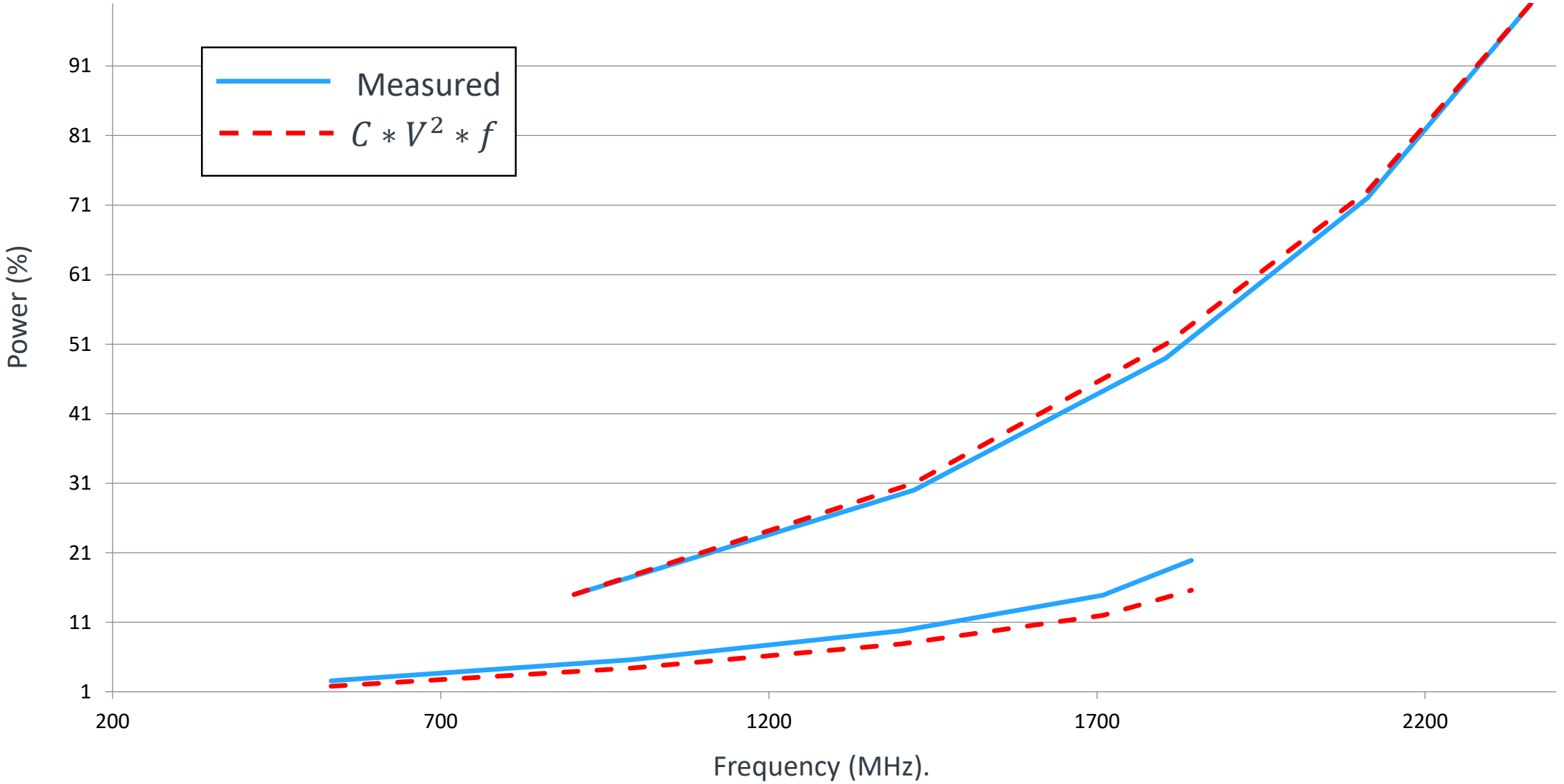
Energy Model Comparison / Hikey960



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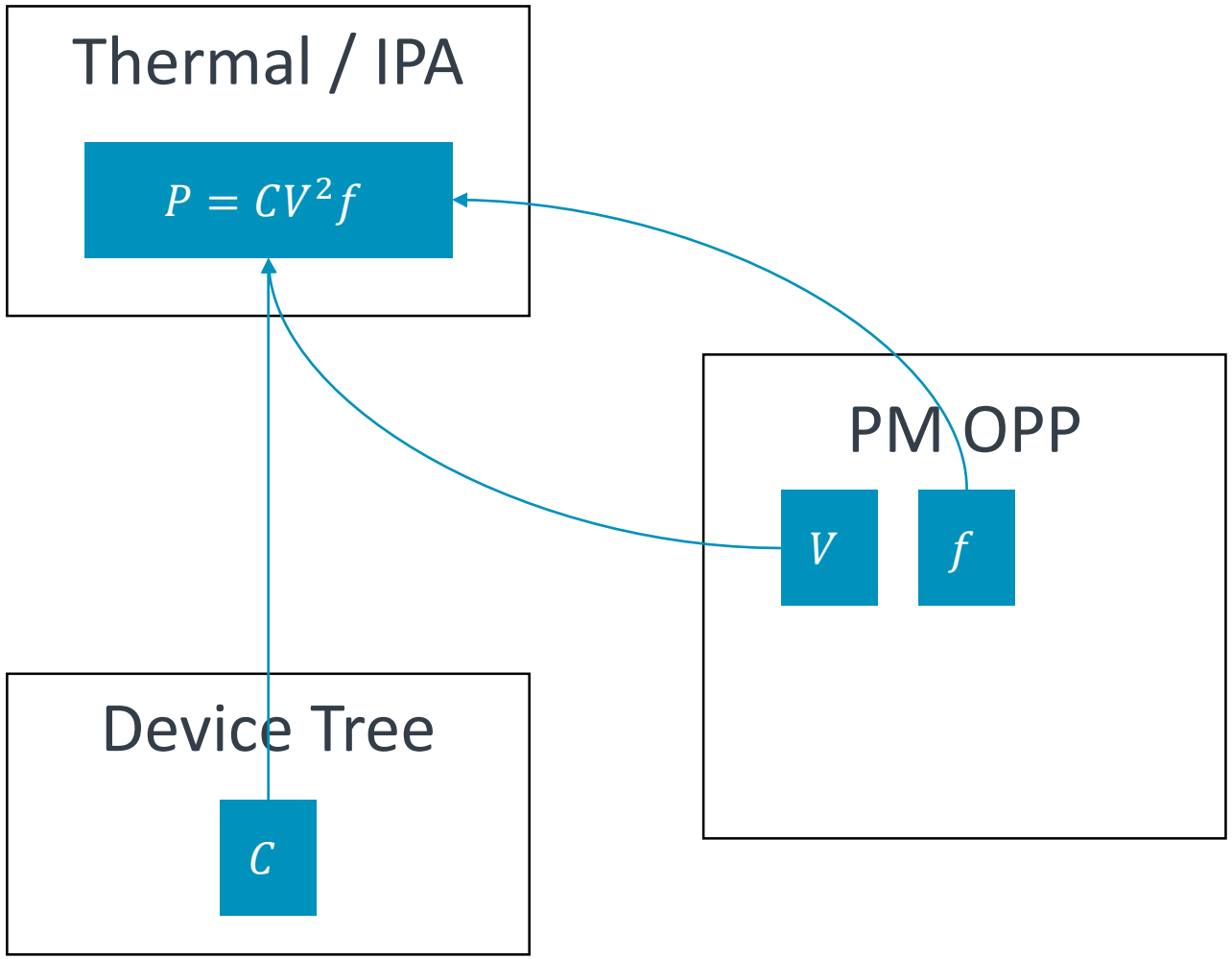

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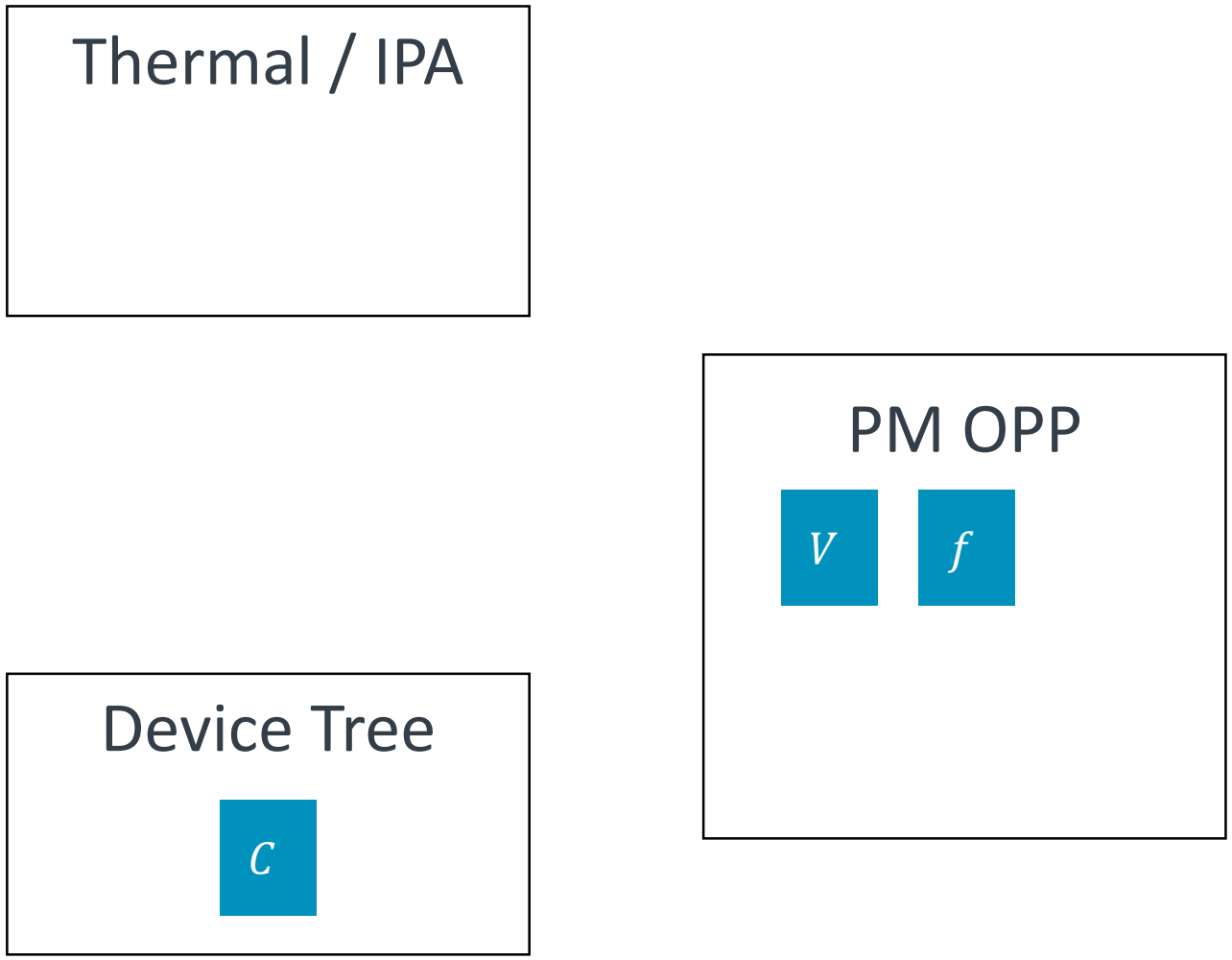

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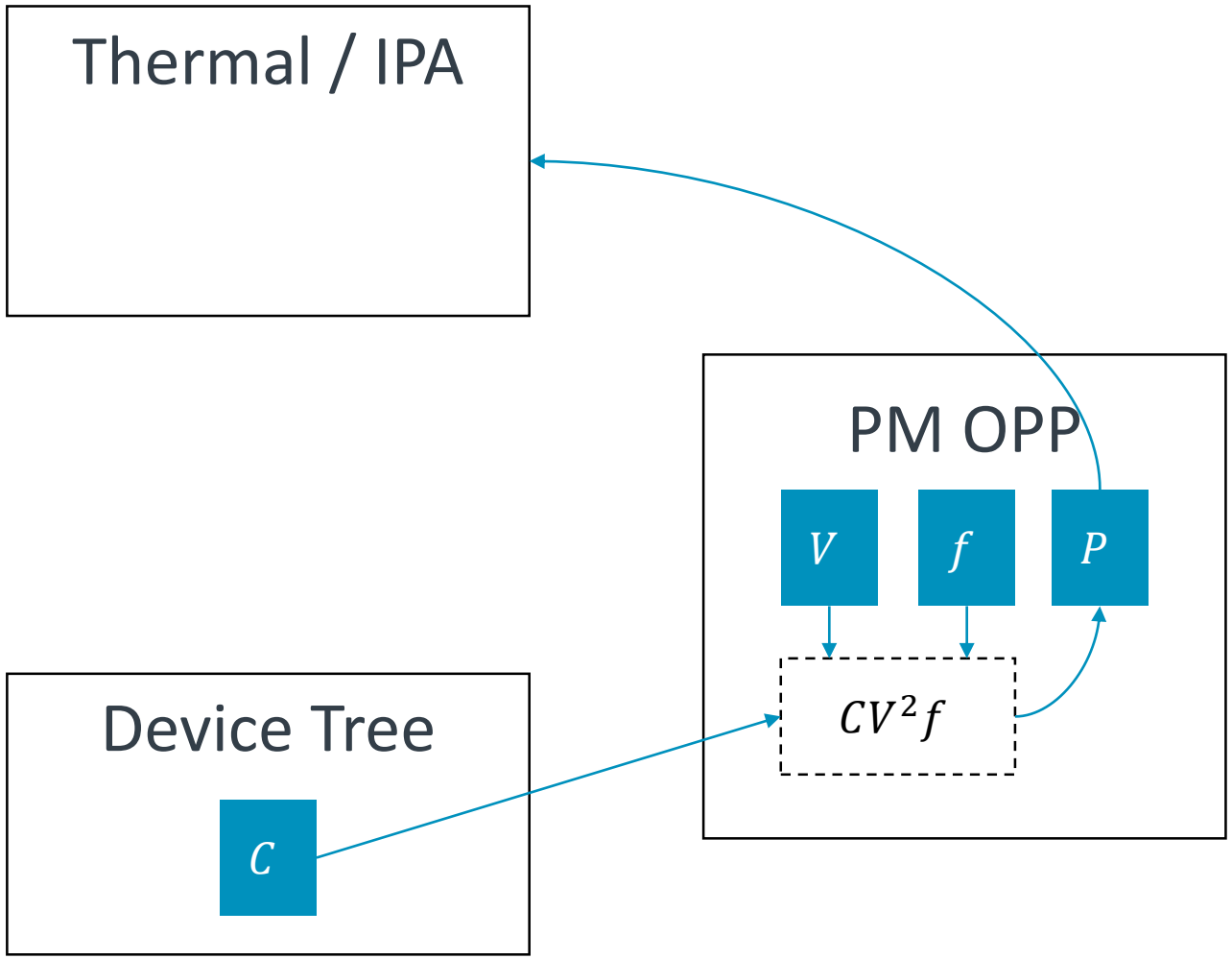

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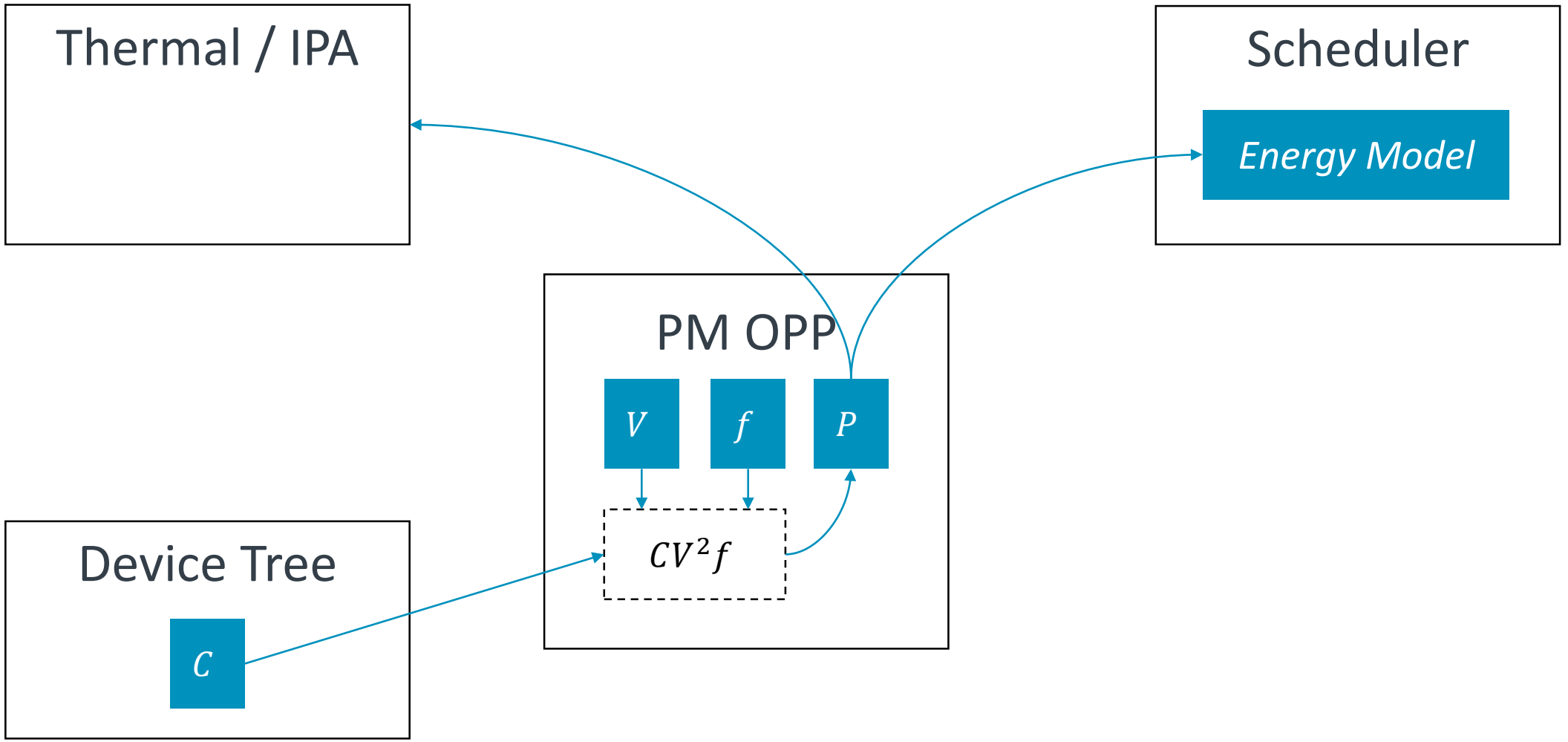

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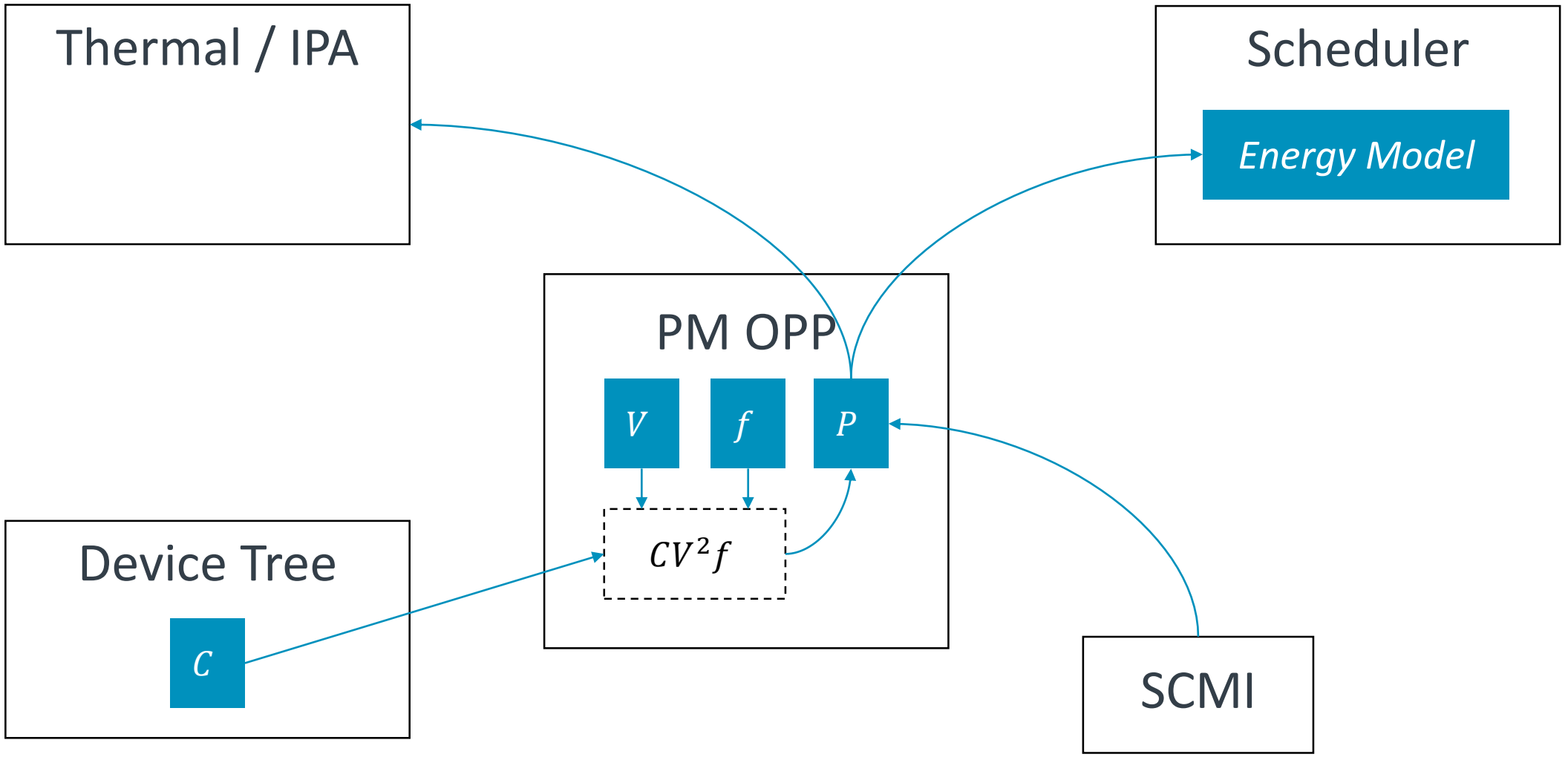

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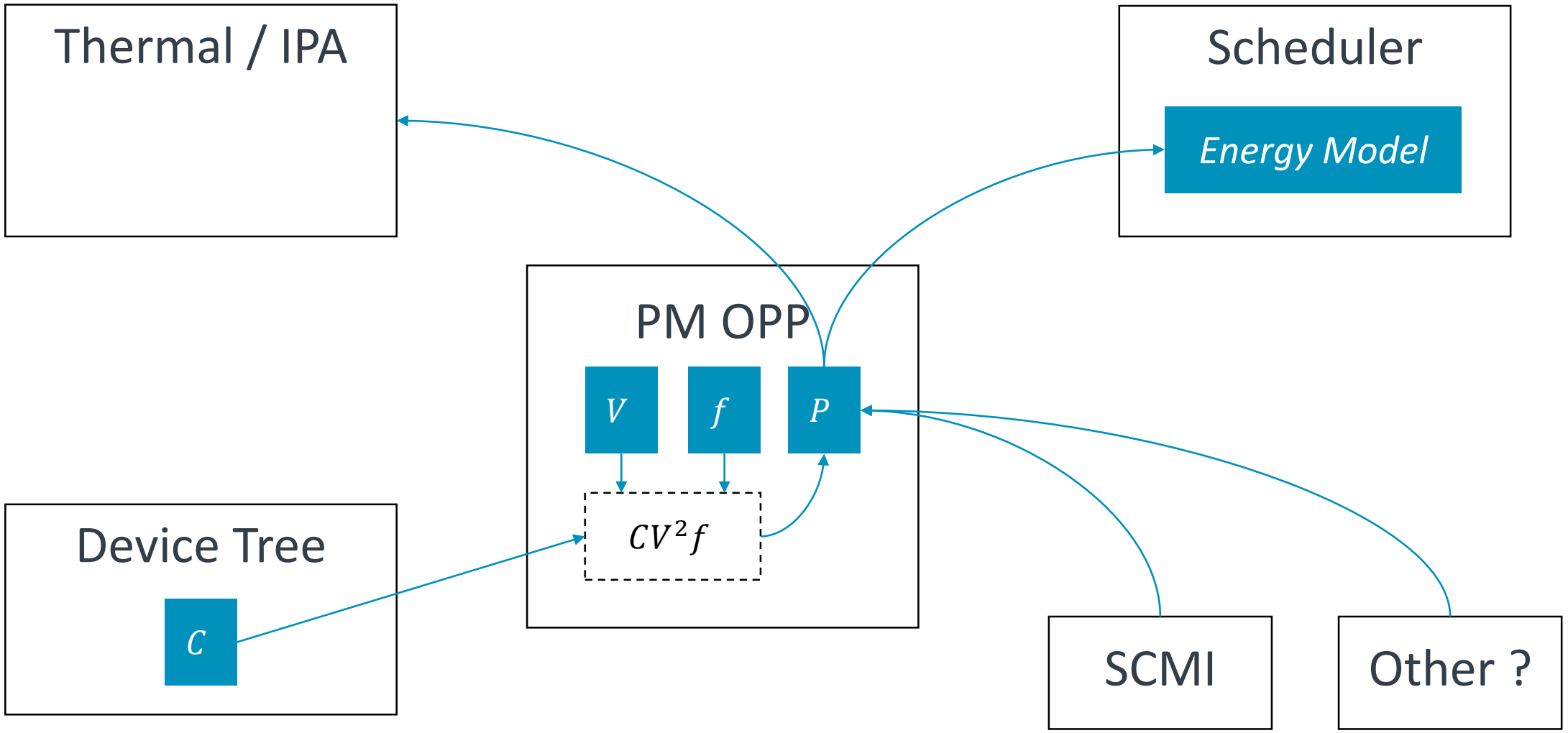

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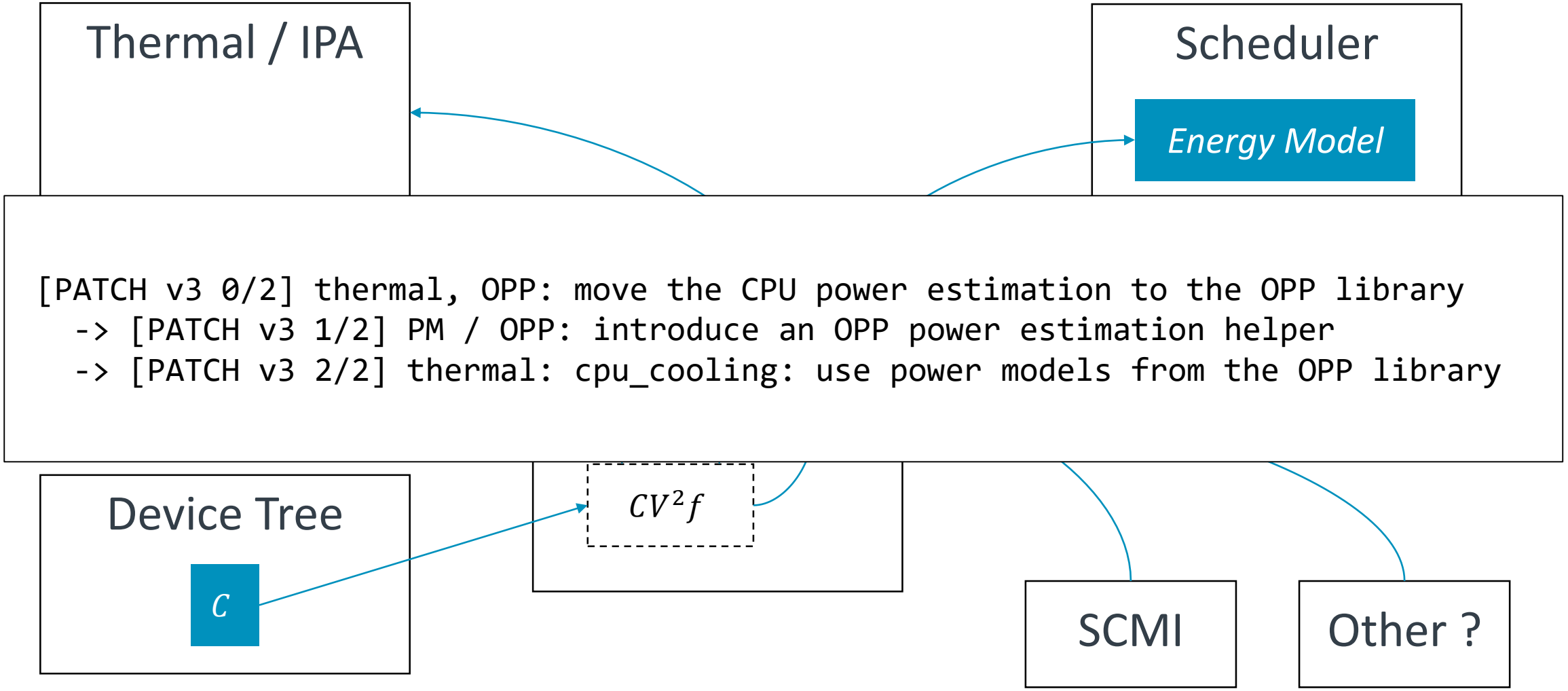

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Implementation

- No hierarchical data, no need to use the scheduling domains
- Data structures:
  - Loaded from PM / OPP at boot time, after CPUfreq is setup
  - Energy models are stored in a flat per-cpu array
  - Frequency domains are stored in cpu-masks

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Assumptions

- All CPUs in a freq. domain share capacity states
  - All CPUs in a freq. domain have the same micro-architecture
  - Possible to relax this if needed, but higher computational cost
- EAS enabled for asymmetric platforms only (SD_ASYM_CPUCAPACITY flag set)
  - EAS shines on heterogeneous platforms
  - Avoid “conflicts” for purely perf-oriented platforms (servers, …)

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Tests against mainline

- Test setup:
  - Platform: Hikey960 and Juno r0
  - Debian userspace
  - Base kernel: tip/sched/core – 4.16-rc2
- Test cases:
  - **Energy:** “X” RTApp tasks, 16ms period, 5% duty cycle, 30 seconds
  - **Performance:** `perf bench sched messaging -pipe -thread -group X -loop 50000`

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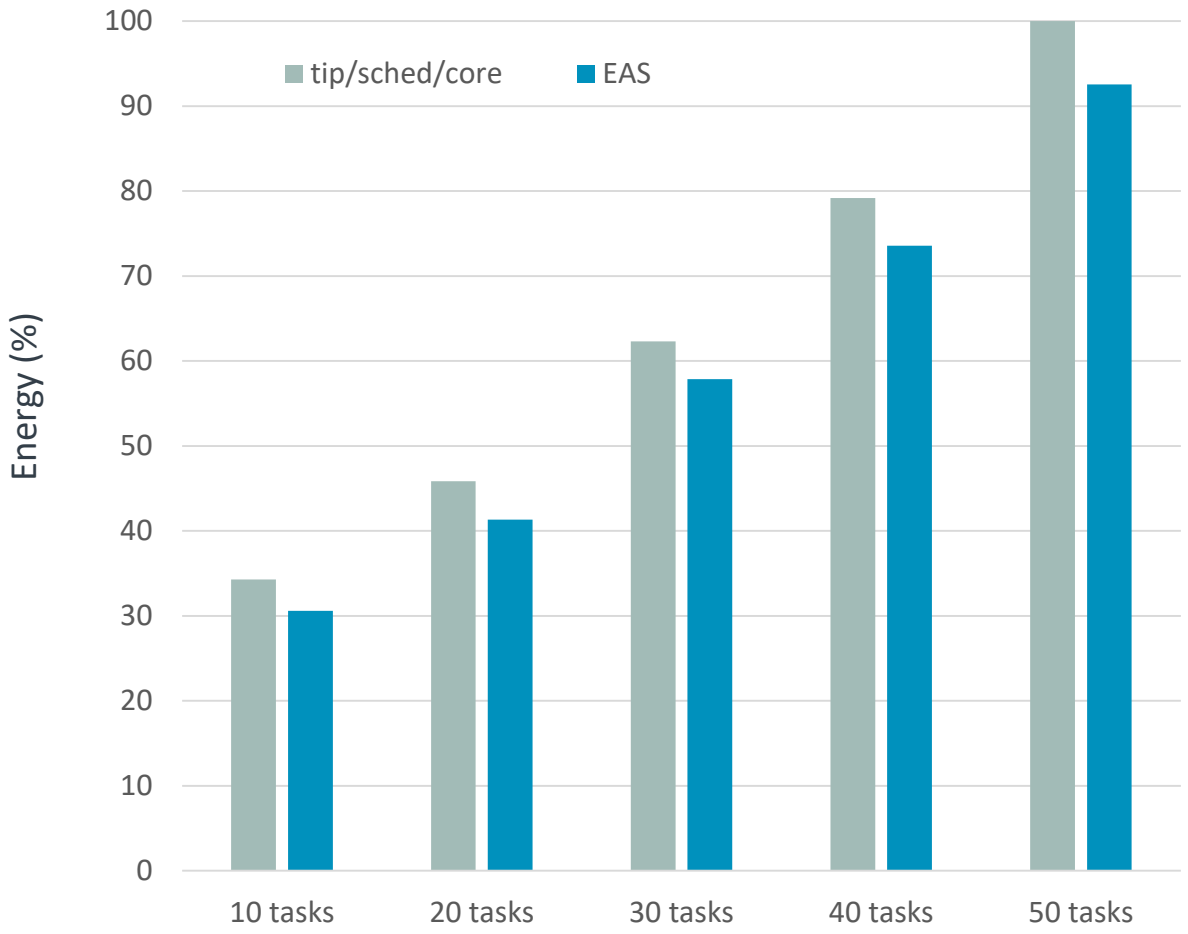
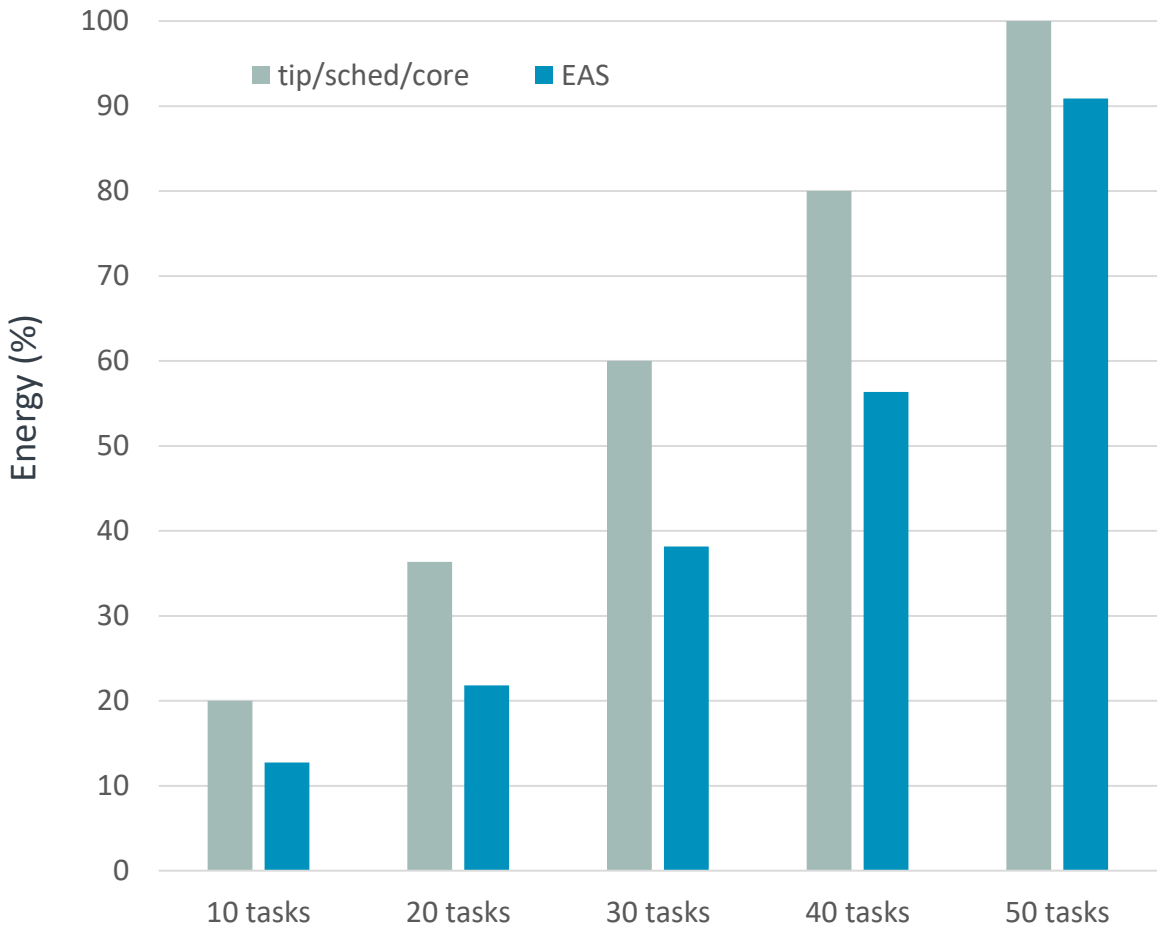
Tests against mainline / Energy



Hikey960 (ACME / full SoC + memory)



Juno (HW monitor / b.L CPUs only)

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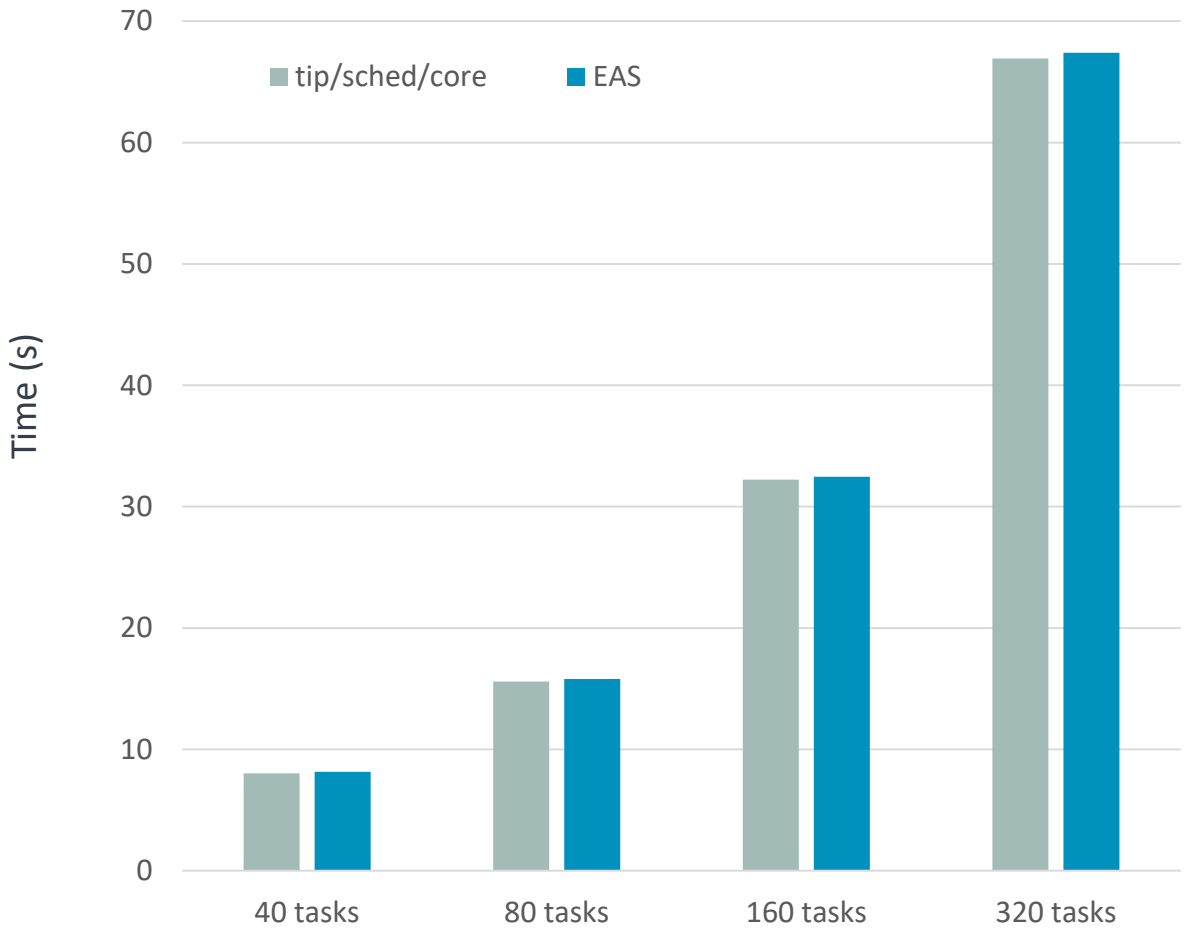

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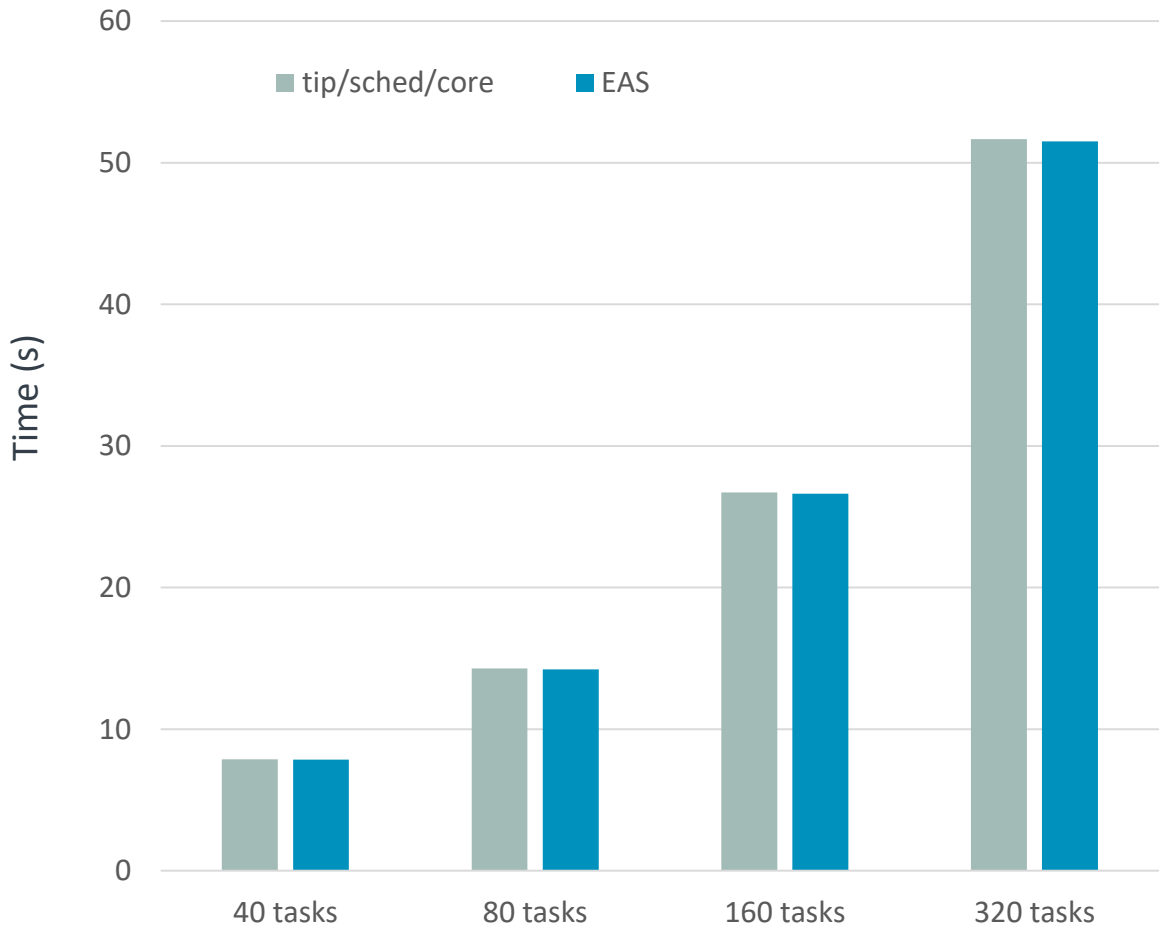

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Posted to LKML this week

[RFC PATCH 0/6] Energy Aware Scheduling

[RFC PATCH 1/6] sched/fair: Create util_fits_capacity()

[RFC PATCH 2/6] sched: Introduce energy models of CPUs

[RFC PATCH 3/6] sched: Add over-utilization/tipping point indicator

[RFC PATCH 4/6] sched/fair: Introduce an energy estimation helper …

[RFC PATCH 5/6] sched/fair: Select an energy-efficient CPU on task …

[RFC PATCH 6/6] drivers: base: arch_topology.c: Enable EAS for arm/…

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Next steps

- Ideal scenario: simplified EM goes in the next LTS (4.19 ?)
- Test & assessment on android-4.14
- In case of gaps with the full EM, they will be filled in product

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Thanks.

Any questions ?

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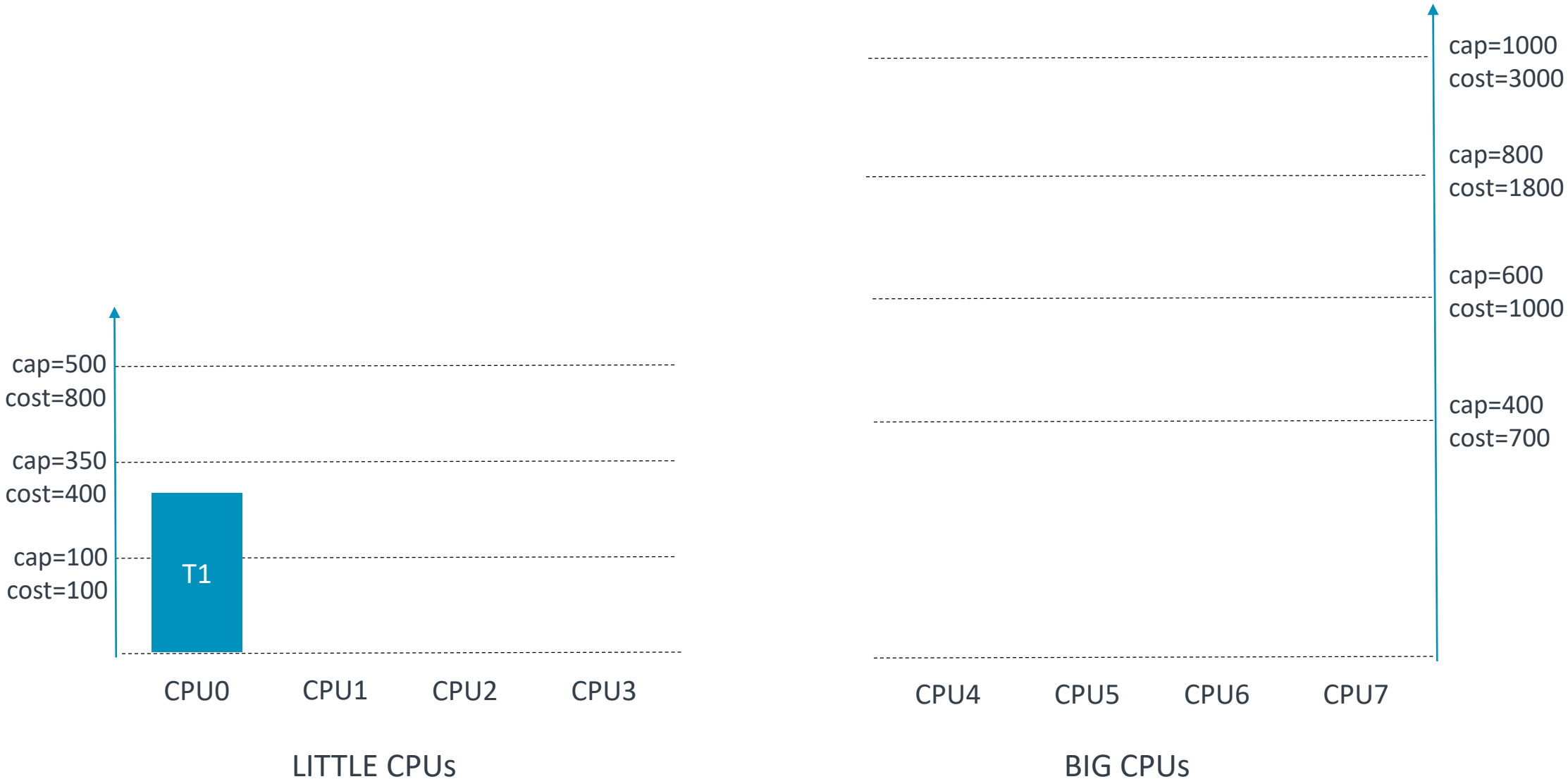

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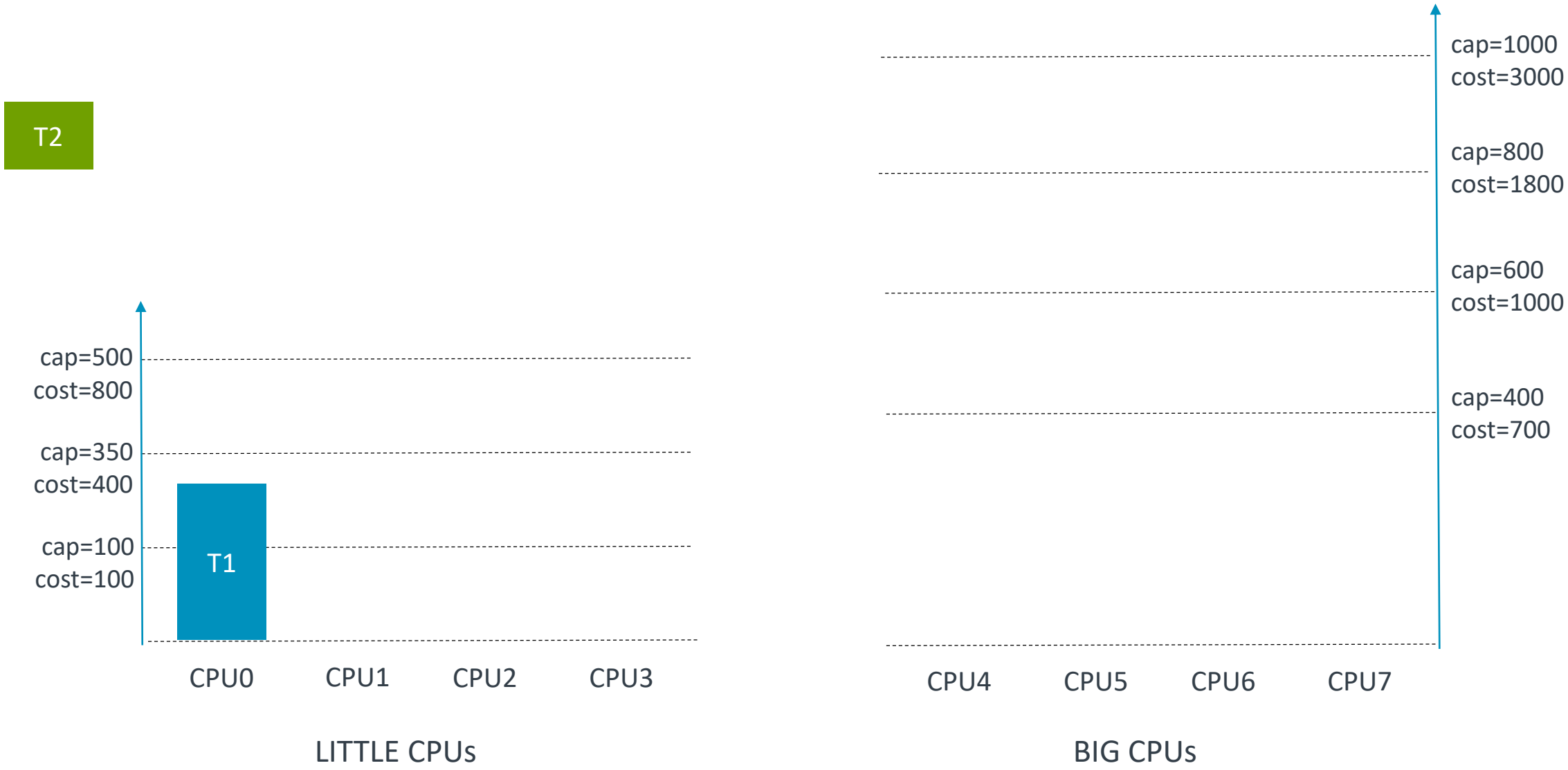

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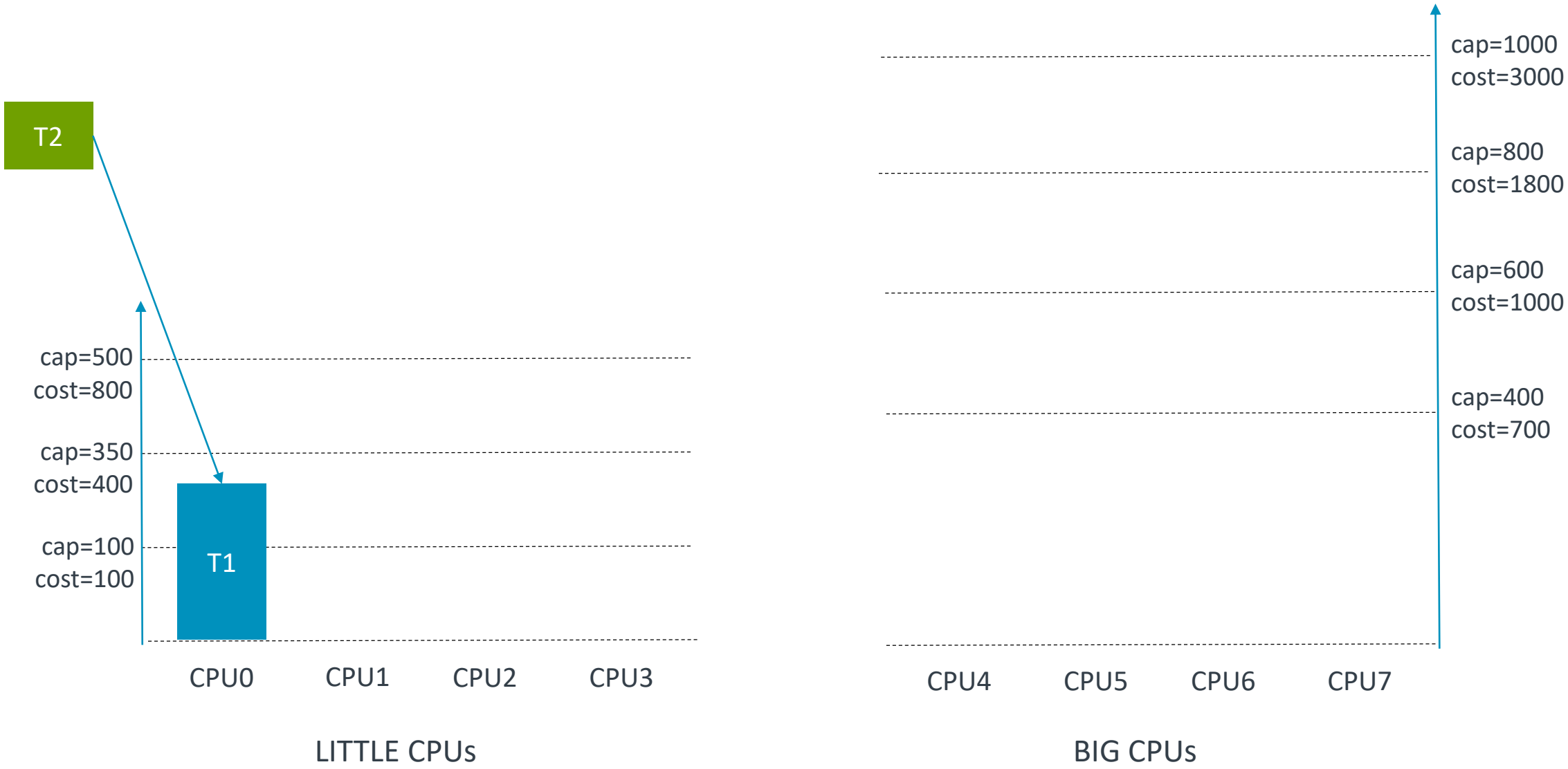

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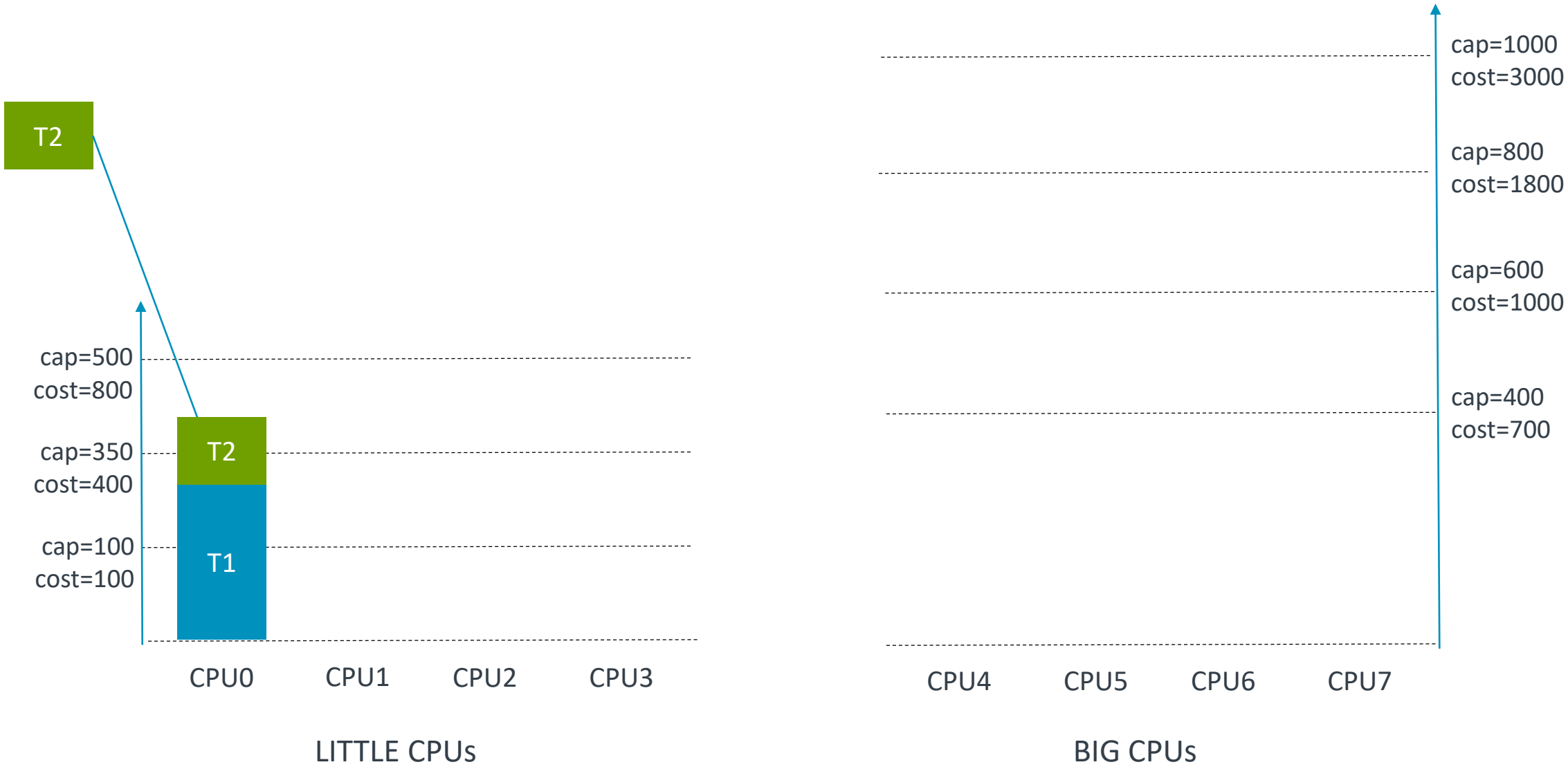

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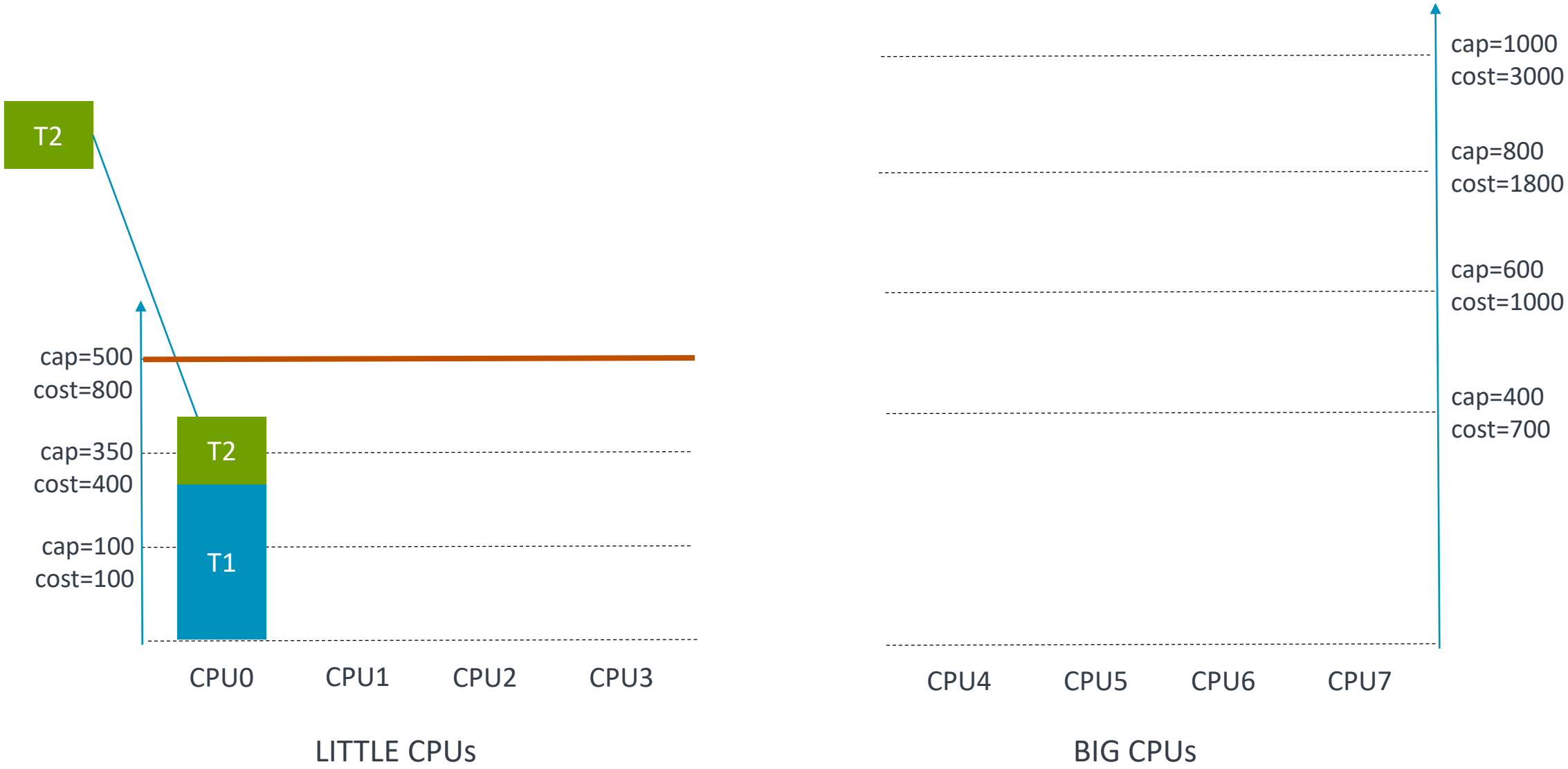

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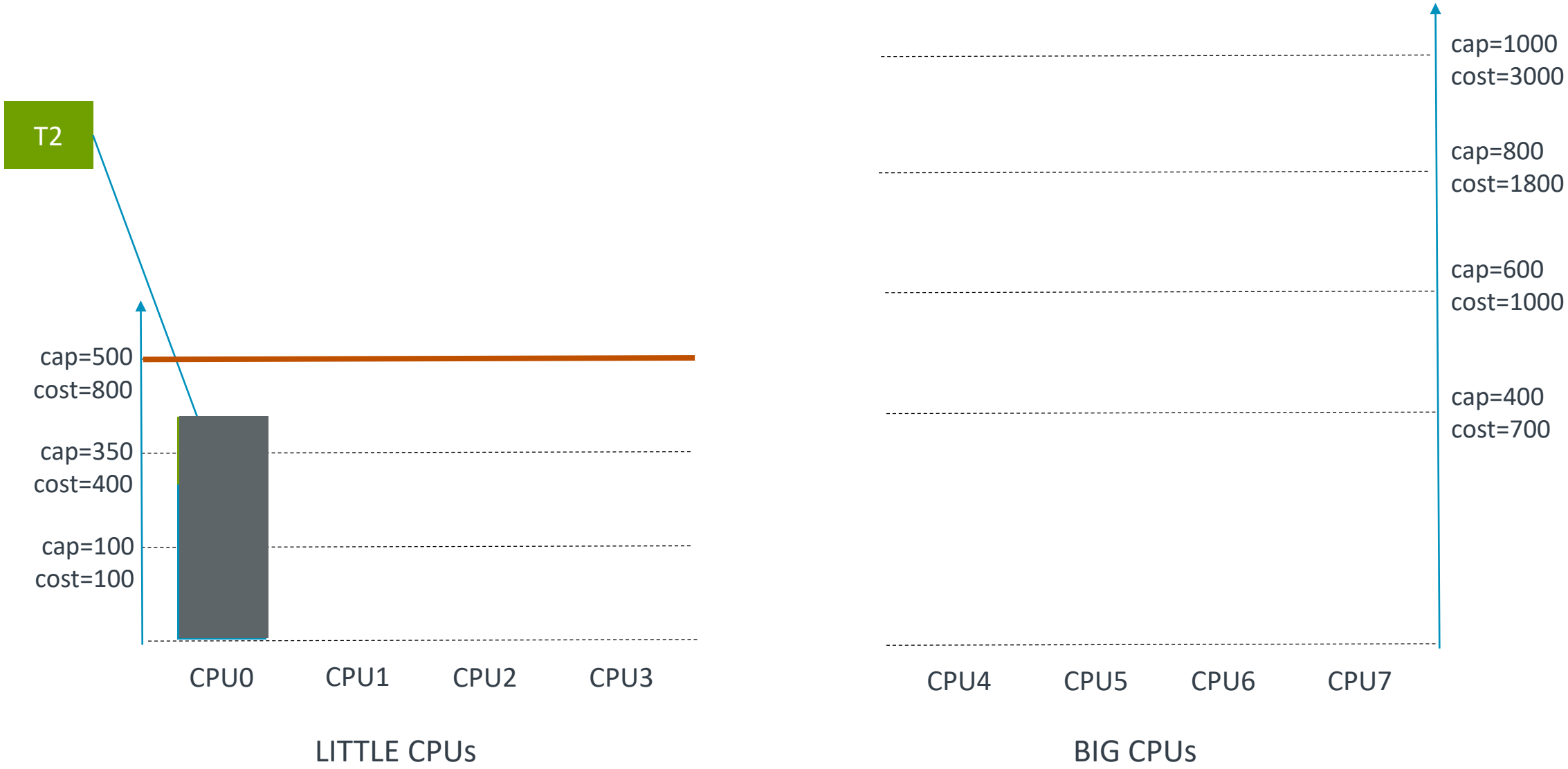

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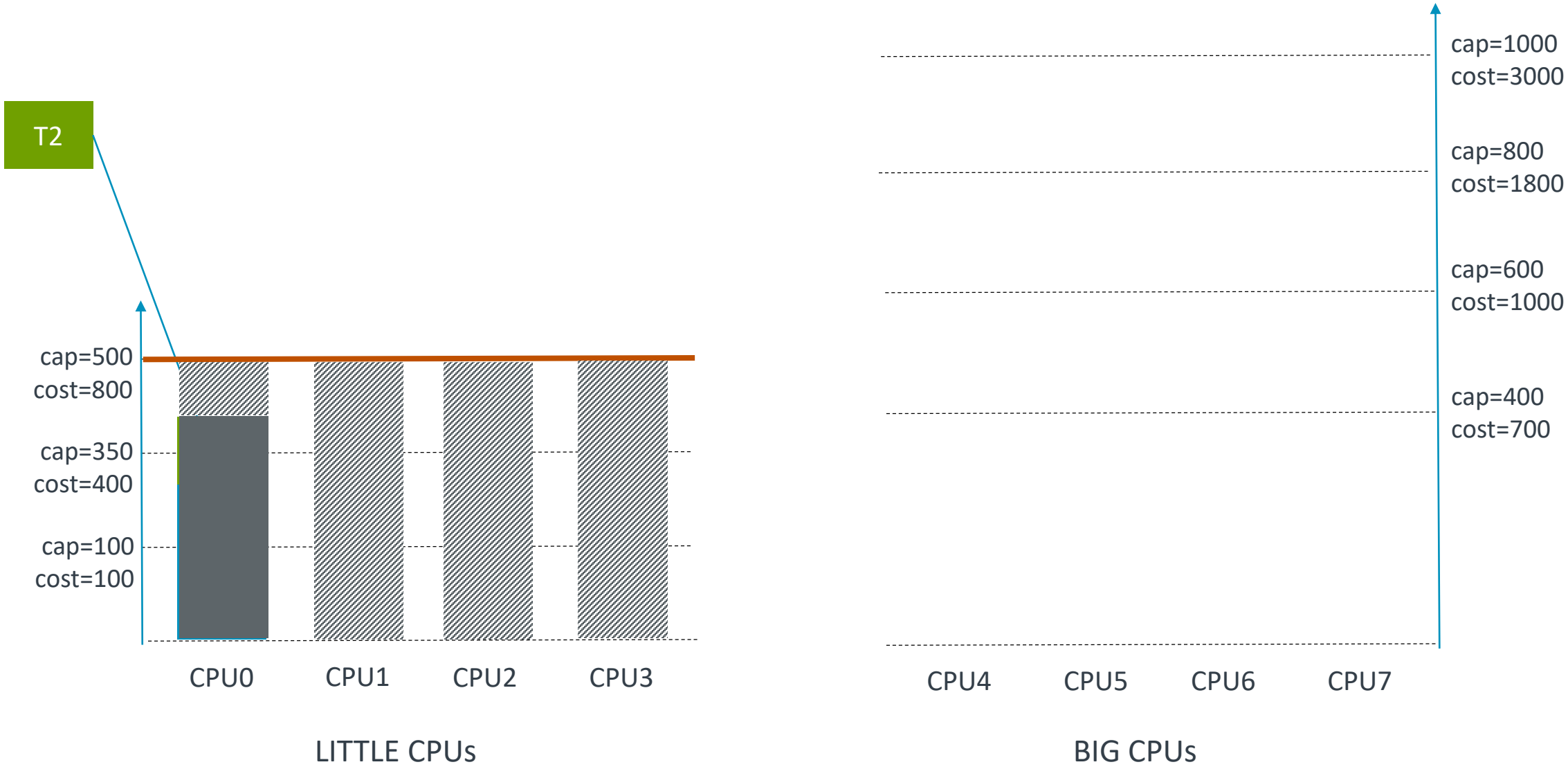

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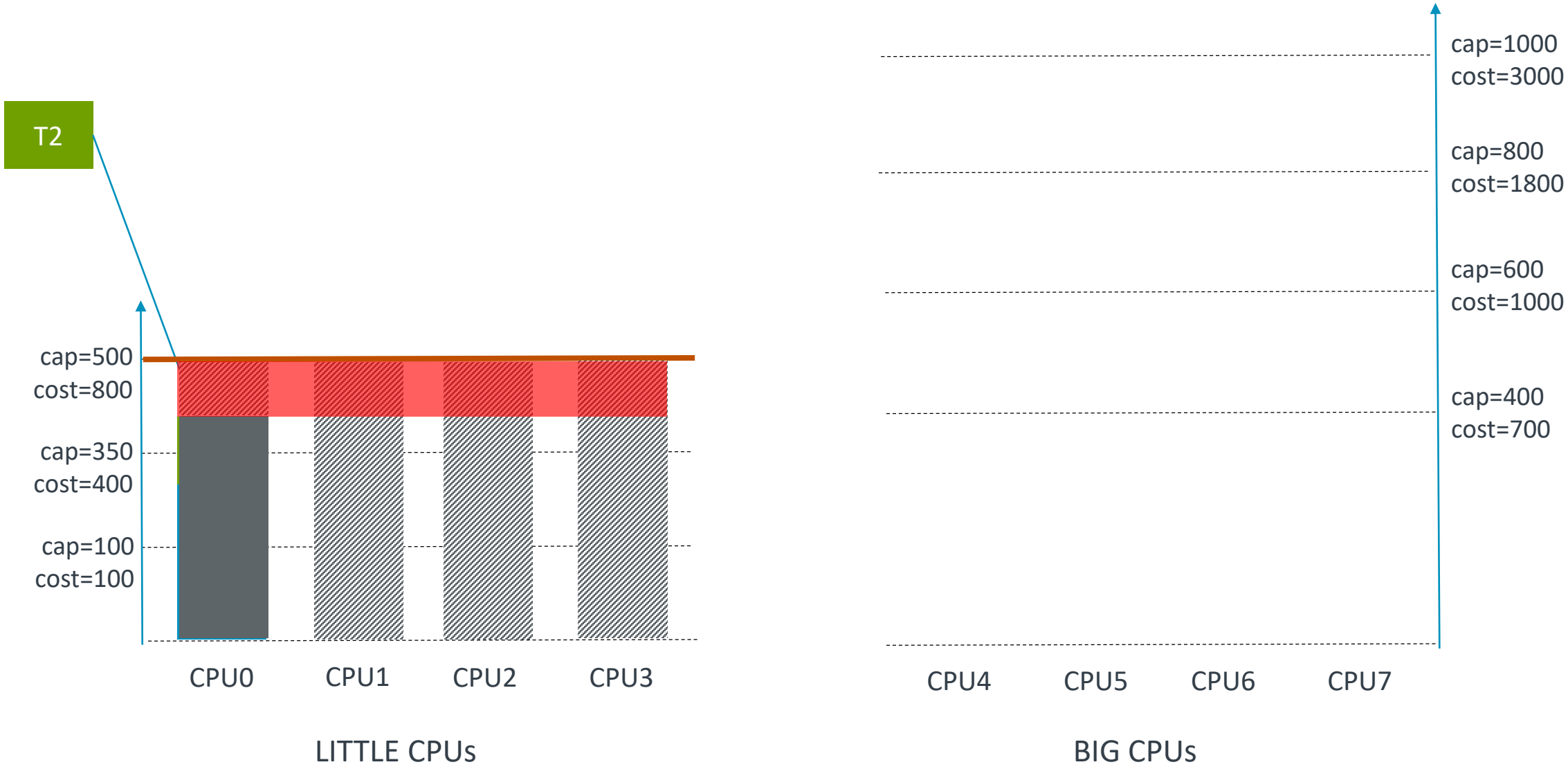

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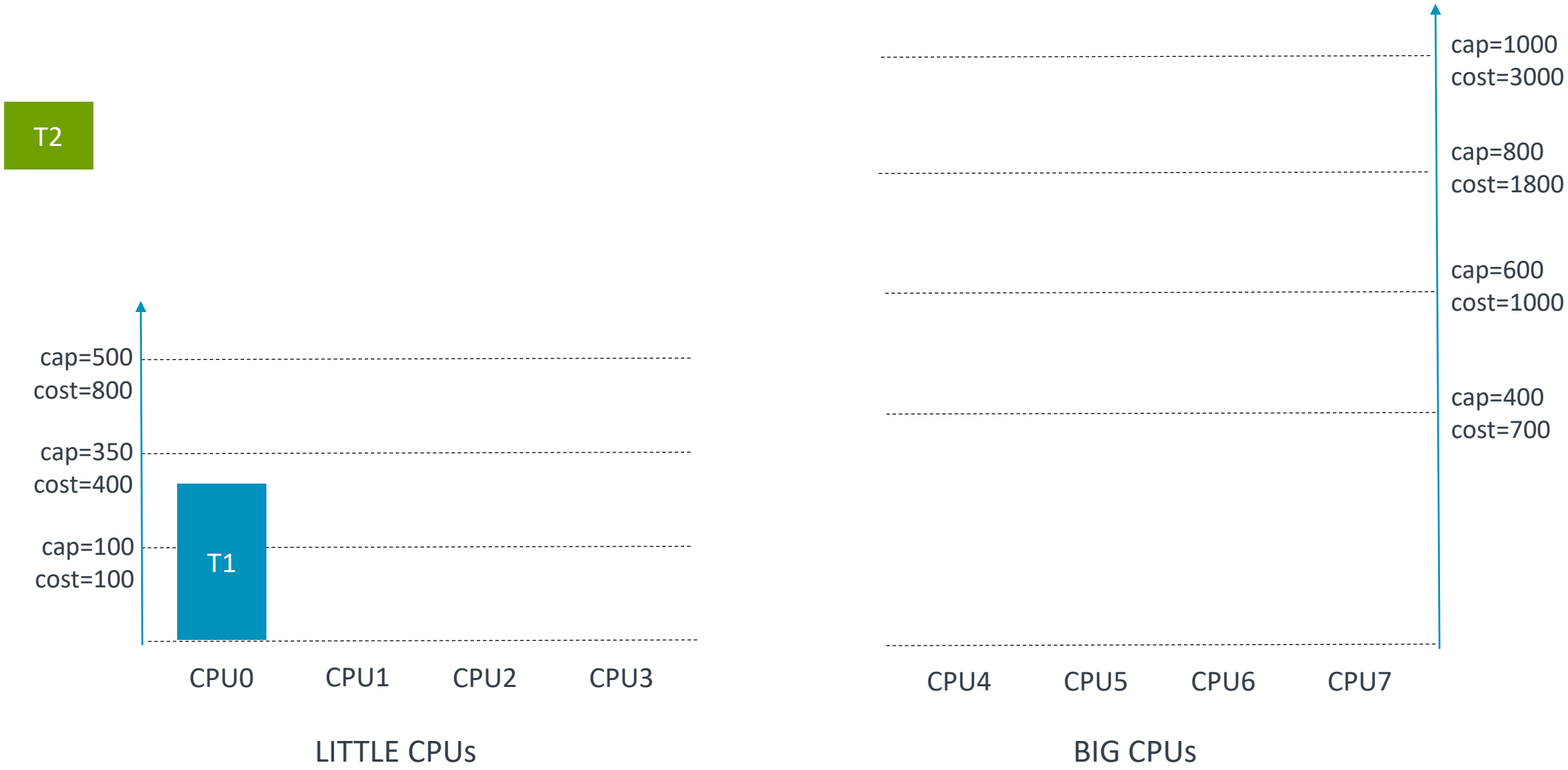

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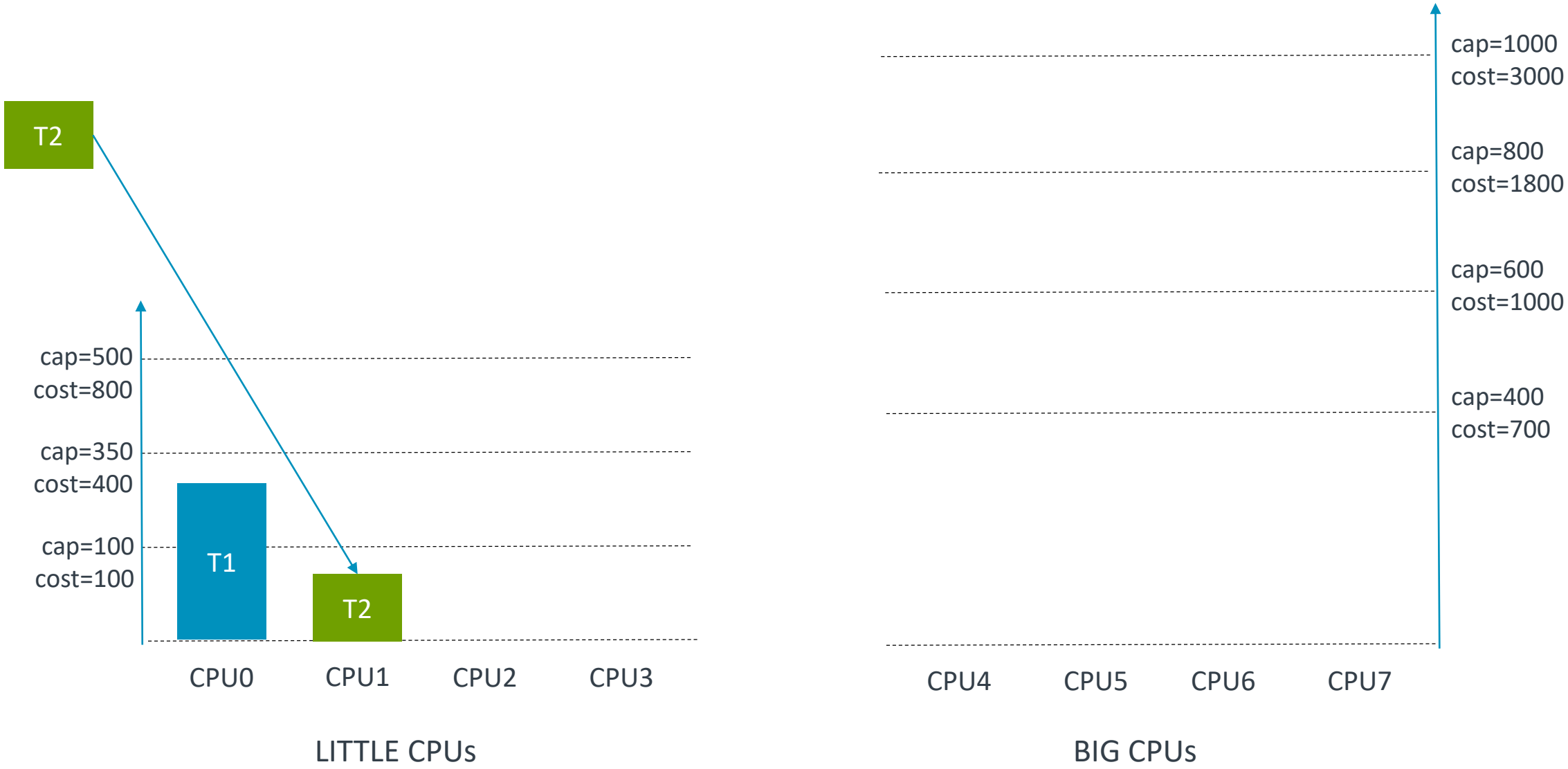

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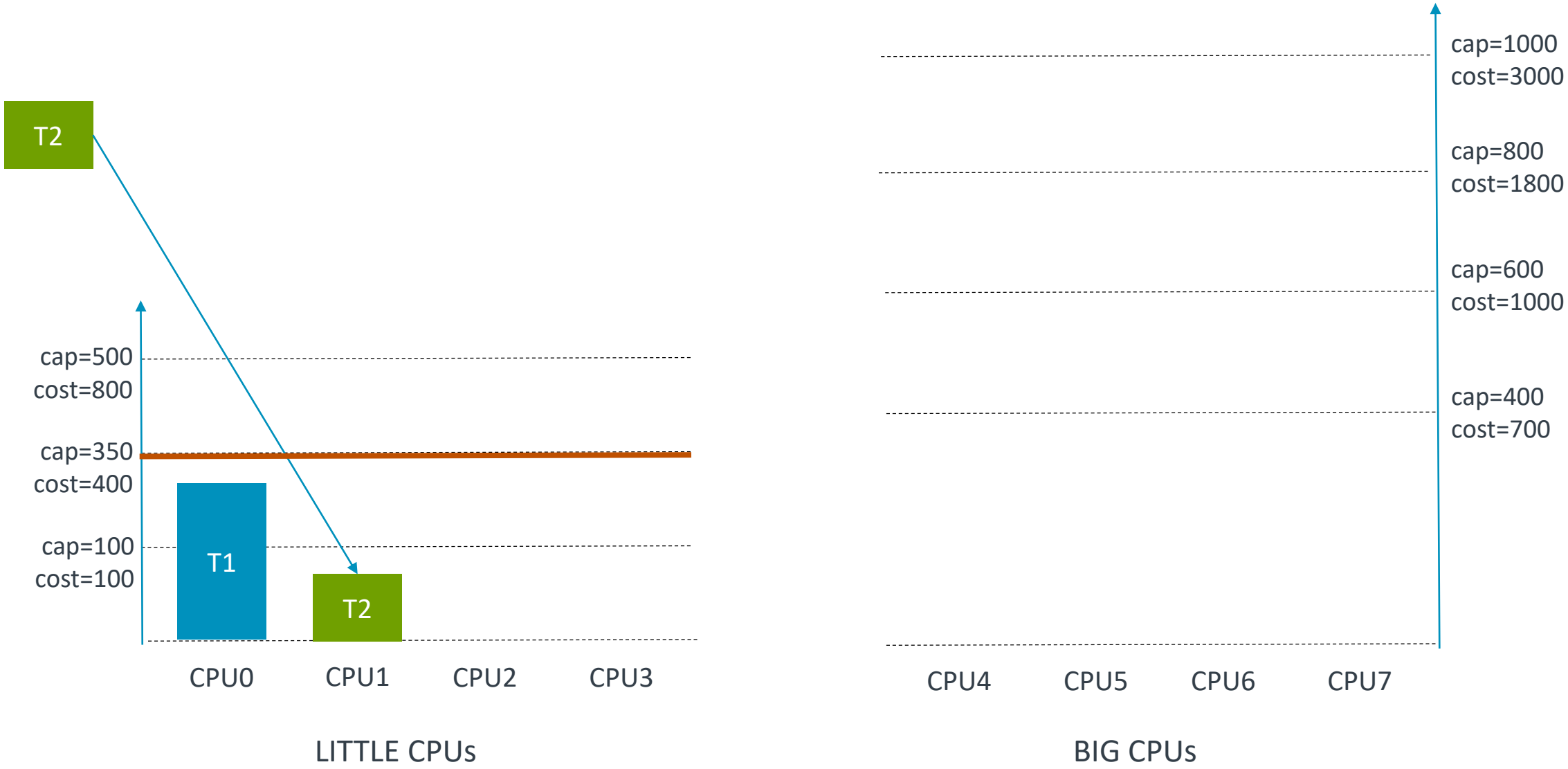

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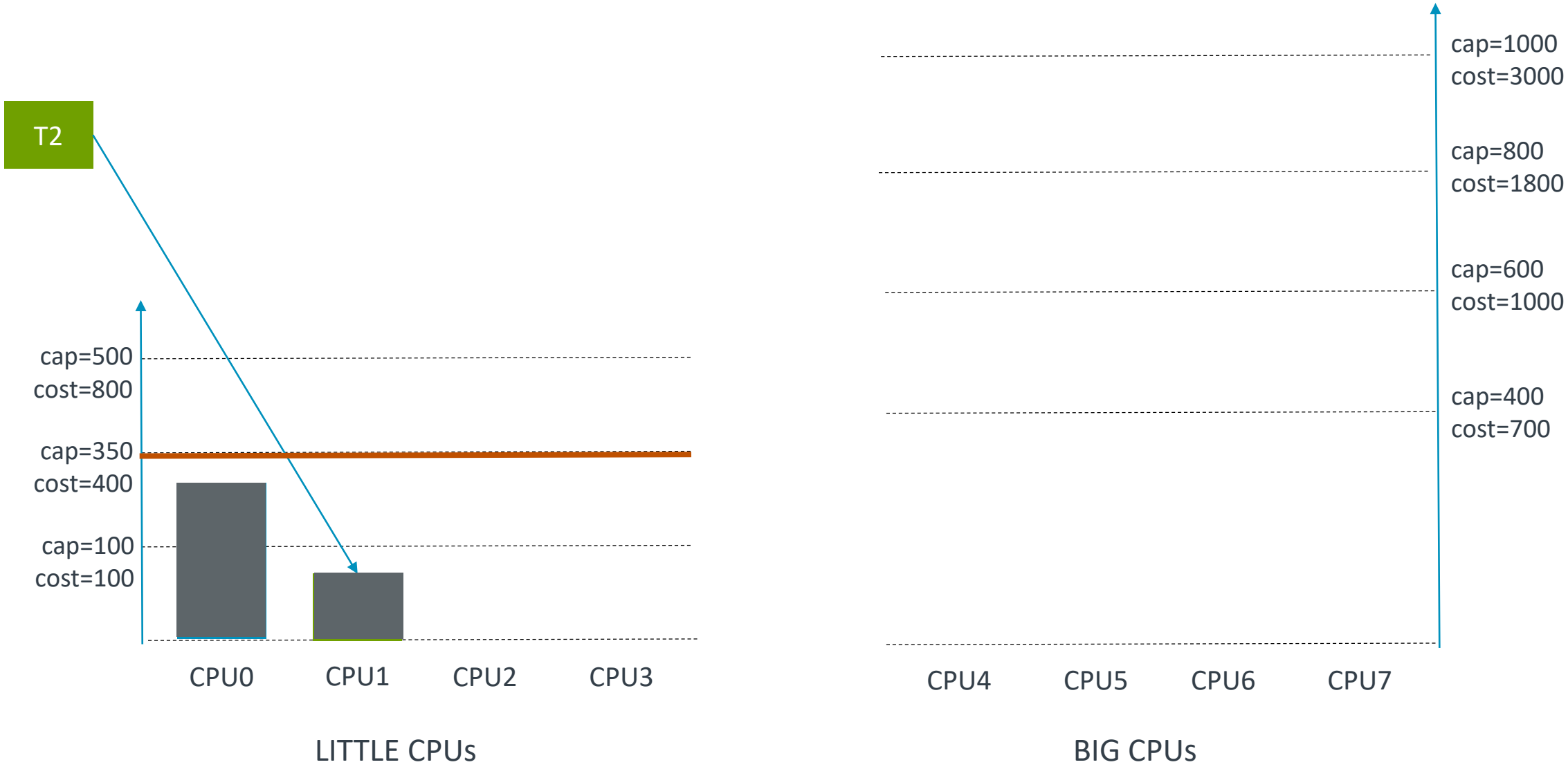

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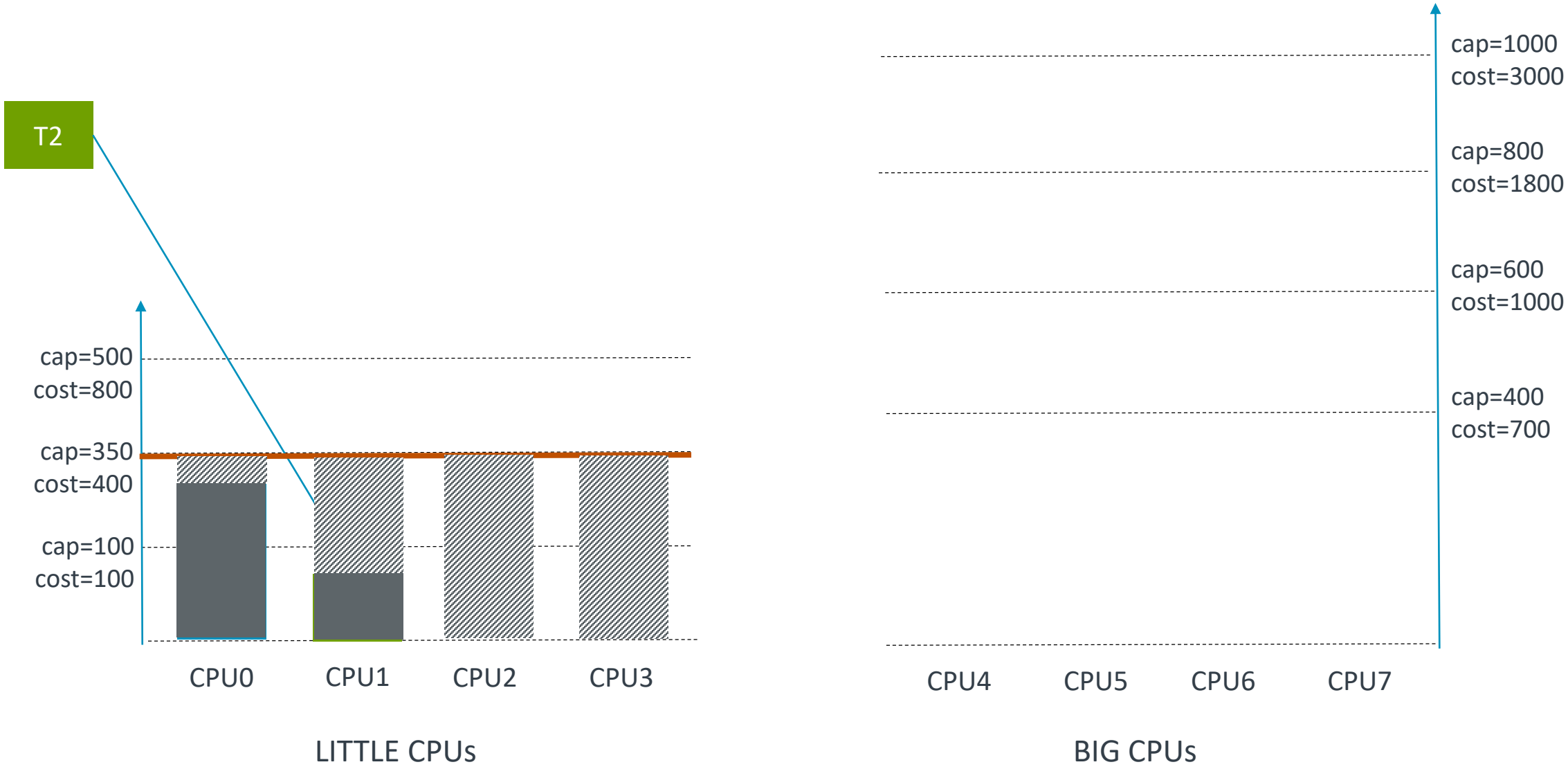

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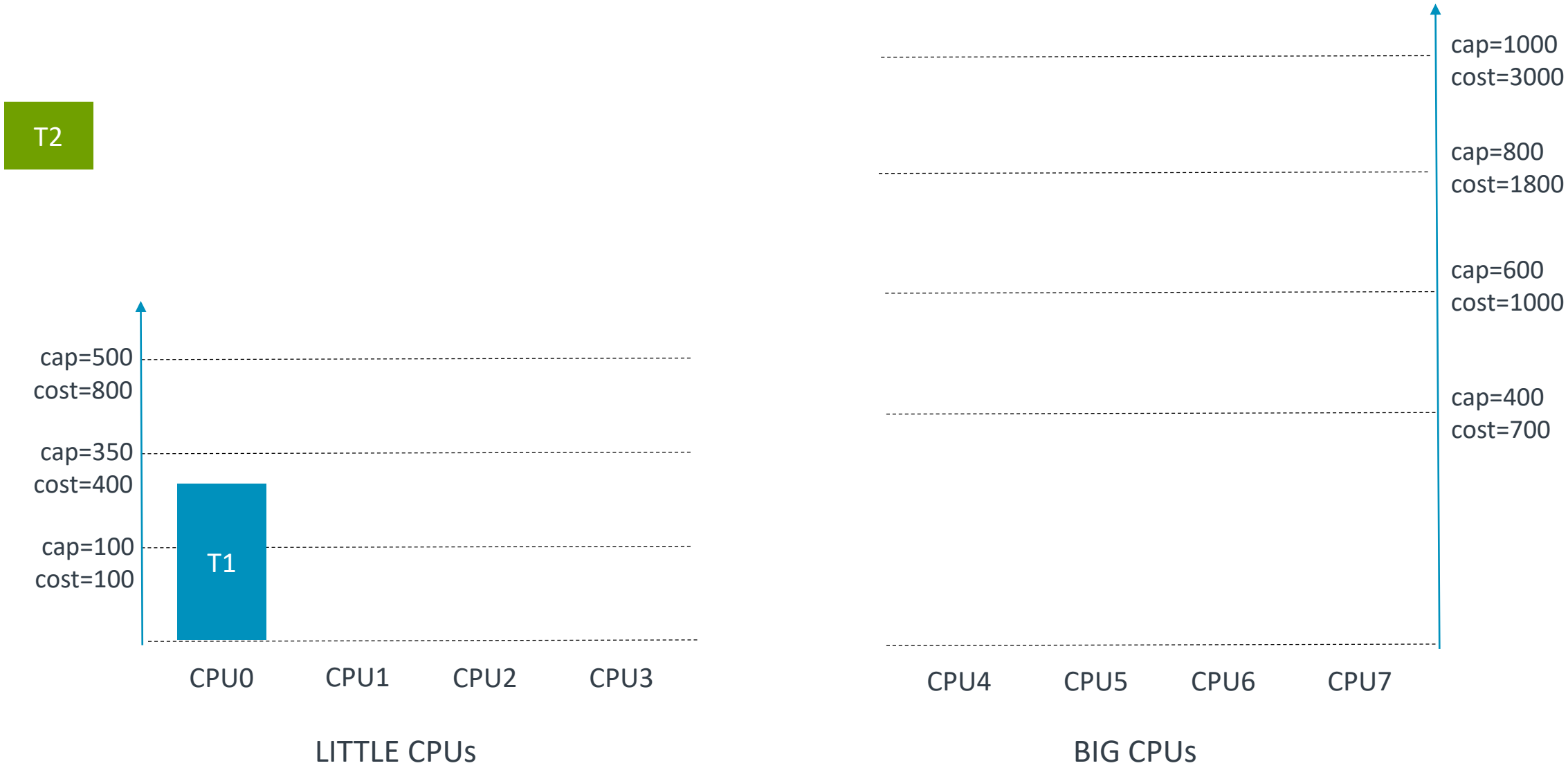

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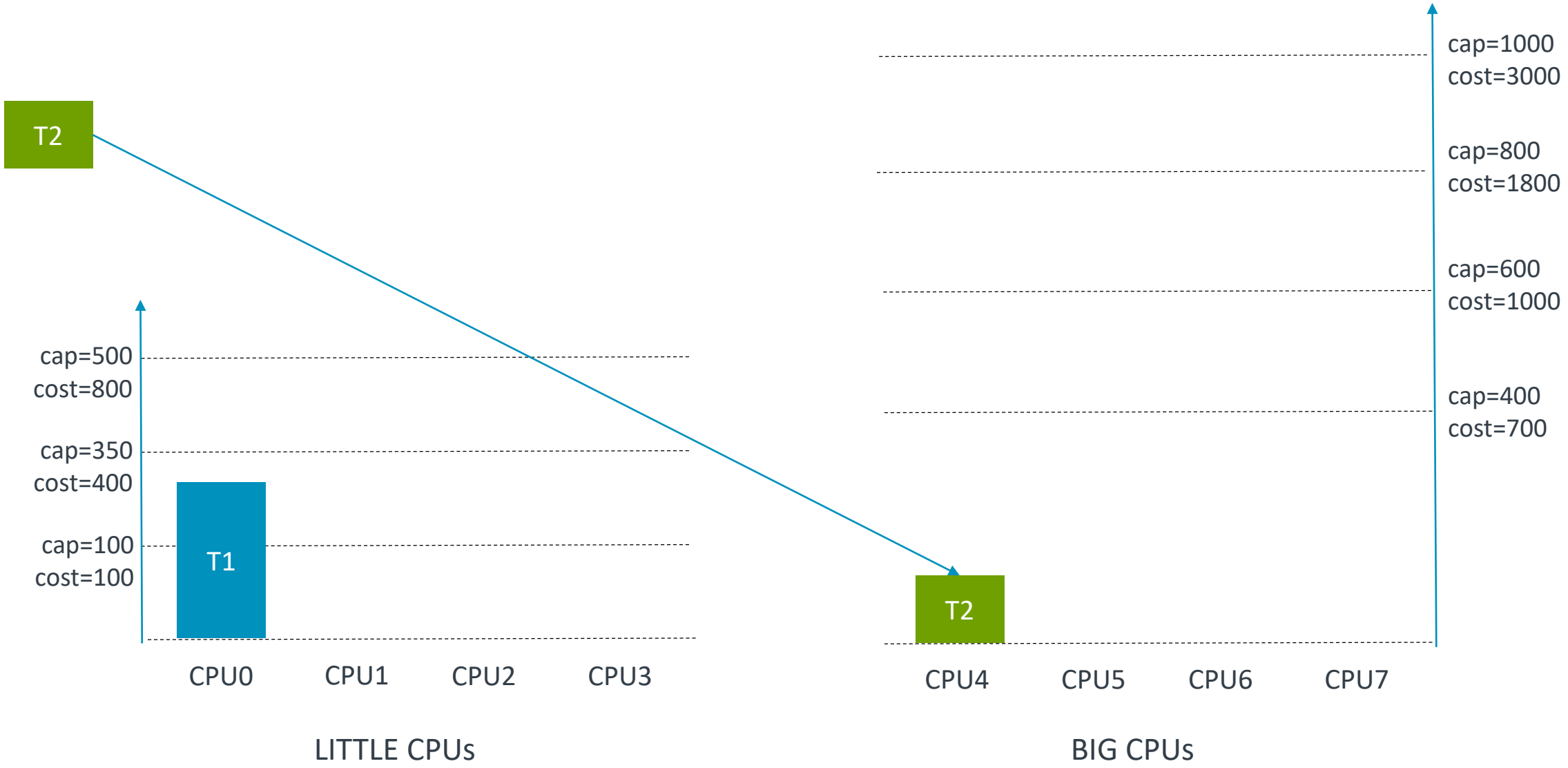

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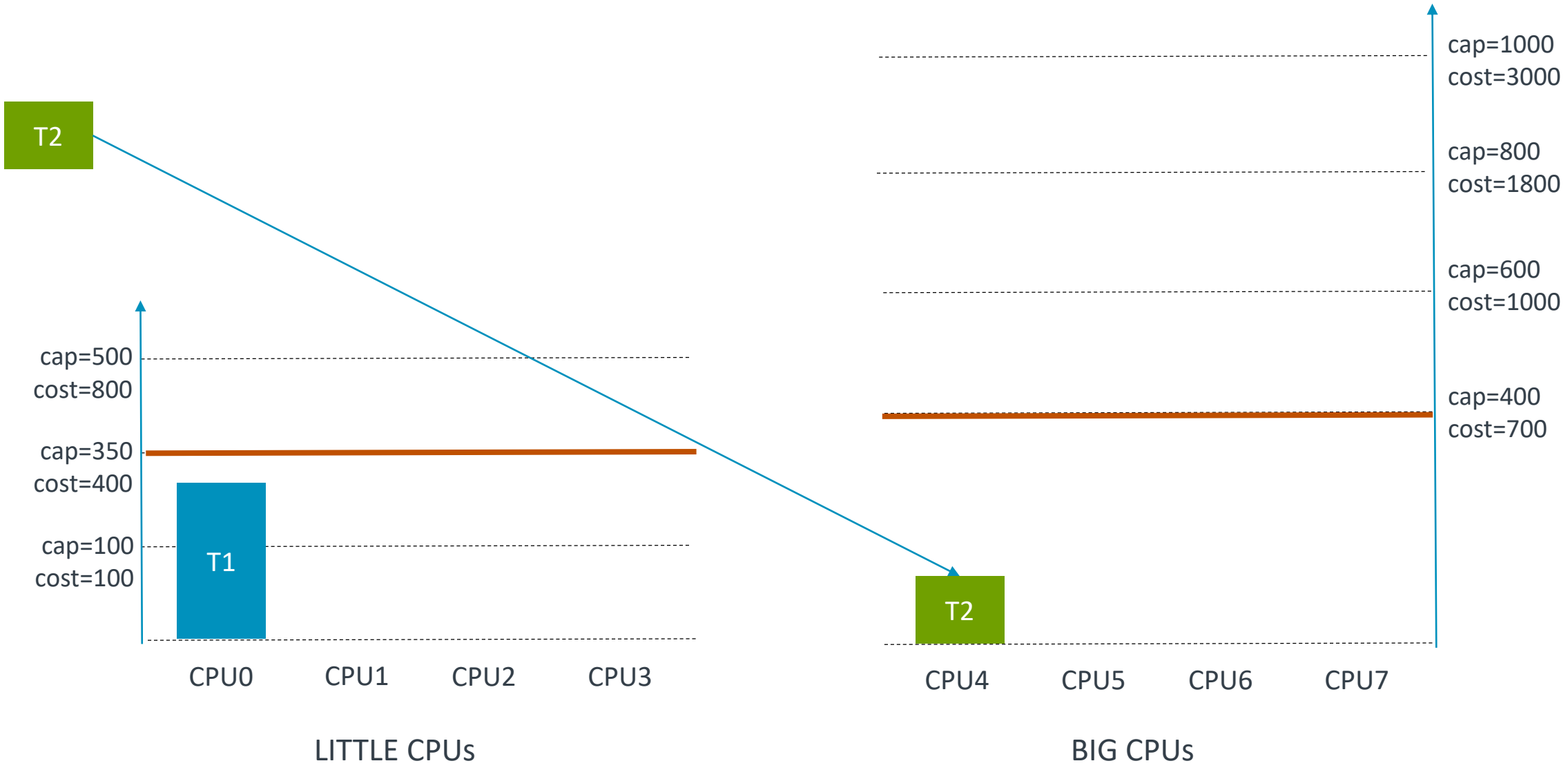

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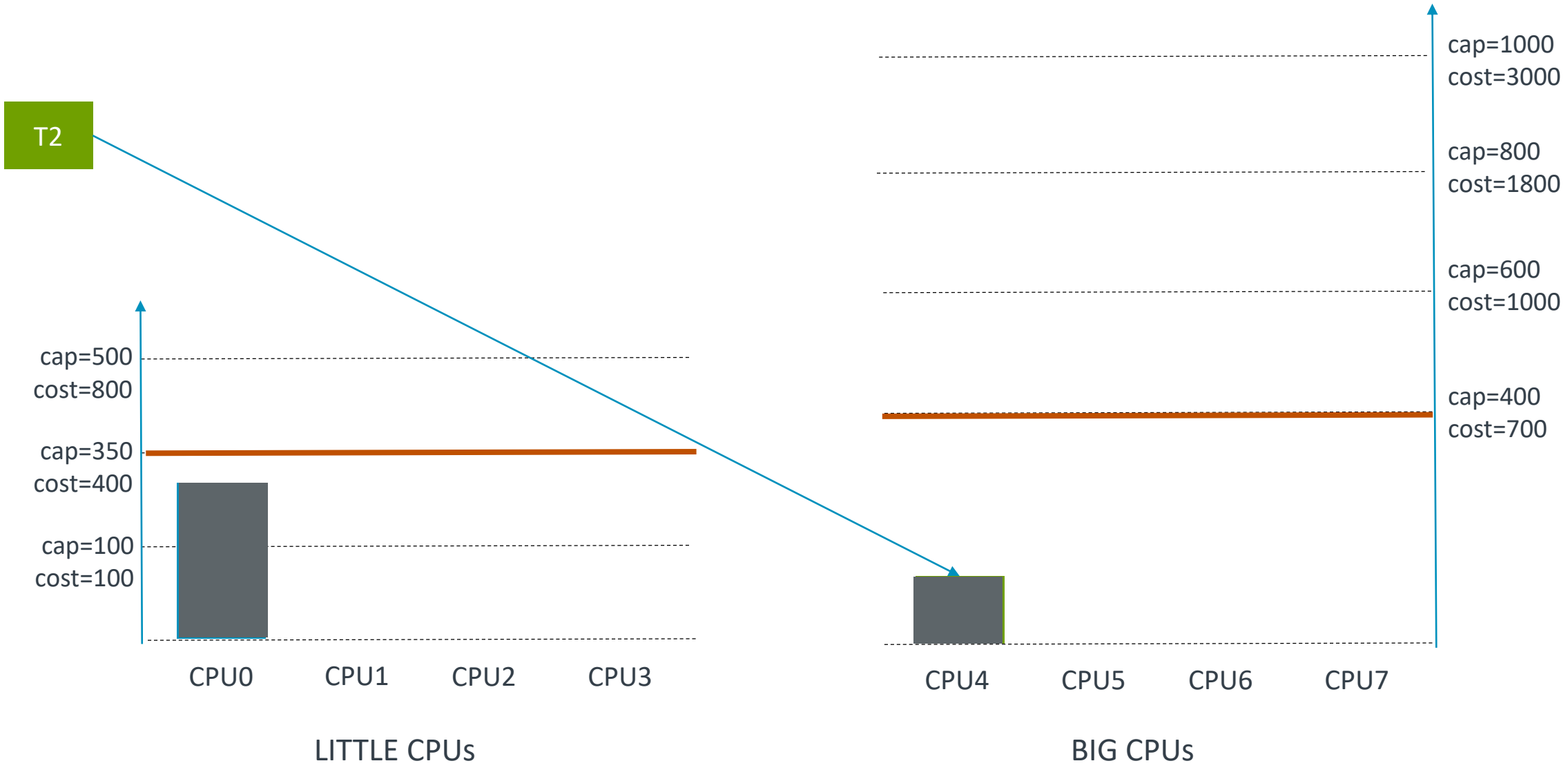

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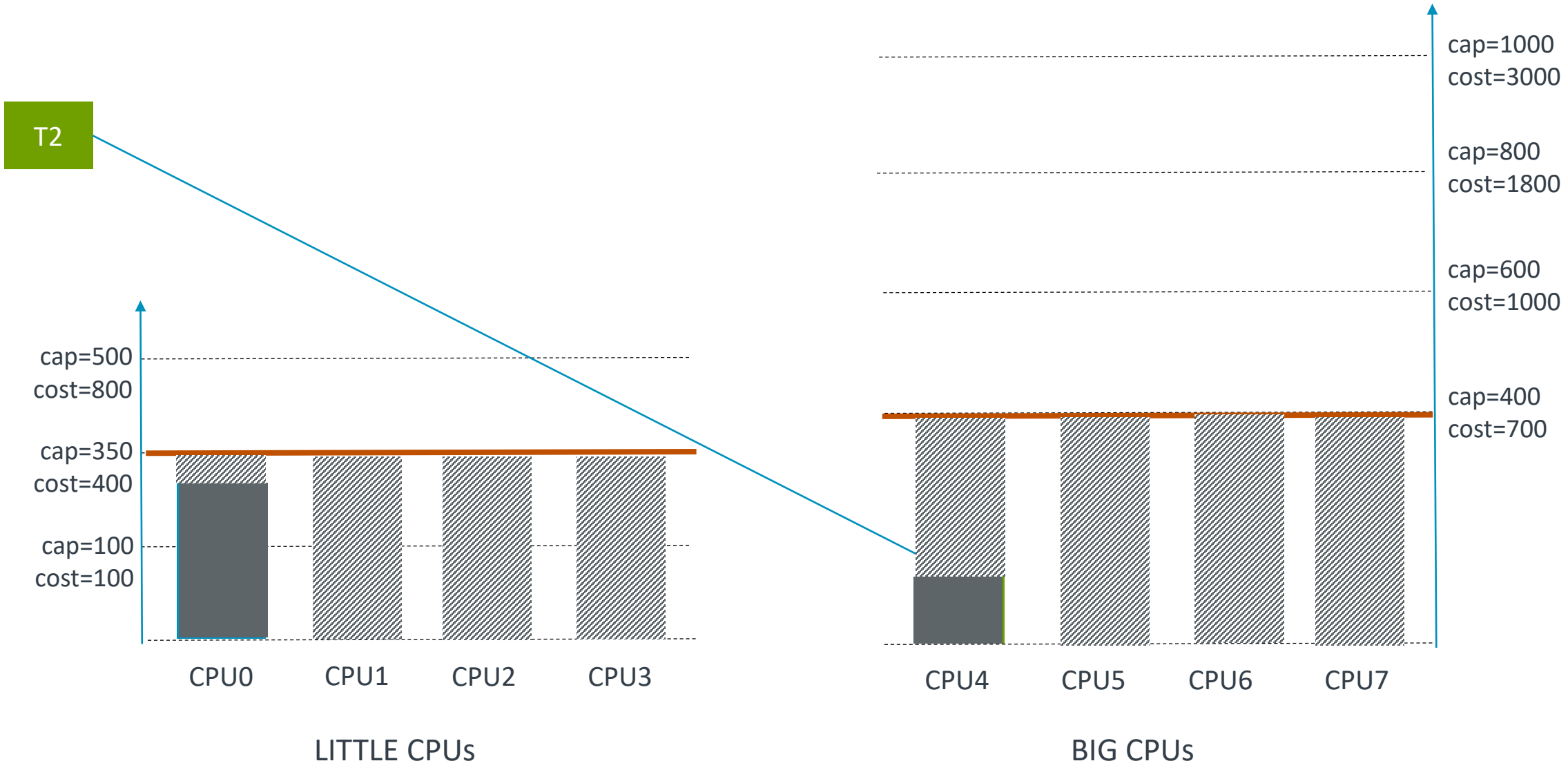

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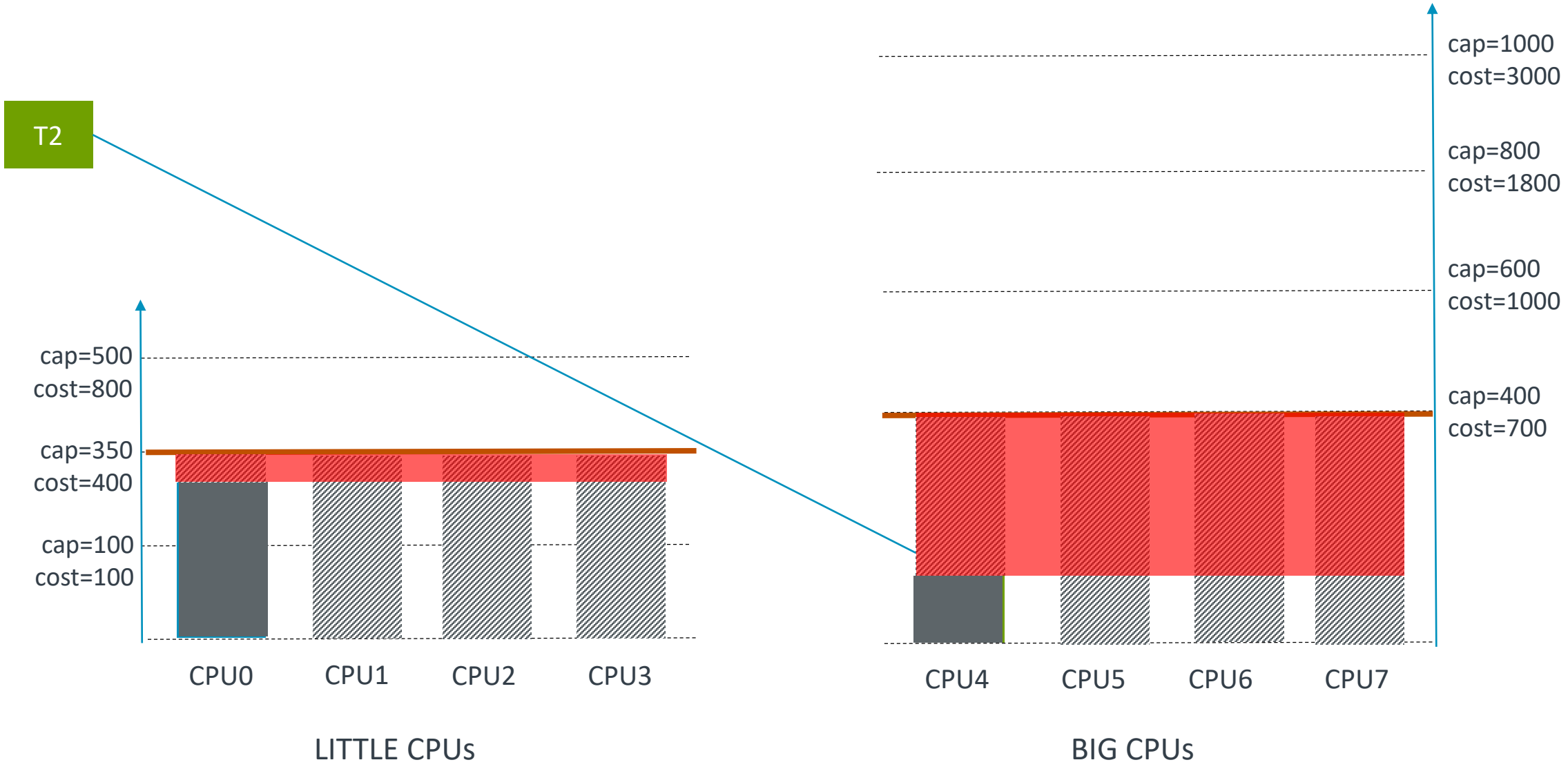

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