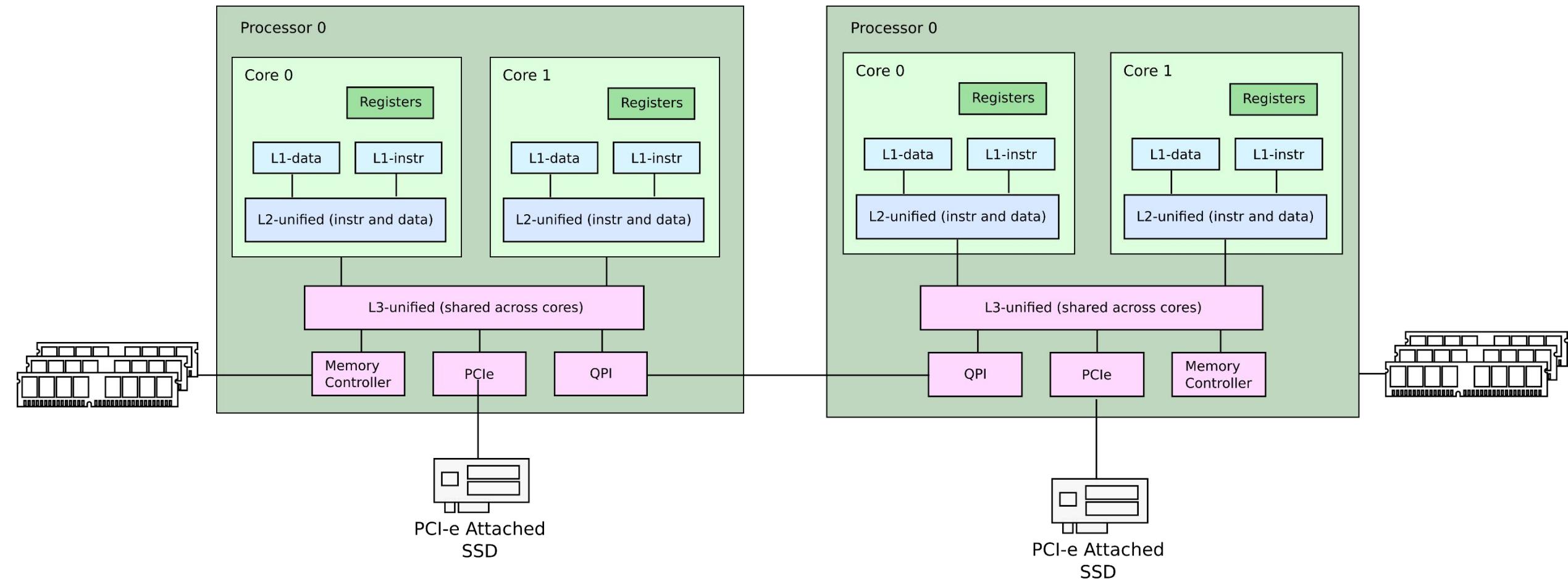
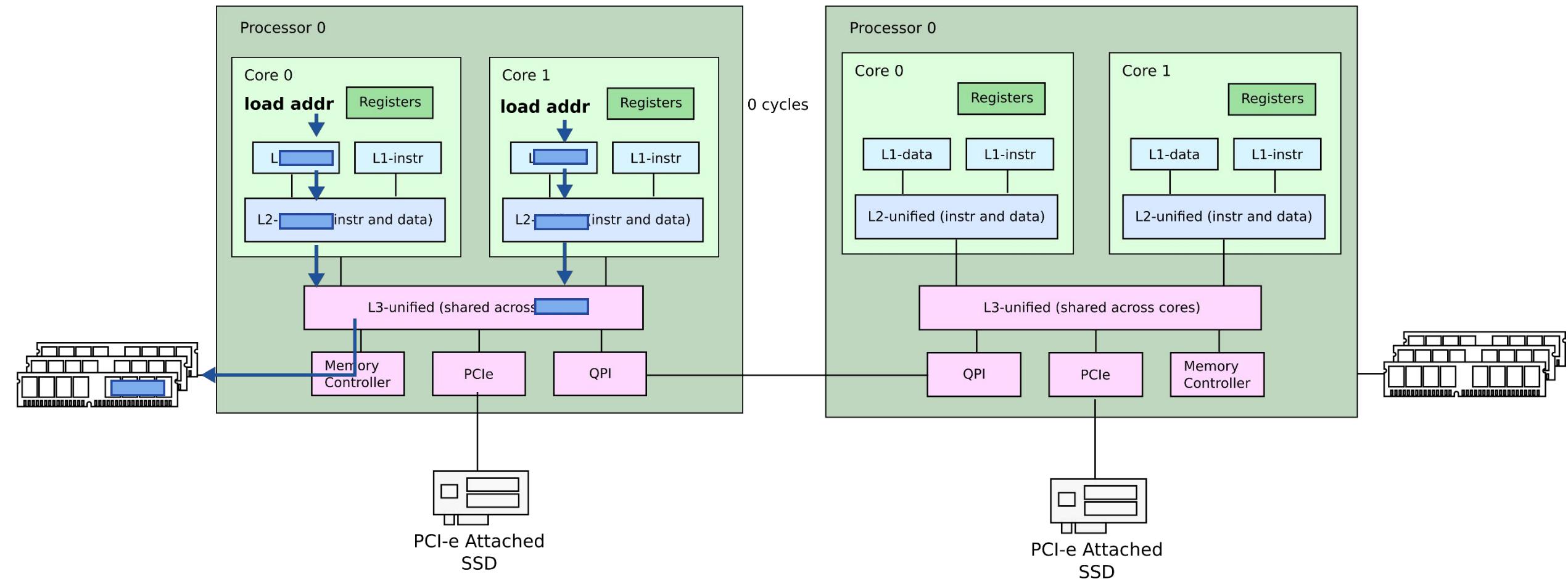


# Intel Memory Hierarchy

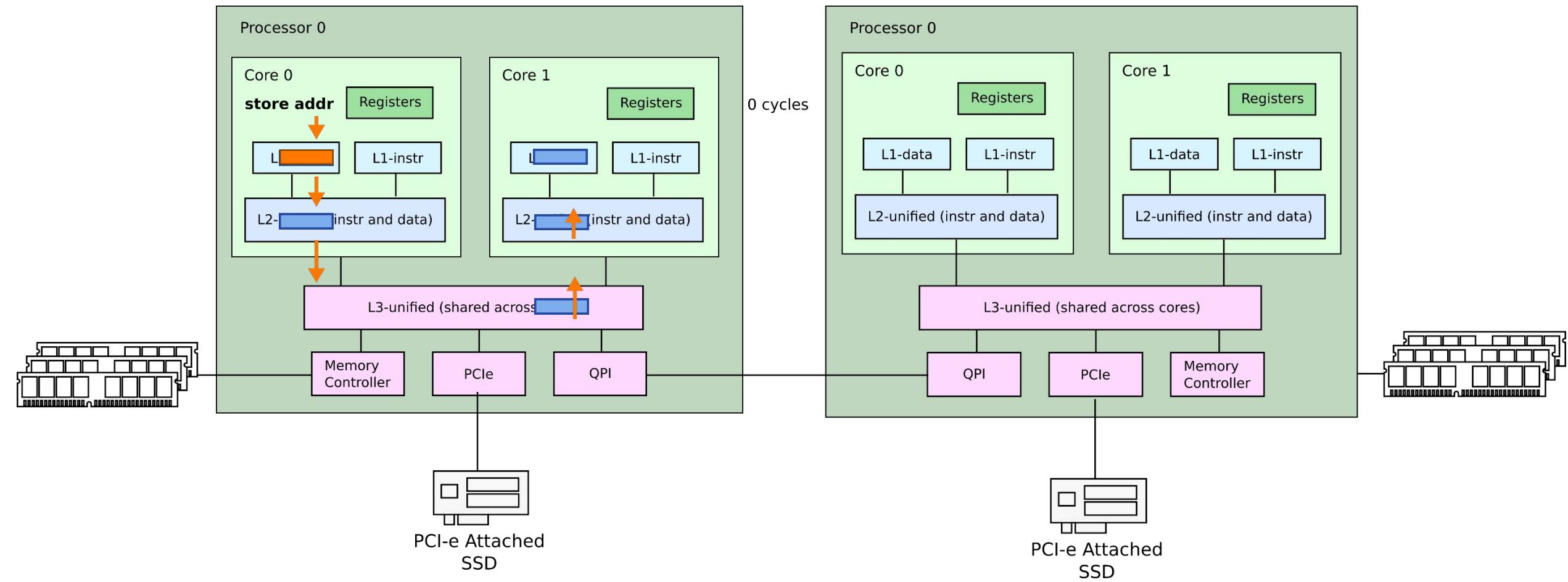
# Processors, cores, memory and PCIe



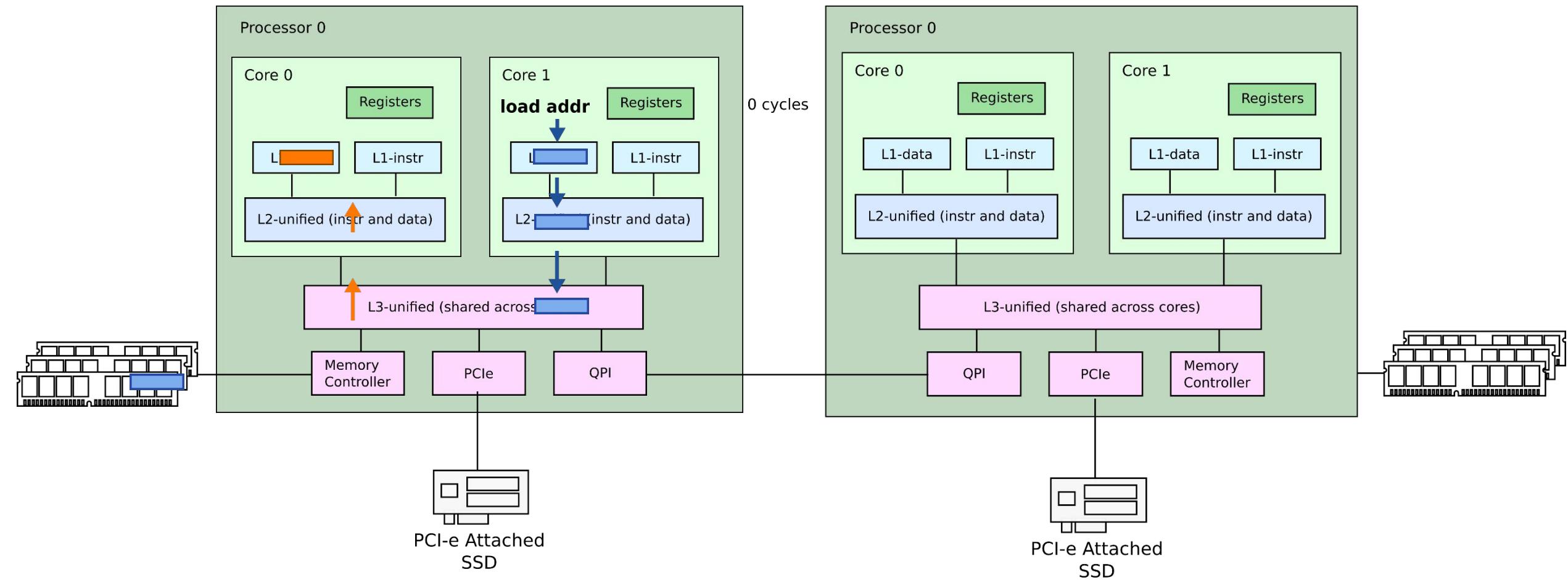
# Caches (load)



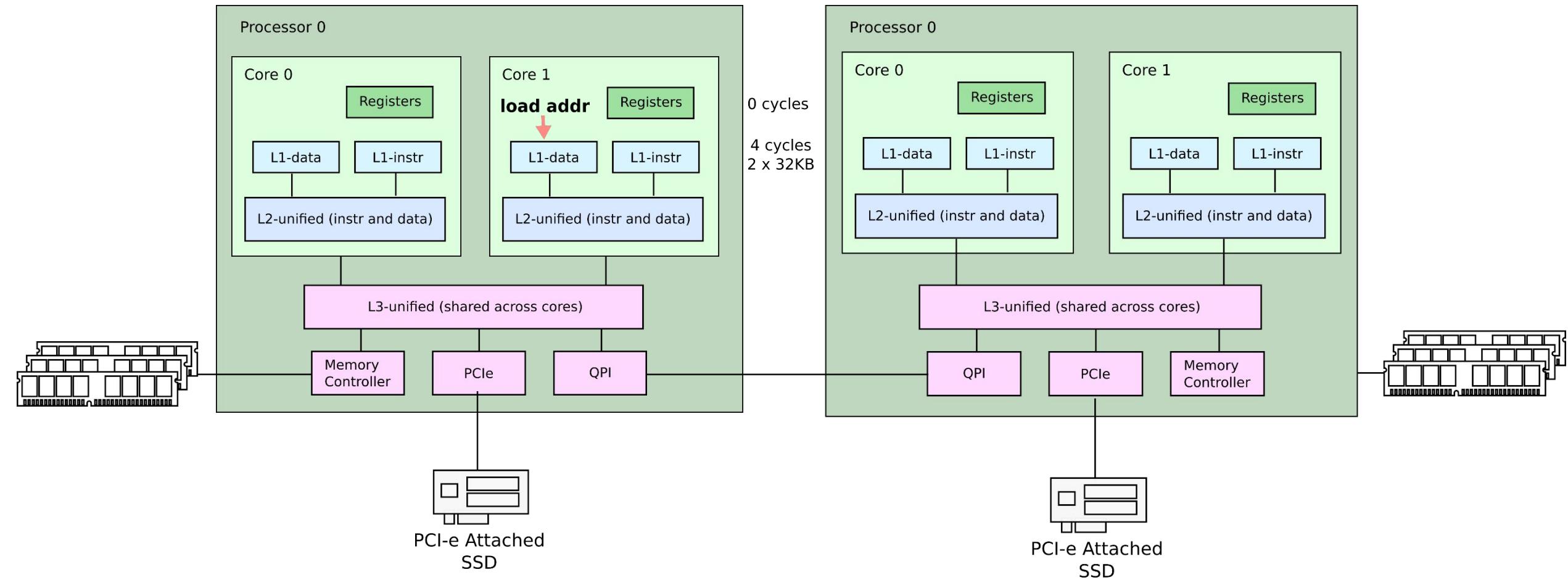
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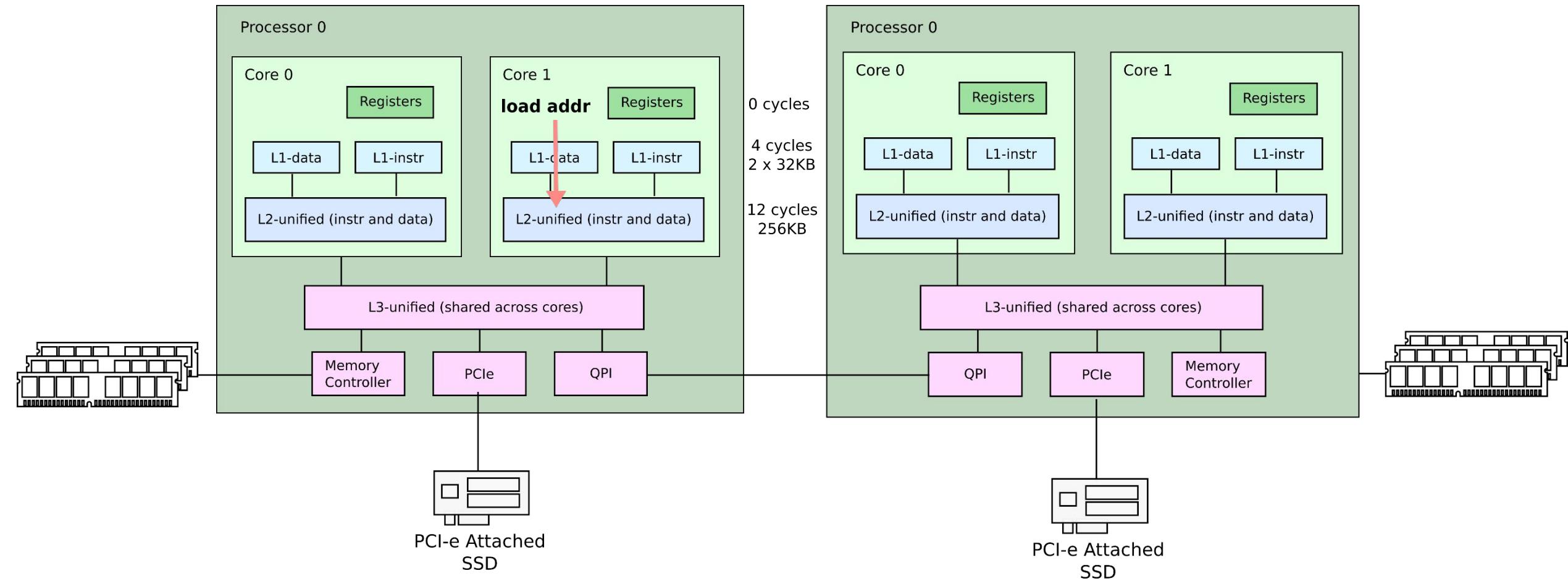
# Cache-coherence (load of modified)



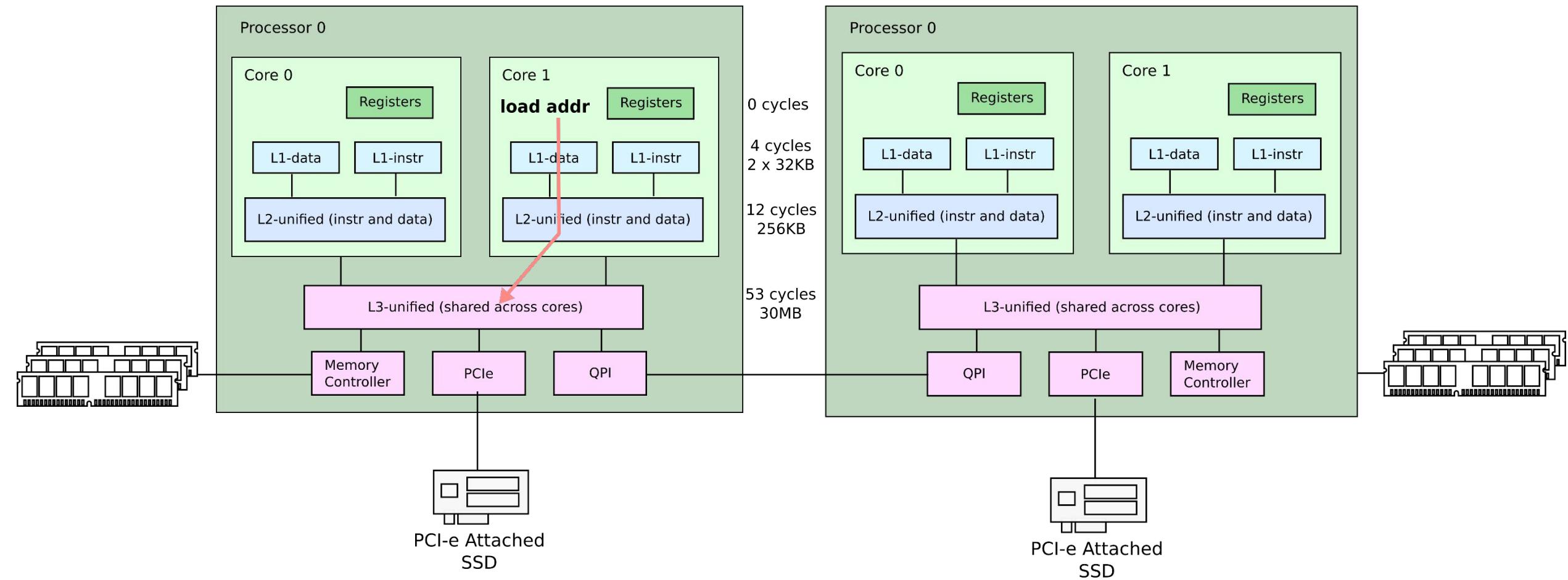
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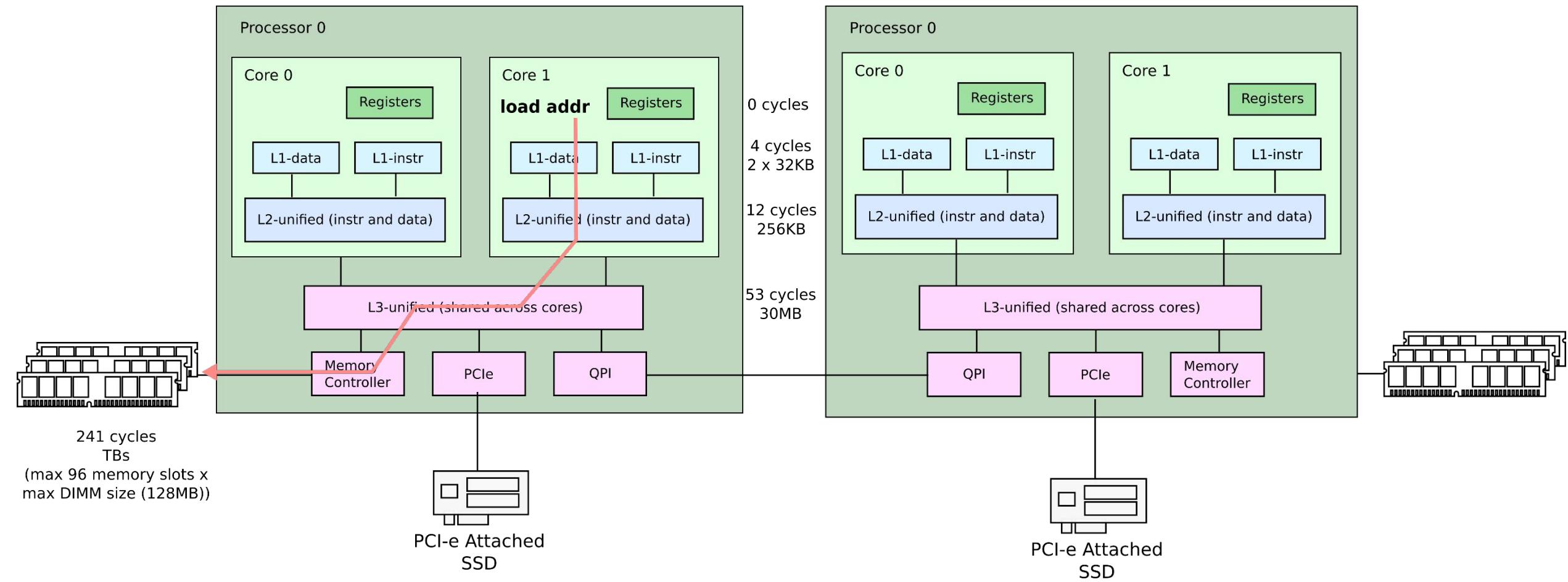
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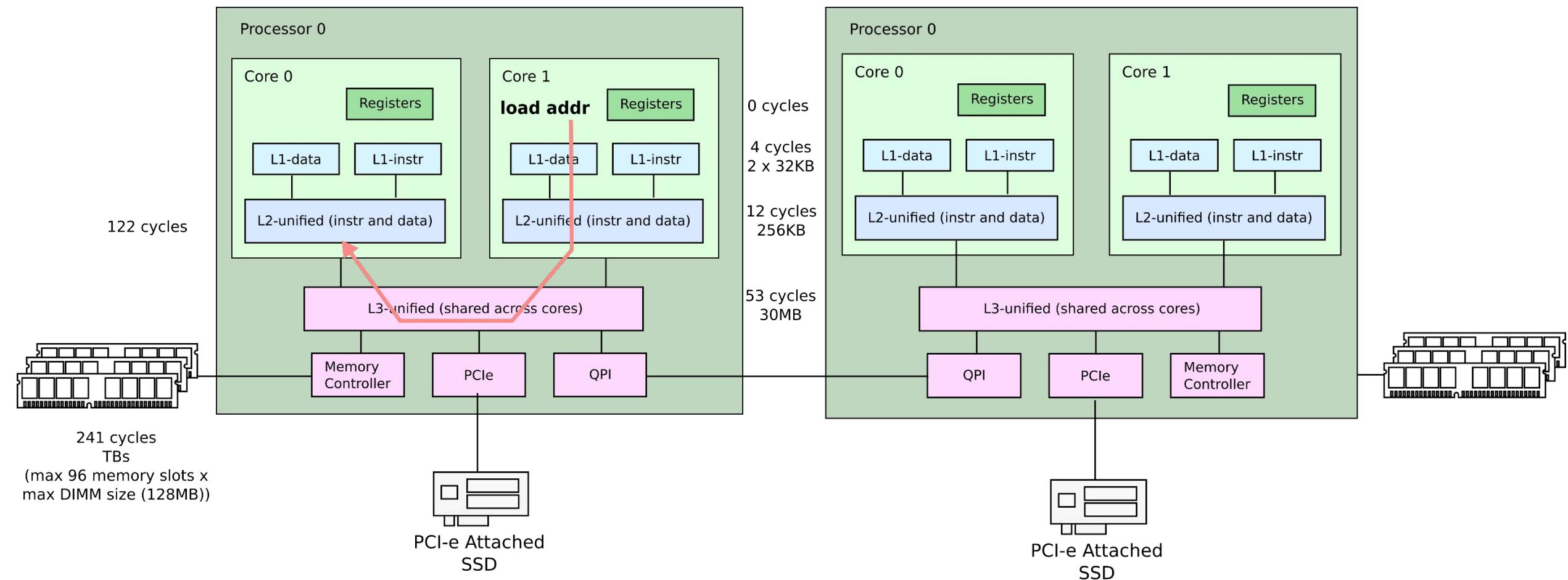
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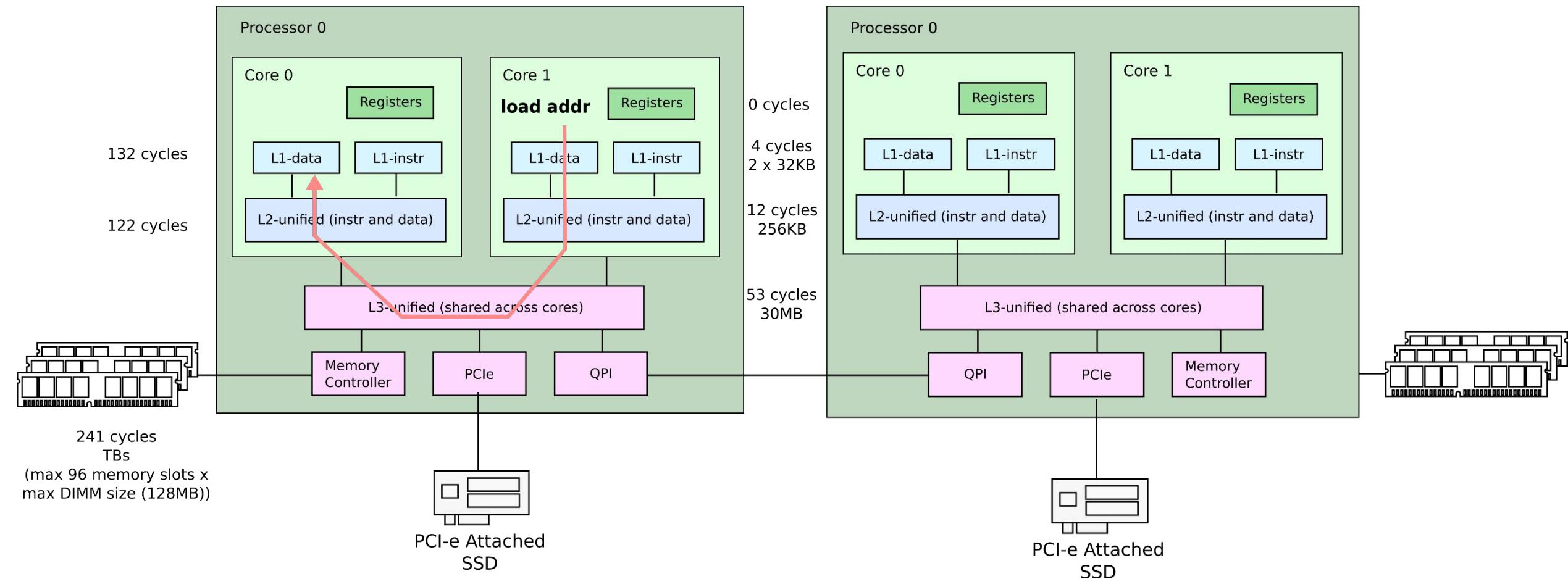
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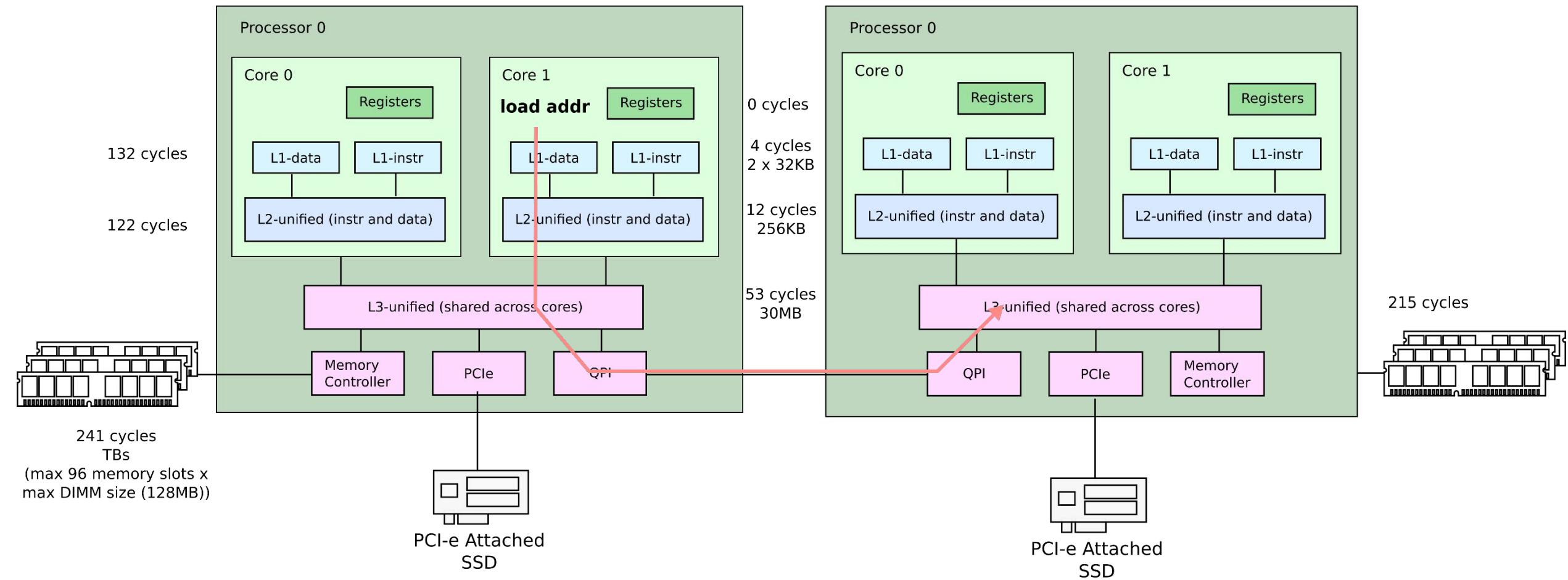
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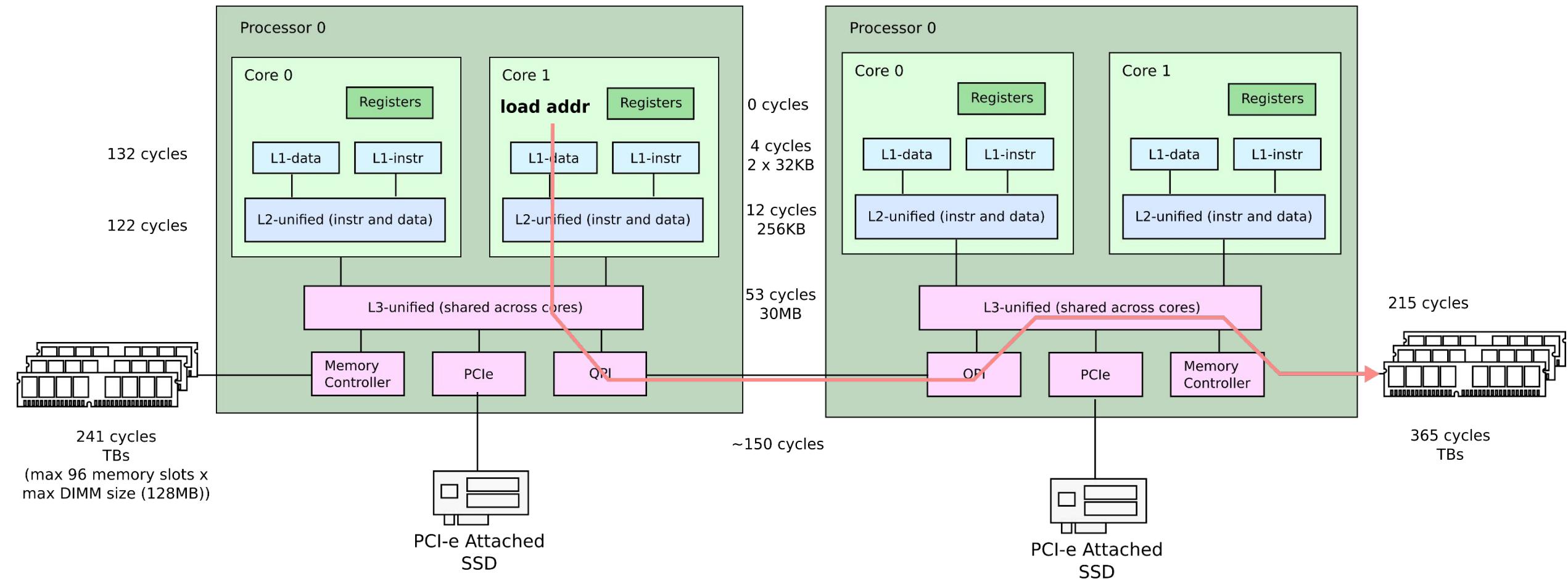
# Latencies: load from same die core's L1



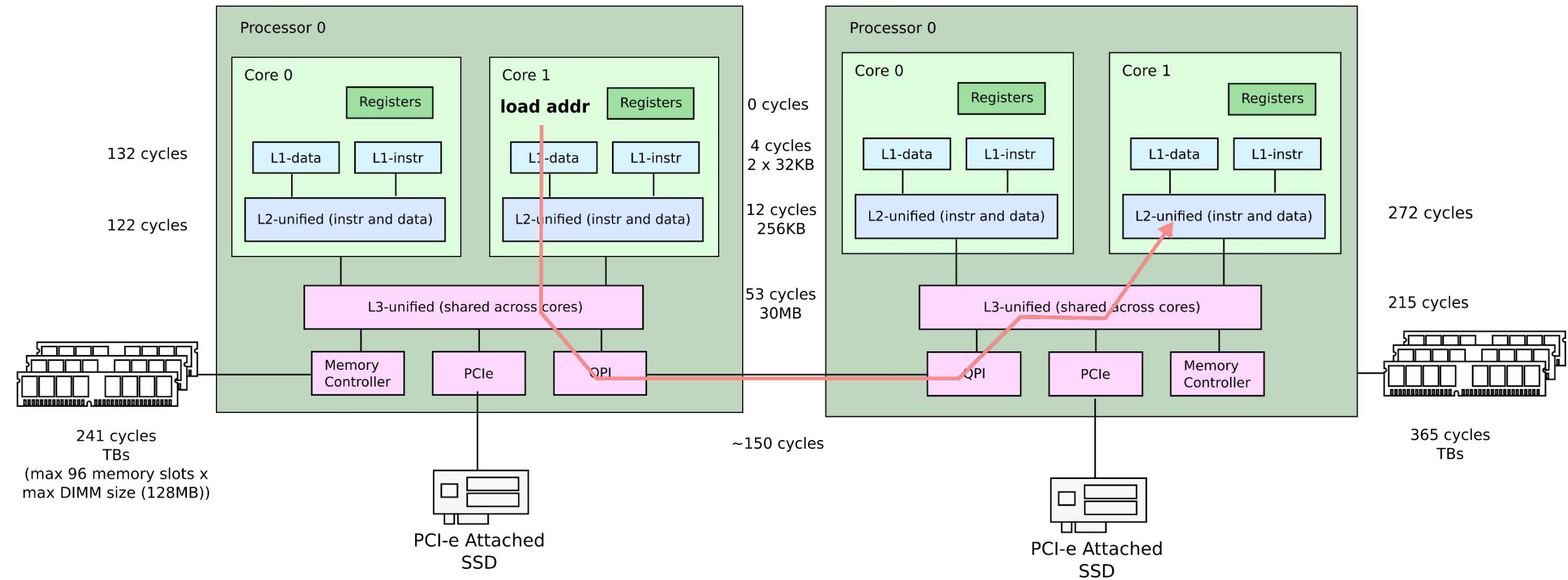
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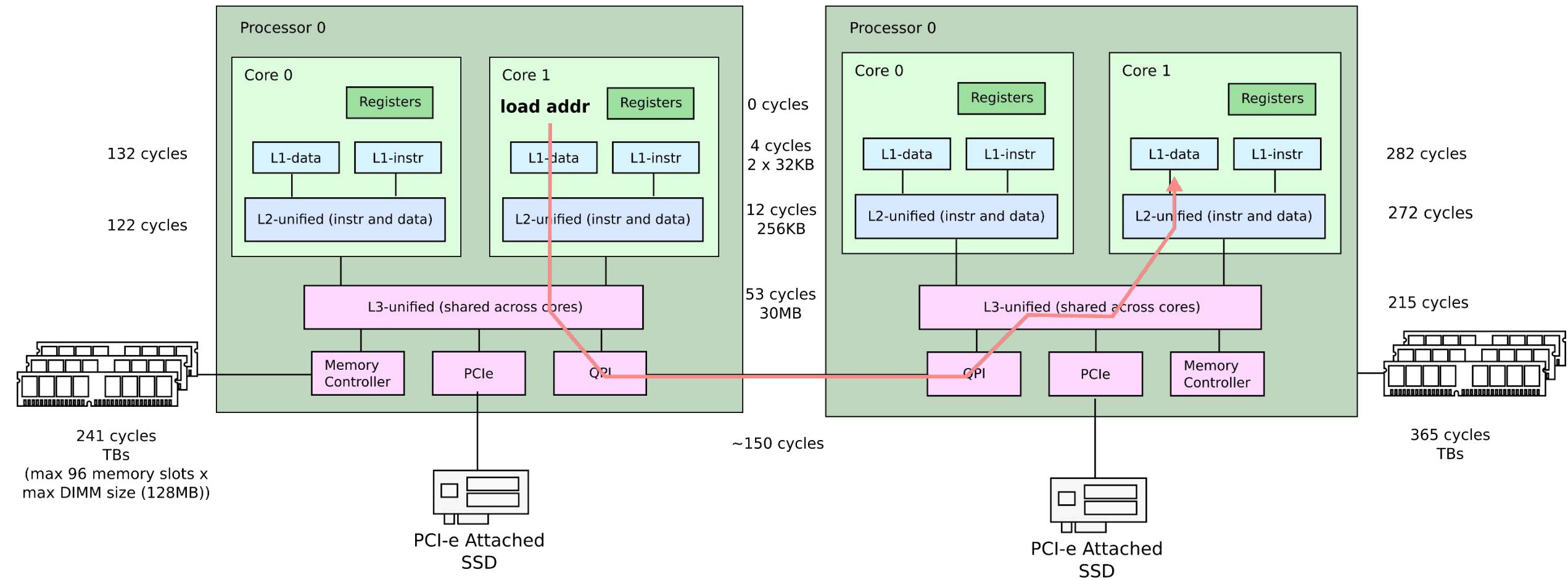
# Latencies: load from remote memory



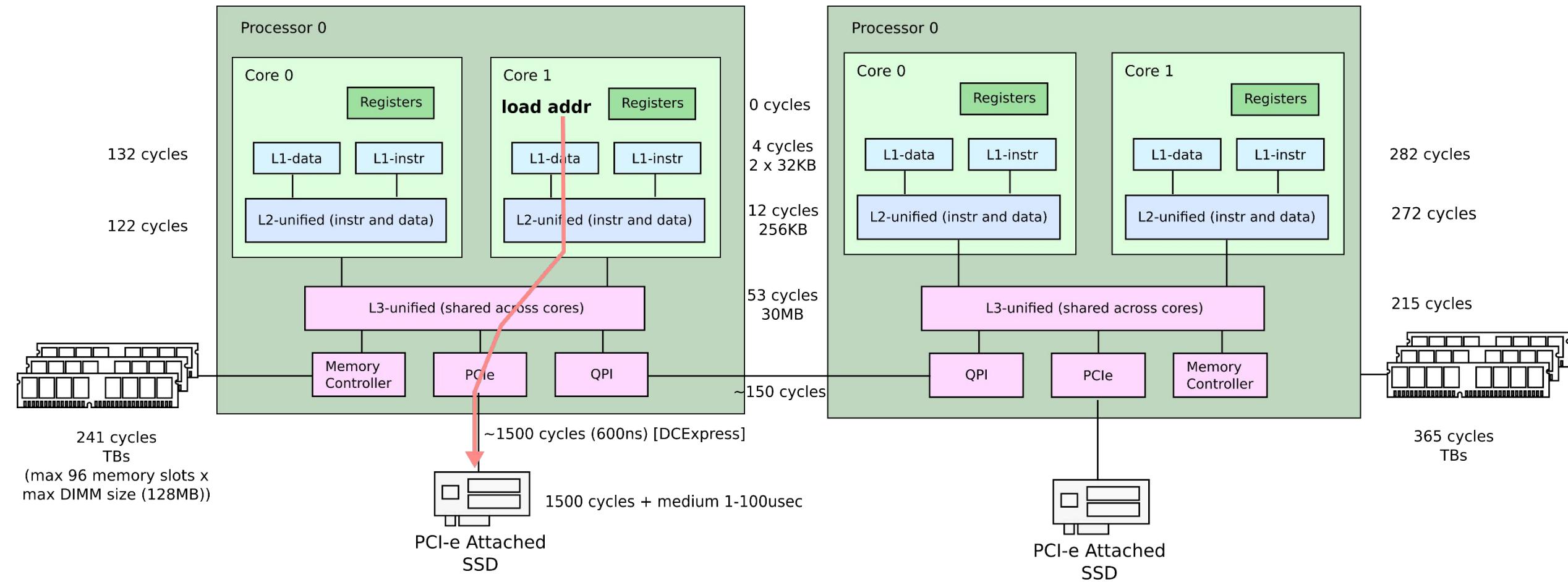
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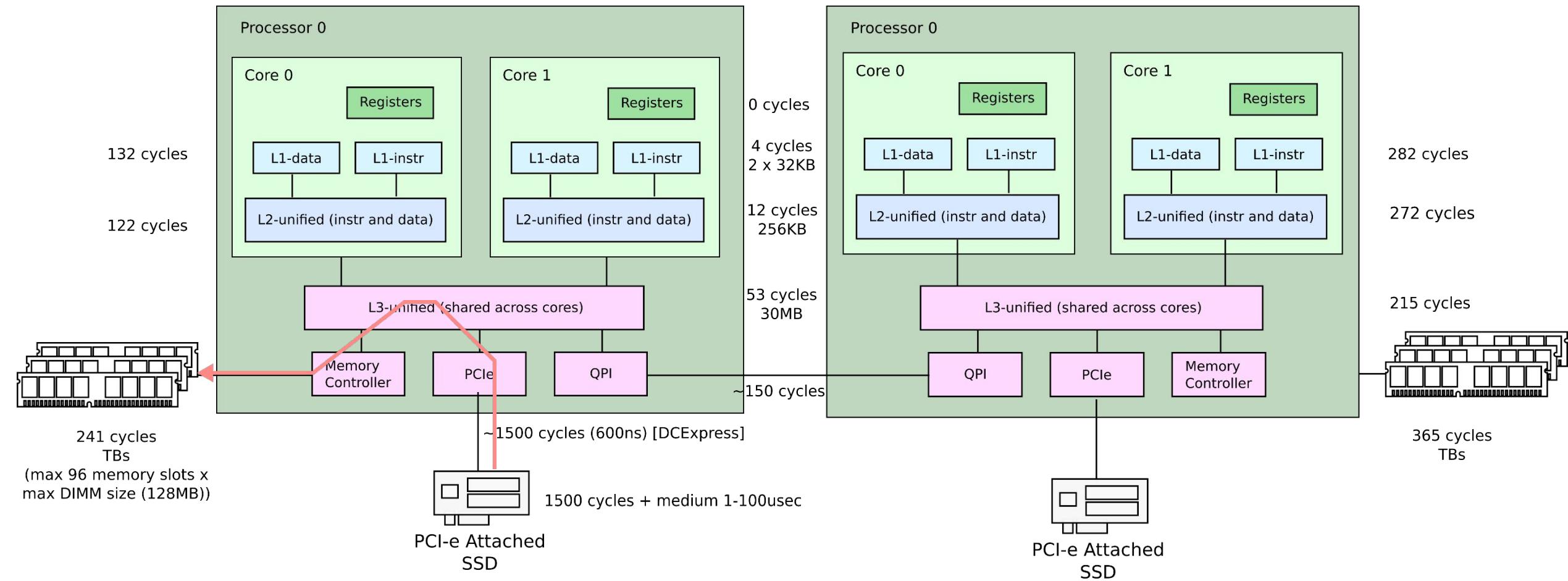
# Latencies: PCIe round-trip



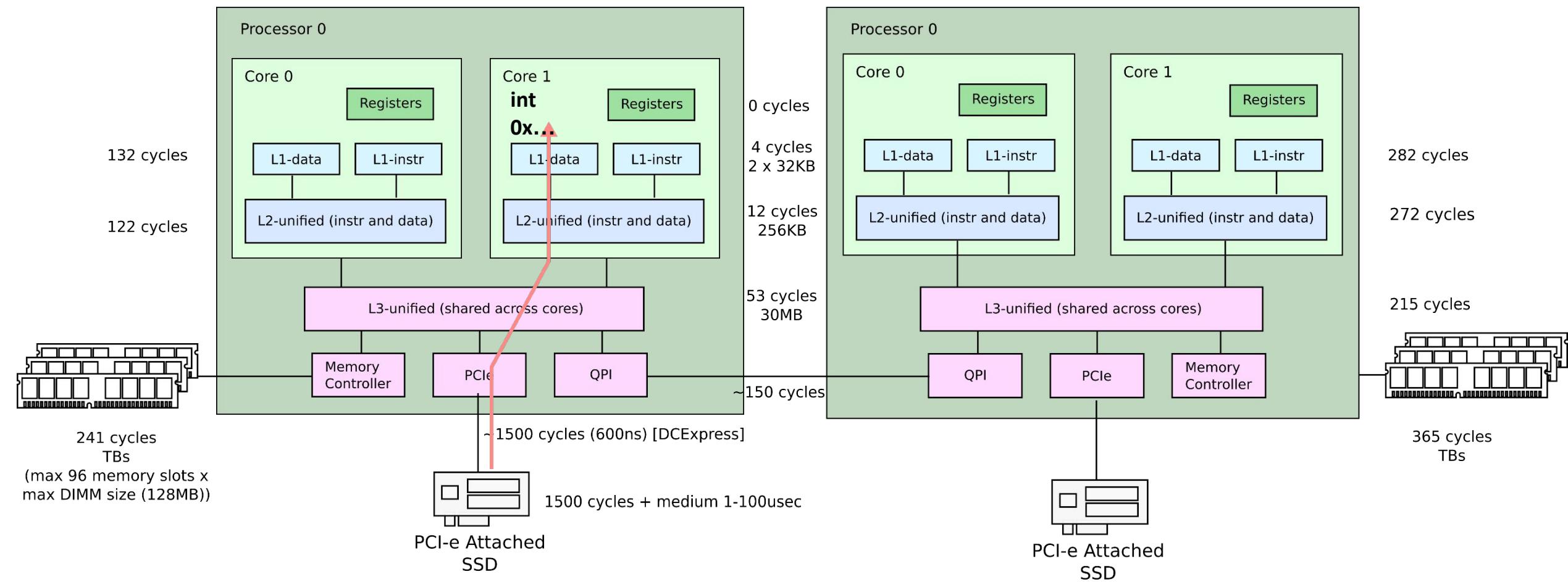
# Device I/O

- Essentially just sending data to and from external devices
- Modern devices communicate over PCIe
  - Well there are other popular buses, e.g., USB, SATA (disks), etc.
  - Conceptually they are similar
- Devices can
  - Read memory
  - Send interrupts to the CPU

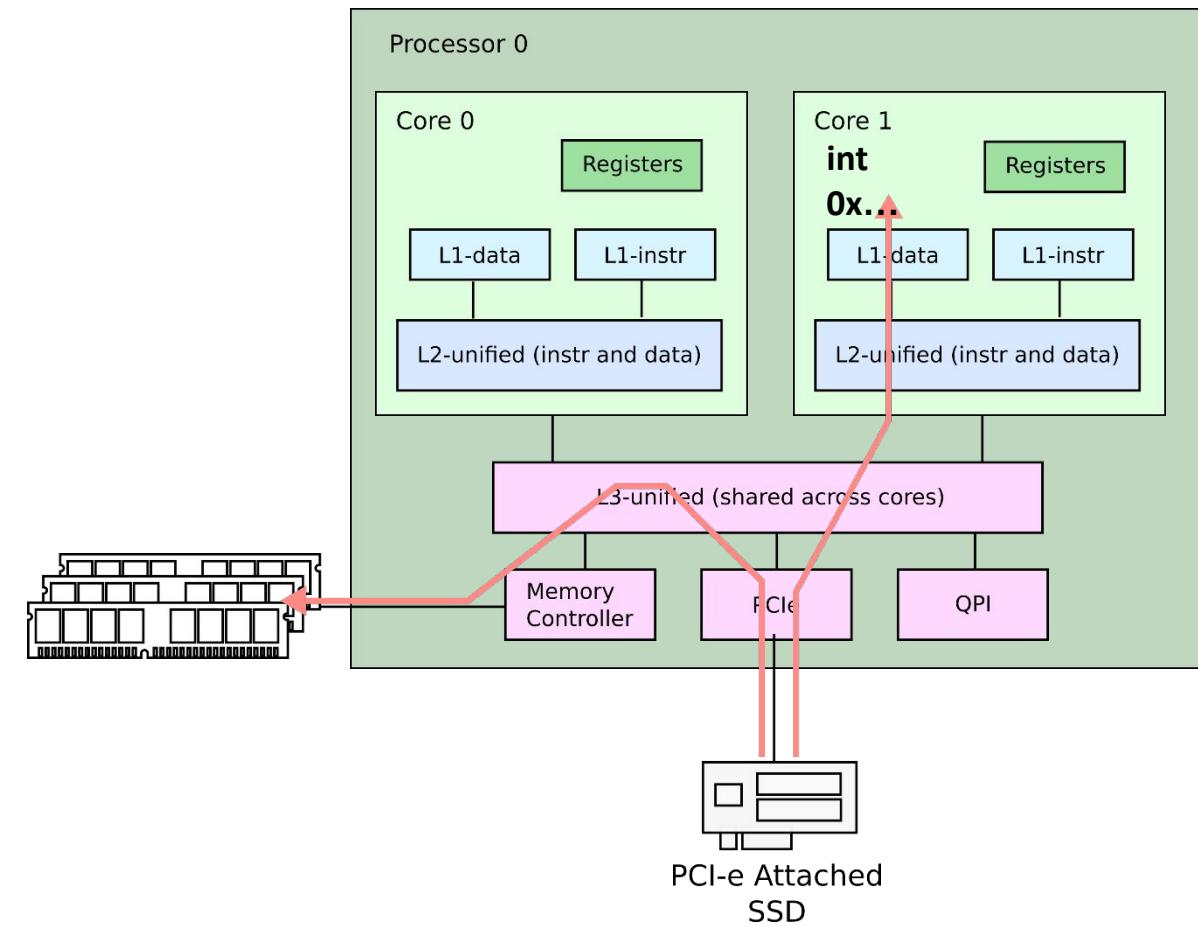
# Direct memory access



# Interrupts

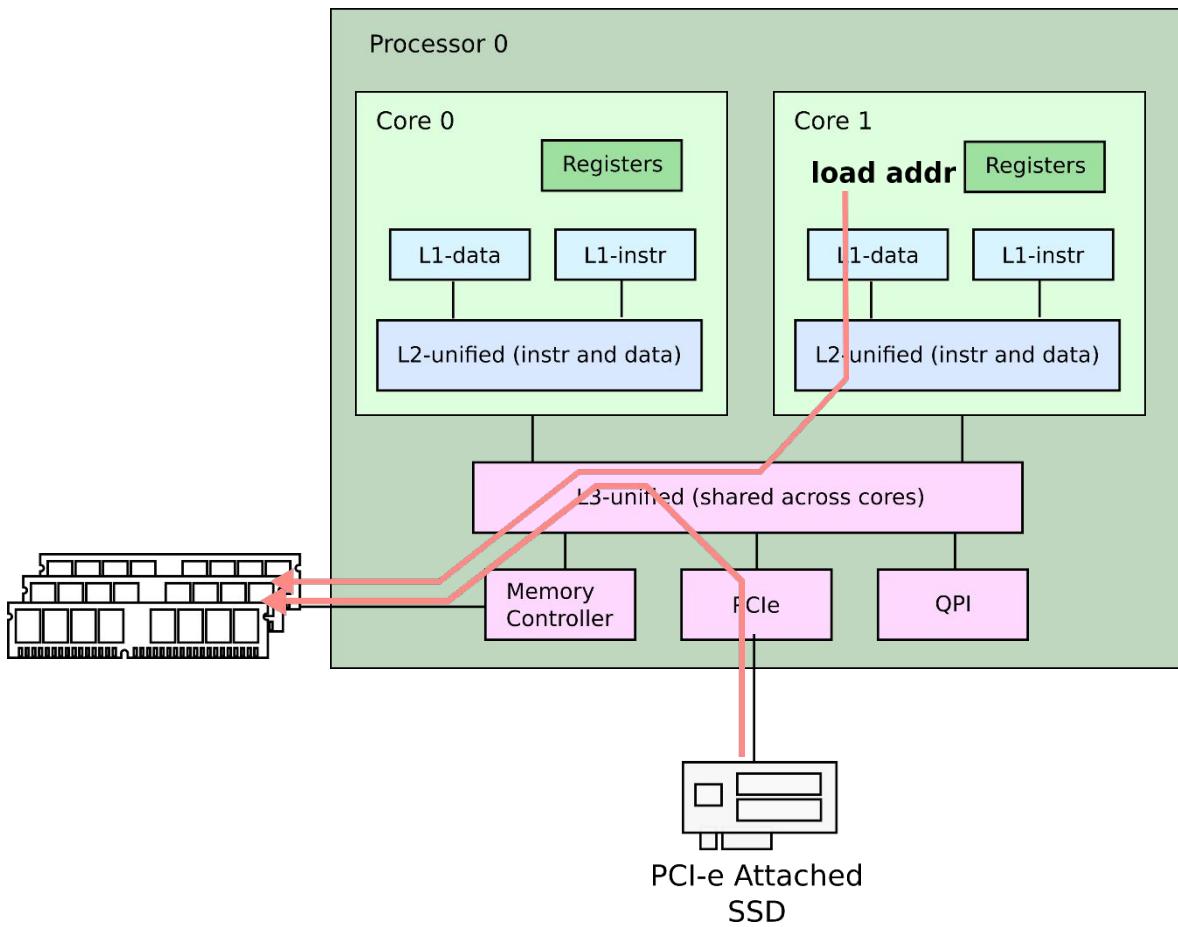


# Device I/O



- Write incoming data in memory, e.g.,
  - Network packets
  - Disk requests, etc.
- Then raise an interrupt to notify the CPU
  - CPU starts executing interrupt handler
  - Then reads incoming packets from memory

# Device I/O (polling mode)



- Alternatively the CPU has to check for incoming data in memory periodically
  - Or poll
- Rationale
  - Interrupts are expensive

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Thank you!