Architecting GenServers for Testability

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Hi, I’m Tyler.

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“I’m not an expert, I’m just a dude.”

— Scott Schurr, CppCon 2015

You won’t agree with everything I say.

You might be right, or we might both be right, but coming from different contexts.

An exercise in comparative architecture

Separation of concerns +
Keeping closely related logic together

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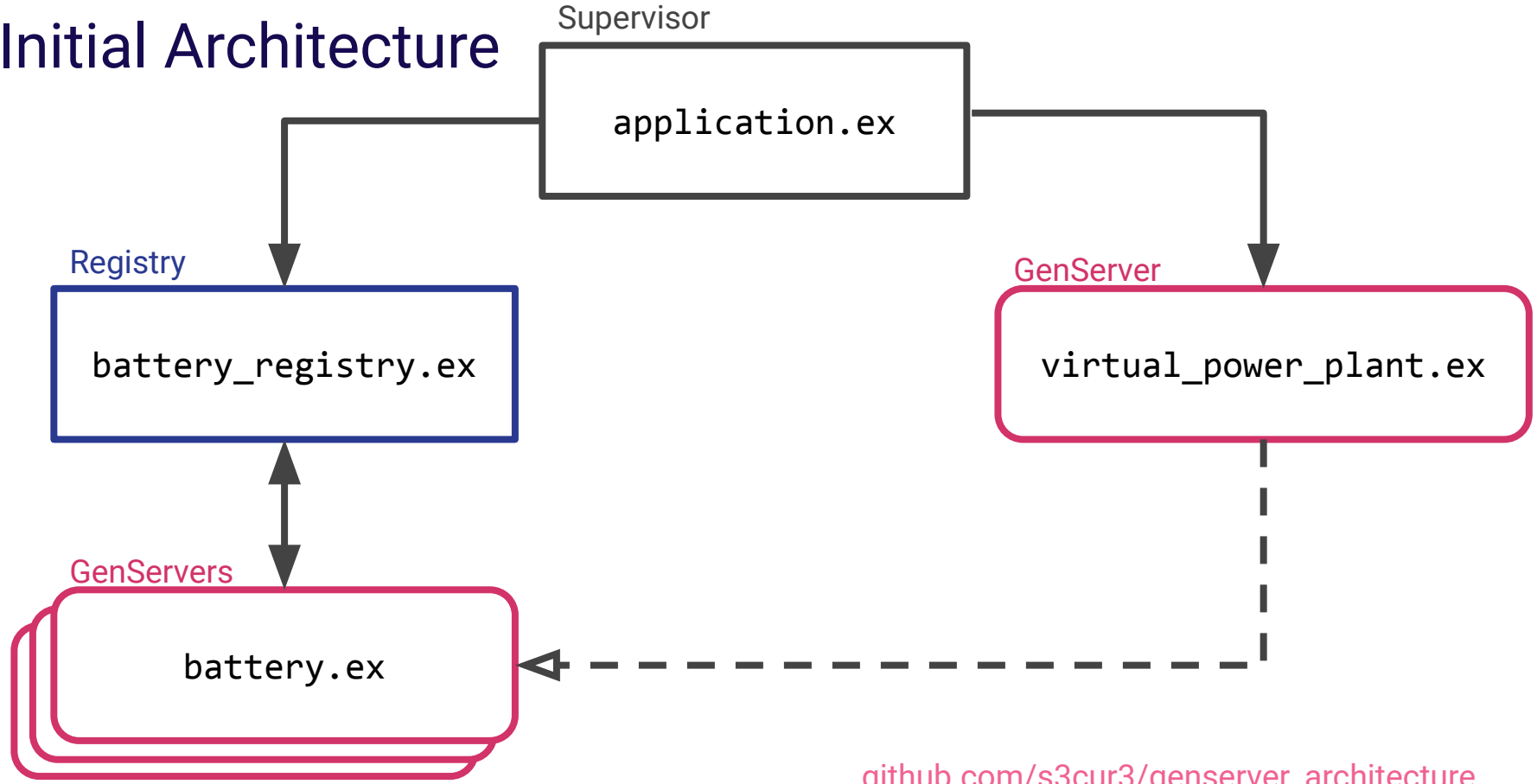
Initial Architecture



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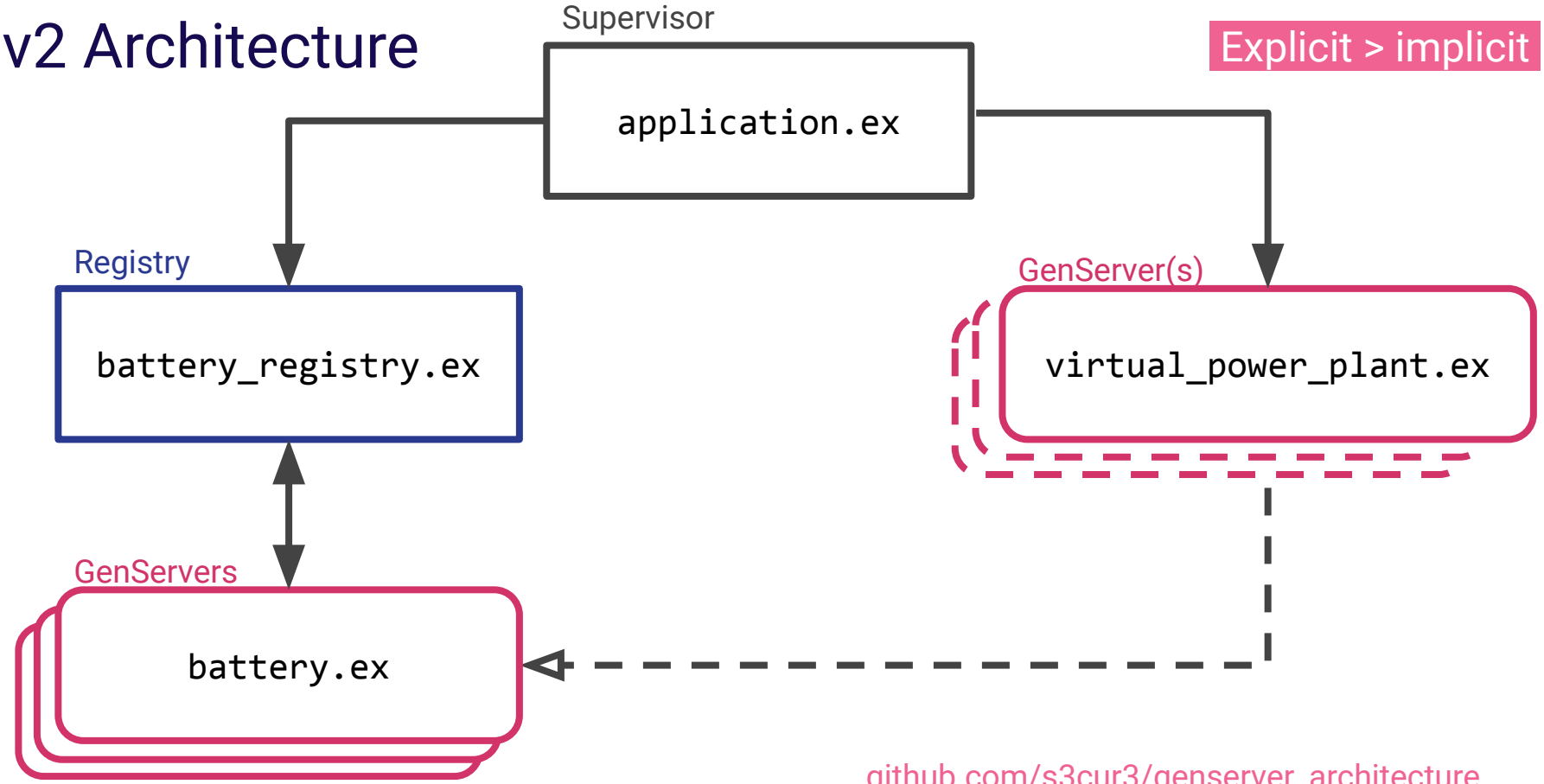
v2 Architecture



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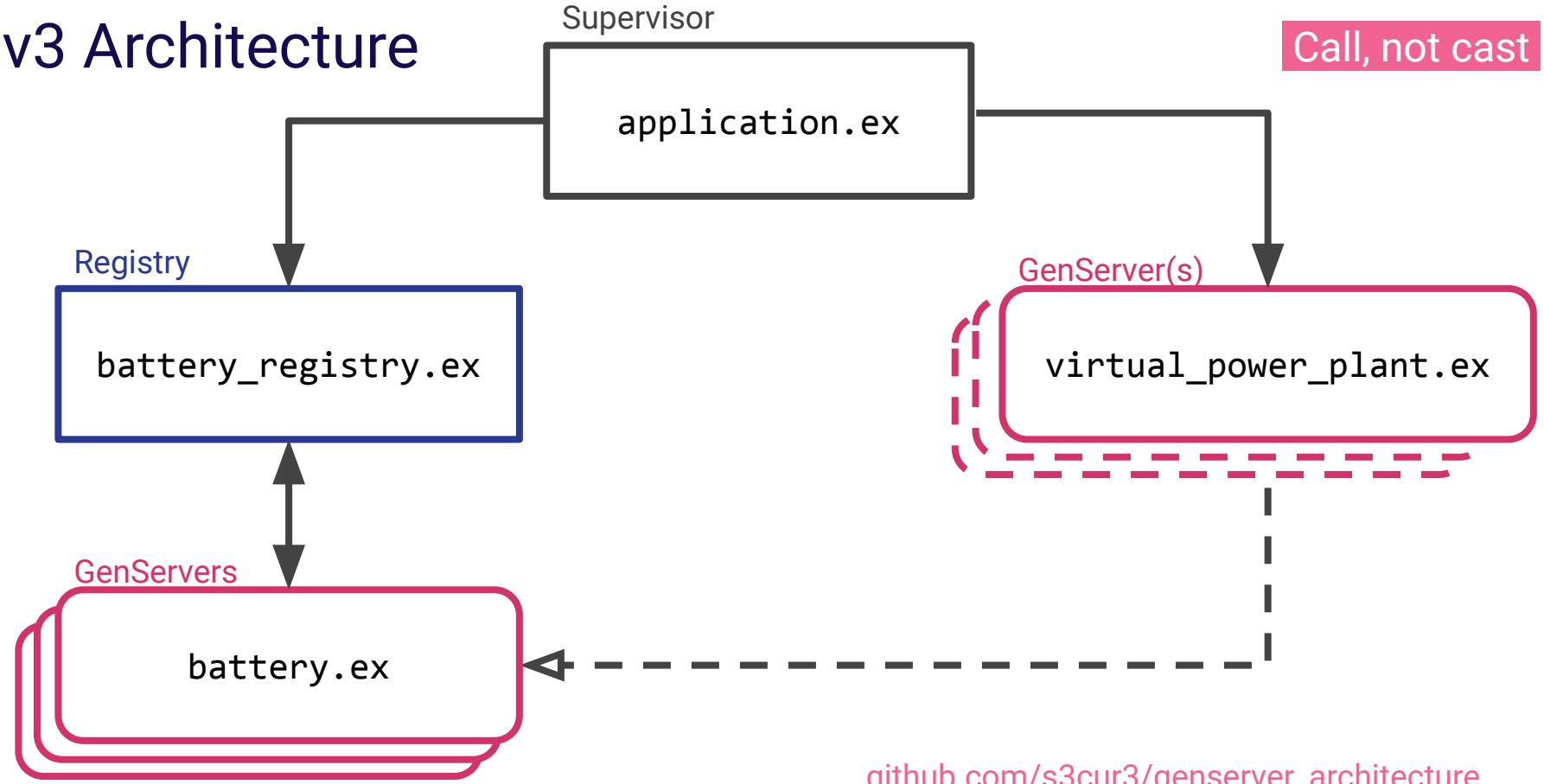
v3 Architecture



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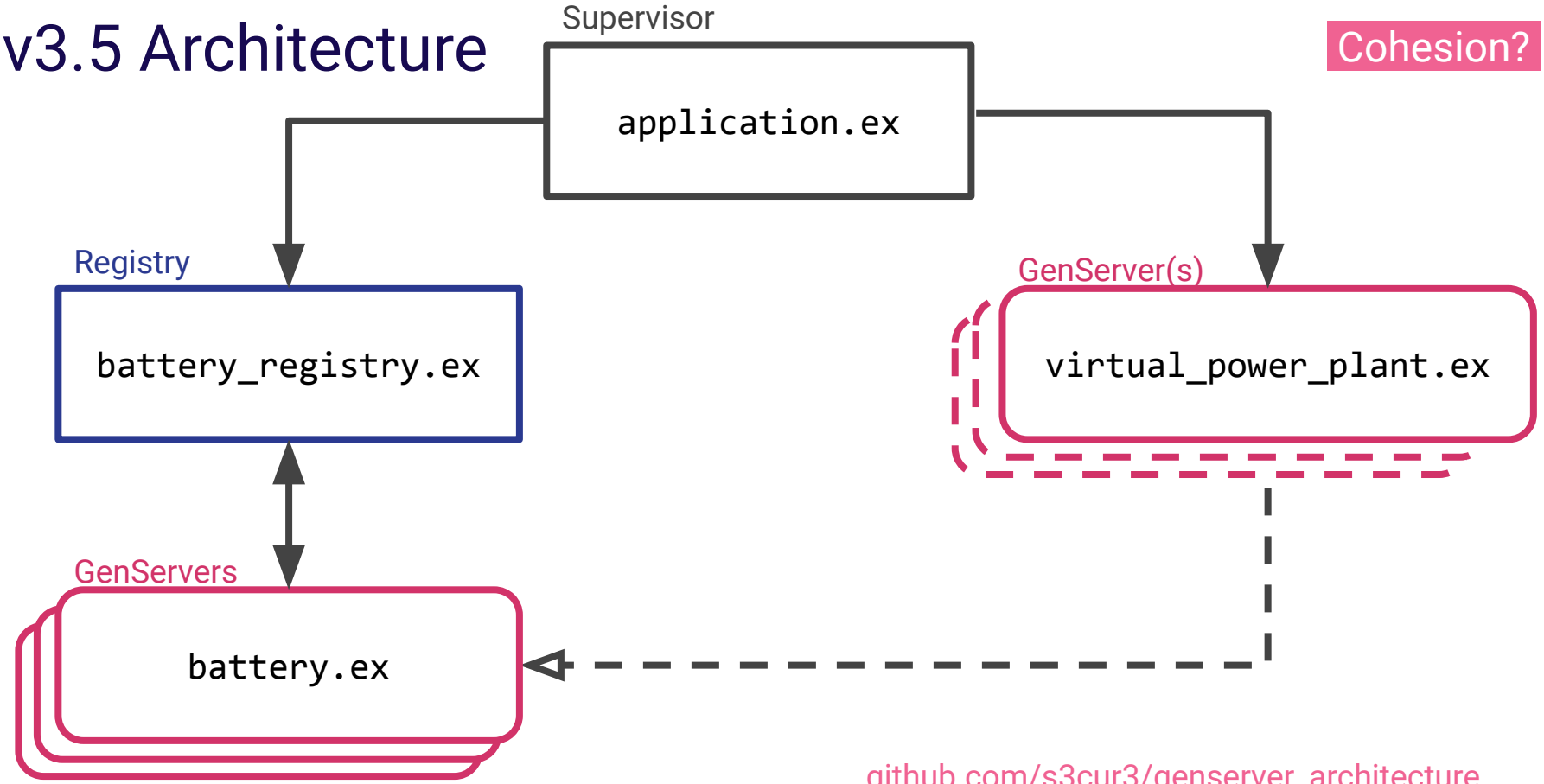
v3.5 Architecture



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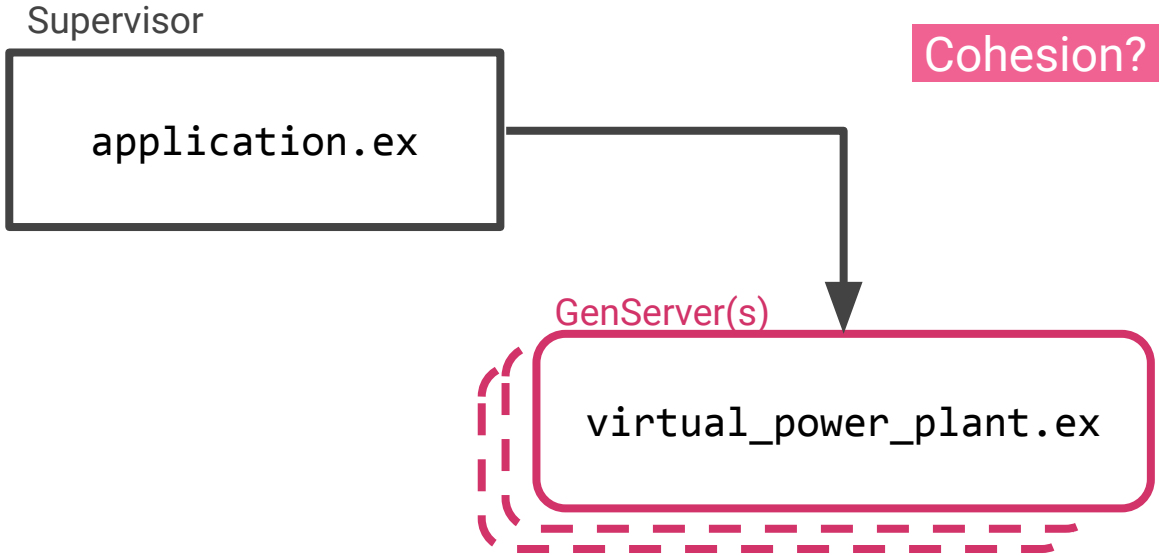

Cohesion?

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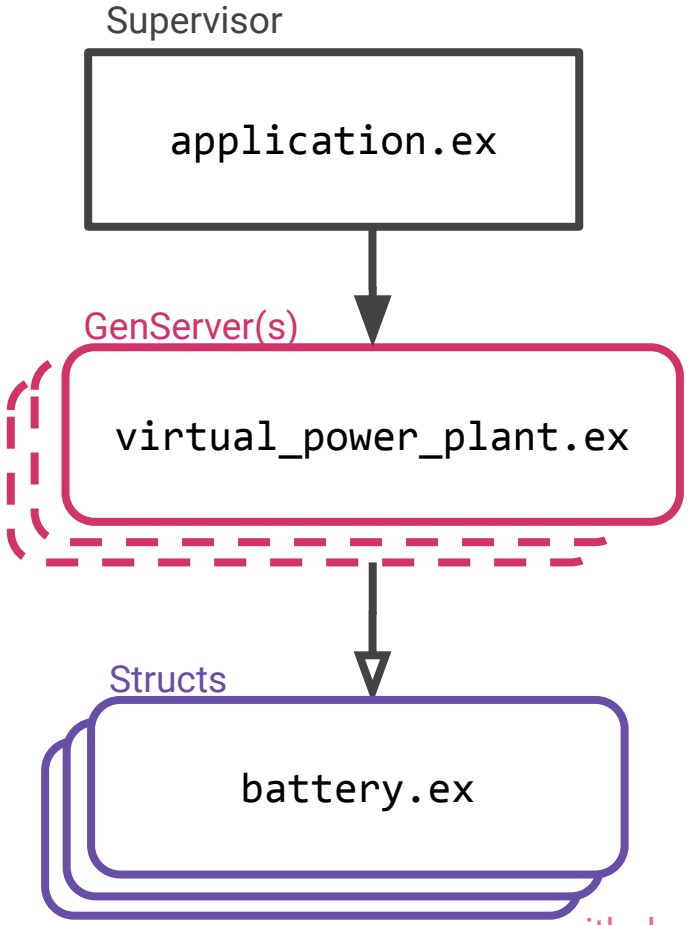
v4 Architecture



Sep. of concerns

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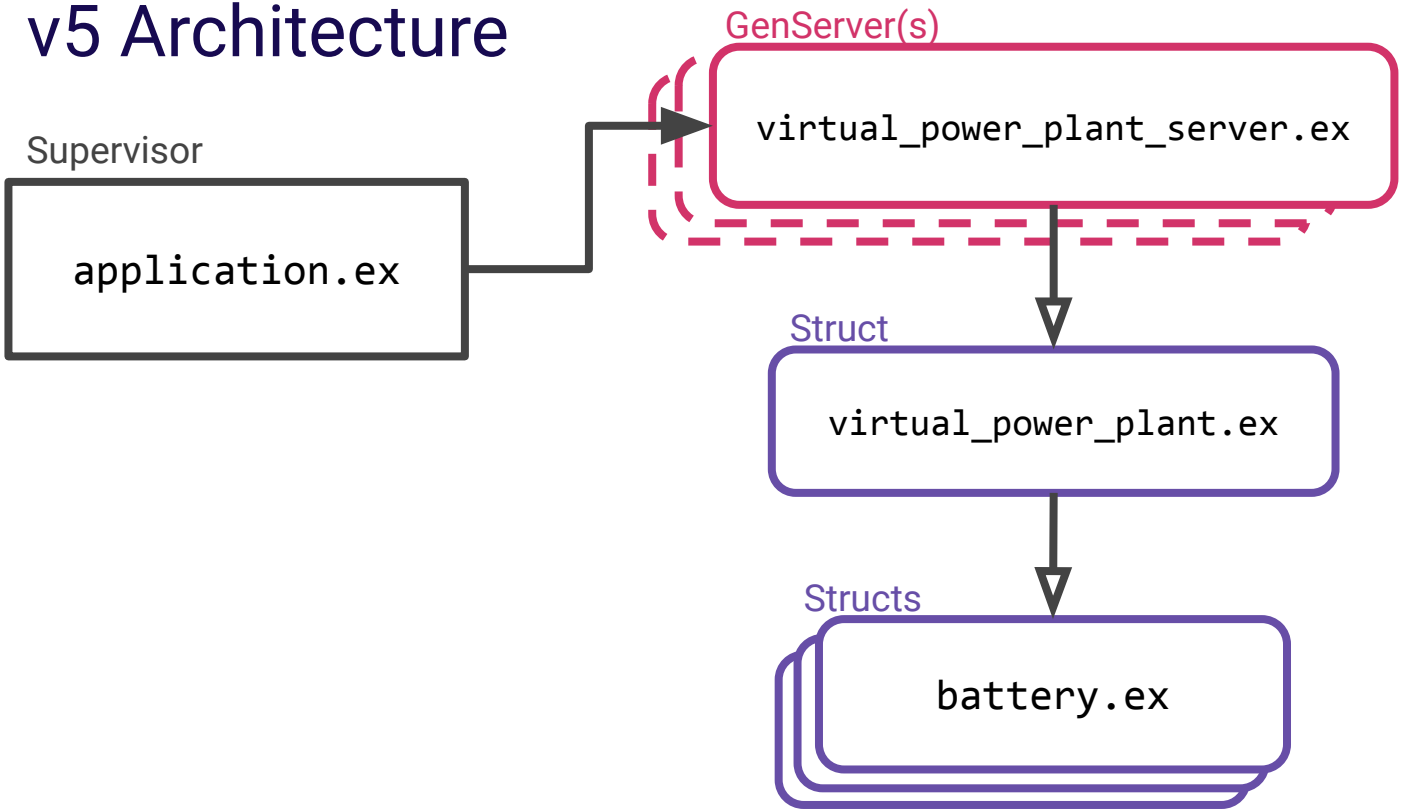

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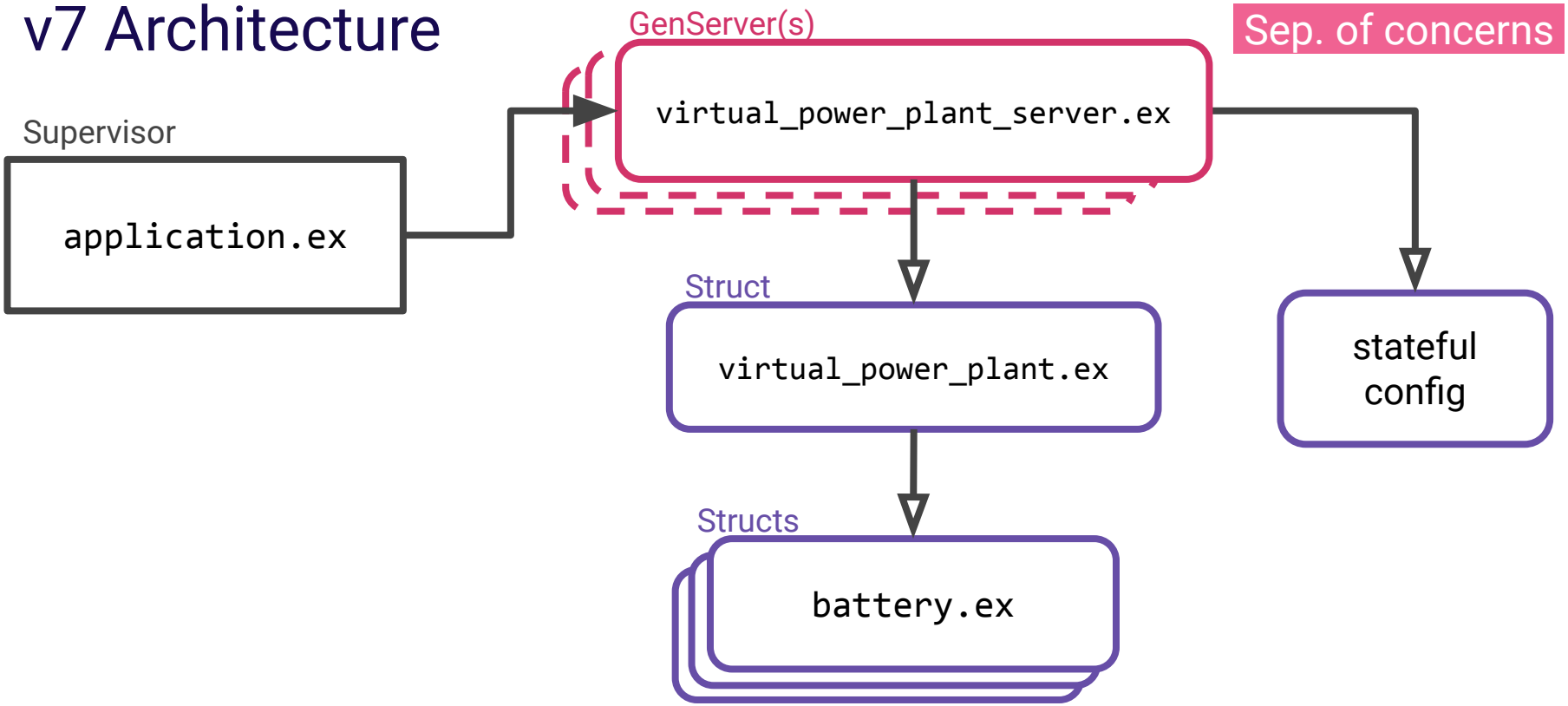
v7 Architecture



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Recap

- Reduce coupling + increase cohesion
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💻 Enbala is always hiring Elixir devs!
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