

# Keystone Enclave

## An Open-Source Secure Enclave for RISC-V

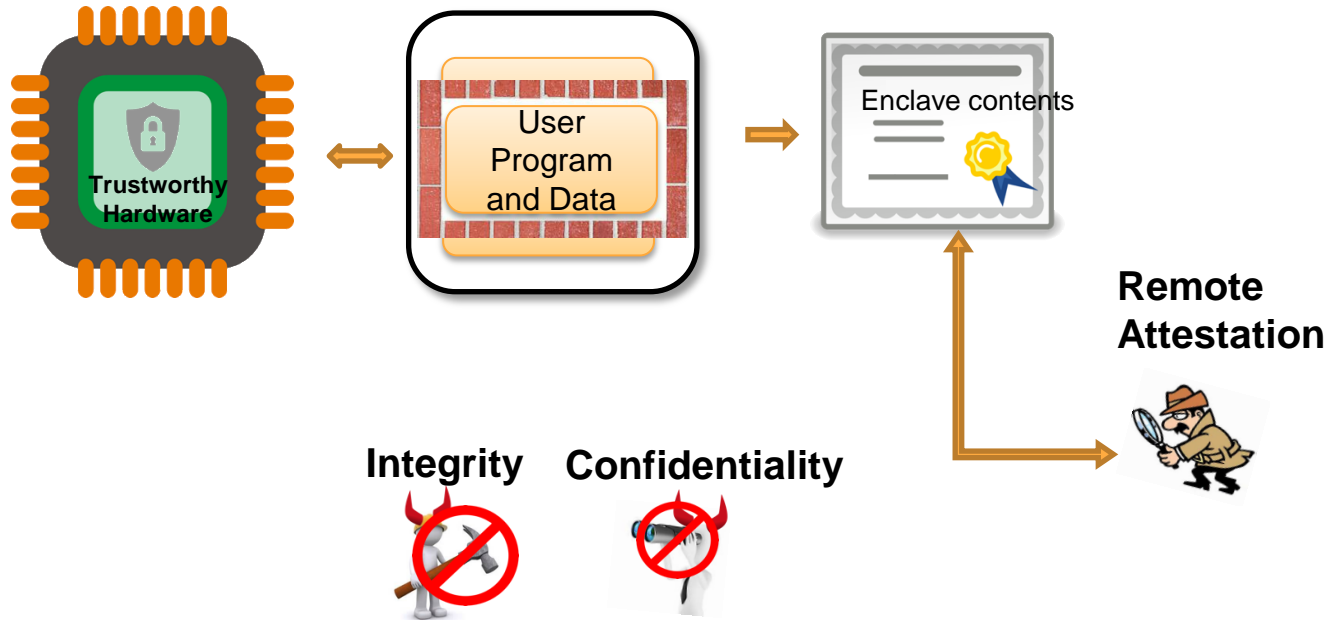
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# What is a Secure Enclave?



# Secure Enclave as a Cornerstone Security Primitive

- Strong security capabilities
  - Authenticate itself (device)
  - Authenticate software
  - Guarantee the integrity and privacy of remote execution
- A cornerstone for building new security applications
  - Confidential computing in the cloud (e.g., machine learning)
  - Secure IoT sensor network

# Why do we need an Open-Source Enclave?

- Existing enclave systems are proprietary and difficult to experiment with
  - Closed-source commercial hardware (e.g., Intel SGX, ARM TrustZone)
  - Lack of good research infrastructure
- A Lot of Challenges for Enclaves
  - Hardware vulnerabilities: Intel SGX - ForeShadow (USENIX'18), AMD SEV - SEVered (EuroSec'18)
  - Side channel attacks and physical attacks
  - Important questions: do patches really fix the problem? Are there any other issues?

## Open Source Design

- **Provides transparency & enables high assurance**
- **Builds a community to help people work on the same problems**

# Keystone Enclave

# Keystone: Open Framework for Secure Enclaves

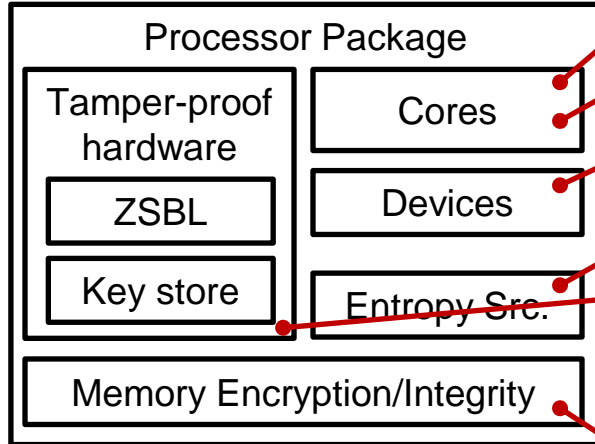
- The First Full-Stack Open-Source Enclave for Minimal Requirements
  - Root of trust, security monitor, device driver, SDK, ...
  - Memory isolation, secure bootstrapping, remote attestation, ...
- Isolation only with Standard RISC-V Primitives
  - RISC-V Privileged ISA (U-, S-, and M-mode support)
  - Physical Memory Protection (PMP)
  - Demonstrate in unmodified processors
- Open Framework: Built Modular & Portable for Easy Extension
  - Platform-agnostic isolated execution environment
  - Platform-specific
  - Use various enclaves

[github.com/keystone-enclave](https://github.com/keystone-enclave)

# Earlier Work: Sanctum

- The First Enclave Design in RISC-V ISA
  - V. Costan et al., USENIX Security '16
  - Proof of concept in C++  
(<https://github.com/pwnall/sanctum>)
- Non-standard Hardware Extension
  - PMP was introduced in 2017 (RISC-V Priv. v1.10)
- Keystone and Sanctum
  - Keystone was built from scratch
  - Keystone shares many good practices from prior experiences of Sanctum
  - The primary goal of Keystone is to make an open end-to-end framework

# What Hardware Do We Need?



- RISC-V Physical Memory Protection (PMP)

- RISC-V U-, S-, and M-mode

- (RISC-V) Device Gasket PMP (i.e., iopmp)

- An Entropy Source available at boot

- Root of Trust (preferably a crypto engine)

- Measuring & signing the security monitor

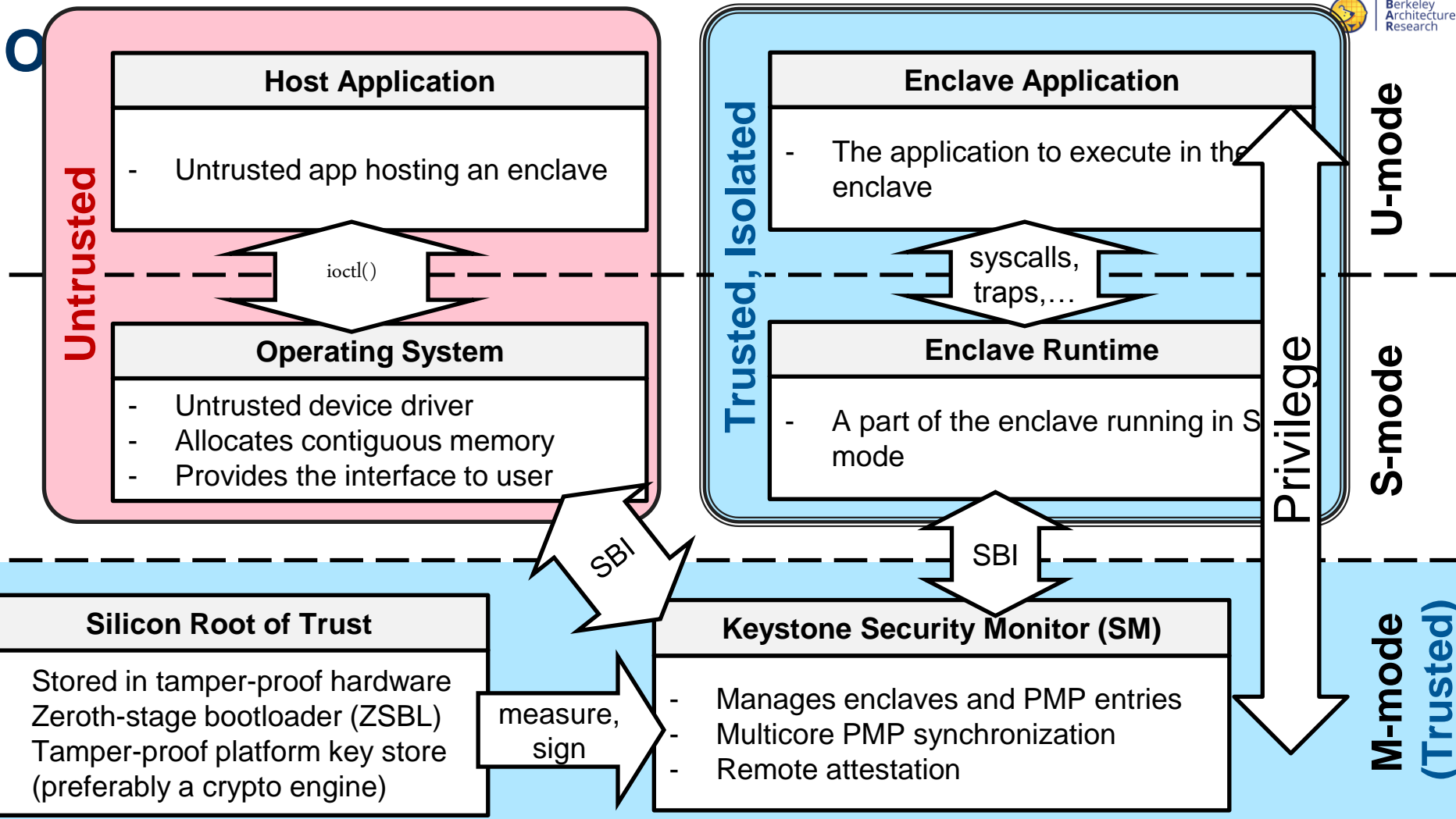
- Platform key store

- If untrusted/external DRAM –

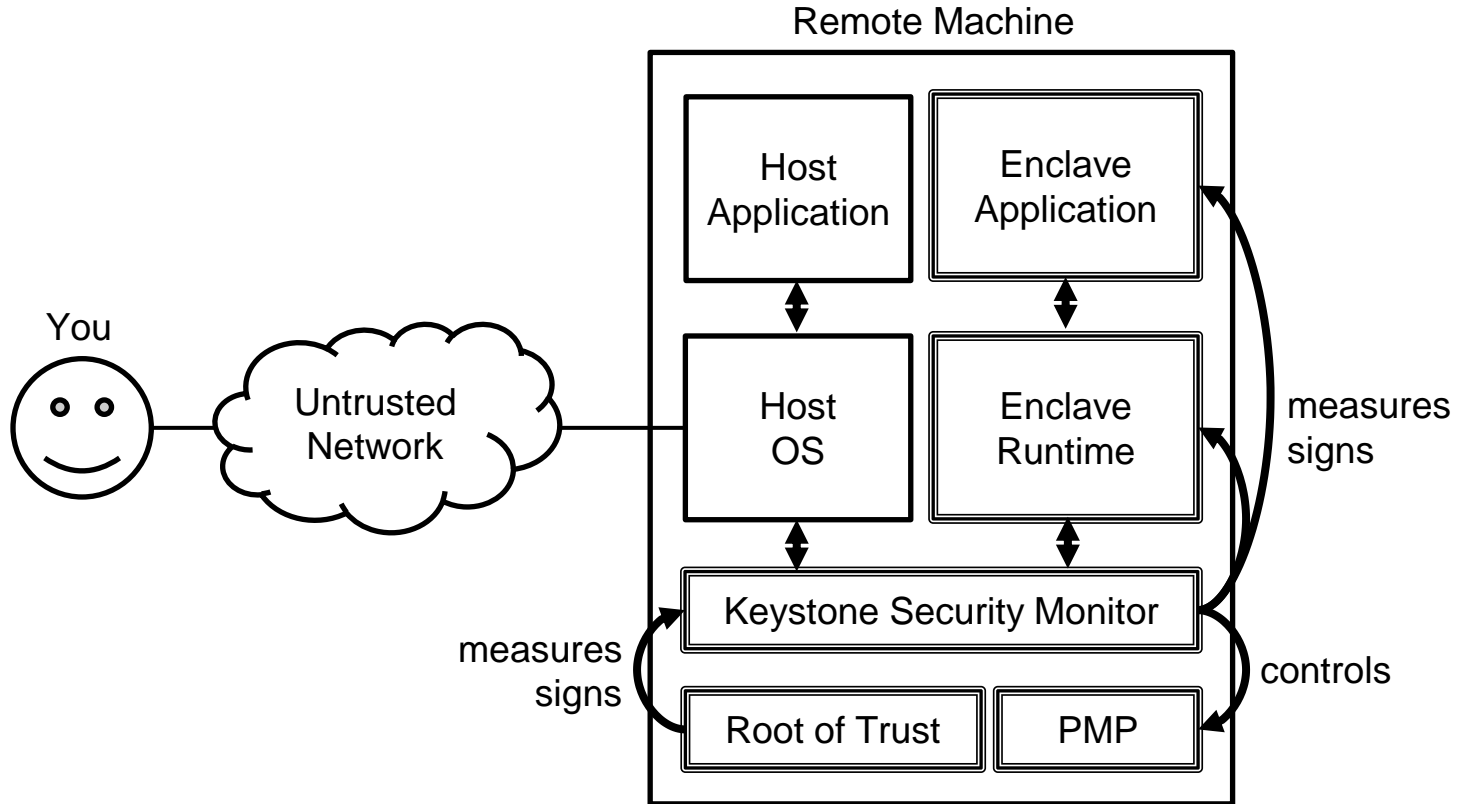
memory encryption/integrity engine

(not implemented yet)

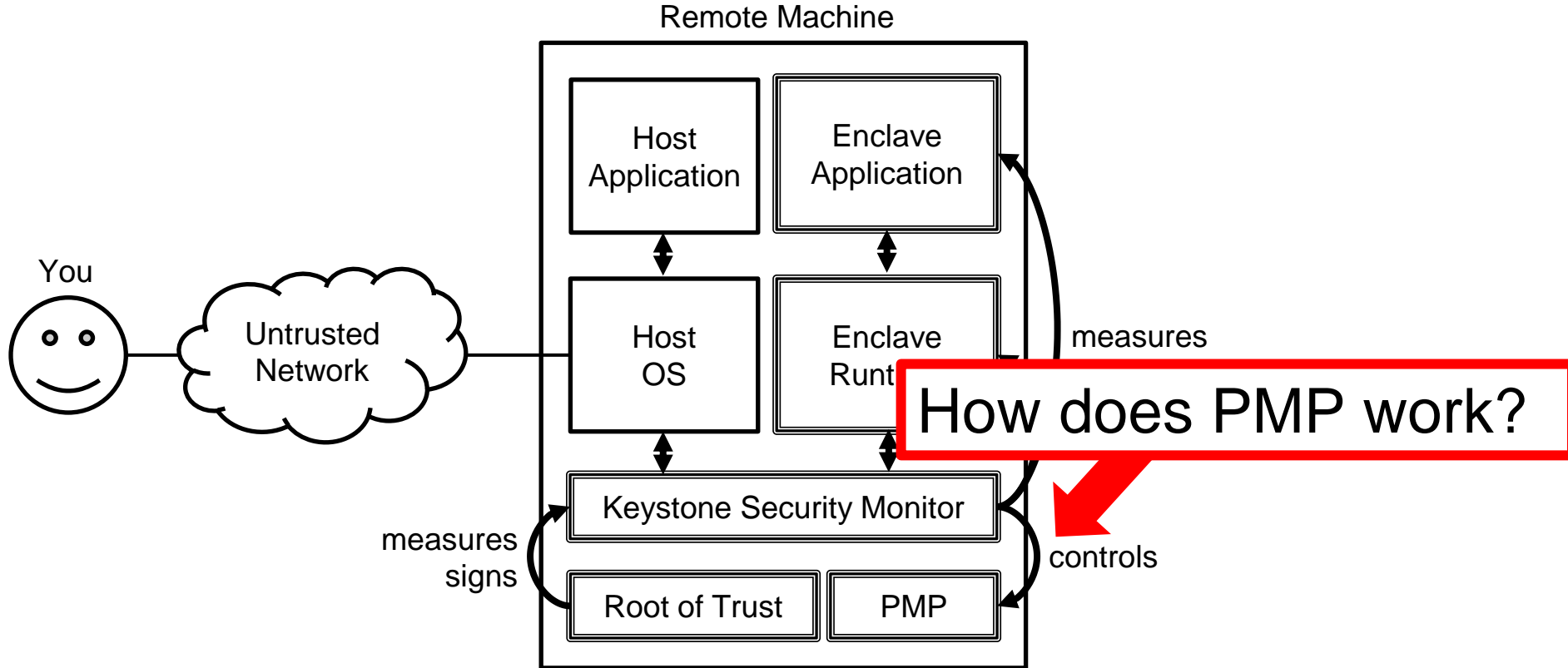




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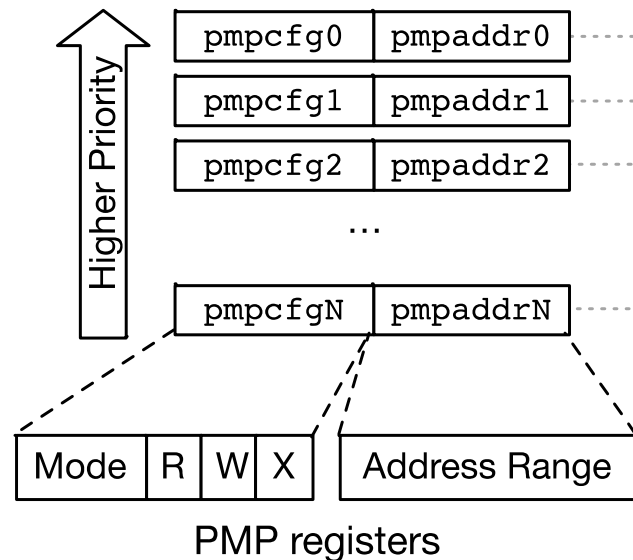


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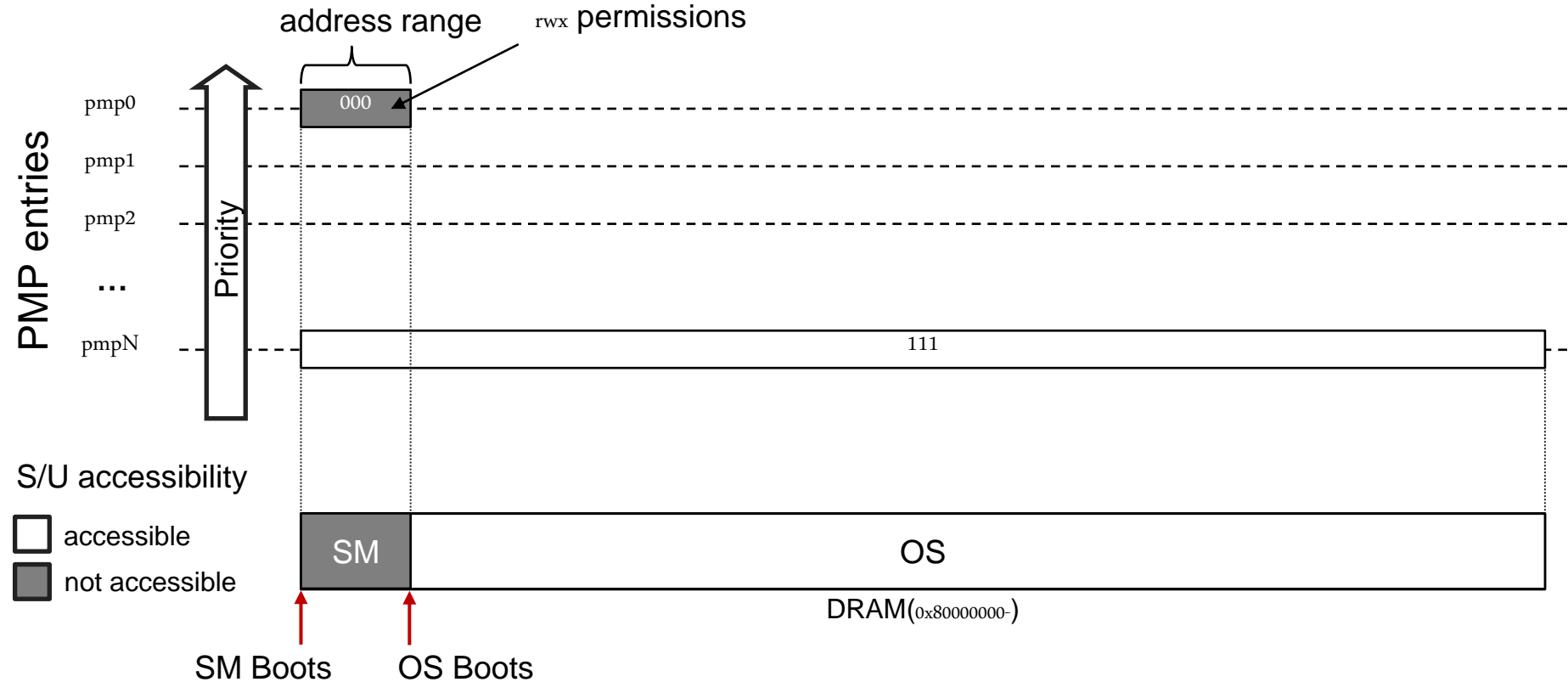


# Memory Isolation with RISC-V PMP

- Physical Memory Protection (PMP)
  - Special registers to control permissions of U- and S-mode accesses to a specified memory region
  - # of PMP entries can vary (e.g., default Rocket has 8)
  - Statically prioritized by the order of entry indices
  - Whitelist-based
  - Dynamically configurable by M-mode
  - Addressing modes: NAPOT ( $\geq 4$ -bytes), Base/Bound
  
- How Keystone uses PMP
  - Top/bottom PMP entries are reserved for SM/OS
  - 1 PMP entry for each “active” enclave
  - NAPOT  $> 4$ KB (fragmentation / Linux buddy allocation)

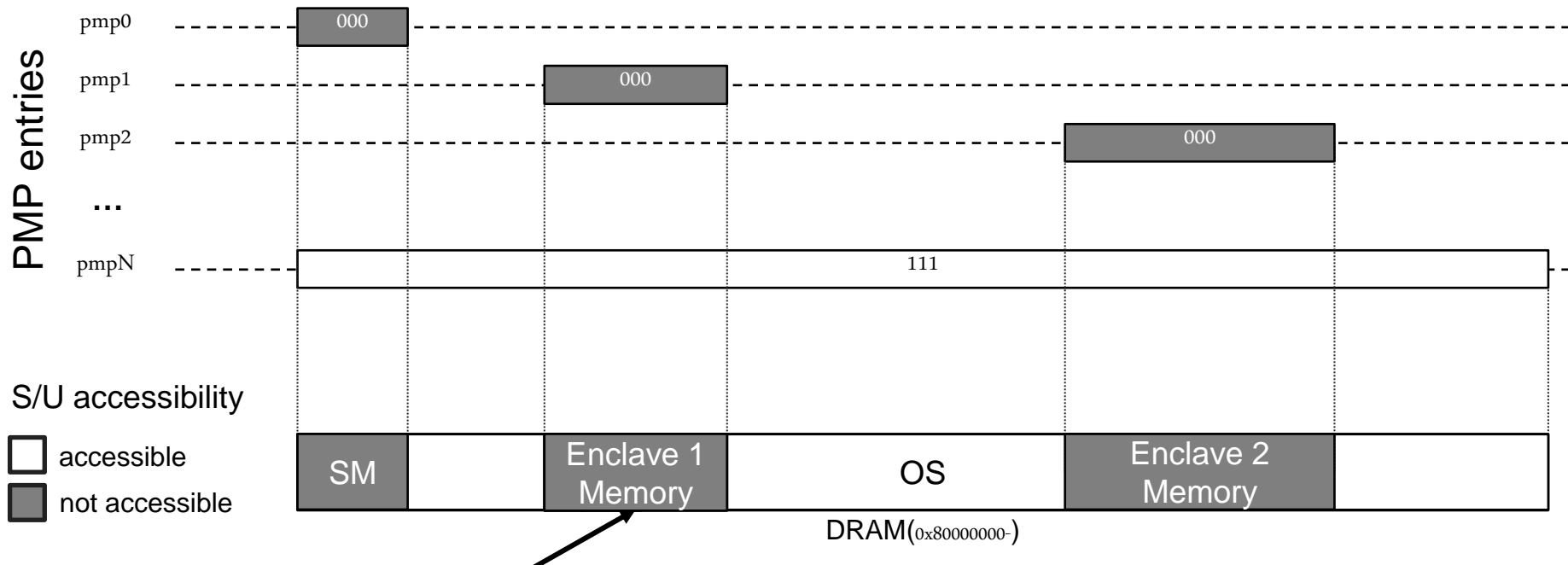


# Isolation via Switching PMP Permission Bits



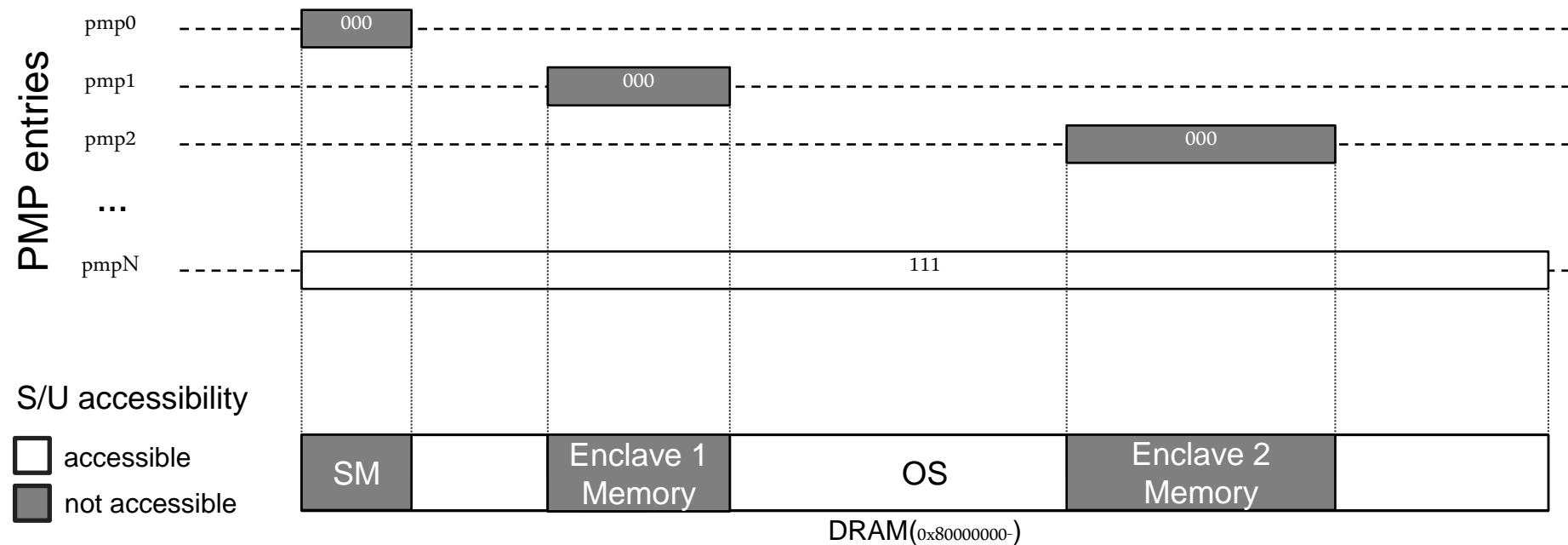
# Creating an Isolated Enclave

SM sets PMP entry ; OS can ask SM to create as many enclaves as the number of remaining PMP entries



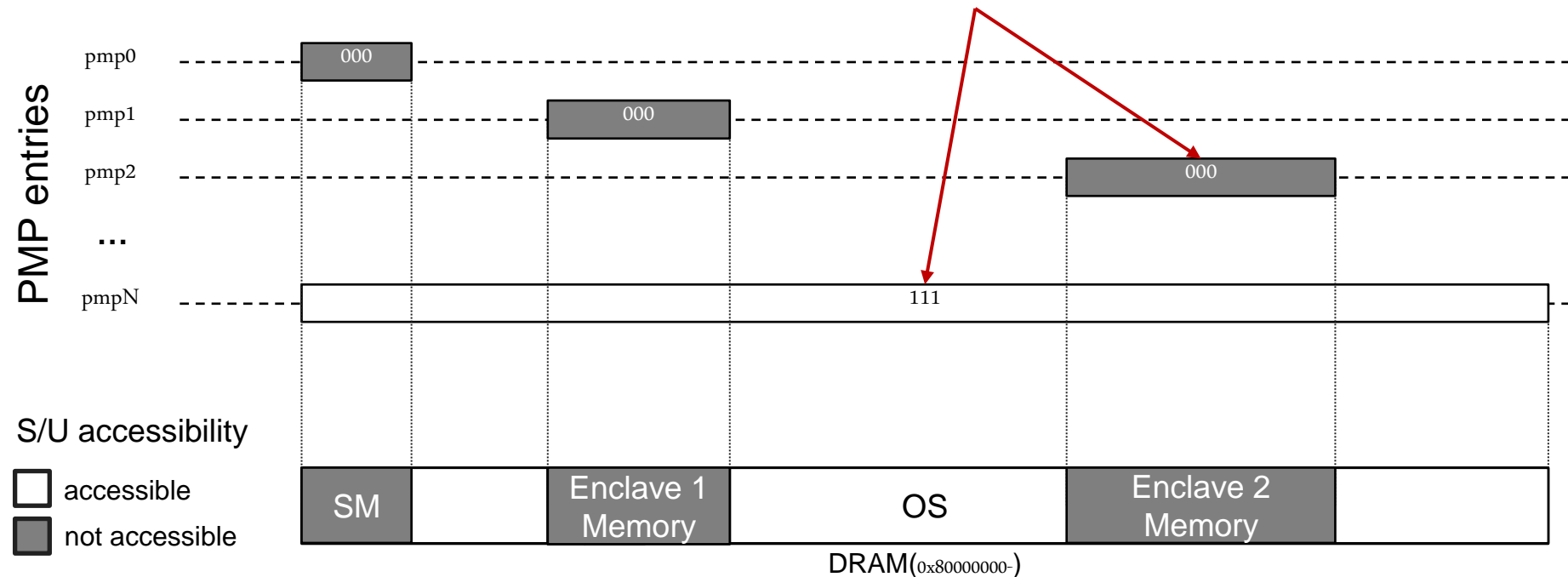
( OS initializes the free pages with the enclave page table,  
 | and the enclave program (runtime + enclave application)

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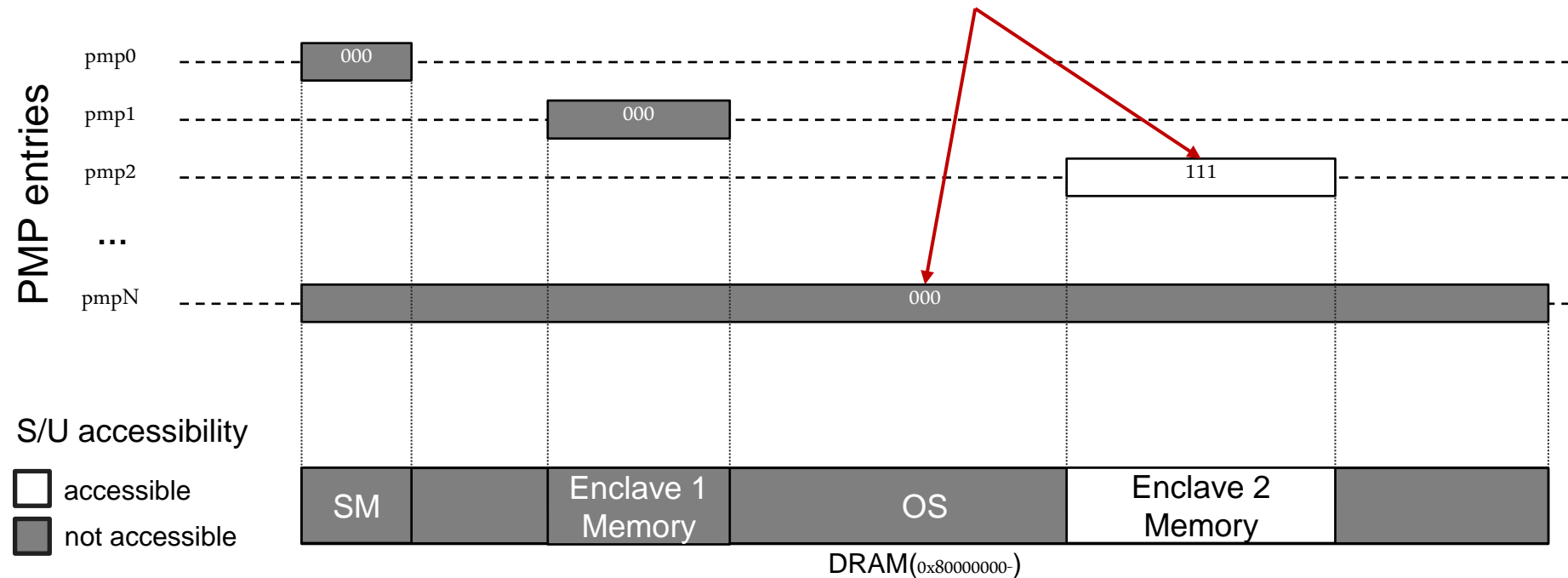
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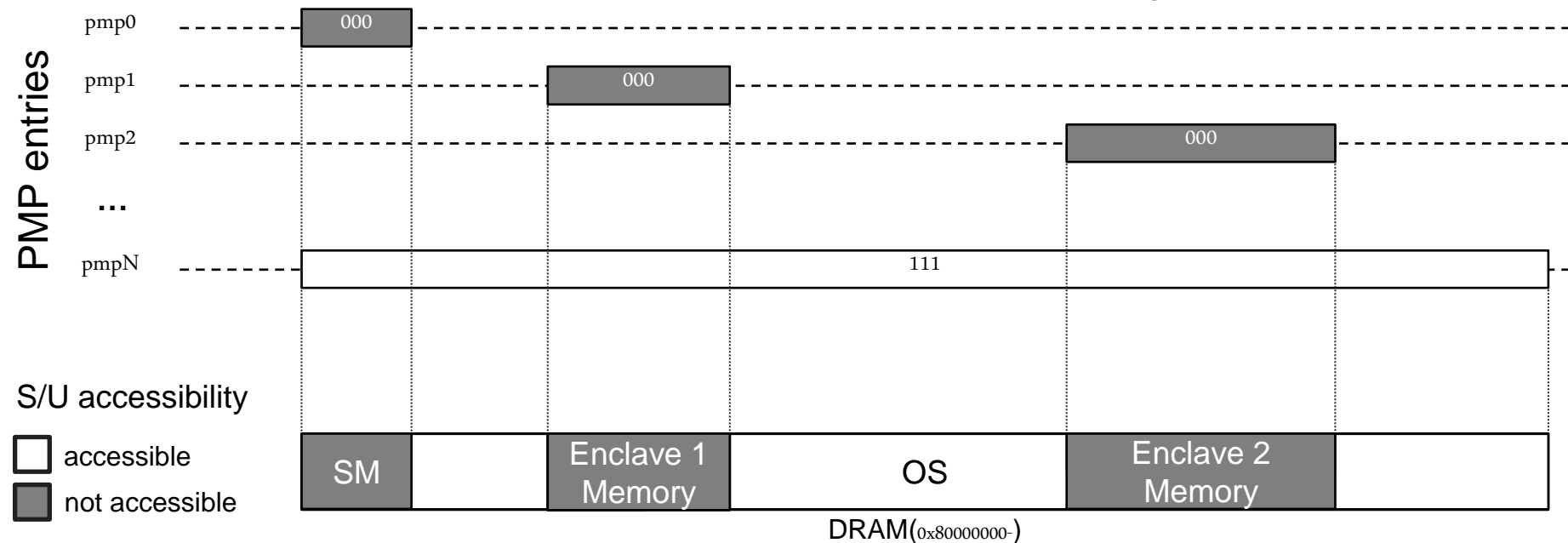
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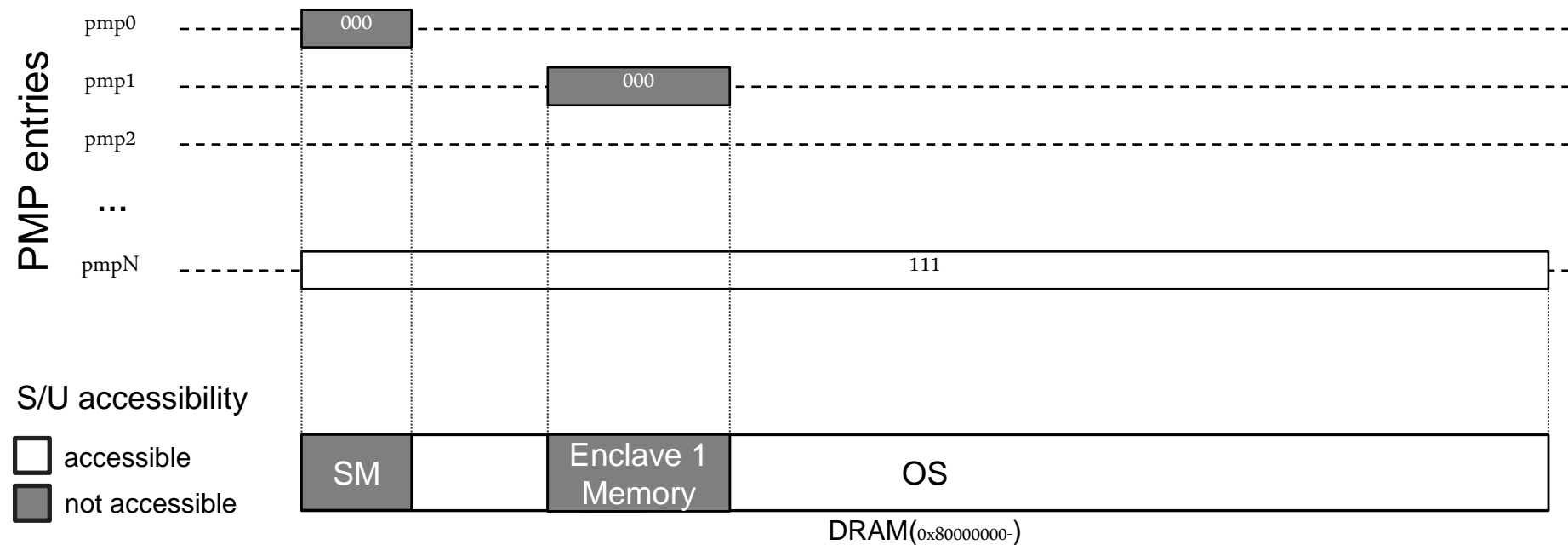
# (Asynchronous) Exit and Resume

The enclave can only exit by an SM SBI call.

The SM flips the permissions before entering the untrusted context.



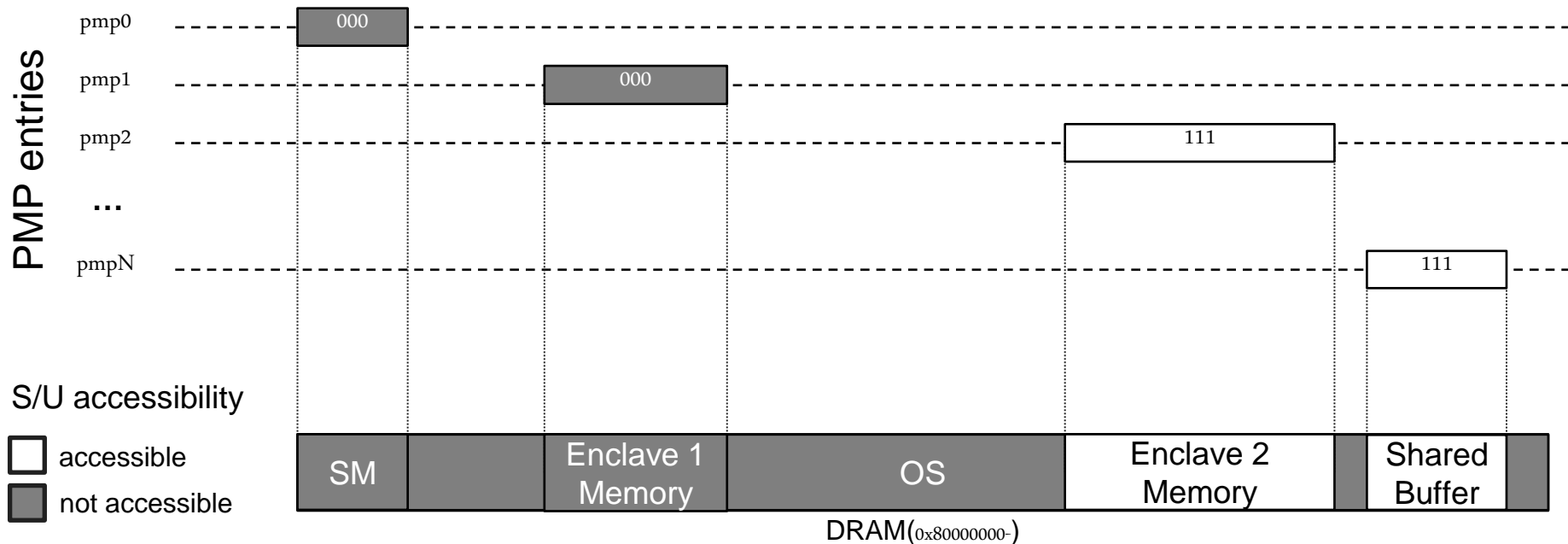
# Destroying an Enclave



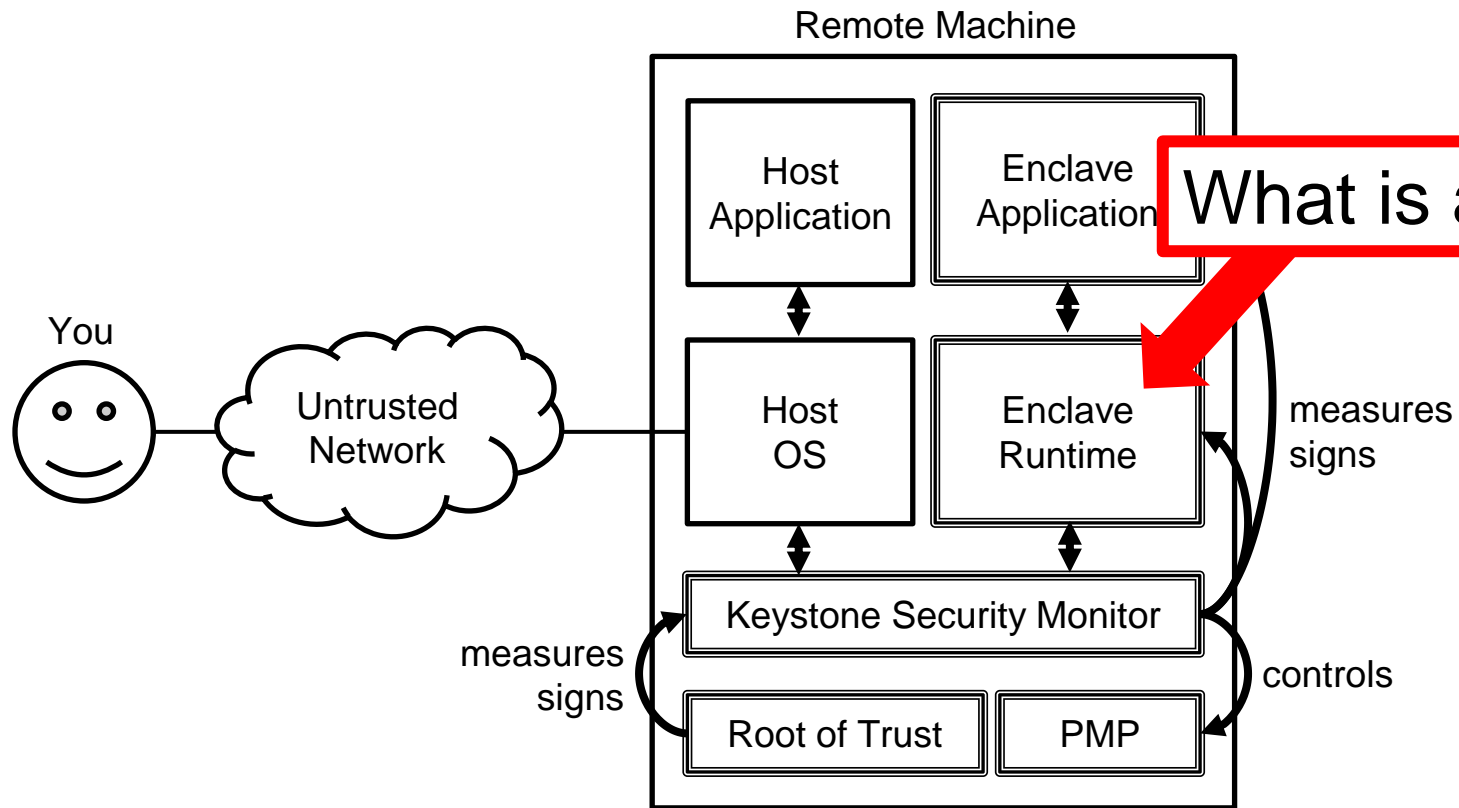
# Untrusted Shared Buffer

The OS can allocate a shared buffer in OS memory

The SM uses the last PMP entry to allow the enclave to access the buffer.

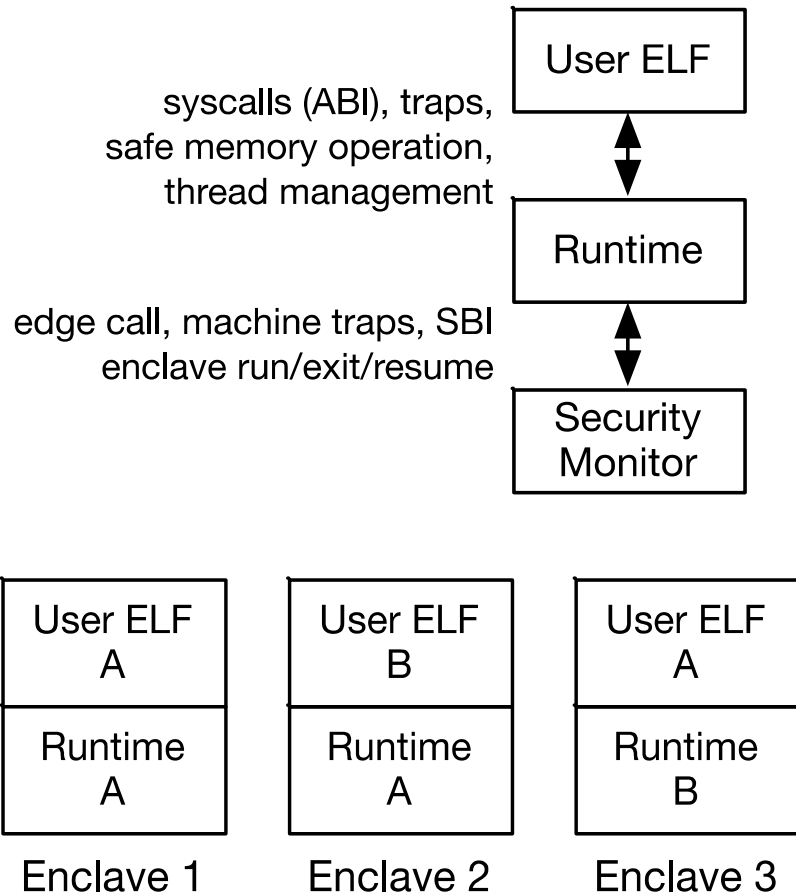


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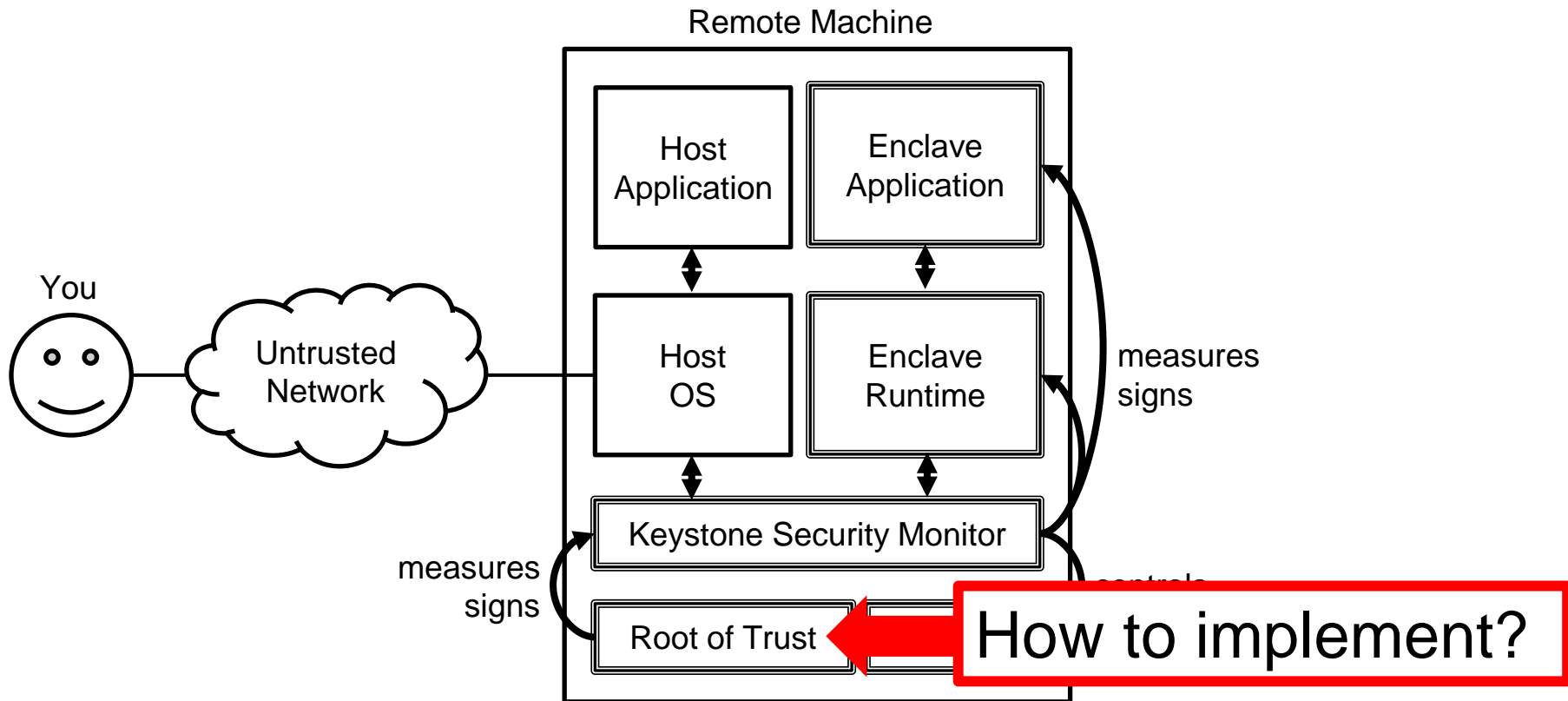


# S-Mode Enclave Runtime

- Provides Kernel-like Functionality
  - Syscalls, traps
  - thread and page table management
- Useful Layer of Abstraction
  - Least privilege of U-mode code
  - Additional functionality without complicating the SM
  - SM < 2K LoC + 5K LoC crypto lib.
- Reusability
  - Compatible with multiple user programs
  - Can act as a shield system (e.g., Haven, Graphene) in SGX



# Keystone Overview Revisited



# Silicon Root of Trust

- Tamper-proof hardware that cryptographically hashes the security monitor, provisions an attestation key, and signs them with device's secret key.
- Various ways to implement the root of trust
  - Various entropy sources, various platform key store, and implementation of the crypto engine
- Keystone uses Sanctum's root of trust which uses ECDSA and SHA-3



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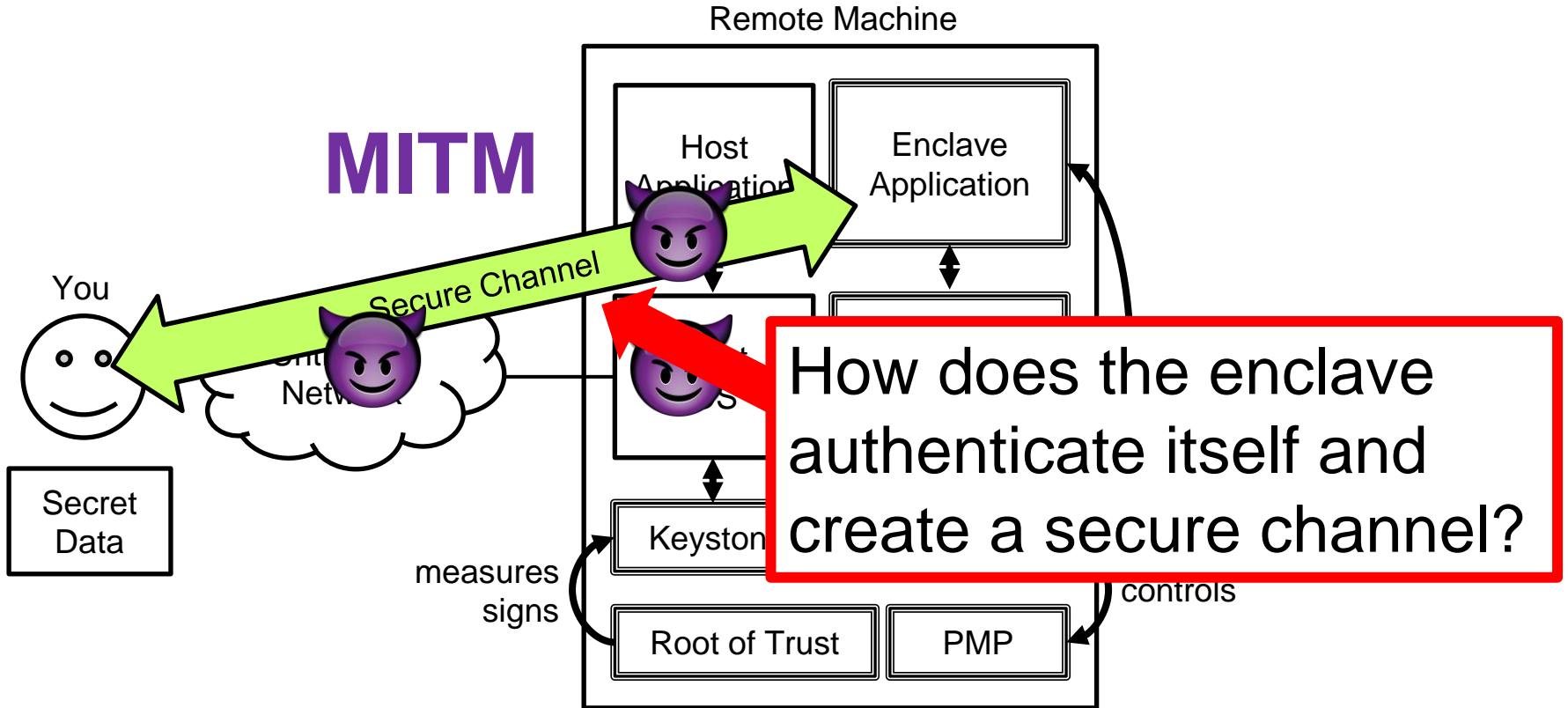
Secure RISC-V

Secure Bootstrapping of Trusted Software in RISC-V

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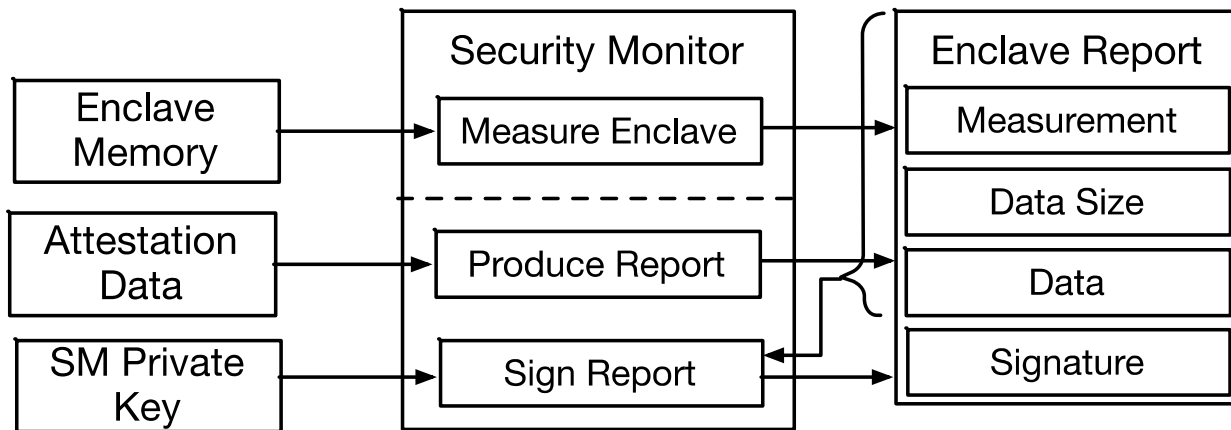
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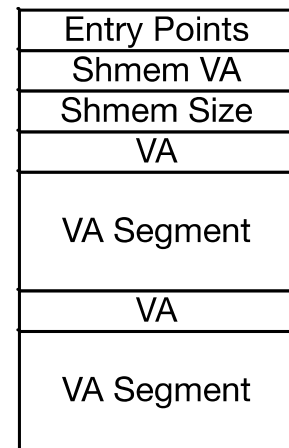
# Remote Attestation

- SM measures the enclave upon enclave creation
- Enclave may bind a key to the enclave report
- SM signs the enclave report and hands it (+ SM report) to the user

The Full Process of Attestation



Measurement Layout



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# Project Status

- Testable in Various Platforms
  - Latest RISC-V QEMU: functionality test, development
  - Latest FireSim (v1.4.0): performance analysis, hardware modification
  - SiFive Unleashed: runs on a real quadcore in-order processor!
- Ongoing Efforts
  - Formal verification of PMP-based security monitor
  - Mitigating cache side-channel attacks using platform features
- Contributions Needed!
  - Building software stack: more use cases, libraries, edge compiler, ...
  - Adding software/hardware extensions  
e.g., demand paging, memory encryption/integrity, multithreading, CMA integration, ...

# Project Links

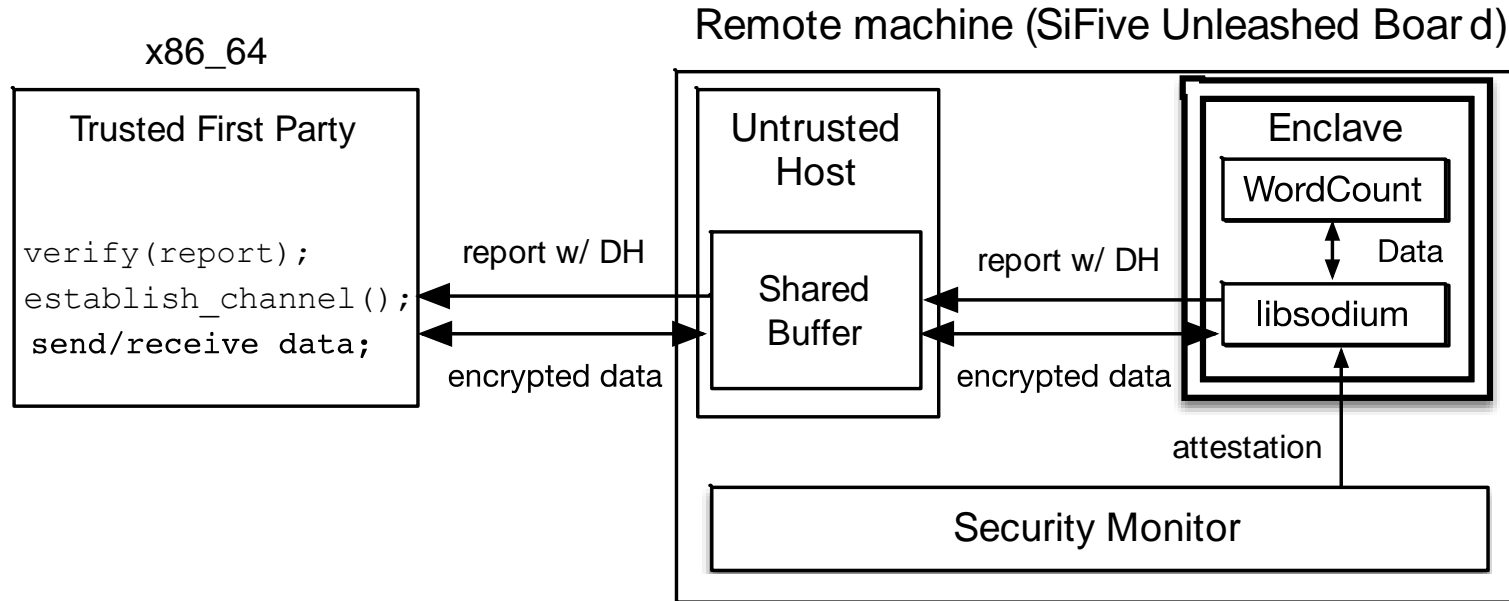
- Deployment:
  - QEMU: <https://github.com/keystone-enclave/keystone>
  - FireSim: <https://github.com/keystone-enclave/keystone-firesim>
  - SiFive Unleashed: <https://github.com/keystone-enclave/keystone-hifive-unleashed>
- Keystone Repository:
  - Keystone-SDK: <https://github.com/keystone-enclave/keystone-sdk>
  - Device Driver: <https://github.com/keystone-enclave/riscv-linux>
  - Security Monitor: <https://github.com/keystone-enclave/riscv-pk>
  - A Simple Runtime: <https://github.com/keystone-enclave/keystone-runtime>
  - Demo: <https://github.com/keystone-enclave/keystone-demo>
- Documentation (more coming):
  - Website/Blog: <https://keystone-enclave.org>
  - Development Docs: <https://docs.keystone-enclave.org>

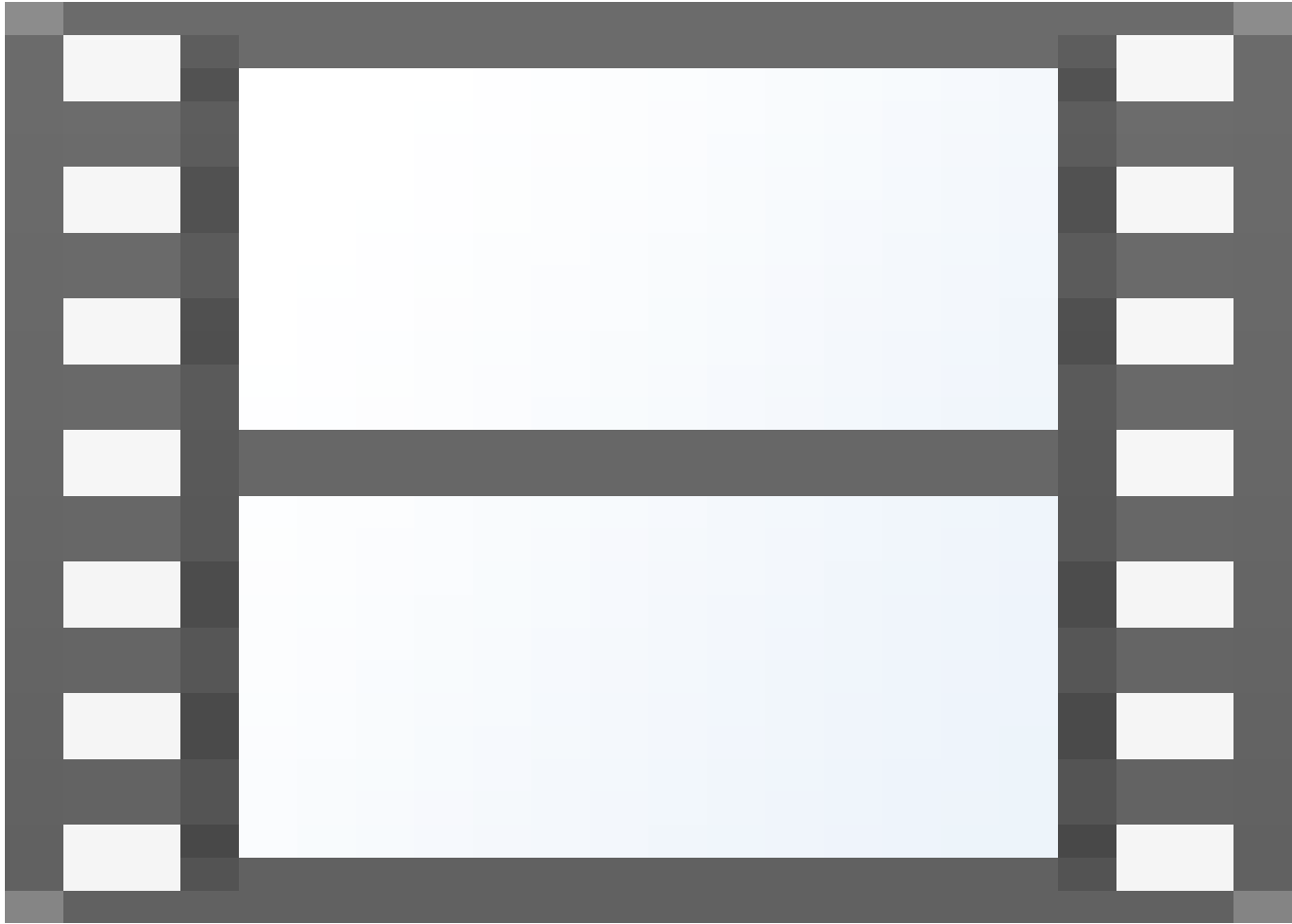
# Demo

# A Remote Enclave with Secure Channel

- SiFive Unleashed board + simulated non-standard hardware
  - Root of trust: Modified FU540 FSBL with hard-coded device key

- Successfully ported libsodium for ECDH Key Exchange  **libsodium**





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## Conclusion

- Keystone: an Open-Source Full-Stack Enclave for RISC-V
  - Runs on standard RISC-V cores
  - Modular design for better extensibility & portability
- Use Cases
  - Secure hardware research (e.g., LLC side-channel defense w/ way partitioning + PMP)
  - Building secure systems (e.g., Secure IoT network)
- Opens up Research Opportunities around Hardware Security
  - Formal Verification of PMP and Security Monitor Implementation
  - Performance Analysis
  - Defending Side Channels & Physical Attacks
  - Multi-level Security (MLS) for Sensitive Data Analytics



# Thank You!

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