



Virtual Memory: Concepts

虚拟内存:概念

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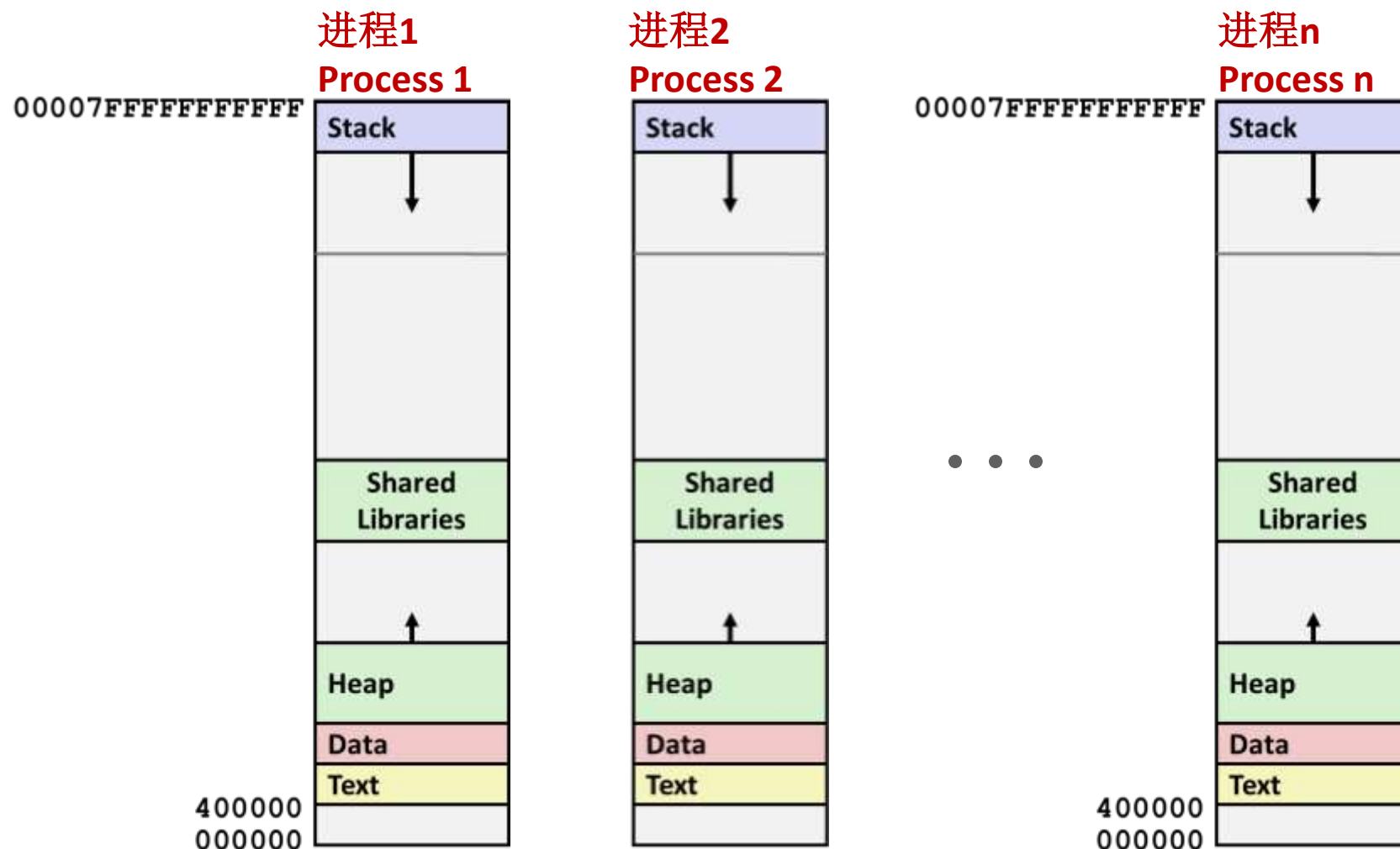
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嗯，这是怎么工作的？！

Hmmm, How Does This Work?!



解决方案：虚拟内存（本次和下次课）

Solution: Virtual Memory (today and next lecture)

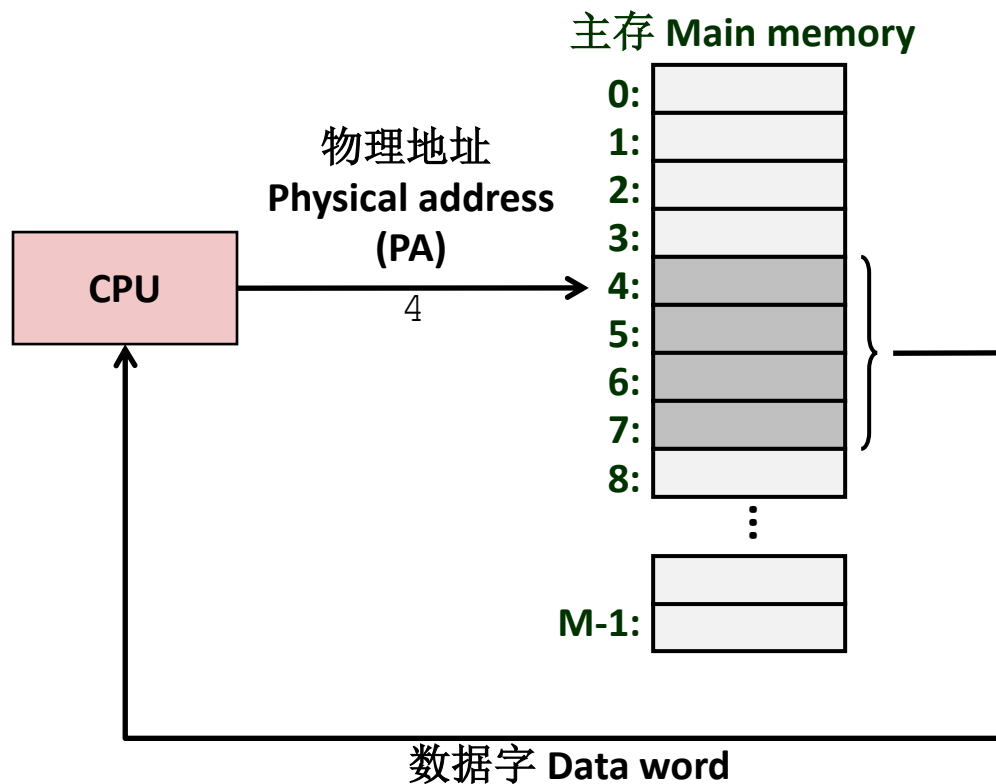


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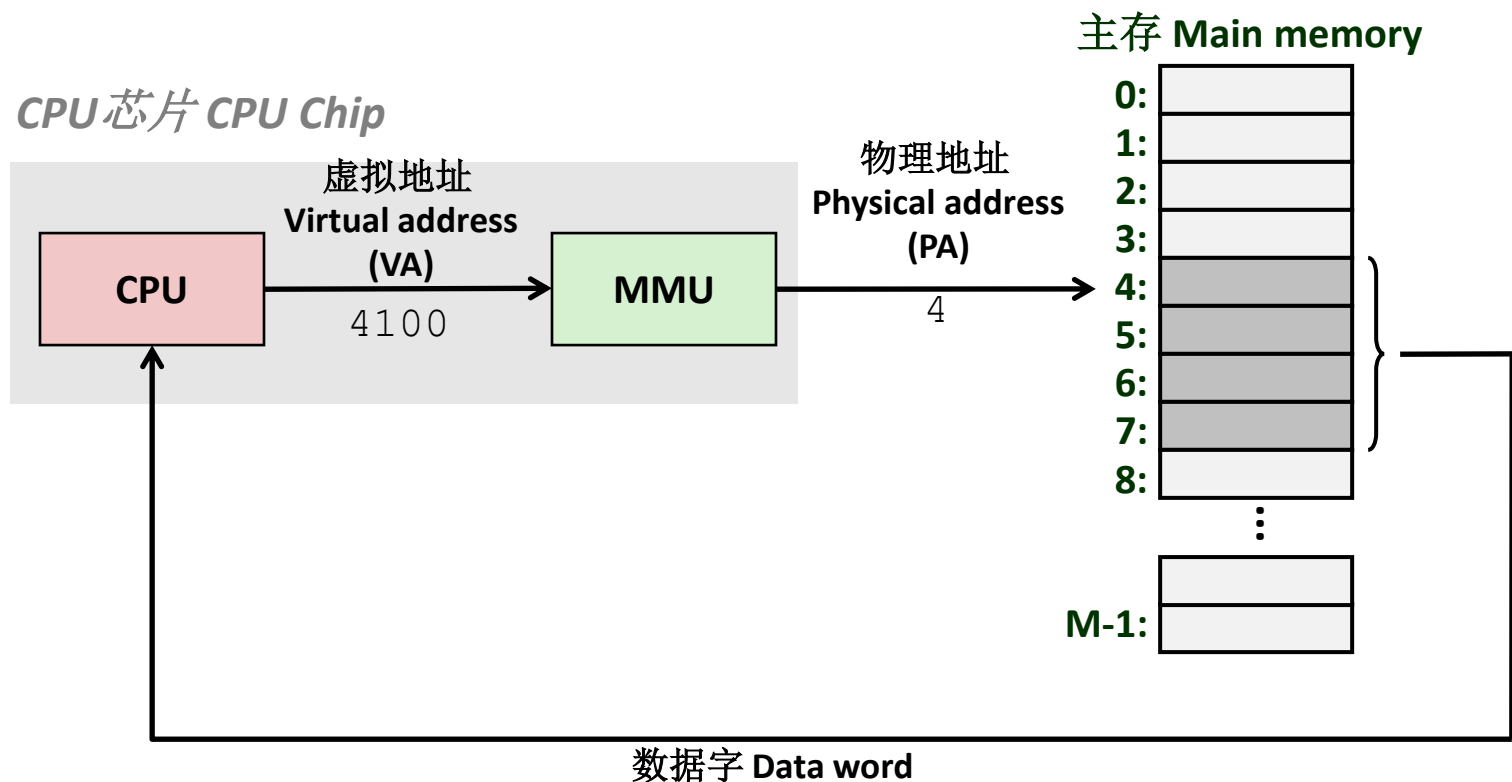
A System Using Physical Addressing



- 通常在车、电梯、数字相框等设备中简单系统的嵌入式微控制器使用 Used in “simple” systems like embedded microcontrollers in devices like cars, elevators, and digital picture frames

使用虚拟寻址的系统

A System Using Virtual Addressing



- 在所有现代服务器、笔记本和智能手机中使用 Used in all modern servers, laptops, and smart phones
- 计算机科学的伟大思想之一 One of the great ideas in computer science



地址空间 Address Spaces

- **线性地址空间：** 连续非负整型地址的有序集合 **Linear address space:**
Ordered set of contiguous non-negative integer addresses:
 $\{0, 1, 2, 3 \dots \}$
- **虚拟地址空间：** $N = 2^n$ 虚拟地址集合 **Virtual address space:** Set of $N = 2^n$ virtual addresses
 $\{0, 1, 2, 3, \dots, N-1\}$
- **物理地址空间：** $M = 2^m$ 物理地址集合 **Physical address space:** Set of $M = 2^m$ physical addresses
 $\{0, 1, 2, 3, \dots, M-1\}$

为什么需要虚拟内存(VM)?

Why Virtual Memory (VM)?



- **更高效地使用主存 Uses main memory efficiently**
 - 使用DRAM作为一部分虚拟地址空间的缓存 Use DRAM as a cache for parts of a virtual address space
- **简化内存管理 Simplifies memory management**
 - 每个进程都用同样的统一线性地址空间 Each process gets the same uniform linear address space
- **隔离的地址空间 Isolates address spaces**
 - 一个进程不会干扰另一个进程的内存 One process can't interfere with another's memory
 - 用户程序不能访问特权内核信息和代码 User program cannot access privileged kernel information and code



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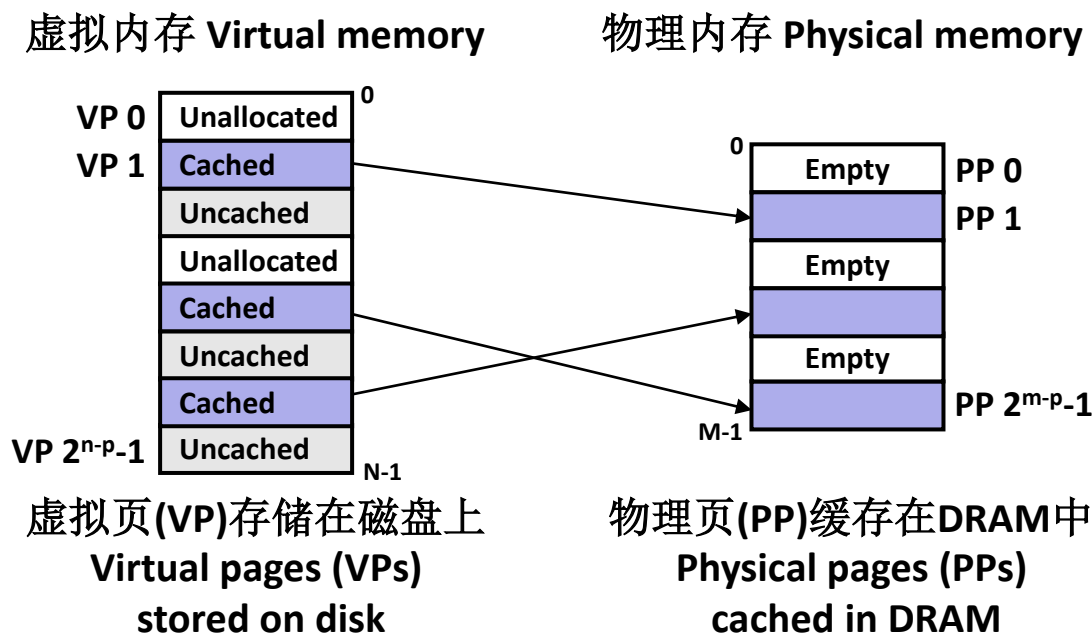
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基于虚拟内存的缓存机制

VM as a Tool for Caching

- 概念上来讲，**虚拟内存**就是N个连续地存储在磁盘上的字节数组
Conceptually, **virtual memory** is an array of N contiguous bytes stored on disk.
- 磁盘上的数组的内容是缓存在**物理内存**中的（**DRAM缓存**） The contents of the array on disk are cached in **physical memory (DRAM cache)**
 - 这些cache块称为页（大小为 $P=2^p$ 字节） These cache blocks are called *pages* (size is $P = 2^p$ bytes)



DRAM缓存组织 DRAM Cache Organization

- **DRAM缓存组织是受不命中后惩罚会很高这一因素影响的 DRAM cache organization driven by the enormous miss penalty**
 - DRAM大概比SRAM慢**10**倍左右 DRAM is about **10x** slower than SRAM
 - 磁盘大概比DRAM慢**10000**倍 Disk is about **10,000x** slower than DRAM
 - 从磁盘装入块的时间大于1ms（超过一百万个时钟周期） Time to load block from disk > 1ms (> 1 million clock cycles)
 - 在此期间CPU能够做很多计算 CPU can do a lot of computation during that time
- **因此 Consequences**
 - 比较大的页（块）：通常4 KB Large page (block) size: typically 4 KB
 - Linux的“巨大页”可以2MB（默认）到1GB Linux “huge pages” are 2 MB (default) to 1 GB
 - 全相联 Fully associative
 - 任意的虚拟页可以放在任意的物理页中 Any VP can be placed in any PP
 - 与Cache内存不同，需要一个更灵活的映射函数 Requires a “large” mapping function – different from cache memories
 - 高度复杂，替换算法开销比较大 Highly sophisticated, expensive replacement algorithms
 - 由于过于复杂和不确定性，无法在硬件中实现 Too complicated and open-ended to be implemented in hardware
 - 采用写回机制而不是写直达机制 Write-back rather than write-through

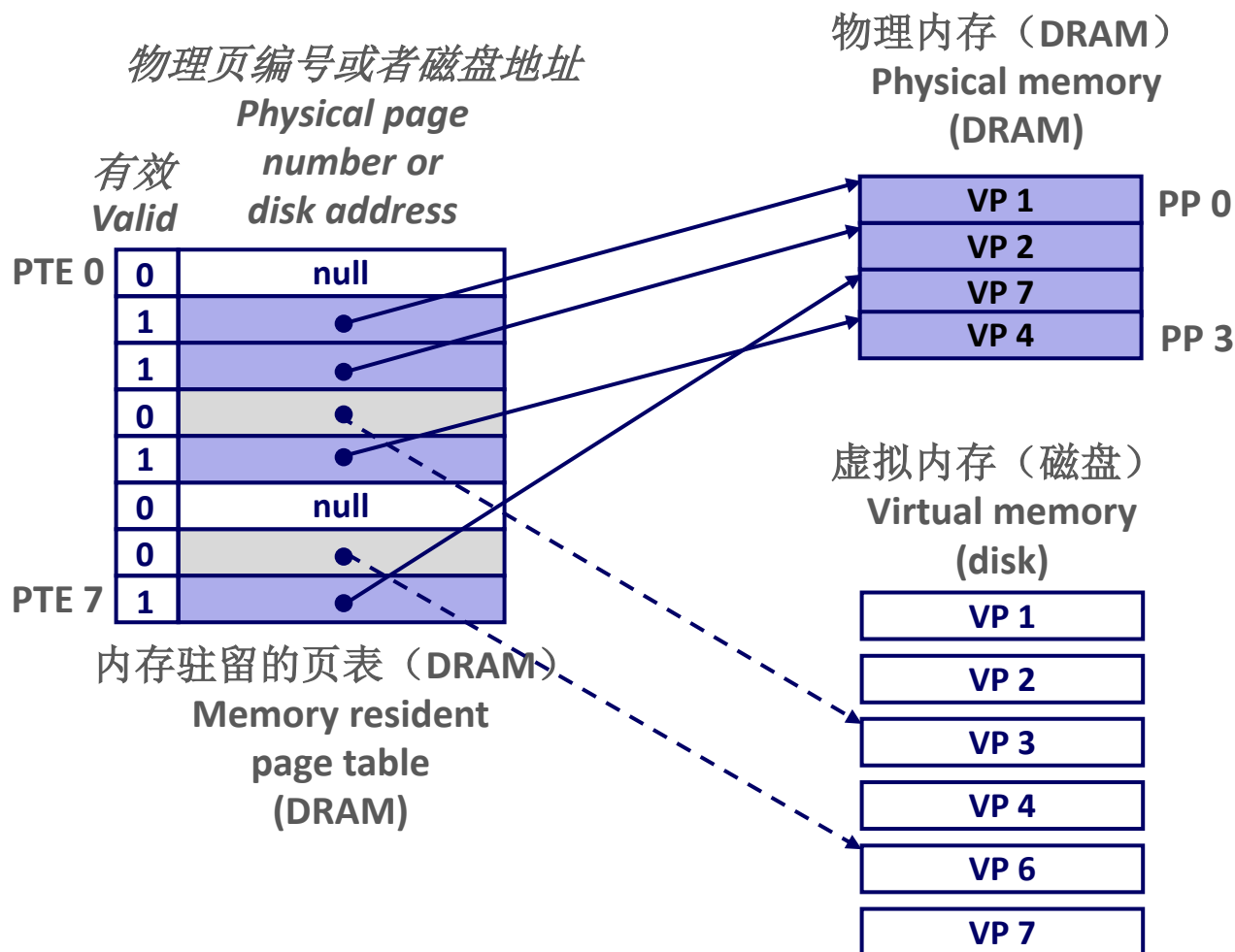


使能数据结构：页表

Enabling Data Structure: Page Table

- 一个**页表**实际上是将虚拟页映射物理页的页表条目（PTE）构成的数组 A **page table** is an array of page table entries (PTEs) that maps virtual pages to physical pages.

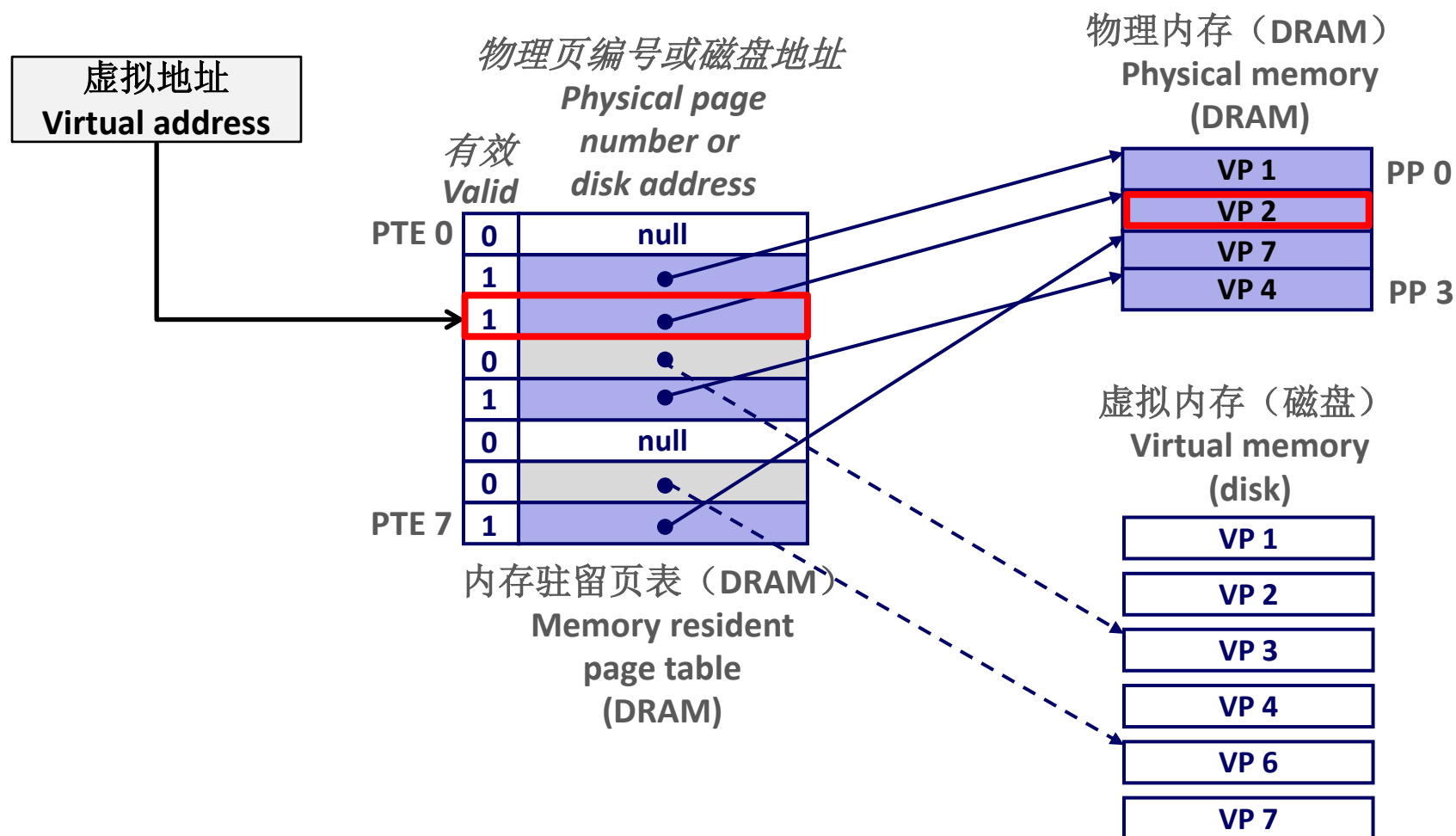
- 每个进程在DRAM中的核心数据结构 Per-process kernel data structure in DRAM





页命中 Page Hit

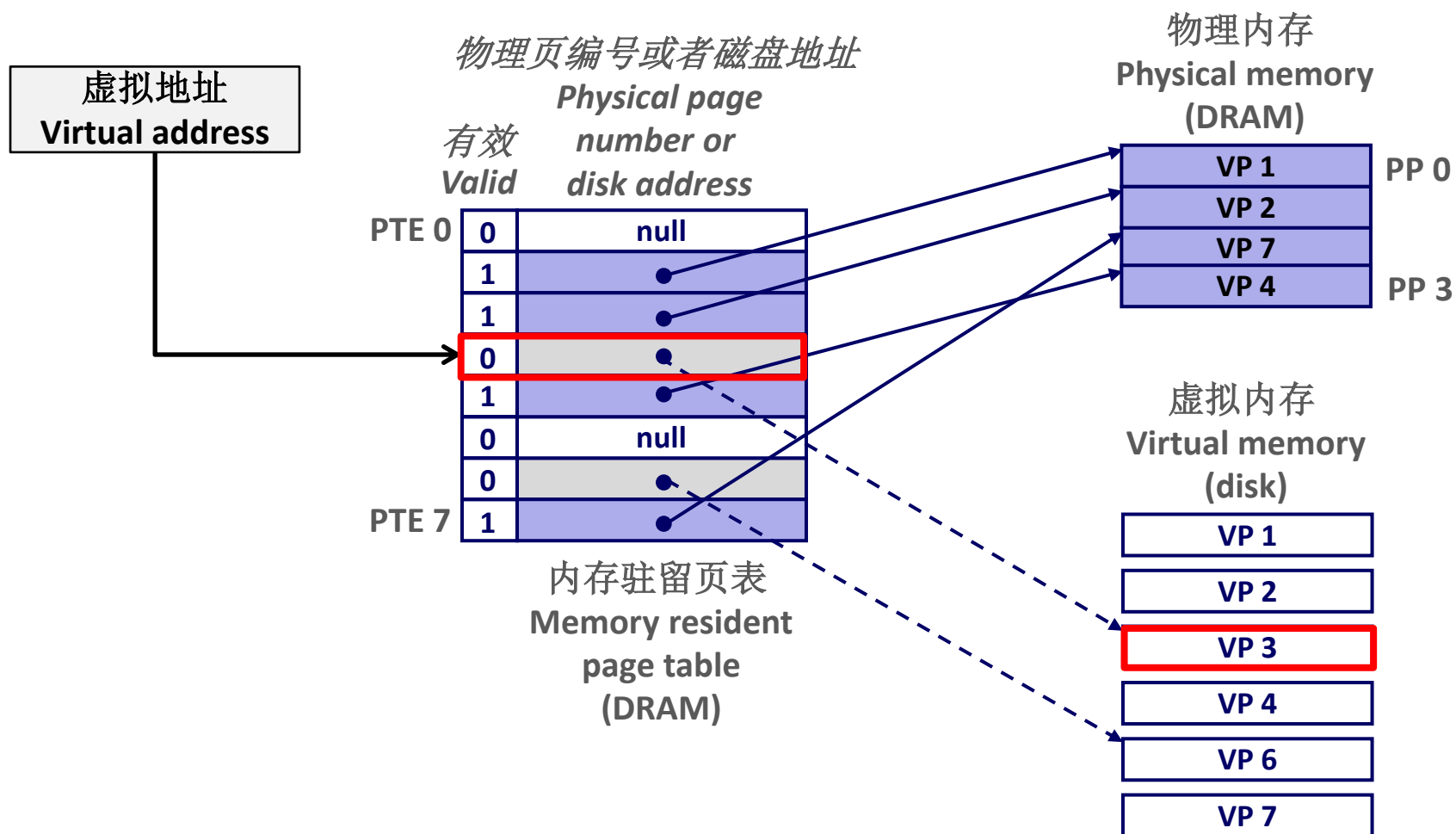
- **页命中:** 引用的虚拟内存字在物理内存中 (DRAM命中) **Page hit:** reference to VM word that is in physical memory (DRAM cache hit)





缺页中断 Page Fault

- **缺页中断**: 引用的虚拟字不在物理内存中(DRAM缓存不命中) **Page fault**: reference to VM word that is not in physical memory (DRAM cache miss)



触发缺页中断 Triggering a Page Fault

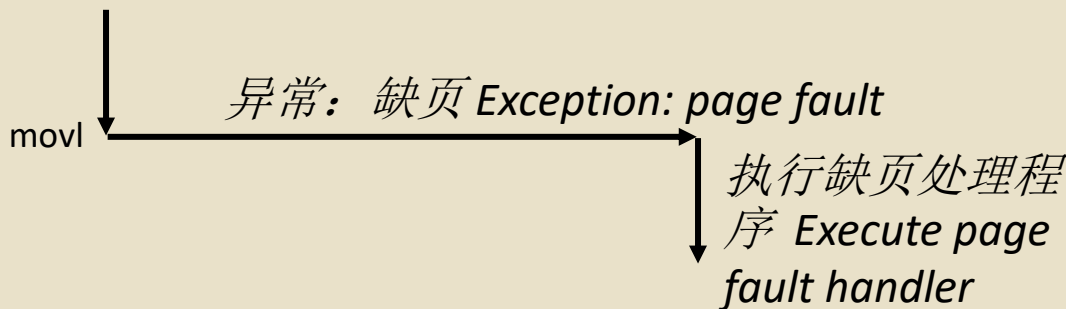


- 用户对内存位置写入 User writes to memory location

```
80483b7:      c7 05 10 9d 04 08 0d  movl    $0xd,0x8049d10
```

- 用户内存的这部分（页）当前在磁盘上 That portion (page) of user's memory is currently on disk
- **MMU**触发缺页异常 MMU triggers page fault exception
 - (更多细节下次课讲 More details in later lecture)
 - 提升优先级到监督态 Raise privilege level to supervisor mode
 - 引起对软件缺页中断处理程序的过程调用 Causes procedure call to software page fault handler

用户代码 *User code* 内核代码 *Kernel code*

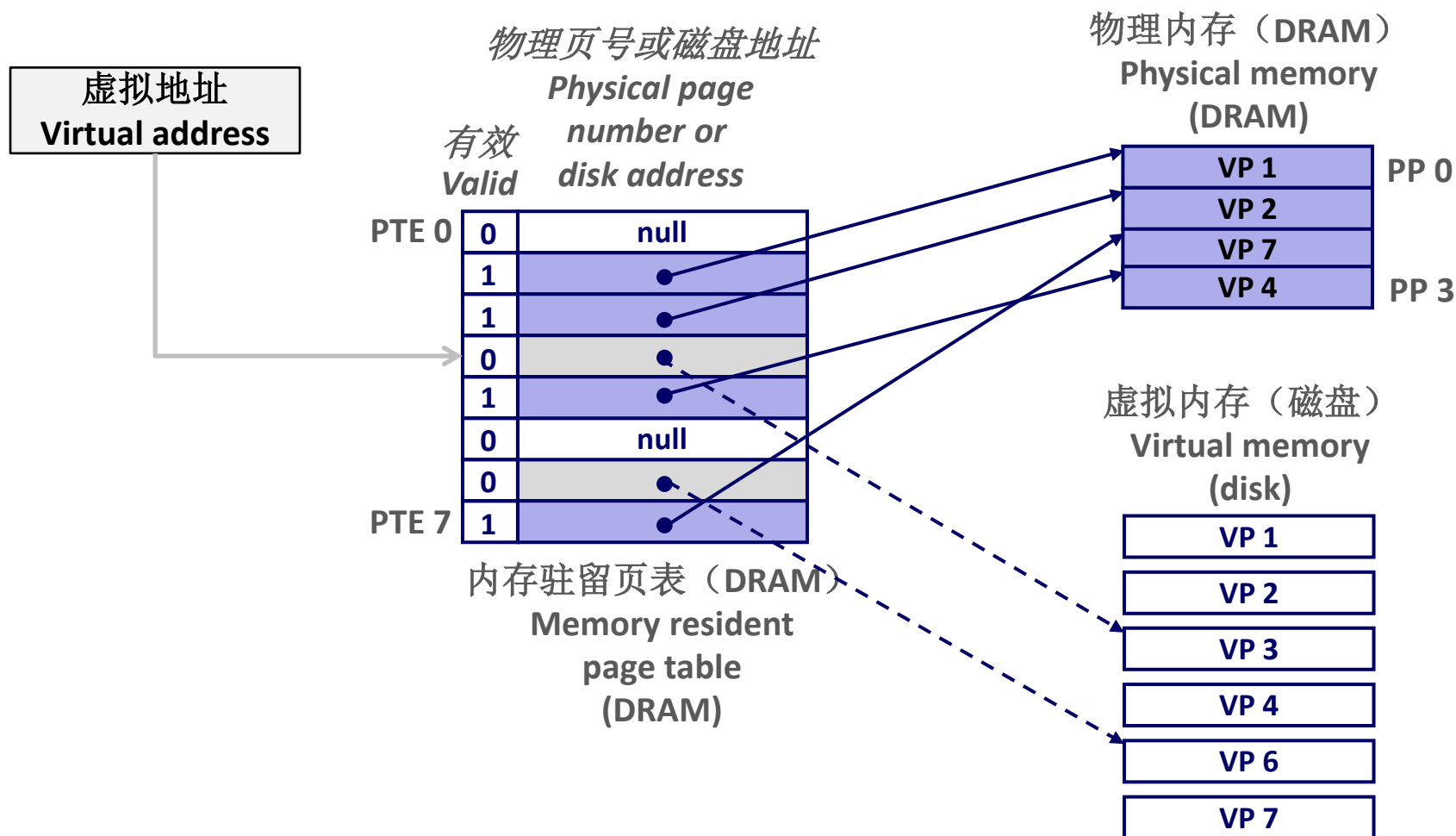


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缺页中断处理 Handling Page Fault

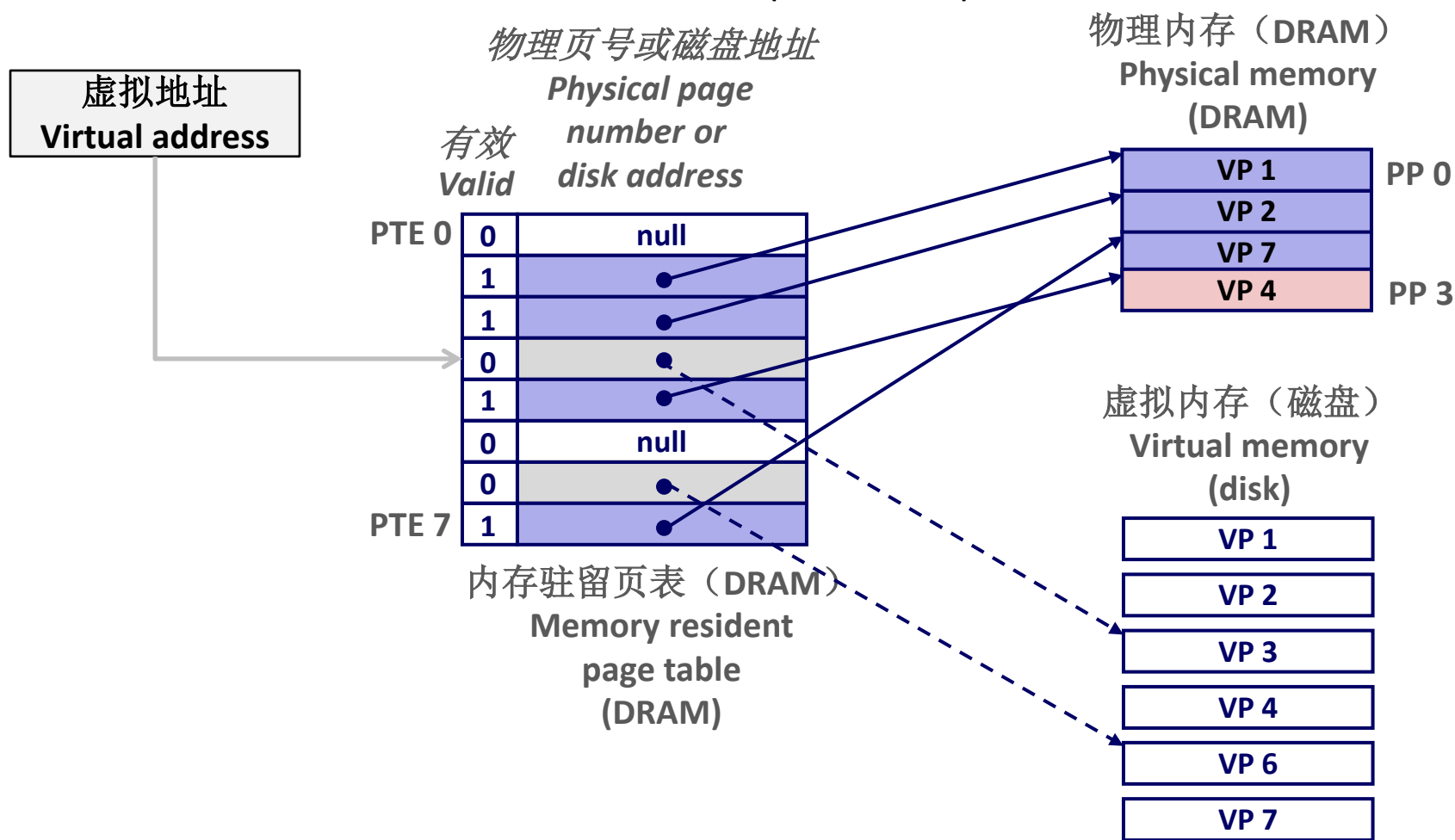
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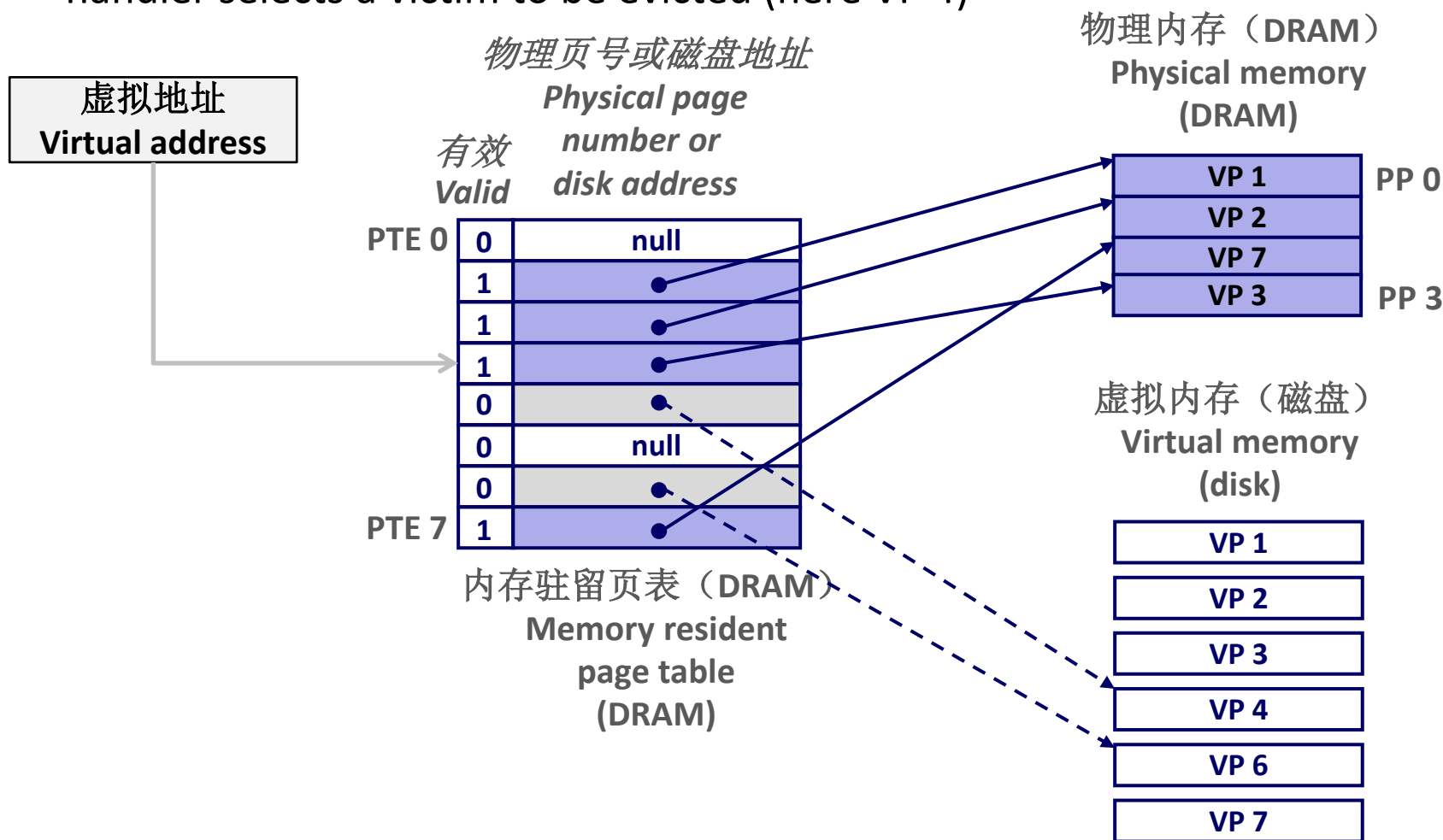
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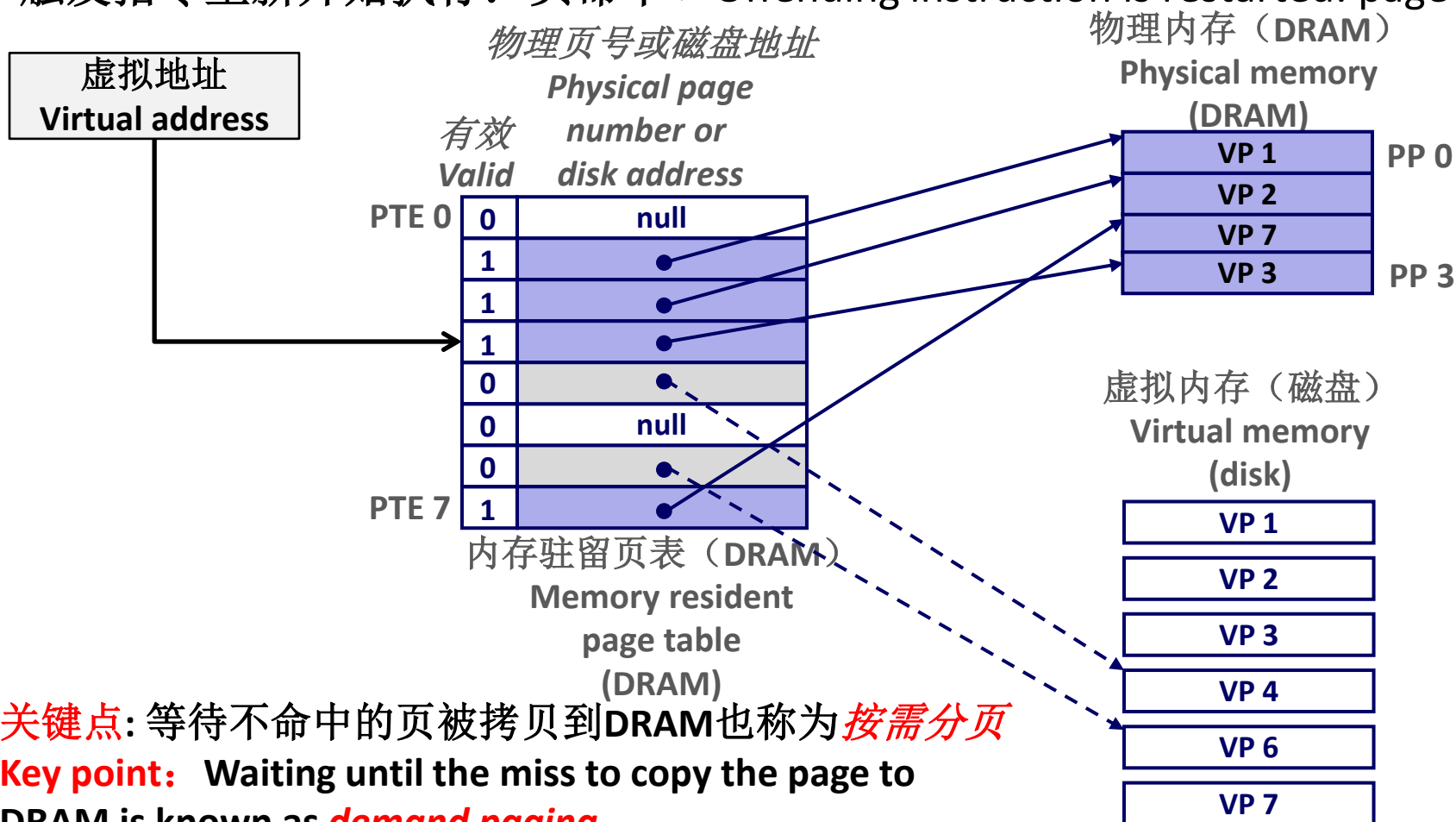
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- 触发指令重新开始执行：页命中！ Offending instruction is restarted: page hit!



关键点: 等待不命中的页被拷贝到DRAM也称为**按需分页**
Key point: Waiting until the miss to copy the page to DRAM is known as **demand paging**

结束缺页中断 Completing page fault



■ 缺页中断处理程序执行中断返回指令 (**iret**)

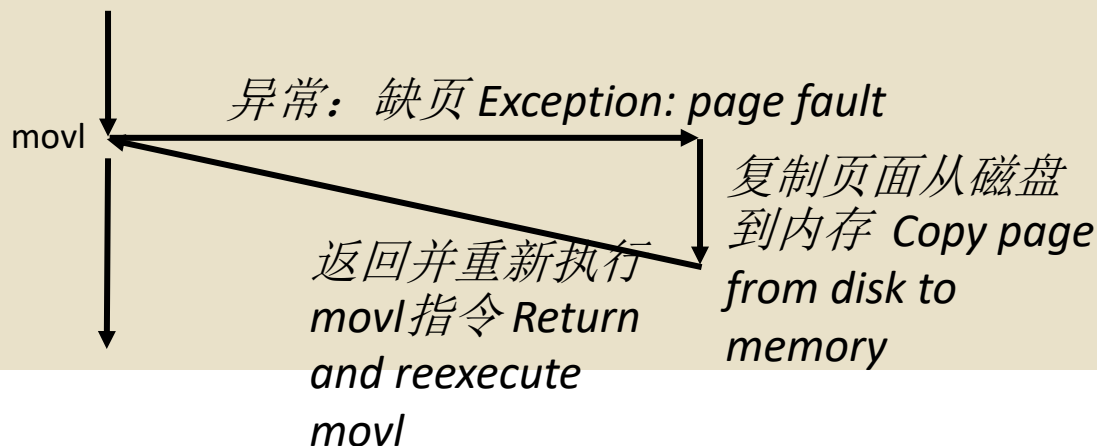
Page fault handler executes return from interrupt (**iret**) instruction

- 类似于ret指令，但是还会恢复优先级 Like **ret** instruction, but also restores privilege level
- 返回到引起故障的指令 Return to instruction that caused fault
- 但是，这次不会产生缺页中断 But, this time there is no page fault

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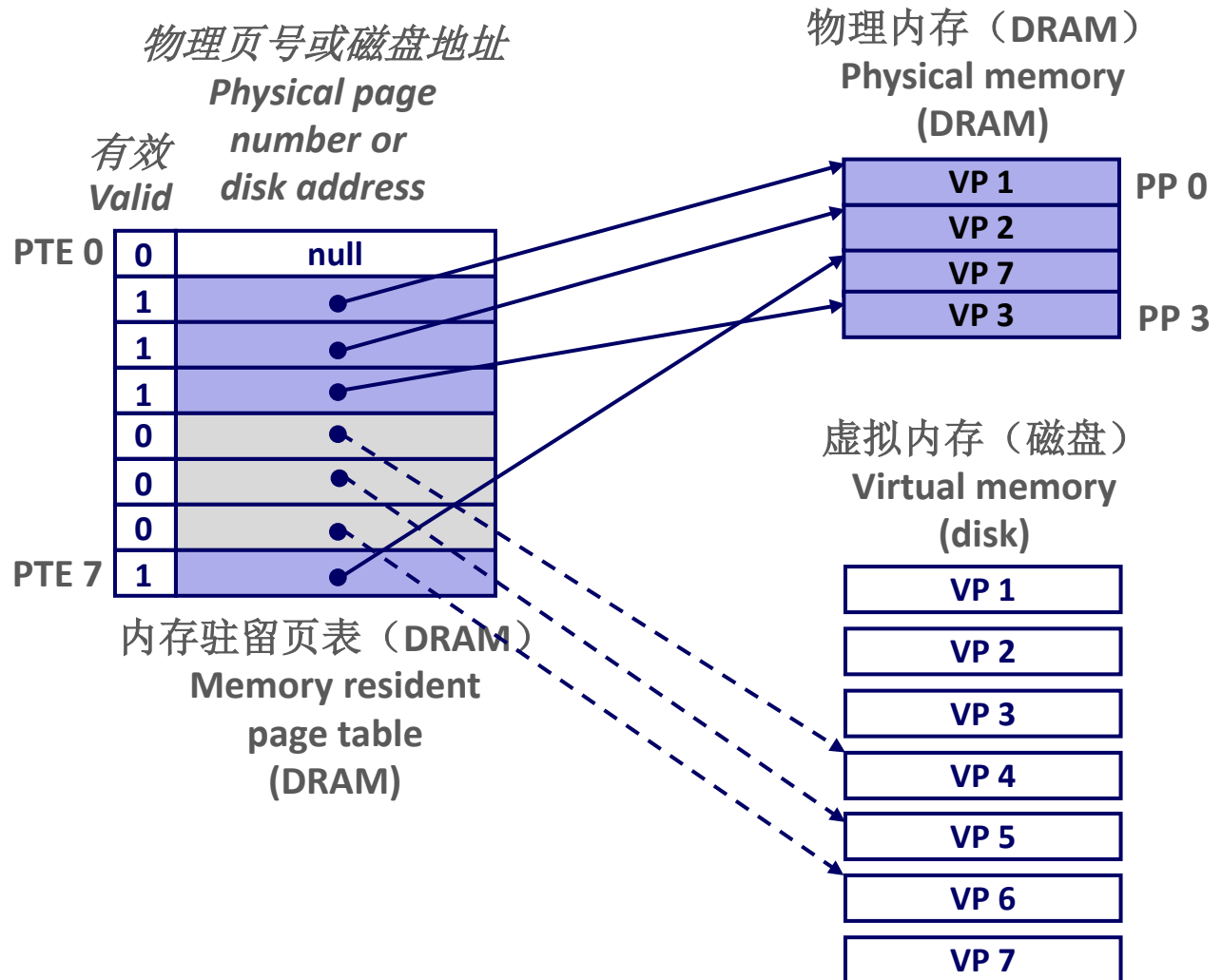
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页分配 Allocating Pages



- 分配虚拟内存的一个新页（VP 5） Allocating a new page (VP 5) of virtual memory.



局部性再次发挥作用



Locality to the Rescue Again!

- 虚拟内存看起来非常低效，能有效工作是因为局部性 **Virtual memory seems terribly inefficient, but it works because of locality.**
- 在任何时间点，程序更倾向于只访问一个活跃的虚拟页集合，也称为**工作集** **At any point in time, programs tend to access a set of active virtual pages called the *working set***
 - 具有更好的时间局部性的程序会有更小的工作集 **Programs with better temporal locality will have smaller working sets**
- 如果工作集的大小小于主存大小 **If (working set size < main memory size)**
 - 每个进程在强制不命中后就会获得比较好的性能 **Good performance for one process after compulsory misses**
- 如果工作集的总大小大于主存大小 **If (SUM(working set sizes) > main memory size)**
 - **抖动**：性能会由于持续的页面换入换出而变差 **Thrashing**: Performance meltdown where pages are swapped (copied) in and out continuously
 - 如果多个进程同时运行，在它们的总工作集大小大于主存大小时发生抖动 **If multiple processes run at the same time, thrashing occurs if their total working set size > main memory size**



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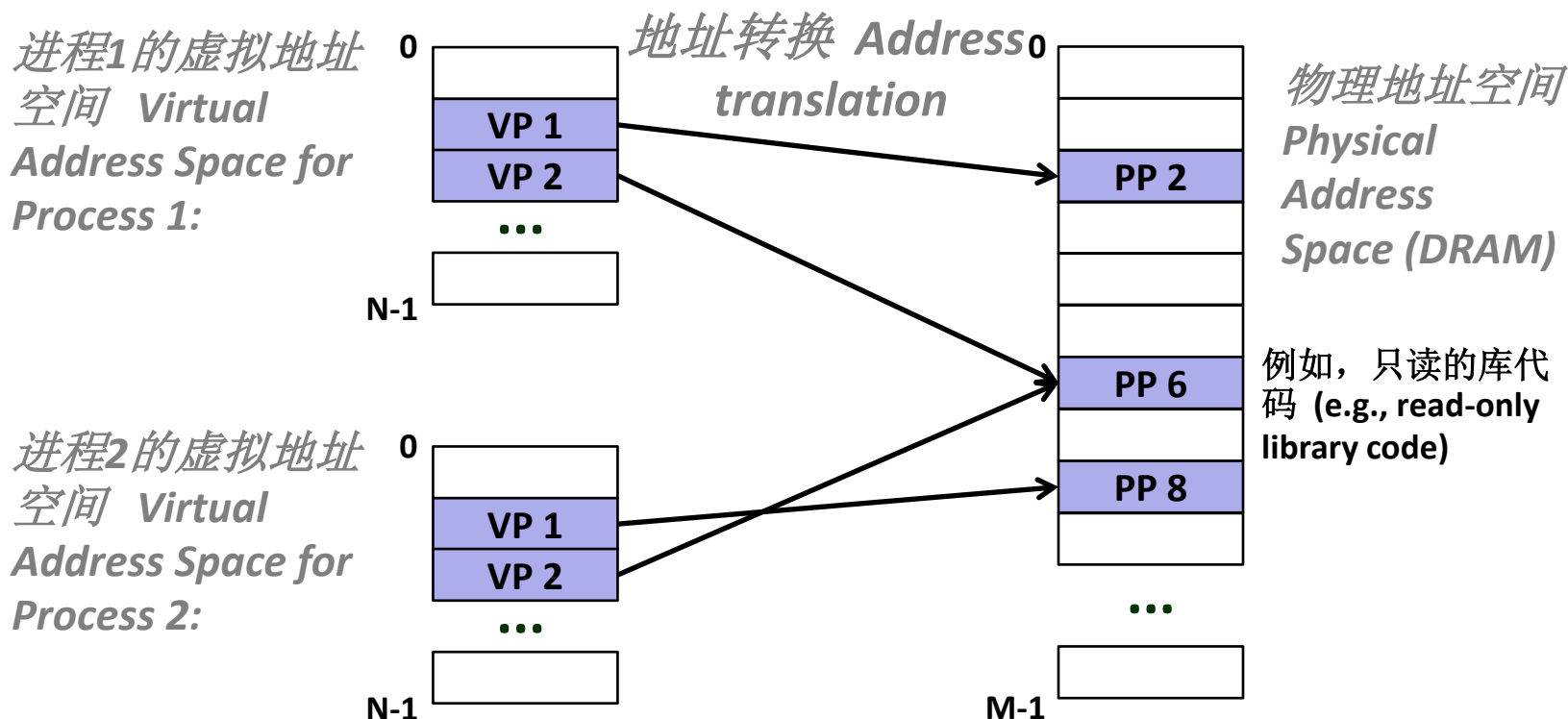
基于虚拟内存的内存管理机制

VM as a Tool for Memory Management



■ 关键点：每个进程有自己的虚拟地址空间 **Key idea: each process has its own virtual address space**

- 将内存看做简单的线性数组 It can view memory as a simple linear array
- 映射函数将地址分散到物理内存中 Mapping function scatters addresses through physical memory
 - 好的映射函数会提高局部性 Well-chosen mappings can improve locality

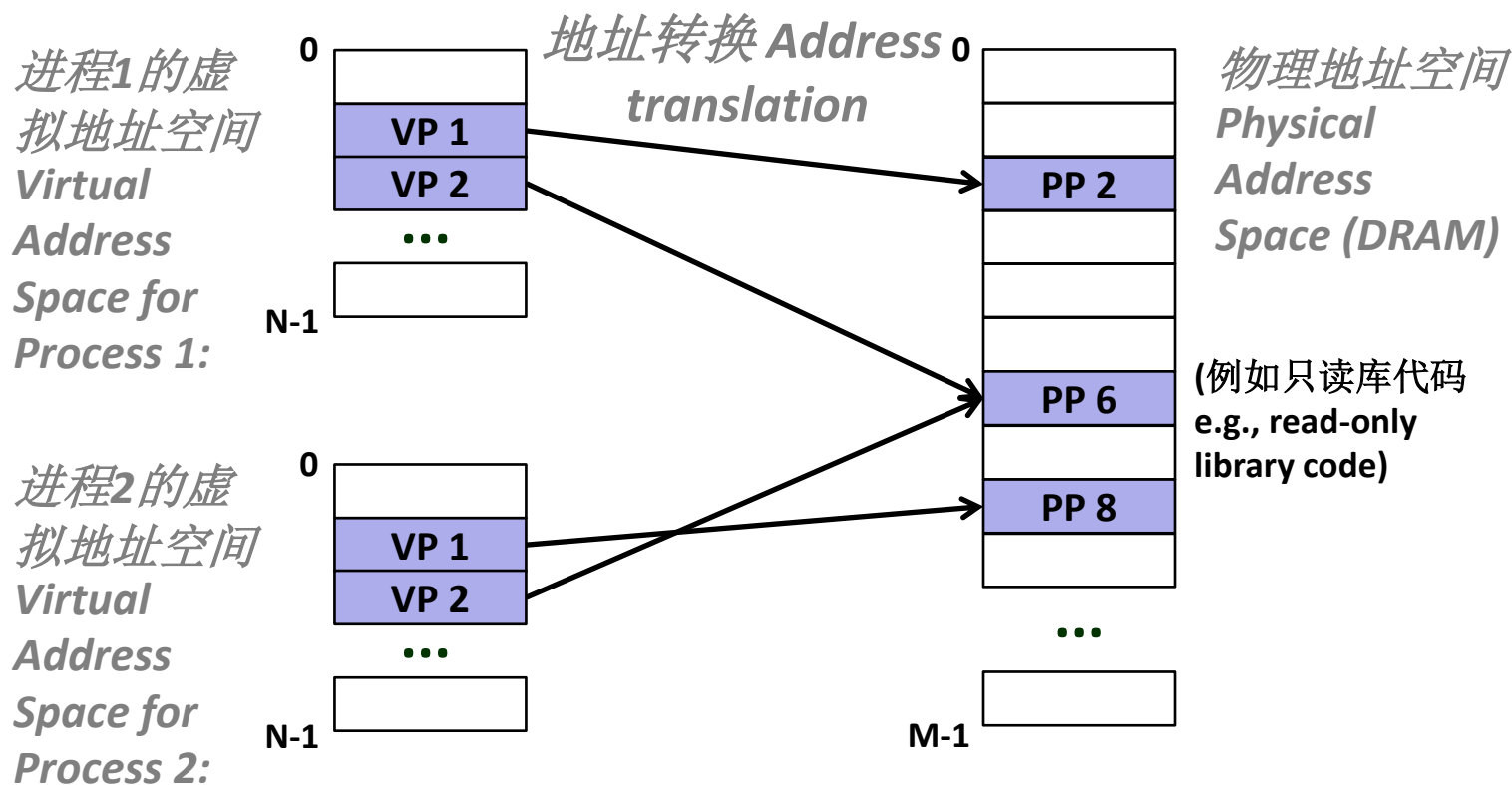




基于虚拟内存的内存管理机制

VM as a Tool for Memory Management

- 简化内存分配 **Simplifying memory allocation**
 - 每个虚拟页可以被映射到任意物理页 Each virtual page can be mapped to any physical page
 - 一个虚拟页可以在不同的时间点存储在不同的物理页中 A virtual page can be stored in different physical pages at different times
- 在进程间共享代码和数据 **Sharing code and data among processes**
 - 将虚拟页映射到同一个物理页 Map virtual pages to the same physical page (here: PP 6)





简化链接和加载

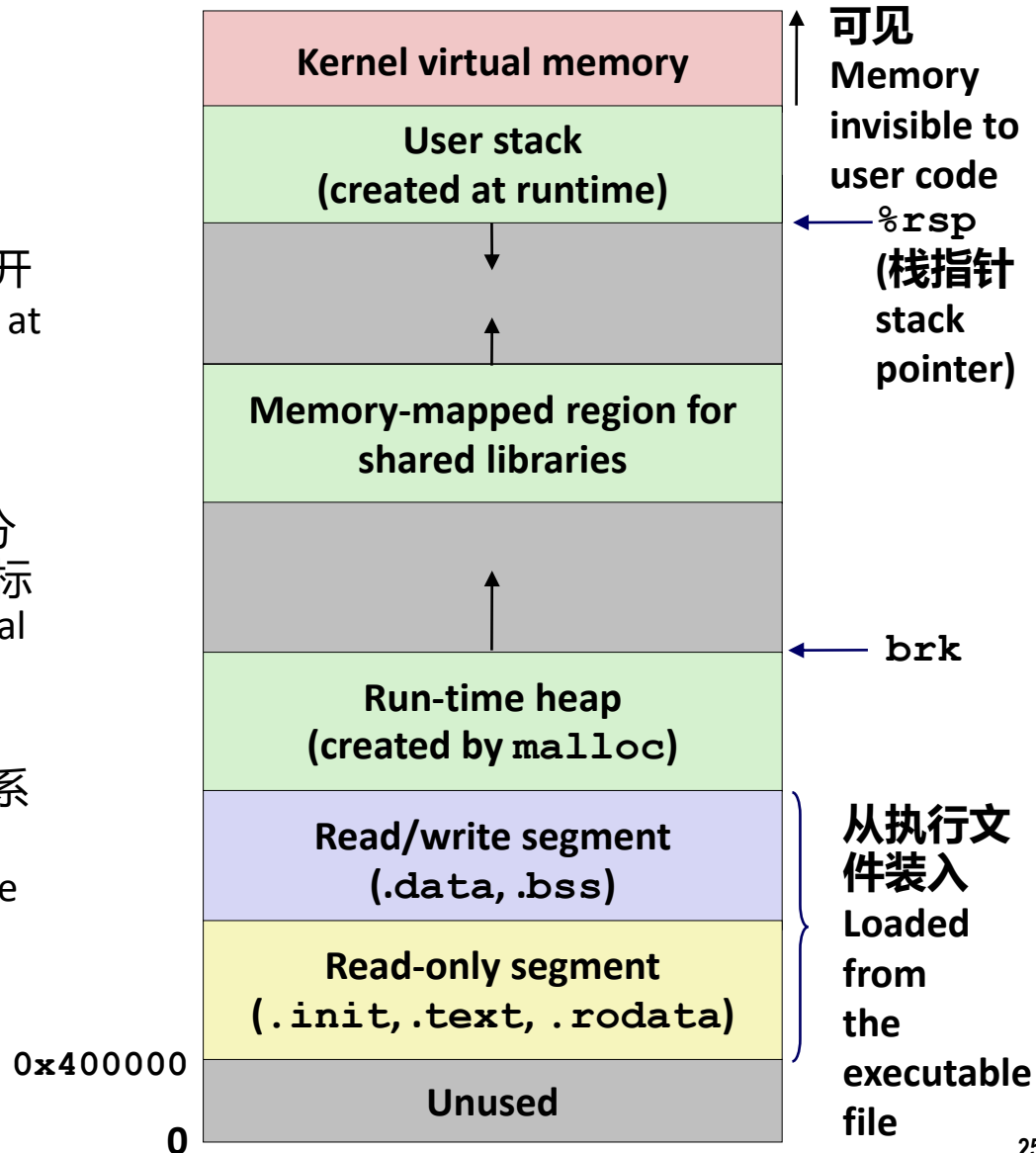
Simplifying Linking and Loading

■ 链接 Linking

- 每个程序都有类似的虚拟地址空间
Each program has similar virtual address space
- 代码、数据和堆总是从相同的地址开始
Code, data, and heap always start at the same addresses.

■ 加载 Loading

- execve**负责为 `.text` 和 `.data` 节分配虚拟页并创建页表条目，并将其标记为无效
execve allocates virtual pages for `.text` and `.data` sections & creates PTEs marked as invalid
- `.text` 和 `.data` 节中的页是由虚拟内存系统按需一页一页拷贝的
The `.text` and `.data` sections are copied, page by page, on demand by the virtual memory system





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基于虚拟内存的内存保护机制

VM as a Tool for Memory Protection

- 对页表记录进行扩展增加权限位 **Extend PTEs with permission bits**
- MMU在每次内存访问时检查 **MMU checks these bits on each access**

进程

Process i:

	SUP	READ	WRITE	EXEC	Address
VP 0:	No	Yes	No	Yes	PP 6
VP 1:	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	PP 4
VP 2:	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	PP 2

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进程

Process j:

	SUP	READ	WRITE	EXEC	Address
VP 0:	No	Yes	No	Yes	PP 9
VP 1:	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	PP 6
VP 2:	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	PP 11

物理地址空间
Physical
Address Space

PP 2
PP 4
PP 6
PP 8
PP 9
PP 11

SUP: 需要内核模式 SUP: requires kernel mode



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虚拟地址翻译 VM Address Translation

■ 虚拟地址空间 Virtual Address Space

- $V = \{0, 1, \dots, N-1\}$

■ 物理地址空间 Physical Address Space

- $P = \{0, 1, \dots, M-1\}$

■ 地址翻译 Address Translation

- **映射** $MAP: V \rightarrow P \cup \{\emptyset\}$

- 对于虚拟地址 a For virtual address a :

- $MAP(a) = a'$ if data at virtual address a is at physical address a' in P
如果虚拟地址 a 中的数据在 P 的物理地址 a' 中

- $MAP(a) = \emptyset$ if data at virtual address a is not in physical memory
如果虚拟地址 a 中的数据不在物理内存中

- 非法的或者在磁盘上 Either invalid or stored on disk

地址翻译符号总结

Summary of Address Translation Symbols



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■ 虚拟地址VA划分 Components of the virtual address (VA)

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- VPO: Virtual page offset 虚拟页内偏移
- VPN: Virtual page number 虚拟页号

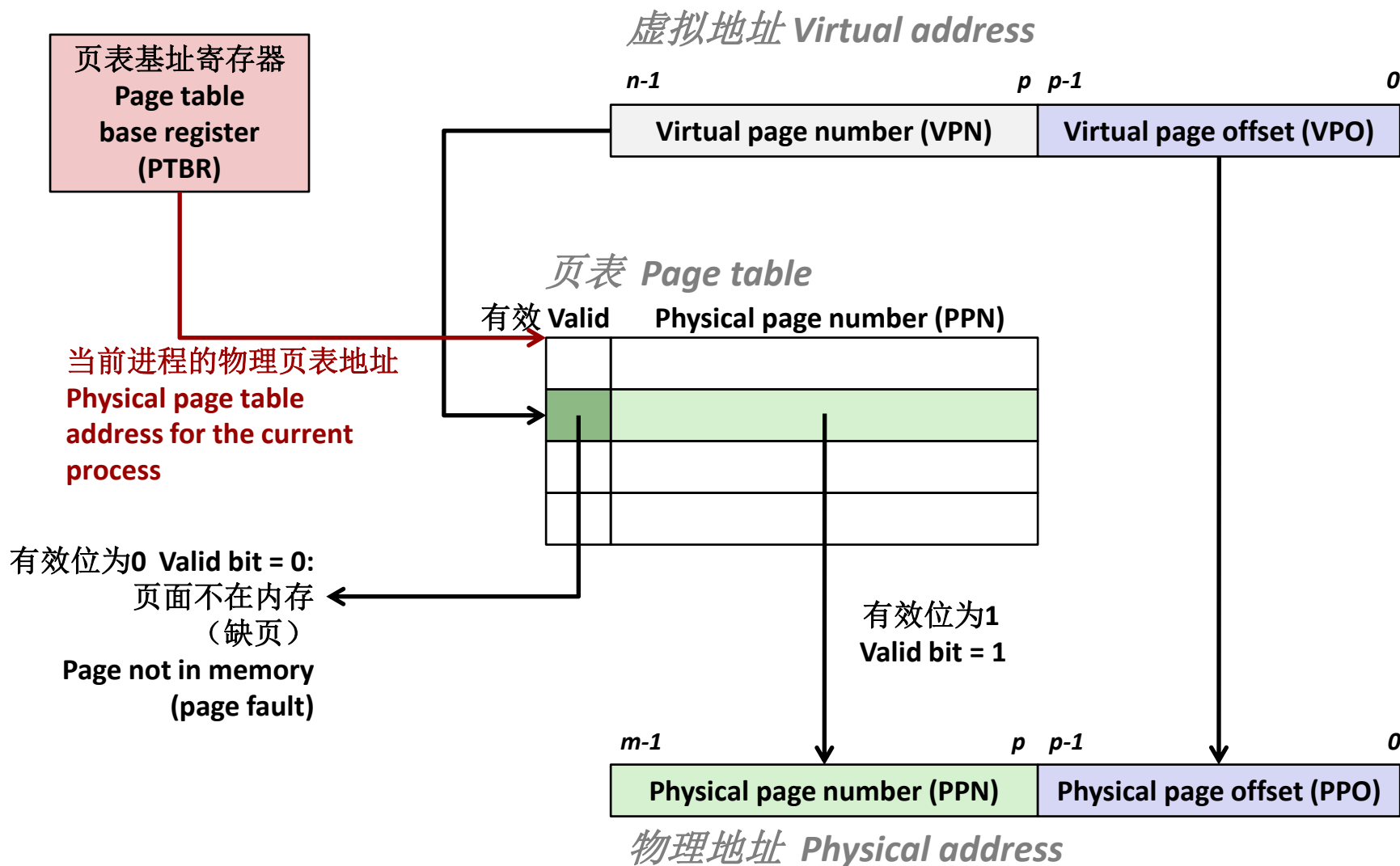
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- PPN: Physical page number 物理页号



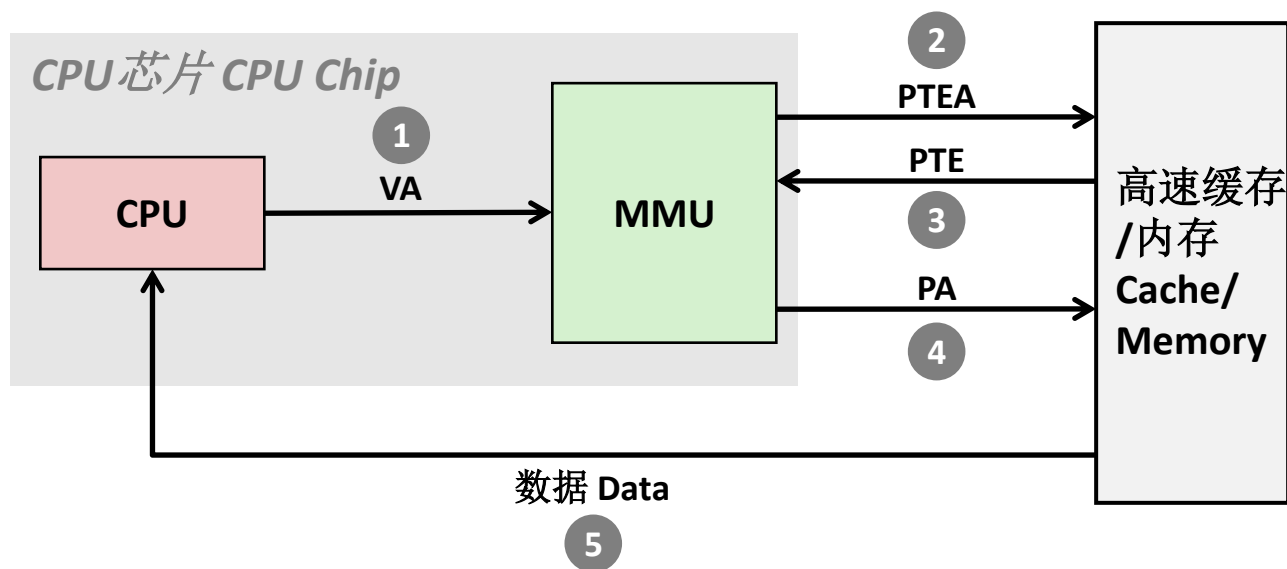
基于页表的地址翻译

Address Translation With a Page Table





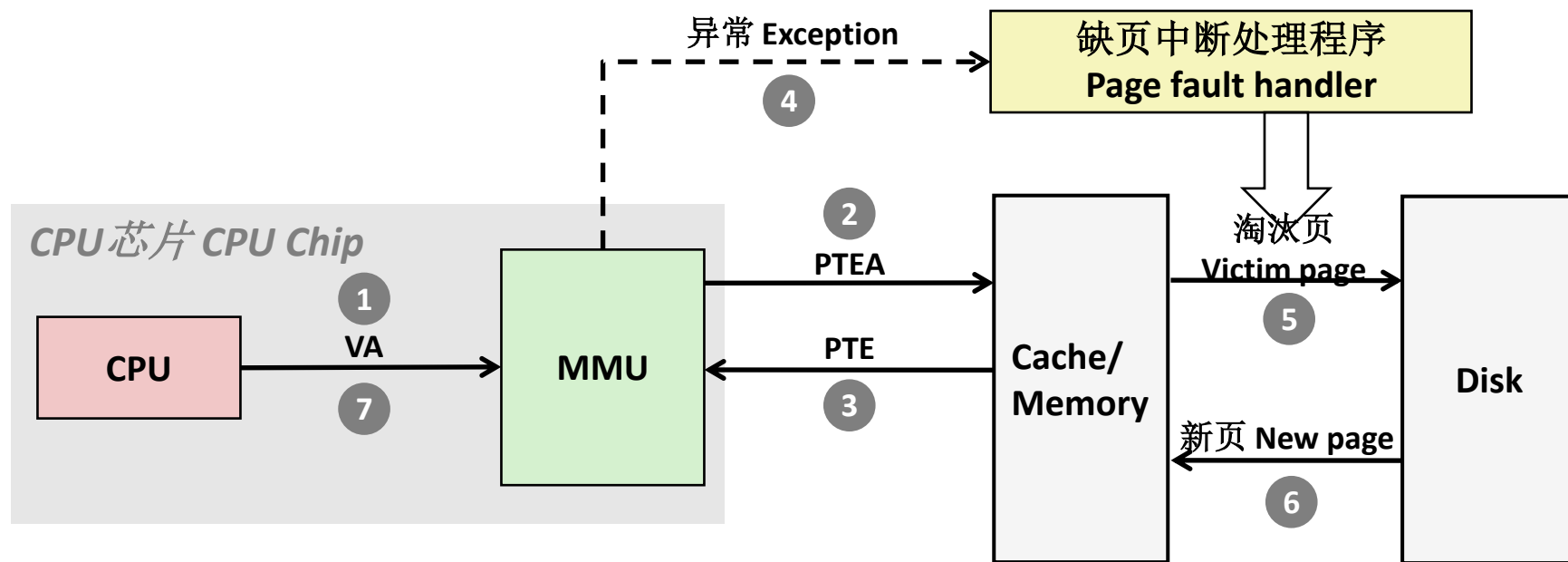
地址翻译：页命中 Address Translation: Page Hit



- 1) 处理器将虚拟地址发送给MMU Processor sends virtual address to MMU
- 2-3) MMU从内存页表中获取页表条目 MMU fetches PTE from page table in memory
- 4) MMU将物理地址发给Cache或者主存 MMU sends physical address to cache/memory
- 5) Cache或者主存将数据字发送给处理器 Cache/memory sends data word to processor



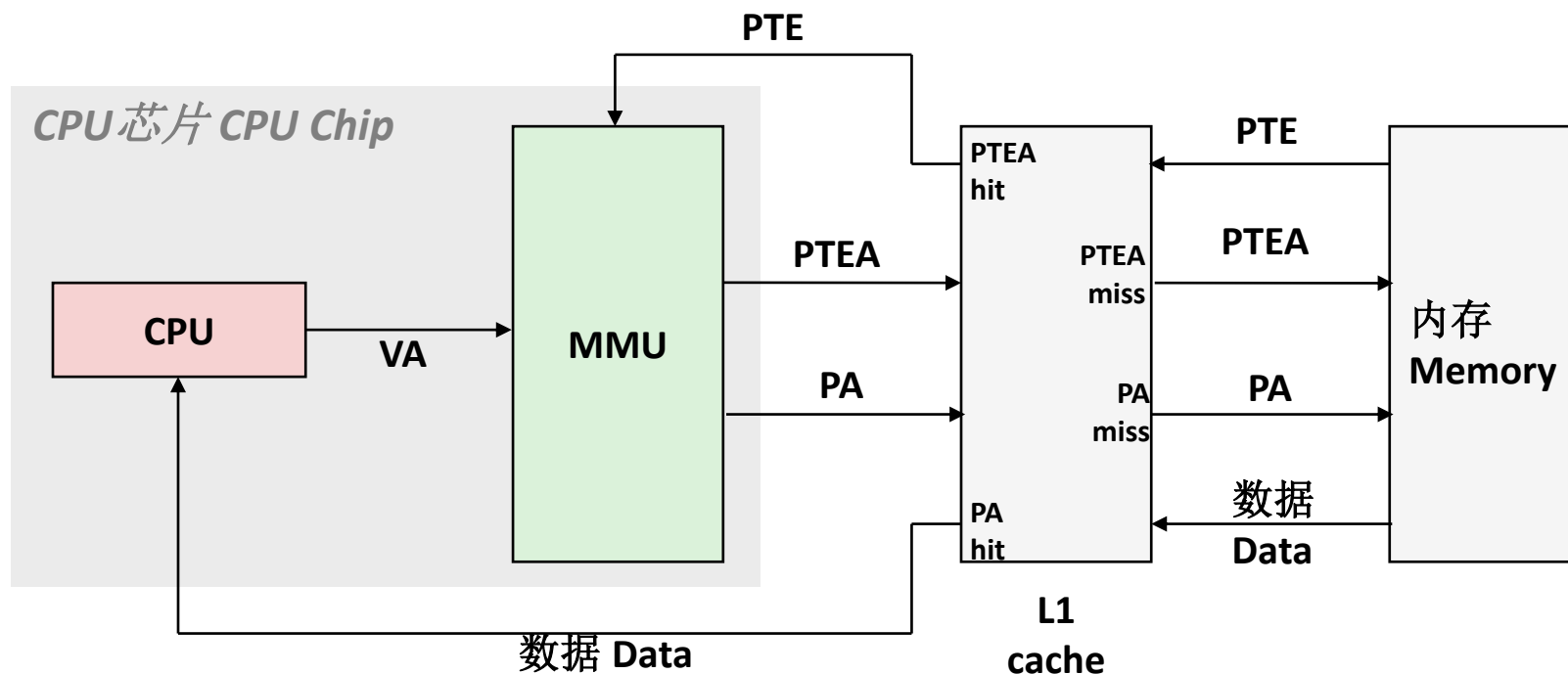
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- 4) 当有效位为0时MMU触发缺页中断异常 Valid bit is zero, so MMU triggers page fault exception
- 5) 异常处理程序找到一个换出页（如果是脏页则要写回磁盘） Handler identifies victim (and, if dirty, pages it out to disk)
- 6) 异常处理程序拷贝页并更新页表条目 Handler pages in new page and updates PTE in memory
- 7) 异常处理程序返回原进程中中断的指令重新执行 Handler returns to original process, restarting faulting instruction



整合虚拟内存和Cache Integrating VM and Cache



VA: 虚拟地址 VA: virtual address, PA: 物理地址 PA: physical address,
PTE: 页表条目 PTE: page table entry, PTEA是页表条目地址 PTEA = PTE address



使用TLB加速地址翻译

Speeding up Translation with a TLB

- 页表条目（PTE）像任何其他内存字一样缓存在L1 cache中
Page table entries (PTEs) are cached in L1 like any other memory word
 - 由于其他数据访问PTE可能会被驱逐出内存 PTEs may be evicted by other data references
 - PTE命中仍然需要较小的L1缓存延迟 PTE hit still requires a small L1 delay
- 解决方案：翻译后备缓冲区（TLB） Solution: *Translation Lookaside Buffer* (TLB)
 - 在MMU中的小型组相联硬件缓存 Small set-associative hardware cache in MMU
 - 将虚拟页号映射为物理页号 Maps virtual page numbers to physical page numbers
 - 包含了一少部分页面的完整页表条目 Contains complete page table entries for small number of pages



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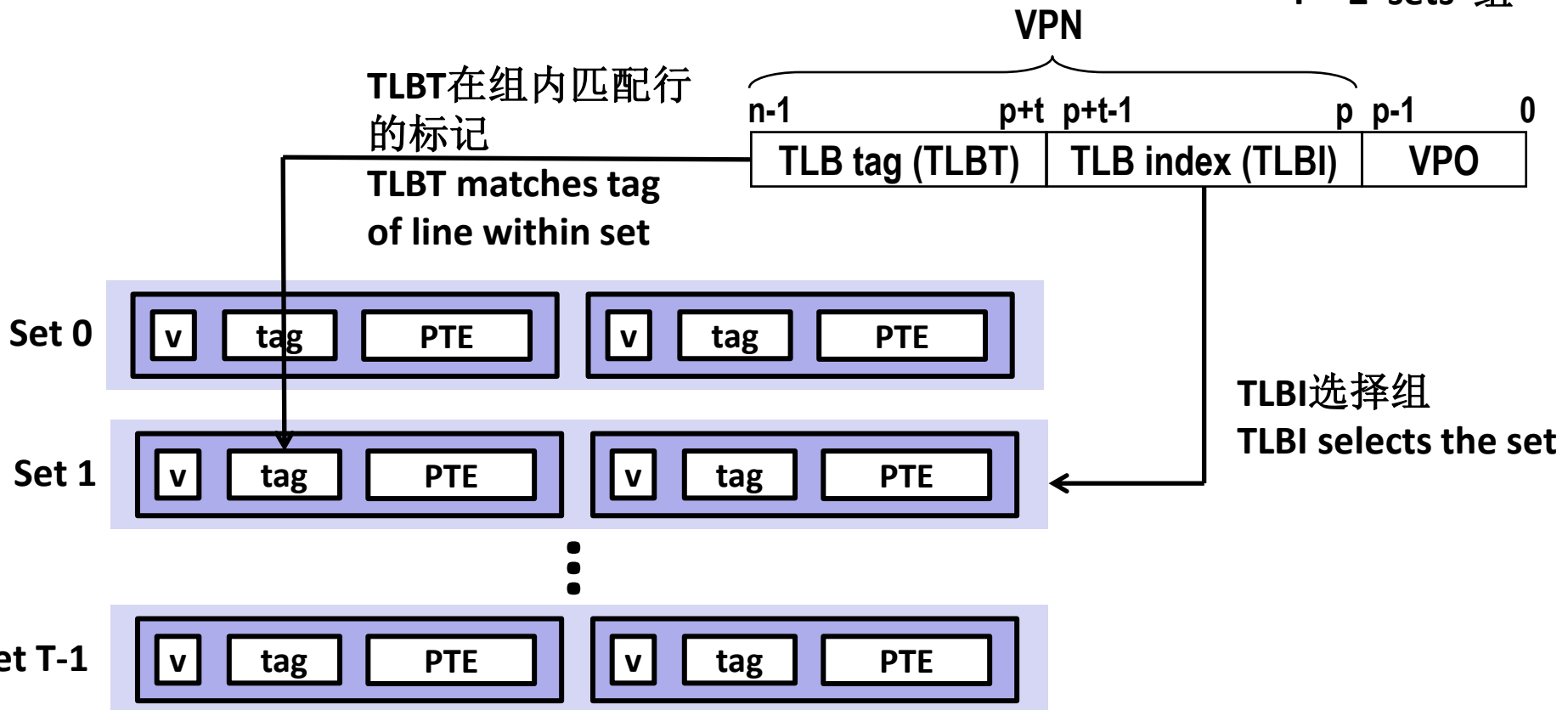
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- **PPN**: Physical page number 物理页号



访问TLB Accessing the TLB

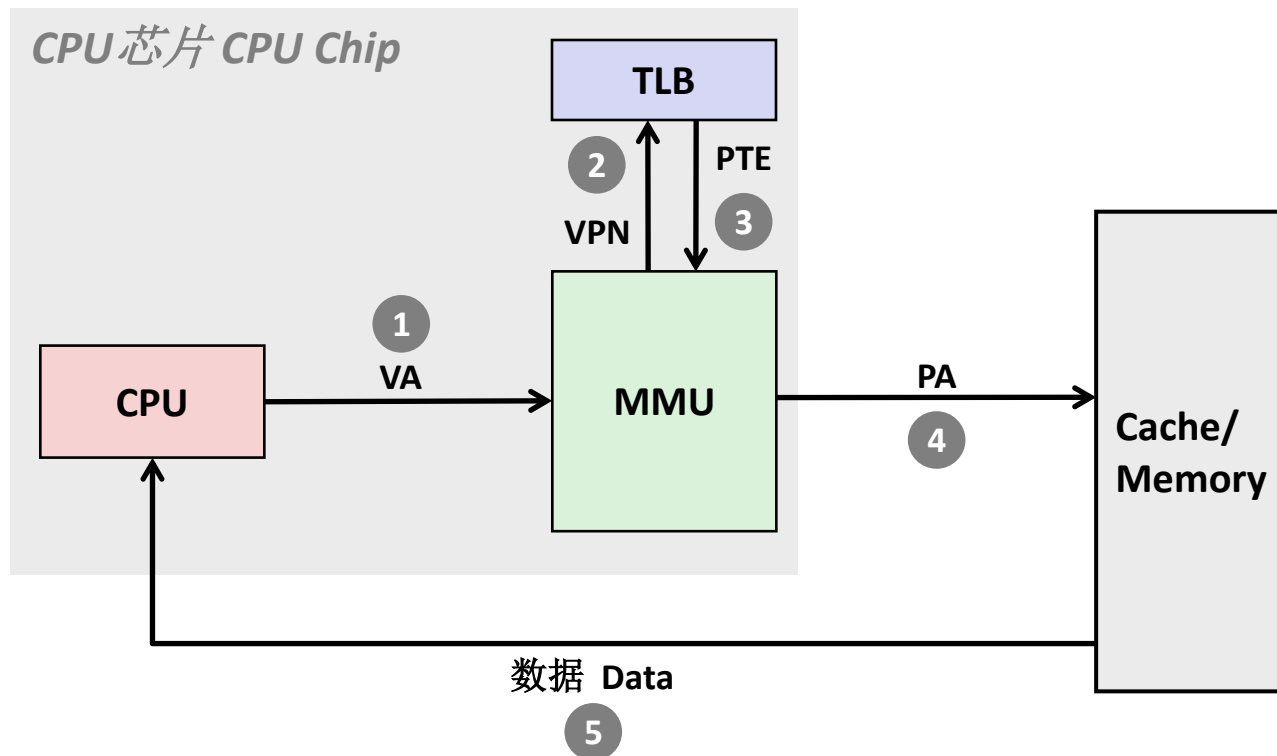
- MMU使用虚拟地址的VPN部分访问TLB MMU uses the VPN portion of the virtual address to access the TLB:

$T = 2^t$ sets 组





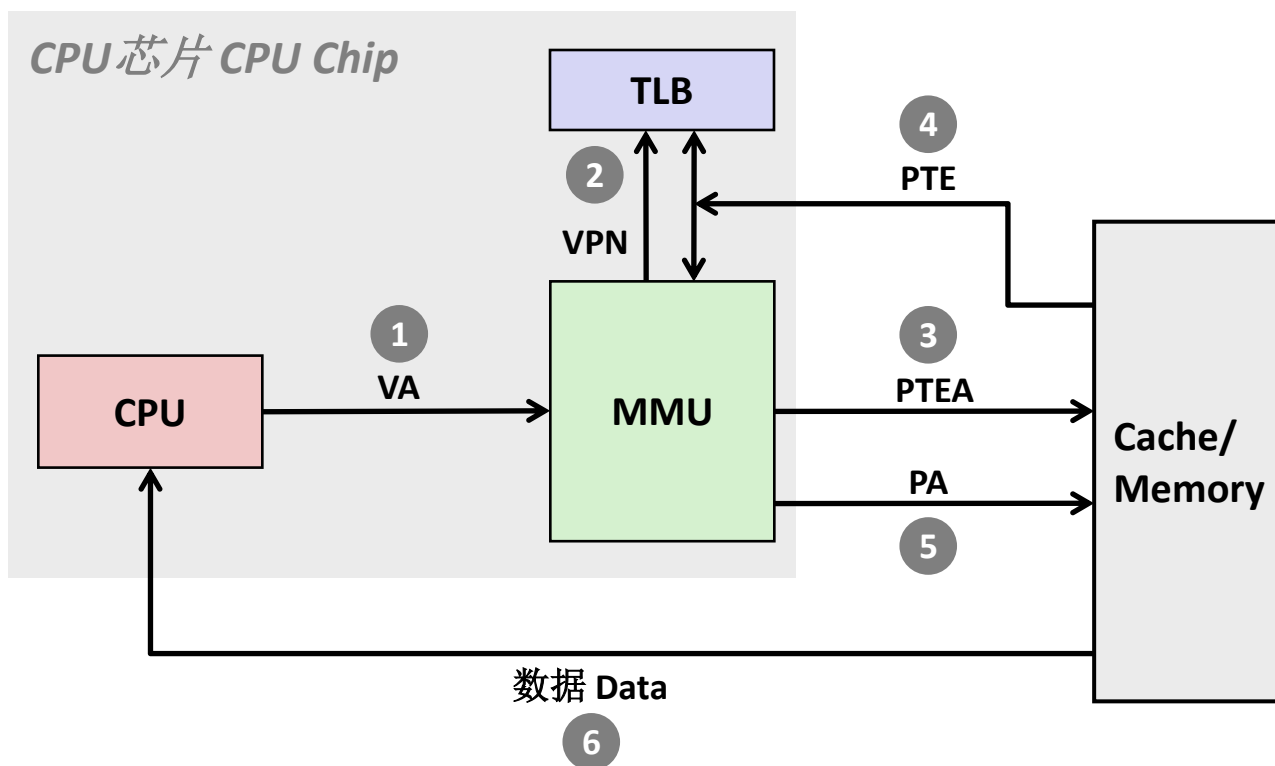
TLB命中 TLB Hit



TLB命中会减少一次内存访问 A TLB hit eliminates a memory access



TLB不命中 TLB Miss



TLB不命中会导致一个额外的内存访问（页表条目）

幸运的是，TLB不命中很少发生。为何？

A TLB miss incurs an additional memory access (the PTE)

Fortunately, TLB misses are rare. Why?

多级页表 Multi-Level Page Tables



二级表
Level 2
Tables

■ 假设 Suppose:

- 4KB大小页表, 48位地址空间, 8字节页表记录 4KB (2^{12})
page size, 48-bit address space, 8-byte PTE

■ 问题 Problem:

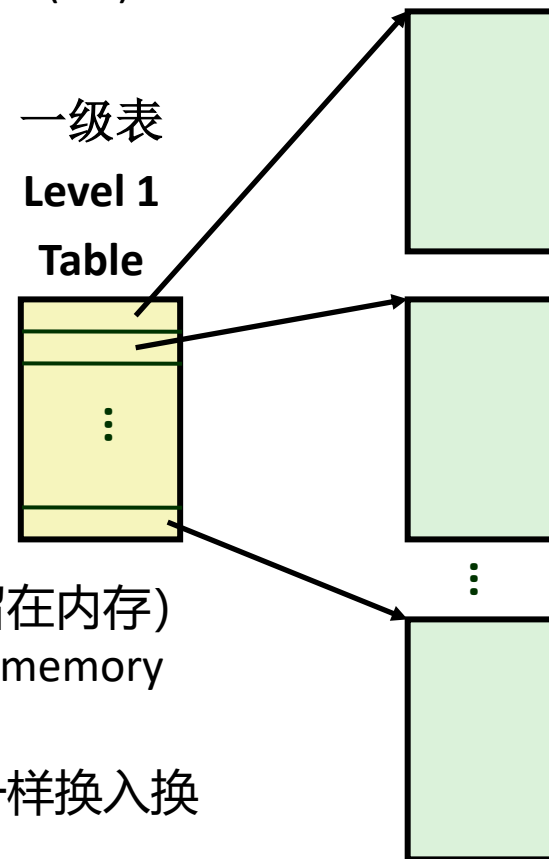
- 页表占用的空间将高达512GB
- Would need a 512 GB page table!
 - $2^{48} * 2^{-12} * 2^3 = 2^{39}$ bytes

■ 常见方法: 多级页表 Common solution: Multi-level page table

■ 例如: 2级页表 Example: 2-level page table

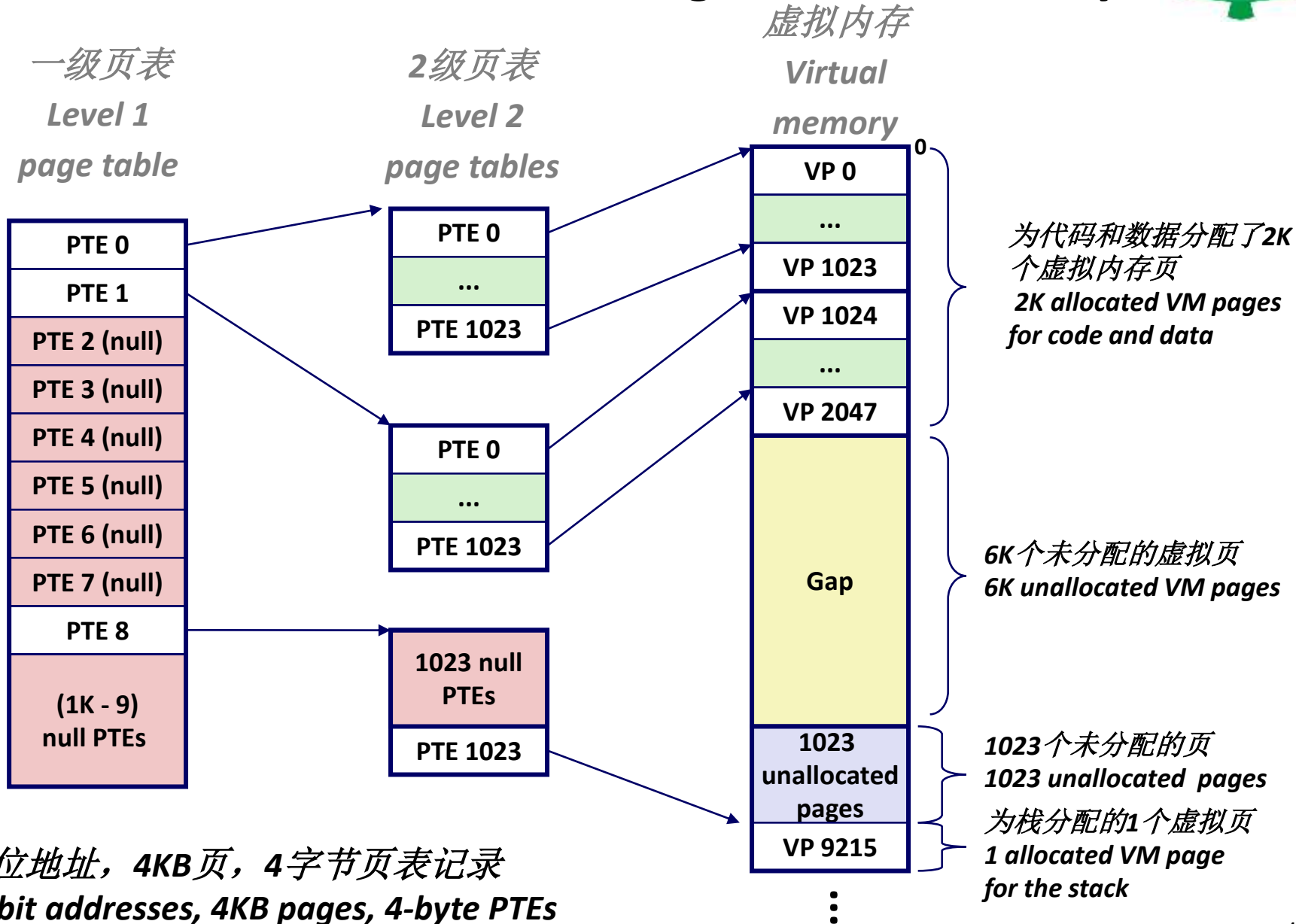
- 一级页表: 每个页表记录指向一个页表 (总是驻留在内存)
Level 1 table: each PTE points to a page table (always memory resident)
- 二级页表: 每个页表记录指向一个页 (像其他页一样换入换出)
Level 2 table: each PTE points to a page (paged in and out like any other data)

一级表
Level 1
Table





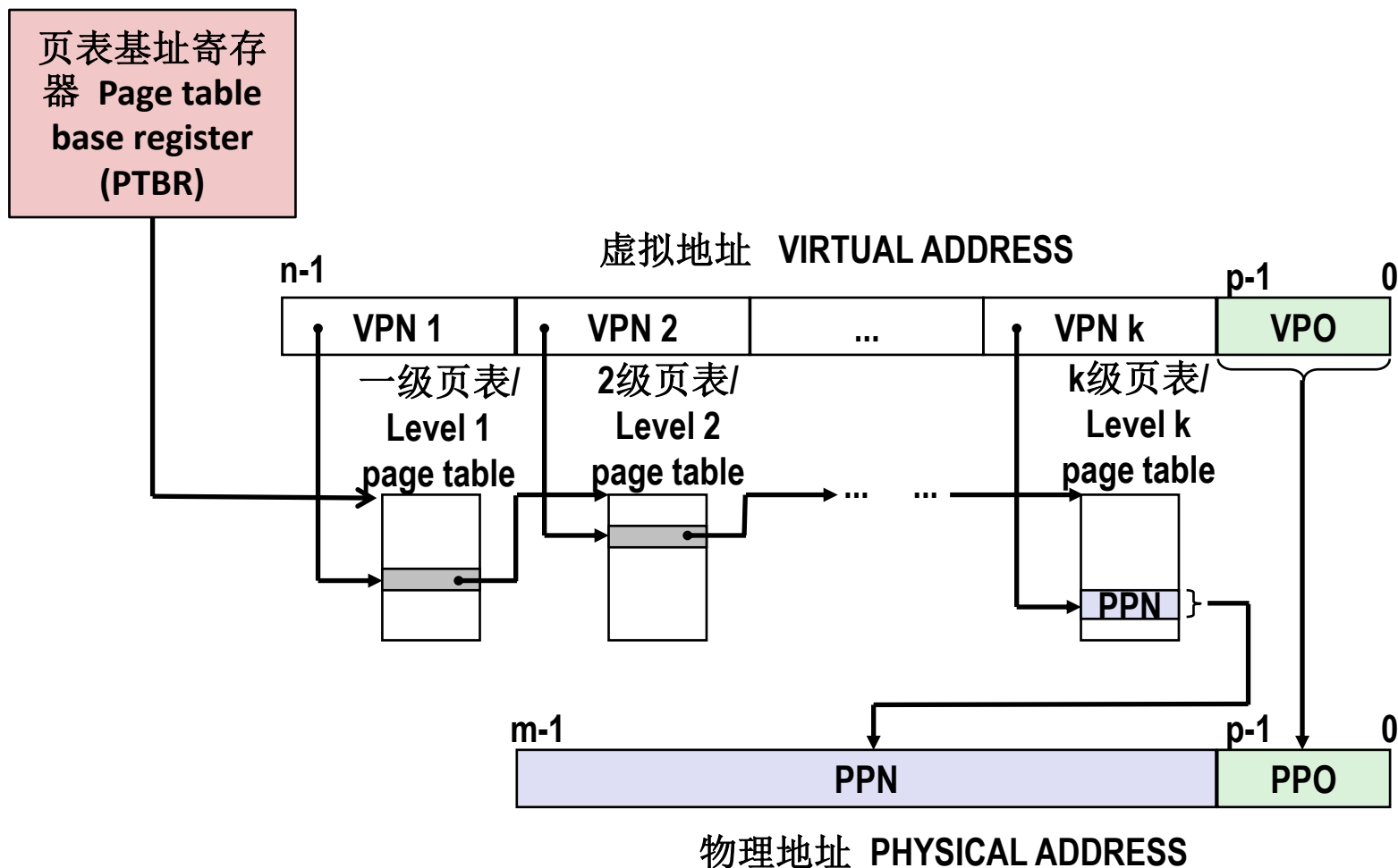
二级页表结构 A Two-Level Page Table Hierarchy





k级页表的地址翻译

Translating with a k-level Page Table





总结 Summary

■ 程序员眼中的虚拟内存 **Programmer's view of virtual memory**

- 每个进程都有各自私有的线性地址空间 Each process has its own private linear address space
- 不能被其他进程破坏 Cannot be corrupted by other processes

■ 系统眼中的虚拟内存 **System view of virtual memory**

- 通过缓存虚拟内存页高效地使用内存 Uses memory efficiently by caching virtual memory pages
 - 高效是因为局部性 Efficient only because of locality
- 简化内存管理和编程 Simplifies memory management and programming
- 通过提供方便的库打桩点来检查权限，简化了保护 Simplifies protection by providing a convenient interpositioning point to check permissions