

Drammer: Flip Feng Shui Goes Mobile

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Drammer

Your takeaway message of today

Rowhammer on ARM

Reliable exploitation

Also on a Google Pixel

Flip Feng Shui in 2016

The art of turning bit flips into a reliable compromise...

... of the cloud

- Hammering a Needle in the Software Stack @ USENIX Security

... of the browser

- Dedup Est Machina @ IEEE Security & Privacy

... of the mobile

- Drammer @ ACM CCS

Dutch high quality research at top venues in computer security

Best research group in the world in 2016 (better than MIT!)

Flip Feng Shui

Worldwide impact

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A bunch of pasty faced sad sack nerds sitting in a basement want to sound cool and tough, like they've just done a tour in 'Nam. [slashdot]

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- *Powerful Bit-Flipping Attack*
Bruce Schneier
- *This is a significant finding, thanks for Researching it*
Mark Seaborn, Google
- *This is an issue that will affect almost any modern computer system*
Hugo Vincent, ARM Research
- *We appreciate your assistance in helping to maintain and improve the security of our products.*
Cristina Formaini, Apple

INTRODUCTION

Flip Feng Shui Requirements

1. *A reproducible* hardware bit flip

Rowhammer – a widespread DRAM issue

2. Ability to target the bit flip

Predictable memory management behavior

Rowhammer

A DRAM hardware glitch

Memory cells (capacitors) have a natural discharge rate
refresh every 64ms

Activating neighboring cells increases the discharge rate

Rowhammer

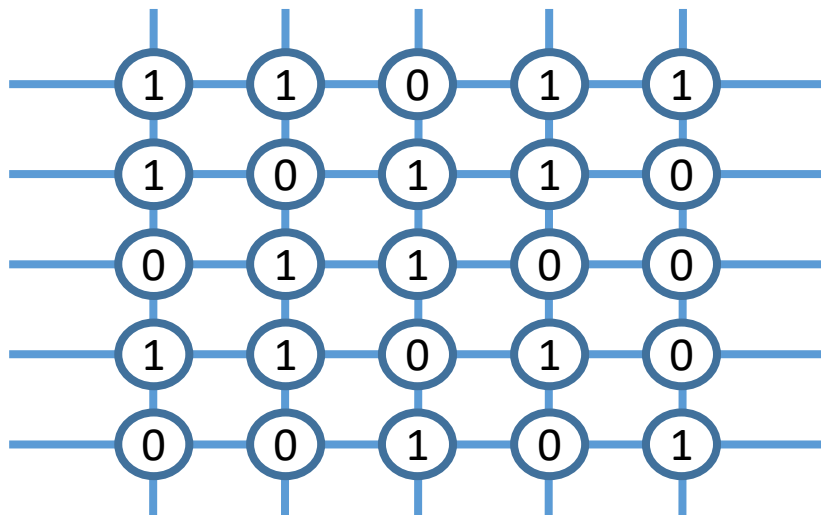
- Victim cell is charged to represent 1
- Neighboring cells are accessed frequently
- Victim cell leaks charge below a certain threshold
- When read, victim cell is interpreted 0

Disturbance error!

Rowhammer

A DRAM hardware glitch

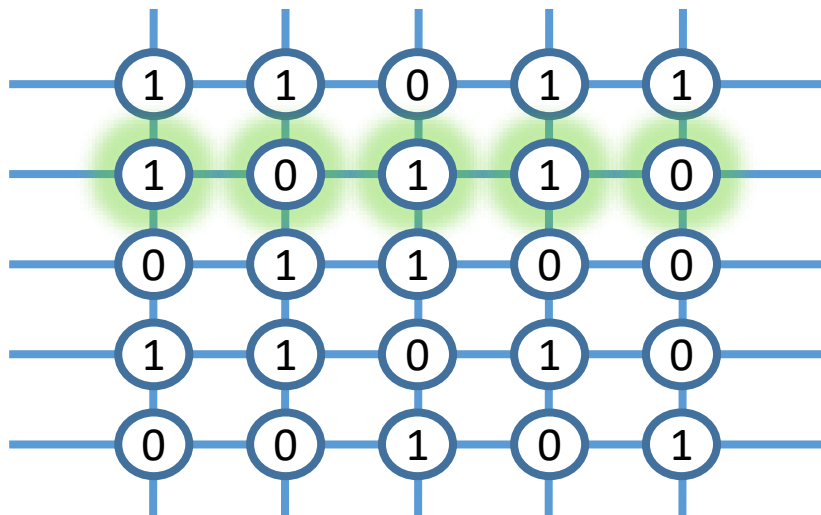
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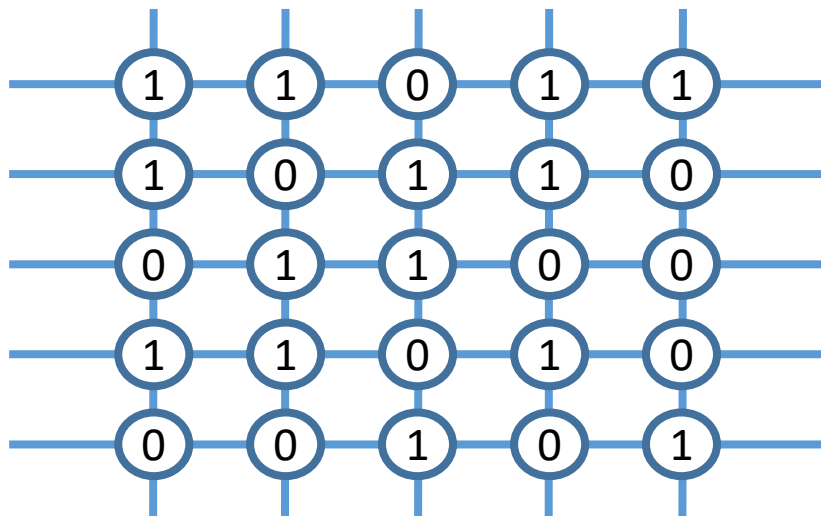
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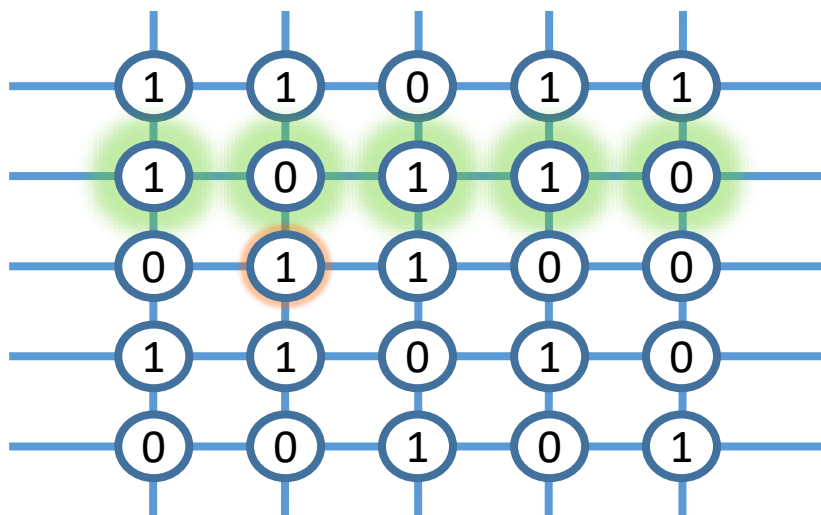
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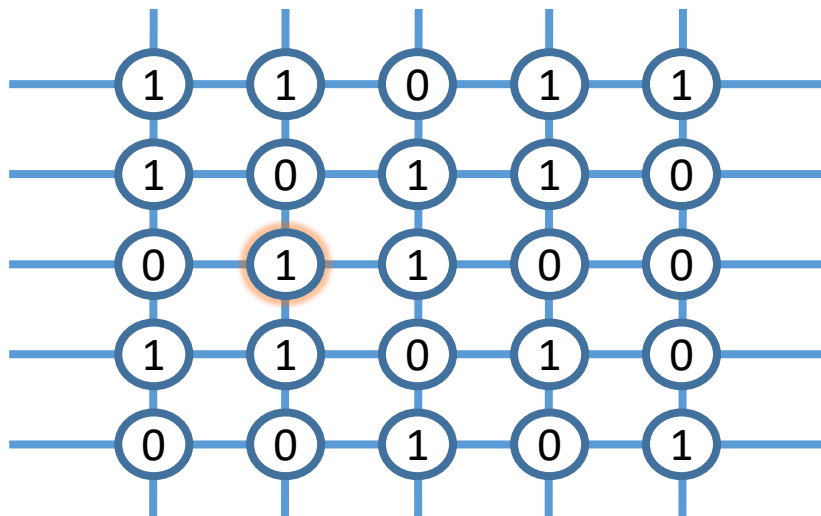
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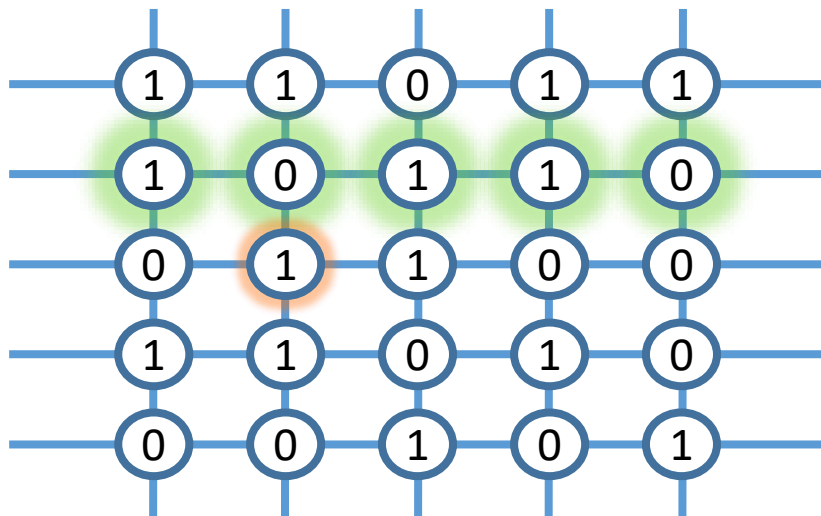
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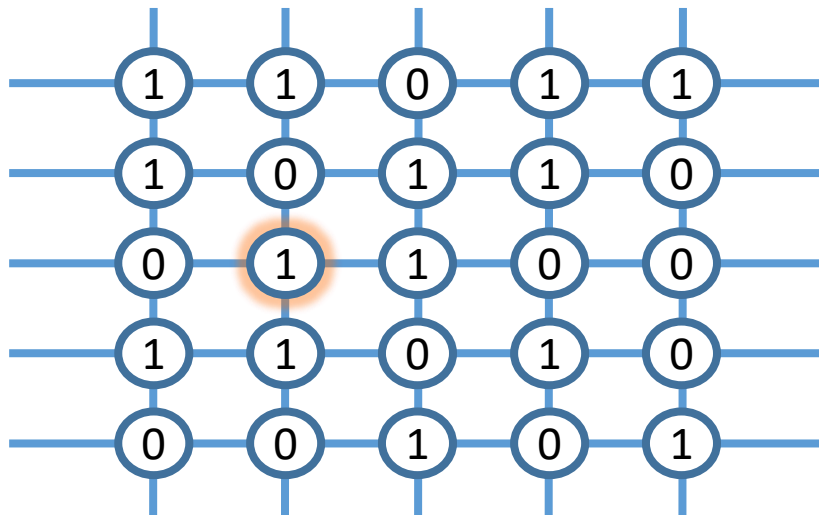
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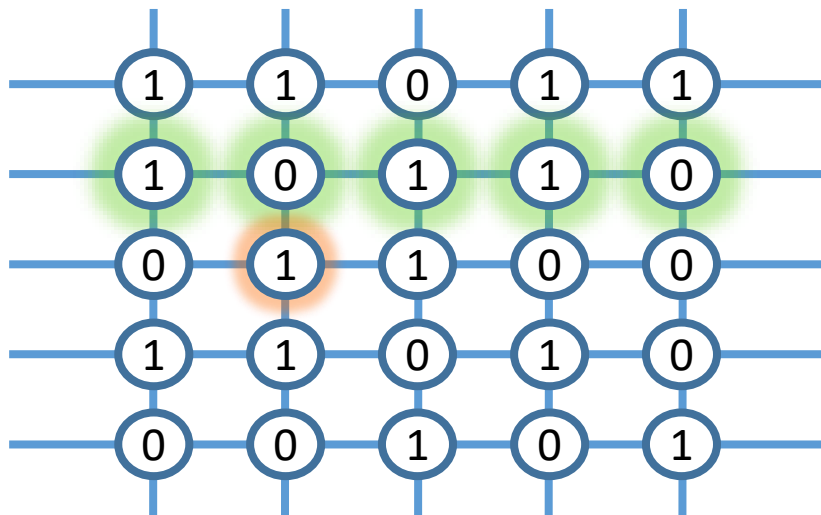
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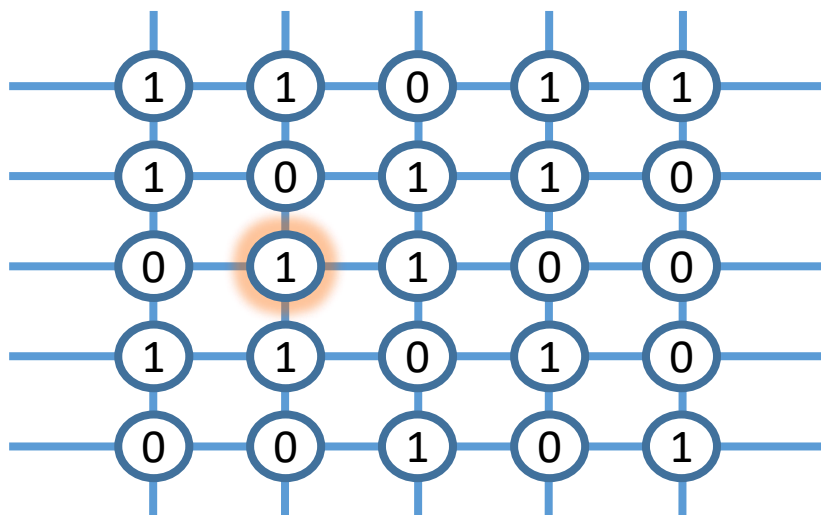
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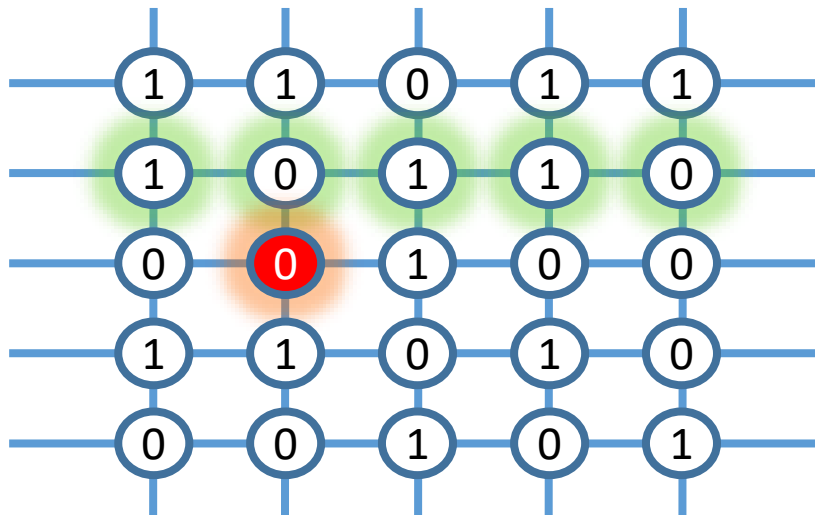
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Aggressor row

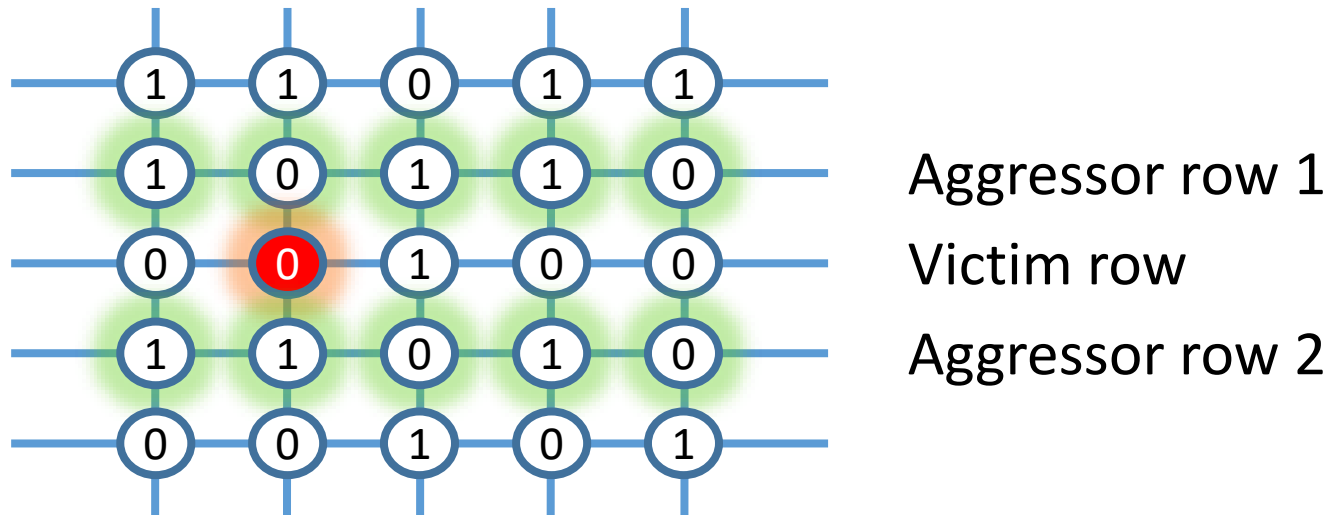
Victim row

- Not every bit may flip
- Once a bit flips, we can often reproduce it

Rowhammer

A DRAM hardware glitch

~~Single~~Double-Sided Rowhammer

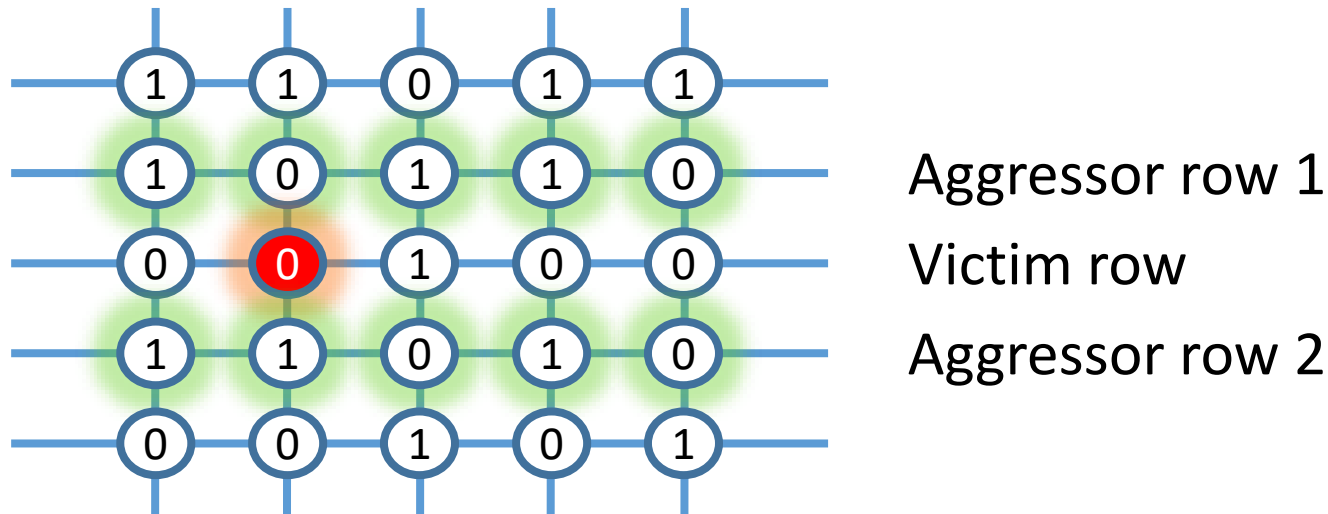


- Sandwich the victim row by alternating accesses
- Increased chance of flipping a bit
- Harder requirements

Rowhammer

A DRAM hardware glitch

Challenges for an attacker



1. Bypass the CPU Cache

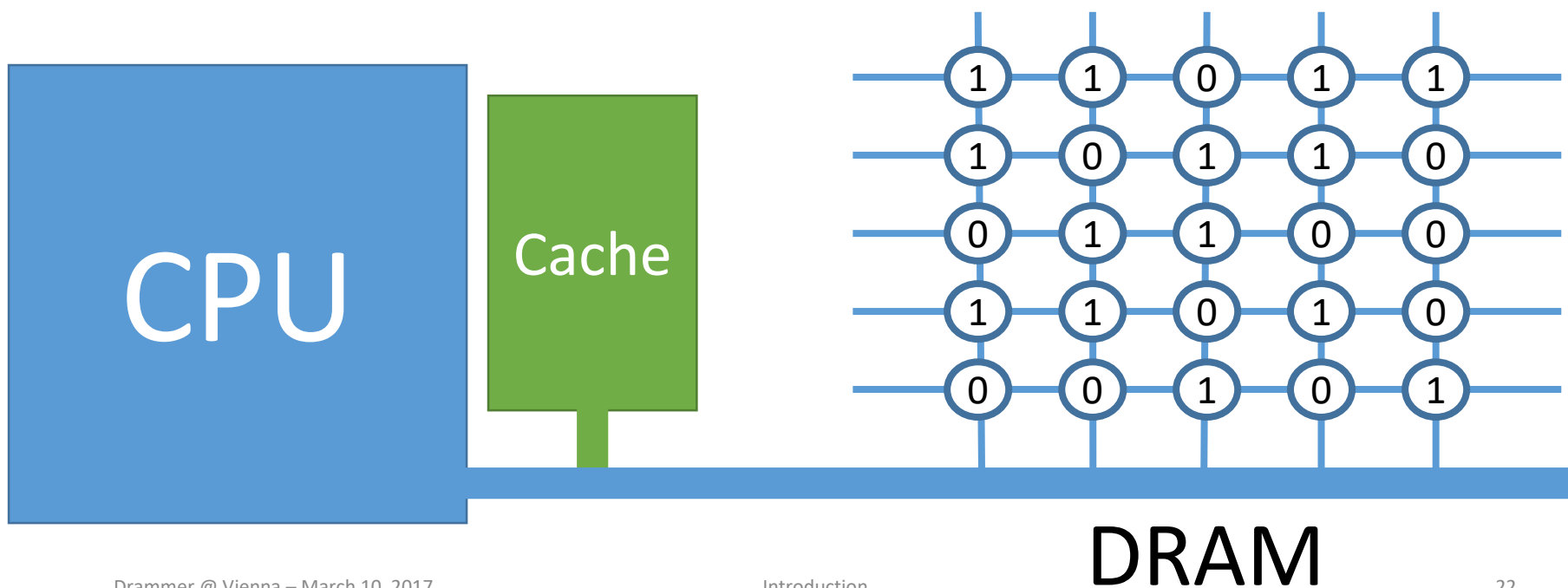
Most memory accesses are served by the CPU cache

2. Select the Aggressor Rows (for double-sided Rowhammer)

How do we know from which address to read from?

Bypass the CPU cache

- DRAM accesses are slow
- CPU caches data for fast access
- To Rowhammer, we must read many times from DRAM



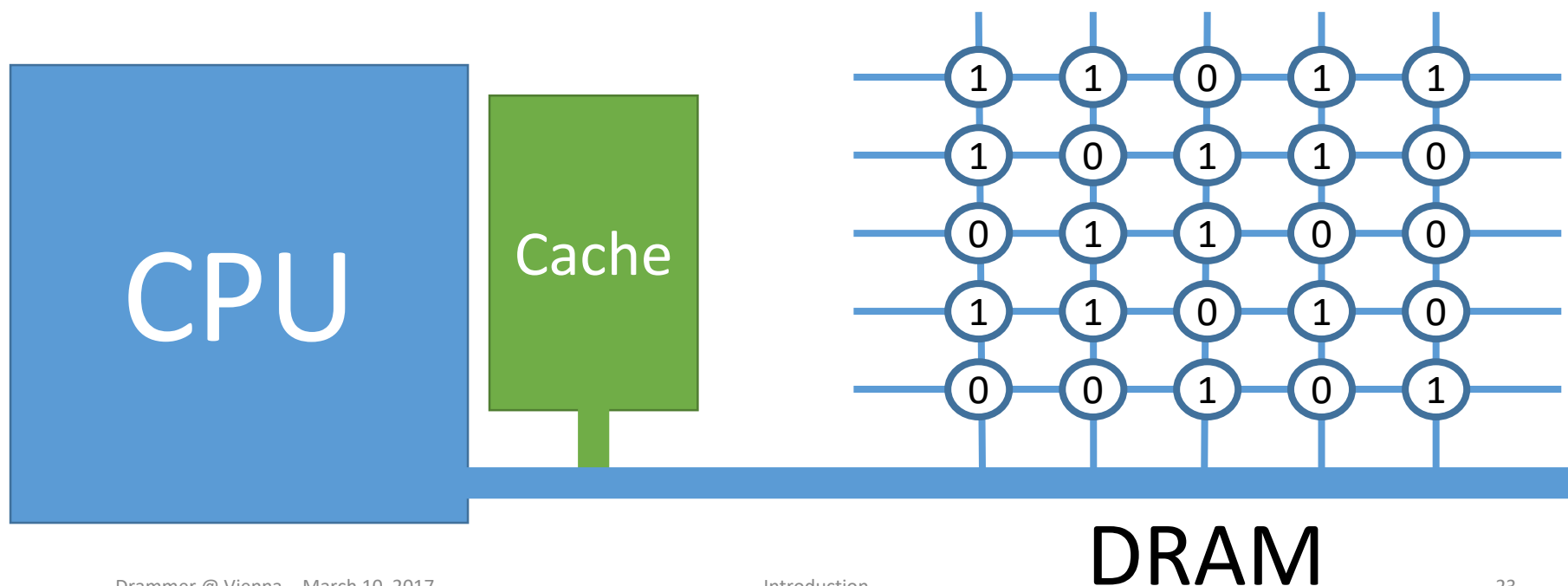
Bypass the CPU cache

Solution: cache flush

Tell the CPU to remove data from the cache

Solution: cache eviction

Read more data until the cache is full



Select the Aggressor Rows

- DRAM works with **physical memory addresses**
- Software works with **virtual addresses**
- Unpredictable mapping of virtual to physical addresses

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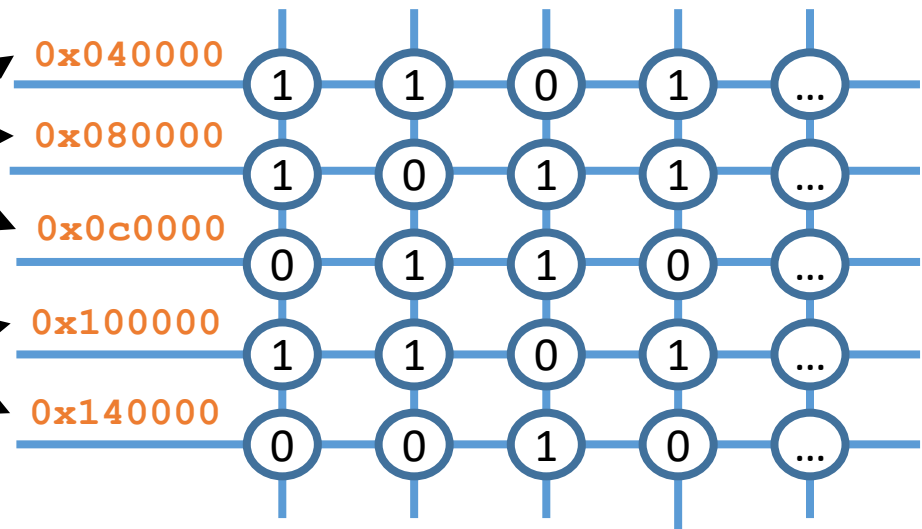
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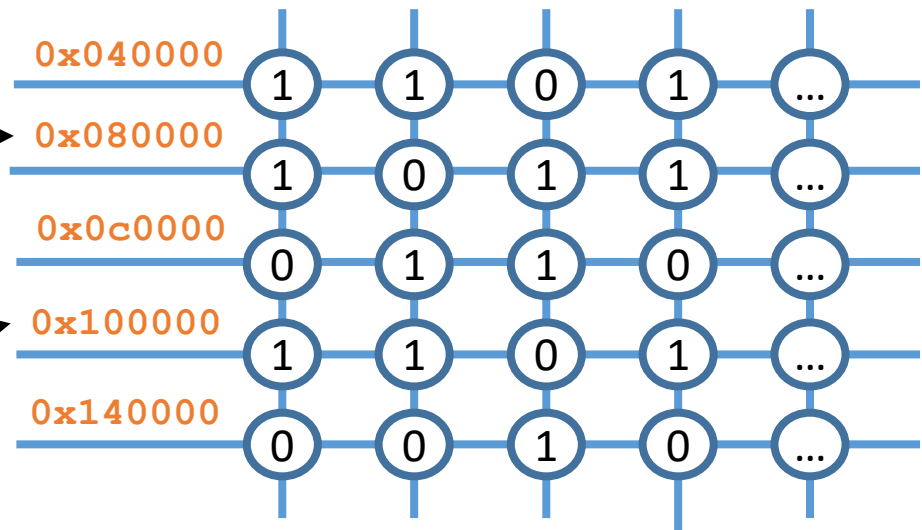
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Select the Aggressor Rows

Solution: single sided Rowhammer

Pick any two addresses and 'just' hammer

- Less interference between rows, so less bit flips
- Still good enough with buggy DRAM

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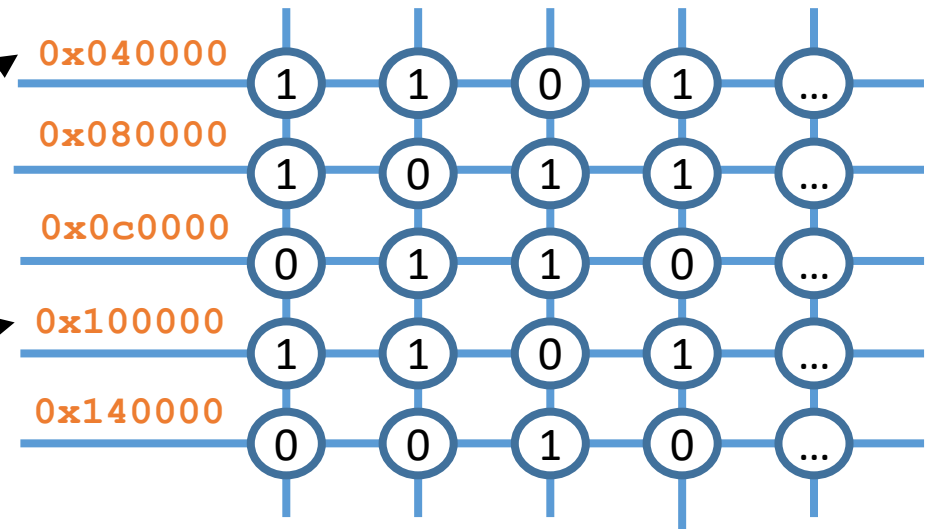
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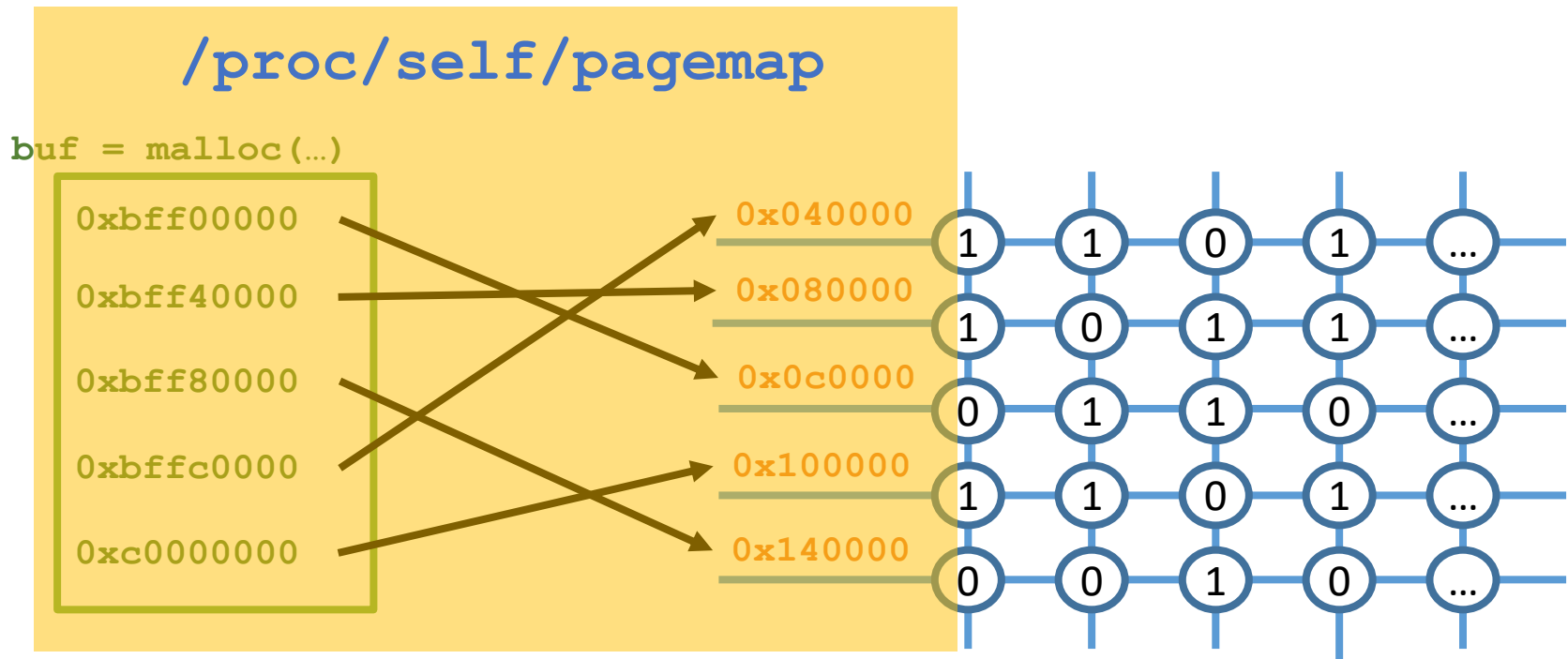
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Select the Aggressor Rows

Solution: pagemap

Special file that holds the mapping of virtual to physical addresses



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Solution: huge pages

Virtual allocations mapped to **physically contiguous** memory

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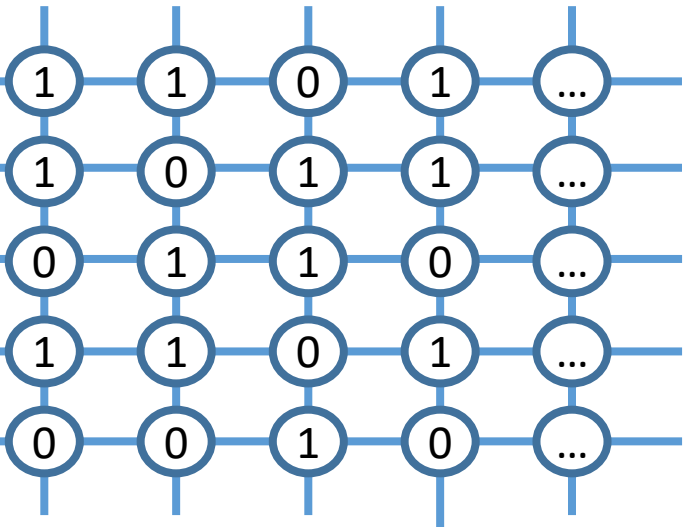
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Flip Feng Shui Mechanics

1. Memory templating

Scan memory for useful bit flips

2. Land sensitive data

Store sensitive data on a vulnerable location

3. Reproduce the bit flip

Modify the sensitive data to compromise the system

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Hammering a Needle in the Software Stack

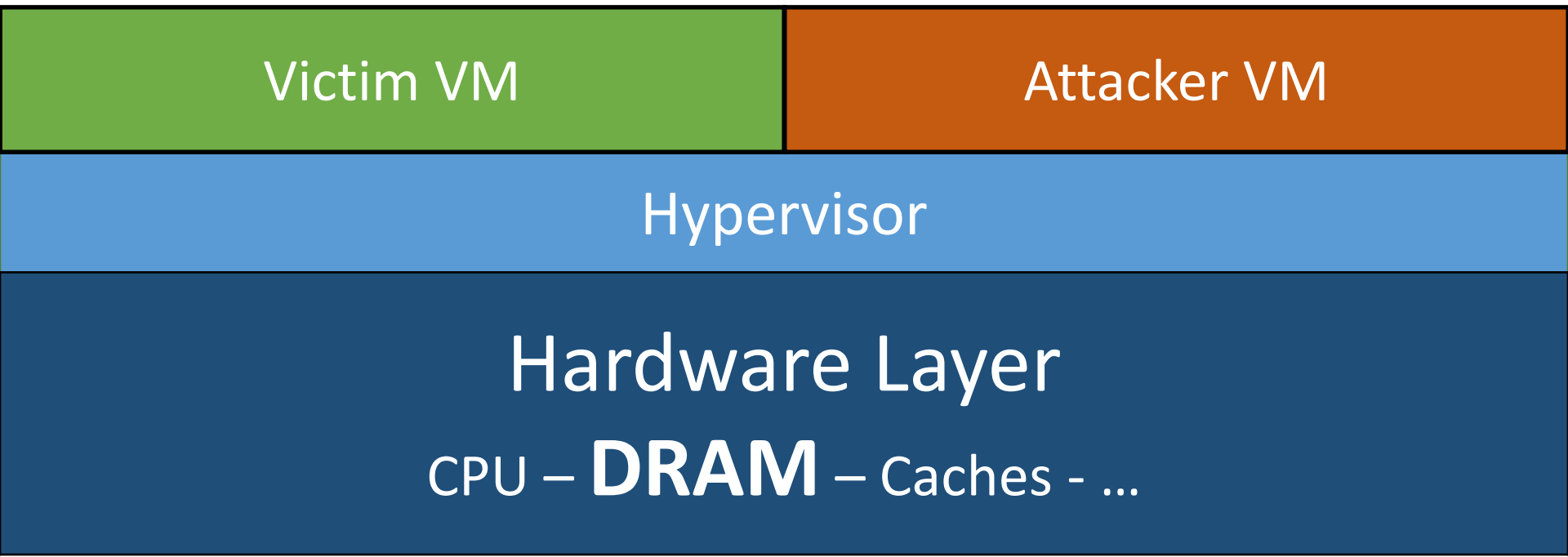
- Malicious VM in the cloud compromising neighbors
- Rowhammer + Memory Deduplication
- You can flip a bit in another VM

What would YOU flip?

Memory templating

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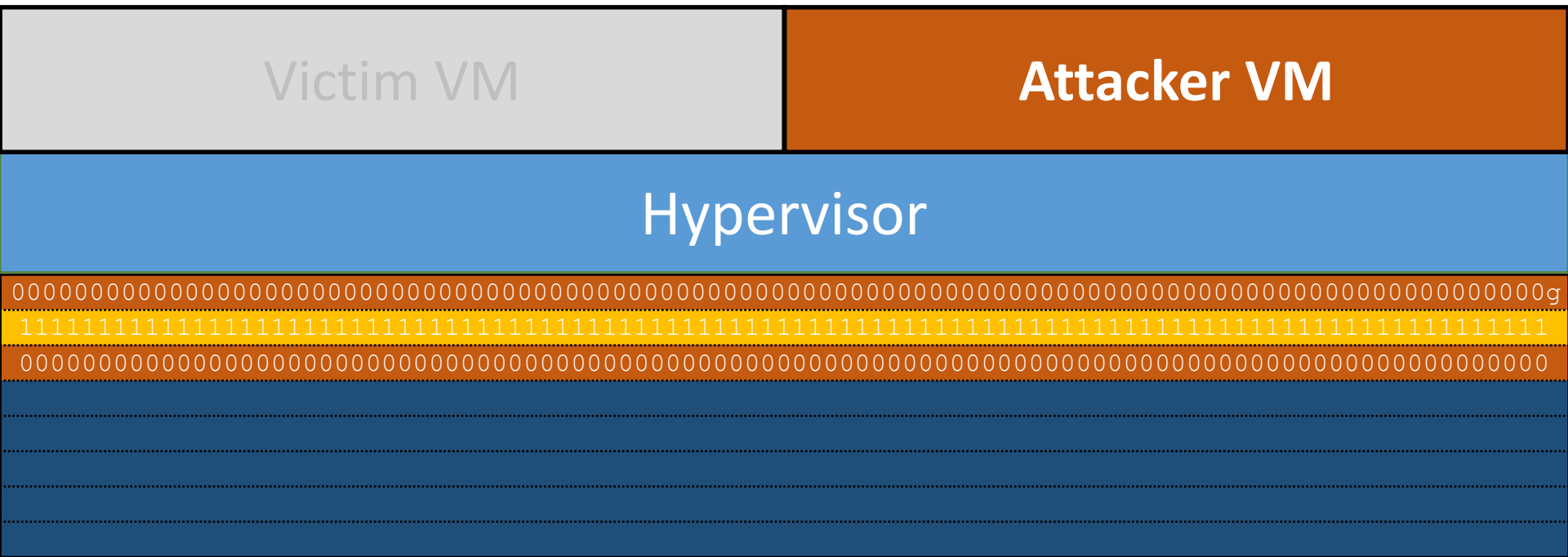
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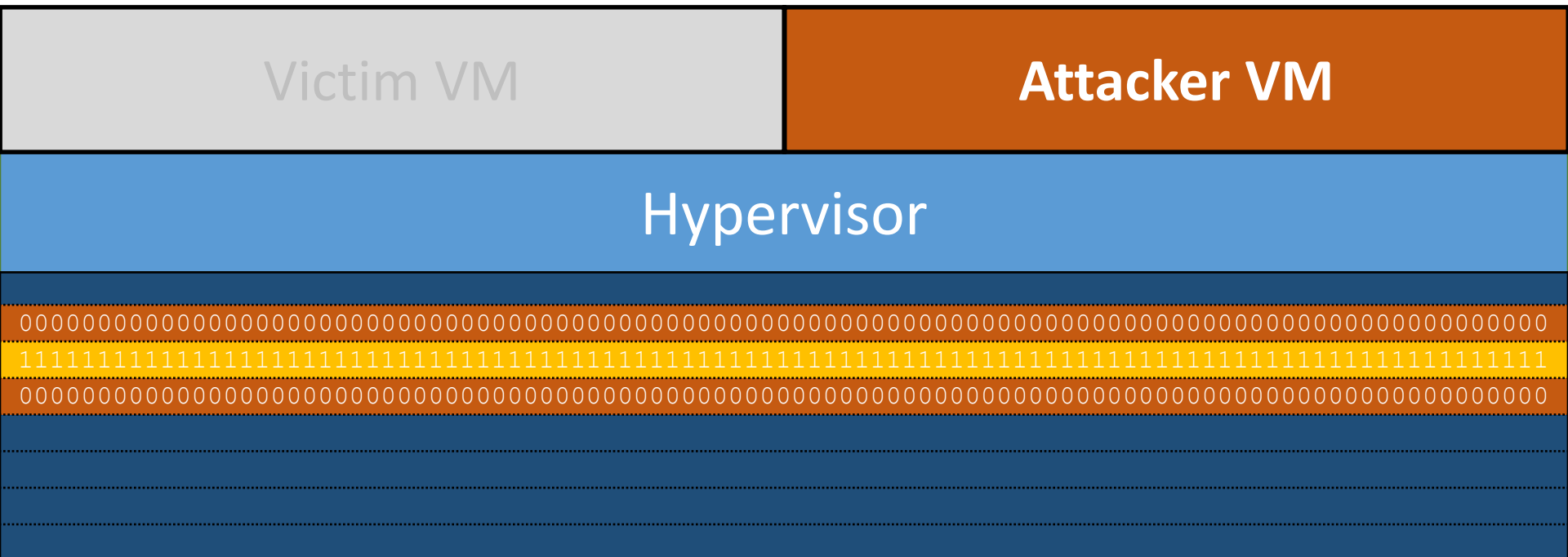
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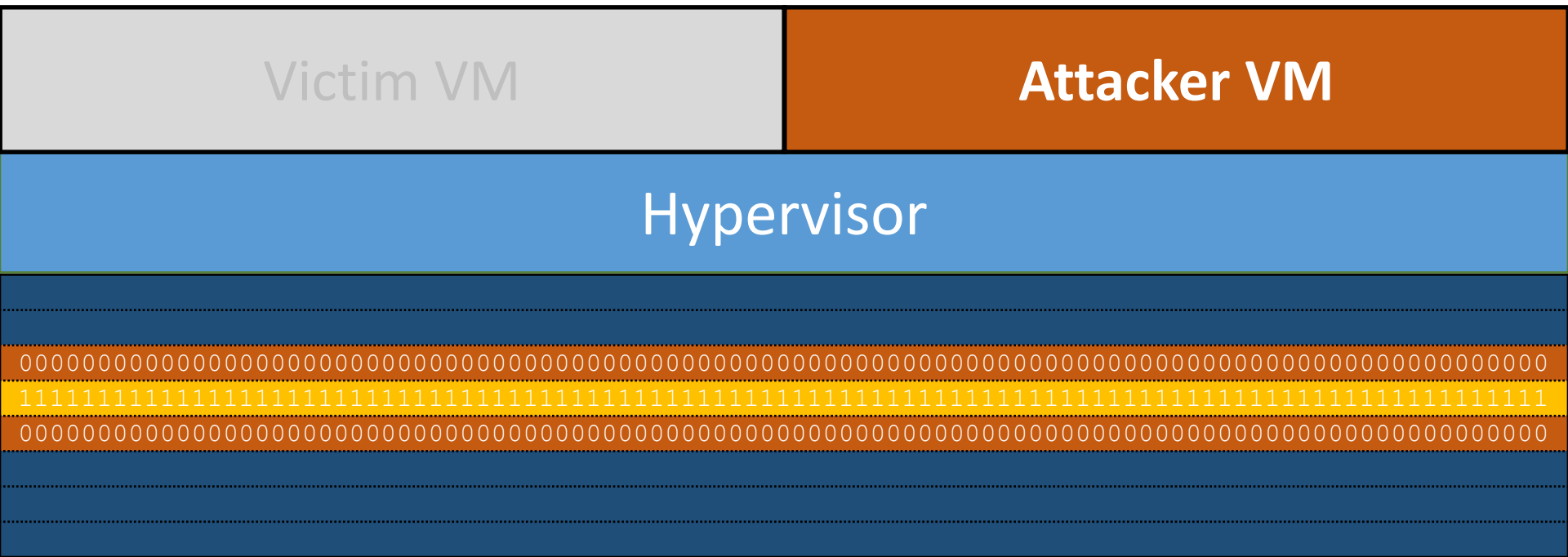
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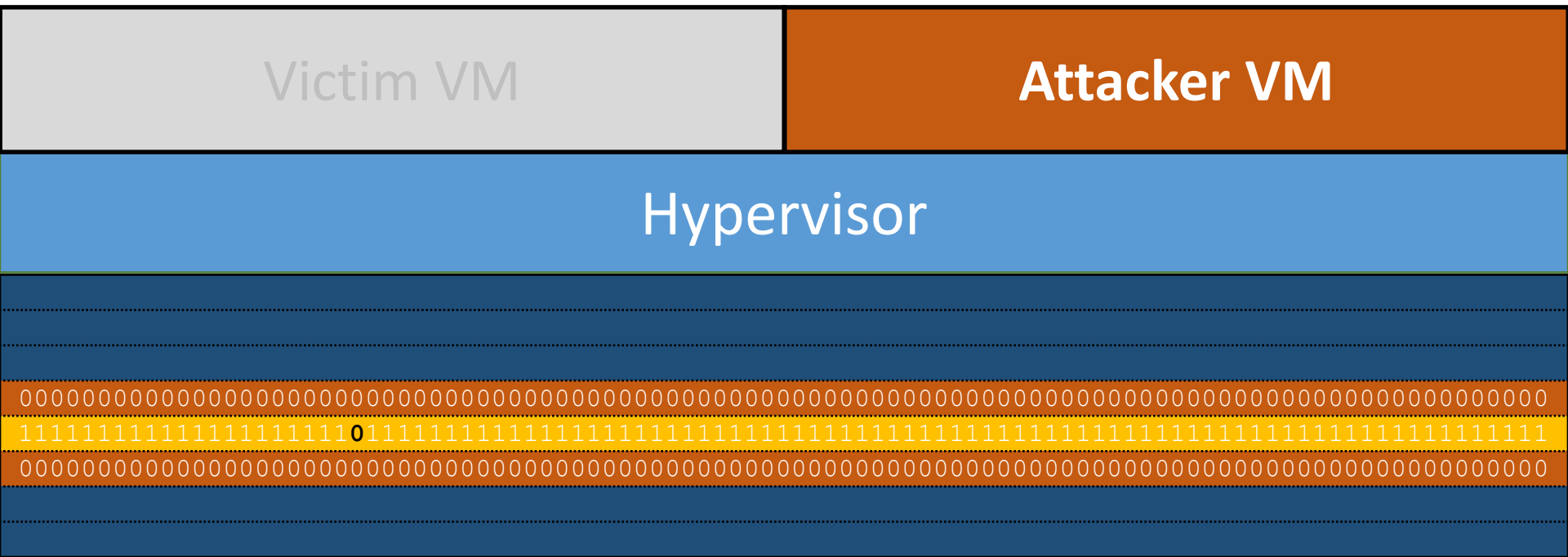
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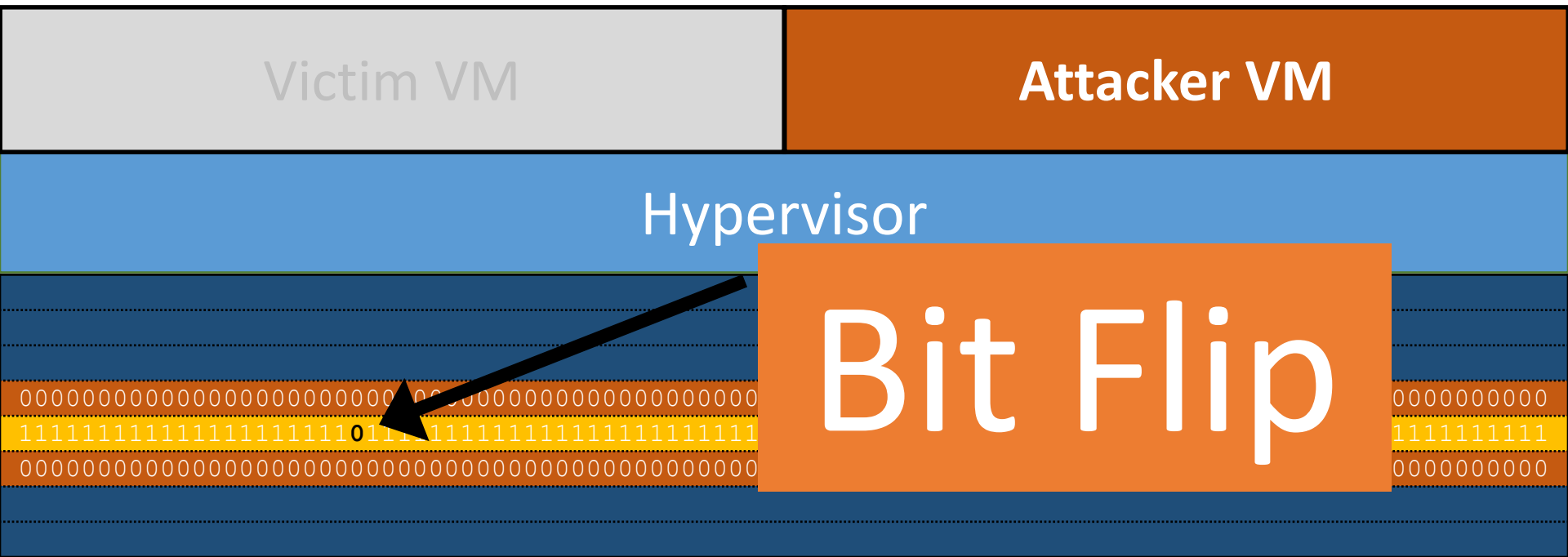
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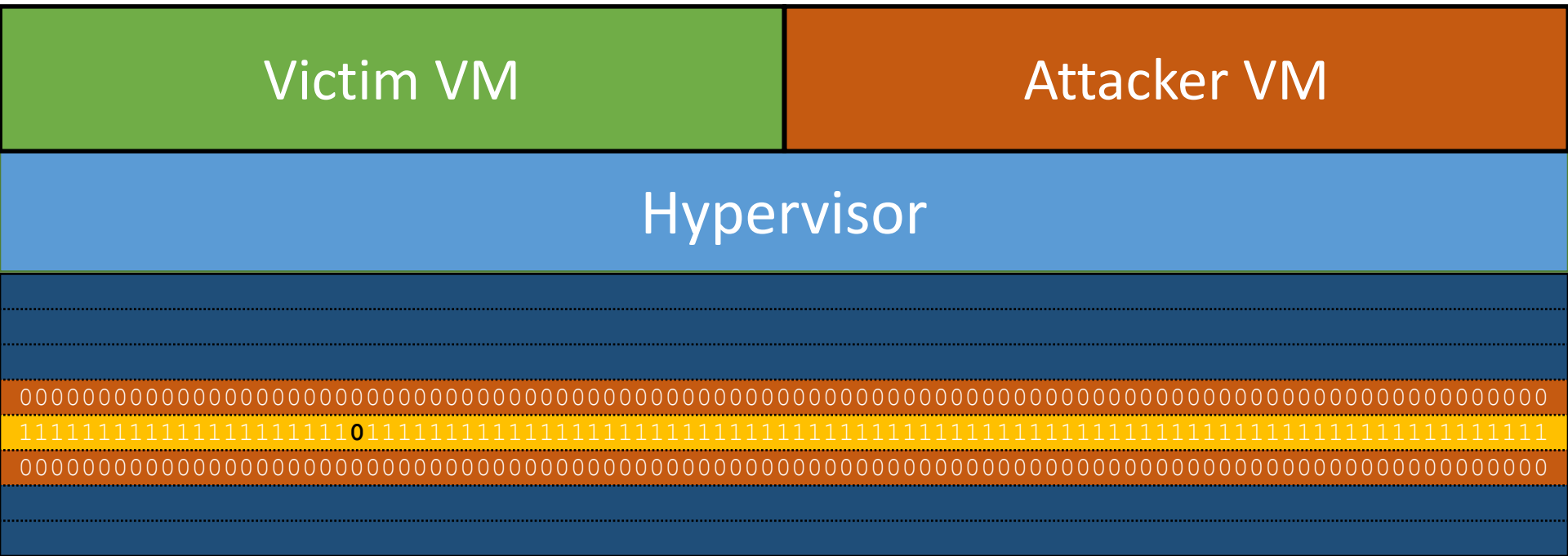


Land sensitive data

Given a bit flip in the Attacker VM

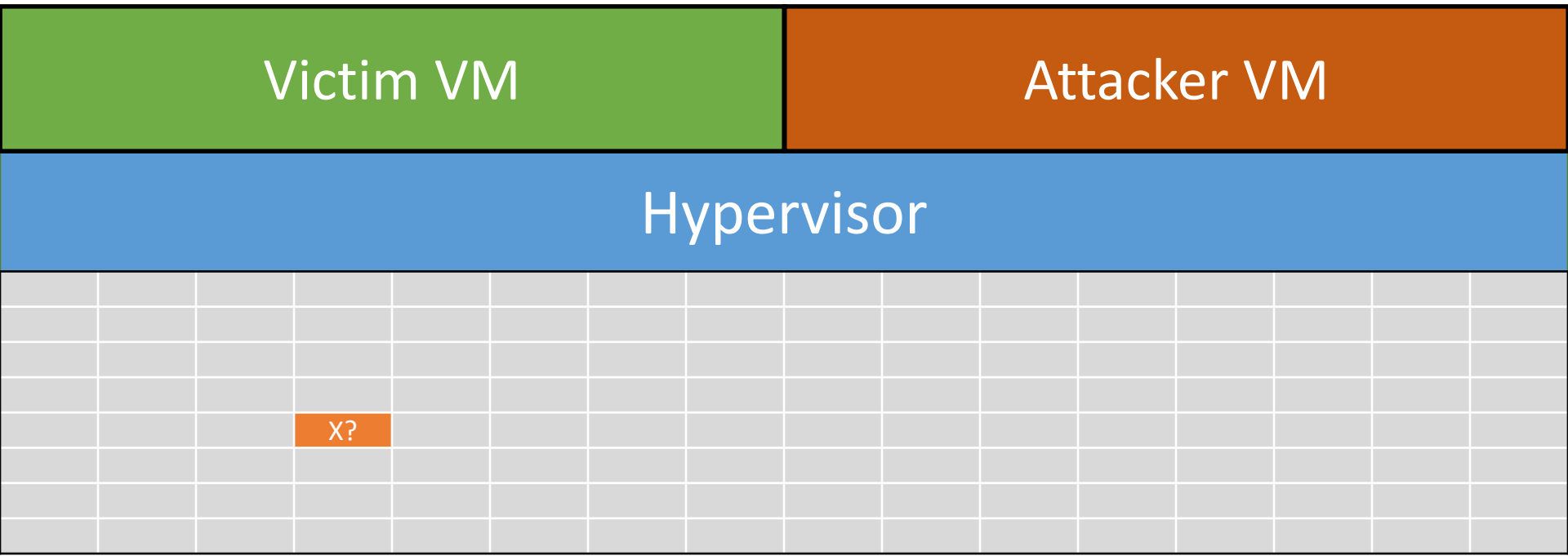
How do we force the Victim VM to store sensitive data here?

Memory Deduplication



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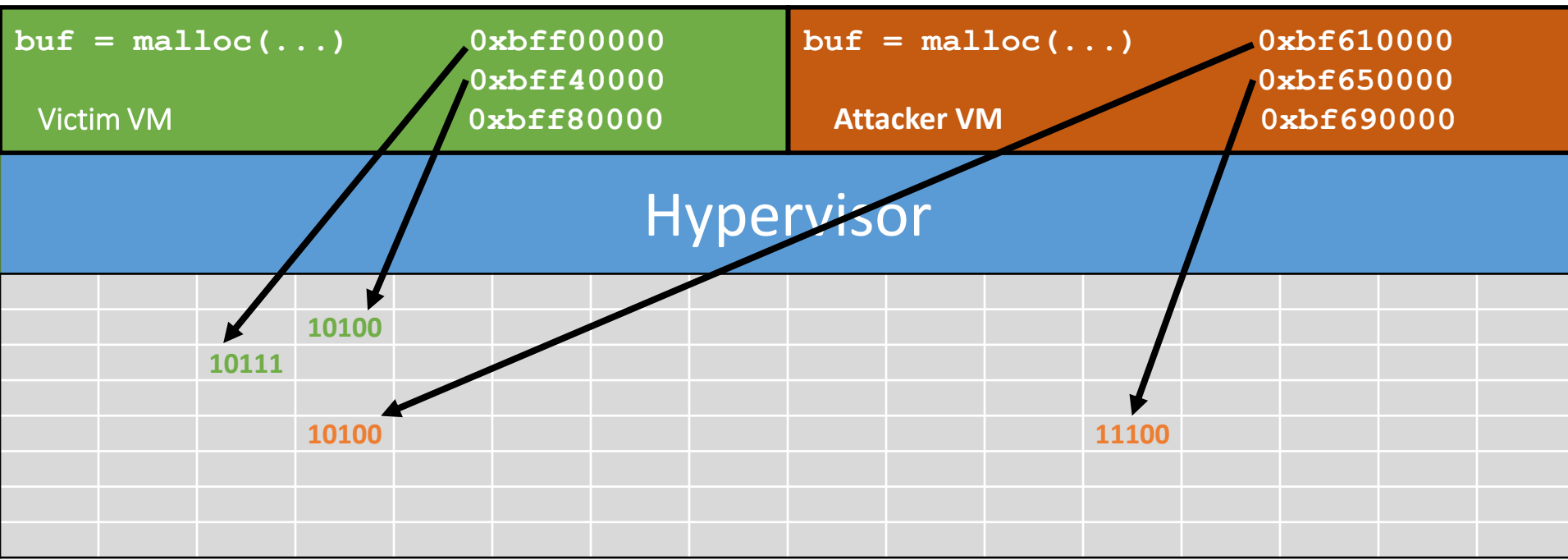
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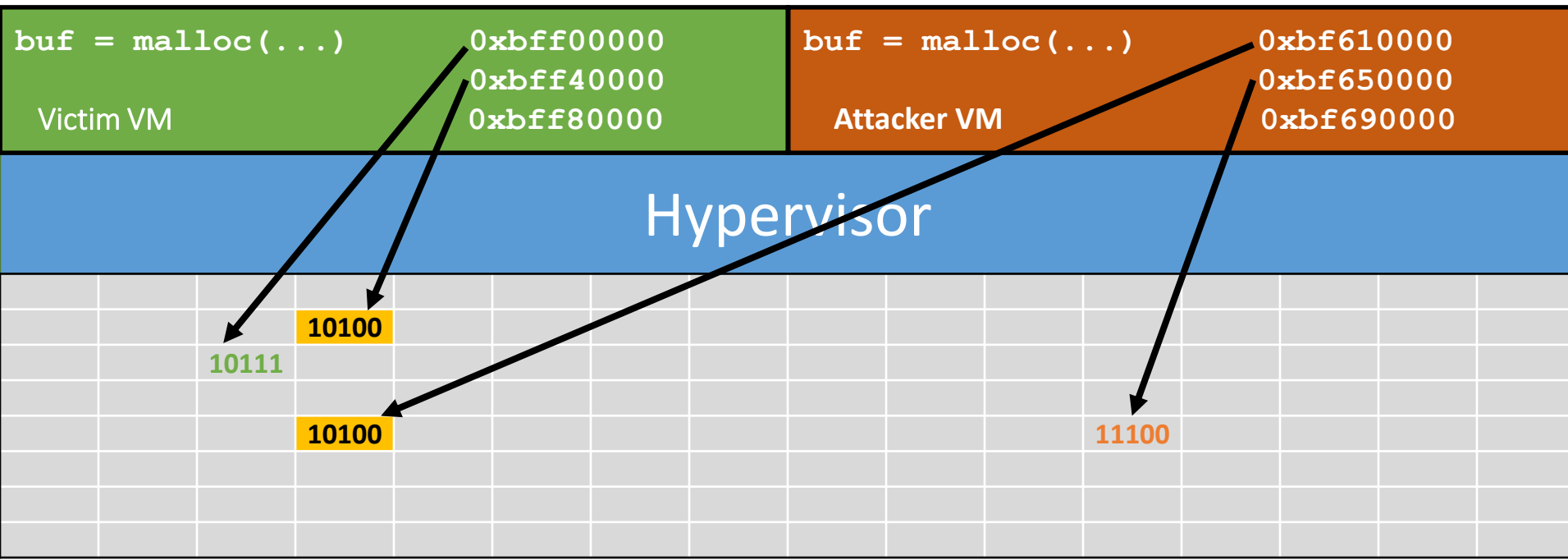
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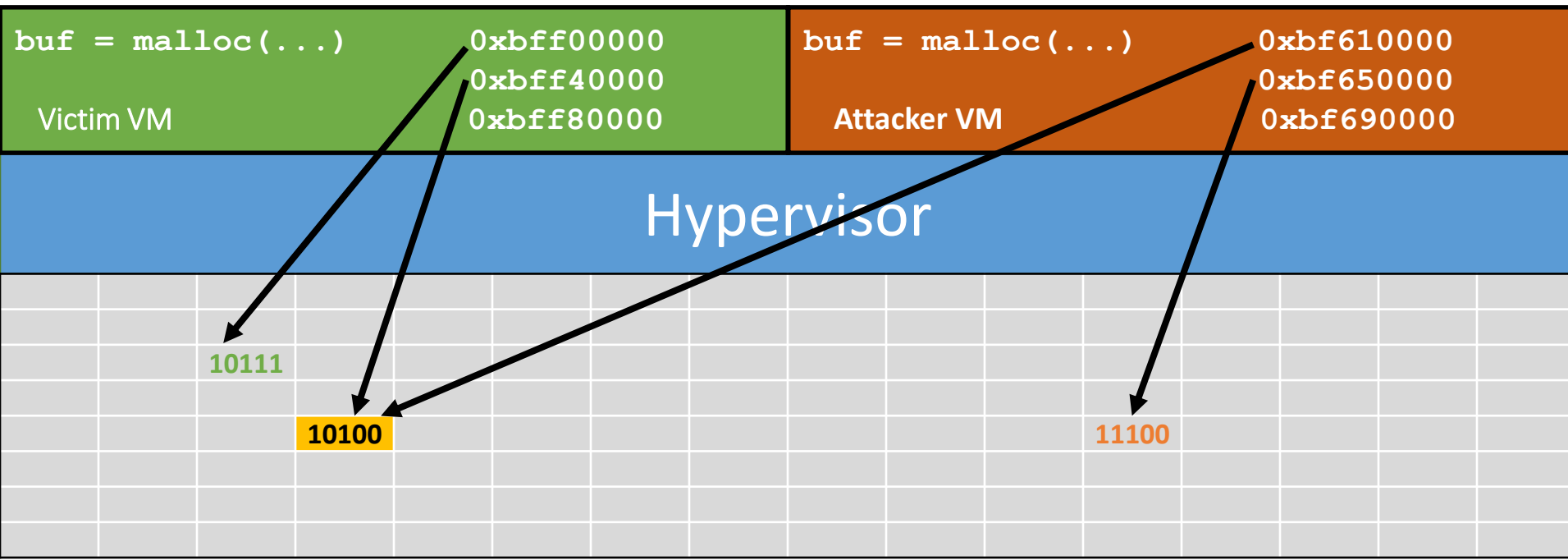


Land sensitive data

Memory deduplication

- Operating System / Hypervisor searches for *duplicate* pages
- Frees the duplicated bytes from **physical memory**
- Updates the **virtual address mapping**

But **what** should we flip?



Land sensitive data

What should we land?

Cryptographic keys

+ Domain names

Reproduce the bit flip

Cryptographic keys

Public RSA key from `.ssh/authorized_keys`

Victim VM

Attacker VM

Hypervisor

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Victim VM

$P = \dots$
 $Q = \dots$

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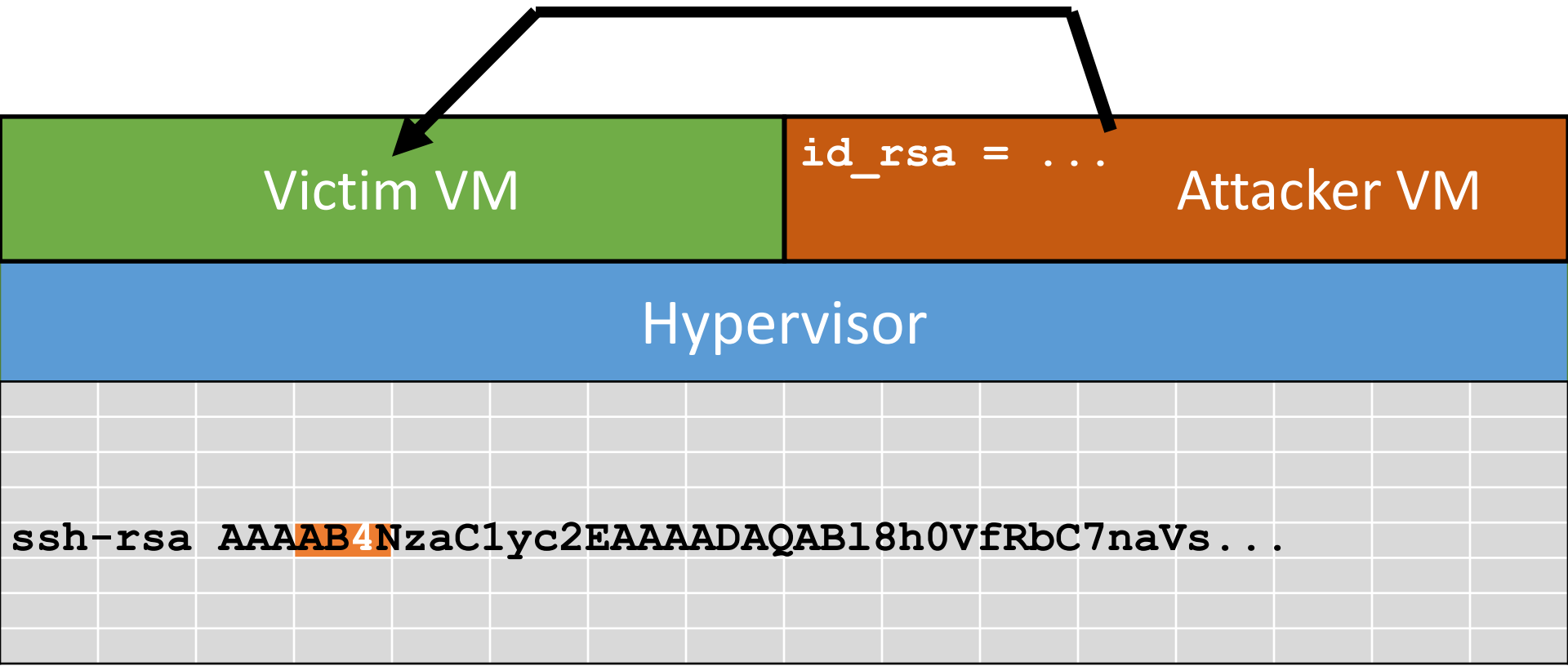
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- Attacker computes the new private key and gets SSH access



Reproduce the bit flip

Cryptographic keys + domain names

Domain name used for **apt-get upgrade**

Victim VM

Attacker VM

Hypervisor

`security.ubuntu.com/ubuntu`

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- Wait for victim to apt-get upgrade

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Disclosure

Contacted NCSC on June 9, 2016

- Good job on contacting vendors and affected parties!
- GPG Patch so that self-signed keys are no longer valid

Bought some domains for ubuntu/debian

- *ubunvu.com*
- *ubuftu.com*
- *ubunte.com*
- *ubuntt.com*
- *ubuntw.com*
- *ubun4u.com*
- *ubunuuu.com*
- *dabian.org*
- *ddbrian.org*
- *debiaf.org*
- *debicn.org*
- *debi1.org*
- *debiqn.org*
- *debien.org*

And more...

Victor van der Veen, Yanick Fratantonio, Martina Lindorfer, Daniel Gruss, Clementine Maurice, Giovanni Vigna, Herbert Bos, Kaveh Razavi, and Cristiano Giuffrida

DRAMMER

ACM CCS
October 2016

Drammer

- Can we use Rowhammer to root Android phones?
- Targeting ARM instead of x86
- Android devices do not have memory deduplication
- Exploit behavior of underlying memory allocator

Memory Templating

Challenges (recap for x86)

1. Bypass the CPU cache (hard requirement)
 - Cache eviction
 - Explicit cache flush (clflush instruction)
2. Select the aggressor rows (soft requirement)
 - `/proc/self/pagemap`
 - Huge pages

Does this work on ARM?

Memory Templating

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1. Bypass the CPU cache (hard requirement)

- Cache eviction **Too slow**
- Explicit cache flush (cflush instr) **Privileged**

2. Select the aggressor rows (soft~~hard~~ requirement)

- `/proc/self/pagemap` **Privileged**
- Huge pages **Not Available**

Does this work on ARM?

Of course not

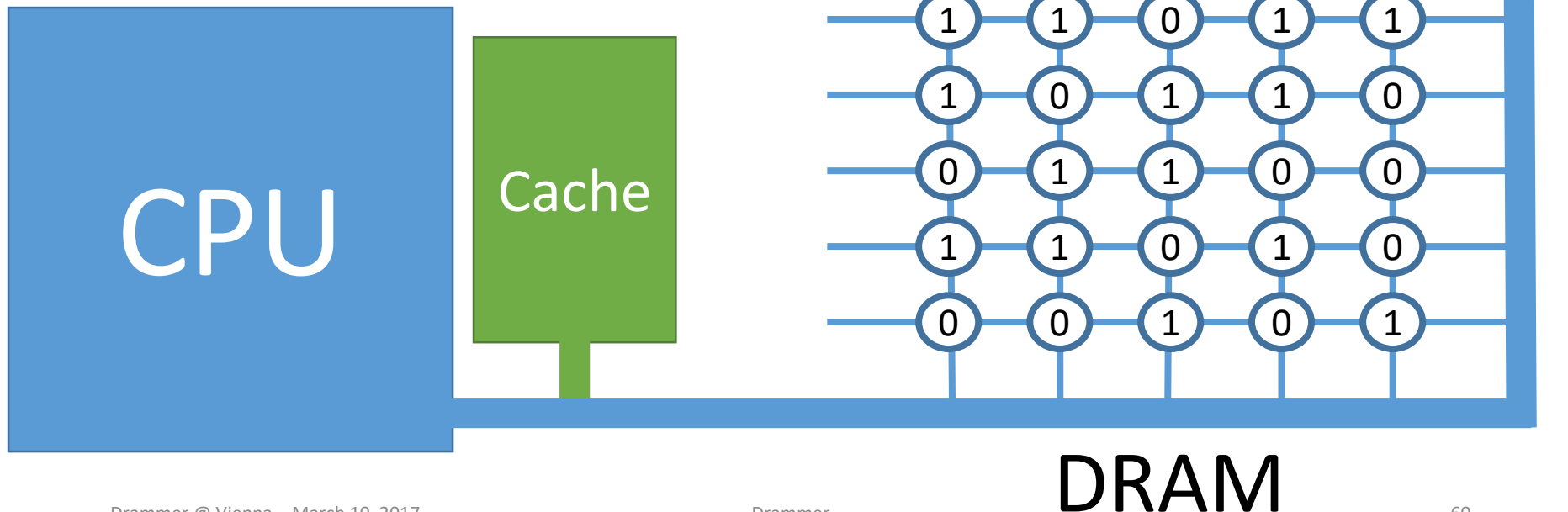
Memory templating

Bypass the CPU cache

Sometimes CPU caches are detrimental

Offload specific tasks to dedicated hardware

- Devices for graphics / audio / ...
- CPU gets to do other tasks in parallel
- **DMA: Direct Memory Access**



Memory templating

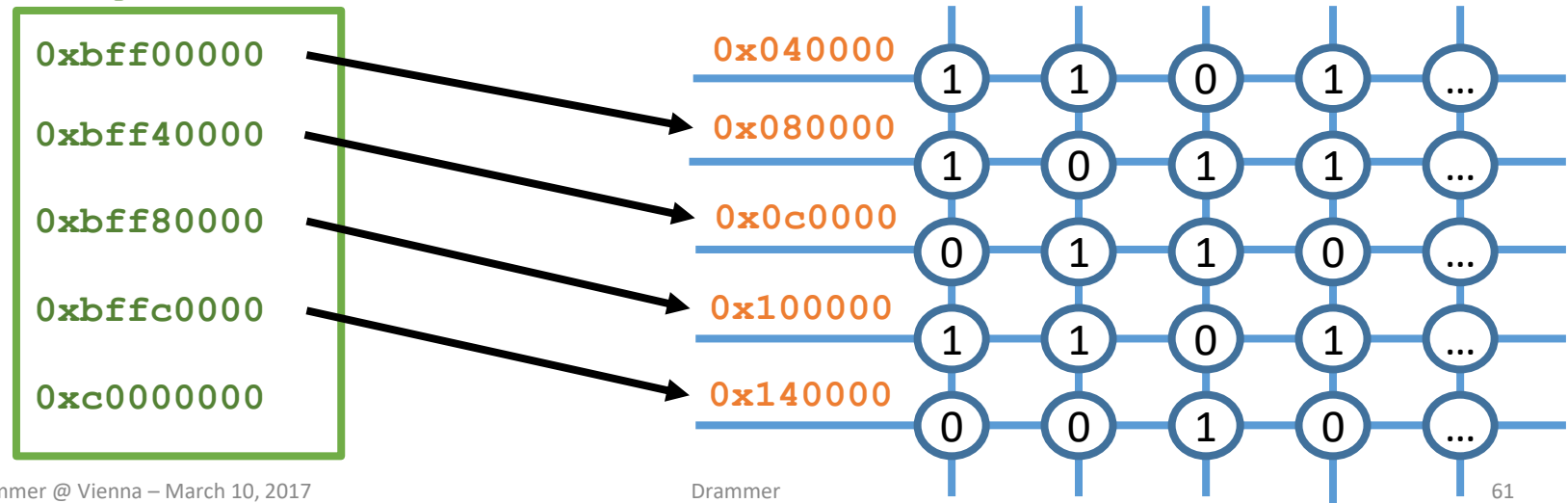
Select the aggressor rows

Dedicated hardware devices might be *stupid*

- Simple devices cannot translate virtual to physical mappings
- Shared memory must be **contiguous**

DMA can behave very much like **Huge Pages**

```
buf = gralloc(...)
```



Land sensitive data

Threat-Model

- Recent Android OS without memory deduplication (too costly)
- Unprivileged app wants to get root access

Goal: read/write access to anywhere in memory

- Find administrative kernel data structures for our process
- Overwrite our own uid to get root access

Approach

1. Land a Page Table at the vulnerable location
2. Flip a bit in a Page Table Entry!

ATTACK PRINCIPLES

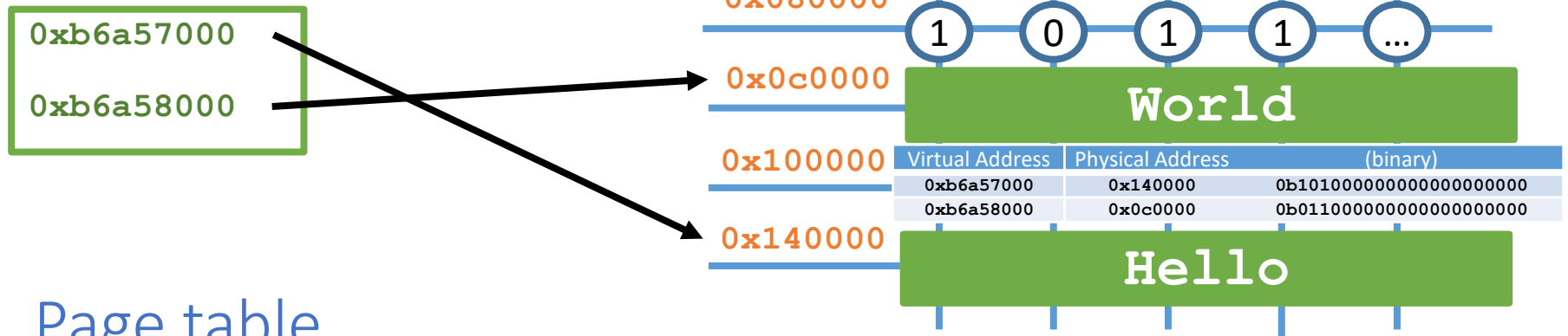
An Intuition

Land sensitive data

Page tables

Mapping virtual addresses to physical addresses

```
buf = malloc(8196);  
sprintf(buf, "Hello World");
```



Page table

Virtual Address	Physical Address	(binary)
0xb6a57000	0x140000	0b101000000000000000000000
0xb6a58000	0x0c0000	0b011000000000000000000000

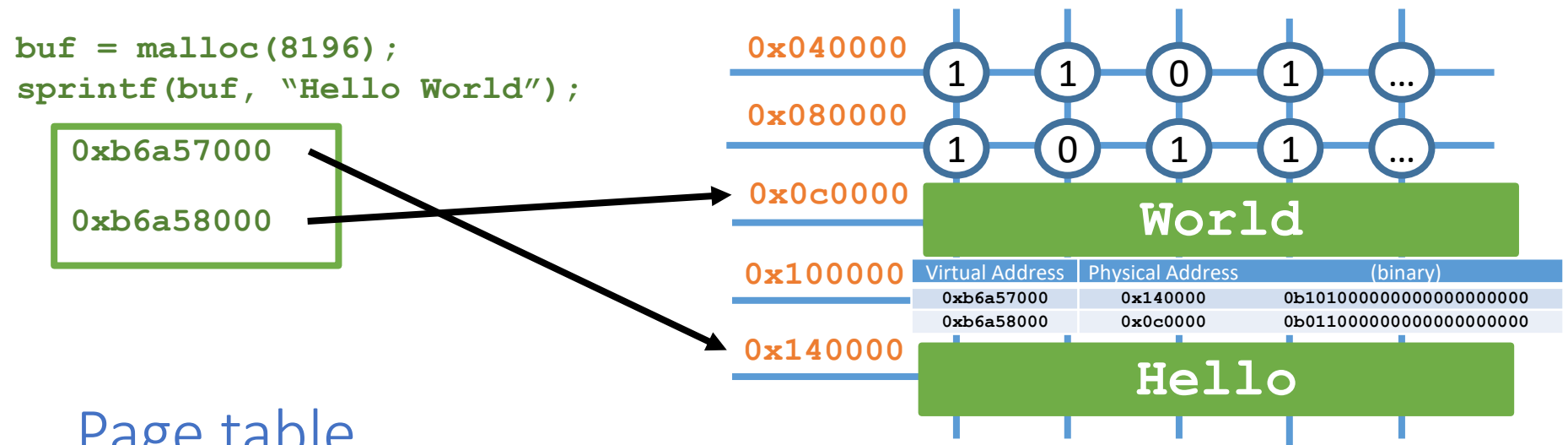
Where are page tables stored?

In memory!

Land sensitive data

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Page table

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What if we flip a bit in a page table?

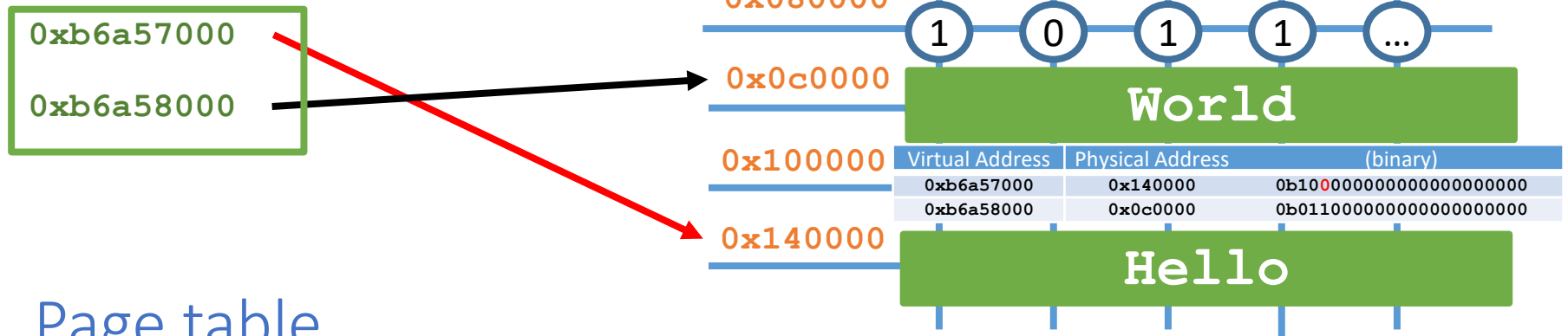
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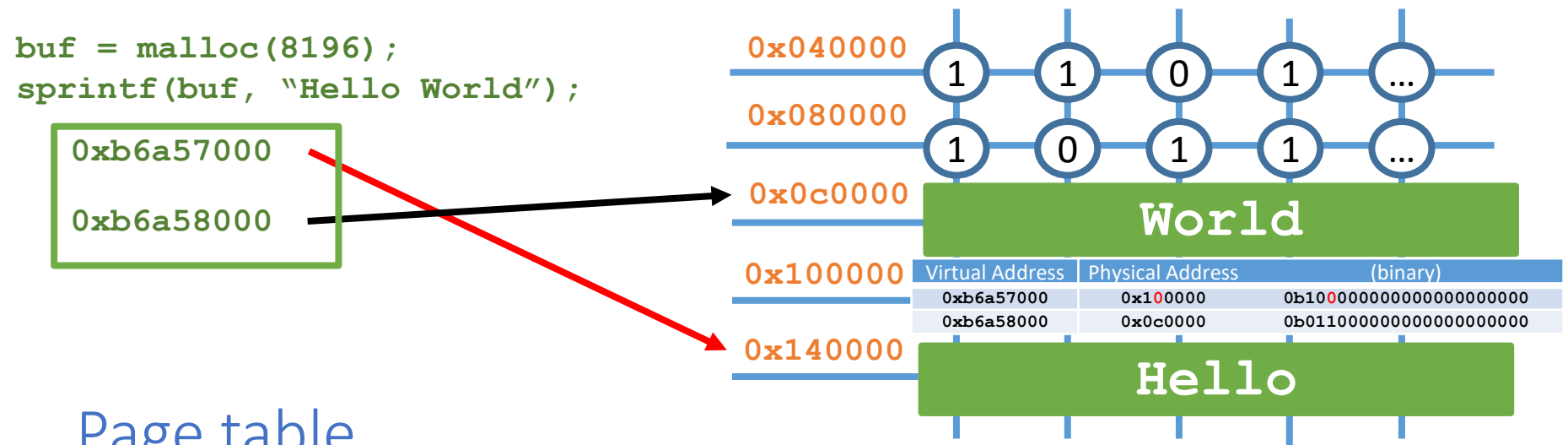
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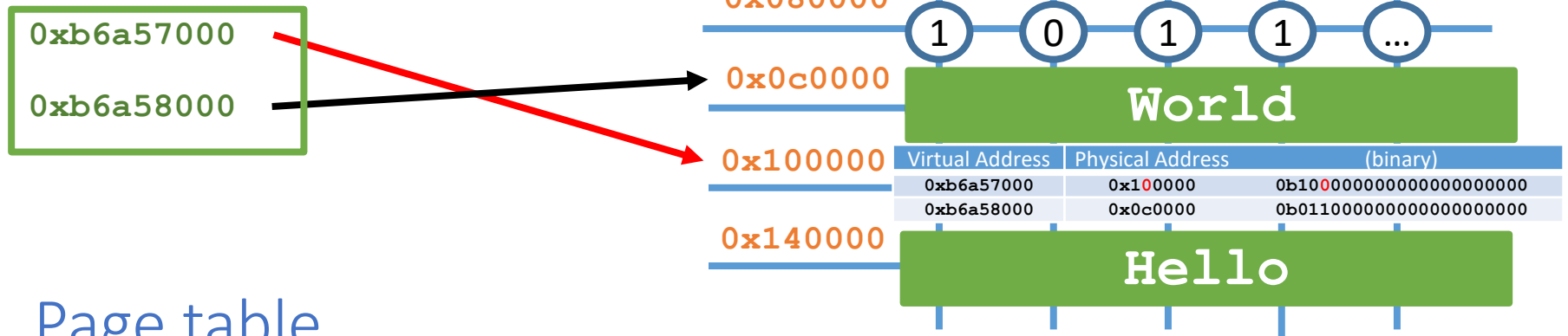
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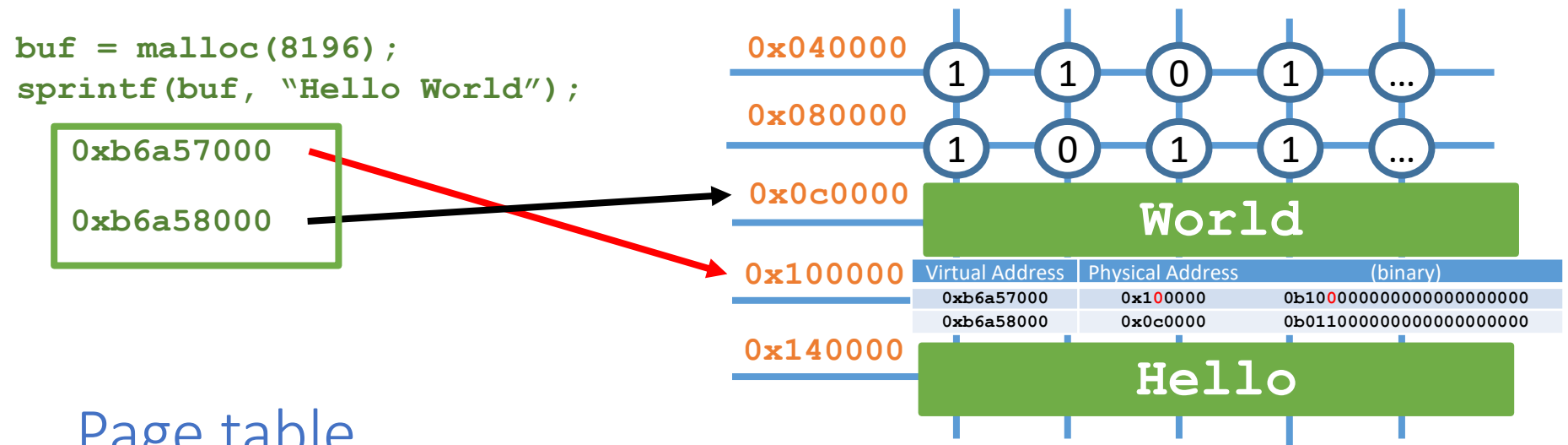
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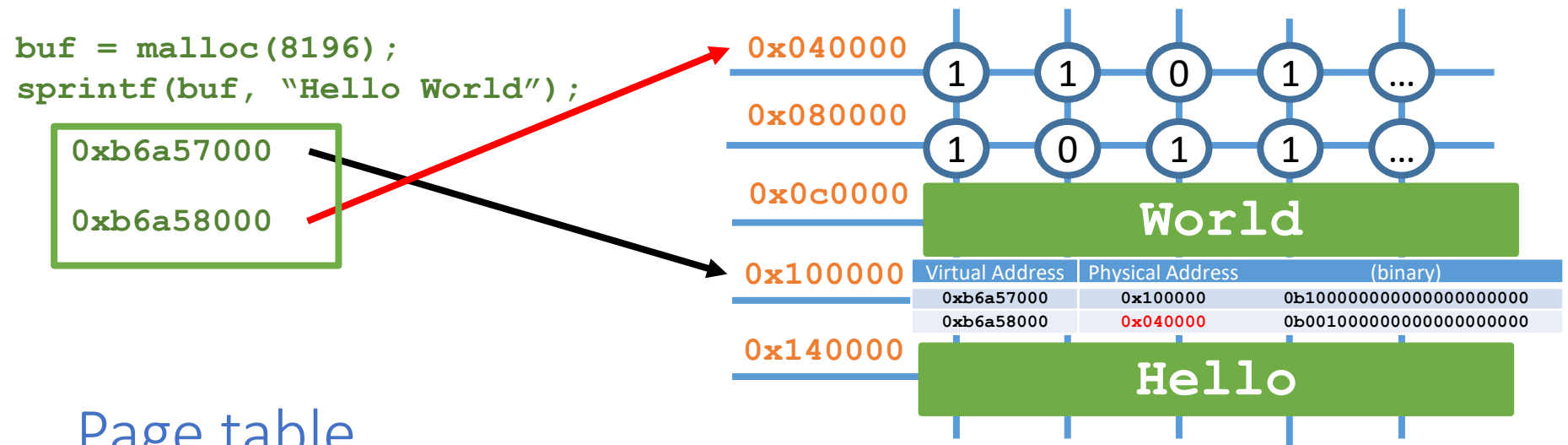
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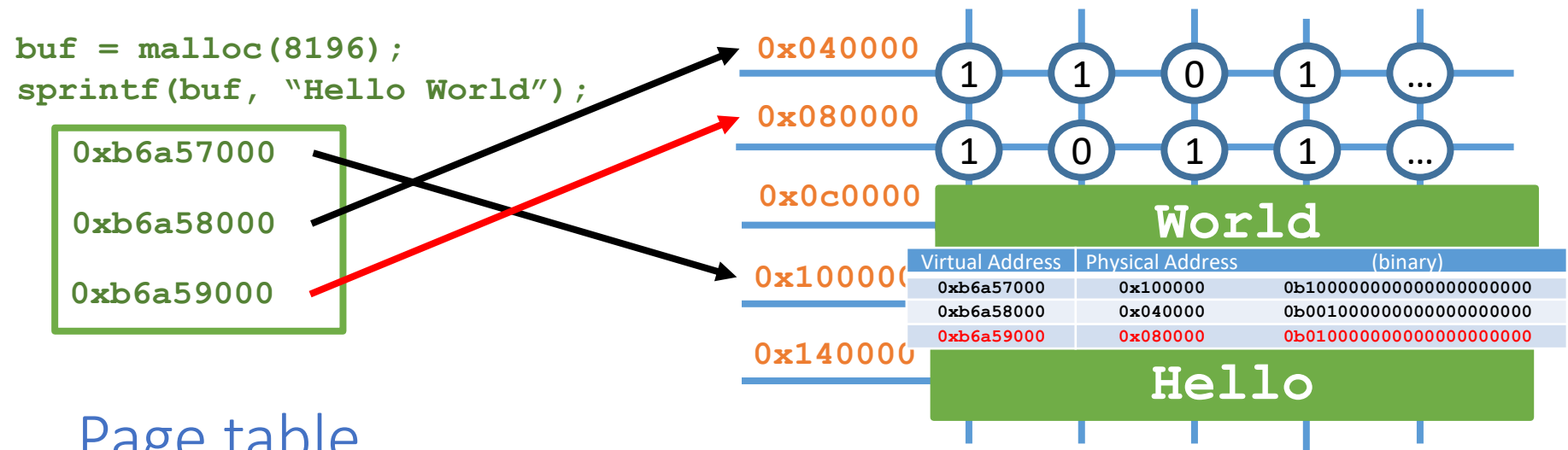
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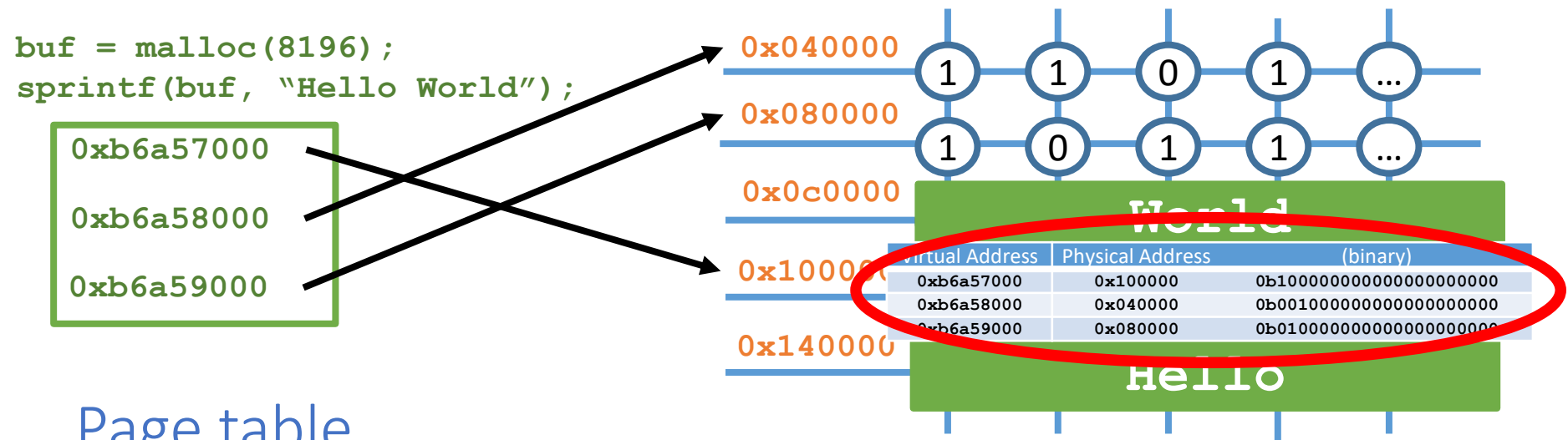
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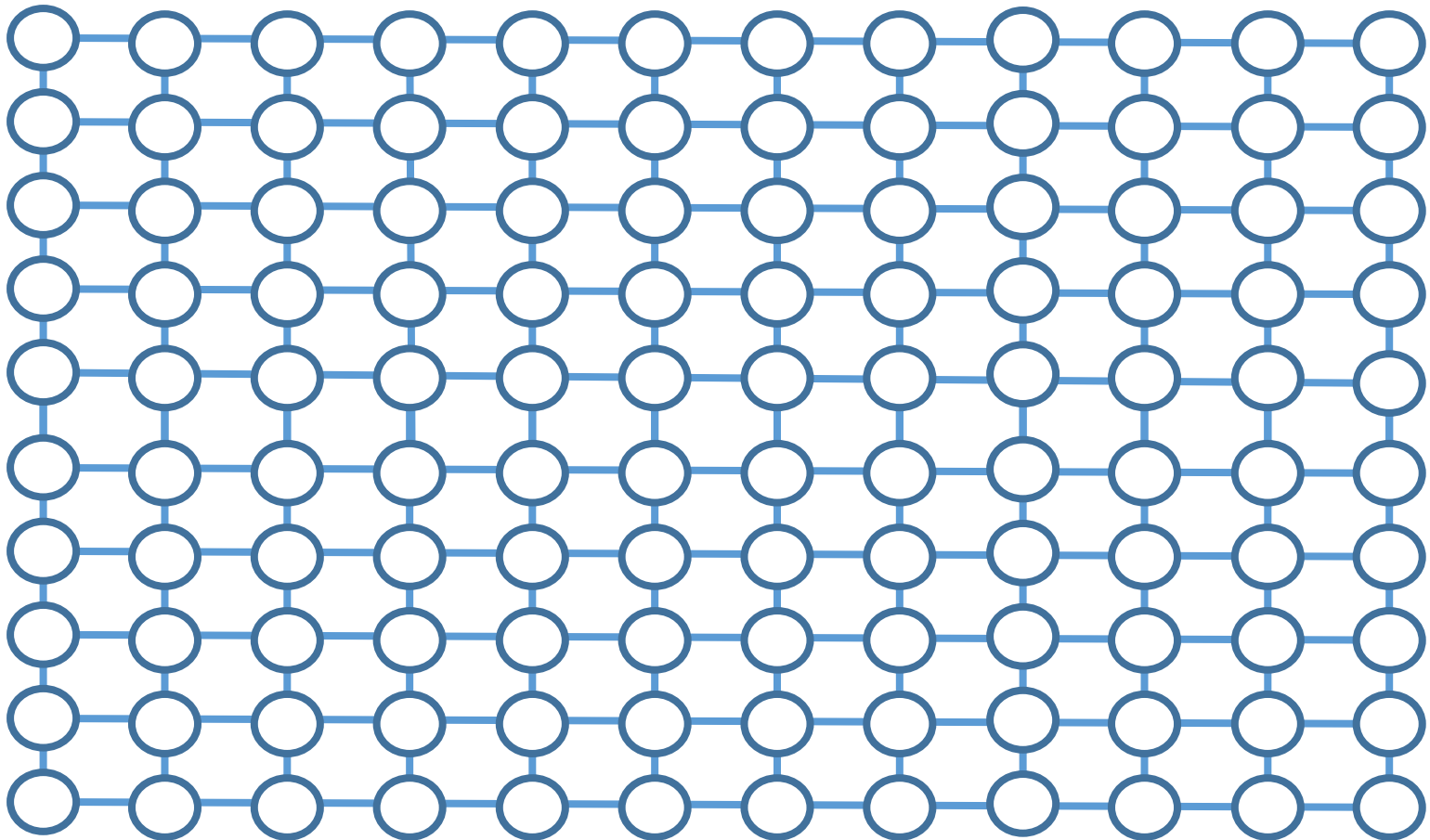
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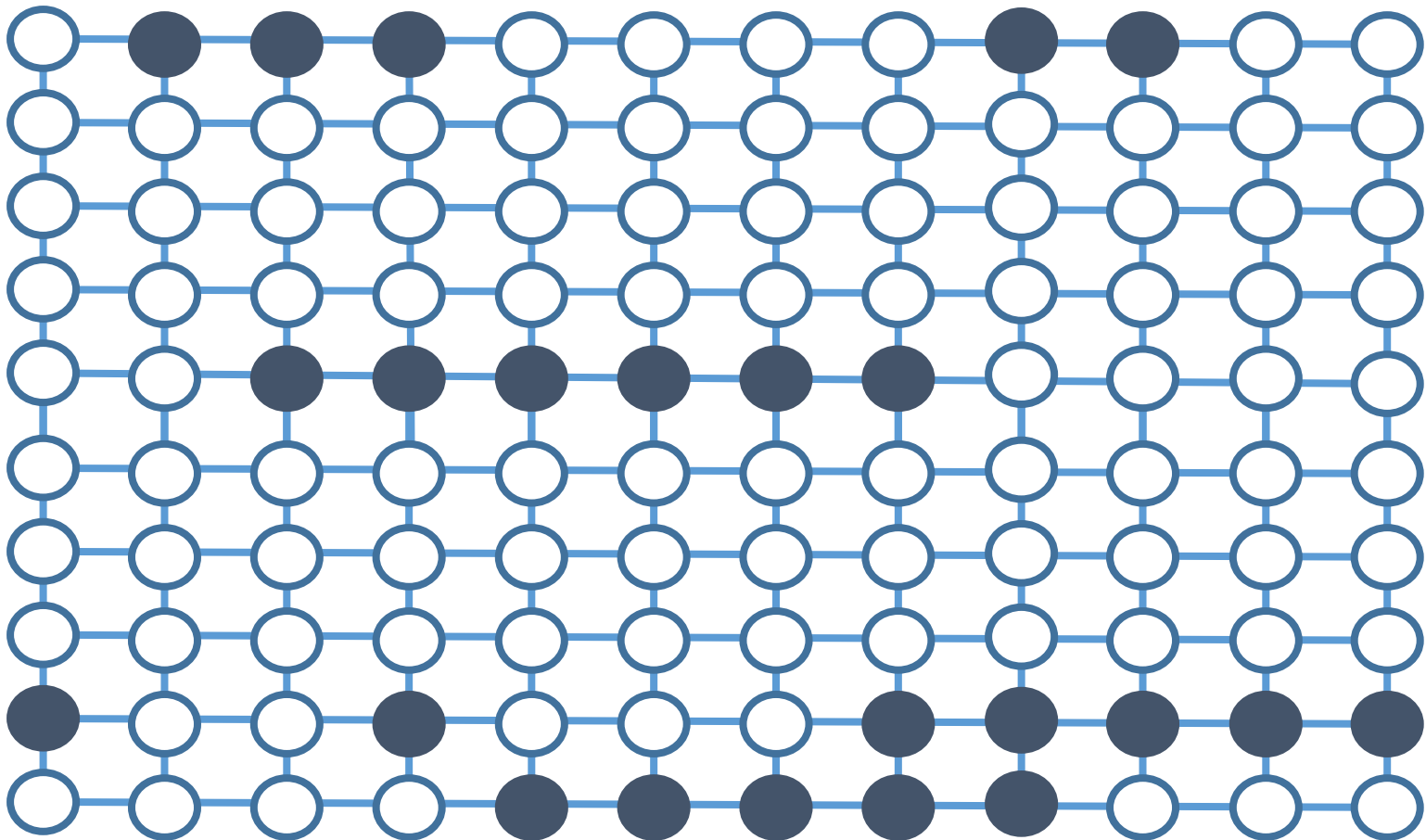
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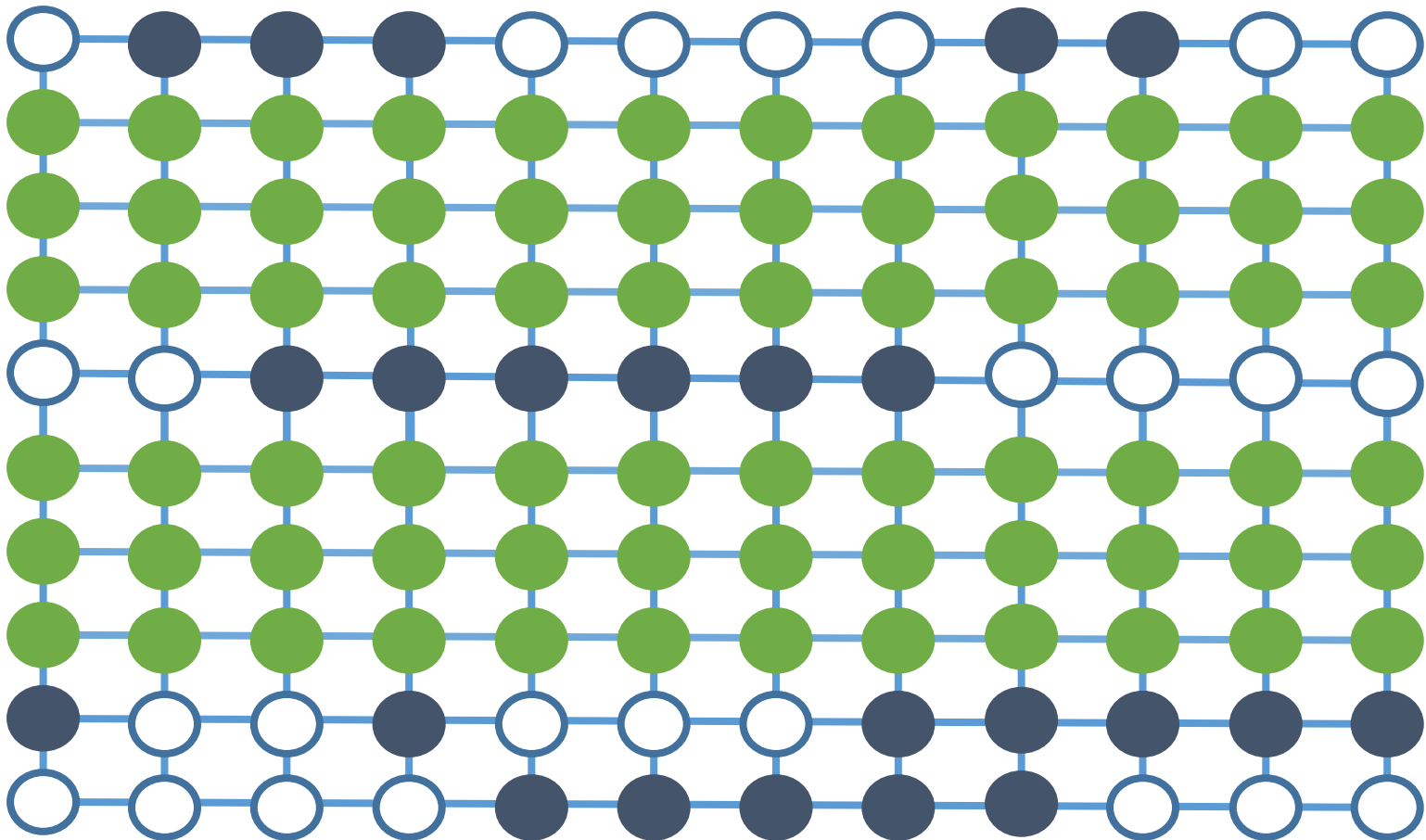
Running applications before Drammer



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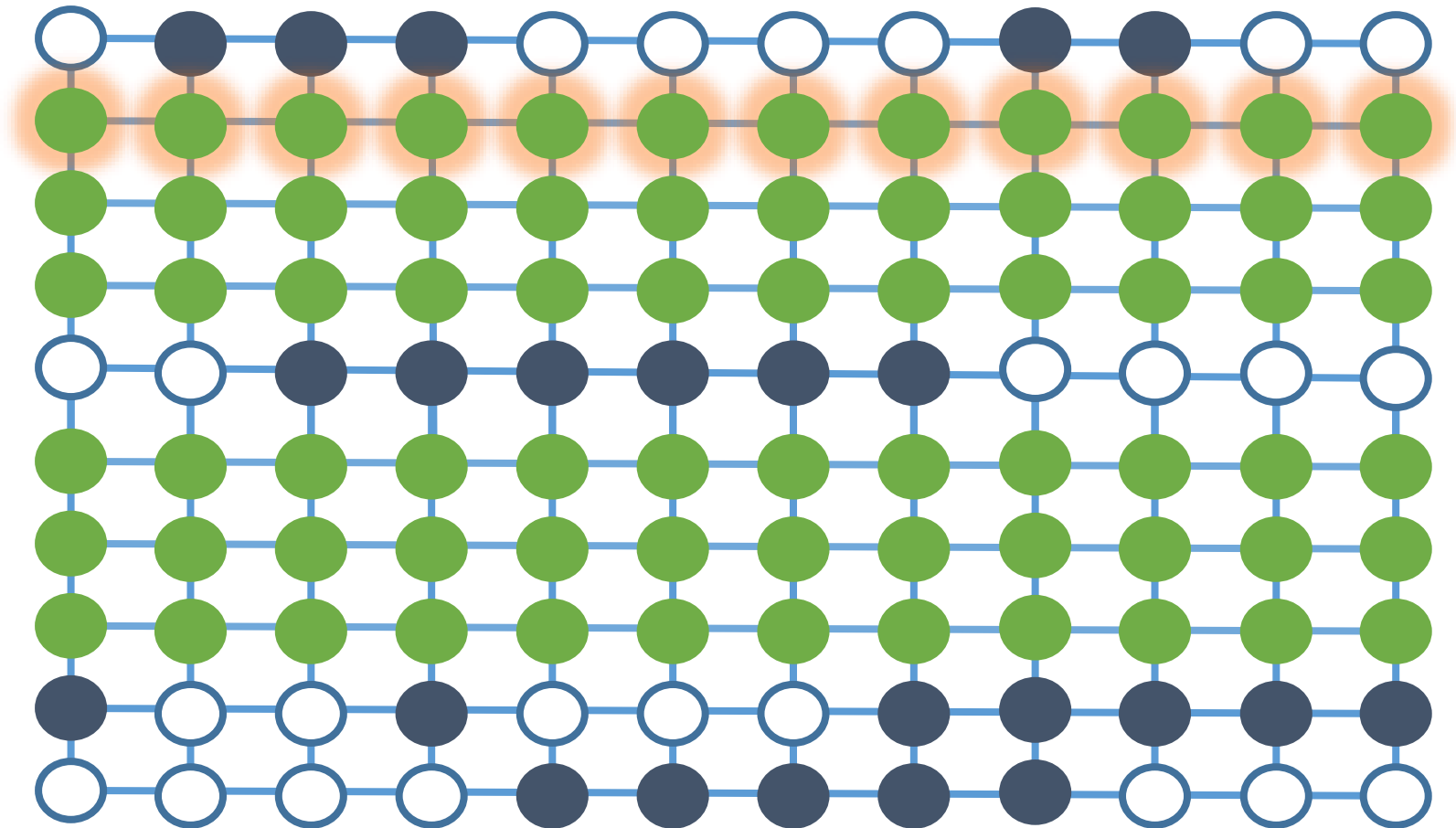
Step 1. Allocate large chunks of memory



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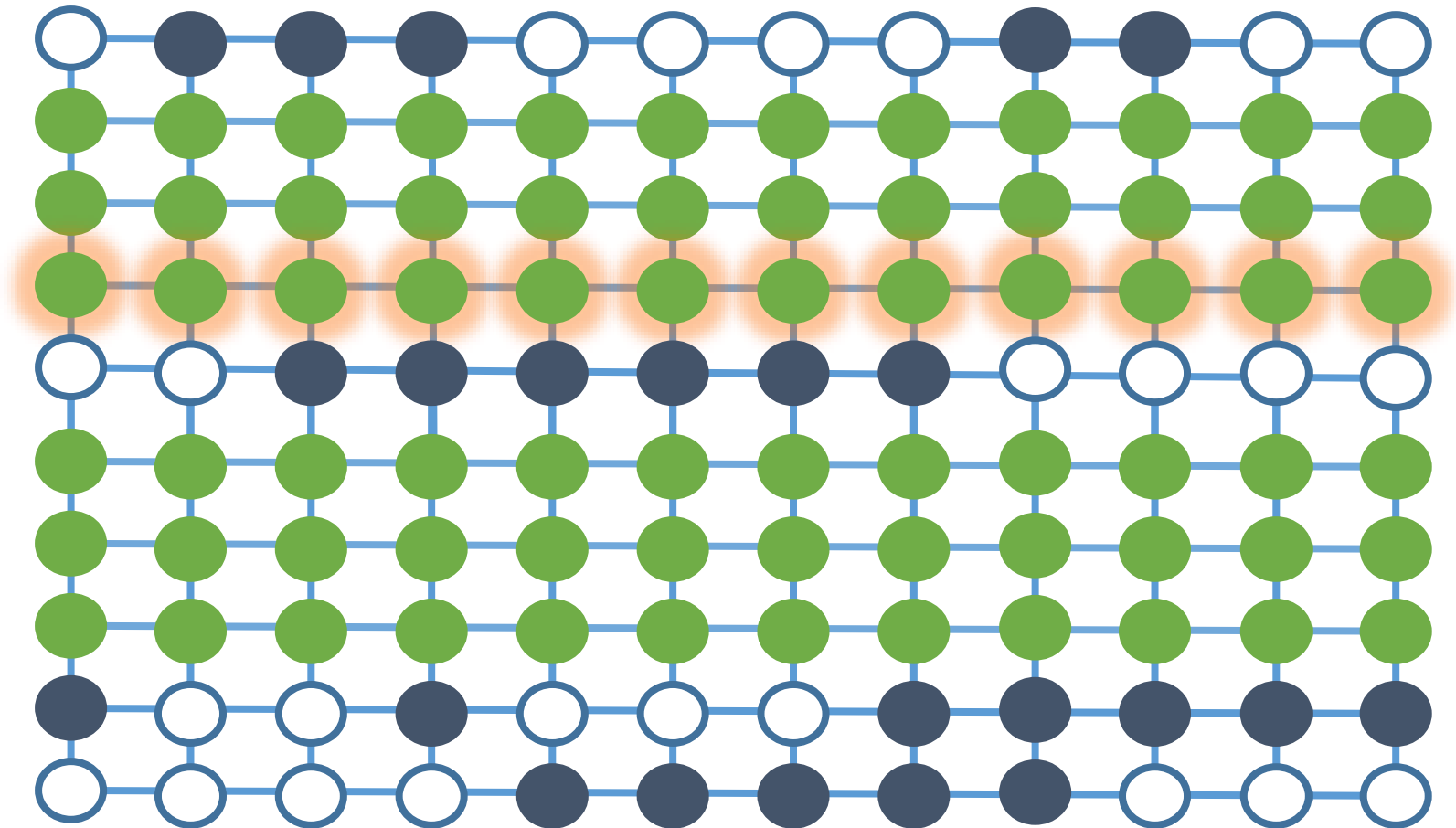
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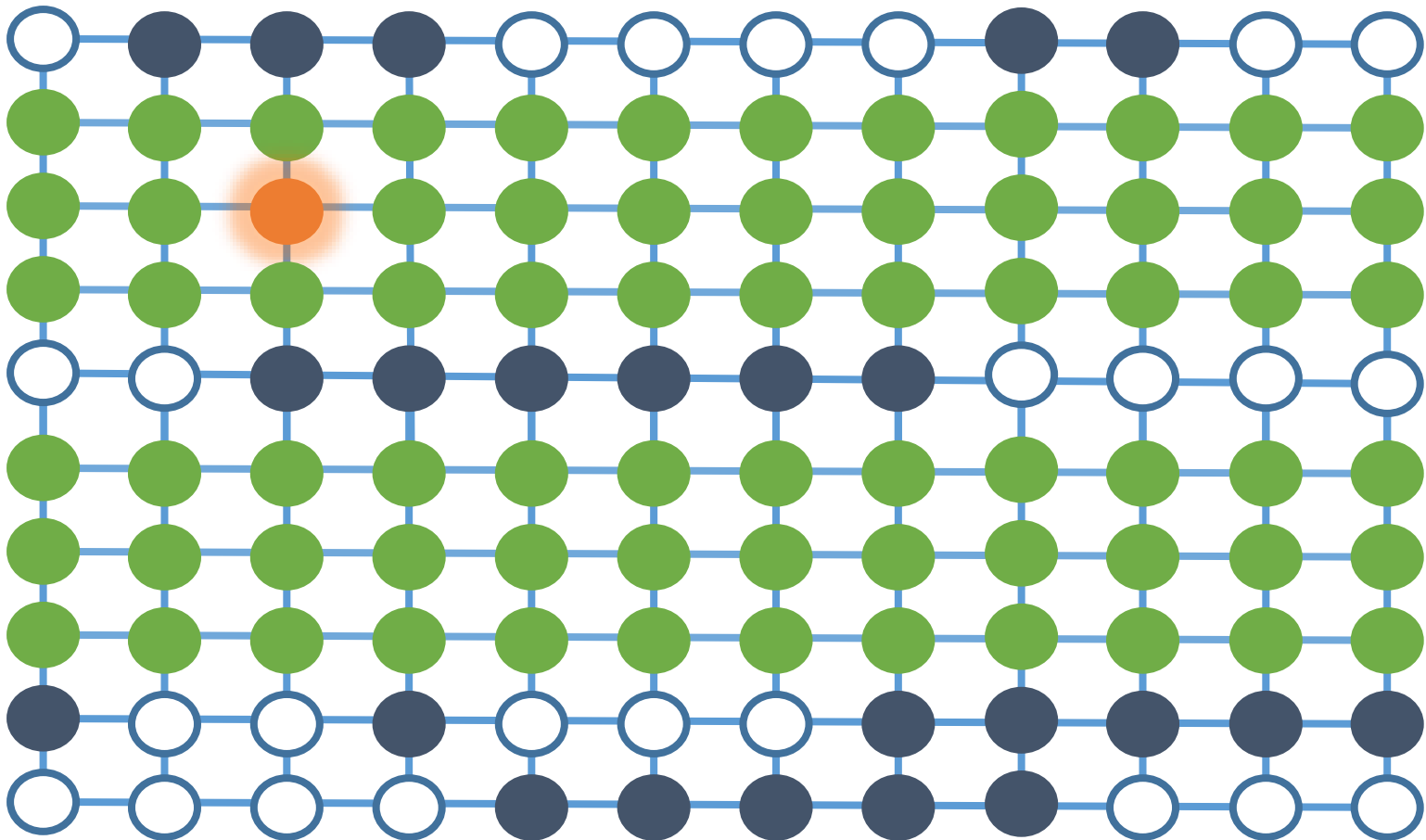
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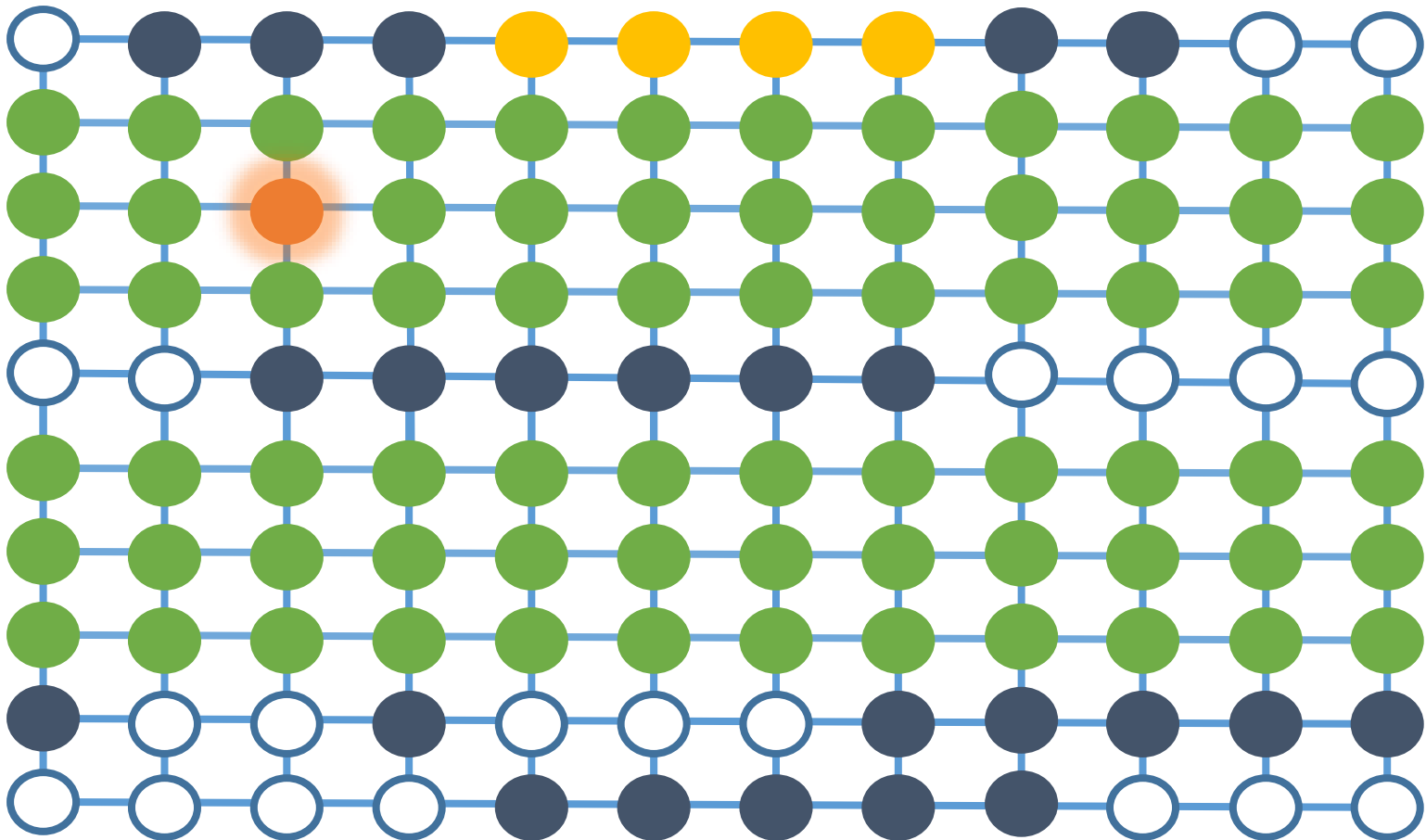
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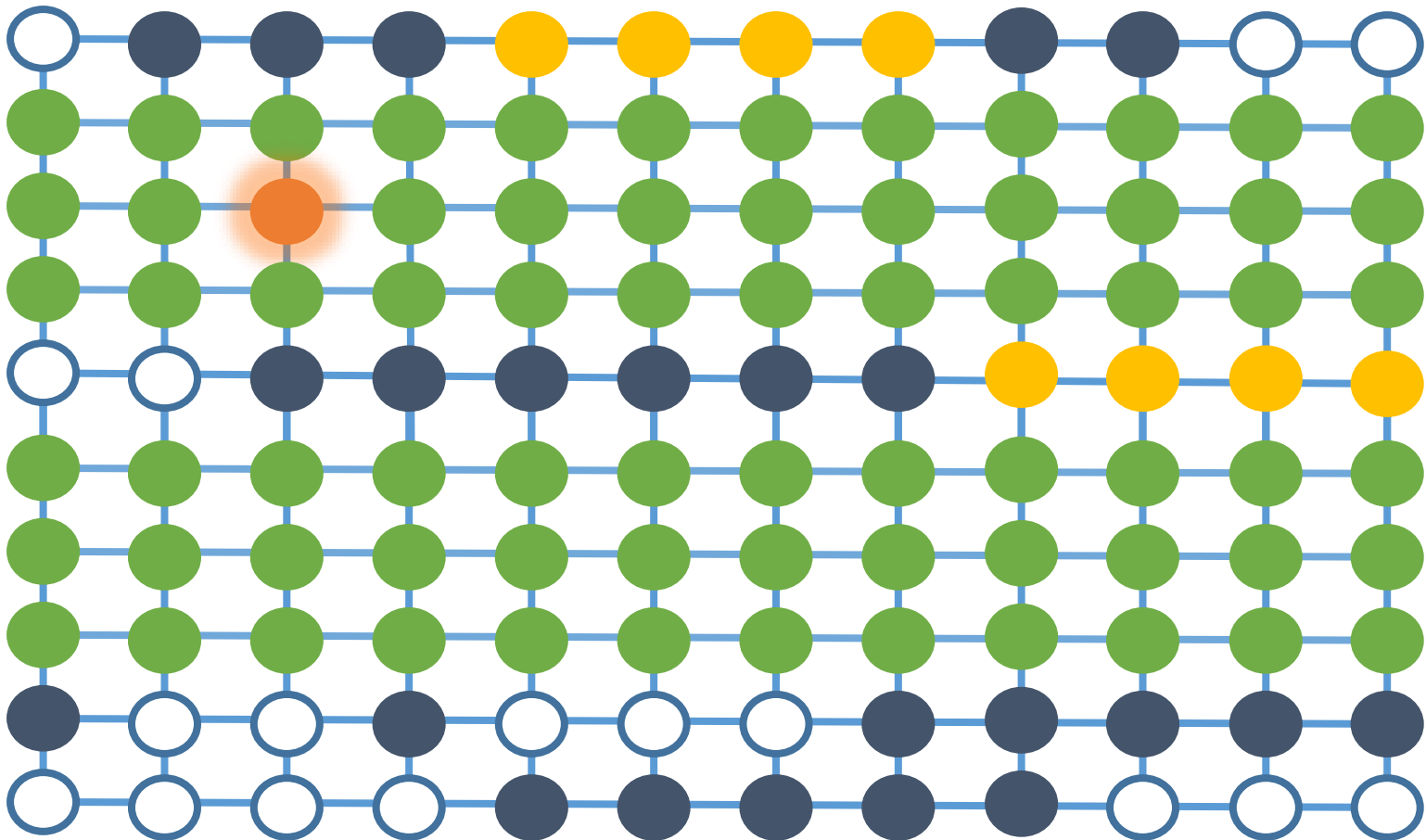
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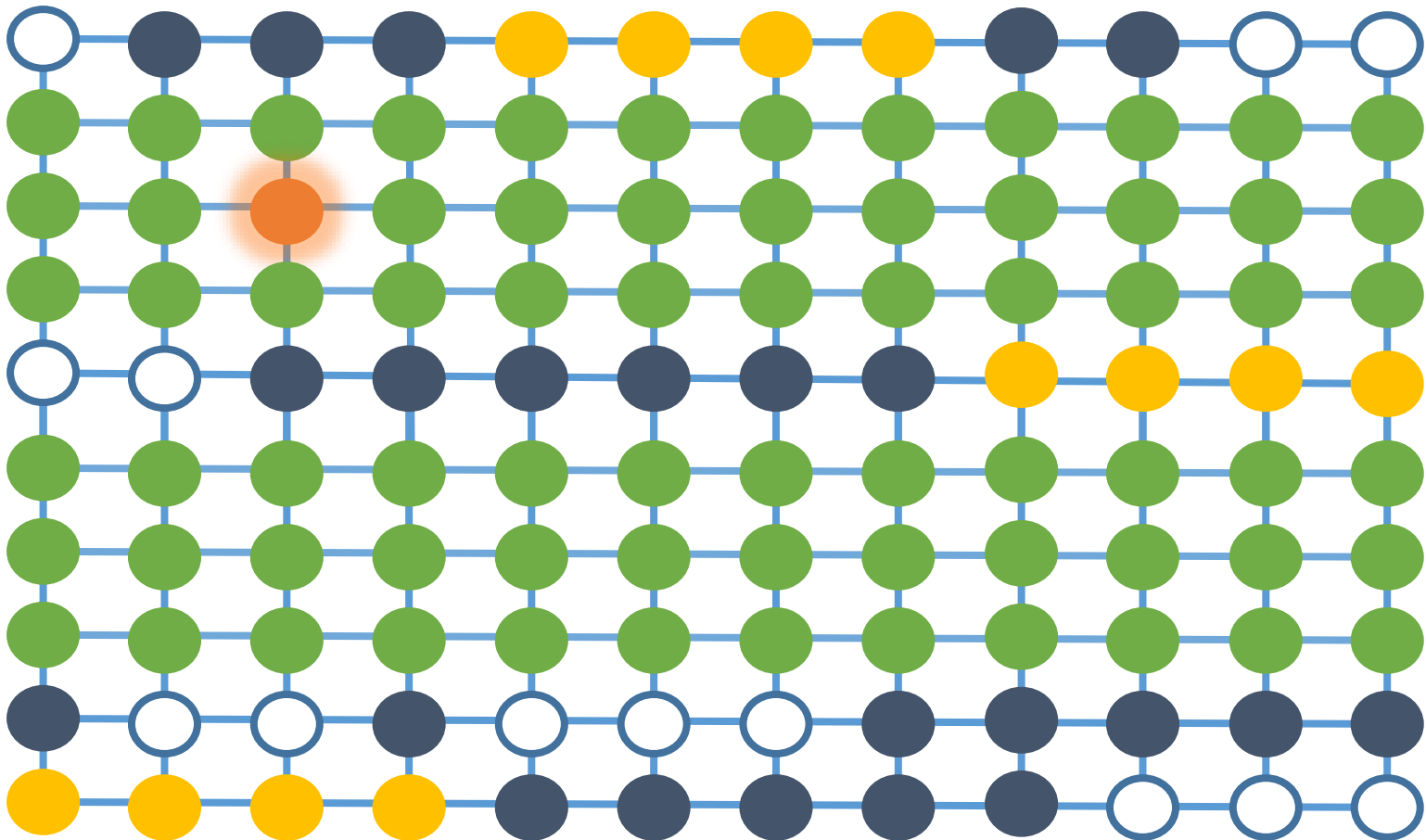
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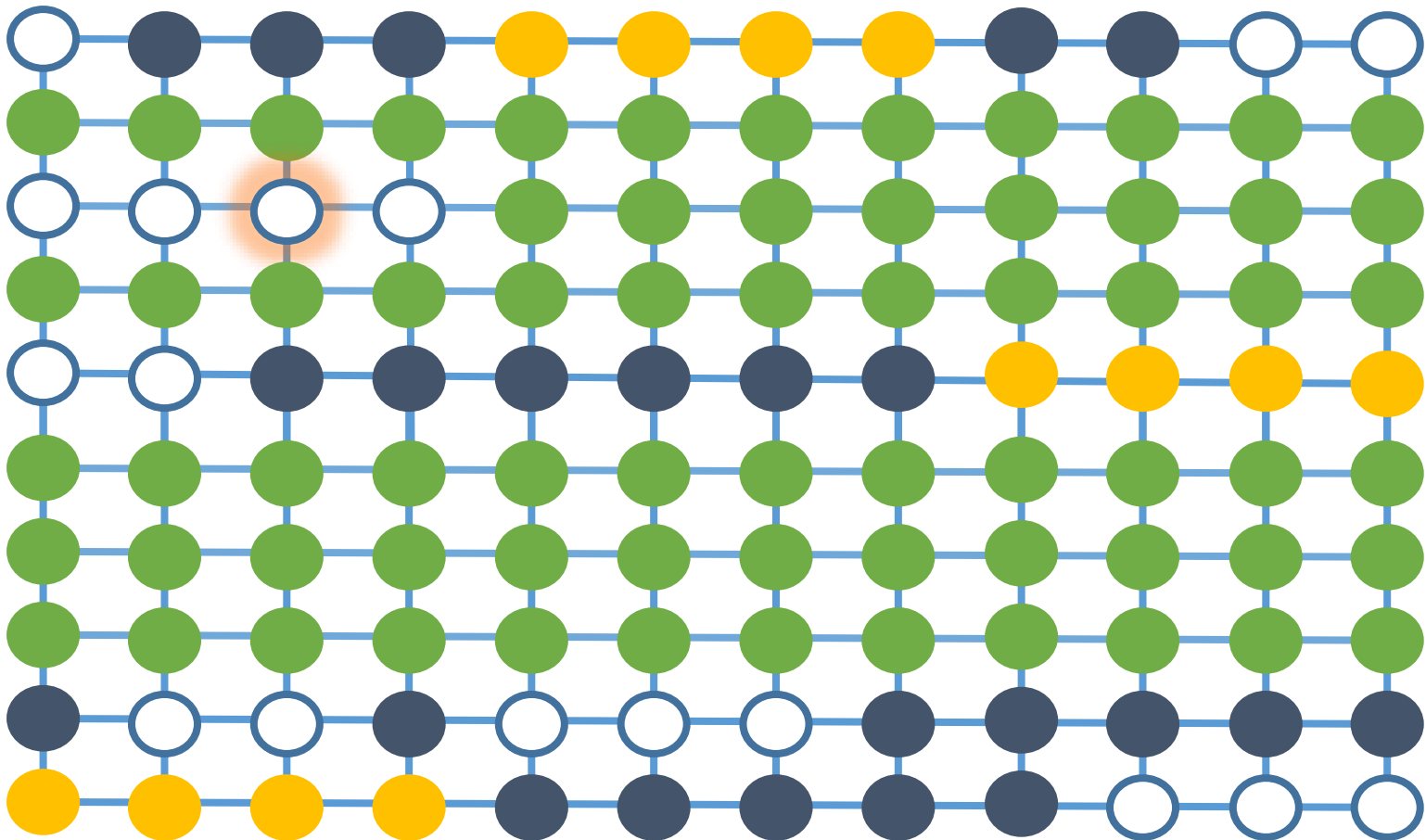
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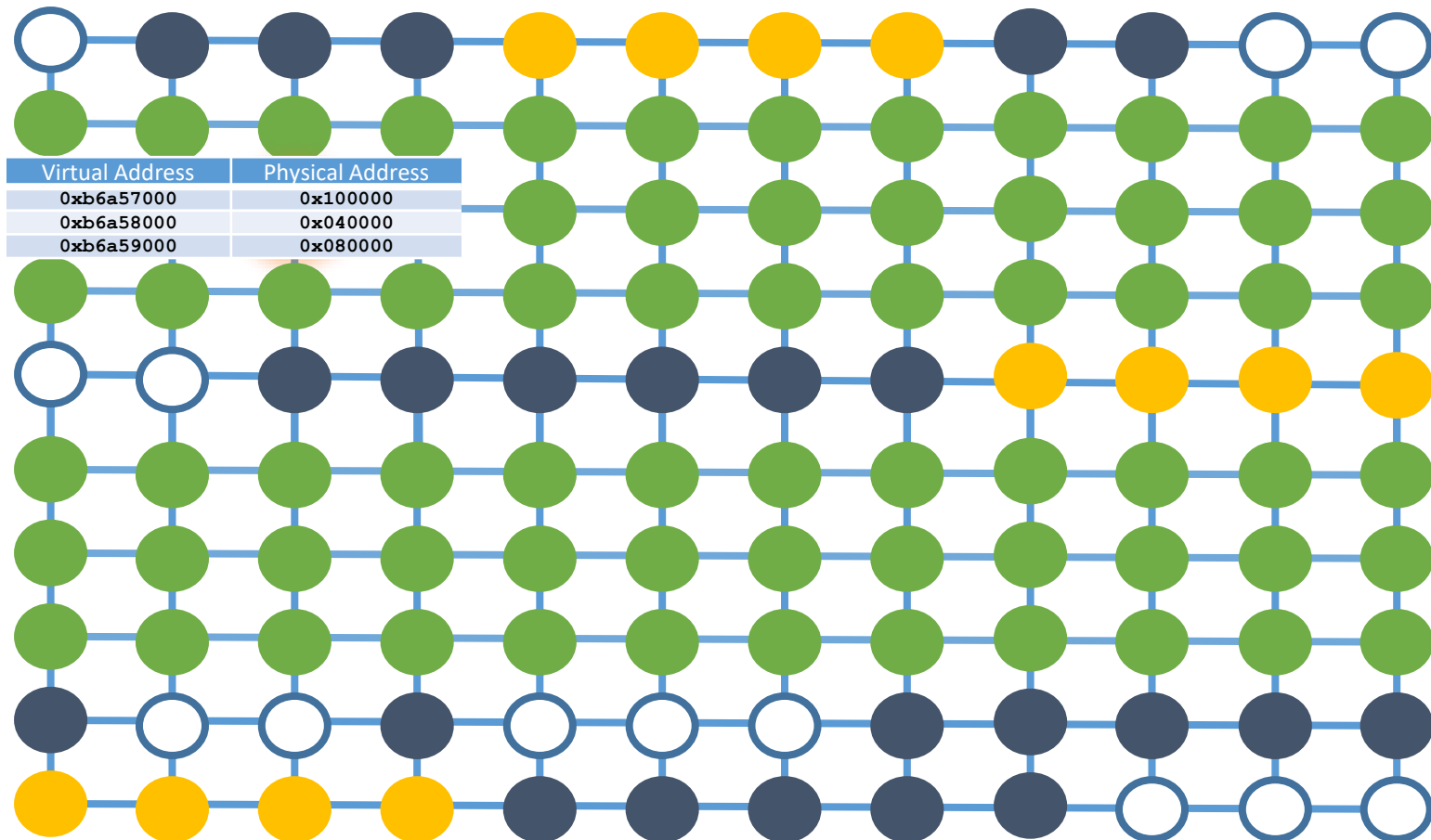
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Step 5. Generate a new page table



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Google Pixel, OnePlus 3, Galaxy Note 7, ...

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“Ok, could you then perhaps obfuscate some parts of the paper?”

Rewarded \$4000

Partial hardening in November’s updates

“We will continue to work on a longer term solution”

CONCLUSION

Now what?

Drammer

Widespread Rowhammer exploitation

- Cloud > Browser > **Mobile**
- Bit flips on LPDDR2, LPDDR3, LPDDR4 modules
- Reliable exploitation without custom OS features

Yes, we are also working on software defenses...

Software was never designed to deal with bit flips

- Proposed defenses are in early stages and easily bypassed
- Even hardware mitigations are currently still **optional**

You cannot fix Rowhammer

- More research is necessary

More details, demos, statistics, and Drammer test app
<https://vusec.net/projects/drammer>

open source: <https://github.com/vusec/drammer>

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BACKUP SLIDES

Did you not have enough yet?

ATTACK DETAILS

Determinism

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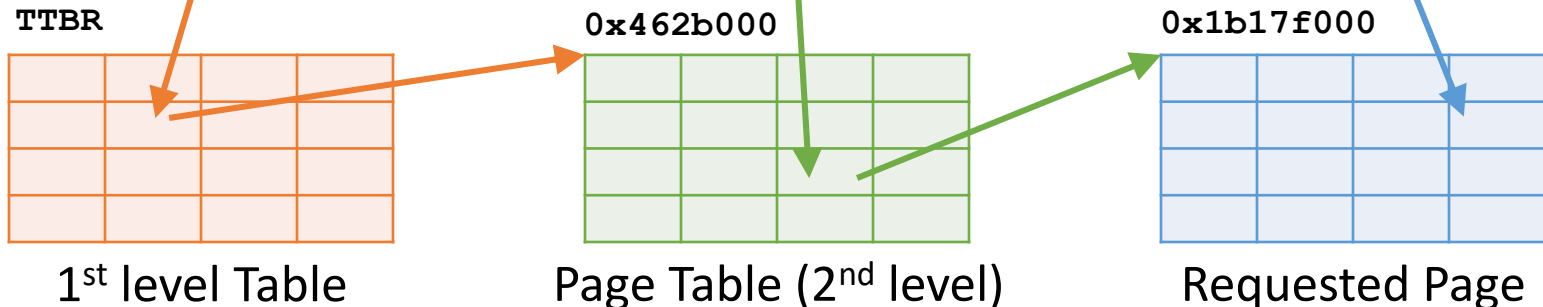
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Page Table Entries

Entry in the (2nd level) Page Table

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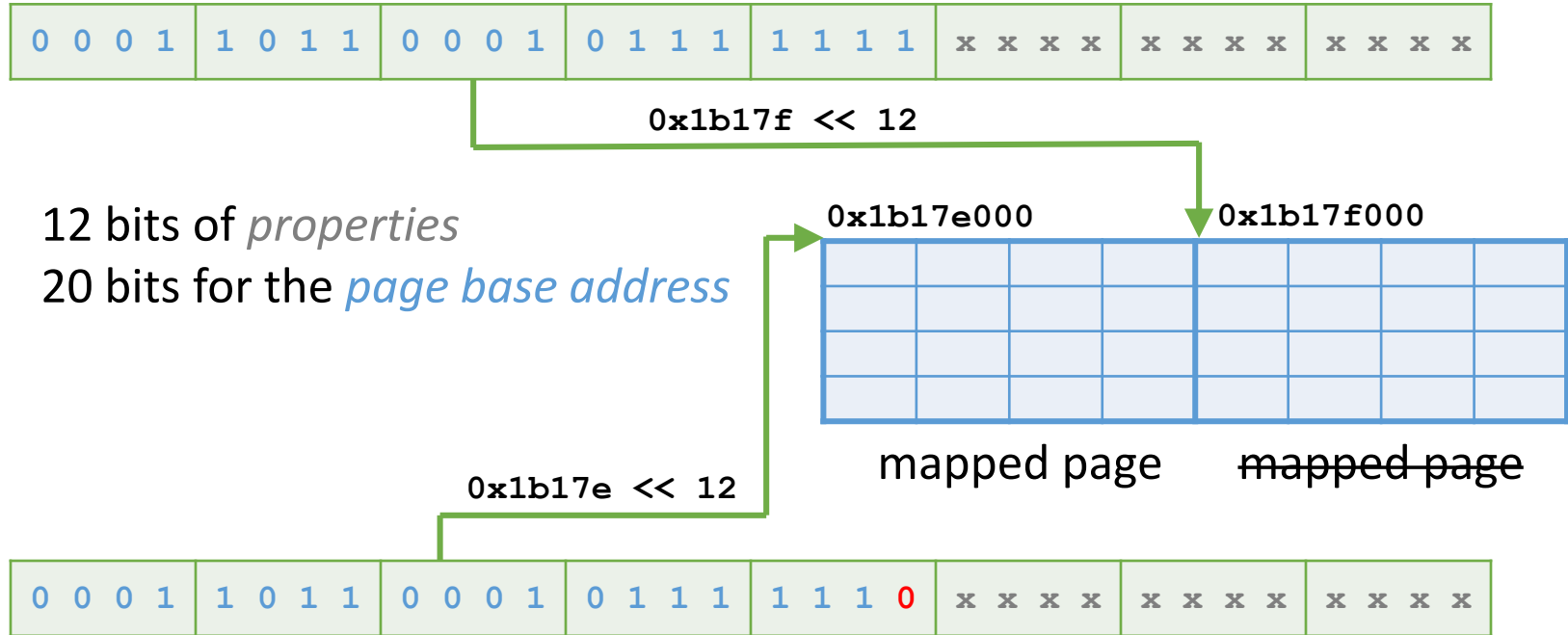
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What if we flip a bit in the entry?

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Flipping Page Table Entries

Entry in the (2nd level) Page Table



A 1-to-0 flip moves the mapping 'to the left'

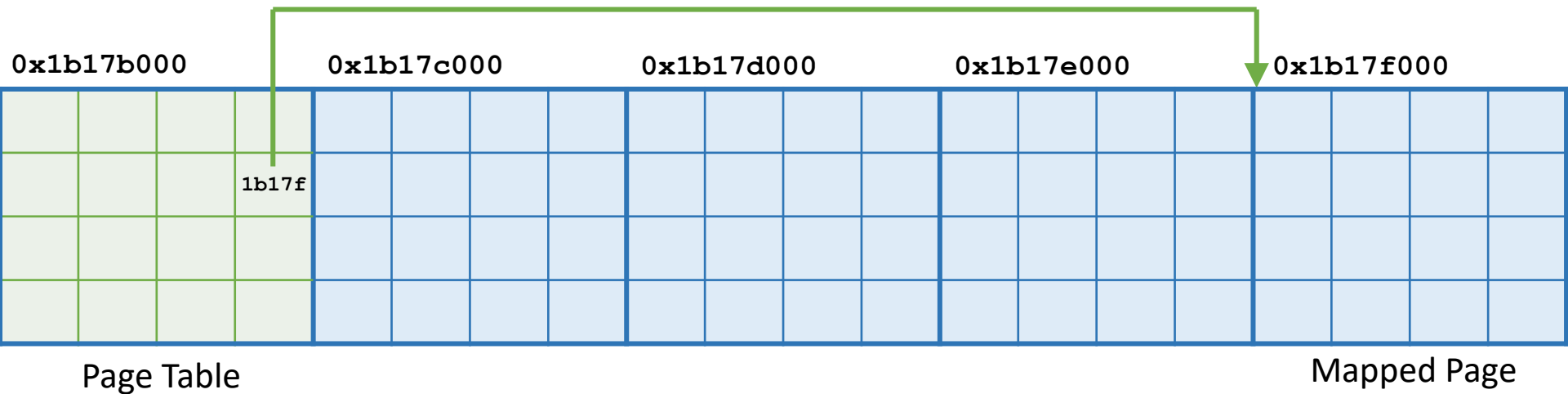
- Flip offset 0: -1 page
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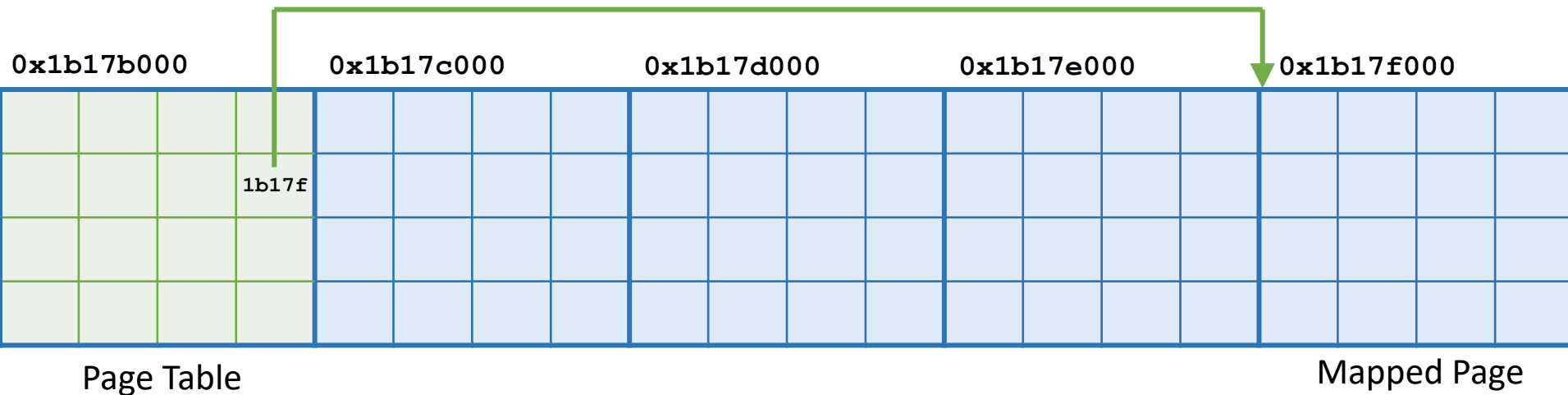
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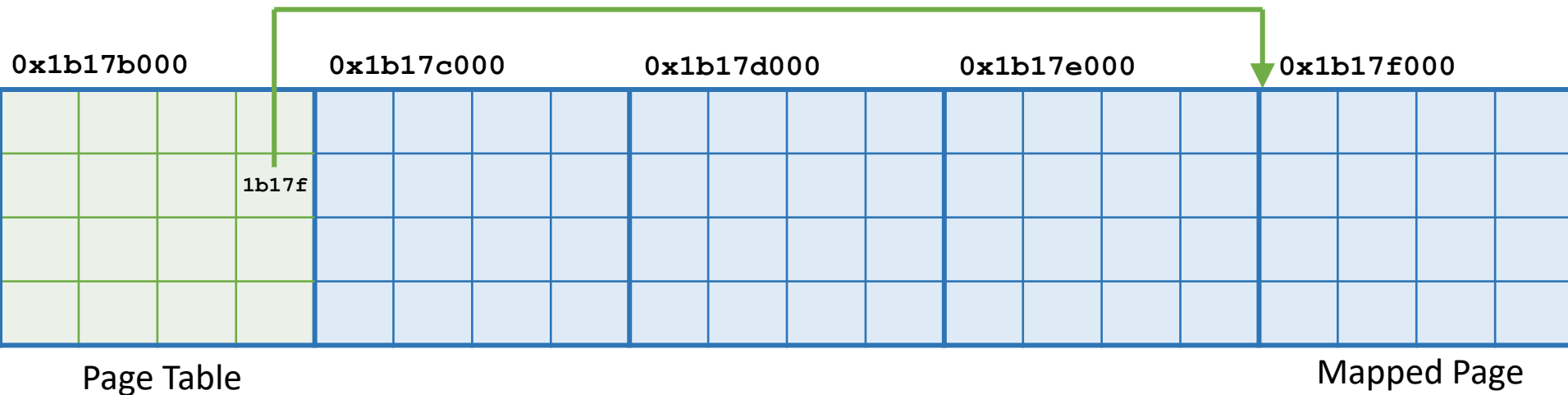
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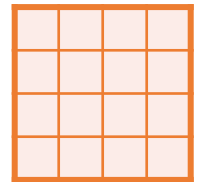
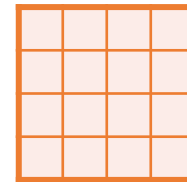
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Virtual address 0xb6a58000 maps to 0x3ac97000

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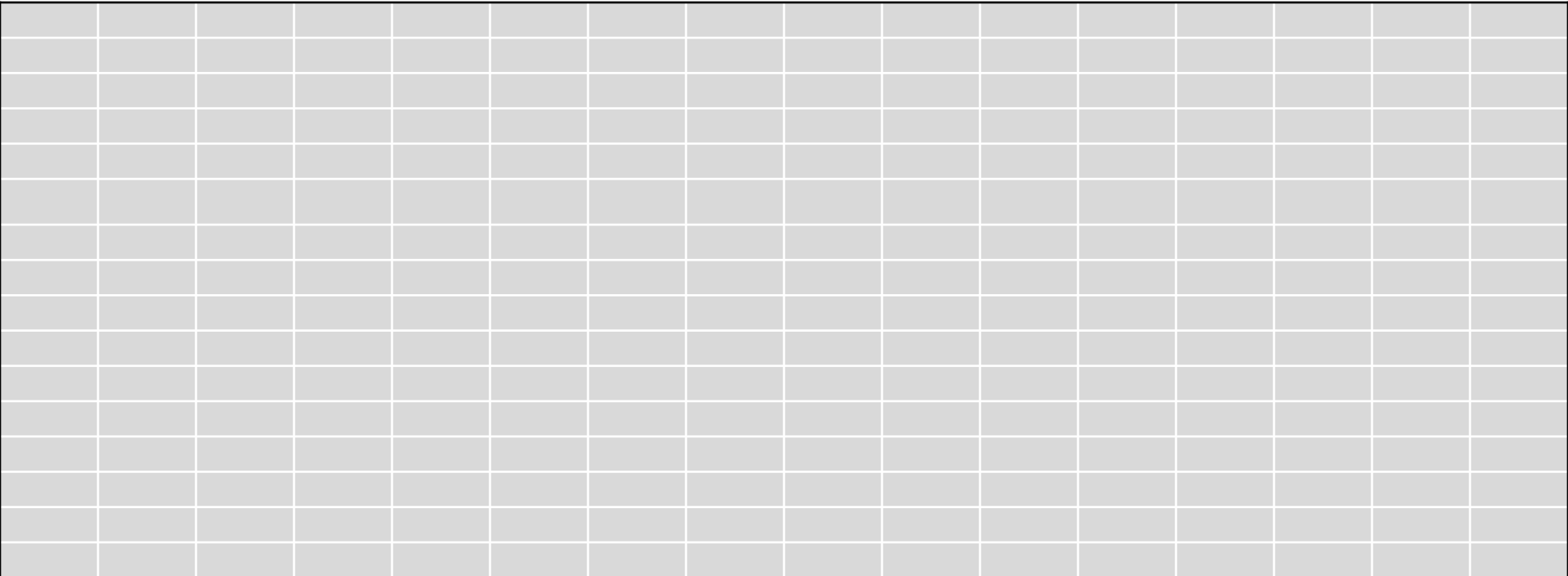
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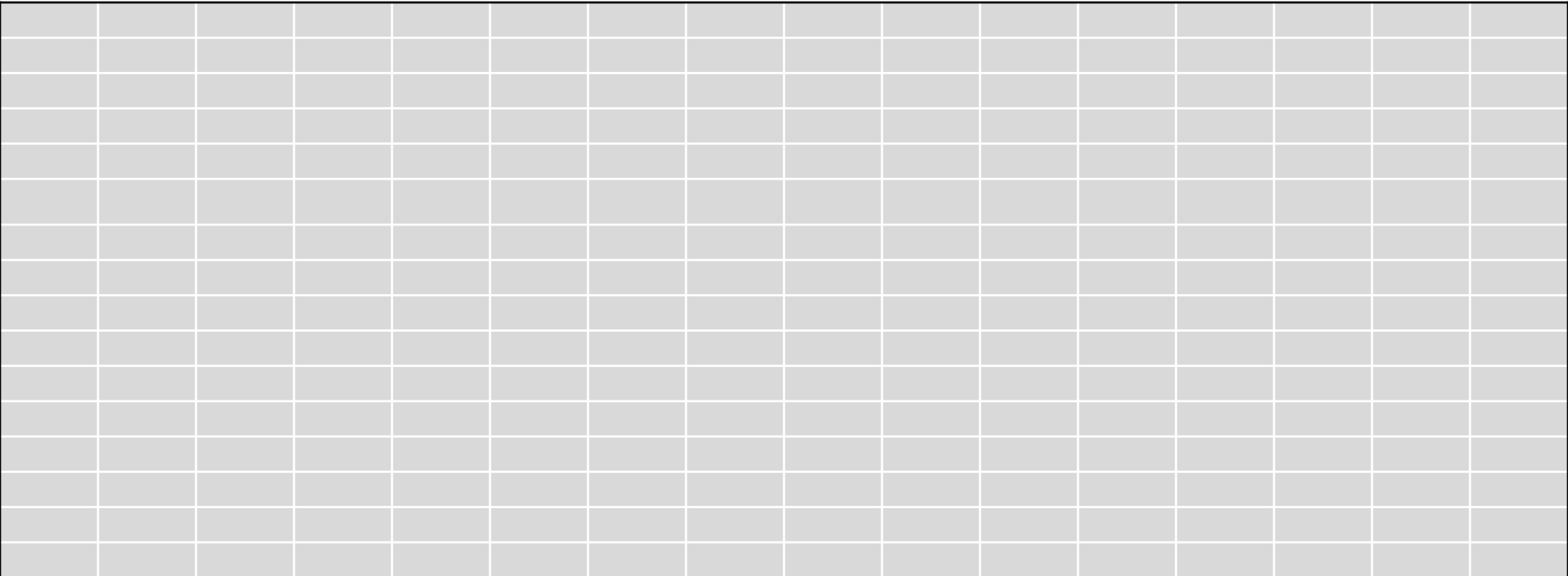


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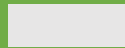
Release the vulnerable page

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Phys Feng Shui

Physical memory:



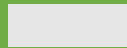
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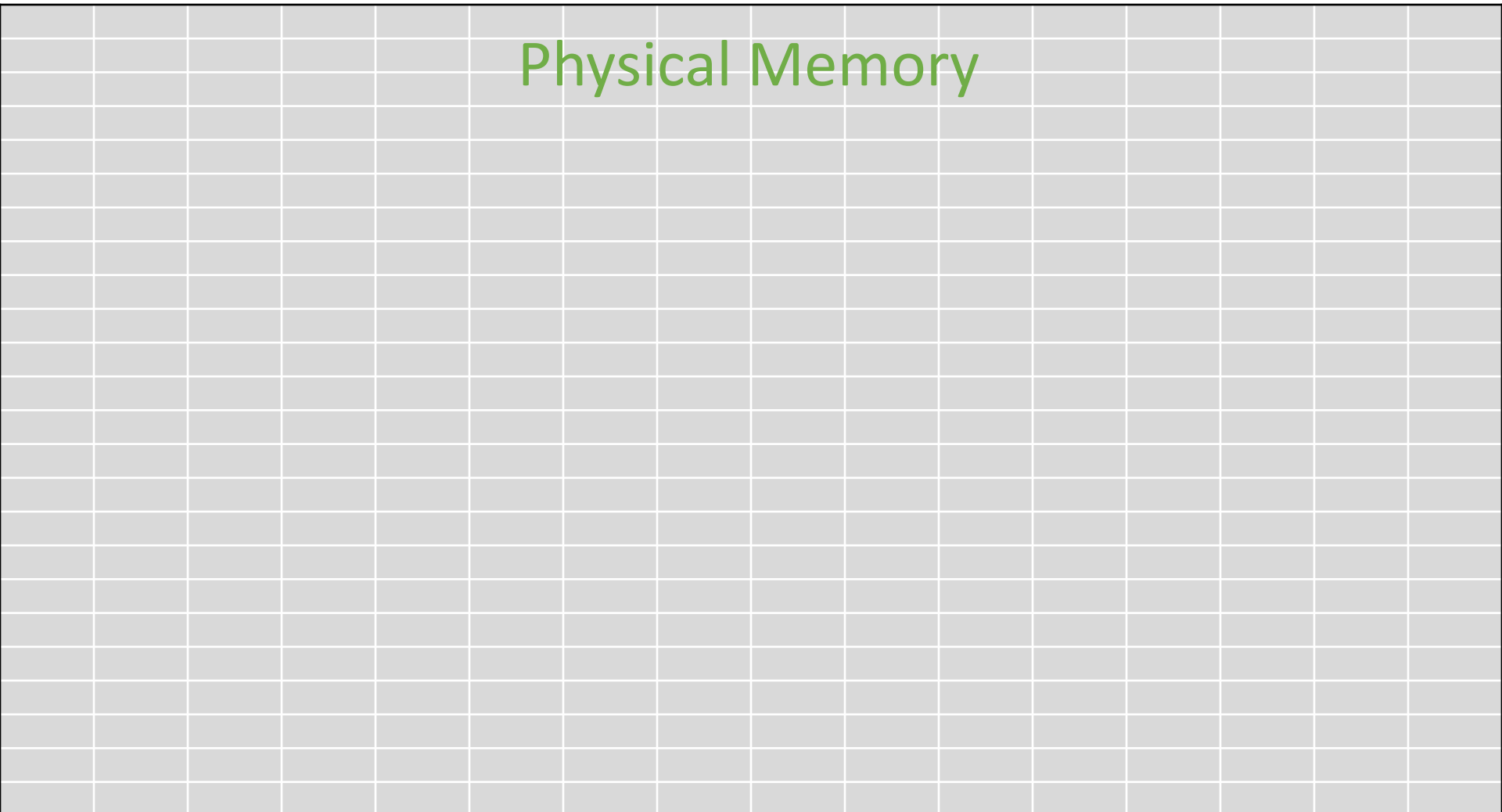


Trigger a Page Table Allocation

Phys Feng Shui

Exploit the predictable behavior of the **Buddy Allocator**

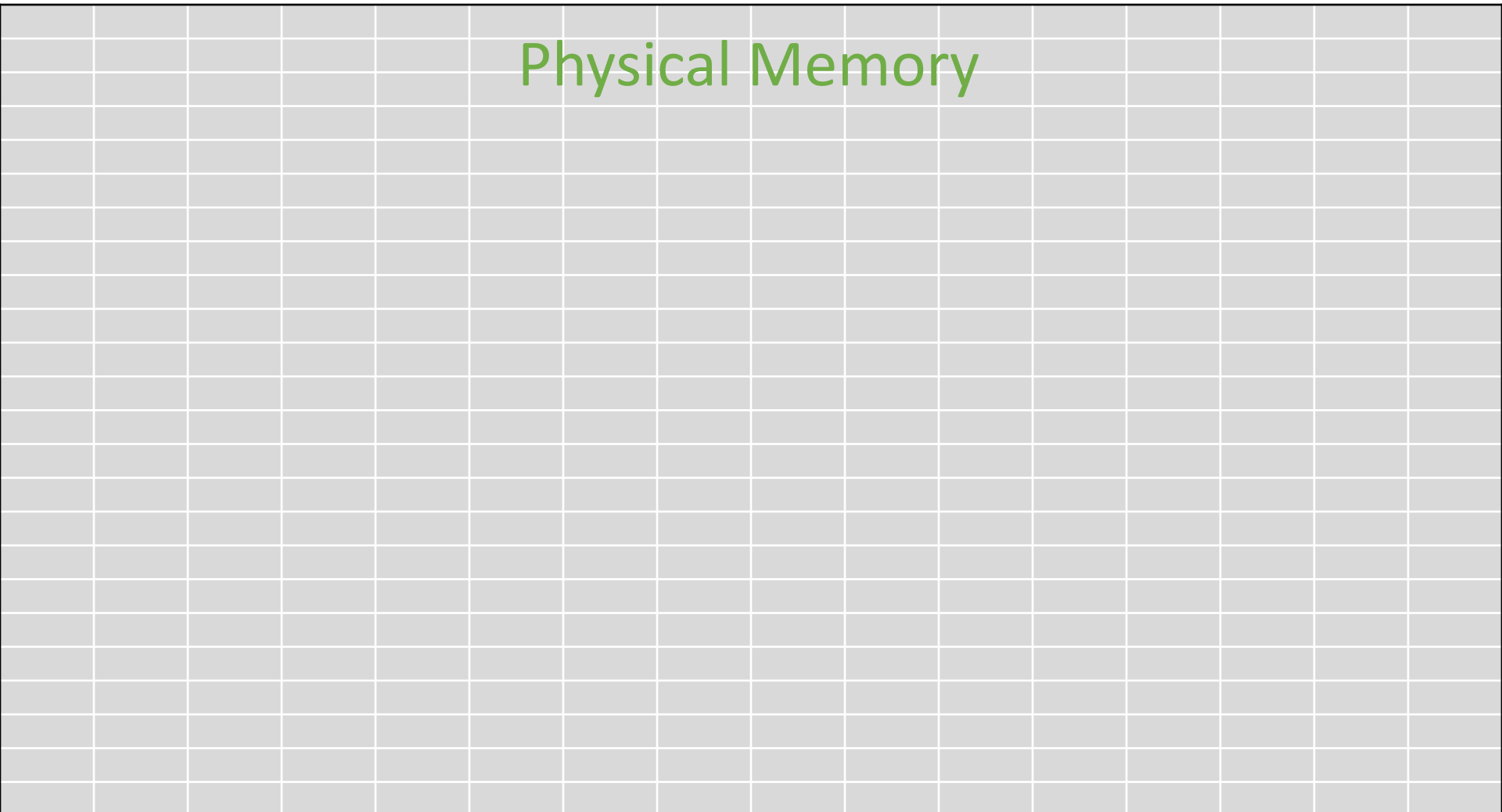
Physical Memory

A large grid representing physical memory layout. The grid is composed of 16 columns and 64 rows of small squares, totaling 1024 cells. The text 'Physical Memory' is centered in the top portion of the grid.

← 16 * 4KB pages = 64 KB rows →

Phys Feng Shui – Buddy Allocator

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A diagram illustrating memory allocation using the Buddy Allocator. It consists of two horizontal gray rectangles. The top rectangle is labeled '1024KB' in blue text. The bottom rectangle is labeled '512KB' in blue text. The rectangles are separated by a thin black horizontal line, representing the division of a 1024KB memory block into two 512KB buddies.

1024KB

512KB

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```
X1 = __get_free_pages(flags, 6); // get  $2^6 = 64\text{KB}$  of memory
```

1024KB

512KB

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```
X1 = __get_free_pages(flags, 6); // get  $2^6 = 64\text{KB}$  of memory
```

1024KB

256KB

256KB

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```
X1 = __get_free_pages(flags, 6); // get  $2^6 = 64\text{KB}$  of memory
```

1024KB

128KB

128KB

256KB

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```
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```

1024KB

64KB

64KB

128KB

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1024KB

X1

64KB

128KB

256KB

Phys Feng Shui – Buddy Allocator

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```
x2 = __get_free_pages(flags, 3); // get  $2^3 = 8\text{KB}$  of memory
```

1024KB

X1

64KB

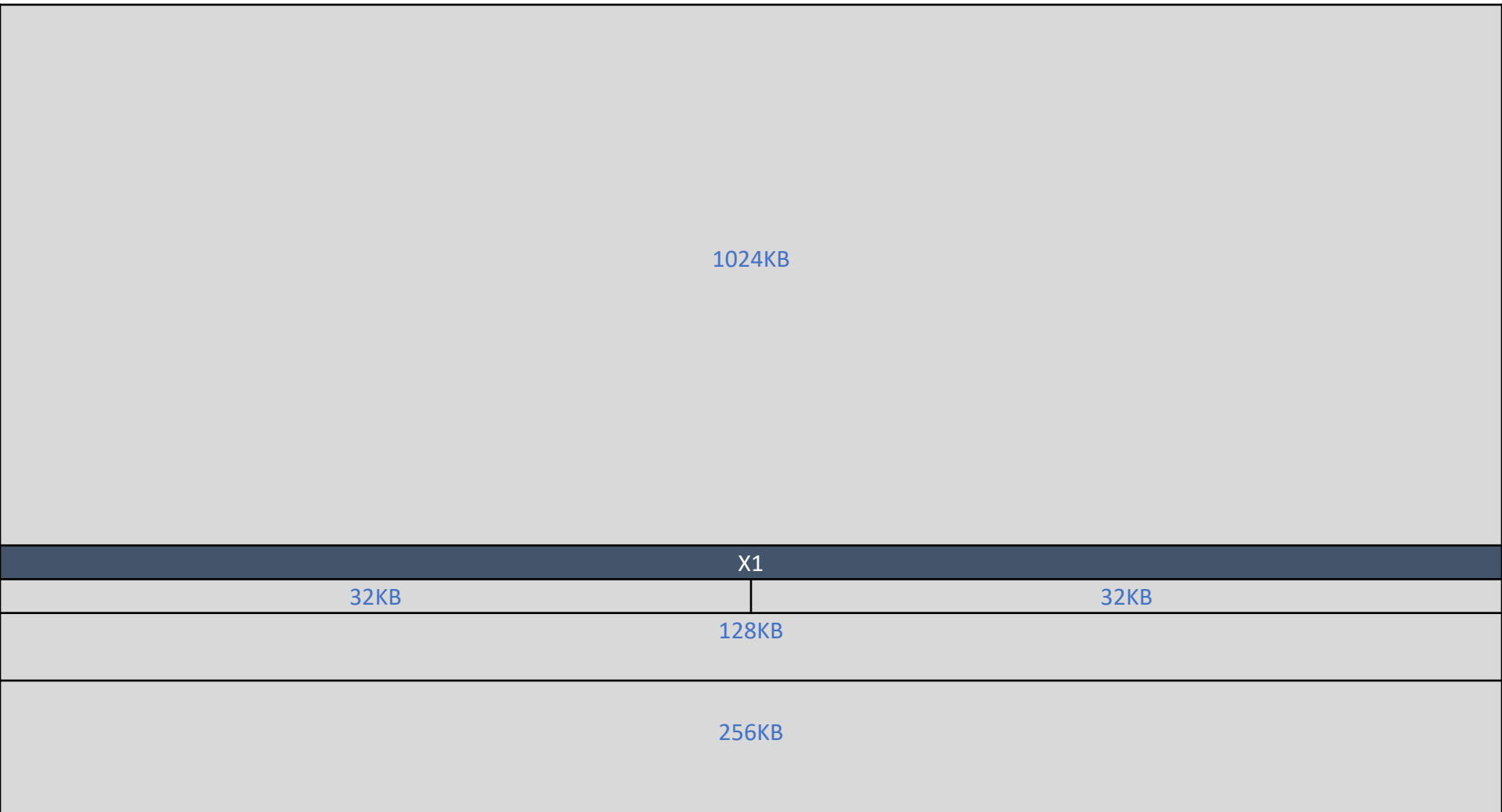
128KB

256KB

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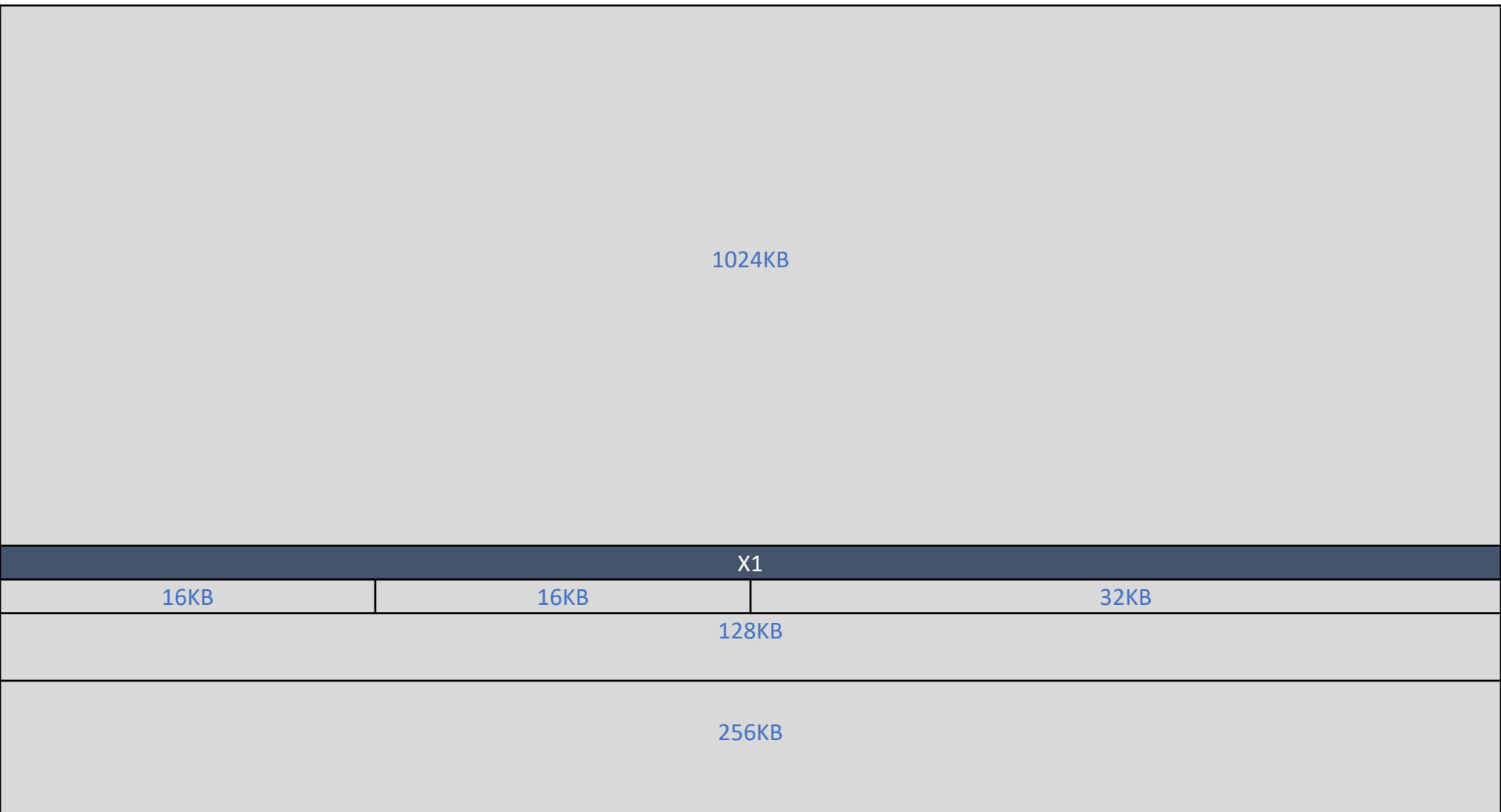
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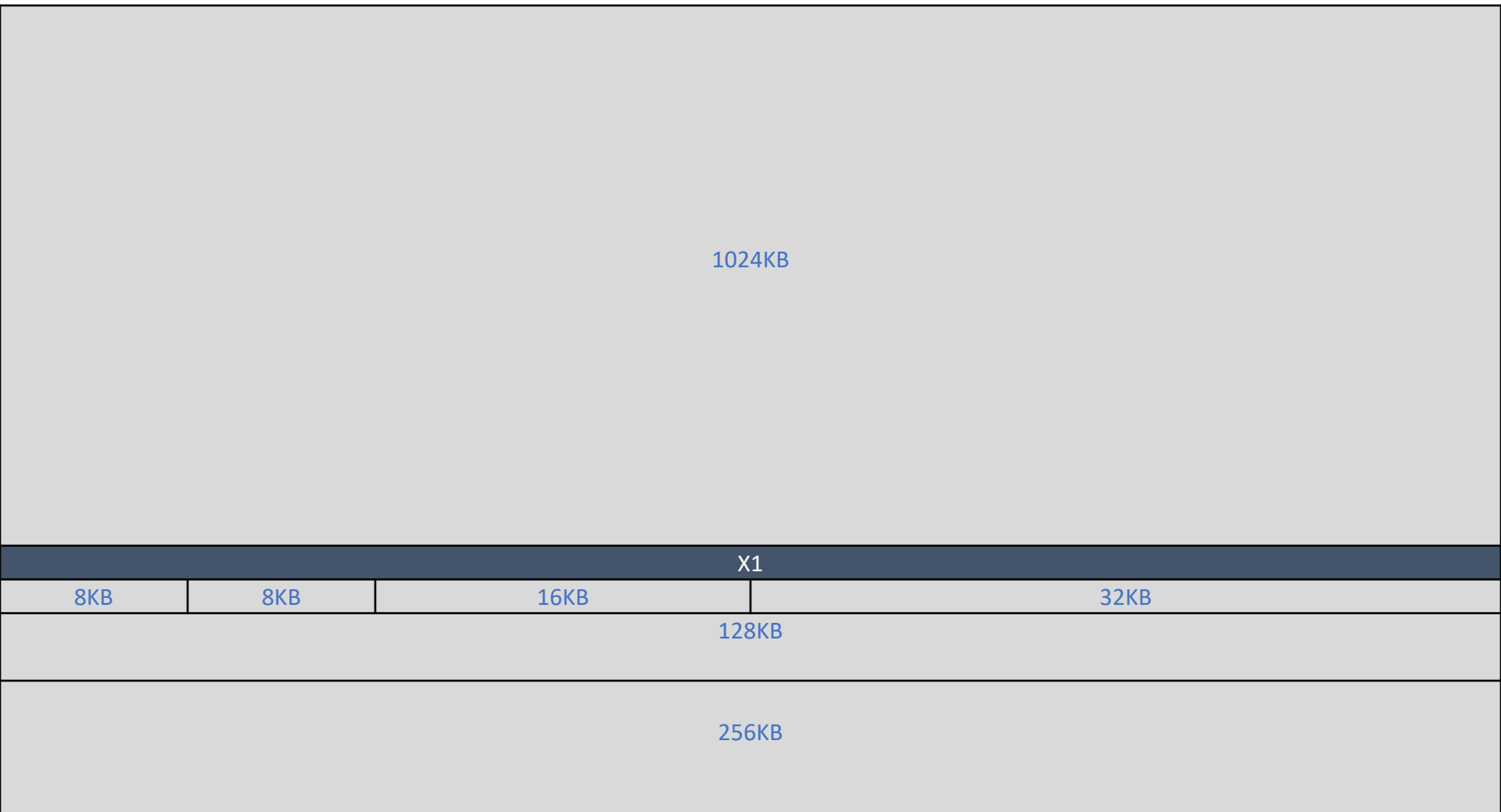
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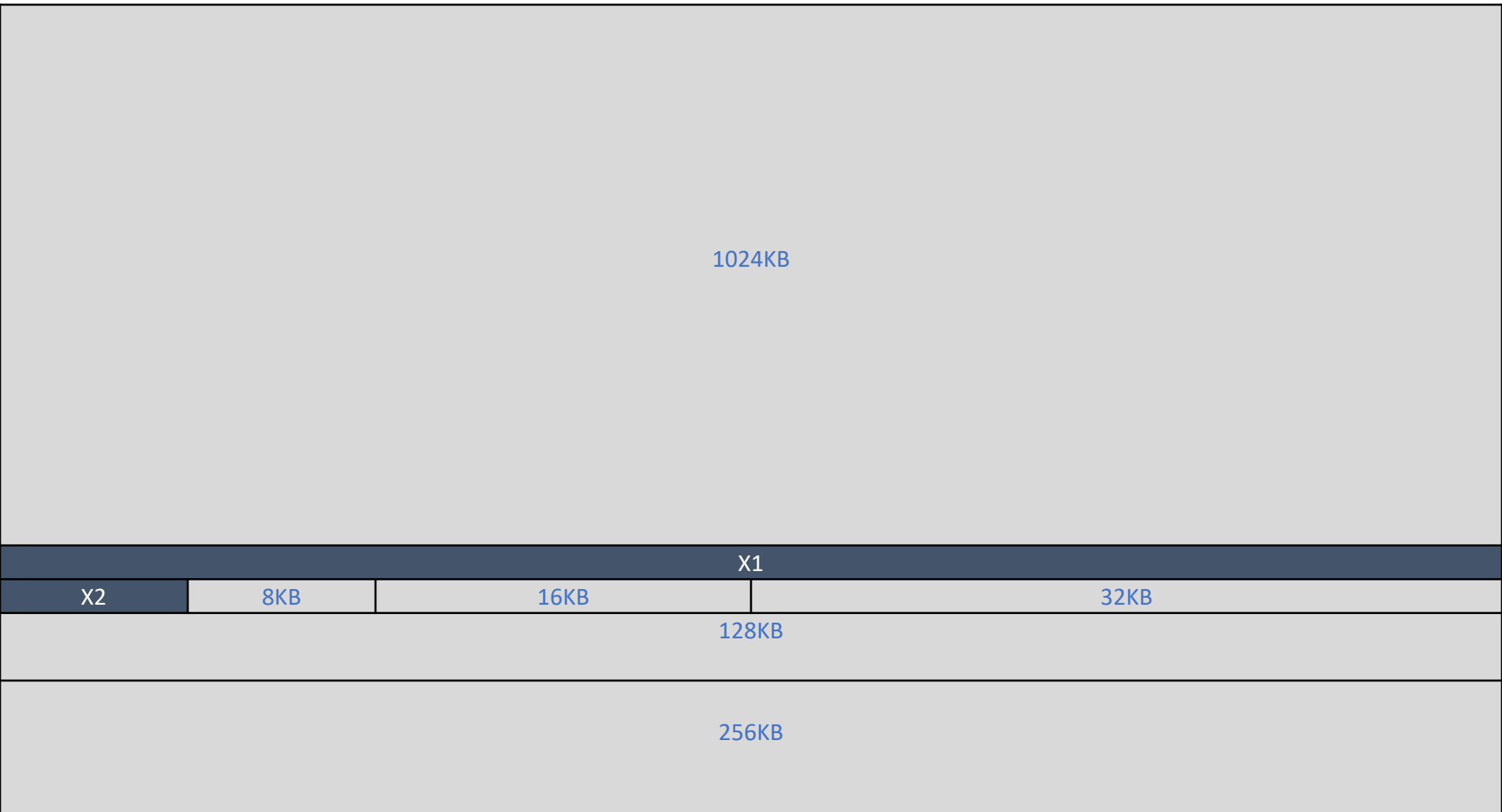
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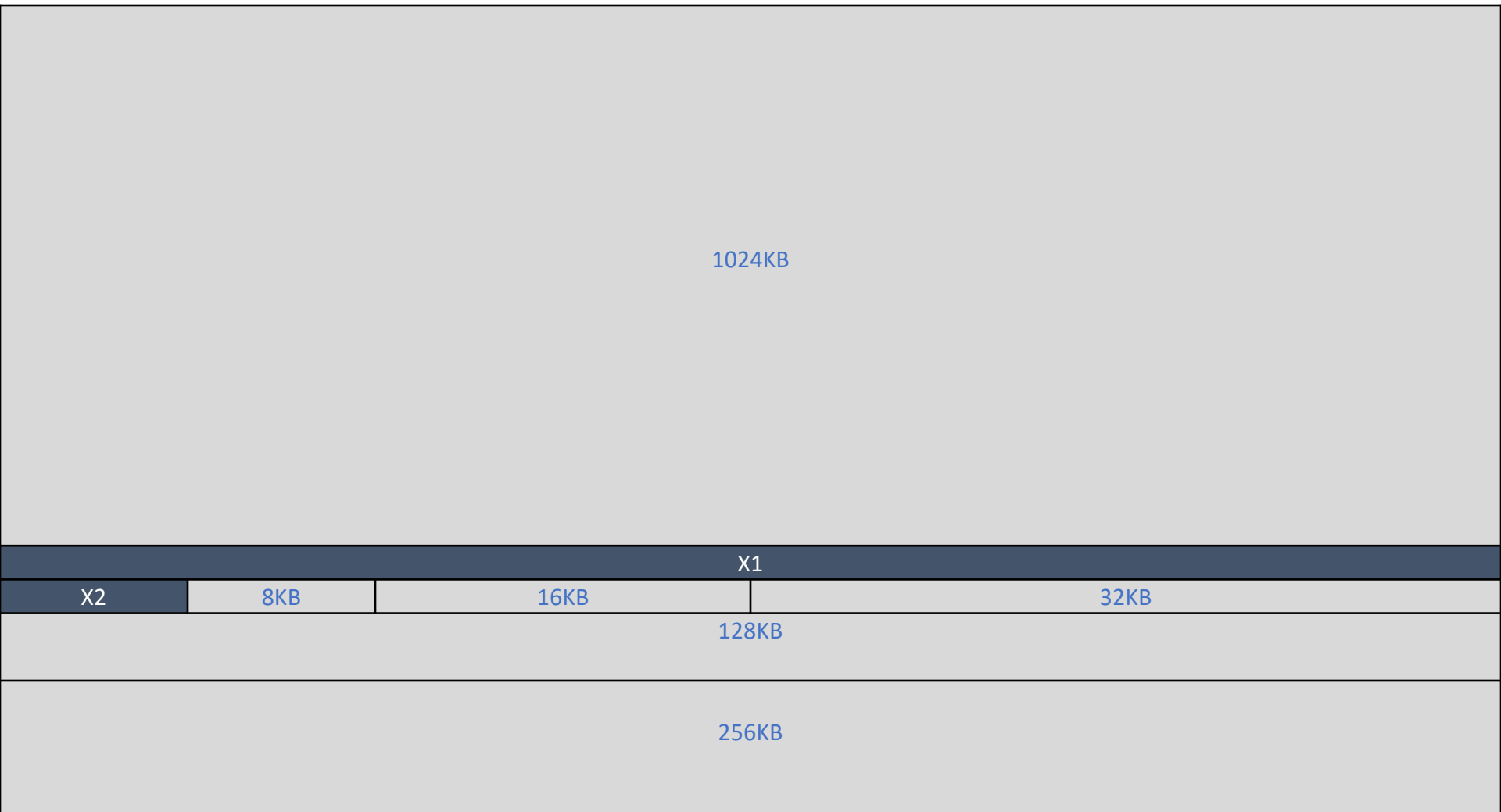
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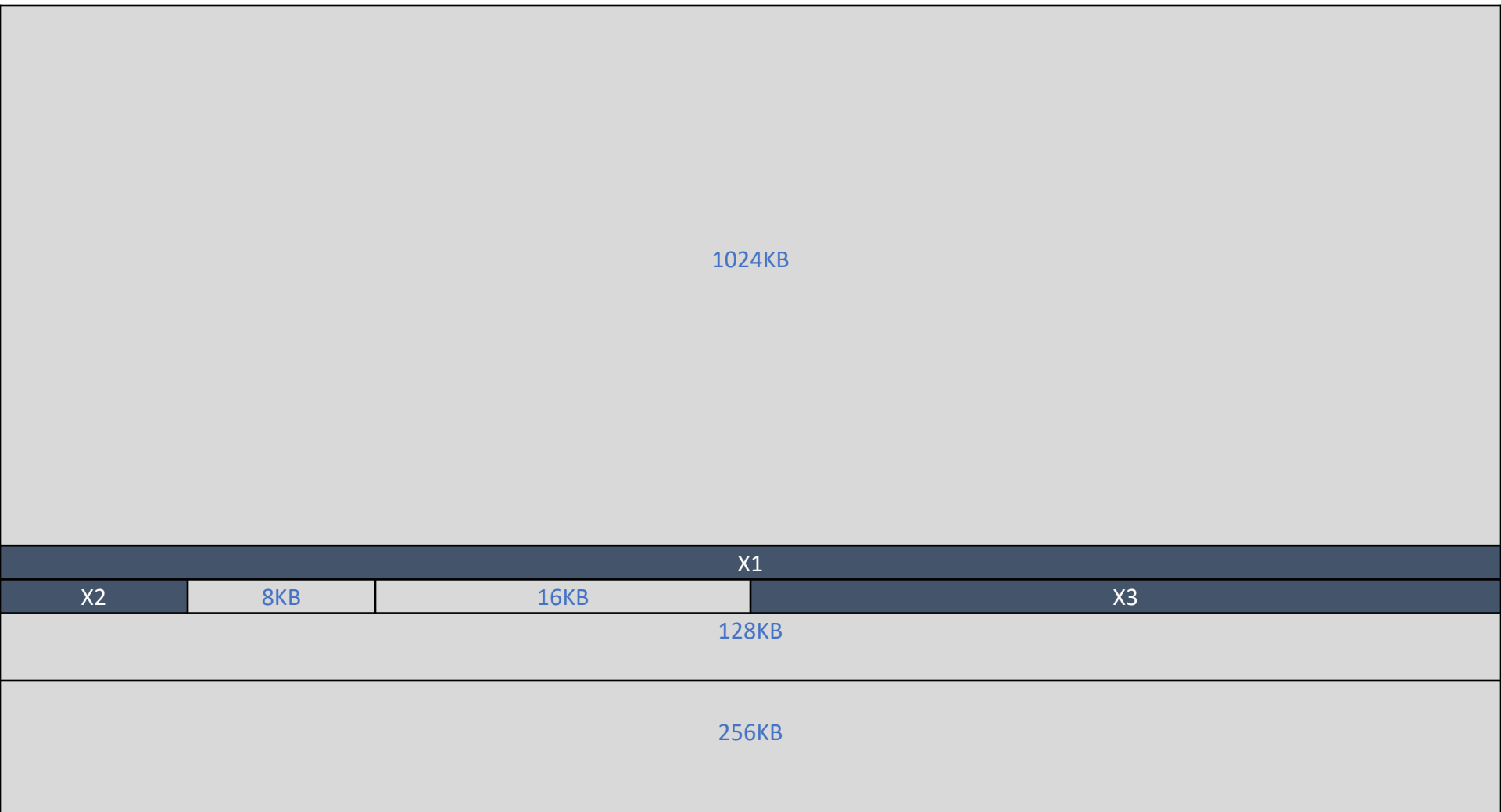
```
X3 = __get_free_pages(flags, 5); // get  $2^3 = 32\text{KB}$  of memory
```



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Avoid fragmentation by keeping track of same-size memory chunks (*buddies*)

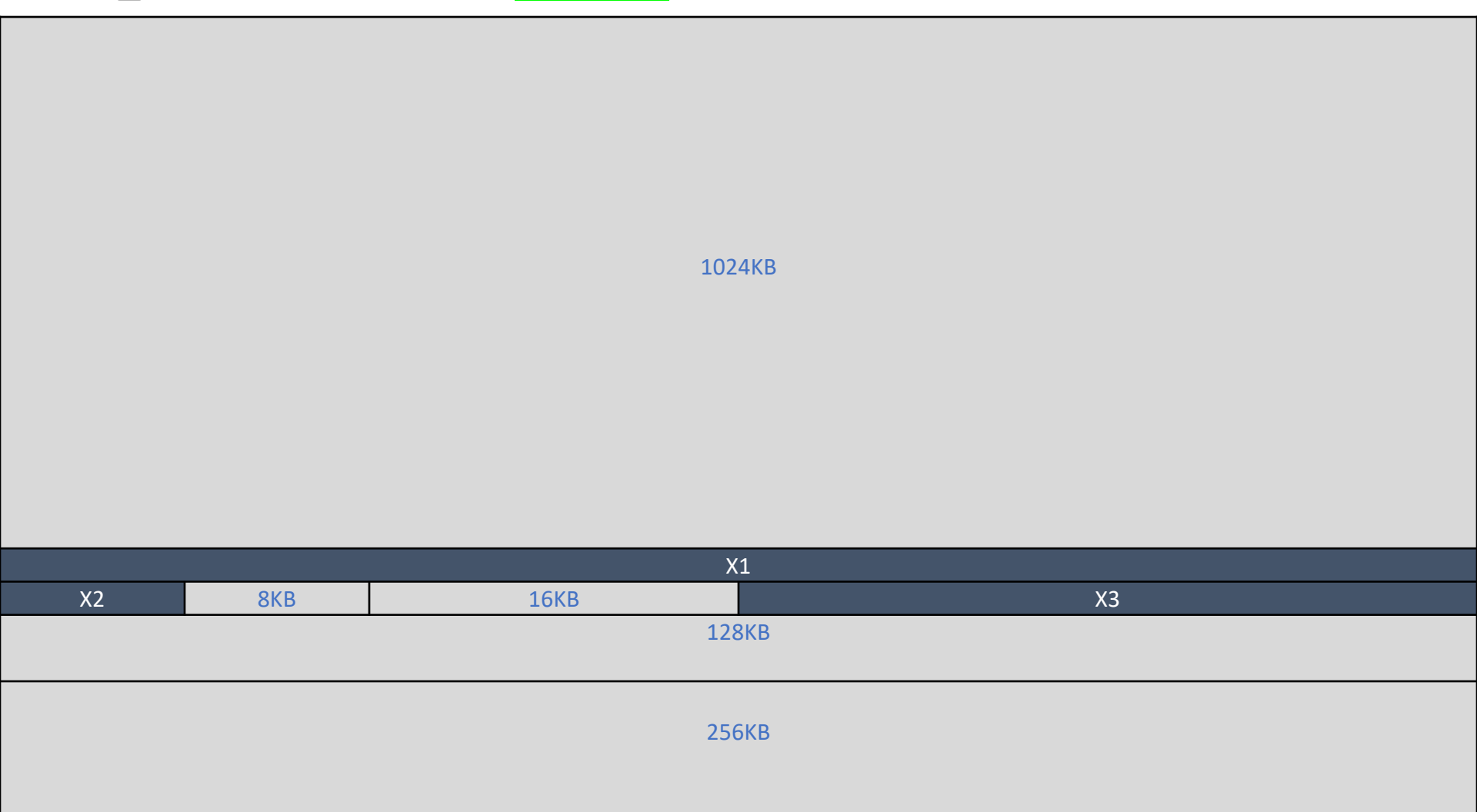
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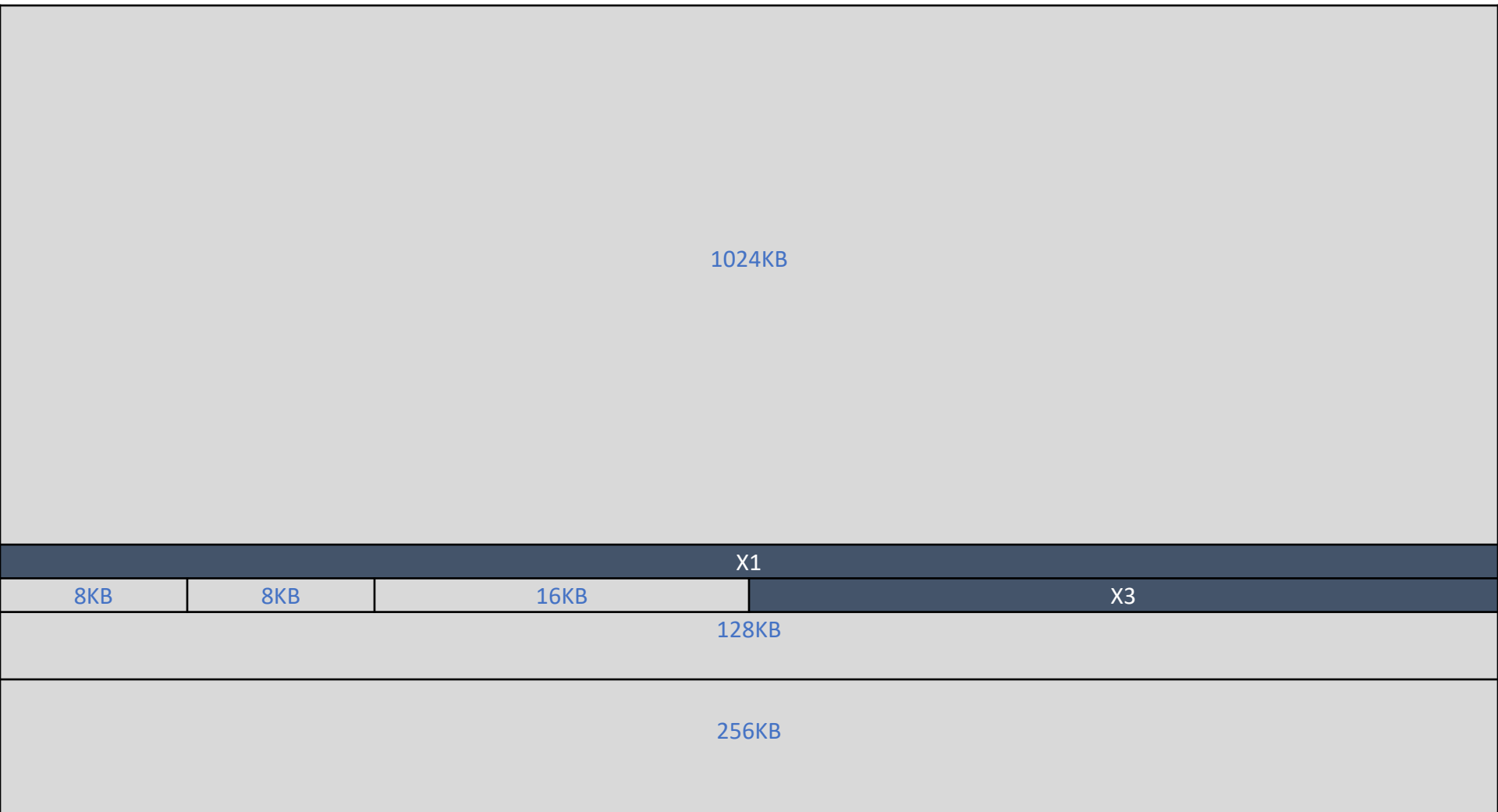
```
free_pages(x2, 3); // free x2
```



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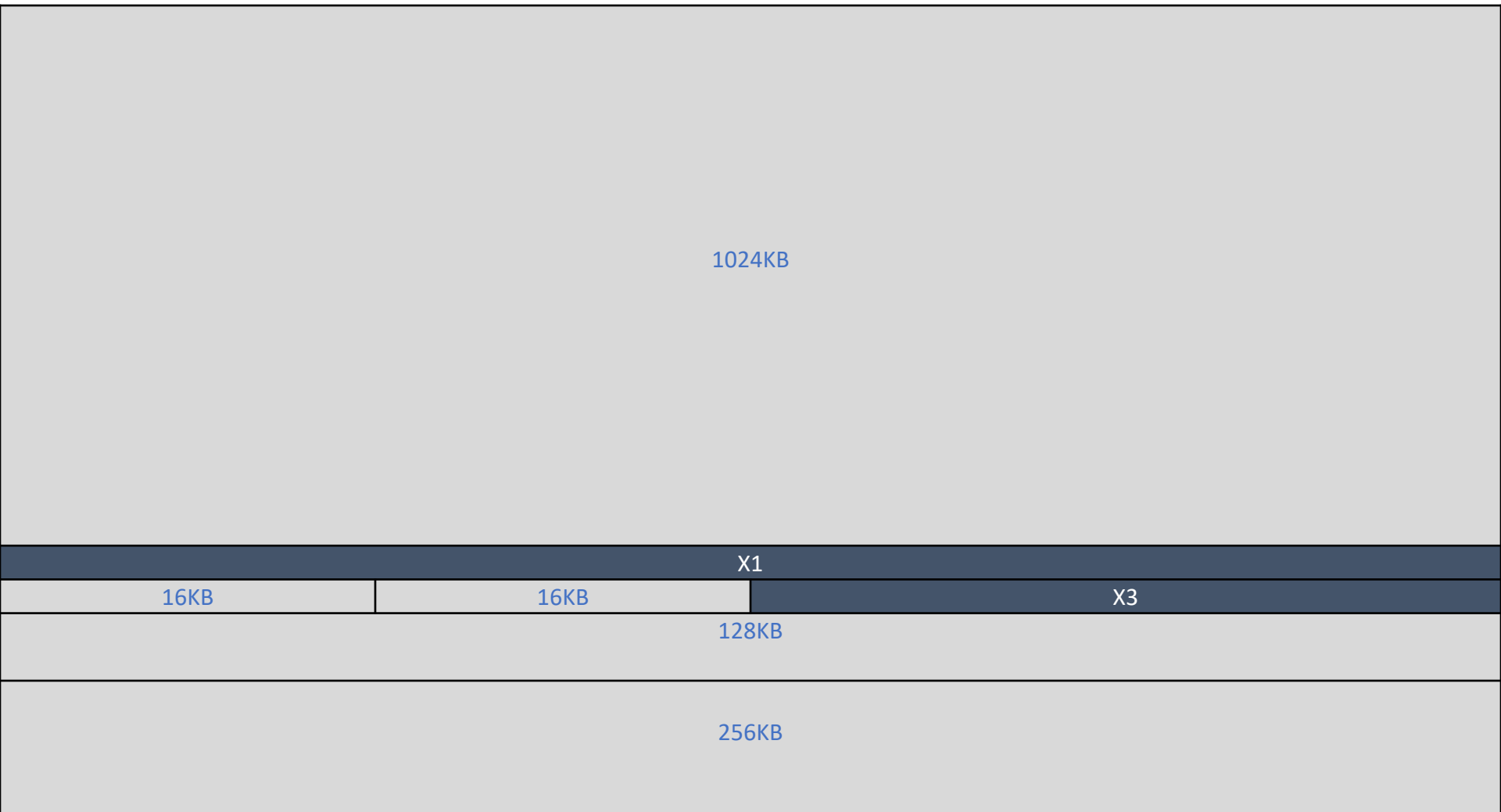
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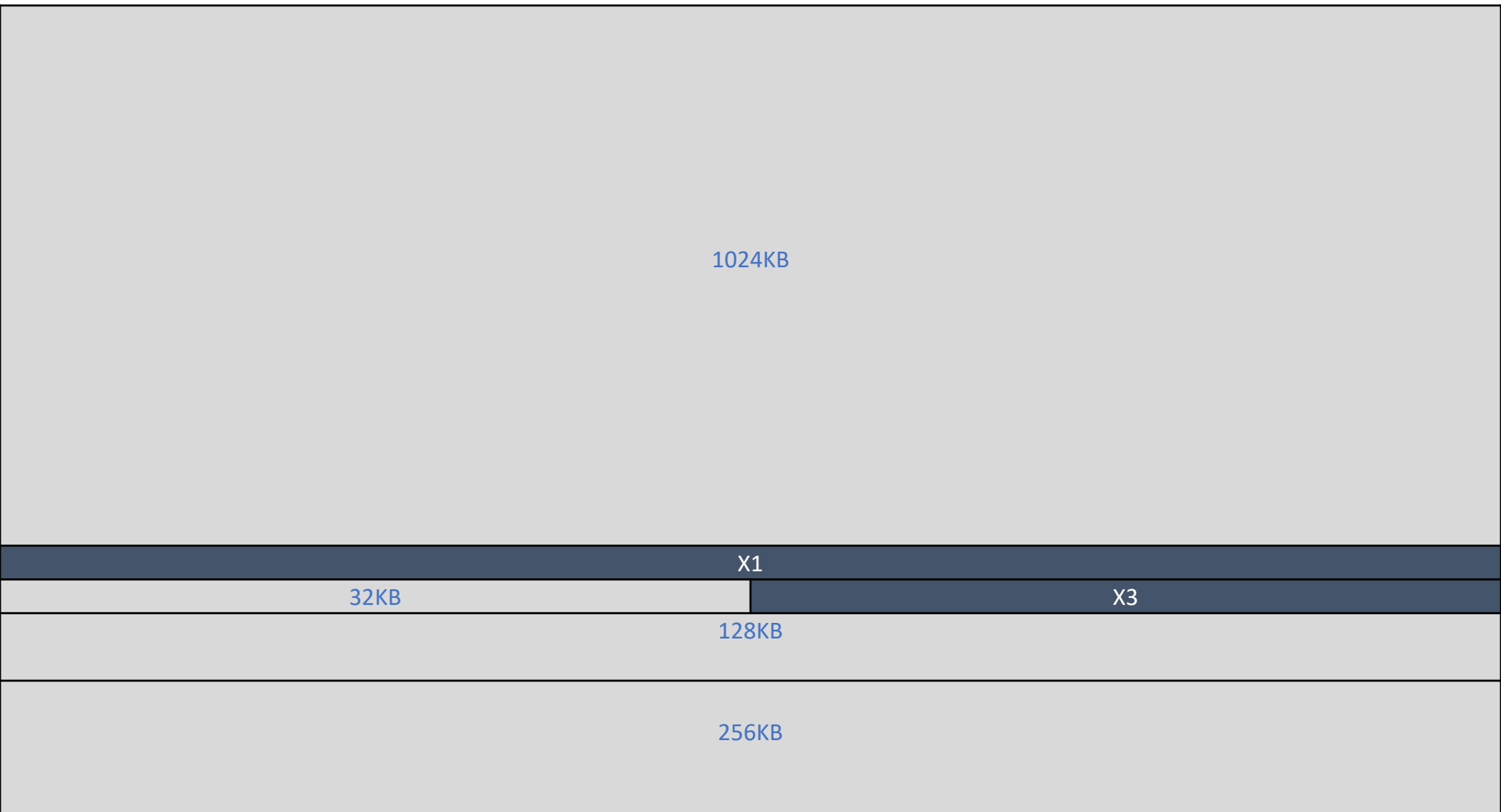
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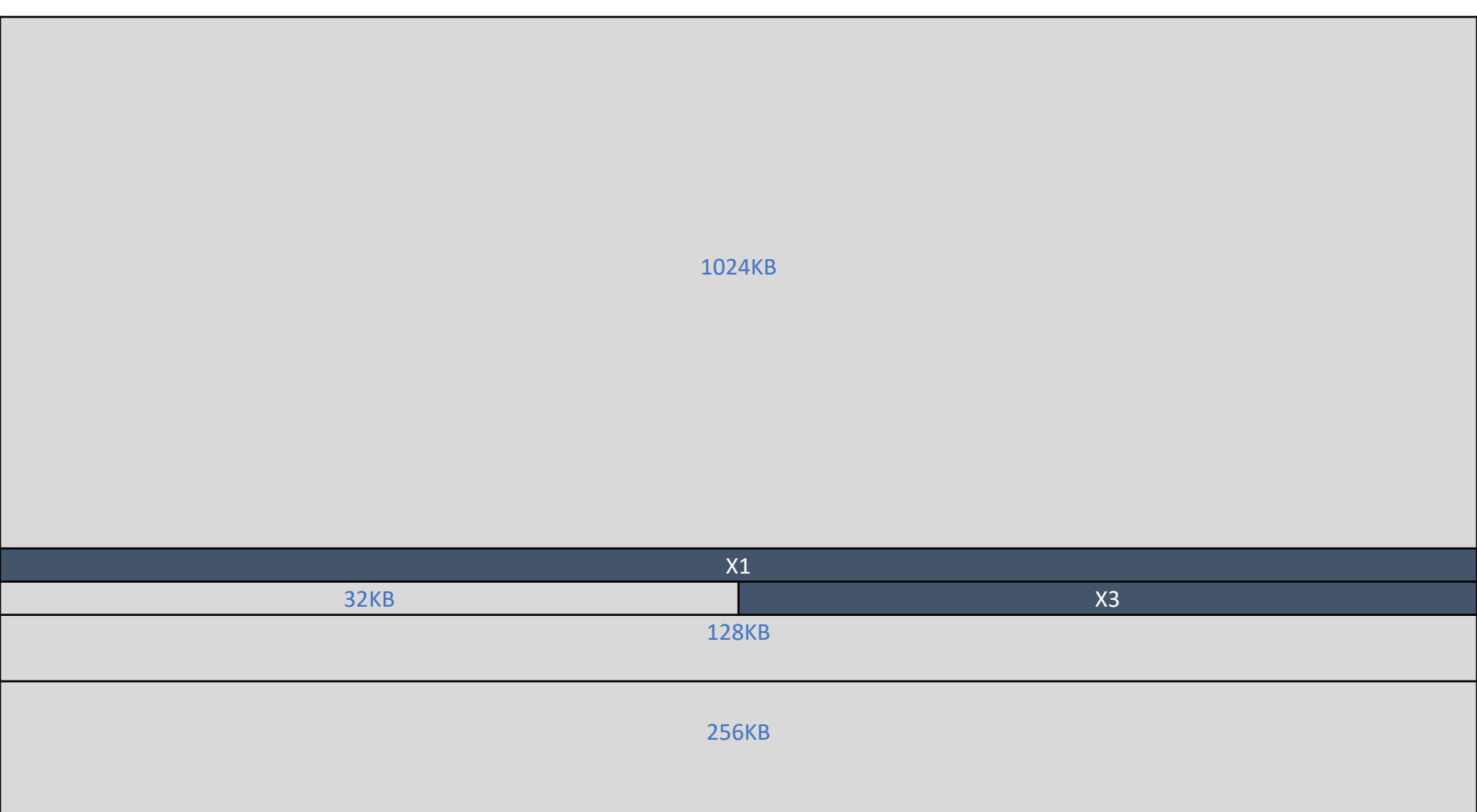
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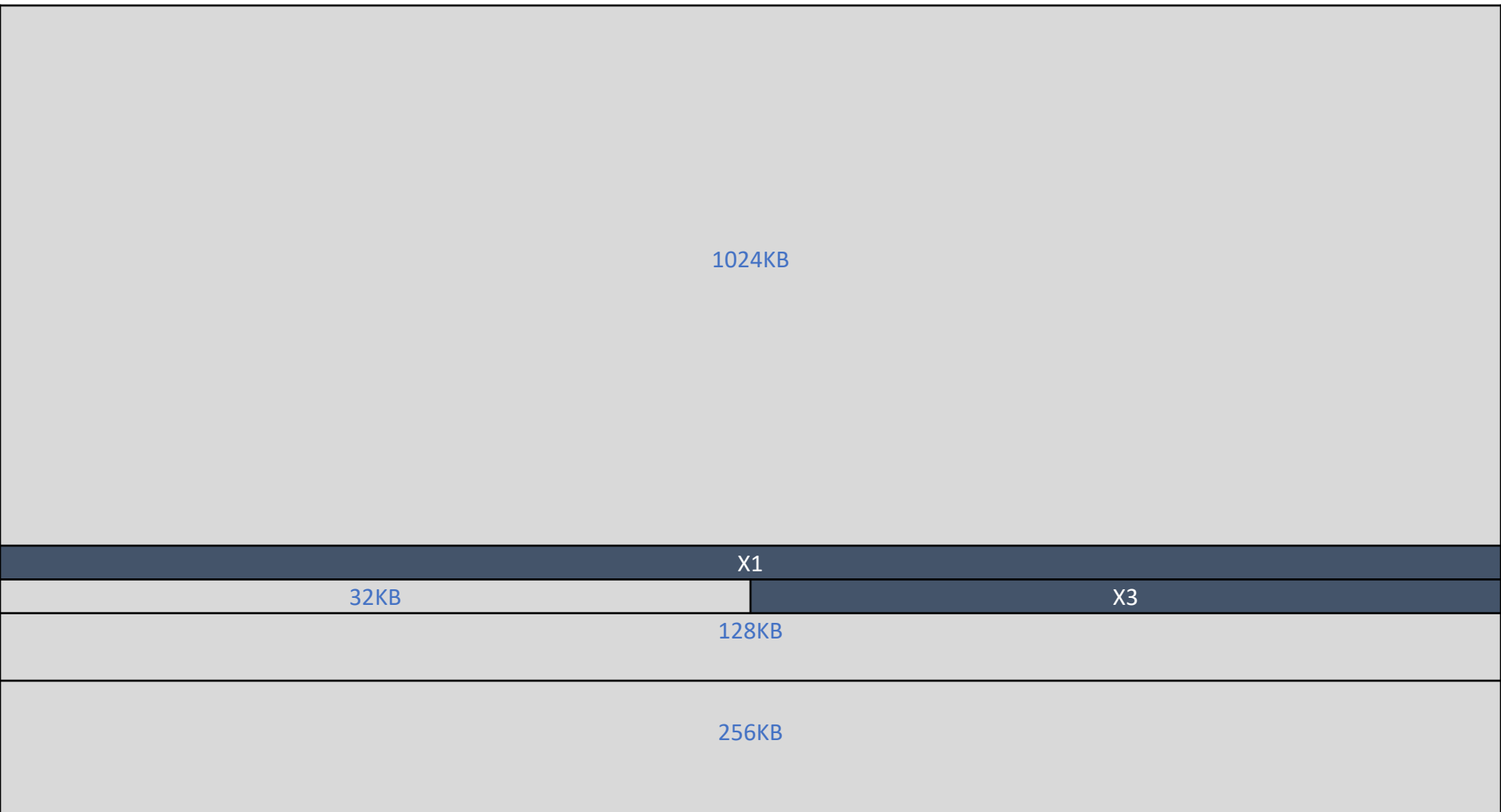
Deterministic Rowhammer exploitation in 8 steps



Phys Feng Shui step 1/8

Exhaust + Template *Large* chunks

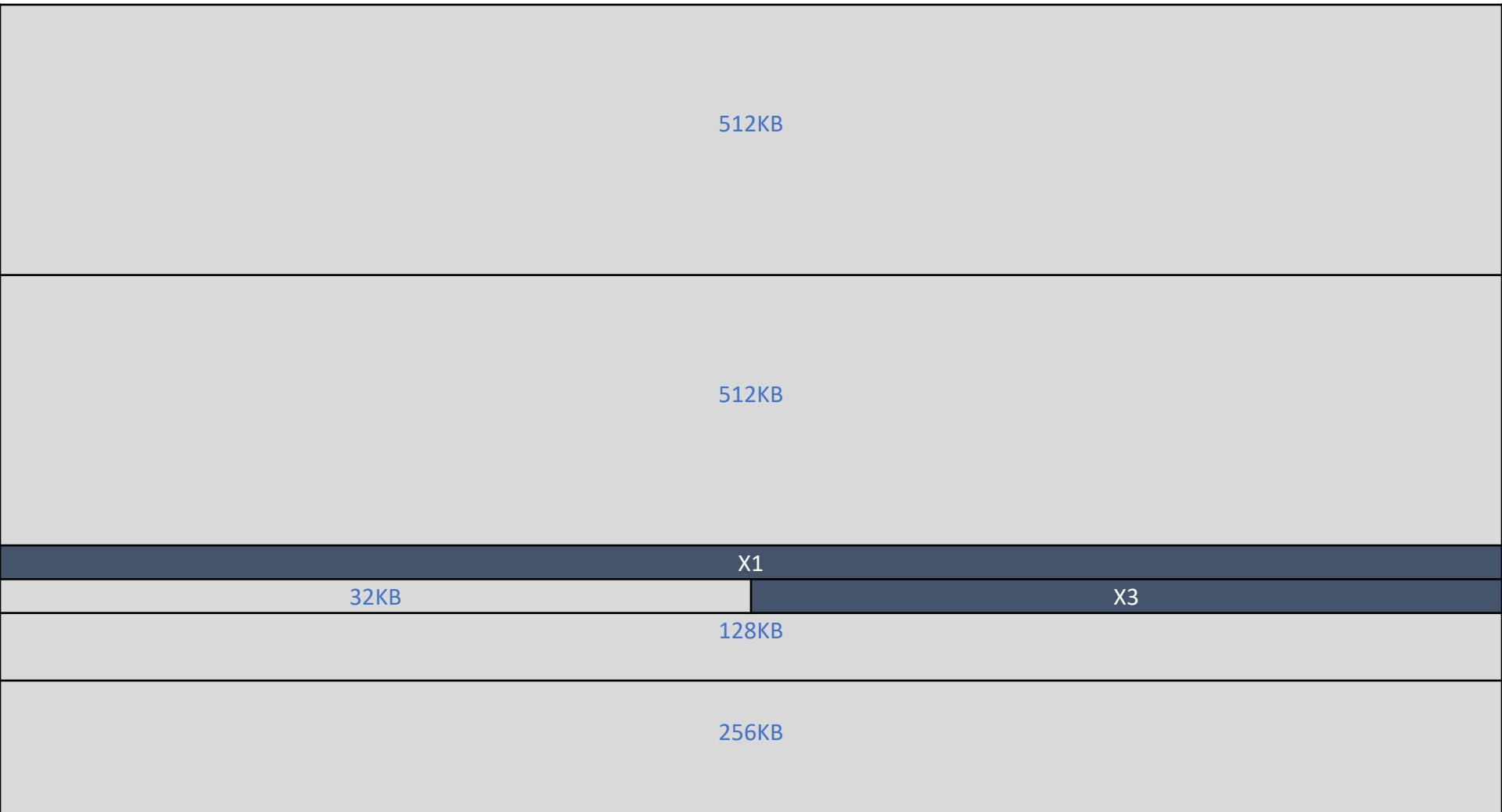
L1, L2, ..., Ln = exhaust(L) ;



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Exhaust + Template *Large* chunks

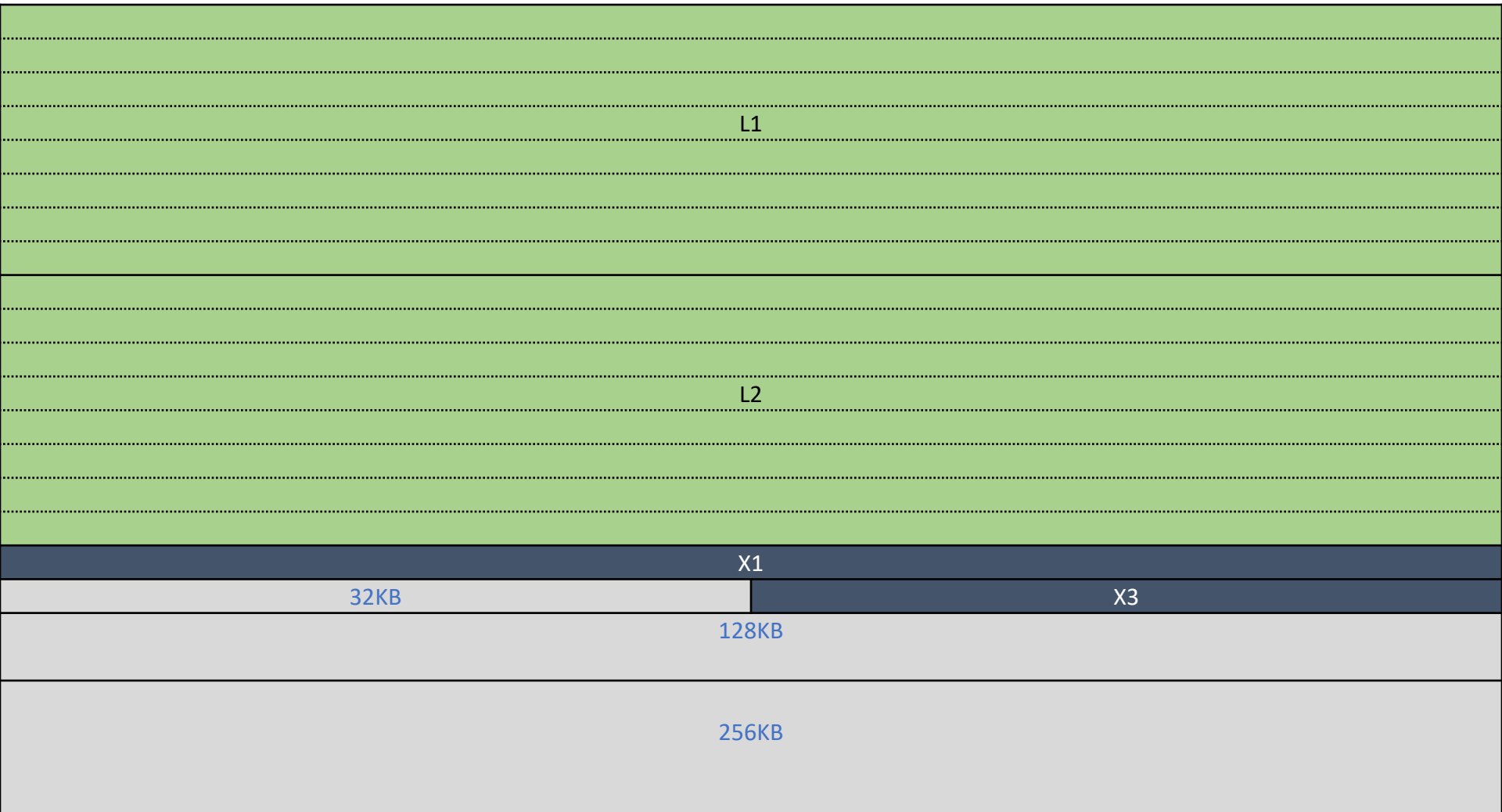
```
L1, L2, ..., Ln = exhaust(9); // get all  $2^9 = 512\text{KB}$  chunks
```



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Exhaust + Template *Large* chunks

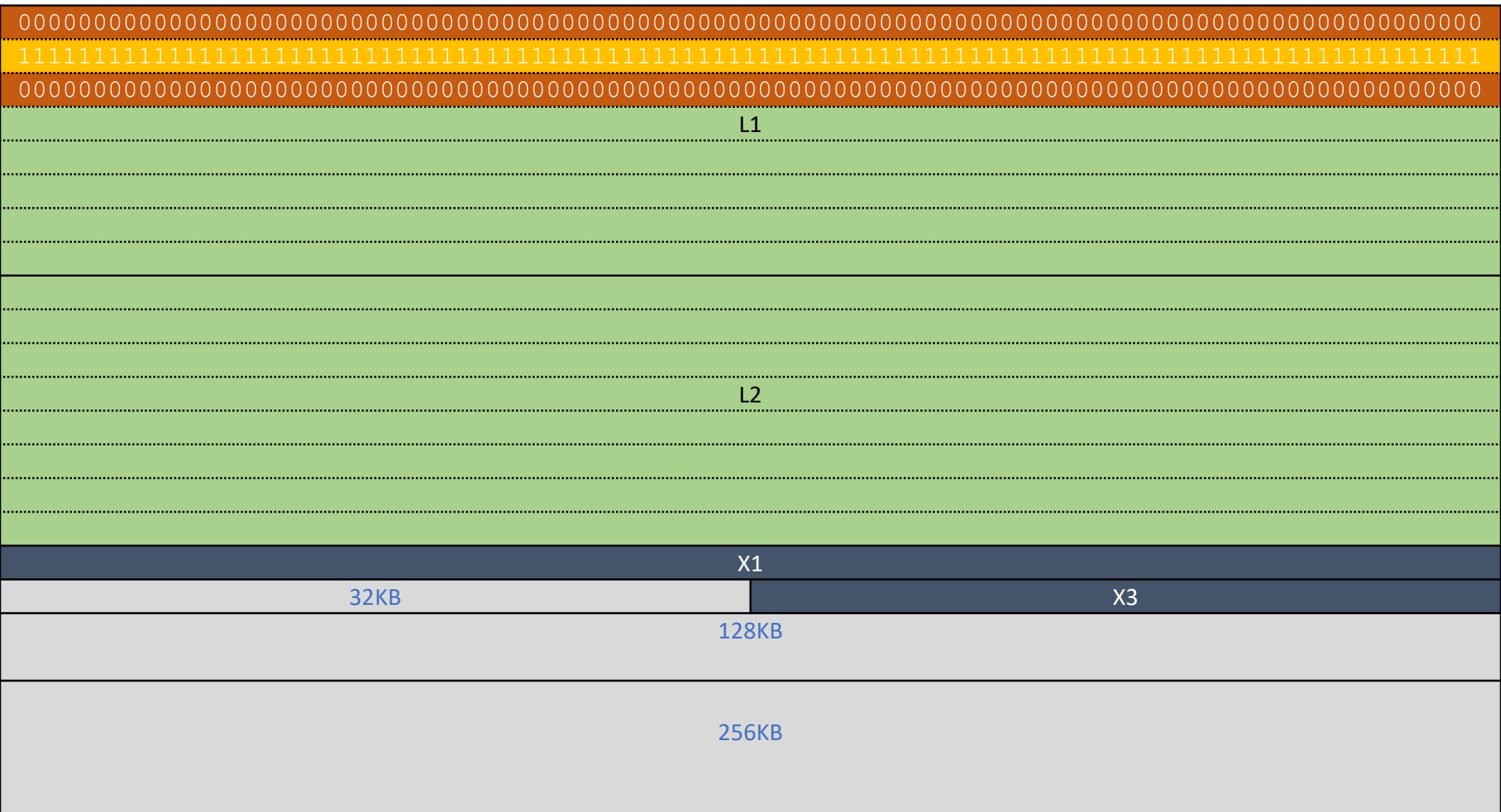
```
L1, L2, ..., Ln = exhaust(L); // get all  $2^9 = 512\text{KB}$  chunks
```



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Exhaust + **Template** *Large* chunks

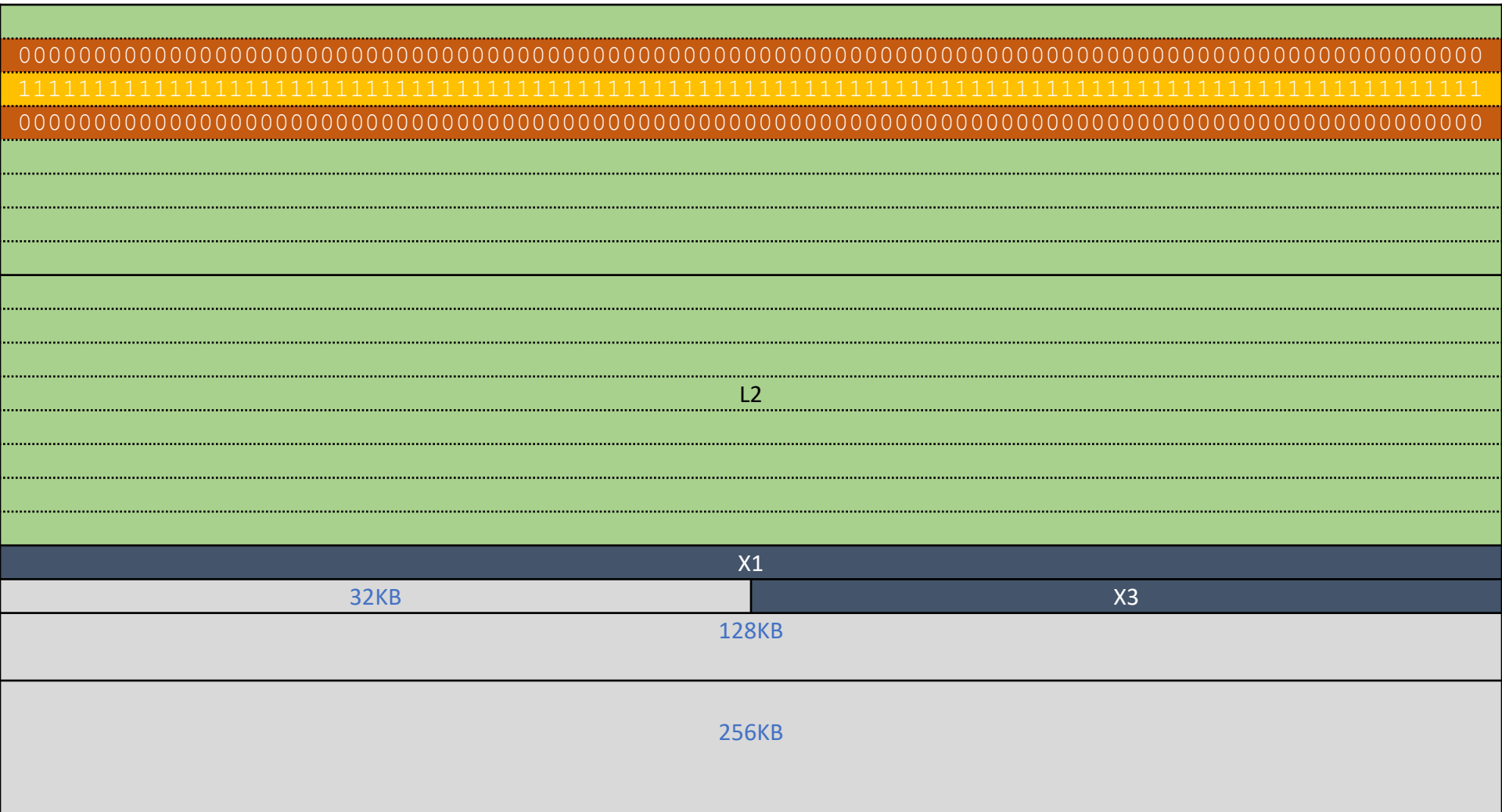
```
Hammer(L1, 2); // hammer row 2 of chunk L1
```



Phys Feng Shui step 1/8

Exhaust + **Template** *Large* chunks

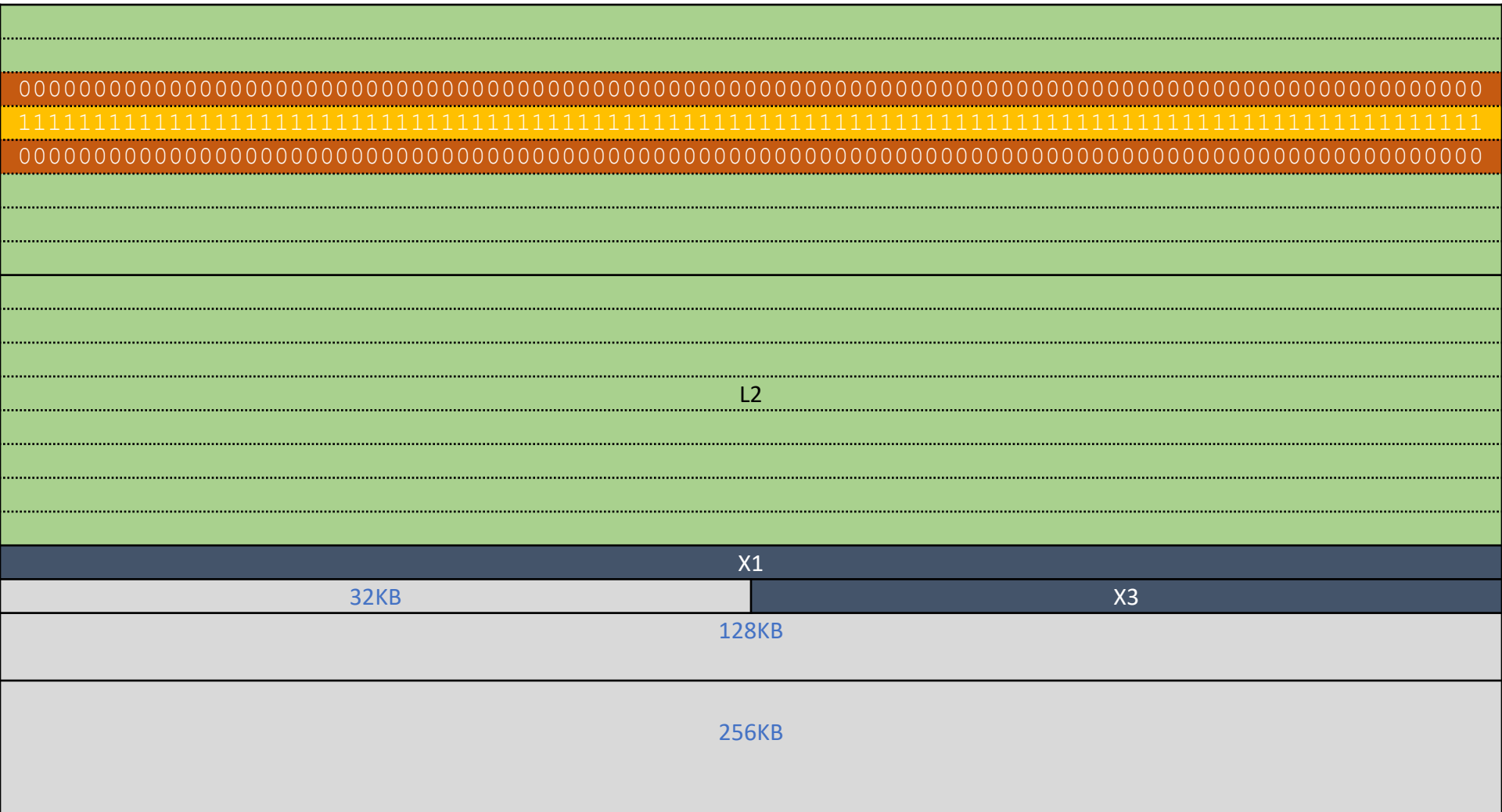
```
Hammer(L1, 3); // hammer row 3 of chunk L1
```



Phys Feng Shui step 1/8

Exhaust + **Template** *Large* chunks

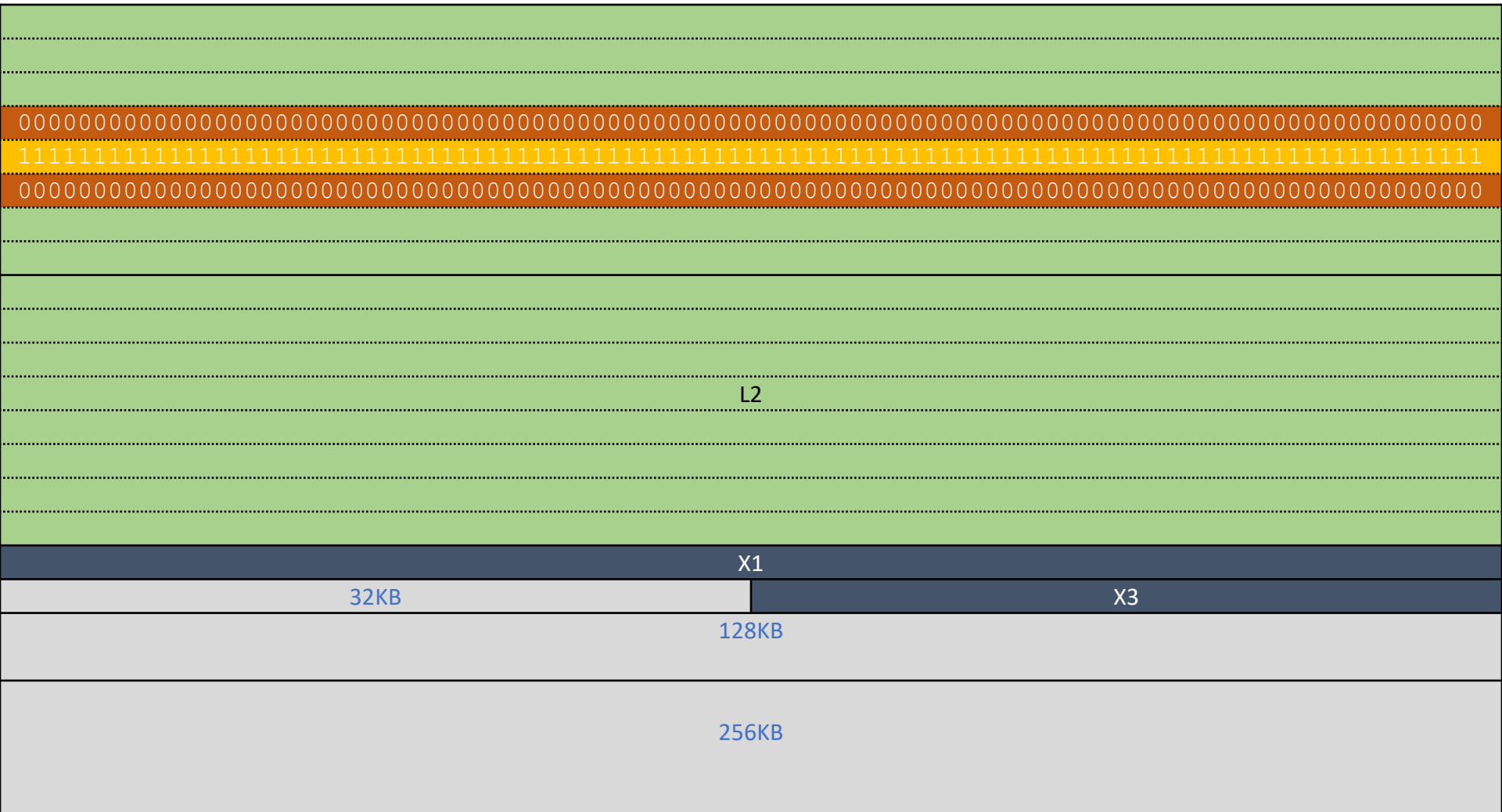
```
Hammer(L1, 4); // hammer row 4 of chunk L1
```



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Exhaust + **Template** *Large* chunks

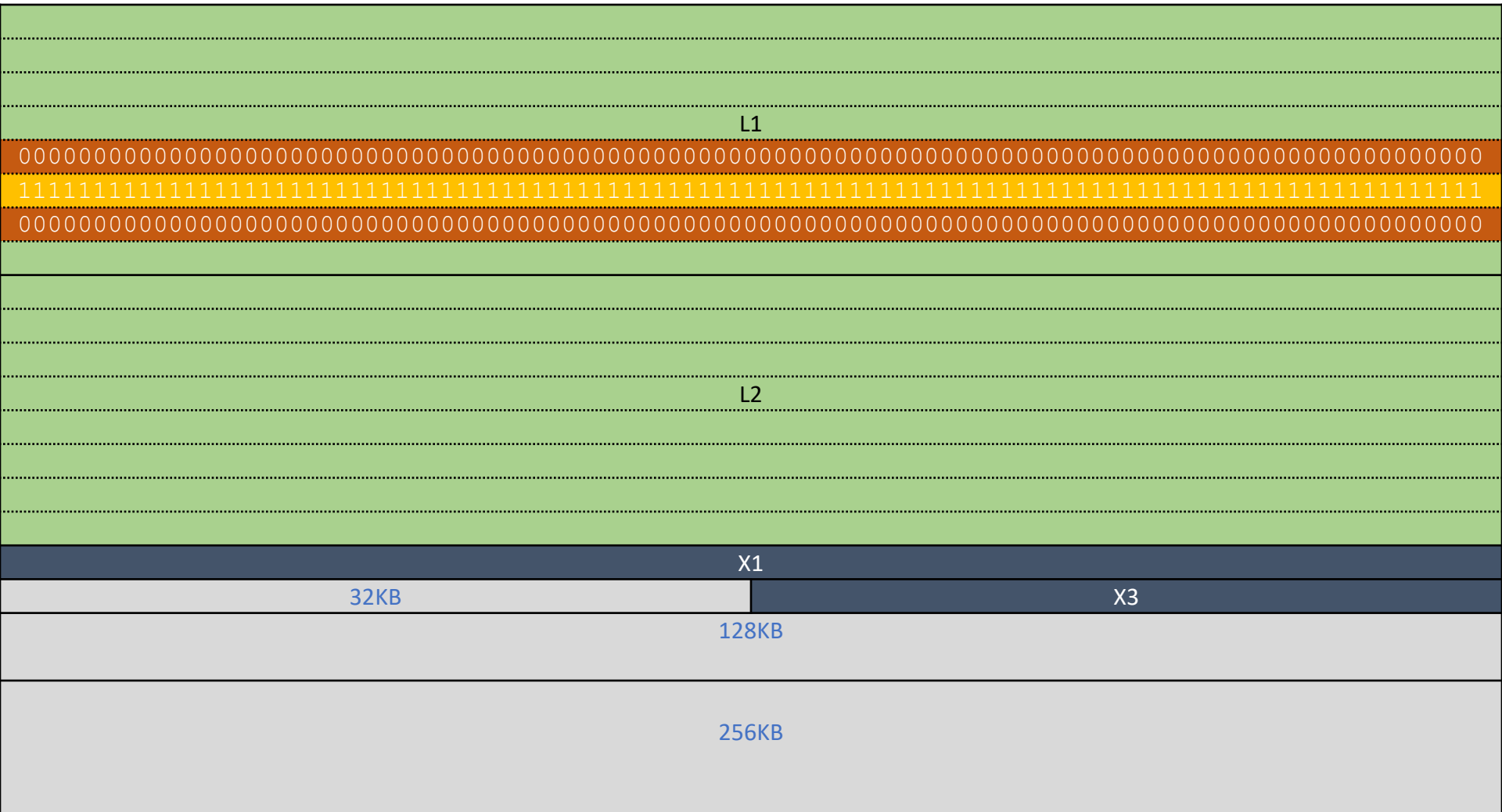
```
Hammer(L1, 5); // hammer row 5 of chunk L1
```



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Exhaust + **Template** *Large* chunks

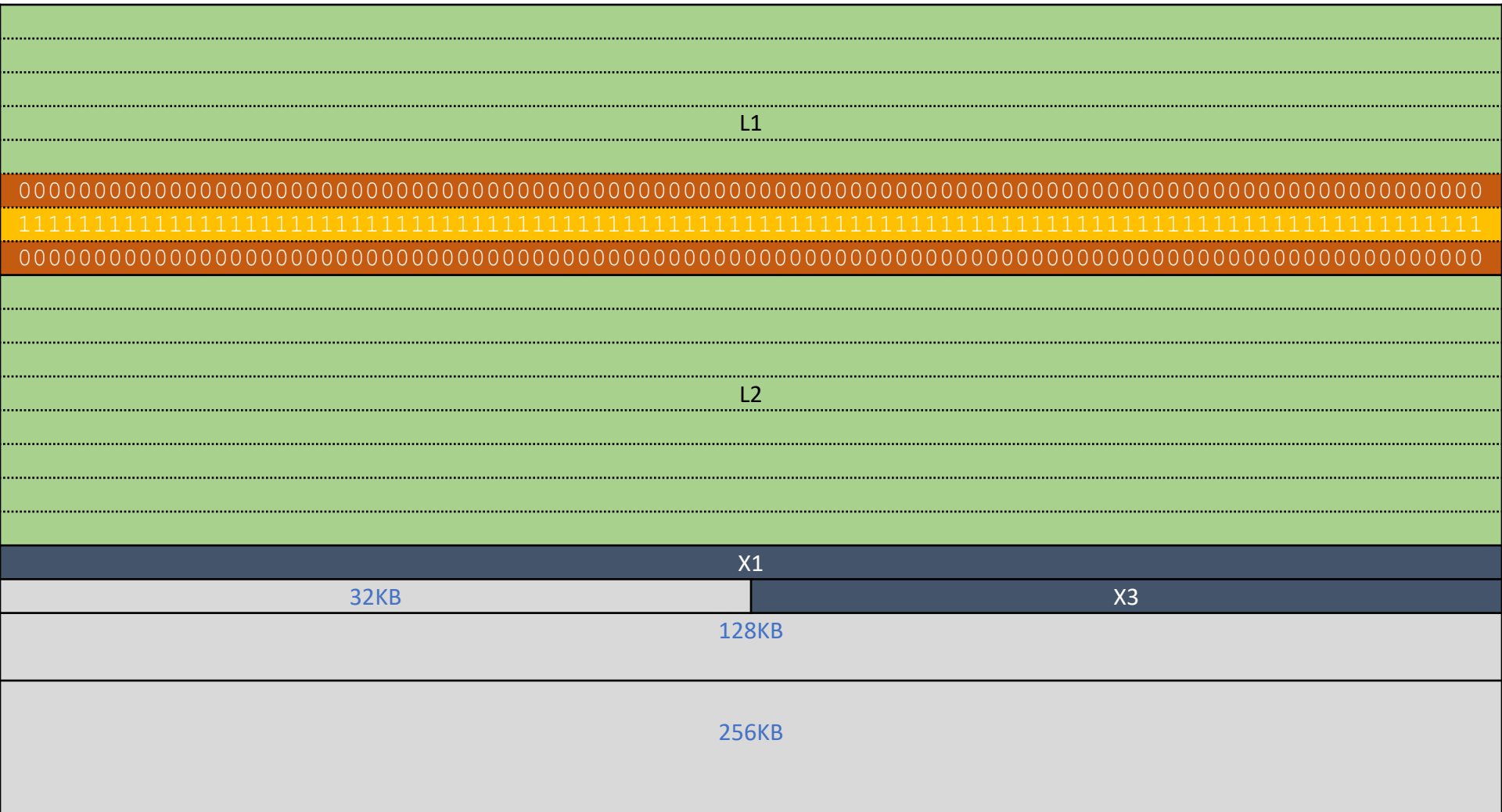
```
Hammer(L1, 6); // hammer row 6 of chunk L1
```



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Exhaust + **Template** *Large* chunks

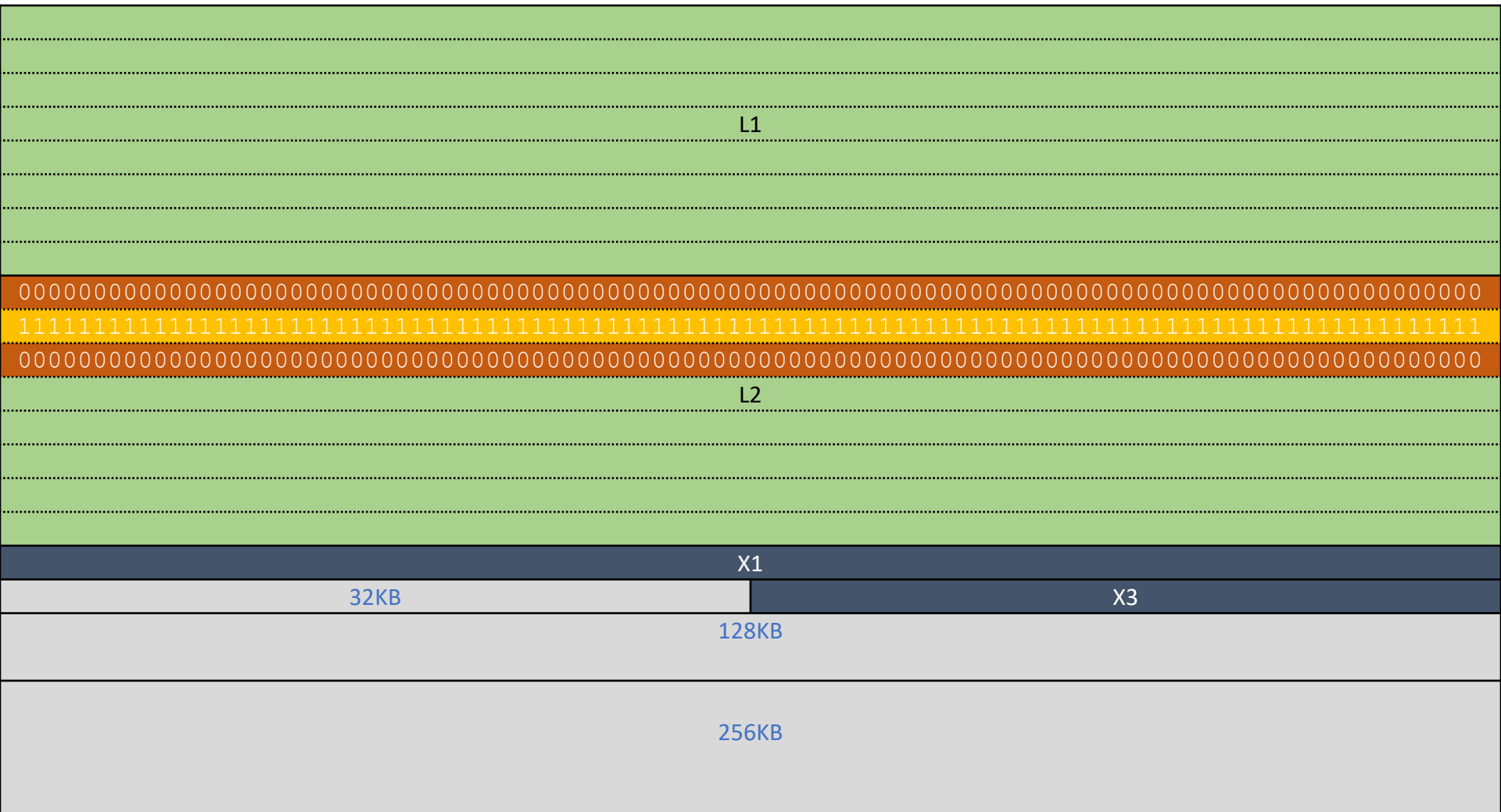
```
Hammer(L1, 7); // hammer row 7 of chunk L1
```



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Exhaust + Template *Large* chunks

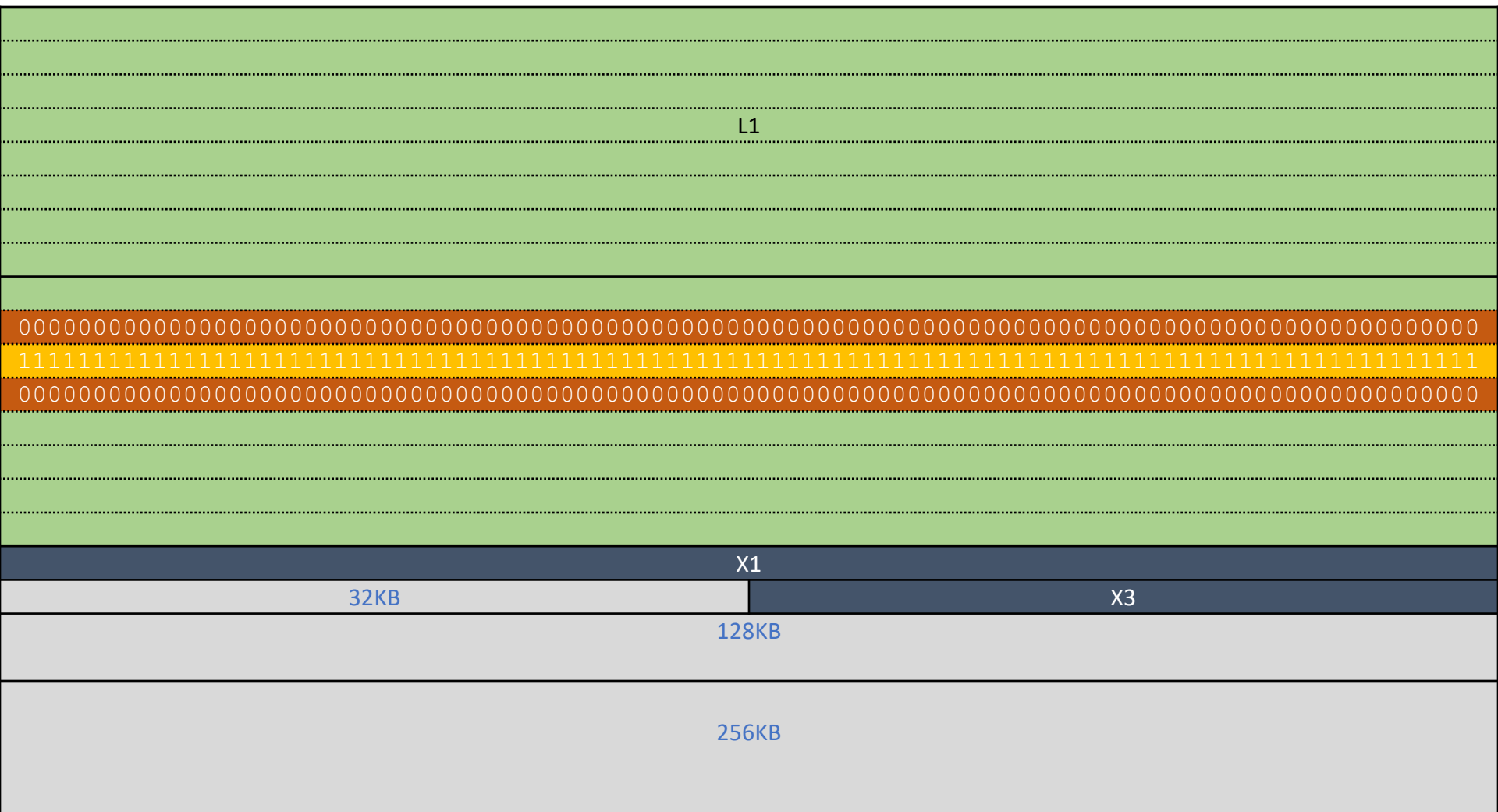
```
Hammer(L2, 2); // hammer row 2 of chunk L2
```



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Exhaust + Template *Large* chunks

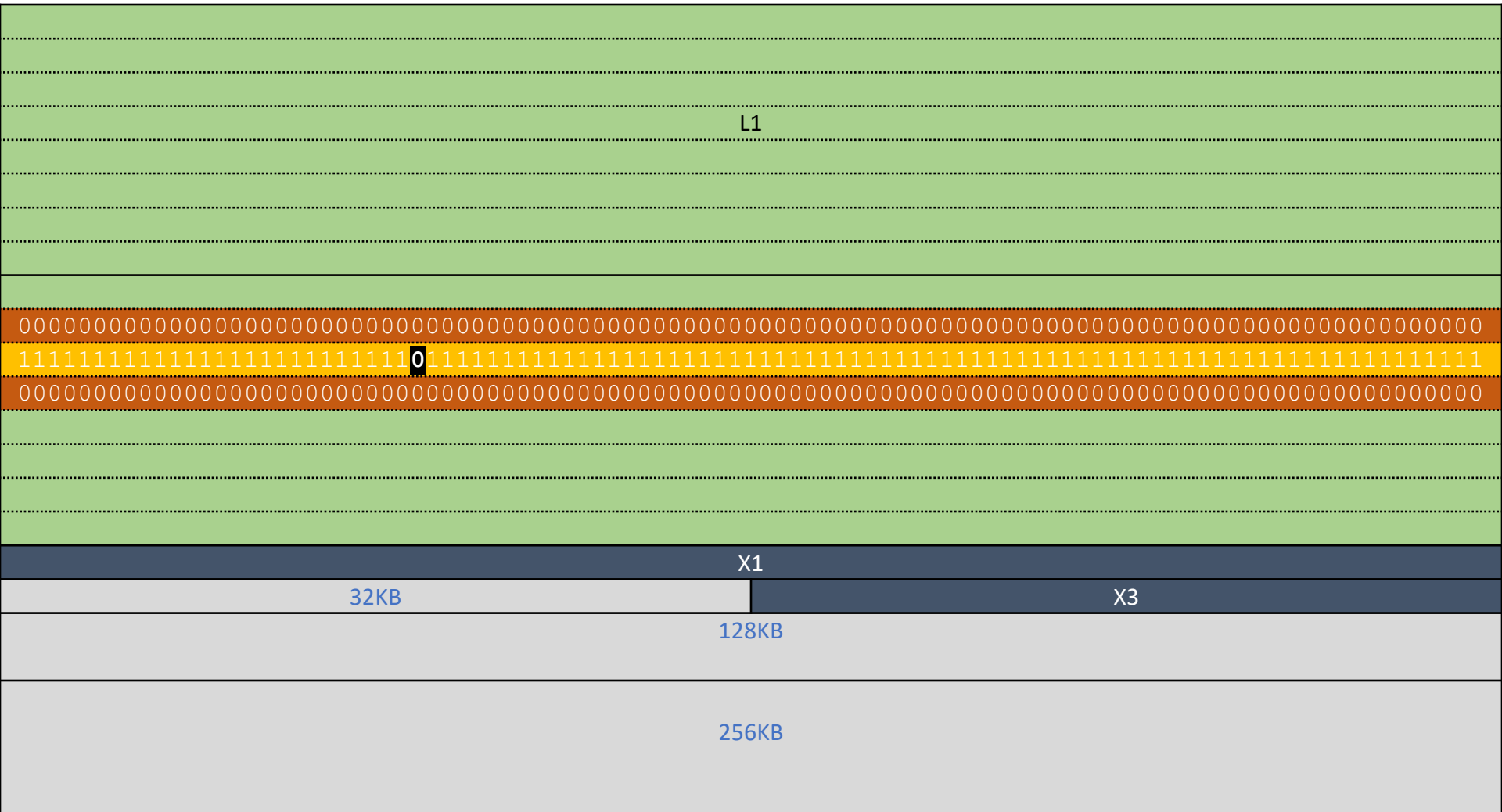
```
Hammer(L2, 3); // hammer row 3 of chunk L2
```



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Exhaust + **Template** *Large* chunks

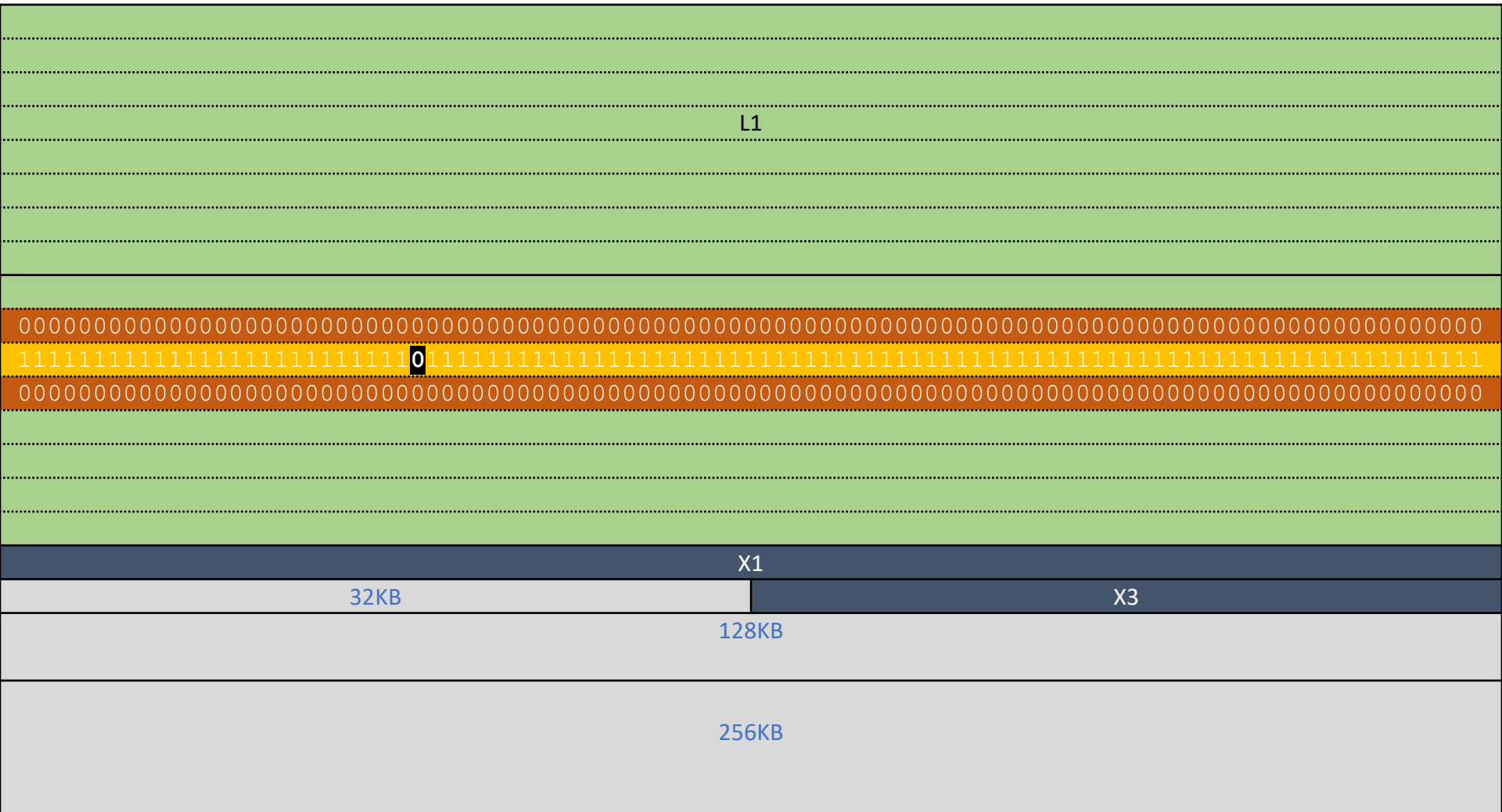
"exploitable flip found in page 5 of virtual row 3 of L2!"



Phys Feng Shui step 2/8

Exhaust *Medium-sized* chunks

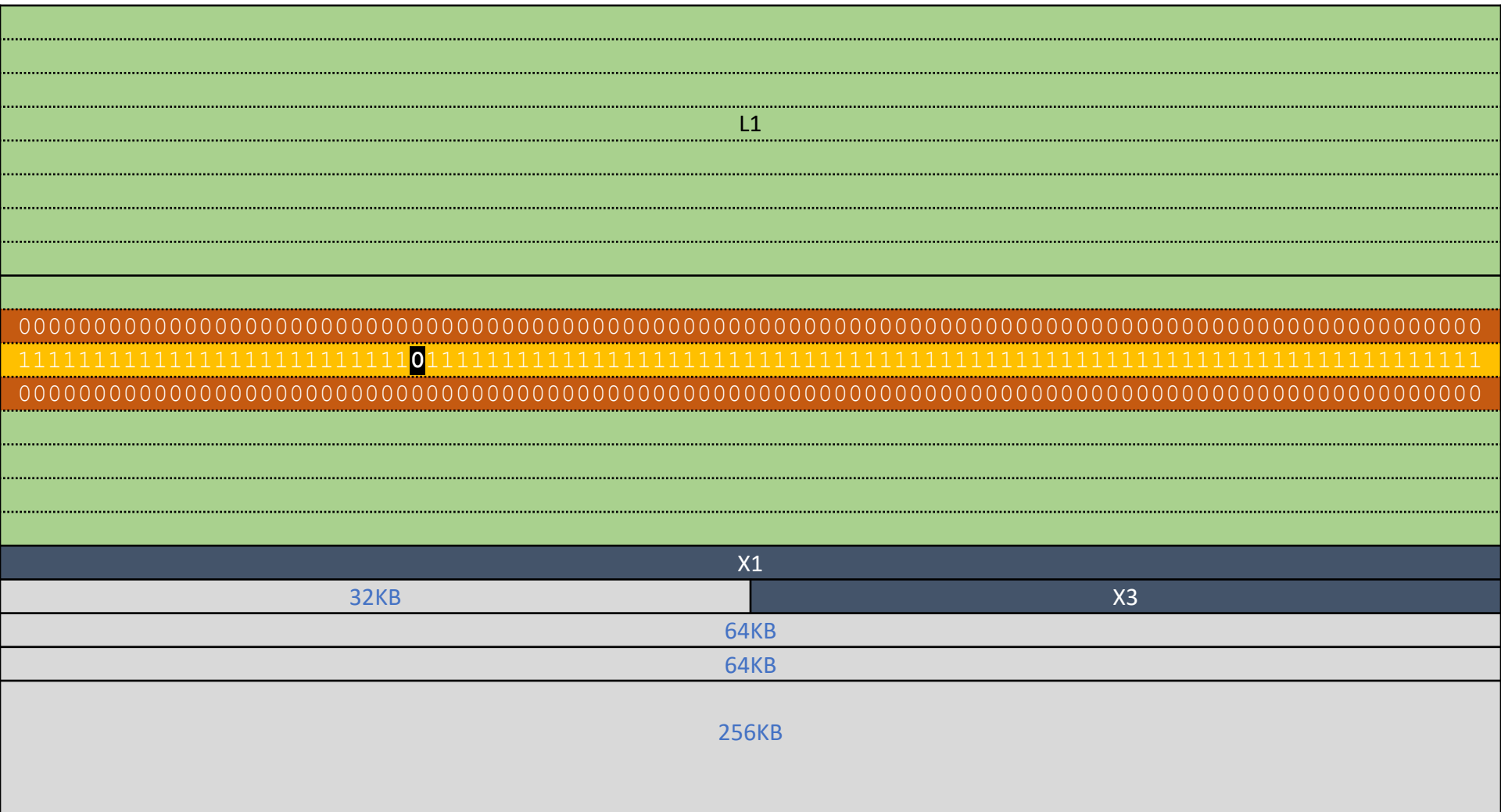
```
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```



Phys Feng Shui step 2/8

Exhaust *Medium-sized* chunks

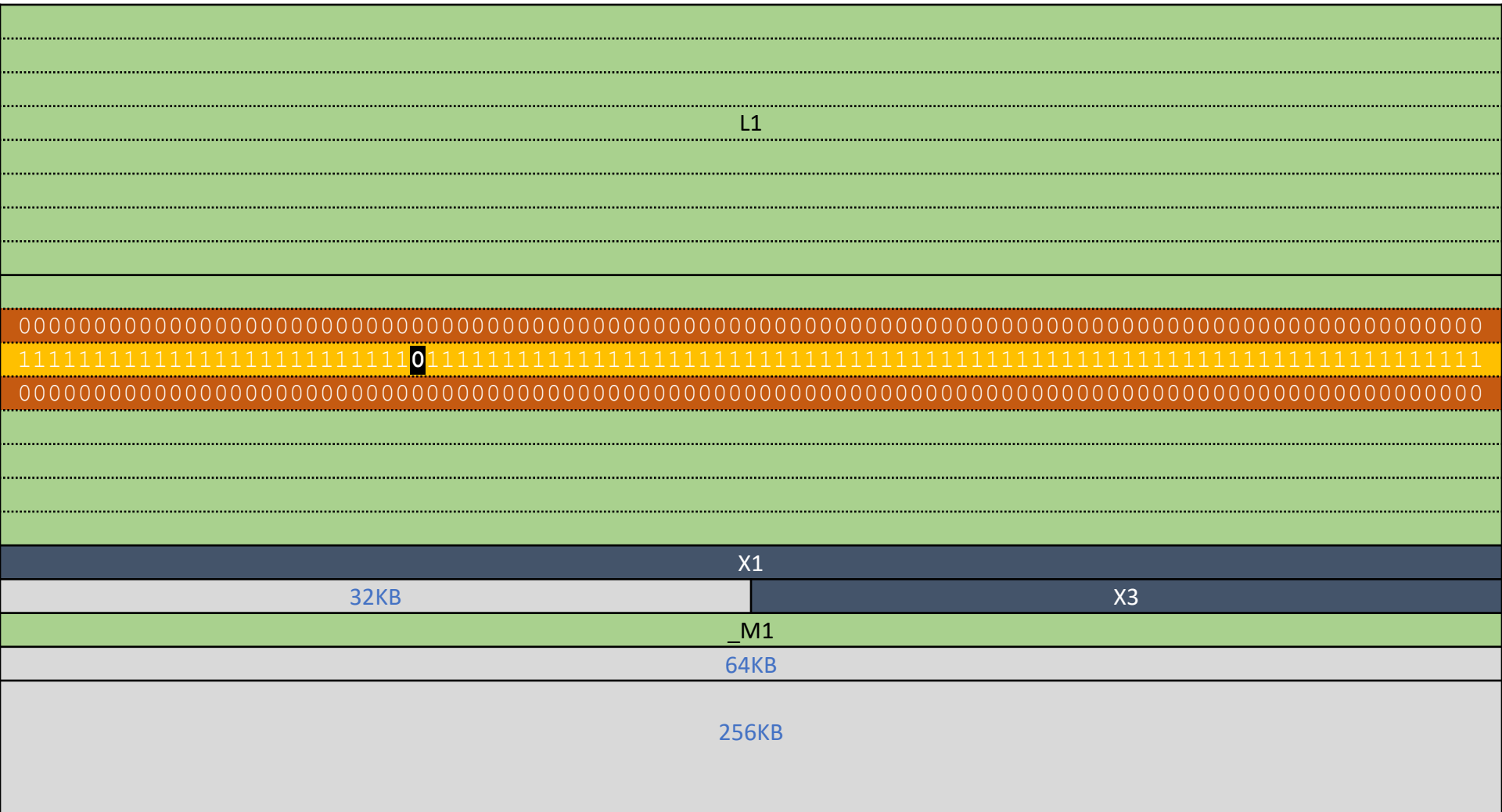
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Exhaust *Medium-sized* chunks

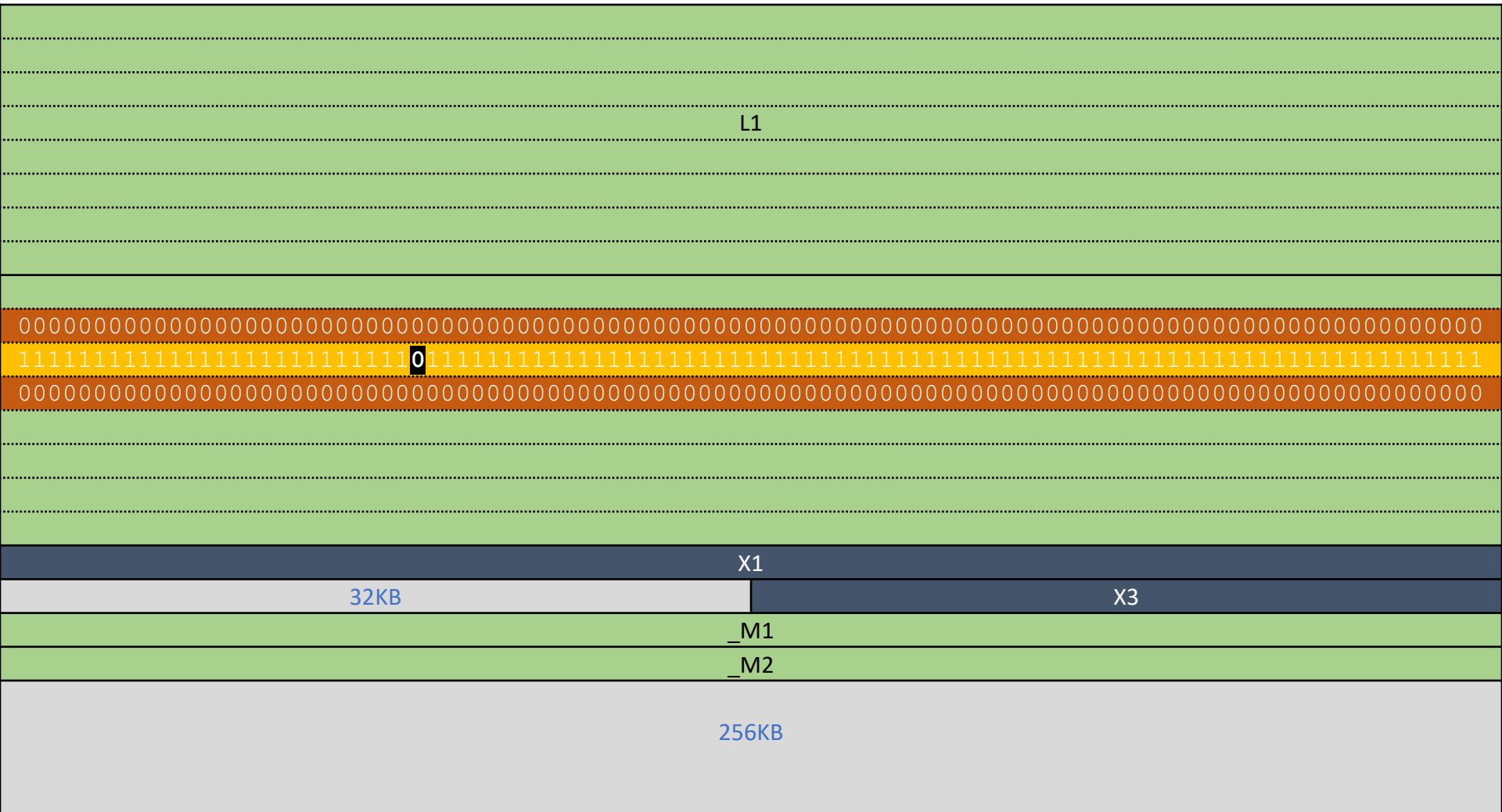
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Phys Feng Shui step 2/8

Exhaust *Medium-sized* chunks

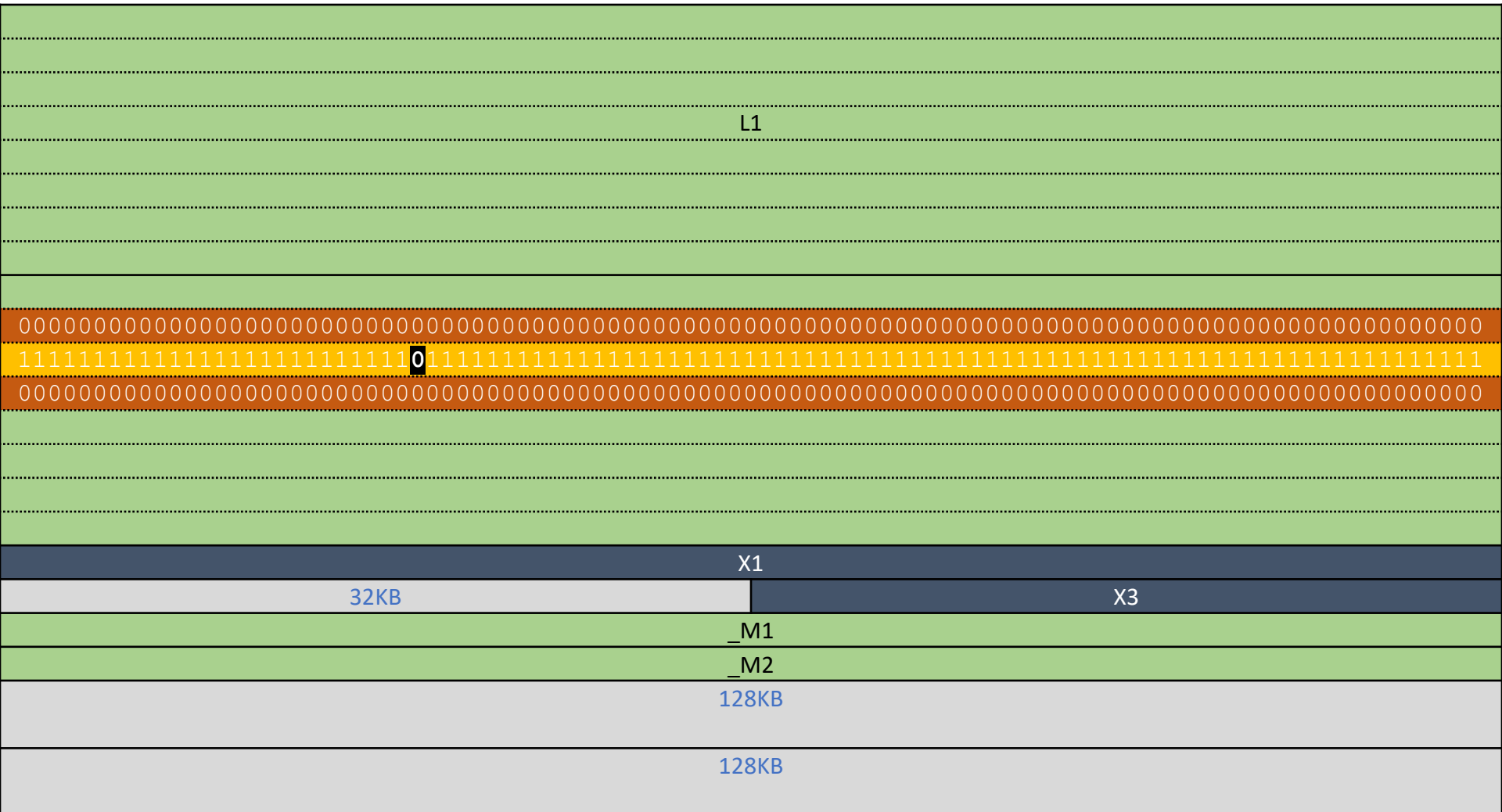
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```



Phys Feng Shui step 2/8

Exhaust *Medium-sized* chunks

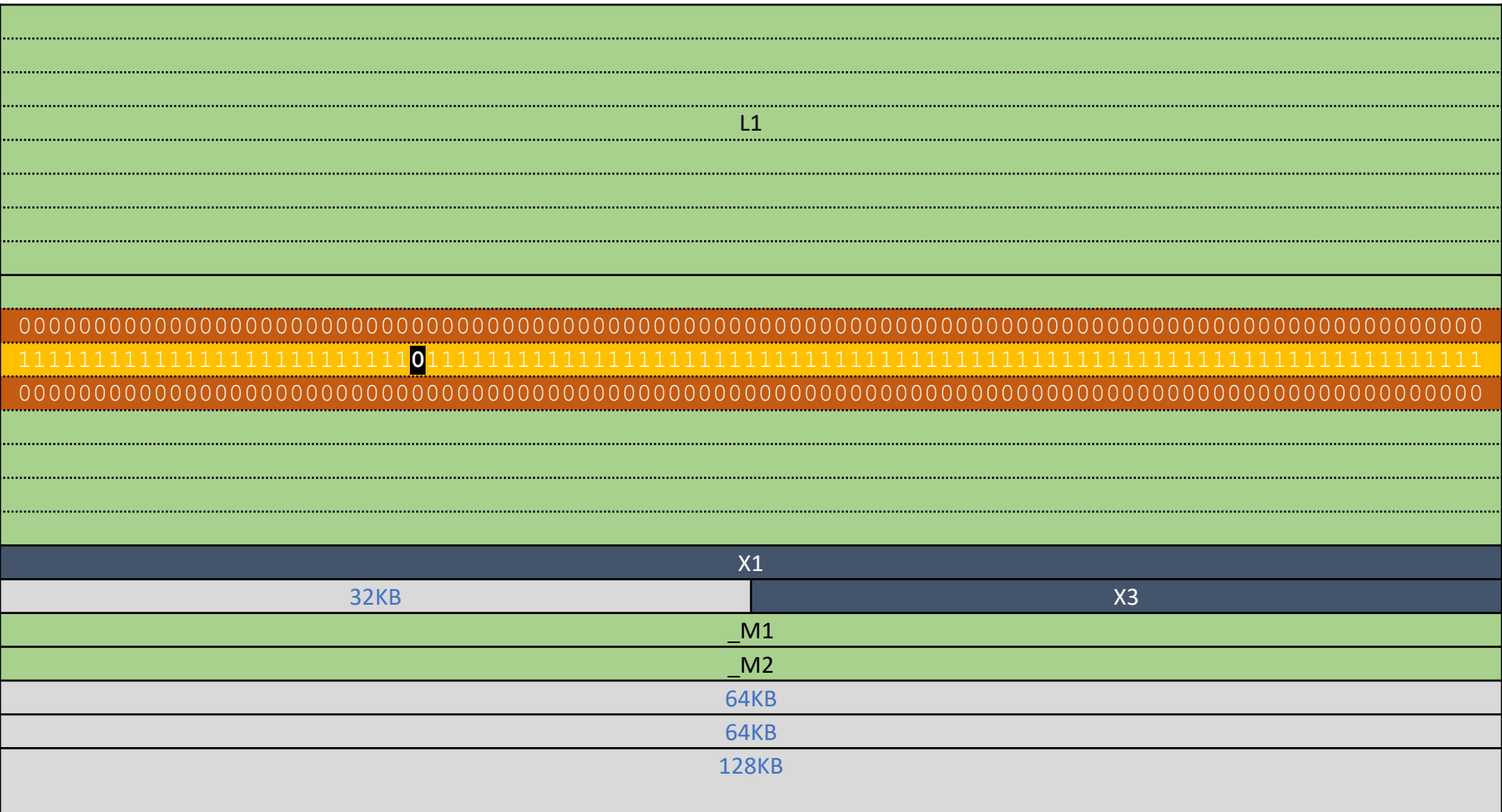
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```



Phys Feng Shui step 2/8

Exhaust *Medium-sized* chunks

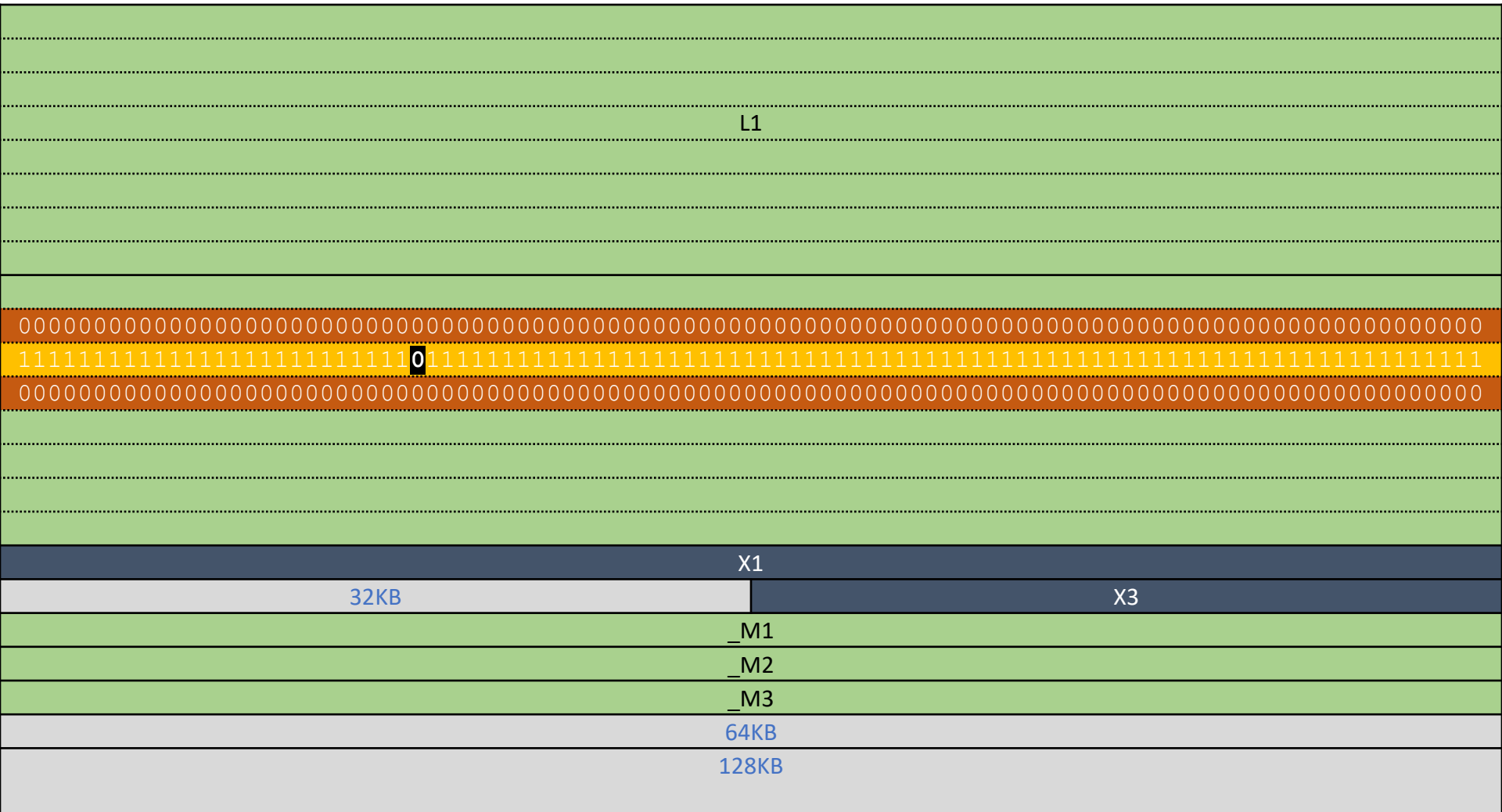
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Exhaust *Medium-sized* chunks

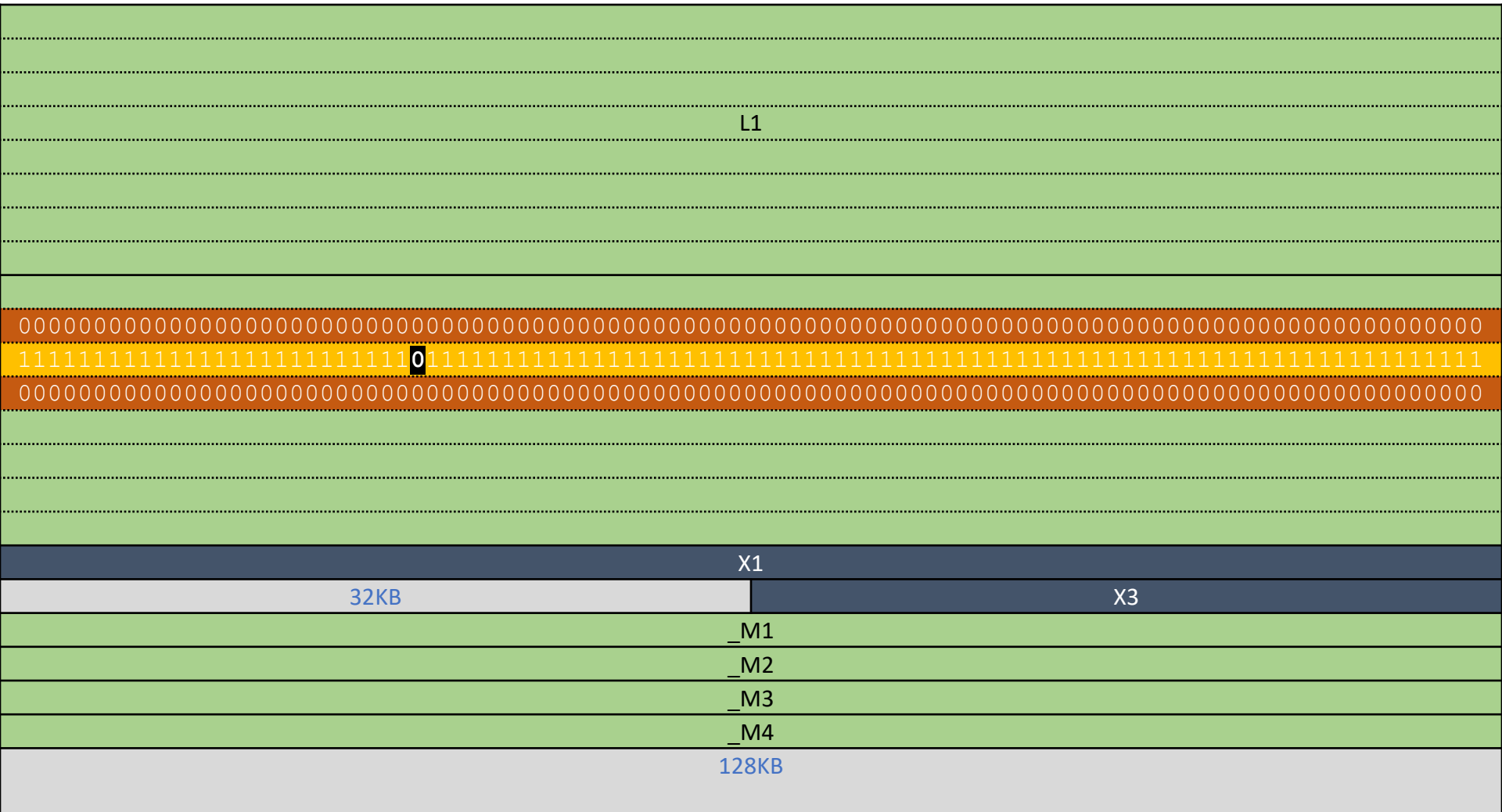
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Phys Feng Shui step 2/8

Exhaust *Medium-sized* chunks

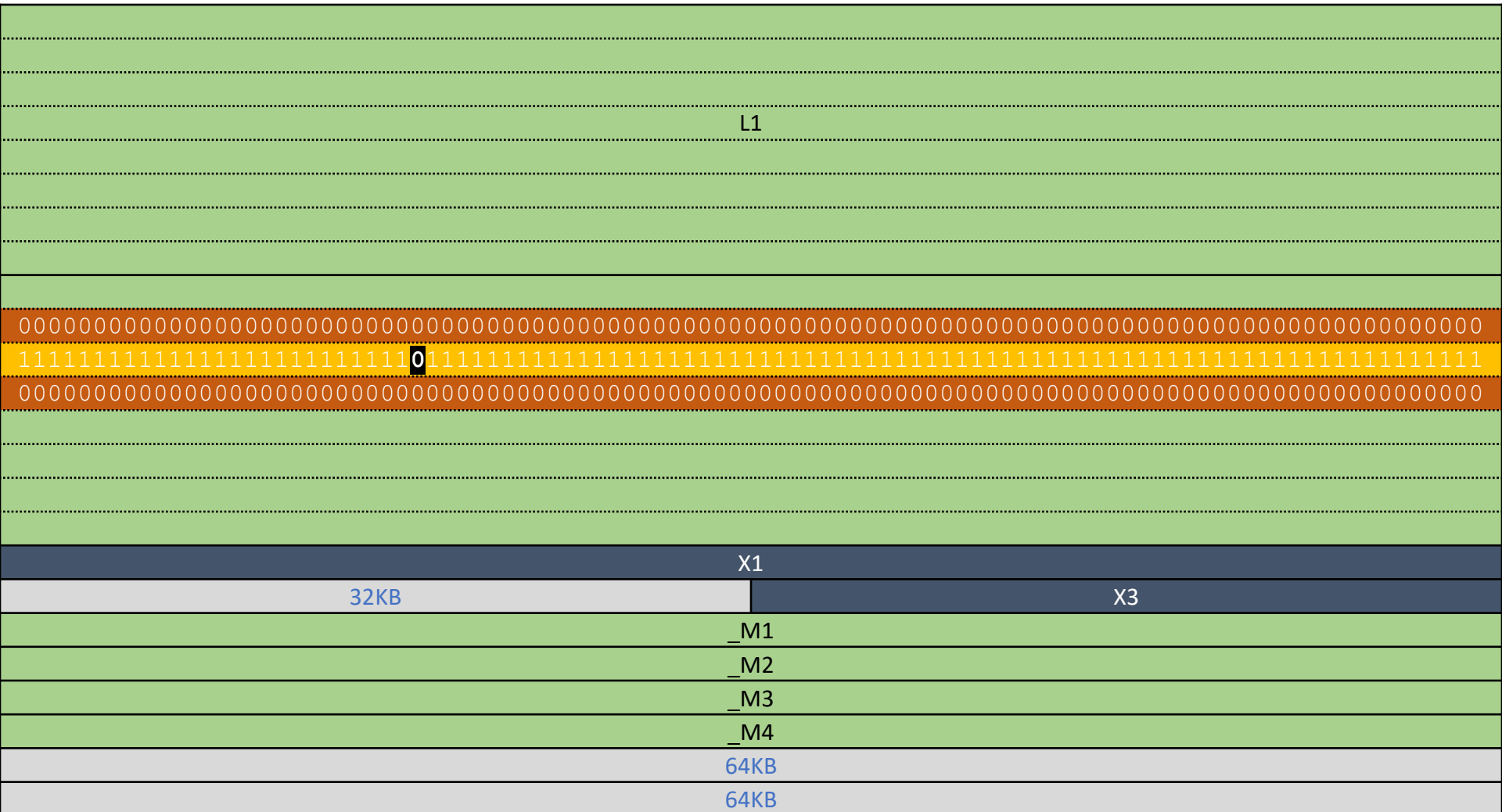
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Exhaust *Medium-sized* chunks

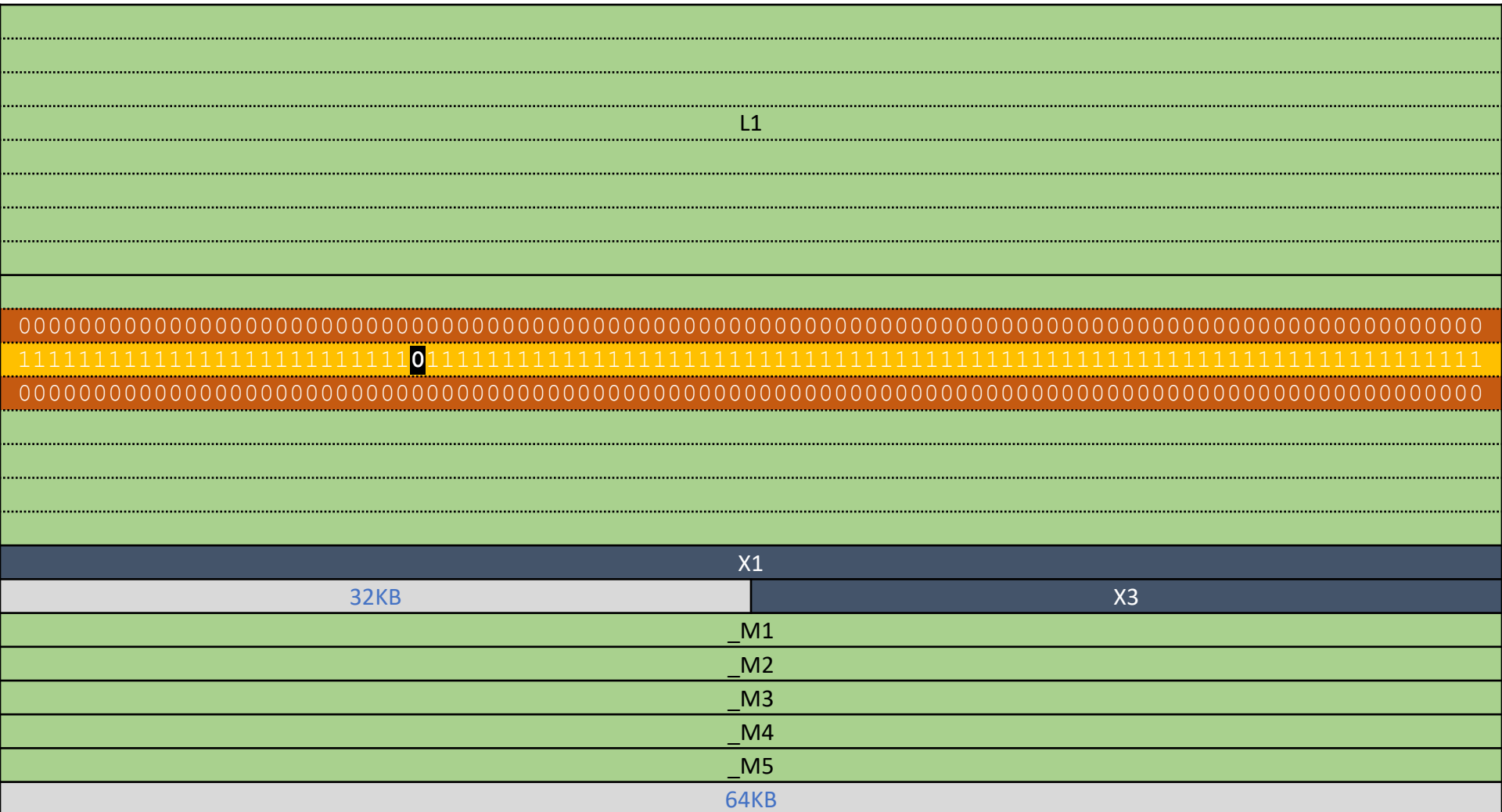
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Exhaust *Medium-sized* chunks

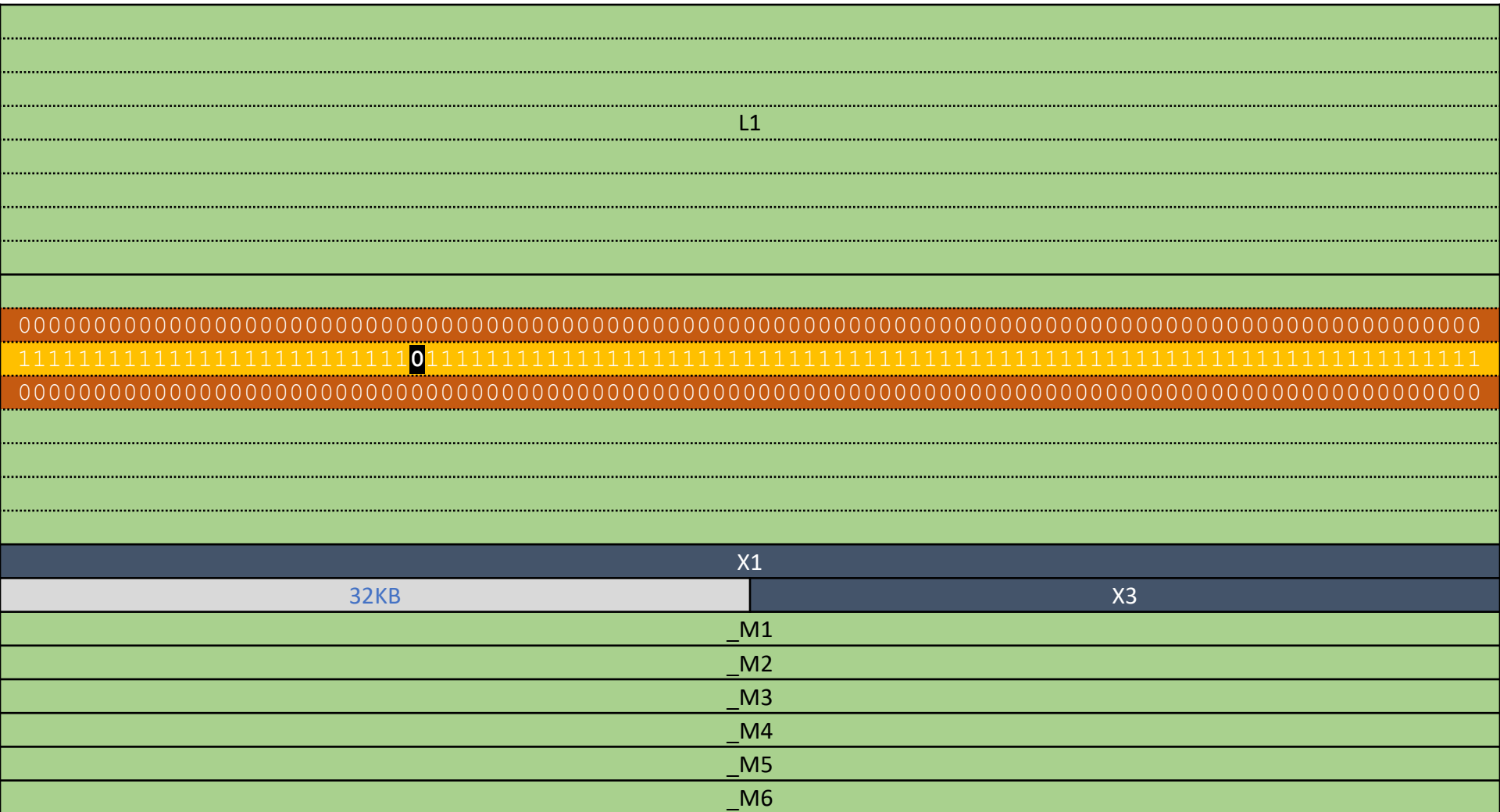
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Exhaust *Medium-sized* chunks

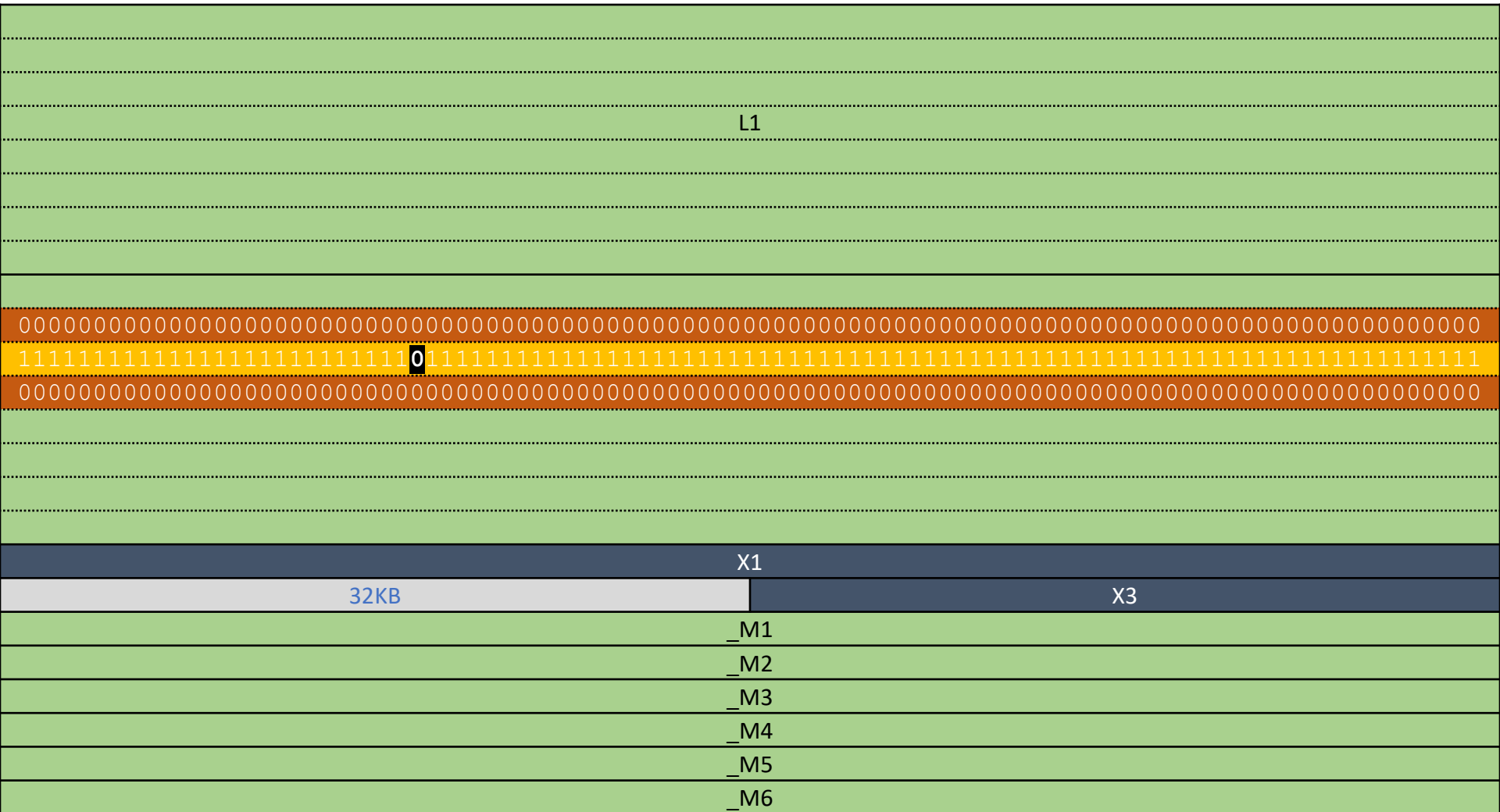
```
_M1, _M2, ..., _Mn = exhaust(6); // get all  $2^6 = 64\text{KB}$  chunks
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Phys Feng Shui step 3/8

Release *Large* chunk with vulnerable page

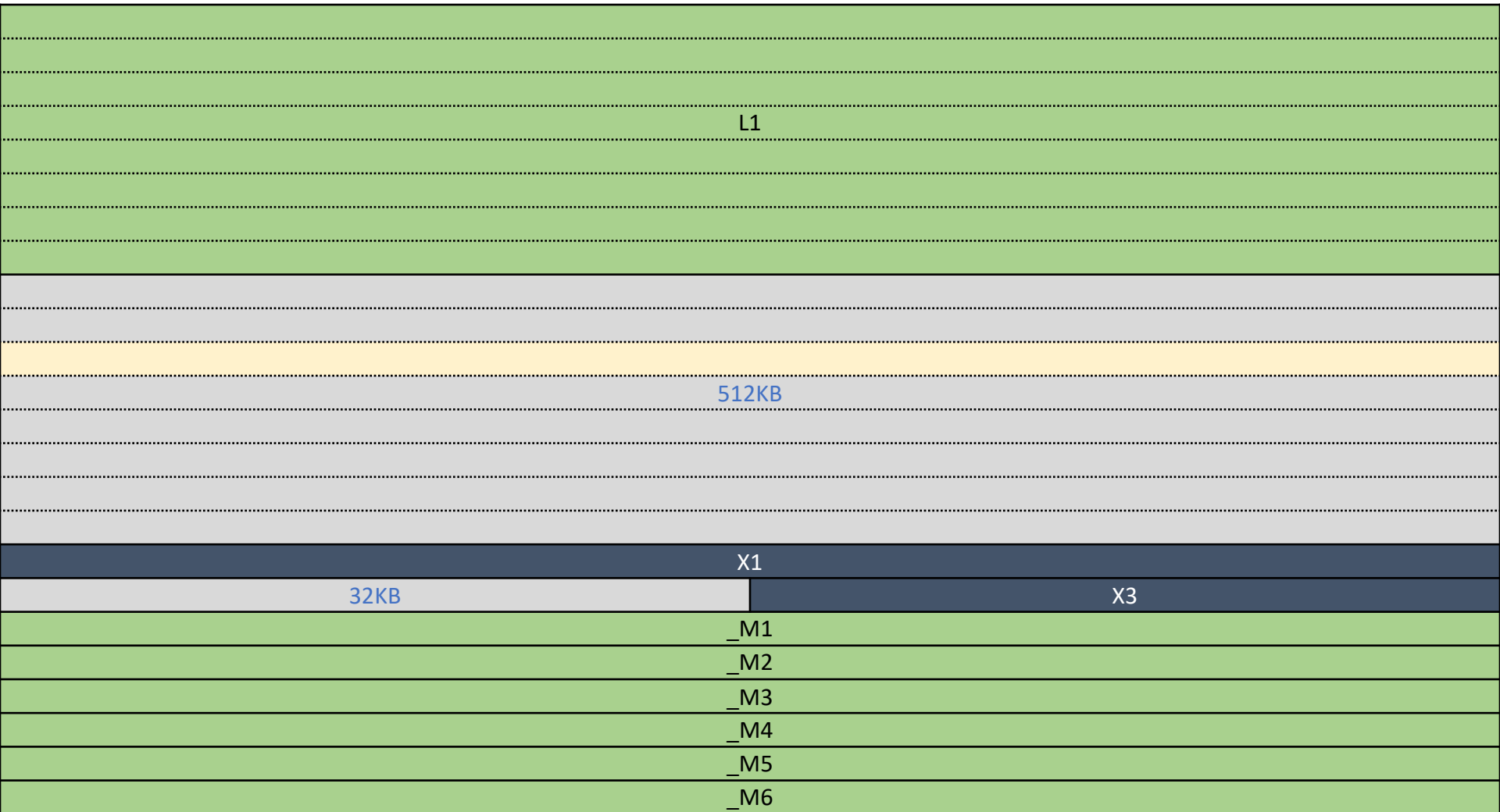
```
Release (L2) ; // L chunk with vulnerable page
```



Phys Feng Shui step 4/8

Exhaust *Medium-sized* chunks (again)

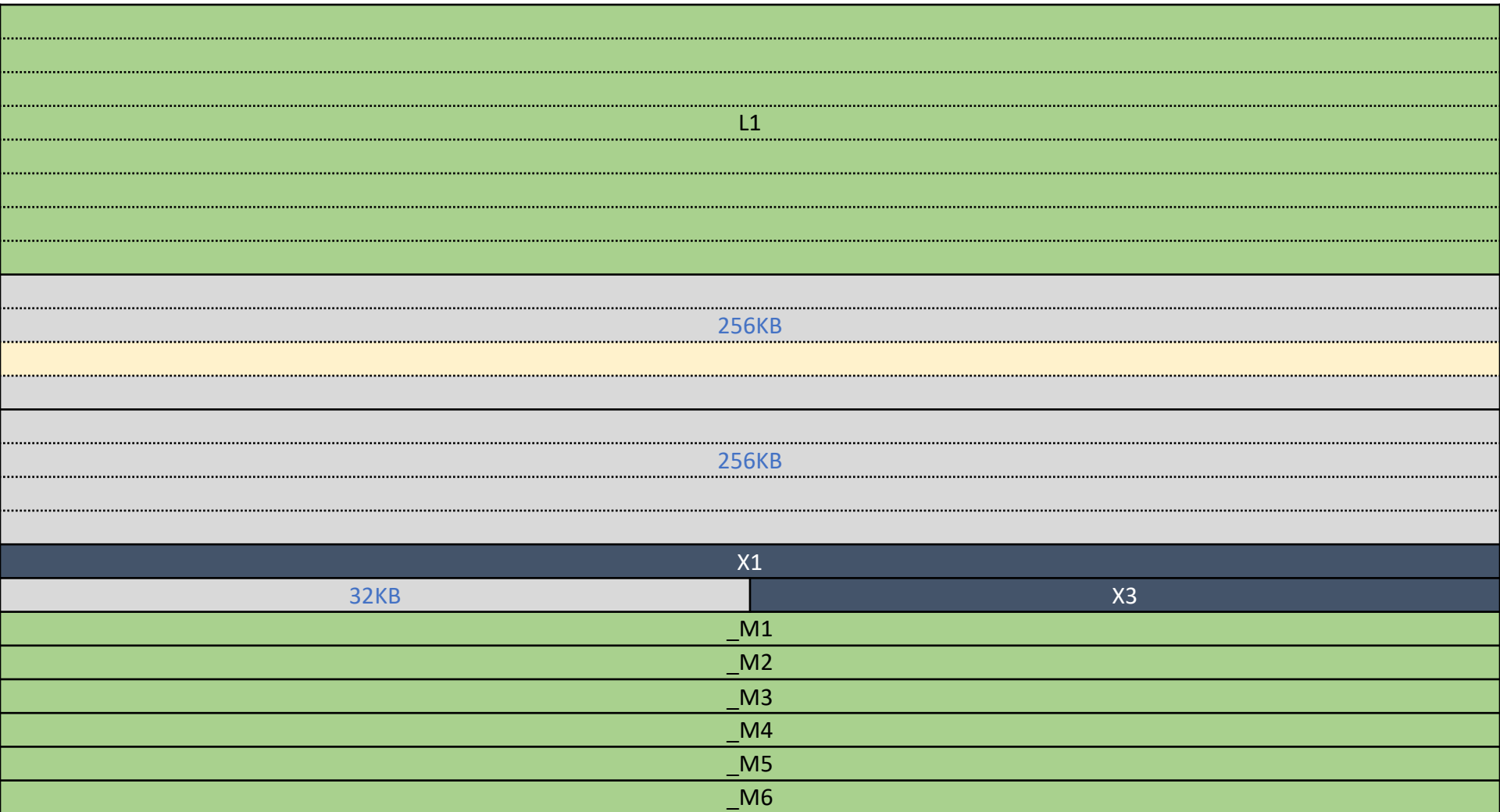
M1, M2, ..., Mn = **exhaust(6)**; // get all $2^6 = 64\text{KB}$ chunks



Phys Feng Shui step 4/8

Exhaust *Medium-sized* chunks (again)

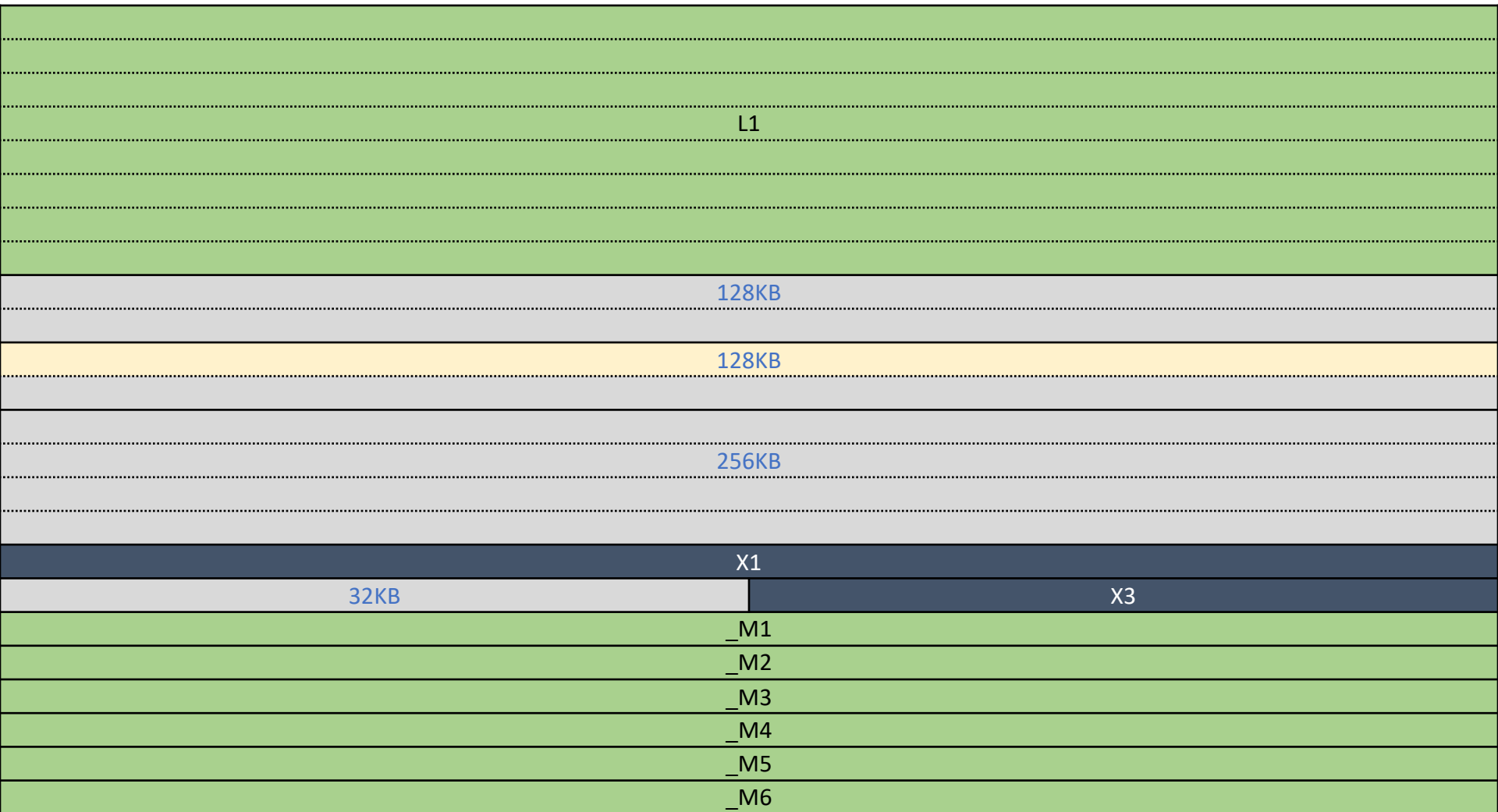
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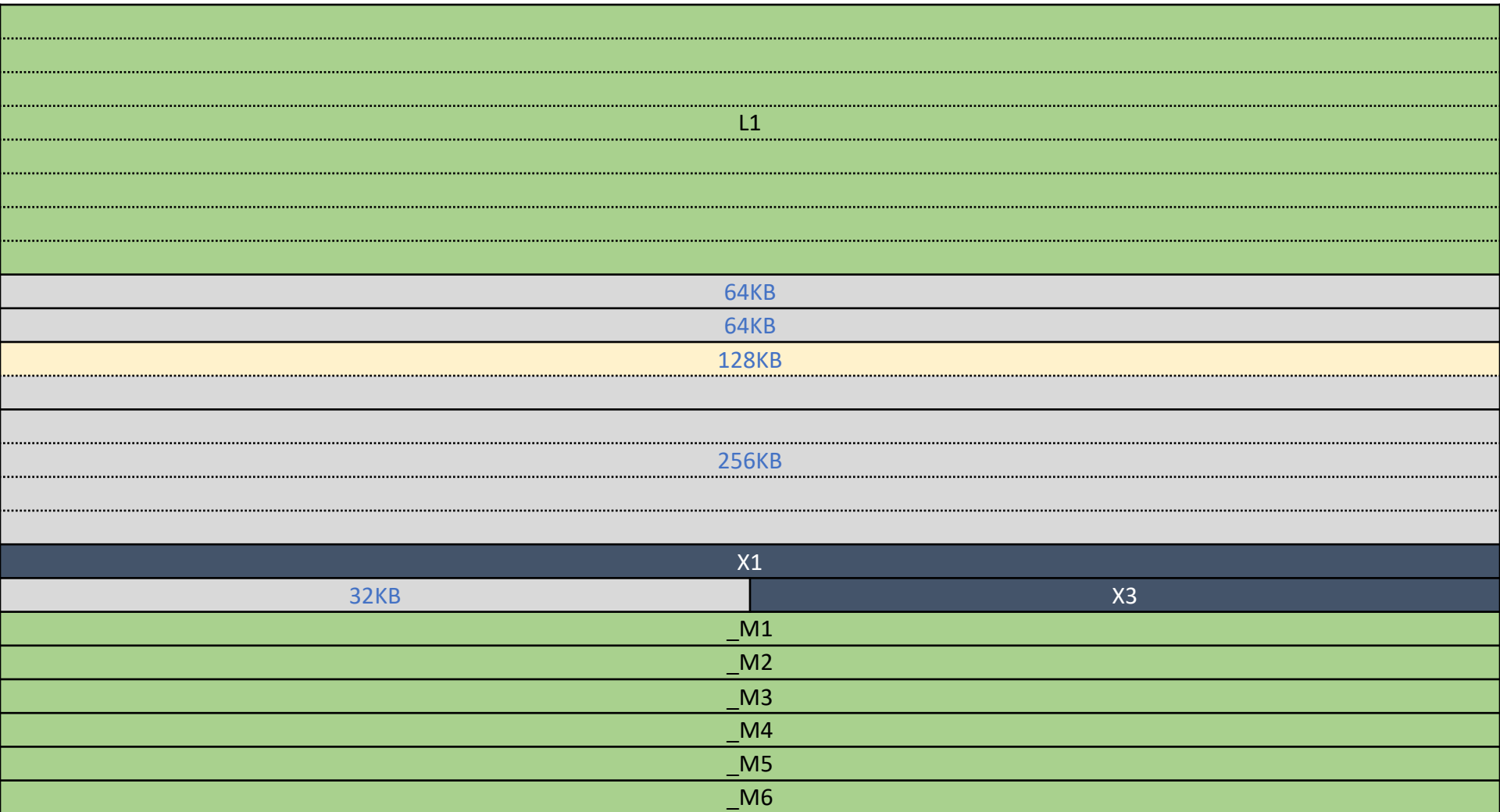
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Exhaust *Medium-sized* chunks (again)

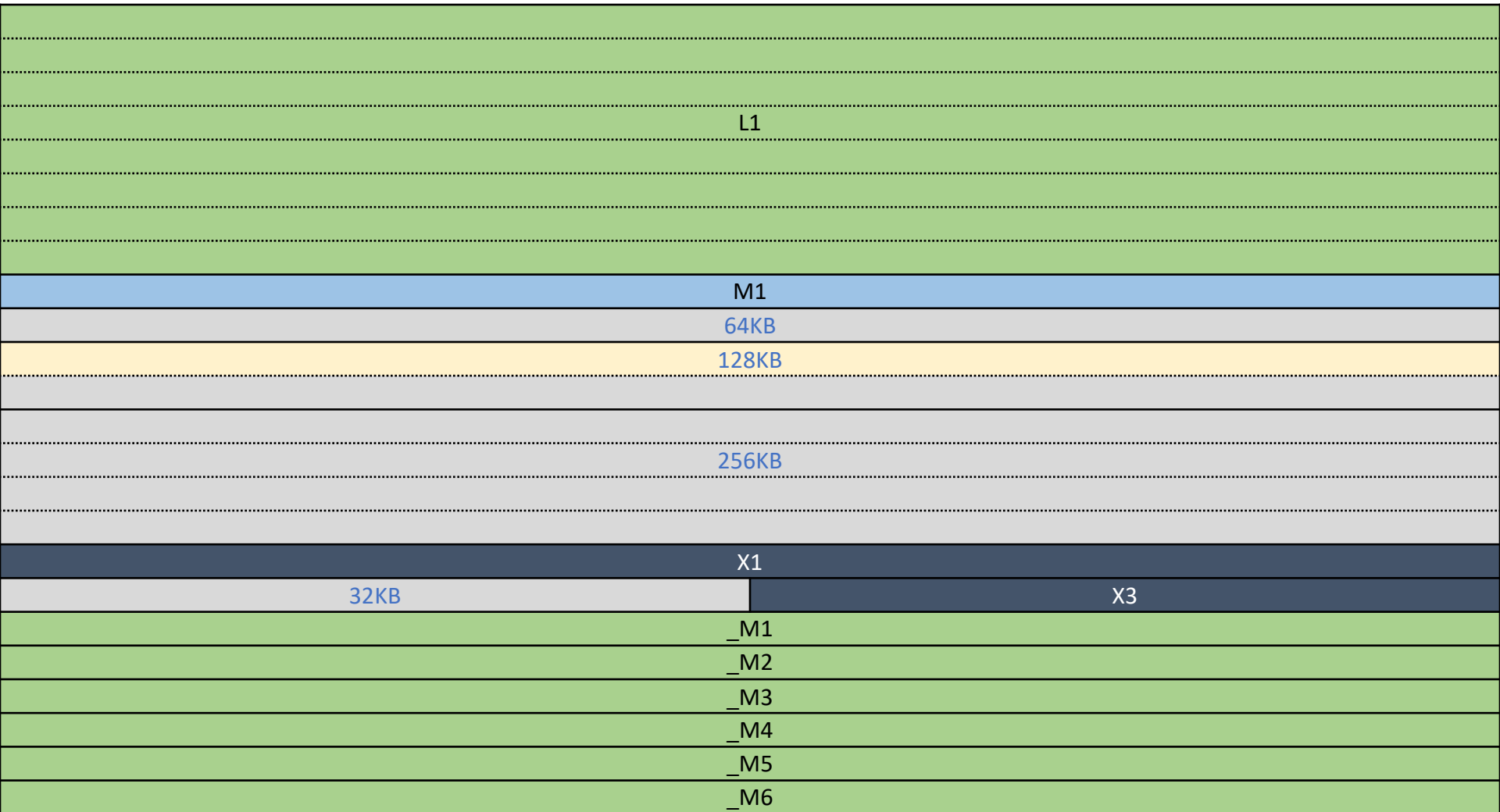
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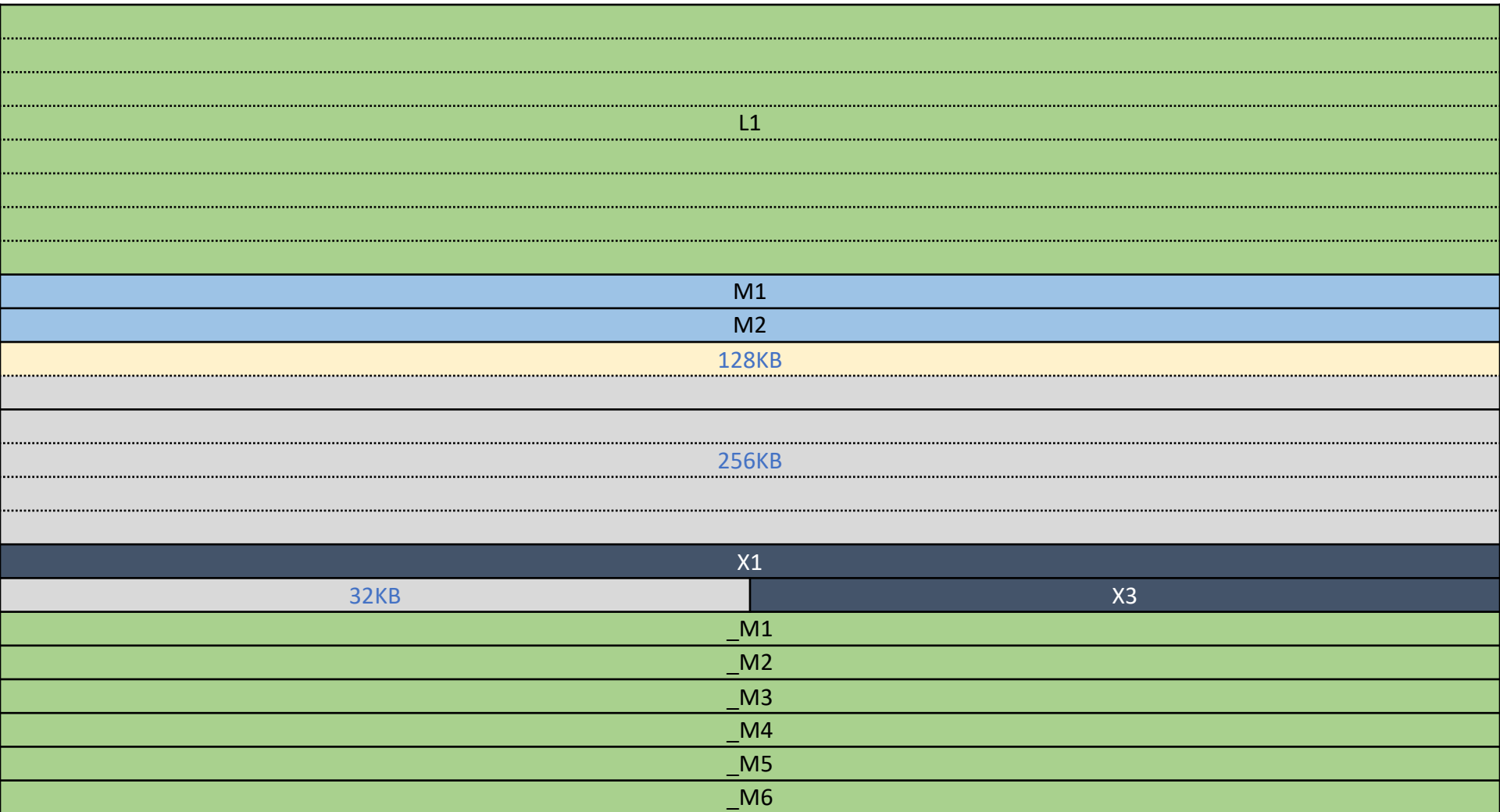
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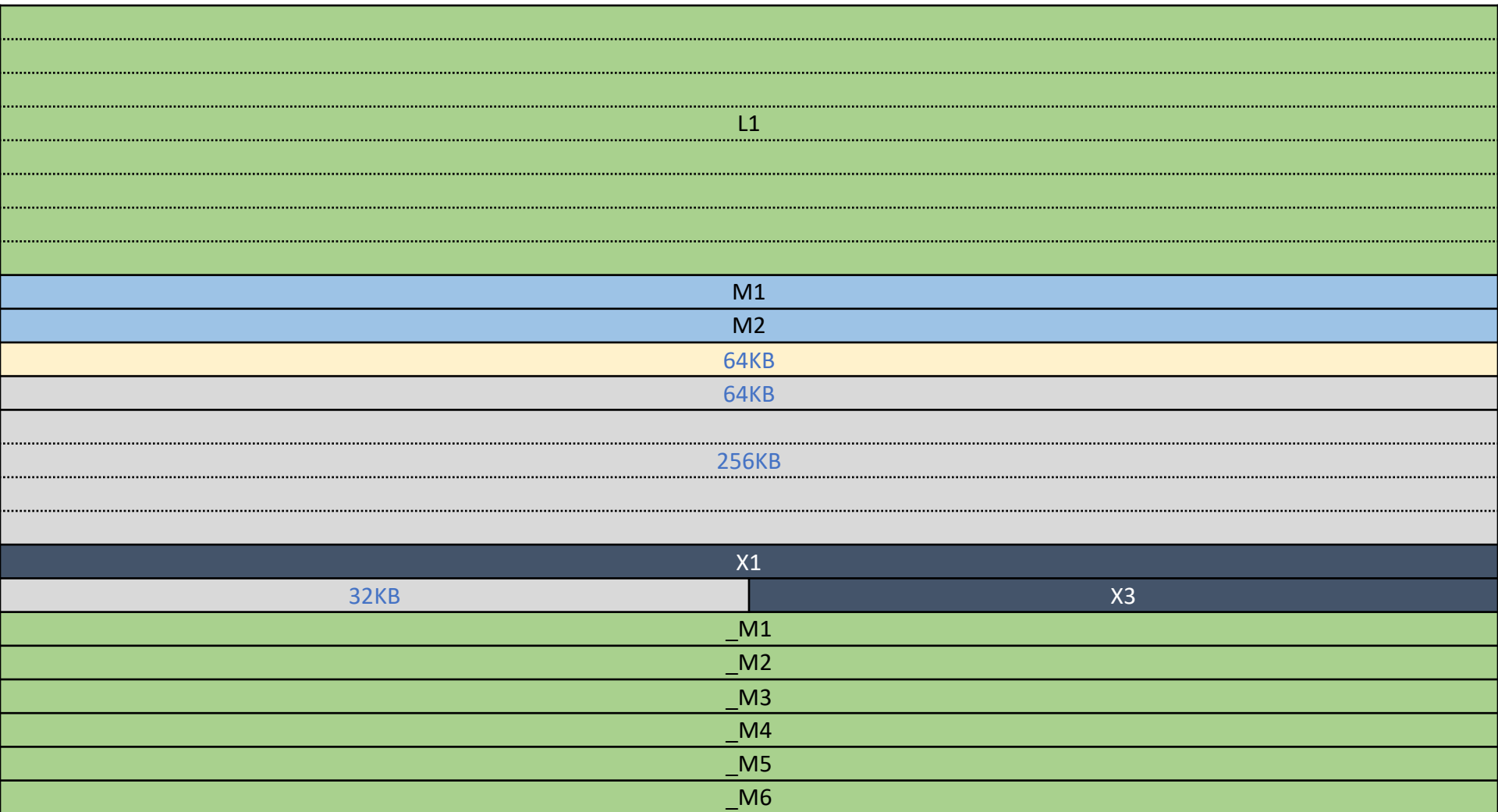
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Exhaust *Medium-sized* chunks (again)

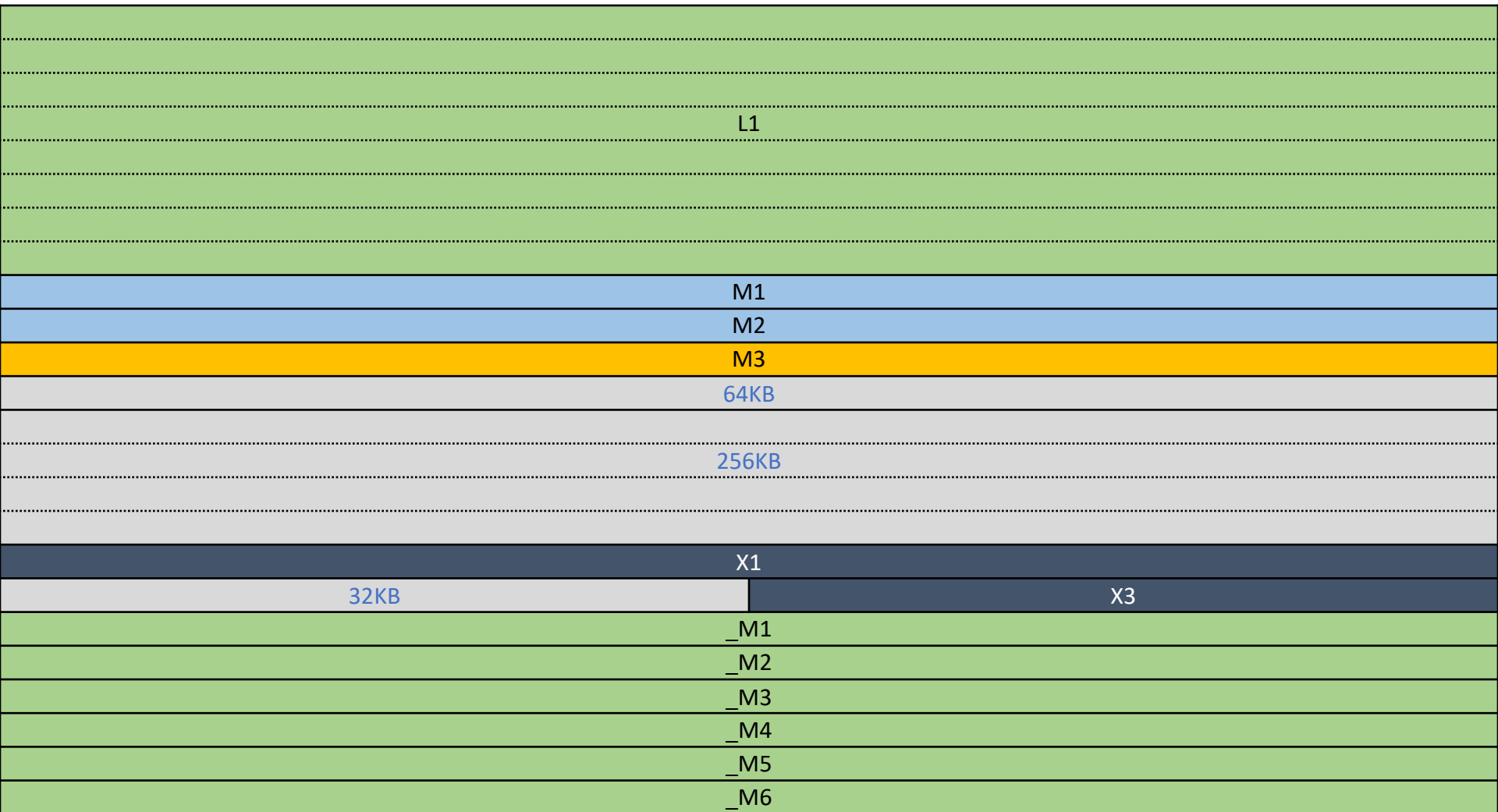
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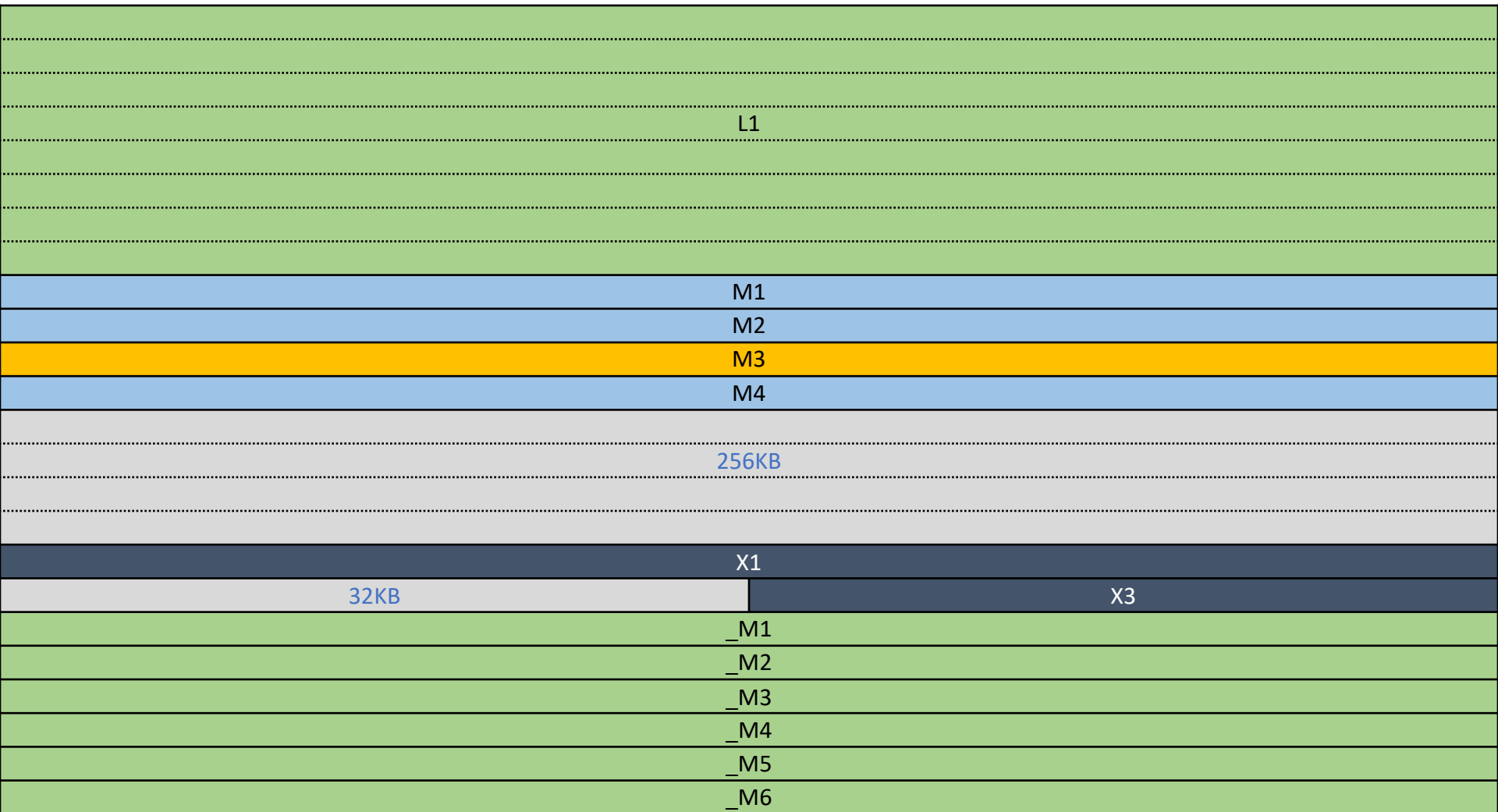
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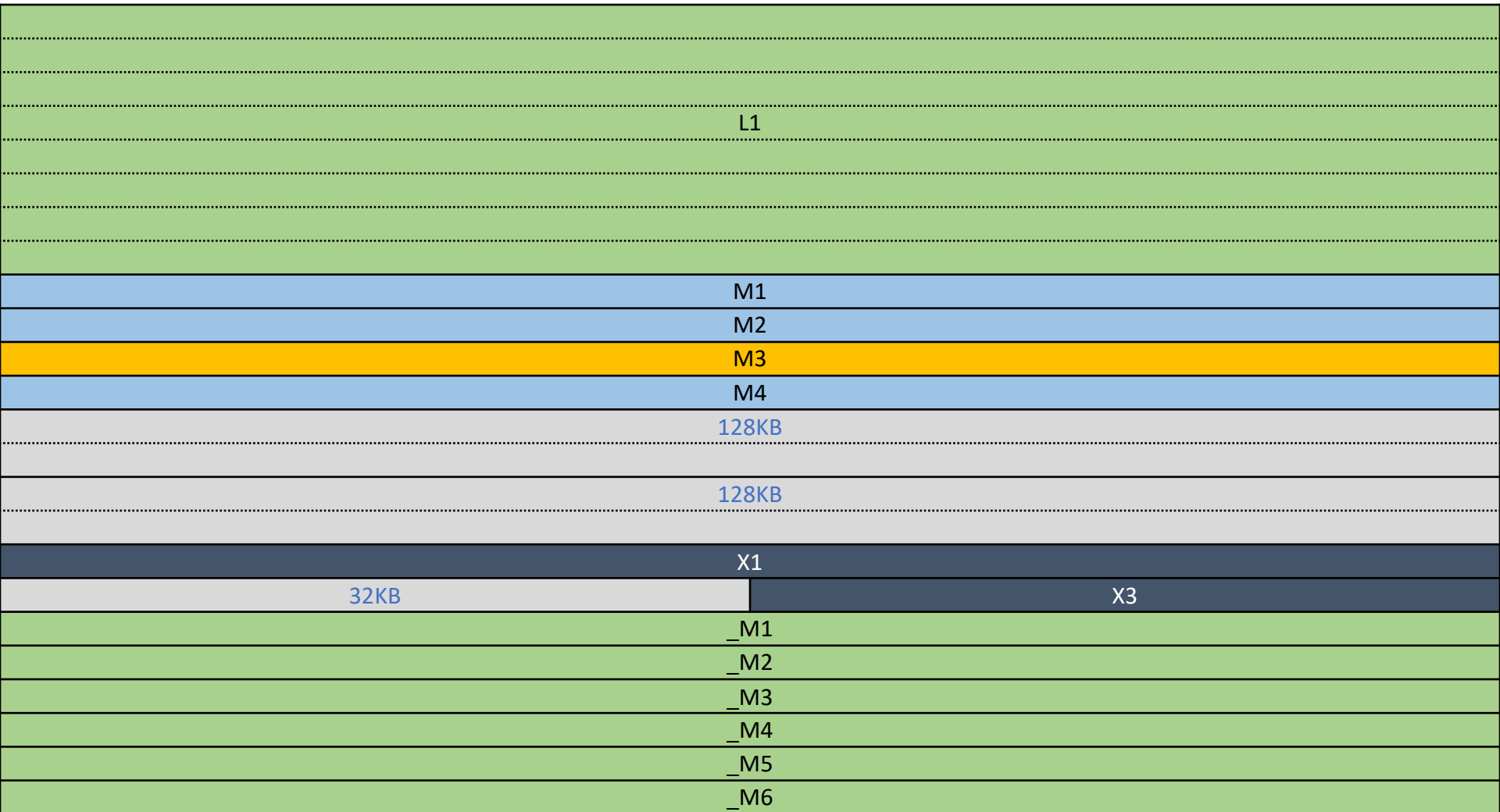
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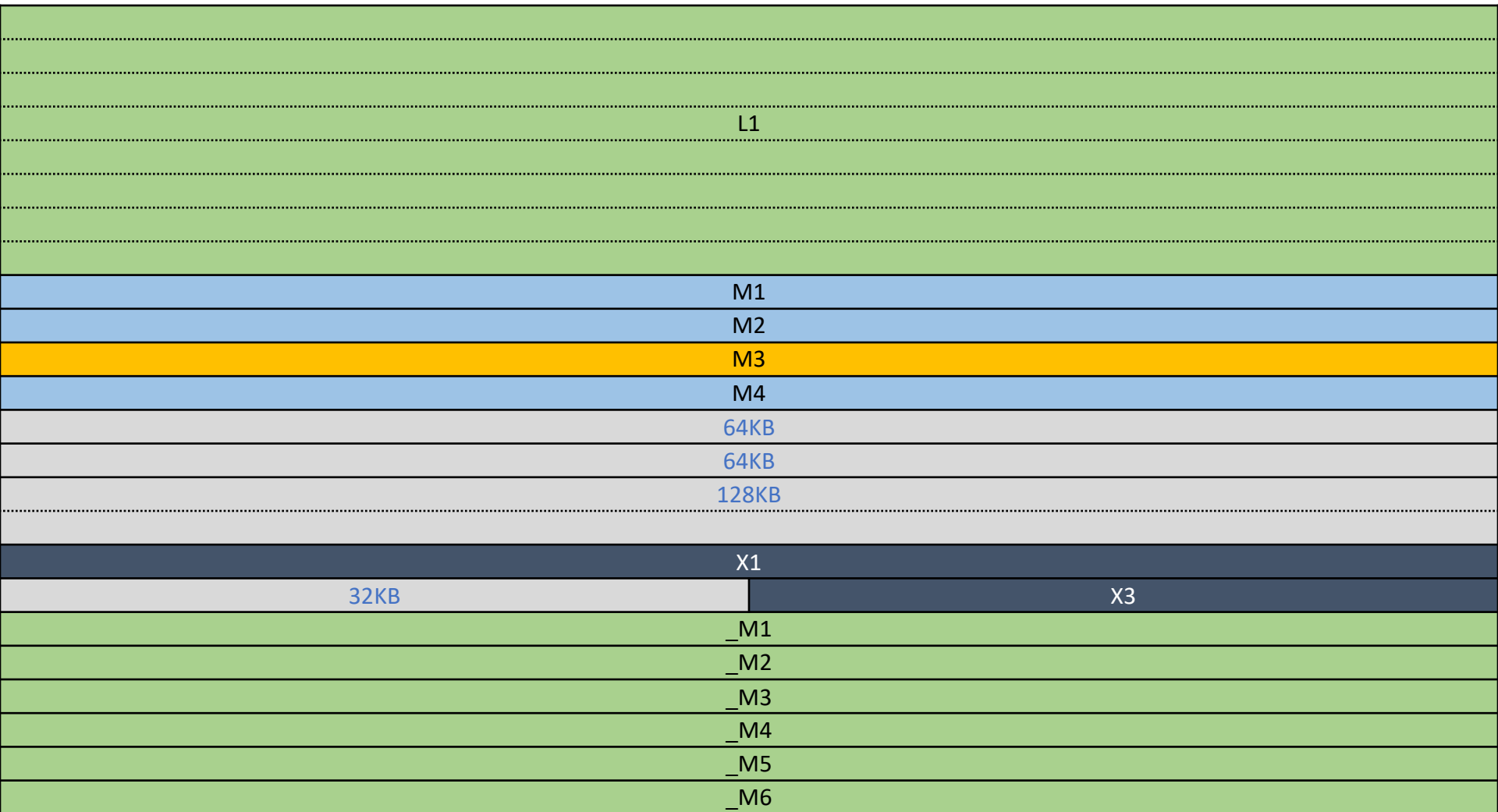
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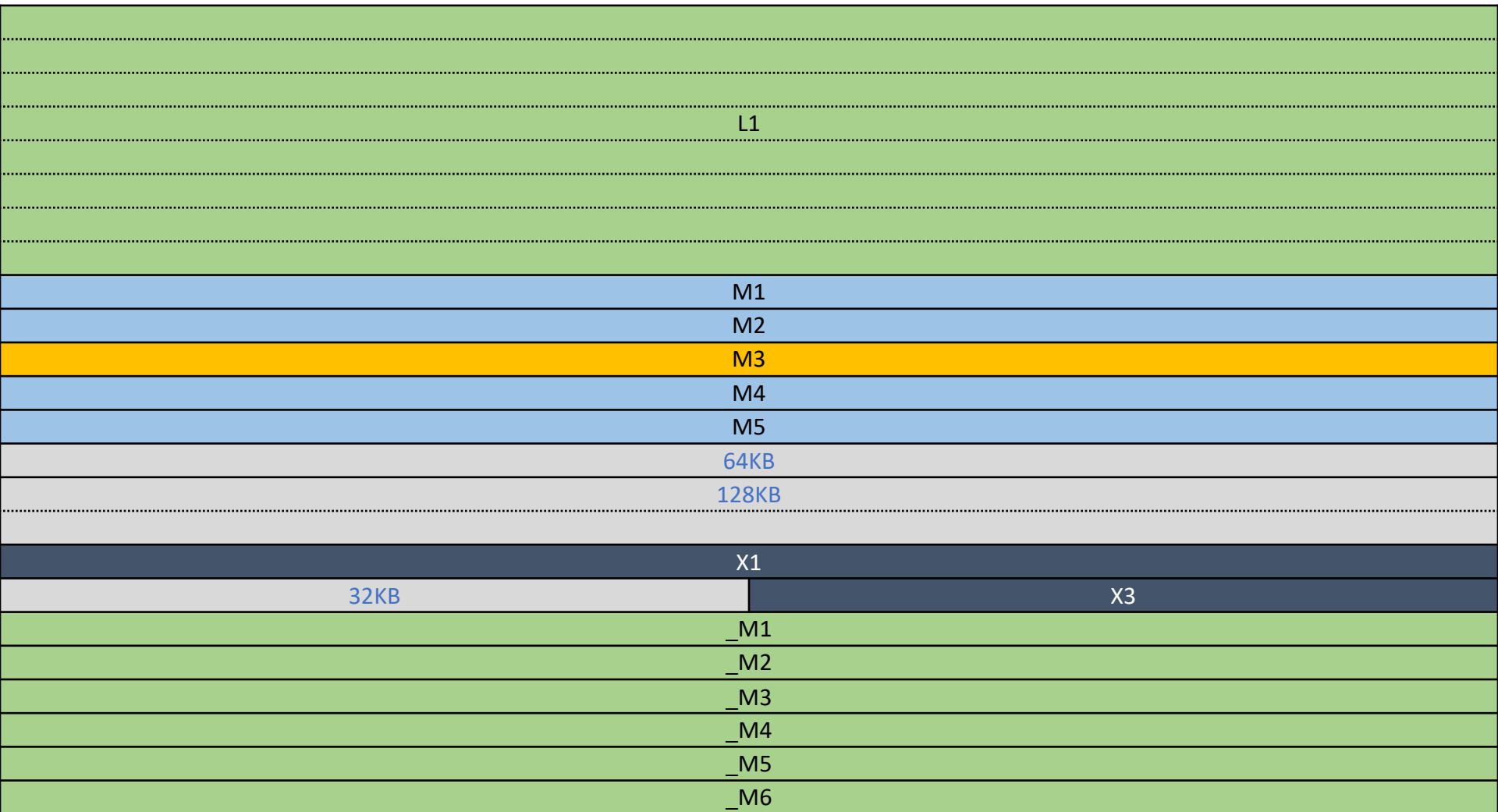
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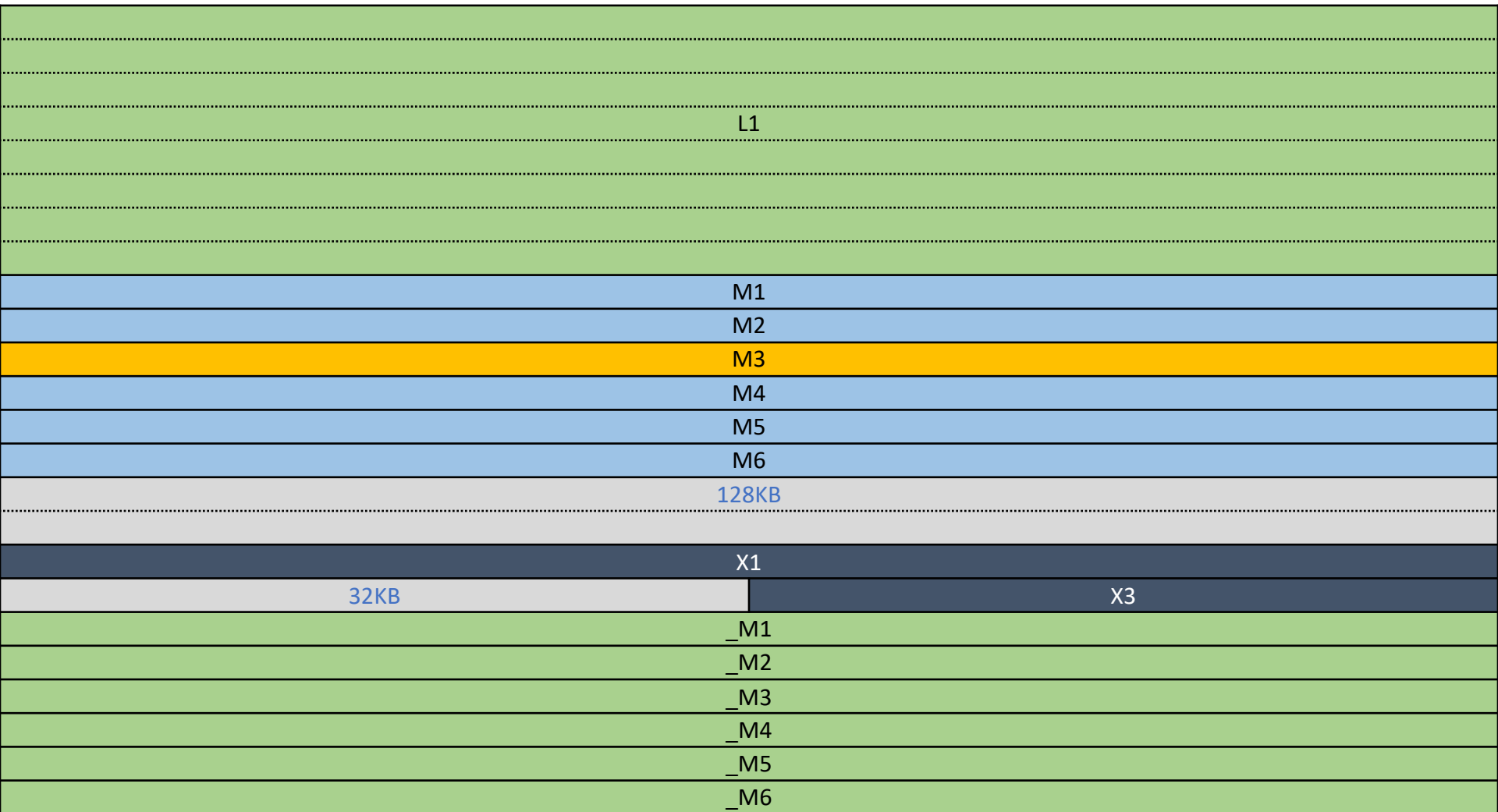
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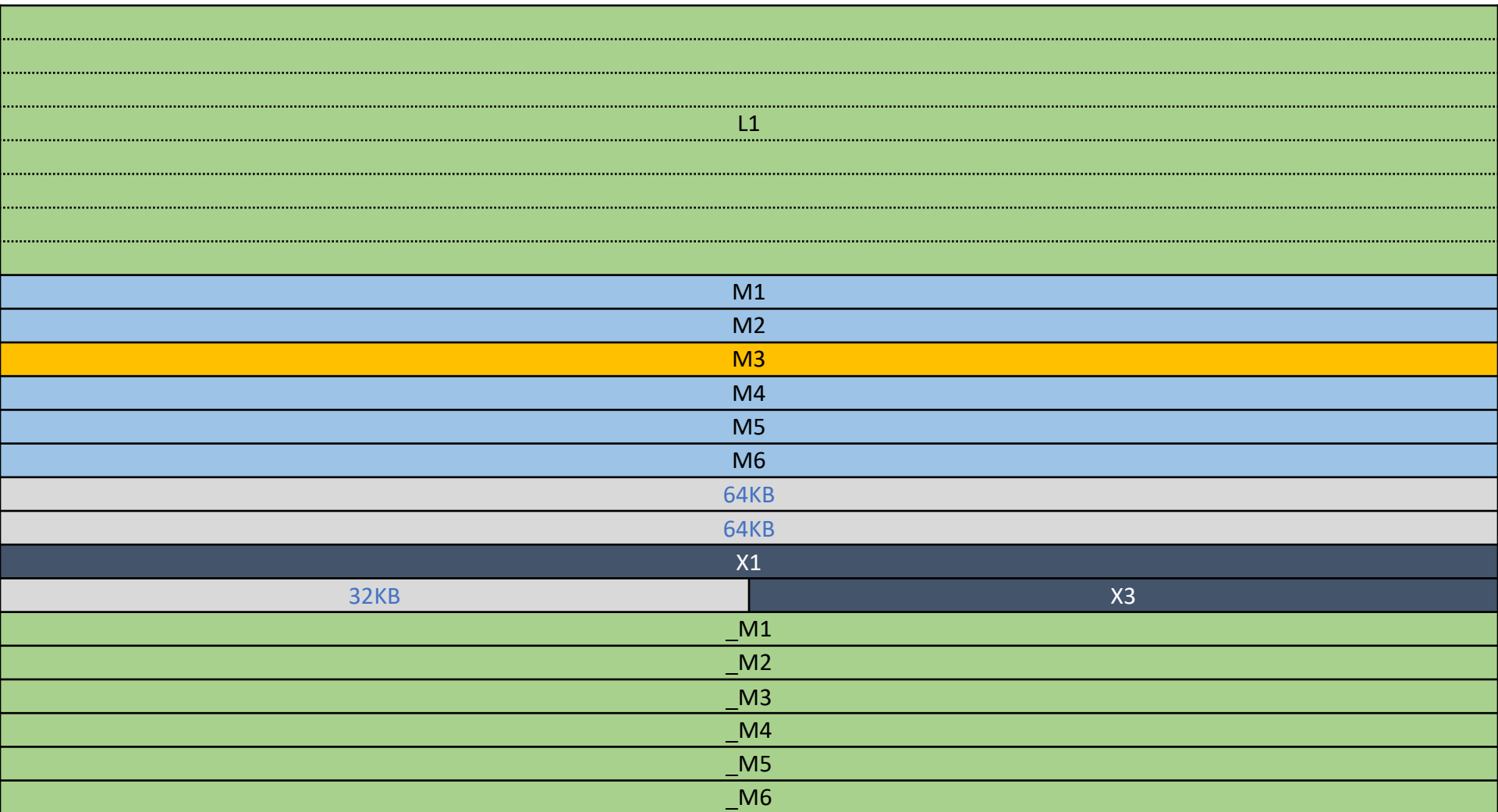
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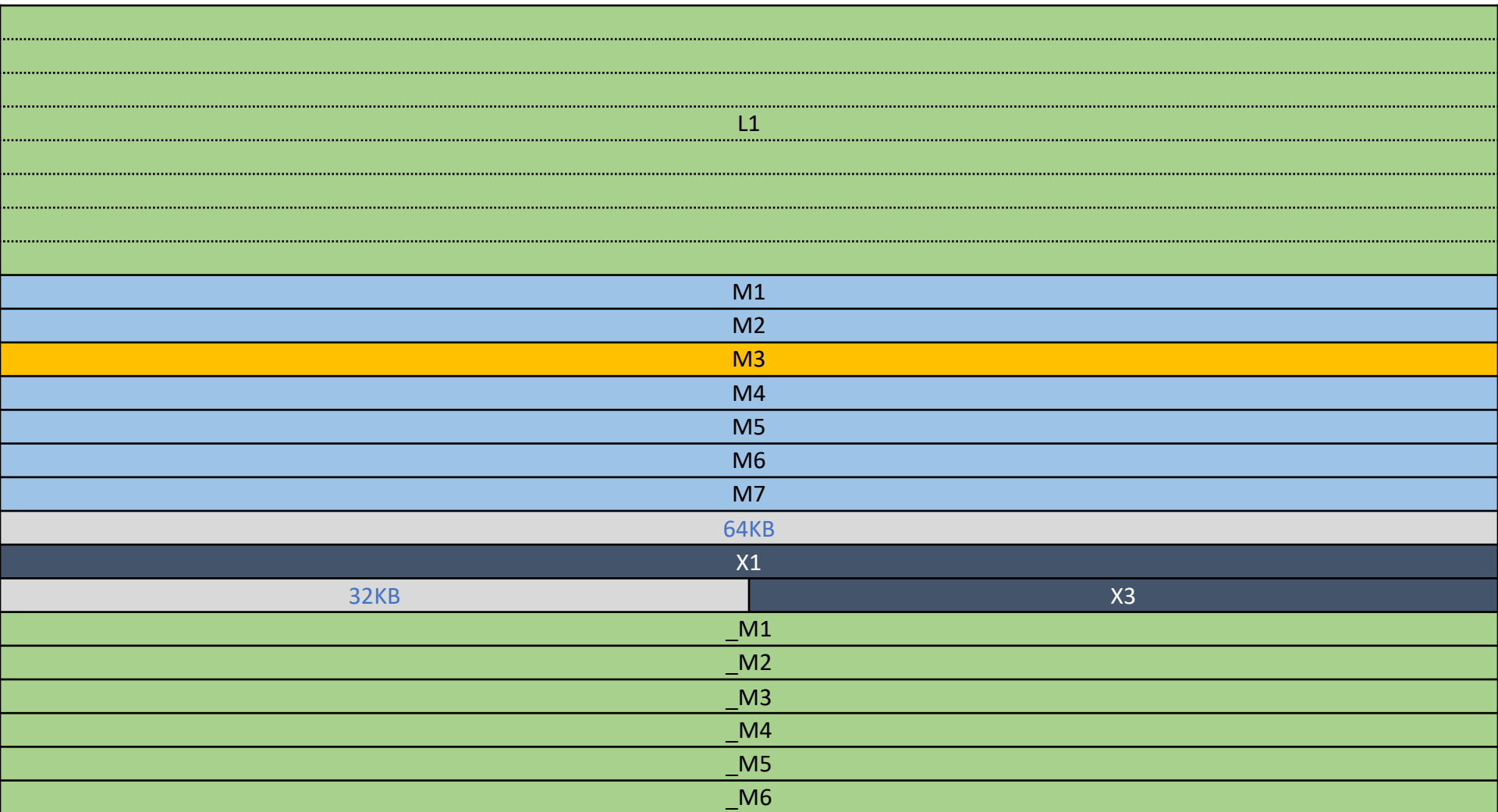
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Exhaust *Medium-sized* chunks (again)

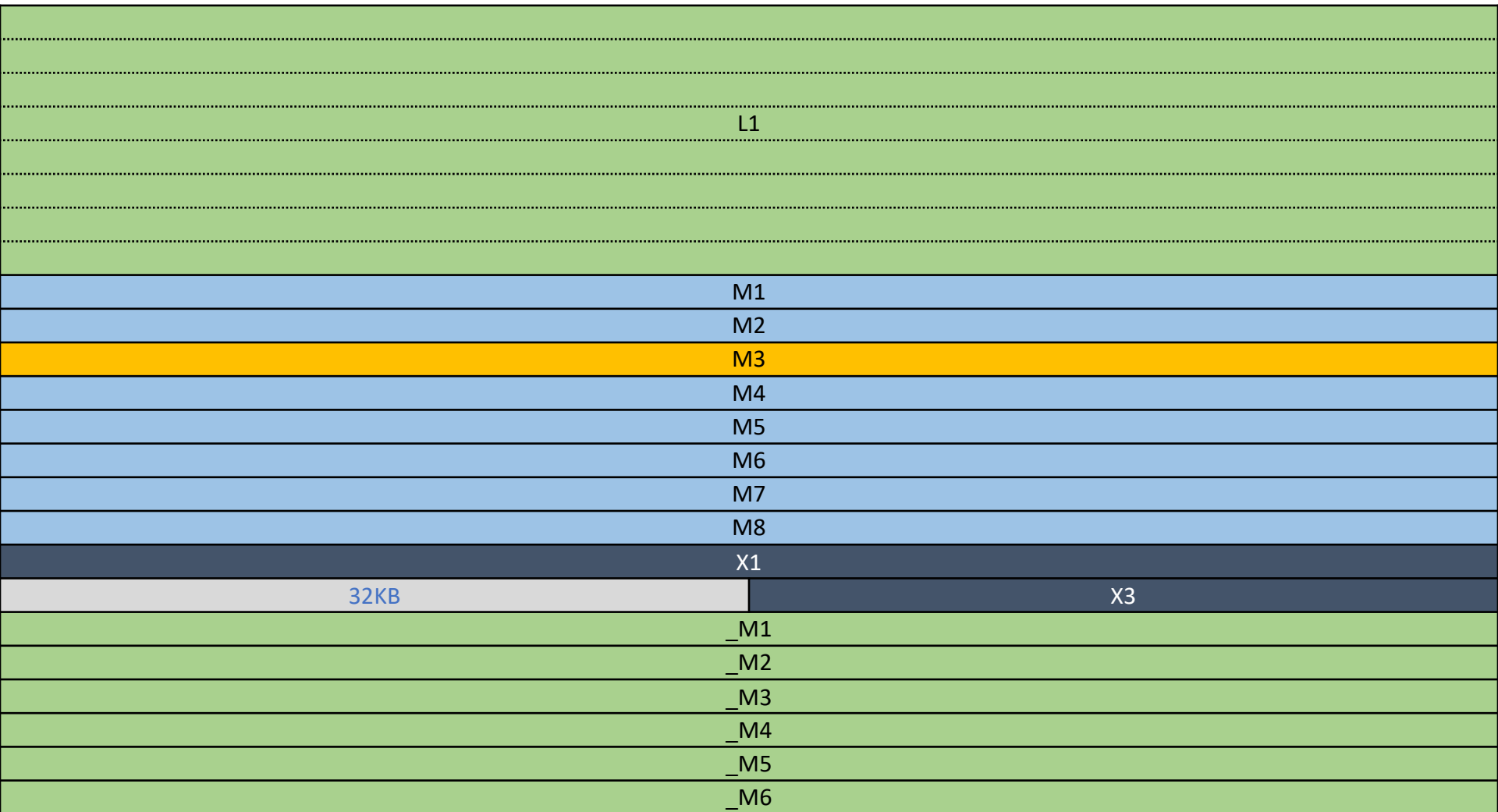
M1, M2, ..., Mn = exhaust(6); // get all $2^6 = 64\text{KB}$ chunks



Phys Feng Shui step 4/8

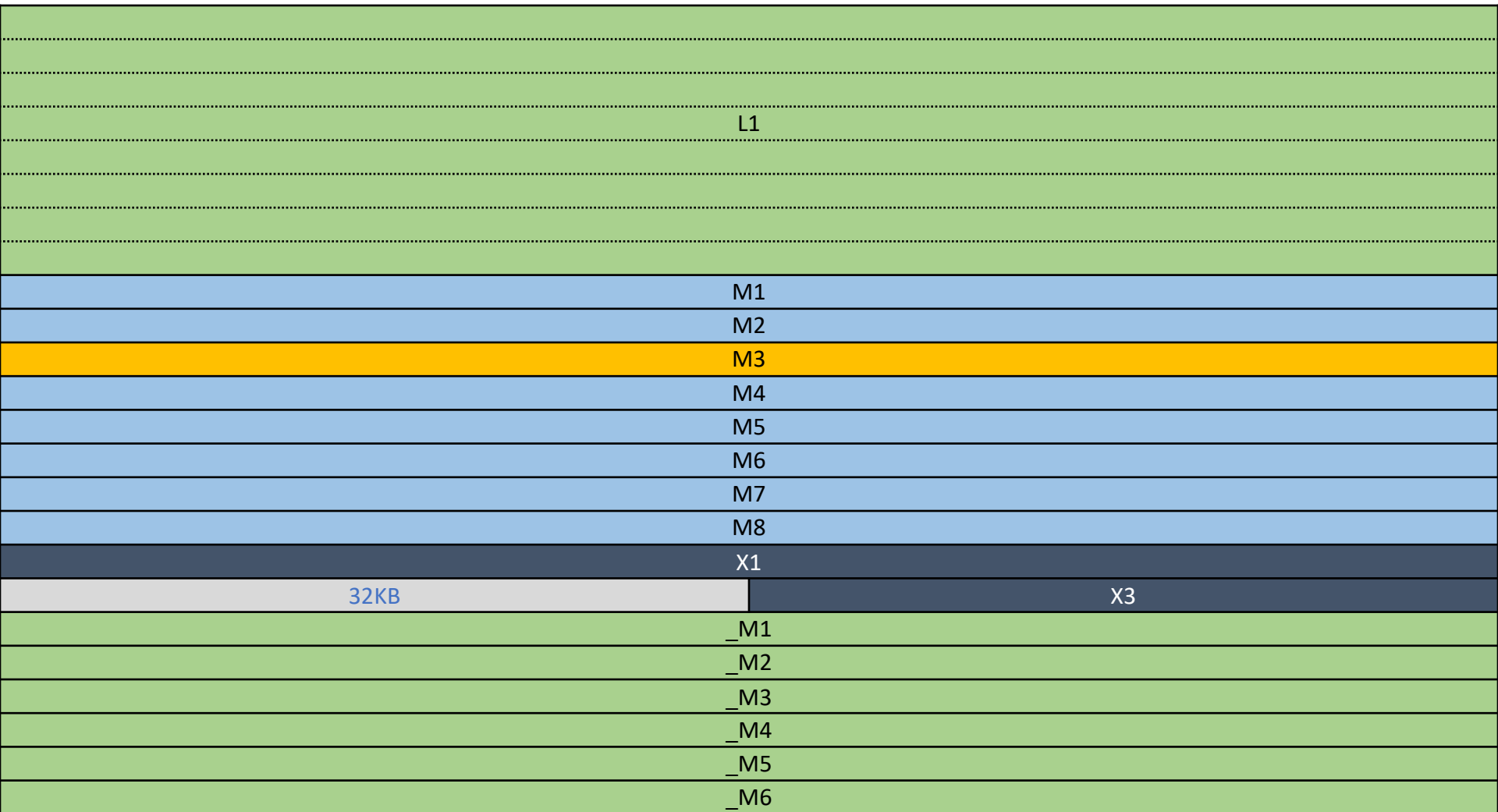
Exhaust *Medium-sized* chunks (again)

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M1, M2, ..., Mn = exhaust(6); // get all  $2^6 = 64\text{KB}$  chunks
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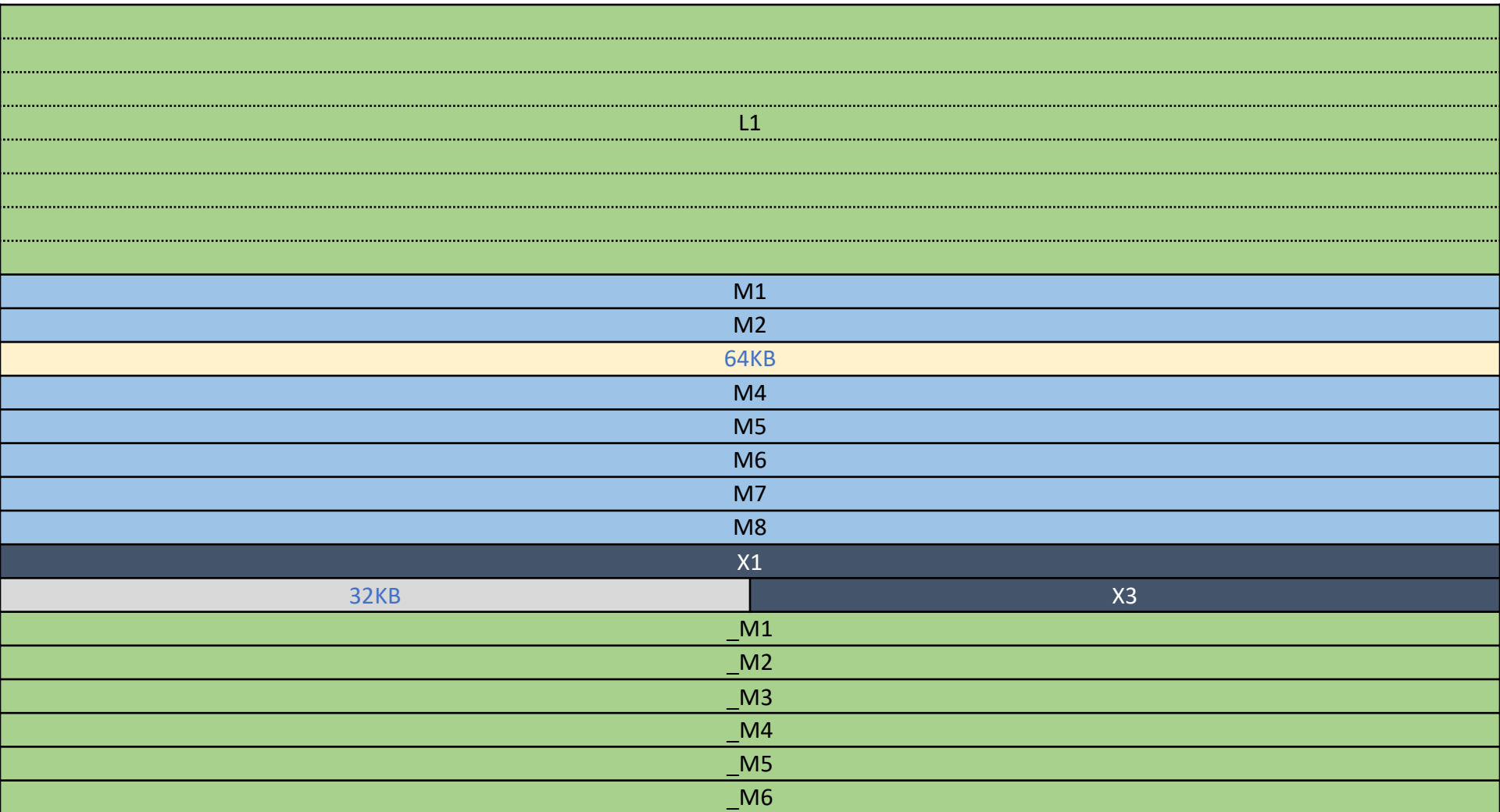
Release vulnerable *Medium-sized* chunk + Release all Large chunks



Phys Feng Shui step 5/8

Release vulnerable *Medium-sized* chunk + Release all Large chunks

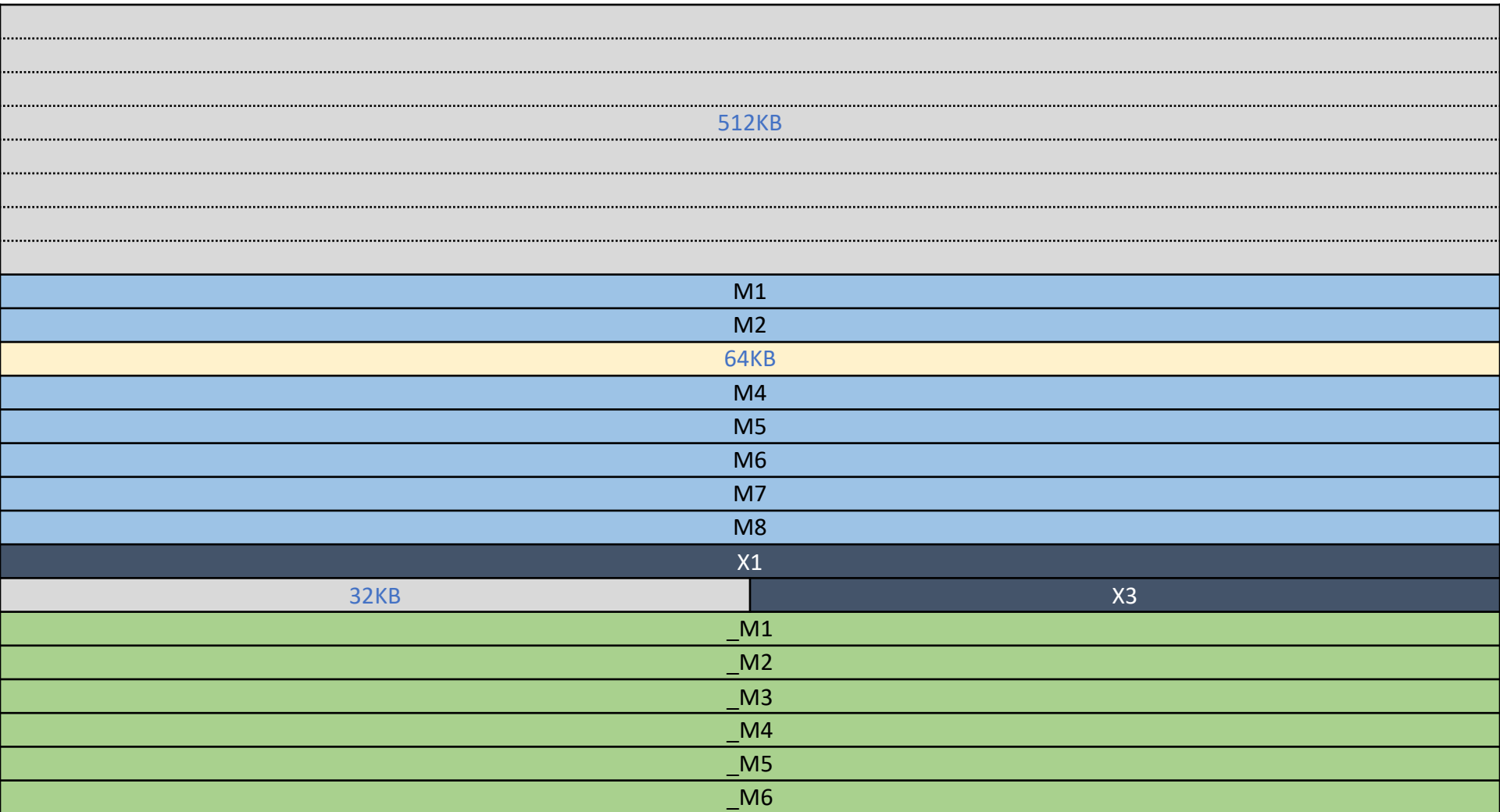
Release (M3) ; // releases the vulnerable row



Phys Feng Shui step 5/8

Release vulnerable *Medium-sized* chunk + Release all Large chunks

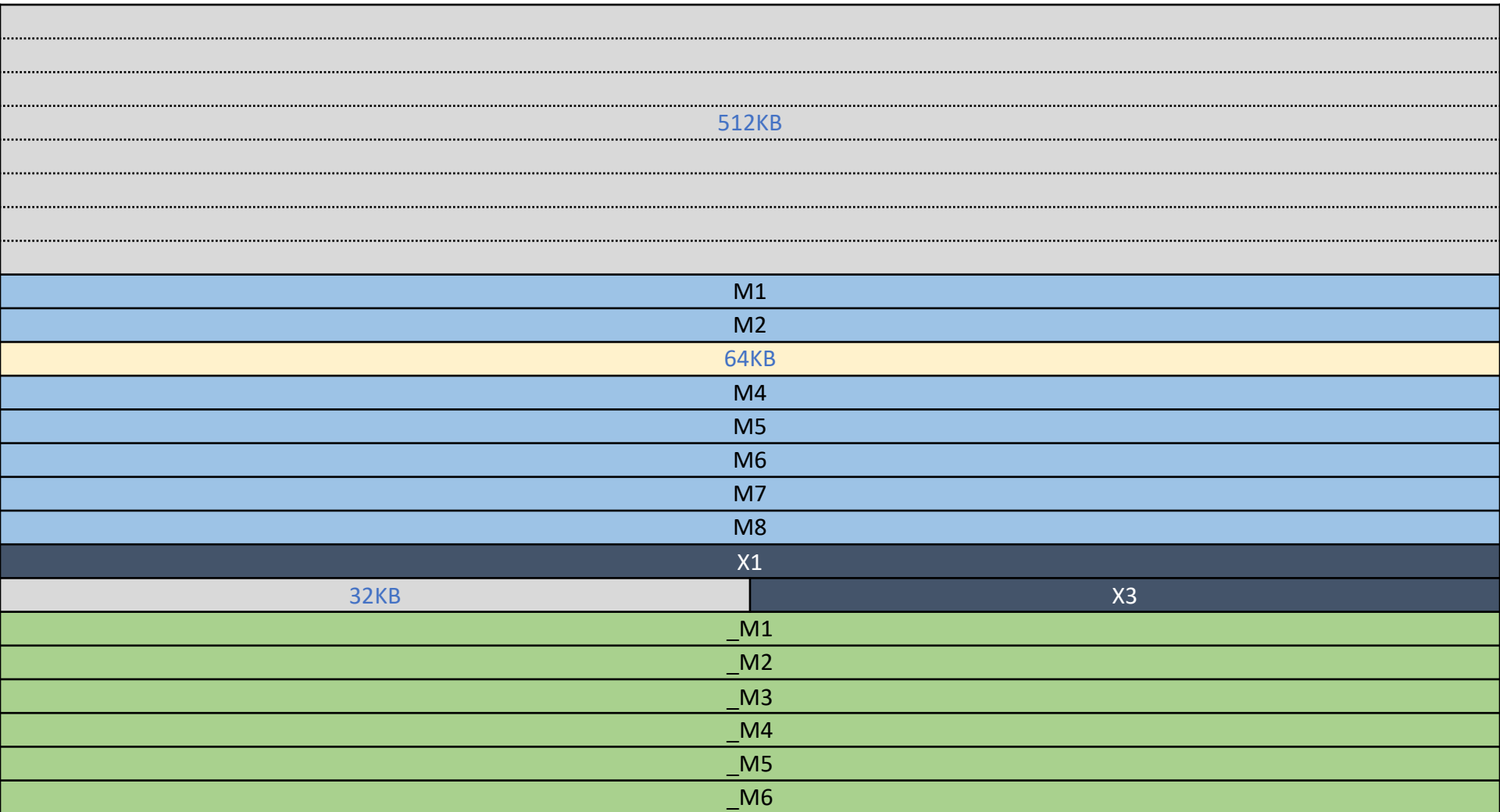
ReleaseAll(L) ; // to avoid going out-of-memory later



Phys Feng Shui step 6/8

Land a *small* chunk in the vulnerable 64 KB row

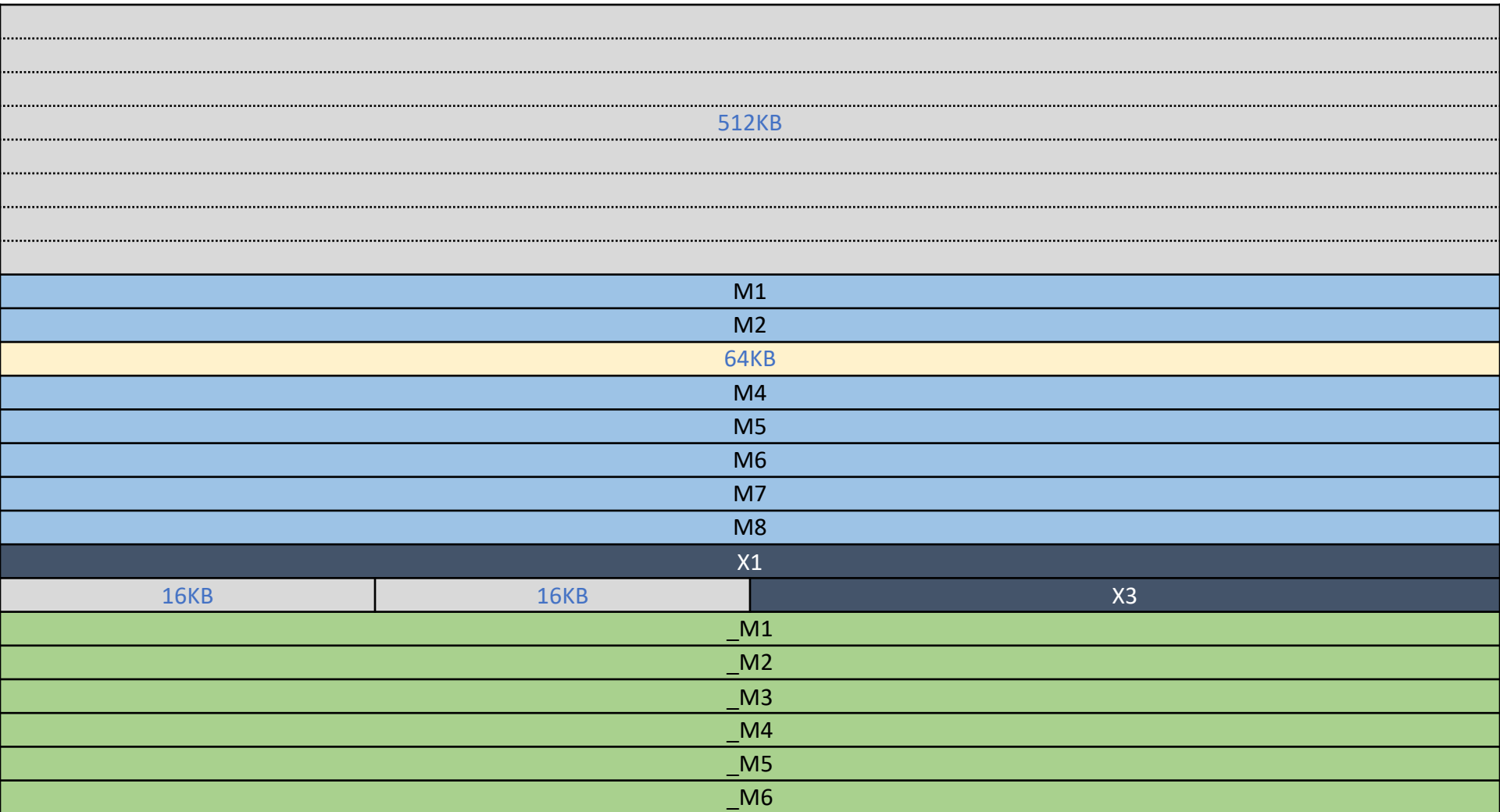
```
Land(S) ; // allocate 4KB pages until the 64KB is used
```



Phys Feng Shui step 6/8

Land a *small* chunk in the vulnerable 64 KB row

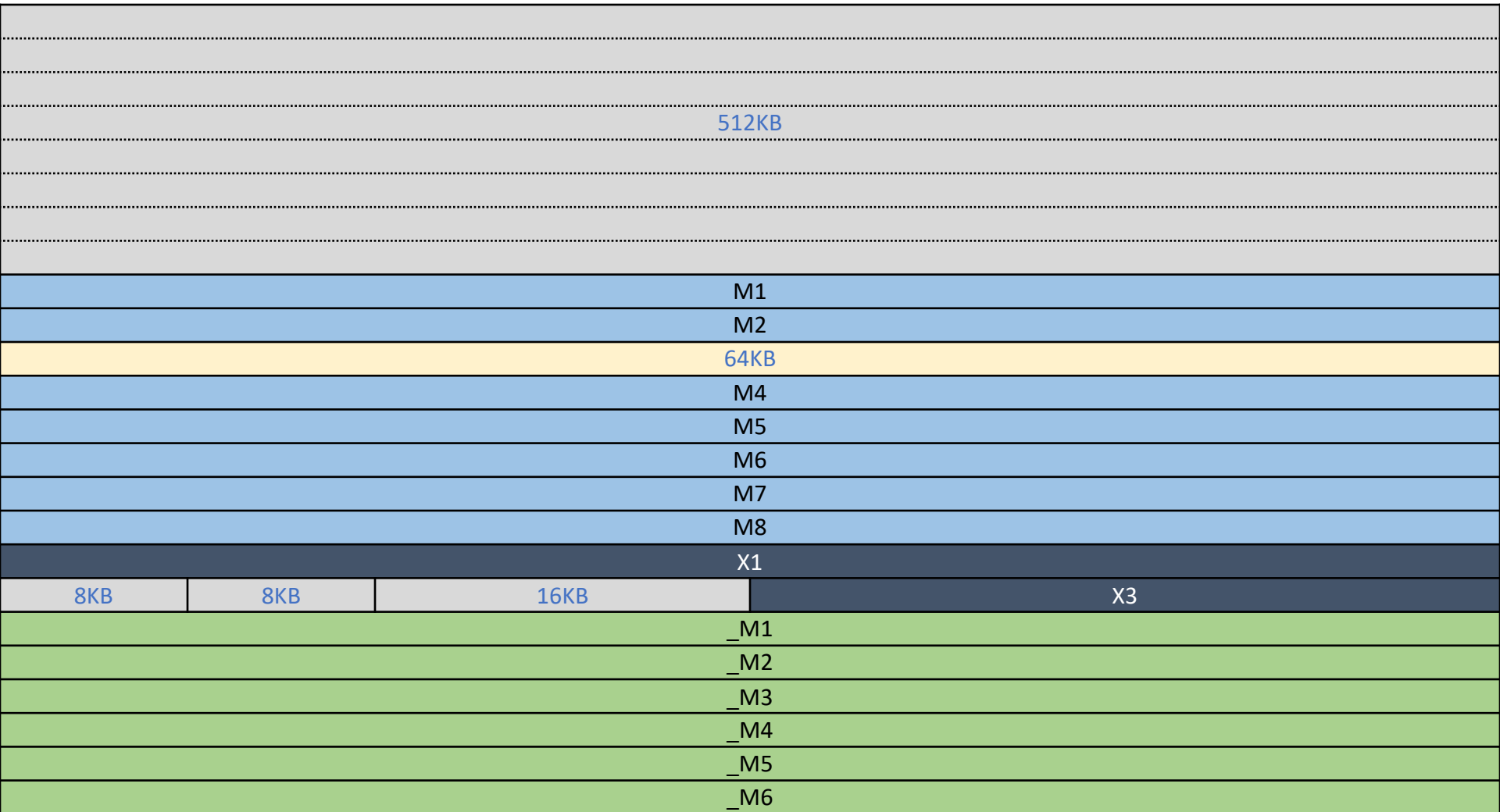
Land(S) ; // allocate 4KB pages until the 64KB is used



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Land a *small* chunk in the vulnerable 64 KB row

Land(S) ; // allocate 4KB pages until the 64KB is used



Phys Feng Shui step 6/8

Land a *small* chunk in the vulnerable 64 KB row

Land(S) ; // allocate 4KB pages until the 64KB is used

					512KB				
					M1				
					M2				
					64KB				
					M4				
					M5				
					M6				
					M7				
					M8				
					X1				
4KB	4KB	8KB	16KB		X3				
					_M1				
					_M2				
					_M3				
					_M4				
					_M5				
					_M6				

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Land a *small* chunk in the vulnerable 64 KB row

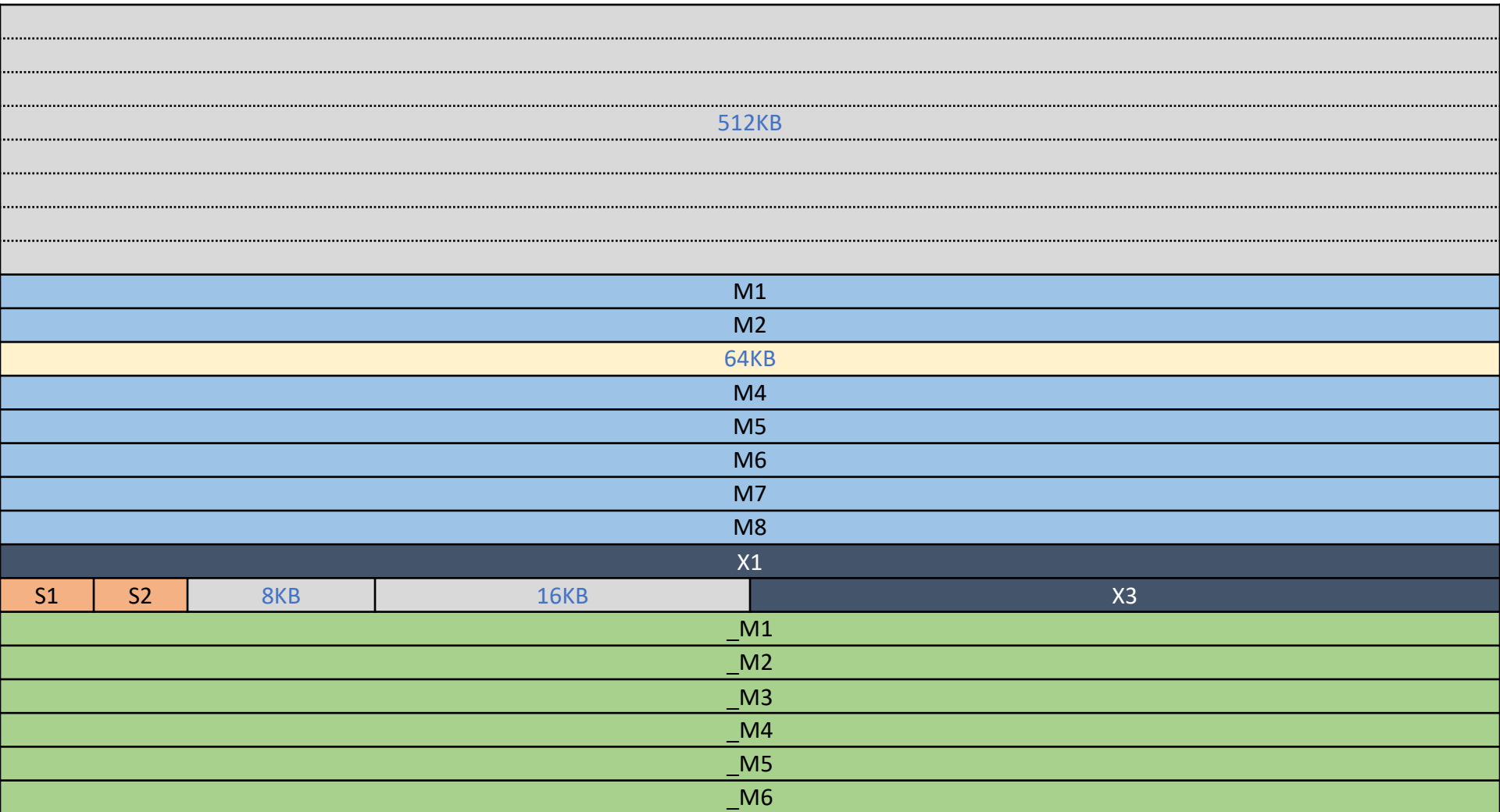
Land(S) ; // allocate 4KB pages until the 64KB is used

					512KB				
					M1				
					M2				
					64KB				
					M4				
					M5				
					M6				
					M7				
					M8				
					X1				
S1	4KB	8KB	16KB		X3				
					_M1				
					_M2				
					_M3				
					_M4				
					_M5				
					_M6				

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Land a *small* chunk in the vulnerable 64 KB row

Land(S) ; // allocate 4KB pages until the 64KB is used



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Land a *small* chunk in the vulnerable 64 KB row

Land(S) ; // allocate 4KB pages until the 64KB is used

					512KB				
					M1				
					M2				
					64KB				
					M4				
					M5				
					M6				
					M7				
					M8				
					X1				
S1	S2	4KB	4KB	16KB	X3				
					_M1				
					_M2				
					_M3				
					_M4				
					_M5				
					_M6				

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Land a *small* chunk in the vulnerable 64 KB row

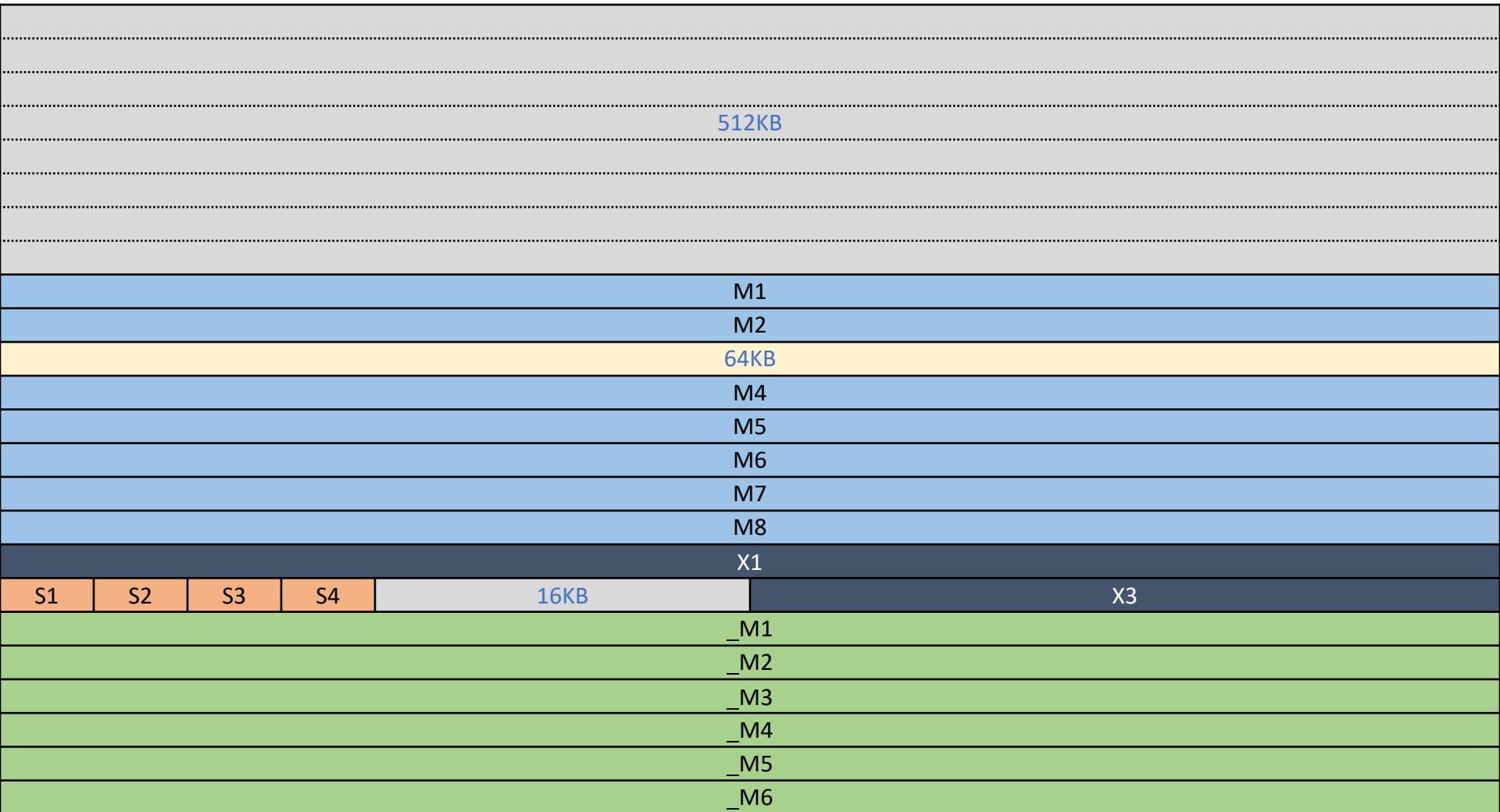
Land(S) ; // allocate 4KB pages until the 64KB is used

					512KB				
					M1				
					M2				
					64KB				
					M4				
					M5				
					M6				
					M7				
					M8				
					X1				
S1	S2	S3	4KB	16KB	X3				
					_M1				
					_M2				
					_M3				
					_M4				
					_M5				
					_M6				

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Land a *small* chunk in the vulnerable 64 KB row

Land(S) ; // allocate 4KB pages until the 64KB is used



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Land a *small* chunk in the vulnerable 64 KB row

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Land a *small* chunk in the vulnerable 64 KB row

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512KB							
M1							
M2							
64KB							
M4							
M5							
M6							
M7							
M8							
X1							
S1	S2	S3	S4	4KB	4KB	8KB	X3
_M1							
_M2							
_M3							
_M4							
_M5							
_M6							

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Land a *small* chunk in the vulnerable 64 KB row

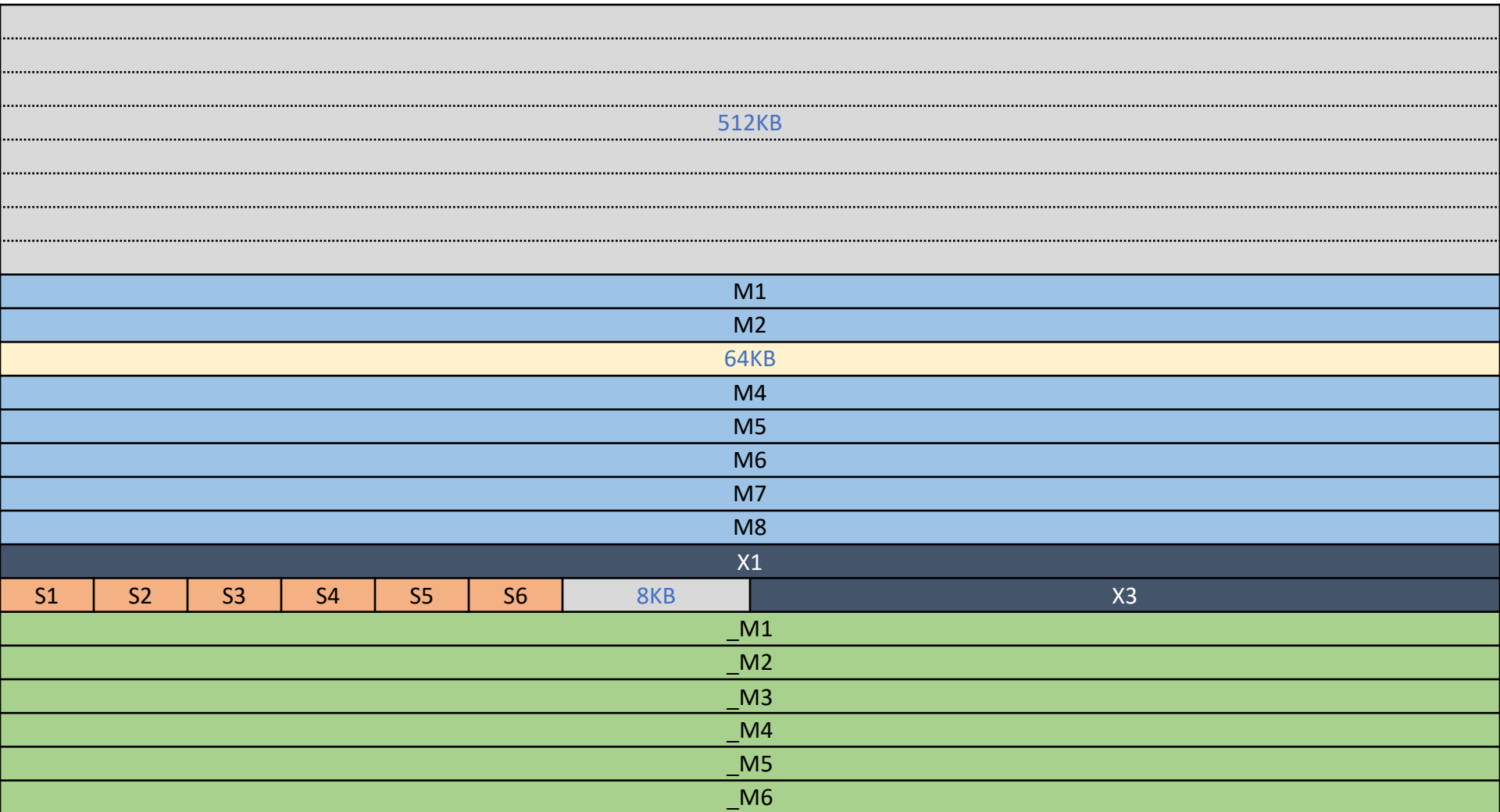
```
Land(S) ; // allocate 4KB pages until the 64KB is used
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512KB									
M1									
M2									
64KB									
M4									
M5									
M6									
M7									
M8									
X1									
S1	S2	S3	S4	S5	4KB	8KB	X3		
_M1									
_M2									
_M3									
_M4									
_M5									
_M6									

Phys Feng Shui step 6/8

Land a *small* chunk in the vulnerable 64 KB row

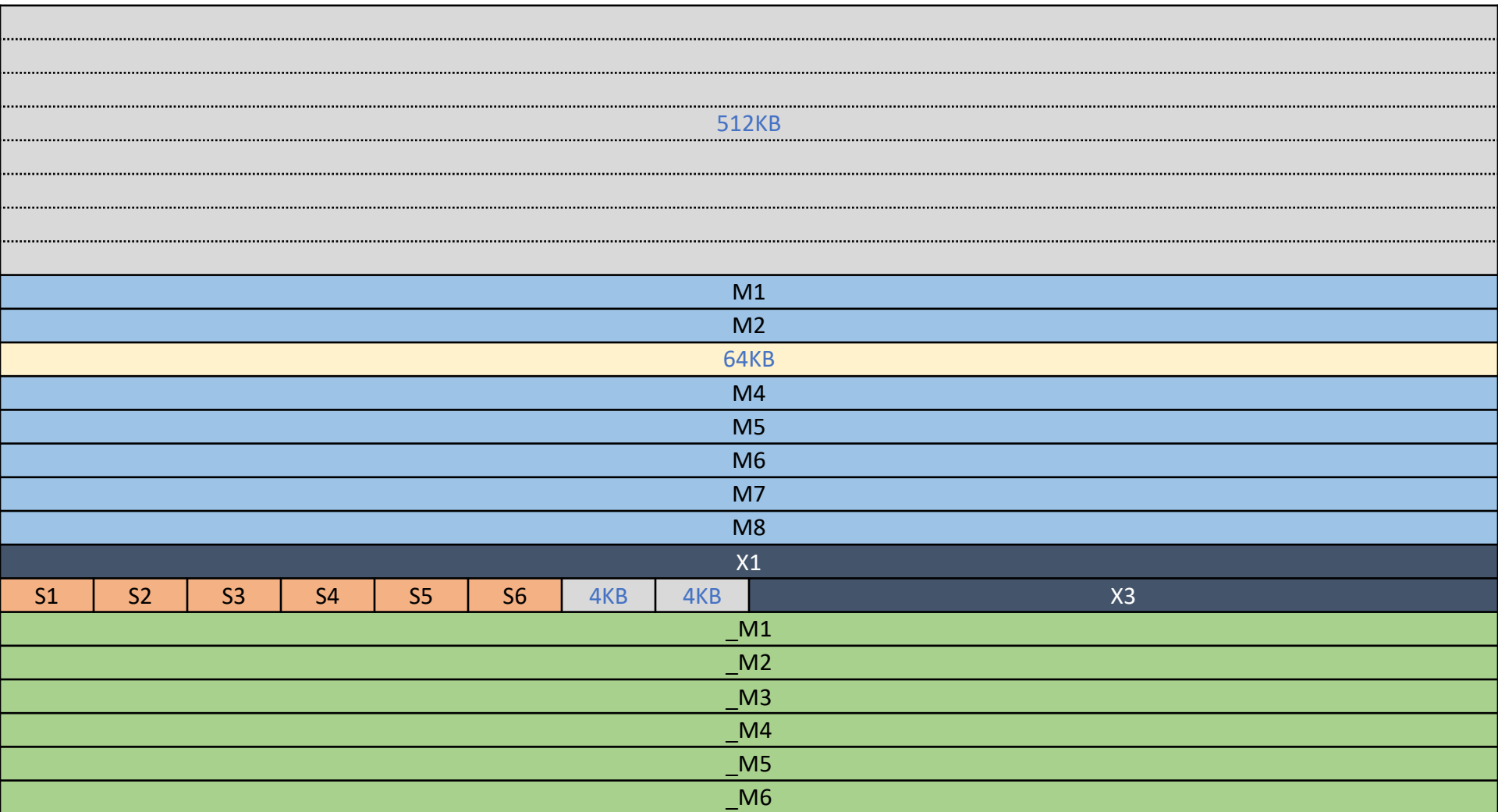
Land(S) ; // allocate 4KB pages until the 64KB is used



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Land a *small* chunk in the vulnerable 64 KB row

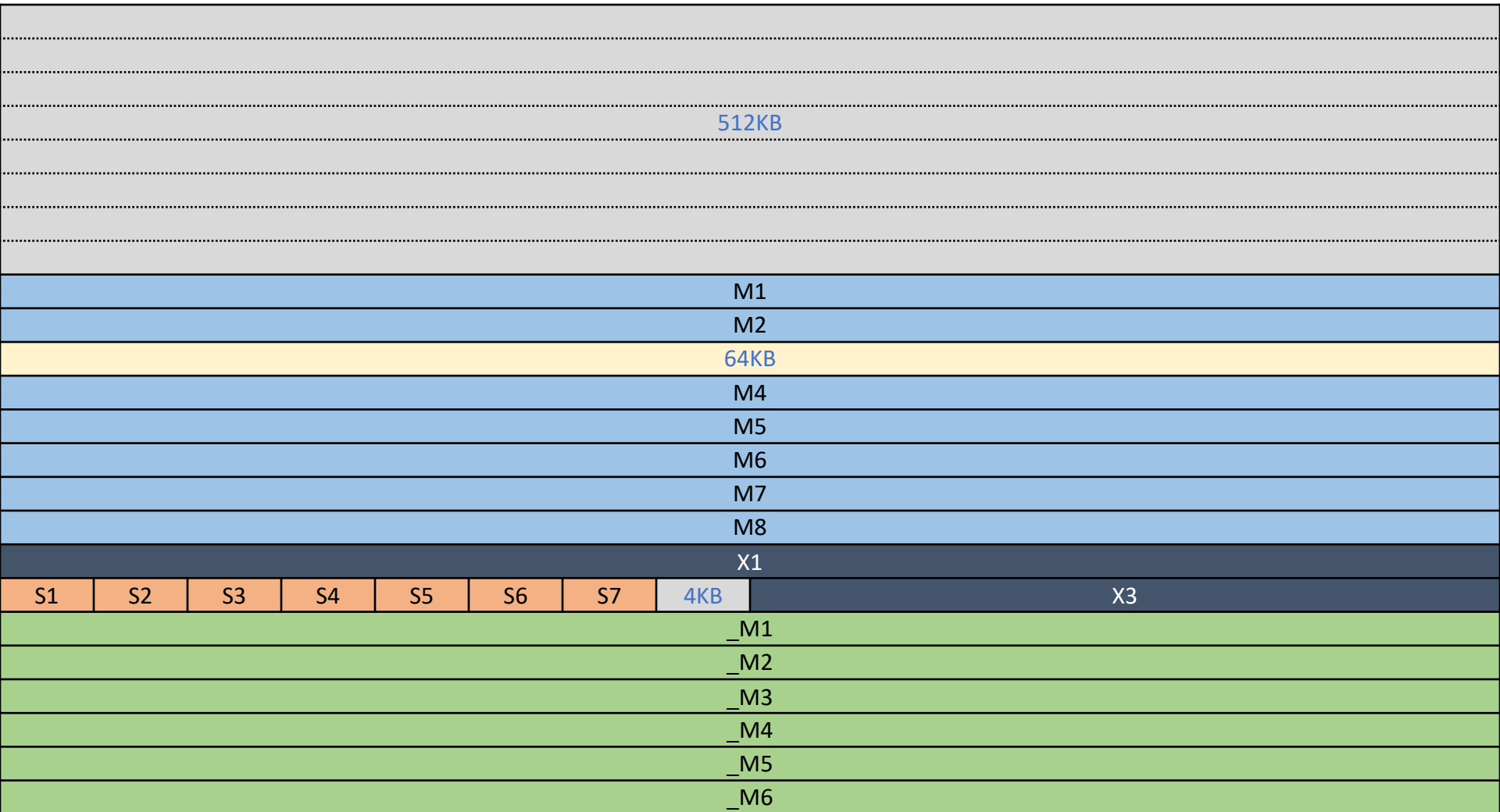
Land(S) ; // allocate 4KB pages until the 64KB is used



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Land a *small* chunk in the vulnerable 64 KB row

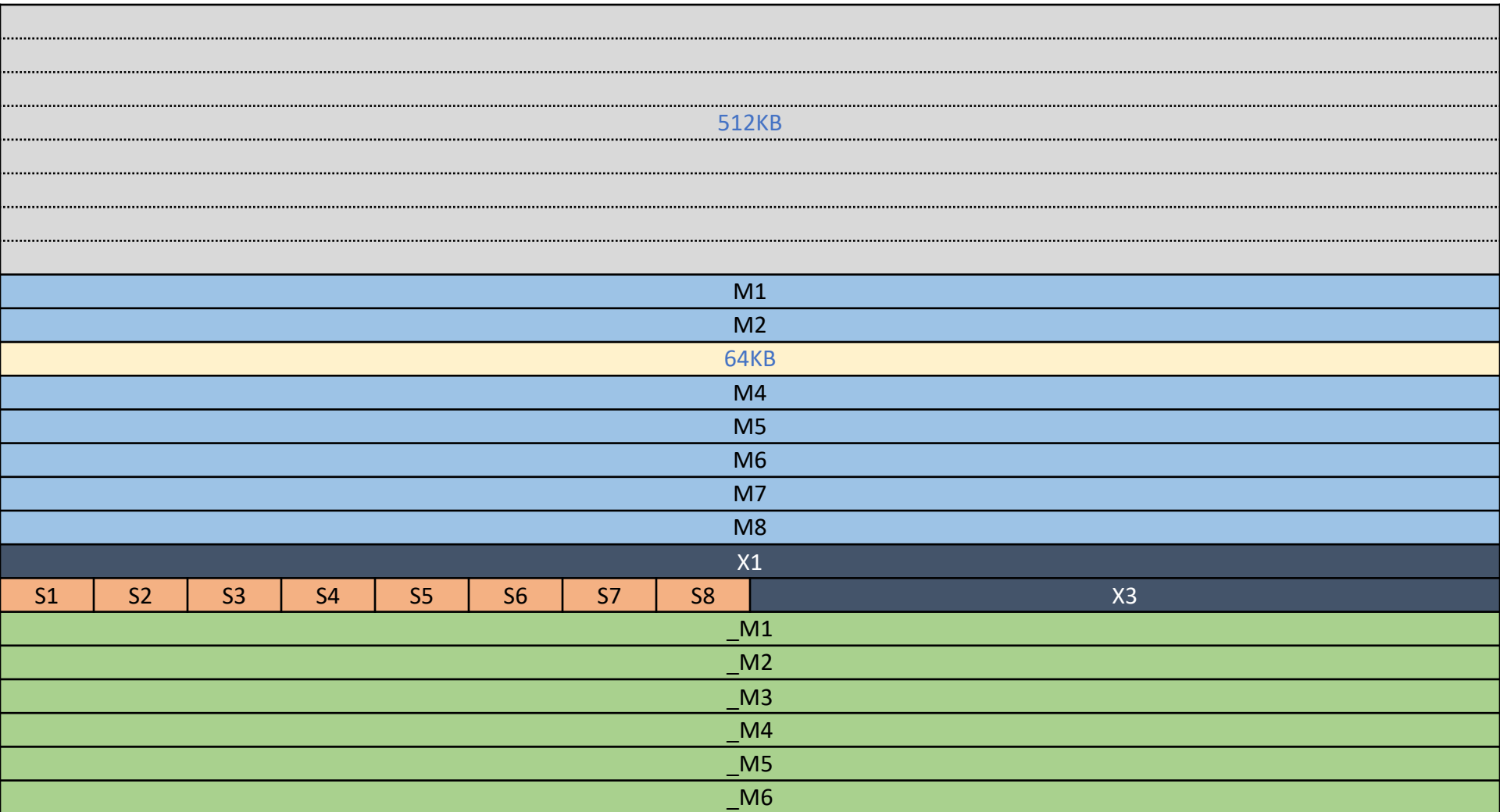
Land(S) ; // allocate 4KB pages until the 64KB is used



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Land a *small* chunk in the vulnerable 64 KB row

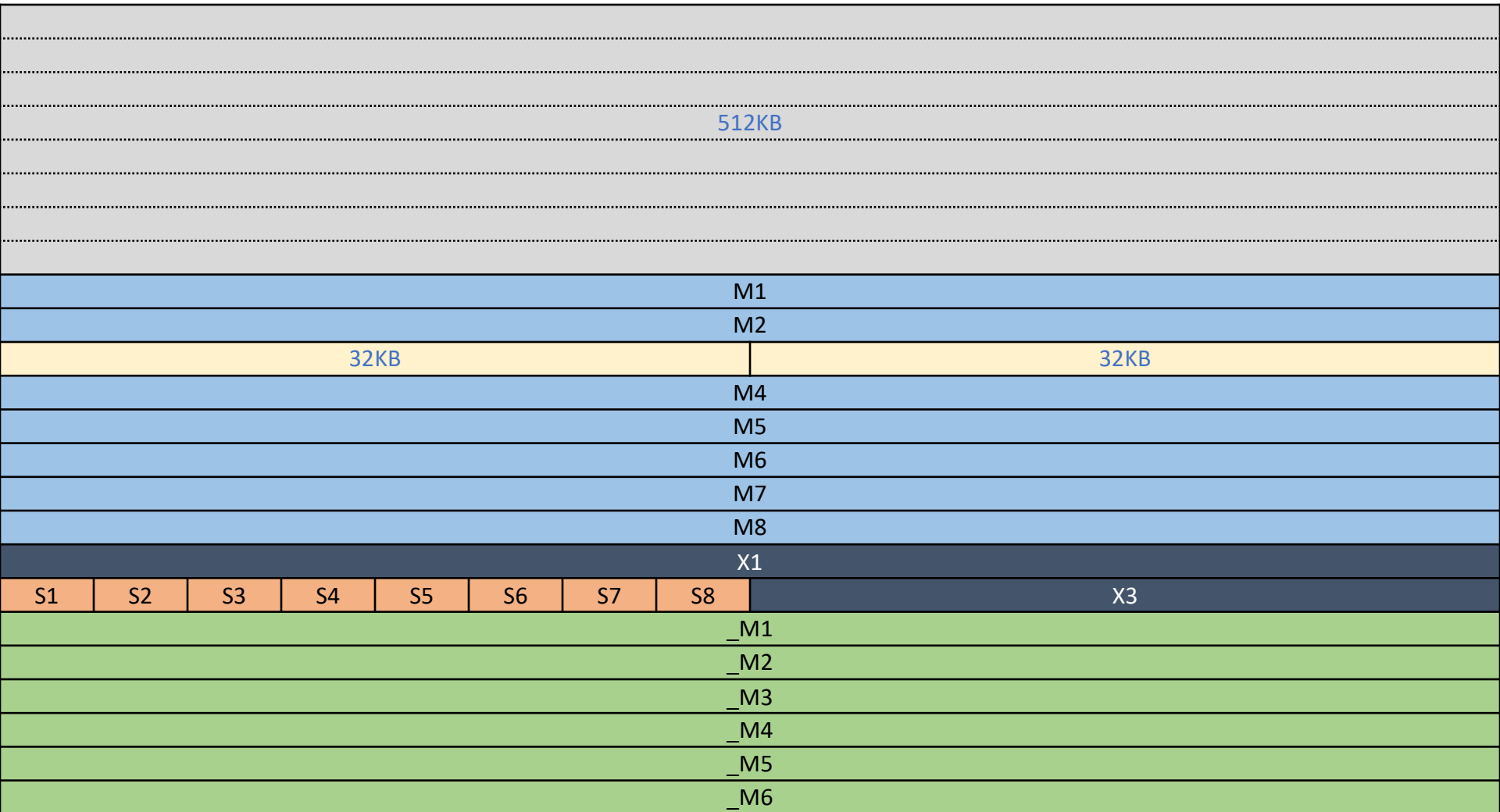
Land(S) ; // allocate 4KB pages until the 64KB is used



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Land a *small* chunk in the vulnerable 64 KB row

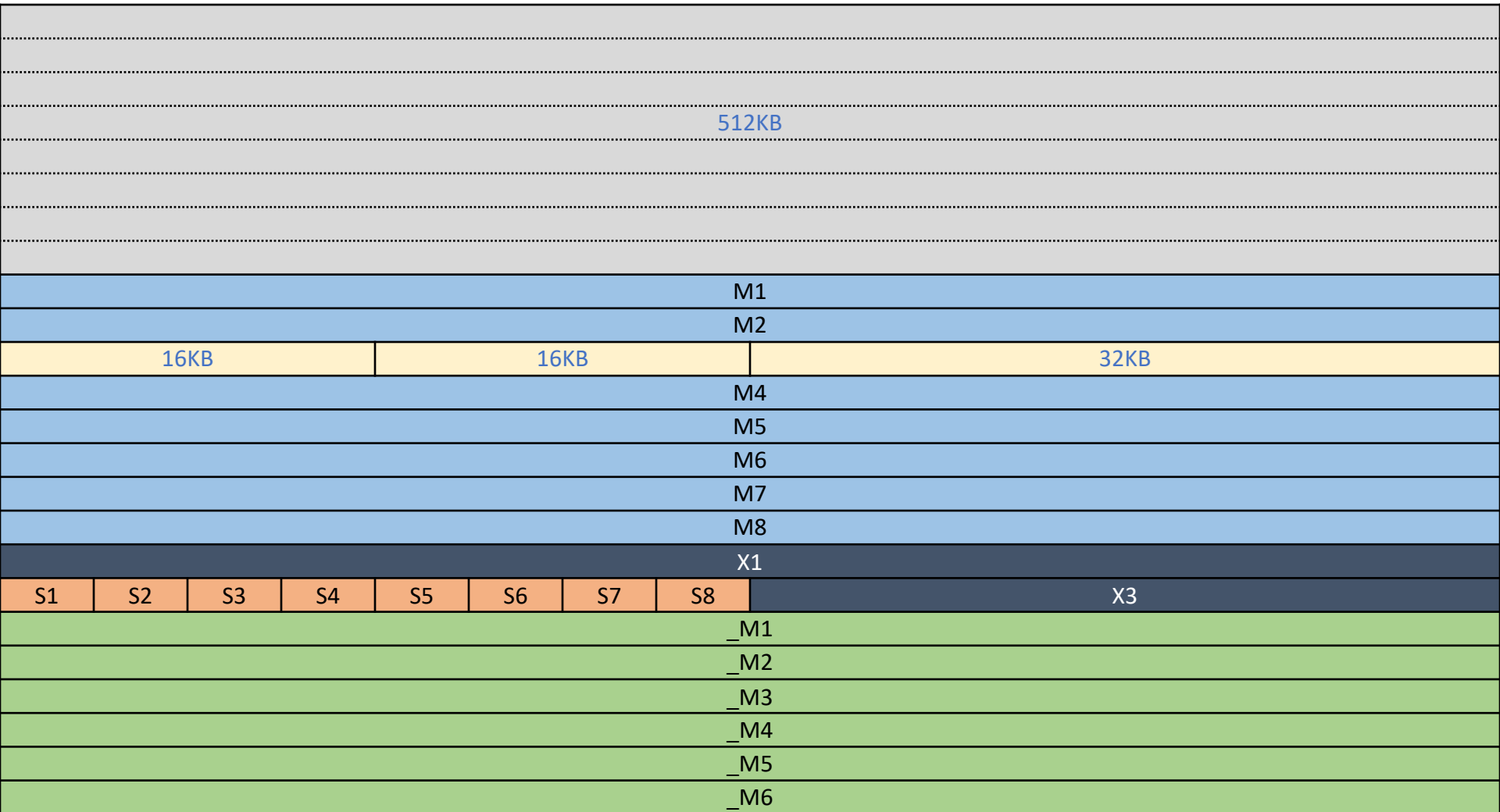
Land(S) ; // allocate 4KB pages until the 64KB is used



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Land a *small* chunk in the vulnerable 64 KB row

Land(S) ; // allocate 4KB pages until the 64KB is used



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Land a *small* chunk in the vulnerable 64 KB row

Land(S) ; // allocate 4KB pages until the 64KB is used

512KB															

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Land a *small* chunk in the vulnerable 64 KB row

```
Land(S) ; // allocate 4KB pages until the 64KB is used
```

512KB									
M1									
M2									
4KB	4KB	8KB	16KB				32KB		
M4									
M5									
M6									
M7									
M8									
X1									
S1	S2	S3	S4	S5	S6	S7	S8	X3	
_M1									
_M2									
_M3									
_M4									
_M5									
_M6									

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Land a *small* chunk in the vulnerable 64 KB row

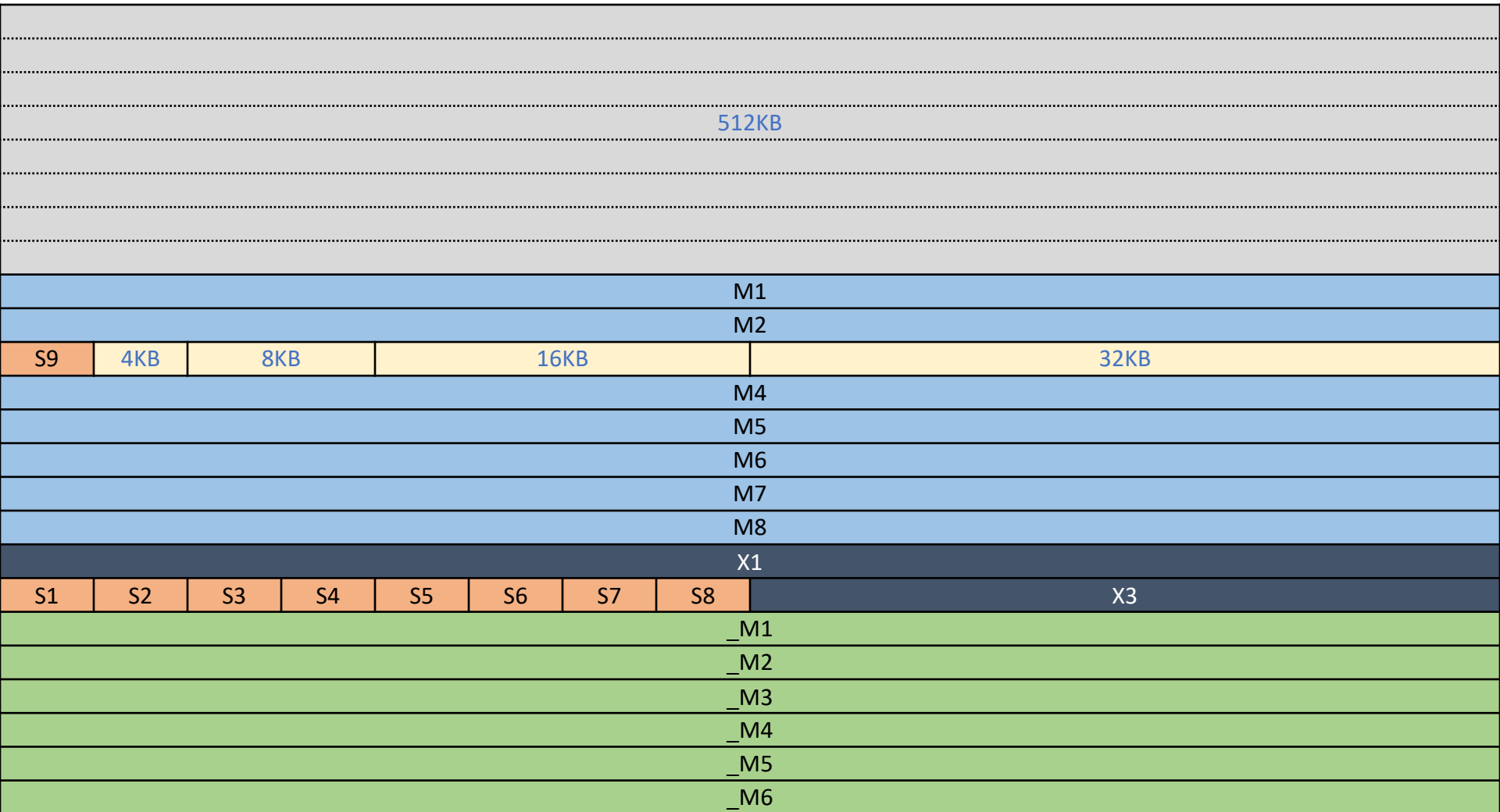
```
Land(S) ; // allocate 4KB pages until the 64KB is used
```

512KB									
M1									
M2									
S9	4KB	8KB	16KB				32KB		
M4									
M5									
M6									
M7									
M8									
X1									
S1	S2	S3	S4	S5	S6	S7	S8	X3	
_M1									
_M2									
_M3									
_M4									
_M5									
_M6									

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Pad *small* chunks until the vulnerable page

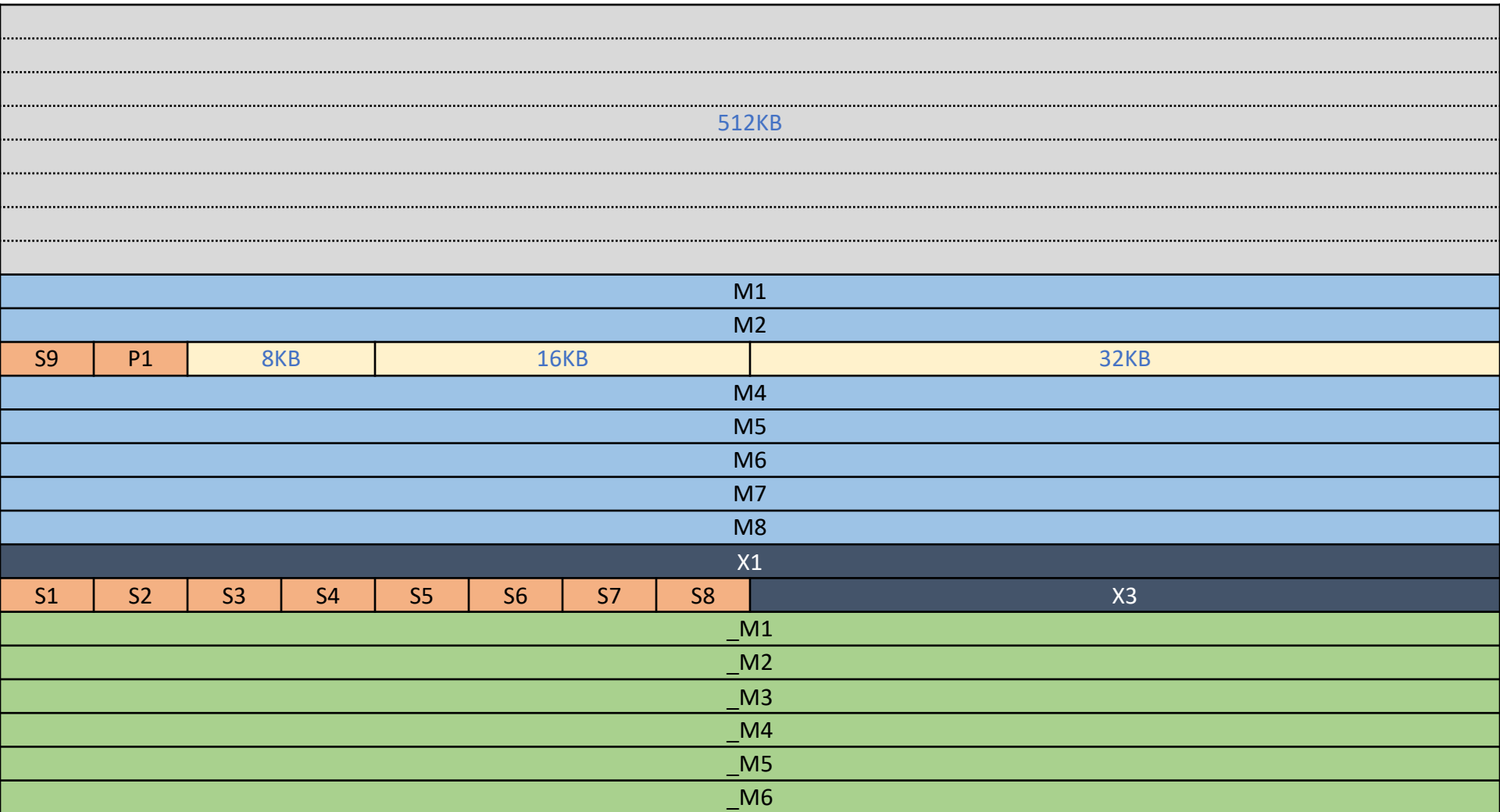
Pad(P) ; // insert padding until vulnerable page



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Pad *small* chunks until the vulnerable page

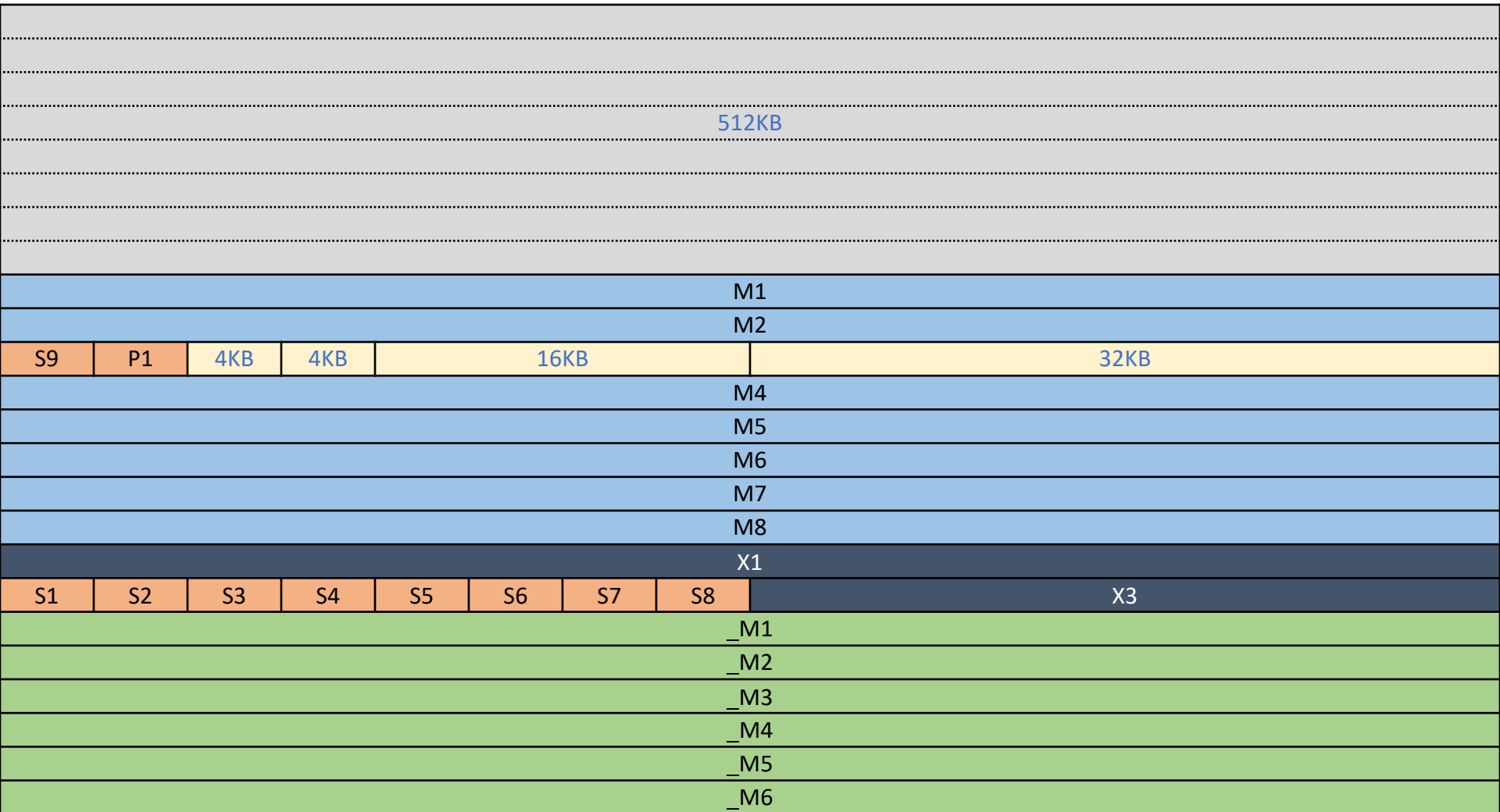
Pad(P) ; // insert padding until vulnerable page



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Pad *small* chunks until the vulnerable page

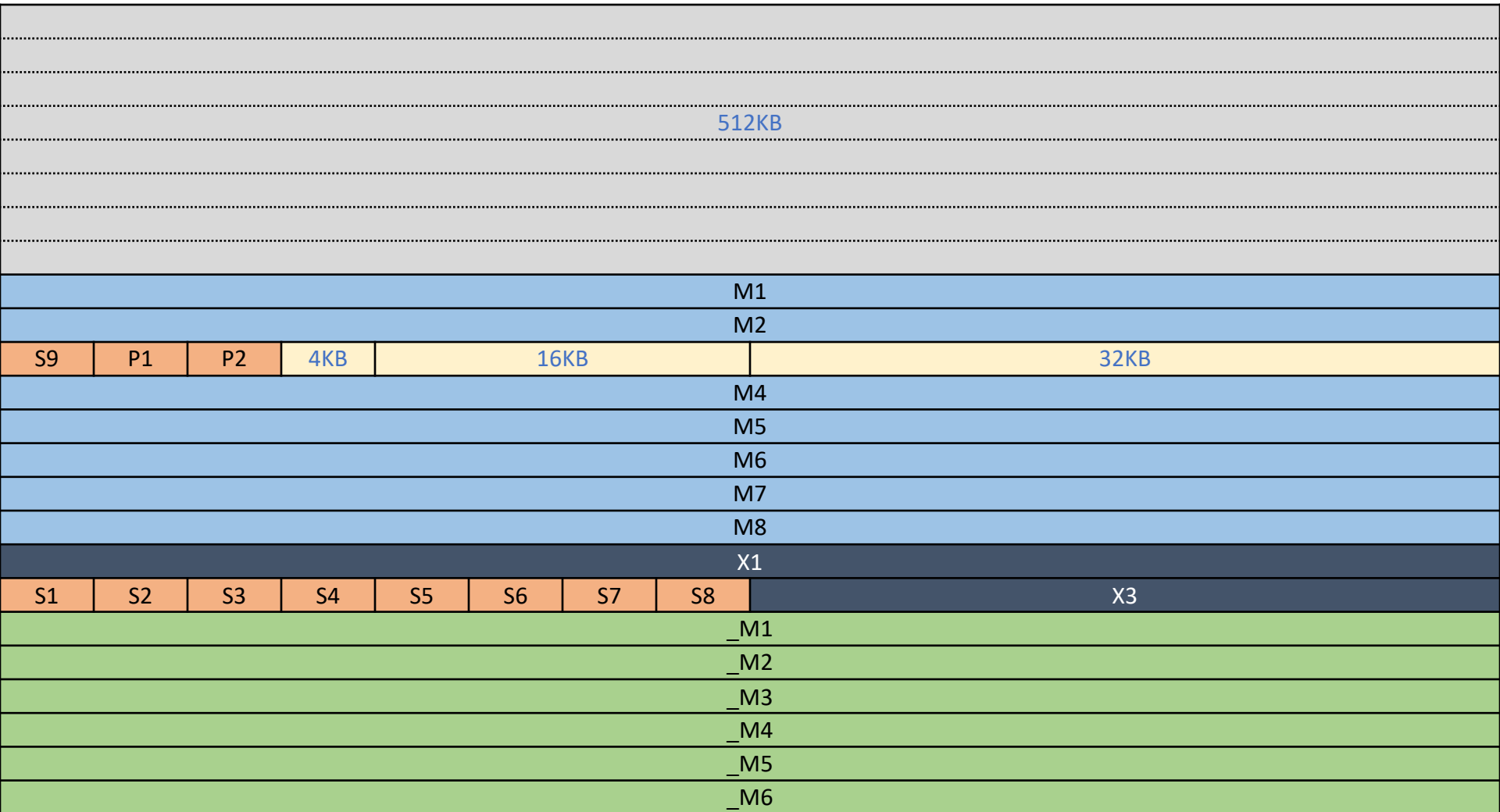
Pad(P) ; // insert padding until vulnerable page



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Pad *small* chunks until the vulnerable page

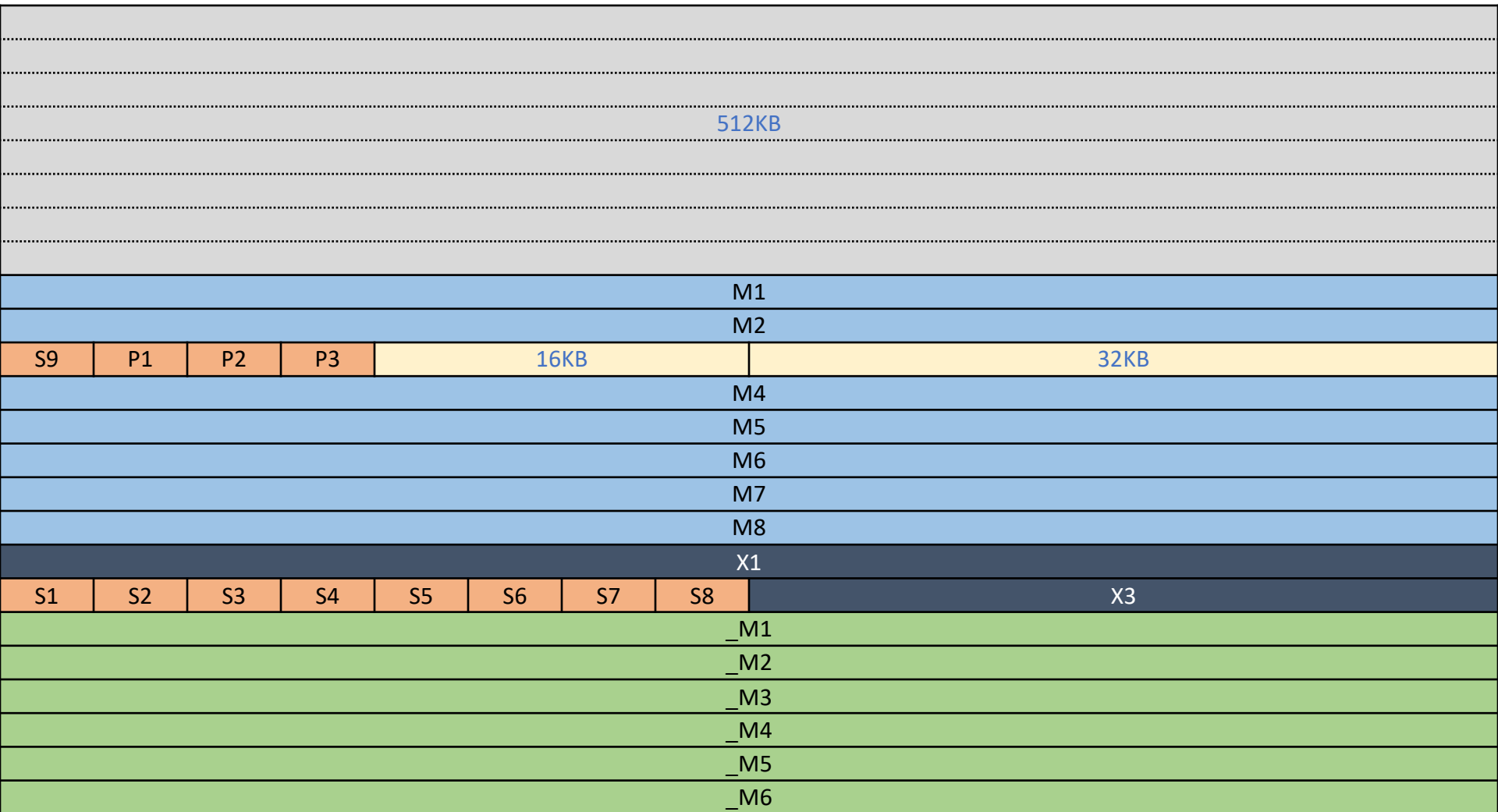
Pad(P) ; // insert padding until vulnerable page



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Pad *small* chunks until the vulnerable page

Pad(P) ; // insert padding until vulnerable page



Phys Feng Shui step 8/8

Force a Page Table allocation + map the vulnerable PTE

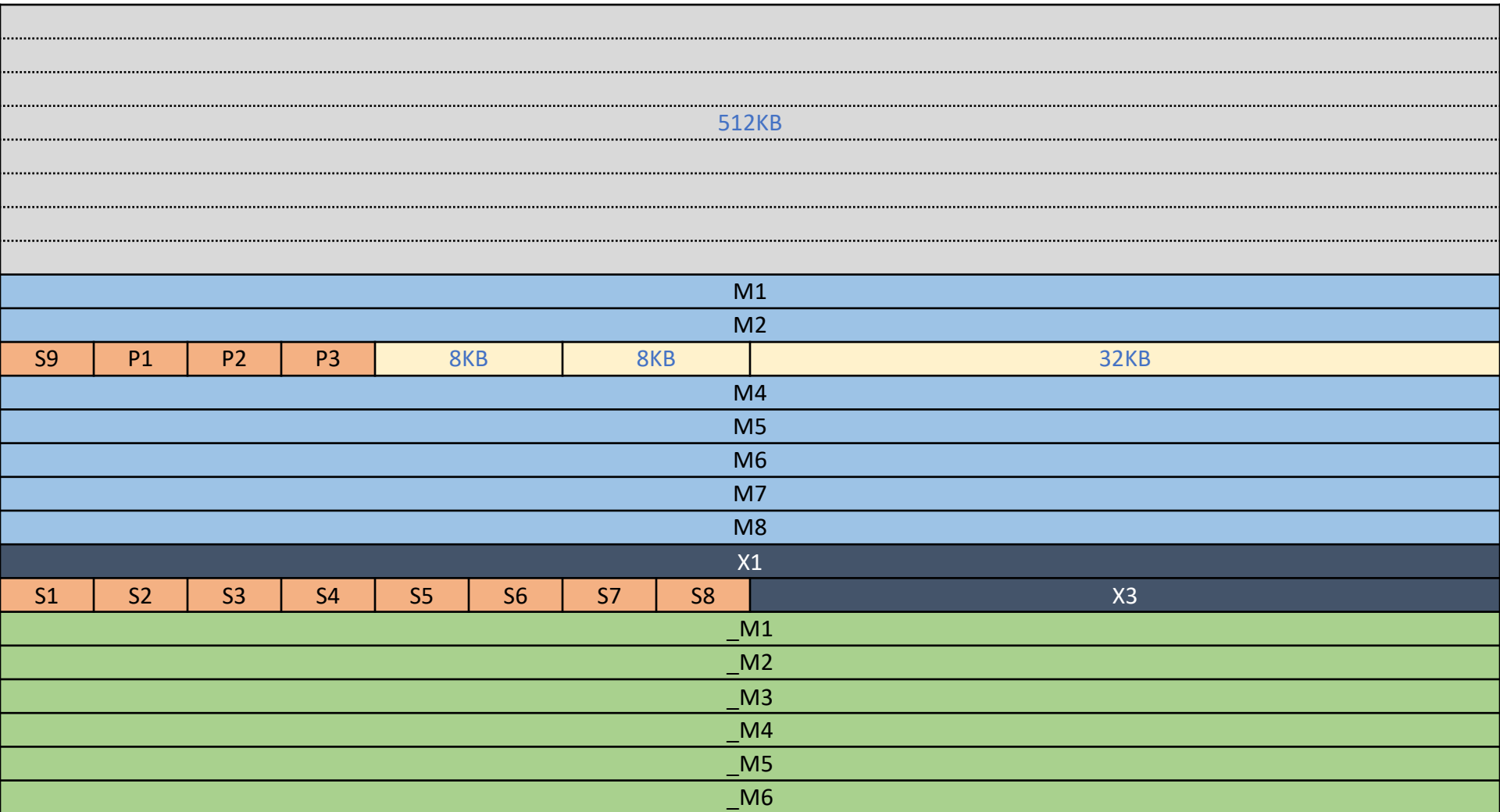
```
PT = mmap(MAP_FIXED); // Force a Page Table allocation
```

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Force a Page Table allocation + map the vulnerable PTE

```
PT = mmap(MAP_FIXED) ; // Force a Page Table allocation
```



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Force a Page Table allocation + map the vulnerable PTE

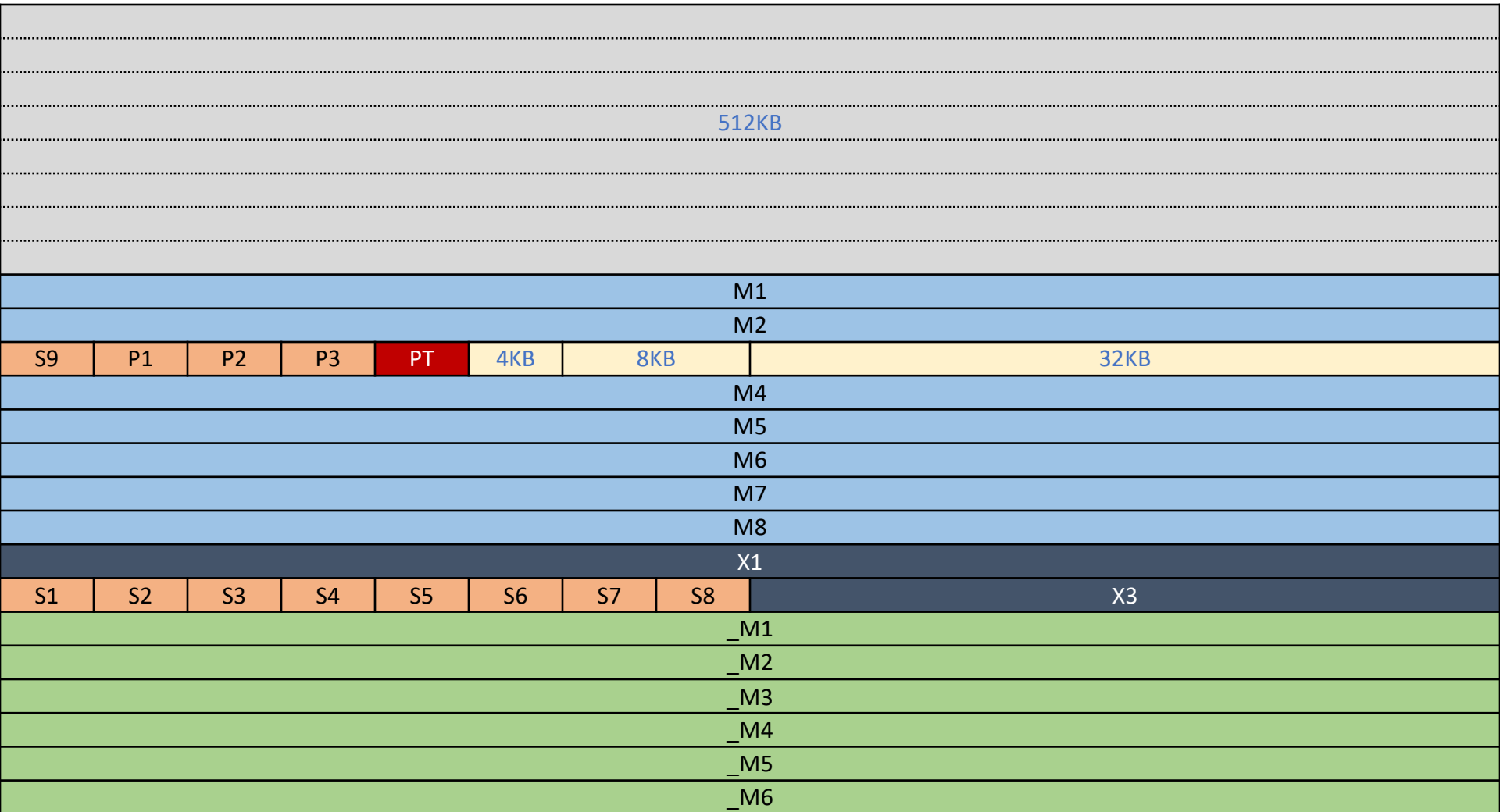
```
PT = mmap(MAP_FIXED) ; // Force a Page Table allocation
```

								512KB	
								M1	
								M2	
S9	P1	P2	P3	4KB	4KB	8KB		32KB	
								M4	
								M5	
								M6	
								M7	
								M8	
								X1	
S1	S2	S3	S4	S5	S6	S7	S8	X3	
								_M1	
								_M2	
								_M3	
								_M4	
								_M5	
								_M6	

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Force a Page Table allocation + map the vulnerable PTE

```
PT = mmap(MAP_FIXED) ; // Force a Page Table allocation
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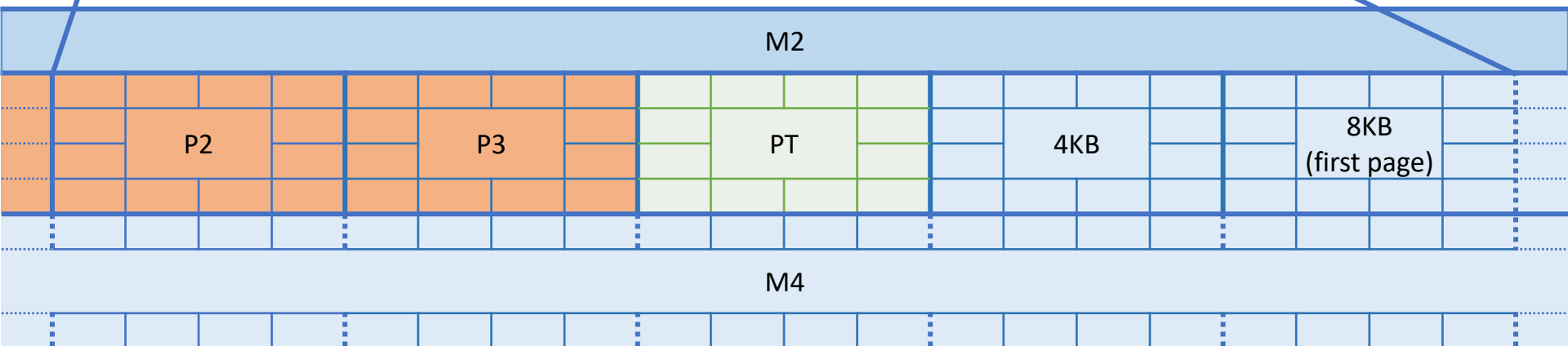
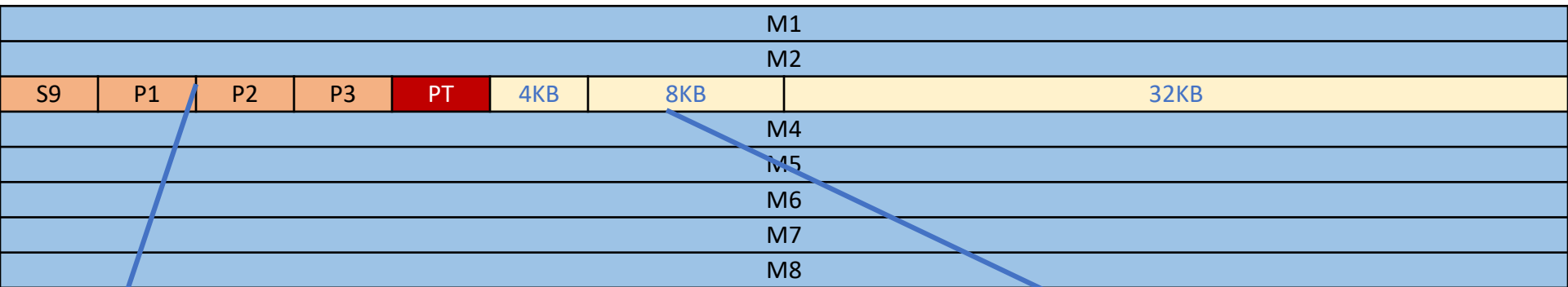
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Force a Page Table allocation + map the vulnerable PTE

M1							
M2							
S9	P1	P2	P3	PT	4KB	8KB	32KB
M4							
M5							
M6							
M7							
M8							

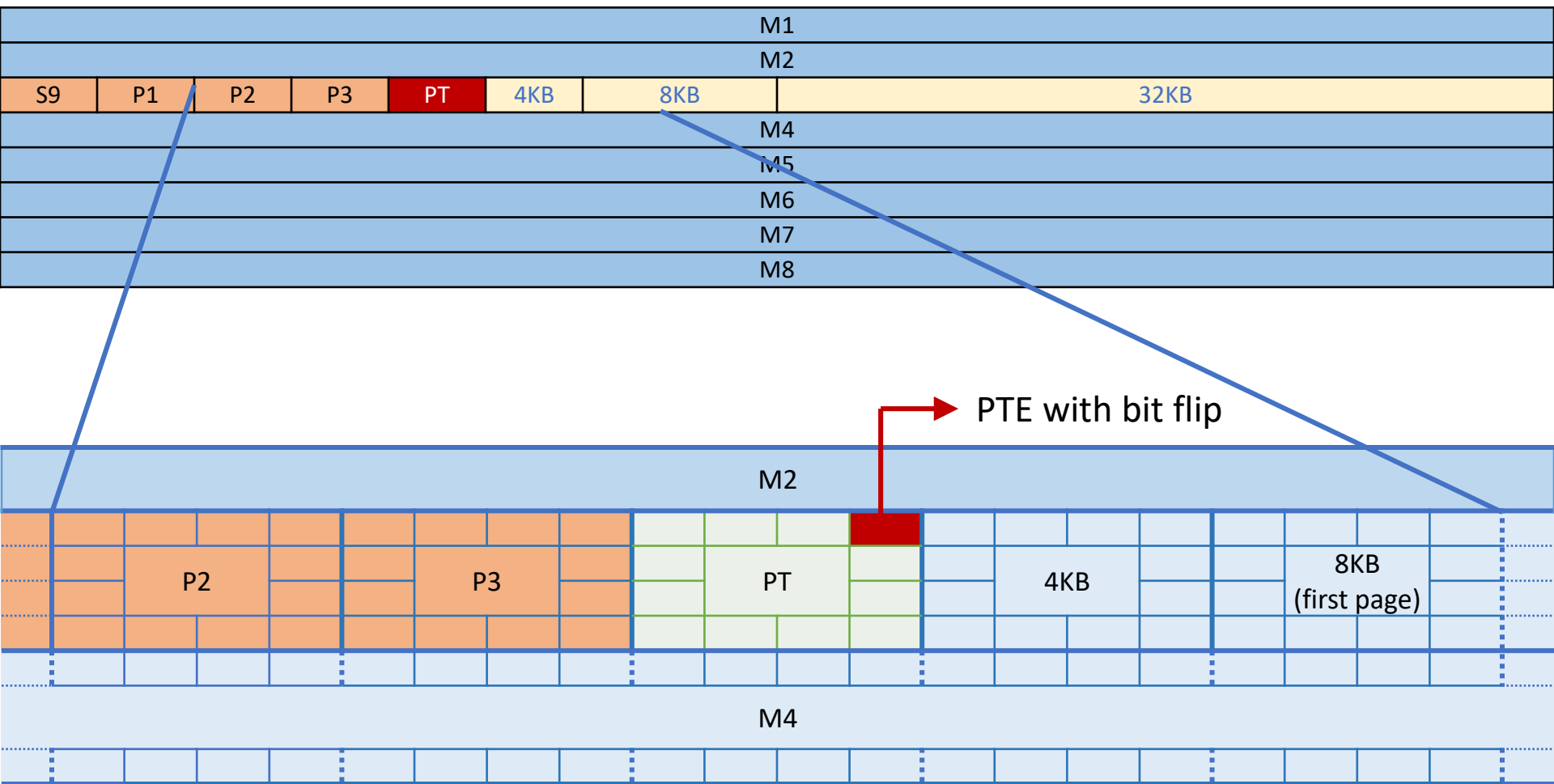
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Force a Page Table allocation + map the vulnerable PTE



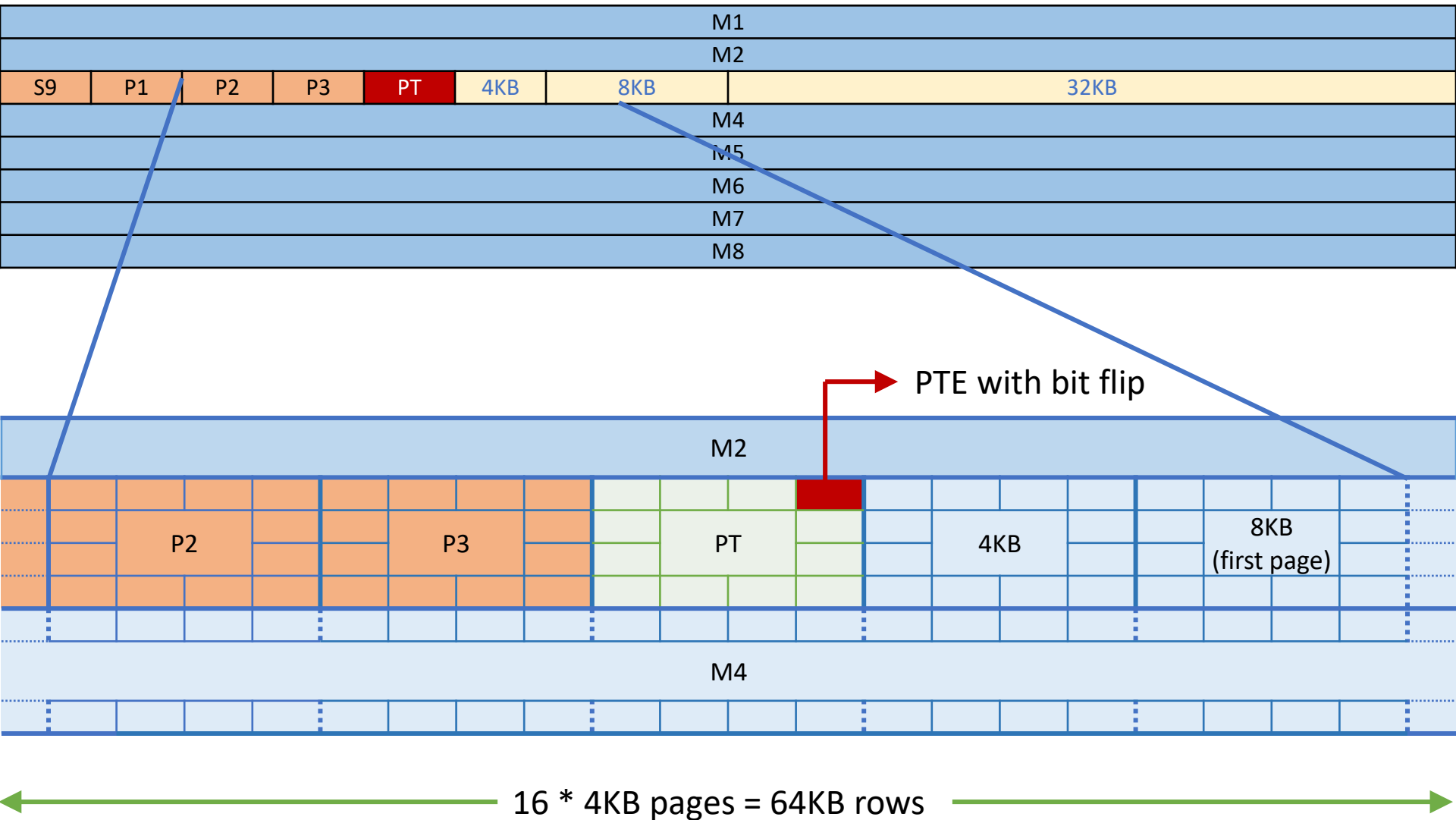
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Force a Page Table allocation + map the vulnerable PTE



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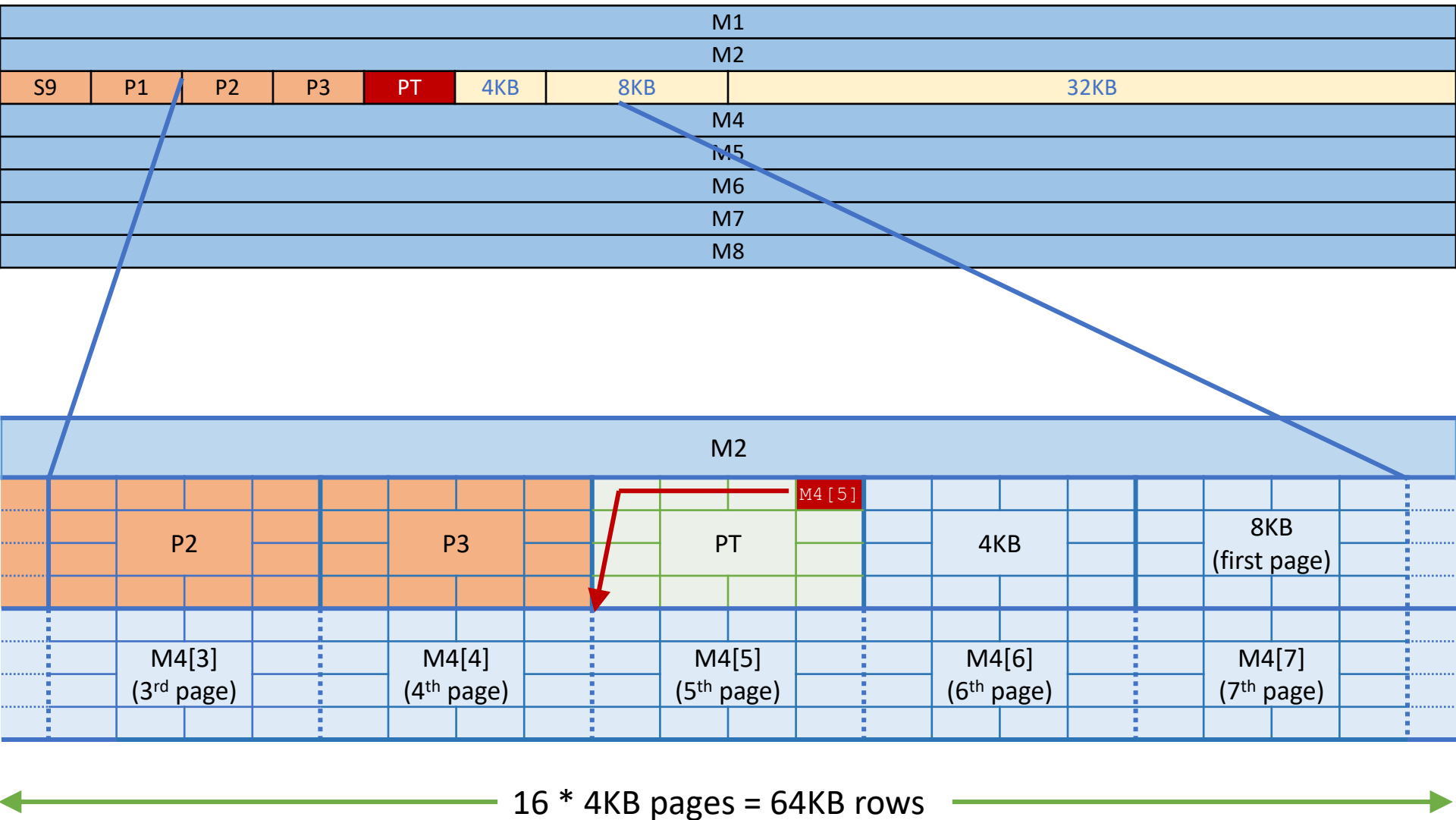
Force a Page Table allocation + map the vulnerable PTE



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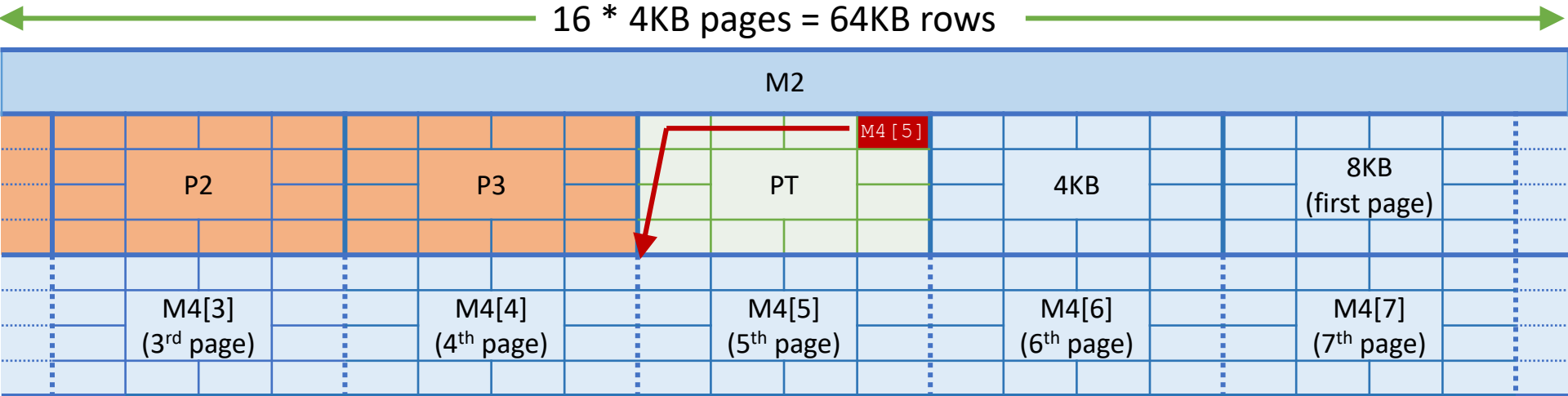
Force a Page Table allocation + map the vulnerable PTE

```
mmap(M4[5], MAP_FIXED); // map vulnerable PTE 64KB 'away'
```



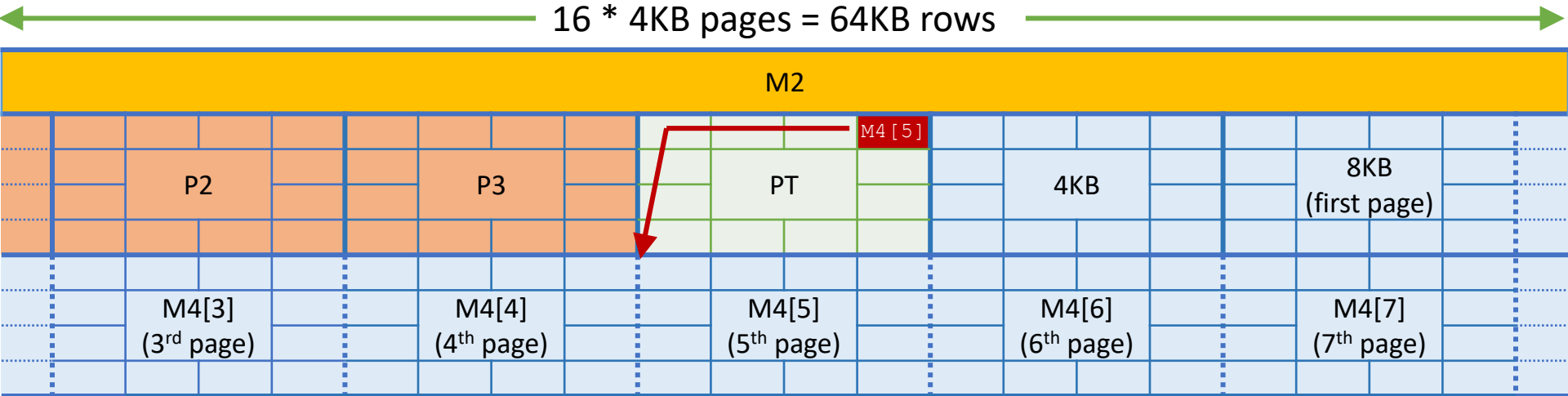
Drammer

Perform double-sided rowhammer to flip a bit in the PTE



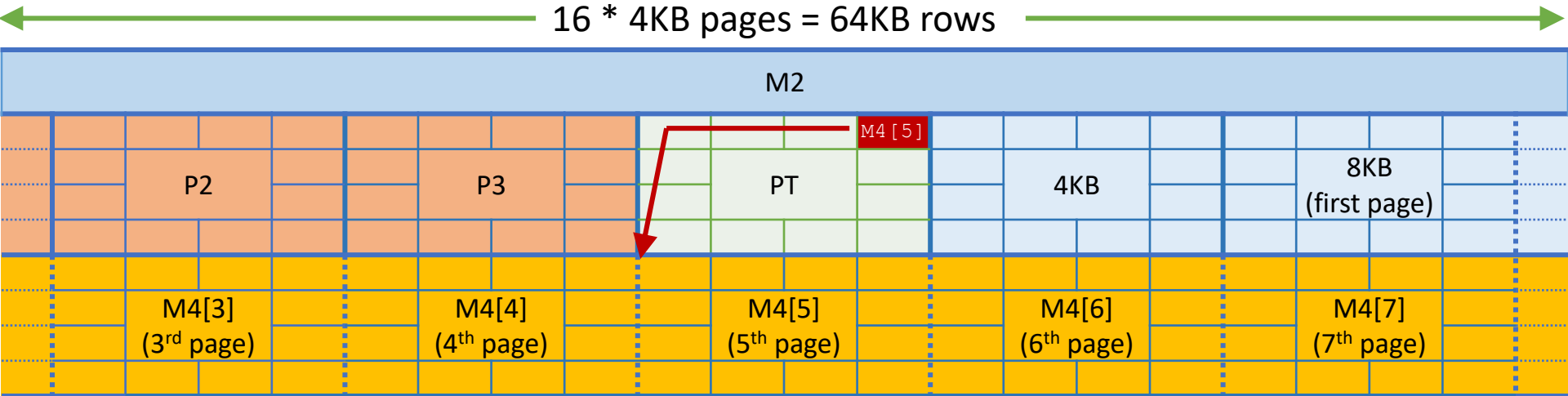
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Perform double-sided rowhammer to flip a bit in the PTE

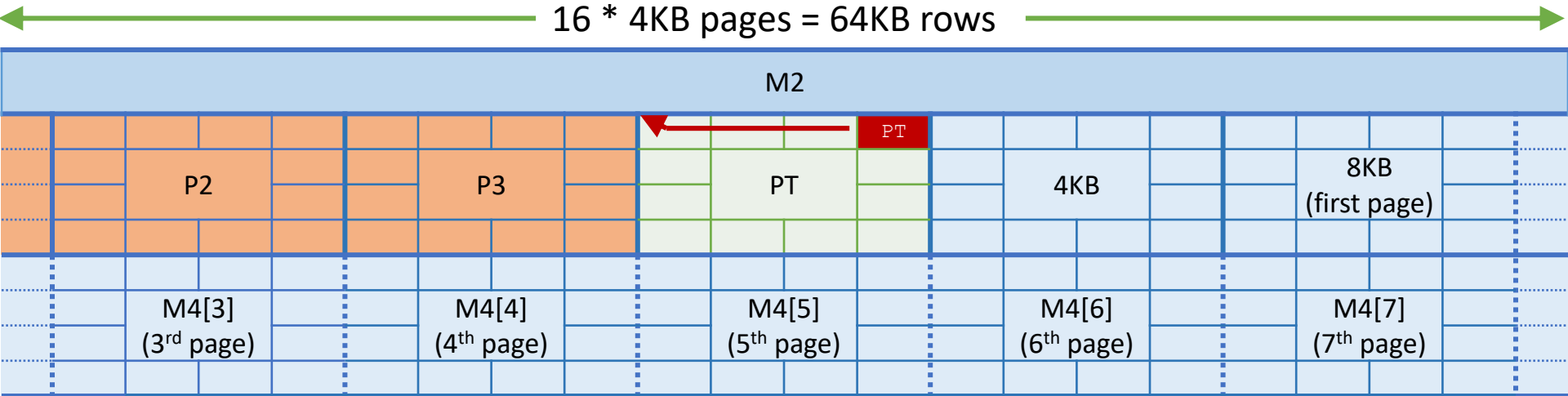


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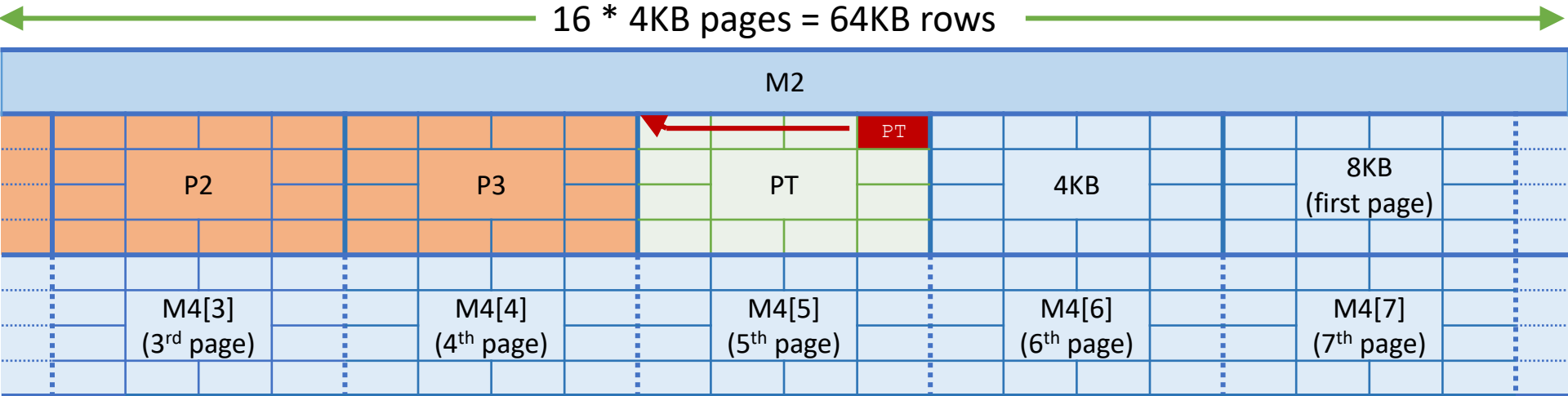
Perform double-sided rowhammer to flip a bit in the PTE



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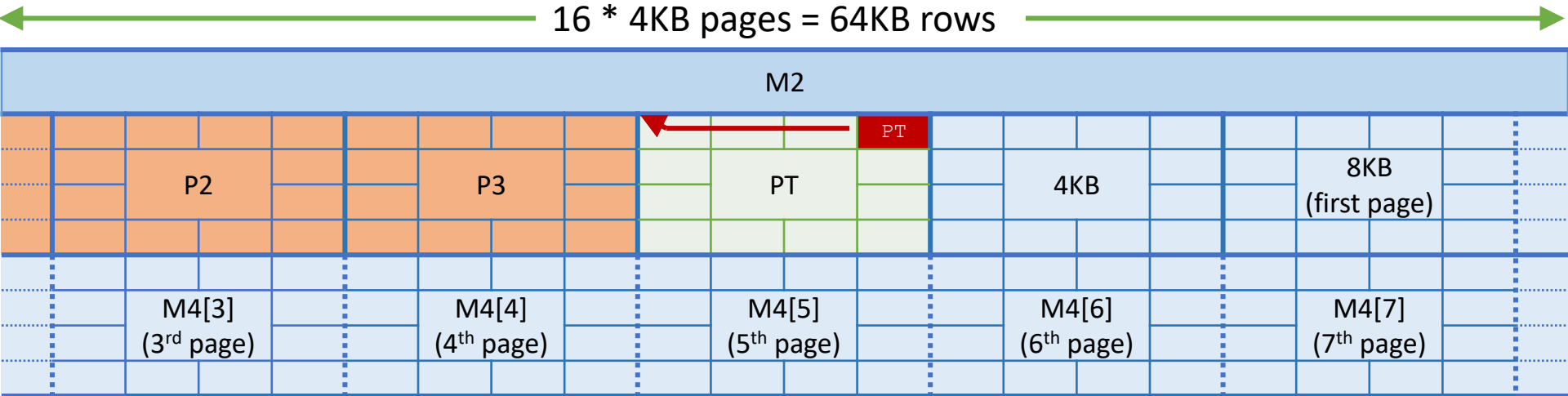


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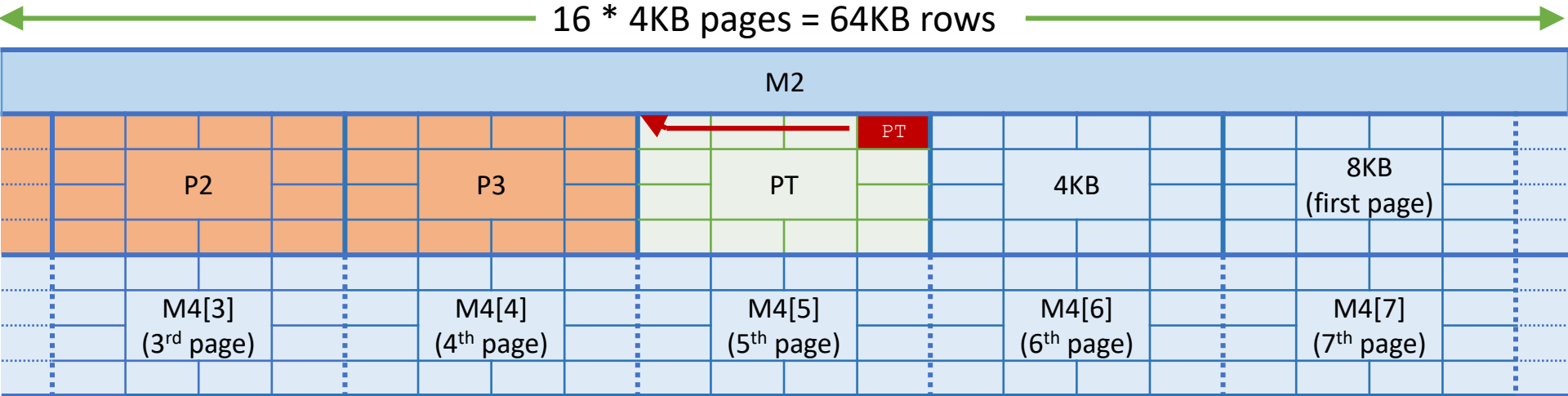
1. Fill PT with Page Table Entries to kernel memory

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1. Fill PT with Page Table Entries to kernel memory
2. Search kernel memory for our **struct cred**

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1. Fill PT with Page Table Entries to kernel memory
2. Search kernel memory for our **struct cred**
3. Overwrite our **uid** and **gid** to get root privileges