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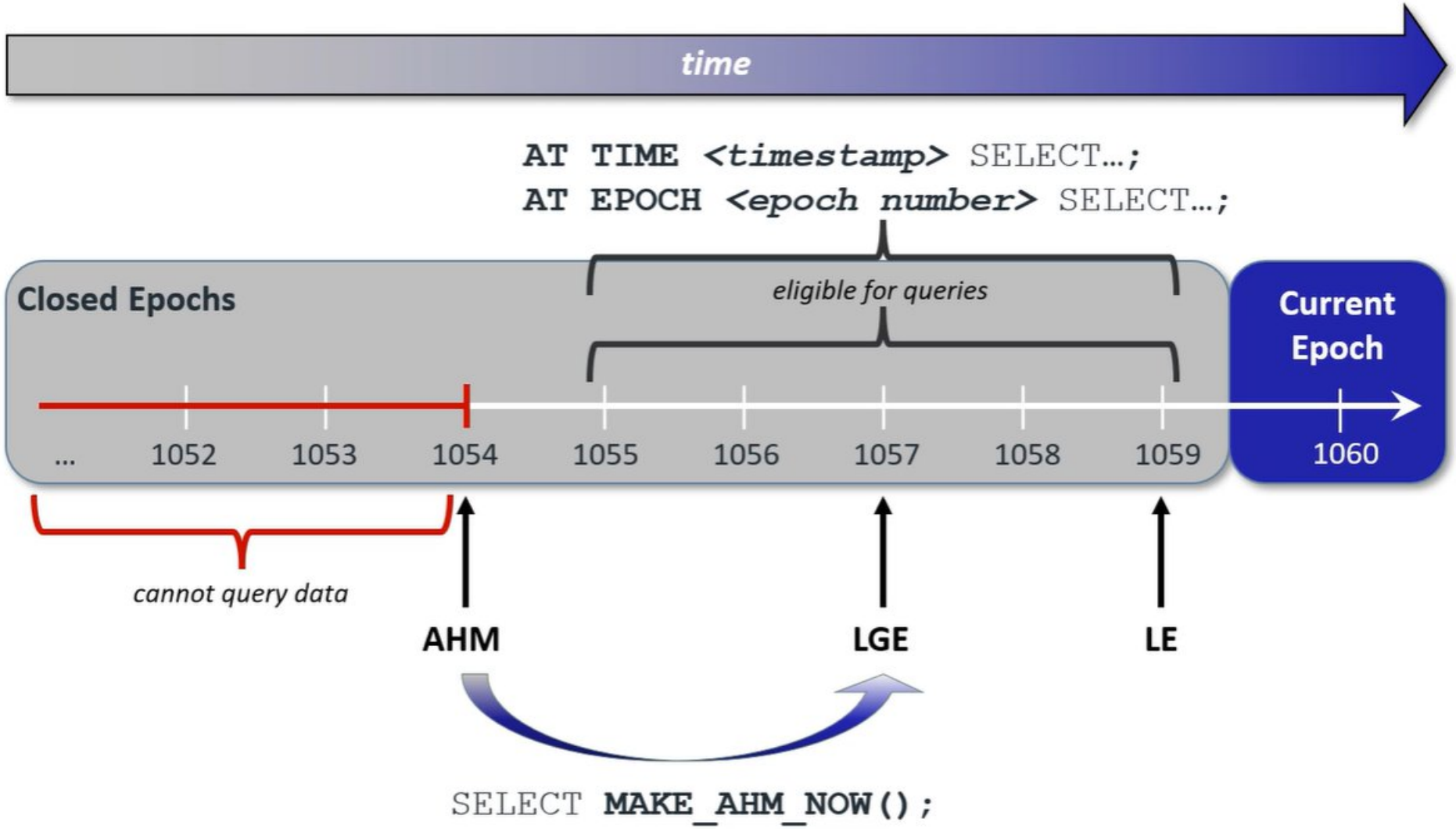
Removing Data

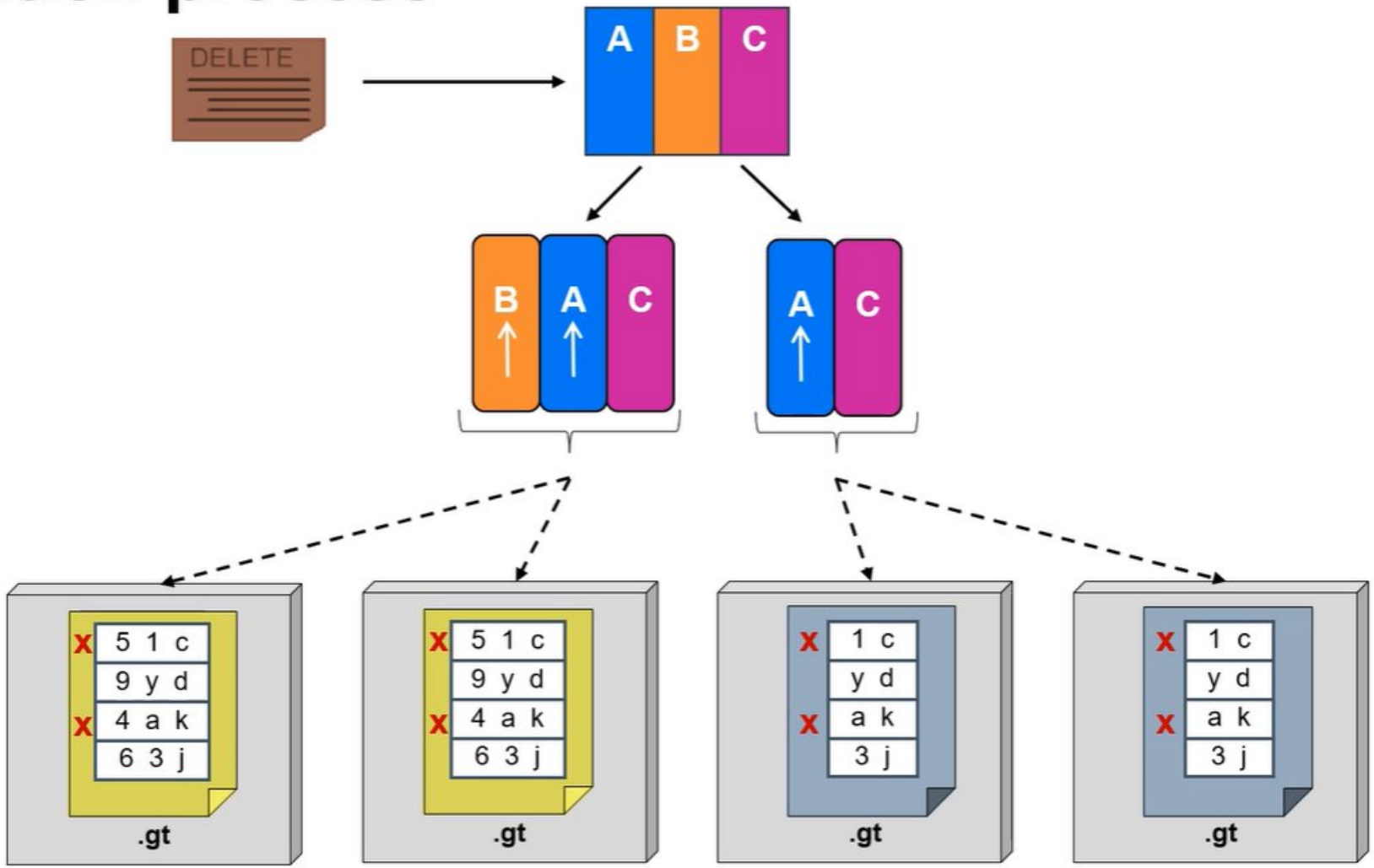
Epoch model



Ways of removing data

Process	Consequence
DELETE FROM *table*	Marks rows with delete vectors and stores them so data can be rolled back to a previous epoch. The data must eventually be purged before the database can reclaim disk space.
TRUNCATE TABLE *table*	Permanently removes all storage and history associated with a table. The table structure is preserved for future use. Disk space is recovered immediately.
DROP TABLE *table*	Permanently removes a table, its definition, the associated projections, and all contained data. Disk space is recovered immediately.
DROP PARTITION	Permanently removes one partition from a partitioned table. Partitioned data can be dropped efficiently and provides query performance benefits. Disk space is recovered immediately.

Data deletion process



Delete vectors in queries

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SELECT customer_id, customer_name FROM CUSTOMERS
WHERE is_current = 't';
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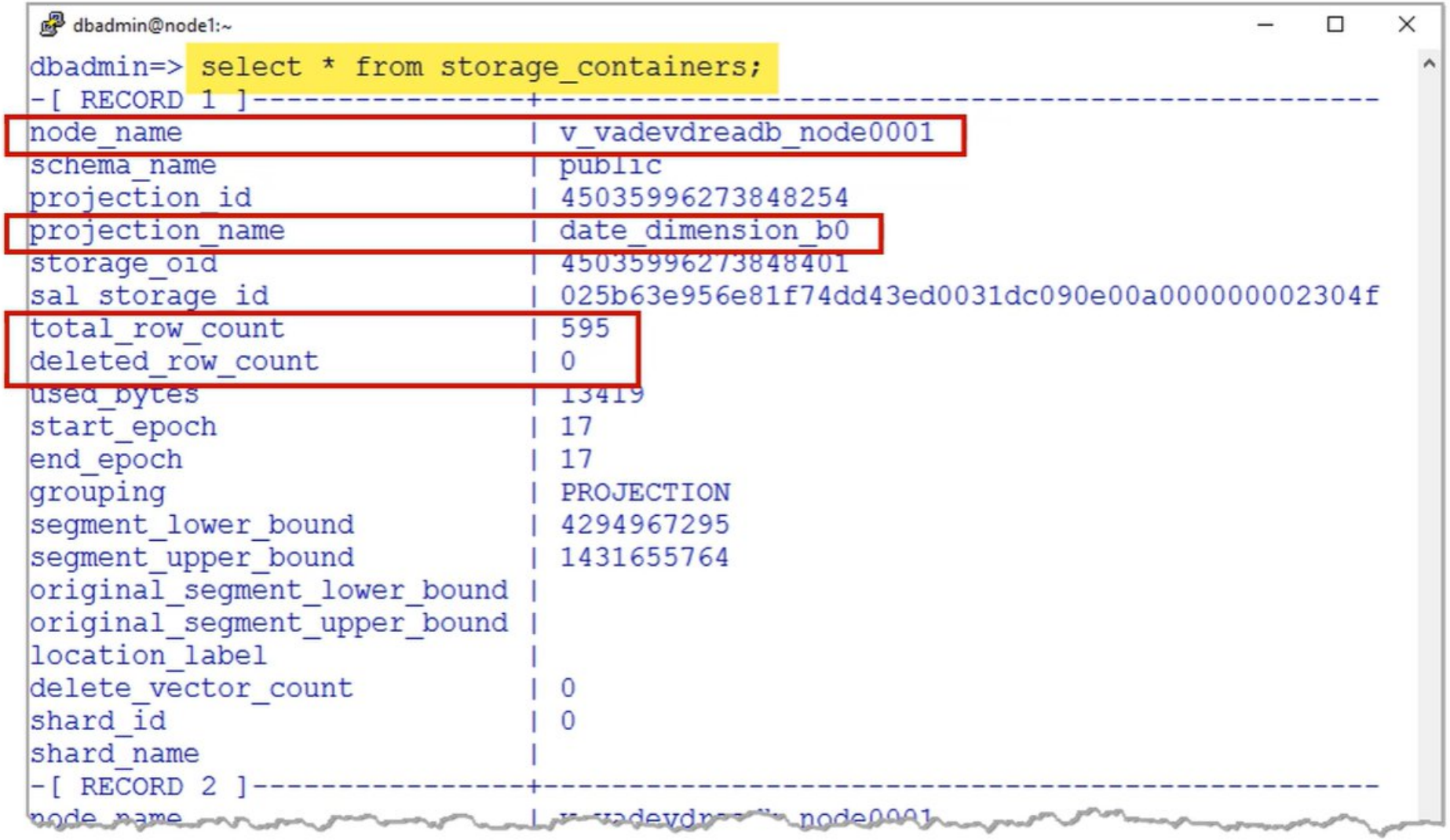
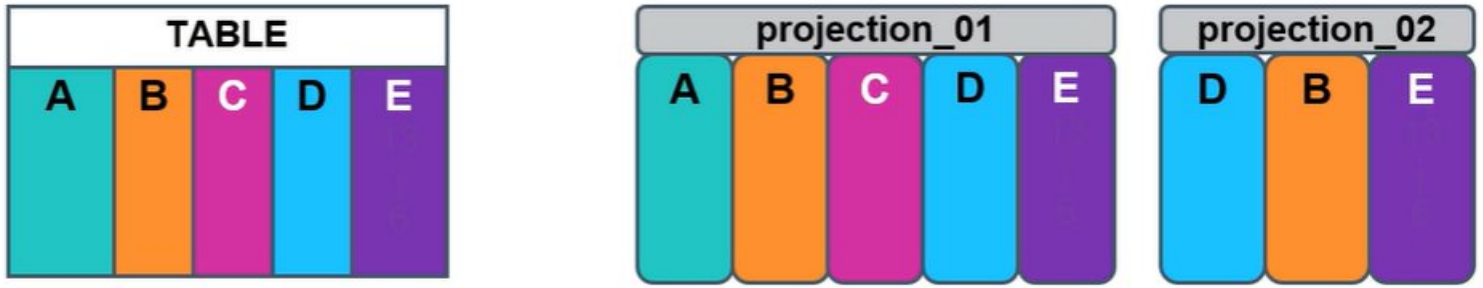
System table: DELETE_VECTORS

System table: STORAGE_CONTAINERS

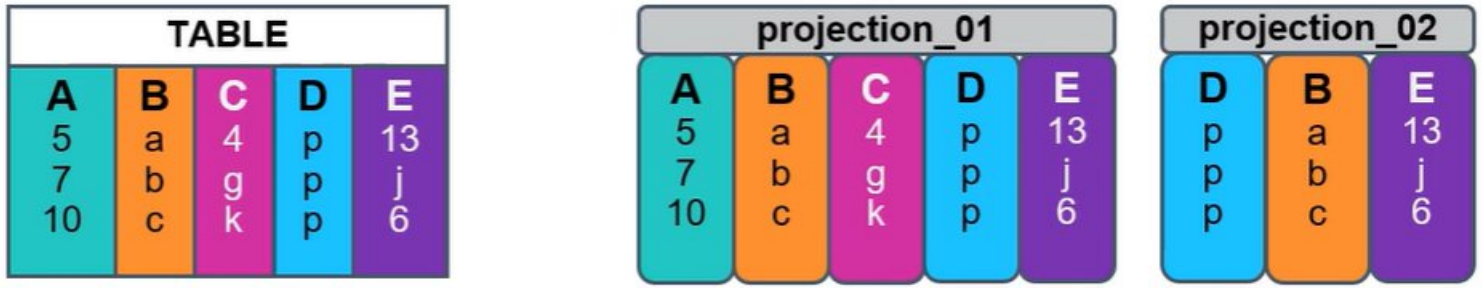


Dropping vs. truncating tables

TRUNCATE TABLE *tablename*



DROP TABLE *tablename*



Purging delete vectors

1. Move the AHM to the LGE: `SELECT MAKE_AHM_NOW();`
2. Purge the delete vectors

From all projections on all tables	`SELECT PURGE();`
From all projections on a specific table	`SELECT PURGE_TABLE('table_name');`
From a specific projection	`SELECT PURGE_PROJECTION('projection_name');`
From a partition	`SELECT PURGE_PARTITION('table_name','partition_key');`

Thank you