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CRASH RECOVERY

Recovery algorithms are techniques to ensure database consistency, transaction atomicity, and durability despite failures.

Recovery algorithms have two parts:

- Actions during normal txn processing to ensure that the DBMS can recover from a failure.
- Actions after a failure to recover the database to a state that ensures atomicity, consistency, and durability.

Today

CRASH RECOVERY OVERVIEW

STEAL + NO-FORCE

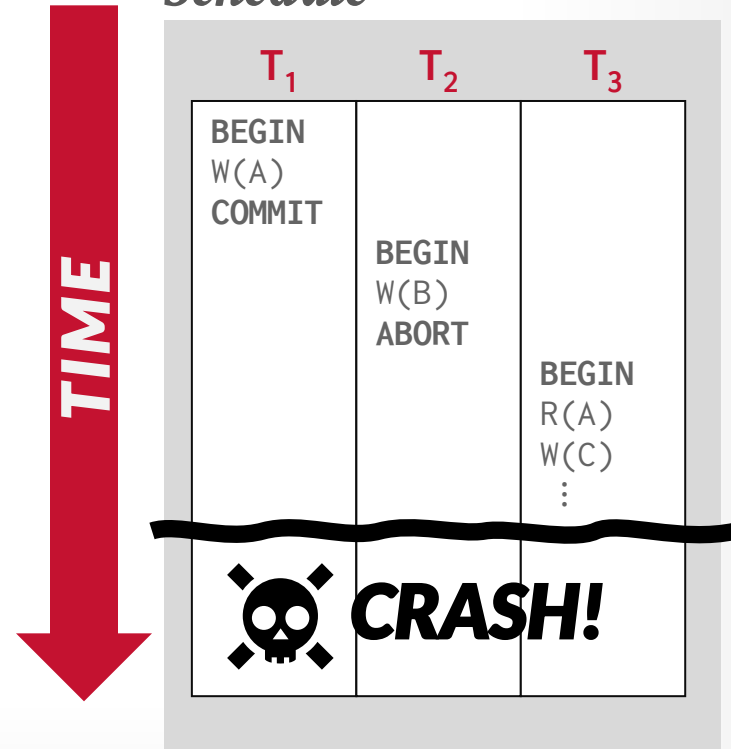
Atomicity: Txns may abort/fail.

Durability: Changes of committed txns should survive system failure.

Desired behavior after the DBMS restarts (i.e., the contents of volatile memory are lost):

- T_1 should be durable.
- $T_2 + T_3$ should be aborted.

Schedule



ARIES

Algorithms for Recovery and Isolation Exploiting Semantics

Developed at IBM Research in early 1990s for the DB2 DBMS.

Not all systems implement ARIES exactly as defined in this paper but they're close enough.

ARIES: A Transaction Recovery Method Supporting Fine-Granularity Locking and Partial Rollbacks Using Write-Ahead Logging

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In this paper we present a simple and efficient method, called ARIES (*Algorithms for Recovery and Isolation Exploiting Semantics*), which supports partial rollbacks of transactions, fine-granularity (e.g., record) locking and recovery using write-ahead logging (WAL). We introduce the paradigm of *repeating history* to redo all missing updates *before* performing the rollbacks of the *lower* transactions during restart after a system failure. ARIES uses a log sequence number in each page to correlate the state of a page with respect to logged updates of that page. All updates of a transaction are logged, including those performed during rollbacks. By appropriate chaining of the log records written during rollbacks to those written during forward progress, a bounded amount of logging is ensured during rollbacks even in the face of repeated failures during restart or of nested rollbacks. We deal with a variety of features that are very important in building and operating an *industrial-strength* transaction processing system. ARIES supports fuzzy checkpoints, selective and deferred restart, fuzzy image copies, media recovery, and high concurrency lock modes (e.g., increment/decrement) which exploit the semantics of the operations and require the ability to perform operation logging. ARIES is flexible with respect to the kinds of buffer management policies that can be implemented. It supports objects of varying length efficiently. By enabling parallelism during restart, page-oriented redo, and logical undo, it enhances concurrency and performance. We show why some of the System R paradigms for logging and recovery, which were based on the shadow page technique, need to be changed in the context of WAL. We compare ARIES to the WAL-based recovery methods of

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ARIES – MAIN IDEAS

Write-Ahead Logging:

- Flush WAL record(s) changes to disk before a database object is written to disk.
- Must use **STEAL** + **NO-FORCE** buffer pool policies.

Repeating History During Redo:

- On DBMS restart, retrace actions and restore database to exact state before crash.

Logging Changes During Undo:

- Record undo actions to log to ensure action is not repeated in the event of repeated failures.

TODAY'S AGENDA

Log Sequence Numbers

Normal Commit & Abort Operations

Fuzzy Checkpointing

Recovery Algorithm

WAL RECORDS

We need to extend our log record format from last class to include additional info.

Every log record includes a globally unique **log sequence number** (LSN).

→ LSNs represent the physical order that txns make changes to the database.

Various components in the system keep track of **LSNs** that pertain to them...

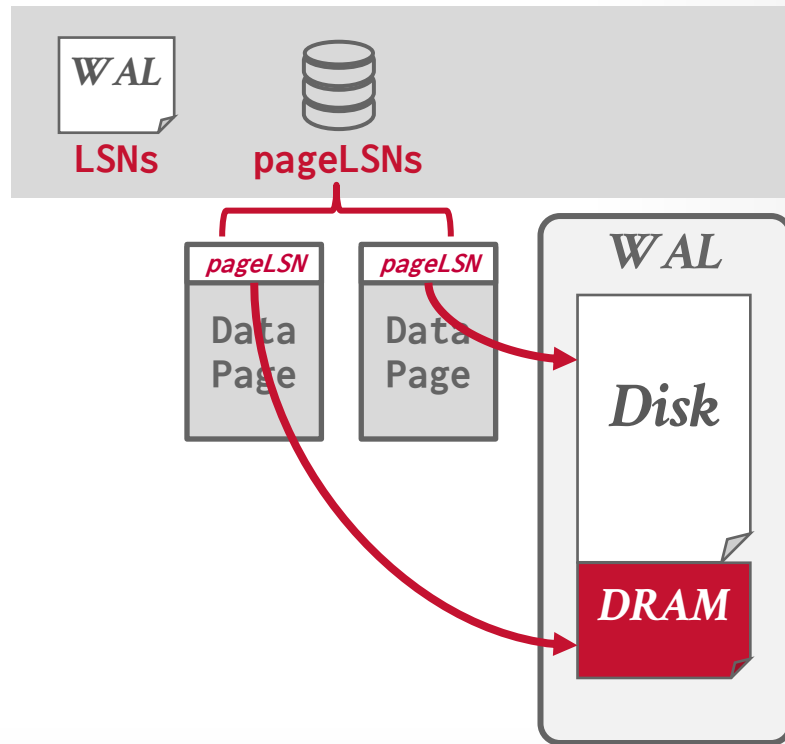
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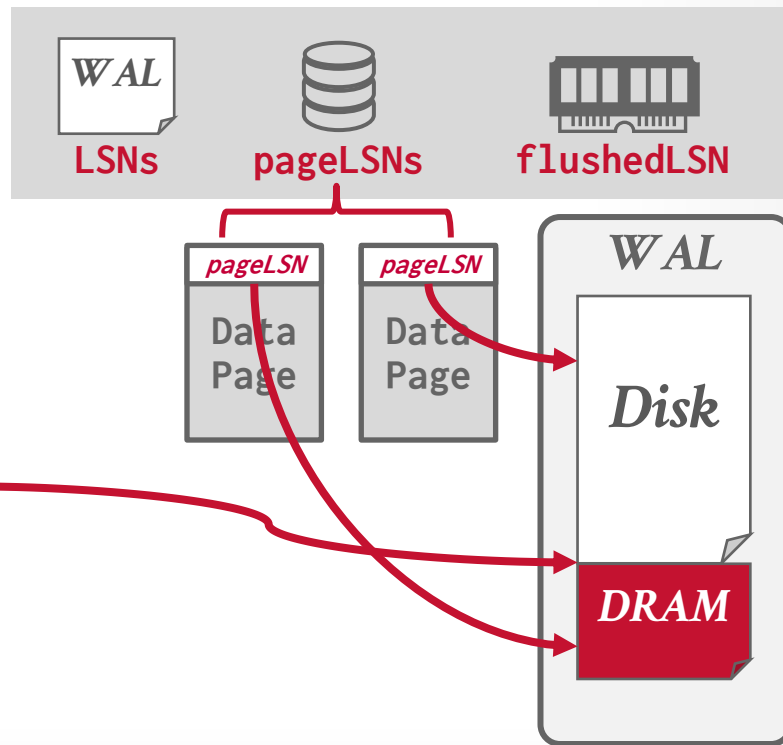
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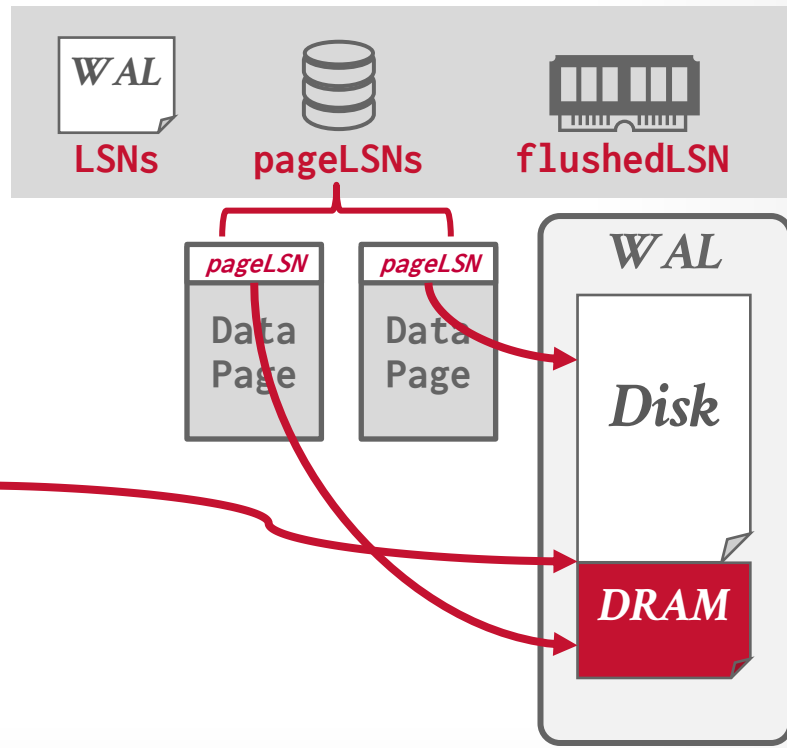
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WAL: Before a page_x is written,
 $\text{pageLSN}_x \leq \text{flushedLSN}$



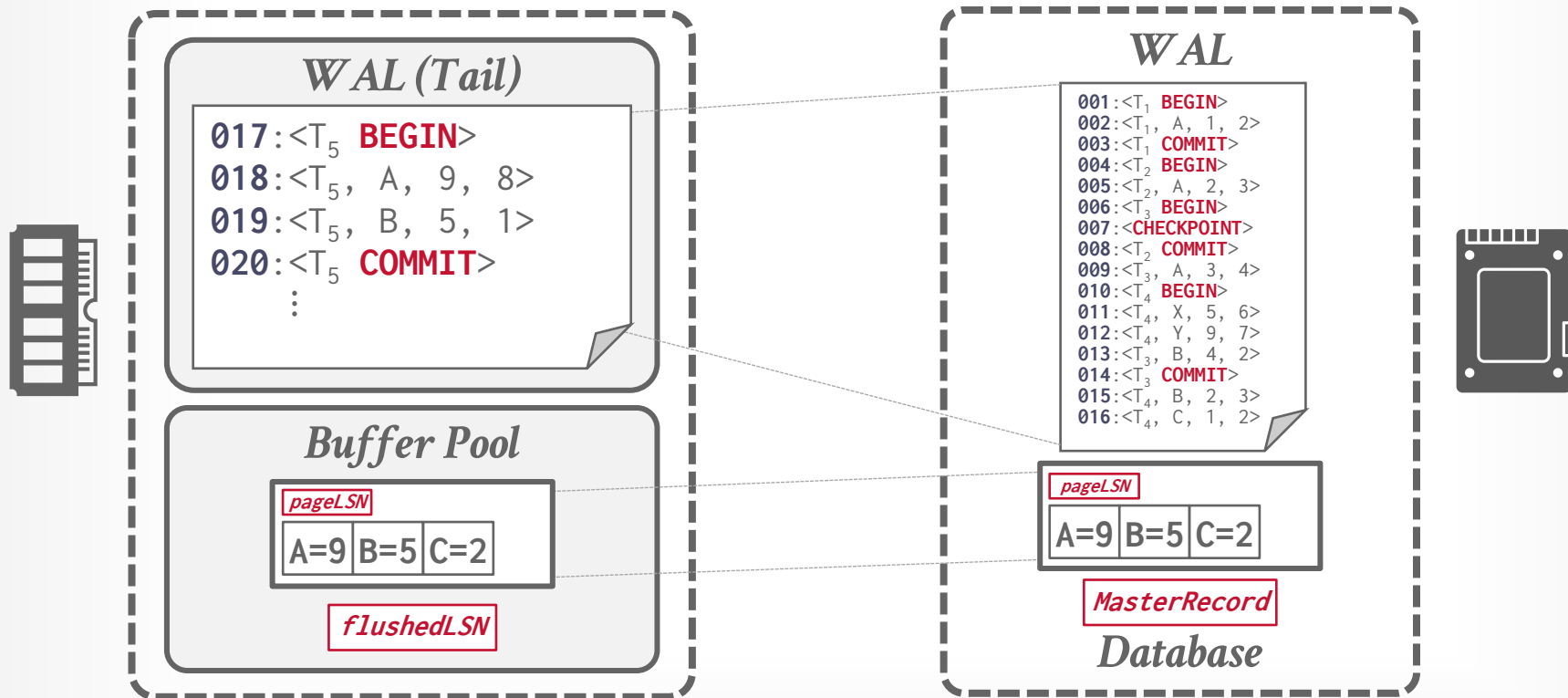
LOG SEQUENCE NUMBERS

Name	Location	Definition
flushedLSN	Memory	Last LSN in log on disk
pageLSN	page _x	Newest update to page _x
recLSN	DPT [†]	Oldest update to page _x since it was last flushed
lastLSN	ATT [*]	Latest record of txn T _i
MasterRecord	Disk	LSN of latest checkpoint

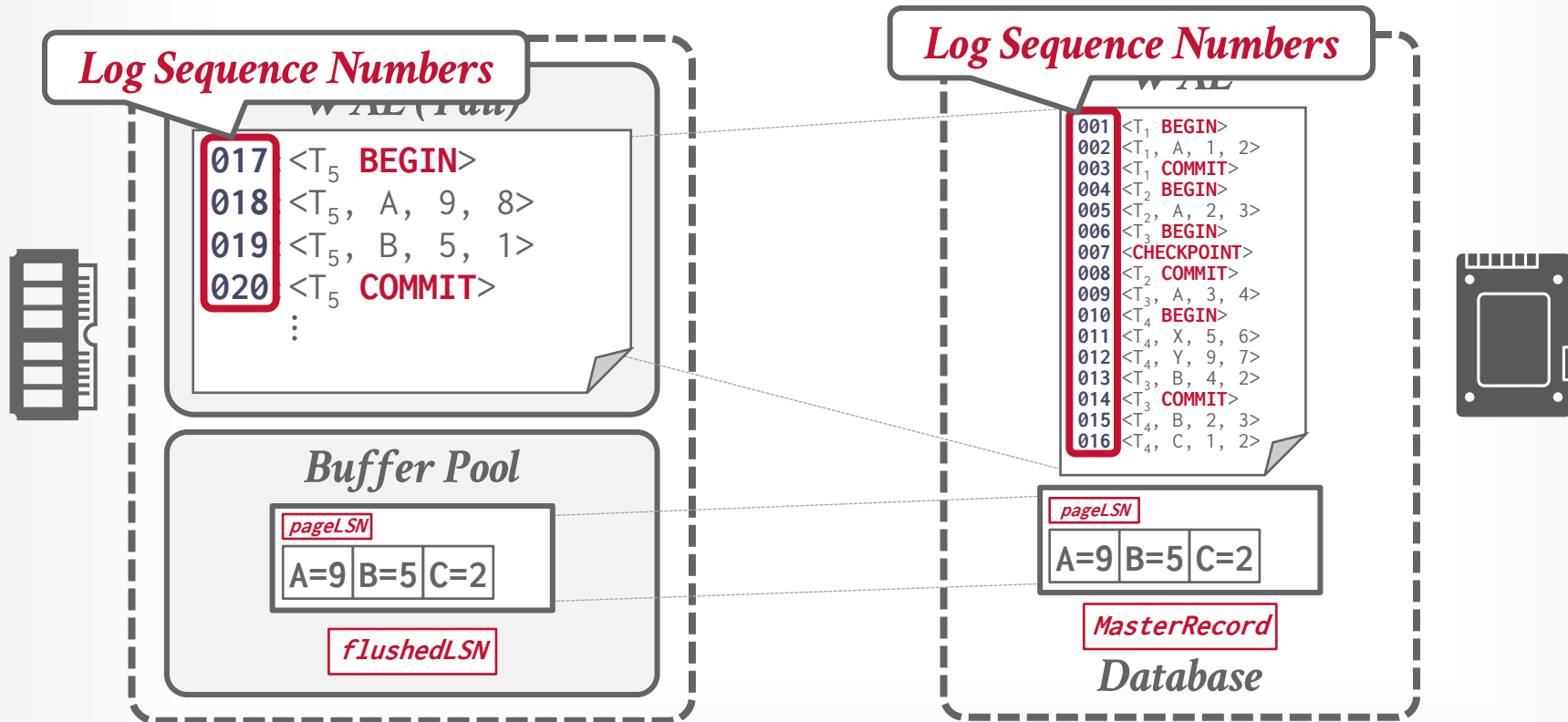
[†] DPT = Dirty Page Table.

^{*} ATT = Active Transaction Table.

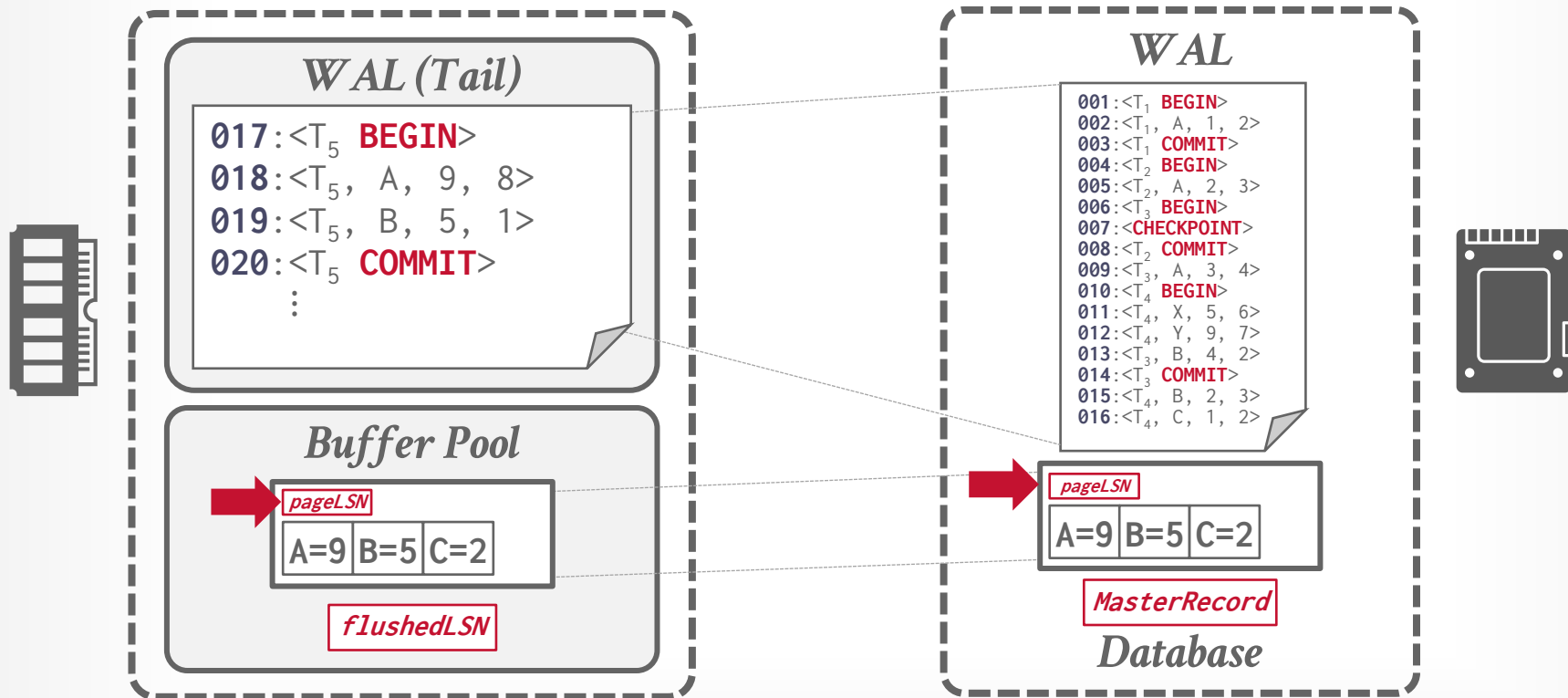
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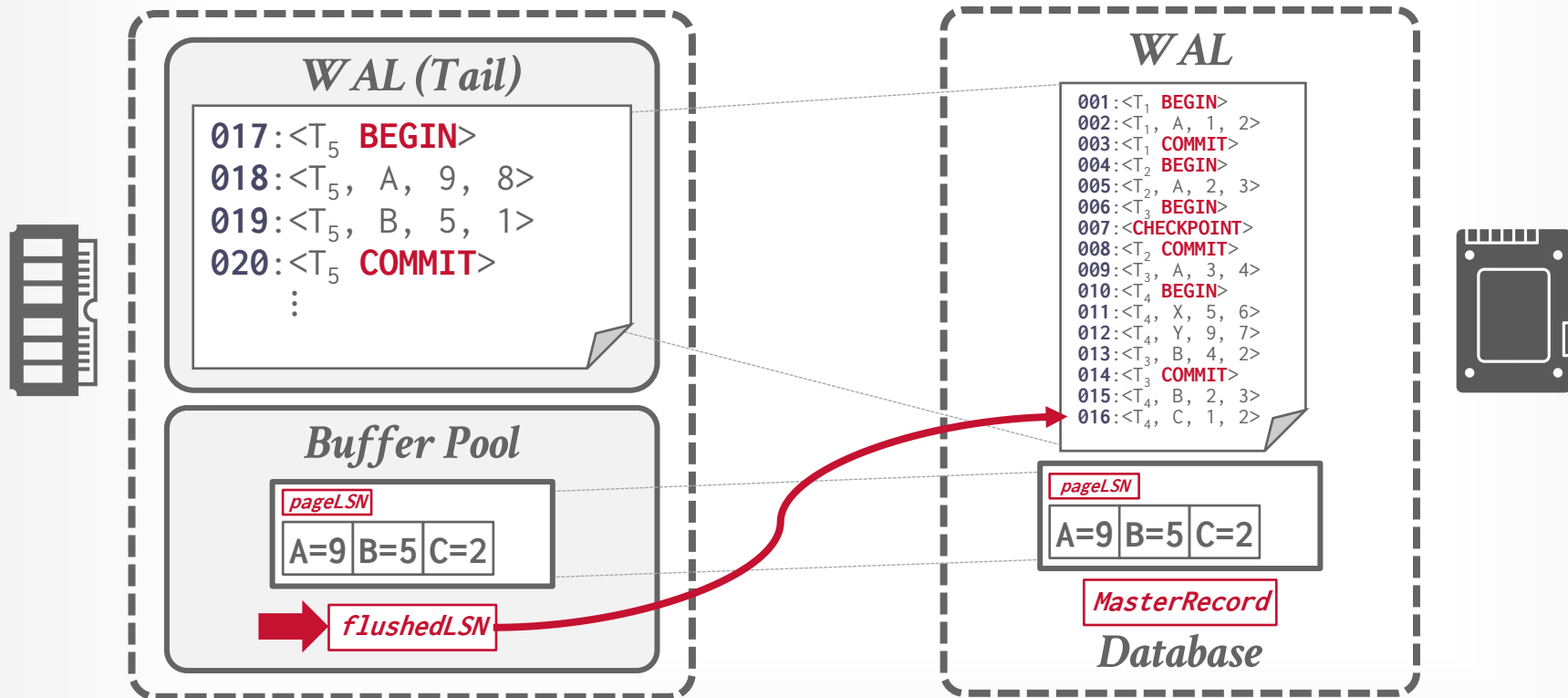
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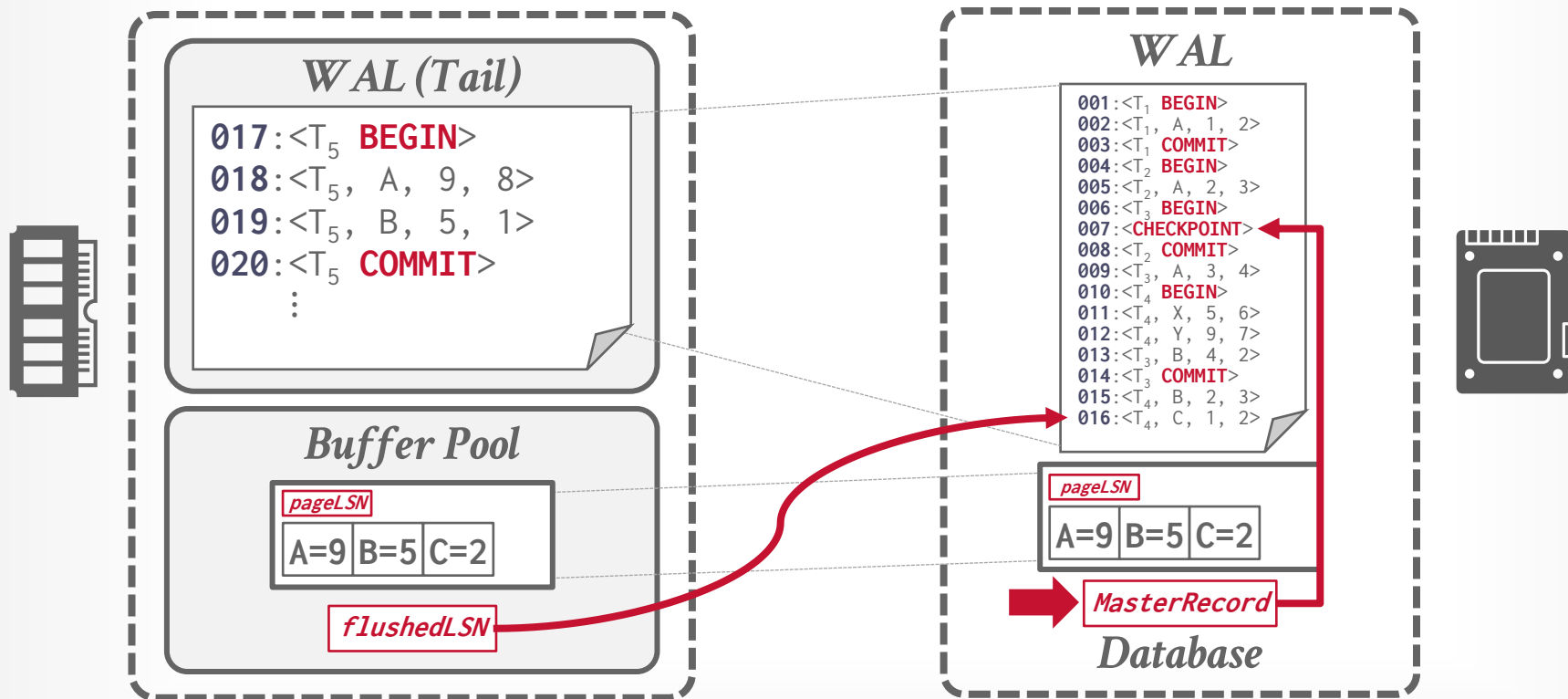
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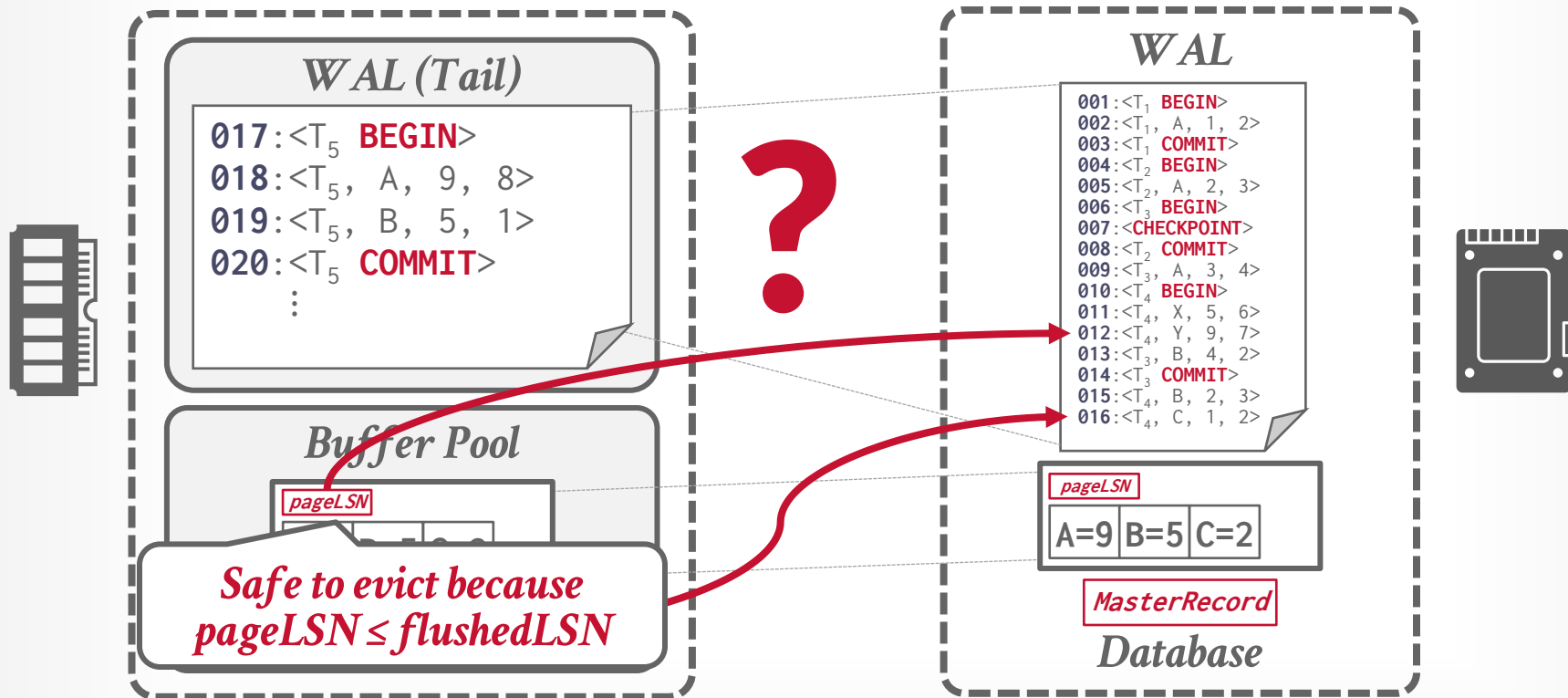
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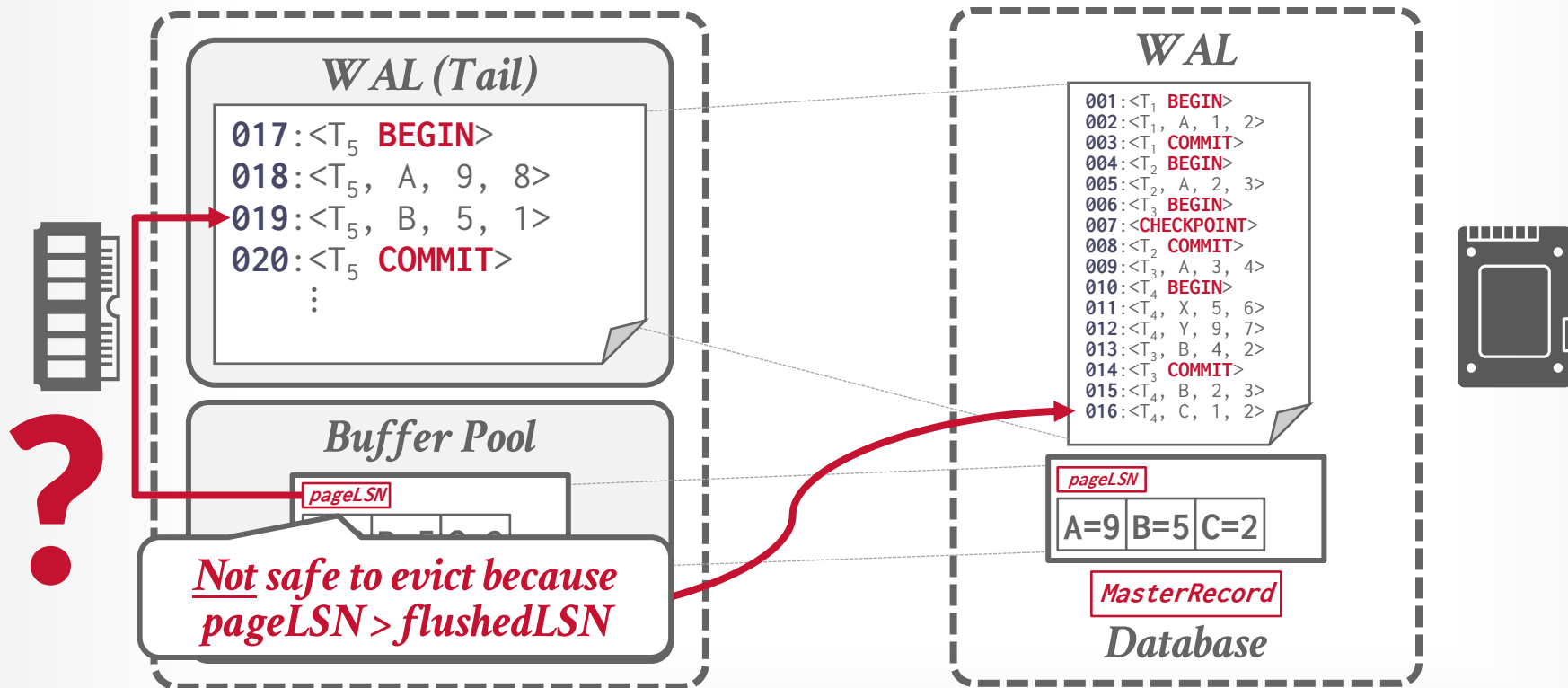
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All log records have an LSN.

Update the pageLSN every time a txn modifies a record in the page.

Update the flushedLSN in memory every time the DBMS writes the WAL buffer to disk.

NORMAL EXECUTION

Each txn invokes a sequence of reads and writes, followed by commit or rollback.

Assumptions in this lecture:

- All log records fit within a single page.
- Disk writes are atomic.
- Single-versioned tuples with Strong Strict 2PL.
- **STEAL** + **NO-FORCE** buffer management with WAL.

TRANSACTION COMMIT

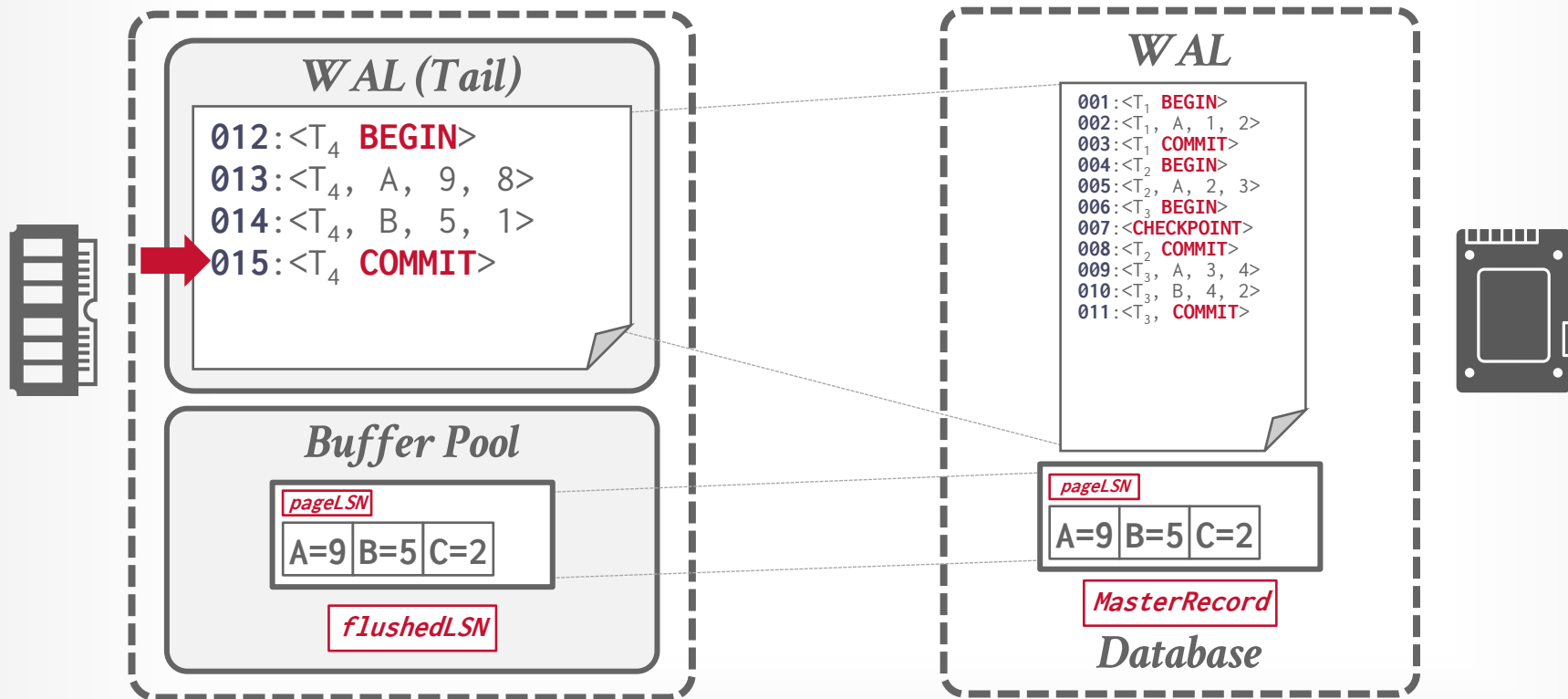
When a txn commits, the DBMS writes a **COMMIT** record to log and guarantees that all log records up to txn's **COMMIT** record are flushed to disk.

- Log flushes are sequential, synchronous writes to disk.
- Many log records per log page.

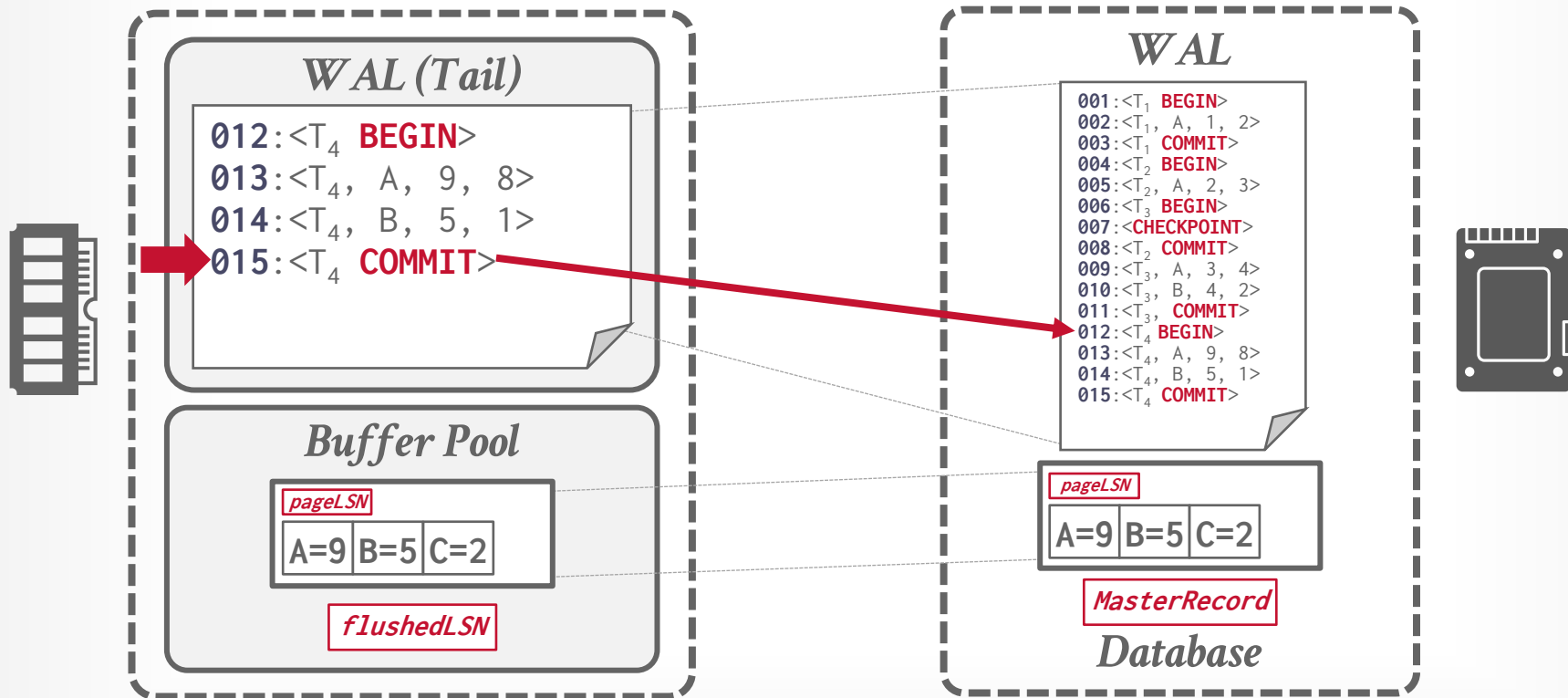
When the commit succeeds, write a **TXN-END** record to log.

- Indicates that no new log record for a txn will appear in the log ever again.
- This does not need to be flushed immediately.

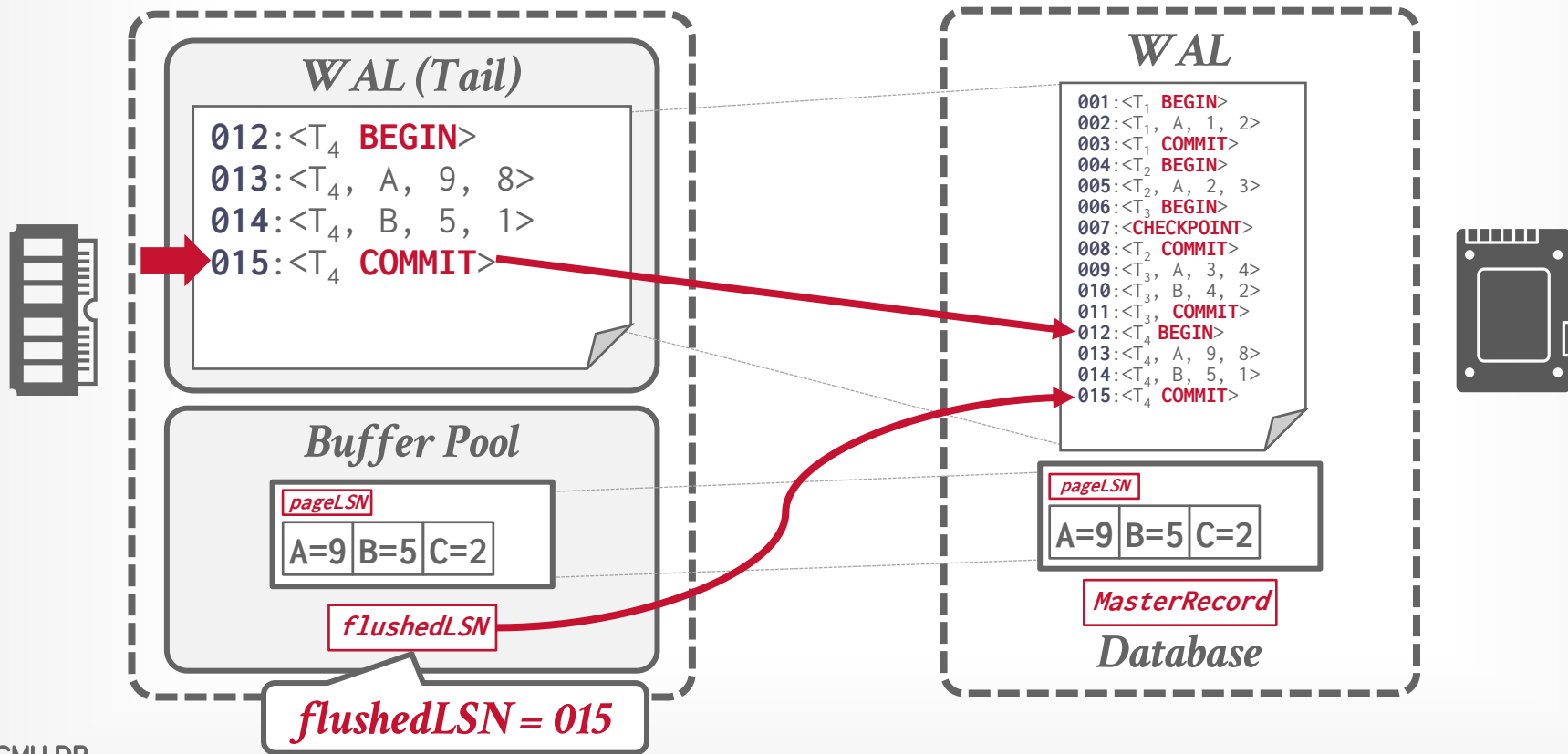
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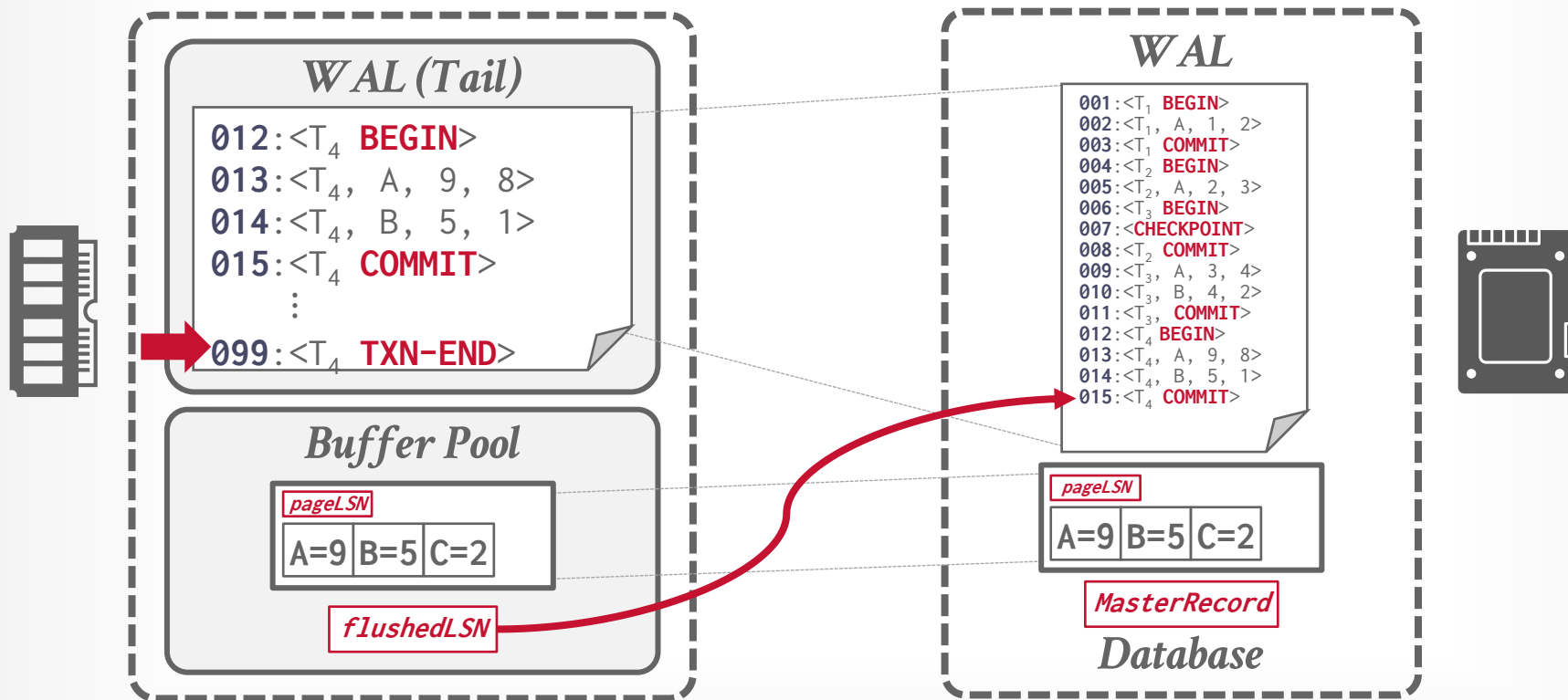
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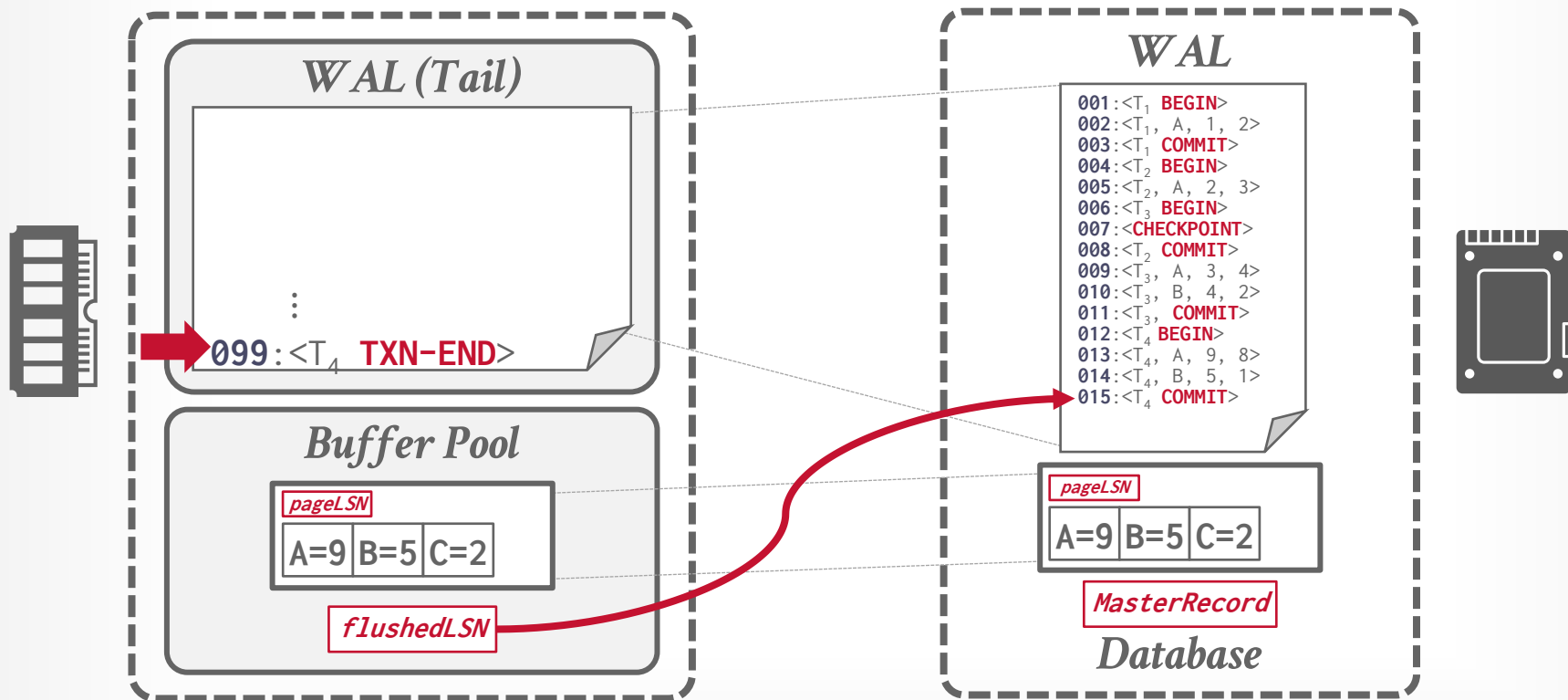
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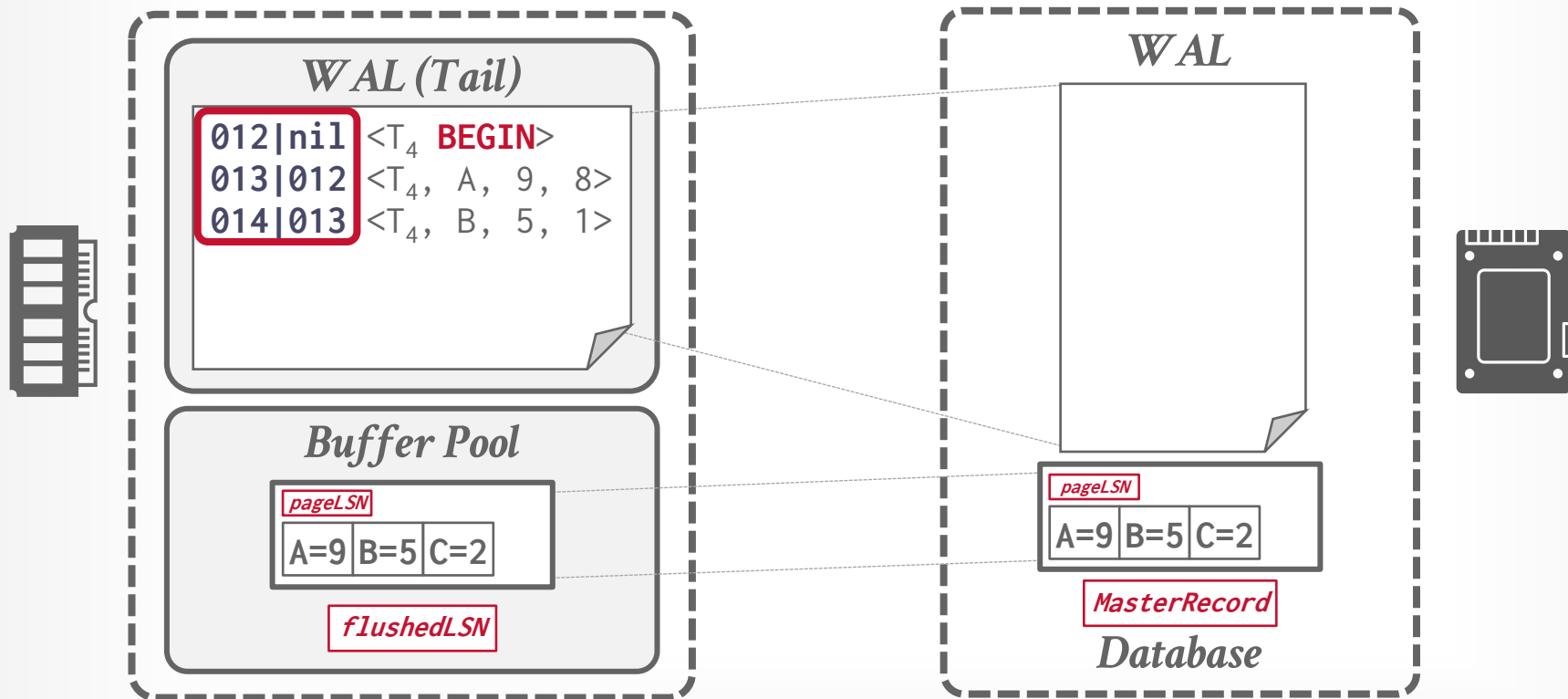
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Aborting a txn is a special case of the ARIES undo operation applied to only one txn.

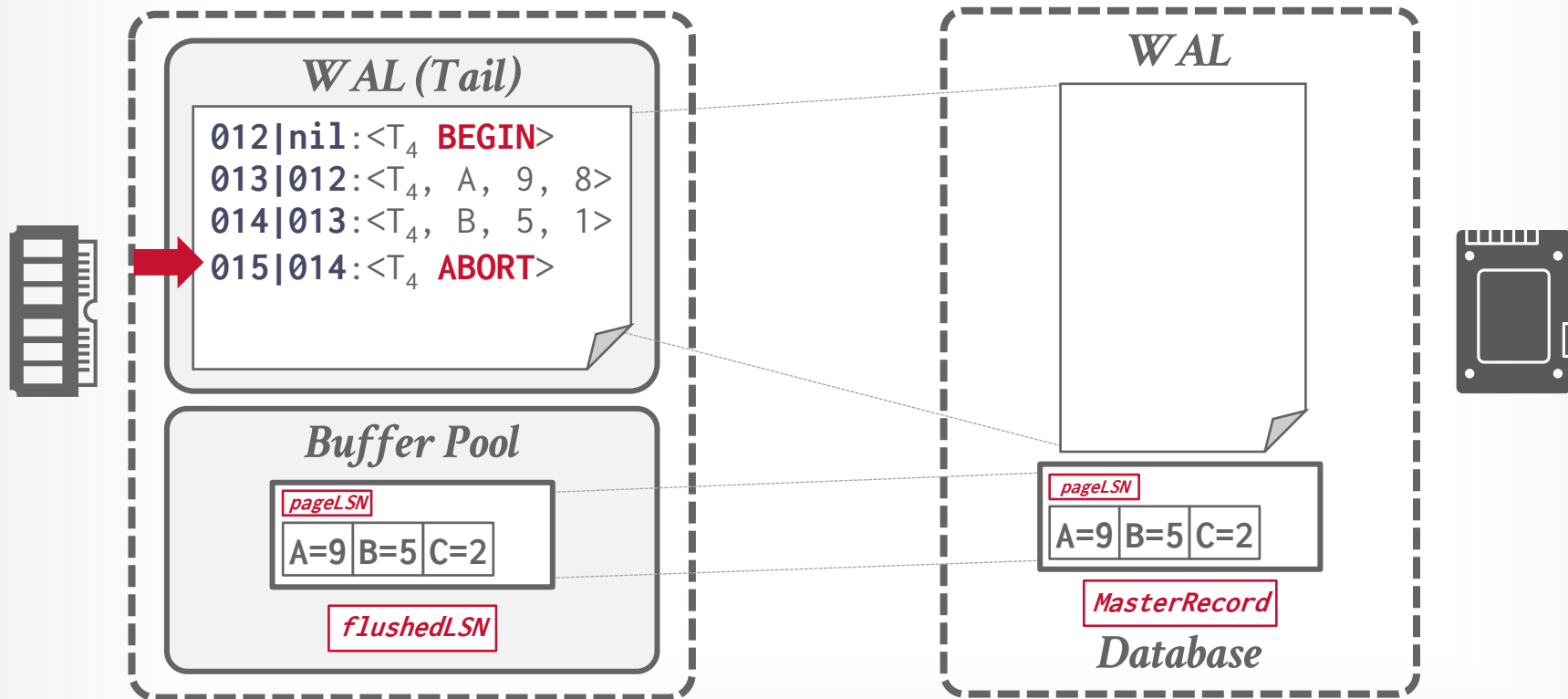
We need to add another field to our log records:

- **prevLSN**: The previous **LSN** for the txn.
- This maintains a linked-list for each txn that makes it easy to walk through its records.

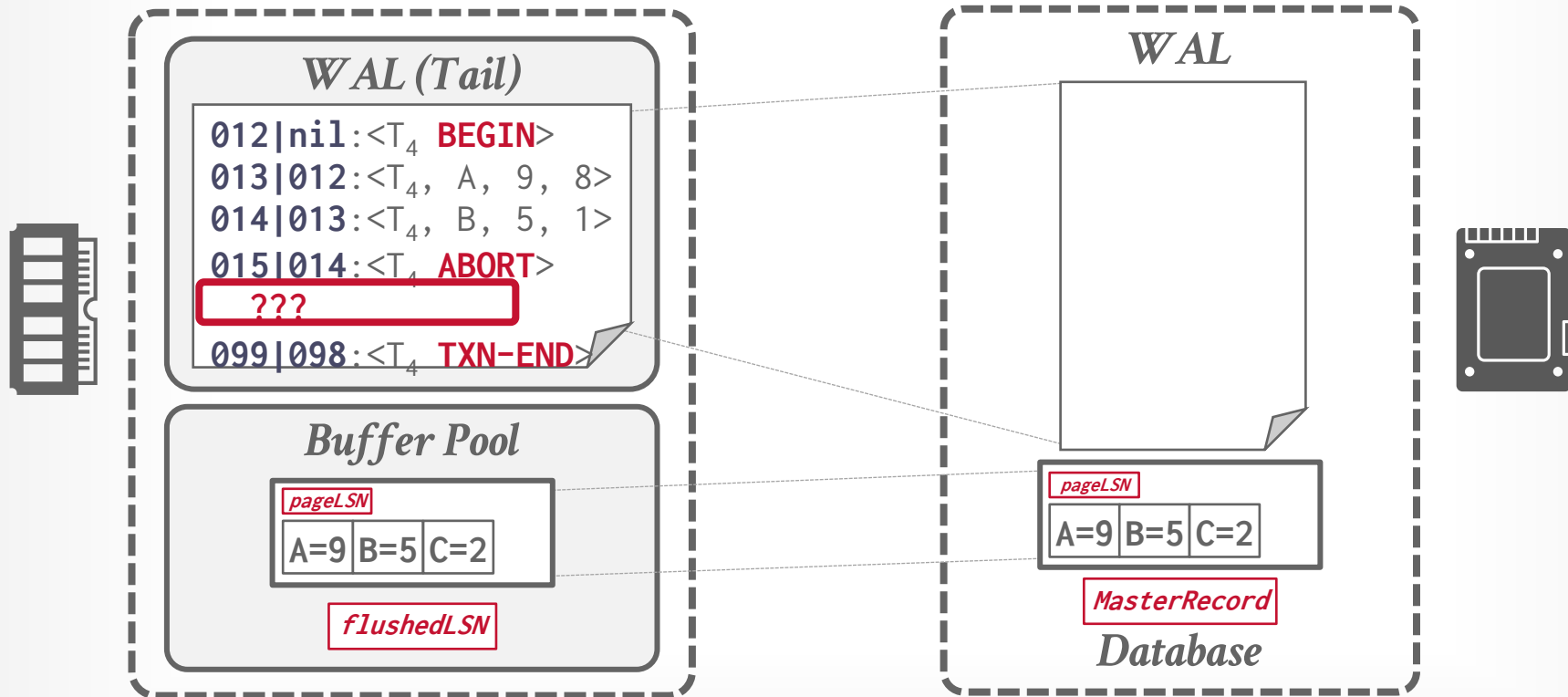
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COMPENSATION LOG RECORDS

A CLR describes the actions taken to undo the actions of a previous update record.

It has all the fields of an update log record plus the **undoNextLSN** pointer (i.e., the next-to-be-undone LSN).

CLRs are added to log records but the DBMS does not wait for them to be flushed before notifying the application that the txn aborted.

TRANSACTION ABORT – CLR EXAMPLE



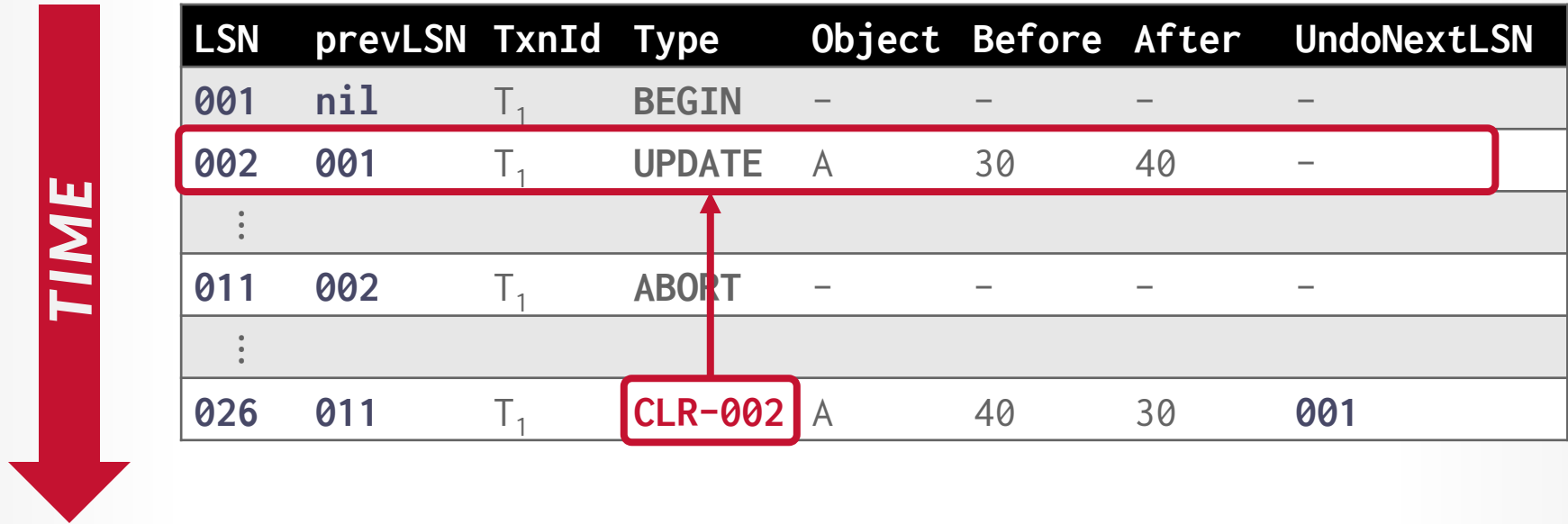
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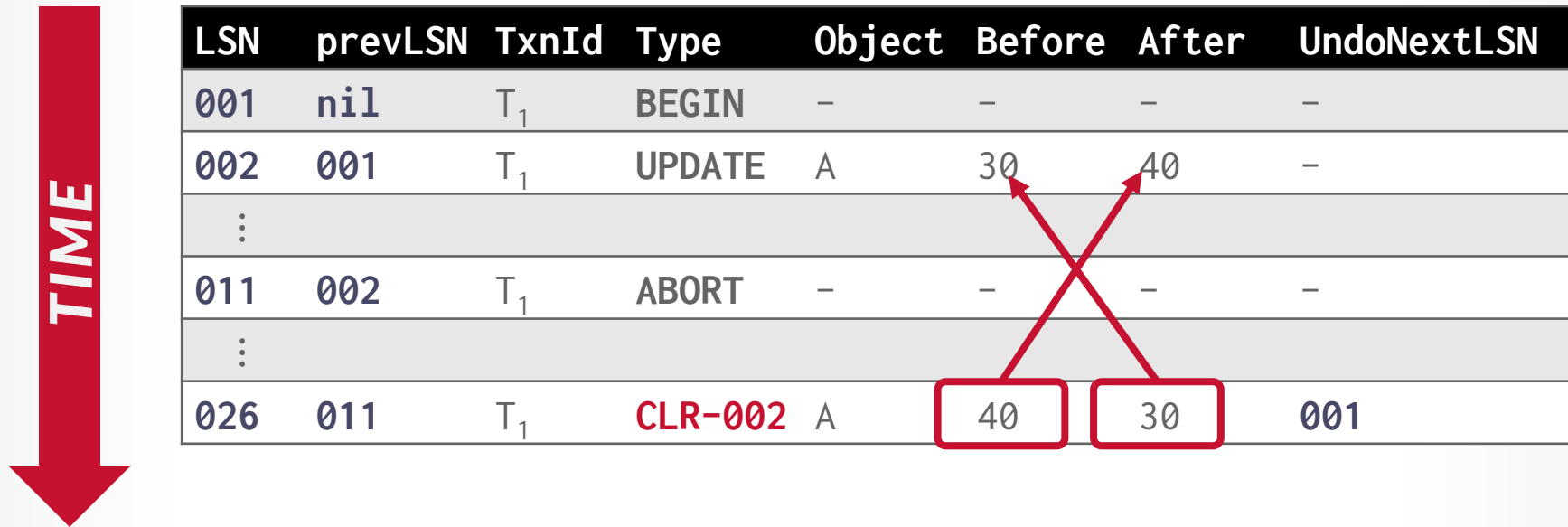
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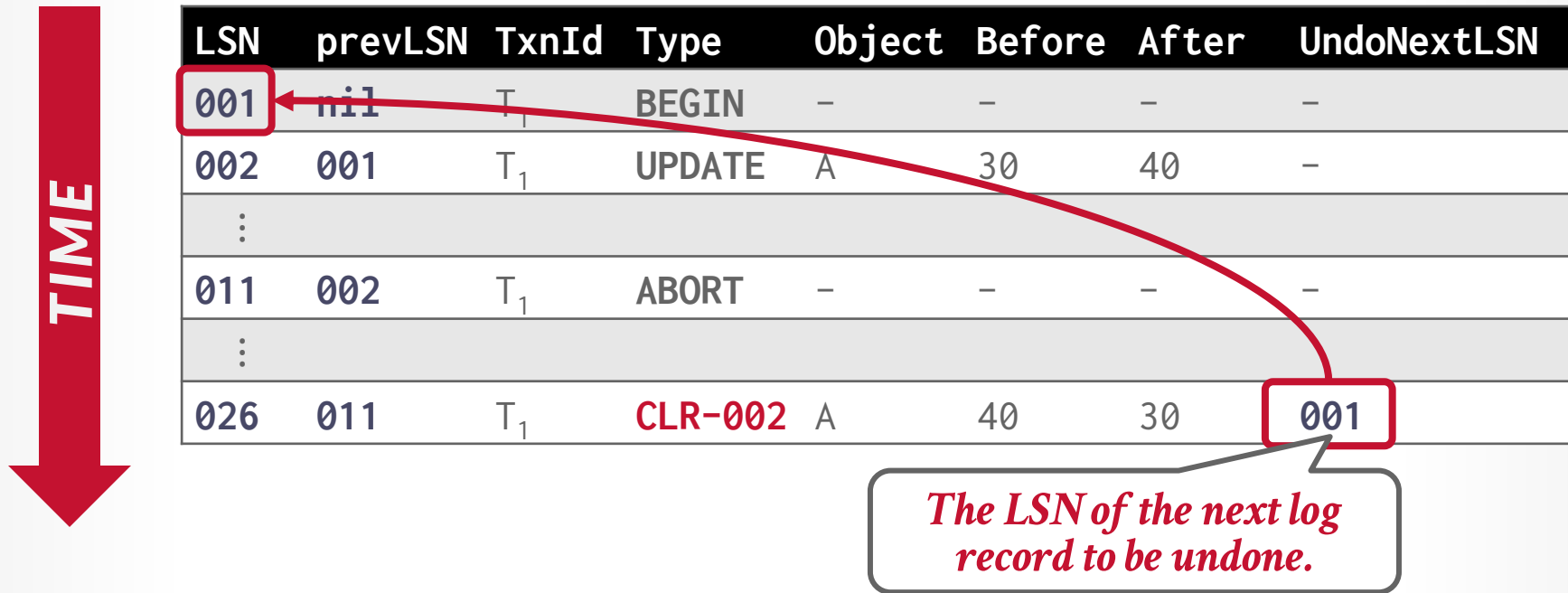
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027	026	T_1	TXN-END	–	–	–	nil

ABORT ALGORITHM

First write an **ABORT** record to log for the txn.

Then analyze the txn's updates in reverse order. For each update record:

- Write a **CLR** entry to the log.
- Restore old value.

Lastly, write a **TXN-END** record and release locks.

Notice: CLRs never need to be undone.

TODAY'S AGENDA

~~Log Sequence Numbers~~

~~Normal Commit & Abort Operations~~

Fuzzy Checkpointing

Recovery Algorithm

NON-FUZZY CHECKPOINTS

The DBMS halts everything when it takes a checkpoint to ensure a consistent snapshot:

- Halt the start of any new txns.
- Wait until all active txns finish executing.
- Flushes dirty pages on disk.

This is bad for runtime performance but makes recovery easy.

SLIGHTLY BETTER CHECKPOINTS

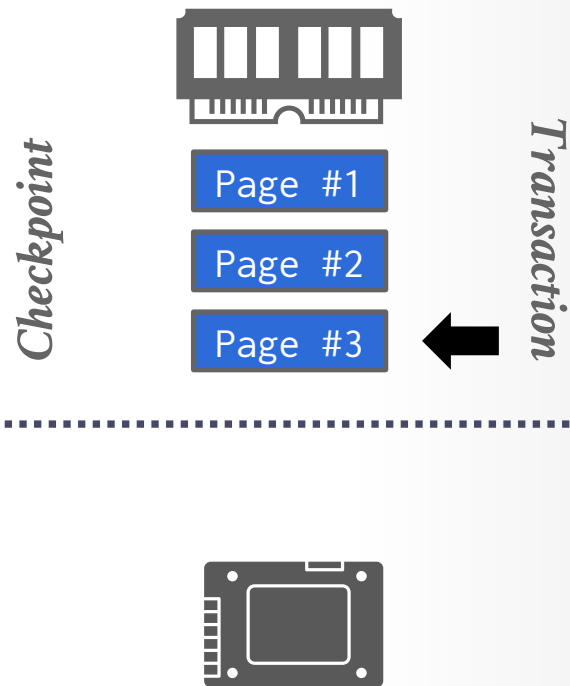
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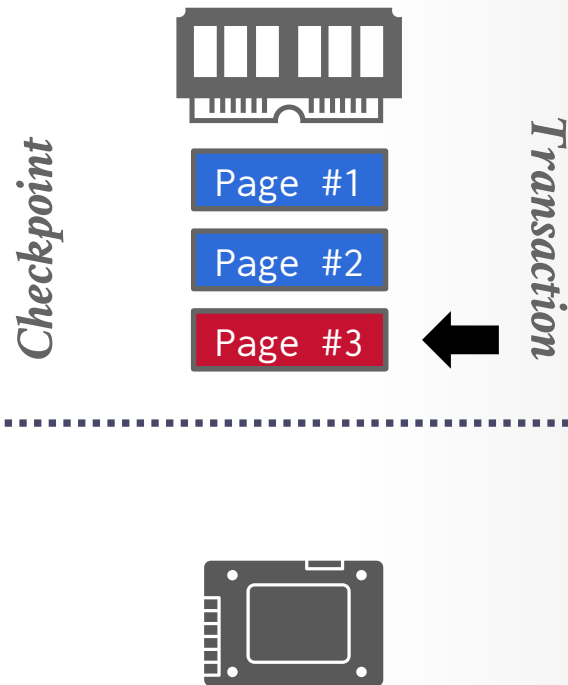
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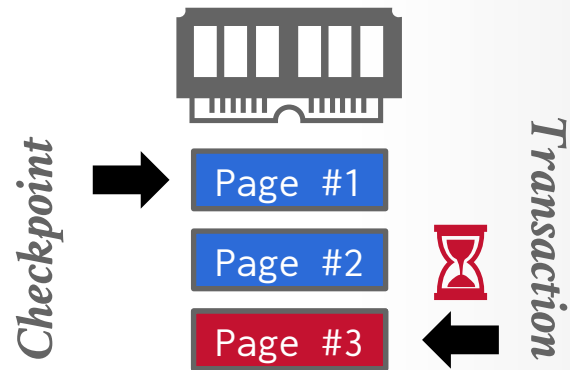
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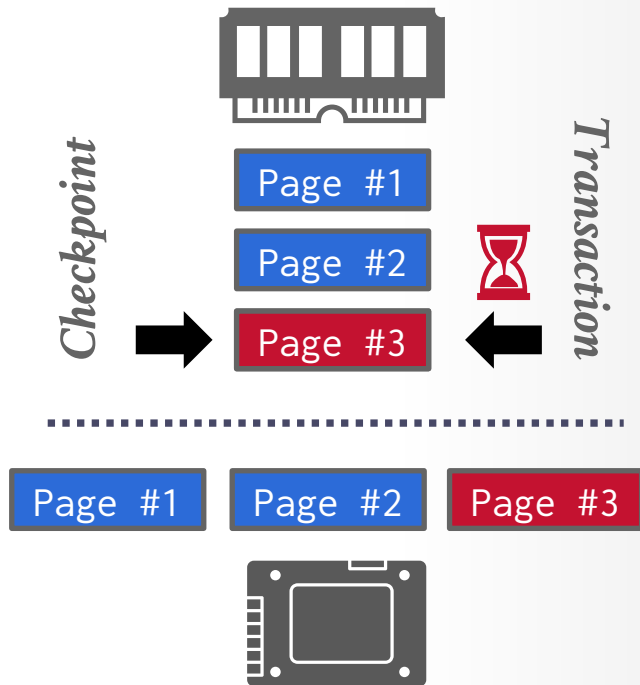
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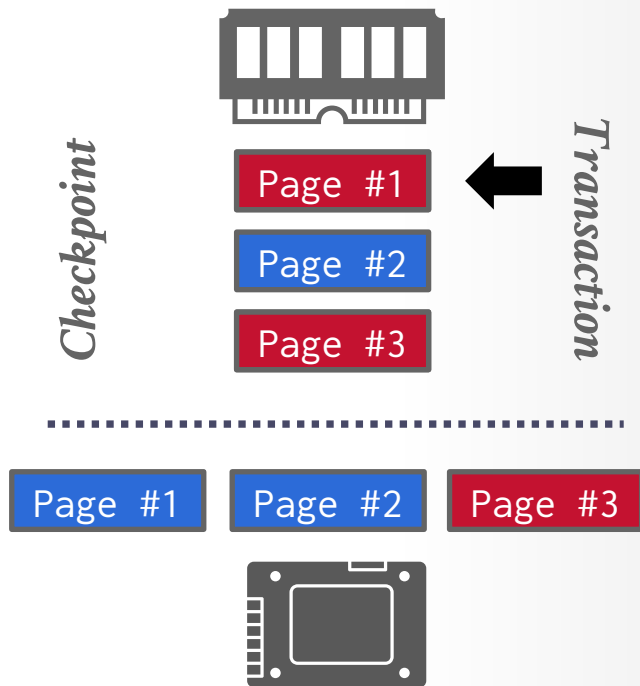
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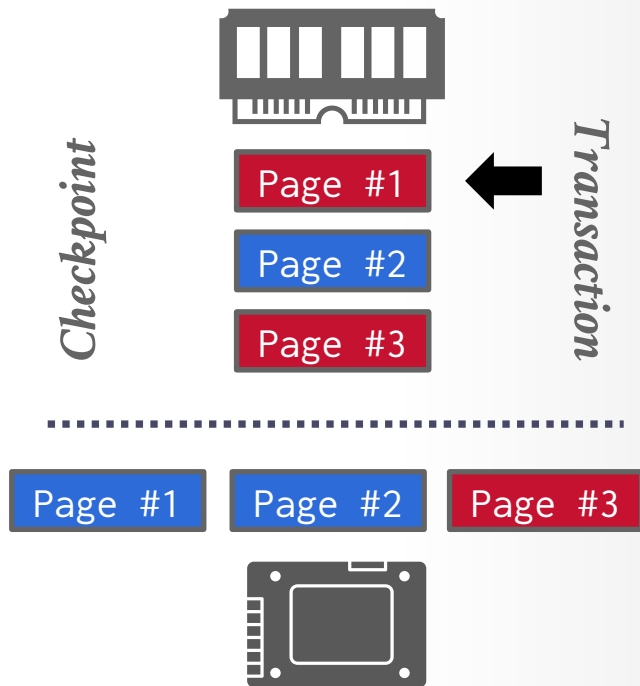
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We must record internal state as of the beginning of the checkpoint.

- **Active Transaction Table (ATT)**
- **Dirty Page Table (DPT)**



ACTIVE TRANSACTION TABLE (ATT)

One entry per currently active txn.

- **txnId**: Unique txn identifier.
- **status**: The current “mode” of the txn.
- **lastLSN**: Most recent LSN created by txn.

Remove entry after the **TXN-END** record.

Txn Status Codes:

- Running (**R**)
- Committing (**C**)
- Candidate for Undo (**U**)

DIRTY PAGE TABLE (DPT)

Keep track of which pages in the buffer pool contain changes that have not been flushed to disk.

One entry per dirty page in the buffer pool:

→ **recLSN**: The LSN of the log record that first caused the page to be dirty.

SLIGHTLY BETTER CHECKPOINTS


At the first checkpoint, assuming P_{11} was flushed, T_2 is still running and there is only one dirty page (P_{22}).

At the second checkpoint, assuming P_{22} was flushed, T_2 and T_3 are active and the dirty pages are (P_{11} , P_{33}).

This still is not ideal because the DBMS must stall txns during checkpoint...

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002:<T2 BEGIN>
003:<T1, A→P11, 100, 120>
004:<T1 COMMIT>
005:<T2, C→P22, 100, 120>
006:<T1 TXN-END >
007:<CHECKPOINT
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      ↗ DPT={P22}>
008:<T3 BEGIN>
009:<T2, A→P11, 120, 130>
010:<T2 COMMIT>
011:<T3, B→P33, 200, 400>
012:<CHECKPOINT
      ↗ ATT={T2, T3},
      ↗ DPT={P11, P33}>
013:<T3, B→P33, 400, 600>
  
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FUZZY CHECKPOINTS

A fuzzy checkpoint is where the DBMS allows active txns to continue to run while the system writes the log records for checkpoint.

→ No attempt to force dirty pages to disk.

New log records to track checkpoint boundaries:

→ **CHECKPOINT-BEGIN**: Indicates start of checkpoint

→ **CHECKPOINT-END**: Contains ATT + DPT.

FUZZY CHECKPOINTS

Assume the DBMS flushes **P₁₁** before the first checkpoint starts.

Any txn that begins after the checkpoint starts is excluded from the ATT in the **CHECKPOINT-END** record.

The LSN of the **CHECKPOINT-BEGIN** record is written to the **MasterRecord** when it completes.

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ARIES – RECOVERY PHASES

Phase #1 – Analysis

- Examine the WAL in forward direction starting at MasterRecord to identify dirty pages in the buffer pool and active txns at the time of the crash.

Phase #2 – Redo

- Repeat all actions starting from an appropriate point in the log (even txns that will abort).

Phase #3 – Undo

- Reverse the actions of txns that did not commit before the crash.

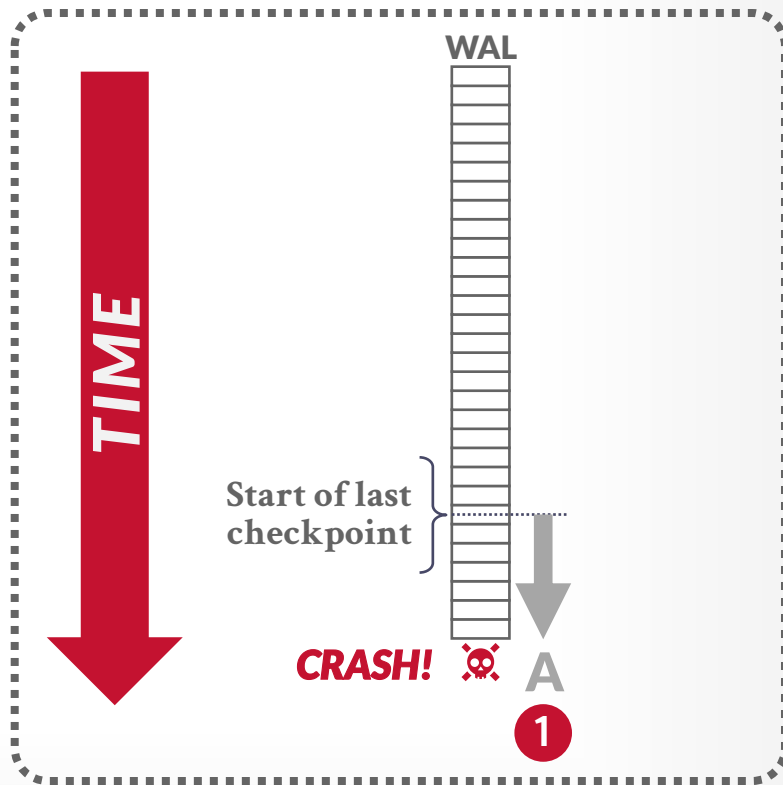
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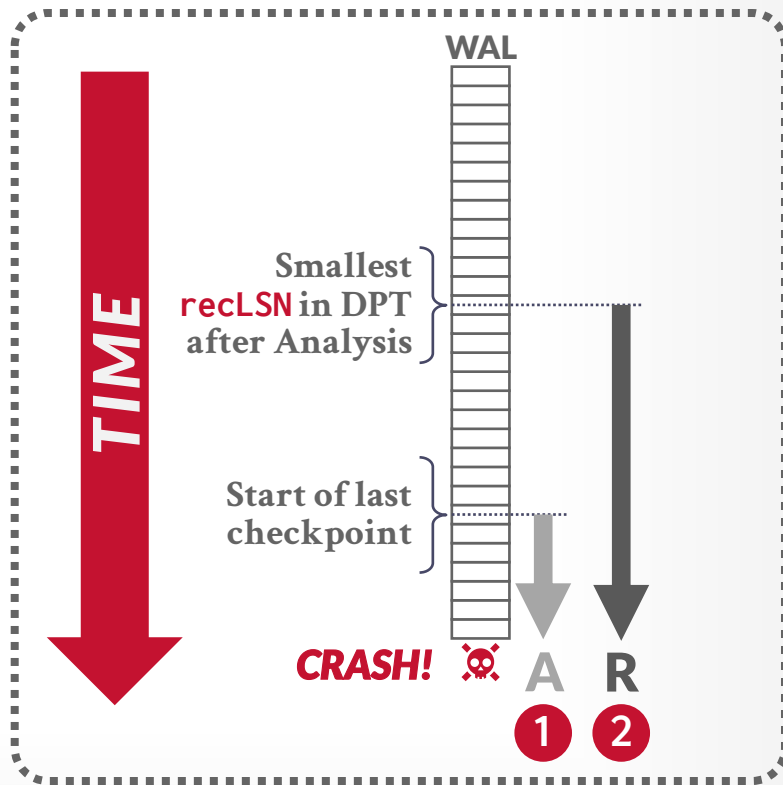
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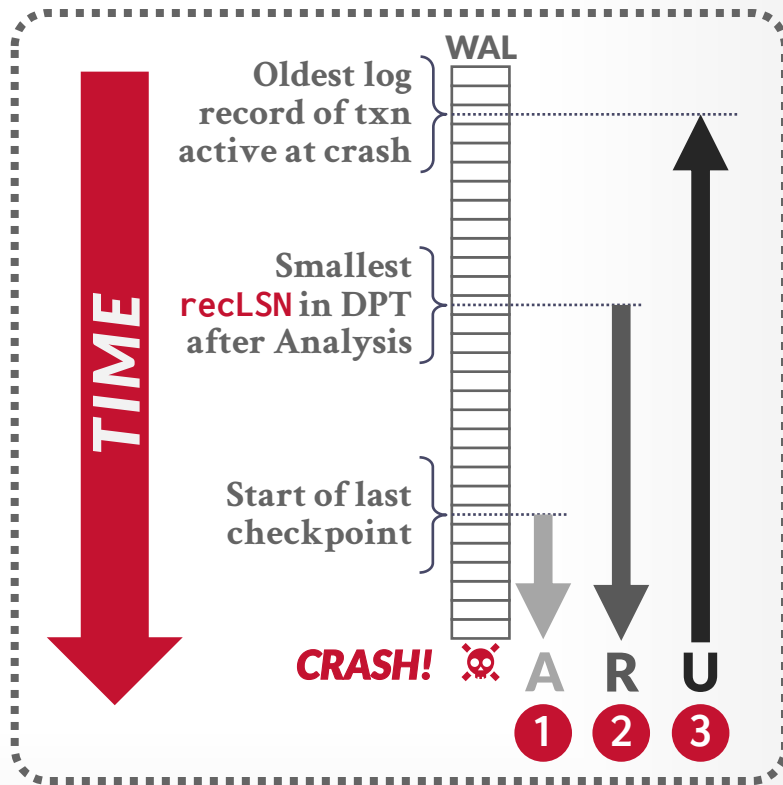
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ANALYSIS PHASE

Scan log forward from last successful checkpoint.

If the DBMS finds a **TXN-END** record, remove its corresponding txn from **ATT**.

All other records:

→ If txn not in **ATT**, add it with status **UNDO**.

→ On commit, change txn status to **COMMIT**.

For update log records:

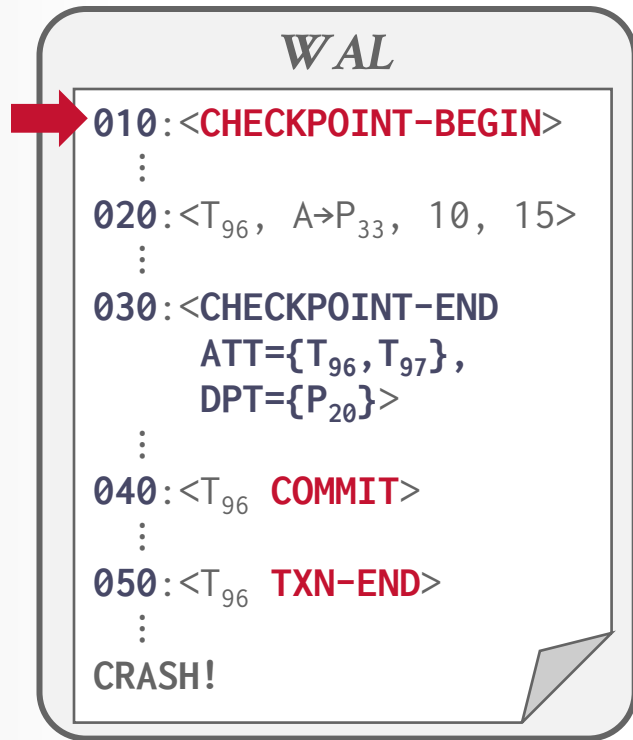
→ If page **P** not in **DPT**, add **P** to **DPT**, set its **recLSN=LSN**.

ANALYSIS PHASE

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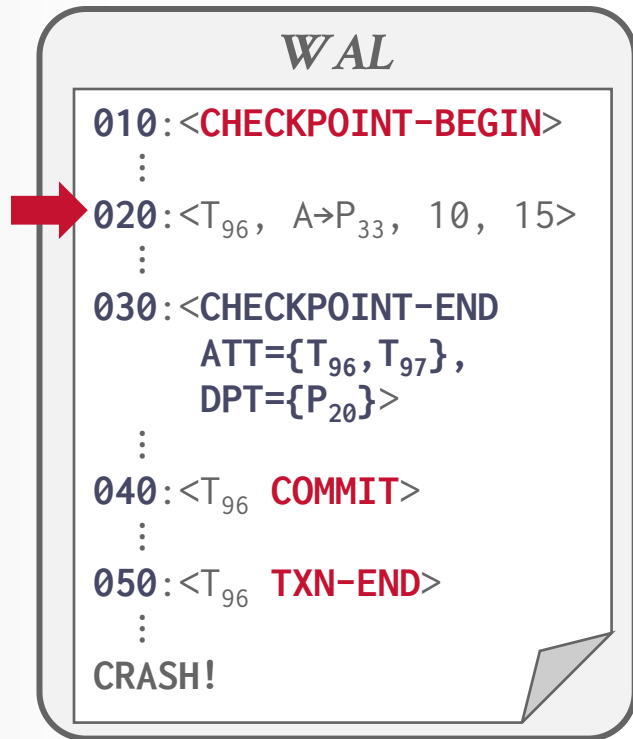
- **ATT** identifies which txns were active at time of crash.
- **DPT** identifies which dirty pages might not have made it to disk.

ANALYSIS PHASE EXAMPLE



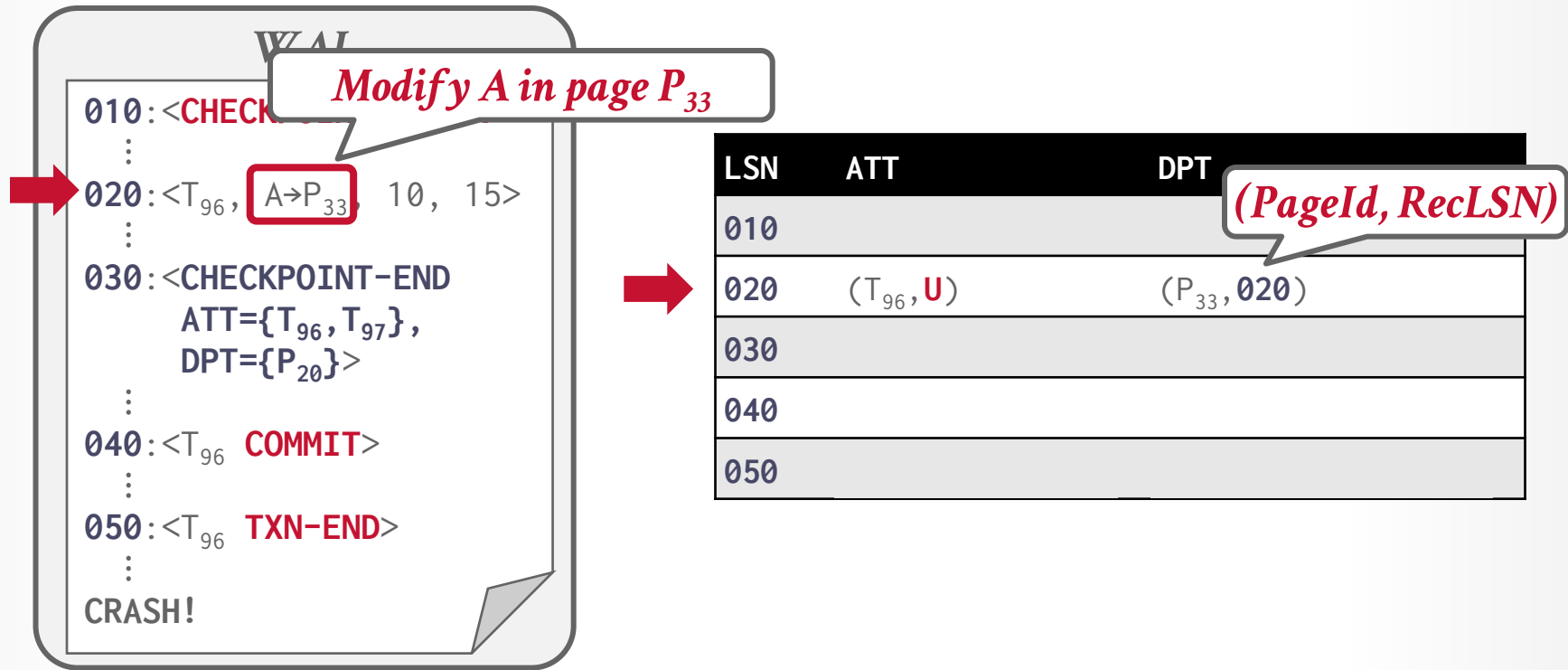
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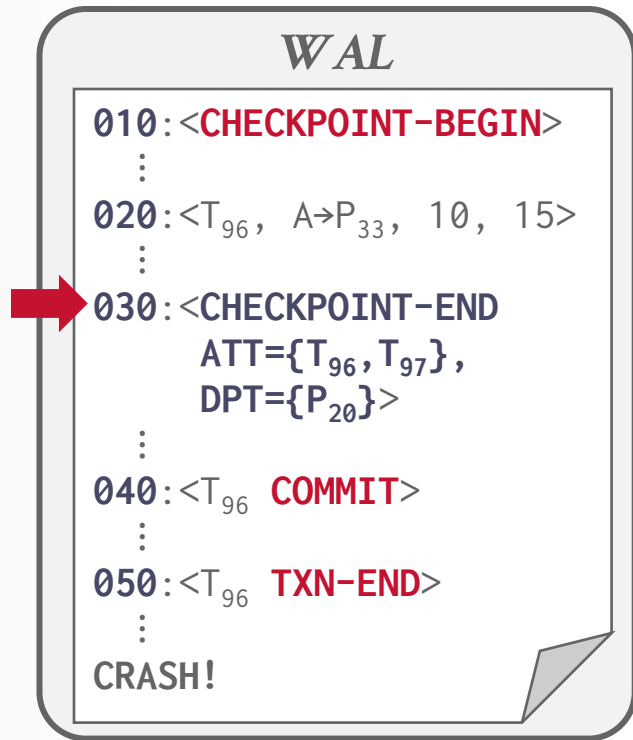


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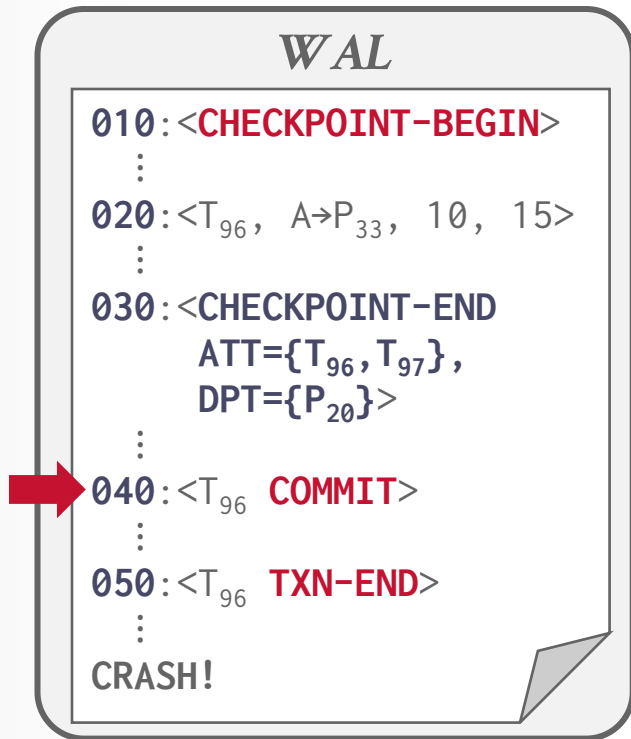


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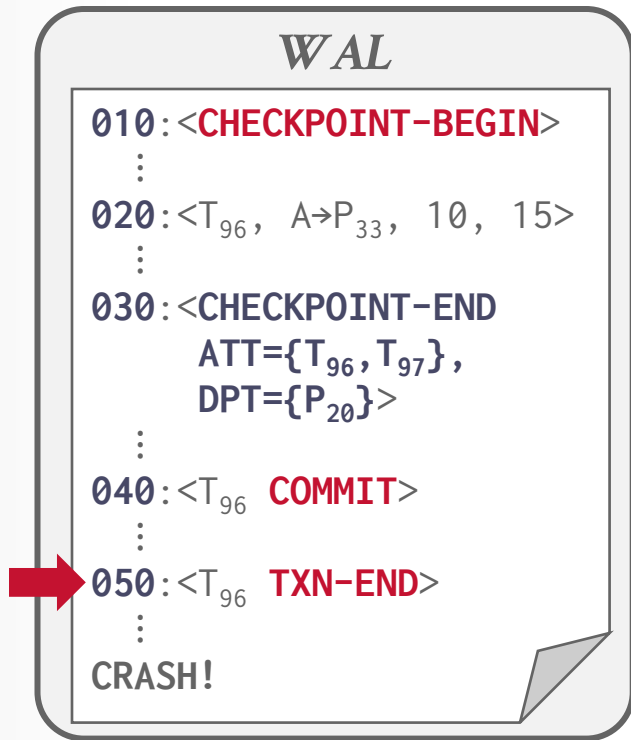
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030	(T ₉₆ , U), (T ₉₇ , U)	(P ₃₃ , 020), (P ₂₀ , 008)
040		
050		

ANALYSIS PHASE EXAMPLE



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020	(T ₉₆ , U)	(P ₃₃ , 020)
030	(T ₉₆ , U), (T ₉₇ , U)	(P ₃₃ , 020), (P ₂₀ , 008)
040	(T ₉₆ , C), (T ₉₇ , U)	(P ₃₃ , 020), (P ₂₀ , 008)
050		

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REDO PHASE

The goal is to repeat history to reconstruct the database state at the moment of the crash:

→ Reapply all updates (even aborted txns!) and redo CLRs.

There are techniques that allow the DBMS to avoid unnecessary reads/writes, but we will ignore that in this lecture...

REDO PHASE

Scan forward from the log record containing smallest **recLSN** in **DPT**.

For each update log record or CLR with a given **LSN**, redo the action unless:

- The affected page is not in **DPT**, or
- The affected page is in **DPT**, but that log record's **LSN** is less than the page's **recLSN**. (The update was propagated to disk.)
- Log record's **LSN** \leq **pageLSN**;
DBMS must fetch page from the disk to read page value.

REDO PHASE

To redo an action:

- Reapply logged update.
- Set **pageLSN** to log record's **LSN**.
- No additional logging, no forced flushes!

At the end of Redo Phase, write **TXN-END** log records for all txns with status **C** and remove them from the **ATT**.

UNDO PHASE

Undo all txns that were active at the time of crash and therefore will never commit.

→ These are all the txns with **U** status in the **ATT** after the Analysis Phase.

Process them in reverse LSN order using the **lastLSN** to speed up traversal.

→ At each step, pick the largest **lastLSN** across all transactions in the **ATT**.

→ Traverse **lastLSNs** in the same order, but in reverse, for how the updates happened originally.

Write a **CLR** for every modification.

FULL EXAMPLE

prevLSNs

001: <CHECKPOINT-BEGIN>

002: <CHECKPOINT-END>

003: <T₁, A→P₅, 1, 2>

004: <T₂, B→P₃, 2, 3>

005: <T₁ ABORT>

006: <CLR Undo T₁ LSN=003>

007: <T₁ TXN-END>

FULL EXAMPLE

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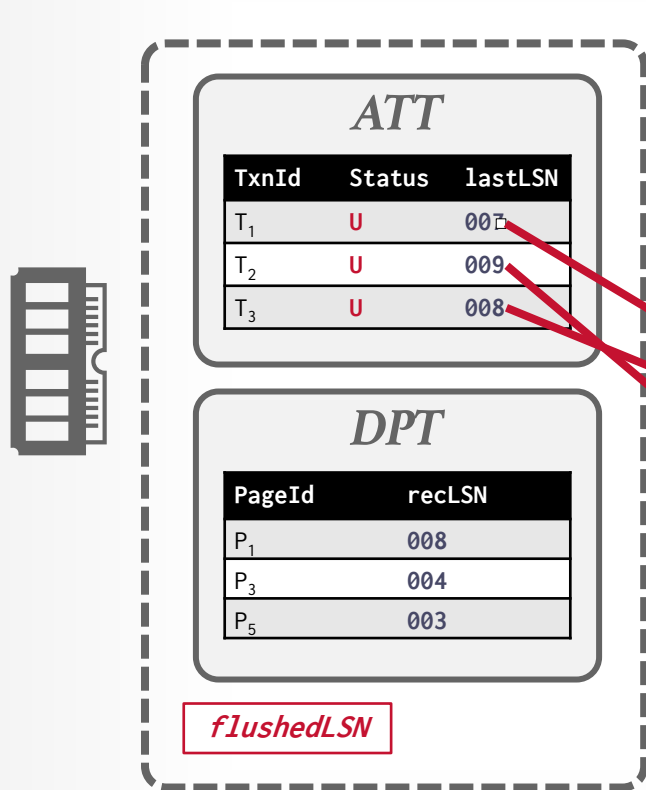
007:<T₁ TXN-END>

008:<T₃, C→P₁, 4, 5>

009:<T₂, D→P₅, 6, 7>

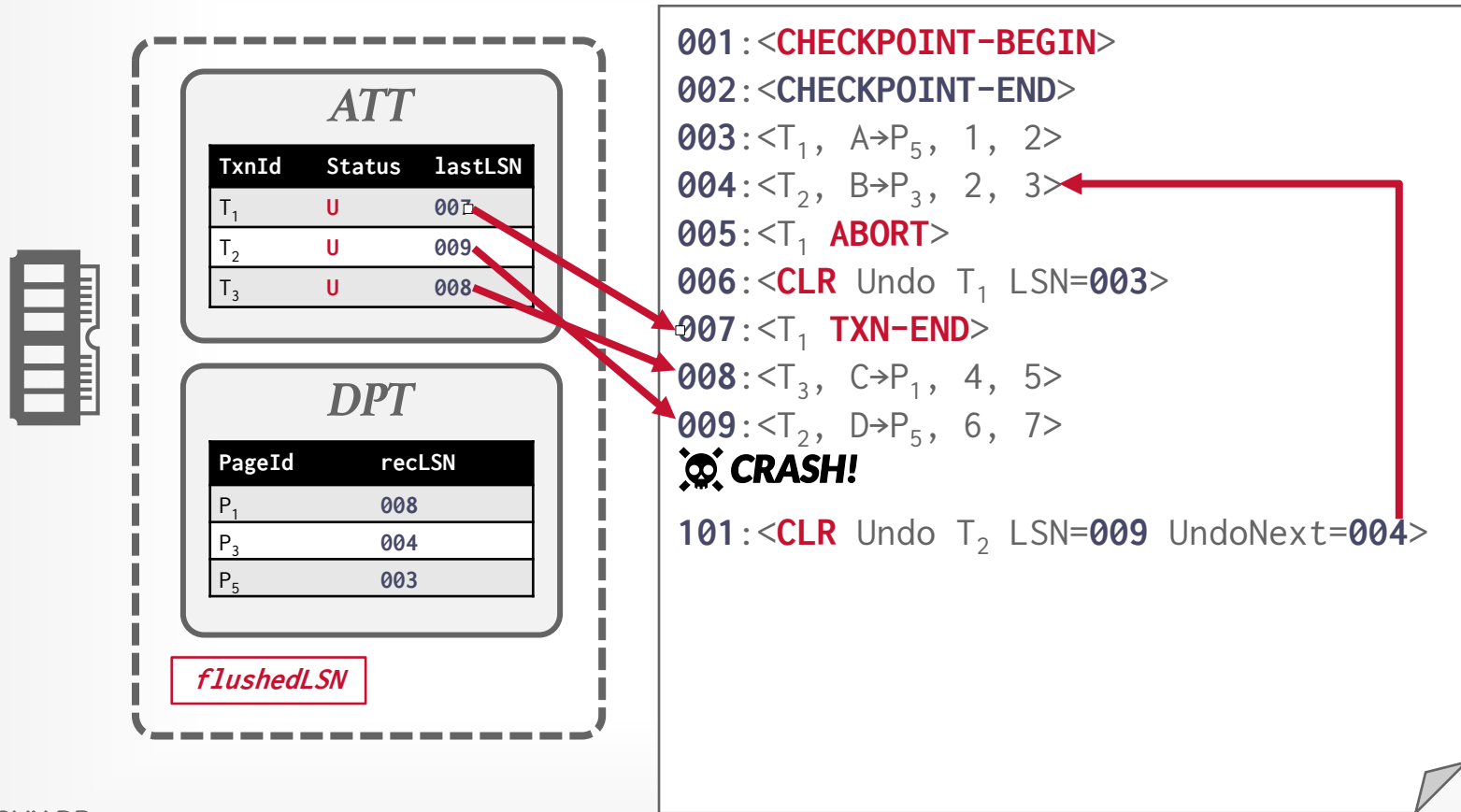
💀 CRASH!

FULL EXAMPLE

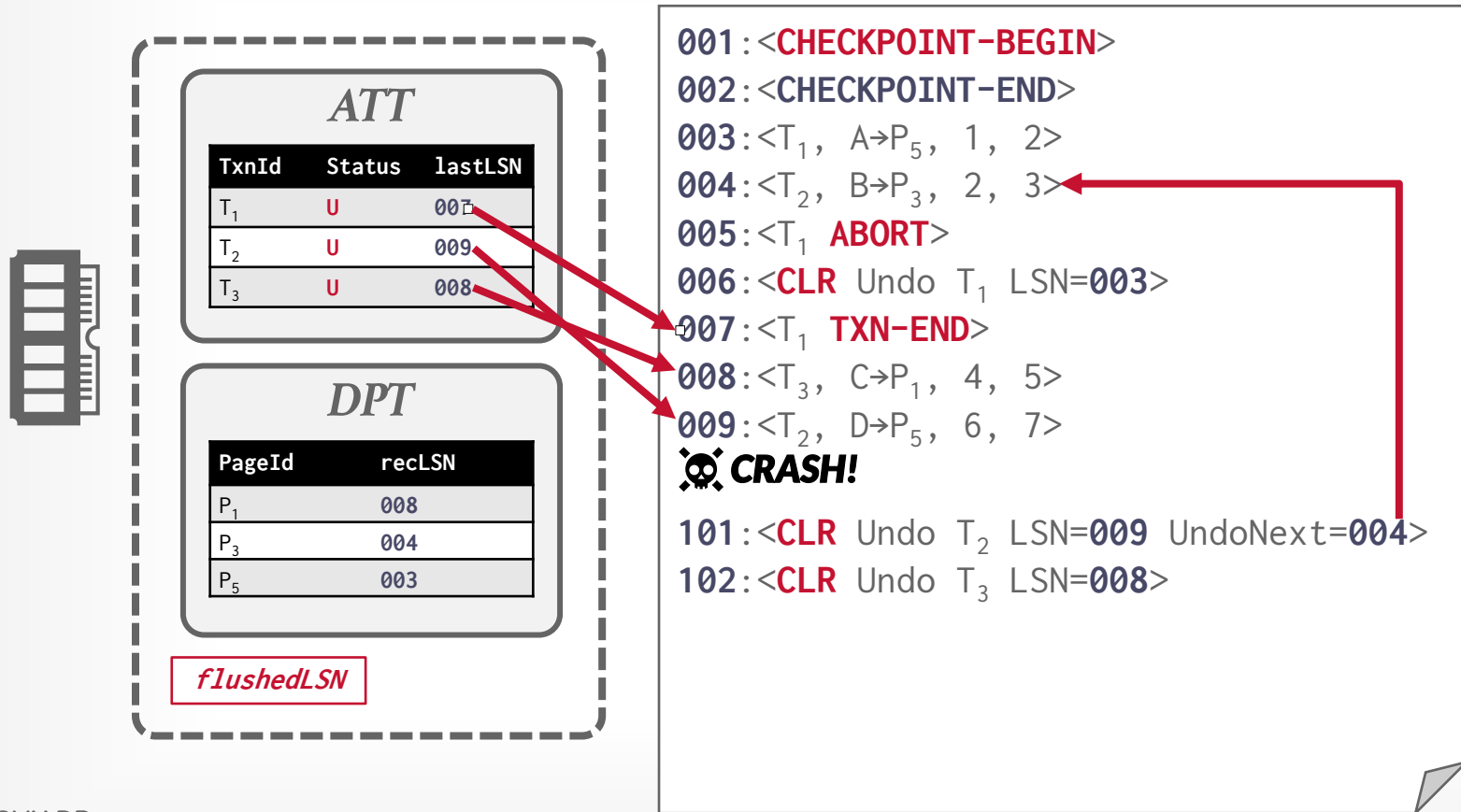


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 008: <T₃, C→P₁, 4, 5>
 009: <T₂, D→P₅, 6, 7>
 ☠ **CRASH!**

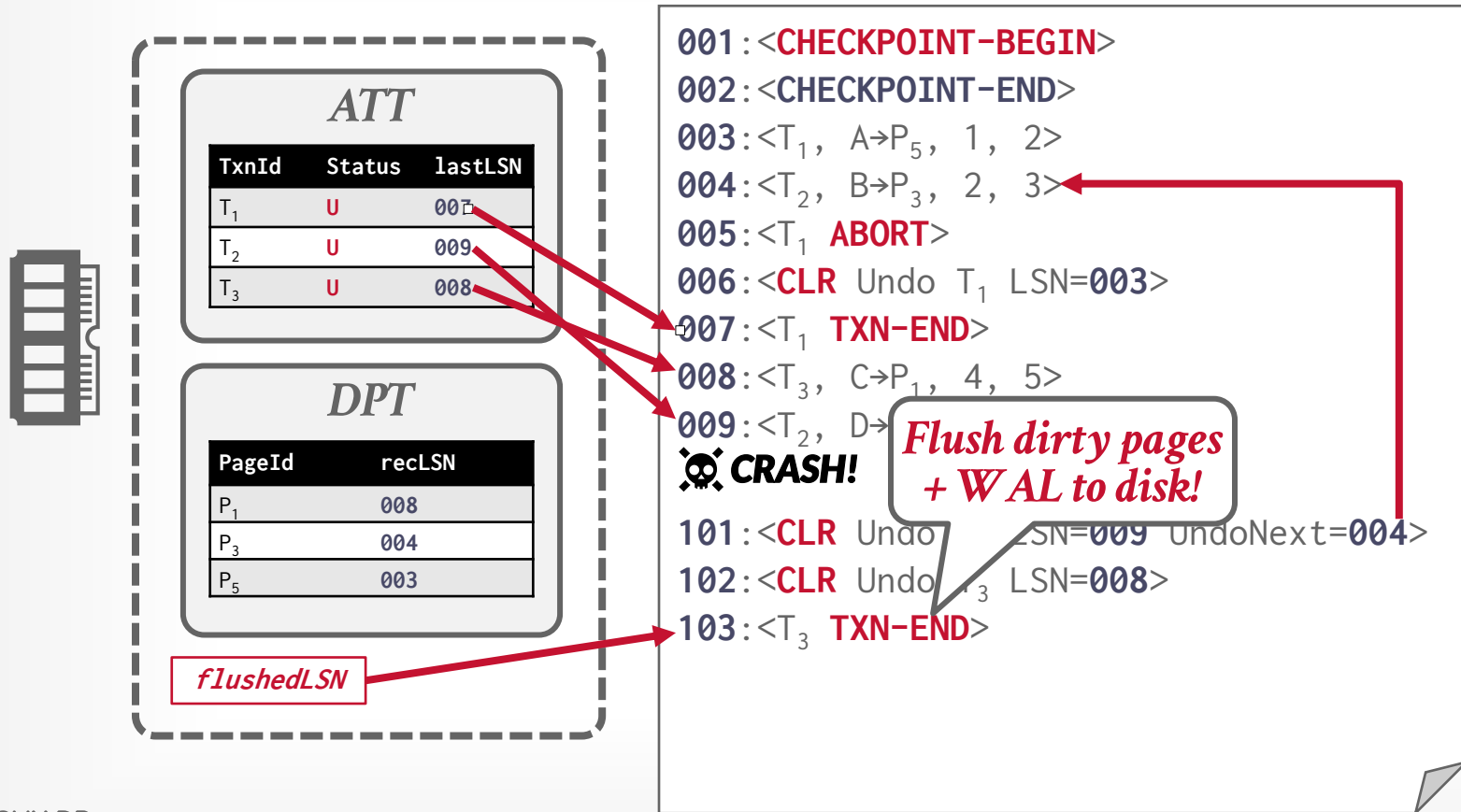
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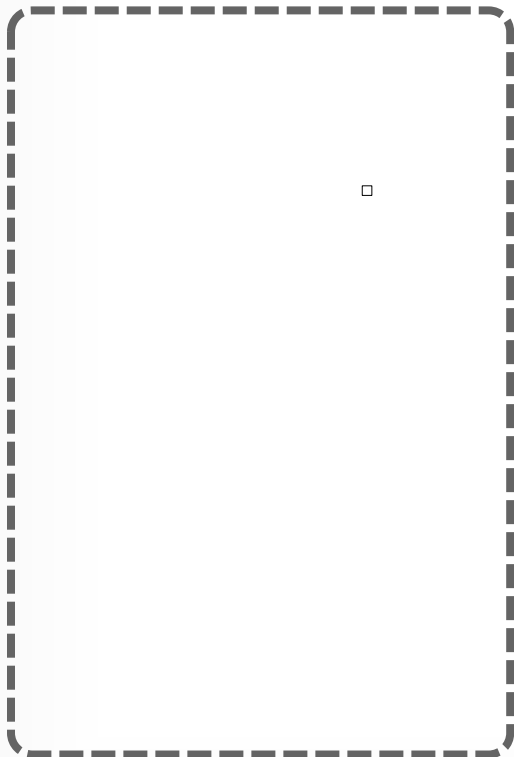
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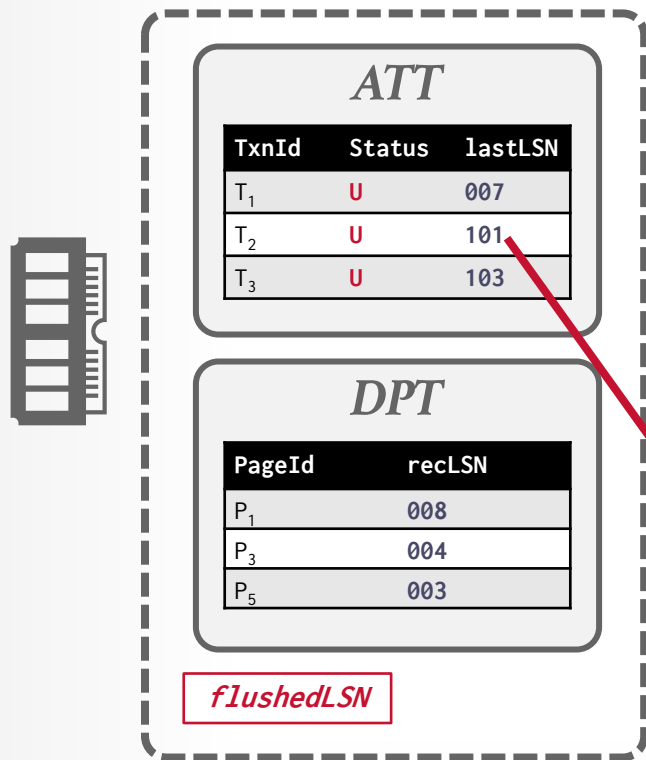
101: <CLR Undo T₂ LSN=009 UndoNext=004>

102: <CLR Undo T₃ LSN=008>

103: <T₃ TXN-END>

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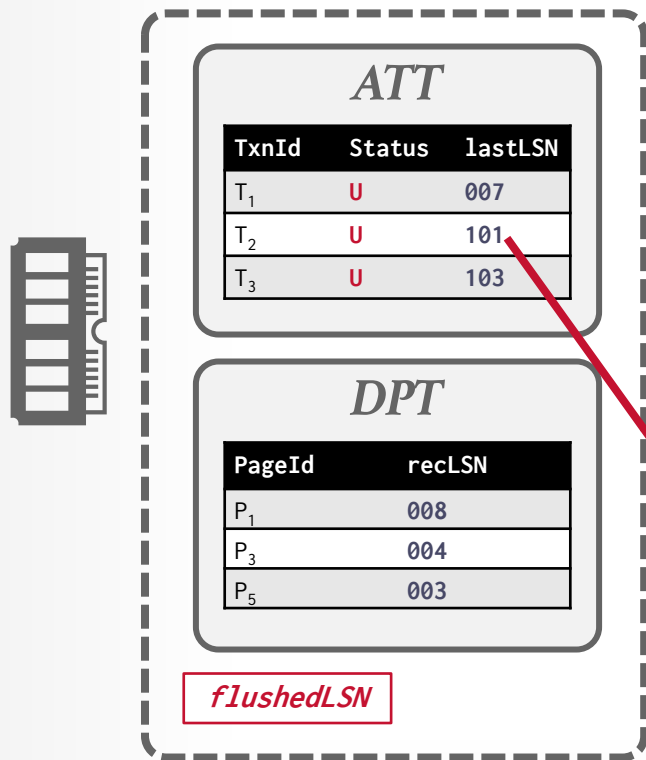
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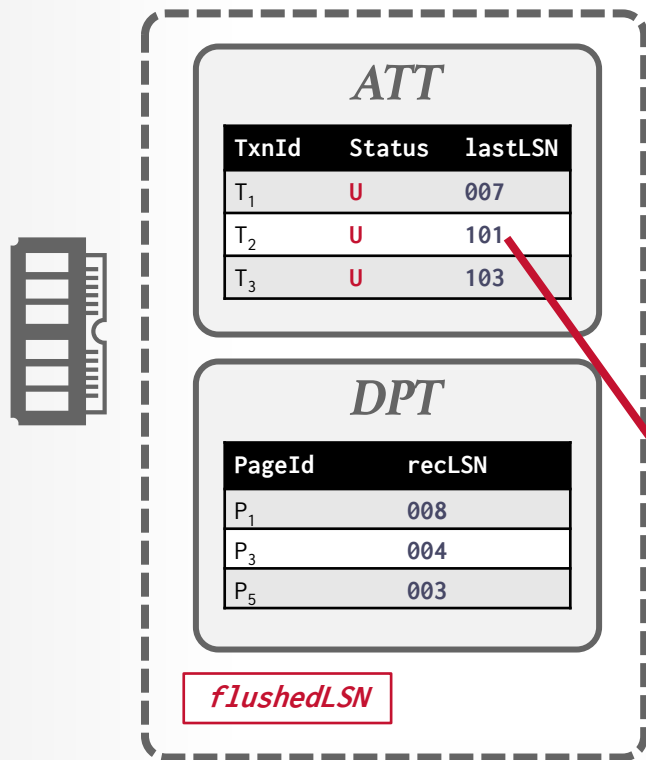
102: <CLR Undo T₃ LSN=008>

103: <T₃ TXN-END>

☠ CRASH!

201: <CLR Undo T₂ LSN=004 UndoNext=nil>

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005: <T₁ ABORT>

006: <CLR Undo T₁ LSN=003>

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103: <T₃ TXN-END>

☠ CRASH!

201: <CLR Undo T₂ LSN=004 UndoNext=nil>

202: <T₂ TXN-END>

ADDITIONAL CRASH ISSUES (1)

What does the DBMS do if it crashes during recovery in the Analysis Phase?

→ Nothing. Just run recovery again.

What does the DBMS do if it crashes during recovery in the Redo Phase?

→ Again nothing. Redo everything again.

ADDITIONAL CRASH ISSUES (2)

How can the DBMS improve performance during recovery in the Redo Phase?

- Assume that it is not going to crash again and flush all changes to disk asynchronously in the background.

How can the DBMS improve performance during recovery in the Undo Phase?

- Lazily rollback changes before new txns access pages.
- Rewrite the application to avoid long-running txns.

CONCLUSION

Mains ideas of ARIES:

- WAL with **STEAL** + **NO-FORCE**
- Fuzzy Checkpoints (snapshot of dirty page ids)
- Redo everything since the earliest dirty page
- Undo txns that never commit
- Write CLRs when undoing, to survive failures during restarts

Log Sequence Numbers:

- LSNs identify log records; linked into backwards chains per transaction via prevLSN.
- pageLSN allows comparison of data page and log records.

NEXT CLASS

You now know how to build a single-node DBMS.

Let's make it even more challenging and start talking about distributed DBMSs!