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ONLINE DISK REENCRYPTION

WITH LUKS2

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WHY?

- Different data lifetime and algorithm lifetime
- Cut-off access to data with volume key backup (LUKS header backup)
 - LUKS passphrase change **does not** affect volume key (data encryption key)
- Volume key change may be enforced by policy
- Offline cryptsetup-reencrypt misses few features
 - not online
 - not robust enough in case of failure



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RESILIENT...?

- Reencryption writes device in segments (reencryption zone)
- Crash may produce torn write
- To detect and correct torn write we require:
 - Storage to keep additional information
 - Metadata format capable properly track reencryption progress
- LUKS2 format is flexible enough for it

BETTER TO BE SAFE...

- Checksums
 - 1 checksum per underlying physical sector size of underlying device
 - Stored in keyslots binary area
- Journal
- Data shift
- None
 - No syncs
 - No commit points
 - Only gracefully interrupted reencryption is safe

IT CRASHED!

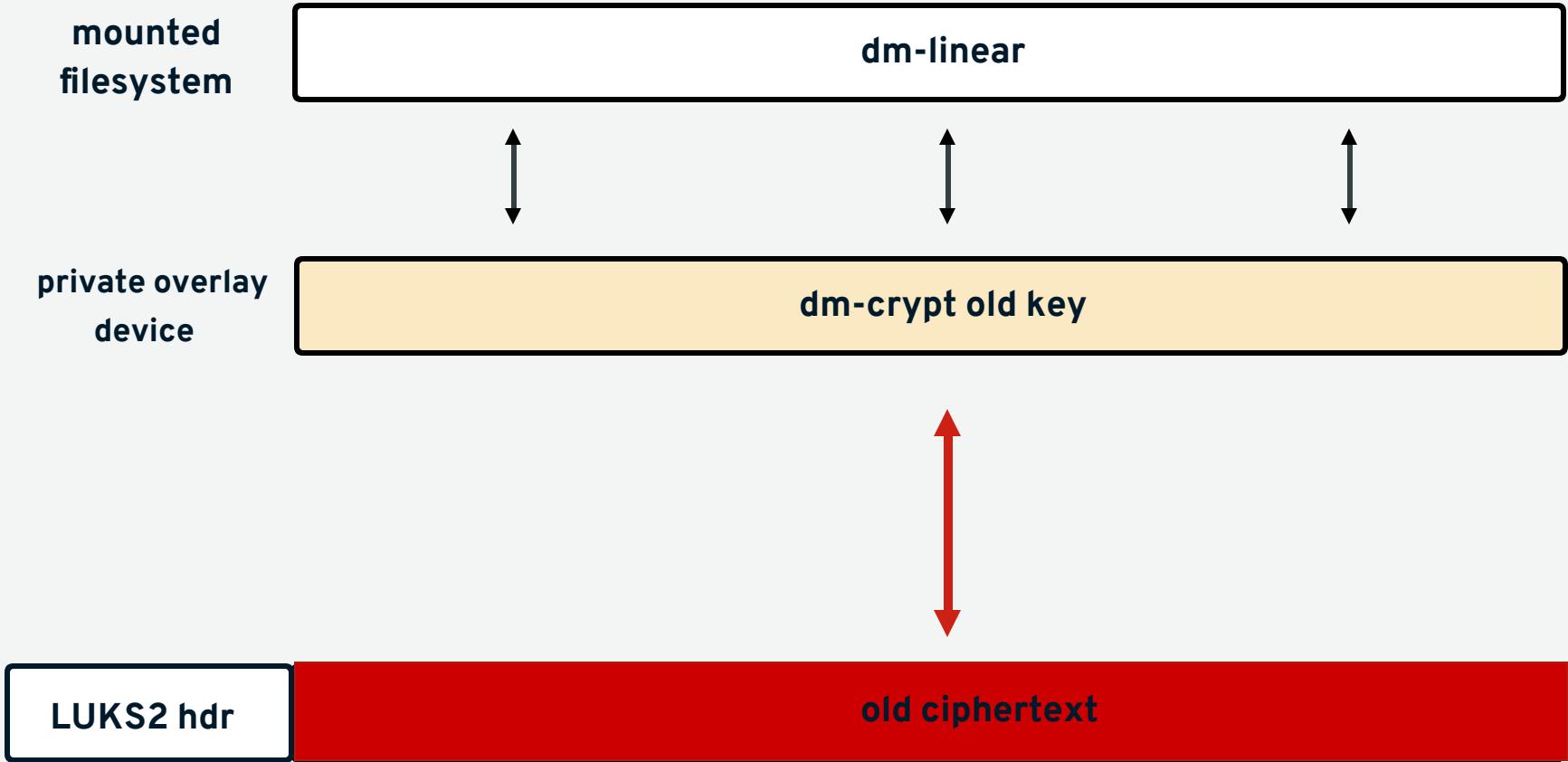
- Checksums
 - Compare content of reencryption zone to stored checksums
 - Reencrypt only sectors with matching checksums
- Journal
 - Replay
- Data shift
 - Repeat
- None
 - :(

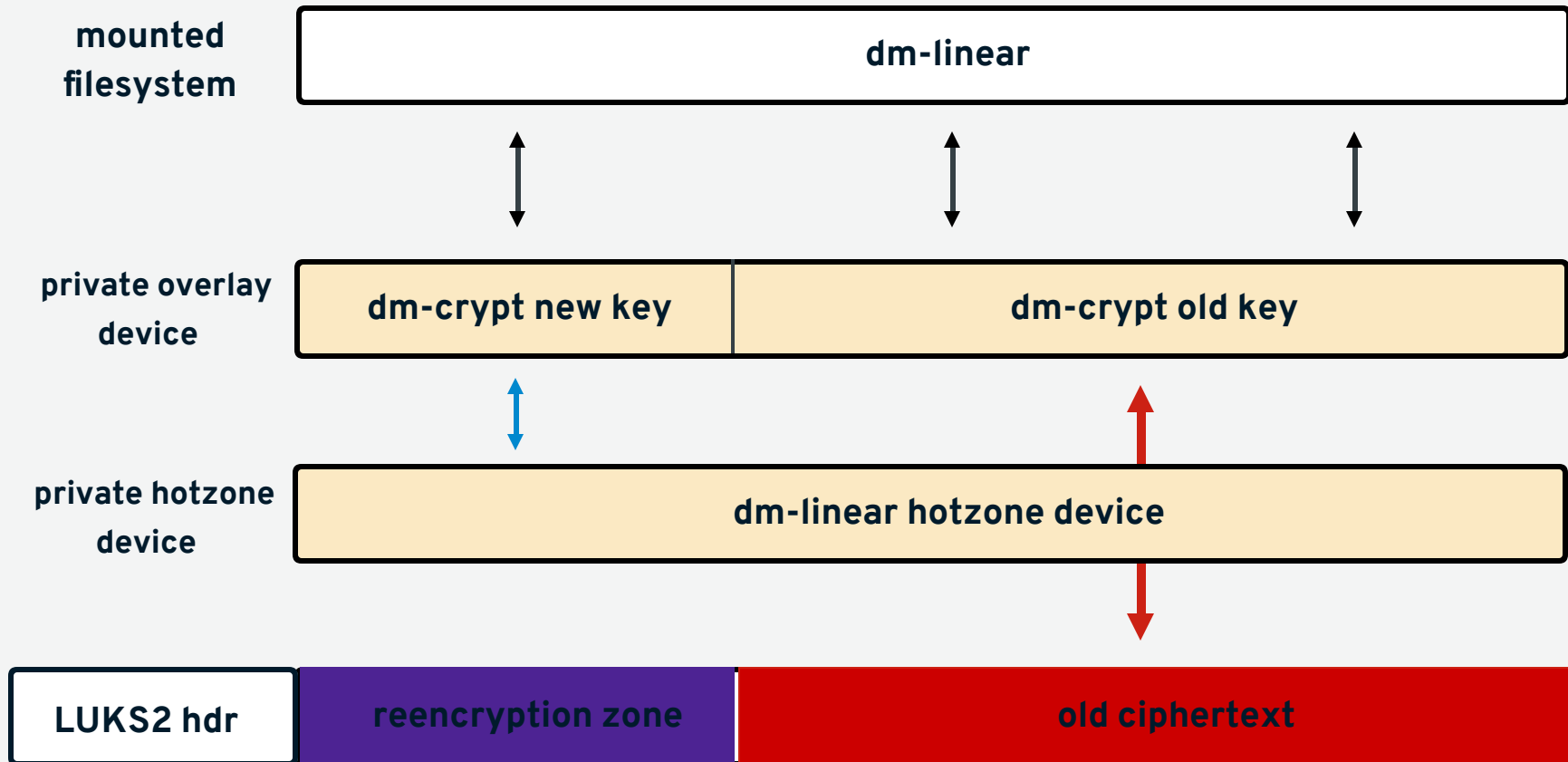
ONLINE REENCRYPTION

- Independent layer
- Filesystem/applications access the data via device-mapper stack
- Reencryption process controls access to reencryption zone

**mounted
filesystem**

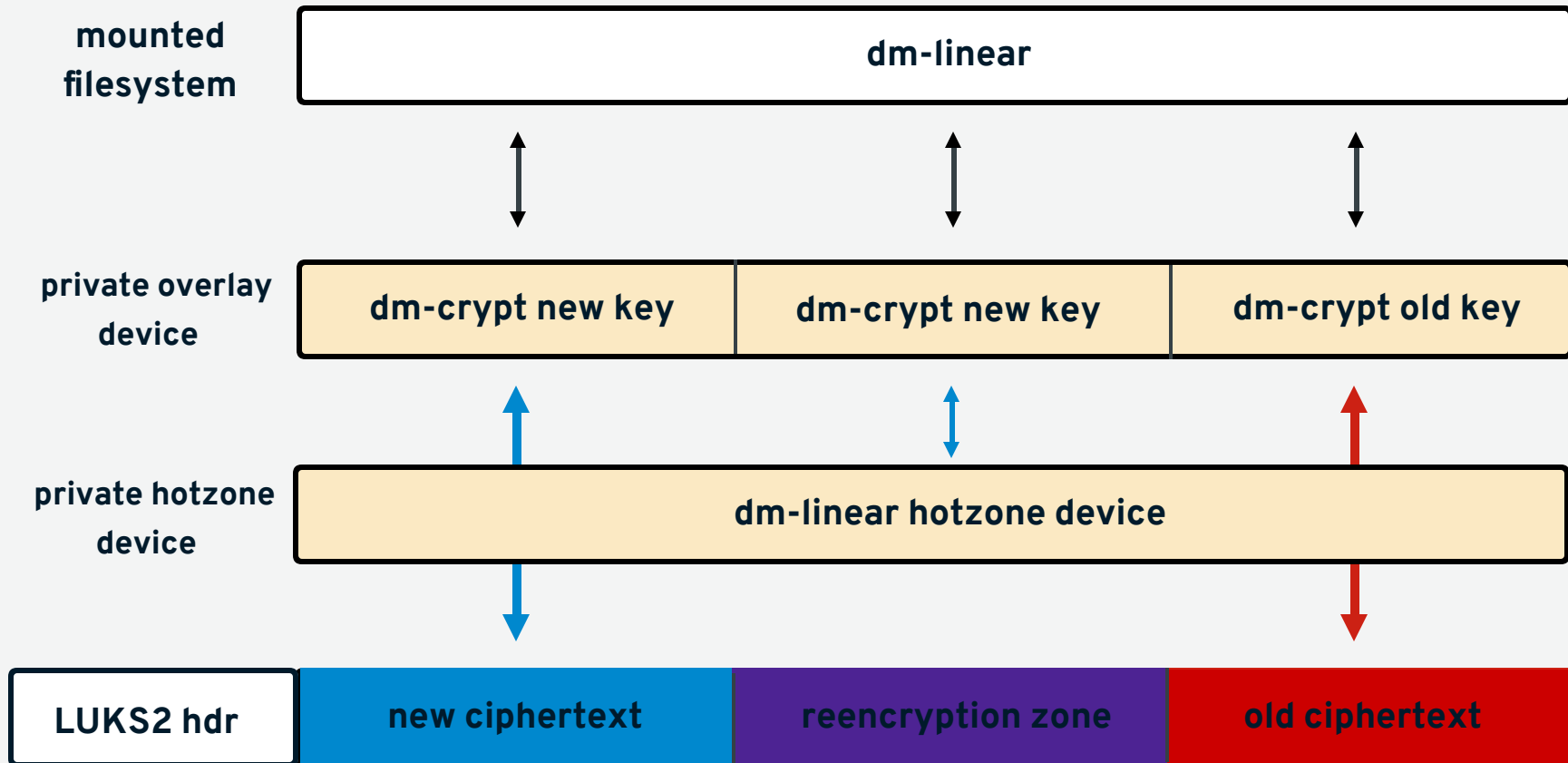






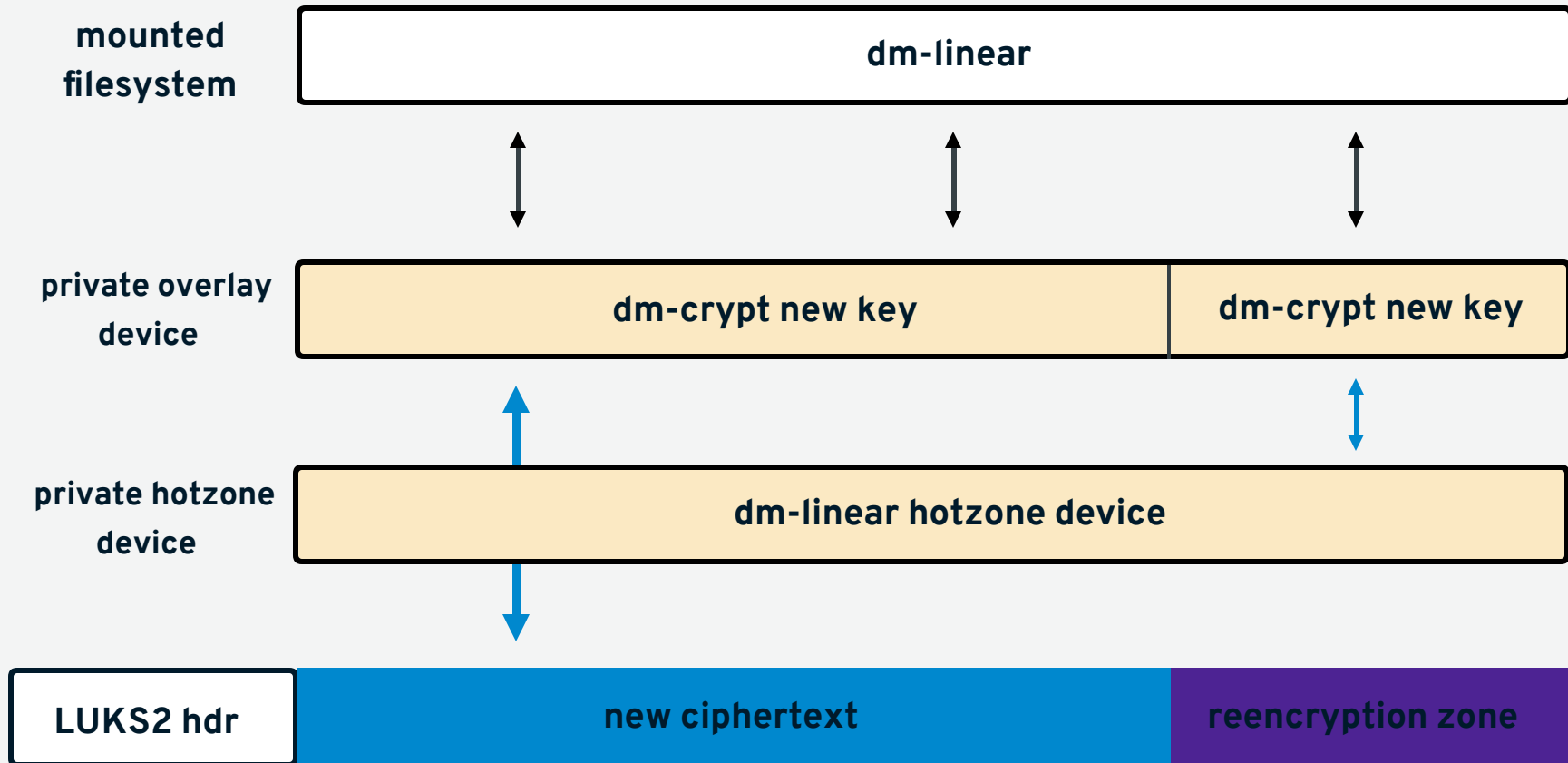
FOR EACH REENCRYPTION ZONE (CHECKSUMS):

- ① Read old ciphertext
- ② Calculate and store checksums in LUKS2 metadata (commit point)
- ③ Write new ciphertext
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PERFORMANCE BASELINE:

- sequential **read**
- sequential **write**
- random reads and writes, **randrw** (70% reads, 30% writes)
- fio utility (iodepth=16, 4 threads, block size 32KiB, direct io)

ROTATIONAL HDD (5400 RPMS, 512 GB)

storage	read	write	randrw
raw	125 MiB/s	94 MiB/s	read 8,6 MiB/s, write 3,6 MiB/s
dm-crypt	125 MiB/s	65 MiB/s	read 9,3 MiB/s, write 4,0 MiB/s

NVME (512 GB)

storage	read	write	randrw
raw	2,2 GiB/s	875 MiB/s	862 MiB/s, 369 MiB/s
dm-crypt	2,2 GiB/s	875MiB/s	833 MiB/s, 374 MiB/s

REENCRYPTION PERFORMANCE:

NVME

reencryption zone size	resilience mode	idle	ETA	load	ETA
95 MiB (3,7 MiB)	checksums	206 MiB/s	43m	156 MiB/s	56m
198 MiB (7,7 MiBs)	checksums	212 MiB/s	42m	175 MiB/s	50m
3,7 MiB	journal	116 MiB/s	1h49m	45 MiB/s	3h15m
7,7 MiB	journal	159 MiB/s	55m	67 MiB/s	2h11m
20 MiB	none	400 MiB/s	22m	240 MiB/s	37m
95 MiB (detached hdr)	checksums	206 MiB/s	43m	156 MiB/s	56m
198 MiB (detached hdr)	checksums	212 MiB/s	42m	175 MiB/s	50m
8 MiB	data shift	235 MiB/s	38m	97 MiB/s	1h31m

ETA: estimated time to reencrypt 512 GiB device

REENCRYPTION PERFORMANCE:

ROTATIONAL HDD

reencryption zone size	resilience mode	idle	ETA	load	ETA
95 MiB (3,7 MiB)	checksums	37 MiB/s	4h	17 MiB/s	8h34m
198 MiB (7,7 MiB)	checksums	40 MiB/s	3h40m	29 MiB/s	5h2m
3,7 MiB	journal	11 MiB/s	13h15m	4 MiB/s	1d12h
7,7 MiB	journal	16 MiB/s	9h6m	6 MiB/s	1d
20 MiB	none	50 MiB/s	2h55m	25 MiB/s	5h50m
95 MiB (detached hdr)	checksums	45 MiB/s	3h15m	33 MiB/s	4h25m
198 MiB (detached hdr)	checksums	45 MiB/s	3h15m	35 MiB/s	4h10m
8 MiB	data shift	15 MiB/s	9h43m	5 MiB/s	1d5h

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SUMMARY

- Reencryption
- Encryption (short offline period)
- Decryption
 - currently detached LUKS2 header only
- Can interrupted, paused, resumed with different parameters
- Recovery performed in **crypt_activate_by_*** calls (cryptsetup open)

THANK YOU!

Q&A

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