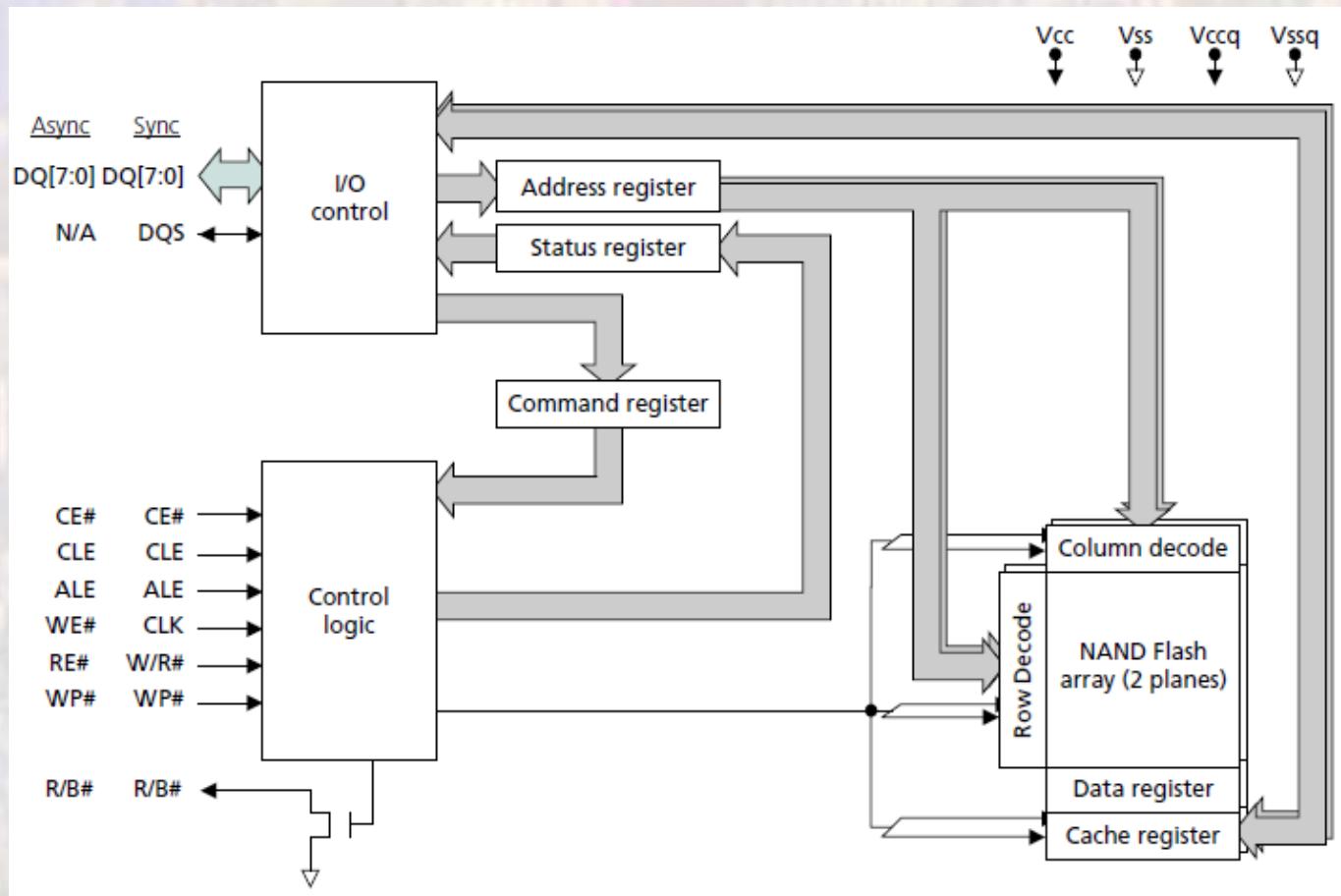


Flash Operation

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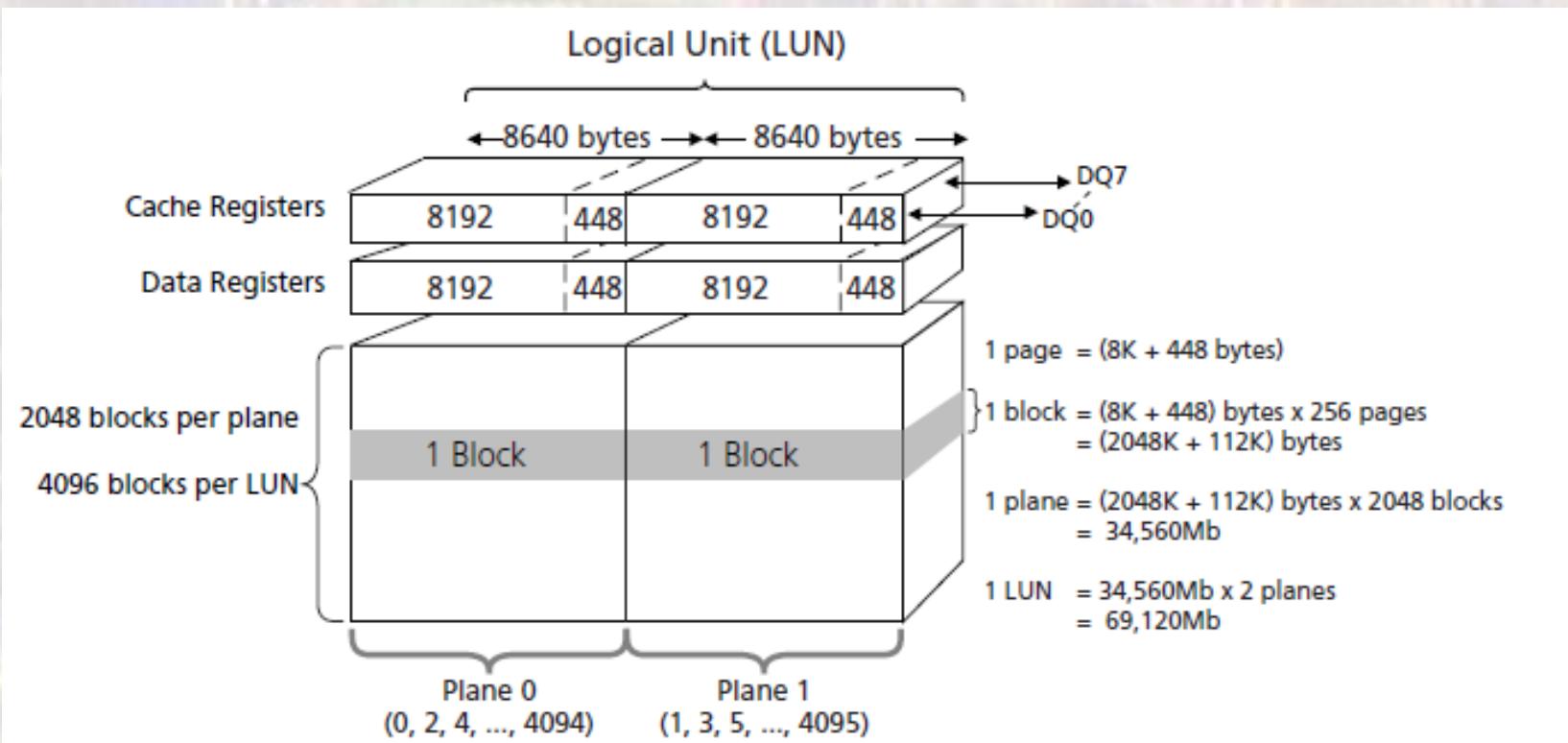
Memory – Flash Operation

- NAND
 - Configuration



Memory – Flash Operation

- NAND
 - Configuration – 64Gb

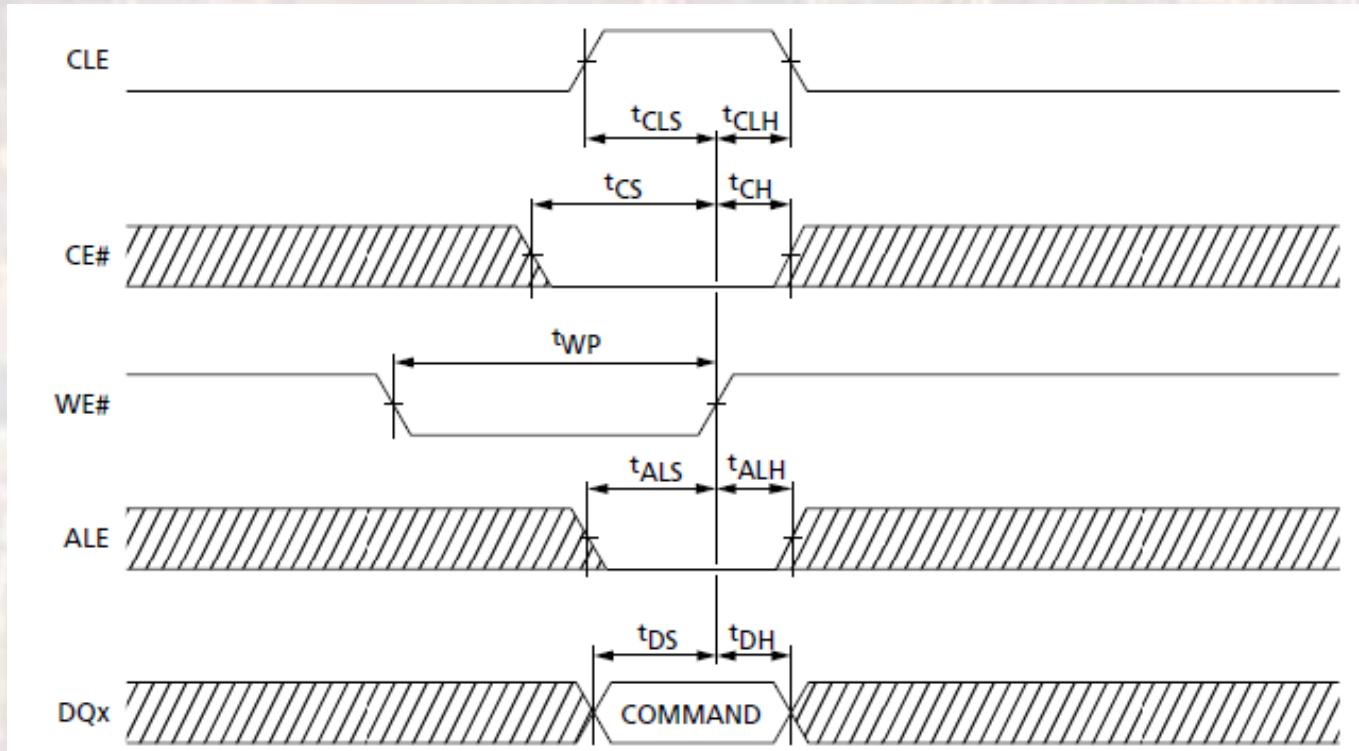


Memory – Flash Operation

- NAND
 - Key Signals
 - CE# - Chip Enable bar
 - CLE – Command Latch Enable
 - ALE – Address Latch Enable
 - WE# - Write Enable bar
 - RE# - Read Enable bar
 - RDY - Ready
 - DQx – Output Data, Command Input, Address Input
 - DQS – Data Strobe
 - CLK – Clock – only used in Synchronous mode

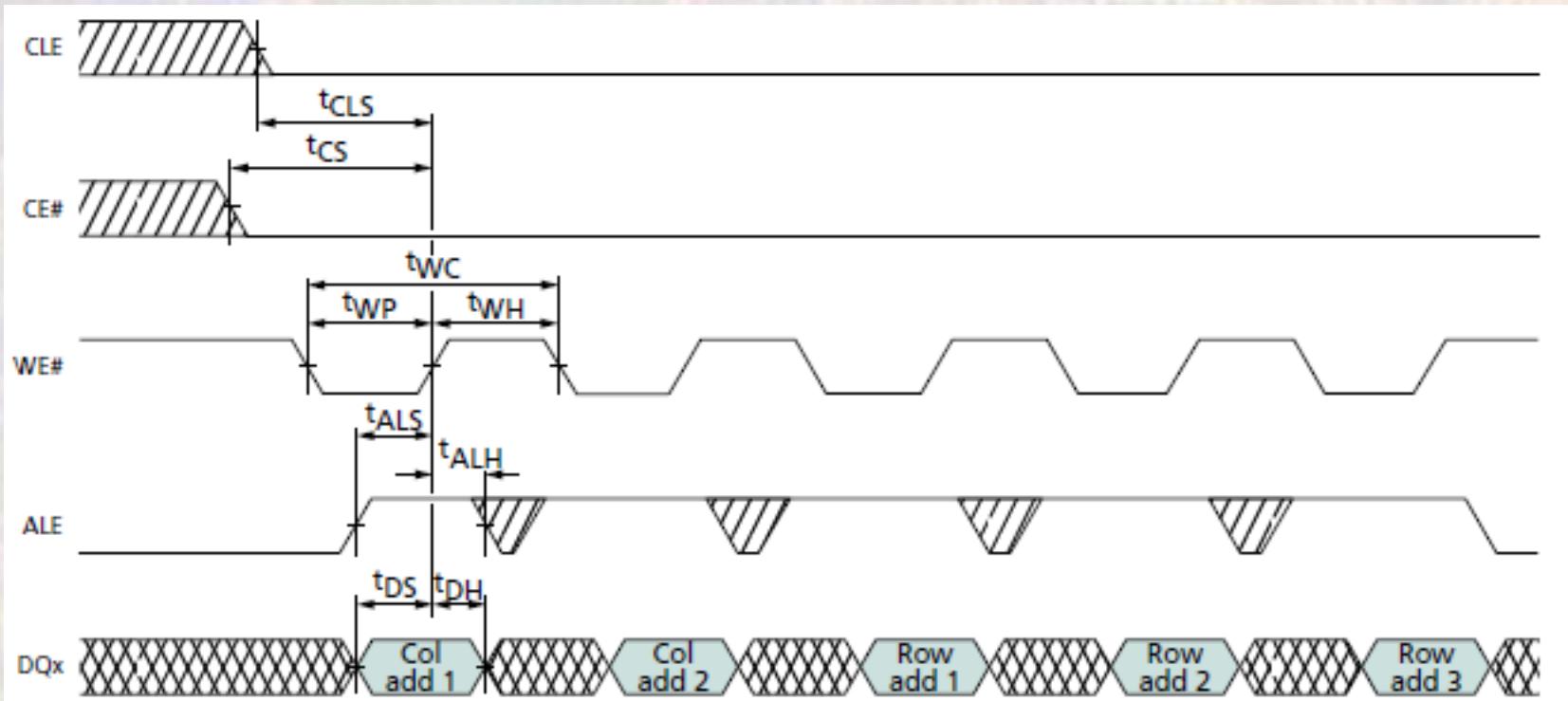
Memory – Flash Operation

- NAND
 - Asynchronous Command



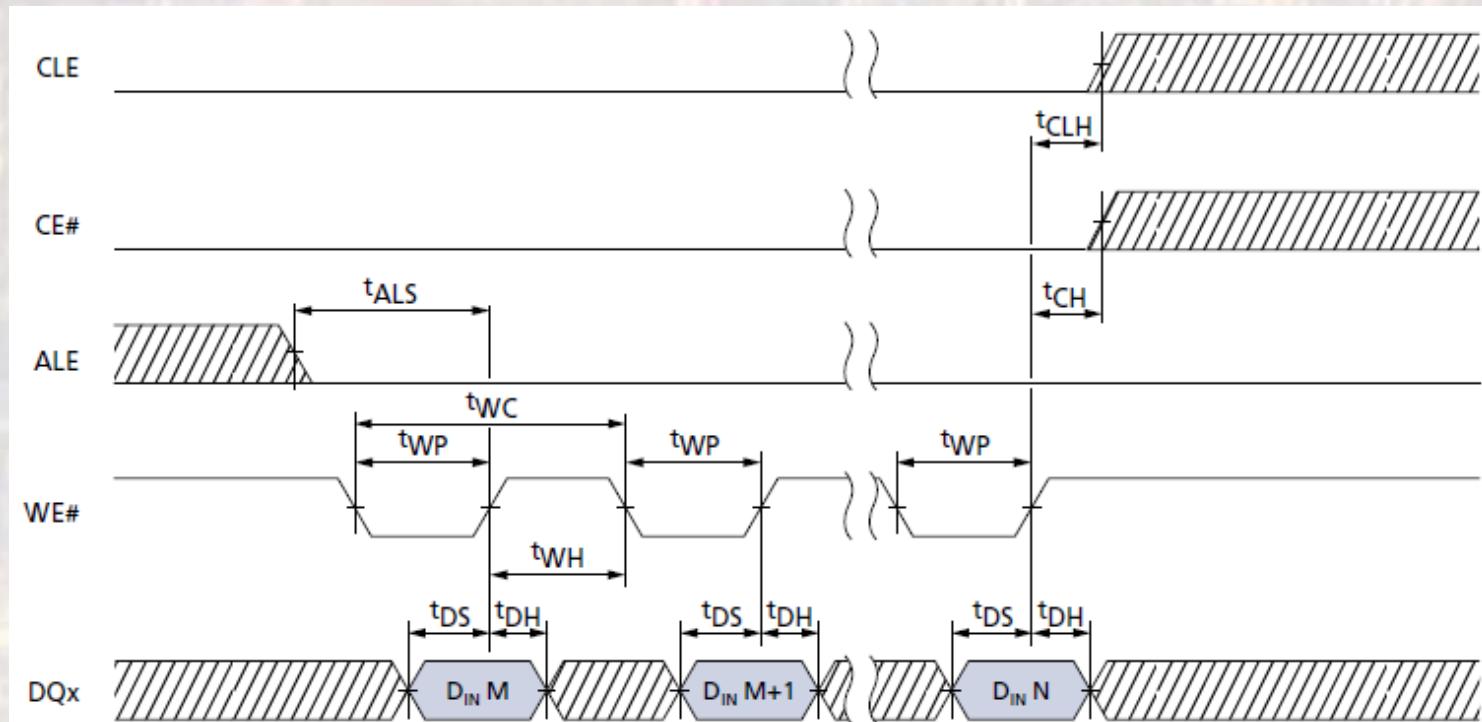
Memory – Flash Operation

- NAND
 - Asynchronous Address



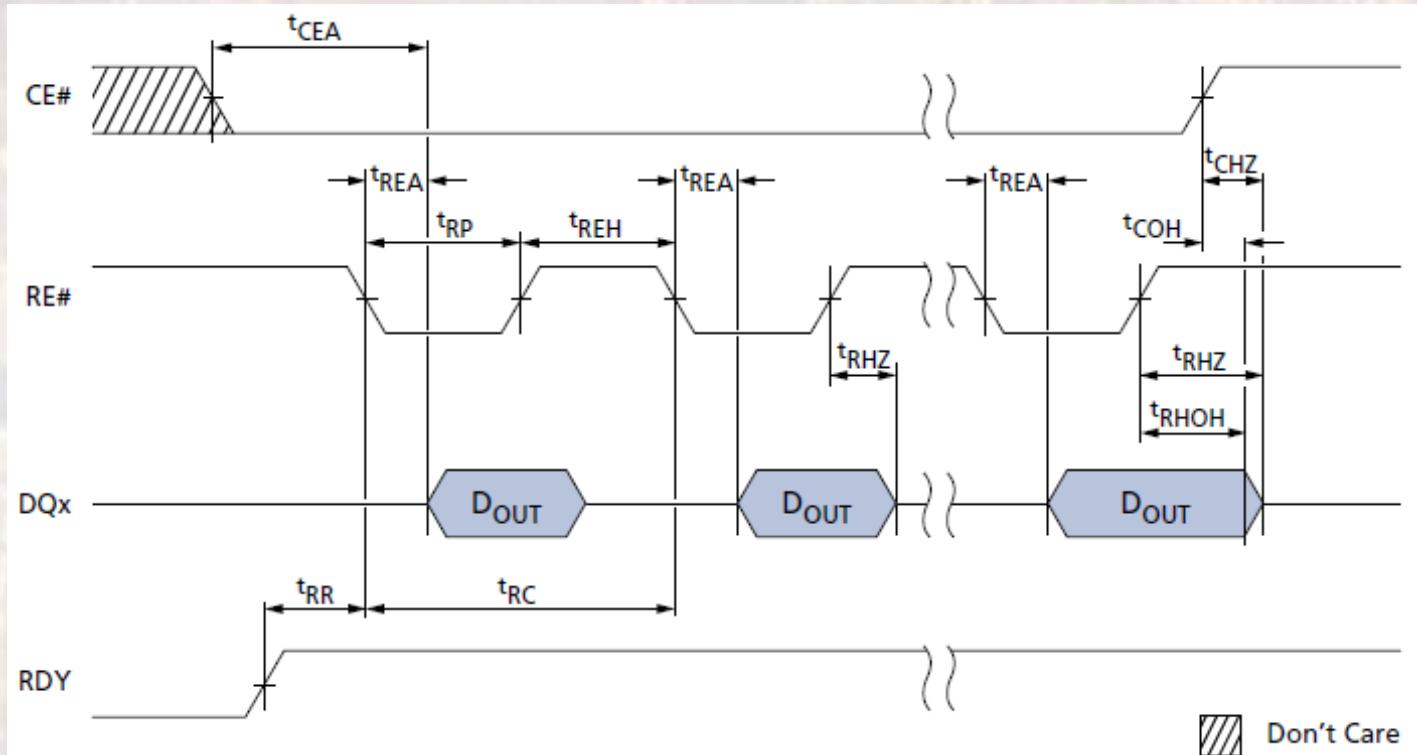
Memory – Flash Operation

- NAND
 - Asynchronous Data In - to Cache



Memory – Flash Operation

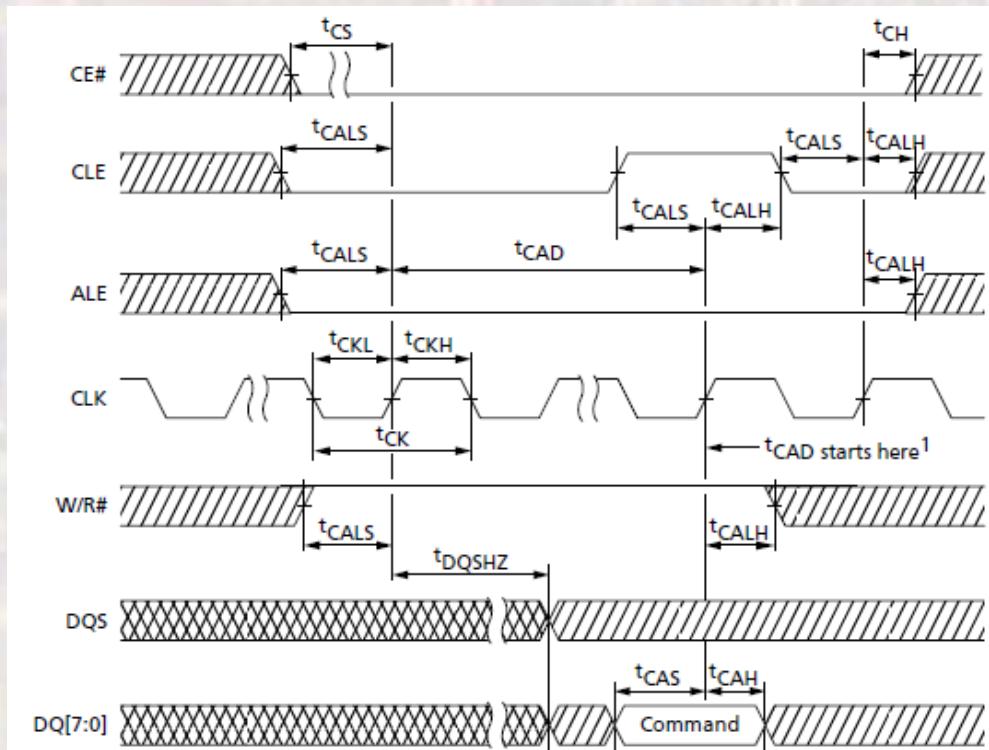
- NAND
 - Asynchronous Data Out - from Cache



Memory – Flash Operation

- NAND

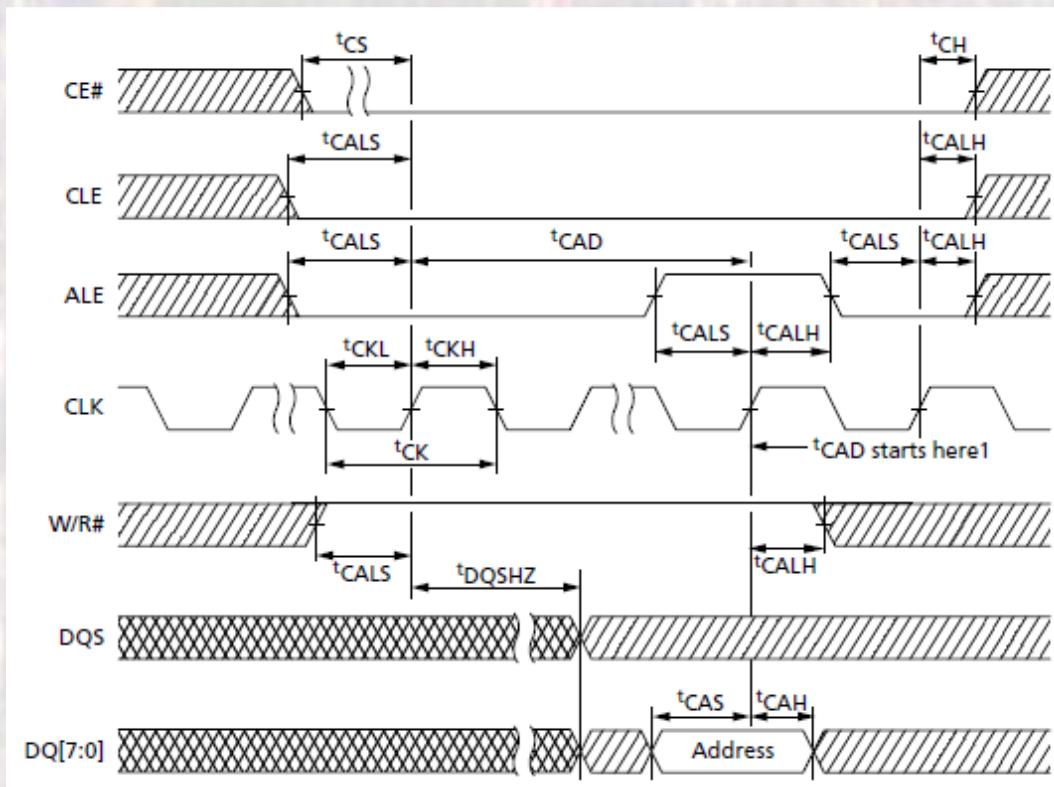
- Synchronous Command



Memory – Flash Operation

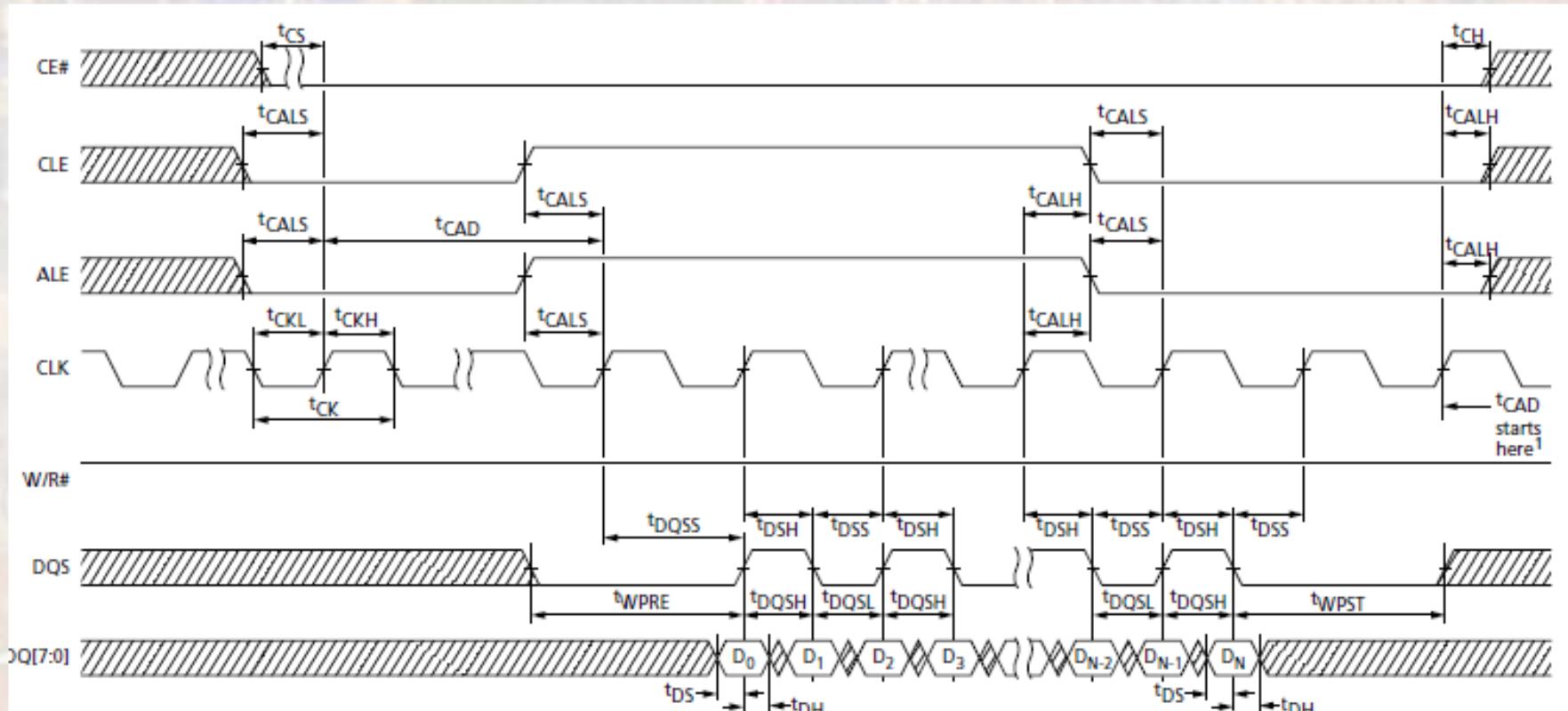
- NAND

- Synchronous Address



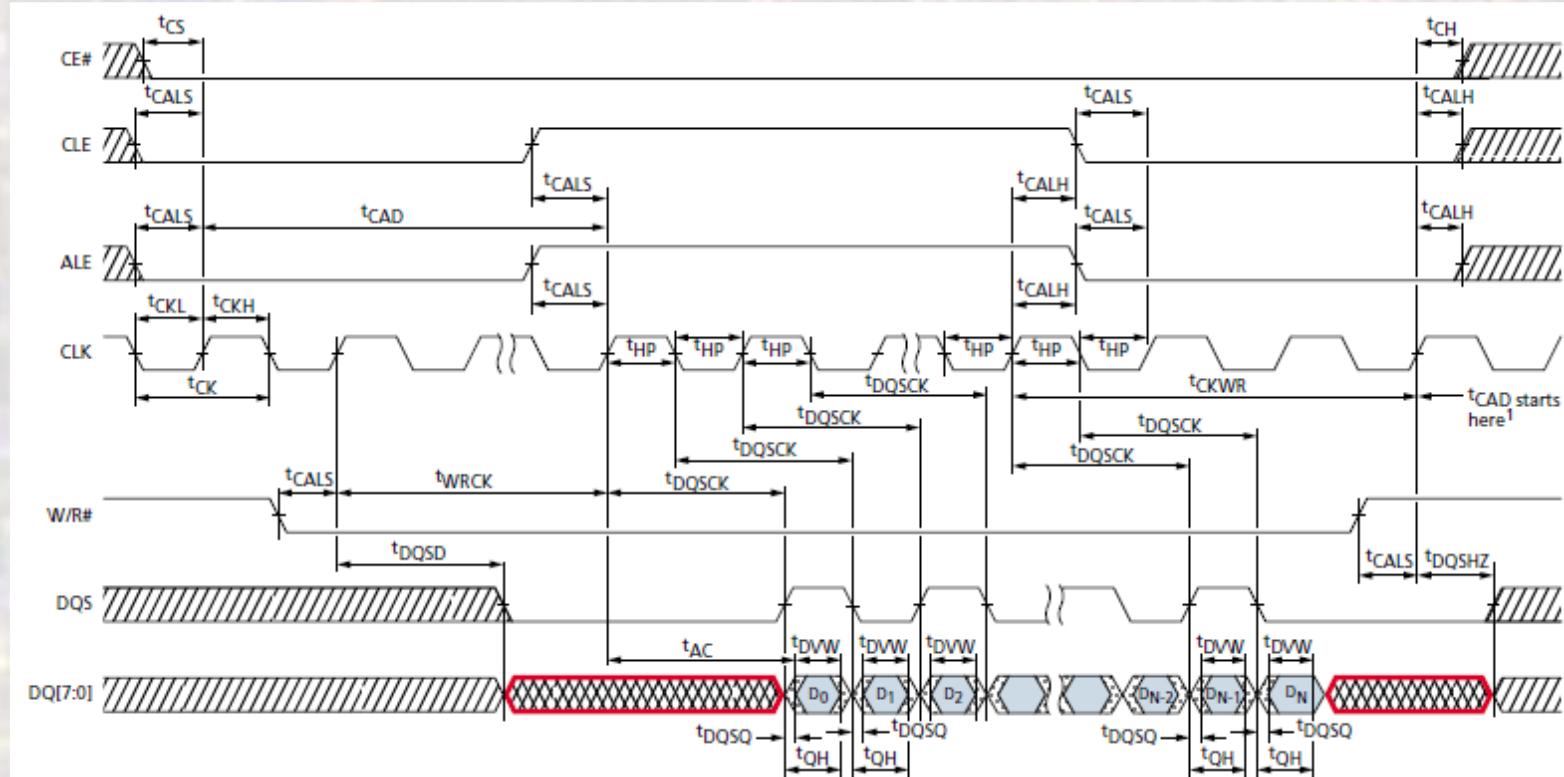
Memory – Flash Operation

- NAND
 - Synchronous Data In – DDR - to cache



Memory – Flash Operation

- NAND
 - Synchronous Data Out – DDR - from cache



Memory – Flash Operation

- NAND
 - Command Based Interface

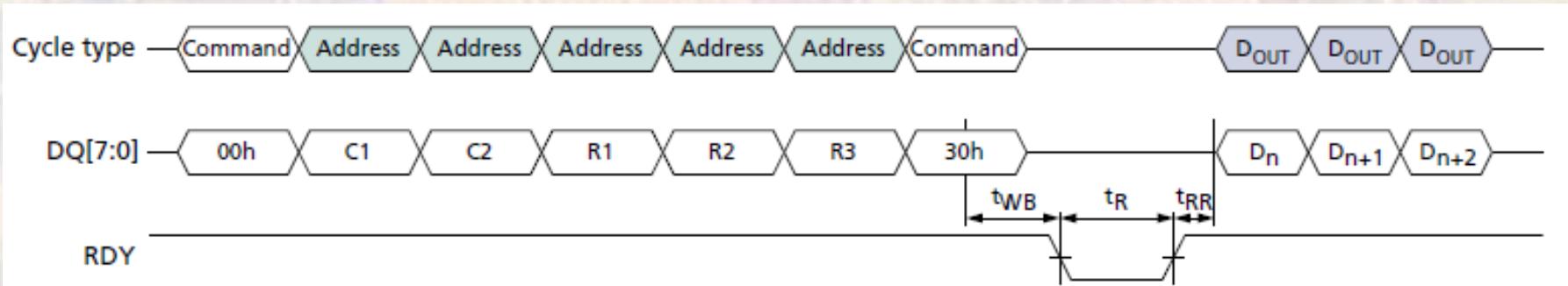
Command	Command Cycle #1	Number of Valid Address Cycles	Data Input Cycles	Command Cycle #2	Valid While Selected LUN is Busy ¹	Valid While Other LUNs are Busy ²	Notes
Column Address Operations							
CHANGE READ COLUMN	05h	2	–	E0h		Yes	
CHANGE READ COLUMN ENHANCED	06h	5	–	E0h		Yes	
CHANGE WRITE COLUMN	85h	2	Optional	–		Yes	
CHANGE ROW ADDRESS	85h	5	Optional	–		Yes	5
Read Operations							
READ MODE	00h	0	–	–		Yes	
READ PAGE	00h	5	–	30h		Yes	6
READ PAGE MULTI-PLANE	00h	5	–	32h		Yes	
READ PAGE CACHE SEQUENTIAL	31h	0	–	–		Yes	7
READ PAGE CACHE RANDOM	00h	5	–	31h		Yes	6,7
READ PAGE CACHE LAST	3Fh	0	–	–		Yes	7

Memory – Flash Operation

- NAND
 - Read
 - Page Based – moves data for an entire page into the cache

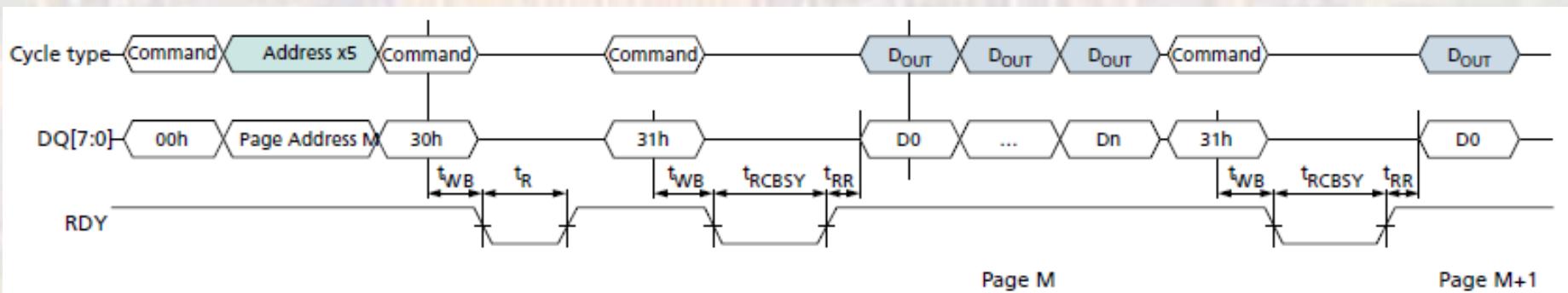
Memory – Flash Operation

- NAND
 - Read Page



Memory – Flash Operation

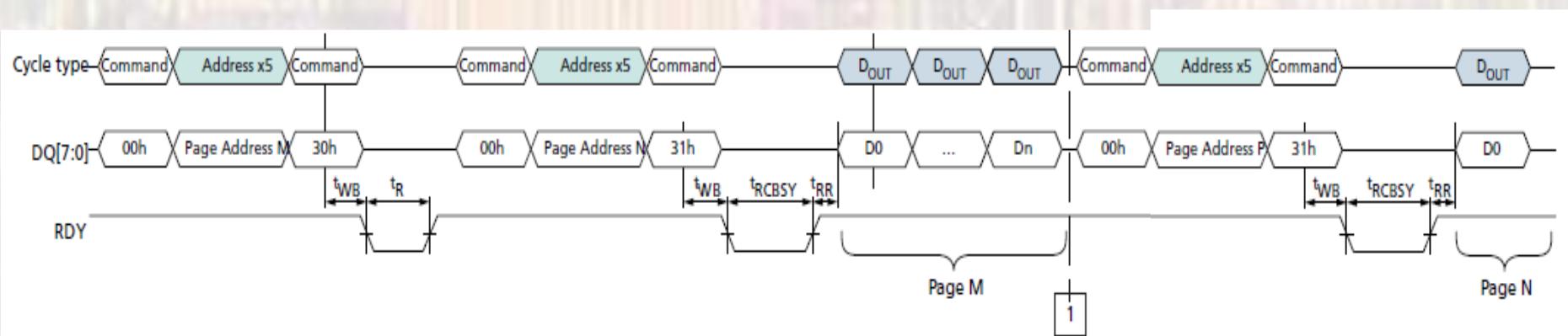
- NAND
 - Read Page Cache Sequential
 - Increments the page address with each 31h command
 - Can be executed during a page read out



Not shown: RE#, DQS, CLK, ...

Memory – Flash Operation

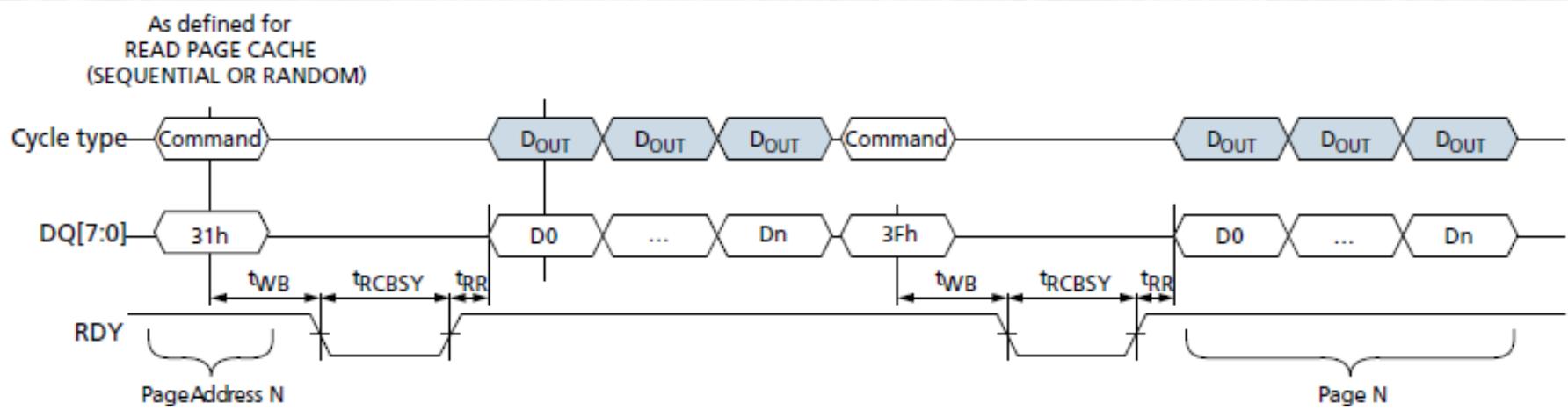
- NAND
 - Read Page Cache Random
 - Provide a new page address during current data read out



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Memory – Flash Operation

- NAND
 - Read Page Cache Last
 - Indicates the last page to read



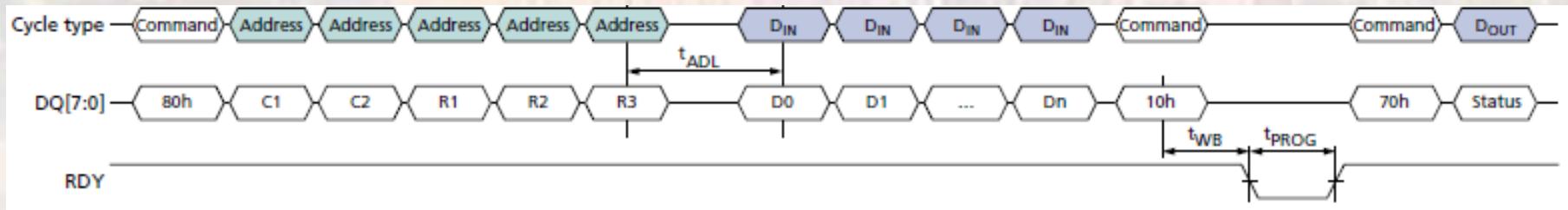
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Memory – Flash Operation

- NAND
 - Program
 - Move data from Cache to the array
 - All Programming is Page based
 - Pages in a block must be programmed sequentially
 - Program operations must be checked for error codes
 - Failure
 - Dis-allowed data values

Memory – Flash Operation

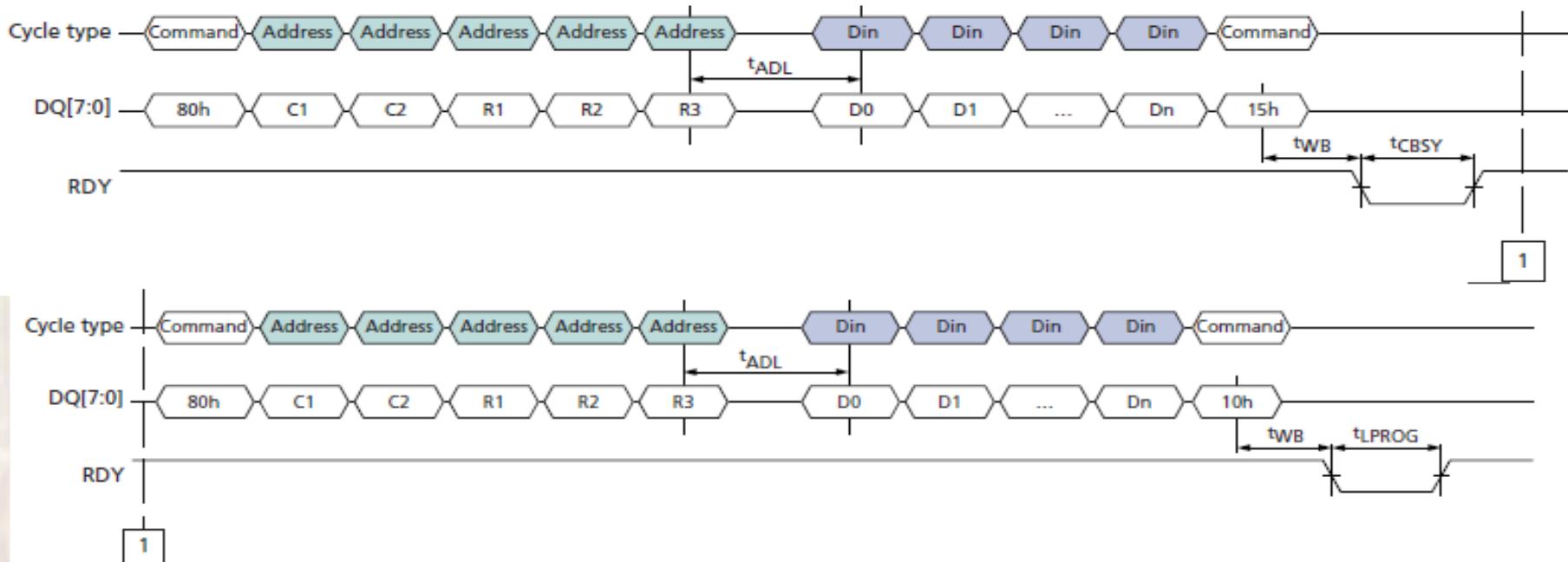
- NAND
 - Program Page
 - No cache utilization



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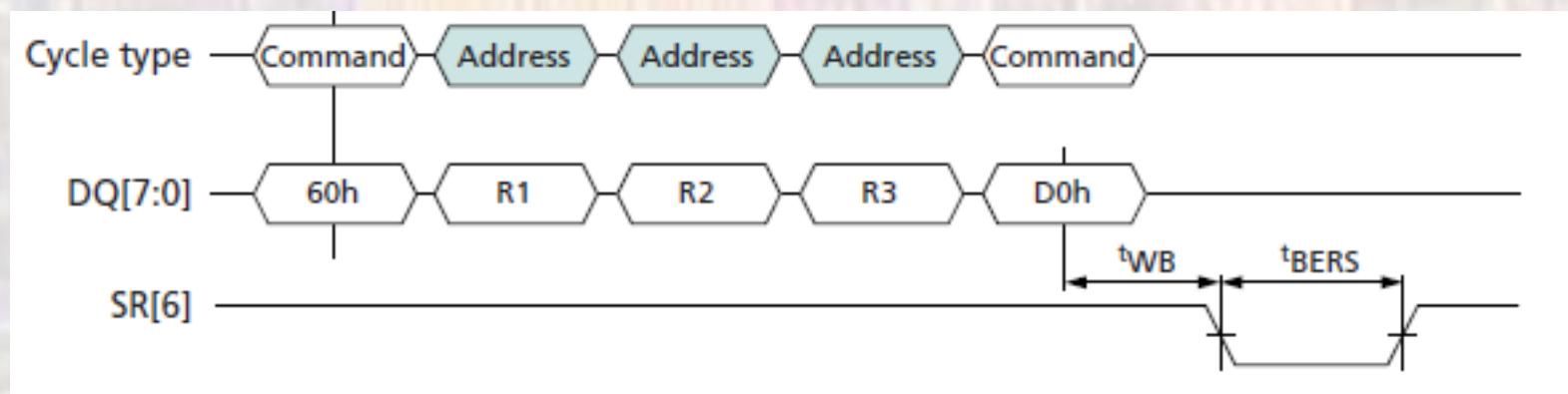
Memory – Flash Operation

- NAND
 - Program Page Cache
 - Loads data into cache for later programming



Memory – Flash Operation

- NAND
 - Block Erase



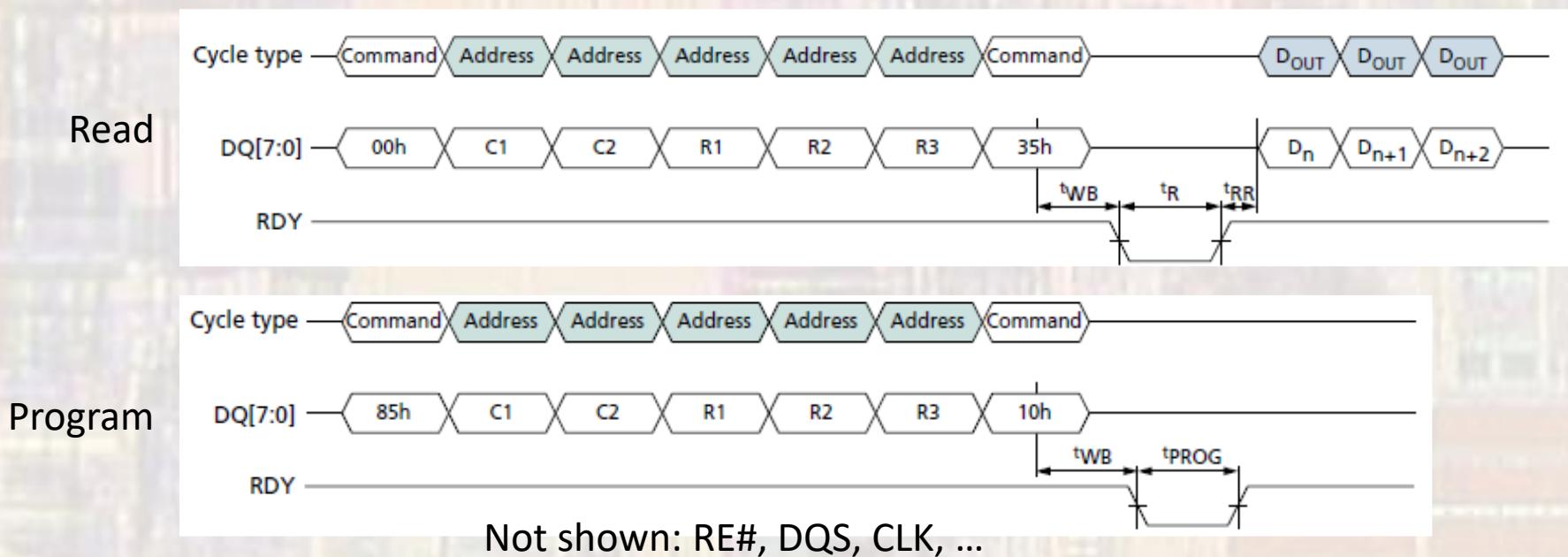
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Memory – Flash Operation

- NAND

- Copyback

- Copies a block to a new location
- Used for wear leveling



Memory – Flash Operation

- NOR - Parallel
 - Similar to NAND
 - Command based actions
 - Synchronous and asynchronous versions
 - Page based read/program supported
 - Block Erase
 - WORD based read/program possible

Memory – Flash Operation

- NOR - Serial
 - Low pin count SPI interface
 - Command based actions
 - Serial Read/Program operations
 - Page Program

Memory - Flash

- Performance Issues
 - Can 1 bad array element ruin an entire part?
 - Use redundant rows and columns in the array
 - Any bad cells are programmed out at final test
 - Some Memory Management Units (MMUs) can detect poorly performing cells and modify the virtual to physical address translation to remove them from the memory map