

# From sticky analysis...

with Michael Munch *et al.*:

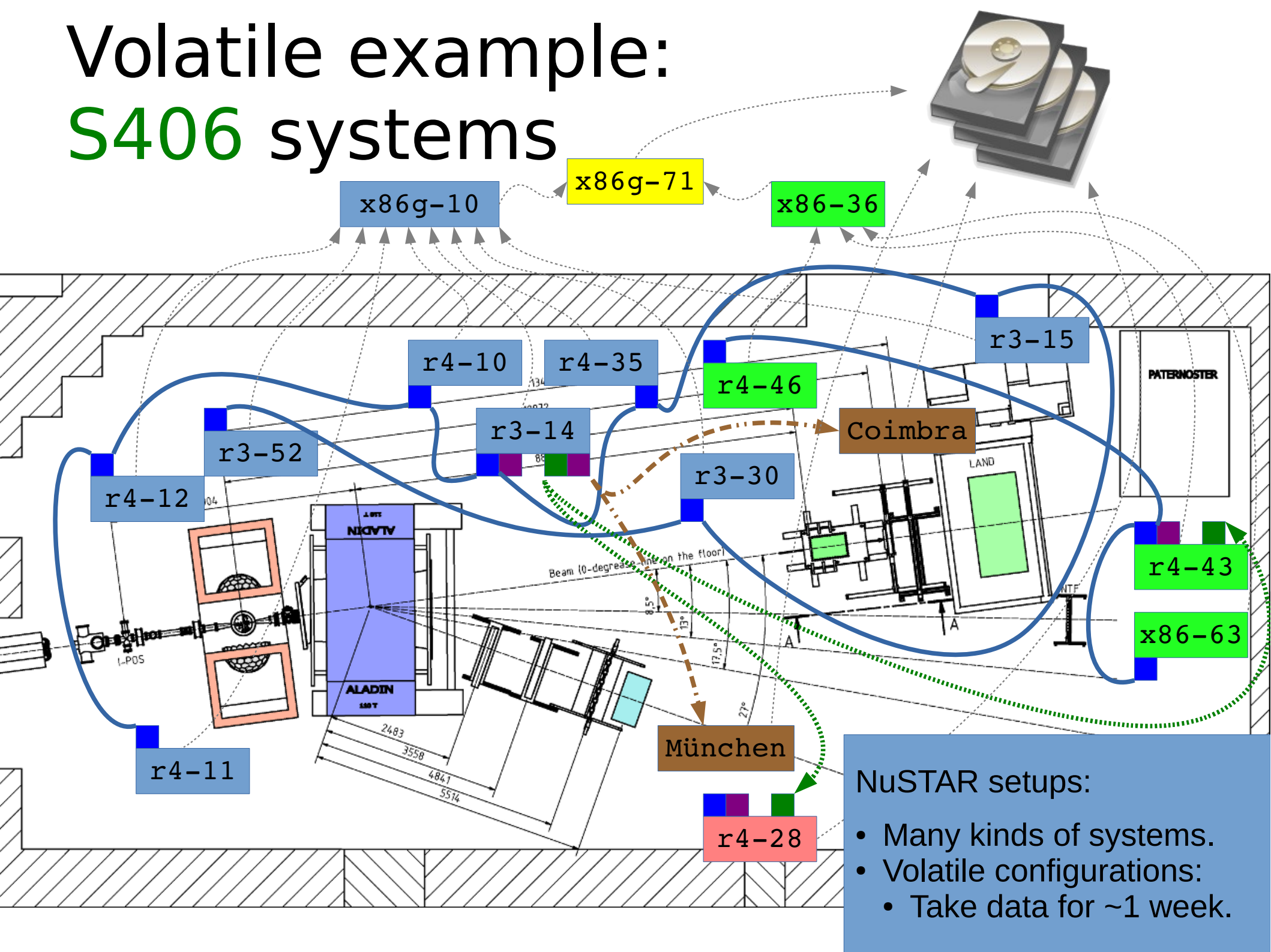
*...to fast  
VME shadows*

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# Volatile example: S406 systems



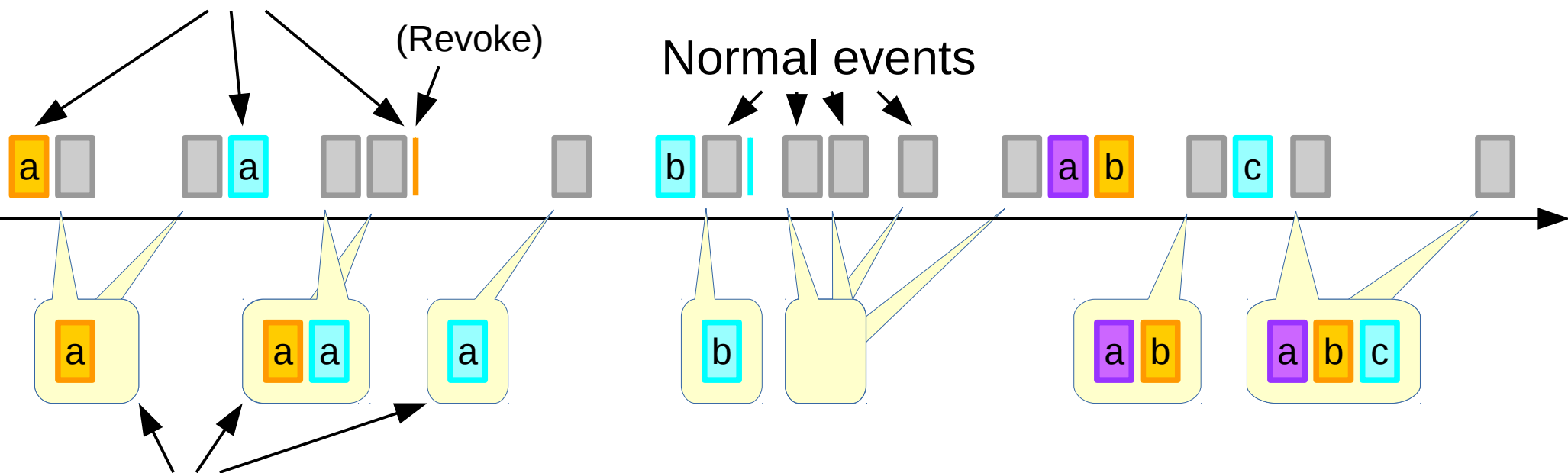
# Why sticky events?

- Store slow-control information (HV settings, magnet currents...) in the data stream
  - Integrate with a distributed DAQ (NuSTAR).
  - Follow the DAQ topology.
- 'Normal' events not suitable:
  - Just flow through the DAQ / analysis.
  - Late connected clients / files would not get earlier set values.
- Concept: sticky events.
  - Delivered however late the connection is.

# Sticky events: simple semantics

- Sticky subevents are valid until replaced
- ... or revoked (replace by nothing)

Sticky (sub)events (same colour = same id, letter is 'content')



Sticky state

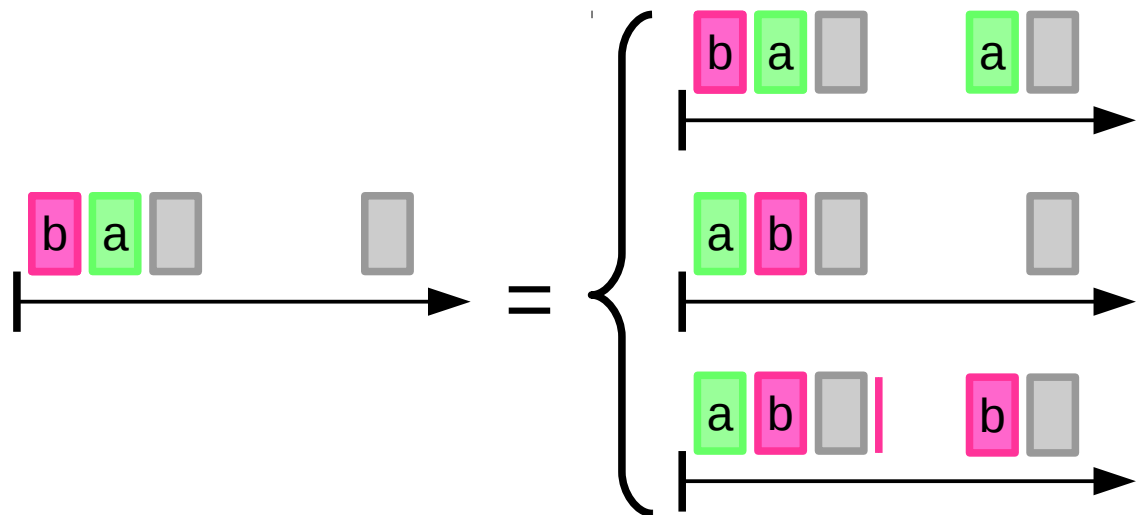
(is logically defined before each normal event)

# Guaranteed delivery

- A receiver (either file or network client) will **before** each normal event have received *exactly* the (at that point) active set of sticky subevents.

Sticky subevents may be delivered:

- Multiple times.
- In any order.

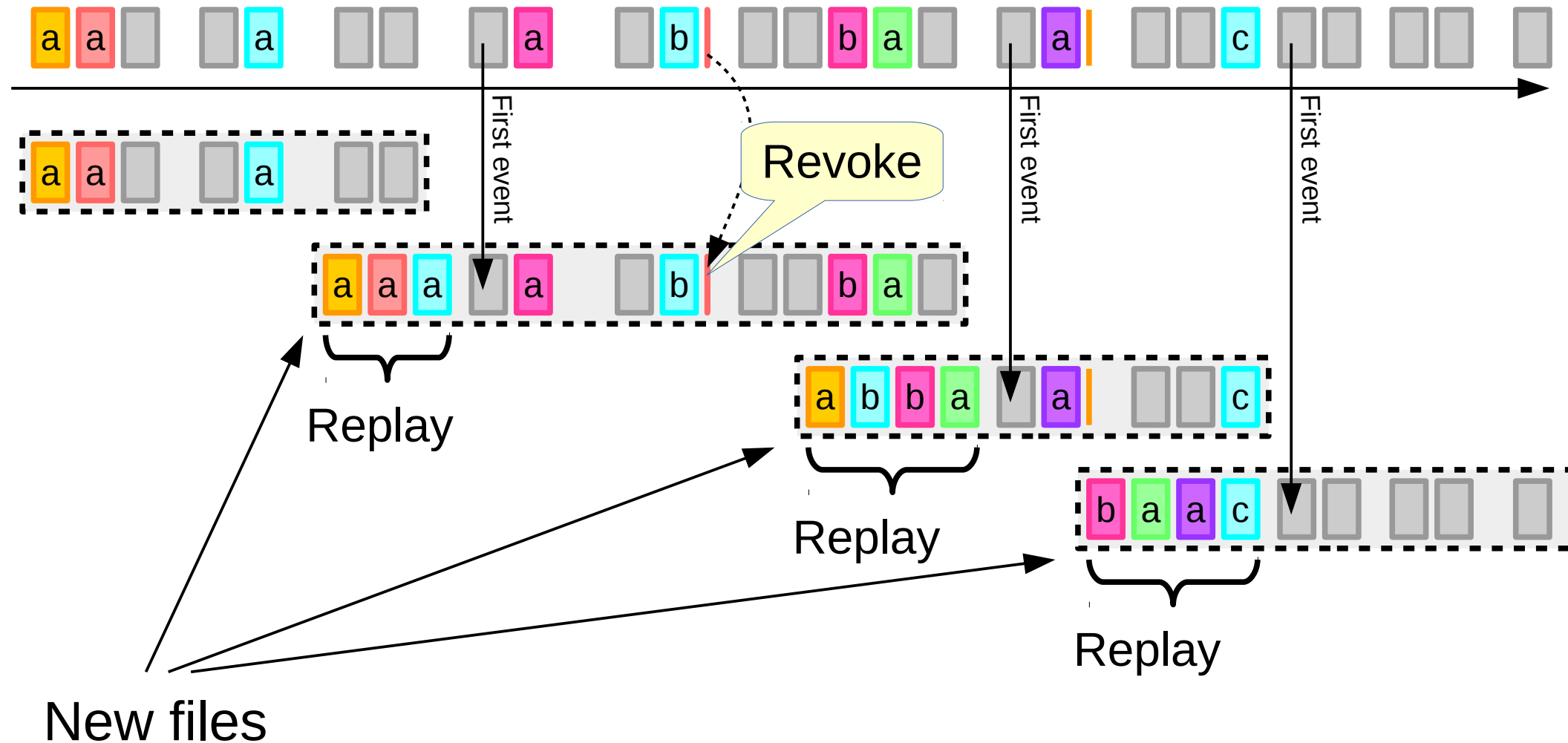


# DAQ / proxy servers

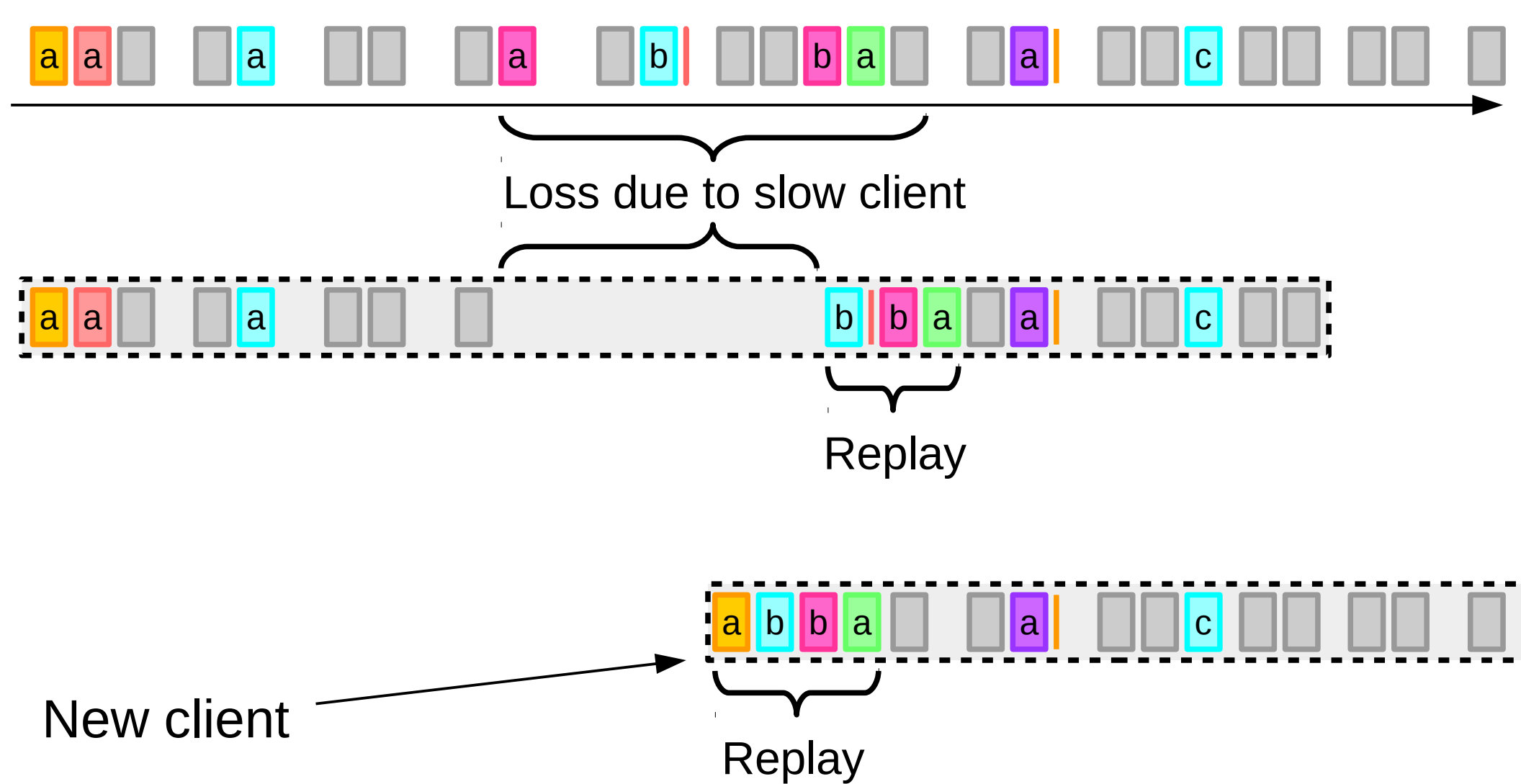
- Absorb the **complications** in **standard programs**.
- Keeps **analysis clients simple**.

Not so much a design choice,  
rather a lucky side-effect.

# Output stages keep track



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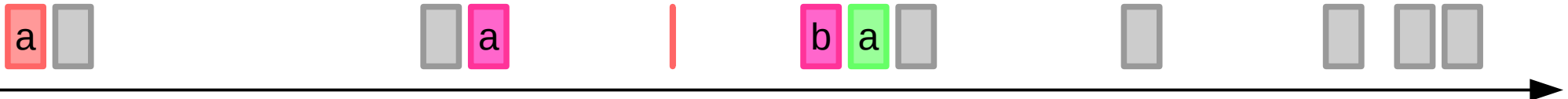




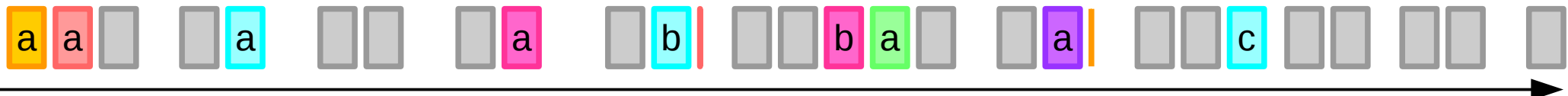
# Merging / time sorting



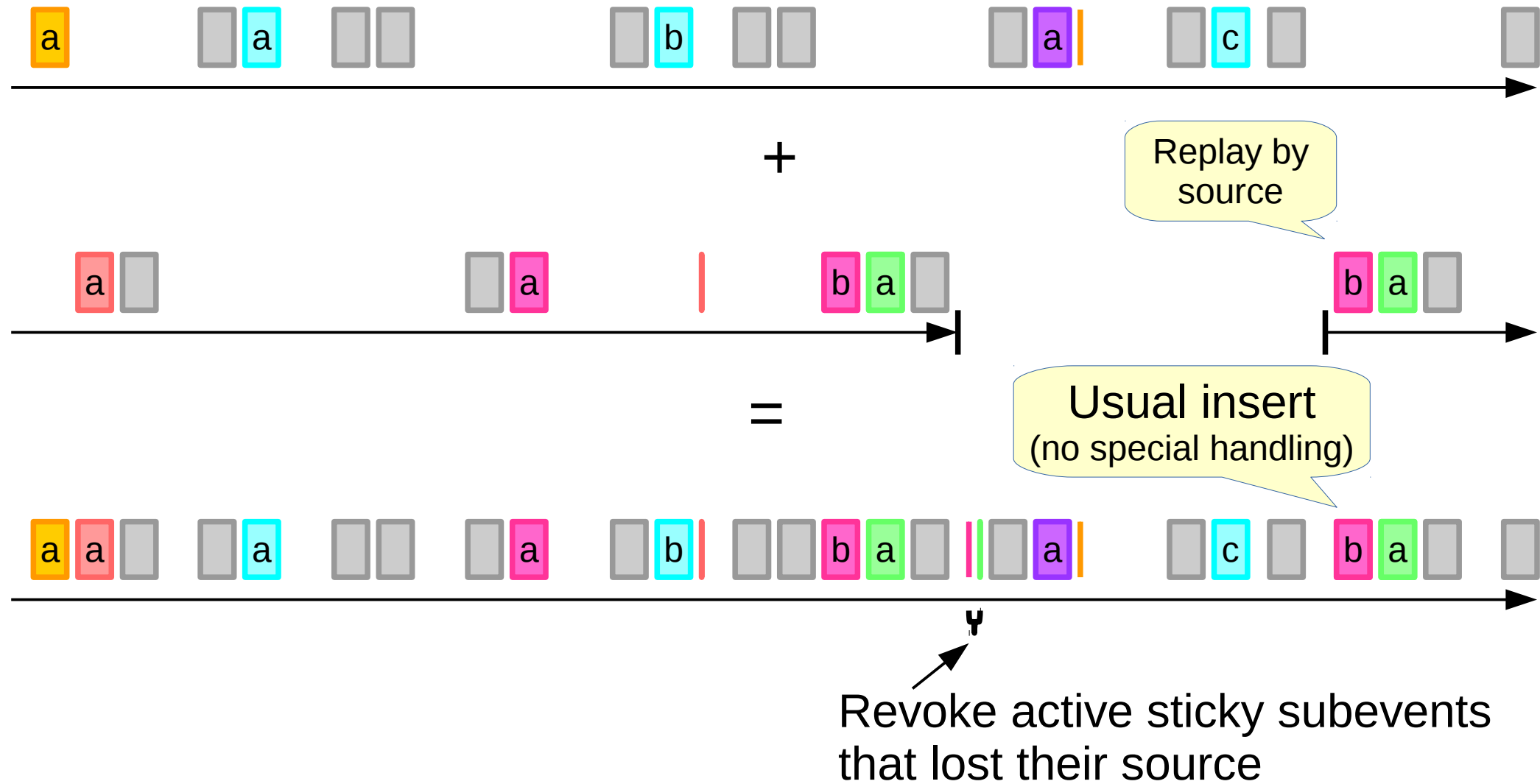
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# Merging – loss of source





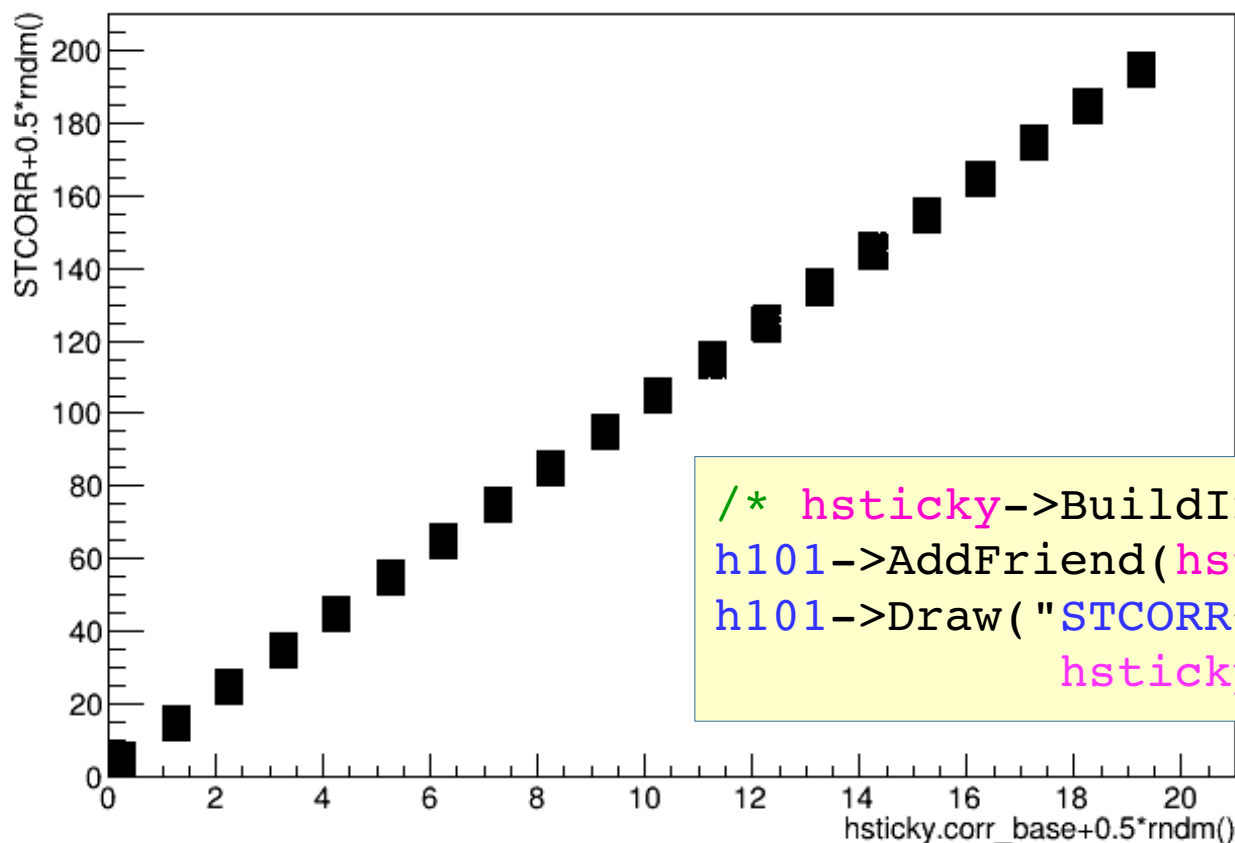
# Correlating sticky events, with



corr\_base – In the **sticky events**, which are set once in a while, random: 0–19.

STCORR – In the **normal events**, set as  $\text{corr\_base} * 10 + (\text{random: } 0-9)$

STCORR+0.5\*randm():hsticky.corr\_base+0.5\*randm()



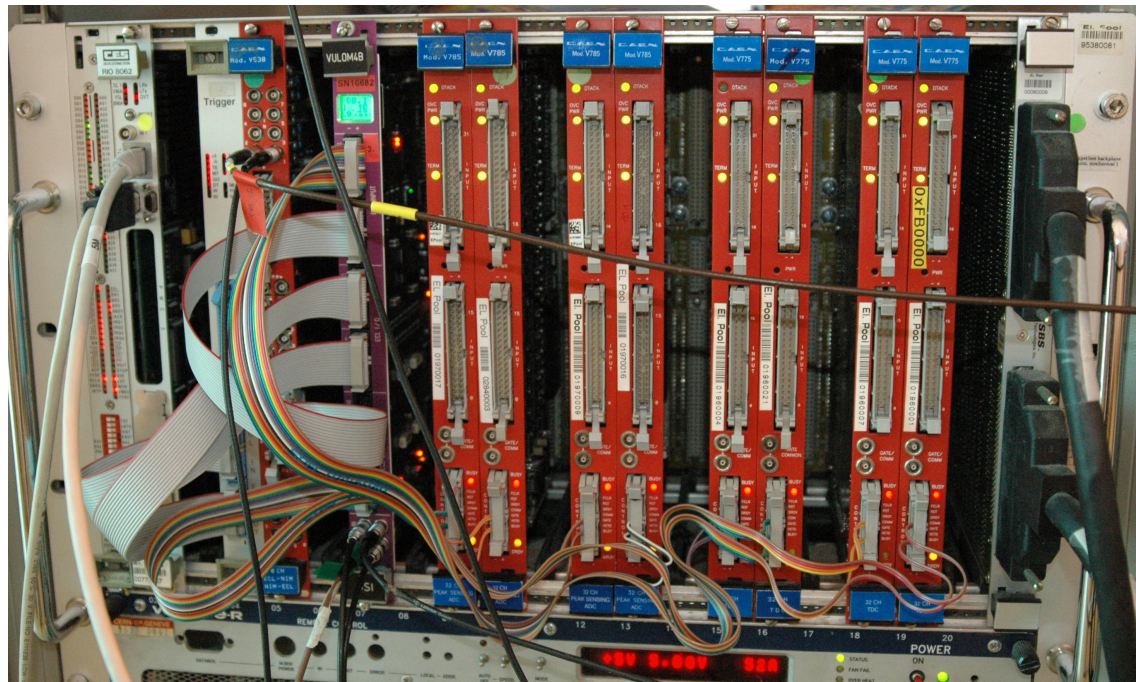
Root file has two trees:

- **h101** – Normal events
- **hsticky** – Sticky events
- **STIDX** – sticky event index (in both trees)

```
/* hsticky->BuildIndex("STIDX"); */  
h101->AddFriend(hsticky);  
h101->Draw("STCORR+0.5*randm():  
          hsticky.corr_base+0.5*randm()");
```

# *Fast VME shadows*

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How about...



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More statistics?

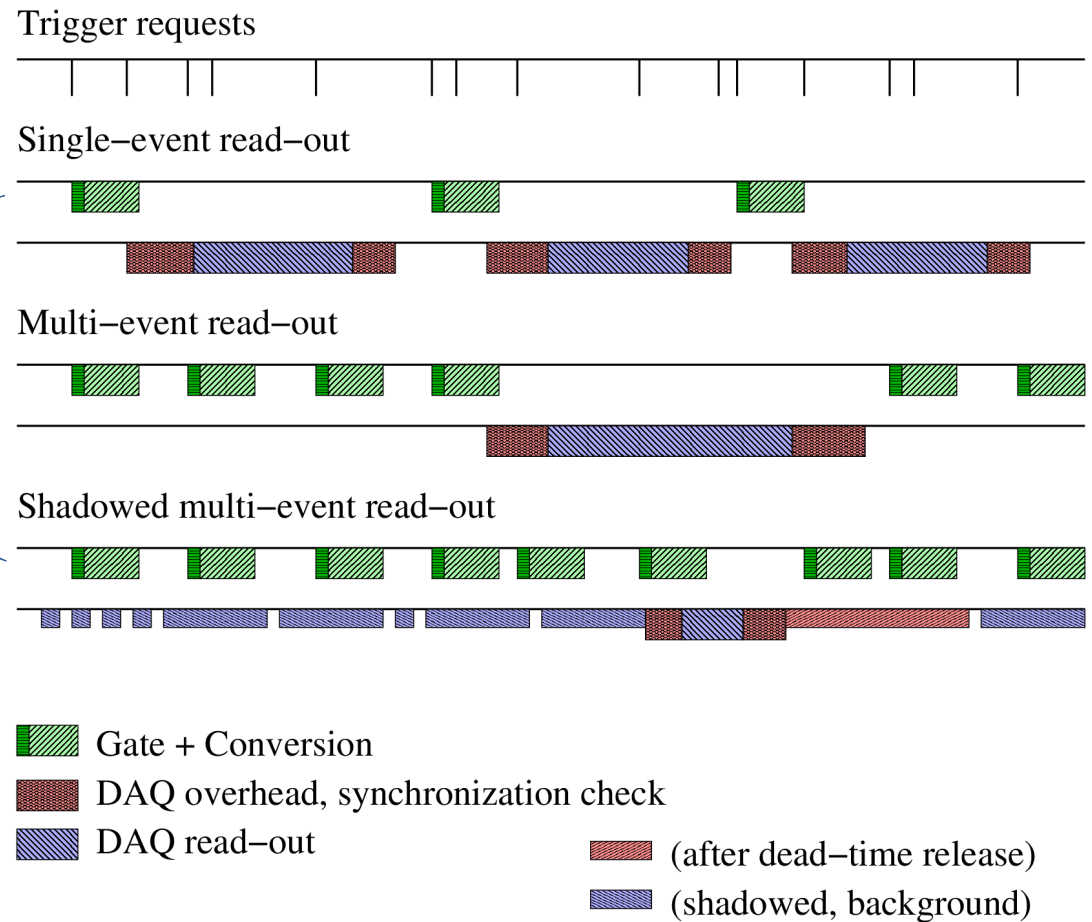
# Data transfer strategies

What we want

What we got

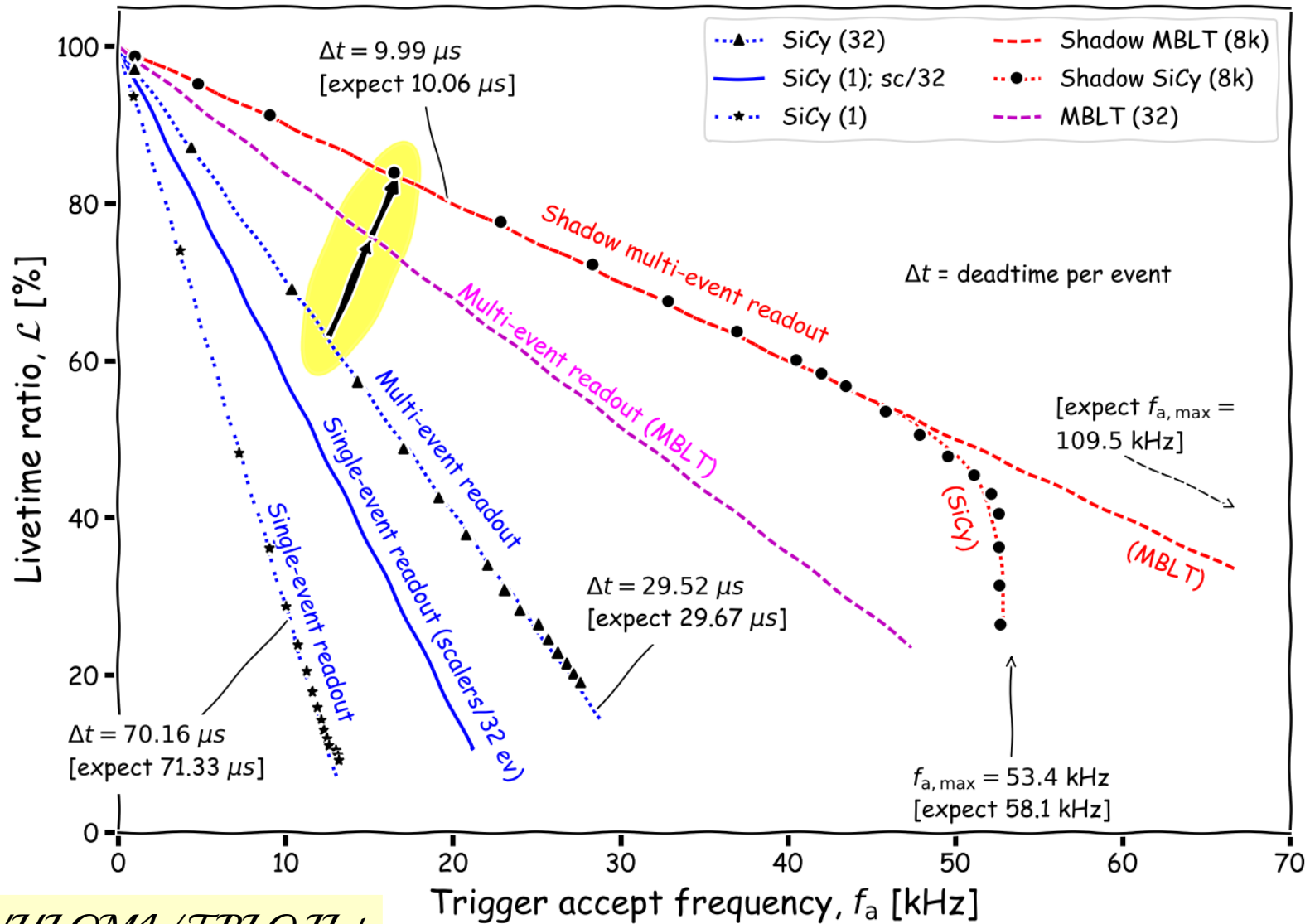
What we get

What we use



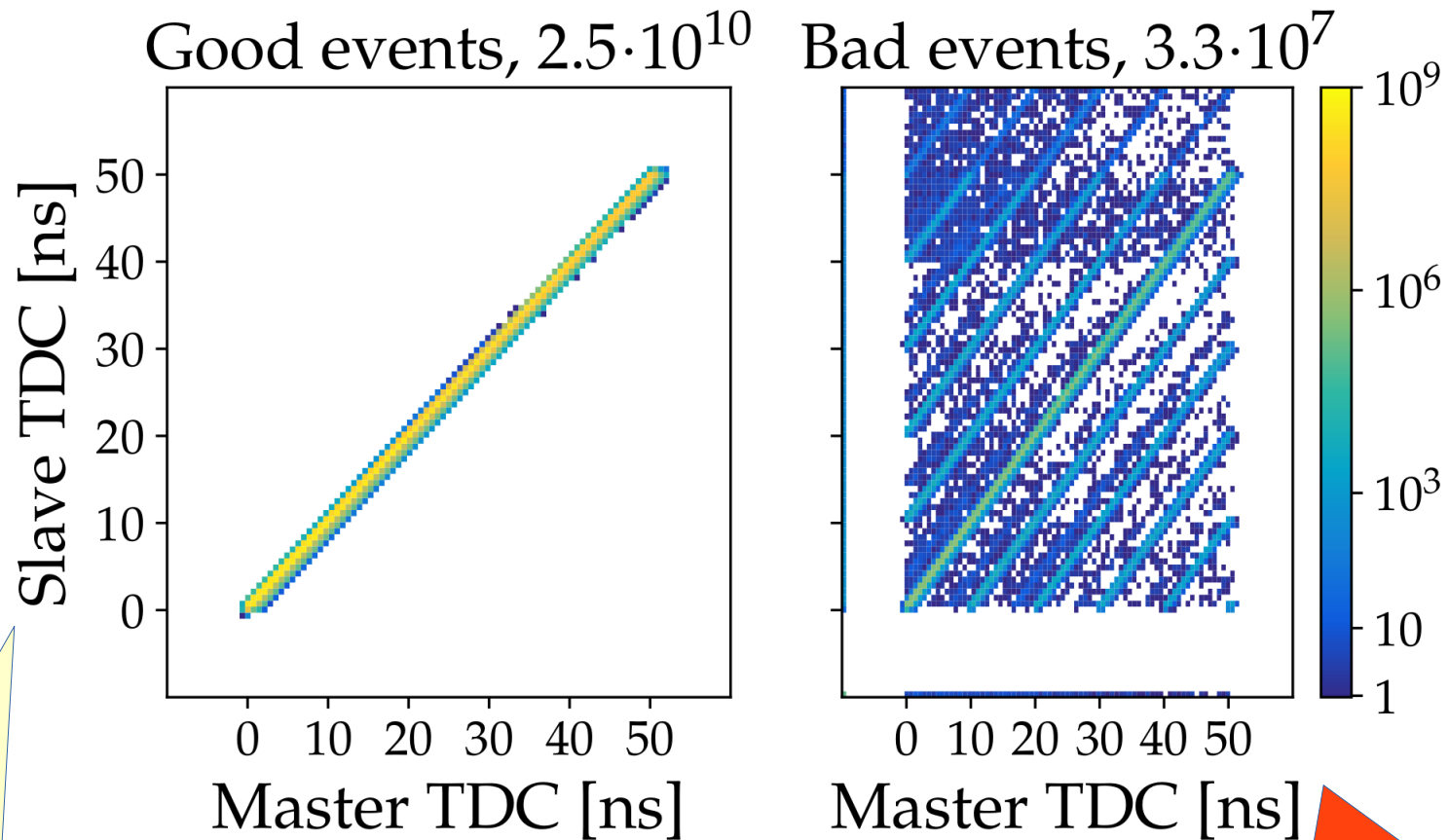


# Accurate livetime predictions



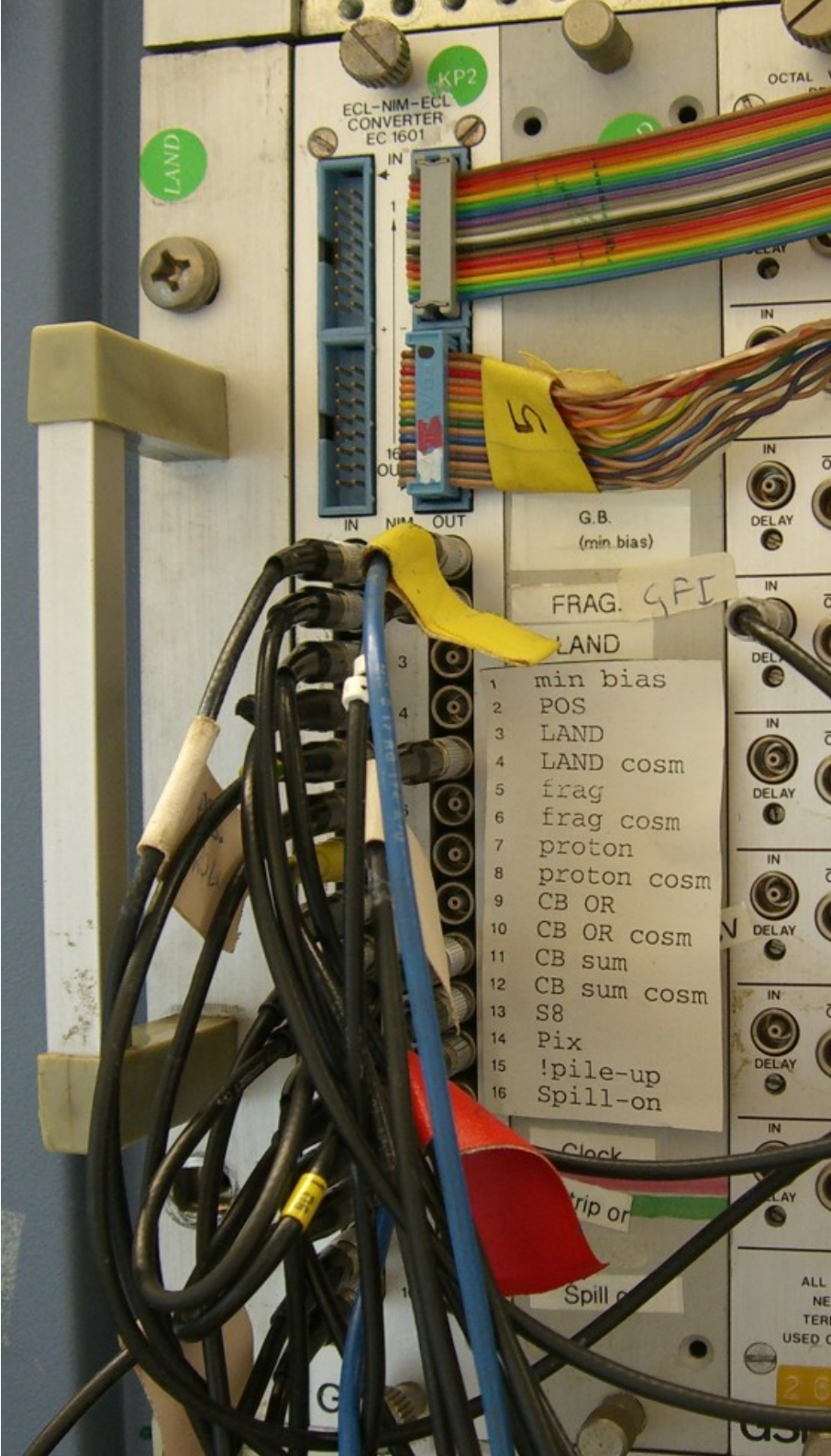
*R104 + VULOM4/TRLO 11 +  
6 x CAEN V785:  
33 32-bit words/event*

# Trust, but verify



Send same signal  
to two systems

Intentionally injected  
spurious triggers,  
**detected** by event  
counter mismatches



# Thank you!

Lots of **FUN** 

Sticky events for easier analysis

VME Readout at and Below the Conversion Time Limit



[arXiv:1810.03574](https://arxiv.org/abs/1810.03574)

# Sticky subevents

- Packaged in sticky events.
- The sticky thing is the subevents.
  - Sticky = held active until replaced.
- Sticky subevents identified (as usual) by
  - `type/subtype/ctrl/crate/procid`
- Removed as active with `length = -1`.