

SVE:Distributed Video Processing at Facebook Scale

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VIDEO AT FACEBOOK



FB: **500M** users watch **100M hours** video daily (Mar. 16)

Instagram: **250M** daily active users for stories (Jun. 17)

All: **many tens of millions** of daily uploads, **3X** NYE spike

How Facebook Used to Process Videos ?

The Monolithic Encoding Script

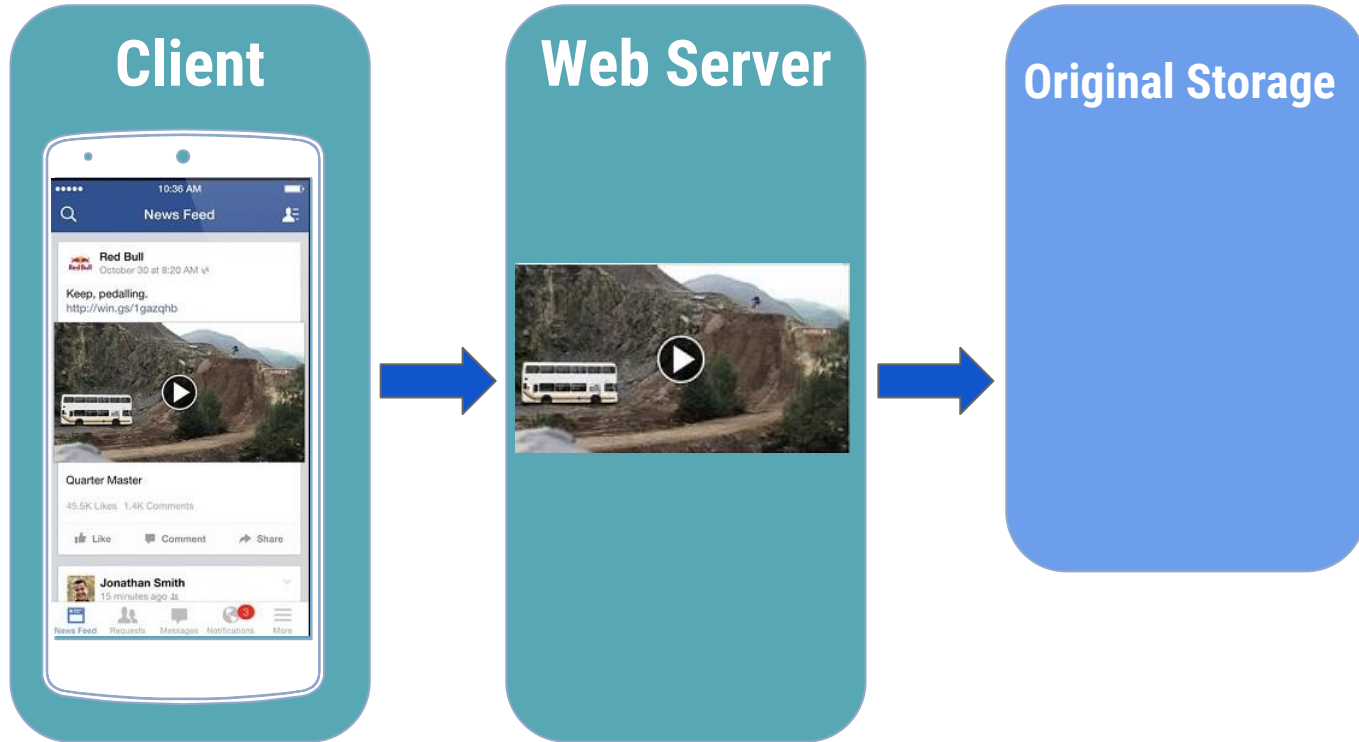
Upload Video File to Web Server

Client

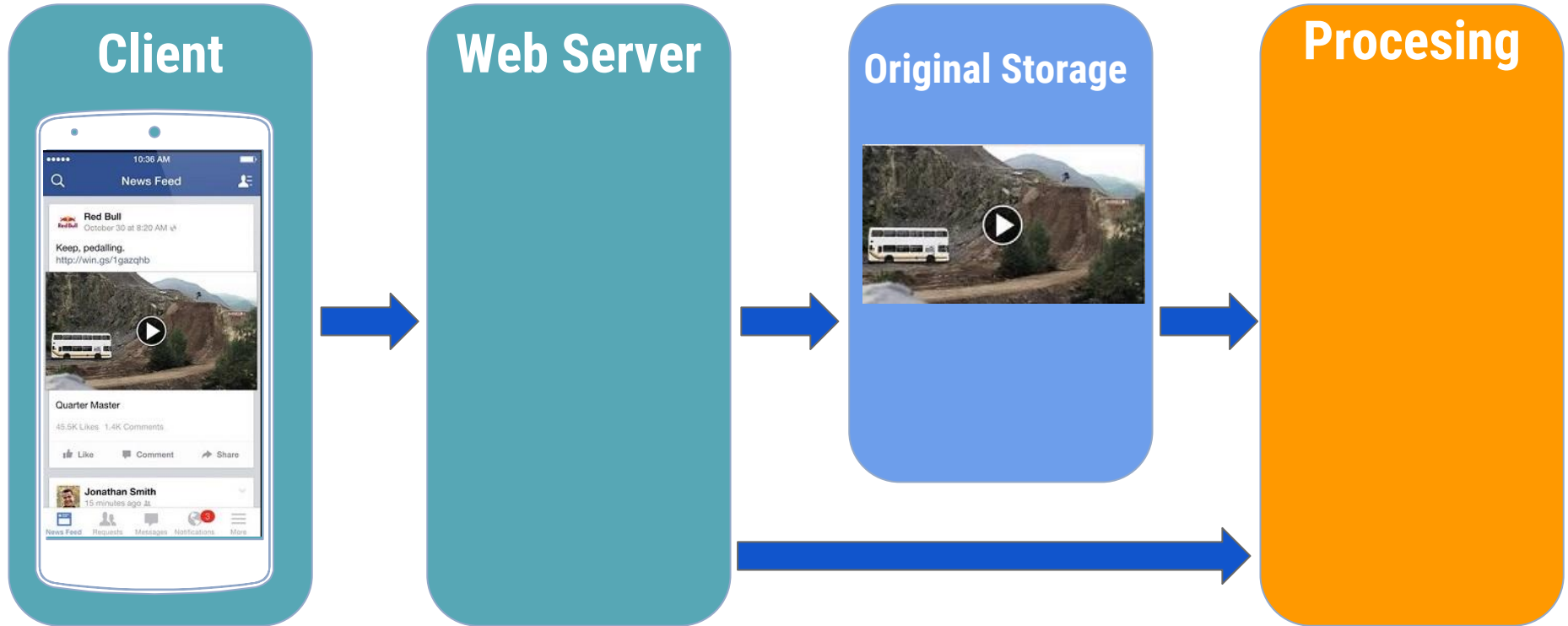


Web Server

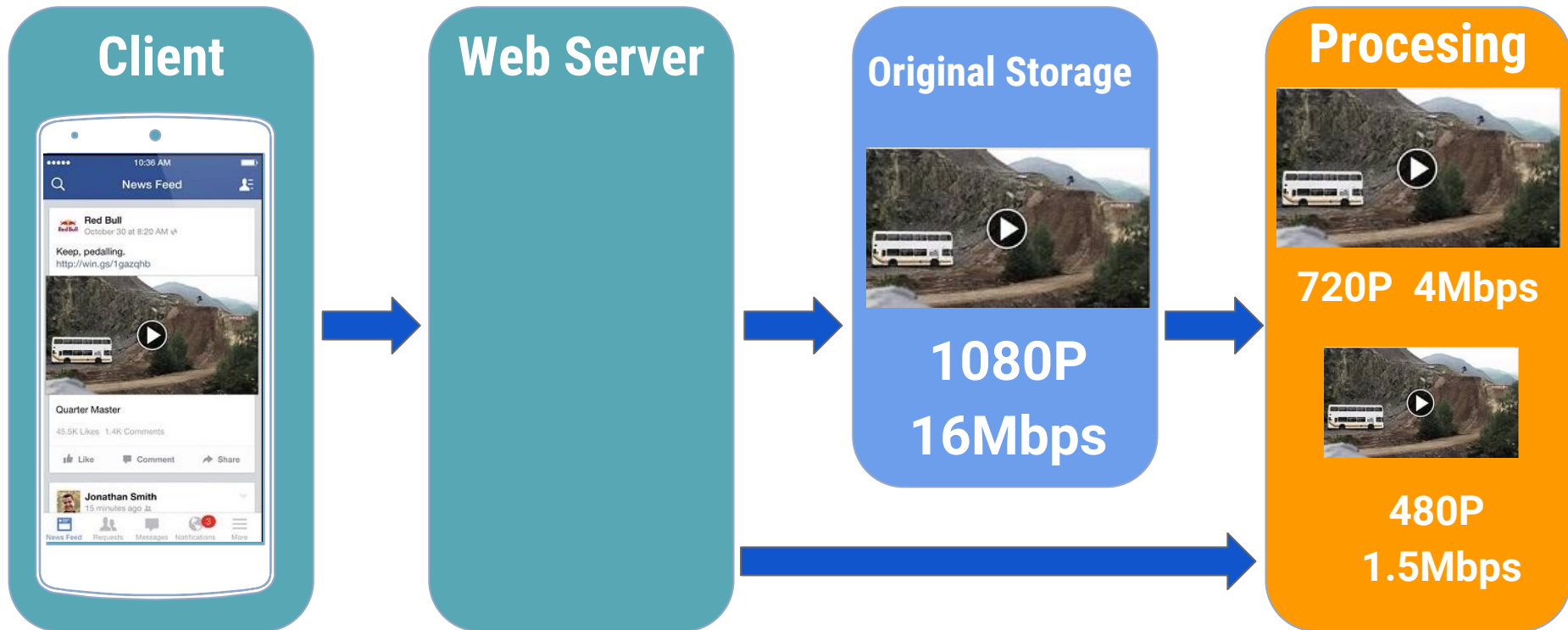
Preserve Original for Reliability



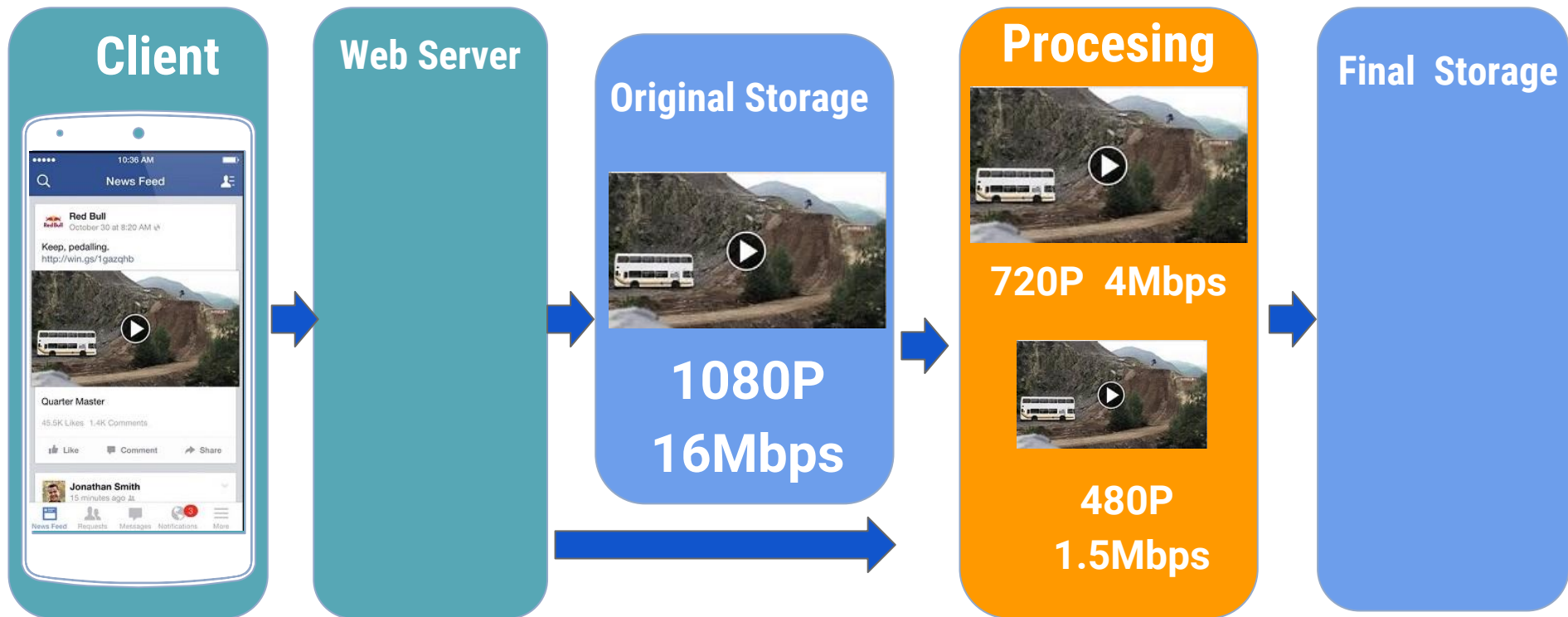
Process After Upload Completes



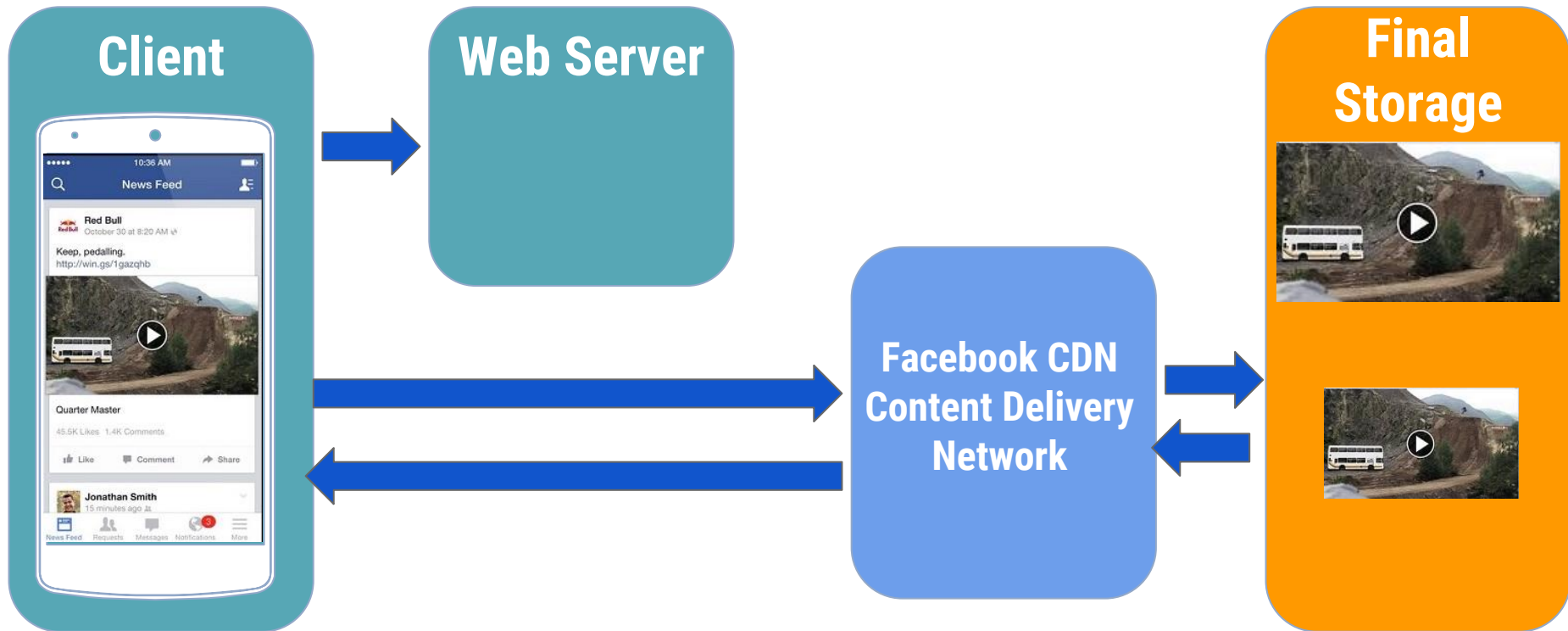
Encoding with Different Bitrates



Store Encodings Before Sharing



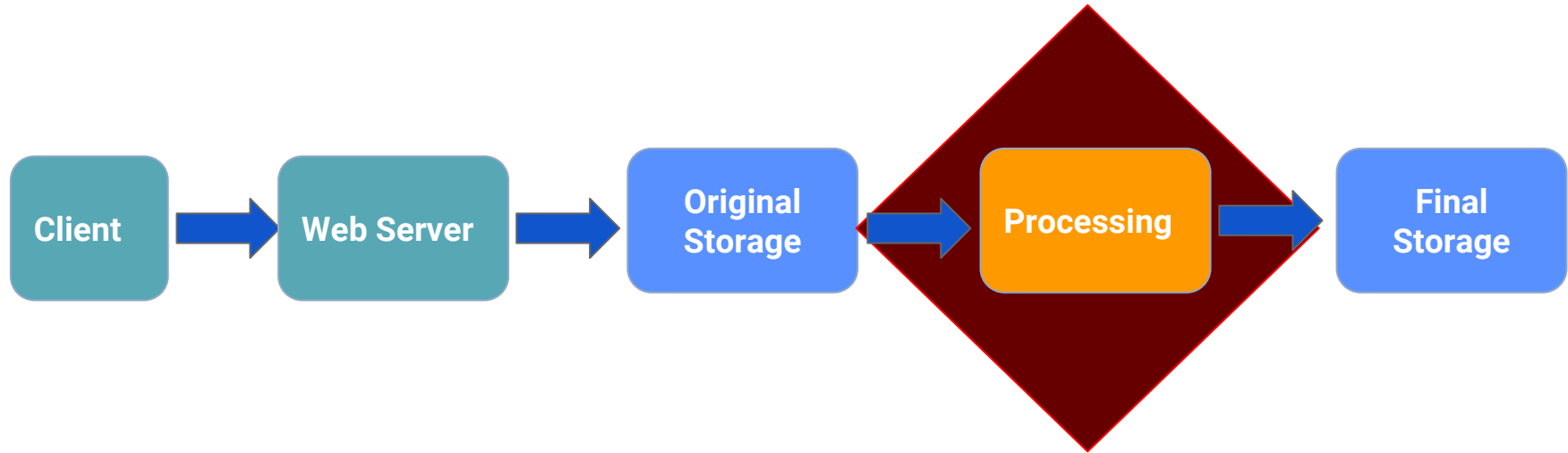
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The MES worked when videos were nascent but did not handle the requirements of low latency as we scaled

Problems of MES



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Modification



Challenges of Video Processing

Speed

Users can share videos quickly

Flexibility

Write pipelines for tens of # apps

Robustness

Handle faults and overload at scale



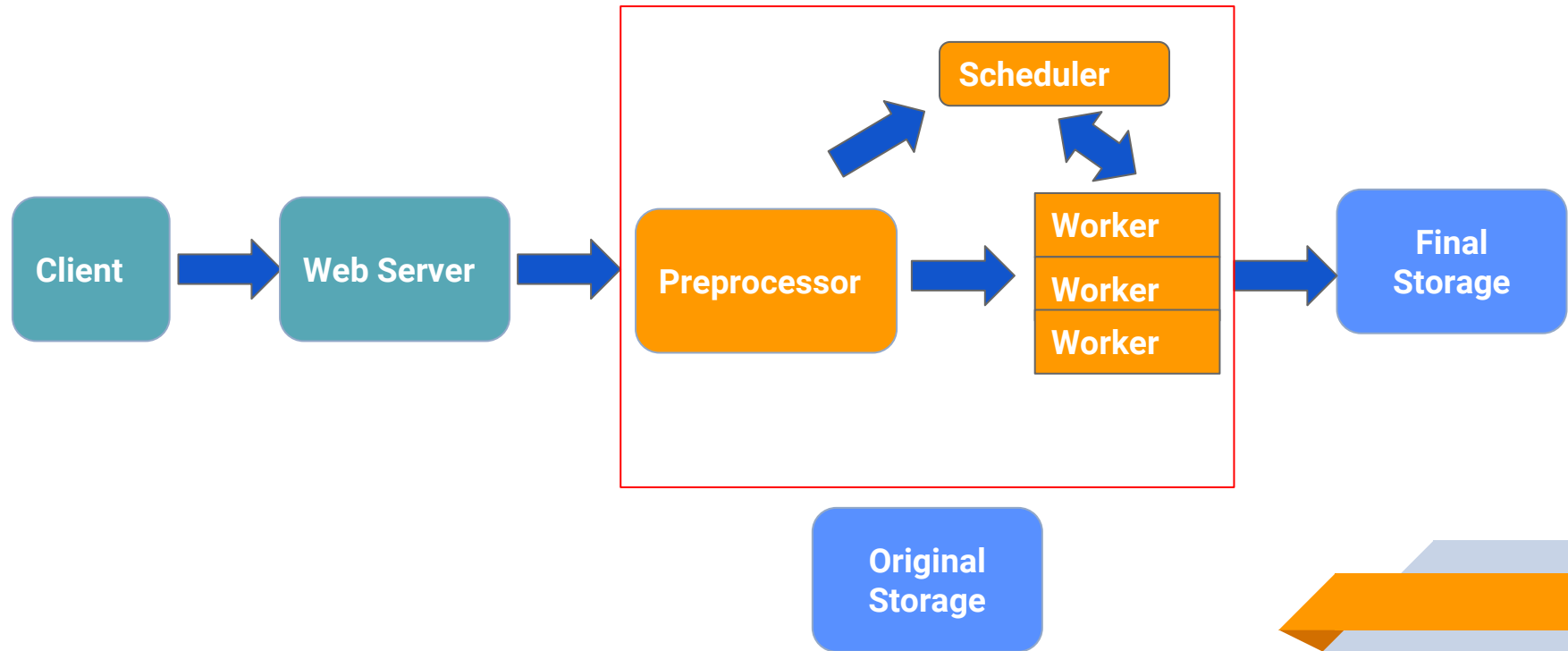
Introducing Streaming Video Engine (SVE)

Speedy: harness parallelism

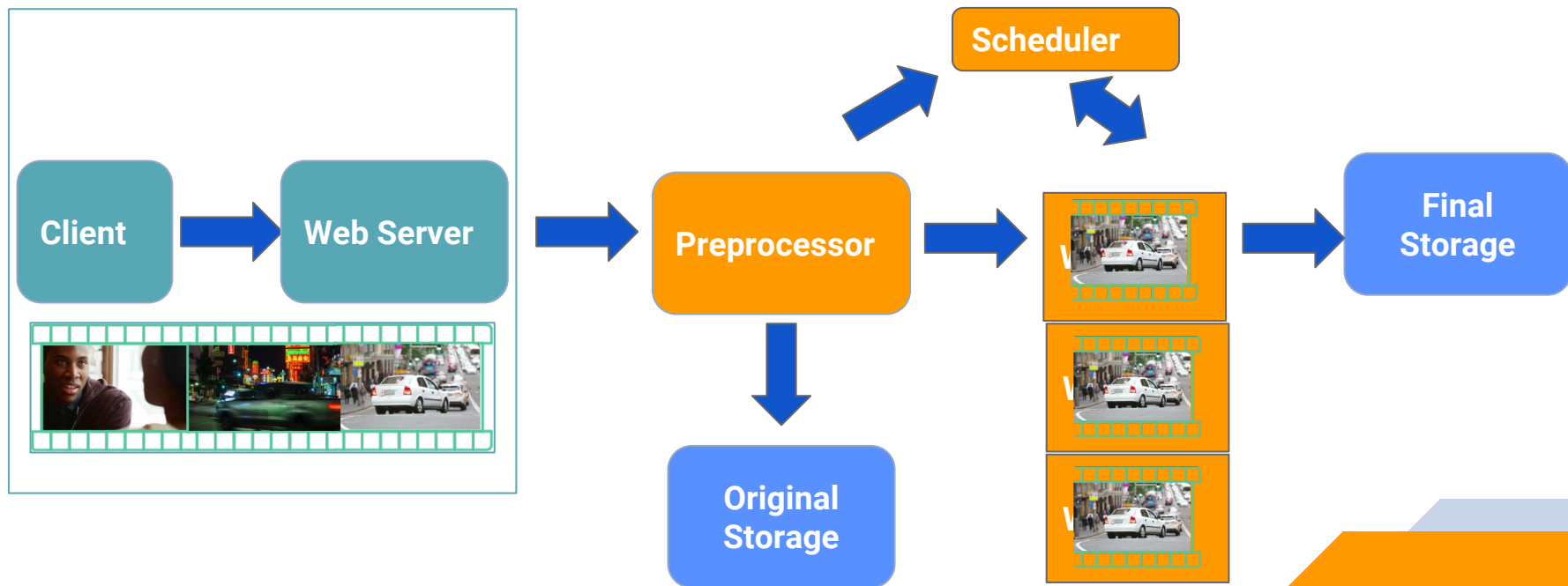
Users can share videos quickly

- Overlap fault tolerance and processing
- Overlap upload and processing
- Parallel processing

Architectural changes for parallelism



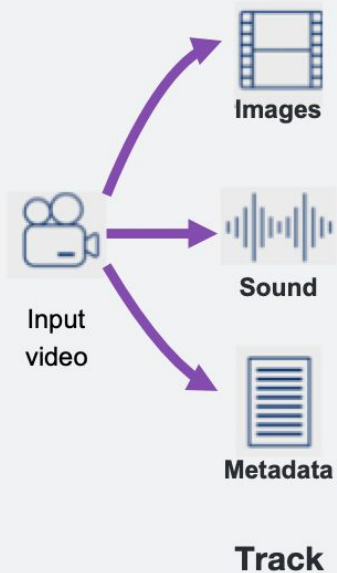
Overlap upload and processing



Flexible: Build DAG Framework

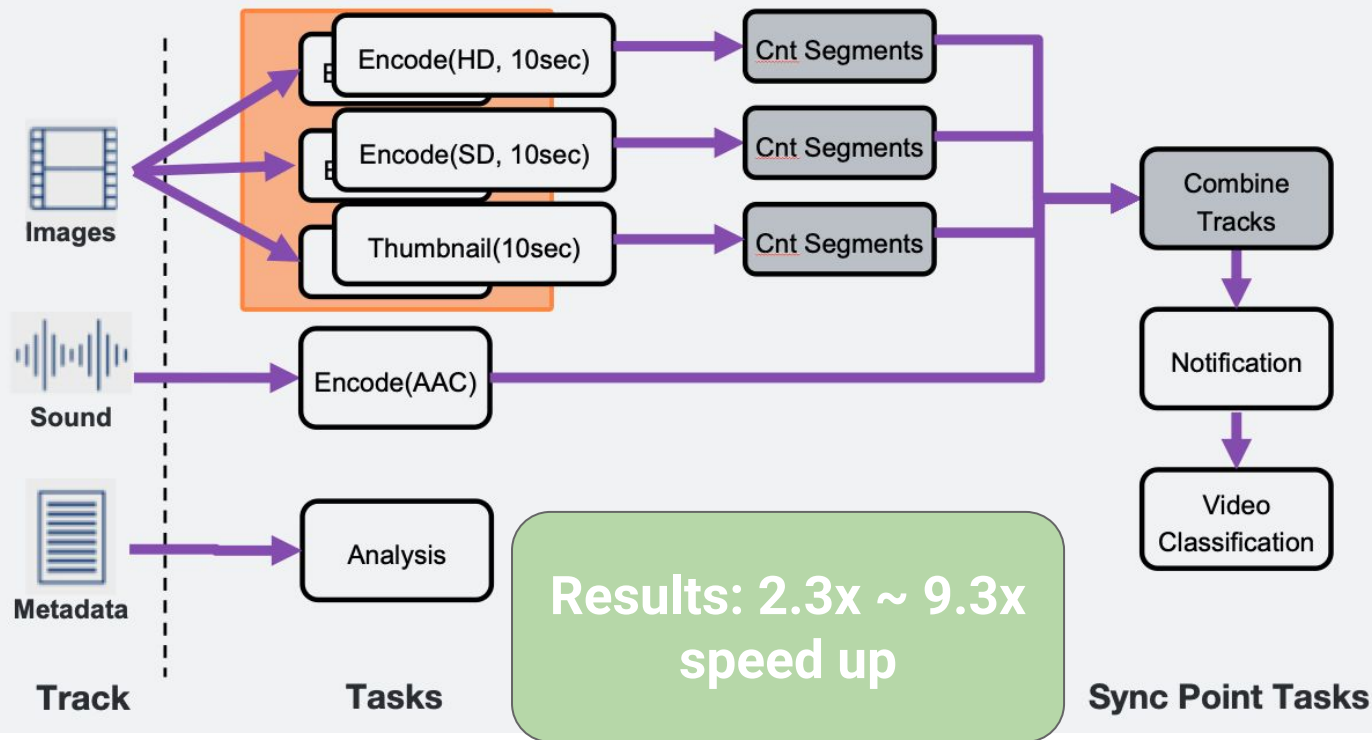
- DAG of computation on the stream-of-tracks abstraction
- Engineers write multiple tasks in a familiar language
- Dynamic DAG generation per video

Flexible: build DAG framework



```
$pipeline = Pipeline.build()  
  
$video_track=$pipeline>addTrack(IMG_TYPE)  
->addTask()  
  
$audio_track=$pipeline>addTrack(AUD_TYPE)  
->addTask()  
  
$meta_track=$pipeline>addTrack(META_TYPE)  
->addTask()
```

Flexible: build DAG framework



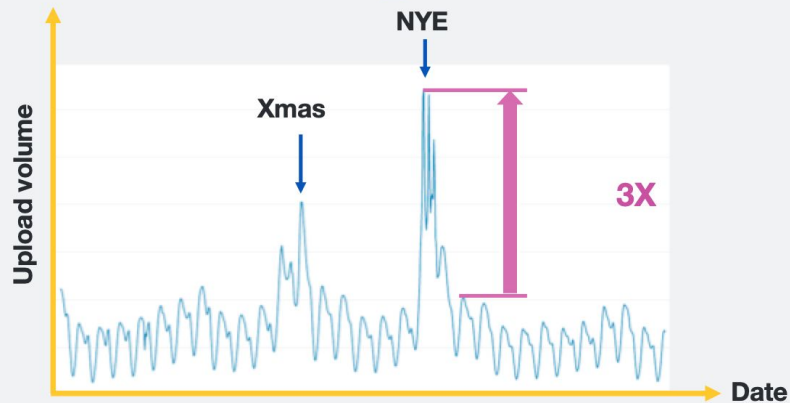
Robust: Tolerate Overload

Handle faults and overload that is inevitable at scale

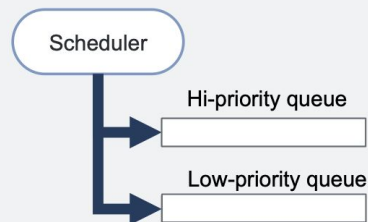
- Rely on priority to degrade non-latency-sensitive tasks
- Defer full video processing for some new uploads
- Load-shedding across global deployments

Handle Fault And Overload

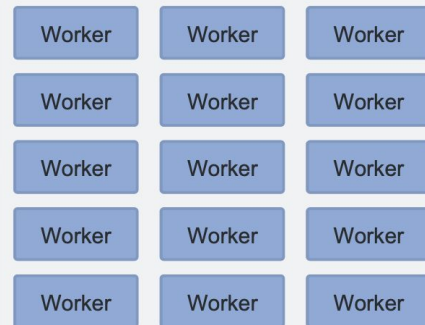
3X peak load during New Year Eve



Use priority for worker overload



Only assign hi-pri tasks under overload





Summary of SVE Potentialities

Speed

2.3x ~ 9.3x

Flexibility

One System
for 15+
Apps

Robustness

**Tolerate 3x
traffic spike**

Related Work

- Batch processing

SVE overlaps data ingestion and processing

- Stream processing

SVE offers dynamic DAG generation per input

Conclusion

Taken together, these improvements enable SVE to reduce the time between an upload complete and video share by 2.3X–9.3X over MES.



THANKS!

Any questions?