

# Writing Energy Efficient Code

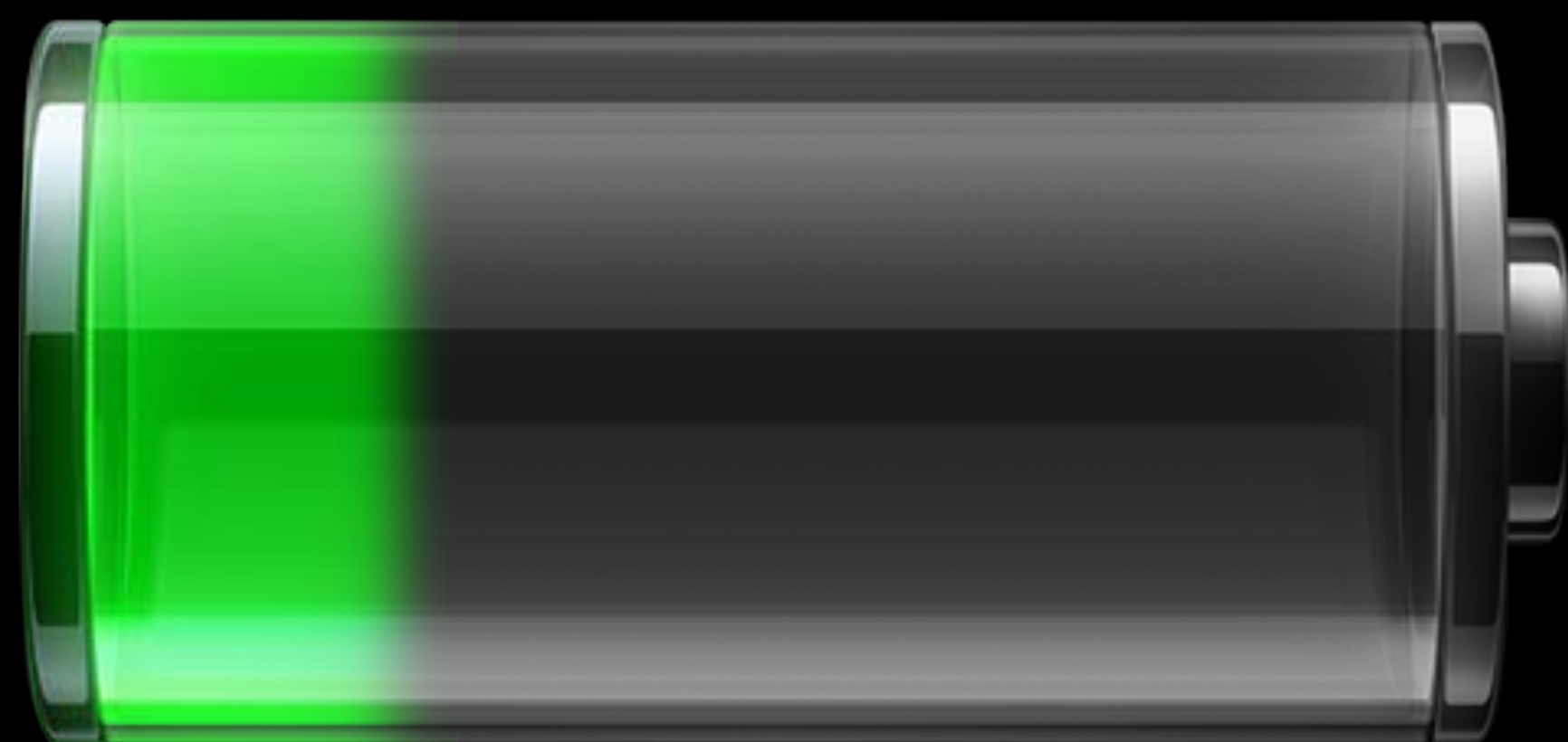
## Part 1

Session 710

Anthony Chivetta

OS X Performance & Power





3:38 Remaining  
Power Source: Battery

Apps Using Significant Energy  
MyApplication.app

✓ Show Percentage  
Open Energy Saver Preferences...

9:41 AM 100%

### Battery Usage

BATTERY USAGE

Last 24 Hours Last 7 Days

	Safari	24%
	Facebook	19%
	Phone	14%
	Mail Background Activity	13%
	Maps Location	11%
	Pandora Audio	9%
	Messages	6%
	No Cell Coverage	4%

Shows proportion of battery used by each app when iPhone is not charging.

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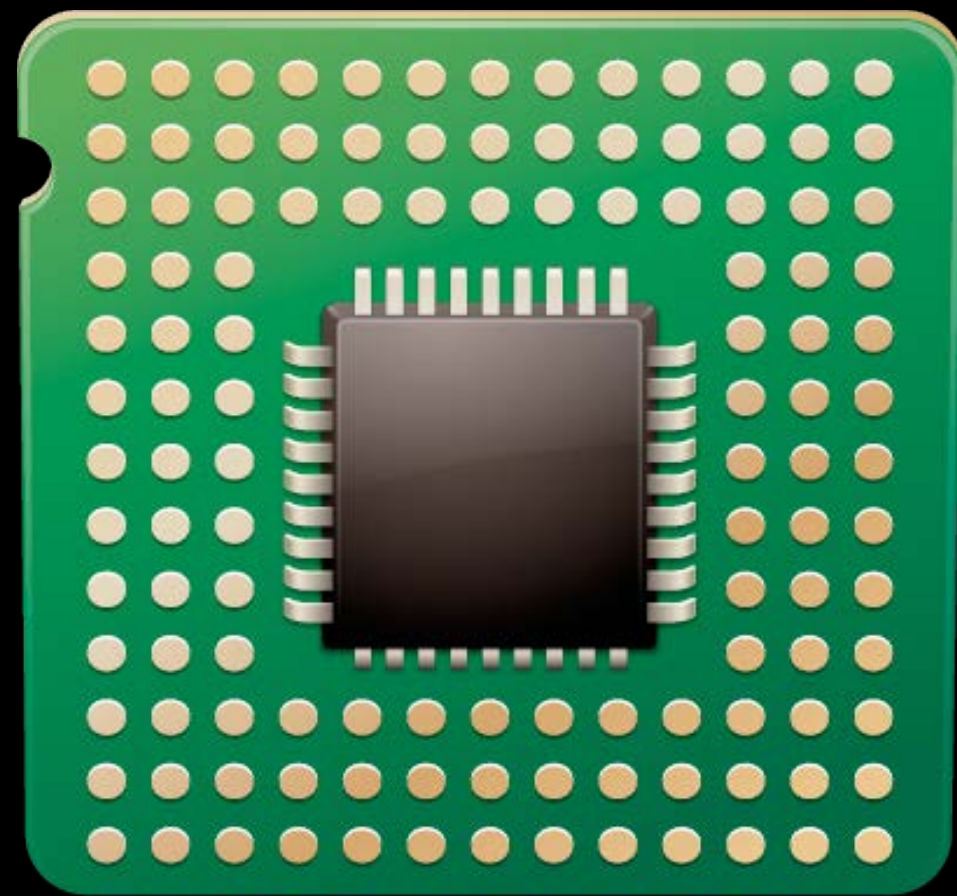
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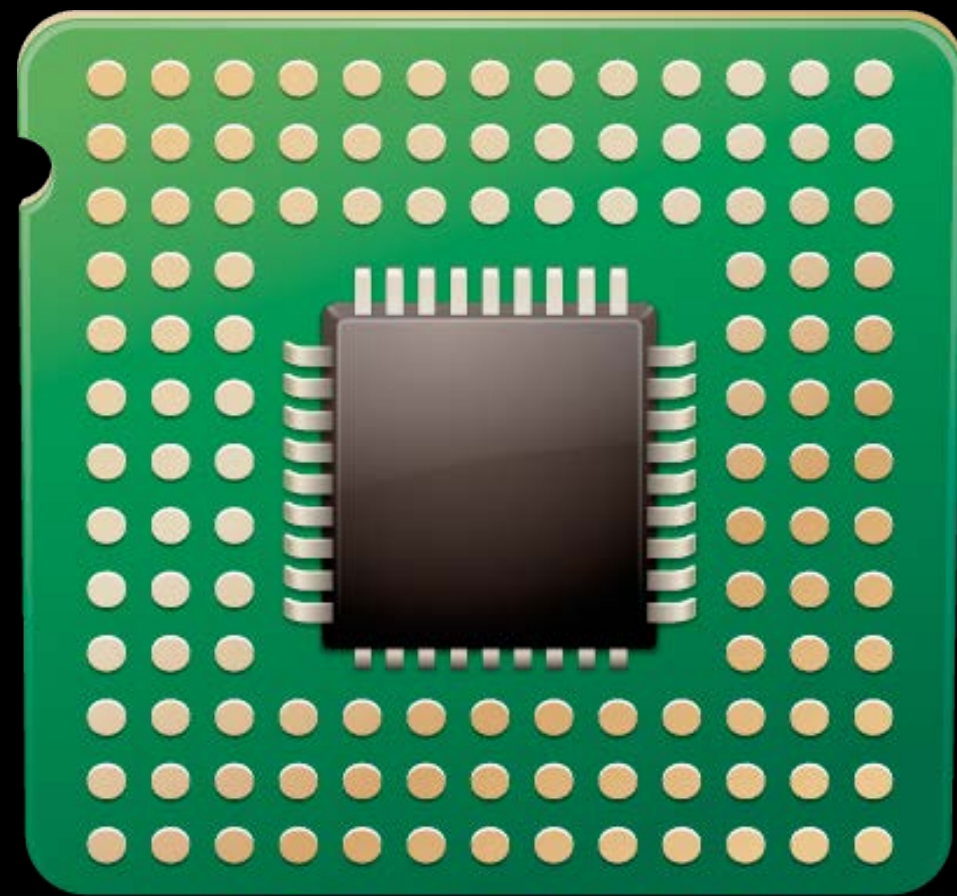


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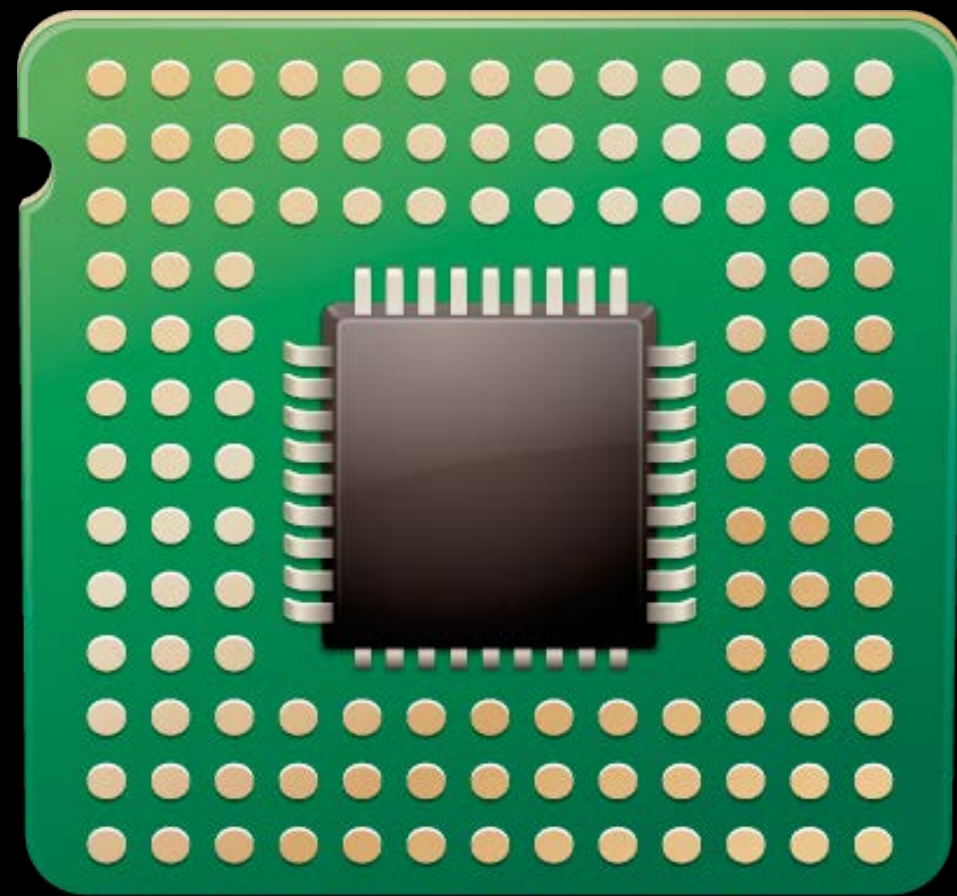
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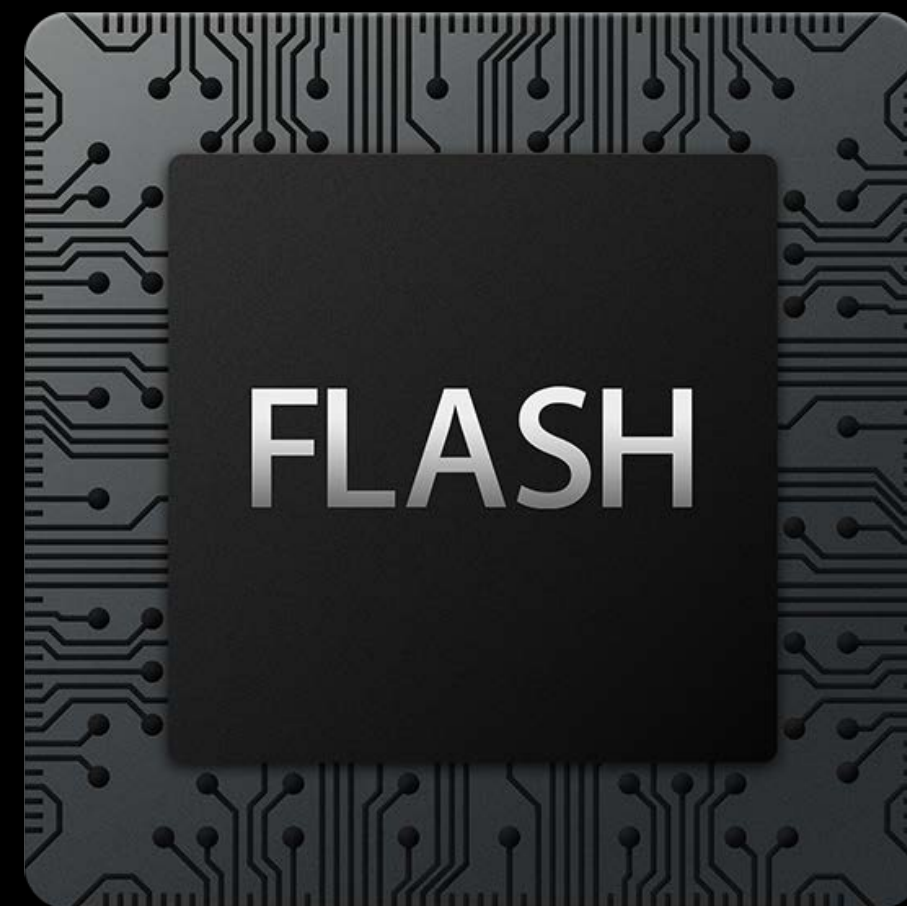
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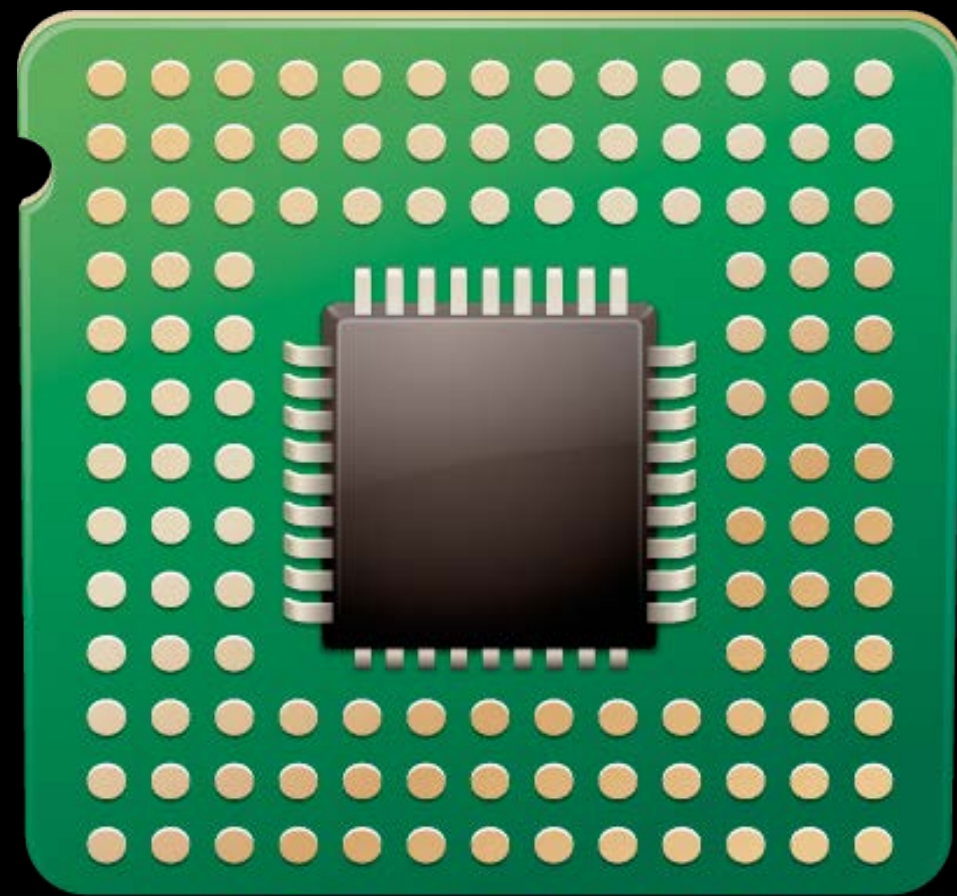


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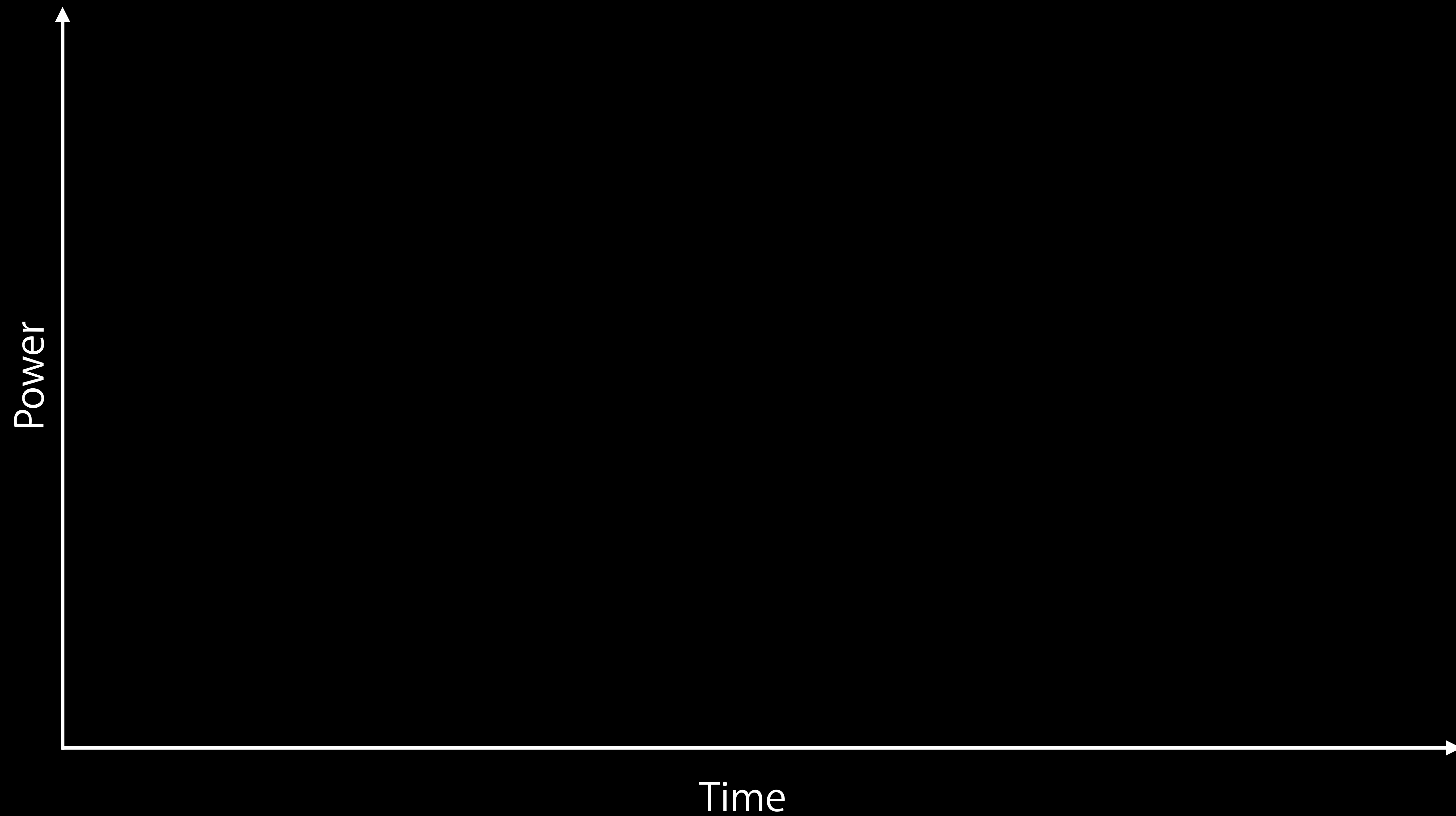
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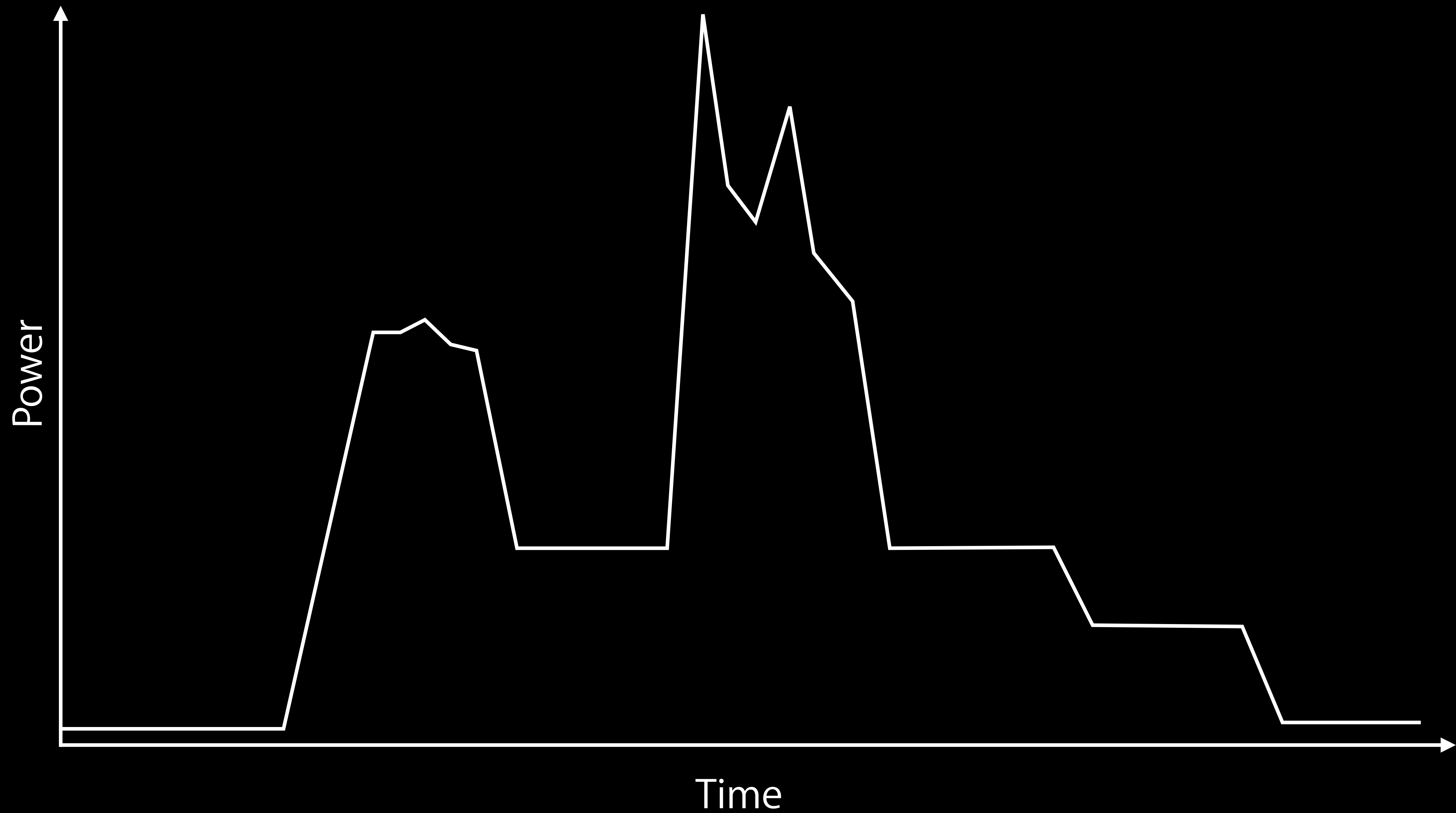
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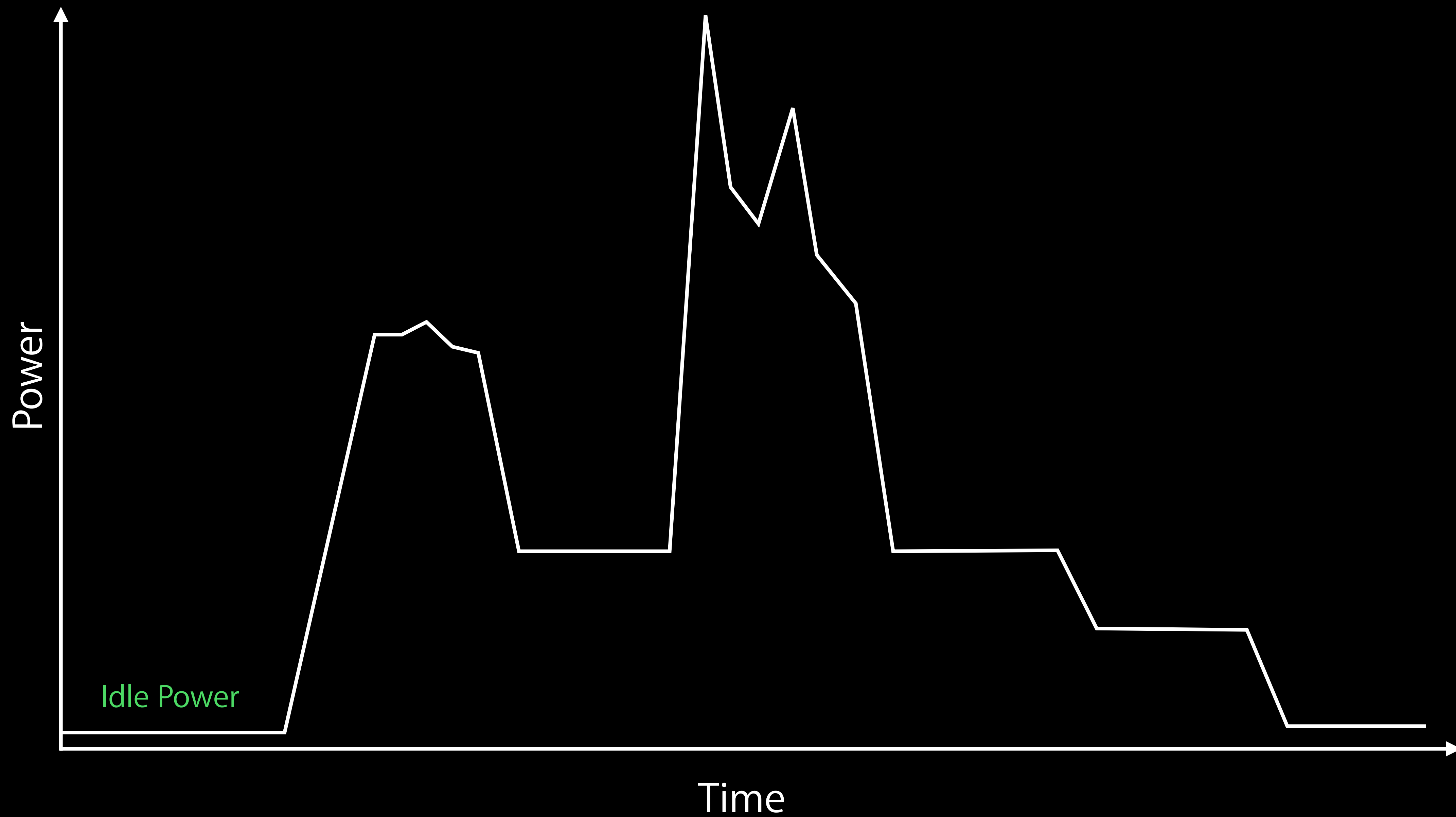
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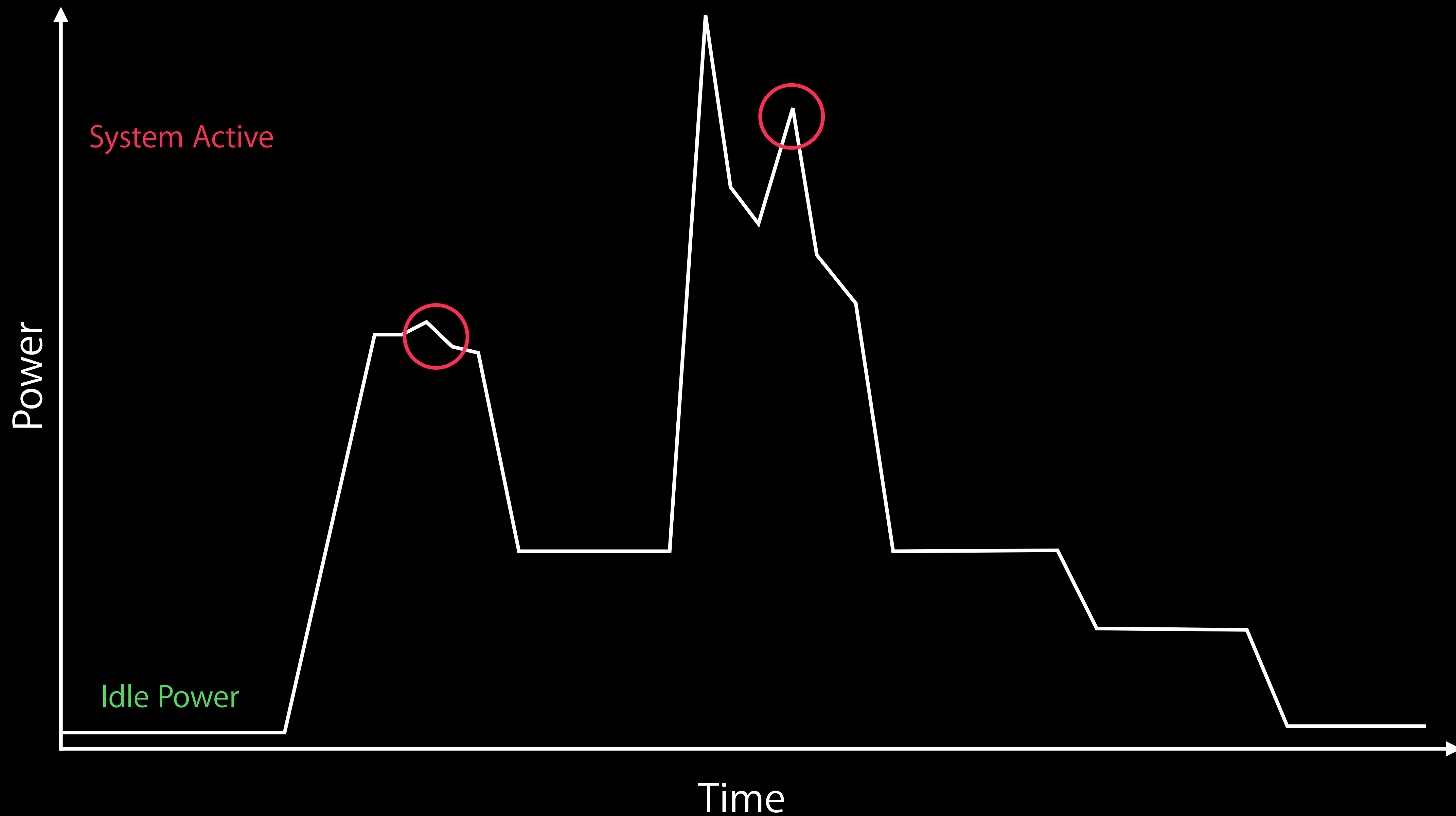
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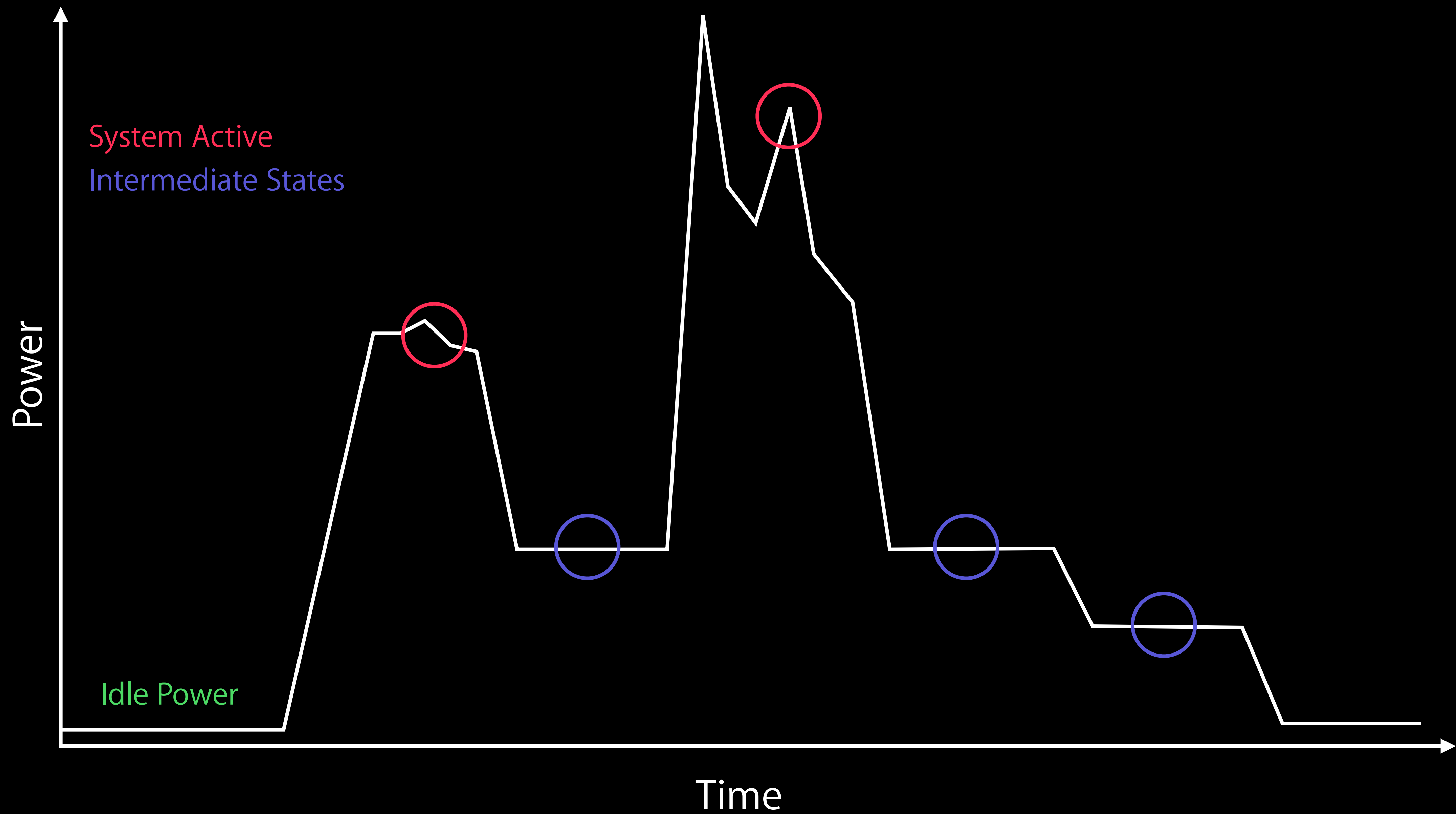


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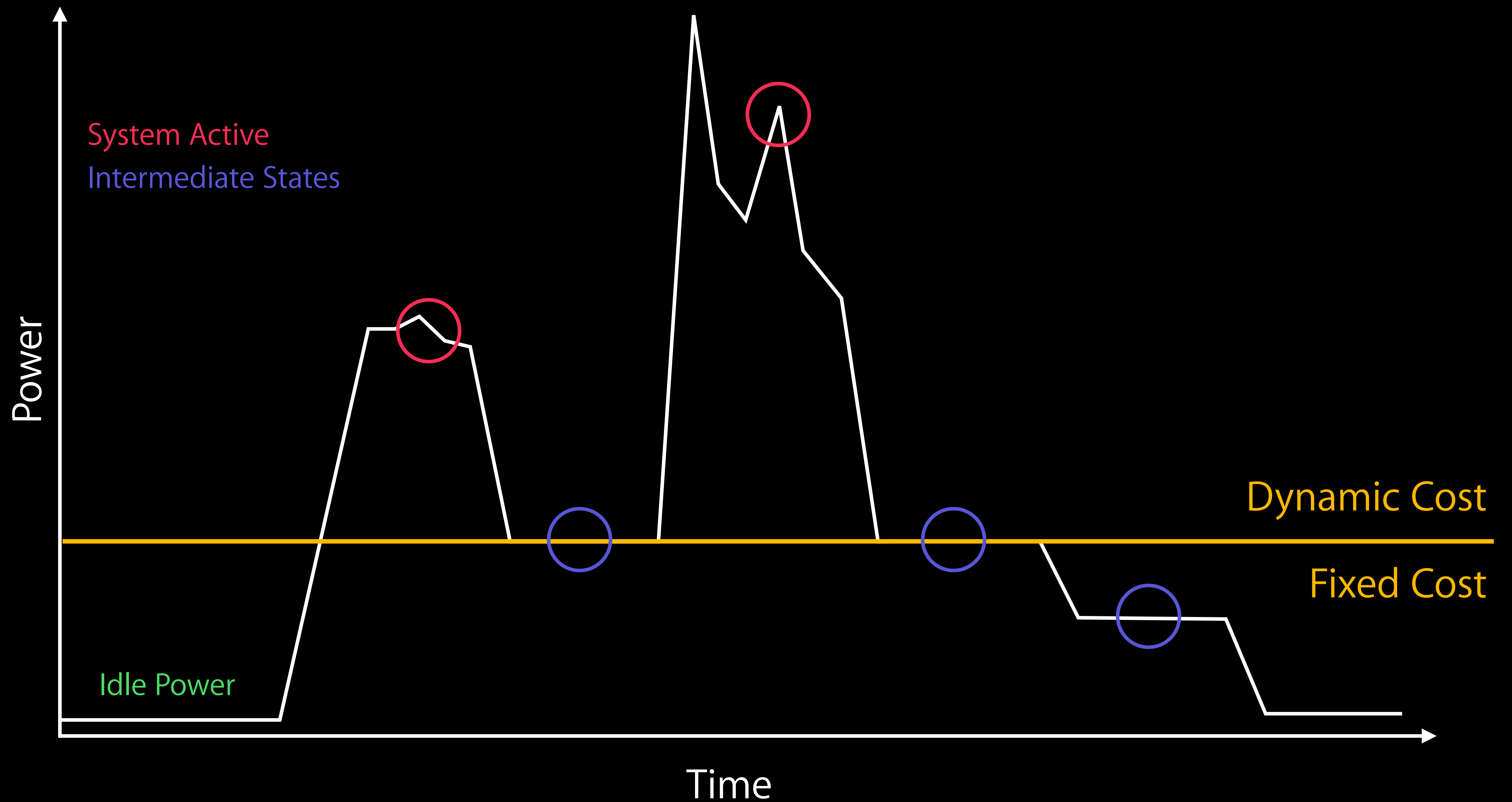




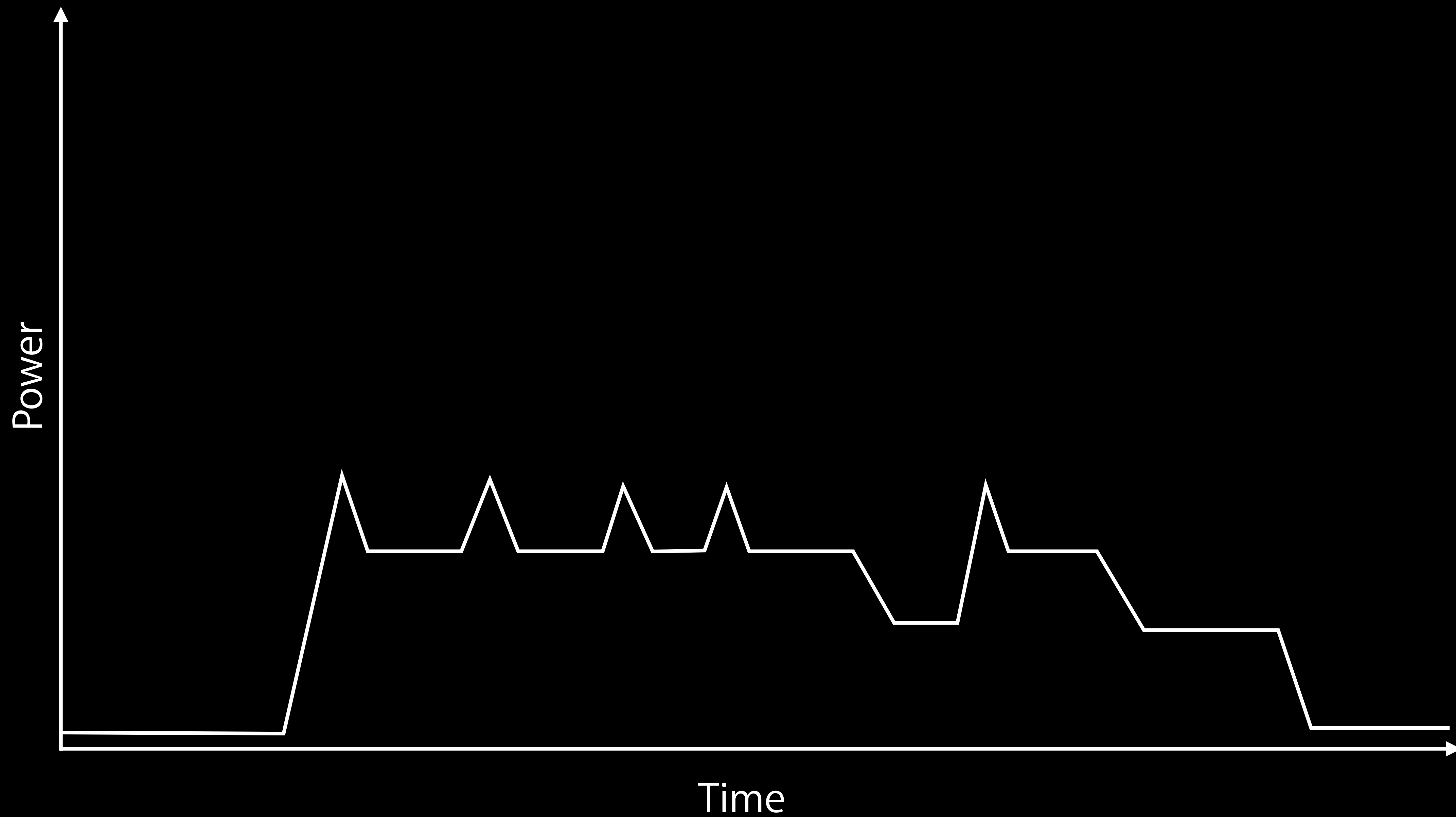
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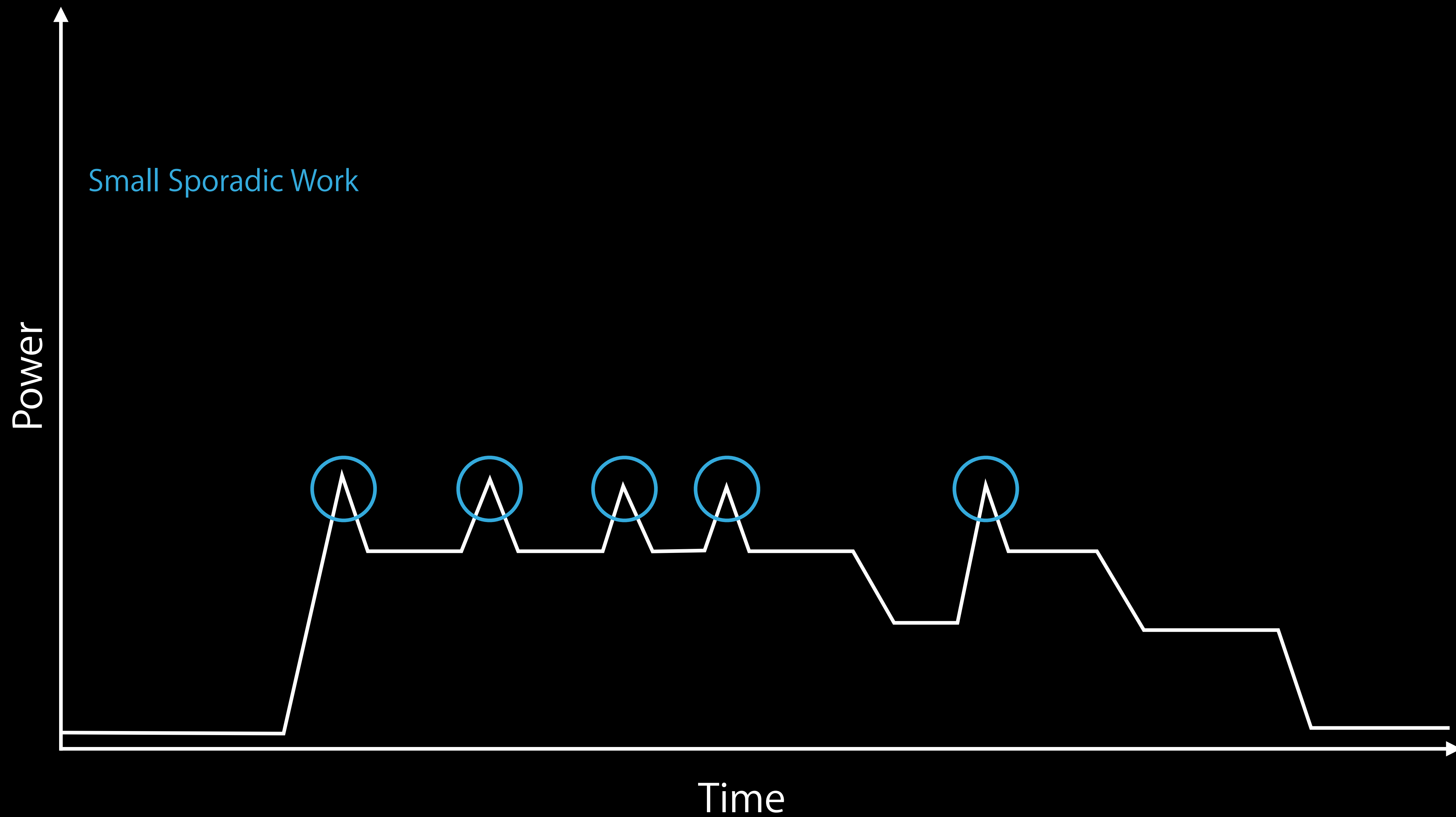
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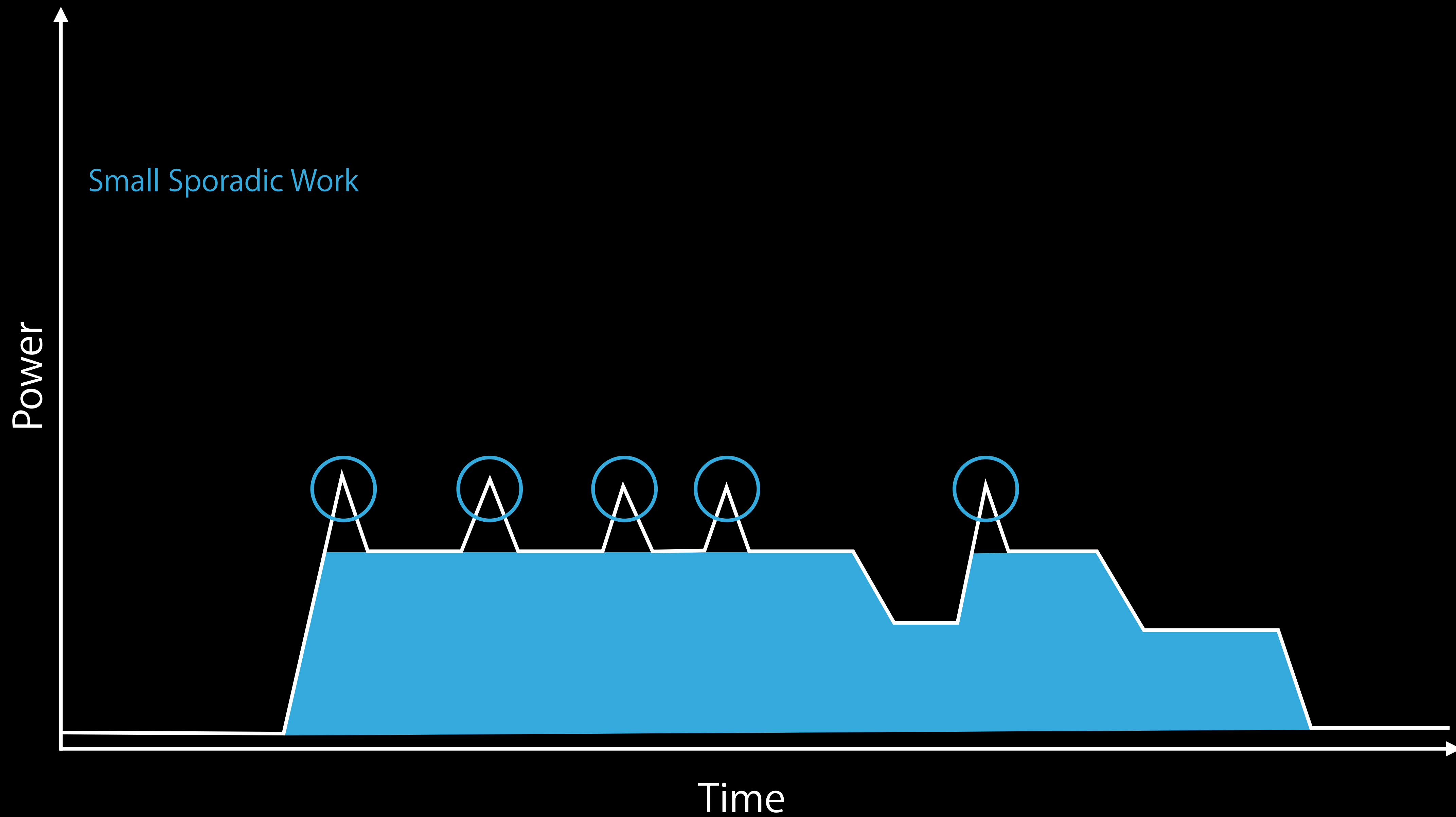
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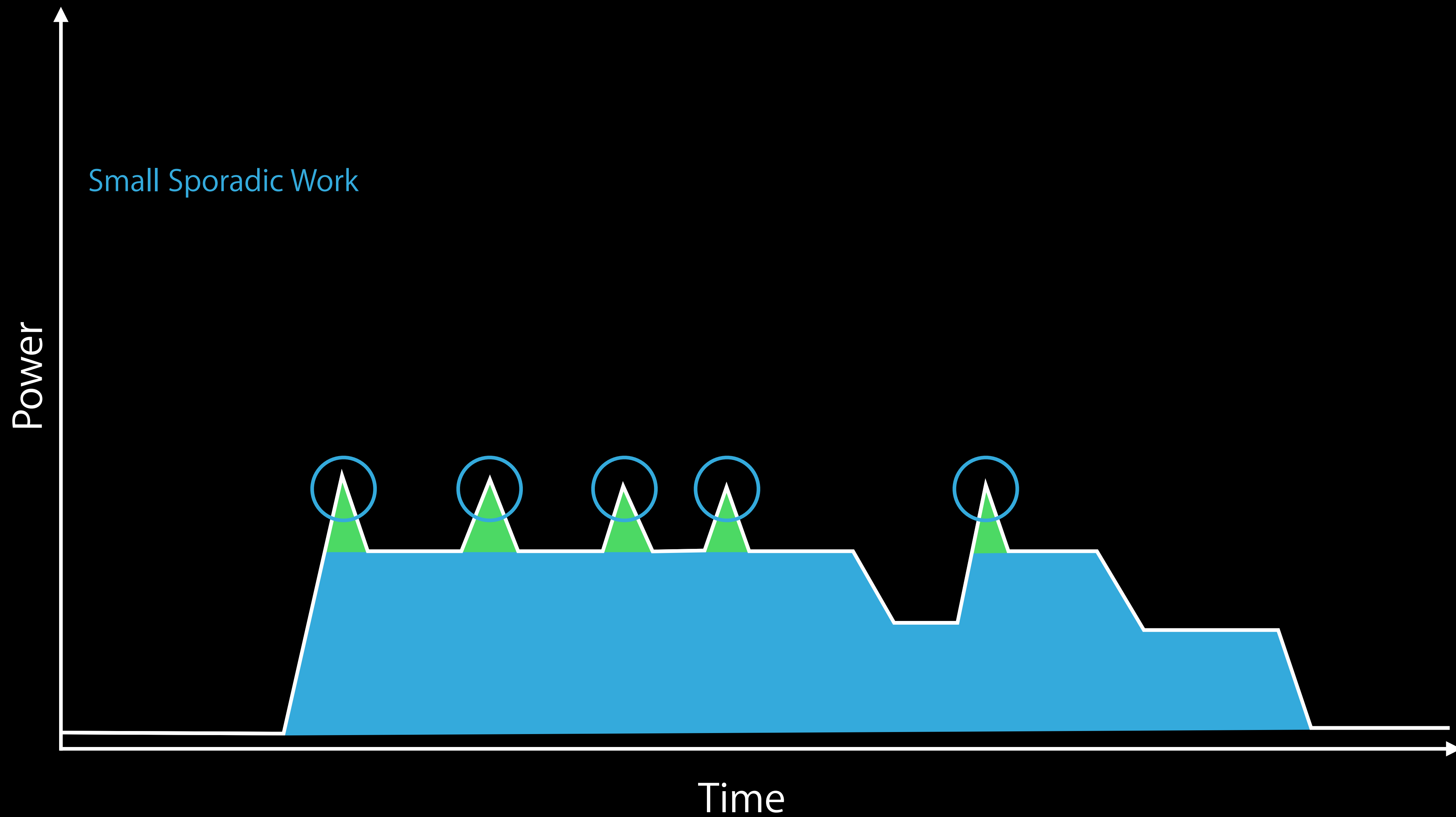


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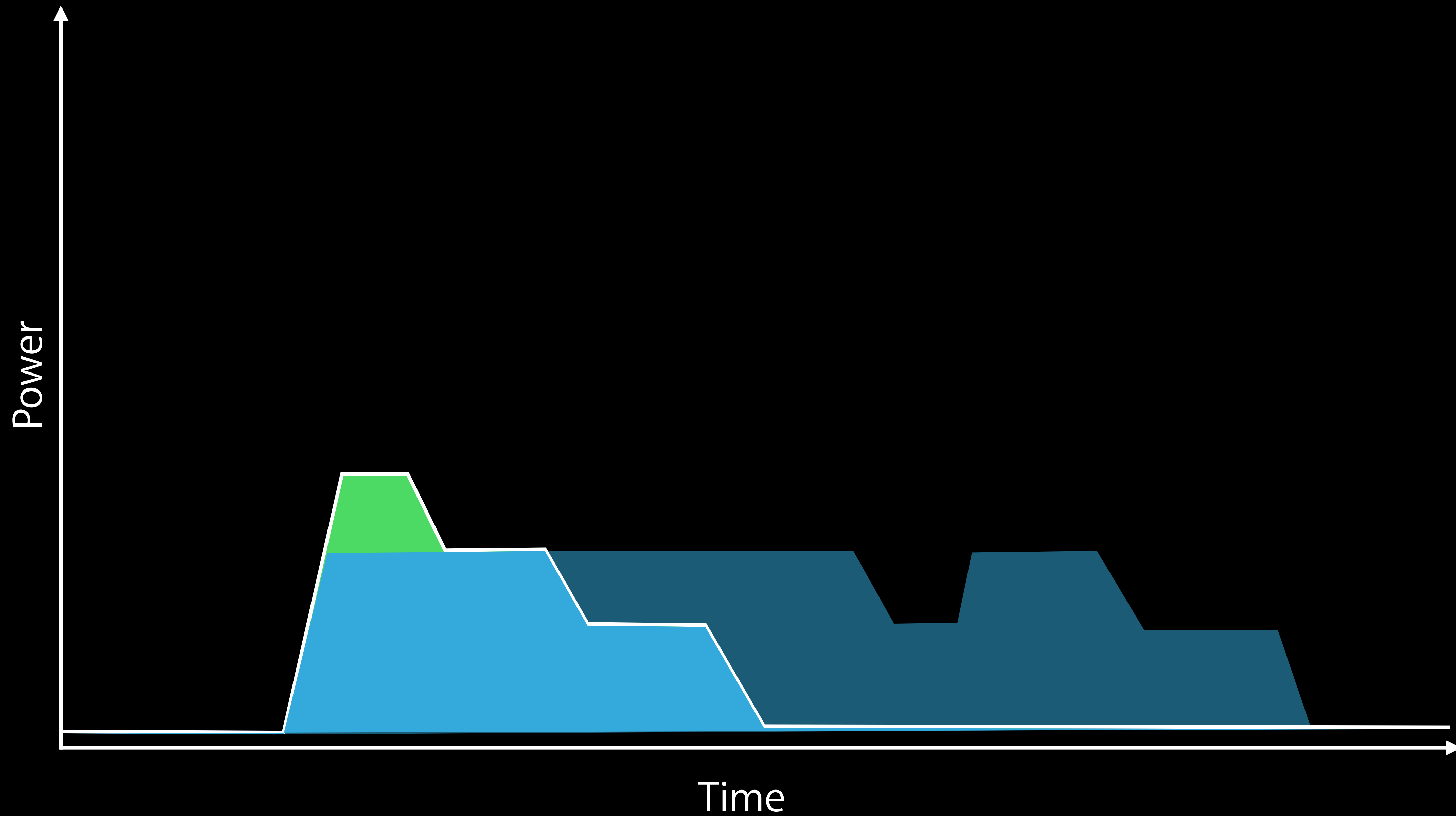




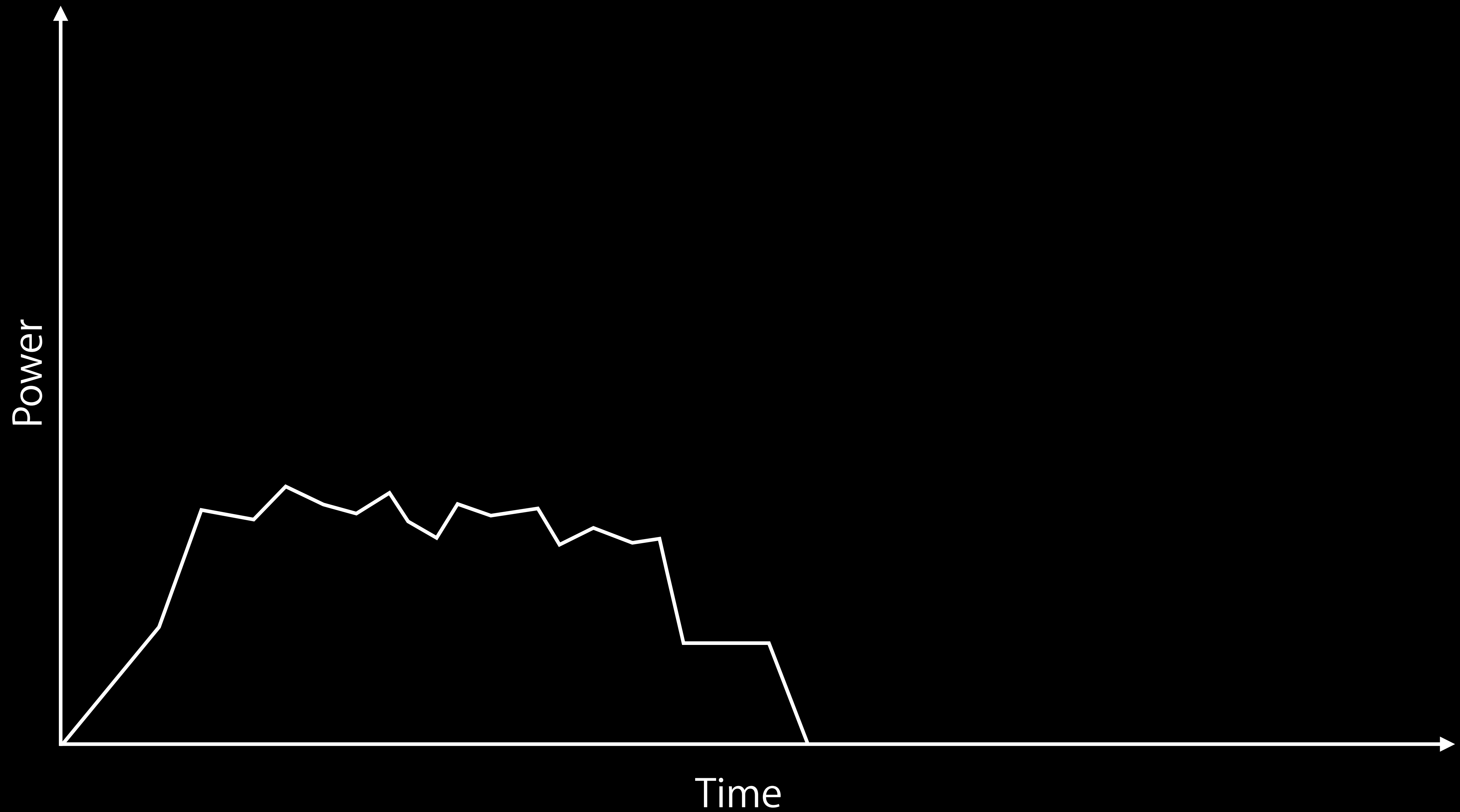
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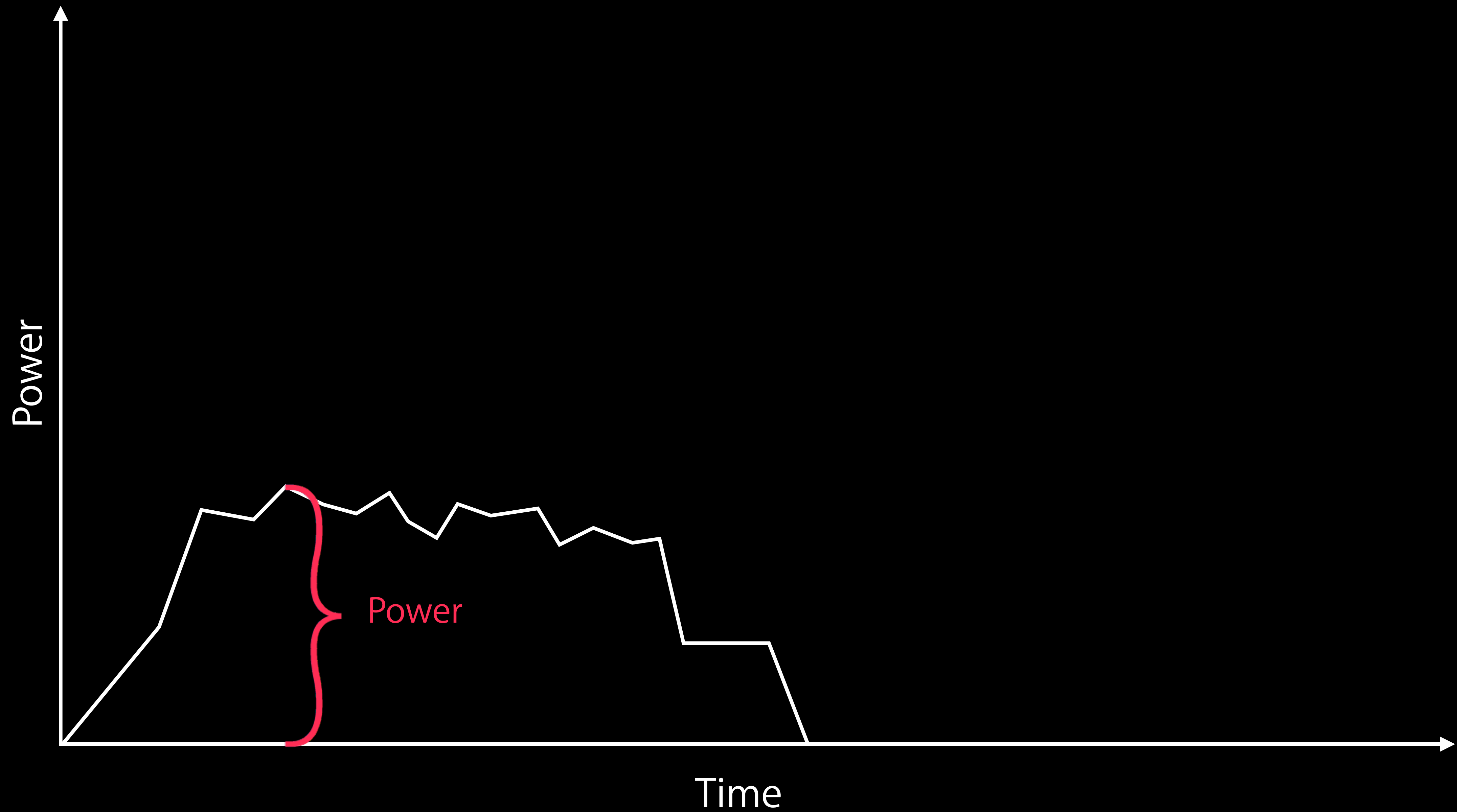
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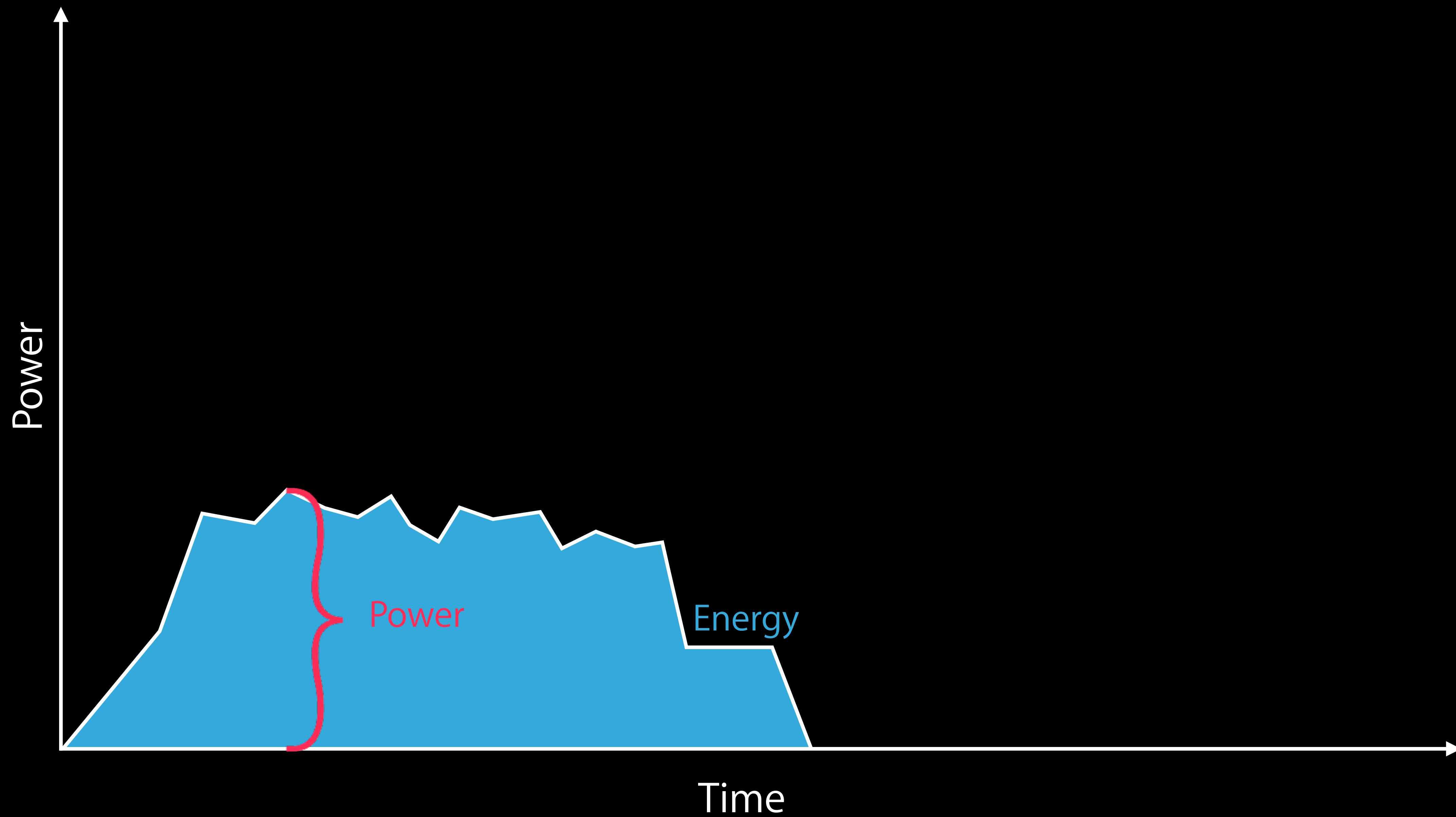
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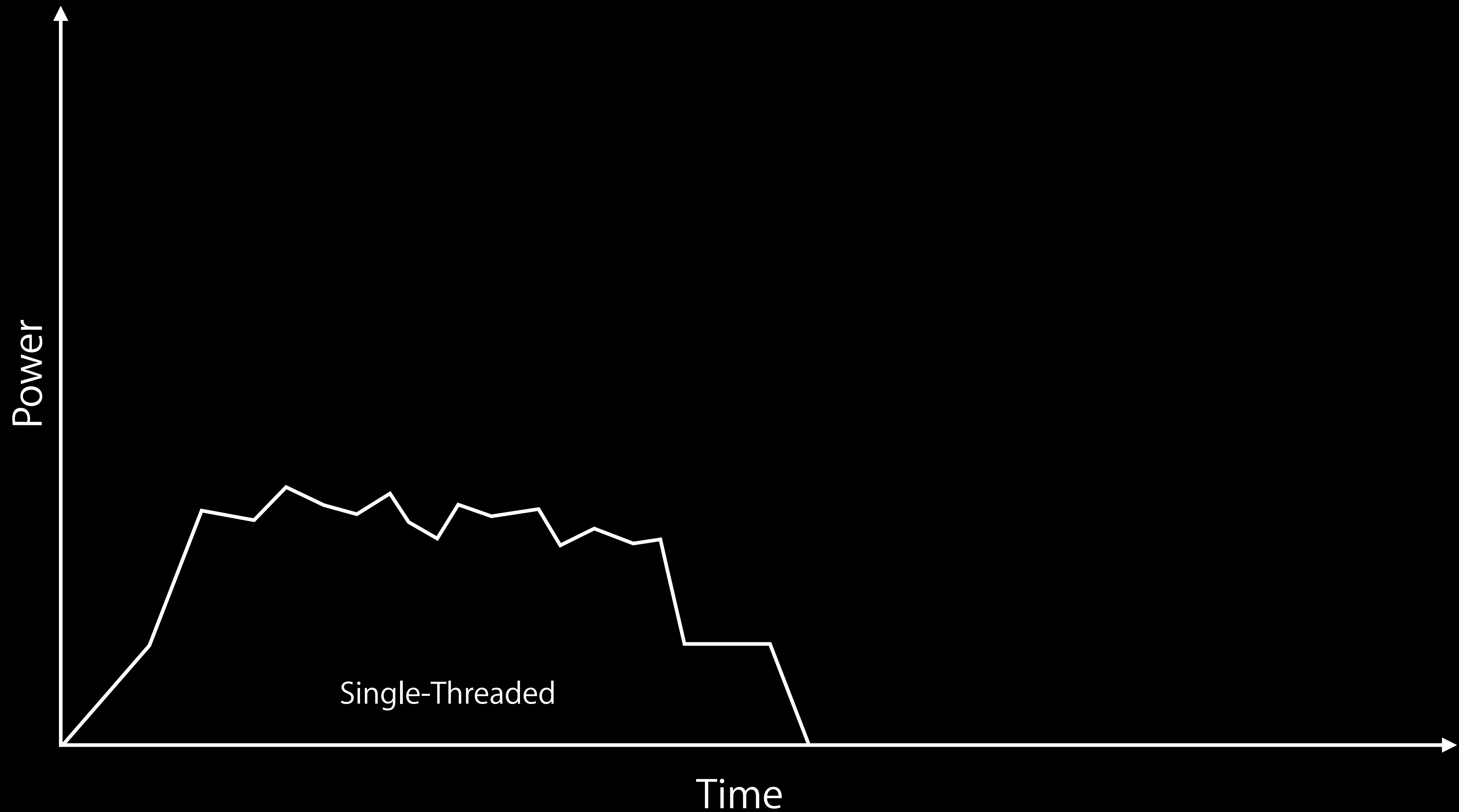
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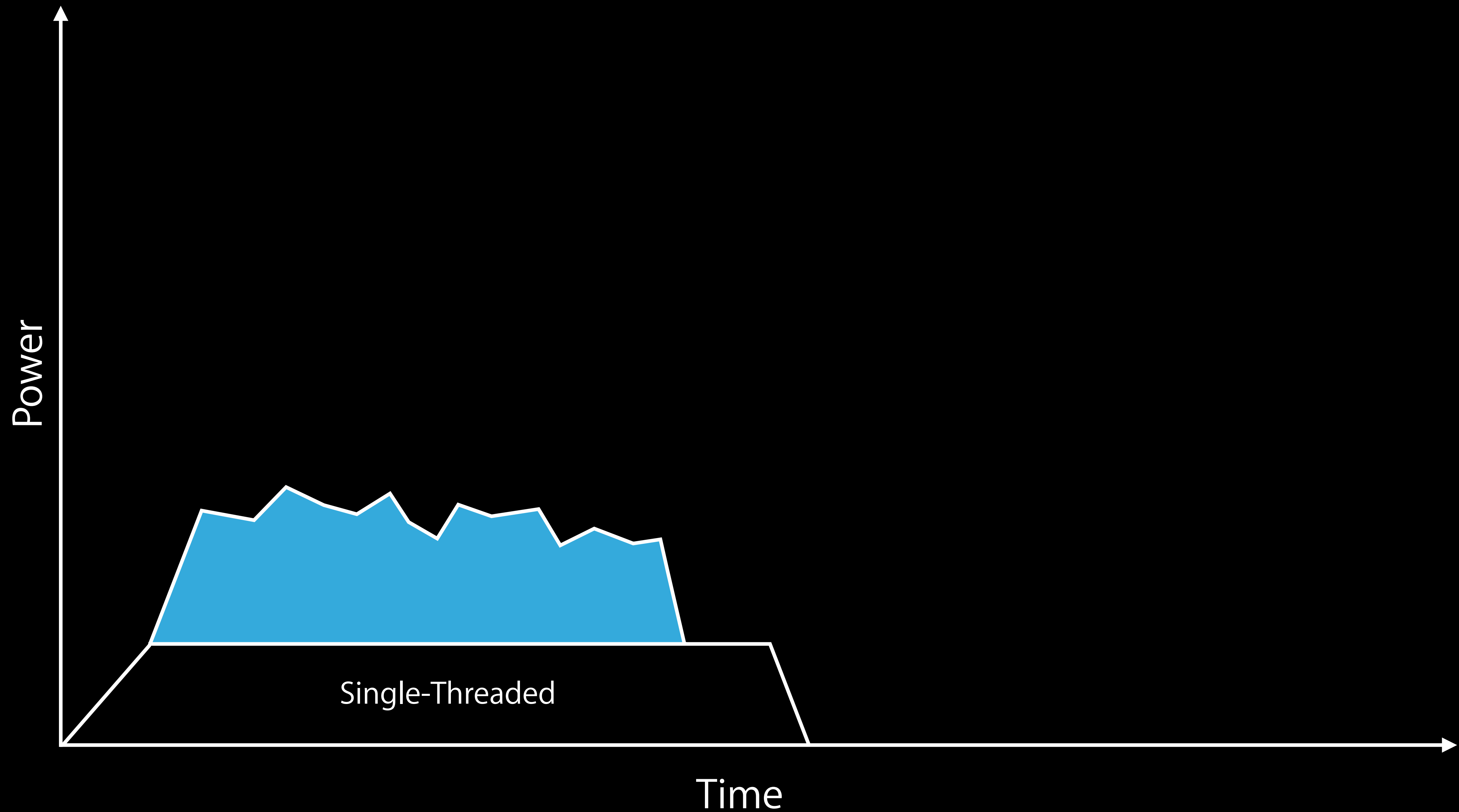


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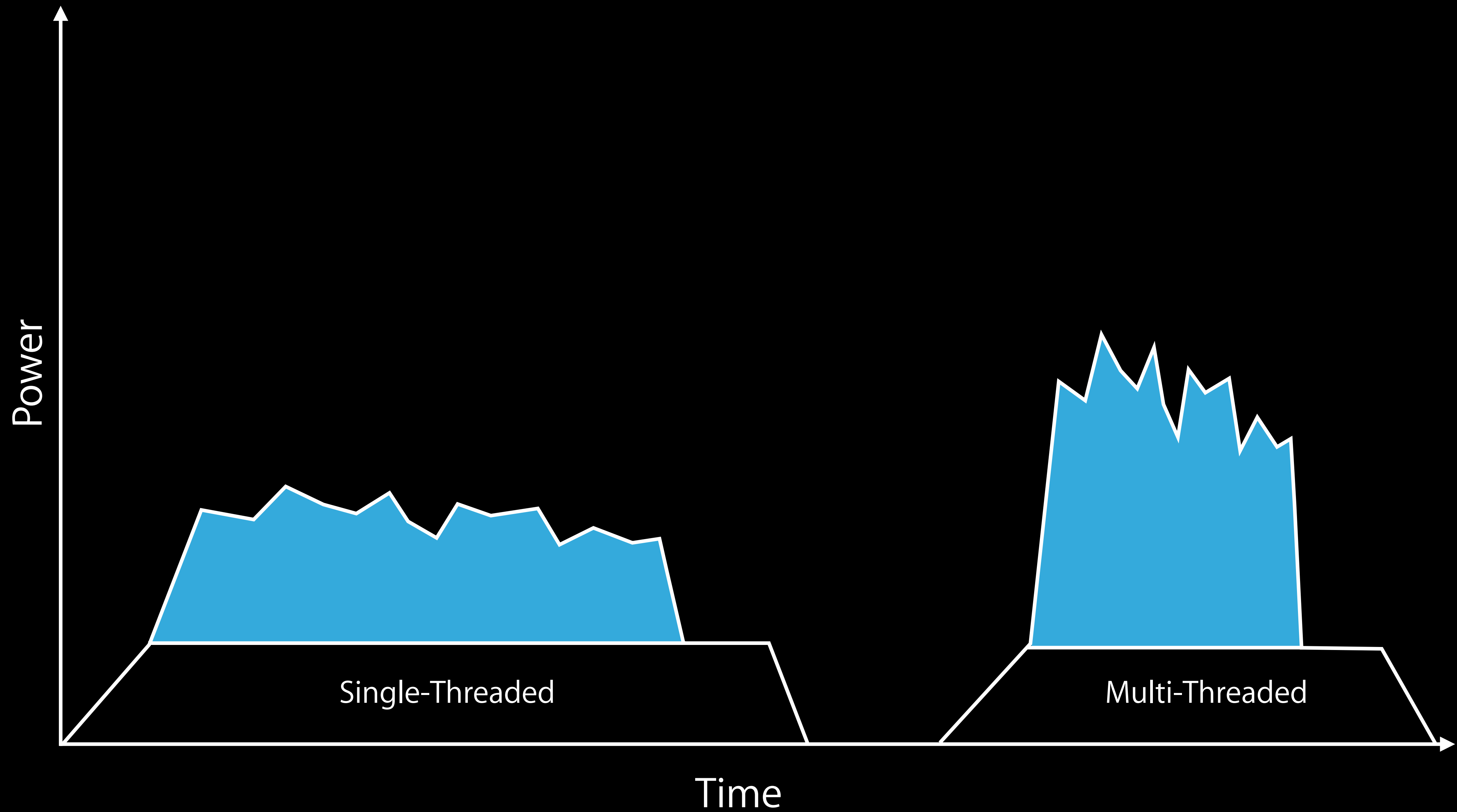




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# Power Fundamentals

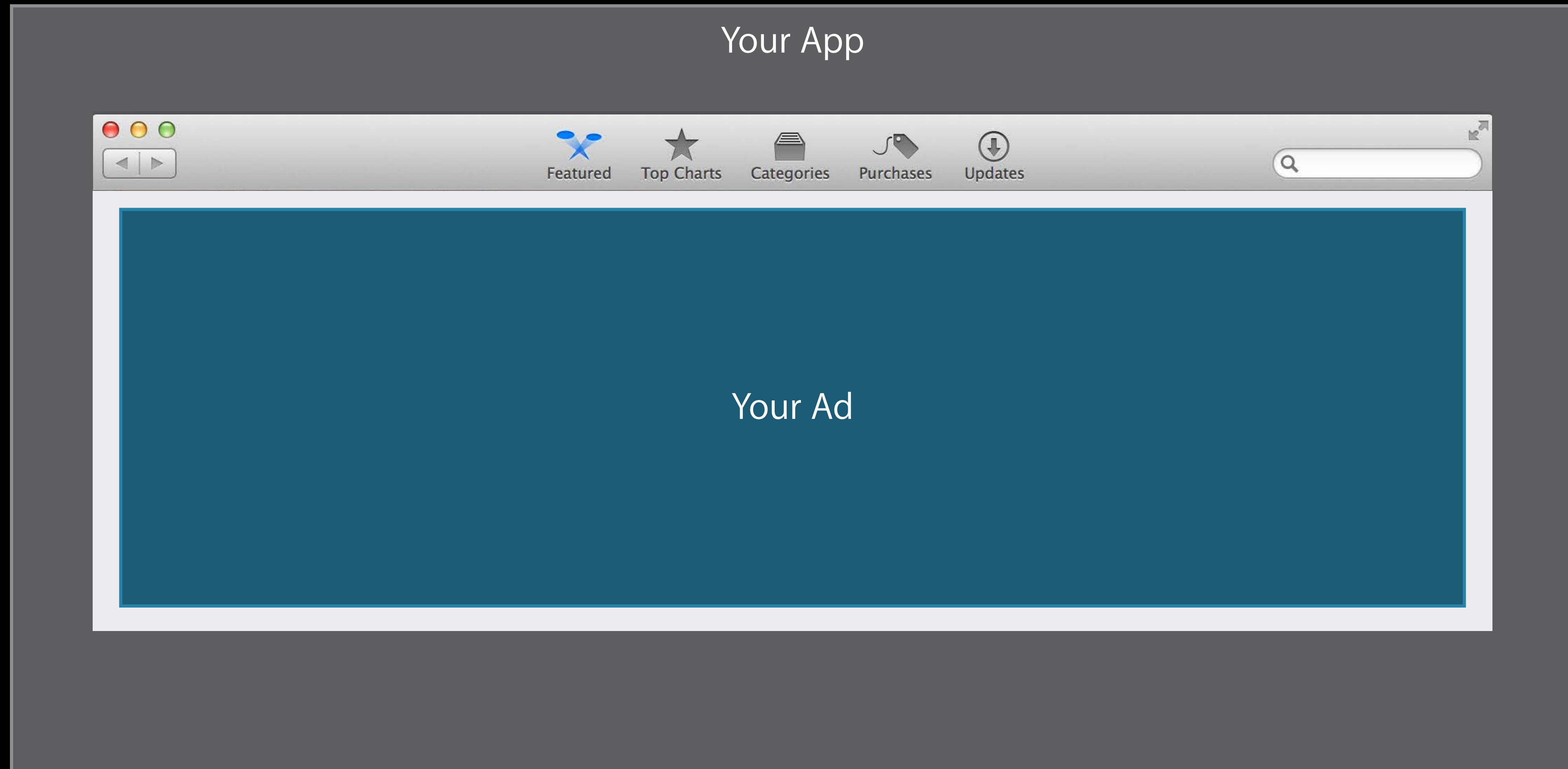
Work has a fixed cost

- For small workloads, this can dominate
- For intensive workloads, dynamic cost will dominate

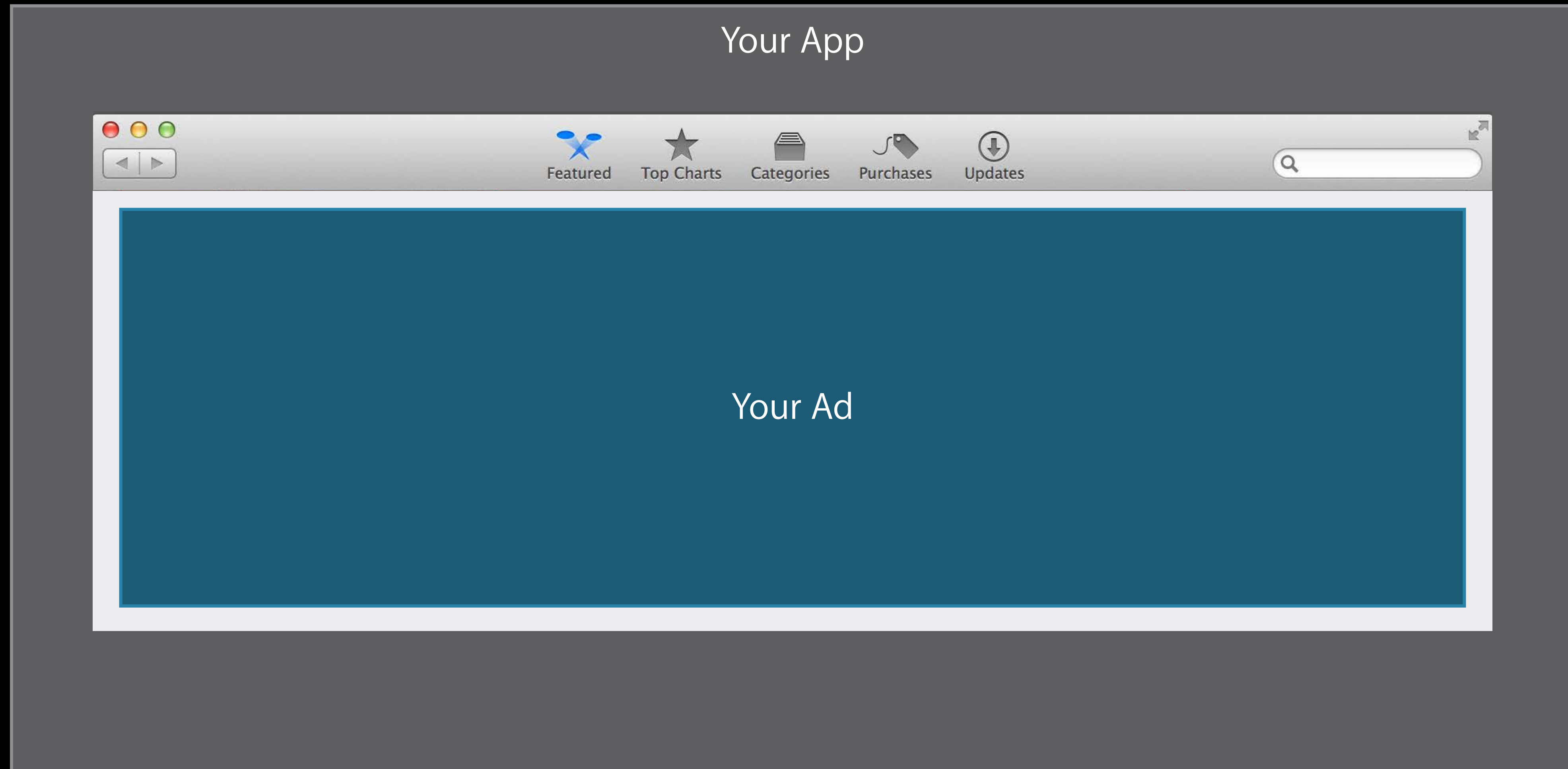
Better performance = less energy

Do It Never

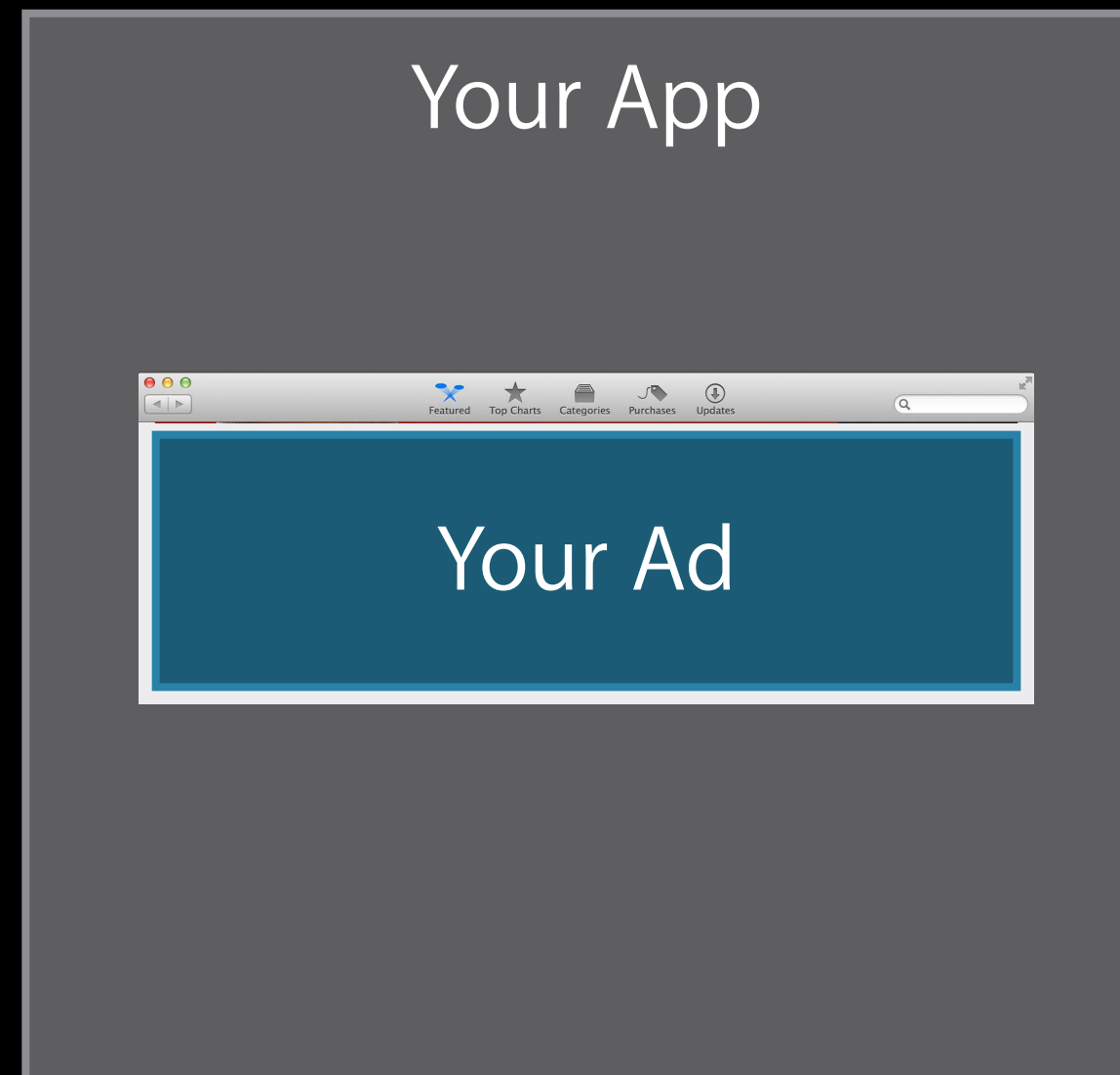
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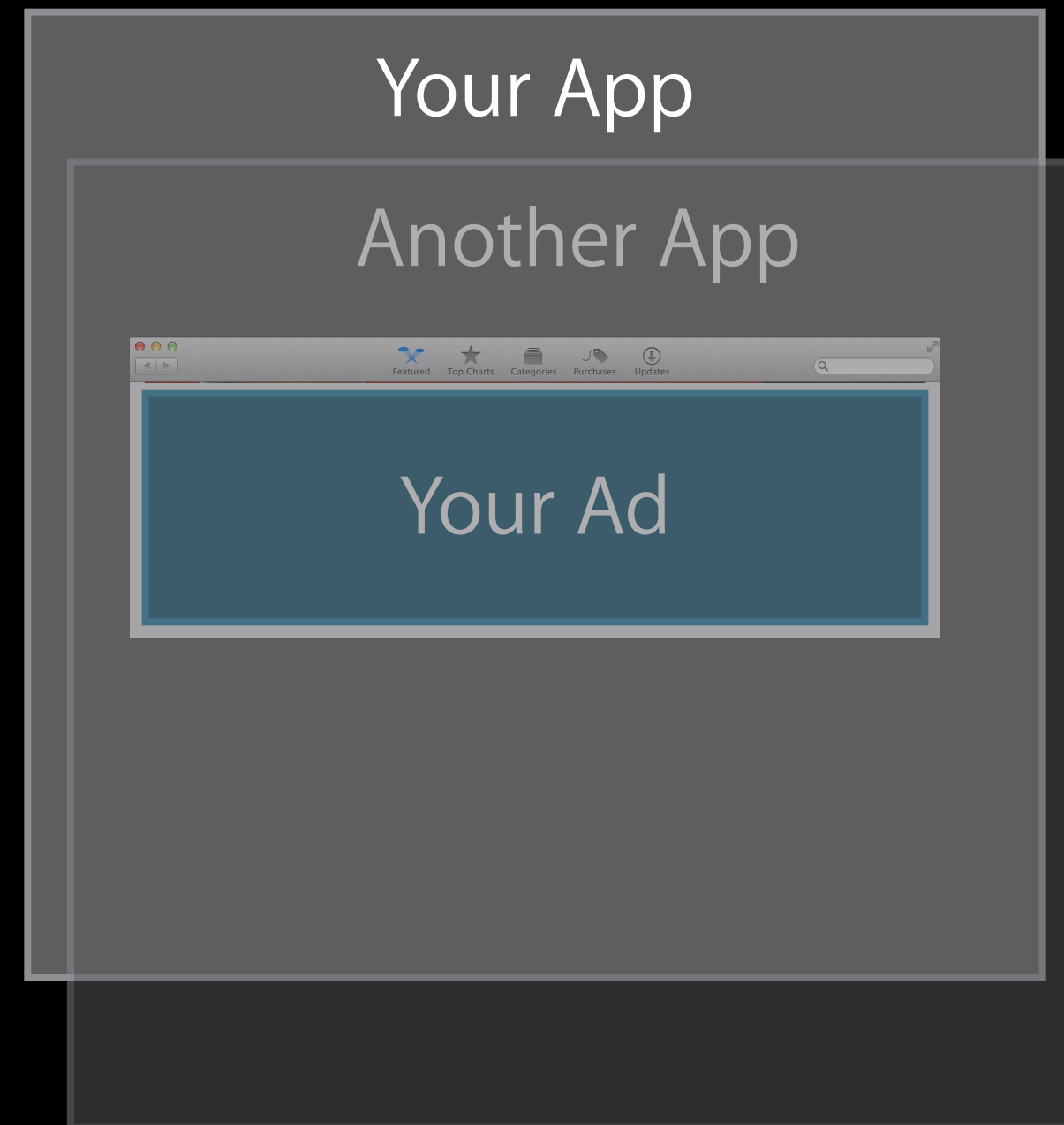
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-NSProcessInfo (void)performActivityWithOptions:(NSActivityOptions)options  
    reason:(NSString *)reason  
    usingBlock:(void (^)(void))block
```

# Avoiding Unnecessary Work

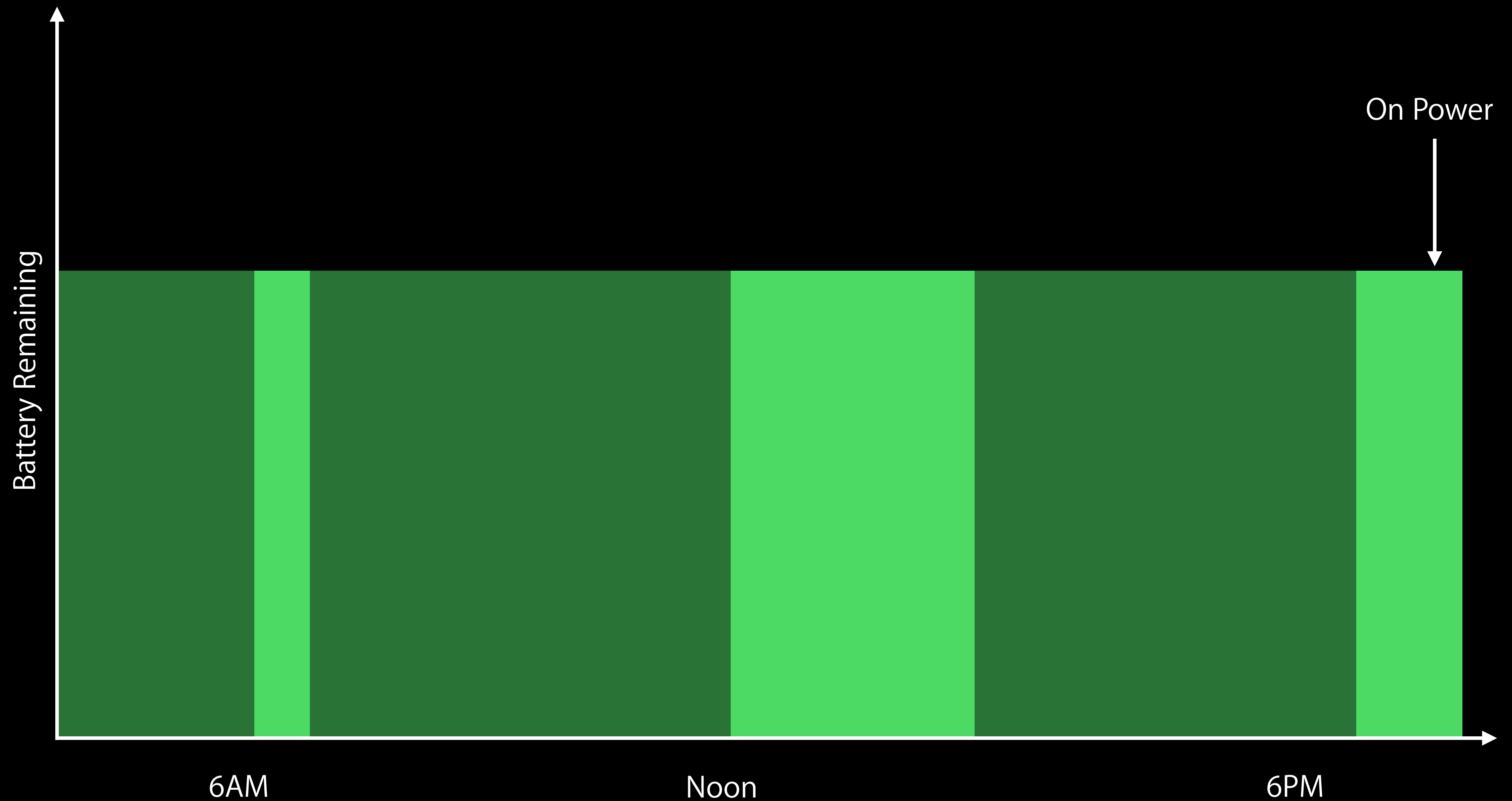
Monitor app state to know when work isn't visible

Avoid updating UI until the user can see the results

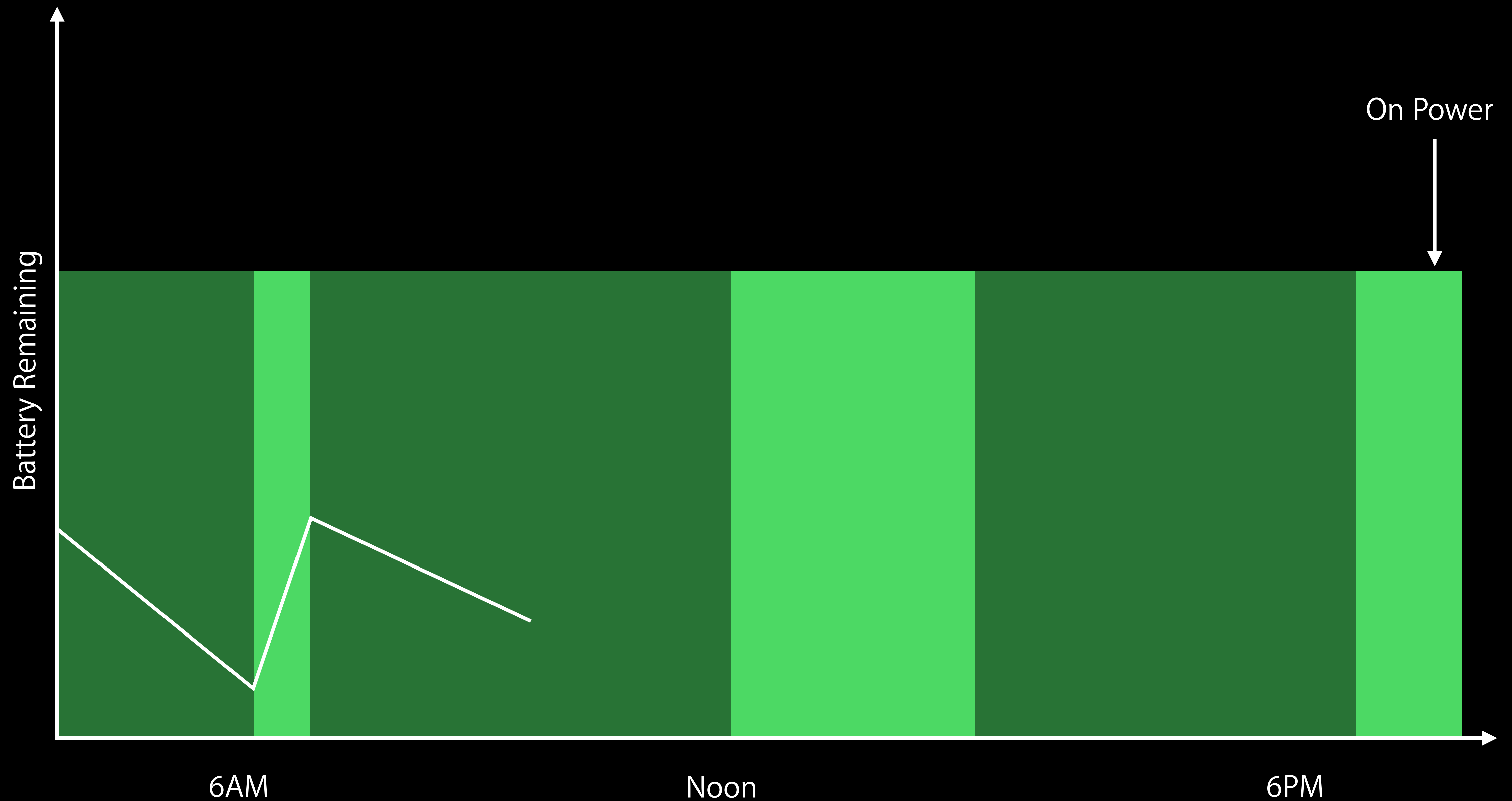
Nap yourself when not in use, so App Nap doesn't have to

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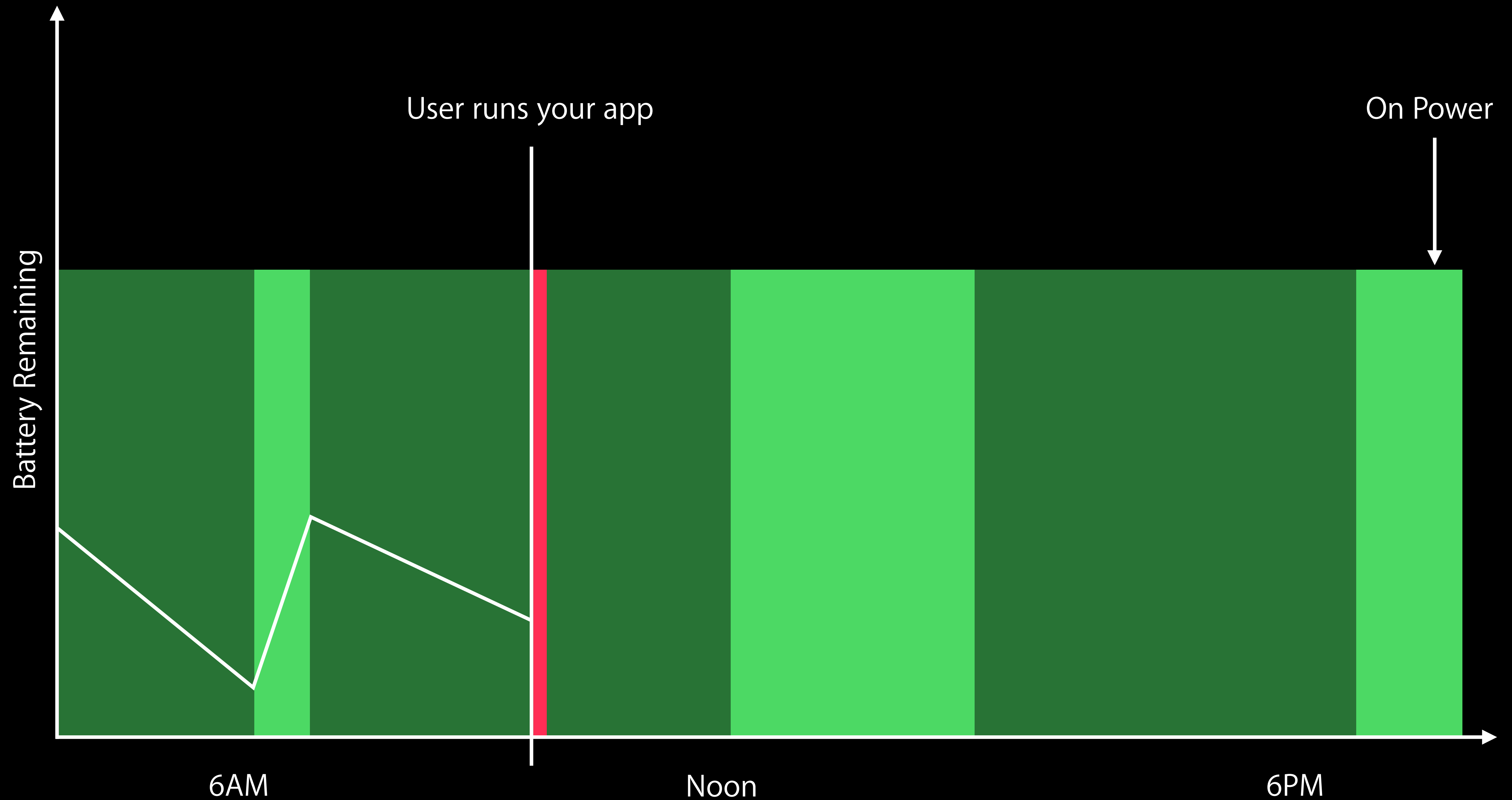


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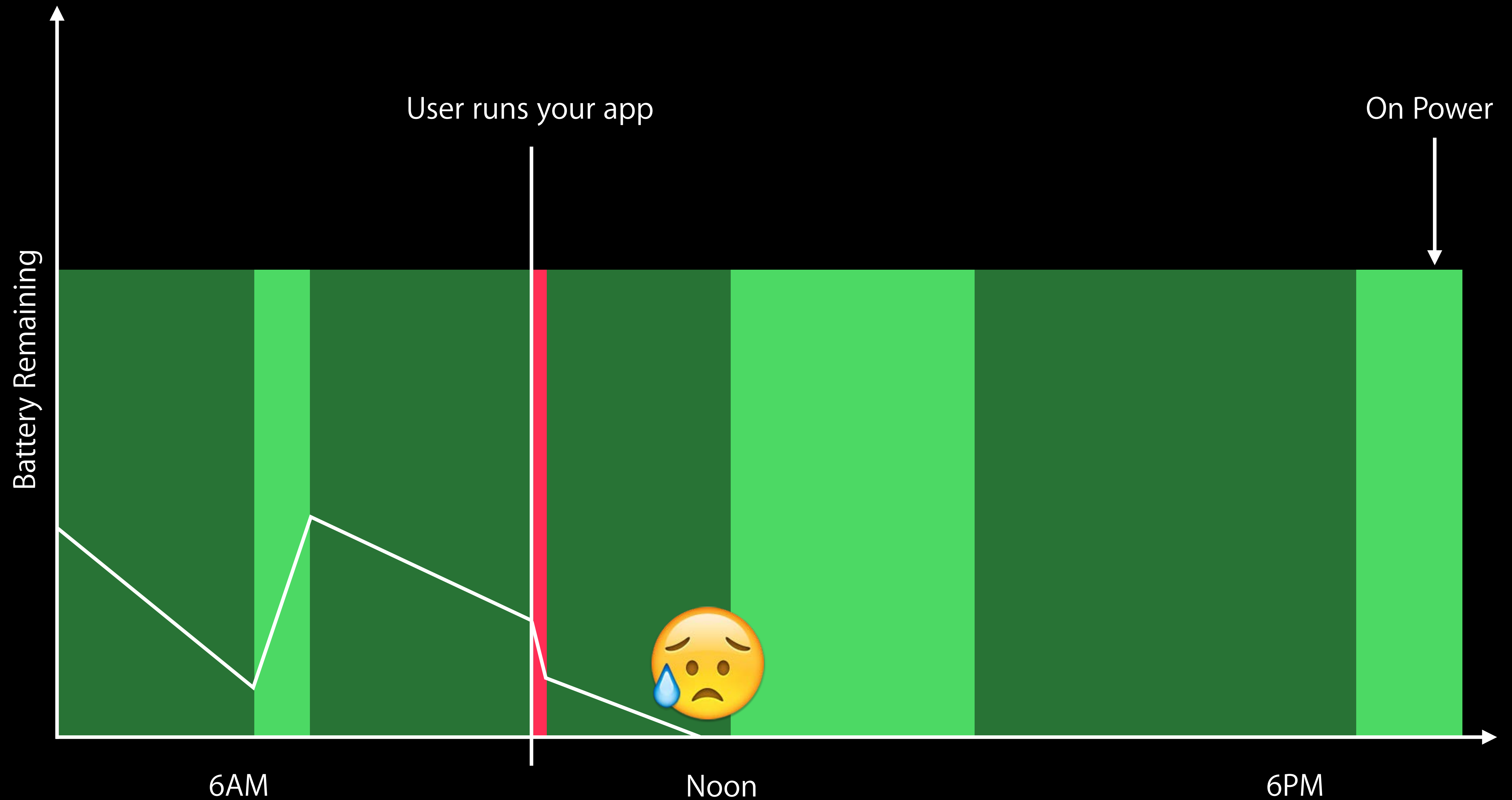




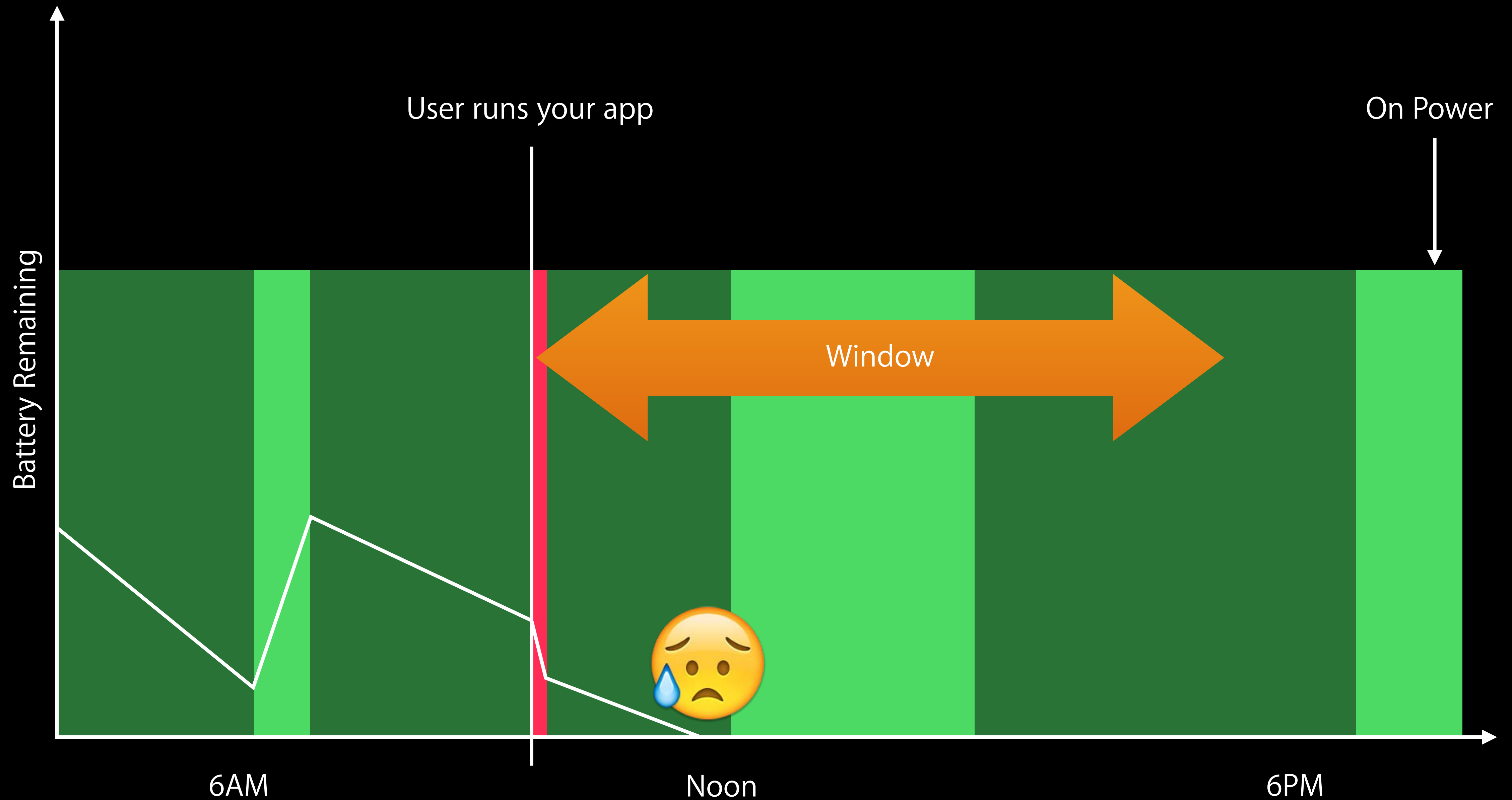
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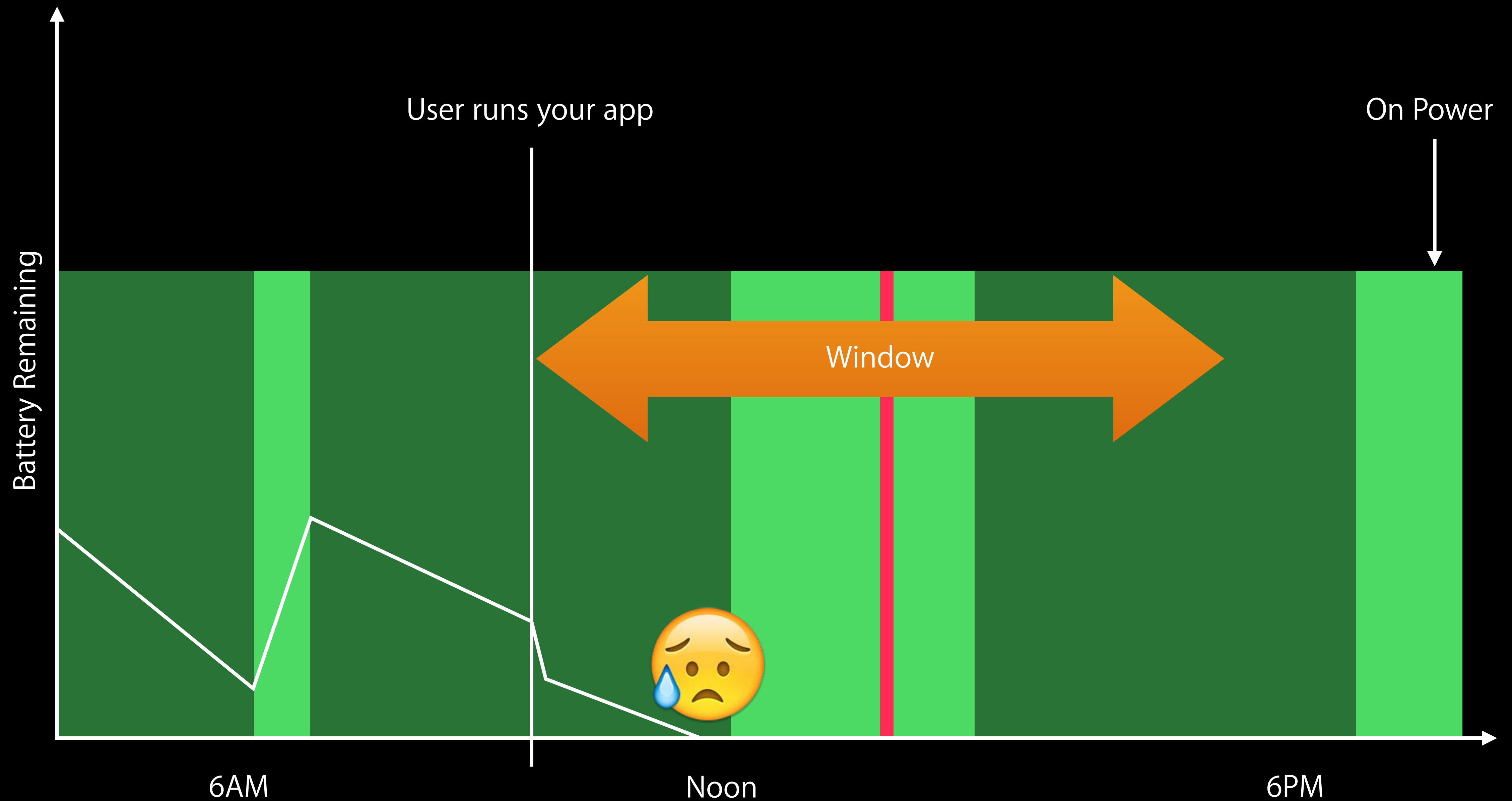
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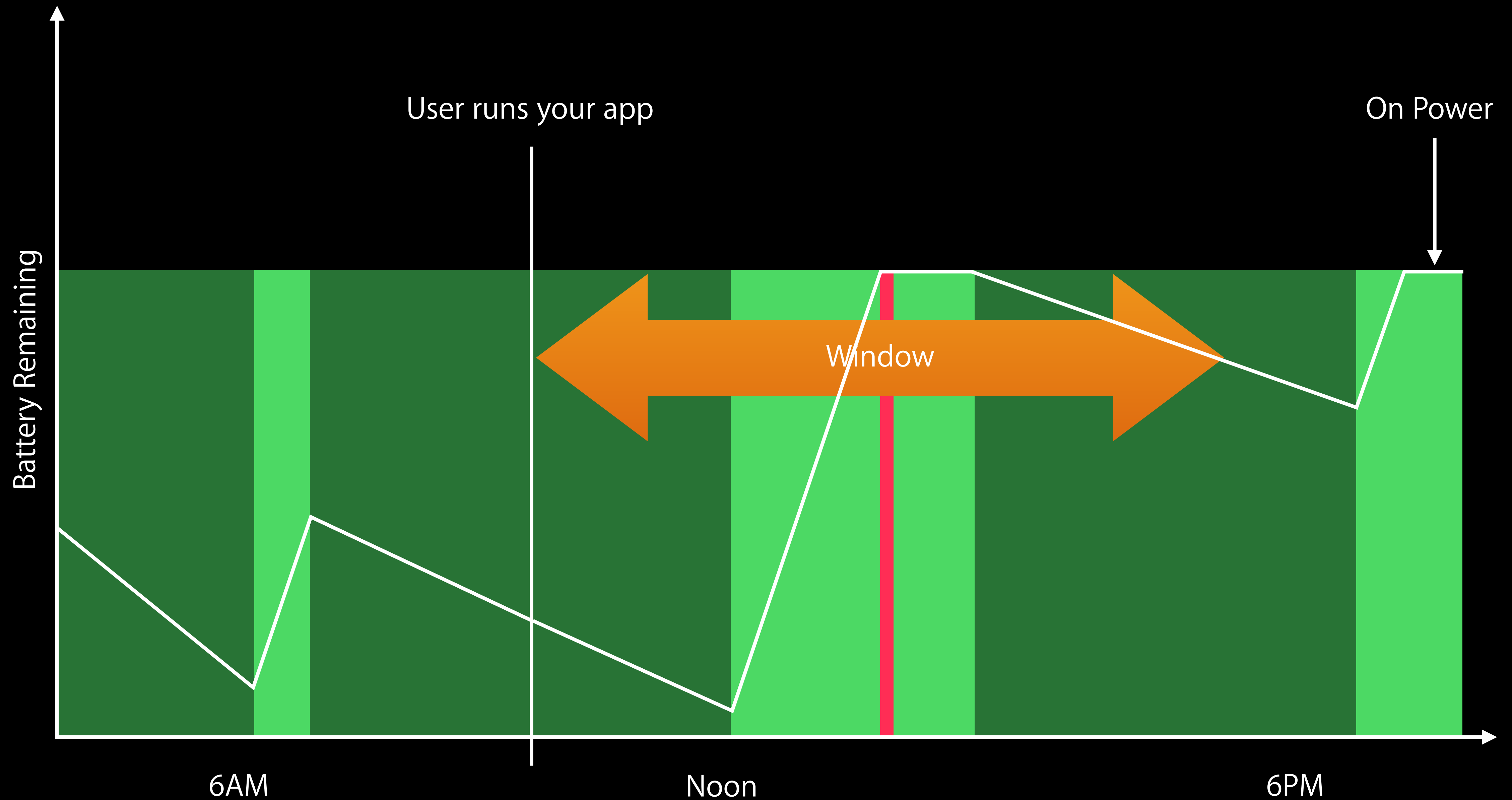
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Can be used to schedule

- Periodic content fetch
- Update install
- Garbage collection and data maintenance tasks
- Automatic saves or backups

# Creating a Scheduler



```
activity = [[NSBackgroundActivityScheduler alloc]
            initWithIdentifier:@"com.apple.sample-app.MyActivity"];
```

Each activity must have an identifier

Identifier should be in reverse-DNS style

Name should be unique, but the same across app runs

- "com.example.MyApp.updatecheck"

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// Activity will fire once each hour  
activity.repeats = YES  
activity.interval = 60 * 60;
```



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```
[activity
  scheduleWithBlock:^(NSBackgroundActivityCompletionHandler completion){

    // do the work

    completion(NSBackgroundActivityResultFinished);
  }];
```

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[activity
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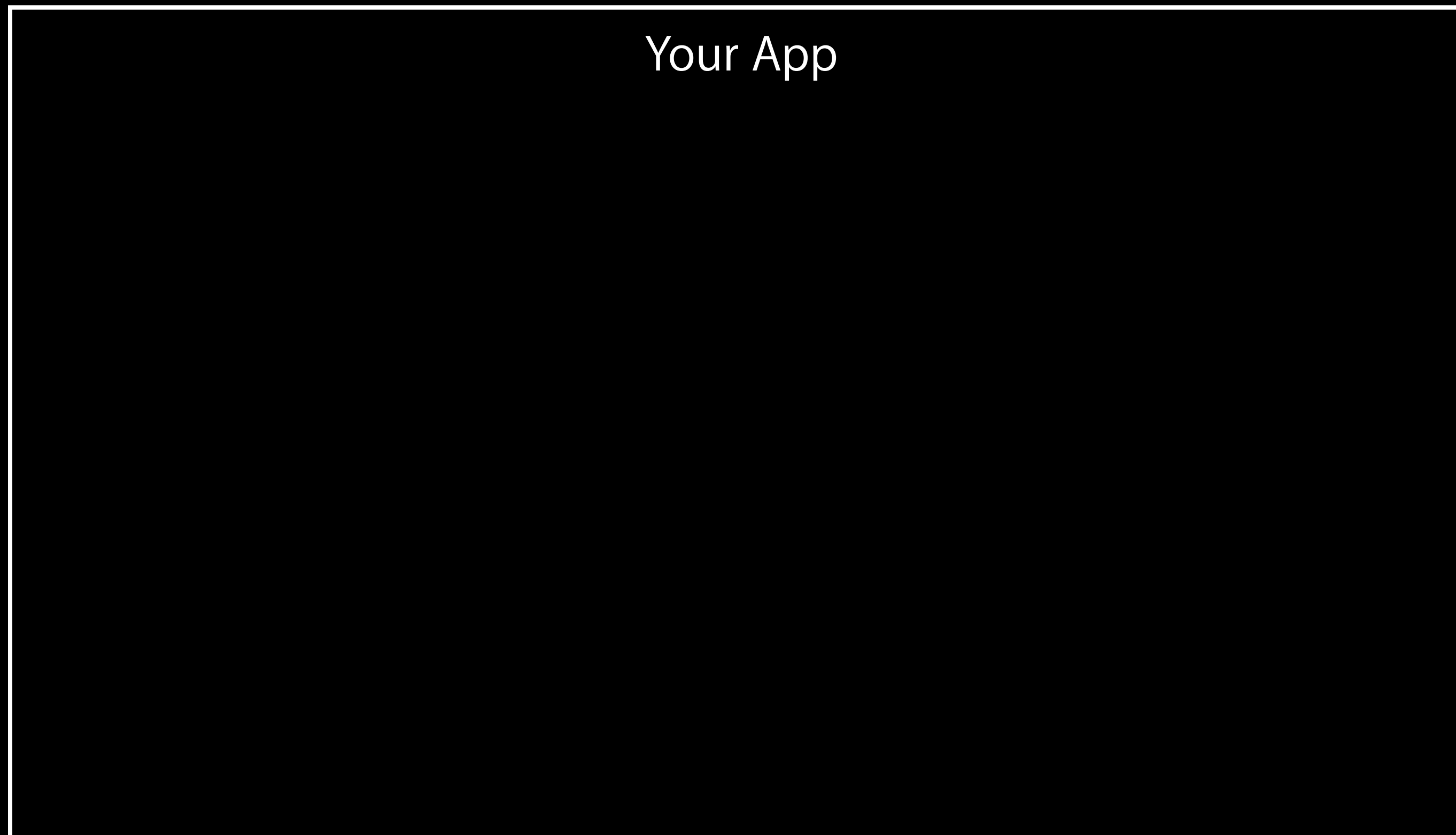
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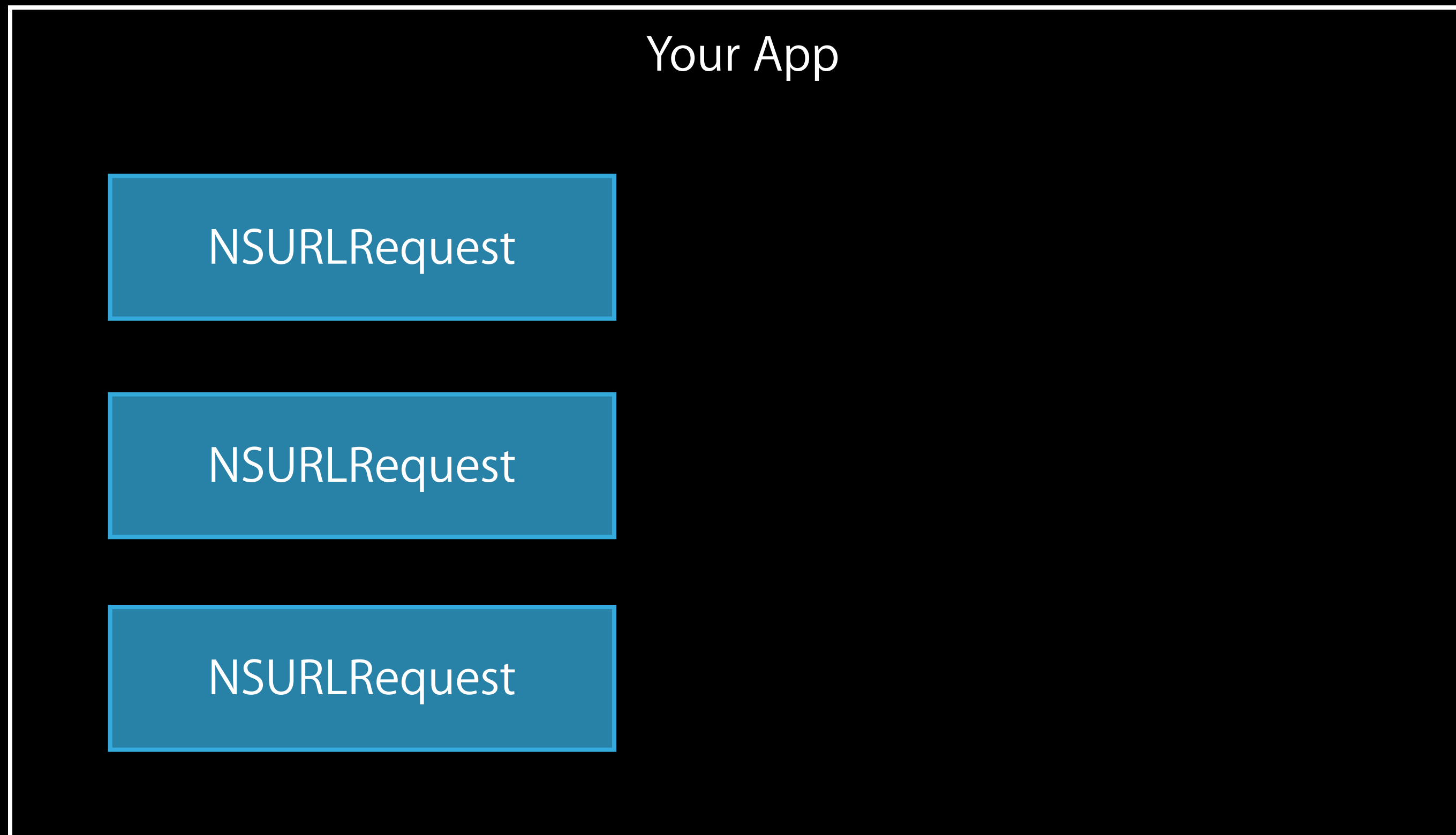
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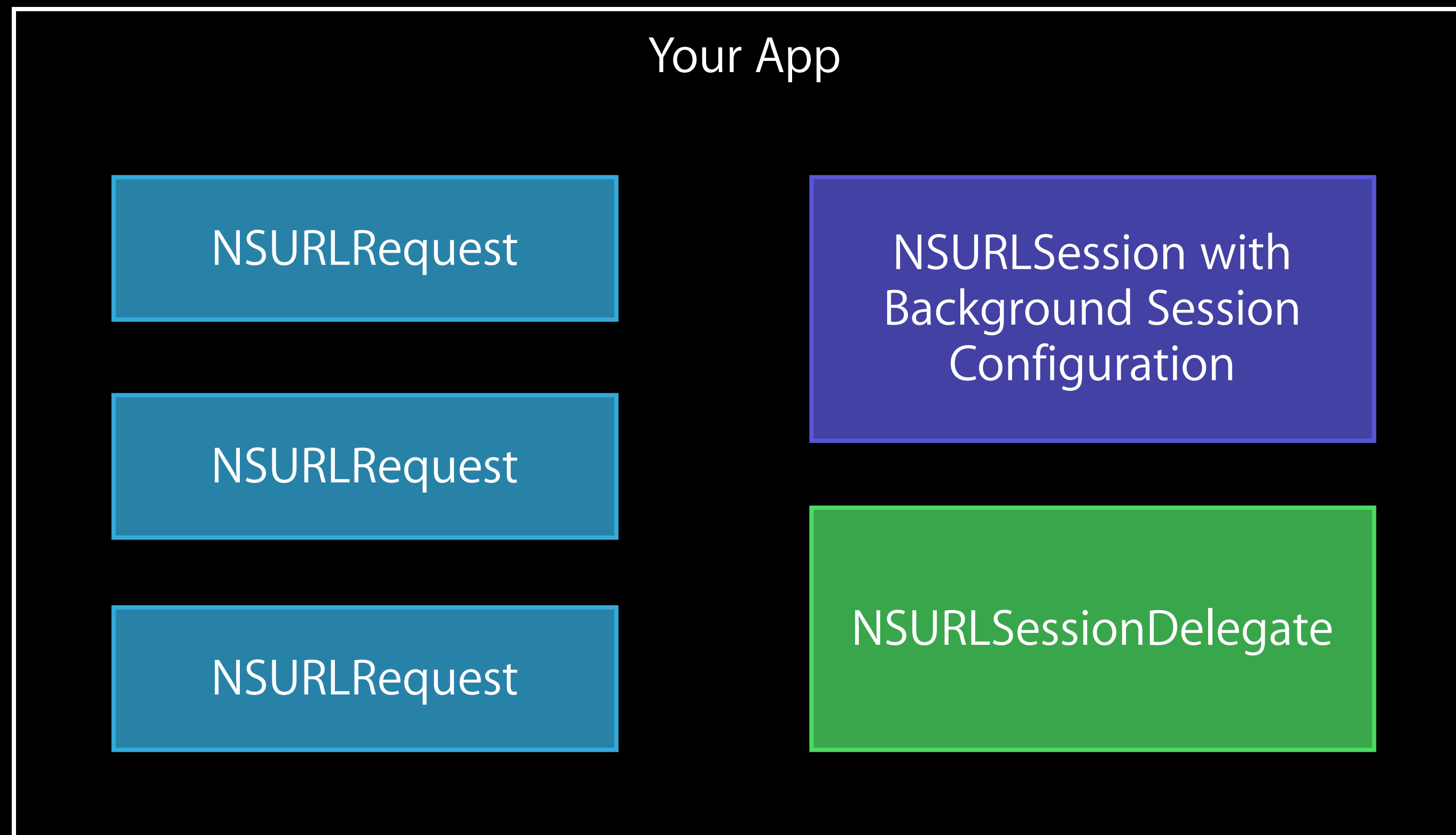
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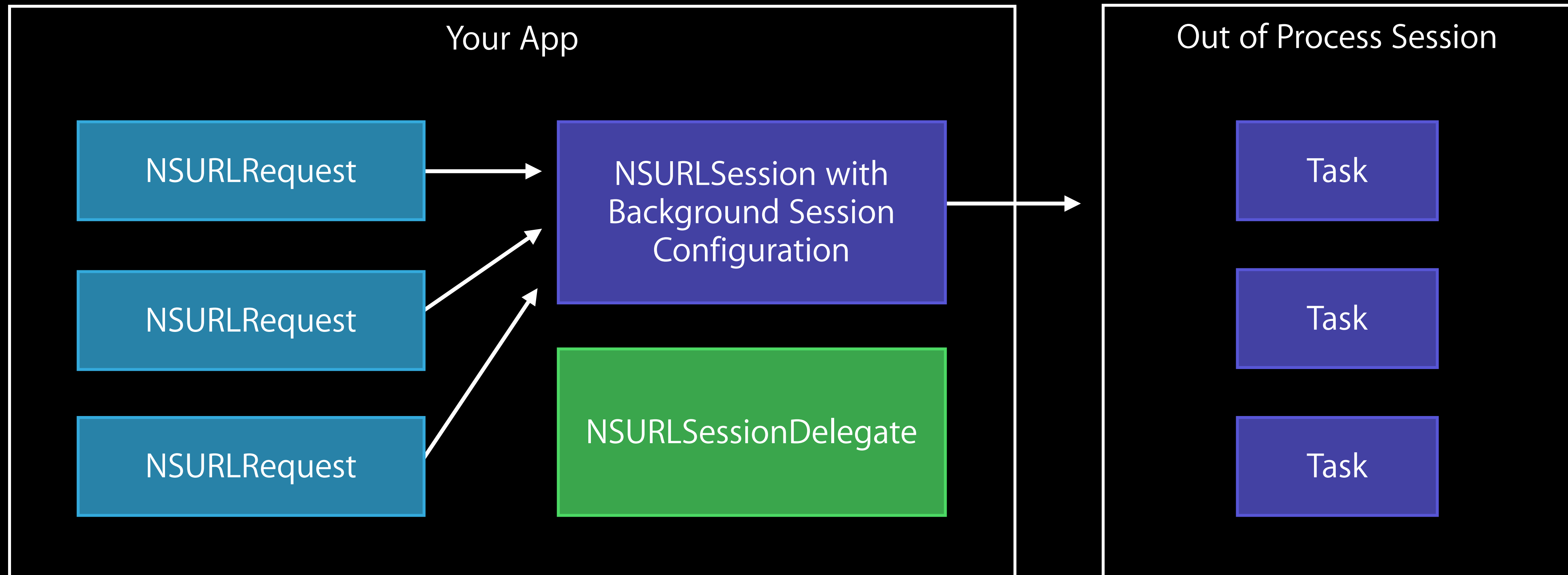
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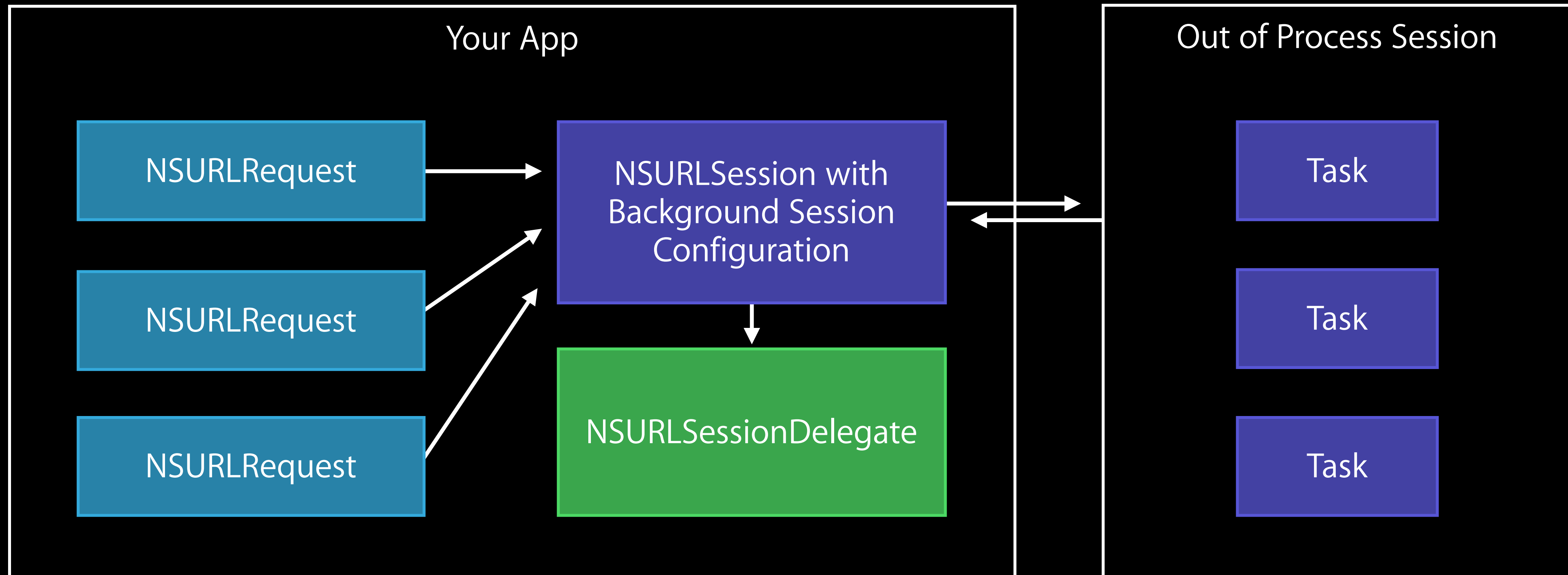
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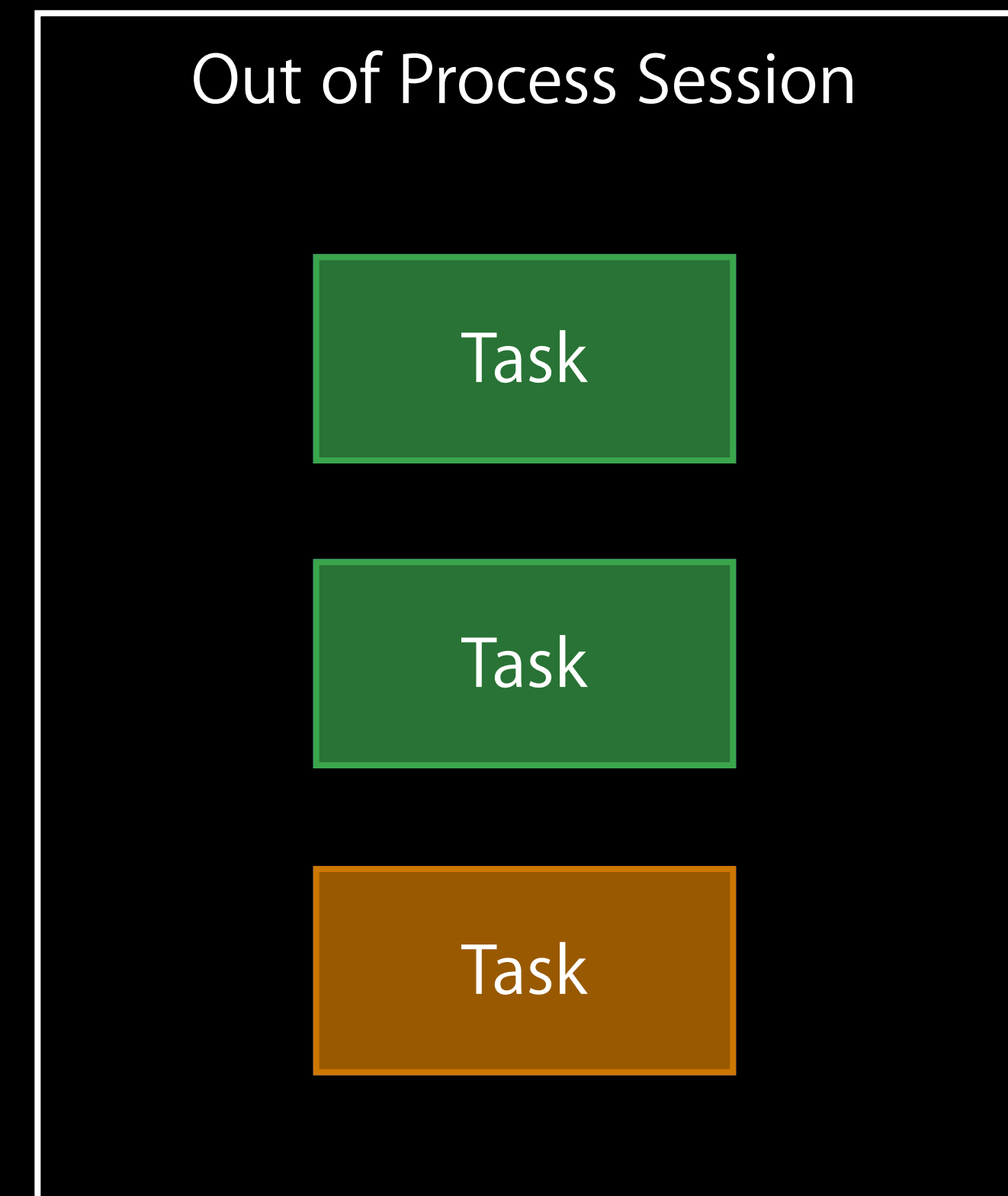
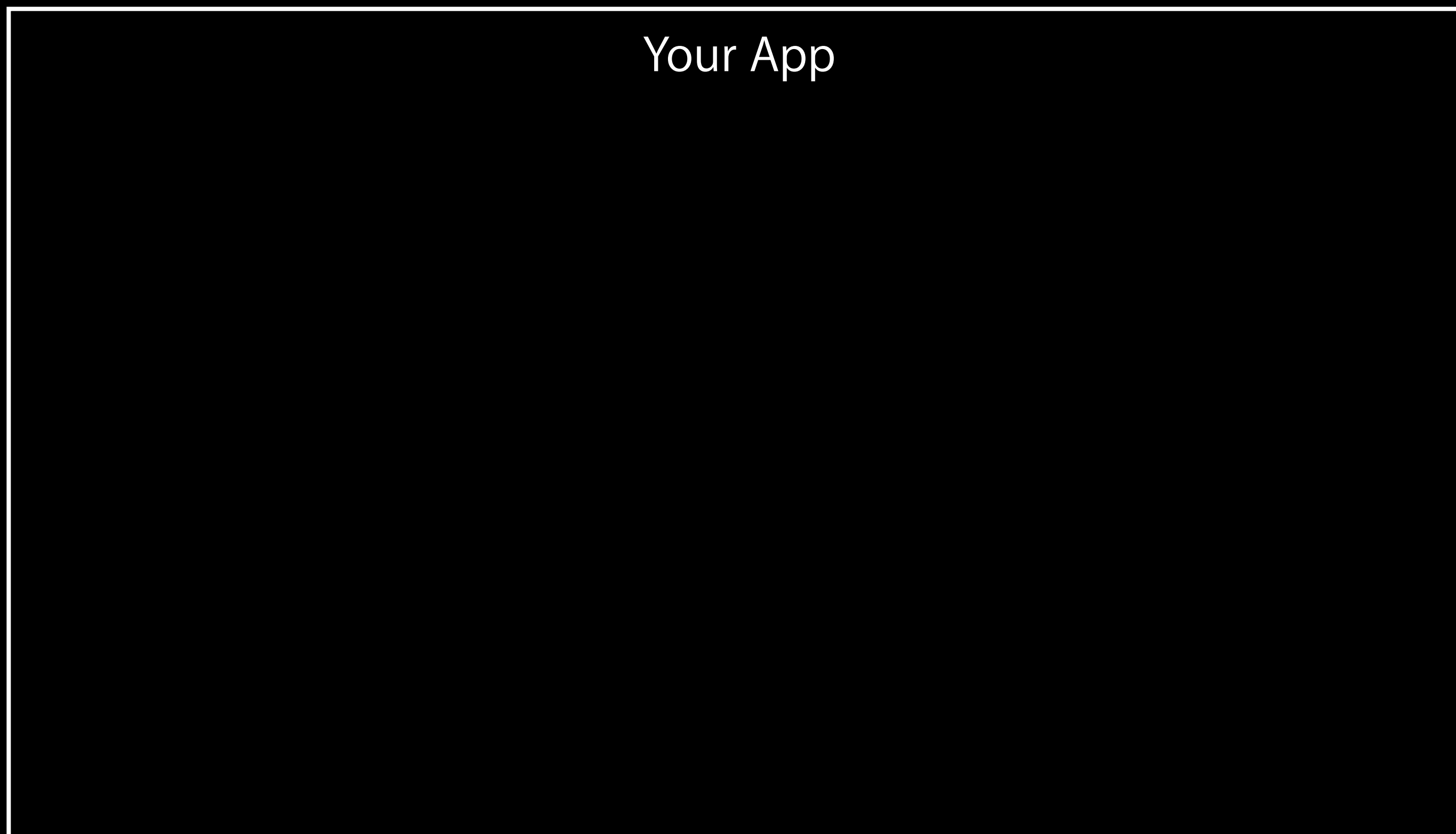
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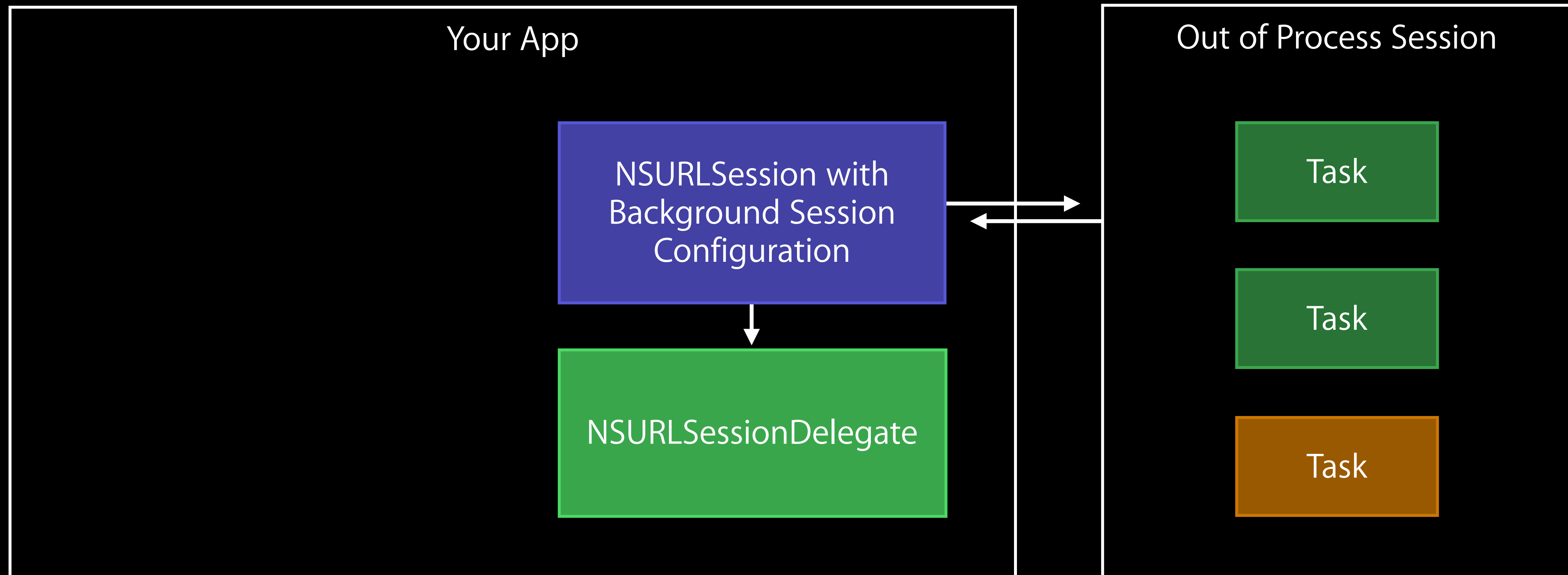
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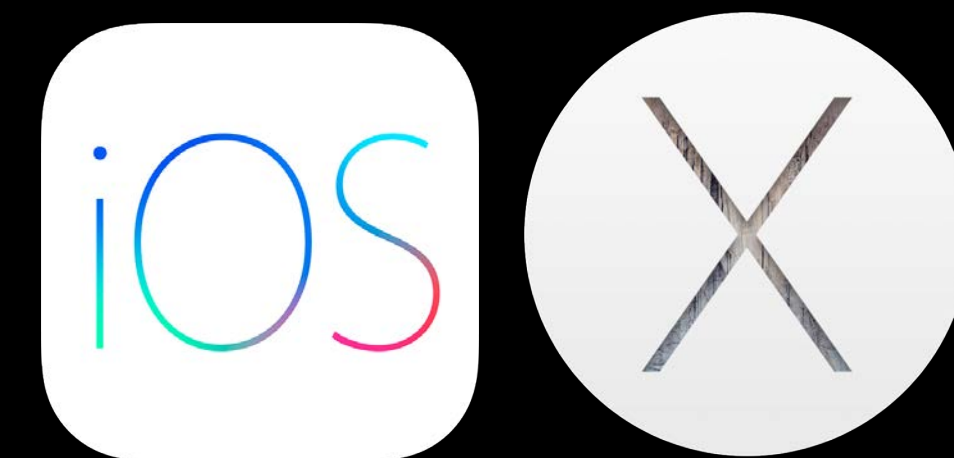


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+ backgroundSessionConfigurationWithIdentifier:  
"com.example.MySessionIdentifier"
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Scheduling window can be adjusted with

```
configuration.timeoutIntervalForResource = 24*60*60; // 1 day
```

- If this time elapses, an error will be thrown
- Should be >12 hours

# Related Session

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- What's New in Foundation Networking      Nob Hill      Tuesday 3:15PM
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Do It More Efficiently

# Resource Management Properties

Responsiveness

Efficiency

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## Efficiency

Timer Coalescing

Throughput/Efficiency CPU Hints

# Quality of Service Classes

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User Interactive

Main thread, animations

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User Initiated

Immediate results

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Utility

Long-running tasks

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Background

Not user visible

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# Choosing a QoS Class

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Can this work be deferred to a better time?  
e.g., if so, use `NSBackgroundActivityScheduler`

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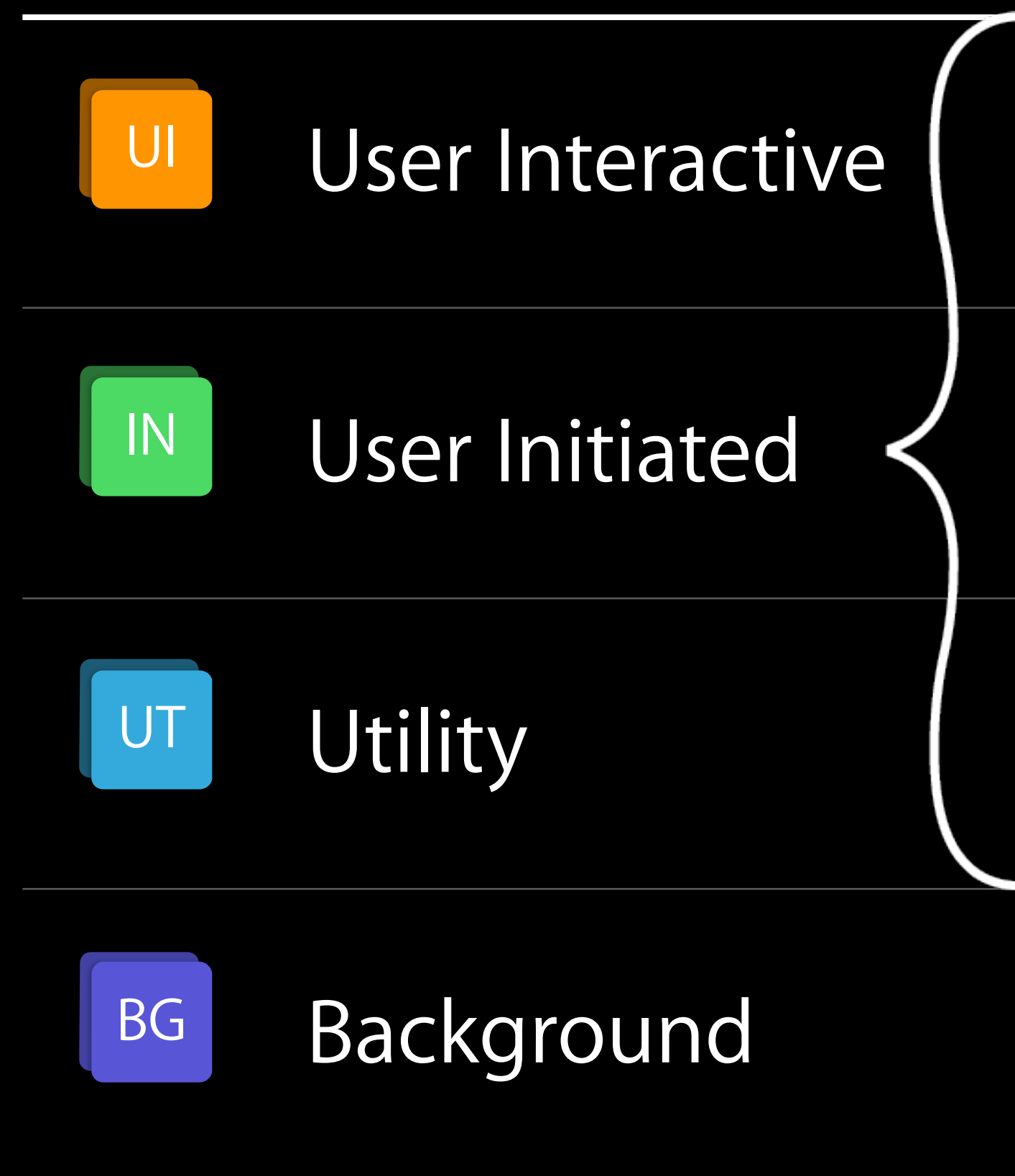
 Utility

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Is it okay for User Interactive work to happen before my work?



User Initiated

Is it okay for this work to compete with other User Initiated work?



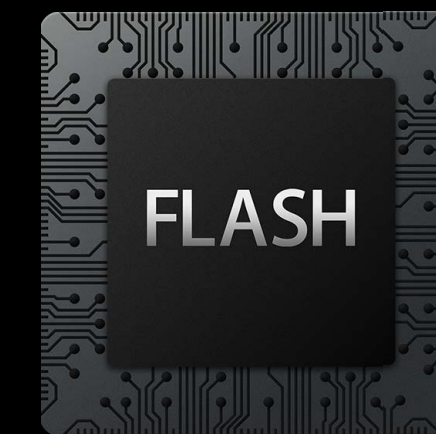
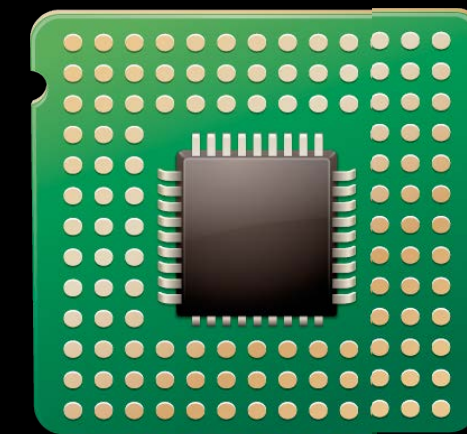
Utility

Is it okay for my work to take precedence over Utility work?



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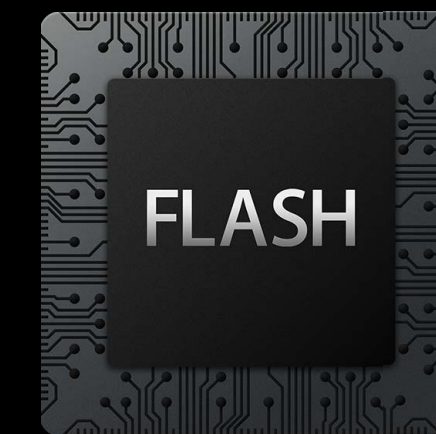
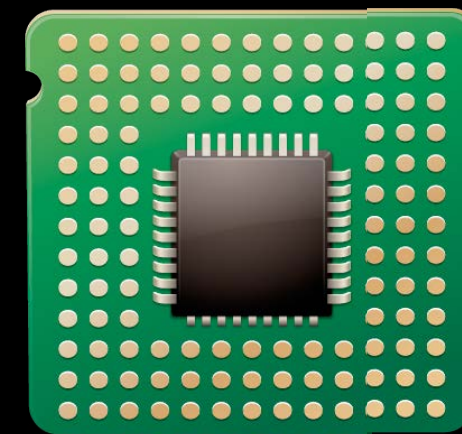
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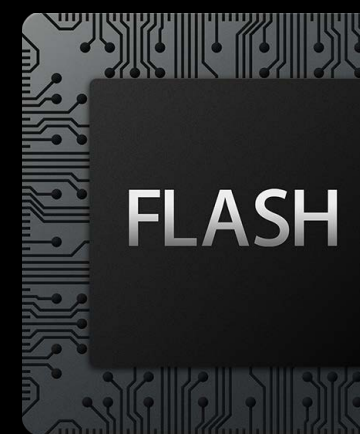
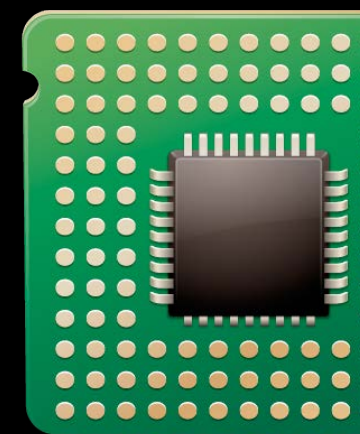
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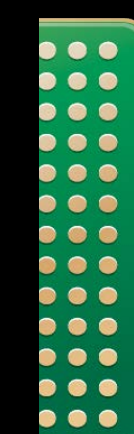


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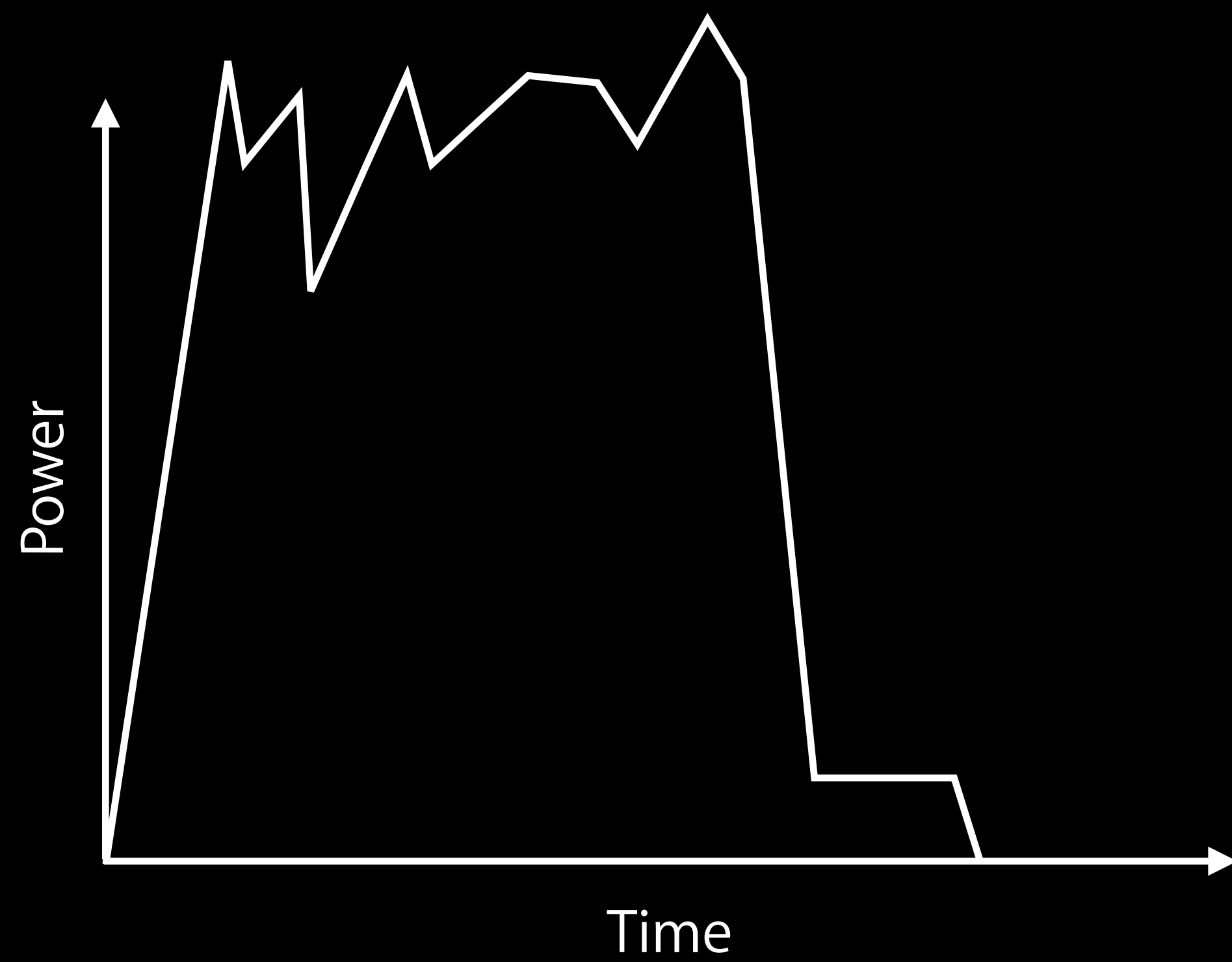


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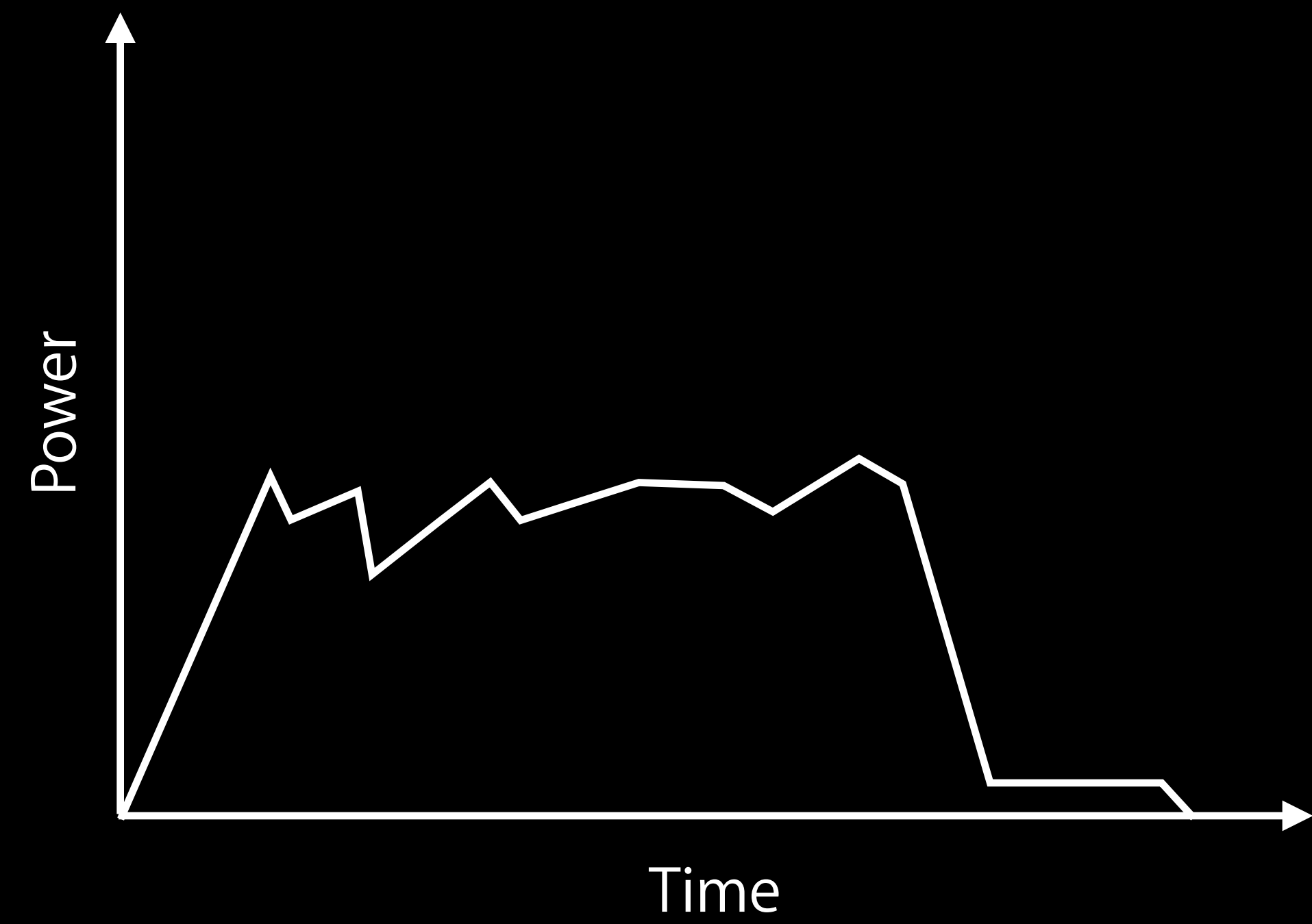


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# Adoption Case Study

PhotoMeister 3000



Converting ... (10/100)

# Adoption Case Study

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With `NSOperation`, the QoS of an operation can be promoted by:

- Enqueueing a higher QoS operation on the same queue
- Using `addDependency:` with a higher QoS operation
- `waitUntilFinished:` or `waitUntilAllOperationsAreFinished:` from a higher QoS thread

# Promotion



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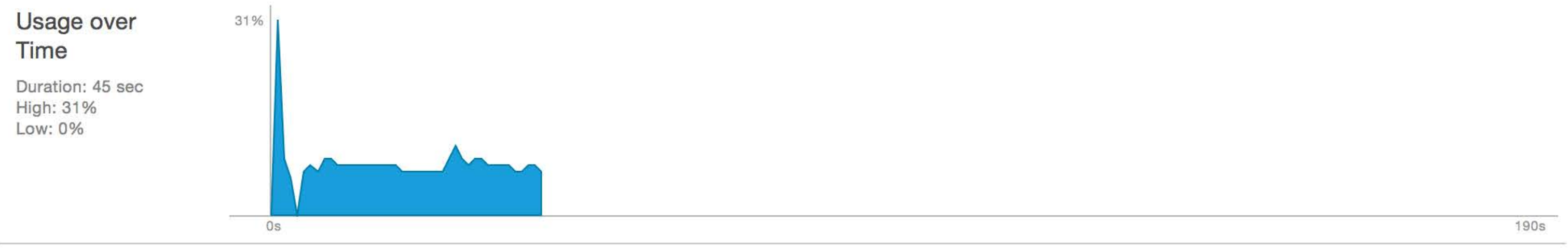
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(lldb)

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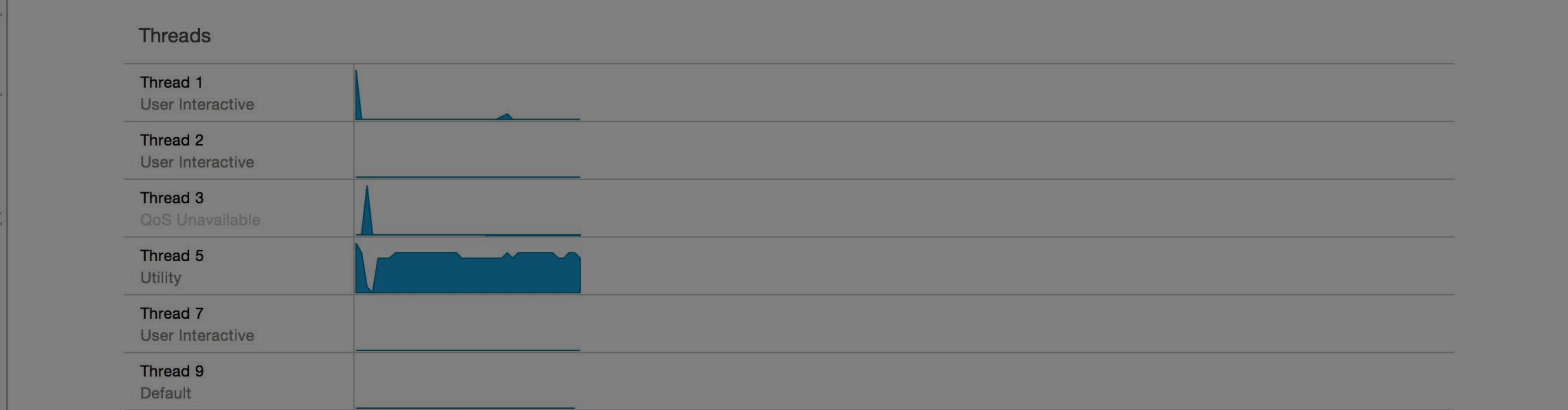
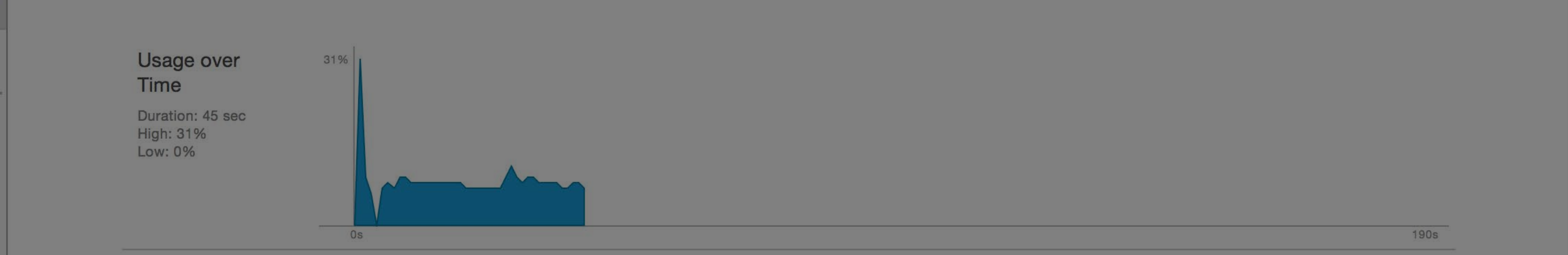
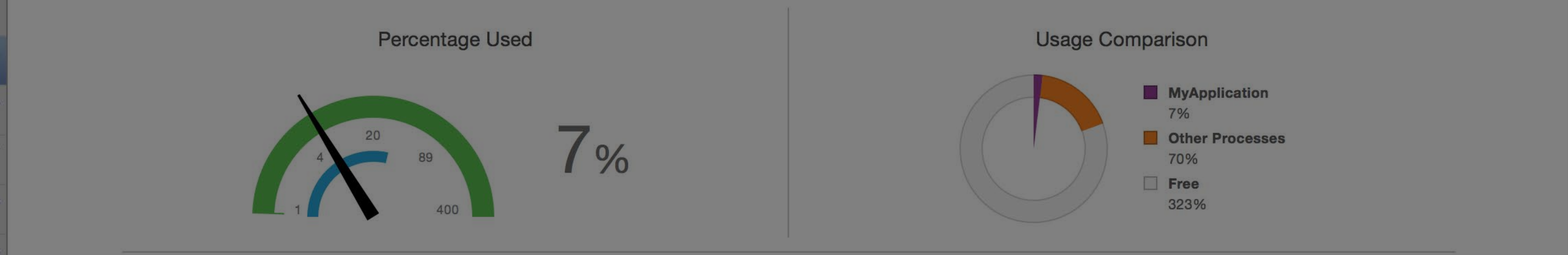
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MyApplication > My Mac 64-bit | Running MyApplication : MyApplication

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#### Percentage Used

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- MyApplication 7%
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- Free 323%

#### Usage over Time

Duration: 45 sec  
High: 31%  
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#### Threads

Thread	Category	Usage
Thread 1	User Interactive	Low
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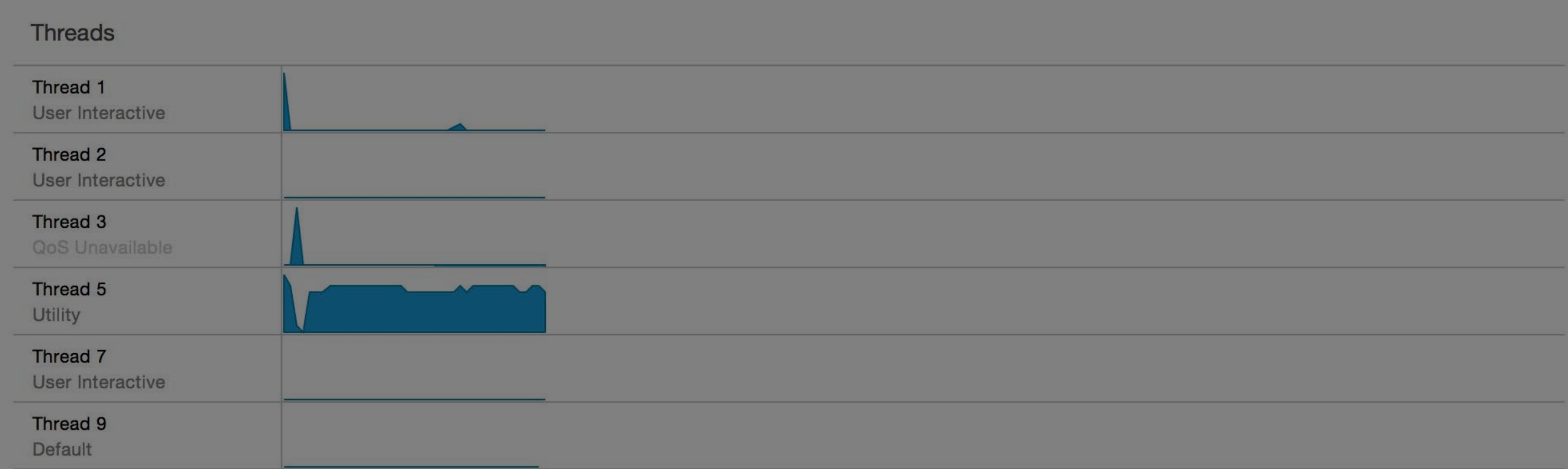
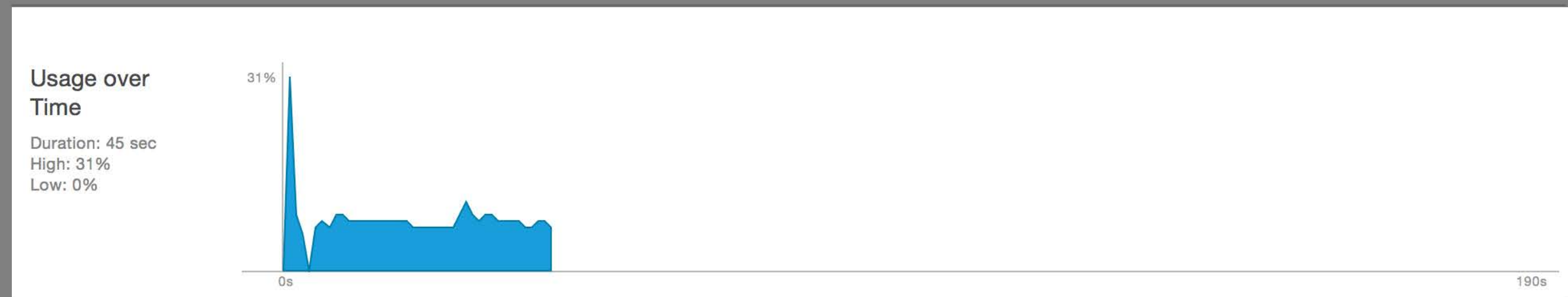
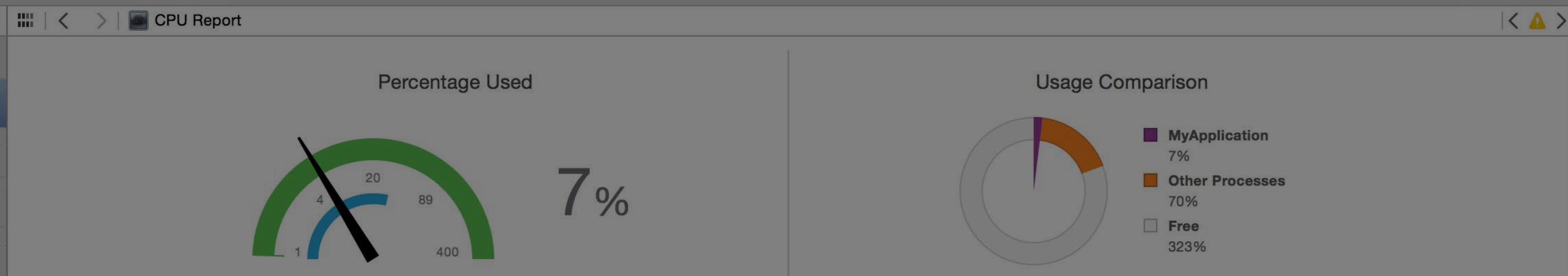
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MyApplication > My Mac 64-bit | Running MyApplication : MyApplication | CPU Report

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# Quality of Service

Specify the responsiveness and energy requirements of work

Available in both Foundation and C APIs

Classify long-running or resource-intensive operations in your existing code

Aim for >90% of time at Utility or below when the user is inactive

# Related Session

- 
- Power, Performance, and Diagnostics:  
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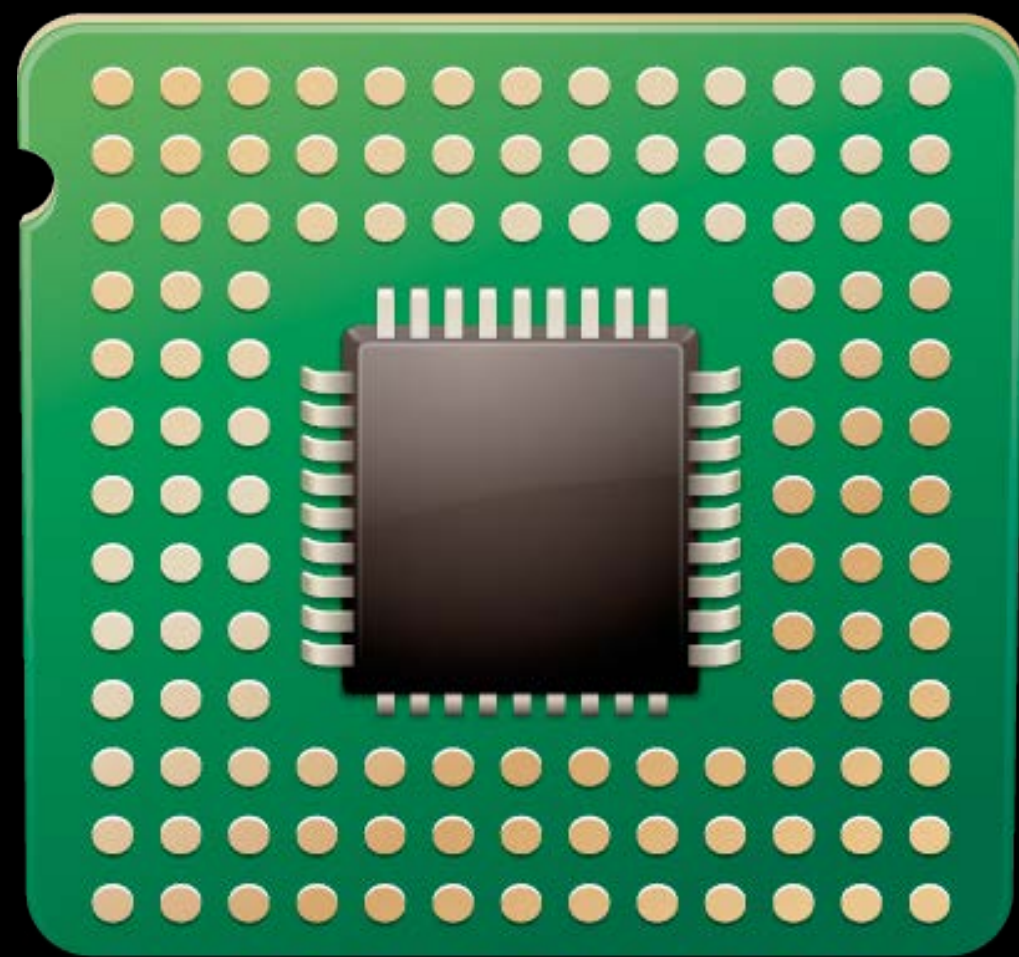
Russian Hill

Thursday 2:00PM

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Do It Less

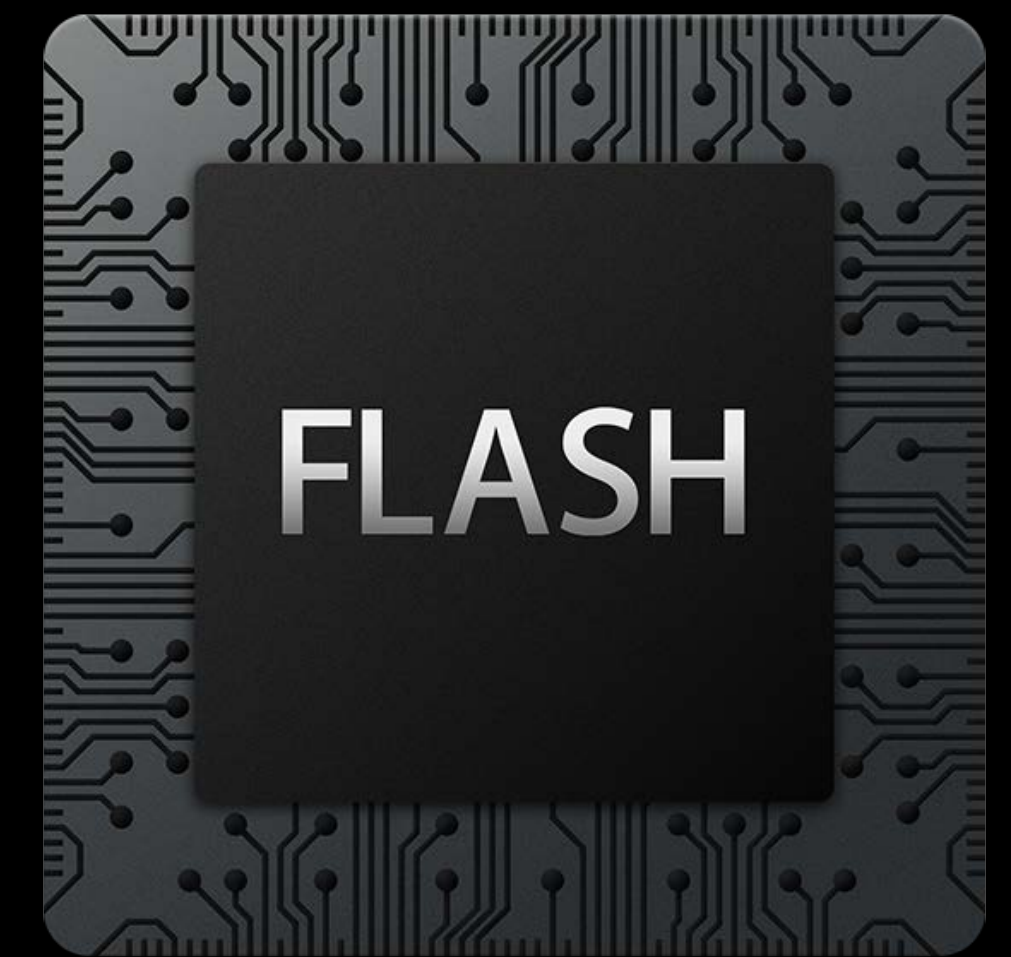
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CPU



Graphics

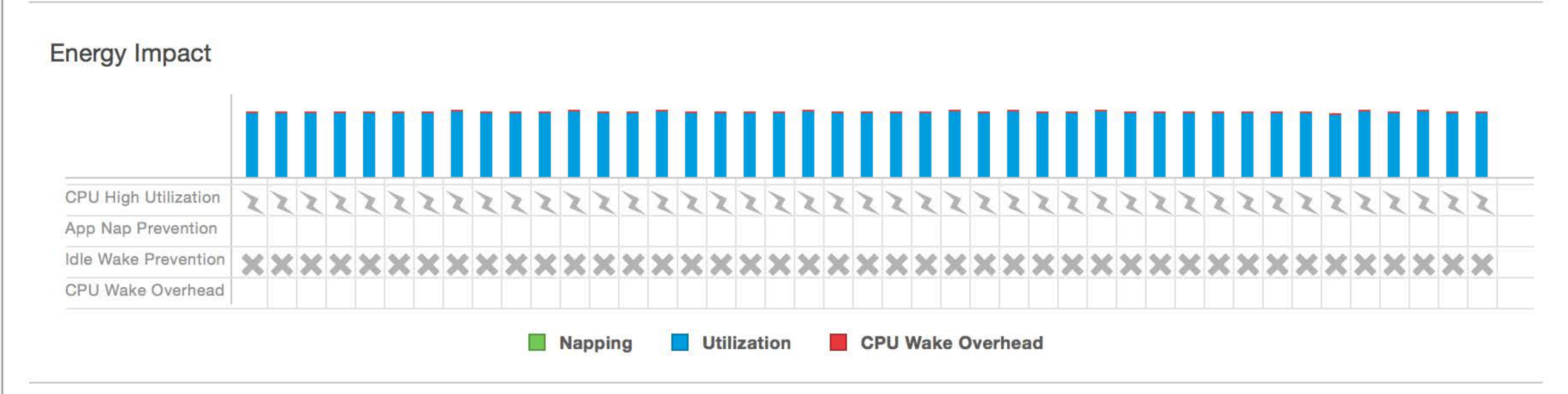
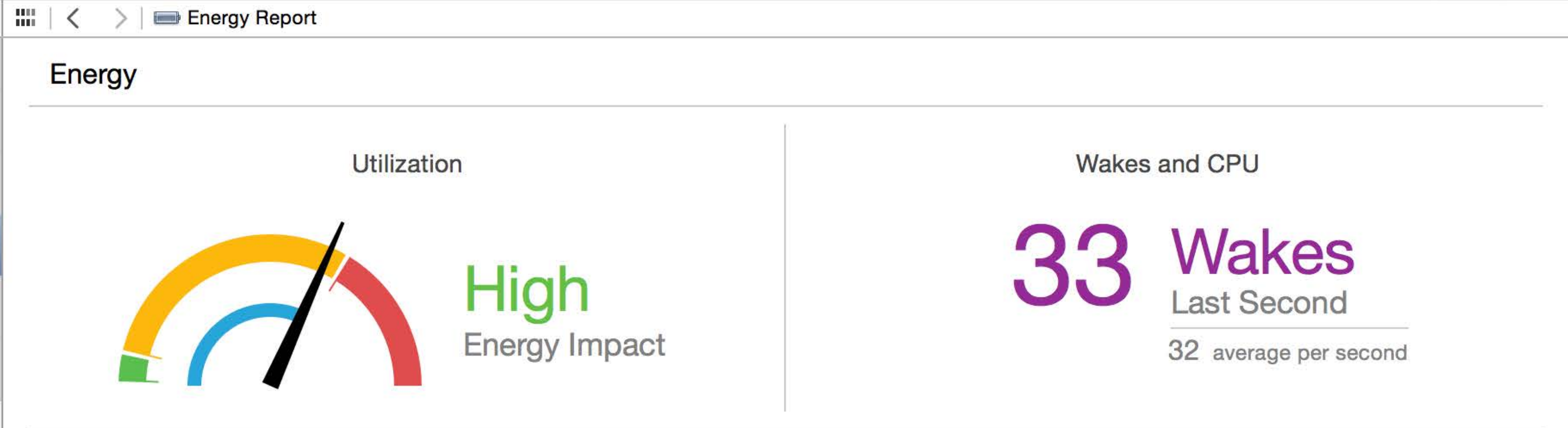


Storage



**MyApplication**  
PID 9197, Running

- CPU** 95%
- Memory** 10.4 MB
- Energy Impact** High
- Disk** Zero KB/s
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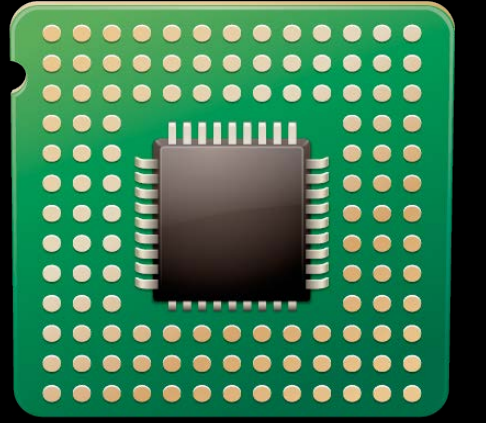








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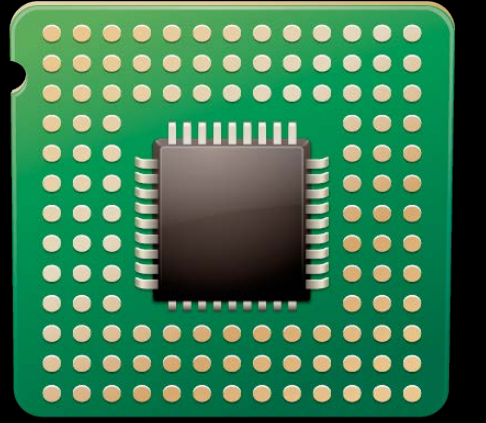


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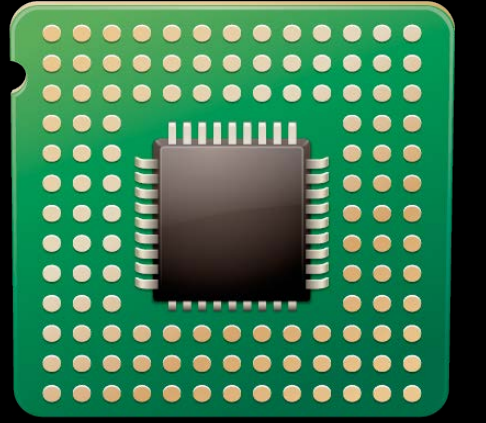


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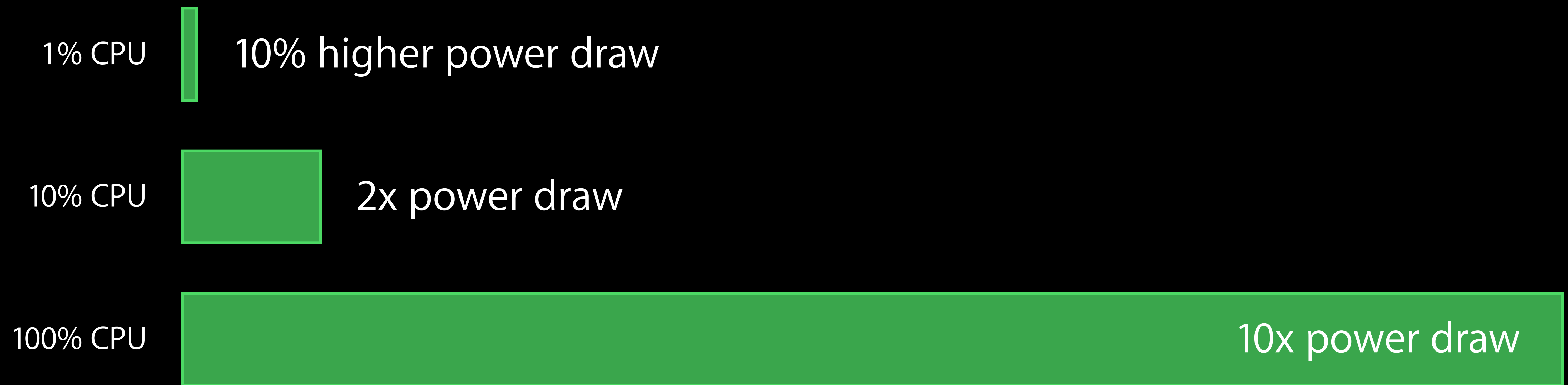
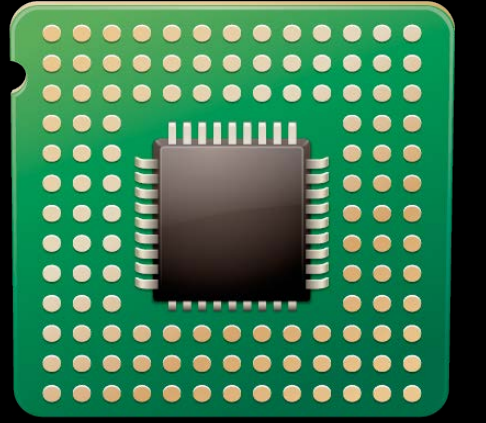


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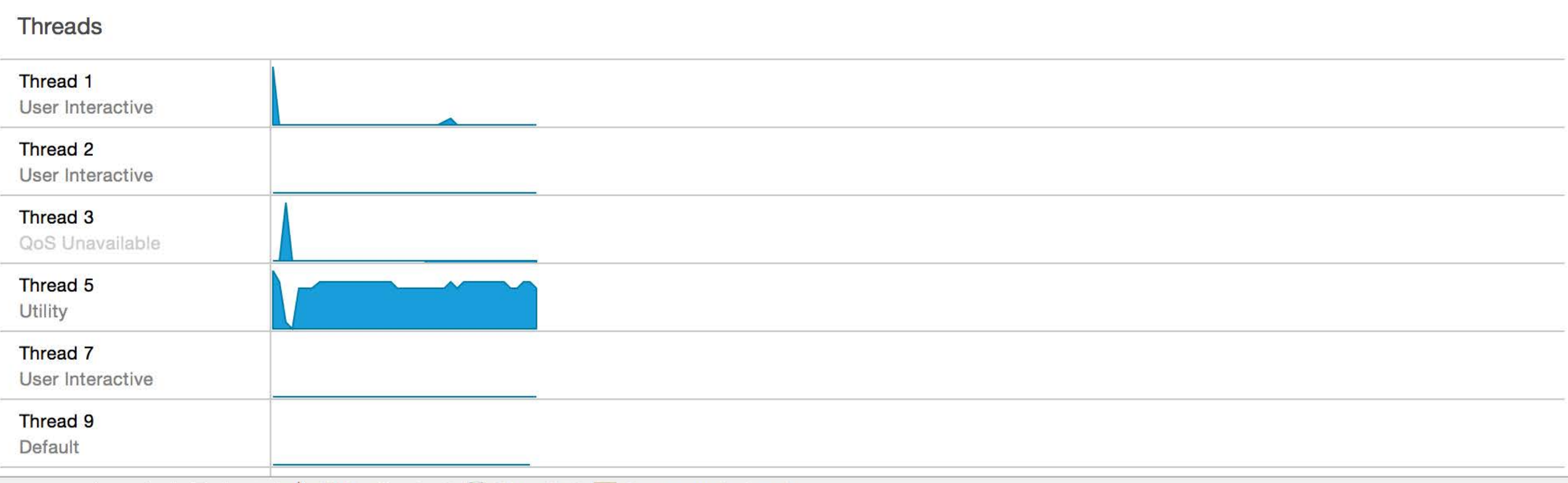
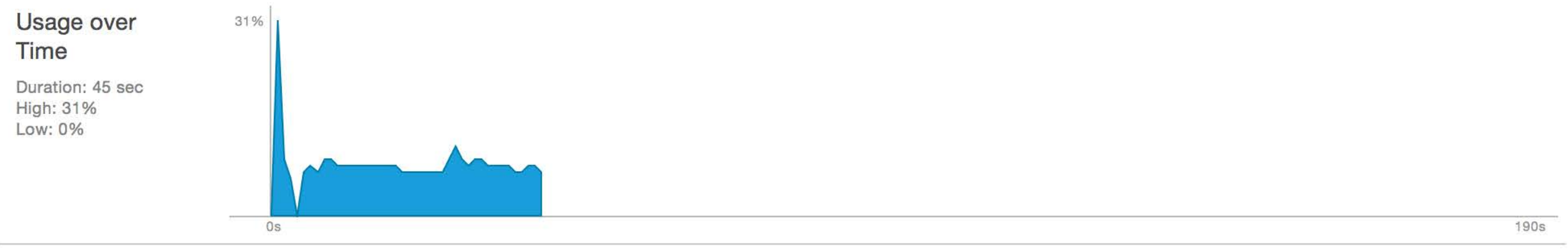
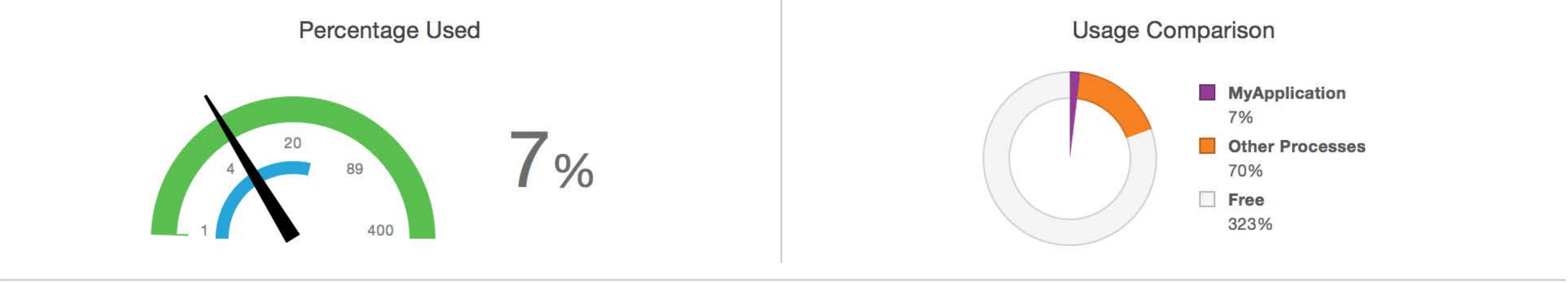
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All Output

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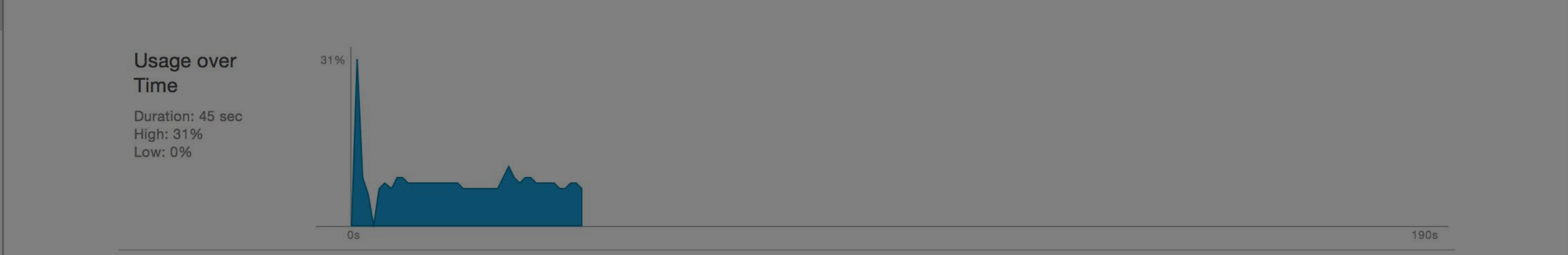
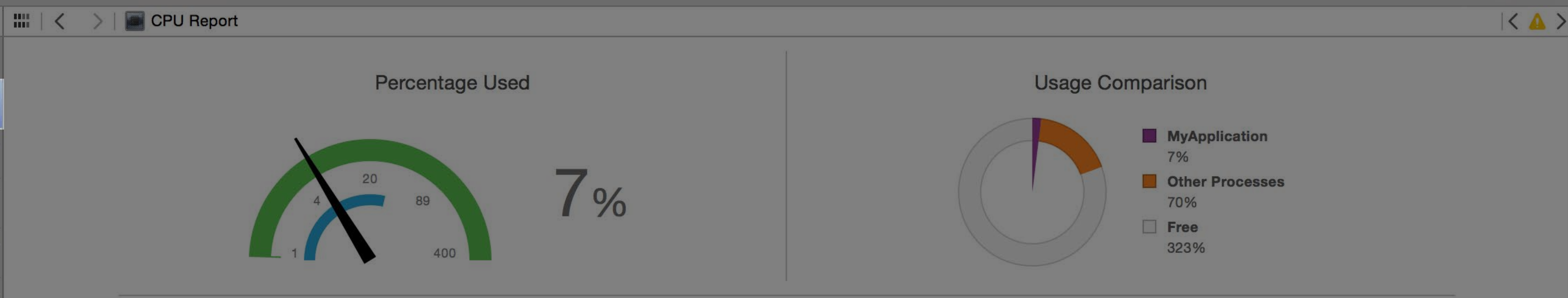
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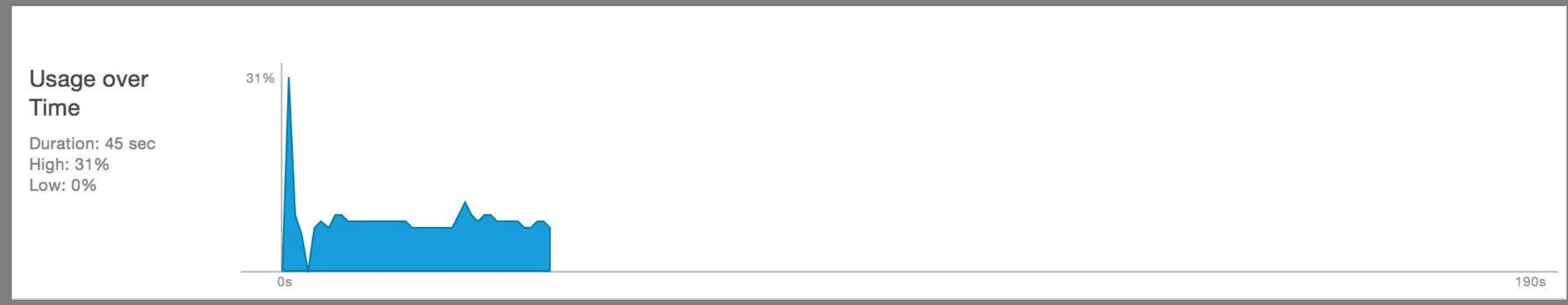
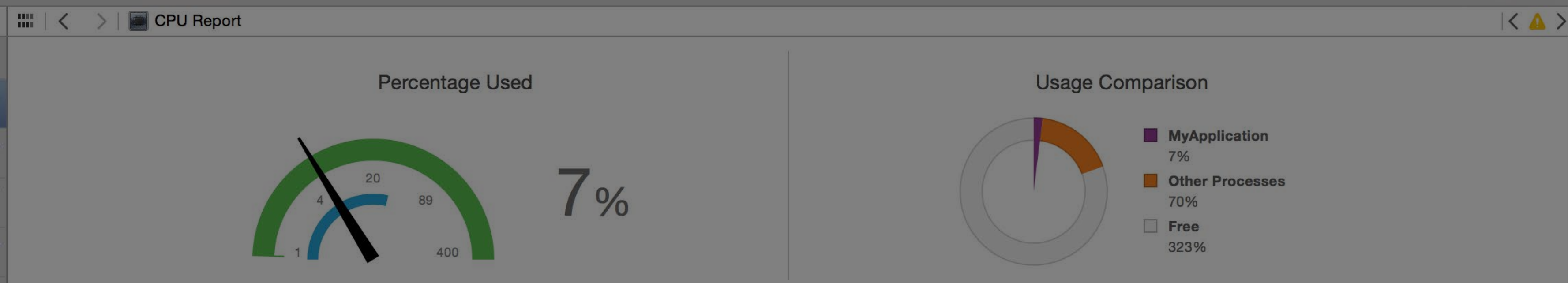
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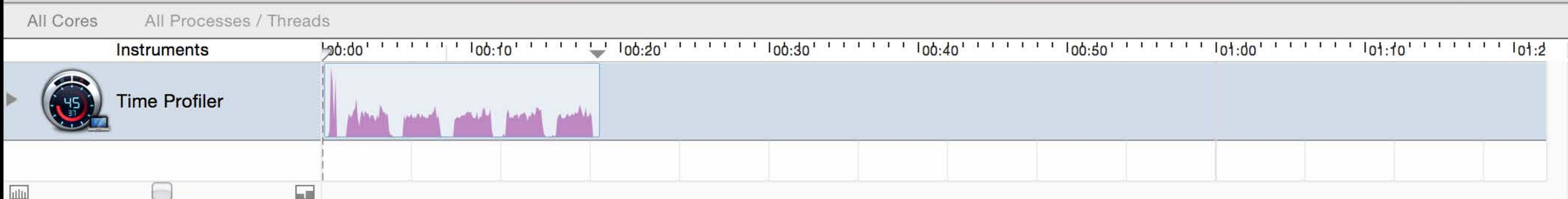
**Thread 10**



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All Output





Running Time	Self	Symbol Name
1906.0ms	97.7%	0.0
1894.0ms	97.1%	0.0
1894.0ms	97.1%	0.0
1827.0ms	93.6%	0.0
1819.0ms	93.2%	0.0
1816.0ms	93.1%	0.0
1811.0ms	92.8%	0.0
1811.0ms	92.8%	1.0
1793.0ms	91.9%	0.0
1783.0ms	91.4%	0.0
1782.0ms	91.3%	0.0
1702.0ms	87.2%	0.0
1699.0ms	87.1%	0.0
1645.0ms	84.3%	0.0
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1622.0ms	83.1%	0.0
1622.0ms	83.1%	0.0
1608.0ms	82.4%	0.0
14.0ms	0.7%	0.0
20.0ms	1.0%	0.0
2.0ms	0.1%	0.0
1.0ms	0.0%	1.0
50.0ms	2.5%	0.0
2.0ms	0.1%	0.0
1.0ms	0.0%	0.0

Symbol Name
▼Main Thread 0x6adef
▼start libdyld.dylib
▼NSApplicationMain AppKit
▼-[NSApplication run] AppKit
▼-[NSApplication nextEventMatchingMask:untilDate:inMode:dequeue:] AppKit
▼_DPSNextEvent AppKit
▼_BlockUntilNextEventMatchingListInModeWithFilter HIToolbox
▼ReceiveNextEventCommon HIToolbox
▼RunCurrentEventLoopInMode HIToolbox
▼CFRunLoopRunSpecific CoreFoundation
▼__CFRunLoopRun CoreFoundation
▼__CFRunLoopDoObservers CoreFoundation
▼__CFRUNLOOP_IS_CALLING_OUT_TO_AN_OBSERVER_CALLBACK_FUNCTION__ CoreF
▼_83-[NSWindow _postWindowNeedsDisplayOrLayoutOrUpdateConstraintsUnlessPosting
▼_handleWindowNeedsDisplayOrLayoutOrUpdateConstraints AppKit
▼-[NSWindow displayIfNeeded] AppKit
▼-[NSView displayIfNeeded] AppKit
▶-[NSView _displayRectIgnoringOpacity:isVisibleRect:rectIsVisibleRectForView:] Ap
▶-[NSView _sendViewWillDrawInRect:clipRootView:] AppKit
▶_CFAutoreleasePoolPop CoreFoundation
▶CA::Transaction::commit() QuartzCore
-[NSWindow isVisible] AppKit
▶_35-[NSWindow _postInvalidCursorRects]_block_invoke3230 AppKit
▶_38-[NSApplication setWindowsNeedUpdate:]_block_invoke2481 AppKit
▶-[NSWindow(NSDrag) registerDragTypes:] AppKit

**Sample Perspective**

- All Sample Counts
- Running Sample Times

**Call Tree**

- Separate by Thread
- Invert Call Tree
- Hide Missing Symbols
- Hide System Libraries
- Flatten Recursion
- Top Functions

**Call Tree Constraints**

- Count
- Time (ms)

**Data Mining**



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```
- (void)testSomething
{
    [self measureBlock:^(
        // ...snip..
    )];
}
```

# Related Sessions

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- Testing in Xcode 6 Marina Thursday 9:00AM
  - Continuous Integration with Xcode 6 Marina Thursday 2:00PM
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Prevent regressions with performance unit tests

# Minimize Timers

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-[NSObject performSelector:withObject:afterDelay:]

pthread\_cond\_timedwait()

CFRunLoopTimer

NSTimer

Grand Central Dispatch timers

sleep()

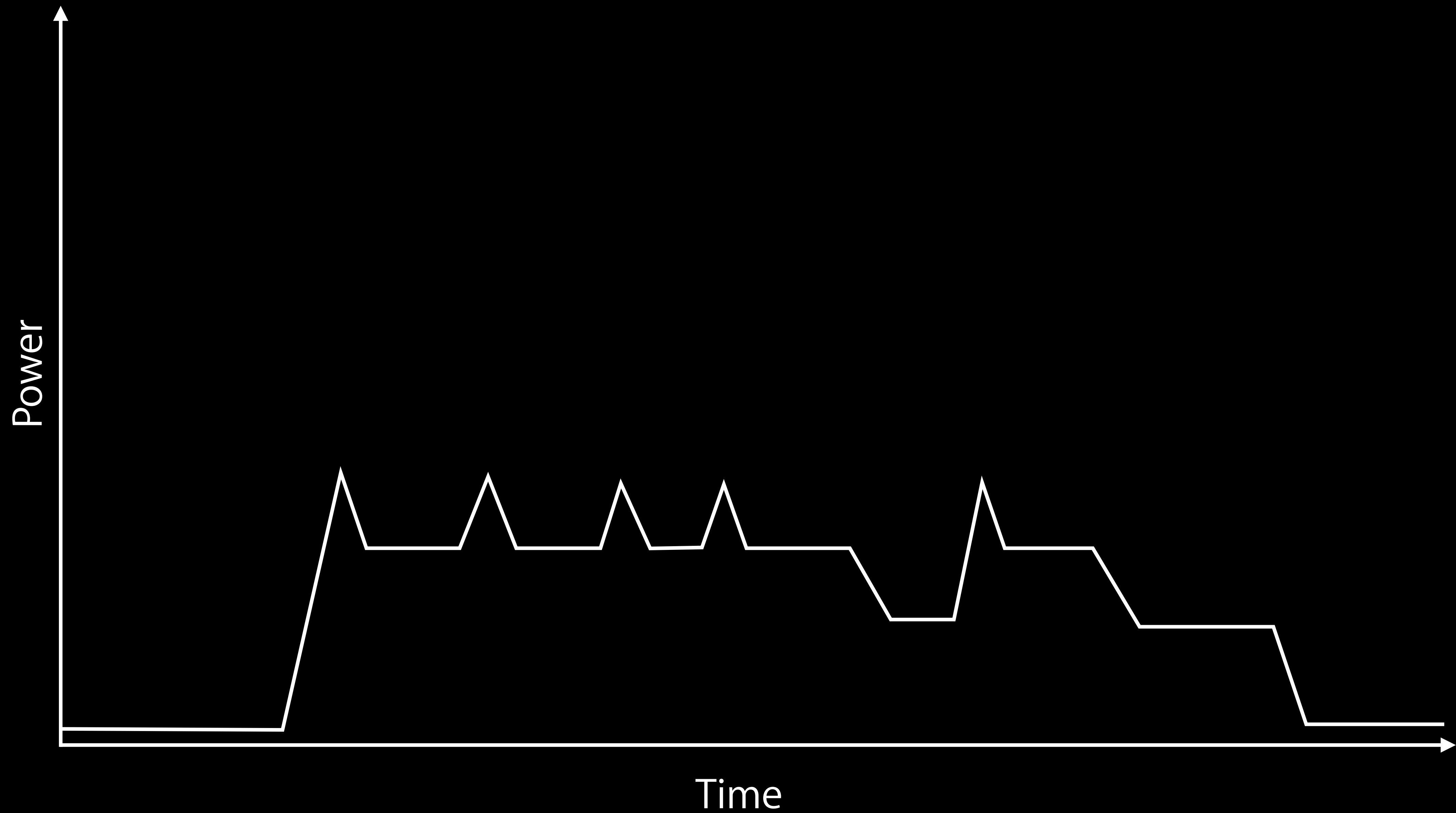
select()

CVDisplayLink

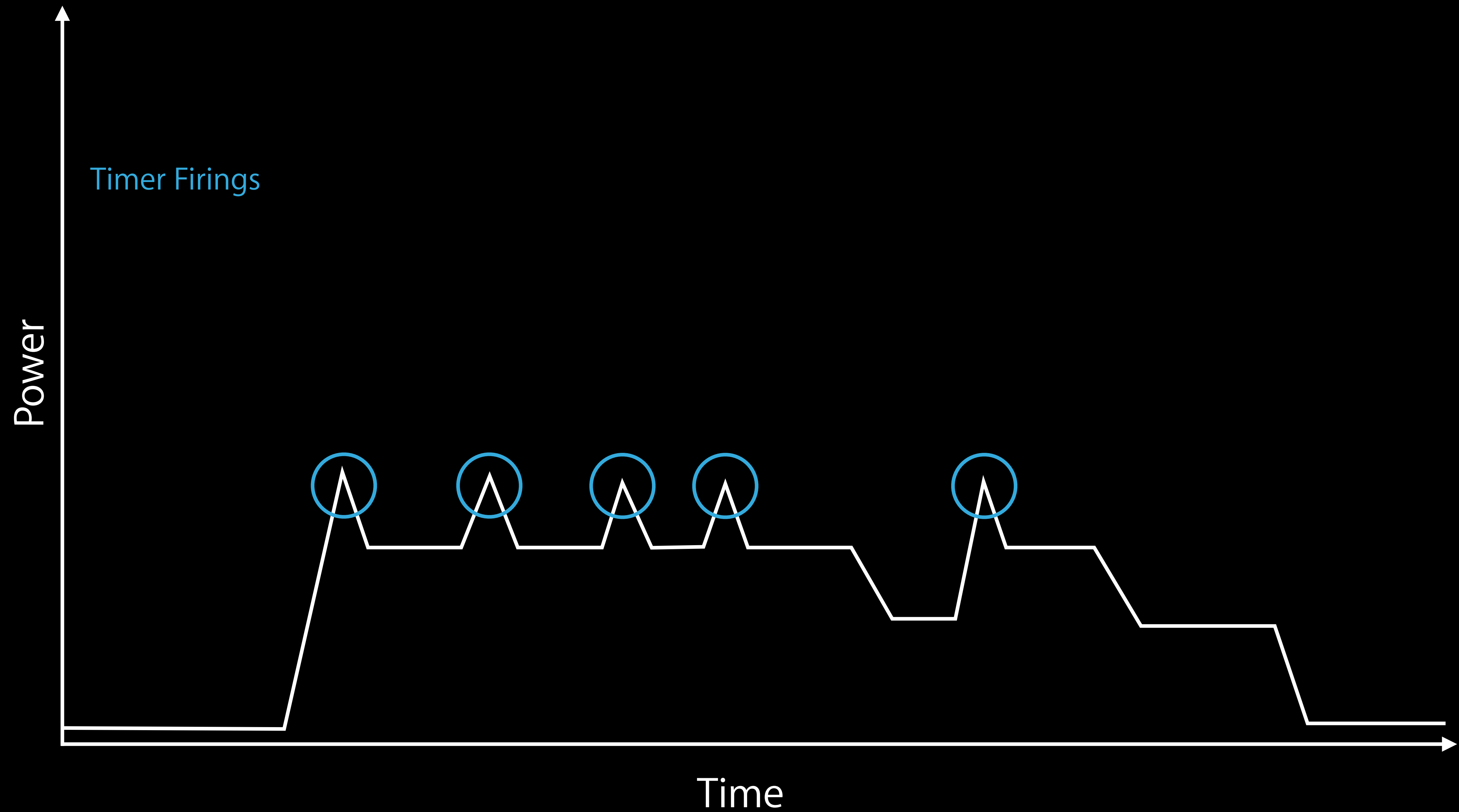
dispatch\_semaphore\_wait()



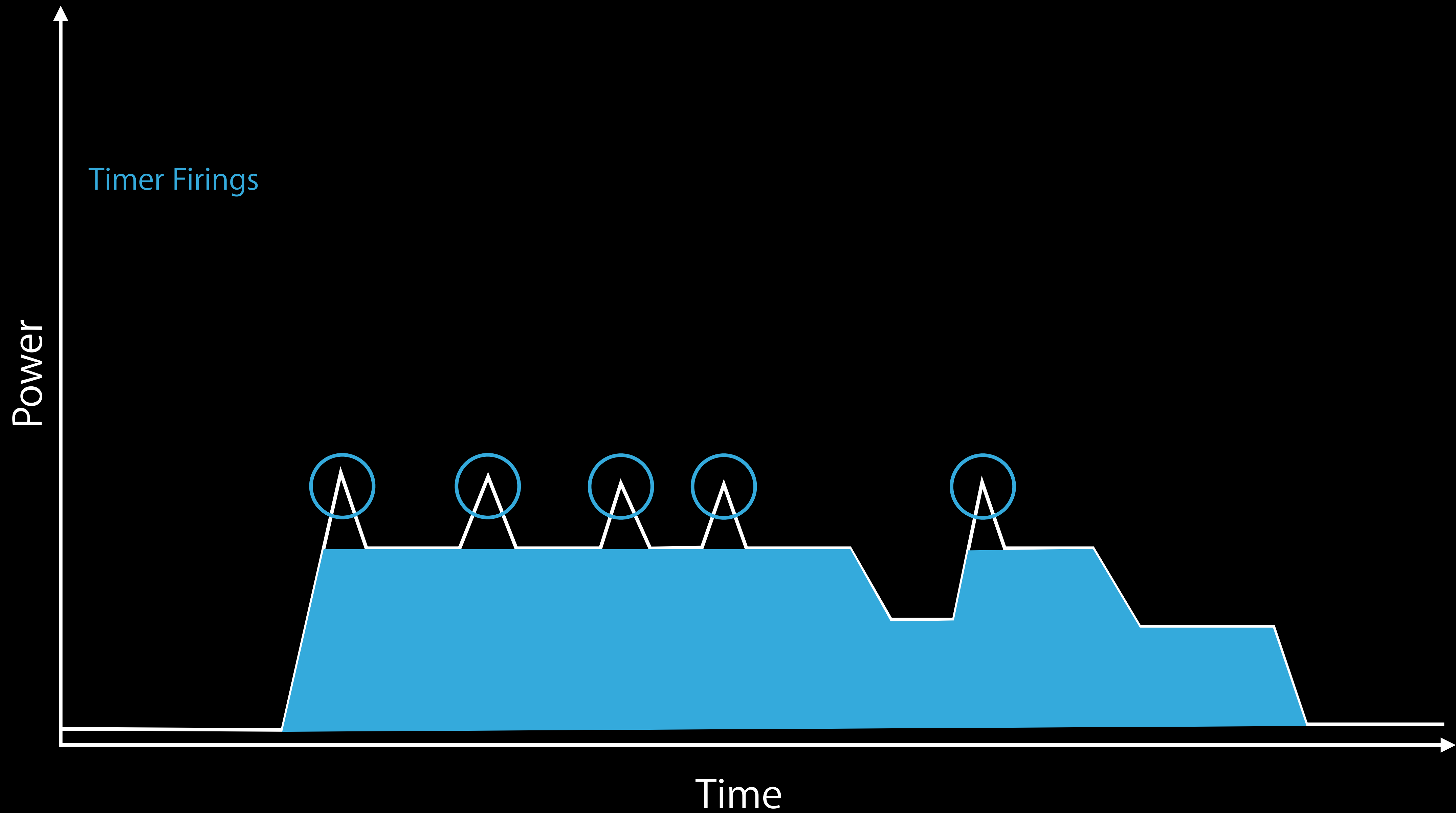
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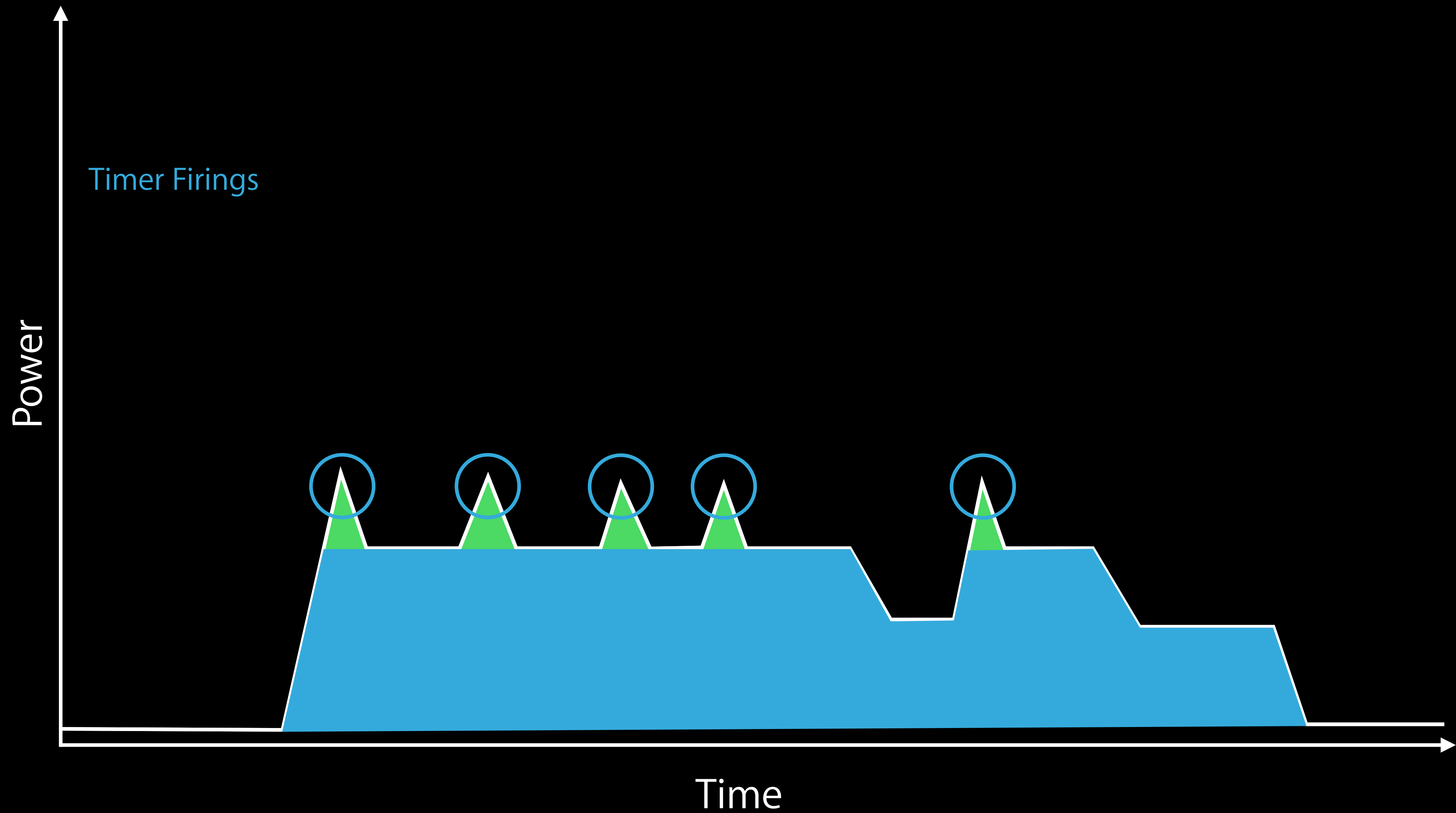
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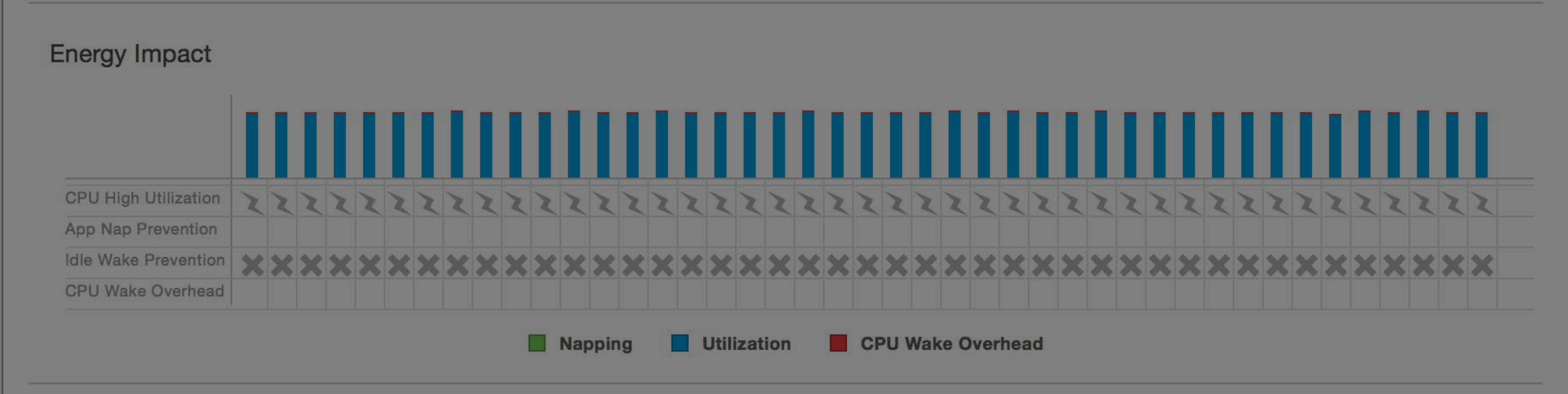
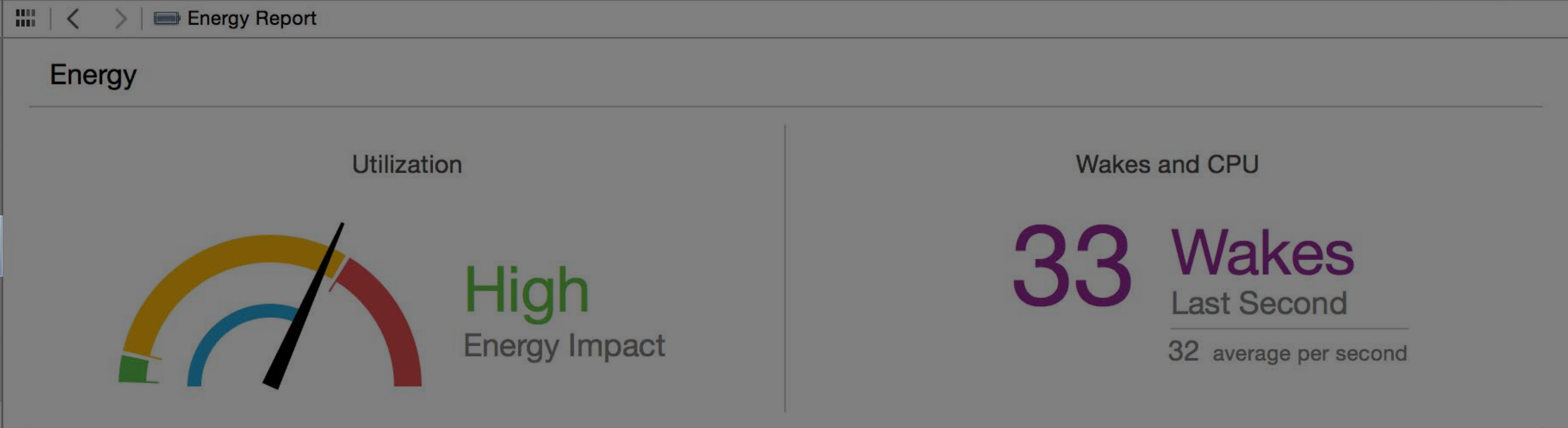
**CPU** 95%

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My Mac 64-bit Running MyApplication : MyApplication


Energy Report

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### Energy

Utilization




**High**  
Energy Impact

### Wakes and CPU

**33 Wakes**  
Last Second  
32 average per second

### Energy Impact



Category	Impact
CPU High Utilization	High
App Nap Prevention	None
Idle Wake Prevention	High
CPU Wake Overhead	High

Legend: ■ Napping ■ Utilization ■ CPU Wake Overhead

MyApplication



# Diagnosing Timer Issues

timerfires

```
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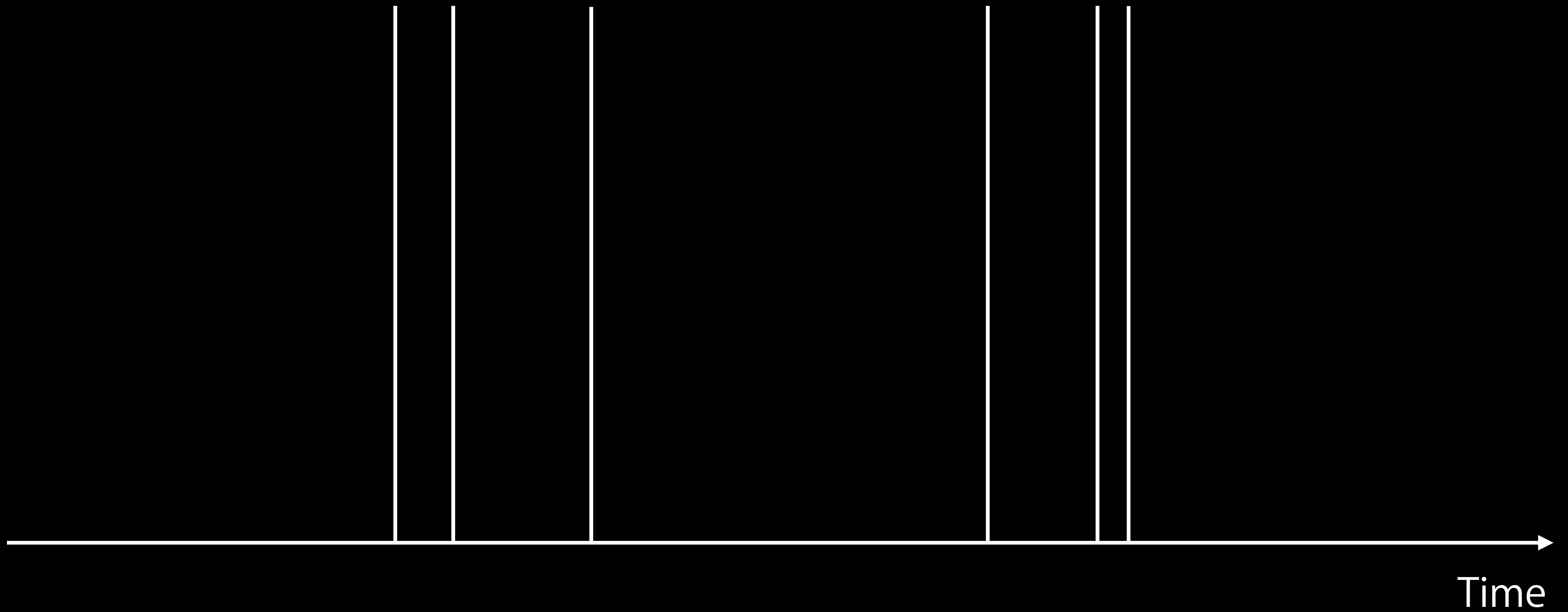
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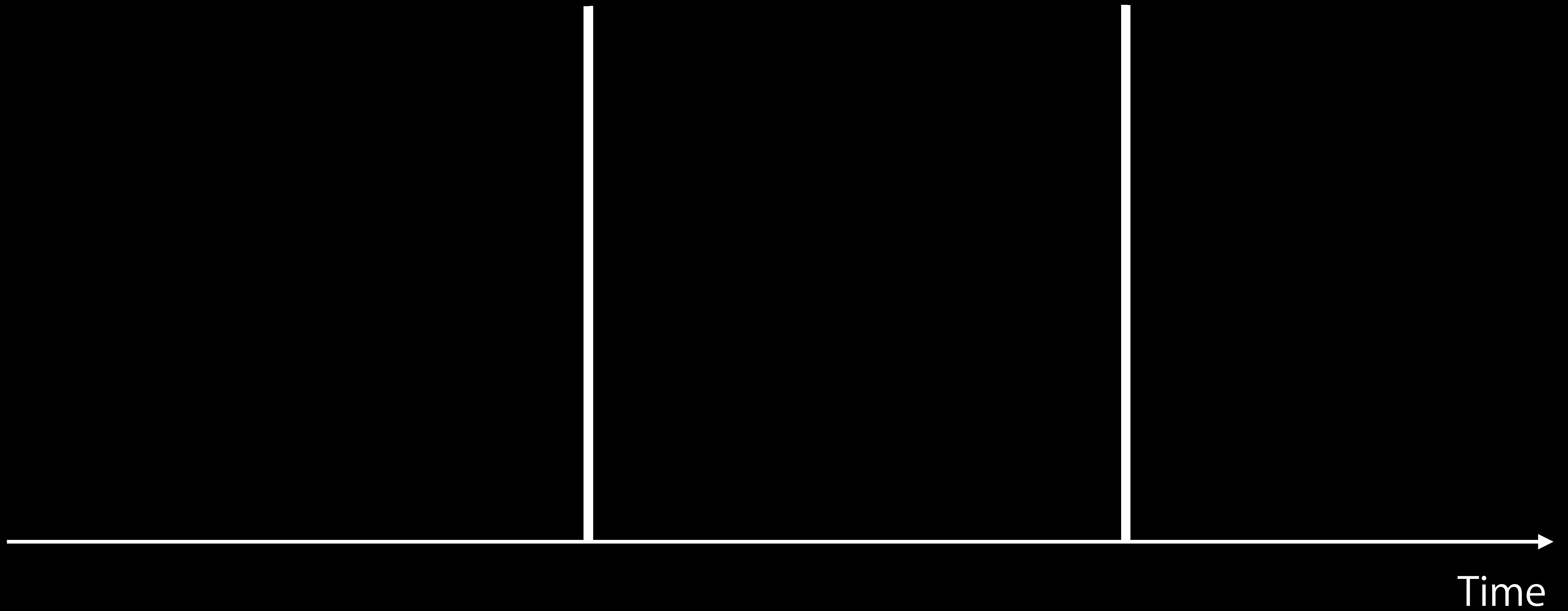
COUNT	PID	PROCESS	TYPE	TIMER ROUTINE
555	1603	MyApp	dispatch	MyApp`-[AppModel updateWidgets:]
735	1603	MyApp	CF	MyApp`-[AppDelegate timerFired:]
1127	1603	MyApp	sleep	

```
libsystem_kernel.dylib`__semwait_signal+0xa  
libsystem_c.dylib`usleep+0x36  
MyApp`-[AppModel pollForChange]+0x1a  
libdispatch.dylib`_dispatch_call_block_and_release+0xc
```

# Timer Coalescing



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Specify Timer Tolerance



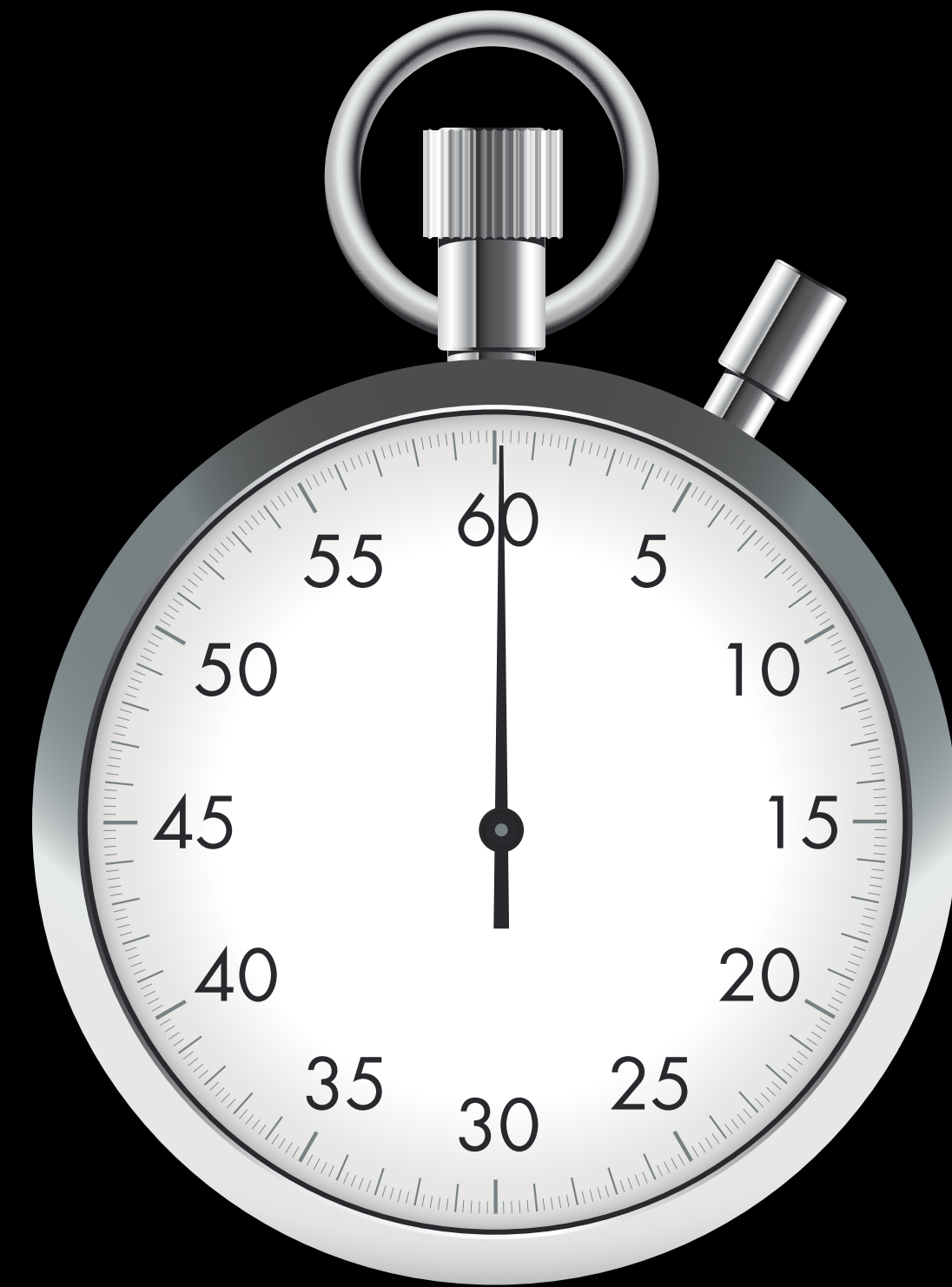
# Minimize Timers

Be mindful of wakeup overhead

Monitor for wakeups

Debug with timerfires

Specify timer tolerance





# Related Session

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- Energy Best Practices

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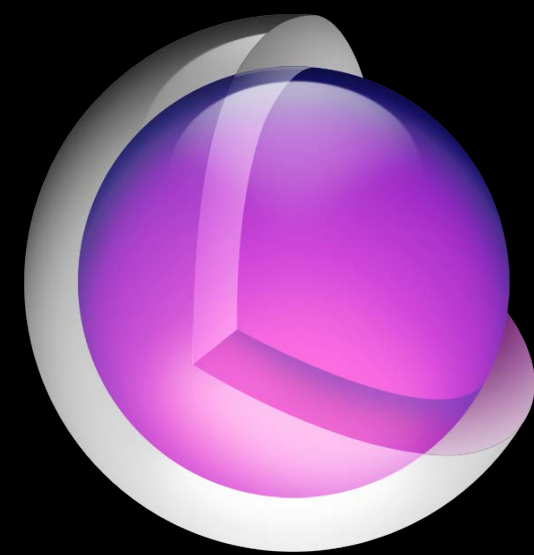
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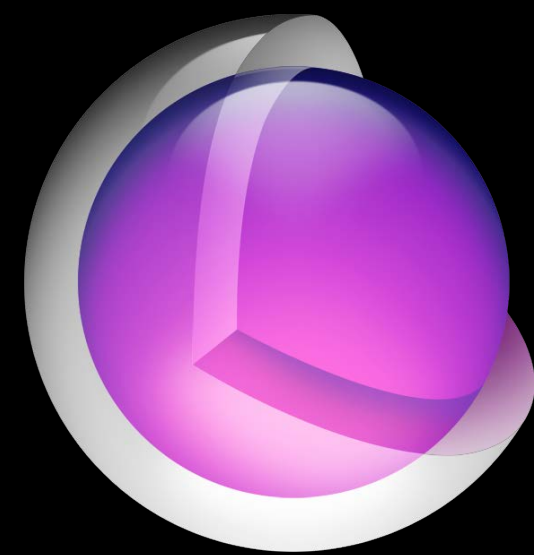
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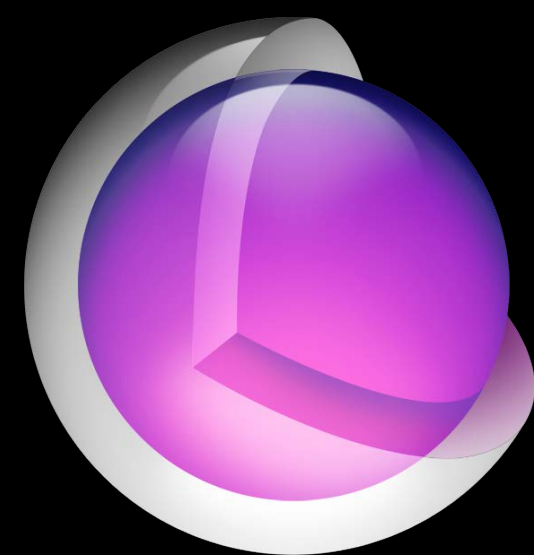
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# Limit Screen Updates

Avoid extraneous screen updates

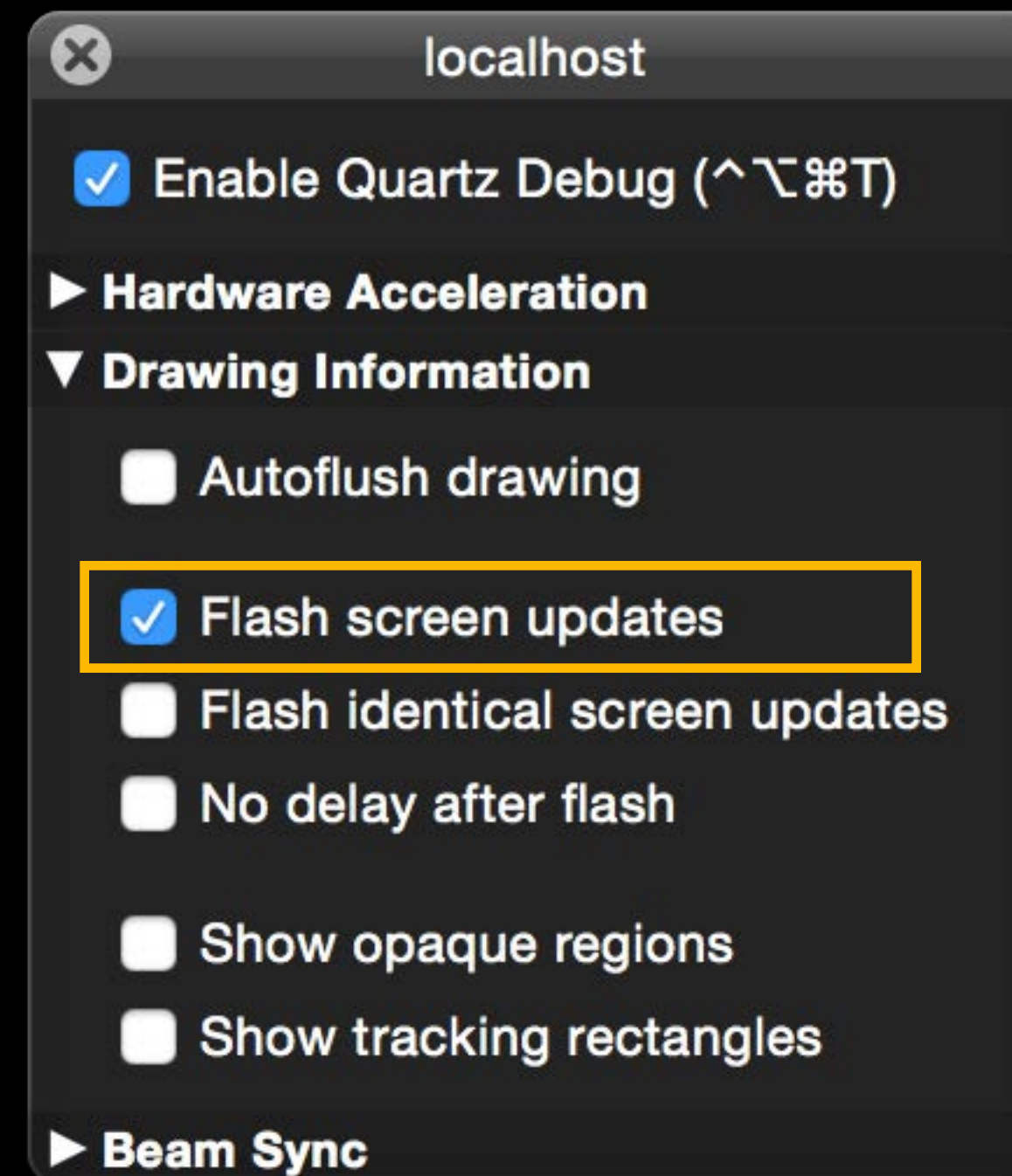
Unnecessary drawing kicks graphics hardware out of low-power modes

Drawing more content than needed causes extra power draw to update the screen

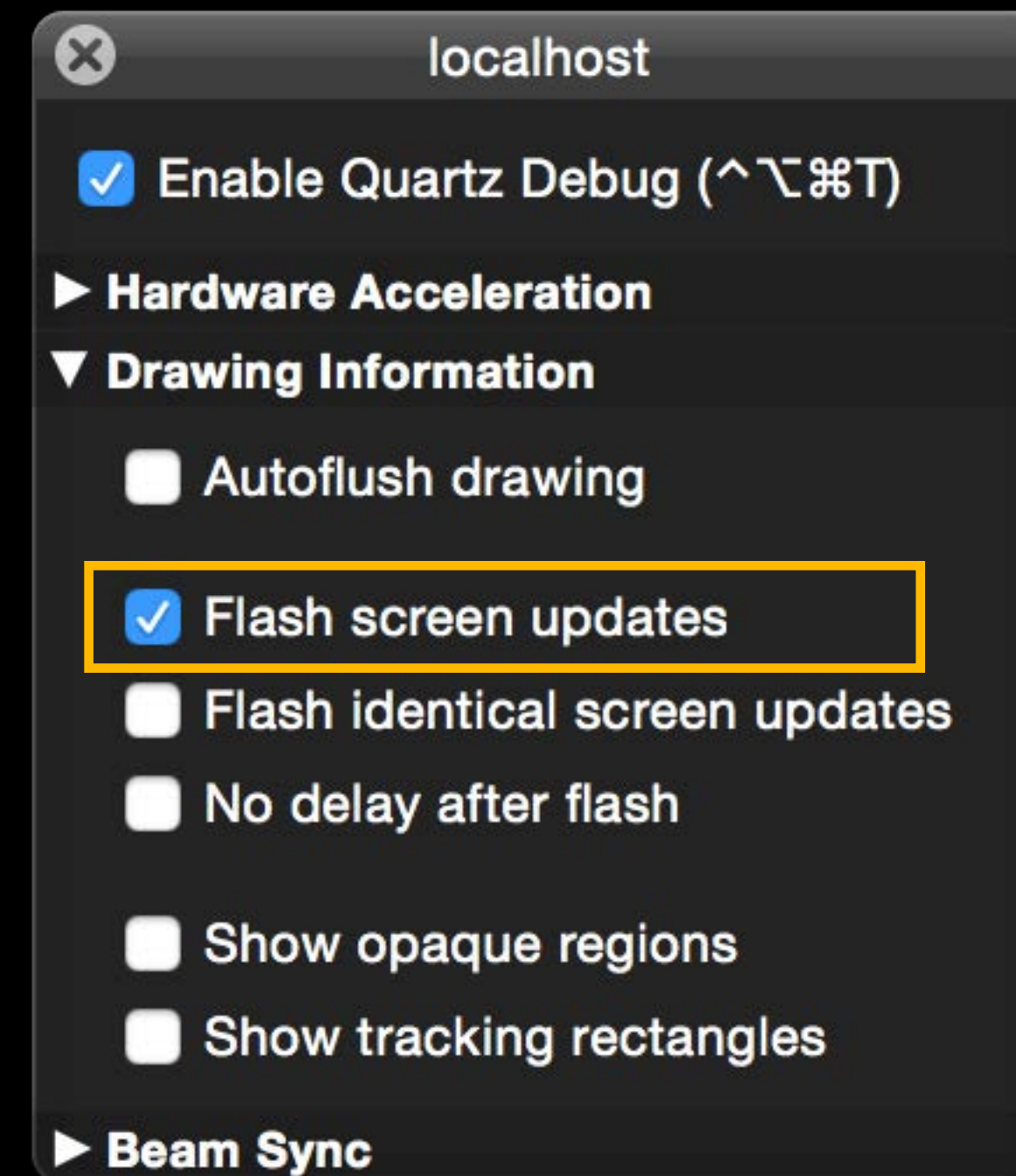
- Use `needsToDrawRect:` or `getRectsBeingDrawn:count:` methods to fine-tune drawing



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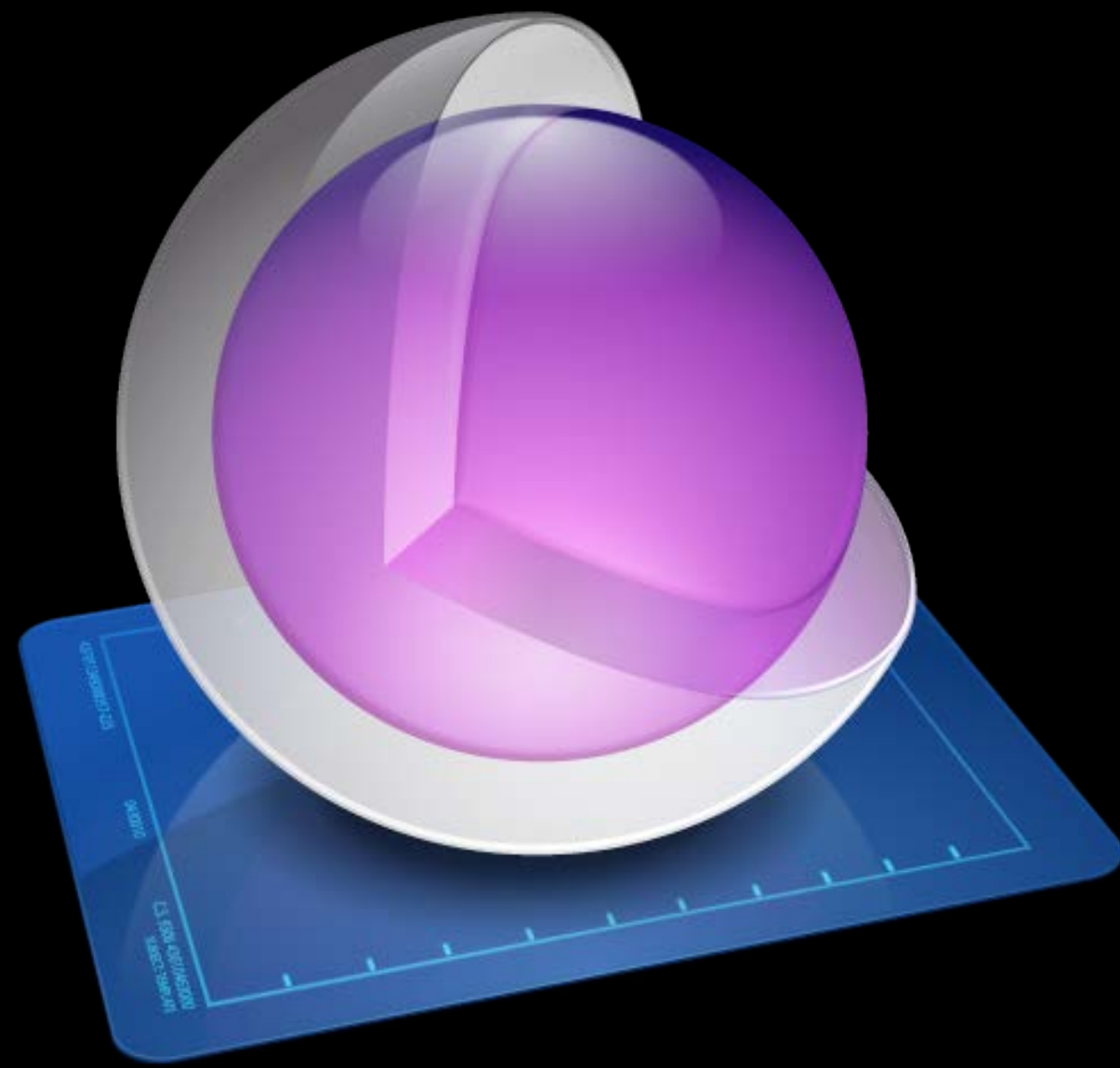


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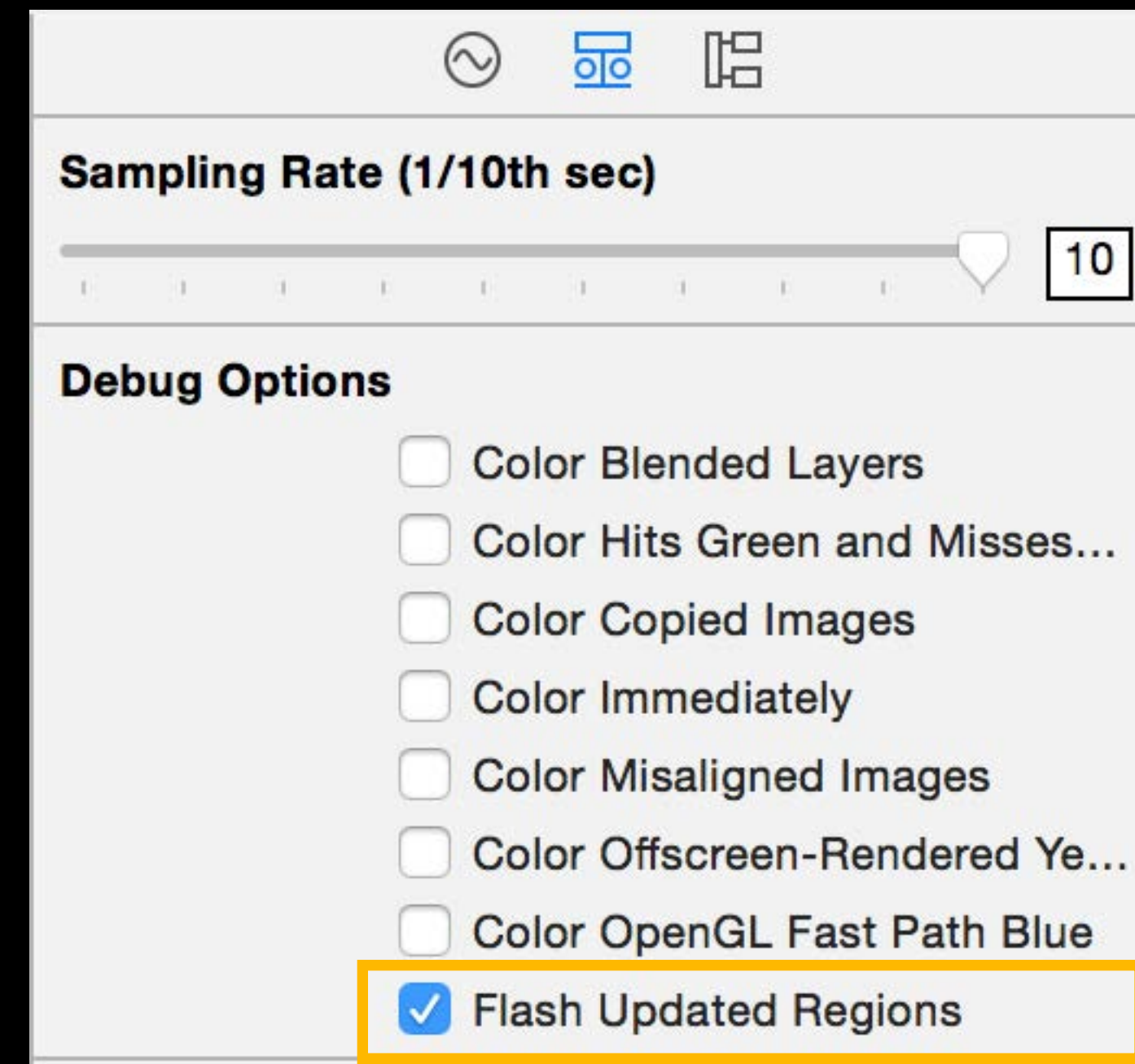




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Core Animation

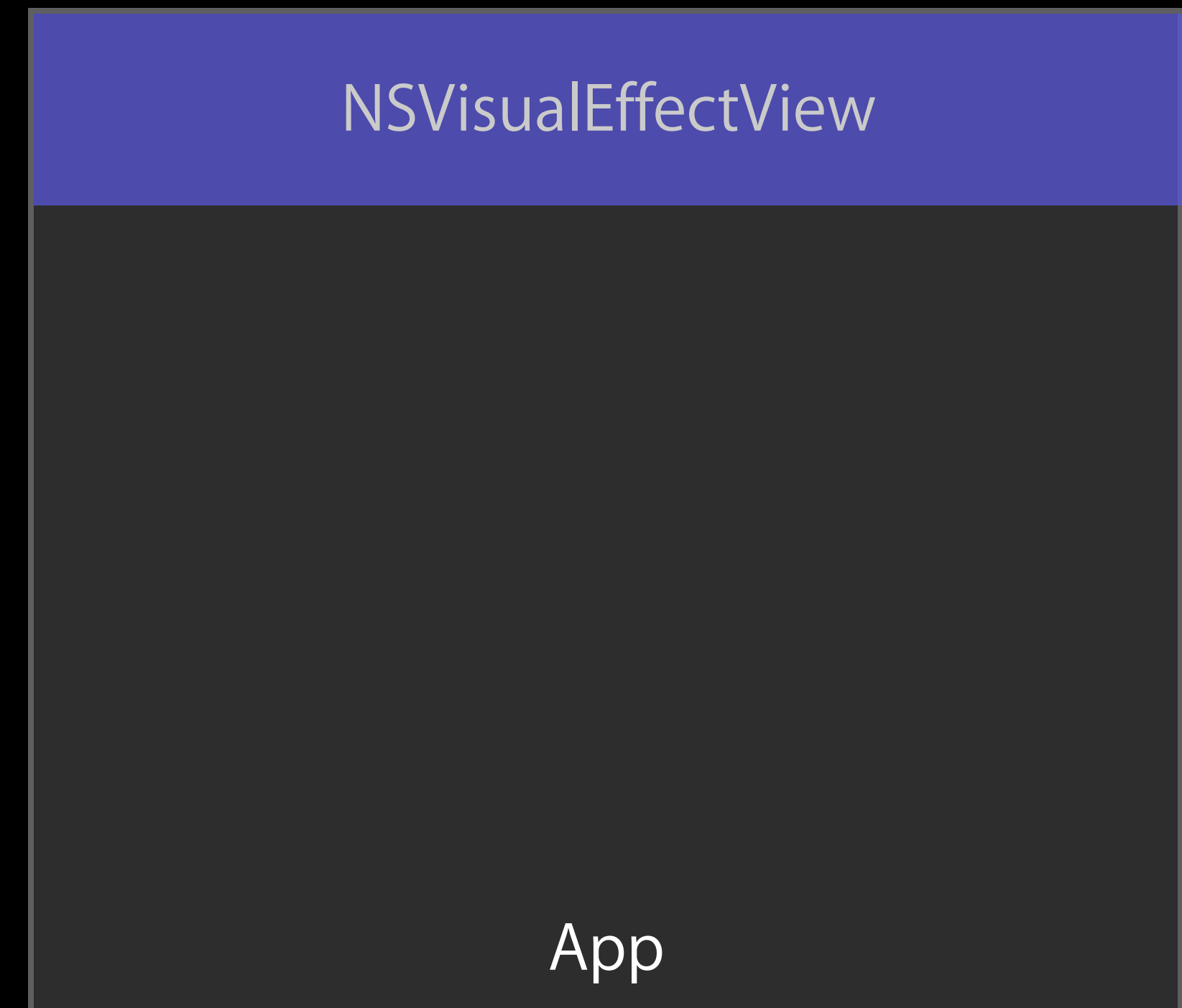


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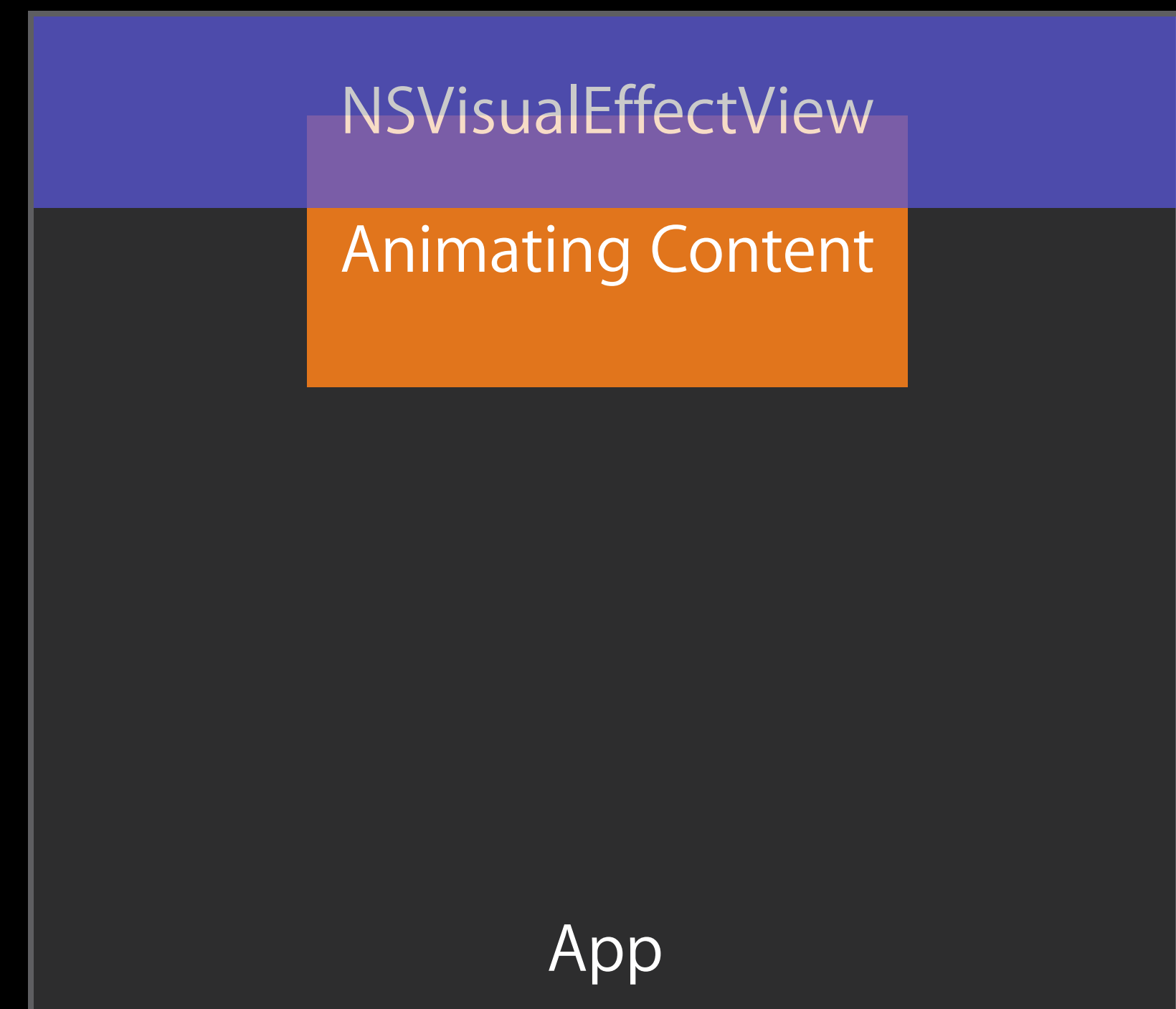
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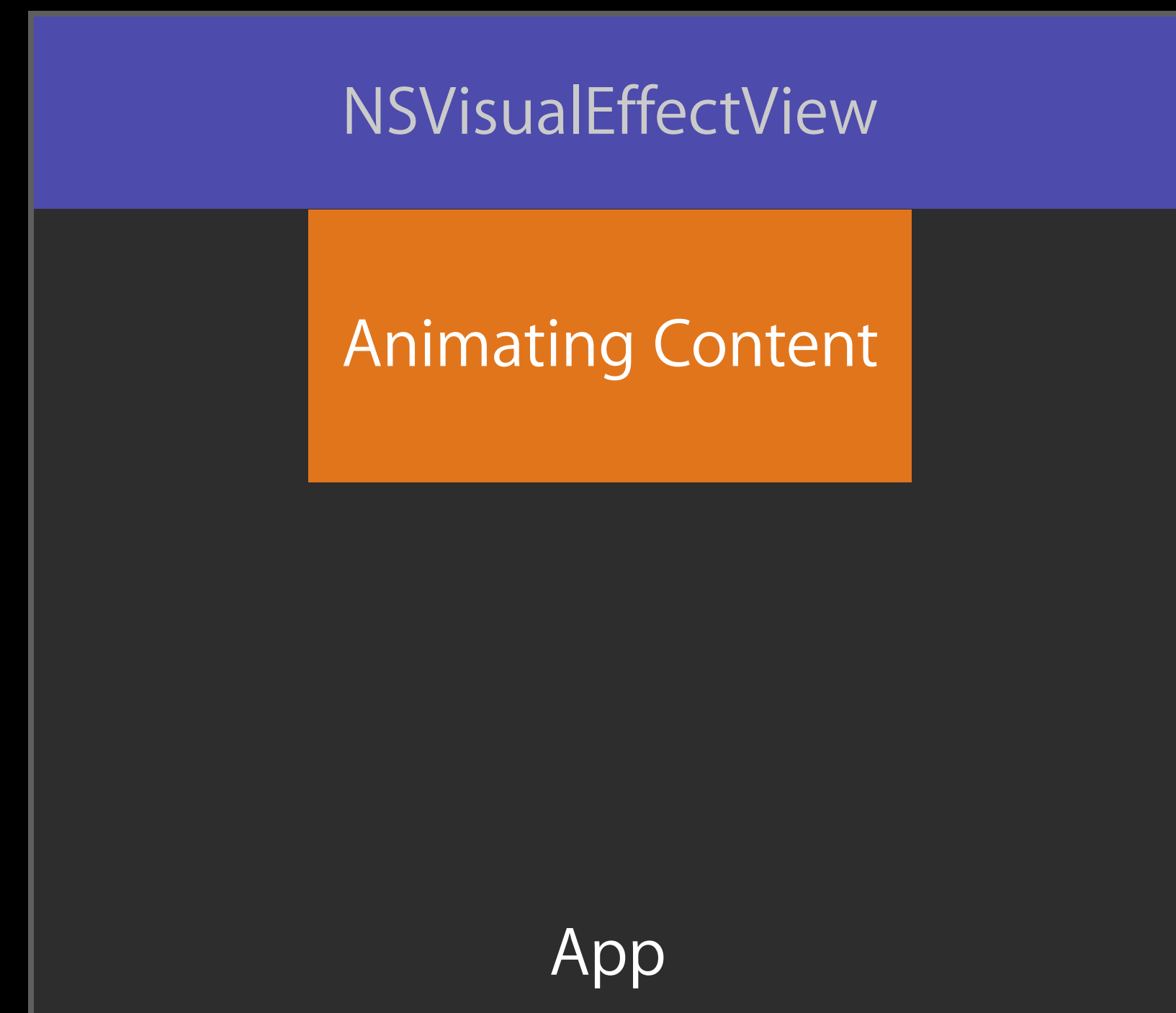




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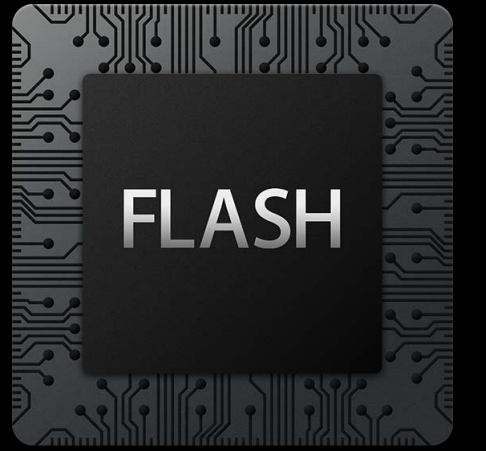
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Draw minimally and efficiently

Monitor drawing with Quartz Debug or Instruments

Avoid blurs on updating content

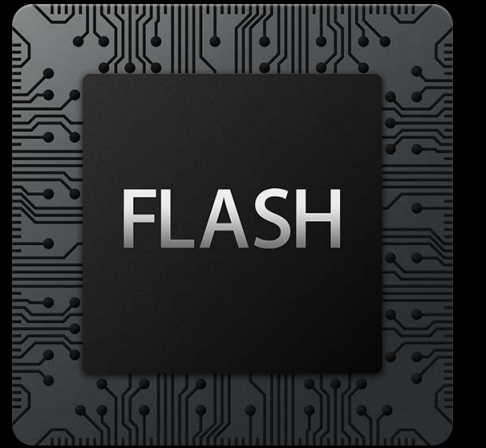
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Any I/O will pull device out of low-power states

- Use caching to your advantage

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Profile and monitor CPU

Reduce timers

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Minimize I/O

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And stick around for Part 2

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Building Resource Efficient Apps  
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# Related Sessions

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- What's New in Foundation Networking Nob Hill Tuesday 3:15PM

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  - Improving Your App with Instruments Marina Tuesday 4:30PM

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  - Writing Energy Efficient Code, Part 2 Russian Hill Wednesday 11:30AM

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  - Testing in Xcode 6 Marina Thursday 9:00AM

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  - Fix Bugs Faster Using Activity Tracing Russian Hill Thursday 11:30AM

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  - Continuous Integration with Xcode 6 Marina Thursday 2:00PM

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  - Power, Performance, and Diagnostics: What's New in GCD and XPC Russian Hill Thursday 2:00PM
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# Labs

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| ● Power and Performance Lab | Core OS Lab B | Wednesday 2:00PM |
| ● Instruments Lab           | Tools Lab B   | Thursday 9:00AM  |
| ● Power and Performance Lab | Core OS Lab A | Thursday 3:15PM  |
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