

A background image showing a person in a red athletic outfit running down a paved street. The street is lined with parked cars, including a dark car on the left and a light-colored car on the right. The scene is captured in a cinematic style with soft lighting.

DECOMPOSITION OF THE MAIN THREAD IN NODE.JS TO INCREASE THROUGHPUT

HELLO!



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NODE.JS IN ENTERPRISE

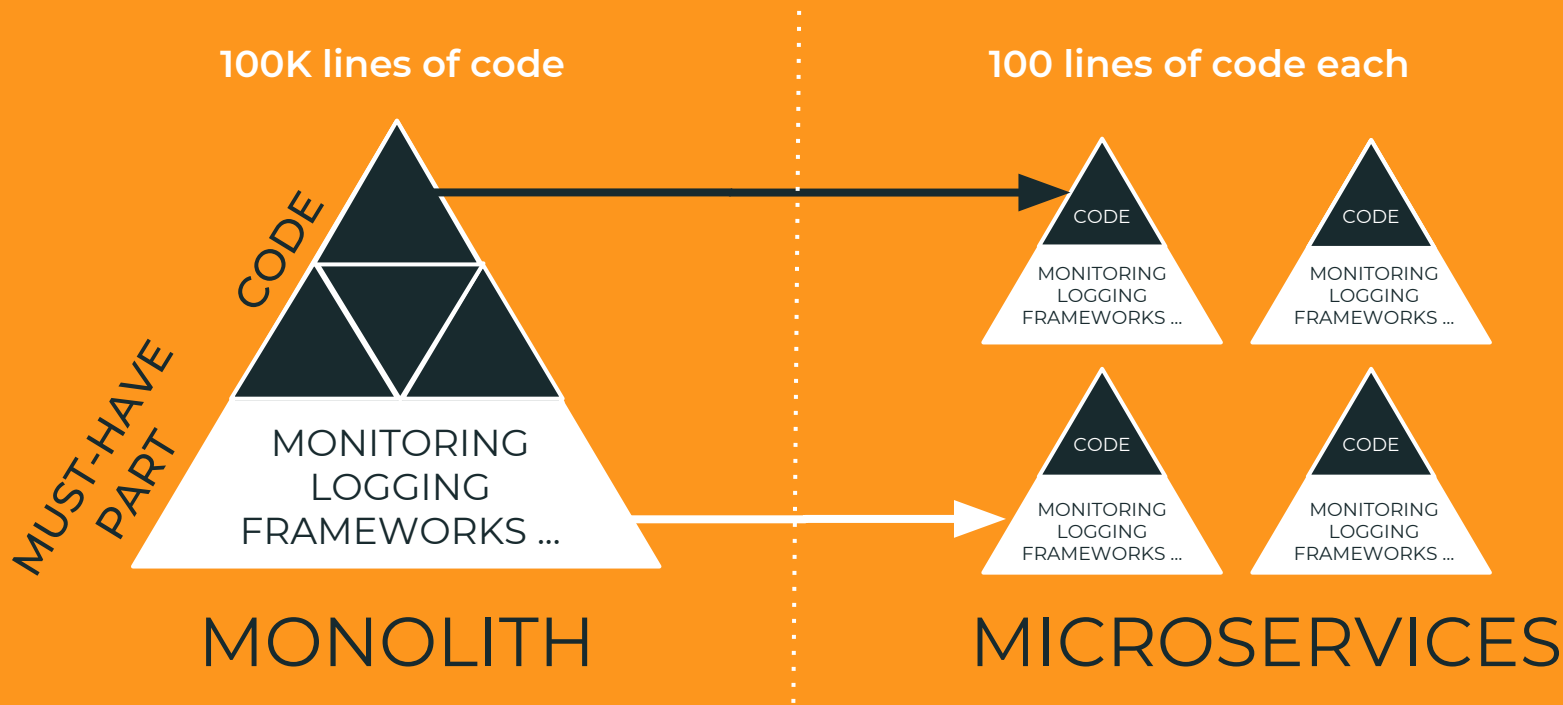
- IS WIDELY USED
- HIGHLOAD ON BLACK FRIDAY
- COMPETITION IN THE BUSINESS
 - GROWTH OF PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS
 - GROWTH OF FUNCTIONALITY/FEATURES

“WHAT IS FAST TODAY
WILL BE SLOW
TOMORROW AS DEMANDS
CAN ONLY GROW”

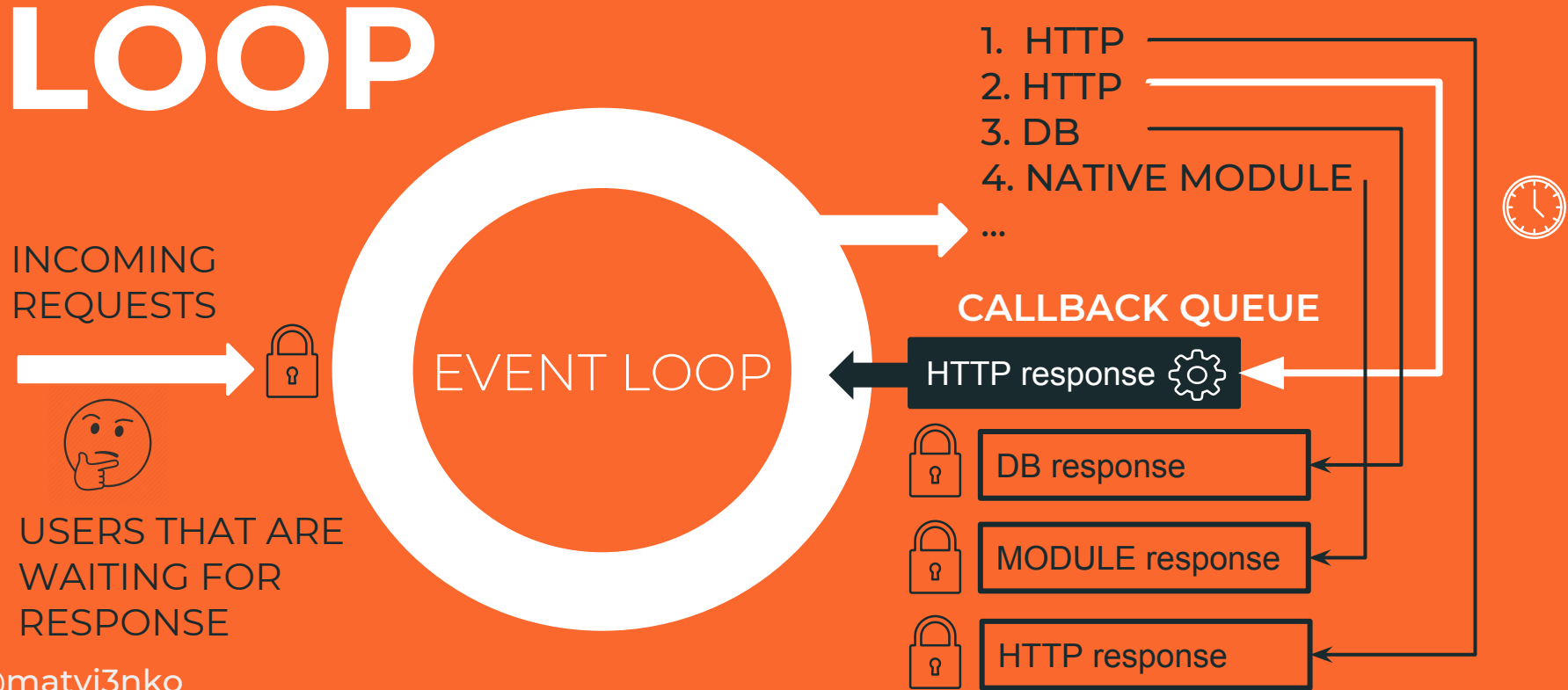
THE PROBLEM

HEAVY LOAD OF
NODE.JS MAIN THREAD

MUST-HAVE PART



BLOCKED EVENT LOOP



IN THE QUEUE



THE

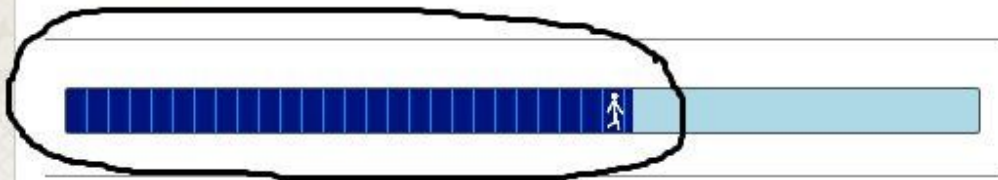
2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™

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English (United States) ▼

You are now in the queue

You are in the queue for the First Come First Served Sales Period of the 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™. When it is your turn, you will have 10 minutes to enter the website.



Your estimated wait time is: more than an hour

Status last updated: 2:24:09 PM

[Leave the line](#) (You will lose your place)

Queue ID: [4e52c3d3-c986-419f-becf-705f68be6334](#)

LATENCY

milliseconds



THROUGHPUT

request/second



SCALING

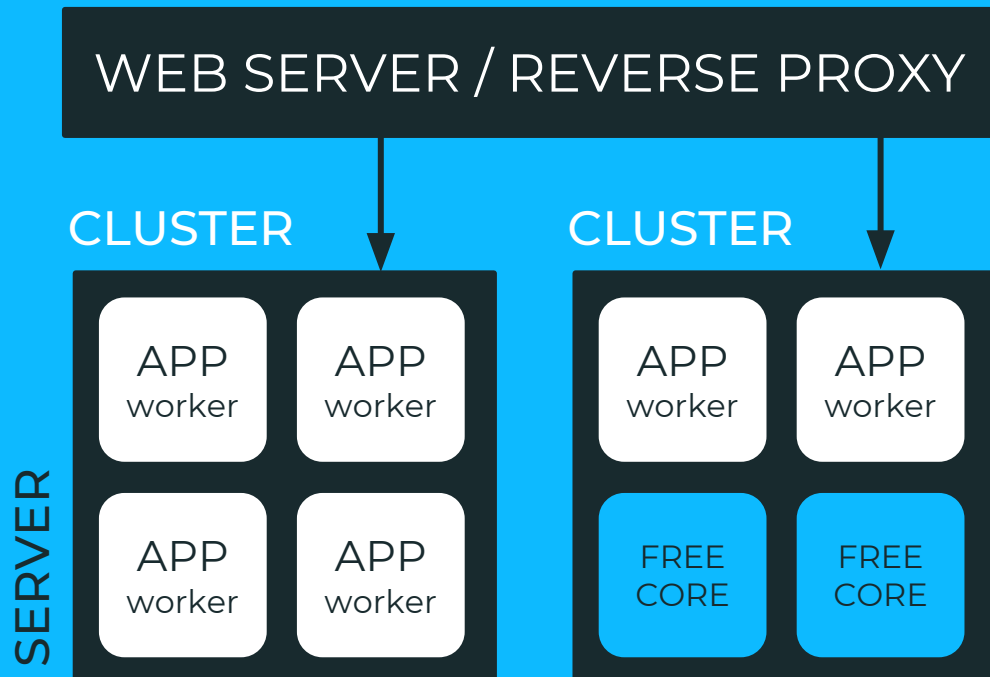
1. MULTIPLE PROCESSES

- CLUSTER module
- PM2

2. MULTIPLE SERVERS

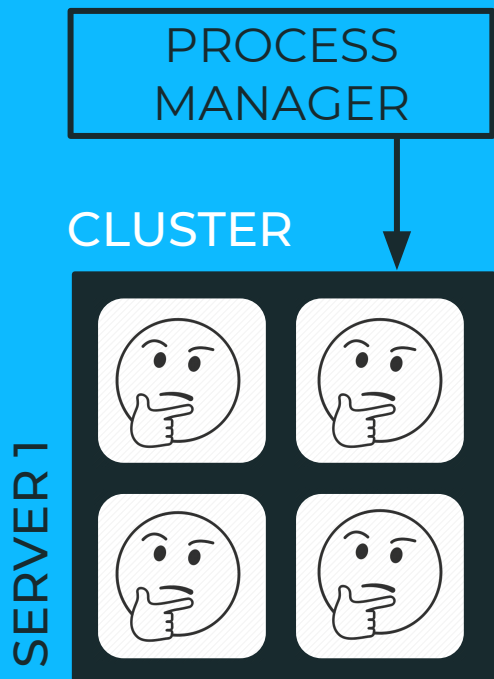
WEB SERVER
/ REVERSE PROXY

- PHUSION PASSENGER
- NGINX

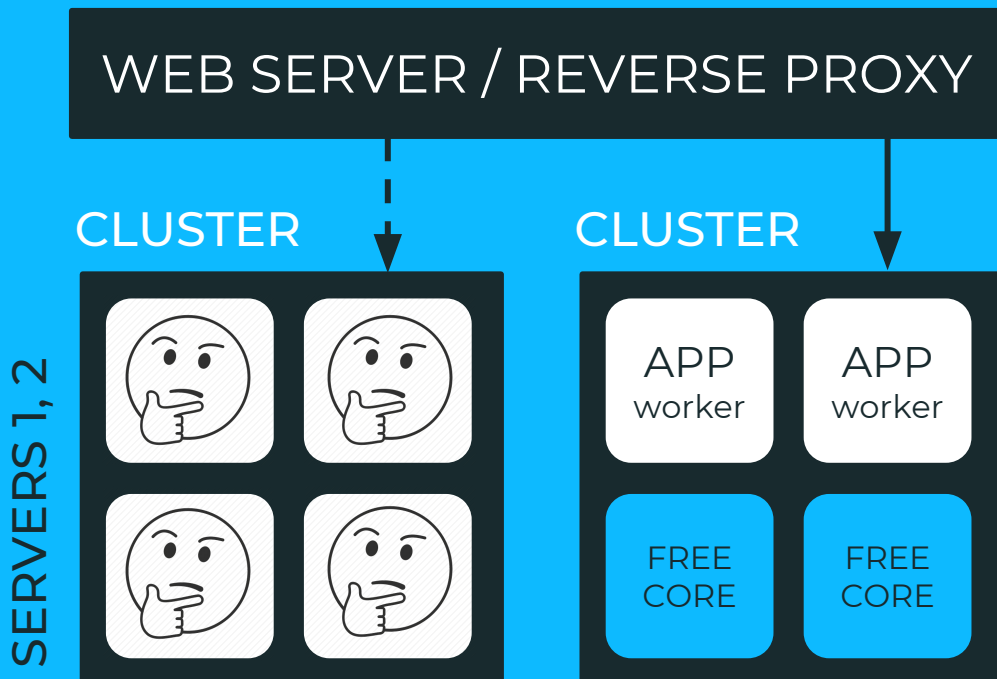


LOAD BALANCING

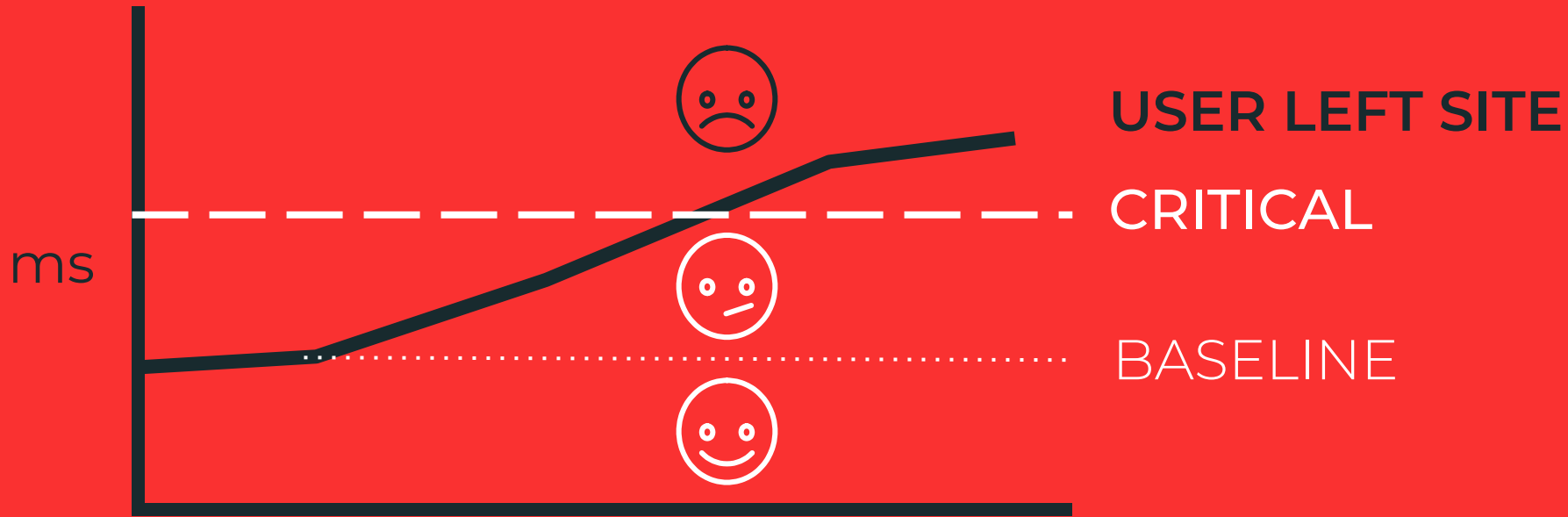
1.



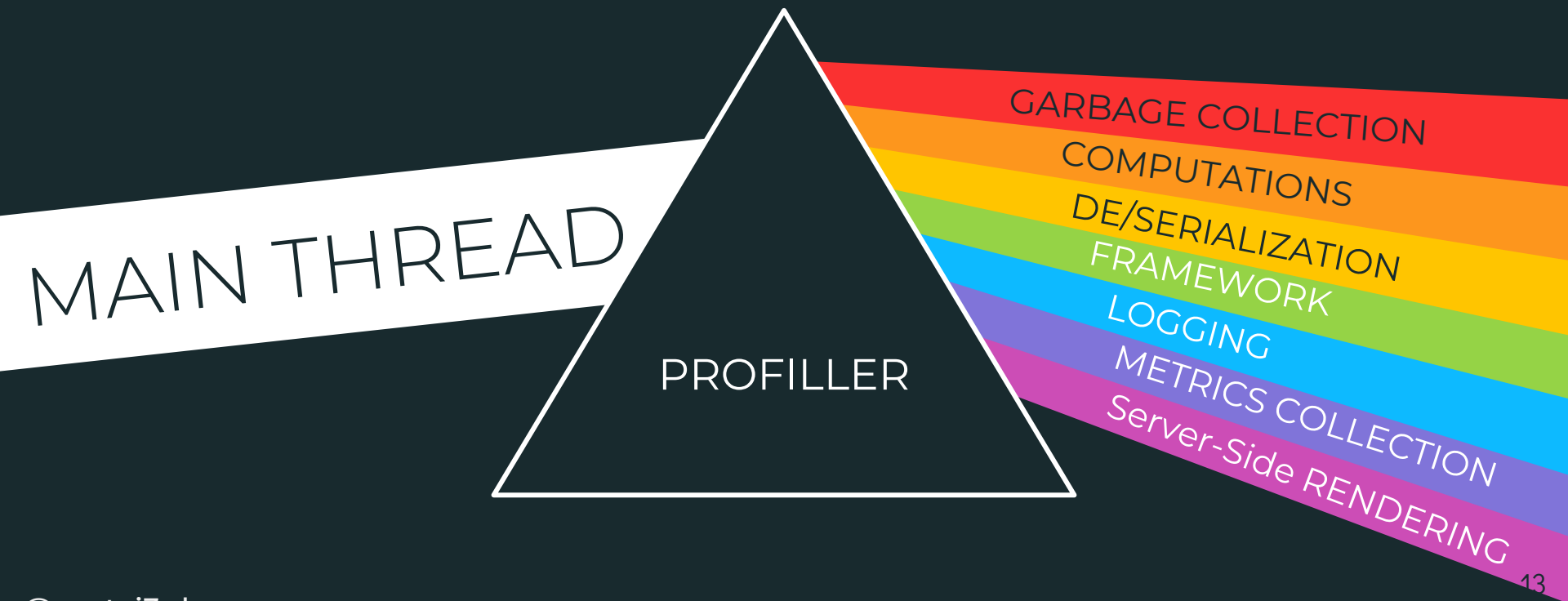
2.



RESPONSE TIME



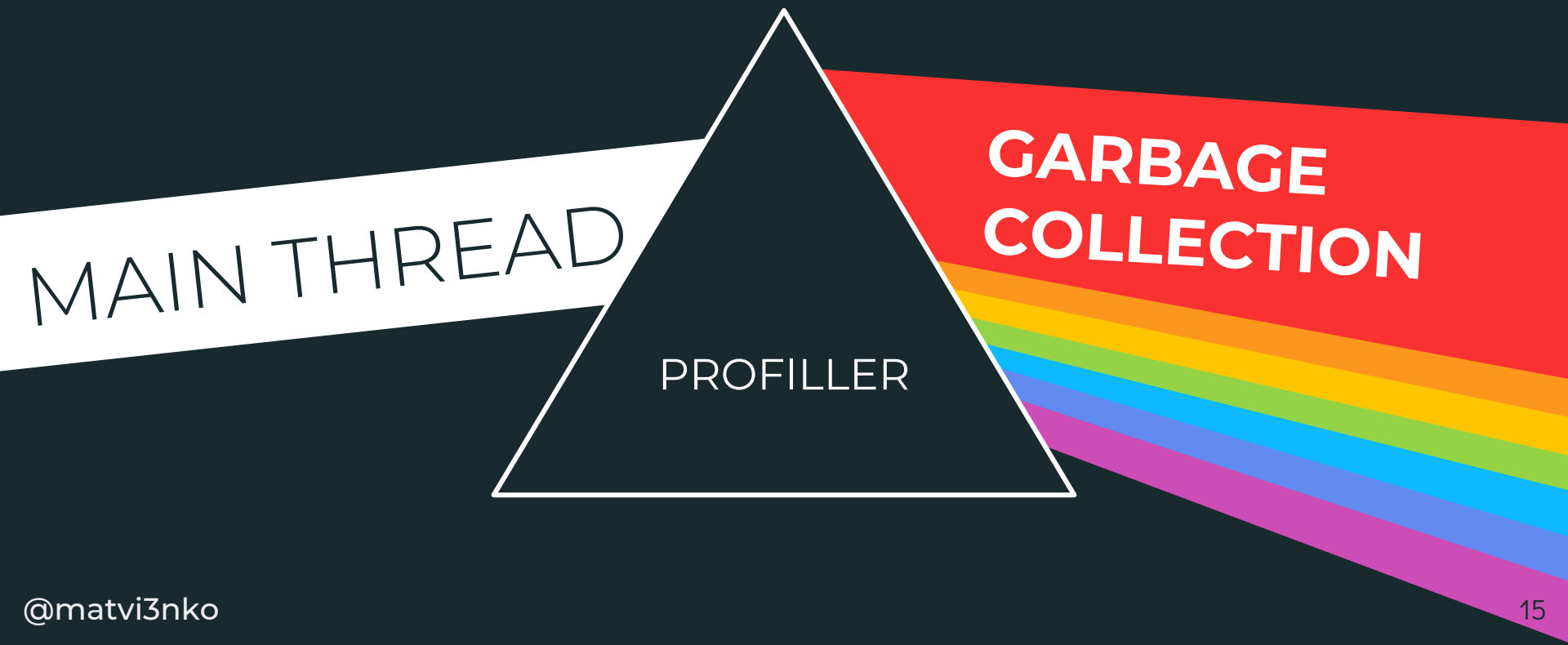
DISPERSION



EACH REQUEST

USERS PAY FOR LOGGING, GC AND METRICS
COLLECTIONS ... WITH THEIR TIME.





“THE WORLD  IS MINE”

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1959

GARBAGE COLLECTION

MAIN THREAD



APP CODE EXECUTION

STOP THE SERVER
STOP THE WORLD



OLD
SPACE

NEW
SPACE

MARK
EVACUATE

INCREMENTAL COLLECTION

MAIN THREAD



APP CODE EXECUTION

LESS PERFORMANCE IMPACT



OLD
SPACE



NEW
SPACE



MARK
EVACUATE



GC DECOMPOSITION

MAIN THREAD
APP CODE EXECUTION



ALGORITHMS of ORINOCO GC:

1. PARALLEL
MARK-SWEEP

2. PARALLEL
SCAVENGER

3. PARALLEL
MARK-EVACUATE

X2 execution

-30% mark overhead
-70% evacuate overhead

New V8 threads:

THREAD

THREAD

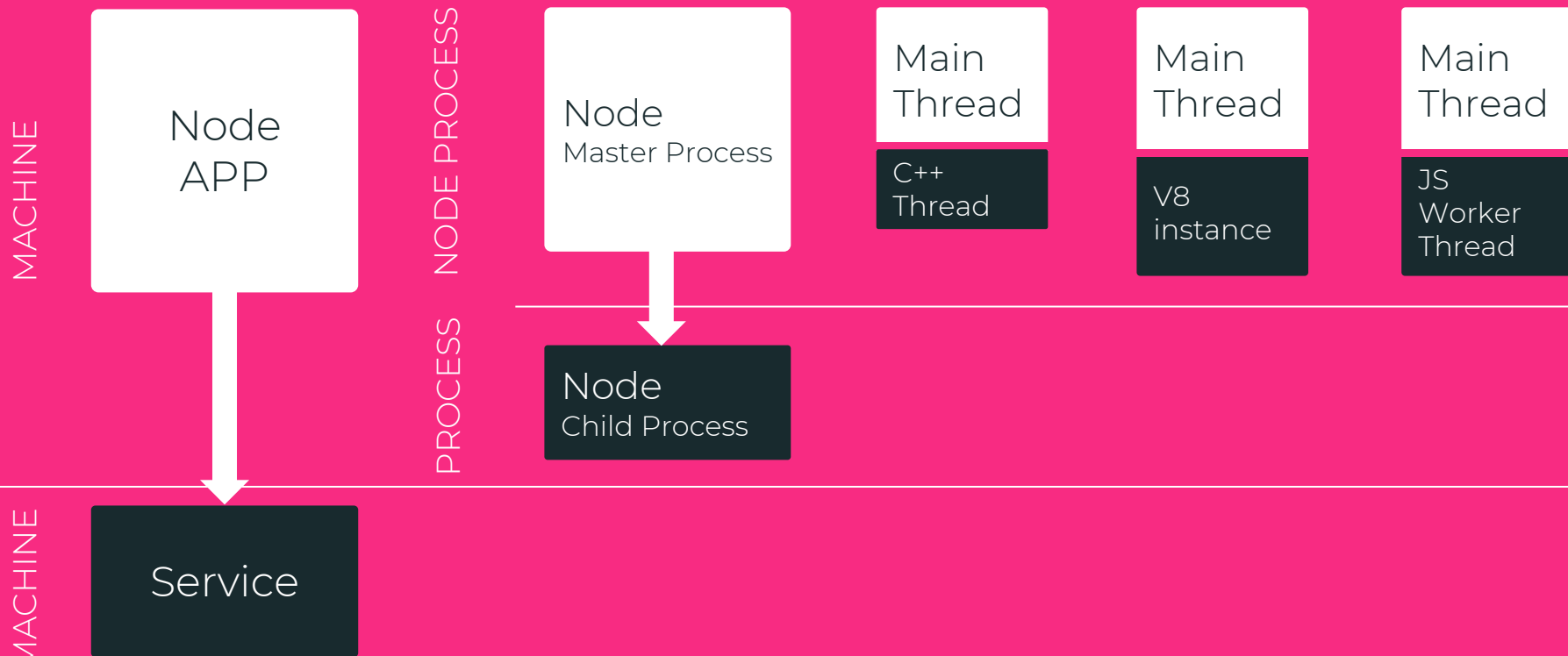
THREAD

... 50 years later

“THE WORLD  IS MINE NOW”

© JS COMPUTING OPERATION IN NODE.JS
2009

PARALLELIZATION



WEBWORKER THREADS / NAPA.JS / ALIOS

MULTY THREADING

IN NODE.JS

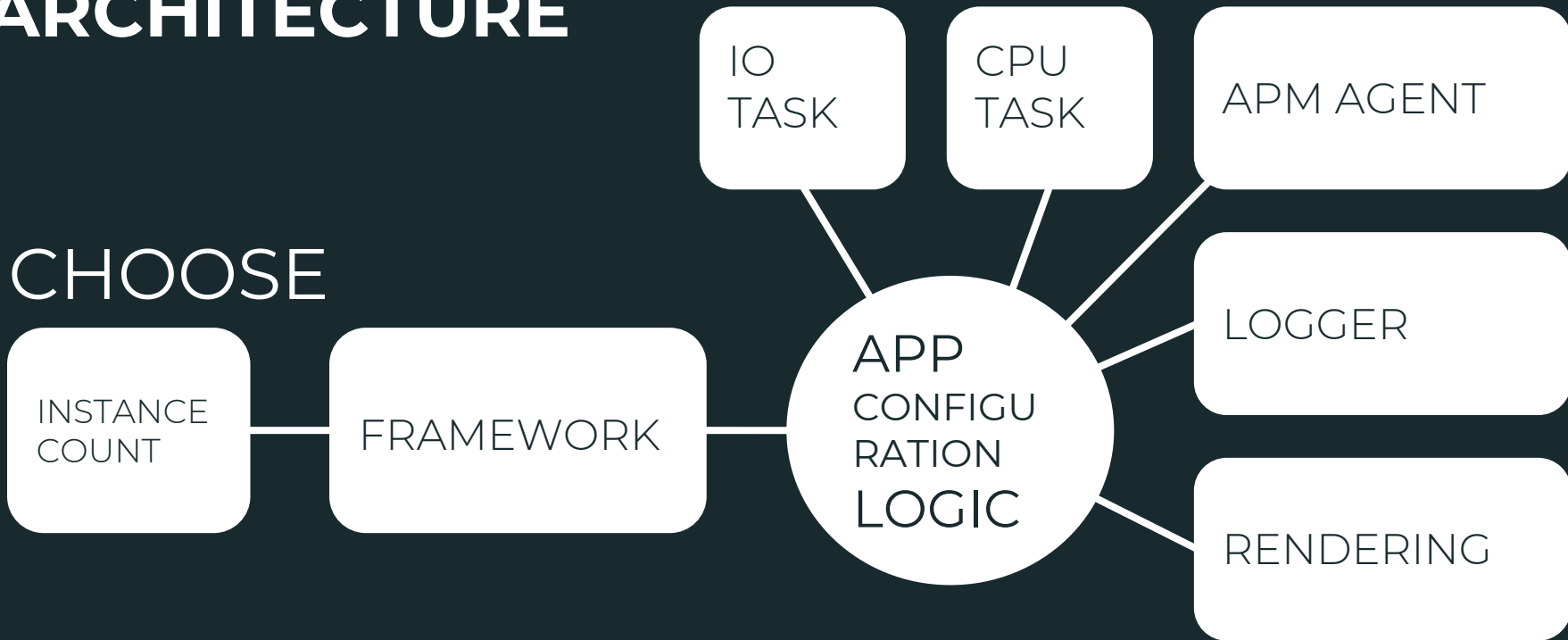
WORKER THREADS

- RESOURCES ARE LIMITED
 - IoT, modules
- TASK IS DIFFICULT TO SEPARATE FROM THE APPLICATION CONTEXT
- PARSING, HASHING, HTML MINIFICATION, ...

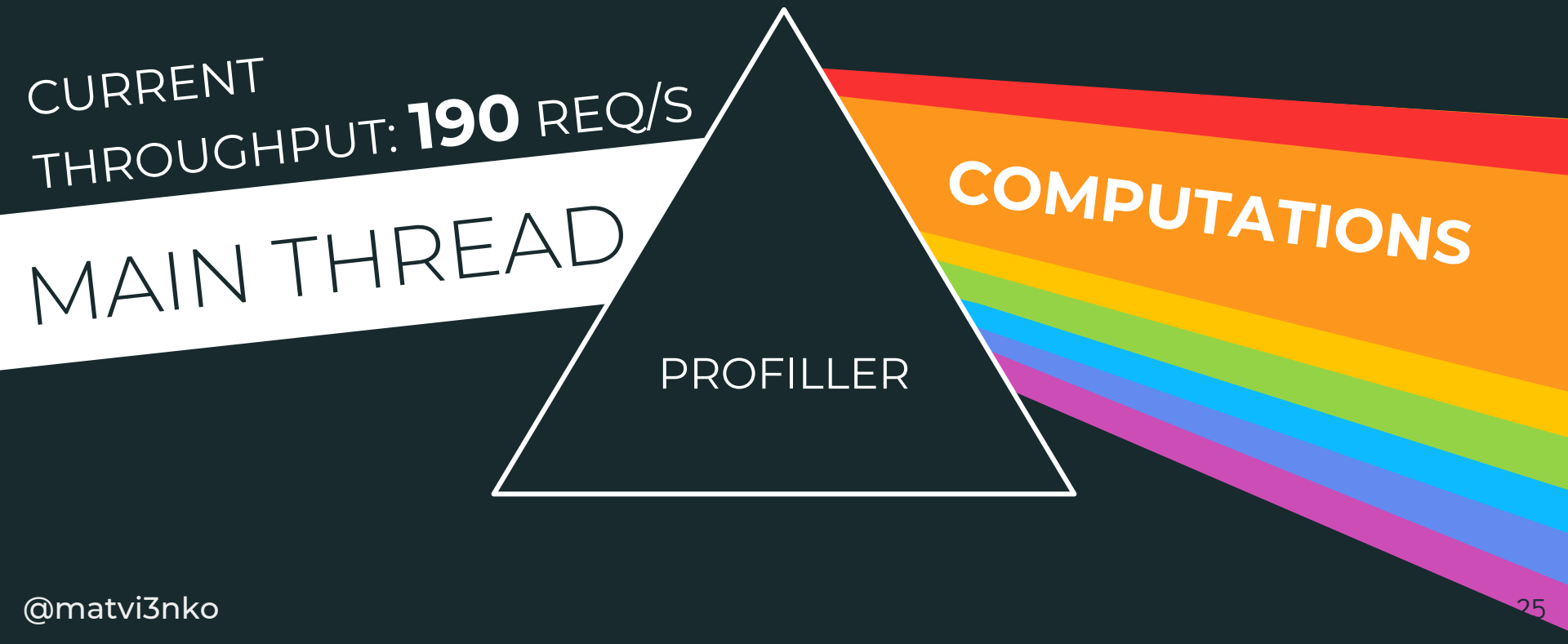
DEMO APP

ARCHITECTURE

CHOOSE



DECOMPOSING



CPU-BOUND TASKS

MAIN THREAD
APP CODE EXECUTION



CPU-bound
processing

INCOMING
REQUESTS



EVENT LOOP

CALLBACK QUEUE

LOGIC IN CB



REDIS response

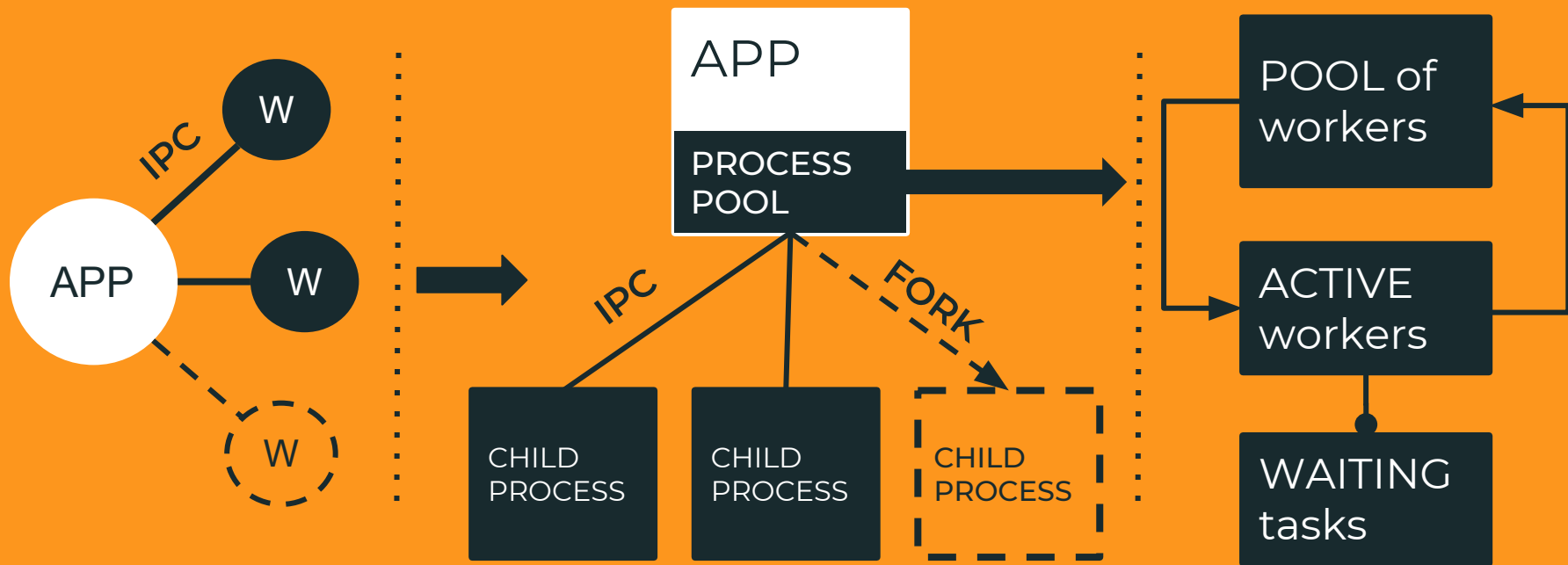


REDIS response

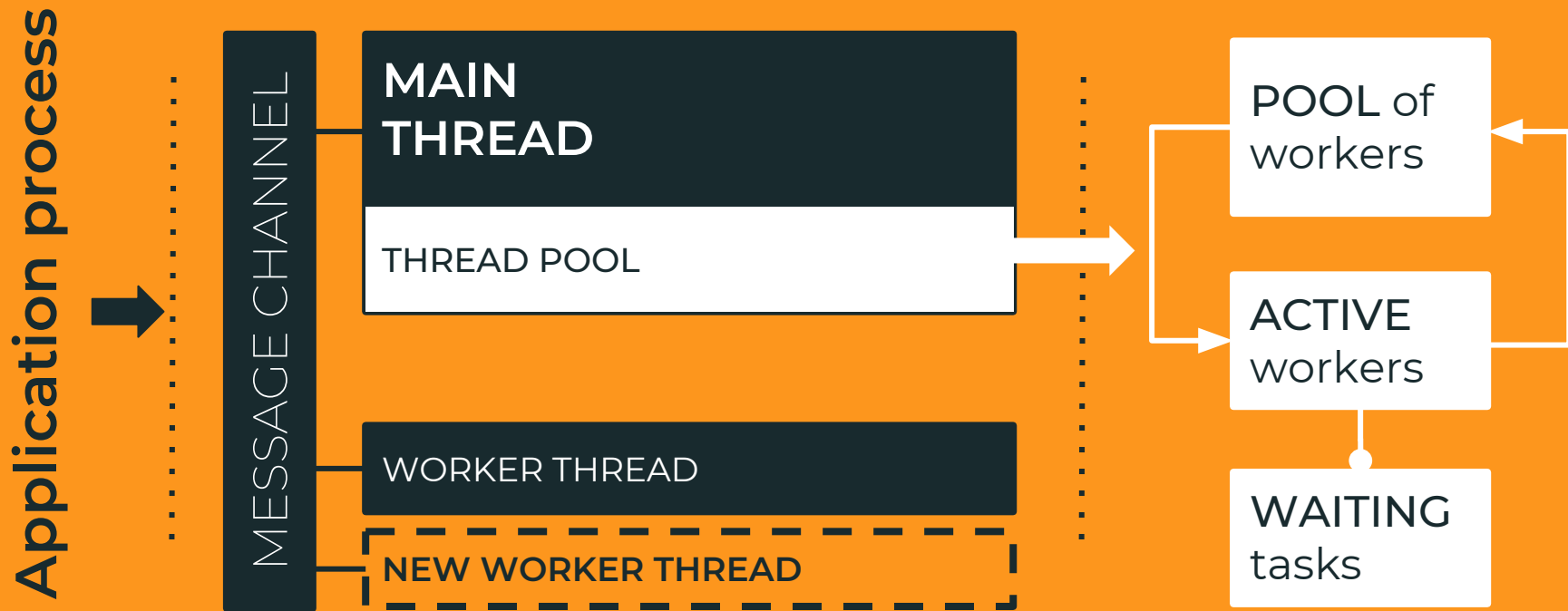


HTTP response

PROCESS POOL



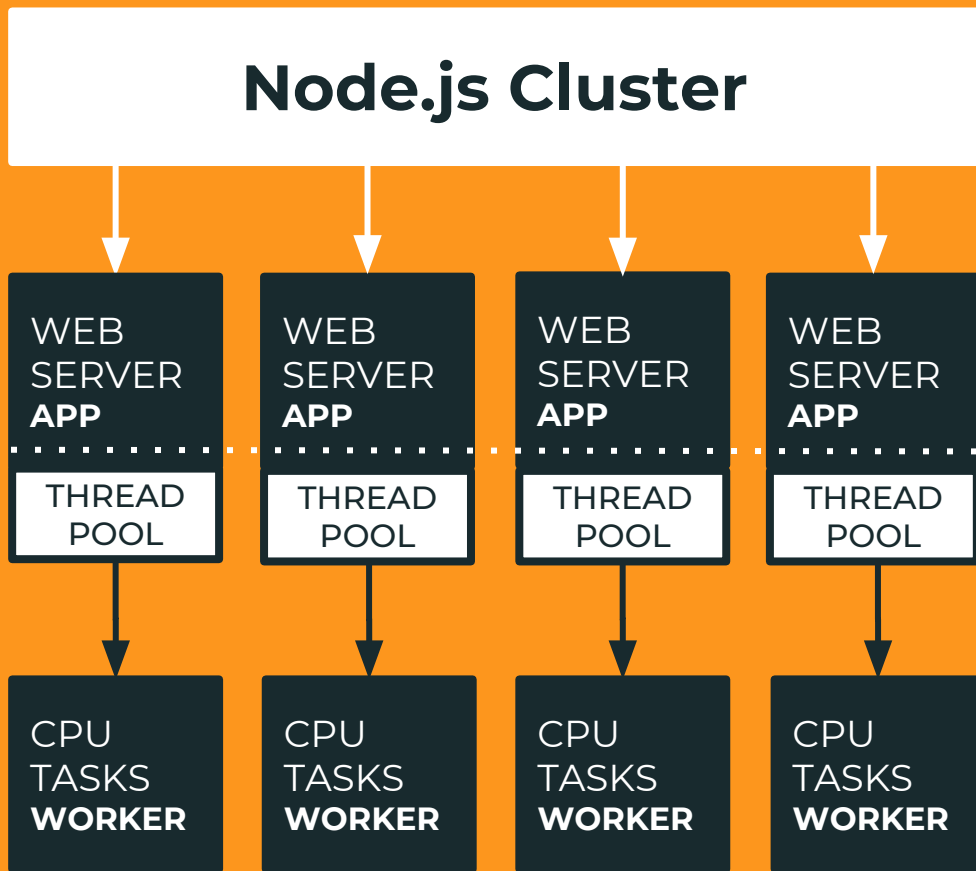
THREAD POOL



CLUSTER

**IN-MAIN THREAD
COMPUTING**

**PARALLEL
COMPUTING**

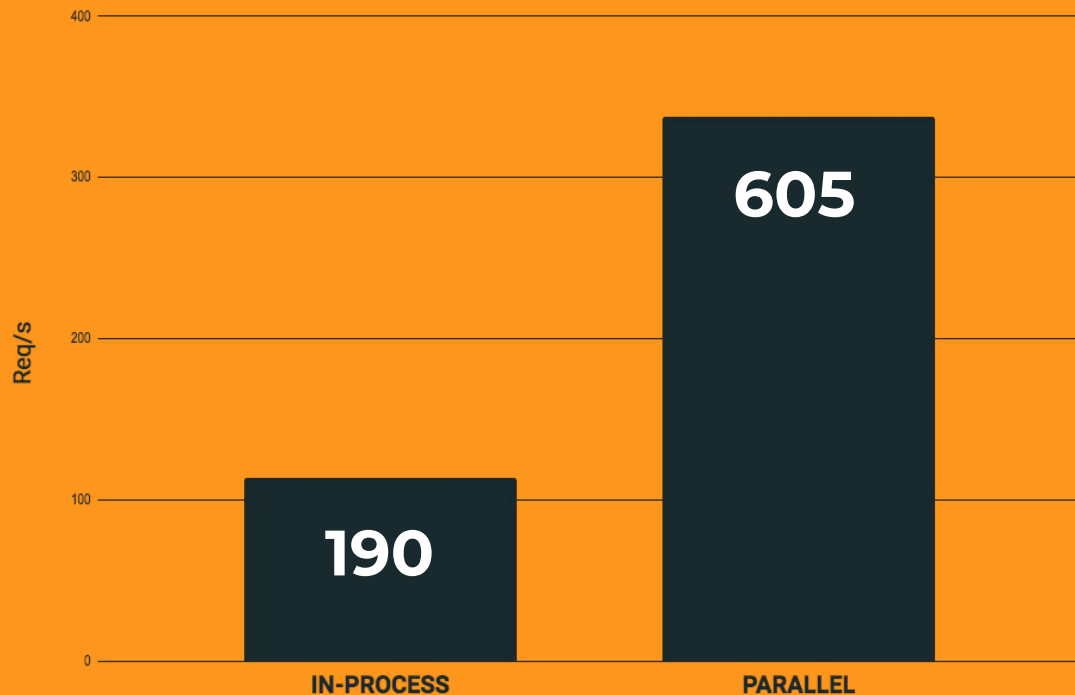


CPU TASKS PARALLELIZATION

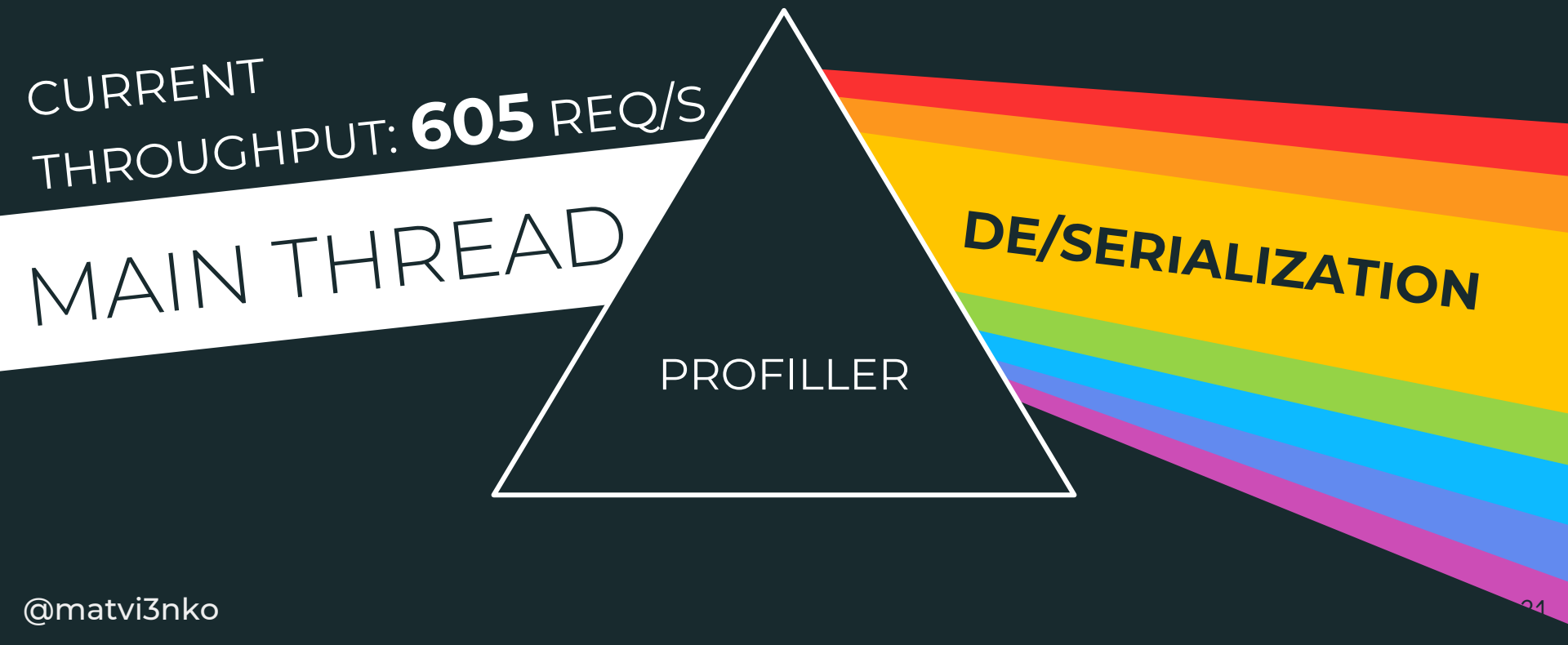
RESULT

3X

MORE REQ/S
WITH
PARALLEL JS
COMPUTATION

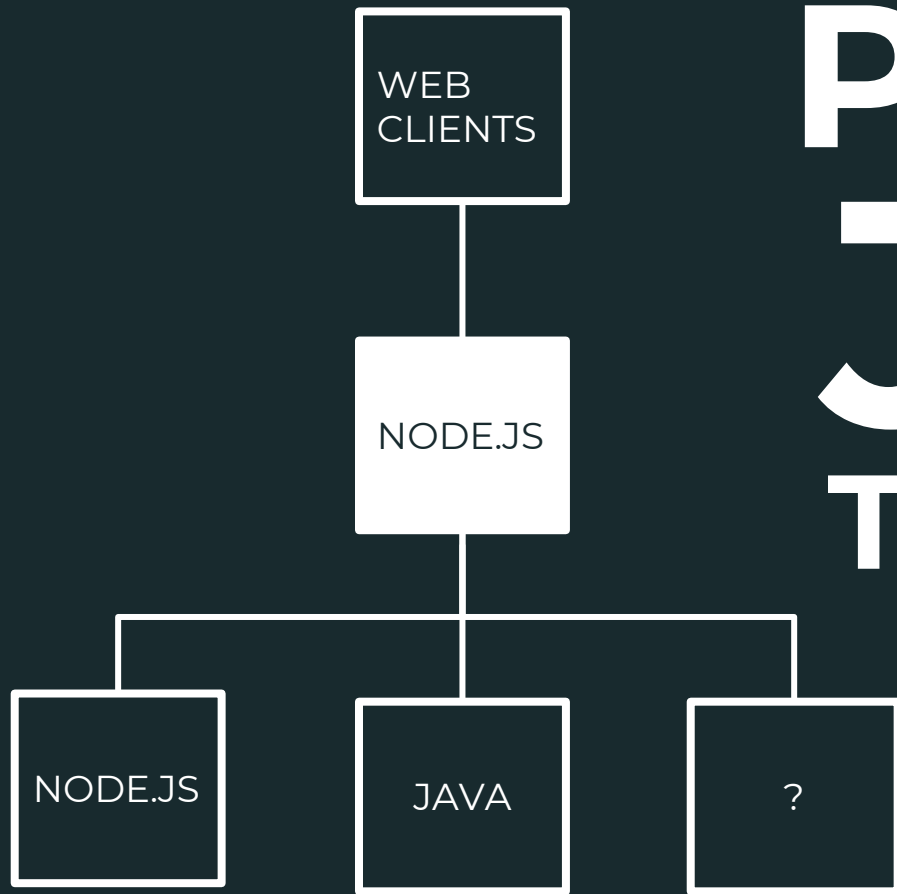


DE/SERIALIZATION



JSON STRINGIFY & PARSE





Protobuf

JSON

Thrift

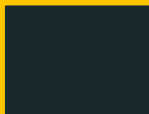
Avro

... and others

IN NOT NATIVE ENV

SERIALIZATION & PARSE

JSON



PROTOBUF

X6 FASTER

*Average values in not JavaScript environment.

JSON IN NATIVE ENV

- + OPTIMIZED BY V8 TEAM
- DEPENDS ON THE TYPE OF DATA

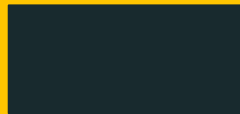
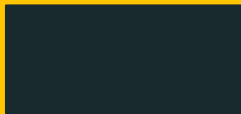
NUMBERS

IN NODE.JS

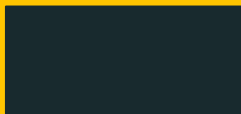
SERIALIZATION

PARSE

JSON



PROTOBUF



X2 FASTER

JSON WITH
SCHEMA

X2 FASTER

+30%

*Average values in JavaScript environment.
See libraries in resources.

STRINGS

IN NODE.JS

SERIALIZATION

PARSE

JSON

X2

PROTOBUF

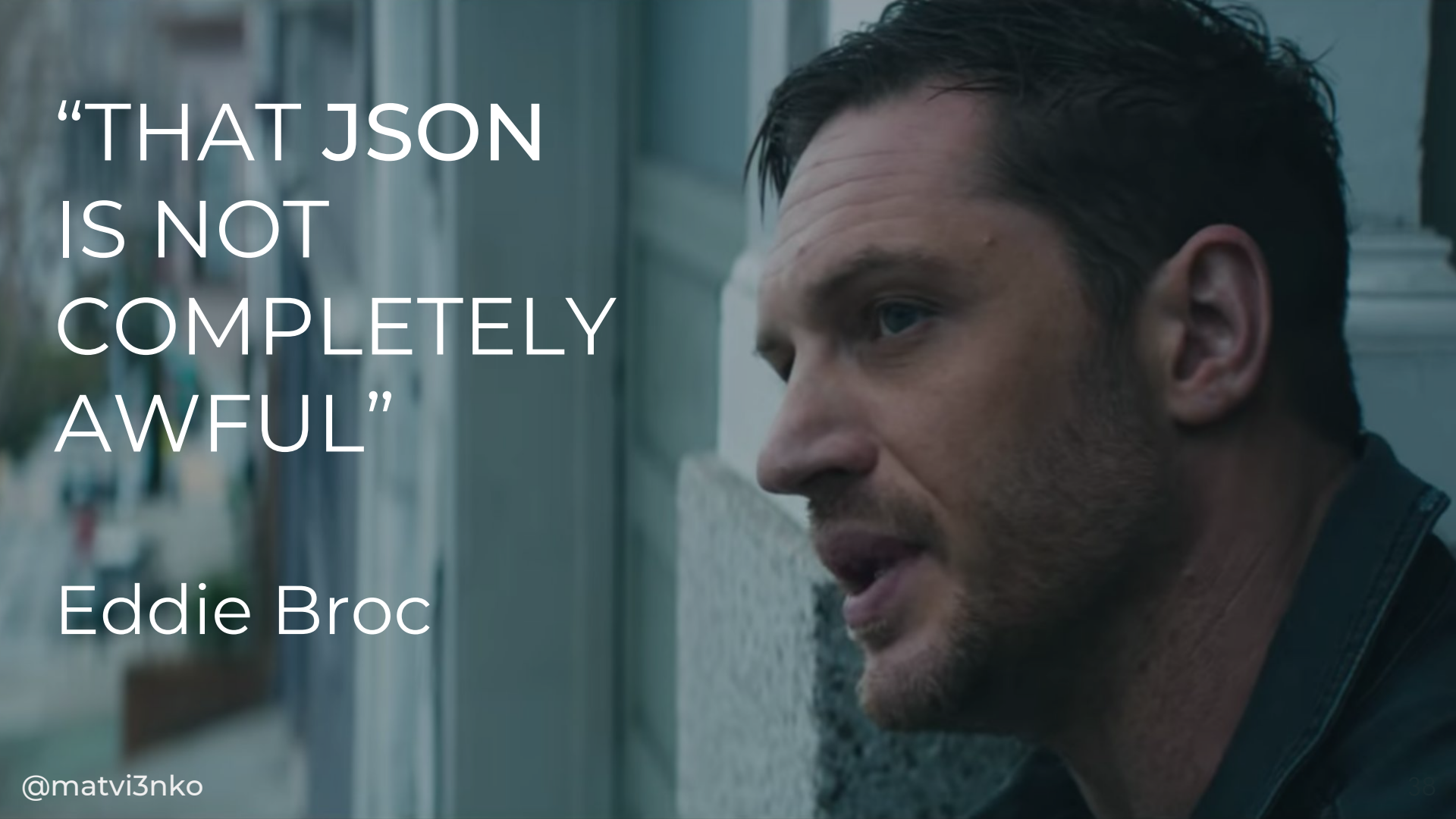
X2 FASTER

**JSON WITH
SCHEMA**

X2.3

X3 FASTER

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A close-up, profile shot of actor Tom Hardy. He is looking off-camera to the left with a serious expression. He has short, dark hair and a light beard. The background is blurred, showing what appears to be a window or a wall with some texture.

“THAT JSON
IS NOT
COMPLETELY
AWFUL”

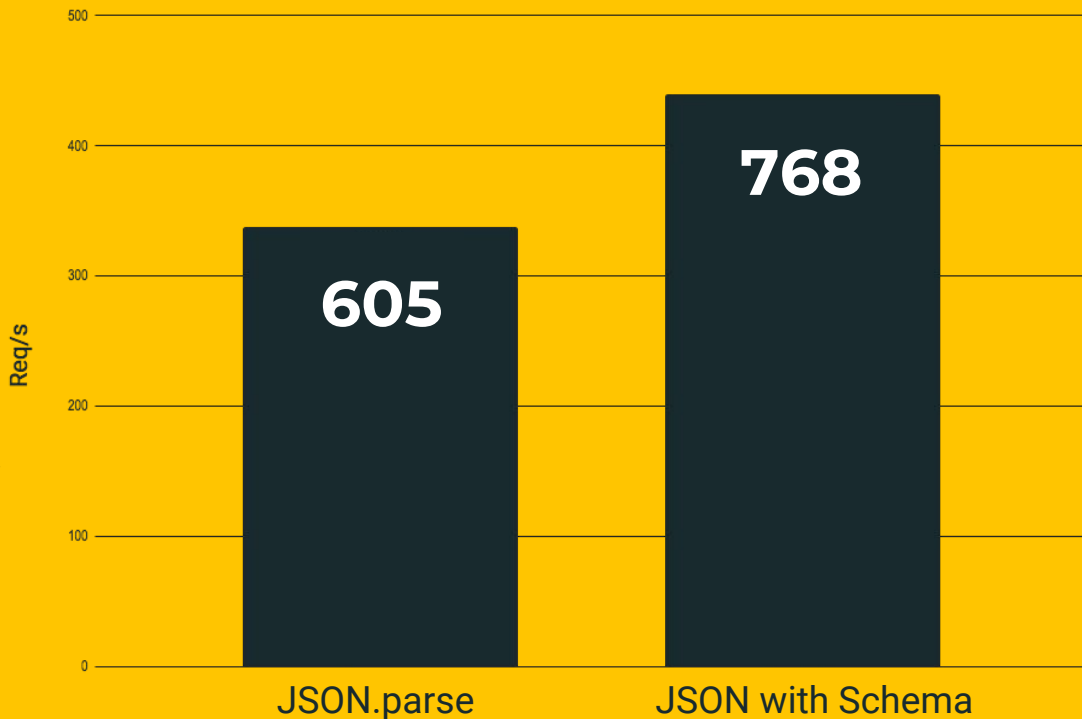
Eddie Broc

JSON.PARSE CHANGE RESULT

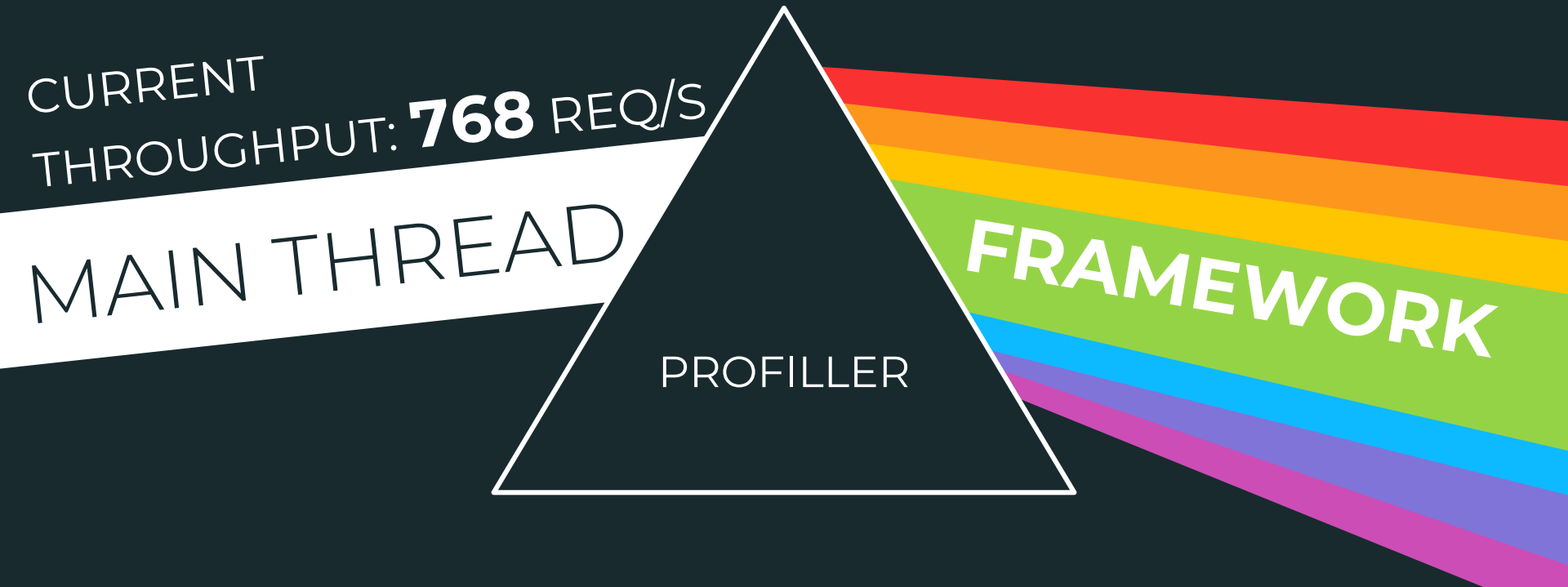
+27%

MORE REQ/S

WITH
FAST-JSON-STRINGIFY
&
JITSON/
TURBO-JSON-PARSE



FRAMEWORK



FRAMEWORK

HAPI, EXPRESS, RESTIFY...

Node.js HTTP SERVER

OVERHEAD

~ 1.5 – 2X SLOWLY
than `http.createServer`

<https://github.com/fastify/fast-json-stringify>

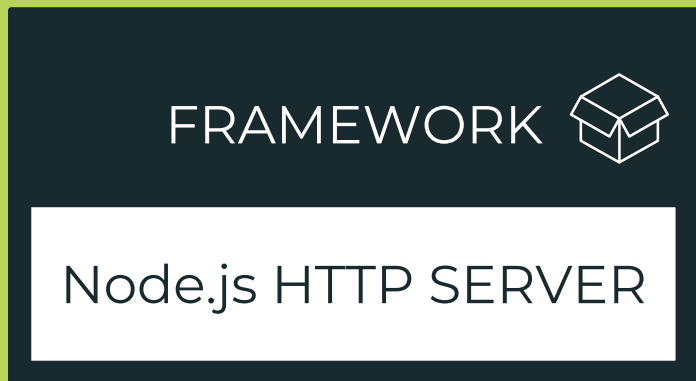
OPTIMIZATIONS

1. Express

<https://github.com/expressjs/express>

2. Fastify

<https://github.com/fastify/fastify>



ROUTER

X5 faster

<https://github.com/delveor/router-benchmark>

JSON Stringify

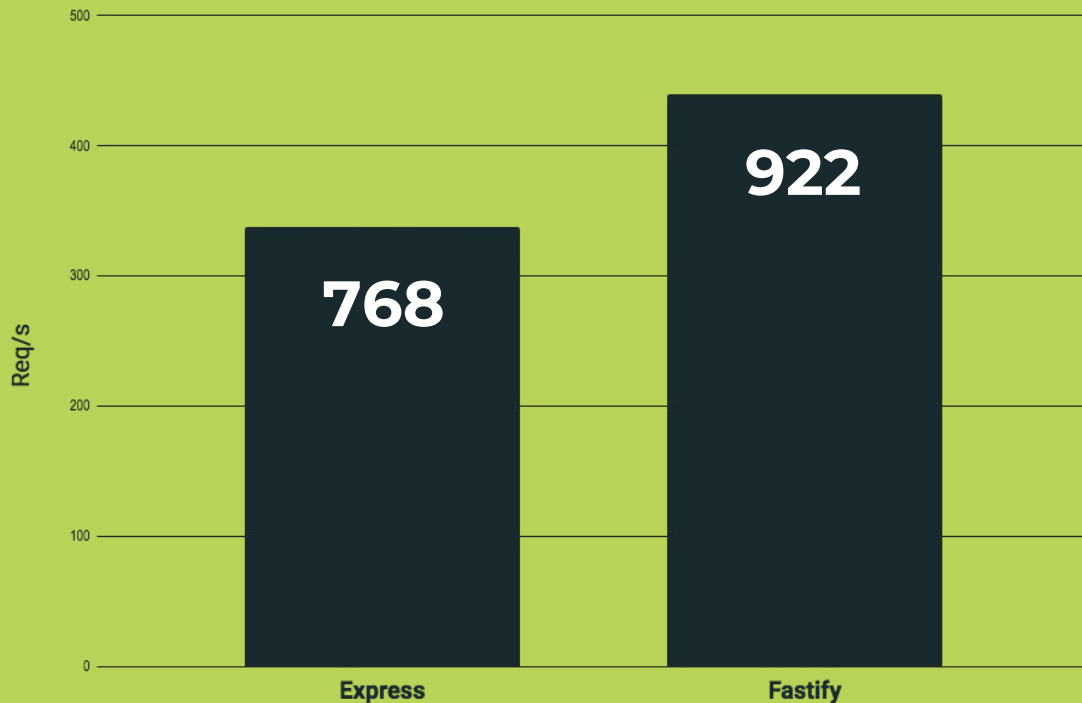
X2-3 faster

<https://github.com/fastify/fast-json-stringify>

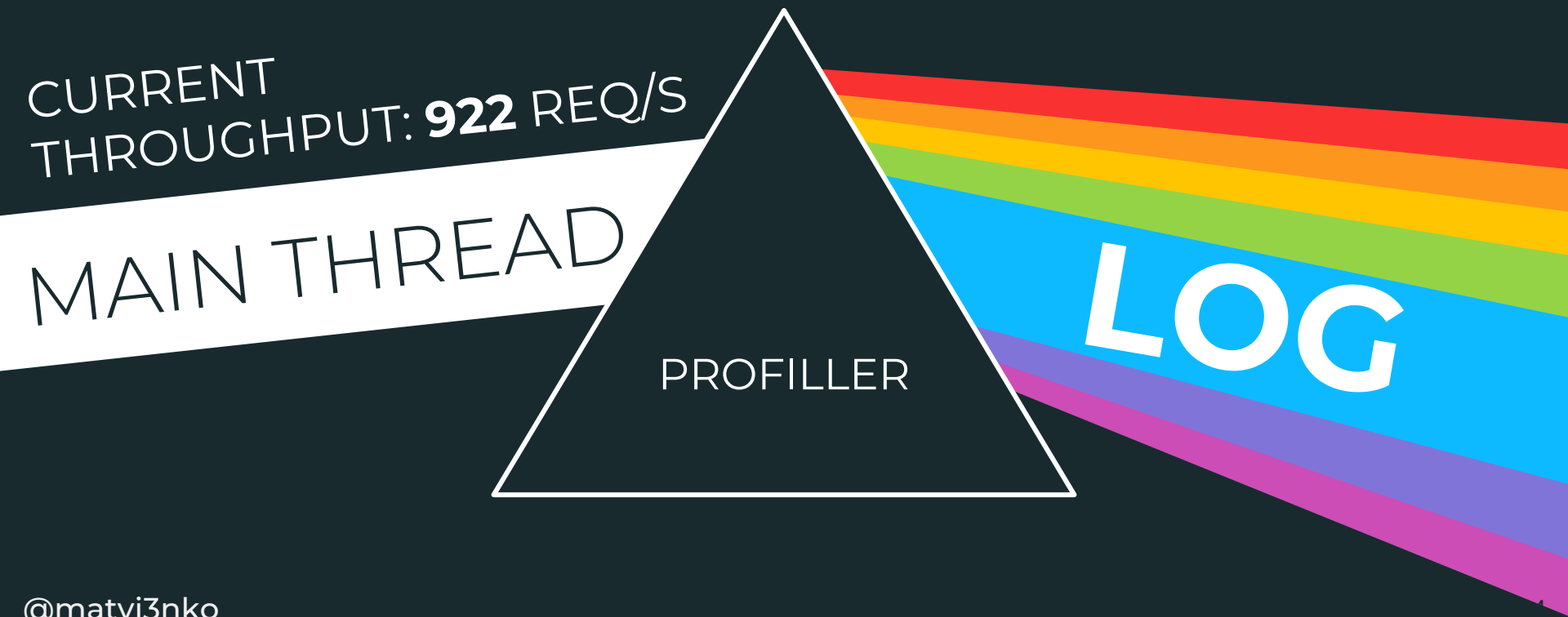
FRAMEWORK CHANGE RESULT

+20%

**MORE REQ/S
WITH FASTIFY**



LOGGING



LOGGING

MAIN THREAD
APP CODE EXECUTION



WRITE
LOG

WRITE
LOG

`process.stdout` and `.stderr`

FILES: sync on Windows and POSIX

TERMINALS:

async on Windows, sync on POSIX

PIPES, SOCKETS:

sync on Windows, async on POSIX

- - FORMAT MESSAGE
- - SERIALIZE MESSAGE
- - HANDLE TRANSPORT LOGIC

OFF-PROCESS LOGGER TRANSPORT

MAIN THREAD
APP CODE EXECUTION



SEND
MSG

SEND
MSG

process.stdout



LOGGERS:

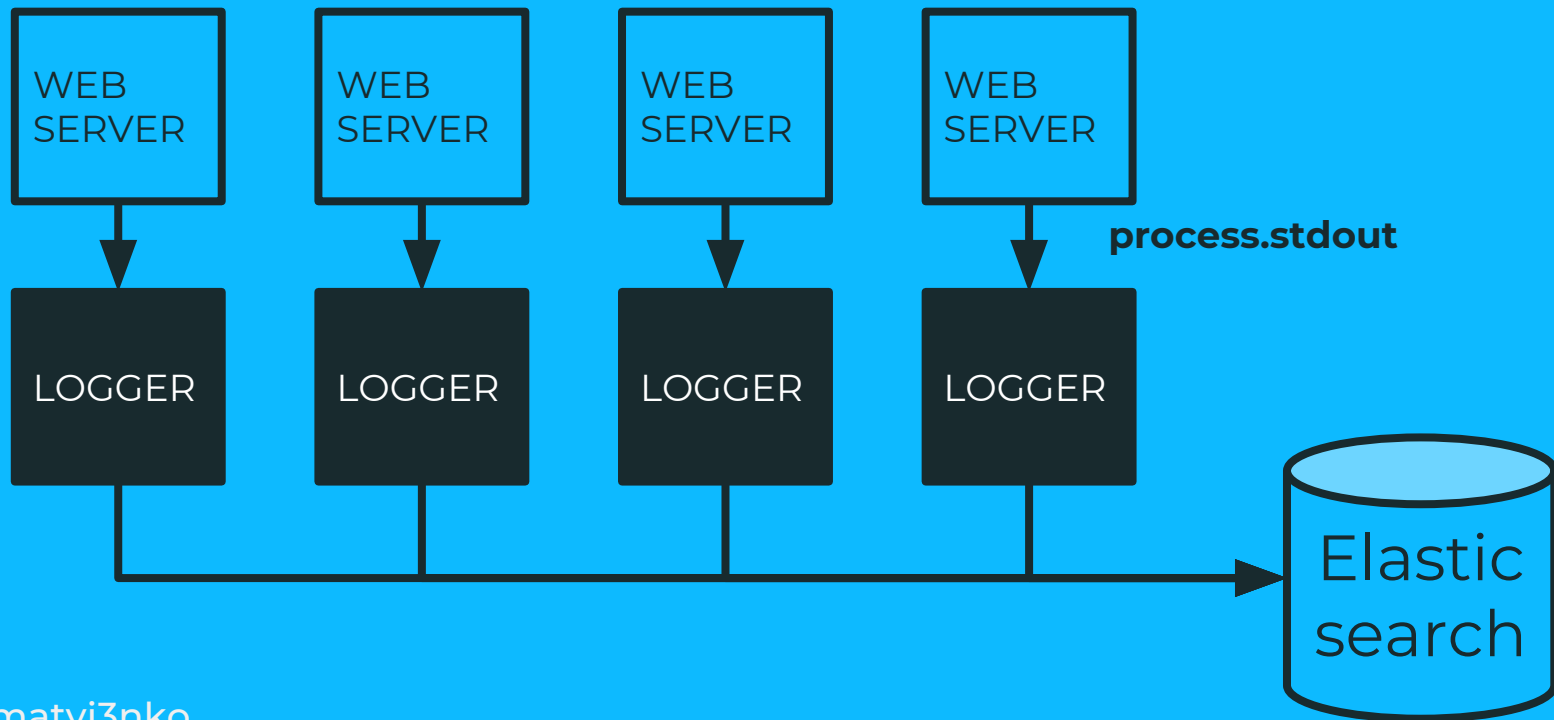
1. Pino
2. Roarr

2nd Node.js app
LOGGER TRANSPORT

SEND
LOG

SEND
LOG

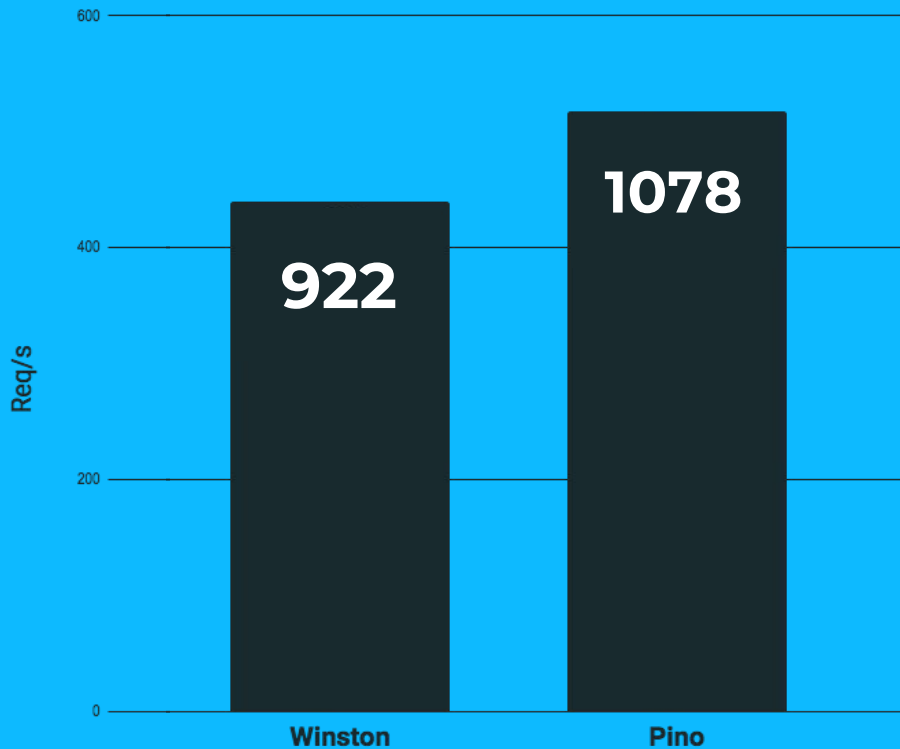
CLUSTER



OFF-PROCESS LOGGING RESULT

+17%

MORE REQ/S
WITH
OFF-PROCESS
LOGGER
TRANSPORT



APPLICATION PERFORMANCE MONITORING

CURRENT

THROUGHPUT: **1078** REQ/S

MAIN THREAD

PROFILER

APM

APPLICATION PERFORMANCE MONITORING

MAIN THREAD
APP CODE EXECUTION



APM
AGENT

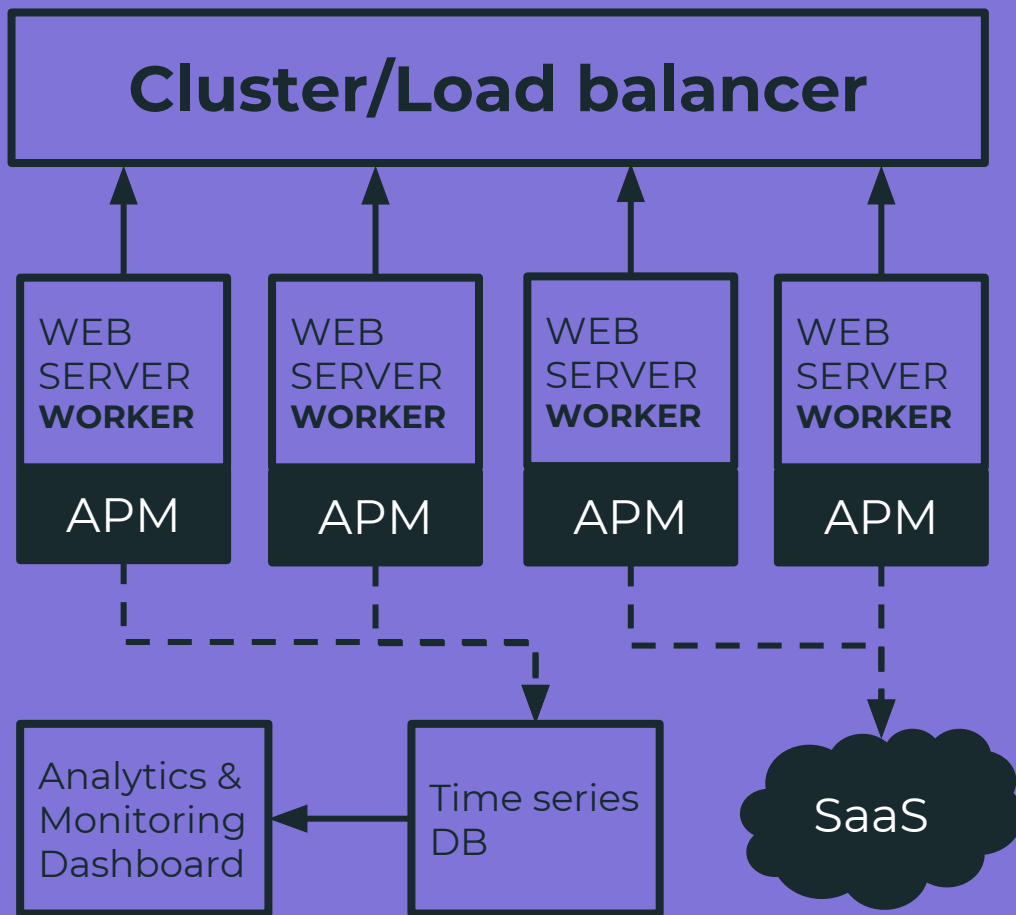
APM vendors/agents:

1. NewRelic
2. Dynatrace
3. OpenTracing
4. node-measured

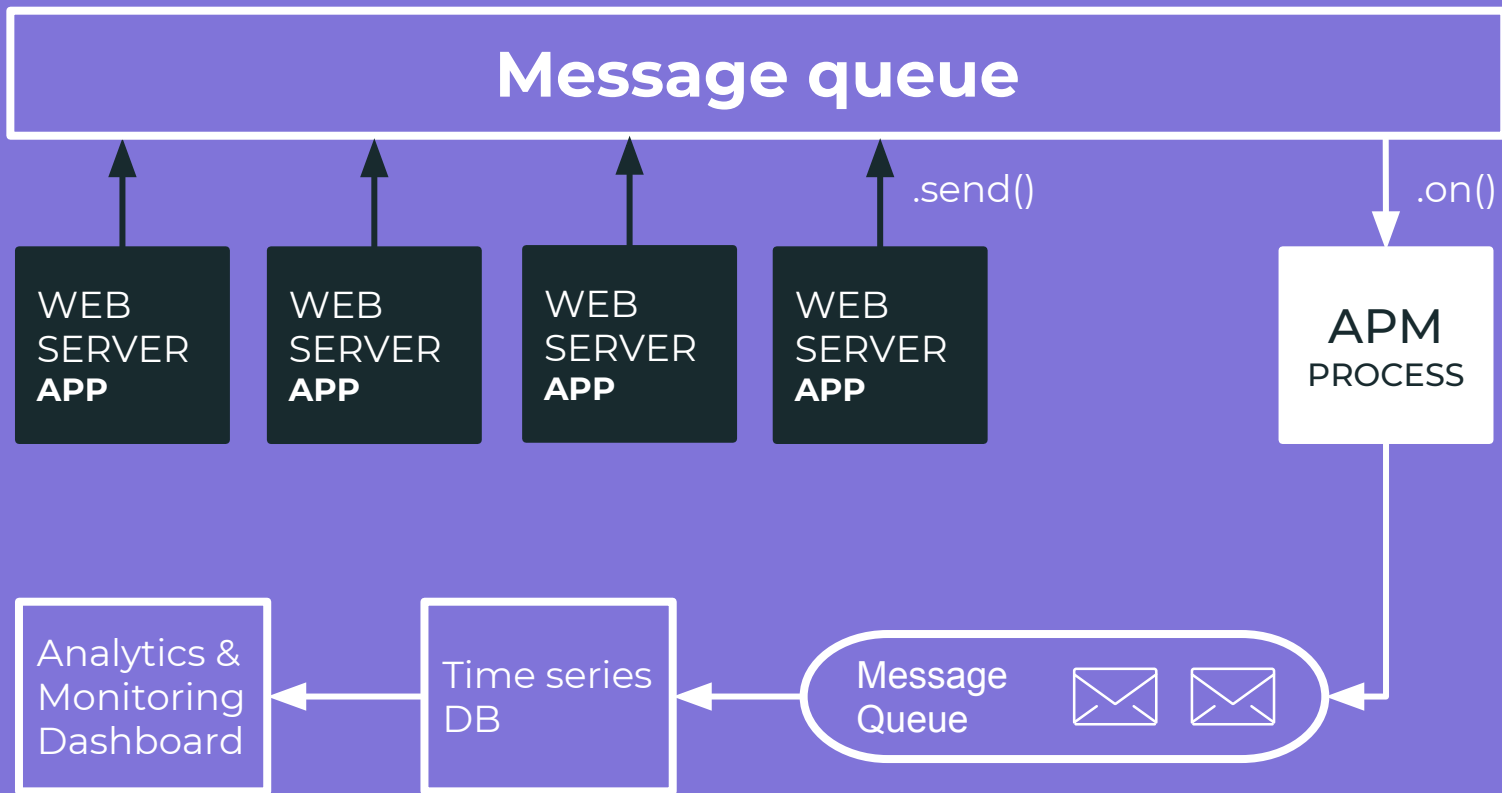
- METRICS COLLECTION
- AGGREGATION
- TRANSPORT

IN-PROCESS APM AGENT

THE APM AGENT PROBLEMS
ARE APPLICATION PROBLEMS



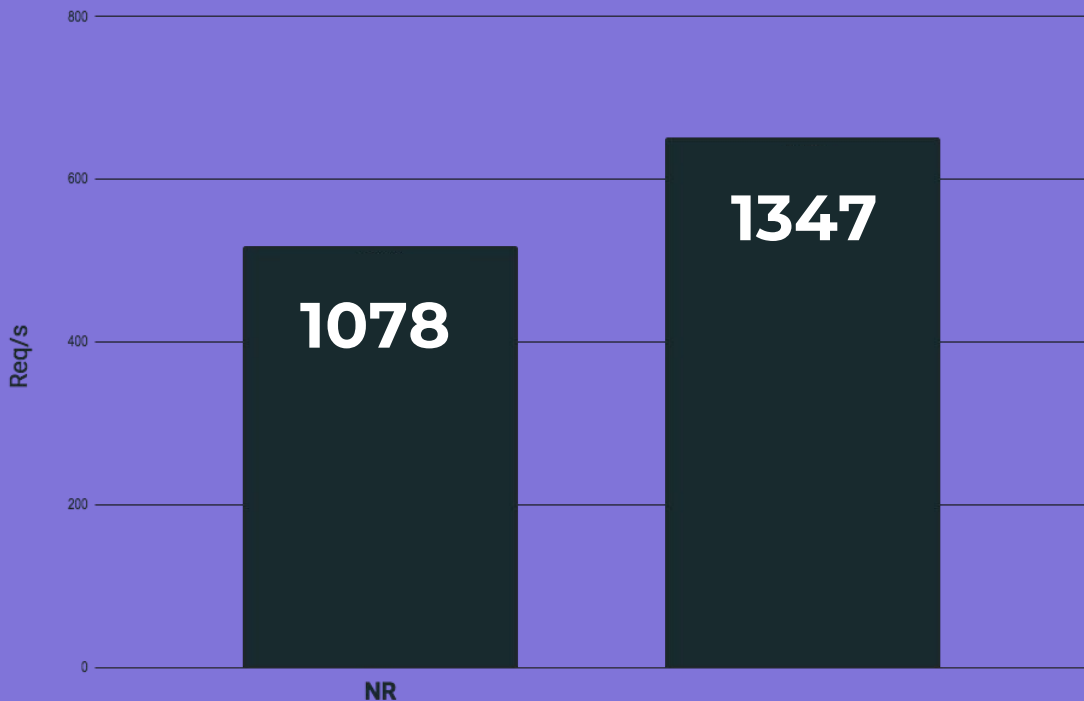
OFF-PROCESS APM AGENT



OFF-PROCESS MONITORING RESULT

+25%

MORE REQ/S
WITH
OFF-PROCESS
METRIC AGENT



SERVER SIDE RENDERING

CURRENT

THROUGHPUT: **1347** REQ/S

MAIN THREAD

PROFILER

SSR

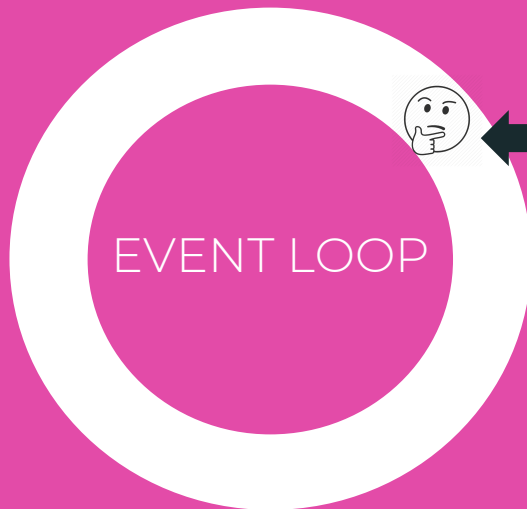
SERVER-SIDE RENDERING

MAIN THREAD
APP CODE EXECUTION



RENDERING

INCOMING
REQUESTS



CALLBACK QUEUE

RENDERING



REDIS response

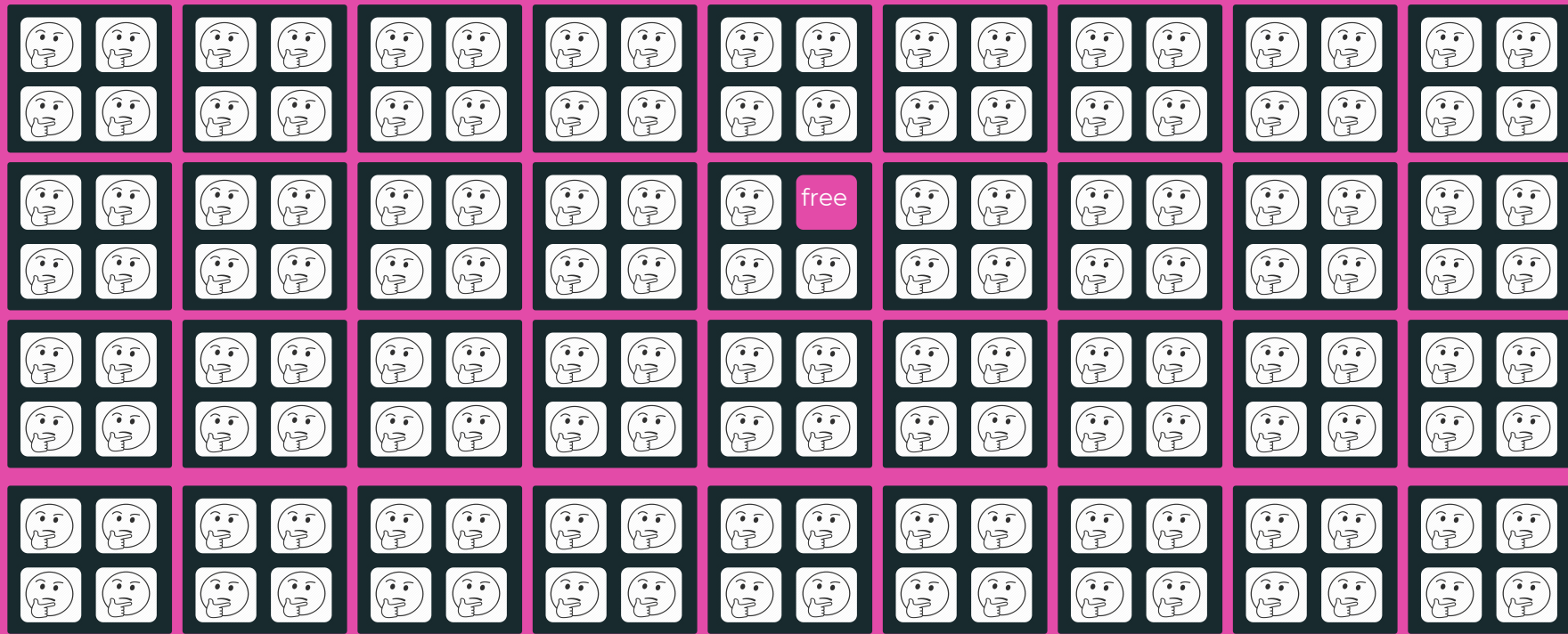


REDIS response



HTTP response

RENDERING ON NODE.JS



STREAMING SERVER-SIDE RENDERING

Asynchronous execution in STREAM with **REACT 16**



HTML chunks

MICRO FRONTENDS

Renders full page to HTML string

MAIN THREAD
OF Monolith WEB UI app



1

2

3

Renders full page

Monolith WEB UI

Backend/Aggregator



WEB
UI 1

Mirco
service

WEB
UI 2

Mirco
service

WEB
UI 3

Mirco
service

PARALLEL RENDERING WITH WORKERS

Combines streams of
Different page parts

MAIN APP
/ MICROSERVICE
Node.js

renderToNodeStream()

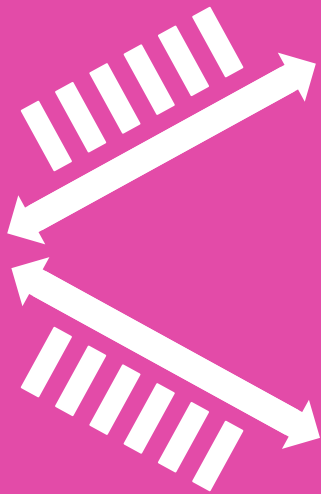
RENDERING
WORKER
Node.js

DYNAMIC
CONTENT

renderToStaticNodeStream()

RENDERING
WORKER
Node.js

STATIC
CONTENT



REACT 16

2X

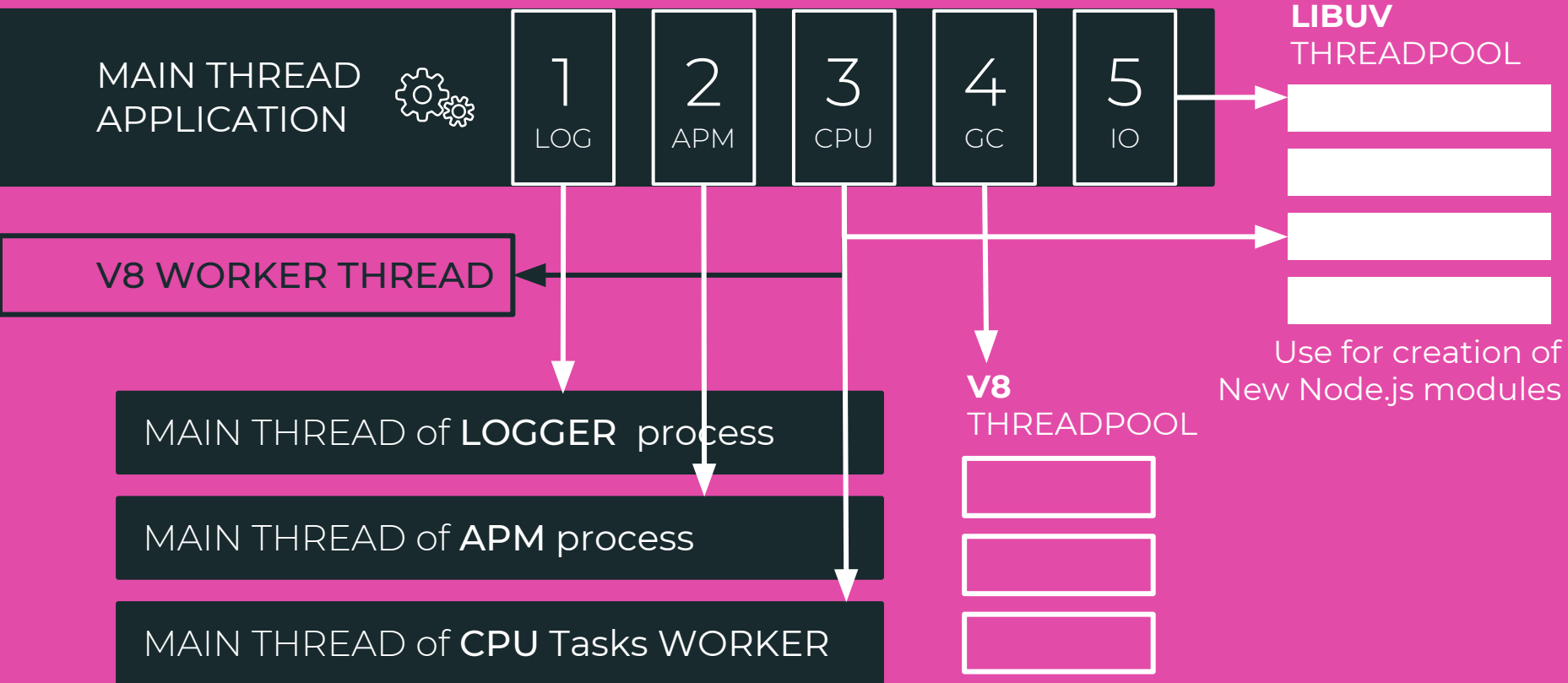
* Average value.

THROUGHPUT

FROM
190 REQ/S

TO 1350

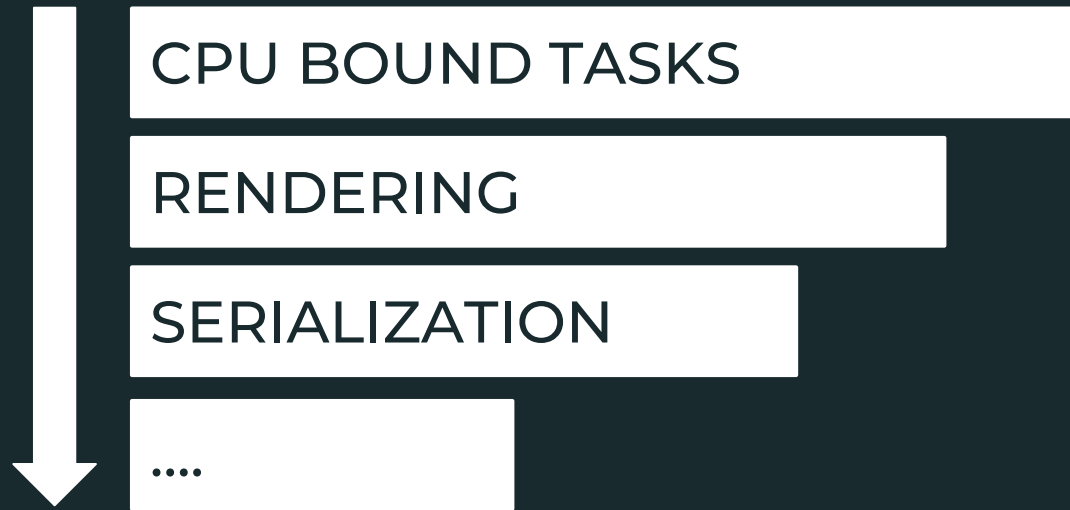
DECOMPOSED MAIN THREAD





ORDER

FROM LONGEST OPERATION



FINALLY

10X REQ/s

THROUGHPUT

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<https://github.com/zalando/tailor>

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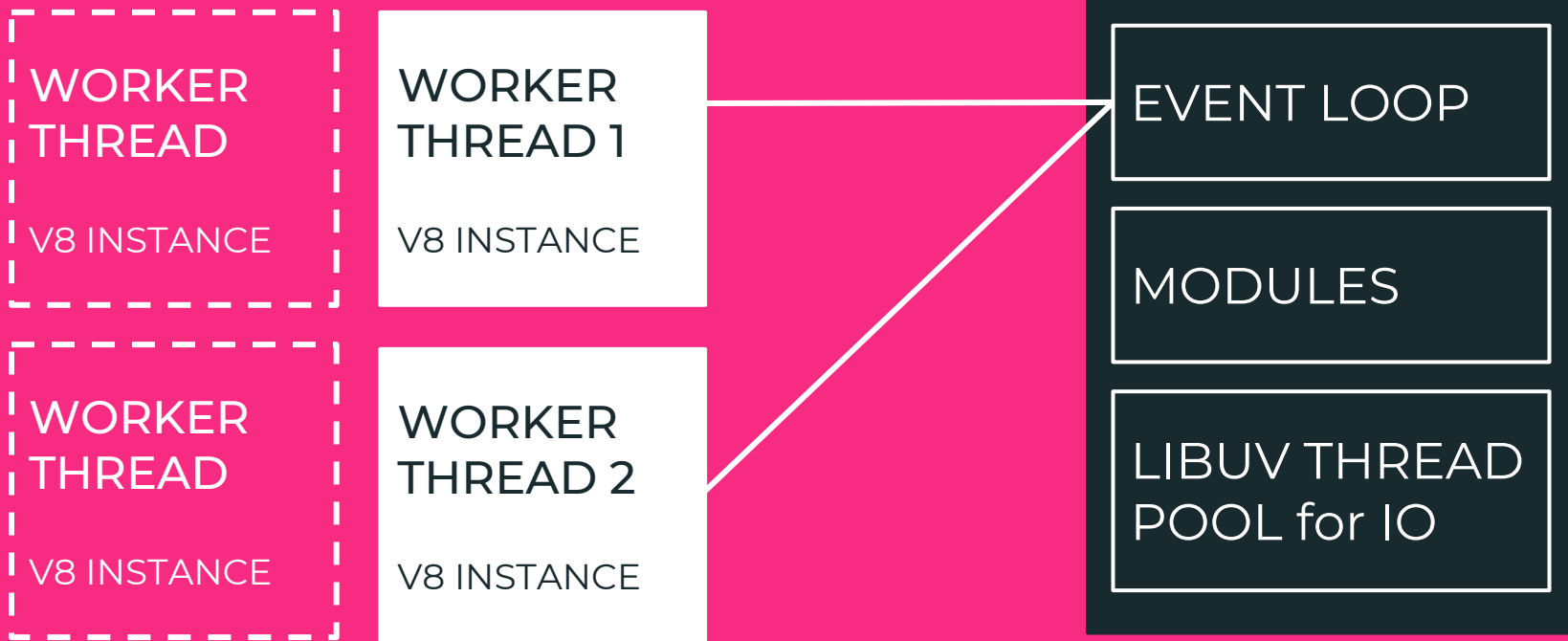
List of Parallel JS Projects

<https://github.com/SyntheticSemantics/List-of-Parallel-JS-Projects>

WEBWORKER THREADS

WebWorker Threads

<https://www.npmjs.com/package/webworker-threads>



MICROSOFT NAPA.JS

MESSAGE
PASSING
2x vs IPC

MEMORY
USAGE
6.7 MB
vs 8 MB

STARTUP
TIME
50 ms
vs 70 ms

Napa.js

<https://github.com/Microsoft/napajs>

ZONE 1

JS WORKERS THREAD POOL

WORKER 1
V8 Instance

WORKER 2
V8 Instance

WORKER 3
V8 Instance

ZONE 2

JS WORKERS THREAD POOL

WORKER 1
V8 Instance

WORKER 2
V8 Instance

WORKER 3
V8 Instance

Node.js

EVENT LOOP

MODULES

LIBUV THREAD
POOL for IO

ALIBABA ALIOS

SHARED
GLOBAL
MEMORY

MEMORY
USAGE

2.5 MB

vs 8 MB

STARTUP
TIME

13 ms

vs 70 ms

@matvi3nko

ALiOS-node.js

<https://github.com/alibaba/AliOS-nodejs>

THREAD 1

NODE.JS
INSTANCE

EVENT LOOP

V8 INSTANCE

MODULES

THREAD 2

NODE.JS
INSTANCE

EVENT LOOP

V8 INSTANCE

MODULES

Node.js

EVENT LOOP

MODULES

LIBUV THREAD
POOL for IO