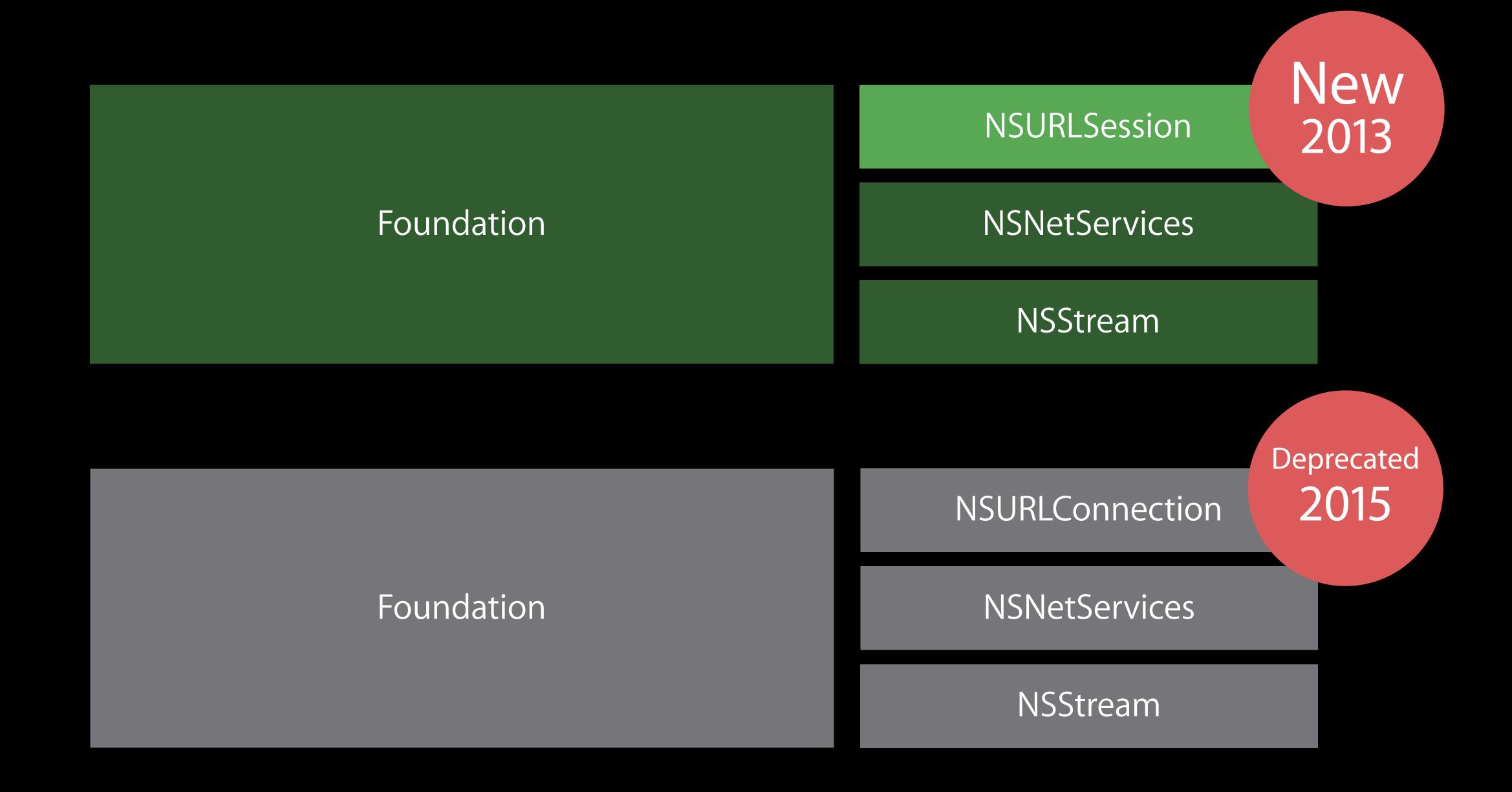
NSURLSession: New Features and Best Practices

Session 711

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Networking API



NSURLSession

Review

NSURLSession Example

Benefits

HTTP/1.1, SPDY, HTTP/2

App Transport Security (ATS)

HTTP Strict Transport Security (HSTS)

Cache, cookies, proxy, authentication

Configuration

NSURLSession Example

Benefits

NSURLSessionConfiguration

Transport Layer Security (TLS) version

Prohibit cellular usage

Network service type

Cookie policy

Cache policy

Storage objects

Request and resource timeouts

NSURLSession Example

Review

task.resume()

```
let url = NSURL(string: "https://www.example.com/")!

let task = session.dataTask(with: url) { (data: NSData?, response: NSURLResponse?, error:
    NSError?) in
    ...
}
```

NSURLSession API HTTP/2

NEW

HTTP/2 Protocol

- Multiplexing and concurrency
- Header compression
- Stream priorities
- Server Push

- Apple
- Facebook
- Instagram
- Wikipedia
- Twitter
- YouTube
- Yahoo

HTTP/2 Server Push

Prevent network round trips

Server support required

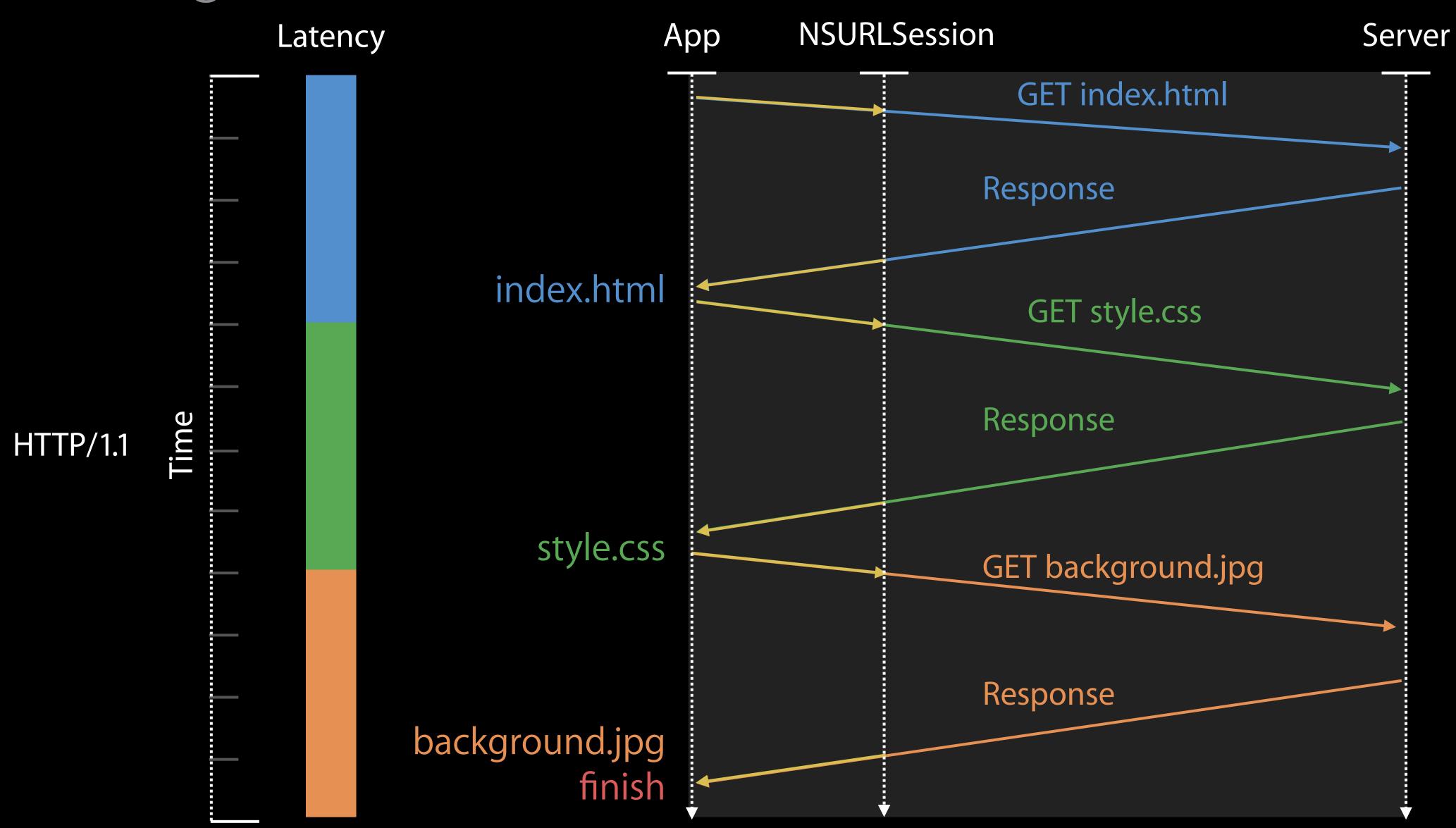
Now available in NSURLSession





HTTP/1.1

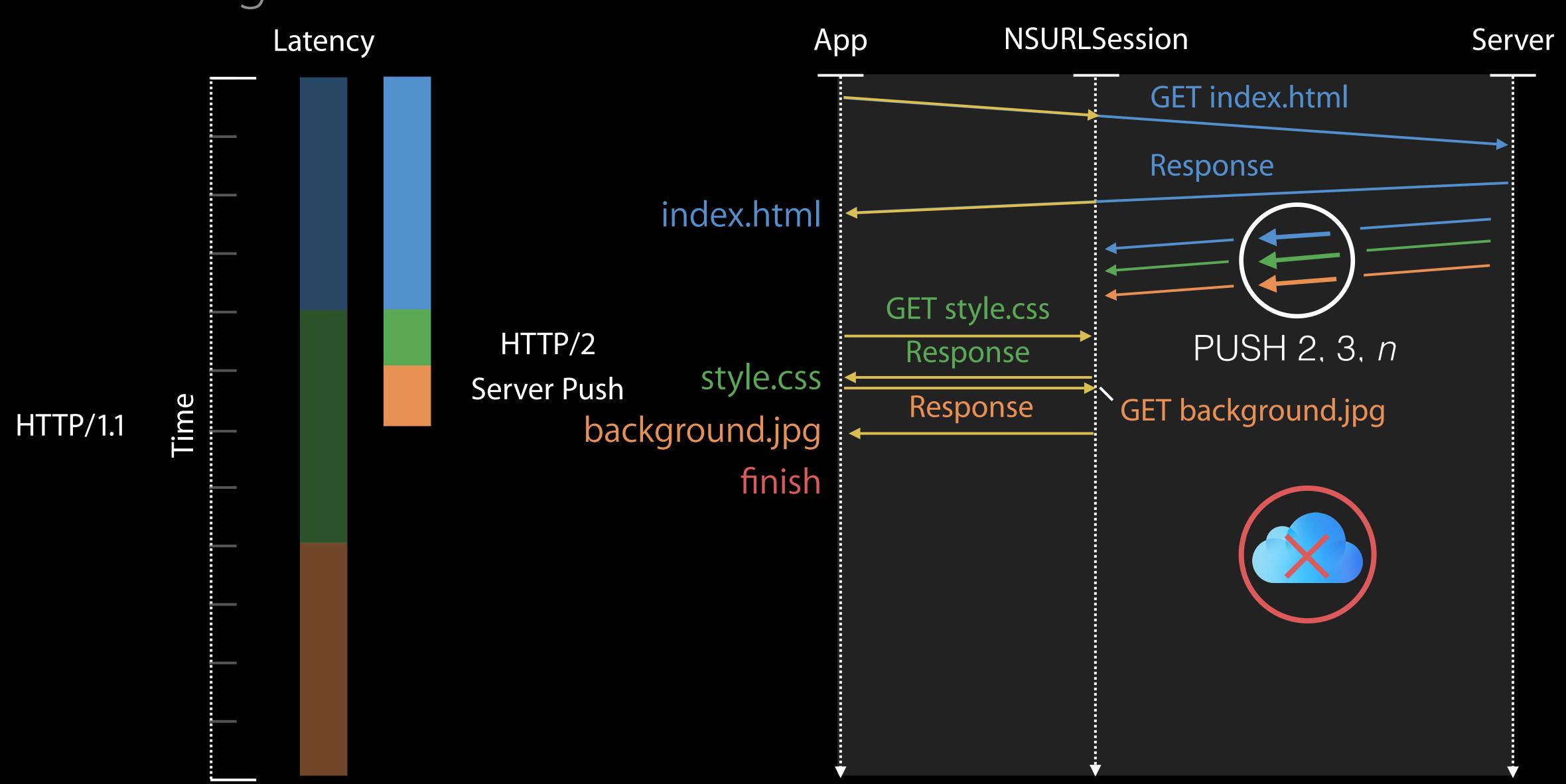
Loading



HTTP/2 Server Push



Loading



Demo HTTP/2 Server Push

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HTTP/2 Server Push Summary

Server Push supported in NSURLSession

No opt in, just works

Even better performance

NEW

Network statistics

Did you know?

98% of all statistics are made up!

Network statistics: Performance, bugs, understanding

Currently supported on iOS, macOS, and tvOS



Network statistics delegate

func urlSession(_ session: NSURLSession, task: NSURLSessionTask,

didFinishCollecting metrics: NSURLSessionTaskMetrics)



NSURLSessionTaskMetrics

NSURLSessionTaskMetrics

NSURLSessionTaskTransactionMetrics

taskInterval: NSDateInterval

redirectCount: Int

transactionMetrics: [NSURLSessionTaskTransactionMetrics]



Four Categories of Metrics



NSURLS ession Task Transaction Metrics

1 - Request and Response

request

...URL loading activity...

response

request: NSURLRequest

response: NSURLResponse?



NSURLS ession Task Transaction Metrics

2 - Protocol and Connection

networkProtocolName: String?

http/1.1

h2

spdy/3, spdy/3.1

isProxyConnection: Bool

isReusedConnection: Bool





NSURLS ession Task Transaction Metrics

3 - Load Info

resourceFetchType: NSURLSessionTaskMetricsResourceFetchType

.networkLoad

.localCache

.serverPush



NSURLSessionTaskTransactionMetrics

4 - Connection Establishment and Transmission

fetchStartDate: NSDate?

domainLookupStartDate: NSDate?

domainLookupEndDate: NSDate?

connectStartDate: NSDate?

secureConnectionStartDate: NSDate?

secureConnectionEndDate: NSDate?

connectEndDate: NSDate?

requestStartDate: NSDate?

requestEndDate: NSDate?

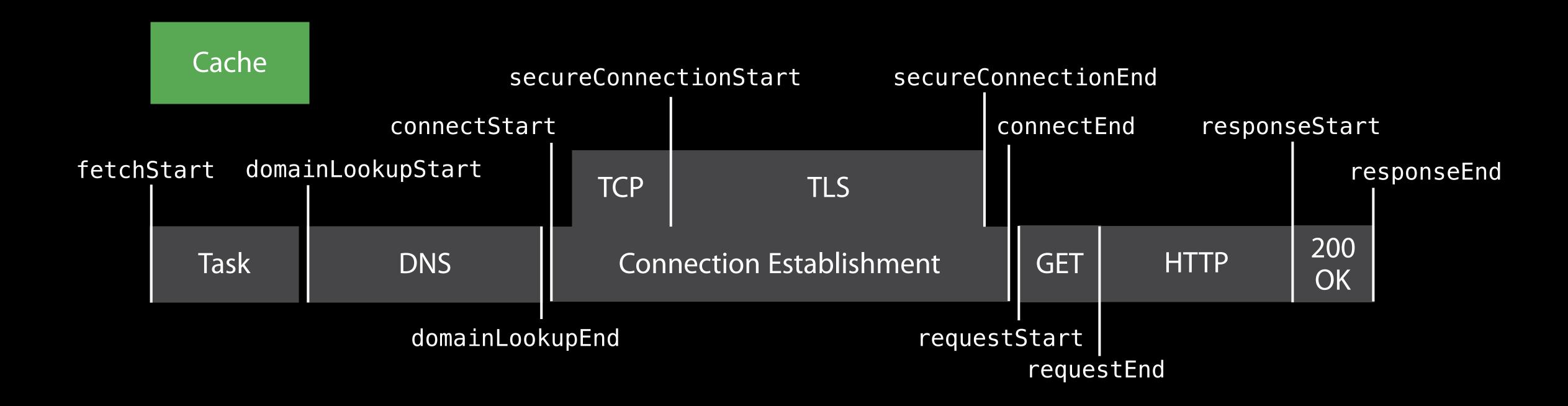
responseStartDate: NSDate?

responseEndDate: NSDate?





NSURLS ession Task Transaction Metrics



NSURLSessionTaskTransactionMetrics

```
class MySessionDelegate: NSObject, NSURLSessionTaskDelegate {
    @objc(URLSession:task:didFinishCollectingMetrics:)
    func urlSession(_ session: NSURLSession, task: NSURLSessionTask, didFinishCollecting metrics:
NSURLSessionTaskMetrics) {
     //metrics.redirectCount
     //metrics.taskInterval
     //metrics.transactionMetrics[0].connectStartDate ...
let myDelegate = MySessionDelegate()
let config = NSURLSessionConfiguration.defaultSessionConfiguration()
let myDelegateQueue = NSOperationQueue()
let session = NSURLSession(configuration: config, delegate: myDelegate, delegateQueue: myDelegateQueue)
let url = NSURL(string: "https://www.example.com/")!
let task = session.dataTask(with: url) { (data: NSData?, response: NSURLResponse?, error: NSError?) in
```

Network statistics

Summary



Deep view into network loading



Faster debugging, easier profiling, better performance



Available in NSURLSession

Security

Never an afterthought

Security

Transport Layer Security

Protects data

Cipher—algorithm for encrypting/decrypting data

The RC4 cipher is no longer supported



Tuesday—Security session and labs

How iOS Security Really Works	Nob Hill	Tuesday 4:00PM
What's New in Security	Nob Hill	Tuesday 5:00PM

Security nscur

```
$ nscurl https://insecure.example.com/
nscurl[1234:123456] NSURLSession/NSURLConnection HTTP load failed
(kCFStreamErrorDomainSSL, -9824)
```

Security

```
$ nscurl --enable-rc4 https://insecure.example.com/
Enabling RC4 cipher suites
<html><body><h1>It works!</h1></body></html>
```

Summary

NSURLSession

• HTTP/2 Server Push Performance!

Network statistics
 Faster and better analysis of applications

Security
 Protect user data

NSURLSession in your applications!