

Adaptive DNSSEC



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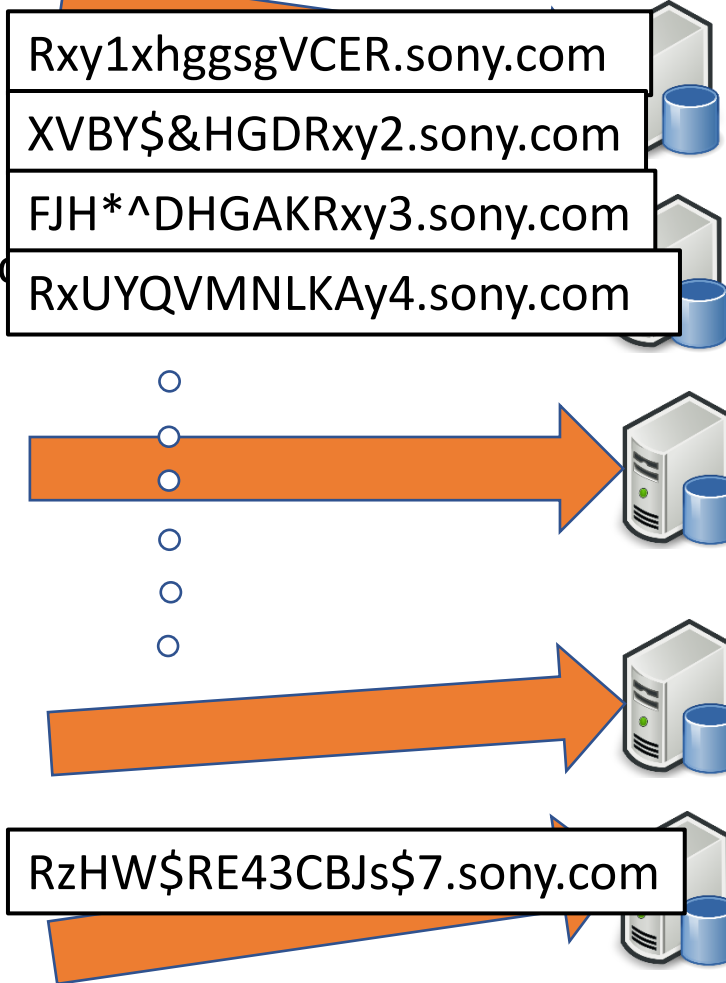
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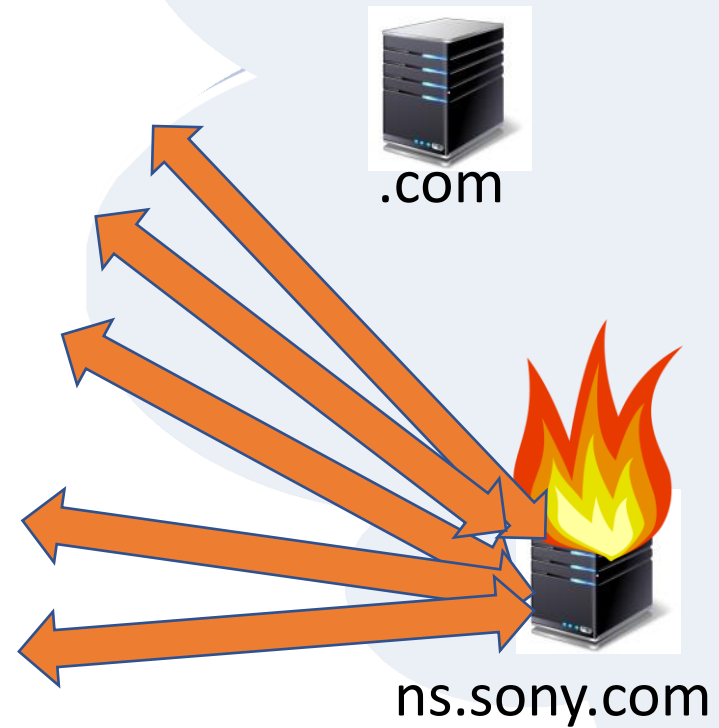
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NXDomain Attack

RANDOM DNS Request Flood



Resolvers



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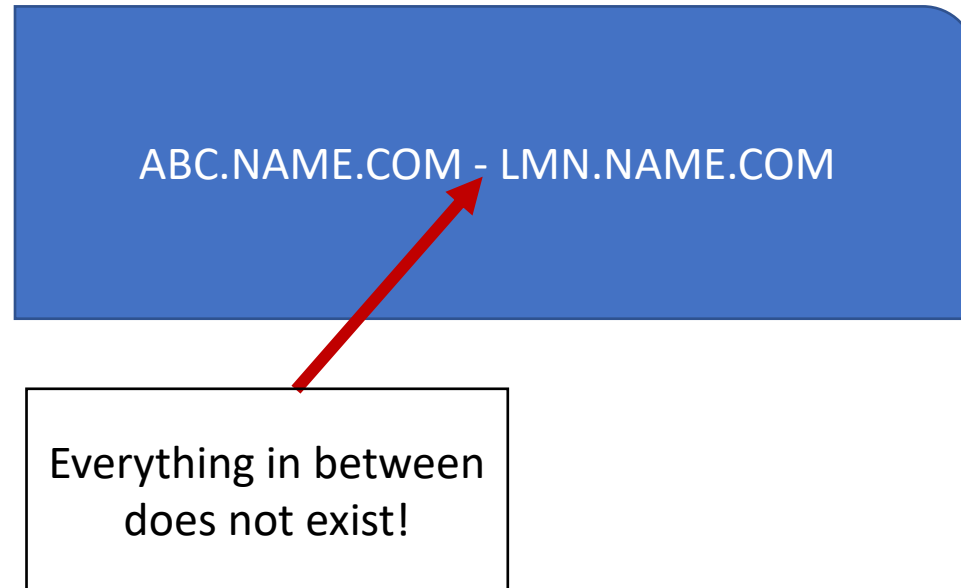
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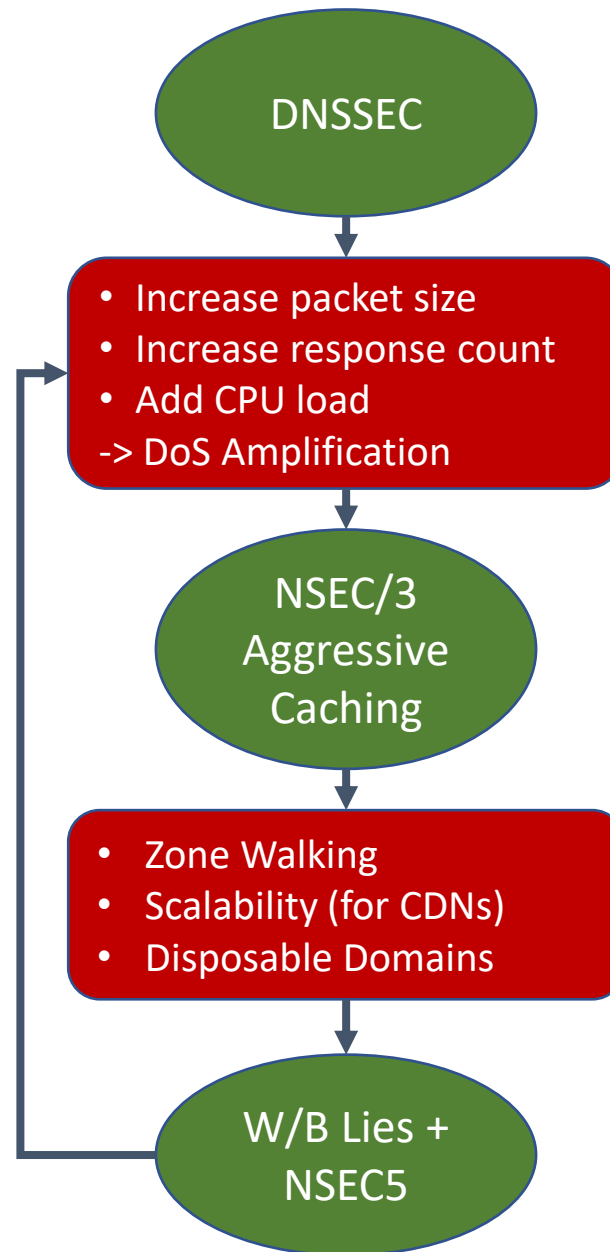
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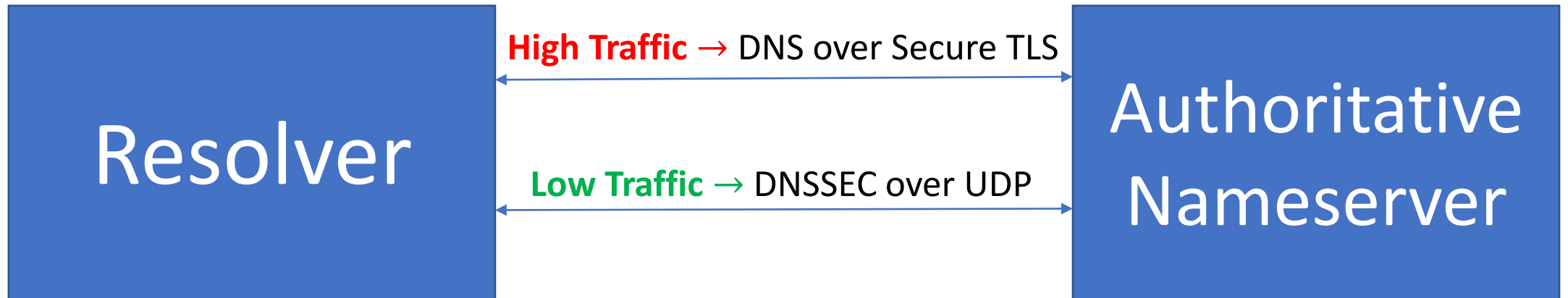
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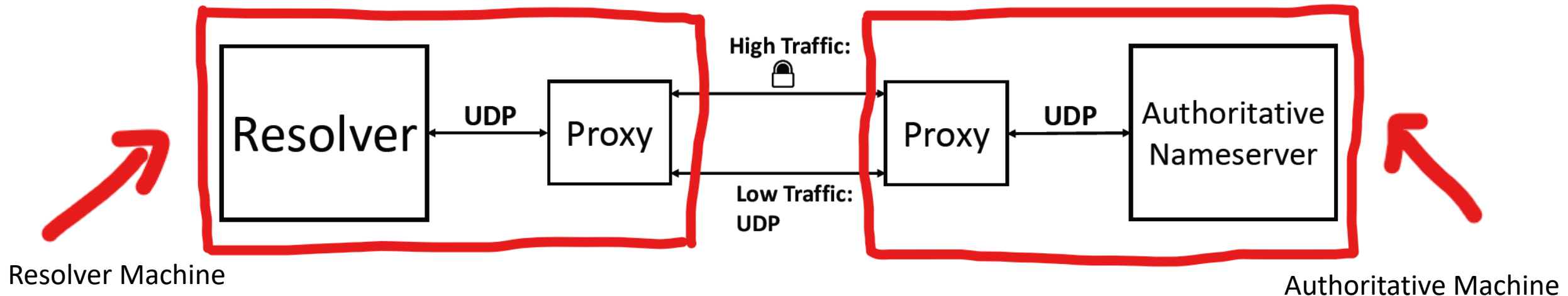
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- Use TLS
 - Authoritative identifies once
 - Traffic sent with Plain DNS

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- **Problem1:** Can't easily integrate with known resolver/auth implementations (Bind, Unbound, Knot, etc.)
- **Solution:** proxy interface resolver - authoritative servers



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- **Solution:** Use QUIC (similar to HTTP3)

- UDP Multiplexing (virtual connections)
- 0-RTT: resume the connection with 0 round trip time
- No need for TCP integration (firewalls/IPS)

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 - QUIC has low overhead – long lived connections
 - QUIC can resume quickly

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- **Solution:** Score connection throughput with

$$F_i = \alpha \cdot F_{i-1} + (1 - \alpha) \cdot f_i$$

Terminate lowest scored connection (LRU)

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AdaDoQ (Our Solution)	20,558	87%

Conclusions

- DNSSEC degrades DNS performance
 - Make NXDOMAIN attacks worse (DDoS amplification)
- AdaDoQ – Hybrid Solution
 - Light and fast connections
 - One time encryption overheads
 - Close to Plain DNS throughput
 - No Security Compromises
 - Zone Walking
 - No Scalability Issues

Questions?