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Impact of DNS over TCP a resolver point of view
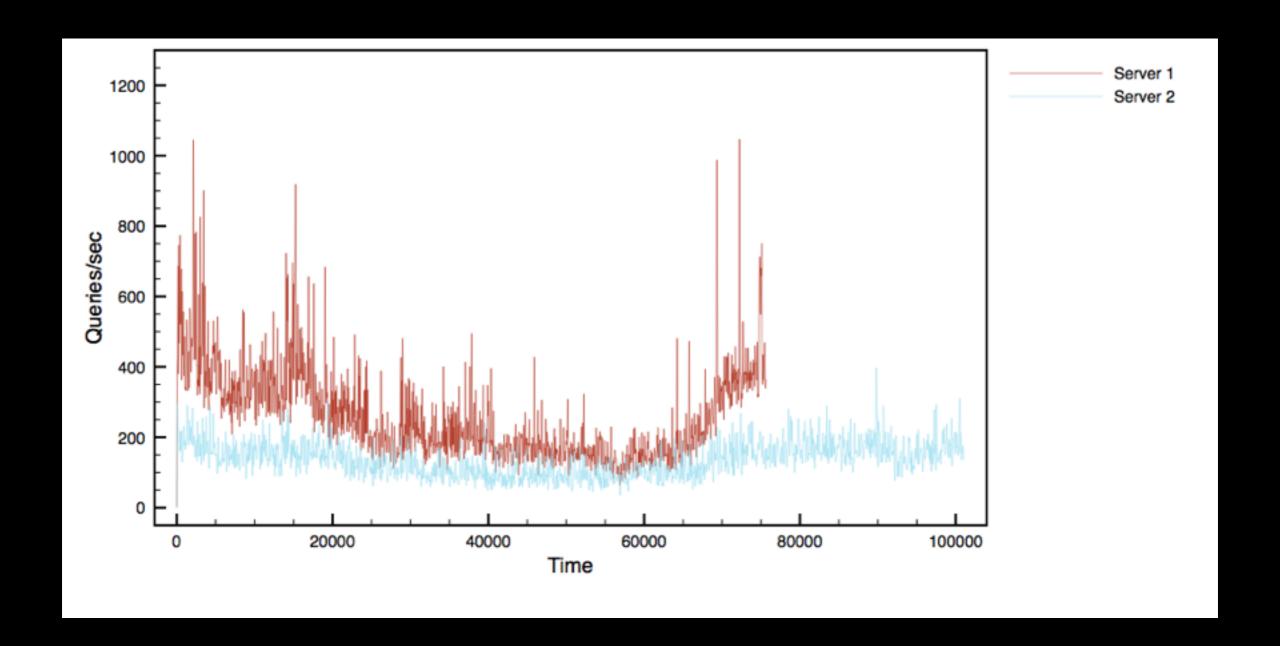
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Objective

Look at traffic between DNS recursive resolvers and the authoritative servers they query and…

Simulate the effect on the recursive server of using TCP for all DNS traffic
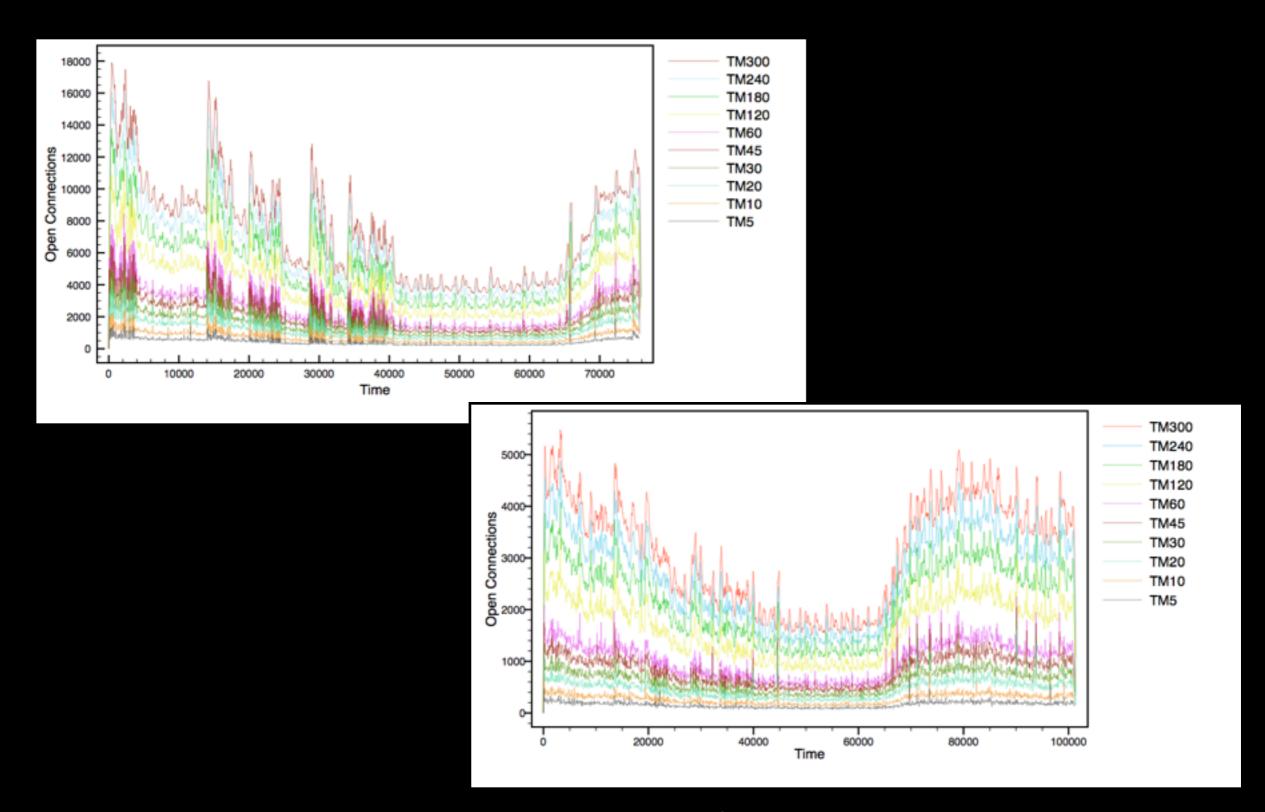
- The data

- The cost

- The benefit

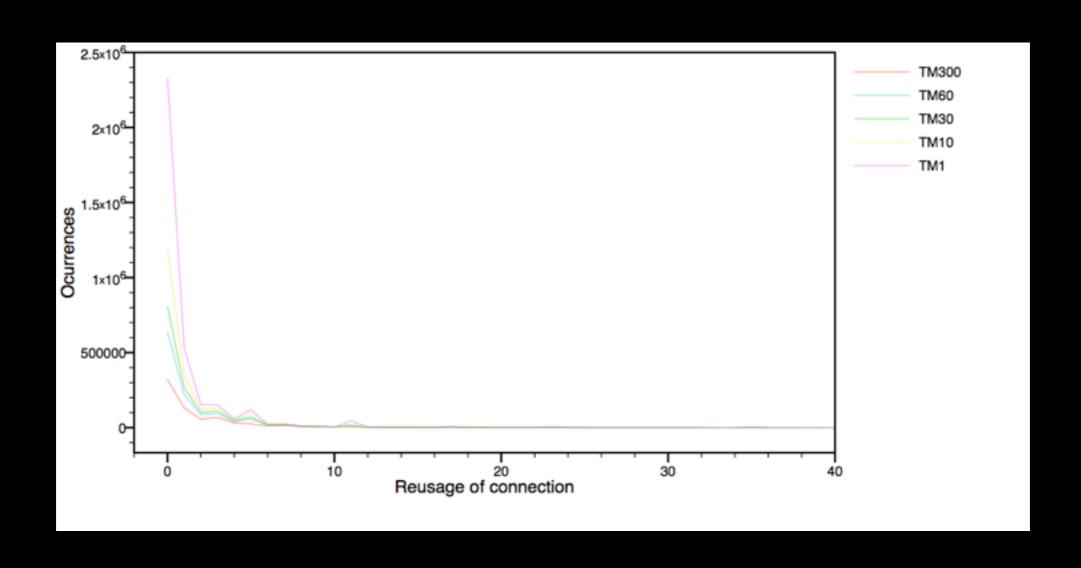- The need

Data (qps)

The cost

- Main impact of using TCP for everything is the state that is kept on the server, which is proportional to the number of established connections at a given time
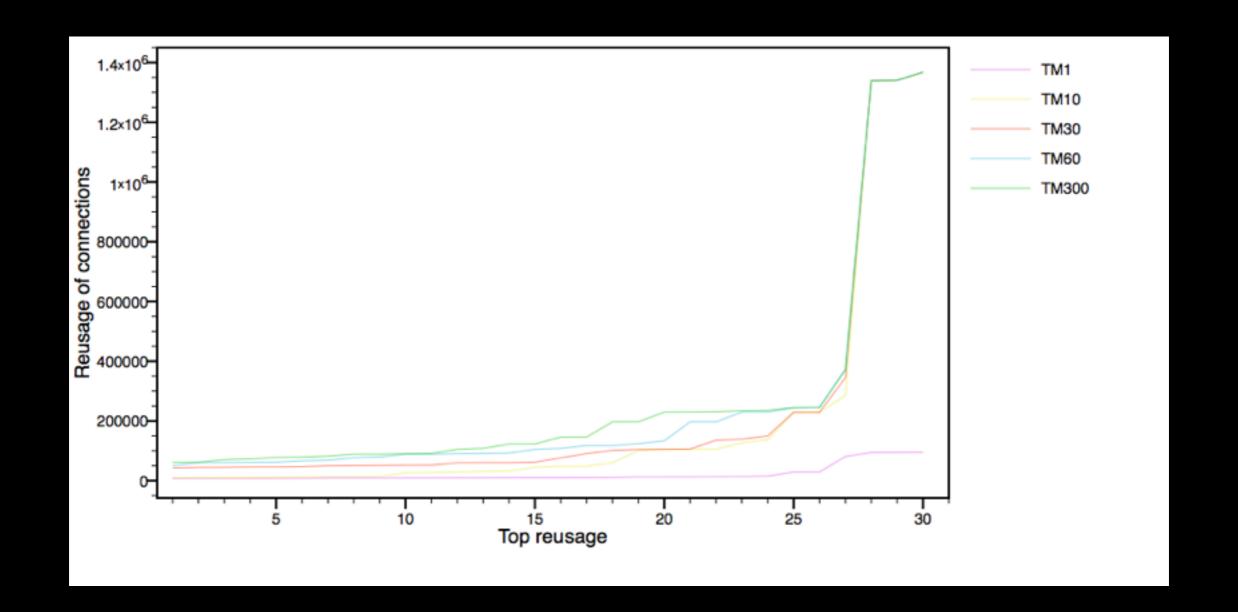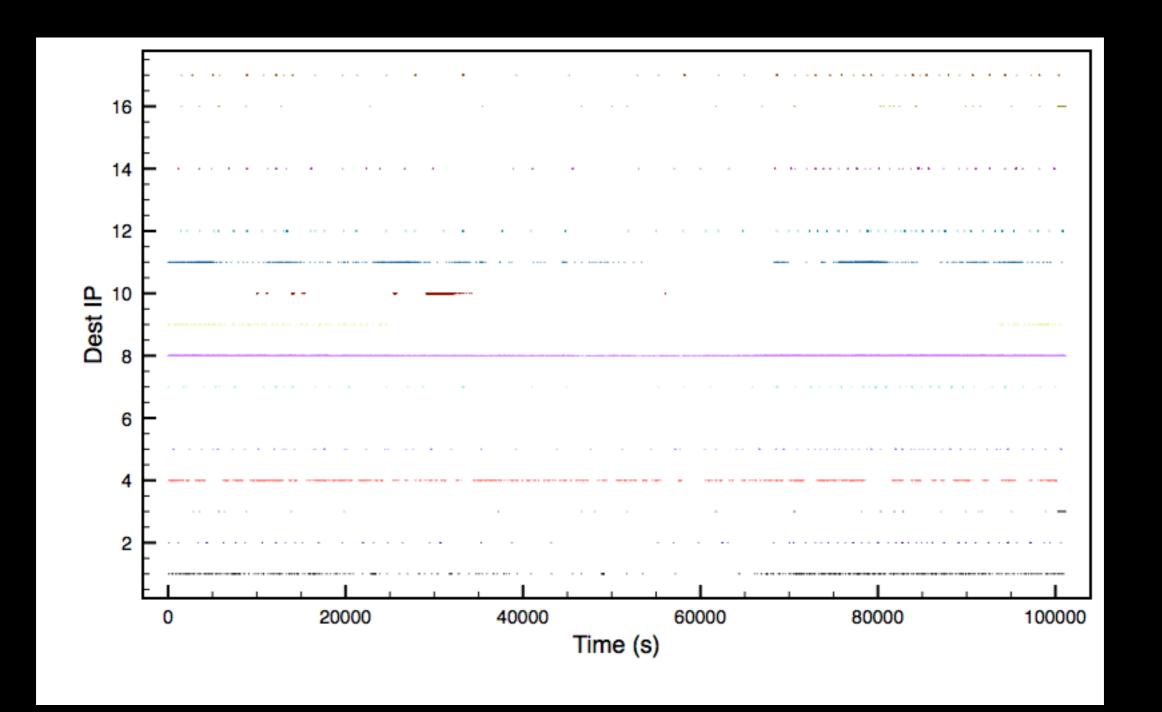
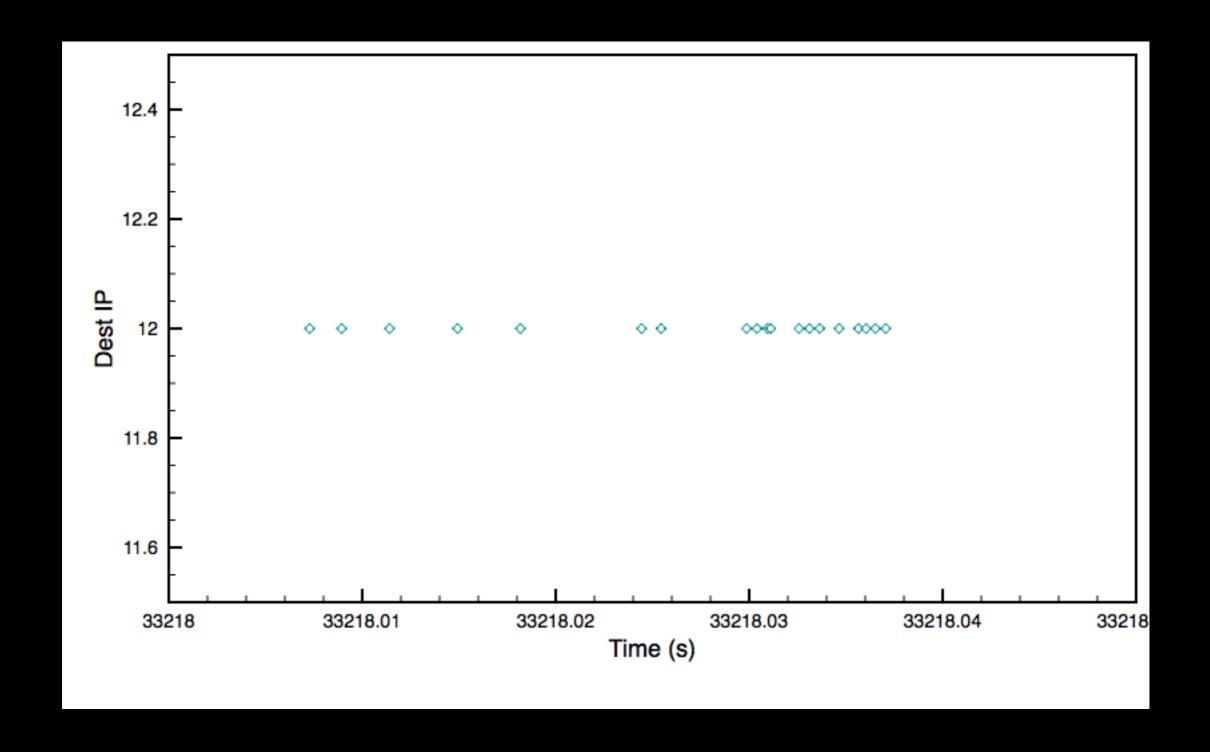connections

The benefit

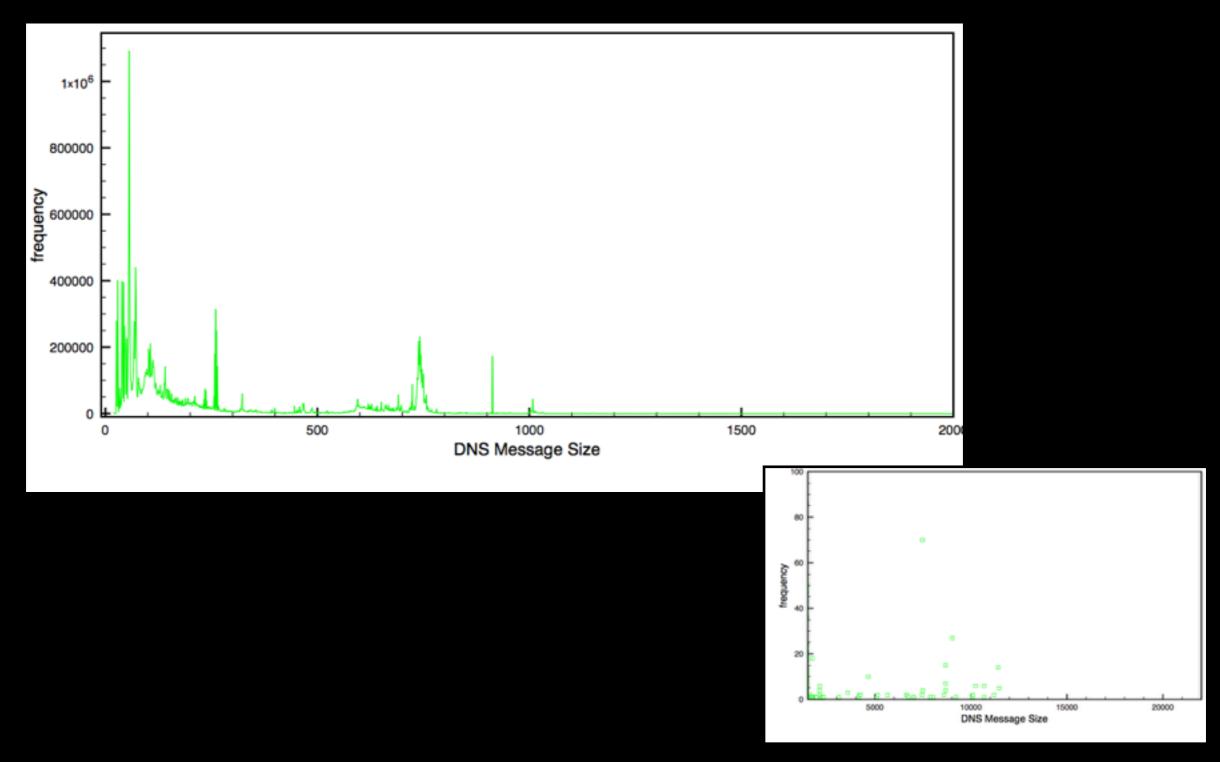connection reuse

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query timeline
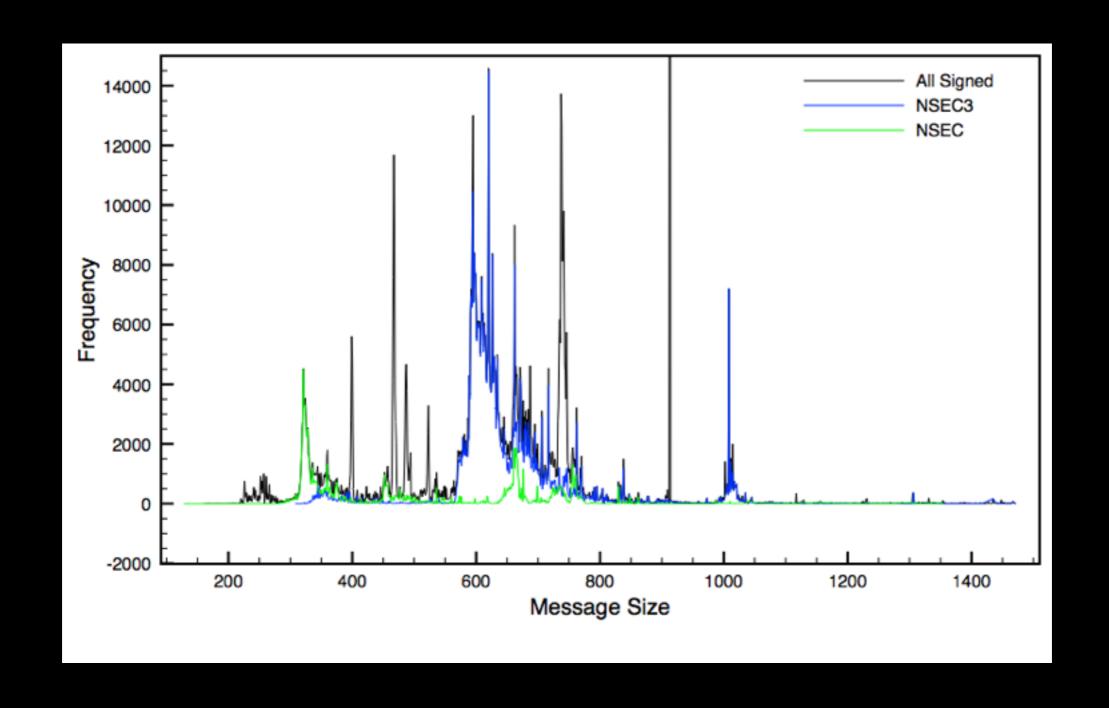
query timeline zoom

The *need*

- Helps with spoof prevention
  - reflection attacks
- Do we need it to cope with larger messages?
  - DNSSEC, in particular NSEC3
  - Long NS lists, other

Size distribution - all

Size distribution - DNSSEC

Observations

- Message size doesn't seem to be a big problem at this time

  - someone asked about DKIM

- Management of TCP timeout is critical

- Some servers would reuse connections quite effectively

  - queries come in bursts.

    - tuning and signalling needed

Next steps

- Analyse impact on the recursive->stub
  - Coming up

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Questions?

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