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KSK algorithm rollover for .nl

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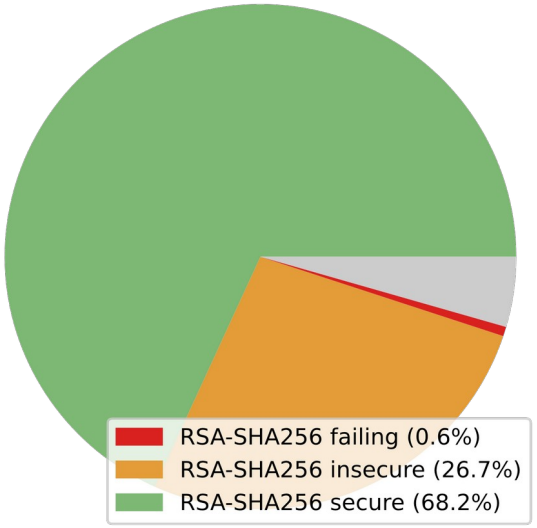
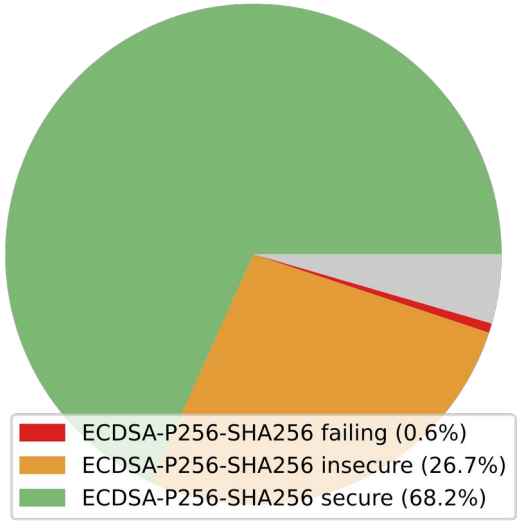
Why?

- Using a safer algorithm
- Keeping up with new recommendations
- Enough support in resolvers
- Smaller DNSSEC answers





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https://dnsthought.nlnetlabs.nl

Preparation

- New Thales HSM for better ECDSA performance
- Test, test, test
  - Normal run on test setup, using a fakeroot
  - Local DNSviz
  - Lab setup with fast policy
  - Acceptance with real data and policy
    - Memory usage
    - Time needed for validation of the signed zone

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Building a future we can all trust

Planning

- Based on acceptance run
- Dependencies
  - External parties (IANA)
  - ZSK rollover

Planning

- 4 July: preparation
- 5 July: change OpenDNSSEC policies
- 11 July: Add algo 13 DS to the root zone
- 14 July*: check algo 13 path
- 17 July*: remove algo 8 DS from the root zone
- 19 July*: delete algo 8 keys from OpenDNSSEC.

* dependent on external parties

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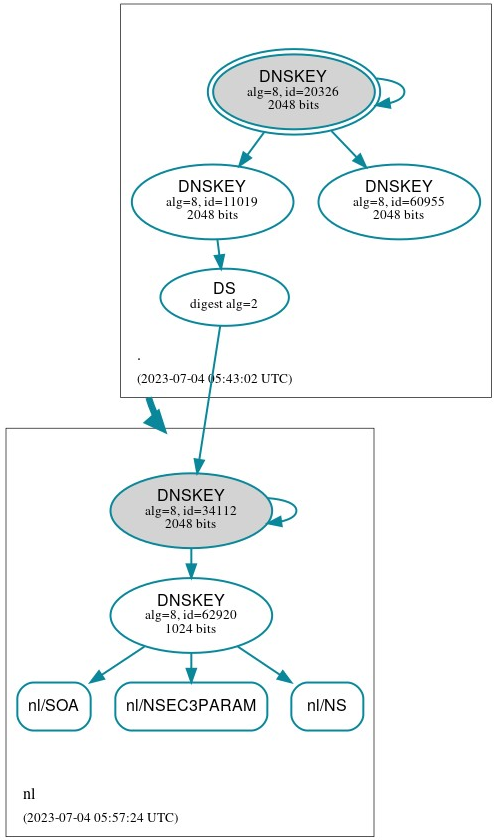
Executing

- Use written plan with commands and checks
- Continual checking
- DNSViz at strategic times
- Go-No go

When	.nl size (GB)
Before	4.5
During	6.4
After	3.7

Algorithm 8 situation



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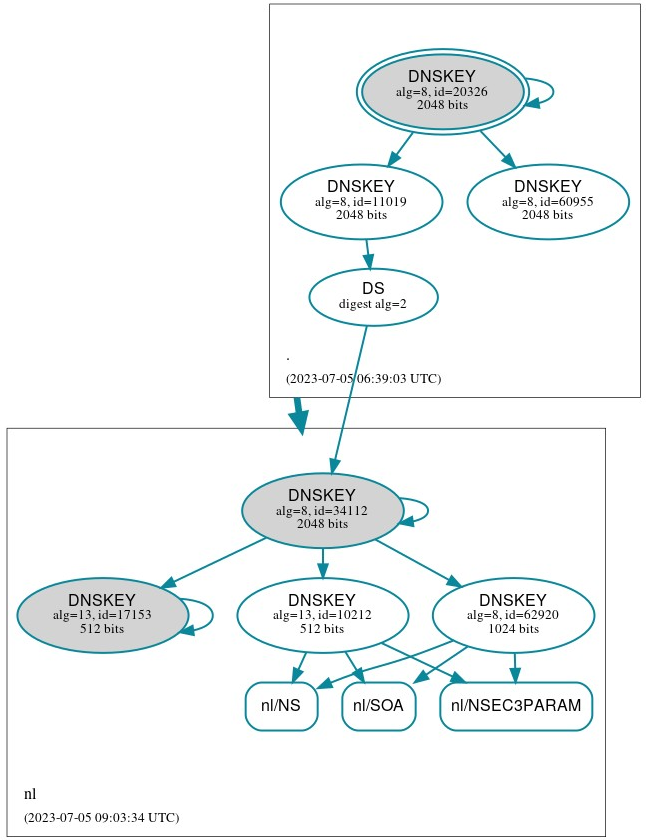
Policy change



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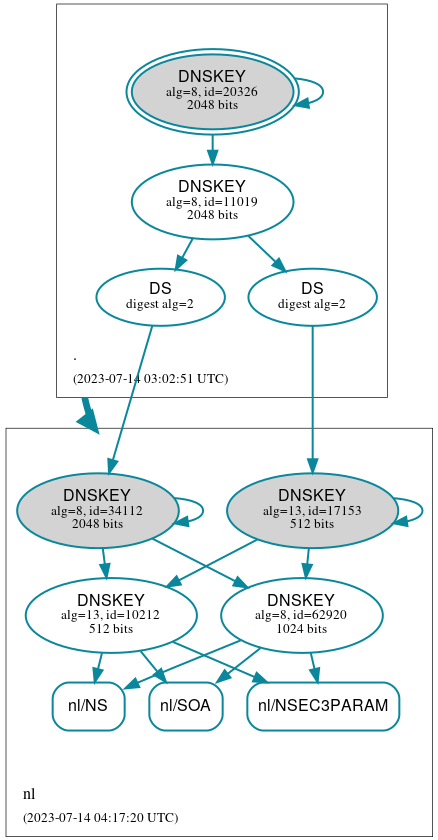
Add algorithm 13 DS to root



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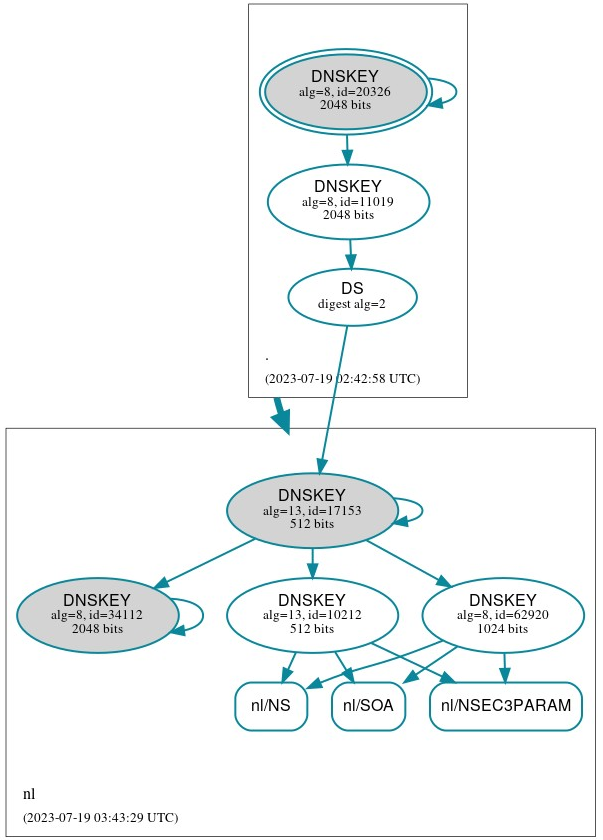
Remove algorithm 8 DS from root



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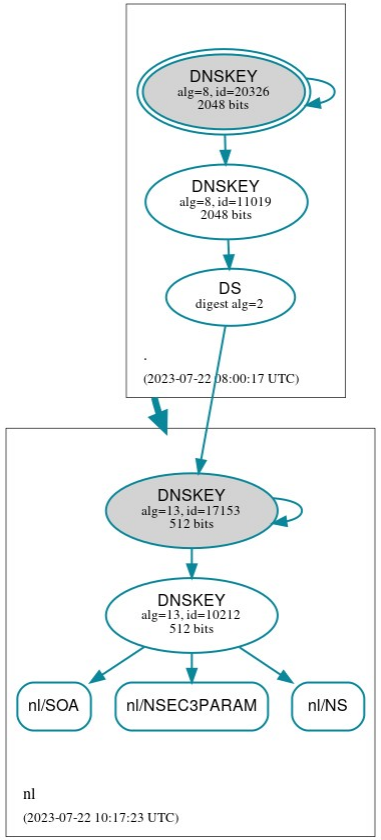
Stop using algorithm 8



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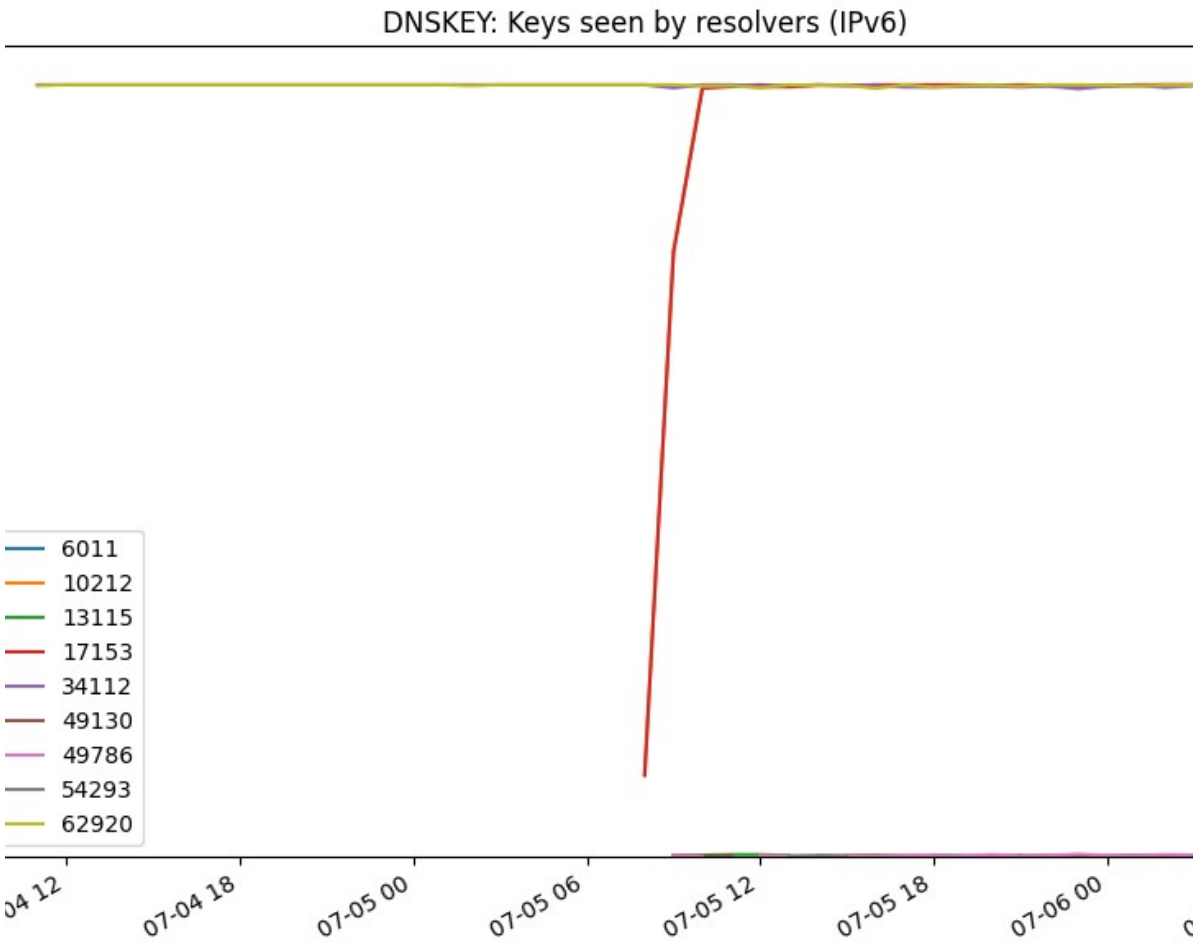
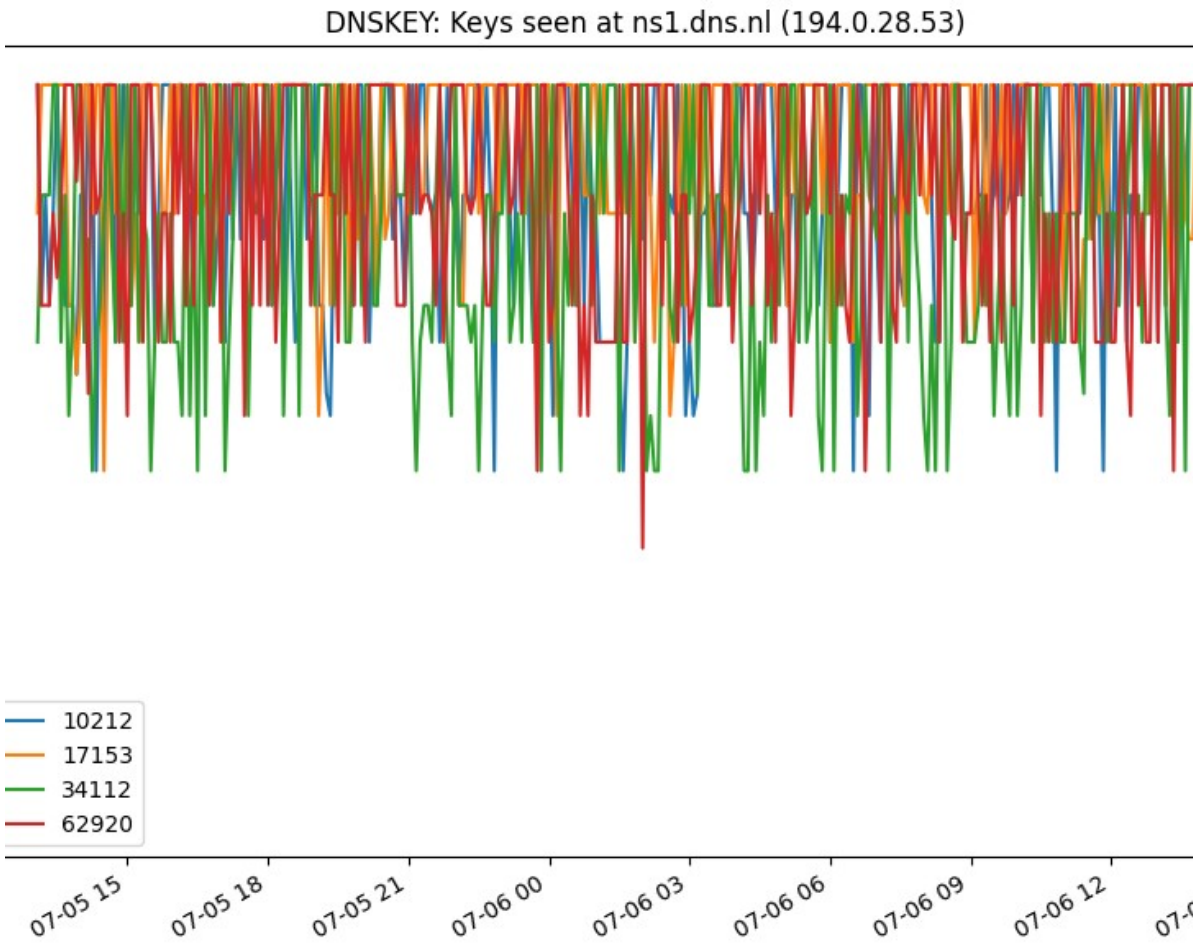
Measurements with RIPE Atlas probes

- Rollover-mon
  - Propagation delay for DNSKEY (1/h)
  - Propagation delay for DS (1/d)
  - DNSKEY @nsX.dns.nl (5 min)
  - DS records @root servers (5 min)
  - Trust chain (1/h)
- 17153 = EC KSK



Measurements

- Strange measurements
- Caused by
  - Small buffersize
  - Trying to get key ID from fragments



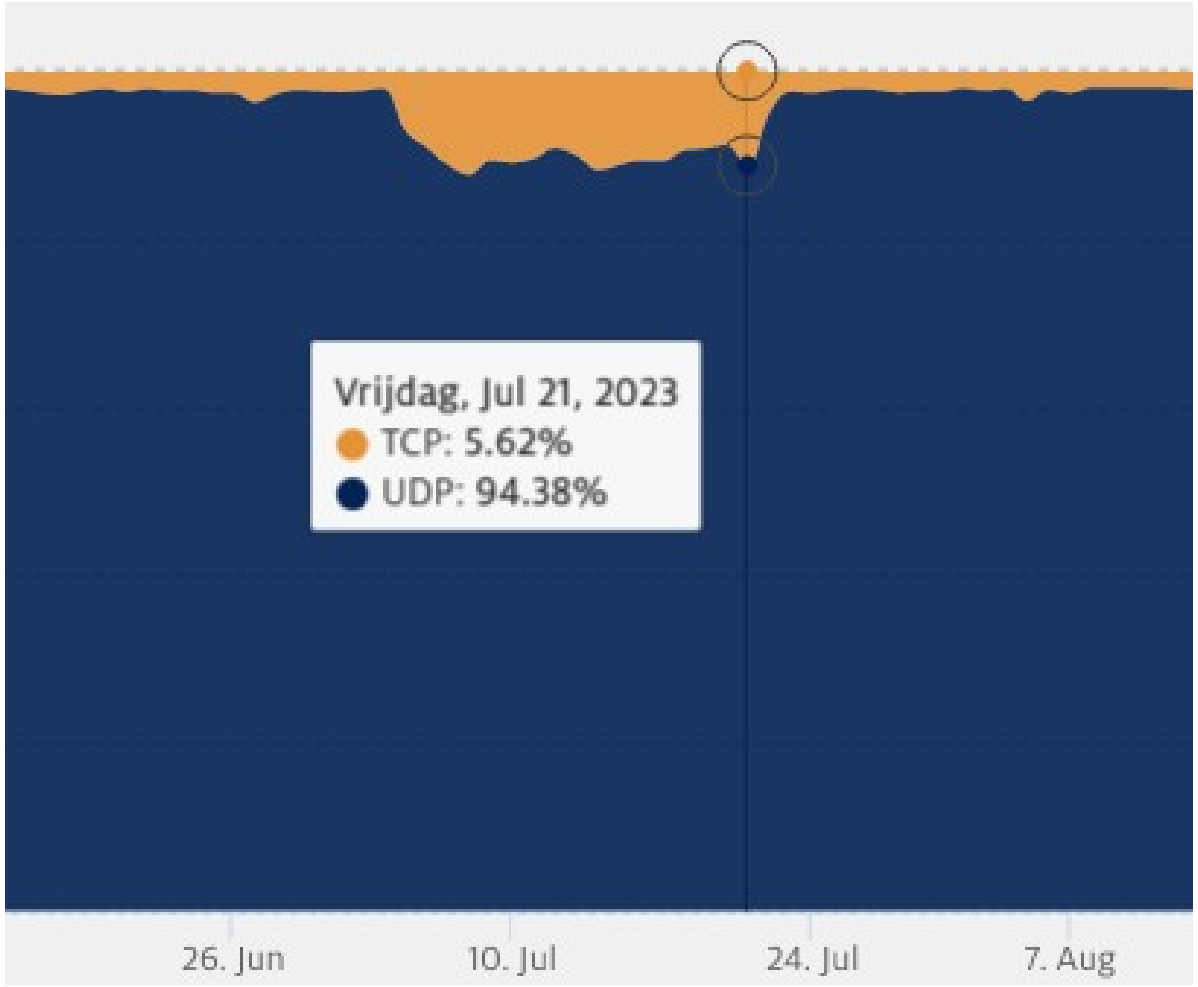
Response sizes in bytes*

Type	Before	During	After
NXDOMAIN	1015	1402	759
DNSKEY	766	1024	310
NS	1214	1022	928

* Only showing sizes from ns1.dns.nl (v6 and v4), based on DNSviz data, other implementations differ

Change in TCP traffic

- Before: ~1% TCP queries (~359 qps)
- During: ~5% TCP queries (~2421 qps)
- After: ~1 % TCP queries



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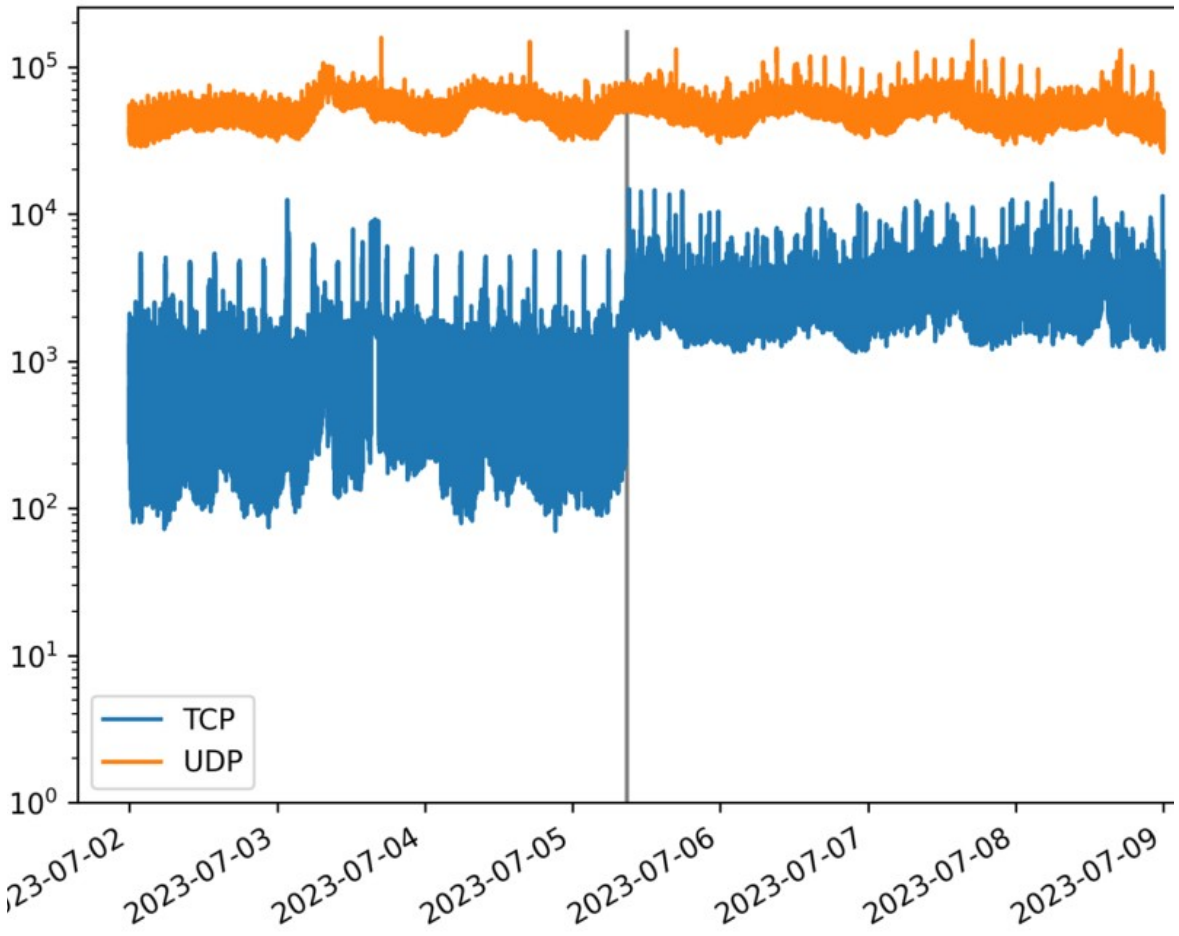
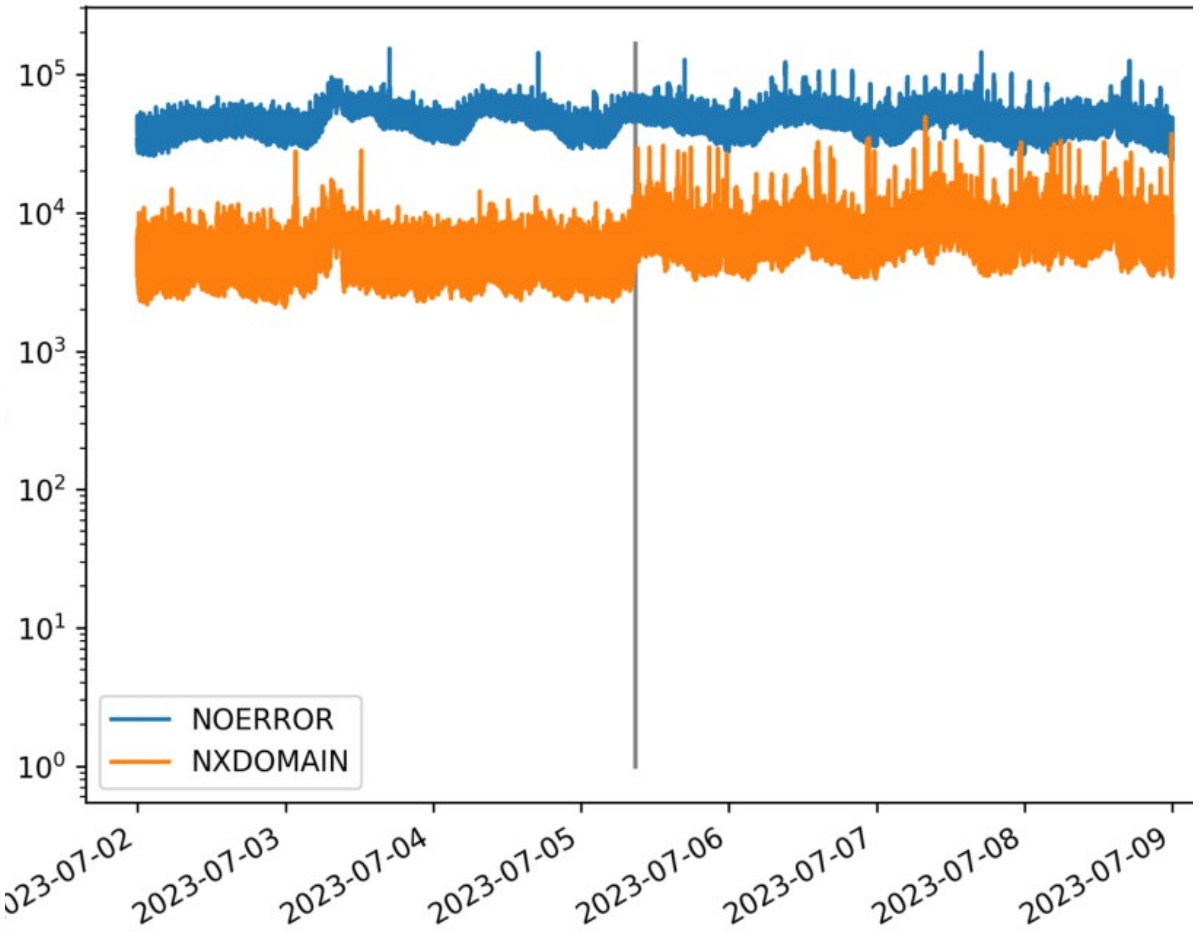


Lack of TCP support

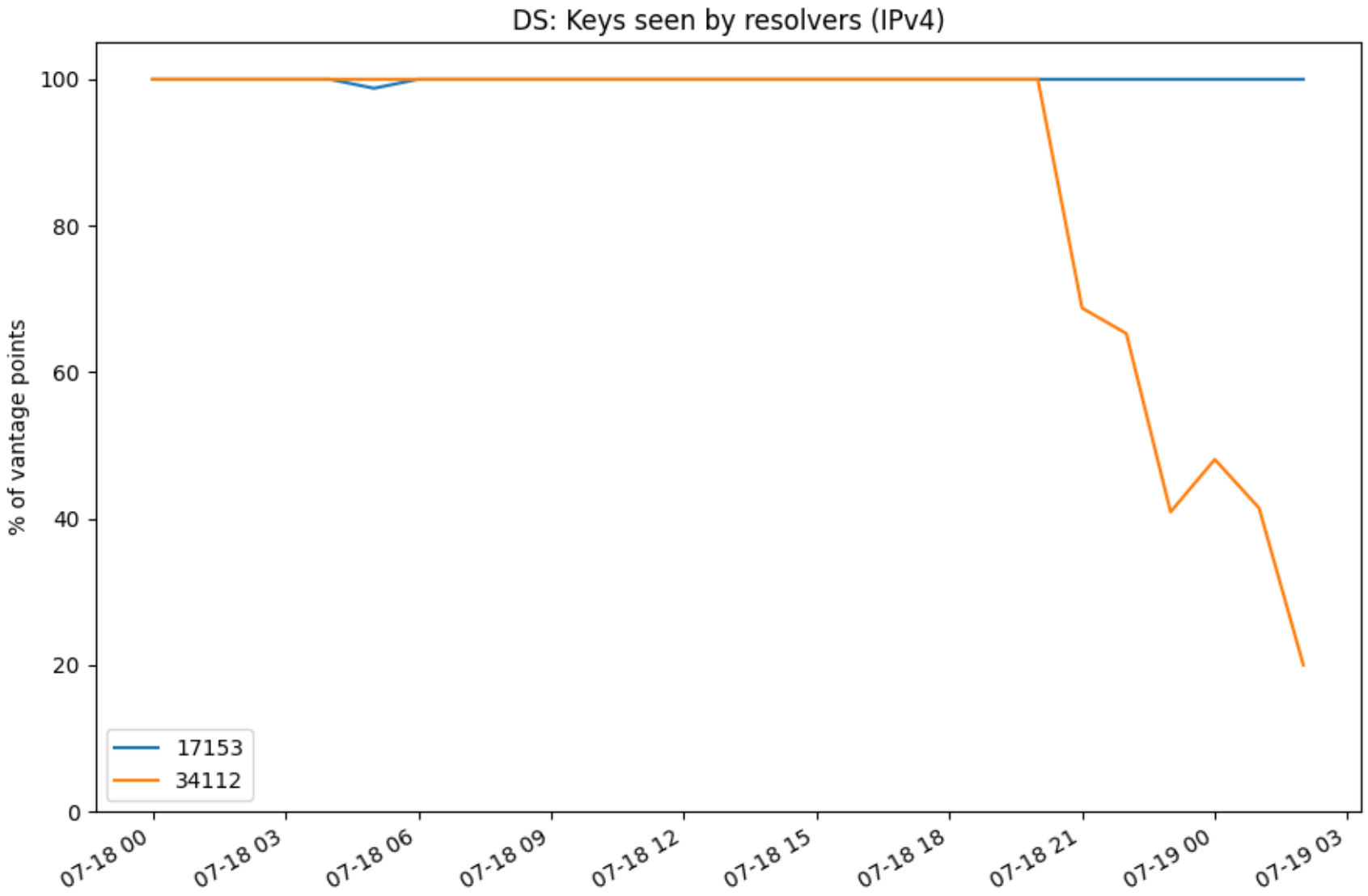
- Increase of 1.6 times
- 25% had an increase of 8 times

- Keep asking via UDP
- University measurements
- Impact unknown
- No failure reports

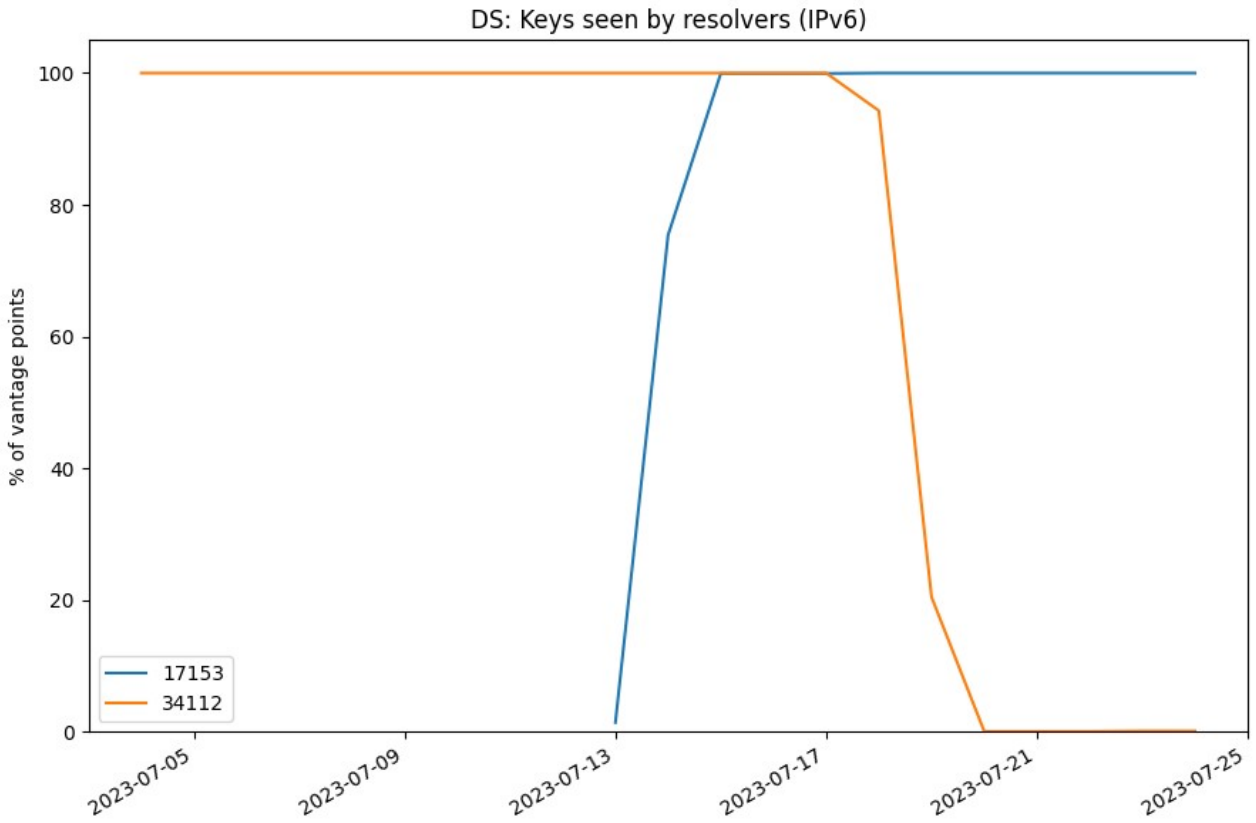


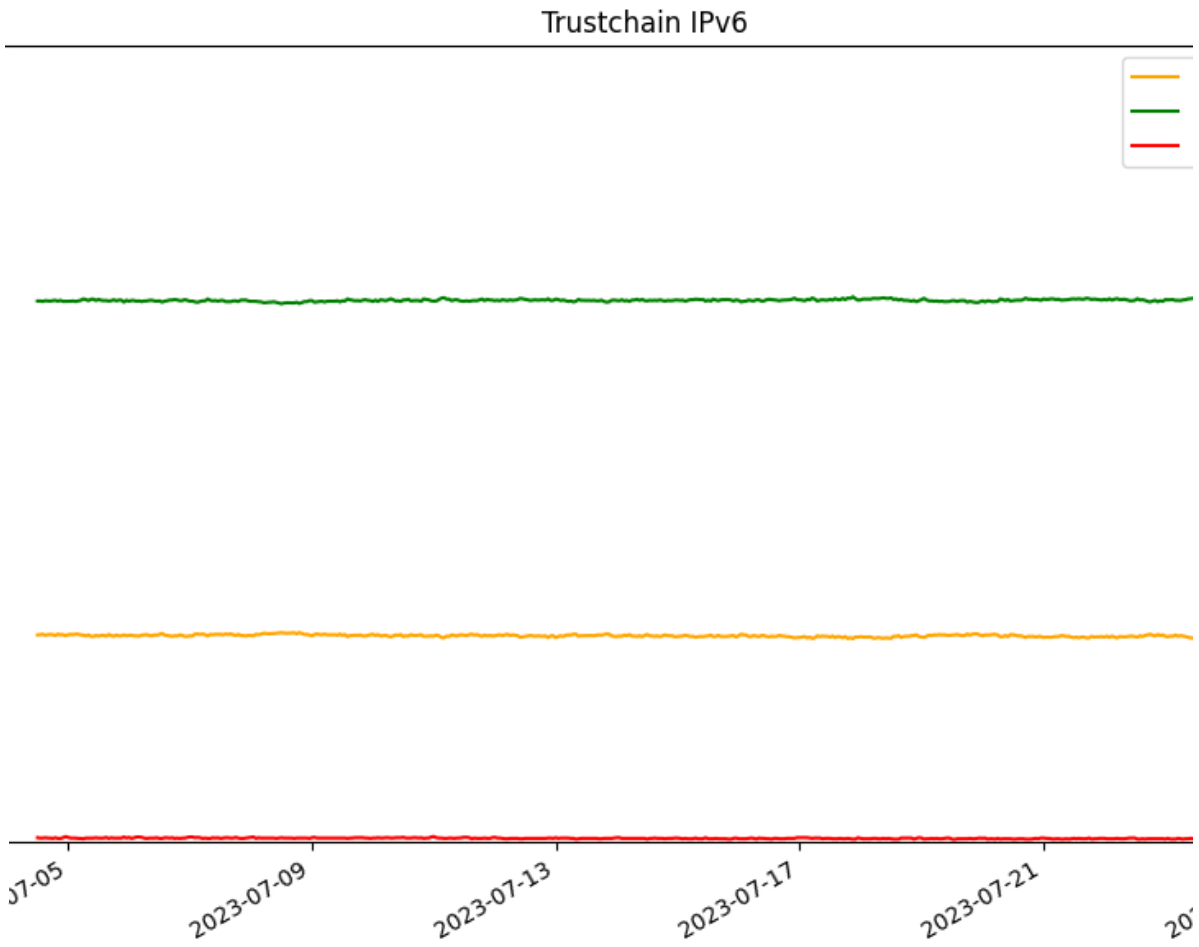
Measurements

- Removing the RSA KSK



No measured impact





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