



Meson



Peter Lai



Outline

- About metadata
- About anonymity
- About mix
- About meson mix
- Meson components & repos
- Running local testnet
- Reference

About metadata

- Who is connect to whom.
- How often and when to connect.

No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
431	11.780046	2001:b011:1004:1d3d:445d:7f7d:3d10:b71a	2404:6800:4012:2::200e	HTTP	160	GET / HTTP/1.1
433	11.797964	2404:6800:4012:2::200e	2001:b011:1004:1d3d:445d:7f7d:3d10:b71a	HTTP	614	HTTP/1.1 301 Moved Permanently (text/h...

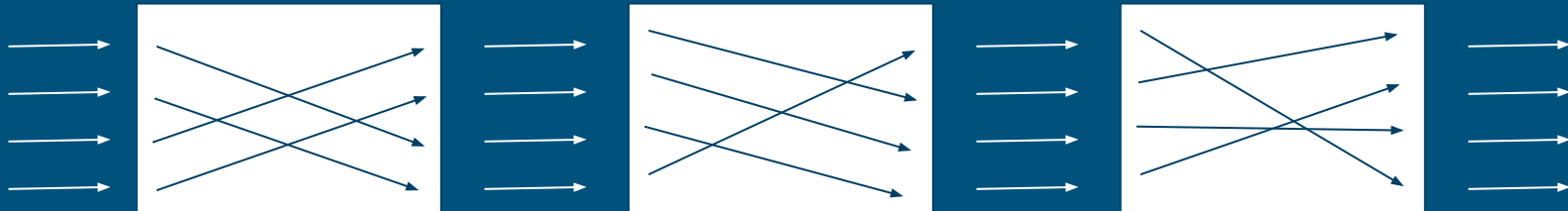
▶ Frame 431: 160 bytes on wire (1280 bits), 160 bytes captured (1280 bits) on interface en0, id 0
▶ Ethernet II, Src: Apple_1f:ca:16 (3c:22:fb:1f:ca:16), Dst: GemtekTe_a7:a0:57 (80:02:9c:a7:a0:57)
▶ Internet Protocol Version 6, Src: 2001:b011:1004:1d3d:445d:7f7d:3d10:b71a, Dst: 2404:6800:4012:2::200e
▶ Transmission Control Protocol, Src Port: 49748, Dst Port: 80, Seq: 1, Ack: 1, Len: 74
▶ Hypertext Transfer Protocol

About anonymity

- Encrypted network protocol
 - Network: TLS / PGP
 - Message: Signal / Telegram
 - Crypto: Zcash
- Protect metadata
 - identify user
 - trace online activities and analyse social networks
- Solution:
 - VPN
 - ToR
 - MIX

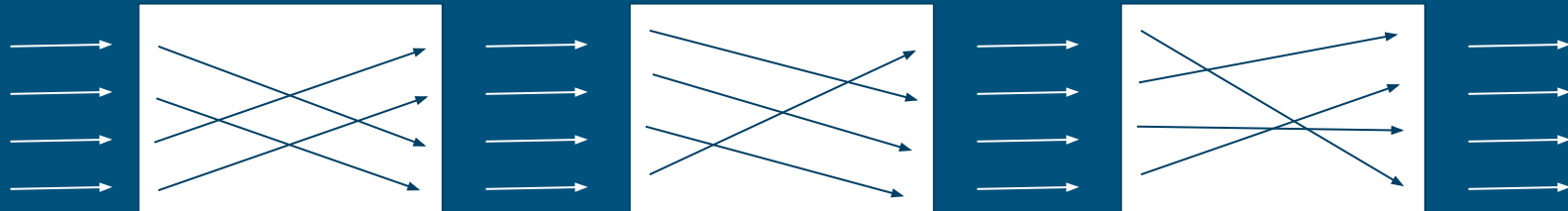
About mix

- Invented by David Chaum 1981
- Multi hop network
- Layer encryption
- Secure permutation
- Two mixing methods
 - Discret time (batch and reorder)
 - Continuous time (poisson mix)



About David mix

- Casade Network Topolodgy
- Discret time (batch and reorder)

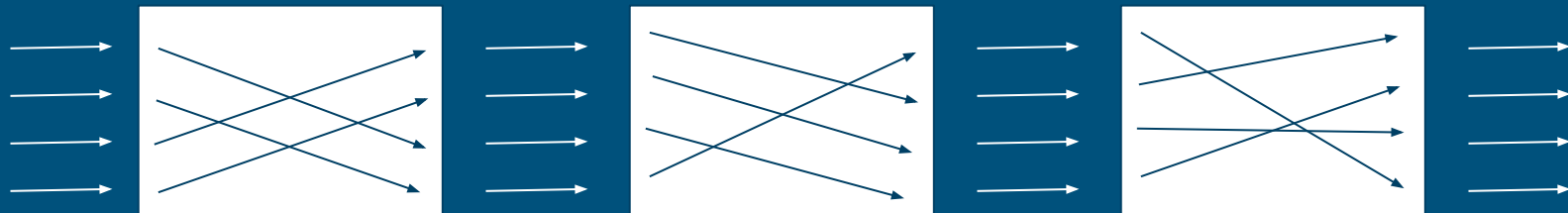


About meson mix

- Continuous time (poisson mix)
- Cover traffic
- Loopix

<https://www.usenix.org/conference/usenixsecurity17/technical-sessions/presentation/piotrowska>

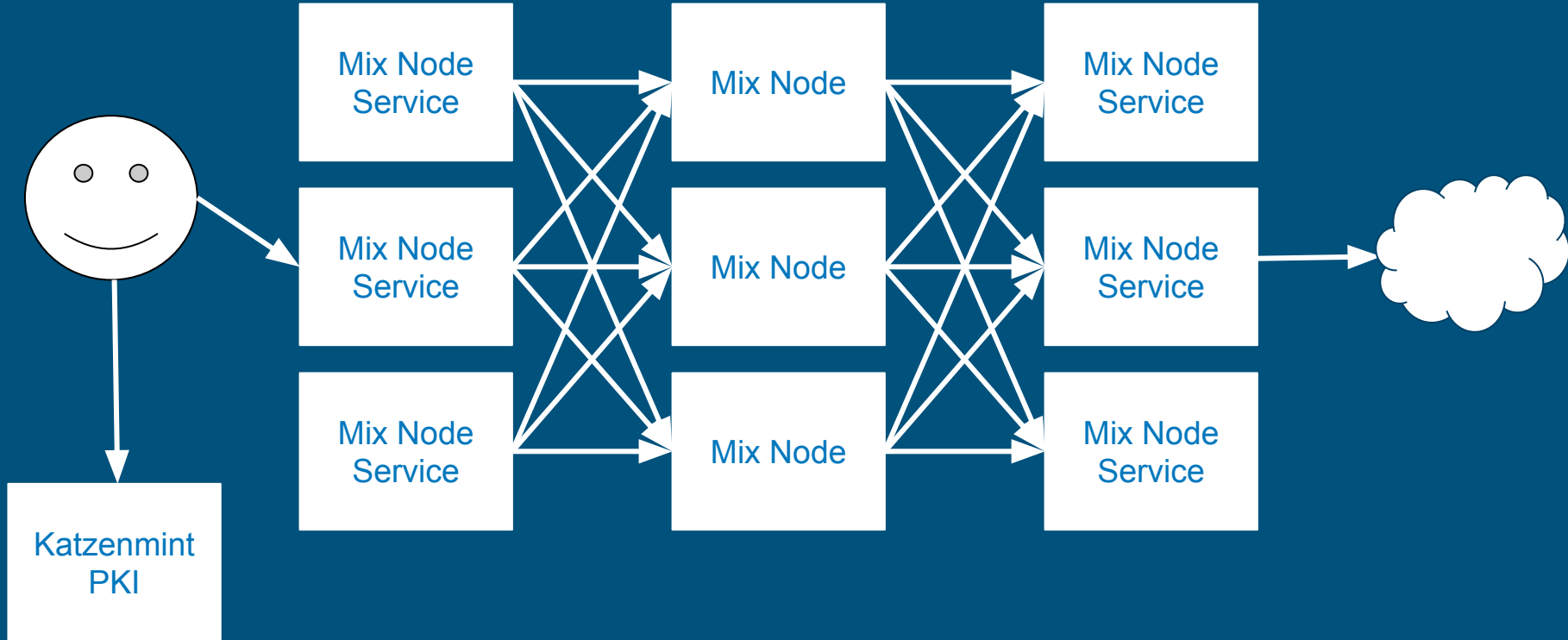
- Katzenpost <https://katzenpost.mixnetworks.org/>



Meson components & repos

- Katzenmint PKI
 - public key infrastructure for Meson
- Server
 - mix node
 - service provider
- Client
 - client to fetch pki document and connect through meson
- Genconfig
 - generate configs for meson testnet

Meson components & repos



Running local testnet

- clone repo from: <https://github.com/hashcloak/Meson>
- checkout to monorepo branch
- build katzenmint / server docker container
- go to katzenmint/docker/local: docker-compose up

Reference

- <https://github.com/hashcloak/Meson>
- <https://www.usenix.org/conference/usenixsecurity17/technical-sessions/presentation/piotrowska>
- <https://github.com/katzenpost/>
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5_-D18FkoAY
-