

OnionCat and Tor's new Cryptosystem

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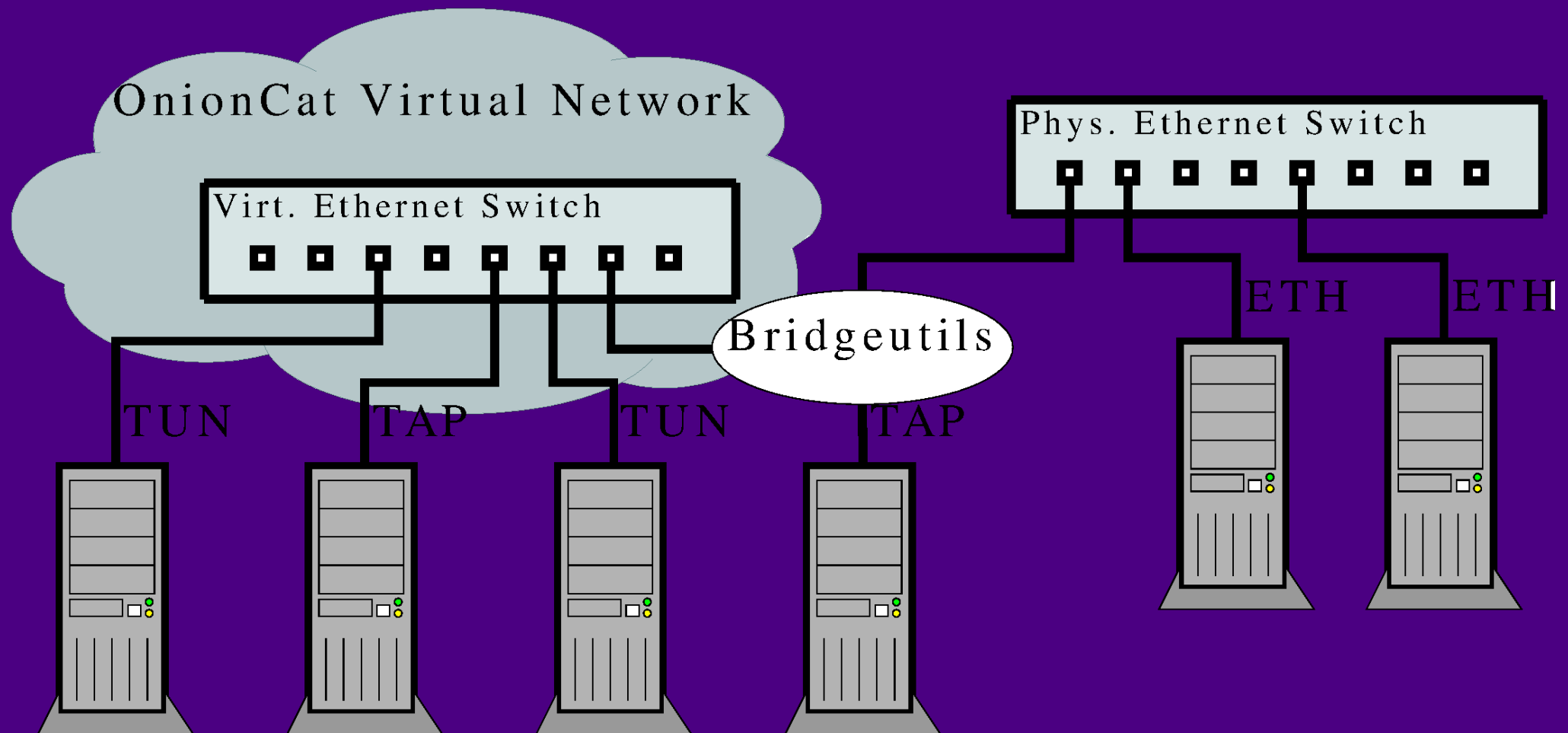
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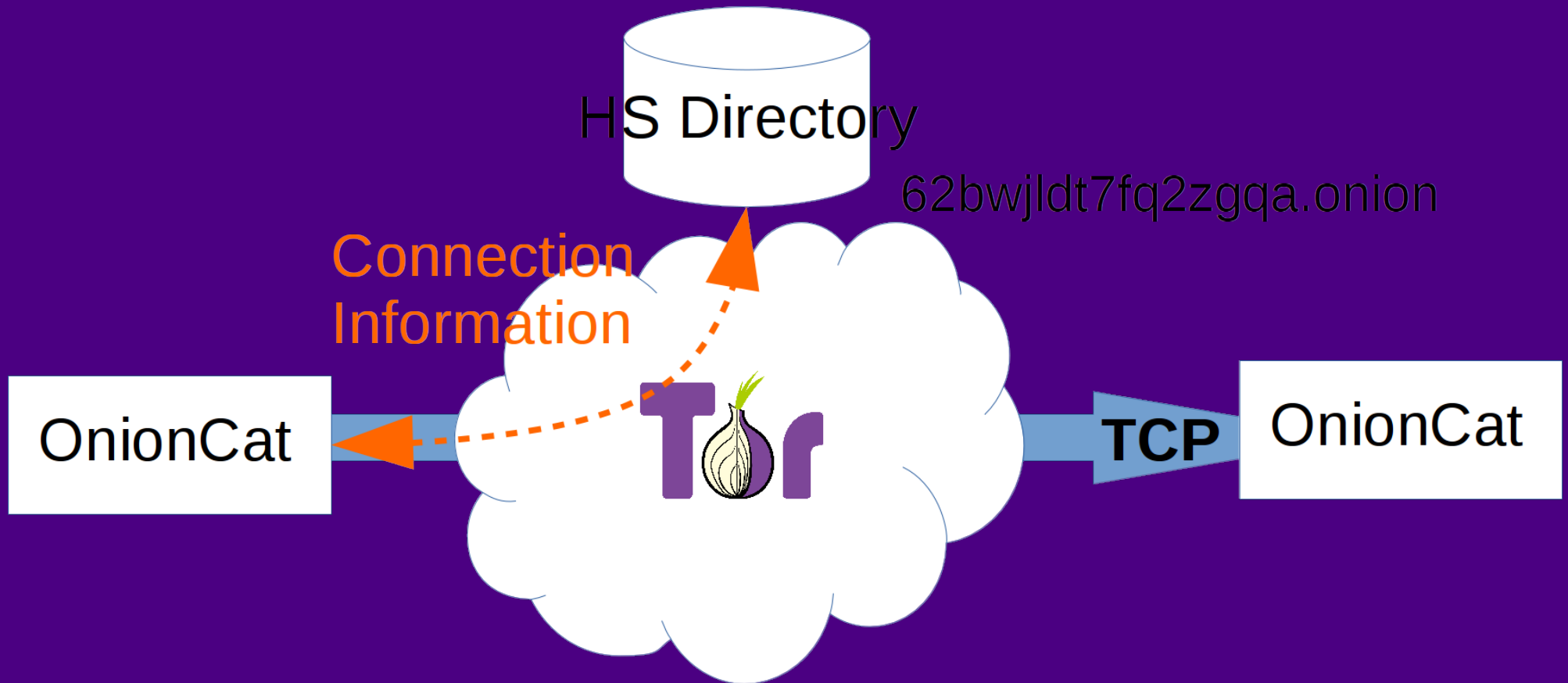
OnionCat Overview



OnionCat User Perspective



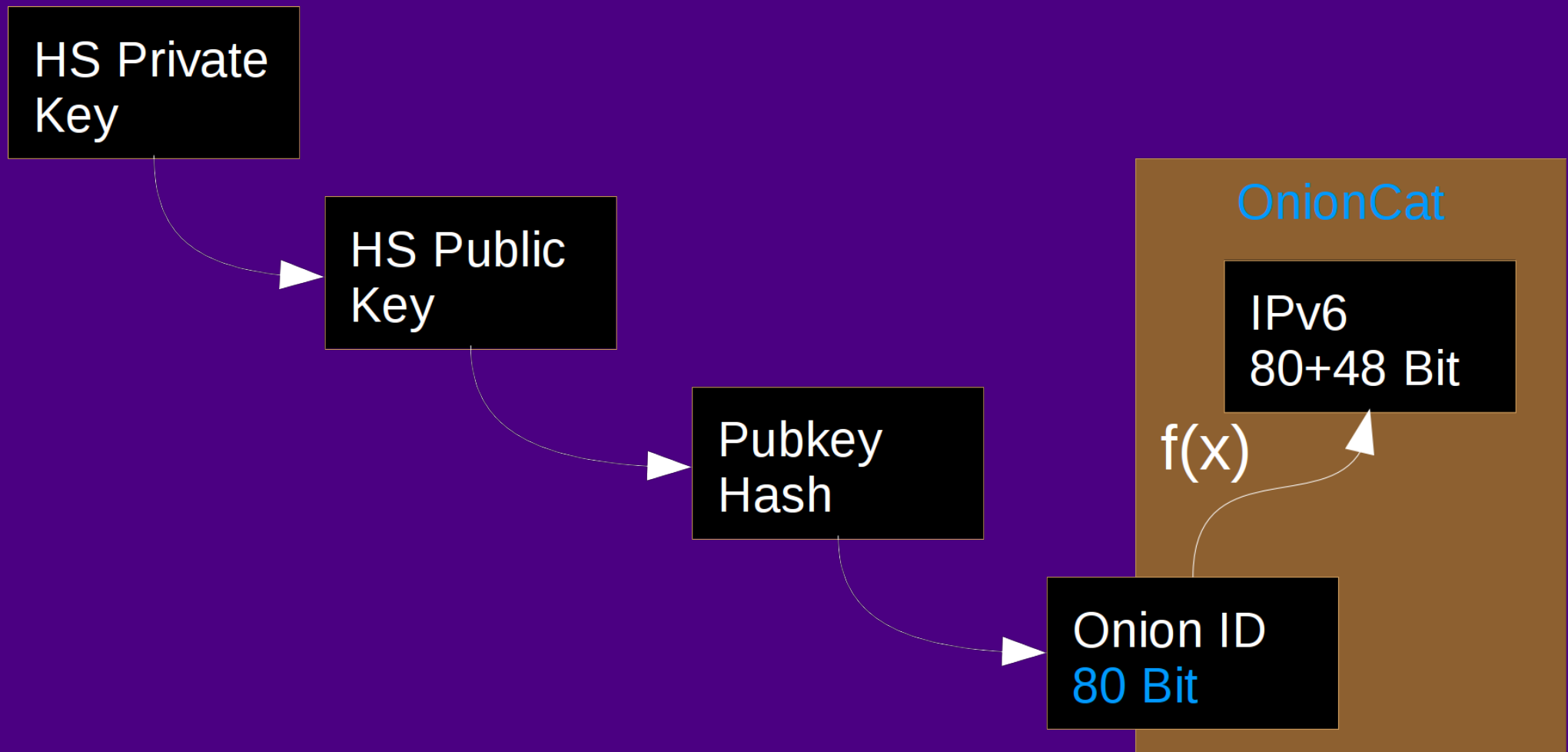
OC, Tor, and HIDDEN Services



HS Directory

- Is a database
- Contains the **hidden service descriptors**
- Primary key: **Onion-ID** (62bwjldt7fq2zgqa.onion)
- + **(Connection) Information**
- + **Digital signature**

The Onion ID



OC Connection Setup

- OC receives IPv6 packet
- Converts destination IPv6 (of packet) back to Onion ID
 $\text{OnionID} = f'(\text{IPv6}) = \text{IPv6}:80$
- Requests Tor HS circuit
- Forwards IPv6 packets back and forth

Conversion IPv6/OnionID

- IPv6 = $f(\text{OnionID})$... simply add IPv6 prefix fd87:d87e:eb43::/48
- OnionID = $f'(\text{IPv6})$... strip prefix.

Tor's New Cryptosystem

Increased bit length of Onion IDs...

128, 256, 512, ...?

IPv6 = $f(\text{OnionID})$... this is easy :)

OnionID = $f'(\text{IPv6})$... ?

HOW DO WE GET THE LOST BITS BACK?

Getting the lost bits back

There is **no algorithm** to generate knowledge without anything.

The solution is a **database**.

E.g. DNS, or any new DB infrastructure (M. Fic, DHT).

JUST TROUBLES, TROUBLES, TROUBLES...

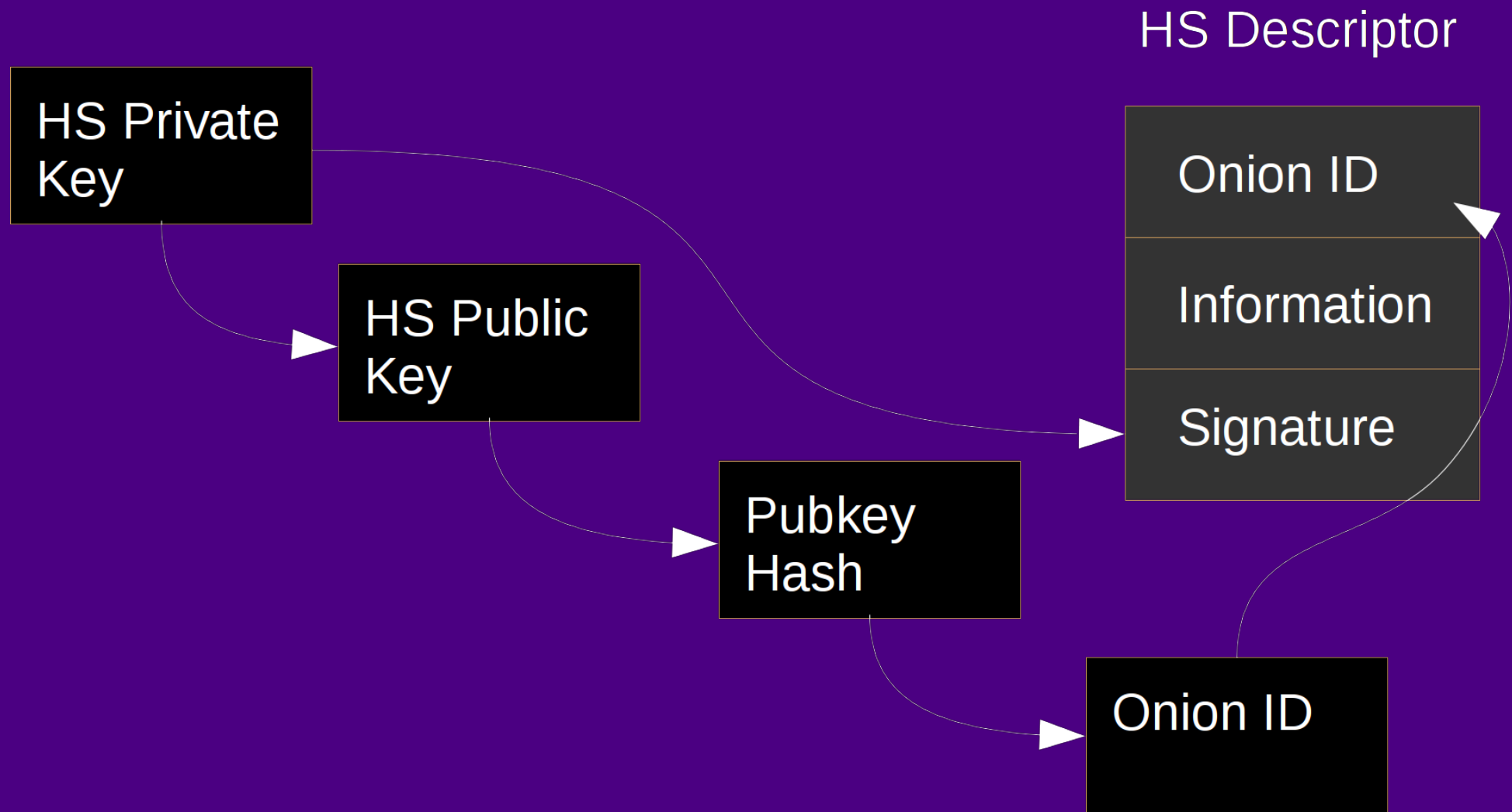
Using the HS Directory

Add a **helper entry** to the HS directory.

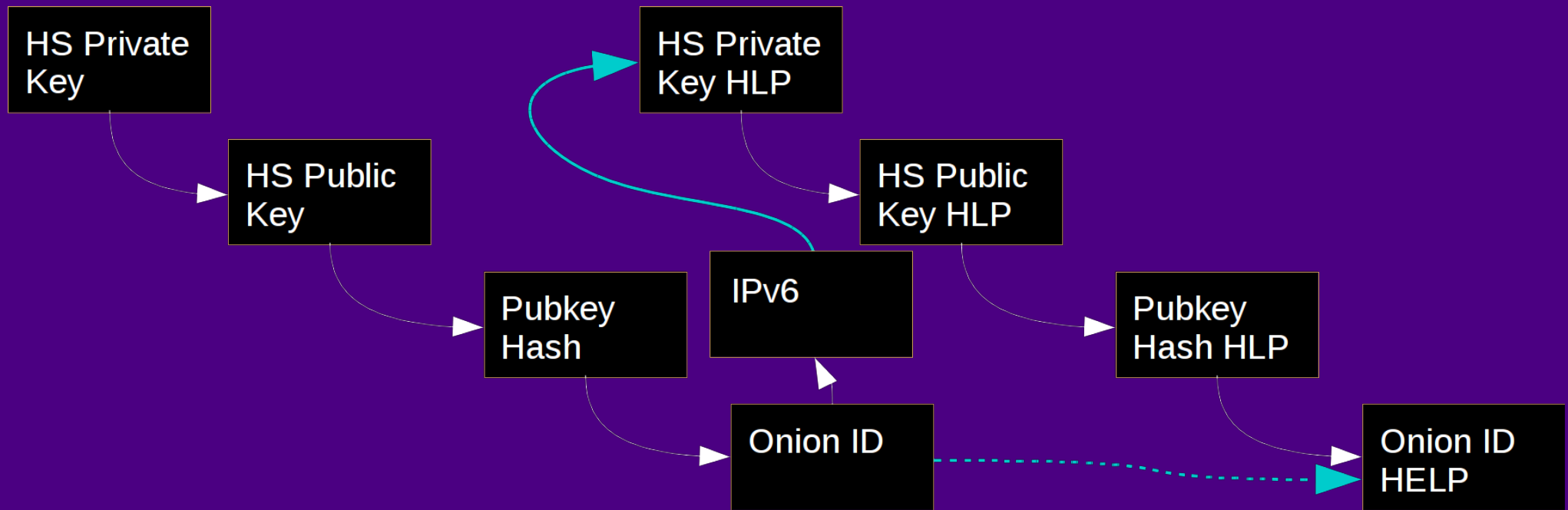
- Convert and append a defined value to the IPv6 address.
- E.g. abababababababab62bwjldt7fq2zgqa.onion.
- Store real ID into the information field of the HS descriptor.
- Every OC publishes its helper entry.
- On outgoing connections, OC looks up the information in those helper entries.

Does this work?

How to create a valid signature?



We need a PRIVATE KEY



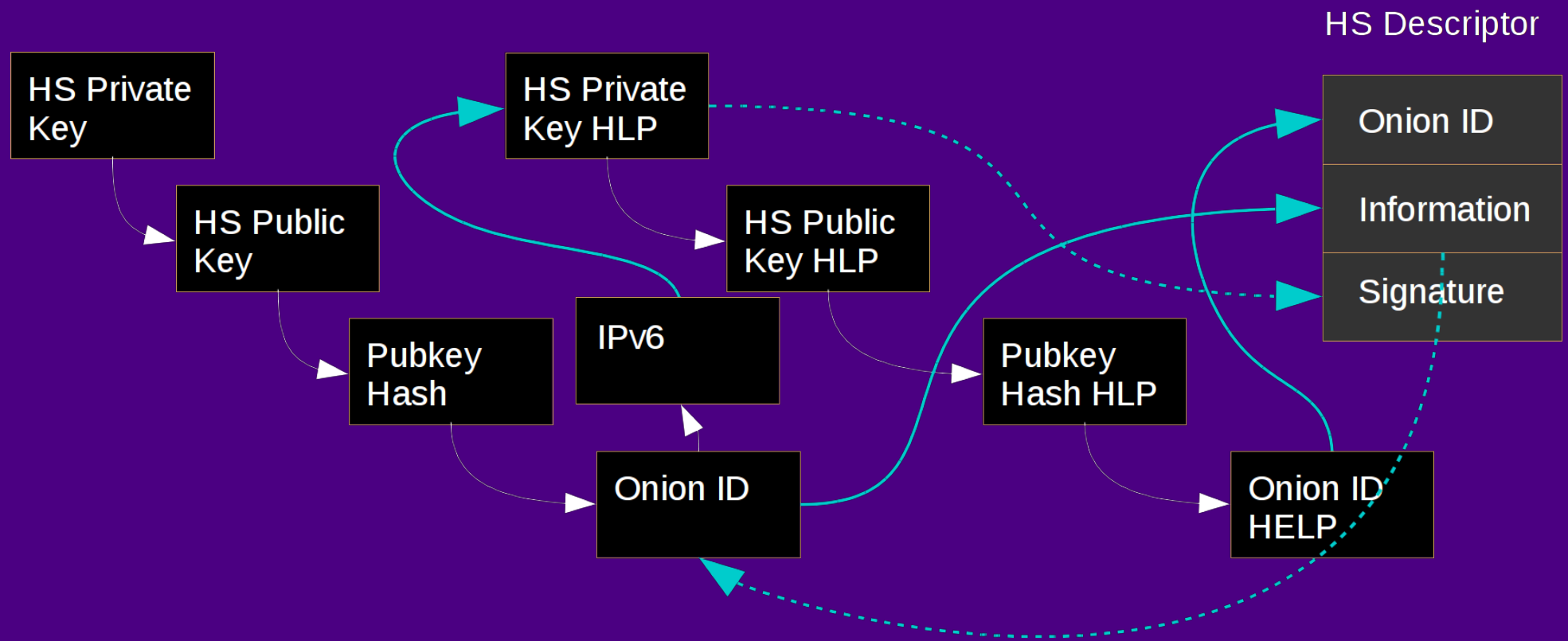
Deterministically create an RSA key

RSA private key: 2 prime numbers p , q , 2 exponents d , e

Find the next 2 prime numbers of the OnionID!

Needs a few milliseconds on my Laptop :)

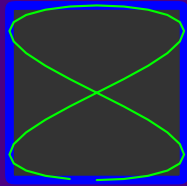
The Big Picture



Weaknesses

Yes, there is the possibility of a DOS.

The HS descriptor can easily be overwritten.



QUESTIONS?