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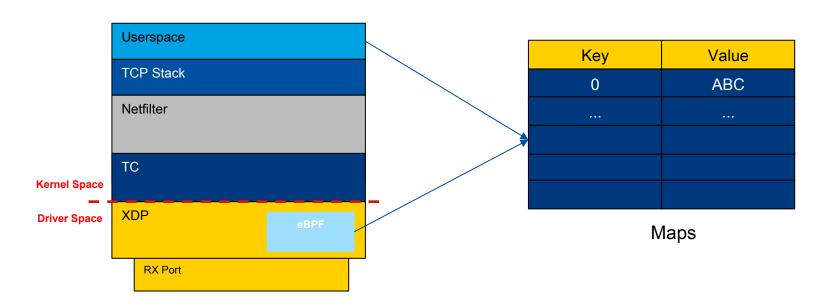
#### Overview



- What is eBPF/XDP?
- Demos
- SmartNIC eBPF offload
- Host dataplane Acceleration
- SmartNIC offload Demos

# eBPF System



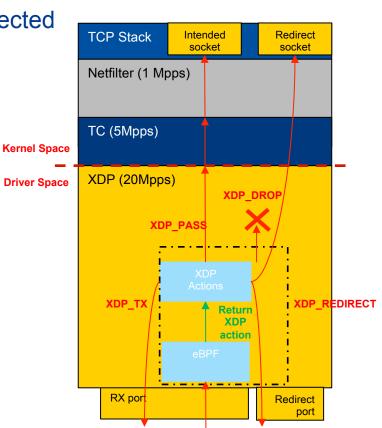


#### What is XDP?



# XDP allows packets to be reflected, filtered or redirected without traversing networking stack

- eBPF programs classify/modify traffic and return XDP actions Note: cls bpf in TC works in same manner
- XDP Actions
  - XDP\_PASS
  - XDP DROP
  - XDP\_TX
  - XDP REDIRECT
  - XDP\_ABORT Something went wrong
- Currently hooks onto RX path only
  - Other hooks can also work on TX

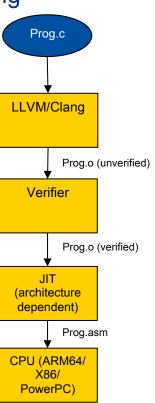


#### What is the eBPF Architecture?



#### A kernel-based virtual machine to enable low-level packet processing

- Think Java VMs in the kernel
  - Networking focused ISA/bytecode
  - 10 64-bit registers
    - 32-bit subregisters
  - Small stack (512 bytes)
  - Infinite-size key value stores (maps)
- Write programs in C, P4, Go or Rust
  - C is LLVM compiled to BPF bytecode
  - Verifier checked
  - JIT converts to assembly
- Hooks into the kernel in many places
  - Final packet handling dependent on hook



# Maps



#### Maps are key-value stores used to store state

- Up to 128 maps per program
- Infinite size
- Multiple different types-Non XDP
  - BPF MAP TYPE HASH
  - BPF MAP TYPE ARRAY
  - BPF\_MAP\_TYPE\_PROG\_ARRAY BPF MAP TYPE LPM TRIE
  - BPF\_MAP\_TYPE\_PERF\_EVENT\_ARRAY BPF\_MAP\_TYPE\_ARRAY\_OF\_MAPS

  - BPF\_MAP\_TYPE\_PERCPU\_HASH BPF\_MAP\_TYPE\_HASH\_OF\_MAPS BPF\_MAP\_TYPE\_PERCPU\_ARRAY BPF\_MAP\_TYPE\_DEVMAP
  - BPF\_MAP\_TYPE\_STACK\_TRACE BPF MAP TYPE SOCKMAP
  - BPF MAP TYPE CGROUP ARRAY

- BPF\_MAP\_TYPE\_LRU\_HASH BPF\_MAP\_TYPE\_LRU\_PERCPU\_HASH

  - BPF MAP TYPE CPUMAP
- Accessed via map helpers

Key	Value				
0	10.0.0.1				
19	10.0.0.6				
91	10.0.1.1				
4121	121.0.0.1				
12111	5.0.2.12				

#### Helpers are used to add functionality that would otherwise be difficult

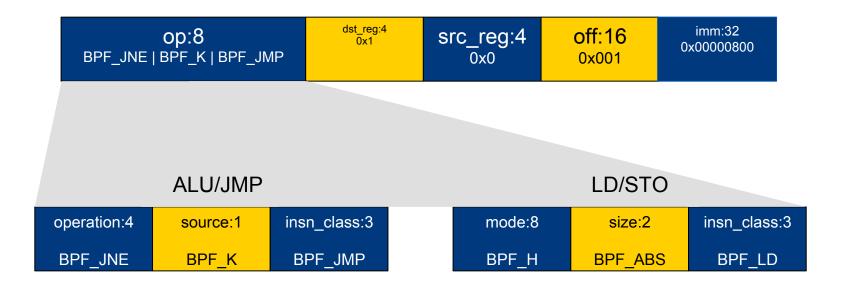
- Key XDP Map helpers
  - bpf\_map\_lookup\_elem
  - bpf\_map\_update\_elem
  - bpf\_map\_delete\_elem
  - bpf\_redirect\_map
- Head Extend
  - bpf\_xdp\_adjust\_head
  - bpf\_xdp\_adjust\_meta
- Others
  - bpf\_ktime\_get\_ns
  - bpf\_trace\_printk
  - bpf tail call
  - Bpf redirect

```
if (is_ipv6)
    memcpy(vip.daddr.v6, pckt.dstv6, 16);
else
    vip.daddr.v4 = pckt.dst;
vip.dport = pckt.port16[1];
vip.protocol = pckt.proto;
vip_info = bpf_map_lookup_elem(&vip_map, &vip);
if (!vip info) {
    vip.dport = 0;
    vip_info = bpf_map_lookup_elem(&vip_map, &vip);
    if (!vip_info)
        return XDP_DROP;
    pckt.port16[1] = 0;
```

https://github.com/torvalds/linux/blob/master/include/uapi/linux/bpf.h



#### 64-bit, 2 operand BPF bytecode instructions are split as follows





## Register 0 denotes the return value

Value	Action	Description
0	XDP_ABORTED	Error, Block the packet
1	XDP_DROP	Block the packet
2	XDP_PASS	Allow packet to continue up to the kernel
3	XDP_TX	Bounce the packet

## Code Snippet - XDP/eBPF Example

#### NETRONUME

Drop packets not EtherType 0x2222

```
#include <linux/bpf.h>
#include "bpf api.h"
#include "bpf helpers.h"
SEC("xdp prog1")
int xdp prog1(struct xdp md *xdp)
            unsigned char *data;
            data = (void *)(unsigned long)xdp->data;
            if (data + 14 > (void *)(long)xdp->data_end)
                        return XDP ABORTED;
            if (data[12] != 0x22 || data[13] != 0x22)
                        return XDP DROP;
            return XDP PASS;
```

```
80 00 20 7A 3F 3E
                    80 00 20 20 3A AE
                                                      IP, ARP, etc.
                                                                     00 20 20 3A
 Destination MAC Address
                     Source MAC Address
                                     EtherType
                                                       Payload
                                                                     CRC Checksum
                  MAC Header
                                                    Data
(46 - 1500 bytes)
                   (14 bytes)
                                                                        (4 bytes)
                               Ethernet Type II Frame
       Clang Compiler
xdp prog1:
                b7 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
                                                 r0 = 0
        0:
       1:
                61 12 04 00 00 00 00 00
                                                 r2 = *(u32 *)(r1 + 4)
                61 11 00 00 00 00 00 00
                                                 r1 = *(u32 *)(r1 + 0)
                bf 13 00 00 00 00 00 00
                                                 r3 = r1
                07 03 00 00 0e 00 00 00
                                                 r3 += 14
       4:
                2d 23 07 00 00 00 00 00
                                                 if r3 > r2 goto 7
                b7 00 00 00 01 00 00 00
                                                 r0 = 1
       7:
                71 12 0c 00 00 00 00 00
                                                 r2 = *(u8 *)(r1 + 12)
                                                 if r2 != 34 goto 4
       8:
                55 02 04 00 22 00 00 00
                71 11 0d 00 00 00 00 00
                                                 r1 = *(u8 *)(r1 + 13)
      10:
                b7 00 00 00 02 00 00 00
                                                 r0 = 2
                15 01 01 00 22 00 00 00
                                                 if r1 == 34 goto 1
      11:
      12:
                b7 00 00 00 01 00 00 00
                                                 r0 = 1
LBB0 4:
      13:
                95 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
                                                 exit
```

# Kernel Security and Stability



#### eBPF code injected into the kernel must be safe

- Potential risks
  - Infinite loops could crash the kernel
  - Buffer overflows
  - Uninitialized variables
  - Large programs may cause performance issues
  - Compiler errors

#### The verifier checks for the validity of programs

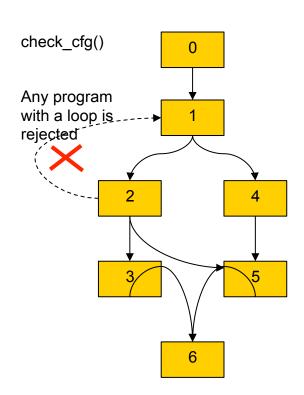
- Ensure that no back edges (loops) exist
  - Mitigated through the use #pragma unroll
- ▶ Ensure that the program has no more than 4,000 instructions
- ▶ There are also a number of other checks on the validity of register usage
  - These are done by traversing each path through the program
- If there are too many possible paths the program will also be rejected
  - 1K branches
  - 130K complexity of total instructions

# Verifier-Directed Acyclical Graph



#### The verifier checks for the DAG property

- Ensures that no back edges (loops) exist
- Backward jumps are allowed
  - Only if they do not cause loops
- Handled by check\_cfg() in verifier.c



#### DAG Example

#### NETRONUME

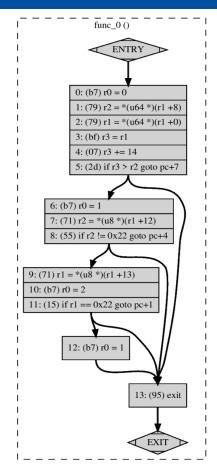
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            data = (void *)(unsigned long)xdp->data;
            if (data + 14 > (void *)(long)xdp->data_end)
                        return XDP ABORTED;
            if (data[12] != 0x22 || data[13] != 0x22)
                        return XDP DROP;
            return XDP PASS;
```

```
DAG shown with bpftool and dot graph generator

# bpftool prog dump xlated id 13 visual > cfg.txt

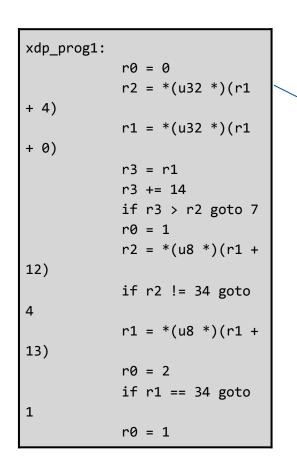
# dot -Tps cfg.txt -o cfg.ps
```

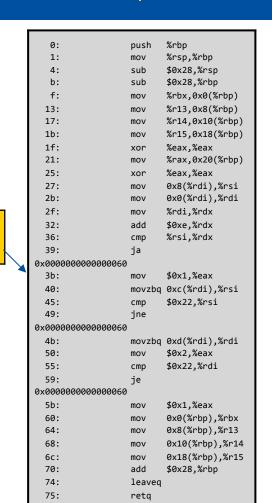
```
xdp_prog1:
            r0 = 0
            r2 = *(u32 *)(r1
+ 4)
            r1 = *(u32 *)(r1
+ 0)
            r3 = r1
            r3 += 14
            if r3 > r2 goto 7
            r0 = 1
            r2 = *(u8 *)(r1 +
12)
            if r2 != 34 goto
            r1 = *(u8 *)(r1 +
13)
            r0 = 2
            if r1 == 34 goto
            r0 = 1
```



## x86 JIT Code - XDP/eBPF Example







Verifier

JITed for

x86 CPU

# **Open Source Tools**



#### **Bpftool**

- Lists active bpf programs and maps
- Interactions with eBPF maps (lookups or updates)
- Dump assembly code (JIT and Pre-JIT)

#### Iproute2

Can load and attach eBPF programs to TC, XDP or XDP offload (SmartNIC)

#### Libbpf

▶ BPF library allowing for user space program access to eBPF api

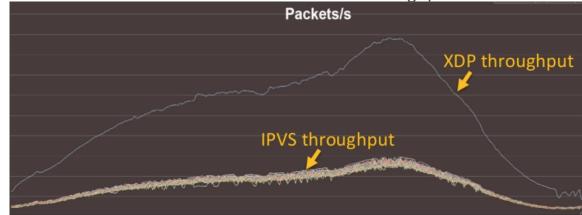
#### Public XDP Use Cases



#### Current use cases focus on load balancers, DDoS mitigation and simple monitoring

- Load balancer
  - Used by FB Katran to replace IPVS 2X performance per core
- DDoS mitigation
  - Cloudflare starting the transition to eBPF
- Distributed Firewall
  - Flexible, high-performance blacklisting

FB Load Balancer throughput: XDP vs IPVS

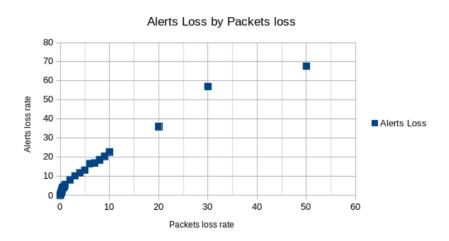


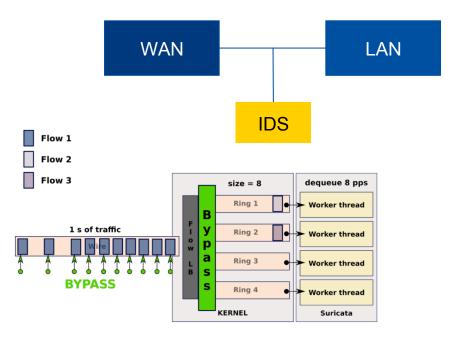
#### **Use Cases**



#### Suricata Intrusion Detection System (IDS)

Whitelist large flows (e.g. Netflix stream)







"Suricata Performance with a S like Security" É. Leblond

# Summary: Driver XDP



#### Advantages

- Increased performance 4X
- Reuses kernel infrastructure
- Upstream-boot Linux and you are good to go
- Allows updates of low-level functionality without kernel reboot
  - This should not be underestimated.
  - A particular DC provider spent 3 months rebooting servers when a bug was found

#### Disadvantages

► CPU still limits the use-cases at high data rates

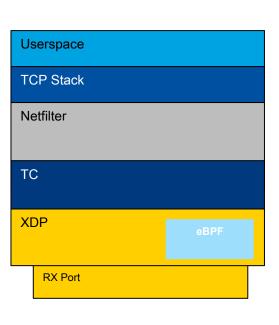
#### Demo 1 - XDP Actions and Packet Modification



```
#include <linux/bpf.h>
```

```
int main()
{
    return XDP_DROP;
```

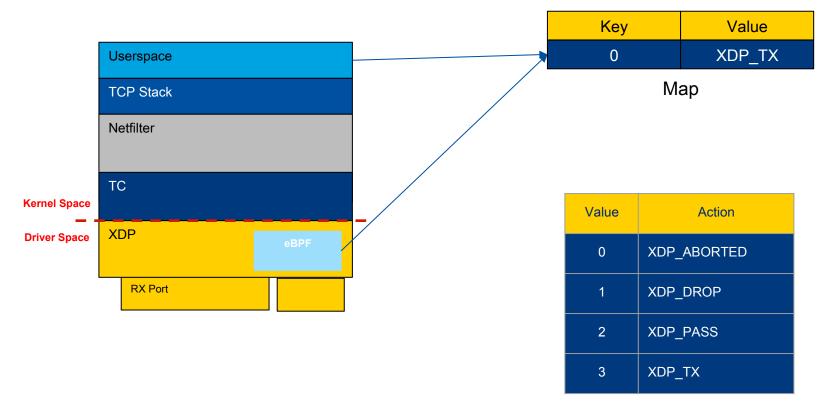




# Demo 2 - Maps

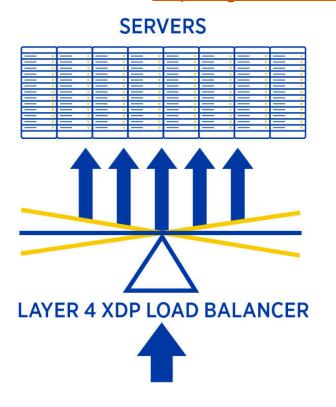


## xdp\_actions based on eBPF map





#### Demo Source: <a href="https://github.com/Netronome/bpf-samples/tree/master/l4lb">https://github.com/Netronome/bpf-samples/tree/master/l4lb</a>



2.2.2.2	10.0.0.9				
1.1.1.1	2.2.2.2				
ТСР					
1292	80				

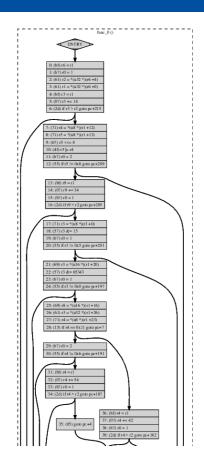
4 Tuple Hash

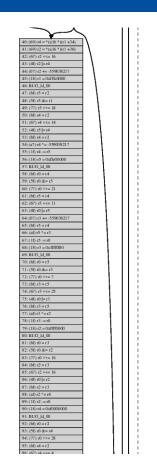
1.1.1.1	2.2.2.2				
ТСР					
1292	80				

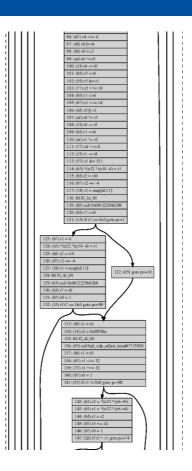
Hash Key	Server
0	10.0.0.1
1	10.0.0.6
2	10.0.0.9

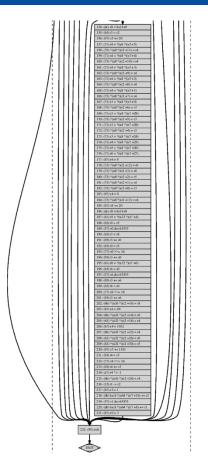
# DAG Example - Load Balancer Demo

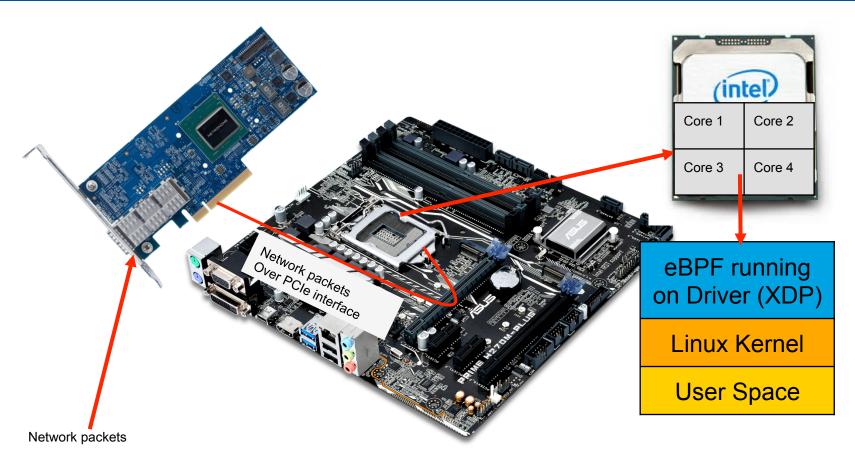












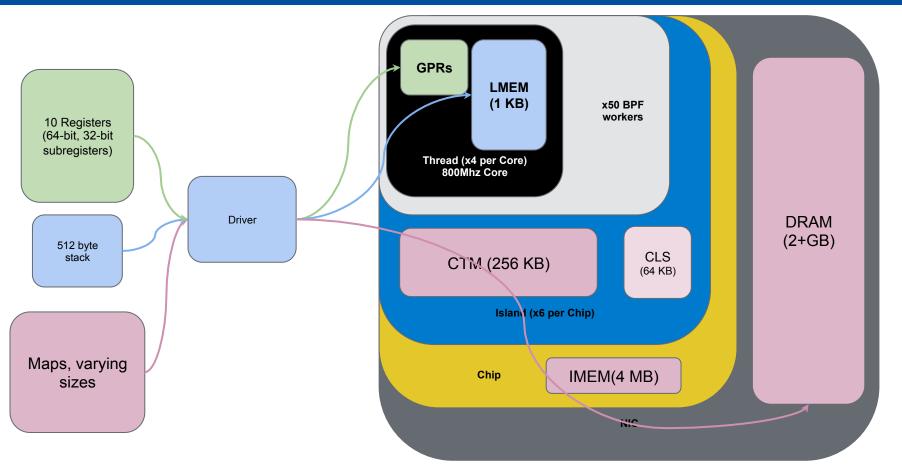
# **BPF** for Host Datapath Acceleration



- BPF VM provides a simple and well understood execution environment
- Most RISC cores should be able to execute JITed BPF code
- Kernel infrastructure improves, including verifier/analyzer, JIT compilers for all common host architectures and some common embedded architectures like ARM or x86
- Unlike higher level languages BPF is a intermediate representation (IR) which provides binary compatibility
- Advanced networking devices are capable of creating appropriate sandboxes
- Android APF targets smaller processors in mobile handsets for filtering wake ups from remote processors (most likely network interfaces) to improve battery life
- Linux kernel community is very active in extending performance and improving BPF feature set, with AF\_XDP being a most recent example
- ▶ BPF is extensible through helpers and maps allowing us to make use of special HW features (when gain justifies the effort)

# Kernel Offload - BPF Offload Memory Mapping

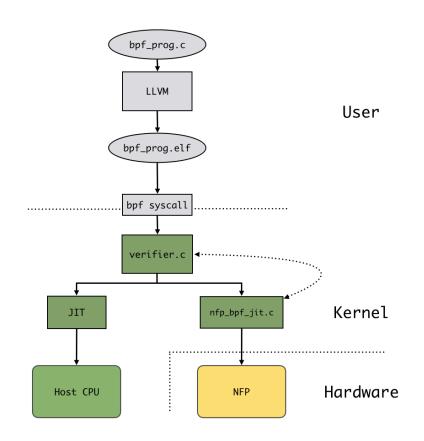




# Kernel Offload - Programming Model



- ▶ LLVM compilation as normal
- iproute/tc/libbpf loads the program as normal but specifying "offload enable" flag
- maps are created on the device
- kernel directs the eBPF program to nfp/src/ bpf/jit.c to converts to NFP machine code
- translation reuses the kernel verifier infrastructure for analysis
- full ABI compatibility with the in-kernel BPF



- LLVM optimizations can tune the code for BPF or even NFP BPF
- JIT steps:
  - preparation build data structures
  - analysis uses kernel verifier infrastructure
  - code generation
  - loading/relocation
- two pass translator:
  - convert memory accesses
  - inline helpers

Linux kernel: driver/net/ethernet/netronome/nfp/bpf/jit.c

#### GitHub:

Netronome/nfp-drv-kmods/blob/master/src/bpf/jit.c

```
3838 static int jset reg(struct nfp prog *nfp prog, struct nfp insn meta *meta)
               return wrp test reg(nfp prog, meta, ALU OP AND, BR BNE);
3035 static int jne_reg(struct nfp_prog *nfp_prog, struct nfp_insn_meta *meta)
               return wrp test reg(nfp prog, meta, ALU OP XOR, BR BNE);
      static int call(struct nfp prog *nfp prog, struct nfp insn meta *meta)
               switch (meta->insn.imm) {
              case BPF FUNC xdp adjust head:
              case BPF FUNC map lookup elem
              case BPF FUNC map update elem:
                       return map call stack common(nfp prog, meta);
              case BPF FUNC get prandom u32:
                       return nfp get prandom u32(nfp prog, meta);
              case BPF_FUNC_perf_event_output:
                      return nfp perf event output(nfp prog, meta);
                      WARN ONCE(1, "verifier allowed unsupported function\n");
                      return - FOPNOTSUPP:
      static int goto out(struct nfp prog *nfp prog, struct nfp insn meta *meta)
              emit br relo(nfp prog. BR UNC, BR OFF RELO, 0, RELO BR GO OUT);
3866 static const instr cb t instr cb[256] = {
               [BPF ALU64 | BPF MOV | BPF X] = mov reg64
               [BPF ALU64 | BPF XOR | BPF K] = xor imm64,
               [BPF ALU64 | BPF OR | BPF X1 = or reg64.
               [BPF ALU64 | BPF ADD | BPF K] = add imm64,
```

## NFP JIT Example

#### NETRONUME

```
Bpftool prog dump jited id 1
xdp prog1:
                                                                          0:
                                                                                        .0 immed[gprB 6, 0x3fff]
                                                                                        .1 alu[gprB_6, gprB_6, AND, *1$index1]
               r0 = 0
                                                                          8:
                                                                                        .2 immed[gprA_0, 0x0], gpr_wrboth
                                                                         10:
               r2 = *(u32 *)(r1
                                                                                        .3 immed[gprA_1, 0x0], gpr_wrboth
                                                                         18:
+ 4)
                                                                         20:
                                                                                        .4 alu[gprA_4, gprB_6, +, *1$index1[2]], gpr_wrboth
                                                                         28:
                                                                                        .5 immed[gprA_5, 0x0], gpr_wrboth
               r1 = *(u32 *)(r1
                                                                         30:
                                                                                        .6 alu[gprA_2, --, B, *l$index1[2]], gpr_wrboth
+ 0)
                                                                         38:
                                                                                        .7 immed[gprA_3, 0x0], gpr_wrboth
                                                   JITed into
               r3 = r1
                                                                         40:
                                                                                        .8 alu[gprA_6, --, B, gprB_2], gpr_wrboth
                                                 NFP Microcode
                                                                         48:
                                                                                        .9 alu[gprA 7, --, B, gprB 3], gpr wrboth
               r3 += 14
                                                                         50:
                                                                                       .10 alu[gprA_6, gprA_6, +, 0xe], gpr_wrboth
               if r3 > r2 goto 7
                                                                         58:
                                                                                       .11 alu[gprA_7, gprA_7, +carry, 0x0], gpr_wrboth
                                                                                       .12 alu[--, gprA 4, -, gprB 6]
               r0 = 1
                                                                         60:
                                                                         68:
                                                                                       .13 alu[--, gprA_5, -carry, gprB_7]
               r2 = *(u8 *)(r1 +
                                                                         70:
                                                                                       .14 bcc[.33]
12)
                                                                         78:
                                                                                       .15 immed[gprA_0, 0x1], gpr_wrboth
                                                                         80:
                                                                                       .16 immed[gprA_1, 0x0], gpr_wrboth
               if r2 != 34 goto
                                                                                       .17 mem[read32 swap, $xfer 0, gprA 2, 0xc, 1],
                                                                         88:
4
                                                                       ctx swap[sig1]
               r1 = *(u8 *)(r1 +
                                                                                       .18 ld_field_w_clr[gprA_4, 0001, $xfer_0], gpr_wrboth
                                                                         90:
                                                                                       .19 immed[gprA 5, 0x0], gpr wrboth
                                                                         98:
13)
                                                                                       .20 alu[--, gprA 4, XOR, 0x22]
                                                                         a0:
               r0 = 2
                                                                         a8:
                                                                                       .21 bne[.33]
                                                                         b0:
                                                                                       .22 alu[--, gprA_5, XOR, 0x0]
               if r1 == 34 goto
                                                                         b8:
                                                                                       .23 bne[.33]
                                        d support;
                                                                                       .24 ld field w clr[gprA 2, 0001, $xfer 0, >>8],
                                                                         c0:
               r0 = 1
                                                                       gpr_wrboth
                                                                                       .25 immed[gprA_3, 0x0], gpr_wrboth
                                                                         c8:
                                                                                       .26 immed[gprA 0, 0x2], gpr wrboth
                                                                         d0:
                                                                                       .27 immed[gprA_1, 0x0], gpr_wrboth
                                                                         d8:
```

## JIT Optimizations



We can identify from assembly code certain sequences that can be replaced with fewer/faster NFP instructions, e.g.:

- memcpy(new\_eth, old\_eth, sizeof(\*old\_eth))
- Rotation
- ALU operation + register move
- bit operations
- compare and jump

32-bit subregister use; batching atomic operations; optimizing out helpers, e.g.:

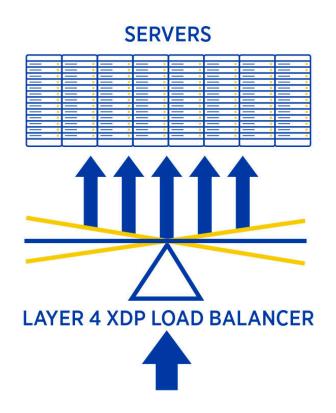
- packet extend
- memory lookups

Creating read-only maps on the device

```
71 14 21 00 00 00 00 00
73 41 0d 00 00 00 00 00
71 14 20 00 00 00 00 00
73 41 0c 00 00 00 00 00
71 14 1f 00 00 00 00 00
71 14 1e 00 00 00 00 00
71 14 1d 00 00 00 00 00
73 41 09 00 00 00 00 00
71 14 1c 00 00 00 00 00
73 41 08 00 00 00 00 00
71 14 1a 00 00 00 00 00
71 14 19 00 00 00 00 00
73 41 05 00 00
71 14 17 00 00 00 00 00
73 41 03 00 00 00 00 00
71 14 16 00 00 00
73 41 02 00 00 00 00 00
71 14 15 00 00 00 00 00
73 41 01 00 00 00 00 00
71 14 14 00 00 00 00 00
```



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# Kernel Offload - Multi-Stage Processing



- Use of offloads does not preclude standard in-driver XDP use
- Offload some programs, leave some running on the host
- Maximize efficiency by playing to NFPs and host's strengths
- Communication between programs via XDP/SKB metadata



# Redefining NIC Behavior

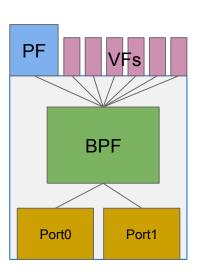


#### BPF offload allows users to change standard NIC features, e.g.:

- RSS
  - Users can create their own RSS schemes and parse arbitrary protocols
  - On standard NIC all packets go to queue 0 if protocols can't be parsed
  - More examples schemes in presentation about demos
- Flow affinity similarly to RSS any flow affinity to RX queues can be defined
- SR-IOV forwarding (future)
  - With upcoming kernel extensions users will be able to define SR-IOV datapath in BPF
  - BPF-defined filtering and forwarding in HW
  - Any custom encapsulation/overlay supported

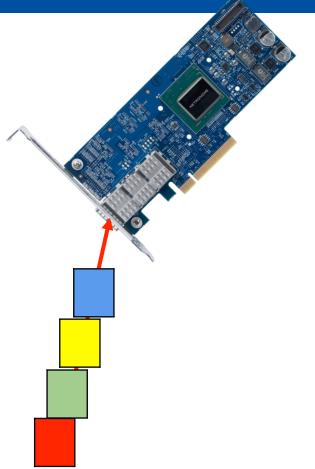


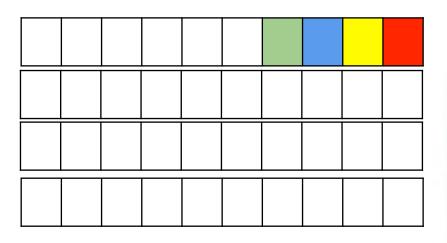
- full switchdev mode
  - Linux term for representing all ports as interfaces
- XDP ingress on all reprs (just link TC forwarding)
- XDP\_REDIRECT support for forwarding decisions
- fallback path driver XDP? AF\_XDP? up to users
- per-ASIC program and map sharing
- ingress device from xdp\_rxq\_info
- dealing with mcast/bcast requires a new BPF helper



PCIe Rings







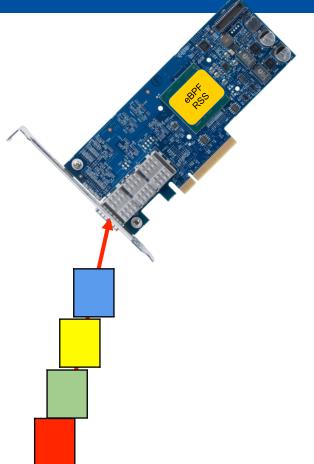


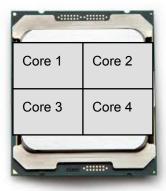
The queue is chosen using a hash on the header values, such as:

- ► IP Addresses
- ▶ UDP/TCP port numbers

Programmable RSS







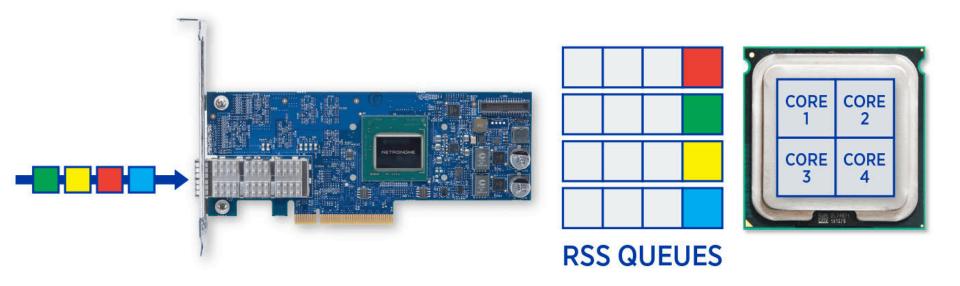
## User programmable RSS

- ► Hash on payload headers
- Hash on inner IP headers

# Demo 5 - Programmable RSS



https://github.com/Netronome/bpf-samples/tree/master/programmable\_rss



# Offload Support



Category	Functionality	Kernel 4.16	Kernel 4.17	Kernel 4.18	Near Future
eBPF offload program features	XDP_DROP				
program leatures	XDP_PASS				
	XDP_TX				
	XDP_ABORTED				
	Packet read access				
	Conditional statements				
	xdp_adjust_head()				
	bpf_get_prandom_u32()				
	perf_event_output()				
	RSS rx_queue_index selection				
	bpf_tail_call()				
	bpf_adjust_tail()				
eBPF offload map features	Hash maps				
map leatures	Array maps				
	bpf_map_lookup_elem()				
	bpf_map_delete_elem()				
	Atomic write (sync_fetch_and_add)				
eBPF offload performance	Localized packet cache				
optimizations	32-bit BPF support				

# How to Participate with eBPF?



#### **Netronome Guides and Firmware**

https://help.netronome.com/support/solutions/folders/36000172266

#### **Demo Applications**

https://github.com/Netronome/bpf-samples

