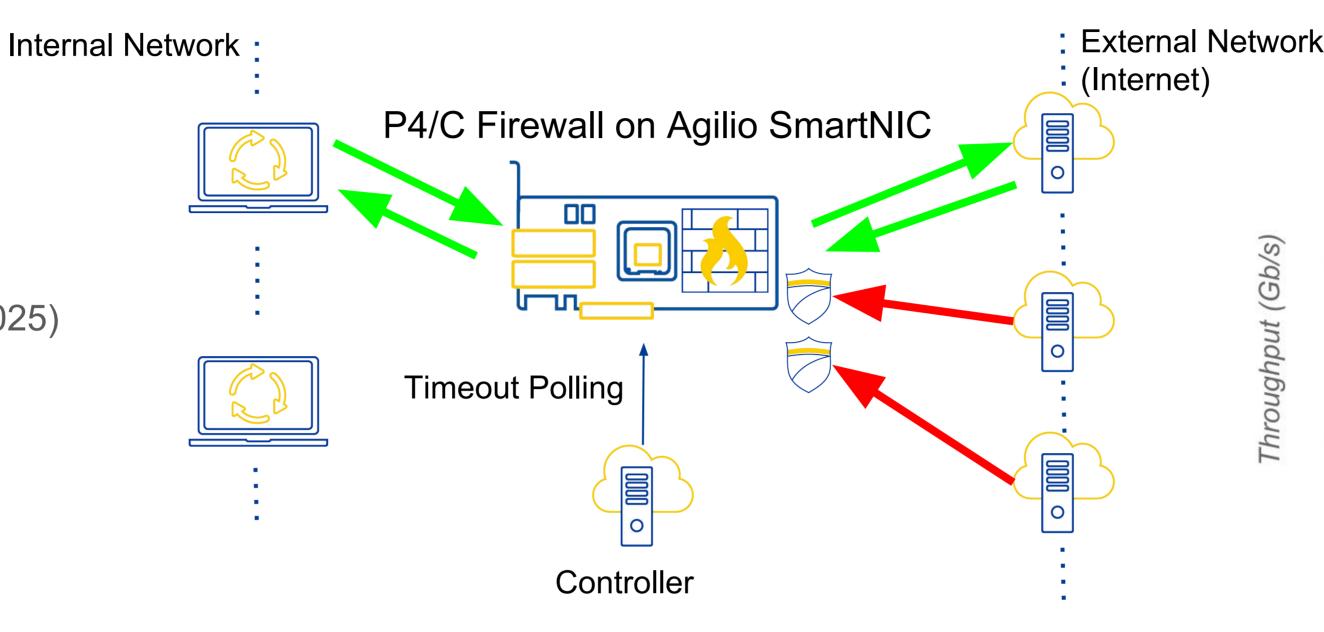
P4/C Stateful Firewall

NAT

- Network Address Translation
- Internal -> External -> Hit
 - Translate Source IP and Port
 - Source IP -> Public IP
 - Source Port -> Port Selected (starting at 1025)
- External -> Internal -> Hit
 - Translate Destination IP and Port
 - Destination IP -> Stored Private IP
 - Destination Port -> Stored Private Port

P4 Application

- P4 Tables, Actions and Rules
 - Lookup State Table
 - Match Ingress Port
 - Action Apply hash function for state lookup
 - NAT Table
 - Match State, Ingress Port
 - Actions
 - Int_ext_hit
 - Forward to External Network
 - Ext_int_hit
 - Forward to Internal Network
 - Int_ext_miss
 - Forward to External Network
 - Flag to update state
 - Ext_int_miss
 - drop
 - Update State
 - Match State, Egress Spec
 - Action Update State
 - Controller Packet Table
 - Match Ingress Port
 - Action Clear Ports Timeouts



SmartNIC

External Pkts

(Drop)

Bidirectional traffic

Update State

Pkt allowed

allowed

Clear State

External Pkts

(Drop)

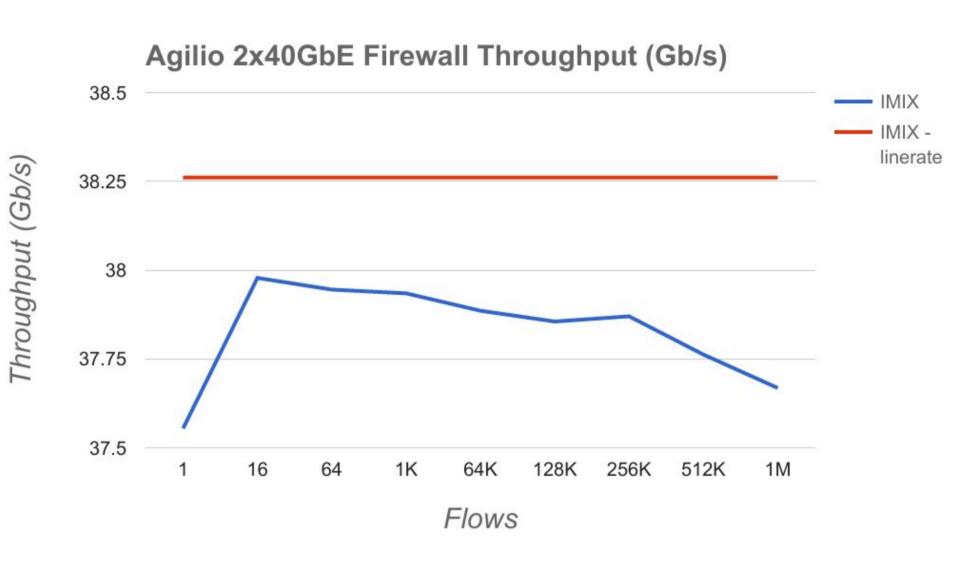
Controller

Polling Counters _ _ _ -

1st Outgoing Pkt

Internal Network

Performance



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State Table

External Network

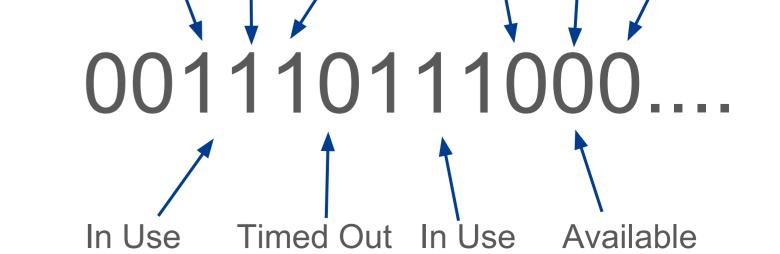
(Internet)

- Hashtable Separate Chaining Linked List
 - Hash Key
 - State for P4 rule
 - Public/Private IP for NAT
 - Public/Private Port for NAT
 - Hit Count
 - Hit Count Comparison for Timeouts

Bitfield

- Public Ports Used/Available per IP
- Accessed by all MEs and Threads
 - Atomic memory operations needed to keep it reliable

Public Port: 1025 1026 1027 ... 1032 1033 1034 ... 65535



https://github.com/open-nfpsw/p4c_firewall

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