

Faster OpenBSD Networking

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Agenda

- 1 Overview
- 2 Kernel Context
- 3 Network Stack
- 4 Performance Graphs

Network Layers

- syscall
- file descriptor
- socket
- IP protocol
- IPsec
- IP input, output, forwarding
- pf
- routing, ARP, ND6
- interface
- driver
- hardware

Other Layers

- interrupts
- malloc, pools
- tasks
- multicast
- ifconfig ioctl
- pseudo devices: aggr bpe bridge carp egre enc eoip etherip gif gre lo mgre mpe mpip mpw nvgre pair pflog pflow pfsync ppp pppoe svlan tap tpmr trunk tun veb vether vlan vport vxlan wg

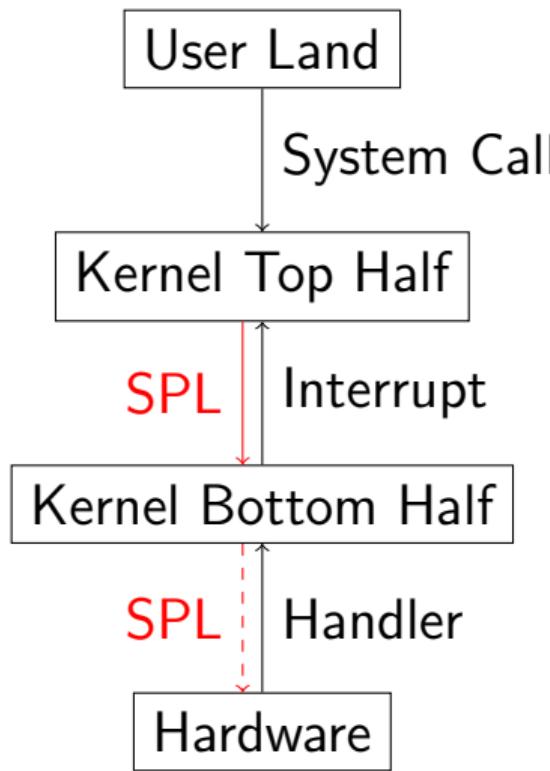
Development

- ideal
 - make it MP safe
 - run in parallel
 - make it fast
 - advance in steps
- reality
 - work on whatever makes fun
 - deal with 40 years old code

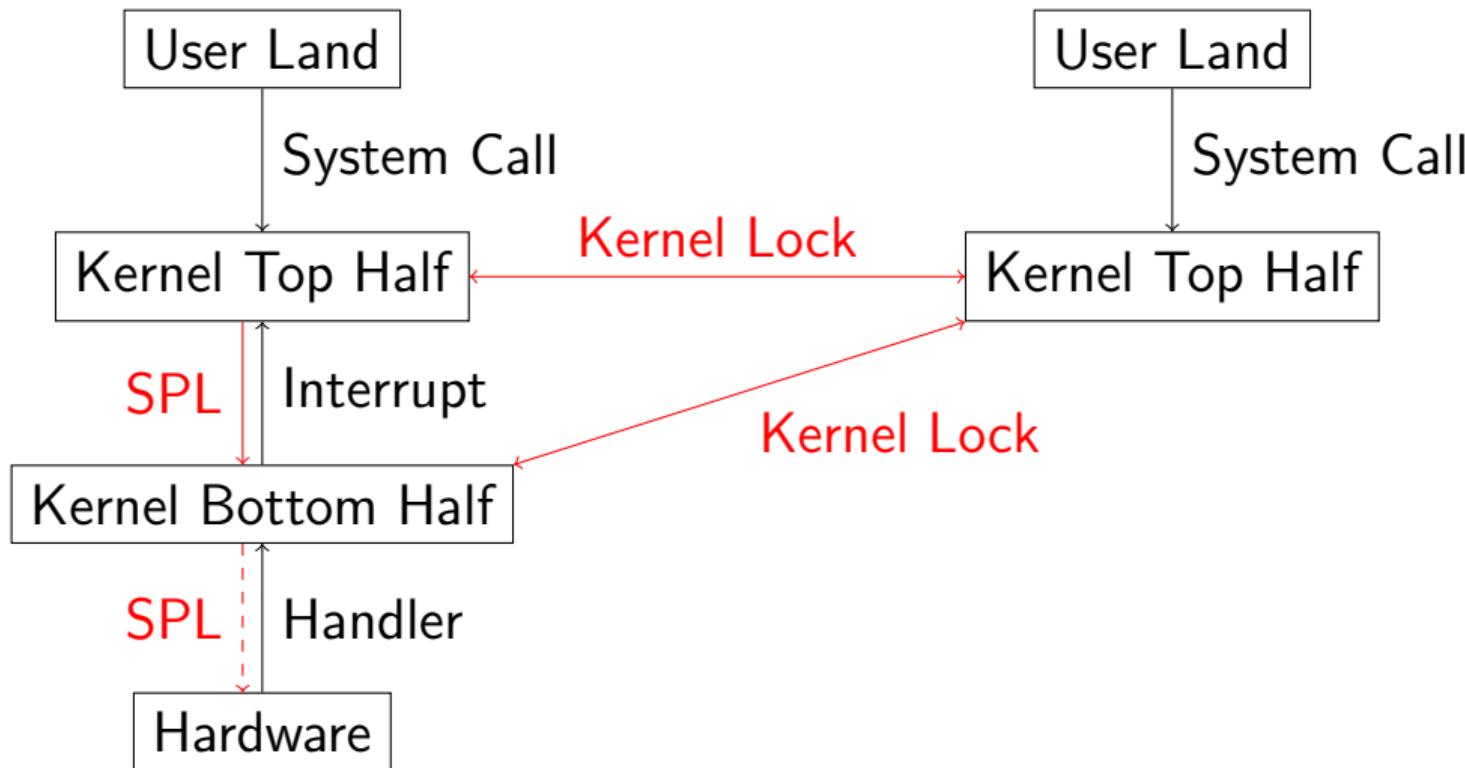
History

- interrupts with spl
- kernel lock
- kernel threads
- MP safe subsystems
- netlock
- multiqueue NIC
- shared netlock

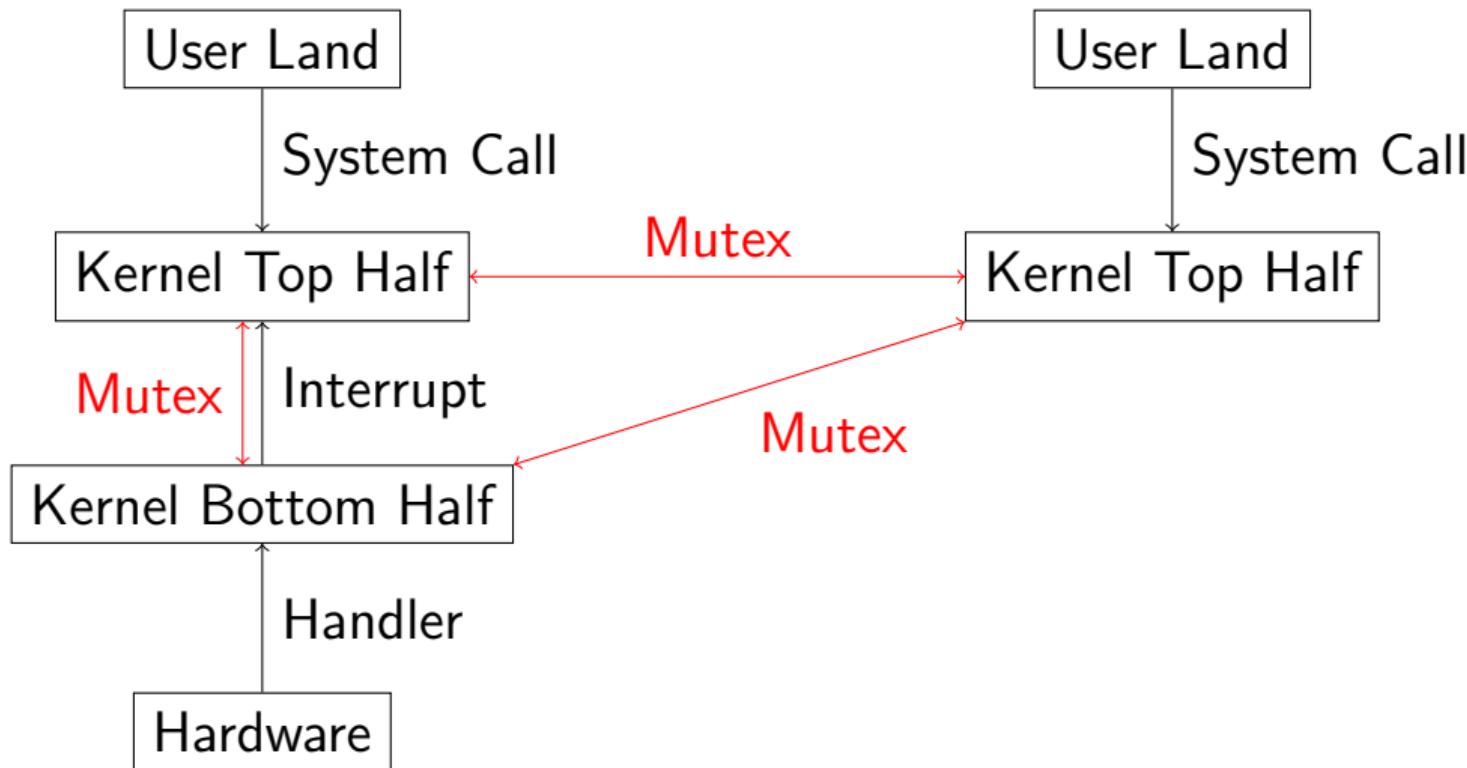
Single Processor



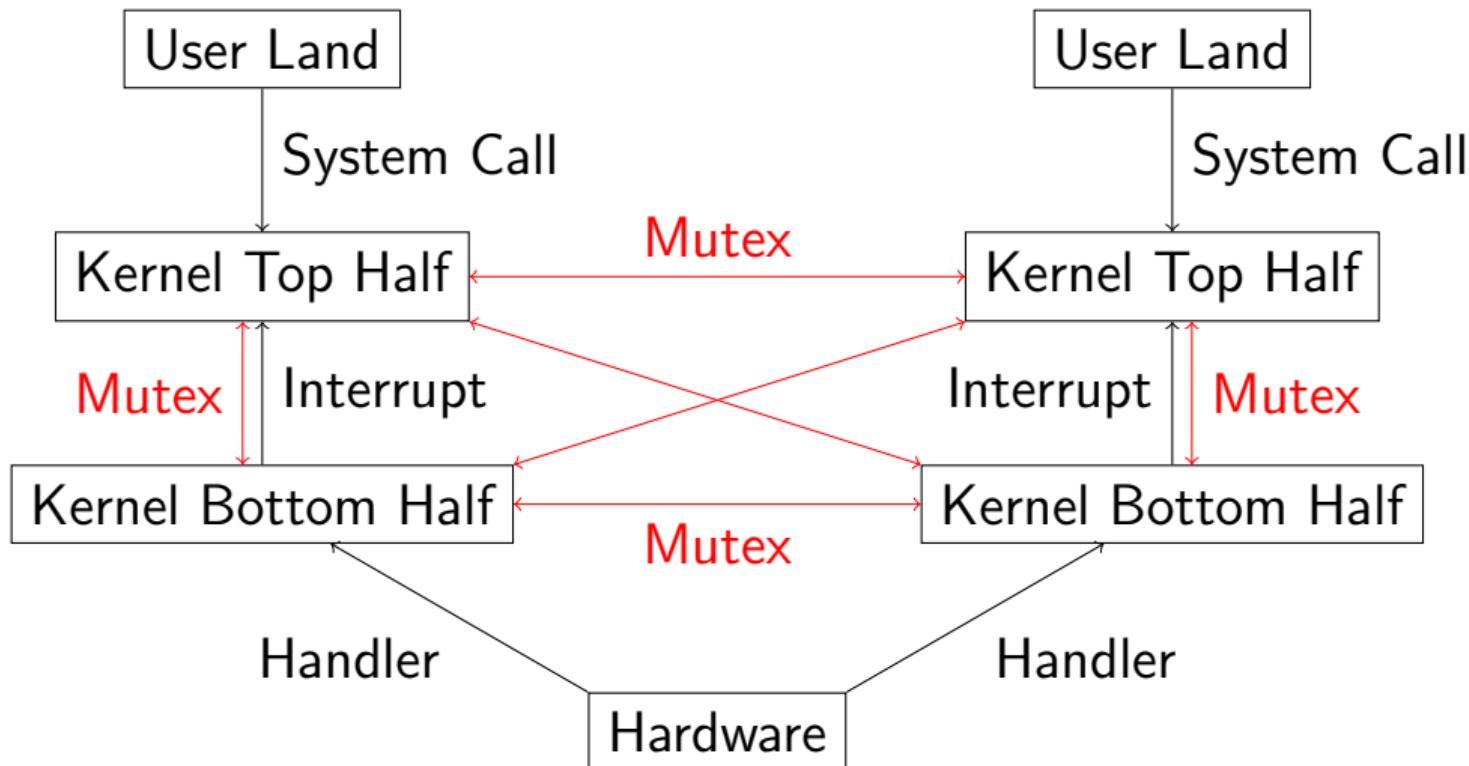
Multi Processor Kernel Lock



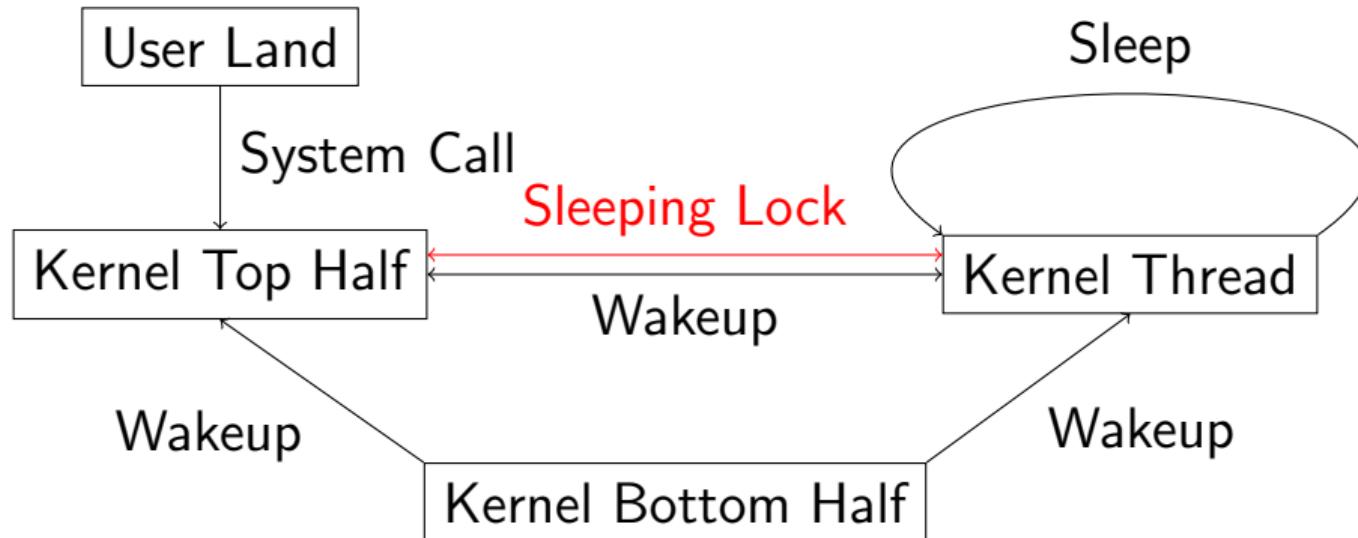
Multi Processor Fine Grained Mutex



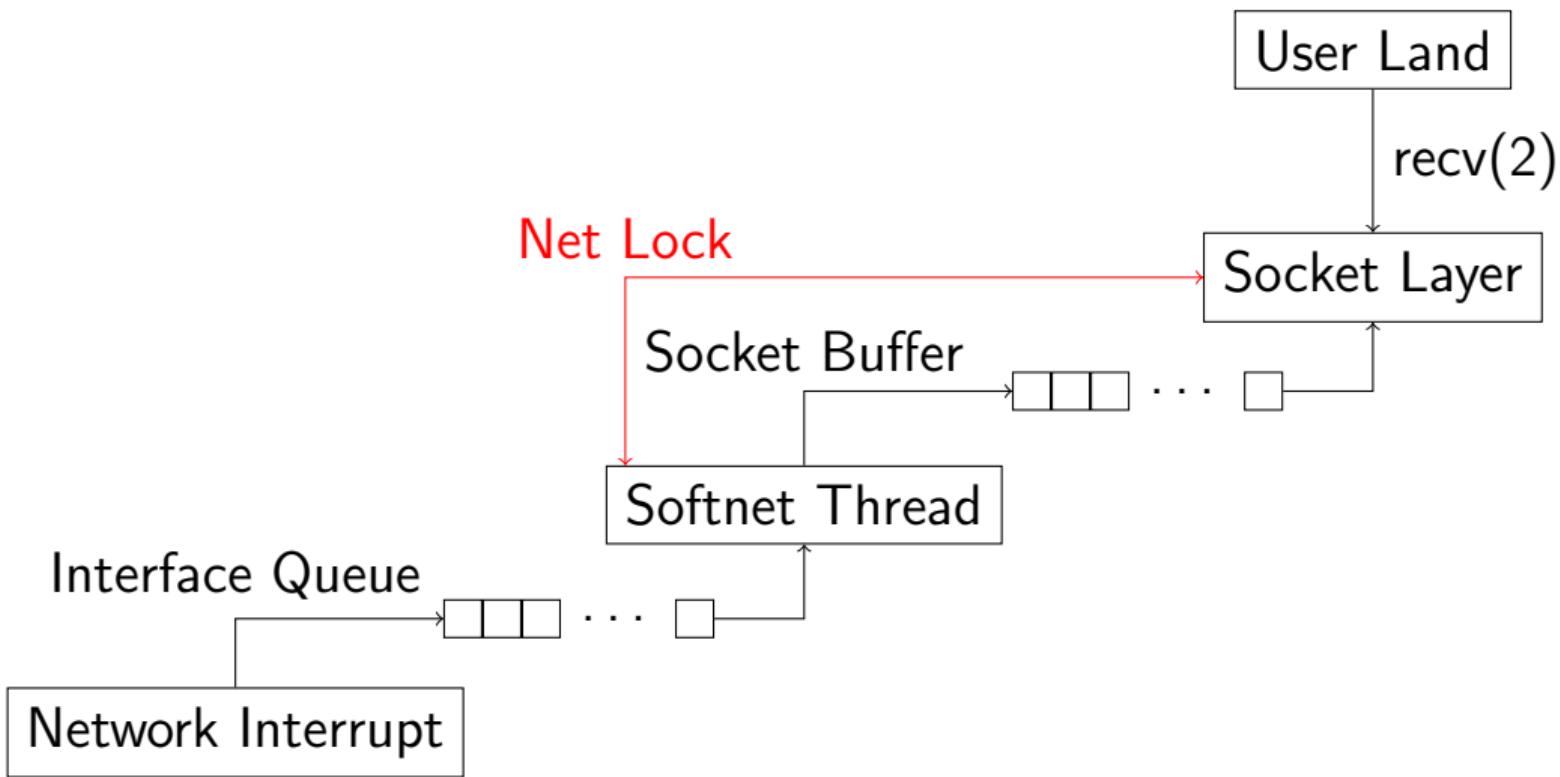
Multi Processor Multi Queue



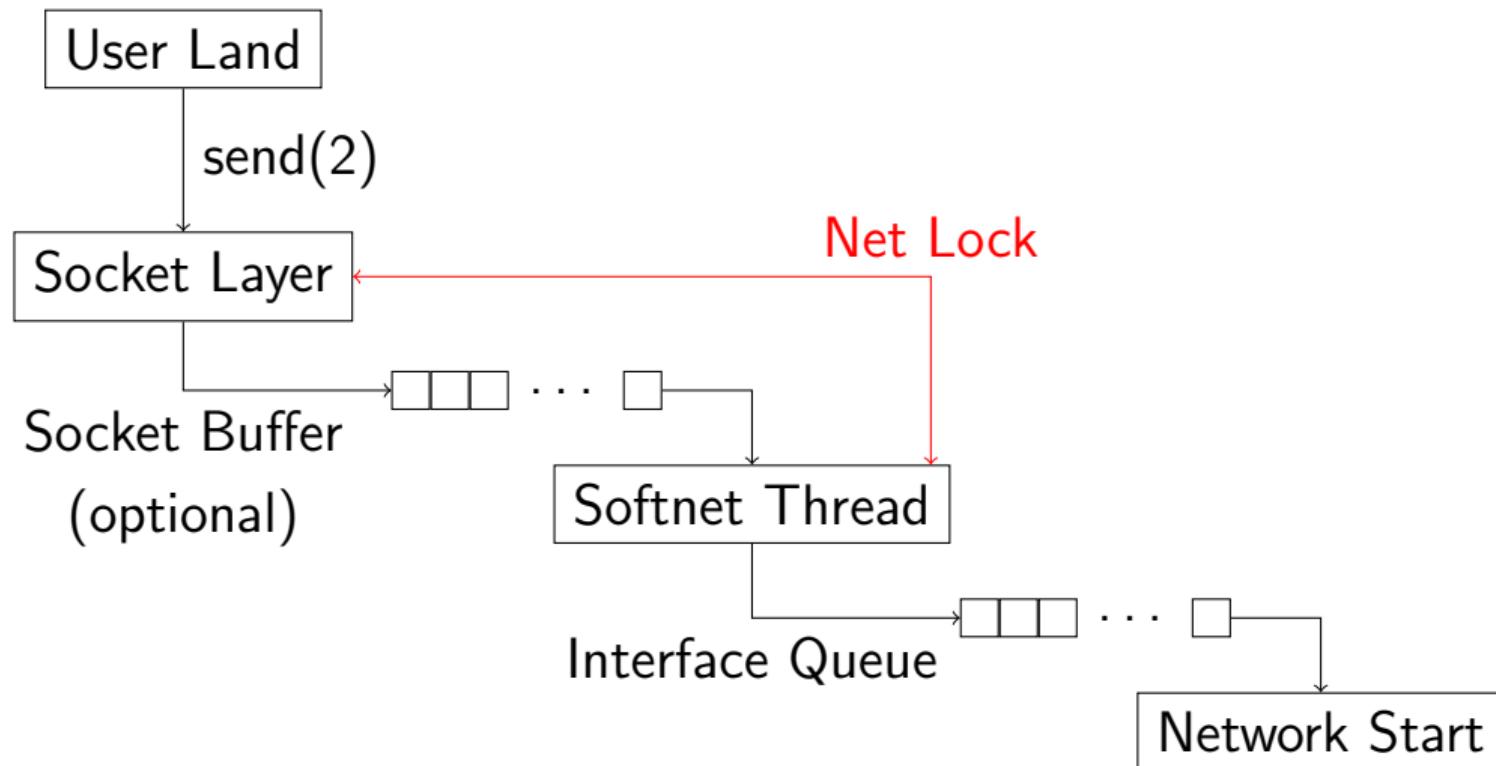
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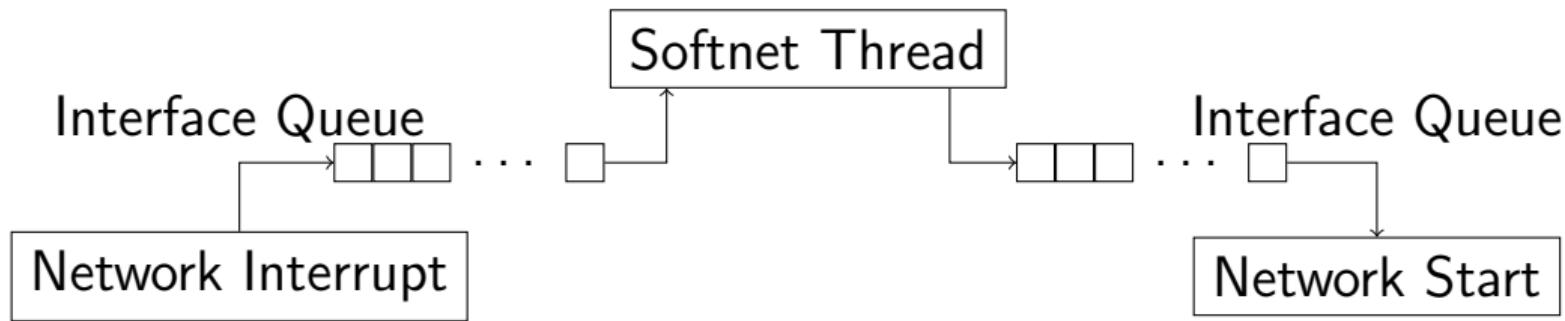
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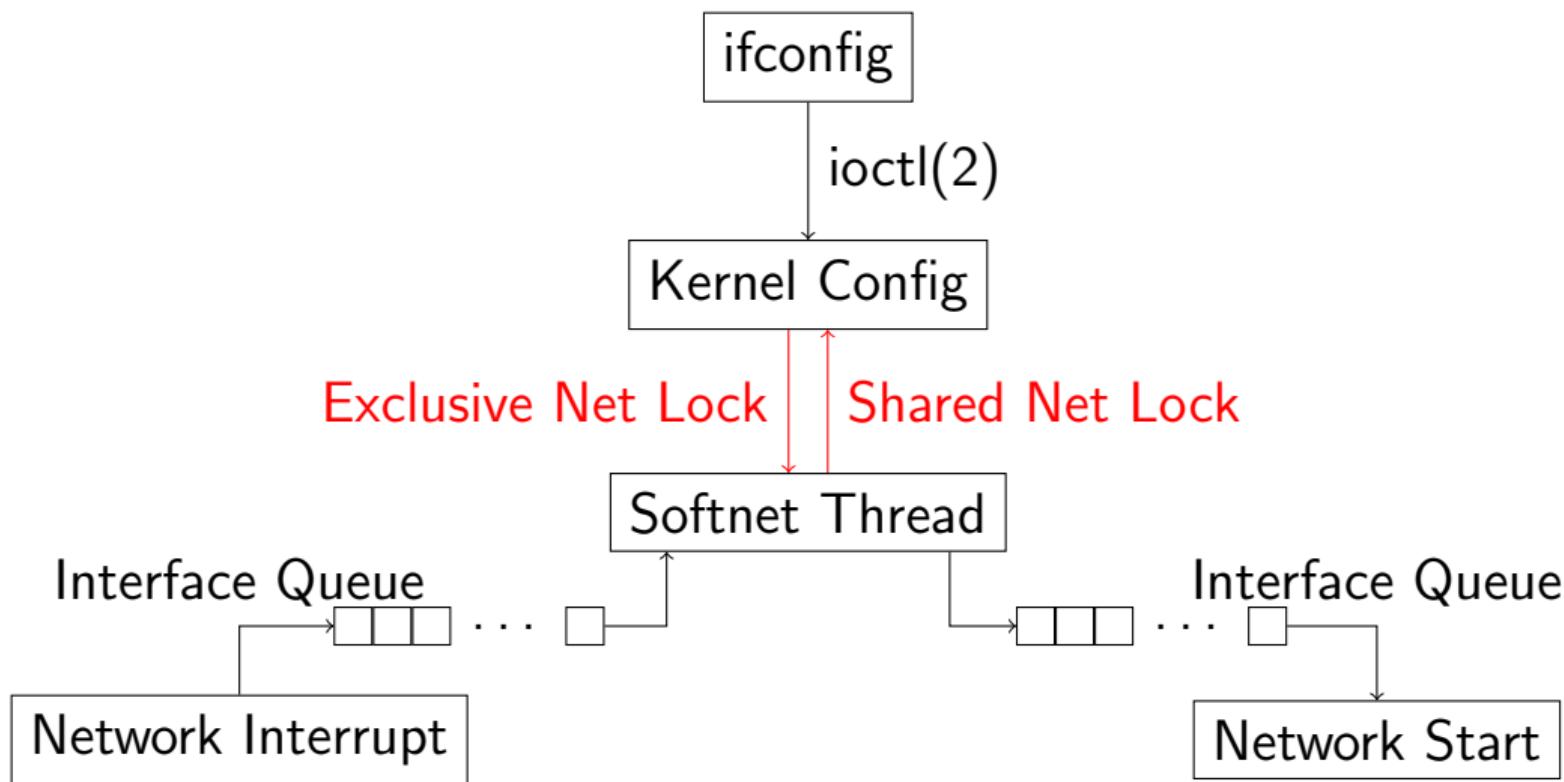
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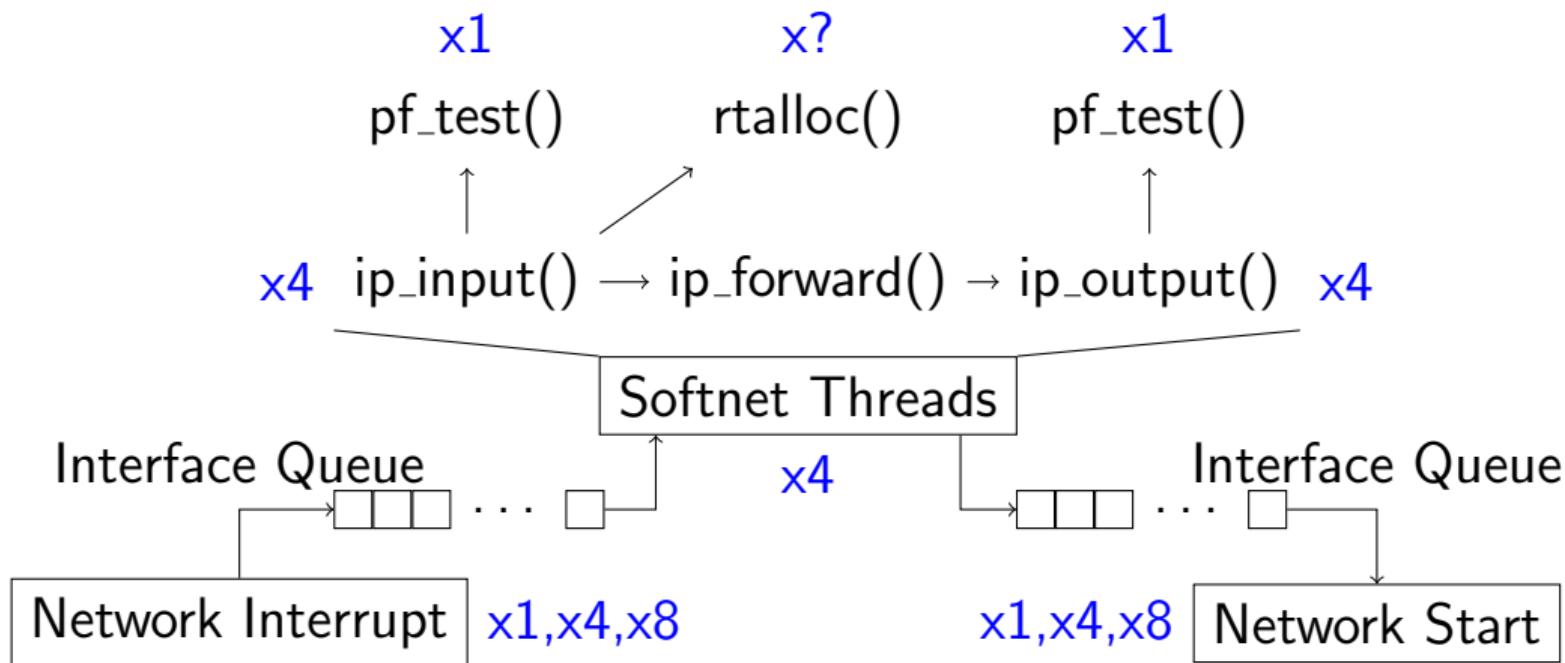
Softnet Forwarding



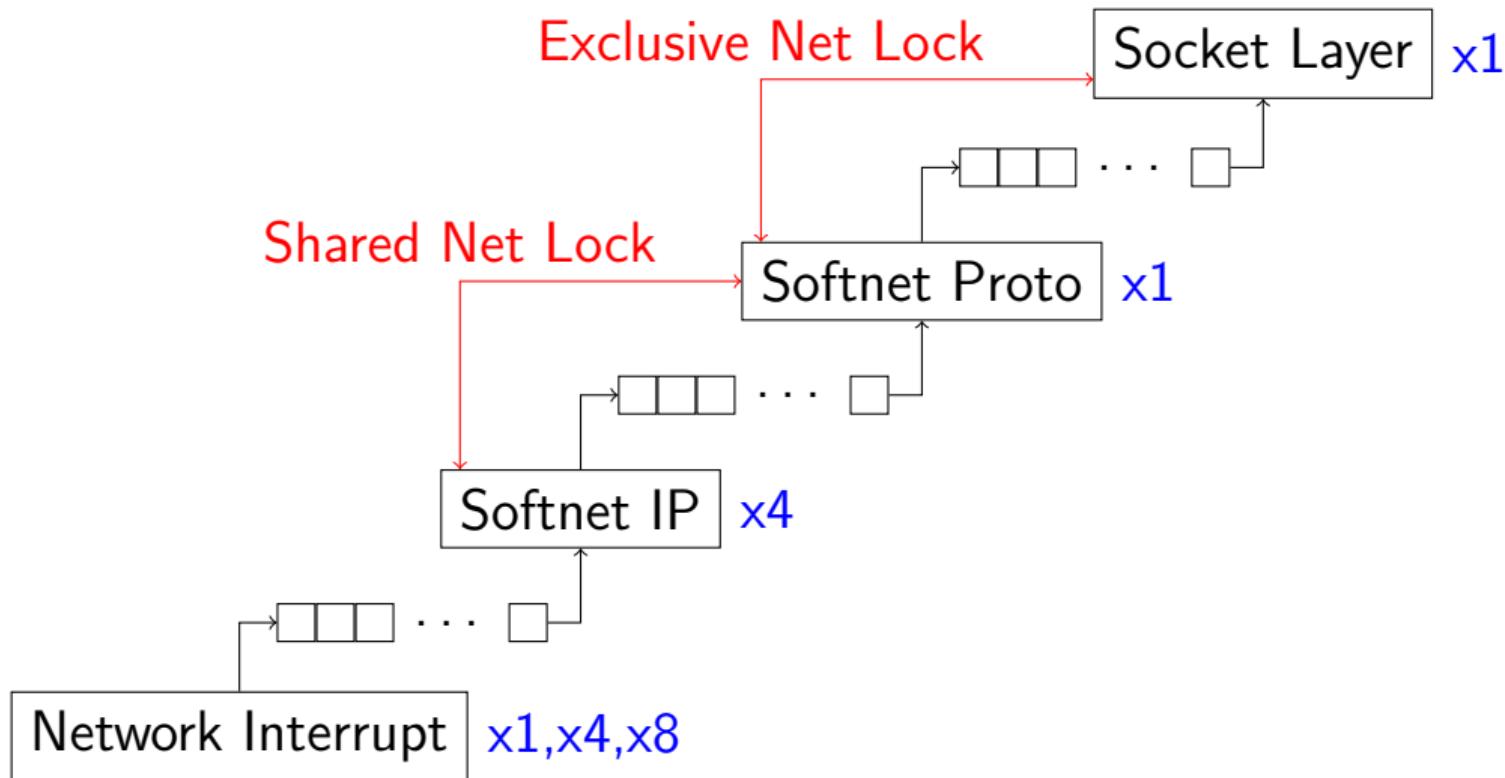
Configuration Lock



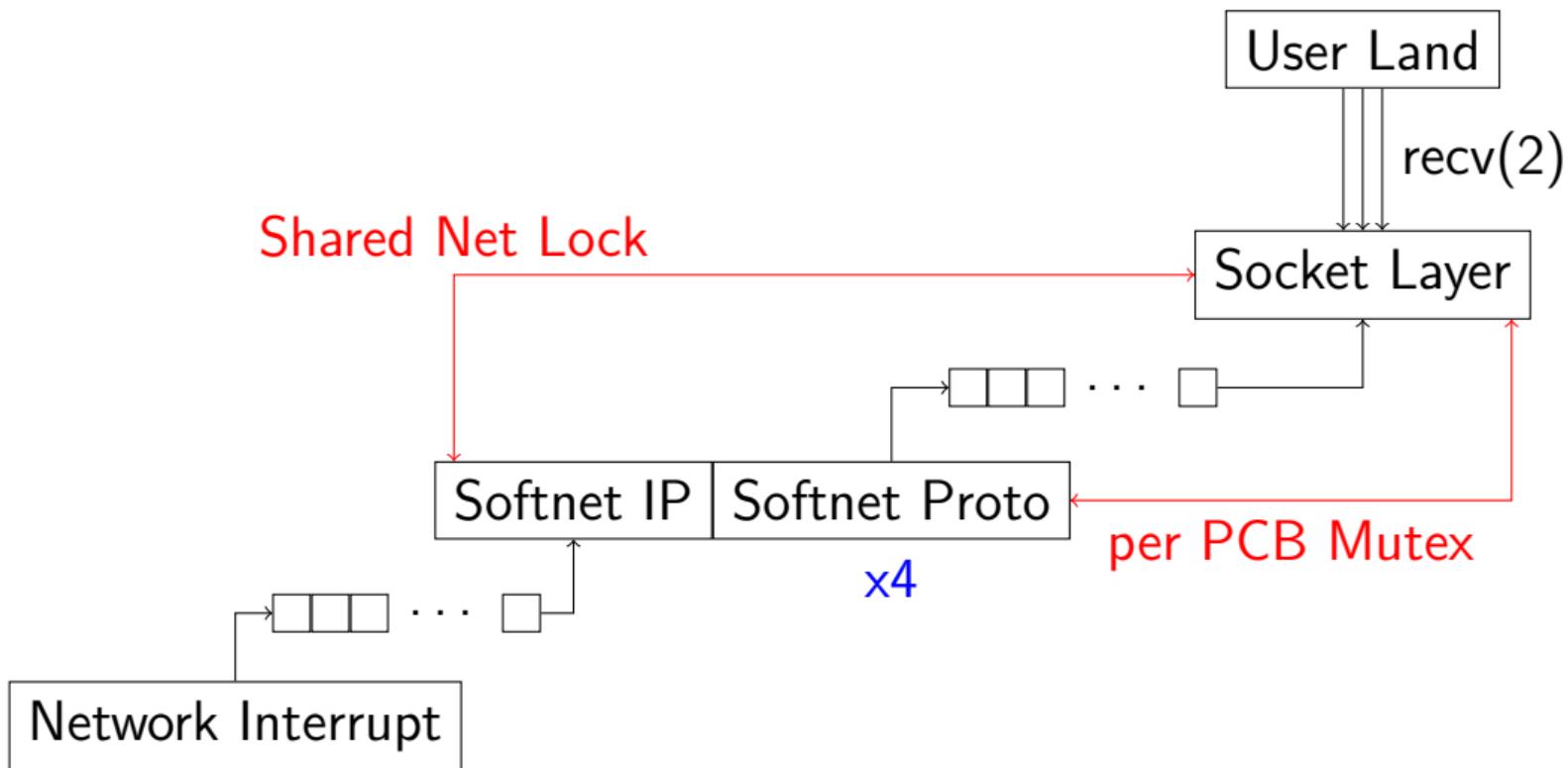
Parallel Forwarding



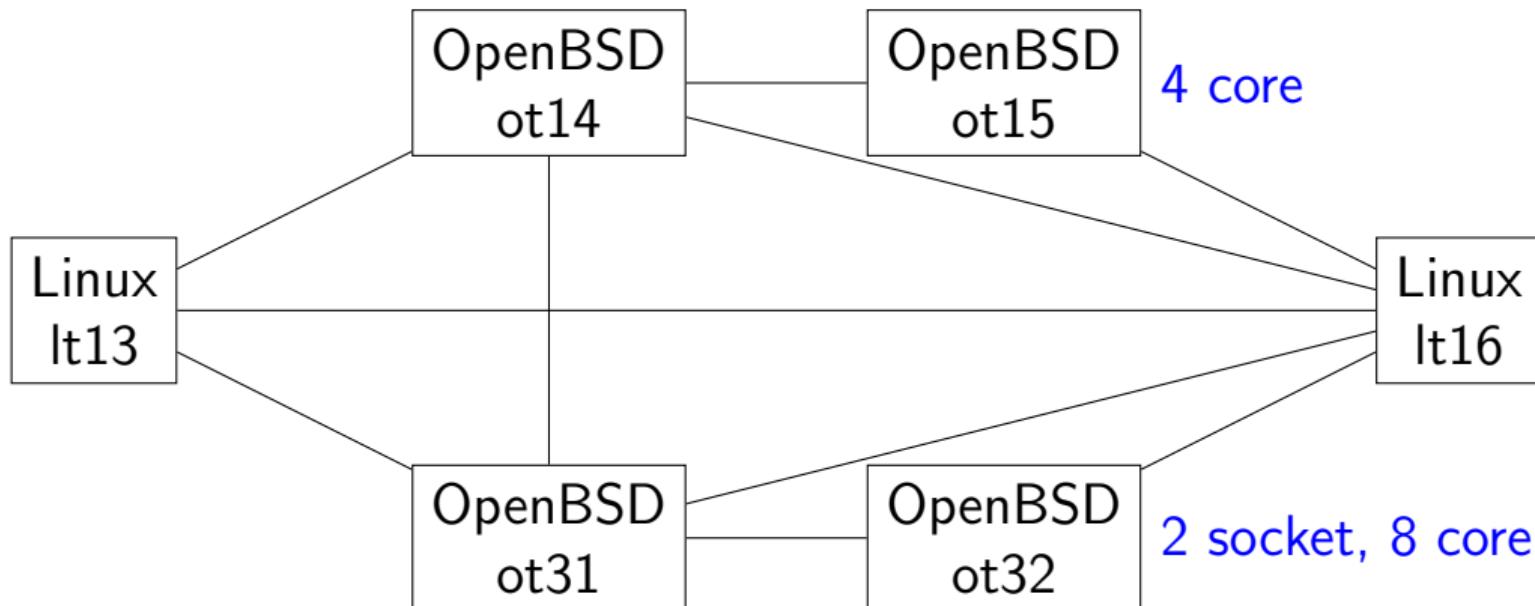
Protocol Queue



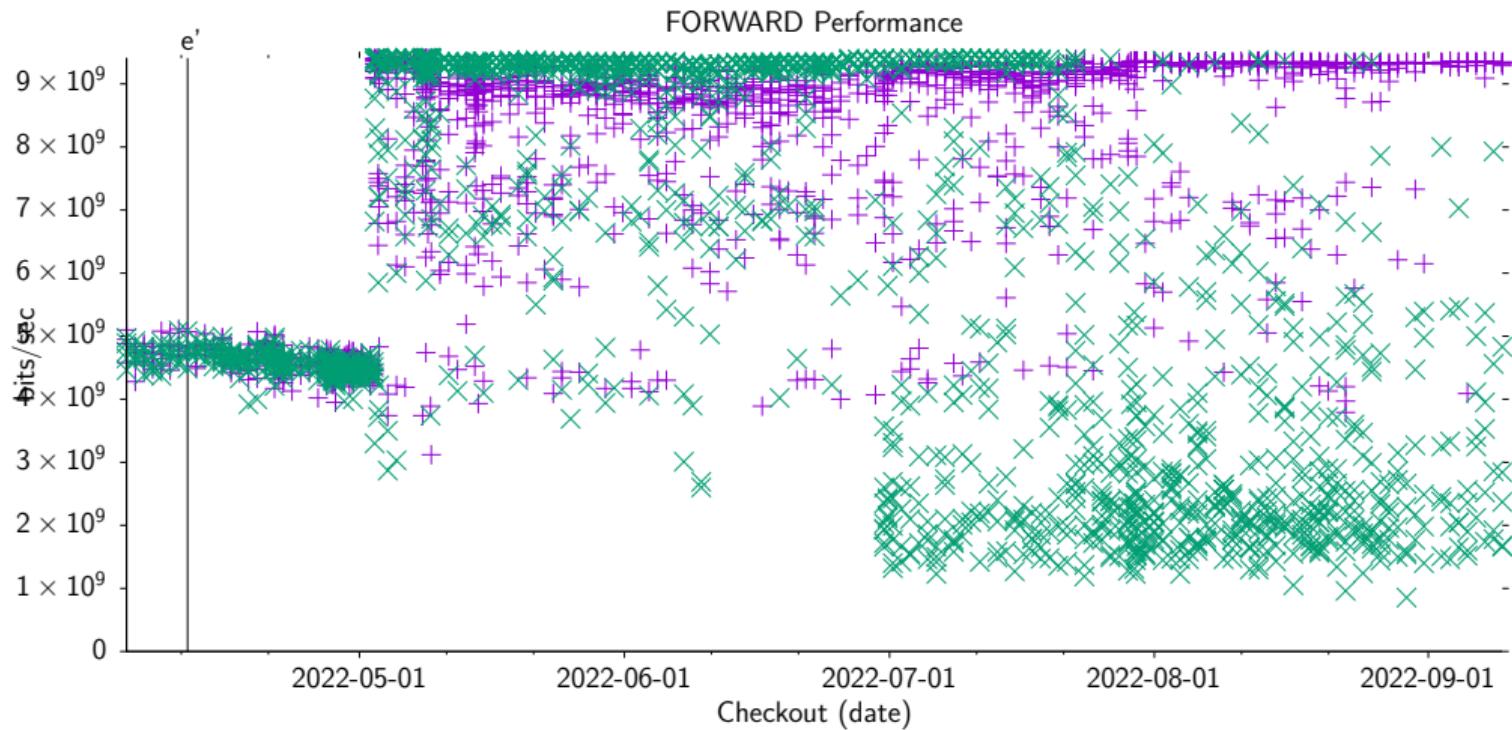
Parallel Receive, UDP coming soon



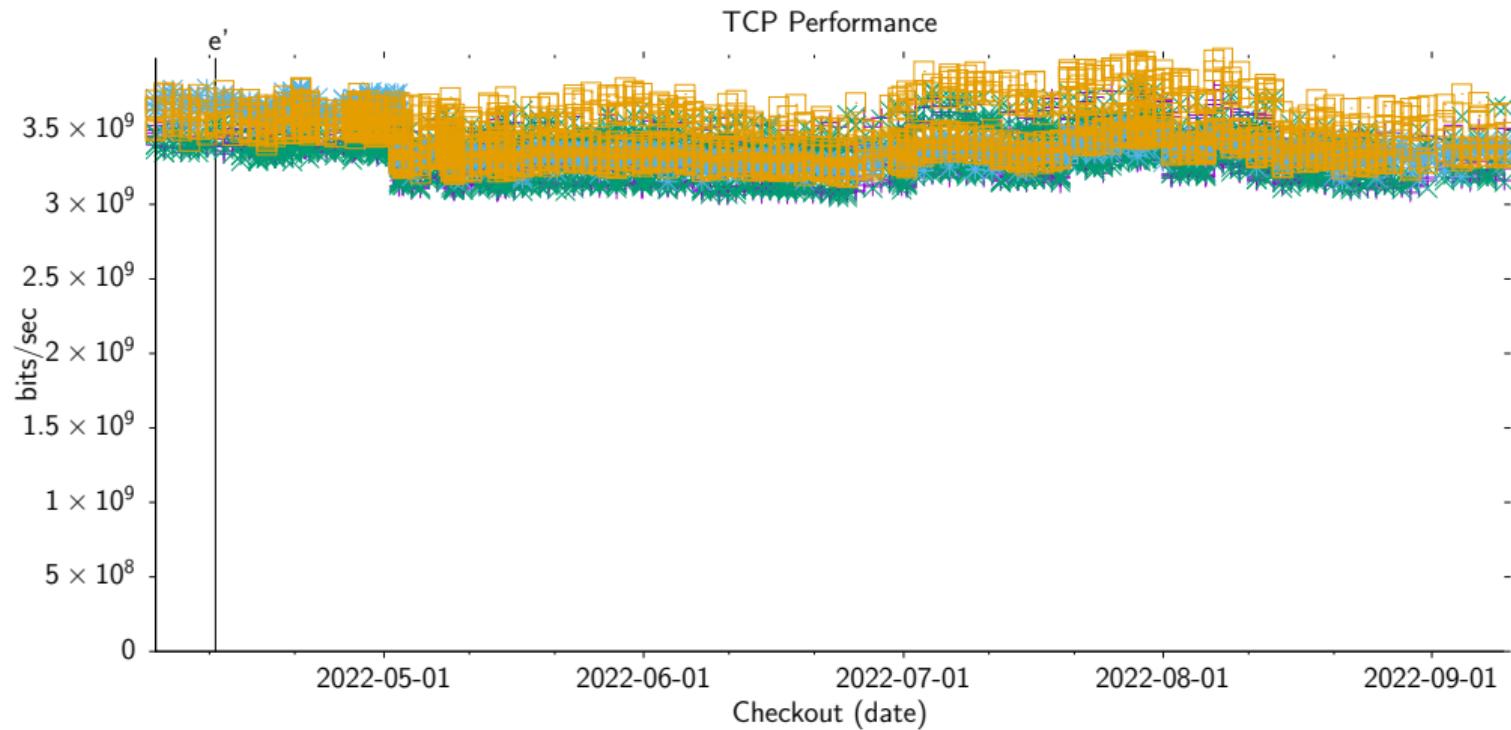
Hardware Setup



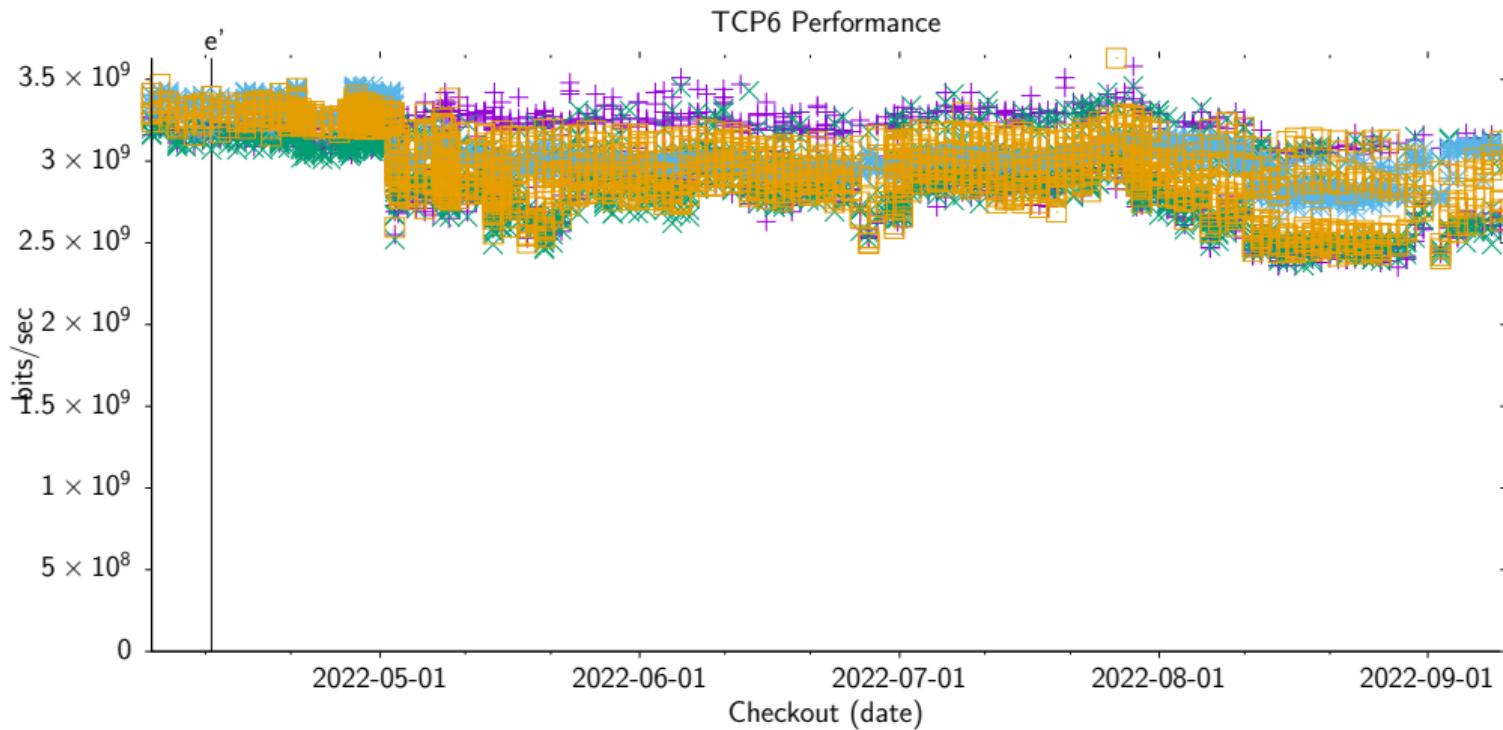
7.1 Forwarding



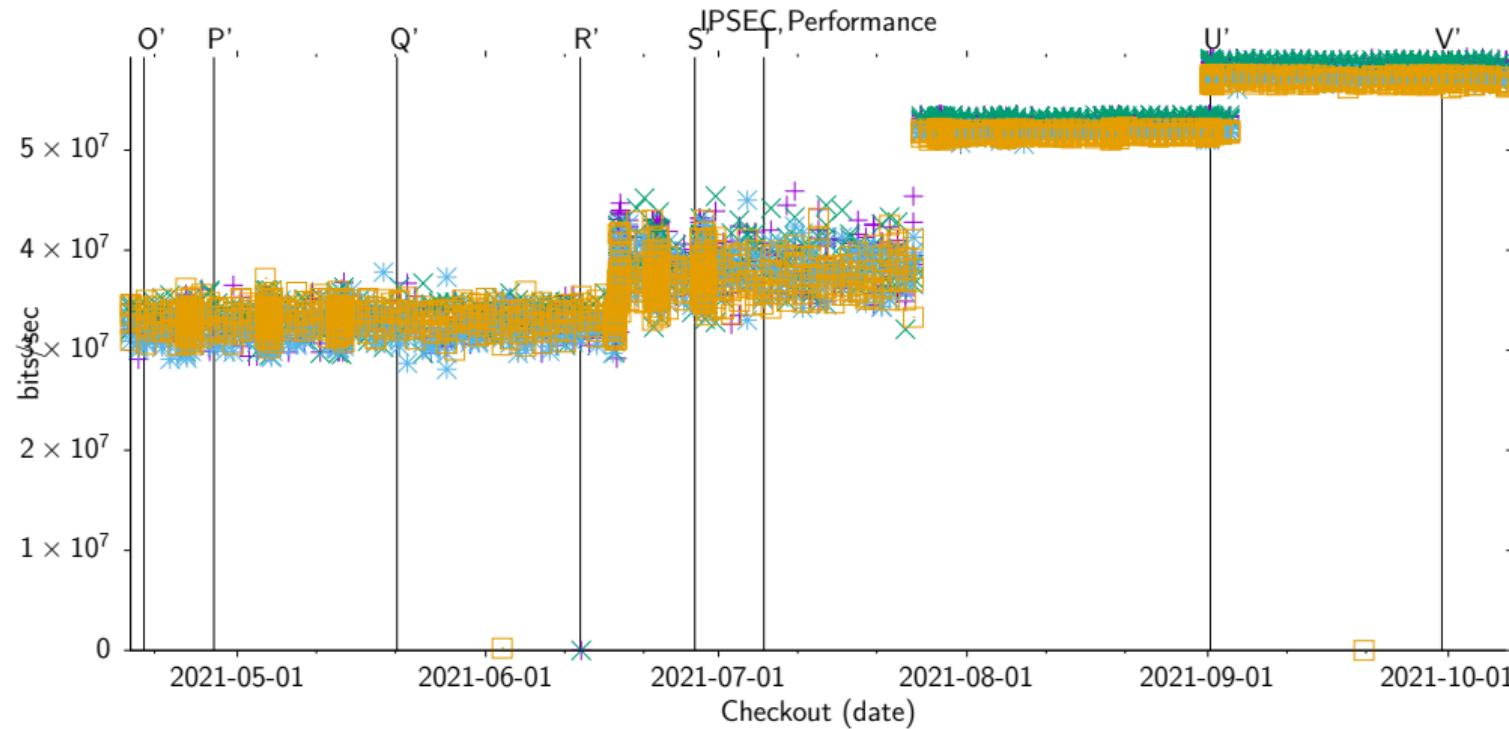
7.1 TCP Send Receive



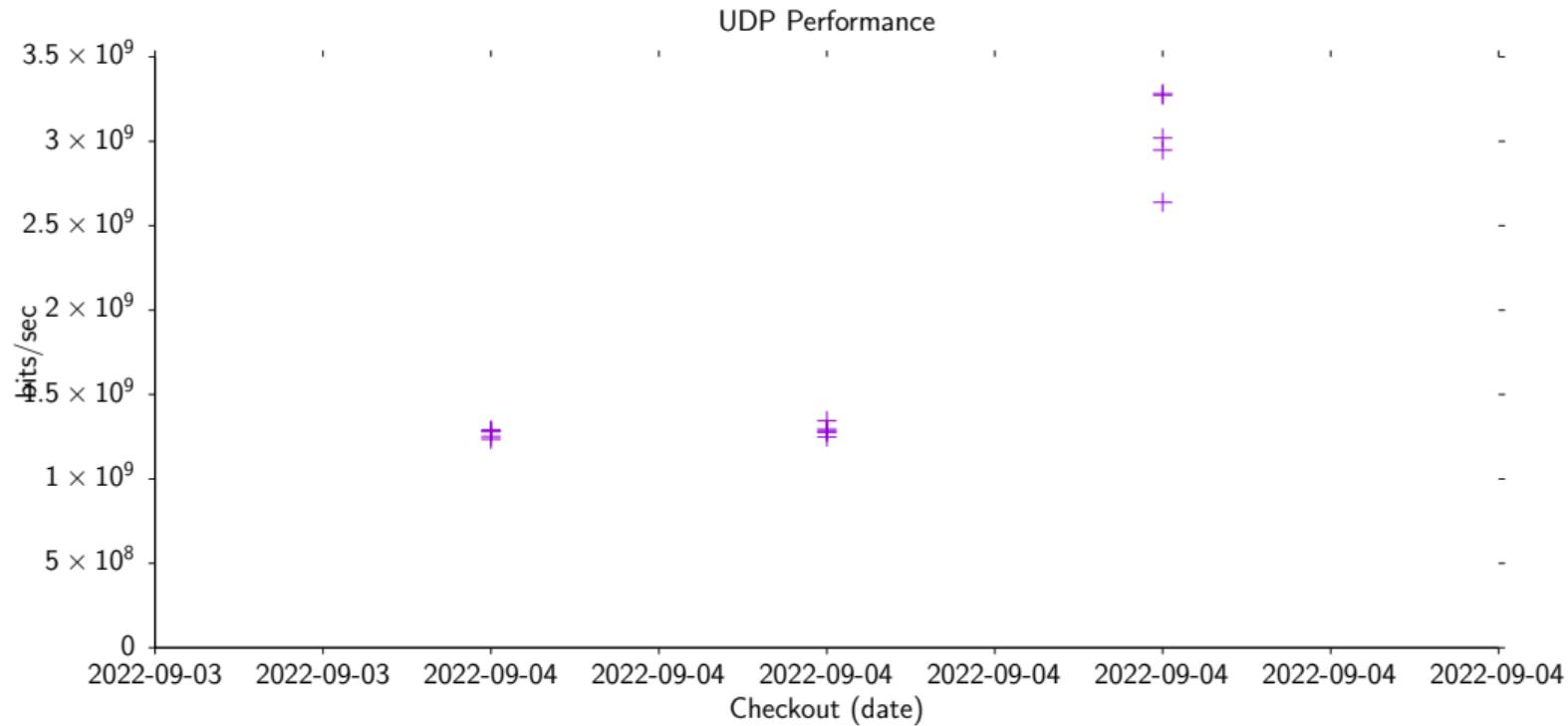
7.1 TCP IPv6 Send Receive



6.9 IPsec



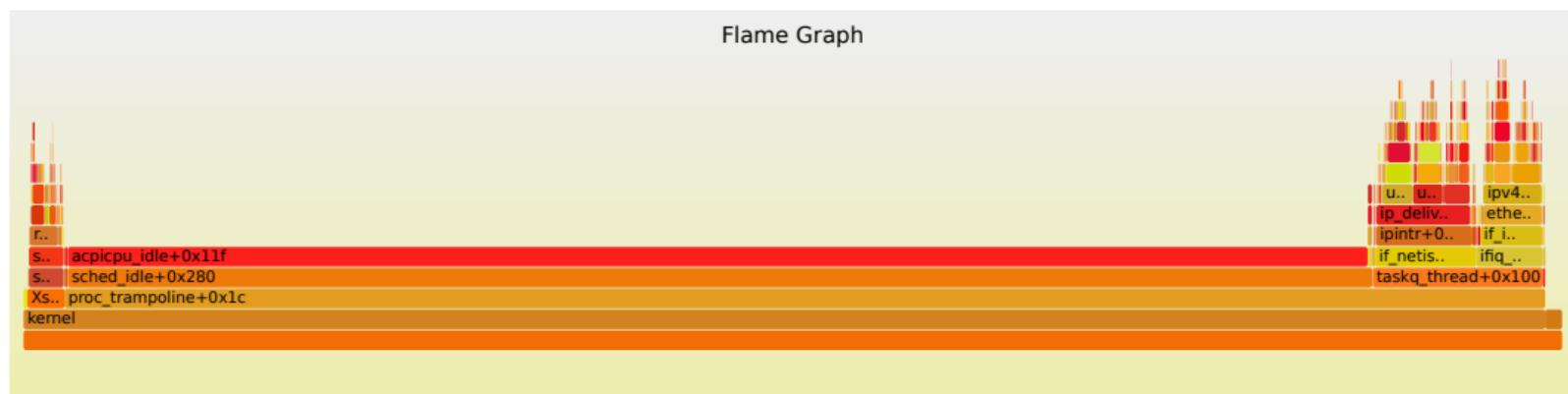
UDP Receive



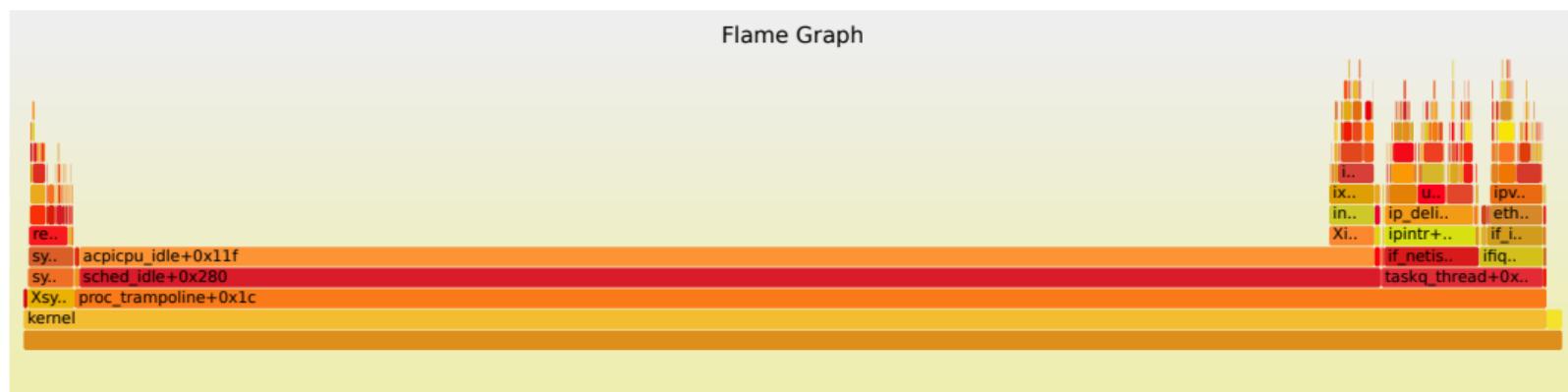
Results UDP Parallel

<http://bluhm.genua.de/perform/results/2022-09-04T20:23:45Z/perform.html>

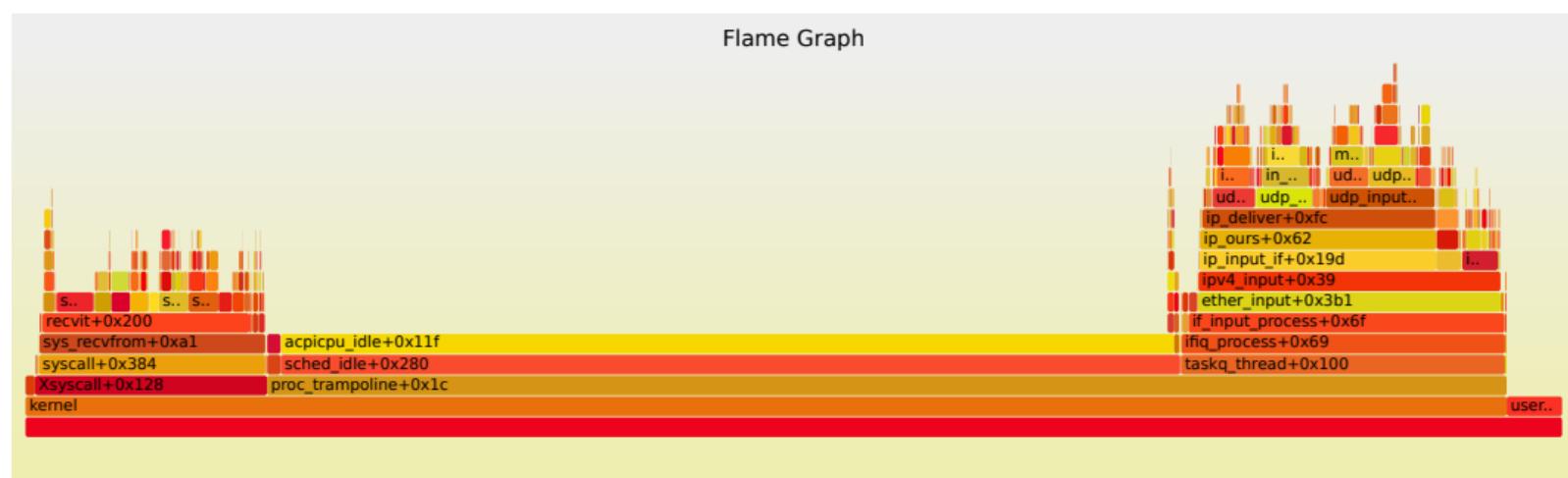
Flamegraph UDP Receive



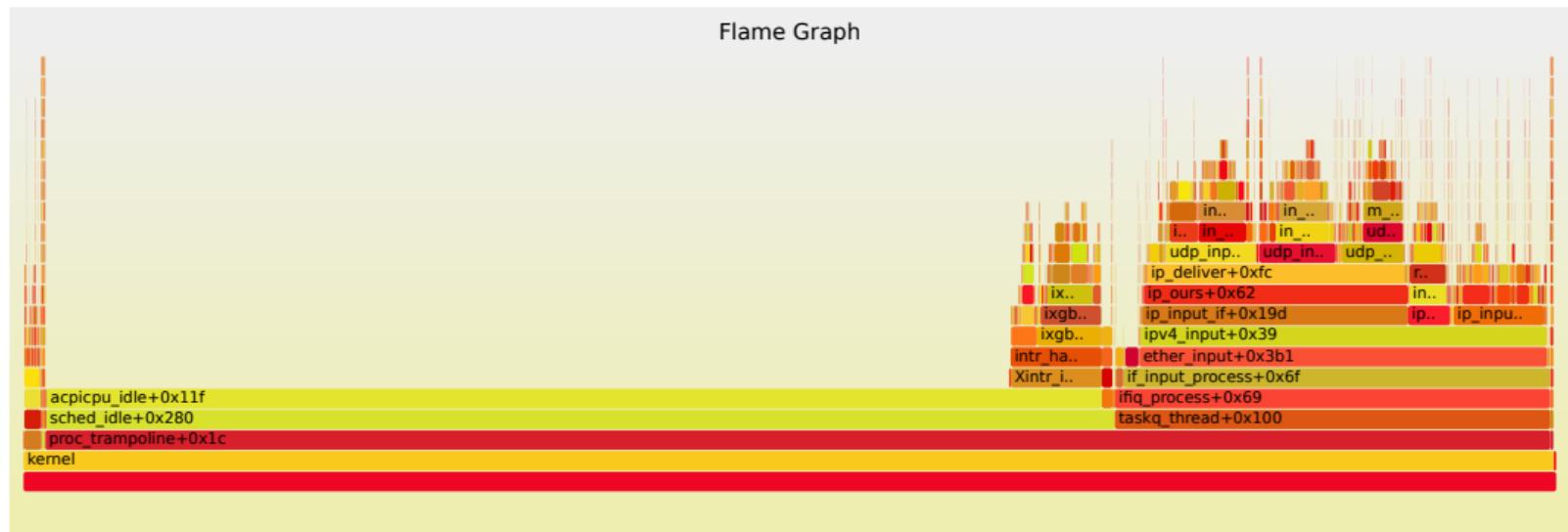
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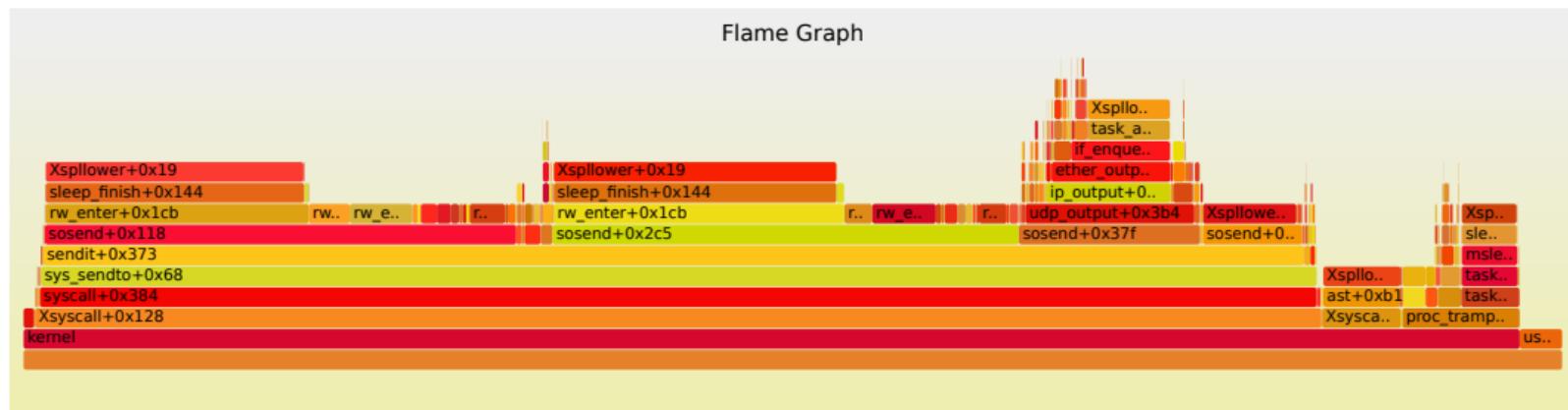
Flamegraph UDP Parallel



UDP Recv 8 Netlock



UDP Send 8 Netlock



Links

- <http://bluhm.genua.de/>
- <http://bluhm.genua.de/perform/results/perform.html>
- <http://bluhm.genua.de/perform/results/test.data>
- <https://github.com/bluhm/regress-all>
- <https://github.com/bluhm/udpbench>
- <https://github.com/bluhm/talk-networkmp>

Questions

