IPQ806x Hardware acceleration

NSS acceleration model

- Features
 - Designed for Home Gateways (CPE)
  - **Flow detection based** "All-or-nothing" offload
  - Acceleration supports:
    - IPv4, IPv6, NAT, PPPoE, L2TP, VLAN, Qdisc

- Performance gain
  - Linux: 640k pps (bridged) – 220kpps (routed)
  - NSS: 7200k pps (bridged) – 7200kpps (routed)
 - 11x (bridged) – 32x (routed)

- Functional behavior
  - 0% cpu load seen in Linux
  - Keep Linux counters up to date
 - Does not require functional changes at an upper level (user space)
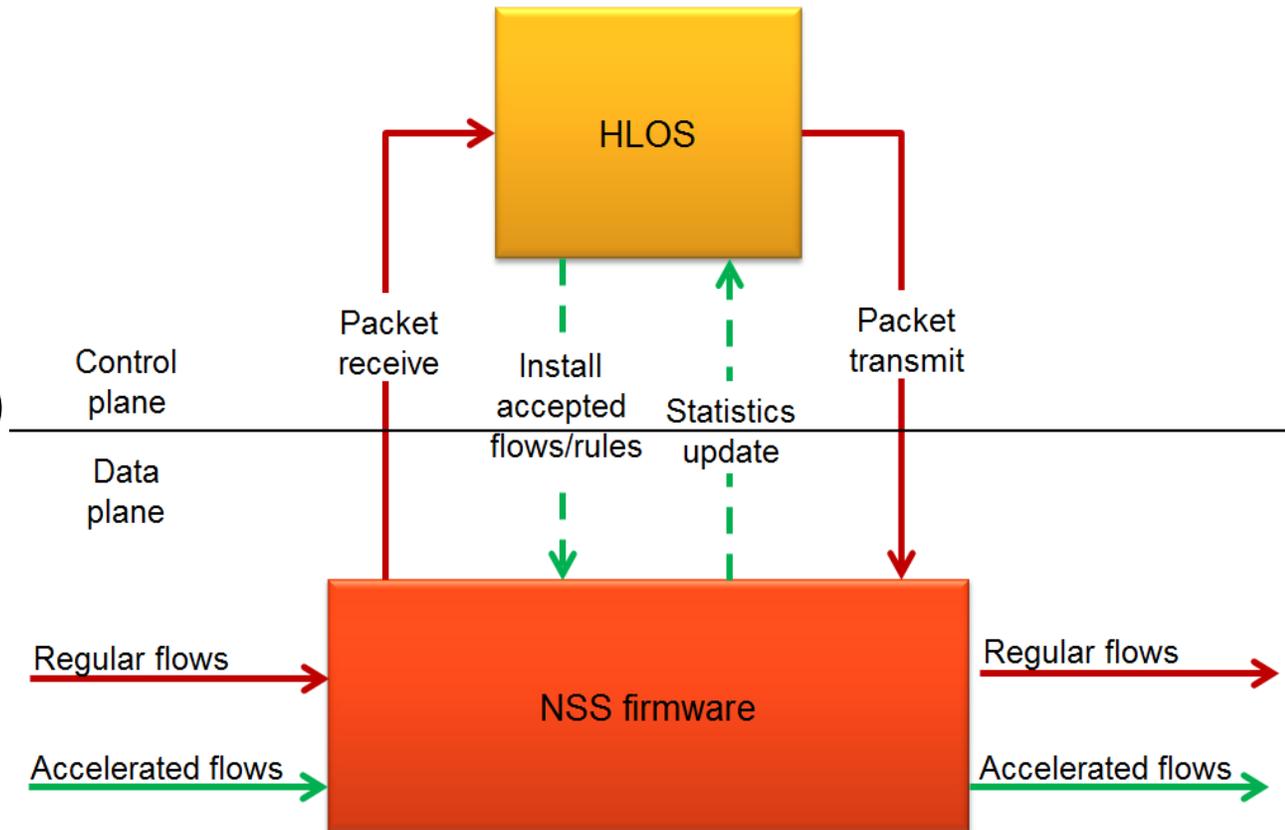
ECM Front End Inspect Packets and Events

- Inspect all outgoing packets at POSTROUTING chain by registering post routing hooks.
- Inspect conntrack and device events to destroy and regenerate connection.
- Inspect NSS status and stats to update the connection state and statistics info in Linux and ECM DB.
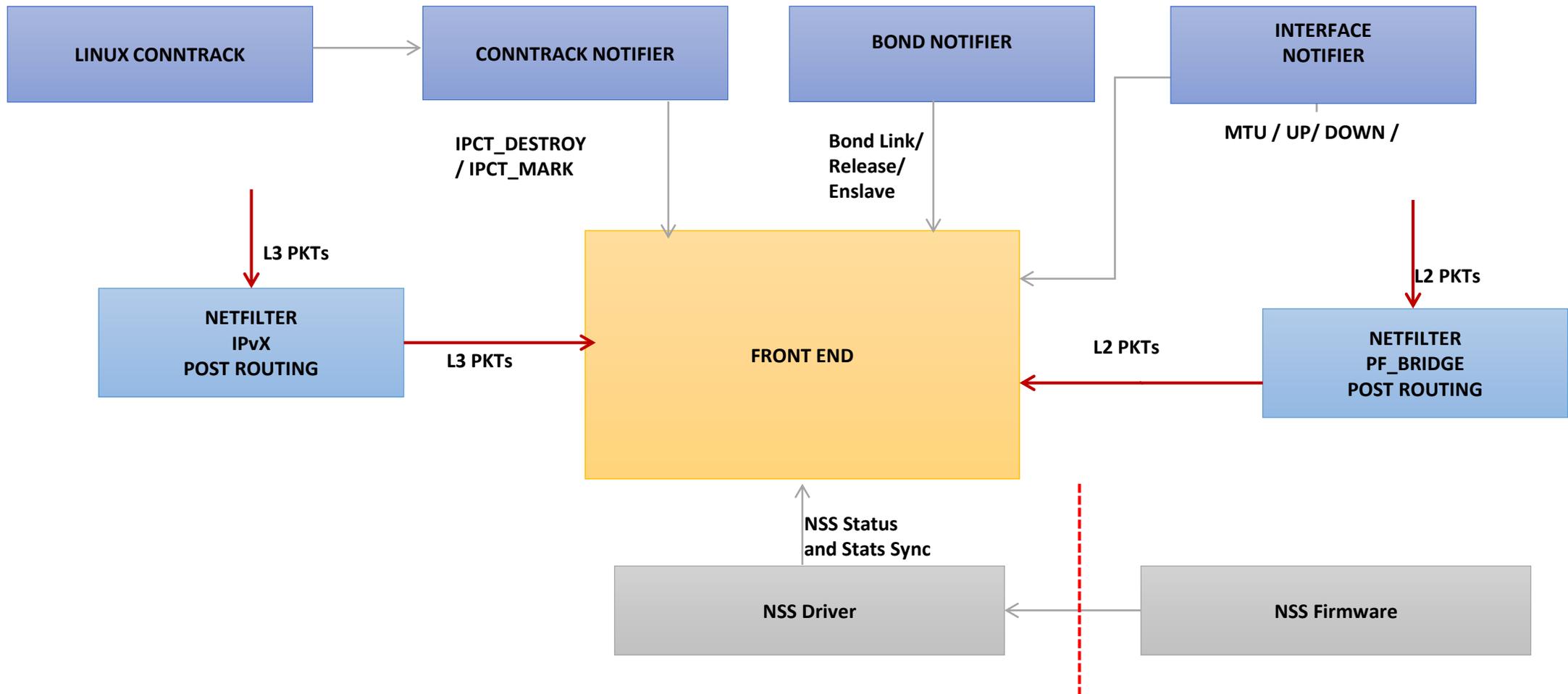
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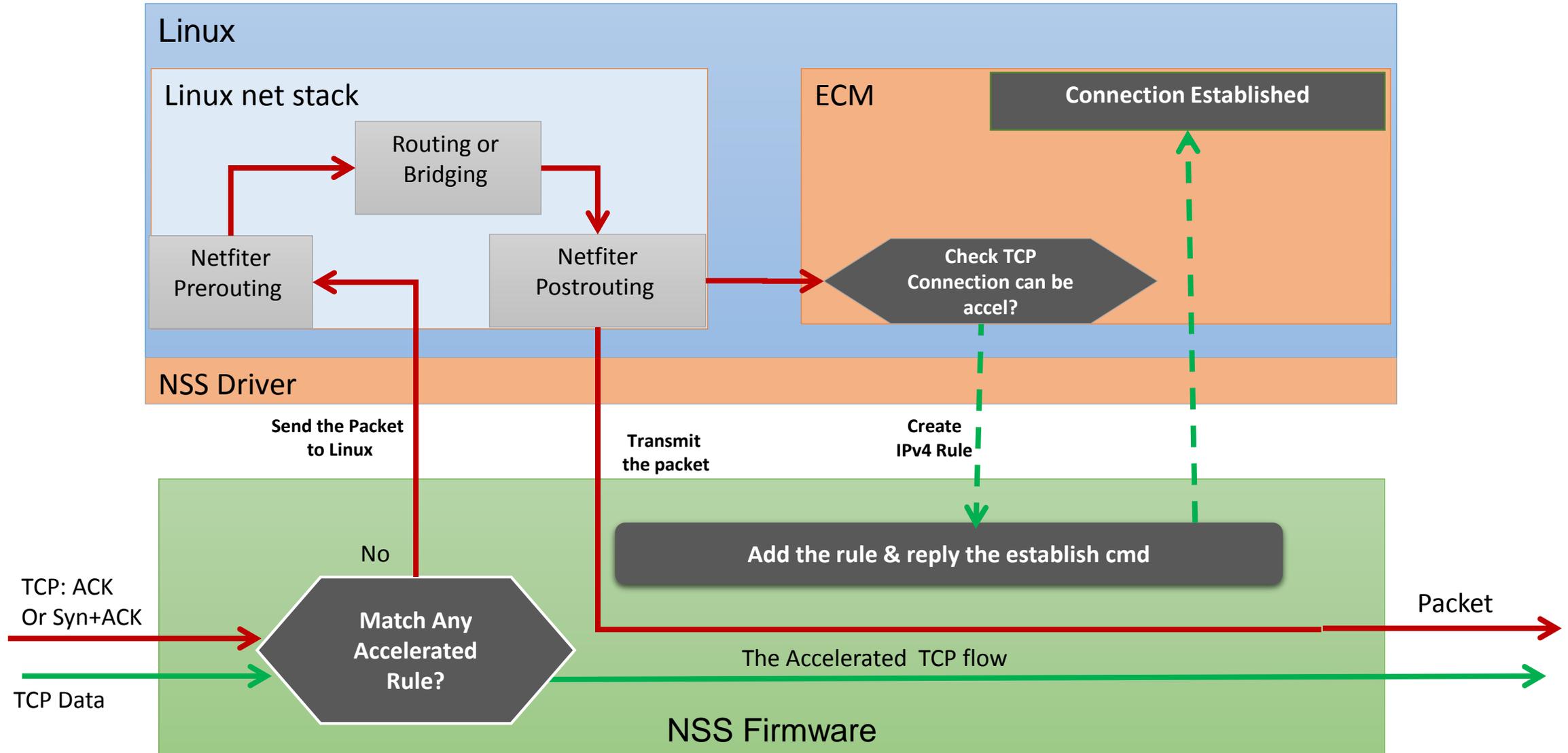
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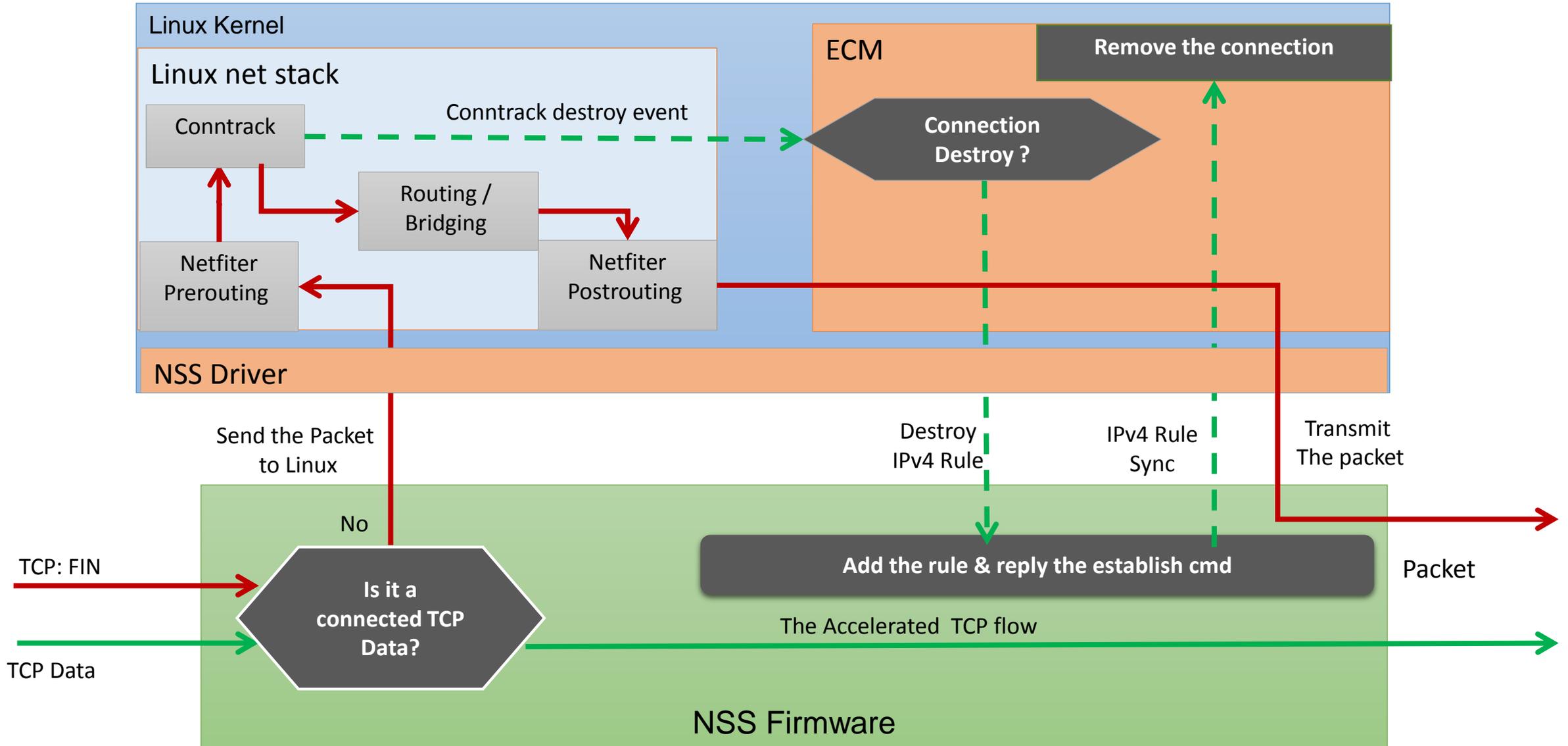
Example of IPv4 rule API

- Common messaging interfaces
  - Protocol type: IPv4, IPv6, PPP, LAG…
  - Rule type: CREATE, DESTROY, CONN_STAT_SYNC , NODE_STAT_SYNC…
  - Callback/args pointers: will be passed back in the FW ACK/NACK reply

- IPv4 rule create message structure example

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struct nss_ipv4_rule_create_msg {
        /* Request */
        uint16_t valid_flags;                          /* Indicate which of the parameters below is filled-in
                                                          Indirectly says which operation to be done on the flow */
        uint16_t rule_flags;                           /* Bit flags associated with the rule */
        struct nss_ipv4_5tuple tuple;                  /* src_ip, dst_ip, src_port, dst_port, proto */
        struct nss_ipv4_connection_rule conn_rule;     /* src_mac, dst_mac, src_iface, dst_iface, src_mtu, dst_mtu,
                                                          nat_src_ip, nat_dst_ip, nat_src_port, nat_dst_port */
        struct nss_ipv4_protocol_tcp_rule tcp_rule;    /* TCP related accleration parameters */
        struct nss_ipv4_pppoe_rule pppoe_rule;         /* flow_session_id, flow_remote_mac, ret_session_id, ret_remote_mac */
        struct nss_ipv4_qos_rule qos_rule;             /* flow_qos_tag, ret_qos_tag,  */
        struct nss_ipv4_dscp_rule dscp_rule;           /* flow_dscp, ret_dstp */
        struct nss_ipv4_vlan_rule vlan_primary_rule;   /* ingress_vlan_tag, egress_vlan_tag */
        struct nss_ipv4_vlan_rule vlan_secondary_rule; /* ingress_vlan_tag, egress_vlan_tag – for QinQ */

        /* Response */
        uint32_t index;                                /*Slot ID for cache stats to host OS */
};
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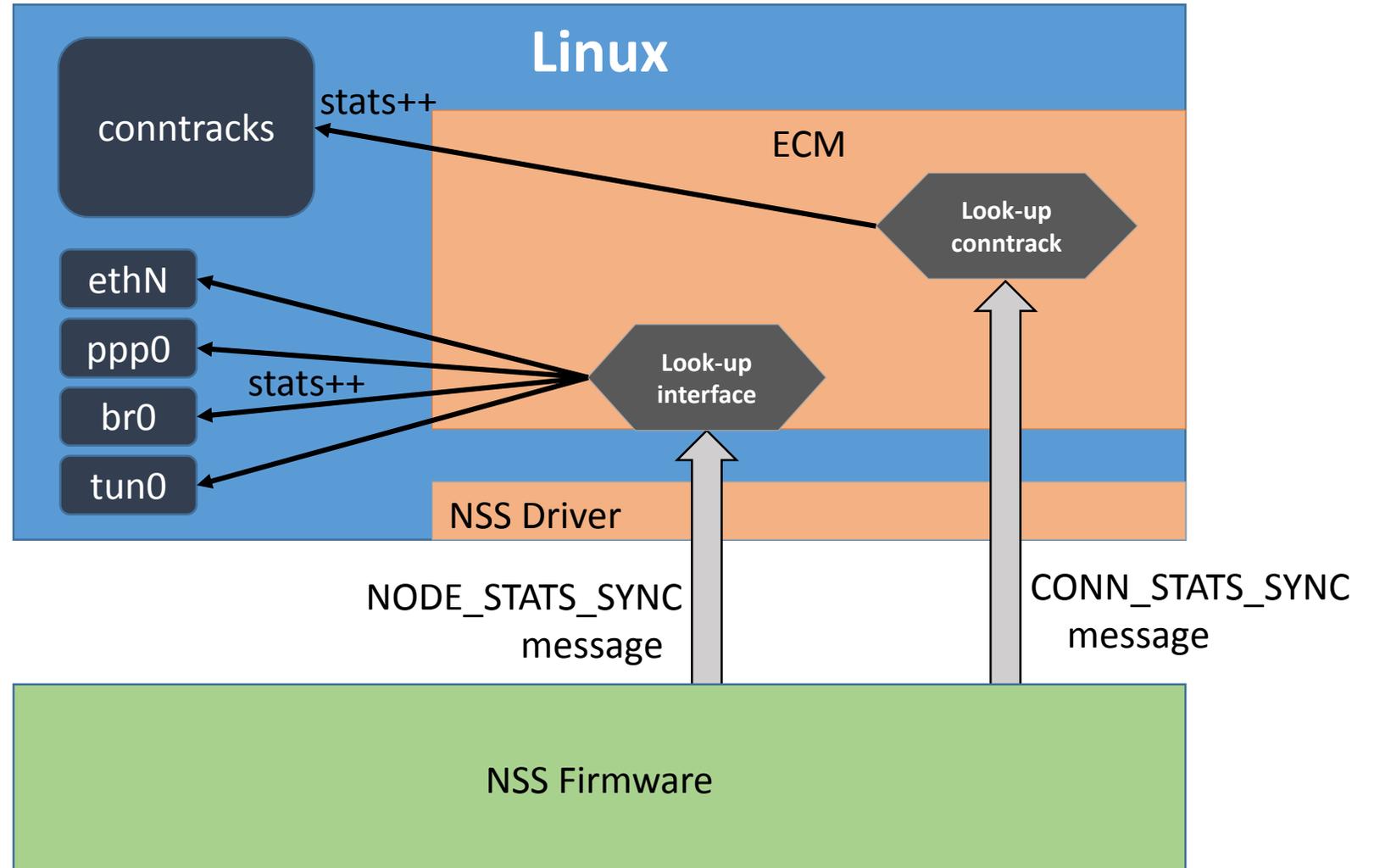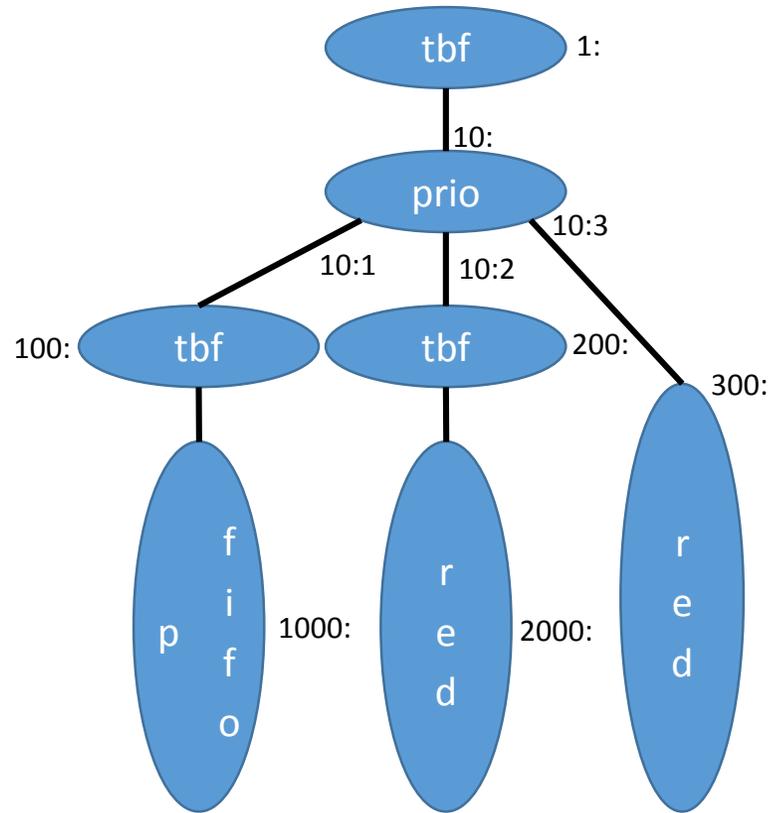
# Interfaces & Connections statistics update

- Stats updates sent periodically from the Firmware
  - Per-interfaces stats (update net_devices)
  - Per-connections stats (update conntracks)

- Minor modifications to ppp/l2tp/ipsec… layers for iface look-up and stats update

Linux

conntracks

ECM

stats++

Look-up conntrack

ethN

ppp0

stats++

br0

Look-up interface

tun0

NSS Driver

NODE_STATS_SYNC message

CONN_STATS_SYNC message

NSS Firmware

Qdisc acceleration

tc qdisc add dev eth0 root handle 1: tbf rate 1000Mbit burst 100k limit 100
tc qdisc add dev eth0 parent 1: handle 10: prio bands 3
tc qdisc add dev eth0 parent 10:1 handle 100: tbf rate 2Mbit burst 10k limit 100
tc qdisc add dev eth0 parent 100: handle 1000: pfifo limit 100
tc qdisc add dev eth0 parent 10:2 handle 200: tbf rate 40Mbit burst 30k limit 100
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avpkt 1k burst 55 probability 0.30
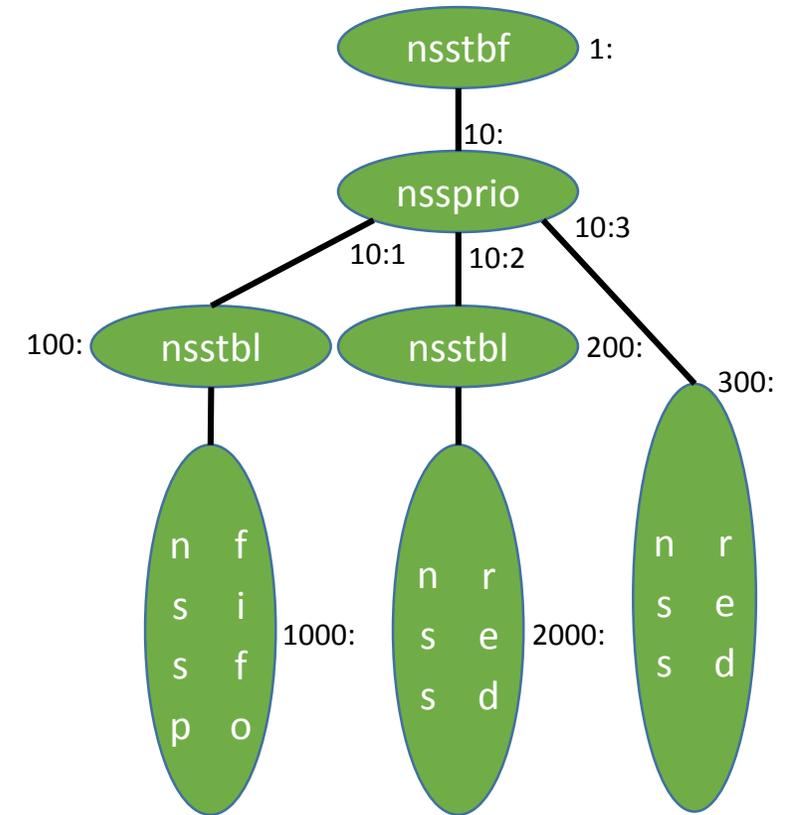
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