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Subject: [PATCH v5 09/14] memcg: kmem accounting lifecycle management  
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Because kmem charges can outlive the cgroup, we need to make sure that we won't free the memcg structure while charges are still in flight. For reviewing simplicity, the charge functions will issue `mem_cgroup_get()` at every charge, and `mem_cgroup_put()` at every uncharge.

This can get expensive, however, and we can do better. `mem_cgroup_get()` only really needs to be issued once: when the first limit is set. In the same spirit, we only need to issue `mem_cgroup_put()` when the last charge is gone.

We'll need an extra bit in `kmem_accounted` for that: `KMEM_ACCOUNTED_DEAD`. it will be set when the cgroup dies, if there are charges in the group. If there aren't, we can proceed right away.

Our uncharge function will have to test that bit every time the charges drop to 0. Because that is not the likely output of `res_counter_uncharge`, this should not impose a big hit on us: it is certainly much better than a reference count decrease at every operation.

[ v3: merged all lifecycle related patches in one ]  
[ v5: changed memcg\_kmem\_dead's name ]

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diff --git a/mm/memcontrol.c b/mm/memcontrol.c
index 1182188..e24b388 100644
--- a/mm/memcontrol.c
+++ b/mm/memcontrol.c
@@ -344,6 +344,7 @@ struct mem_cgroup {
/* internal only representation about the status of kmem accounting. */
enum {
    KMEM_ACCOUNTED_ACTIVE = 0, /* accounted by this cgroup itself */
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+ KMEM_ACCOUNTED_DEAD, /* dead memcg, pending kmem charges */
};

#define KMEM_ACCOUNTED_MASK (1 << KMEM_ACCOUNTED_ACTIVE)
@@ -353,6 +354,22 @@ static void memcg_kmem_set_active(struct mem_cgroup *memcg)
{
    set_bit(KMEM_ACCOUNTED_ACTIVE, &memcg->kmem_accounted);
}
+
+static bool memcg_kmem_is_active(struct mem_cgroup *memcg)
+{
+ return test_bit(KMEM_ACCOUNTED_ACTIVE, &memcg->kmem_accounted);
+}
+
+static void memcg_kmem_mark_dead(struct mem_cgroup *memcg)
+{
+ if (test_bit(KMEM_ACCOUNTED_ACTIVE, &memcg->kmem_accounted))
+ set_bit(KMEM_ACCOUNTED_DEAD, &memcg->kmem_accounted);
+}
+
+static bool memcg_kmem_test_and_clear_dead(struct mem_cgroup *memcg)
+{
+ return test_and_clear_bit(KMEM_ACCOUNTED_DEAD, &memcg->kmem_accounted);
+}
#endif

/* Stuffs for move charges at task migration. */
@@ -2690,10 +2707,16 @@ static int memcg_charge_kmem(struct mem_cgroup *memcg, gfp_t
gfp, u64 size)

static void memcg_uncharge_kmem(struct mem_cgroup *memcg, u64 size)
{
- res_counter_uncharge(&memcg->kmem, size);
  res_counter_uncharge(&memcg->res, size);
  if (do_swap_account)
    res_counter_uncharge(&memcg->memsw, size);
+
+ /* Not down to 0 */
+ if (res_counter_uncharge(&memcg->kmem, size))
+ return;
+
+ if (memcg_kmem_test_and_clear_dead(memcg))
+ mem_cgroup_put(memcg);
}

/*
@@ -2732,13 +2755,9 @@ __memcg_kmem_newpage_charge(gfp_t gfp, struct mem_cgroup
**_memcg, int order)

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    return true;
}

- mem_cgroup_get(memcg);
-
ret = memcg_charge_kmem(memcg, gfp, PAGE_SIZE << order);
if (!ret)
    *_memcg = memcg;
- else
- mem_cgroup_put(memcg);

css_put(&memcg->css);
return (ret == 0);
@@ -2754,7 +2773,6 @@ void __memcg_kmem_commit_charge(struct page *page, struct
mem_cgroup *memcg,
/* The page allocation failed. Revert */
if (!page) {
    memcg_uncharge_kmem(memcg, PAGE_SIZE << order);
- mem_cgroup_put(memcg);
    return;
}

@@ -2795,7 +2813,6 @@ void __memcg_kmem_uncharge_page(struct page *page, int order)

VM_BUG_ON(mem_cgroup_is_root(memcg));
memcg_uncharge_kmem(memcg, PAGE_SIZE << order);
- mem_cgroup_put(memcg);
}
#endif /* CONFIG_MEMCG_KMEM */

@@ -4179,6 +4196,13 @@ static int memcg_update_kmem_limit(struct cgroup *cont, u64 val)
    VM_BUG_ON(ret);

    memcg_kmem_set_active(memcg);
+ /*
+  * kmem charges can outlive the cgroup. In the case of slab
+  * pages, for instance, a page contain objects from various
+  * processes, so it is unfeasible to migrate them away. We
+  * need to reference count the memcg because of that.
+  */
+ mem_cgroup_get(memcg);
} else
    ret = res_counter_set_limit(&memcg->kmem, val);
out:
@@ -4192,6 +4216,10 @@ static void memcg_propagate_kmem(struct mem_cgroup *memcg,
    struct mem_cgroup *parent)
{
    memcg->kmem_accounted = parent->kmem_accounted;

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+ #ifdef CONFIG_MEMCG_KMEM
+ if (memcg_kmem_is_active(memcg))
+ mem_cgroup_get(memcg);
+ #endif
+ }

/*
@@ -4875,6 +4903,20 @@ static int memcg_init_kmem(struct mem_cgroup *memcg, struct
cgroup_subsys *ss)
static void kmem_cgroup_destroy(struct mem_cgroup *memcg)
{
    mem_cgroup_sockets_destroy(memcg);
+
+ memcg_kmem_mark_dead(memcg);
+
+ if (res_counter_read_u64(&memcg->kmem, RES_USAGE) != 0)
+ return;
+
+ /*
+ * Charges already down to 0, undo mem_cgroup_get() done in the charge
+ * path here, being careful not to race with memcg_uncharge_kmem: it is
+ * possible that the charges went down to 0 between mark_dead and the
+ * res_counter read, so in that case, we don't need the put
+ */
+ if (memcg_kmem_test_and_clear_dead(memcg))
+ mem_cgroup_put(memcg);
+ }
+ #else
static int memcg_init_kmem(struct mem_cgroup *memcg, struct cgroup_subsys *ss)
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