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## ORS Mini-Series

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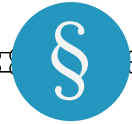


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# ORS Mini-Series

Importance, organization, and goals





# Why Open RAN Studio Mini-Series?

1. Share Knowledge
2. Identify New Challenges/Features toward 6G
3. Accelerate the R&D lifecycle from Idea to PoC/Demo
4. Showcase Ideas and Validate use-cases
5. Foster Academia and Industry Collaboration





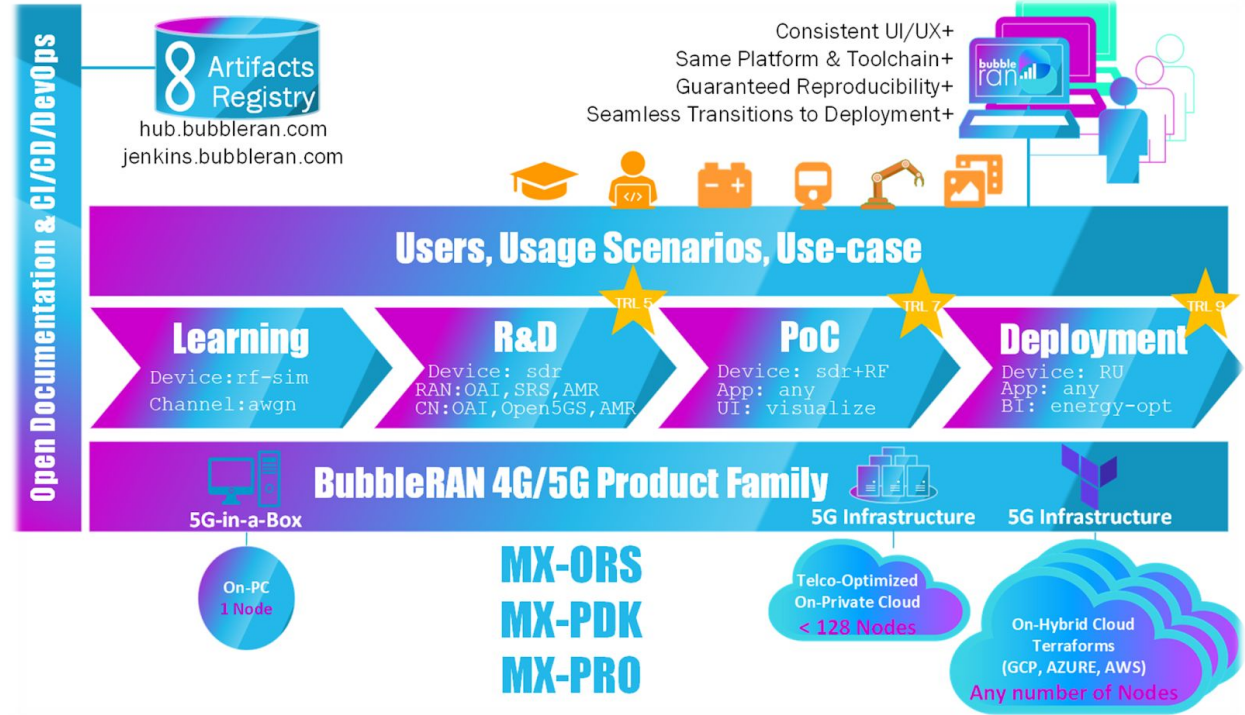
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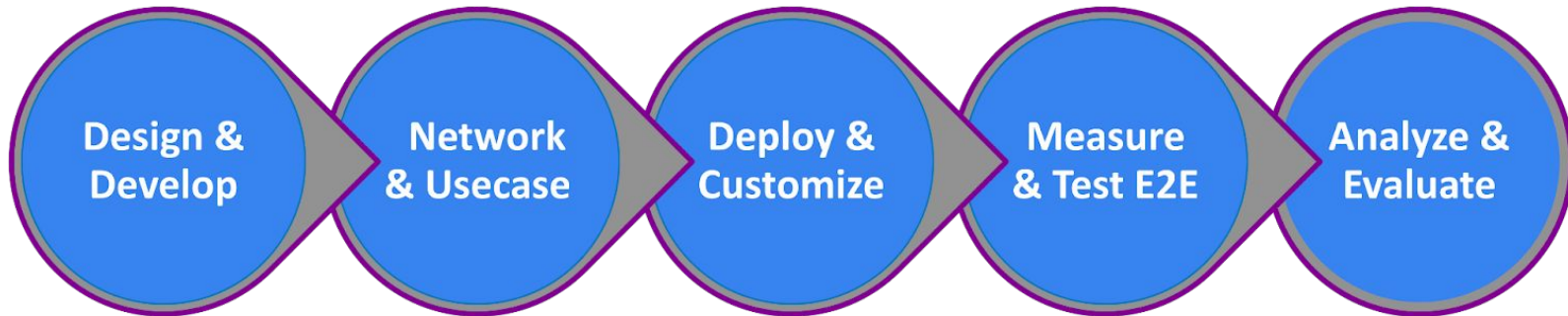
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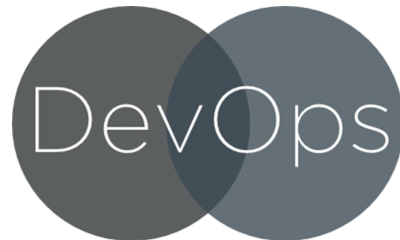
## What is Open RAN Studio?



## ORS in Nutshell



Open RAN Studio is world-first production-grade cloud-native platform to seamlessly design, operate, experiment an emulated end-to-end 3GPP & O-RAN standard-compliant network with edge services, at scale.





## ORS features

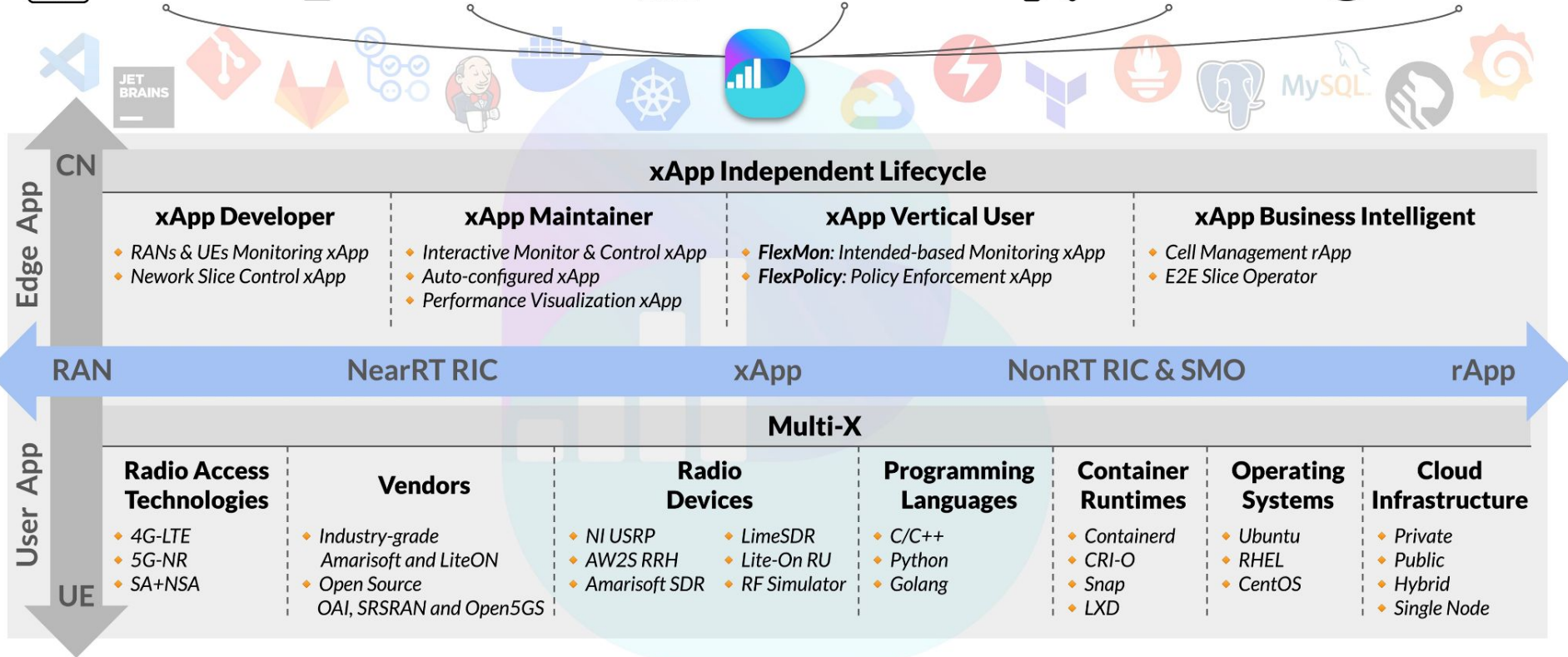
- ★ Multi-infrastructure support: Bare-metal, On-premise, Public (GKE), Single-node (Microk8s)
- ★ O-RAN compliant SMO and RIC stack including Non-RT RIC, Near-RT RIC, and OAM
- ★ Network design, protocol tracing, log extraction, integrated UE testing
- ★ rApps and xApps for monitoring and control
- ★ End-to-end agile and scalable declarative deployment including UE
- ★ Day-2 features, including network reconfiguration, upgrade, and fault management
- ★ Difference between declarative and imperative deployments
- ★ Multi-vendor support: OAI, SRS, Open5GS (both LTE and NR), LiteON and Amarisoft
- ★ Programmable cloud-native observability with Grafana dashboard
- ★ Multi-source data lake, including RAN, Energy, and Infrastructure metrics



## ORS use cases

- ★ Education and training
- ★ Data collection and model training
- ★ rApp or xApp design and analysis
- ★ Interoperability testing
- ★ Test and measurements with UE in the loop
- ★ Research validation
- ★ Network simulation and emulation







# Today's Agenda and Speakers

## Part 1

1. BubbleRAN's MX-RIC
2. O-RAN's 3 pillars towards 6G (KPM, RC and CCC)

## Break (5 minutes)

## Part 2

3. O-RAN and GenAI
4. Beyond O-RAN. On the road to 6G



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# MX-RIC

BubbleRAN's RIC ecosystem





- ★ Open standardized interfaces to interoperate different parts of the network seamlessly and securely regardless of its originating vendor.

- ★ Multi-vendors
- ★ Femto to macro cells
- ★ Diverse architectures (e.g., ARM, x86, FPGA)
- ★ Different splits (O-RAN 7.2, E1AP, F1AP)





# BubbleRAN's MX-RIC (FlexRIC Kernel)

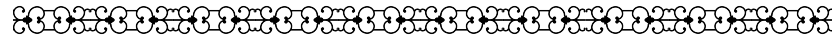


- ★ Most **complete** NearRT-RIC and E2 Agent open source O-RAN specification.
- ★ **Multi-x** design and implementation:
  - Multi-RAT (4G and 5G)
  - Diverse **HW architectures** (ARM, x86 develop using C11 with no intrinsics)
  - Multi-version i.e., static polymorphism (e.g., **E2AP** v1, v2, v3 or **KPM** v2, v3).
  - Multi-language (C/C++, Python, Golang). Thanks to SWIG also easily extendable.
  - Multi-vendor (OAI, srsRAN, Amarisoft, LiteON).
- ★ SM complete (**KPM**, **RC** and **CCC**)
- ★ Zero **overhead** principle; Small **footprint**; Blazingly **fast**; Minimal **external dependencies**
- ★ **SDKs** to facilitate xApp development with **simple** and **intuitive** APIs
- ★ Best practice **maintenance** e.g., ASan, TSan; **Static analyzers** e.g., cppcheck, scan-build; **Code coverage** and testing i.e., gcov
- ★ Diverse **compiler** i.e., gcc/clang; Diverse **linkers** i.e., ld, lld, gold, mold
- ★ **Preconditions** and **postconditions** in every function
- ★ **SOLID** principles





# NearRT-RIC O-RAN Alliance Solution



- ★ **Microservice-based architecture (Kubernetes)**
- ★ **Disadvantages**
  - **Resource** hungry (VM, 20 GBytes/8 GB RAM)
  - Higher **Latency**
  - Higher **Complexity**
  - Lower **Reliability**
  - No Zero **Overhead** principle
  - Not thoroughly **tested**
  - **Non-intuitive** APIs
  - Non-following **SOLID** principles.
  - Difficult to run it as a **Docker** container
- ★ **Advantages**
  - Greater **flexibility**

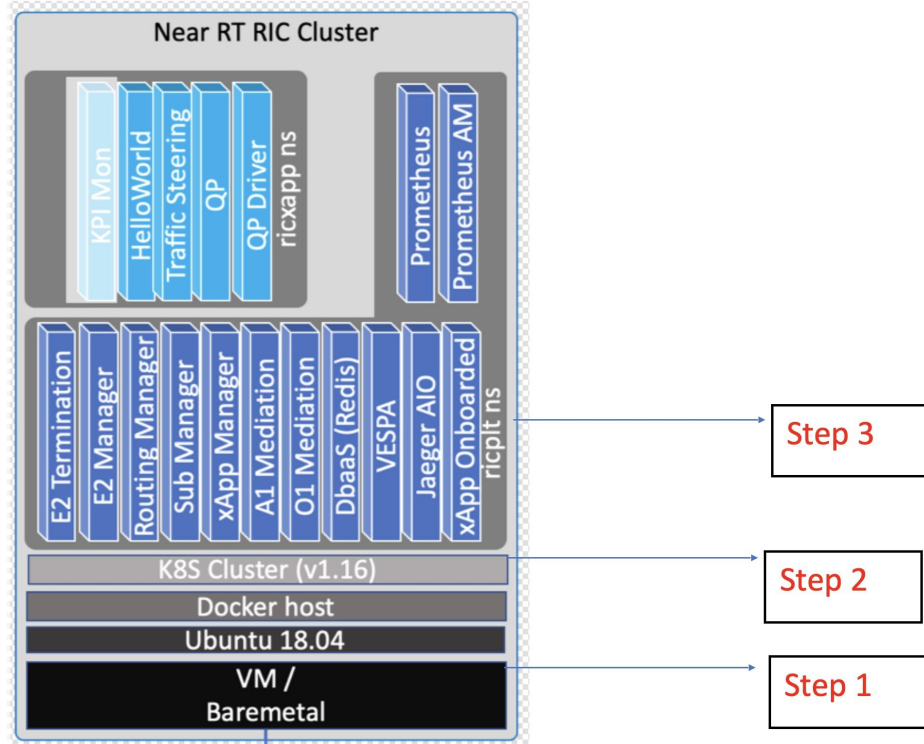


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Criteria	O-RAN RIC Release I	MX-RIC
Zero Overhead	No	Yes
Enc/Dec	ASN1.c	ASN1.c, FB, Plain
E2AP version	v1/v2	v1/v2/v3
E2AP Messages / IEs	7/26 (v2, 26%)	20/26 (v2, 76%), 12/28 (v3, 42%)
Multi-language	Yes	Yes
E2 Nodes	Radisys/srsRAN	OAI, SRS, AMR, LiteON
Memory footprint	1	0.17
E2 Agent-xApp latency	>10 ms	< 1 ms
Service Models	Embedded	Pluggable, Extendable

*A Comparison*





## On the way of simplicity/reliability



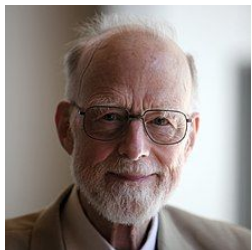
***“Increasingly, people seem to misinterpret complexity as sophistication, which is baffling– the incomprehensible should cause suspicion rather than admiration.”***

Niklas Wirth (1984 Turing award. Pascal inventor)



***“There are two ways of constructing software design: One way is to make it so simple that there are obviously no deficiencies, and the other way is to make it so complicated that there are no obvious deficiencies. The first method is far more difficult.”***

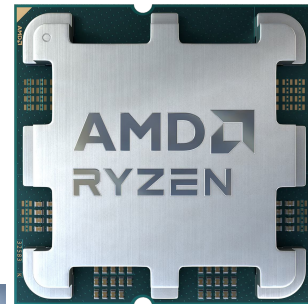
C.A.R. Hoare (1980 Turing award. Hoare Logic )



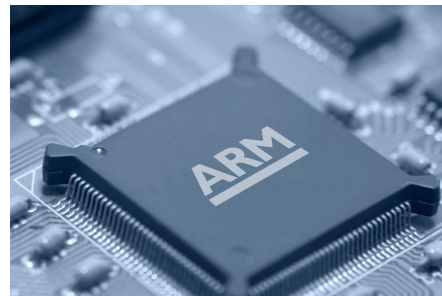


# LIVE DEMO: Latency on BubbleRAN's MX-RIC

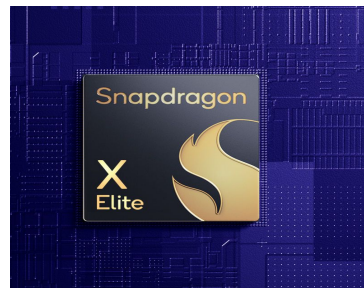
★ AMD Ryzen 7 7840HS (x64): Standard deployment



★ Cortex-A76 (ARM): Small Cell/FemtoCell



★ Snapdragon X Elite Oryon CPU (WSL, Windows on ARM)





# Takeaway

★ **Complexity is not sophistication.**

★ **Better architecture**

- Lower latency
- Lower complexity
- SOLID; Easier to extend/Open close principle (SM, multi-language, DB)
- Variety of deployment option (femto to macrocell)
- Variety of hardware (ARM, x86)

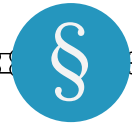
★ **Better maintenance**

- PoC != Production ready solution
- Number of Vendors
- More use scenarios
- Security/Memory safety: regularly run with ASan/TSan

★ **Use cases**

- More use cases towards 6G





# Pillars of O-RAN RIC

Demos on O-RAN main SMs





# Pillars of O-RAN RIC (KPM, RC, CCC)



## Outline

**Key Performance Measurement (KPM):** Gather statistics from the E2 Node.

Demo: Multi-source and multi-vendor (i.e., **OAI**, **srsRAN** as well as **Amarisoft**) data lake with KPM.

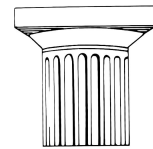
**RAN Control (RC):** Fetch data and Control the RAN e.g., slicing, handover.

Demo: Multi-vendor (i.e., **OAI**, **srsRAN** ) RAN slicing with RC.

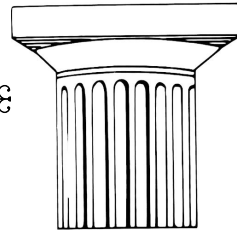
Demo: Handover (i.e. **Amarisoft**).

**Cell Configuration and Control (CCC):** Configuration of the Cell e.g., arfcn frequency.

Demo: Dynamic Bandwidth Part reconfiguration using CCC (i.e., **Amarisoft**).



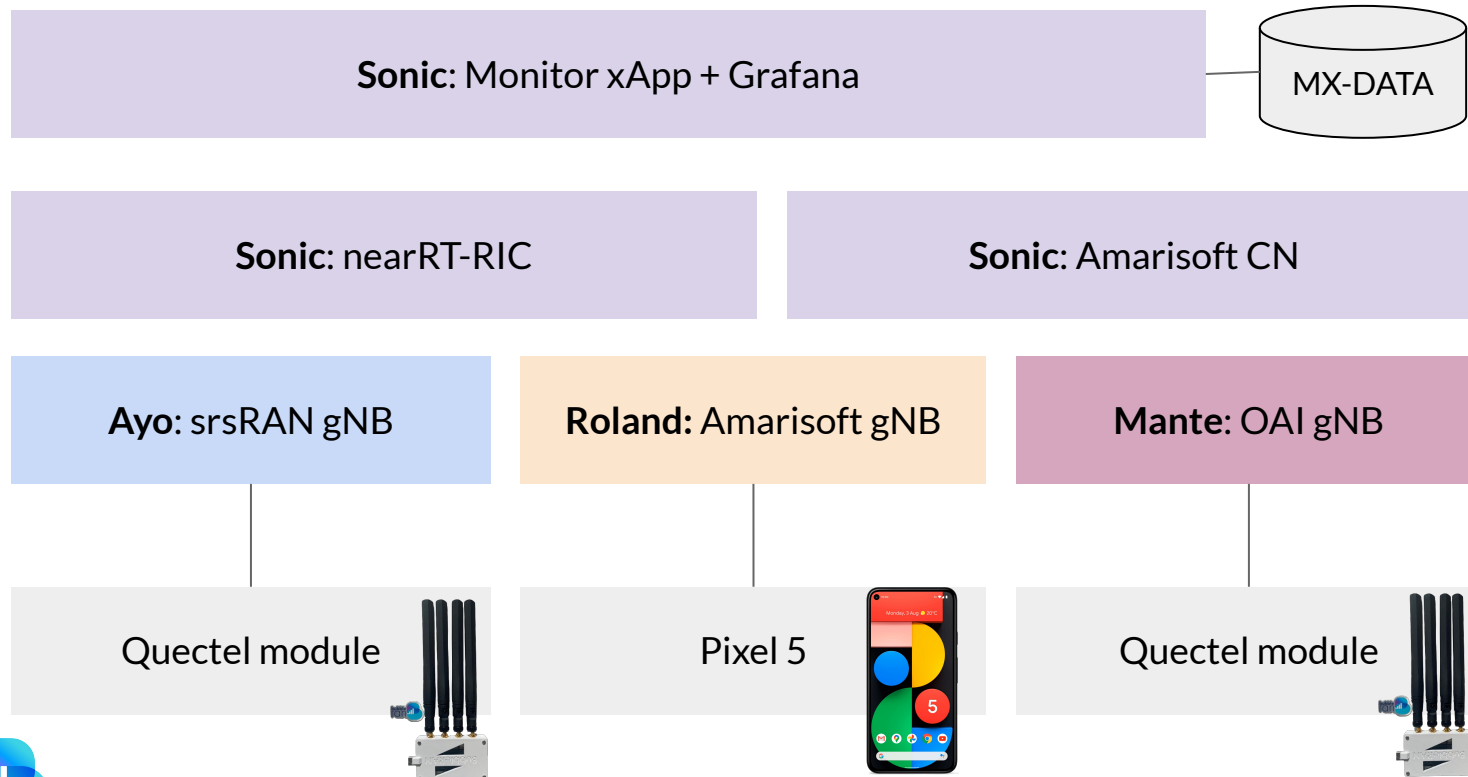
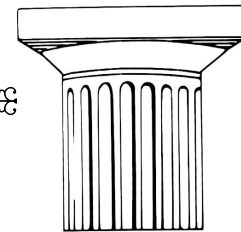
# O-RAN Key Performance Measurements



- ★ KPM is the basic, yet essential Service Model.
  - ★ More than **900** measurements defined between O-RAN and 3gpp.
  - ★ It permits data gathering from heterogeneous networks to form data lakes for ML/AI.
  - ★ BubbleRAN currently supports multi-vendor multi-RAT KPM: OAI, srsRAN, Amarisoft and LiteON.
  - ★ BubbleRAN offers Sqlite, Mysql, and Timescale DB to store the data for further processing.
  - ★ Multivendor
    - *Write Once, Run Anywhere (WORA)*
  - ★ xApp: Subscribe to gather information from the E2 Nodes with periodicity of 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50, 100 ms
  - ★ From the E2 Node until the xApp < 1 ms on average
- Even in a not-optimized network in the lab.



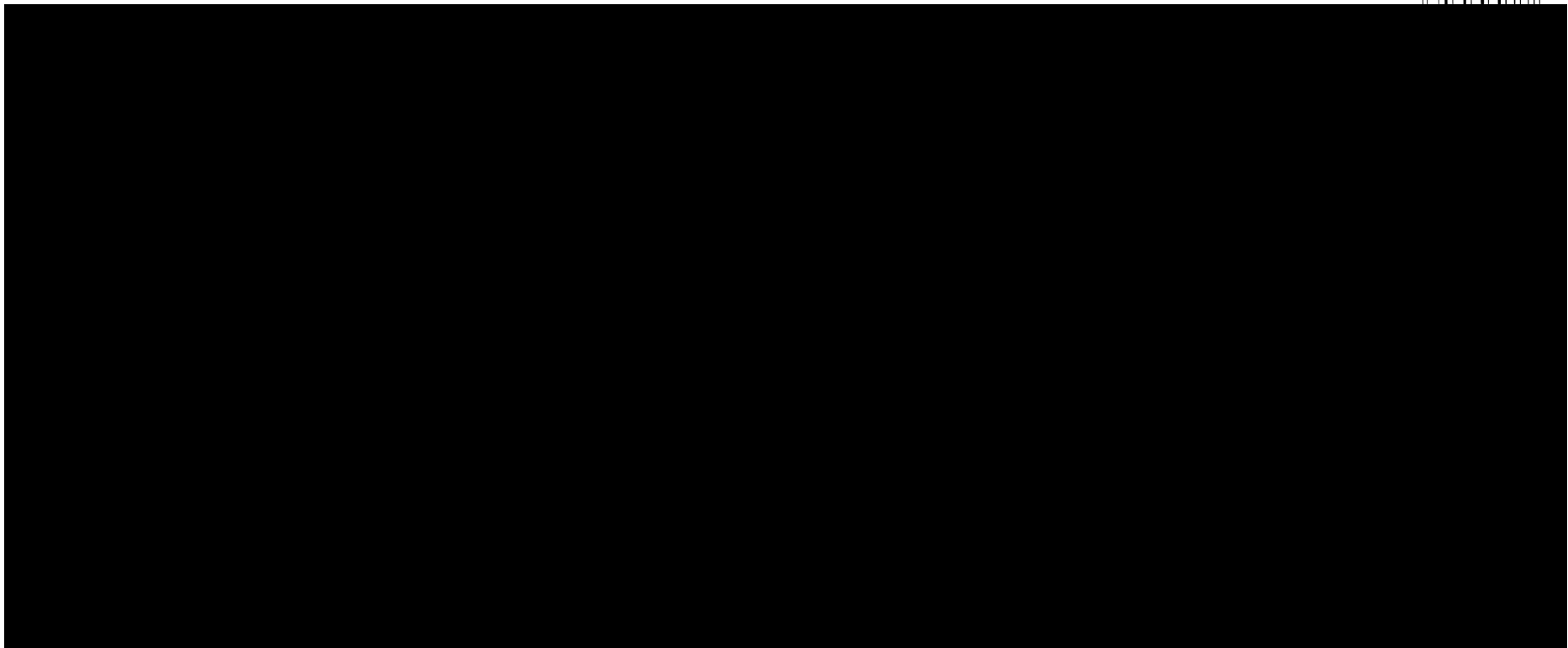
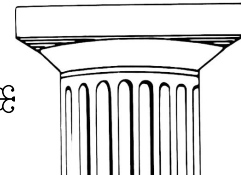
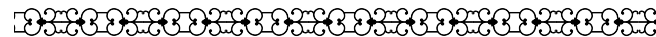
# KPM demo machines configuration (Presenter: Khai)



- Machine1
- Machine2
- Machine3
- Machine4

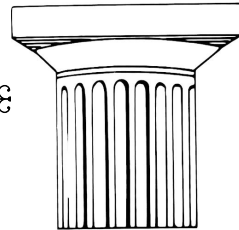


## VIDEO DEMO (Presenter: Khai)





# Takeaway



## [Message]:

- ★ KPM is essential for data gathering e.g., data lakes, and thus, 6G, training, data collection, multi-E2 data source
- ★ Single xApp operating over multi-vendor deployment

## [KPIs]:

- ★ MX-RIC permits a wide range of use cases with different periodicity
- ★ Low-latency ( $< 1\text{ms}$ )
- ★ MX-RIC goes beyond KPM and permits easily customizable SMs
- ★ MX-RIC permits processing the data in the gNB or in the xApp i.e, BW (raw data) vs CPU processing

## [O-RAN and 6G]:

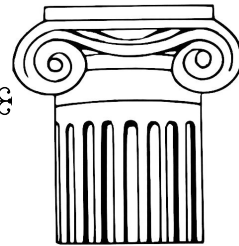
- ★ BubbleRAN MX-RIC evolves KPM towards layer-based, fine-grained, programmable measurements e.g., Sensing and PHY
- ★ Multi-source data lake (MX-DATA): Infrastructure, O-RAN, Energy







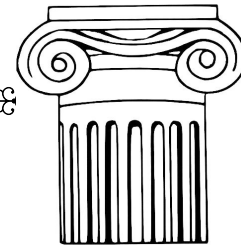
## O-RAN RAN CONTROL (Presenter: Chieh)



- ★ RC is the Service Model for controlling the RAN.
- ★ It enables remotely controlling the RAN for 6G use cases.
  - Radio Bearer Control
  - Radio Resource Allocation Control
  - Connected Mode Mobility
  - Radio Access Control
  - Dual Connectivity Control
  - Idle Mode Mobility Control
  - Beamforming Configuration Control
- ★ **MX-RIC** currently supports radio resource allocation a.k.a. slicing, in OAI and srsRAN, while connected mode mobility control a.k.a., handover in Amarisoft RAN.
  - **Demo 1: xApp Slicing:** Send the slice RC control message to create network slices within gNBs.
  - **Demo 2: xApp Handover:** Subscribe to the cell information using RC on-demand. Once we know which gNB has UEs and which one does not, we send the handover RC control message.



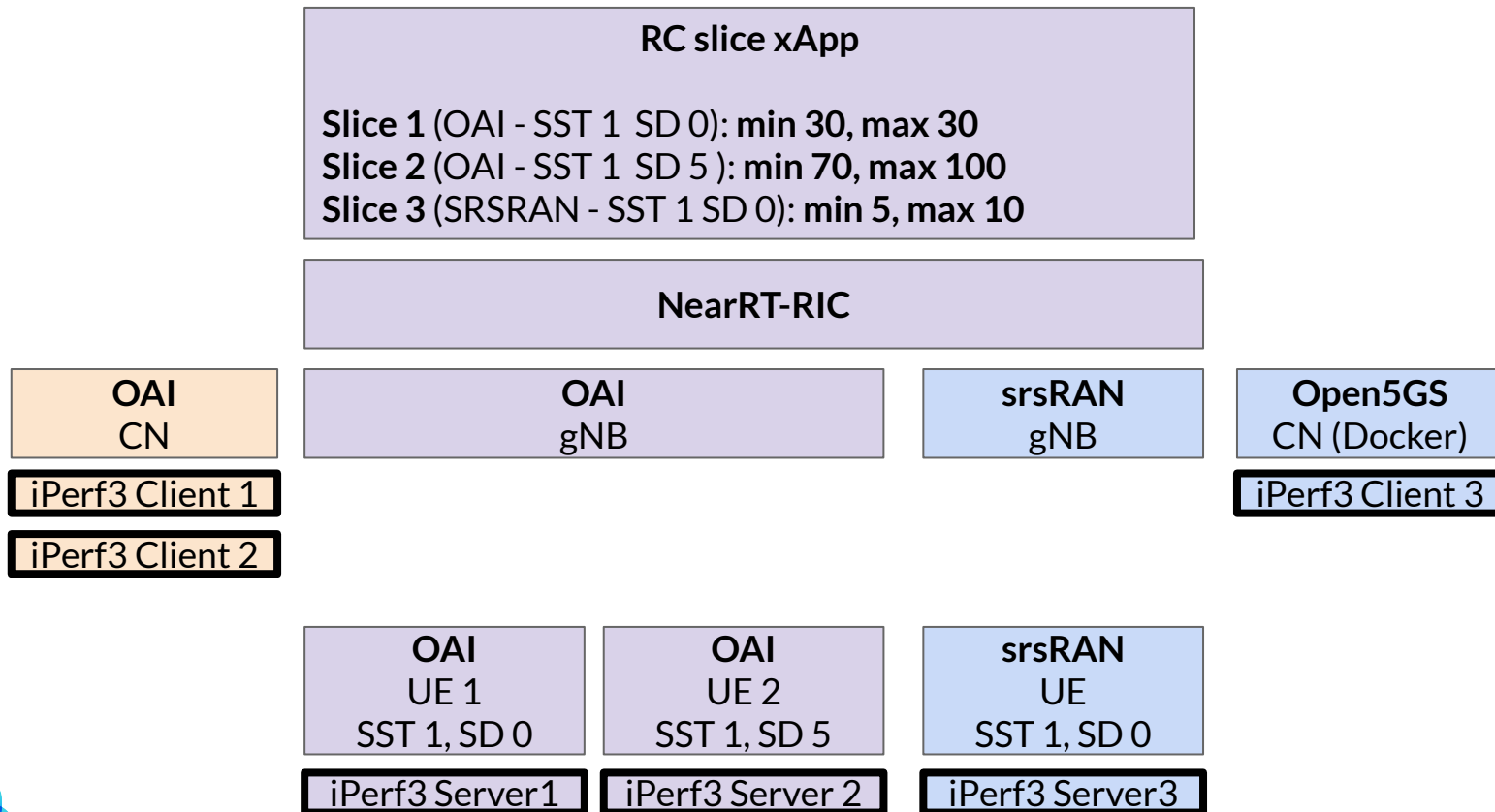
# Slicing Demo Machines Configuration (Presenter: Chieh)

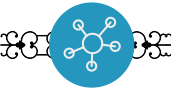


Machine1

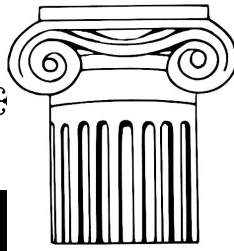
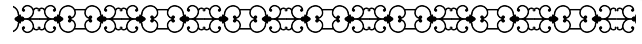
Machine2

Machine3





# VIDEO DEMO (Presenter: Chieh)



OAI CN & gNB

Open5GS CN & SRSRAN gNB

nearRT-RIC

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nynphe@nynphe:~$ sudo oai-cn.cnmf
[2024-06-27T14:58:32.385498Z @ [System] [MW-013602] [Ser
ver] Channel mysql main configured to support TLS. Enc
rypted connections are now supported for this channel.
[2024-06-27T14:58:32.407779Z @ [System] [MW-013323] [Ser
ver] X Plugin ready for connections. Socket: /var/snap/
oai-cn/common/logs/mysql.sock
[2024-06-27T14:58:32.407887Z @ [System] [MW-010931] [Ser
ver] /snap/oai-cn/x1/mdb/mdb: ready for connections. Ve
rsion: 8.0.35-0ubuntu2.0-04.1 socket: /var/snap/oa
i-cn/common/logs/mysql.sock port: 3306 (Ubuntu).

nynphe@nynphe:~$ sudo oai-cn.spgwu
nynphe@nynphe:~$ sudo oai-cn.smf
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root@r/srsran_Project/docker:~/open5gs$ docker compose up --build 5gc
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OAI UE 1

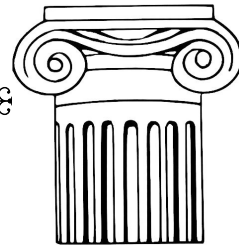
OAI UE 2

SRSRAN UE 3

xApp



# Handover Demo Machines Configuration



**Ayo: xApp + nearRT-RIC**

**Vinci: Proxy E2 Agent**

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**Roland: Amarisoft RAN**

**Ayo: Amarisoft RAN**

Google Pixel

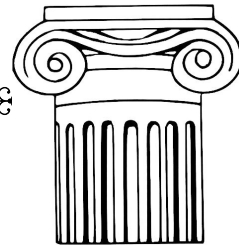




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# Takeaways



## [Message]:

- ★ RC permits controlling the RAN, as well as monitoring it.
- ★ Single xApp operating over multi-vendor deployment.
- ★ MX-RIC supports Slicing/Handover

## [KPI]:

- ★ Real-time control message < 2 ms
- ★ RAN control across multi-vendor RANs
- ★ Load balancing/energy efficiency through handover beyond mobility

## [O-RAN and 6G]:

- ★ MX-RIC also supports Custom Slice Control Service Model (RC+SC)
  - Asymmetric Uplink and Downlink slicing
  - Multiple slicing algorithms (e.g., NVS, EDF, eEDF, Policy-based )
  - Slice Operator (from application to network and radio)





# O-RAN Cell Configuration and Control



Latest SM addition within the BubleRAN's MX-RIC (missing in Open Source FlexRIC)



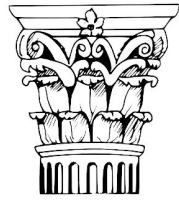
Key 3rd pillar to reconfigure a cell/node

- Offline reconfiguration
  - Configuration e.g., ARFCN
- Online reconfiguration
  - Control e.g., Bandwidth Parts





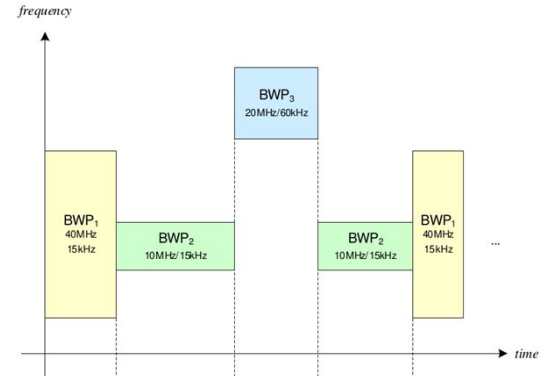
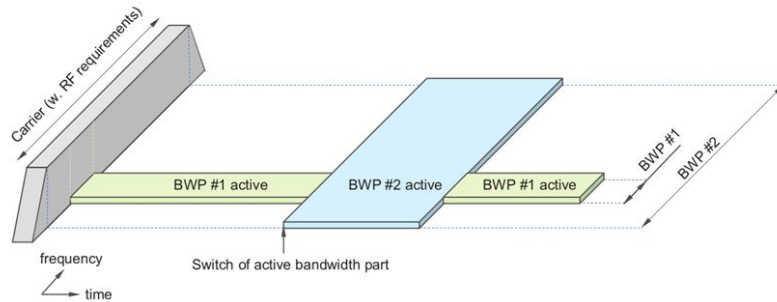
# Bandwidth Part (BWP)



- ★ BWP is a procedure to configure a channel into multiple smaller segments.
- ★ Up to 4 different BWP can be defined in 5G.
- ★ Only one can be active at a time.
- ★ It saves energy for devices where full bandwidth is not required, but energy consumption matters.
- ★ It can avoid interference in the UE.

## What is BWP?

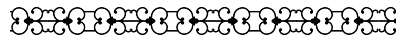
*Chunk of spectrum (numerology + RBs) For handling device capabilities or Lower energy consumption*







# Dynamic BWP Demo Machines Configuration



**Sonic:** iperf generated traffic + Amarisoft CN

**Ayo:** xApp + NearRT-RIC + Proxy Agent + Amarisoft RAN

Google Pixel



# LIVE DEMO: BWP



Activities

SimpleScreenRecorder

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t9s@ayo: /opt/lteemb-linux-2023-06-10

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t9s@ayo: /opt/lteemb-linux-2023-06-10\$ sudo ./lteemb config/mir\_78\_632778.cfg  
Base Station version 2023-06-10, Copyright (C) 2012-2023 Amarisoft  
This software is licensed to Eurecom.  
License server: 172.21.13.57 (63-13-f0-42-f6-53-7f-e0)  
Support and software update available until 2024-06-01.  
  
RF0: sample\_rate=23.040 MHz dl\_freq=3491.670 MHz ul\_freq=3491.670 MHz (band n78) dl\_ant=1  
Warning: CPU hyperthreading is enabled, we do not recommend using it.  
Warning: GTP-U send buffer set to 2097152 instead of 5242880  
You may launch lte\_init.sh script  
(enb) █

SimpleScreenRecorder

Recording

Pause recording

Schedule: (inactive) 

Activate schedule

Edit schedule

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Information

Preview

Total time: 0:00:00  
FPS in: 0.00  
FPS out: 0.00  
Size in: 1920x1080  
Size out: ?  
File name: ?  
File size: 0 B  
Bit rate: 0 bit/s

Preview frame rate: 

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Note: Previewing requires extra CPU time (especially at high frame rates).

Start preview

Log

[PageRecord::StartInput] Started input.  
[PulseAudioInput::InputThread] Input thread started.  
[FastResampler::Resample] Resample ratio is 1.0000 (was 0.0000).

Cancel recording

Save recording

Pixel 5

8:08 

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1.03 MBytes  
[ 5] 59.00-60.00 sec 1.25 MBytes 10.5 Mbits/sec  
0 1.03 MBytes

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Server listening on 5201 (test #9)

c^Ciperf3: Interrupt - the server has terminated  
- \$ iperf3 -s

Server listening on 5201 (test #1)

ESC / - HOME ↑ END PGUP

⌘ CTRL ALT ↓ → PGDN

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# Takeaway



## [Message]:

- ★ CCC supports runtime BWP and offline ARFCN configuration. More configuration and control are possible.

## [KPI]:

- ★ Latency for the BWP configuration < 50 ms.
- ★ Seamless connection and service continuity

## [O-RAN and 6G]:

- ★ Management and Control Convergence: Make Management Plane aware of the CCC actions
- ★ Merged techniques of BWP (CCC) and Slicing (RC) for fine-grained resource control





# Overall Takeaway

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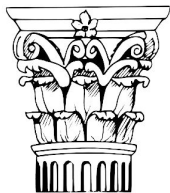
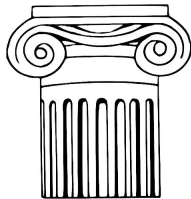
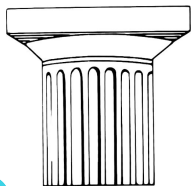
- ★ KPM, RC and CCC are the 3 necessary pillars to monitor and manage the RAN.
- ★ MX-RIC has the most feature complete ecosystem leveraging FlexRIC open source kernel.

## [KPI]:

- ★ MX-RIC support low latency control loops to enable 6G use cases well below O-RAN limits e.g., 10 ms
- ★ MX-RIC support for multi-vendor deployments.

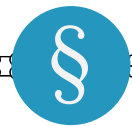
## [O-RAN and 6G]:

- ★ O-RAN 3 SMs are necessary yet may not be sufficient for 6G use cases.



## MX-RIC Features

Service Models	O-RAN SMs				Customized SMs					
	KPM		RC	CCC	MAC	RLC	PDCP	NGAP	SLICE CTRL	Traffic CTRL
	v2	v3	v1	V3						
OAI	v	v	v	TBD	v	v	v	v	v	v
srsRAN	NA	v	v	TBD	NA	NA	NA	NA	TBD	TBD
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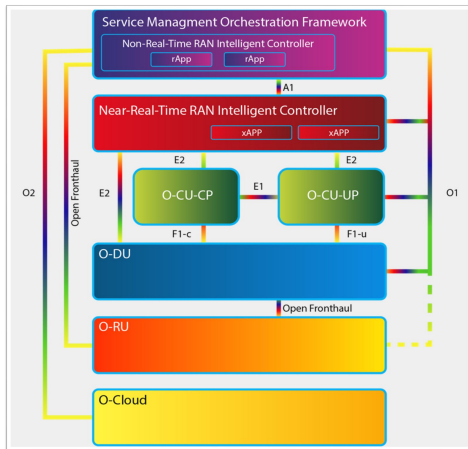
# O-RAN and GenAI

O-RAN ecosystem enhanced with LAMs and LLMs





# Full O-RAN Ecosystem



O1: SMO to all

O2: SMO to O-Cloud

A1: Non-RT RIC to Near-RT RIC

E1: O-CU UP and CP

E2: Near-RT RIC to E2 Nodes

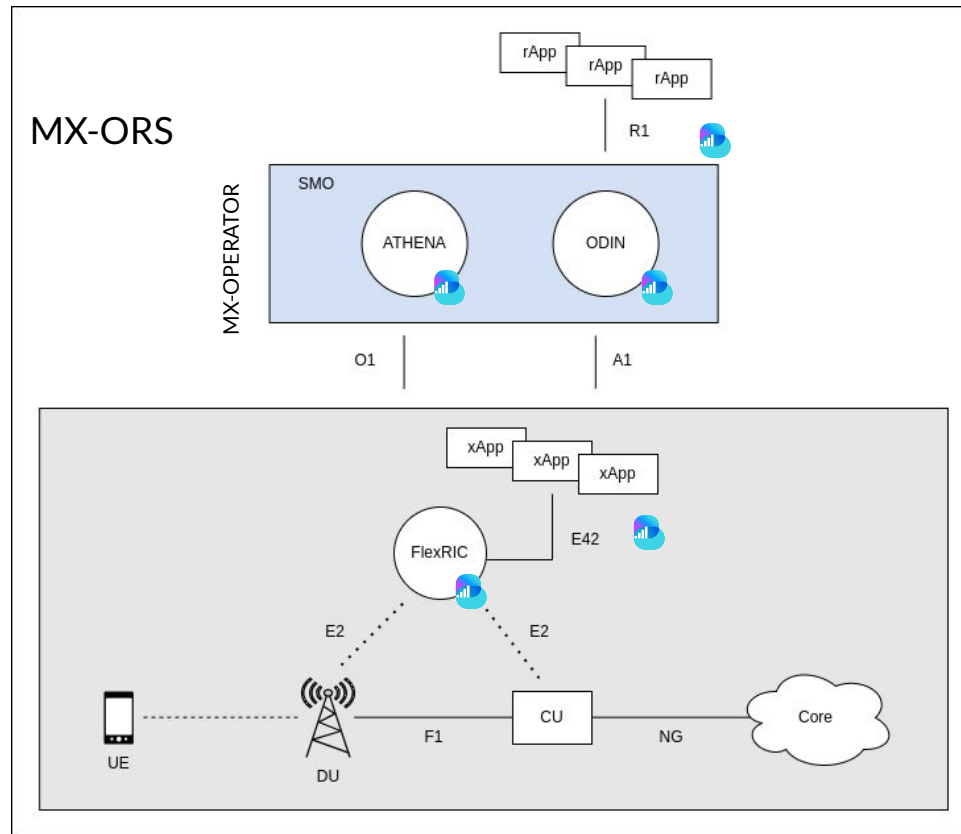
F1-C: O-CU CP to O-DU CP

F1-U: O-CU UP to O-DU UP

Open Fronthaul(7.2): O-DU to O-RU

ODIN = Observable Distributed Intelligent Networking

## MX-ORS





## 6G Use cases: GenAI LAMs/LLMs

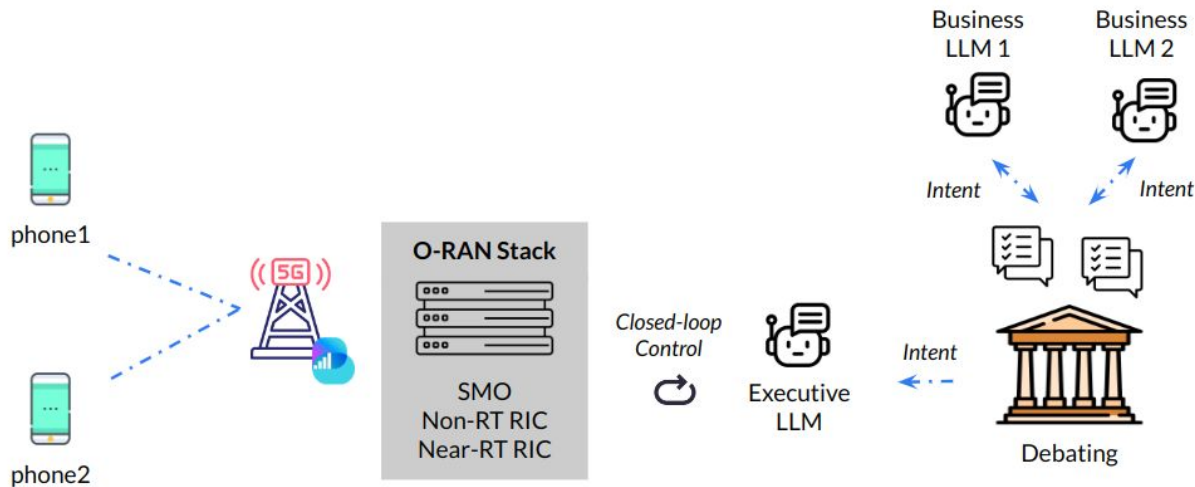


- ★ **Demo 1** : Throughput SLA Negotiation and Optimization with RC (Slicing)
- ★ **Demo 2**: Mobility and Spectrum Management with RC (Handover) and CCC (Cell Reconfiguration)





# Collaborative LLMs: SLA Negotiation & Optimization



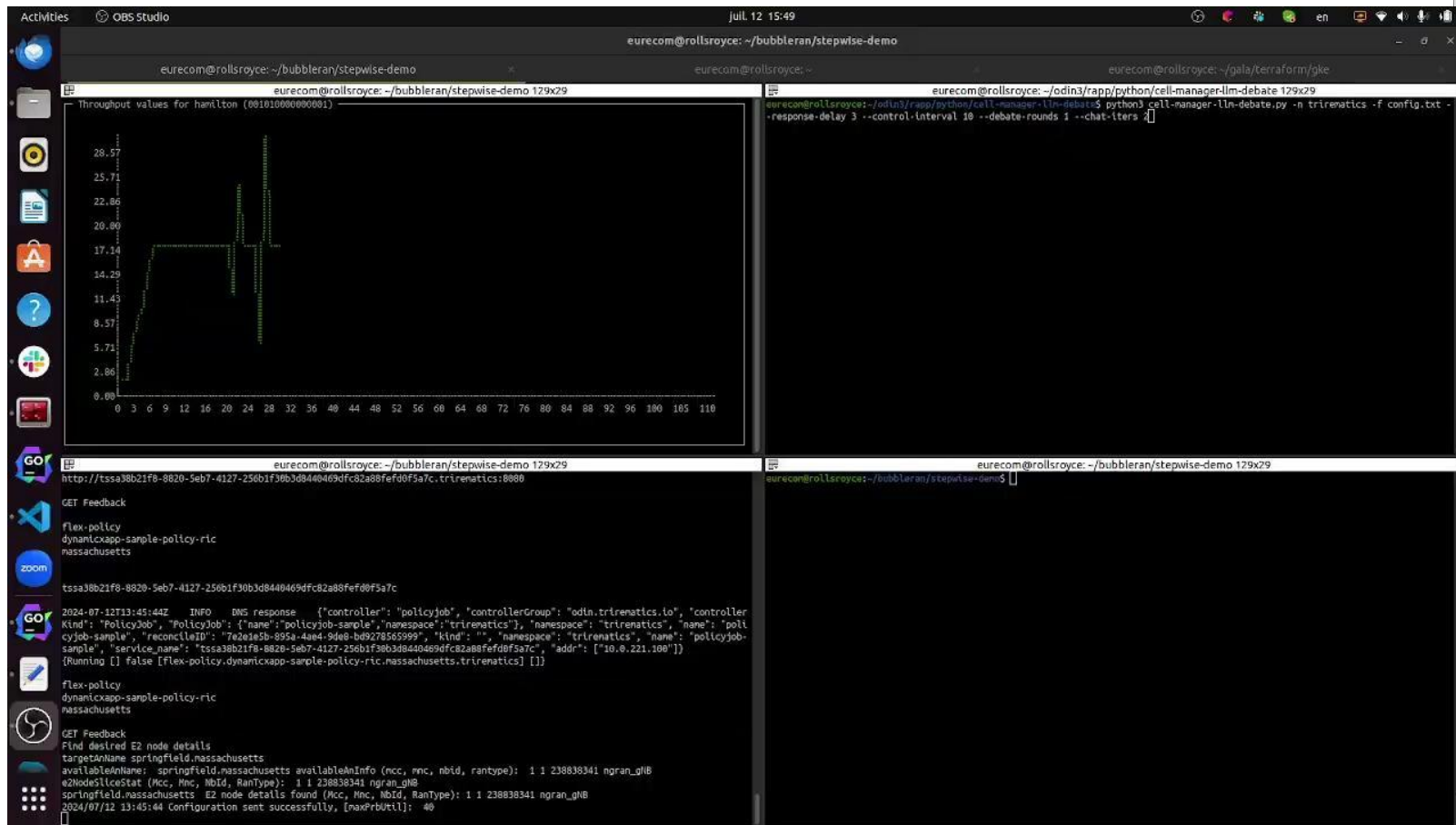
- ★ Intent-Based Networking (IBN)
- ★ Multi-level O-RAN APIs
- ★ Shared Network across many Business Parties

- ★ Resource Negotiation - Debating
- ★ Conflict Resolution (Consensus)
- ★ Closed-loop Operation
- ★ End-to-end Automation





# Collaborative LLMs: SLA Negotiation & Optimization





# LLM Mobility and Spectrum Management Demo



1. LLM Negotiation on Spectrum Sharing and Cost
2. LLM receives available Spectrum Offers
3. LLM choses to configure a gNB to another Band
4. All UEs are moved to a neighboring gNB through a HO based on RC
5. The gNB is reconfigured with a new band accordingly based on CCC
6. LLMs reconnect the previous UEs to the newly reconfigured cells





# LLM Mobility and Spectrum Management Demo



Activities SimpleScreenRecorder jul. 9 18:07

t9s@ayo: ~/mlr/br

```
t9s@ayo:~/mlr/br$ python3 main2.py -f config.txt -c 100 -b /tmp/
```

**SimpleScreenRecorder**

Recording

Pause recording

Schedule: (inactive) [Activate schedule](#) [Edit schedule](#)

☒ Enable recording hotkey ☐ Enable sound notifications

Hotkey: ☐ Ctrl+ ☐ Shift+ ☐ Alt+ ☒ Super+

Information

Total time: 0:00:00  
FPS in: 0.00  
FPS out: 0.00  
Size in: 1920x1080  
Size out: ?  
File name: ?  
File size: 0 B  
Bit rate: 0 bit/s

Preview

Preview frame rate: 10

Note: Previewing requires extra CPU time (especially at high frame rates).

[Start preview](#)

Log

```
[PageRecord:StartInput] Started input.  
[PulseAudioInput:InputThread] Input thread started.  
[FastResampler:Resample] Resample ratio is 1.0000 (was 0.0000).
```

[Cancel recording](#) [Save recording](#)

Pixel 5

6:08 5G

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# Takeaways

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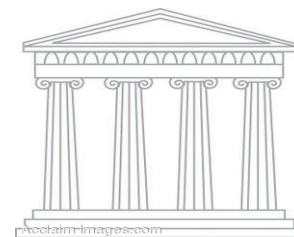
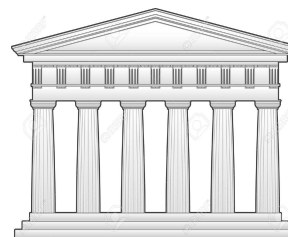
- ★ Through basic building blocks i.e., KPM, RC and CCC, RIC, SMO Realistic 6G Use Cases can be realized

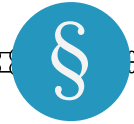
## [KPIs]:

- ★ Spectrum agility can be in the order of score of seconds
- ★ LLM inference speed < 1s
- ★ LLM convergence around 2-3 iterations

## [O-RAN and 6G]:

- ★ FR3 spectrum management use cases
- ★ Citizens Broadband Radio Service (CBRS) use cases
- ★ LLM assisted 6G RAN Slicing





# O-RAN and 6G

O-RAN ecosystem for 6G





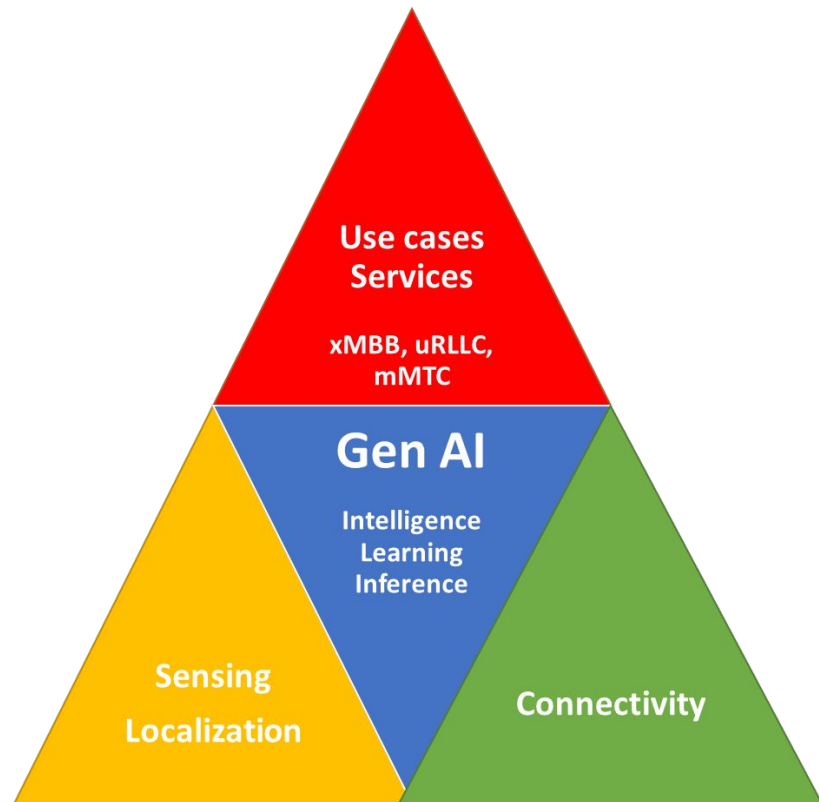
# Toward 6G

## 6G is beyond just connectivity

- ★ Fusion of physical and digital → DT
- ★ Emerging Applications & Services
  - Collaborative Communication and Computing
  - Intelligent Digital twinning
  - Metaverse
  - Extended reality (XR)

## GenAI at the center of 6G

- ★ Intelligent Optimization
- ★ Simplification of Control & Management
- ★ Abstraction of Objectives

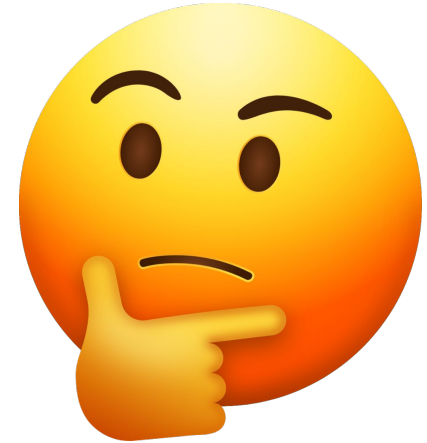




# Thinking outside the box, on the road to 6G

## Two directions:

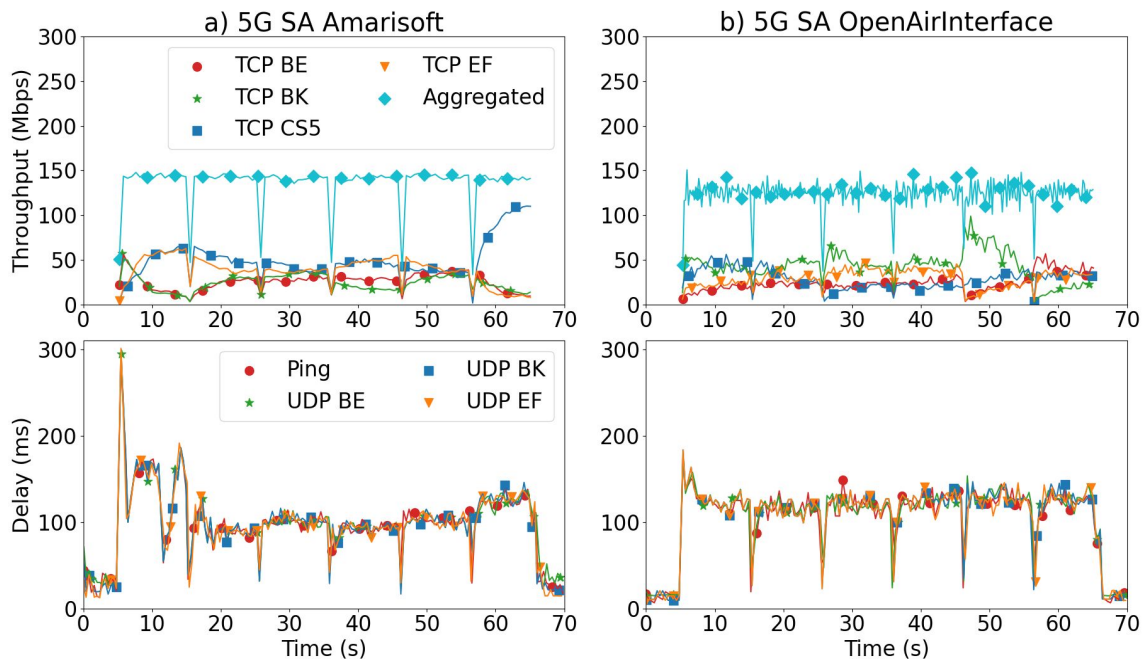
- **QoS:** Bufferbloat in 5G, TC SM and application level QoS
  - Demo: YouTube video behaviour using TC
- **ISAC:** 3D mapping with Sensing, Localization and Positioning





# Bufferbloat in 5G

- ★ Latency is perceived at the application!
- ★ Contemporary gNBs are the slowest data link in the flow path, and thus are likely to suffer from the bufferbloat phenomenon.





# Low Latency, Low Loss and Scalable Throughput (L4S)

- ★ To handle it, in 5G 3gpp Release 18, Low Latency Low Loss and Scalable Throughput (L4S) has been proposed.
- ★ L4S marks the IP packets at PDCP once it detects that bufferbloat is happening at the RLC buffer.

## 5.37.3.2 Support of ECN marking for L4S in NG-RAN

*"To enable ECN marking for L4S in NG-RAN, dedicated QoS Flow(s) are used for carrying L4S enabled IP traffic. [...] The criteria based on which NG-RAN decides to mark ECN bits for L4S is NG-RAN implementation specific"*

3gpp V18.5.0 (2024-05)

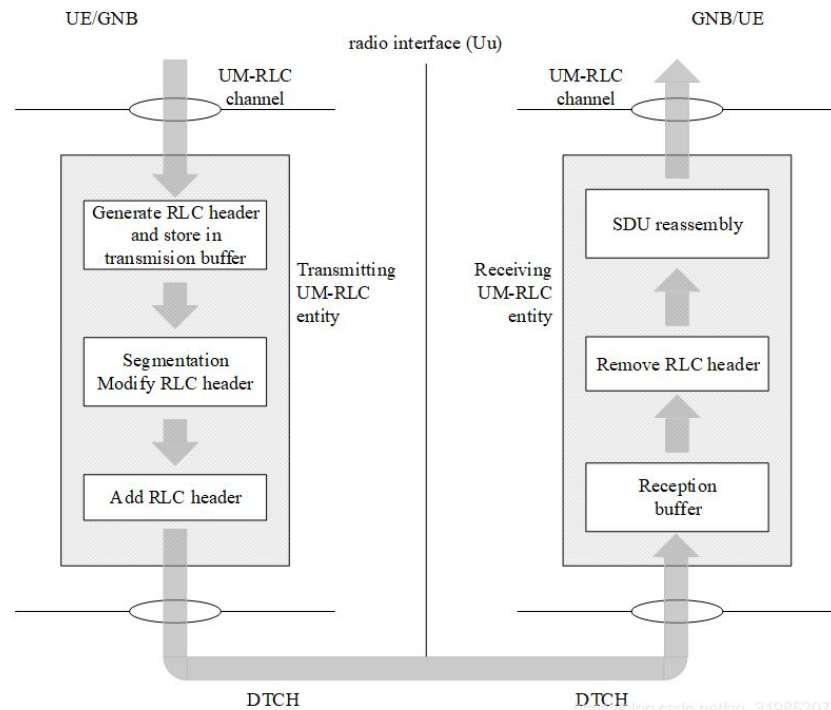
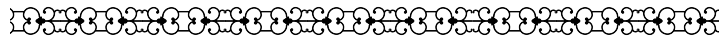


Figure credits: 3GPP

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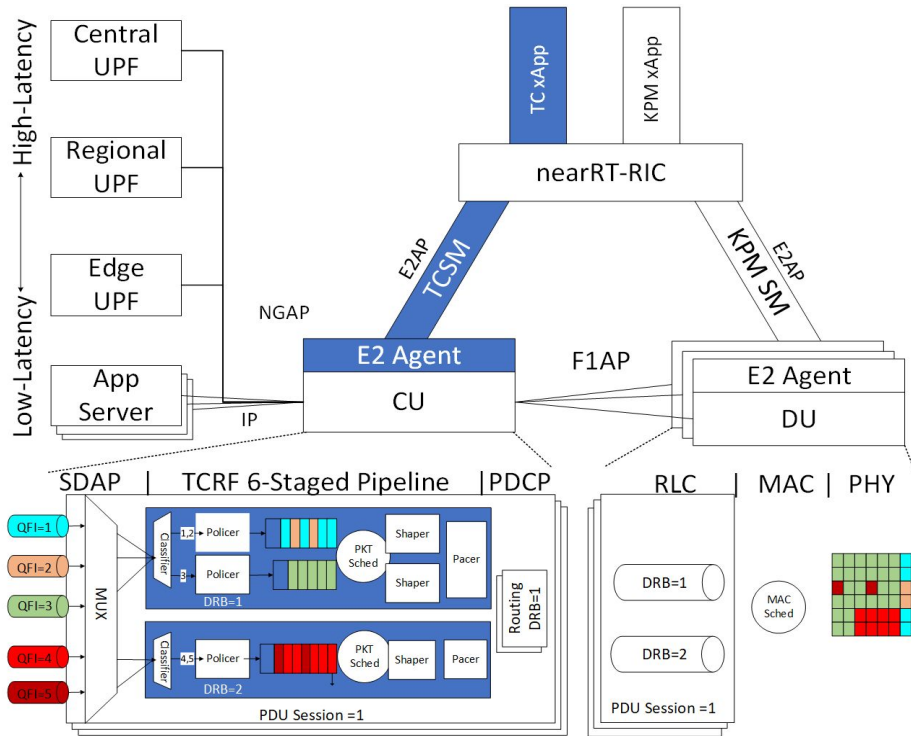
# BubbleRAN's approach to the bufferbloat



We developed a Traffic Control SM with 6 stages i.e., policer, classifier, queue, scheduler, pacer and shaper as \*.so.

- ★ Classifier: Type of the packet
- ★ Policer: Let it pass/drop/redirect
- ★ Queue: CoDel, FIFO, ECN
- ★ Scheduler: Priority, RR
- ★ Shaper: Shape the BW per queue
- ★ Pacer: Avoid bloating the RLC buffer

## ● TC is a superset of L4S



[TC-RAN: A programmable traffic control service model for 5G/6G SD-RAN](#)

[Programmable Traffic Control Service in Open RAN for Reducing Latency](#)



## Additional BubbleRAN's TC SM Features

- ★ **Classifier:** Has been enhanced with a deep packet inspector (nDPI), capable of segregating among more than 100 flows e.g., YouTube, Twitch, Spotify, Zoom, ads/analytics...
- ★ **Challenge is to model applications behaviour and provide control loops that optimize the traffic.**
  - E.g., Youtube > 30 flows e.g., TCP, UDP, QUIC, DNS, and data packets arrive in batches according to the data path bandwidth and latency, which can be monitored (KPM/RC) and dynamically controlled (RC/CCC).
  - Additionally, applications adapt to the network status dynamically.





# TC Demo Machines Configuration

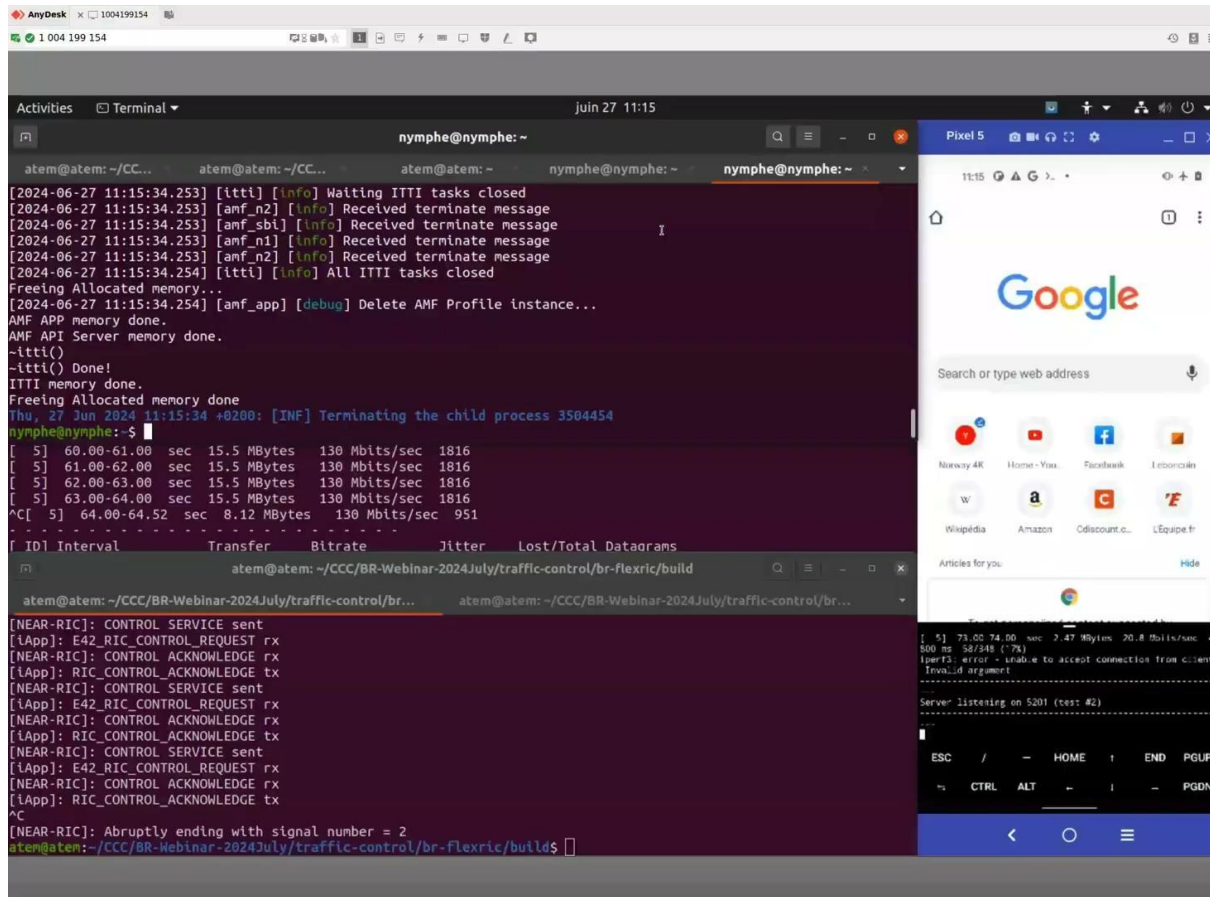
**Nymphe: CN**

**Atem: gNB + nearRT-RIC + tc xApp**

**Pixel 5**



# VIDEO/LIVE DEMO: TC



The screenshot displays a video/live demo interface. On the left, a terminal window titled 'AnyDesk' shows a series of log messages and network statistics. The logs indicate the termination of ITTI tasks and the freeing of allocated memory. The network statistics table shows data transfer and bitrate over time. On the right, a mobile emulator window titled 'Pixel 5' displays the Google search page. Below the emulator, a terminal window shows a server listening on port 5201 and receiving a connection from a client.

```
[2024-06-27 11:15:34.253] [itti] [info] Waiting ITTI tasks closed
[2024-06-27 11:15:34.253] [amf_n2] [info] Received terminate message
[2024-06-27 11:15:34.253] [amf_sbi] [info] Received terminate message
[2024-06-27 11:15:34.253] [amf_n1] [info] Received terminate message
[2024-06-27 11:15:34.253] [amf_n2] [info] Received terminate message
[2024-06-27 11:15:34.254] [itti] [info] All ITTI tasks closed
Freeing Allocated memory...
[2024-06-27 11:15:34.254] [amf_app] [debug] Delete AMF Profile Instance...
AMF APP memory done.
AMF API Server memory done.
-itti()
-itti() Done!
ITTI memory done.
Freeing Allocated memory done
Thu, 27 Jun 2024 11:15:34 +0200: [INF] Terminating the child process 3504454
nymph@nymph:~$
```

Interval	Transfer	Bitrate	Jitter	Lost/Total Datagrams
[ 5] 60.00-61.00 sec	15.5 MBytes	130 Mbits/sec	1816	
[ 5] 61.00-62.00 sec	15.5 MBytes	130 Mbits/sec	1816	
[ 5] 62.00-63.00 sec	15.5 MBytes	130 Mbits/sec	1816	
[ 5] 63.00-64.00 sec	15.5 MBytes	130 Mbits/sec	1816	
[ 5] 64.00-64.52 sec	8.12 MBytes	130 Mbits/sec	951	

```
[NEAR-RIC]: CONTROL SERVICE sent
[App]: E42_RIC_CONTROL_REQUEST rx
[NEAR-RIC]: CONTROL ACKNOWLEDGE rx
[App]: RIC_CONTROL_ACKNOWLEDGE tx
[NEAR-RIC]: CONTROL SERVICE sent
[App]: E42_RIC_CONTROL_REQUEST rx
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[App]: E42_RIC_CONTROL_REQUEST rx
[NEAR-RIC]: CONTROL ACKNOWLEDGE rx
[App]: RIC_CONTROL_ACKNOWLEDGE tx
^C
[NEAR-RIC]: Abruptly ending with signal number = 2
atem@atem:~/CCC/BR-Webinar-2024July/traffic-control/br-flexric/build$
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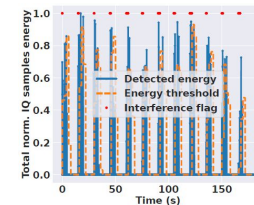
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[ 5] 73.00 74.00 sec 7.47 Mbytes 20.8 Mbits/sec 4.800 ms 58/348 (7%)
Iperf3: error = unable to accept connection from client: Invalid argument

Server listening on 5201 (test #2)

ESC / - HOME + END PGUP
CTRL ALT - + PGDN
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# 3D mapping with Sensing, Localization and Positioning (SLP)

- ★ BubbleRAN is introducing a new custom service model in support of 6G ISAC use case
- ★ **SM data model:** I/Q samples (+SRS) to passively sense and construct the physical environment
  - Multi-cell, Multi-Antenna, Multi-RAT/Frequency (WiFi, 5G sub 6, 5G mWave)
- ★ **Example xApps and their outputs:**
  - RSSI, BLER, Relative position, Observed spectrum energy
  - Interference detection (Background Spikes)
  - Heatmap, 3D Maps
  - Object Classes/Action Recognition, Trajectory Tracking/Collision Avoidance



## Note:

- ★ Demand for low-latency and huge amount of data (e.g., 5MHz 15 KHz gNB with a slot of 1 ms generates 25 Resource Blocks x 12 subcarriers x 14 resource elements x 1000 ms x 4 bytes I/Q sample = 16.8 MBytes/s)

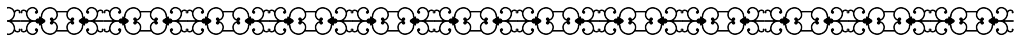
## Example Use-cases:

- ★ Goal-Oriented Intelligent Connectivity
- ★ Digital Twinning
- ★ 3D network/crowd maps





## Promotion and Close Session



- ★ Open RAN Mini-Series are a forum to share knowledge and foster academia-industry collaboration
  - We value your feedback to improve the quality, format and the content of upcoming series
- ★ To this end, Open RAN Studio platform is designed with the following objectives
  - Empower communities and organizations to accelerate the adoption of modern technologies
  - Solid ground for tutoring the next generation researchers and engineers
  - Reproducible/verifiable and consistent outcomes for teaching and research
  - Affordable and accessible means for education and research
  - Opening new possibilities and dimensions via multi-disciplinary research
- ★ BubbleRAN's Release in **autumn** would contain all these features available
  - Access to the source code for SDKs would be packaged separately
  - Checkout the br-flexric branch on open source FlexRIC for more details
- ★ Official early support for 7.2 via LiteON and OAI
- ★ Official support for O1 for LiteON AIO and O-RU products



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