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Colosseum Batch Experiments

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Batch Mode

- Radio applications and scenarios are controlled automatically by Colosseum
- Containers need to be preconfigured to use the Radio API which will allow Colosseum to control the radio applications
- Containers **do not** have access to the teams' network storage folders
- Containers **are not** accessible by SSH (except for the nodes with node_type set to "bot")
- Batch jobs are inserted in a queue and run when resources are available

Batch Mode

Set-up through configurations files:

- Batch configuration file:
 - Tells Colosseum how to run the experiment
 - Must be saved to the network storage on the File Proxy at </share/nas/teamname/batch/>
- Modem configuration file(s):
 - Passes any additional parameters to the container
 - Parameters need to be handled by user code
 - Must be saved to the network storage on the File Proxy at </share/nas/teamname/config/>

Batch Configuration File

- Name of batch experiment
- Duration of batch experiment
- RF Scenario to run
- Traffic scenario to run
- Mapping of SRNs to nodes in the scenarios

```
1  {
2    "BatchName": "My Test Batch",
3    "Duration": 300,
4    "RFScenario": 6742,
5    "TrafficScenario": 1,
6    "NodeData": [
7      {
8        "RFNode_ID"      : 1,
9        "ImageName"      : "modem-image-v1",
10       "ModemConfig"     : "modem_config_file_1",
11       "isGateway"       : true,
12       "TrafficNode_ID"  : 1,
13       "node_type"       : "competitor"
14     },
15     {
16       "RFNode_ID"      : 2,
17       "ImageName"      : "modem-image-v1",
18       "ModemConfig"     : "modem_config_file_2",
19       "isGateway"       : false,
20       "TrafficNode_ID"  : 2,
21       "node_type"       : "competitor"
22     }
23   ]
24 }
```

Batch Configuration File, cont'd

Mapping of SRNs to nodes in the scenarios:

- **RFNode_ID**: Node in the RF scenario the SRN should be mapped to
- **ImageName**: Container image to load on the SRN
- **ModemConfig**: The location of the modem config file to load

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20             "TrafficNode_ID"  : 2,
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22         }
23     ]
24 }
```

Three red arrows originate from the text on the left and point to specific fields in the JSON. The first arrow points from 'RFNode_ID' to line 8. The second arrow points from 'ImageName' to line 9. The third arrow points from 'ModemConfig' to line 10.

Batch Configuration File, cont'd

Mapping of SRNs to nodes in the scenarios:

- **isGateway**: Determines if the collaboration gateway is connected to the node
- **TrafficNode_ID**: Node in the traffic scenario this SRN should be mapped to

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```

Batch Configuration File, cont'd

Mapping of SRNs to nodes in the scenarios:

- **node_type**: The type of this node
 - **competitor**: used for standard batch jobs
 - **bot**: allows users to SSH into the node during a batch job, e.g., for debugging purposes.

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Batch Job Workflow

After users queue batch jobs and start executing:

- Containers are loaded on the SRNs
- The colosseum.ini file is copied into the container → contains info in the batch job
- If specified, the radio configuration is pre-loaded into the container

Batch Job Workflow, cont'd

- Startup user scripts are executed (e.g., **upstart** of sysvinit scripts)
- After boot, the SRN controller periodically calls the **status.sh** Radio API script to check that the status of each container is **READY**
- 5 minutes after container boot, the SRN controller calls the **start.sh** Radio API script regardless of whether or not the container radio is in the **READY** state

Batch Job Workflow, cont'd

- Once **start.sh** has been called, RF and traffic scenarios start.
- The radios are now able to communicate through MCHM.
- The containers needs to ensure that the **status.sh** script now returns **ACTIVE**

Batch Job Workflow, cont'd

- When the scenario is completed, the **stop.sh** Radio API script is called
- The containers begin preparing for teardown
- Users may use this time to copy files to the **/logs** directory (saved on the NAS after the batch job ends)
- The container needs to ensure that the **status.sh** script now returns **STOPPING**

Batch Job Workflow, cont'd

- When experiment has ended, the radio container needs to ensure that the **status.sh** script now returns **FINISHED**
- Two minutes after **stop.sh** is called, the container deallocates, regardless of whether or not the container radio is in the **FINISHED** state

Batch Mode Timeline Example

Batch mode timeline example of 600 seconds:

- Minute 00:00 - 13:00 → batch job starts
 - The USRP is flashed
 - Containers are allocated/instantiated
 - Initial startup scripts are called
- Minute 13:00 → check containers for readiness
 - Did all the containers **status.sh** report a **READY** state?
 - Did the RF subsystem report **READY**? (Colosseum internal readiness check)
 - Did the traffic subsystem report **READY**? (Colosseum internal readiness check)

Batch Mode Timeline Example, cont'd

- Minute 13:00 - 16:00 → scenario preparation
 - 3 minutes for Colosseum scenario preparation
- Minute 16:00 → scenario starts
 - All containers call to `start.sh`
- Minute 16:00 - 26:00 → user experiment runs

Batch Mode Timeline Example, cont'd

- Minute 26:00 → scenario stops
 - All containers call to `stop.sh`
- Minute 26:00 - 28:00 → container teardown
 - 2 minutes for user radio application cleanup (e.g., copying any data to the `/logs` directory)

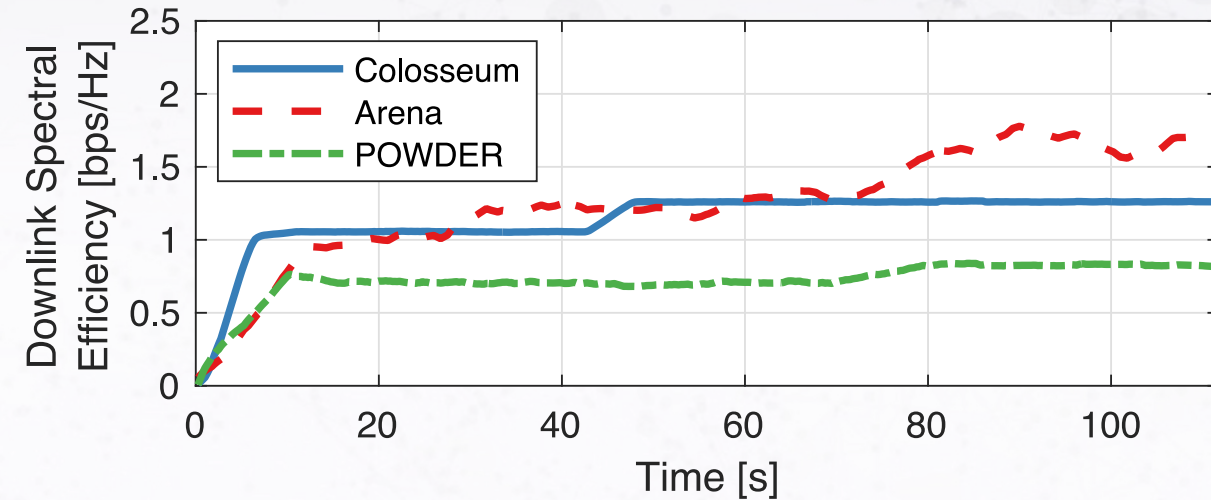
More info on batch mode jobs:

- <https://tinyurl.com/5y4cens8>

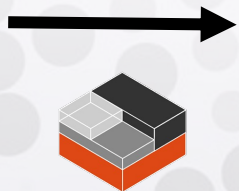
Validation Pipeline Example

Port containers to different testbeds

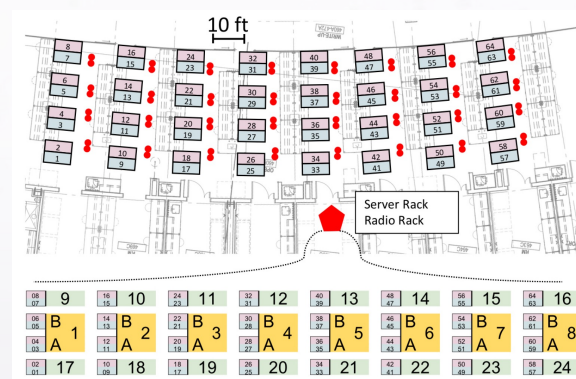
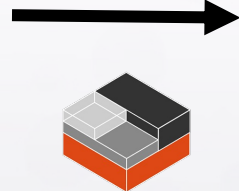
- **Prototype** on Colosseum
- **Validate** in real environment
- **Test** large-scale capabilities **on city-scale platforms**



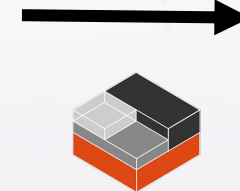
Test at-a-scale
on emulated
scenarios



Validate in
real wireless
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Test large-
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capabilities



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Thank You! (Questions?)



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