

GENI

Experimentation Update

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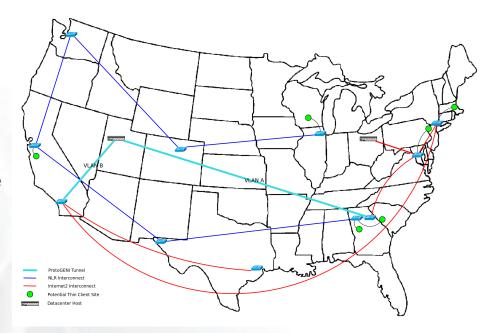


Rapid Growth in Experimentation (and Consistent Experimenter Wish List)

- **GENI** is gaining traction with experimenters.
 - More experimenters are signing up for credentials.
 - More experimenters are actively using GENI.
- **Experienced experimenters**

are pushing up against some limits. They want access to more GENI resources.

- More deeply programmable sites
- More compute resources
- Long-lived slices



Planned GENI expansion significantly enhances experiment opportunities.



Making Easy Things Easy

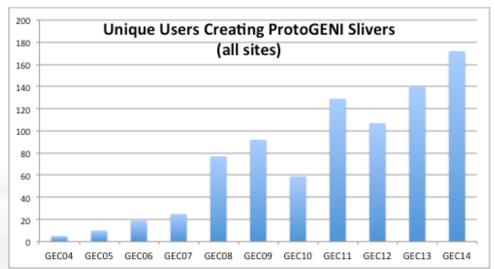
(With apologies to the perl folks)

- New experimenters want training and ease-of-use improvements
 - Simplified setup
 - Top concerns we are hearing include: key management, tool configuration
 - Better documentation
 - More online training material
 - Example experiments and configurations
- Prototype clearinghouse / portal addresses some of these issues
 - Come back this afternoon for a preview
- Is the classroom GENI's next frontier?
 - NSF-sponsored workshop this past Sunday on distributed systems curriculum development

The GENI target audience includes newcomer experimenters.

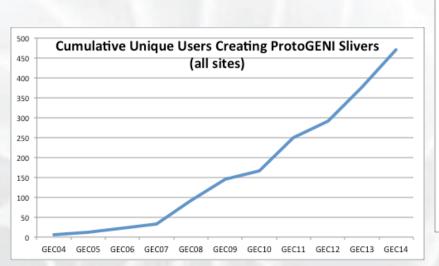


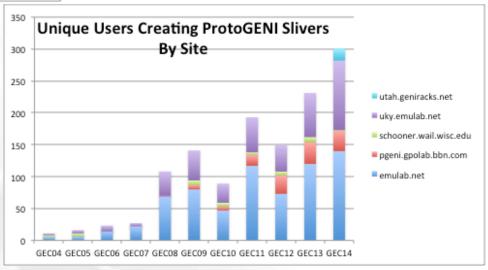
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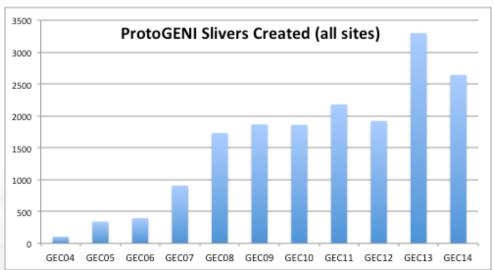
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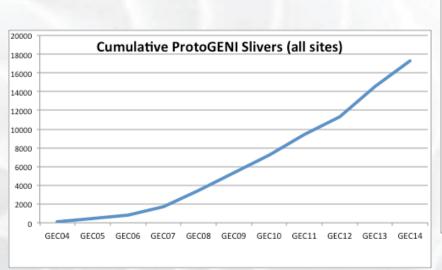


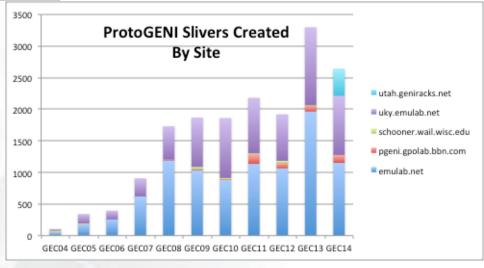
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Experimenter Training: GENI Summer Camps and Workshops

1st GENI research and educational experiment workshop (GREE2012)

At GEC13 (Los Angeles), March 15-16

GREE-SC2012 at RIT in May/June

- 4.5 days of tutorials, advice, one-onone support, and project coding
- Eighteen attendees plus camp staff
 - Ten grants from ~30 applicants, plus eight self-funded
- Participants continue projects with an eye towards submission to GREE2013.





Next camp: June 2013 at UConn, Storrs, CT.

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Experimenter Training: Sample Experiments / Assignments

Sample experiments available from the experimenter page on the GENI wiki

- Increase familiarity with GENI capabilities
- Good starting place after taking tutorials

Next steps

- GPO is seeking more sample experiments
- Modify / package for classroom use



Welcome GENI Experimenters!

The Global Environment for Network Innovations - GENI - is a suite of research infrastructure rapidly taking shape in prototype form across the United States. It is sponsored by the National Science Foundation, with the goal of becoming the world's first laboratory environment for exploring future internets at scale, thereby promoting innovations in network science, security, technologies, services and applications

You are why GENI is here.

Remember that GENI is a virtual laboratory, and what's a laboratory without experiments? So, thank you for using GENI for your experiments.

Resources for experimenters

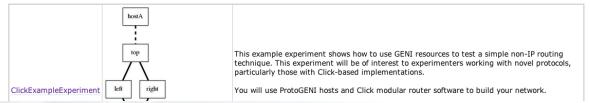
We're here to help. If you have questions or get stuck, please e-mail us at ⇒ help@geni.net.

Here are some pointers to GENI information that may help you get started.

- · If you need GENI credentials, follow the instructions at SignMeUp
- If you are new to GENI, you may want to check the New Experimenter Q&A.
- The page UnderstandingGENI has information about how you can get started and run your experiment in GENI, including a catalog of resources.
- rt mailing list for experimenters can be found ⇒ here.

GENI Experiment Repository

A small but growing repository for archived and example experiments, plus some material for your not-too-serious reading enjoyment.



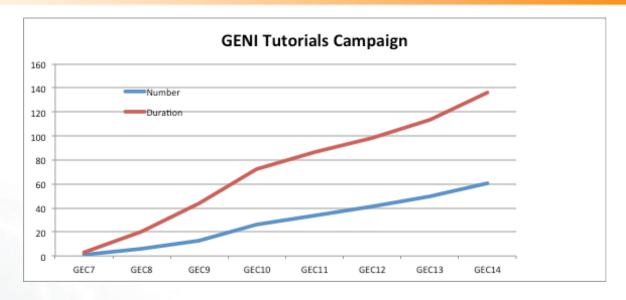
New Experimenters: Try these sample experiments Experienced Experimenters: Make your experiment available to others



Experimenter Training: GENI Tutorials

Tutorials at GECs have been a great success.

It's time to branch out.



New approaches to GENI tutorials

- Present tutorials at non-GENI venues
 - TridentCom and SIGMETRICS tutorials offered in June 2012
- Make existing tutorials available online as "self-service"
 - E.g., Flack / INSTOOLS tutorial described in SIGCOMM CCR, Jan 2012, "Getting Started with GENI: A User Tutorial."

Tutorial teams: make your tutorial available for self-service.



GENI Improvements for Experimenters

GENI expansion – GENI racks, more campuses

Major impact on multi-campus resource availability

More help getting started

- Simplified key management and configuration
 - Initial improvements already available with new tools in recent omni releases: omniconfigure and ready-to-login scripts.
 - More improvements coming with integrated clearinghouse and portal: attend session this afternoon to learn more
- Expanded on-line tutorials and examples
- Evaluating a downloadable, offline "GENI in a bottle" implementation as a first step in starting a GENI deployment

Continuing support for ongoing experiments

- GENI summer camps and workshops
- Operations support, helpdesk

Attend Experimenter Roundtable tomorrow to have your say.



Start Your Experiment!

Learn how to use GENI

- Attend tutorials
- Visit the wiki:
 - http://groups.geni.net/geni/wiki/GeniExperimenterWelcome

Get an account

Instructions on wiki

Start experimenting

- Try a sample experiment
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