Unified Measurements GENI Requirements and Specifications for Embedded Real-Time Measurements

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Motivation

Today's optical WDM transport networks

- allocate sufficient power margins for high physical-layer reliability,
- are "error-free" (bit error ratios $< 10^{-15}$), and
- provide small link outage probabilities (10⁻⁴ to 10⁻⁸).

So why should we care?

Increase in network flexibility calls for relaxed physical layer performance constraints

Major GENI Challenges

- Architectural experimentations across diverse heterogeneous technologies by supporting **embedded real-time measurements** and enabling **cross-layer communications/optimization** for dynamic, impairment aware traffic management.
- Development of GENI requirements for real-time measurements capabilities
- Evaluate performance impact under several scenarios of bidirectional cross layer information exchange
- Integration of measurement resources into substrate and control plane framework(s) within the GENI prototyping efforts
- Monitoring of underlying framework conditions during experiment

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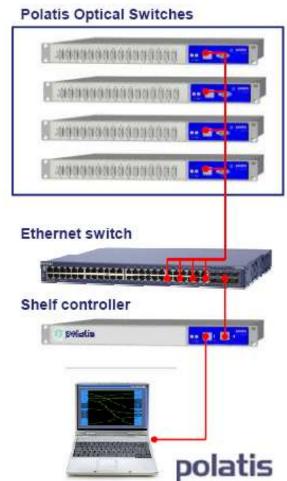
Measurements as a GENI Resource (Examples, there is much more)

Infinera DTN	Adva Optical Networking	Ekinops	Polatis fiber switch	NetFPGA
Bit error counter (FEC)	Bit error counter (FEC) optical power monitor	Bit error counter (FEC)	Optical power monitor Optical power control	Freely programmable FPGA
Proto-GENI BEN	MAX GpENI	GpENI	BEN	SSP Overlay Proto-GENI

Milestone 1, http://groups.geni.net/geni/wiki/Embedded Real-Time Measurements

Performance Monitoring Example Polatis Fiber Switch

- •Remote monitoring options
 - GUI
 - Embedded web browser
 - Remote network control center
- Switch management
 - SNMPv3, TL1, SCPI protocols
- Interfaces
 - Ethernet
 - Serial (RS232)
 - GPIB



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Requirements

- Large number of interfaces (depending on number of PMONs)
- Abstraction of interfaces
- Preparation of measurement data
- Extensibility
- Manageability

Unified measurement framework

PMON ... performance monitor

Unified Measurement Framework Requirements

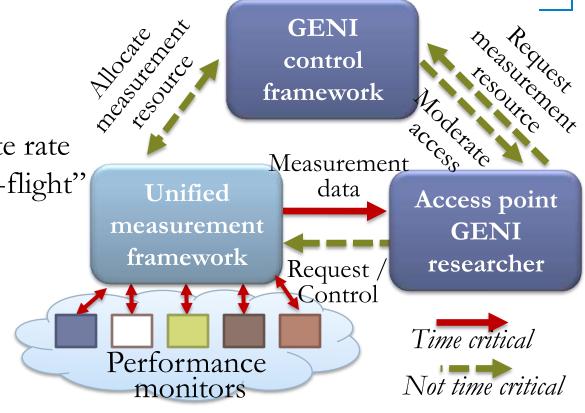
- Access control
- Acquire measurement data
- Basic processing
- Abstraction of measurement capabilities
- Single point of access
- Storage capacity
- Unified interfaces to researcher and control framework

GENI control framework Unified Access point measurement **GENI** framework researcher Performance monitors Substrate

Present a uniform view of measurement capabilities within the substrate and make them sliceable/accessible.

Unified Measurement Framework Specifications

- Interfaces
- Timing constraints
 - Measurement update rate
 - Maximum "time-of-flight"
- Storage capability
 - Measurement data
 - Access data
 - Drivers



Milestone 2, http://groups.geni.net/geni/wiki/Embedded Real-Time Measurements

Unified Measurement Framework Implementation (Examples)

- On substrate equipment
- External hardware unit
 - Computer (Server) with storage capability
 - NetFPGA (10G-NetFPGA)
 - Interfaces: Ethernet, GPIB, Serial, ...
 - Support protocols: TL1, SMNP, ...



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Summary

- Control and acquire measurement data in a unified way
- Abstract measurement capabilities and equipment
- Provide a single point of access (for the GENI researcher and the control framework)
- Enable basic processing of the measurement data
- Provide some storage capacity
- Allow for easy reconfiguration
- Reduce software, hardware, and design overhead



Announcement

Network simulator NS-2 modules ready for download

Milestone 3

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