

# Are you ready for the tutorial?

1. Grab instructions
2. Did you do the pre-work?
  - A. Do you have an account?
  - B. Have you installed the tools?
    - \* ssh
3. Connect to the network  
Connect to *U. Oregon's wireless network*

GENI Portal is at:

<http://portal.geni.net>

# An Introduction to GENI and Your 1<sup>st</sup> Experiment using GENI

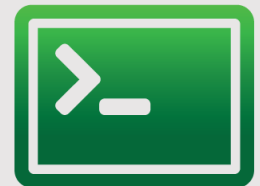
Violet R. Syrotiuk

Arizona State University

Based on a presentation by Sarah Edwards and Vic Thomas, GENI Project Office



Design/Setup



Execute



Finish

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# Why GENI?

## Science Issues

We cannot currently understand or predict the behavior of complex, large-scale networks

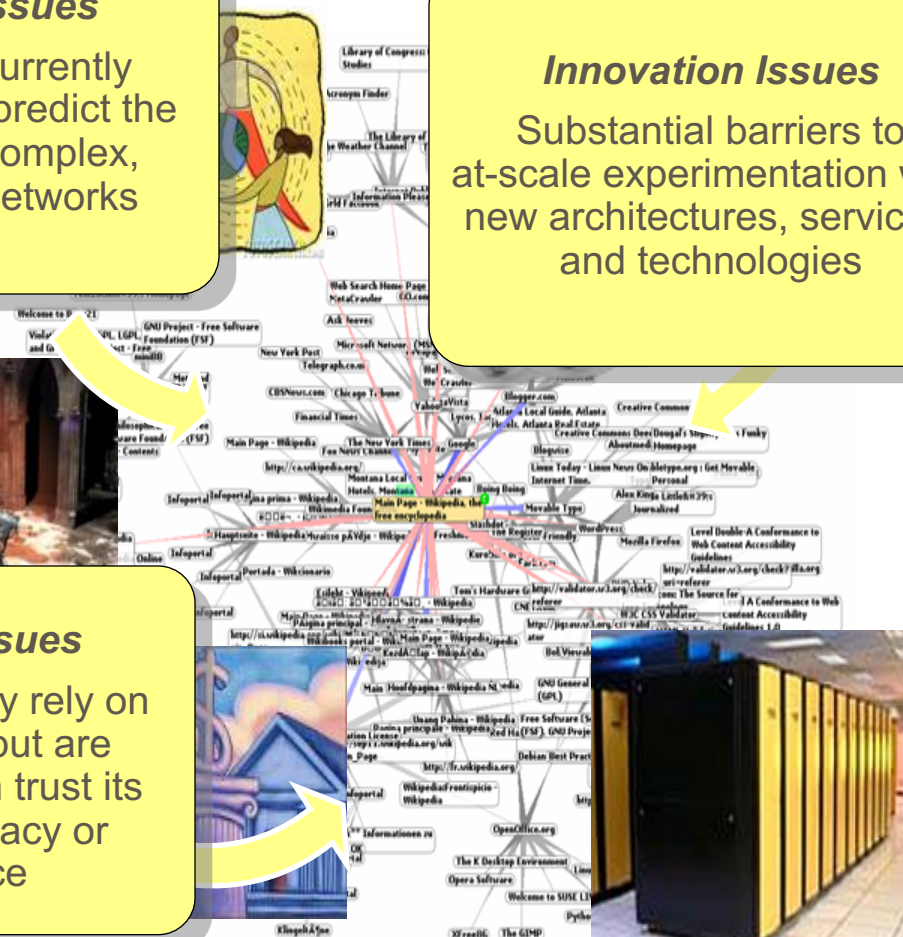


## Innovation Issues

Substantial barriers to at-scale experimentation with new architectures, services, and technologies

## Society Issues

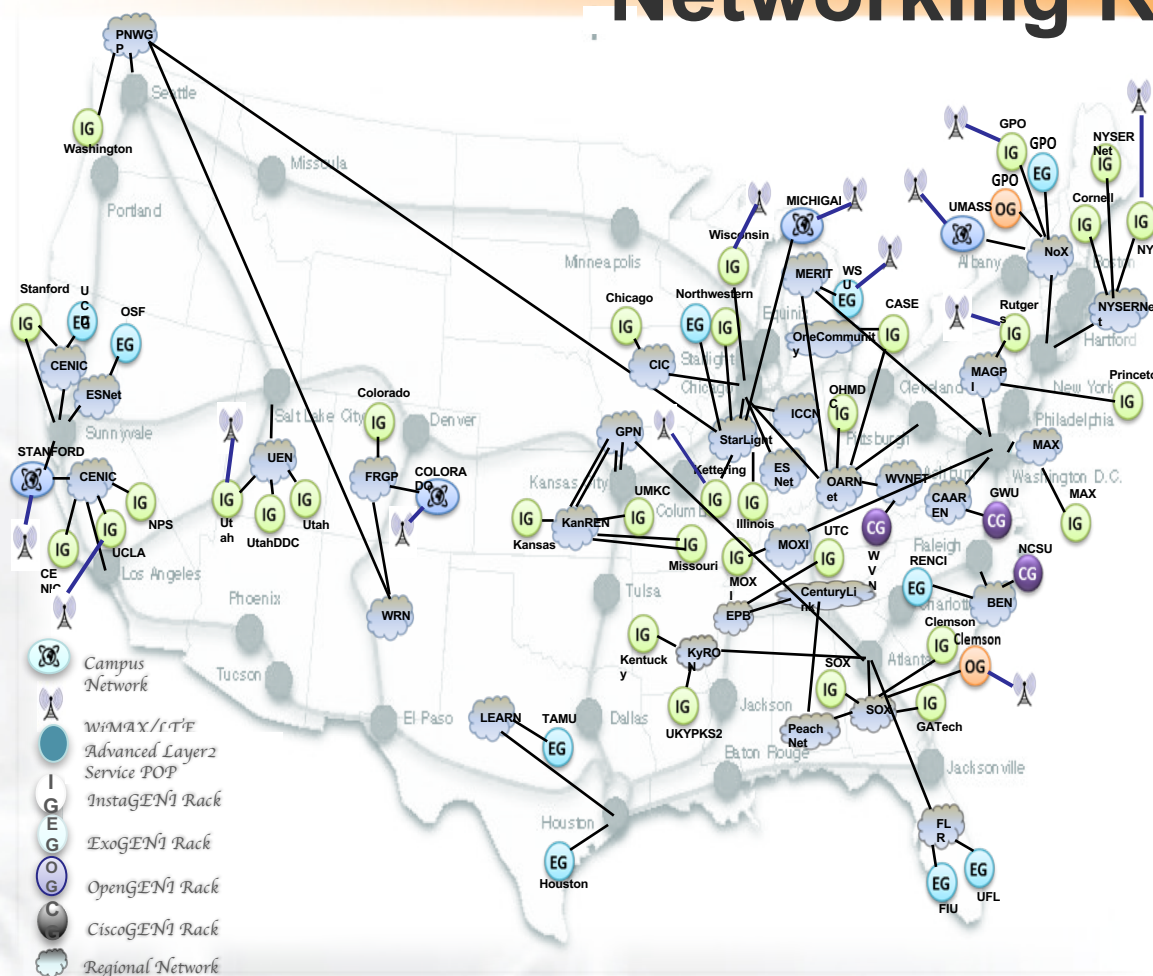
We increasingly rely on the Internet but are unsure we can trust its security, privacy or resilience



These issues are becoming increasingly important with ubiquitous connectivity, IoT, cybercrime.



# GENI: A Laboratory for Novel Networking Research



GENI provides compute resources that can be connected in experimenter specified Layer 2 topologies.

# Compute Resources



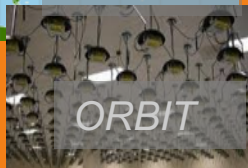
GENI Racks: small clouds  
Virtual Machines  
Bare metal Machines



Android  
Phones



Wireless  
nodes

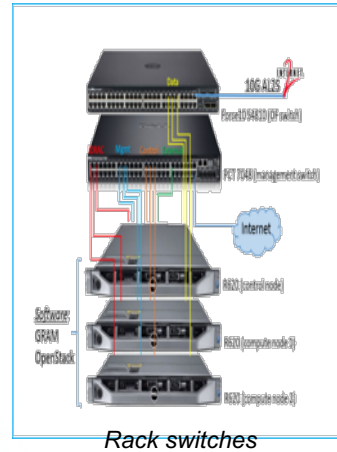


Existing Testbeds

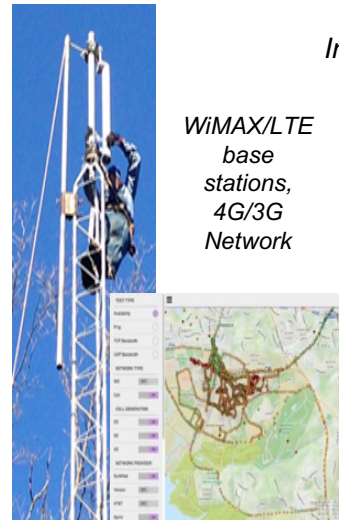


# Network Resources

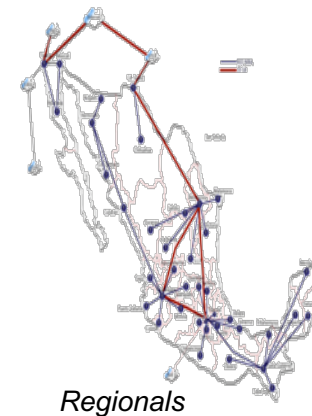
Layer 2 VLANs and Access to Programmable Switches



Internet2: US Research Backbone

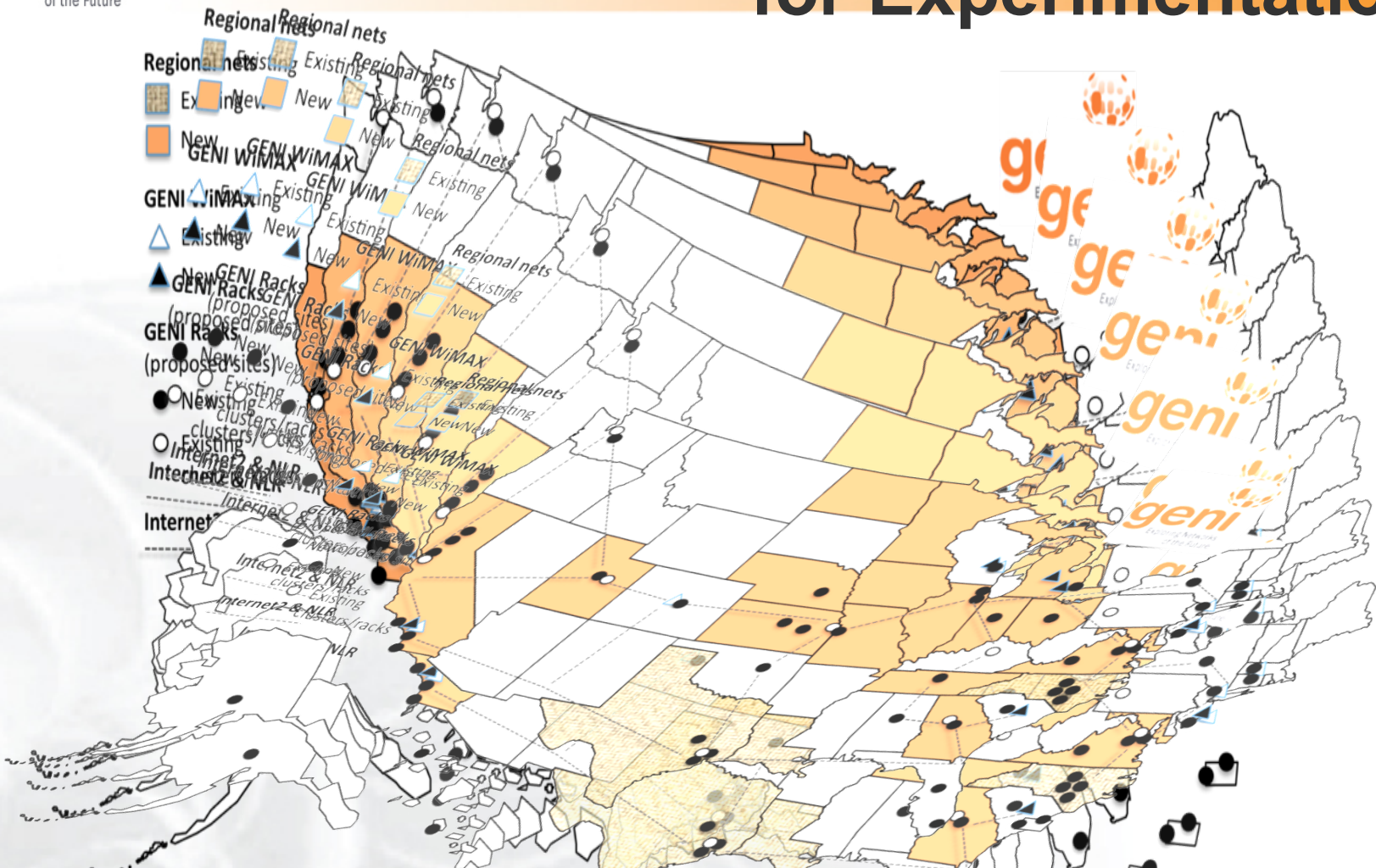


WiMAX/LTE  
base  
stations,  
4G/3G  
Network



Regionals

# GENI: Infrastructure for Experimentation

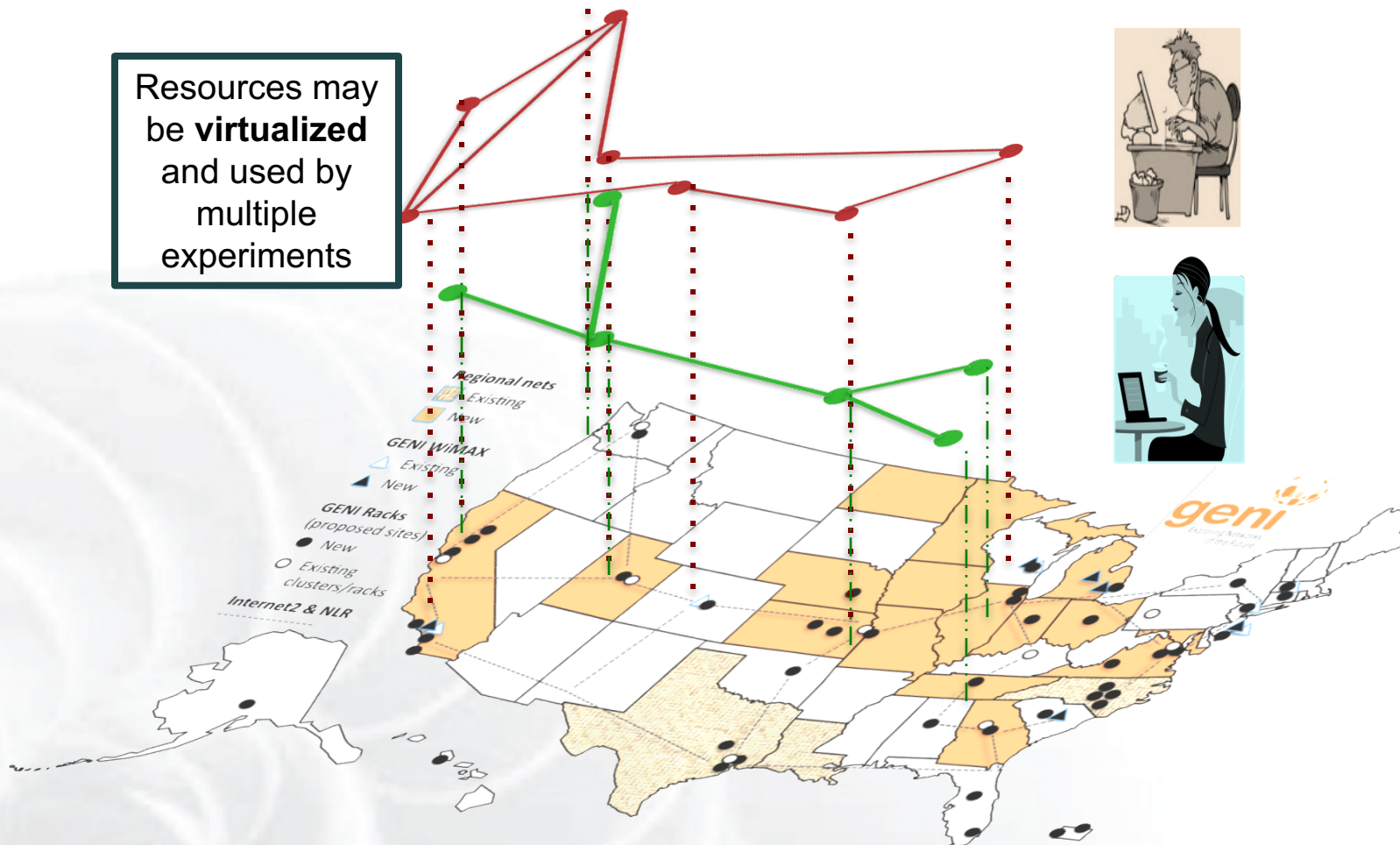


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# Multiple GENI Experiments run Concurrently

Resources may be **virtualized** and used by multiple experiments

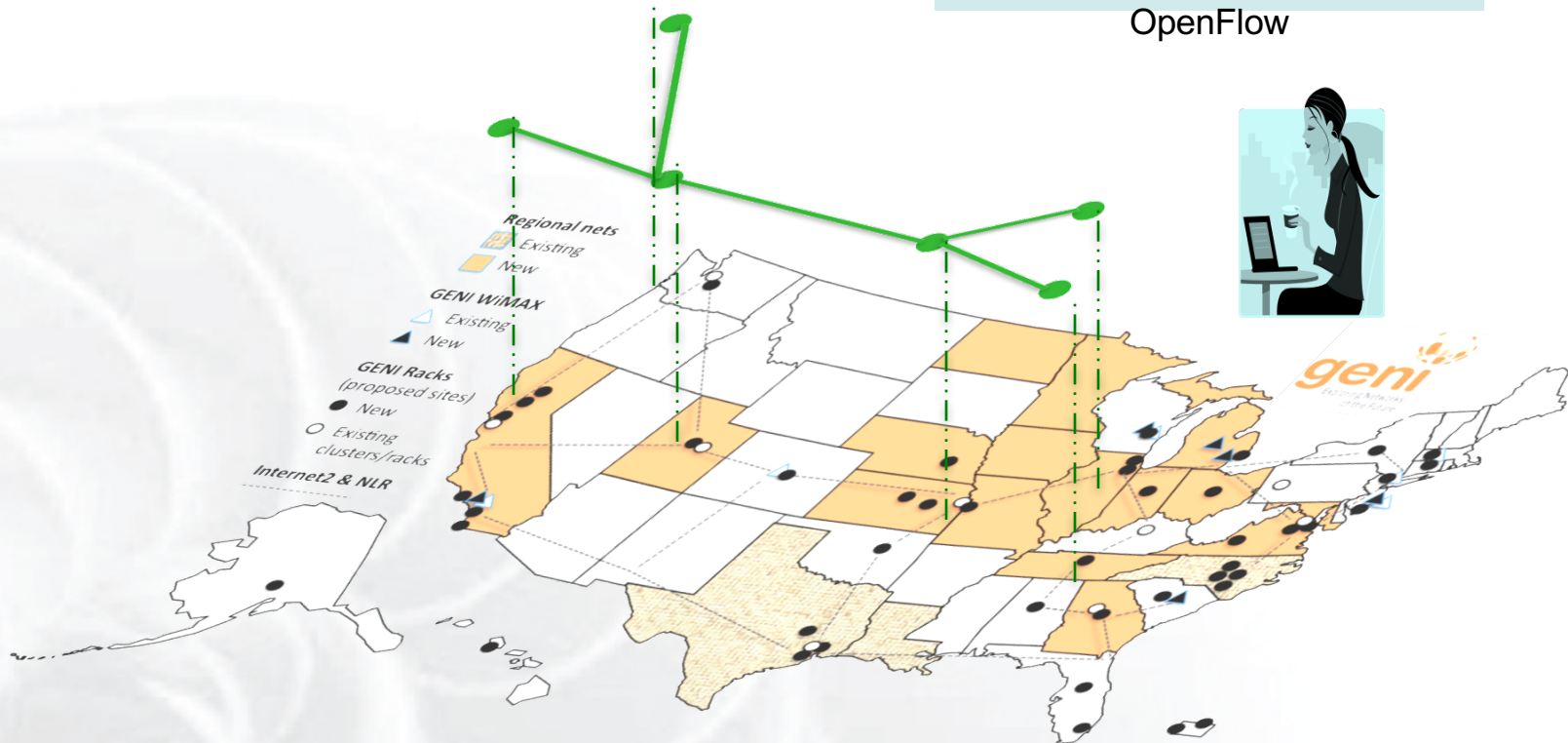


Experiments live in **isolated** “slices”

# GENI is “Deeply Programmable”

I install software I want throughout my network slice (into routers, switches, ...) or control switches using OpenFlow

OpenFlow



Everything is programmable: Experimenters create and program custom topologies, protocols and flows

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# GENI for Research and Education



## Research

- Future Internet Architectures
- Software defined networking
- Large scale evaluation of protocols
- Cloud networking
- Domain sciences



## Education

- Classes in:
  - Computer Networking
  - Distributed systems
  - Cloud computing
  - Wireless Communications
- Undergraduate, graduate

**GENI has over 10,000 users!**

# STEM Initiatives using GENI

## K-12



PlanIT: SimCity like game set in students' own city



Bringing scientific instruments into the classroom virtually



Immersive 3D environments for problem solving

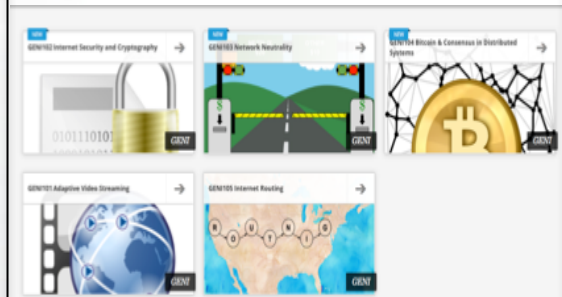
## Grad/Undergrad

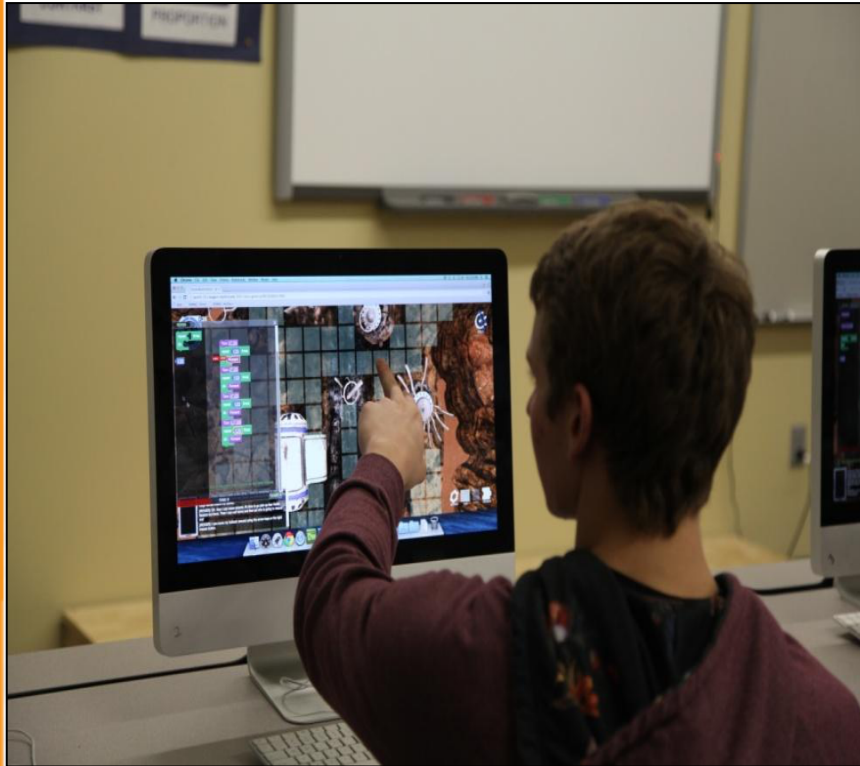
GENI as a remote, virtual lab for networking, distributed systems and cloud computing classes



## Community

GENI based Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs) for the masses





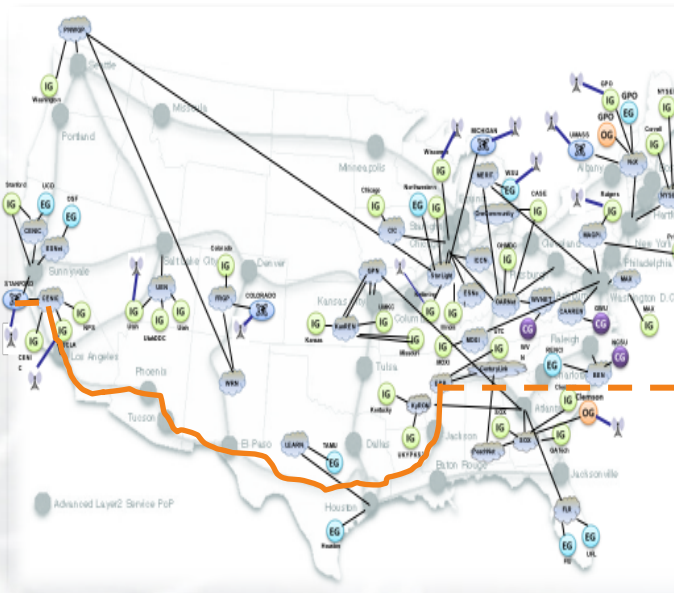
**Students at a high school in Colorado learn math and programming using the Mars Rover game**

The Mars Rover has crash landed and the student must help the rover repair itself, build shelter, and prepare for colonists before they arrive. The game is designed to engage high school students, effectively teach and assess their critical thinking, math, and programming skills. - <https://www.adlnet.gov/mars-game>





**Digital cinema microscope  
at the U. of Southern California**



**GENI network**



**High school student in  
Chattanooga, TN**

Over 4500 students  
have used GENI in  
classes taught by 73  
instructors

Last semester 638  
students in 24 classes  
did labs on GENI



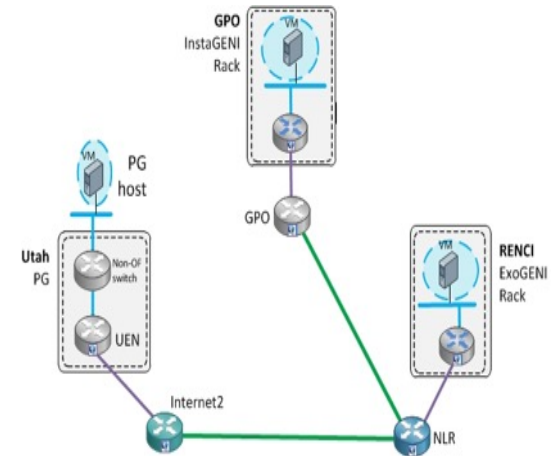
**Jennie Albrecht teaches a distributed systems class at Williams College, MA**



**Students using GENI in a wireless networking class in Greece**

# Why use GENI for Education?

- No need to acquire and maintain expensive lab facilities
  - 24x7 access from almost anywhere
- Enables new lab exercises
  - Exercises based on expensive and uncommon resources
    - 4G wireless base stations, long haul network links, programmable switches
- Promotes exploratory learning
  - If student messes up a resource configuration, delete and start over
    - No instructor or administrator intervention needed
- Shared community resource
  - Community developed course modules
  - Community supported mailing lists



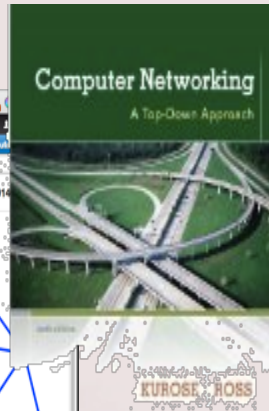
**Wide area experiment on GENI**



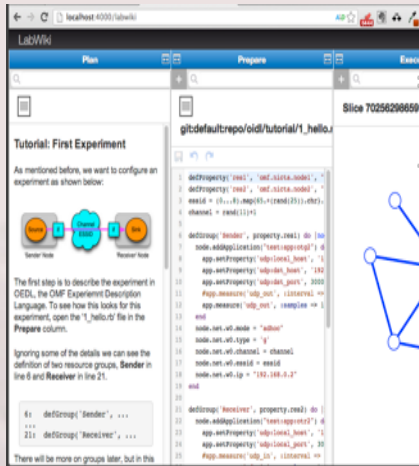
**One of many wireless resources available for GENI labs**



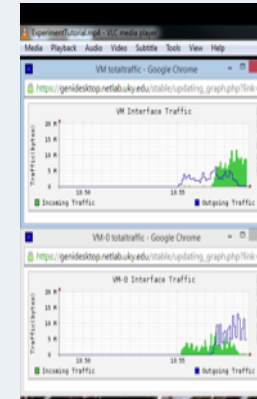
Labs on GENI for networking textbook



Mike Zink  
UMass Amherst



GENI Modules to teach networking concepts



Example Demo Module

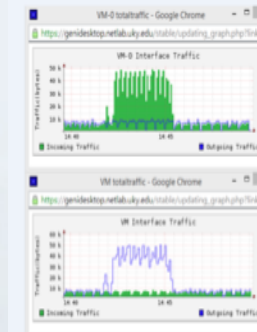
Massive Online Open Courses on GENI



Shivendra Panwar,  
Thanasis Korakis  
NYU Poly



Use GENI to educate the Internet users, not the Internet creators.



Example Assignment

Kevin Jaffay, Jay Aikat  
UNC-Chapel Hill



GENI is an open infrastructure for at-scale networking and distributed systems research and education that spans the US.

[+ Get Started](#) [Log In](#)



[www.geni.net](http://www.geni.net)

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## GENI in Research & Teaching

GENI for Research

GENI in Education



[GENI-based course modules](#)

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### GENI in Education

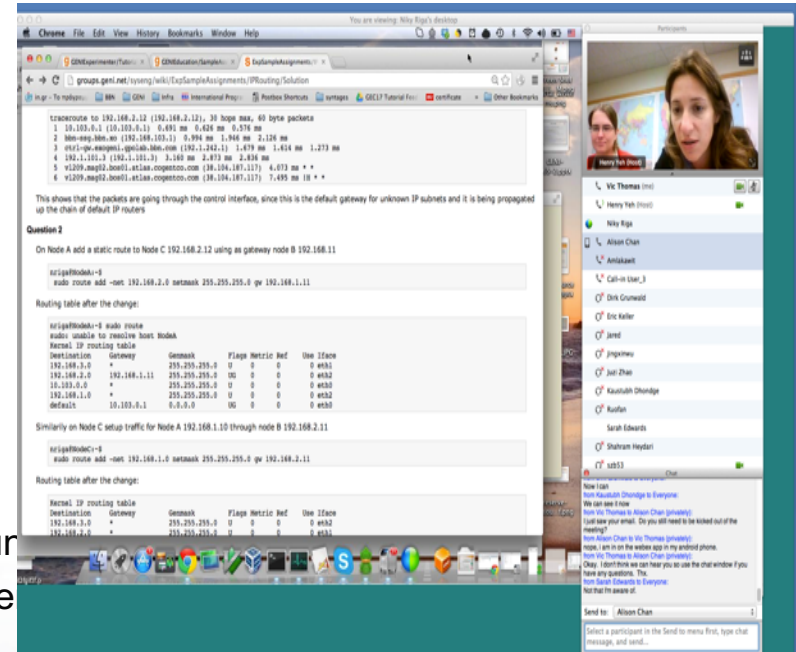
Instructors of undergraduate and undergraduate networking, distributed systems and cloud computing classes use GENI to provide students with hands-on learning experiences on a real, large-scale network. Benefits of using GENI include:

## GENI-Based Classroom Exercises

Show 50 entries

Title	Description	Format	Level	Nodes	IG	EG	Other	Contact
<b>Getting Started</b>								
<a href="#">Lab Zero: My first GENI Experiment</a>	Verify accounts and environment are set up correctly. Familiarize students with the process of running an experiment on GENI. <i>(Highly recommended as the first lab students do in the class with instructor help)</i>	Tutorial	Newbie	2	✓	✓		<a href="#">GENI Project Office</a>
<a href="#">Lab One: Understanding the AM API and Omni</a>	Understand how the GENI reservation process works, get familiar with the GENI Aggregate Manager API (GENI AM API), learn to use Omni.	Tutorial	Beginner	4	✓			<a href="#">GENI Project Office</a>
<a href="#">GENI Desktop Basics</a>	Learn the basics of instrumenting a slice and viewing measurement data using the GENI Desktop.	Tutorial	Beginner	2	✓			<a href="#">Jay Alkat</a>
<b>Networking Basics</b>								
<a href="#">IPv4 Routing</a>	Understand how IPv4 forwarding works and how to configure static routes	Assignment	Beginner	3		✓		<a href="#">Mike Zirk</a>
<a href="#">TCP/IP protocol layers</a>	Examine network addresses and connections at the network access (a.k.a. data link) layer, the Internet layer, the transport layer, and the application layer.	Assignment	Beginner	3	✓			<a href="#">Fraida Fund</a>
<a href="#">TCP Congestion Control</a>	Give students experience generating and analyzing TCP flows. Students will use iperf to create a flow and view the sawtooth behavior. A second flow will then be introduced to show how TCP flows share a link. Uses the GENI Desktop to visualize flows.	Assignment	Intermediate	2	✓			<a href="#">Jay Alkat</a>

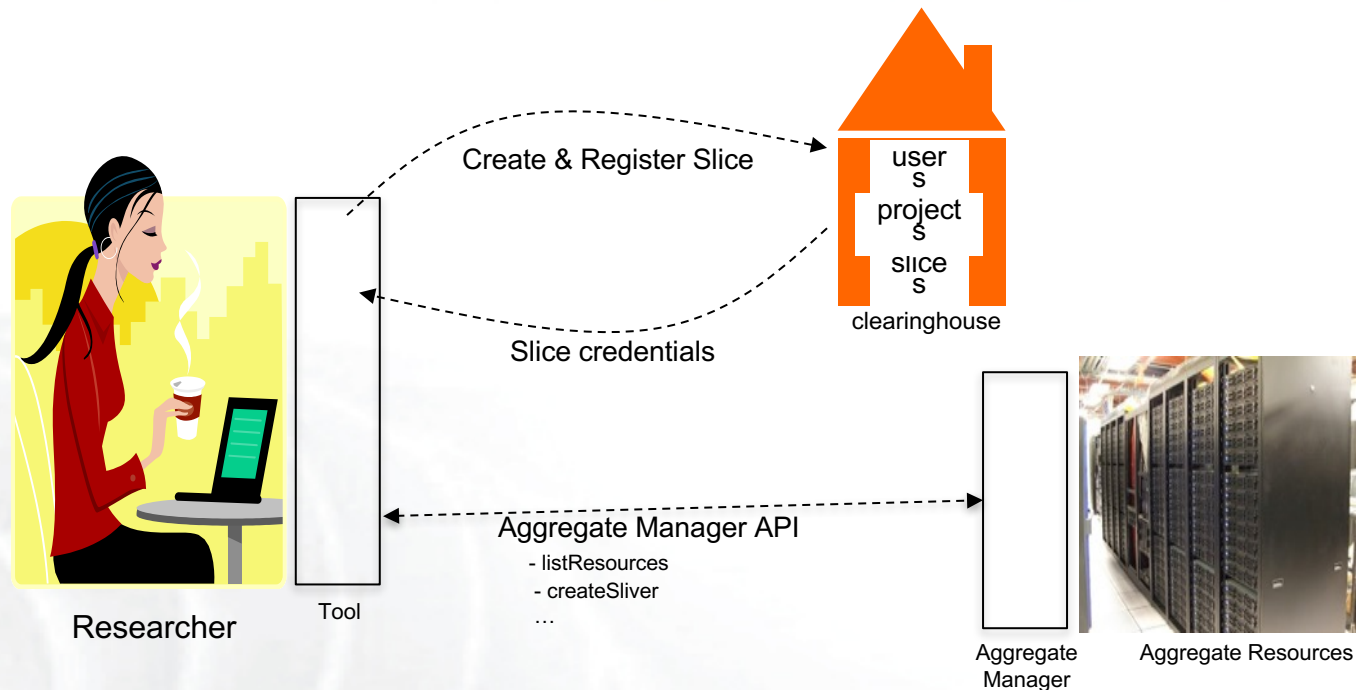
- Offered start of every semester
- Attended by instructors and TAs
- Two 3-hour sessions on two afternoons
  - Session 1: Introduction to GENI
    - Simple hands-on exercise (you can skip this)
  - Session 2: Tips for running a class on GENI
    - Timeline
    - Setup needed (GENI Project, account)
    - Tips for debugging student experime



**Join the community mailing list for educators for announcements:**  
**[geni-educators@googlegroups.com](mailto:geni-educators@googlegroups.com)**

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# Clearinghouse and Aggregates



- **Clearinghouse: Manages users, projects and slices**
  - Standard credentials shared via custom API or new Common CH API
  - GENI supported accounts: GENI Portal/CH, PlanetLab CH, ProtoGENI CH
- **Aggregate: Provides resources to GENI experimenters**
  - Typically owned and managed by an organization
  - Speaks the GENI AM API
  - Examples: PlanetLab, Emulab, GENI Racks on various campuses



- **RSpecs:** Lingua franca for describing and requesting resources
  - “**Machine language**” for negotiating resources between experiment and aggregate
  - Experimenter tools eliminate the need for most experimenters to write or read RSpec

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<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<rspec xmlns="http://www.protogeni.net/resources/rspec/2"
  xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
  xsi:schemaLocation="http://www.protogeni.net/resources/rspec/2
    http://www.protogeni.net/resources/rspec/2/request.xsd"
  type="request" >
  <node client_id="my-node"
    exclusive="true">
    <sliver_type name="raw-pc" />
  </node>
</rspec>
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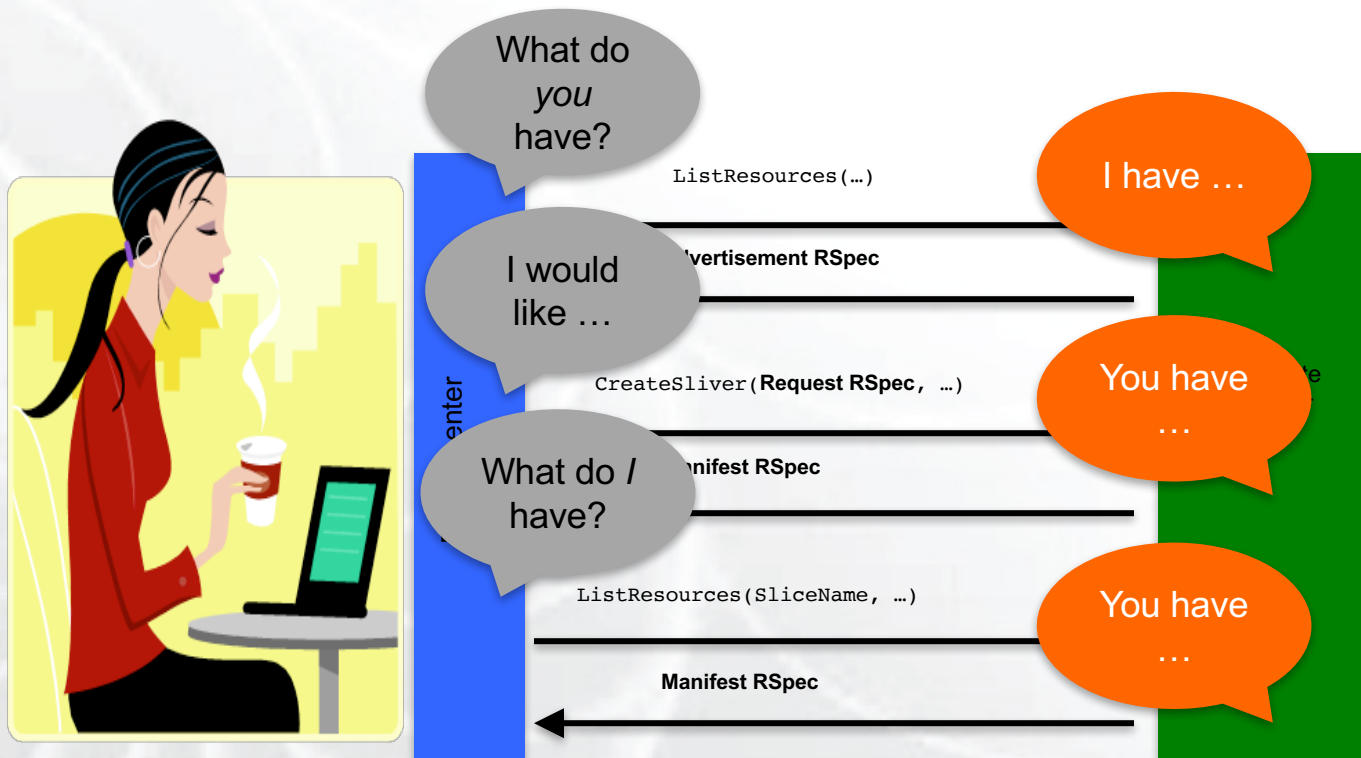
**RSpec for requesting a single node**



# Reserving Resources using RSpecs and the AM API

Experimenter **tools** and **aggregates talk** to each other **using** resource specifications (**RSpecs**) and the GENI Aggregate Manager API (**GENI AM API**)

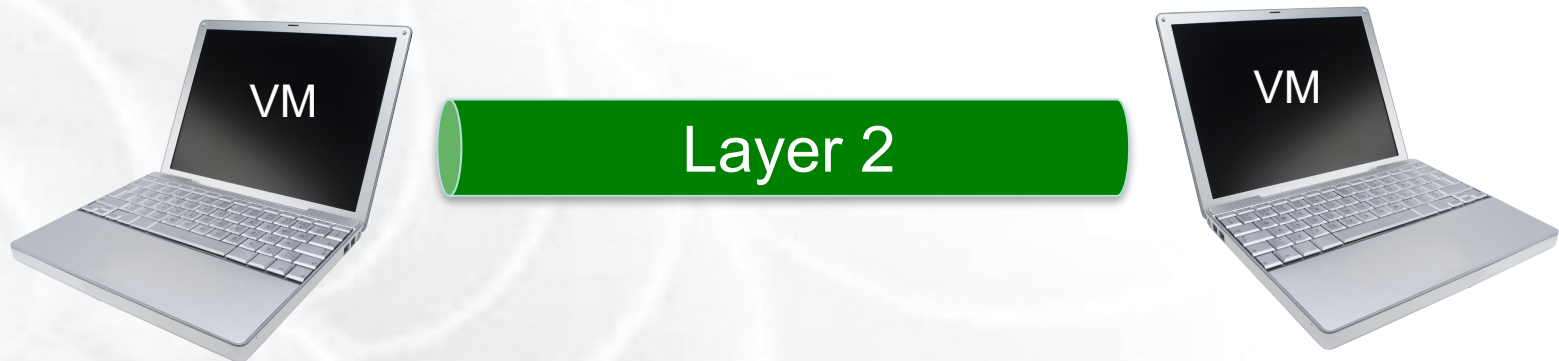
- **Advertisement RSpec:** What does an aggregate have?
- **Request RSpec:** What does the experimenter want?
- **Manifest RSpec:** What does the experimenter have?



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## Experiment #1 in GENI

Reserve two VMs connected at Layer 2





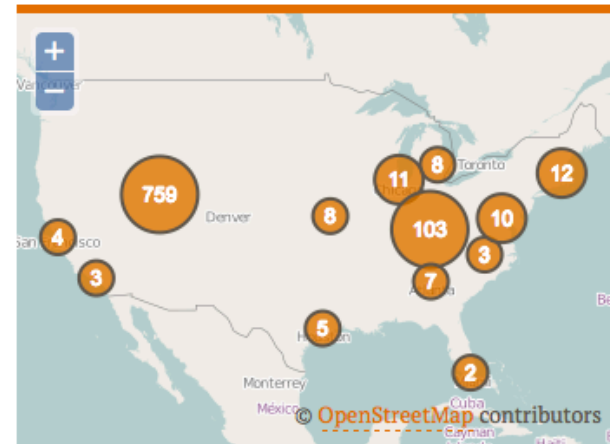
## WELCOME TO GENI

GENI is a new, nationwide suite of infrastructure supporting "at scale" research in networking, distributed systems, security, and novel applications. It is supported by the National Science Foundation, and available without charge for research and classroom use.

Use GENI

### Find out more about using GENI

- Information for GENI experimenters
- Published research that used GENI resources
- Get help using GENI



*These are some of the many resources being used in GENI experiments across the country.*

<http://portal.geni.net>

# The GENI Portal is...

Use GENI

A web-based tool for experimenters to manage **experimenters, projects, and slices.**

Includes simple tools to reserve **resources.**

Among other things!

Use GENI

1 Design the experiment

2. Establish the environment

2.1 Pre-work: Create a GENI account

2.2 Pre-work: Ask to join a project

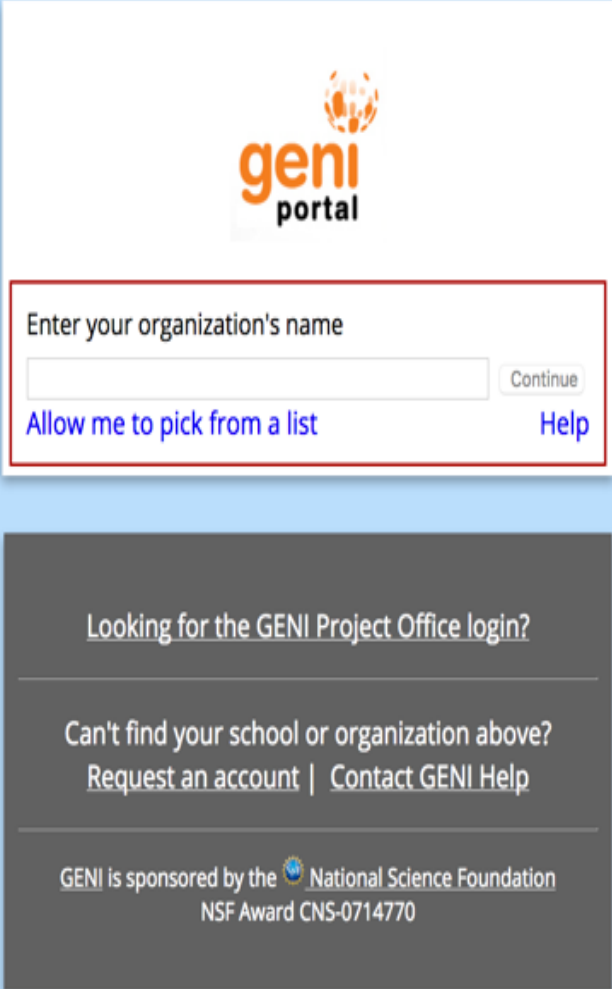
**Project Name: GRW-UOregon**

2.3 Generate and download ssh keypair

**Click on SSH Keys drop-down under “Your Name”**



- Have you logged into the GENI Portal?
  - Check if your institution is listed on the Portal
    - If so, log in using your university username/pw
  - Otherwise
    - Request an account from the NCSA
- Have you joined the GENI project for the workshop?
  - Click Home → Projects → Join a Project



The screenshot shows the GENI Portal login interface. At the top is the 'geni portal' logo. Below it is a form with the text 'Enter your organization's name' and a text input field. To the right of the input field is a 'Continue' button. Below the input field are two links: 'Allow me to pick from a list' and 'Help'. At the bottom of the form area, there is a dark grey box containing the text: 'Looking for the GENI Project Office login?', 'Can't find your school or organization above? Request an account | Contact GENI Help', and 'GENI is sponsored by the National Science Foundation NSF Award CNS-0714770'.

- Create your ssh keys
  - Look for SSH Keys under your name

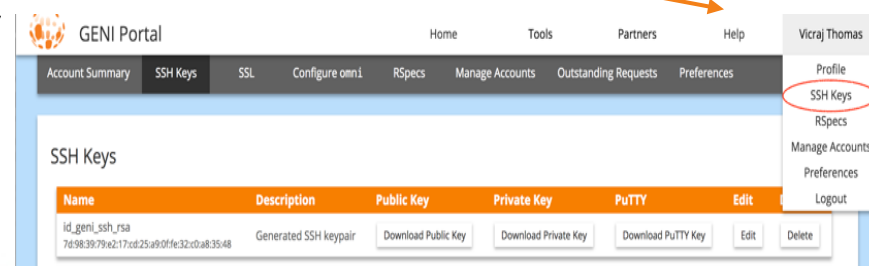
- Download your ssh private key

- Mac/Linux:

- Move key to `.ssh` folder
- Change permission so only you can read it  
`chmod 600 ~/.ssh/id_geni_ssh_rsa`

- Windows:

- Download your PuTTY key



The screenshot shows the GENI Portal interface. The user is logged in as Vicraj Thomas. The navigation menu includes Account Summary, SSH Keys, SSL, Configure omni, RSpecs, Manage Accounts, Outstanding Requests, and Preferences. The SSH Keys page displays a table with the following data:

Name	Description	Public Key	Private Key	PuTTY	Edit
id_geni_ssh_rsa 76:98:39:79:e2:17:c8:25:a9:0f:fe:32:c0:a8:35:48	Generated SSH keypair	Download Public Key	Download Private Key	Download PuTTY Key	Edit Delete

# Generate and download ssh keypair

For Windows users:

PuTTY is recommended

**PuTTY download:**

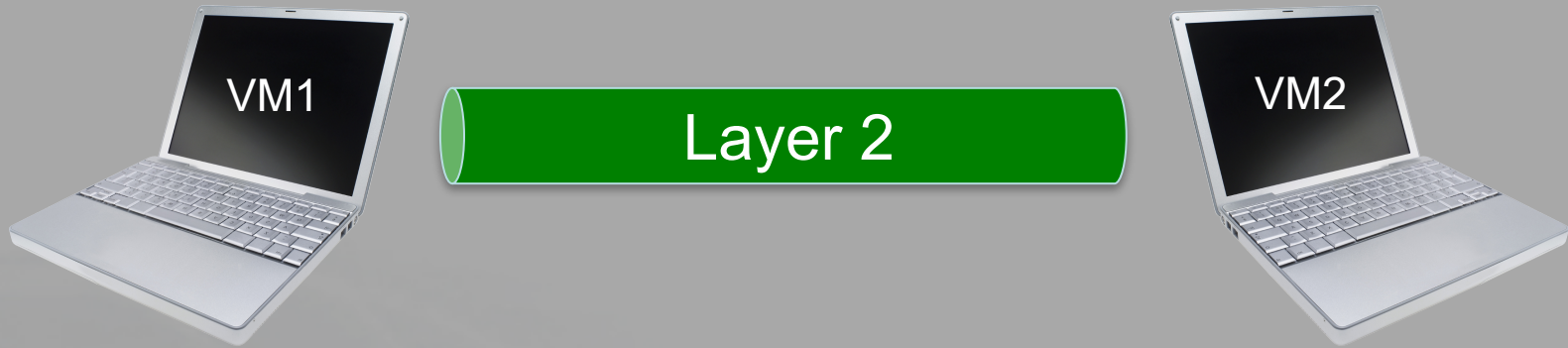
<http://www.putty.org>

Mac OS X/Linux users:

On your local machine

```
> mv ~/Downloads/id_geni_ssh_rsa ~/.ssh/.  
> chmod 600 ~/.ssh/id_geni_ssh_rsa  
> ssh-add ~/.ssh/id_geni_ssh_rsa
```

**slice**



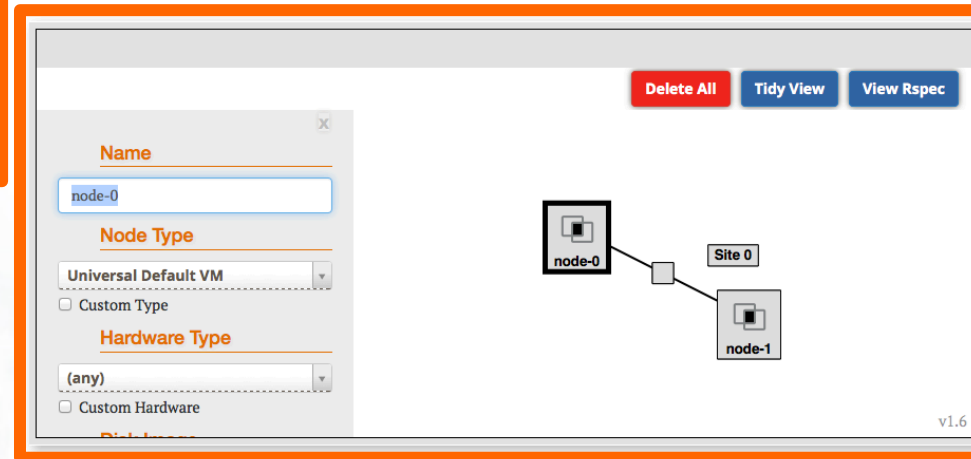
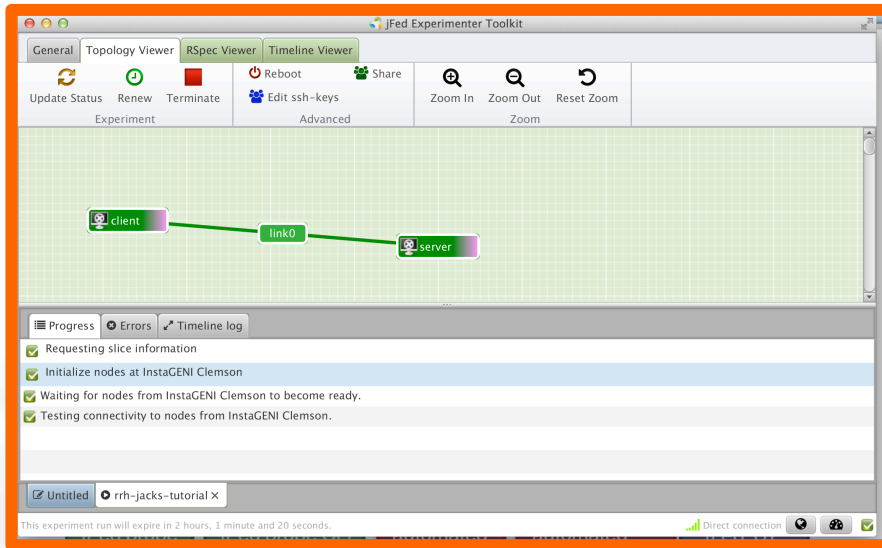
## 3.1 Create a slice

Call it “exp1-xy” where “xy” are your initials

3.3 Reserve two VMs at one aggregate using Jacks

3.4 Check whether VMs are ready to be used

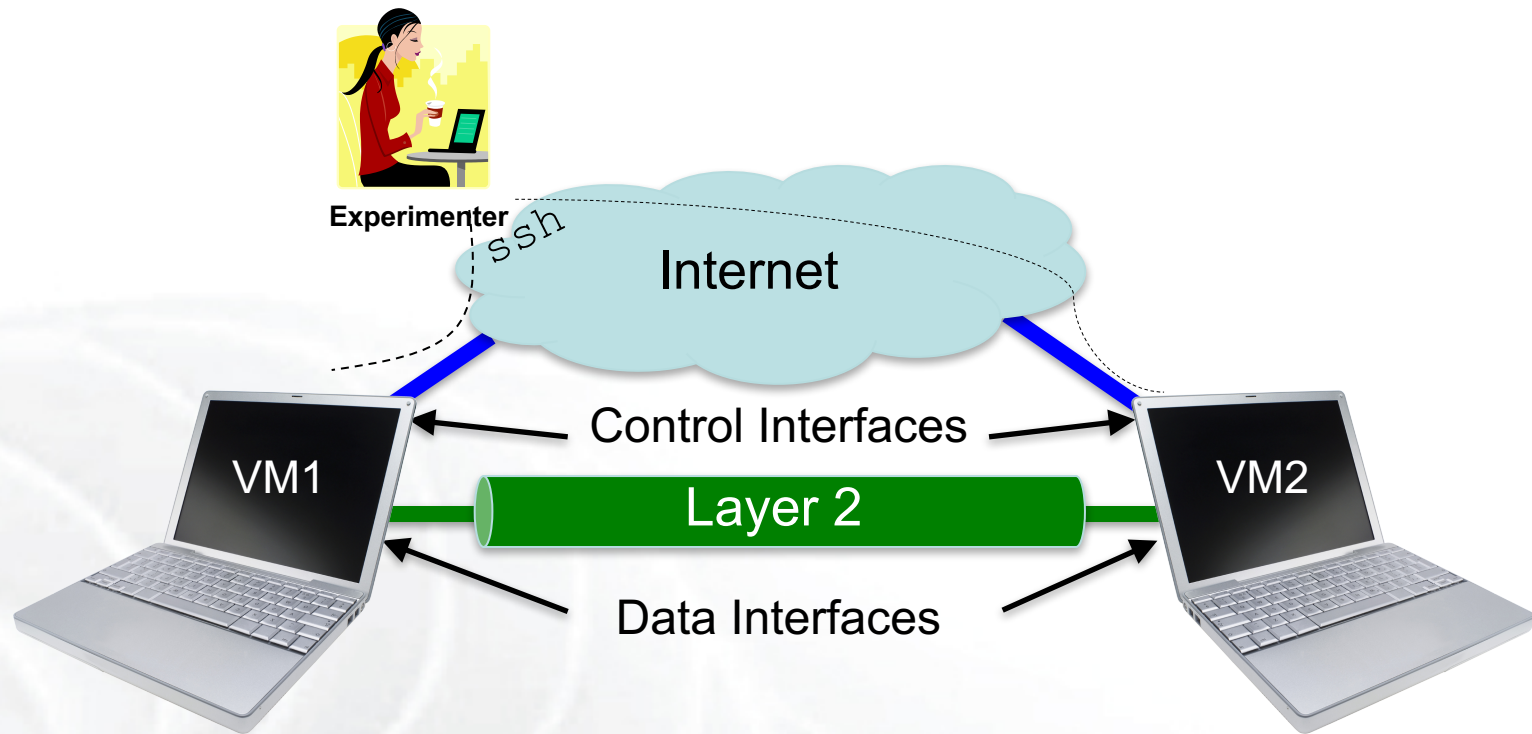
# Jacks and jFed are ...



Graphical user interfaces (GUIs) for:

- **designing topologies** in GENI
- **reserving resources** in GENI



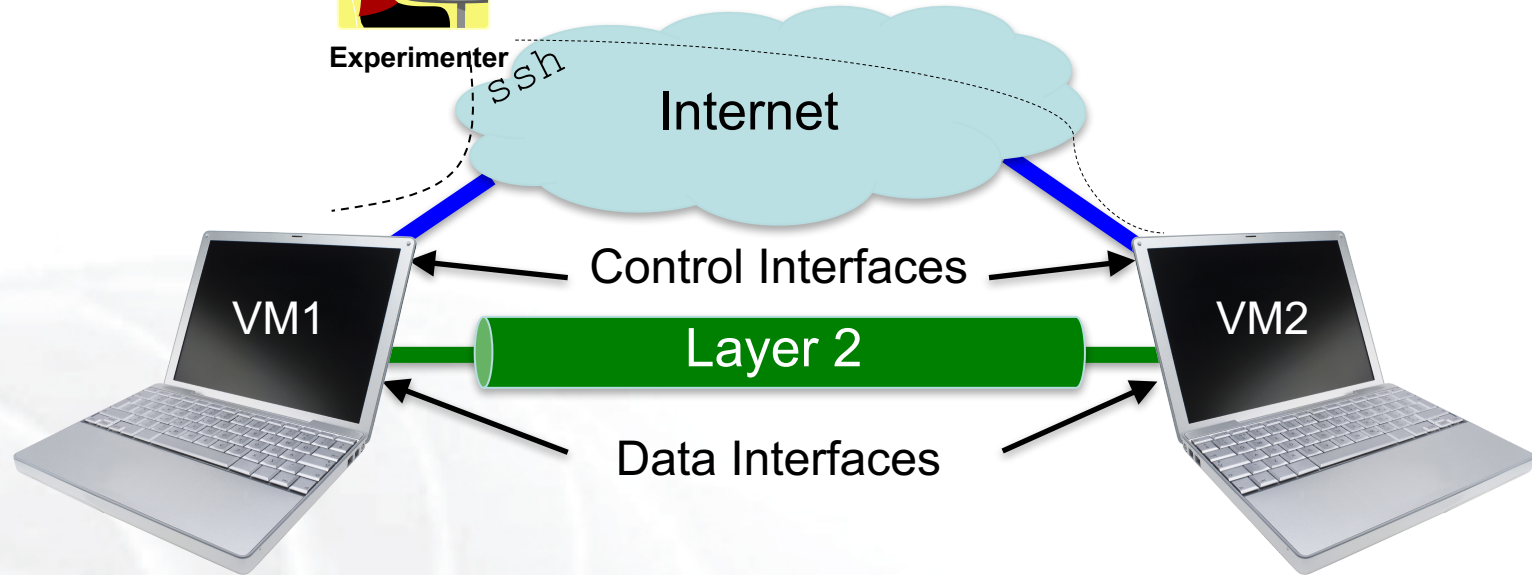


## 4. Configure and initialize

### 4.1 Login to the VM1 and VM2 nodes



Experimenter



## 5. Execute experiment

5.1 Test connectivity: ping interfaces

5.2 Logout of your nodes

## 6. Teardown experiment

6.1 Delete your resources

## 7. Archive experiment

project resource  
aggregate experimenter



When your experiment is done, you should always release your resources.

- Normally this is when you would archive your data and the experiment
- Delete your resources at **each** aggregate

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- The IP routing exercise developed by Prof. Mike Zink of UMass, Amherst
- You will learn to set up static IP routes using the Linux route command

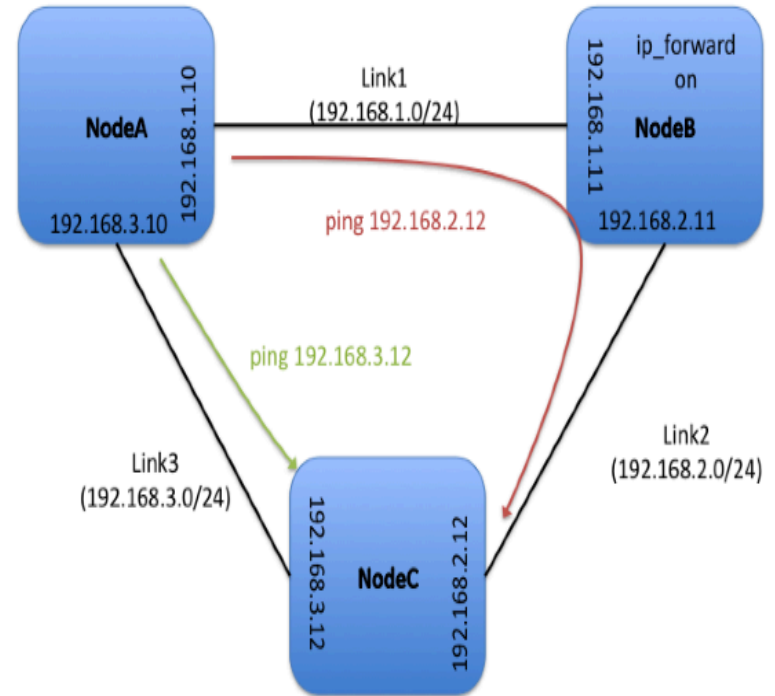


Figure 1 Topology and routing



# Follow instructions in the handout!

*You will not draw your topology; you will load one created for you.*

## Use any ExoGENI rack

FIU ExoGENI

Texas A&M ExoGENI

WVNet ExoGENI

StarLight ExoGENI

## IPv4 Routing Assignment

[IPv4 Routing Assignment Tips](#)

### Overview:

In this experiment you will learn how to set up static routing with the `route` command. We will use the following network topology for this experiment:

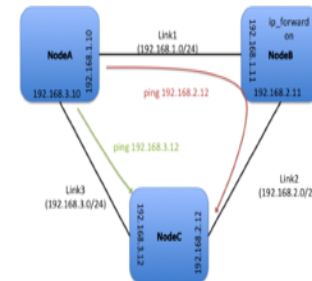


Figure 1 Topology and routing

### Prerequisites:

For this tutorial you need :

- access to the **GENI Experimenter Portal** and be a **member of a GENI project** . Please see the [Sign Me Up](#) page for more information.
- be familiar with **reserving resources in GENI based on an rspec**. If you are not familiar you should first do the [Hello GENI](#) or [Lab Zero](#)
- be familiar with **logging in to GENI resources**
- be familiar with **IPv4 addressing and routing**

### Tools:

All the tools will already be installed on your nodes. For your reference we are going to use:

- [the route linux command](#)

### Where to get help:

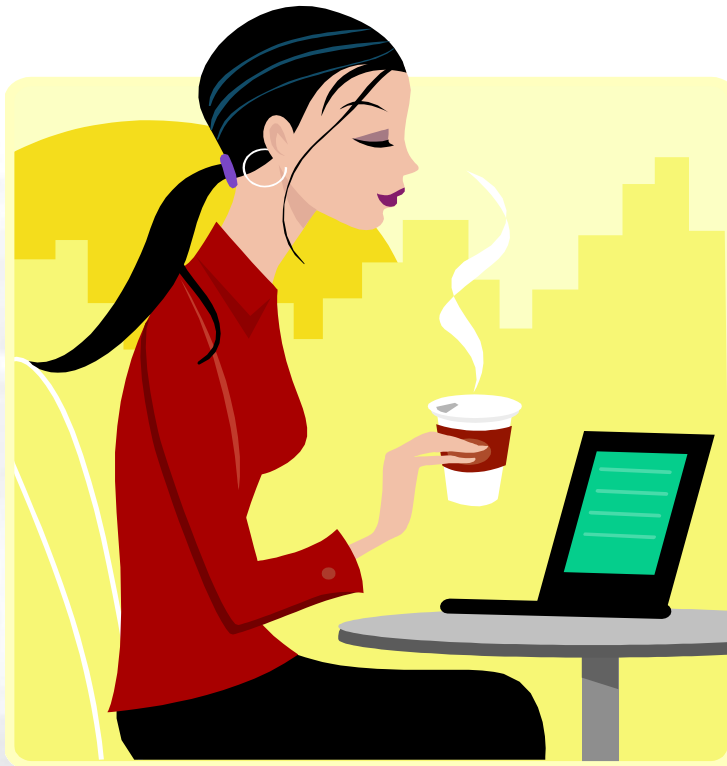
- Take a look at the [Tips](#) section in the end of the exercise
- Contact your TA and/or Professor for help. If you are doing this exercise outside the context of a course, please email [help@geni.net](mailto:help@geni.net)



### 1. Verify your Environment Setup:

You have...

- Run your first GENI experiments!
- Exercised your knowledge of GENI terminology
- Used the GENI Portal and Jacks



# Welcome to GENI!