

GENI Educational Kits for Wireless Sensor Networks

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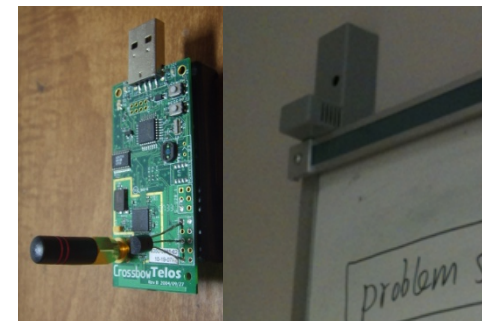


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“Motes” as educational tools

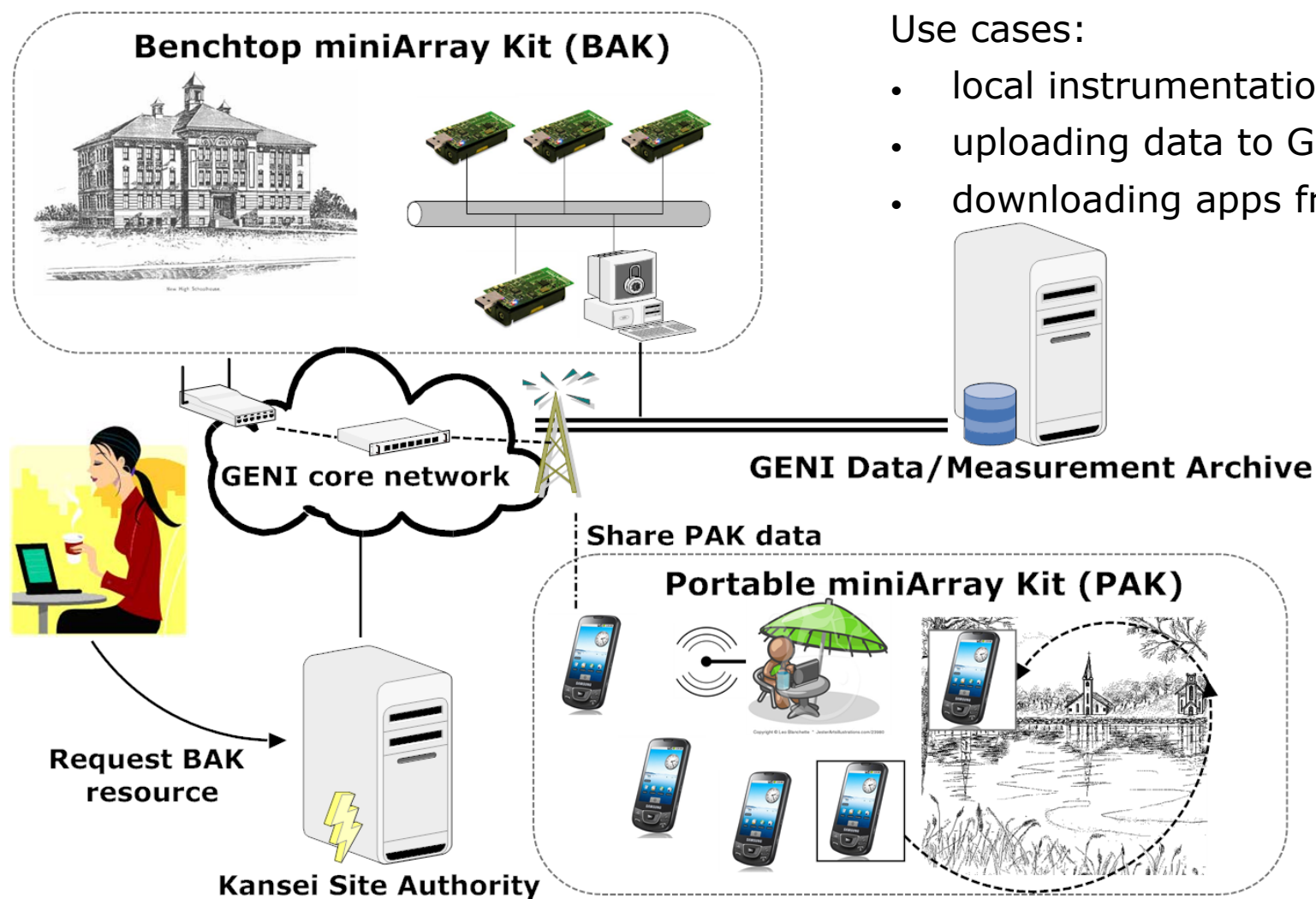
- GENI has involved several Wireless Sensor Network testbeds
 - KanseiGenie, Vise, DieselNet, ParkNet, OKGems, Tunie...
 - testing spanned research and education
- Mote-based testbeds support educational user involvement
 - WSN/embedded system courses are popular
 - low cost, low configuration setup
 - user skill level can range widely
- Educational use cases
 - college testbeds (even small wired arrays ok)
 - outdoor portable arrays (for data collection)
 - science education of middle-to-high schoolers



Our objectives

- Easy to instantiate arrays
 - rapid deployment via installers
 - minimal assumptions about array controller node
 - controller exposes array to GENI control framework
- Easy to use interfaces
 - simplified app model, common functions in run-time
- Ports to other sensor nodes, including smartphones
- Accompanying user/operator docs, WSN tutorials, sample projects, lesson plans

BAK/PAK Overview



Use cases:

- local instrumentation of apps/data
- uploading data to GENI cloud
- downloading apps from GENI cloud

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- The top photograph shows a bright, modern computer lab. The room is filled with rows of white, perforated tables and black chairs. Each table has a black laptop and a small black device (possibly a mouse or a small monitor) on it. The room has large windows on the left side, and the lighting is bright and even. The bottom photograph shows a dimly lit, older computer lab. The room is filled with rows of wooden tables and chairs. Each table has a black laptop and a small black device on it. The room has large windows on the right side, and the lighting is dim, with the primary light source being the windows.



- Delivered installers, which were used to clone other testbeds
 - NetEye (Wayne St), OKGems (Oklahoma), Tsinghua, AFRL (WPAFB)

First Steps: Stripping down KanseiGenie for BAK

- Retain minimal KanseiGenie functionality on controller
 - low system requirements
 - minimal Ubuntu Linux installation
 - Vmplayer version for Windows
 - design will accommodate porting to thin gateways
 - outsource resource management to GENI cloud
- Extend KanseiGenie
 - wireless programming/collection options
 - DTN network models
- Almost zero configuration for selected platforms and topologies
 - recent experiment at Disaster City, College Station, TX, in fast cloning at a mobile base camp, and rapid deployment at a early disaster response at site



Ongoing Engagement with Users

- Pilots in IIIT-Allahabad and IIIT-D, India
 - science experiments: Radar based pendulum lab
 - data collection experiments: Temp/light maps
 - installation of first lab array planned around year end



- Capstone course at OSU
 - students developing gateway apps