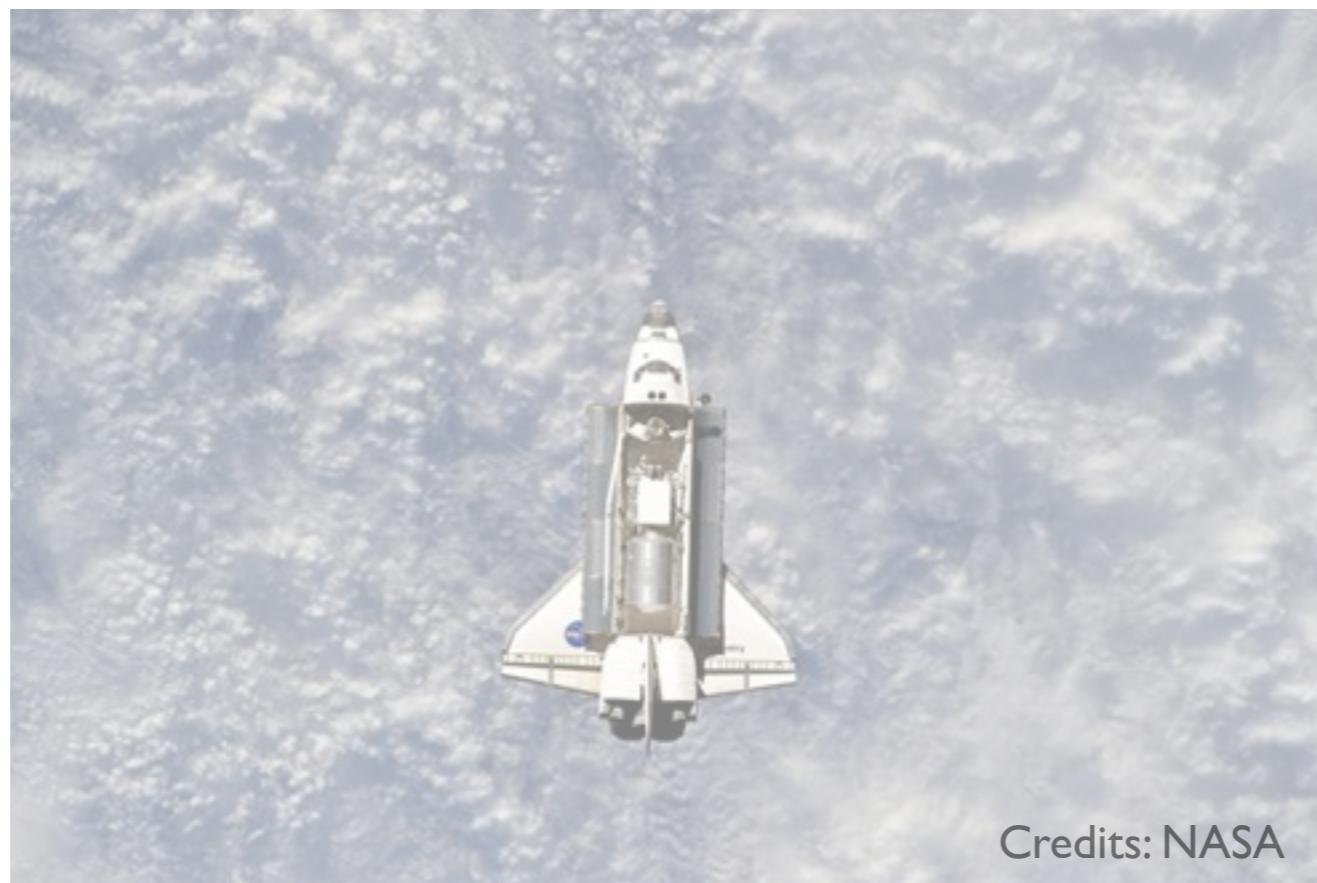


Beyond the cloud !

a “small” overview of cloud challenges



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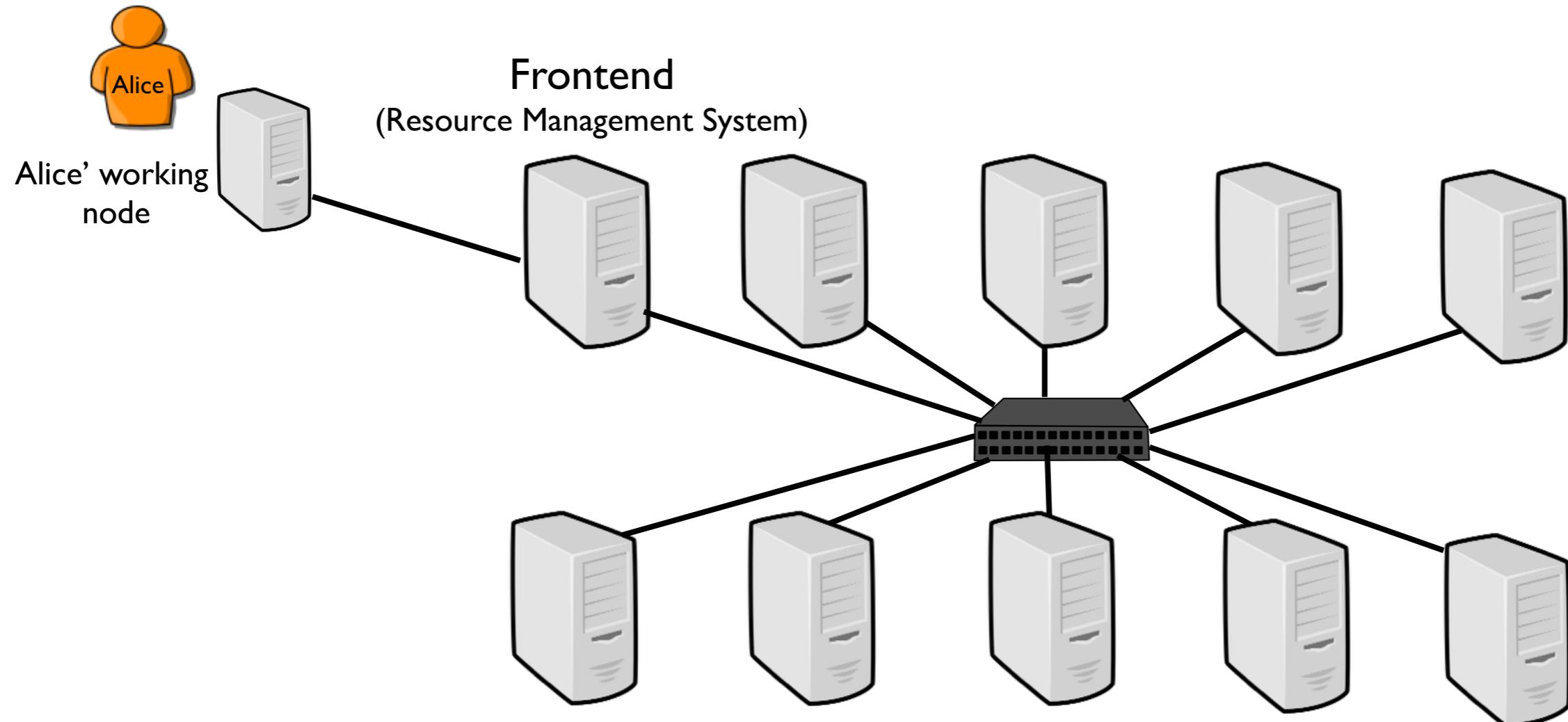
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- **xxx Computing**
Meta / Cluster / Grid / Desktop / “Hive” / Cloud / Sky ...
 ⇒ **xxx as Utility Computing**
- A common objective: provide computing resources
(both hardware and software) in a flexible, transparent,
secure, reliable, ... way
- Challenges
 - Software/Hardware heterogeneity
 - Security (Isolation between applications, ...)
 - Reliability / Resiliency
 - Data Sharing** ...

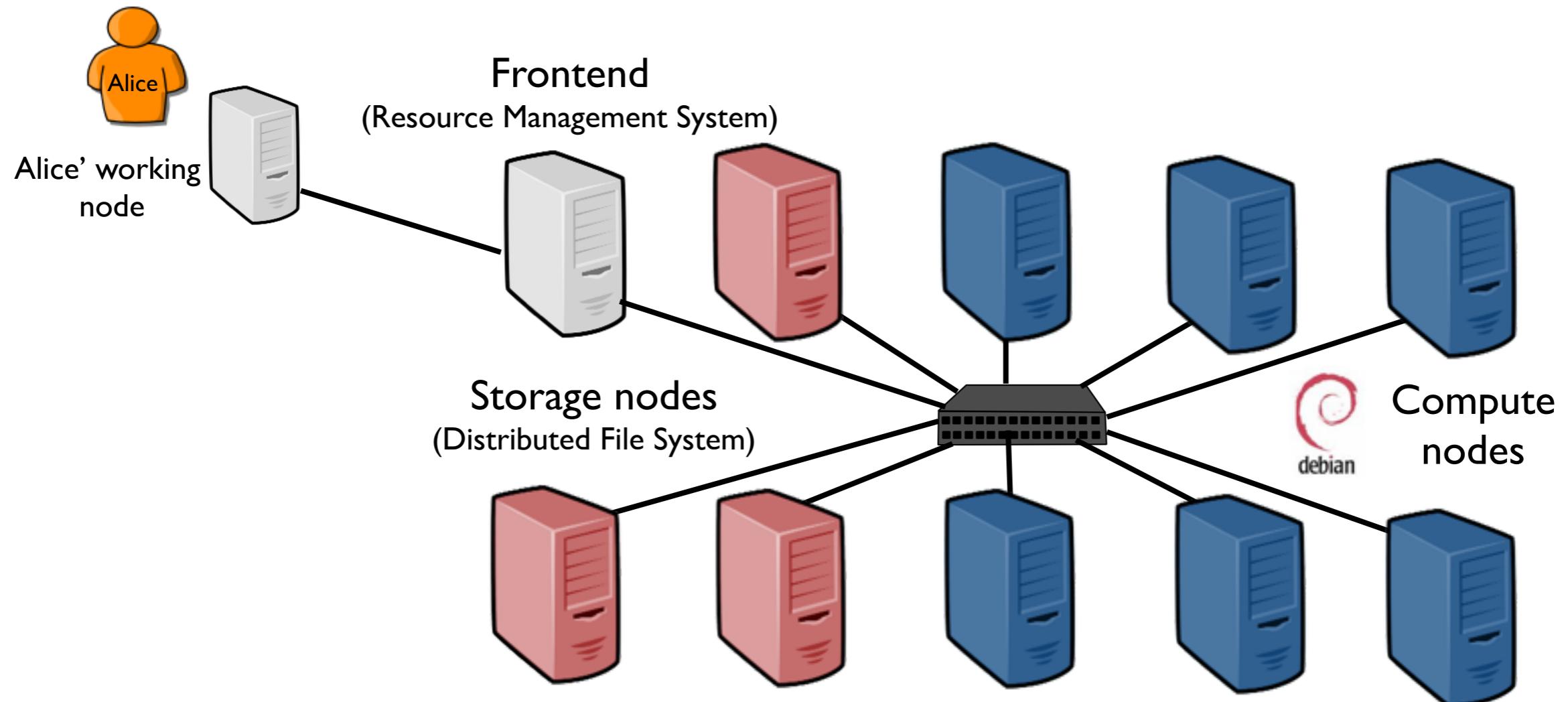
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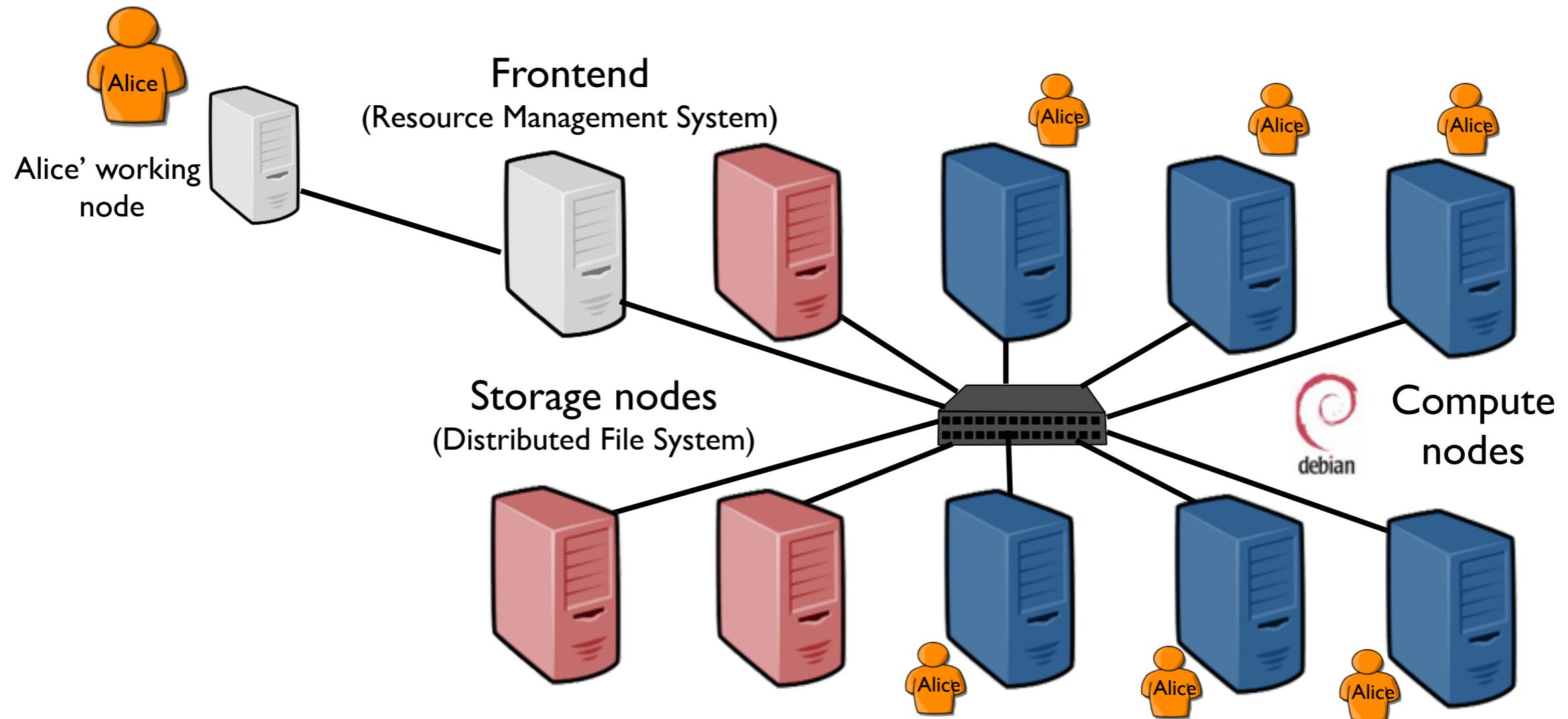
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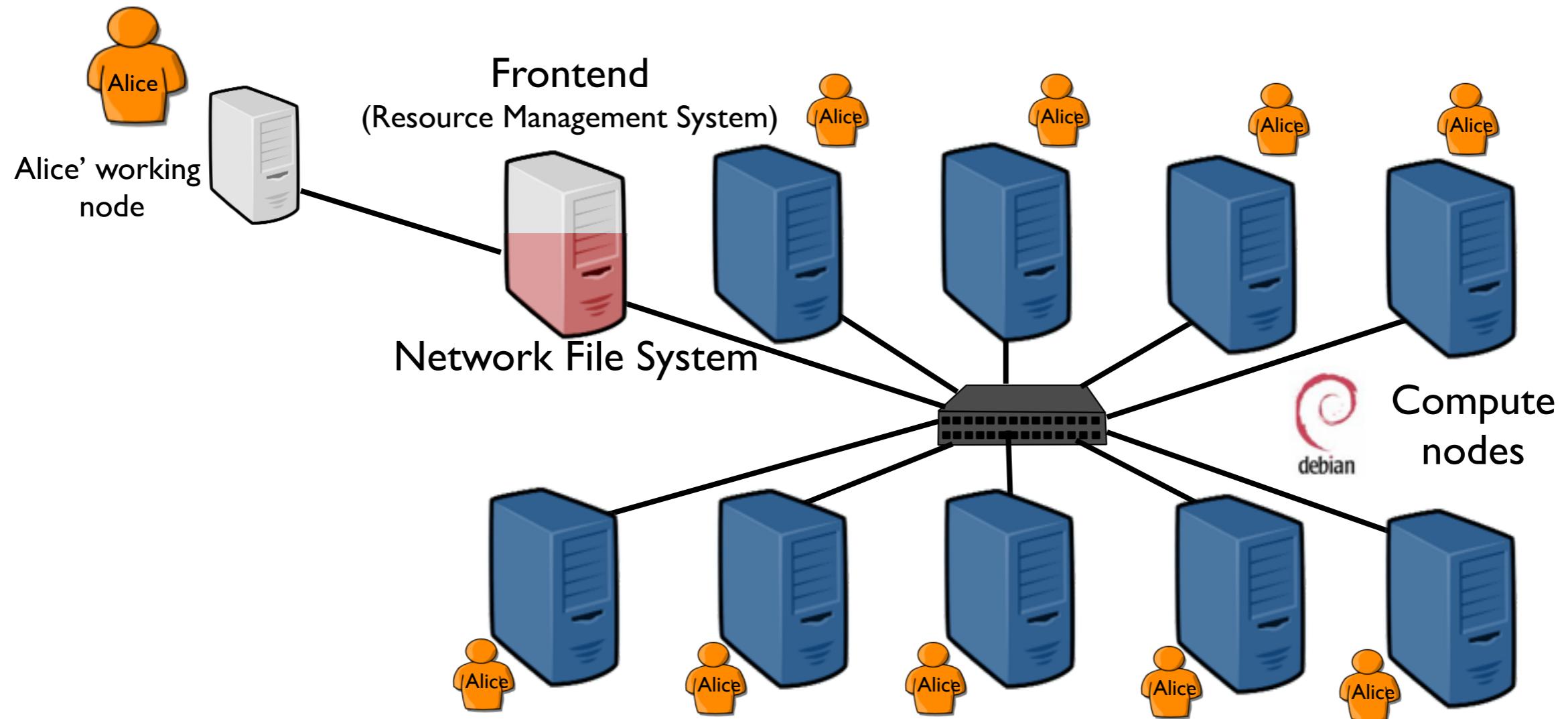
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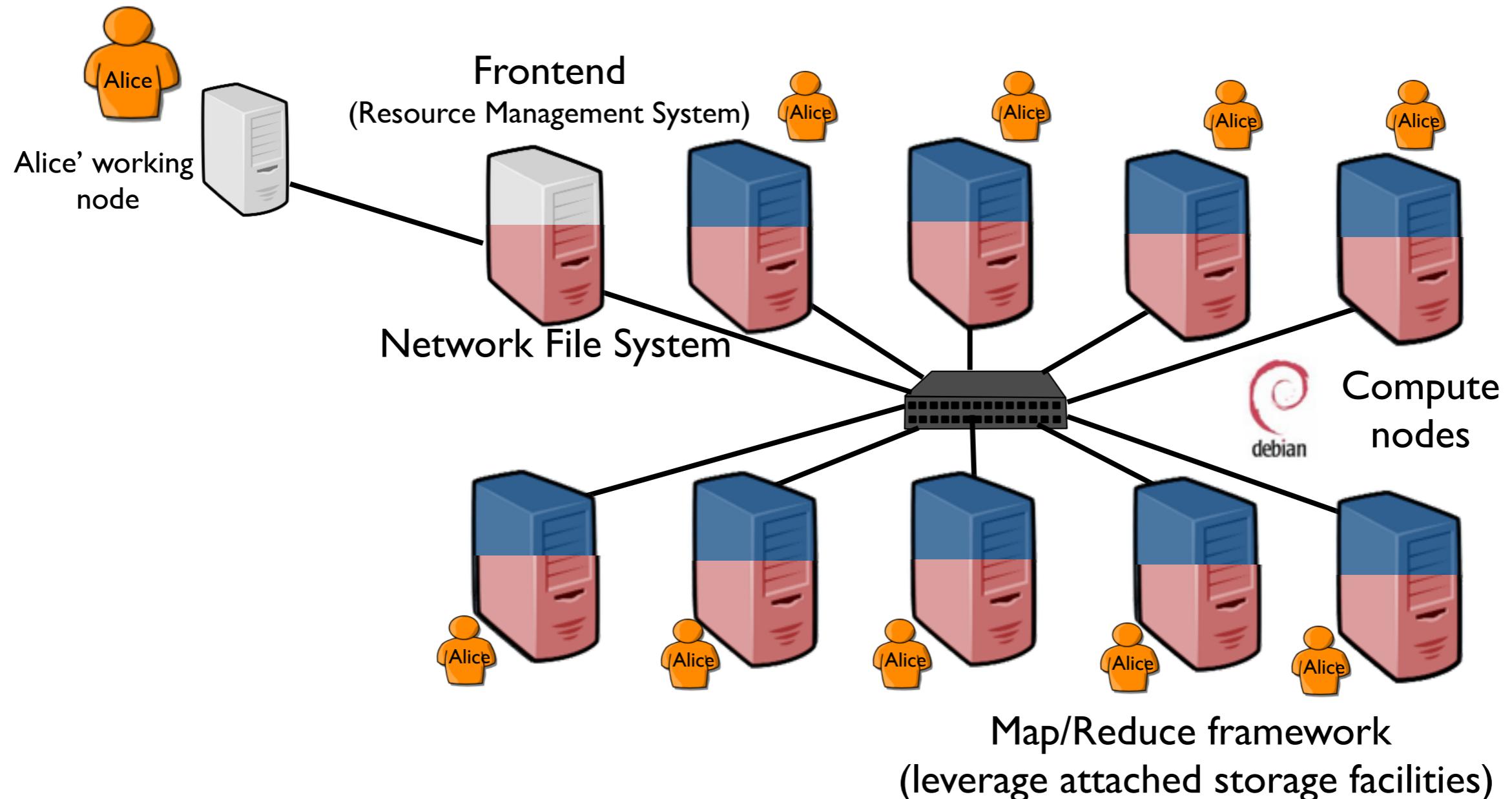
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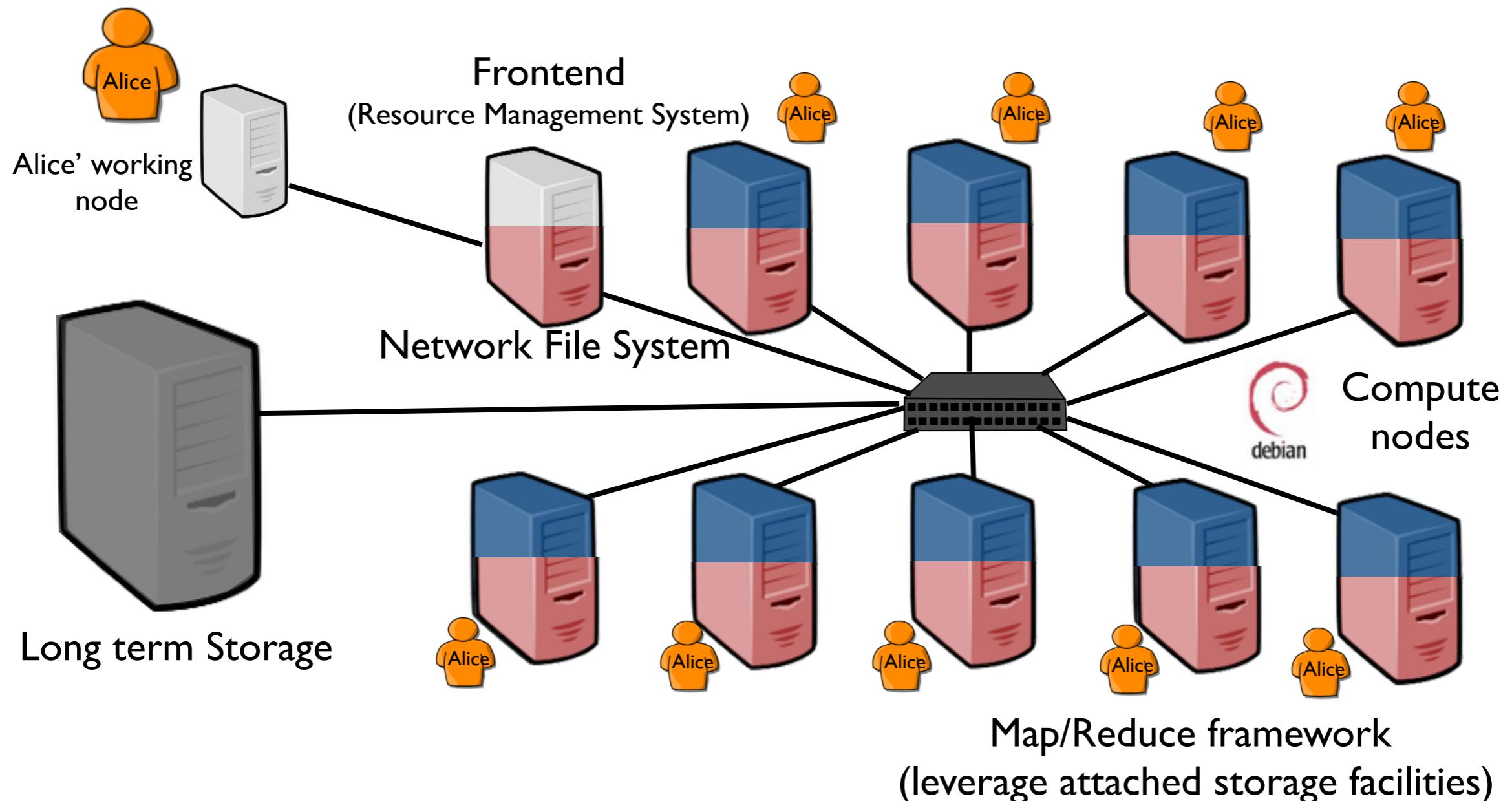
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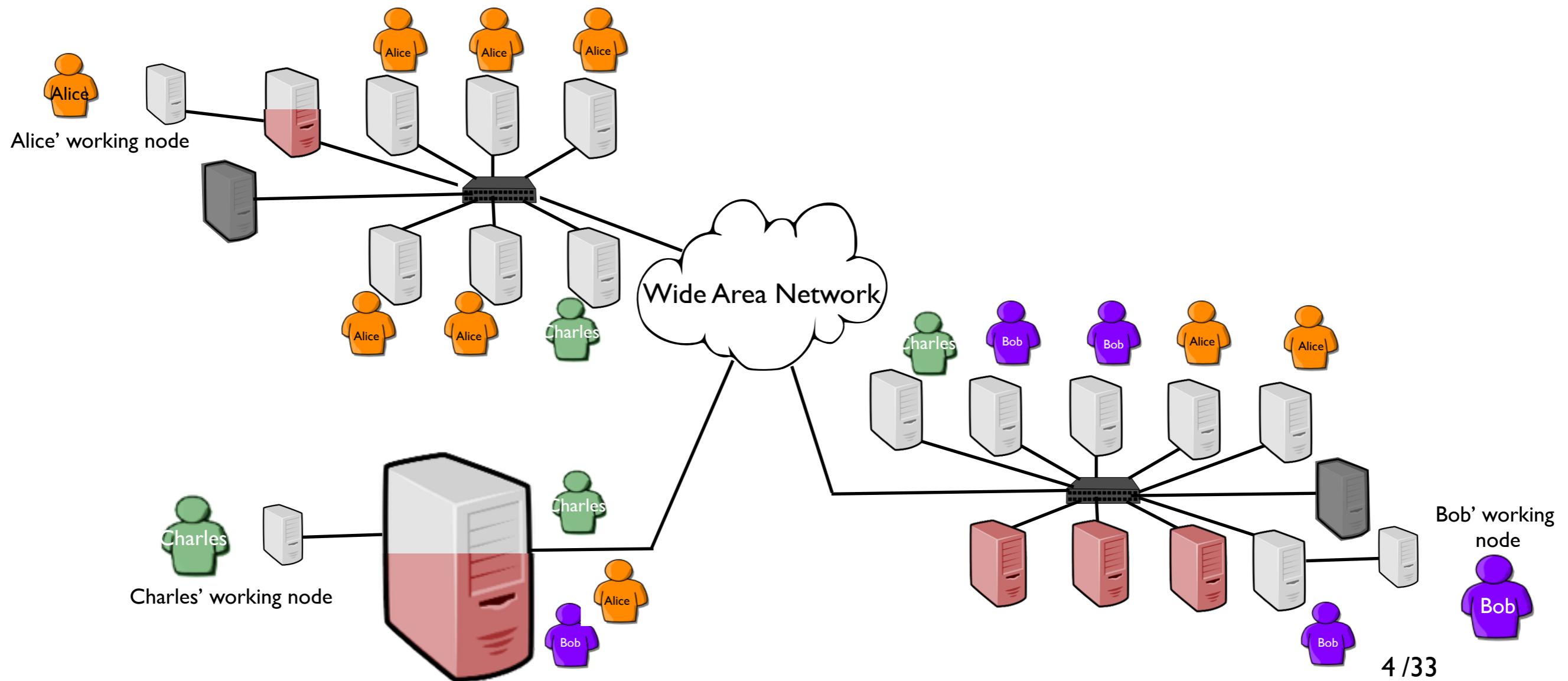
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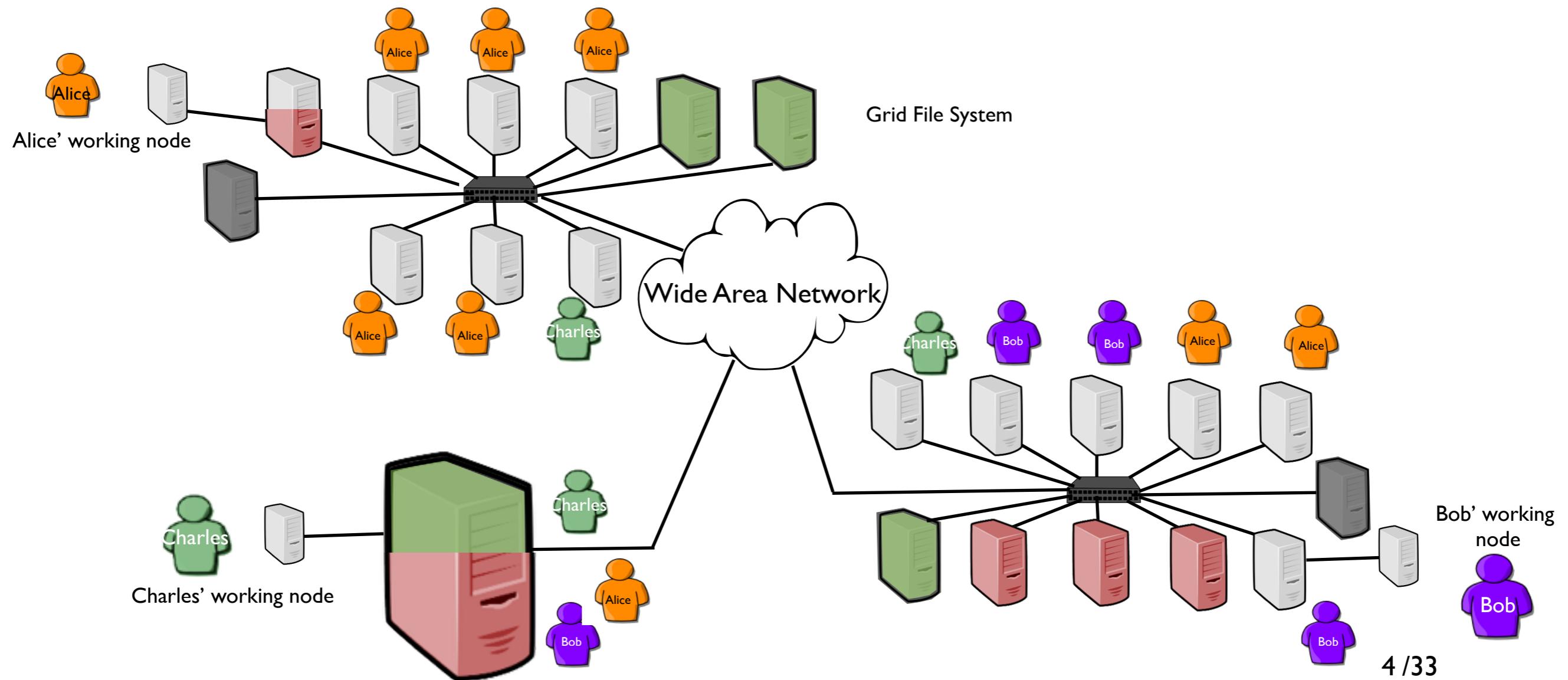
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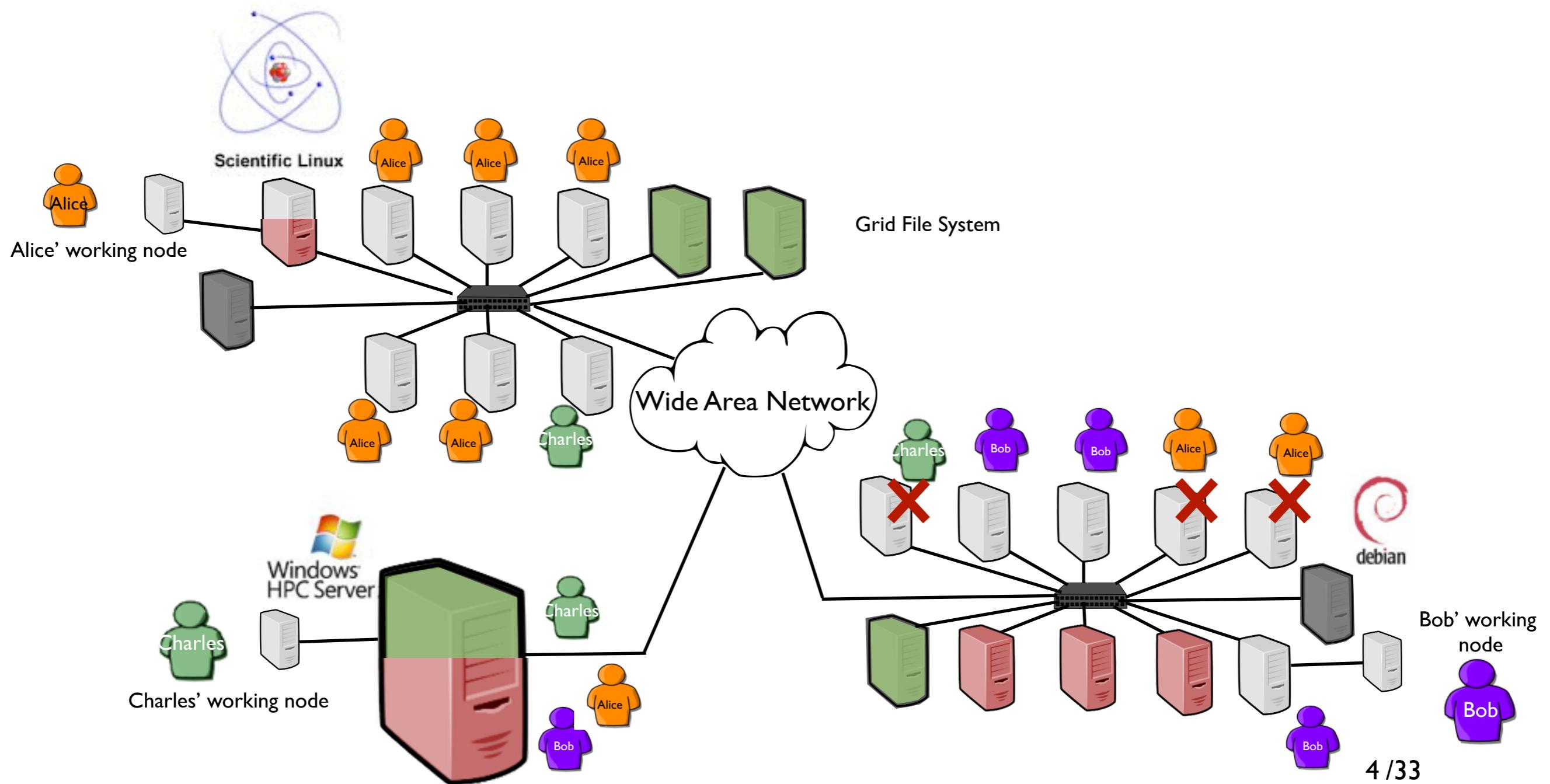
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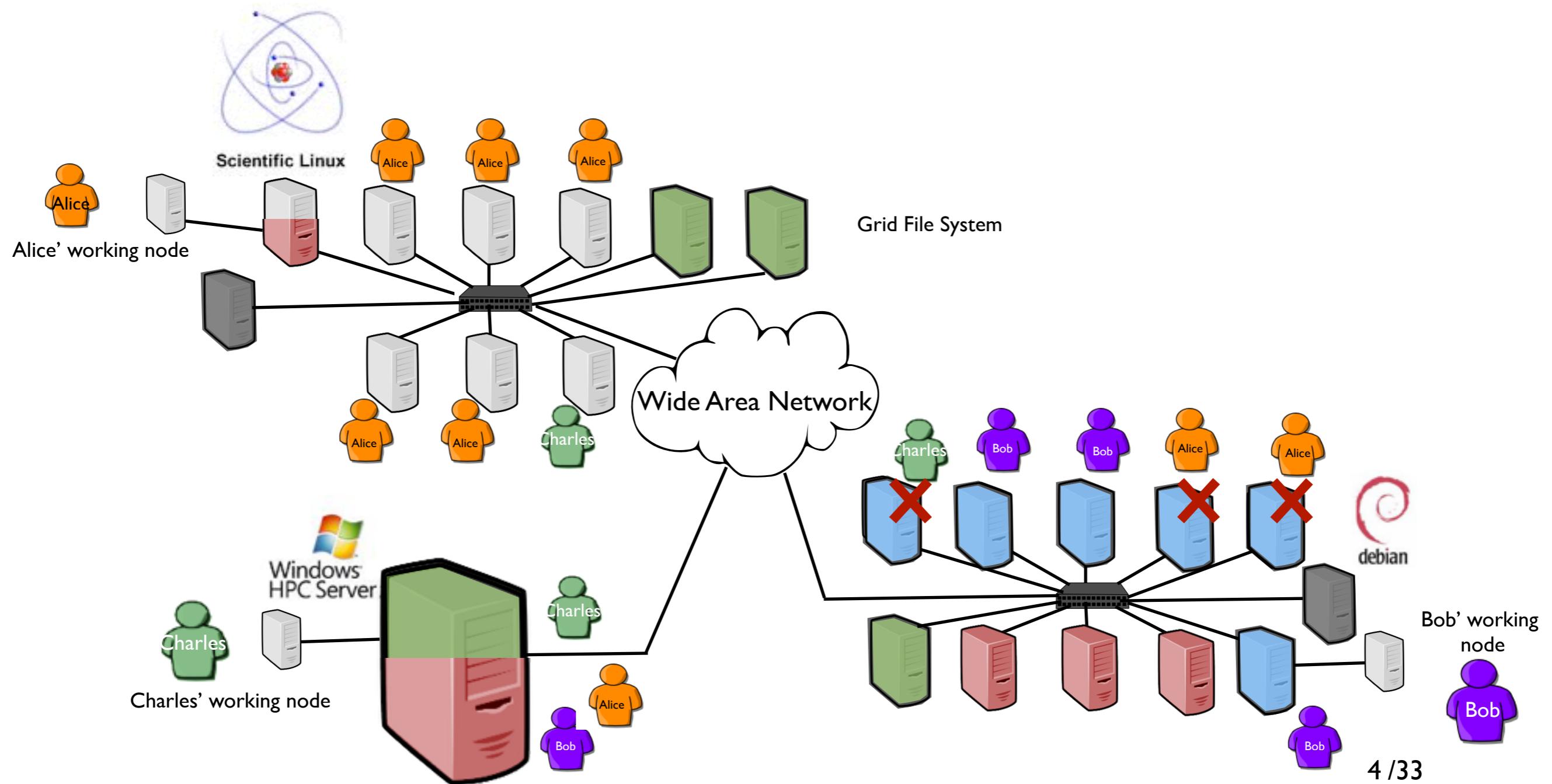
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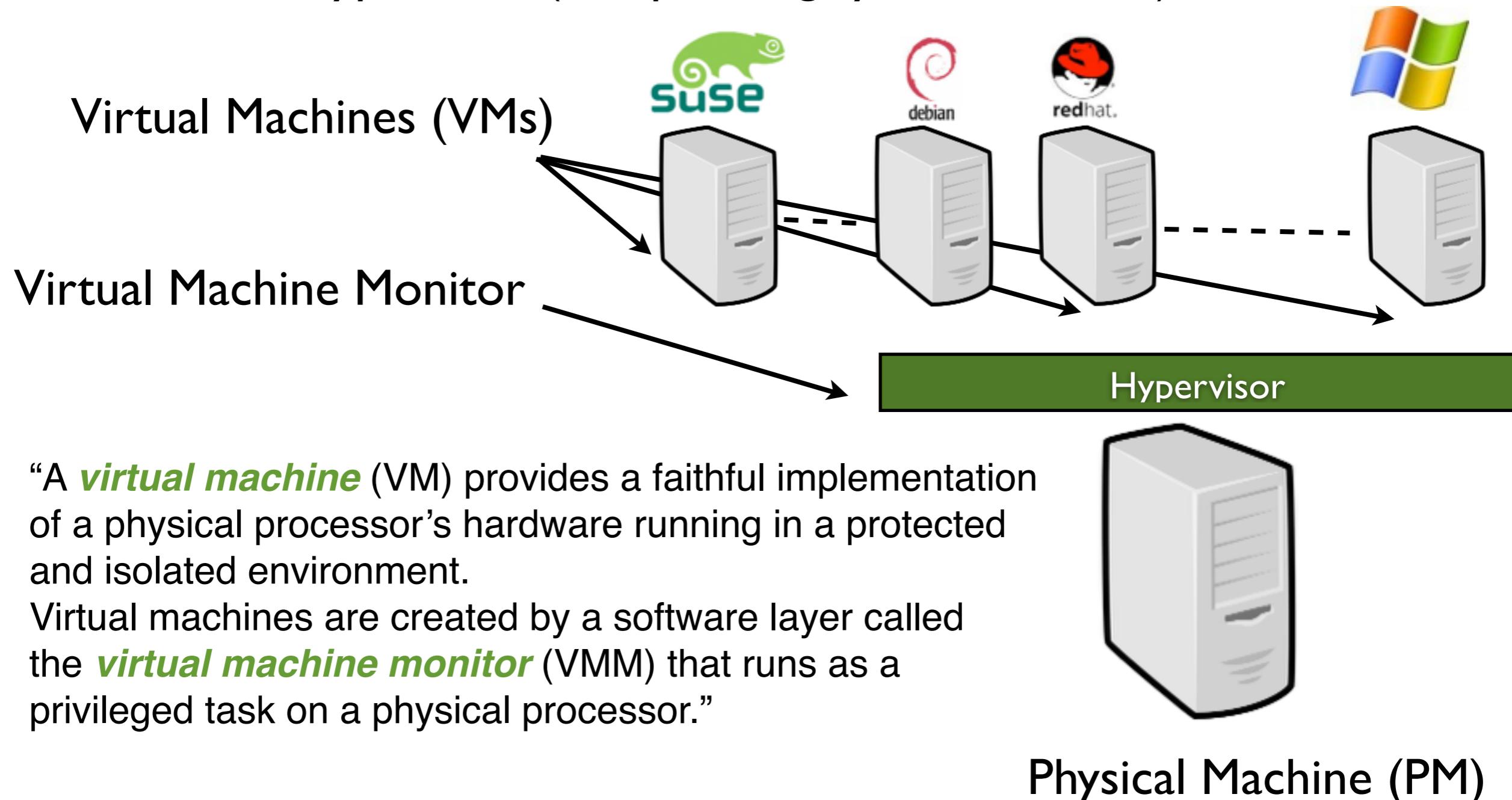
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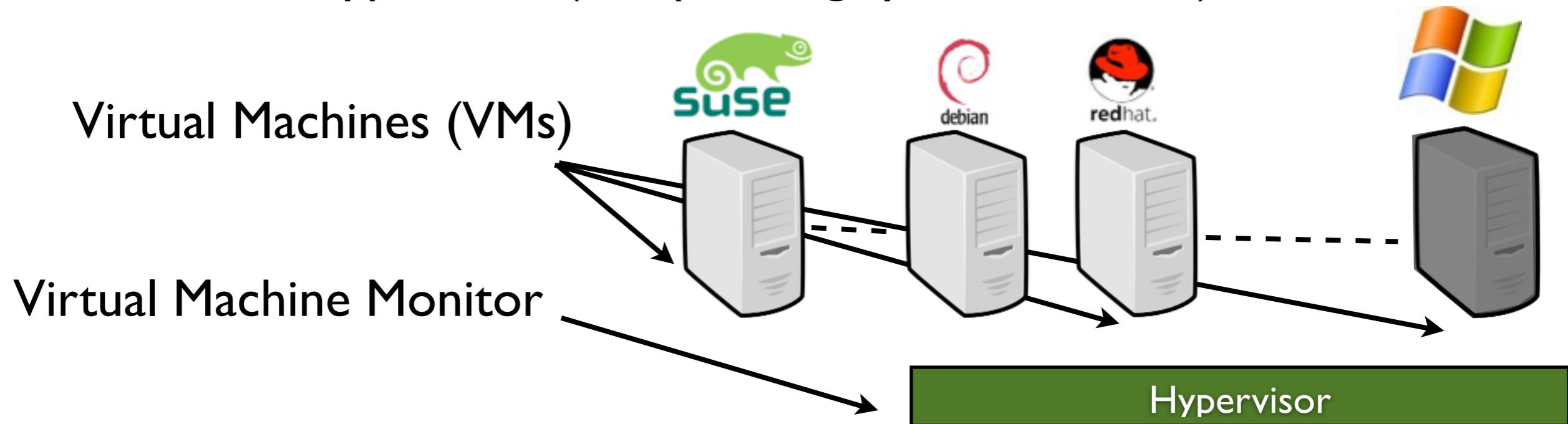
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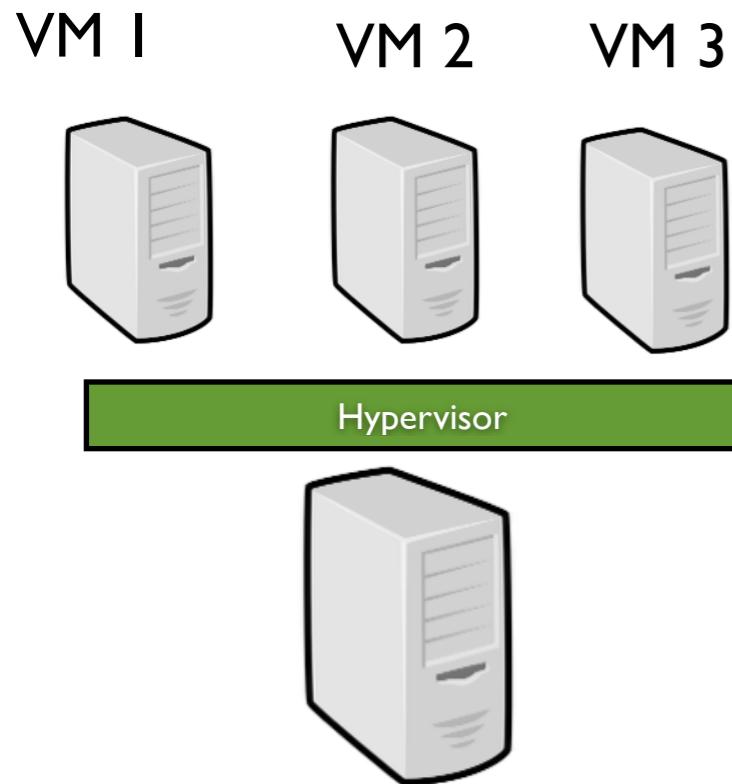
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Physical Machine (PM)

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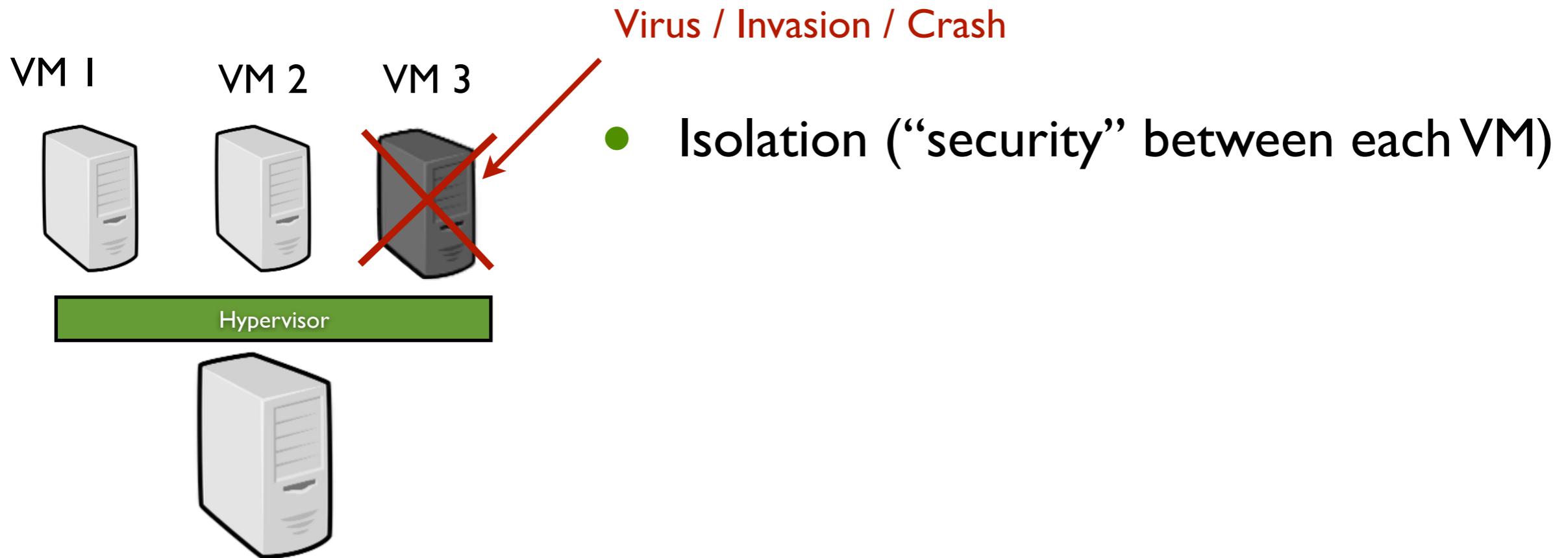
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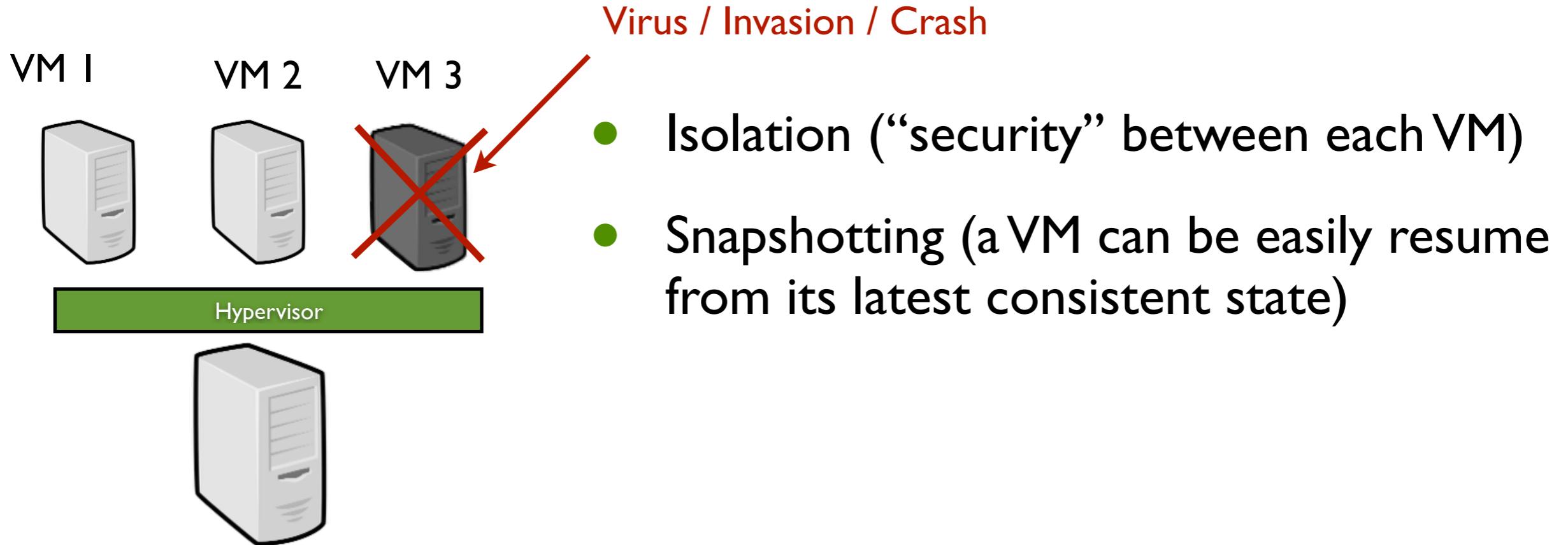
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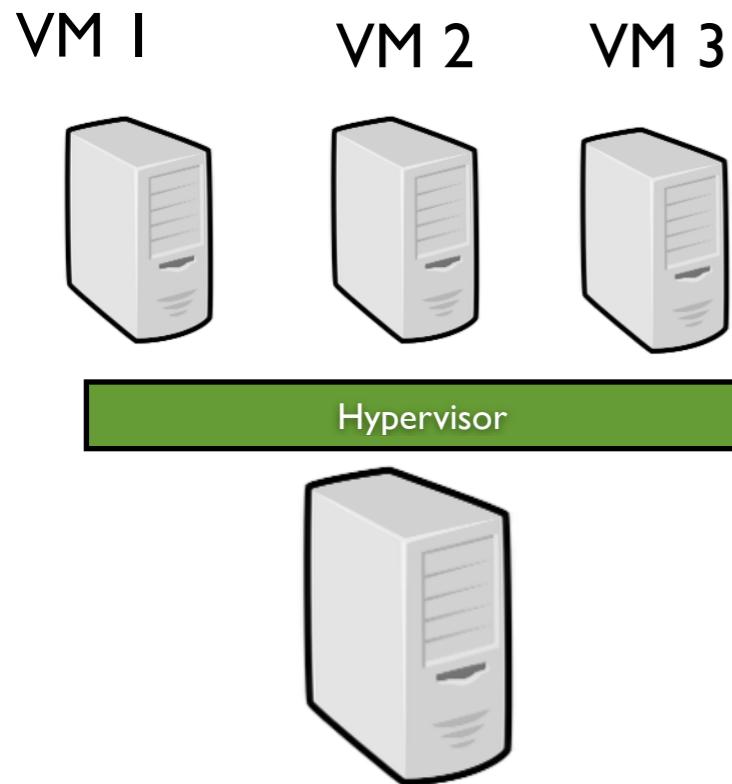
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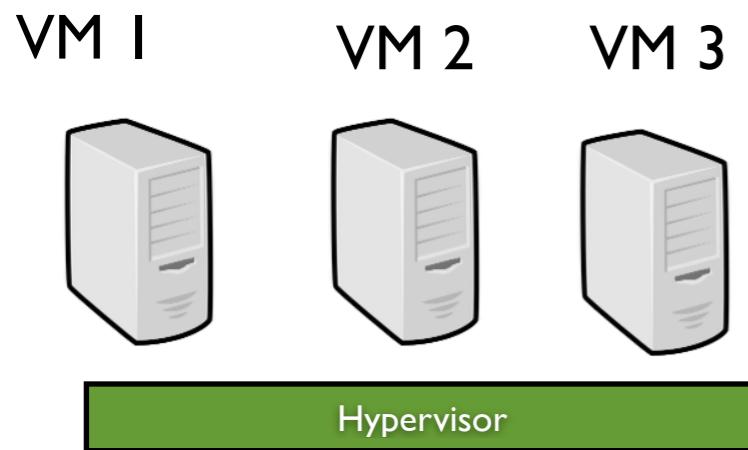
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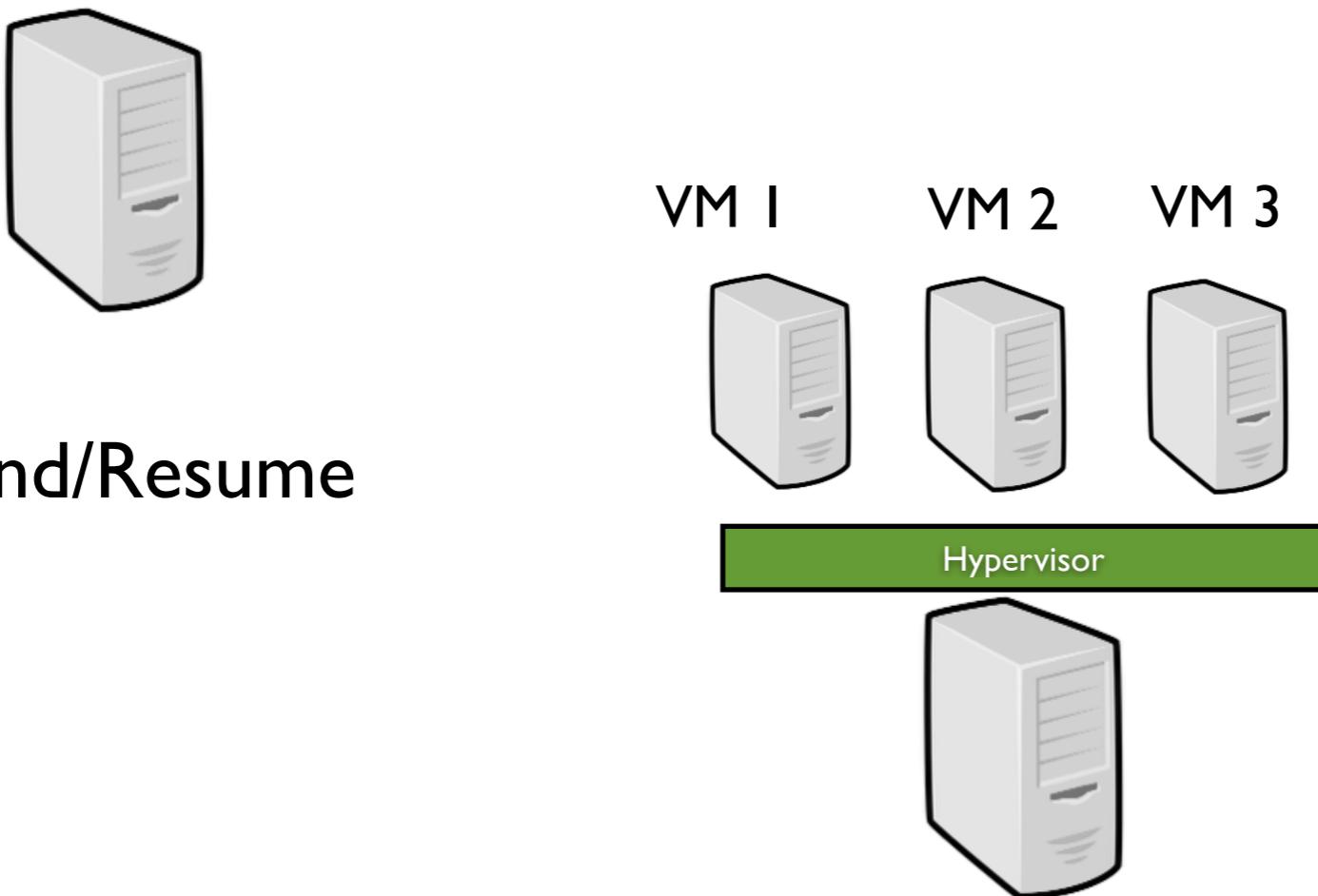
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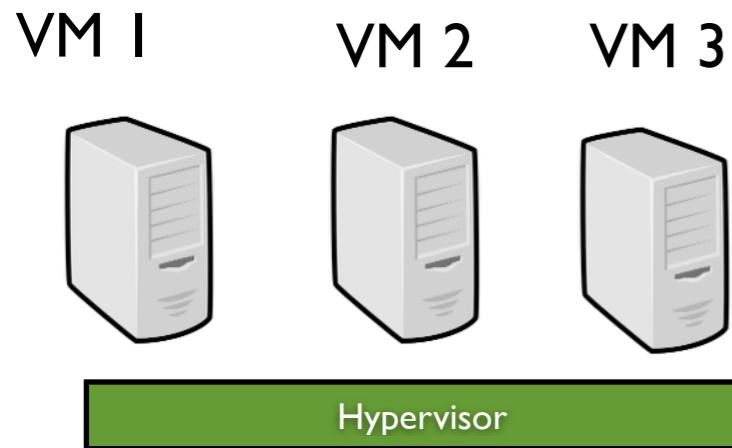
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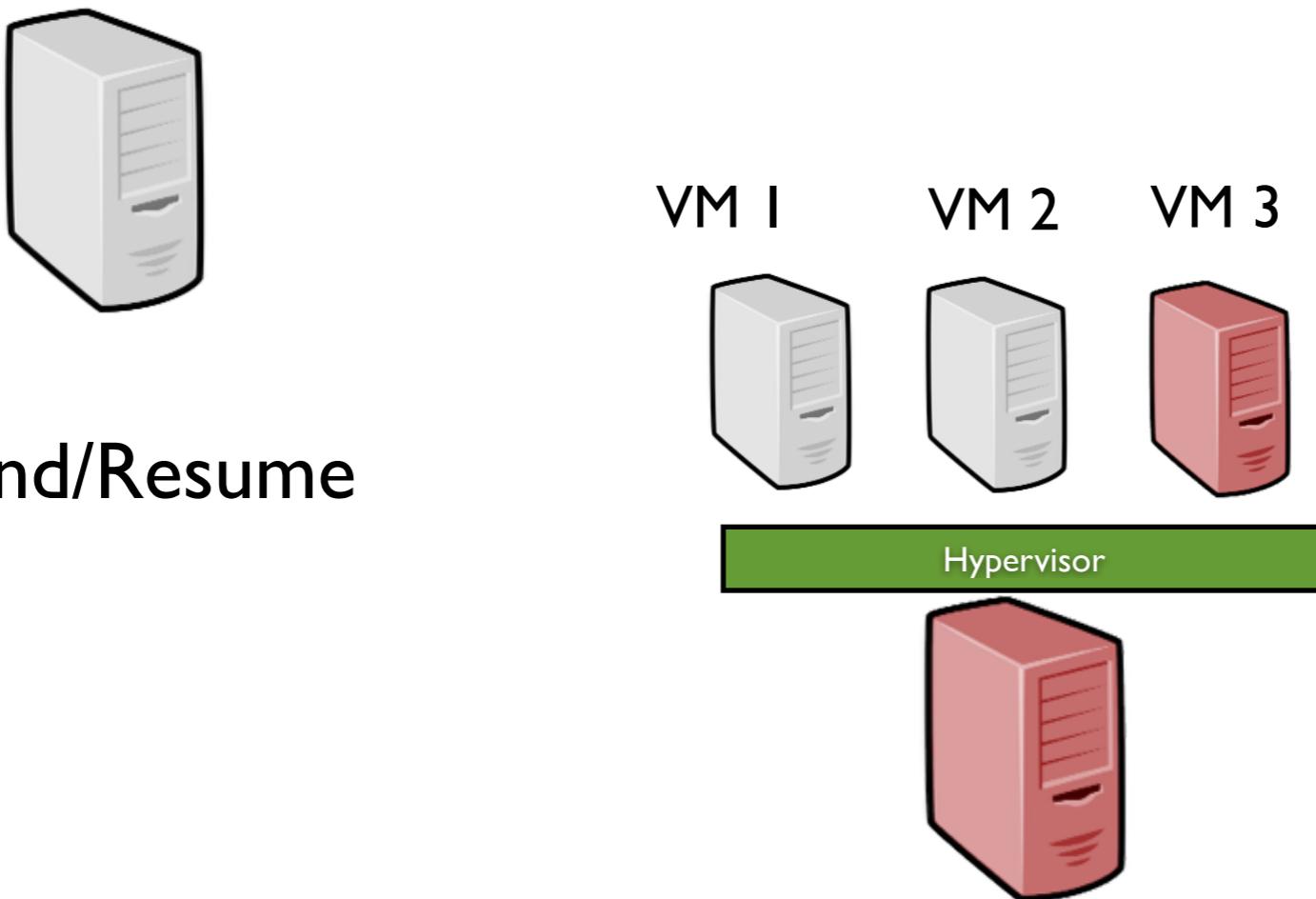
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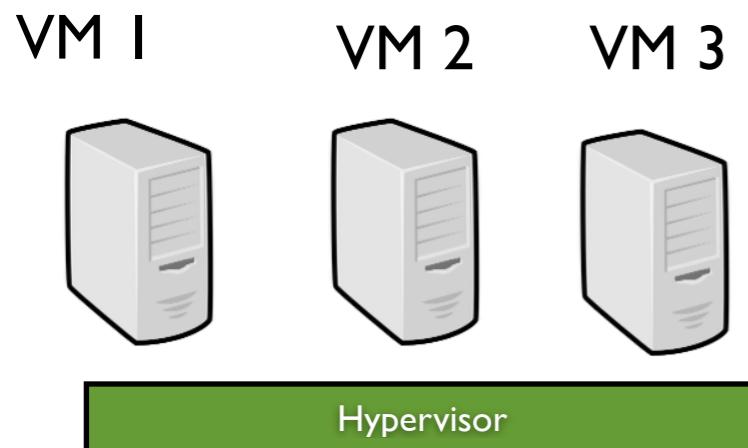
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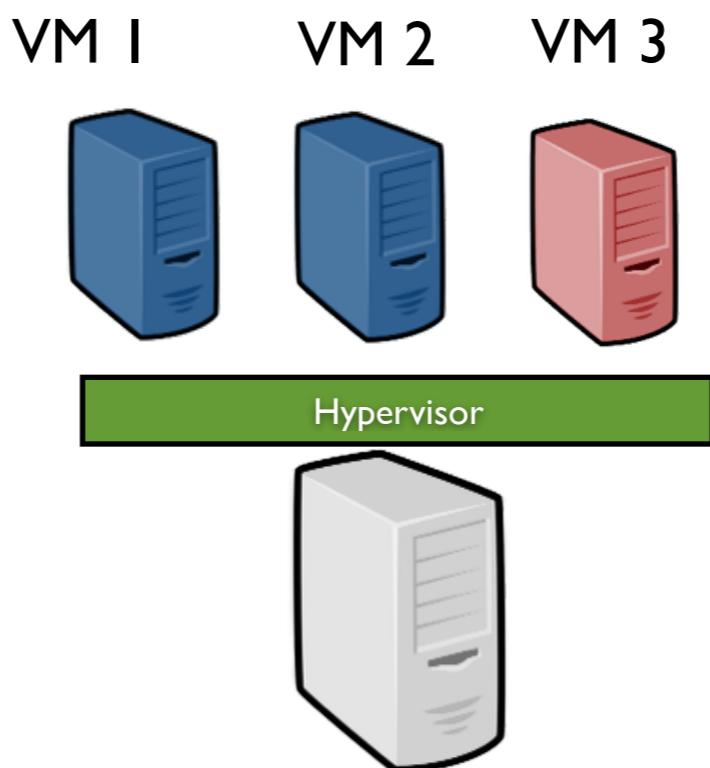
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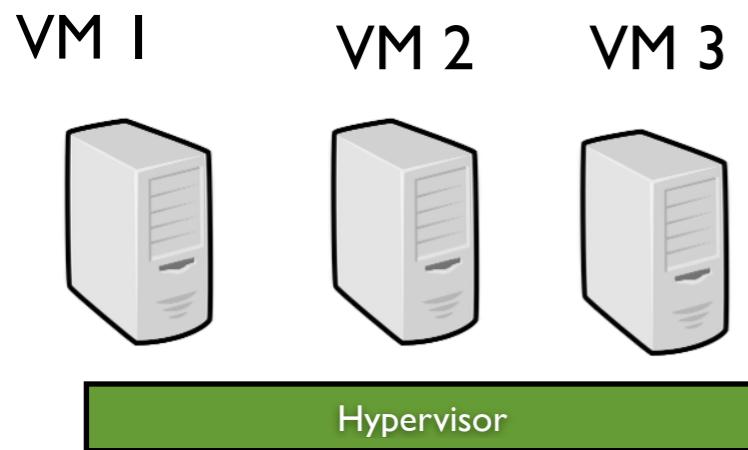


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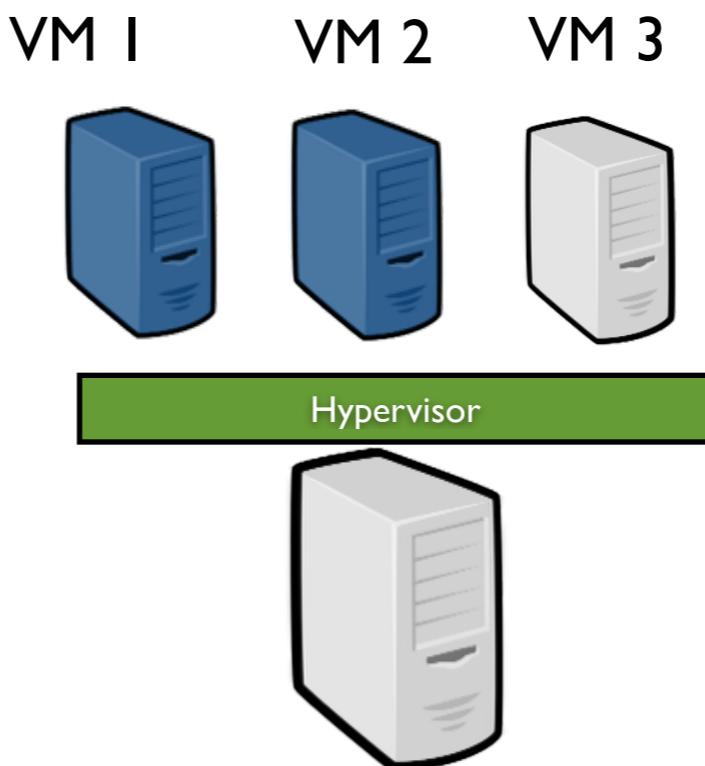
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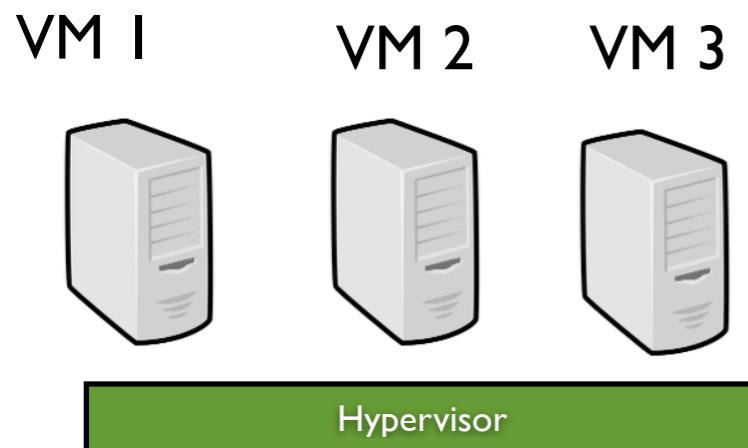


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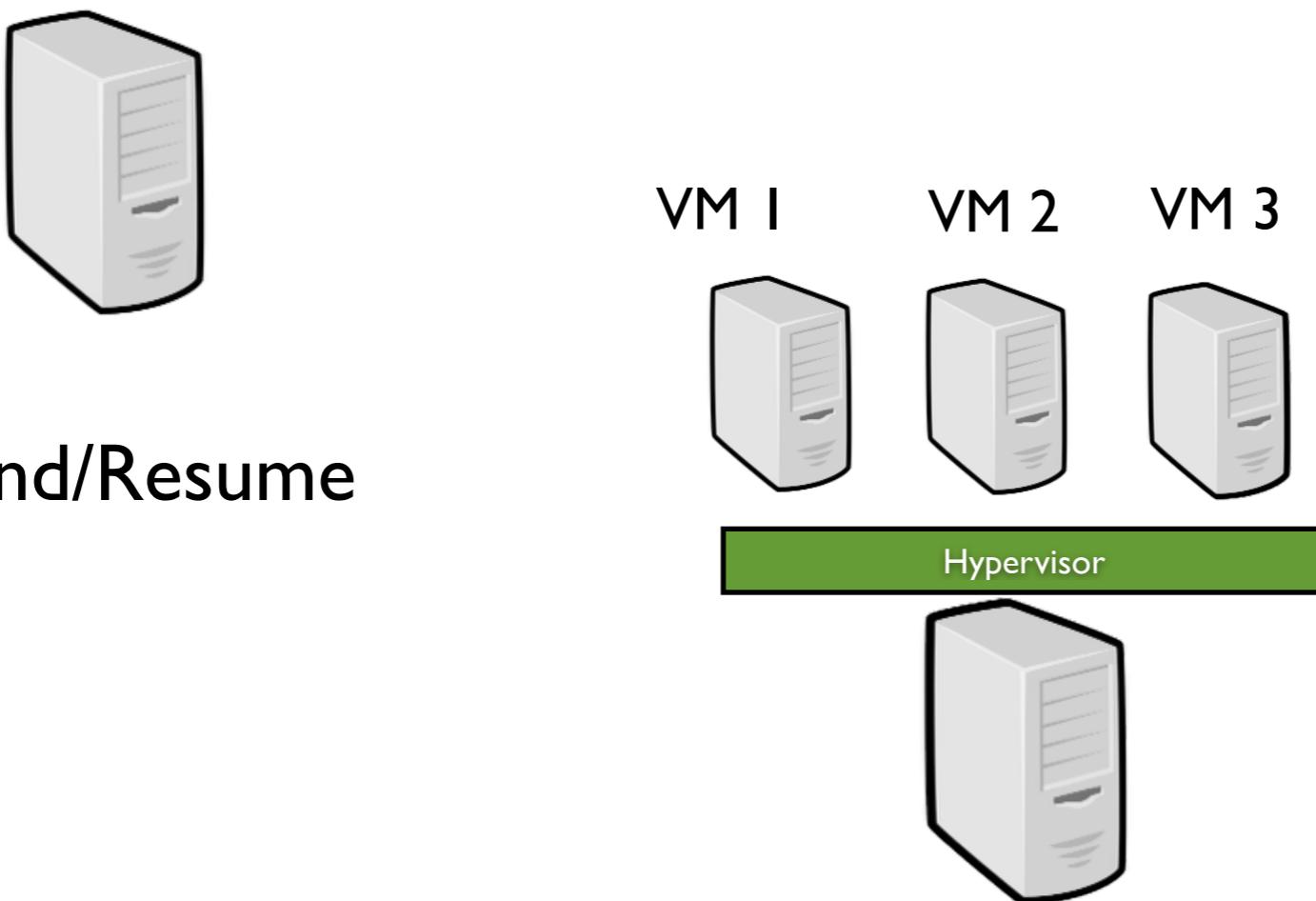


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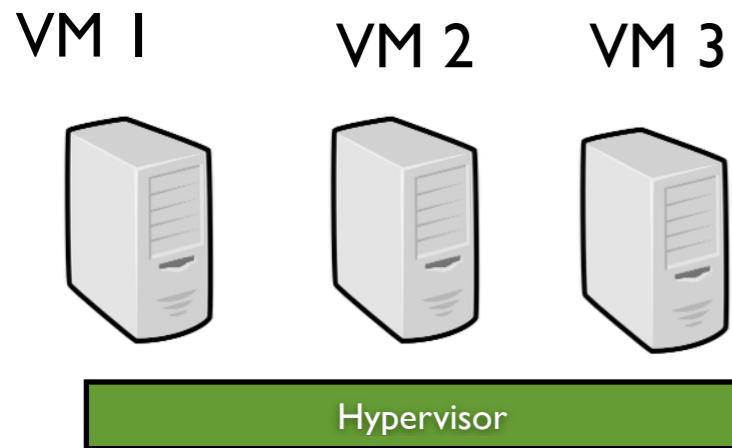
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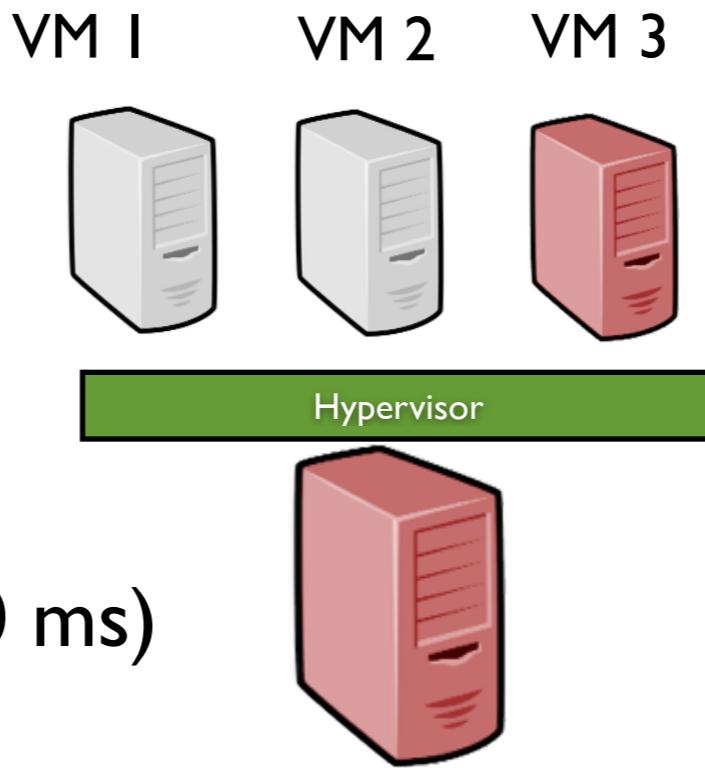
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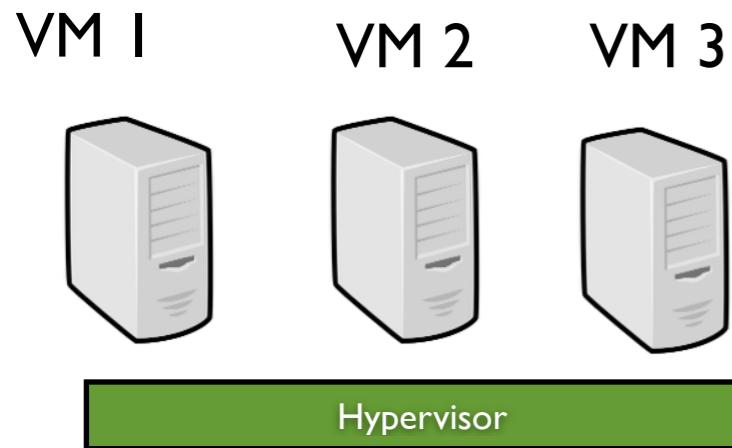


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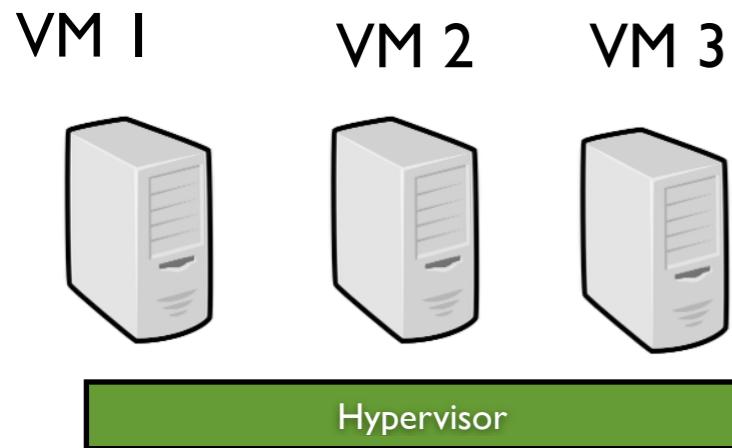
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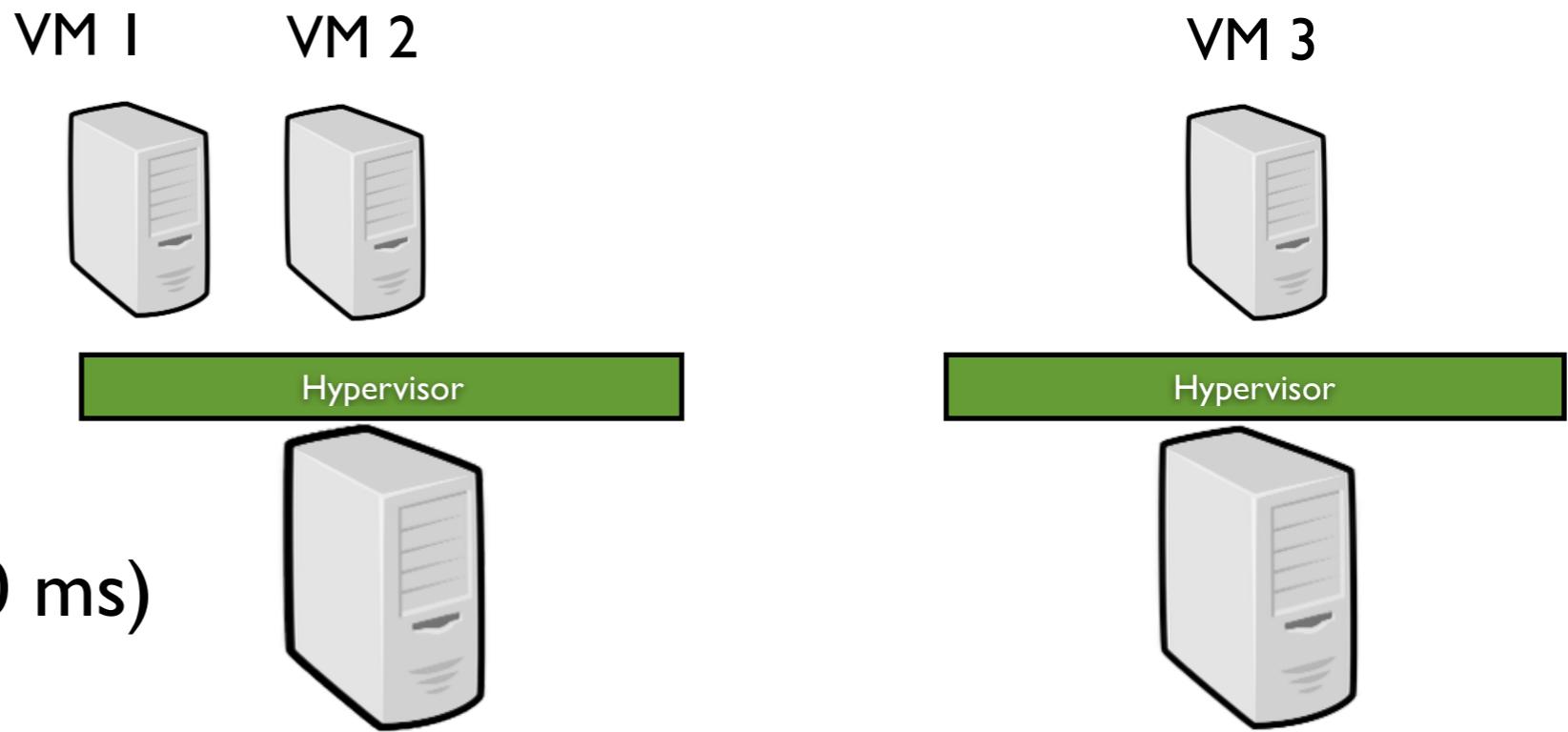
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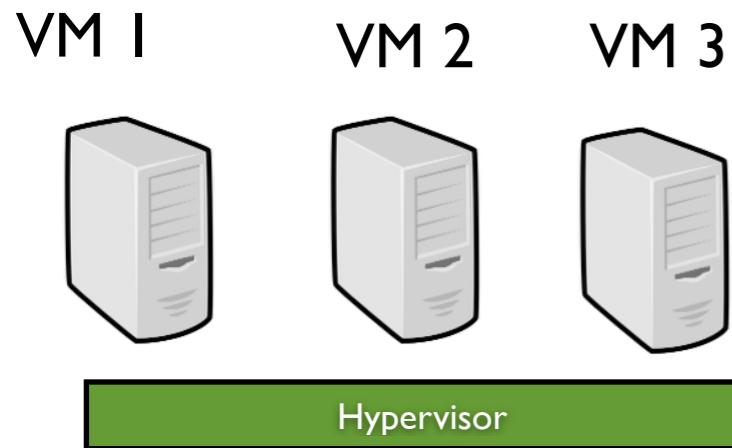
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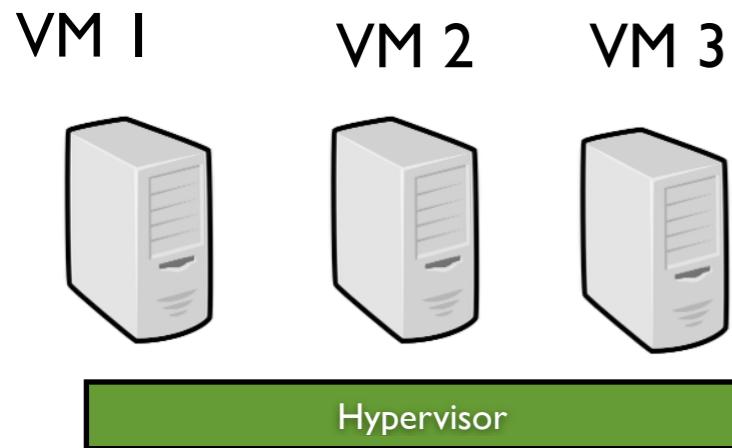


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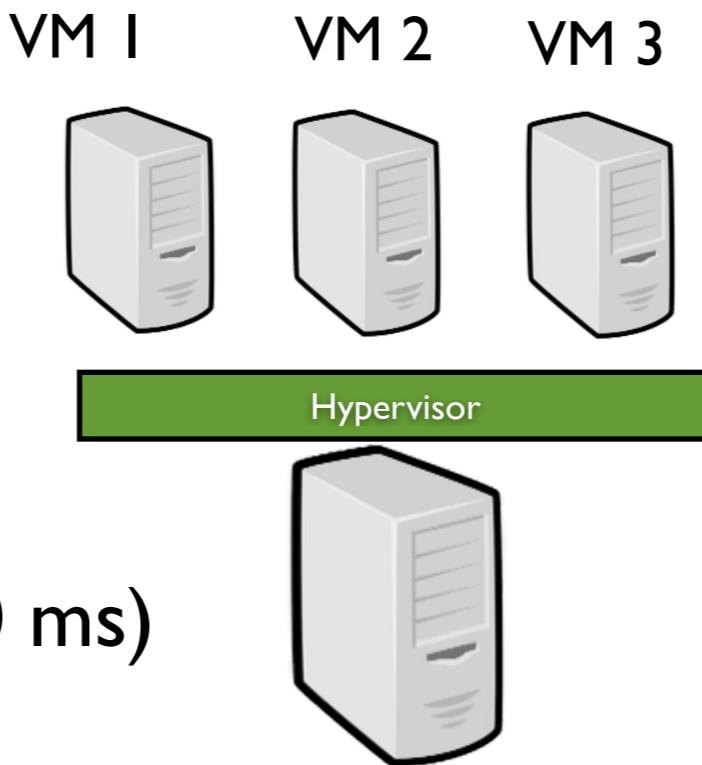
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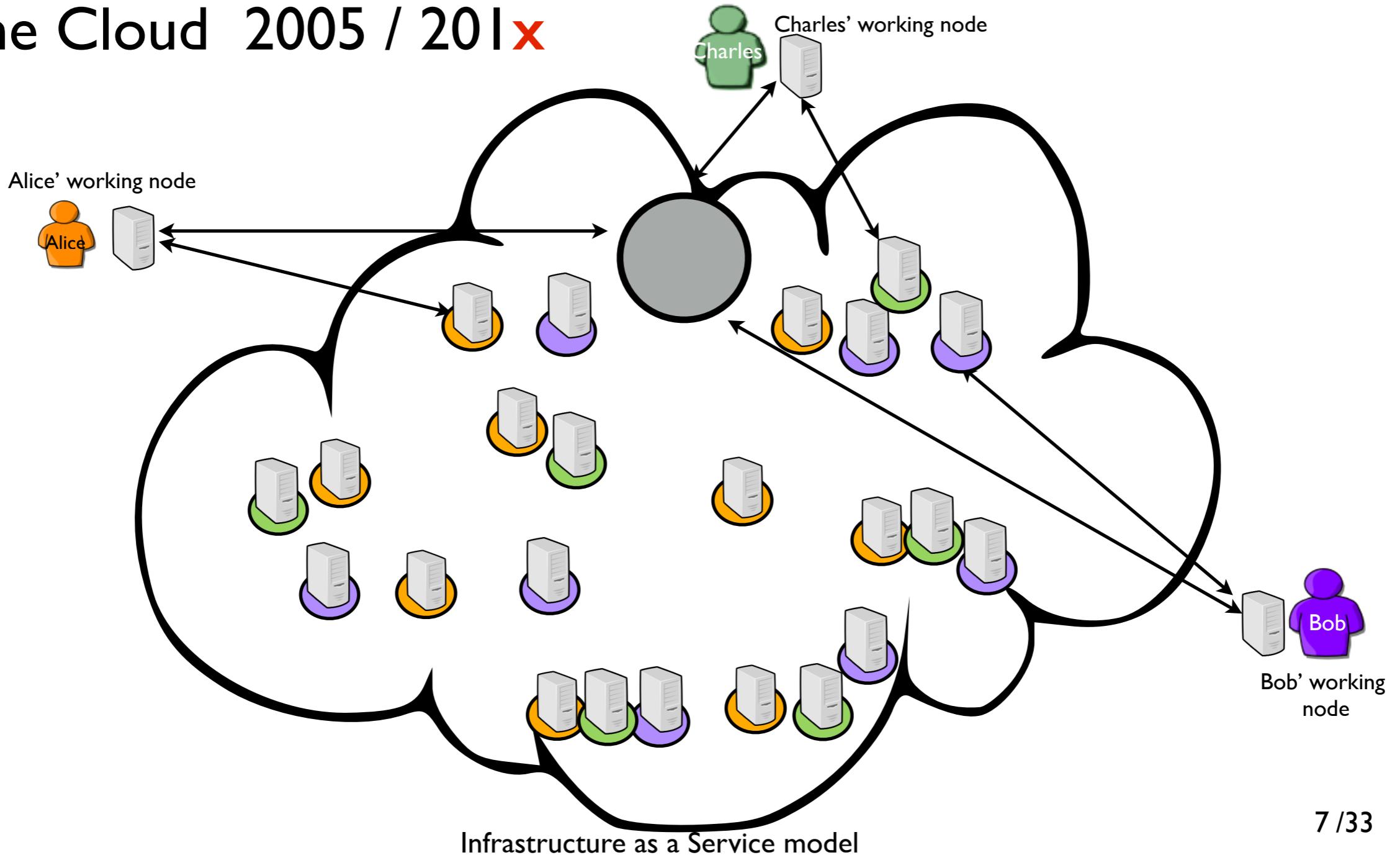


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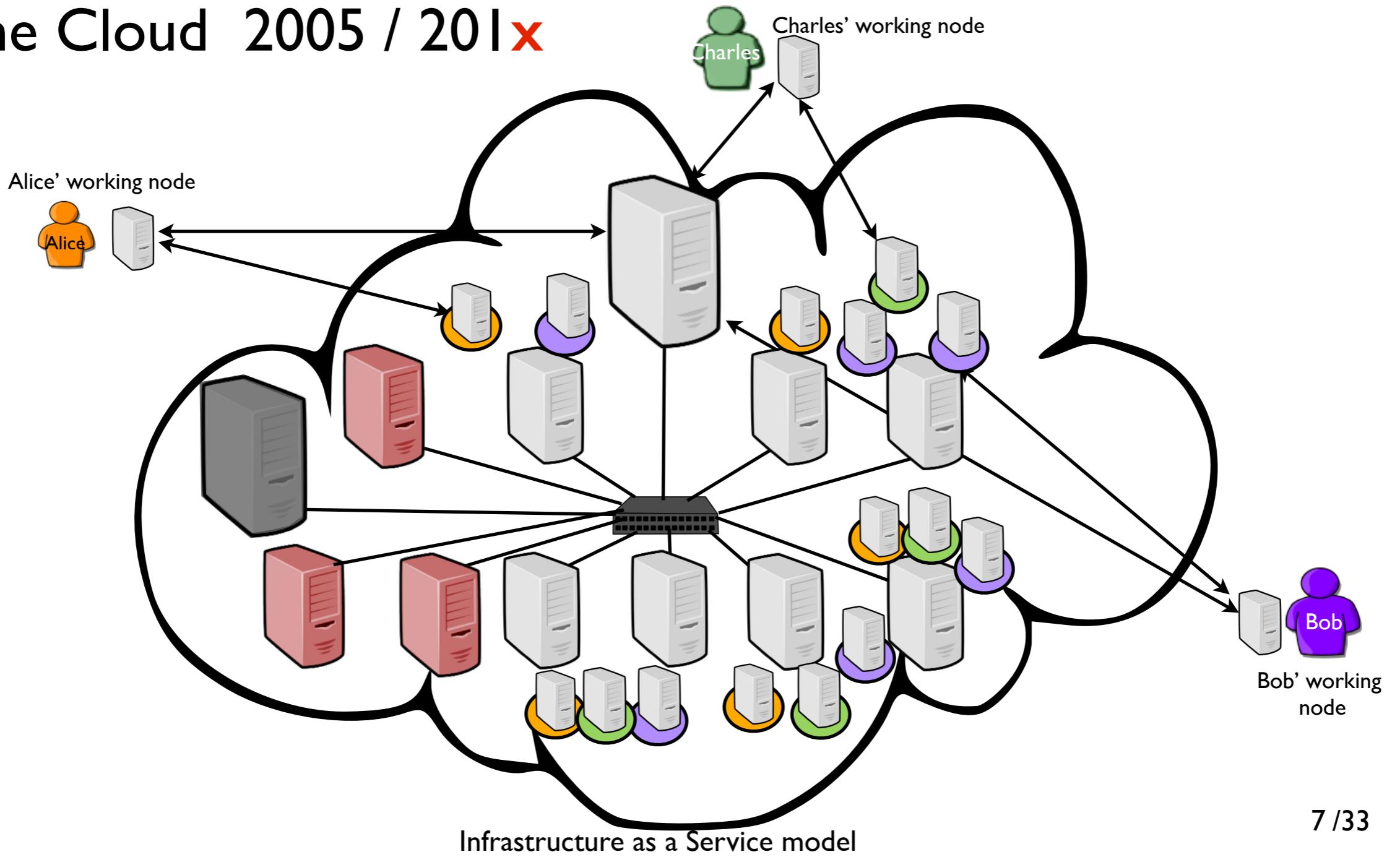
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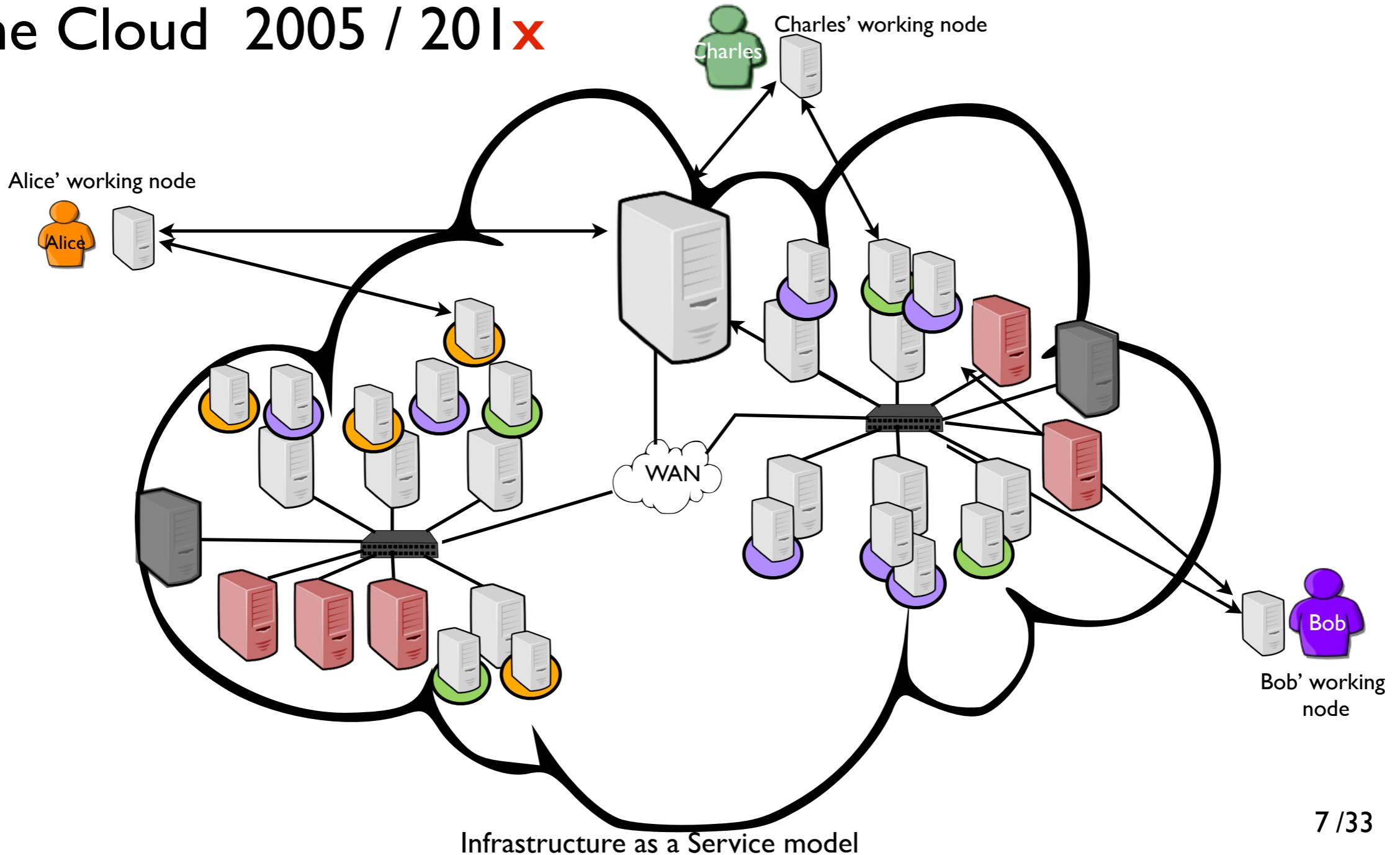
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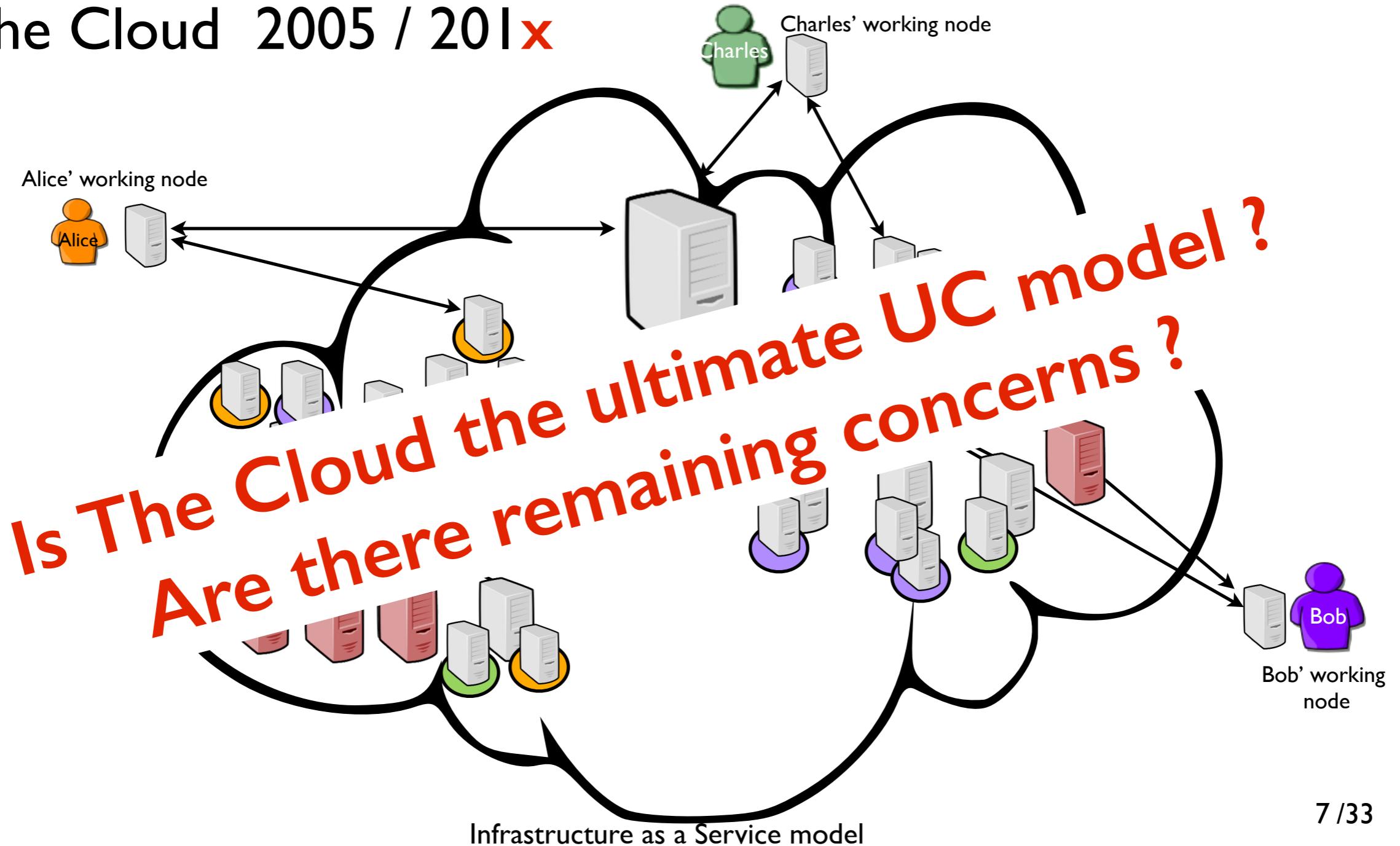
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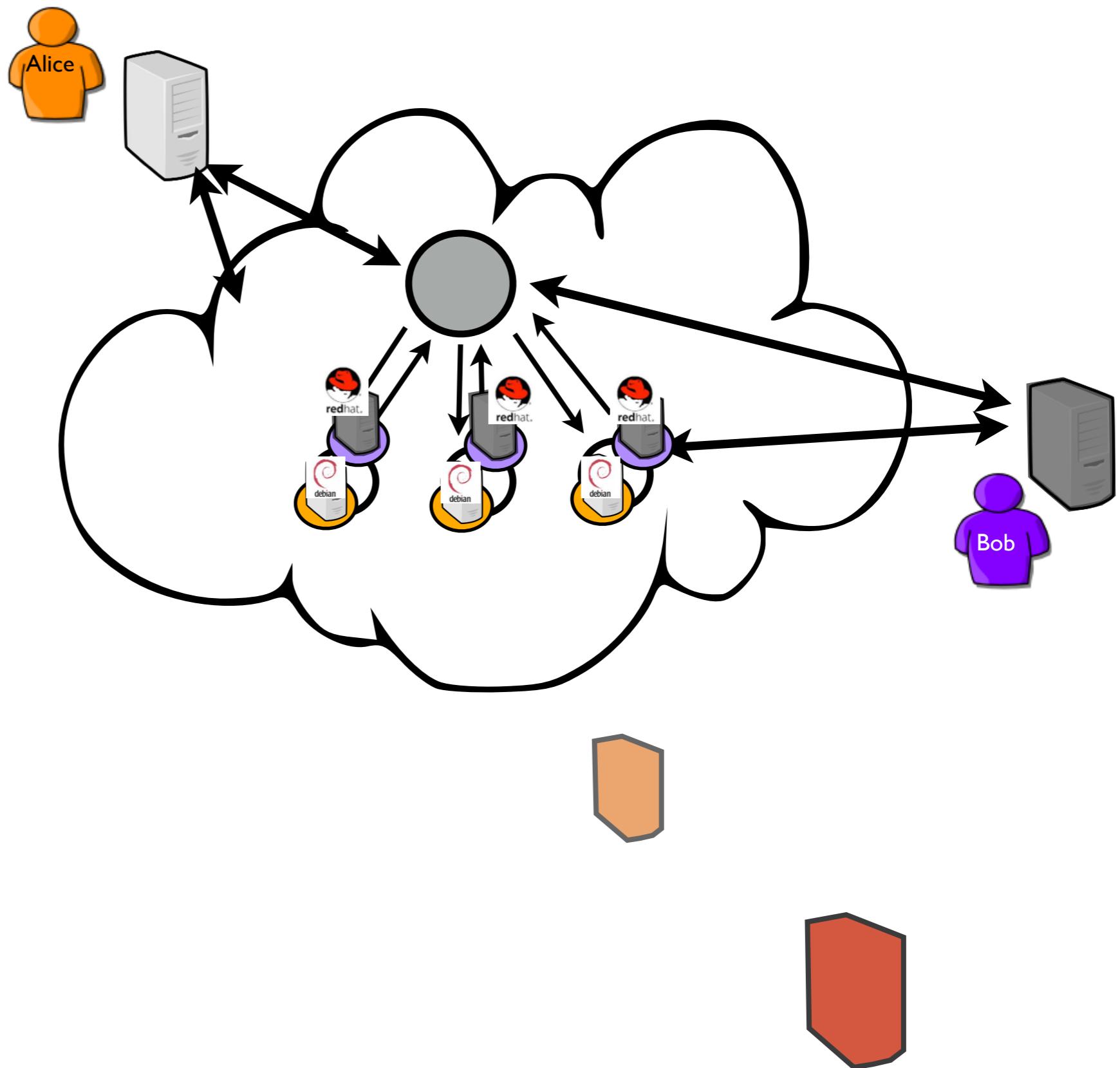
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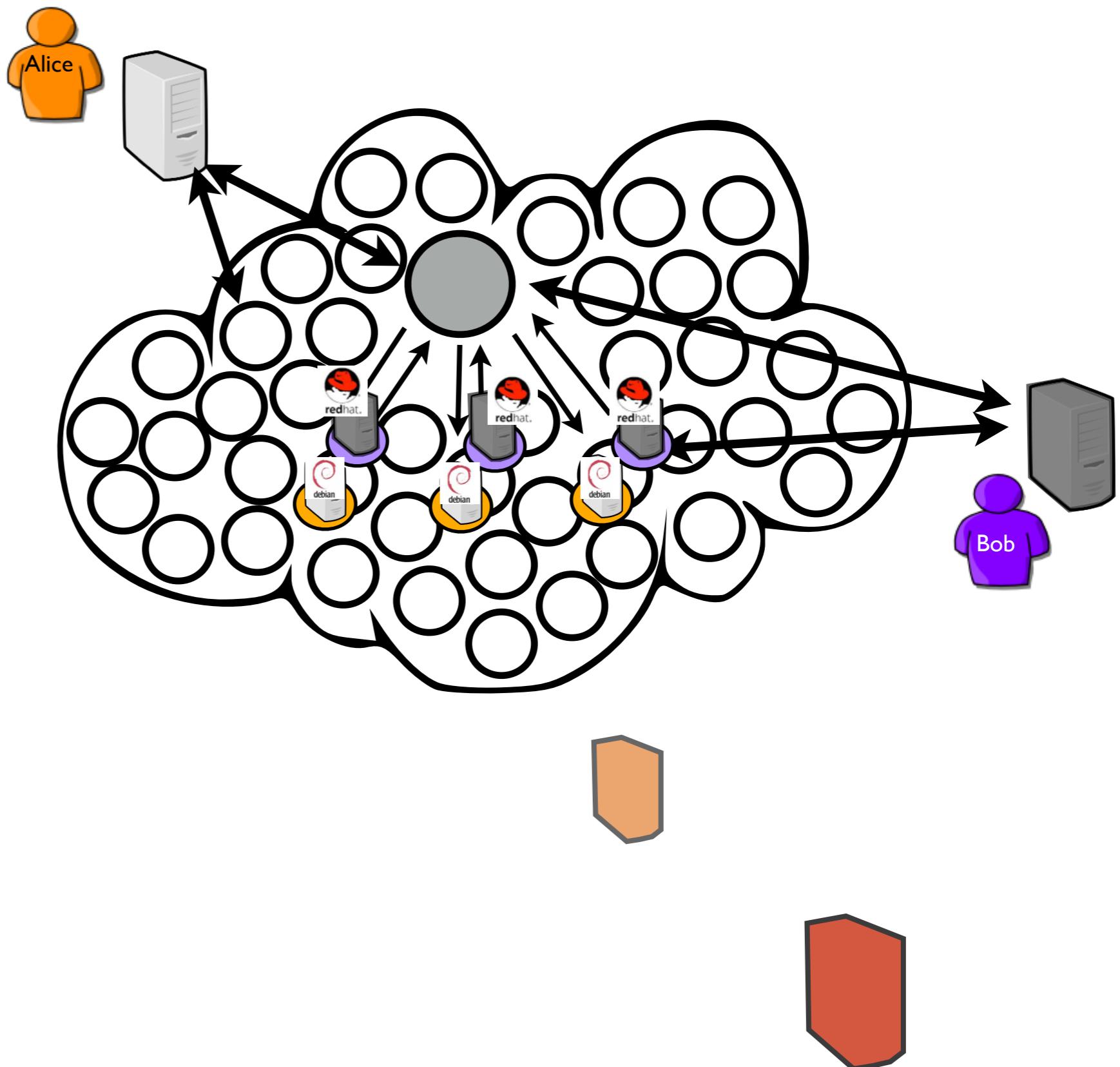
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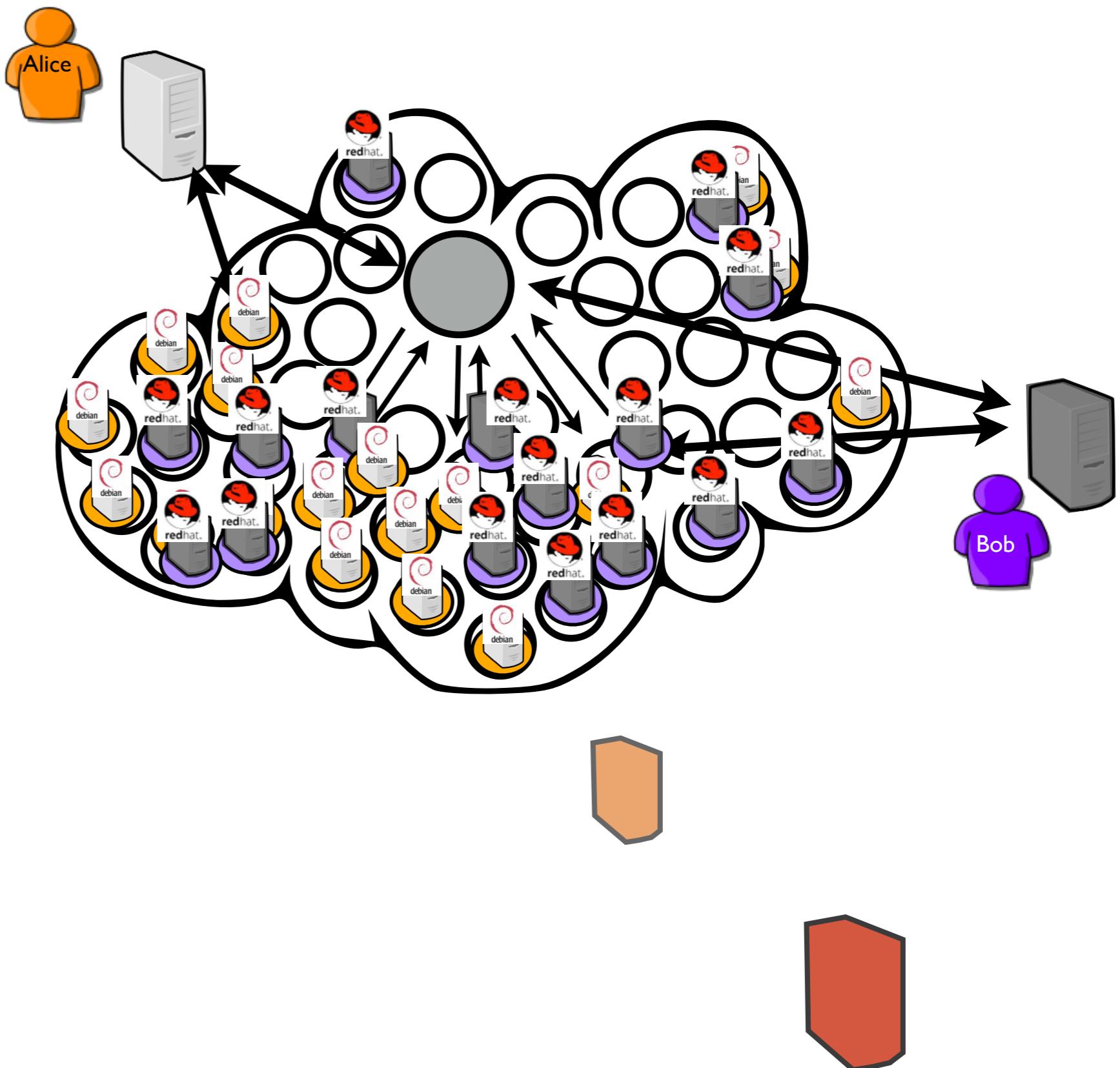
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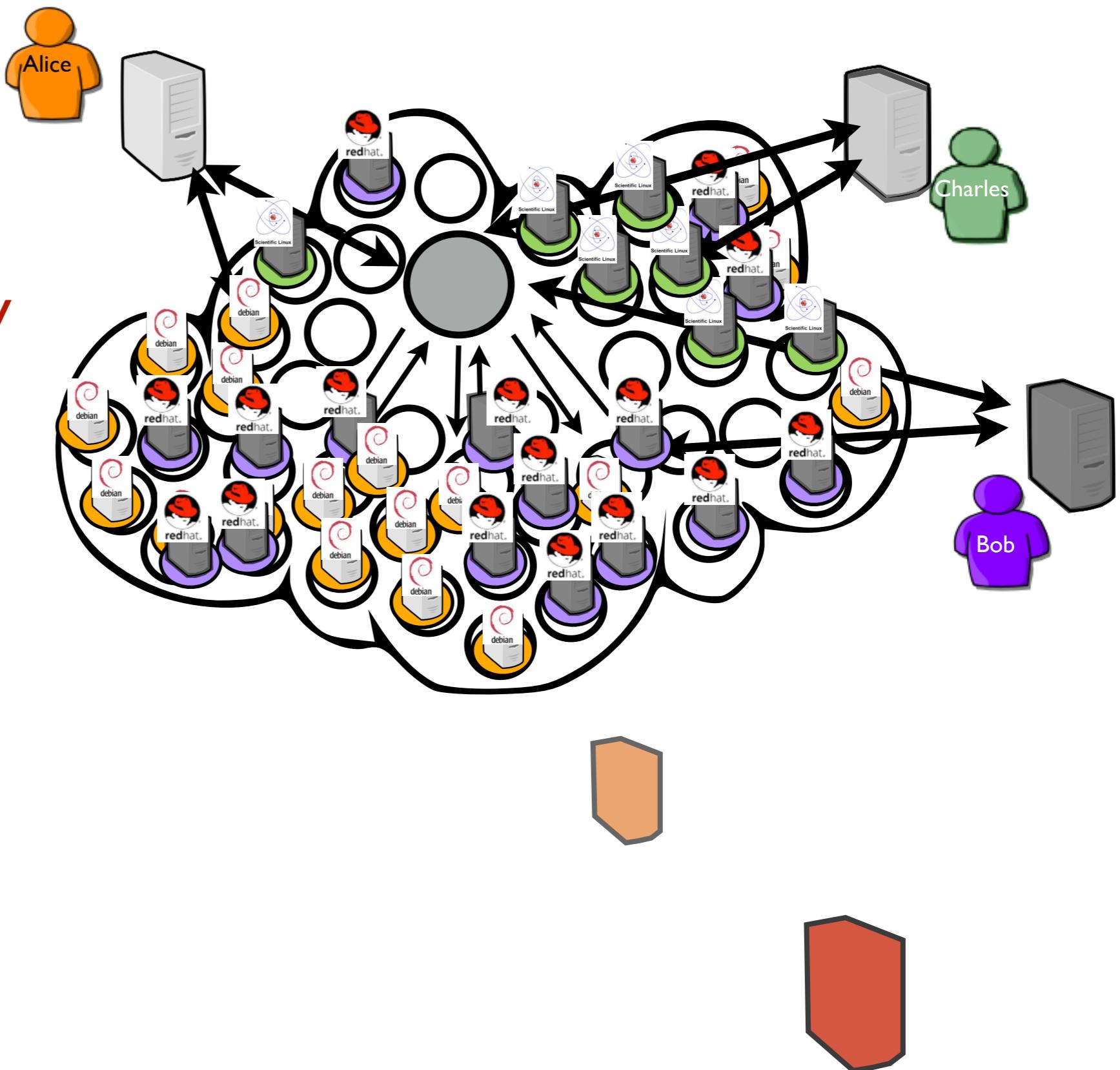
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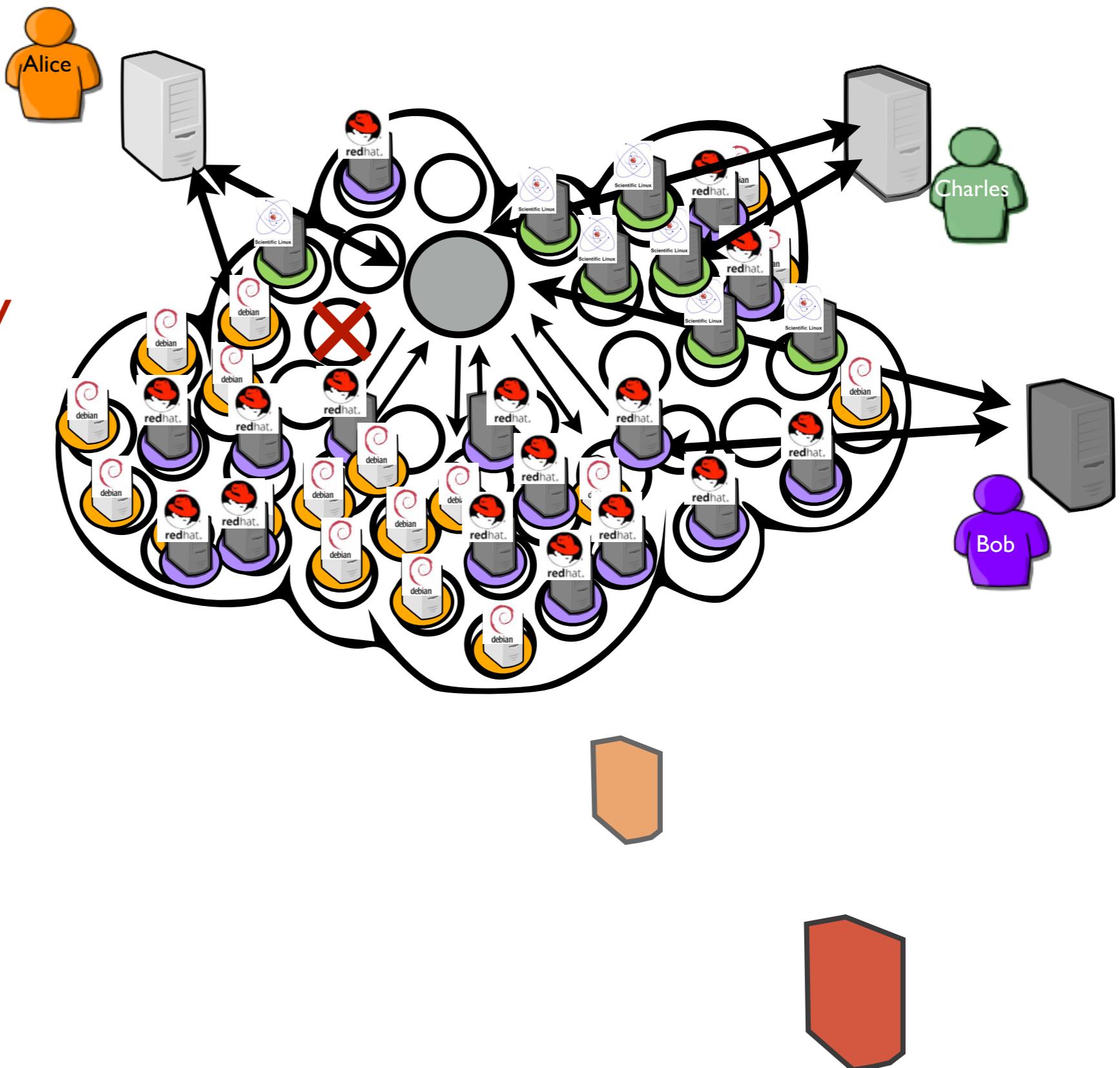
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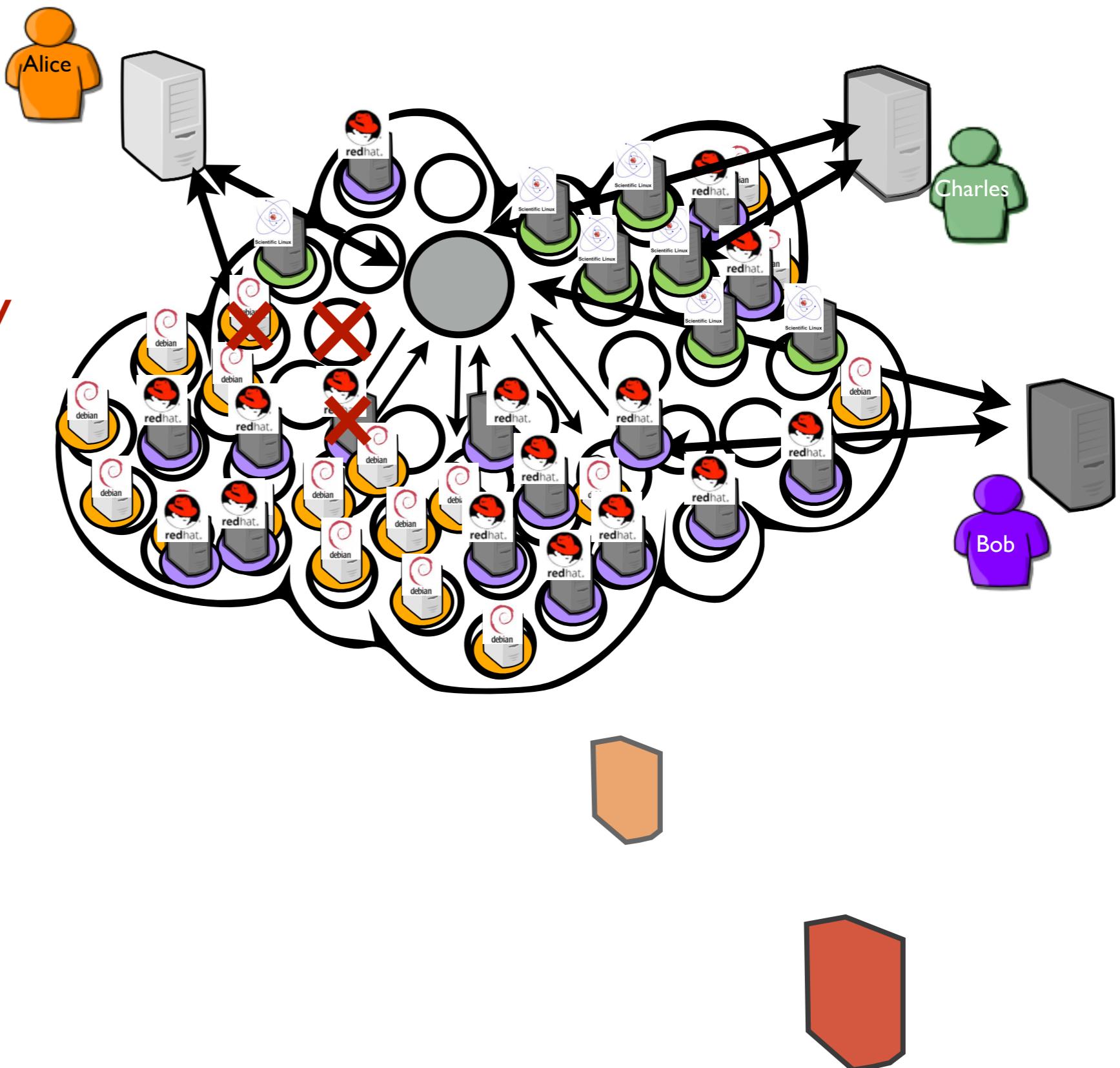
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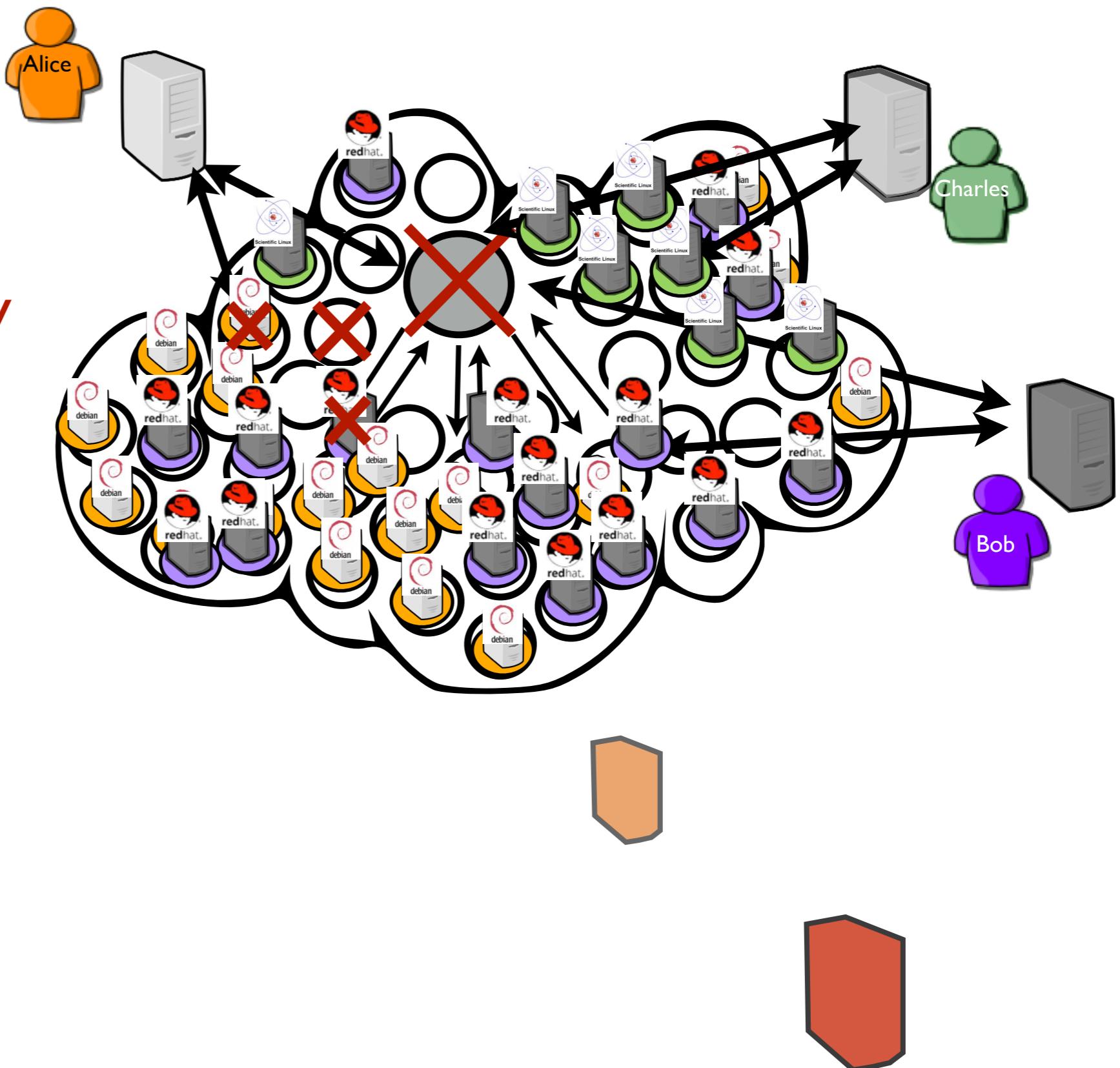
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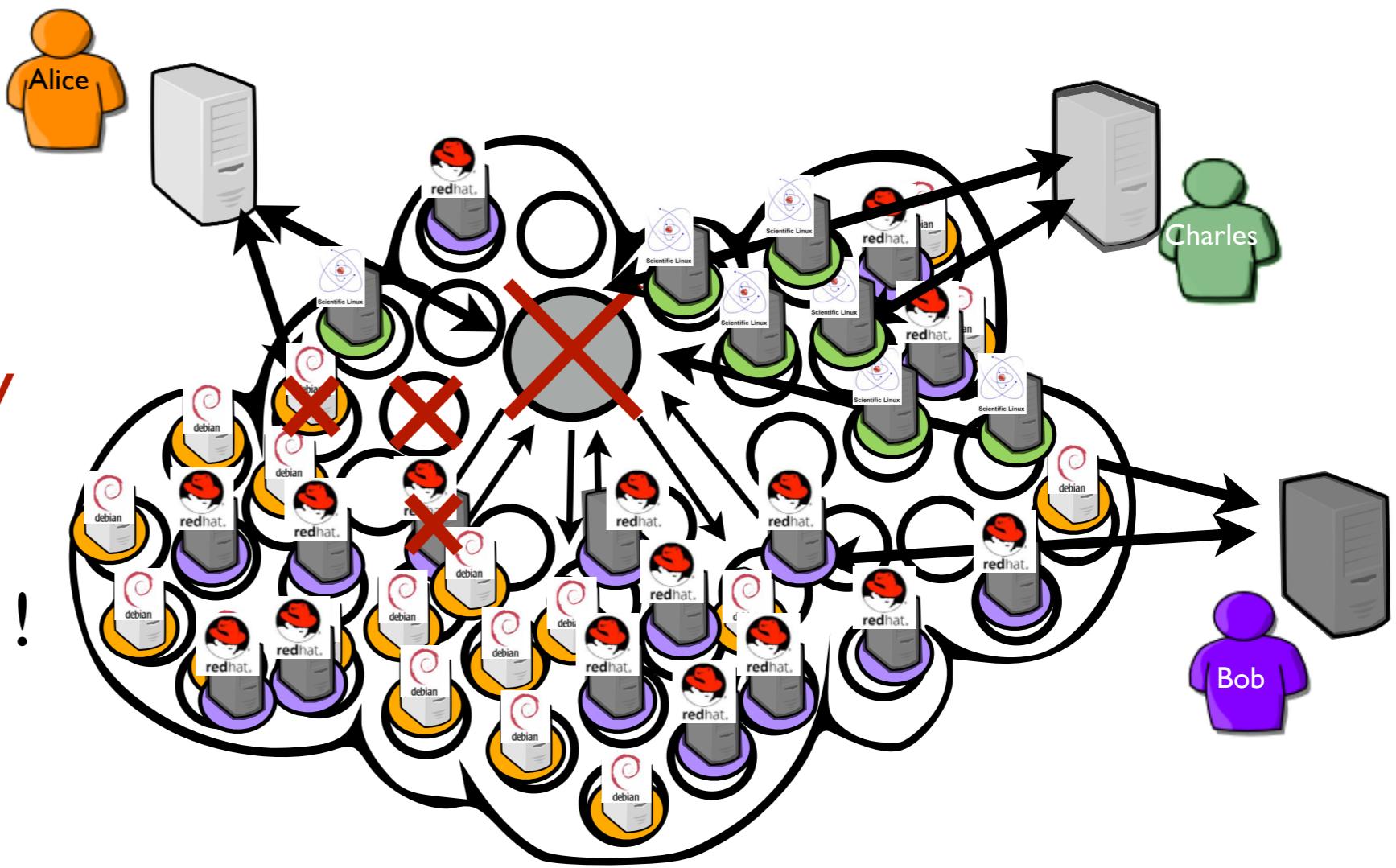
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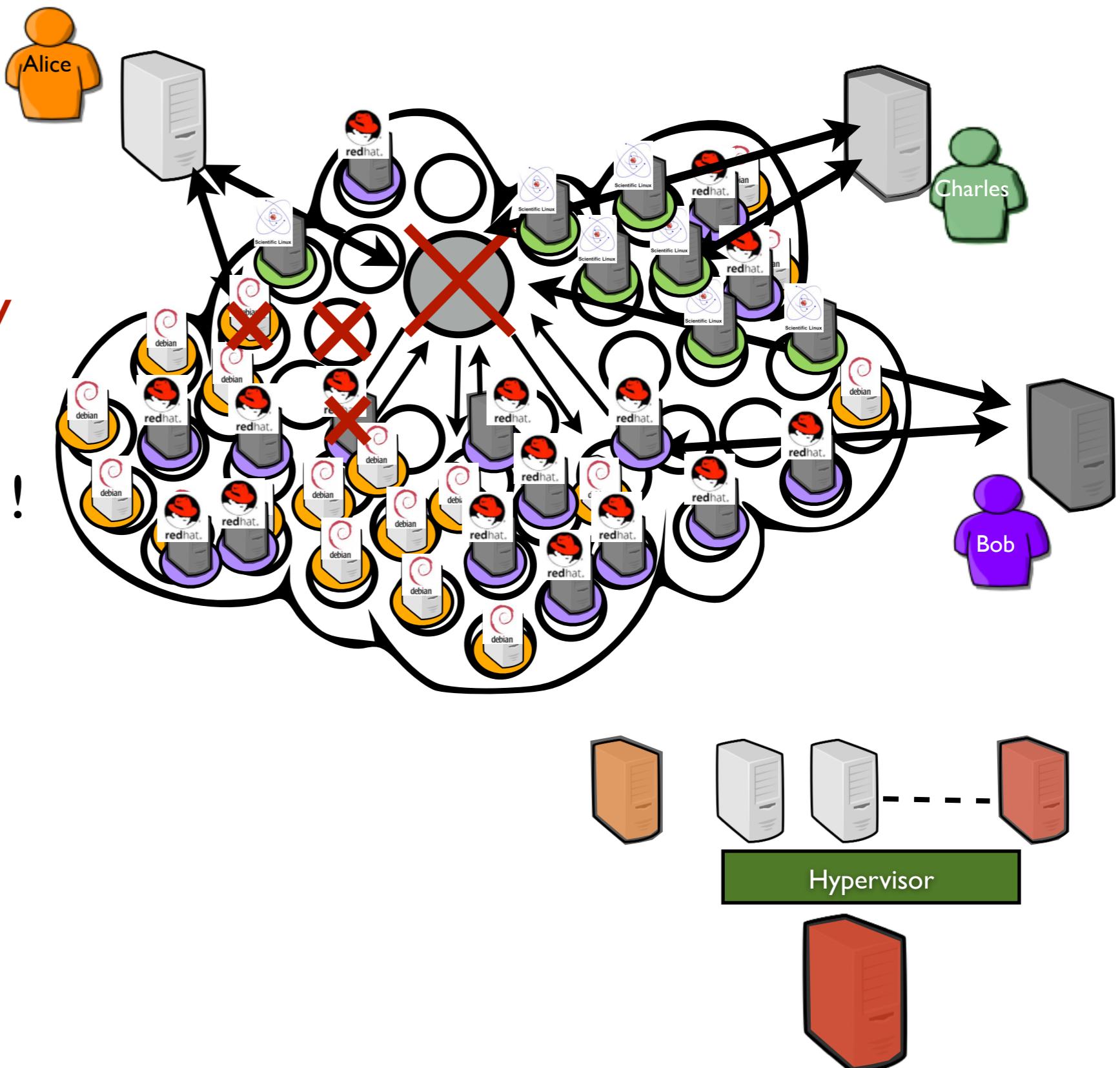
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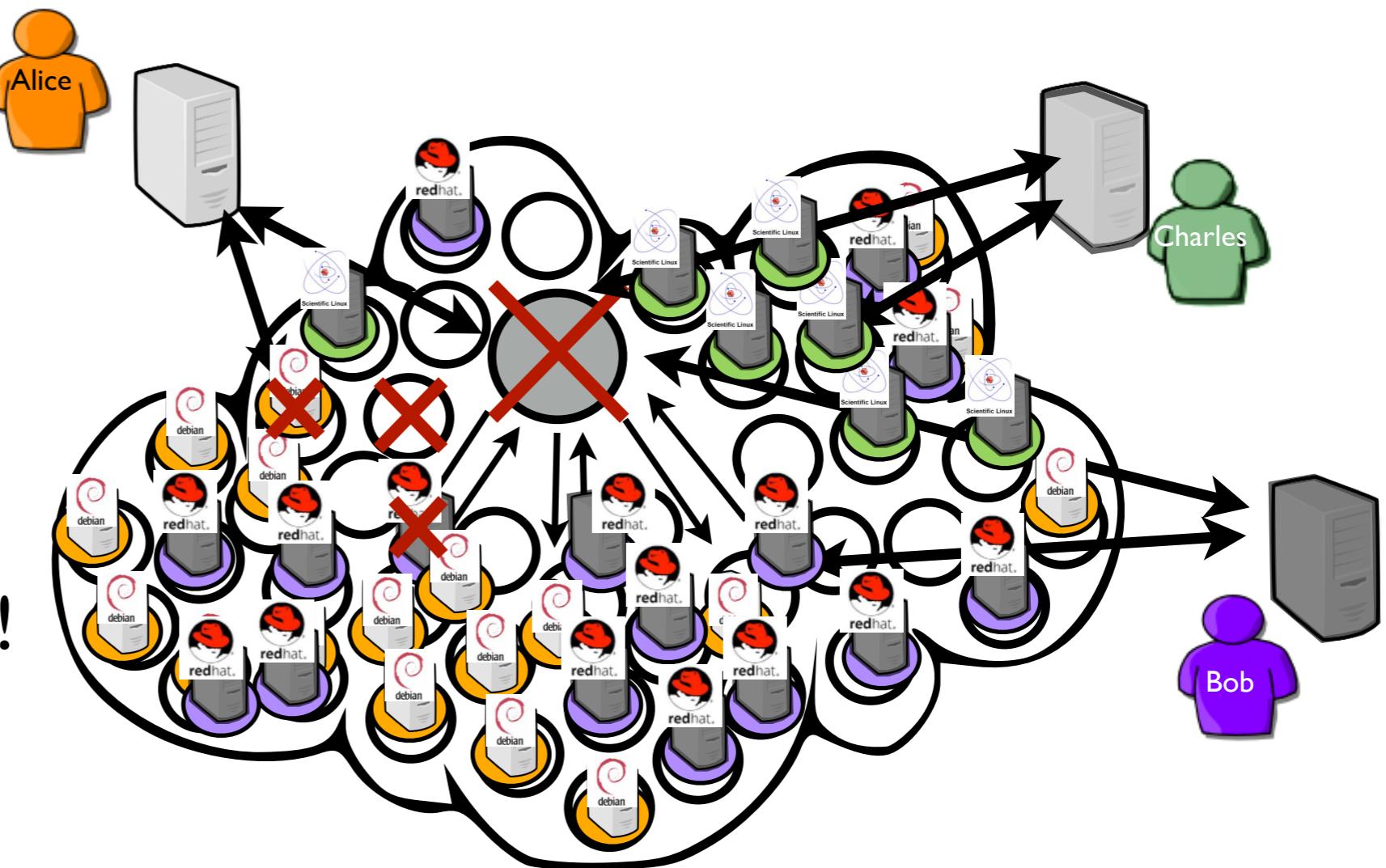


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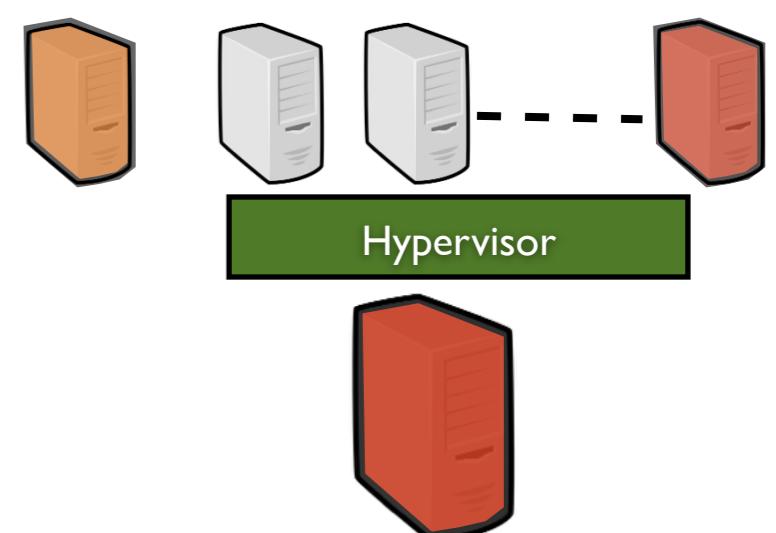
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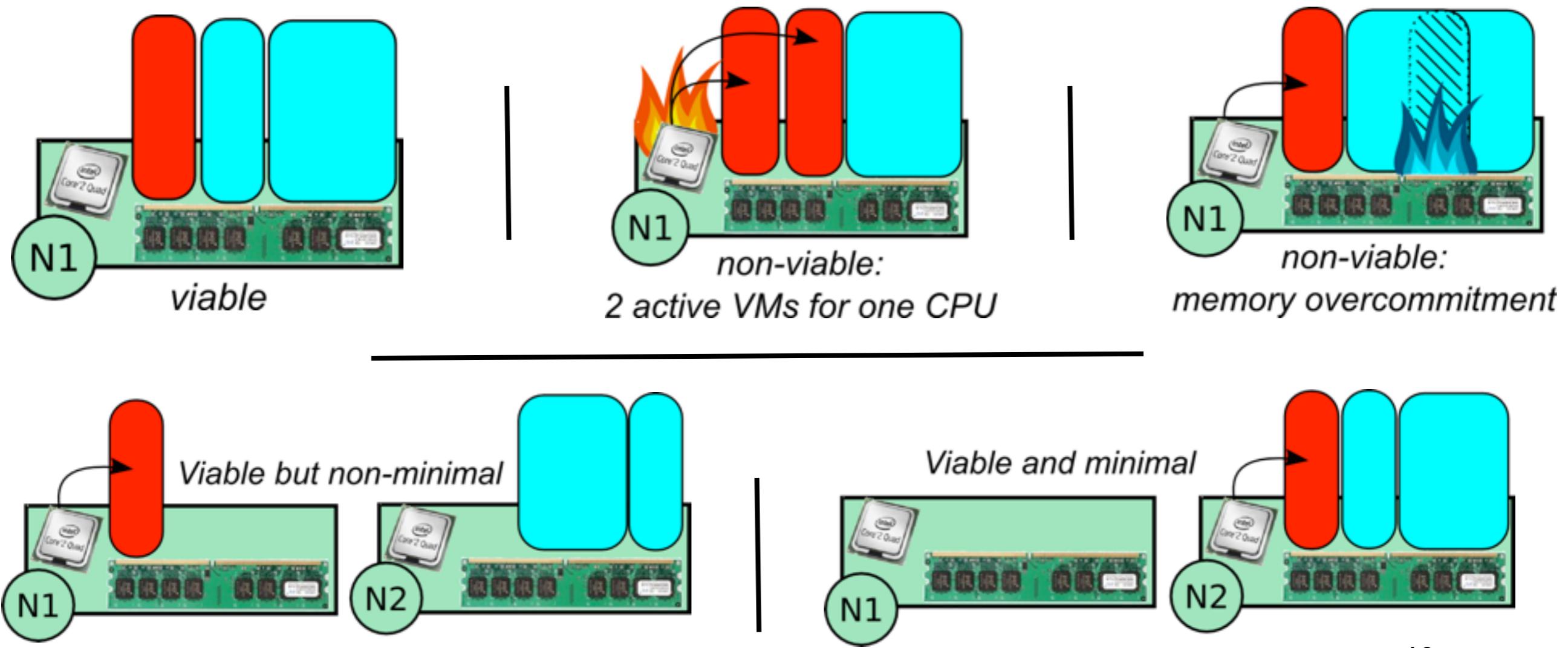
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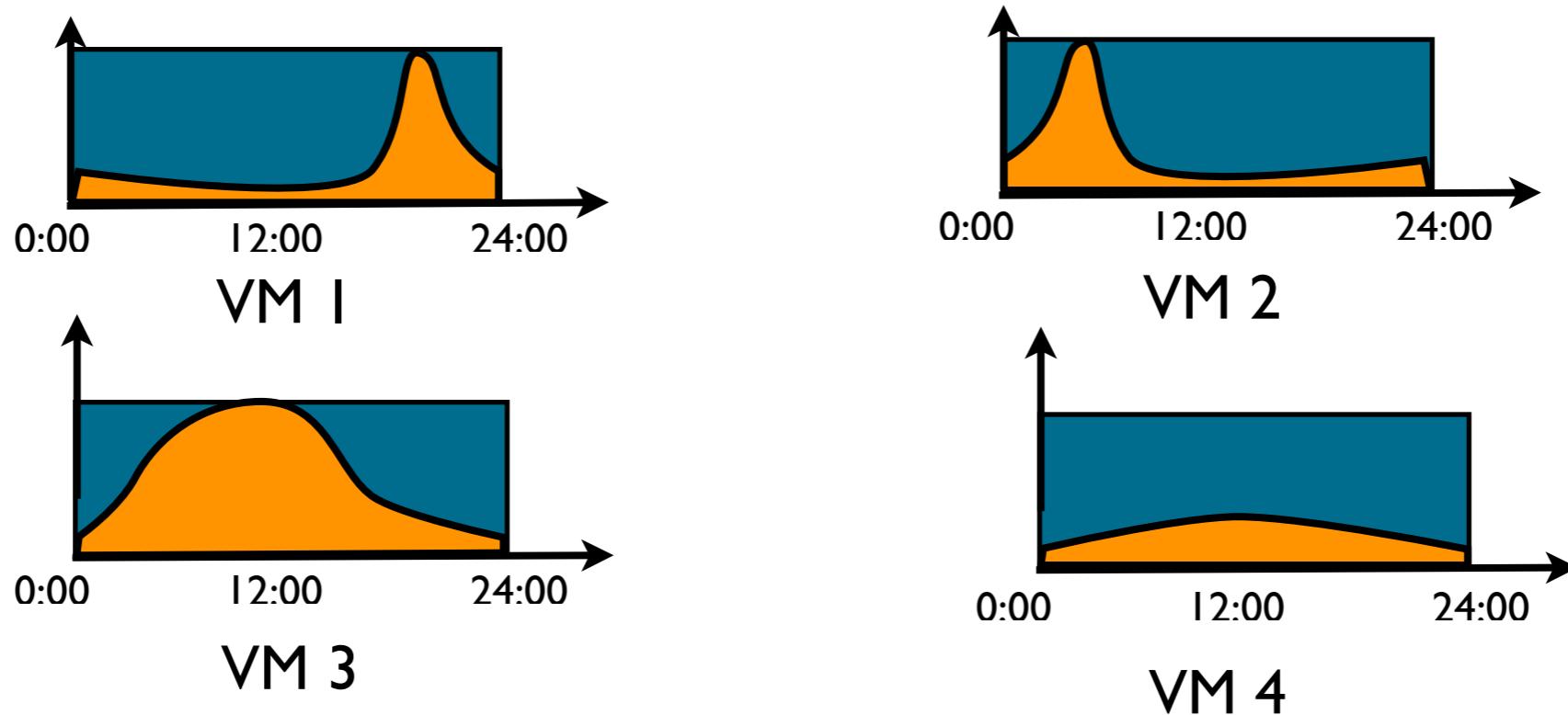
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Viable and Non Viable Configurations

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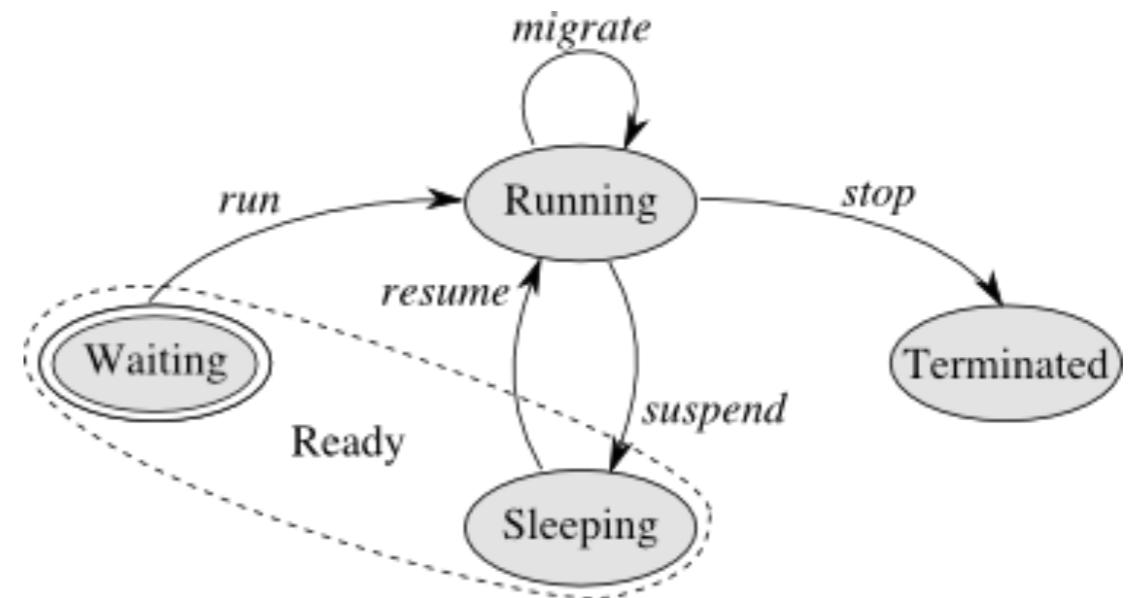
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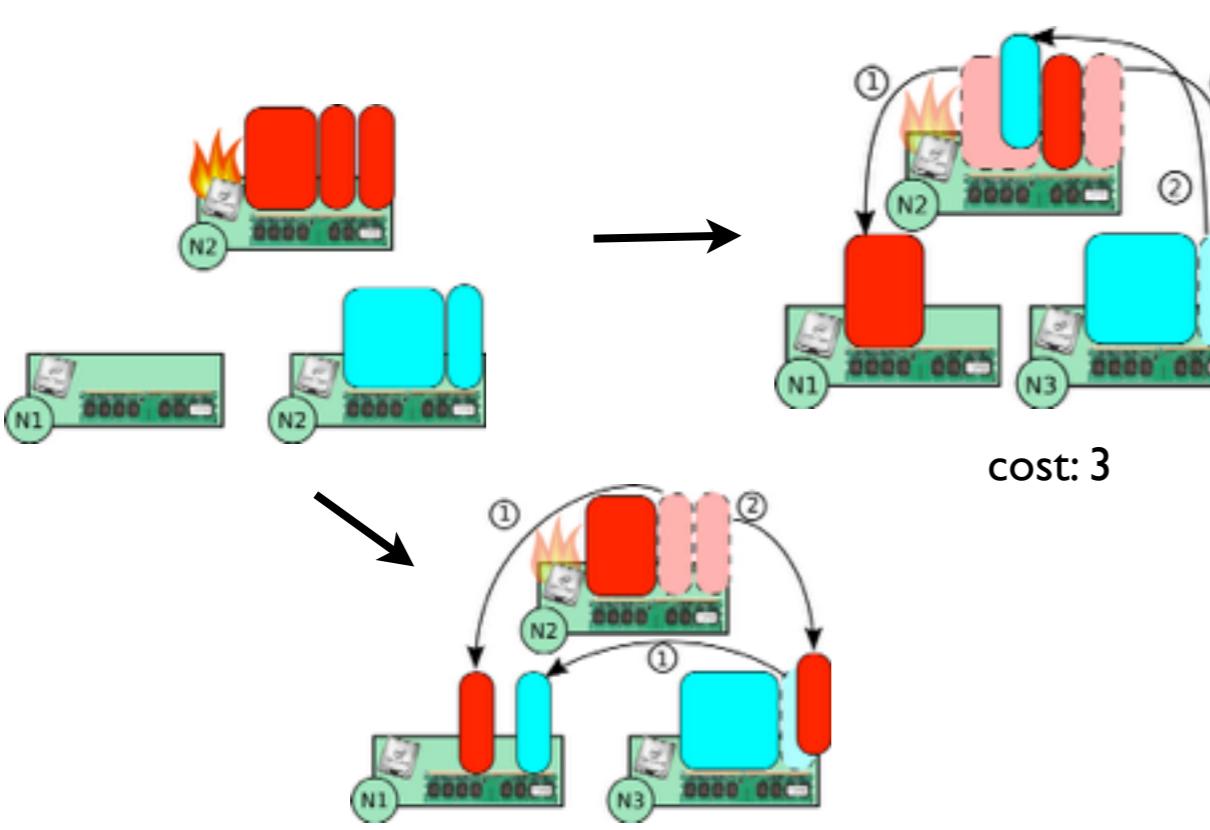
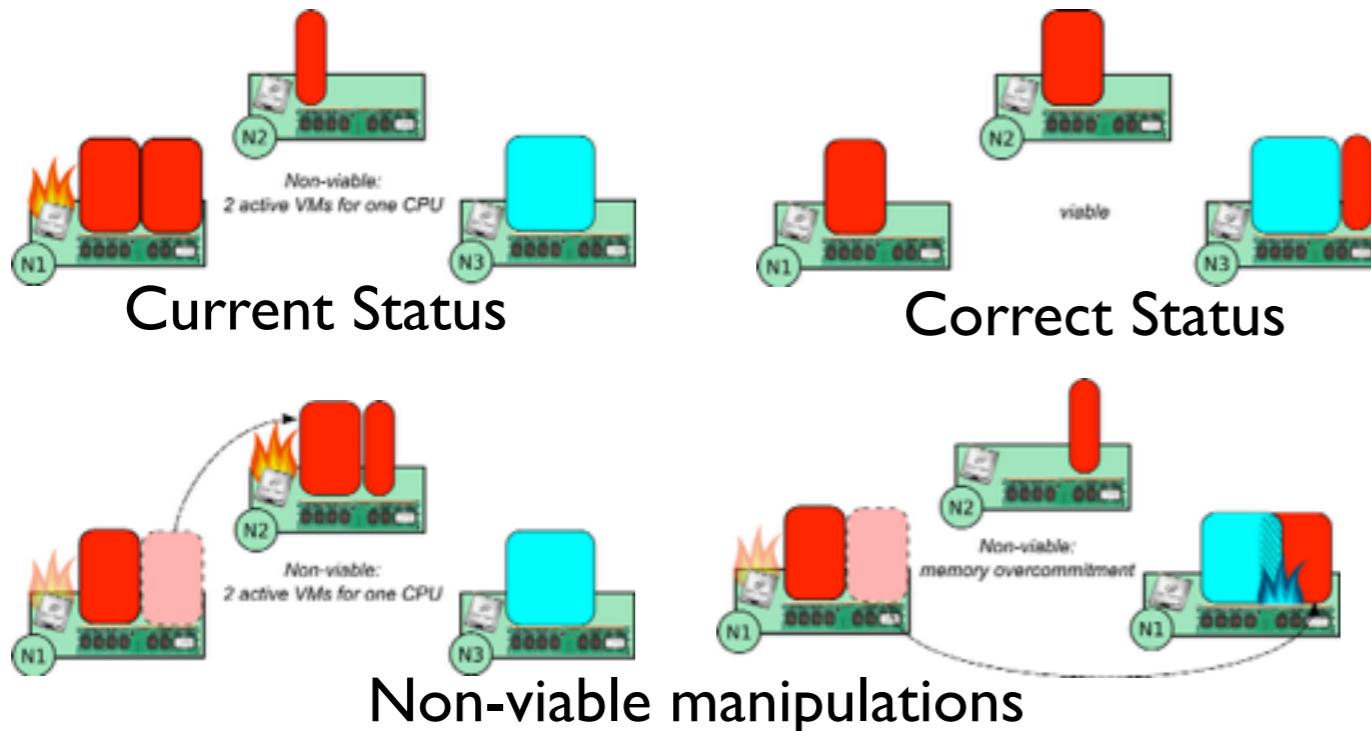
- Static placement policies (as delivered by most of the popular Cloud Computing management systems)
⇒ Simple but prevent CC providers to maximize the usage of CC resources while guaranteeing VM resource requirements
- Used advanced dynamic placement strategies to relocate VMs according to the scheduler objectives / available resources / waiting queue / ...

Dynamic VM Placement Policies

- Generale idea: leverage VM capabilities to manipulate VEs in a similar way of usual processes on a laptop (a VE is a users' working environment, possibly composed of several interconnected VMs)
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 - Perform VE context switches (a set of VM context switches) to reschedule/rebalance the LUC infrastructure

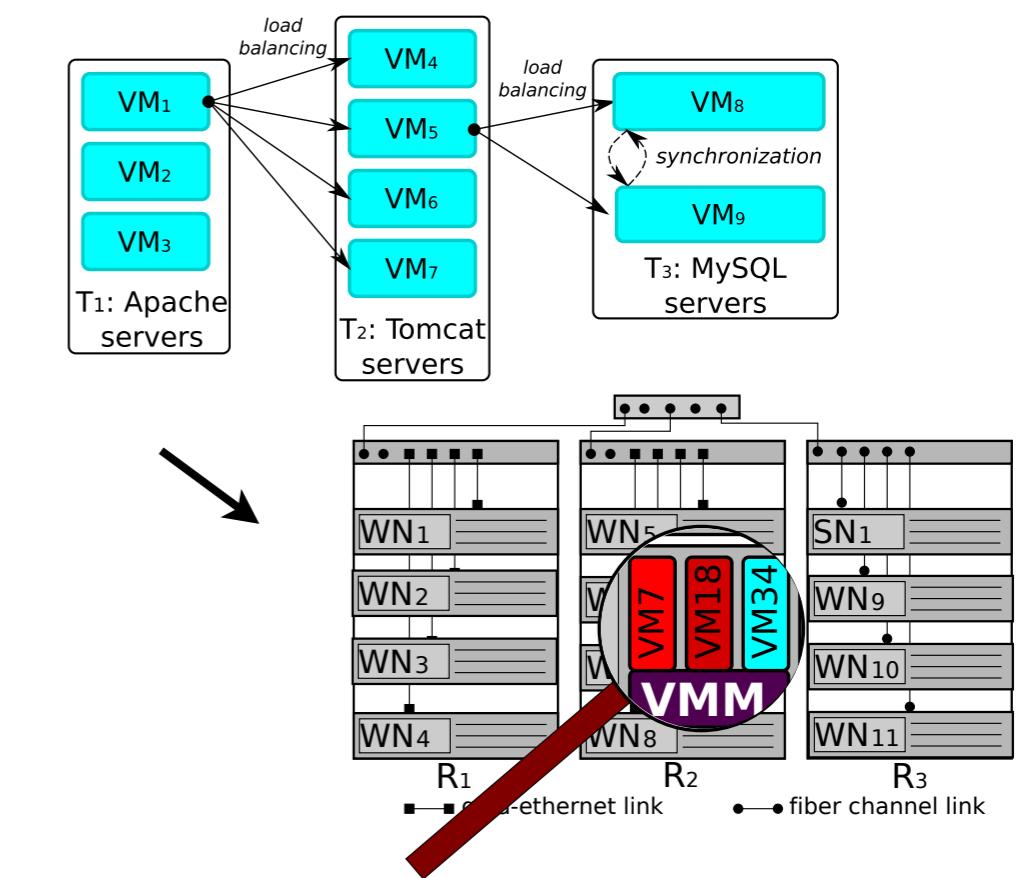


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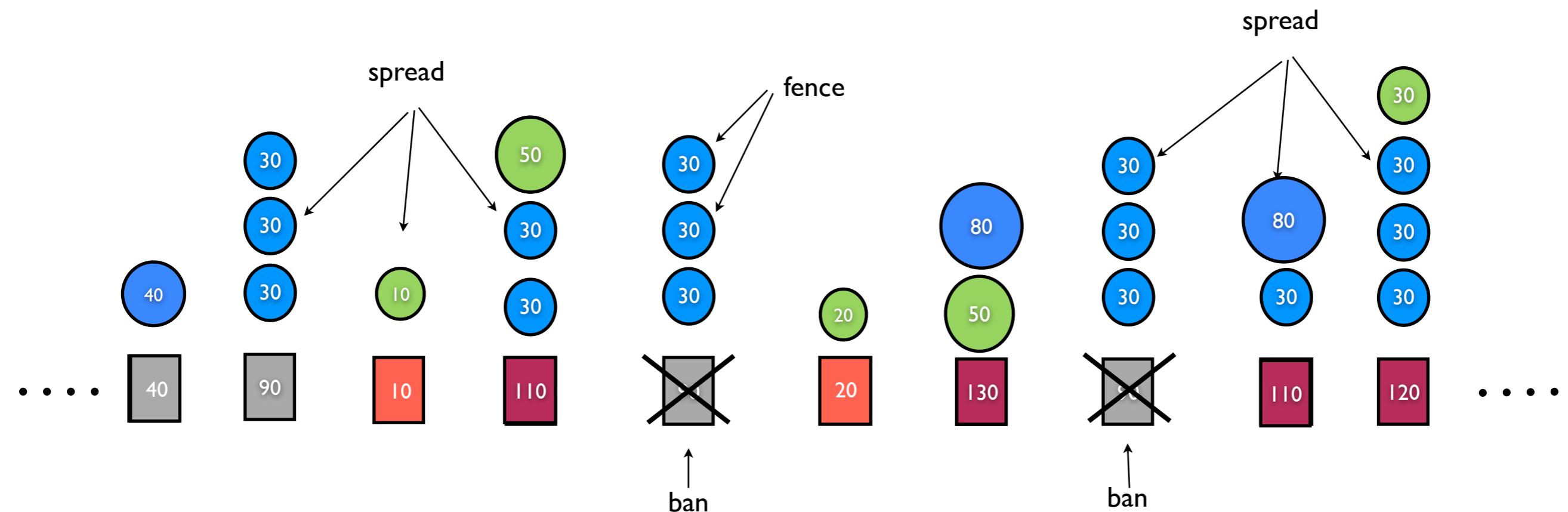


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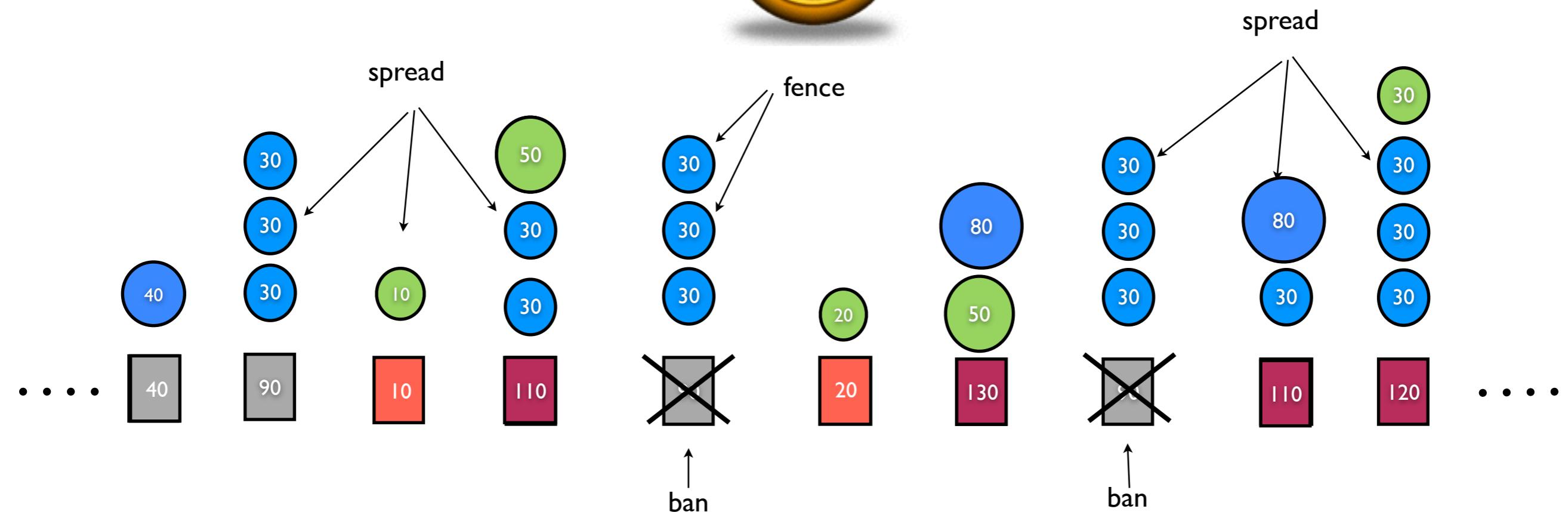


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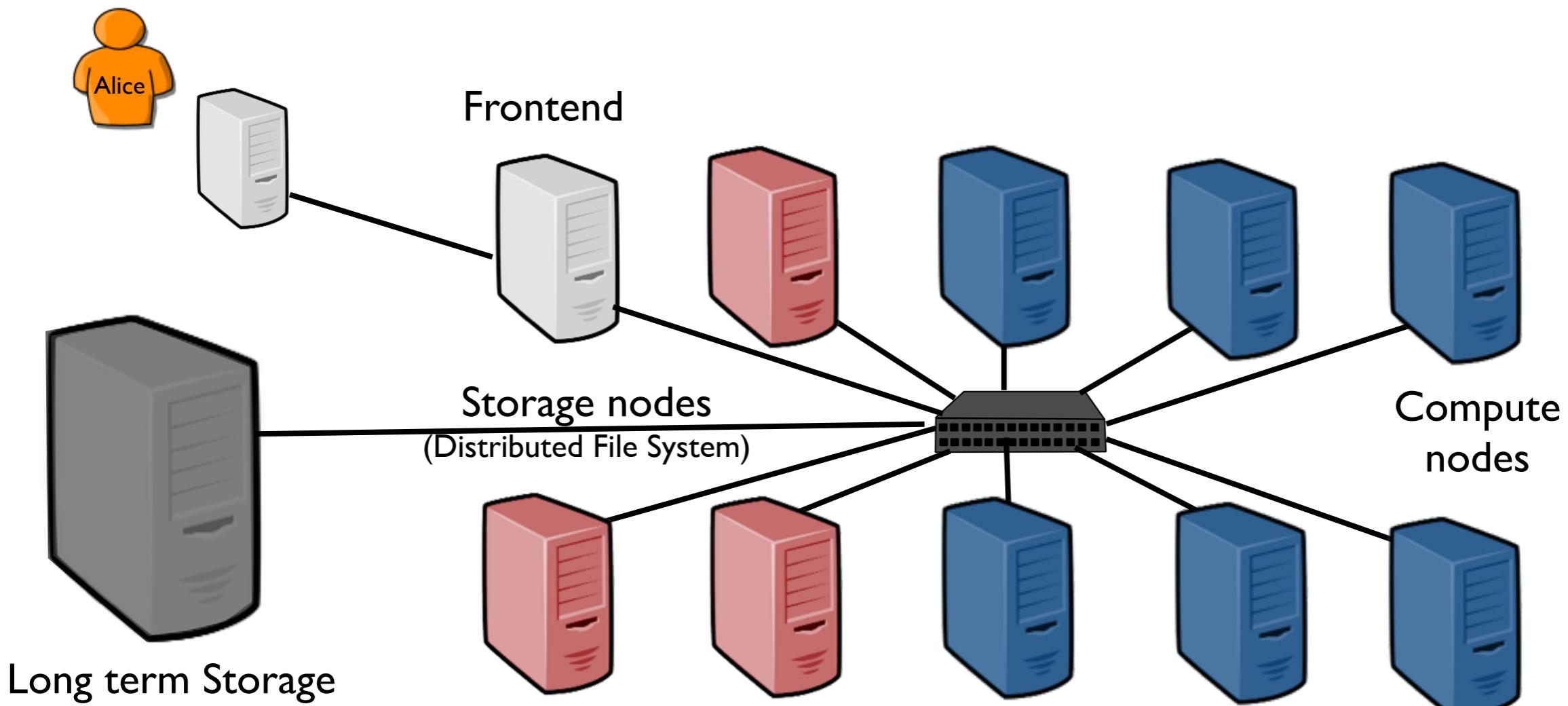


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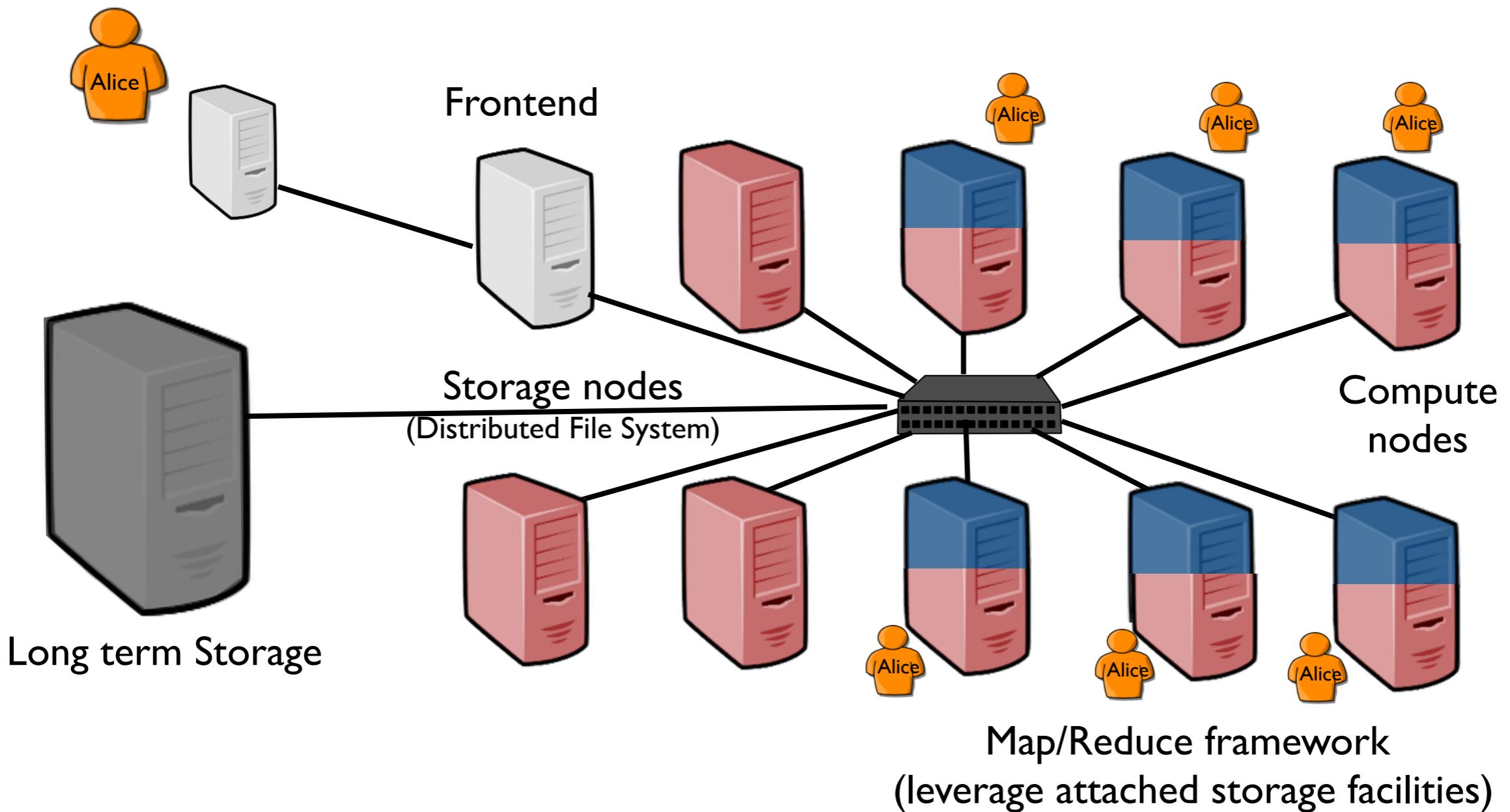
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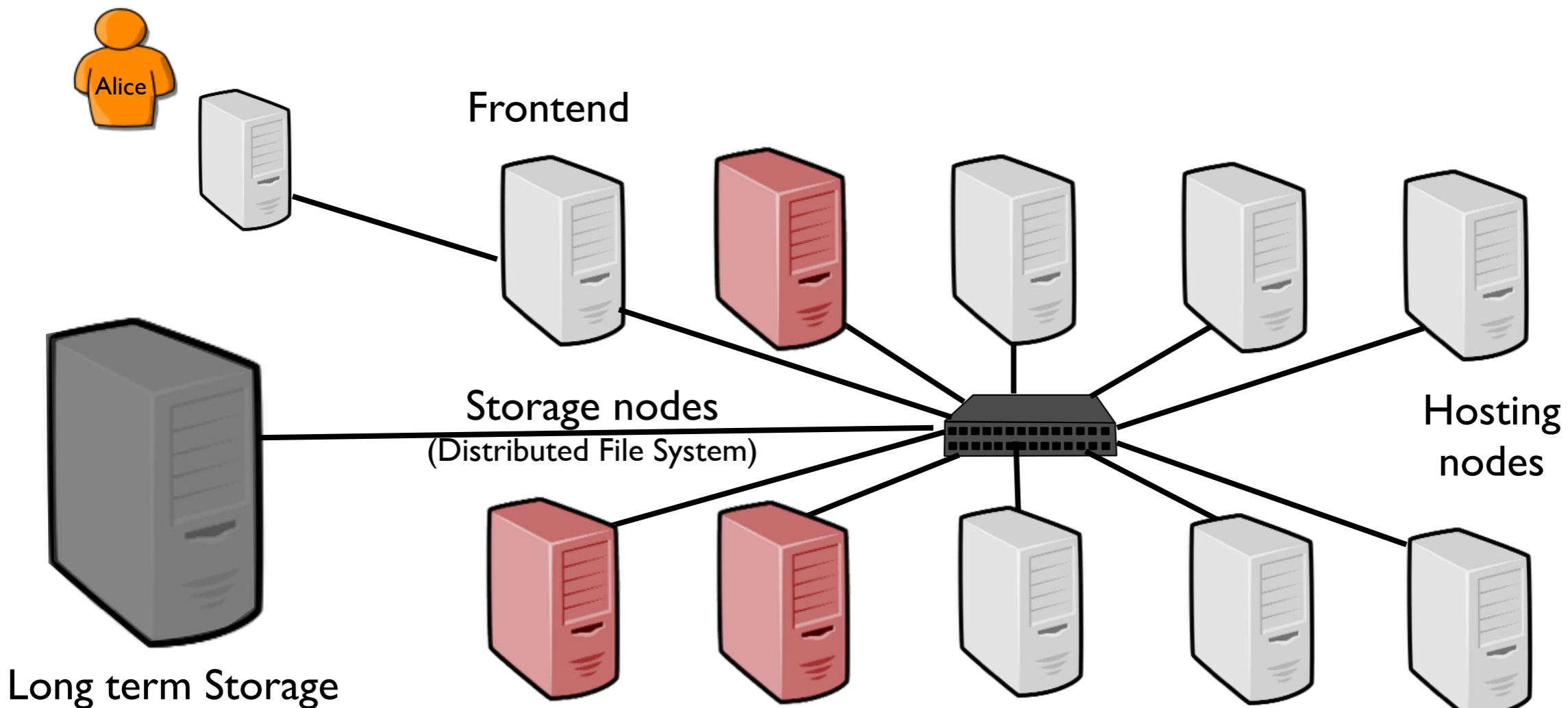
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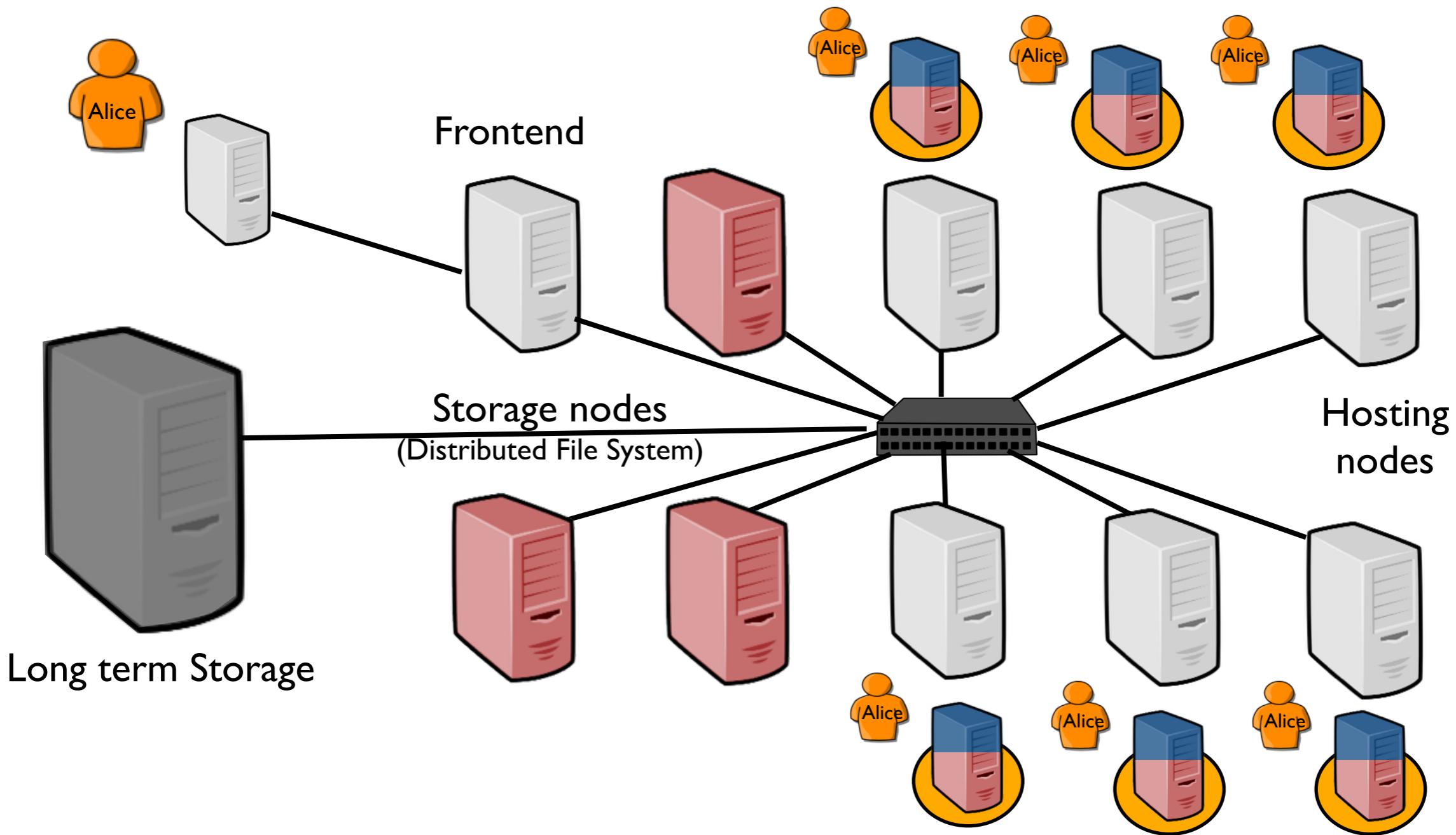
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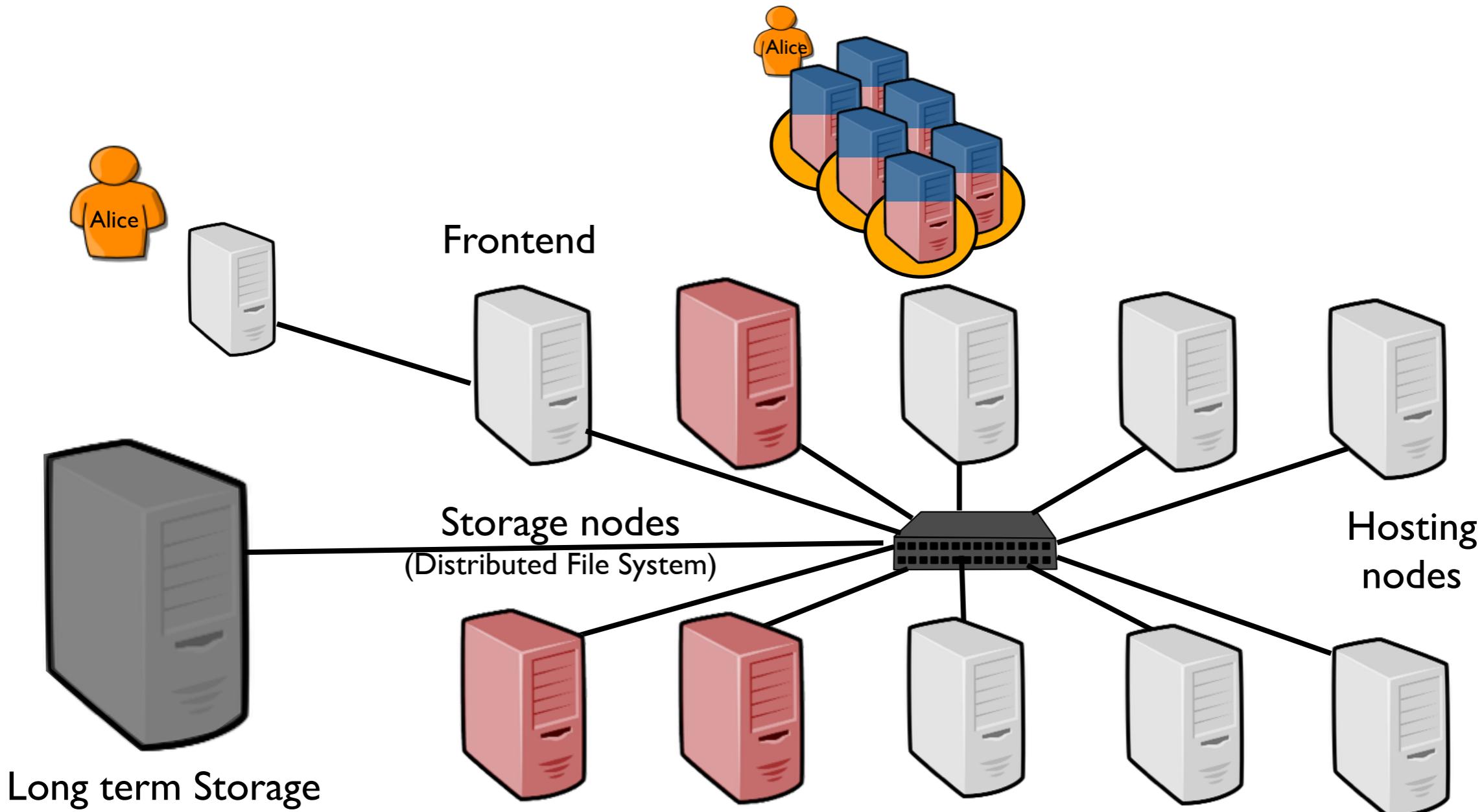
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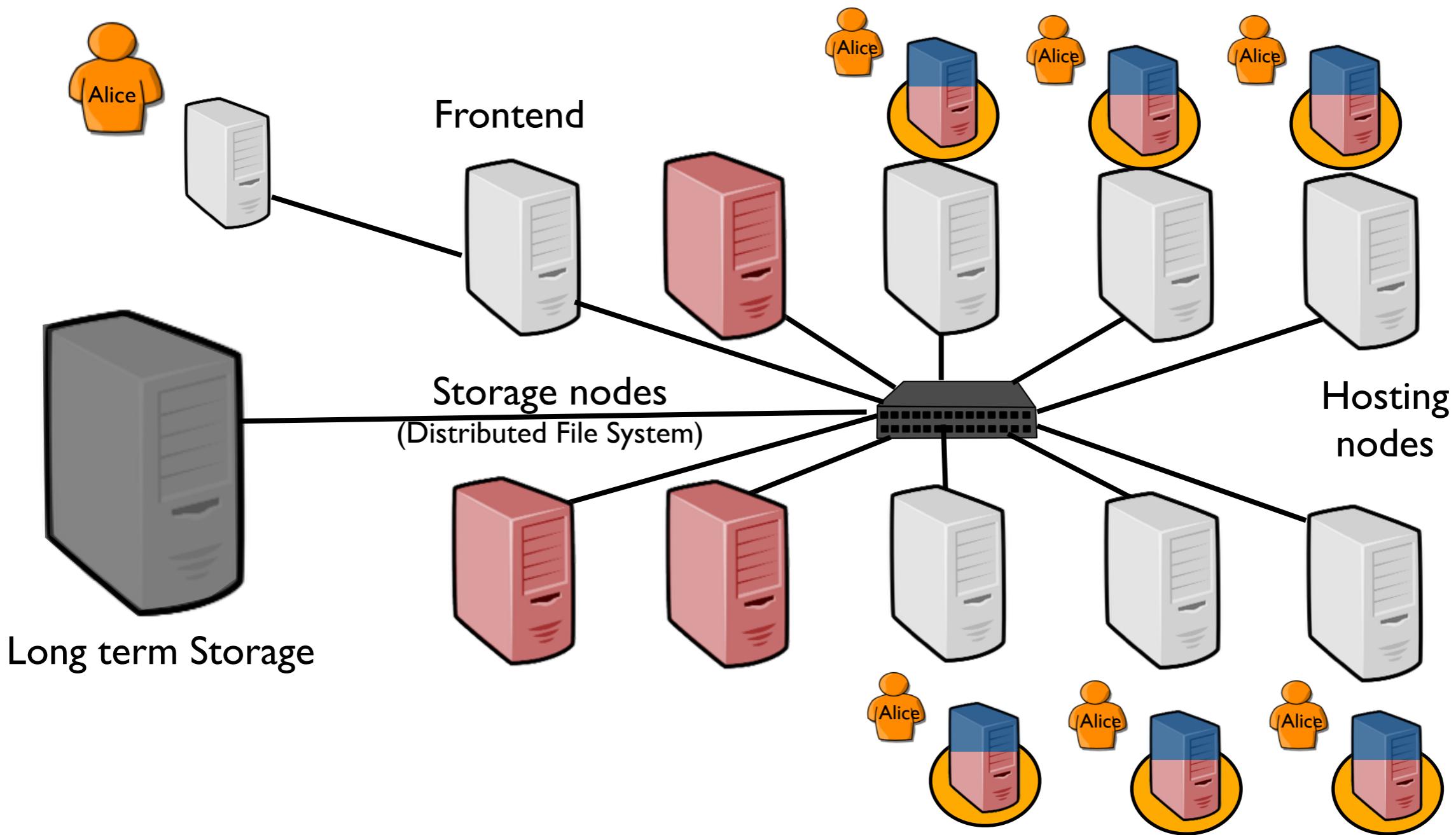
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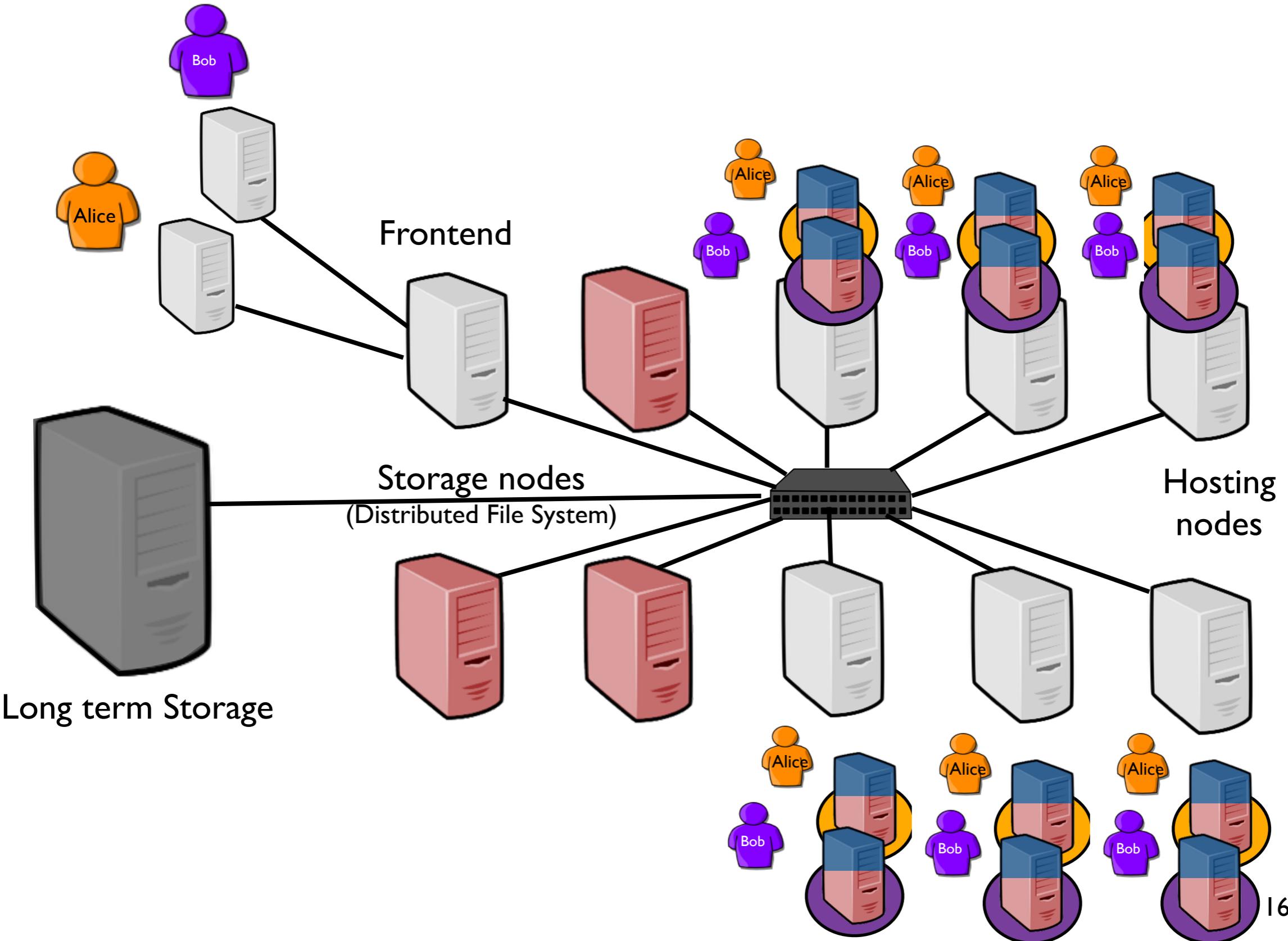
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- Virtualization
 -  Contextualization / portability / “isolation”
 -  Hard to guarantee (reproducible) performances
- Scheduling
 - Mainly static ⇒ lead to energy wastes
 - Dynamic scheduling strategies
 - ⇒ Good achievements but still “food” for researchers
- Other approaches : application / nested virtualisation

*VMs make the control of performance
harder but clouds are so good....*

Anything else ?

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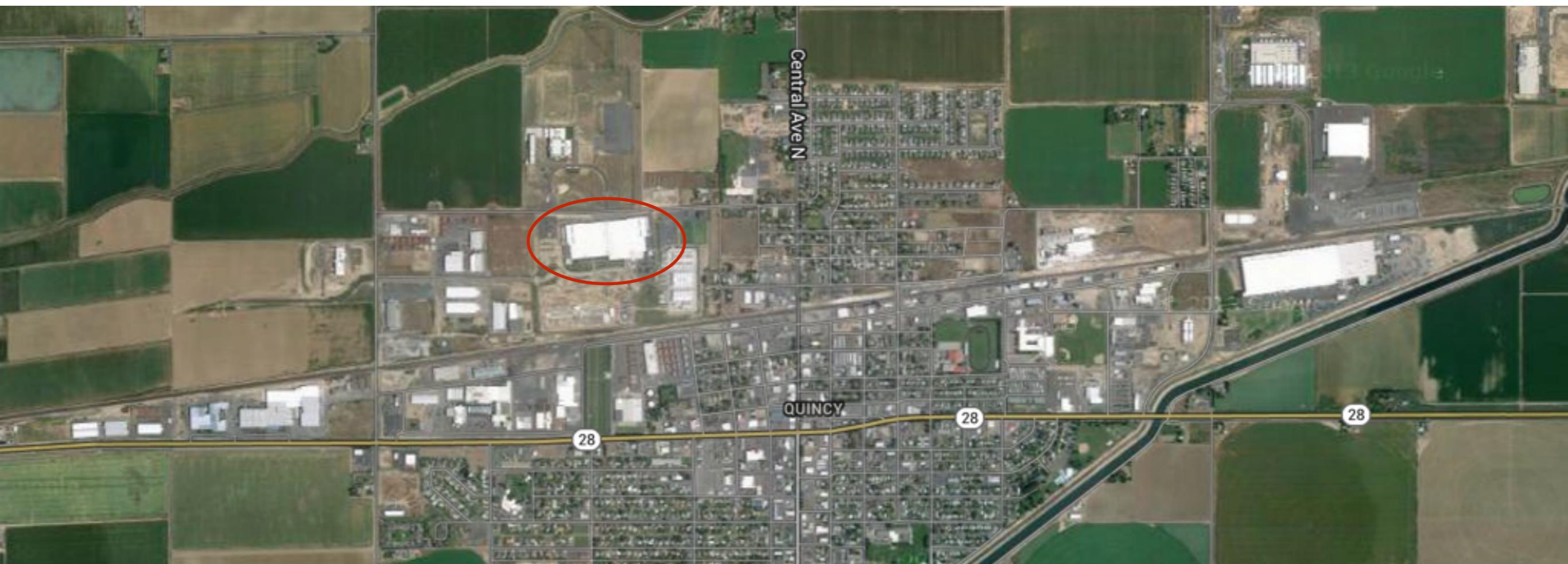
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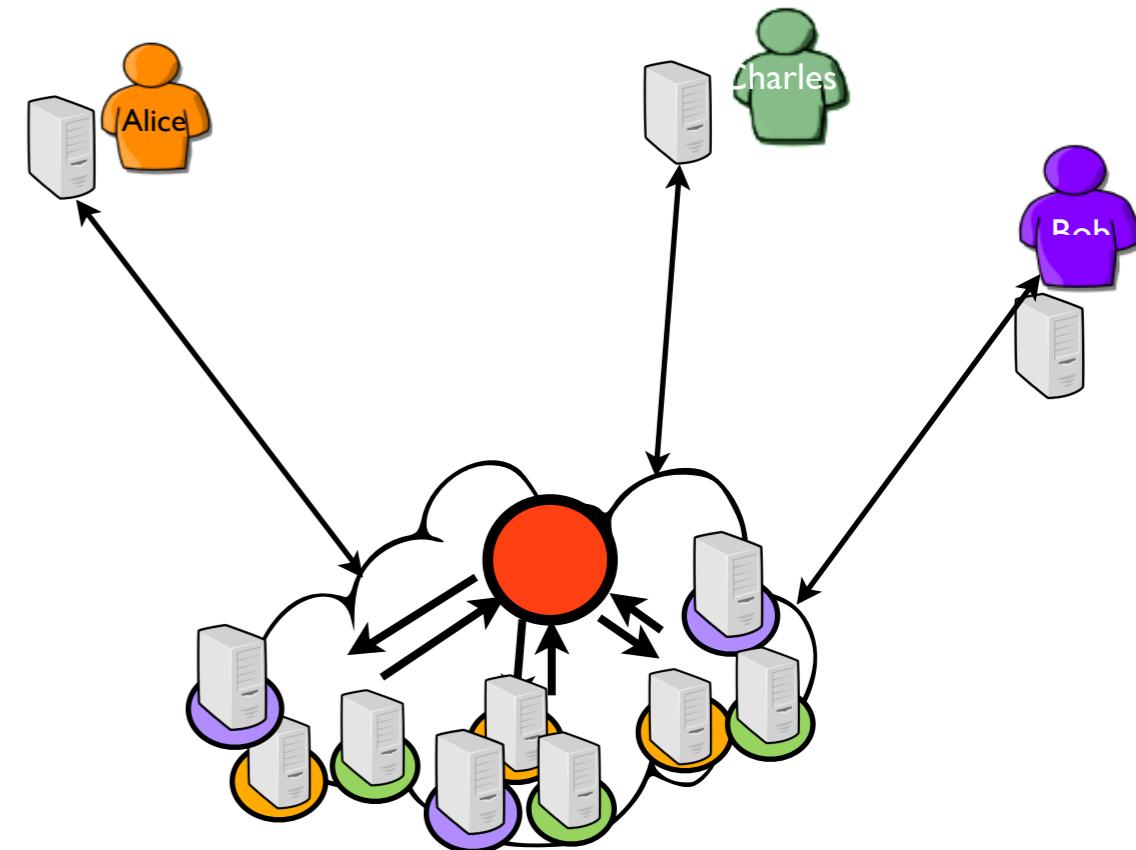
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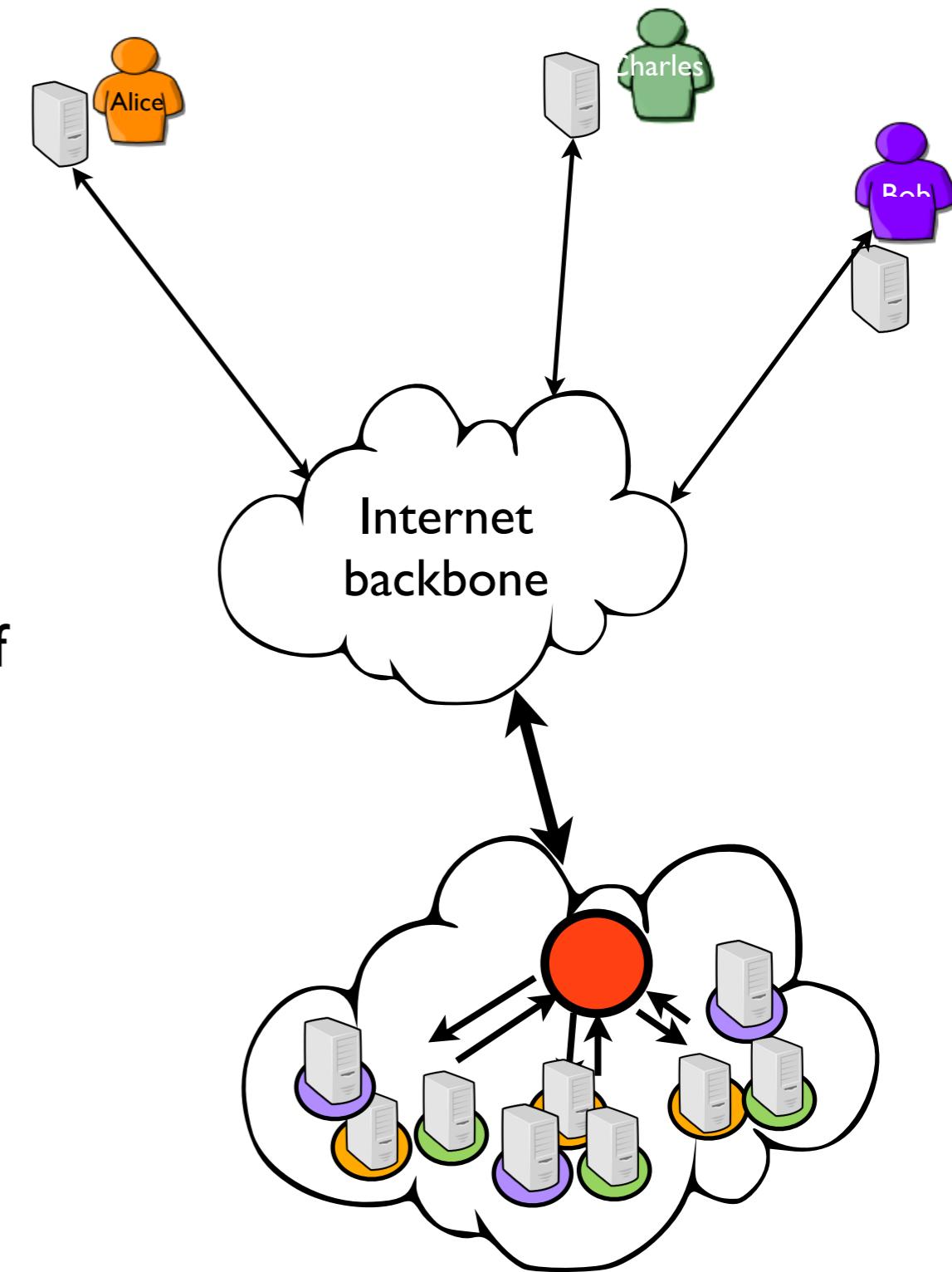
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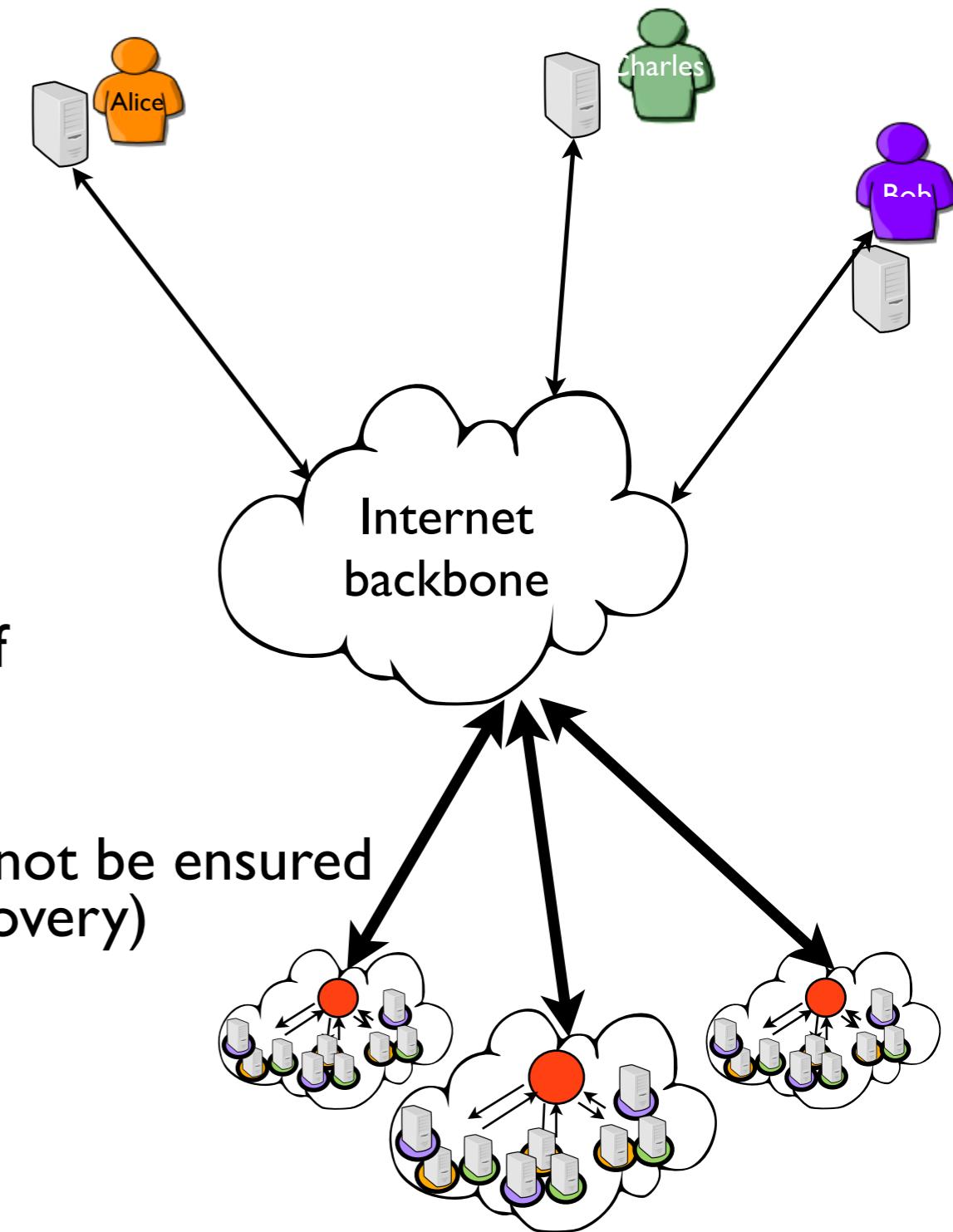
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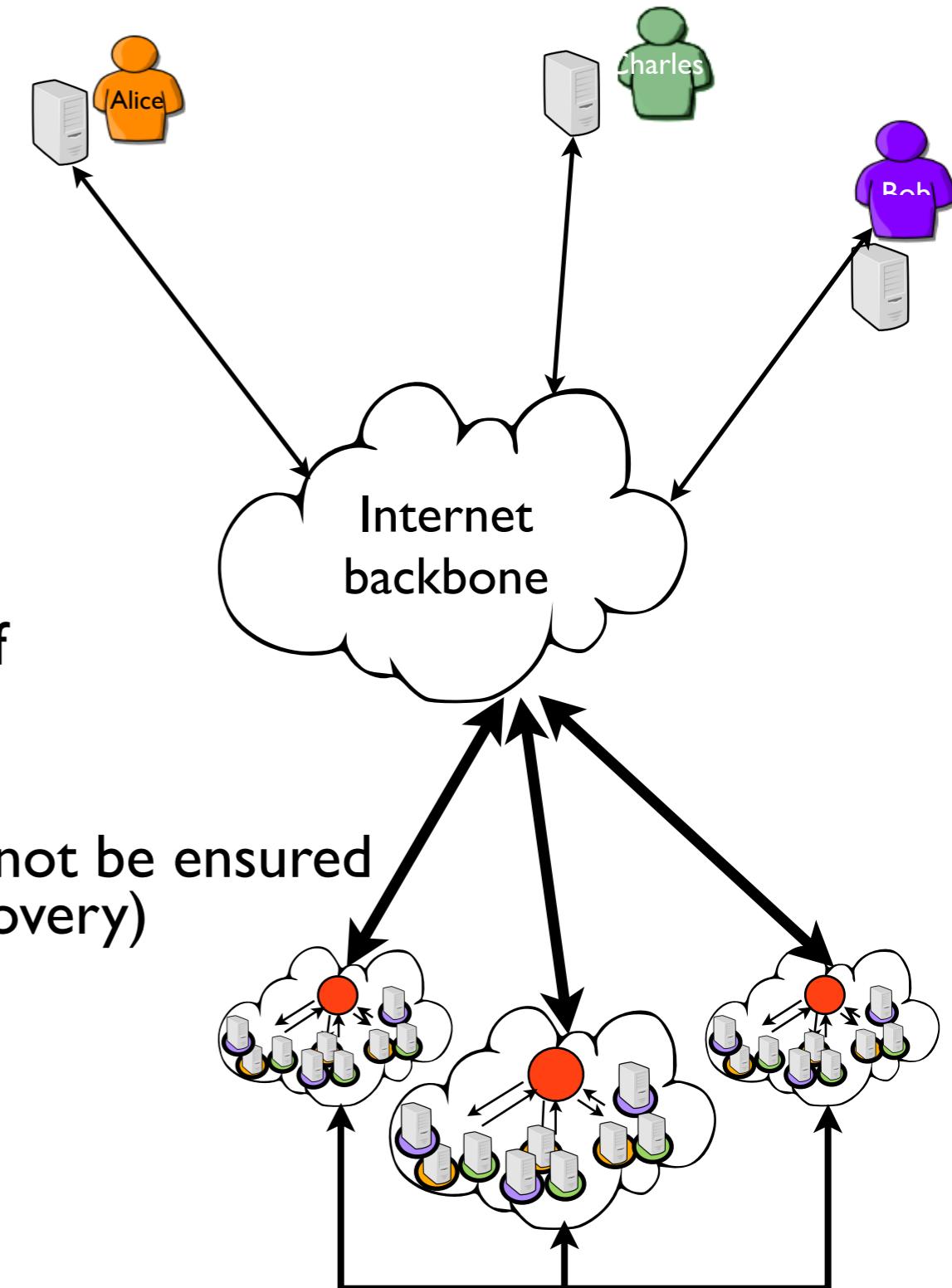
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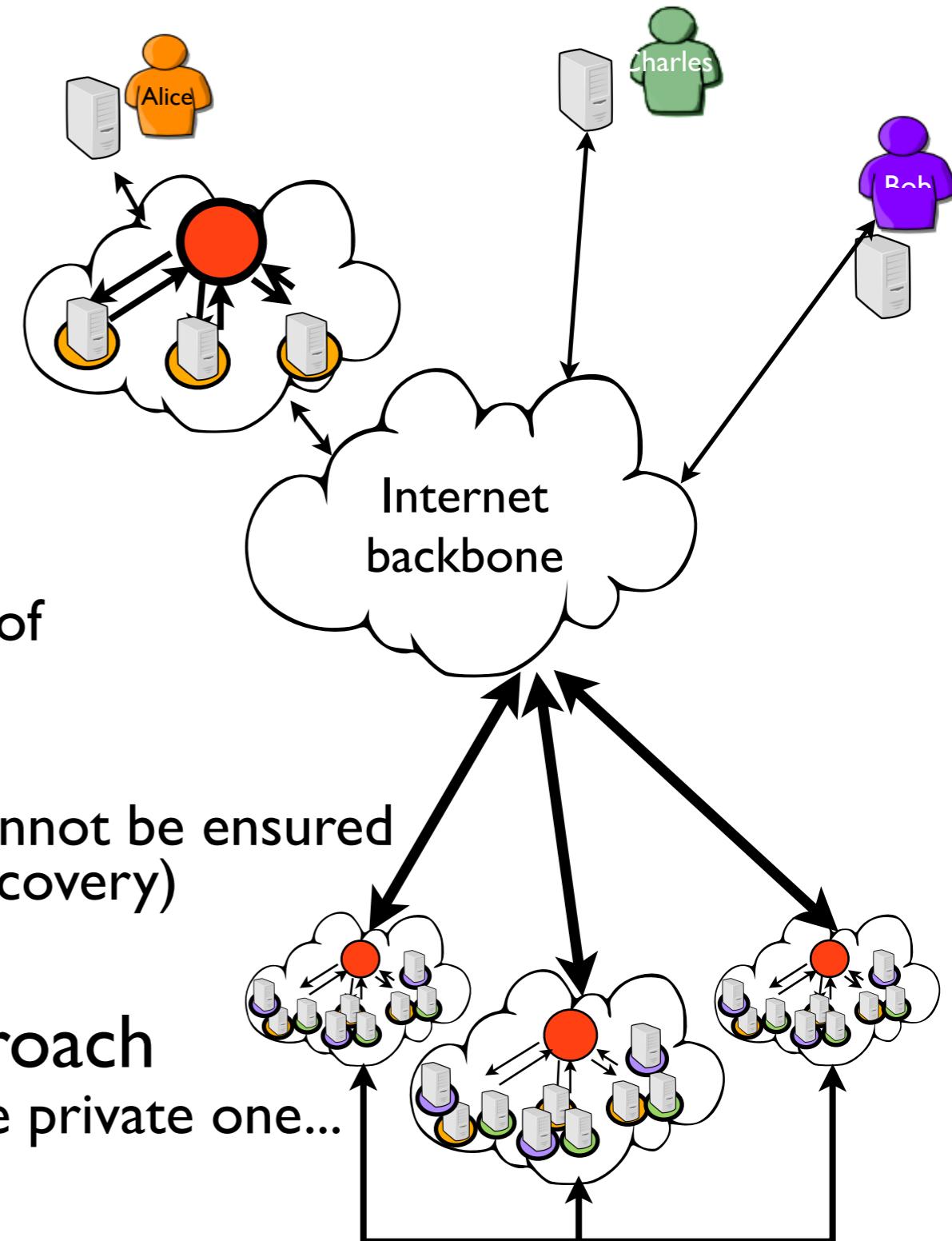
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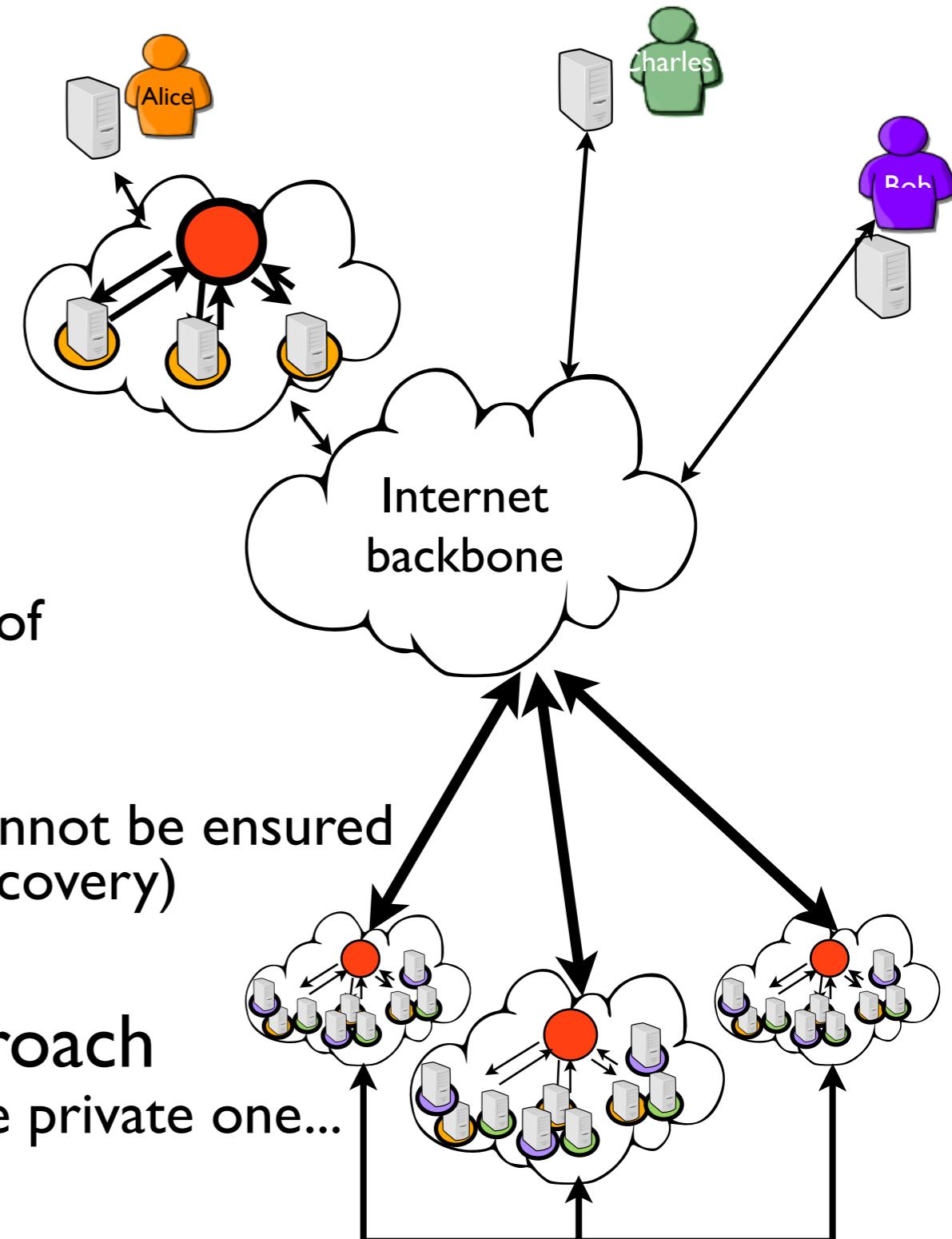
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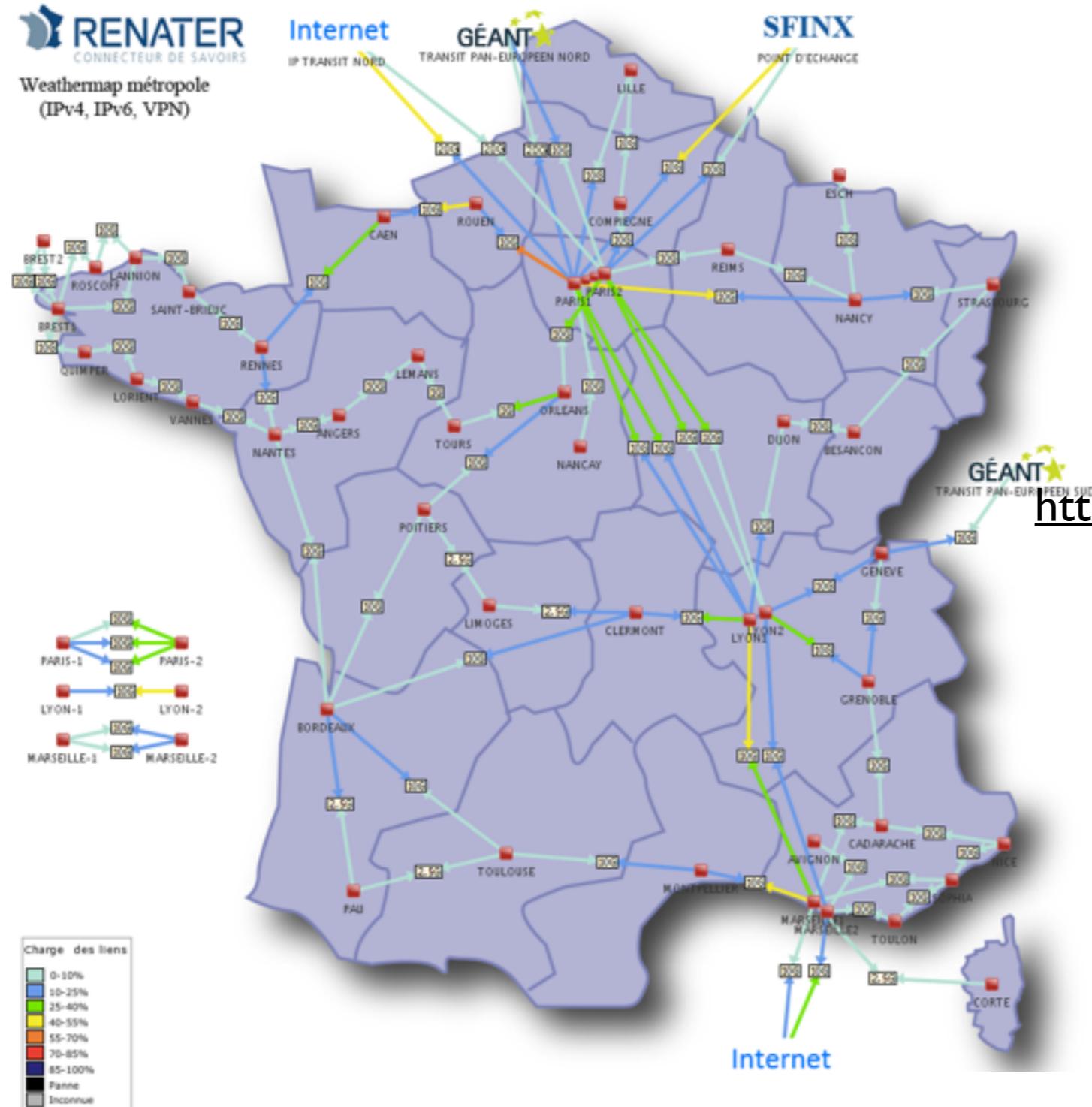
How and where the μ DC concept can be deployed ?

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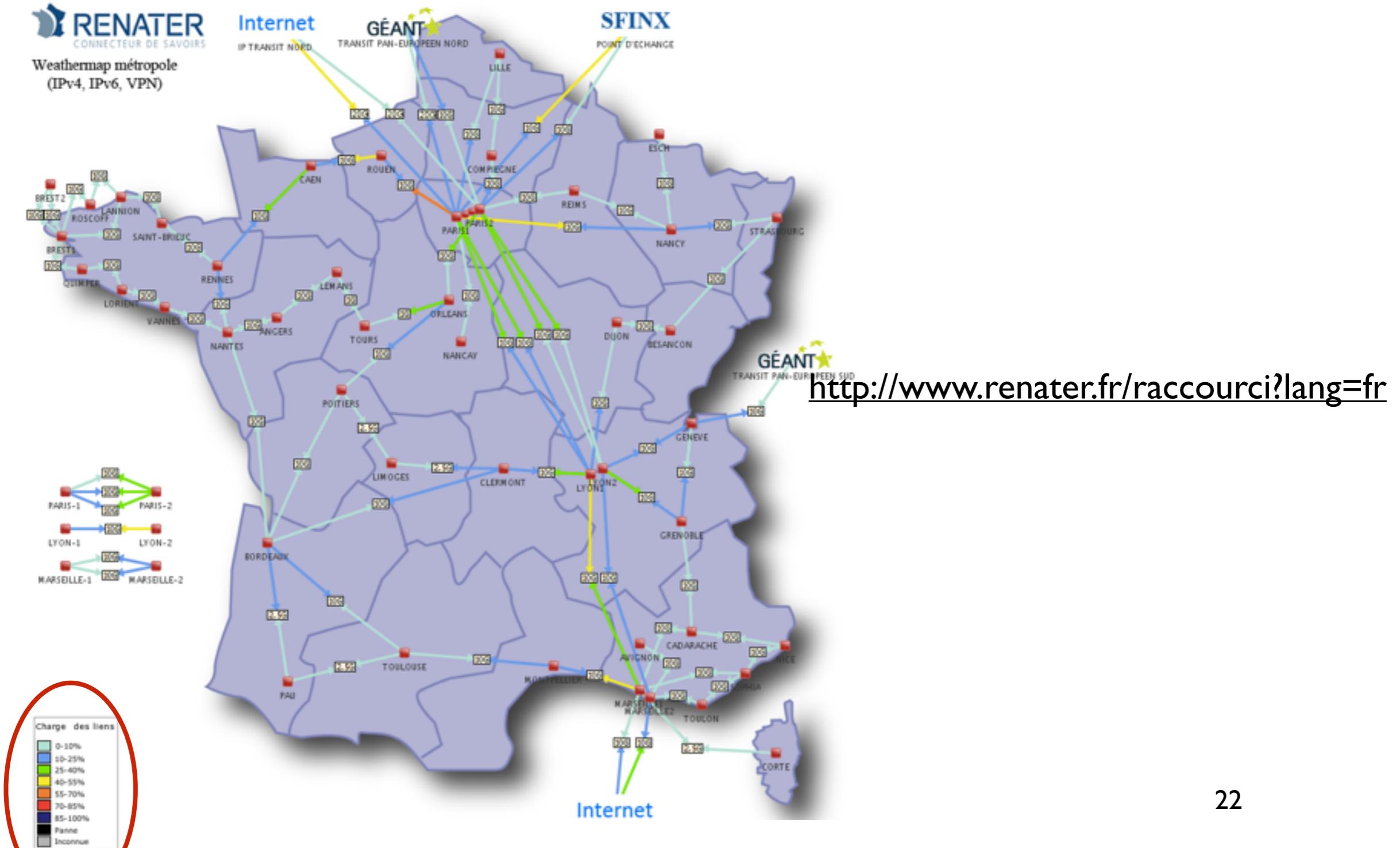
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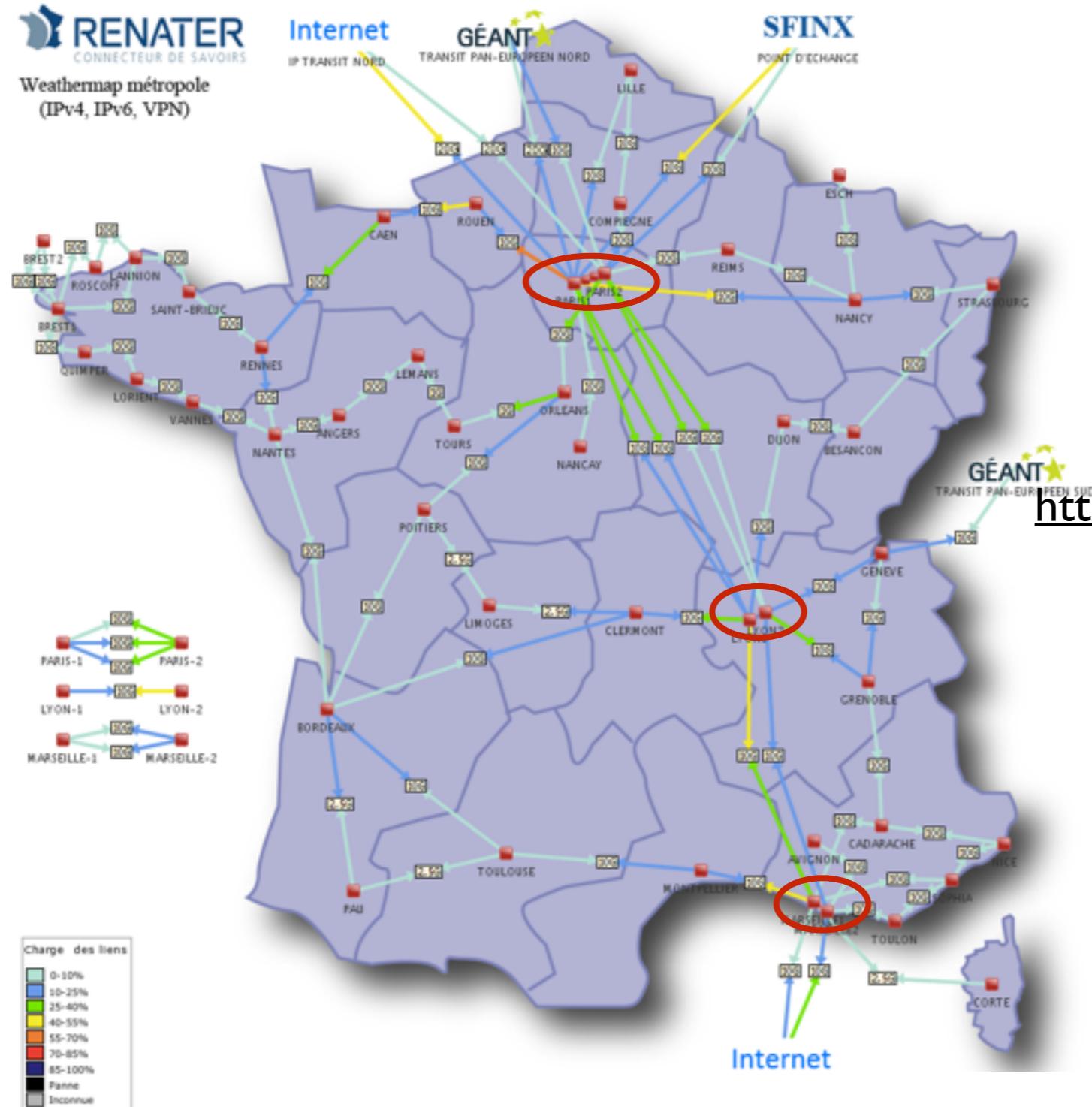
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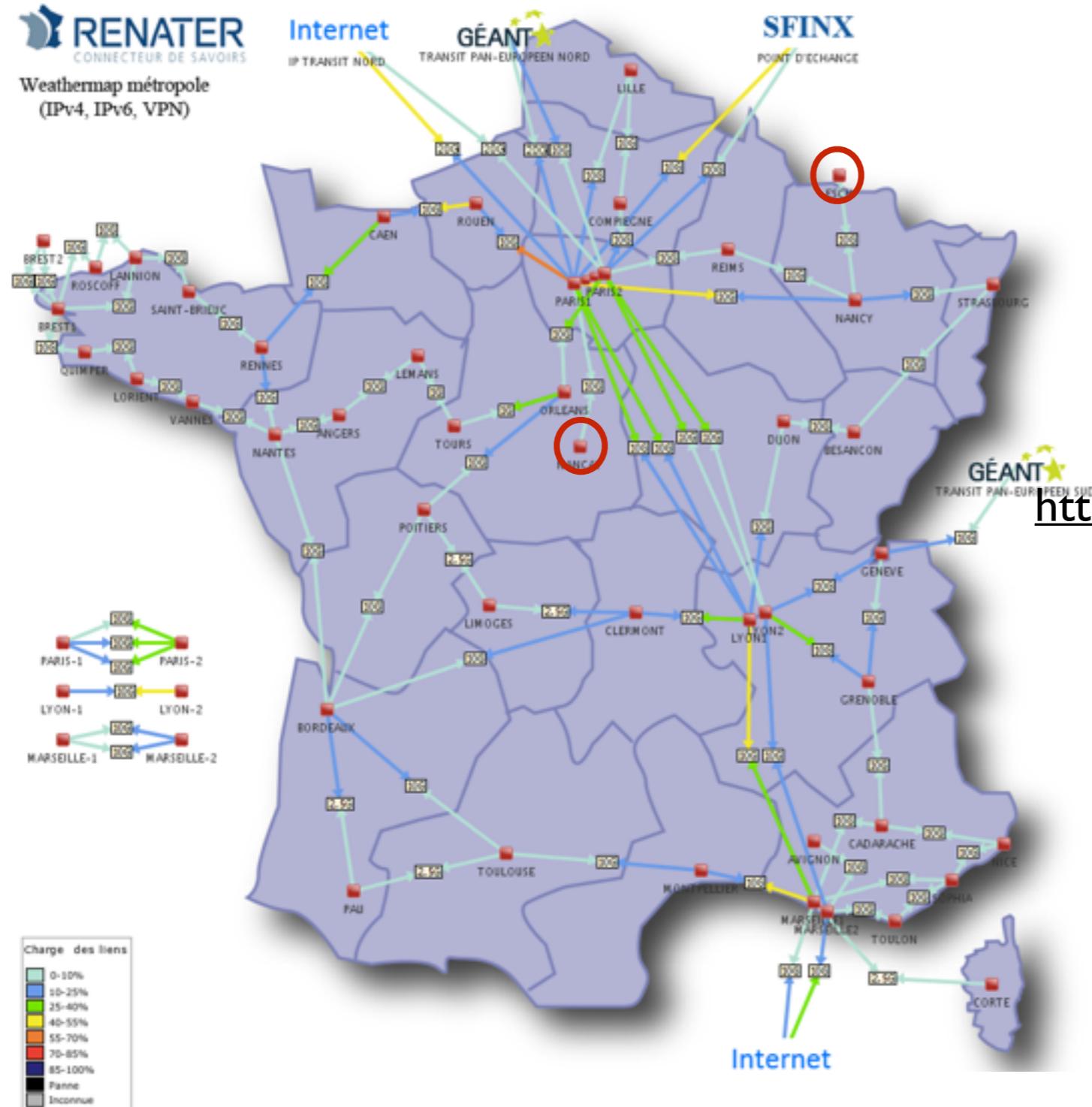
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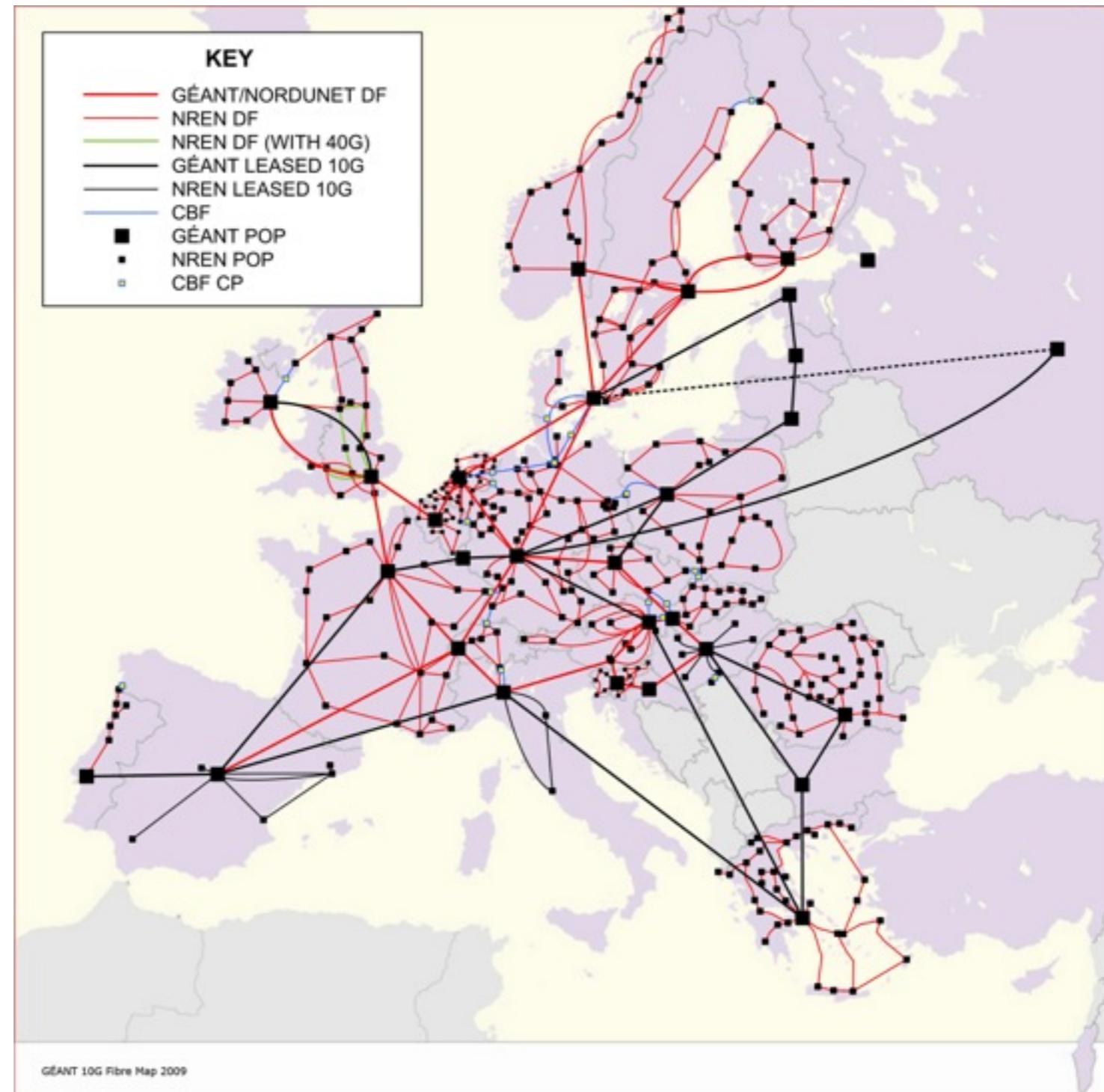
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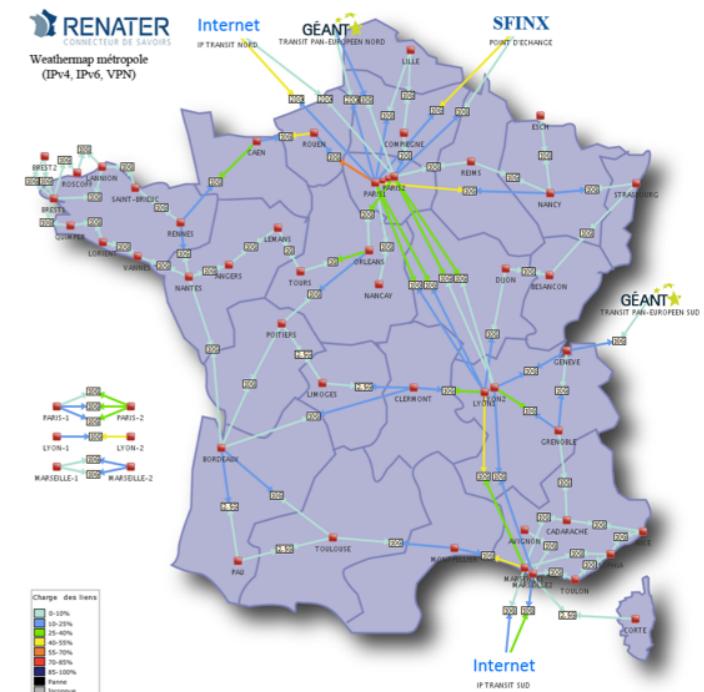
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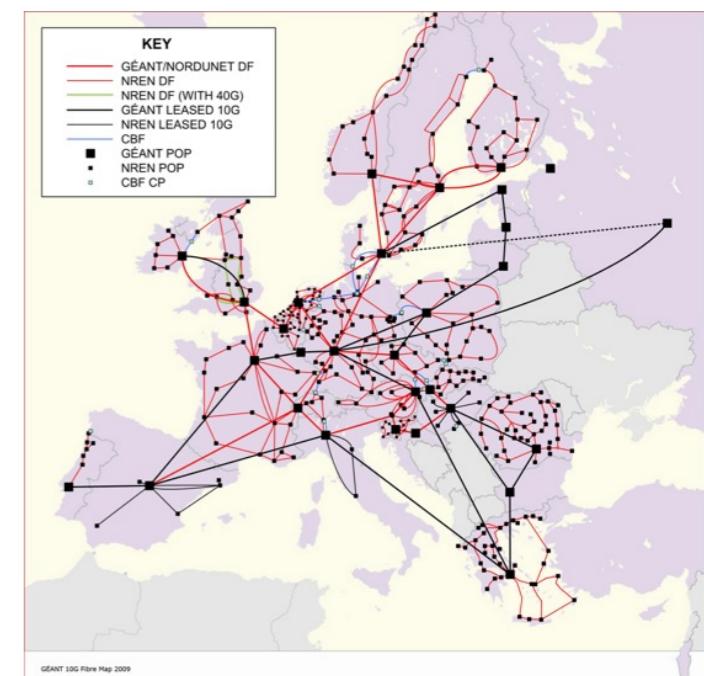
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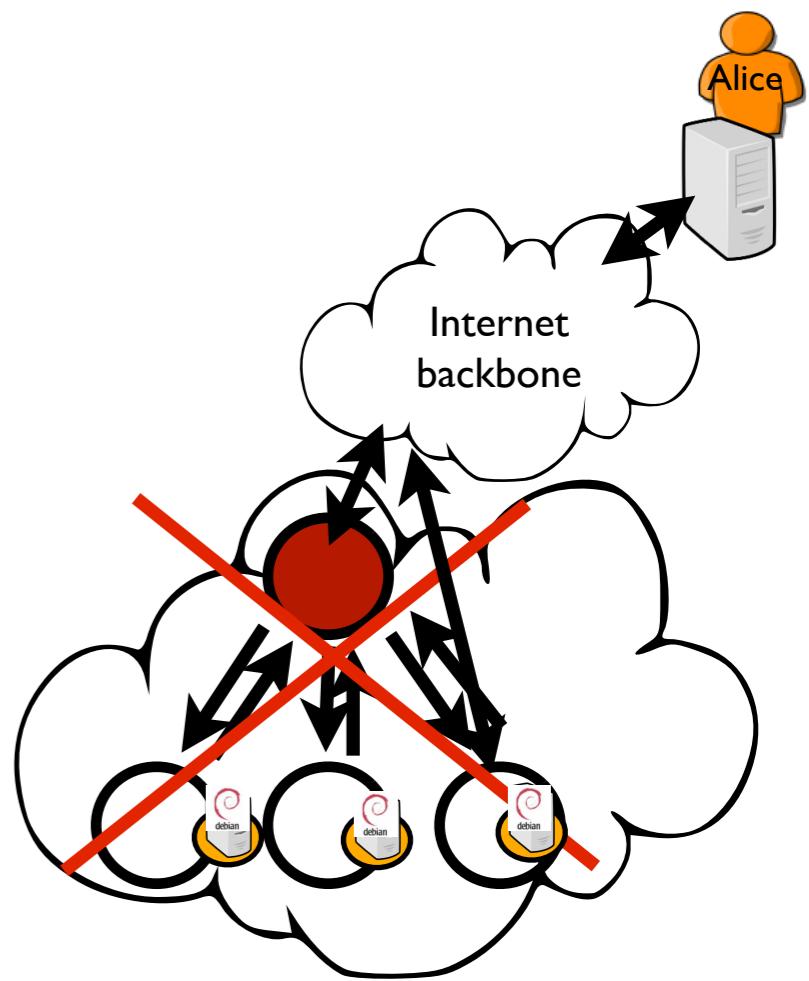


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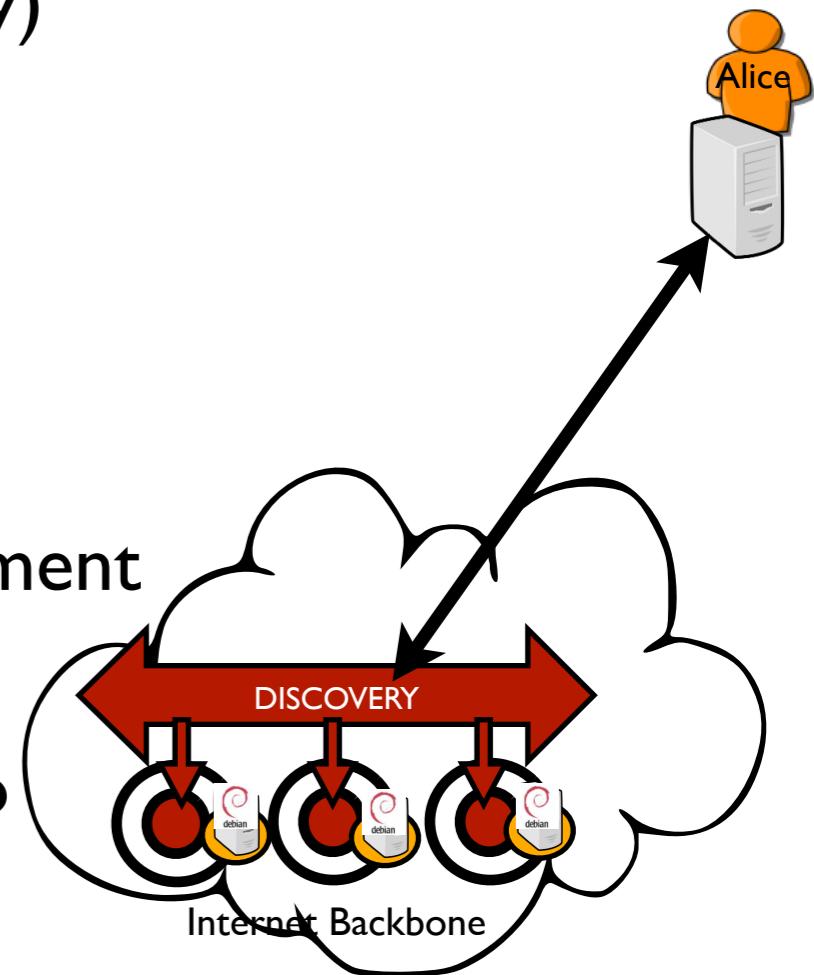
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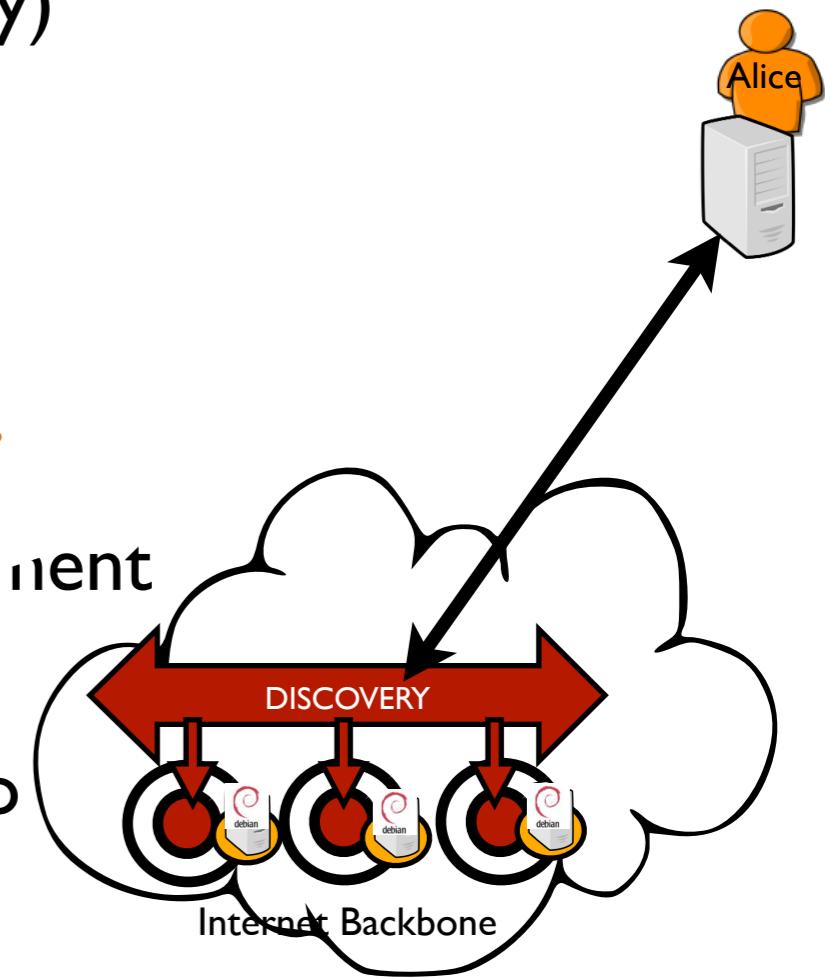
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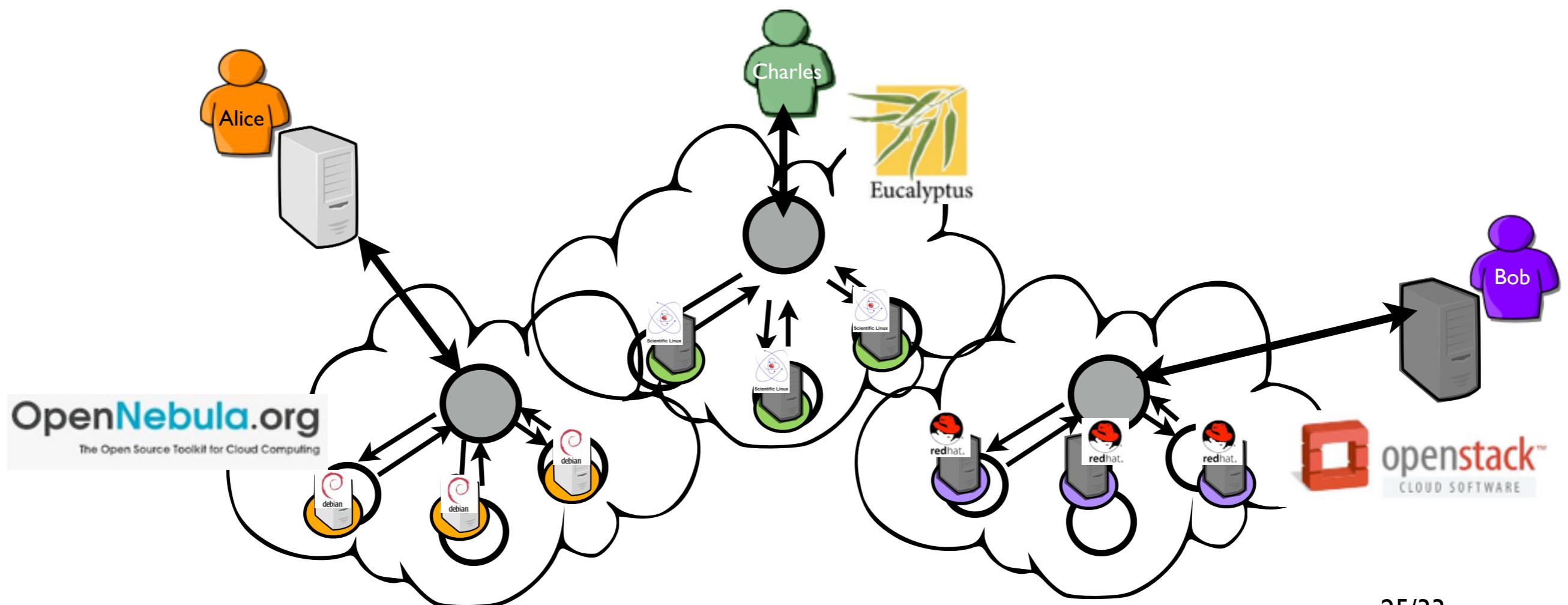
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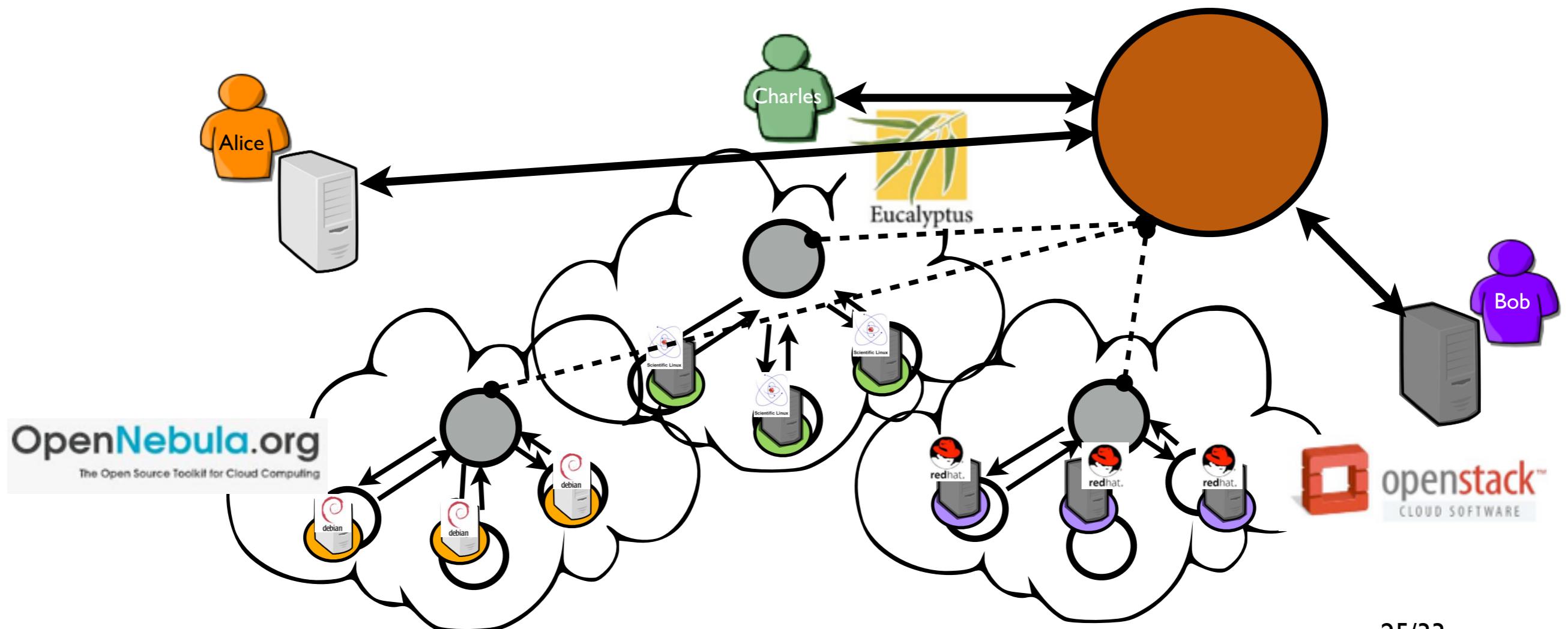
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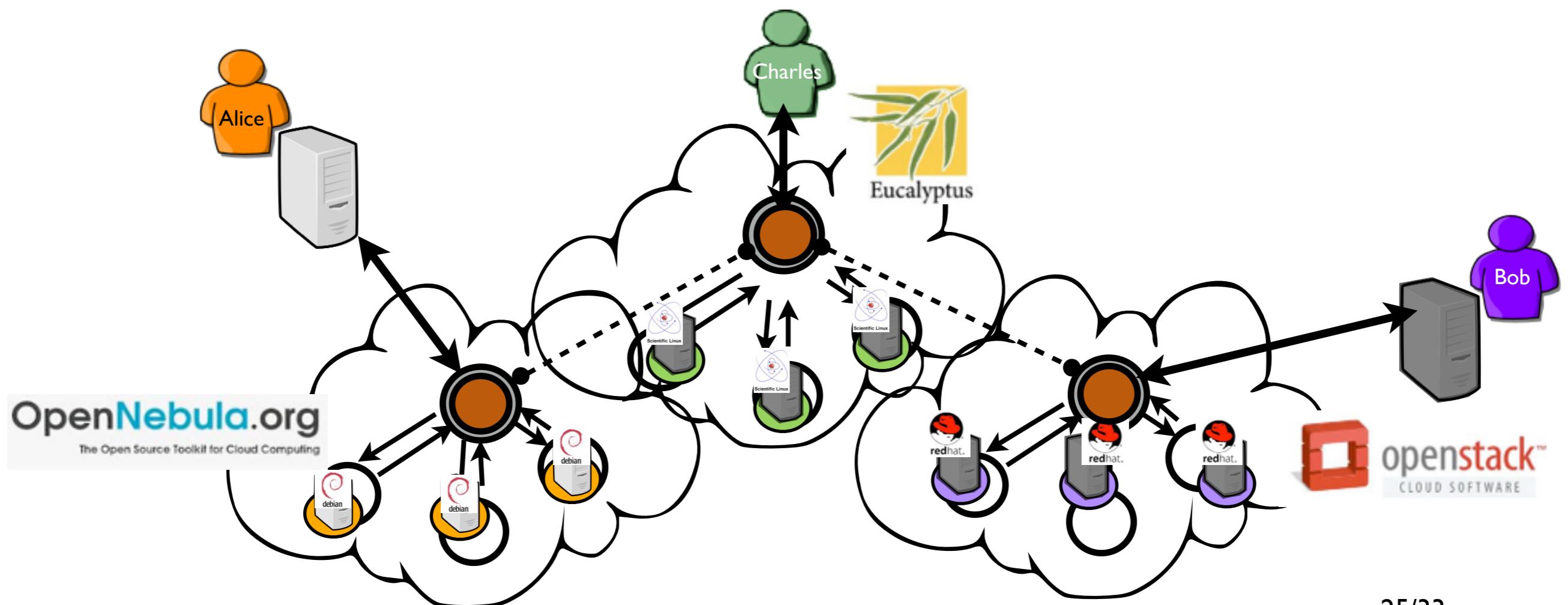
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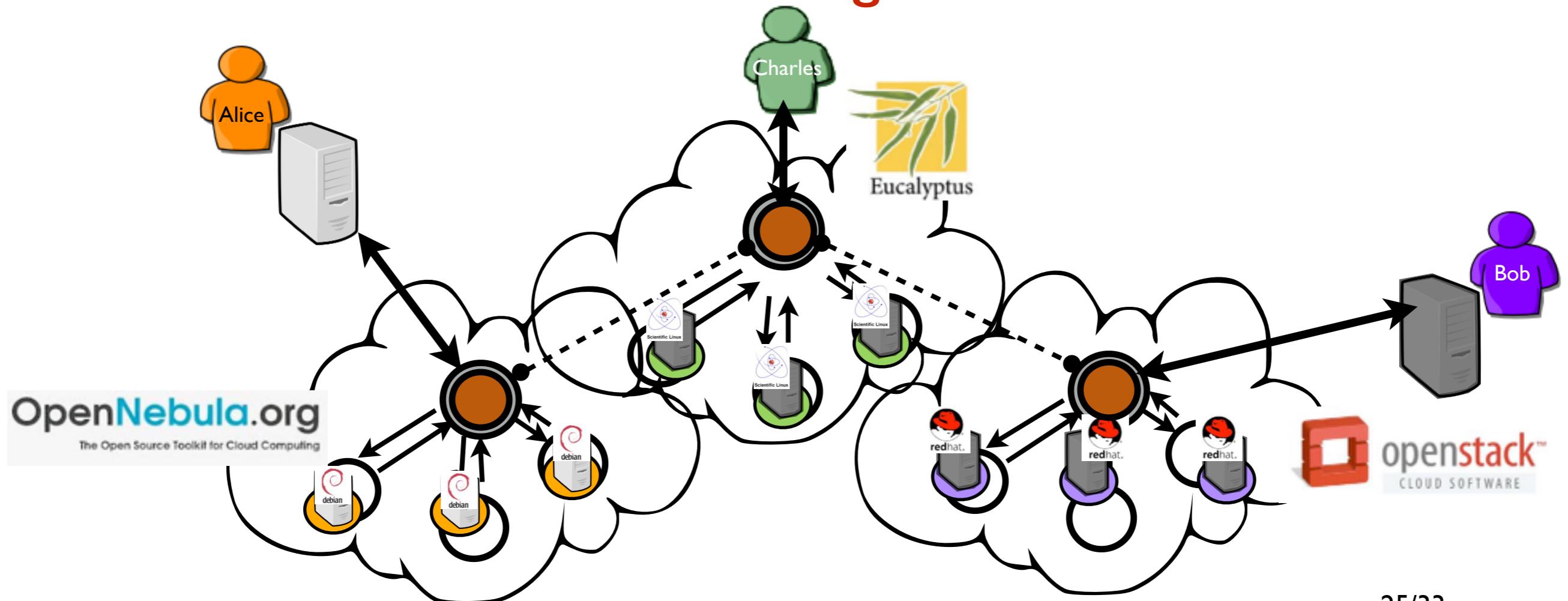


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Advanced brokers must reimplement standard IaaS mechanisms while facing the API limitation



The Discovery Initiative Pros/Cons

- Pros

- Locality (jurisdiction concerns, latency-aware apps, minimize network overhead)

- Reliability/redundancy (no critical point/location/center)

- The infrastructure is naturally distributed throughout multiple areas

- Lead time to delivery

- Leverage current PoPs and extend them according to UC demands

- Energy footprint (on-going investigations with RENATER)

- Bring back part of the revenue to NRENs/Telcos*

- Cons

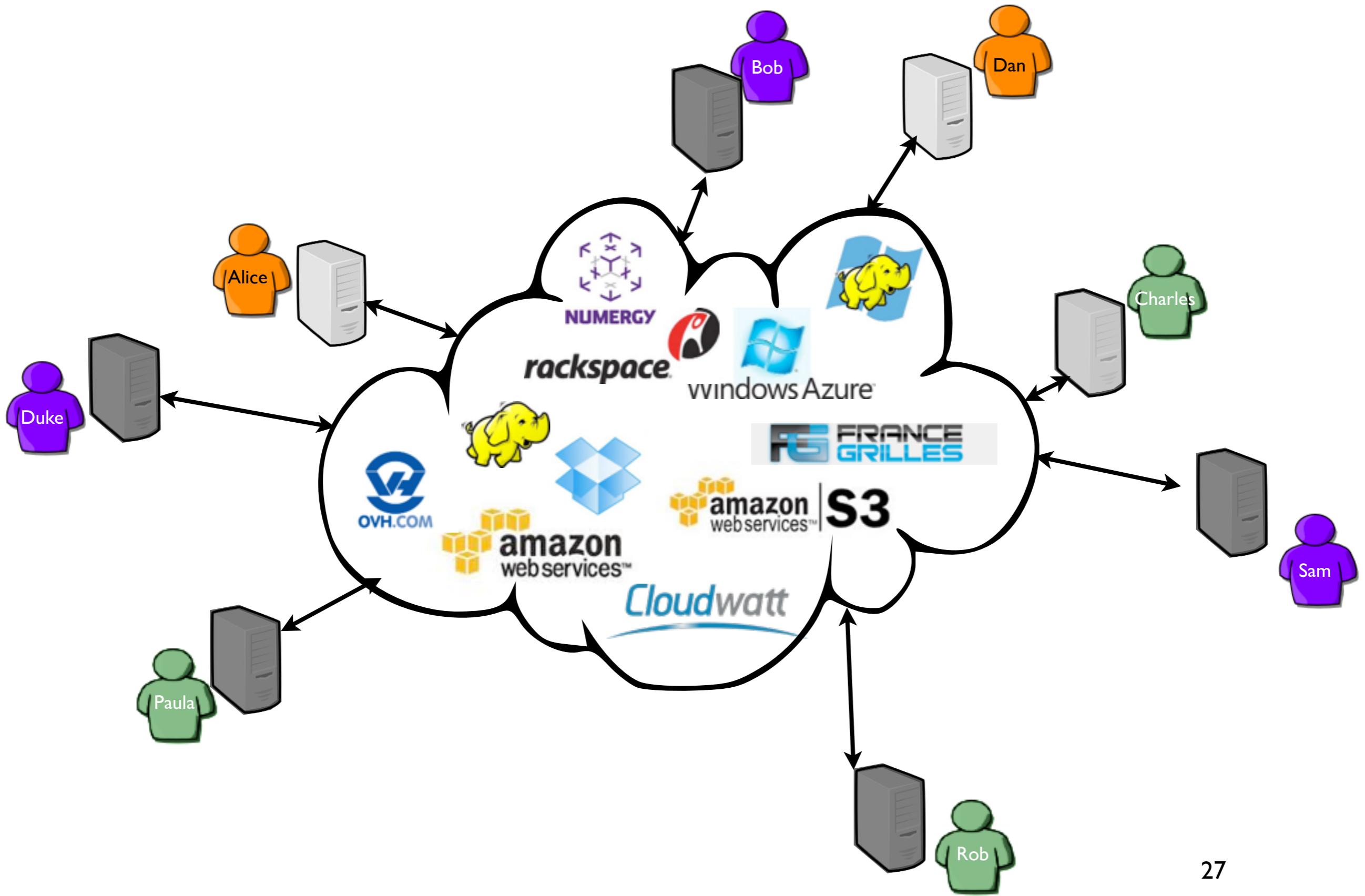
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- Operate a fully IaaS in a unified but distributed manner at WAN level

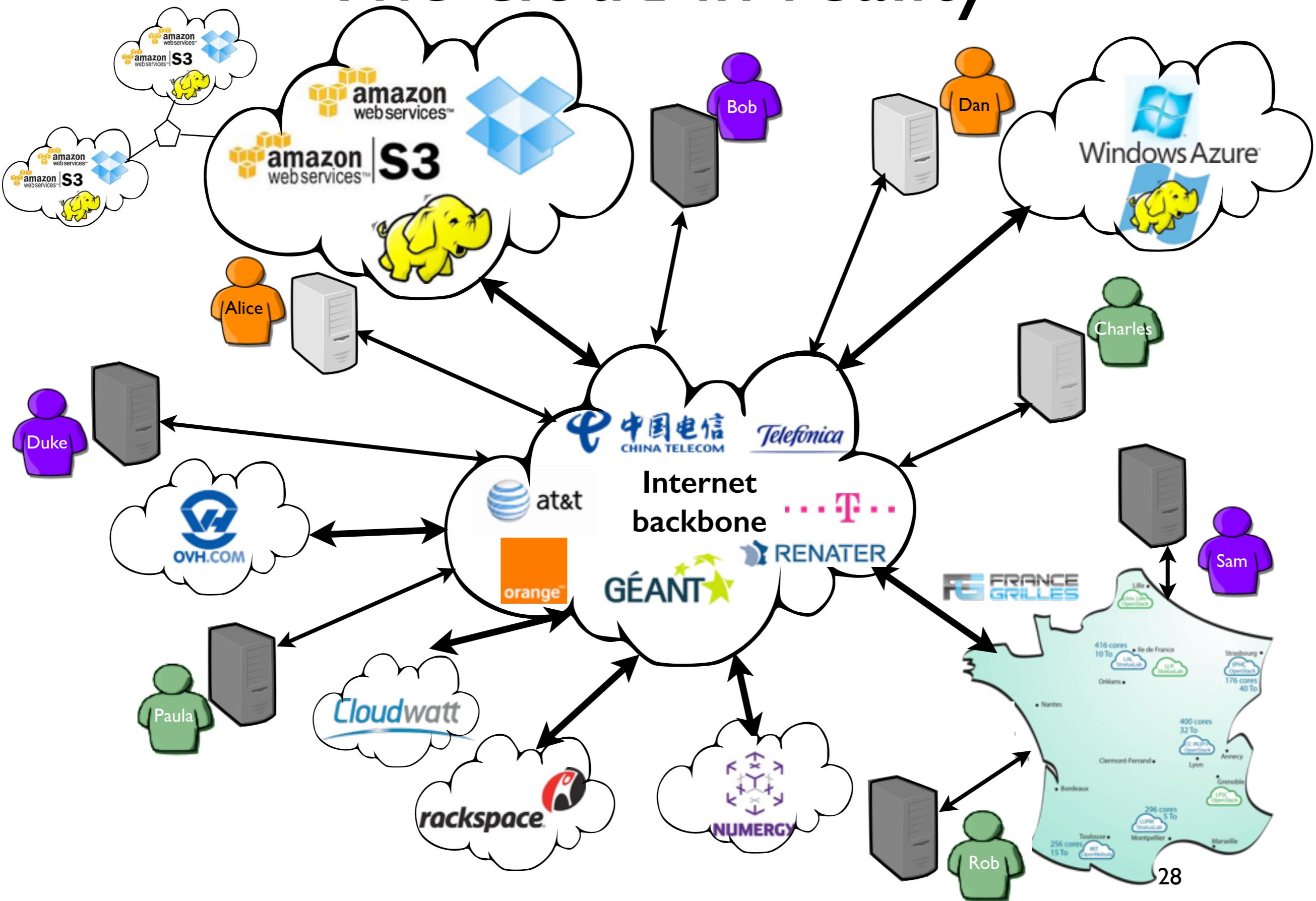
- Not suited for all kinds of applications : Large tightly coupled HPC workloads
50 nodes/1000 cores, 200 nodes / 4000 cores (5 racks),
so 1000 nodes in one PoP does not look realistic ...

- Peering agreement / economic model between network operators

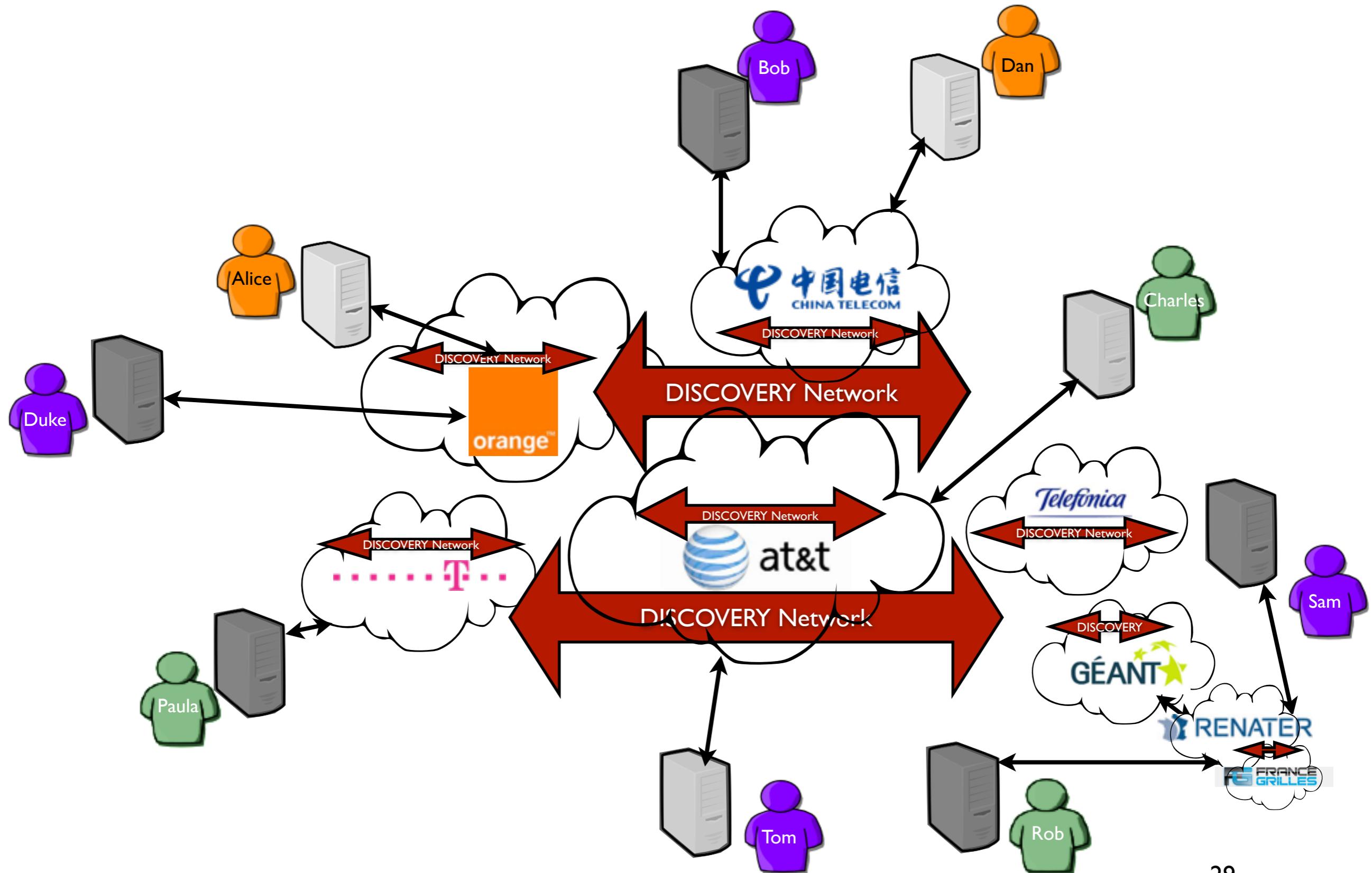
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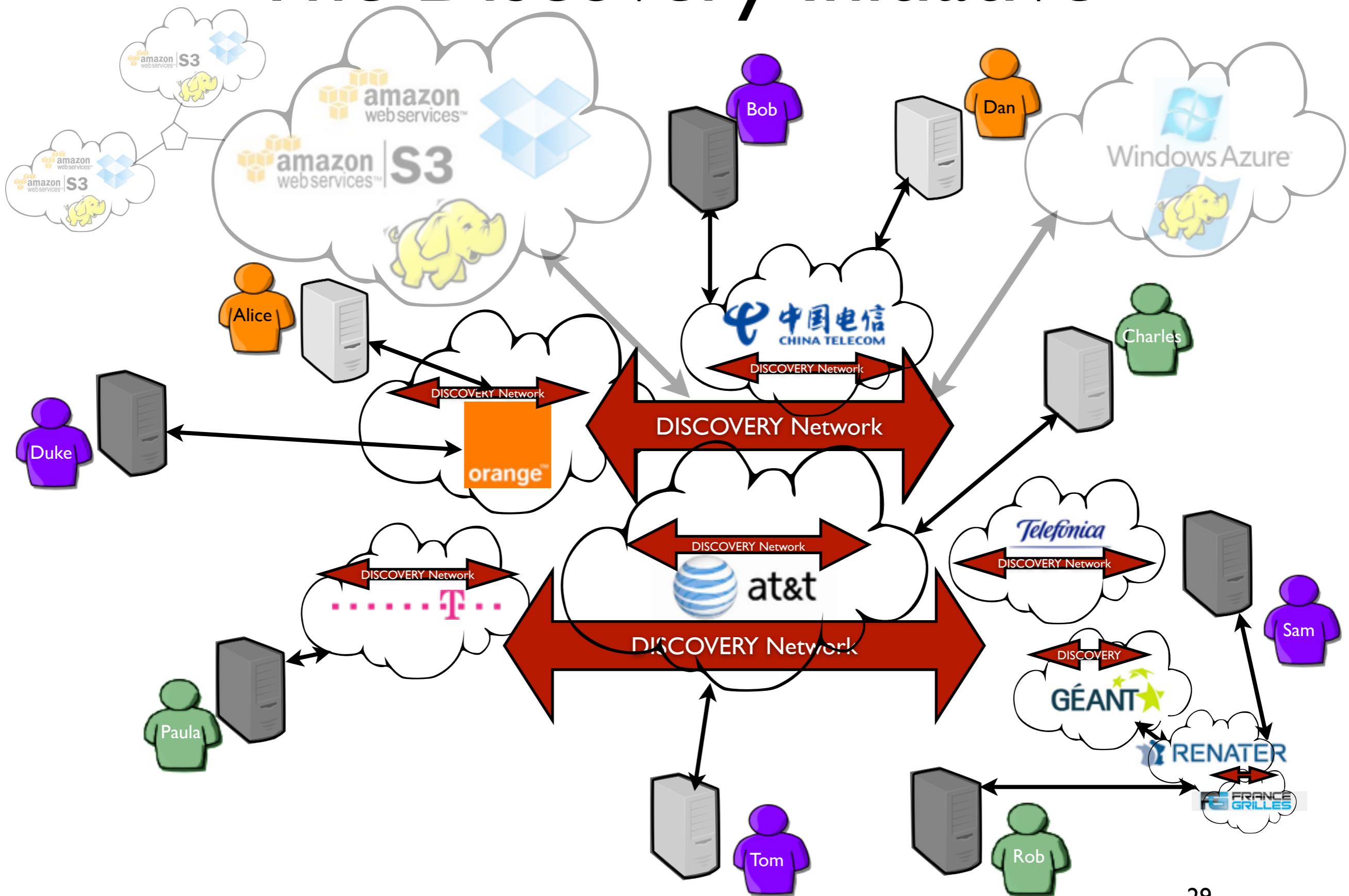
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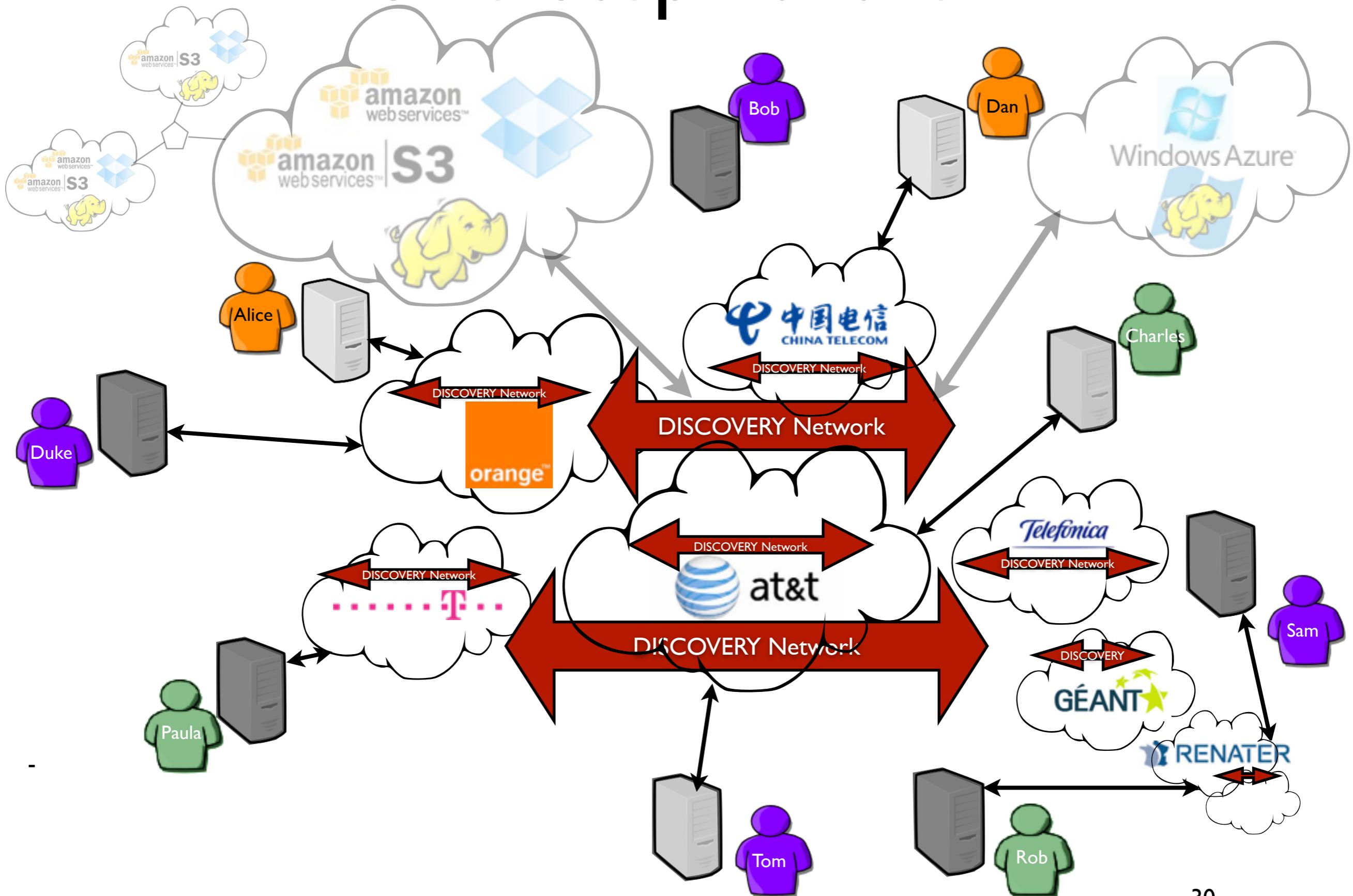
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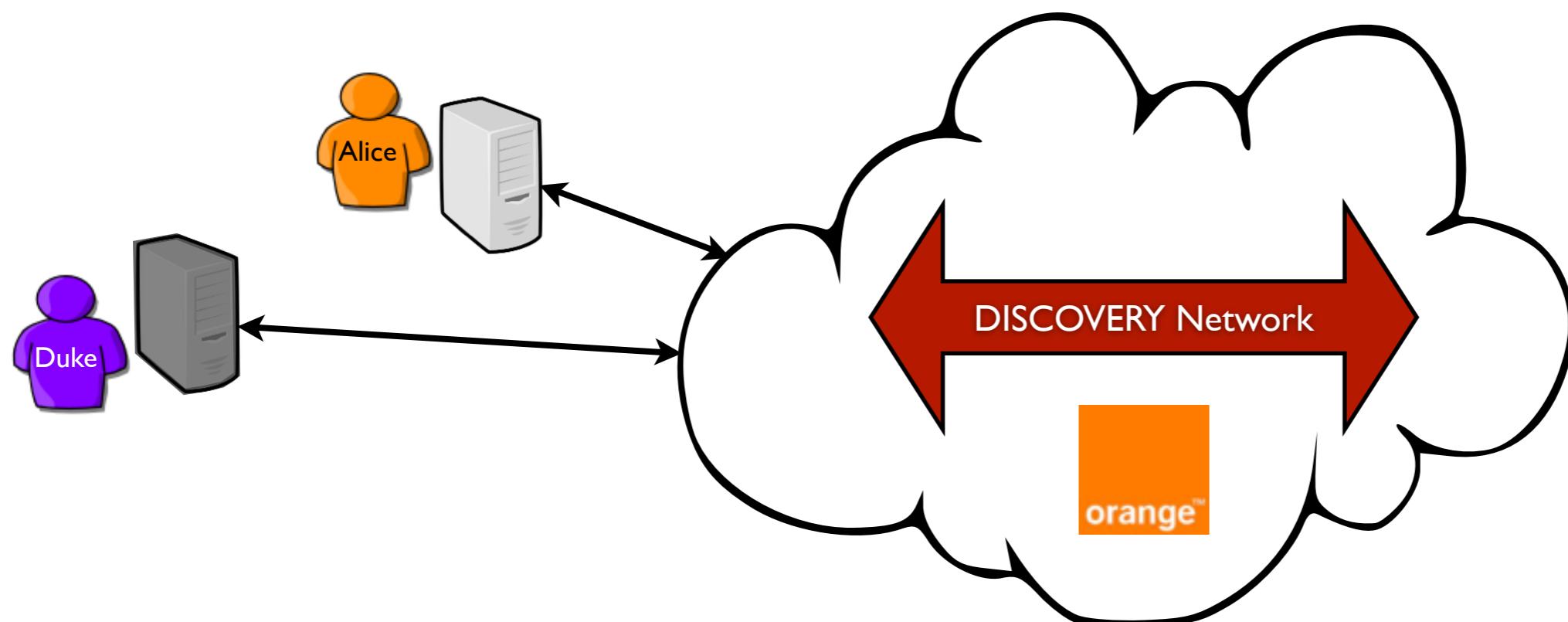
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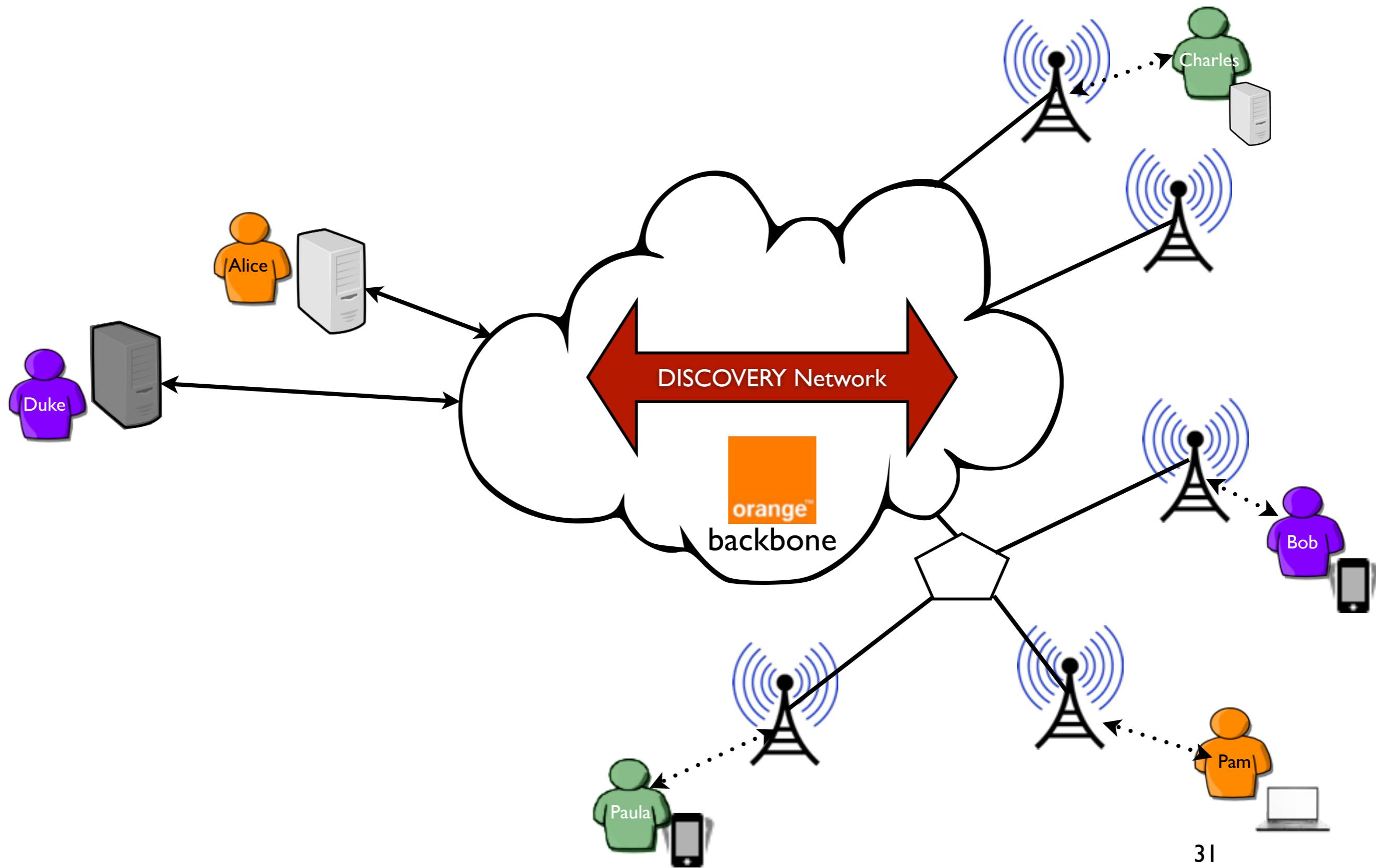
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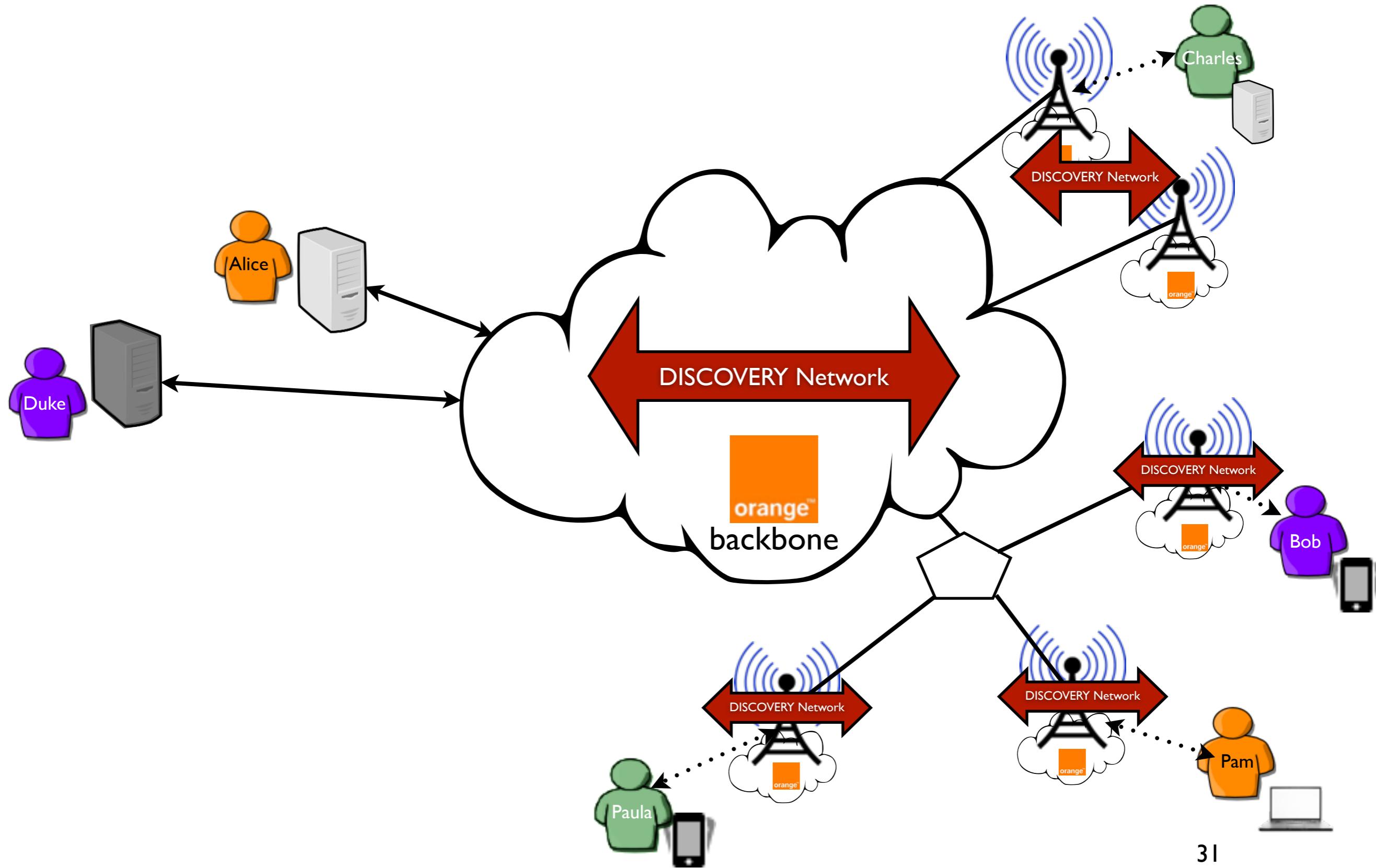
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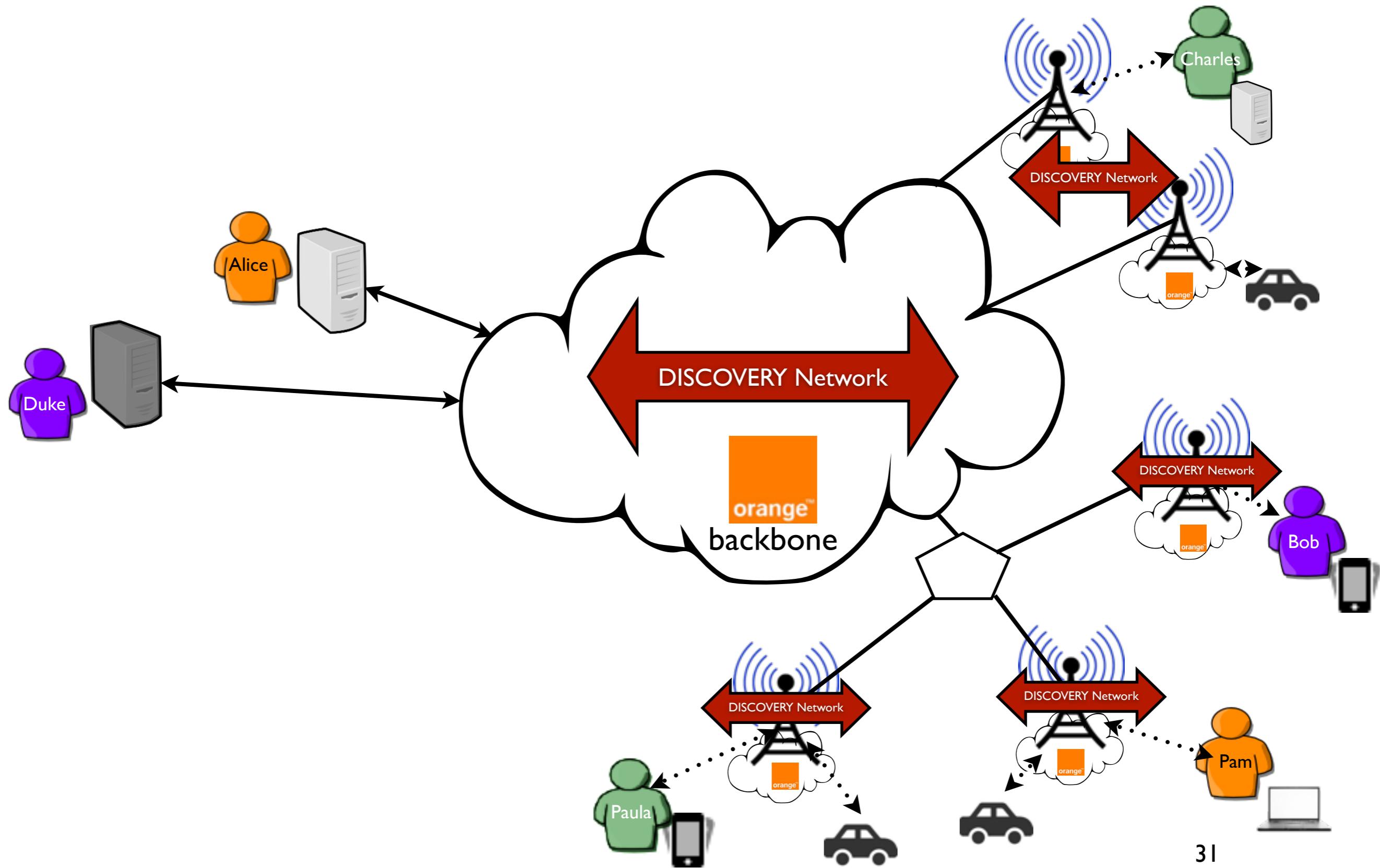
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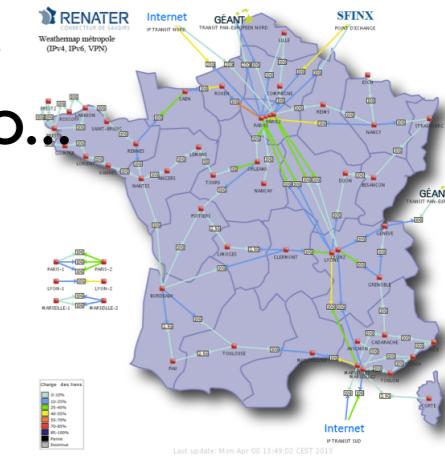
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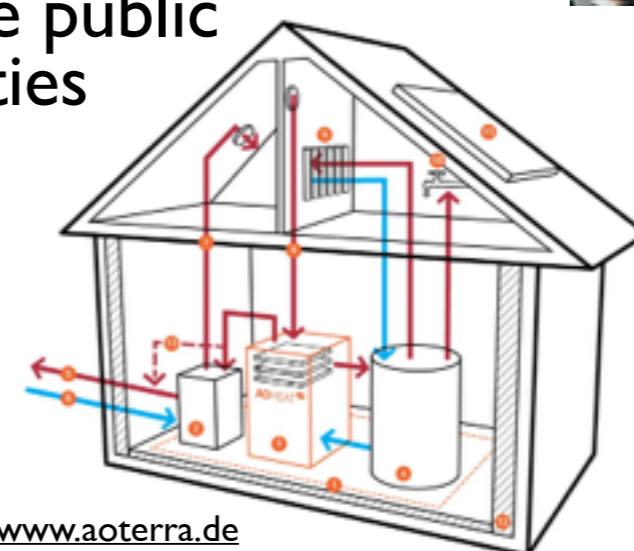
- Leverage “green” energy (solar, wind turbines...)

Transfer the green micro/nano DCs concept to the network PoP
Take the advantage of the geographical distribution



- Leveraging the data furnaces concept

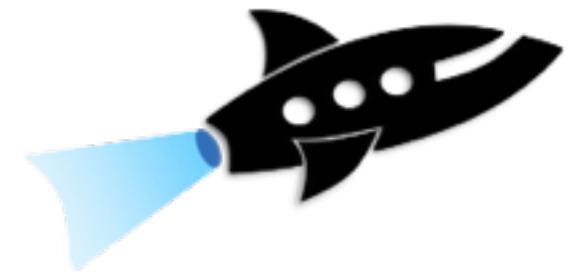
Deploy UC servers in medium and large institutions and use them as sources of heat inside public buildings such as hospitals or universities



<http://parasol.cs.rutgers.edu>

Beyond the Clouds

- **Clouds give the illusion that the infrastructure disappeared but it did not !**



- Thank you / Questions ?

Several researchers, engineers, stakeholders of important EU institutions and SMEs have been taking part to numerous brainstorming sessions (BSC, CRS4, Unine, EPFL, PSNC, Interoute, Orange Labs, Peerialism, TBS Group, XLAB, ...)

<http://beyondtheclouds.github.io/>

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