

HPC Cloud

Introduction course



A definition: cloud computing

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Essential characteristics:

- On-demand self-service
- Broad network access
- Resource pooling
- Rapid elasticity
- Measured service

Service models:

- Software as a Service (SaaS)
- Platform as a Service (PaaS)
- Infrastructure as a Service (laaS)





Agenda

1.- SURFsara's HPC Cloud service

2.- User experience

3.- Demo



SURFsara's HPC Cloud service



What do we (SURFsara) want to offer?

Services for Scientists

...scientists # systems gurus

- ... complex users' problems
 - •Data: big, dirty, non-structured...
 - •Computation: complex (e.g.: modeling, simulation)
 - Libraries nightmare
 - 3rd party, incompatibility, maintenance...

Familiar?

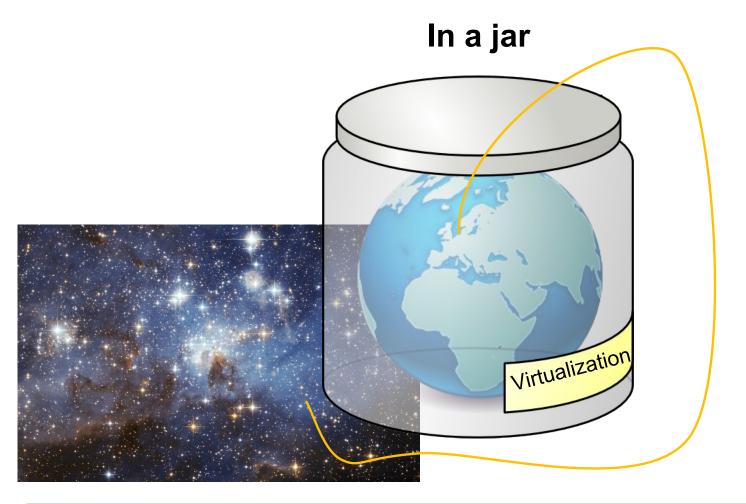
- ... share
- ... trial and error
- ... show

... test

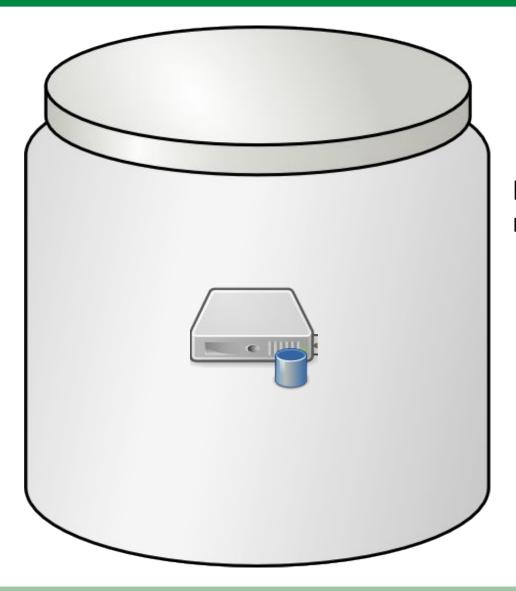
- ... scratch
- ... flexibility
- ... privacy

... cooperate

What does our HPC Cloud offer?



What do you see, as a user?



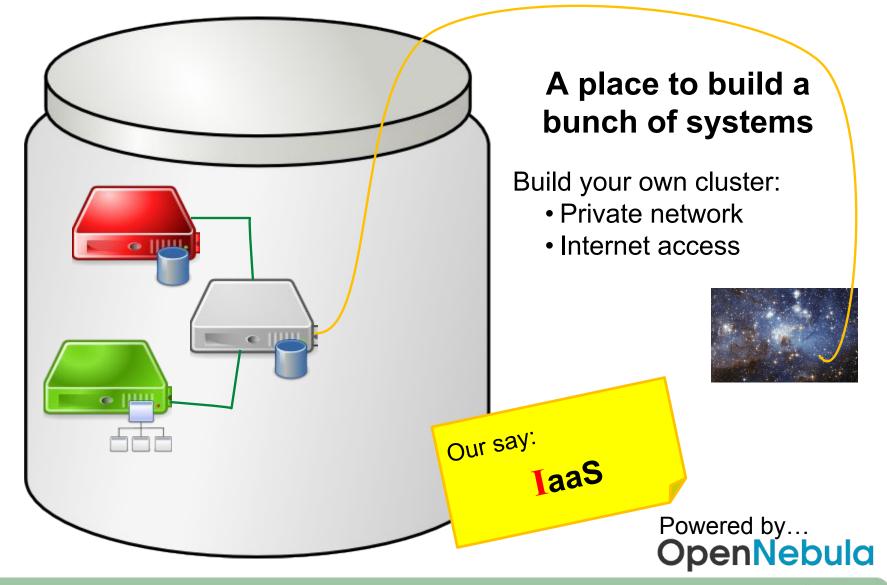
A place to build a running system

Build your own (virtual) machine:

- Hardware
 - CPU
 - Memory
 - Input/Output
 - Disk
 - Network interfaces
- Software
 - Operating System
 - Programs
 - Libraries



What do you see, as a user? (and II)



User experience





laaS: Your place to run VMs



Check out the Apps!



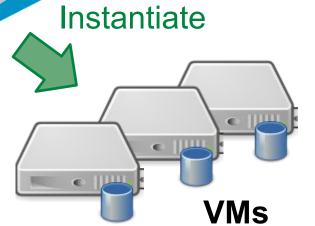
- CPU
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 - Disks
 - Network
- ...

Template

Data store

- Persistency
- ...

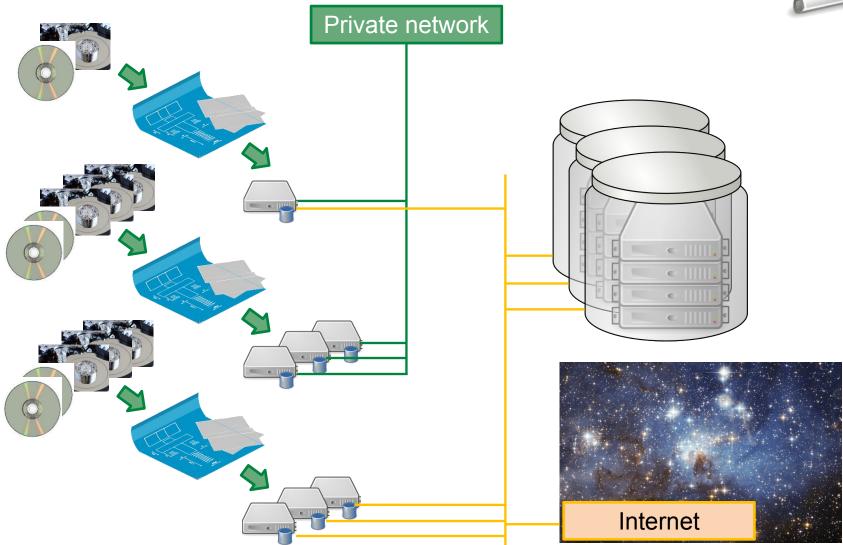
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laaS: your interconnected VMs





2.- User experience

You get



HPC

- Many nodes
 - Big nodes
- Fast interconnect
- Plenty of storage
 - Diverse storage
- Large memory

Cloud

- Multi-purpose versatility
- Shape elasticity
- Self-service on-demand

Service

- Project-based
 - Own quotas
 - Private network
 - Block storage
- Dynamic DNS
- Documentation
- Support

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- Web interface
- User groups
- Pre-built Apps
- Accounting

Accounting

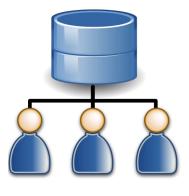


Per project



User accounts







CPU time

Local SSD



User applications



Users like & leverage...

- Flexible software mix
- Big VMs
- Elasticity
- Provide their own service to their own users
- Software that requires licenses
- Set up, test and deploy workflows
- Deliver training; courses
- Intensive computing

...from diverse fields:

- Biology
- Genetics
- Informatics
- Chemistry
- Ecology
- Linguistics
- Robotics
- Business
- Social sciences
- Engineering
- Humanities 14



Water management

Demo





Request: https://e-infra.surfsara.nl

UI: https://ui.hpccloud.surfsara.nl

Doc: https://doc.hpccloud.surfsara.nl



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Slides: SURFsara colleagues



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