

# HPC Cloud at SURFsara

— Offering cloud as a service



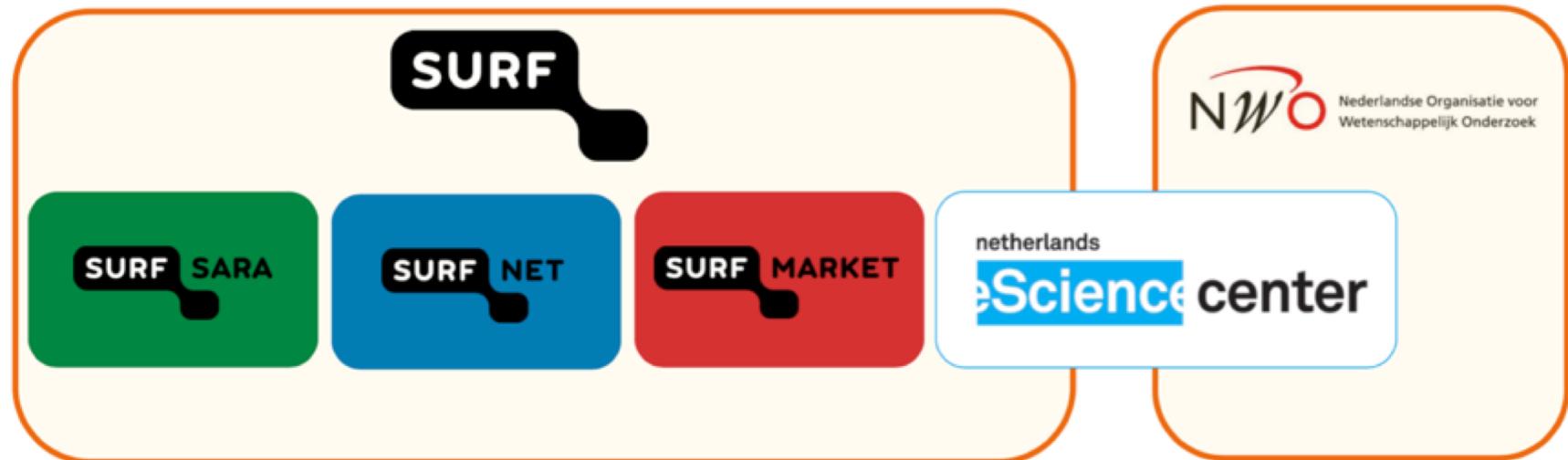
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## The SURF family



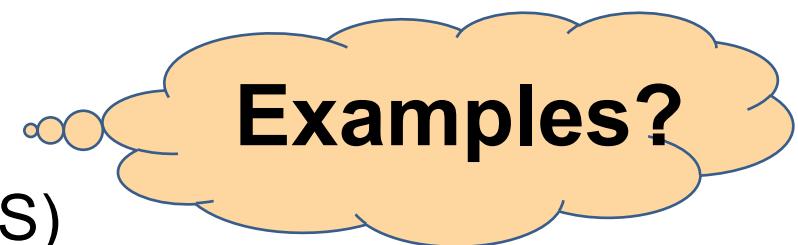
# A definition: cloud computing

## 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 (IaaS)



# Agenda

- 1.- SURFsara's HPC Cloud **service**
- 2.- **User** experience
- 3.- Demo
- 4.- SURFsara's HPC Cloud **implementation**



# SURFsara's HPC Cloud service



# What do we (SURFsara) want to offer?

## Services for **scientists** ...scientists $\neq$ systems gurus

... complex users' problems

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



Familiar?

... test

... scratch

... trial and error

... share

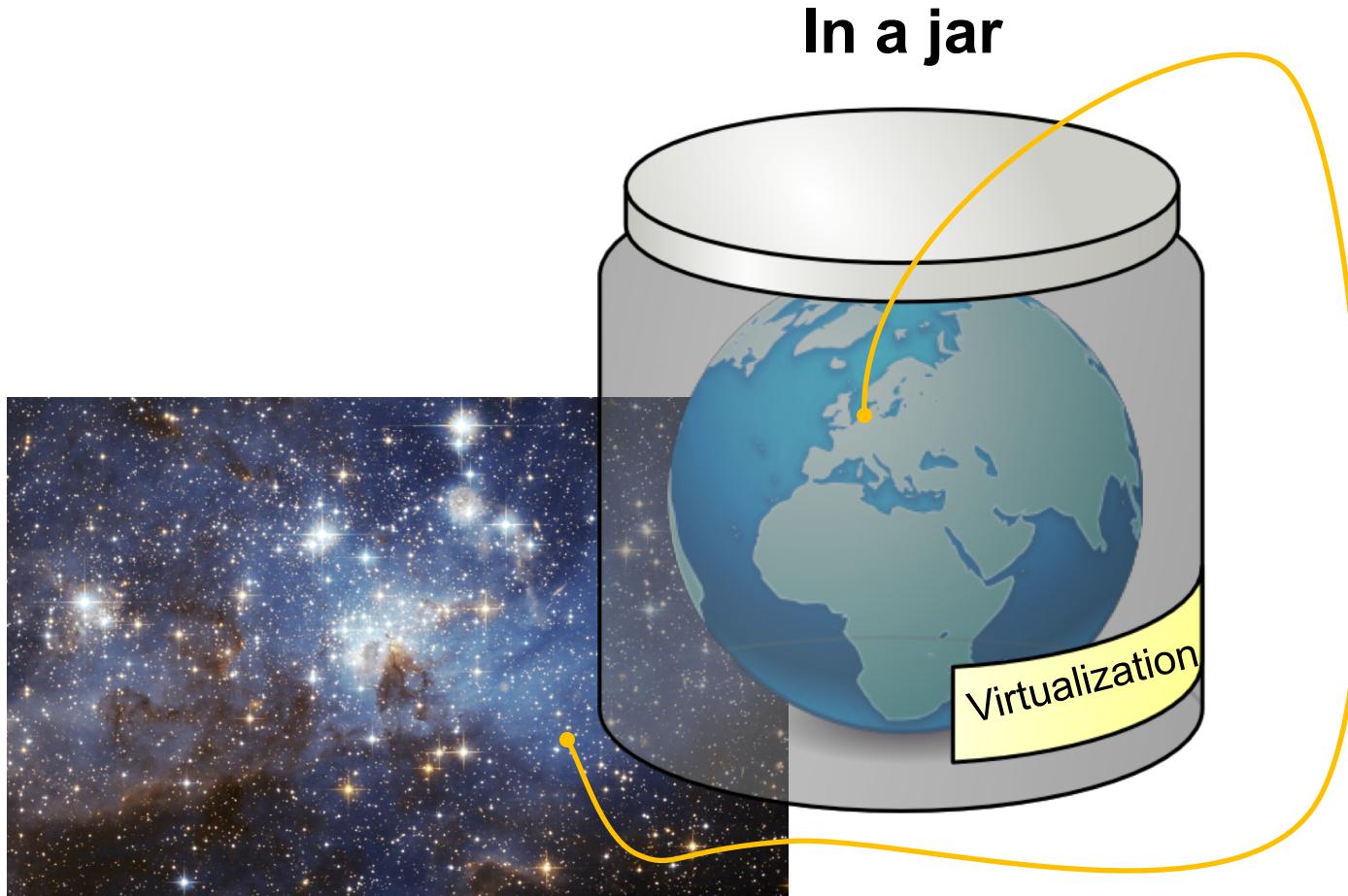
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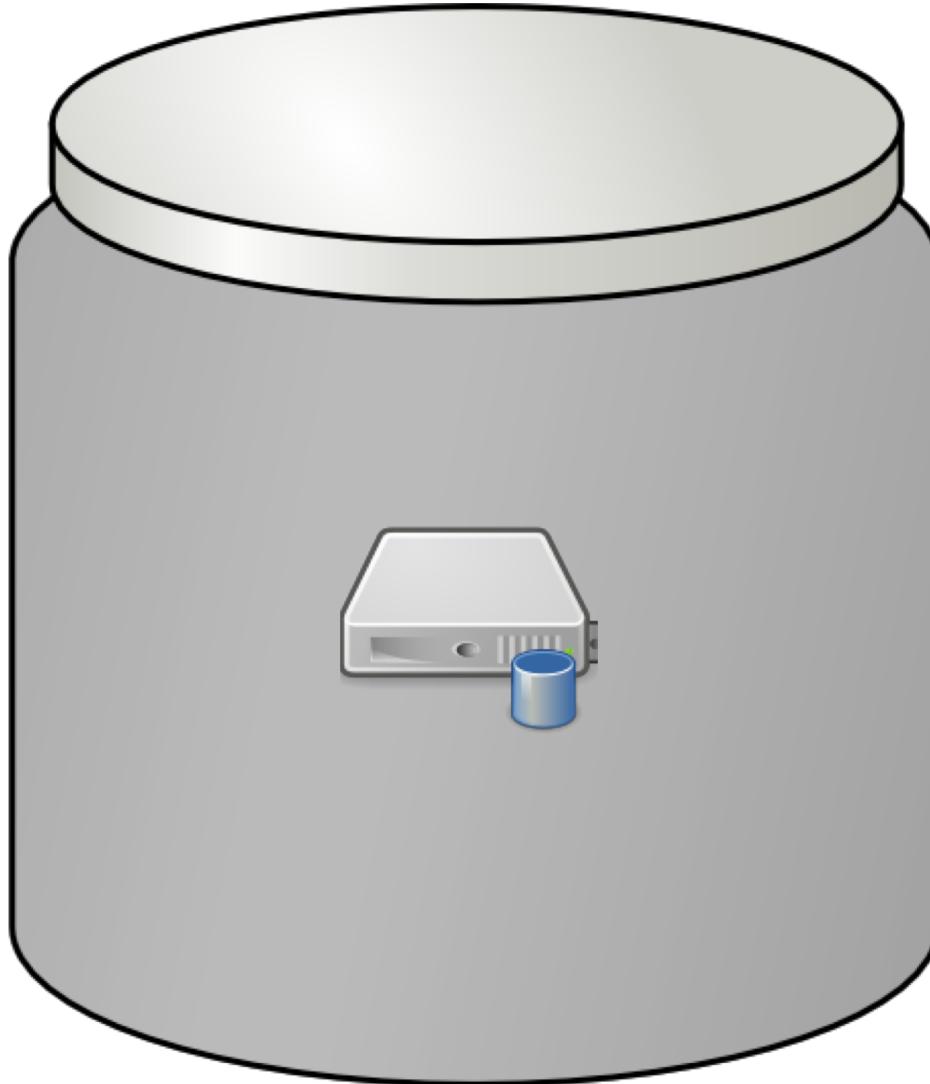
... flexibility

... privacy

# What does our HPC Cloud offer?



# What do you see, as a user?

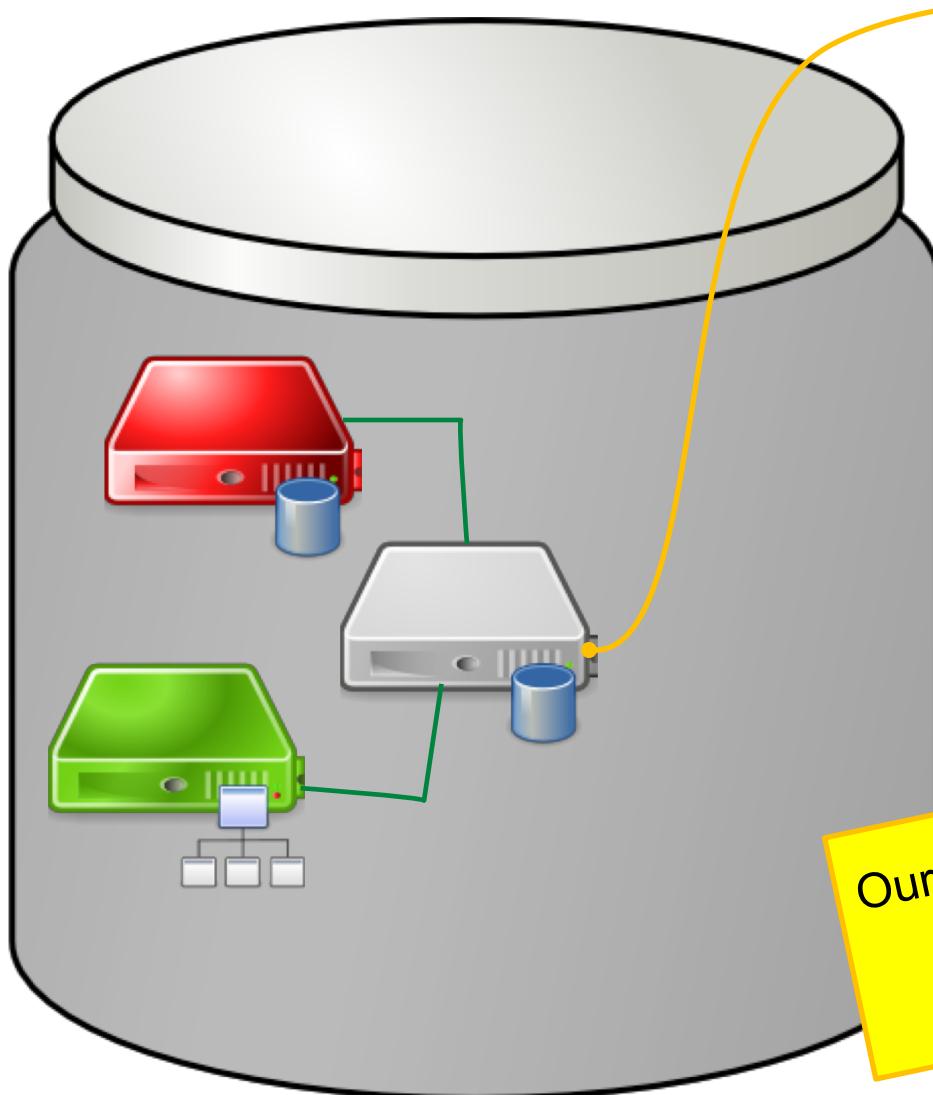


**A place to build a running system**

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? (II)



A place to build a bunch of systems

Build your own cluster:

- Private network
- Internet access



Our say:

IaaS

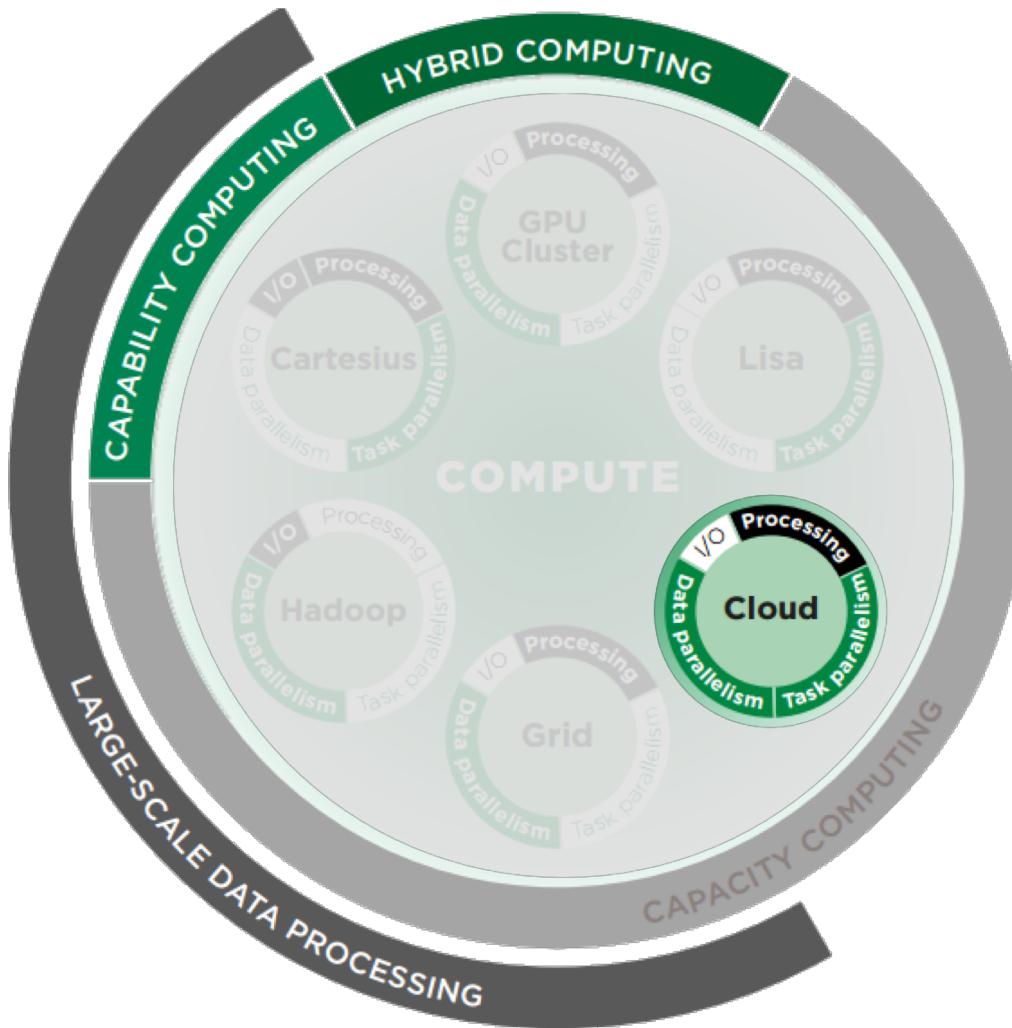
Powered by...  
**OpenNebula**

# For ...

Users who:

- Need full flexibility and control over their infrastructure
- Want to run servers or services
  - databases
  - web servers, applications
  - data collection services
- need a powerful, virtual desktop
  - graphical work (GIS; preprocessing)
  - software development, prototyping
  - long-running analyses
- need elasticity

# Where does the HPC Cloud fit?



# Cluster versus Cloud

	Cluster (PAAS)	Cloud (IAAS)
unit of work	job	virtual machine
why?	running program	get a workstation
OS	Linux	Any
Interactive?	no	yes
work size	1-1000 nodes	1-80 cores
you are	a user	an administrator
software	included	by you

# User experience

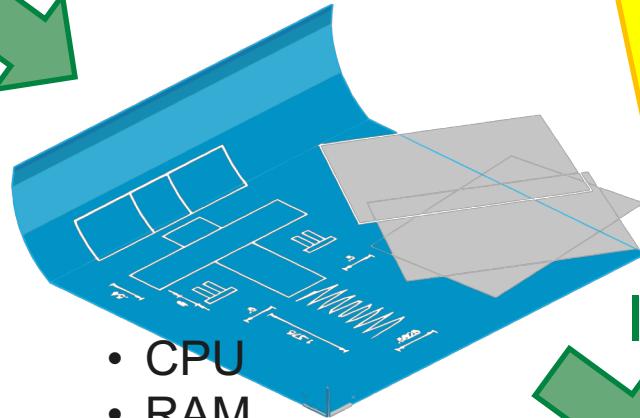


# IaaS: Your place to run VMs



- Data store
- Persistence
- ...

**Images**

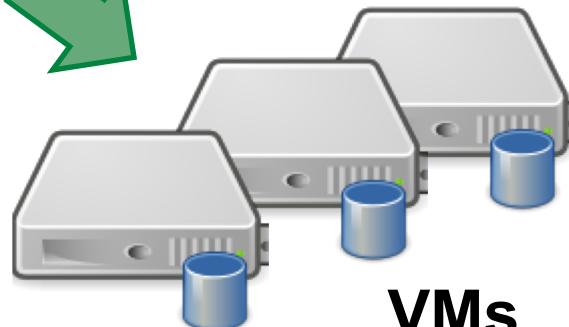


**Template**

- CPU
- RAM
- I/O
  - Disks
  - Network
- ...

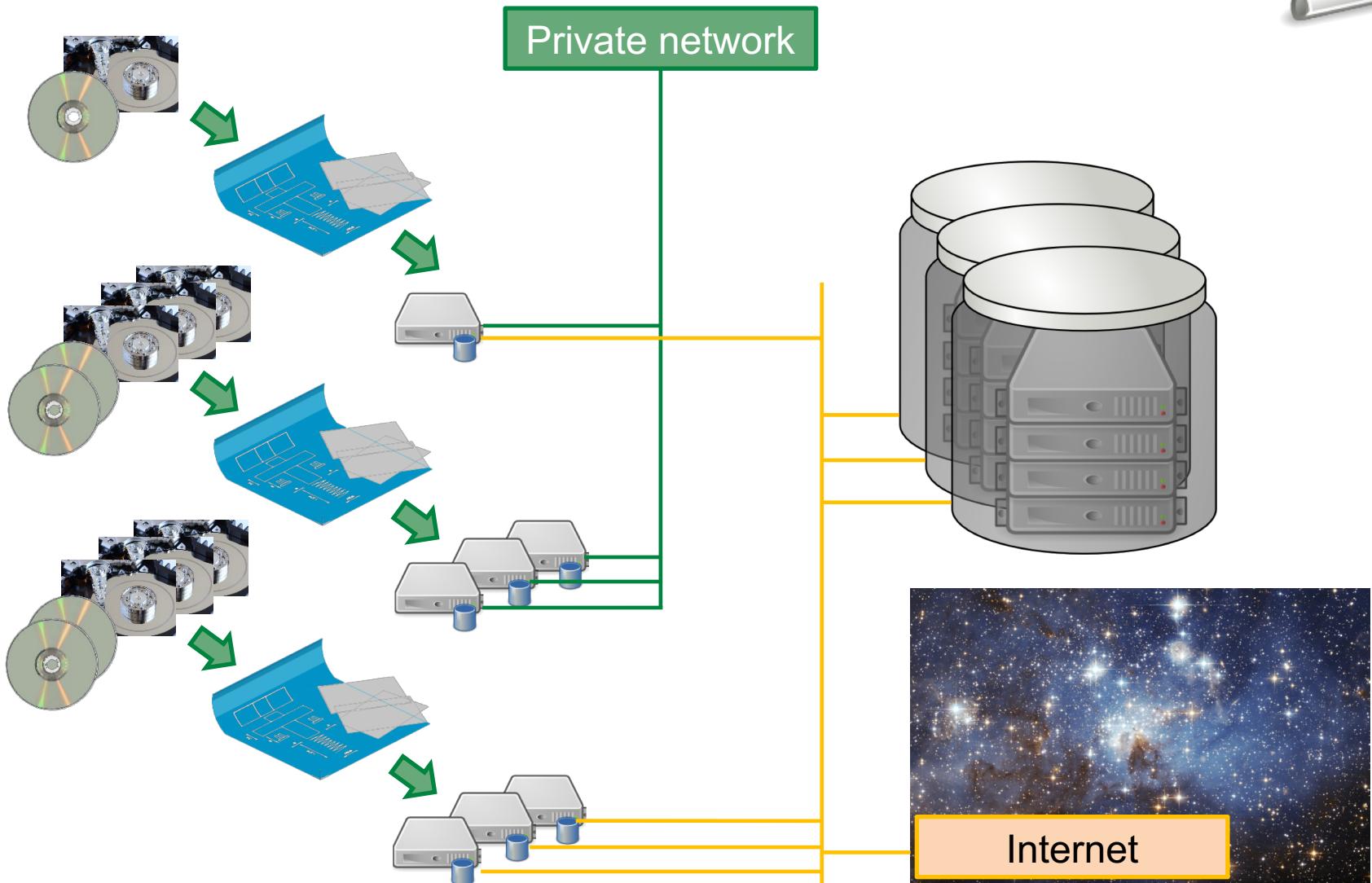


**Instantiate**



**VMs**

# IaaS: your interconnected VMs





## 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

## OpenNebula

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



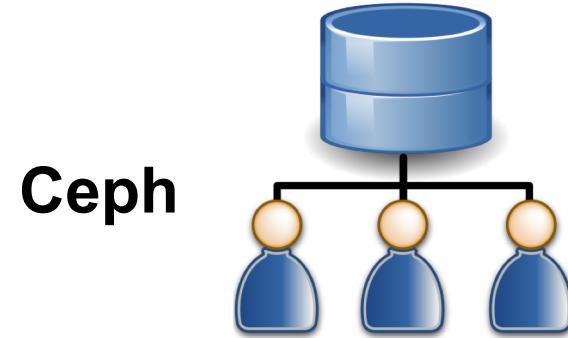
## Per project



User accounts



CPU time



Ceph



Local SSD



## 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
- Water management
- ...



## Recently **added** and near **future** features:

Open**Nebula** • Latest release of OpenNebula



**Ceph** • Ceph storage; expansion

- Distributed object store and file system
- Cope with increasing load



• **GPU processing**

- Highly parallel structure
- Program specifically to use it

**SURF**

• **SURFcontext; federated authentication**

# Demo

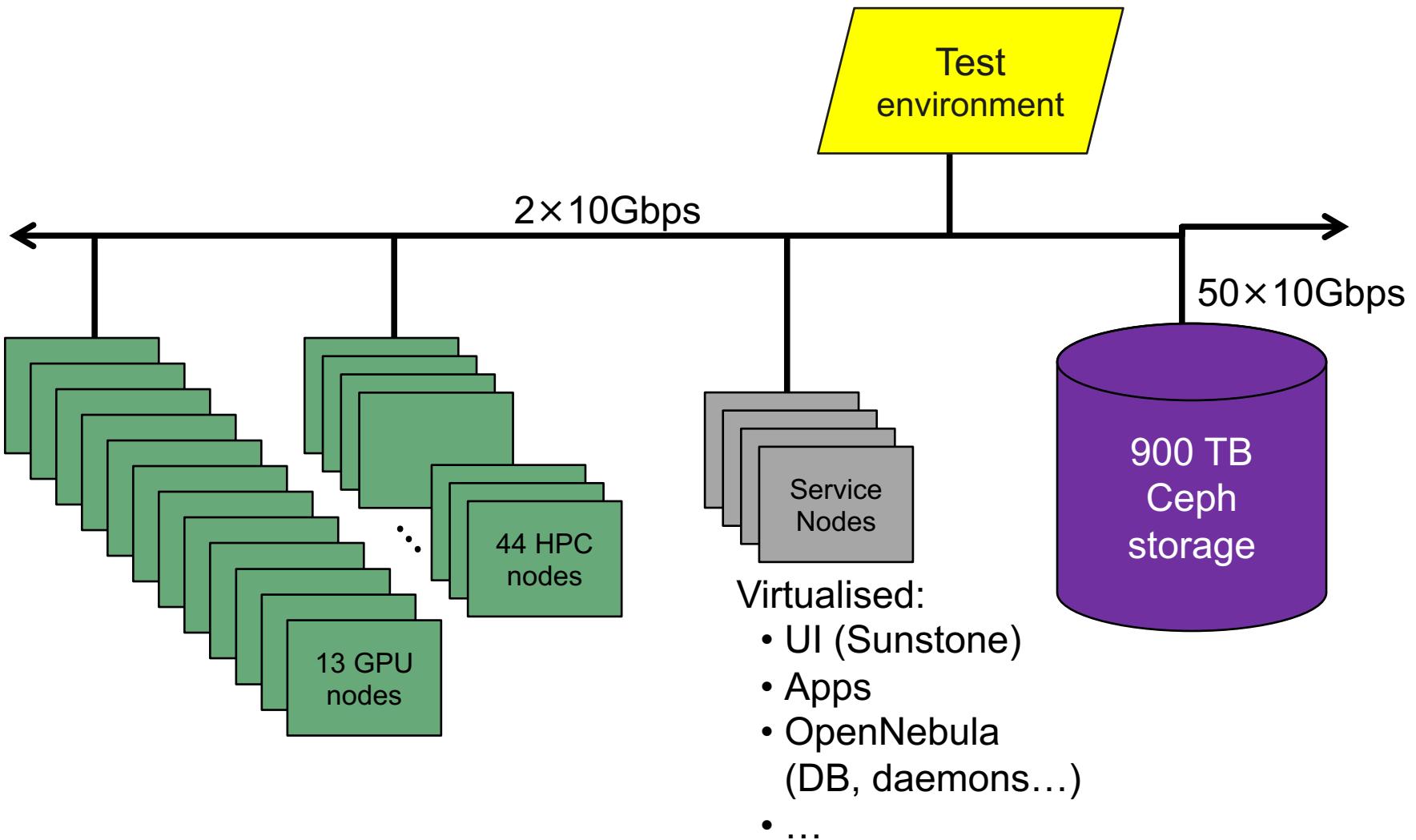
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# SURFsara's HPC Cloud implementation



# Network overview



**Request:** <https://e-infra.surfsara.nl>  
**UI:** <https://ui.hpccloud.surfsara.nl>  
**Doc:** <https://doc.hpccloud.surfsara.nl>

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# Practicalities:

**Start at:** <http://doc.hpccloud.surfsara.nl/UvA-20170201>

**Work** *in pairs*

*each with your own credentials on your own laptop*

**Follow** *the instructions at your own pace*

*focus on Part A before lunch*

**Call** *Ander, Markus or Nuno*

*for: a) doubts; b) when feeling stuck; c) “food for brain” hints*

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**tutorial**

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