

**SYNNEFO: A COMPLETE CLOUD STACK OVER
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History

- Design started late 2010
- Production since July 2011

Numbers

- Users: > 3500
- VMs: > 5500 currently active
- More than 160k VMs spawned so far, more than 44k networks

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Our choices

- Build own AWS-like service (Compute, Network, Storage)
- Persistent VMs
- Everything open source
- Production-quality IaaS
- Super-simple UI

How?

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The tough stuff

- Stability
- Persistent VMs: VMs are not cattle, they are pets
- Commodity hardware
- Scalability
- Manageability: Gradual rollout of upgrades and new features

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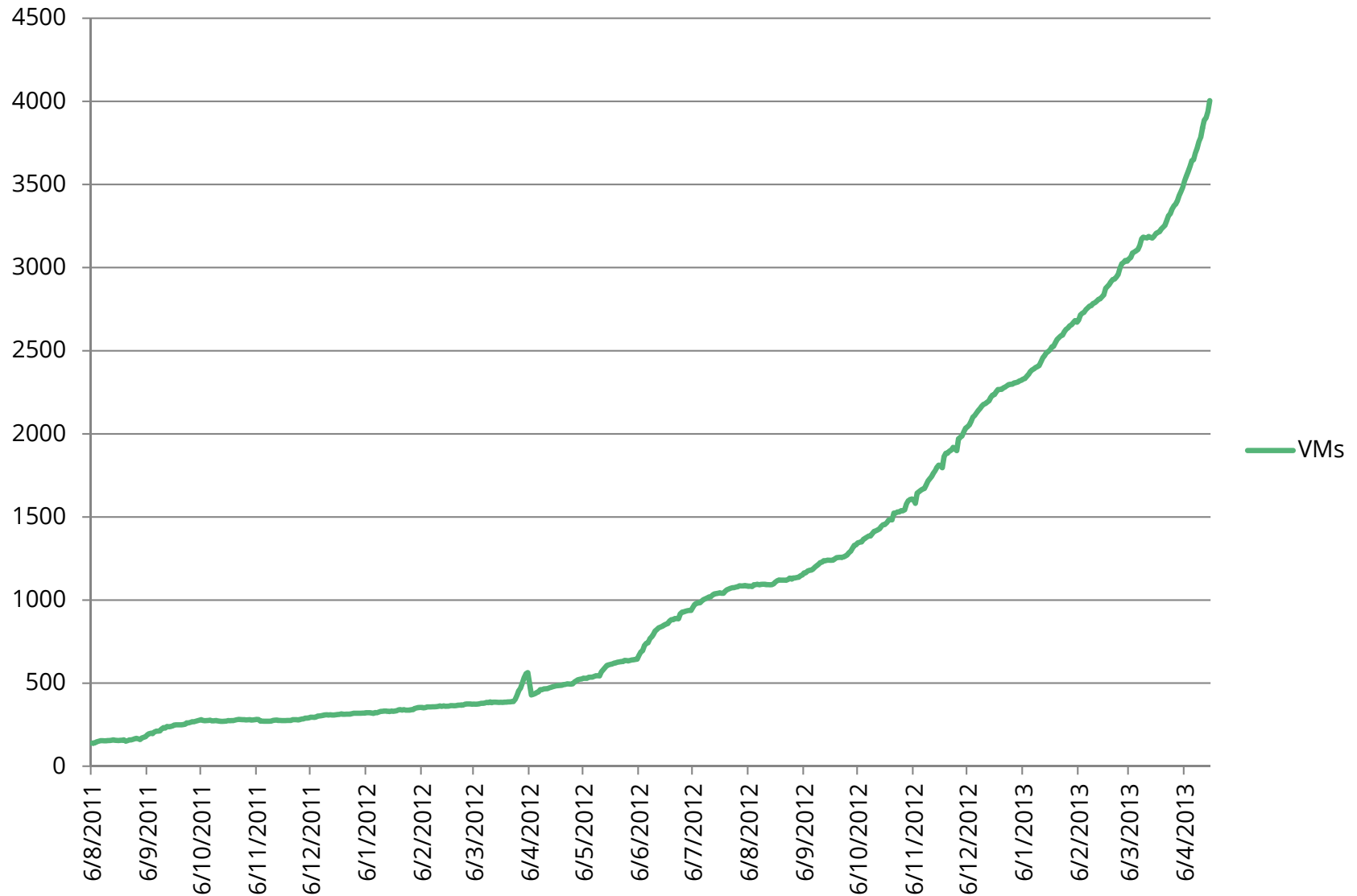
Our approach

- Synnefo
- Google Ganeti
- DRBD
- Ceph
- OpenStack APIs

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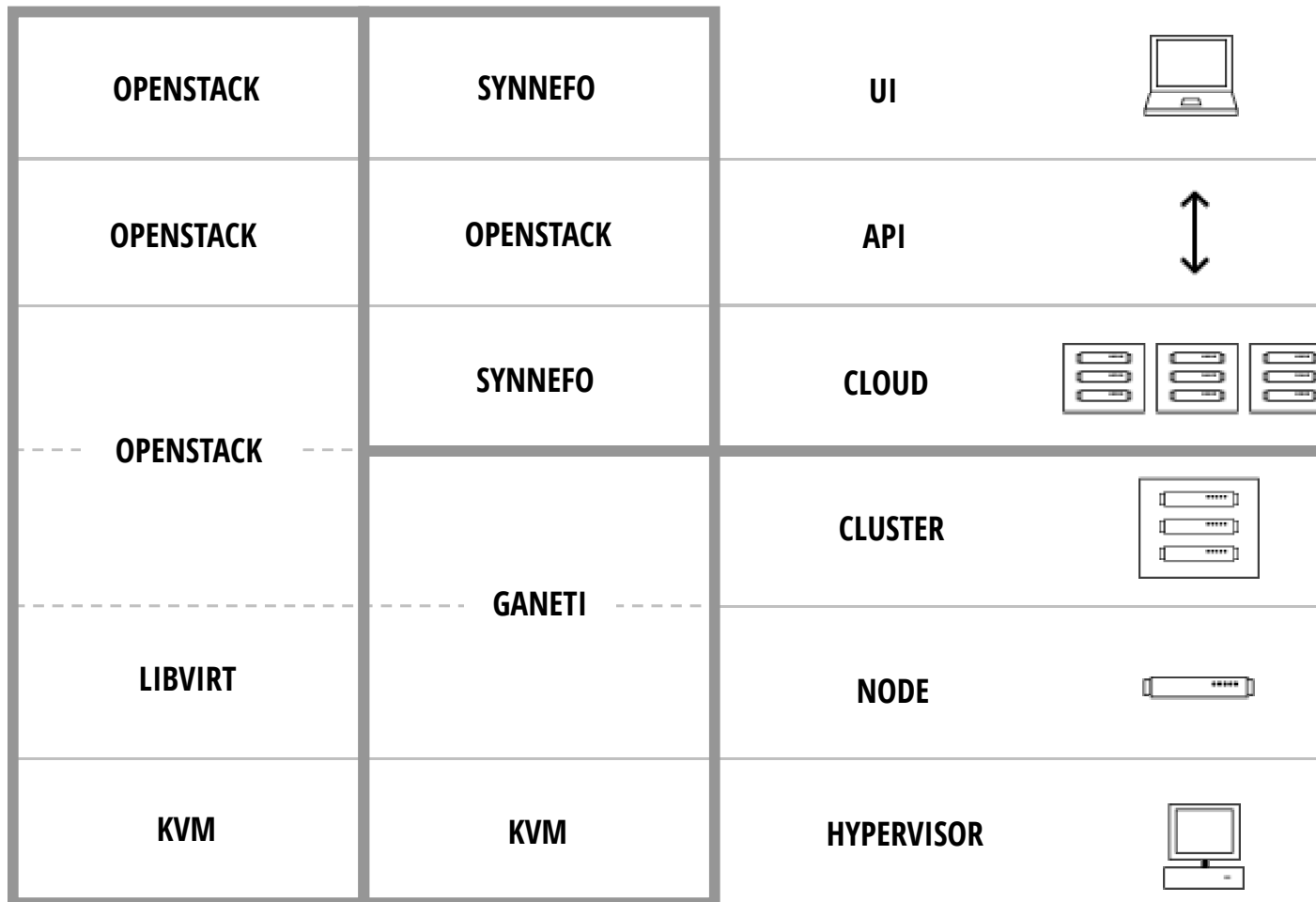
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Cluster vs Cloud

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Live demo!

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Login, view/upload files

Unified image store: Images as files

View/create/destroy servers from Images

...on multiple storage backends

...on Archipelago, for thin, super-fast creation

...with per-server customization, e.g., file injection

View/create/destroy virtual networks

Interconnect VMs, with NIC hotplugging

Snapshot a VM's disk into an Image, in seconds

Create a virtual cluster from this Image

...from the command-line, and in Python scripts

Google Ganeti

Mature, production-ready VM cluster management

- used for Google's corporate infrastructure

Multiple storage backends out of the box

- LVM, DRBD
- Files on local or shared directory
- RBD (Ceph/RADOS)

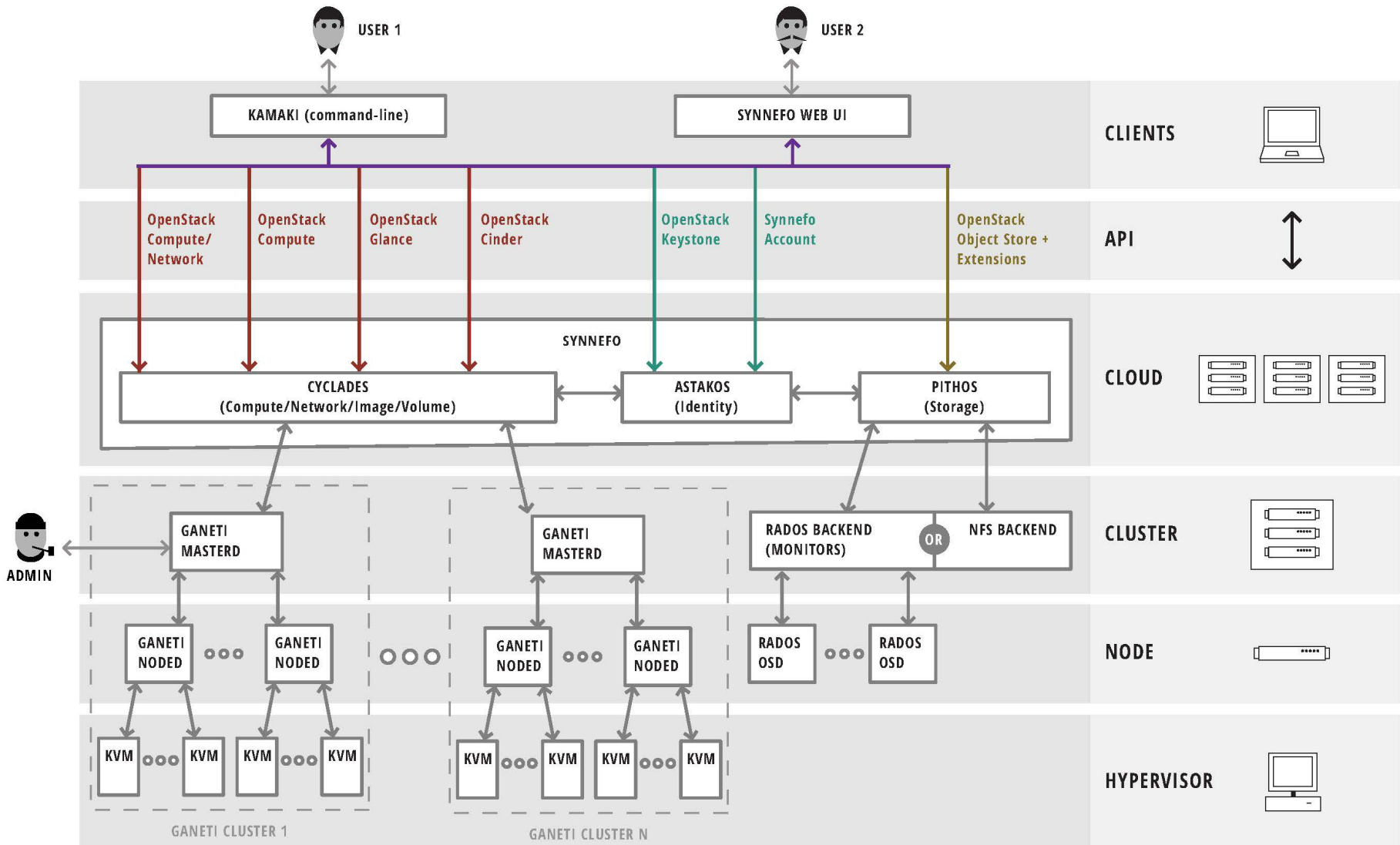
External Storage Interface for SAN/NAS support

Ganeti cluster = *masterd* on master, *noded* on nodes

Easy to integrate into existing infrastructure

- Remote API over HTTP, pre/post hooks for every action!

Architecture



Identity: Astakos

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Identity Management, Resource Accounting and SSO

- Platform-wide service
- Simple service- (Cyclades, Pithos) and user-facing APIs
- Multiple authentication methods per user
- Fine-grained per-user, per-resource quota

A single dashboard for users

- View/modify profile information and active authentication methods
- Easy, integrated reporting of per-resource quotas
- Project management: View/Join/Leave projects
- Manage API access and retrieve authentication tokens

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Supported 3rd-party providers

- Shibboleth / AAI Federation
- Google
- Twitter
- LinkedIn

Compute/Network/Image/Volume: Cyclades

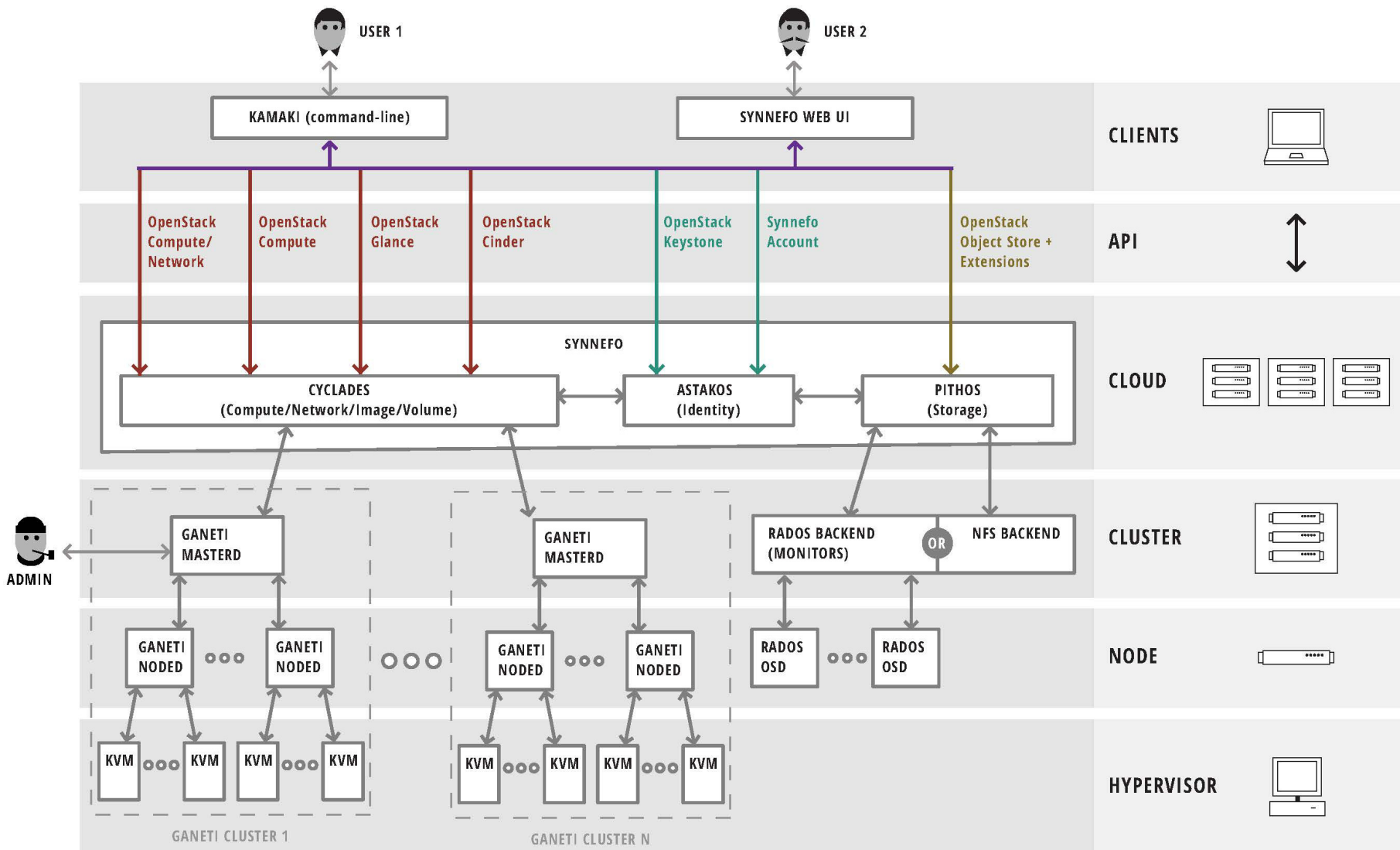
Thin Compute layer over Ganeti

- Python/Django
- Supports *multiple* Ganeti clusters, for scaling
- OpenStack APIs

Networking

- No restrictions on deployment – it's the *Ganeti* side
- IPv4/IPv6 public networks, complete isolation among VMs
- Thousands of private networks, private L2 segments over single VLAN
- Software-Defined Networking, pilots with VXLAN integration

Compute/Network/Image/Volume: Cyclades



Interaction with Ganeti

Support for all Ganeti storage templates

External Storage Interface for SAN/NAS support

Networking = gnt-network +
snf-network (KVM ifup scripts) +
nfdhcpd (custom NFQUEUE-based DHCP server)

Asynchronous operation

- Effect path: Receive API requests, enqueue requests over RAPI
- Update path: Receive asynchronous notifications, update DB

Storage: Pithos

Every file is a collection of blocks

Content-based addressing for blocks

Partial file transfers, deduplication, efficient syncing

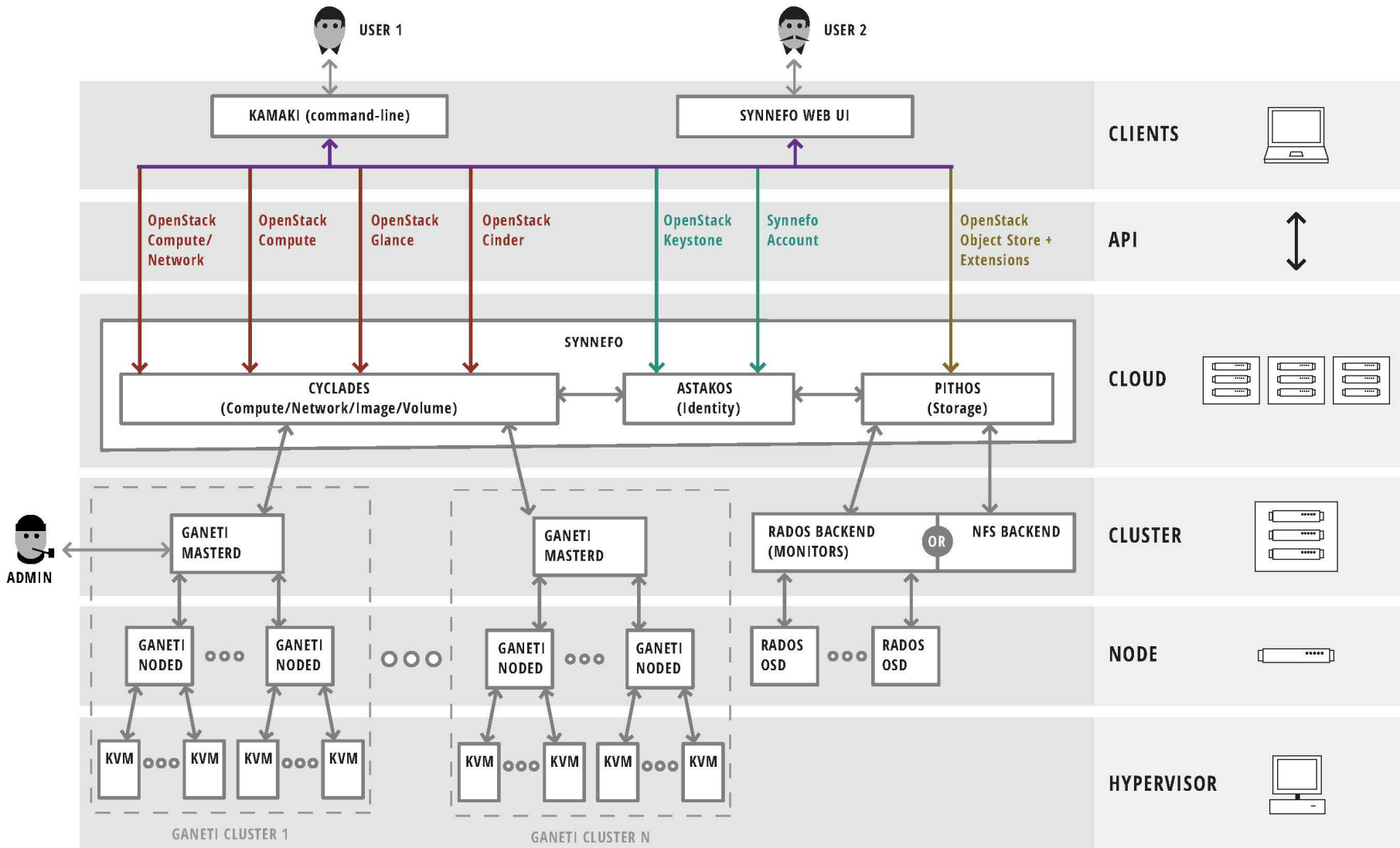
Independent of storage backend (NFS, RADOS, ...)

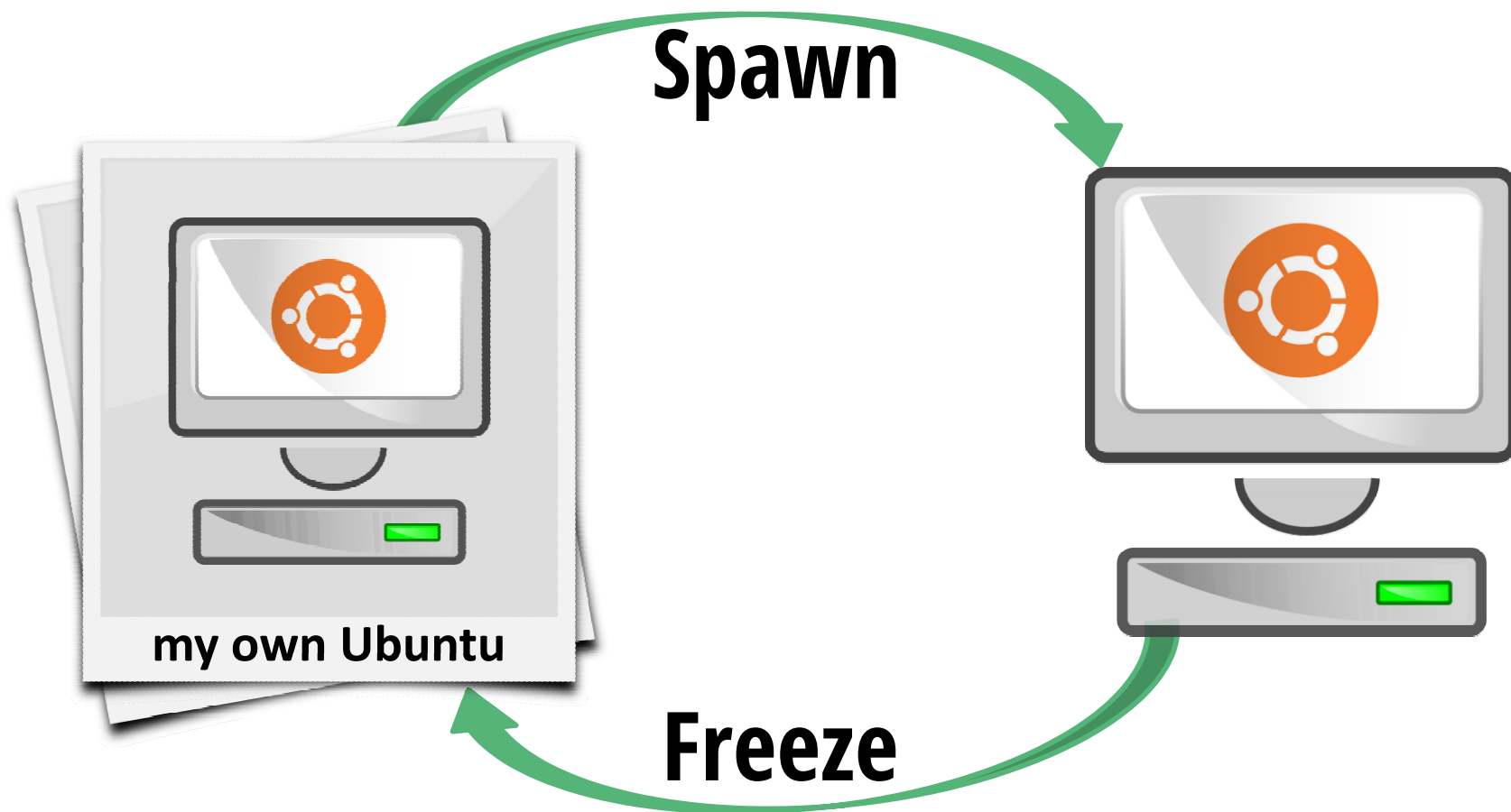
OpenStack Object Storage API plus extensions

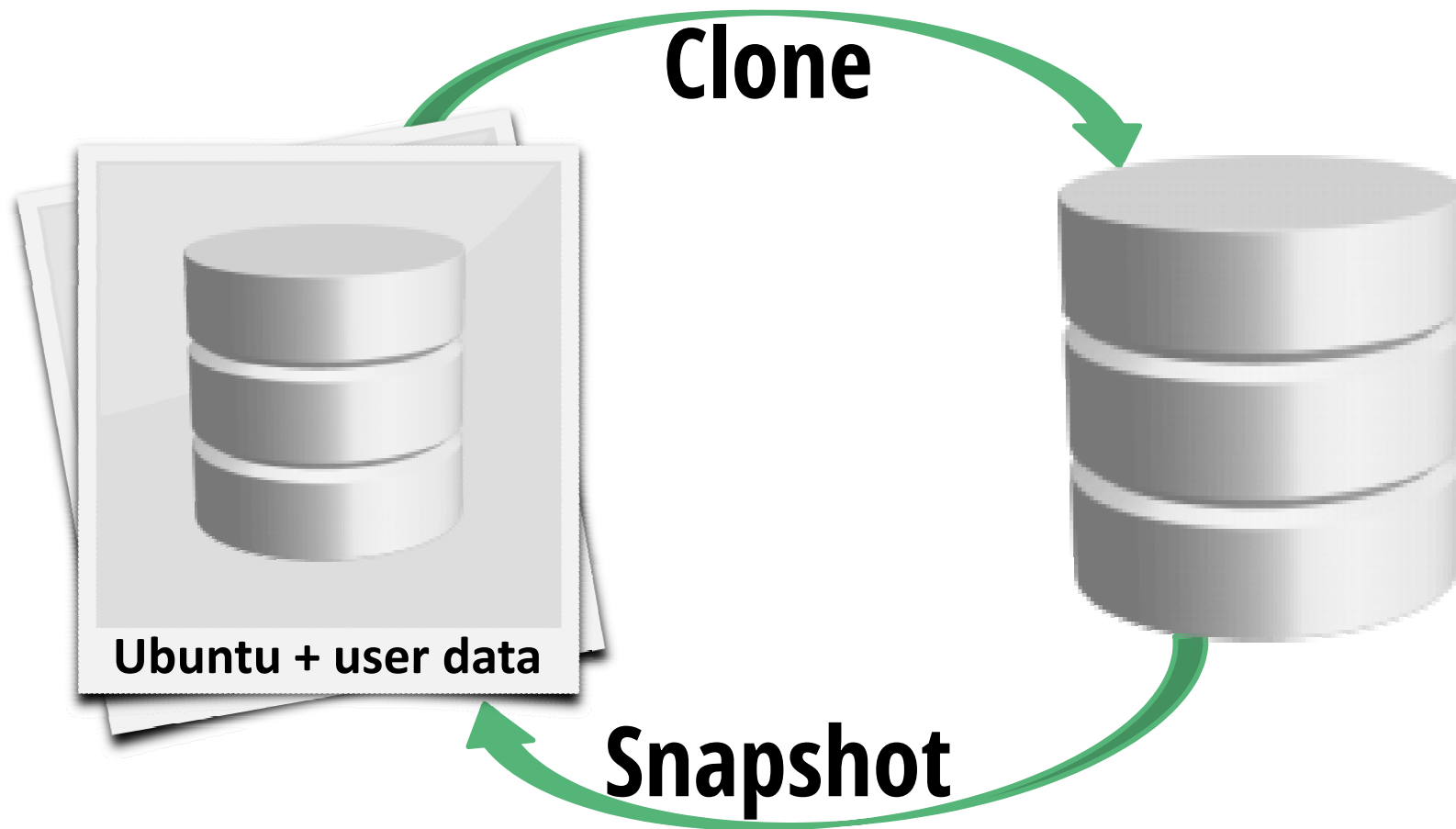
An integral part of Synnefo

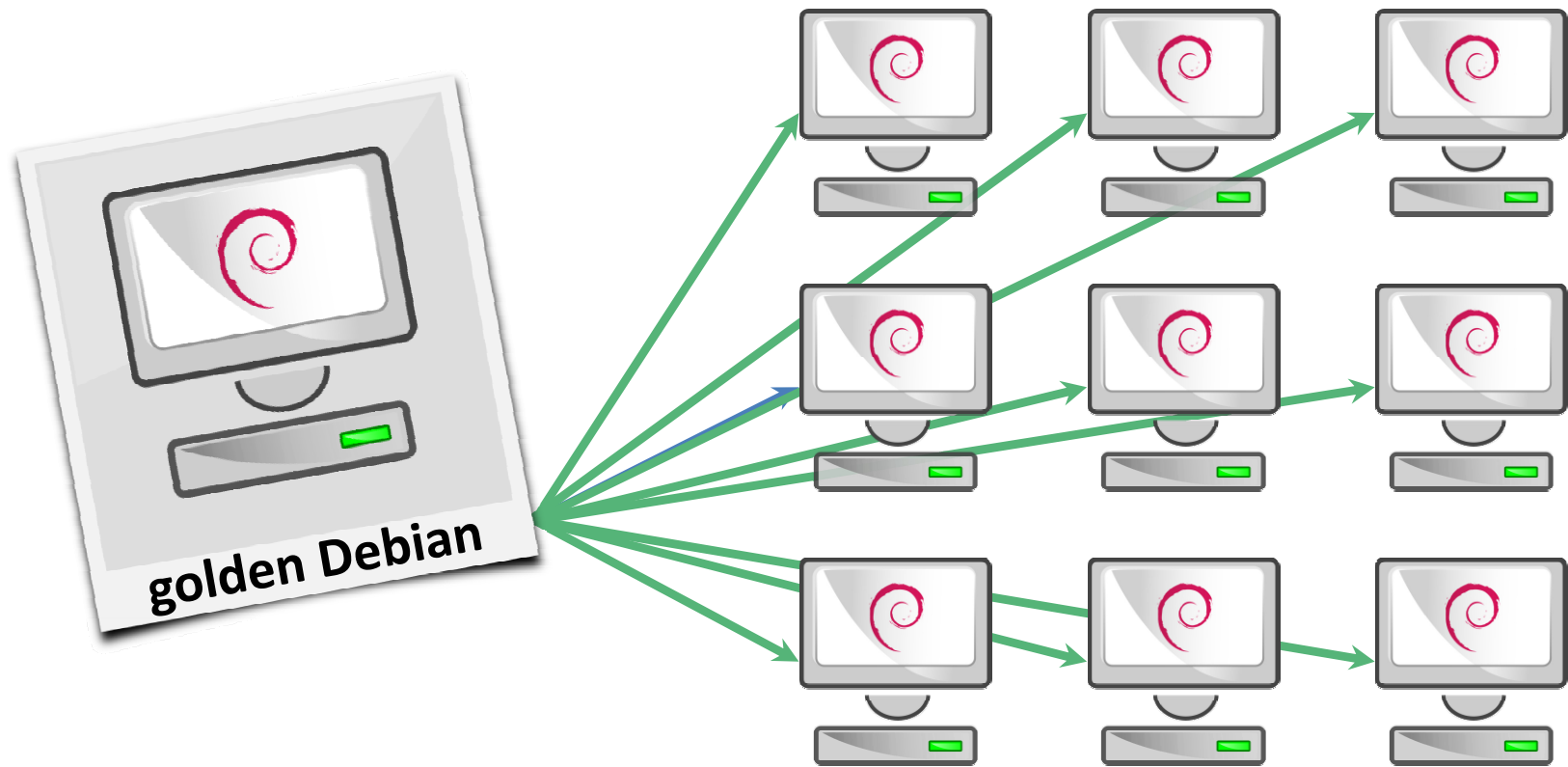
- Single store for Files, VM Images
- Uses common backend with Archipelago (Volumes)

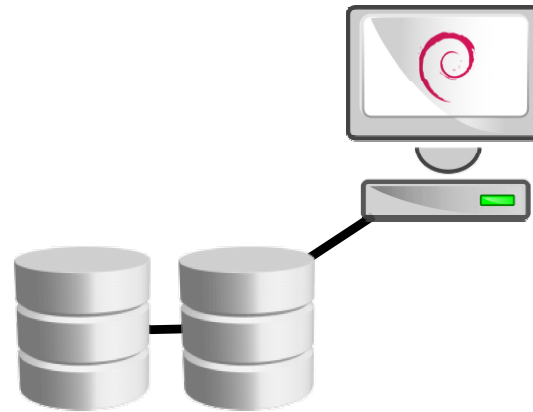
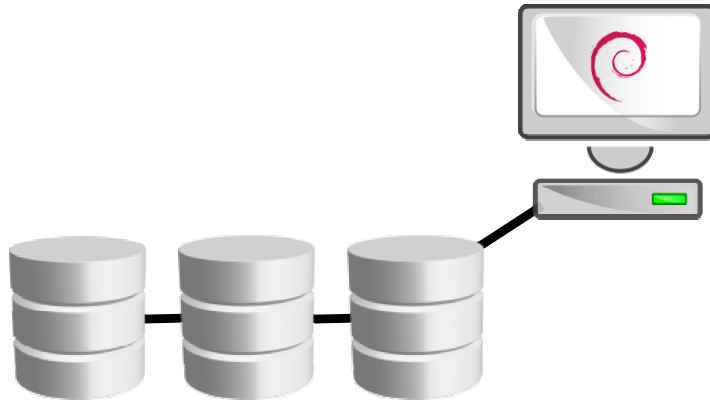
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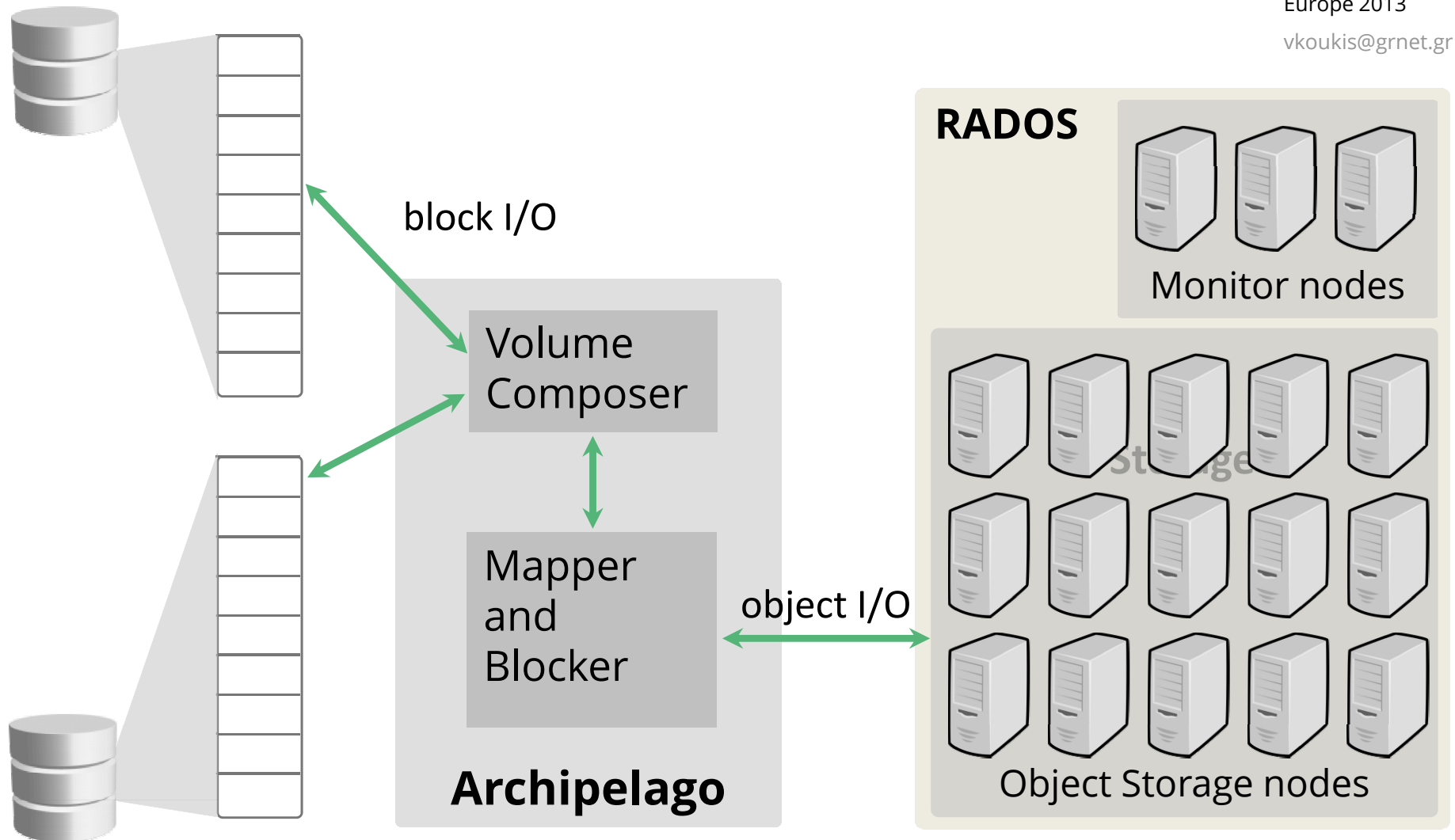




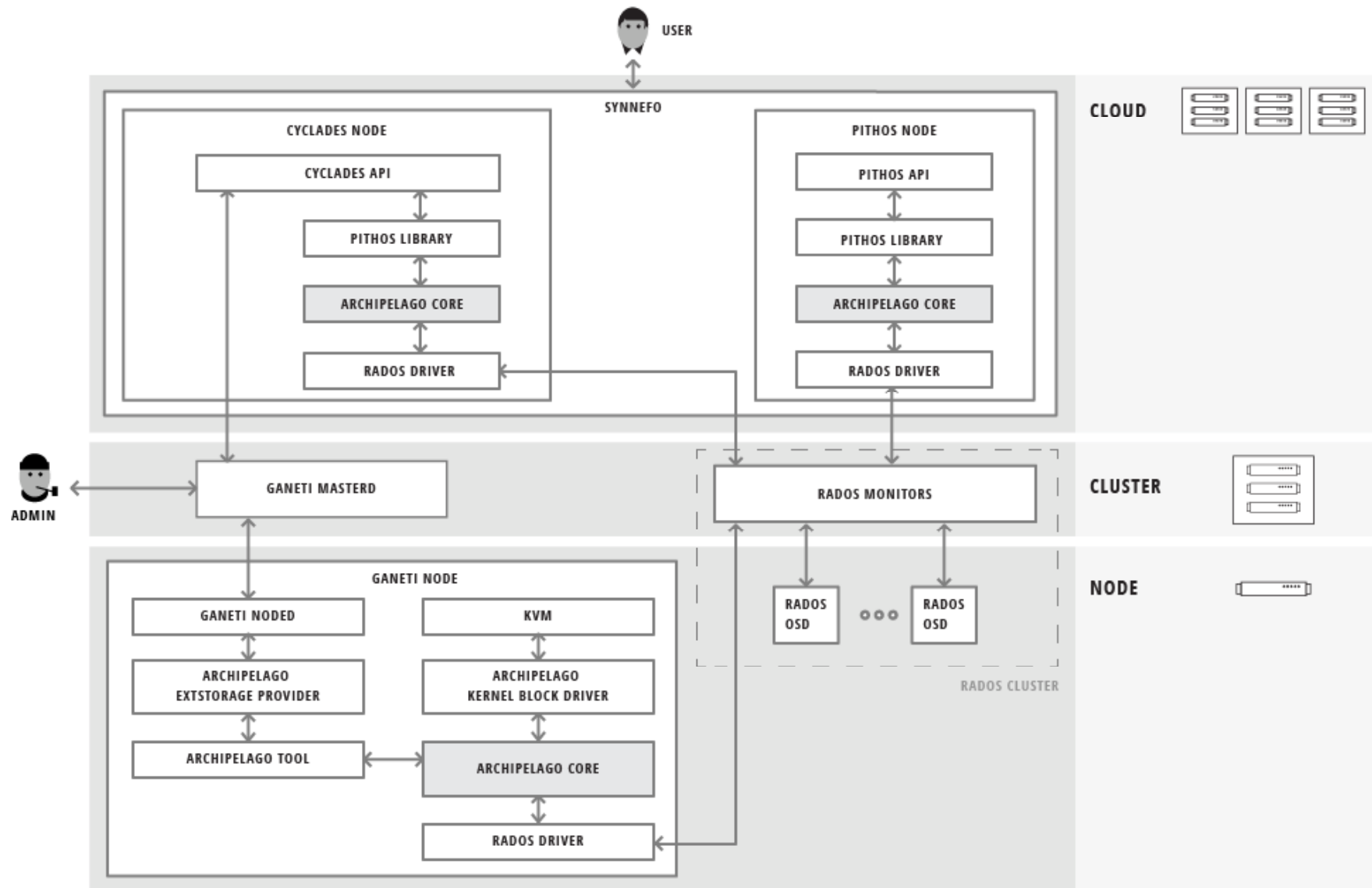








Volumes: Archipelago



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Unified storage for Files, Images ↔ Volumes

Thin layer over the actual storage cluster

Storage backend agnostic

- NFS, RADOS, ...

Efficient syncing / sharing of Images as files on the storage service

Zero-copy cloning of volumes from Images

Features

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Integrated Compute and Storage

- Spawning VMs from custom Images
- Images on Storage service
- Thin provisioning from existing Images
- Volume clones and snapshots independently of underlying hw

Storage

- Efficient syncing with native clients

Identity

- Multiple login methods, Shibboleth-based federated logins

Features

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Quotas

- Per-user, per-resource quotas
- Usage reports on UI

Projects

- Granting extra virtual resources to members
- UI to create/approve/join projects
- Current use case: virtual labs, R&D project proposals

Experience

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Operations

- Rolling hardware and software upgrades
 - kernel, Ganeti, RADOS, Synnefo
 - with no VM downtime
- Node evacuations with live VM migrations
- Cross-datacenter move, Intel → AMD, no VM downtime
- On-the-fly migration from NFS-backed storage to RADOS
- IP renumbering of all VMs

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Scalability

- From few physical hosts to multiple racks
 - dynamic addition of Ganeti clusters

Diverse workloads

- Different network and storage backends
- Choice exposed to the user

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