

# Elastic-R, Toward an International Portal for On-Demand Scientific Computing, Collaboration and Resources Sharing

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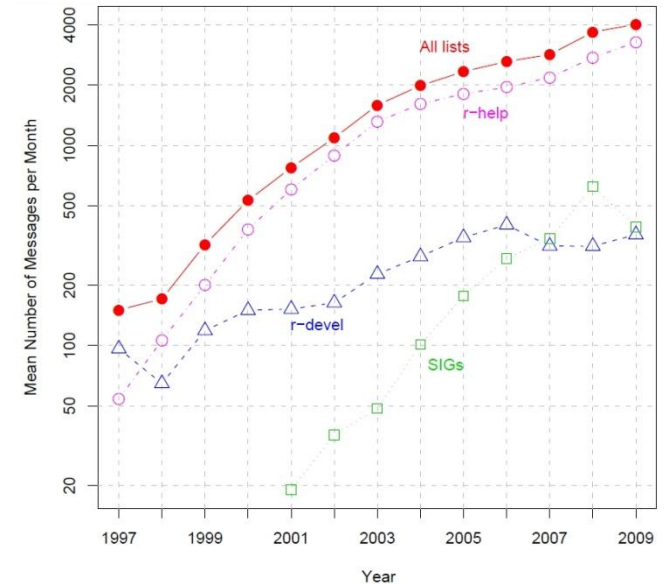
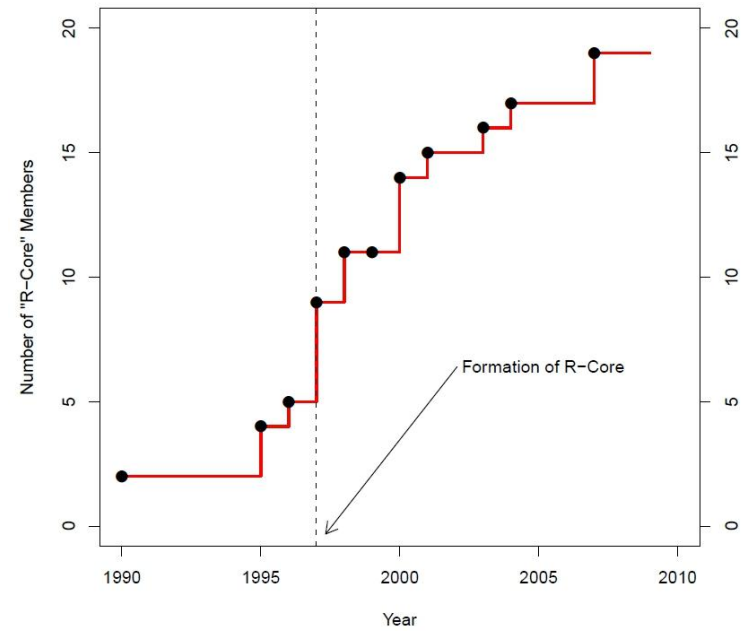
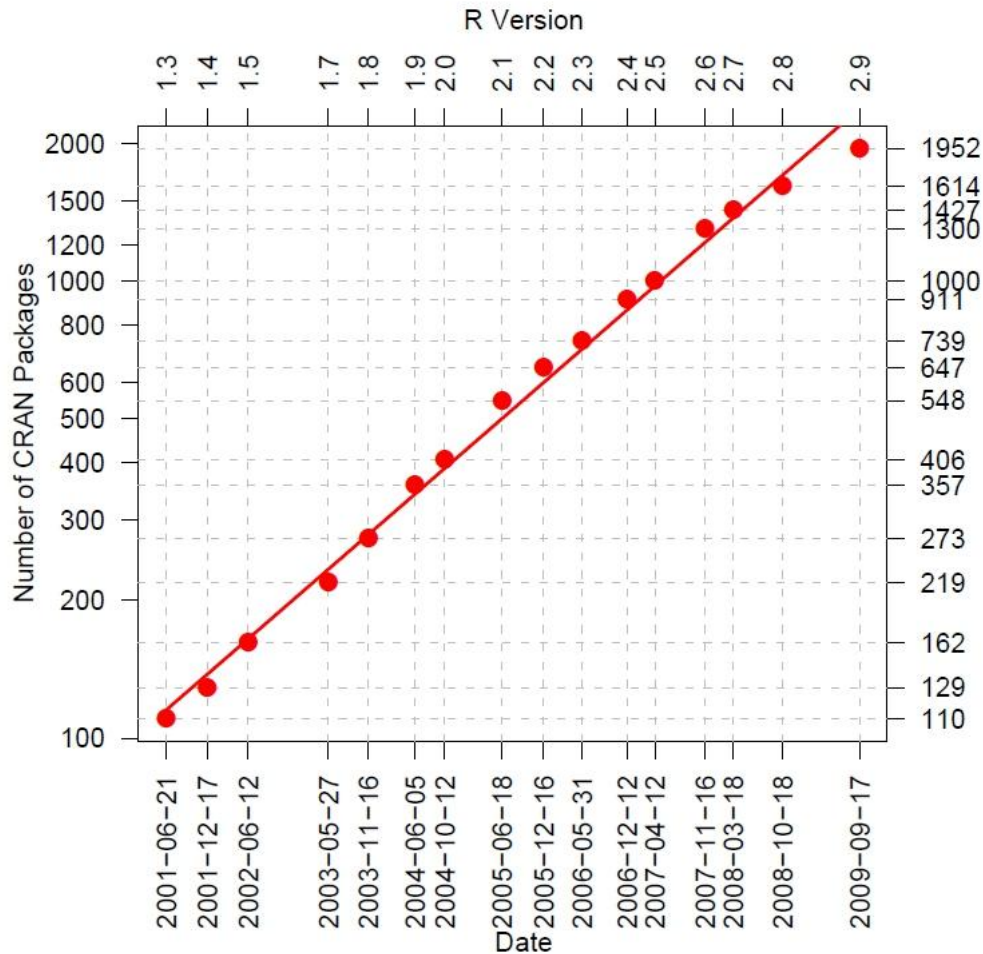
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# *lingua franca* of data analysis



# R + Elastic-R : « plug & play » computing environment

## Computational Components

R packages : CRAN, Bioconductor, Wrapped C,C++,Fortran code  
Scilab modules, Matlab Toolkits, etc.  
Open source or commercial

## Computational Resources

Hardware & OS agnostic computing engine : R, Scilab,..  
Clusters, grids, private or public clouds  
free: academic grids or pay-per-use: EC2, Azure

## Computational User Interfaces

Workbench within the browser  
Built-in views / Plugins / Spreadsheets  
Collaborative views  
Open source or commercial

## Computational Data Storage

Local, NFS, FTP, Amazon S3, Amazon EBS  
free or commercial

## Computational Scripts

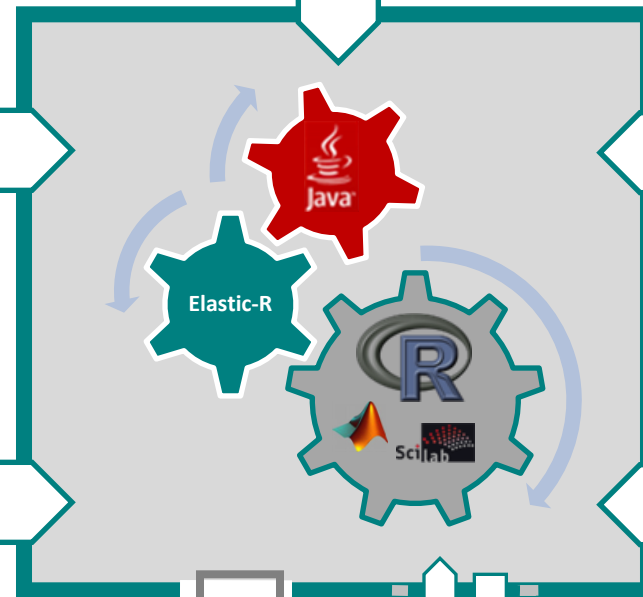
R / Python / Groovy  
On client side: interactivity..  
On server side: data transfer ..

## Generated Computational Web Services

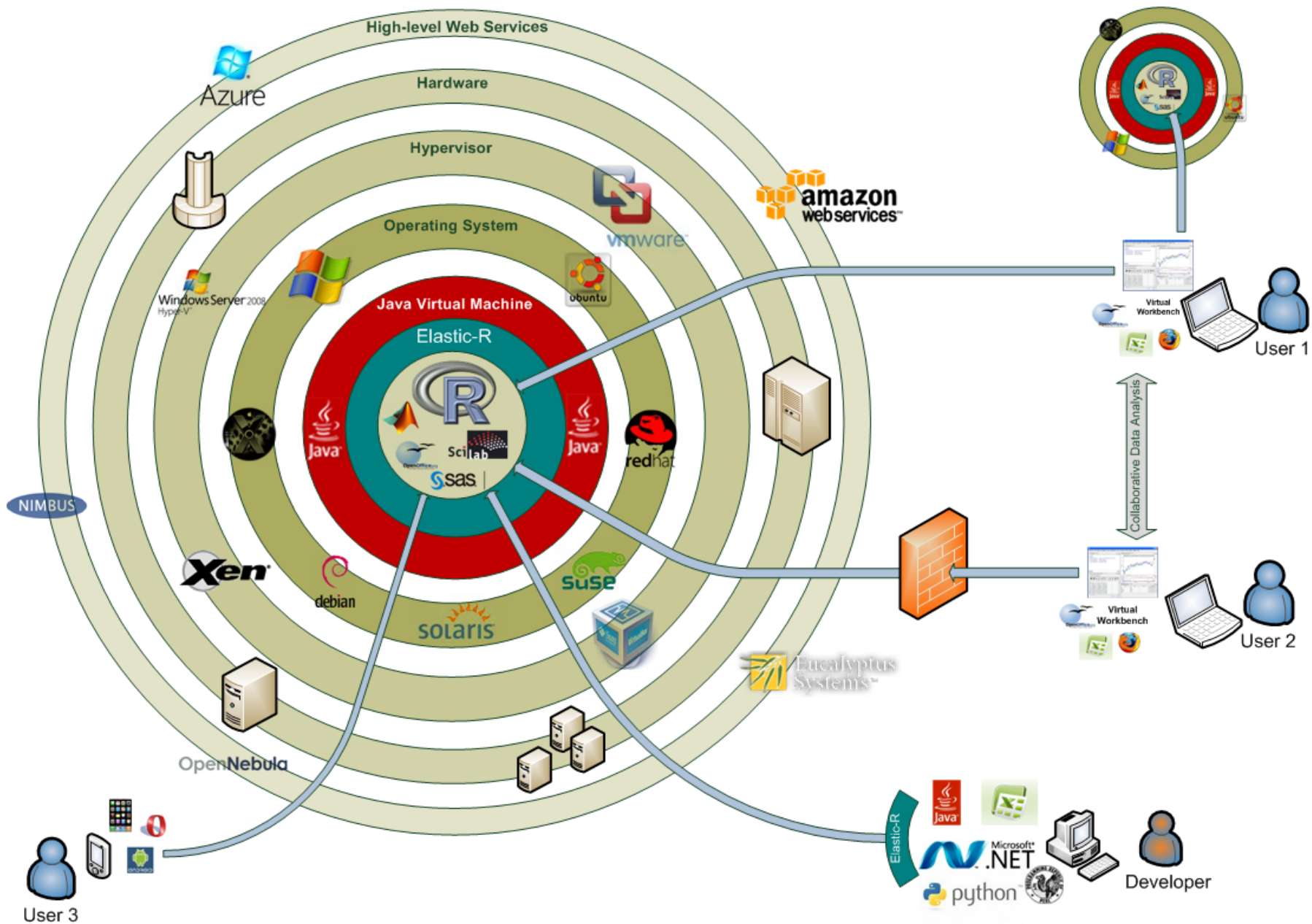
Stateful or stateless, automatic mapping of R data objects and functions

## Computational Application Programming Interfaces

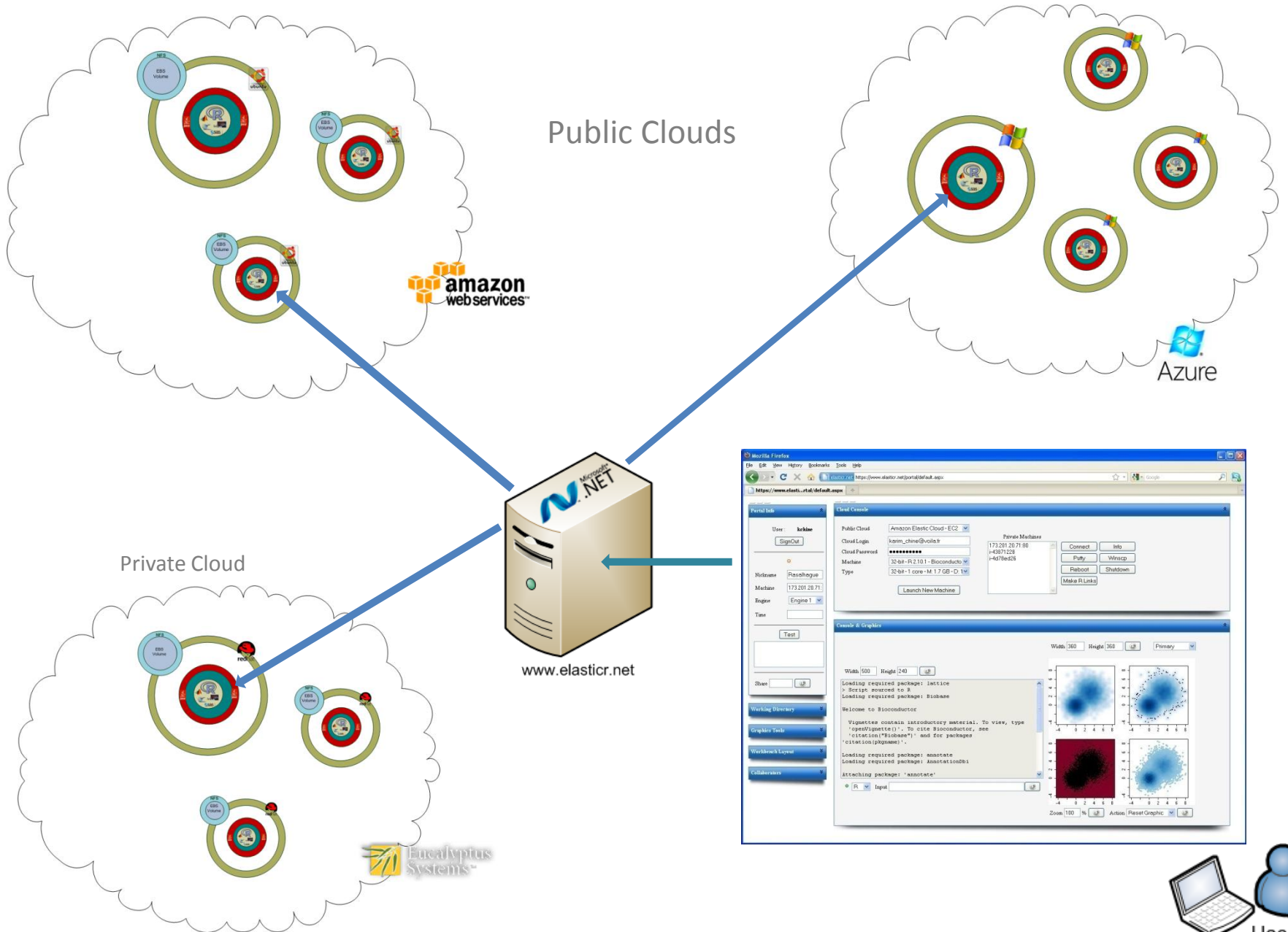
Java / SOAP / REST, Stateless and stateful



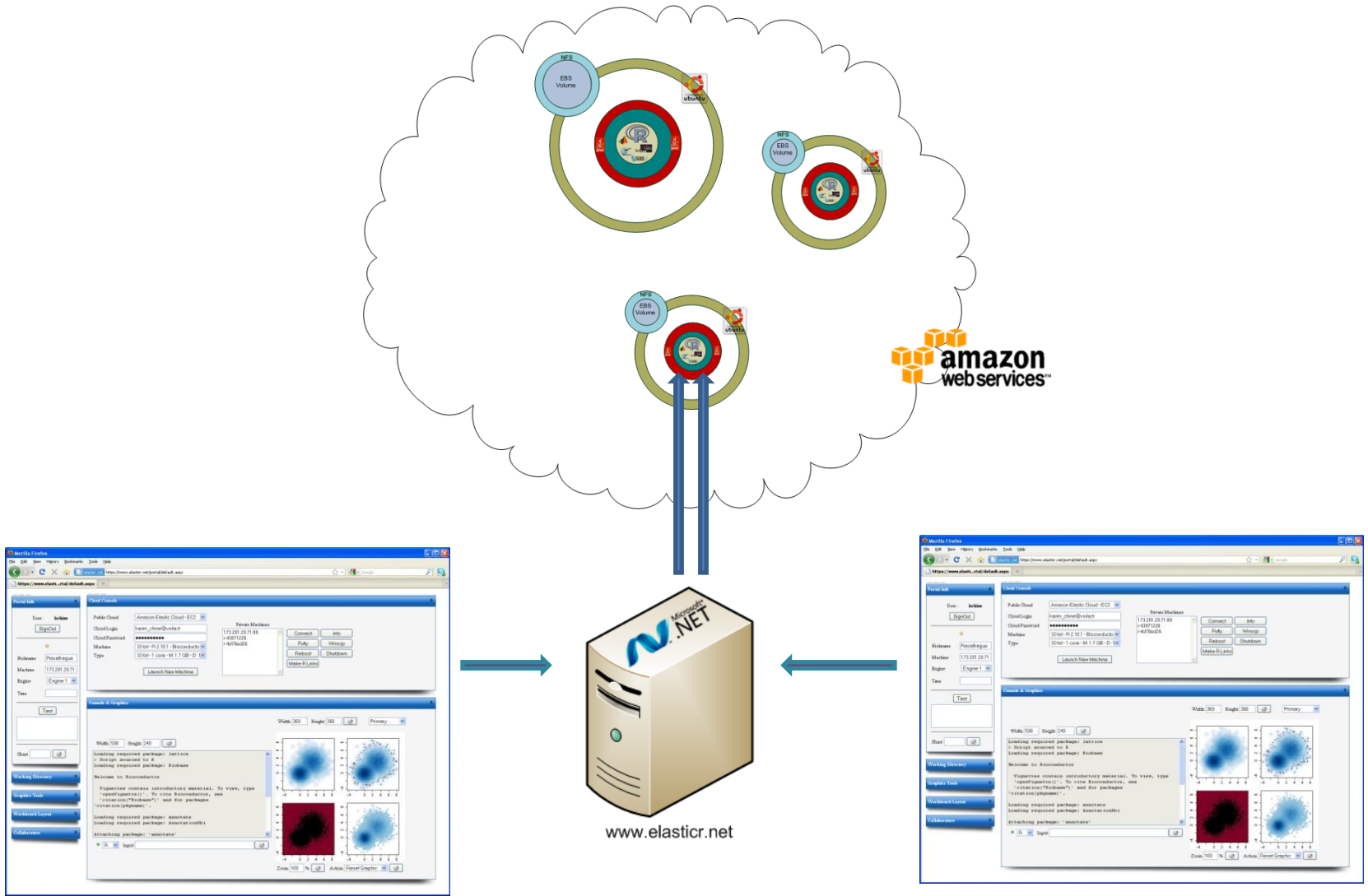
# Elastic-R on IaaS-style clouds



# Elastic-R portal: single facade to public/private clouds

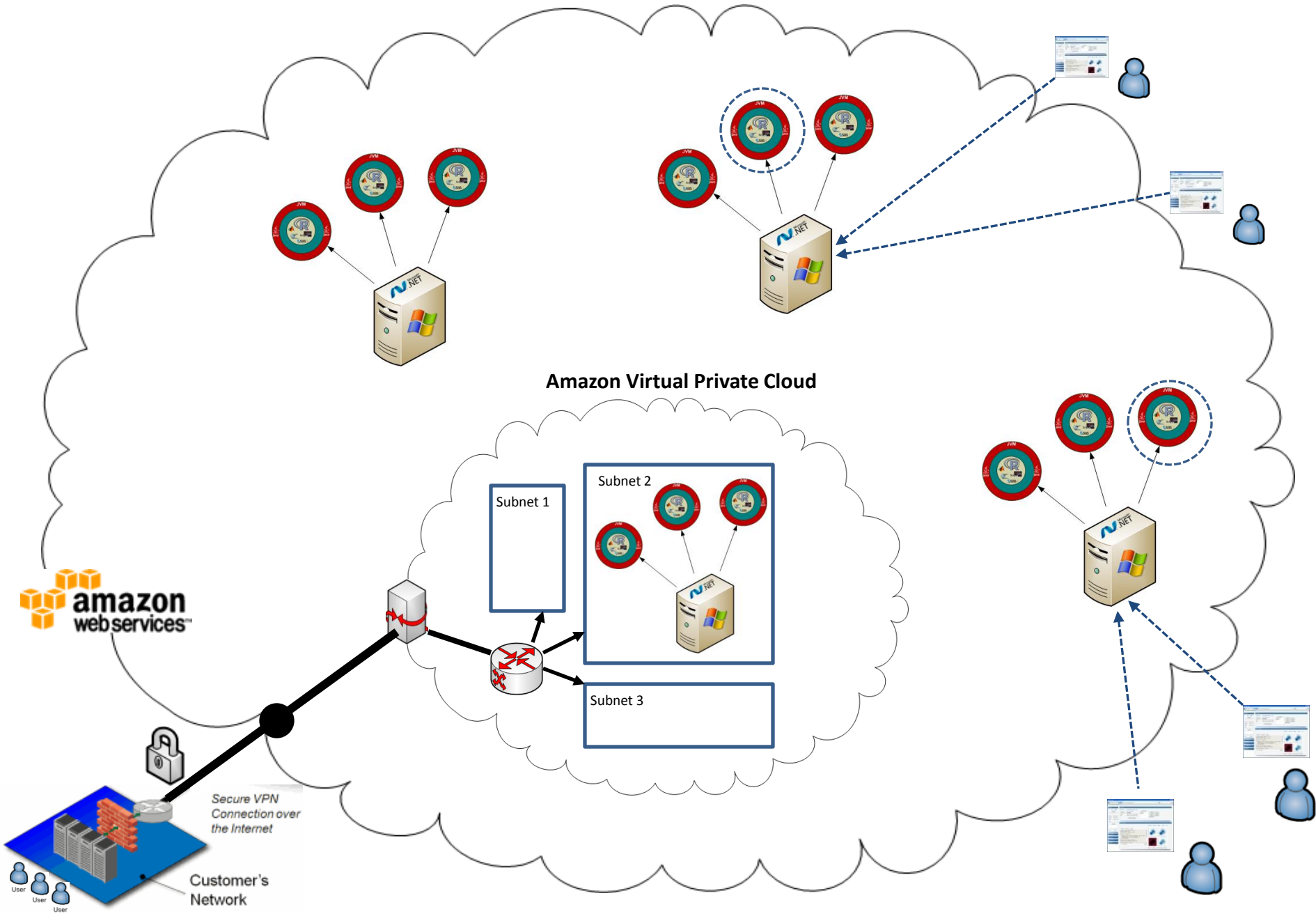


# Elastic-R portal : collaborative Virtual Research Environment

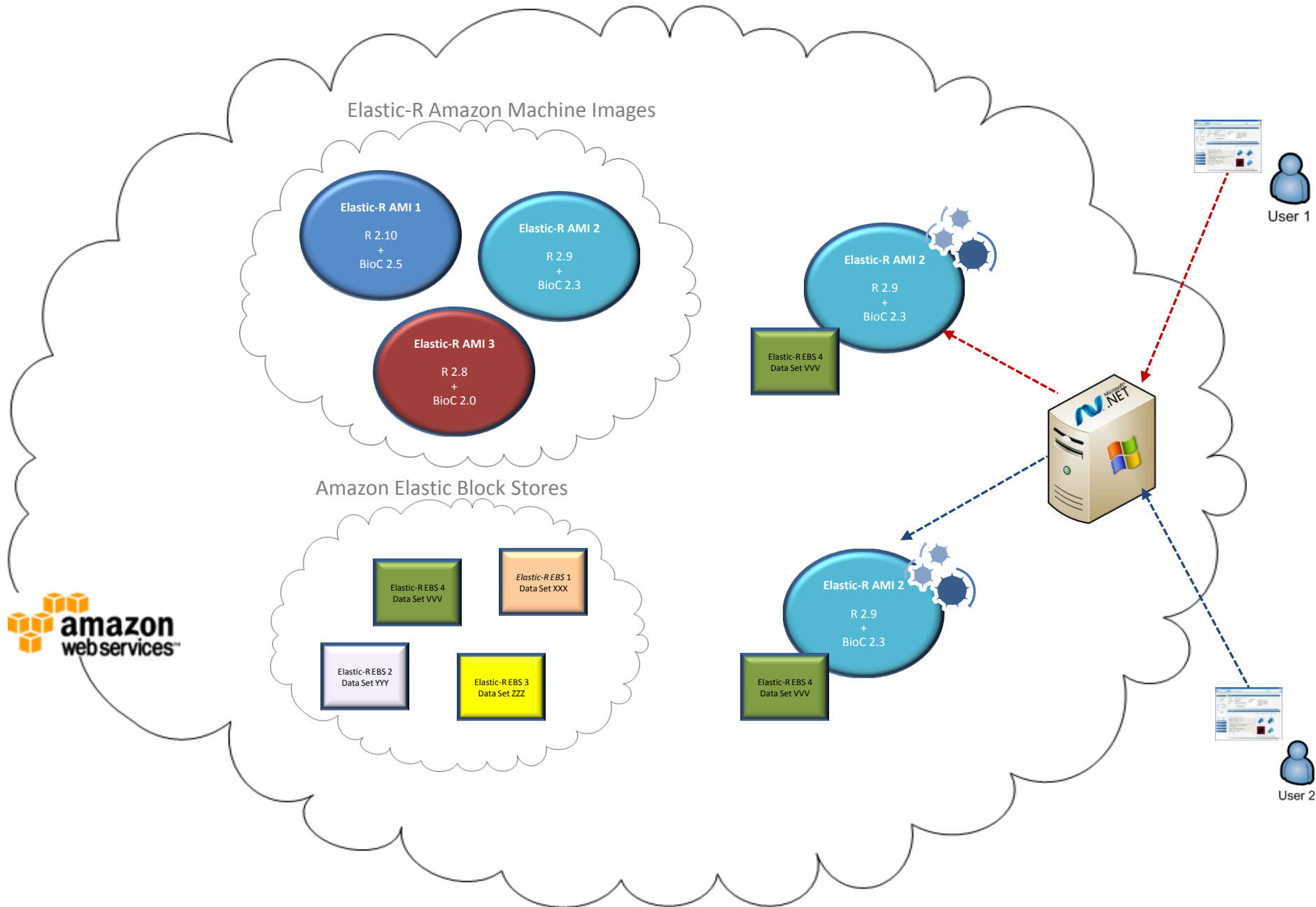




# Decentralized collaboration : Elastic-R portal as an EC2 AMI

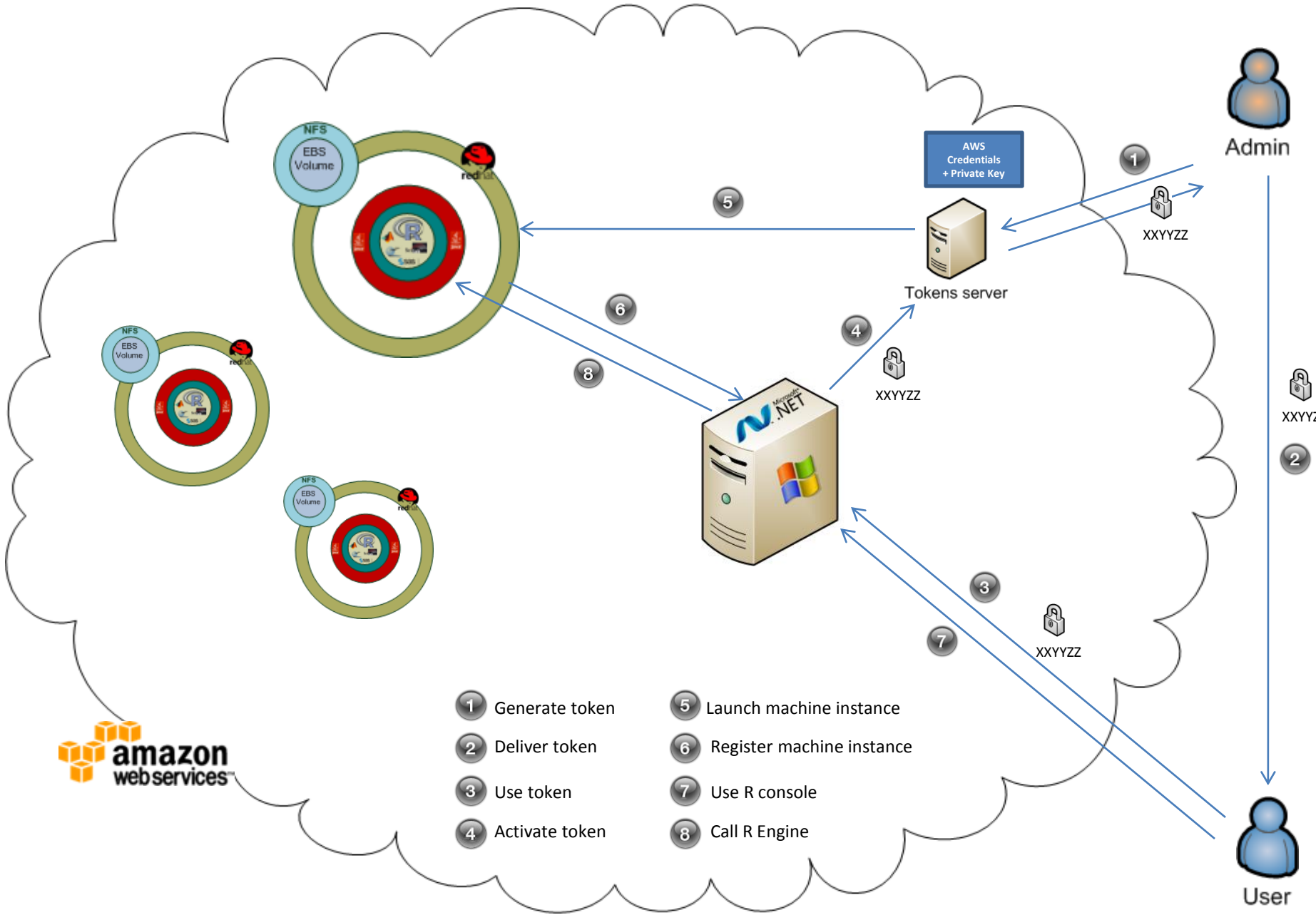


# The IaaS-style cloud as a reproducible research platform

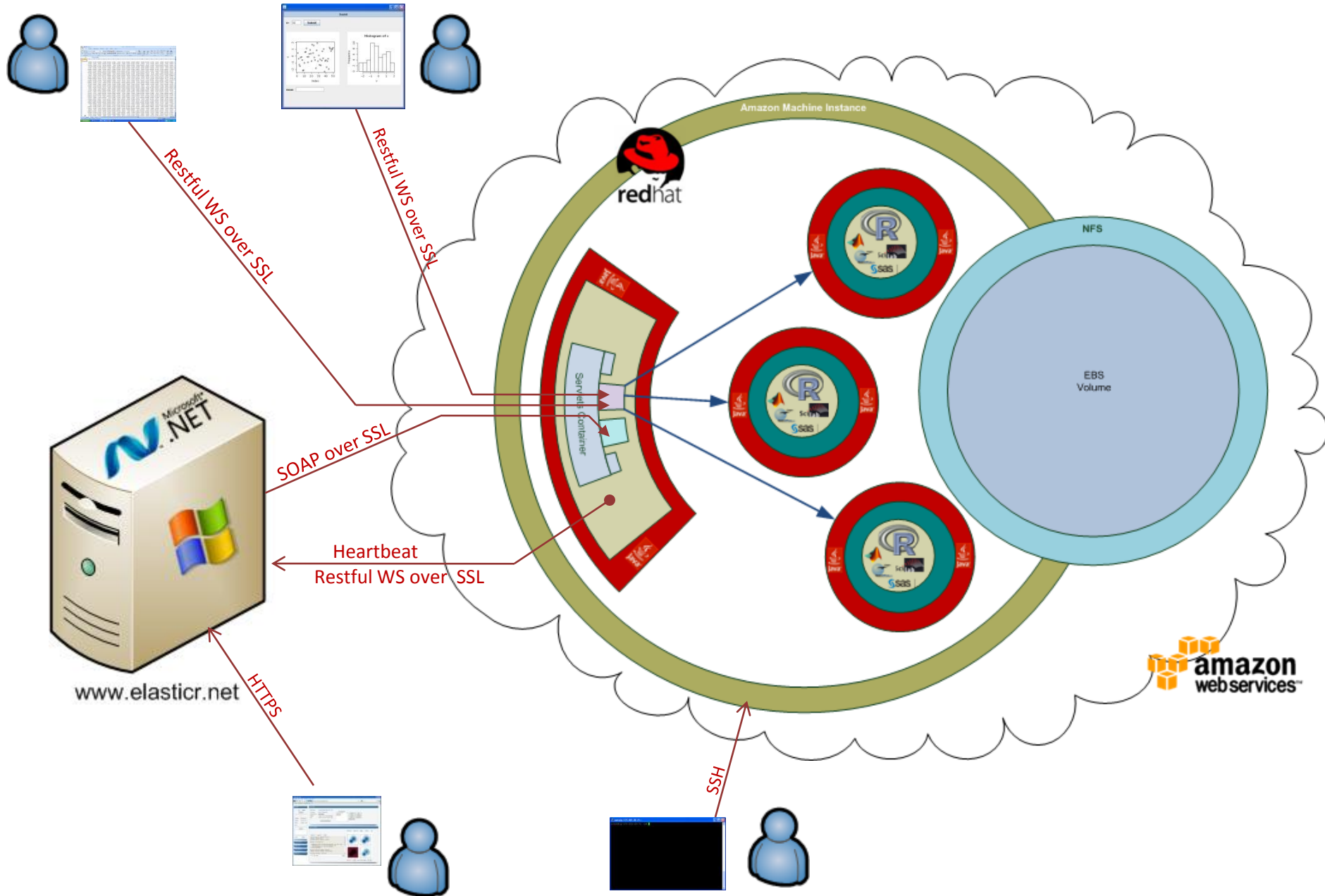




# One Amazon account and many users : Elastic-R signed tokens



# Elastic-R security



# The Elastic-R AJAX Workbench I

Private virtual machines monitor

Simplified clouds management console

Virtual machines launcher

Session info

R console  
+ scilab console  
+ chat  
+ ssh console

R Graphics  
+ whiteboard  
+ annotation  
+ slides viewer

The screenshot shows the Elastic-R AJAX Workbench interface in a Mozilla Firefox browser window. The interface is divided into several sections:

- Portal Info:** Shows user information (User: kchine, SignOut button), Nickname (Rasalhague), Machine (173.201.20.71), Engine (Engine 1), and Time.
- Cloud Console:** Shows configuration for Amazon Elastic Cloud - EC2, including Cloud Login (karim\_chine@voila.fr), Cloud Password, Machine (32-bit - R 2.10.1 - Bioconductor), and Type (32-bit - 1 core - M: 1.7 GB - D: 1). A Launch New Machine button is present.
- Private Machines:** Lists private machines with IP addresses (173.201.20.71:80, i-43871228, i-4d78ed26) and buttons for Connect, Info, Putty, Winscp, Reboot, and Shutdown. A Make R Links button is also present.
- Console & Graphics:** Displays an R console with output and four scatter plots. The console output includes: "Loading required package: lattice", "> Script sourced to R", "Loading required package: Biobase", "Welcome to Bioconductor", "Vignettes contain introductory material. To view, type 'openVignette()'. To cite Bioconductor, see 'citation('Biobase')' and for packages 'citation(pkgname)'.", "Loading required package: annotate", "Loading required package: AnnotationDbi", and "Attaching package: 'annotate'". The graphics section shows four scatter plots with axes ranging from -4 to 8. The plots are arranged in a 2x2 grid. The top-left plot is a heatmap, the top-right plot is a scatter plot with blue points, the bottom-left plot is a scatter plot with red points, and the bottom-right plot is a scatter plot with blue points. The graphics section also includes a Zoom control (100%) and a Reset Graphic button.
- Sidebar:** Contains navigation buttons for Working Directory, Graphics Tools, Workbench Layout, and Collaborators.

# The Elastic-R AJAX Workbench II

Browsable contextual R help

Working directory browser  
Files upload/download  
to/from cloud machine instance

Collaborative console

Collaborative script editor

**Working Directory**

Directory: /home/gue

Filter: \*

Order By: Date

Asc: No

Files: `..(dir)`, `slides(dir)`, `library(dir)`, `Image.png`, `Image.jpg`, `Image4.jpg`

Auto

File: Image Counter

**Console & Graphics**

Width 500 Height 240

```
> kidney
ExpressionSet (storageMode: lockedEnvironment)
assayData: 8704 features, 2 samples
element names: exprs
phenoData
sampleNames: green, red
varLabels and varMetadata description:
channel: The scanner channel Cy3 or Cy5
featureData
featureNames: 1, 2, ..., 8704 (8704 total)
fvarLabels and fvarMetadata description: none
experimentData: use 'experimentData(object)'
Annotation:
> help(vsn)
```

**Editor & File Browser**

Script   File: NewScript.R

**R Documentation: vsn.old (vsn)**

Variance stabilization and calibration for microarray data.

**Description**

Robust estimation of variance-stabilizing and calibrating transformations for microarray data. This function has been superseded by `vsn2`. The function `vsn` remains in the package for backward compatibility, but for new projects, please use `vsn2`.

**Usage**

```
vsn(intensities,
    lts.quantile = 0.5,
    verbose      = interactive(),
    niter        = 10,
    cvg.check    = NULL,
    describe.preprocessing = TRUE,
    subsample,
    pstart,
    strata)
```

**Arguments**

**intensities** An object that contains intensity values from a microarray experiment. The intensities are assumed to be the raw scanner data, summarized over the spots by an image analysis program, and possibly "background subtracted". The intensities must not be logarithmically or otherwise transformed, and not thresholded or "floored". NAs are not accepted. See details.

**lts.quantile** Numeric. The quantile that is used for the resistant least trimmed sum of squares regression. Allowed values are

# The Elastic-R AJAX Workbench III

**Graphic device selector**

**Graphics real coordinates**

**Graphic tools**

Persistent collaborative annotators + virtual laser pointer + whiteboard + ..

**Spreadsheet selector**

**Server-side, R-enabled collaborative spreadsheet**

**Console & Graphics**

```
featureNames: 1, 2, ..., 8704 (8704 total)
fvarLabels and fvarMetadata description: none
experimentData: use 'experimentData(object)'
Annotation:
> help(vsn)
> cells.put(exprs(kidney), 'A1', name='ssprimary')
> plot(exprs(kidney))
> plot.new();layout(matrix(1:1));par (mai=c(0.95625
,0.76875 ,0.76875, 0.39375), mar= c(5.1 ,4.1, 4.1 ,2.1) );
> nk=justvsn(kidney)
vsn2: 8704 x 2 matrix (1 stratum). Please use 'meanSdPlot'
to verify the fit.
> plot(exprs(nk))
> cells.put(exprs(nk), 'D1', name='ssprimary')
```

**Spreadsheets**

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
1	815.32	937.02		9.406618	9.603355			
2	671.66	765.03		9.087708	9.271431			
3	713.93	713.59		9.18789	9.157763			
4	703.97	656.7		9.164799	9.022733			
5	493.59	472.1		8.593236	8.503035			
6	477.92	453.13		8.543284	8.441536			
7	346.55	385.47		8.079124	8.208979			
8	377.34	421.86		8.195122	8.336617			



# The Elastic-R Java Workbench

The screenshot shows the Elastic-R Java Workbench interface within a Mozilla Firefox browser window. The browser address bar displays `https://www.elastic.net/portal/`. The interface is organized into several panels:

- Portal Info**: A dropdown menu.
- Working Directory**: A dropdown menu.
- Graphics Tools**: A dropdown menu.
- Workbench Layout**: A panel with various checkboxes for configuring the interface, including **Console & Graphics** (checked), **Editor & Browser**, **Spreadsheets**, **Java Plugins/Dashboard**, **Graphics Comparator**, **Panel Plugins/Dashboard**, **Java Bench** (checked), **Help Frame**, **Sliding**, **Frame Radio Mode**, **Panel Radio Mode**, **Panels Resizers**, **Menu Left/Right**, **Accordion Menu**, **Canvas If Available**, and **Use Signed Applets**.
- Collaborators**: A dropdown menu.
- Console & Graphics**: A panel with a text area containing R code:

```
experimentData: use 'experimentData(object)'  
Annotation:  
> plot(exprs(kidney))  
> Script sourced to R
```

Below the text area are input fields for **Width** (500), **Height** (80), and an **R** dropdown menu with an **Input** field.
- Java Bench**: A panel containing:
  - R Console**: A text area with R code:

```
primarydevice  
element names: exprs  
phenoData  
sampleNames: green, red  
varLabels and varMetadata description:  
channel: The scanner channel Cy3 or Cy5  
featureData  
featureNames: 1, 2, ..., 8704 (8704 total)  
fvarLabels and fvarMetadata description: none  
experimentData: use 'experimentData(object)'  
Annotation:  
> plot(exprs(kidney))  
> Script sourced to R
```

Below the text area is an **Input** field and a **Submit** button.
  - Local Spreadsheet**: A table with 7 rows and 6 columns (A-F).

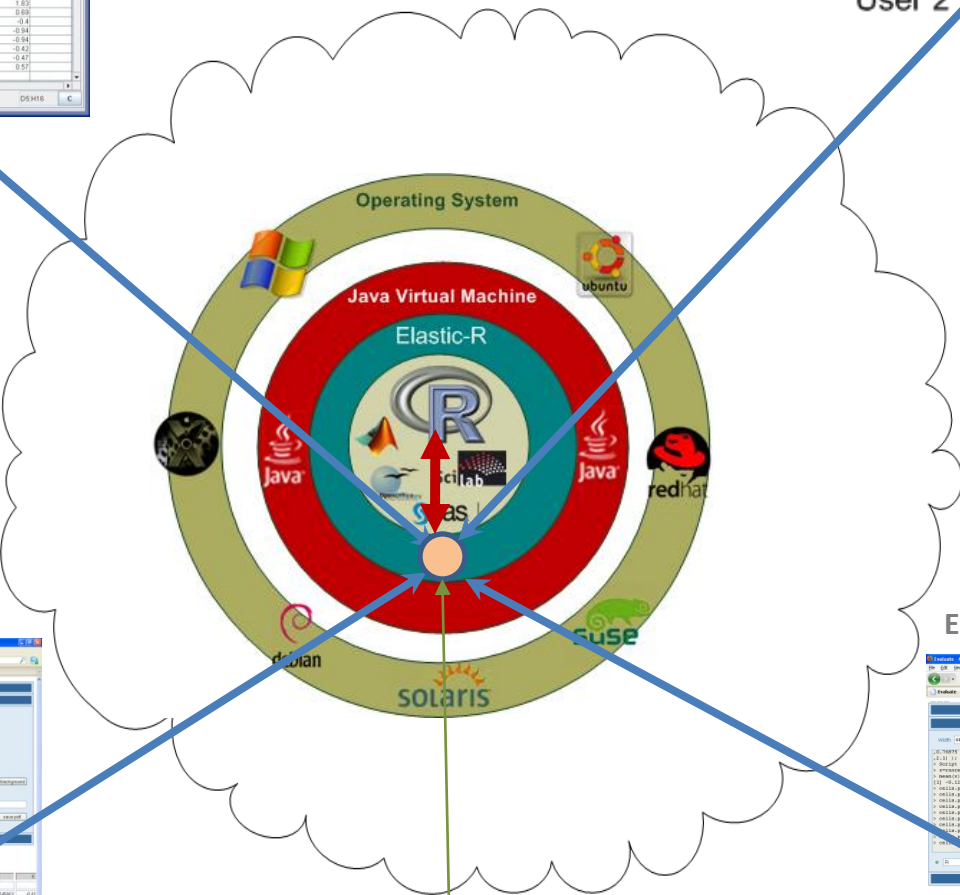
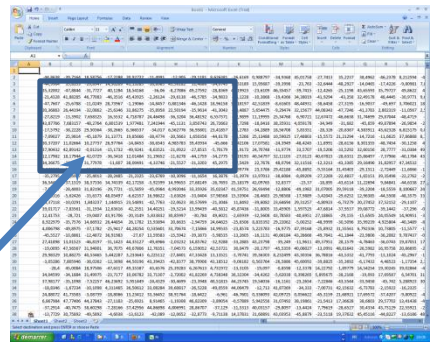
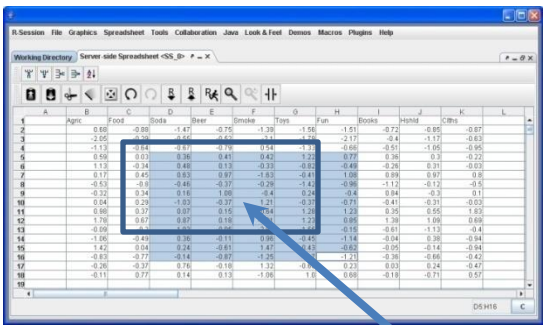
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3	1.0	2.2290626	3.0	-9.458991		
4	1.0	0.0150514...	4.0	1.9994639		
5	1.0	-0.9106999	5.0	2.0601544		
6	1.0	0.7709833	6.0	-1.1896535		
7	1.0	0.30300093	7.0	3.6267524		
  - Graphics**: A panel showing a 3D plot of a mountain range, labeled **primarydevice**.
- Dynamic Panels**: A panel with a dropdown menu set to **ssprimary**.
- Signed**: A label at the bottom left.
- Show Direct URL**: A button at the bottom right.



# Software + services = applications convergence + collaboration

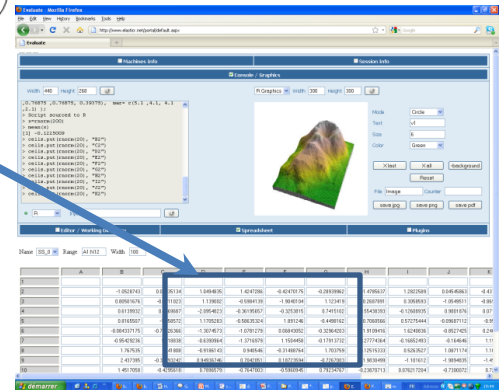
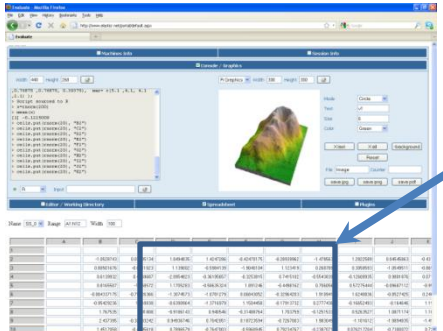
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Microsoft Excel



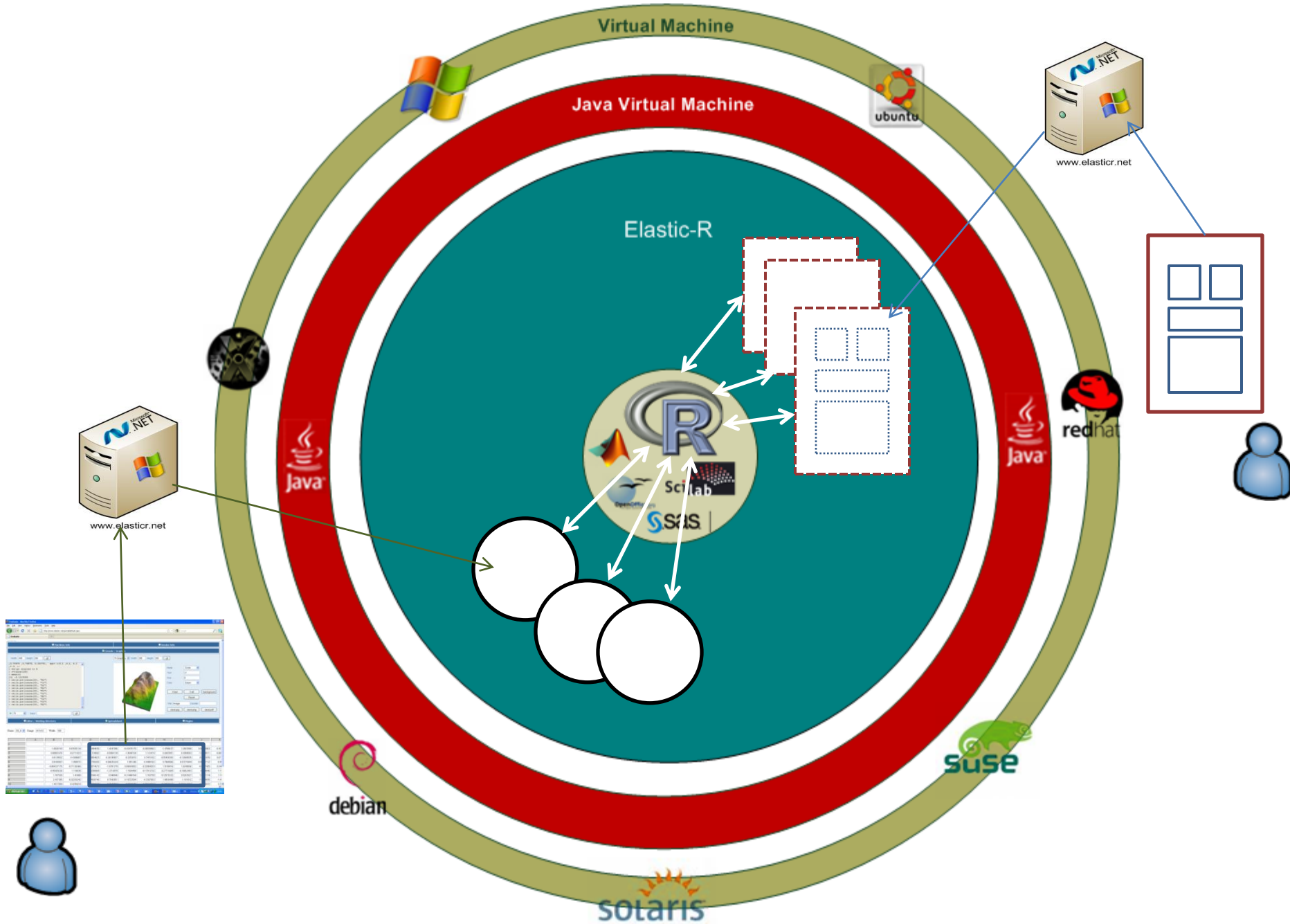
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Elastic-R Spreadsheet model

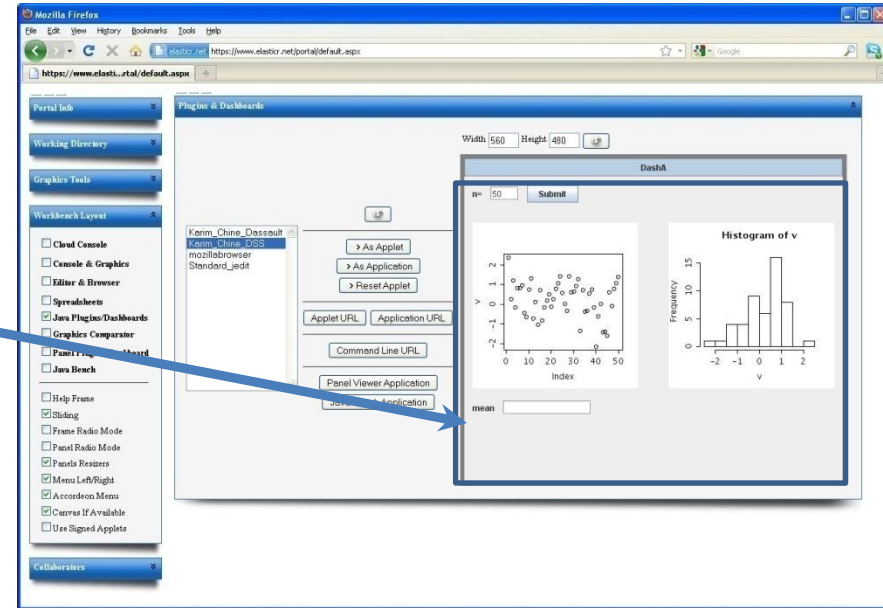
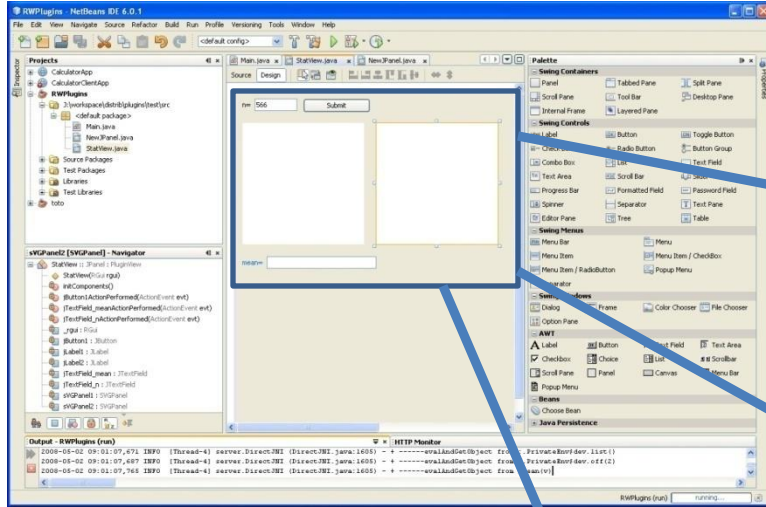
# The Elastic-R server-side spreadsheet models / GUI widgets



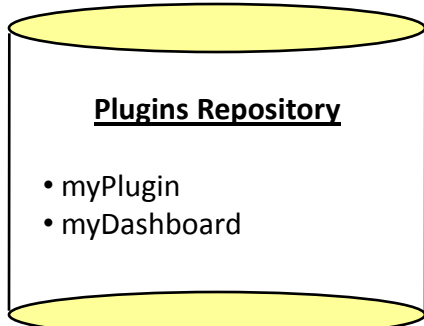
# The cloud applications factory

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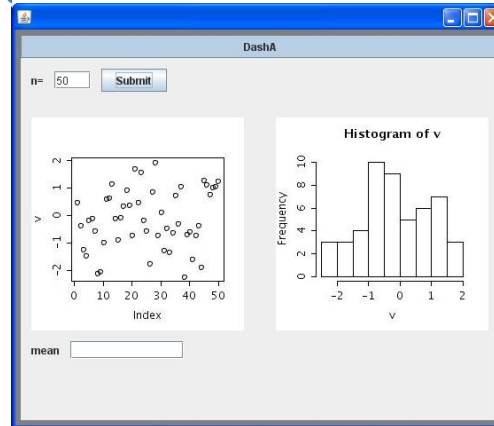
## Visual Graphic User Interface Builder



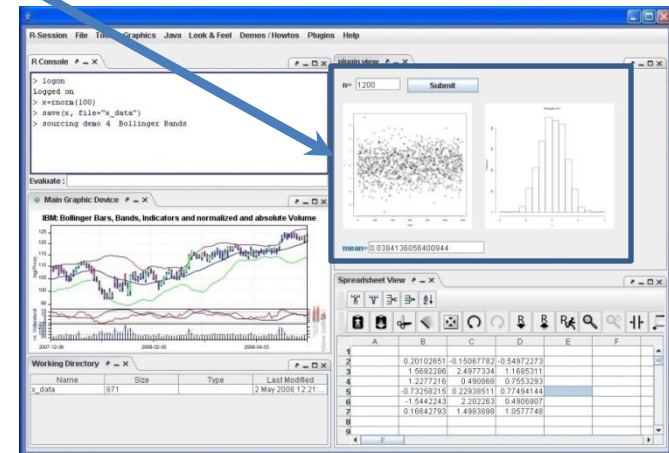
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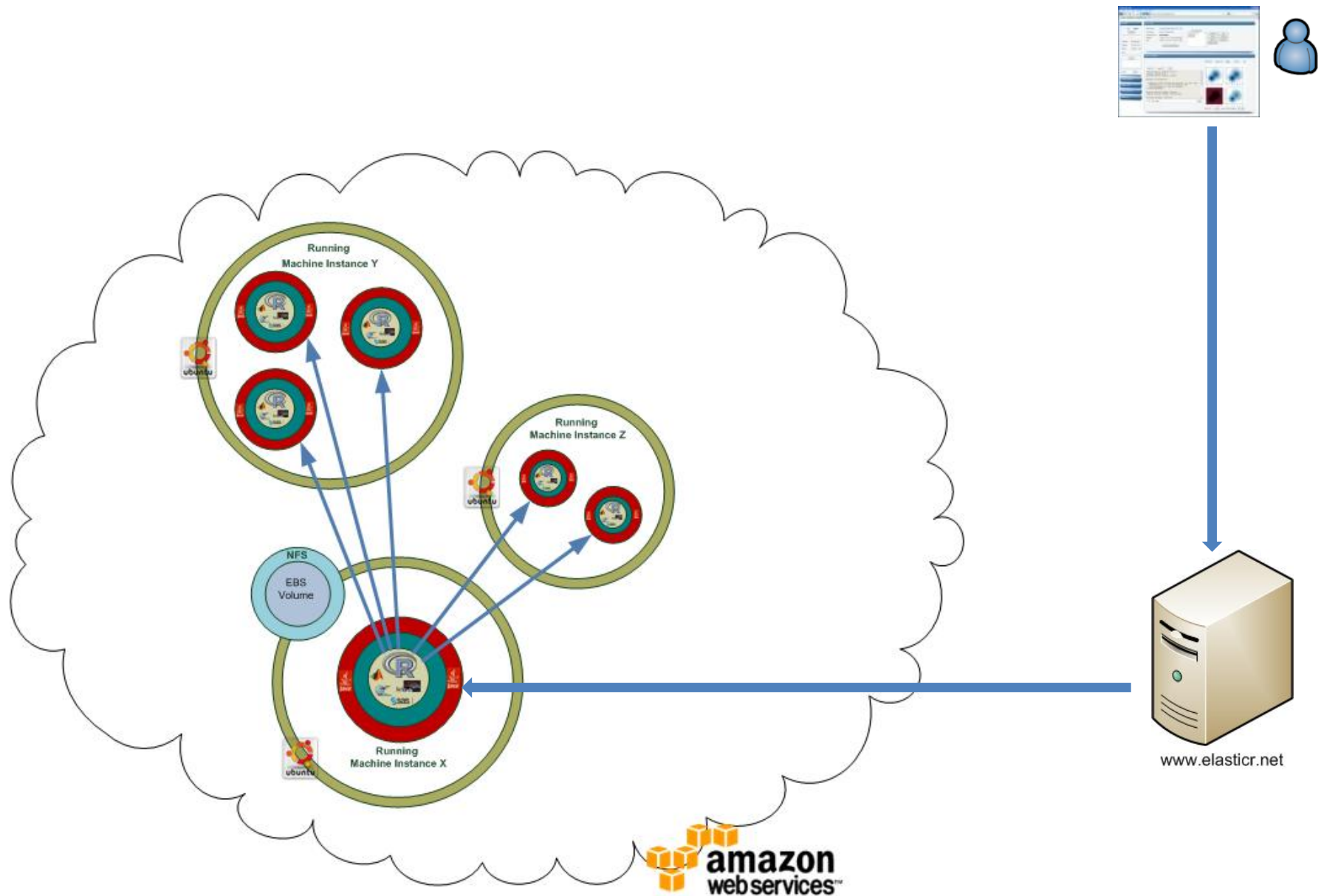
Standalone Application Accessible From a URL



Elastic-R Java Workbench



# Elastic-R : user-friendly distributed computing platform



Demo

# Useful links

## **Elastic-R Portal :**

[www.elasticr.net](http://www.elasticr.net)

## **Platform Web Site:**

[www.elasticr.net/platform](http://www.elasticr.net/platform)

## **Articles :**

Karim Chine, "Open Science in the Cloud: Towards a Universal Platform for Scientific and Statistical Computing", Chapter 19 in "Handbook of Cloud Computing", Springer, 2010 (in press)

Karim Chine, "Scientific Computing Environments in the age of virtualization, toward a universal platform for the Cloud" pp. 44-48, 2009 IEEE International Workshop on Opensource Software for Scientific Computation (OSSC), 2009

Karim Chine, "Biocep, Towards a Federative, Collaborative, User-Centric, Grid-Enabled and Cloud-Ready Computational Open Platform," *esience*, pp.321-322, 2008 Fourth IEEE International Conference on eScience, 2008

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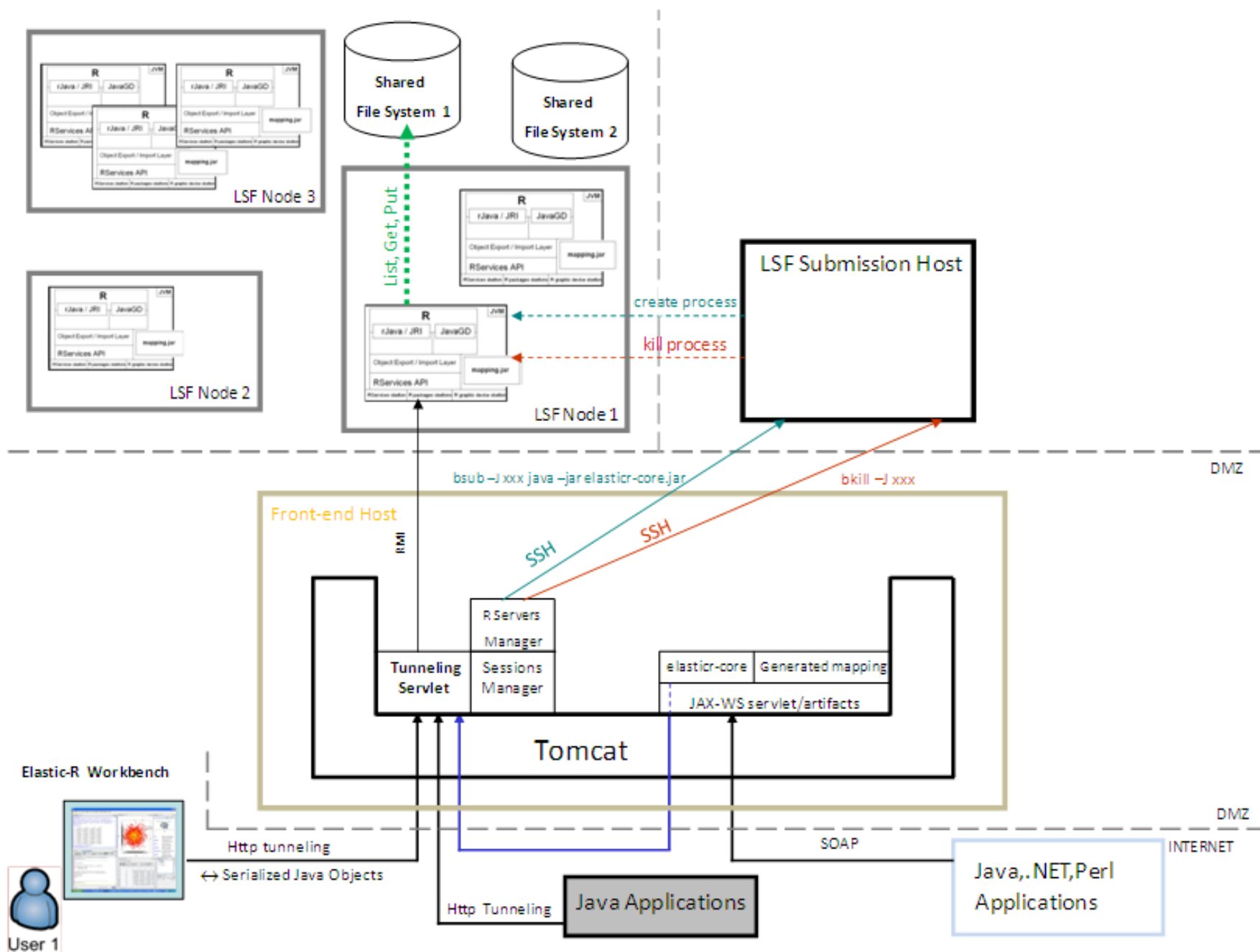
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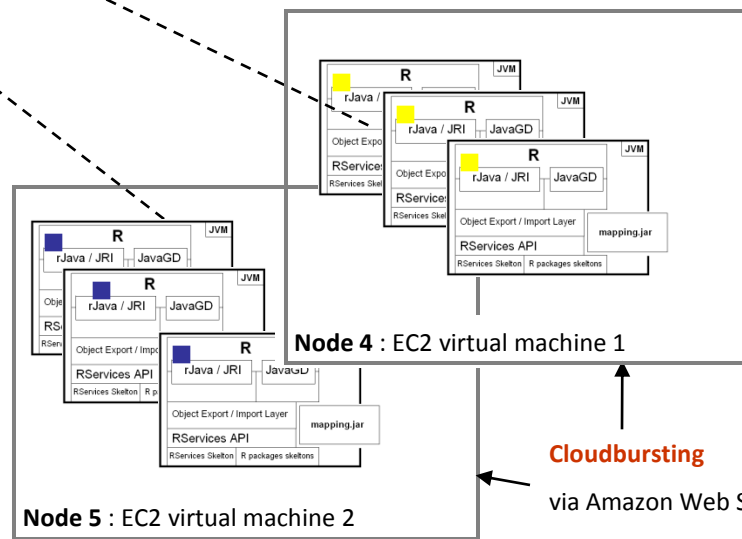
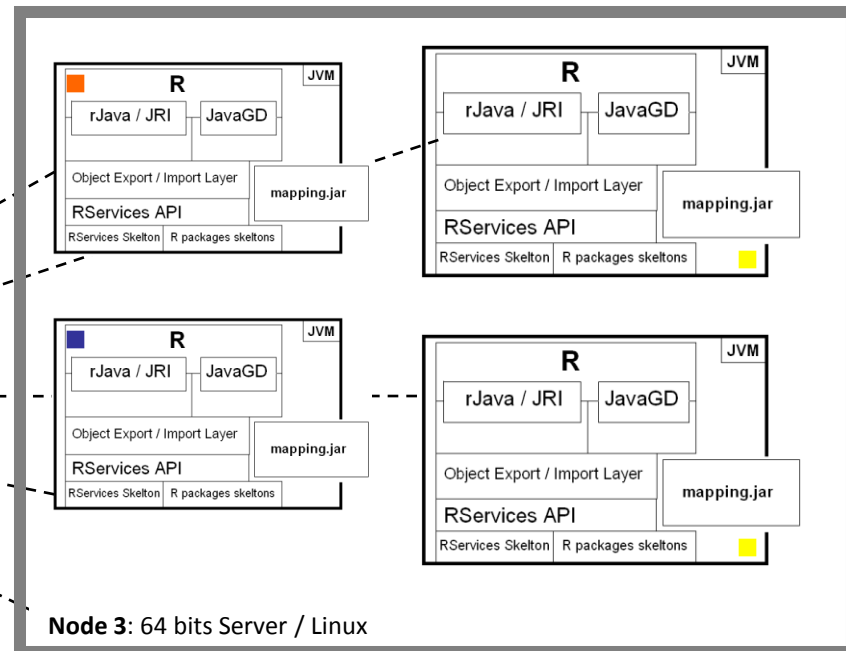
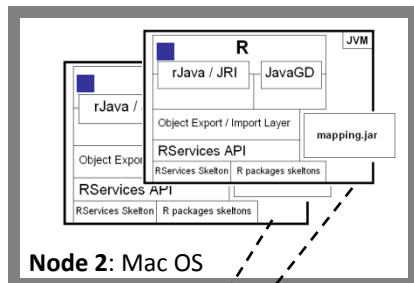
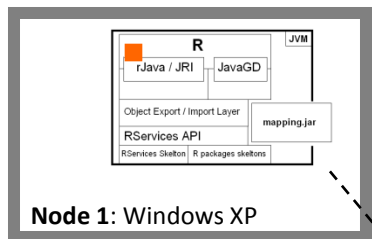
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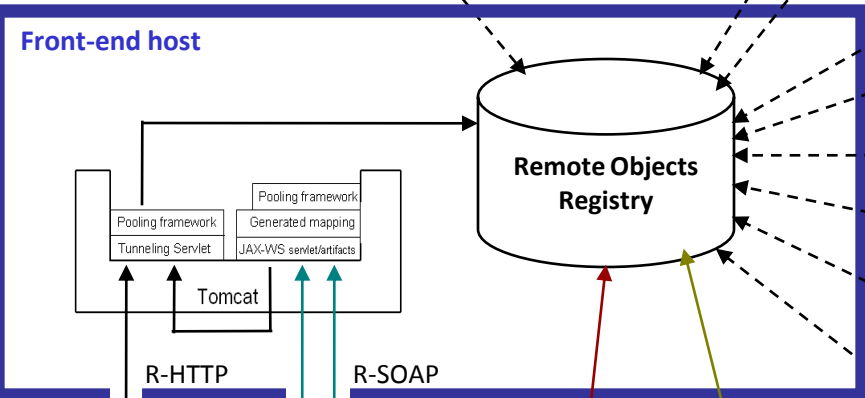
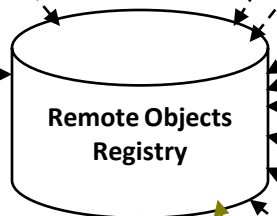


# Elastic-R SOA platform

■ Pool A  
■ Pool B  
■ Pool C



**Cloudbursting**  
 via Amazon Web Services



**Parallel Computing Applications**  
 → Borrow Rs  
 → Use Rs  
 → Release Rs

**Web Application**  
 → Borrow R  
 → Generate Graphics/Data  
 → Release R

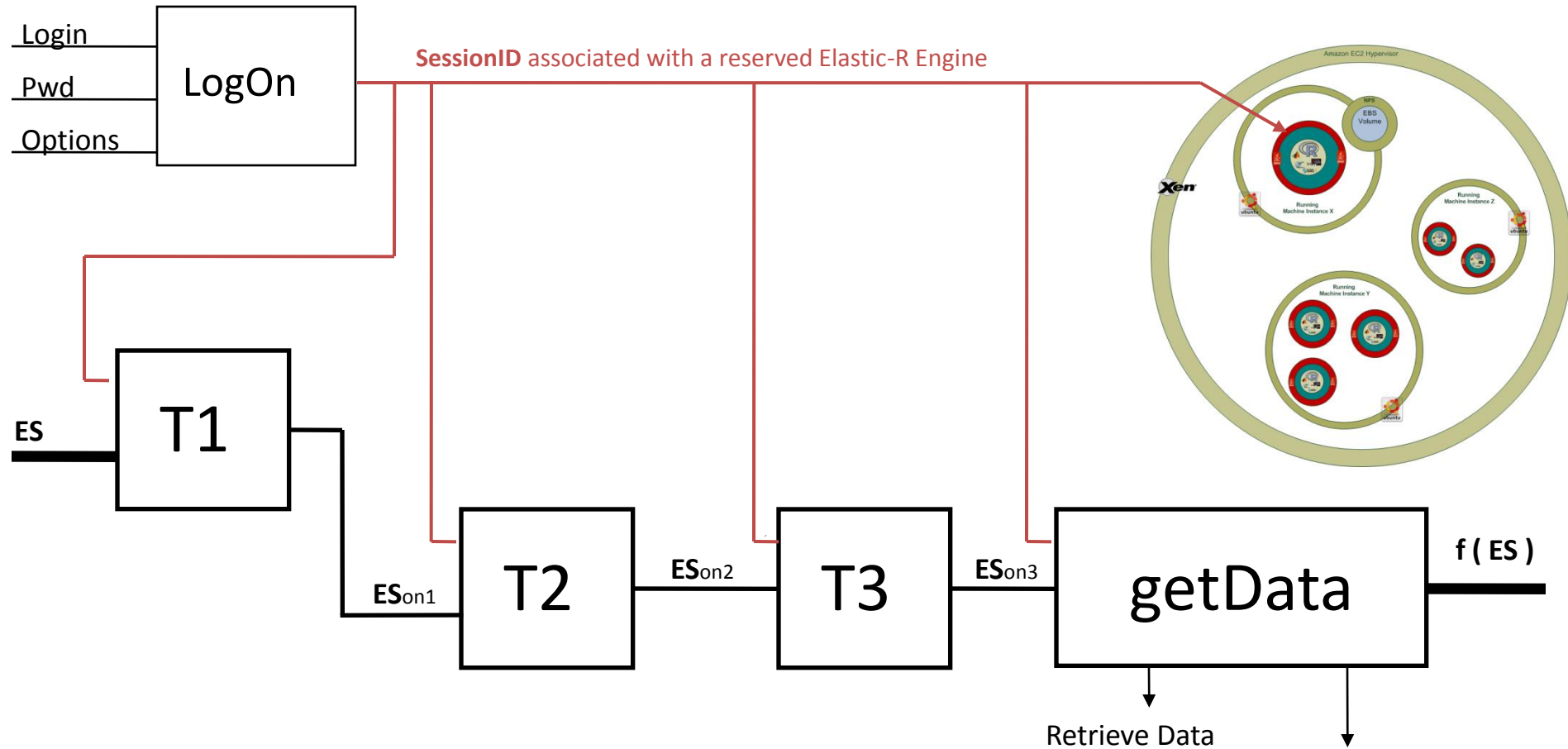


Supervisor

**.NET Appli**  
 → logOn  
 → Use R  
 → logOff

**Perl Scripts**  
 → logOn  
 → Use R  
 → logOff

# Stateful generated Web Services : Elastic-R for workflow workbenches



**T1,T2,T3** : Generated Stateful Web Services for R functions T1,T2 & T3

**LogOn, getData** : R-SOAP methods

**ES** : ExpressionSet

**ESon1, ESon2, ESon3** : ExpressionSet Object Names

$f = T3 \circ T2 \circ T1$

- remove **ESonx**
- « Clean » Elastic-R Engine
- Put Elastic-R Engine back in the Pool
- kill Elastic-R Engine