

# ScienceBox

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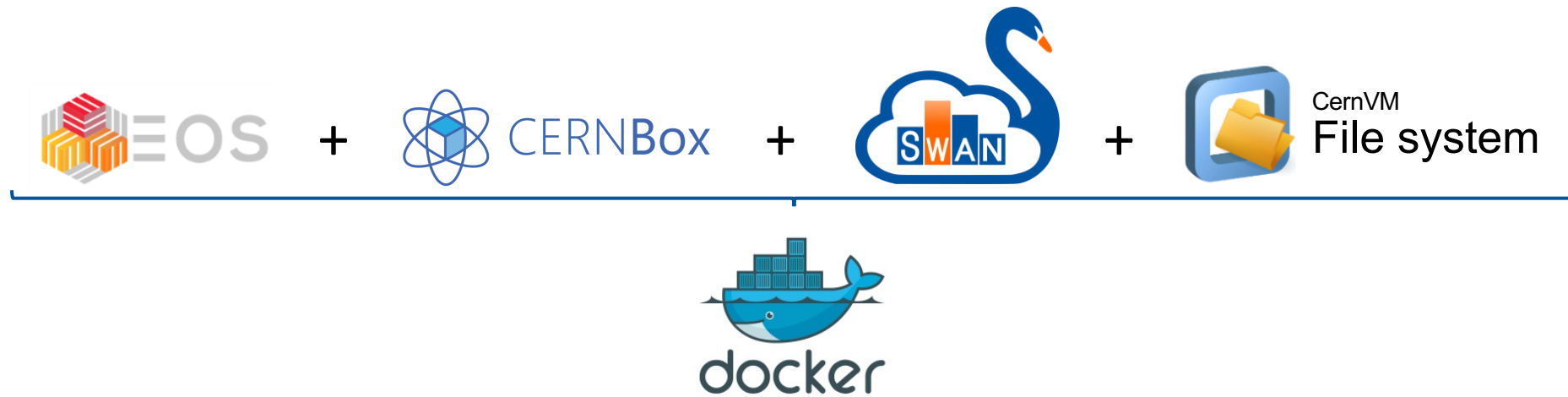


# Why ScienceBox?

- > Growing interest in CERN cloud software from external collaborators
  - High Energy Physics sites
  - National Research and Education Networks
  - European projects
  
- > Facilitate distribution and deployment outside CERN
  - Simplified installation leveraging on container technologies
  - Allow collaboration and contributions from expanding community
  
- > Disposable deployment for development at CERN
  - Testing software updates
  - New functionalities (e.g., GPU support)

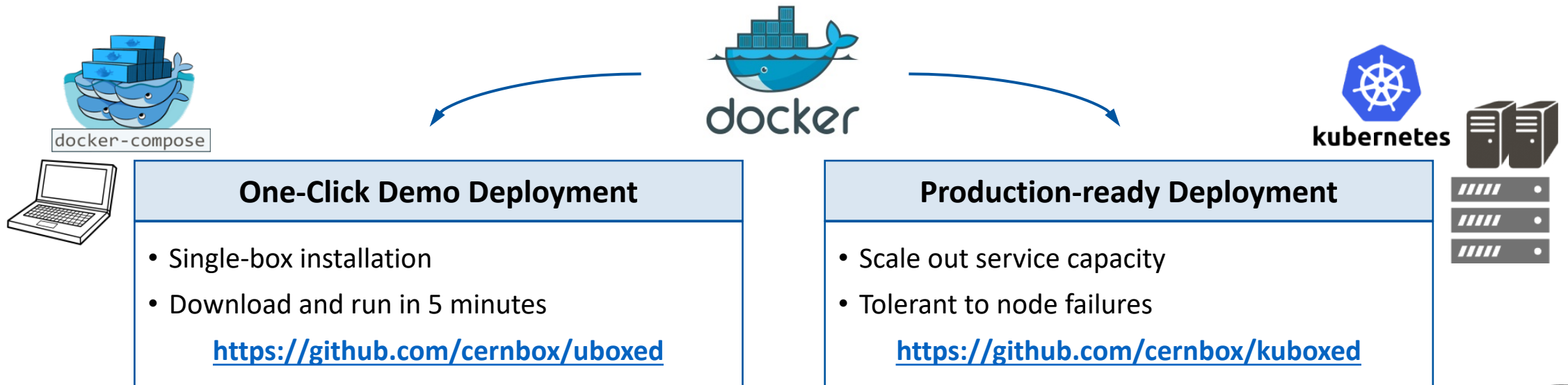


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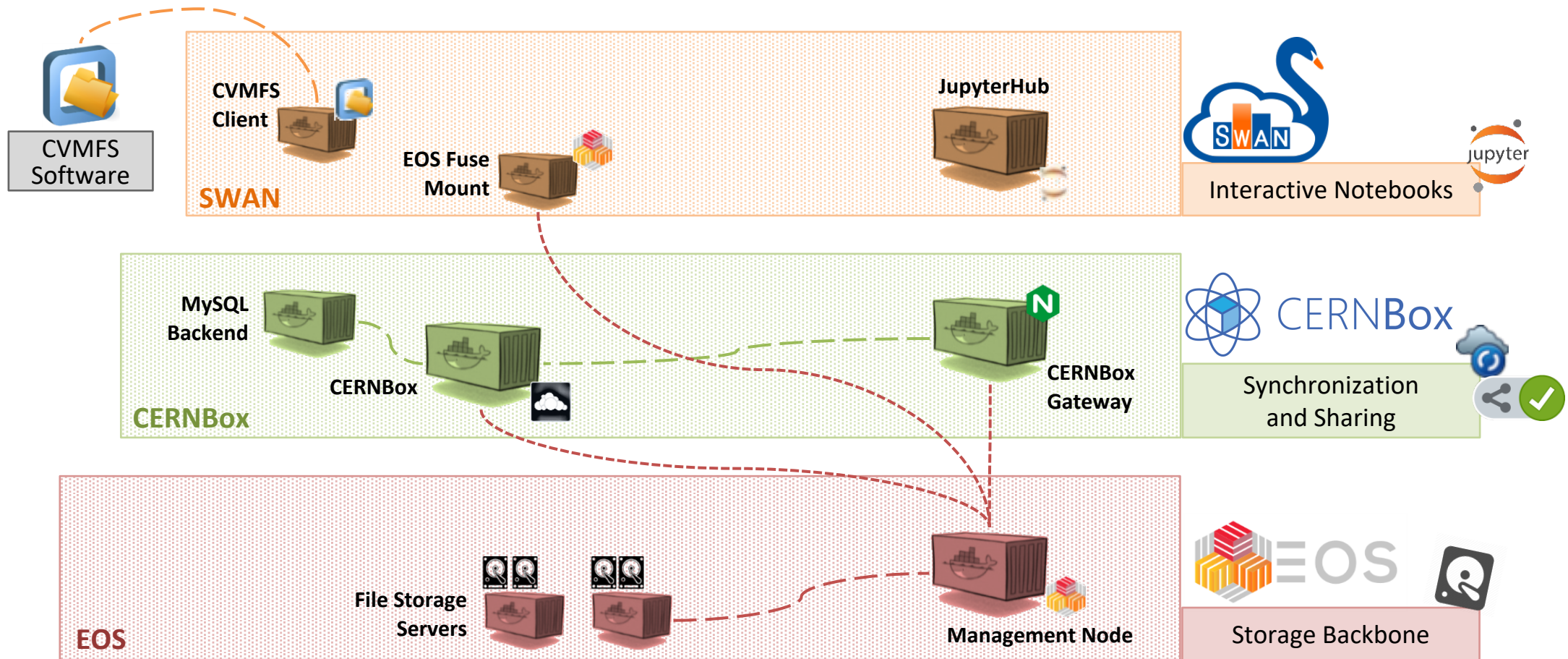


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## > Minimal deployment with 12 containers

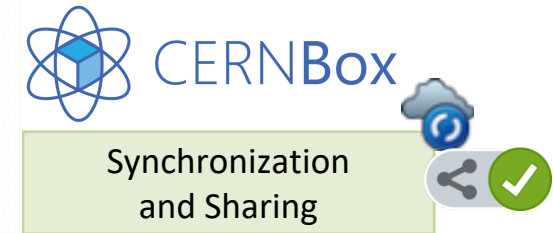
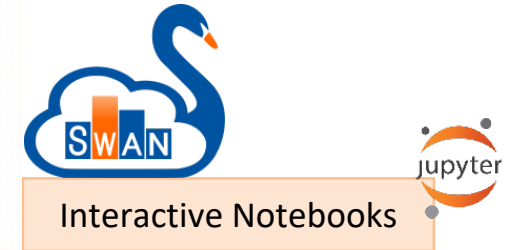
- Less than 20GB required on disk

## > Scale out computing and storage

- Add more resources to the cluster
- Spawn additional containers to use the new capacity

## > Replicate containers for high-availability

- Web frontends, proxies, DBs for CERNBox and SWAN
- Management node for EOS



# Use Cases



# Up to University

- > Allow students in high-schools to adopt tools used in science
  - SWAN – Full data analysis ecosystem in a web browser
  - CERNBox – Cloud storage for easy sharing and access form any device
  
- > ScienceBox in production for Up2U users for 1.5 years
  - Deployed at Poznan Supercomputing and Networking Center, Poland
  - Kubernetes on VMs, Ceph volumes for persistent storage
  
- > Pilot service at CERN – <http://up2u.cern.ch>
  - CERNBox and SWAN on Kubernetes VMs
  - EOS on VMs and bare metal disks







# Totem Analysis on Helix Nebula Cloud

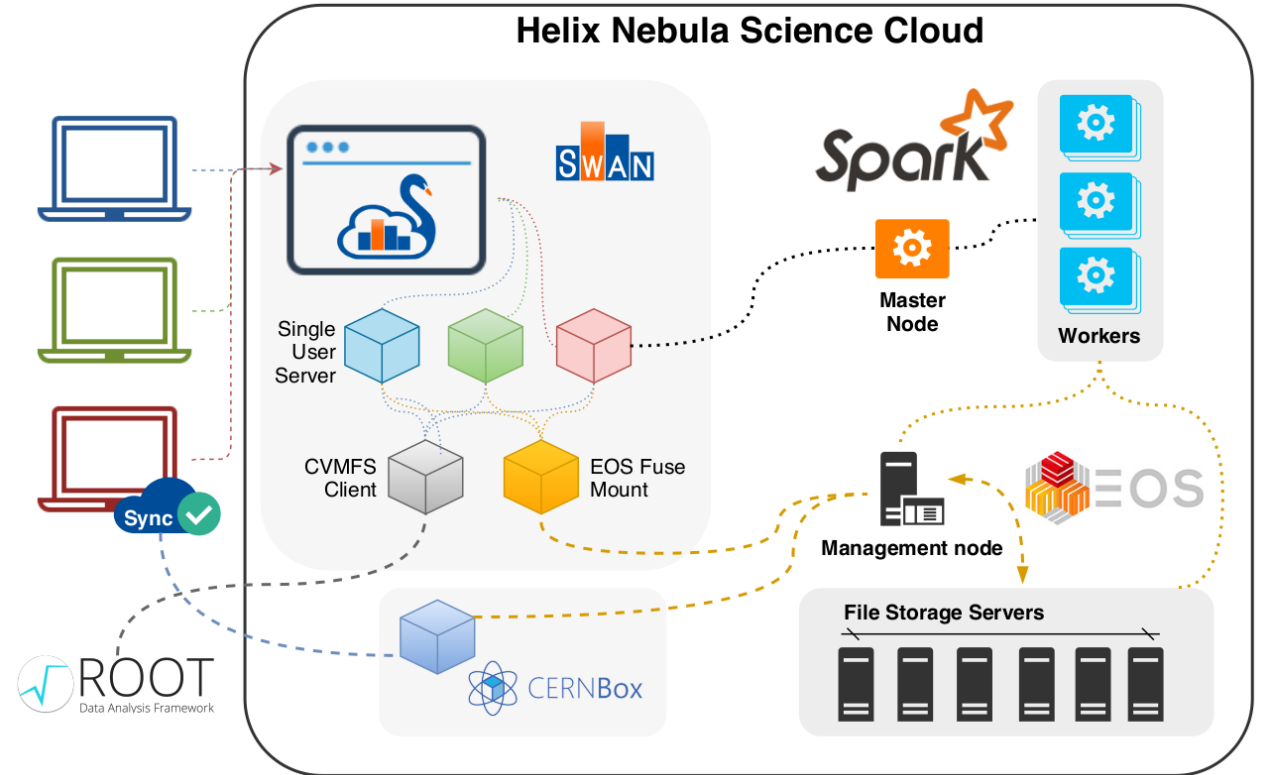
## > Deployment on commercial cloud

- 2000+ CPUs
- 10+ TB memory
- Virtually unlimited block storage

## > ScienceBox with Apache Spark for massive computations

## > Full TOTEM Analysis

- Dataset: 4.7 TB, 1153 files
- Data imported via xrootd
- Results synchronized back via CERNBox client



*Big Data Tools and Cloud Services for High Energy Physics Analysis in TOTEM Experiment - V. Avati et al.*

<https://ieeexplore.ieee.org/document/8605741>



# More External Sites and Collaborators

## > External SWAN deployments inspired by ScienceBox

- Australia's Academic and Research Network (AARNET)

*AARNet's CloudStor SWAN deployment facilitated by CERN's ScienceBox*

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- SURFSARA, The Netherlands
- Joint Institute for Nuclear Research (JINR), Russia
- Academia Sinica Grid Computing Centre (ASGC), Taiwan



# Future Outlook



- > EU-funded project
  - 6M EUR, 12 partners, 2020-2022
- > Goal: Global collaborative environment for research
  - Share documents, files, projects, data, ...
  - Connected Application Hubs
  - Data/metadata-aware workflows → FAIR
    - Find, Access, Interoperate, Reuse
- > Federation of existing CS3 sites
  - 30+ sites (e.g. CERNBox, DesyBox, Universities, ...)
  - 300K+ users
  - [cs3community.org](https://cs3community.org)

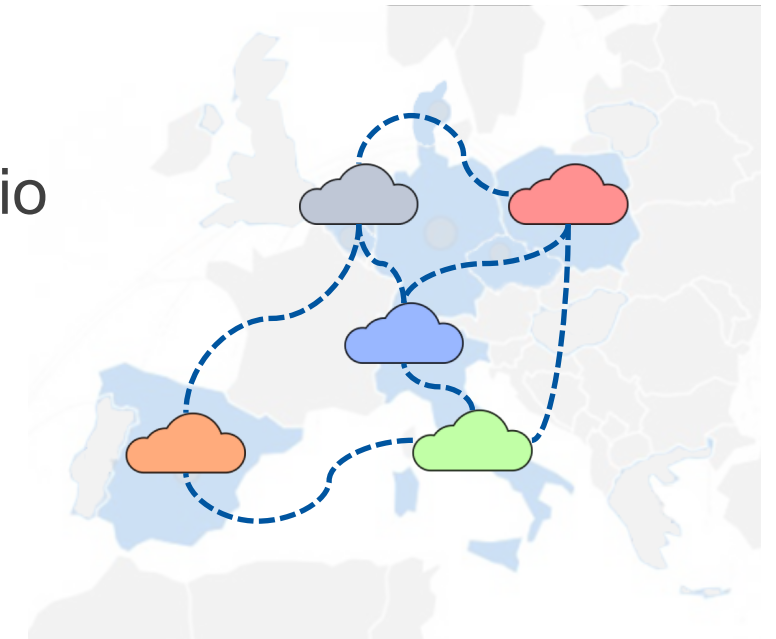


Cloud Storage Services  
for Synchronization and Sharing



# ScienceBox for CS3MESH

- > ScienceBox is the reference platform in CS3MESH for distribution and deployment of cloud software
- > SWAN will become part of the federated service portfolio
  - Bigger community using CERN software
  - Contribute back and improve SWAN for CERN users
- > Benefits for SWAN users at CERN
  - Share SWAN projects beyond the CERN borders
  - Work easily with your experiment collaborators outside CERN



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Thank you

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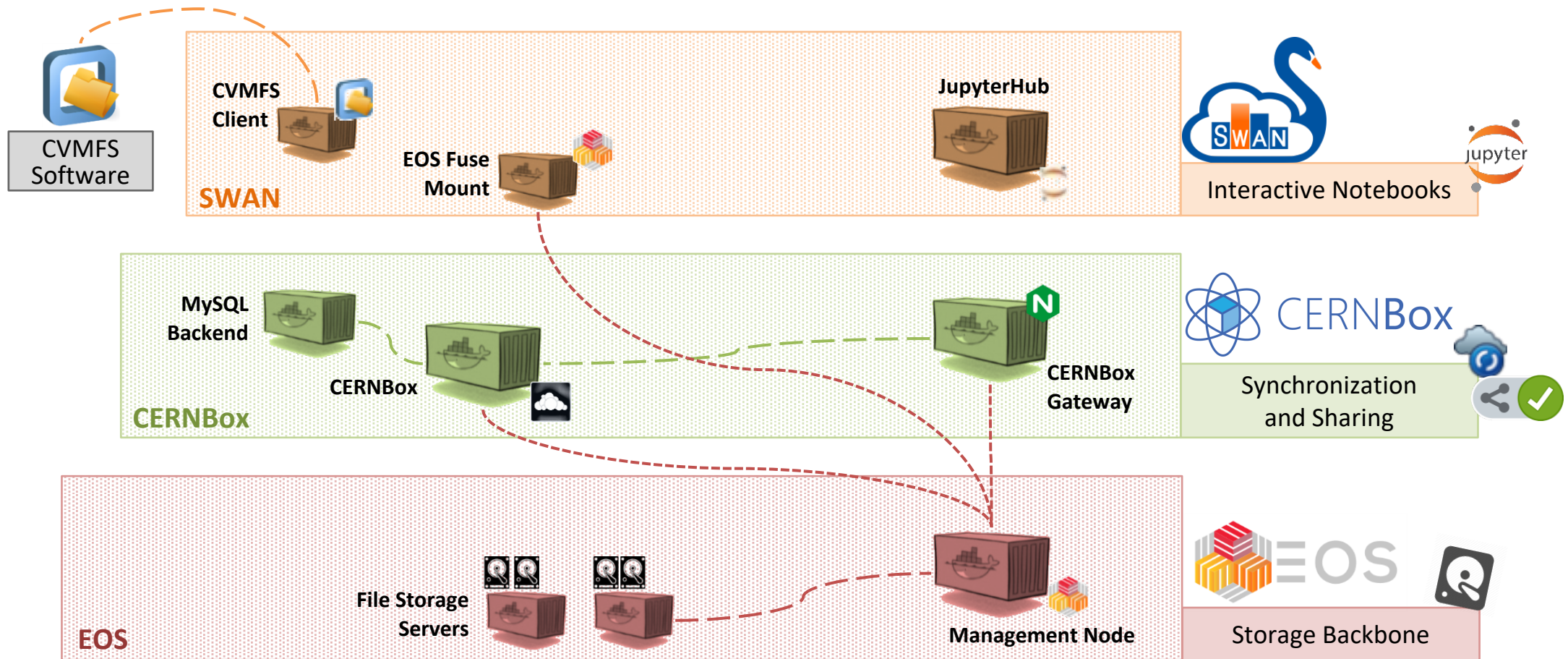


# Backup Slides



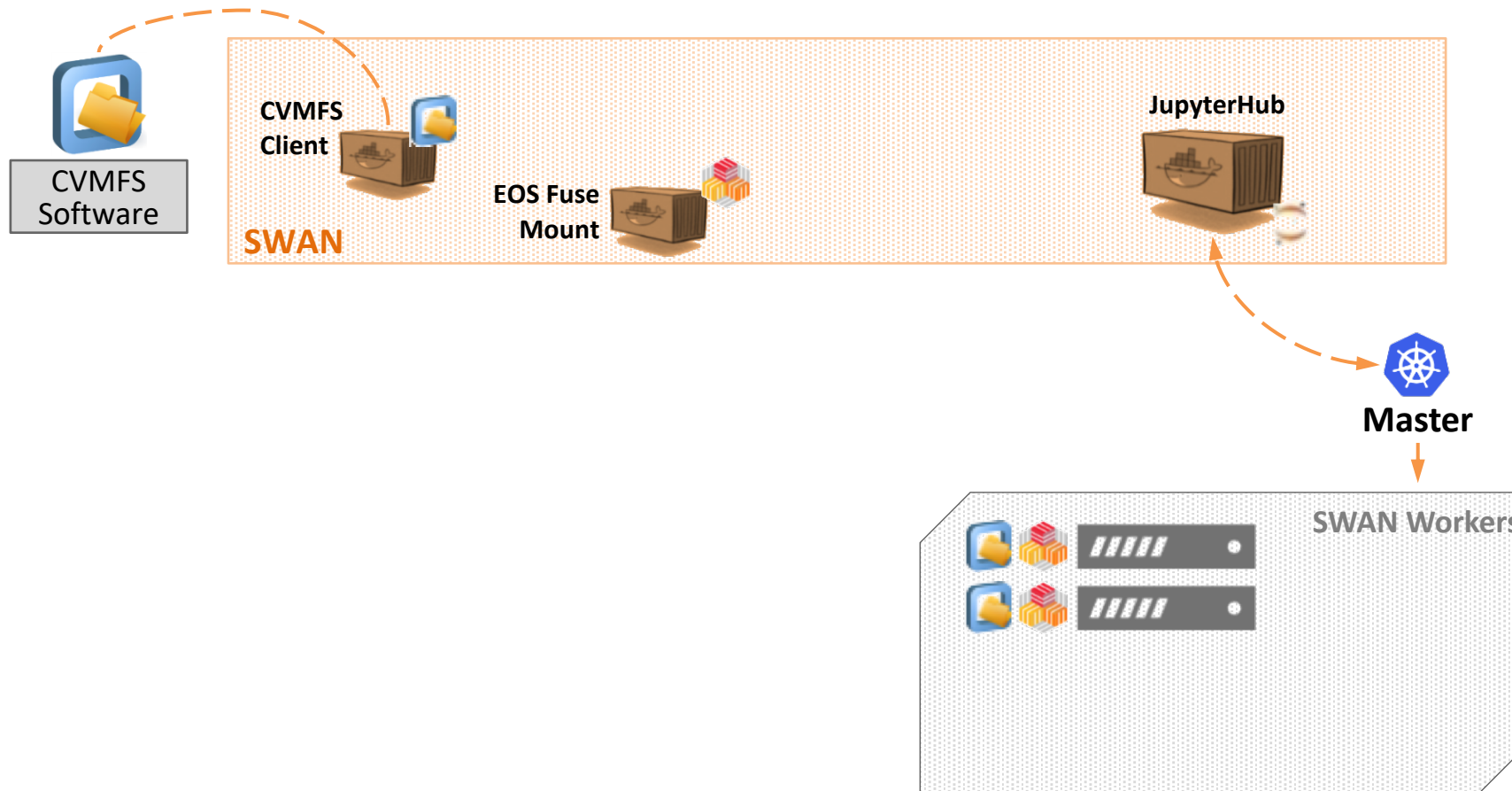


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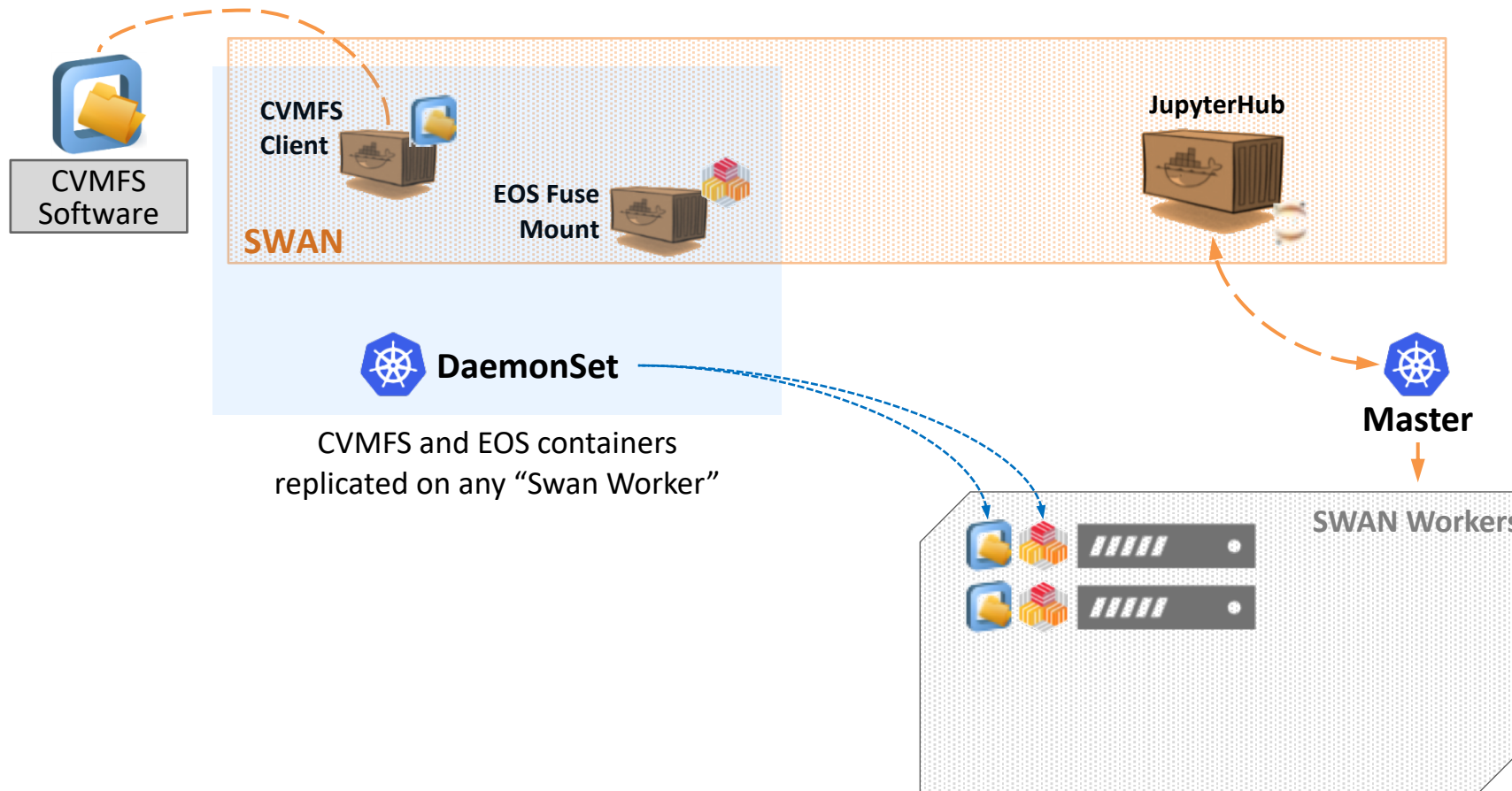


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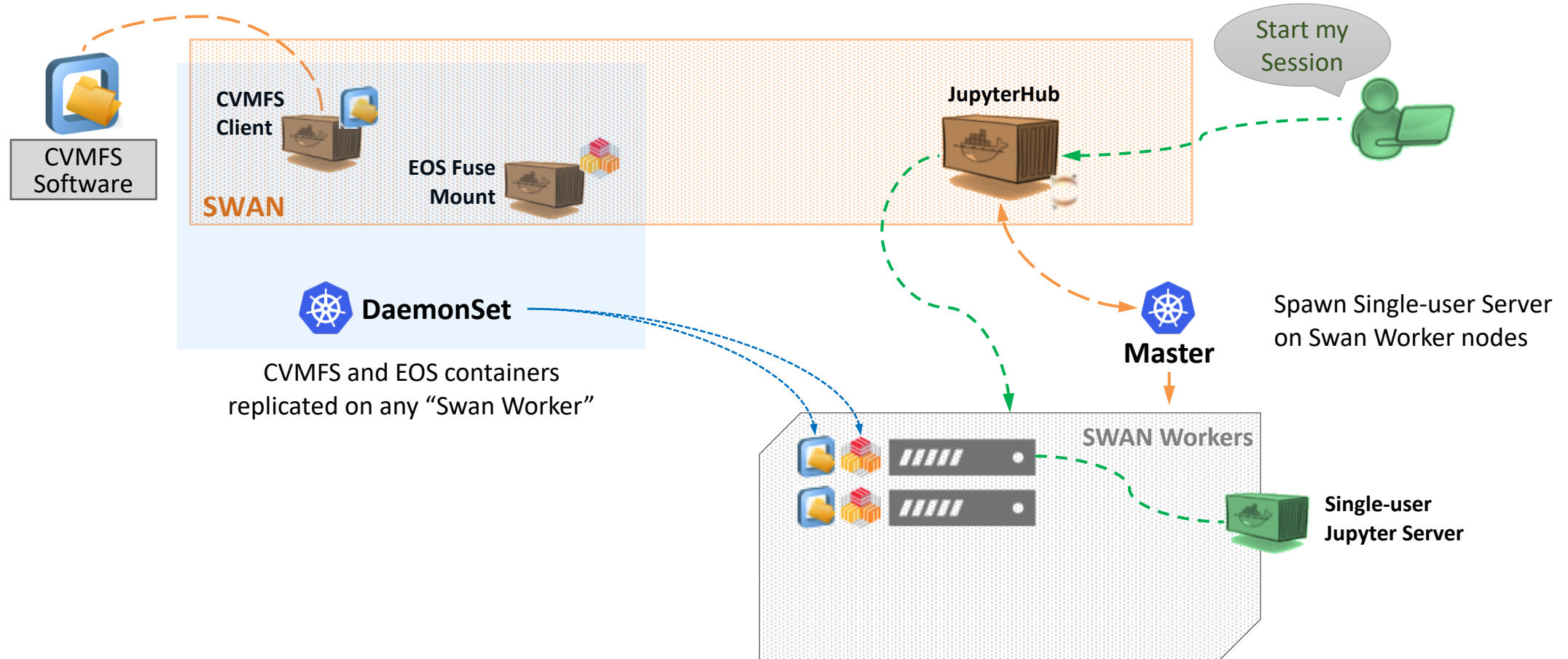


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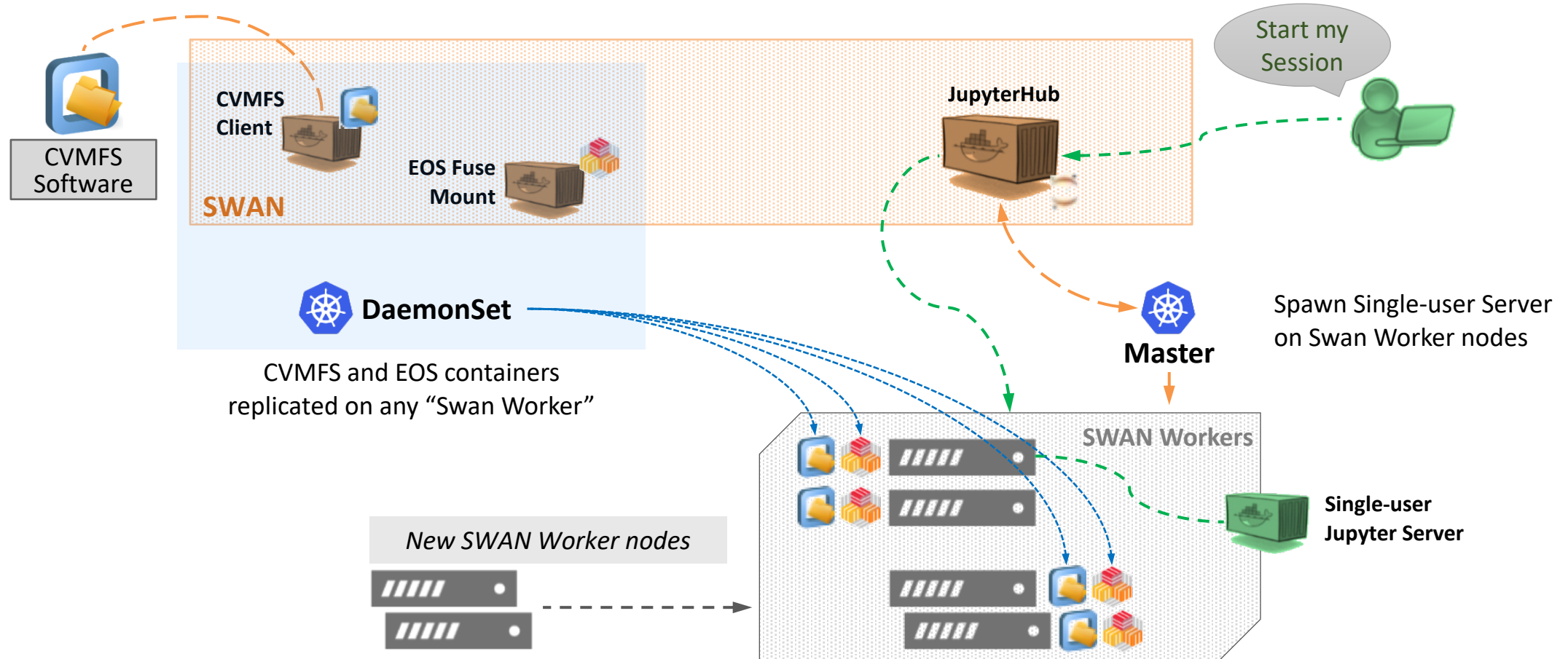


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## > Modernize SWAN infrastructure

- Replicated, highly-available containers
- Add capacity in minutes (e.g., for tutorials and trainings)
- Leverage on Cloud Containers service by IT-CM



## > Improve user experience

- Roll out updates with no impact on user's session and service capacity
- Dedicated cluster-wide CVMFS cache
- Private EOS mount for each user (under evaluation)



# SWAN production to Kubernetes

- > Single Docker image for SWAN production and ScienceBox
  - SWAN production is an instance of ScienceBox
  - Configuration and customizations applied at run time
  - Allow contributions from ScienceBox community to improve SWAN at CERN

