

Managing HPC Software Complexity with Spack

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<https://spack-tutorial.readthedocs.io>

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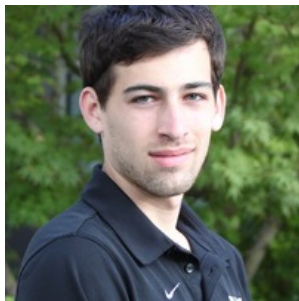
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August 3, 2023	9:00a.m.–11:00a.m.	 Build, link, and test large-scale applications with BLT
August 8–9 2023	8:00a.m.–11:30a.m. both days	 Learn to install your software quickly with Spack
August 10, 2023	9:00a.m.–11:00a.m.	 Use MFEM for scalable finite element discretization application development
August 14, 2023	9:00a.m.–12:00p.m.	 Integrate performance profiling capabilities into your applications with Caliper
		 Analyze hierarchical performance data with Hatchet
		 Optimize application performance on supercomputers with Thicket
August 17, 2023	9:00a.m.–11:00a.m.	 Use RAJA to run and port codes quickly across NVIDIA, AMD, and Intel GPUs
		 Discover, provision, and manage HPC memory with Umpire
August 22, 2023	9:00a.m.–11:00a.m.	 Visualize and analyze your simulations in situ with Ascent
August 24, 2023	9:00a.m.–11:00a.m.	 Leverage robust, flexible software components for scientific applications with Axom
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August 31, 2023	9:00a.m.–11:00a.m.	 Learn to run thousands of jobs in a workflow with Flux

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Tutorial Materials

Find these slides and associated scripts here:

spack-tutorial.rtfd.io

We also have a chat room on Spack slack.

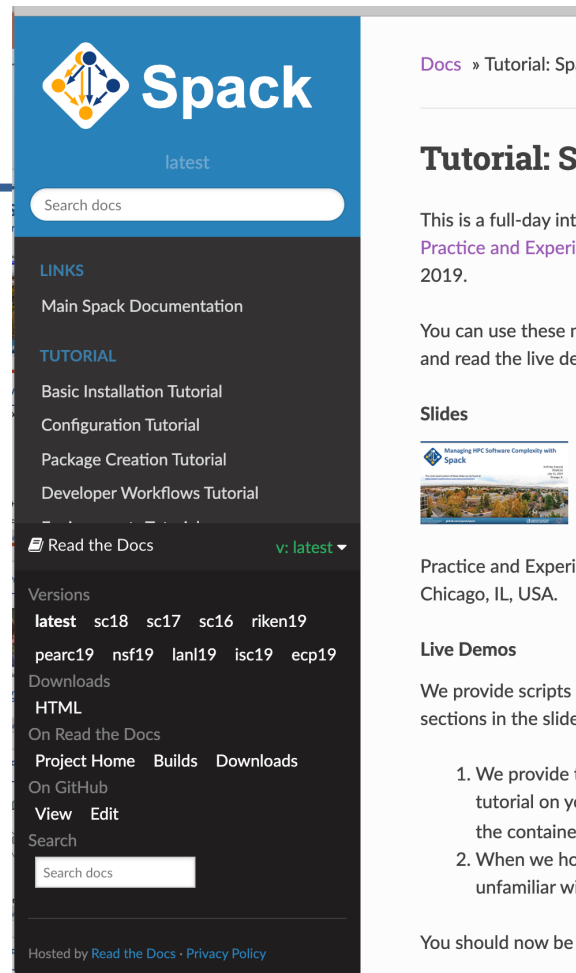
You can join here:

slack.spack.io

Join the #tutorial channel!

You can ask questions here after the conference is over.

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The screenshot shows the Spack documentation website. At the top is the Spack logo and the word "latest". Below that is a search bar labeled "Search docs". A navigation menu lists "LINKS" (Main Spack Documentation) and "TUTORIAL" (Basic Installation Tutorial, Configuration Tutorial, Package Creation Tutorial, Developer Workflows Tutorial). There is a "Read the Docs" button with a dropdown menu showing "v: latest". Below that are "Versions" (latest, sc18, sc17, sc16, riken19, pearc19, nsf19, lan19, isc19, ecp19) and "Downloads". At the bottom of the menu are "HTML", "On Read the Docs", "Project Home", "Builds", "Downloads", "On GitHub", "View", "Edit", and "Search". A footer at the bottom of the menu says "Hosted by Read the Docs · Privacy Policy".


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Tutorial: Spack

This is a full-day introductory tutorial on Spack, covering the basics of installation, configuration, and package creation. Practice and Experience will be provided throughout the day.

You can use these materials to learn more about Spack and read the live demo.

Slides



Practice and Experience will be provided throughout the day in Chicago, IL, USA.


Live Demos

We provide scripts and live demos in the slides sections in the slides.

1. We provide a live demo of the tutorial on your system.
2. When we have time, we will show you how to use the container and unfamiliar with Spack.

You should now be able to...

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Agenda (approximate)

Tuesday 8/8

Intro 8:00 am

Basics

Concepts

Break 9:30 am

Environments 10:00 am

Configuration

End 11:30 am

Wednesday 8/9

Software Stacks 8:00 am

Packaging

Scripting

Break 9:30 am

Developer Workflows 10:00 am

Mirrors & Binary Caches

End 11:30 am



We build codes from hundreds of small, complex pieces

Just when we're starting to solve the problem of how to create software using reusable parts, it founders on the nuts-and-bolts problems outside the software itself.

P. DuBois & T. Epperly. *Why Johnny Can't Build*. Scientific Programming. Sep/Oct 2003.

- Component-based software development dates back to the 60's
 - M.D. McIlroy, *Mass Produced Software Components*. NATO SE Conf., 1968
- **Pros are well known:**
 - Teams can and must reuse each others' work
 - Teams write less code, meet deliverables faster
- **Cons:**
 - Teams must ensure that components work together
 - Integration burden increases with each additional library
 - Integration must be repeated with each update to components
 - **Components must be vetted!**
- **Managing changes over time is becoming intractable**



Build-time incompatibility; fail fast



Appears to work; subtle errors later

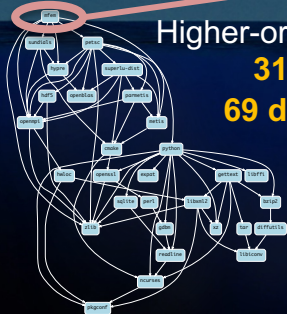
Modern scientific codes rely on icebergs of dependency libraries

71 packages
188 dependencies

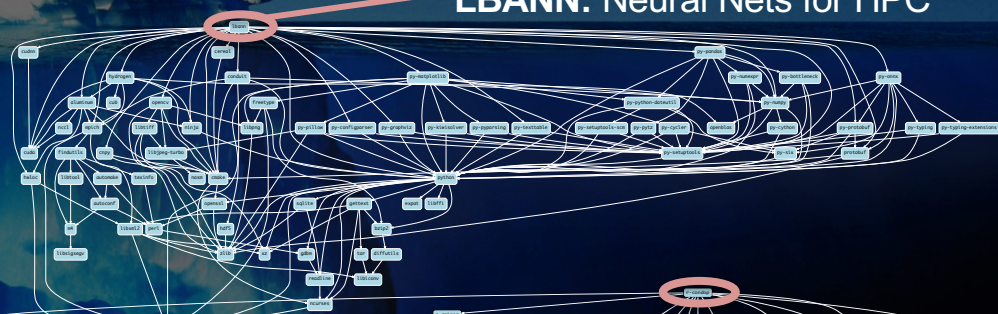
MFEM:

Higher-order finite elements

31 packages,
69 dependencies



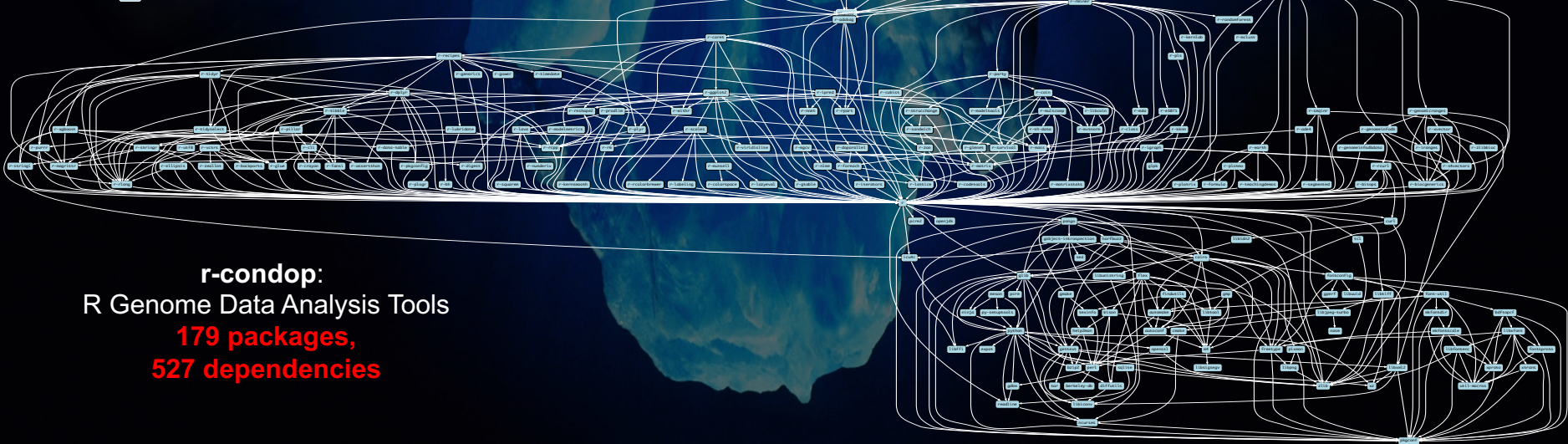
LBANN: Neural Nets for HPC



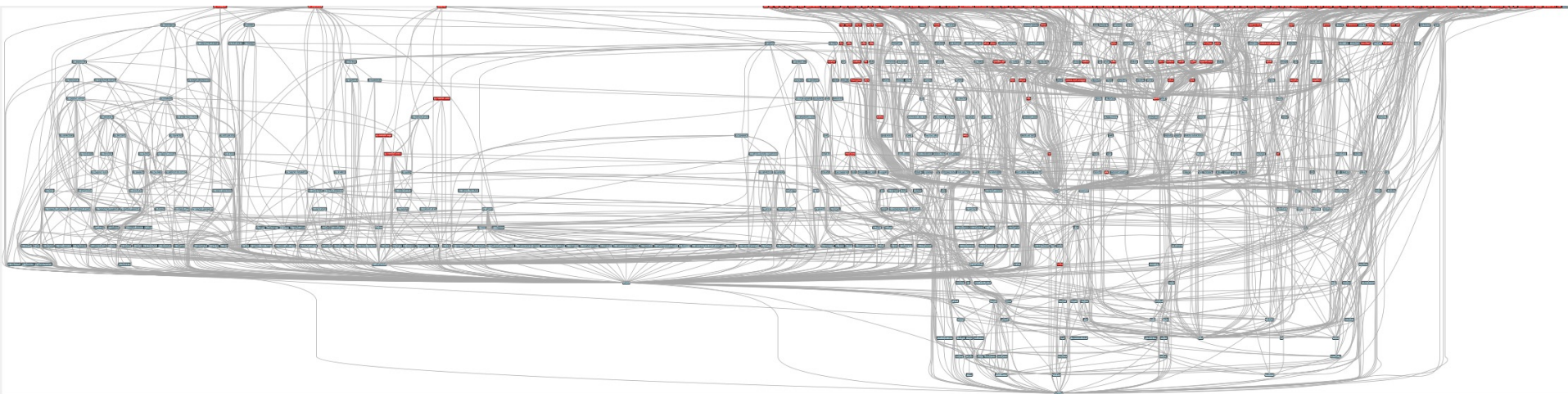
r-condop:

R Genome Data Analysis Tools

179 packages,
527 dependencies



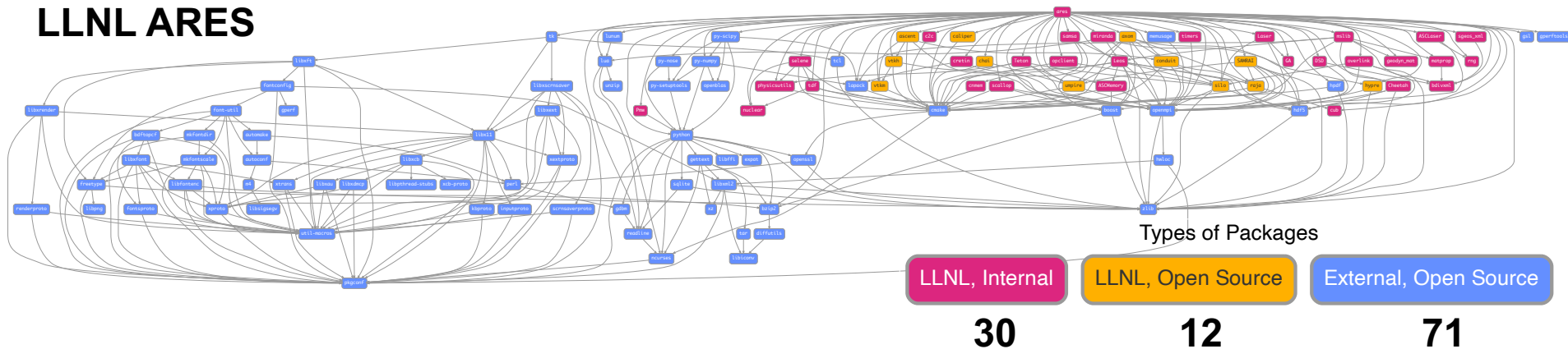
ECP's E4S stack is even larger than these codes



- Red boxes are the packages in it (about 100)
- Blue boxes are what *else* you need to build it (about 600)
- It's infeasible to build and integrate all of this manually

Modern software integrates open source and internal packages

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- Most modern software uses *tons* of open source
- We *cannot* replace all these OSS components with our own
 - How do we put them all together effectively?
 - Do you *have* to integrate this stuff by hand?

Some fairly common (but questionable) assumptions made by package managers (conda, pip, apt, etc.)

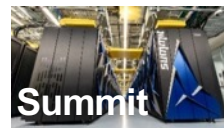
- **1:1 relationship between source code and binary (per platform)**
 - Good for reproducibility (e.g., Debian)
 - Bad for performance optimization
- **Binaries should be as portable as possible**
 - What most distributions do
 - Again, bad for performance
- **Toolchain is the same across the ecosystem**
 - One compiler, one set of runtime libraries
 - Or, no compiler (for interpreted languages)

Outside these boundaries, users are typically on their own

High Performance Computing (HPC) violates many of these assumptions

- **Code is typically distributed as source**
 - With exception of vendor libraries, compilers
- **Often build many variants of the same package**
 - Developers' builds may be very different
 - Many first-time builds when machines are new
- **Code is optimized for the processor and GPU**
 - Must make effective use of the hardware
 - Can make 10-100x perf difference
- **Rely heavily on system packages**
 - Need to use optimized libraries that come with machines
 - Need to use host GPU libraries and network
- **Multi-language**
 - C, C++, Fortran, Python, others all in the same ecosystem

Some Supercomputers



Oak Ridge National Lab
Power9 / NVIDIA



RIKEN
Fujitsu/ARM a64fx



Lawrence Berkeley
National Lab
AMD Zen / NVIDIA



Argonne National Lab
Intel Xeon / Xe



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What about containers?

- Containers provide a great way to reproduce and distribute an already-built software stack
- Someone needs to build the container!
 - This isn't trivial
 - Containerized applications still have hundreds of dependencies
- Using the OS package manager inside a container is insufficient
 - Most binaries are built unoptimized
 - Generic binaries, not optimized for specific architectures
- HPC containers may need to be *rebuilt* to support many different hosts, anyway.
 - Not clear that we can ever build one container for all facilities
 - Containers likely won't solve the N-platforms problem in HPC



docker



Charliecloud



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We need something more flexible to **build** the containers

Spack enables Software distribution for HPC

- Spack automates the build and installation of scientific software
- Packages are *parameterized*, so that users can easily tweak and tune configuration

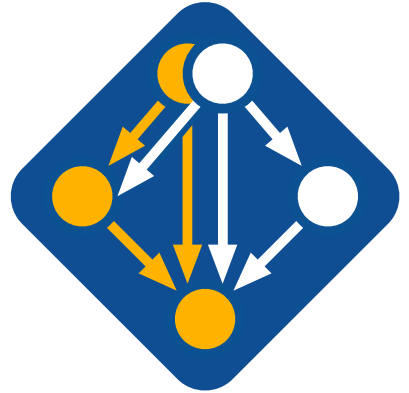
No installation required: clone and go

```
$ git clone https://github.com/spack/spack
$ spack install hdf5
```

Simple syntax enables complex installs

```
$ spack install hdf5@1.10.5
$ spack install hdf5@1.10.5 %clang@6.0
$ spack install hdf5@1.10.5 +threadssafe
$ spack install hdf5@1.10.5 cppflags="-O3 -g3"
$ spack install hdf5@1.10.5 target=haswell
$ spack install hdf5@1.10.5 +mpi ^mpich@3.2
```

- Ease of use of mainstream tools, with flexibility needed for HPC
- In addition to CLI, Spack also:
 - Generates (but does **not** require) *modules*
 - Allows conda/virtualenv-like *environments*
 - Provides many devops features (CI, container generation, more)



github.com/spack/spack

What's a package manager?

- Spack is a **package manager**
 - **Does not** a replace Cmake/Autotools
 - Packages built by Spack can have any build system they want
- Spack manages **dependencies**
 - Drives package-level build systems
 - Ensures consistent builds
- Determining magic configure lines takes time
 - Spack is a cache of recipes

Package Manager

- Manages package installation
- Manages dependency relationships
- May drive package-level build systems

High Level Build System

- Cmake, Autotools
- Handle library abstractions
- Generate Makefiles, etc.

Low Level Build System

- Make, Ninja
- Handles dependencies among *commands* in a single build

Who can use Spack?

People who want to use or distribute software for HPC!

1. End Users of HPC Software

- Install and run HPC applications and tools

2. HPC Application Teams

- Manage third-party dependency libraries

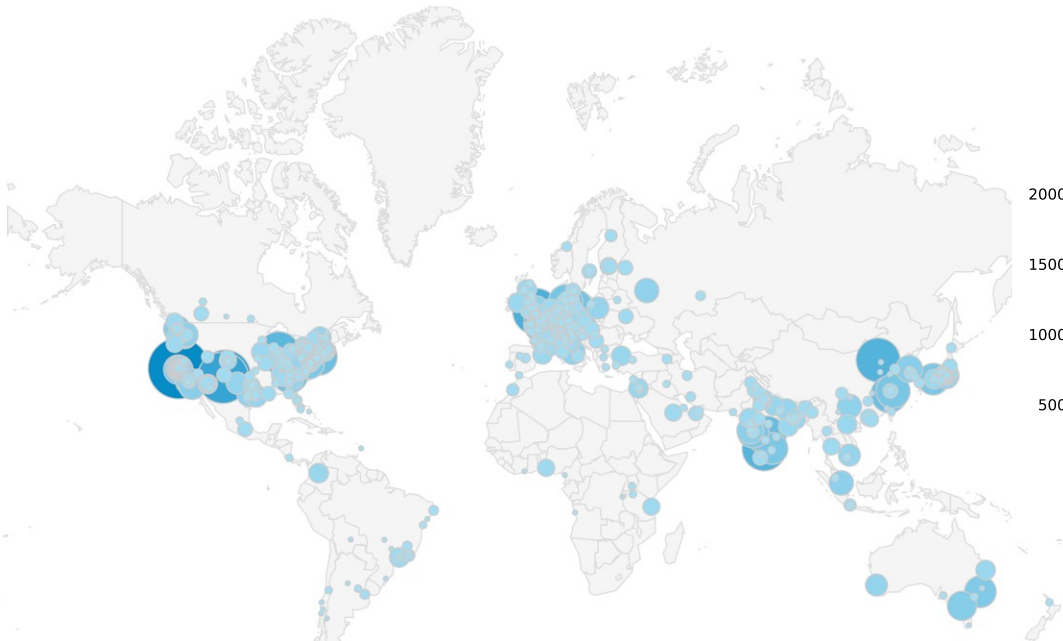
3. Package Developers

- People who want to package their own software for distribution

4. User support teams at HPC Centers

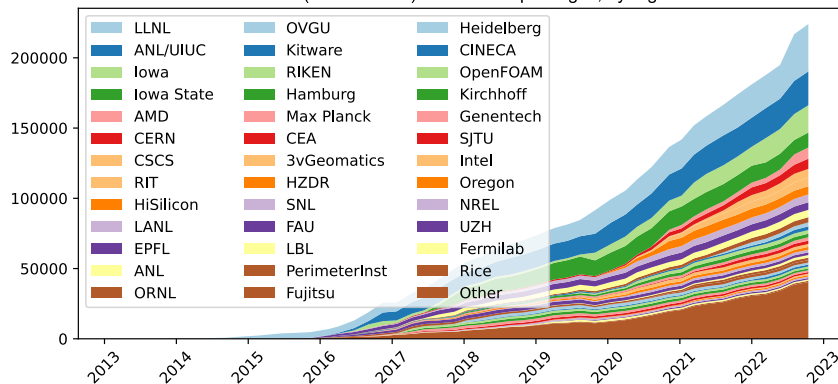
- People who deploy software for users at large HPC sites

Spack sustains the HPC software ecosystem with the help of many contributors



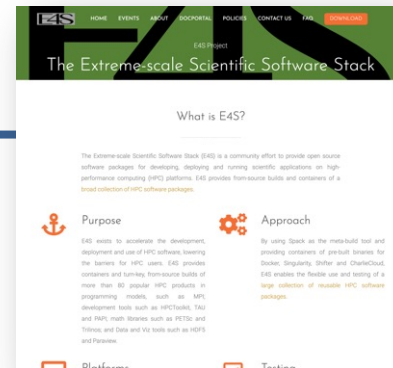
Over 6,900 software packages
Over 1,100 contributors

Contributions (lines of code) over time in packages, by organization



Most package contributions are **not** from DOE
But they help sustain the DOE ecosystem!

Spack is critical for ECP's mission to create a robust, capable exascale software ecosystem.

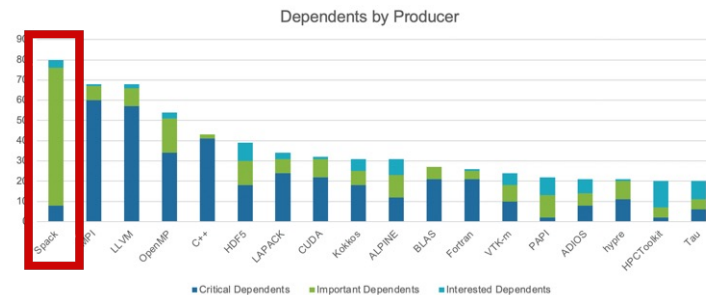


<https://e4s.io>



EXASCALE COMPUTING PROJECT

- Spack will be used to build software for the three upcoming U.S. exascale systems
- ECP has built the Extreme Scale Scientific Software Stack (E4S) with Spack – more at <https://e4s.io>
- Spack will be integral to upcoming ECP testing efforts.

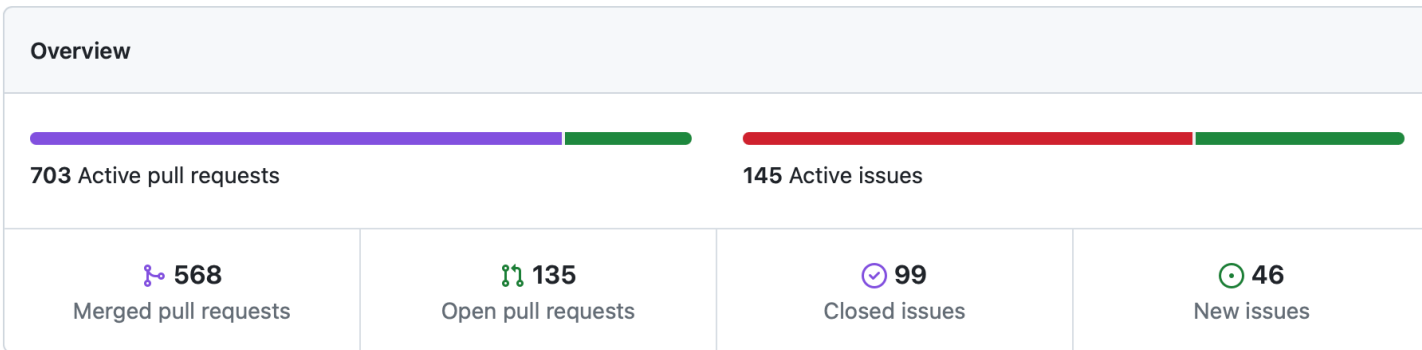


Spack is the most depended-upon project in ECP

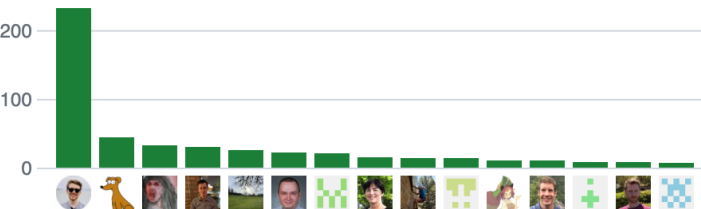
One month of Spack development is pretty busy!

April 21, 2023 – May 21, 2023

Period: 1 month ▾



Excluding merges, **109 authors** have pushed **568 commits** to develop and **625 commits** to all branches. On develop, **1,228 files** have changed and there have been **33,421 additions** and **17,043 deletions**.

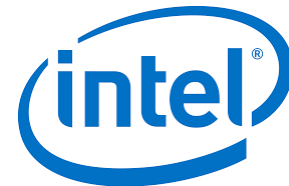


Spack's widespread adoption has made it a de facto standard, drawing contribution and collaboration from vendors

- **AWS** is investing significantly in cloud credits for Spack
 - Supporting highly scalable cloud CI system with ~250k+/year in credits
 - Integrating Spack with ParallelCluster product
 - Joint Spack tutorial with AWS drew 125+ participants
- **Google** is using Spack in their HPC Toolkit cloud cluster product
 - List packages to deploy; automatically built and cached in cluster deployment
- **AMD** has contributed ROCm packages and compiler support
 - 55+ PRs mostly from AMD, also others
 - ROCm, HIP, aocc packages are all in Spack now
- **HPE/Cray** is allowing us to do CI in the cloud for the Cray PE environment
 - Looking at tighter Spack integration with Cray PE
- **Intel** contributing OneApi support and licenses for our build farm
- **NVIDIA** contributing NVHPC compiler support and other features
- **Fujitsu and RIKEN** have contributed a **huge** number of packages for ARM/a64fx support on Fugaku
- **ARM** and **Linaro** members contributing ARM support
 - 400+ pull requests for ARM support from various companies



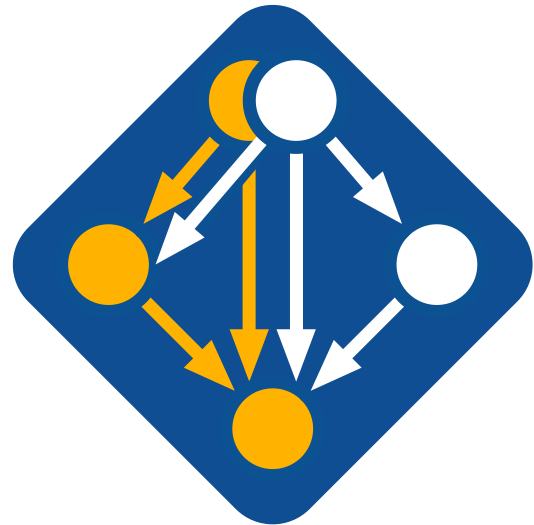
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Spack v0.20.0 was released in June!

Major new features:

1. `requires()` directive, enhanced package requirements
2. Exact versions with `@=`
3. New testing interface
4. More stable concretization
5. Weekly develop snapshot releases
6. Specs in buildcaches can be referenced by hash
7. New package and buildcache index websites
8. Default CMake and Meson build types are now Release



github.com/spack/spack

Full release notes:

<https://github.com/spack/spack/releases/tag/v0.20.0>

Spack is not the only tool that automates builds



1. “Functional” Package Managers

- Nix
- Guix

<https://nixos.org/>
<https://www.gnu.org/s/guix/>

2. Build-from-source Package Managers

- Homebrew, LinuxBrew
- MacPorts
- Gentoo

<http://brew.sh>
<https://www.macports.org>
<https://gentoo.org>

Other tools in the HPC Space:

▪ Easybuild

- An installation tool for HPC
- Focused on HPC system administrators – different package model from Spack
- Relies on a fixed software stack – harder to tweak recipes for experimentation

<http://hpcugent.github.io/easybuild/>


▪ Conda / Mamba

- Very popular binary package ecosystem for data science
- Not targeted at HPC; generally has unoptimized binaries

<https://conda.io>



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Hands-on Time: Spack Basics

Follow script at spack-tutorial.readthedocs.io



Core Spack Concepts



Most existing tools do not support combinatorial versioning

- Traditional binary package managers
 - RPM, yum, APT, yast, etc.
 - Designed to manage a single stack.
 - Install *one* version of each package in a single prefix (/usr).
 - Seamless upgrades to a *stable, well tested* stack
- Port systems
 - BSD Ports, portage, Macports, Homebrew, Gentoo, etc.
 - Minimal support for builds parameterized by compilers, dependency versions.
- Virtual Machines and Linux Containers (Docker)
 - Containers allow users to build environments for different applications.
 - Does not solve the build problem (someone has to build the image)
 - Performance, security, and upgrade issues prevent widespread HPC deployment.



Spack provides a *spec* syntax to describe customized package configurations

```
$ spack install mpileaks                                unconstrained
$ spack install mpileaks@3.3                            @ custom version
$ spack install mpileaks@3.3 %gcc@4.7.3                % custom compiler
$ spack install mpileaks@3.3 %gcc@4.7.3 +threads       +/- build option
$ spack install mpileaks@3.3 cppflags="-O3 -g3"        set compiler flags
$ spack install mpileaks@3.3 target=cascadelake        set target
microarchitecture
$ spack install mpileaks@3.3 ^mpich@3.2 %gcc@4.9.3     ^ dependency constraints
```

- Each expression is a *spec* for a particular configuration
 - Each clause adds a constraint to the spec
 - Constraints are optional – specify only what you need.
 - Customize install on the command line!
- Spec syntax is recursive
 - Full control over the combinatorial build space

Spack packages are *parameterized* using the spec syntax

Python DSL defines many ways to build

```
from spack import *

class Kripke(CMakePackage):
    """Kripke is a simple, scalable, 3D Sn deterministic particle transport mini-app."""

    homepage = "https://computation.llnl.gov/projects/co-design/kripke"
    url       = "https://computation.llnl.gov/projects/co-design/download/kripke-openssl-1.1.tar.gz"

    version('1.2.3', sha256='3f7f2eef0d1ba5825780d626741eb0b3f026a096048d7ec4794d2a7dfbe2b8a6')
    version('1.2.2', sha256='eaf9ddf562416974157b34d00c3a1c880fc5296fce2aa2efa039a86e0976f3a3')
    version('1.1', sha256='232d74072fc7b848fa2adc8a1bc839ae8fb5f96d50224186601f55554a25f64a')

    variant('mpi', default=True, description='Build with MPI.')
    variant('openmp', default=True, description='Build with OpenMP enabled.')

    depends_on('mpi', when='+mpi')
    depends_on('cmake@3.0:', type='build')

    def cmake_args(self):
        return [
            '-DENABLE_OPENMP=%s' % ('+openmp' in self.spec),
            '-DENABLE_MPI=%s' % ('+mpi' in self.spec),
        ]

    def install(self, spec, prefix):
        mkdirp(prefix.bin)
        install('./spack-build/kripke', prefix.bin)
```

Base package
(CMake support)

Metadata at the class level

Versions

Variants (build options)

Dependencies
(same spec syntax)

Install logic
in instance methods

Don't typically need `install()` for `CMakePackage`, but we can work around codes that don't have it.

One package.py file per software project!

Conditional variants simplify packages

CudaPackage: a mix-in for packages that use CUDA

```
class CudaPackage(PackageBase):
    variant('cuda', default=False,
           description='Build with CUDA')

    variant('cuda_arch',
           description='CUDA architecture',
           values=any_combination_of(cuda_arch_values),
           when='+cuda')

    depends_on('cuda', when='+cuda')

    depends_on('cuda@9.0:', when='cuda_arch=70')
    depends_on('cuda@9.0:', when='cuda_arch=72')
    depends_on('cuda@10.0:', when='cuda_arch=75')

    conflicts('%gcc@9:', when='+cuda ^cuda@:10.2.89 target=x86_64:')
    conflicts('%gcc@9:', when='+cuda ^cuda@:10.1.243 target=ppc64le:')
```

cuda is a variant (build option)

cuda_arch is only present
if cuda is enabled

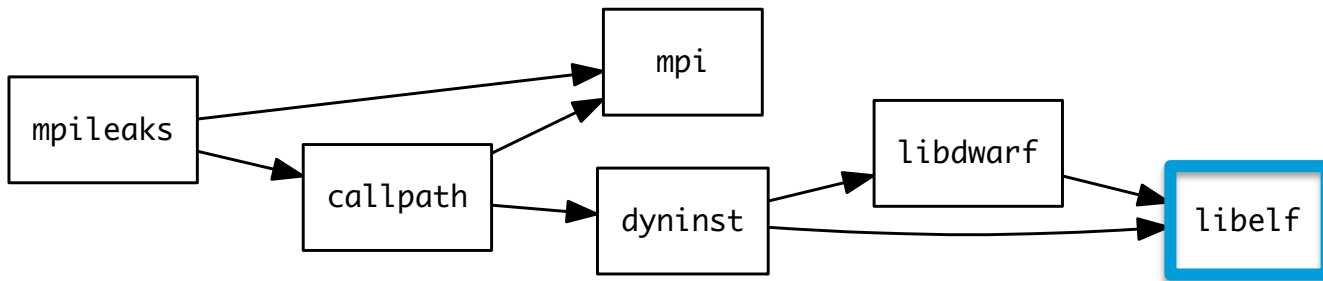
dependency on cuda, but only
if cuda is enabled

constraints on cuda version

compiler support for x86_64
and ppc64le

There is a lot of expressive power in the Spack package DSL.

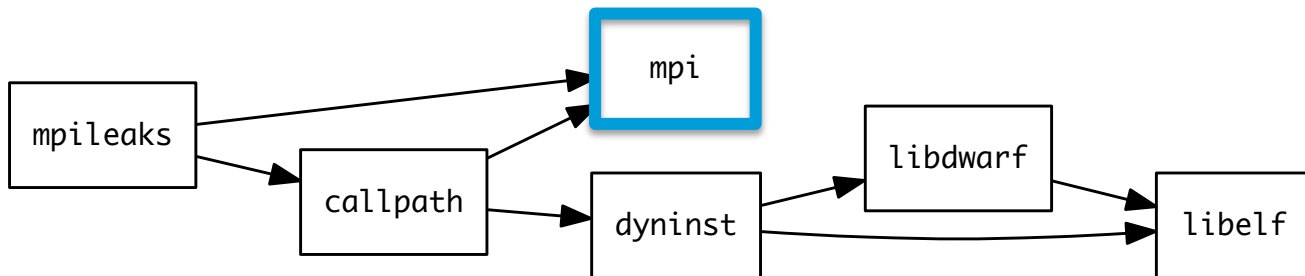
Spack Specs can constrain versions of dependencies



```
$ spack install mpileaks %intel@12.1 ^libelf@0.8.12
```

- Spack ensures *one* configuration of each library per DAG
 - Ensures ABI consistency.
 - User does not need to know DAG structure; only the dependency *names*.
- Spack can ensure that builds use the same compiler, or you can mix
 - Working on ensuring ABI compatibility when compilers are mixed.

Spack handles ABI-incompatible, versioned interfaces like MPI



- `mpi` is a *virtual dependency*
- Install the same package built with two different MPI implementations:

```
$ spack install mpileaks ^mvapich@1.9
```

```
$ spack install mpileaks ^openmpi@1.4:
```

- Let Spack choose MPI implementation, as long as it provides MPI 2 interface:

```
$ spack install mpileaks ^mpi@2
```

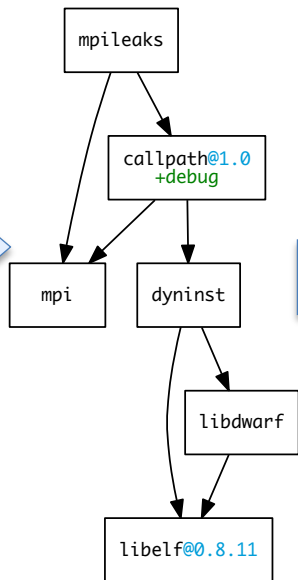
Concretization fills in missing configuration details when the user is not explicit.

`mpileaks ^callpath@1.0+debug ^libelf@0.8.11`

User input: *abstract* spec with some constraints

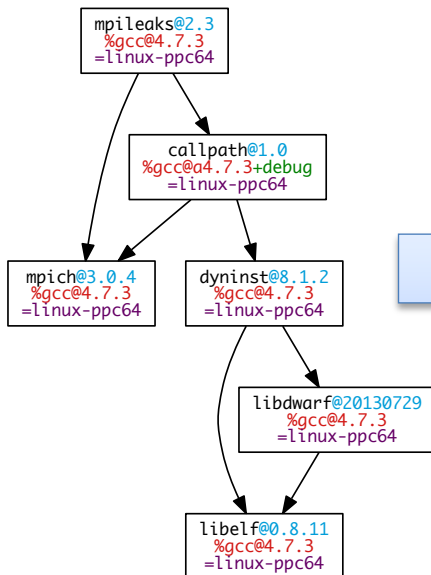
spec.yaml

Normalize



Abstract, normalized spec with some dependencies.

Concretize



Concrete spec is fully constrained and can be passed to install.

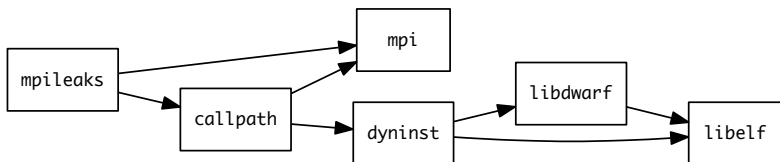
Store

```
spec:
- mpileaks:
  arch: linux-x86_64
  compiler:
    name: gcc
    version: 4.9.2
  dependencies:
    adept-utils: kszrtkpbzac3ss2ixcjkcorlaybnptp4
    callpath: bah5f4h4d2n47mgycej2mitrnrivvy77
    mpich: aa4ar6ifj23yi qamdabeakpejcli72t3
    hash: 33hjhxix7p6gyzn5ptgyes7sghyprujh
    variants: {}
    version: '1.0'
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    version: 4.9.2
  dependencies:
    boost: teesjv7ehpe5kssppjim5dk43a7qnowlq
    mpich: aa4ar6ifj23yi qamdabeakpejcli72t3
    hash: kszrtkpbzac3ss2ixcjkcorlaybnptp4
    variants: {}
    version: 1.0.1
- boost:
  arch: linux-x86_64
  compiler:
    name: gcc
    version: 4.9.2
  dependencies: {}
  hash: teesjv7ehpe5kssppjim5dk43a7qnowlq
  variants: {}
  version: 1.59.0
...
```

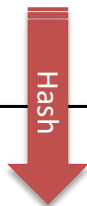
Detailed provenance is stored with the installed package

Hashing allows us to handle combinatorial complexity

Dependency DAG



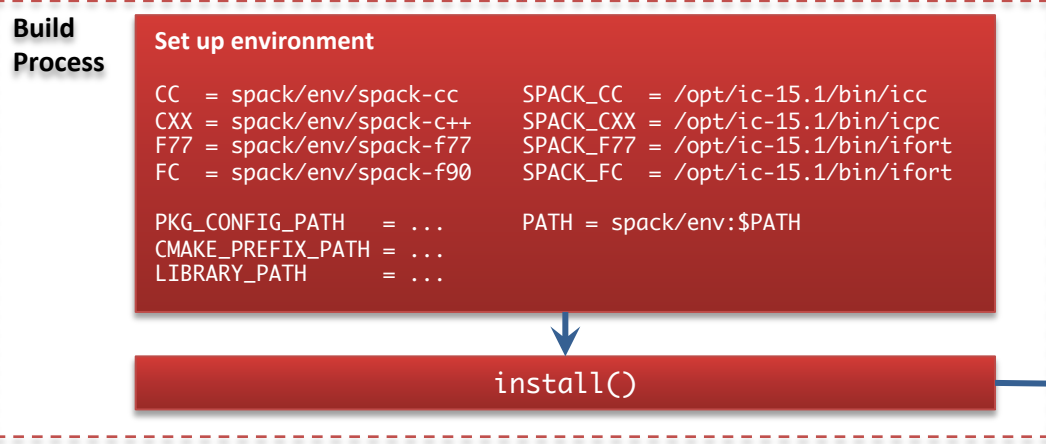
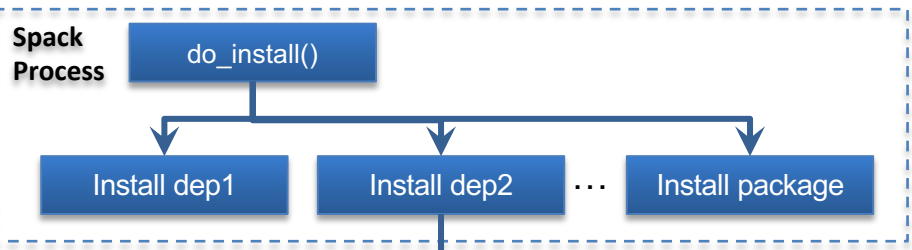
Installation Layout



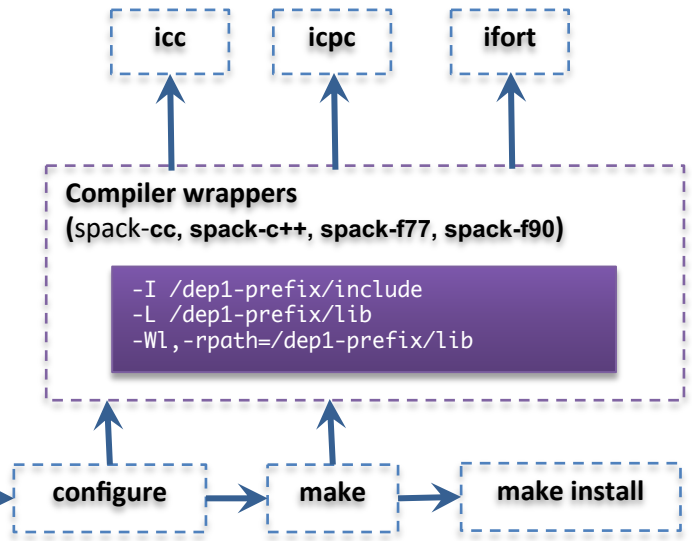
```
opt
└─ spack
   └─ darwin-mojave-skylake
      └─ clang-10.0.0-apple
         └─ bzip2-1.0.8-hc4sm4vuzpm4znmvrfzri4ow2mkphe2e
            └─ python-3.7.6-daqqpssxb6qbfrztsezkmhus3xoflbsy
               └─ sqlite-3.30.1-u64v26igxvyn23hysmklfums6tgjv5r
                  └─ xz-5.2.4-u5eawkvaoc7vonabe6nndkcfwuv233cj
                     └─ zlib-1.2.11-x46q4wm46ay4pltrijbgizxjrhbaka6
└─ darwin-mojave-x86_64
   └─ clang-10.0.0-apple
      └─ coreutils-8.29-
         p12kcytej qcys5dzecfrtj qxfds svnob
```

- Each unique dependency graph is a unique **configuration**.
- Each configuration in a unique directory.
 - Multiple configurations of the same package can coexist.
- **Hash** of entire directed acyclic graph (DAG) is appended to each prefix.
- Installed packages automatically find dependencies
 - Spack embeds RPATHs in binaries.
 - No need to use modules or set LD_LIBRARY_PATH
 - Things work *the way you built them*

An isolated compilation environment allows Spack to easily swap compilers



- **Forked build process isolates environment for each build.**
Uses compiler wrappers to:
 - Add include, lib, and RPATH flags
 - Ensure that dependencies are found automatically
 - Load Cray modules (use right compiler/system deps)



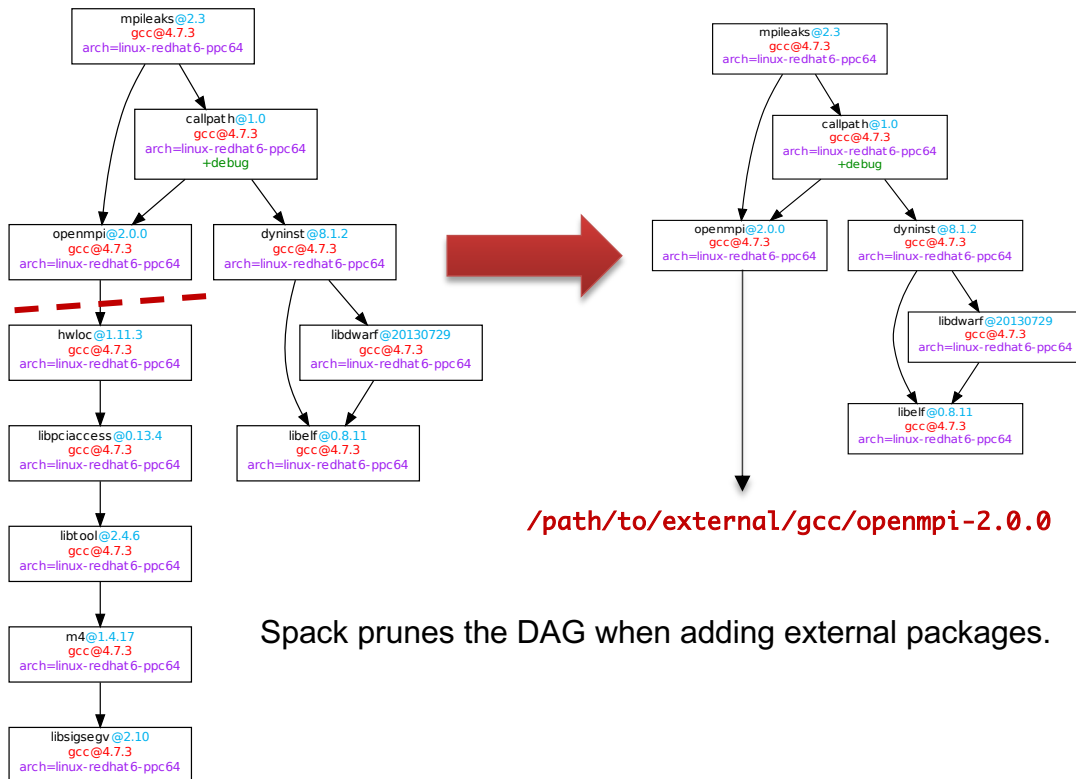
We can configure Spack to build with external software

```
mpileaks ^callpath@1.0+debug  
^openmpi ^libelf@0.8.11
```

packages.yaml

```
packages:  
  mpi:  
    buildable: False  
    paths:  
      openmpi@2.0.0 %gcc@4.7.3 arch=linux-rhel6-ppc64:  
        /path/to/external/gcc/openmpi-2.0.0  
      openmpi@1.10.3 %gcc@4.7.3 arch=linux-rhel6-ppc64:  
        /path/to/external/gcc/openmpi-1.10.3  
      ...
```

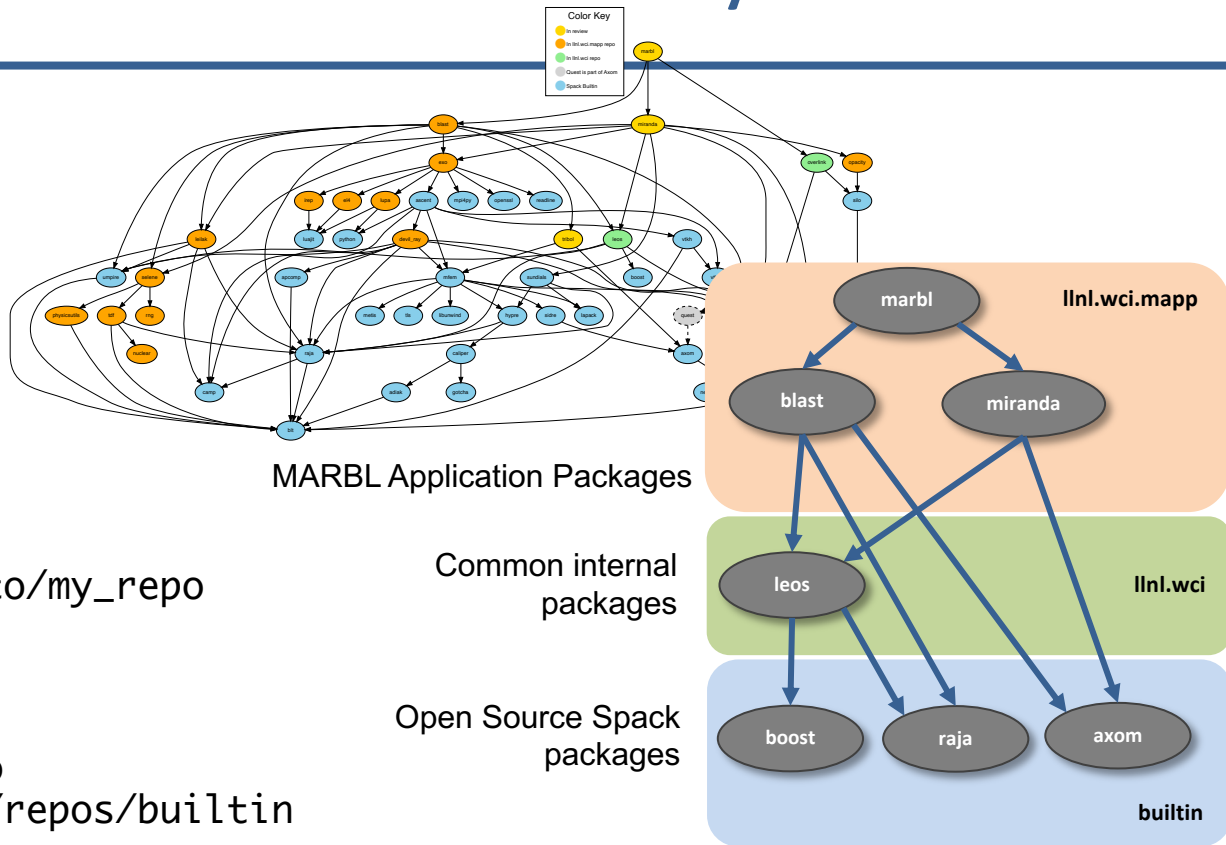
Users register external packages in a configuration file (more on these later).



Spack prunes the DAG when adding external packages.

Spack package repositories allow stacks to be layered

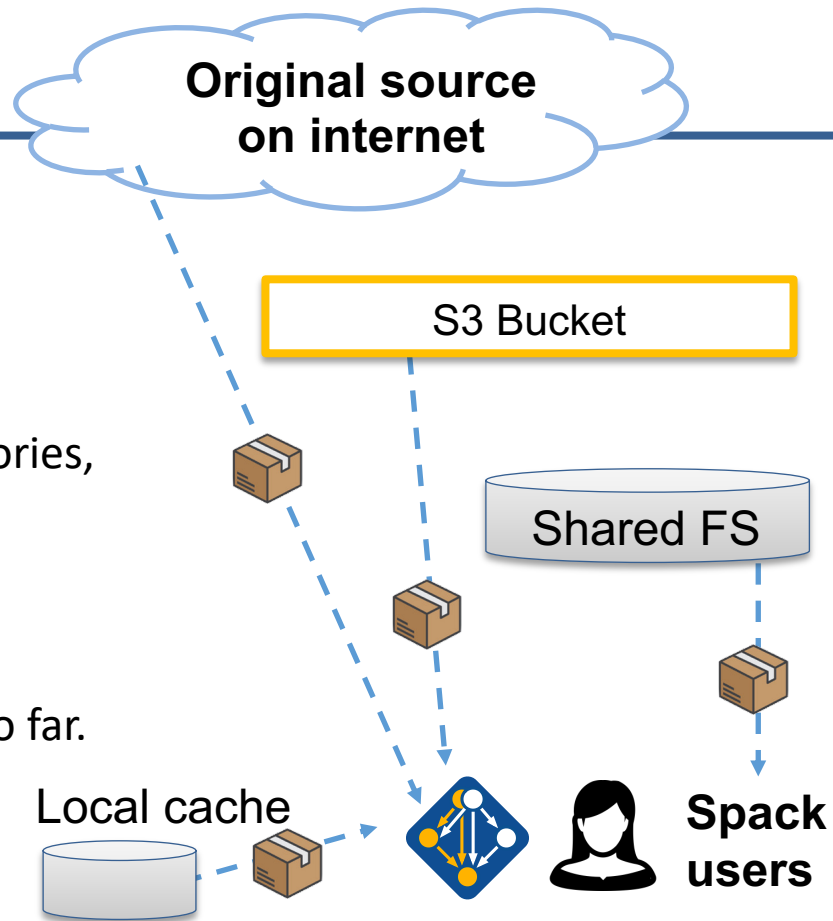
LLNL MARBL multi-physics application



```
$ spack repo create /path/to/my_repo
$ spack repo add my_repo
$ spack repo list
==> 2 package repositories.
my_repo    /path/to/my_repo
builtin    spack/var/spack/repos/builtin
```

Spack mirrors

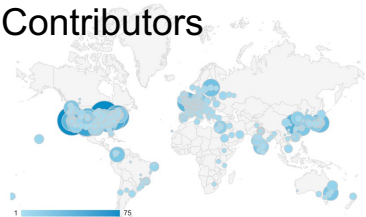
- Spack allows you to define *mirrors*:
 - Directories in the filesystem
 - On a web server
 - In an S3 bucket
- Mirrors are archives of fetched tarballs, repositories, and other resources needed to build
 - Can also contain binary packages
- By default, Spack maintains a mirror in `var/spack/cache` of everything you've fetched so far.
- You can host mirrors internal to your site
 - See the documentation for more details



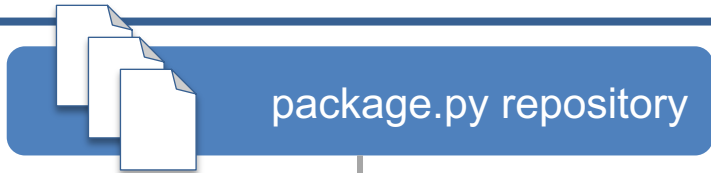
The concretizer includes information from packages, configuration, and CLI

Dependency solving is NP-hard

Contributors



- new versions
- new dependencies
- new constraints



package.py repository



concretizer

spack developers



default config
packages.yaml

admins,
users



local preferences config
packages.yaml

users

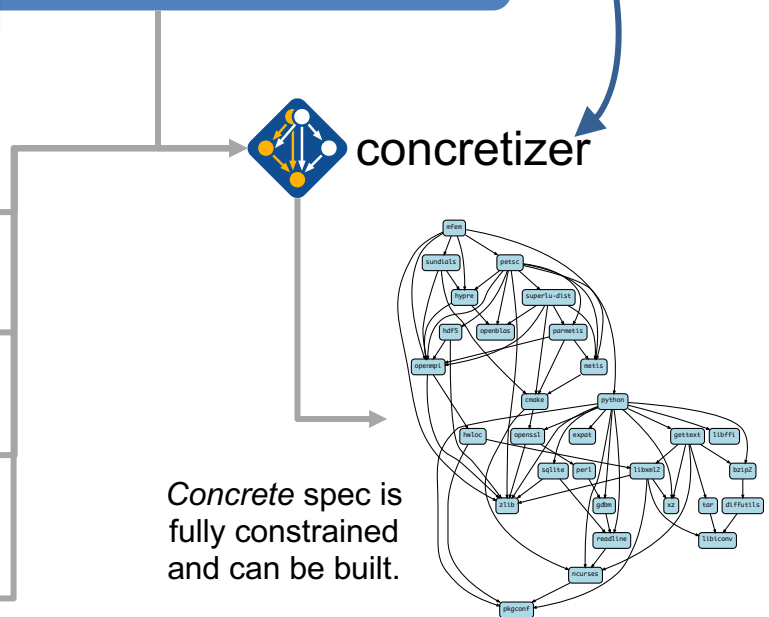


local environment config
spack.yaml

users

Command line constraints

```
spack install hdf5@1.12.0 +debug
```



Concrete spec is fully constrained and can be built.



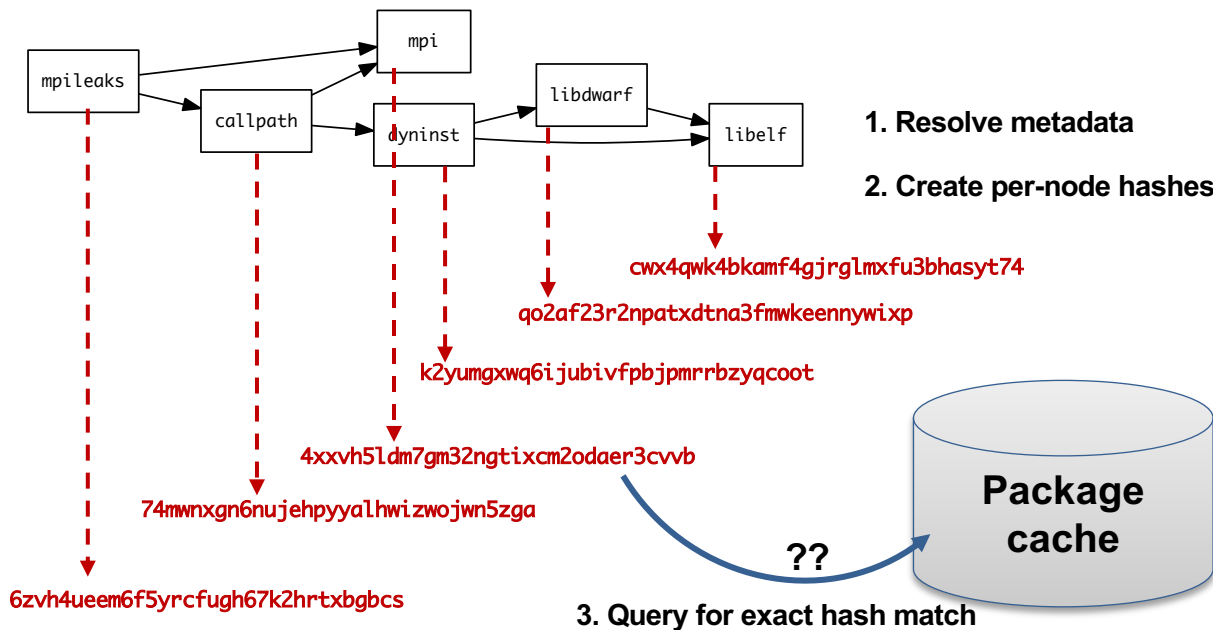
We use logic programming to simplify package solving

- New concretizer leverages Clingo (see potassco.org)
- Clingo is an Answer Set Programming (ASP) solver
 - ASP looks like Prolog; leverages SAT solvers for speed/correctness
 - ASP program has 2 parts:
 1. Large list of facts generated from our package repositories and config
 2. Small logic program (~800 lines)
 - includes constraints and optimization criteria
- New algorithm on the Spack side is conceptually simpler:
 - Generate facts for all possible dependencies, send to logic program
 - Optimization criteria express preferences more clearly
 - Build a DAG from the results
- New concretizer solves many specs that old concretizer can't
 - Backtracking is a huge win – many issues resolved
 - Conditional logic that was complicated before is now much easier

```
%-----  
% Package: ucx  
%-----  
version_declared("ucx", "1.6.1", 0).  
version_declared("ucx", "1.6.0", 1).  
version_declared("ucx", "1.5.2", 2).  
version_declared("ucx", "1.5.1", 3).  
version_declared("ucx", "1.5.0", 4).  
version_declared("ucx", "1.4.0", 5).  
version_declared("ucx", "1.3.1", 6).  
version_declared("ucx", "1.3.0", 7).  
version_declared("ucx", "1.2.2", 8).  
version_declared("ucx", "1.2.1", 9).  
version_declared("ucx", "1.2.0", 10).  
  
variant("ucx", "thread_multiple").  
variant_single_value("ucx", "thread_multiple").  
variant_default_value("ucx", "thread_multiple", "False").  
variant_possible_value("ucx", "thread_multiple", "False").  
variant_possible_value("ucx", "thread_multiple", "True").  
  
declared_dependency("ucx", "numactl", "build").  
declared_dependency("ucx", "numactl", "link").  
node("numactl") :- depends_on("ucx", "numactl"), node("ucx").  
  
declared_dependency("ucx", "rdma-core", "build").  
declared_dependency("ucx", "rdma-core", "link").  
node("rdma-core") :- depends_on("ucx", "rdma-core"), node("ucx").  
  
%-----  
% Package: util-linux  
%-----  
version_declared("util-linux", "2.29.2", 0).  
version_declared("util-linux", "2.29.1", 1).  
version_declared("util-linux", "2.25", 2).  
  
variant("util-linux", "libuuid").  
variant_single_value("util-linux", "libuuid").  
variant_default_value("util-linux", "libuuid", "True").  
variant_possible_value("util-linux", "libuuid", "False").  
variant_possible_value("util-linux", "libuuid", "True").  
  
declared_dependency("util-linux", "pkgconfig", "build").  
declared_dependency("util-linux", "pkgconfig", "link").  
node("pkgconfig") :- depends_on("util-linux", "pkgconfig"), node("util-linux").  
  
declared_dependency("util-linux", "python", "build").  
declared_dependency("util-linux", "python", "link").  
node("python") :- depends_on("util-linux", "python"), node("util-linux").
```

Some facts for the HDF5 package

--fresh only reuses builds if hashes match



- Hash matches are very sensitive to small changes
- In many cases, a satisfying cached or already installed spec can be missed
- Nix, Spack, Guix, Conan, and others reuse this way

--reuse (now the default) is more aggressive

- --reuse tells the solver about all the installed packages!
- Add constraints for all installed packages, with their hash as the associated ID:

```
installed_hash("openssl", "lwatuysmwkhuahrncywvn77icdhs6mn").
imposed_constraint("lwatuysmwkhuahrncywvn77icdhs6mn", "node", "openssl").
imposed_constraint("lwatuysmwkhuahrncywvn77icdhs6mn", "version", "openssl", "1.1.1g").
imposed_constraint("lwatuysmwkhuahrncywvn77icdhs6mn", "node_platform_set", "openssl", "darwin").
imposed_constraint("lwatuysmwkhuahrncywvn77icdhs6mn", "node_os_set", "openssl", "catalina").
imposed_constraint("lwatuysmwkhuahrncywvn77icdhs6mn", "node_target_set", "openssl", "x86_64").
imposed_constraint("lwatuysmwkhuahrncywvn77icdhs6mn", "variant_set", "openssl", "systemcerts", "True").
imposed_constraint("lwatuysmwkhuahrncywvn77icdhs6mn", "node_compiler_set", "openssl", "apple-clang").
imposed_constraint("lwatuysmwkhuahrncywvn77icdhs6mn", "node_compiler_version_set", "openssl", "apple-clang", "12.0.0").
imposed_constraint("lwatuysmwkhuahrncywvn77icdhs6mn", "concrete", "openssl").
imposed_constraint("lwatuysmwkhuahrncywvn77icdhs6mn", "depends_on", "openssl", "zlib", "build").
imposed_constraint("lwatuysmwkhuahrncywvn77icdhs6mn", "depends_on", "openssl", "zlib", "link").
imposed_constraint("lwatuysmwkhuahrncywvn77icdhs6mn", "hash", "zlib", "x2anksgssxsxa7pcnhzg5k3dhgacglze").
```

Telling the solver to minimize builds is surprisingly simple in ASP

1. Allow the solver to *choose* a hash for any package:

```
{ hash(Package, Hash) : installed_hash(Package, Hash) } 1 :- node(Package).
```

2. Choosing a hash means we impose its constraints:

```
impose(Hash) :- hash(Package, Hash).
```

3. Define a build as something *without* a hash:

```
build(Package) :- not hash(Package, _), node(Package).
```

4. Minimize builds!

```
#minimize { 1@100,Package : build(Package) }.
```

With and without --reuse optimization

```
(spack):solver> spack solve -II hdf5
=> Best of 9 considered solutions.
=> Optimization Criteria:
```

Priority	Criterion	Installed	ToBuild
1	number of packages to build (vs. reuse)	-	20
2	deprecated versions used	0	0
3	version weight	0	0
4	number of non-default variants (roots)	0	0
5	preferred providers for roots	0	0
6	default values of variants not being used (roots)	0	0
7	number of non-default variants (non-roots)	0	0
8	preferred providers (non-roots)	0	0
9	compiler mismatches	0	0
10	OS mismatches	0	0
11	non-preferred OS's	0	0
12	version badness	0	2
13	default values of variants not being used (non-roots)	0	0
14	non-preferred compilers	0	0
15	target mismatches	0	0
16	non-preferred targets	0	0

```
- zzzgfs3 hdf5@1.10.7%apple-clang@13.0.0-cxx-fortran-hl-ipo-java-mpi+shared-szip-threadsafe+tools api=default t
- nsyl0vq Acmake@3.21.4%apple-clang@13.0.0-docs+ncurses+openmpi+ownlibs-qt build_type=Release arch=darwin-bi
- xdbaqeo ^ncurses@6.2%apple-clang@13.0.0-0-symlinks+termlib abi=none arch=darwin-bigsur-skylake
- kfuneok ^pkgconf@1.8.0%apple-clang@13.0.0 arch=darwin-bigsur-skylake
- 5ek44ap ^openssl@1.1.1l%apple-clang@13.0.0-docs certs=system arch=darwin-bigsur-skylake
- xz6a265 ^perl@5.34.0%apple-clang@13.0.0-cpanm+shared+threads arch=darwin-bigsur-skylake
- xgt3t1s ^berkeley-db@18.1.40%apple-clang@13.0.0-cxx-docs+stl patches=b231fcc4d5c481f
- 65edjff6 ^bzp2@1.0.8%apple-clang@13.0.0-debug-pic+shared arch=darwin-bigsur-skylake
- 662adoo ^adiffutils@3.8%apple-clang@13.0.0 arch=darwin-bigsur-skylake
- fu7f5sr ^libiconv@1.16%apple-clang@13.0.0 libs=shared,static arch=darwin-bigsur-sky
- vjg67nd ^gdbm@1.19%apple-clang@13.0.0 arch=darwin-bigsur-skylake
- tjceldr ^readline@8.1%apple-clang@13.0.0 arch=darwin-bigsur-skylake
- xev1ljj ^zlib@1.2.11%apple-clang@13.0.0+optimize+pic+shared arch=darwin-bigsur-skylake
- xel1fobh ^openmpi@4.1.1%apple-clang@13.0.0-atomic-cuda-cxx-cxx_exceptions+gpgfs-internal-hwloc-java-legacy
- zrnuns75 ^hwloc@2.6.0%apple-clang@13.0.0-cairo-cuda-glibudev+libxml2-netloc-nvml-opencl-pci-rocm+sh
- 1b4fnkf ^libxml2@2.9.12%apple-clang@13.0.0-python arch=darwin-bigsur-skylake
- dwiv2ys ^xz@5.2.5%apple-clang@13.0.0-pic libs=shared,static arch=darwin-bigsur-skylake
- blitnbl ^libevent@2.1.12%apple-clang@13.0.0+openssl arch=darwin-bigsur-skylake
- h7jalvy ^openssh@8.7p1%apple-clang@13.0.0 arch=darwin-bigsur-skylake
- 7v7bqx2 ^libedit@3.1-20210216%apple-clang@13.0.0 arch=darwin-bigsur-skylake
```

```
(spack):spack> spack solve --reuse -II hdf5
=> Best of 10 considered solutions.
=> Optimization Criteria:
```

Priority	Criterion	Installed	ToBuild
1	number of packages to build (vs. reuse)	-	4
2	deprecated versions used	0	0
3	version weight	0	0
4	number of non-default variants (roots)	0	0
5	preferred providers for roots	0	0
6	default values of variants not being used (roots)	0	0
7	number of non-default variants (non-roots)	2	0
8	preferred providers (non-roots)	0	0
9	compiler mismatches	0	0
10	OS mismatches	0	0
11	non-preferred OS's	0	0
12	version badness	6	0
13	default values of variants not being used (non-roots)	1	0
14	non-preferred compilers	15	4
15	target mismatches	0	0
16	non-preferred targets	0	0

```
- yfknfnp hdf5@1.10.7%apple-clang@12.0.5-cxx-fortran-hl-ipo-java-mpi+shared-szip-threadsafe+tools api=default
- z4dm26e Acmake@3.21.1%apple-clang@12.0.5-docs+ncurses+openmpi+ownlibs-qt build_type=Release arch=darwin
- s315zxr ^ncurses@6.2%apple-clang@12.0.5-symlinks+termlib abi=none arch=darwin-bigsur-skylake
- us36bwr ^openssl@1.1.1l%apple-clang@12.0.5-docs+systemcerts arch=darwin-bigsur-skylake
- 74mwmxg ^zlib@1.2.11%apple-clang@12.0.5+optimize+pic+shared arch=darwin-bigsur-skylake
- 3ijfnel ^openmpi@4.1.1%apple-clang@12.0.5-atomic-cuda-cxx-cxx_exceptions+gpgfs-internal-hwloc-java-leg
- gjxyb77 ^hwloc@2.6.0%apple-clang@12.0.5-cairo-cuda-glibudev+libxml2-netloc-nvml-opencl-pci-rocm+sh
- skdn5zf ^libxml2@2.9.12%apple-clang@12.0.5-python arch=darwin-bigsur-skylake
- 47aut3t ^libiconv@1.16%apple-clang@12.0.5 libs=shared,static arch=darwin-bigsur-skylake
- x2ymgx ^xz@5.2.5%apple-clang@12.0.5-pic libs=shared,static arch=darwin-bigsur-skylake
- grgtlcd ^pkgconf@1.8.0%apple-clang@12.0.5 arch=darwin-bigsur-skylake
- hnc66ug ^libevent@2.1.12%apple-clang@12.0.5+openssl arch=darwin-bigsur-skylake
- 63xbksk ^openssh@8.6p1%apple-clang@12.0.5 arch=darwin-bigsur-skylake
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- jbkmtdd ^perl@5.34.0%apple-clang@12.0.5-cpanm+shared+threads arch=darwin-bigsur-skylake
- cnvkifs ^berkeley-db@18.1.40%apple-clang@12.0.5+cxx-docs+stl patches=b231fcc4d5c481f
- 7d5woqt ^bzp2@1.0.8%apple-clang@12.0.5-debug-pic+shared arch=darwin-bigsur-skylake
- v6di31 ^gdbm@1.19%apple-clang@12.0.5 arch=darwin-bigsur-skylake
- agy3v41 ^readline@8.1%apple-clang@12.0.5 arch=darwin-bigsur-skylake
```

Pure hash-based reuse: all misses

With reuse: 16 packages were reusable



Use `spack spec` to see the results of concretization

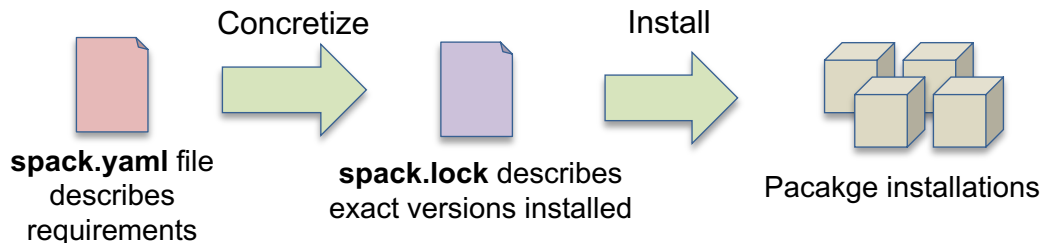
```
$ spack spec mpileaks
Input spec
```

```
-----
mpileaks
```

```
Concretized
```

```
-----
mpileaks@1.0%gcc@5.3.0 arch=darwin-elcapitan-x86_64
  ^adept-utils@1.0.1%gcc@5.3.0 arch=darwin-elcapitan-x86_64
    ^boost@1.61.0%gcc@5.3.0+atomic+chrono+date_time~debug+filesystem~graph
      ~icu_support+iostreams+locale+log+math~mpi+multithreaded+program_options
      ~python+random +regex+serialization+shared+signals+singlethreaded+system
      +test+thread+timer+wave arch=darwin-elcapitan-x86_64
        ^bzip2@1.0.6%gcc@5.3.0 arch=darwin-elcapitan-x86_64
        ^zlib@1.2.8%gcc@5.3.0 arch=darwin-elcapitan-x86_64
    ^openmpi@2.0.0%gcc@5.3.0~mxm~pmi~psm~psm2~slurm~sqlite3~thread_multiple~tm~verbs+vt arch=darwin-elcapitan-x86_64
      ^hwloc@1.11.3%gcc@5.3.0 arch=darwin-elcapitan-x86_64
        ^libpciaccess@0.13.4%gcc@5.3.0 arch=darwin-elcapitan-x86_64
          ^libtool@2.4.6%gcc@5.3.0 arch=darwin-elcapitan-x86_64
            ^m4@1.4.17%gcc@5.3.0+sigsegv arch=darwin-elcapitan-x86_64
              ^libsigsegv@2.10%gcc@5.3.0 arch=darwin-elcapitan-x86_64
          ^callpath@1.0.2%gcc@5.3.0 arch=darwin-elcapitan-x86_64
            ^dyninst@9.2.0%gcc@5.3.0~stat_dysect arch=darwin-elcapitan-x86_64
              ^libdwarf@20160507%gcc@5.3.0 arch=darwin-elcapitan-x86_64
                ^libelf@0.8.13%gcc@5.3.0 arch=darwin-elcapitan-x86_64
```

Spack environments enable users to build customized stacks from an abstract description



- spack.yaml describes project requirements
- spack.lock describes exactly what versions/configurations were installed, allows them to be reproduced.
- Can be used to maintain configuration of a software stack.
 - Can easily version an environment in a repository

Simple spack.yaml file

```
spack:
  # include external configuration
  include:
  - ../special-config-directory/
  - ./config-file.yaml

  # add package specs to the `specs` list
  specs:
  - hdf5
  - libelf
  - openmpi
```

Concrete spack.lock file (generated)

```
{
  "concrete_specs": {
    "6s63so2kstp3zyvjezglndmavy6l3nu1": {
      "hdf5": {
        "version": "1.10.5",
        "arch": {
          "platform": "darwin",
          "platform_os": "mojave",
          "target": "x86_64"
        },
      },
      "compiler": {
        "name": "clang",
        "version": "10.0.0-apple"
      },
    },
    "namespace": "builtin",
    "parameters": {
```

Environments, spack.yaml and spack.lock

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Hands-on Time: Configuration

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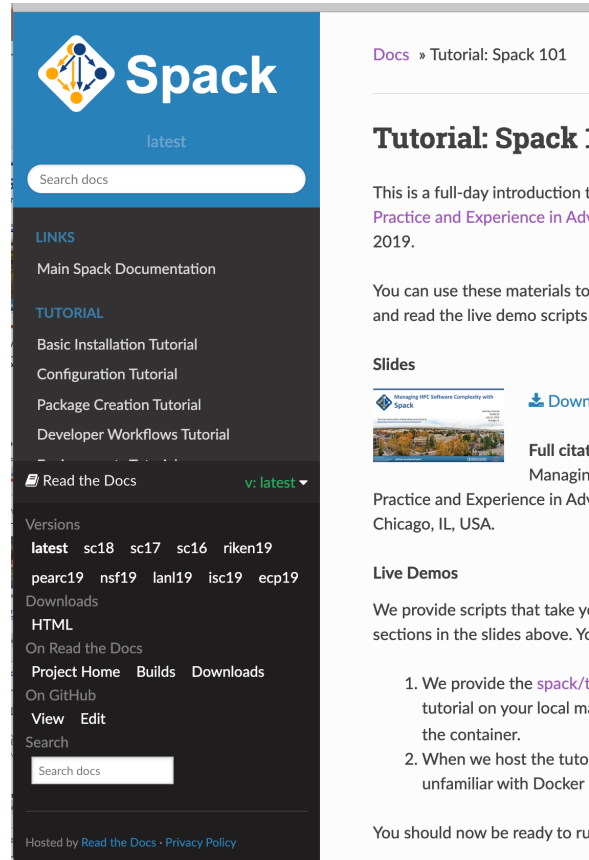
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1. We provide the [spack/tutorial](#) tutorial on your local machine to help you get familiar with the container.
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Hands-on Time: Stacks

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Spack packages are *parameterized* using the spec syntax

Python DSL defines many ways to build

```
from spack import *

class Kripke(CMakePackage):
    """Kripke is a simple, scalable, 3D Sn deterministic particle transport mini-app."""

    homepage = "https://computation.llnl.gov/projects/co-design/kripke"
    url       = "https://computation.llnl.gov/projects/co-design/download/kripke-openssl-1.1.tar.gz"

    version('1.2.3', sha256='3f7f2eef0d1ba5825780d626741eb0b3f026a096048d7ec4794d2a7dfbe2b8a6')
    version('1.2.2', sha256='eaf9ddf562416974157b34d00c3a1c880fc5296fce2aa2efa039a86e0976f3a3')
    version('1.1', sha256='232d74072fc7b848fa2adc8a1bc839ae8fb5f96d50224186601f55554a25f64a')

    variant('mpi', default=True, description='Build with MPI.')
    variant('openmp', default=True, description='Build with OpenMP enabled.')

    depends_on('mpi', when='+mpi')
    depends_on('cmake@3.0:', type='build')

    def cmake_args(self):
        return [
            '-DENABLE_OPENMP=%s' % ('+openmp' in self.spec),
            '-DENABLE_MPI=%s' % ('+mpi' in self.spec),
        ]

    def install(self, spec, prefix):
        mkdirp(prefix.bin)
        install('./spack-build/kripke', prefix.bin)
```

Base package
(CMake support)

Metadata at the class level

Versions

Variants (build options)

Dependencies
(same spec syntax)

Install logic
in instance methods

Don't typically need `install()` for `CMakePackage`, but we can work around codes that don't have it.

One package.py file per software project!

Hands-on Time: Creating Packages

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Hands-on Time: Scripting

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slack.spack.io

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Get a VM here →

The screenshot shows the Spack documentation website. The header features the Spack logo and the word "latest". Below the header is a search bar labeled "Search docs". A navigation menu on the left includes sections for "LINKS" (Main Spack Documentation), "TUTORIAL" (Basic Installation Tutorial, Configuration Tutorial, Package Creation Tutorial, Developer Workflows Tutorial), "Read the Docs" (v. latest), "Versions" (latest, sc18, sc17, sc16, riken19, pearc19, nsf19, lan19, isc19, ecp19), "Downloads", "HTML", "On Read the Docs", "Project Home", "Builds", "Downloads", "On GitHub", "View", "Edit", and "Search". The main content area on the right shows the breadcrumb "Docs » Tutorial: Spack 101", the title "Tutorial: Spack 101", and introductory text: "This is a full-day introduction to Spack. Practice and Experience in Advanced Computing 2019." It also mentions that users can use these materials to practice and read live demo scripts. A "Slides" section includes a thumbnail for "Managing HPC Software Complexity with Spack" and a "Full citation" for "Practice and Experience in Advanced Computing 2019, Chicago, IL, USA." A "Live Demos" section states: "We provide scripts that take you through the sections in the slides above. You should now be ready to run..." and lists two steps: "1. We provide the spack/tutorial directory on your local machine. Run the scripts to install the container." and "2. When we host the tutorial on a VM, you may be unfamiliar with Docker..." The footer indicates the site is hosted by Read the Docs and includes a Privacy Policy link.

Hands-on Time: Developer Workflows

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Hands-on Time: Binary Caches and Mirrors

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More Features and the Road Ahead

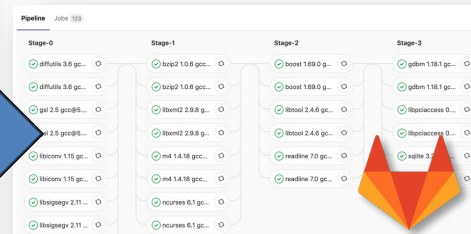


Spack environments are the foundation of Spack CI

- `spack ci` enables any environment to be turned into a build pipeline
- Pipeline generates a `.gitlab-ci.yml` file from `spack.lock`
- Pipelines can be used just to build, or to generate relocatable binary packages
 - Binary packages can be used to keep the same build from running twice
- Same repository used for `spack.yaml` can generate pipelines for project

```
spack:
  definitions:
  - pkgs:
    - readline@7.0
  - compilers:
    - '%gcc@5.5.0'
  - oses:
    - os=ubuntu18.04
    - os=centos7
  specs:
  - matrix:
    - [$pkgs]
    - [$compilers]
    - [$oses]
  mirrors:
  cloud_gitlab: https://mirror.spack.io
  gitlab-ci:
  mappings:
  - spack-cloud-ubuntu:
    match:
      - os=ubuntu18.04
    runner-attributes:
      tags:
      - spack-k8s
      image: spack/spack_builder_ubuntu_18.04
  - spack-cloud-centos:
    match:
      - os=centos7
    runner-attributes:
      tags:
      - spack-k8s
      image: spack/spack_builder_centos_7
  cdash:
  build-groups: Release Testing
  url: https://cdash.spack.io
  project: Spack
  site: Spack AWS Gitlab Instance
```

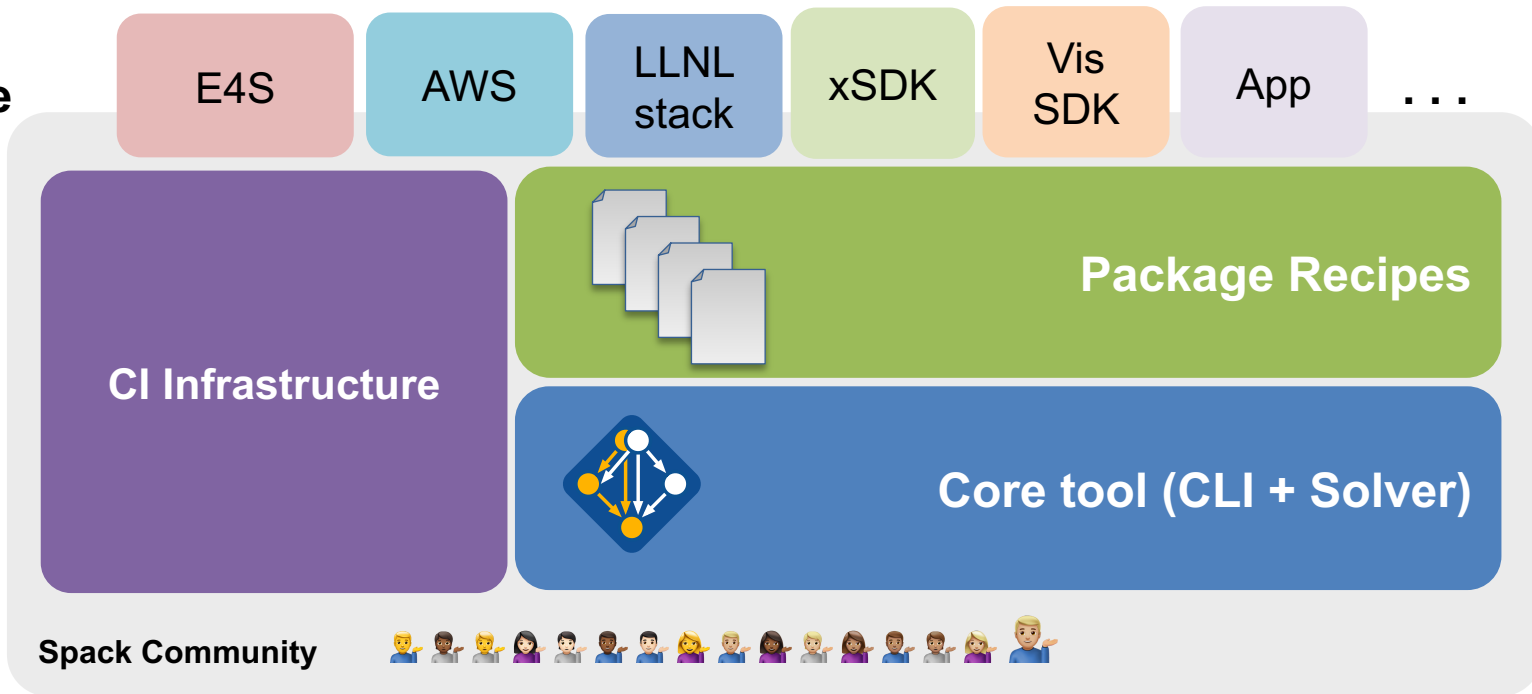
spack.yaml



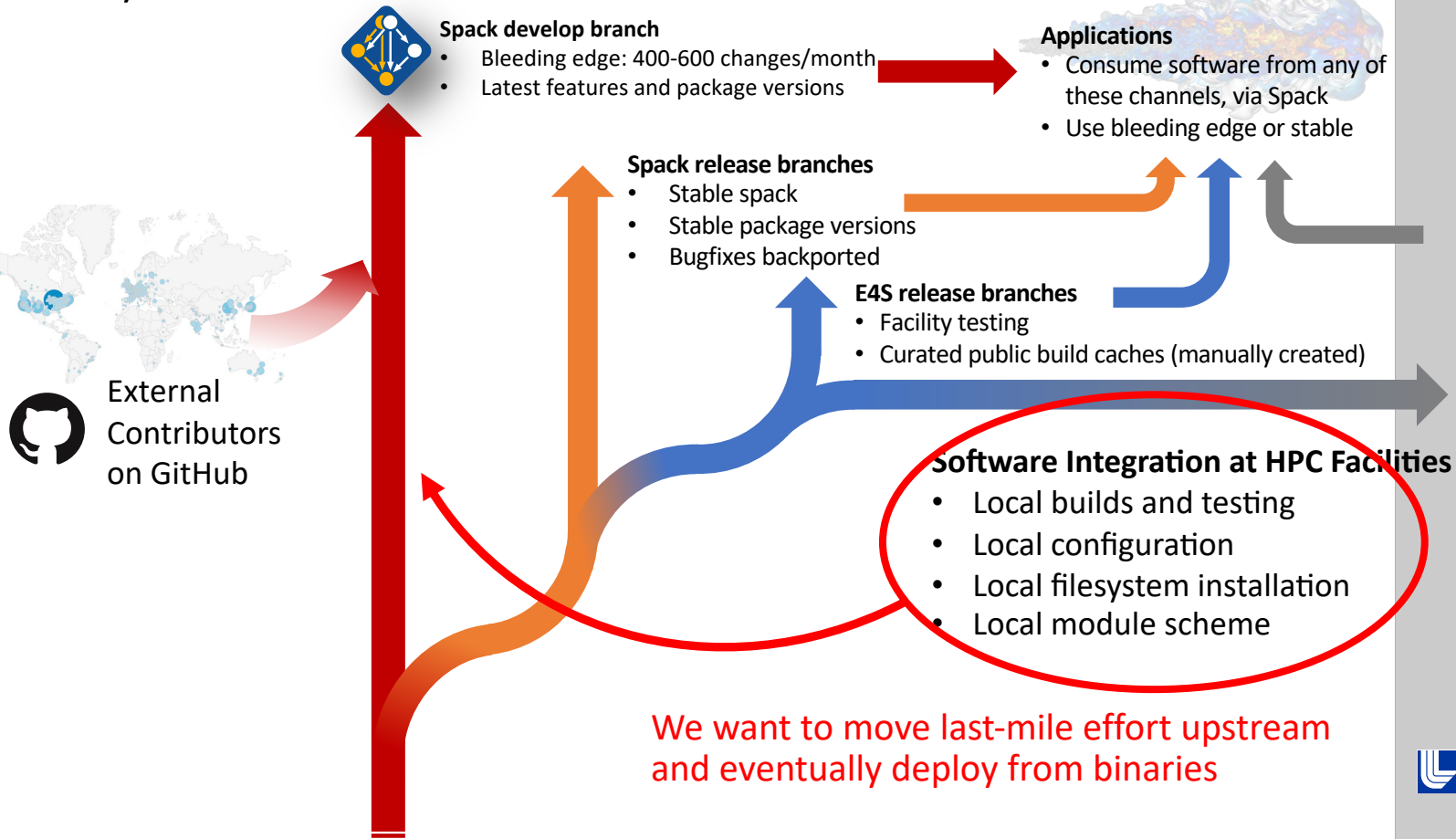
Parallel GitLab build pipeline

The Spack project enables communities to build their own software stacks

Lots of Software Stacks!



Large-scale collaboration enables us to support many downstream consumers



Facilities



Sustaining this ecosystem requires a scalable pipeline to support continuous builds

- 1. Sustainable:** Don't change maintainer workflow!
 - Limited number of maintainers working mostly in GitHub PRs
 - Most *not* actively monitoring the develop branch
 - Most don't want to babysit builds
 - Don't want extra work to cut a binary release
- 2. Rolling:** Releases for common branches:
 - **develop** (most users): continuously built cache
 - **releases/***: basically just the develop stack frozen at release time
- 3. Scalable:**
 - eventually support all 7,200+ packages
- 4. Source-buildable:** Ensure that source builds *still* work in many environments
 - Users still build from source frequently
 - Don't assume everyone will be using binaries
- 5. Secure:**
 - Ensure that binaries are just as trustworthy as sources

We have greatly simplified the process of creating a stack

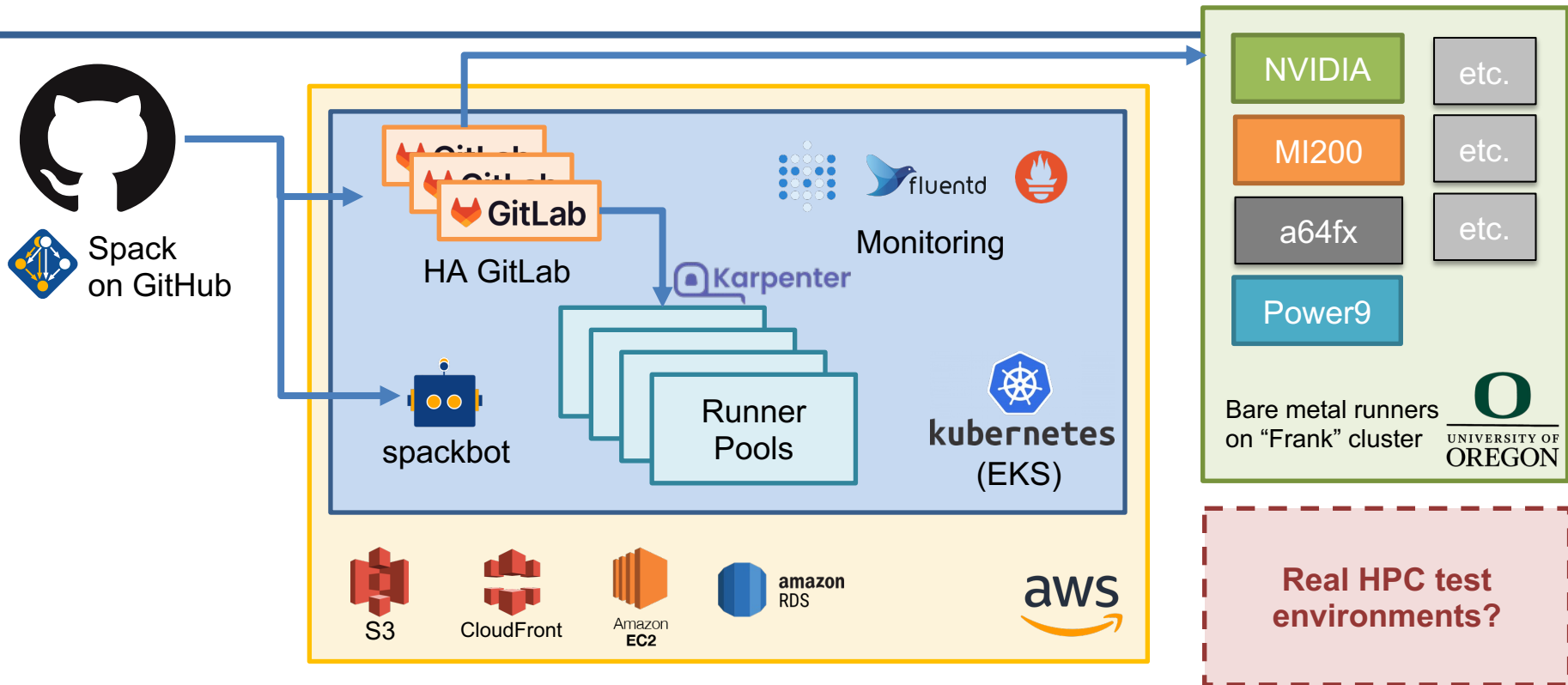
- Lists of packages aimed at communities
 - E4S HPC distribution
 - Power, macOS, OneAPI versions
 - Various ML stacks
 - CPU
 - CUDA
 - ROCm
 - LLNL-specific stacks
 - AWS user stacks
- Easy to build same stack many different ways using versatile recipes
- No more boilerplate!

```
17 packages:
18 all:
19     target: [x86_64_v3]
20     variants: ~rocm+cuda cuda_arch=80
21     llvm:
22     # https://github.com/spack/spack/issues/27999
23     require: ~cuda
24
25 definitions:
26 - packages:
27   # Horovod
28   - py-horovod
29
30   # Hugging Face
31   - py-transformers
32
33   # JAX
34   - py-jax
35   - py-jaxlib
36
37   # Keras
38   - py-keras
39   - py-keras-applications
40   - py-keras-preprocessing
41   - py-keras2onnx
42
43   # PyTorch
44   - py-botorch
45   - py-efficientnet-pytorch
46   - py-gpytorch
47   - py-kornia
48   - py-pytorch-gradual-warmup-lr
49   - py-pytorch-lightning
50   - py-segmentation-models-pytorch
```

Config parameters

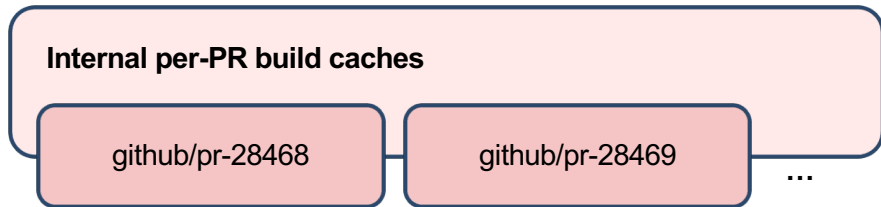
List of packages

Spack CI Architecture



We ensure rapid turnaround *and* protect against malicious binaries by bifurcating our pipeline

Untrusted S3 buckets



Public, signed binaries in CDN



Contributors submit package changes

- Iterate on builds in PR
- Caches prevent unnecessary rebuilds



Maintainers review PRs

- Verify PR build succeeded
- Review package code
- Merge to develop



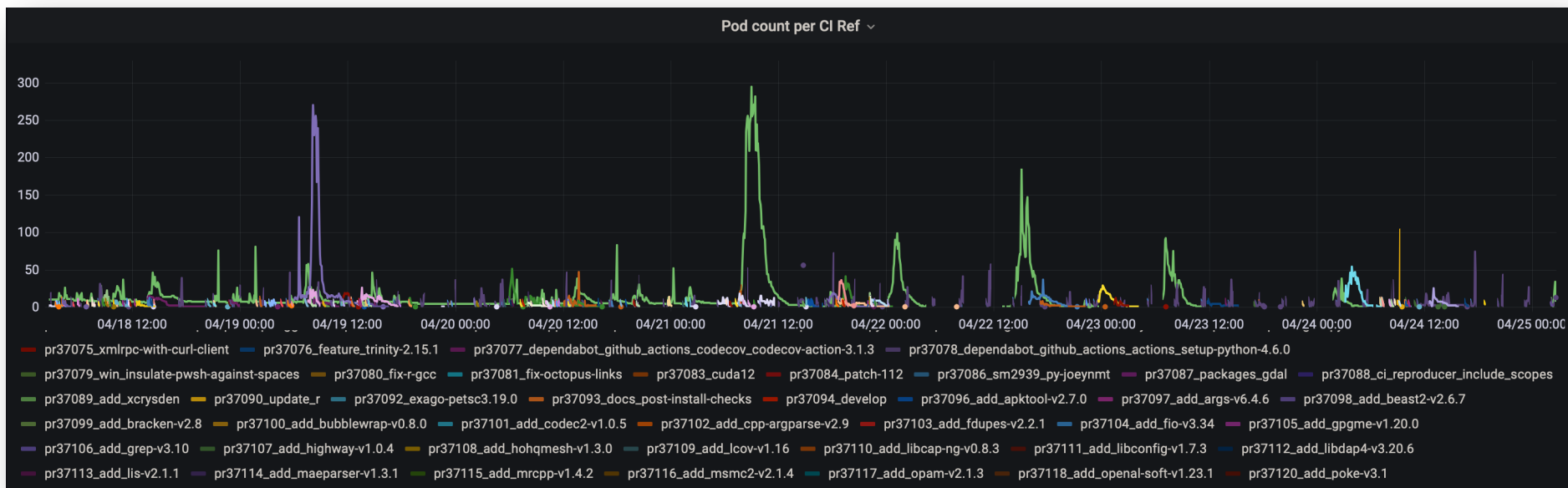
Rebuild and Sign

- Published binaries built ONLY from approved code
- Protected signing runners
- Ephemeral keys

- Moves bulk of binary maintenance upstream, onto PRs
 - Production binaries never reuse binaries from untrusted environment

Our CI system enables us to build entire software stacks within a single pull request

- Users can write a simple file and fire up 300+ builders to build thousands of packages
- We're currently handling 50,000 – 100,000 package builds *per week*



We announced our public binary cache last June. We're maintaining ~4,600 builds in CI!



	All checks have passed	Hide all checks
7 successful and 4 skipped checks		
	ci / bootstrap (pull_request)	Skipped Details
	ci / unit-tests (pull_request)	Skipped Details
	ci / windows (pull_request)	Skipped Details
	ci / all (pull_request)	Skipped Required Details
	ci/gitlab-ci — Pipeline succeeded	Required Details
	docs/readthedocs.org:spack — Read the Docs build succeeded!	Required Details

Easy (mostly) for contributors!

Easy for users!

Still need HPC CI,
but working on it

latest v0.18.x release binaries

spack mirror add v018 <https://binaries.spack.io/releases/v0.18>

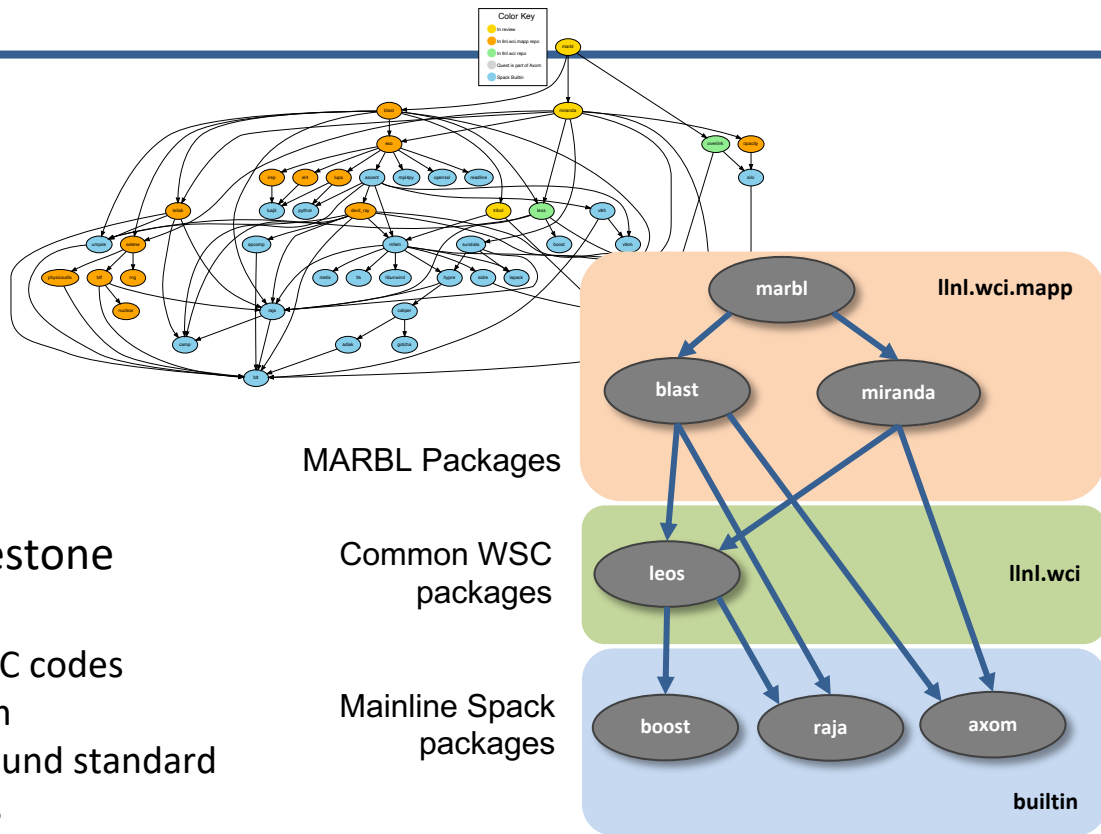
rolling release: bleeding edge binaries

spack mirror add develop <https://binaries.spack.io/develop>

So, what else could go wrong?



We are working with code teams to develop standard workflows for layered build farms

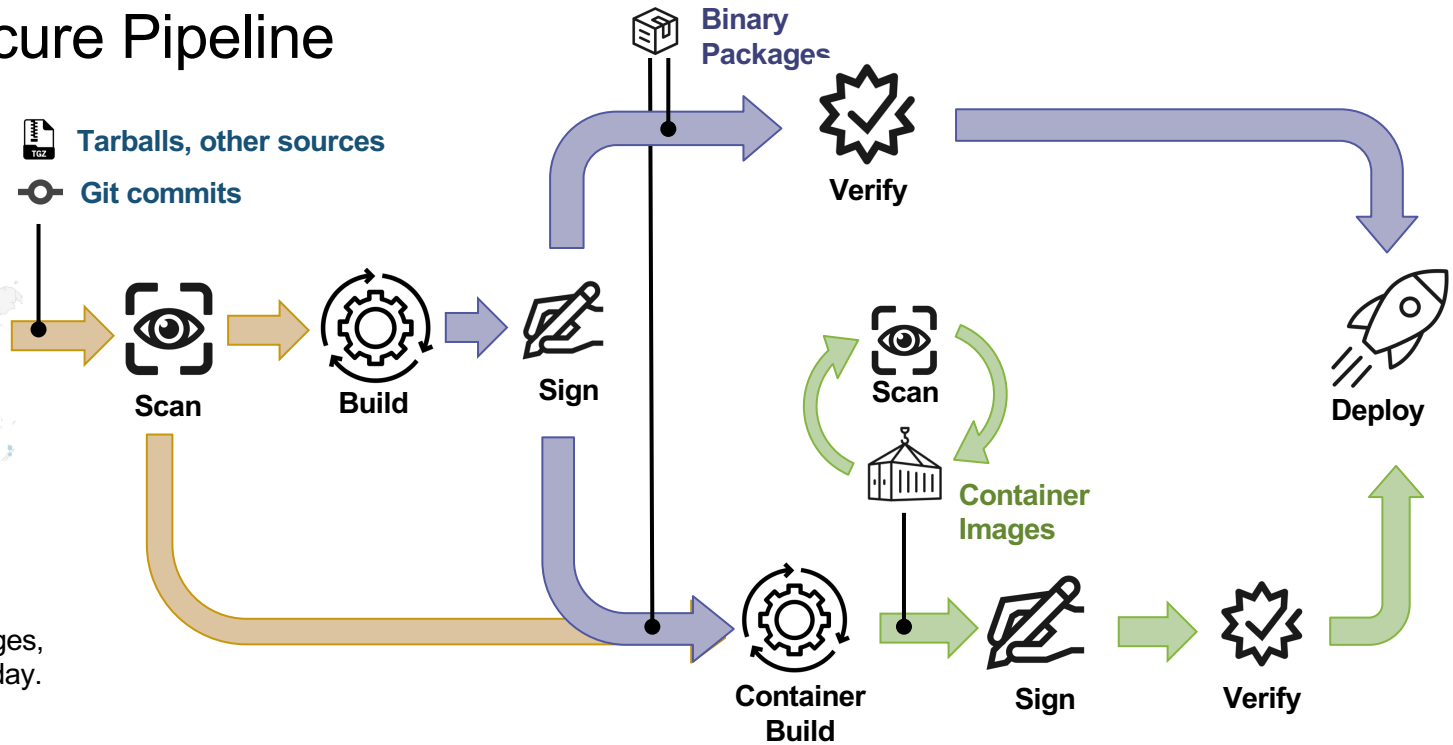
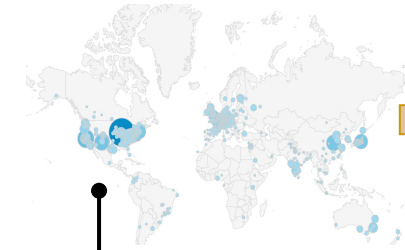
- We are working with the MARBL team to move their development environment to Spack
- We have established a build and deployment working group among WSC codes
- We aim to put together an L2 milestone for next year to:
 - Make a common build farm for WSC codes
 - Layer with Spack's public build farm
 - Gradually bring teams together around standard build configurations and workflows



A Notional Secure Pipeline

 Open Source Contributions

 Tarballs, other sources
 Git commits



 Spack has 6,500 packages, with many updates per day.

- We need a standard set of guidelines that we *accept* for supply chain integrity
 - Labs are trending towards GitLab, Spack for HPC
 - Standard container formats can help with scanning
 - Standard SBOM format could help sites cross-validate codes
- “Thorn Thymus” LDRD Strategic Initiative is working on new ways to recognize malware
 - Could integrate this into our pipeline when it’s ready

Spack retains more software provenance than most SBOMs

- Spec for zlib is at left
 - Contains much of the metadata SBOM asks for
 - Plus performance/build info of interest to HPC folks
- Patch, archive, and package recipe hashes allow you to verify the build
 - These are currently not exposed
 - We hash them and include the result
 - Can easily replace the hash with specific archive/patch hashes
- SBOM generation from this data is in progress
 - All Spack installs will have SBOMs to leverage industry tooling

```
{
  "spec": {
    "_meta": {
      "version": 3
    },
    "nodes": [
      {
        "name": "zlib",
        "version": "1.2.12",
        "arch": {
          "platform": "darwin",
          "platform_os": "bigsur",
          "target": {
            "name": "skylake"
          }
        },
        "compiler": {
          "name": "apple-clang",
          "version": "13.0.0"
        },
        "namespace": "builtin",
        "parameters": {
          "optimize": true,
          "pic": true,
          "shared": true,
          "cflags": [],
          "cppflags": [],
          "cxxflags": [],
          "fflags": [],
          "ldflags": [],
          "ldlibs": []
        },
        "hashes": {
          "archive": "91844808532e5ce316b3c010929493c0244f3d37593afd6de04f71821d5136d9",
          "patches": [
            "0d38234384870bfd34dfcb738a9083952656f0c766a0f5990b1893076b084b76"
          ],
          "package_hash": "6kkl1qdv67ucvfpfdwaacy5bz6s6en4"
        },
        "hash": "zbntgjnd2wgvvkfi55y45ms3p7wg5ns"
      }
    ]
  }
}
```

Schema version

Package name

Version

Compiler,
target architecture

Origin package repo

Variants, build options, flags

Hashes of archive, patches, build recipe

Hash of entire spec

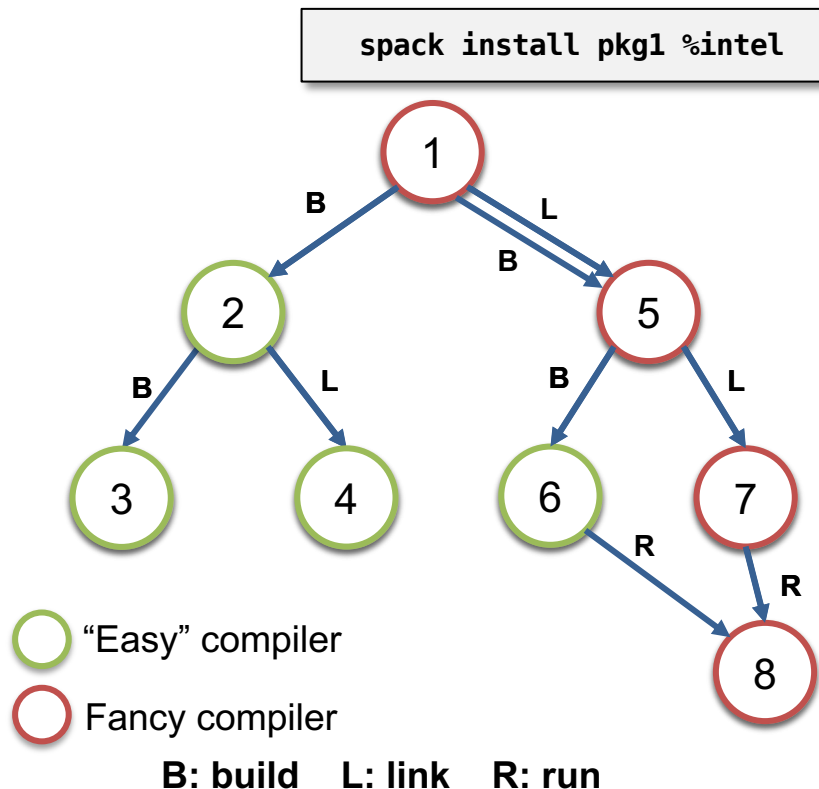
Future directions we would like to pursue

- Build pipeline hardening / scanning
 - Add scanning and assurance stages to our build pipeline
- Work with other projects to add assurance technologies
 - OpenSSF project has automated checks that can be integrated with CI pipelines
 - LLNL Thorn Thymus project has scanning
- Package curation
 - Identify and label projects within Spack that meet security standards
 - Curate a vetted sub-distribution of software
 - Work with projects like E4S
- Certified system images (for embedded devices, HPC, cloud, containers, etc.)
 - Configure and build a custom OS image with only selected components/options
 - Spack currently supports software *above* libc, but not libc
 - Contributors from the embedded community are working with us on this low-level support
 - May be used to replace tools like Yocto, OpenWRT, Gentoo

Roadmap:

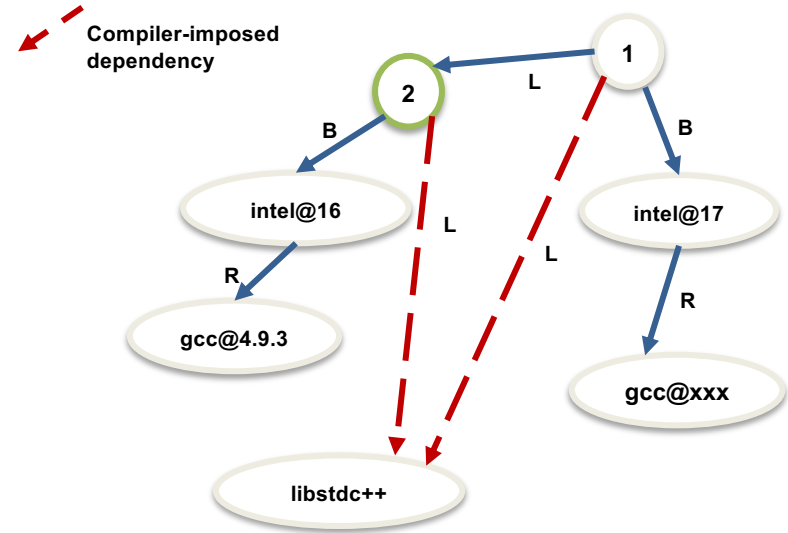
Separate concretization of build dependencies

- We want to:
 - Build build dependencies with the "easy" compilers
 - Build rest of DAG (the link/run dependencies) with the fancy compiler
- 2 approaches to modify concretization:
 - 1. Separate solves**
 - Solve run and link dependencies first
 - Solve for build dependencies separately
 - May restrict possible solutions (build \leftrightarrow run env constraints)
 - 2. Separate models**
 - Allow a bigger space of packages in the solve
 - Solve *all* runtime environments together
 - May explode (even more) combinatorially



Roadmap: Compilers as dependencies

- **Need separate concretization of build dependencies to make this work**
 - Model compiler as build dep (not unified)
 - Runtimes as link deps (unified)
 - Ensure compatibility between runtimes when using multiple compilers together
- **We need deeper modeling of compilers to handle compiler interoperability**
 - libstdc++, libc++ compatibility
 - Compilers that depend on compilers
 - Linking executables with multiple compilers
- **Packages that depend on languages**
 - Depend on **cxx@2011**, **cxx@2017**, **fortran@1995**, etc
 - Depend on **openmp@4.5**, other compiler features
 - Model languages, openmp, cuda, etc. as virtuals



Compilers and runtime libs fully modeled as dependencies

When would we go to “Version 1.0”?

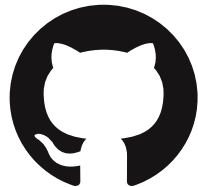
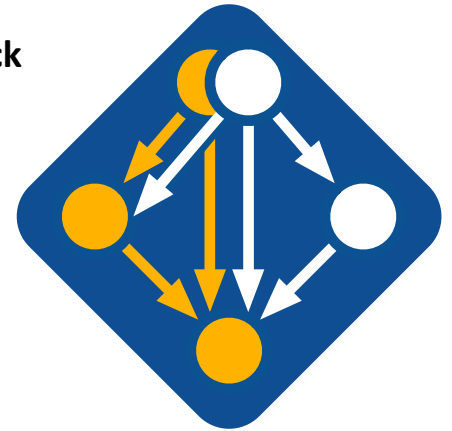
Big things we’ve wanted for 1.0 are:

- New concretizer
- production CI **Done!**
- production public build cache
- Compilers as dependencies
- Stable package API
 - Enables separate package repository

We are still working on the last 3 here, but getting much closer!

Join the Spack community!

- There are lots of ways to get involved!
 - Contribute packages, documentation, or features at github.com/spack/spack
 - Contribute your configurations to github.com/spack/spack-configs
- Talk to us!
 - You're already on our **Slack channel** (spackpm.herokuapp.com)
 - Join our **Google Group** (see GitHub repo for info)
 - Submit **GitHub issues** and **pull requests!**



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