



# Summary



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Developing a Testing and Continuous Integration Strategy for your  
Team tutorial @ Exascale Computing Project Annual Meeting

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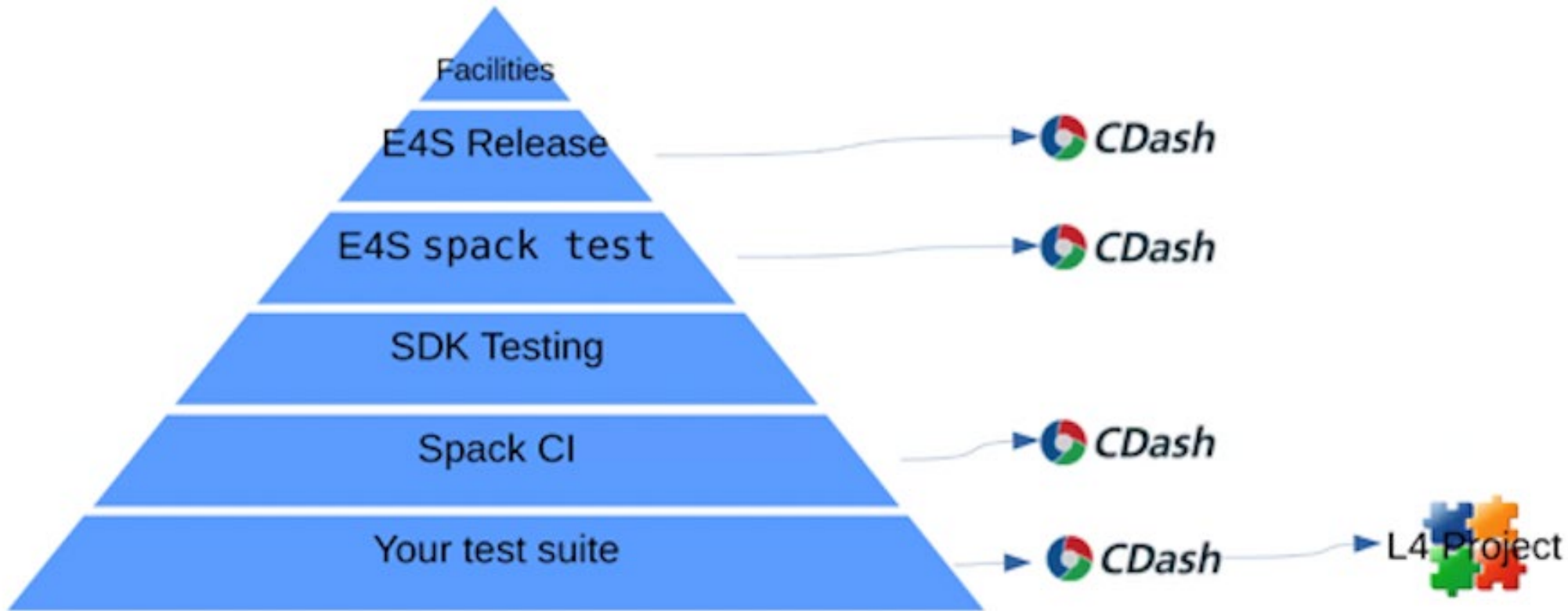
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# Testing Matters (Maybe even more than you think)



- Individual project test suites are the basis for many layers of testing
  - Well constructed tests add to confidence in and stability of code
  - Fragile or insufficient test suites lead to errors and frustration

# We Covered Software Engineering Topics Focused on Testing...

- Testing strategies for complex software systems
- Continuous integration testing

# And there are Many More Topics We Didn't Have Time For

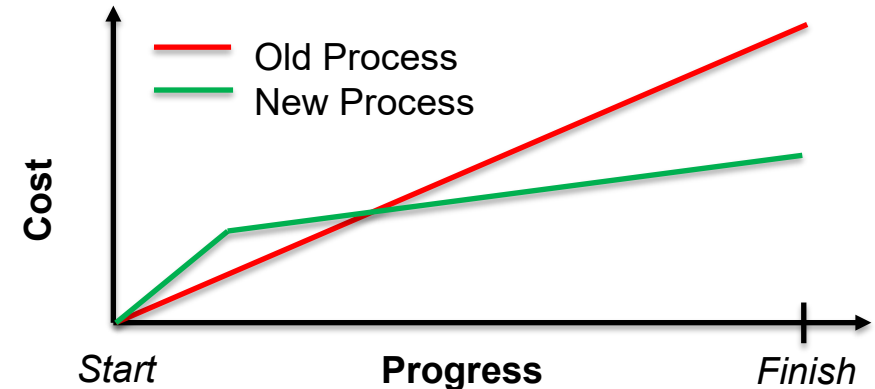
- Documentation
- Licensing
- Packaging and distribution
- Issue tracking
- Configuration and build
- Debugging strategies
- Building and sustaining communities around software
- Software publication and citation
- Requirements gathering
- Understanding and debugging floating-point math
- Performance and performance portability
- Project management
- Collaboration around software development
- Designing software for flexibility and extensibility
- Systematic refactoring of large, complex software systems
- Reproducibility
- **Also important topics, but...**
- **Less distinction between research software and other software**
- **More informational resources available**
- **Next-level concerns for starting researchers**
- **Very limited time!**

But you're a researcher.  
You can't afford to spend  
“all” of your time on  
software engineering.

# A Final Recommendation: Continual, Incremental Software Process Improvement

Target: your project should include “just enough” software engineering so that you can meet your short-term and longer-term scientific goals effectively

1. Identify your team’s “pain points” in your software development processes
    - Help: RateYourProject assessment tool:  
<https://rateyourproject.org/>
  2. Set a goal for something to improve
    - Target processes and behaviors, not just tasks
    - Pick something that you can address in a few months that will give you a noticeable benefit
  3. Agree on a plan to address it, identify markers of progress and what is “done”
    - Write them down
    - Help: Progress tracking card examples:  
<https://bssw-psip.github.io/ptc-catalog/catalog>
  4. Work your plan, track your progress
  5. When you are done, celebrate...
- 7 ...then pick a new pain point to address



*The new process costs something to implement, but it pays off over time*

Productivity and Sustainability Improvement Planning

<https://bssw.io/psip>



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# Thanks, and Keep in Touch!

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# Related Events at the ECP Annual Meeting (*all times Eastern*)

- IDEAS Desk – informal conversations about developer productivity and software sustainability
  - **Room 125** in the Gather.Town Side Meetings area (Whova -> Logistics)
  - Hours: 12:30pm-1:30pm Monday through Friday
- ECP Broader Engagement Initiative
  - 1:00pm-3:00pm Tuesday
- AD, Hardware and Integration, and Facilities Poster Session
  - 4:00pm-6:00pm Tuesday
- Best Practices #somycodewillseethefuture Breakout
  - 1:00pm-2:00pm Wednesday
- Panel on Sustainability of ECP Software and Applications
  - 1:00pm-3:00pm Wednesday
- What Can be Learned from Applying Team of Teams Principles to the ECP Projects PETSc, Trilinos, xSDK, and E4S?
  - 1:00pm-3:00pm Thursday
- **Bonus:** ECP Community BoF Days: Fostering Software Sustainability, Productivity and Quality through BSSw.io (registration required)
  - 3:00pm-4:30pm Wednesday 11 May

