

Managing HPC Software Complexity with Spack

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Agenda (approximate)

Morning

Intro	9:30 am
Basics	9:45 am
Concepts	10:30 am
Break	11:00 am
Environments	11:30 am
Configuration	12:15 am
Lunch	1:00 pm

Afternoon

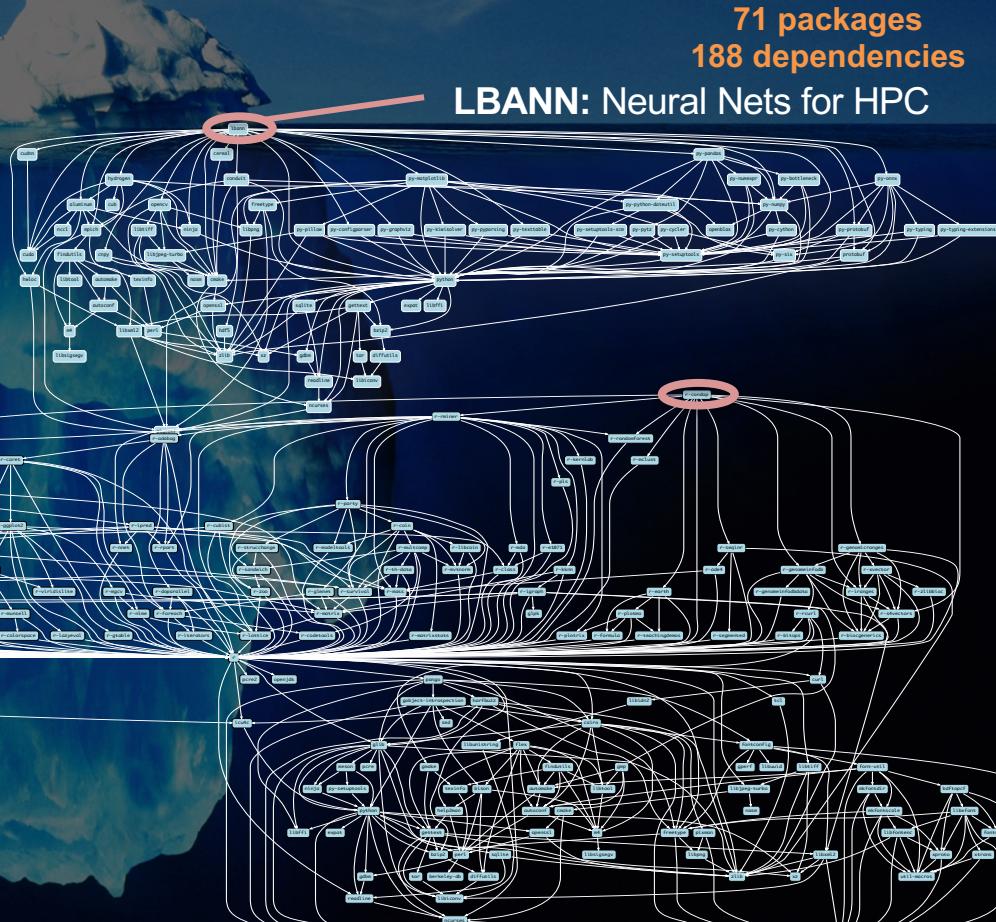
Packaging	2:00 pm
Binary and Source Mirrors	3:00 pm
Break	3:30 pm
Stacks	4:00 pm
Developer workflows	5:00 pm
Roadmap / Questions	5:25 pm
End	5:30 pm



Modern scientific codes rely on icebergs of dependency libraries



MFEM:
Higher-order finite elements
**31 packages,
69 dependencies**

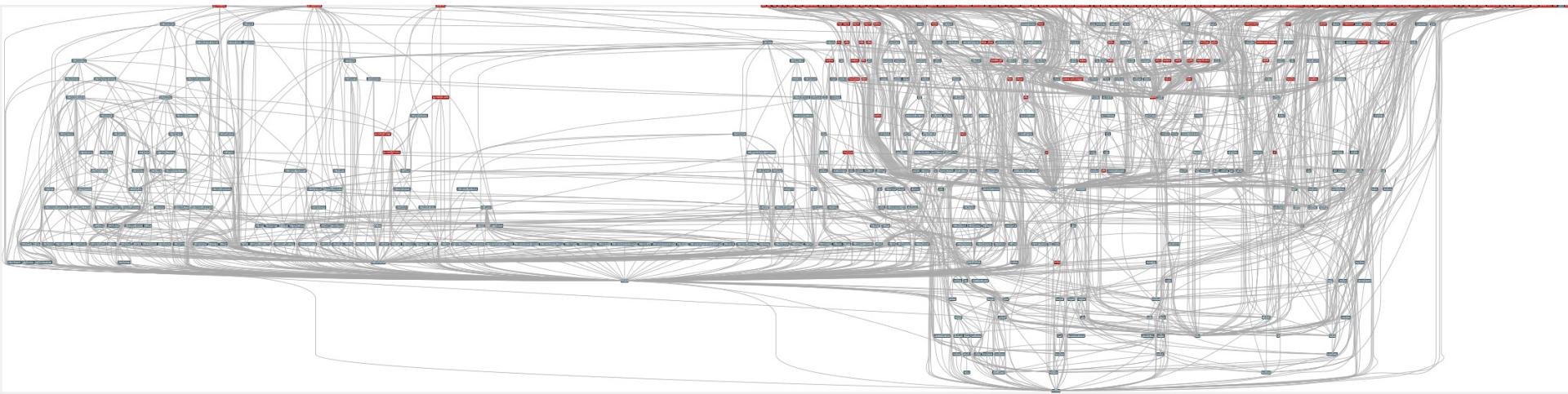


**71 packages
188 dependencies**

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



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 machine
 - Need to use host GPU libraries and network
- **Multi-language**
 - C, C++, Fortran, Python, others all in the same ecosystem

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Some Supercomputers



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



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

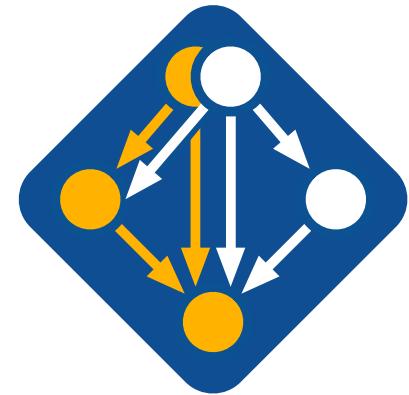
No installation required: clone and go

```
$ 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 +threadsafe
```

```
$ 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
```



github.com/spack/spack

- 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)

What's a package manager?

- Spack is a ***package manager***
 - Does not 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

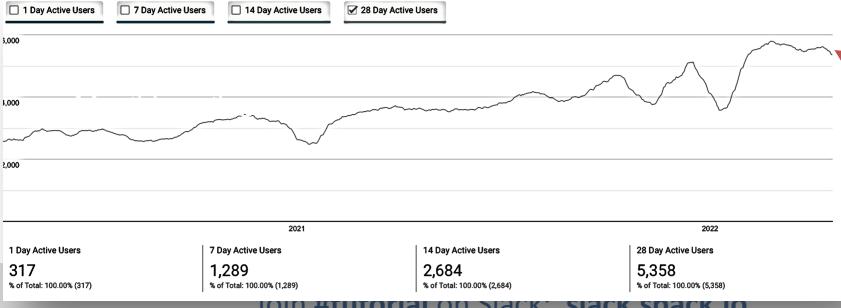
- People who want to package their own software for distribution

4. User support teams at HPC Centers

- People who deploy software for users at large HPC sites

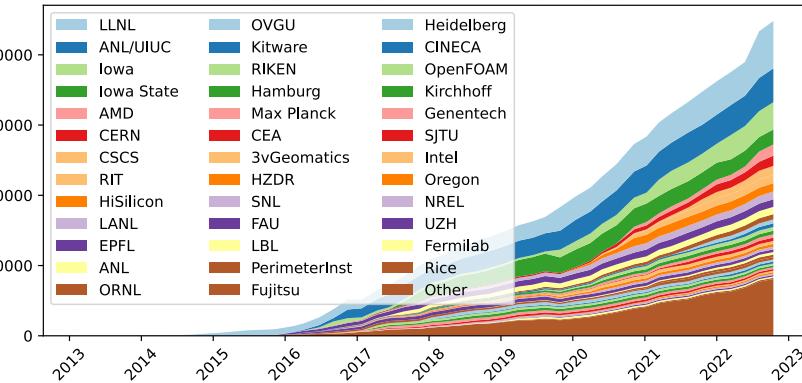


Spack sustains the HPC software ecosystem with the help of its many contributors



Over 6,700 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!

Nearly 6,000 monthly active users
(per documentation site)



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



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.

A screenshot of the E4S Project website. The header includes the E4S logo, navigation links for HOME, EVENTS, ABOUT, DOCUMENTATION, POLICIES, CONTACT US, FAQ, and DOWNLOAD. Below the header, a section titled 'What is E4S?' provides a brief overview of the project. To the right, there are sections for 'Purpose' (describing E4S as a meta-build tool), 'Approach' (mentioning Docker, Singularity, Shifter, and CharlieCloud), 'Platforms' (listing various HPC platforms), and 'Testing' (mentioning a large collection of reusable HPC software packages).

The Extreme-Scale Scientific Software Stack (E4S) is a community effort to provide open source software packages for developing, deploying and running scientific applications on high-performance computing (HPC) platforms. E4S provides from-source builds and containers of a broad selection of HPC software packages.

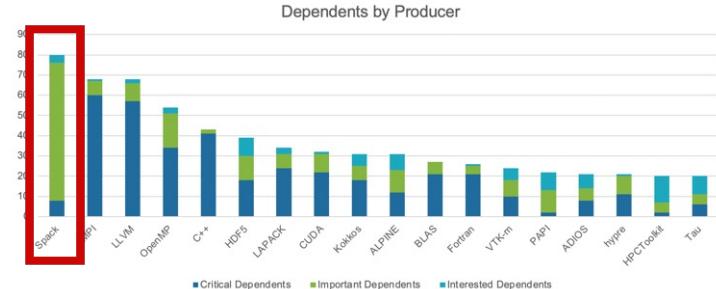
Purpose
E4S exists to accelerate the development, deployment and use of HPC software, lowering the barriers for HPC users. E4S provides automated builds and containers for more than 80 popular HPC products in programming models such as MPI, development tools such as HPCToolkit, TAU and PAPI, math libraries such as PETSc and Trilinos, and data and file tools such as HDF5 and Paraview.

Approach
By using Spack as the meta-build tool and providing containers of prebuilt binaries for Docker, Singularity, Shifter and CharlieCloud, E4S enables the flexible use and testing of a large collection of reusable HPC software packages.

Platforms
The E4S stack is designed to run on a wide range of HPC platforms, including those supported by the OpenHPC community, such as Cray, Dell, HPE, IBM, Mellanox, Oracle, and Supermicro.

Testing
The E4S stack is tested on a variety of HPC systems, including those at Argonne, Brookhaven, Fermilab, Los Alamos, Lawrence Berkeley, Lawrence Livermore, Oak Ridge, and Sandia National Laboratories, as well as other academic and industrial facilities.

<https://e4s.io>

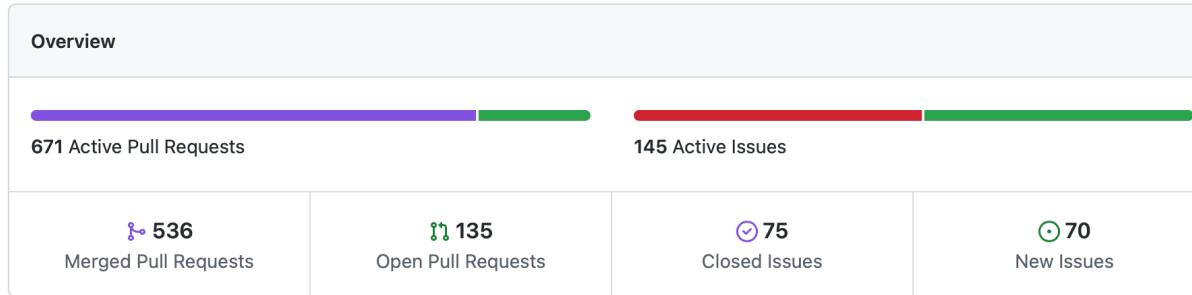


Spack is the most depended-upon project in ECP

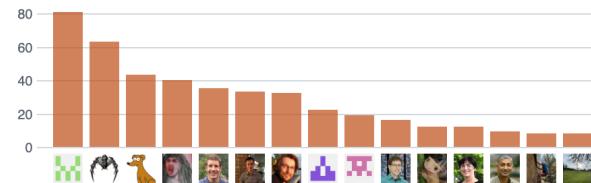
One month of Spack development is pretty busy!

October 12, 2021 – November 12, 2021

Period: 1 month ▾



Excluding merges, **173 authors** have pushed **571 commits** to develop and **634 commits** to all branches. On develop, **703 files** have changed and there have been **20,730 additions** and **3,807 deletions**.



1 Release published by 1 person

v0.17.0
published 7 days ago

536 Pull requests merged by 151 people

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Spack's widespread adoption has drawn contributions and collaborations with many vendors

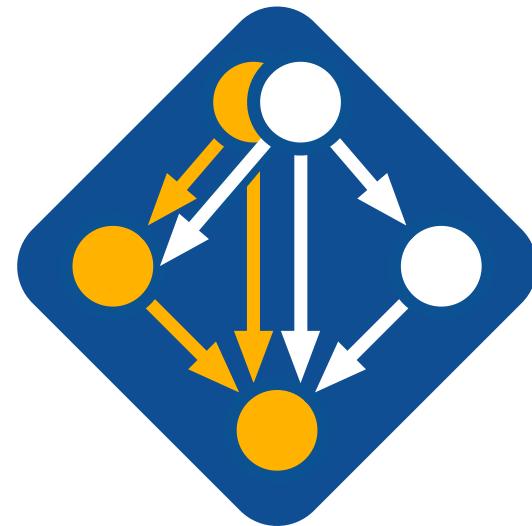
- **AWS** invests significantly in cloud credits for Spack build farm
 - Joint Spack tutorial with AWS had 125+ participants
 - Joint AWS/AHUG Spack Hackathon drew 60+ participants
- **AMD** has contributed ROCm packages and compiler support
 - 55+ PRs mostly from AMD, also others
 - ROCm, HIP, aocc packages are all in Spack now
- **HPE/Cray** is doing internal CI for Spack packages, in the Cray environment
- **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



Spack v0.19.1 was released last week!

- Major new features in v0.19:
 1. **Package requirements**
 2. **Environment UI improvements**
 3. **Packages with multiple build systems**
 4. Compiler/variant propagation
 5. Enhanced git versions
 6. Better Cray EX Support
 7. Testing and CI improvements
 8. Experimental binding link model

*Bold items covered in today's tutorial



github.com/spack/spack

Spack is not the only tool that automates builds



1. “Functional” Package Managers

- Nix
- GNU 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

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

<https://conda.io>

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-openmp-1.1.tar.gz"

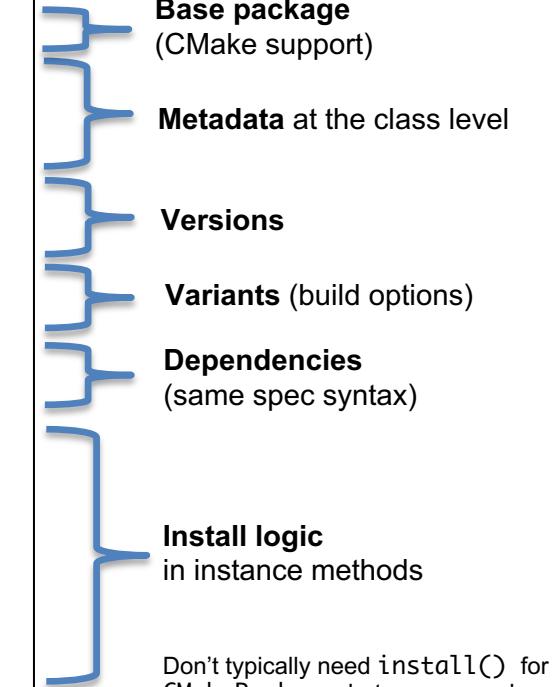
    version('1.2.3', sha256='3f7f2eef0d1ba5825780d626741eb0b3f026a096048d7ec4794d2a7dfbe2b8a6')
    version('1.2.2', sha256='eaf9ddf562416974157b34d00c3a1c880fc5296fce2aa2efa039a86e0976f3a3')
    version('1.1', sha256='232d74072fc7b848fa2adc8a1bc839ae8fb5f96d50224186601f55554a25f64a')

    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 [
            '--ENABLE_OPENMP=%s' % ('+openmp' in self.spec),
            '--ENABLE_MPI=%s' % ('+mpi' in self.spec),
        ]

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



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

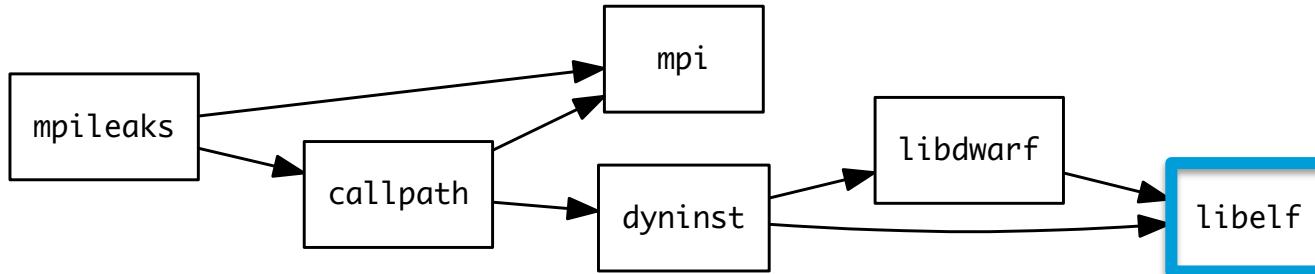
constraints on cuda version

compiler support for x86_64 and ppc64le

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



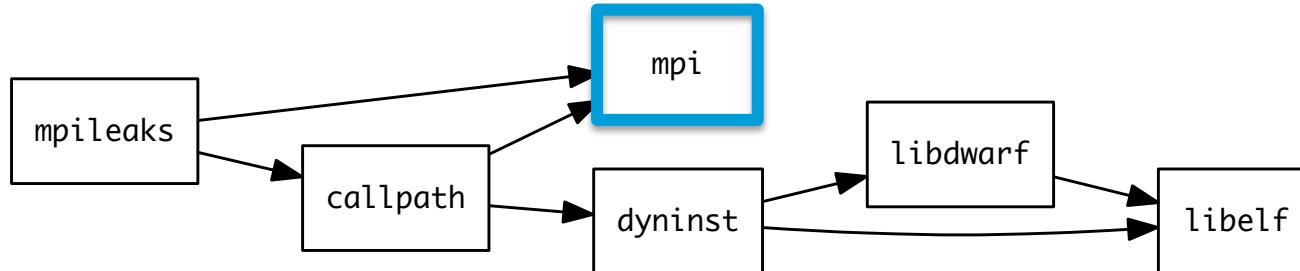
Spack Specs can constrain versions of dependencies



```
$ 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:
```

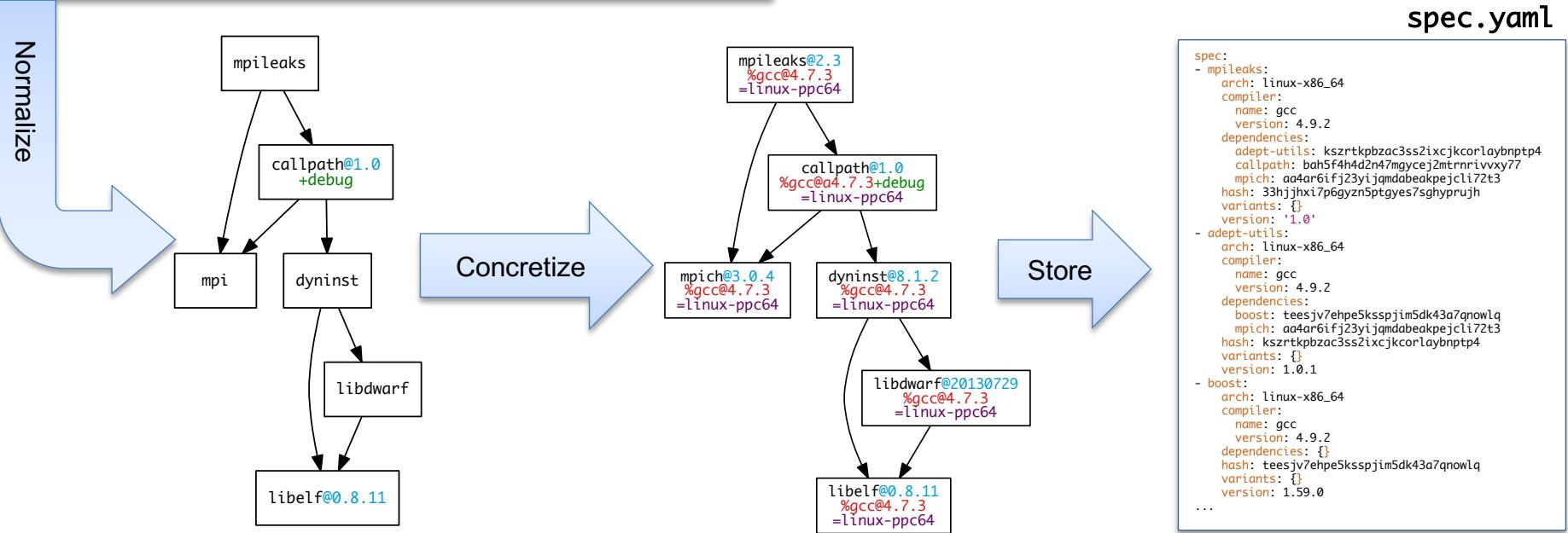
- Let Spack choose MPI implementation, as long as it provides MPI 2 interface:

```
$ 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*



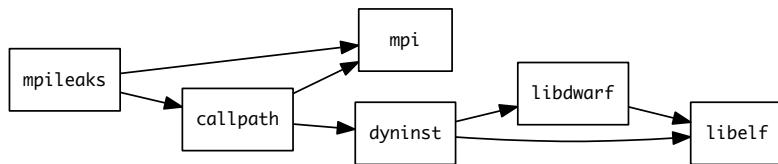
Abstract, normalized spec with some dependencies.

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

Detailed provenance is stored with the installed package

Hashing allows us to handle combinatorial complexity

Dependency DAG



Installation Layout

```
opt
└── spack
    └── linux-rhel7-skylake
        └── gcc-8.3.0
            ├── mpileaks-1.0-hc4sm4vuzpm4znmvrfzri4ow2mkphe2e
            ├── callpath-1.0.4-daqqpssxb6qbfzrtsezkmhus3xoflbsy
            ├── openmpi-4.1.4-u64v26igvxyn23hysmklfums6tgjv5r
            ├── dyninst-12.1.0-u64v26igvxyn23hysmklfums6tgjv5r
            ├── libdwarf-20180129-u5eawkvaoc7vonabe6nndkcfwuv233cj
            └── libelf-0.8.13-x46q4wm46ay4pltrijbgizxjrbaka6
```



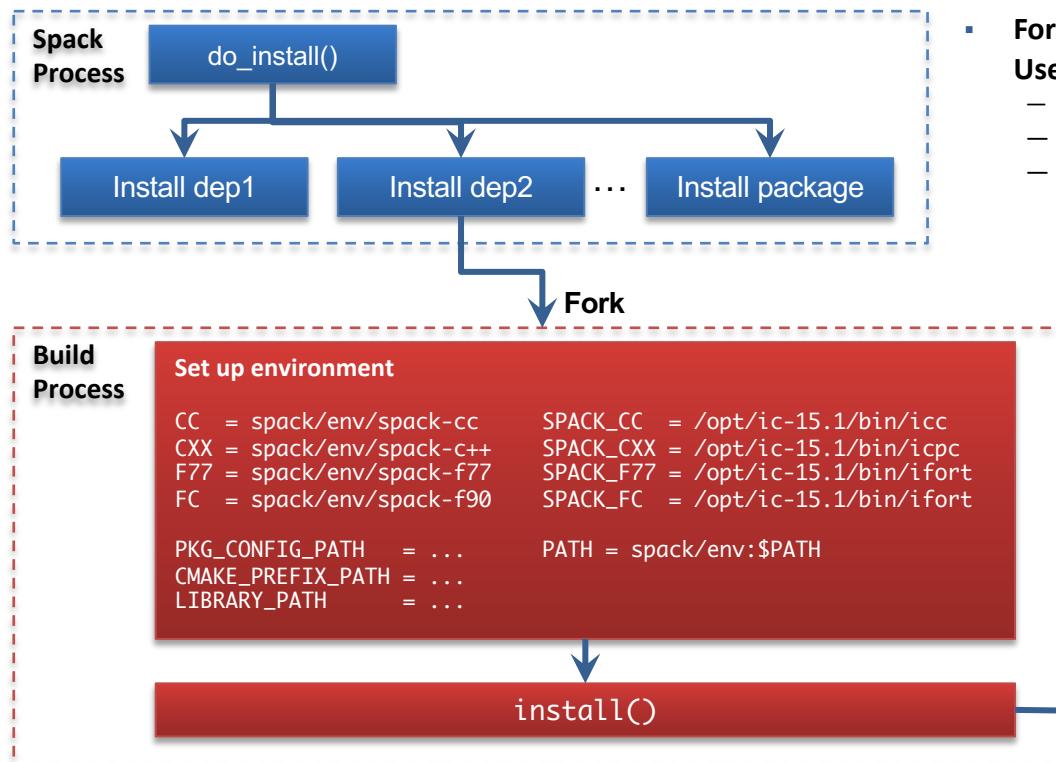
- Each unique dependency graph is a unique **configuration**.
- Each configuration in a unique directory.
 - Multiple configurations of the same package can coexist.

Hash of entire directed acyclic graph (DAG) is appended to each prefix.

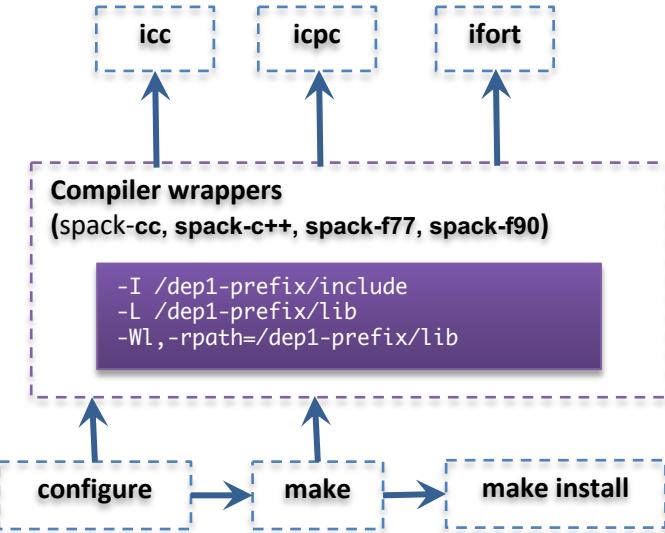
Installed packages automatically find dependencies

- 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)

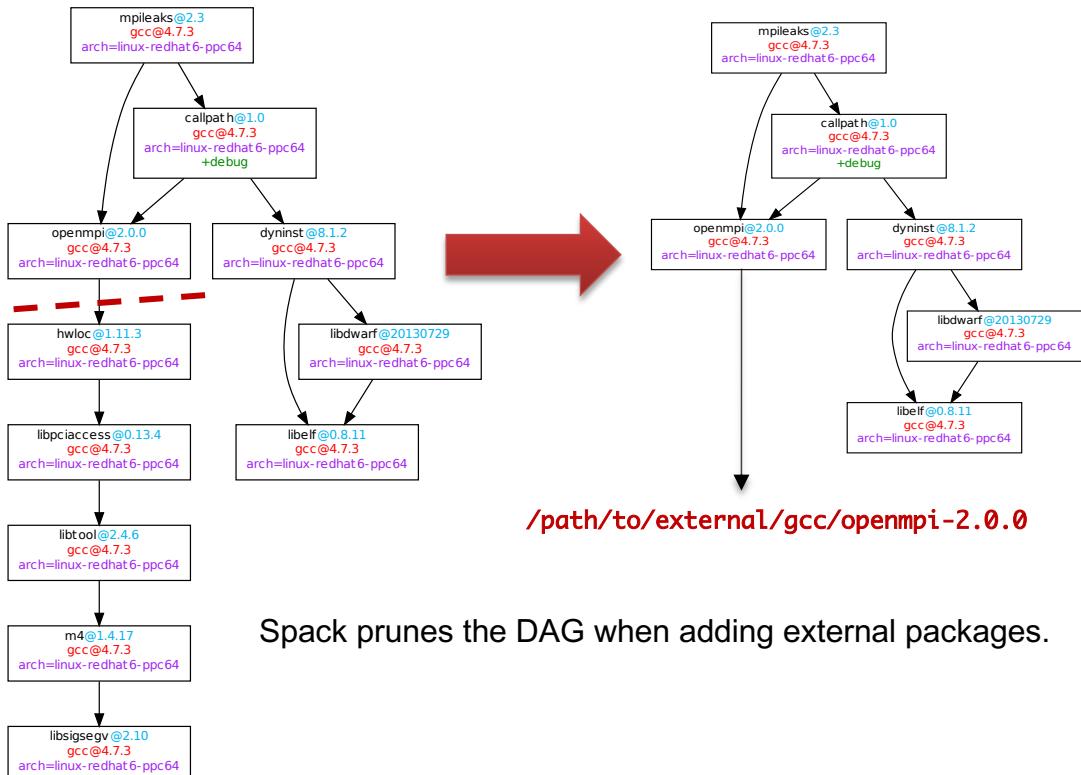


We can configure Spack to build with external software

```
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  
    ...
```

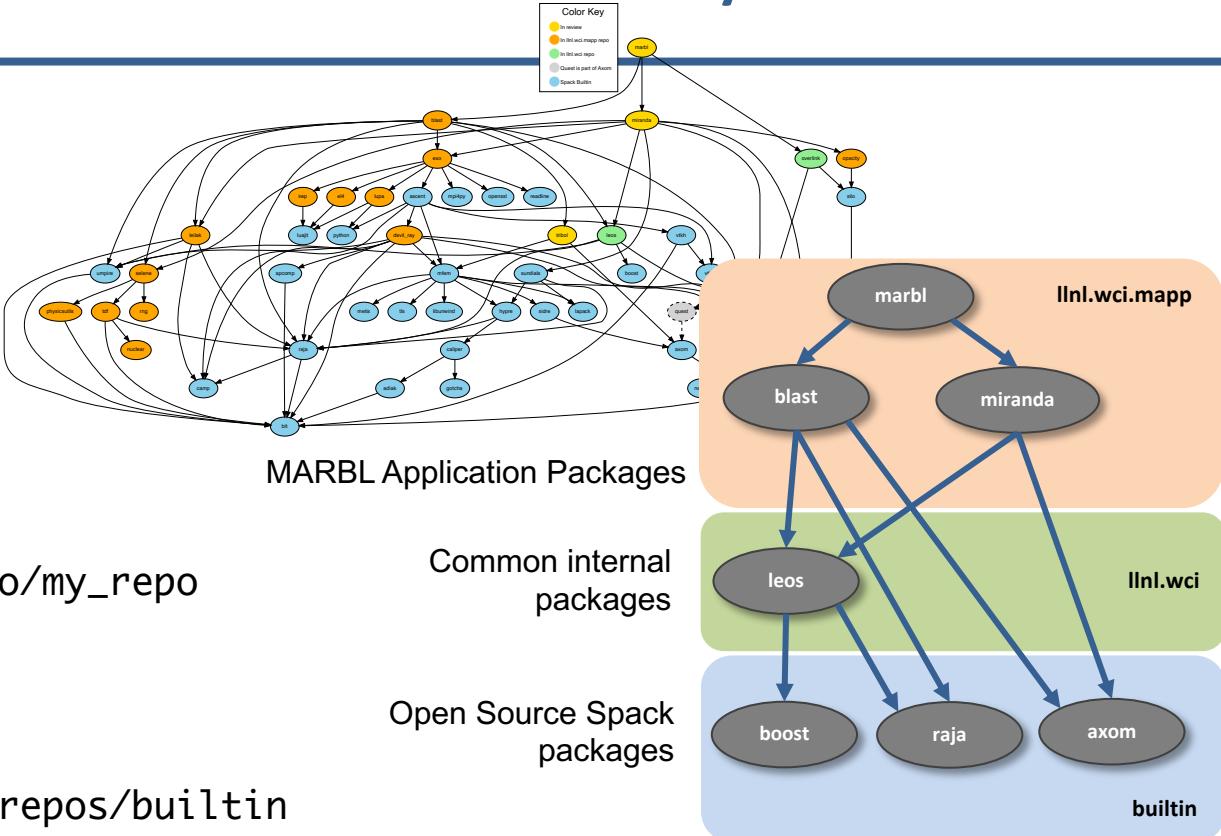


Users register external packages in a configuration file (more on these later).

Spack prunes the DAG when adding external packages.

Spack package repositories allow stacks to be layered

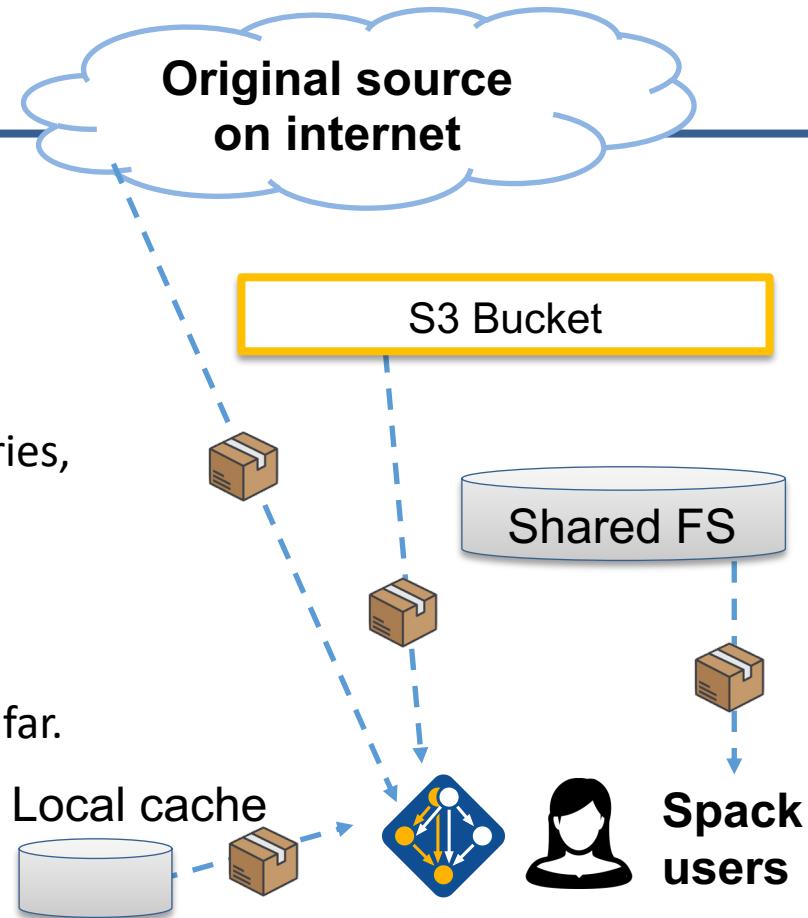
LLNL MARBL multi-physics application



```
$ 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

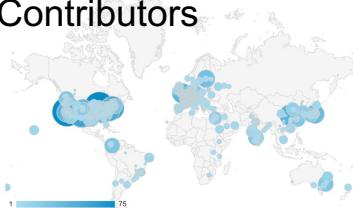
- Spack allows you to define *mirrors*:
 - Directories in the filesystem
 - On a web server
 - In an S3 bucket
- Mirrors are archives of fetched tarballs, repositories, and other resources needed to build
 - Can also contain binary packages
- By default, Spack maintains a mirror in `var/spack/cache` 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

spack
developers



default config
packages.yaml

admins,
users



local preferences config
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users

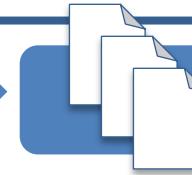


local environment config
spack.yaml

users

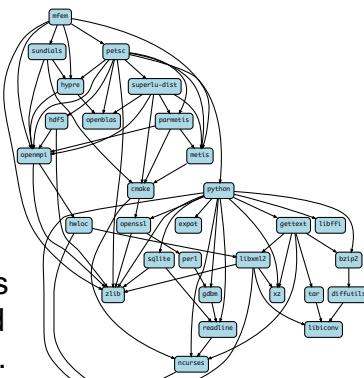
Command line constraints

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



concretizer

Concrete spec
fully constrained
and can be built.



We use logic programming to simplify package solving

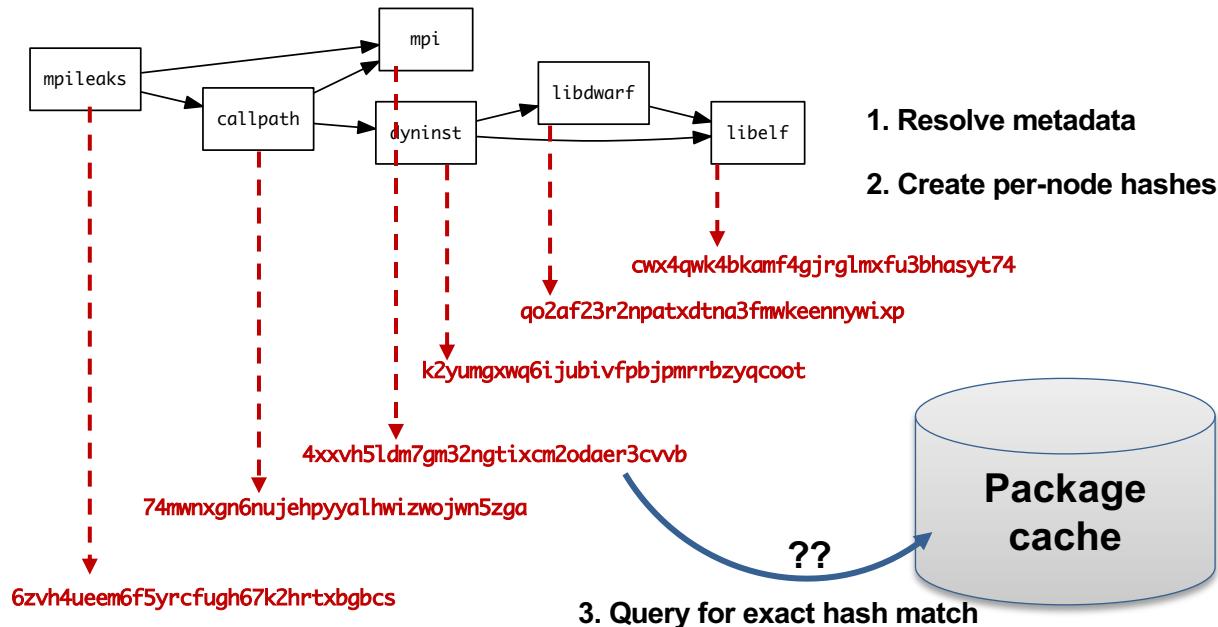
- New concretizer leverages Clingo (see potassco.org)
- Clingo is an Answer Set Programming (ASP) solver
 - ASP looks like Prolog; leverages SAT solvers for speed/correctness
 - ASP program has 2 parts:
 1. Large list of facts generated from our package repositories and config
 2. Small logic program (~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","lwatuuysmwkhahrnrywvn77icdhs6mn").  
imposed_constraint("lwatuuysmwkhahrnrywvn77icdhs6mn","node","openssl").  
imposed_constraint("lwatuuysmwkhahrnrywvn77icdhs6mn","version","openssl","1.1.1g").  
imposed_constraint("lwatuuysmwkhahrnrywvn77icdhs6mn","node_platform_set","openssl","darwin").  
imposed_constraint("lwatuuysmwkhahrnrywvn77icdhs6mn","node_os_set","openssl","catalina").  
imposed_constraint("lwatuuysmwkhahrnrywvn77icdhs6mn","node_target_set","openssl","x86_64").  
imposed_constraint("lwatuuysmwkhahrnrywvn77icdhs6mn","variant_set","openssl","systemcerts","True").  
imposed_constraint("lwatuuysmwkhahrnrywvn77icdhs6mn","node_compiler_set","openssl","apple-clang").  
imposed_constraint("lwatuuysmwkhahrnrywvn77icdhs6mn","node_compiler_version_set","openssl","apple-clang","12.0.0").  
imposed_constraint("lwatuuysmwkhahrnrywvn77icdhs6mn","concrete","openssl").  
imposed_constraint("lwatuuysmwkhahrnrywvn77icdhs6mn","depends_on","openssl","zlib","build").  
imposed_constraint("lwatuuysmwkhahrnrywvn77icdhs6mn","depends_on","openssl","zlib","link").  
imposed_constraint("lwatuuysmwkhahrnrywvn77icdhs6mn","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

```
(spackle):solver> spack solve -Il hdf5
=> Best of 9 considered solutions.
=> Optimization Criteria:
  Priority Criterion
  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

- zznqfs3 hdf5@1.10.7%apple-clang@13.0.0-cxx-fortran-hl-ipa-java+mpi+shared-szip+threadsafe+tools api=default b
- zznslovg ^cmake@3.21.4%apple-clang@13.0.0-doc+ncurses+openssl+owlibs+qt build_type=Release arch=darwin-b
- xdbaqeo ^ncurses@6.2%apple-clang@13.0.0-symlinks+termlib abi=none arch=darwin-bigsur-skylake
- kfureok ^pkcconf@1.8.0%apple-clang@13.0.0 arch=darwin-bigsur-skylake
- 5ekd4ap ^openssl@1.1.1%apple-clang@13.0.0-docs certs+system arch=darwin-bigsur-skylake
- xz2a265 ^perl@5.34.0%apple-clang@13.0.0+cpnm+shared+threads arch=darwin-bigsur-skylake
- xgt23t1s ^berkeley-db@18.1.40%apple-clang@13.0.0+cxx+docs+stl patches=b231fcc4d5cff05e5c3a4814f
- 65edjf6 ^bzzip2@1.0.8%apple-clang@13.0.0-debug-pic+shared arch=darwin-bigsur-skylake
- 662adoo ^diffutils@3.8%apple-clang@13.0.0 arch=darwin-bigsur-skylake
- fu7tfsr ^libiconv@1.16%apple-clang@13.0.0 libs=shared,static arch=darwin-bigsur-skylake
- 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
- xevlijj ^zlib@1.2.11%apple-clang@13.0.0+optimize+pic+shared arch=darwin-bigsur-skylake
- xelvfbh ^openmp@4.1.1%apple-clang@13.0.0+atomic+cuda-cxx-exceptions+gfps+internal-hwloc+java+legacy
- zrunrs75 ^hwloc@2.6.0%apple-clang@13.0.0-cairo-cuda-gl-libudev+libxml2-netloc-nvml+opencl+pci+rocm+sh
- ib4fnkf ^libxml2@2.9.12%apple-clang@13.0.0-python arch=darwin-bigsur-skylake
- diviv2ys ^xz@5.2.5%apple-clang@13.0.0-pic libs=shared,static arch=darwin-bigsur-skylake
- blitnbl ^libevent@2.1.2%apple-clang@13.0.0+openssl arch=darwin-bigsur-skylake
- h7jalyu ^openssl@1.1.1%apple-clang@13.0.0 arch=darwin-bigsur-skylake
- 7v7bqx2 ^libedit@0.1-20210216%apple-clang@13.0.0 arch=darwin-bigsur-skylake
```

Pure hash-based reuse: all misses

```
(spackle):spack> spack solve --reuse -Il hdf5
=> Best of 10 considered solutions.
=> Optimization Criteria:
  Priority Criterion
  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
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 13  default values of variants not being used (non-roots) 1  0
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 15  target mismatches                         0  0
 16  non-preferred targets                     0  0

- yfkfnsp hdf5@1.10.7%apple-clang@12.0.5-cxx-fortran-hl-ipa-java+mpi+shared-szip+threadsafe+tools api=default b
- zd4m26e ^cmake@21.1%apple-clang@12.0.5-doc+ncurses+openssl+owlibs+qt build_type=Release arch=darwin-b
- 53152xr ^ncurses@6.2%apple-clang@12.0.5-symlinks+termlib abi=none arch=darwin-bigsur-skylake
- us36bwr ^openssl@1.1.1%apple-clang@12.0.5-docs+systemcerts arch=darwin-bigsur-skylake
- 74mmwxg ^openmp@4.1.1%apple-clang@12.0.5+atomic+cuda-cxx-exceptions+gfps+internal-hwloc+java+leg
- jxexyb7 ^hwloc@2.6.0%apple-clang@12.0.5-cairo-cuda-gl-libudev+libxml2-netloc-nvml+opencl+pci+rocm+
- ckdnl5f ^libxml2@2.9.12%apple-clang@12.0.5-python arch=darwin-bigsur-skylake
- k7auat3 ^libiconv@1.16%apple-clang@12.0.5 libs=shared,static arch=darwin-bigsur-skylake
- k2yungmx ^xz@5.2.5%apple-clang@12.0.5-pic libs=shared,static arch=darwin-bigsur-skylake
- grgtlcd ^pkcconf@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
- 63bbsk ^openssl@1.1.1%apple-clang@12.0.5+openssl arch=darwin-bigsur-skylake
- snhgl1dt ^libedit@3.1-20210216%apple-clang@12.0.5 arch=darwin-bigsur-skylake
- gbkmtdd ^perl@5.34.0%apple-clang@12.0.5+cpnm+shared+threads arch=darwin-bigsur-skylake
- envkifls ^berkeley-db@18.1.40%apple-clang@12.0.5+cxx+docs+stl patches=b231fcc4d5cff05e5c3a4814f
- 7d5woq7 ^bzzip2@1.0.8%apple-clang@12.0.5-debug-pic+shared arch=darwin-bigsur-skylake
- vhfd13i ^gdbm@1.19%apple-clang@12.0.5 arch=darwin-bigsur-skylake
- gy3v41 ^readline@8.1%apple-clang@12.0.5 arch=darwin-bigsur-skylake
```

With reuse: 16 packages were reusable



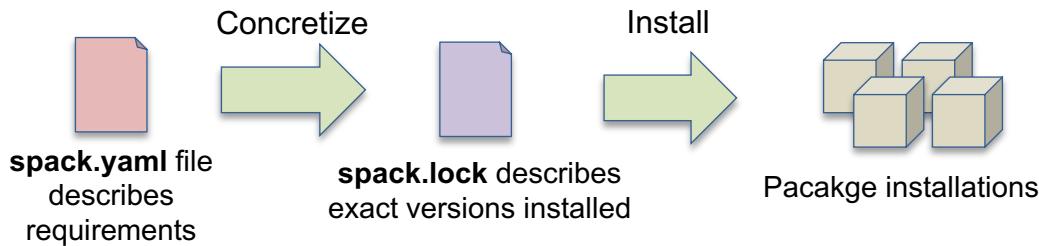
Use `spack spec` to see the results of concretization

```
$ 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
    ^bzzip2@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~cxxm~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": {  
    "6s63so2kstp3zyvjezglndmavy6l3nul": {  
      "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": {}  
      }  
    }  
  }  
}
```

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More Features and the Road Ahead



Environments have enabled us to add build many features to support developer workflows

```

class Cmake(Package):
    executables = ['cmake']

    @classmethod
    def determine_spec_details(cls, prefix, exes_in_prefix):
        exe_to_path = dict(
            (os.path.basename(p), p) for p in exes_in_prefix
        )
        if 'cmake' not in exe_to_path:
            return None

        cmake = spack.util.executable.Executable(exe_to_path['cmake'])
        output = cmake('--version', output=str)
        if output:
            match = re.search(r'^cmake.*version\s+(\$+)', output)
            if match:
                version_str = match.group(1)
                return Spec('cmake@${version}').format(version_str)

```

```
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Automate

packages:
cmake:
externals:
- spec: cmake@3.15.1
prefix: /usr/local
```

package.py

spack.yaml configuration

spack external find

Automatically find and configure external packages on the system

spack test

Packages know how to run their own test suites

```

class LibFuzzerAutotoolsPackage(GNUBuildPackage):
    """GNU libfuzzer is a library for handling page faults in user mode."""

    # ... spack package contents ...

    extra_install_tests = 'tests/libs'

    def test(self):
        data_dir = self.test_suite.current_test_data_dir
        smoke_test_c = data_dir.join('smoke-test.c')

        self.run_test(
            'cc', [
                '-I%{prefix/include}', self.prefix.include,
                '-L%{prefix/lib}', self.prefix.lib, '-lsigsegv',
                smoke_test_c,
                '-o', 'smoke-test'
            ],
            purpose='check linking')

        self.run_test(
            'smoke-test', [], data_dir.join('smoke-test.out'),
            purpose='run built smoke test')

        self.run_test(['sigsegv1': ['Test passed']], purpose='check sigsegv1 output')
        self.run_test(['sigsegv2': ['Test passed']], purpose='check sigsegv2 output')

```

package.py

.gitlab-ci.yml CI pipeline

spack ci

Automatically generate parallel build pipelines
(more on this later)

```

spark:
  specs:
    - gronacs+epi
    - math

  container:
    # Select the format of the recipe e.g. docker,
    # singularity or anything else that is currently
    # supported
    docker

    # Select from a valid list of images
    base:
      image: "centos7"
    spark: develop

    # Set whether or not to strip binaries
    strip: true

    # Additional system packages that are needed at run
    os_packages:
      - libgmp

    extra_instructions:
      extra_instructions:
        - final

RUN echo 'export PS1="\$(tput bold)\$(tput setaf
$color) $label\$ "' > /etc/bashrc

# Labels for the image
labels:
  - gronacs
  - epi
  - apni

```

spack containerize

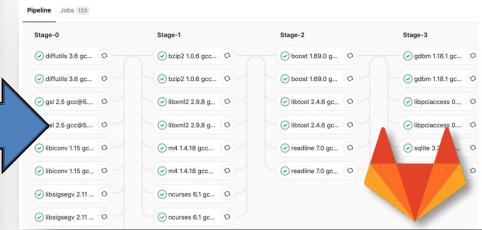
Turn environments into container build recipes

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_18.0  
    - spack-cloud-centos:  
      match:  
        - os=centos7  
    runner_attributes:  
      tags:  
        - spack-k8s  
      image: spack/spack_builder_centos_7  
cdash:  
  build-group: Release Testing  
  url: https://cdash.spack.io  
  project: Spack  
  site: Spack AWS GitLab Instance
```

`spack.yaml`



Parallel GitLab build pipeline

We are building a supply chain for HPC



Spack Contributions
on GitHub



✓ ci/gitlab/gitlab.spack.io — Pipeline passed on GitLab



gitlab.spack.io

```
spack:
  specs:
    - python-api
    - gnu-languages/python3.7.3
    - openmpi
    - intel-mpi
    - intel-oneapi-mkl
    - intel-oneapi-mpi
    - intel-oneapi-devtoolset
    - intel-oneapi-compiler
    - intel-oneapi-mpich
    - intel-oneapi-hpcx
    - intel-oneapi-kernels
    - intel-oneapi-tensorflow
    - intel-oneapi-ompi
    - intel-oneapi-matlab
    - intel-oneapi-glusterarrays
  processes:
    - max_parallelism: 10
    - target: [ SandyBridge ]
    - compilers:
      - intel
      - intel-mpi
      - intel-oneapi-mpi
      - intel-oneapi-devtoolset
      - intel-oneapi-compiler
      - intel-oneapi-mpich
      - intel-oneapi-hpcx
      - intel-oneapi-kernels
      - intel-oneapi-tensorflow
      - intel-oneapi-ompi
      - intel-oneapi-matlab
      - intel-oneapi-glusterarrays
    - servers: IBM_1.242
    - modules:
      - intel-mpi
      - intel-oneapi-mpi
      - intel-oneapi-devtoolset
      - intel-oneapi-compiler
      - intel-oneapi-mpich
      - intel-oneapi-hpcx
      - intel-oneapi-kernels
      - intel-oneapi-tensorflow
      - intel-oneapi-ompi
      - intel-oneapi-matlab
      - intel-oneapi-glusterarrays
    - build_system: spack-build-stage
    - build_steps: build&check-stage
    - view: False
    - concretization: separated
```

spack.yaml
configurations
(E4S, SDKs, others)

spack ci



x86_64 and aarch64
pipelines in AWS



ppc64le, GPU
pipelines at
U. Oregon



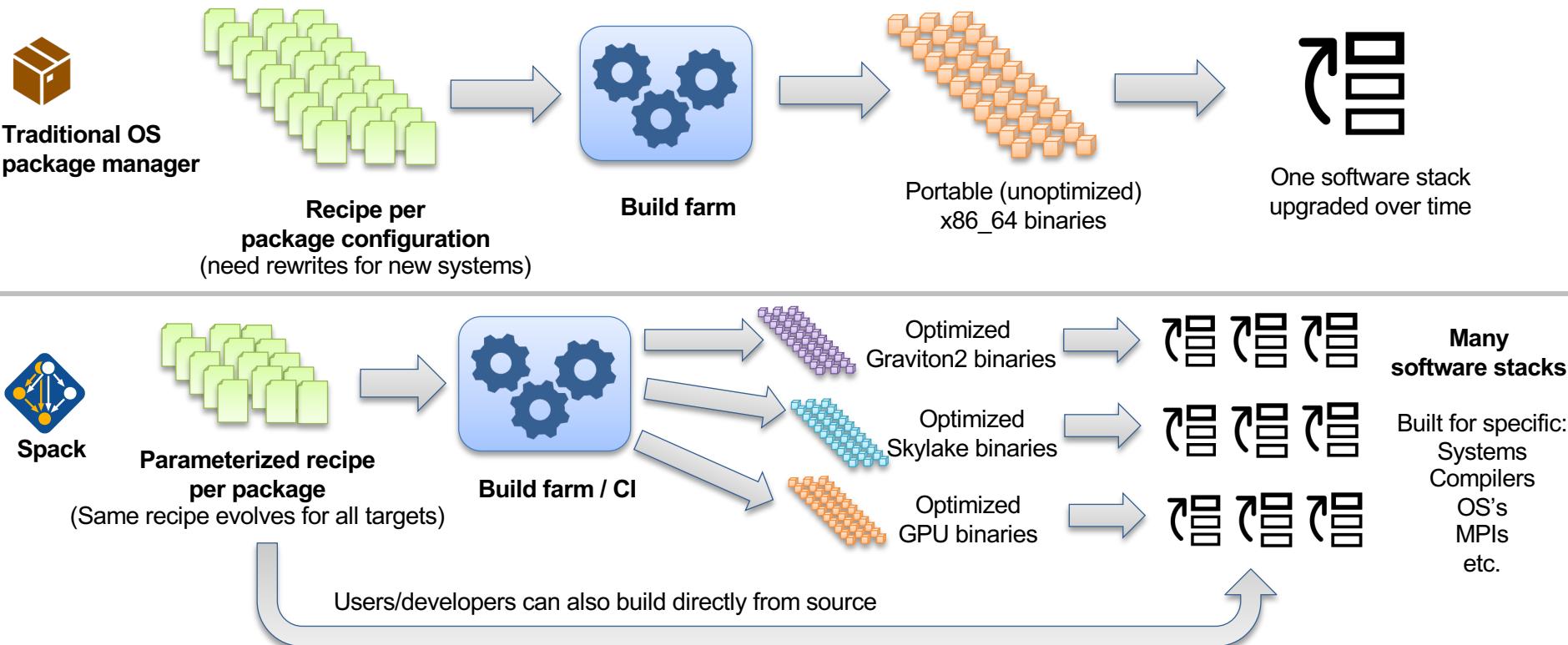
Pipelines at LLNL
(Cray PE soon,
hopefully)

GitLab CI builds (changed) packages
• On every pull request
• On every release branch

- New security model supports untrusted contributions from forks
 - Sandboxed build caches for test builds; Authoritative builds on mainline only after approved merge

This CI has *greatly* increased reliability of builds for users

Spack's model lowers the maintenance burden of optimized software stacks



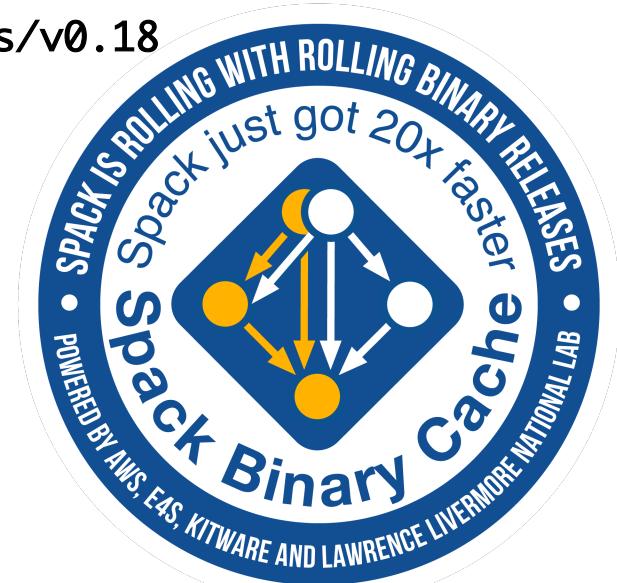
We started providing public binaries in June 2022

latest v0.18.x release binaries

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spack mirror add https://binaries.spack.io/releases/v0.18
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rolling release: bleeding edge binaries

```
spack mirror add https://binaries.spack.io/develop
```



- Over 3,000 builds in the cache so far:
 - Amazon Linux 2 x86_64_v4
 - Amazon Linux 2 aarch64
 - Amazon Linux 2 graviton2
 - Ubuntu 18.04 x86_64
- Expect this list to expand!



Our infrastructure enables us to sustainably manage a binary distro

Separate, untrusted S3 buckets

Per-PR build caches

github/pr-28468

github/pr-28469

...

Public, signed binaries in CloudFront distribution

<https://binaries.spack.io>

develop

releases/v0.18

...

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



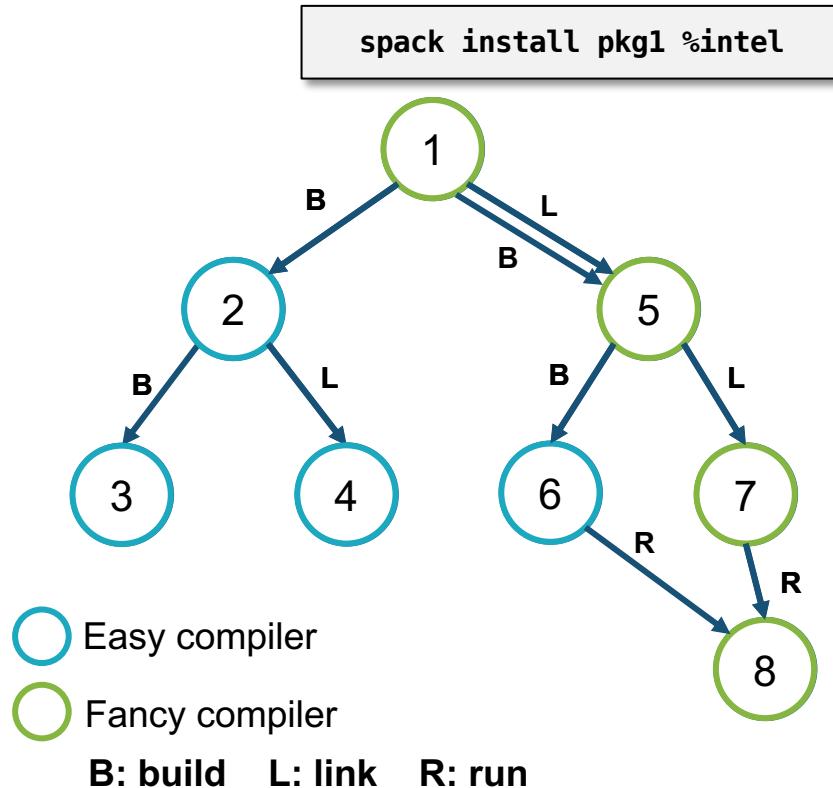
Rebuild and Sign

- 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

Spack v0.20 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 ↔ 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



Spack 0.20 Roadmap: compilers as dependencies

- We need deeper modeling of compilers to handle compiler interoperability

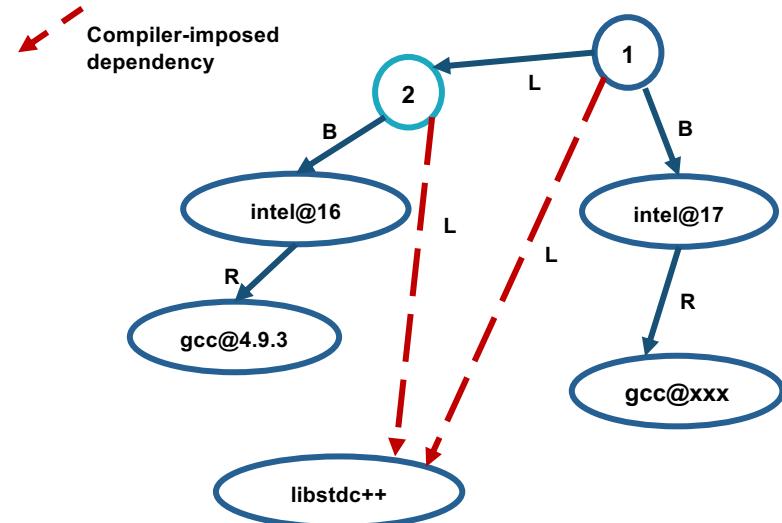
- libstdc++, libc++ compatibility
 - Compilers that depend on compilers
 - Linking executables with multiple compilers

- First prototype is complete!

- We've done successful builds of some packages using compilers as dependencies
 - We need the new concretizer to move forward!

- Packages that depend on languages

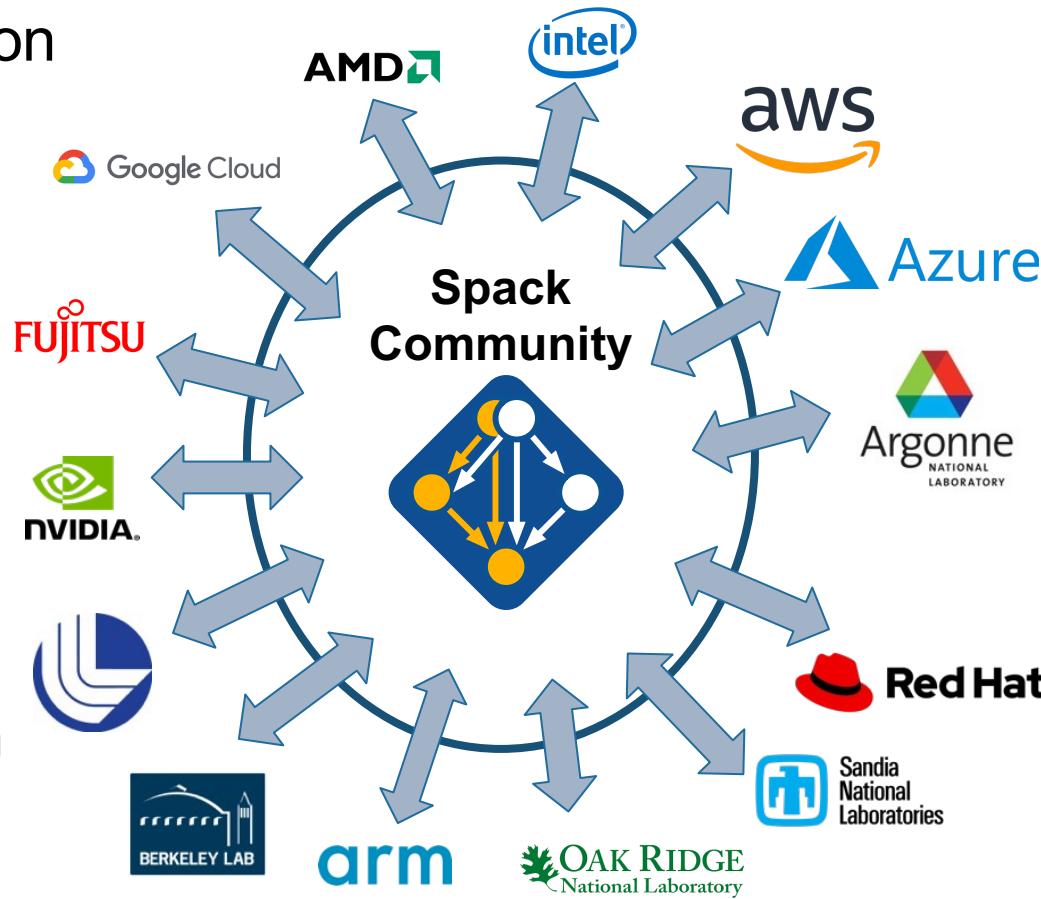
- Depend on **cxx@2011**, **cxx@2017**, **fortran@1995**, etc
 - Depend on **openmp@4.5**, other compiler features
 - Model languages, openmp, cuda, etc. as virtuals



Compilers and runtime libs fully modeled as dependencies

Spack's long-term strategy is based around broad adoption and collaboration

- **Not sustainable without a community**
 - Broad adoption incentivizes contributors
 - Cloud resources and automation absolutely necessary
- **Spack preserves build knowledge in a cross-platform, reusable way**
 - Minimize rewriting recipes when porting
- **CI ensures builds continue to work as packages evolve**
 - Keep packages flexible but verify key configurations
- **Growing contributor base and continuing to automate are the most important priorities**
 - **377 contributors to 0.18 release!**

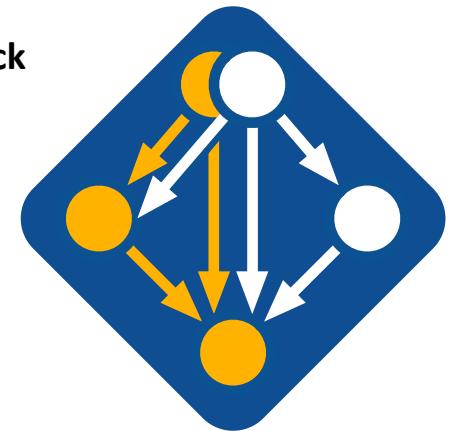


When would we go 1.0?

- Big things we've wanted for 1.0 are:
 - New concretizer
 - production CI
 - production public build cache
 - Compilers as dependencies
 - Stable package API
 - Enables separate package repository
- After 0.19 we will hopefully have all of these
 - Maybe there won't be a 0.20!

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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