# **HPC INFORMATION SESSION**

# USING OPENFOAM ON THE COMMUNITY CLUSTER

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  - ▶ FEM, CFD, etc.

Solve equation(s) on a grid? OpenFOAM can do that

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  - Modern programming languages/formalisms
  - Need for reusable, efficient library to support wide array of applications

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  - Heavily-templated C++ code library
  - Application-building environment (*wmake*)

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- Pros to using OpenFOAM
  - Large developer community
    - Fixing problems with the library
    - Extending the library

The amount of code in each OpenFOAM release is astounding; easy to imagine there must be bugs present

Complexity isn't a bug, but making OpenFOAM easier to use DOES address a problem

Addition of new methods or data types is ongoing

Necessary given the goal of OpenFOAM: a wide-coverage tool set

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    - Many methods are already parallelized, so many applications implicitly scale

MPI parallelism dominates modern supercomputing systems OpenFOAM built atop Open MPI

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  - ▶ It's open source FREE!

Paid support options exist, as well

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- Cons to using OpenFOAM
  - Large developer community
    - How do you get hundreds of contributors to agree?
    - > Differences in opinion lead to forked projects

Having a large developer community can also be detrimental

- Additions by committee: can become mired in debate/politics, delayed implementation
- Addition by contribution: can lead to multiple disparate implementations

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  - Documentation is present, but not strong
    - Steep beginner learning curve
    - Tends to be distributed throughout the source code, not central and easily searchable

Steep learning curve to

- getting familiar with the OpenFOAM ecosystem
- learning how the components of OpenFOAM fit together and are used
- ...means that it could take just as long to become fluent in OpenFOAM as it could to just write your project yourself!

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  - Lack of a strong graphical user interface (GUI)
    - Unique, individual graphical tools exist
    - Some are not open-source, fee-based

By their nature, numerical problems require graphical post-processing and visualization Without built-in tools for this part of the problem, OpenFOAM is a less cohesive solution

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  - ▶ Heavily-templated C++ *can* be tough to work with

Like any programming language, C++ isn't always fun, awesome, easy, simple, powerful, add your own adjectives

Strong static typing in C++ leads to fragile class hierarchy and frequent rebuilds

While templating does reduce the amount of explicit code that must be written, it can lead to inefficiency (how *smart* can the compiler be??), abuse (it's not always the best solution), and difficult-to-debug code (ever seen a C++ compiler dump a multi-page backtrace of heavily-templated source for a simple logic error??)

# **OPENFOAM LIBRARY STRUCTURE**

- Obtaining the library source code involves two pieces
  - OpenFOAM: the source code for all methods, data types, and tools in the library
  - ThirdParty: external open source code that underpins some of OpenFOAM's key functionalities
    - E.g. Open MPI for distributed computing, BOOST for core C++ data types, CGAL for coordinate systems

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  - Latest releases seem to have such strict compatibility guidelines that it is easiest to just use the OpenFOAM bundle
  - Must build these pieces FIRST

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- Once all mandatory third-party components are ready, the library can be built
  - the proprietary build mechanism (shell scripts, compiled utilities) is *bootstrapped* before the library is built

Not only has OpenFOAM implemented its own build system, it essentially has its own environment management system present, as well

- See wmake/ for the build tools
- See etc/ for the environment tools

# **OPENFOAM LIBRARY STRUCTURE**

• A single copy of OpenFOAM produces one or more *platforms* that are parameterized by:

Precision	SP, DP	Floating-point precision (single, double)
Compilation	Opt, Debug, Prof	Should the compiler use aggressive optimizations or leave the library debugger-friendly?
Label size	32, 64	How many bits wide should integers be? (64-bit may be necessary for extremely large/dense grids)

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# **CONFIGURING YOUR ENVIRONMENT**

- General procedure in the OpenFOAM environment management system:
  - Set environment variables that indicate directory containing OpenFOAM, platform parameters, directory of the project you are working on
  - Source a script into your shell that uses those environment variables to set the rest of the OpenFOAM environment variables accordingly

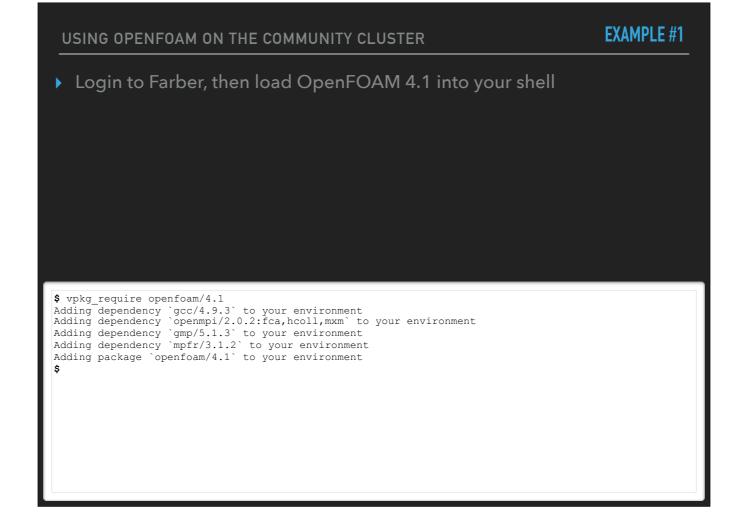
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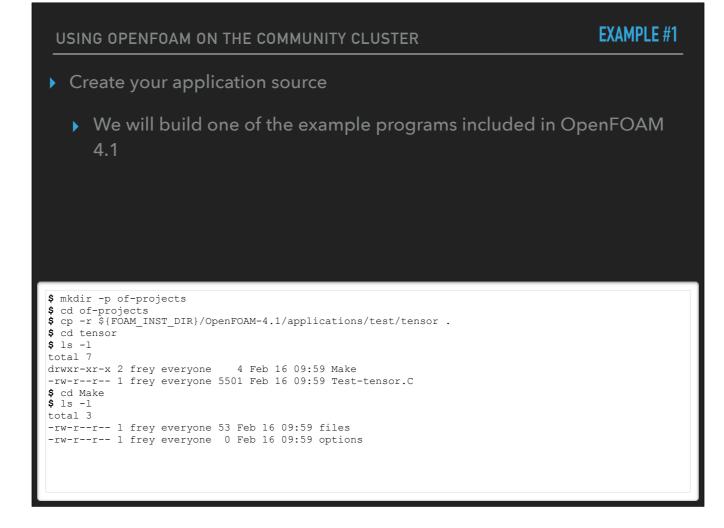
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  - Sets OpenFOAM directory, some immutable platform parameters
  - Sets an environment variable pointing to the script you must source to complete the setup

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    Before the OpenFOAM environment setup script is called, the directory containing your OpenFOAM project MUST be set. So the OpenFOAM VALET package does not source the script itself: it gets the environment ready for you (or your application's VALET package) to do so!
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The project includes a C++ source file and a "Make" directory



The "Make" directory contains files that tell the OpenFOAM build system what to build, using what components, and with what options

# USING OPENFOAM ON THE COMMUNITY CLUSTER EXAMPLE #1 Need to set platform parameters and complete the environment setup! We're in the "Make" directory, go back one level Let's do single-precision, debug, with 64-bit labels Don't forget to set the project directory, too Convert forget to set the project directory, too Convert MM\_PRECISION\_OPTION=SP Convert MM\_COMPILE\_OPTION=Debug

- \$ export WM\_PRECISION\_OPTION=SP \$ export WM\_COMPILE\_OPTION=Debug \$ export WM\_LABEL\_SIZE=64 \$ export WM\_PROJECT\_USER\_DIR="\$(pwd)" \$ env | grep ^WM\_ WM\_MPLIB=SYSTEMOPENMPI WM\_COMPILE\_OPTION=Debug WM\_LABEL\_SIZE=64 WM\_PROJECT\_USER\_DIR=/home/1001/of-projects/tensor WM\_PRECISION\_OPTION=SP
- \$ source \$SOURCE\_TO\_CONFIGURE\_OPENFOAM
- ;

### EXAMPLE #1

\$ env   grep ^WM_	
WM_LINK_LANGUAGE=c++	
WM ARCH=linux64	
WM COMPILER TYPE=system	
WM OSTYPE=POSIX	
WM THIRD PARTY DIR=/home/software/openfoam/4.1/ThirdParty-4.1	
WM CXXFLAGS=-m64 -fPIC -std=c++0x	
WM_CFLAGS=-m64 -fPIC	
WM PROJECT VERSION=4.1	
WM COMPILER LIB ARCH=64	
WM PROJECT INST DIR=/home/software/openfoam/4.1	
WM_CXX=q++	
WM PROJECT DIR=/home/software/openfoam/4.1/OpenFOAM-4.1	
WM LABEL OPTION=Int64	
WM PROJECT=OpenFOAM	
WM LDFLAGS=-m64	
WM COMPILER=Gcc	
WM_MPLIB=SYSTEMOPENMPI	
WM CC=qcc	
WM_COMPILE OPTION=Debug	
WM DIR=/home/software/openfoam/4.1/OpenFOAM-4.1/wmake	
WM_LABEL SIZE=64	
WM PROJECT USER DIR=/home/1001/of-projects/tensor	
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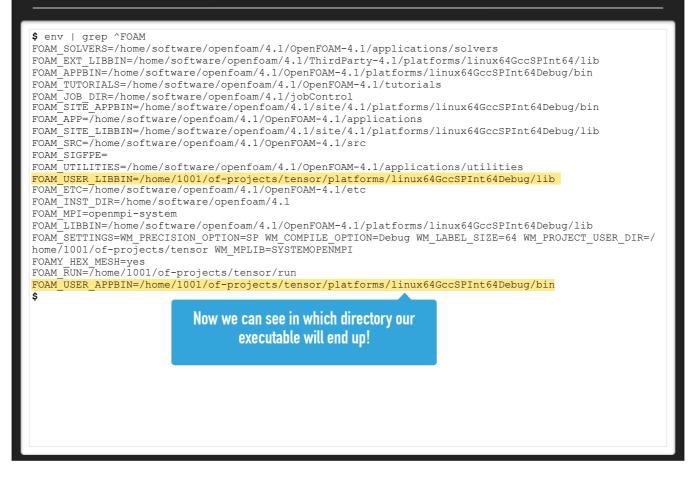
After completing the environment setup, many more WM\_ variables are present

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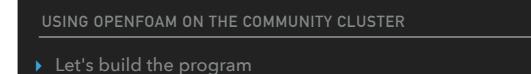


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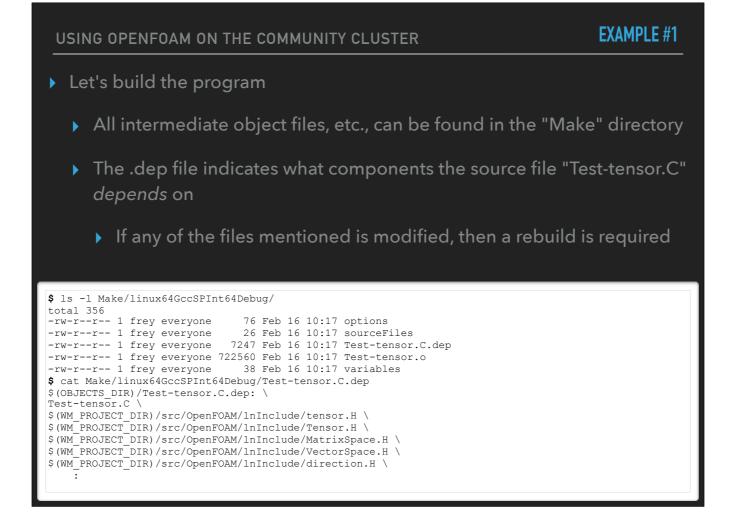
 Rather than the Unixy "make" command, use the OpenFOAM "wmake" command

**EXAMPLE #1** 

### \$ pwd

/home/1001/of-projects/tensor \$ wmake Making dependency list for source file Test-tensor.C g++ -std=c++0x -m64 -Dlinux64 -DWM ARCH OPTION=64 -DWM SP -DWM LABEL SIZE=64 -Wall -Wextra -Woldstyle-cast -Wnon-virtual-dtor -Wno-unused-parameter -Wno-invalid-offsetof -00 -fdefault-inline -ggdb3 -DFULLDEBUG -DNoRepository -ftemplate-depth-100 -IlnInclude -I. -I/home/software/openfoam/4.1/ OpenFOAM-4.1/src/OpenFOAM/lnInclude -I/home/software/openfoam/4.1/OpenFOAM-4.1/src/OSspecific/POSIX/ lnInclude -fPIC -c Test-tensor.C -o Make/linux64GccSPInt64Debug/Test-tensor.o g++ -std=c++0x -m64 -Dlinux64 -DWM ARCH OPTION=64 -DWM SP -DWM LABEL SIZE=64 -Wall -Wextra -Woldstyle-cast -Wnon-virtual-dtor -Wno-unused-parameter -Wno-invalid-offsetof -O0 -fdefault-inline -ggdb3 -DFULLDEBUG -DNoRepository -ftemplate-depth-100 -IlnInclude -I. -I/home/software/openfoam/4.1/ OpenFOAM-4.1/src/OpenFOAM/lnInclude -I/home/software/openfoam/4.1/OpenFOAM-4.1/src/OSspecific/POSIX/ lnInclude -fPIC -Xlinker --add-needed -Xlinker --no-as-needed Make/linux64GccSPInt64Debug/Testtensor.o -L/home/software/openfoam/4.1/OpenFOAM-4.1/platforms/linux64GccSPInt64Debug/lib \ -lOpenFOAM -ldl \ -ggdb3 -DFULLDEBUG -lm -o /home/1001/of-projects/tensor/platforms/linux64GccSPInt64Debug/ bin/Test-tensor

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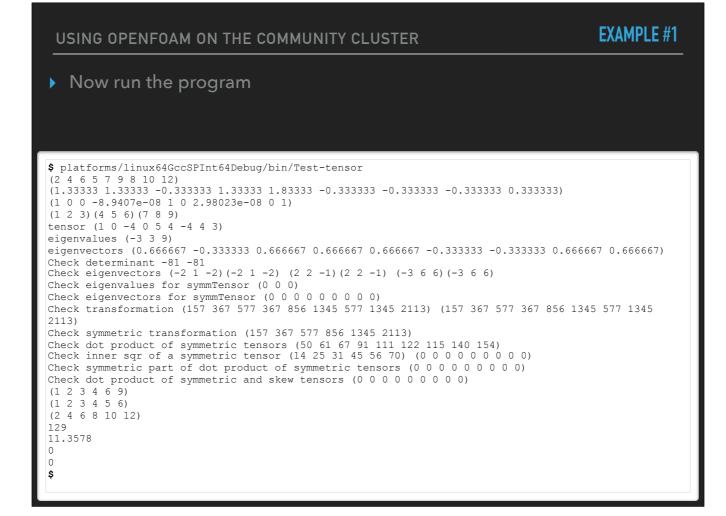
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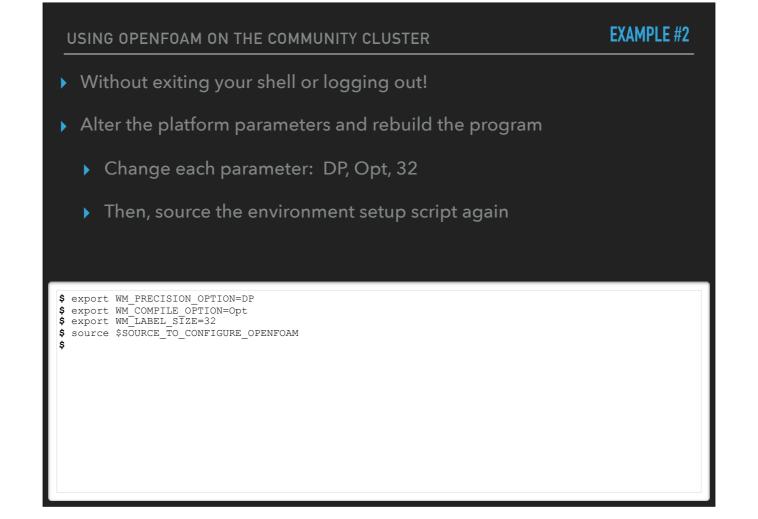
First "wmake" doesn't do anything - none of the dependencies have been modified

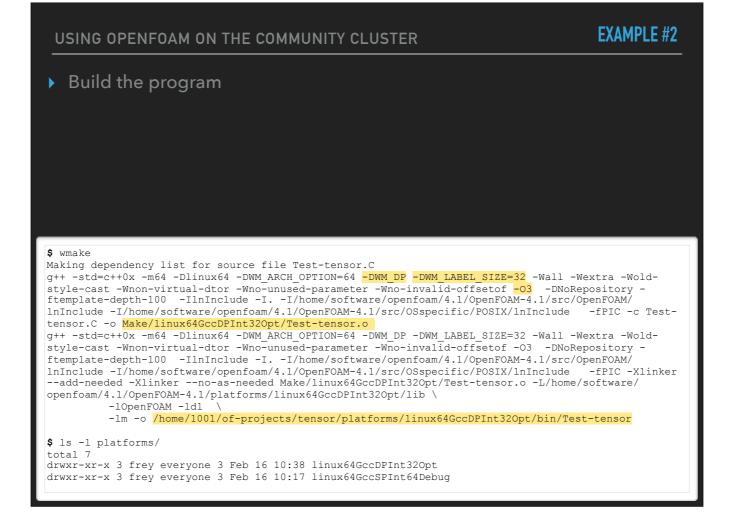
touch'ing the source file updates its modification timestamp (it's been modified!!)

Subsequent "wmake" rebuilds the "Test-tensor.C" source file, relinks the executable



USING OPENFOAM ON THE COMMUNITY CLUSTER	EXAMPLE #2
Without exiting your shell or logging out!	
<ul> <li>Alter the platform parameters and rebuild the program</li> </ul>	
Change each parameter: DP, Opt, 32	
<pre>\$ pwd /home/1001/of-projects/tensor \$ echo \$WM_COMPILE_OPTION Debug \$ echo \$WM_LABEL_SIZE 64 \$ echo \$WM_PRECISION_OPTION SP \$</pre>	

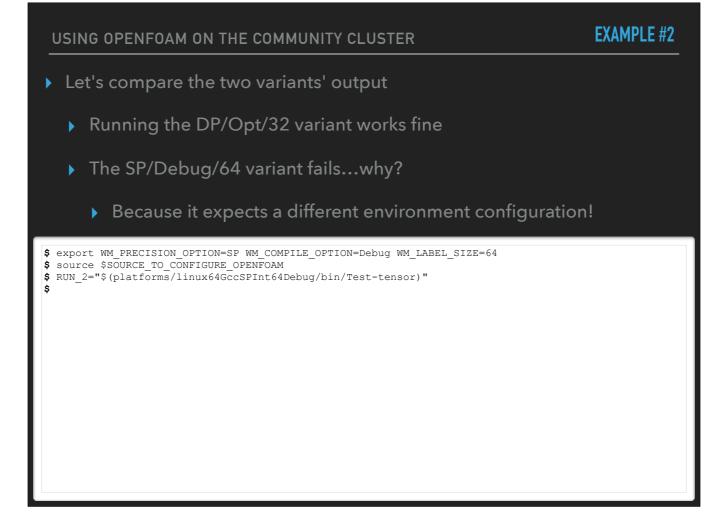




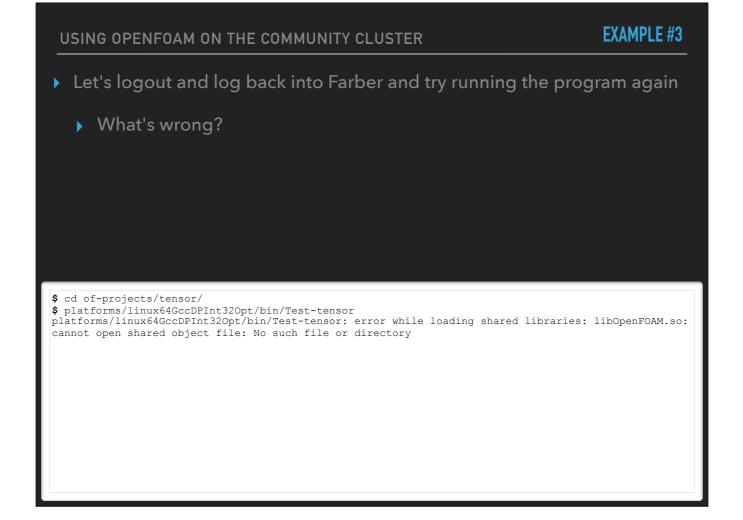
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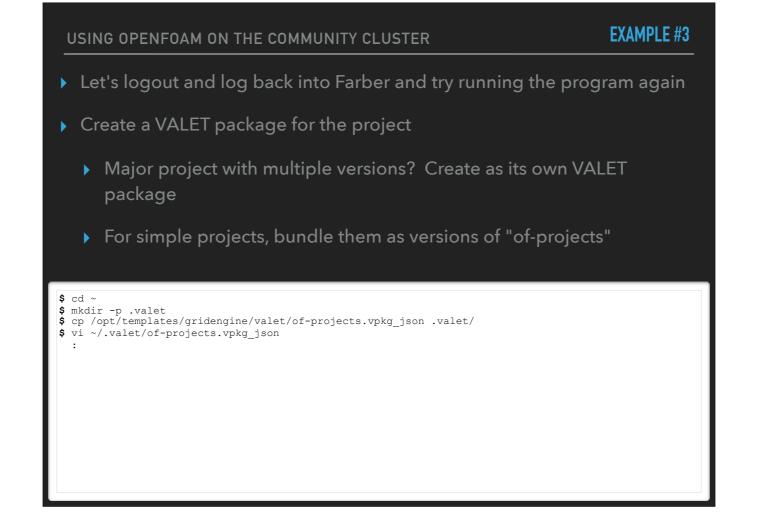


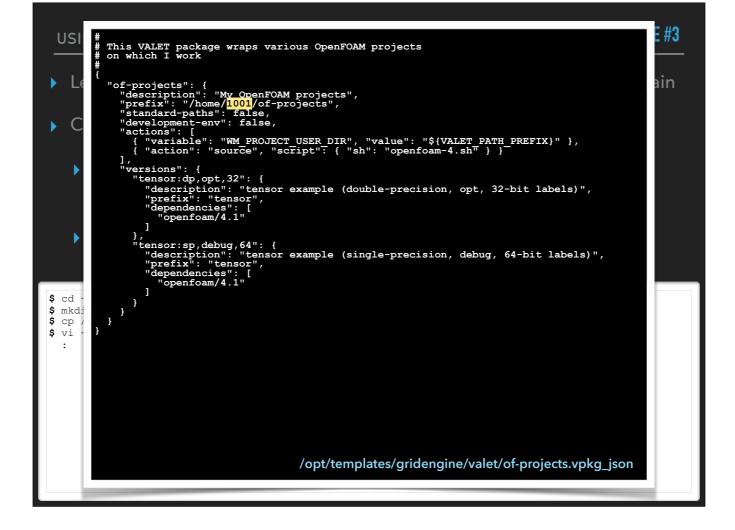
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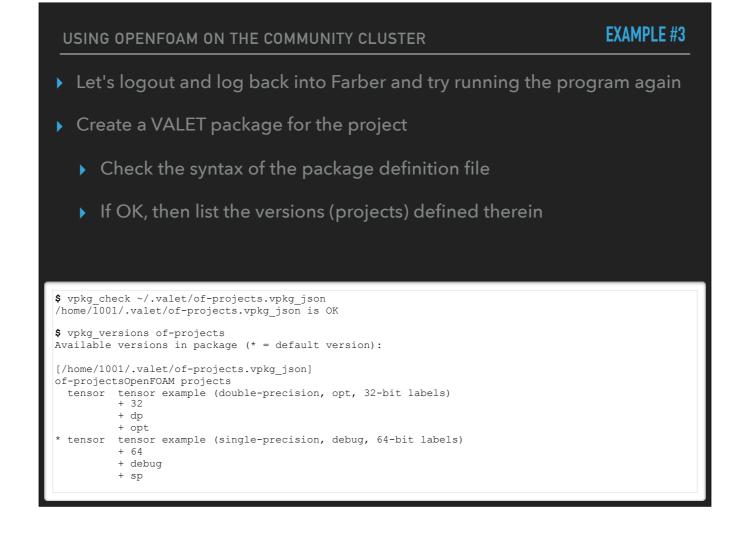


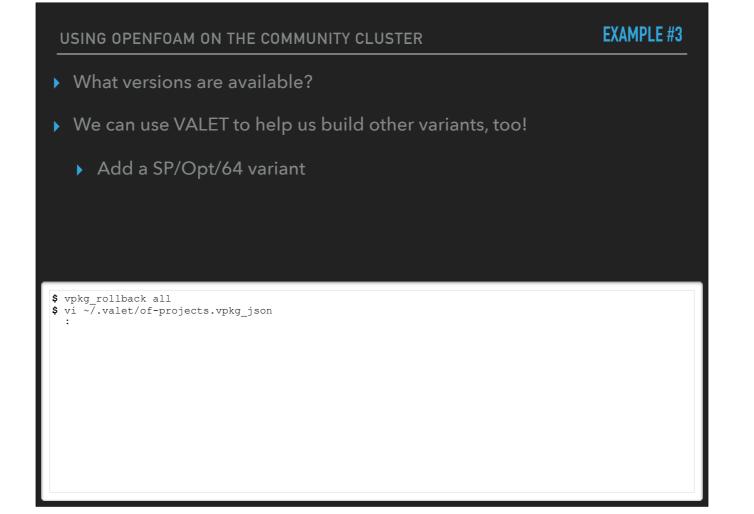
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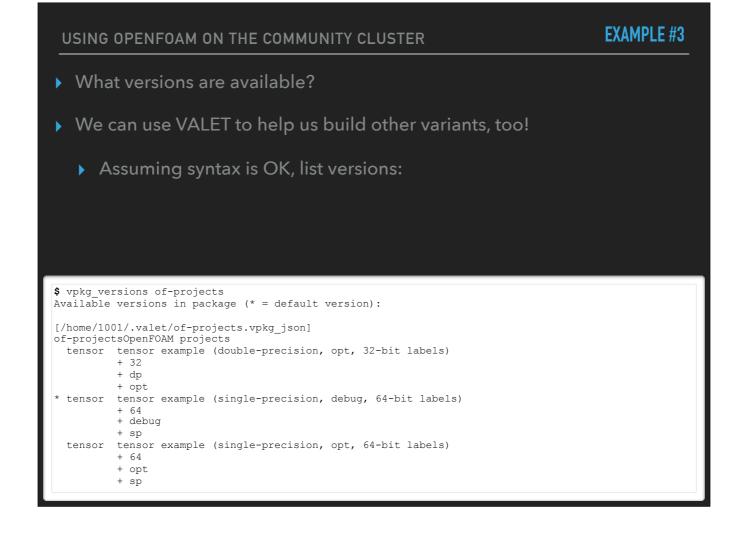


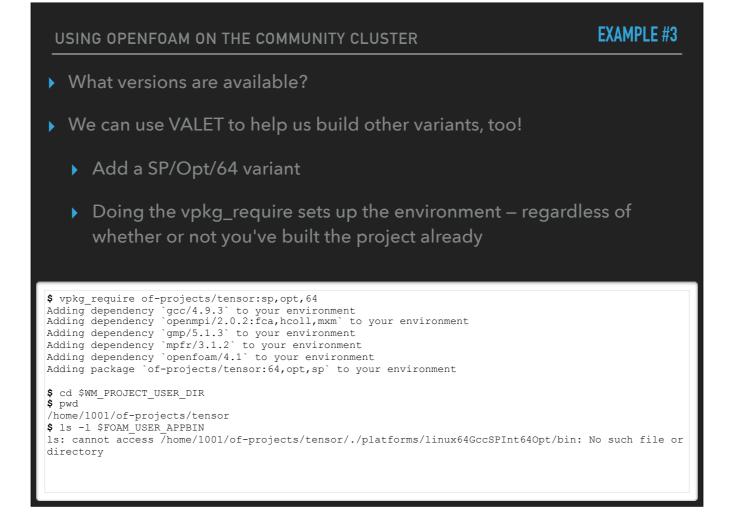












EXAMPLE #3

> What versions are available?

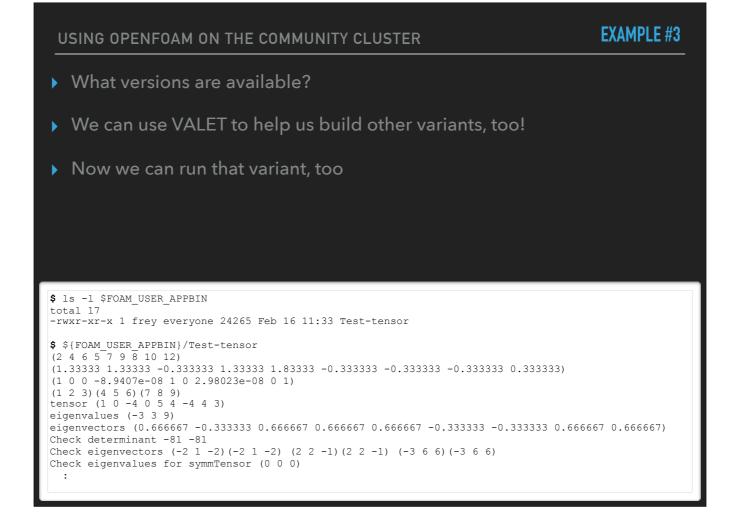
• We can use VALET to help us build other variants, too!

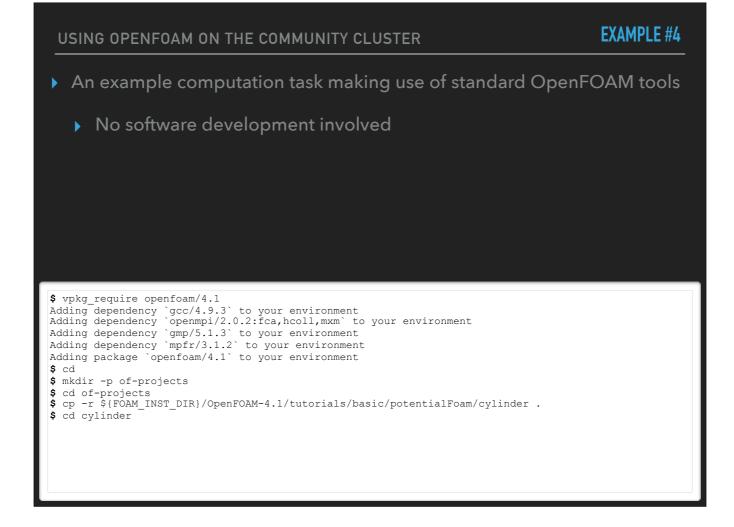
• Add a SP/Opt/64 variant

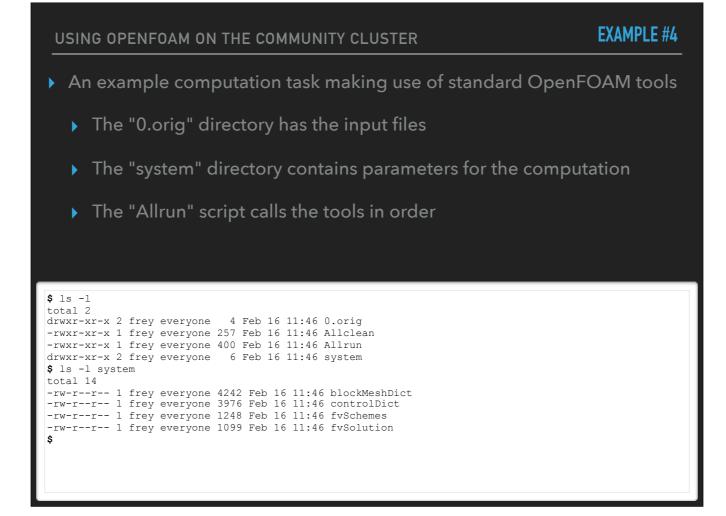
Doing the vpkg\_require sets up the environment – regardless of whether or not you've built the project or not

#### **\$** wmake

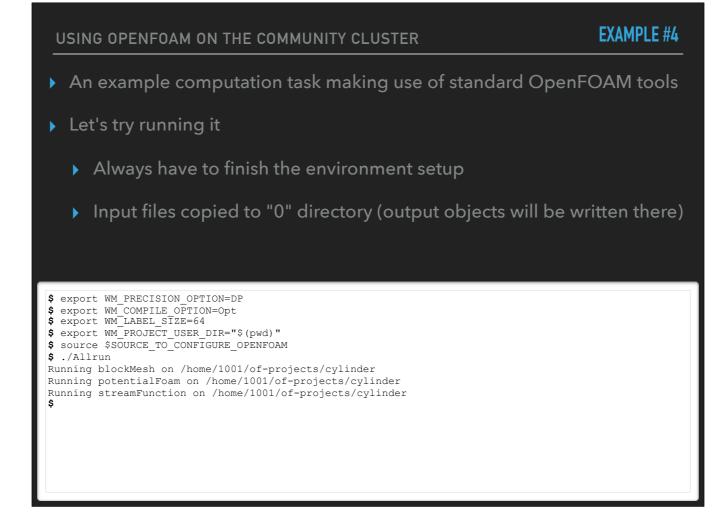
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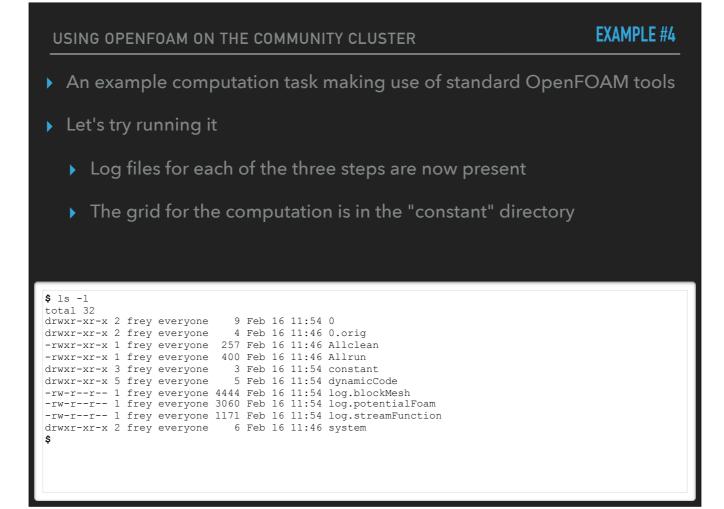


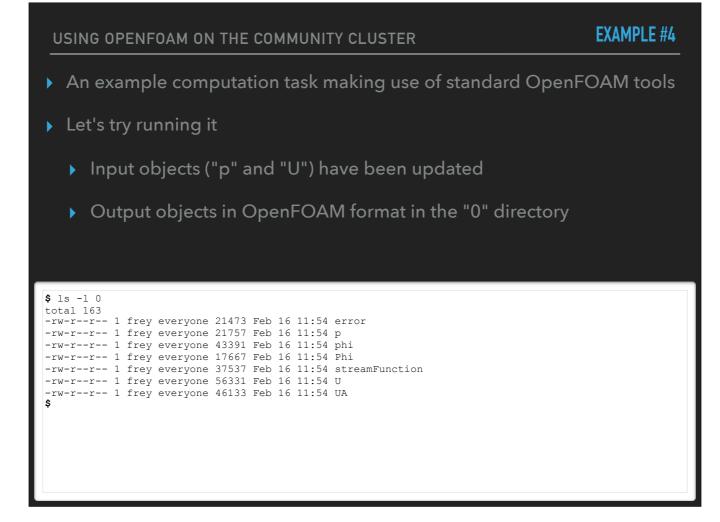




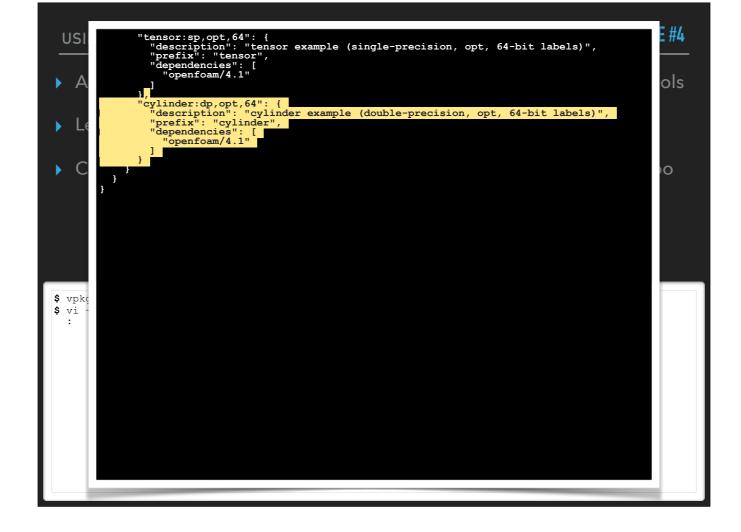
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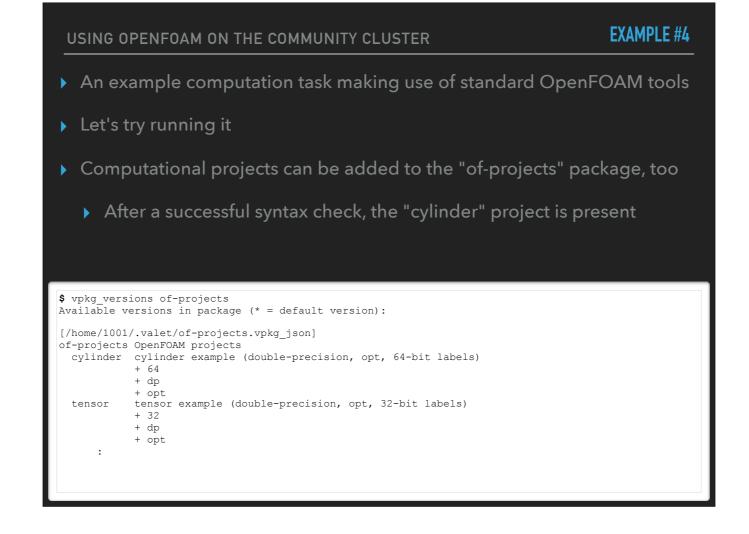


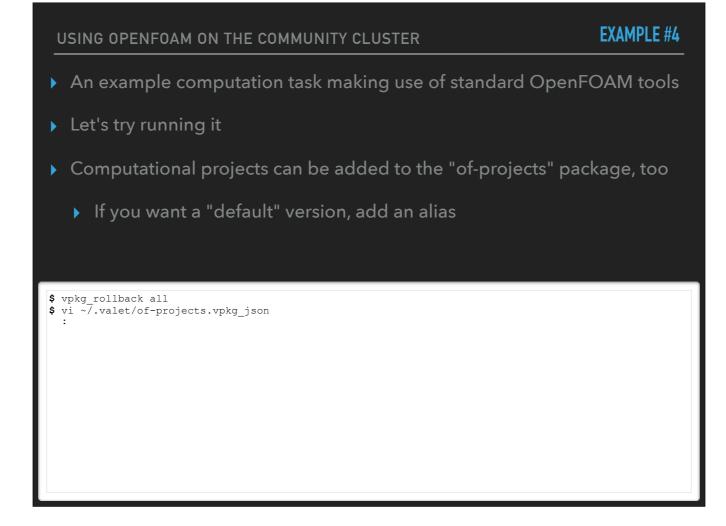




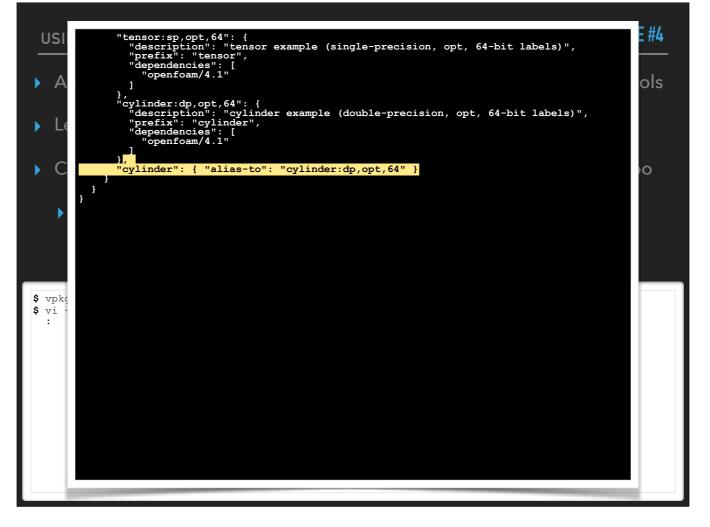
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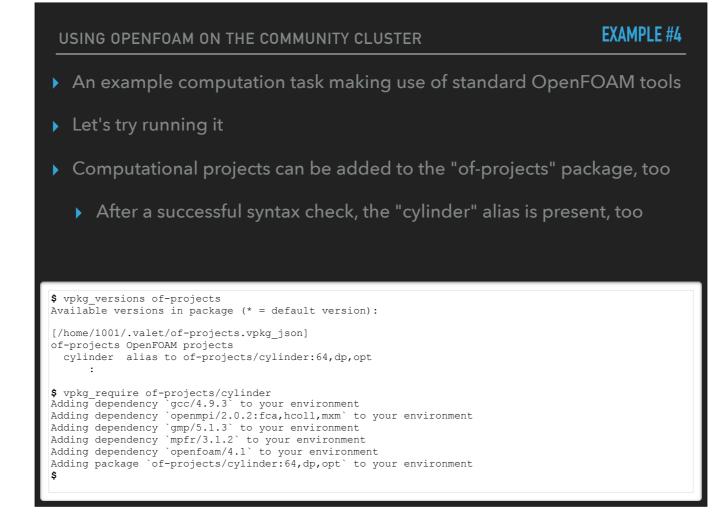


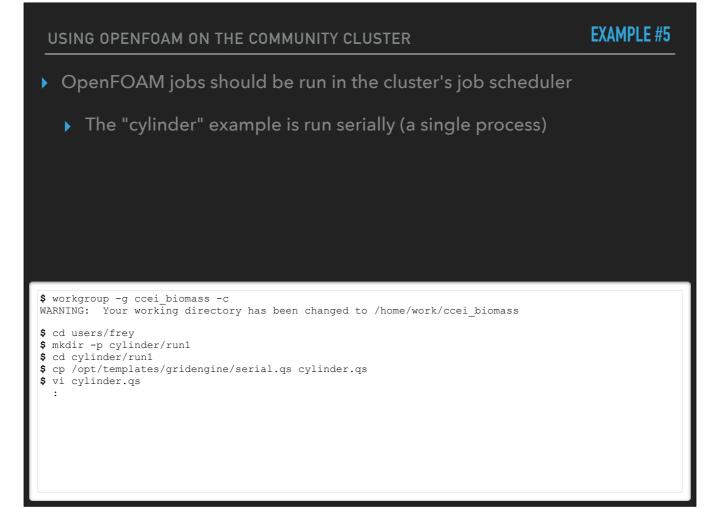


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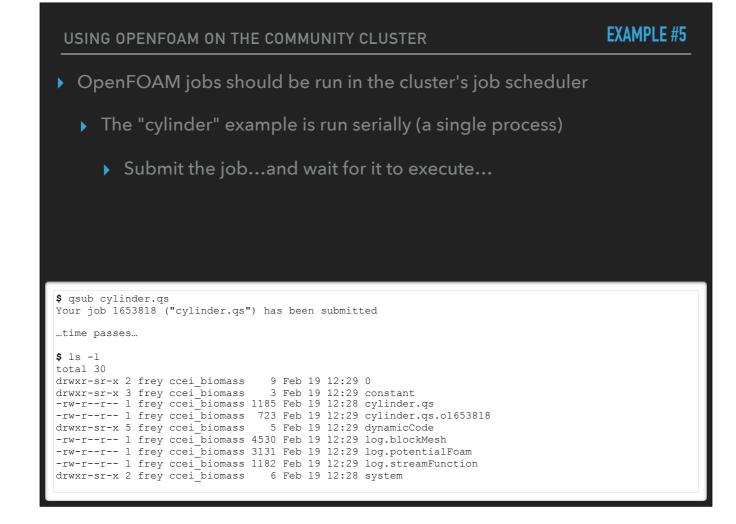




This assumes your workgroup has a "users" directory for each group member's personal storage, with each member's directory therein named accordingly



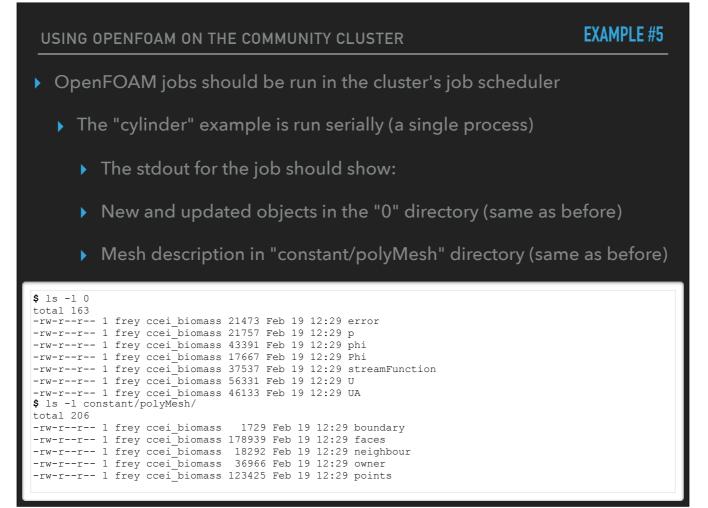
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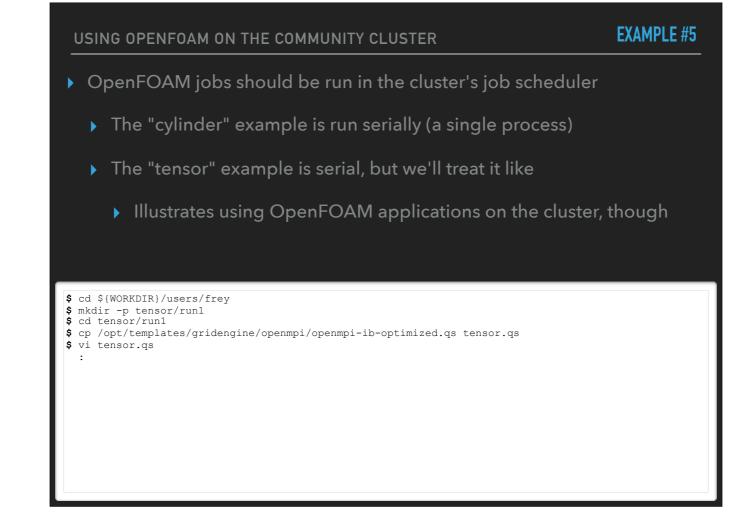


The stdout for the job is present as the script filename with a .o#### extension

Same log files and new directories (constant, dynamicCode) as before are present - hooray!

**EXAMPLE #5** USING OPENFOAM ON THE COMMUNITY CLUSTER • OpenFOAM jobs should be run in the cluster's job scheduler > The "cylinder" example is run serially (a single process) • The stdout for the job should show: Same VALET environment setup seen when run on the head node Same three "Running..." lines as when run on the head node \$ cat cylinder.qs.o1653818 [CGROUPS] UD Grid Engine cgroup setup commencing [CGROUPS] Setting 1073741824 bytes (vmem none bytes) on n014 (master) [CGROUPS] with 1 core = [CGROUPS] done. Adding dependency `gcc/4.9.3` to your environment Adding dependency `openmpi/2.0.2:fca,hcoll,mxm` to your environment Adding dependency `gmp/5.1.3` to your environment Adding dependency `mpfr/3.1.2` to your environment Adding dependency `openfoam/4.1` to your environment Adding package `of-projects/cylinder:64,dp,opt` to your environment Running blockMesh on /home/work/ccei biomass/users/frey/cylinder/run1 Running potentialFoam on /home/work/ccei biomass/users/frey/cylinder/run1 Running streamFunction on /home/work/ccei biomass/users/frey/cylinder/run1





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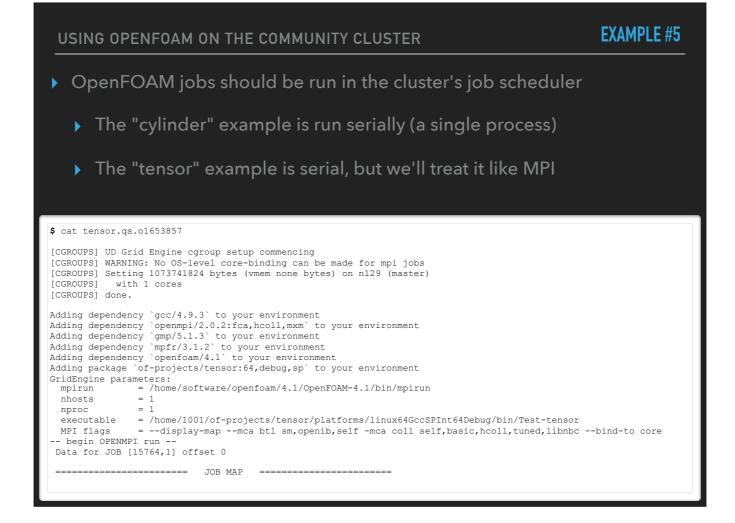


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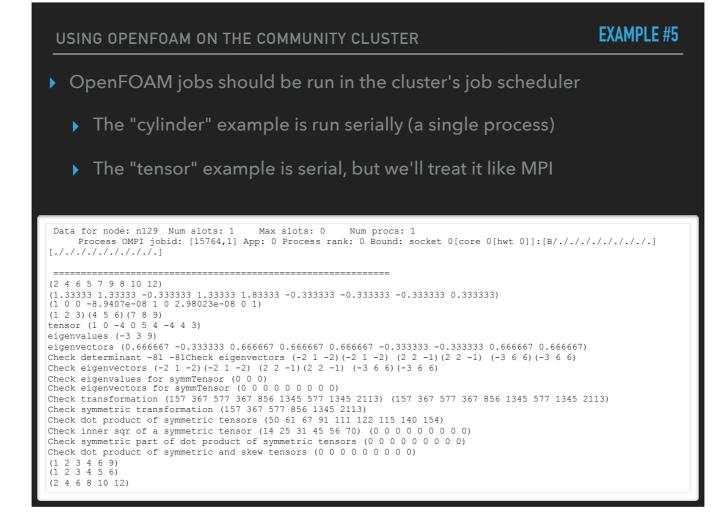
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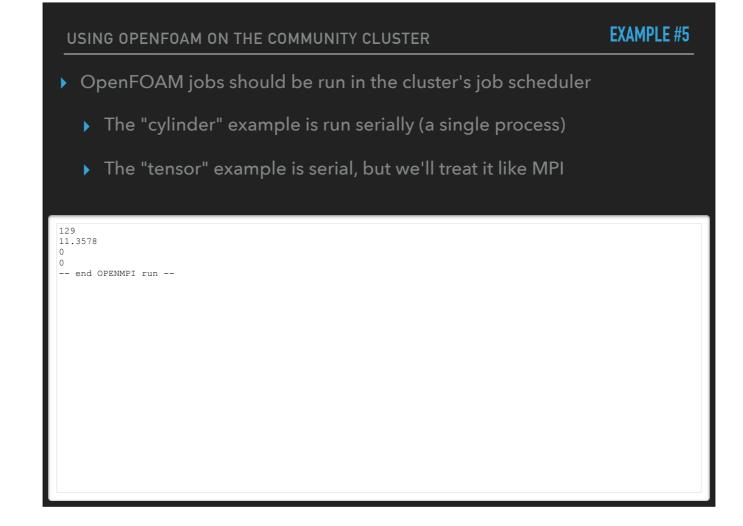
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- OpenFOAM represents an effort to deliver optimized numerical algorithms in a single package
  - No more reinvent-the-wheel for each project you create
  - Parallelism wherever it's appropriate
  - Speed: compiled code, not interpreted (a'la Matlab or Python)

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- VALET can be used to make OpenFOAM environment setup a cinch

# **QUESTIONS?**