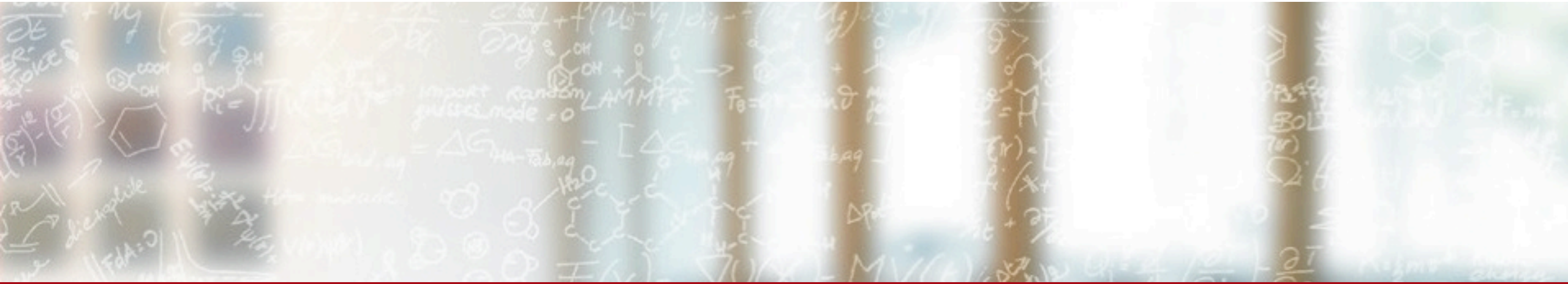




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# ReFrame: A Regression Testing and Continuous Integration Framework for HPC systems

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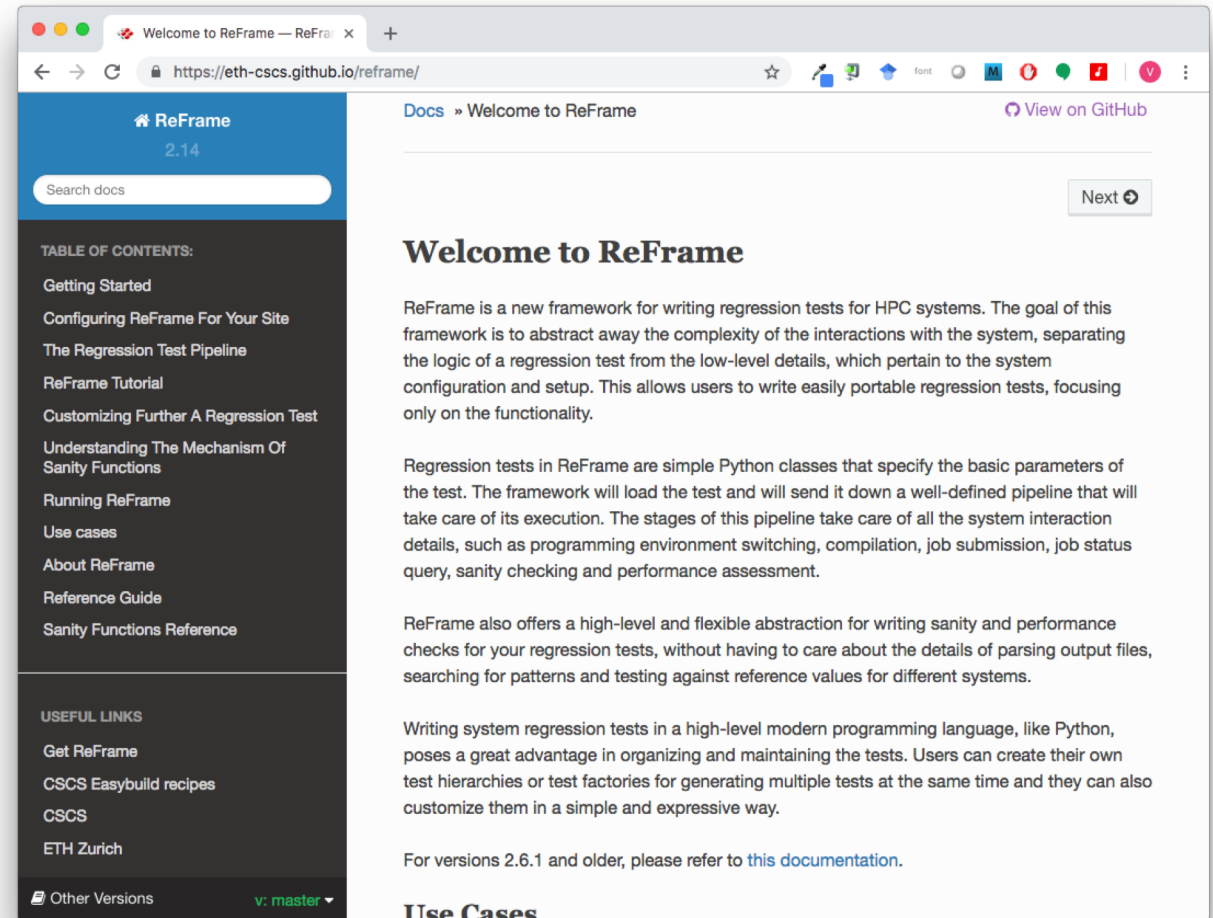
# Background

- CSCS had a shell-script based regression suite
  - Tests very tightly coupled to system details
  - Lots of code replication across tests
  - 15K lines of test code
- Simple changes required significant team effort
  - Porting all tests to native Slurm took several weeks
- Fixing even simple bugs was a tedious task
  - Tens of regression test files had to be fixed

# What is ReFrame?

A new regression testing framework that

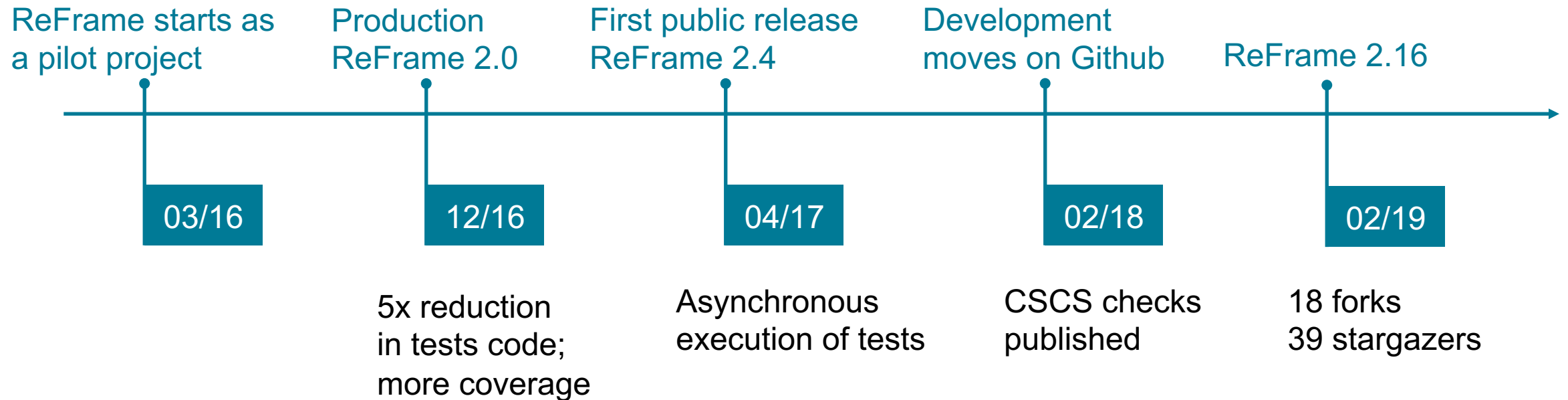
- allows writing **portable HPC** regression tests in Python,
- **abstracts away** the system interaction details,
- lets users focus solely on the **logic** of their test.



The screenshot shows a web browser displaying the ReFrame documentation page. The page title is "Welcome to ReFrame" and the version is "2.14". The left sidebar contains a "TABLE OF CONTENTS" with links to "Getting Started", "Configuring ReFrame For Your Site", "The Regression Test Pipeline", "ReFrame Tutorial", "Customizing Further A Regression Test", "Understanding The Mechanism Of Sanity Functions", "Running ReFrame", "Use cases", "About ReFrame", "Reference Guide", and "Sanity Functions Reference". Below the table of contents are "USEFUL LINKS" including "Get ReFrame", "CSCS Easybuild recipes", "CSCS", and "ETH Zurich". The main content area features a "Welcome to ReFrame" section with an introduction to the framework, a section on "Regression tests in ReFrame", and a section on "Use Cases".

<https://github.com/eth-cscs/reframe>

# Timeline / ReFrame Evolution



# Design Goals

- Productivity
- Portability
- Speed and Ease of Use
- Robustness

*Write once, test everywhere!*

# Key Features

- Separation of system and prog. environment configuration from test's logic
- Support for cycling through prog. environments and system partitions
- Regression tests written in Python
  - Easy customization of tests
  - Flexibility in organizing the tests
- Support for sanity and performance tests
  - Allows complex and custom analysis of the output through an embedded mini-language for sanity and performance checking.
- Progress and result reports
- Performance logging with support for Graylog
- Clean internal APIs that allow the easy extension of the framework's functionality

# More Features

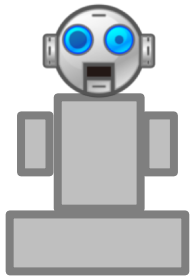
- Multiple workload manager backends
  - SLURM
  - PBS/Torque
- Multiple parallel launcher backends
  - srun, mpirun, mpiexec etc.
- Multiple environment modules backends
  - Tmod, Tmod4, Lmod
- Build system backends
  - CMake, Autotools, Make
- Asynchronous execution of regression tests
- Complete documentation (tutorials, reference guide)
- ... and more (<https://github.com/eth-cscs/reframe>)

# ReFrame's architecture

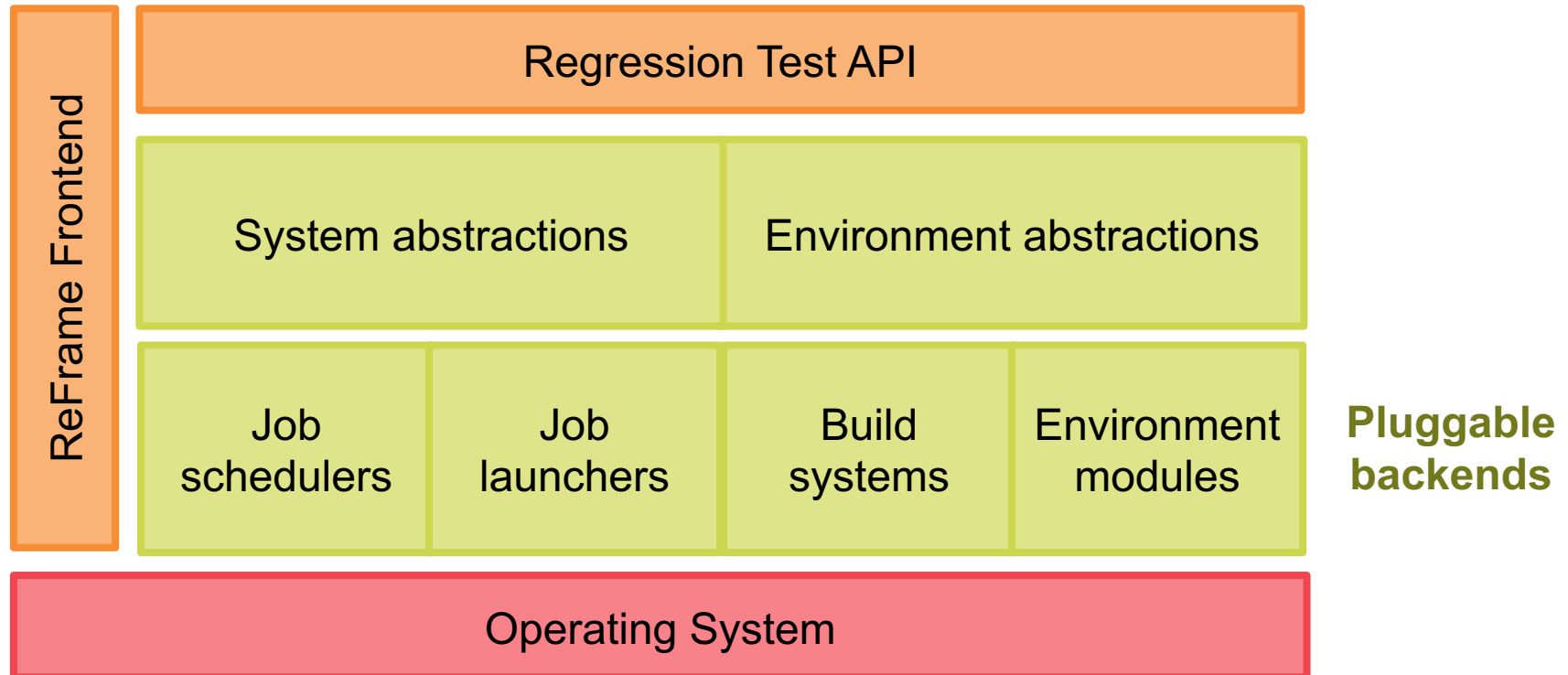


Developer of regression tests

```
@rfm.simple_test  
class MyTest(rfm.RegressionTest):
```



```
reframe -r
```





# Writing a Regression Test in ReFrame

ReFrame tests are specially decorated classes

Valid systems and prog. environments

Compile and run setup

Sanity checking

Extract performance values from output

Reference values and performance thresholds

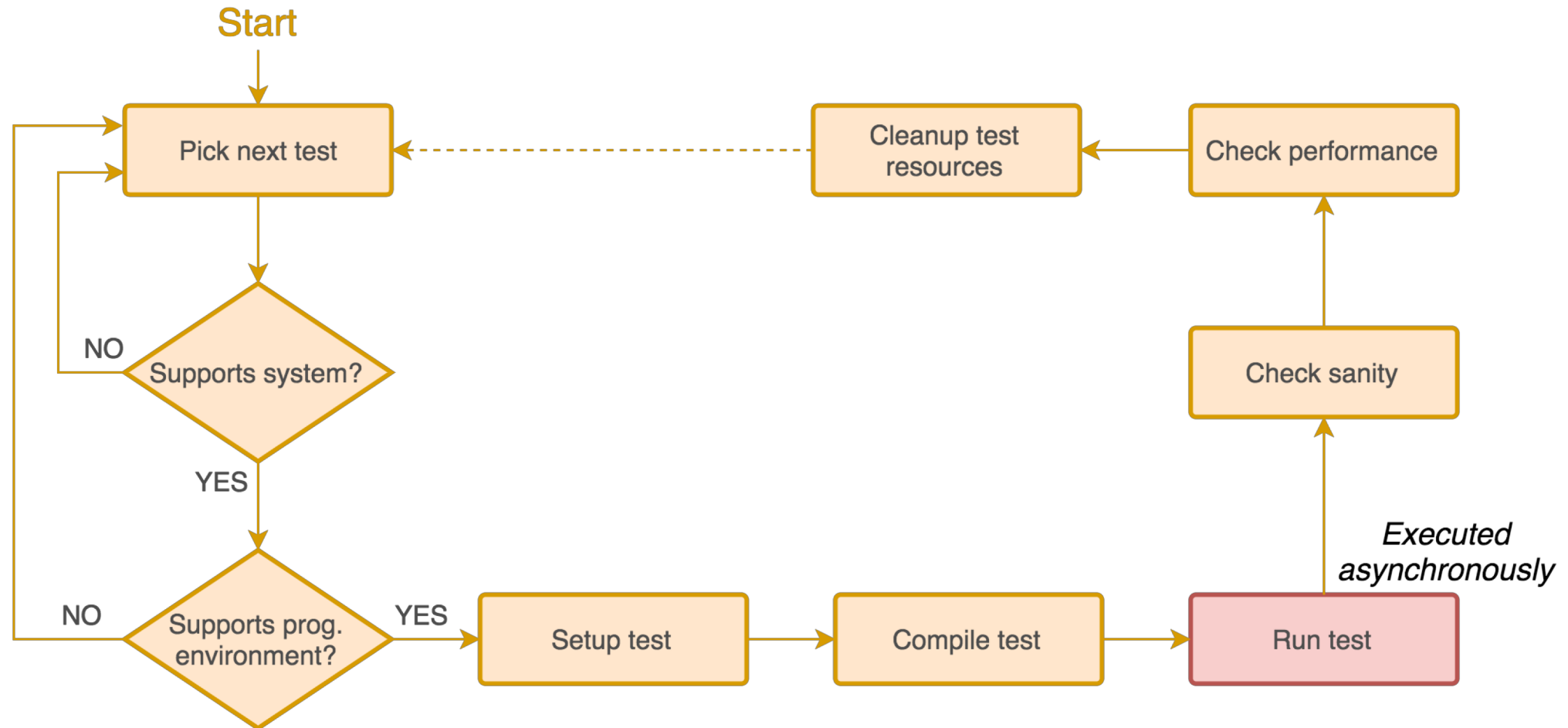
Tags for easy lookup

```
import reframe as rfm
import reframe.utility.sanity as sn

@rfm.simple_test
class Example7Test(rfm.RegressionTest):
    def __init__(self):
        super().__init__()
        self.descr = 'Matrix-vector multiplication (CUDA performance test)'
        self.valid_systems = ['daint:gpu']
        self.valid_prog_environs = ['PrgEnv-gnu', 'PrgEnv-cray', 'PrgEnv-pgi']
        self.sourcepath = 'example_matrix_vector_multiplication_cuda.cu'
        self.build_system = 'SingleSource'
        self.build_system.cxxflags = ['-O3']
        self.executable_opts = ['4096', '1000']
        self.modules = ['cudatoolkit']
        self.num_gpus_per_node = 1
        self.sanity_patterns = sn.assert_found(
            r'time for single matrix vector multiplication', self.stdout)
        self.perf_patterns = {
            'perf': sn.extractsingle(r'Performance:\s+(?P<Gflops>\S+) Gflop/s',
                                    self.stdout, 'Gflops', float)
        }
        self.reference = {
            'daint:gpu': {
                'perf': (50.0, -0.1, 0.1),
            }
        }
        self.maintainers = ['you-can-type-your-email-here']
        self.tags = {'tutorial'}
```

# The Regression Test Pipeline / How ReFrame Executes Tests

A series of well defined phases that each regression test goes through



# The Regression Test Pipeline / How ReFrame Executes Tests

- Tests may skip some pipeline stages
  - Compile-only tests
  - Run-only tests
- Users may define additional actions before or after every pipeline stage by overriding the corresponding methods of the regression test API.
  - E.g., override the setup stage for customizing the behavior of the test per programming environment and/or system partition.
- Frontend passes through three phases and drives the execution of the tests
  1. Regression test discovery and loading
  2. Regression test selection (by name, tag, prog. environment support etc.)
  3. Regression test listing or execution

# The Regression Test Pipeline / How ReFrame Handles the Environment

## ReFrame ...

- does not rely on `module purge`
  - *This is a direct road to disaster for Cray systems*
- starts in the unmodified user environment
- guarantees that each test case will run in the environment that ReFrame was originally invoked in
  - Optionally unloads the module that has loaded ReFrame itself
  - Saves the current environment before entering the setup stage of a test case
  - Restores it when exiting the cleanup stage of a test case
- resolves automatically module conflicts and generates the correct module load/unload sequence
  - Generates build and/or run scripts that can be used to reproduce the framework's behavior

# Running ReFrame

```
reframe -C /path/to/config.py -c /path/to/checks -r
```

- ReFrame uses three directories when running:
  1. **Stage directory**: Stores temporarily all the resources (static and generated) of the tests
    - Source code, input files, generated build script, generated job script, output etc.
    - This directory is removed if the test finishes successfully.
  2. **Output directory**: Keeps important files from the run for later reference
    - Job and build scripts, outputs and any user-specified files.
  3. **Performance log directory**: Keeps performance logs for the performance tests
- ReFrame generates a summary report at the end with detailed failure information.

# Running ReFrame (sample output)

```
[=====] Running 1 check(s)
[=====] Started on Fri Sep  7 15:32:50 2018

[-----] started processing Example7Test (Matrix-vector multiplication using CUDA)
[ RUN    ] Example7Test on daint:gpu using PrgEnv-cray
[      OK ] Example7Test on daint:gpu using PrgEnv-cray
[ RUN    ] Example7Test on daint:gpu using PrgEnv-gnu
[      OK ] Example7Test on daint:gpu using PrgEnv-gnu
[ RUN    ] Example7Test on daint:gpu using PrgEnv-pgi
[      OK ] Example7Test on daint:gpu using PrgEnv-pgi
[-----] finished processing Example7Test (Matrix-vector multiplication using CUDA)

[ PASSED ] Ran 3 test case(s) from 1 check(s) (0 failure(s))
[=====] Finished on Fri Sep  7 15:33:42 2018
```

# Running ReFrame (sample failure)

```
[=====] Running 1 check(s)
[=====] Started on Fri Sep  7 16:40:12 2018

[-----] started processing Example7Test (Matrix-vector multiplication using CUDA)
[  RUN   ] Example7Test on daint:gpu using PrgEnv-gnu
[  FAIL  ] Example7Test on daint:gpu using PrgEnv-gnu
[-----] finished processing Example7Test (Matrix-vector multiplication using CUDA)

[  FAILED ] Ran 1 test case(s) from 1 check(s) (1 failure(s))
[=====] Finished on Fri Sep  7 16:40:22 2018
```

```
=====
SUMMARY OF FAILURES
```

```
-----
FAILURE INFO for Example7Test
```

- \* System partition: daint:gpu
- \* Environment: PrgEnv-gnu
- \* Stage directory: /path/to/stage/daint/gpu/PrgEnv-gnu/Example7Test
- \* Job type: batch job (id=823427)
- \* Maintainers: ['you-can-type-your-email-here']
- \* Failing phase: performance
- \* Reason: sanity error: 50.363125 is beyond reference value 70.0 (l=63.0, u=77.0)

# Running ReFrame (examining a failure)

- ReFrame executes each test case from a separate stage directory:
  - `/path/to/stage/<system>/<partition>/<testname>/<environ>`
- Auto-generated build script and compilation's standard output/error
  - `rfm_<testname>_build.sh`
  - `rfm_<testname>_build.out`
  - `rfm_<testname>_build.err`
- Auto-generated job script and execution's standard output/error
  - `rfm_<testname>_job.sh`
  - `rfm_<testname>_job.out`
  - `rfm_<testname>_job.err`

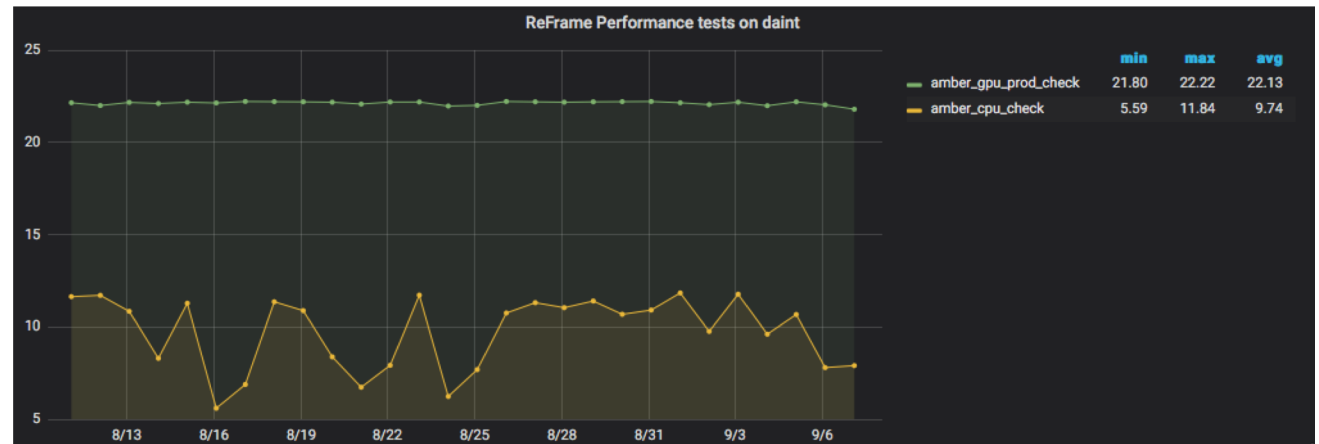


# Running ReFrame (examining performance logs)

- `/path/to/reframe/prefix/perflogs/<testname>.log`
  - A single file named after the test's name is updated every time the test is run
  - Log record output is fully configurable

```
2018-09-07T15:32:59|reframe 2.14-dev2|Example7Test on daint:gpu using PrgEnv-cray|jobid=823394|perf=49.71432|ref=50.0 (l=-0.1, u=0.1)
2018-09-07T15:33:11|reframe 2.14-dev2|Example7Test on daint:gpu using PrgEnv-gnul|jobid=823395|perf=50.1609|ref=50.0 (l=-0.1, u=0.1)
2018-09-07T15:33:42|reframe 2.14-dev2|Example7Test on daint:gpu using PrgEnv-pgi|jobid=823396|perf=51.078648|ref=50.0 (l=-0.1, u=0.1)
2018-09-07T16:40:22|reframe 2.14-dev2|Example7Test on daint:gpu using PrgEnv-gnul|jobid=823427|perf=50.363125|ref=70.0 (l=-0.1, u=0.1)
```

- ReFrame can also send logs to a Graylog server, where you can plot them with web tools.



```

site_configuration = {
  'systems': {
    'daint': {
      'descr': 'Piz Daint',
      'hostnames': ['daint'],
      'modules_system': 'tmod',
      'partitions': {
        'login': {
          'scheduler': 'local',
          'modules': [],
          'access': [],
          'environs': ['PrgEnv-cray', 'PrgEnv-gnu',
                      'PrgEnv-intel', 'PrgEnv-pgi'],
          'descr': 'Login nodes',
          'max_jobs': 4
        },
        'gpu': {
          'scheduler': 'nativeslurm',
          'modules': ['daint-gpu'],
          'access': ['--constraint=gpu'],
          'environs': ['PrgEnv-cray', 'PrgEnv-gnu',
                      'PrgEnv-intel', 'PrgEnv-pgi'],
          'descr': 'Hybrid nodes (Haswell/P100)',
          'max_jobs': 100
        },
      },
    },
  },
},

```

```

'environments': {
  '*': {
    'PrgEnv-cray': {
      'type': 'ProgEnvironment',
      'modules': ['PrgEnv-cray'],
    },
    'PrgEnv-gnu': {
      'type': 'ProgEnvironment',
      'modules': ['PrgEnv-gnu'],
    },
    'PrgEnv-intel': {
      'type': 'ProgEnvironment',
      'modules': ['PrgEnv-intel'],
    },
    'PrgEnv-pgi': {
      'type': 'ProgEnvironment',
      'modules': ['PrgEnv-pgi'],
    }
  }
}

```



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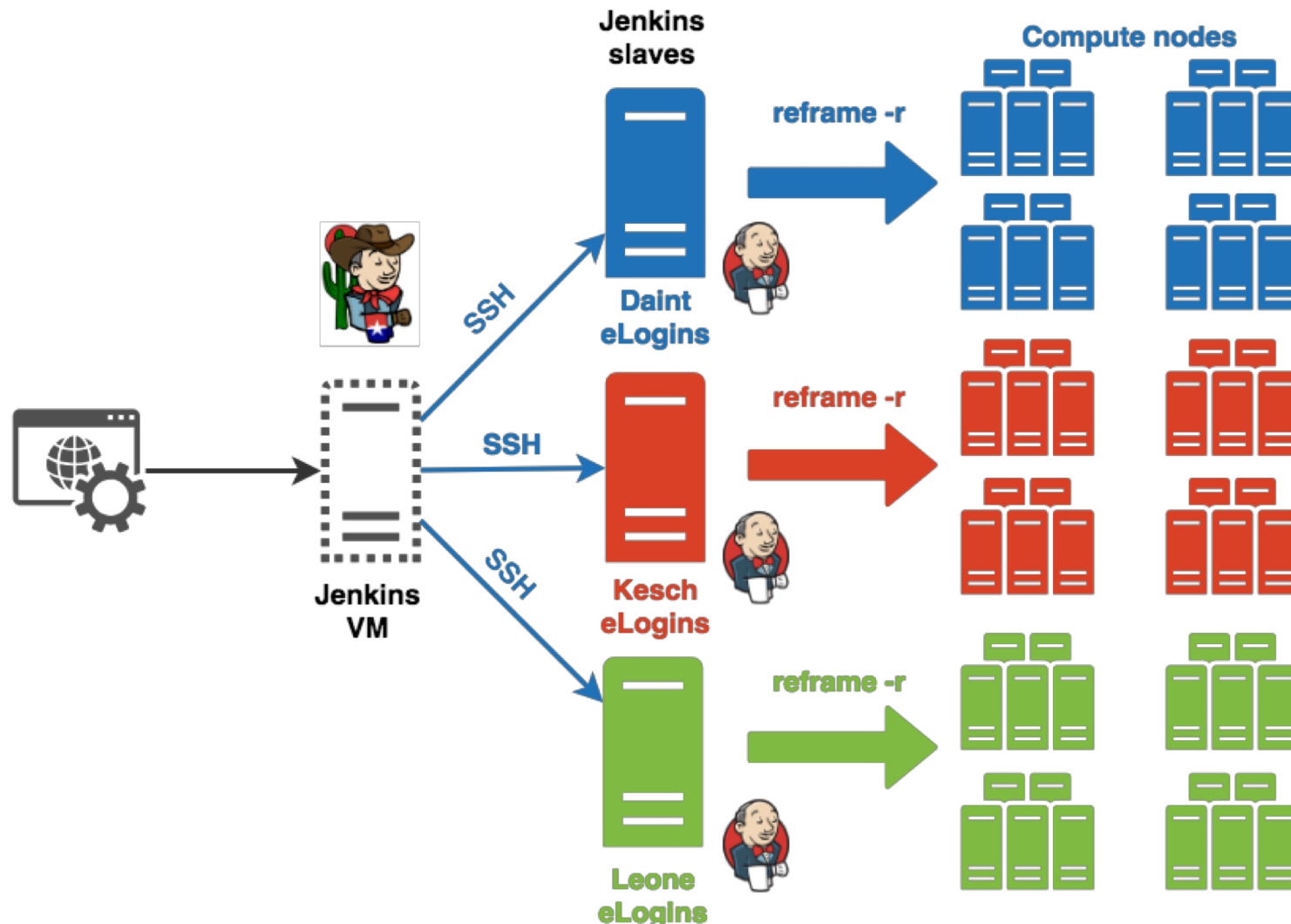
# Using ReFrame at CSCS

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# ReFrame @ CSCS / Tests

- Used for continuously testing systems in production
  - Piz Daint: 179 tests
  - Piz Kesch: 75 tests
  - Leone: 45 tests
  - **Total: 241 different tests (reused across systems)**
- Three categories of tests
  1. Production (90min)
    - Applications, libraries, programming environments, profiling tools, debuggers, microbenchmarks
    - Sanity and performance
    - Run nightly by Jenkins
  2. Maintenance (10min)
    - Programming environment sanity and key user applications performance
    - Before/after maintenance sessions
  3. Diagnostics

# ReFrame @ CSCS / Production set-up



# ReFrame @ CSCS / Production set-up

The image displays three overlapping browser windows showing the Jenkins CI/CD pipeline interface for 'reframe-kesch-production-daily'.

- Left Window:** Shows the Jenkins dashboard for the pipeline. It includes a sidebar with navigation options like 'Back to Dashboard', 'Status', 'Changes', 'Delete Pipeline', 'Configure', 'Full Stage View', 'Open Blue Ocean', 'Rename', and 'Pipeline Syntax'. The main area shows the 'Pipeline re' and 'Stage View' sections.
- Middle Window:** Shows the 'Pipeline' view for the current build. It displays the build status as 'production / kesch - 43m 38s' and a list of stages with their durations and commit information. The stages listed are:
  - Check out from version control
  - Check out from version control
  - hello -- Print Message
  - Shell Script
  - reframe.log -- Archive the artifacts
  - exit 0 -- Shell Script
- Right Window:** Shows the 'Tests' view, displaying a detailed log of test results. The log shows a sequence of 'StreamTest' jobs on various nodes (kesch:pn, kesch:cn) using different environments (PrgEnv-cray, PrgEnv-gnu, PrgEnv-pgi). The tests are marked as 'RUN', 'HOLD', or 'FAIL'. A summary at the bottom indicates that 212 test cases were run from 73 checks, with 6 failures. The failures are summarized as follows:
  - \* Test HelloWorldTestOpenMP\_c\_dynamic on kesch:cn using PrgEnv-cray was retried 1 time(s) and passed.
  - \* Test HelloWorldTestOpenMP\_c\_dynamic on kesch:cn using PrgEnv-cray-nompi was retried 1 time(s) and passed.

# Conclusions and Future Directions

ReFrame is a powerful tool that allows you to continuously test an HPC environment without having to deal with the low-level system interaction details.

- High-level tests written in Python
- Portability across HPC system platforms
- Comprehensive reports and reproducible methods
- ReFrame is being actively developed with a regular release cycle.
- Future directions
  - Test dependencies
  - Seamless support for containers
  - Explicit benchmarking mode
  - Integration with EasyBuild
- Bug reports, feature requests, help @ <https://github.com/eth-cscs/reframe>

# Who is running ReFrame



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# Using ReFrame with a CI service

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# ReFrame integration with CI service

- CSCS CI service
  - Based on Jenkins
  - Run on CSCS HPC systems
  - On the remote side there is a Jenkins VM that can only run sbatch to the compute nodes
  - Integration steps
    1. Add a Jenkinsfile to project
    2. Add a batch script for running ReFrame on the compute nodes
    3. Add configuration entry for the target systems
    4. Add ReFrame tests
- Travis – Github
  - Runs a VM on the cloud
  - Integration steps
    1. Add .travis.yml file
    2. Add configuration entry for the Travis VM
    3. Add ReFrame tests

# ReFrame with CSCS CI service

The image displays a CI pipeline interface for a project named 'scs / Test Arbor Demo'. The pipeline is in a 'Completed' state, having finished 19 minutes ago. The main section shows a 'Testing - 15m 18s' summary with five steps, all of which are marked as successful with green checkmarks:


- Check out from version control
- Check out from version control
- Shell Script
- arbor-ci.out,reframe.out,reframe.log — Archive the artifacts
- Recursively delete the current directory from the workspace

Below the summary, a terminal window provides a detailed log of the ReFrame execution. The log shows the submission of a batch job, the command line used, and the execution of four test cases: ArborBaseTest, ArborMPITest, ArborGpuTest, and ArborSIMDTest\_haswell. All tests passed successfully, and the overall job status is 'PASSED'.

```
Submitted batch job 11594570
8 Command line: ../reframe/bin/reframe --system=daint:gpu -C ci/rfm-config.py -c ci/arbor_tests.py --
9 prefix=/scratch/snx3000/jenscscs/arbor-ci-fef64d1-19 --exec-policy=async -r
10 ReFrame version: 2.16-dev1
11 Launched by user: jenscscs
12 Launched on host: nid02854
13 ReFrame paths
14 =====
15 Check prefix      :
16 Check search path : 'ci/arbor_tests.py'
17 Stage dir prefix  : /scratch/snx3000/jenscscs/arbor-ci-fef64d1-19/stage/
18 Output dir prefix : /scratch/snx3000/jenscscs/arbor-ci-fef64d1-19/output/
19 Perf. logging prefix : /scratch/snx3000/jenscscs/arbor-ci-fef64d1-19/perflogs
20 [=====] Running 4 check(s)
21 [=====] Started on Tue Jan 29 16:11:39 2019
22 [-----] started processing ArborBaseTest (ArborBaseTest)
23 [ RUN     ] ArborBaseTest on daint:gpu using PrgEnv-gnu
24 [-----] finished processing ArborBaseTest (ArborBaseTest)
25
26 [-----] started processing ArborMPITest (ArborMPITest)
27 [ RUN     ] ArborMPITest on daint:gpu using PrgEnv-gnu
28 [-----] finished processing ArborMPITest (ArborMPITest)
29
30 [-----] started processing ArborGpuTest (ArborGpuTest)
31 [ RUN     ] ArborGpuTest on daint:gpu using PrgEnv-gnu
32 [-----] finished processing ArborGpuTest (ArborGpuTest)
33
34 [-----] started processing ArborSIMDTest_haswell (ArborSIMDTest_haswell)
35 [ RUN     ] ArborSIMDTest_haswell on daint:gpu using PrgEnv-gnu
36 [-----] finished processing ArborSIMDTest_haswell (ArborSIMDTest_haswell)
37
38 [-----] waiting for spawned checks to finish
39 [ OK     ] ArborGpuTest on daint:gpu using PrgEnv-gnu
40 [ OK     ] ArborBaseTest on daint:gpu using PrgEnv-gnu
41 [ OK     ] ArborMPITest on daint:gpu using PrgEnv-gnu
42 [ OK     ] ArborSIMDTest_haswell on daint:gpu using PrgEnv-gnu
43 [-----] all spawned checks have finished
44
45 [ PASSED ] Ran 4 test case(s) from 4 check(s) (0 failure(s))
46 [=====] Finished on Tue Jan 29 16:22:11 2019
```

At the bottom of the terminal view, the same two steps from the pipeline summary are visible, with their respective durations: 'arbor-ci.out,reframe.out,reframe.log — Archive the artifacts' (1s) and 'Recursively delete the current directory from the workspace' (9s).

# ReFrame with Travis



**All checks have passed** [Show all checks](#)  
2 successful checks

**This branch has no conflicts with the base branch**  
Merging can be performed automatically.

[Merge pull request](#) You can also [open this in GitHub Desktop](#) or view [command line instructions](#).

Current Branches Build History Pull Requests > [Build #30](#)


More options 

oo **Pull Request #1** first commit

- Commit 5365088 [↗](#)
- #1: first commit [↗](#)
- Branch master [↗](#)
















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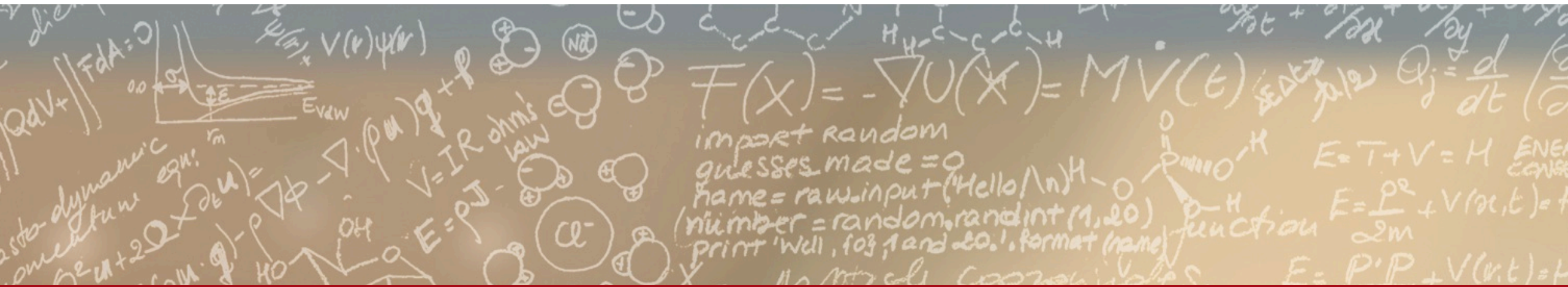
 #30 started

 Running for 4 min 7 sec





[Cancel build](#)

## Build Jobs

oo # 30.1	 </> Python: 3.6	 MATRIX_EVAL="CC=gcc-4.9 && CXX=g++-4.9"	 4 min 7 sec	
oo # 30.2	 </> Python: 3.6	 MATRIX_EVAL="CC=gcc-5 && CXX=g++-5"	 3 min 58 sec	
oo # 30.3	 </> Python: 3.6	 MATRIX_EVAL="CC=gcc-6 && CXX=g++-6"	 -	
oo # 30.4	 </> Python: 3.6	 MATRIX_EVAL="CC=gcc-7 && CXX=g++-7"	 -	



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