CPSC Meeting

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How to support common SW

- One of our goals as a committee is to find a solution for how to support the common base of software we use in both experiments and theory
 - The common software spans across activities and generations
 - It also spans across levels of active development and maintenance



High Level Goal

- Secure stable support to sustain common software
- Enable participation of lab and university employed communities

Open Questions:

- How much money is needed?
- What is the best model?



Mid-level goals

- Improve use of common software, best practice packaging, reproducibility and software engineering
- Identified software lifecycles and transitions
- Informed prioritization
- Secure new funds

Open question

- Does is make sense to have a big tent called software or are multiple

The Grid

- The grid is an interesting test case
 - Driven by tremendous R&D funds in the early 2000s
 - Software is maintained by consortium
 - EGI for Europeans who now collects fees from members
 - OSG who was funded to do this
 - Projects like Globus, which commercialized



Possible Models

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