

Too Much of a Good Thing

UCM Streams and Flood Control

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CRM05: UCM Streams and Flood Control

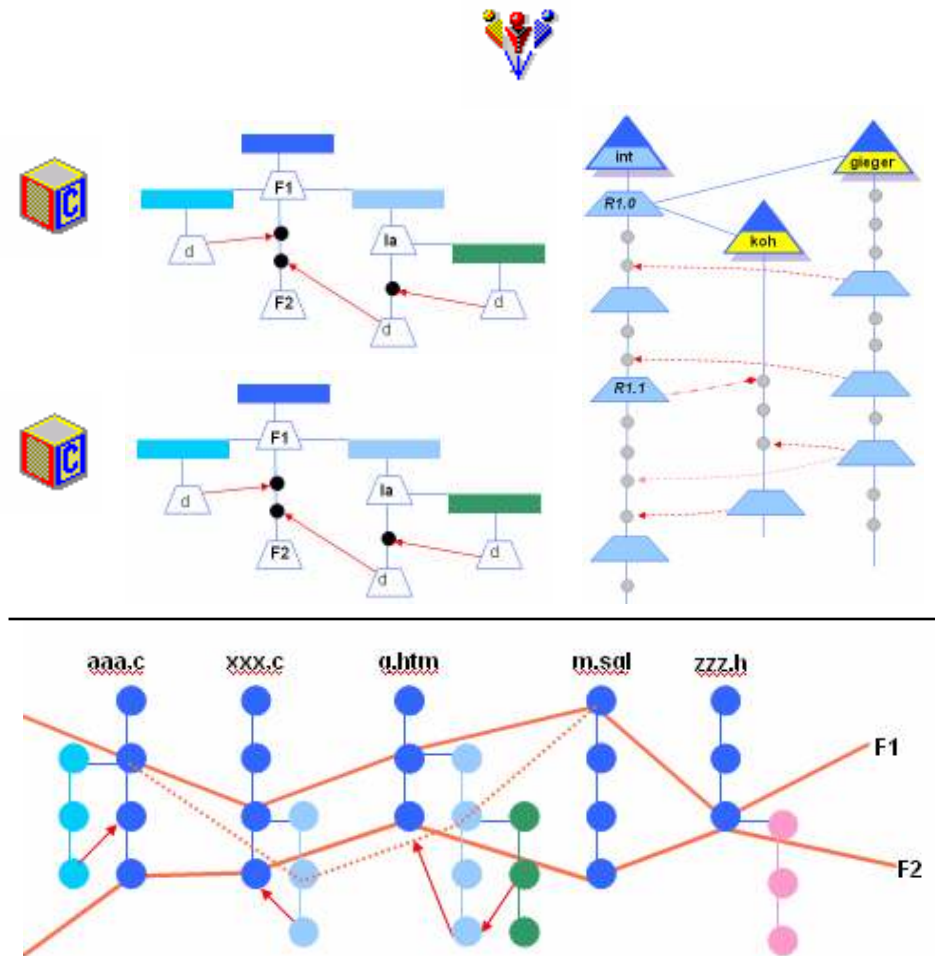
- Streams in the UCM context
- Common models
 - Stumbling stairs
 - Mainline
 - Adapted stairs
- Generic release streams
 - Initial
 - Delta 1
 - Delta 2
 - Variants
- Whiteboard Q&A

- Additional explanations appear in PowerPoint's Notes mode

Stream

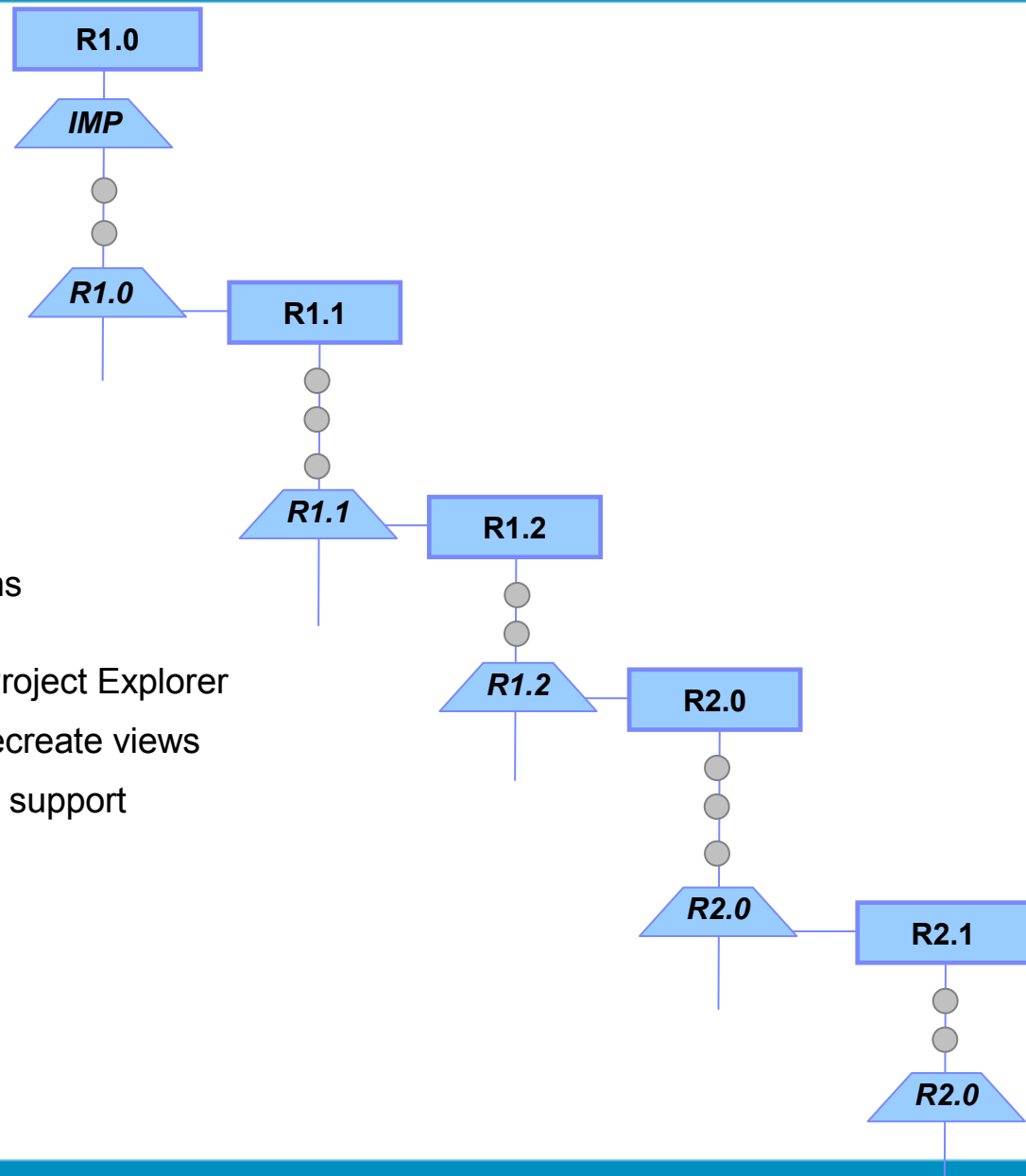
- UCM object introduced in 1998
- Guards a like-named base CC branch type
- Maps to time-line objects in components, which hold baselines

- Each project has at least one stream, its integration stream
- No limit on number or depth of streams
- Each stream has a ...
 - One display parent
 - One or more effective parents
 - One default delivery target



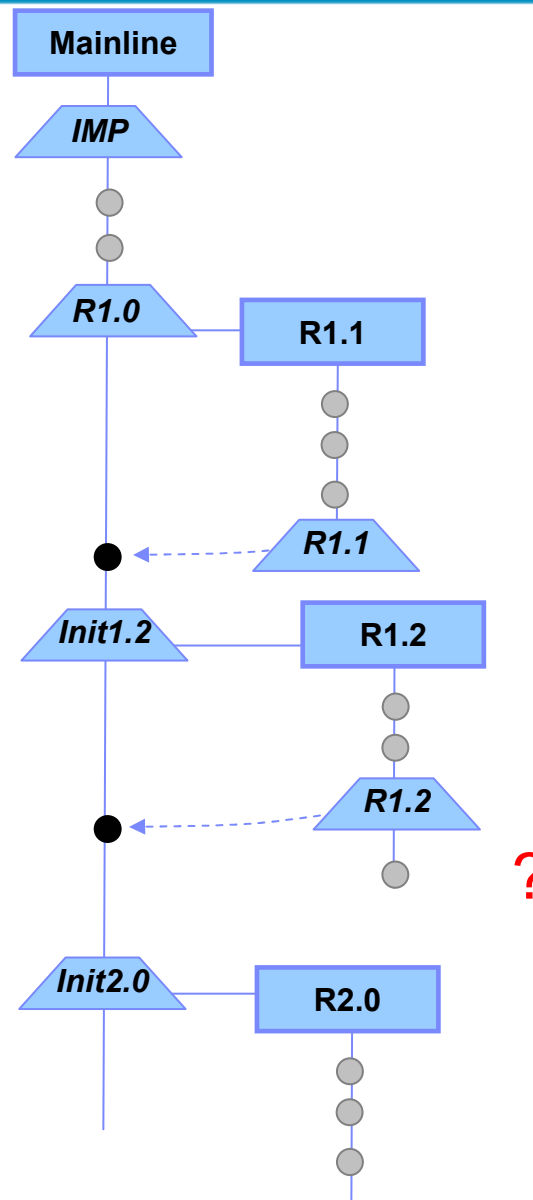
Stumbling Stairs

- Project per release
- Chronological order
- Rapidly too deep
- Awkward to view in version tree and Component Browser
- Long extended paths create problems in Windows and GUI
- Plethora of streams/projects slows Project Explorer
- Developers must change projects, recreate views
- Awkward for multiple live releases in support or long-horizon enhancements



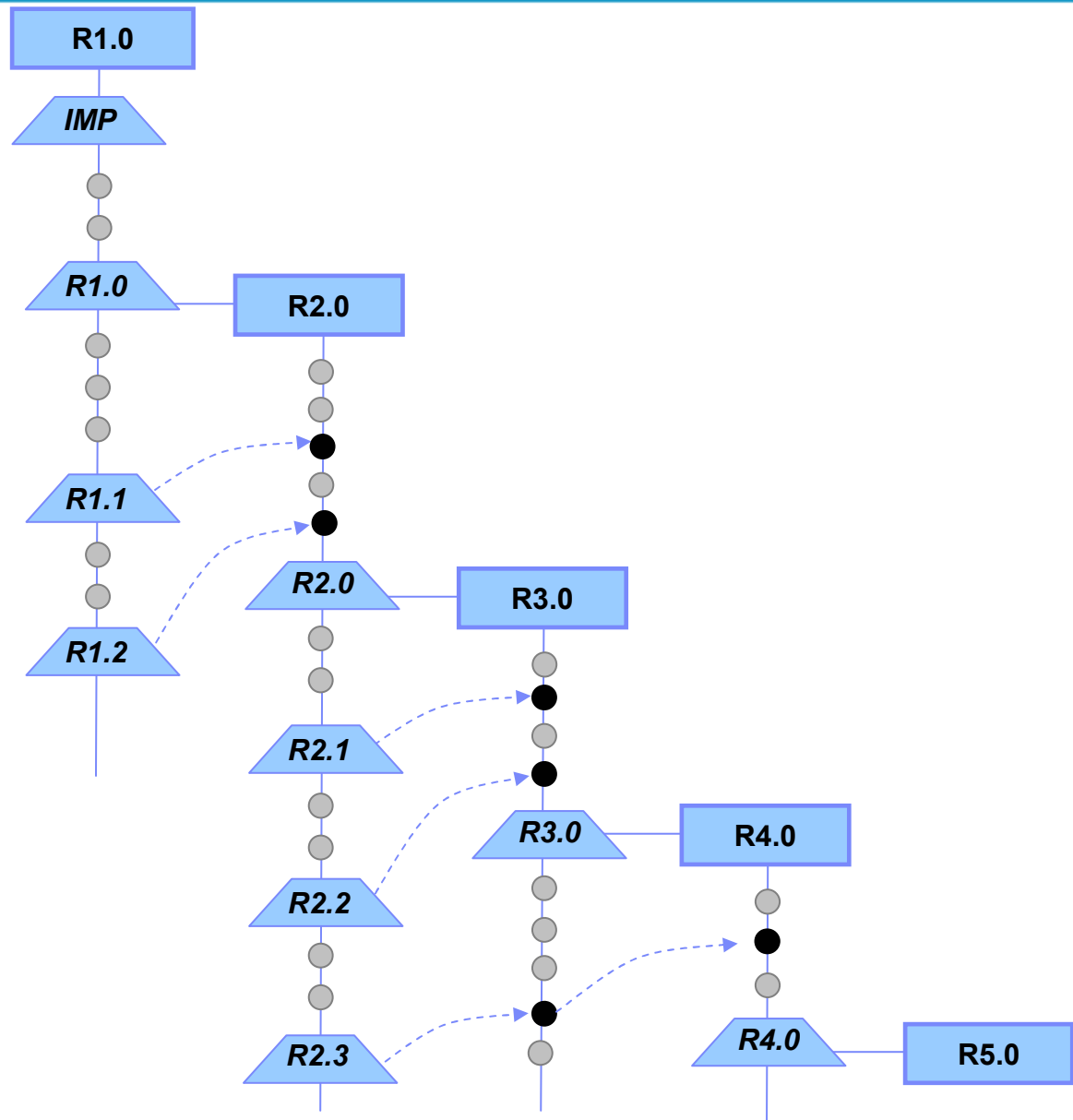
Mainline

- Project per release
- Chronological order
- Deliver to reference stream after release
- Difficult to maintain in order
- Plethora of streams/projects slows Project Explorer
- Developers must change projects, recreate views
- Awkward for multiple live releases or long-horizon enhancements



Adapted Stairs

- Project per major release
- Chronological order
- Re-used for minor releases
- Slowed appearance of problems but did not eliminate them



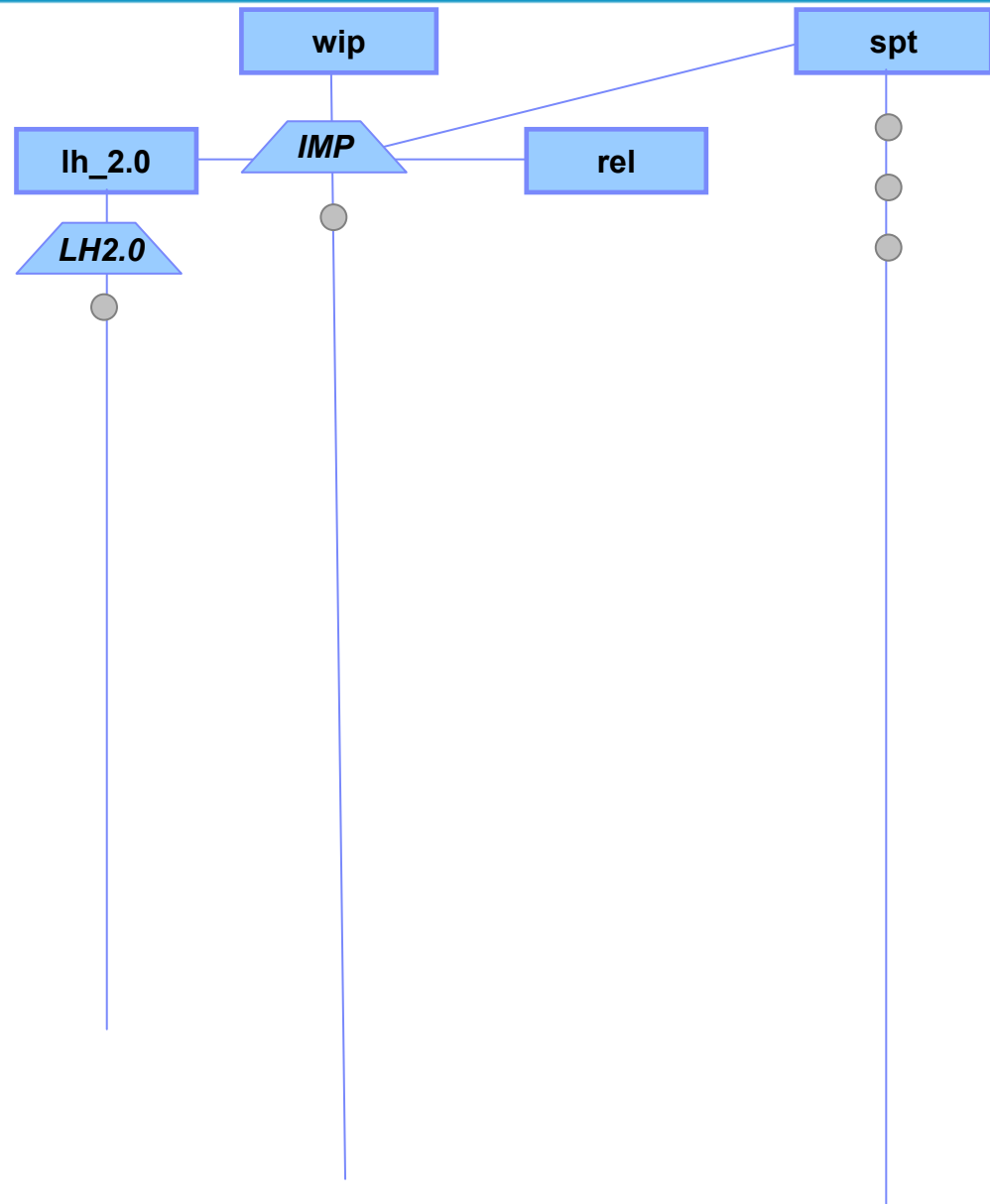
Root Problem?

- Project per release – why?
- Chronological order – why?
- What is a release?

- Development continues. Why shouldn't the project?

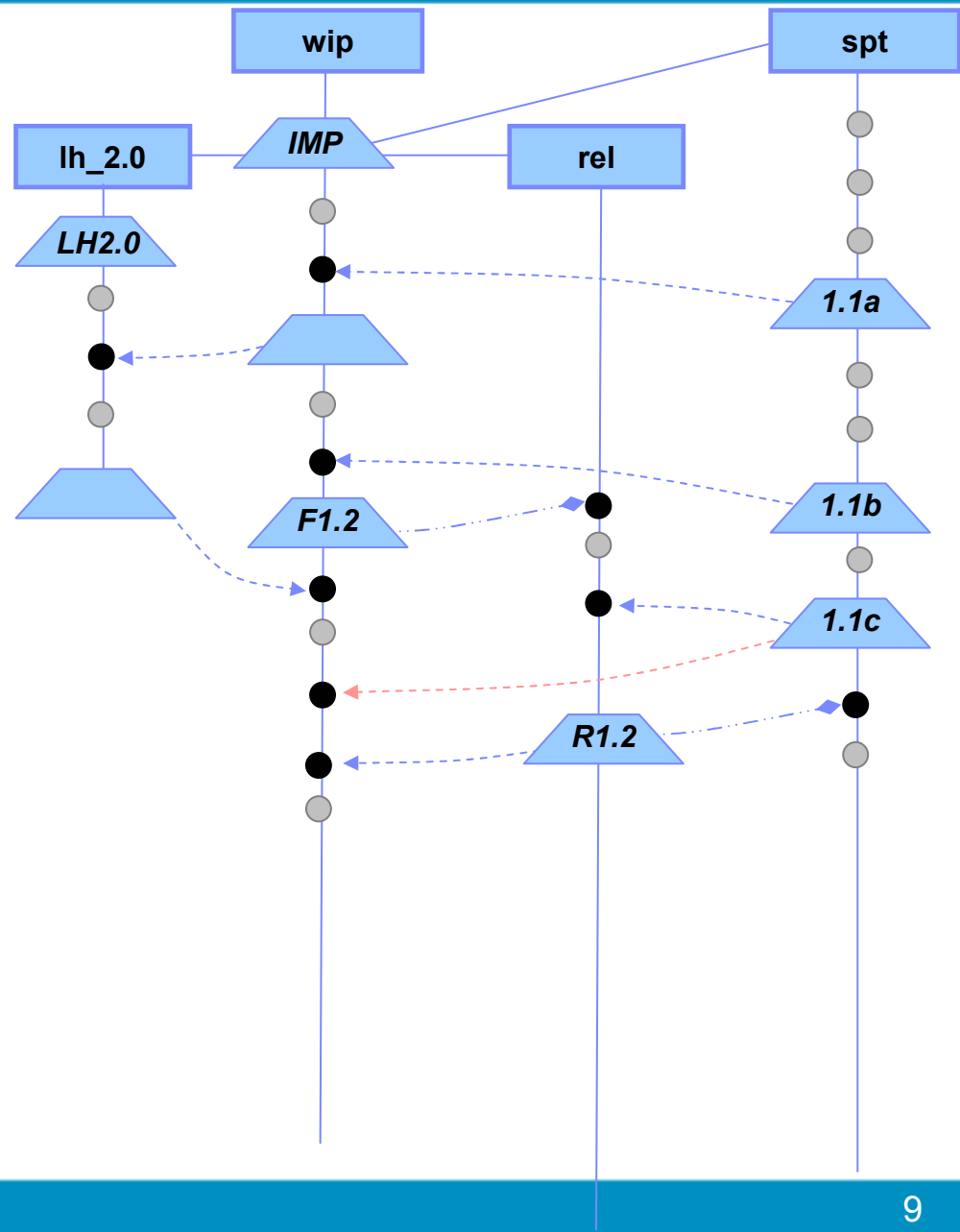
Initial

- Create wip
 - Import current live (1.1), baseline as IMP
- Start projects at baseline IMP
 - Create rel
 - Create spt
 - Create lh_2.0
 - Import work to date on 2.0, baseline as LH2.0
- Work begins ...



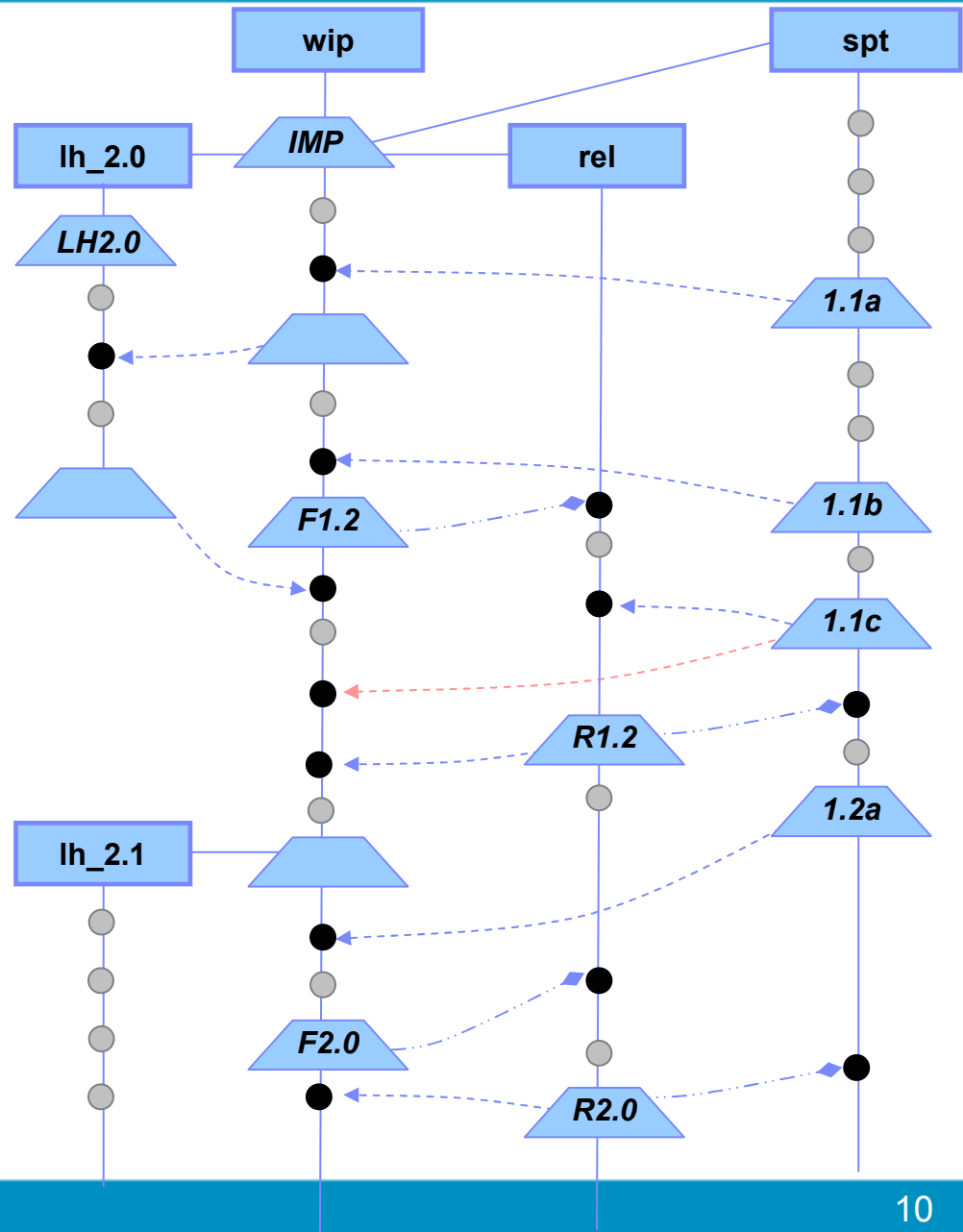
Delta 1

- Release 1.1a bugfix
 - Deliver to wip
- Deliver baselines on wip to lh_2.0
- Work continues...
- Release 1.1b bugfix
- F1.2 begins freeze of release 1.2
 - Rebase rel, deliver lh_2.0 to wip
- Work continues...
- Release 1.1c bugfix
 - Deliver to rel & wip (optional)
- Release R1.2
 - Rebase spt, deliver to wip



Delta 2

- Work continues...
- Begin lh_2.1 from wip baseline
- Release 1.2a bugfix
 - Deliver to wip
- Work continues...
- F2.0 begins freeze of release 2.0
 - Rebase rel
- Work continues...
- Release R2.0
 - Rebase spt, deliver to wip



Variants and Drawbacks

- GRS assumes only one live release in support at any one time
 - To support multiple live releases use one stream per live release
 - Naming convention important to avoid confusion

Thanks!!

- Questions?
- Suggestions?
- Derision?

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