

# Working Towards Fully Differentiable Analysis

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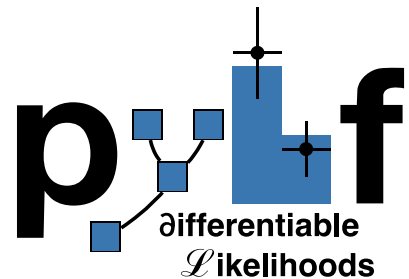


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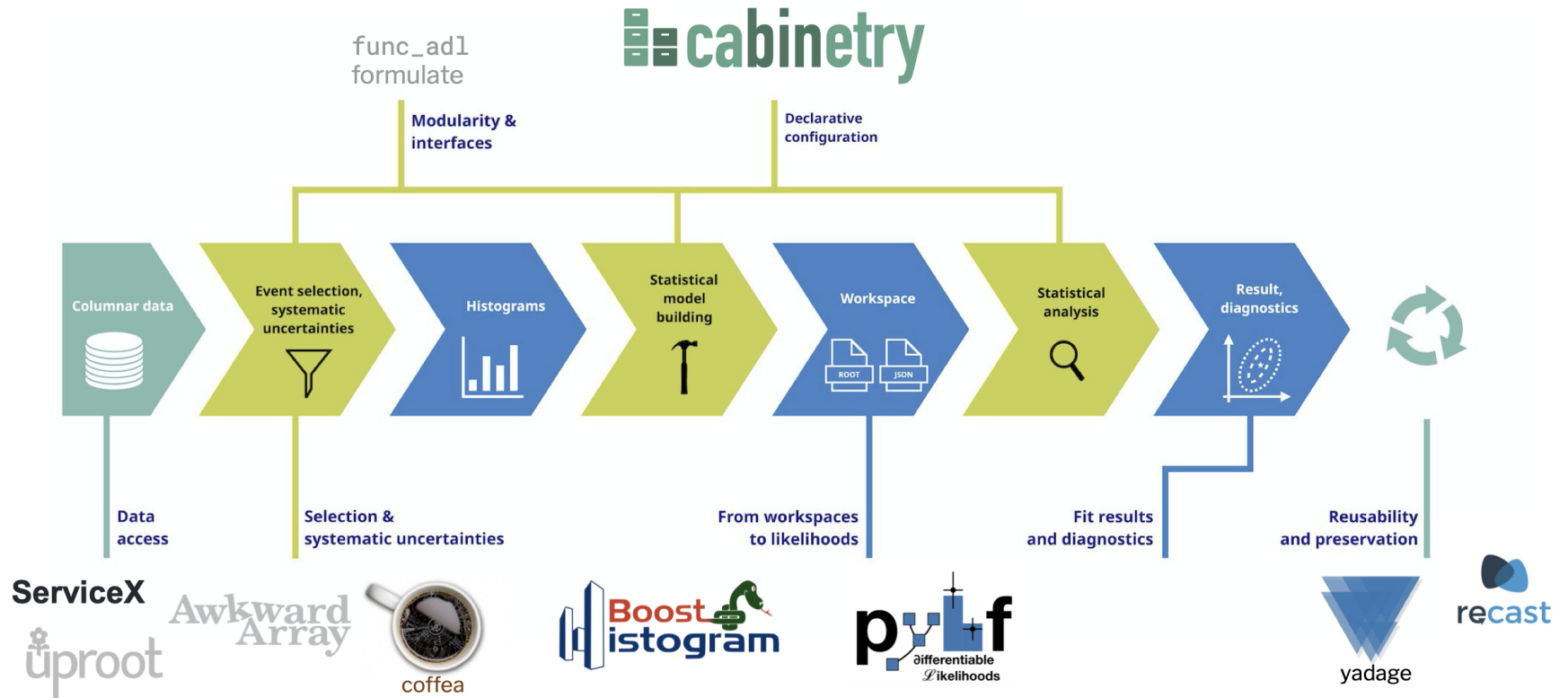


# Introduction

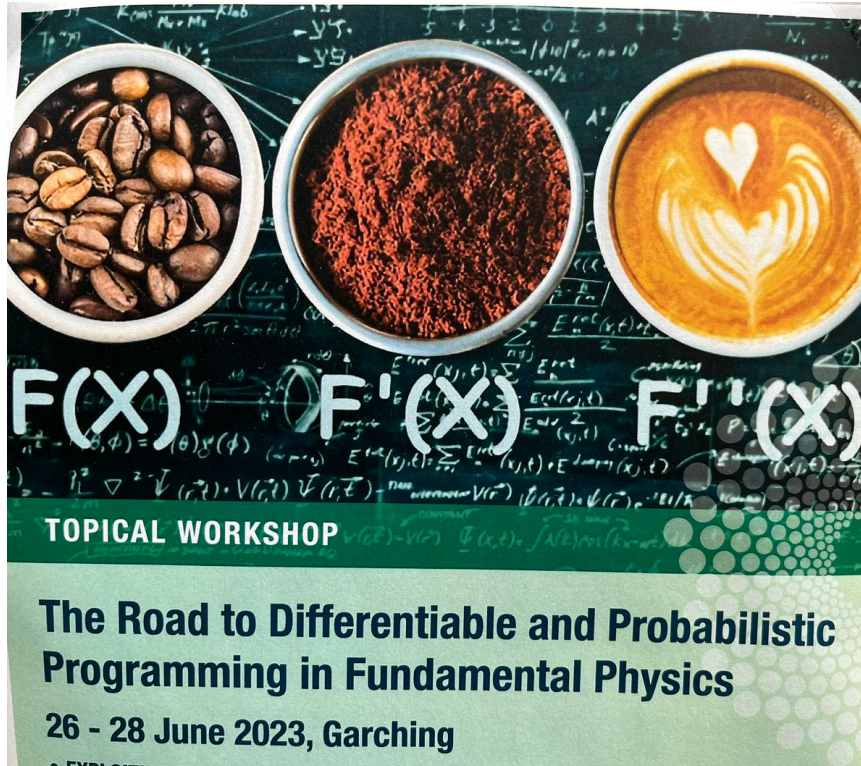
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- pyhf core developer and maintainer



# IRIS-HEP Analysis Systems Pipeline

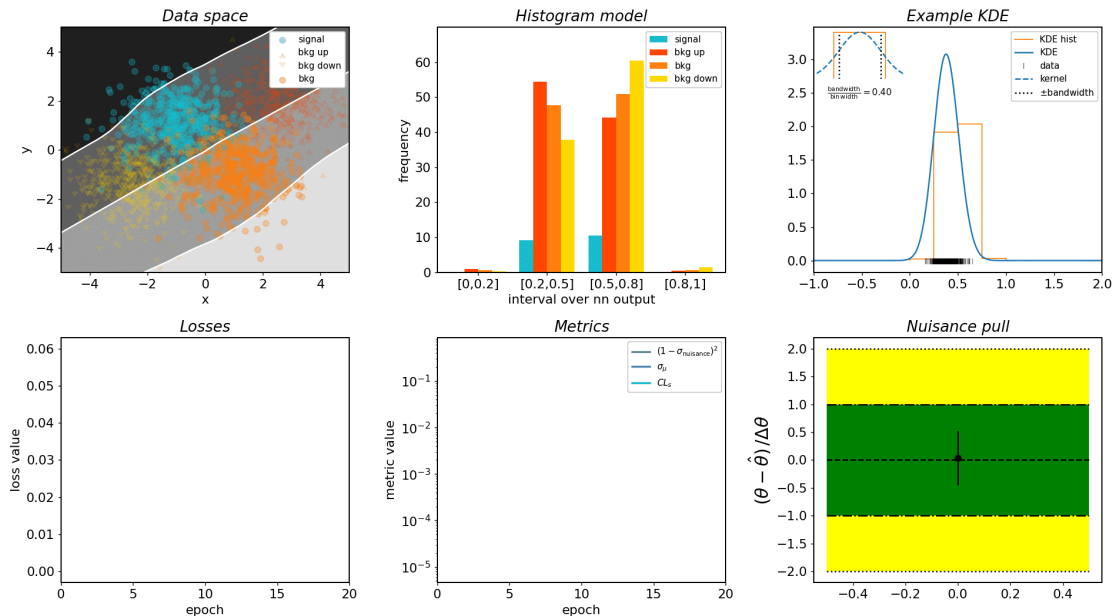


# Looking towards differentiability of tools



MIAPbP Differentiable and Probabilistic Programming for Fundamental Physics program

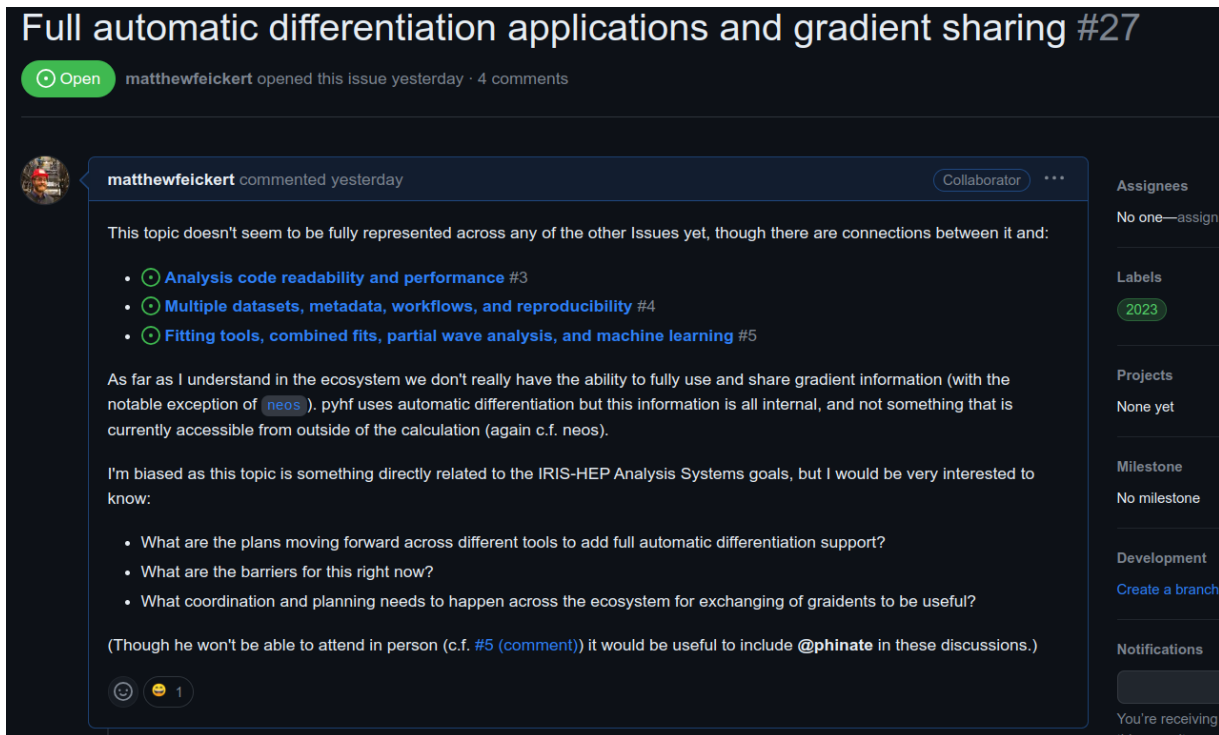
# Prior art on this topic: neos



Nathan Simpson, Lukas Heinrich

"Leverages the shoulders of giants (jax and pyhf) to differentiate through a high-energy physics analysis workflow, including the construction of the frequentist profile likelihood." — neos docs

# Would love to engage with you on this



The screenshot shows a GitHub issue page for "Full automatic differentiation applications and gradient sharing #27". The issue is open and has 4 comments. A comment from user "matthewfeickert" is highlighted, stating that the topic is not fully represented in other issues and listing three related issues: "Analysis code readability and performance #3", "Multiple datasets, metadata, workflows, and reproducibility #4", and "Fitting tools, combined fits, partial wave analysis, and machine learning #5". The comment also discusses the current state of automatic differentiation in the ecosystem, mentioning "neos" and "pyhf", and asks for plans, barriers, and coordination for full support. The right sidebar shows the issue's metadata, including assignees, labels (2023), projects, milestones, and notifications.

## Full automatic differentiation applications and gradient sharing #27

Open matthewfeickert opened this issue yesterday · 4 comments

matthewfeickert commented yesterday Collaborator

This topic doesn't seem to be fully represented across any of the other Issues yet, though there are connections between it and:

- [Analysis code readability and performance #3](#)
- [Multiple datasets, metadata, workflows, and reproducibility #4](#)
- [Fitting tools, combined fits, partial wave analysis, and machine learning #5](#)

As far as I understand in the ecosystem we don't really have the ability to fully use and share gradient information (with the notable exception of `neos`). `pyhf` uses automatic differentiation but this information is all internal, and not something that is currently accessible from outside of the calculation (again c.f. `neos`).

I'm biased as this topic is something directly related to the IRIS-HEP Analysis Systems goals, but I would be very interested to know:

- What are the plans moving forward across different tools to add full automatic differentiation support?
- What are the barriers for this right now?
- What coordination and planning needs to happen across the ecosystem for exchanging of gradients to be useful?

(Though he won't be able to attend in person (c.f. [#5 \(comment\)](#)) it would be useful to include [@phinate](#) in these discussions.)

Assignees: No one—assign

Labels: 2023

Projects: None yet

Milestone: No milestone

Development: [Create a branch](#)

Notifications: You're receiving this repository

PyHEP.dev 2023 Issue #27

# Would also love for *us* to engage (more) with scientific Python

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## Scientific Python



Community developed, community owned

ABOUT

**First Developer Summit held in Seattle** 2023-05-30

**SPECS**  
Scientific Python Ecosystem Coordination documents are a mechanism by which practices are discussed and propagated throughout the ecosystem.

**SUMMITS**  
At the summits, we get together both virtually and in person to plan and do ecosystem work.

**DEVELOPMENT GUIDE**  
Read this community-maintained guide to learn best practices for library development.

**LECTURE NOTES**  
Learn or teach how to use the scientific Python ecosystem with classroom-style lecture notes.

**SPARSE ARRAYS**  
One of our current focuses is on improving and maintaining the sparse array capabilities and interoperability in the ecosystem.

**COMMUNITY**  
Our community efforts focus on broadening participation and better coordinating volunteer efforts.

scientific-python.org

**DataAPIs** Array API DataFrame API Blog Annual Reports

## Consortium for Python Data API Standards

Feedback View on Github

Read our announcement, 2022 array API standard release and dataframe API standard RFC blog posts and tell us what you think!



### Start with why

We aim to solve hard problems, without introducing new ones. Careful consideration of use cases and requirements will get us there.



### Data-driven

We strongly believe decisions should be informed by real-world usage data. Hence our focus on tooling and API usage data.



### Conservative choices

API design is hard. Adding is easier than subtracting. So if we're not sure, we make conservative choices.

data-apis.org

# Goals for PyHEP 2023

- Working towards tool differentiability (personal focus on pyhf)
  - [HSF/PyHEP.dev-workshops/ Issue #27](#)
- Discussion and move towards tool adoption of HEP Statistics Serialization Standard (HS3)
  - [HSF/PyHEP.dev-workshops/ Issue #5](#)
  - [HS3 GitHub](#)
- Improve the onboarding experience for new contributors to Scikit-HEP/PyHEP ecosystem (personal focus on pyhf)
  - [HSF/PyHEP.dev-workshops/ Issue #6](#)
  - [HSF/PyHEP.dev-workshops/ Issue #9](#)



Let's talk!

Looking forward to a good week

# Plug for upcoming workshop

## pyhf Users and Developers Workshop 2023

4–8 Dec 2023  
CERN  
Europe/Zurich timezone

### Overview

Timetable

Participant List

Videoconference

Code of Conduct

### Practical Information

↳ Accommodation

↳ Internet/WiFi Access

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## What is this workshop?

This is the inaugural pyhf workshop for users and developers across all of physics (following the [2023 Belle II pyhf workshop](#)). The goals of the workshop are twofold:

## pyhf Users and Developers Workshop