

# The Third MODE Workshop

on Differentiable Programming  
for Experiment Design

Closing session, Princeton University

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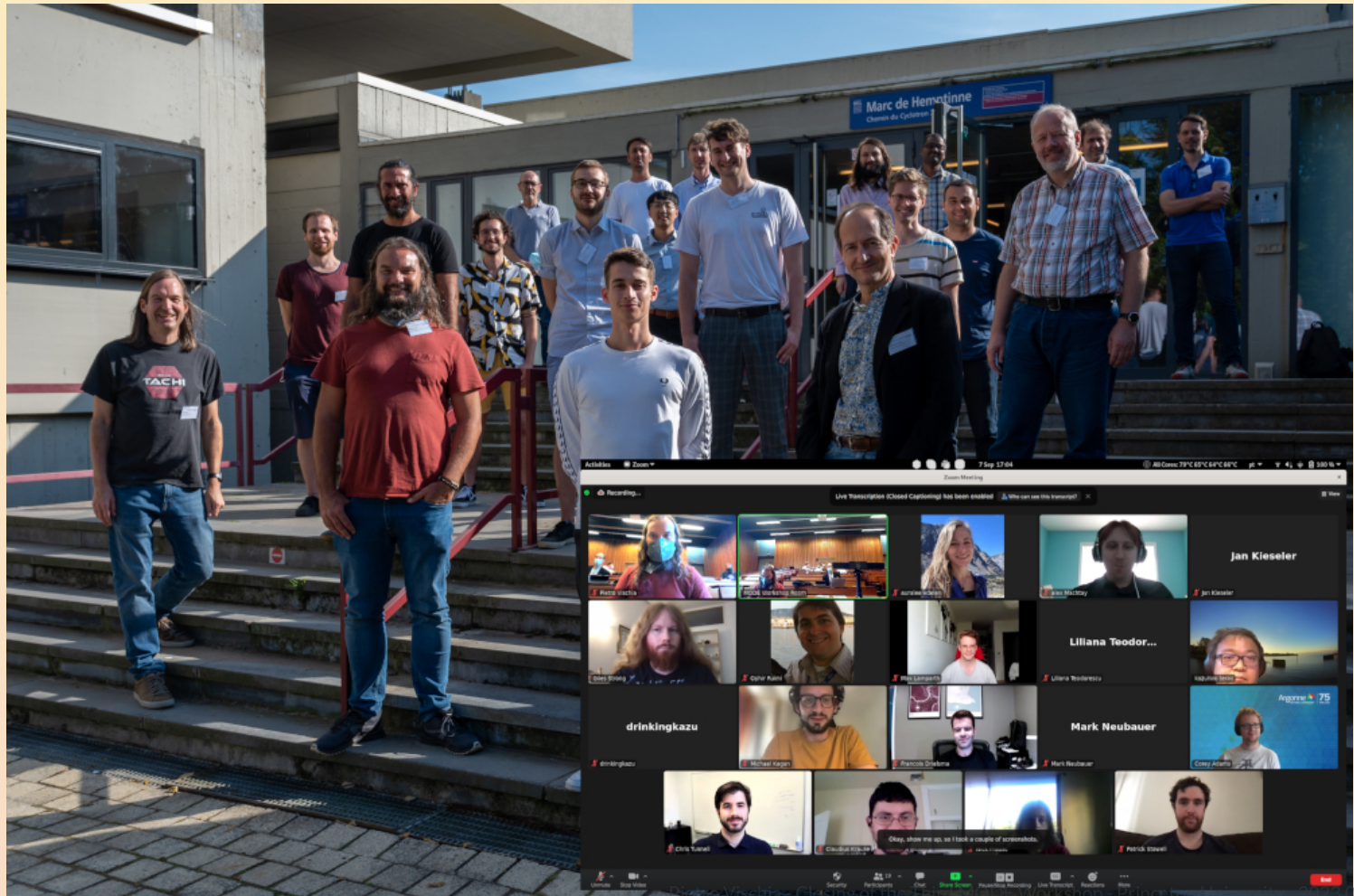


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# First MODE Workshop (2021)

- In Louvain-la-Neuve (Belgium)



# The MODE Goals

## The goals of MODE

- *"We aim to create a versatile, scalable, customizable infrastructure, where a generic detector design task can be encoded, along with all the players (pattern reco, nuisances, cost constraints, a well constructed objective function). Then automatic scanning of the space of design solutions becomes possible!"*
- This doesn't replace the work of the physicist! We aim at **extending the physicist's abilities** by producing **design assistance tools**, focussing on **diagnostic tools and visualizations** for interpretability
- We don't propose *the one optimal solution* to a given problem, we aim at proposing a **distribution of solutions** in a region of optimality, to assist design choices!
- Optimization targets are not only strictly physics-related (e.g. significances): we consider also **financial cost** and other constraints in the optimization

# The MODE Goals

Begin simple, proceed towards complexity

- We identified and started studying some **relatively simple use cases**: muon tomography detector optimization, calorimeter optimization
- Plan to proceed to other simple use cases (e.g. small detectors for HL-LHC), providing **proofs of concept of increasing complexity**
- *“Every problem is difficult if you want to solve it well and make an impact”*
- In this workshop we aimed at starting to build **a community of interested peers** and identify **problems that we may tackle altogether**



# Outcome of the First Workshop!





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## Toward the end-to-end optimization of particle physics instruments with differentiable programming

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# Second MODE Workshop (2022)

- In Kolymbari (Crete)
  - 37 talks, 9 posters, one data challenge with prizes



# Significant efforts ongoing

## Where we stand today

Significant progress in a number of applications of interest, e.g.

- Optimization of EM calorimeter for upgrade of LHCb
- Scattering tomography with cosmic muons
- Proof of INFERNO on LHC data
- Optimization of pCT

More such studies have started / are planned:

- Optimization of EM calorimeter for Muon Collider project
- Optimization of SWGO water tanks and layout
- Optimization of LEGEND detector for double beta decay studies

September 2022

# Outcome of the Second Workshop!

## Progress in End-to-End Optimization of Detectors for Fundamental Physics with Differentiable Programming

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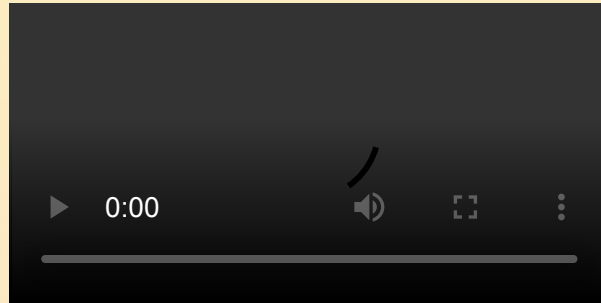
# Third MODE Workshop (2023)

- Here, at [Princeton University \(USA\)](#)





# Rich program, thanks to you!!!



# Impossible without our funding agencies!

- We hugely appreciate the sustained support by NuPECC, APPEC, IRIS-HEP across the years!!!



# We had a wonderful time in Princeton!

...huge thanks to the local organizers!!!

- Maureen Carothers (Princeton University)
  - Florevel Fusin-Wischusen (Princeton University)
  - Andrea Rubinstein (Princeton University)
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- Peter Elmer (Princeton University)
  - Gordon Watts (University of Washington)

# Participants report having met Michael Jordan

...now known as Robinson 🤪

- Thanks to Robinson, María, and all the staff of the receptions!



# Ultimately, thank YOU!!!



- Photo can be downloaded from the [Workshop Participants](#) page



# Want to join us?

- According to our Statute, you need to:
  - [be interested](#) in our research plan, and to [produce research](#) in that area
  - [bring competence](#) of relevance, or vow to [acquire](#) it
  - aim to contribute to it within your (time and resource) possibilities
- If you are interested, send the [MODE Steering board](#) (Dorigo, Donini, Giammanco, Ratnikov, Vischia) an email with confirmation of the above and a short bio/CV: chances are we'll get you in!

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