The Scikit-HEP project

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Python shaping the daily life of a HEP analyst

Python usage in the last few years

- □ **Mostly for simple scripting tasks**
  - **Small well-defined analysis tasks**
  - **Configuration of applications / programs**
- □ **In daily tasks such as plotting, code tests**
- □ **As an analysis framework**

➡ ***This is where we start to strongly link with the scientific computing community …***

There are many reasons for the success

- □ **Python is simple, readable, good-looking, and very well documented**
- □ **Almost all one needs is already available out there …**
- □ **… since the community is huge**

A tale of 2 worlds

HEP, ROOT-based

- ❑ ROOT for almost everything
- ❑ Toolkit for modeling / fitting: RooFit
- ❑ Statistics: RooStats
- ❑ Machine learning: TMVA

Scientific Computing in Python

- ❑ The father of them all: SciPy
- ❑ Data manipulation: NumPy, Pandas
- ❑ Plotting: matplotlib, seaborn, Bokeh
- ❑ Machine learning: scikit-learn, TensorFlow
- ❑ Etc.

- ❑ + dedicated projects built atop the above: Astropy, biopython, etc.

➡ *Are we missing something, i.e. what should we be learning from this ?*

Why Scikit-HEP ?

The facts

□ ROOT is at the heart of HEP software, and likely to remain

- Usage well beyond analysis, eg. I/O

□ Python is here to stay, at least as far as analysis work is concerned

□ And the scientific toolkit in Python is excellent & wide-ranging

The evident conclusion(s)

□ No need to be exclusive, we can exploit this all !

□ How to bridge between ROOT and the Python scientific ecosystem?

□ Various initiatives exist out there,
but only tackling specific tasks/issues

□ Scope / need for a more general(ised) effort

- Others did it: Astropy, biopython

Interoperability

Collaboration

Reproducibility

The Scikit-HEP project

The idea, in just one sentence

The Scikit-HEP project (http://scikit-hep.org/) is a community-driven and community-oriented project with the aim of providing Particle Physics at large with a Python package containing core and common tools.

What it is NOT …

❑ **A replacement for ROOT**

❑ **A replacement for the Python ecosystem based on NumPy, scikit-learn & co.**

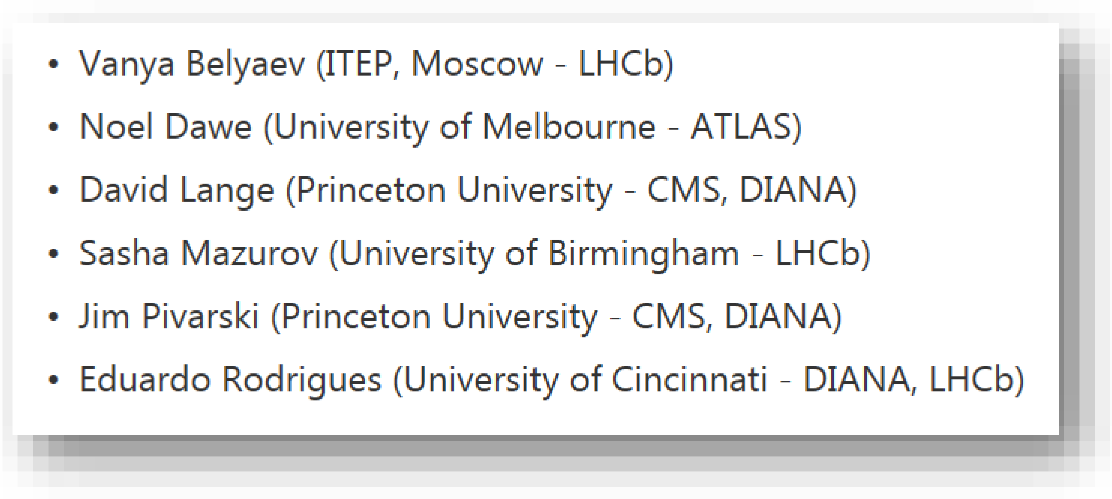
… and what it is

❑ **Bridge/glue between the ROOT-based and the Python scientific ecosystem**
- **Expand typical toolkit of HEP physicists**
- **Common definitions and APIs to ease “cross-talk”**

❑ **Project similar to the Astropy project – learn from good examples ;-)**

The Scikit-HEP project – team

❑ **Project started with a team with varied experience and expertise**



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❑ **Building the core from existing packages, as a starting point**

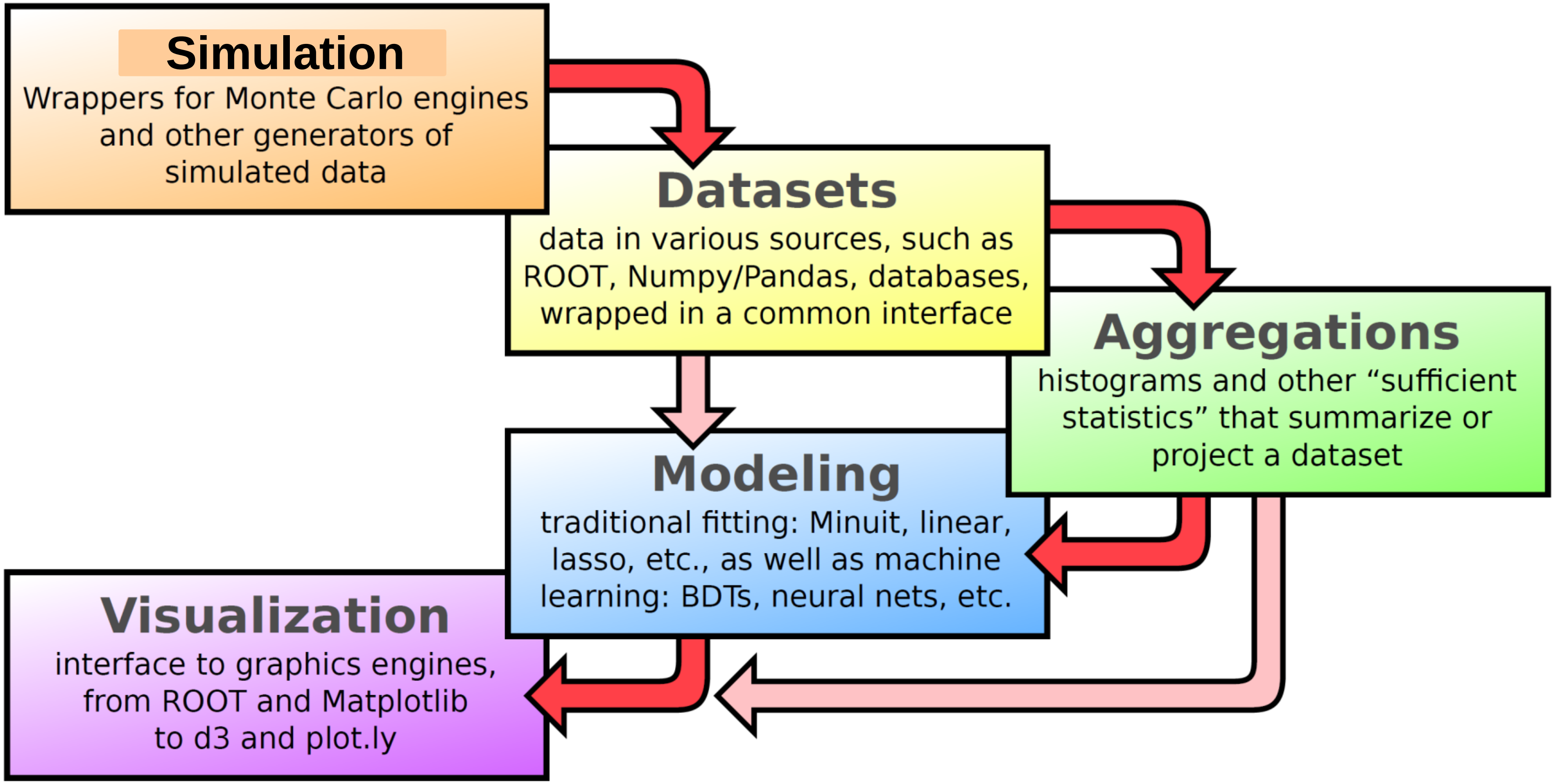
- Ostap (Vanya)

- rootpy and root_numpy (Noel et al.)

❑ **Bring in other packages & ideas**

- Either to core package or as an “affiliated package” with common API, rules and standards

The Scikit-HEP project – 5 « pillars »



Simulation
Wrappers for Monte Carlo engines and other generators of simulated data

Datasets
data in various sources, such as ROOT, Numpy/Pandas, databases, wrapped in a common interface

Aggregations
histograms and other “sufficient statistics” that summarize or project a dataset

Modeling
traditional fitting: Minuit, linear, lasso, etc., as well as machine learning: BDTs, neural nets, etc.

Visualization
interface to graphics engines, from ROOT and Matplotlib to d3 and plot.ly

➡ **They cover all grand topics … !**

The Scikit-HEP software suite, in short

- ***A set of sub-packages / modules***
- ***Corresponding tests***
- ***A set of command-line scripts for well-defined tasks***
- ***And a set of affiliated packages***

N.B.: all under development/design!

The Scikit-HEP software package (non-exhaustive!)

❑ **Dataset**

- **Common interface for data in various sources**
- **Dealing with ROOT Ttree and Numpy arrays for a start (profit from root_numpy project!)**

❑ **Aggregation**

- **Summarize or project a dataset**
- **Typically data aggregation = histogram**
- **Make use of the Histogrammar project?**

❑ **Modeling**

- **Data models and fitting utilities**
- **Will need careful design to talk smoothly to the Python scientific ecosystem at large**

❑ **Visualization**

- **Interface to graphics engines such as ROOT and matplotlib, among others**
- **Build from rootpy project!**

❑ **Simulation**

- **utilities, wrappers for Monte Carlo engines and other generators of simulated data**

❑ **Modules for units and constants**

❑ **Maths and statistics tools**

Affiliated packages

- ❑ Take good concept from Astropy of an *affiliated package*:
  Python package not part of the Scikit-HEP core but related to, and seen as part of, the Scikit-HEP project and cocmmunity

- ❑ Allows expansion of toolkit avoiding a gigantic do-everything package

- ❑ Bring-in functionality specific to certain topics/areas not of the widest community interest

- ❑ Potential examples are
  - rootpy
  - Hydra, specifically a Python API to this
    header-only C++ library for data analysis in massively parallel platforms
  - hep_ml, a ML library with miscellaneous tools for HEP

Building a community

❑ The project has been defined as community-driven and community-oriented
⇒ the concept of a community is central !

❑ We welcome contributions and contributors from all horizons !

❑ We will be posting a forum of project ideas soon …

❑ You are most welcome to bring your own !

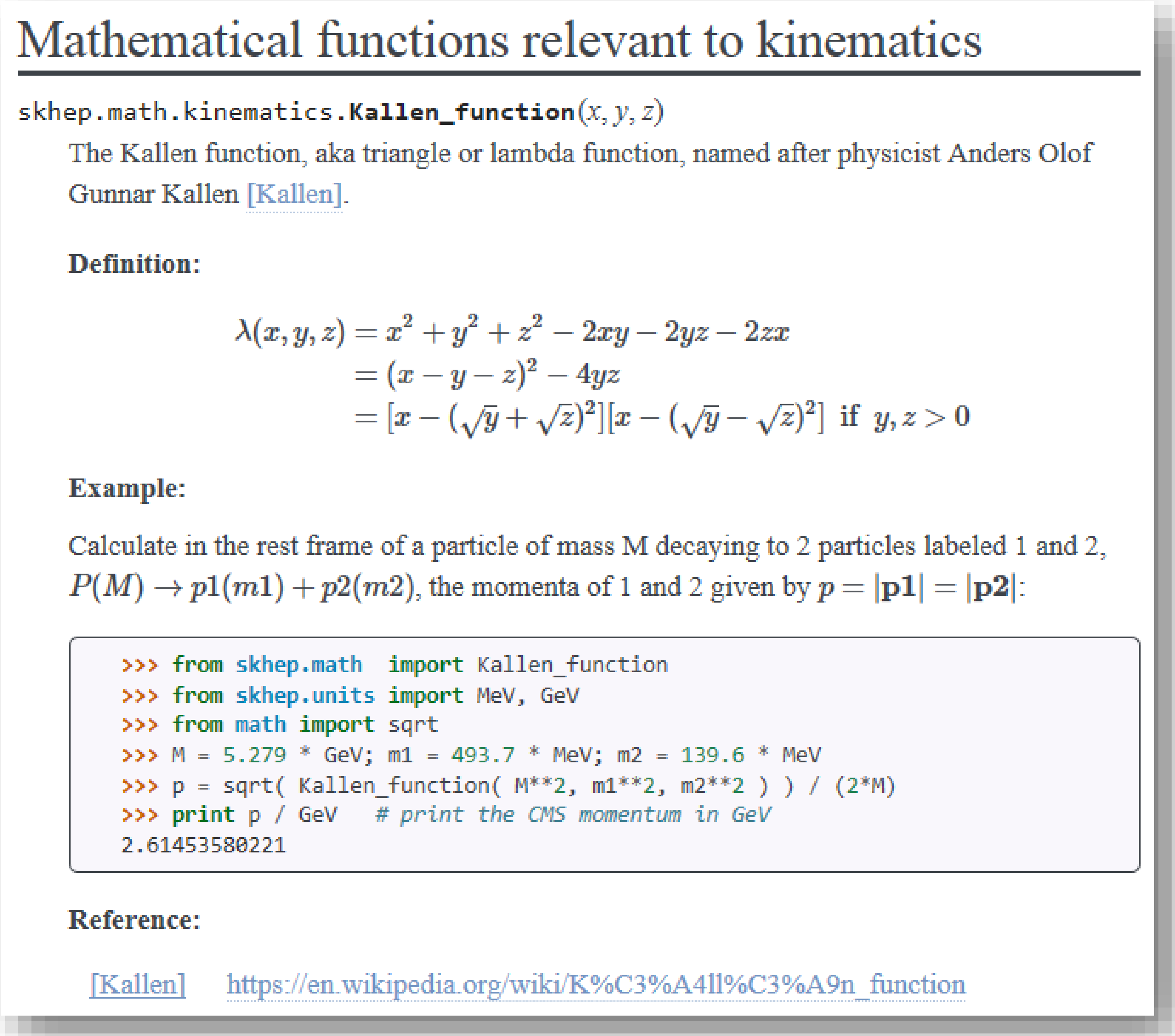
❑ We are and will be engaging with (future) collaborators in various experiments
- E.g. LHC, neutrino community, simulation community, Belle-II, FCC,SHiP

Example EoIs *(a.k.a. expressions of interest)*

❑ Andy Buckley (ATLAS): simulation tools experts, author of PyPDT

❑ DUNE software developers Robert Sulej & Dorota Stefan

Documentation – online version



Mathematical functions relevant to kinematics

skhep.math.kinematics.**Kallen_function**(*x*, *y*, *z*)

The Kallen function, aka triangle or lambda function, named after physicist Anders Olof Gunnar Kallen [Kallen].

Definition:

$$\begin{aligned}\lambda(x,y,z) &= x^2+y^2+z^2-2xy-2yz-2zx\\ &= (x-y-z)^2-4yz\\ &= [x-(\sqrt{y}+\sqrt{z})^2][x-(\sqrt{y}-\sqrt{z})^2]\ \text{ if }\ y,z>0\end{aligned}$$

Example:

Calculate in the rest frame of a particle of mass M decaying to 2 particles labeled 1 and 2, $P(M)\to p1(m1)+p2(m2)$, the momenta of 1 and 2 given by $p=|\mathbf{p1}|=|\mathbf{p2}|$:

```
>>> from skhep.math  import Kallen_function
>>> from skhep.units import MeV, GeV
>>> from math import sqrt
>>> M = 5.279 * GeV; m1 = 493.7 * MeV; m2 = 139.6 * MeV
>>> p = sqrt( Kallen_function( M**2, m1**2, m2**2 ) ) / (2*M)
>>> print p / GeV   # print the CMS momentum in GeV
2.61453580221
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Reference:

[Kallen] https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/K%C3%A4ll%C3%A9n_function

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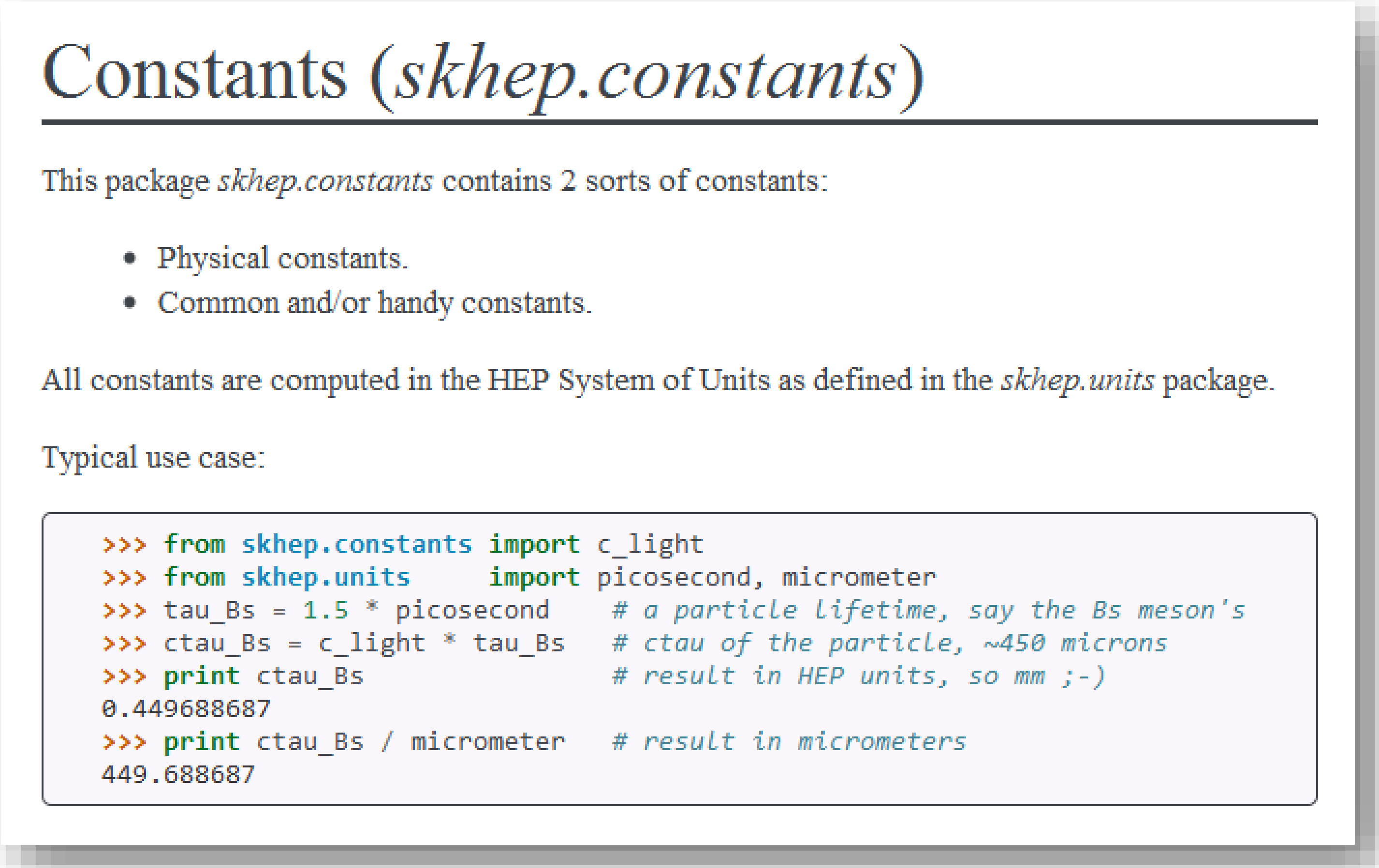


Constants (*skhep.constants*)

This package *skhep.constants* contains 2 sorts of constants:

- Physical constants.
- Common and/or handy constants.

All constants are computed in the HEP System of Units as defined in the *skhep.units* package.

Typical use case:

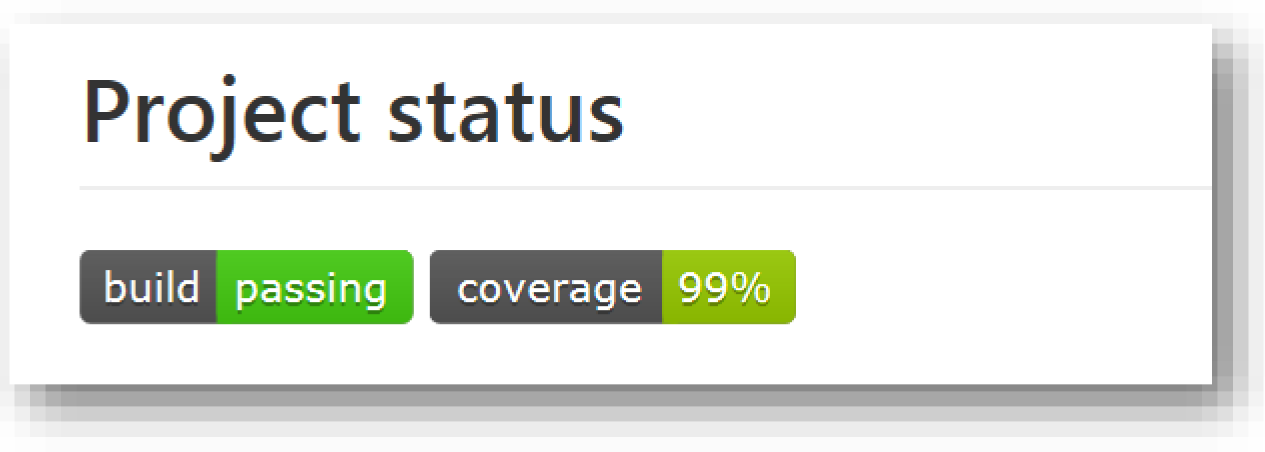
```
>>> from skhep.constants import c_light
>>> from skhep.units     import picosecond, micrometer
>>> tau_Bs = 1.5 * picosecond    # a particle lifetime, say the Bs meson's
>>> ctau_Bs = c_light * tau_Bs   # ctau of the particle, ~450 microns
>>> print ctau_Bs                # result in HEP units, so mm ;-)
0.449688687
>>> print ctau_Bs / micrometer   # result in micrometers
449.688687
```

Miscellaneous – continuous integration

❑ **Important aspect to be taken into account**

❑ **Status of code displayed on the GitHub site**

- **Code built to be compatible with Python 2.6, 2.7 and 3.4**
- **Test coverage with *Coveralls.io***



Project status

build passing

coverage 99%

Miscellaneous – distribution & deployment

❑ “pip vs conda” discussion ongoing …

At present

❑ pip does the job well for typical Python projects

❑ Suitable for now since *scikit-hep* does not yet depend on ROOT

In the near future

❑ Dependence on ROOT will eventually need special treatment, at least in principle

❑ Will need a bit more discussion

Planning

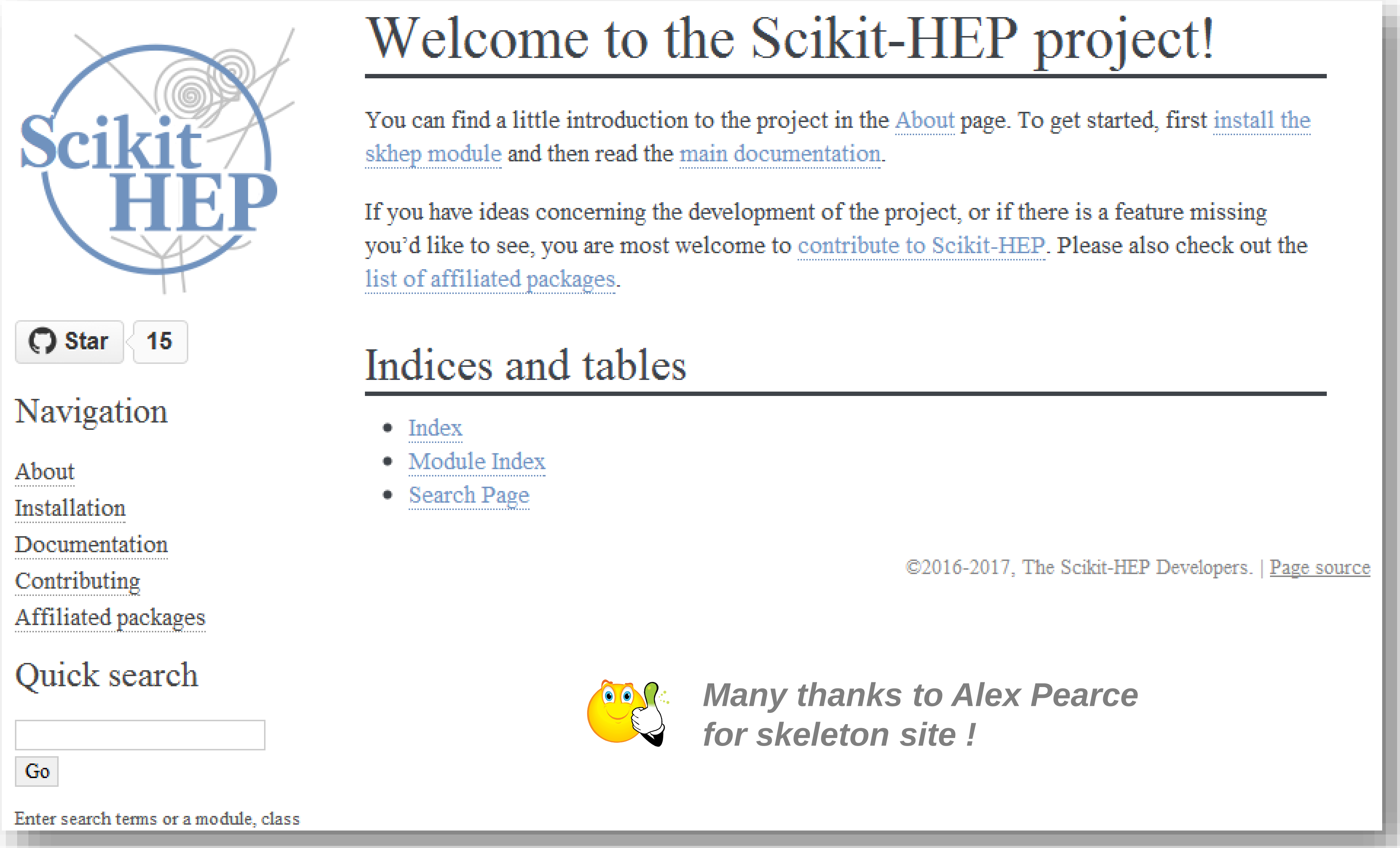
Next few months

- ❑ Development releases will happen soon-ish
- ❑ Main goals:
  - Ease the feedback from users
  - Test the distribution/deployment set up
- ❑ Engage (further) with Particle Physics community at large
  - E.g. present project to experiments

Towards the end of 2017

- ❑ First release of scikit-hep package
- ❑ Continue engaging with community
- ❑ Training on the software package

Website scikit-hep.org



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If you have ideas concerning the development of the project, or if there is a feature missing you'd like to see, you are most welcome to contribute to Scikit-HEP. Please also check out the list of affiliated packages.

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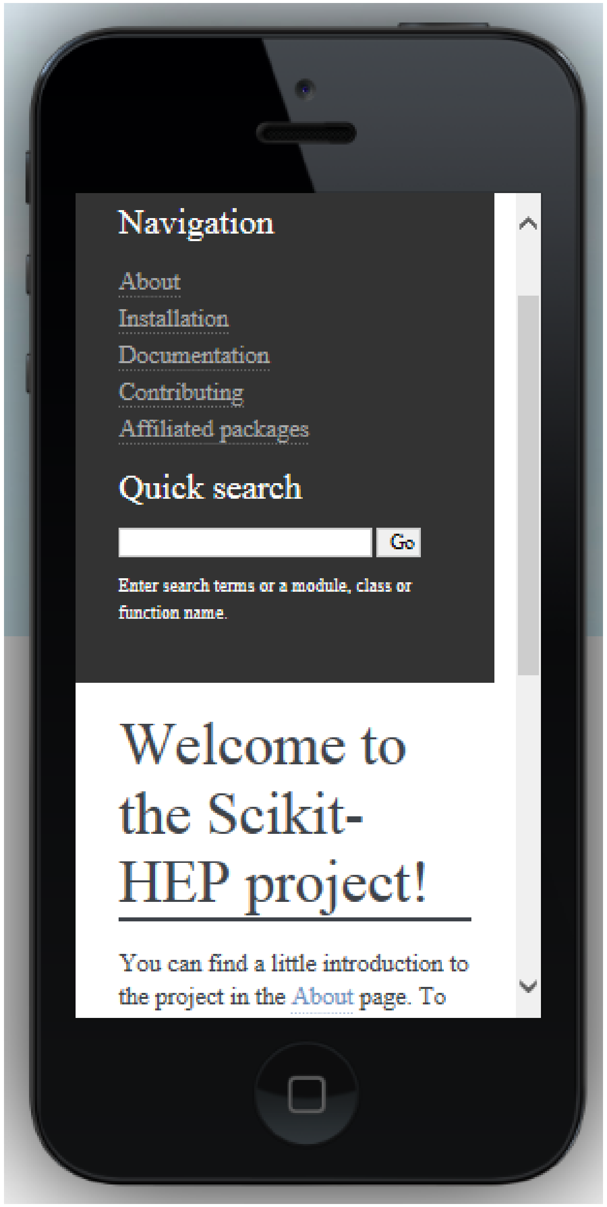

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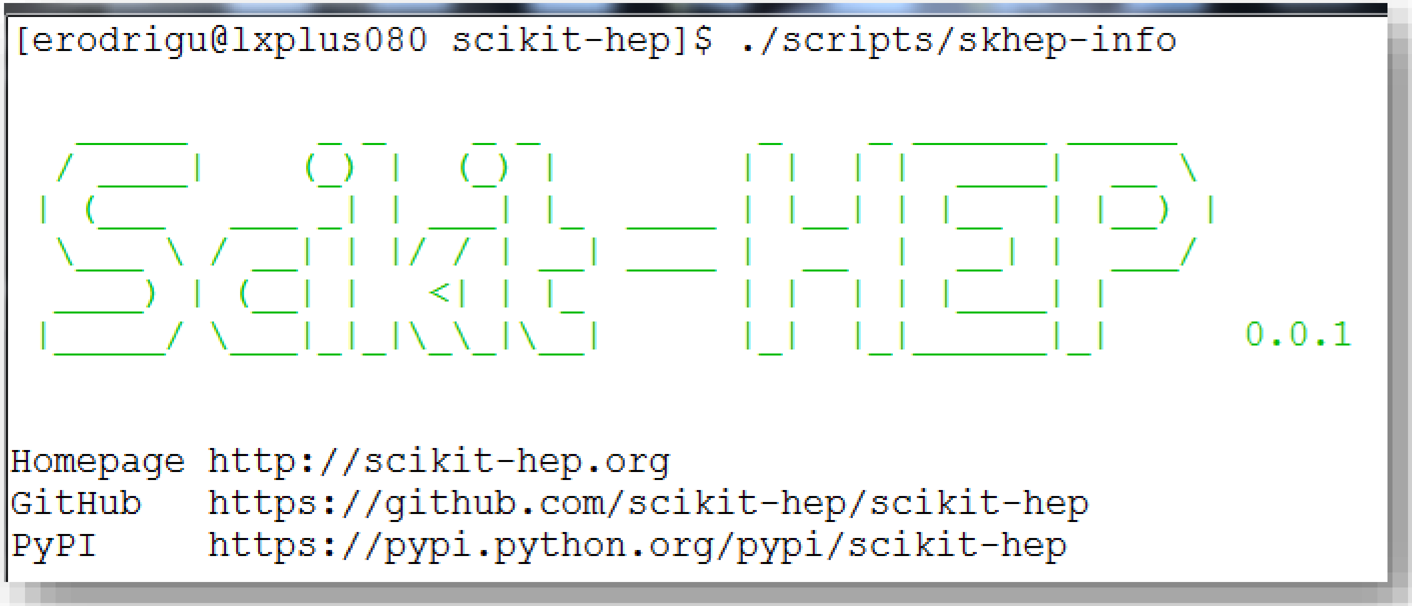

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[erodrigu@lxplus080 scikit-hep]$ ./scripts/skhep-info

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