# A new SymPy backend for Vector: uniting experimental and theoretical physicists



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#### Vector

A Python library for mathematical manipulations of Lorentz vectors, especially arrays of vectors, in a NumPy-like way.

"y": [2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4, 2.5],
"z": [3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5],
"t": [4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 4.4, 4.5],

NumPy arrays

Awkward arrays

12 coordinate systems - cartesian, cylindrical, pseudorapidity, and any combination of these with time or proper time for 4D vectors.

Uses conventions set up by ROOT's TLorentzVector and Math::LorentzVector.

## Integrations

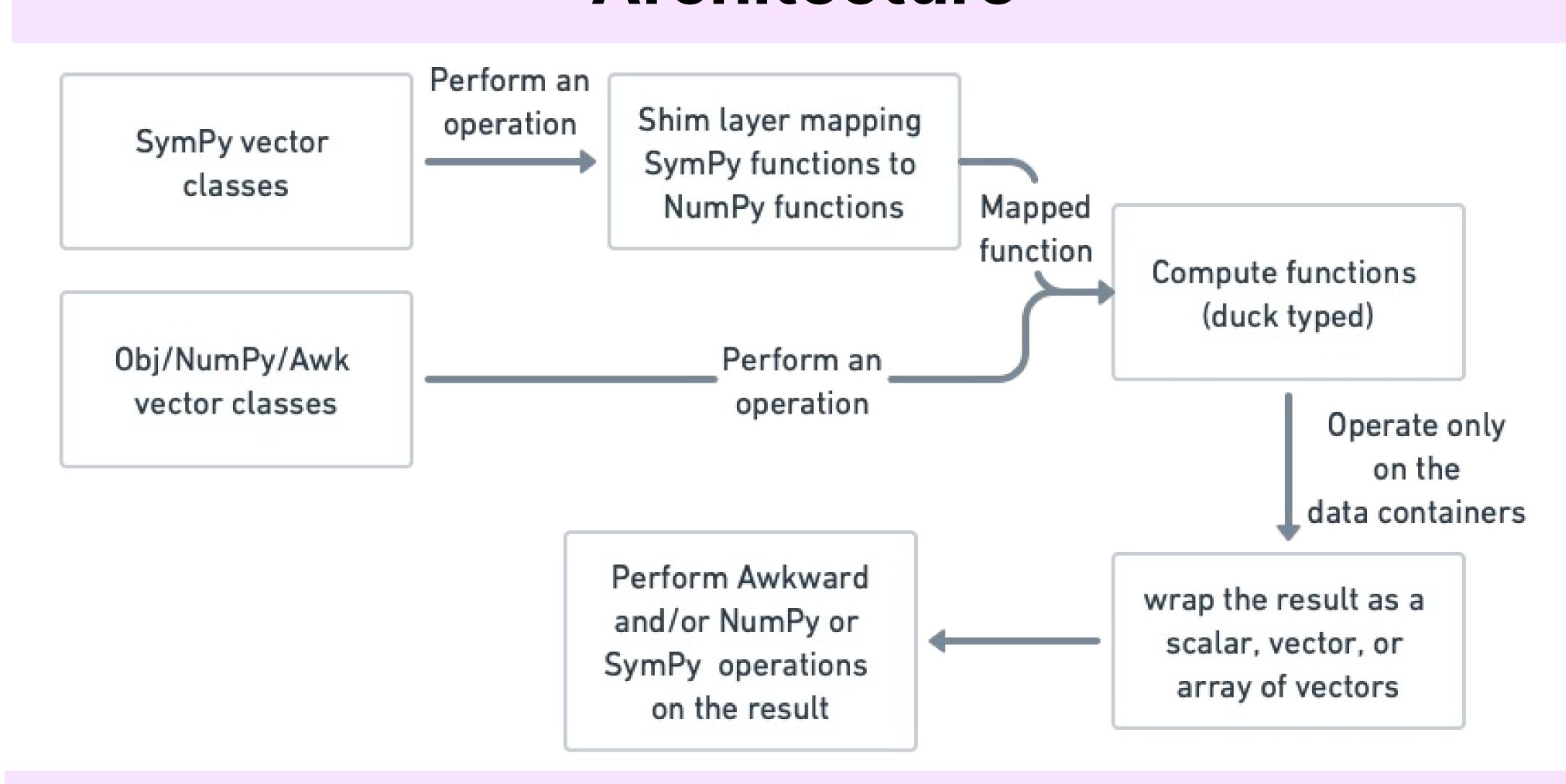


#### Motivation

Symbolic computations are useful for theorists; now the same library can be used by both experimentalists and theorists.

A SymPy backend is a very different kind of backend because it's not numerical. We wanted to show that Vector is generic enough to support such far-flung usecases.

### Architecture



#### Results

```
v = vector.MomentumObject(pt=1, phi=2, eta=3, M=4)
v.boost(v.to_beta3()).px
np.float64(-2.2540970733043526)
```

Computations on Object type vectors

```
pt, phi, eta, M = sympy.symbols("pt phi eta M")
v = vector.MomentumSympy4D(pt=pt, phi=phi, eta=eta, M=M)
```

Sympy vector classes as drop-in replacement

Symbolic calculations with the same API

```
\frac{pt^{3}\sin^{2}(\phi)\cos(\phi)}{\left(1+\frac{1}{\sqrt{-\frac{pt^{2}\sin^{2}(\phi)}{M^{2}+0.25pt^{2}(1+e^{-2\eta})^{2}e^{2\eta}}-\frac{pt^{2}\sin^{2}(\phi)}{M^{2}+0.25pt^{2}(1+e^{-2\eta})^{2}e^{2\eta}}}-\frac{pt^{2}\sin^{2}(\phi)}{M^{2}+0.25pt^{2}(1+e^{-2\eta})^{2}e^{2\eta}}-\frac{pt^{2}\sin^{2}(\phi)}{M^{2}+0.25pt^{2}(1+e^{-2\eta})^{2}e^{2\eta}}-\frac{pt^{2}\sin^{2}(\phi)}{M^{2}+0.25pt^{2}(1+e^{-2\eta})^{2}e^{2\eta}}}+1\right)}}\left(1+\frac{1}{\sqrt{-\frac{pt^{2}\sin^{2}(\phi)}{M^{2}+0.25pt^{2}(1+e^{-2\eta})^{2}e^{2\eta}}-\frac{pt^{2}\sin^{2}(\phi)}{M^{2}+0.25pt^{2}(1+e^{-2\eta})^{2}e^{2\eta}}-\frac{pt^{2}\sin^{2}(\phi)}{M^{2}+0.25pt^{2}(1+e^{-2\eta})^{2}e^{2\eta}}}+1}\right)}}\right)
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 $\begin{array}{c} \text{V.boost(v.to\_beta3()).px.simplify()} \\ \underline{pt \left( 1.0M^2 \sqrt{(M^2 e^{2\eta} + 0.25pt^2 e^{4\eta} + 0.5pt^2 e^{2\eta} + 0.25pt^2) e^{-2\eta}} e^{2\eta} + 0.25pt^2 \sqrt{(M^2 e^{2\eta} + 0.25pt^2 e^{4\eta} + 0.5pt^2 e^{2\eta} + 0.25pt^2) e^{-2\eta}} e^{4\eta} + 0.5pt^2 \sqrt{(M^2 e^{2\eta} + 0.25pt^2 e^{4\eta} + 0.5pt^2 e^{2\eta} + 0.25pt^2) e^{-2\eta}} e^{2\eta} + 0.25pt^2 e^{2\eta} +$ 

Results compatible with SymPy functions and methods

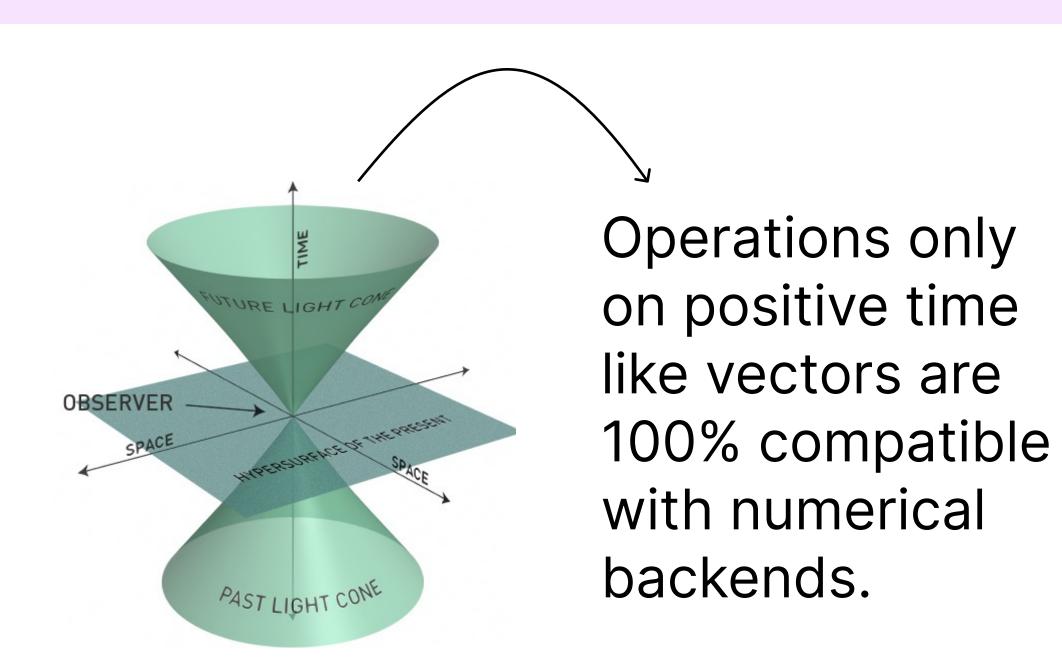
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 \frac{\sqrt{\cos^2(2) + \sin^2(2) + 16 + \sinh^2(3)}\cos(2)}{\sqrt{1 + 0.015625(e^{-6} + 1)^2 e^6} \sqrt{-\frac{\sinh^2(3)}{16 + 0.25(e^{-6} + 1)^2 e^6} - \frac{\sin^2(2)}{16 + 0.25(e^{-6} + 1)^2 e^6} - \frac{\cos^2(2)}{16 + 0.25(e^{-6} + 1)^2 e^6} + 1}} + \frac{\cos(2)\sinh^2(3)}{\sqrt{1 + 0.015625(e^{-6} + 1)^2 e^6} \sqrt{-\frac{\sinh^2(3)}{16 + 0.25(e^{-6} + 1)^2 e^6} - \frac{\cos^2(2)}{16 + 0.25(e^{-6} + 1)^2 e^6} + 1}}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{-\frac{\sinh^2(3)}{16 + 0.25(e^{-6} + 1)^2 e^6} - \frac{\cos^2(2)}{16 + 0.25(e^{-6} + 1)^2 e^6} - \frac{\sin^2(3)}{16 + 0.25(e^{-6} + 1)^2 e^6} - \frac{\cos^2(2)}{16 + 0.25(e^{-6} + 1)^2 e^6} - \frac{\sin^2(3)}{16 + 0.25(e^{-6} + 1)^2 e^6} - \frac{\cos^2(2)}{16 + 0.25(e^{-6} + 1)^2 e^6} - \frac{\cos^2(2)
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Use any SymPy functionality on the expressions

v.boost(v.to\_beta3()).px.subs({...}).evalf()

Evaluated results consistent with numerical backends

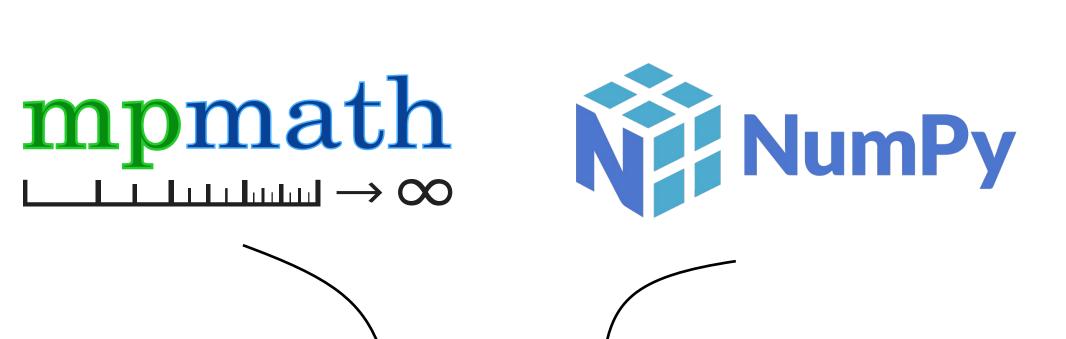
#### Caveats



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SymPy uses mpmath for numerical computations which has more floating point precision than NumPy, producing slightly different numerical results.