



# Experimental methods 2 hands-on exercise using Analysis Description Language and CutLang

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# Analysis in CMS

In high energy physics, we perform analyses using **frameworks**:

- The frameworks are based on general purpose languages like **C++ / Python**.
- **Physics content and technical operations are intertwined** and handled together.

Could there be an alternative way which

- allows for more direct interaction with data and
- decouples physics information from purely technical tasks?

Can we consider domain specific languages for LHC analyses?



# Analysis description language for LHC

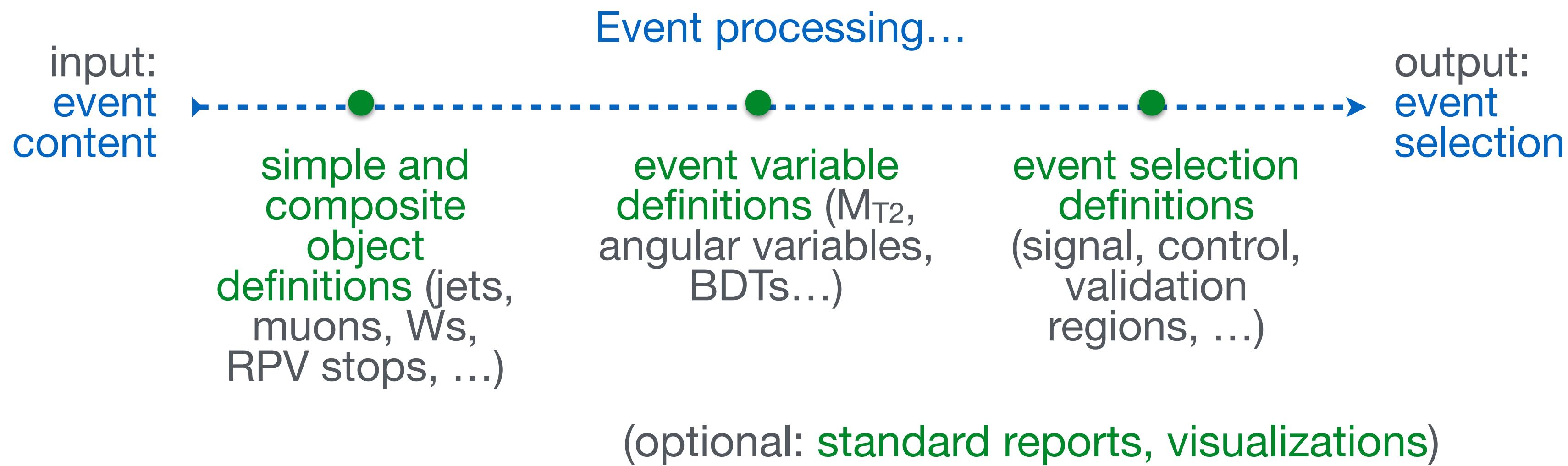
Analysis Description Language (ADL) for the LHC is:

- A domain specific and declarative language capable of describing the physics content of an LHC analysis in a standard and unambiguous way.
  - Customized to express analysis-specific concepts.
- Designed for use by anyone with an interest in, and knowledge of, LHC physics: experimentalists, phenomenologists, other enthusiasts...
- Very suitable for introducing beginners to particle physics data analysis.



# Language scope

By construction, ADL is not designed to be general purpose; therefore, getting the right scope is key. The **core** of ADL would include:



Further operations with selected events (background estimation methods, scale factor derivations, etc.) can vary greatly, and thus may not be easily considered within a standard language scope.



# LHADA/CutLang → ADL

[cern.ch/adl](http://cern.ch/adl)

ADL consists of

- a plain text file describing the analysis using an easy-to-read DSL with clear syntax rules.
- a library of self-contained functions encapsulating variables that are non-trivial to express with the ADL syntax (e.g. MT2, ML algorithms). Internal or external (user) functions.

ADL database with 15 example LHC analyses:

<https://github.com/ADL4HEP/ADLLHCAnalyses>

- Separate object, variable, event selection definitions into **blocks** with a **keyword value** structure, where keywords specify analysis concepts and operations.

```
blocktype blockname
keyword1 value1
keyword1 value2
keyword3 value3 # comment
```

- Syntax includes mathematical and logical operations, comparison and optimization operators, reducers, 4-vector algebra and HEP-specific functions ( $d\phi$ ,  $dR$ , ...).
- Syntax described in backup slides.

LHADA (Les Houches Analysis Description Accord): Les Houches 2015 new physics WG report ([arXiv:1605.02684](https://arxiv.org/abs/1605.02684), sec 17)

CutLang: Comput.Phys.Commun. 233 (2018) 215-236 ([arXiv:1801.05727](https://arxiv.org/abs/1801.05727)), ACAT 2019 proceedings ([arXiv:1909.10621](https://arxiv.org/abs/1909.10621))



# ADL syntax: blocks, keywords, operators

Block purpose	Block keyword	Operation	Operator
object definition blocks	object	Comparison operators	> < => =< == != [] (include) ] [ (exclude)
event selection blocks	region	Mathematical operators	+ - * / ^
analysis information	info	Logical operators	and or not
tables of results, etc.	table	Ternary operator	condition ? truecase : falsecase
Keyword purpose	Keyword	Optimization operators	~= (closest to) ~! (furthest from)
define variables, constants	define	Lorentz vector addition	LV1 + LV2 LV1 - LV2
select object or event	select		
reject object or event	reject		
define the mother object	take		
define histograms	histo		
applies object/event weights	weight		
bins events in regions	bin		

ADL syntax rules: <https://twiki.cern.ch/twiki/bin/view/LHCPhysics/ADL>



# ADL syntax: functions

**Standard/internal functions:** Sufficiently generic math and HEP operations would be a part of the language and any tool that interprets it.

- Math functions: `abs()`, `sqrt()`, `sin()`, `cos()`, `tan()`, `log()`, ...
- Collection reducers: `size()`, `sum()`, `min()`, `max()`, `any()`, `all()`, ...
- HEP-specific functions: `dR()`, `dphi()`, `delta()`, `m()`, ...
- Object and collection handling: `sort`, `comb()`, `union()`...

**External/user functions:** Variables that cannot be expressed using the available operators or standard functions would be encapsulated in **self-contained functions** that would be addressed from the ADL file.

- **Variables with non-trivial algorithms:**  $M_{T2}$ , aplanarity, razor variables, ...
- **Non-analytic variables:** Object/trigger efficiencies, variables/efficiencies computed with ML, ...



# LHADA/CutLang → ADL: syntax

## Objects

```
# AK8 jets
object AK8jets
  take FatJet
  select pt > 200
  select abs(eta) < 2.4

# mass-tagged jets
object WjetsMassTag
  take AK8jets
  select msoftdrop [] 65 105

# W-tagged jets
object Wjets
  take WjetsMassTag
  select tau2 / tau1 <= 0.4
```

## Variable definitions

```
define MR = fMR(megajets)
define Rsq = sqrt(fMTR(megajets, met) / MR)
define METI = MET + leptonsVeto[0]
define Rsql = sqrt(fMTR(megajets, METI) / MR)
define MT = fMT(leptonsVeto[0], MET)
define MII = fMII(leptonsTight[0], leptonsTight[1])
define dphimegajets = dPhi(megajets[0], megajets[1])
```

Color legend:

- new object
- variable, region
- existing object
- object attribute
- existing variable
- existing region
- internal function
- external function

## Event selection regions

```
# preselection region
region preselection
  select size(AK4jets) >= 3
  select size(AK8jets) >= 1
  select MR > 800
  select Rsq > 0.08

# control region for tt+jets
region ttjetsCR
  select preselection
  select size(leptonsVeto) == 0
  select size(Wjets) >= 1
  select dphimegajets < 2.8
  select MT > 100
  select size(bjetsLoose) >= 1
  bin MR [] 800 1000 and Rsq [] 0.08 0.1
  bin MR [] 800 1000 and Rsq [] 0.1 0.2
  bin ...
```

From CMS SUSY razor analysis CMS-SUS-16-017

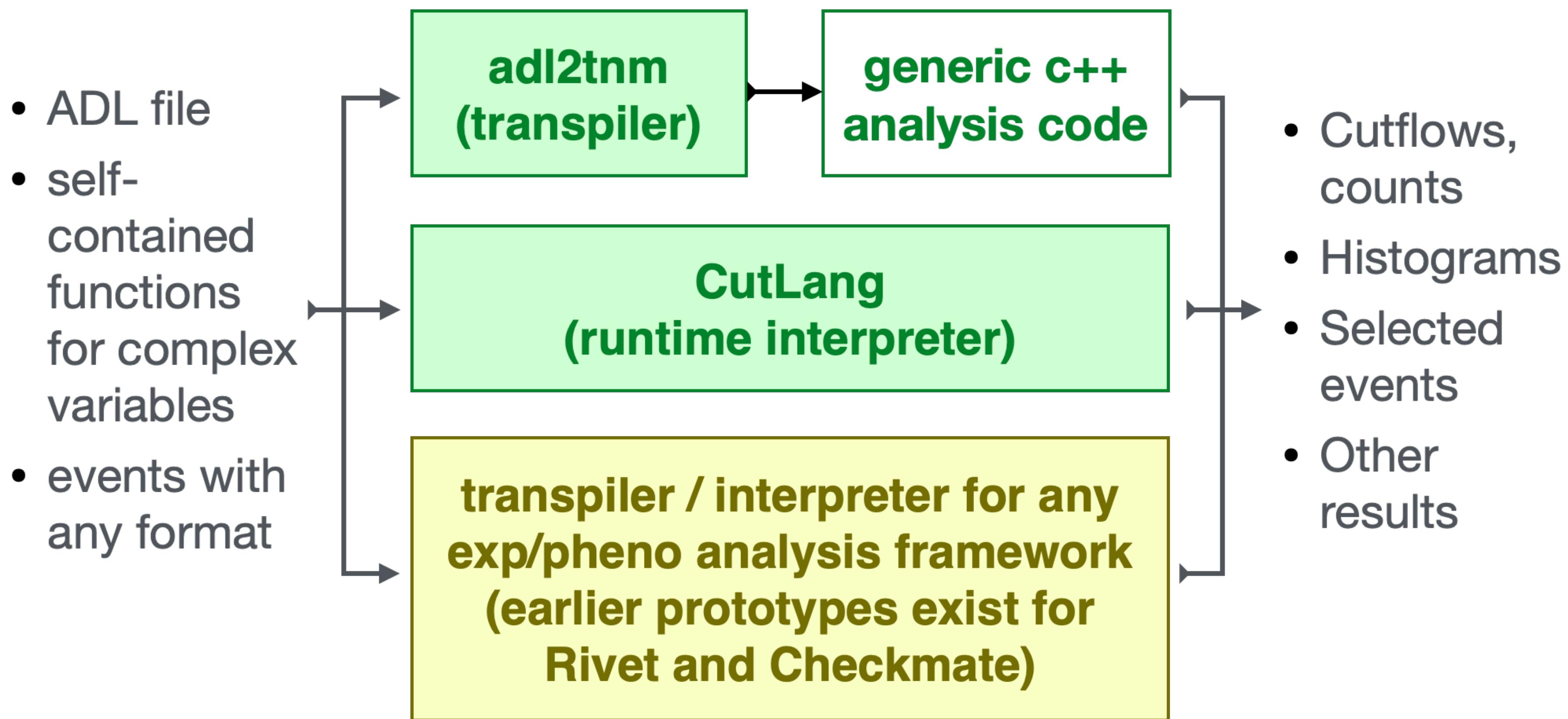
Phys.Rev.D97(2018) no.1, 012007, arxiv:1710.11188

Full implementation [link](#)



# Running analyses with ADL

ADL itself is analysis framework-independent. It can be interfaced with any framework capable of parsing ADL syntax.





# Running analyses with ADL: CutLang



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## CutLang runtime interpreter:

- No compilation. Directly runs on the ADL file.
- Written in C++, works in any modern Unix environment.
- Based on ROOT classes for Lorentz vector operations and histograms.
- ADL parsing by Lex & Yacc: relies on automatically generated dictionaries and grammar.

## CutLang framework: CutLang interpreter + tools and facilities

- Reads events from ROOT files, from multiple input formats like Delphes, ATLAS / CMS Open Data ntuples, LVL0, CMSnanoAOD, FCC. More can be easily added.
- All event types converted into predefined particle object types.
- Includes many internal functions.
- Output in ROOT files. Analysis algorithms, cutflows, variable and object definitions, histograms for each region in a separate TDirectory.

CutLang Github: <https://github.com/unelg/CutLang>

CutLang publications: arXiv:1801.05727, (arXiv:1909.10621)