Analysis Description Languages for LHC BSM searches

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Welcome to the LHC analysis jungle

Inclusive analyses with hundreds of selection regions

Multiple analyses exploring similar final states

Overlaps between different analyses?

Is my control region your signal region???

Many alternative definitions for one object

Many variables, ambiguous definitions

...time to get better organized to work more efficiently!
An Analysis Description Language (ADL) for the LHC is:

• A domain specific language capable of describing the contents 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…
• Earlier HEP formats/languages proved successful and useful:
  • SUSY Les Houches Accord
  • Les Houches Event Accord
The principles of an analysis description language were defined in the Les Houches 2015 new physics WG report (arXiv:1605.02684)

Towards an analysis description accord for the LHC


**Abstract:** We discuss the concept of an “analysis description accord" for LHC analyses, a format capable of describing the contents of an analysis in a standard and unambiguous way. We present the motivation for such an accord, the requirements upon it, and an initial discussion of the merits of several implementation approaches. With this, we hope to initiate a community-wide discussion that will yield, in due course, an actual accord.
By construction, an ADL is not designed to be general purpose; therefore, getting the right scope is key.

The core of any ADL for the LHC should include

- simple and composite object definitions (jets, muons, Ws, RPV stops, …)
- event variable definitions ($M_{T2}$, angular variables, BDTs…)
- event selection definitions (signal, control, validation regions, …)

(optional: standard reports, visualizations)

Further operations with selected events (background estimation methods, scale factor derivations, etc.) can vary greatly, and thus may not easily be considered within the ADL scope.
ADLs would help everyone

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Framework independence highly desirable

Coding analyses in different frameworks takes too much time!

LHC physicist

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A specific ADL proposal

What could be a good way to systematically organize the components of an analysis?
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Use “blocks” as in SLHA or LHE.
A Proposal for a **Les Houches Analysis Description Accord**


**Abstract:** We present the first draft of a proposal for “a Les Houches Analysis Description Accord" for LHC analyses, a formalism that is capable of describing the contents of an analysis in a standard and unambiguous way independent of any computing framework. This proposal serves as a starting point for discussions among LHC physicists towards an actual analysis description accord for use by the LHC community.

—> Generic and abstract ADL design

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**CutLang: A particle physics ADL and runtime interpreter**

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**Abstract:** This note introduces CutLang, a domain specific language that aims to provide a clear, human readable way to define analyses in high energy particle physics (HEP) along with an interpretation framework of that language. A proof of principle (PoP) implementation of the CutLang interpreter, achieved using C++ as a layer over the CERN data analysis framework ROOT, is presently available. This PoP implementation permits writing HEP analyses in an unobfuscated manner, as a set of commands in human readable text files, which are interpreted by the framework at runtime. We describe the main features of CutLang and illustrate its usage with two analysis examples. Initial experience with CutLang has shown that a just-in-time interpretation of a human readable HEP specific language is a practical alternative to analysis writing using compiled languages such as C++.

—> ADL design driven by runtime interpretability.
The ADL consists of

- a plain text file describing the analysis using a HEP specific language with syntax rules that include standard mathematical and logical operations and 4-vector algebra.
- a library of self-contained functions encapsulating variables that are non-trivial to express with the ADL syntax.

The ADL is analysis framework independent so that it can offer a standard input to analysis frameworks, just like an SLHA file offers standard input to SUSY calculators.

Both ADL files and external functions can be eventually hosted at central databases for LHC analyses. Discussions ongoing with CERN Analysis Preservation Group.
The ADL syntax

Both LHADA and CutLang ADLs comprise of blocks with a keyword value structure.

```
blocktype blockname
  # general comment
  keyword1 value1
  keyword2 value2
  keyword3 value3  # comment about value3
```

• Blocks allow a clear separation of analysis components.
• Operators and functions are used for evaluating values.

Disclaimers:
• ADL development is work in progress! Content constantly changes.
• What is shown here goes beyond the original LHADA proposal.
• CutLang and LHADA follow same principles but slightly differ in syntax.
Examples: object definitions

LHADA ADL style

# AK4 jets
object AK4jets
take Jet
select pt > 30
select |eta| < 2.4

# b-tagged jets - loose
object bjetsLoose
take AK4jets
select btagDeepB > 0.152

# b-tagged jets - medium
object bjetsMedium
take AK4jets
select btagDeepB > 0.4941

CutLang style

# AK4 jets
object AK4jets : JET
# or object AK4jets
# take Jet
select {JET_.}pt > 30
select abs({JET_.}Eta) < 2.4

# b-tagged jets - loose
object bjetsLoose : AK4jets
select {AK4jets_.}btagDeepB > 0.152

# b-tagged jets - medium
object bjetsMedium : AK4jets
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LHADA style full implementation link
CutLang style full implementation link
Examples: variable definitions

**LHADA style**

define \( MR = fMR(\text{megajets}) \)
define \( Rsq = \sqrt{fMTR(\text{megajets, met}) / MR} \)
define \( dphimegajets = d\Phi(\text{megajets[0], megajets[1]}) \)
define \( METI = \text{met + leptonsVeto[0]} \)
define \( Rsqm = \sqrt{fMTR(\text{megajets, METI}) / MR} \)
define \( MT = fMT(\text{leptonsVeto[0], met}) \)
define \( Mll = fMll(\text{leptonsTight[0], leptonsTight[1]}) \)

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define \( Rsq = \sqrt{fMTR(\text{megajets, MET}) / MR} \)
define \( dphimegajets = d\Phi(\text{megajets[0], megajets[1]}) \)
define \( METLVm = METLV[0] + \text{muonsVeto[0]} \)
define \( Rsqm = \sqrt{fMTR(\text{megajets, METLVm}) / MR} \)
define \( MTm = \sqrt{2*\{\text{muonsVeto[0]}\}Pt*\text{MET}*(1-cos({\text{METLV[0]}\Phi} - {\text{muonsVeto[0]}\Phi}))} \)
define \( Mll = \text{muonsTight[0] muonsTight[1]} \)
Examples: event selection

**LHADA style**

# 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) == 1
select size(WjetsMasstag) >= 1
select dphimegajets < 2.8
select MT [] 100
# or select fMT(leptonsVeto[0], met) [] 30 100
# or select 30 < MT < 100
select size(bjetsLoose) == 0

**CutLang style**

# preselection region
region preselection
select ALL # count all events
select Size(AK4jets) >= 3
select Size(AK8jets) >= 1
select Size(megajets) == 2
select MR > 800
select Rsq > 0.08

# control region for W+jets
region WjetsCR
preselection
select Size(muonsVeto)+Size(electronsVeto) == 1
select Size(WjetsMasstag) >= 1
select dphimegajets < 2.8
select Size(muonsVeto) == 1 ? MTm [] 30 100 : MTe [] 30 100
select Size(bjetsLoose) == 0

Color legend:
- defined region
- existing region
- existing object
- existing variable
- internal function
- external function
- selection criterion
## ADL block types and keywords

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# ADL operators

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<td><strong>Optimization operators</strong></td>
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<td>$\sim=$ (closest to) $!==$ (furthest from) (optimal particle sets are assigned negative indices)</td>
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ADL 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()`, `sin()`, `cos()`, `tan()`, `log()`, `sqrt()`, … (mostly implemented in interpreters)
- Reducers: `size()`, `sum()`, `min()`, `max()`, `any()`, `all()`, …
- HEP-specific functions: `dR()`, `dphi()`, `m()`, …. (exist in CutLang)
  - CutLang treats object attributes like pT, eta, … as functions

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: MT2, aplanarity, razor variables, …
- Non-analytic variables: Object/trigger efficiencies, variables computed with MVAs, …

**Green:** Implemented in CutLang and partially in other tools.
adl2tnm (Harrison Prosper)

- Python script **converts ADL to c++ code**.
- c++ code executed within the **generic TNM (TheNtupleMaker) generic ntuple analysis framework**. Only depends on ROOT.
- Can work with **any simple ntuple format**. Automatically incorporates the input event format into the c++ code:
  
  ADL + input ROOT files ➔ adl2tnm.py ➔ c++ analysis code

- Assumes that a **standard extensible type** is available to model all analysis objects. Uses **adapters** to translate input to standard types.
- Can be used for experimental or phenomenological analyses.
- Upcoming version will include formal grammar building and parsing.

GitHub link: https://github.com/hbprosper/adl2tnm
Transpilers for LHADA style ADL - II

Lhada2tivet (Philippe Gras)
- Python script converts LHADA to c++ code for Rivet.
- Particles and jets are implemented using Rivet-specific truth level objects. Smearing added in Rivet.
- For phenomenological analyses.
GitHub link: https://github.com/lhada-hep/lhada/tree/master/lhada2rivet.d

Lhada2checkmate (Daniel Dercks)
- Python script converts from early LHADA to CheckMate c++ code.
- Works with Delphes objects
- Tested a simple version of automatic function download, and confirmed feasibility of a function database for the future.
- For phenomenological analyses
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, 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 and histograms for each region in a separate directory.

GitHub link: https://github.com/unelg/CutLang
Recent workshop to seriously start community-wide discussions.

Participation by experimentalists, phenomenologists, computer scientists.

Learned about other ADL efforts:
- Query ADLs (G. Watts)
- YAML as ADL (B. Krikkler)
- NAIL (A. Rizzi)
- TTreeFormula / RDataFrame (P. Canal)
- AEACUS & RHADAMANTUS (J. Walker - talk in this session)

Extensive discussions towards a unified ADL. Extensive notes and video recordings on indico:
https://indico.cern.ch/event/769263/
To conclude

• An ADL would greatly facilitate BSM studies for the whole LHC community.

• Several prototypes have proven the feasibility of ADLs.

• Work in progress. Still many intriguing problems to solve!
  New Gitter forum open to all for discussions: https://gitter.im/HSF/ADL

• This is a community effort. Please join!