



# Analysis Description Languages for LHC BSM searches

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# Welcome to the LHC analysis jungle

Inclusive analyses with hundreds of selection regions

Overlaps between different analyses?

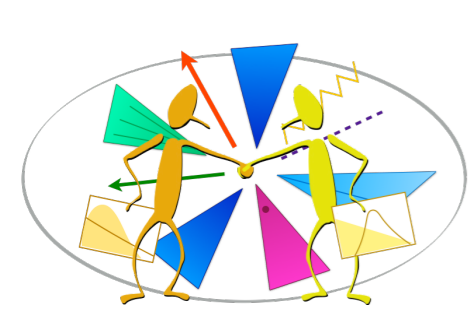
Multiple analyses exploring similar final states

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!



# Analysis description languages for LHC

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



# Principles for an LHC ADL

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

*D. Barducci, A. Buckley, G. Chalons, E. Conte, N. Desai, N. de Filippis, B. Fuks, P. Gras, S. Kraml, S. Kulkarni, U. Laa, M. Papucci, C. Pollard, H. B. Prosper, K. Sakurai, D. Schmeier, S. Sekmen, D. Sengupta, J. Sonneveld, J. Tattersall, G. Unel, W. Waltenberger, A. Weiler.*

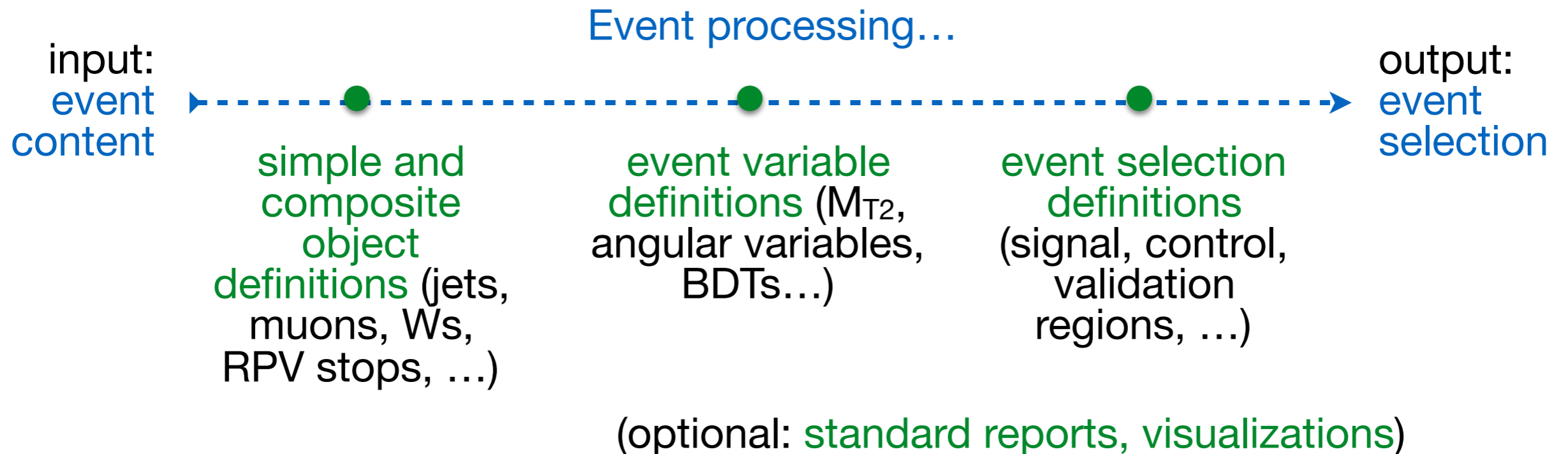
**Abstract:** We discuss the concept of an “analysis description accord” for LHC analyses, a format capable of describing the contents of an analysis in a standard and unambiguous way. We present the motivation for such an accord, the requirements upon it, and an initial discussion of the merits of several implementation approaches. With this, we hope to initiate a community-wide discussion that will yield, in due course, an actual accord.



# ADL scope

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



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

Motivation / use case	Exp	TH/ Pheno	Public
Analysis abstraction, design, implementation	✓	✓	✓
Analysis communication, clarification, synchronization, visualization	✓	✓	✓
Analysis review by internal or external referees	✓	✓	✓
Easier comparison/combination of analyses	✓	✓	
Interpretation studies, analysis reimplementation	✓	✓	✓
Analysis preservation (ongoing discussions with CERN Analysis Preservation Group)	✓	✓	✓
Improve our way of thinking about our analyses modelling and structure	✓	✓	✓

# Framework independence highly desirable

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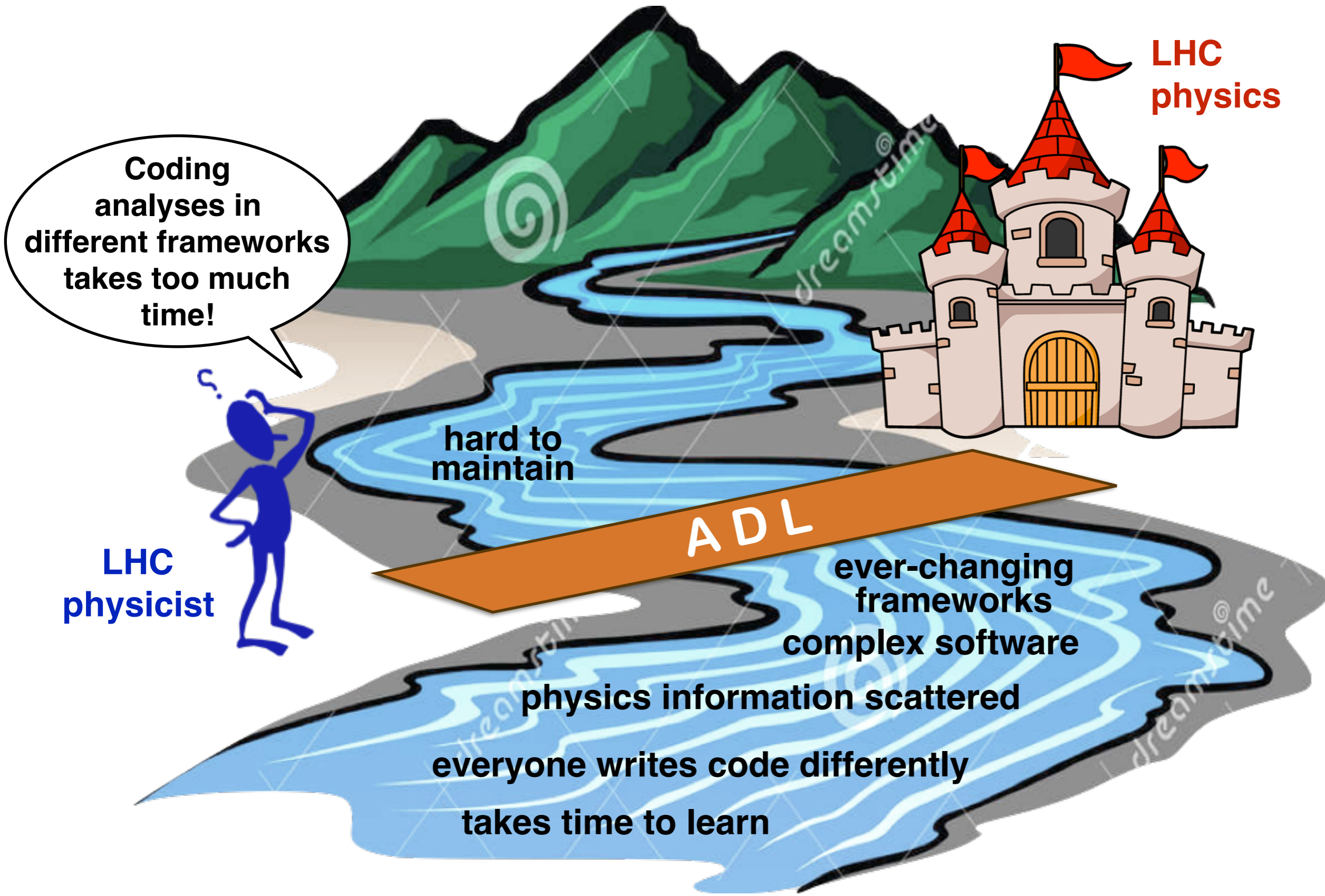
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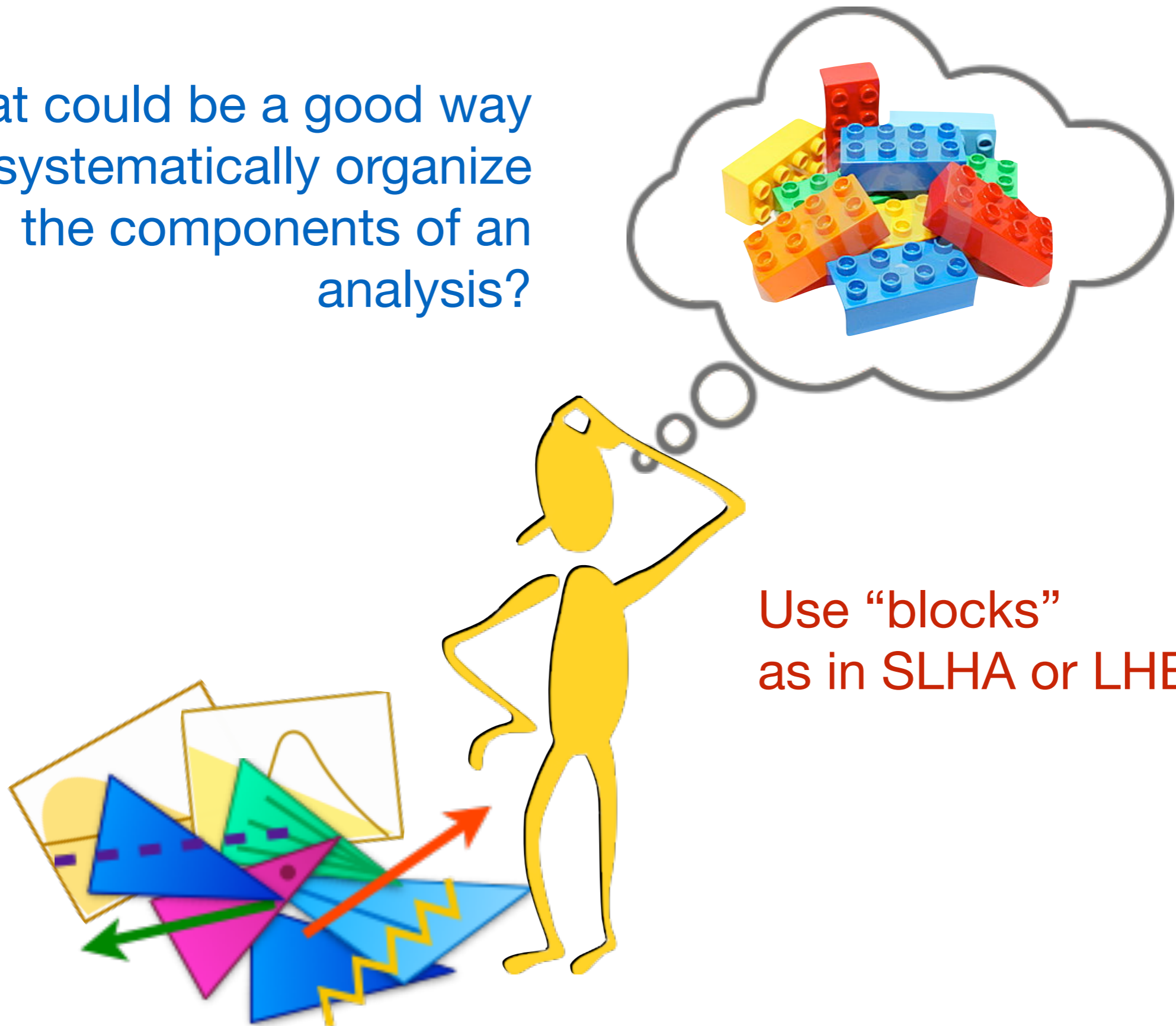
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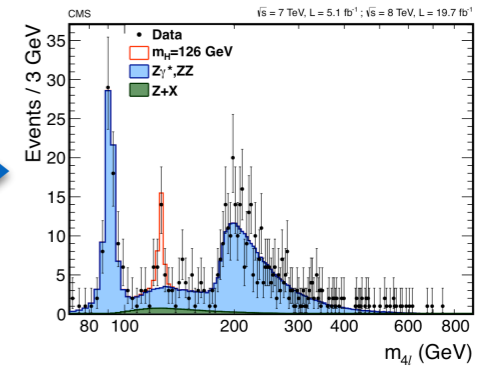
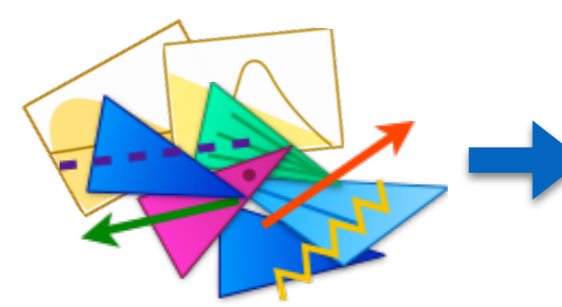
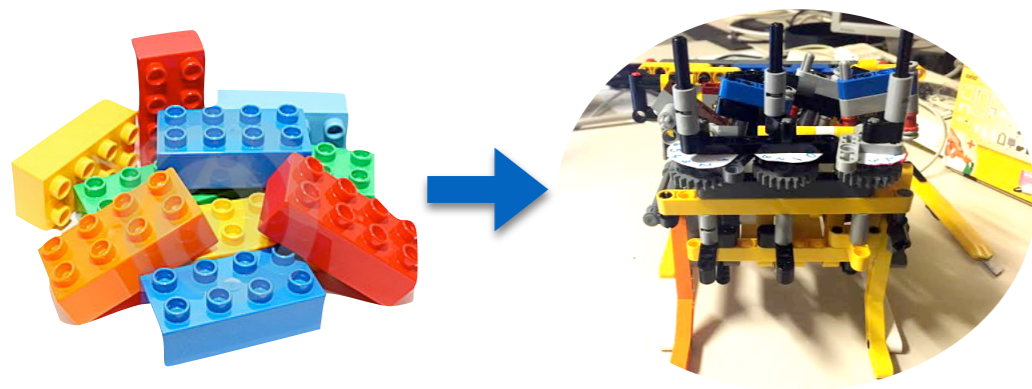


# A specific ADL proposal

What could be a good way to systematically organize the components of an analysis?



Use “blocks”  
as in SLHA or LHE.



# A Proposal for a **Les Houches Analysis Description Accord**

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 LH 2015 New Phys WG report (arXiv:1605.02684), section 15

**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**



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

*S. Sekmen, G. Ünel*

Comput.Phys.Commun. 233 (2018) 215-236 (arXiv:1801.05727)

**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

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defined object

existing object

object attribute

internal function

selection criterion

## 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

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From [CMS SUSY razor analysis](#) (Phys.Rev. D97 (2018) no.1, 012007, arxiv:1710.11188)

[LHADA style full implementation link](#)

[CutLang style full implementation link](#)



# Examples: variable definitions

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defined variable  
existing object  
object attribute  
existing variable  
internal function  
external function

## LHADA style

```
define MR = fMR(megajets)
define Rsq = sqrt(fMTR(megajets, met) / MR)
define dphimegajets = dPhi(megajets[0], megajets[1])
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])
```

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```
define MR = fMR(megajets)
define Rsq = sqrt(fMTR(megajets, MET) / MR)
define dphimegajets = dPhi(megajets[0], megajets[1])
define METLVm = METLV[0] + muonsVeto[0]
define Rsqm = sqrt(fMTR(megajets, METLVm) / MR)
define MTm = sqrt(2*{muonsVeto[0]}Pt*MET*(1-cos({METLV[0]}Phi - {muonsVeto[0]}Phi)))
define MII = muonsTight[0] muonsTight[1]
```



# Examples: event selection

Color legend:

defined region

existing region

existing object

existing variable

internal function

external function

selection criterion

## 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

# p# 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





# ADL block types and keywords

	LHADA → ADL	CutLang → ADL
object definition blocks	<b>object</b>	<b>obj / object</b>
event selection blocks	<b>region</b>	<b>algo / region</b>
analysis information	<b>info</b>	<b>info</b>
tables of results, etc.	<b>table</b>	—
	LHADA → ADL	CutLang → ADL
define variables, constants	<b>define</b>	<b>def / define</b>
select object or event	<b>select</b>	<b>select / cmd</b>
reject object or event	<b>reject</b>	—
define the mother object	<b>take</b>	<b>: / take / using</b>
define histograms	—	<b>histo</b>
applies object/event weights	<b>weight</b>	—
bins events in regions	<b>bin</b>	—

**Green:** Implemented in (some) parser/interpreter tools



# ADL operators

	LHADA $\rightarrow$ ADL	CutLang $\rightarrow$ ADL
Comparison operators	$> < = > = < ==$ $[]$ (include) $][$ (exclude)	$> < = > = < ==$ $[]$ (include) $][$ (exclude)
Mathematical operators	$+ - * / ^$	$+ - * / ^$
Logical operators	<b>and or</b>	<b>AND/∩ OR/∪</b>
Ternary operator	condition ? true-case : false-case	condition ? truecase : falsecase
Optimization operators	—	$\sim =$ (closest to) $!=$ (furthest from) (optimal particle sets are assigned negative indices)
Lorentz vector addition	$LV1 + LV2$	$LV1 + LV2$

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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.



# Transpilers for LHADA style ADL - I

## 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

## lhada2rivet (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 & framework

GitHub link: <https://github.com/unelg/CutLang>



## 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.

# Workshop on Analysis Description Languages for the LHC

6-8 May 2019, Fermilab LPC

<https://indico.cern.ch/event/769263/>



An analysis description language (ADL) is a human readable declarative language that unambiguously describes the contents of an analysis in a standard way, independent of any computing framework.

Adopting ADLs would bring numerous benefits for the LHC experimental and phenomenological communities, ranging from analysis preservation beyond the lifetimes of experiments or analysis software to facilitating the abstraction, design, visualization, validation, communication, reproduction, interpretation and overall communication of the contents of LHC analyses.

Several attempts were made recently to develop ADLs, and tools to use them, and an effort is underway to arrive at the core of a unified ADL.

## In this workshop

(for experimentalists, phenomenologists and computing experts)

- ▶ The ADL concept
- ▶ Current examples: CutLang and LHADA
- ▶ Hands on exercises
- ▶ Language structure
- ▶ Parsing and interpreting methods
- ▶ Feasibility for experimental analyses
- ▶ Analysis preservation

Recent workshop to seriously start community-wide discussions.

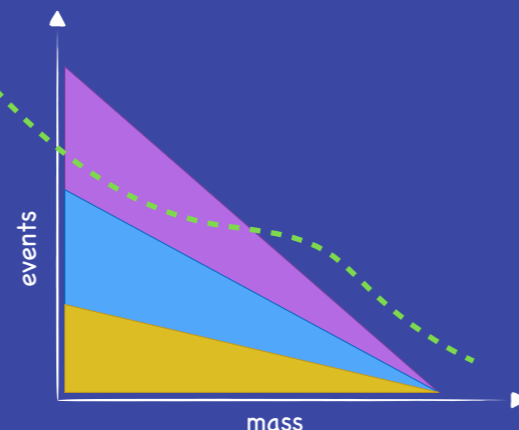
Participation by experimentalists, phenomenologists, computer scientists.

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:

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### Organizing committee:

- Steve Mrenna (Fermilab)
- Jim Pivarski (Princeton U.)
- Harrison Prosper (Florida State U.)
- Sezen Sekmen (Kyungpook Nat. U.)
- Gökhan Ünel (U.C. Irvine)
- LPC coordinators:**
- Cecilia Gerber (UIC)
- Sergo Jindariani (Fermilab)

### Local organization:

- Gabriele Benelli (Brown U.)
- Alexx Perloff (U. Colorado Boulder)
- Marc Weinberg (Carnegie Mellon U.)

### LPC events committee:

- Gabriele Benelli (Brown U.)
- Ben Kreis (Fermilab)
- Kevin Pedro (Fermilab)



## 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!**