

Online example: ced₁₂† Seeing Tracks Through Thick and Thin††

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^{††}As in thick and thin clients



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1. Introduction

- Modern version of 6 GeV ced (running virtually unmodified for ~15 years)
- It is an event display, not a detector display
 - Primary role is *not* to visualize the detector.
 - Primary roles: Help debug and diagnose the detector (online) and to assist in analysis (offline).
 - Unfaithful (to the geometry) displays are often more useful than faithful displays. Especially when there is a lot of "air." Also, 2D often more useful than 3D.



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2. Thick and Thin

- Thick: Traditional, full-featured Desktop App
- Thin: <u>Same</u> full-featured "Web 2.0 app" aka "Rich Client/Internet Application" delivered in a browser†
- We'll deliver both, using (approximately) the same code base

[†] With, perhaps, some minor security related annoyances, such as no access to a local file system—e.g., ced_{12} will not be able to upload your *Quicken* files to the CLAS calibration database. Honest.

Web 1.0 v. Web 2.0



- Web 1.0
- Web delivers documents
- Web apps are stateless
- HTML based; browser renders
- Web 2.0[†]
- Web delivers Rich Internet
 Applications (RIAs)
- Applications maintain state
- Data centric; browser contains and delivers

Rich Internet Apps

- 1. Browser *delivers* virtual machine and *provides* real estate.
- 2. Compiled application runs in vendor VM.
- 3. VM, not browser, renders.
- 4. Browser's primary role has changed! It is a VM container.

†Web 2.0 is here *now*. Sometimes providing dramatic new interfaces. Sometimes, e.g., *NetFlix*, it takes a decent site and redoes it in a way that produces a much more appealing desktop-like response and experience.



RIA Technologies

- Adobe FLEX (2004.) Uses FLASH player as VM.
 ~97 percent penetration across all platforms.¹
- Microsoft Silverlight (2007.) So far, little penetration.⁶⁶⁶
- SUN JavaFX (too late—little chance to succeed.)
- HTML 5 (Interesting—essentially dumps the VM responsibilities onto the browser developers.)³

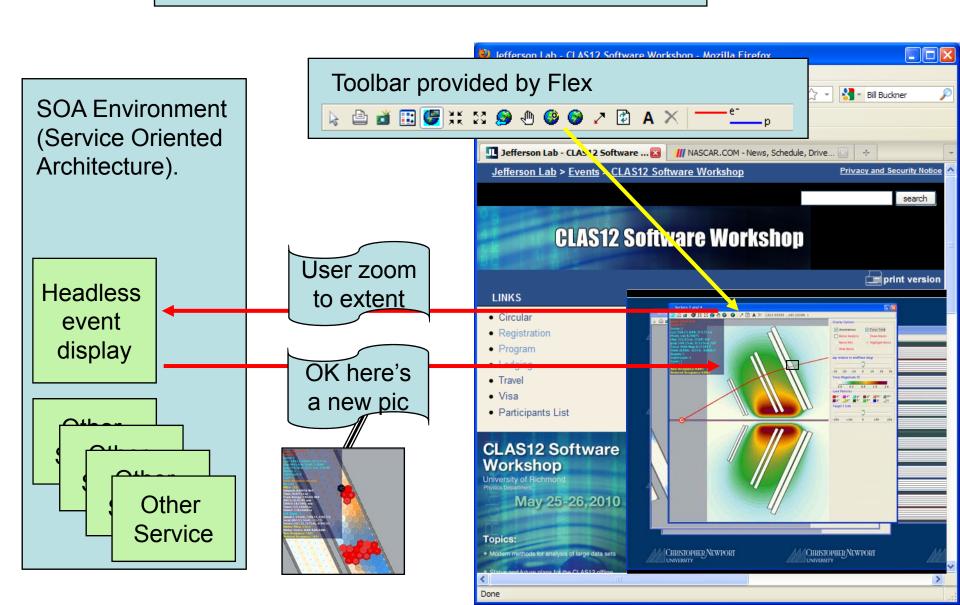
¹ This is the best reason for adopting FLEX; ~nobody will have to download anything. ⁶⁶⁶ But yes, I agree, that is one hard-to-ignore 800lb gorilla.

³ Specification to reach the W3C Candidate Recommendation stage 2012, and W3C Recommendation in the year **2022** or later! However, many parts of the specification are stable and may be implemented early. (Source: *wikipedia*)



Google Maps Paradigm

Client tools overlaying server provided image





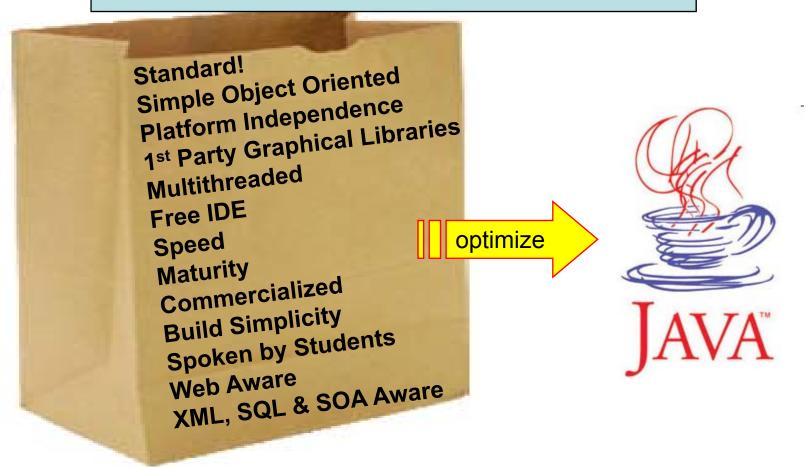
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3. Architecture



CLAS 6 (and 12?) Software Motto:

"Standard is Better than Better" †



†If you were to say: "in *practice* it appears that the CLAS 6 motto was: *Complicated* is *Better than Better*," I, for one, could not say that you were being uncharitable.



Two Plus One Libraries

Library	Purpose	Comments
jevio	JAVA I/O for JLab evio format	Originally developed by—adopted and taken-over by JLAB DAQ
bCNU ¹	Multiple Doc Interface (MDI) Framework	JAVA based graphical package. bCNU provides framework and base classes, but knows nothing about any specific detector.
jogl ²	JAVA bindings to OpenGL (3D)	One of two free 3D JAVA solutions. Requires platform specific jars and shared libs.

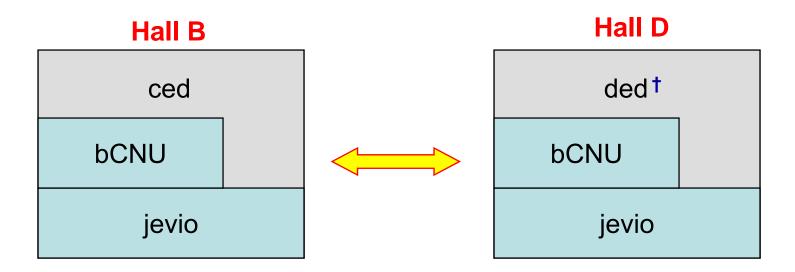
On this platform we are building Hall B and Hall D event displays

¹bCNU, i.e., "be seein' you!" (unless that is too cheesy, in which case it stands for Hall **b** and **CNU** collaboration. Your call.)

² This is the "plus one." It differs from the other two in that a) we didn't develop it and, more importantly, b) it is quasi-platform dependent.



Shared Hall B/D Code Base

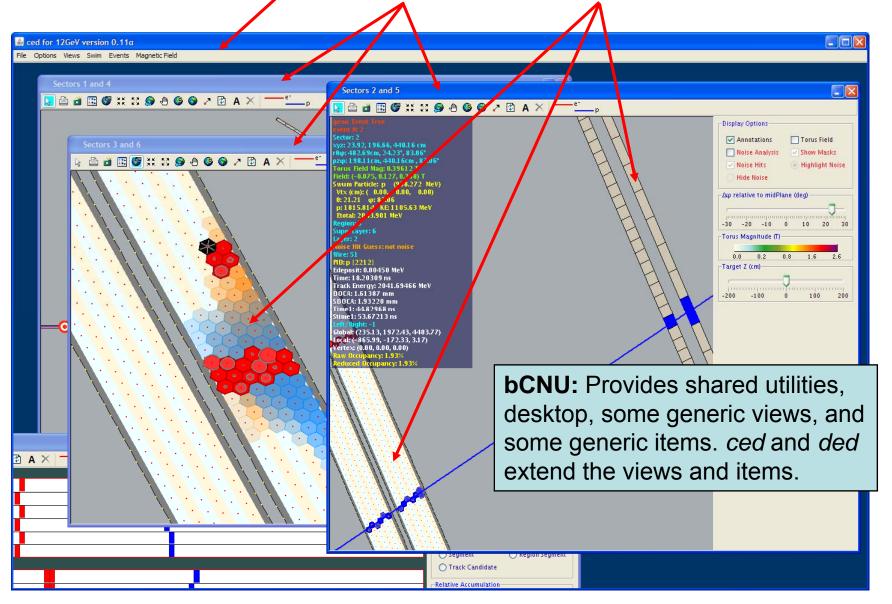


Goal: common (or potentially common) features are developed in *bCNU* (or migrated to *bCNU*) with the intent that the *ced* and *ded* code bases are <~ ½ the size of the *bCNU* code base.

† ded (pronounced "dee-e-dee") is the Hall D event display. This naming convention is bloody awful, since you would then think ced is the Hall C event display, and that ced should really be bed. But it is what it is.



Multiple Document Interface (MDI): Desktop, Views, & Items





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4. Features (Current *ced* Views)

View	Comment	generic	
All DC	All the drift chambers—approximate geometry		
Sector	Split sectors 1/4, 2/5, 3/6. Faithful geometry. Currently DC and OTOF.		у
Monte Carlo	Table of "event generator" records (if any present) showing what tracks were generated		
Event	Drag 'n drop, expandable tree-view of evio events so that banks can be examined quickly (bCNU)		
Noise	A view with fake data used for testing/explaining the noise detection algorithm.		
Log	Info/Warning/Error messages for debugging (bCNU)		
Socket	Establish and manage evio over a socket (bCNU)		
XML	Drag 'n drop, tree-view of any XML file (bCNU)		

Some Selected Features

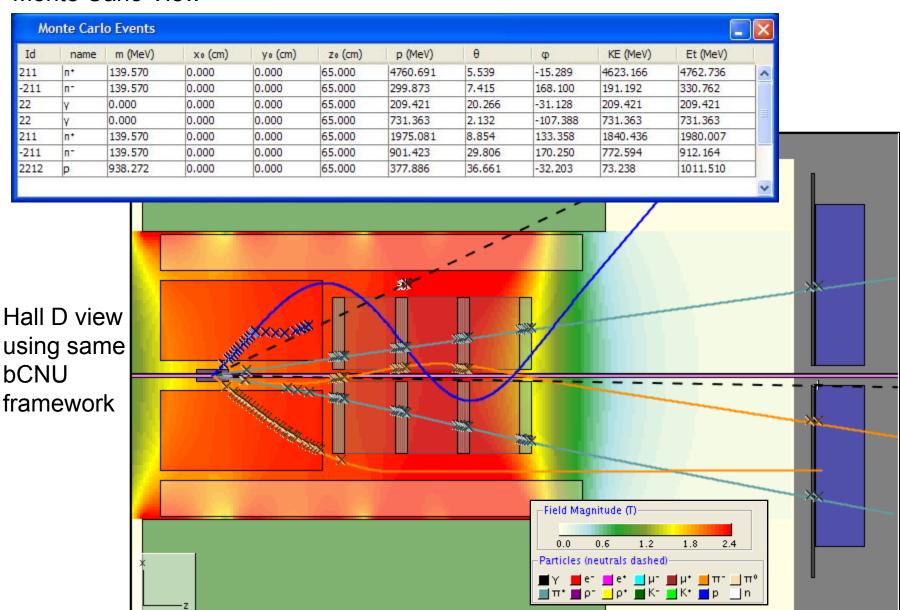


Feature	Comment
Zoom, pan, etc	Expected features for view manipulation (bCNU)
Snap shot	High quality .png image of active area (bCNU)
Heads-up	Mouse-over information displayed on a semi-transparent heads-up display (to preserve real estate) (bCNU)
Moving target	Trivial: target z-location can be changed
Magnetic Field	Uses same field as GEMC
Accumulate	Accumulation mode for looking for hot spots/dead zones
Swim	Runge-Kutta 4 th order for swimming particles (bCNU)
Noise	Improved display of results of noise detection
Clusters/ segments/ candidates	Highlight clusters, segments, track candidates, etc. from the socrat family of track-finders (or any track-finder that stores results in same banks)
Auto rotate	Rotate to initial ϕ of track to see if it lines up with DOCAs

Some Snapshots



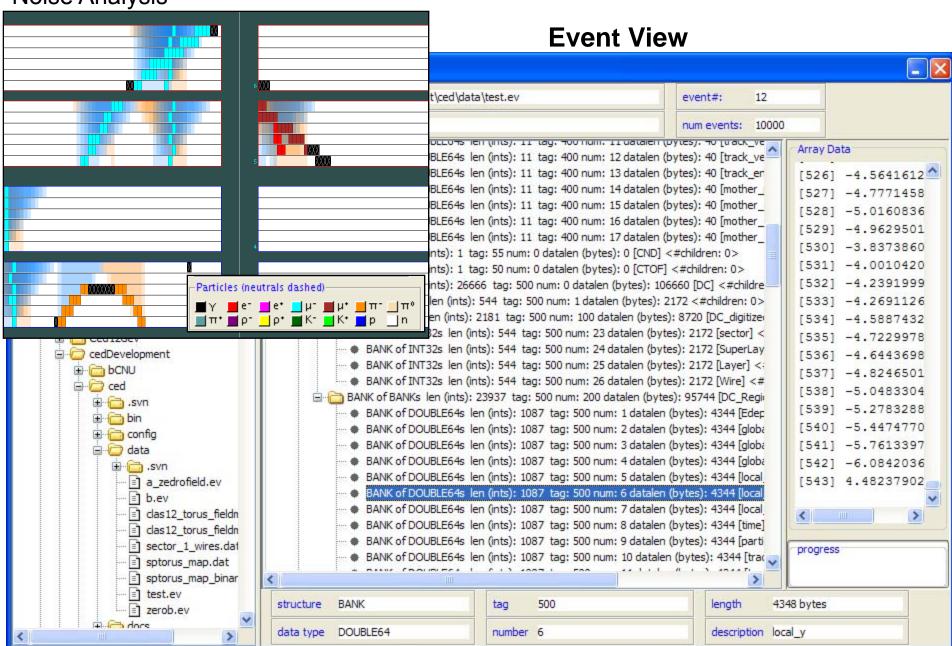
Monte Carlo View



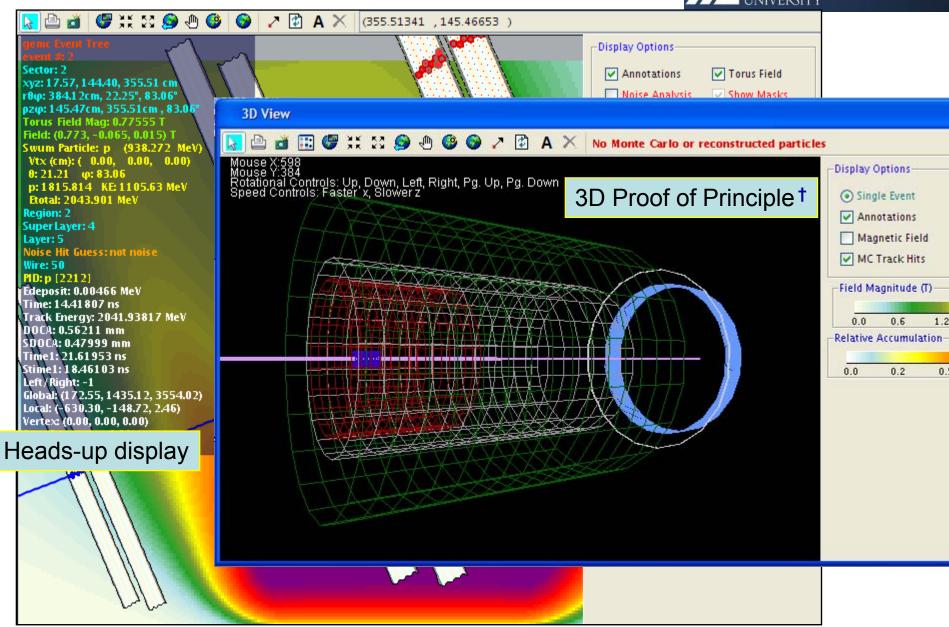
More Snapshots



Noise Analysis







[†]For those who know about such things, the "lightweight v. heavyweight" issue is not a problem.



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5. Extendibility

Two steps to adapt another experiment:

- 1) Geometry -> bCNU graphical primitives
- 2) Events → evio

These follow step 0, which is the hardest: design what you want to see.



6. Availability: Obtaining ced †

svn scheckout [URL] Where [URL] is:

https://clas12svn.jlab.org/repos/trunk/clas12/cedExport

→ cedExport, with ced.sh for launching on linux, unix or Mac OS X. And ced.bat for launching on the other 95% of all computers. There is no build procedure--such is the beauty of Java.

From then on, use svn update \rightarrow the latest.

On linux, launch the script via: bash ced.sh

[†] You need a JLab CUE account.

<rant> Forgot your password? Look on the little piece of paper in your desk! Since we all have multiple accounts, all with out-of-phase über-unbreakable mandatory password shelf lives, we (well, not me) have resorted to writing them down. Everything is much more secure! </rant>