ced 1.6.0

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The latest release of ced is ced 1.6.0. It is available by clicking here. Below is a description of the changes.

1 Bank Views

The data bank views have changed. Again. They used to be independent windows, not confined to the ced desktop. Then we got a request to tie them to the desktop, so that they are not easily lost. Now I have requests to liberate them again, to make them free-floating. This we have done. Incompatible requests are what makes this so much fun.



Figure 1: Dealing with incompatible requests is fun!

However, at ced we want people to like us, desperately. So we try to accommodate all requests, even those that are incompatible. To this end we have added an option to the Options menu to allow you to toggle the data bank view behavior. ced will remember your choice. (On that machine for that user).

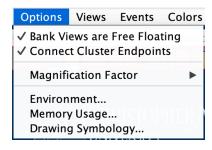


Figure 2: Have it your way.

There is another new option in the Options menu as seen above, to address another incompatible request. Some like (when relevant) the endpoints of a cluster to be connected as this is a useful debugging tool. Others find it unseemly if not offensive. That is now a user option that will also be remembered. (On that machine for that user).

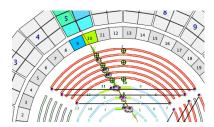


Figure 3: If you don't like those lines, we've got your back.

In addition to this reconfiguration, we responded to another request to make the data tables sortable. So by clicking on a column header you can sort based on that column. Clicking again will switch from an ascending to a descending ordering. In the figure below, a user has purposely or accidentally clicked on the label "wire" in the header.

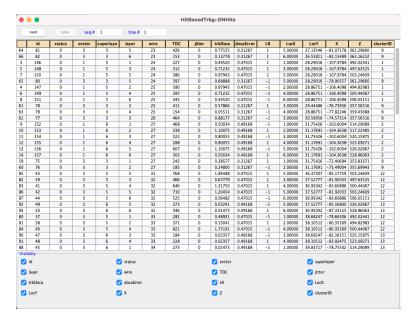


Figure 4: Data banks are free-floating windows again. And they are sortable.

2 Kalman Filter Trajectories

There is a new checkbox to control the display of such trajectories in the central views.



Figure 5: The CVTRecKF Traj checkbox is new.

3 Threading Model

ced is a bit snappier event-to-event because of a new threading model. Some calculations (including swimming) were being performed in the main GUI thread, an unforgivable violation of all that is sacred in GUI programming. This should not be a worrisome change, because we have never heard of bugs being introduced into an application because of a new threading model. Never.

4 Data Model

ced had a data model that predates HIPO. It was from the days when it was evio or nothing. In fact, cnuphys created the first version of jevio because in 2007 to read evio you had to use the abomination known as C++. The CNU jevio was immediately hijacked by the JLAB DAQ group, but we're not bitter. When HIPO came along it was patched onto this model with software duct tape. It was getting harder and harder to maintain, so a new data model has been implemented. This should not be a worrisome change, because we have never heard of bugs being introduced into an application because of a new data model. Never.

5 Swimmer

ced uses the new swim package, CLAS12Swim, for its trajectories. CLAS12Swim is inherently faster. Also, swims are now handed off to separate threads. What could go wrong?

6 True Event Number

Finding an event by the "true" event number rather than the sequential number in the file is faster and more reliable.

7 Still there, but hidden

The RTPC and Alert views have been placed in hibernation. We can wake them up when we get updated information.

8 Report Bugs!

Please report (david.heddle@cnu.edu) bugs!

9 Requests Accepted!

Please submit (david.heddle@cnu.edu) your requests! What is missing from ced? How can we make it more useful? What new views or modifications to existing views would help you debug your hardware and/or software? We are at your service.

10 It's all fun and games, until your code gets reviewed.

There is a change to the ced wEiRd submenu. Eliza has been retired. She has been replaced by Wordle, which, when you're on shift, is much more fun than comparing histograms to their reference values.

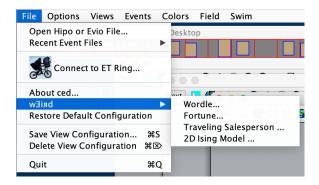


Figure 6: Eliza the psychoanalyst has retired. Wordle has taken her slot.



Figure 7: This is just unacceptable.