Common approaches: fostering collaboration in HEP

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The Visualization community

- *Peter Messmer*, who leads the Scientific Visualization department at NVIDIA, said in yesterday's session:
 - "Scientific Visualization community is small"
 - "there are no big interests in building and maintaining software solutions only for this small community"
- And the HEP Visualization community is even smaller
- At yesterday's session I counted ~ 18 people in the room and ~15 connected remotely.
- Huge success for us!! I think that a large part of our community was there...

Funding HEP SW in the next years

- As I reminded in yesterday's introduction, and as pointed out in Ben Waugh's presentation as well:
 - we have to cope with flat budgets for the next years
 - funding agencies requested to develop common programs when possible, in order to share the funds for the benefit of multiple communities

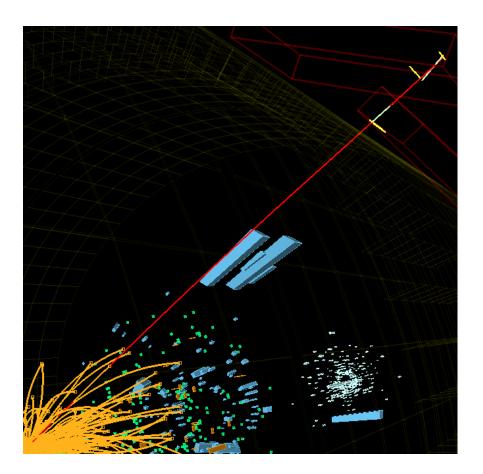
Visualization in HEP

- Visualization is always considered at the very end of the HEP data chain
- But that's not always true: tools which are integrated into the experiments' frameworks are used for detector development or to check and debug data taking, simulation, reconstruction
- Visualization is important in HEP

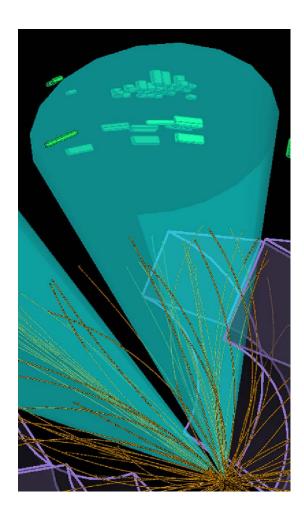
Common needs

• Despite the differences among the experiments (different subdetectors, data formats, databases, algorithms) we have **many common needs**, specially in Visualization

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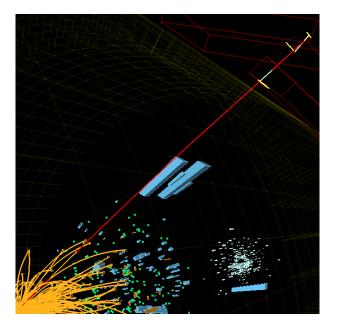


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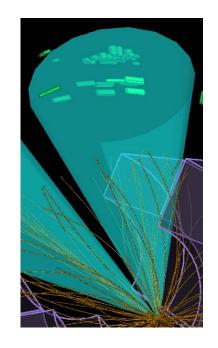


Common needs, common objects

• Despite we are from different experiments, we all answered this



A Track



A Jet

Common base objects

- in whatever HEP experiment :
 - a Track is displayed with a more-or-less curved line,
 - a Jet is displayed with a cone
 - an energy deposit is displayed with a series of boxes
 - and so forth...

HEP software

- In our experiments, for historical reasons, we all used different tools
- Many of our current tools come from the "good old days", where:
 - computer graphics was at the **beginning**

Coin3D was developed in 2000, based on Open Inventor which was started in 1989...

collaborative development was rare

Collaborative development

- Open source tools and community-driven development are the standards today
- Many big software companies (IBM, NVIDIA, Google, Oracle, Mozilla, ...) contribute with people and code to open-source projects
- Current industry trend is:
 - If I need a common component, instead of developing one in-house, which then I have to maintain...
 - ...I contribute to an open-source project and I use it!

Community-driven software

- Having usually large community behind, bugs are quickly discovered and often quickly resolved
- ...often much faster than in commercial software!

Ever tried to fill a ticket for a Mac OS bug?

• ...and the same for feature request!

Since when the users are expecting that new feature in from Apple or Microsoft?

Outside graphics libraries landscape

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Common packages for HEP

Instead of maintaining our own graphics libraries, our own GUI libraries, our own renderers...

Why not developing **common glue packages** and using **industry standards behind**?



Standard base packages

• We could take advantage of widely developed standard packages and just use them in our software tools

EXP1	EXP2	EXP3					
Common glue tools							
Graphics	GUI library						

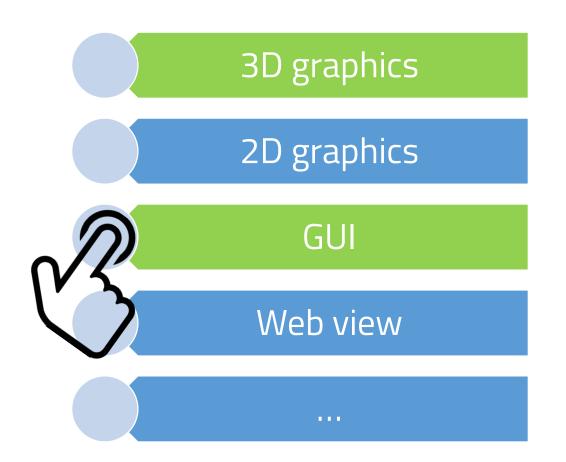
Experiment's targeted layers

• No need for common final software: all experiments should be able to make their own tools to display their own specific data

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Pick&Choose

- But I think that experiments should easily pick&choose what they need
- ...**without maintaining** the base packages behind



Let's build the collaborative HEP future!

