# traceview: A New Replacement for dbpick

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# dbpick

- Oldest and most used software module in Antelope
- First version written in 1989 based on a prior version written mainly in FORTRAN using SUN's proprietary OpenLook window graphics
- dbpick developed almost entirely in C on a SUN4-SPARCSTATION using the then new X-windows graphics middleware
- Designed for a single CPU, single threaded 20 Mhz processor using 64 Mbytes of RAM and no graphics acceleration
- Based on ASCII representations of CSS2.7 database tables
- Pre-datascope
- Pre-Antelope parameter files
- Design was driven by seismic analyst suggestions and testing



# dbpick – requirements

- Support for normal seismic analyst operations (not necessarily research)
- CSS database as source
- Highest performance given slow CPU, single CPU, small RAM, slow graphics
- User interaction to support seismic analyst suggestions and input
- Make the program as self contained as possible so that it could be used by Universities (no external Relational Database Management System)



# dbpick – design

- Database access using home brewed software library
- X-windows application
- Avoided any graphics middleware
- Developed concept of waveform pixilation in time
- Database wfdisc and arrival tables read and saved internally at startup. Waveforms accessed as necessary. Static arrival saved view but edits pushed out to table. Static wfdisc view.
- GUI largely designed from seismic analyst suggestions and input



# dbpick – subsequent development

- Conversion to Datascope (early 90s)
- Conversion to CSS3.0 (early 90s)
- Integration with dbloc2 (mid 90s)
  - Command type-in interface
  - tcl/tk based command message passing
- Addition of event-oriented processing (mid 90s)
- Attempt to support dynamic database queries (2011)



# dbpick – The Good

- Stable and mature waveform viewing and arrival editing program
- Probably the highest performance program for viewing waveforms
- Operates equally well on large and small databases
- Does not require any pre-processing
- Operates directly off of databases without the need for external Relational Database Management Systems
- Highly efficient analyst review interactions
- Provides generalized command mechanism through typein interface



## dbpick – The Bad

- Depends on X-windows
- Outdated software development style (written 30 years ago in C with very little middleware or infrastructure support)
- Does not adhere to Antelope configuration standards (no parameter files)
- Limited user configuration
- Written as a monolithic application that is not reusable in other programs
- Has become difficult to modify and maintain
- Limited in its ability to support research
- Not a suitable platform for further development



# dbpick – The Ugly

- Synchronization with dynamically changing databases
- Proper functioning with dynamically changing databases
- Can be unreliable when multiple users and/or processes are modifying the same database



## traceview

- Newly developed software meant to be a complete replacement for dbpick
- Development started June 2018
- In the 5.9 Antelope release, both dbpick and traceview applications
- Also, in the 5.9 Antelope release, BQTraceview C++ class library and appropriate python extensions



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## **traceview** - Development Requirements

- Preserve the good features of dbpick
  - High performance
  - Highly scalable
  - No pre-processing
  - Direct database access
  - Efficient analyst GUI
  - Generalized command interface
- Preserve the dbpick GUI
- Use modern software development methodologies
- Make compatible with Antelope configuration standards
- Develop as reusable software modules
- Avoid dependence on X-windows
- Provide an easily extendable platform for developing future capabilities
- Provide access through python
- Eliminate datascope vulnerabilities



## **traceview** - Development Strategy

- Emulate dbpick GUI as much as reasonable
- Develop as one or more reusable and extendable C++ classes
- Use Qt as the underlying graphics middleware
- Develop as a BQPlot compatible viewport item
- Use other BQPlot classes to implement glyph displays and interaction
- Use Antelope configuration standards
- Provide a high level of user configuration
- Develop appropriate python wrappers
- Adopt waveform time pixelation methodology developed in dbpick
- Develop generalized command methods as used in dbpick
- Develop separate class to support a user type-in interface
- Use EVServer and EVClient classes to provide safe database interactions



#### traceview – Basic Design

- New C++ class, BQTr acevi ew, developed as a BQPI of viewport item using the Qt graphics middleware
- BQTr acevi ewobjects highly configurable through Antelope standard parameter file objects
- Helper C++ classes developed, including BQPi xel at or to implement high performance dbpi ck-style time pixelation, BQTr ace to implement single waveform display and interaction and BQTr acevi ewCommands to implement generic command interface for BQTr acevi ew
- New BQCommandConsol e class developed to provide a user command type-in interface
- python wrappers for BQTr acevi ewand BQCommandConsol e
- BQTr acevi ew creates internal EVCl i ent object for connection with external EVSer ver object





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"Event View" specialized server-client interface into Datascope databases

- Two new object oriented c++ classes were introduced in Antelope 5.7 – EVServer and EVClient (see man EV(3)).
- These event view classes provide a server-client implementation of database access operations specific to the various seismic event tables in the css schema.



EV(3)

#### C Library Functions

#### NAME

EV - BRTT utility for earthquake event view formation

#### **SYNOPSIS**

-lbrttutil

#include "EV.h"

#### DESCRIPTION

There are two fundamental classes, **EVServer** and **EVClient**, that implement complete views of earthquake event information from underlying databases. They are intended to be dynamic in response to changing databases. Information from events, origins, origin errors, associations, arrivals, detections, stations, magnitudes and moment tensors are joined in a set of views that can be returned through a set of specialized structures.

The underlying database is monitored and the views are made by a single **EVServer** object. The views are refreshed automatically by **EVServer** objects whenever any of the database file modification times have changed. **EVServer** makes all of the joins though calls to **dbmatches(3)** only, without using the various other Datascope view generation routines, such as **dbjoin(3)**. Most Datascope view generation routines cannot track dynamic changes in the underlying database. By only using **dbmatches(3)**, which is designed to track certain changes in the underlying database, **EVServer** objects can track changes in the database and recompute the various view structures as required. All calls to **dbmatches(3)**, **dbget(3)** or **dbgetv(3)** made by **EVServer** objects trap error returns, which could be caused by changes in the database during **EVServer** processing. When **dbget(3)**, **dbgetv(3)** or **dbmatches(3)** hooks, and reform the various views. This will also happen automatically whenever the database files shrink in size.







- EVServer objects launch a thread, EVServer::run\_thread, to interact with the database. This thread is the only thread that interacts with the database.
- The primary responsibility of EVServer::run\_thread is to keep an up to date internal set of structures that contain all of the information from the database, including copies of the database records, all linked together to form earthquake event oriented views.
- None of the internal structures contain database pointers or other references back to the database. In this way the internal structures are complete and self consistent snapshots of the database at the time when the structures were made.



- EVClient objects can request copies of the internal structures that EVServer objects maintain.
- EVClient objects can register callback functions with their EVServer. EVServer::run\_thread will execute these callbacks whenever any of the internal structures have changed.
- All EVClient acquired event view structures are complete and self consistent snapshots of the database at the time when the structures were made.
- EVClient objects never try to reference the database directly.



**EVServer** changes to support traceview

- Serve wfdisc rows
- Serve unassociated arrival rows
- Serve unassociated detection rows
- Serve unassociated site rows
- Provide generic equivalents to dbput, dbnextid and dbadd
- Provide generic equivalents to dbsubset and dbmatches











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> hotkey shift-c display configure clip toggle
> hotkey shift-d arrivals tag D
> hotkey shift-down traces zoom 0.8 %yw
> hotkey shift-left display time zoom 1.25 %xw
> hotkey shift-n arrivals tag N
> hotkey shift-p arrivals phase P
> hotkey shift-right display time zoom 0.8 %xw
> hotkey shift-s arrivals phase S
> hotkey shift-up traces zoom 1.25 %yw
> hotkey u arrivals edit queue undo
> hotkey up traces start -%dyw
> event show e-1
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## traceview - Command Processing

- Most BQTraceview object run time display configuration and editing functions are specified through a command processing interface
- Commands can be sent to BQTraceview objects at run time either through a type-in interface or programmatically
- A new class, BQCommandConsole, was developed to provide a generalized user command type-in interface
  - all commands are stored in an internal command history queue
  - history substitutions using the up and down arrows keys
  - in-line command editing
  - command history queue can be dumped to an external file
  - commands can be read from an external file and executed as if typed
  - The typed-in commands, normal command output and command error output are displayed in different colors



## traceview - Command Processing

- BQTraceview object commands are processed by a helper class, BQTraceviewCommands
  - commands can be aliased
  - commands support simple variable substitution
  - keyboard shortcuts (hotkeys) can be defined
- A BQTraceview object can be linked, through its BQTraceviewCommands helper object, to a BQCommandConsole object providing a user type-in interface
- Also, remote commands can be sent to a BQTraceview object, through its BQTraceviewCommands helper object, and these commands can be optionally echoed in any linked BQCommandConsole object.



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> alias tw display time window
> alias z traces zoom
> alias z10 z 10
> alias zs traces:selected zoom
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> hotkey 3 traces:selected filter TPAD 10.0 BW 5.0 4 0.0 0 #5hp
> hotkey 4 traces:selected filter TPAD 10.0 BW 10.0 4 0.0 0 #5hp
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> hotkey control-c arrivals copy
> hotkey control-down traces gain *0.8
> hotkey control-up traces gain *1.25
> hotkey control-v arrivals paste %xw
> hotkey control-x echo time is %xw
> hotkey delete arrivals phase del
> hotkey down traces start +%dyw
> hotkey e arrivals edit mode toggle
> hotkey f traces fit
> hotkey left display time start +%dxw
> hotkey n traces:selected filter none
> hotkey r arrivals edit queue redo
> hotkey right display time start -%dxw
> hotkey shift-a display configure antialias toggle
> hotkey shift-c display configure clip toggle
> hotkey shift-d arrivals tag D
> hotkey shift-down traces zoom 0.8 %yw
> hotkey shift-left display time zoom 1.25 %xw
> hotkey shift-n arrivals tag N
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> hotkey shift-s arrivals phase S
> hotkey shift-up traces zoom 1.25 %yw
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> hotkey up traces start -%dyw
> event show e-1
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display help display help echo with substitutions make a command alias remove a command alias show all aliases make a hot key assignment remove a hot key assignment show all hot key assignments import commands export commands set display start time set display time window duration zoom display time window by factor so that time anchor is in the same relative position enable/disable display P-arrival alignment enable/disable show display predicted arrivals enable/disable batch mode set maximum number of traces to display in the vertical window set minimum vertical height of traces fit traces to vertical window subject to maximum and minimum pixels enable/disable show only traces with arrivals enable/disable show only traces with detections enable/disable show only traces with arrivals and/or detections enable/disable automatic trace sorting by distance from event set gains of all traces select/deselect traces whose labels match trace exprs configure traceview or trace objects duplicate traces whose labels match trace exprs show/hide traces whose labels match trace exprs order and show traces whose labels match trace exprs zoom traces to first and last labels that match trace exprs or to the specified indexes pan traces to begin at first label that matches trace exprs or to the specified index stretch vertical heights of traces whose labels match trace exprs set foreground color of traces whose labels match trace exprs set background color of traces whose labels match trace exprs set linewidth of traces whose labels match trace exprs set filter of traces whose labels match trace exprs set units of traces whose labels match trace\_exprs set vertical scale factor of traces whose labels match trace exprs enable/disable arrivals edit mode clear selected arrivals or enable/disable selected arrival enable/disable interactive add arrivals mode copy selected arrivals into clipboard or clear clipboard paste arrivals in clipboard set selected arrivals phase to phase string add tag tag string to selected arrivals or clear selected arrivals tags or clear all ar output a list of arids and association status for tagged or selected arrivals clear edit queue undo edits redo edits set edit queue state go to edit queue state show/hide arrivals that match arrival exprs show/hide detections that match detection exprs show event show origin

**traceview** - Trace Expressions and Duplication

- The commands involving traces
   objects can contain an optional
   trace\_exprs string which defines a
   subset of all traces
- When the trace\_exprs string is specified, actions apply only to those traces that match the expressions
- Traces can be duplicated duplicated traces are indicated by a ;<copy\_number>appended to the

channel code





**Command Console** 



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## traceview - Arrival Editing

- When arrivals need to be edited or added, the BQTraceview object must be put into a special edit mode using the command arrivals edit mode on
- When a BQTraceview object is in edit mode:
  - the display changes its background and foreground colors
  - a new mouse interaction is enabled to select groups of arrivals
  - when arrivals are selected, the time uncertainty and residuals are displayed
  - selected arrivals can have their times and time uncertainties edited interactively
  - selected arrivals can have their phases edited or can be marked as deleted interactively through a user defined popup menu
  - selected arrivals can be tagged as being defining or nondefining in a subsequent re-location
  - selected arrivals can be copied into a clipboard and pasted as a group as new arrivals at a different time
  - an arrival editing history is kept and edits can be undone and redone





**traceview** - Configuration and Python

- All configuration done through standard Antelope parameter file
- python extensions for both
   BQTraceview and
  - BQCommandConsole classes



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        bqpy_test_traceview ×
      #!/usr/bin/env bqpy
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  3
       import os
       import sys
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  5
       sys.path.append(os.environ['ANTELOPE'] + "/data/python")
  6
  7
       import signal
  8
  9
       signal.signal(signal.SIGINT, signal.SIG_DFL)
 10
       from antelope.bgplot import *
 11
 12
       from antelope.ev import EVServer
 13
       import antelope.bupf as bupf
 14
      ge = GraphicsEngine()
 15
 16
 17
      mw = MainWindow (ge)
 18
 19
      vp = Viewport (mw)
 20
 21
       traceview = Traceview (vp)
 22
       pf = bupf.Pf("traceview")
 23
 24
      traceview.configure (pf.getpfstring())
 25
      evserver = EVServer ('/opt/antelope/data/db/demo/demo')
 26
 27
       traceview.createtraces (evserver)
      traceview.sendcommand ('display time_window 1800')
 28
      traceview.sendcommand ('event show 0')
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 31
      mw.geometry(1000, 1000, 0)
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       mw.show ()
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      ge.qtmainloop()
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      ge.pymainloop()
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#### traceview - New Stuff

- C++ class definitions allow easy reuse
- Qt based graphics
- EVServer based database access
- New command console class supporting command editing
- More systematic command syntax
- Ability to apply commands to specific traces
- Ability to duplicate traces
- Ability to save and replay commands
- User defined command aliases
- User defined command hot keys
- Arrival edit mode
- Ability to select and edit multiple arrivals
- Ability to tag arrivals
- Ability to copy and paste arrivals
- Ability to undo and redo arrival edits
- User defined editing menus
- Use of standard Antelope parameter files for configuration
- python interface



traceview - Still To Do

- Magnify windows
- Arrival amplitude and period editing
- Ability to connect to different data sources (multiple databases, ORB, Trace databases, etc.)
- Different trace displays (spectragram, etc.)
- Ability to overlay traces

