

PHY684 - Spring 2018

**ACCELERATOR**

**YOUR NEXT FLIGHT SIMULATOR**

*Across a Speed-of-Light Universe*

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## THE AGENDA TODAY

- Get introduced to each other
- This introduction
- Discuss the project list and how we get organized, by teams, for a 14 week project
- A brief review of particle accelerators in history and today
- Introduction to the ray-tracing code Zgoubi. And to cross-check means.

- **This course is an introduction to the physics and technology of particle accelerators,**
  - ◇ **based on computer laboratory work**
  - ◇ **during which we will manipulate**
    - **virtual accelerators**
    - **charged particle beams**
    - **short-lived particles**
    - **synchrotron light**
    - **relativistic particle life-time**
    - **particle spin**
    - **and much more**

- **This course will introduce most types of existing particle accelerators, their main beam steering, beam focussing and acceleration components,**
  - ◇ **it will introduce the basic principles on which these technological equipments lean,**
  - ◇ **as well as the basic principles of beam dynamics in particle accelerators,**
  - ◇ **via numerical simulations using dedicated computer tools.**
- **Computer simulations taken from real-life laboratory activities constitute the backbone of the course.**
- **Computer code developments - and debugging ! - will be part of the game.**

- **This course also includes**
  - ◇ **conducting a project, from start to end, by teams, over the semester.**
  - ◇ **Project topics will be discussed and chosen early, during the first two course sessions.**
  - ◇ **I will come back on that**

- **This place is also**
  - ◇ **a forum for discussions and deeper**
    - **insight,**
    - **understanding,**
    - **on whatever topic whenever desired,**
    - **including further/unplanned code developments and simula-**  
**tions.**

- **During this semester,**
  - ◇ **we will run beam dynamics computer programs**
  - ◇ **manage the data they produce,**
  - ◇ **we will keep confronting beam dynamics findings from numerical simulations with theoretical expectations,**
  - ◇ **in an interactive play between both : experimentation regarding particle beams in accelerators and in accelerator components, and the underlying theory.**

● **Running computer programs will allow achieving a variety of goals :**

- ◇ **apply numerical methods to solve problems for which analytical methods have prohibitive limitations,**
- ◇ **produce data from numerical simulations,**
- ◇ **analyze and understanding these data,**
- ◇ **present and report results on appropriate media.**

- **This course will allow reaching a level of knowledge needed to thrive in the field of accelerator physics and technology.**

**We will navigate and pick knowledge bricks through the following list, as time allows :**

- ◇ **cyclotron, transverse stability, CW acceleration ;**
- ◇ **synchro-cyclotron, longitudinal stability, cycled acceleration ;**
- ◇ **FFAG rings, strong focusing ;**
- ◇ **pulsed synchrotron ;**
- ◇ **storage rings including colliders, light sources, insertion devices ;**
- ◇ **particle collider ;**
- ◇ **electrostatic accelerators ;**
- ◇ **linear accelerators.**

- **The numerical experiments will address beam physics and beam dynamics aspects as**
  - ◇ **beam guiding, focussing, acceleration, optical defects,**
  - ◇ **non-linear beam dynamics and motion resonances,**
  - ◇ **synchrotron radiation damping,**
  - ◇ **collective effects as space charge,**
  - ◇ **capture and acceleration of short lived particle beams,**
  - ◇ **the production of synchrotron light, Poynting vector, spectral brightness,**
  - ◇ **polarization and other Siberian snakes,**
  - ◇ **in-flight particle decay,**
  - ◇ **beam purification.**

- **The course will address the simulation of accelerator technology components: bending magnets, quadrupoles, non-linear lenses, accelerating cavities, beam monitoring...**
- **As part of the computer simulation activities, program development and debugging will be part of the lab time.**
- **In addition, and for the reason that this is what numerical simulations are, the course will introduce to a wide variety of applied mathematics and numerical methods, from interpolation to ODE solving to Fourier analysis.**
- **The course will introduce to popular software tools as gnuplot (plotting), latex (writing).**

## Organization of a 2h50 session

- **We start a 2h50 session with (about 20 minutes) :**

- (i) On your side: returning your home work**

- ◇ **as a matter of fact,**

- **finishing the computer simulations undertaken during the previous session is part (the essential) of the home work.**

- **the home work is returned under the form of 2-3 slides, to be presented to the group (5 minutes per team)**

- (ii) On your side, starting on week 3: status of the projects,**

- ◇ **this is under the form of 2 slides presented to the group (2 minutes per team)**

**(iii) On my side then (about 20 minutes) :**

◇ **a short historical introduction (about 10 minutes) in relation with the current topic : *cyclotron, synchrotron, synchrotron light, decay-in-flight, or whatever else depending on our progress***

◇ **an introduction to the computer lab. topic (about 10 minutes), the real work of yours : the accelerator problem of concern and the numerical simulation work to be performed.**

**This will represent real-life style of work, hours and days !**

**- the real-work text will be made available in due time, on the web site**

**(iv) And you again... perform that work !**

**complete the simulations**

**◇ working out the simulations regarding each particular type of  
accelerator will probably take more than 1 session, we will adapt.**

## ACCELERATOR SIMULATION PROJECT

- **Goal : conducting your own accelerator project, just like in real life, from start to end, over the semester.**
- **The plan is the following:**
  - ◇ **We will go through the list of projects, discuss it, today !**
  - ◇ **You'll have 2 weeks to make your choice.**  
**From then on, you will be on your own.**  
**Questions are welcome of course:**
    - **at all time**
    - **by e-mail (fmeot@bnl.gov), or phone (1 631 344 8204), or here**
    - **time is short : never stay stuck, instead ask/discuss amongst us and proceed !**
- **At the end of the semester, this project will be concluded by**
  - **a presentation to the group, under the form of slides**
  - **a written report, laboratory technical note style**

• **For each project, the following is expected :**

◇ **an extended bibliography: history and present status, technical aspects, interest of the technology, future developments, etc.**

**This should represent about 20% of the work, of the time spent on the project.**

**The goal of the bibliography is to**

**- understand the motivations for the development of a particular line of accelerator, how it evolved in a particular historical context, what it has become today, its applications**

**- provide a technical documentation relevant to the accelerator project and to its application, including parameter lists, possibly details regarding particular scientific or technological aspects**

◇ **For each project a bibliographical document is provided. That can be the starting point for your bibliography.**

- ◇ **producing the requested computer simulations.**

**This is the bulk of the work**

- ◇ **Reporting :**

**(i) slides for a 10 minute presentation to the group,**

**(ii) a written “lab. tech. note” style of report, maximum 10 pages.**

**My advice, here :**

**\* Do not wait until the end to start writing. You’d be too late and lack time.**

**\* Start writing as you start the project, which is, from the moment you start working on the bibliography !**

**\* Hint : if needed, the bibliographical documents can be a source of inspiration regarding the presentation/organization of your written technical note.**