

Exercise: source routine

First practice the "new" source routine

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Starting Flair project

Based on the basic template

Geometry

- Target is removed
- Everything is in vacuum
- An ideal sphere (R=10cm) enclose the beam origin located

Scoring

- **USRBIN** scoring of **ALL-PART** fluence To see where the beam goes
- **USRBDX** scoring of **ALL-PART** crossing the sphere To see the beam spectrum



Exercise 1 – Adding the source routine

In this exercise we will add the default "new" source routine to a Flair project and test if it is working correctly.

- 1. Start with the provided template
- 2. Copy the "source_newgen.f" user routine to the project
- 3. Compile the custom executable
- 4. Add an empty **SOURCE** card to the input
- 5. Verify that the custom executable is selected on the [Run] tab for the *run/source_routine* simulation
- 6. Run the simulation
- 7. Verify that the source routine is loaded: Search for "=== User written source: ===""">" in the output file



Exercise 2 – Simple beam

Proton beam with:

- 145 MeV energy
- Flat divergence:
 - X (X-Z plane): 400 mrad
 - Y (Y-Z plane): 200 mrad
- 1. Set the particle energy and type on the **BEAM** card
- 2. Notice that only one divergence value can be set on the **BEAM** card For different divergences, the source routine must be used
- 3. Using any text editor set *divergence_x* and *divergence_y* variables in the source routine. Note:
 - a. Use double precision formatting for numbers
 - b. The unit is [radians] in the source routine, while [mrad] on the **BEAM** card



Exercise 2 – Simple beam

- 4. Recompile your custom executable
- 5. Rerun the simulation (use 1e5 primaries / cycle)
- 6. Process the data
- 7. Verify the divergences on the [Geometry] tab
- 8. Plot the spectrum of the beam on the [Plot] tab





Exercise 3 – Two simultaneous beam

A proton beam with 100 MeV, and an electron beam with 50 MeV energy Intensity ratio: 1:3 (25% - 75%)

- 1. (Remove / comment out the divergences)
- Declare a double precision variable and assign a random number to it.
 Use: ... = FLRNDM (xdummy)
- 3. Use "*if*" / "else" / "end if" logic to select between the two beams
 - 1. If my random variable is less than 0.25, then it is proton beam
 - 2. Else it is an electron beam
- 4. Set the following parameters for both beams:
 - a. particle_code (See FLUKA manual for particle codes)
 - b. momentum_energy



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5. Set energy_logical_flag to .true.

To make sure we sample energy and not momentum

- 6. Enable debugging by setting the debug_logical_flag to .true.(at the end of the file)
- 7. Compile your custom executable
- 8. Clone the **URSBDX** scoring twice, and set the new ones to score PROTON and ELECTRON fluence
- 9. Run the simulation
- 10. Process the data
- 11. Check the .log file for the debug output
- 12. Plot the results using the [Plot] tab (clone or edit the existing plot as needed)



Exercise 3 – Two simultaneous beam

source_newgen.f - Debug output

Particle	-E [GeV]	X [cm]	Y [cm]	Z [cm]	Cosx	Cosy	Cosz	Weight
1	-1.000000E-01	0.000000E+00	0.000000E+00	0.000000E+00	0.000000E+00	0.000000E+00	1.000000E+00	1.000000E+00
3	-5.000000E-02	0.000000E+00	0.000000E+00	0.000000E+00	0.000000E+00	0.000000E+00	1.000000E+00	1.000000E+00
3	-5.000000E-02	0.000000E+00	0.000000E+00	0.000000E+00	0.000000E+00	0.000000E+00	1.000000E+00	1.000000E+00
3	-5.000000E-02	0.000000E+00	0.000000E+00	0.000000E+00	0.000000E+00	0.000000E+00	1.000000E+00	1.000000E+00
1	-1.0000000E-01	0.000000E+00	0.000000E+00	0.000000E+00	0.000000E+00	0.000000E+00	1.000000E+00	1.000000E+00
3	-5.000000E-02	0.000000E+00	0.000000E+00	0.000000E+00	0.000000E+00	0.000000E+00	1.000000E+00	1.000000E+00
3	-5.000000E-02	0.000000E+00	0.000000E+00	0.000000E+00	0.000000E+00	0.000000E+00	1.000000E+00	1.000000E+00
3	-5.000000E-02	0.000000E+00	0.000000E+00	0.000000E+00	0.000000E+00	0.000000E+00	1.000000E+00	1.000000E+00





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Exercise 4 – Using a sampling subroutine

We keep the proton beam as is, but we will sample the energy of the electrons according the Maxwell-Boltzmann distribution

- 1. Use the *sample_maxwell_boltzmann_energy()* function to sample the electron energy
- 2. Set the temperature to 20 MeV
- 3. Compile / Run / Process the results
- 4. Plot the results

For extra points:

What happens, if you don't use double precision format for the temperature?

(Check the debug output in the log file)





Exercise 5 – Passing values to the source routine

If we want to change a parameter of the source routine often, it is better to pass a value to it, instead of constantly recompiling

- 1. Use the first value on the **SOURCE** card as the electron temperature.
- 2. Set it to 20 MeV
 - a. You can use a **#define** directive
 - b. You may add a comment to the card to remember what it is used for
- 3. In the source routine use **WHASOU(1)** variable as the temperature for the sampling function
 - a. You may pass the value to a custom variable first
- 4. On the [Run] tab click "Default Defines" to update the simulation
- 5. Compile / Run / Process the results



Exercise 6 – Sampling from a histogram

Sometimes we want to model a measured beam spectrum. To do this we can read from a histogram file.

- 1. Use the sample_histogram_momentum_energy() function to set the proton beam's energy
 Source spectrum
 - a. Filename: "histogram.txt"
 - b. Unit: "MeV"
- 2. Compile / Run / Process the results
- 3. Check the output file for the read histogram
- 4. Plot the results





