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The tracking code RF-Track and its applications

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RF-Track is a CERN-developed particle tracking code that can simulate any particle species' acceleration and tracking. RF-Track tracks particles in time or in space through field maps and conventional elements and considers a large set of single-particle and collective effects: space-charge, beam-beam, short- and long-range wakefield effects, synchrotron radiation emission, multiple Coulomb scattering in materials, and particle lifetime. A self-consistent model that simulates beam loading effects in standing- and travelling-wave structures was recently added. All these effects make RF-Track an ideal tool for simulating high-intensity machines. RF-Track has been used to simulate electron linacs for medical applications, inverse-Compton-scattering sources, positron sources, protons linacs, electron cooling, and the ionization cooling channel of a future muon collider. An overview of the code is presented, along with some significant results.

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