Module title			Abbreviation
Computational Astrophysics			11-NMA-Int-201-m01

Module coordinator	Module offered by
Managing Director of the Institute of Theoretical Physics and Astrophysics	Faculty of Physics and Astronomy

ECTS	Method of grading	Only after succ. compl. of module(s)
6	numerical grade	--

Duration	Module level	Other prerequisites
1 semester	graduate	--

Contents

Various methods used in astrophysical simulations with special emphasis on their applications. N-body algorithms (tree- and polynomial codes). Particle-mesh methods (particle-in-cell methods). Vlasow methods (e.g., Lattice-Boltzmann). Hyperbolic conservation laws (fluid dynamics, finite difference method, Riemann solver, ENO). Methods of high-performance computing. Message-passing interface (MPI). GPGPU programming (OPENCL).

Intended learning outcomes

Ability to solve problems and equations typical in astrophysics and other fields of physics with the aid of numerical simulations. Capability to choose adequate strategies to approach such problems and to validate the results.

Courses (type, number of weekly contact hours, language — if other than German)

V (3) + R (1)
Module taught in: English

Method of assessment (type, scope, language — if other than German, examination offered — if not every semester, information on whether module is creditable for bonus)

a) written examination (approx. 90 to 120 minutes) or b) oral examination of one candidate each (approx. 30 minutes) or c) oral examination in groups (groups of 2, approx. 30 minutes per candidate) or d) project report (approx. 8 to 10 pages) or e) presentation/talk (approx. 30 minutes).
If a written examination was chosen as method of assessment, this may be changed and assessment may instead take the form of an oral examination of one candidate each or an oral examination in groups. If the method of assessment is changed, the lecturer must inform students about this by four weeks prior to the original examination date at the latest.
Language of assessment: English
Assessment offered: In the semester in which the course is offered and in the subsequent semester

Allocation of places

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Additional information

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Referred to in LPO I (examination regulations for teaching-degree programmes)

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Module appears in

Master's degree (1 major) Physics International (2020)