

# Assignment 6: 1D Simulation of a tubelight

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## Introduction

Python is very good at simulating models. We use a 1-D model of a tubelight. A uniform electric field is present, that accelerates electrons. Electrons are emitted by the cathode with zero energy, and accelerate in this field. When they get beyond a threshold energy  $E_0$ , they can drive atoms to excited states. The relaxation of these atoms results in light emission. Electrons reaching the anode are absorbed and lost. Each “time step”, an average of  $N$  electrons are introduced at the cathode.

## Simulation

We create a simulation universe. The tube is divided into  $n$  sections. In each time instant,  $M$  electrons are injected. We run the simulation for  $nk$  turns. The electrons excite only after the atoms reach a velocity of  $u_0$ . Beyond this velocity, there is a probability  $p$  in each turn that a collision will occur and an atom excited. The excited electron's velocity reduces to zero if it collides.

## Plots

We plot the histograms of Electron Density and Light Emission Intensity and the plot of electron phasespace.

## Intensity table

The emission count for each value of  $x$  is tabulated below:

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Intensity_data:
xpos count
19.4 128
20.21 120
21.02 150
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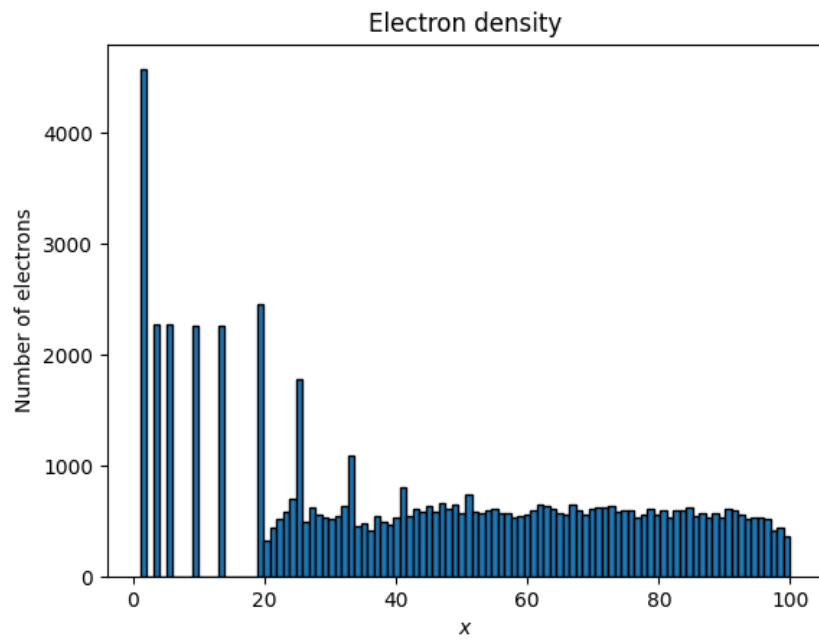


Figure 1: Electron density histogram

21.83 136  
 22.63 135  
 23.44 130  
 24.25 129  
 25.05 140  
 25.86 71  
 26.67 62  
 27.48 70  
 28.28 63  
 29.09 71  
 29.9 64  
 30.7 56  
 31.51 55  
 32.32 57  
 33.13 44  
 33.93 20  
 34.74 24  
 35.55 26  
 36.35 34  
 37.16 40  
 37.97 39

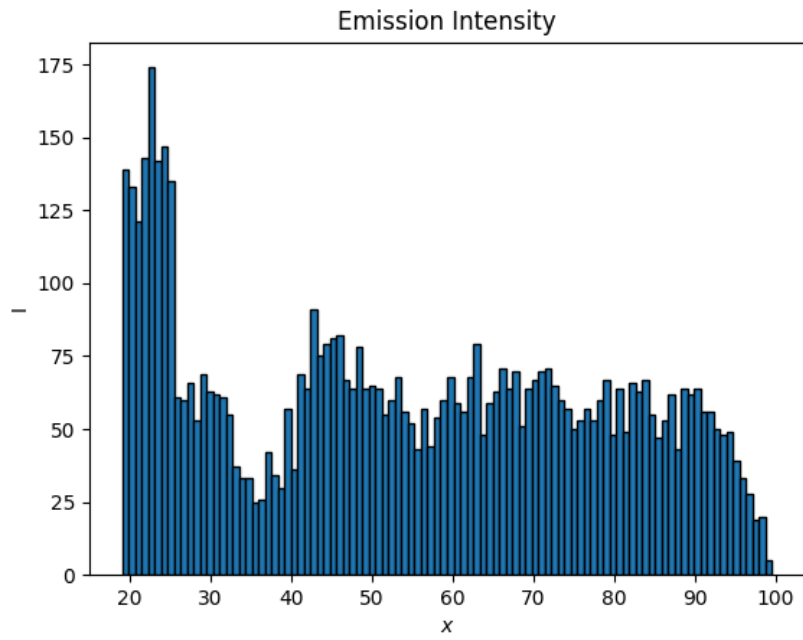


Figure 2: Emission intensity histogram

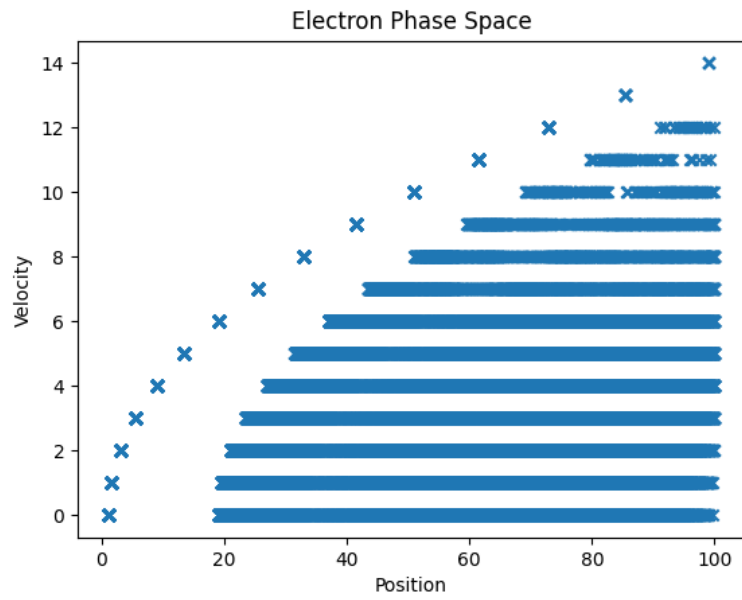


Figure 3: Electron phase space

38.78 44  
39.58 56  
40.39 62  
41.2 78  
42.0 53  
42.81 68  
43.62 91  
44.43 71  
45.23 60  
46.04 75  
46.85 66  
47.65 71  
48.46 72  
49.27 85  
50.08 99  
50.88 75  
51.69 70  
52.5 57  
53.3 52  
54.11 57  
54.92 51  
55.73 69  
56.53 58  
57.34 59  
58.15 39  
58.96 62  
59.76 52  
60.57 63  
61.38 62  
62.18 60  
62.99 71  
63.8 56  
64.61 74  
65.41 57  
66.22 62  
67.03 73  
67.83 55  
68.64 62  
69.45 60  
70.26 62  
71.06 54  
71.87 57  
72.68 60  
73.48 60

74.29	71
75.1	72
75.91	64
76.71	61
77.52	51
78.33	62
79.13	52
79.94	57
80.75	69
81.56	62
82.36	61
83.17	50
83.98	56
84.78	59
85.59	53
86.4	65
87.21	62
88.01	56
88.82	63
89.63	70
90.43	69
91.24	60
92.05	70
92.86	64
93.66	47
94.47	48
95.28	39
96.08	32
96.89	18
97.7	19
98.51	9
99.31	8

## Conclusion

We use python to simulate models for various requirements. Here, we used it to simulate electron motion in a tubelight, and hence find out the illumination at different points.

We can make the following conclusions from varying the parameters and observe the various plots that arise:

- For low threshold speed, photon emission starts occurring from a much lower value of  $x$ .

- A gas which has a lower threshold velocity and a higher ionization probability is better suited for use in a tubelight since it provides more uniform and a higher amount of photon emission intensity.