# Processing transparencies - a step-by-step guide

## Version 4.0, September 2016

This manual gives a detailed description of how to process conference slides to make them ready for publishing. The main goal of processing transparencies is to convert the presented PowerPoint slides to the portable data format PDF.

It is assumed that an SPMS instance has been set up before you start processing the transparencies. All screen shots and examples in this manual are taken from previous conferences and workshops.

Slides are an additional element presented in the JACoW conference proceedings. They have been published since 2005 on the JACoW web site.

## **Contents**

1 - Step-by-step guide	page	2
2 – How to take over a slides file	page	10
3 – Processing slides: Unexpected error messages	page	11
4 – Examples of problems	. page	13
5 – Remarks	page	16
Appendix A: The Split Animations add-in for PowerPoint		

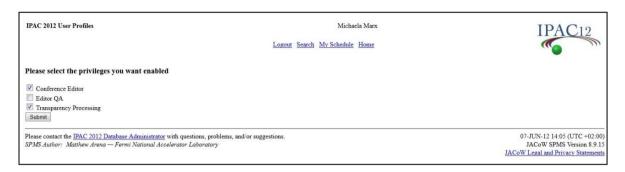
Author: Michaela Marx, DESY, Hamburg, Germany, michaela.marx@desy.de

#### What's new in version 4.0?

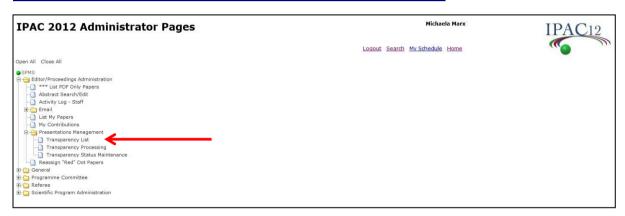
- ► Chapter 5 Remarks have been updated.
- ▶ Appendix B has been introduced. A new split animations add-in for PowerPoint (PPspliT) is recommended to use for splitting overlapping contents in slides presentations.

# 1 Step-by-step guide

## Step 1: Login to the SPMS and check the box 'Transparency Processing':



## Step 2: Select "Transparency List" from the start screen:



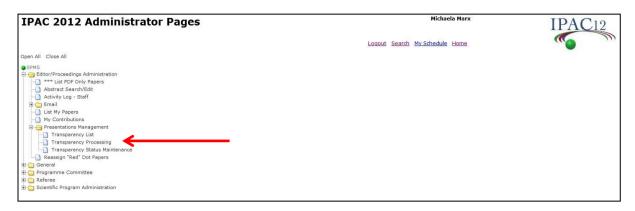
A complete list of all talks will be displayed scheduled from Monday to Friday.

Hint: Print this list before you begin processing the slides to get an overview.

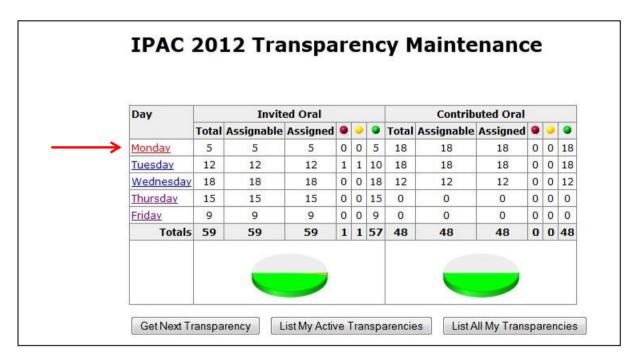
IPAC 2012 (	Contribu	tions With Transparencies	Michaela Marx IPAC12	
			Logout Search My Schedule Home	
Paper ID	When	Contribution Title	Speaker	
MOXAP01 Download Upload Email	Monday 09:30	The Scientific Revolution Enabled by X-ray Free Electron Lasers	Joachim Stohr - SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory Stanford Synchrotron Radiation Lightsource	
40XBP01 Download Upload Email	Monday 10:00	The First Two Years of LHC Operation	Stephen Myers - European Organization for Nuclear Research DG	
MOYAPO1 Download Upload Email	Monday 11:00	Accelerator Driven Systems	Dirk Vandeplassche - Belgian Nuclear Research Centre in Mol	
MOYBPO1 Download Upload Email	Monday 11:30	State-of-the-Art and Future Prospects in RF Superconductivity	Kenji Saito - High Energy Accelerator Research Organization	
MOYCP01 Download Upload Email	Monday 12:00	Design and Simulation of IOTA - a Novel Concept of Integrable Optics Test Accelerator	Sergei Nagaitsev - Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory	
MOOAA01 Download Upload Email	Monday 14:00	Performance of the Cornell High-Brightness, High-Power Electron Injector	Bruce Dunham - Cornell Laboratory for Accelerator-Based Sciences and Education, Cornell University	
400AA02 Download Upload Email	Monday 14:20	Instrumentation and Diagnostics for High Repetition Rate Linac-driven FELs	Stefano De Santis - Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory	
100AA03 Download Upload Email	Monday 14:40	Fast Feedback Strategies for Longitudinal Beam Stabilization	Sven Pfeiffer - Deutsches Elektronen-Synchrotron	
400BA01 Download Upload Email	Monday 15:00	Thorium Energy Futures	Robert Cywinski - University of Huddersfield School of Applied Sciences	
400BA02 Download Upload Email	Monday 15:20	Status and Future Perspectives of the HIE-ISOLDE Project at CERN	Yacine Kadi - European Organization for Nuclear Research Engineering Department (EN)	
400BA03 Download Upload Email	Monday 15:40	Development of a High-power Coherent THz Sources and THz-TDS System on the basis of a Compact Electron Linac	Masafumi Kumaki - Waseda University Advanced Research Institute for Science and Engineering	
MOOAB01 Download Upload Email	Monday 14:00	A Proton-driven Plasma Wakefield Accelerator Experiment with CERN SPS Bunches	Patric Muggli - Max-Planck Institute fuer Physics	

▶ Start to process only talks which have already been presented or rather where the talk has been uploaded by the speaker itself or by the local presentations manager.

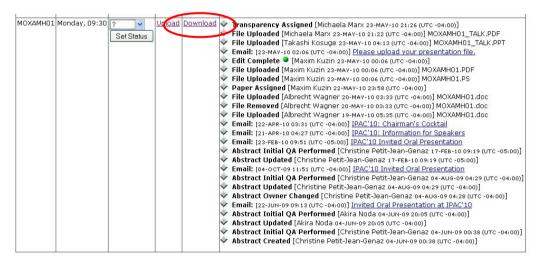
### **Step 3: Select "Transparency Processing":**



### Click on Monday to start with the Monday talks:



Step 4: Download the slides file from the database:



The download screen shows all files which have already been uploaded to the database by the author or by an editor. If a PDF version of the talk already exists (labeled with a green arrow in the next figure) then this file should be downloaded. Check the contents. In case everything looks fine just set the status to green, leave a comment and the processing is finished.

### Download a ZIP file with ALL the < last > files. PPT - 'PPT' files Filename Version Get this -> MOXAMH01\_TALK.PPT < last > - Sun May 23 17:14:26 2010 ▼ log PS - PostScript files Filename Version Get this -> MOXAMH01.PS < last > - Sun May 23 13:07:22 2010 ▼ log PDF - Portable Document Format files Filename Version Get this -> MOXAMH01\_TALK.PDF < last > - Mon May 24 10:23:33 2010 V log Get this -> MOXAMH01.PDF < last > - Sun May 23 13:07:35 2010 ☑ log .... DOC - Microsoft Word documents Filename

Download files for MOXAMH01

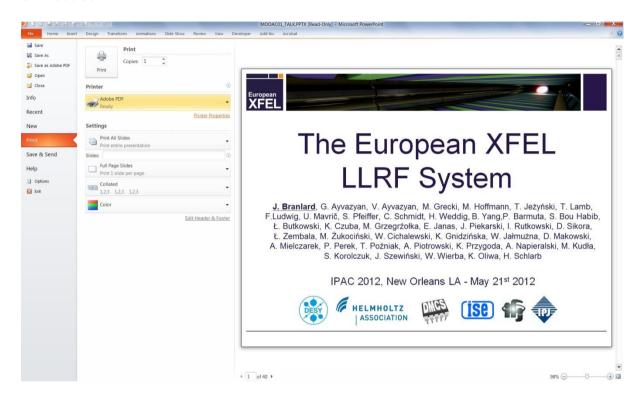
▶ In case you only find a PowerPoint version of the slides (ending is PPT or PPTX) download that file and PowerPoint will start automatically.

### **Step 5: Run the PowerPoint slide show (press F5):**

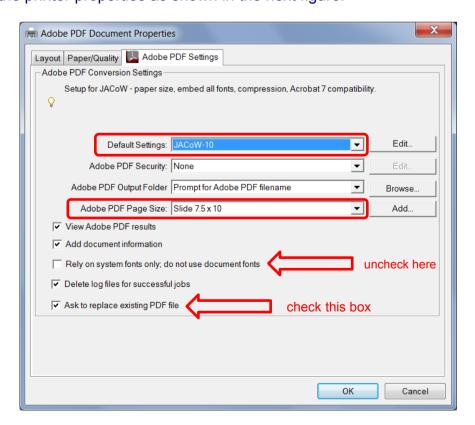
- Run the PowerPoint slide show and check every slide carefully for
  - overlapping elements, e.g. due to animation
  - strange or missing characters
  - images or text appearing outside a slide
- In case everything looks fine just continue with step 6.
- In case you detect overlaps you need to
  - separate the overlaps manually (works fine if only a few overlaps occur) or
  - separate the overlaps by running the split animations macro, see Appendix A for details

### **Step 6: Convert the PowerPoint slides to Adobe PDF:**

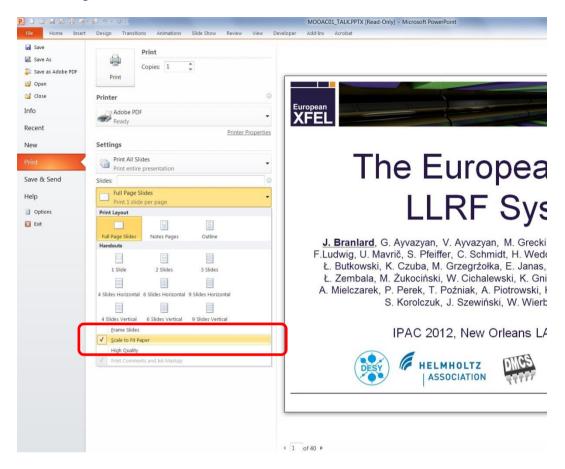
There are several ways to convert a PowerPoint file to PDF. The recommended way is to print the slides to the Adobe PDF Printer to make sure that all fonts are embedded:



> set the printer properties as shown in the next figure:

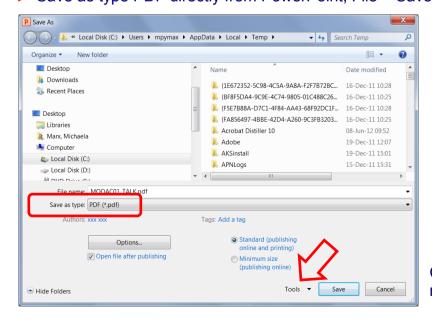


It could happen that slides do not scale correctly. This means parts occur outside the margins etc. To fix this problem check the box named 'Scale to Fit Paper' as shown in the next figure:



There are alternative ways to convert PowerPoint slides to PDF. If the first method fails try one of the following methods:

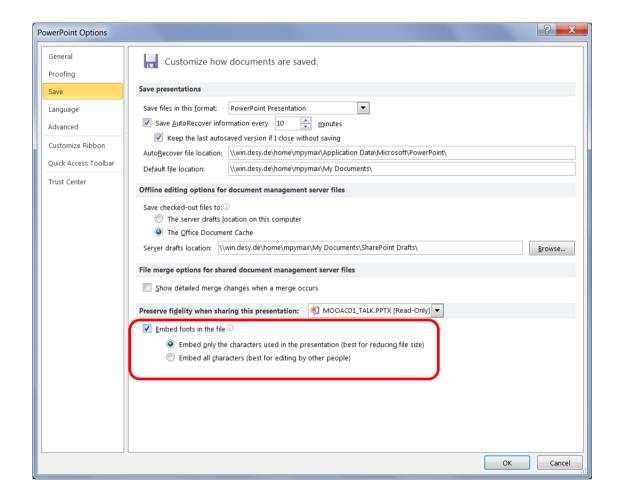
▶ Save as type PDF directly from PowerPoint, File > Save As



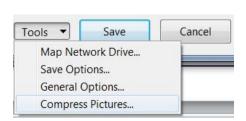
Click on Tools to set some necessary options!

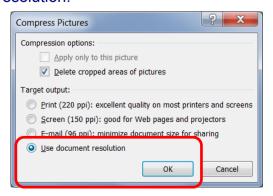


► Tools > Save Options opens the following menu where you need to check the box 'Embed fonts in the file':



► Tools > Compress Pictures opens the following menu where you additionally need to check the button to use the document resolution:





If the above method fails please try one of the ideas given next. The first one converts directly from PowerPoint to PDF using Acrobat PDFMaker.



- ➤ Select the Acrobat tab and click the button "Create PDF". Make sure that you've selected the latest JACoW distiller job options by clicking the Preferences button first. Set the conversion settings to JACoW-10.joboptions.
- ▶ If PFDMaker fails, then produce a postscript file and distill it to PDF.

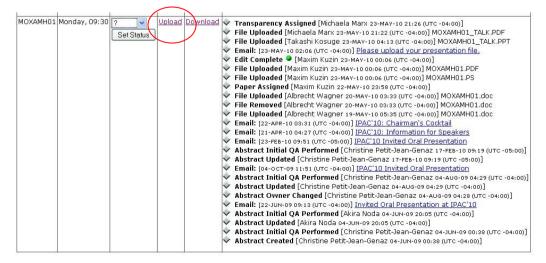
<u>Please note:</u> Use a generic postscript driver to generate the ps file: File → Print → select "generic ps driver" from the list of printers and check the 'print to file' box.

You can also use the JACoW Postscript Printer Driver which is installed on each computer in the proceedings office. If not, please visit the given link and follow the instructions to install an A4 and an US letter format PS driver on your PC:

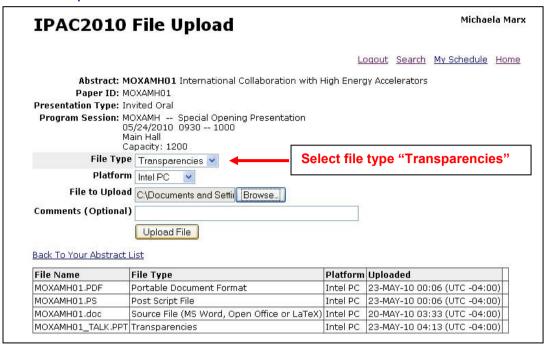
http://www-linux.gsi.de/~rmueller/iacow/printer/#Download

▶ If a useful PDF file could be generated please check it and save the file to your local working directory as "PAPERCODE\_TALK.pdf".

## **Step 7: Upload the PDF slides file to the database:**

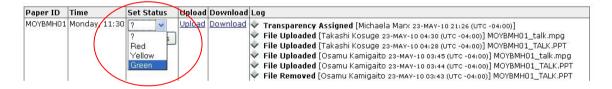


▶ The file upload screen:

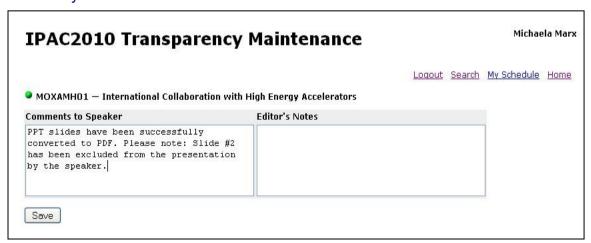


➤ Set the file type to "Transparencies" and click the "Upload File" button to start the upload procedure.

### Step 8: Set the slides status and leave a comment



Enter your comments:



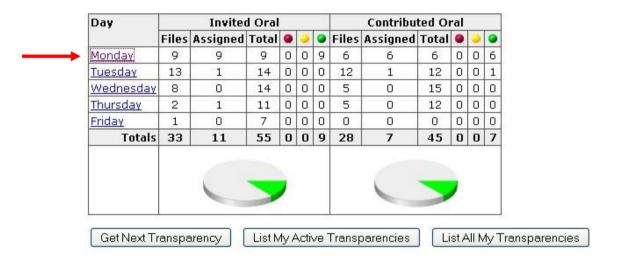
▶ and that's it ©

## 2 How to take over a slides file

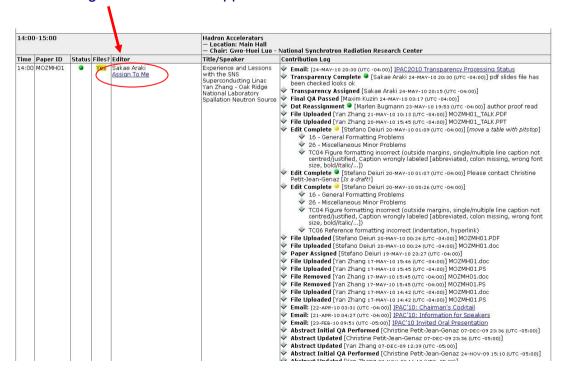
To process a file from a colleague you can take over it by assigning the file to yourself.

▶ Go to the start screen for processing transparencies. Click on a day on the left to get a list of all the talks presented on that day.

# **IPAC2010 Transparency Maintenance**

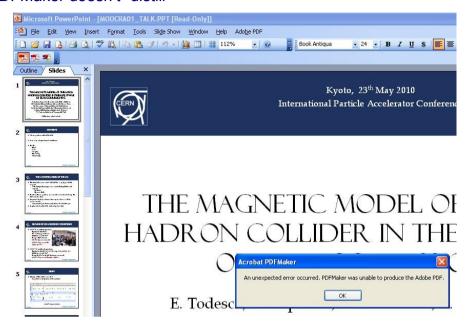


► The "Assign To Me" button appears in the "Editor" column:

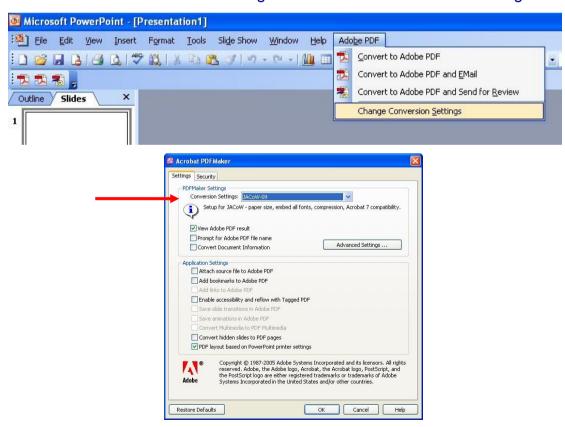


# 3 Processing slides: Unexpected error messages

- 3.1 Error message from PDFMaker
- PDFMaker doesn't "distill"



▶ make sure the conversion settings have been set to JACoW-09 or higher



► Make a postscript file (print to file) and distill the ps file to pdf

## 3.2 Error message from Acrobat

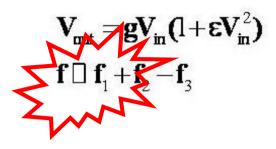
► Missing Host Fonts



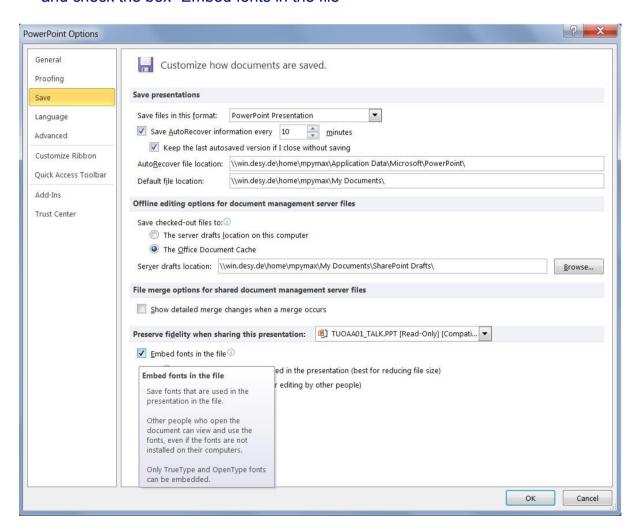
► Go to the printer properties, "Adobe PDF Settings" page and turn off the option "Do not send fonts to Distiller".

# 4 Examples of problems

### **Example 1: Missing character in a formula**

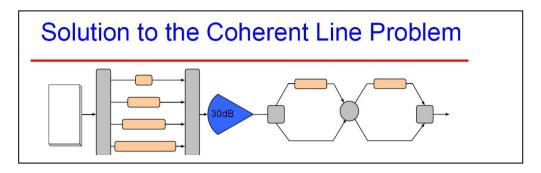


- ▶ Equal sign did not display correctly in the PowerPoint file
- It seems that the author did not embed all fonts
- ➤ To embed fonts in PowerPoint select File ➤ Options ➤ Save and check the box "Embed fonts in the file"

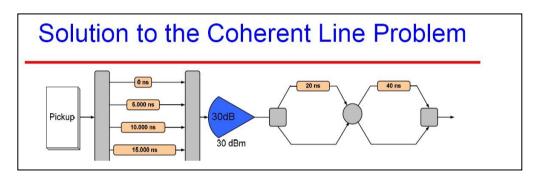


## **Example 2: Missing characters after the conversion to PDF**

► The PDF file has been generated with PDFMaker. In this case mostly all numbers disappeared:



▶ The PDF file generated with the generic postscript driver looks perfect:

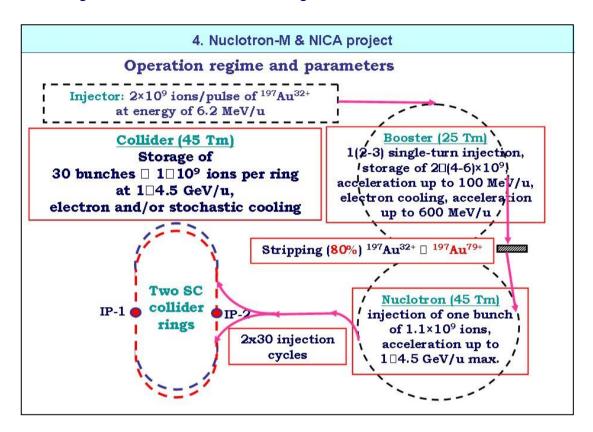


▶ Usage of the generic postscript driver instead of PDFMaker solved the problem.

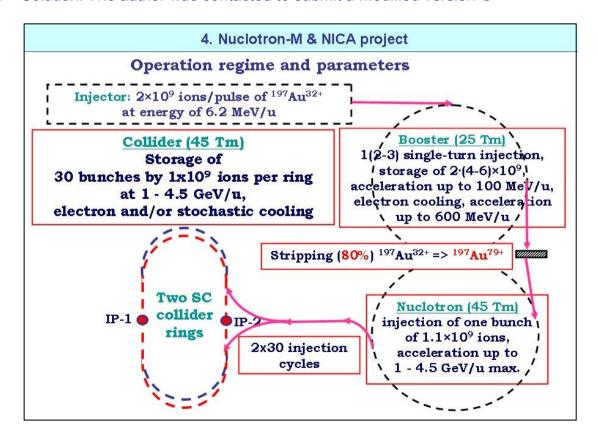
See <a href="http://www.ep.ph.bham.ac.uk/general/printing/winsetup.html">http://www.ep.ph.bham.ac.uk/general/printing/winsetup.html</a> for the postscript driver

### **Example 3: Missing characters on a slide**

▶ at a first go it's hard to detect the missing characters ▶ look for blank boxes



► Solution: The author was contacted to submit a modified version ©

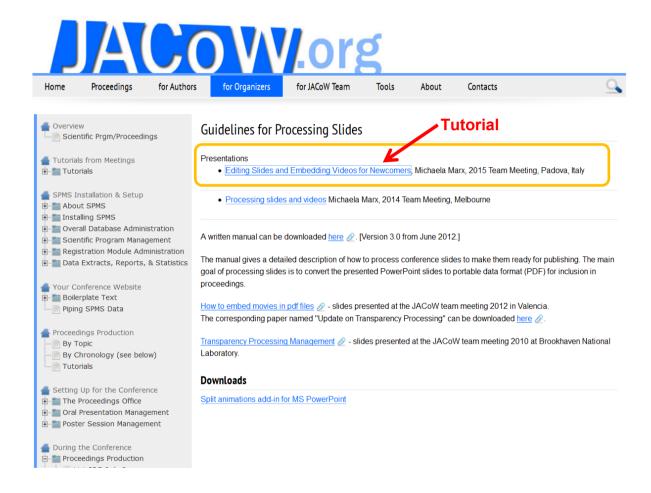


## 5 Remarks

This manual and the split animations macro is available on the JACoW website <a href="https://www.jacow.org/">www.jacow.org/</a>.

**Look for** "for Organizers" ▶ During the Conference ▶ Proceedings Production ▶ Processing Slides

A **tutorial** has been given at the 2015 JACoW Team Meeting in Padova, Italy. The tutorial contains detailed instructions about editing slides and embedding videos.



Thank you to Raphael Müller from GSI, in Darmstadt, Germany, who provided the split animations macro for PowerPoint. The macro is platform independent and has been tested successfully for Office 2003, 2007, Office 2010 and on a Mac.

**Please note**: A new PowerPoint add-in named PPspliT has been introduced in 2015 during the SRF'15 conference by Raphael. The PPspliT is much more precise in splitting overlapping contents. Therefore it is recommended to replace the old macro by PPspliT written by Massimo Rimondini, see Appendix B for details.

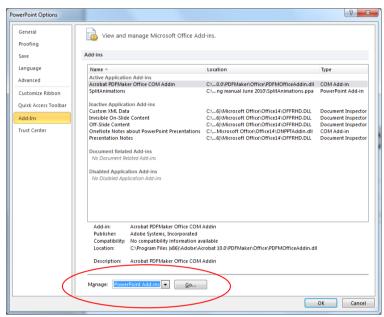
# Appendix A

# The Split Animations Add-In for PowerPoint

You need the file "SplitAnimations.ppa" on your local computer.

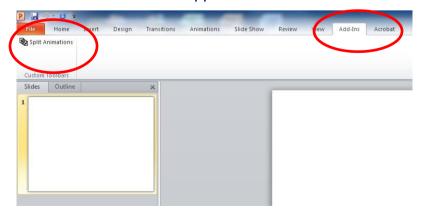
▶ Install the Split Animations Macro in PowerPoint from

File → Options → Add-Ins → Manage ... select PowerPoint Add-In and Go...



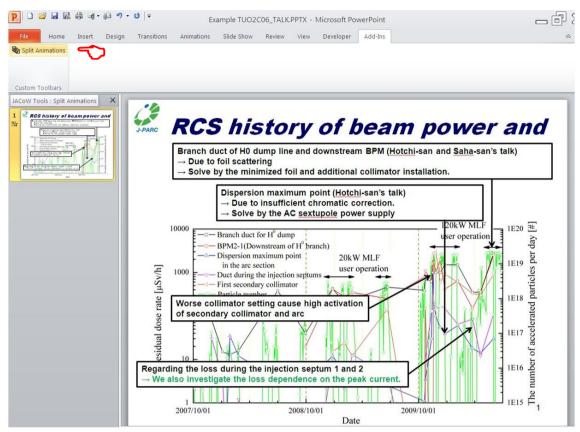


A new tab named 'Add-Ins' will appear on the PowerPoint menu:

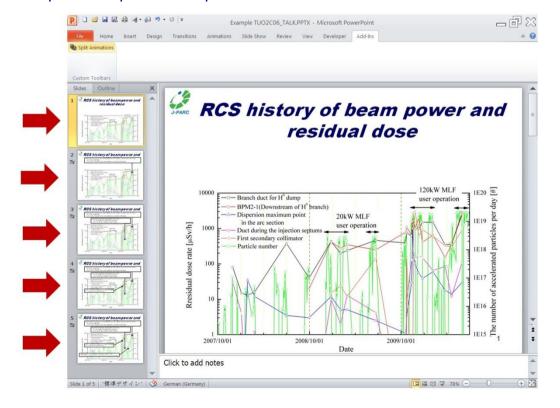


# **Example: Slide containing overlaps**

click the 'Add-Ins' tab and execute the Split Animations Macro



Example slide split into 5 separate slides:



# **Appendix B**

# **PPspliT - A New Split Animations Add-In for PowerPoint**

Massimo Rimondini (from Roma Tre University in Italy) has written a split animations macro for PowerPoint which is more accurate in splitting overlaps and therefore very useful for processing slides in a JACoW proceedings office.



Researcher at the Roma Tre University Department of Engineering

Via della Vasca Navale, 79 - 00146 Rome

Room: DIA 2.14 Google Hangouts: maxonthegnet@gmail.com

Phone: +39 06 5733 3215 ICQ: 318029813

 $\textbf{E-mail: } rimondini@ing.uniroma3.it \qquad \textbf{Windows Live:} \qquad maxonthenet@tiscali.it$ 

Skype: maxontheskypenet Yahoo!: maxilbianco

▶ Download the PPslitT installer from his web page at the following URL and use the supplied password "ppsplit" to unzip the file.

http://www.dia.uniroma3.it/~rimondin/downloads.php

Download PPspliT 1.15 installer (~650KB, released in July 2016, includes uninstaller, zip **password** is: "ppsplit")

▶ After the add-in has been installed PowerPoint offers a new tab named PPspliT. To run the add-in just click the Split animations button on the left.

