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## MODELING STABILITY OF VACUUM ELECTRONIC DEVICES USING GENERALIZED IMPEDANCE MATRIX APPROACH

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The new 2D code TESLA-Z [1] was developed at the US Naval Research Laboratory as a tool for geometry-driven large-signal modeling of linear-beam vacuum electronic devices (VEDs). The modeling approach is based on the representation of VED's structure as a generalized network of ports (including actual input/output ports and interaction gaps) whose frequency dependent properties (response) can be described by a generalized impedance matrix  $Z$  representing linear relationship between imposed currents and induced voltages at all gaps/ports. The impedance matrix  $Z$  can be pre-computed using a 3D Computational Electromagnetic (CEM) code and then utilized by the large-signal algorithm in TESLA-Z to model the VED beam-wave interaction. Due to the geometry-driven nature of the approach employed in the code TESLA-Z algorithm allows modeling of wide class of VEDs. The code was successfully validated by modeling a folded-waveguide traveling wave tubes (TWTs) and a multiple-beam klystrons (MBKs).

As a next step in the development of the code we are working on extending TESLA-Z algorithm to make it suitable for studying stability in various VEDs. We will discuss the latest advances in the development of the code TESLA-Z algorithms and will present preliminary results of our stability modeling using impedance matrix approach.

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