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## NONSTATIONARY STAGE OF QUASI-CHERENKOV BEAM INSTABILITY IN PERIODICAL STRUCTURES

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This contribution is devoted to further investigation by methods of mathematical modeling of quasi-Cherenkov beam instability in periodical structures. Such physical mechanism serves as a basis for Volume Free Electron Lasers (VFEL) that are progressing rapidly. Let us consider the following system of equations describing nonlinear stage of quasi-Cherenkov instability:

$$\begin{split} \frac{\partial E}{\partial t} + a_1 \frac{\partial E}{\partial z} + b_{11}E + b_{12}E_\tau &= \Phi \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{2\pi - p}{8\pi^2} \left( \exp(-i\Theta(t, z, p) + \exp(-i\Theta(t, z, -p)) \, dp, \right. \\ \left. \frac{\partial E_\tau}{\partial t} + a_2 \frac{\partial E_\tau}{\partial z} + b_{21}E + b_{22}E_\tau &= 0, \\ \left. \frac{d^2\Theta(t, z, p)}{dz^2} = \Psi \left( k - \frac{d\Theta(t, z, p)}{dz} \right)^3 \operatorname{Re} \left( E(t - z/u, z) \exp(i\Theta(t, z, p)) \right), \\ E|_{z=0} &= E_0, \quad E_\tau|_{z=L} = E_1, \quad E|_{t=0} = 0, \quad E_\tau|_{t=0} = 0, \quad \Theta(t, 0, p) = p, \quad \frac{d\Theta(t, 0, p)}{dz} = k - \omega/u, \end{split}$$

where  $t > 0, z \in [0, L], p \in [-2\pi, 2\pi]$ . This system is a system of integro-differential equations. In addition to temporal argument we have two independent arguments: spatial coordinate z and initial electron phase p. Amplitudes of electromagnetic fields  $E(t, z), E_{\tau}(t, z)$  and coefficients a, b and  $\Phi$ are complex-valued. Function  $\Theta(t, z, p)$  describes phase of electron beam relative to electromagnetic wave.  $\Theta$  and coefficient  $\Psi$  are real. k is a projection of wave vector on axis z.  $\omega$  is a field frequency. u is an initial electron beam velocity.

Introducing uniform grids on t, z and p

$$\omega_t = \{t_l = lh_t, \ l = 0, 1, \ldots\}, \quad \omega_z = \{z_m = mh_z, \ m = 0, 1, \ldots, M, \ Mh_z = L\},$$
$$\omega_p = \{p_j = h_p j, \ j = -N, \ldots, -1, 0, 1, \ldots, N, \ h_p N = 2\pi\},$$

we can write the following difference scheme:

$$\widehat{\Theta}_{\bar{z}z}^{j} = \Psi \left( k - \widehat{\Theta}_{\hat{z}}^{j} \right)^{3} \operatorname{Re} \left( \widetilde{E} \exp(i\Theta^{j}) \right), \text{ where } \widetilde{E} = E(t_{l} - \alpha t_{m}, z_{m}), \ \alpha = h_{z}/(h_{t}u),$$

$$E_{t} + a_{1}\widehat{E}_{\bar{z}} + b_{11}\widehat{E} + b_{12}\widehat{E}_{\tau} = \Phi \sum_{j=0}^{N} c_{j} \left( \exp(-i\widehat{\Theta}^{j}) + \exp(-i\widehat{\Theta}^{-j}) \right), \quad E_{\tau t} + a_{2}\widehat{E}_{\tau z} + b_{21}\widehat{E} + b_{22}\widehat{E}_{\tau} = 0$$

 $c_i$  are coefficients of quadrature formula. We take entire of  $\alpha$ . When  $t_l - \alpha t_m < 0$ ,  $E = E(0, z_m)$ .

Results of numerical experiments carried out are discussed. In Bragg geometry of VFEL the regime of bifurcations was investigated in detail.