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Hellweg improvements for 3D traveling wave linac design with beam loading

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The industrial, medical and homeland security markets for low-to-moderate energy electron linacs are growing rapidly, often requiring beam currents that strongly load the accelerating fields. The two-beam accelerator (TBA) is one concept for the structure wakefield acceleration approach to an electron-positron collider. Transient beam loading effects are a significant challenge for the drive beam in a TBA structure, where energy droop in high-charge bunch trains must be understood and compensated. The Hellweg code accurately models steady state beam loading for traveling wave RF structures with a fast reduced model. The Hellweg equations of motion have recently been generalized to include arbitrary charge-to-mass ratio and to use momentum as the dynamical variable. These and other recent developments are discussed, including a new browser-based GUI. Proposed future developments include support of standing wave RF structures and transient beam loading effects.

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