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Particles Deflection, Focusing and Collimation in Optical Lattices

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Charged particles interaction with high-intensity optical lattice is often referred to as channeling. Indeed, as was shown previously, charged particles could be trapped, guided, focused or collimated with channels of effective potential, formed in non-uniform laser field [1].

On the one hand, beams shaping and control techniques, based on charged particles channeling in optical lattice, requires high power lasers to deal with tasks easily performed by nowadays tools of accelerator physics, e.g. to turn a sub-GeV electron on a mrad angle one needs a laser of power more than $1e16$ W/cm²! So there is no foreseeable perspective of replacing all the beam optics with laser formed optical lattices.

On the other hand, using field to turn, guide and shape charged particle beams involves no beam-matter interaction, purging most of inelastic components from the process. Moreover, a number of distinctive features of optical lattice makes it a promising tool for particles colliders. For example, the fact that unlike crystal channels, channels in optical equally affect both positively and negatively charged particles [2, 3, 4], which could be used to increase luminosity for electron-positron colliders of the future.

In this report those possible applications will be discussed and illustrated by numerical simulations with the newly created code. The main focus of current report are examples close to real conditions found in experiments. For that reason non-uniform (e.g. Gaussian profile) finite laser beams are considered to form optical lattice. Feasible laser intensities and electron beam energies have been chosen to exemplify the phenomena of interest.

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Summary

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