

QED-driven absorption of high-intensity lasers

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Next-generation laser facilities will produce pulses intense enough that gamma ray emission and electron-positron pair creation will dominate the absorption physics in laser-solid interactions. We will consider what intensities are necessary to create such plasmas; how they can be studied with QED-PIC simulations; and what experiments are possible at the PW-scale to probe this new regime.