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**Discovering strong-field quantum physics using the CoReLS
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Laser Science, Institute of Basic Science, South Korea — At the Center
for Relativistic Laser Science we have commissioned the worlds most intense
laser, with a 4 PW and 1.5 PW beam. It has demonstrated an intensity of
 $I_0 10^{23} \text{W/cm}^2$, *the highest intensity to date. At those intensities any interaction with matter involves physics at
field effects that motivate fundamental research with high* —
intensity lasers. We plan to experimentally validate the theory as the first laboratory probe of quantum effects

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