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One of the most intriguing physics processes that remain untested is the pure photon electron-positron pair production via quantum-vacuum fluctuations described by the nonlinear Breit-Wheeler theory. These fluctuations generate virtual pairs that can be turned into observable particles by applying strong electric fields above the Schwinger critical limit of $\sim 1.3 \cdot 10^{18} \text{ V/m}$ [Schwinger.1951, Ritus.1985]. Despite the advent of high-intense lasers, the critical limit is still far beyond achievable. However, such fields can be achieved on the rest frame of the real particles after the collision of a high-energy γ -ray photons with the laser beam. To diagnose the created pairs, this thesis describes the design of a parti-

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