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Monoenergetic ion acceleration in laser-plasma peeler regime

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We discuss relativistic laser interaction with overdense plasmas, where the laser pulse is incident parallel to the plasma surface, the so-called "peeler" regime [1]. The laser pulse impinges on an edge of a tape. The edge allows for an efficient conversion of the laser pulse into a surface plasma wave (SPW). The SPW peels off and accelerates electrons (tens of nC) from the target skin layer. They emit bright betatron radiation and lead to monoenergetic ion acceleration.

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