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We calculate electron-positron pair production in pion-nucleon and pion-nucleus collisions. We derive the elementary cross sections in an effective field theory approach. We use these cross sections in a transport model to study π -nucleus reactions. We study the effect of the interference term (which is destructive in π^+ and constructive in π^- collisions) of the ρ and ω mesons on the dilepton spectra in π^+ and π^- collisions. Due to the interference term the ratio of the cross sections at the omega mass is 4. This ratio is reduced to 2 for heavy target because secondary reactions reduce the interference. Therefore, pion induced dilepton production allow us to study the decoherence in a strongly interacting medium.

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