

# LINAC Coherent Light Source



Large collaborations / consortia emerge

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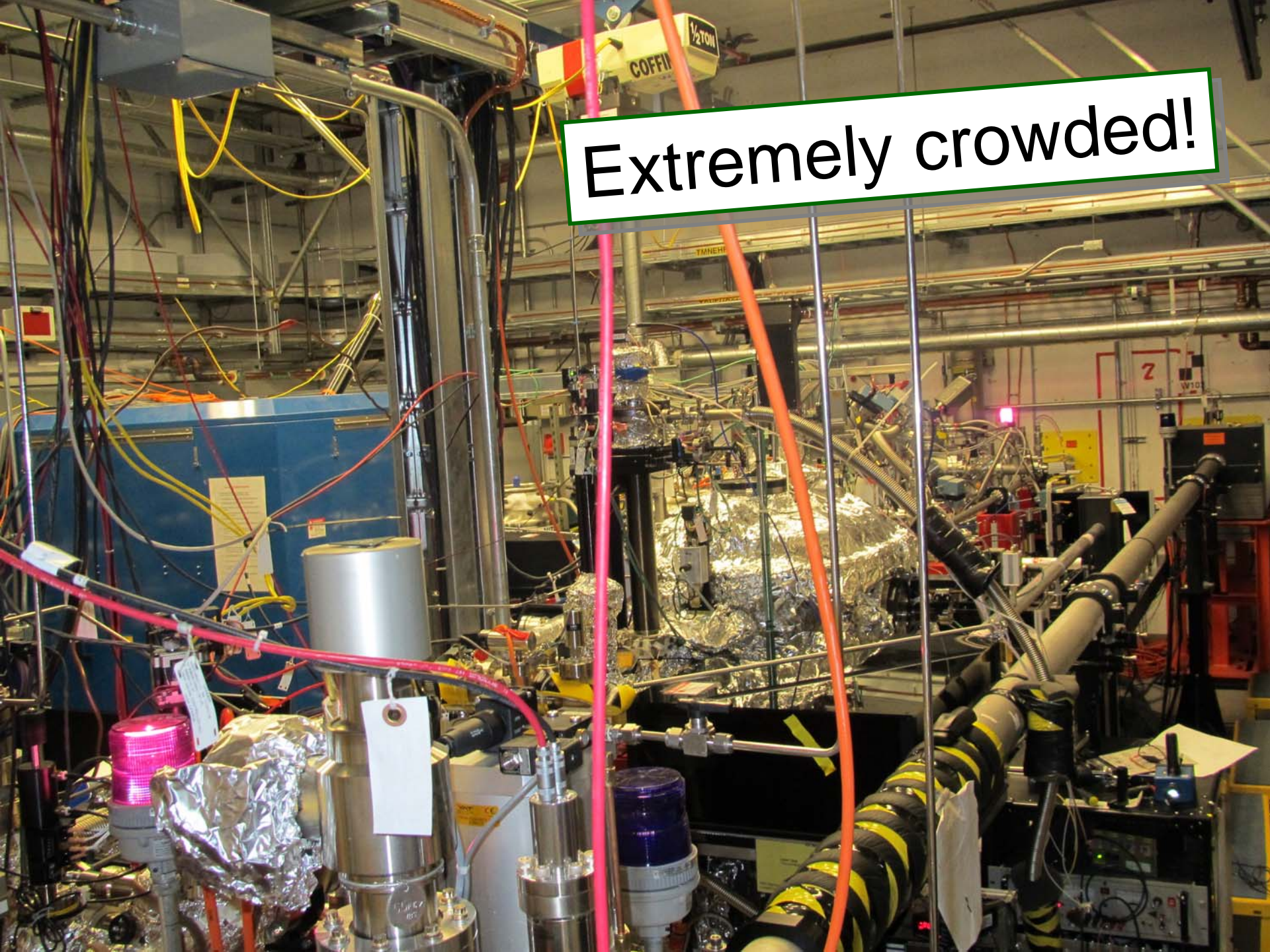
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Laser table very close!

→ keep flexibility! stations!

→ New experiments might pop up !





→ Need preparation space !

1. **AMO (2009)**: atomic, molecular, optical, clusters, imaging, chemistry
2. **SXR (2010)**: solid state, liquid phase spectroscopy, AMO: e.g. EBIT!
3. **XPP (2010)**: time resolved: solid state, **questionable!** imaging
4. **XCS (2011)**: ~~correlation spectroscopy~~ spectroscopy using AMO: e.g. EBIT!
5. **CXI (2011)**: coherent imaging, clusters
6. **MEC (2012)**: matter in extreme states



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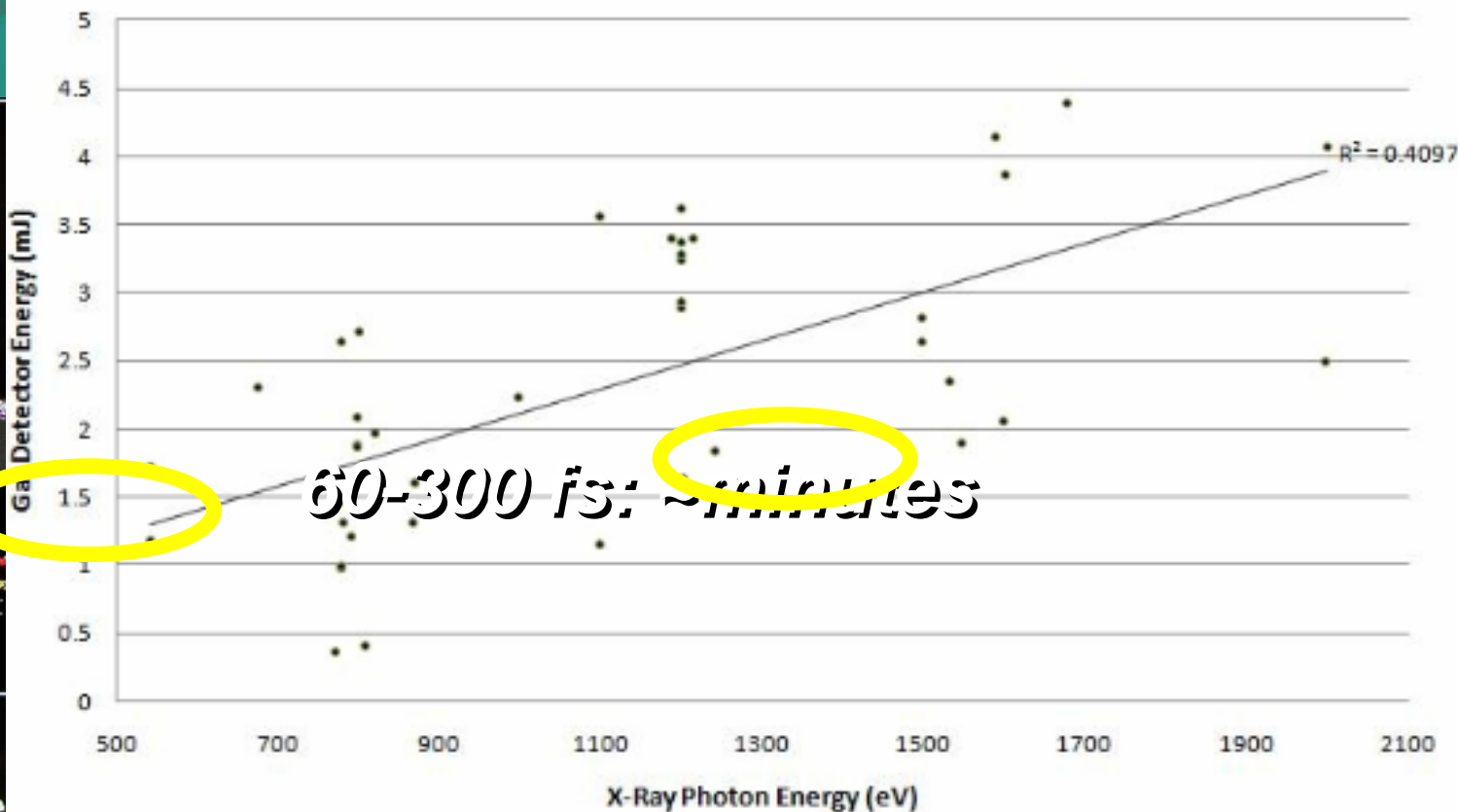
# LCLS Performance

- **Operation: ~97 % up-time in round II**
- **Intensi**

3% 4%

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Gas Detector Energy vs. Photon Energy



60-300 fs: ~minutes

orber

# LCLS Support

- **2 beamline scientists**  
**1 floor coordinator + 1 area manager**  
**....1 technician, 1 controls engineer, 1 postdoc**
- **Technical support: reasonable ... expensive!**
- **Safety instructions: web, courses..time consuming**
- **Safety checks: efficient and reasonable**
- **Lasers: reasonable**  
**time jitter 600-1000 fs to 6slarge!large!**
- **Imaging detectors: ...to be improved**
- **Data taking, processing, storage: good**
- **Housing: excellent Guest house: small, expensive**

excellent!

improved!





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- **6 pages + 2 pages supplementary material: good!**

1. **Abstract:** Provide a concise summary of the proposed experiment giving a clear picture of the quantities to be measured, the samples to be studied, and the expected scientific results.
2. **Table Summarizing Experimental Team:** In a table, list the names and roles of each person who would participate in the proposed experiment (e.g., sample prep, theory, data collection, data analysis). This section could also briefly mention directly-relevant previous work done by the team members.
3. **Scientific Case:** Briefly explain the background and significance of why your experiment is interesting and worth doing. In particular, why is LCLS required for this experiment? Itemize the specific aims and particular questions you want to answer. Focus on the specific experiment and avoid broad discussions in general terms.
4. **Experimental Procedure:** Provide specific information so that the technical feasibility of this experiment at the requested LCLS instrument can be evaluated. Tell us if you plan or have carried out supporting experiments at other facilities. Have simulations of the experiment been performed? What are the anticipated data rates? Provide a beam time plan, indicating what could be accomplished in less than 1 week (approximately 60 hours of beam time). Describe any additional equipment you plan to bring to LCLS for the experiment. We strongly recommend that you contact the LCLS instrument scientist before proposal submission to discuss capabilities, to identify possible problems in integrating external equipment with the LCLS facility and to determine possible solutions.
5. **Additional Supporting Information:** Although not encouraged, you may provide up to 2 pages of additional information to show important graphs, images, key data, technical drawings, descriptions of instrumentation to be brought to LCLS or a few references to related work by the team members to show how well a system has been characterized by more conventional methods.
6. Safety related information must be thoroughly provided for all proposed experiments. List and describe any safety concerns that may arise with samples you will examine, equipment you will use, or techniques you will perform (including any physical, chemical or biological hazards) and how these issues will be addressed in the experiment design. Discuss potential safety issues with the LCLS Safety Officer.

→ **being improved!**



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**delicate !**

- **Not at all foreseen at the beginning!**
- **→ SXR → external ES → CAMP squeezed in AMO**
- **LAMP as a test case: painful**



**tough ... problematic conditions: see SXR**

Following the spirit and philosophy of the original agreement between the SRX consortium and LCLS management, it has been anticipated that after commissioning all facilities, including end stations, should be made available to general users with approved beam time. The following discussion is provided for particular scenarios that may arise:

2. **General user end stations** may also be proposed for installation on LCLS. Such plans need to be discussed with the SXR instrument staff prior to submission of a beam time proposal and must also be part of the submitted proposal. Due to the costly overhead of integration of a new end station to the LCLS system, the user must be willing to share the end station with other users with approved proposals. LCLS will develop a suitable schedule that fits both the needs of the end station builders and general users. Support and co-authorship in this case will follow the rules regarding

The intellectual property of a proposal (i.e. the exact experiment, or idea or samples used) does not need to be shared with any end station builder/owner in order to have access to that end station. A certain understanding on technical

but requires their active contributions to the research, in accord with established authorship criteria. LCLS staff will be acknowledged according to LCLS policy.



# *User Experience: LINAC Coherent Light Source*

- 1. Excellent performance and stations*
- 2. Highly motivated staff support*
- 3. Proposal procedures evolve !*
- 4. User is a player in instrumentation !*

# *Some remarks*

**personal !**

- ***Classical end-station concept  
only partly successful  
often not to extrapolate from synchrotrons***

***→ Flexibility needed....up to new beam lines !***

- ***User supplied instrumentation is important***

***→ Define clear and reasonable procedures !***

- ***Large collaborations evolve and are often needed  
not always coherent  
not always systematically attacking problems***

***→ Learn from high-energy physics !***



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- ***Short-time proposals: not always appropriate***  
***There are projects facing huge challenges***  
***...with huge impact if successful***  
***...clear that final success will take years***

***→ Define long /medium term high trust projects !***

***→ Long-time commitment to user consortia***

***Who want to solve these questions***

***Who have well-defined plans / work packages***

***Who works coherently and efficiently***

***→ Learn from HEP but no “closed shops” !***

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- ***Short-time proposals: not always inappropriate !***

***→ Have short time projects !***

***→ Be open to new ideas and keep flexible !***

***→ Balance length of beam times:***

***Experimental needs ↔ expected impact***

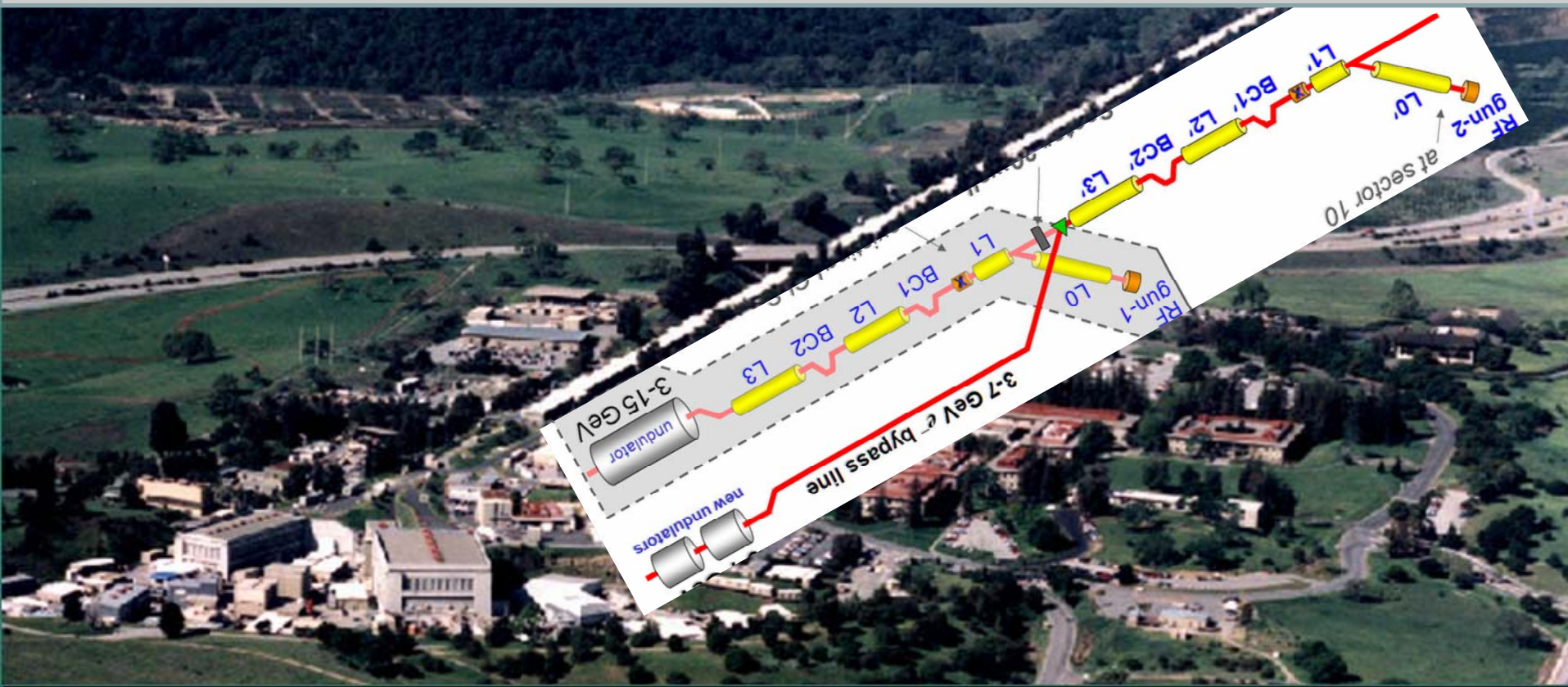
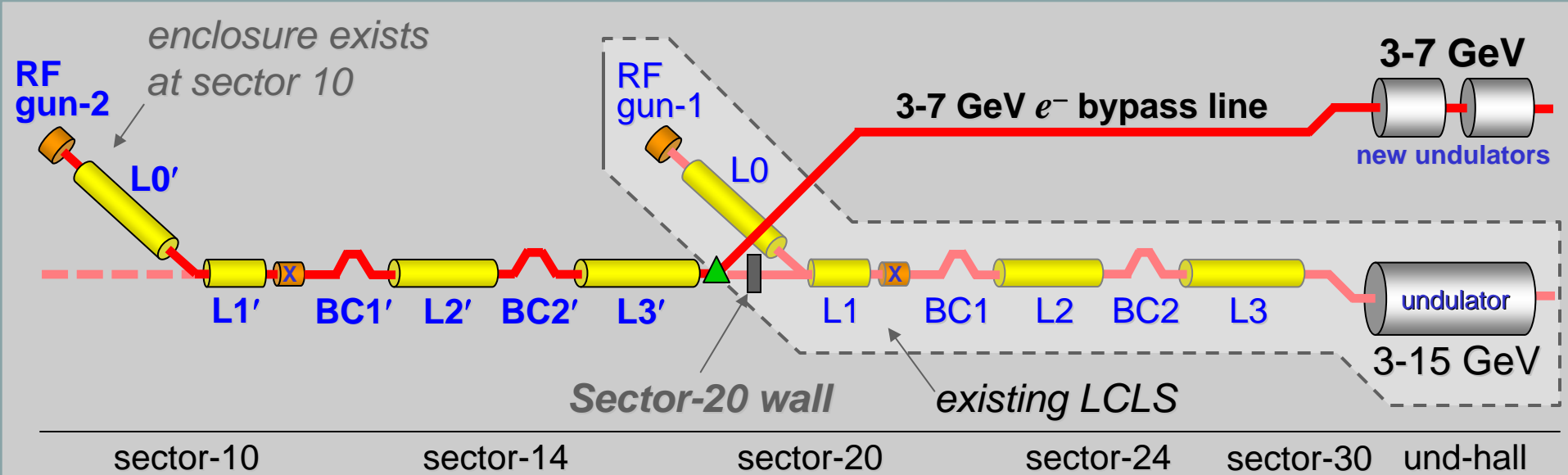
***Request rigorously tests at synchrotrons***

***Request optimized use of beam time: rep-rate***

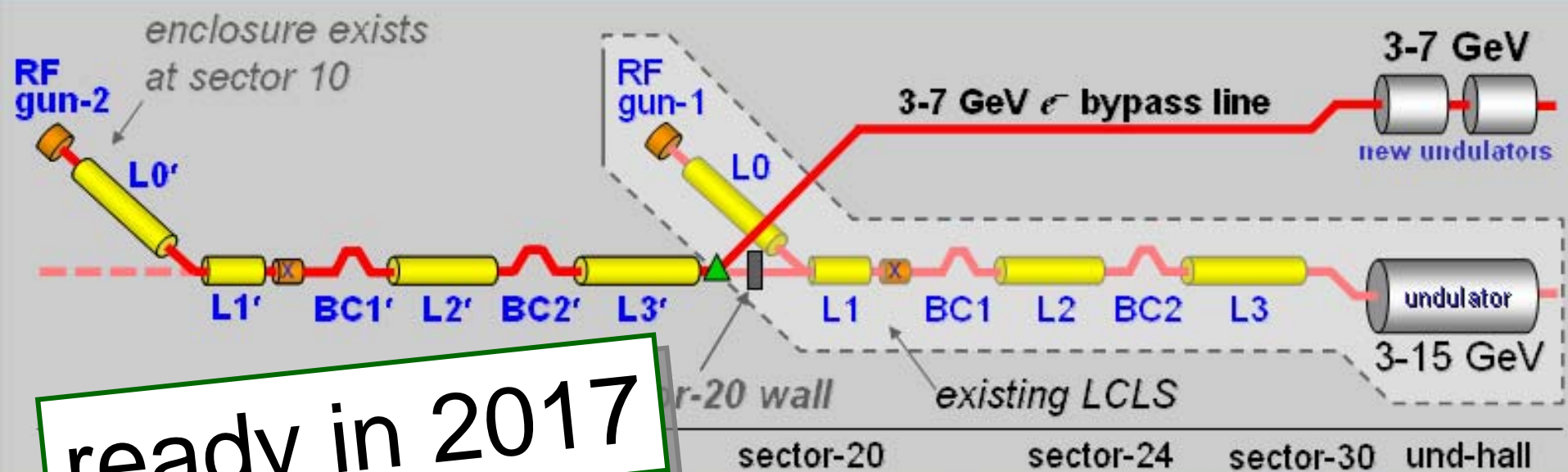
**have fun...**

**some competition...**





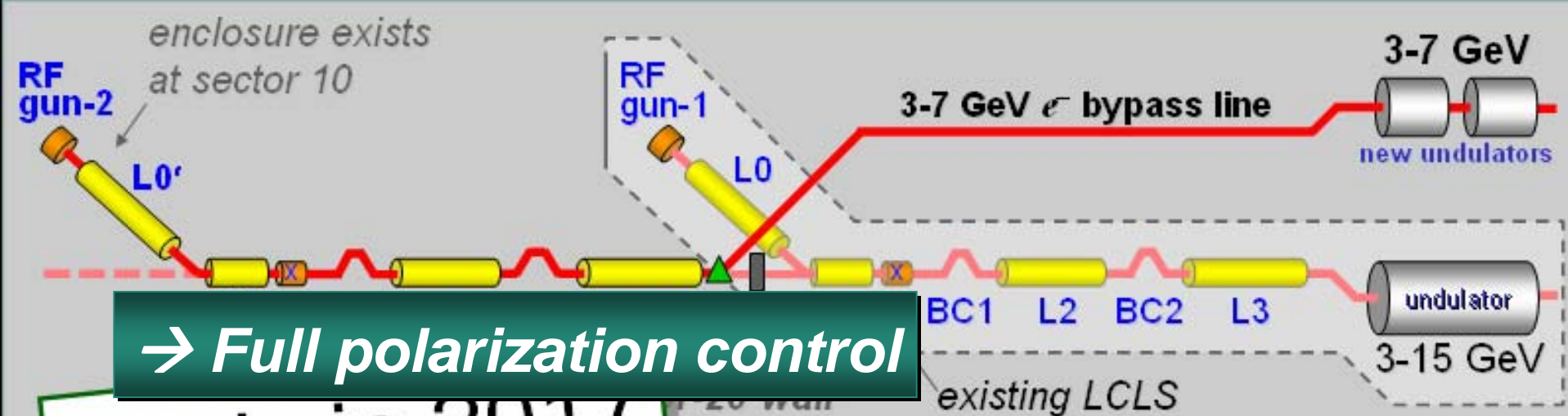




ready in 2017







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Phase-3

HXR option  
(2 bunches)

0.75 A  
adjustable gap

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