

Let's Get the Linear Collider

- There is the opportunity now to
make the next frontier accelerator a reality.
- We need to start doing this for **ourselves**
- Talks today make clear
 - There is still a long R&D path to a working facility
 - Many of the challenges are excellent problems for university groups
- It is upon us to assume responsibility for our future

Let's Get Organized

- The R&D issues are a framework for building focused collaborations which would allow us to
 - do work necessary for the success of the project
 - assume and maintain ownership of some of its parts
 - meet in natural forum for much needed discussion
 - have the critical mass and coherence necessary for
 - guiding and stimulating the agencies
 - communicating entrepreneurial excitement/resolve to Congress/Public
 - *clamoring* for the project (as we must)

LC R&D Consortia

- Organize into multi-institutional consortia, centered at Labs
 - Discussion underway at Cornell, SLAC, **here**
 - Cooperative across the groups, coordinated by LCStCom
 - Projects determined by participants
 - Use Lab infrastructures for hardware, funding, communication

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- Suggestion:
 - we should organize **here**, to prepare a consortium proposal for submission to the agencies (mostly DoE) in **Fall 2002**
- The Proposal would
 - be driven by our interests*, developed and vetted by us
 - in consultation with the other consortia, the LCStCom, and agencies
 - converge on a countable number of focused, relevant* efforts
 - model: the Photo-Injector Upgrade
 - be presented in synchrony with other consortia proposals, communicating the enthusiasm and resolve of the whole community
- * The Proposal will have a significant machine R&D component*
 - The machine is the thing: everything else will follow
 - We need to help illuminate the issues, expedite convergence
 - In making choices, what better method than engaged consensus?

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- The Process
 - already begun with the creation of the Lists
 - start regular meetings aimed at broad discussion of interests
 - let subgroups nucleate, invent organization, then focus toward Fall
- Start **NOW**
 - fill out the survey form, get on the mailing list, we'll yank your chain
 - have a BEER with a speaker, get connected with your tribe