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Design of a Watt-level gamma-ray source based on high-repetition-rate inverse Compton Scattering

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A high-brilliance (> 10^{20} phot.s⁻¹.mm⁻².mrd⁻²/0.1%) gamma-ray source experiment is currently in preparation at Fermilab ($E_{\gamma} \simeq 1.1$ -MeV). The source implements a high-repetition-rate inverse Compton scattering by colliding electron bunches formed in a 300-MeV superconducting linac with a high-intensity laser pulse. This contribution describes the design rationale along with technical challenges associated to producing high-repetition-rate collision (e.g. development of a coherent stacking cavity). The expected performances of the gamma-ray source are also presented along with their sensitivity to fluctuations of electron-beam and laser parameters.

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