# Report of the
# July 13–15, 1998 Meeting
# of the
# Jefferson Lab
# Program Advisory Committee

## PAC14 —

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Dear Members of the Jefferson Lab User Group,

The experimental nuclear physics program at Jefferson Lab is in full swing. A total of 1 experiments and 144 days run have been completed. Meanwhile the energy has been pushed to 5 GeV with the goal of running experiments at 5 GeV by late Summer. The Hall A group has achieved a data acquisition duty factor of 100 this last Fall. The Hall B virtual compton is running fine and the polarized target is scheduled for a late-S late June, Hall C Experiment began 93-026 commissioning of the 240-channel neutron detector and checkout of the EMS. In late July, with the polarized beam, the polarized target, th polarimeter, and the magnetic chicane operational, full commissioning began. The polarized target is performing as expected and neutrons are detected in coincidence with electrons with a large signal to noise ratio. The experiment is now poised for product high-beam polarization becomes available. In addition, the Free-Electron Laser (FEL) is off to an exciting start. Thus far the laser has delivered 1.3 kW of light, surpassing the 11-W mark set by a free-electron laser at Vanderbilt University and their own 150-W set on June 17.

The User Group met in June to refine the goals established at the 1994 EBAF workshop "CEBAF at Higher Energies" with a focus on a 10-12 GeV future for Jefferson Lab. Additions and Upgra to the present halls required to meet the physics opportunities of the 12-G considered as well as an introduction of ideas for an additional experimenta

The Jefferson Lab Program Advisory Committee met (PAC14) July 13-15, 1998 to hear details on the progress of the Accelerator and all three Halls, and to discuss plans for all three new and updated proposals and letters-of-intent, and review the Lab's cu Physics Program.

On August 3-5, a subcommittee of the Nuclear Science Advisory Committee (NSAC) visited Jefferson Lab to review the science program in medium-energy physics. The panel heard presentations and saw first-hand the accelerator and reviewed experime They also heard presentations from researchers using the experimental program, and w given the opportunity to interact with graduate students, and post docs. Based on review, the User Group Board of Directors and myself that our pressures were apparent, the need to support our users was addressed and recognized. While t panel did not have a formal close-out, we expect committees findings around th middle of September.

The Science and Technology Review for Jefferson Lab is scheduled for mid-S and SURA will review the lab's performance objectives and key indicators wit contract with the DOE.

Attached is the PAC14 Report. I want to thank Brad Plaster and the members of the P for their efforts on behalf of Jefferson Lab and its User Community, and for the PAC's thoughtful deliberations on the physics program. I also wish to thank you, t efforts on the proposals, updates and letters-of-intent, and I look forwa publications informing the scientific community of the exciting results Jefferson Lab experimental program.

Sincerely,

Hermann Grunder,
Director

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## Introduction

The Jefferson Lab Program Advisory Committee held its 14th meeting, July 13-15, in CEBAF Center. PAC14 met at the Williamsburg Lodge in Williamsburg, Virginia to discuss the Lab's current approved Few-Body Program. PAC14 membership is given in Appendix A. In response to the charge (Appendix B) from the director, Dr. Hermann Grunder, the committee reviewed and made recommendations on seven new/updated proposals and three letters-of-intent.

Nathan Isgur and Larry Cardman reported on recent accelerator developments and outlined progress in the experimental halls. The accelerator's full design goal of 200 microA at 4 GeV was delivered to Hall C. The evolution to higher energy was made possible by the excellent performance of the super-conducting cavities with the first physics data taken at 4.4 GeV and a 5 GeV test completed. A physics program at 5.5-6 GeV is expected to begin late in 1999.

Continued progress was evident in the experimental program with data and results presented from all three halls. Hall A completed the first virtual Compton scattering experiment and in a major success carried out the first data run for the G_E^p/G_M^p experiment in elastic scattering from the proton. The performance of the polarized source in terms of minimal helicity correlated beam characteristics and lifetime improvements in the polarized electron source was exceptional, likely paving the way for publishable result from this initial test run. This demonstration of parity violation holds promise as a precise tool to explore the structure of strange nuclei at Jefferson Lab.

For Hall B, initial electron-proton scattering distributions were presented which in some cases exceed the world's data after only a few shifts of analyzed data. Commissioning of the photon tagger has also recently been obtained. In Hall C, the 4 GeV pion form-factor measurement was completed. Also, the second large installation, the G0 experiment using a polarized GeV target, is preparing for beam. These successes in the halls along with the apparent achievement of reliable three-hall running point to a productive future (subject to funding) for the lab.

## Few-Body Physics Workshop

A new format was initiated at this PAC meeting whereby a single scientific topic — few-body physics in this case — was reviewed. The review involved presentations of recent theoretical and experimental developments (provided by R. Schiavilla and J. Ent respectively). A summary of the approved few-body program in each Hall was then presented by the Hall leaders. This was followed by an extensive discussion where key scientific questions were formulated and then mapped onto the approved program, in order to identify possible future experimental opportunities in the Lab's program. A short report and summary from this workshop will be appended to this report at a later date, as Appendix C. Overall, this format (short off-site retreat) to be highly effective in providing a broad overview of the field and summarizing the status and opportunities within a particular physics

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## General Comments and Recommendations

Overall the PAC was impressed with the progress with the accelerator
Hall operation and higher energies. The PAC was also pleased to see the publicati
of the first Jefferson Lab results with several other papers likely t
also clear that having passed through the initial commissioning phas
the lab has chosen to pursue the highest-rated physics. This ambitious
in all three Halls running polarized beam on polarized targets this fa

This was the first PAC meeting where a limitation on the number of hours
approved was recommended by management. The goal of this limitation is
the significant backlog of experiments to be run. It should be r
limitation is only a guideline and can be exceeded for sufficiently
physics.

During a discussion of experimental jeopardy, initial plans for future
were outlined. It is expected that the PAC will hear from all Hall C e
are in Jeopardy at the next PAC meeting. The corresponding collaborati
contacted by the Laboratory and given guidelines for updating their pr
Jeopardy, which begins in summer 2000, will likely need to be split (p
lottery) over two PAC meetings. For Hall B, where jeopardy begins in
experiments within run groups (eg, e1, g1, etc.) will likely be review

The reports and PAC recommendations for the reviewed proposals and let
intent are given in Appendices D and E. The tables on page 6 summarize
PACs 4-14.

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Brad Filippone
Chair, Jefferson Lab Program Advisory Commi

Date: _____

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## Totals for PACs 4-14

| | Experiments Recommended for Approval | Experiments Recommended for Conditional Approval | Totals |
|---|---|---|---|
| Experiments | 105 | 15 | 120 |
| Authors | 659 | 56 | 715 |
| Institutions | 131 | 7 | 138 |
| Countries | 21 | | 21 |

## Totals of Approved Experiments by Physics Topics for PACs 4-14

| Topic | Number | Hall A | Hall B | Hall C |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Nucleon & Meson Form Factors & Sum Rules | 14 | 6 | 3 | 5 |
| Few Body Nuclear Properties | 22 | 11 | 6 | 5 |
| Properties of Nuclei | 18 | 4 | 8 | 6 |
| N* & Meson Properties | 33 | 6 | 20 | 7 |
| Strange Quarks | 18 | 4 | 9 | 5 |
| **Total** | **105** | **31** | **46** | **28** |

## Approved Days and Conditional Approved Experiments by Hall

| Hall | Approved Experiments | | | | Conditionally Approved Experiments |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | No. of Exps Completed (full/partial) | Days Run | No. of Exps in Queue | Days to be Run | |
| A | 2 / 2 x 1/2 / 1 x 1/4 | 64 | 28 | 609 | 6 |
| B | 1 /13 x 0.5 / 6 x .10 / 1 x .50 | 29 | 43 | 410 | 6 |
| C | 7 / 2 x1/2 | 144 | 20 | 434 | 4 |
| **Total** | **10 / ~4** | **237** | **93** | **1453** | **16** |

Appendix A

# PAC14 Membership


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Appendix B

# Charge to PAC14

Following is the charge to PAC14 from Jefferson Lab Director, Hermar

Jefferson Lab requests that PAC14:

1) Review proposals, extensions and updates and provide advice for t
merit, technical feasibility and resource requirements.

2) Recommend one of four actions on each proposal, extension or upd
* approval,
* conditional approval status pending clarification of special
* deferral, or
* rejection.

3) Provide a scientific rating and recommended beam-time allocat
proposals recommended for beam-time.

4) Provide comments on letters-of-intent.

5) Comment on the Hall running schedules.

As of this meeting we are re-initiating the formal use of the PA
body on the directions of the overall scientific program of the
was done previously in the initial planning for the present c
experimental equipment). We will begin with a review of the pres
program in the subfield of few body nuclear properties. We add a
sixth item to the charge of PAC14:

6) Review the scientific opportunities accessible through CEBAF's capabilities in
the area of few body nuclear properties. Are there open questions in th
subfield addressed optimally by the presently approved experime
extensions to or modifications of presently approved experime
clearer answers to these questions? Finally, are there important
not addressed by approved experiments that should be added to the

## APPENDIX C

PAC14 Recommendations

| *Pac Action | Class/ Days | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| A | B+/16 | **E-98-101** | **Spin Polarization in Kaon Electroproduction** |
| R | | **PR-98-102** | **A Measurement of Dispersive Effects in The Elastic Scattering of Electrons from Polarized $^3$He** |
| D | | **PR-98-103** | **Measurement of $p(\vec{e},e'\vec{p})\phi$ and the Strangeness Content of the Proton** |
| | /+2 | †**PR-98-104** | **Measurement of the Polarized Electron Beam Aymmetry on Exclusive Reactions In Nuclei with CLAS** |
| D | | **PR-98-105** | **A Precision Measurement of the Neutral Pion Lifetime via the Primakoff Effect** |
| D | | **PR-98-106** | **K$^+$ Photoproduction and $\Lambda^0$ Polarization for E$_\gamma$= 3 to 6 GeV** |
| A | B+/+0 | **E-98-107** | **Deeply Virtual Electroproduction of Vector Mesons** |
| A | B+/21 | **E-98-108** | **Electroproduction of Kaons up to $Q^2$ = 3 (GeV/c)** |
| A | B+/13 | **E-98-109** | **Photoproduction of $\phi$ Mesons with Linearly Polarized Photons** |

* A=Approve, C=Conditionally Approve, D=Defer, R=Reject

= **Concurrent running with already approved Hall C experiment.**

† **PR98-104 was not reviewed by the PAC but was approved by laboratory Management as a 0 day add on to the e2 run group and awarded +2 days by Laboratory management decision to carry out the proposed research and add beam polarization measurements (2 days total) to the entire e2 run group.**

Appendix D

# Individual Proposal Reports

**Proposal:** E-98-101
**Scientific Rating:** B+
**Spokesperson:** O.K. Baker
**Title:** Spin Polarization in Kaon Electroproduction

**Motivation:**

This experiment proposes to measure spin observables in $K^+$ electroproduction. Both spin transfer and induced polarization will be employed to elucidate the electroproduction process.

**Measurement and Feasibility:**

The self-analyzing property of the $\Lambda$ decay will allow its polarization to be determined from measurement of the decay proton angular distribution. The proton will be detected simultaneously with the $K^+$ in the HMS, and the $e'$ in the SOS, a technique that has been demonstrated in E-93-018.

Issues:

The issues raised by PAC12 appear to have been adequately addressed. While PAC remains skeptical about the experiment's ability to determine the $R_{LT'}$ it should provide important information on the kaon electroproduction process.

Recommendation:

The experiment is approved for 16 days in Hall C.

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## Individual Proposal Reports (Continued)

Proposal: PR-98-102
Spokespersons: K. A. Assamagan, R. Ent, J. H. Mitchell
Title: A Measurement of Dispersive Effects in Elastic a
of Electrons from Polarized EMI

### Motivation:

The aim of the experiment is to obtain data on dispersive correctic photon exchange in electron scattering. It is proposed to measur polarization asymmetry for elastic and inelastic scattering, with a axis normal to the scattering plane.

### Measurements and Feasibility:

The experiment requires the scattering of unpolarized electrons from $^3He$ target. The expected sensitivity is at the $10^{-4}$ level. The required statistic precisions imply counting rates higher than acceptable by the s acquisition of Hall A, and therefore an integration using segmented pl and a 200 MHz scaler is proposed. Elastic and quasi-elastic kinematics each at two beam energies: 0.845 GeV and 1.645 GeV.

### Issues:

The PAC acknowledges the pertinence of the target asymmetry method, which is only sensitive to dispersive effects in the elastic channel, and al invariance violation in the quasi-elastic one. But the goal of $10^{-4}$ of ac asymmetry seems much too ambitious: it relies mainly on target ch which have been neither designed for such a level of precision, nor st for systematic problems at this level. The PAC has not been convinced that this go is achievable. Moreover, a compelling scientific case for the n measurement was not made.

### Recommendation:

Reject

## Individual Proposal Reports (Continued)

**Proposal:** PR-98-103
**Spokespersons:** J. R. Calarco , H. Gao, and R.D. Ransome
**Title:** Measurement of $p(\vec{e},e'\vec{p})\phi$ and the Strangeness Content of the Proton

### Motivation:

To probe the strange quark content of the proton.

### Measurements and Feasibility:

The recoil proton polarization in $p(\vec{e},e'\vec{p})\phi$ will be measured at a sing kinematics where theoretical models of this reaction indicate that it to $s\bar{s}$ pairs in the nucleon. This measurement appears to be possible pr beam current of 50 $\mu$A of 80% polarized beam is available.

### Issues:

The general approach used in this proposal is interesting; however, th the reaction mechanism $p(\vec{e},e'\vec{p})\phi$ is not well established. Measurements PAC should under several kinematical conditions are necessary to test the theoretical relate the measured recoil proton polarization to the probability singlet $s\bar{s}$ pairs in the proton. In addition, since this reaction is not $s\bar{s}$ pairs (only color singlets), it may not yield a measure of the total of the proton.

**Recommendation:**
Defer.

## Individual Proposal Reports (Continued)

**Proposal:** PR-98-105
**Spokespersons:** D. Dale, S. Danagoulian, A. Gasparian, R. Miskima
**Title:** A Precision Measurement of the Neutral Pion Lifeti via the Primakoff Effect

### Motivation:

A measurement of the neutral pion lifetime with 1.8% accuracy is proposed. The measurement would use Primakoff production from tagged photons in Hall B and a hybrid Pb glass calorimeter. One goal of the measureme to test the corrections to the pion lifetime calculated in the chi expected to be at the level of 2%.

### Measurements and Feasibility:

A tagged photon beam and a highly segmented calorimeter are important limiting systematic errors. The measurement requires knowledge of the energy to 0.1% and the luminosity to 1%. There are also distortion co give 0.5% to the systematic error.

### Issues:

The PAC understands that a measurement as demanding as that proposed require careful attention to detail and an uncompromising approach to the experiment. There was some concern that a full optimization of t has not yet been attained, including the choice of target materials, design, and the influence/importance of collimation of the photon be suggests that the collaboration consider additional studies and possi order to produce a compelling proposal. In particular, the collab address in more detail the following issues:

1. The background rates created upstream of the target, especially due and any collimators.
2. The reliability of the treatment of the pion-nucleus final-state state-of-the-art calculations.

## Individual Proposal Reports (Continued)

The PAC considers a high-precision measurement of the pion lifetime with a r significant opportunity for Jefferson Lab. However, to have significant impact provide a useful test of the chiral symmetry breaking corrections, a total error of 1-2.5%, as discussed in the PAC13 report, appears necessary. We encourage the collaboration to continue to pursue this important ex encourage the laboratory to provide needed test beams to further the proposal.

**Recommendation:**

Defer.

**Proposal:** PR-98-106
**Spokespersons:** A. Afanasev, R. Gilman, M. Liang
**Title:** $K^+$ Photoproduction and $\Lambda^0$ Polarization for $3 < E_\gamma < 6$ GeV

### Motivation:

The aim of this proposal is to study reaction mechanisms for $K^+\Lambda^0$ photoproduction in the energy range $3 < E_\gamma < 6$ GeV.

### Measurements and Feasibility:

Two Hall A spectrometers would detect the $K^+$ and the proton (from $\Lambda$ decay) in coincidence. The circularly polarized Bremsstrahlung photon beam is produced in a 6 from an 80%-polarized, 25-microamp beam. The Bremsstrahlung photo (degraded) electron beam through the 15-cm LH2 target. Data points center-of-mass angles from 30 to 150 degrees at 4 energies (GeV 3 an require separate spectrometer settings. Considerable time is request spectrometer settings and background (Cu radiator out) runs.

### Issues:

The PAC does not believe that the physics motivation stated just the spr the run time requested. The PAC believes the physics goals should be a better use of beam time, such as reducing the number of backgrou example, through calibration of the real vs. virtual photon spectra) address these goals. There is some concern that the multiple spectr required may degrade the accuracy of the measurements. We call atte collaboration that there may soon exist data relevant to this proposal

### Recommendation:

Defer.

# Individual Proposal Reports (Continued)

**Proposal:** E-98-107
**Scientific Rating:** B+
**Spokespersons:** M. Guidal, C. Marchand, and E. Smith
**Title:** Deeply Virtual Electroproduction of Vector Mesons

**Motivation :**
Deeply Virtual Compton Scattering (DVCS) accesses off forward parton (OFPD). The second moment of the OFPD gives the total quark contributi the intrinsic orbital and spin) to the nucleon spin. This has consi view of the nucleon spin puzzle. The proposed experiment is not DVCS in the final state. However, recent theoretical developments show tha cross-section for producing a longitudinally polarized rho has dependence and that the amplitudes factorize so that OFPD may be extracted. Thus the proposed experiment has the possibility to allow an analysis ex of the OFPD.

**Measurements and Feasibility:**
To extract OFPD meaningfully the data must exhibit the behavior predicted by pQCD. The large amount of beam time requested is required by the low high . Longitudinal rhos need to be identified through their de distributions and s-channel helicity conservation (SCHC) needs to be checked. If either of these fail the fundamental aims of extracting OFPD will be

**Issues:**
The PAC was concerned that the theoretical arguments underpinning the of OFPD in this experiment are only applicable if W is large enough that channel resonances are negligible and (2) that rho production is drive exchange rather than string breaking. These requirements point toward being optimal for the extraction of OFPD though there may be interest in measuri the cross-sections at moderate for developing intuition and confirmation models.

This experiment is speculative but potentially very interesting. If t 6 GeV rather than the currently approved 4 GeV then this experiment wo good add-on. However, this experiment alone should not drive a 6 GeV p

**Recommendation:**
Conditionally approved for zero incremental time subject to the data at 1 gr at 6 GeV.

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# Individual Proposal Reports (Continued)

**Proposal:** E-98-108

**Scientific Rating:** B+

**Spokesperson:** O.K. Baker, C.C. Chang, S. Frullani, M. Iodice, P. Markowitz

**Title:** Electroproduction of Kaons at $Q^2$ up to 3 (GeV)$^2$

## Motivation:

The main motivation for this experiment resides in the extraction of the kaon form factor at three momentum transfers: 2, (GeV)$^2$ and 3 (GeV)$^2$. (This is an update of the conditionally approved experiment 94-108.)

## Measurement and Feasibility:

A realistic assessment of errors and a successful determination of L/T in the Hall C experiment were the conditions for approval. In the new proposal, questions raised by the PAC have been answered convincingly, especially due to the successful running of the Hall C experiment, E-93-018.

## Issues:

Given the results of E-93-018, the PAC suggests that the group reconsider the chosen kinematical settings. A possible W-dependence of the cross-sections increases the uncertainties for the extraction of the kaon form factor. A different kinematical setting addressing the possible W-dependence should be considered over the momentum transfer setting (GeV)$^2$ 2.5. The PAC considers optimization of the extrapolation to the kaon pole to be the more important goal with proper kinematics.

## Recommendation:

Approved for 21 days.

## Individual Proposal Reports (Continued)

**Proposal:** E-98-109
**Scientific Rating:** B+
**Spokesperson(s):** P. L. Cole, J.A. Mueller, D.J. Tedeschi
**Title:** Photoproduction of $\phi$ Mesons with Linearly Polarized Pho

### Motivation:

This proposal is an update of PR-97-005 which addresses the nature meson-nucleon interaction.

### Measurement:

The experiment measures the photoproduction of $\phi$ mesons from the proton by usin a linearly polarized beam of photons together with the $\phi \to K^+K^-$ decay distribution. The combination of the linearly polarized photons and CLAS is well matched to determine 9 of the 11 density matrix elements.

### Issues:

PAC12 conditionally approved the experiment calling for an integrat coordinated with other linear polarized photon-vector meson production This update provides the requested cohesive run plan sharing with the bea approved experiment 94-109 (the photoproduction of $\rho$ mesons from the proton with linearly polarized photons). A convincing case was not made for the r 4 GeV.

### Recommendation:

Approval for 13 days at 6 GeV.

Appendix E

# Individual Letter-of-Intent Reports

**Letter-of-Intent:** LOI-98-102
**Spokesperson:** P. Markowitz
**Title:** Kaon Electroproduction via the $^{3}\vec{H}\vec{e}(\vec{e},e'\vec{K}^{+})$ Reaction

This letter outlines a clever use of spin observables to study hyperon mass 3 system. As outlined, strong spin-dependent effects are expected transfer in electroproduction is large and final state interactions between the nucleon pair are substantial. Currently approved experiment 98-10 polarization transfer in production on the proton and experiment will 91-013 measure the excitation spectrum in the system. The PAC recommends that a proposal to study spin observables in the mass 3 system be develop implications of these experiments can be taken into account.

**Letter of Intent:** LOI-98-103
**Spokesperson(s):** L. Kramer
**Title:** Phi Vector Meson Electroproduction via the $^{1}H$ (e,e'p)phi Reaction

The PAC feels that it is important to understand the phi-meson ph electroproduction mechanisms at CEBAF energies. Experiments pursuing s of this goal are already approved for Hall B. In order for the PAC to commend for a supplementary program in Hall A, a proposal would have to spell sharply how the proposed measurements complement those in Hall B in sensitivity to specific aspects of the reaction mechanisms. Toward combination of polarization and cross-section measurements might be proposal would also have to demonstrate that backgrounds under the ph manageable at all the proposed kinematic settings.

Appendix F

# PACs 4–14 Grouped by Physics Category

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Appendix F includes a list of experiments organized by physics c
including rating, hall, spokesperson(s), etc.