

Bio:

I received my Ph.D. in nuclear physics from the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences in 2001 and joined the JLab users community as a postdoctoral fellow at the George Washington University the same year. In 2008, I joined the physics faculty at the University of South Carolina. I have been a member of the CLAS, MUSE, and the Jefferson Lab E-05-004 and E-05-103 Collaborations, as well as several EIC Consortia and Collaborations. I have served the community as a member of the JLab Users Board of Directors, of several committees within the CLAS Collaboration, and as a participant in the Nuclear Day at the Hill events.

The core of my research are studies of properties of nucleons and few-nucleon systems via exclusive photoproduction. My most recent work involves studies of the Lambda-nucleon interaction by means of final-state interactions in strangeness production off the deuteron. At 12 GeV, my research activities focus on probing gluon properties of the nucleon and deuteron via J/ψ production off the deuteron.

Statement:

It has been a privilege to be part of the JLab users community. I have greatly appreciated the opportunities it offers for research, professional growth, and social networking. I highly value the professional integrity of the people I have worked with and the support that I received throughout the years. The quality and versatility of the lab's instrumentation are unique and I consider the wide range of physics that has been and can be done at JLab to be a key strength. As a result, whenever possible, I have supported the promotion of the JLab science. I have also helped younger scientists in their careers and have tried to transmit our core values to the next generation of physicists. I would be honored to represent the JLab users as Chair of the Users Group Board of Directors. In addition to carrying forward the strong tradition of the UGBOD of facilitating communication with the JLab management, identifying and addressing the current needs of the users while carrying out the 12-GeV program, my priorities will be to support the development and promotion of a long-term future of JLab as a nuclear-physics facility and to seek opportunities for mentorship and assistance to a larger number of junior scientists.