JLab Theory Center future program and impact

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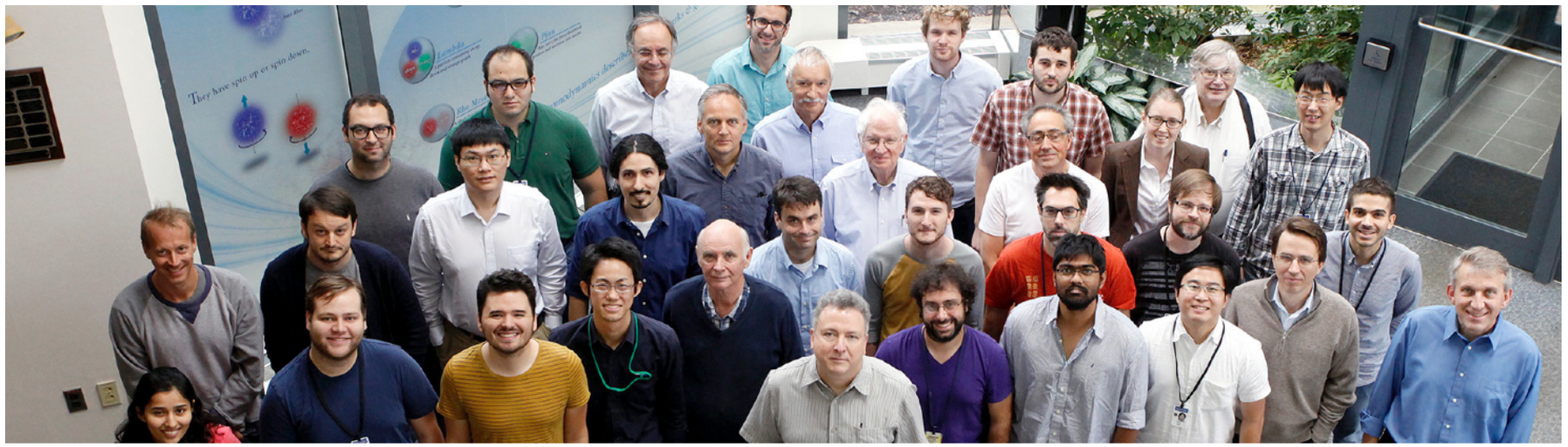

JLab Theory Center

Mission / Organization / Impact on experimental program and community

Future program

Nuclear physics research / Connection with JLab & EIC / Initiatives in computational science

This presentation: Brief summary based on 2023 Comparative Review Proposal.
Further information can be provided in discussion and follow-up

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Presently 13

Status: June 2023

Mission

Conduct world-recognized research in theoretical NP

Support/develop JLab and EIC experimental programs

Lead initiatives in broader NP and Computing communities

Train next-gen NP researchers and perform outreach

Organization

Core of lab senior staff

Joint appointments: Lab staff + university faculty
(Old Dominion, Hampton, William & Mary, Indiana)
Highly leveraged, typically 50% at lab

Bridge appointments: Partially funded by JLab for 3-5 years, transition to university-only position

Postdocs and graduate students: Supported by JLab and university funds

Importance of joint appointments

Cover all areas of JLab science program cost-effectively

Realize training opportunities for students at JLab

Deepen JLab/NP connections with broader community

JLab Theory Center: Research directions

Hadron spectrum — Lattice QCD	Edwards, Dudek, Rodas
Hadron spectrum — Amplitude analysis (JPAC)	Rodas, Szczepaniak
Hadron structure — Lattice QCD	Orginos, Qiu, Radyushkin, Richards
Hadron structure — Partonic analysis and high-energy processes	Accardi, Balitsky, Chien, Melnitchouk, Qiu, Ringer, Rogers, Sato
Hadron structure — Low-energy properties and effective field theories	Goity, Melnitchouk, Weiss
Nuclear few-body systems	Schiavilla, Weiss
New initiatives — Machine learning, artificial intelligence, quantum computing	Ringer, Sato

Underlined: Area leaders

Evolving organization, not axiomatic

Many synergies and connections (→ following)

Aligned with experimental programs of JLab 12 GeV + upgrades and EIC

Many opportunities for deploying computational science techniques

JLab Theory Center: Impact on experimental program

First LQCD calculation of hadronic decays of lightest 1^{-+} exotic hybrid meson, motivating GlueX's on-going search of $\pi_1 \to \pi\pi\omega$ [PRD 103 (2021) 054502]	GlueX
Showed that single exotic 1^{-+} hybrid meson candidate can describe existing $\pi\eta$, $\pi\eta'$ data, solving longstanding puzzle [PRL 122 (2019) 042002]	GlueX, CLAS12
First LQCD computation of isovector nucleon PDF using distillation and extraction of x-dependent transversity/helicity distributions [JHEP 11 (2021) 148; PRD 105 (2022) 034507; JHEP 03 (2023) 086]	PDF/Spin Hall A/C, CLAS12, EIC
First global analysis of polarized DIS, SIDIS, and e^+e^- data using iterative MC method, providing solution to the "strange quark polarization puzzle" [PRL 119 (2017) 132001]	PDF/Spin Hall A/C, CLAS12
First joint QCD-QED factorization for DIS and SIDIS, critically impacting data analysis and extraction of TMDs at JLab and EIC [PRD 104 (2021) 094033, JHEP 11 (2021) 157]	TMD Hall A/C, CLAS12, EIC
Theory-guided extraction of proton charge and magnetic radii from ep scattering data combining chiral EFT with dispersion theory [PRC 99 (2019) 044303; PRC 102 (2020) 035203].	PRad, JLab form factors, MUSE μp
Excellent description of low-lying spectra of light nuclei up to ^{12}C and their electron- and photo-nuclear properties, validating chiral EFT-based NN interactions and many-body calculations [PRL 120 (2018) 052503, PRC 99 (2019) 034005 , PRC 106 (2022) 044001]	eA/vA program, Hall C hypernuclear
Machine Learning-based event generator for ep scattering using generative modeling [PRD 106 (2022) 096002]	JLab/EIC event-by-event analysis

Here: Highlights from 2018-2023 Comparative Review report. Many more examples!

JLab Theory Center: Community leadership

PAC Theory Review: Assures feasibility, motivation and impact of proposed JLab experiments. Covers full scope of JLab program [all staff]

Theory support in planning and analysis of experiments: JLab Theory staff provide close support for analysis of experiments across entire program (meson/baryon spectroscopy, 3D partonic structure, nuclei, fundamental symmetries) through informal interactions or formal collaboration [all staff]

Theory support for JLab upgrades: Essential contributions to K(long) facility, SoLID, positron program, and CEBAF 22 GeV energy upgrade [Accardi, Goity, Melnitchouk, Qiu, Rodas, Sato, Szczepaniak, Weiss]

EIC program development: Leadership roles in EIC-related LDRD projects, science studies, program development, 2019-2021 Yellow Report, and community building [Accardi, Melnitchouk, Qiu, Sato, Szczepaniak, Weiss]

DOE Topical Collaborations: Essential roles in 2022 Topical Collaborations in Exotic Hadron Spectroscopy [Edwards, Dudek, Szczepaniak PI], Quark-Gluon Tomography [Accardi, Goity, Melnitchouk, Orginos, Richards, Sato, Weiss], Nuclear Theory for New Physics [Schiavilla], and Heavy Flavor Theory for QCD Matter [Qiu]

Scientific computing: Leading national computing efforts in the ASCR/NP SciDAC projects [Lead PI Edwards], DOE/LQCD Exascale Computing [Co-PI Edwards], and USQCD Executive Committee [Edwards, Richards]

NSAC: Membership in NSAC [Dudek 2018-2021], role in 2022 long-range planning process articulating vision of JLab community [Dudek, Qiu]

Training and outreach: Managing HUGS Graduate Summer School and JSA/HUGS fellowships for developing countries [Accardi], creation of REYES outreach program [Briceno]

These functions are made possible by the unique setup with staff + joint + bridge appointments

JLab Theory Center: Future program

Goals (next ~5 years):

- Deliver physics results of JLab 12 GeV program,
  esp. in meson spectrum (GlueX) and 3D parton structure (Hall A/C, CLAS12)

- Develop EIC science program and community,
  esp. new applications in QCD jets and light ion physics

- Provide theory leadership for future programs at JLab
  including K(long), SoLID, positron program, and CEBAF 22 GeV energy upgrade

- Explore opportunities in AI/ML and Quantum Computing for nuclear physics applications

Future: Hadron spectrum in QCD

Lattice QCD Edwards, Dudek, Rodas

Employ/extend unique suite of distillation and finite-volume methods to:

Compute spectrum of hybrid mesons in QCD → GlueX

Explore structure of hadron resonances through coupling to external currents

Implement 3-body channels in LQCD finite-volume analysis → all resonance experiments

Amplitude analysis (JPAC) Szczepaniak + JPAC Collaboration

Analyze multiparticle final states and extract meson resonances → GlueX, CLAS12

Develop/apply amplitude analysis techniques for heavy-quark XYZP states → JLab 22 GeV, EIC, LHC, e+e-

Explore ML/AI applications for spectroscopy analysis

Synergies: 3-body techniques used in finite-volume LQCD and experimental analysis

Topical Collaboration “Exotic hadron spectroscopy” (PI Szczepaniak) enables coordinated approach [→ Talk Rodas]

Future: Partonic structure - LQCD, global analysis

Lattice QCD Orginos, Qiu, Radyushkin, Richards

Employ/extend methods for computing partonic structure using Euclidean correlation functions

Disconnected diagrams for singlets - gluon distributions, quark flavor separation

Improved perturbative matching N2LO → all parton structure experiments

Non-forward matrix elements GPDs (x, ξ dep), distribution amplitudes → JLab & EIC GPD program

Global analysis (JAM, CJ) Accardi, Melnitchouk, Qiu, Sato

TMD extraction from collinear + SIDIS/hadron/e+e- data

Incorporate QED rad corr in DIS/SIDIS, towards event-based analysis → JLab & EIC TMD program

High-x inclusive structure and spin → JLab12 high x program

GPD analysis and nucleon imaging as inverse problem → JLab & EIC GPD program

Synergies: Inclusion of LQCD results in global analysis combines impact with exp data

Expertise with QCD factorization/processes essential for calculation of LQCD matching coefficients

Topical Collaboration “Quark-Gluon Tomography:” Coordinated approach to GPDs combining theory + LQCD + analysis [→ Talk Monahan]

Future: High-energy processes in QCD

Factorization of high-energy processes Balitsky, Qiu, Rogers, Sato

TMD factorization and nonperturbative dynamics → TMD program JLab & EIC

New types of exclusive processes for x-dependence of GPDs → Hall D, JLab 22 GeV

TMD factorization and evolution at small x → EIC

Jets and heavy quarkonia Accardi, Chien, Qiu, Ringer

Jet observables and correlations at EIC → EIC jet physics program

Heavy quarkonium production and use as probe of QCD matter → EIC, heavy ions RHIC LHC

Jets as probes of nonperturbative dynamics → JLab, EIC

Topical Collaboration “Heavy Flavor Theory for QCD Matter” [→ Talk Qiu]

Future: Hadron structure - hadronic scale, EFTs

QCD energy momentum tensor and GPDs Goity, Melnitchouk, Weiss

Energy-momentum tensor in nucleon from 1/Nc expansion → JLab 12/22 GeV, EIC

Generalized form factors from Chiral EFT and dispersion theory

N → Δ, N* transition GPDs

GPD properties at hadronic scale → JLab 12/22 GeV, EIC

Synergies with GPD global analysis effort

Integrated in Topical Collaboration “Quark-Gluon Tomography” [→ Talk Monahan]

Low-energy processes Goity, Weiss

e+-N scattering and two-photon exchange processes from systematic 1/Nc expansion

πN and Compton scattering from Chiral EFT and 1/Nc expansion → JLab positron program

Future: Nuclear few-body systems

Electroweak properties of light nuclei Schiavilla (to retire 2025), Gnech (to join 2027)

Axial currents, beta decay, muon capture → fundamental symmetries, vA interactions

In context of Topical Collaboration “Nuclear Theory for New Physics” [→ Talk Walker-Loud]

Nuclear structure in high-energy scattering processes Weiss

Develop EFT-based description of light-front nuclear structure

Nuclear breakup processes and spectator tagging → JLab 12/22 GeV tagging, EIC far-forward physics

Synergies with high-energy processes and jet physics efforts

Integrated in JLab EIC experimental science effort

Future: Initiatives in Computational Science

Machine learning / artificial Intelligence for nuclear physics Ringer, Sato

Generative models for efficient event simulation of collider events

Applications to BSM searches → EIC, LHC

ML-based methods for event-by-event analysis → JLab?

[→ Talks Battaglieri, Gavalian]

Towards quantum computing for nuclear theory Edwards, Orginos, Ringer, Sato, Schiavilla

Explore continuous-variable quantum computing

Explore applications to low-dimensional quantum field theories

Explore quantum machine learning and hybrid discrete-continuous quantum computing

[→ Talks Schram, Ringer]

Summary

- Unique setup (staff + joint + bridge appointments) allows JLab Theory Center to cover JLab's diverse physics program and perform leadership functions in NP community

- JLab Theory Center is playing/will continue to play central role in
  - Physics extraction from JLab 12 GeV data
  - JLab upgrades K(long), SoLID, positrons, CEBAF energy upgrade
  - EIC program development

- Future program (next 5 years) builds on unique suite of tools developed earlier and realizes important synergies between various efforts

- Many opportunities for deploying AI/ML techniques in nuclear theory and data analysis

- JLab Users can/should influence future trajectory of JLab Theory Center through bridge/joint appointments, shared students/postdocs, collaborative research, initiatives

[Not covered here: Outreach and DEIA in JLab Theory: https://www.jlab.org/theory/outreach