

# Positron Working Group Workshop

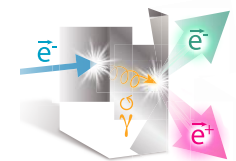
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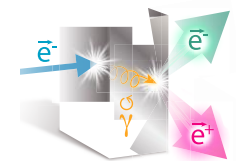


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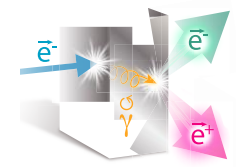
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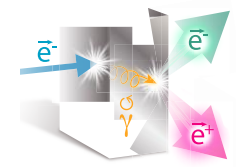
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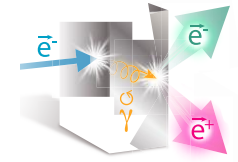
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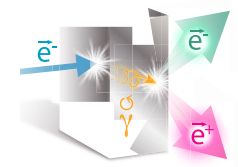
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*In progress*

- Polarized target opportunities
- Tests of the Standard Model
- Experimental program at LERF
- Novel ideas



- Update on the status of approved proposals
- Update on the status of the positron source R&D
- Update on the status of submitted Letters-of-Intent
- Presentation of the new proposals to PAC53
- Discussion of Novel Ideas with Ce<sup>+</sup>BAF at 12 GeV
- Continued discussion on a Low-Energy program at LERF
- Discussion on the Positron Technical Design Report



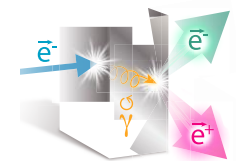
- ❖ The JLab PWG offers **review** to the new experimental proposals looking for **PWG Endorsement** at **PAC53**.

## Schedule

- Send title and short description by February 28<sup>th</sup> (last minut request still possible till March 28<sup>th</sup>)
- Send first draft proposal by April 11<sup>th</sup> 1pm EDT
- Review due on April 18<sup>th</sup> 1pm EDT
- Send second draft by April 25<sup>th</sup> 1pm EDT
- Endorsement decision due on April 30<sup>th</sup> 1pm EDT

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As today, **3 new proposal requests** are known (E. Fuchey et al. / T. Hague et al. / P. Gueye et al.)



A 4-5 days workshop will be organized in Fall 2025 at Jefferson Lab to specifically discuss the **physics reach** of a **Low-Energy Experimental Program at the LERF**.

**Physics @ LERF - Fall 2025**

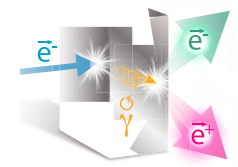
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 $I_p > 50 \text{ nA}$   $P_p > 60\%$   $T_p < 123 \text{ MeV}$   
 $I_p > 1 \mu\text{A}$   $P_p < 10\%$   $T_p < 123 \text{ MeV}$





- Monday lunch is sponsored by Jefferson Lab
- Tuesday lunch is sponsored by the University of Virginia
- Group photo on Tuesday at the lunch break
- Social Event on Tuesday from 6:30-9:00 pm (please subscribe)

Chefs's Market, 11800 Merchants Walk  
Newport News

