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## Maxim Polyakov

It is with great sadness that scientists at Jefferson Laboratory and its user community learned about the untimely passing of Maxim Polyakov. Maxim was a physicist and scientist of great distinction who had enormous influence on the ongoing scientific program at the Jefferson Lab experimental facilities in Newport News, Virginia in the United States. Maxim's work on exotic spectroscopy and on the internal structure of subatomic particles will have a lasting influence on physical science. His work showed us the new direction of an experimental program to explore the mechanical and gravitational properties of particles that was never possible before.

During the past few years Maxim was able to see some of this work come to full fruition with latest experimental results from Jefferson Lab that fully confirmed the theoretical predictions.

The field lost a great scientist, who was a friend to many of us, and an intellectual leader of new directions in the scientific exploration of the world around us. His influence will reach far into the future.

Our sincerest condolences and deepest sympathy to his family.

We will miss Maxim dearly.

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