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Dear Krishna Kumar and Andrea Pocar,

I write to apply for the post doctoral research associate position working in the EXO-200/nEXO group at UMass, Amherst. I successfully defended my dissertation "The EMC Effect in A=3 Nuclei" under the direction of Nadia Fomin, at the University of Tennessee. My dissertation research brought me to Thomas Jefferson National Laboratory in Newport News, VA. My time at the lab has been devoted to honing my skills and knowledge in the complete process of being an experimental physicist. I experienced constructing spectrometers, refurbishing detectors, building electrical systems for data acquisition, analyzing large data sets, and collaborating with a diverse community while working with three electron scattering experimental groups.

My time at Jefferson Lab has allowed me to work on many aspects of an experiment. I was able to work on the refurbishment and maintenance of a large acceptance electron spectrometer for a tritium experiment. Preparing this spectrometer gave me the opportunity to gain experience in the design and construction of the front end electronics. I refurbished individual detectors, by testing and replacing photomultiplier tubes and scintillating plastics. I assembled and tested the data acquisition system. I also prepared part of the analysis software and completed analysis for three different experiments by helping maintain the online analysis software and data decoding scripts. I calibrated parts of the detectors, focusing on the beam position monitors and analog to digital converter signals from the Cherenkov and calorimeters. As part of my Ph.D., I have been analyzing electron scattering data to extract complete cross sections. I have worked closely with cross-section models and Monte Carlo simulation packages. Completing this analysis has granted me the ability to learn different coding languages like C++, Fortran, ROOT, and python. Being a senior student at the lab has allow me to take on roles as a mentor and guide for many of the new students, instructing them on the use of the detectors and analysis software.

The knowledge and skills I have gained working at Jefferson Lab would make me a great fit to join EXO-200/nEXO group at UMass Amherst. My mixture of hardware, software and teaching experiences will allow me to quickly step into the roles needed, including being mentor to students, working with the detector setups, and analyzing the data.

I submitted a CV that contains the contact information for three references along with this letter in the application.

Thank you for your time and attention,
Jason Bane