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Inclusive Scattering from Nuclei at x>1 and High  $Q^2$  with a 6 GeV beam NADIA FOMIN, University of Virginia — Inclusive electron scattering from nuclei at large x and  $Q^2$  is the result of a reaction mechanism that includes both quasi-elastic scattering from nucleons and deep inelastic scattering from the quark constituents of the nucleons. Consequently, it provides an opportunity to investigate the transition from a regime where nucleon degrees of freedom dominate to one where the more fundamental QCD interactions are exposed. Data in this regime can be used to study a wide variety of topics, including the extraction of nuclear momentum distributions, the influence of final state interactions and the approach to y-scaling, the strength of nucleon-nucleon correlations, and the approach to x- scaling, to name a few. We recently performed an experiment in Jefferson Lab's Hall C using a 6 GeV beam and a range of both light and heavy nuclei which was designed to significantly extend the kinematic region at high momentum transfer and large (negative) y, previously explored in SLAC experiment NE3 and Jefferson Lab experiment E89-008. After a brief statement of the physics goals of this experiment, we will present preliminary results.

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