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**35 years of CEBAF - Historic Review**

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Jefferson Lab, the youngest of the DOE Science laboratories, is now more than thirty years old, time to look back and understand how the lab has become a pillar of nuclear physics research in the world. Initially, a 2GeV conventional linac and stretcher ring was foreseen, but as soon as Hermann Gruner was nominated as Lab Director, he changed the design to a superconducting, recirculating linac. It is this accelerator, CEBAF, which has become the workhorse at Jefferson Lab, first at 4 GeV, then 6 GeV, and then an upgrade to 12GeV. The talk will follow this evolution of the accelerator complex.