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STUDY OF HADRON FRAGMENTATION IN THE MOMENTUM REGION (30-70 GeV/c) WHERE CORRELATIONS ARE NEARLY ABSENT.

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1. During the past few years the study of inclusive collisions has been the subject of a major effort in the investigation on high energy hadron-hadron, lepton-hadron and lepton-lepton collisions.

The proof of a generalized optical theorem by A.M. Mueller<sup>(1)</sup> in 1969 has provided a new tool to investigate the nature of high energy reactions.

Scaling<sup>(1-7)</sup> and other connected properties<sup>(1,8-10)</sup> have been tested on available data up at Serpukhov<sup>(11,12)</sup>, NAL<sup>(13-15)</sup> and ISR energies<sup>(16)</sup>.

In particular, scaling has been tested both in the sense of Feynman or Yang<sup>(17,18)</sup> and in the sense of Koba, Nielsen, Olesen or Wroblewski<sup>(6,17,19)</sup>.

Furthermore, recent work has pointed out the validity of local scaling properties in semi-inclusive and exclusive processes<sup>(19-22)</sup>.

Another field of intense investigation has been the study of correlation functions in multiparticle production<sup>(9,17,21)</sup>

The most relevant experimental information on the correlation functions is found in the measured value of  $f_n$ , where  $f_n$  is the integral of the n-particle correlation function

$\rho_n(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n)$  over the rapidity variables  $y$  (or equivalently over the Feynmann variables  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$ )

$$f_1 = \int_0^y dy_1 \rho_1(y_1) = \langle n \rangle$$

$$f_2 = \iint_0^y dy_1 dy_2 \rho_2(y_1, y_2) = \langle n(n-1) \rangle - \langle n \rangle^2$$

a.s.o.

Our experimental knowledge clearly indicates that the  $f_n$ 's go to zero somewhere above 30 GeV/c and below 70 GeV/c

Fig. 1 (from ref. 9) shows the behaviour as a function of  $p_{\text{Lab}}$  of the measured values of  $f_2, f_3, f_4, f_5$  for pp collisions.

It is therefore particularly interesting to investigate systematically multiparticle production in the region 30-70 GeV/c using possibly different beam particles.

Some preliminary comments are relevant at this point in order to clarify the aim of this proposal.

- 1) We assume that the change in sign of the correlation terms  $f_n$  is not accidental but due to the different role played by different mechanisms at work as  $p_{\text{Lab}}$  increases. Hence we propose to scan the indicated momentum region as regularly as possible looking for effects observable in different state channels.
- 2) Any inclusive function (the scaling functions, say, or the n-particle inclusive correlation functions) is the result of an incoherent sum over all final channels <sup>(19,23)</sup>.

$$(1) \quad \varphi_{\text{inclusive}} = \sum \varphi_{\text{topological}} = \sum \varphi_{\text{exclusive}}$$

where obviously the possibility of interferences between different final channels is forbidden.

The general logical statement (1) has been already made explicitly by Shei and Yan <sup>(23)</sup> for exclusive and inclusive particle distributions and by Antich et al <sup>(19)</sup> for the scaling functions of the Koba, Nielsen, Olesen type.

Statement (1) implies that any regularity shown by inclusive functions is a consequence of regularities shown by the single

exclusive (or seminclusive, or topological) contributions to them.

Therefore, we would like to measure with adequate accuracy inclusive functions (typically  $\rho_2$ 's) for various topologies and various well defined exclusive channels.

3) An anomalous region seems to be the region of large  $p_{\perp}$ 's since <sup>(16)</sup> "triggering on a large  $p_{\perp}$  secondary is a bias in favour of large multiplicity reactions". Experimental data (different from single particle distributions), are particularly scanty in this region. For this reasons we are interested in comparing the measured values of the inclusive functions (typically the  $\rho_2$ 's) for different  $p_{\perp}$  of a given final particle (typically the target proton).

2. The main features of the experimental investigation can then be summarized as follows.

1) study of exclusive reactions like



where

$$a = \pi^{\pm}, p, \bar{p}, K^{\pm}$$

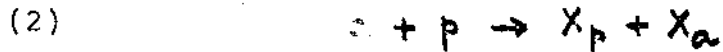
r = recoil proton

x = detectable (exclusive 1(2), 3 (4), 5(6)) charged

particle final state (in parenthesis the total downstream particles).

Requirements: good detection of the recoil r and good measurement of t (or its  $p_{\perp}$ ); angle and momentum measurement of the particles giving x (Trigger on r if possible to select defined t regions or  $p_{\perp}$  intervals).

2) study of seminclusive reactions like



where  $x_p$  = set of detected target-like particles

$x_a$  = set of detected beam-like particles

Requirements: good angle and momentum measurement of the two sub-sets of particles

3) for both reactions (1) and (2) high acquisition rate, at least in the forward solid angle.

4) seminclusive trigger giving particular multiplicities or topologies.

5) if possible, identification of the detected particles

6) detection of neutral particles.

The most convenient experimental apparatus seems to be the magnetic-spectrometer in the West Hall, where low energy RF separated beams are extracted from the SPS.

In line with the physical interest mentioned above we strongly recommend that the maximum momentum in beam S1 be increased to at least 70 GeV/c if possible.

As an example fig. 2 shows the energy dependence of the correlation parameter

$$g^2 = \frac{f_2}{\langle n \rangle^2}$$

for pp collisions <sup>(2/4)</sup>. It is clearly seen that  $-0.02 \leq g^2 \leq 0.07$  between 30 GeV/c and 70 GeV/c.

In the same figure the energy behaviour for the 4-prong topological cross section is also shown, a typical seminclusive channel suitable to begin a systematic investigation.

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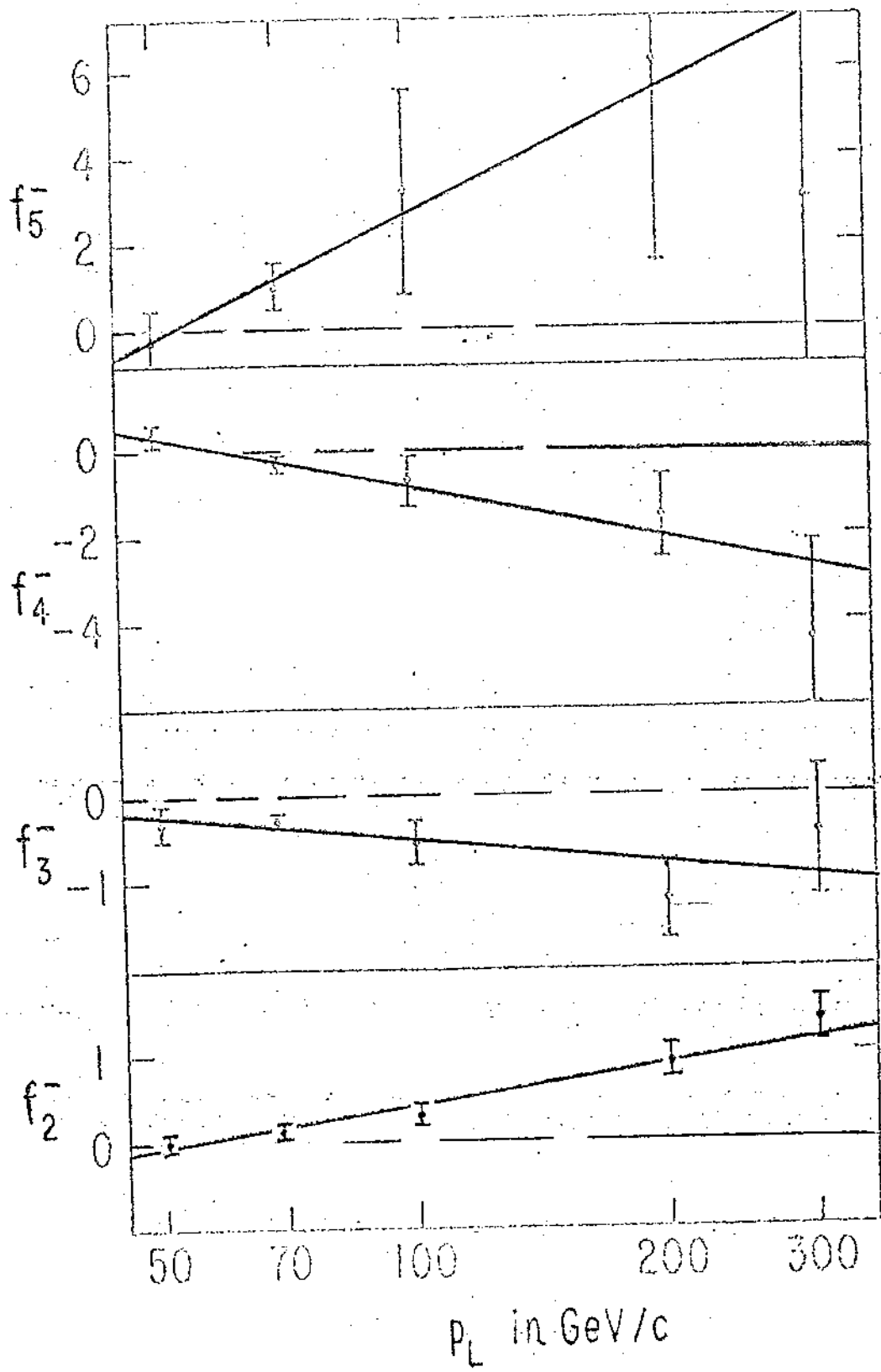


Fig. 1



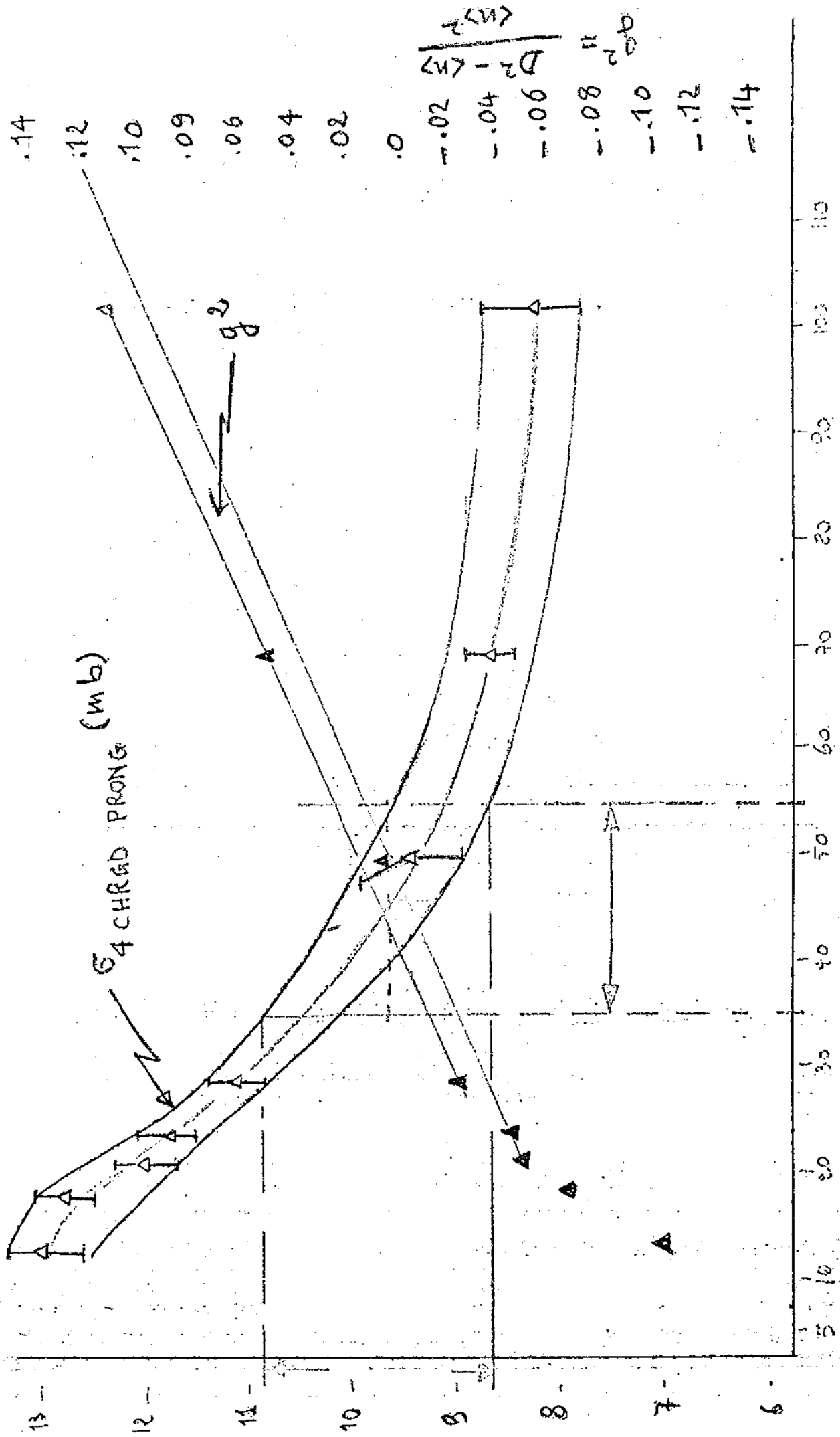


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