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Memorandum

To : ISRC

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Subject : Plans for an experiment to measure proton-proton correlations at the ISR.

1. Considerable interest has been recently devoted to the study of the "deep inelastic" proton-proton scattering. ¹⁾ This is stimulated by the results of electron-proton scattering ²⁾ and theoretical considerations by Bjorken ³⁾ and Feynman ⁴⁾, who interpret the experimental results as the scattering of the electron on pointlike constituents of the proton (= partons) at "infinite momentum". This experimental condition of "infinite momentum" is fulfilled in the best possible way at the IRS. Although the physical meaning of a possible comparison between ep and pp scattering is not obvious, we feel that the behaviour of the cross section as function of the quantities t and u ($u = E_{in} - E_{out}$) and their correlations are of fundamental interest beyond any model.
2. In an attempt to parametrize inelastic proton-proton reactions by the behaviour of the "leading particles" we propose to measure ⁵⁾:
 - i) the inelastic spectrum of one proton, integrated over all final states; similar measurements will have been made by production experiments ⁶⁾, so that this part will be mainly a test and calibration procedure.
 - ii) the correlations in the inelastic spectra of two protons; this includes, among others, the correlations (t_1, t_2) , (u_1, u_2) , and ϕ (ϕ = angle between the scattering planes of the two protons).

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iii) the correlation between the proton quantities t and v and the configuration of the "missing matter"; the secondary products will be described in a gross way by quantities like: missing mass, charge multiplicity, and angular distribution. All measurements can, in principle, be performed simultaneously in the Split-Field Magnet.

3. The technical implications are the following:

- i) The SFM is equipped with chambers for trajectory measurements of forward particle in the main magnet and the compensator magnets; large angle secondaries are detected by one layer of chambers arranged in a box around the intersect;
- ii) protons are selected by two Cerenkov hodoscopes in the forward cones. The subdivision must be sufficiently fine in order to reduce the probability for double trajectories to a reasonable limit;
- iii) it seems unattractive to accept the forward particles by conical vacuum chambers as discussed in the past. An effort to develop a very thin or very light round or elliptic tube should be encouraged.

4. A detailed proposal will be submitted within this year.

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