PROPOSAL TO STUDY HIGH MOMENTUM TRANSFER PHENOMENA
AND SEARCH FOR NEW STATES

Abstract

We propose an experiment to study the detailed structure of high momentum transfer multiparticle systems ("jets") at the highest energies and momentum transfers accessible at Fermilab. Special attention is paid to the possibility of detecting new particle states produced in these disruptive collisions. The proposed spectrometer configuration which covers a rapidity range of 3.8 contains three large aperture multi-cell Cerenkov counters which allow unique identification of \( \pi, K \) and \( p \) with momentum between \( \sim 10 \) and 40 GeV. Operation in the existing low-halo experimental area of the proton west beam line with an interaction rate of \( \sim 10^7 / \text{spill} \) in a thin foil Tungsten target permits the study of momentum transfers up to 8 GeV/c or higher when the spectrometer is triggered with a calorimeter.

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I. Introduction

Existing data\(^{(1)}\) on correlations in high momentum transfer (\(P_t\)) reactions seem to possess a coplanar two-jet structure supporting the idea that the basic mechanism involves the scattering of hard constituents.\(^{(2)}\) The present document is a proposal to further study such processes at the highest energies and momentum transfers accessible at Fermilab. In order to run with a target interaction rate of \(10^7\) interactions/spill and a large aperture spectrometer, we envisage a configuration with no detectors before the magnet; thus we require a "point" interaction source and are led to propose a transmission type experiment with a thin Tungsten foil target to be located in the "halo-free" proton west beam to run with \(\sim 10^{10}\) particles/spill. With the quoted interaction rate of \(\sim 10^7\) particles/spill we should be able to explore the rare events with \(P_t\) of 7 or 8 GeV/c or even larger. Hitherto, these large \(P_t\) values have only been observed at Fermilab in small aperture single particle spectrometers.\(^{(3)}\) Our proposal is to trigger on high \(P_t\) multiparticle systems (i.e., jets) on one side of the beam line and observe the system on the other side of the beam line with a very large aperture multi-particle spectrometer.

Figure 1 shows the angular acceptance of the detectors in the center of mass together with their respective rapidity ranges. On the east side of the beam is a large aperture spectrometer (20-800 mrad in the lab; a mean azimuthal range of 40\(^{\circ}\)) containing three multi-cell Cerenkov counters for \(\pi, \kappa\) and \(p\) identification over a large range of momenta. As shown, the rapidity range "seen" is considerably larger than the range of \(\Delta y \sim 2\) observed by many experimenters,\(^{(1)}\) and interpreted as jet correlations.

The apparatus on the west side of the beam referred to as "trigger" in Figure 1 consists of a multi-cell calorimeter with frontal area 2 x 1.5 m positioned 10 m from the target. Between target and calorimeter are three
measuring stations of multi-wire proportional chambers for momentum analysis of charged tracks useful in calibration of the calorimeter and also to detect spill-over of some tracks from objects with smaller \( P_t \) whose decay products lie on both sides of the beam.

Based on the single particle high \( P_t \) cross sections of Cronin et al\(^\text{(3)}\) and our large interaction rate we can expect to see \( P_t \) values of 8 GeV/c or larger in the calorimeter. The recent results of the E260 collaboration\(^\text{(4)}\) (in the M6 beam) that the single particle high \( P_t \) cross sections are only a small fraction (~10\(^{-2}\)) of the higher multiplicity high \( P_t \) cross sections (including neutrals), as had been expected on the basis of earlier ISR results and phenomenology,\(^\text{(5)}\) implies together with the results of Reference (3) that our high \( P_t \) "jet" trigger rate will be large (e.g., \( \sim 1/\text{spill} \) at \( P_t \sim 8 \text{ GeV/c} \)).

The rapidity ranges shown in Figure 1 for calorimeter and spectrometer are well matched. Assuming a jet rapidity range of \( \Delta y \sim 2 \), it is easily seen that the acceptances well accommodate not only "back-to-back" jets but also "non-collinear" jets, as expected to frequently occur (since the lab is not in general the parton-parton center of mass).

Another facet of studying the detailed structure of high \( P_t \) jets will be to search for new states as well as already known ones. It seems likely that the very disruptive nature of the collisions which produce high \( P_t \) systems may also make them abundant producers of charm and other exotic states. The apparent ineffectiveness of single lepton triggers as signatures for charm production and decay makes it all the more interesting to pursue the line suggested here.

When the high intensity pion beam becomes operational, it will be desirable to move the detectors downstream to that area. It should also be noted the experimental configuration is admirably suitable for operation
in a 1000 GeV external beam of the proton lab when it is available.

The remainder of this proposal contains the following items:

II Spectrometer Description

III Trigger Calorimeter

IV Spectrometer Acceptance of Charmed Particles

V Trigger Rates

VI Run Request and Time Scale

VII Computing

Figures 2 (a,b) show the center-of-mass to lab kinematics for 400 GeV (and 1000 GeV) incident beam for reference in the following sections. In the plane of $x$ (in the CM) and $p_\perp$ are plotted lines of constant lab angle and lab energy. The spectrometer detects between 20 and 800 mrad. The lab energy lines delineate the various regions of Cerenkov identification as discussed below.
II. Spectrometer Description

(a) General Discussion

In an attempt to optimize geometrical acceptance, particle identification and resolution, in addition to having high rate capability, we have arrived at the design shown in Figure 3. The proton west beam vacuum pipe passes through the magnetic aperture of a large window frame magnet (the non-interacting beam experiences a bend of \( \Delta \theta \sim 1 \text{ mrad} \) which will have to be compensated for downstream of our experiment). The beam interacts in a thin foil Tungsten target inside the vacuum pipe. The final-state particles emerge from the thin-walled vacuum pipe and are detected by the principle spectrometer on the east side of the beam pipe. This detector system consists of three multi-cell Cerenkov counters, the first of which is inserted in the magnet, four large area two-dimensional readout drift chambers and a multi-wire proportional chamber. The laboratory angular acceptance of this system is \( 20 < \theta < 800 \text{ mrad} \), thus allowing the spectrometer to cover the major part of the center-of-mass.

On the west side of the beam pipe is a large trigger calorimeter positioned 10 m from the target with laboratory angular acceptance \( 10 < \theta < 210 \text{ mrad} \) and an array of multi-wire proportional chambers. The increased density of MWPC near the calorimeter is to permit a long decay path for \( K^0 \) and \( \Lambda^0 \) and subsequent measurement of their decay tracks.

(b) Magnet

The magnet is an Argonne type SCM105 with pole pieces 84" wide by 30" deep and a field of 18 kGauss with a gap of 14". (The gap may be enlarged to 30" if we desire). The field integral with the 14" gap is \( \sim 13.5 \text{ kGauss-meter} \) corresponding to a momentum transfer kick of 0.4 GeV/c.
In discussions with Russ Clem at Argonne we have learned that prospects for using one of these magnets in the very near future are quite favorable. The power requirements are ~3/4 Megawatt. The exterior dimensions of the magnet at beam elevation are ~200" wide by ~50" deep, much too large to fit through the access port to the proton west area. Thus, either the magnet must be disassembled or the access port must be substantially enlarged.

(c) Target and Beam-Line Vacuum Chamber

According to Cox and Murphy(6) the present spot size at the center of the target hall in proton west is 4.5 mm horizontally by 0.5 mm vertically, which is ideal for our application. However, since our target will be positioned at the upstream end of the target hall at the entrance to the pretarget tunnel, where they quote the beam sizes to be 10 mm horizontally by 6 mm vertically, it seems likely that the last set of quadrupole magnets will have to be moved upstream somewhat in the tunnel in order to reduce the beam size at our proposed target position.

The target will consist of a thin Tungsten foil with thickness transverse to the beam (~0.2 mm) and length along the beam (~1 mm), compatible with resolution of the spectrometer. The vertical source size is given by the beam spot size (0.5 mm). This target yields \(10^7\) interactions/spill with a beam of ~\(10^{10}\)/spill. The vacuum pipe after the target position should be 0.15 mm thick cylindrical stainless steel with a surface corregation similar to that used in several ISR experiments to minimize interactions of particles exiting the vacuum pipe.

Figure 4 shows the probable layout of the target, vacuum pipe, C1 and first set of chambers which allows for the emergence of small angle particles with minimum interaction. 60 mrad particles emerge from
the vacuum pipe early enough to enter the first Cerenkov counter. Particles with $30 < \theta < 60$ mrad emerge through the corrugation. Between 20 and 30 mrad, they traverse the 1 mm thick end piece. Thus, for the worst case of 30 mrad, with the corrugation depth (6 mm) and spacing (25 mm), the exiting particle traverses 200 mm of the corrugated section or $200/25 \times 2 = 16$ wall thicknesses = 2.4 mm of steel. We have assumed a diameter of 6 cm for the corrugated pipe in Figure 4. This is somewhat smaller than the 15 cm usually used at the ISR but should present no particular problem in fabrication.

(d) **Cerenkov counters**

The three Cerenkov counters shown in Figure 3 are filled with gases at atmospheric pressure to yield unambiguous $\pi$, $\kappa$ and $p$ identification from 12-40 GeV. This latter situation is achieved with Freon 22; air and 90% helium, respectively. With neopentane in $C_1$, for example, efficient pion separation from kaons and protons starts at $\sim 3$ GeV, but full $\pi$, $\kappa$, $p$ separation is obtained only between 8-16 and $\sim 20-40$ GeV. The lines of constant lab energy in Figures 2(a,b) allow the reader to see the $X-P_t$ area in the center-of-mass covered by the Cerenkov counters.

$C_1$ is a 6-cell counter inserted in the magnet and is similar to such counters constructed by some of us for use in a recent ISR experiment. A radiation length of $\sim 1.5$ meters with RCA 8854 5" tubes will yield $\sim 8-10$ photoelectrons for $\beta=1$ particles.

$C_2$ (22 cells) and $C_3$ (16 cells) are the UCLA counters presently in use at the MPS. E260 has just ended and E110 is scheduled to run in February 1977. Afterwards, the counters can be removed and modified for the proton-west experiment proposed here.
(e) Two Dimensional Readout Drift Chambers

These chambers positioned before and after $C_2$ in Figure 3 contain delay lines (~100 nsec/25 cm) adjacent to the sense wire and therefore yield for each track traversing a chamber a course ($y$) coordinate with

$$\sigma_y = 3 \text{ mm}$$

in addition to the precision $x$-coordinate, for which we hope to achieve $\sigma_x \sim 0.2 \text{ mm}$. A small test chamber has already been constructed and successfully tested in a beam. (7) See Figure 5 for the results. At the present time two larger chambers are under construction by us with dimensions $0.6 \times 1.7 \text{ m}$. These will serve as prototypes for the chambers needed here. It may be noted that the use of these two-dimensional chambers simplifies pattern recognition problems and thus reduces computer usage. Two layers of chambers will be used before $C_2$ (separated by 0.5 m) and two layers after $C_2$ (also separated by 0.5 m). Straight lines can thus be found in these chambers with an accuracy of better than 0.1 mrad.

(f) Multi-Wire Proportional Chambers

These chambers (12 planes) exist and are presently in use by some of us in the muon lab. After the completion of E369 next spring, they could be moved to proton-west for use in this experiment. They are $1 \text{ m} \times 1 \text{ m}$ and have a wire spacing of 1.5 mm.

One plane with horizontal wires will be positioned just in front of $C_2$ for use in improving the $y$-coordinate precision. Nine planes will be used on the west side of the beam line in front of the calorimeter to measure the charged trigger particles as well as some decay products of those states which yield products on both sides of the beam line. They will aid in calorimeter calibration and in addition, will also permit the reconstruction of $\Lambda^0$ and $K^0$ decays, for which knowledge of the momenta of the decay tracks is not essential. A decay length of ~8 meters is available for this purpose.
(g) **Hodoscope**

This large hodoscope positioned after C₃, whose signals will be time-digitized with each event, will serve to provide a more precise time coincidence statement for each track reconstructed from the chamber information, thus allowing accidental background tracks to be removed.
III. Trigger Calorimeter

The calorimeter shown in Figure 3 is 1.5 m high and 2.0 m wide. Its depth in iron along the beam is to be 1.0 m or ~6 interaction lengths. The iron will consist of fifty 1.5 m x 2.0 m sheets each 2 cm thick, sandwiched between sheets of 6 mm thick (1/4") plastic scintillator. The scintillator will consist of 20 cm wide x 1.5 m high vertical strips. One photomultiplier on top and one on the bottom will read out each 10 scintillator strips. These photomultiplier signals will be linearly added to give one signal. Thus, a total of 10 (transversely) x 5 (in depth) = 50 signals will be added together (after weighting each according to the $\theta_{\text{lab}}$ angle of its cell) to give the total $P_t$ signal.

Having a total of five longitudinal sections for each angular cell will allow us to weight unusually high energy deposition, such as result from electromagnetic conversion of some of the energy, if additional energy resolution is necessary.\(^9\) Also, energy loss out the back of the calorimeter can be corrected for, if necessary, by adding additional counters at the rear of the calorimeter. We plan to at least reach the resolution obtained by Engler et al.\(^{10}\) They found $\sigma = \pm 9\%$ for $E = 25$ GeV. We should be able to obtain $\sigma = \pm 6$ or 7\% at $E = 100$ GeV.

This improved calorimeter resolution, in addition to the higher energy that corresponds to a given $P_t$ at 400 GeV as compared, say, to 200 GeV should make a marked improvement in triggering efficiency over previous experiments.

A similar array of lead-scintillator sandwich 15-20 radiation lengths thick will be positioned in front of the hadron calorimeter to measure the neutral energy.
IV. Spectrometer Acceptance of Charm Particles

Figures 6-8 show constant percentage acceptance contours of the apparatus for the following objects produced at different $x-P_t$ values:

\[ \text{pp} \rightarrow D^0 + X \]
\[ \rightarrow \kappa^+ \pi^- \]
\[ \rightarrow \kappa^+ \pi^+ \pi^- \]
\[ \rightarrow \kappa^+ \pi^- \pi^+ \]

both for the observed mass of the state (1.87 GeV) and also for a fictitious higher mass state at 3 GeV. The calculations assume phase space decay of the $D$.

The acceptance is seen to be quite good.
V. Trigger Rates and Background

The high $P_t$ trigger rates can be estimated from the 400 GeV results of Cronin et al. (3) Shown in Figure 9 are the expected number of triggers per spill, per GeV in $P_t$. The quoted Cronin et al. cross sections for $\pi^+$'s, $K^+$'s and $p$'s of both charges are multiplied by a factor of 40 to give the total single particle high $P_t$ cross section on Tungsten. With our calorimeter dimensions discussed in Section III, we estimate the total jet cross section in the calorimeter to be ~100 times larger than the single particle cross section. (The jet trigger is obtained by adding together the pulse heights in all cells (weighted by angle) before discrimination.) We obtain this number from the corresponding enhancement factor of 50 to 100 quoted by the E260 collaboration (4) and take the larger value because one calorimeter with twice the area is more efficient at accepting the entire jet with a rapidity range $\Delta y \sim 2$.

There are two additional relevant factors in these trigger considerations. One is the effect that the calorimeter energy resolution has on causing more frequent lower $P_t$ signals to satisfy the trigger. The other factor is the background triggers caused by halo particles. With the calorimeter specifications given in Section III, we expect to have a resolution of $\sigma \sim 6\%$ or so when $P_t \sim 7-8$ GeV/c (at 90° in the center-of-mass). This results in a $P_t$ spread of $\sim \pm 1$ GeV/c at these large $P_t$ values. In other words, with a trigger threshold set at, say, 7 GeV/c, we will have a comparable contribution from $\sim 6$ GeV/c as from 7 GeV/c.

As for halo considerations, we quote Cox and Murphy (6) who claim a halo rate of $\sim 150/10^{10}$ beam/cm² at 5.6 cm from the center line. These rates are observed to decrease exponentially out to 40 cm from center line. Singles rates are perhaps 10x larger but are of no concern to us because our calorimeter trigger will be in coincidence with the large counter hodoscope
on the other side of the beam line. Thus, we anticipate no particular difficulties in achieving the trigger rates given in Figure 9. We expect that these rates may be uncertain to a factor of 2 or 4. Even if they were a factor of 10x too large, the effectiveness of the experiment would not be appreciably damaged.
VI. Run Request and Time Scale

We request a total of 900 hours for this experiment; 300 for testing and debugging, and 600 for data taking.

We estimate that the first large drift chamber could be installed not later than April or May 1977 and the remaining ones by July 1977. The calorimeter should also be ready by April or May 1977. Target tests with several proportional chambers and the smaller drift chambers presently being constructed could be carried out as early as March 1977.

VII. Computing

We remark that the UCLA group's Eclipse computer (1/3 the computing power of the 6600) will be completely dedicated to the analysis of this experiment.
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Figure Captions

(1) Acceptance angular regions in the center-of-mass for the spectrometer on the east side of beam line and trigger calorimeter on the west side of beam line. The center-of-mass rapidity ranges of each are also shown.

(2) Kinematic curves relating center-of-mass variables and laboratory variables (energy and angle) for beam momenta: (a) 400 GeV/c and (b) 1000 GeV/c.

(3) Layout of apparatus in P-west area. D₁-D₄ are two-dimensional readout drift chambers, S₁ and S₂ are hodoscopes. The target position is shown with an X near the entrance to the room.

(4) Details of target region and first ~2.5 m of the beam vacuum pipe. C₁ is the first Cerenkov counter. The correration has a depth of 6 mm and a period of 25 mm.

(5) Typical difference of delay line coordinate measurements and beam track MWPC measurements (wire spacing in MWPC 1 mm).

(6-8) Contours in the center-of-mass X-Pₜ plane of constant percentage acceptance of Kπ, Kππ and Kπππ systems with invariant masses 1.87 and 3.0 GeV. Curves were calculated with a Monte Carlo program. Systems are assumed to decay with phase-space distributions.

(9) Estimated number of jet triggers per unit interval of Pₜ per spill, estimated as described in the text.
C.M. Angles (400 GeV)

Trigger
\(\Delta y = 3.0\)

Spectrometer
\(\Delta y = 3.8\)
400 GeV on Tungsten

Jet trigger rate per spill

Assumes:
(a) P-519 geometry
(b) Cronin et al. high $P_t$
(c) $\frac{Jet}{simpleformation}(high\ P_t) = 100$
(d) $10^{10}$ beam/spill

($\Rightarrow 5 \times 10^6$ interactions/spill)