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Dear Dr. Paul Dauncey

We are writing to express our strong interest in the CALICE project and to indicate the timescales for us making a case to join in the effort. Ideally we would have joined this current bid had its timing been different, but as we explain below, we have decided to wait for a few months before making a decision about joining.

The Edinburgh PPE group has grown considerably in the last year with the addition of Dr Phil Clark and Professor Peter Clarke. This is most welcome and follows the strategic plan of the School of Physics. We are also fortunate that under a new joint Scottish initiative (SUPA), we have agreement to advertise for a further lectureship immediately. As a result our faculty strength will have doubled within two years. In the light of this we have a firm intention to develop a major new activity within the Edinburgh PPE group to complement our existing CP violation work (NA48, BaBar, LHCb). Our preference is for this to be part of the Linear Collider programme. We have an existing interest in CALICE among the current academic staff members, and have already been in communication with you.

We will be targeting the new lectureship at developing this activity. To attract the best candidates, and offer the new appointee a major say in our future research, we prefer to wait until this person is appointed before making a final decision about the nature of our new activities. We will be advertising shortly, and hope to have the new lecturer in place within a few months. At that time we hope to be in a position to commit to CALICE and to begin detailed discussions on which tasks we might take on.

We realise that under the ring fence system this presents a difficulty for Edinburgh in obtaining resources for CALICE. We hope that the PPRP (and PPGP) will understand our position and be sympathetic to a possible bid for a value added contribution to CALICE at some later stage. We note that a proposal for manpower and equipment can be made to the PPRP at any time as "seedcorn" funding, provided that it is not for something already covered by the existing ring-fenced tasks.

Yours Sincerely

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