# 40 Years of the São Paulo Pelletron Accelerator



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- The origins of Nuclear Physics Research in Brasil.
- The Van de Graaff accelerator.
- The Pelletron Accelerator.
- Present & Future.
- I had a dream.

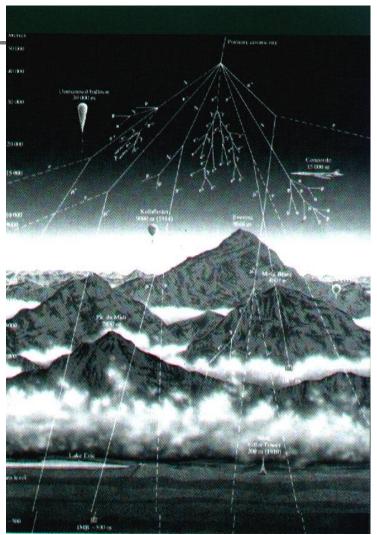




In 1934, with the foundation of USP, the italian physicist *Gleb* Wataghin, was indicated by *Enrico* Fermi and come to São Paulo to start the Department of Physics, initiating researchs in Physics in Brazil.

#### Penetrating Showers

Few years after, the group leaded by Wataghin, with Marcelo Damy and Paulus Pompéia discovered the penetrating showers of cosmic rays (Phys. Rev. 57, p61, 1940)



#### The Pioneers

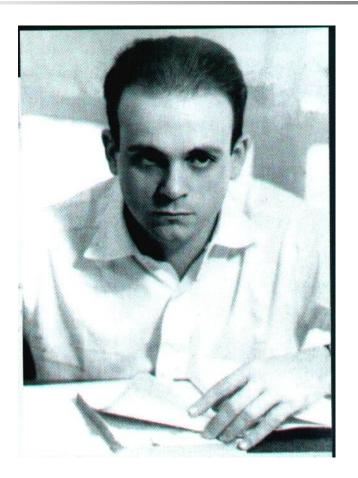




 Roberto Xavier, D. Maria, Occhialini, Marcello Damy, Seu José, Yolande Monteaux, Abraão de Morais, Mario Schenberg, Gleb Wataghin, Bentivoglio

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#### Cesare Giuseppe Mansueto Lattes



Cesar Lattes initiated his under-graduated studies in physics in 1939. A few years after graduating he went to Bristol, where along with Powell e Occhialini, they discover the  $\pi$  meson in 1947.



### The Great Discovery

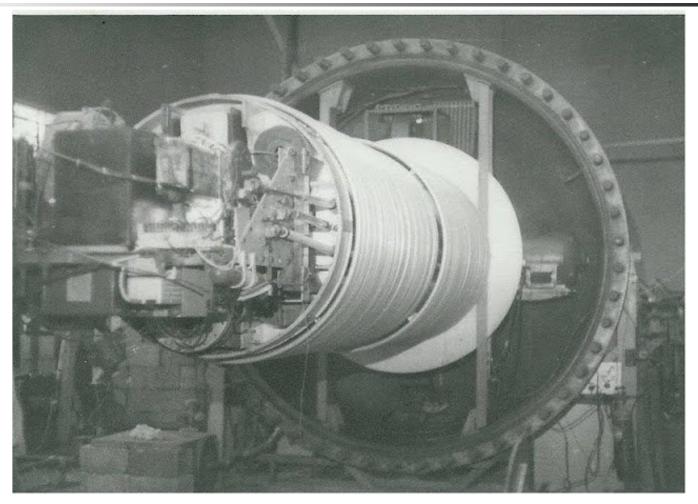


#### Progresses in the 1950's



Soon after the WW-2, Marcelo Damy installs the Betatron and Oscar Sala initiate the construction of the Van de Graaff, both at the USP (in the new and actual main Campus).

## The Van de Graaff



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#### Control Room



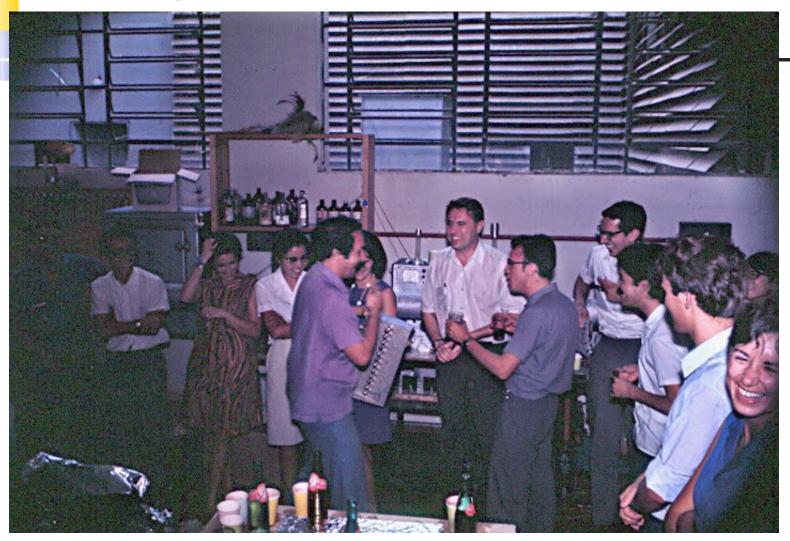
#### Life on Risk?



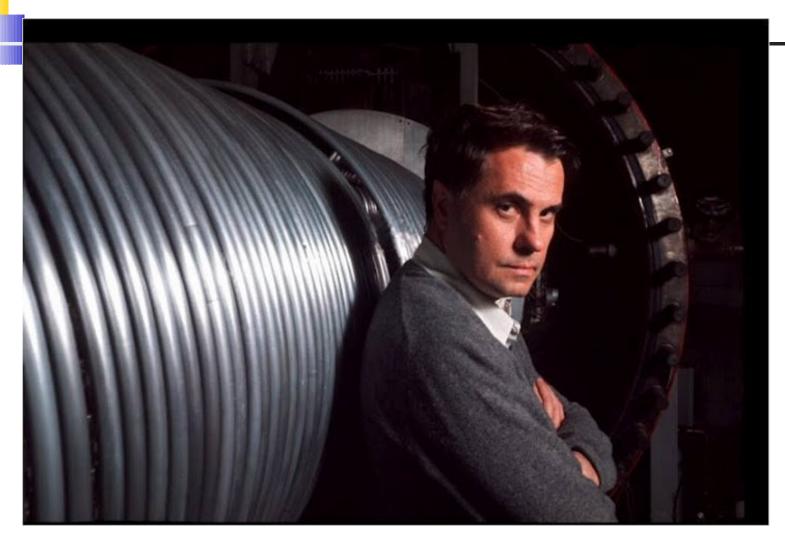


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### Family Album



# The Famous Hollywood Actor



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#### The Limousine



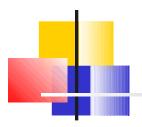
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#### The Van de Graaff Building



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#### Raymond Herb - NEC

- In 1965 NEC National Electrostatic Corporation was founded.
- The project of an Electrostatic Accelerator, incorporating the new metal pellets charging chain, invented by A. Ferry and Ray Herb and an unique all metal and ceramic accelerating tube was starting.

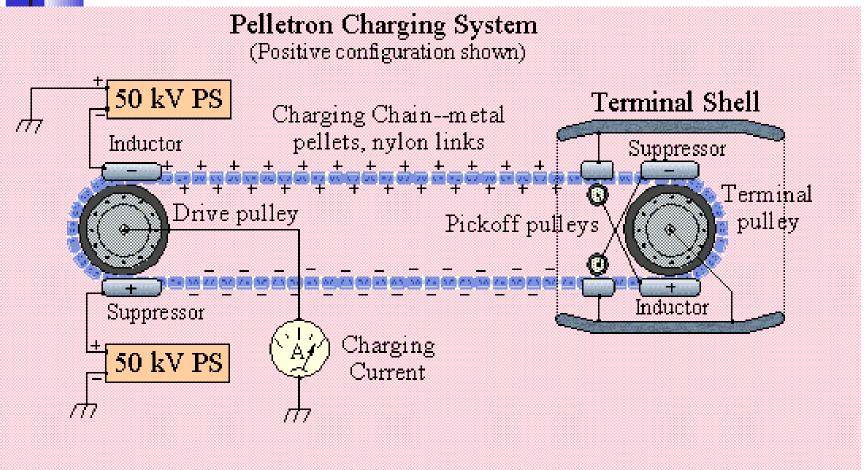
## Accelerating Tube



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#### Pelletron Charging Chain



#### The Building of the Tower

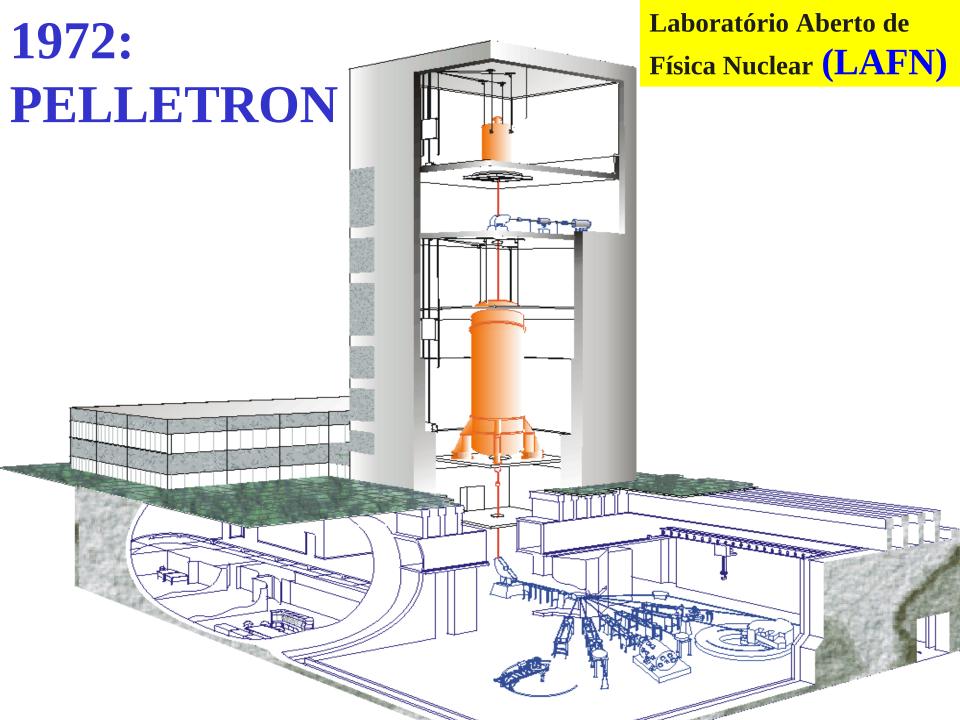


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#### Construction Site



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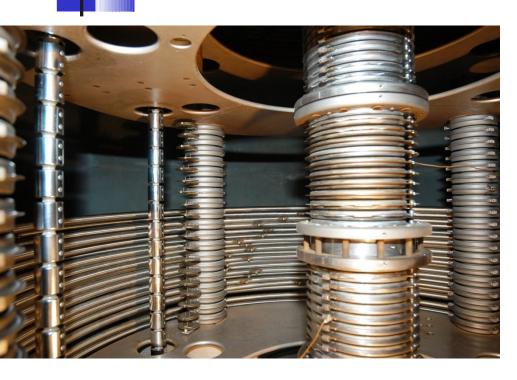
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# Many Problems in the Early Days...



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#### Present





### Espectrógrafo Magnético



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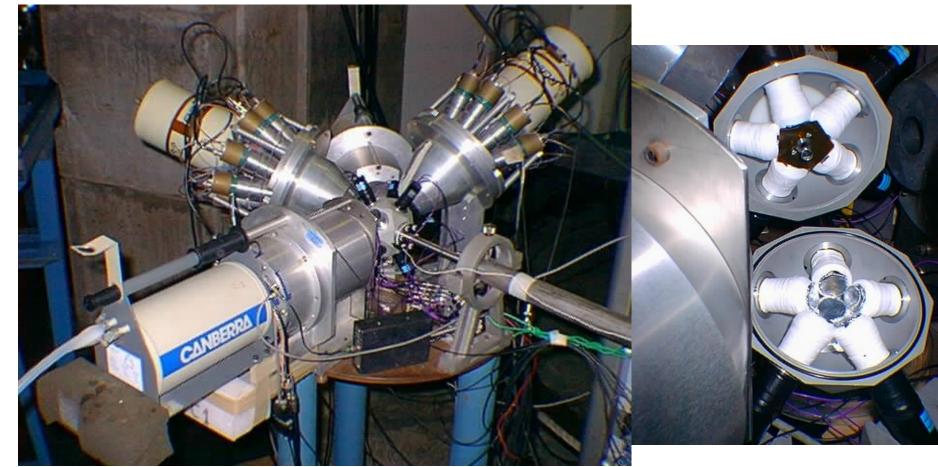
#### Espectrômetro Saci - Pererê

**Pererê:** 4 Detectores HPGe com supressores Compton

Pequeno Espectrômetro de Radiação Eletromagnética com Rejeição de Espalhamento

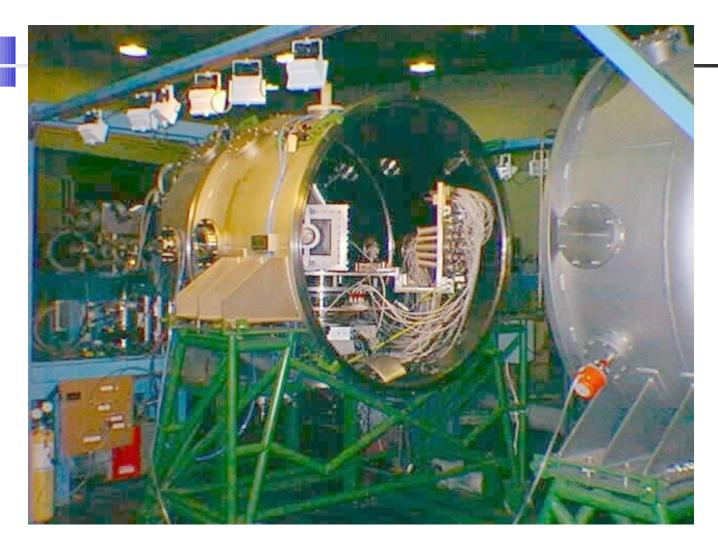
Saci: 11 telescópios  $\Delta E$ -E compostos por cintiladores plásticos.

Sistema Ancilar de Cintiladores



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#### Large Scattering Chamber



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#### Position sensitive neutron detector



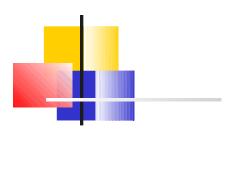




#### **RIBRAS**

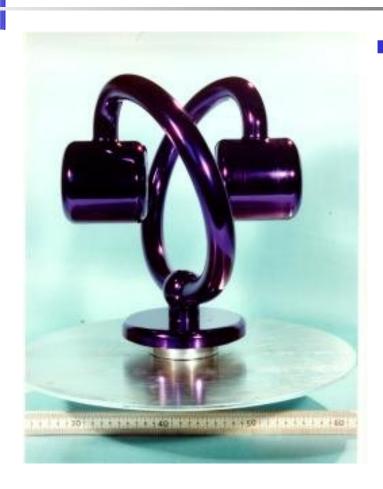


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Exper.	Título	Responsável	Solic.	Conc. 1	Conc. 2
E15-c	Measurements using ERDA technique in	Nemitala Added	6	4	
	Pelletron Laboratory				
E23-c	External PIXE and PIGE measurements in	Nemitala Added	6	4	
	Pelletron Laboratory				
E43-c	Irradiation with ion beams	Nemitala Added	7	6	
E75-b	Revisitando a reação 6He + 27Al	Leandro Gasques	7	4	
E76-b	Medidas da reação 12C(8Li,4He)16N	Alinka Lepine	12	6	6
E77-b	Determinação do fator S(E) astrofísico para	Leandro Gasques/	12	9	3
	a reação 160+160	José R. B. Oliveira			
E79b	Medida da distribuição de barreiras quase-	Adriana Barioni	15	12	
	elásticas do sistema 6He + 120Sn				
E81-b	Medidas de processos inelásticos e fusão	José Roberto B.	18	12	6
	incompleta com núcleos fracamente ligados	Oliveira/ Leandro			
	estáveis pela técnica de coincidências gama-	Gasques			
	partícula				
E83-b	Investigação de reações de espalhamento	Valdir Guimarães/	6	6	
	elástico com feixes radioativos e alvo gasoso	Valdir Scarduelli			
E84-b	Desenvolvimento de feixes radioativos com	Valdir Guimarães	6	5	
	o sistema RIBRAS				
E86-b	Medidas de espalhamento elástico de 8Li+ p	Alinka Lepine	18	12	
E88-b	Excitação Colombiana do 8Li	Marlete Pereira	15	12	
	-	Meira de Assunção			
E91-b	Procura de estados isoméricos	Nilberto H. Medina	10	10	
E93-b	Estudo da colisão do núcleo 6He com alvos	Rubens	12	6	6
	leves em baixas energias	Lichtenthäler Filho			
E94-b	Estudo da Reação de Transferência Alfa	Maria Carmen	10	6	
	12C(7Be,3He)16O	Morais			
E95-b	Medidas do espalhamento 6He+p e da	Rubén P. Condori/	14	10	
	reação p(6He,alfa)t	Rubens Lich. Filho			
E96-b	Medidas de seções de choque de fusão de	Viviane Morcelle	15	9	
	núcleos radioativos através do método de				
	deteção de raios X-K				
E97-b	Assessing Collective Properties in	Thereza Borello-	10	6	
	Transitional Nuclei	Lewin			
E98-b	Alpha cluster states in light nuclei populated	Marcia R. D.	10	10	
	through the (6Li,d) reaction	Rodrigues			
E100-b	PRÉ ARCO-ÍRIS NUCLEAR NO SISTEMA 10B +	José Roberto B.	6	6	
	27AL	Oliveira/ D. Pereira			
E101-b	Estudo da reação 12C+12C em energias de	Alejandro Szanto	18	9	
	interesse astrofísico utilizando o Método do	de Toledo			
	Cavalo de Tróia				
E102-b	Medidas do processos inelásticos e as	José Roberto B.	6	6	
	fusões completa e incompleta para o	Oliveira/ D. Pereira			
	sistema 6Li + 154Sm.				
E103	Medidas do retro-espalhamento de 8Li em	Ernesto S. Rossi Jr/	6	6	
	208Pb	Valdir Guimarães			
E104	Espalhamento elástico de núcleos	Valdir Guimarães	13	9	
	radioativos leves ricos em neutrons				
E105	Experimental investigation of inelastic and	José Roberto B.	6	6	
	alpha transfer channels on the 16O + 60Ni	Oliveira/ D. Pereira			
	reaction at barrier energies				





The LINAC is a booster to the Pelletron beams, under construction. A project that had many problems, (mainly budget) but now we can see light at the end of the tunnel...

#### **LAFN**

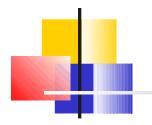
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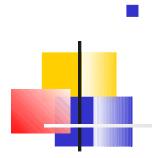




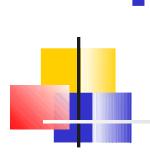


Just before the dawn of Saturday, January 21, this year, I had a very interesting dream. I woke soon after and could spend about five minutes reminiscing about the details of the dream, before they escaped me. Following, I report what I could remember.

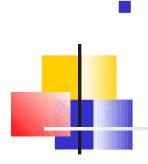
We were in the Pelletron Laboratory, with several people working on some installation or fixing something. Several technicians and students were fixing small pieces on the floor, along a wide corridor (the Lab of the dream was very different from the real one, as is usual in dreams). At one moment, someone handed me a small transparent plastic envelope with one of these 35mm slides, containing, what I thought, was a photo of the location at the time of its construction. Apparently I should look at this photo to see where we could put things, etc...



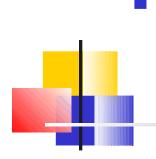
I thought it would be useless – where would I get a slide projector these days? Anyway, I put the slide, still within the envelope up to the light and near my eyes. To my surprise, it was not what I was thinking, but a fantastic hologram, which had been made at the time of the inauguration of the Laboratory. If I looked at a particular part of the Laboratory with the hologram, what I would see was that part, just like it was at the time when the hologram was built! A kind of Google Streets, but with a much more interesting technology, as you will notice.



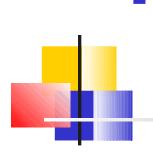
I first looked at the door of a bathroom. next to where I was, and I could see an old lady, looking as she were over 90 years old, coming out of the toilet. I removed the slide from my eyes and the reality showed that there was nobody there. I looked again and realized that moving a little bit the hologram, I could still see the old lady taking a step forward, leaving the bathroom. I concluded that the hologram had had a relatively large exposure to the point of registering some movement. I was fascinated and went looking elsewhere in the laboratory.



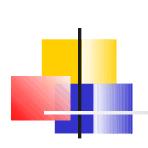
In the next scene I remember, I was inside an office room, brand new, all very white walls, with a few desks. On these desks, there were small lamps, and, as I do not remember them, I took one in my hand to see better. They seemed very fragile and I concluded that they did not last long, as I do not remember them. Then I went to a large hall, where the *Laboratory* Inauguration Ceremony was taking place. Then, I no longer needed the hologram, and walked through the people at the event. I do not think there were any sounds, nor that the people were aware of my presence.



Then I saw a boy, who seemed to me about 13-14 years old and was standing on a stool or box; the only child within the much older adults. I asked him - and who are you? To my surprise, he answered me, seriously - I'm *Professor Victor*! (he was the only person to say something to me). I asked him: Victor Rotberg? and he said yes. So I gave him a big hug and said -Victor, how long it has been, since we met! (Victor Rotberg was a young assistant professor at that time, and years after he left our University and is now at the University of Michigan, USA).



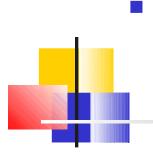
Then I started walking around, looking for people who I might know. It took a while to find *Nobuko* and *Kasuo Ueta* (a couple of professors, now retired but still active at the Department). I also gave a big hug on them, demonstrating enthusiastically the joy of finding them still very young. They smiled, probably without understanding what was happening, but there was no dialogue. The detail is that Kasuo wore a dark gray suit, and Nobuko was dressed with a suit of the same tone, I think it was the same fabric...



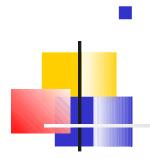
I continued my search for acquaintances and then saw Alex (my colleague in the Department), much taller than he really is, wearing one of these gabardine raincoats, down to his feet. I also hugged and greeted him, receiving only just that same smile in response. So, I thought and what about my colleagues, fellows of IC at the time, are they here? I started to look for them. I saw someone who could be Marcão (Marcos Nogueira Martins, also my colleague at IFUSP), but I got closer and saw it was not.



I knew I would not be there, since I only come to the Department of Nuclear Physics about a month after the Inauguration, i.e., in February 1972. Then I went down to the lower floor and saw a lady down on her knees, taking care of two small children. It seemed to be Violeta Porto (a professor at the time, now retired), but at the moment I could not remember her name and I didn't ask her. I helped her a bit with the kids and...



I woke up! I returned to the present and into the real world. About a hour after, I got up, took breakfast and went for a walk with my dog Lola. We took the way toward the IFUSP, not so far from my home. I got into the Lab and went directly to the ground floor, where the plaque celebrating the Inauguration is located. I looked at the date: January 26, 1972! I thought that it might be the exact date, but the dream anticipated by a few days the 40th anniversary of the Pelletron Laboratory!



 I still remember very well my arrival at the *Department of Nuclear Physics*, in
 February 1972, to begin my

Undergraduate Research Program (Scientific Initiation). I went to the main office and asked for *Prof. Pentino*, that would be my advisor. *Pentino*? - It would not be *Trentino*? So I went to *Trentino Polga's* office, we talked about what I would do, and I'm there until today.

 (translation of an e-mail message sent to my family and the people involved in the dream, in January 23, 2012)

## The Inaugural Plaque



# The Inauguration Cerimony



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### Rua Maria Antonia, 1968

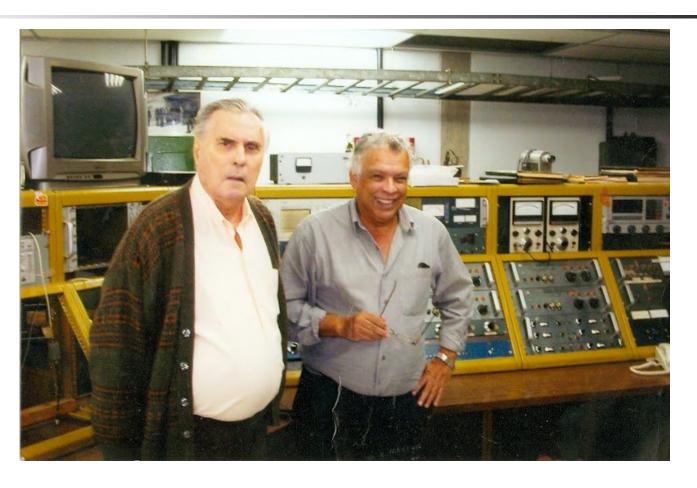


## The Military at the Campus



## Oscar Sala & Dirceu Pereira

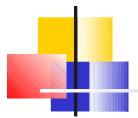




## Wayne Seale



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## Thank for your attention.



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#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Simultaneous Penetrating Particles in the Cosmic Radiation

Some experiments were made to examine whether showers with two or more penetrating particles could be found in cosmic radiation.

The apparatus used has been described in a previous paper.¹ It consisted of a fourfold coincidence set provided with a Neher-Harper circuit; its coincidence time was of 7×10<sup>-7</sup> min. The counters used were of 100 cm² area and were filled with hydrogen and argon at a total pressure of 15 mm of mercury. Their efficiency, measured according to the method of Street and Woodward, was 100 percent.

The arrangement of the counters consisted of two sets of telescopes in coincidence (Fig. 1), each counting only rays which produce coincidences through a layer of lead 16 cm thick.

The results of the measurements (made at an altitude of 800 m above sea level), are given in Table I. The observed average frequency of the showers was 15 times greater than

Souza Santos have indepently discussed the absorption processes of the mesotron producing radiation in the high atmosphere and have pointed out that in order to explain the high absorption of this radiation in the upper region of the atmosphere and the penetrating power of the mesons, it is necessary to assume that at least two mesotrons are simultaneously created (which makes improbable the inverse process.)

A further report of these measurements will be published elsewhere.

G. WATAGHIN
M. D. DE SOUZA SANTOS
P. A. POMPEIA

Department of Physics, São Paulo University, São Paulo, Brazil, December 8, 1939.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Annaes da Academia Brasileira de Sciencias. T. XI, p. 1.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> La Ricerca Scient., in the press. <sup>3</sup> Annaes da Academia Brasileira de Sciencias, in the press.

#### Grupos de pesquisa

#### Física Nuclear Experimental

Espectroscopia de Raios Gama - Gama

Reações com Íons Pesados - GRIP

Dinâmica de Reações Nucleares com Íons Pesados-Leves - IPL

Reações Diretas e de Núcleos Exóticos - Exóticos

Fusão de Núcleos Pesados - FNP

<u> Ions Pesados Relativísticos - IPR</u>

#### Física Aplicada

Laboratório de Dosimetria da Radiação - Dosimetria

Laboratório de Cristais Iônicos, Filmes Finos e Datação - Lacifid

Física Aplicada com Aceleradores - GFAA

Biofísica Molecular com Aceleradores - BMA

#### Física Teórica

Física de Hádrons - Grhafite

Teoria Quântica Relativística - Quanta

#### **Ensino**

Ensino de Física - GEF

## Laboratório de Análise Materiais com Feixes Iônicos

