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**August 26 – 29, 2024**  
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São Paulo, August 26, 2024.



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Instrumentação avançada para grandes colaborações em Física de Altas Energias:  
Purificação de LAr e Fotodeteção para o LBNF-DUNE  
(2024/07128-7)

**Responsável:** Pascoal Jose Giglio Pagliuso

Programas Especiais / Projetos Especiais - Fluxo Contínuo

Instituto de Física Gleb Wataghin/IFGW/UNICAMP

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**Objetivo do projeto:** O principal objetivo desta proposta é realizar P&DI, testes, construção e comissionamento de equipamentos do Sistema de Purificação, Regeneração e Condensação de LAr para Criogenia do LBNF-DUNE.

**Pesquisadores Principais: 6**

**Pesquisadores Associados: 36**

Involves researchers out of the state of São Paulo

Project evaluated by 4 reviewers

Presented at the Superior Council of FAPESP and approved on July 24<sup>th</sup> 2024



# Brazilian funding agency representatives visit Fermilab

May 13, 2024 | Maxwell Bernstein

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Representatives of the São Paulo Research Foundation, including Executive Director Carlos Américo Pacheco, Scientific Director Márcio de Castro Silva Filho and General Coordinator of Humanities and Arts Sylvio Canuto, visited the U.S. Department of Energy's Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory in April to gain an overview of the lab's scientific portfolio.



The foundation, known as FAPESP, is a state funding agency in São Paulo, Brazil that supports research projects across various scientific disciplines in higher education and research institutions.

The visit commenced with a discussion led by Fermilab Director Lia Merminga along with representatives from the lab's science and engineering teams. The focus of the talk was Fermilab's Long-Baseline Neutrino Facility and the Deep Underground Neutrino Experiment.



At the Integrated Engineering Research Center, Andrew Lathrop of Fermilab shows an image of the first cosmic ray muon events in a 450 p.s.i. liquid nitrogen cooled 16 Skipper CCD to (left to right) Sylvio Canuto, Carlos Américo Pacheco, and Márcio de Castro Silva Filho of FAPESP. Photo: Dan Svoboda, Fermilab



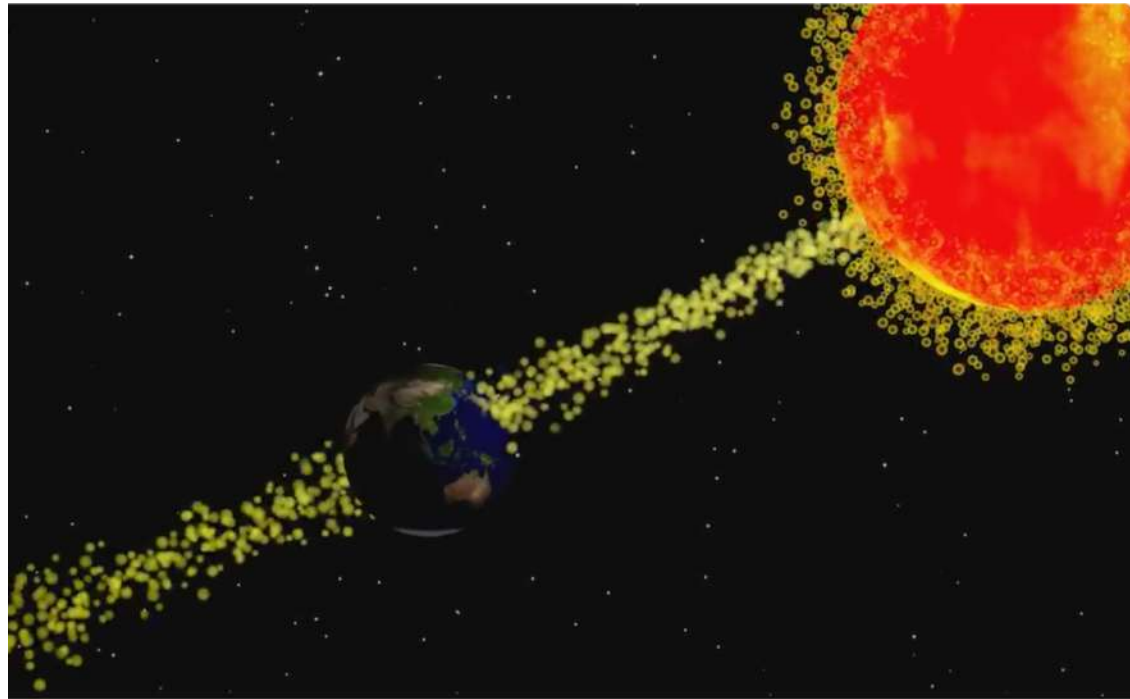
Left to right: Dante Totani and Jennifer Raaf of Fermilab discuss neutrino detector technologies with Sylvio Canuto, Carlos Américo Pacheco, and Márcio de Castro Silva Filho. Photo: Dan Svoboda, Fermilab



FAPESP representatives stand with members of the Fermilab scientific and engineering staff at the Short Baseline Near Detector. Photo: Dan Svoboda, Fermilab



# Detecting Neutrinos



## DUNE (Deep Underground Neutrino Experiment):

3 Billion US dollars  
(35 countries, 200+ instituições)

Participation of FAPESP (joint with FINEP):

- 18 million US dollars (+18 M U\$ MCTI)
- Total BR: 36 M U\$)
- Arapuca (FAPESP) already financed .



# Neutrinos (for the SC)

Neutrinos postulated by W. Pauli in 1930 to preserve Energy Conservation in Beta decay: should be neutral and essentially massless.

In 1932 Chadwick discovered the neutron (massive, can not explain beta decay. It must be another one, a "little neutron": neutrino (Enrico Fermi)

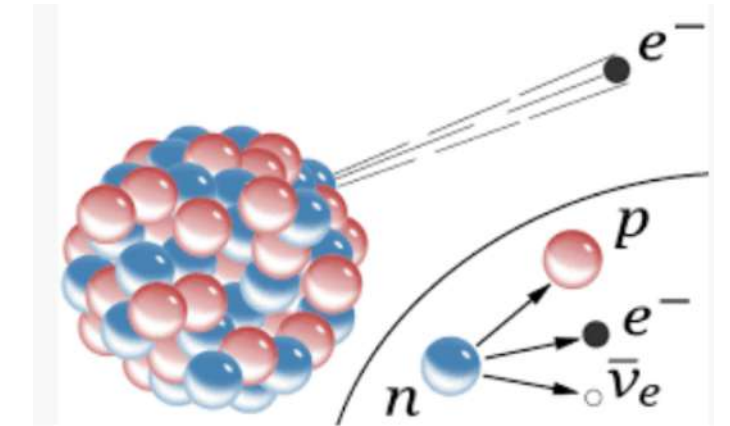
Quest for neutrino detection: Nobel Prizes in 1995, 2002 e 2015.

The fantastic experiments of Raymond Davis Jr detecting solar neutrinos.

## Some scientific challenges:

Three types of neutrinos (electron, muon, tau); neutrino oscillation; quest for neutrino mass; what is the antineutrino? It also oscillates? Is there a fourth neutrino? A sterile neutrino (no lepton counterpart).

Why matter dominates over antimatter? Is the fourth neutrino responsible for dark energy?





# Detecting Neutrinos?

Neutrinos são produzidos no Fermilab em Chicago e detectados na Dakota do Sul, 1300 km de distância.

- 1) Produção de neutrinos por impacto de protons de alta energia (velocidade quase da luz) com grafite. Gera  $\pi^+$  (Pions = Meson pi descoberto por Powell & Lattes, 1947) decaem produzindo neutrinos. (Produção será de trilhões de neutrinos por segundo !)
- 2) Neutrinos são medidos na saída e na chegada (são os mesmos, ou flutuaram?)
- 3) Viajam por um túnel subterrâneo 1,5 km abaixo da superfície da Terra (proteção contra agentes externos, p.ex. raios cósmicos)
- 4) A detecção ocorrerá quando um neutrino colidir com um átomo de Ar produzindo vários efeitos secundários (partículas e fótons).

**FAPESP comes in here:**

Ar estável e em alto grau de pureza em muita quantidade. O tanque terá 70 000 toneladas de Ar criogênico.

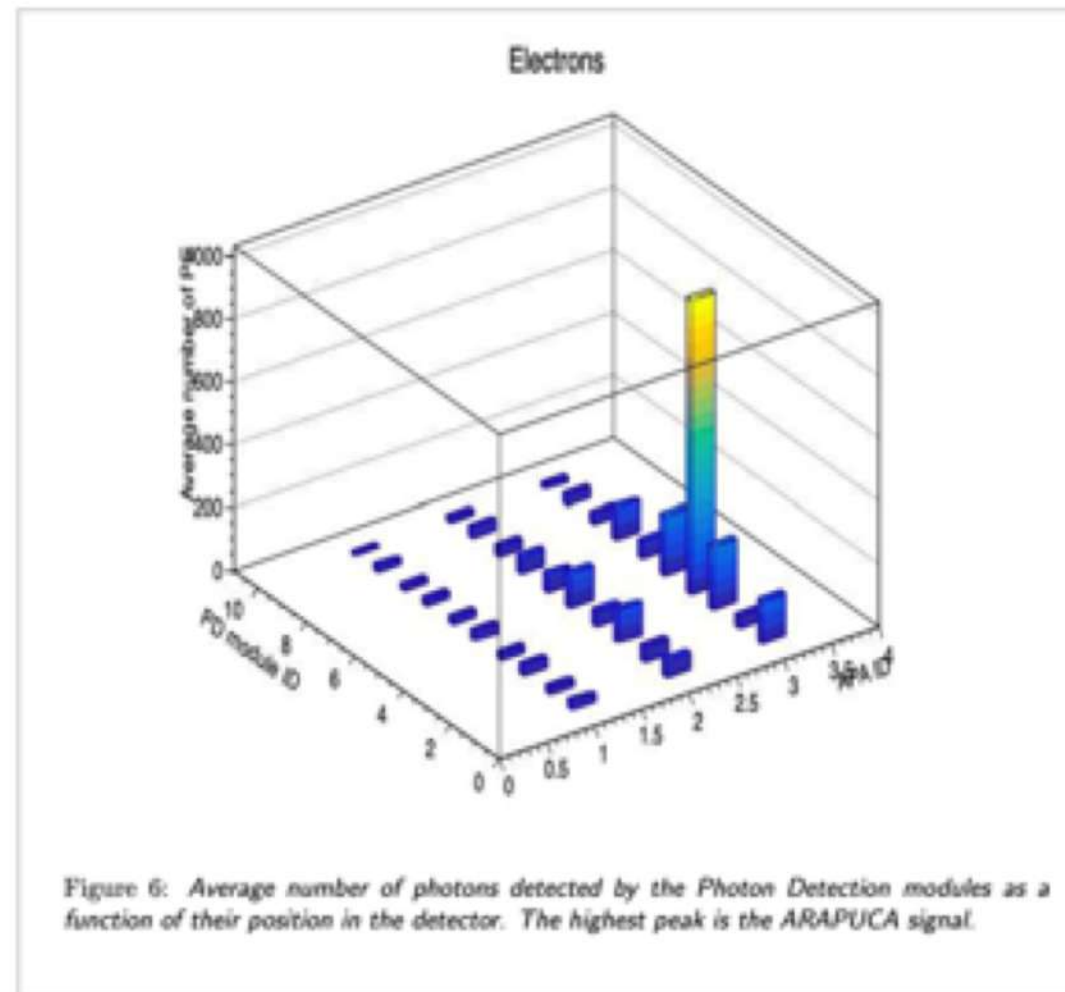
A detecção dos fótons gerados carece de um detector de alta sensibilidade (**Arapuca** desenvolvido na Unicamp venceu competição internacional)



Arapuca

# ARAPUCA: Let there be light traps

Deep Underground Neutrino Experiment (DUNE): ARAPUCA photon detector test



- Highest peak is from the ARAPUCA detector
  - Ettore Segretto and Ana Amelia Machado, IFGW, Unicamp
- Others are from other teams (MIT, Indiana,...)

NP04 summary

Momentum	Total Triggers	Expected $\bar{\nu}_e$ trip.	Expected Proton trip.	Expected Electr. trip.	Expected Neutr. trip.
0.3 GeV/c	200K	0	0	200K	0
0.5 GeV/c	300K	1.5K	1.5K	298K	0
1 GeV/c	500K	500K	400K	200K	0
2 GeV/c	700K	510K	120K	100K	0
3 GeV/c	800K	200K	100K	110K	0
4 GeV/c	700K	200K	0	100K	0
7 GeV/c	470K	200K	11K	0	0

Probably the best LAr TPC ever constructed !!!

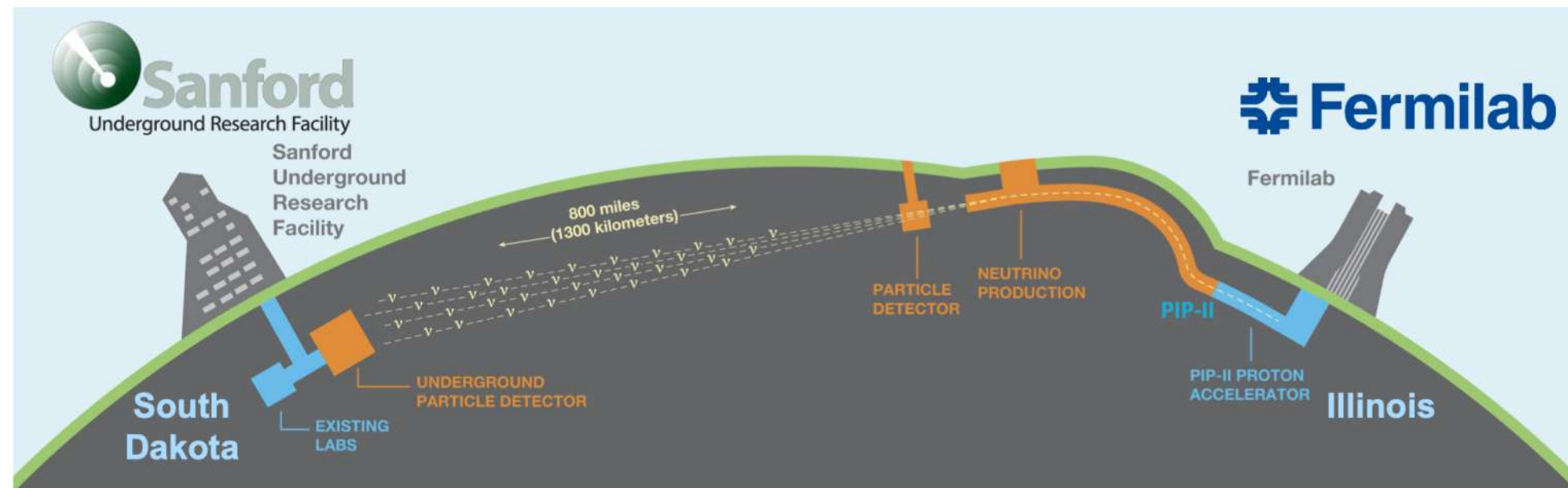
- Very stable operation from the cosmogenics point of view
- Operating the TPC with the cathode at 150 kV
- Drifting electron lifetime = 6 ms and still improving
- Very good signal to noise and therefore image quality
- 3D reconstruction and analysis on real data ongoing

*Este detetor é uma enorme oportunidade para empresas em SP fornecerem centenas ou milhares. E para fazer SP visível no mundo de instrumentação científica avançada.*

Leader of the Photon Detection Consortium of the Deep Underground Neutrino Experiments since 2017



## The LBNF/DUNE vision is achieved by groundbreaking international partnerships



**Long Baseline Neutrino Facility** – facilities with partner in-kind contributions

**LBNF**

**Deep Underground Neutrino Experiment** – internationally led scientific collaboration that has major contributions from multiple international funding agencies, including DOE

**DUNE**

- 1) FermiLab
- 2) CERN
- 3) FAPESP/Brazil



# Perspectives

- Unprecedented scientific opportunity for academy and industry.
- Enormous impact for physics and science.
- An important agreement between MCTI/FNDCT, FERMILAB, FAPESP & UNICAMP.
- **And beyond:**
- Complement this one scientific initiative of establishing a [Hub/Facility for Latino-america access to effectively participate in analysis of data generated by the experiments.](#)



# Brazilian researchers discover new way to purify liquid argon for neutrino experiments

August 2, 2024 | [Emily Driehaus](#)

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Construction workers have finished the excavation of the [huge caverns](#) that will house the international [Deep Underground Neutrino Experiment](#). While engineers and technicians are preparing for the installation of the gigantic neutrino detectors into these caverns a mile underground, scientists around the world are working to optimize DUNE's particle detector technology.

From new photon detection systems to improved detector designs, researchers are refining devices and technologies to make DUNE's neutrino detectors — liquid-argon time projection chambers — the best they can be for the most precise neutrino measurements.

The purity of the liquid argon inside the DUNE cryostats, which is crucial to observing particles and light created by neutrino interactions in the liquid, might get an upgrade too. An interdisciplinary team of researchers in Brazil discovered that a filter media typically used in industrial applications can filter out nitrogen contamination in liquid argon. Future large-scale tests will help determine whether this promising method might be applicable for DUNE.

“We started with the goal of finding new materials that could capture oxygen and water in a more efficient way,” said lead researcher Pascoal Pagliuso, a physics professor at “Gleb Wataghin” Institute of Physics, Unicamp in Campinas-São Paulo. “We decided to try and find a way to capture nitrogen, too. And we succeeded.”



Researchers from Fermilab and Brazil pose with the ICEBERG test stand at Fermilab to commemorate the testing of a new filter technology for removing nitrogen from liquid argon. From left: Helio Da Motta, Daniel Souza Correia, Dilson Cardoso, Carlos Escobar, Pascoal Pagliuso, Sergey Koshelev, Roza Doubnik, Robert Mrowca and Flor de Maria Blaszczyk. Photo: Courtesy of Roza Doubnik





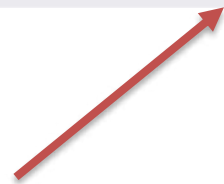
# Into the Depths of Discovery

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*Thank you !*





MINISTÉRIO DA CIÊNCIA, TECNOLOGIA E INOVAÇÃO  
Secretaria-Executiva

OFÍCIO Nº 8186/2024/MCTI

June 28th, 2024

Dr. Lia Merminga  
Director of the Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory  
P.O. Box 500  
Batavia, IL 60510-5011  
USA

Dear Dr. Merminga,

I am pleased to inform you that the Governing Board of the Brazilian National Fund for Scientific and Technological Development – FNDCT, the main source of investments of the Ministry of Science, Technology, and Innovation – MCTI, has approved a grant, in a total amount equivalent to US\$ 18 million, for the University of Campinas – Unicamp, intended to guarantee its participation in the *Deep Underground Neutrino Experiment* – DUNE, through a partnership with Fapesp.

As you well know, the project involves the accurate detection of neutrinos produced in Fermilab's *Long-Baseline Neutrino Facility* -LBNF at the Sanford Underground Research Facility, in Lead, South Dakota, 1300 km away. The Board understands that the Brazilian contribution to the detection system, led by Unicamp, which comprises the development of its purified liquid Argon part and the construction of a set of "Arapuca" photodetectors, is essential for the success of the project.

The fact that many components of the detection system will be built by Brazilian companies, under the guidance of Unicamp researchers and using their prototypes, played an important role in convincing the Board that, besides groundbreaking scientific discoveries, the project will result in technological developments and innovation.

We believe that the collaboration involving Finep/MCTI, Fapesp, Brazilian companies, research groups led by Unicamp, and the many international partners led by Fermilab, will certainly contribute to advancing our understanding of the properties of neutrinos, and to the solution of several mysteries of our universe.

With best wishes,

Luis Manuel Rebelo Fernandes  
Executive-Secretary of MCTI



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São Paulo, 28 de junho de 2024.

Ao  
**Prof. Dr. Antonio José de Almeida Meirelles**  
Reitor  
UNICAMP

**Ref.: Projeto DUNE**

Senhor Reitor,

O Projeto foi considerado excelente pelos assessores externos e pela equipe interna da FAPESP. Neste sentido a Diretoria da FAPESP reafirma nosso compromisso em apoiá-lo na forma de um projeto especial, posicionamento que será submetido ainda em junho ao Conselho Superior da Fundação.

Nosso compromisso pressupõe que ocorra um suporte da mesma magnitude e com cronograma similar por parte do Governo Federal (MCTI/FNDCT), com cada parte contribuindo com US\$ 18 milhões, a serem utilizados de acordo com o cronograma do projeto, como já manifestamos para todas as partes envolvidas e que é, em nossa interpretação, o mesmo posicionamento do MCTI.

Para este fim consideramos importante firmarmos um acordo de cooperação entre todas as partes (MCTI/FNDCT, FERMILAB, FAPESP e UNICAMP), de maneira a formalizar estas decisões.

Por fim, consideramos, como discutido previamente, muito relevante complementar o projeto com uma iniciativa adicional de instituir um Hub/Facility, de abrangência latino-americana, de acesso ao projeto DUNE em Campinas e de preparação para uma efetiva participação na análise futura dos dados gerados pelo experimento.

Atenciosamente,



Carlos Américo Pacheco



Marcio de Castro Silva Filho