



Peter Hoang: July 28, 1915 — July 28, 2008



Hoang Tchang Fong (Peter Hoang) was born near Shanghai, China in 1915. He left China in 1946 and made his way to Paris where he earned a doctorate in physics from the College de France in 1949. His early work was in cosmic ray physics analyzing high-energy interactions in emulsions, and he participated in many of the exciting discoveries of that period. After leaving France, he went to Argonne National Laboratory where he worked with Dr. Bruce Cork until they both came to LBL in 1969. Peter came to the lab virtually every day from the time I met him in 1971 until he left Berkeley for Shanghai in March 2008. Peter kept his interest in cosmic rays throughout his career, and his last paper, completed just before he left for China, was on an interpretation of data from the AMS experiment. Peter had a broad range of interests, not only in physics but in art and history as well. We authored many papers together, an intense and often contentious experience, but we remained friends and shared many enjoyable dinners and outings over the years. He was gentle but strong, walking everywhere in the bay area. He was assaulted on 25 Jan 2008 after being followed to his apartment on Oxford St. Peter died, with his family in attendance, in the hospital in Shanghai following complications resulting from the assault.

— *Hank Crawford*