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# The PADME Experiment and Dark Matter Studies

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# Overlook

- The Standard Model (SM) and it's incompleteness
- Unsolved problems in the SM
- Dark Matter
- Dark Matter Candidates
- Hidden sector
- The PADME experiment
- Detector system
- Possible researches
- Current status

# **The Standard Model**

What do we (don't) know

about modern physics?

- Particles
- Interactions
- The Higgs boson
- Still some questions





theory?

The Standard Model is a low energy approximation of a more fundamental theory.
 But which

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# The missing parts of the puzzle

- CP-violation
- Higgs boson mass
- Neutrino masses
- GUT
- Baryogenesis
- Dark matter
- Dark energy
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- More than one answer?



Simulated dark matter distribution for different cosmological models (colors: velocities) demonstrating the power of large-scale structure measurements to probe new physics.

### **Dark Matter**

- Fritz Zwicky and the Coma Cluster
- Vera Rubin
- Baryonic
- Non-baryonic







Observed vs. Predicted Keplerian





 $mv^2$  $mMG_N$  $r^2$ T

### **Possible Candidates**





- Many candidates
- Many fields for research
- One may solve more than one problem
- Throw a needle in the Universe or...



## Come to the dA'rk sector







#### The collaboration

#### Positron Annihilation into Dark Matter Experiment

M. Raggi and V. Kozhuharov, Adv. High Energy Phys.2014, 959802 (2014), 1403.3041. M. Raggi, V. Kozhuharov, and P. Valente, EPJ Web Conf.96, 01025 (2015), 1501.01867.



#### PADME

 $e^+ + e^- \rightarrow \gamma + A'$ 



- Small scale fixed target experiment  $M_{miss}^2 = (p_{pos} + p_{elec} p_{\gamma})$
- E+ @ Frascati beam test facility from DAΦNE Linac
- Positron beam (E ~ 550 MeV) on a thin target
- Positron momentum is determined by the accelerator characteristics
- Missing mass technique
- M <sub>A'</sub> ~ 2 23.7 MeV



a)





Non interacted beam

# Fields of research

- Experimental searches for the dark photon
- The first experiment to look for the dark photon in the invisible decay using e+ beam on fixed target
- Dark photon escapes detection
- Possibilities for different portals ALPs
- Final states for ALP production
  visible γ + x (missing mass)
  - invisible yyy or y e+ e-
- Dark Higgs
- <sup>8</sup>Be anomaly





arXiv:1710.03764v3 [

## **Detector System**

- Target
- Mimosa
- TimePix
- Veto detectors
- Calorimeter



• SAC



# **Detector system**

#### • Target

- 100 um thick polycrystalline diamond target
- information about incoming beam
- (position, size and intensity)
- designed and assembled at the University of Salento (Lecce)
- Mimosa
  - monolithic pixel tracker
  - information about beam position and divergence
- TimePix3
  - not interacting e+beam
  - position, time and energy of each particle.











#### **Detector system**

- Pveto
  - 96 scintillating bars
- Eveto
  - 90 scintillating bars
- Both in vacuum (10-5 mbar) and magnetic field (~ 0.45 T)
- HEPVeto
  - 16 scintillating bars
- SiPMHamamatsu S13360 3 ×3 mm2×25 µm cell
- Veto Bremsstrahlung events
- Sofia University







### **Detector system**

#### • ECAL

- Detect the  $\boldsymbol{\gamma}$  in the final state
- BGO crystals
- 616 crystals 21  $\times$  21  $\times$  230 mm  $^{3}$
- SAC (Small Angle Calorimeter)
  - 25 3 ×3 ×14 cm<sup>3</sup> PbF<sub>2</sub> crystals (Cherenkov)
  - Angular coverage: [0, 18.9] mrad
  - Two independent calibrations
    - beam
    - cosmic rays





arXiv:2007.14240v2





# PADME Monte Carlo and Padme Reconstruction

- Detectors calibration
- Background studies





## The data taking in real time



# Conclusion

- The Dark matter may hide the missing parts of the SM
- PADME searches for portals that can throw some light on the dark sector
- On 4/10/18 PADME started the commissioning data taking
- The collected data helped us to observe our detector's behavior
- A lot about the experiment's background was learned
- At the moment new physics run is ongoing