# Searching for new light particles with positrons on target

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# Outline

- Motivation
- Technique
- PADME @ LNF
- Further options
- Conclusions



Mass

# **Hidden sector and Dark Photon**

The effective interaction that can be studied is



 $- \quad q_{_f} \rightarrow 0 \text{ for some flavours}$ 

- Textbook scenario, could address the (g<sub>µ</sub>-2) discrepancy, abundance of antimatter in cosmic rays, signals for DM scattering
  - General U'(1) and kinetic mixing with B (A', Z')
    - Universal coupling proportional to the  $q_{em}$
    - Just single additional parameter  $\epsilon$

$$L_{mix} = -\frac{\epsilon}{2} F_{\mu\nu}^{QED} F_{dark}^{\mu\nu}$$

- Leptophilic/leptophobic dark photon
  - "Gauging" SM accidental symmetries: (e.g. L $\mu$  L $\tau$  , B L)
- Related to Dark matter and its interactions

# **Variety of Dark Photons ...**



- Part of the phenomenology of the Dark Photon depends on what we don't know
  - Is it really a mediator between the visible and the hidden world?
  - Is it a manifestation of a Fifth Force?
  - How does it come to couple to SM particles?
    - Mixing with SM gauge boson?
    - Universal versus non-universal couplings?
- And moreover what the hidden world looks like?

Light



# **Constrained initial process**

- Initial state is carefully prepared
  - A' as a product of SM particles decays:  $\pi^0$ ,  $\rho$ ,  $\eta$ ....
  - e+e- colliders
  - Annihilation
- Possible A' final states
  - A'  $\rightarrow$  SM particles, all states reconstruction
    - Provides significant background suppression
  - A'  $\rightarrow$  DM particles
    - Determination of A' properties through missing momentum/energy/ mass



- Positron beam on a thin target
- Positron momentum is determined by the accelerator characteristics
- Missing mass resolution: annihilation point,  $E_{v}$ ,  $\phi_{v}$

 $\frac{\sigma(e^+e^- \to U\gamma)}{\sigma(e^+e^- \to \gamma\gamma)} = \frac{N(U\gamma)}{N(\gamma\gamma)} * \frac{Acc(\gamma\gamma)}{Acc(U\gamma)} = \epsilon^2 * \delta,$ 

- Clear 2 body correlation
- **Background minimization** 
  - Best possible resolution on energy/angle measurement
  - Dominant process in e+/e- interactions with matter is bremsstrahlung
  - Photons vetoing
  - Minimize the interaction remnants + vetoing

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Cross section enhancement with the

# Backgrounds

e<sup>+</sup> beam

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γ

γ

γ

 $e^+$ 

- Bremsstrahlung in the field of the target nuclei
  - Photons mostly @ low energy, background dominates the high missing masses
  - An additional lower energy positron that could be detected due to stronger deflection
  - 2 photon annihilation
    - Peaks at  $M_{miss} = 0$
    - Quasi symmetric in gamma angles for  $E_{\gamma} > 50 \text{ MeV}$
  - 3 photon annihilation
    - Symmetry is lost decrease in the vetoing capabilities
  - Radiative Bhabha scattering
    - Topology close to bremsstrahlung

Background process	Cross section e⁺@550 MeV beam	Comment Carbon target
$e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$	1.55 mb	
$e^{\scriptscriptstyle +} + N \to e^{\scriptscriptstyle +} N \; \gamma$	4000 mb	$E_{\gamma} > 1 MeV$
е⁺е⁻ →ууу	0.16 mb	CalcHEP, $E_{\gamma} > 1 MeV$
$e^+e^- \rightarrow e^+e^-\gamma$	180 mb	CalcHEP, $E_{\gamma} > 1 MeV$



### **Positron Annihilation into Dark Matter Experiment**



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- Small scale fixed target experiment
  - e<sup>+</sup> @ Frascati Beam test facility
  - Solid state target
  - Charged particles detectors
  - Calorimeter

- Vacuum: ~2\*10<sup>-7</sup> mbar
  - Two major sections: inside and outside the dipole magnet
  - Austenitic steel, thermally treated to reach the desired magnetic permeability



# PADME @ BTF



	Electrons	Positrons	
Maximum beam energy (E <sub>beam</sub> )[MeV]	750 MeV	550 MeV	
Linac energy spread [Dp/p]	0.5%	1%	
Typical Charge [nC]	2 nC	0.85 nC	
Bunch length [ns]	1.5 – 40 (can reach 200 in 2016)		
Linac Repetition rate	1-50 Hz	1-50 Hz	
Typical emittance [mm mrad]	1	$\sim$ 1.5	
Beam spot s [mm]	<1 mm		
Beam divergence	1-1.5 mrad		



- BTF line completely dismounted
- Hall and infrastructure refurbished, control room moved
- All the components placed to their new nominal position

Outstanding support from the laboratory!

# **Data taking**

- PADME commissioning and Run-1 started in Autumn 2018 and ended on February 25<sup>th</sup>
  - $\sim ~7 \times 10^{12}$  positrons on target recorded
  - Data quality and detector calibration in progress
- PADME Run-2
  - July 2019, few days of data
  - Detector performance/calibration checks





# **Active diamond target**



### Polycrystalline diamonds

- 100 μm thickness:
- 16 × 1 mm strip and X-Y readout in a single detector
- Graphite electrodes using excimer laser (Lecce)
- PADME prototype 20 × 20 mm<sup>2</sup> produced and tested 2015
- Low noise CSA integrated in the 16 channel chip AMADEUS from IDEAS



# **Target performance**



- Precise measurement and control of the beam parameters
  - Position
  - Multiplicity
  - Beam steering diagnostics
- Extensive work on calibration



### $\frac{\text{PADME Diamond}}{\text{CCD}} \approx 12 \ \mu\text{m}$



# **Calorimeter: ECal**



- ECAL: The heart of PADME
- 616 BGO crystals, 2.1 x 2.1 x 23 cm<sup>3</sup>
- BGO covered with diffuse reflective TiO<sub>2</sub> paint
  - additional optical isolation: 50 100 µm black tedlar foils





ECal Energy map (approx. MeV)

Charge Charge 2009



- Calibration at several stages:
  - BGO + PMT equalization with 22Na source before constructio
  - Cosmic rays calibration using the MPV of the spectrum



# **Small angle calorimeter**

- 25 crystals 5 x 5 matrix, Cherenkov PbF<sub>2</sub>
- Dimensions of each crystal: 3 × 3 × 14 cm<sup>3</sup>
- 50 cm behind ECal
- PMT readout: Hamamatsu R13478UV with custom dividers
- Angular acceptance: [0,19] mrad



- Multiphoton events suppression
- Bremsstrahlung events identification
- Provides online information of the beam profile

#### SAC Occupancy



Counts







Time (ns)

# **Charged particle detectors**

- An extensive work on the preparation, test and commissioning of the individual detecting elements
- 96 + 96 (90) + 16 (x2) scintillator-WLS-SiPM RO channels
- Segmentation provides momentum measurement down to ~ 5 MeV resolution magnet



- Online time resolution:  $\sim 2 \text{ ns}$
- Offline time resolution after fine  $T_0$  calculation better than 1 ns

- Custom SiPM electronics, Hamamatsu S13360 3 mm, 25µm pixel SiPM
- Differential signals to the controllers, HV, thermal and current monitoring







### **PADME data**



# **PADME sensitivity**

2.5x10<sup>10</sup> fully GEANT4 simulated 550MeV e+ on target events

Number of BG events is extrapolated to 1x10<sup>13</sup> electrons on target

$$\frac{\Gamma(e^+e^- \to A'\gamma)}{\Gamma(e^+e^- \to \gamma\gamma)} = \frac{N(A'\gamma)}{N(\gamma)} \frac{Acc(\gamma\gamma)}{Acc(A'\gamma)} = \varepsilon \cdot \delta$$

#### PADME:

2 years of data taking at 60% efficiency with bunch length of 200 ns 4x10<sup>13</sup> EOT = **20000 e**<sup>+</sup>/bunch × 2 × **3.1 · 10**<sup>7</sup>s x 0.6 · **49 Hz** 





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# **VEPP 3: first option**

• Storage ring is on top, easy access below





Extraction line

Experiment region

- Suitable place to install the experimental setup
  - Support and infrastructure exists
  - Detector wanted....

# **VEPP 3: second option**

• A relatively "free" region exists also on the opposite side of the storage ring



New extraction place - @ internal target area



Potential experiment region

- However, non-negligible amount of work necessary
  - New extraction line (but a magnet exists)
  - Cut part of the wall ... and detector installation

# **Cornell positron beam**

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- Extract positron beam from synchrotron (between CESR fills for xray program)
  - $E_{beam} = 1.8 5.3 \text{ GeV}$
  - I<sub>beam</sub> ~ 2.3 nA at target
  - pulse structure: 168ns



# **ΡΑΟΜΕ @ DΑΦΝΕ**

crystal

- DA $\Phi$ NE the Frascati  $\phi$ -factory •
  - LINAC + e+/e- storage ring
- LINAC rate 50 Hz, 49 Hz for users •
- Beam energy O(550 MeV)•

#### POSEYDON arXiv:1711.06877

DADAE resonant extraction

- Long beam from the Linac (up to 324 ns)
  - 0.5 % momentum spread at injection
- RF off monochromatic extraction due to synchrotron losses
- Wigglers off (on), losses  $\sim$  3 (6) keV per • turn
  - Spill length: 0.4 (0.2) ms
- $\Delta p/p = 1.4 \times 10^{-3}$
- Requires new injection and extraction lines

new injection chain

#### extraction

### Ultra slow extraction

- Use crystal channelling ۲
- $N_{e+} = 2*10^{12}$  (1 A current in 120) bunches)
- Revolution time 324 ns
- 1 extracted particle per turn per bunch  $\rightarrow$  ~3\*10<sup>8</sup> e<sup>+</sup> per second

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septum

# **ΡΑΟΜΕ @ DΑΦΝΕ**

Invisibly Decaying Dark Photon 18-214土 10 10- 5 BaBa 10-10-Belle II (20 fb -1)  $\epsilon^{10^{-1}}$ PADME PADME PADME @Poseydon @Cornell @JLAB 10- 9 NA64 (4.3-1010 10-10 10-1 LDMX 10- 12 10- 13  $10^{2}$ 10  $10^{3}$  $m_{A'}$  [MeV]

- PADME@POSEYDON
  - Statistics determined by the requirement of ~100 e<sup>+</sup> per 1 ns (due to ECal BGO)
  - 4\*10<sup>7</sup> positrons in a bunch of 400 μs
  - 10<sup>16</sup> e<sup>+</sup> in 1 year of operation
  - Assuming same background

Invisibly Decaying Dark Photon



- PADME @ DAΦNE Ultra slow extraction
  - Single particle mode
    - Single event sensitivity, zero background!
  - Number of positrons up to few\*10<sup>15</sup>
  - Breakthrough in fixed target and a game changing option!

# **M<sub>miss</sub> searches in e<sup>+</sup> on target**

	PADME	MMAPS	VEPP3	PADME @POSEYDON	PADME@DAΦNE Ultra slow
Place	LNF	Cornell	Novosibirsk	LNF	LNF
Beam energy	550 MeV	Up to 5.3 GeV	500 MeV	550 MeV	550 MeV
M <sub>A'</sub> limit	23 MeV	74 MeV	22 MeV	23 MeV	23 MeV
Target thickness	2x10 <sup>22</sup> e <sup>-</sup> /cm <sup>2</sup>	O(2x10 <sup>23</sup> ) e <sup>-</sup> /cm <sup>2</sup>	5x10 <sup>15</sup> e <sup>-</sup> /cm <sup>2</sup>	2x10 <sup>22</sup> e <sup>-</sup> /cm <sup>2</sup>	2x10 <sup>22</sup> e <sup>-</sup> /cm <sup>2</sup>
Beam intensity	8 x 10 <sup>-11</sup> mA	2.3 x 10 <sup>-6</sup> mA	30 mA	3 x 10 <sup>-7</sup> mA	4 x 10 <sup>-8</sup> mA
e⁺e⁻ → γγ rate [s⁻¹]	15	2.2 x 10 <sup>6</sup>	1.5 x 10 <sup>6</sup>	4*104	4500
ε² limit (plateau)	10 <sup>-6</sup> (10 <sup>-7</sup> SES)	<b>10</b> <sup>-6</sup> - <b>10</b> <sup>-7</sup>	<b>10</b> <sup>-7/-8</sup>	<b>10</b> -8 *	10 <sup>-9</sup> - 10 <sup>-10</sup> SES **
Time scale	now	?	2020 (ByPass)?		
Status	Run 1 Next run: 2020	Not funded Alternatives?	ByPass currently suspended?	In discussion	In discussion

\* PADME background level assumption!

\*\* with zero background assumption!

## **Perspectives**

- The limit in the PADME sensitivity originates from
  - Statistics, sensitivity ~ sqrt(N)
  - Background due to overlapping, scales as N
  - e+ beam energy
- ALPs at PADME
  - Sensitivity estimation ongoing
  - Any Light Particle with mass below 23 MeV
- Possible improvements
  - Increase the statististics
    - PADME@VEPP internal gas target
    - PADME@DAΦNE
  - Increase the beam energy
    - Cornell, Jlab, etc...

### N.B. Different experimental techniques, sometimes different prior assumptions!



# Conclusion

- Missing mass searches provide a universal probe to new light states
- Using constrained initial state allows significant background suppression and control
- PADME detector status:
  - All systems operational after an intensive effort from the collaboration and the participating laboratories
- Data analysis ongoing
  - Detector performance reaching design parameters
- Cross fingers for new insight on Dark Mediators...
  - Various approaches, complementary techniques





### **PADME**

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