

The PADME Calorimeter

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To search a dark photon A' in the process $e^+ e^- \rightarrow A' \gamma$, the PADME apparatus has been built at the Frascati National Laboratory of INFN. The core of PADME detector is an e.m. calorimeter to detect the signal and background photons produced in the positron annihilations on the electrons of a thin target.

The PADME calorimeter consists of two components: ECAL and SAC. ECAL is a homogeneous BGO-crystal calorimeter with a cylindrical shape with a central hole to allow the passage of large rate of Bremsstrahlung events, which are sharply peaked at small angles. To mitigate such backgrounds, the fast Small-Angle Calorimeter is placed behind the main ECAL. The in-time correlation of photon events in the SAC and ECAL allows the tagging of 2- and 3- gamma events and hence the efficient vetoing of backgrounds.

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