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The MUonE Project

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The long standing discrepancy between the measured value of the muon anomalous magnetic moment (a_{μ}) and its theoretical prediction in the Standard Model has reached the 5 sigma level after the last Fermilab measurement. This has kept the evaluation of the leading hadronic contribution to a_{μ} (a_{μ}^{HLO}) under constant scrutiny, because it dominates the theoretical uncertainty. The canonical evaluation exploits dispersion relations and the optical theorem and uses $e^+e^- \rightarrow hadrons$ cross sections time-like data. Lately, the scenario became extremely puzzling after the publication of CMD-3 hadronic cross-section data and because first-principle QCD lattice calculations of a_{μ}^{HLO} bring a_{μ} closer to its experimental value.

In this context, the MUonE Project aims at an independent and novel evaluation of a_{μ}^{HLO} by measuring the hadronic correction to the running of the QED coupling constant in the space-like region by scattering 160 GeV muons (available at the CERN M2 beam line) on electrons in a fixed target.

The talk will review the key concepts and ideas behind the MUonE experiment and will report about the on-going experimental and theoretical efforts to reach the challenging 10^{-5} ppm accuracy required by the experiment. Furthermore, an overview of the recent Test Run at CERN will be presented and the future plans for MUonE will be discussed.

Parallel Session

Future Facilities and Directions

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