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New physics behind the new muon $g-2$ puzzle?

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The recent measurement of the muon $g-2$ at Fermilab confirms the previous Brookhaven result. The leading hadronic vacuum polarization (HVP) contribution to the muon $g-2$ represents a crucial ingredient to establish if the Standard Model prediction differs from the experimental value. A recent lattice QCD result by the BMW collaboration shows a tension with the low-energy $e+e-\rightarrow$ hadrons data which are currently used to determine the HVP contribution. We refer to this tension as the new muon $g-2$ puzzle. In this Letter we consider the possibility that new physics contributes to the $e+e-\rightarrow$ hadrons cross-section. This scenario could, in principle, solve the new muon $g-2$ puzzle. However, we show that this solution is excluded by a number of experimental constraints.

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