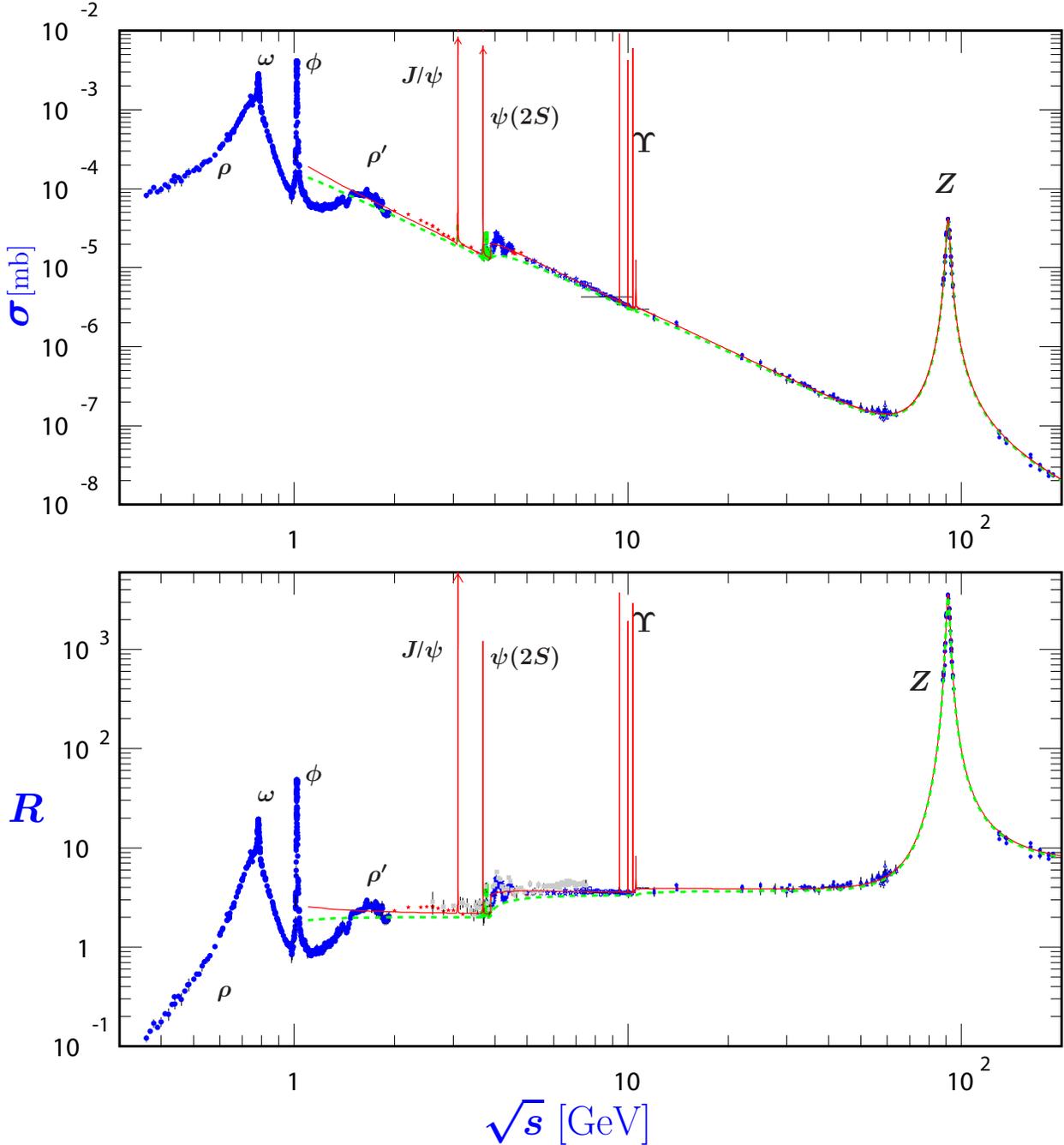


$\sigma$  and  $R$  in  $e^+e^-$  Collisions

**Figure 49.5:** World data on the total cross section of  $e^+e^- \rightarrow \text{hadrons}$  and the ratio  $R(s) = \sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow \text{hadrons}, s) / \sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-, s)$ .  $\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow \text{hadrons}, s)$  is the experimental cross section corrected for initial state radiation and electron-positron vertex loops,  $\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-, s) = 4\pi\alpha^2(s)/3s$ . Data errors are total below 2 GeV and statistical above 2 GeV. The curves are an educative guide: the broken one (green) is a naive quark-parton model prediction, and the solid one (red) is 3-loop pQCD prediction (see “Quantum Chromodynamics” section of this Review, Eq. (9.7) or, for more details, K. G. Chetyrkin *et al.*, Nucl. Phys. **B586**, 56 (2000) (Erratum *ibid.* **B634**, 413 (2002))). Breit-Wigner parameterizations of  $J/\psi$ ,  $\psi(2S)$ , and  $\Upsilon(nS)$ ,  $n = 1, 2, 3, 4$  are also shown. The full list of references to the original data and the details of the  $R$  ratio extraction from them can be found in [arXiv:hep-ph/0312114]. Corresponding computer-readable data files are available at <http://pdg.lbl.gov/current/xsect/>. (Courtesy of the COMPAS (Protvino) and HEPDATA (Durham) Groups, May 2010.)