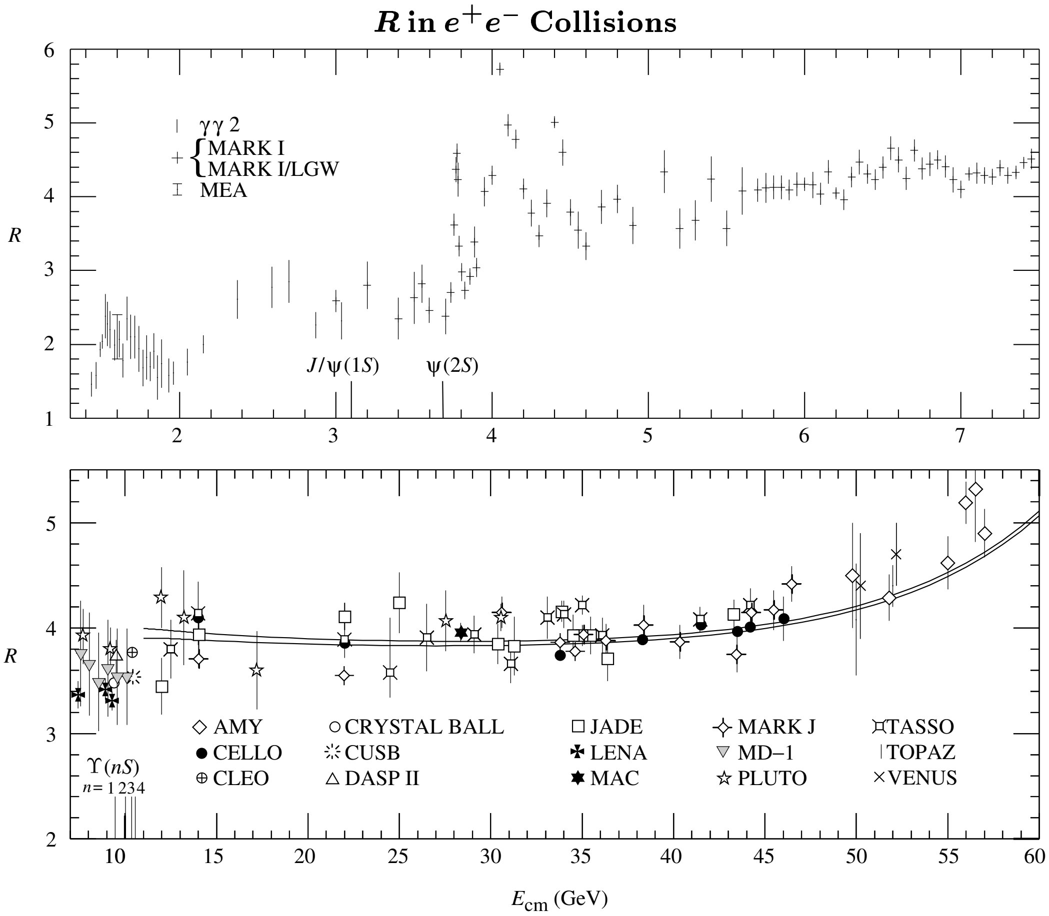

Figure 38.16: Selected measurements of $R \equiv \sigma(e^+e^- \to \text{hadrons})/\sigma(e^+e^- \to \mu^+\mu^-)$, where the annihilation in the numerator proceeds via one photon or via the Z. Measurements in the vicinity of the Z mass are shown in the following figure. The denominator is the calculated QED single-photon process; see the section on Cross-Section Formulae for Specific Processes. Radiative corrections and, where important, corrections for two-photon processes and τ production have been made. Note that the ADONE data ($\gamma\gamma$2 and MEA) is for ≥ 3 hadrons. The points in the $\psi(3770)$ region are from the MARK I—Lead Glass Wall experiment. To preserve clarity only a representative subset of the available measurements is shown—references to additional data are included below. Also for clarity, some points have been combined or shifted slightly ($< 4\%$) in E_{cm}, and some points with low statistical significance have been omitted. Systematic normalization errors are not included; they range from $\sim$5–20%, depending on experiment. We caution that especially the older experiments tend to have large normalization uncertainties. Note the suppressed zero. The horizontal extent of the plot symbols has no significance. The positions of the $J/\psi(1S)$, $\psi(2S)$, and the four lowest Υ vector-meson resonances are indicated. Two curves are overlaid for $E_{\text{cm}} > 11$ GeV, showing the theoretical prediction for R, including higher order QCD [M. Dine and J. Sapirstein, Phys. Rev. Lett. **43**, 668 (1979)] and electroweak corrections. The Λ values are for 5 flavors in the $\overline{\text{MS}}$ scheme and are $\Lambda^{(5)}_{\overline{\text{MS}}} = 60$ MeV (lower curve) and $\Lambda^{(5)}_{\overline{\text{MS}}} = 250$ MeV (upper curve). (Courtesy of F. Porter, 1992.) References (including several references to data not appearing in the figure and some references to preliminary data):

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