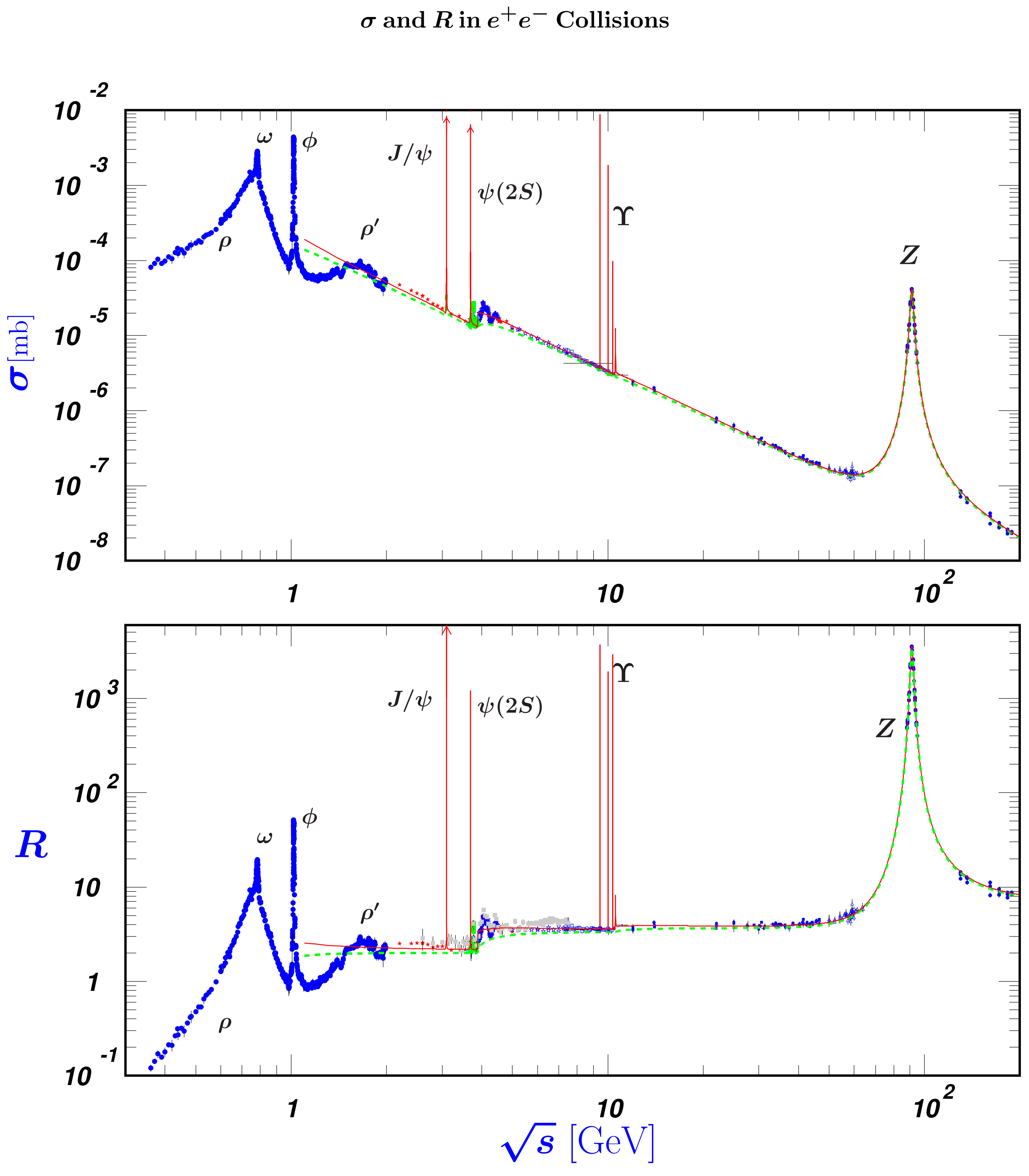

Figure 40.6: World data on the total cross section of $e^+e^- \to hadrons$ and the ratio $R(s) = \sigma(e^+e^- \to hadrons, s)/\sigma(e^+e^- \to \mu^+\mu^-, s)$. $\sigma(e^+e^- \to hadrons, s)$ is the experimental cross section corrected for initial state radiation and electron-positron vertex loops, $\sigma(e^+e^- \to \mu^+\mu^-, s) = 4\pi\alpha^2(s)/3s$. 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. (9.12) or, for more details, K. G. Chetyrkin *et al.*, Nucl. Phys. **B586**, 56 (2000) (Erratum *ibid.* **B634**, 413 (2002)). Breit-Wigner parameterizations of J/ψ, $\psi(2S)$, 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, August 2007. Corrections by P. Janot (CERN) and M. Schmitt (Northwestern U.)) See full-color version on color pages at end of book.