52.3 $\sigma$ and $R$ in $e^+e^-$ Collisions

Figure 52.2: 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 [99], 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 [100]. Corresponding computer-readable data files are available at http://pdg.lbl.gov/current/xsect/. (Courtesy of the COMPAS (Protvino) and HEPDATA (Durham) Groups, August 2019. Corrections by P. Janot (CERN) and M. Schmitt (Northwestern U.).)