NEW PHYSICS AT THE

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Large **H**adron **C**ollider

Machine parameters

-Circumference:	26658.883 m
-Beam energy:	450 GeV - 7000 GeV
-Nb of protons per bunch:	1.15×10^{11}
-Nb of bunches:	2808
-Circulating beam current:	0.582 A
-Stored energy per beam:	23.3 MJ - 362 MJ
-Peak luminosity:	$10^{34} cm^{-2} sec^{-1}$

Precision measurements

at a given energy scale

allow for qualitative predictions

at the next energy scale.

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2) The absence (with high accuracy!) of strangeness changing neutral current transitions and the smallness of the $K_1 - K_2$ mass difference allowed the prediction of charmed particles.

In the same way New Physics is predicted for LHC

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$$\Downarrow$$
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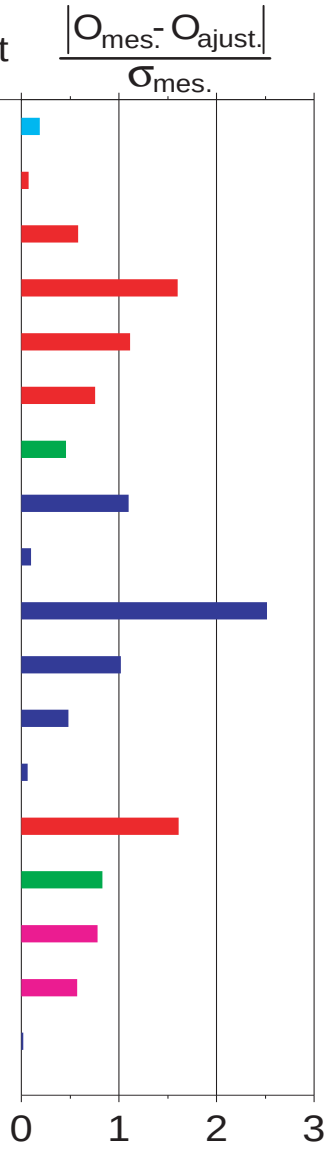
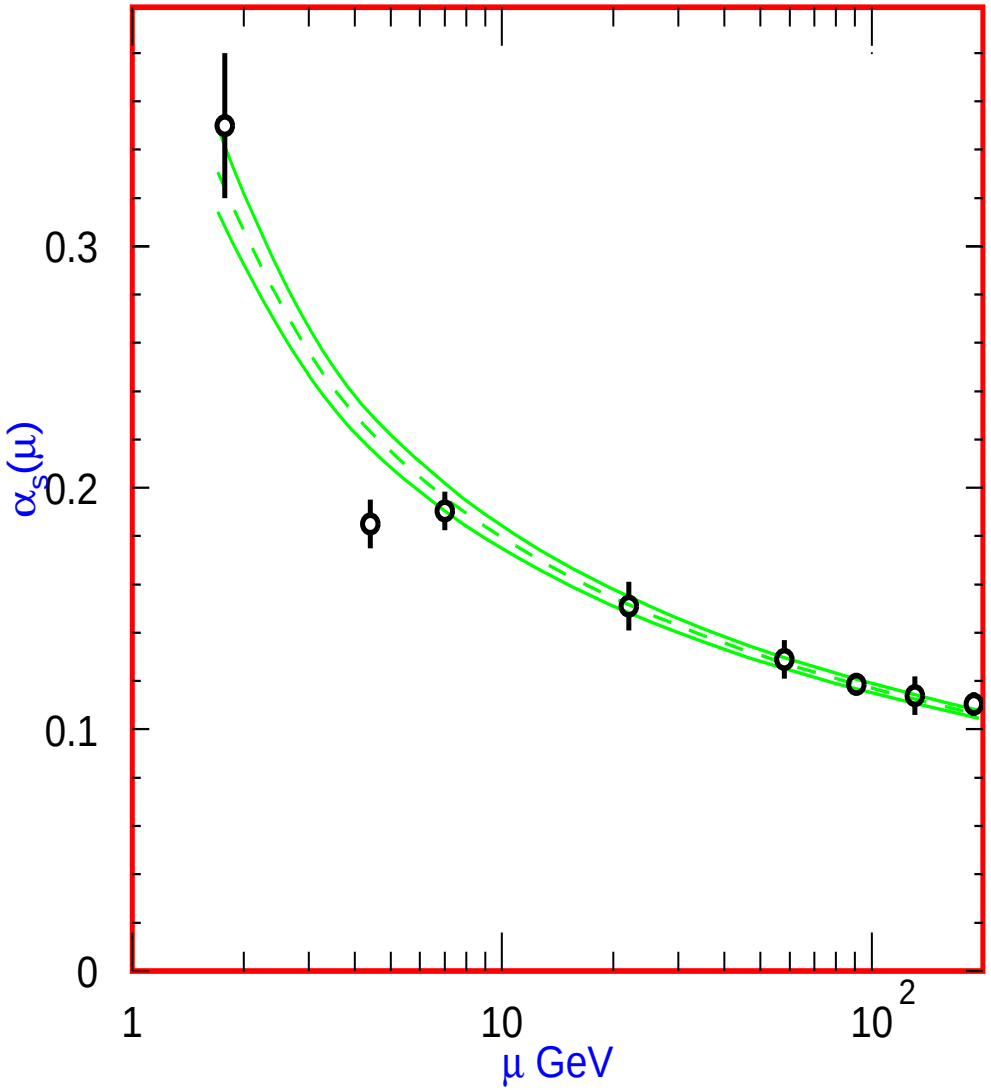
HAS BEEN ENORMOUSLY SUCCESSFUL

Observable	Mesure	Ajustement
$\Delta\alpha^{(5)}_{had}(m_Z)$	0.02761 ± 0.00036	0.02768
m_Z [GeV]	91.1875 ± 0.0021	91.1873
Γ_Z [GeV]	2.4952 ± 0.0023	2.4965
σ^0_{had} [nb]	41.540 ± 0.037	41.481
R_l	20.767 ± 0.025	20.739
$A^{0,l}_{fb}$	0.01714 ± 0.00095	0.01642
$A_l(P_\tau)$	0.1465 ± 0.0032	0.1480
R_b	0.21638 ± 0.00066	0.21566
R_c	0.1720 ± 0.0030	0.1723
$A^{0,b}_{fb}$	0.0997 ± 0.0016	0.1037
$A^{0,c}_{fb}$	0.0706 ± 0.0035	0.0742
A_b	0.925 ± 0.020	0.935
A_c	0.670 ± 0.026	0.668
A_l(SLD)	0.1513 ± 0.0021	0.1480
$\sin^2\theta^{lept}_{eff}(Q_{fb})$	0.2324 ± 0.0012	0.2314
m_W [GeV]	80.425 ± 0.034	80.398
Γ_W [GeV]	2.133 ± 0.069	2.094
m_t [GeV]	178.0 ± 4.3	178.1

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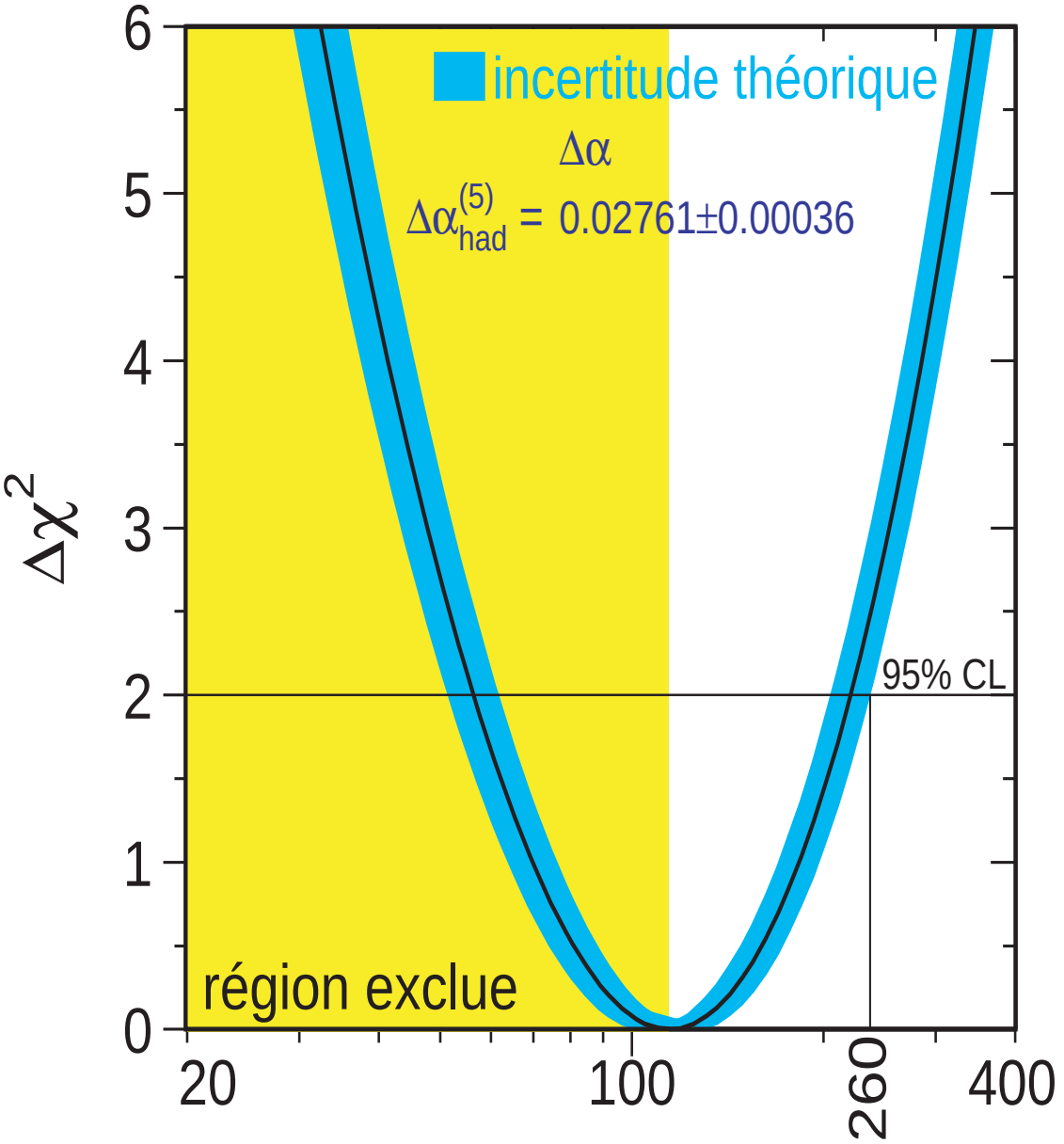
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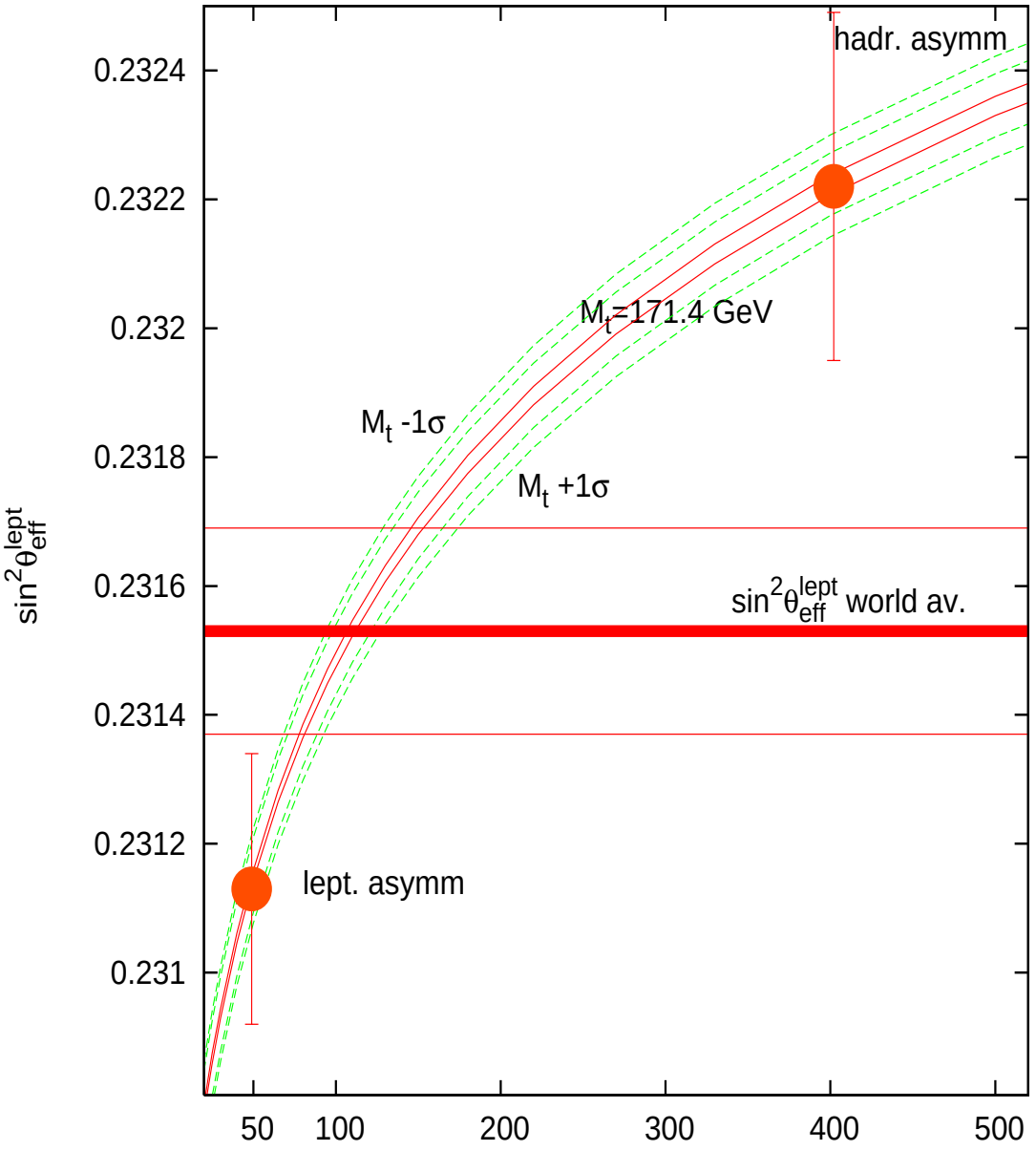
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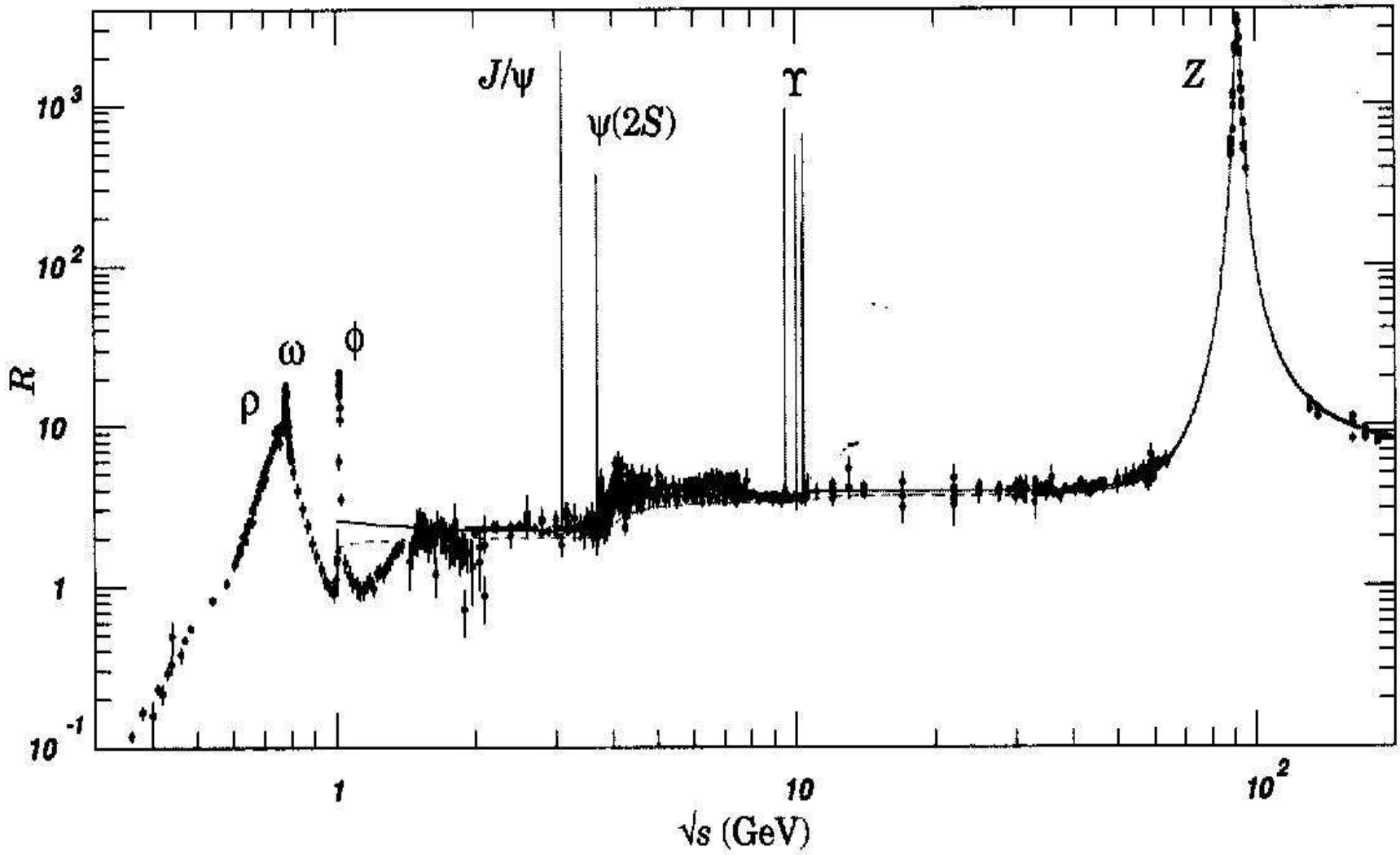
Outside the region of strong interactions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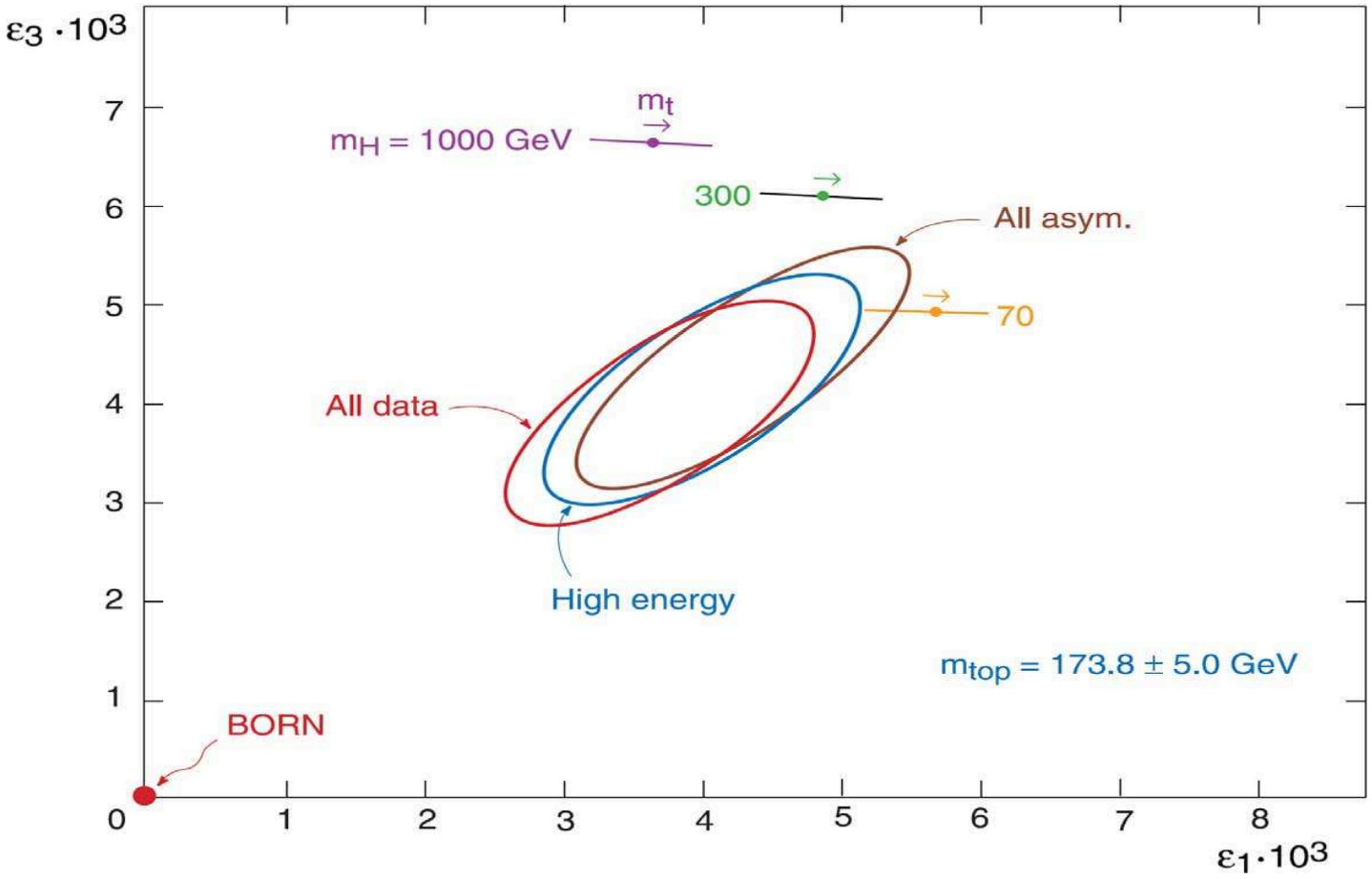

Figure 6: Data vs theory in the ϵ_3-ϵ_1 plane (notations as in fig.5)

Why?

-We do not really understand why.

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Dyson's argument:

$A_n \sim \alpha^n (2n-1)!!$

Perturbation theory breaks down when $A_n \sim A_{n+1}$

$2n+1 \sim \alpha^{-1}$

For QED $n >> 1$; For QCD ???

I want to exploit this experimental fact and argue that the available precision tests of the Standard Model allow us to claim with confidence that new physics will be unravelled at the LHC.
The argument assumes the validity of perturbation theory and it will fail if the latter fails. But, as we just saw, perturbation theory breaks down only when strong interactions become important. But new strong interactions imply new physics.

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Limits on the Standard Model Higgs mass:

1) $m_H \geq$ 114 GeV (Exp.)

2) $m_H = 85^{+39}_{-28}$ GeV (From global fit)

3) $m_H \leq \mathcal{O}$(1TeV) (Validity of perturbation)

4) $m_H \geq \mathcal{O}$(130GeV) (Vacuum stability)

$$\mathbf{m_H^2} \sim \lambda$$

$$\frac{d\lambda}{dt} = \frac{3}{4\pi^2}[\lambda^2 + 3\lambda h_t^2 - 9h_t^4 + ...]$$

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$$\Lambda \sim 1TeV \rightarrow m_H \leq 0.8TeV$$

$$\Lambda \sim 10^{16}GeV \rightarrow m_H \leq 180GeV$$

Vacuum stability

$$\lambda > 0$$

for $\Lambda \sim 10^{16} GeV$

$$m_H \geq 130 GeV$$

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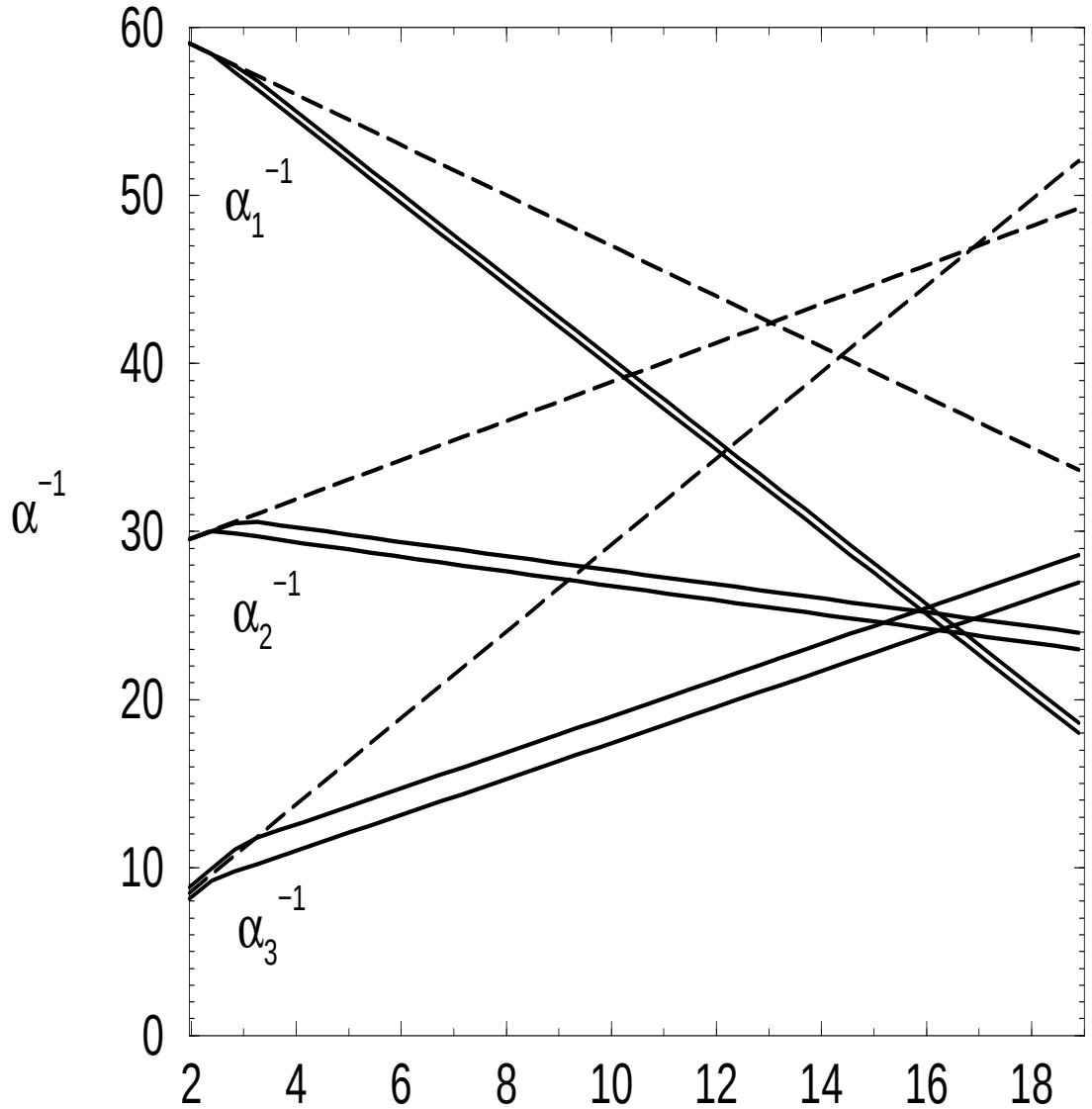
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Possible solution of the dark matter problem

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$\Rightarrow$ -Large extra dimensions

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2) No Light Higgs is found

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1) Technicolor

The Higgs boson is a bound state of new, heavy fermions

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2) Little Higgs

The Higgs boson is a pseudo-Goldstone boson of a new symmetry

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THE ABSENCE OF A LIGHT HIGGS

IMPLIES NEW PHYSICS

BUT A LIGHT HIGGS IS UNSTABLE

WITHOUT NEW PHYSICS

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