

# FOLLOWING THE ROAD OF **CHARM** :

## New Physics at the L.H.C.

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Precision measurements at a given energy scale allow to guess new Physics at the next energy scale

Example : Yukawa's prediction of the  $\pi$  meson in 1934

The range of nuclear forces is of order 1 fermi ( $\sim 10^{-13}$ cm).

The Physics was correct, the details were not !!

Example : The prediction for charmed particles in 1969

The absence, with very high accuracy, of certain weak decays

In the same way New Physics is predicted for LHC

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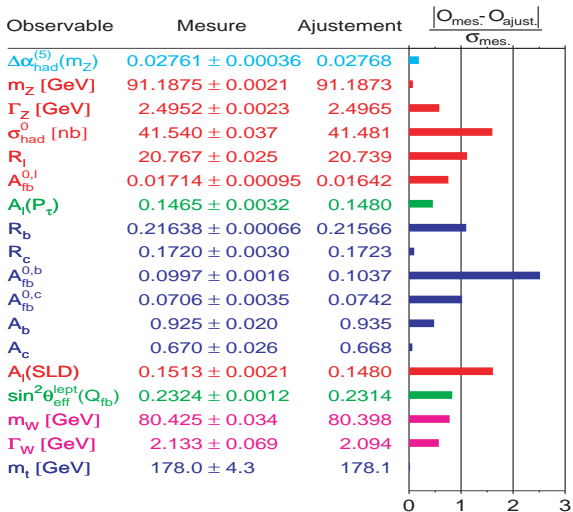
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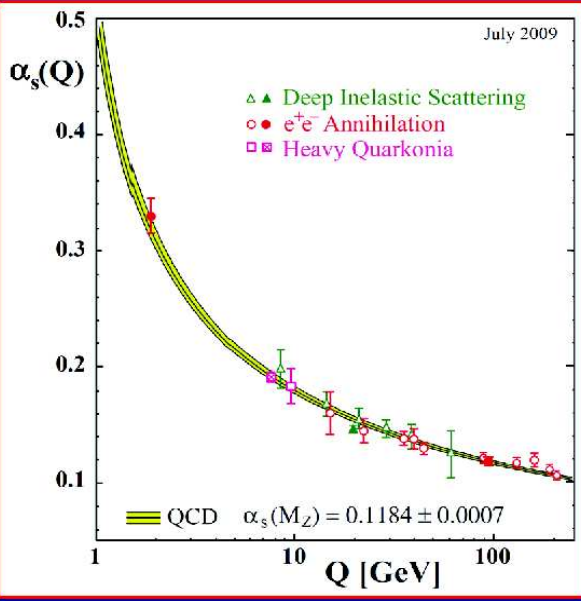
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**HAS BEEN ENORMOUSLY SUCCESSFUL**





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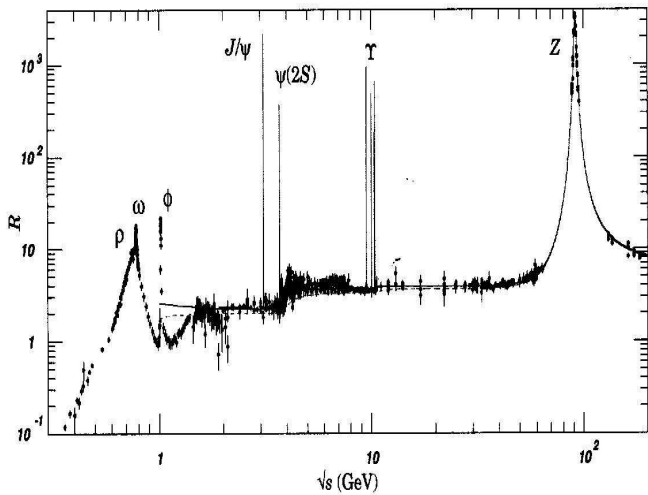
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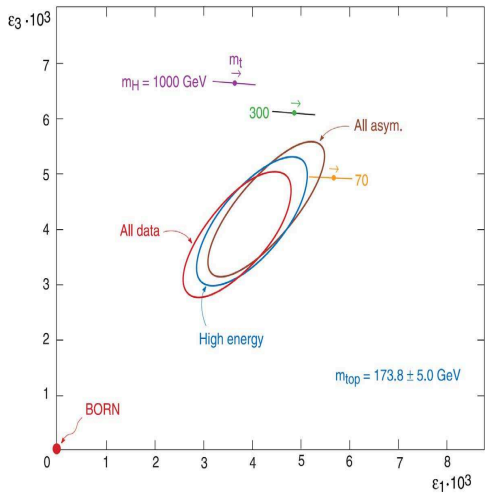


Figure 6: Data vs theory in the  $\epsilon_3$ - $\epsilon_1$  plane (notations as in fig.5)

$$\epsilon_1 = \frac{3G_F m_t^2}{8\sqrt{2}\pi^2} - \frac{3G_F m_W^2}{4\sqrt{2}\pi^2} \tan^2 \theta_W \ln \frac{m_H}{m_Z} + \dots \quad (1)$$

$$\epsilon_3 = \frac{G_F m_W^2}{12\sqrt{2}\pi^2} \ln \frac{m_H}{m_Z} - \frac{G_F m_W^2}{6\sqrt{2}\pi^2} \ln \frac{m_t}{m_Z} + \dots \quad (2)$$



# Why?

-We do not really understand why.

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 is present at the TeV scale and the LHC can, probably, discover it.

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.

# First task of LHC

Study the Higgs sector of the theory.

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