

# Minimum of $\eta/s$ and the phase transition of the Linear Sigma Model in the large- $N$ limit

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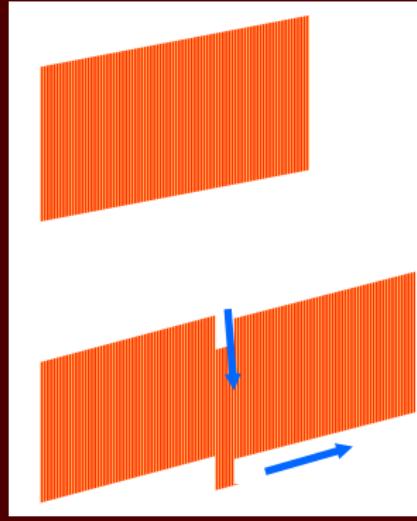
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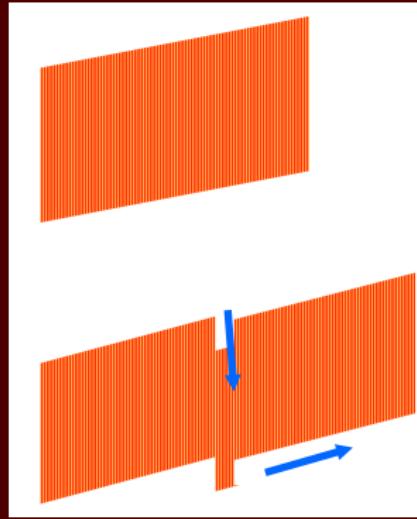
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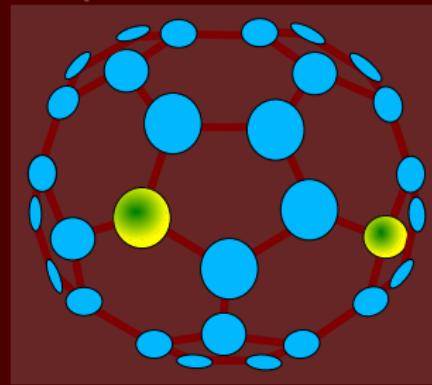


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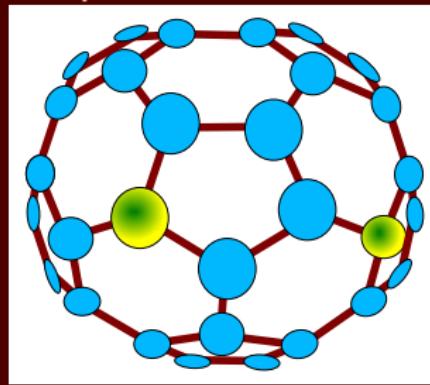


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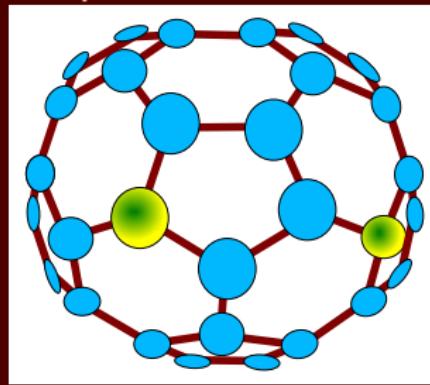


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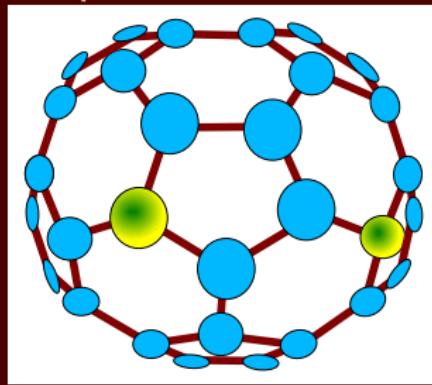


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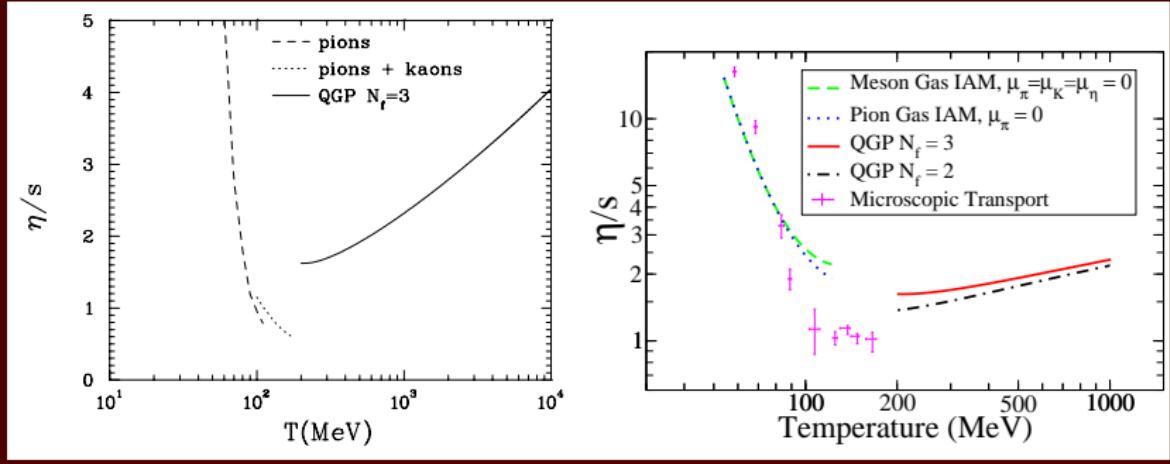


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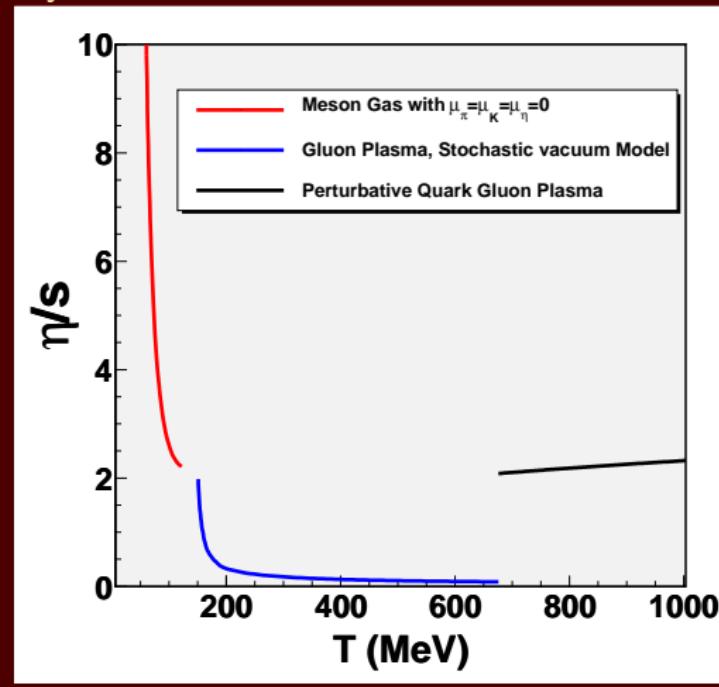


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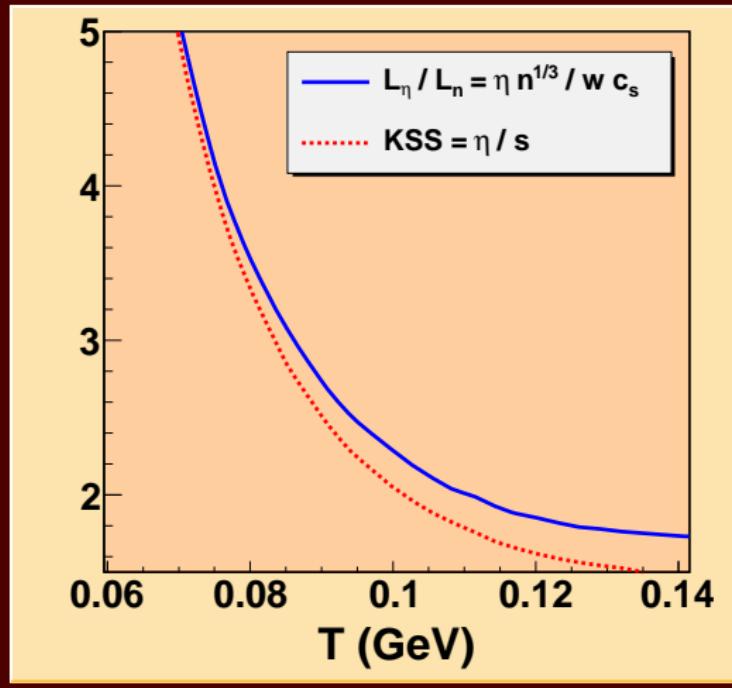


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A different result by Antonov 2009



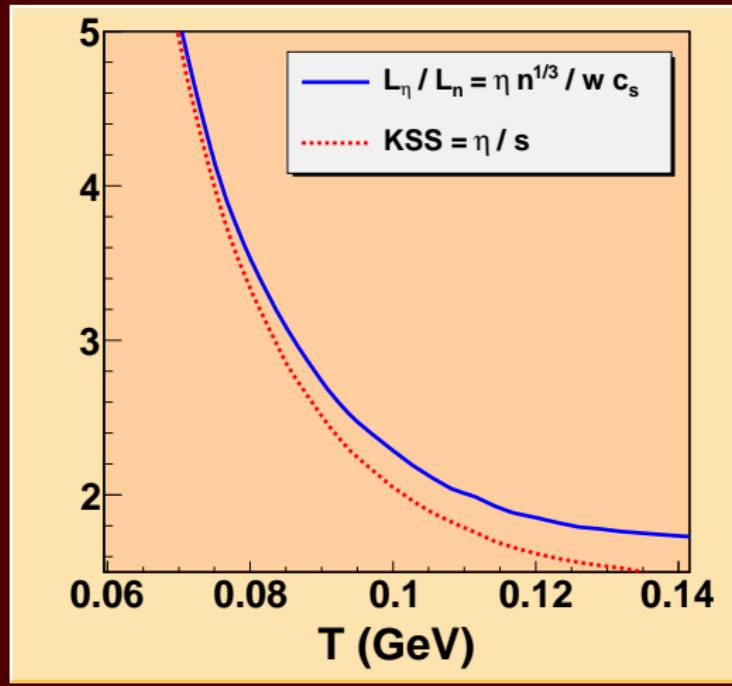
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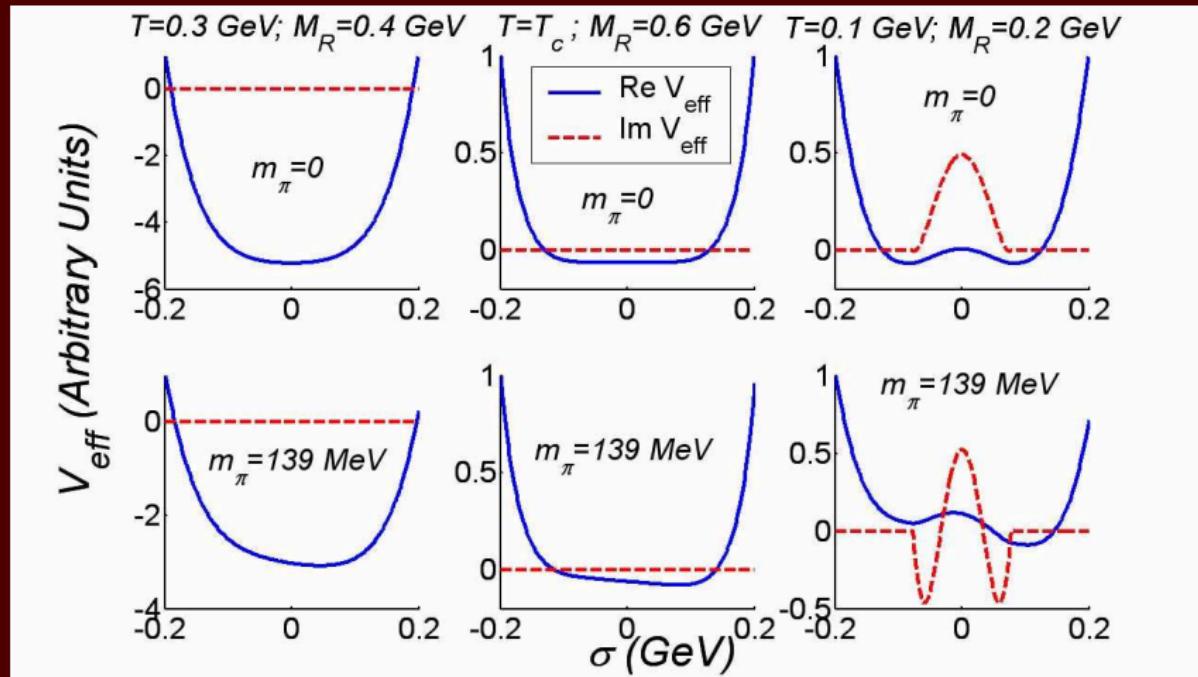


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# Effective potential for $\langle \sigma \rangle$



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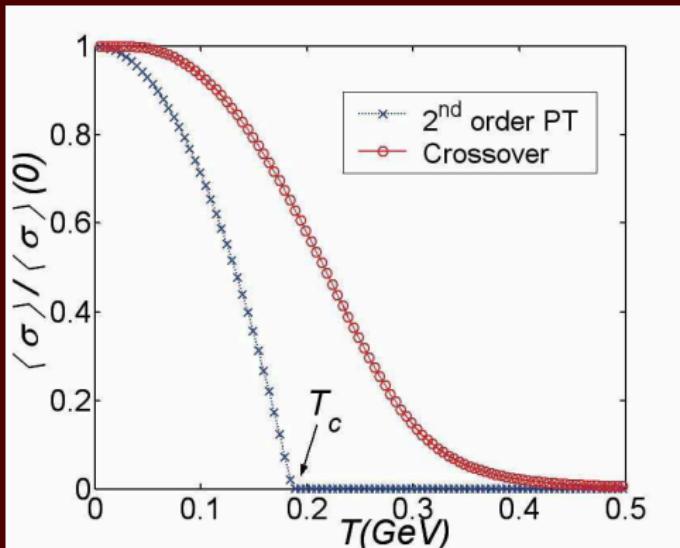
$$\langle\sigma(T)\rangle = \begin{cases} \langle\sigma(T)\rangle \propto \sqrt{1 - \frac{T^2}{T_c^2}} & T < T_c \\ 0 & T \geq T_c \end{cases}$$

$$m_\pi^2(T) = \begin{cases} 0 & T < T_c \\ \frac{N}{3}\lambda_R(T^2 - T_c^2) & T \geq T_c \end{cases}$$

$m_\pi \neq 0 \rightarrow$  Crossover



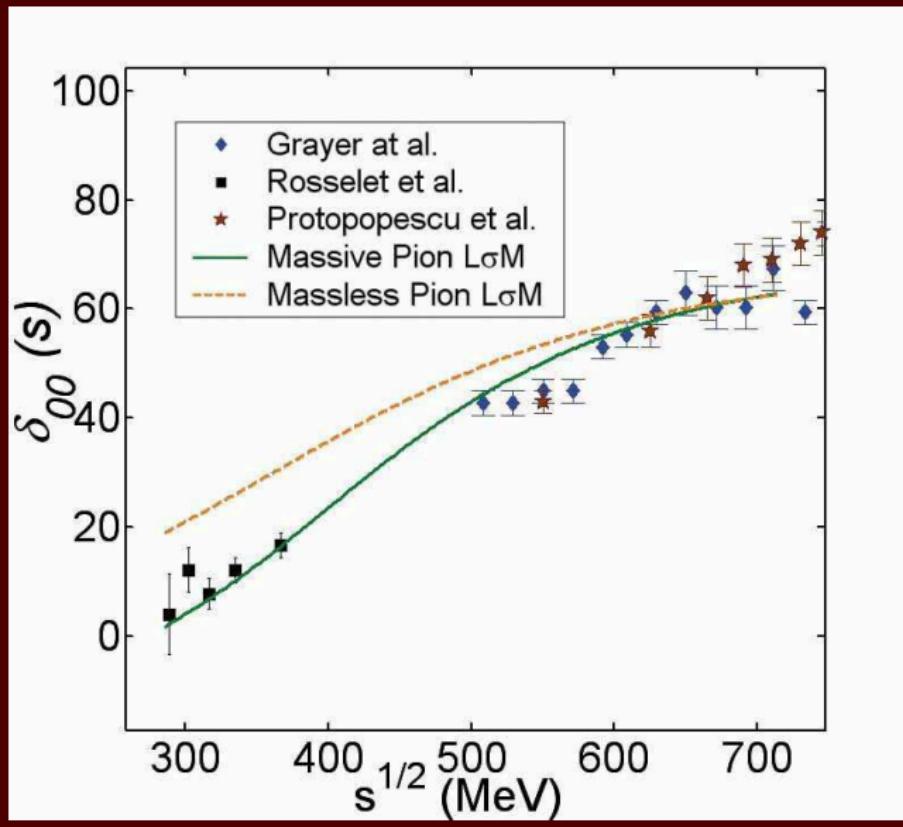
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$$T_c = 2\sqrt{3}F \quad (f_\pi = F\sqrt{N})$$



# Phase shifts



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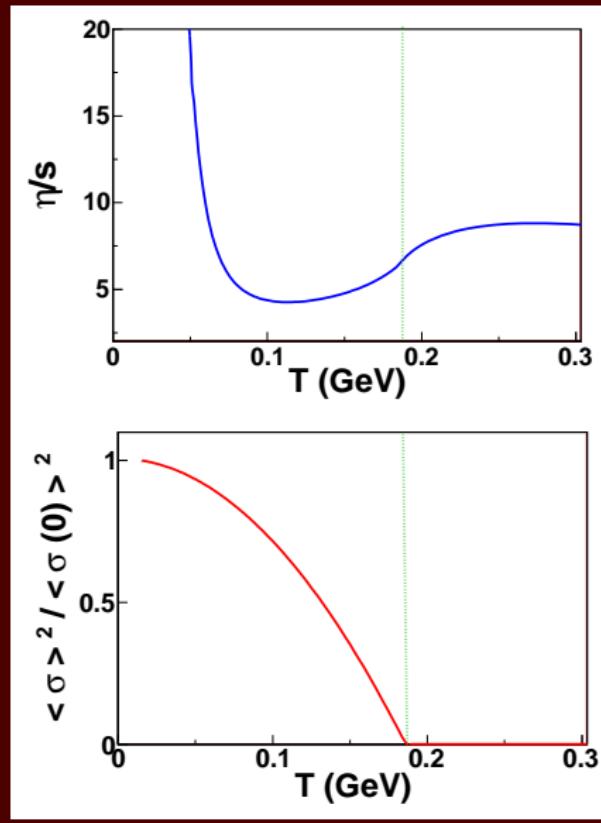


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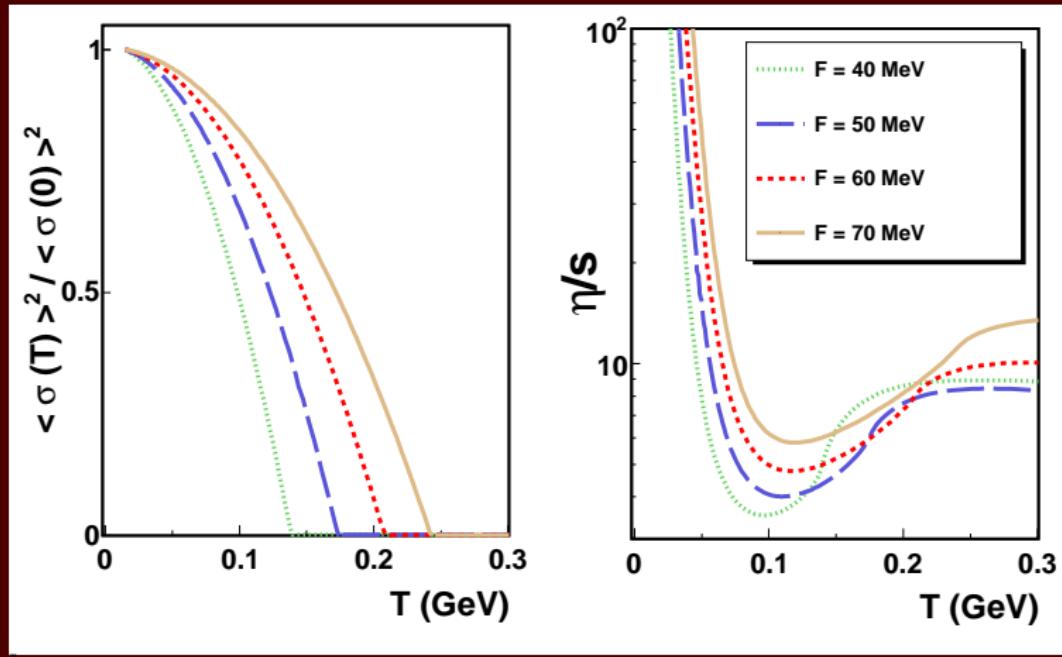
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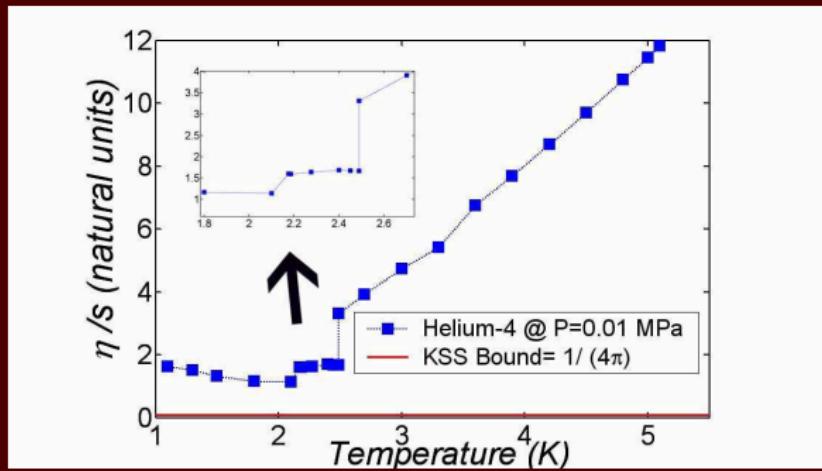
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The minimum does follow the displacement of  $T_c$



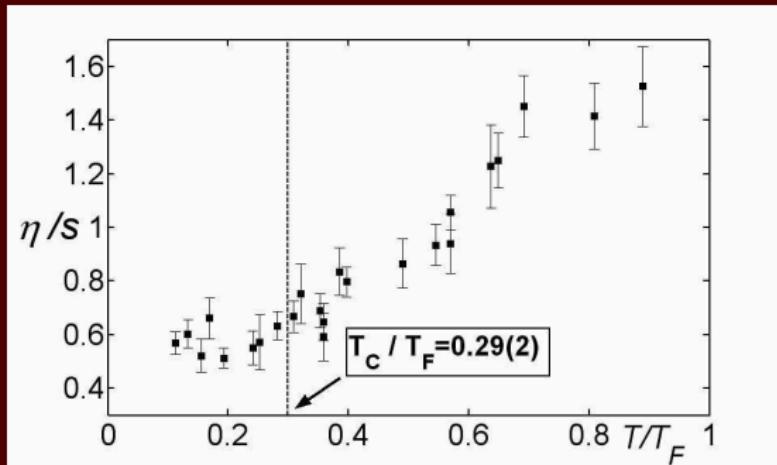
# Helium gas



"The minimum is found at a temperature below  $T_c$  (liquid side) but is accompanied by a discontinuous change across the phase transition"  
(Lacey *et al.* 2007).



# Fermions near the unitarity limit



(T. Schaefer 2007)



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# Linear sigma model Lagrangian

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# Computation of the effective potential

The new variable appears only in the combination

$$G^{-1}[q, \chi] \equiv q^2 - 2\bar{\mu}^2 + \chi\sqrt{8\lambda N}$$

Integrating over  $\pi$ , effective potential for  $\sigma$

$$\begin{aligned} V_{\text{eff}} = & \frac{1}{2} (\sigma^2 - NF^2) G^{-1}[0, \chi] \\ & - \frac{(G^{-1}[0, \chi])^2}{16} \left( \frac{1}{\lambda_R} + \frac{N}{4\pi^2} \log \frac{\mu^2}{G^{-1}[0, \chi]} \right) \\ & + \frac{N(G^{-1}[0, \chi])^2}{8(4\pi)^2} - m_\pi^2 f_\pi \sigma - \frac{N}{2} g_0(T, G^{-1}[0, \chi]) \end{aligned}$$



# Equations of motion

Saddle point for a constant condensate  $\langle \sigma \rangle$

$$\frac{dV_{\text{eff}}}{d\sigma} = 0; \quad \frac{dV_{\text{eff}}}{d(G^{-1}[0, \chi])} = 0$$

$$\begin{cases} 0 = \sigma G^{-1}[0, \chi] - m_\pi^2 f_\pi, \\ 0 = \frac{1}{2} (\sigma^2 - N F^2) - \frac{G^{-1}[0, \chi]}{8} \left( \frac{1}{\lambda_R} - \frac{N}{4\pi^2} \log \frac{e G^{-1}[0, \chi]}{\mu^2} \right) \\ \quad + \frac{N}{2} g_1(T, G^{-1}[0, \chi]). \end{cases}$$



# Entropy density

$$\begin{aligned}s(T) &= -\frac{\partial V_{\text{eff}}}{\partial T} \\&= \frac{N}{2} \frac{\partial g_0(T, G^{-1}[0, \chi])}{\partial T}\end{aligned}$$



# Boltzmann equation

$$f = f_0 \left[ 1 + \frac{g(p)}{T} \Delta_{ij} \tilde{V}^{ij} \right]$$

$$\Delta_{ij} \equiv p_i p_j - \frac{1}{3} \delta_{ij} p^2,$$

$$\tilde{V}_{ij} = \frac{1}{2} (\partial_i V_j + \partial_j V_i) - \frac{1}{3} \partial_k V^k \delta_{ij}$$

$$\eta = -\frac{1}{10 T} \int \frac{d\mathbf{p}}{E(p)} f_0 p_i p_j \Delta^{ij} g(p)$$



# Green-Kubo formula

$$\eta = \frac{1}{20} \lim_{\omega \rightarrow 0^+} \lim_{|\mathbf{p}| \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{1}{\omega} \int d^4 \mathbf{x} e^{i \mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{x}} \langle [\hat{\pi}^{ij}(x), \hat{\pi}_{ij}(0)] \rangle$$

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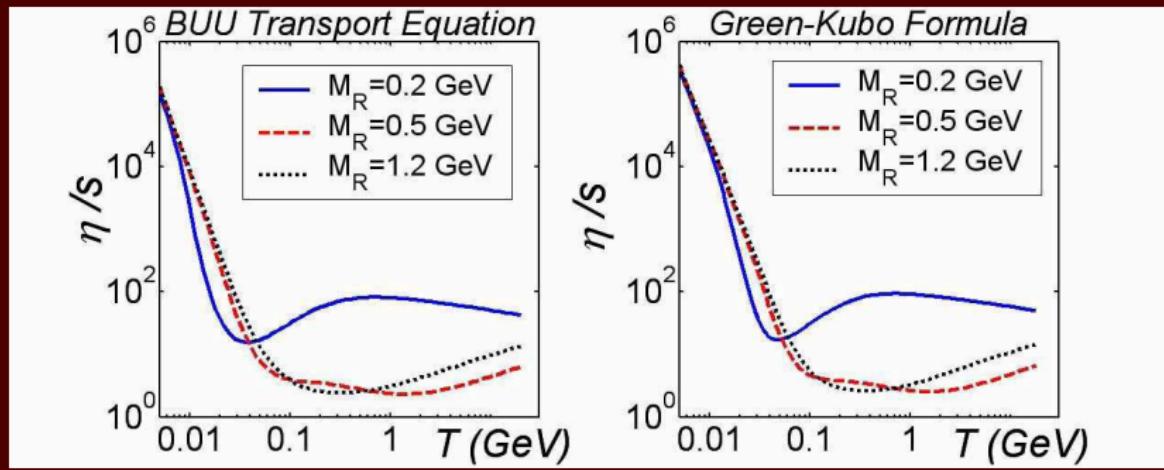
$$\eta^{(0)} = \frac{1}{10\pi^2 T} \int_0^\infty d|\mathbf{p}| \frac{|\mathbf{p}|^6}{E_p^2 \Gamma(p)} n_B(E_p) [1 + n_B(E_p)]$$

$$\Gamma(p) = -\frac{\text{Im } \Pi_R(E_p, \mathbf{p})}{2E_p}$$

(Fernández-Fraile and Nicola 2009 for ChPT).



# Boltzmann equation vs. Green-Kubo formula



Both formulations give compatible results



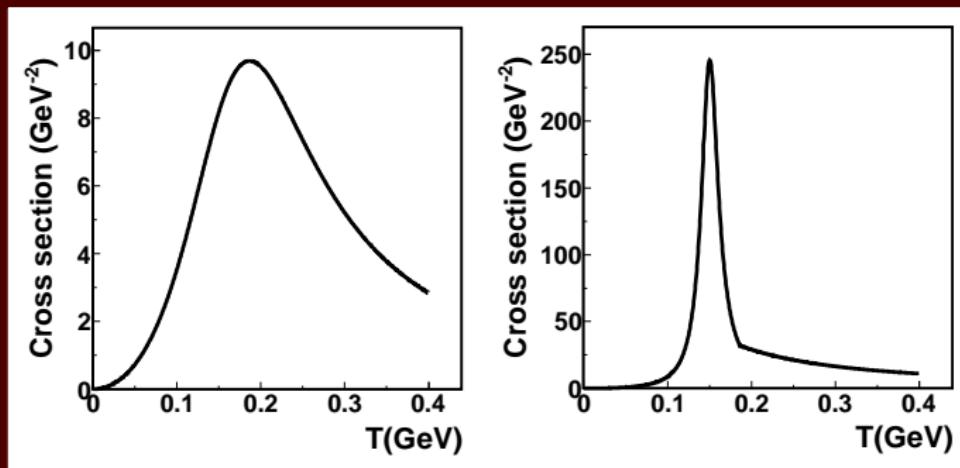
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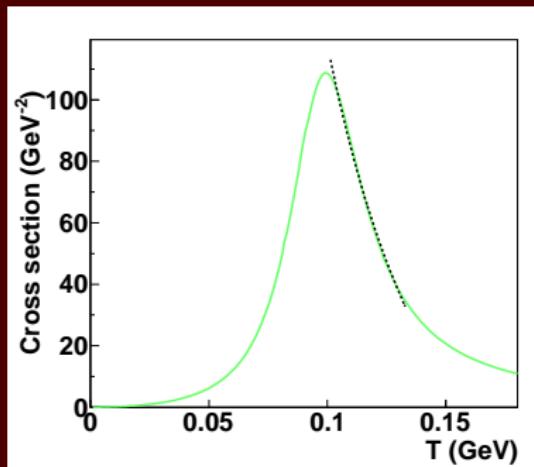
Consider some average collision energy  $E \simeq 10T$



Without and with the  $T$ -dependence of  $\langle \sigma(T) \rangle$



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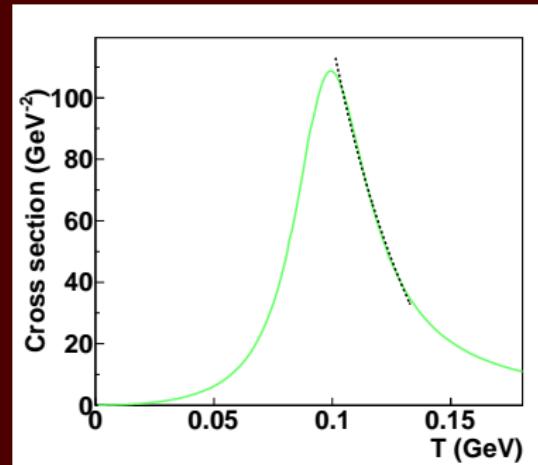
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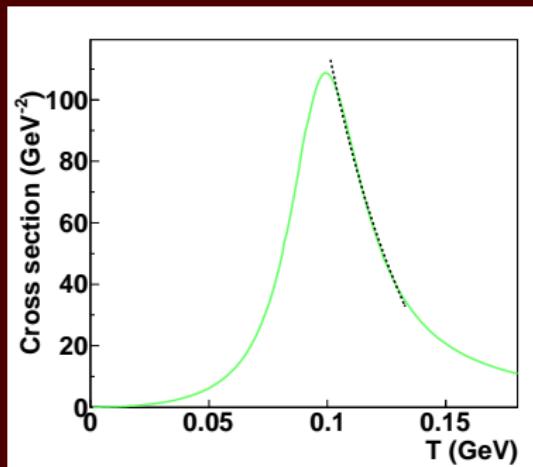
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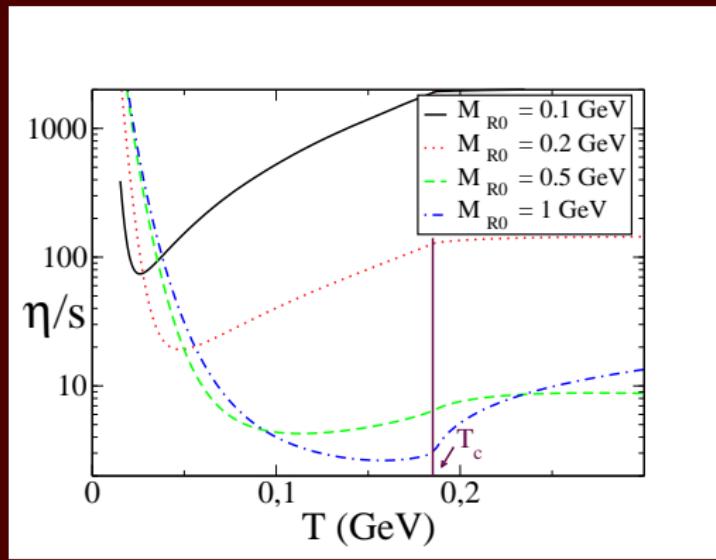
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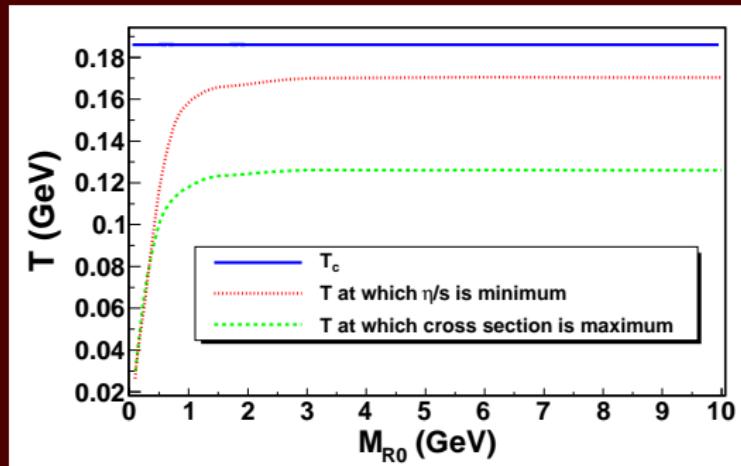
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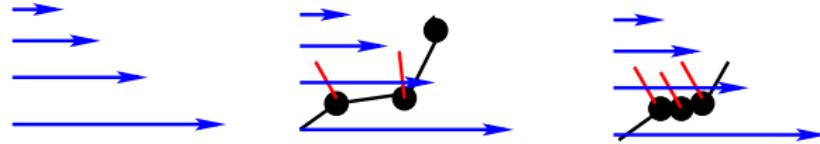
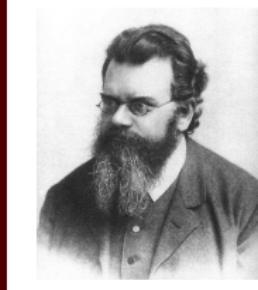
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Saturation of pole position:  
for large  $M_{R0}$  there is no  $M_{R0}$ -dependence



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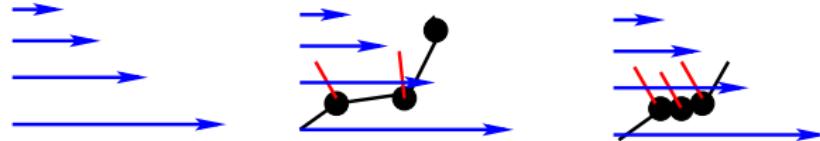
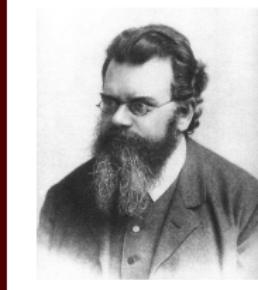


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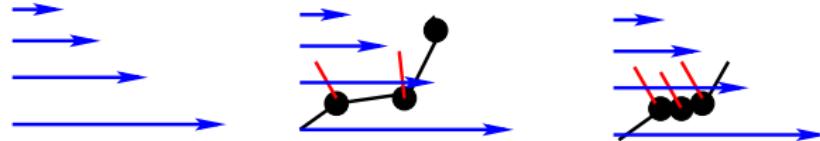
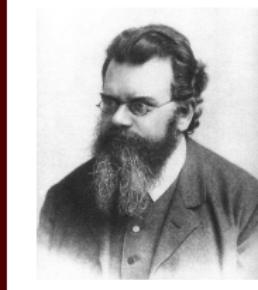


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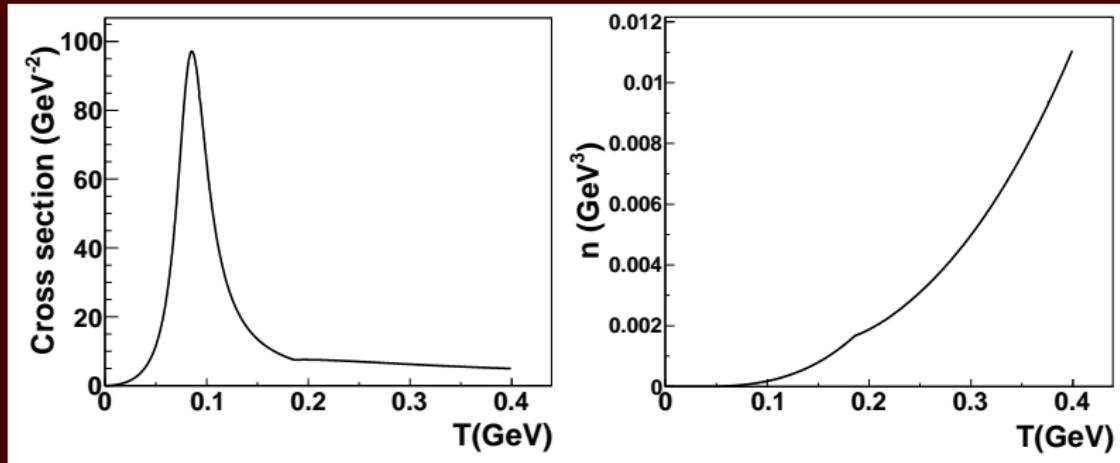
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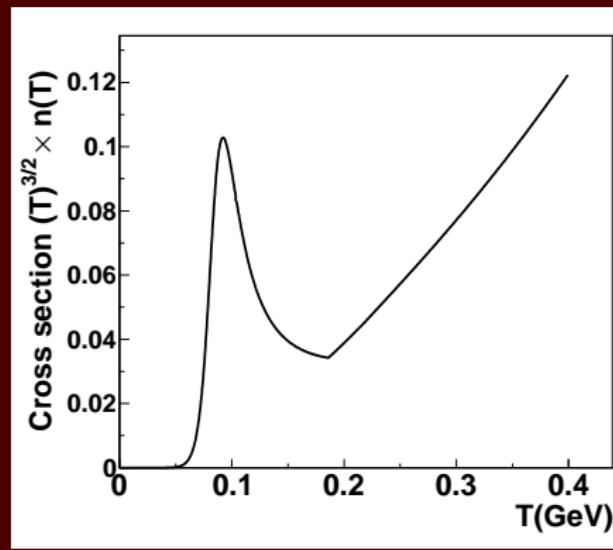
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Plot  $n(T)\bar{\sigma}^{3/2}$



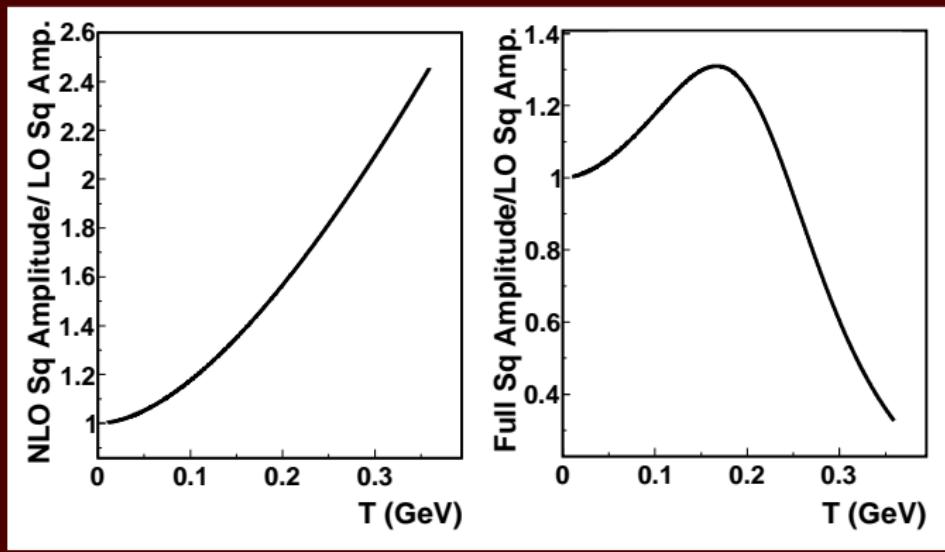
# Is the gas dilute enough?

YES!

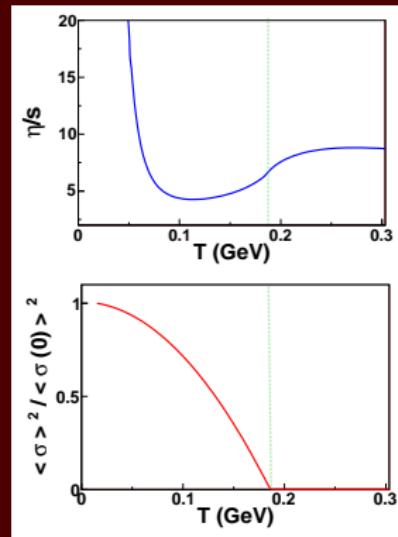


# Strength of interaction

This in spite of the theory being strongly coupled



# Conclusion



A theoretically controlled example where the minimum of  $\eta/s$  occurs around but not exactly at a phase transition,

the large- $N$  Linear  $\sigma$  Model

# Minimum of $\eta/s$ and the phase transition of the Linear Sigma Model in the large- $N$ limit

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