

What is chiral susceptibility probing?



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(and preliminary results in $N_f=2+1$ simulations)

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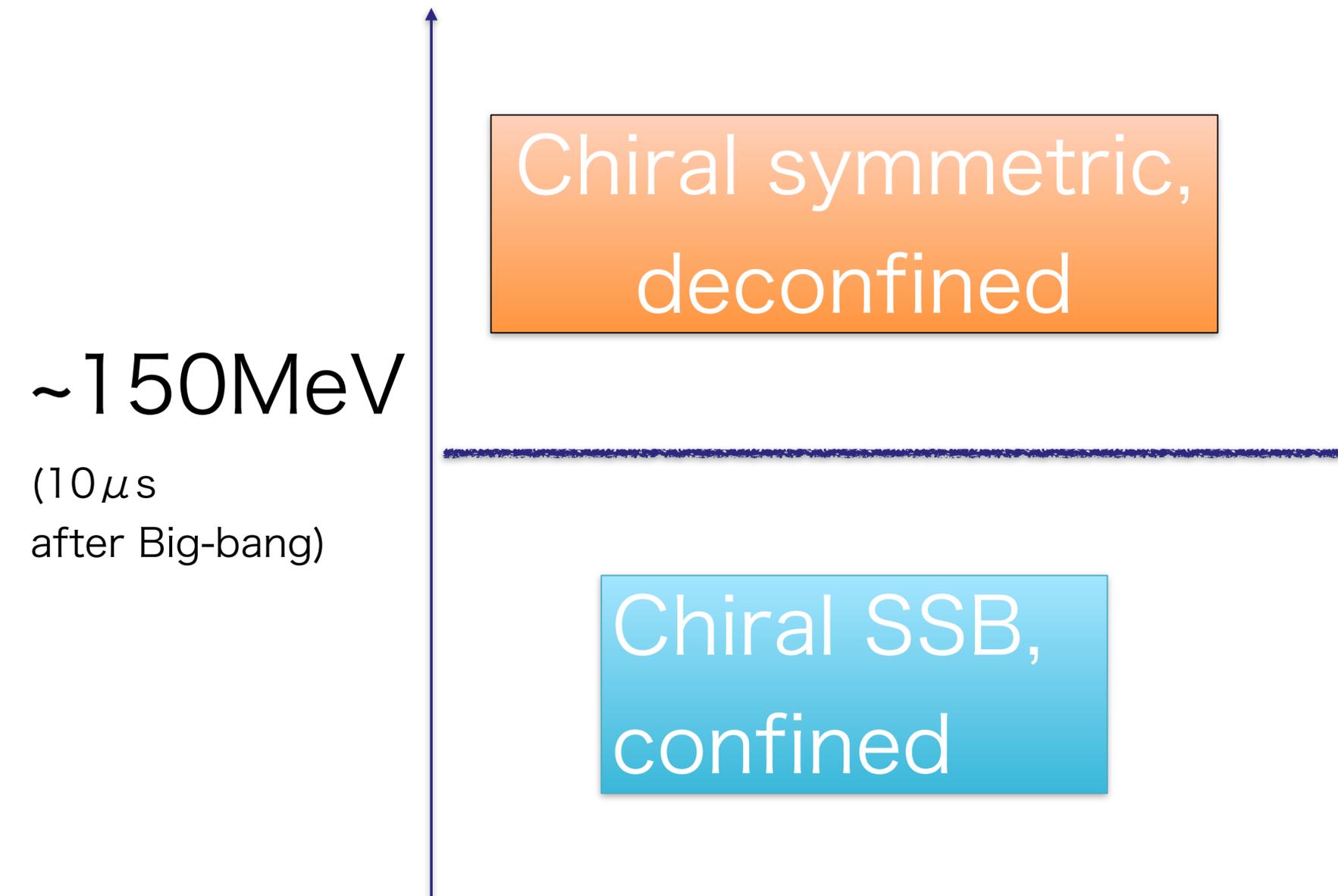
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QCD phase transition

Temperature



Chiral condensate (at $m=0$)
probes $SU(2)_L \times SU(2)_R$
symmetry breaking/
restoration :

$$\text{For } T > T_c, \quad \langle \bar{q}q \rangle = 0$$

$$\text{For } T < T_c, \quad \langle \bar{q}q \rangle \neq 0$$

Chiral susceptibility

QCD partition function

A : gluon fields

$$Z(m) = \int [dA] \det(D(A) + m)^{N_f} e^{-S_G(A)}$$

chiral condensate

$$-\langle \bar{q}q \rangle = \frac{1}{N_f V} \frac{\partial}{\partial m} \ln Z(m)$$

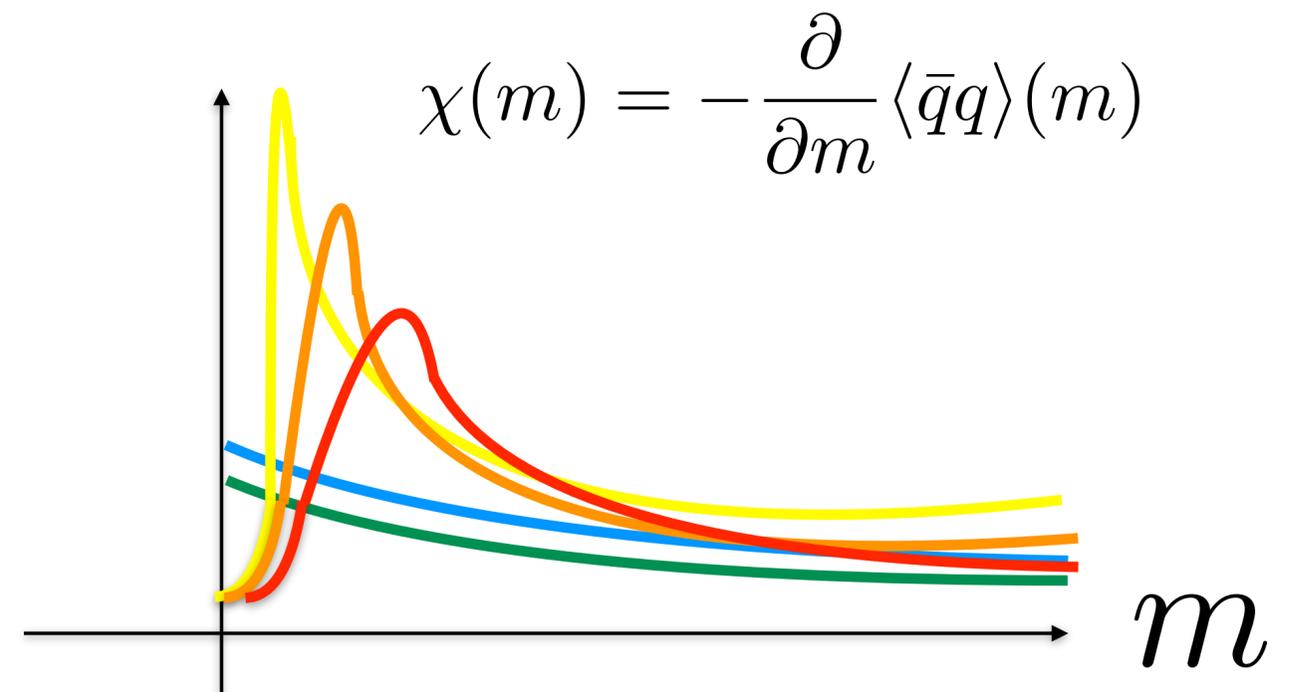
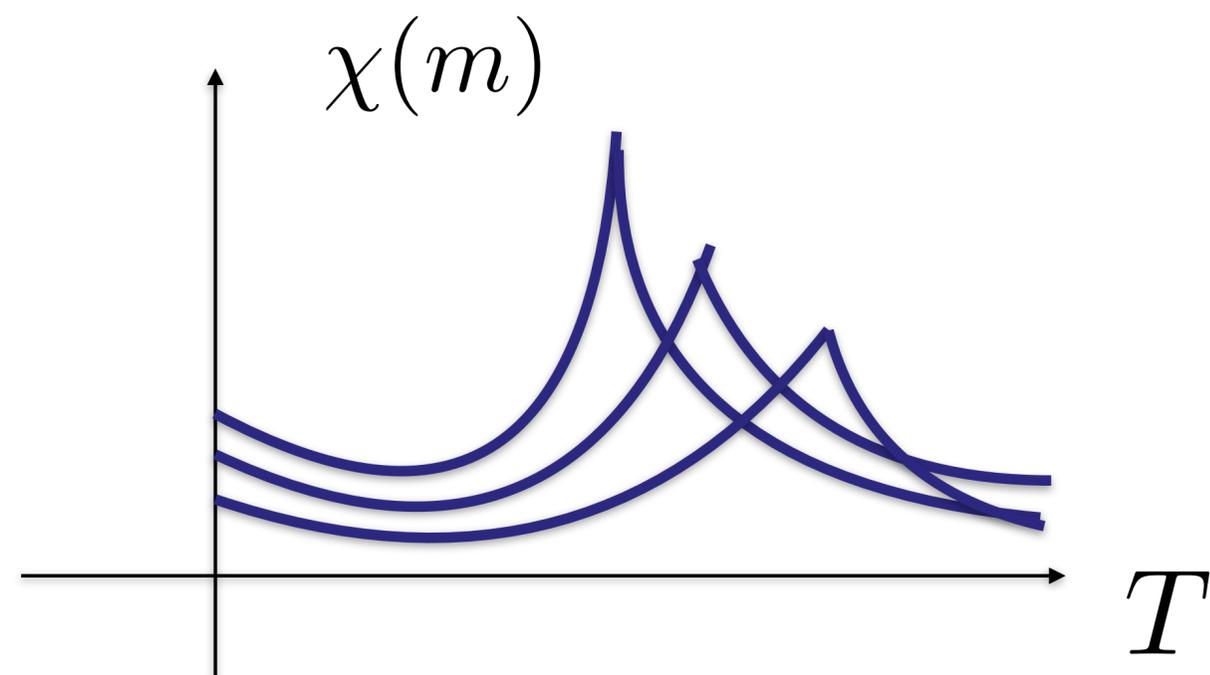
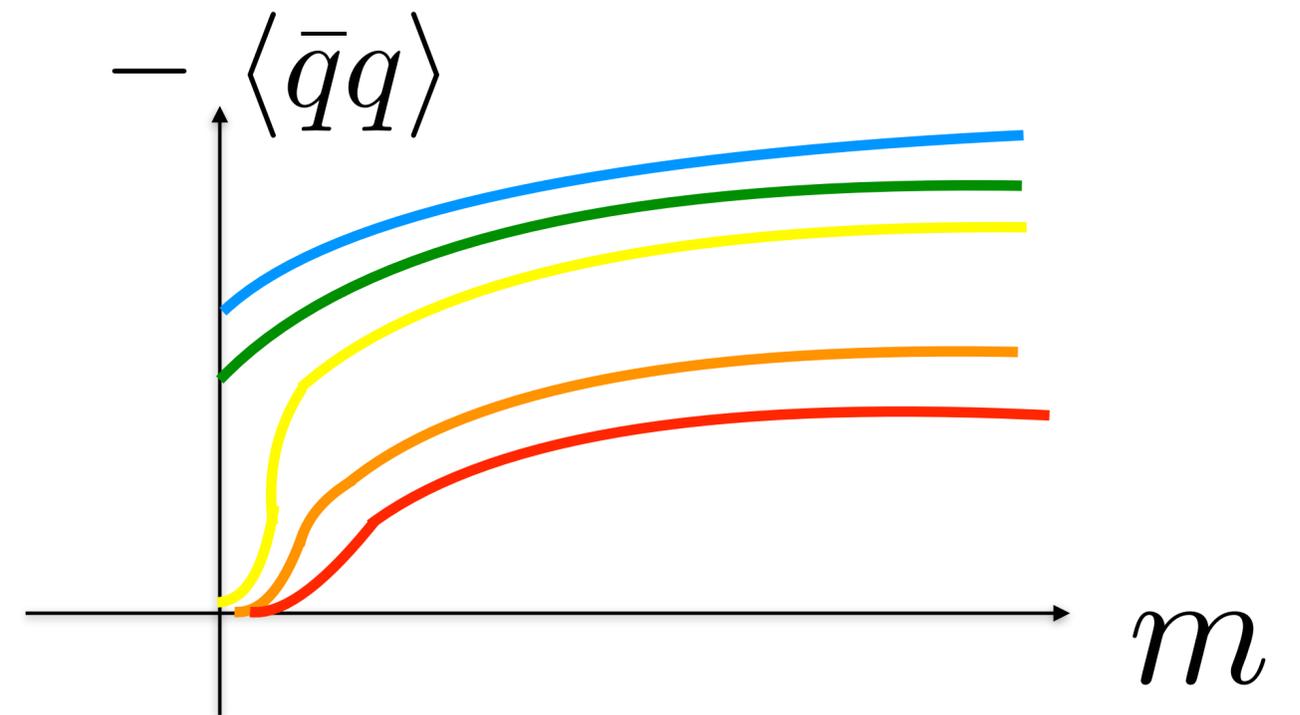
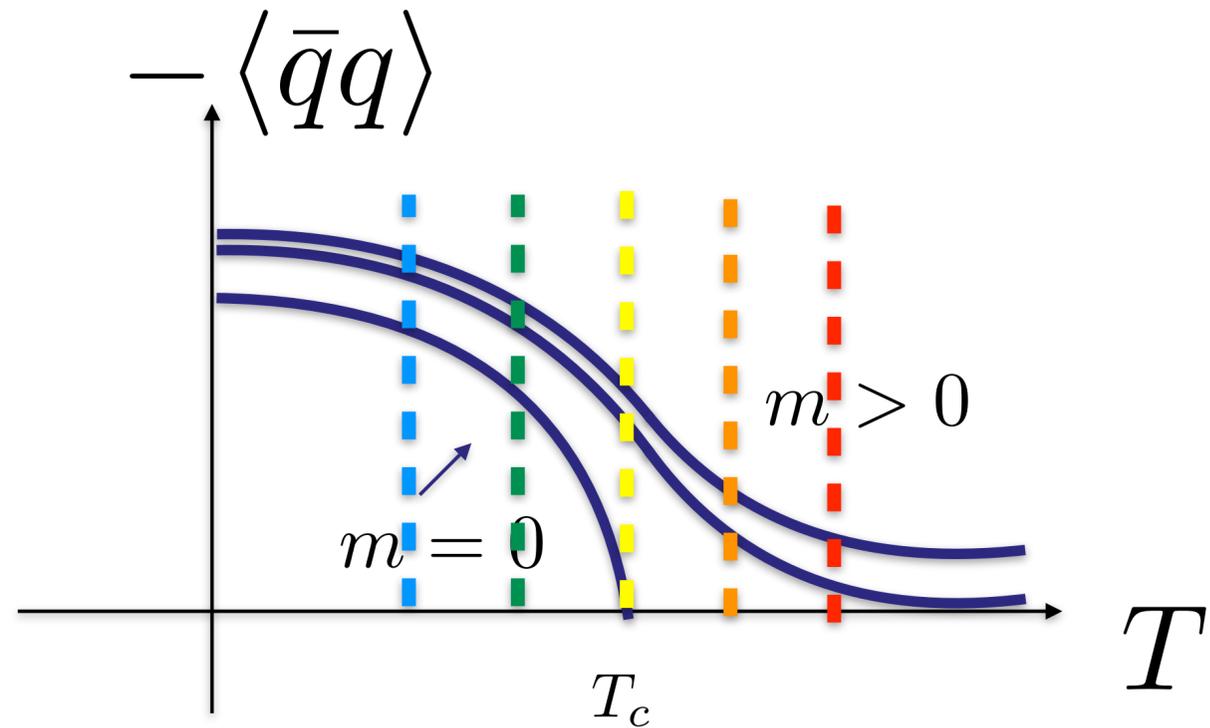
chiral susceptibility

$$\chi(m) = -\frac{\partial}{\partial m} \langle \bar{q}q \rangle(m)$$

In this talk, $N_f = 2$ ($m_u = m_d = m$)

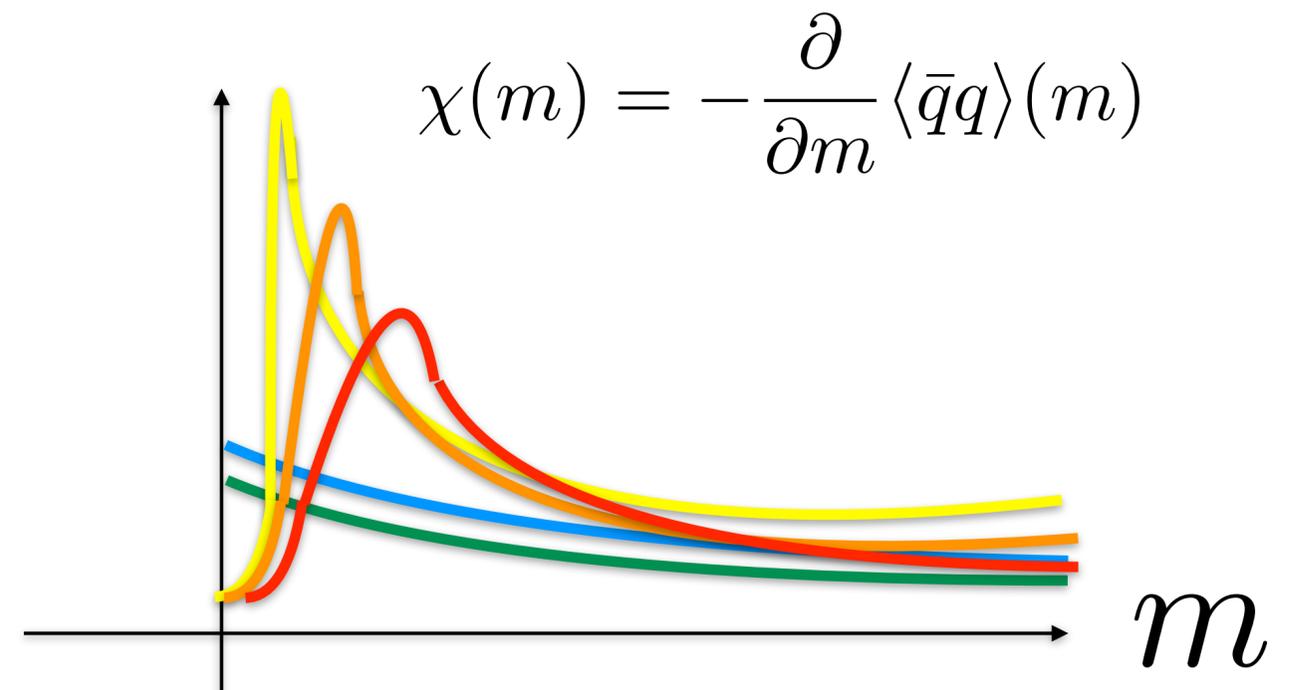
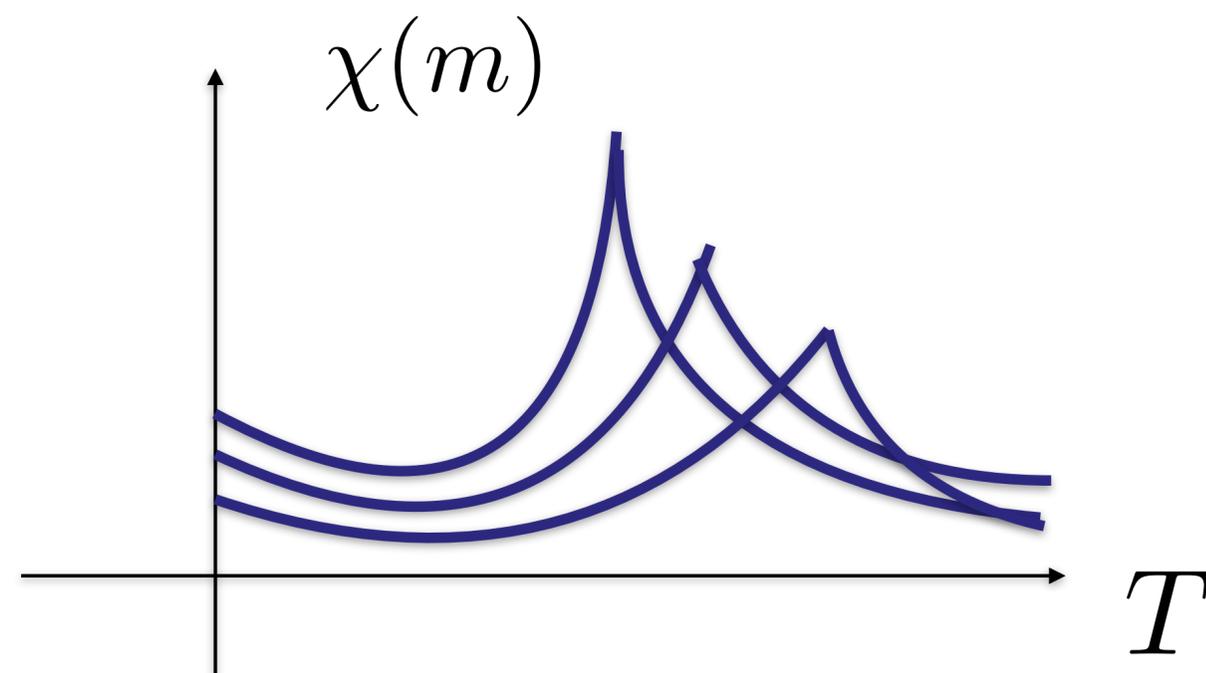
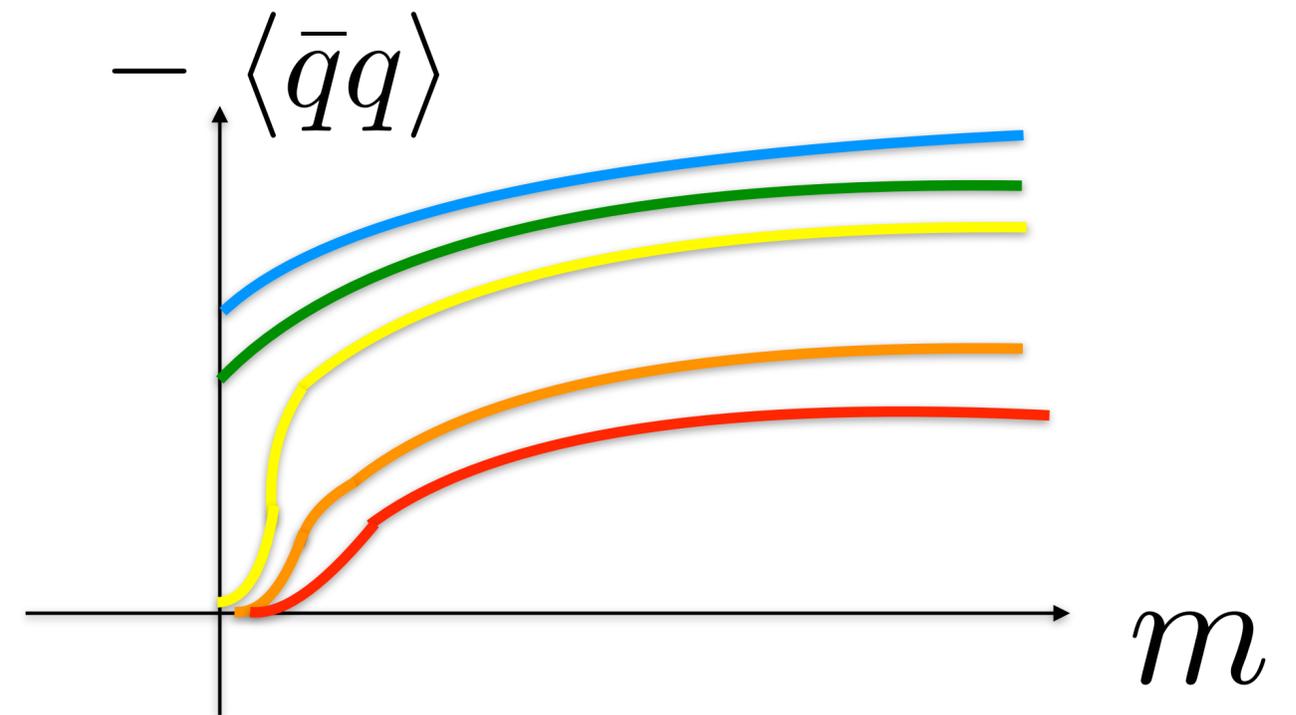
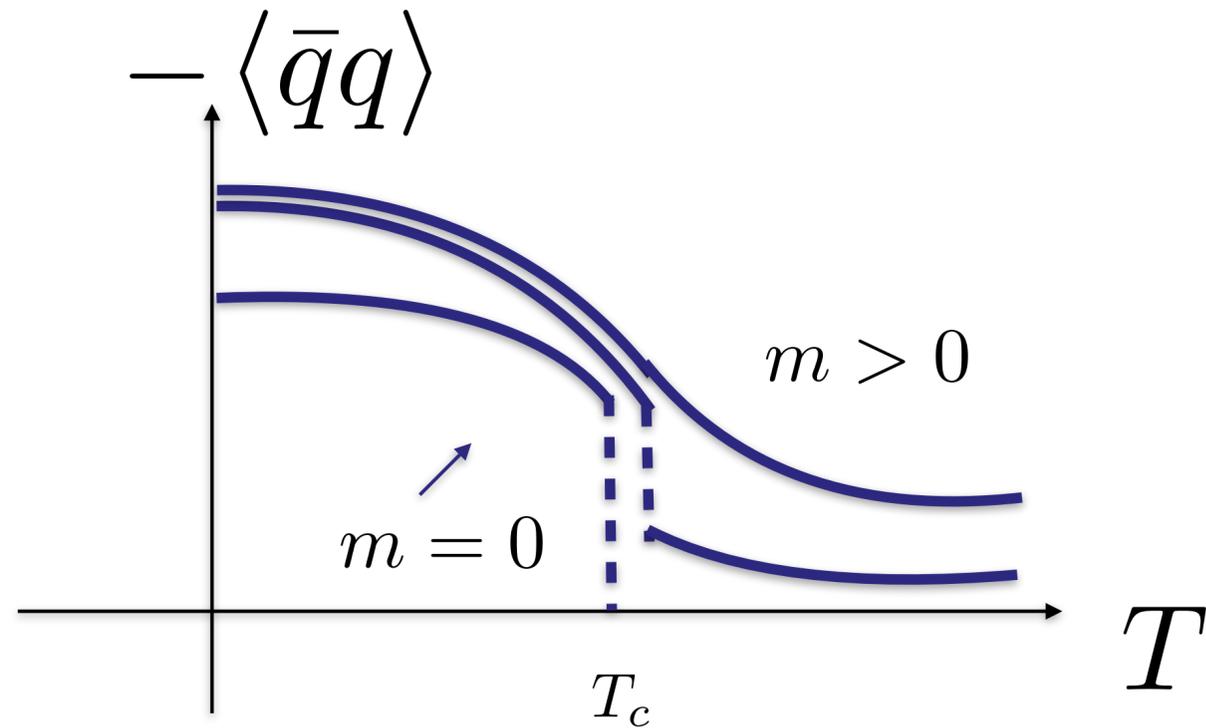
* strange quark is just a spectator.

Temperature(T) and mass(m) dependence



When the transition is 1st order

* But finite V effect makes the transition not sharp.



Chiral phase transition

Chiral condensate probes

$SU(2)_L \times SU(2)_R$ symmetry breaking/restoration :

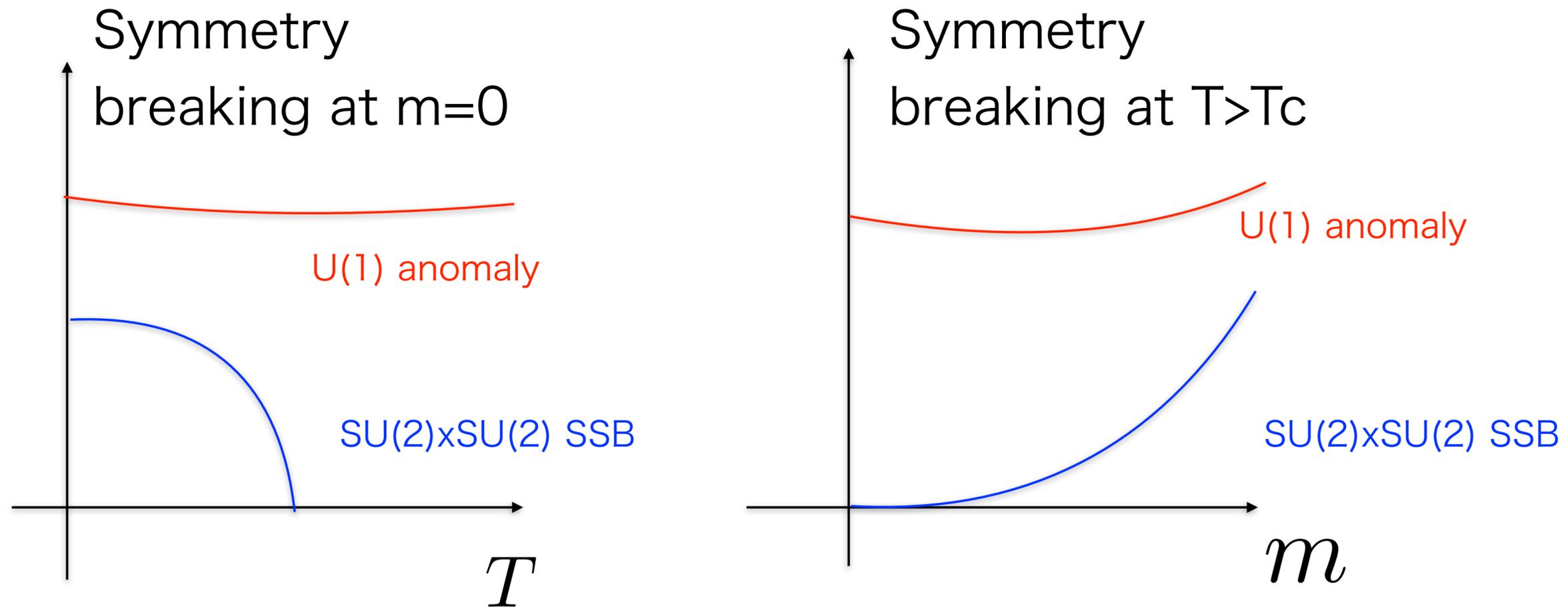
For $T < T_c$, $\langle \bar{q}q \rangle \neq 0$ For $T > T_c$, $\langle \bar{q}q \rangle = 0$

But $\langle \bar{q}q \rangle$ also breaks $U(1)_A$ symmetry.

Question:

How much does $U(1)_A$ (anomaly) contribute to the transition?

Naive expectation: U(1) anomaly exists at any energy scale (does not change much)



You may think that T and m dependences of chiral condensate should reflect $SU(2)_L \times SU(2)_R$ breaking rather than U(1) anomaly.

But in early days of QCD

QCD founders in 70's and 80's thought

instanton \rightarrow axial U(1) anomaly \rightarrow SU(2)xSU(2) breaking.

Callan, Dashen & Gross 1978:

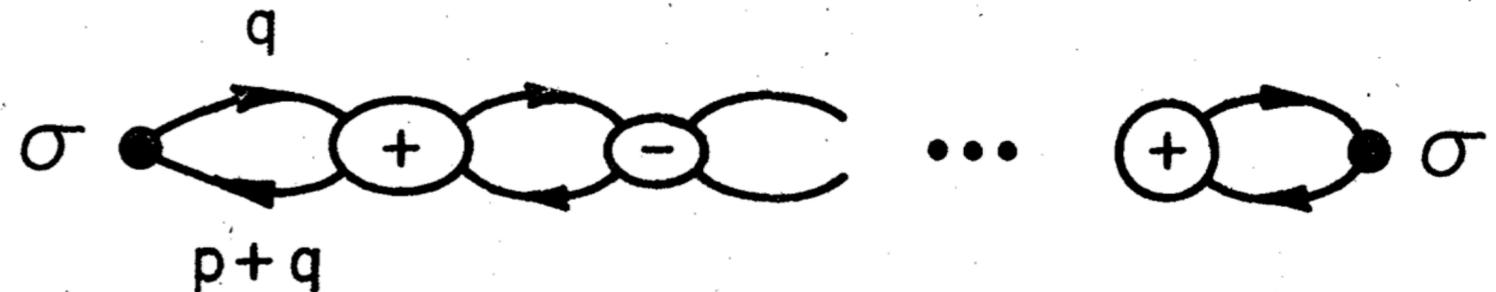


FIG. 9. The structure of the diagrams that produce a tachyon in the σ channel. The + (-) blobs refer to the effective determinantal four-fermion interaction induced by instantons (anti-instantons).

If this inverse is true, we should have

instanton disappears \rightarrow anomaly disappears \rightarrow SU(2)xSU(2) restored.

It has been difficult issue.

Analytic method:

Semi-classical QCD instantons are not enough to describe the low-energy dynamics of QCD.

Lattice simulations :

Staggered fermions explicitly breaks

$$SU(2)_L \times SU(2)_R \times U(1)_A \rightarrow U(1)_A'$$

Wilson fermion explicitly breaks

$$SU(2)_L \times SU(2)_R \times U(1)_A \rightarrow SU(2)_V$$

Moreover, we found that

lattice artifacts are enhanced at high temperature

(even for domain-wall fermions)

[JLQCD 2015, 2016]

Our work

In this work we study chiral condensate and its susceptibility in 2- and 2+1-flavor QCD

with exactly chiral symmetric Dirac operator.

We separate the axial U(1) breaking (in particular topological) effect from others in a clean way.

Our result shows that

signal of chiral susceptibility is dominated by axial U(1)

breaking effect (at $T \geq T_c$),

rather than $SU(2)_L \times SU(2)_R$.

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Dirac eigenmode decomposition

$$Z(m) = \int [dA] \det(D(A) + m)^{N_f} e^{-S_G(A)} = \int [dA] \prod_{\lambda} \underline{i\lambda(A) + m}^{N_f} e^{-S_G(A)}$$

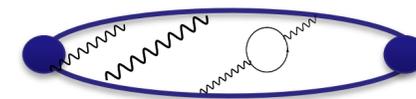
$O(100)$ eigenvalues can be computed on the lattice.

$$-\langle \bar{q}q \rangle = \frac{1}{N_f V} \frac{\partial}{\partial m} \ln Z(m) = \frac{1}{V} \left\langle \sum_{\lambda} \frac{1}{i\lambda(A) + m} \right\rangle,$$

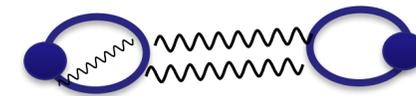
chiral susceptibility

$$\chi(m) = \frac{1}{N_f V} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial m^2} \ln Z(m) = \chi^{con.}(m) + \chi^{dis.}(m),$$

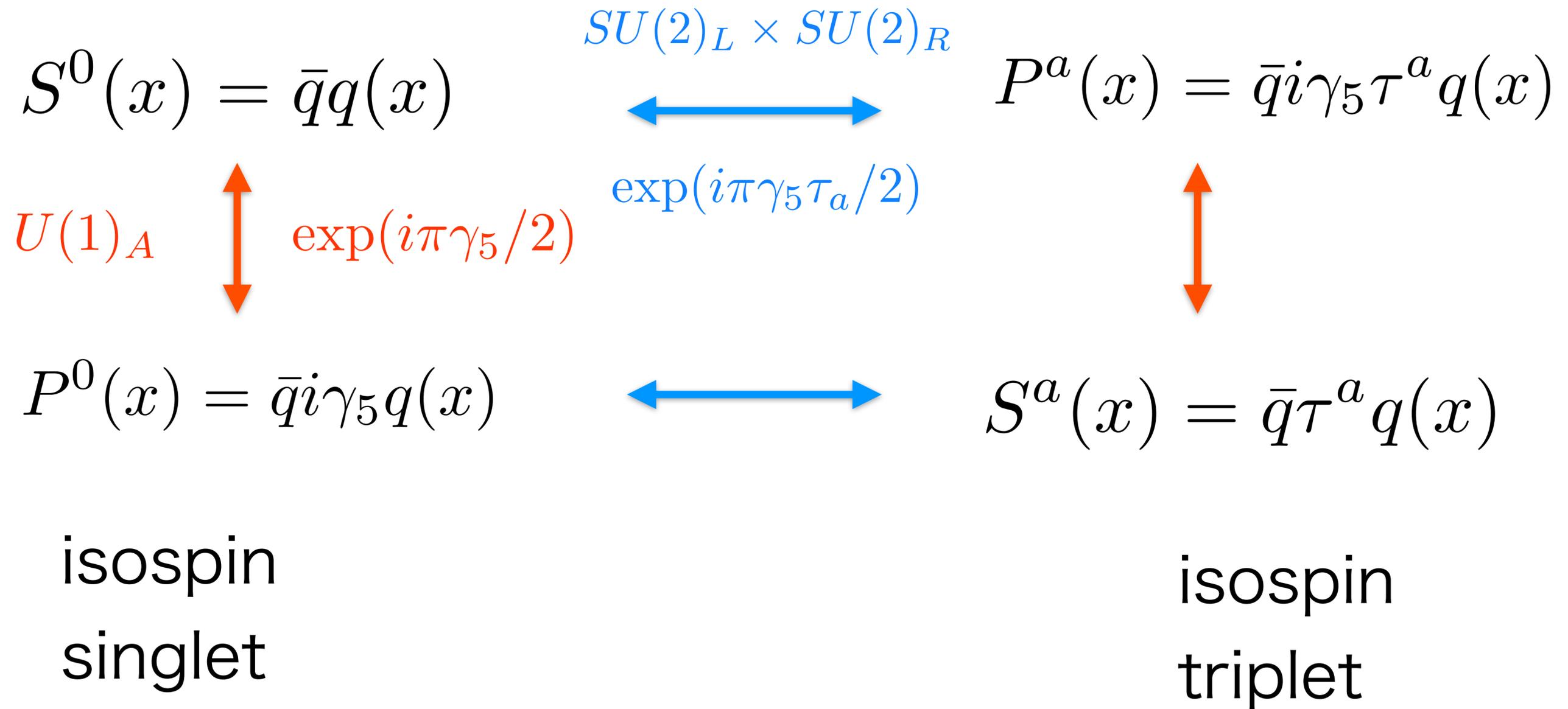
$$\chi^{con.}(m) = - \frac{\partial}{\partial m_{valence}} \langle \bar{q}q \rangle \Big|_{m_{valence}=m}$$



$$\chi^{dis.}(m) = - \frac{\partial}{\partial m_{sea}} \langle \bar{q}q \rangle \Big|_{m_{sea}=m}$$



Chiral rotations (with angle π)



Relation to scalar susceptibility

$$L_{\text{QCD}} = \left[\frac{1}{4} \text{Tr} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} + \bar{q} (\gamma^\mu (\partial_\mu - igA_\mu) + m) q \right]$$

$$\chi(m) = \frac{1}{N_f V} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial m^2} \ln Z(m, \theta = 0)$$

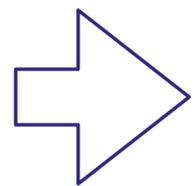
$$= - \sum_x \langle S^0(x) S^0(0) \rangle - V \langle S^0 \rangle^2$$

$$S^0(x) = \bar{q} q(x)$$

Relation to pseudoscalar susceptibility

$$\begin{aligned} Z(m, \theta) &= \int [dA] \det(D(A) + m)^{N_f} e^{-S_G(A) + i\theta Q(A)} \\ &= \int [dA] \det(D(A) + m e^{i\gamma_5 \theta / N_f})^{N_f} e^{-S_G(A)} \quad \leftarrow \text{U(1)}_A \text{ rotation} \end{aligned}$$

$$\chi_{\text{top.}}(m) = -\frac{1}{N_f V} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2} \ln Z(m, \theta) \Big|_{\theta=0} = m \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \langle \bar{q} i \gamma_5 e^{i\gamma_5 \theta / N_f} q \rangle \right] \Big|_{\theta=0}$$



$$\frac{N_f}{m^2} \chi_{\text{top.}}(m) = - \sum_x \langle P^0(x) P^0(0) \rangle - \frac{\langle \bar{q} q \rangle(m)}{m}. \quad P^0(x) = \bar{q} i \gamma_5 q(x)$$

$$*N_f = 2$$

Connected/disconnected pseudoscalar susceptibilities

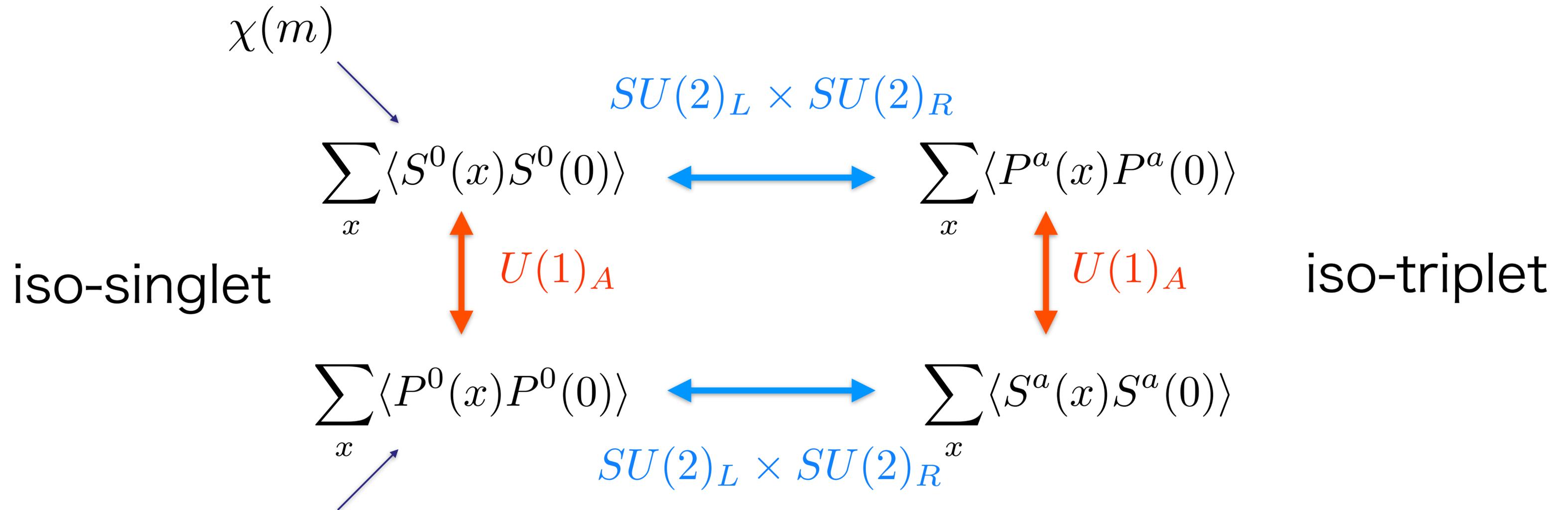
From a Ward-Takahashi identity $0 = \langle \delta_{SU(2)}^a P^a(0) \rangle - \langle \delta_{SU(2)}^a S P^a(0) \rangle$,
we have

$$m \sum_x \langle P^a(x) P^a(0) \rangle + \langle S^0 \rangle = 0.$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{N_f}{m^2} \chi_{\text{top.}}(m) &= - \sum_x \langle P^0(x) P^0(0) \rangle - \frac{\langle S(0) \rangle}{m} \\ &= \sum_x \langle P^a(x) P^a(0) \rangle - \sum_x \langle P^0(x) P^0(0) \rangle \end{aligned}$$

Symmetry structure of scalar/pseudoscalar susceptibilities



$$-\frac{N_f}{m^2} \chi_{\text{top.}}(m) - \frac{-\langle \bar{q}q \rangle(m)}{m}$$

See also LLNL/RBC Collaboration 2014, Nicola & Elvira 2018, Nicola 2020.

Connected/disconnected scalar

susceptibilities

$$\chi(m) = \chi^{\text{con.}}(m) + \chi^{\text{dis.}}(m)$$

$$\begin{aligned}\chi^{\text{con.}}(m) &= \sum_x \langle S^a(x) S^a(0) \rangle = \sum_x \langle S^a(x) S^a(0) - P^a(x) P^a(0) \rangle + \sum_x \langle P^a(x) P^a(0) \rangle \\ &= -\Delta_{U(1)}(m) + \frac{-\langle \bar{q}q \rangle(m)}{m}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\chi^{\text{dis.}}(m) &= \sum_x \langle S^0(x) S^0(0) - S^a(x) S^a(0) \rangle - V \langle S^0(0) \rangle^2 \\ &= \sum_x \langle [S^0(x) S^0(0) - \langle S^0(0) \rangle^2 - P^a(x) P^a(0)] + [P^a(x) P^a(0) - S^a(x) S^a(0)] \rangle \\ &= \Delta_{SU(2)}^{(1)}(m) + [P^a(x) P^a(0) - P^0(x) P^0(0)] + [P^0(x) P^0(0) - S^a(x) S^a(0)] \\ &= \Delta_{SU(2)}^{(1)}(m) + \frac{N_f \chi_{\text{top.}}(m)}{m^2} - \Delta_{SU(2)}^{(2)}(m)\end{aligned}$$

Separating U(1)_A breaking part

$$\chi(m) = \chi^{\text{con.}}(m) + \chi^{\text{dis.}}(m)$$

$$\chi^{\text{con.}}(m) = \underbrace{-\Delta_{U(1)}(m)}_{\text{U(1)}_A \text{ breaking contribution}} + \underbrace{\frac{\langle |Q(A)| \rangle}{m^2 V} - \frac{-\langle \bar{q}q \rangle_{\text{sub.}}(m)}{m}}_{\text{mixed}}$$

U(1)_A breaking contribution

mixed

$$\chi^{\text{dis.}}(m) = \underbrace{\frac{N_f}{m^2} \chi_{\text{top.}}(m)}_{\text{U(1)}_A \text{ breaking contribution}} + \underbrace{\Delta_{SU(2)}^{(1)}(m) - \Delta_{SU(2)}^{(2)}(m)}_{\text{SU(2) x SU(2) breaking}}$$

SU(2)xSU(2) breaking

where $\Delta_{U(1)}(m) \equiv \sum_x \langle P^a(x)P^a(0) - S^a(x)S^a(0) \rangle$ axial U(1) susceptibility

$$\Delta_{SU(2)}^{(1)}(m) \equiv \sum_x \langle S^0(x)S^0(0) - P^a(x)P^a(0) \rangle \quad \Delta_{SU(2)}^{(2)}(m) \equiv \sum_x \langle S^a(x)S^a(0) - P^0(x)P^0(0) \rangle$$

* quadratic divergence is subtracted using the data at reference quark mass mref=0.005.

Lattice formulas

Using $\lambda_m =$ eigenvalues of $H_m = \gamma_5 [(1 - m)D_{ov} + m]$

$$\Delta_{U(1)}(m) = \frac{1}{V(1 - m^2)^2} \left\langle \sum_{\lambda_m} \frac{2m^2(1 - \lambda_m^2)^2}{\lambda_m^4} \right\rangle,$$

$$-\langle \bar{q}q \rangle = \frac{1}{V(1 - m^2)} \left\langle \sum_{\lambda_m} \frac{m(1 - \lambda_m^2)}{\lambda_m^2} \right\rangle.$$

$$\chi^{\text{dis.}}(m) = \frac{N_f}{V} \left[\frac{1}{(1 - m^2)^2} \left\langle \left(\sum_{\lambda_m} \frac{m(1 - \lambda_m^2)}{\lambda_m^2} \right)^2 \right\rangle - |\langle \bar{q}q \rangle^{\text{lat}}|^2 V^2 \right].$$

Remark.1 eigen functions do not matter.

Remark.2 **chiral symmetry is essential for this decomposition.**

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Simulation setup (Nf=2)

Nf=2 flavor QCD

$1/a = 2.6 \text{ GeV}$ (0.075fm)

Symanzik gauge action

$L=24,32,40,48$ [1.8-3.6fm] (at $T=220\text{MeV}$)

Mobius domain-wall fermions with $m_{\text{res}} < 1 \text{ MeV}$

(and reweighted overlap fermion)

Quark mass from 3MeV (< phys. pt. $\sim 4\text{MeV}$) to 30MeV.

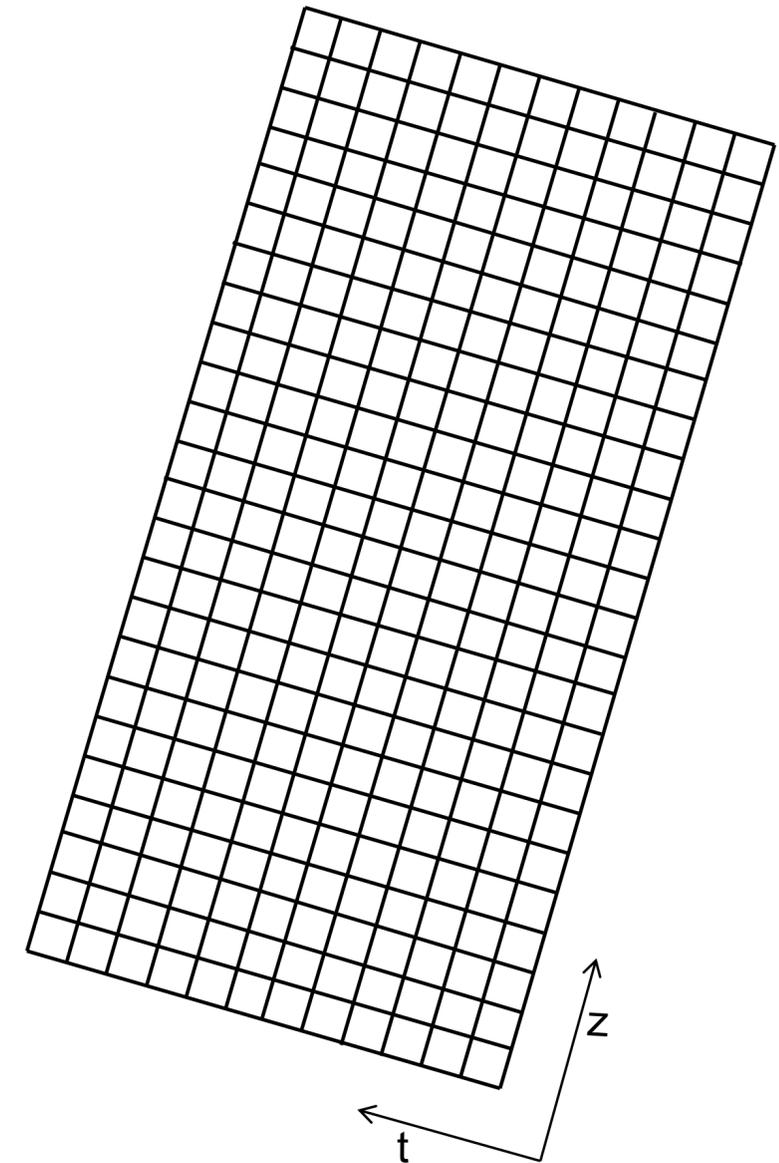
$T=165$ ($\sim T_c$), 195, 220, 260, 330 MeV ($Lt=8,10,12,14,16$)

T_c is estimated to be around 175MeV (from Polyakov loop)

Simulation codes : Irolro++ (<https://github.com/coppolachan/Irolro>)

Grid (<https://github.com/paboyle/Grid>)

Bridge++(<https://bridge.kek.jp/Lattice-code/>)



Simulation setup ($N_f=2+1$)

[preliminary]

$N_f=2+1$ flavor QCD

$1/a = 2.453\text{GeV}$

$L=32$ (2.58, fm)

Mobius domain-wall fermion with $m_{\text{res}} < 1\text{ MeV}$

(and reweighted overlap fermion)

up-down quark mass from **phys. pt.** $\sim 4\text{MeV}$ to 30MeV .

strange quark mass at phys.pt.

$T=153(\sim T_c), 175, 220\text{ MeV}$

Overlap vs. Mobius domain-wall

$$D_{\text{ov}}(m) = \left[\frac{1+m}{2} + \frac{1-m}{2} \gamma_5 \text{sgn}(H_M) \right] \nearrow \text{perfect chiral sym.}$$

numerically $m_{\text{res}} \sim 1 \text{keV}$ \nearrow good chiral sym.

$$D_{\text{DW}}^{4D}(m) = \frac{1+m}{2} + \frac{1-m}{2} \gamma_5 \frac{1 - (T(H_M))^{L_s}}{1 + (T(H_M))^{L_s}} \quad \text{with } L_s=16.$$

numerically $m_{\text{res}} \sim 1 \text{MeV}$ $H_M = \gamma_5 \frac{2D_W}{2 + D_W}$

OV is obtained by exactly computing the sgn function for low-modes of H_M .

Violation of chiral symmetry enhanced at finite T

Checking chiral sym. for EACH eigenmode

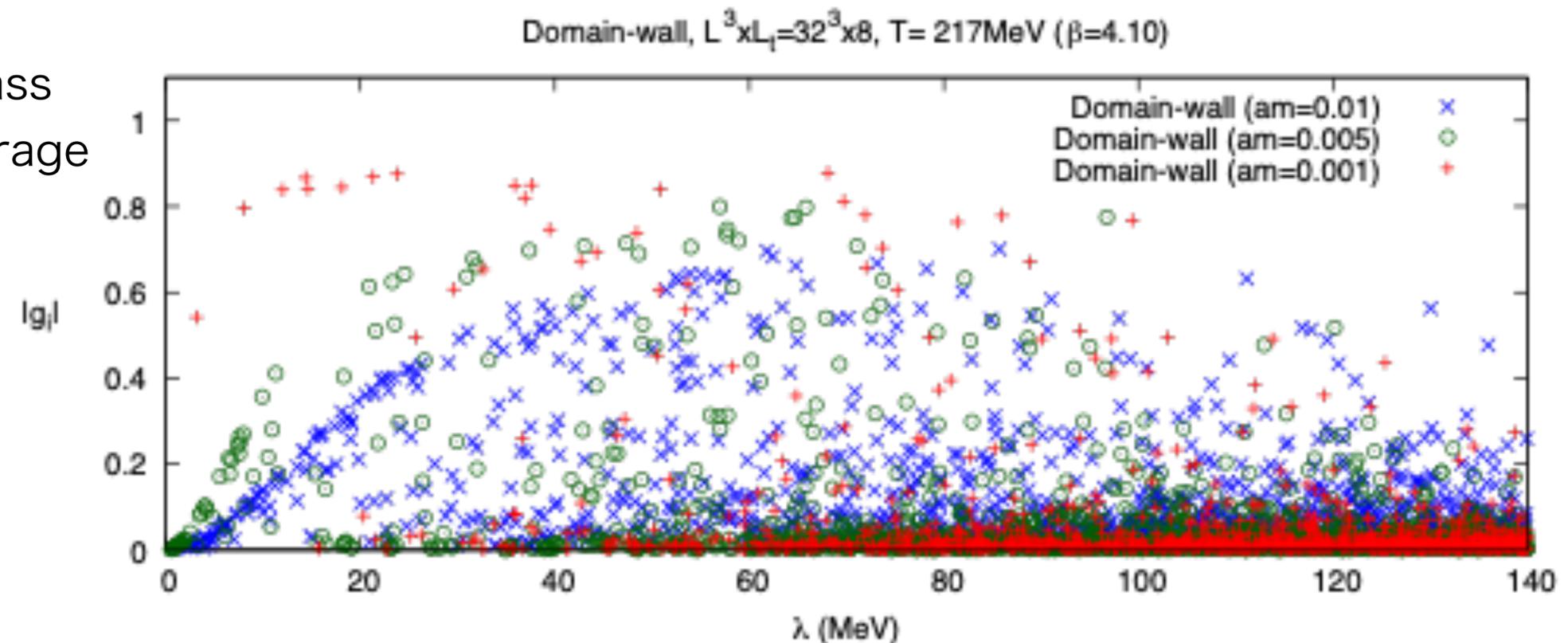
$$g_i = \left(v_i^\dagger, \frac{D\gamma_5 + \gamma_5 D - aRD\gamma_5 D}{\lambda_i} v_i \right)$$

Bad modes appear above T_c for $a \sim 0.1$ fm.

[JLQCD (Cossu et al.) 2015, JLQCD(Tomiya et al.) 2016]

Note: residual mass is (weighted) average of them.

For $T=0$, g_i are consistent with residual mass.



Overlap/domain-wall reweighting

$$\begin{aligned}\langle O \rangle_{overlap} &= \frac{\int dAO [\det D_{ov}(m)]^2 e^{-S_G}}{\int dA [\det D_{ov}(m)]^2 e^{-S_G}} \\ &= \frac{\int dAO R [\det D_{DW}^{4D}(m)]^2 e^{-S_G}}{\int dA R [\det D_{DW}^{4D}(m)]^2 e^{-S_G}} & R &\equiv \frac{\det [D_{ov}(m)]^2}{\det [D_{DW}^{4D}(m)]^2} \\ &= \frac{\langle OR \rangle_{domain-wall}}{\langle R \rangle_{domain-wall}}\end{aligned}$$

- * Use of overlap fermion in valence sector only is **VERY DANGEROUS** (anomaly is overestimated by 1000% [JLQCD 2015]) !

Low-mode approximation

In the eigenvalue summations,

$$\Delta_{U(1)}(m) = \frac{1}{V(1-m^2)^2} \left\langle \sum_{\lambda_m} \frac{2m^2(1-\lambda_m^2)^2}{\lambda_m^4} \right\rangle,$$

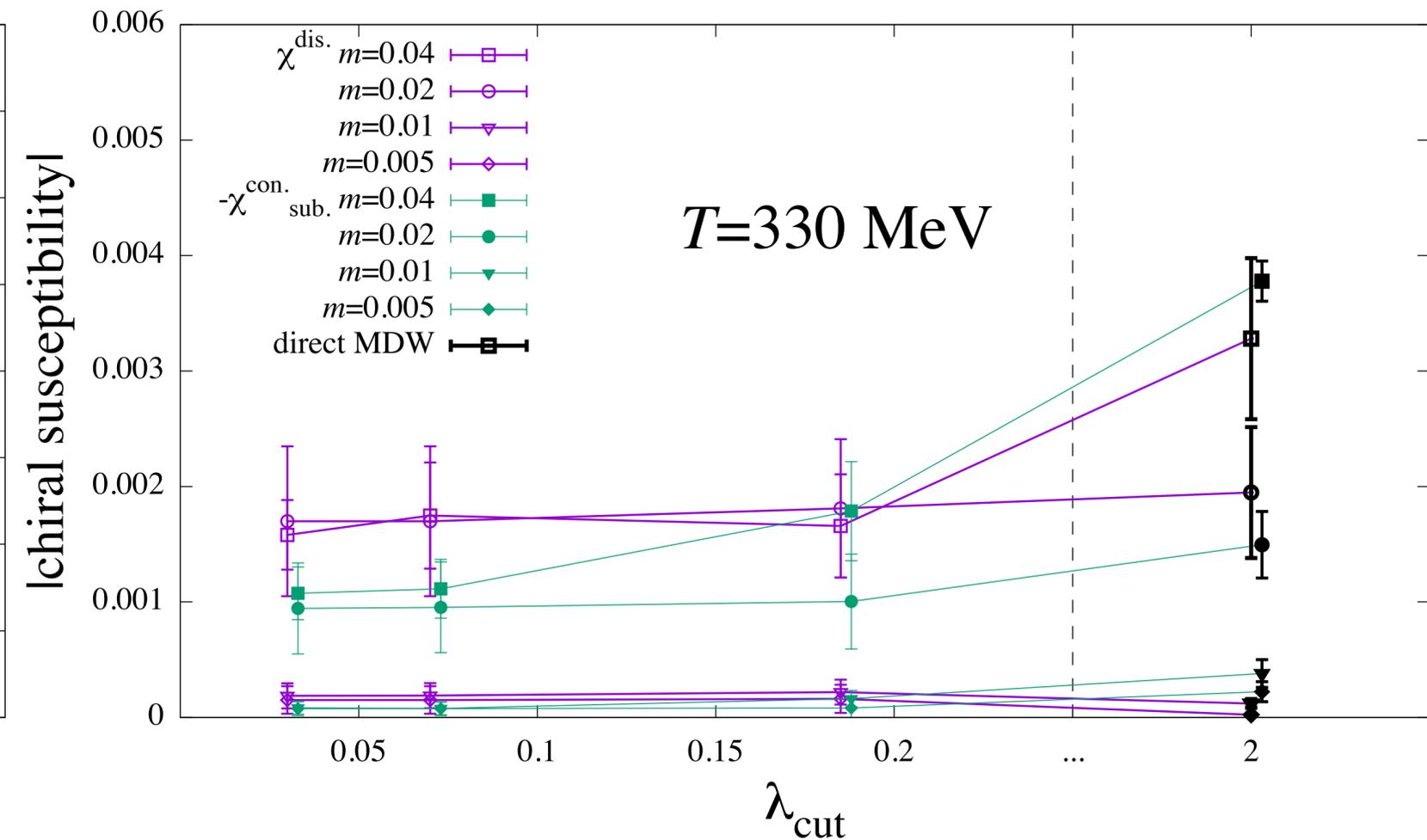
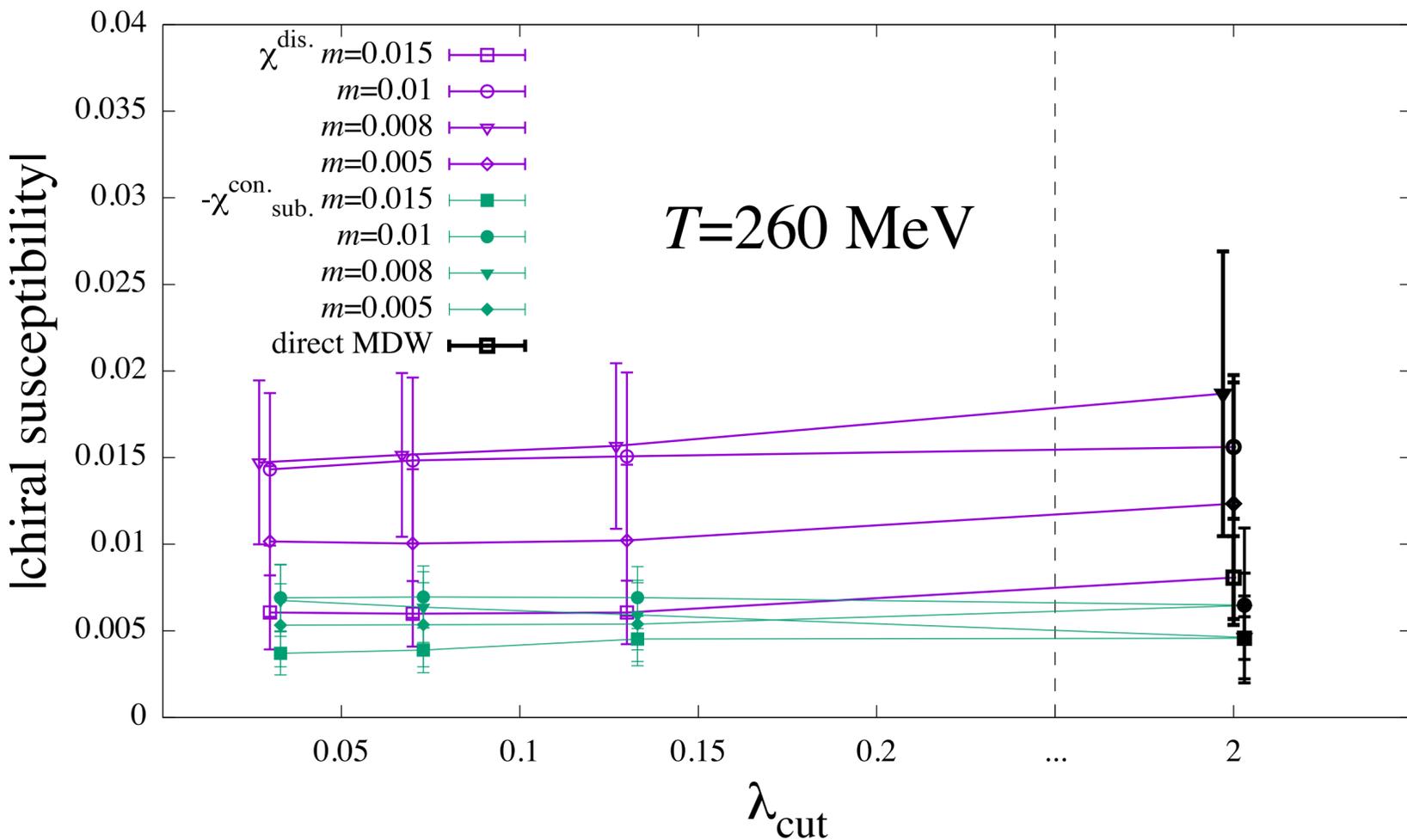
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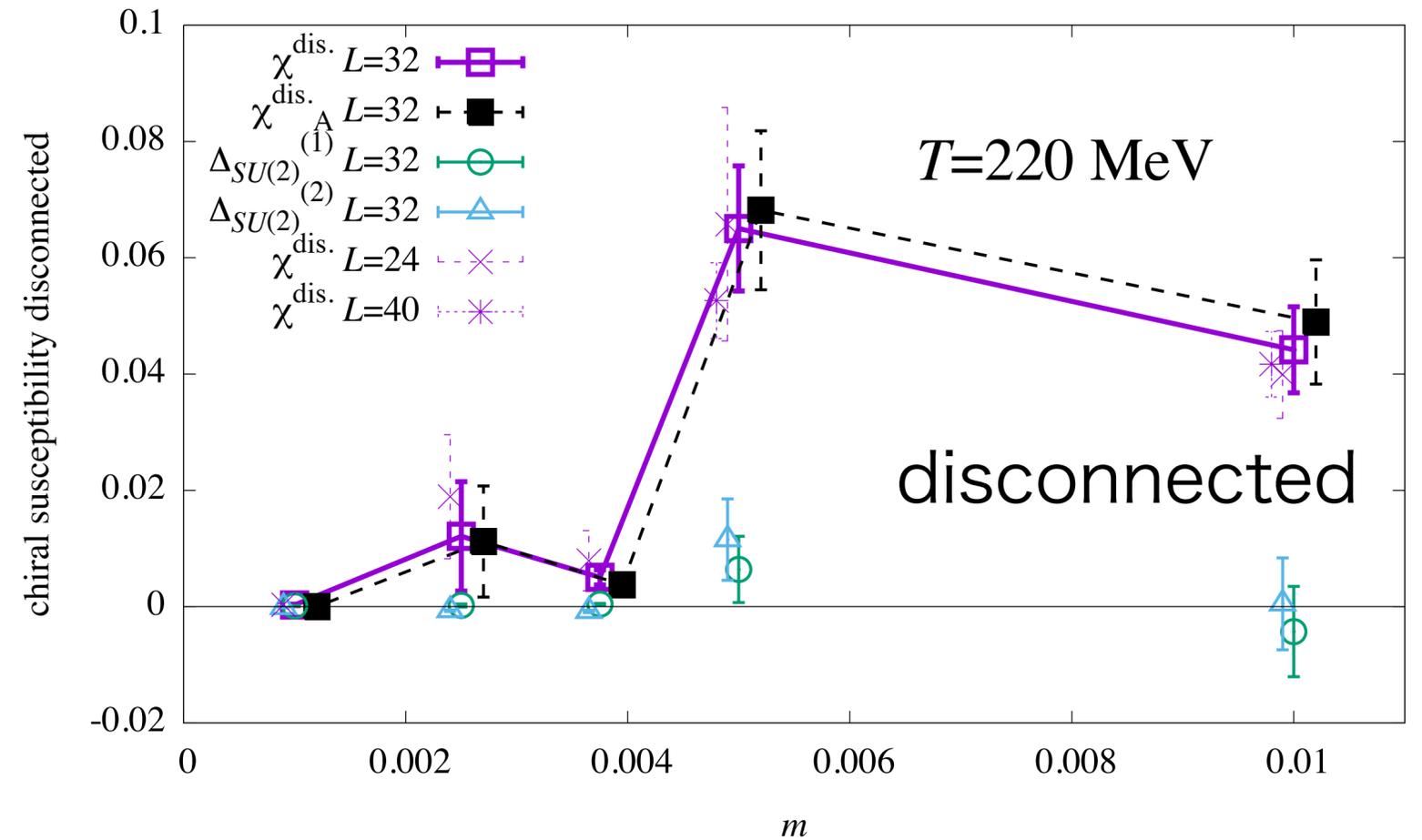
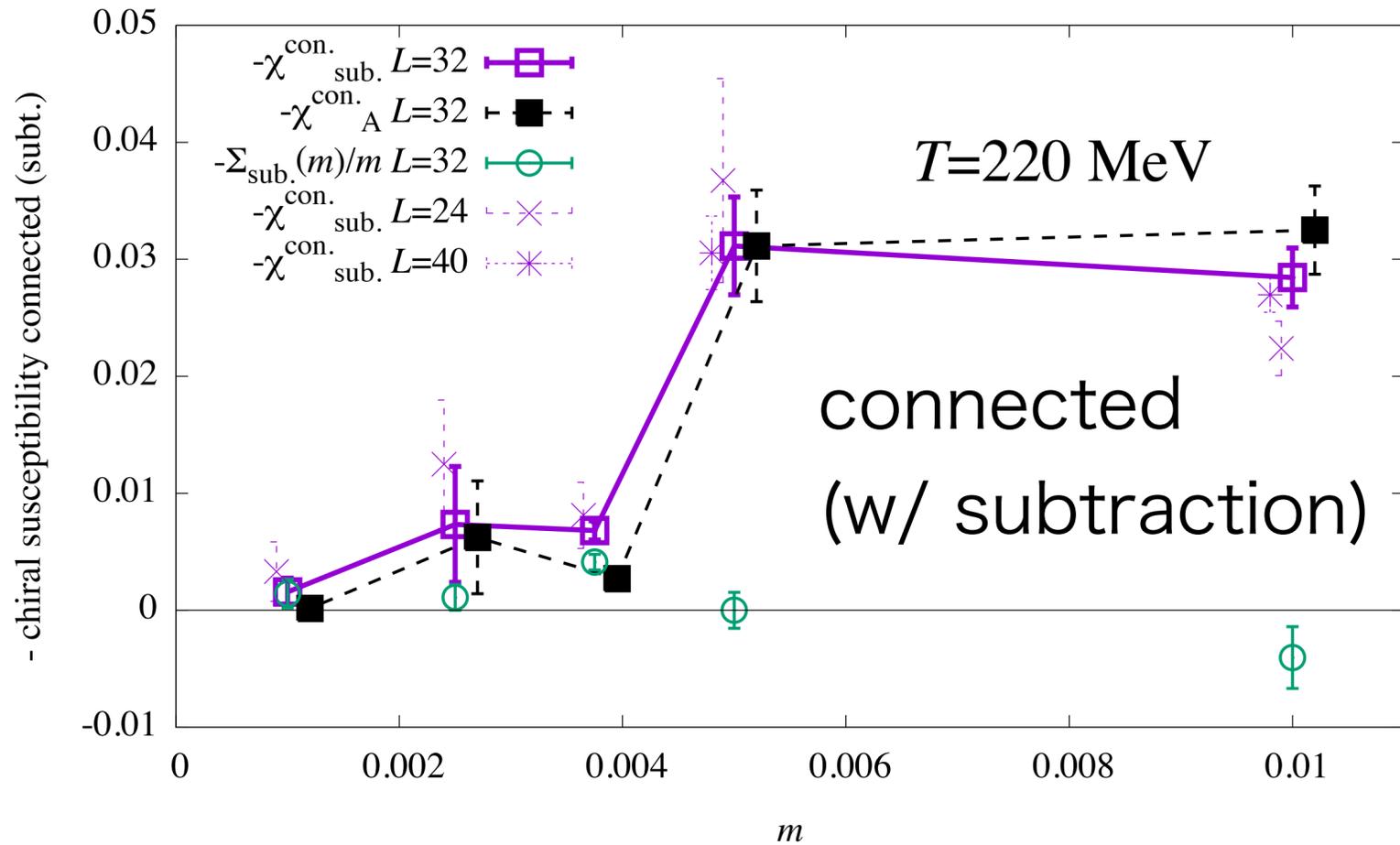
we truncate at 30-40th lowest mode ($\lambda_{\text{threshold}} \sim 150\text{--}300$ MeV).

Low mode approximation



For $T \leq 260$ MeV, we find a good saturation and consistency with direct inversion of Mobius domain-wall Dirac operator (direct MDW) but $T=330$ MeV, it is not good; we use direct MDW.

Nf=2 Result at T=220MeV



Axial U(1) anomaly dominates the signal:

connected part \sim U(1) susceptibility

disconnected \sim topological susceptibility $\times 2/m^2$.

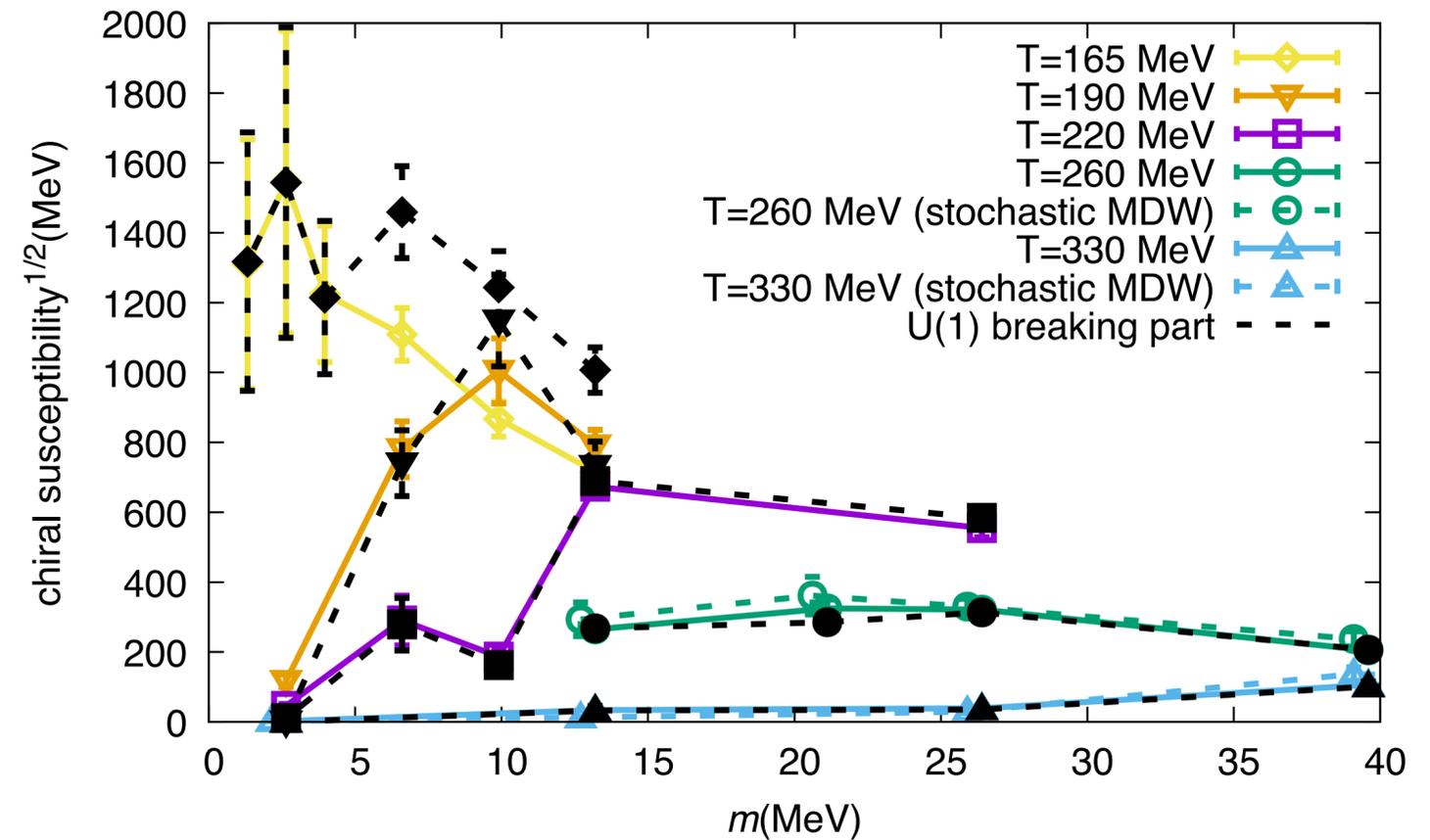
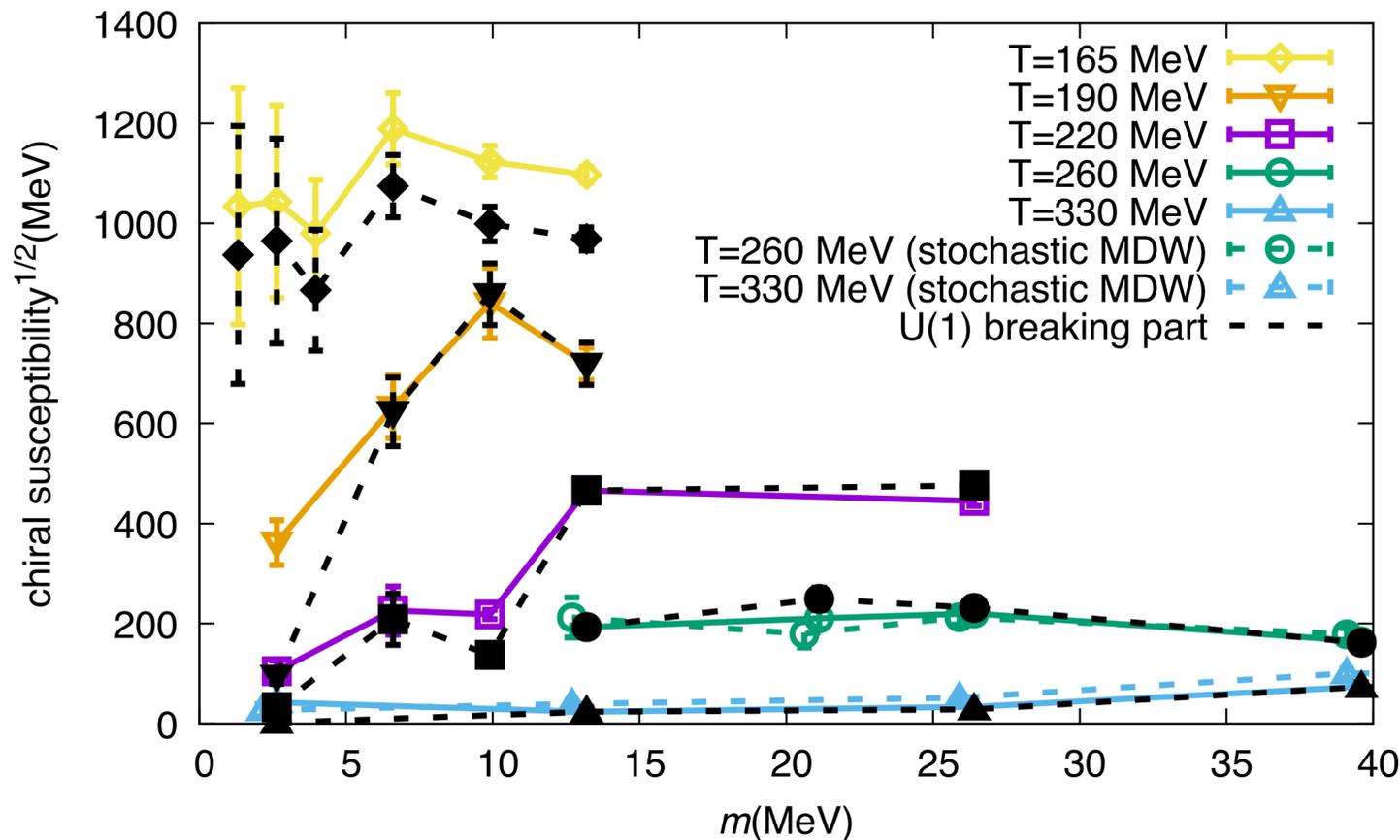
Finite V effects look under control.

Open squares : data for chiral susceptibility

filled squares : axial U(1) anomaly part

crosses and stars : data on different Vs

Nf=2 at different temperatures



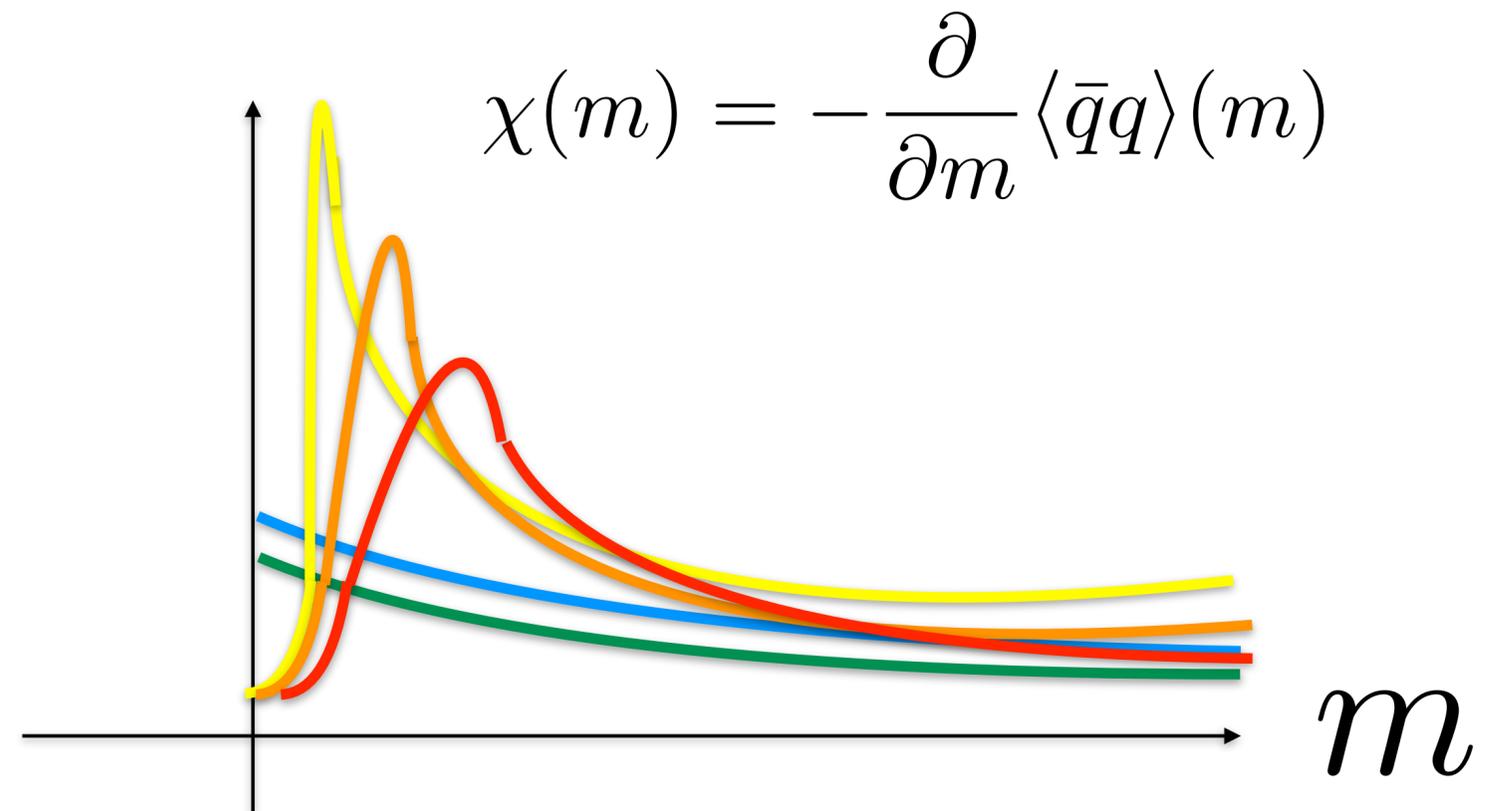
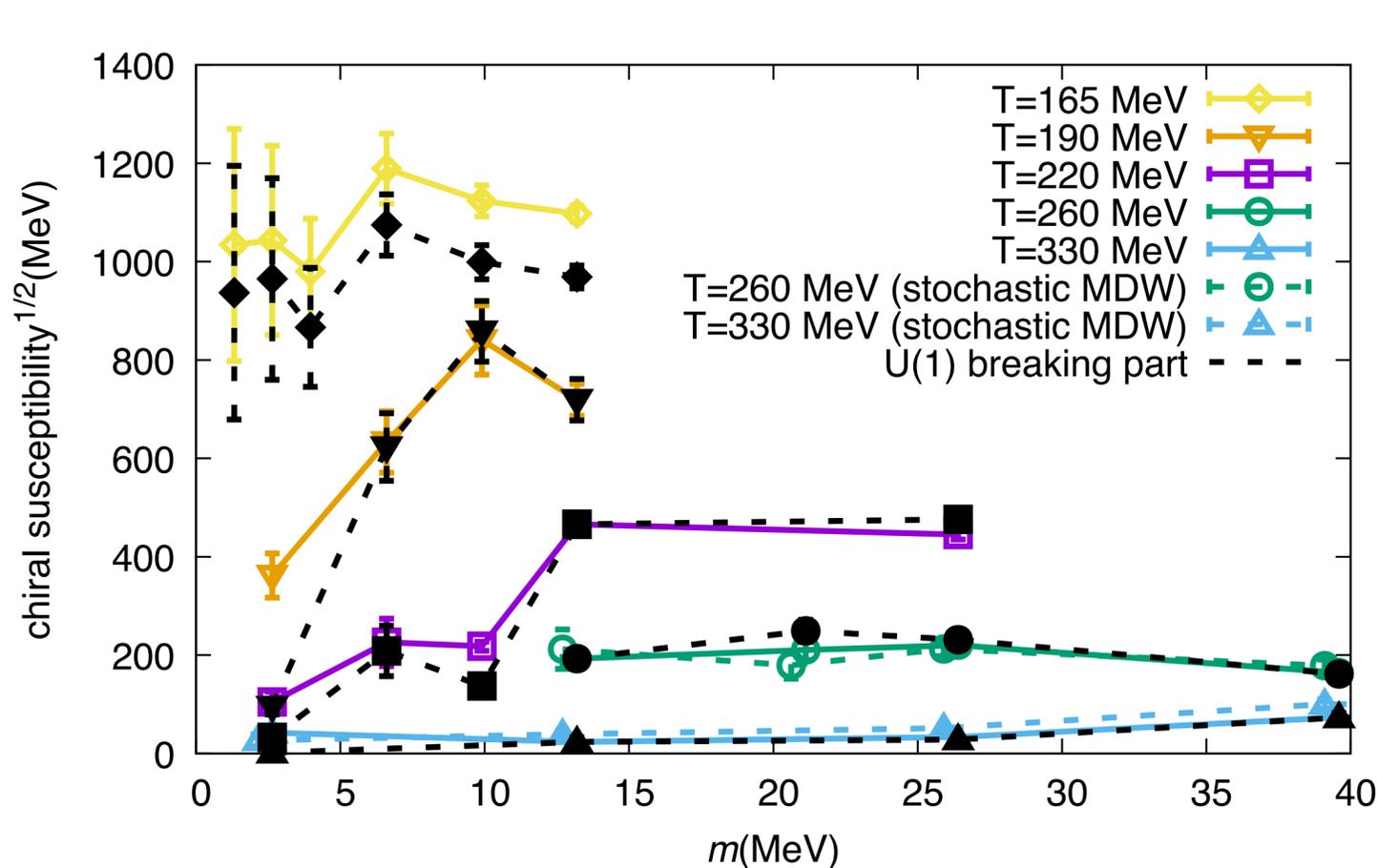
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Nf=2 at different temperatures



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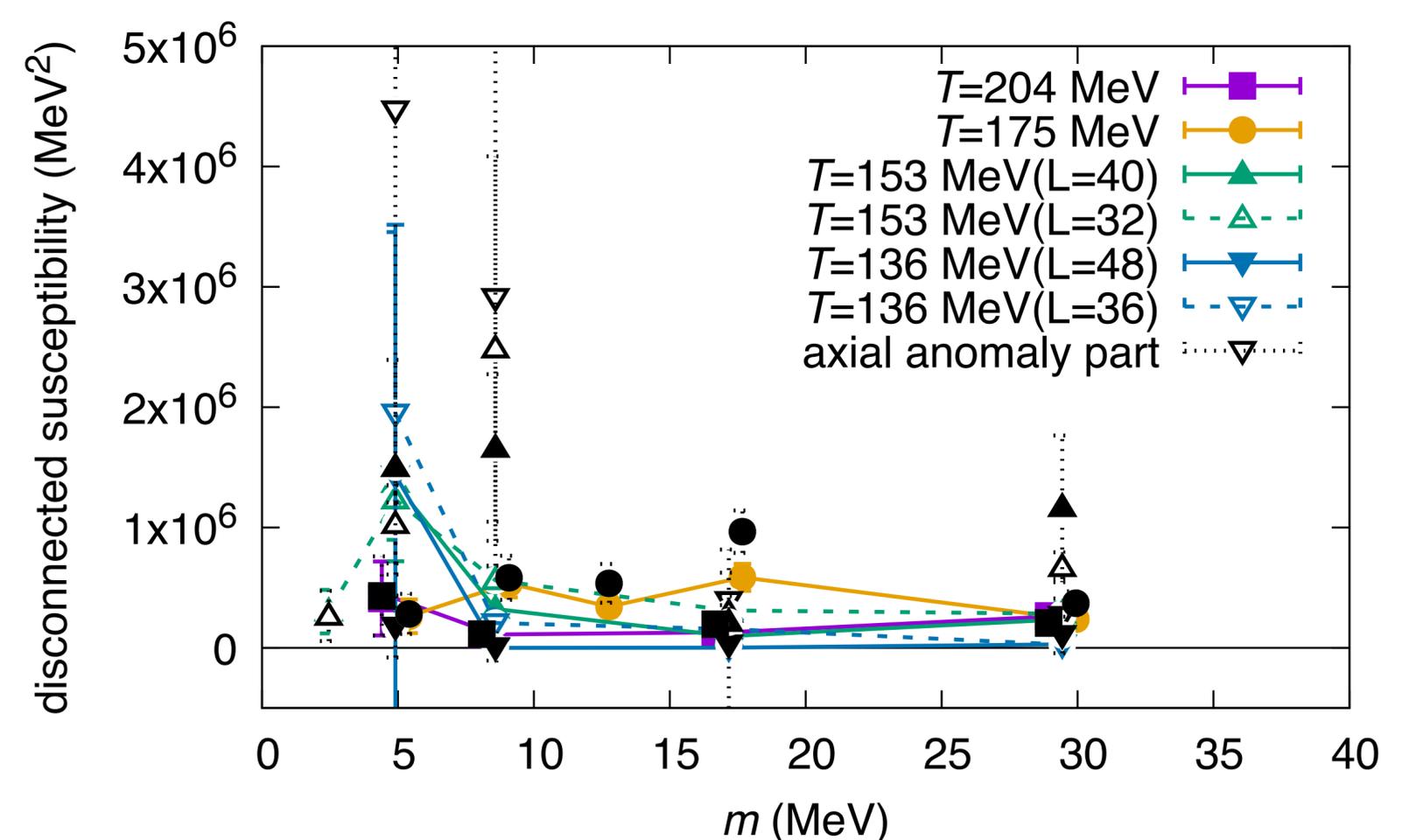
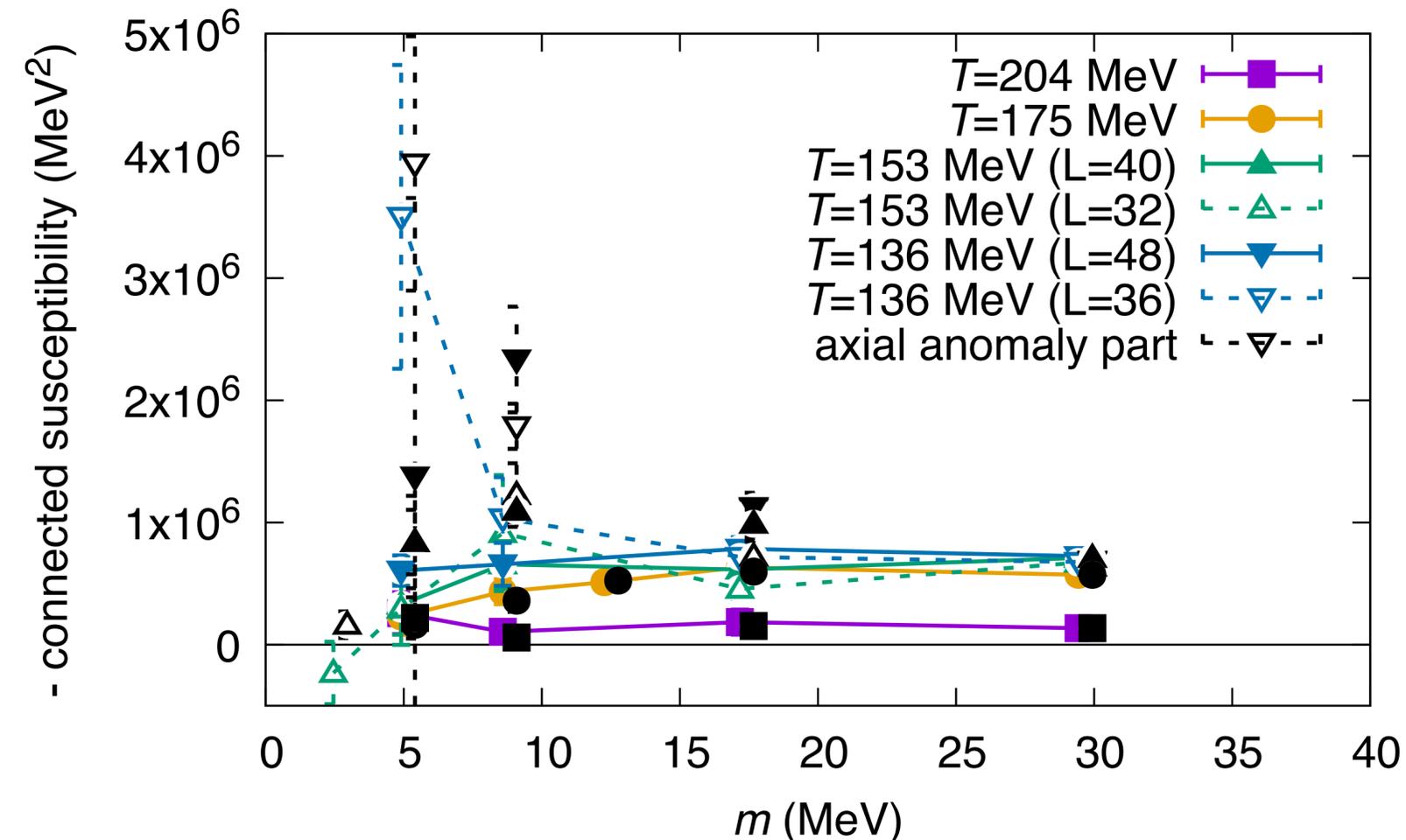
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Nf=2+1 preliminary results

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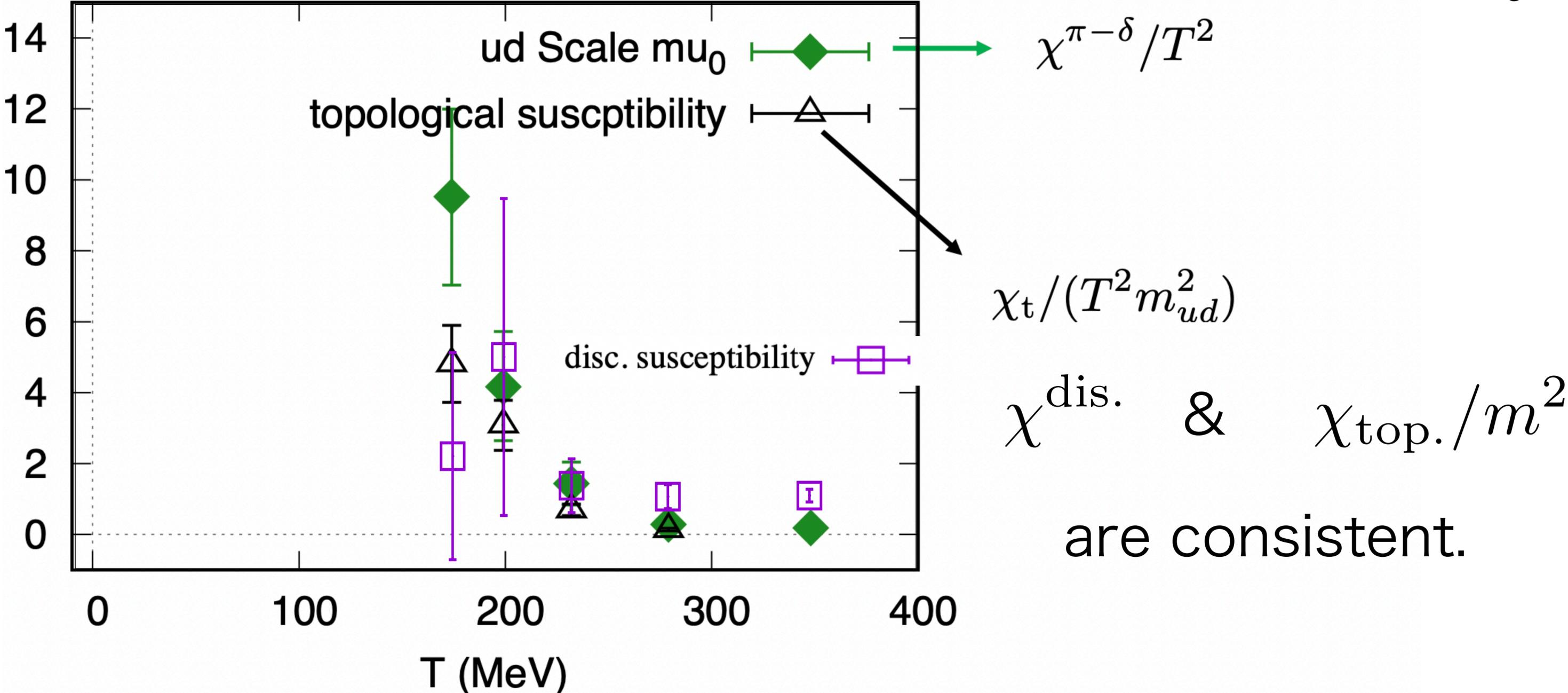
The dominance by axial U(1) anomaly is seen at 3 different T s.
But the signals are still noisy to identify the peaks.

The same in WHOT-QCD collaboration (?)

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WHOT-QCD Collaboration, Phys. Rev. D 95, no.5, 054502 (2017)

A. Baba et al. (WHOT-QCD Collaboration), talk at 76th JPS annual meeting 2021



Subtlety in the total contribution

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$$\chi^{\text{dis.}}(m) = \underbrace{\frac{N_f}{m^2} \chi_{\text{top.}}(m)}_{\text{a large cancellation}} + \underbrace{\Delta_{SU(2)}^{(1)}(m) - \Delta_{SU(2)}^{(2)}(m)}_{\text{SU(2) x SU(2) breaking}}$$

a large cancellation

$O(1/V^{1/2})$ effect

It is difficult to see what survives in the total contribution.

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✓ 3. Numerical results

The signal is dominated by axial $U(1)$ anomaly.

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1. We simulate $N_f=2$ and $2+1$ lattice QCD.
2. Chiral condensate and susceptibility are related to both $SU(2)\times SU(2)$ and $U(1)_A$.
3. In the spectral decomposition of the Dirac operator **with exact chiral symmetry**, we can separate the purely $U(1)$ anomaly effect.
4. **Connected/disconnected susceptibilities are dominated by $U(1)$ breaking at $T \geq T_c$.**

Connected part \sim axial $U(1)$ susceptibility.

Disconnected part \sim top. susceptibility $\times 2/m^2$

Axial $U(1)$ anomaly may play more important role in the QCD phase diagram than expected.

Take-home message

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial m} \langle \bar{\psi} \psi \rangle$$

is probing not only $SU(2)_L \times SU(2)_R$ but also $U(1)_A$ breaking/restoration.

At $T \geq 165 \text{ MeV}$ in $N_f=2$ QCD ($\geq 153 \text{ MeV}$ in $N_f=2+1$).

$U(1)_A$ anomaly dominates the signal of connected/disconnected susceptibilities.