

# Thermal hadron resonances and Ward Identities: results for the QCD phase diagram



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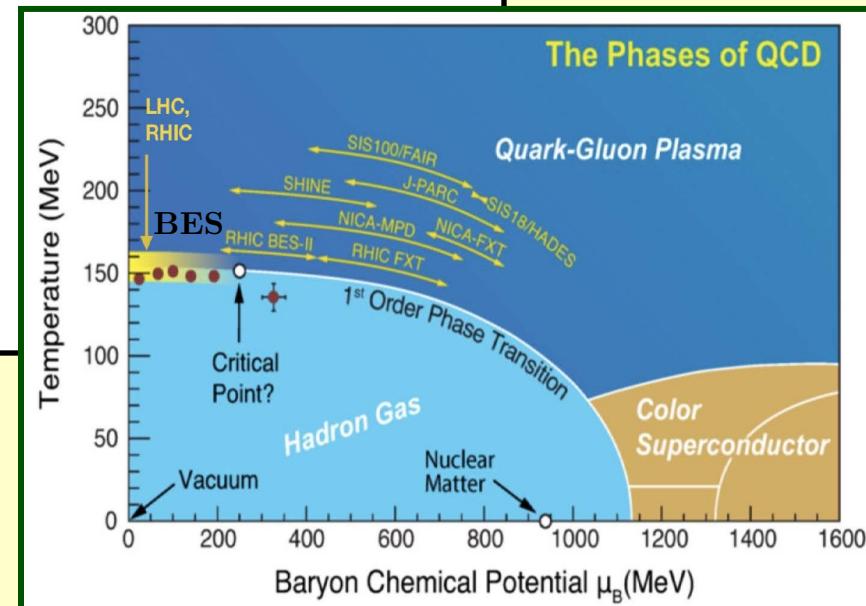
## OUTLINE:

- Chiral and  $U(1)_A$  restoration
- Ward Identities
- Predictions from effective theories
- The role of thermal resonances

## QCD phase diagram

### SOME OPEN PROBLEMS:

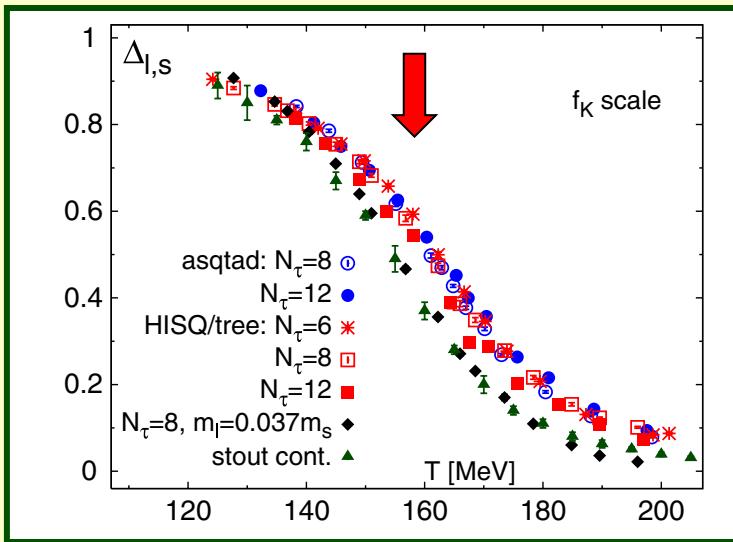
- Nature of chiral restoration and connection with  $U(1)_A$
- Properties of Resonances in Hadronic Medium
- High density beyond BES programme
- Existence and nature of critical point
- Other dimensions:  $\mu_I$ ,  $\mu_S$ ,  $\mu_5$ ,  $eB$ , ...



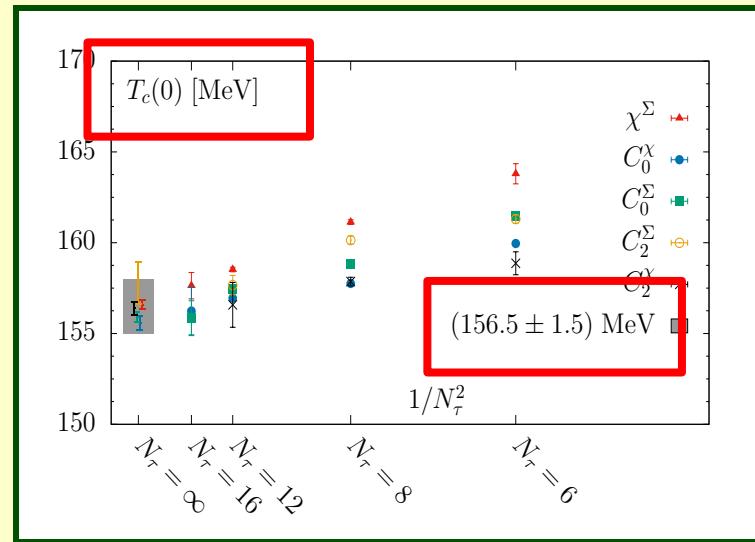
# Signals of Chiral Symmetry Restoration

Inflection point for the light quark condensate  $\langle \bar{q}q \rangle_l = \langle \bar{u}u + \bar{d}d \rangle$

A.Bazavov et al PRD85, 054503 (2012)



A.Bazavov et al, Phys.Lett.B 795 (2019) 15



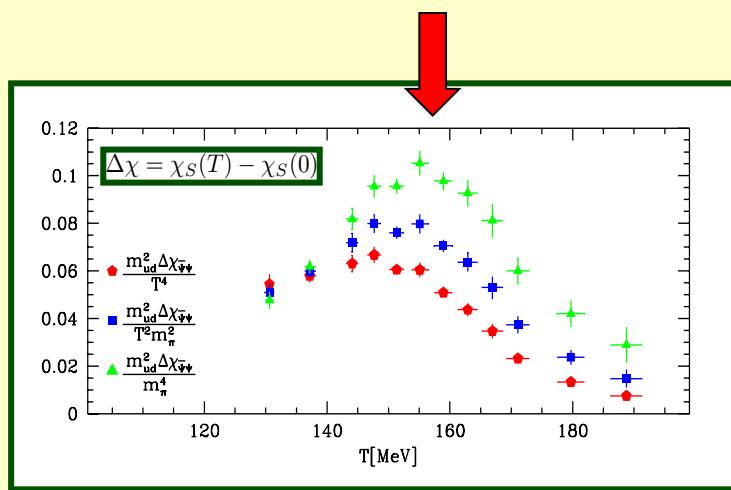
$$\Delta_{l,s} = \frac{\langle \bar{q}q \rangle_T - (2m_q/m_s) \langle \bar{s}s \rangle_T}{\langle \bar{q}q \rangle_0 - (2m_q/m_s) \langle \bar{s}s \rangle_0}$$

subtracted quark condensate (avoids lattice divergences)

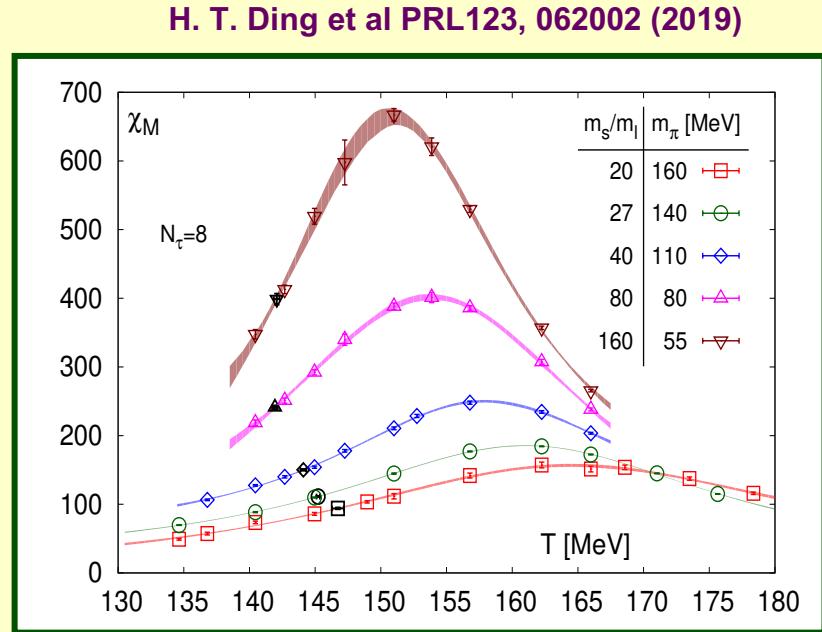
Crossover-like transition in physical case  
( $N_f = 2 + 1$ , massive quarks)

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Peak of scalar susceptibility  $\chi_S = \int_x \left[ \langle \bar{q}q(x)\bar{q}q(0) \rangle - \langle \bar{q}q \rangle_l^2 \right]$



Y.Aoki et al [BW coll] JHEP 0906, 088 (2009)



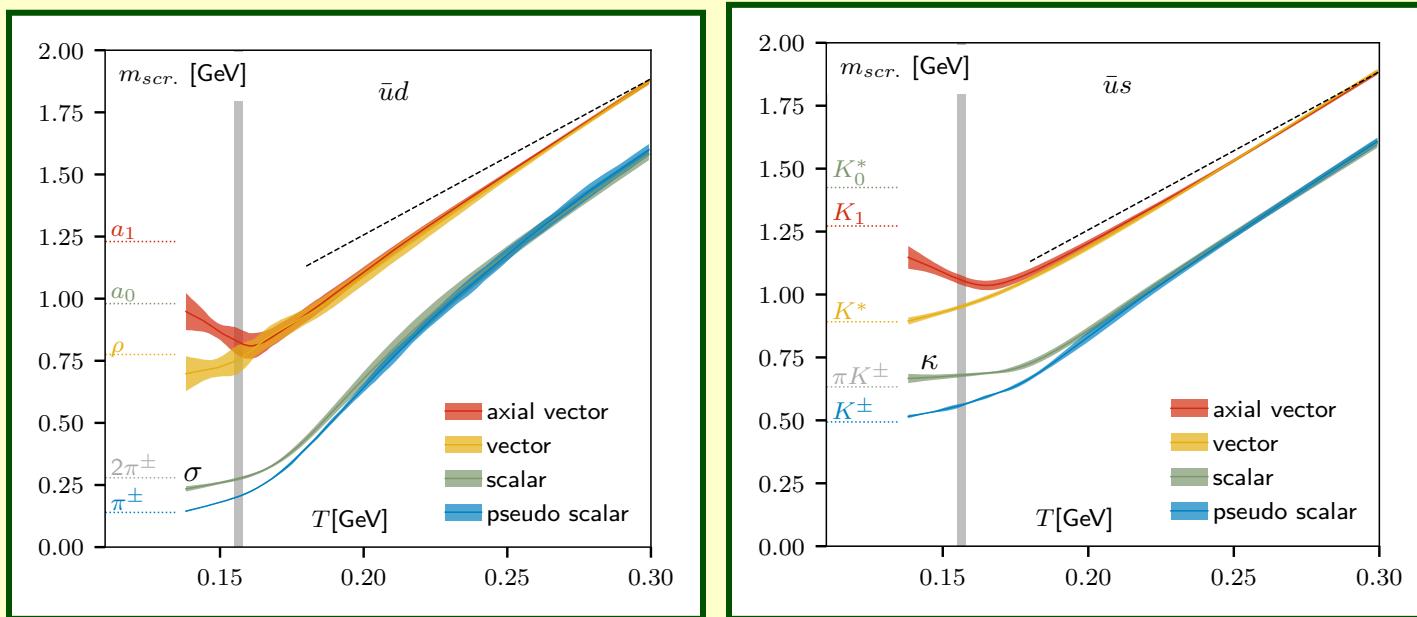
$$\rightarrow T_c^{m_{ud}=0} = 132^{+3}_{-6} \text{ MeV}$$

Phase transition in light chiral limit for  $N_f = 2$ , possibly of second order

R. D. Pisarski and F. Wilczek PRD 29, 338 (1984)

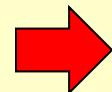
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- Screening masses and susceptibilities of chiral partners degenerate around  $T_c$



A.Bazavov et al (Hot QCD coll) PRD 100, 094510 (2019)

- Key to understand the nature of chiral transition vs  $U(1)_A$



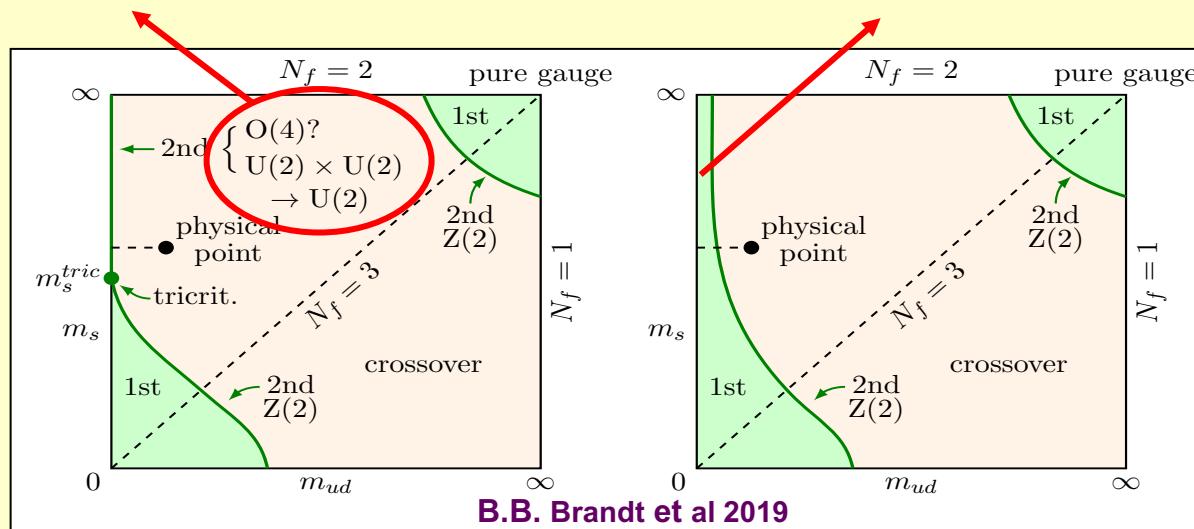
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via instanton suppression

Universality class depends on the strength of  $U(1)_A$  breaking @ $T_c$

Transition order can even change if  $U(1)_A$  is sufficiently restored



E.V.Shuryak, CNPP21, 235 (1994); T.D.Cohen PRD54 R1867 (1996); S.H.Lee, T.Hatsuda PRD54, R1871 (1996)

A. Pelissetto, E. Vicari PRD88, 105018 (2013)

$\Rightarrow M_{\eta'}$  and  $\chi_{top}$  reduction if  $U(1)_A$  efficiently restored around  $T_c$

J. I. Kapusta, D. Kharzeev, L. D. McLerran, PRD53, 5028 (1996)

T. Csorgo et al, PRL105, 182301 (2010)

AGN, J.Ruiz de Elvira, A.Vioque-Rodríguez, JHEP11, 086 (2019)

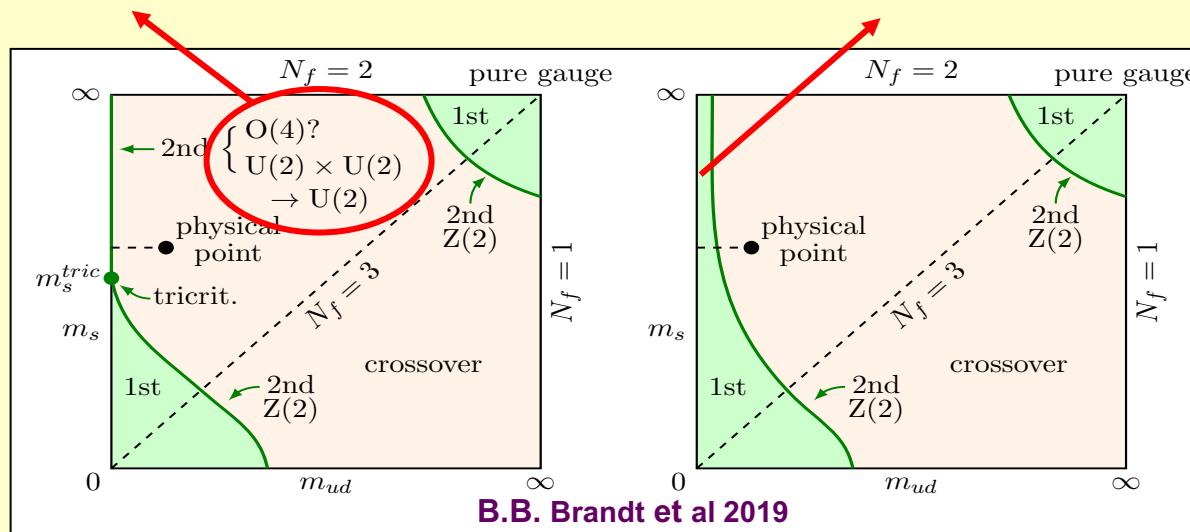
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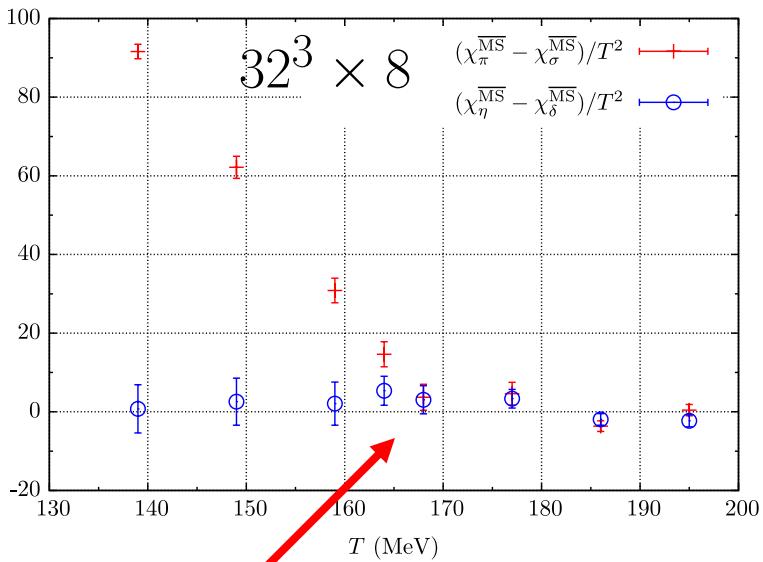
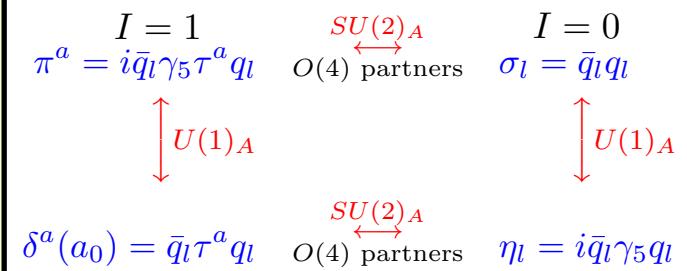


⇒ How effective is  $U(1)_A$  asymptotic restoration at  $T_c$ ?  
(specially around  $N_f = 2$  in light chiral limit)

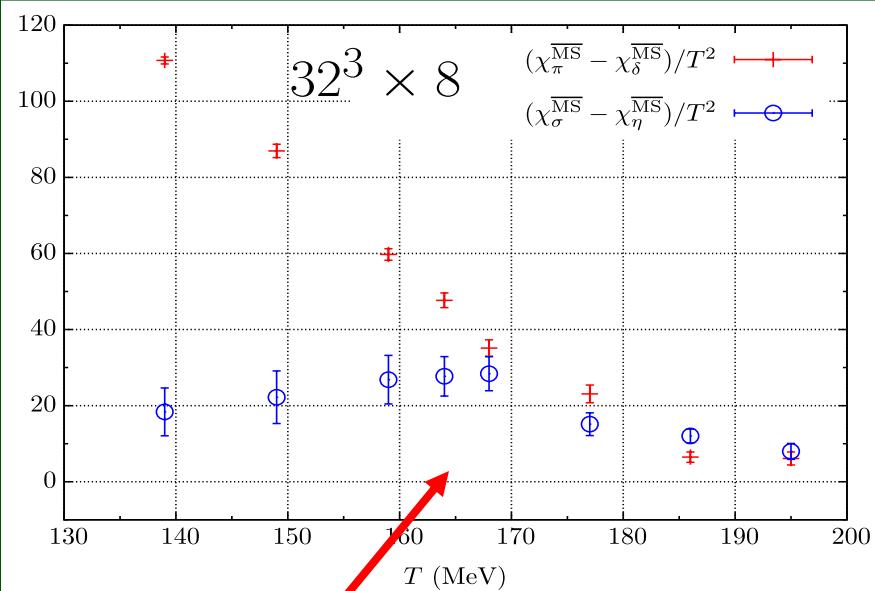
# $O(4)$ vs $U(1)_A$ : lattice results (light scalar/pseudoscalar sector)

- $N_f = 2 + 1$  susceptibilities  
(physical  $m_{ud}$ ,  $m_s$ , domain wall fermions)

Buchhoff et al (LLNL/RBC coll) PRD89 (2014)



$O(4)$  OK (with large uncertainties in  $\chi_\eta - \chi_\delta$ )



significant  $U(1)_A$  breaking  
@  $T_c$  for physical masses

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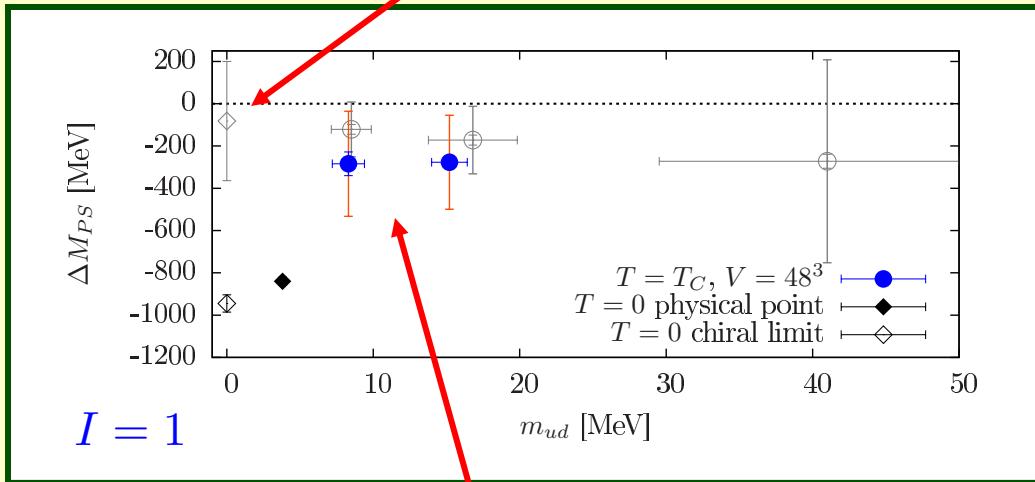
$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 I = 1 & \xleftrightarrow{SU(2)_A} & I = 0 \\
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 \updownarrow U(1)_A & & \updownarrow U(1)_A \\
 \delta^a(a_0) = \bar{q}_l \tau^a q_l & \xleftrightarrow{SU(2)_A} & \eta_l = i\bar{q}_l \gamma_5 q_l \\
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G.Cossu et al PRD87, 114514 (2013)

B.B.Brandt et al JHEP 12, 158 (2016), PoS CD2018, 055 (2019)

A.Tomiya et al PRD96, 034509 (2017)

Compatible with  $U(1)_A$  restoration @  $T_c$  in chiral limit



Same behaviour  
(domain wall fermions)

S.Aoki et al (JLQCD coll)  
PRD103, 074506 (2021)

Soft  $U(1)_A$  breaking for  $m \neq 0$ , increasing with  $V$

AGN, J.Ruiz de Elvira,  
R.Torres,  
**PRD88, 076007 (2013)**  
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**JHEP1603, 186 (2016)**,  
**PRD97, 074016 (2018)**,  
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## $O(4)$ vs $U(1)_A$ : Ward Identities

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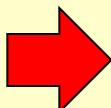
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- $SU(2)_A$  transforms  $\langle \eta_l \eta_s \rangle \xrightarrow{(*)} \langle \delta \eta_s \rangle = 0$  by parity



$$\eta_l \stackrel{O(4)}{\sim} \delta \Rightarrow \chi_P^{ls} \stackrel{O(4)}{\sim} 0 \Rightarrow \chi_{5,disc} \stackrel{O(4)}{\sim} 0, \quad \chi_{top} \stackrel{O(4)}{\sim} 0$$

$$(*) \quad \eta_l \rightarrow i \bar{q}_l \gamma_5 e^{i \frac{\pi}{2} \gamma_5 \tau^b} q_l = -\delta^b$$



$O(4) \times U(1)_A$  pattern for *exact* CSR

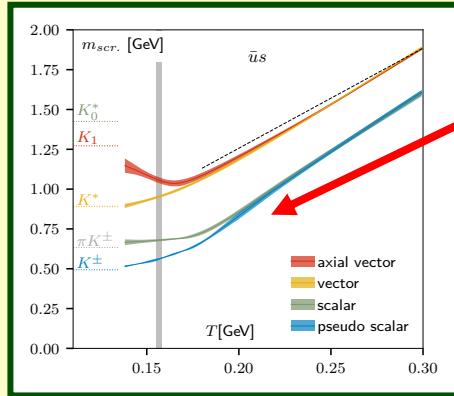
Consistent with lattice for  $N_f = 2, m_l \rightarrow 0$

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AGN, J.Ruiz de Elvira, A.Vioque-Rodríguez, D. Álvarez-Herrero, EPJC81 (2021) 637

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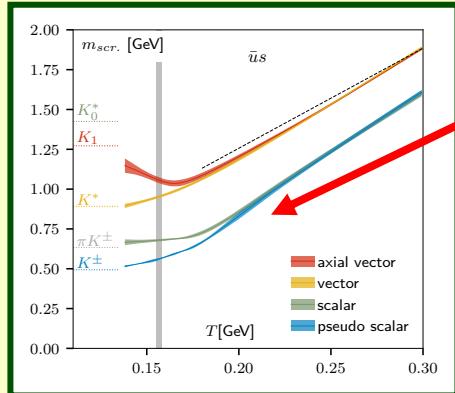


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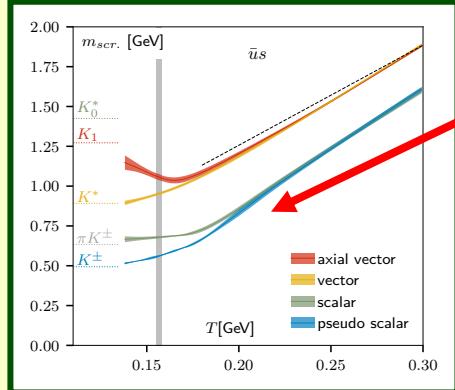
(recall both  $\langle \bar{q}q \rangle_l, \langle \bar{s}s \rangle < 0$ )

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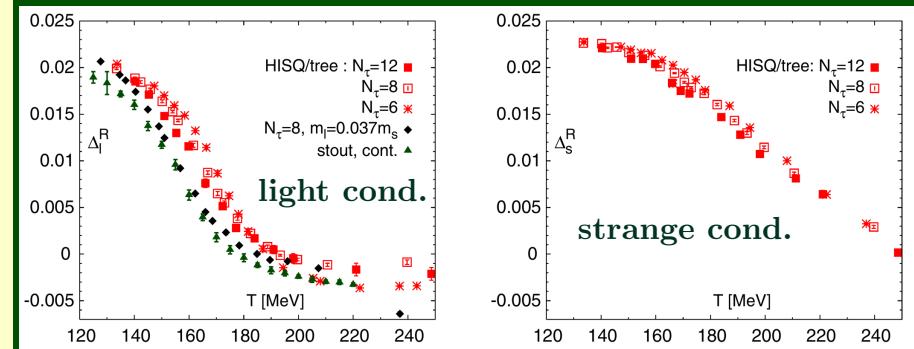
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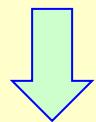
decreases (faster as  $T \rightarrow T_c$  from below)

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increases by  $\langle \bar{q}q \rangle_l$  reduction as  $T \rightarrow T_c$   
but decreases as  $\langle \bar{s}s \rangle$  activates  
approaching  $\chi^K$  in  $O(4) \times U(1)_A$  region  
 $\Rightarrow \chi_S^\kappa$  PEAK above  $T_c$

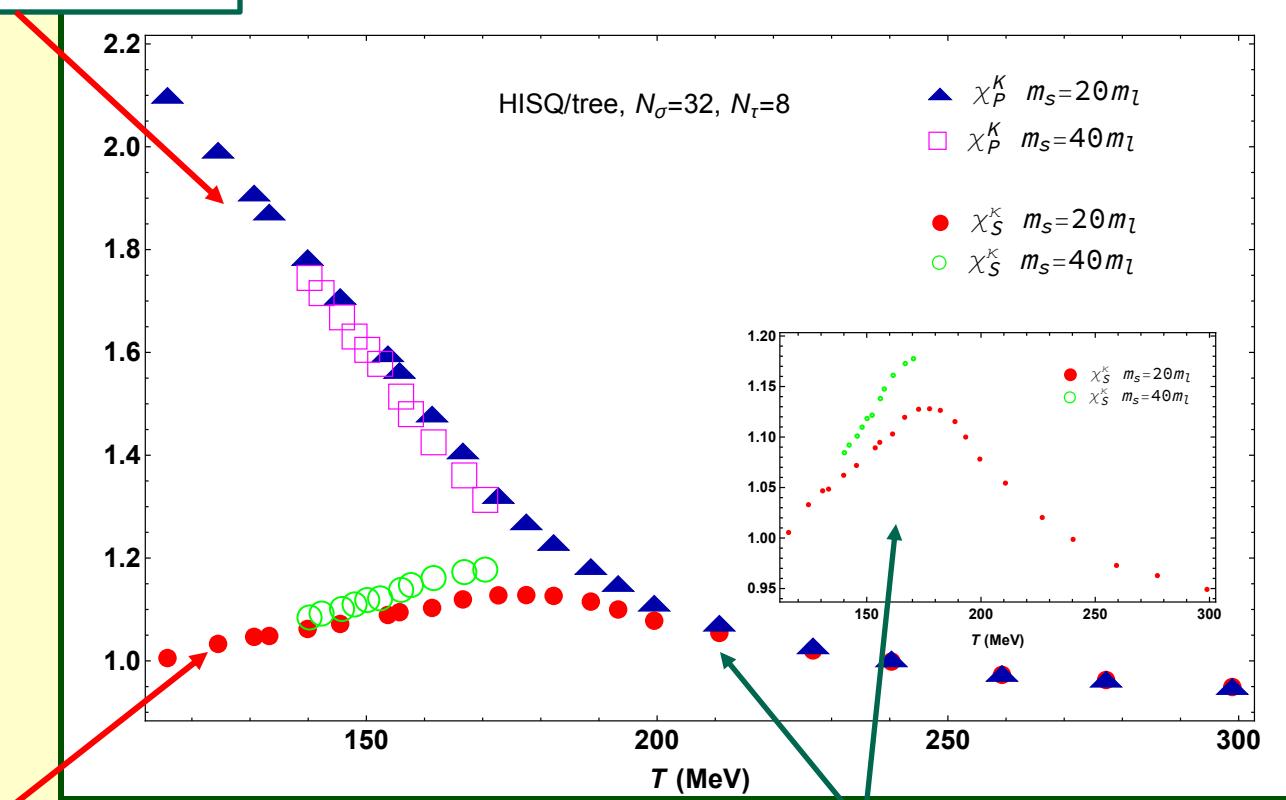
Reconstructed susceptibilities from WI and lattice condensate data  
confirm this behaviour (no direct  $\chi^{K,\kappa}$  results yet)



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Lattice points from

A.Bazavov et al (Hot QCD) 2012-14 ( $N_f = 2 + 1$ )

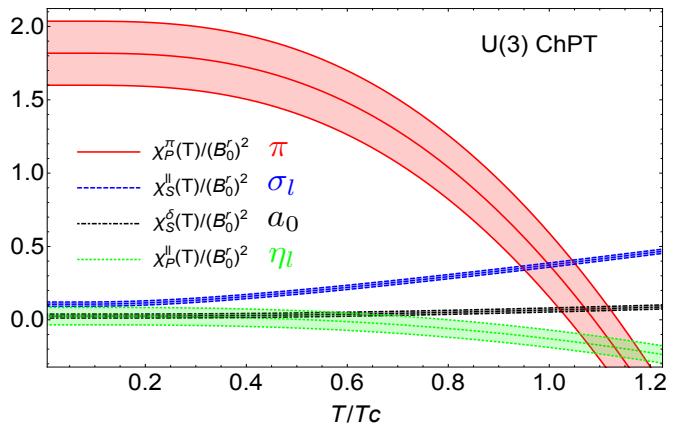


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- $\chi_S^\kappa \rightarrow \chi_P^K$  in  $O(4) \times U(1)_A$  region, above  $\chi_S^\kappa$  peak
- Peak behaviour driven by  $m_l/m_s$

# Effective Theories: chiral and $U(1)_A$ partners within $U(3)$ ChPT

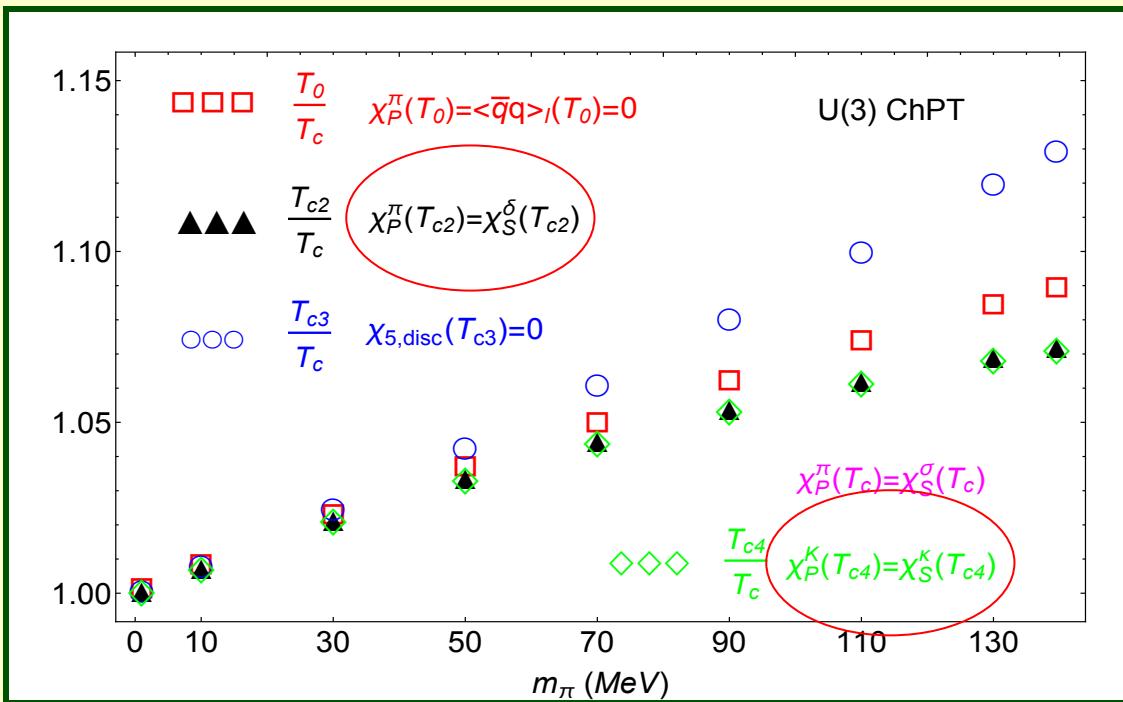
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$T_{U(1)_A} \sim 1.1 T_{\text{chiral}}$   
(within ChPT uncertainties)

LECs from  
X. K. Guo et al 2015

$1/N_c \sim m_q \sim T^2 \sim p^2$  counting



→  $O(4) \times U_A(1)$  in chiral limit

( $K - \kappa$  coincidence with  $\pi - \delta$  support need for  $U(1)_A$  restor.)

⇒ Compatible with WIs, lattice and models (NJL Ishii et al PRD 2017)

# Scattering and Resonances within finite- $T$ Unitarized ChPT

A.Dobado, AGN, F.J.Llanes-Estrada, J.R.Peláez, J.Ruiz de Elvira, A.Vioque-Rodríguez

- Unitarized meson scattering from thermal unitarity including physical thermal-bath processes:

$$\text{IAM} \rightarrow t_U(s; T) = \frac{[t_2(s)]^2}{t_2(s) - t_4(s; T)} \quad t_2 + t_4 + \dots \text{ ChPT PW}$$

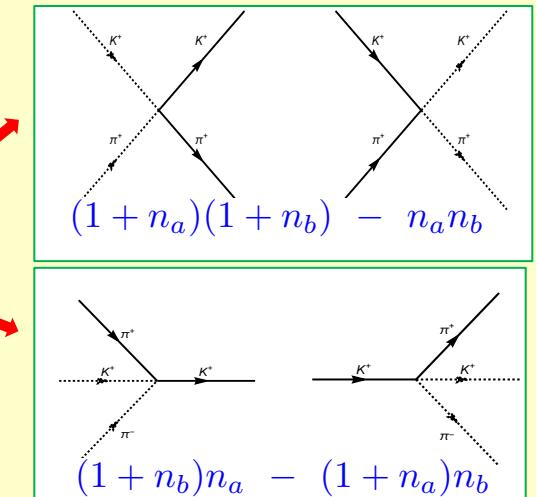
$$\text{Im } t_U(s; T) = \begin{cases} \sigma^T(s) [t_U(s; T)]^2, & s \geq (M_a + M_b)^2 \text{ (unit.cut)} \\ \tilde{\sigma}^T(s) [t_U(s; T)]^2, & 0 \leq s \leq (M_a - M_b)^2 \text{ (Landau thermal cut)} \end{cases}$$

- Thermal phase space:

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_{ab}^T(s) &= \sigma_{ab}(s) \left[ 1 + n_B \left( \frac{s + \Delta_{ab}}{2\sqrt{s}} \right) + n_B \left( \frac{s - \Delta_{ab}}{2\sqrt{s}} \right) \right] \\ \tilde{\sigma}_{ab}^T(s) &= \sigma_{ab}(s) \left[ n_B \left( \frac{\Delta_{ab} - s}{2\sqrt{s}} \right) - n_B \left( \frac{s + \Delta_{ab}}{2\sqrt{s}} \right) \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$\Delta_{ab} = M_a^2 - M_b^2, \sigma_{ab} \text{ two-body } T = 0 \text{ phase space}$$

$$n_i \equiv n_B(E_i) = \frac{1}{e^{E_i/T} - 1} \text{ BE distrib.}$$



- Poles in proper Riemann sheet  $\rightarrow$  thermal resonances  $s_{pole}(T) = \left[ M_p(T) - i \frac{\Gamma_p(T)}{2} \right]^2$

# Saturating scalar susceptibilities with light thermal resonances

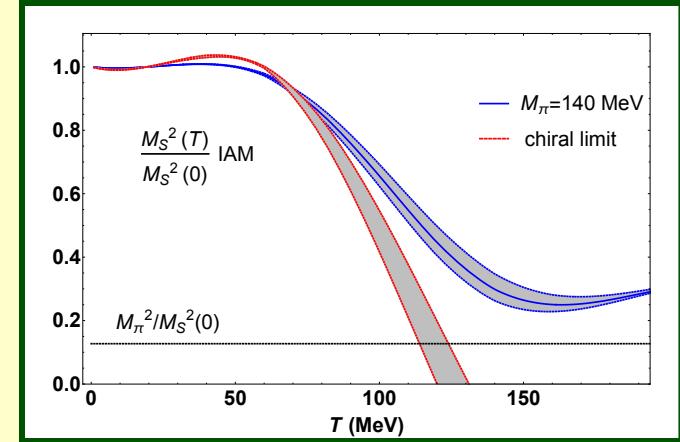
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⇒  $\chi_S$  saturated by lightest  $I = J = 0$  state, i.e.  $f_0(500)$   
generated in unitarized finite- $T$   $\pi\pi$  scattering



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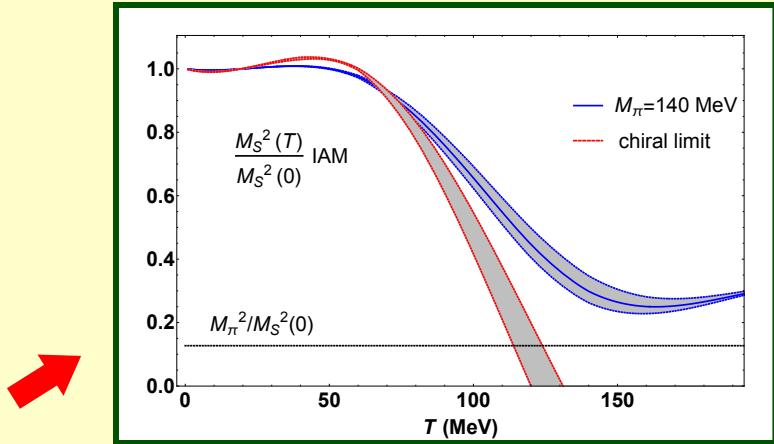
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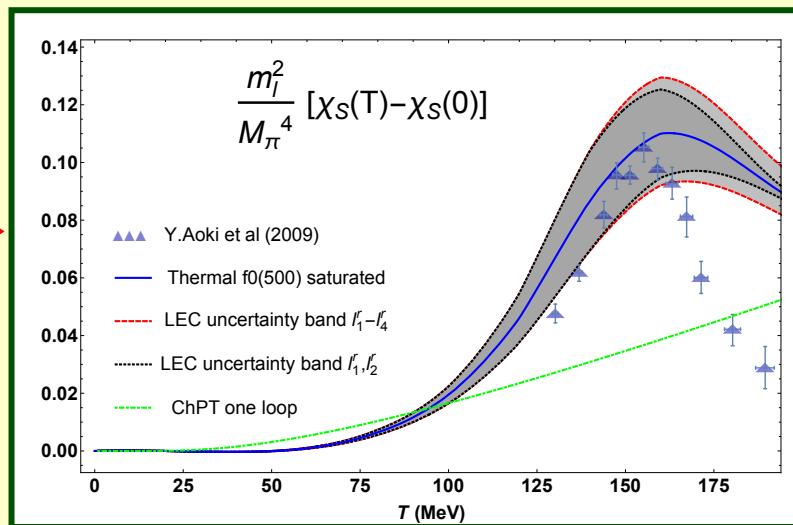


- Reproduces expected peak  $T_c \sim 158$  MeV
- Agrees with lattice below the peak within uncertainties
- Consistent  $T_c$  reduction and  $\chi_S$  growth near chiral limit

$$\chi_S(0) = \chi_S^{ChPT}(0)$$

LECs FLAG coll.& Hanhart, Peláez, Ríos PRL100 (2008)

$s_p = 446.5 - i220.4$  MeV at  $T = 0$



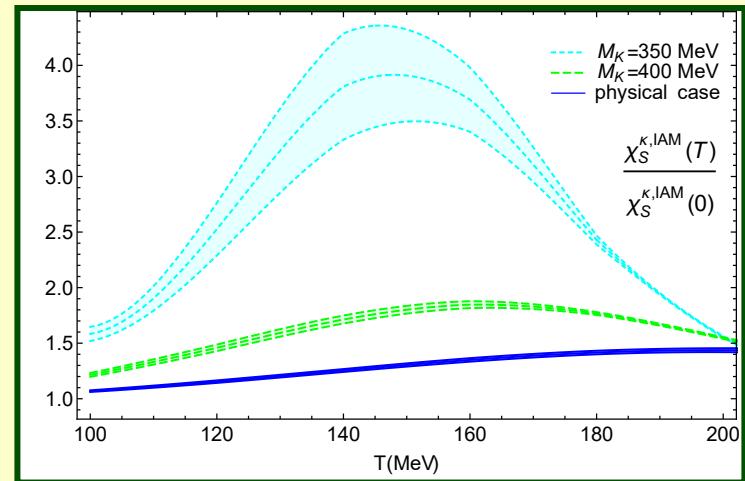
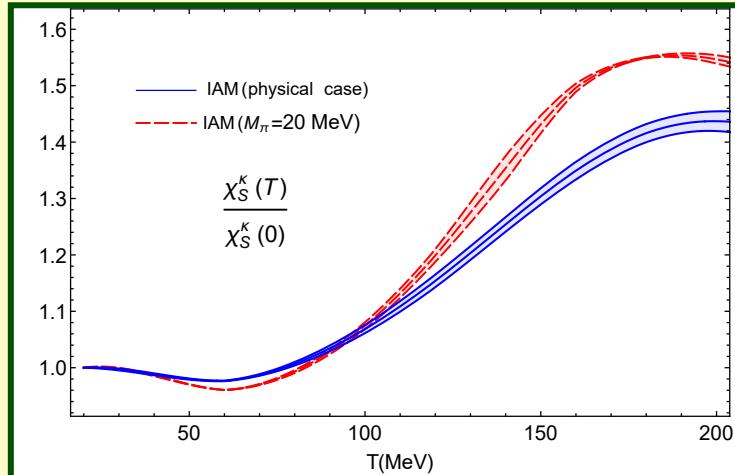
Thermal interactions crucial!

# Saturating scalar susceptibilities with light thermal resonances

$\Rightarrow \chi_S^\kappa$  saturated by  $I = 1/2 K_0^*(700)$  scalar pole from unitarized ChPT thermal  $K\pi$  scattering

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$m_l/m_s \rightarrow 0^+$ :  $\Rightarrow$  larger growth below peak enhanced by chiral symmetry  
 $\Rightarrow$  flattening above peak from more efficient  $\chi_S^\kappa \rightarrow \chi_P^K$

$m_l/m_s \rightarrow 1$ :  $\chi_S^\kappa \rightarrow \chi_S$ :  
peak grows and moves towards  $T_c$   
( $SU(3)$  degeneration  $\sigma \leftrightarrow \kappa$ )

$$\chi_S^\kappa(0) = \chi_S^{\kappa, ChPT}(0)$$

Thermal interactions crucial again  
to reproduce expected peak behaviour

LECs Molina, Ruiz de Elvira JHEP2020

$s_p = 678 - i289$  MeV at  $T = 0$

## CONCLUSIONS

- ★  $U(1)_A$  breaking @ $T_c$  stronger for  $N_f = 2 + 1$  than  $N_f = 2$ .

Role of strangeness crucial

- ★ WI  $\Rightarrow O(4) \times U(1)_A$  for exact chiral restoration of S/P nonet.

OK with  $N_f = 2$  lattice

- ★ WI  $\Rightarrow K/\kappa$  alternative channel for  $O(4) \times U(1)_A$  restoration.

Driven by  $\langle \bar{s}s \rangle$  around  $\chi_S^\kappa$  peak

- ★ U(3) ChPT patterns&partners OK with WI and lattice

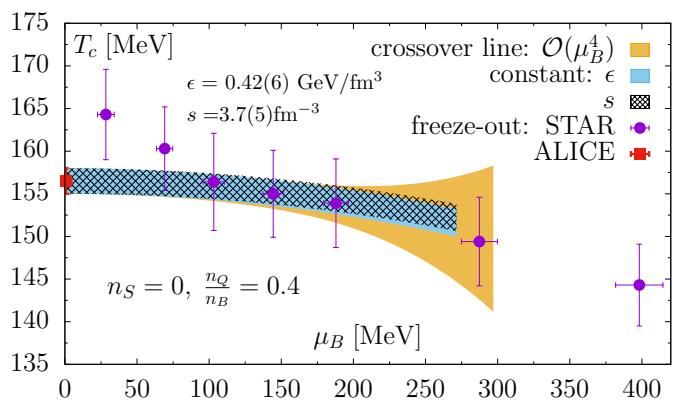
- ★ Scalar thermal resonances crucial for chiral and  $U(1)_A$  restoration. Generated within finite- $T$  unitarized ChPT scattering

- ★ Saturated  $\chi_S$  with thermal  $f_0(500)$  reproduces  $\chi$ SR peak at  $T_c$  in agreement with lattice

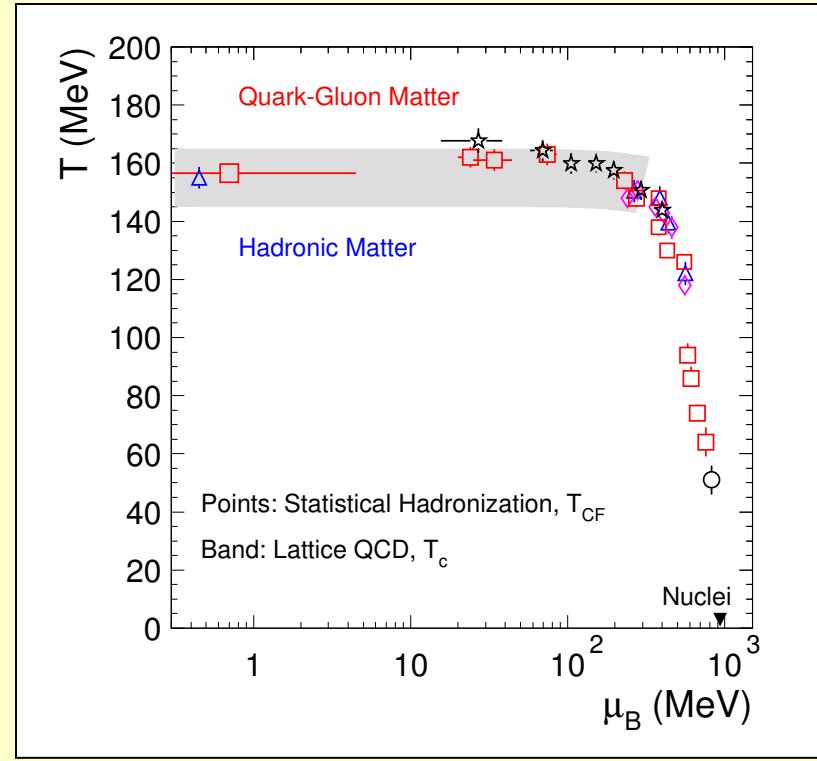
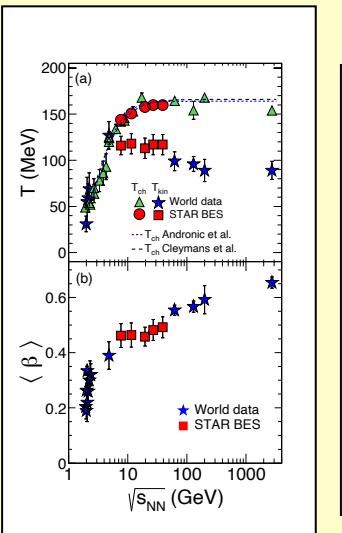
- ★ Saturated  $\chi_S^\kappa$  with thermal  $K_0^*(700)$  OK with  $O(4) \times U(1)_A$  pattern

# **BACKUP SLIDES**

# QCD phase diagram explored in HIC → chemical freeze-out close to phase boundary



**A.Bazavov et al (Hot QCD) 2018**  
( $\mu_B$  through Taylor expansion)

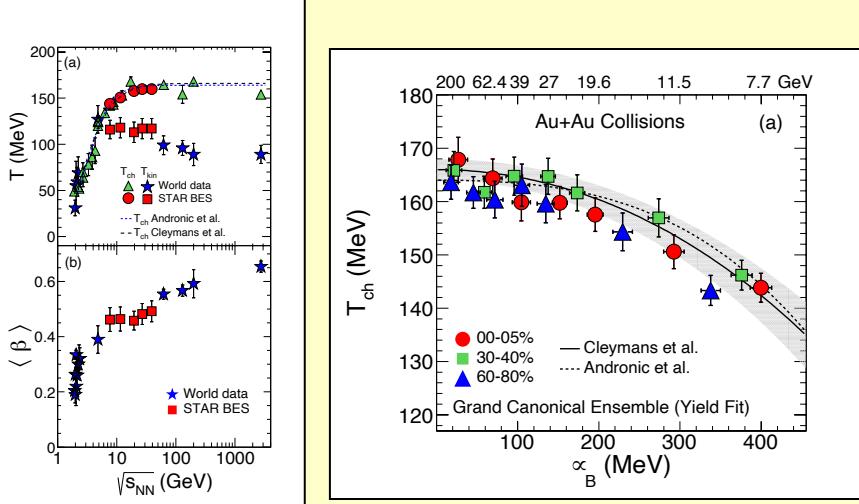


**Andronic et al 2018 (ALICE)**

**Chemical FO from Hadron Statistical Model fit to hadron yields (central ALICE data)**

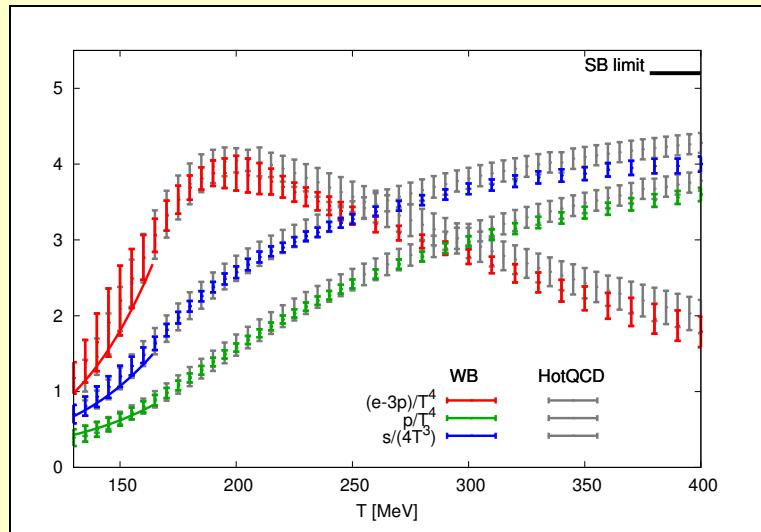
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**BES (STAR Adamczyk et al 2017)**



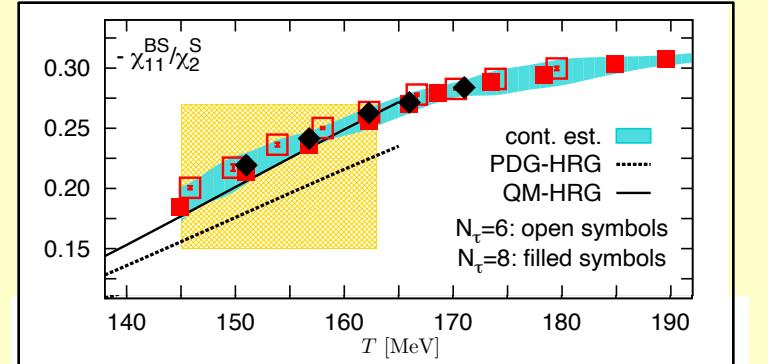
# OTHER HIGHLIGHTS OF QCD TRANSITION

Pressure, entropy, trace anomaly

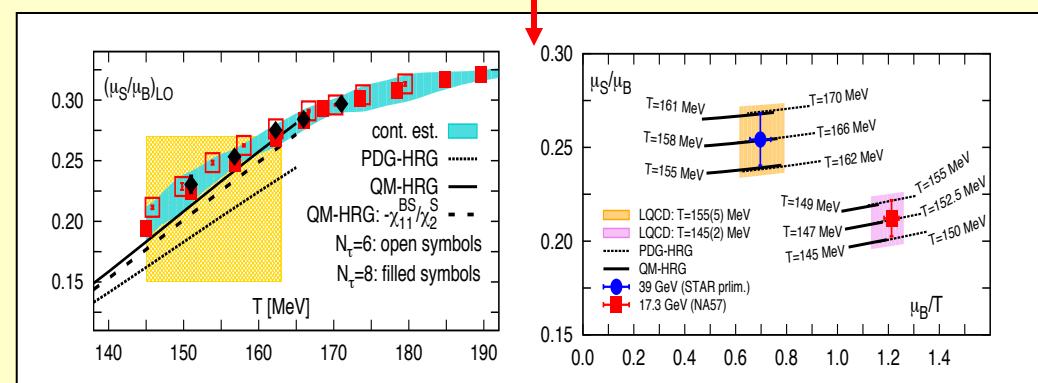


From C.Ratti 2018 (2014 WB, HotQCD data)

Fluctuations of conserved charges (Q,B,S)



related to strangeness  
freeze-out conditions



$$n_S = 0, n_Q/n_B = 0.4$$

# Chiral Symmetry Restoration vs $U(1)_A$

Additional consequences of  $U(1)_A$  restoration around  $T_c$ :

- Reduction of  $M_{\eta'}(T)$  (visible also in HIC) and  $\chi_{top}(T)$

J. I. Kapusta, D. Kharzeev, L. D. McLerran, PRD53, 5028 (1996)

T. Csorgo et al, PRL105, 182301 (2010)

G. Grilli di Cortona, et al, JHEP 1601, 034 (2016)

M. Ishii et al, PRD95, 114022 (2017)

AGN, J.Ruiz de Elvira, A.Vioque-Rodríguez, JHEP11, 086 (2019)

M. P. Lombardo, A. Trunin, IJMPA 35 (2020)

S.Aoki et al (JLQCD coll), PRD103, 074506 (2021)

- $\eta - \eta'$  mixing ideal ( $\eta \sim \eta_l$ ,  $\eta' \sim \sqrt{2}\eta_s$ )

M. Ishii et al PRD93, 016002 (2016)

AGN, J.Ruiz de Elvira, JHEP1603, 186 (2016), PRD97, 074016 (2018), PRD98, 014020 (2018)

- Affects critical point at  $\mu_B \neq 0$

M. Mitter, B. J. Schaefer, PRD89, 054027 (2014)

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 PRD88, 076007 (2013)  
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 PRD98, 014020 (2018)

## $O(4)$ vs $U(1)_A$ : Ward Identities

From QCD generating functional:

- $\pi$  SECTOR  $\rightarrow \chi_P^\pi(T) = -\frac{\langle \bar{q}q \rangle_l(T)}{m_l}$
- $K$  SECTOR  $\rightarrow \chi_P^K(T) = -\frac{\langle \bar{q}q \rangle_l(T) + 2\langle \bar{s}s \rangle(T)}{m_l + m_s}$
- $\eta, A$  SECTOR  $\rightarrow \eta/\eta'$  mixing &  $U_A(1)$  anomaly:

$$\begin{aligned}\chi_P^{\eta_l}(T) &= -\frac{\langle \bar{q}q \rangle_l(T)}{m_l} - \frac{4}{m_l^2} \chi_{top}(T) \\ \chi_P^{\eta_s}(T) &= -\frac{\langle \bar{s}s \rangle(T)}{m_s} - \frac{1}{m_s^2} \chi_{top}(T) \\ \chi_P^{ls}(T) &= -\frac{m_l}{2m_s} [\chi_P^\pi(T) - \chi_P^{\eta_l}(T)] = -\frac{2}{m_l m_s} \chi_{top}(T)\end{aligned}$$

- $\kappa$  SECTOR  $\rightarrow \chi_S^\kappa(T) = \frac{\langle \bar{q}q \rangle_l(T) - 2\langle \bar{s}s \rangle(T)}{m_s - m_l}$

$\chi_P^O \equiv \int_T dx \langle O(x)O(0) \rangle$  susceptibilities

$\chi_{top} \equiv -\frac{1}{36} \int_T dx \langle \mathcal{T}A(x)A(0) \rangle$  Topological Susceptibility  $A(x) = \frac{3\alpha_s}{4\pi} Tr_c G_{\mu\nu} \tilde{G}^{\mu\nu}$

In addition ...

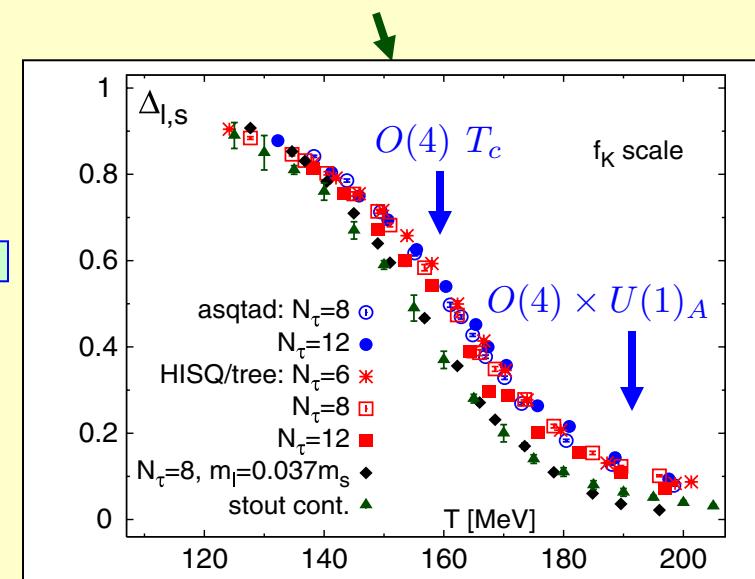
$$\chi_S^\kappa(T) - \chi_P^K(T) = \frac{2m_s}{m_s^2 - m_l^2} \left[ \langle \bar{q}q \rangle_l(T) - 2\frac{m_l}{m_s} \langle \bar{s}s \rangle(T) \right]$$



subtracted condensate  $\Delta_{l,s}$   
(removes lattice finite-size divergences)

$\Rightarrow N_f = 2$ , consistent with  $O(4) \times U(1)_A$   
restoration for  $m_l, \langle \bar{q}q \rangle_l \rightarrow 0^+$

$\Rightarrow$  In physical limit provides well-determined  
 $O(4) \times U(1)_A$  breaking above  $T_c$  via  $\Delta_{l,s}$  tail  
modulated by  $\langle \bar{s}s \rangle$



## Ward Identities and lattice screening masses

- $M_{sc}$  well measured in lattice  $\lim_{z \rightarrow \infty} K(z) \simeq e^{-M_{sc} z}$
- With reasonable assumptions of smooth  $T$ -behaviour of residues and  $M_{sc}/M_{pole}$  in  $K_{P,S}$  correlators :

$$\chi_{P,S} = K_{P,S}(p=0) \sim M_{pole}^{-2} \sim M_{sc}^{-2}$$



$\frac{M_\pi^{sc}(T)}{M_\pi^{sc}(0)} \sim \left[ \frac{\chi_P^\pi(0)}{\chi_P^\pi(T)} \right]^{1/2} = \left[ \frac{\langle \bar{q}q \rangle_l(0)}{\langle \bar{q}q \rangle_l(T)} \right]^{1/2}$	$\frac{M_K^{sc}(T)}{M_K^{sc}(0)} \sim \left[ \frac{\chi_P^K(0)}{\chi_P^K(T)} \right]^{1/2} = \left[ \frac{\langle \bar{q}q \rangle_l(0) + 2\langle \bar{s}s \rangle(0)}{\langle \bar{q}q \rangle_l(T) + 2\langle \bar{s}s \rangle(T)} \right]^{1/2}$
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Anomalous contrib.  $\frac{\hat{m}}{m_s}$  suppressed

# WI and Screening Masses

**Subtracted Condensates** have the right critical behavior in lattice, avoiding  $T = 0$  finite-size divergences  $\langle \bar{q}q \rangle \sim m_i/a^2 + \dots$ :

$$\Delta_l(T) = \frac{\langle \bar{q}q \rangle_l(T) - \langle \bar{q}q \rangle_l(0) + \langle \bar{q}q \rangle_l^{ref}}{\langle \bar{q}q \rangle_l^{ref}}$$

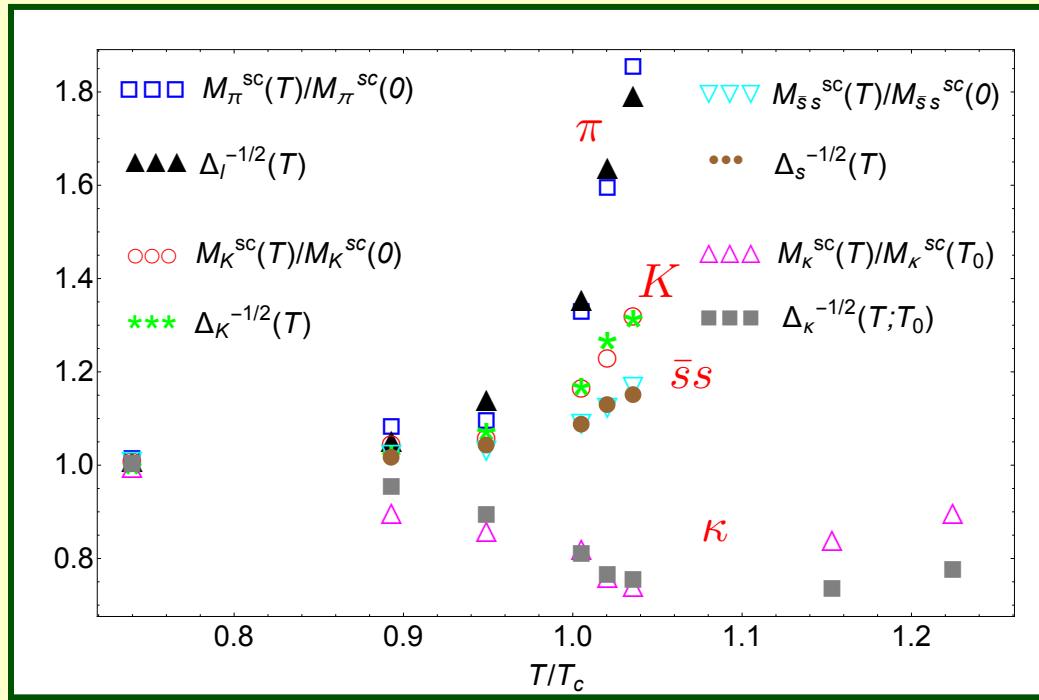
$$\Delta_K(T) = \frac{\langle \bar{q}q \rangle_l(T) - \langle \bar{q}q \rangle_l(0) + 2[\langle \bar{s}s \rangle(T) - \langle \bar{s}s \rangle(0)] + \langle \bar{q}q \rangle_l^{ref} + \langle \bar{s}s \rangle^{ref}}{\langle \bar{q}q \rangle_l^{ref} + \langle \bar{s}s \rangle^{ref}}$$

$$\Delta_s(T) = \frac{2[\langle \bar{s}s \rangle(T) - \langle \bar{s}s \rangle(0)] + \langle \bar{s}s \rangle^{ref}}{\langle \bar{s}s \rangle^{ref}}$$

$$\Delta_\kappa(T; T_0) = \frac{\langle \bar{q}q \rangle_l(T) - \langle \bar{q}q \rangle_l(0) - 2[\langle \bar{s}s \rangle(T) - \langle \bar{s}s \rangle(0)] + \langle \bar{q}q \rangle_l^{ref} - \langle \bar{s}s \rangle^{ref}}{\langle \bar{q}q \rangle_l(T_0) - \langle \bar{q}q \rangle_l(0) - 2[\langle \bar{s}s \rangle(T_0) - \langle \bar{s}s \rangle(0)] + \langle \bar{q}q \rangle_l^{ref} - \langle \bar{s}s \rangle^{ref}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} r_1^3 \langle \bar{q}q \rangle_l^{ref} &= 0.750 \\ r_1^3 \langle \bar{s}s \rangle^{ref} &= 1.061 \\ r_1 &\simeq 0.31 \text{ fm} \end{aligned}$$

Using lattice masses and condensates from same simulation:  
 M.Cheng et al (HotQCD) EPJC71, 1564 (2011); PRD77, 014511 (2008)



- $\Delta_i$  subtracted condensates with two fit parameters
- Scaling law OK within 5% for  $T < T_c$
- Rapid increase  $M_\pi^{sc} \sim \langle \bar{q}q \rangle_l^{-1/2}$  around  $T_c$
- Softer  $M_K^{sc} \sim (\langle \bar{q}q \rangle_l + 2\langle \bar{s}s \rangle)^{-1/2}$ . and even softer  $M_{\bar{s}s}^{sc} \sim \langle \bar{s}s \rangle^{-1/2}$
- Minimum of  $M_\kappa^{sc}$  from  $\langle \bar{q}q \rangle_l - 2\langle \bar{s}s \rangle$  counterpart of  $\chi_S^\kappa$  peak  
 (last two points not fitted)

## Disconnected susceptibility and $O(4) \times U(1)_A$ restoration

$$\chi_S^\sigma = 2\chi_S^{con} + 4\chi_S^{dis} = \chi_S^\delta + 4\chi_S^{dis} \quad (m_u = m_d)$$

On the other hand,

$$\chi_{5,dis}(T) = \chi_S^{dis}(T) + \frac{1}{4} [\chi_P^\pi(T) - \chi_S^\sigma(T)] + \frac{1}{4} [\chi_S^\delta(T) - \chi_P^\eta(T)]$$

⇒ Is the vanishing of  $\chi_{5,dis}$  in conflict with  $\chi_S^{dis}$  peaking at the chiral transition?

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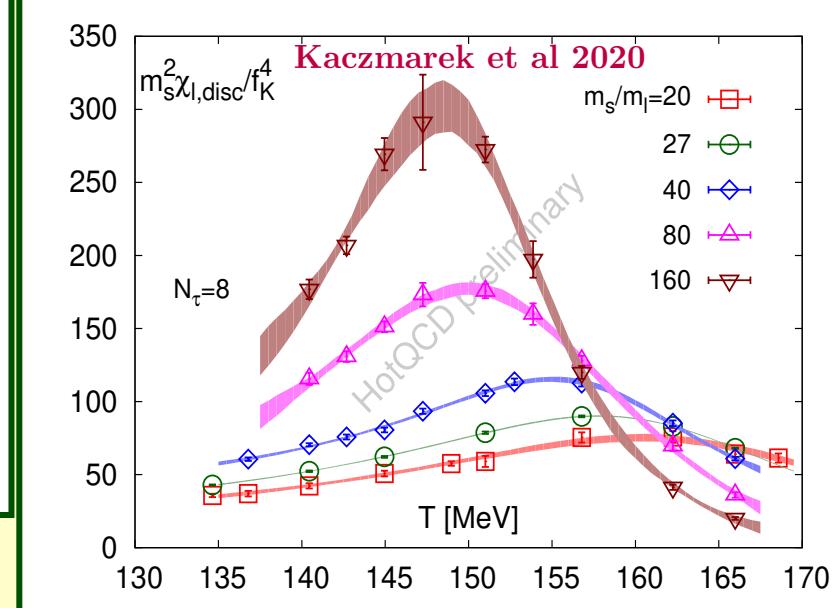
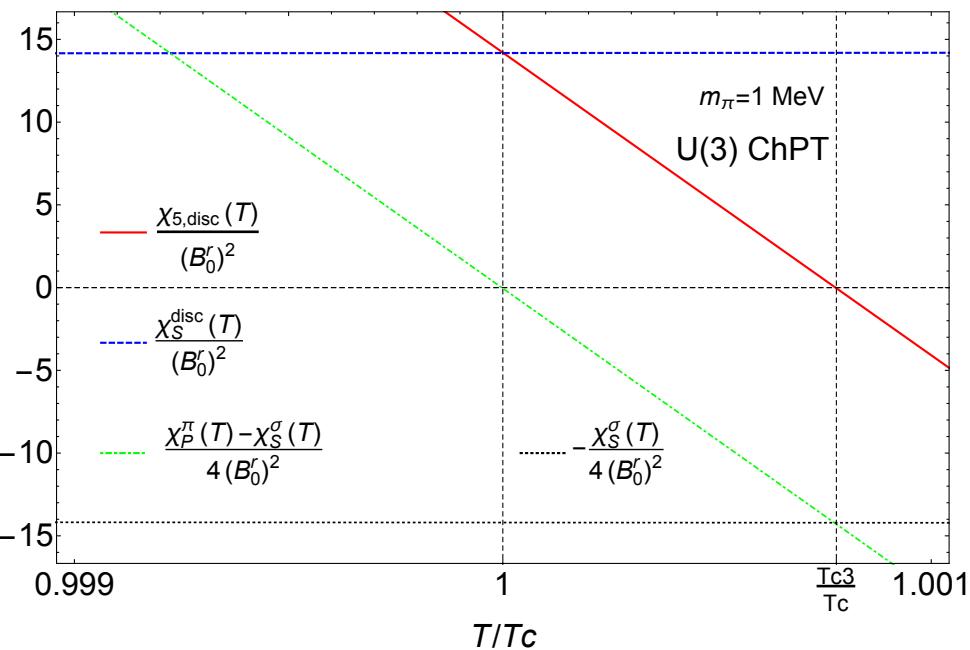
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$$\chi_{5,dis}(T_{c3}) = 0 = \cancel{\chi_S^{dis}(T_{c3})} + \frac{1}{4} [\cancel{\chi_P^\pi(T_{c3})} - \cancel{\chi_S^\sigma(T_{c3})}] + \frac{1}{4} \left[ \underbrace{\chi_S^\delta(T_{c3})}_{IR \ regular} - \cancel{\chi_P^{\eta_l}(T_{c3})} \right]$$

# Disconnected susceptibility and $O(4) \times U(1)_A$ restoration

Vanishing of  $\chi_{5,dis}$  at  $O(4) \times U(1)_A$  rest. near  $T_c$  at chiral limit  
 compatible with  $\chi_S^{dis}$  peak and both peaking at  $T_c$



$\Rightarrow \chi_S^{dis}$  not the best  $O(4) \times U(1)_A$  indicator near chiral limit

## Effective Theories

- Needed to describe the hadron gas for  $T < T_c$
- SU(2), SU(3) and U(3) ChPT model-independent formalism for light mesons ( $\pi, K, \eta, \eta'$ ), more abundant at low  $T$   
Chiral counting  $1/N_c \sim m_q \sim T^2 \sim p^2$  <sup>(1)</sup>
- Light meson collisions are dominant interactions  
→ thermal resonances through Unitarization <sup>(2)</sup>
- Spectral modifications of thermal resonances decaying in the hadron gas described within ET<sup>(3)</sup>
- HRG allows to include heavier states for  $T < T_c$  <sup>(4)</sup>
- (U)ChPT useful for certain observables regarding chiral and  $U(1)_A$  restoration around  $T_c$  →→→

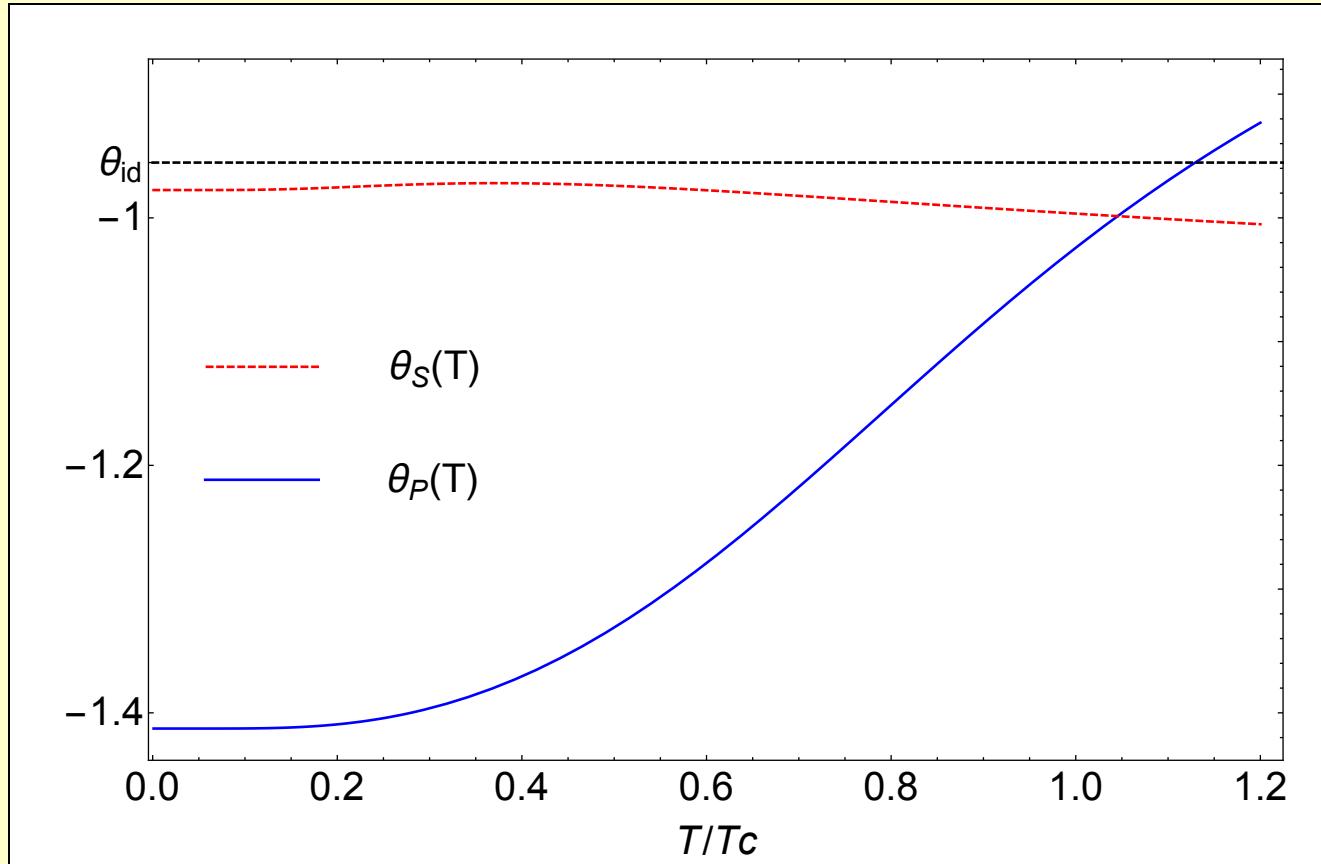
(1) Gasser, Leutwyler, Gerber, Kaiser, Herrera-Siklody et al, AGN, Ruiz de Elvira, ...

(2) Cabrera, Dobado, Fernández-Fraile, AGN, Llanes-Estrada, Peláez, Ruiz de Elvira, Torres-Andrés, Vioque, ...

(3) Gale, Rapp, Wambach, Song, Koch, van Hees, Tolos, ....

(4) Karsch, Tawfik, Redlich, Tawfik-Toublan, Huovinen, Petreczky, Jankowski, Blaschke, Spalinski, ...

# Mixing in $U(3)$ ChPT



$$\frac{1}{2} [\chi_{P,S}^{88}(T) - \chi_{P,S}^{00}(T)] \sin [2\theta_{P,S}(T)] + \chi_{P,S}^{08} \cos [2\theta_{P,S}(T)] = 0,$$

( $\eta\eta'$  correlator vanishing, leading order)

# Effective Theories: Topological susceptibility in $U(3)$ ChPT

$$\epsilon_{vac}(\theta) = \epsilon_{vac}(0) + \frac{1}{2}\chi_{top}\theta^2 + \frac{1}{24}c_4\theta^4 + \dots$$

↓  
 $\sim$  Axion mass       $\sim$  Axion coupling

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$$\chi_{top}^{U(3),LO} = \Sigma \frac{M_0^2 \bar{m}}{M_0^2 + 6B_0 \bar{m}} \quad c_4^{U(3),LO} = -\frac{\Sigma}{\bar{m}^{[3]}} \left( \frac{M_0^2 \bar{m}}{M_0^2 + 6B_0 \bar{m}} \right)^4$$

$$\bar{m} = \left[ \frac{1}{m_u} + \frac{1}{m_d} + \frac{1}{m_s} \right]^{-1} \quad \bar{m}^{[3]} = \left[ \frac{1}{m_u^3} + \frac{1}{m_d^3} + \frac{1}{m_s^3} \right]^{-1}$$

$(-\Sigma)$  LO quark condensate       $M_0$  anomalous part of  $M_{\eta'}$  ( $m_{u,d,s} = 0$ )

- vanish  $m_q \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow$  expected to be well described within ChPT
- $SU(3)$  for  $M_0 \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $SU(2)$  for  $M_0, m_s \rightarrow \infty$
- **Quenched**  $m_q \rightarrow \infty$ :  $\chi_{top}^{LO} = F^2 M_0^2 / 6$   
 (Witten-Veneziano 1979)  $\rightarrow$  meson loops crucial

Leutwyler,Smilga 1992:  $SU(3)$  LO  
 Mao et al 2009; Bernard et al: 2012:  $SU(3)$  NLO  
 Grilli et al 2016:  $T \neq 0$   $SU(2)$  NLO

## Effective Theories: Topological susceptibility in $U(3)$ ChPT

→  $T = 0$  results ( $m_u = m_d$ ):

$\chi_{top}^{1/4}$ [MeV]	U(3)	SU(2)	SU(3)
LO	74(3)	75(3)	75(3)
NLO	74(3)	78(3)	83(2)
NNLO	81(2)		

$b_2 = \frac{c_4}{12\chi_{top}}$	U(3)	SU(2)	SU(3)
LO	-0.01737(4)	-0.02083	-0.01960
NLO	-0.018(2)	-0.029(2)	-0.025(1)
NNLO	-0.023(2)		

$$[\chi_{top}^{latt}]^{1/4} = 73(9) \quad (\text{Bonati et al 2016})$$

$$b_2^{latt} = -0.0216(15) \quad (\text{Bonati et al 2016, gluodynamics})$$

⇒  $SU(2)$  dominates,  $U(3)$   $\eta'$  loops and  $\eta - \eta'$  mixing of the same order than  $SU(3)$   $K, \eta$  loops

⇒ full  $U(3)$  in agreement with lattice within uncertainties (LEC and lattice, larger lattice uncertainty for  $b_2$ )

⇒ In addition, within  $U(3)$  ChPT, explicit expressions for the leading and subleading  $1/N_c$  contributions can be obtained:

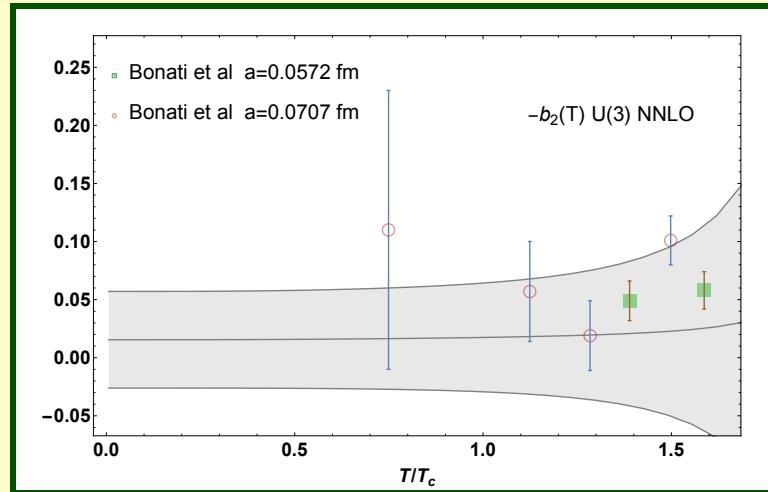
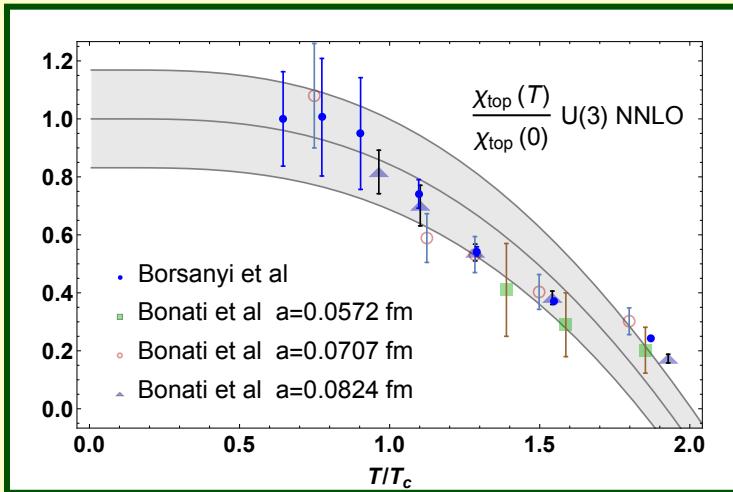
$$\chi_{top} = \underbrace{\mathcal{O}(1)}_{\text{Witten-Veneziano term}} + \mathcal{O}(N_c^{-1}) + \dots$$

OK with lattice and theo:

$$c_4 = \underbrace{\mathcal{O}(N_c^{-2})}_{\text{constant } \theta^4 \text{ term in } \mathcal{L}} + \mathcal{O}(N_c^{-3}) + \dots$$

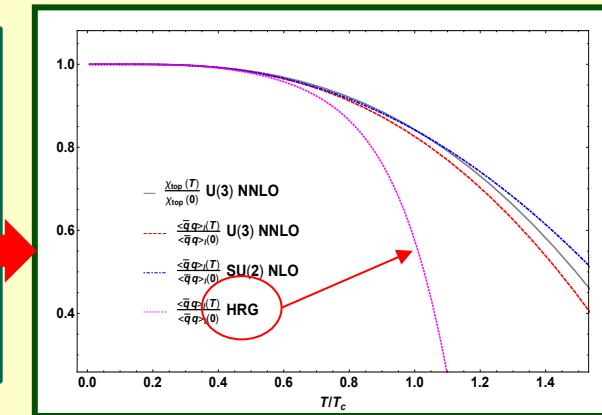
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Bonati et al 2016  
Vonk, Guo, Meissner 2019

# Effective Theories: Topological susceptibility in $U(3)$ ChPT



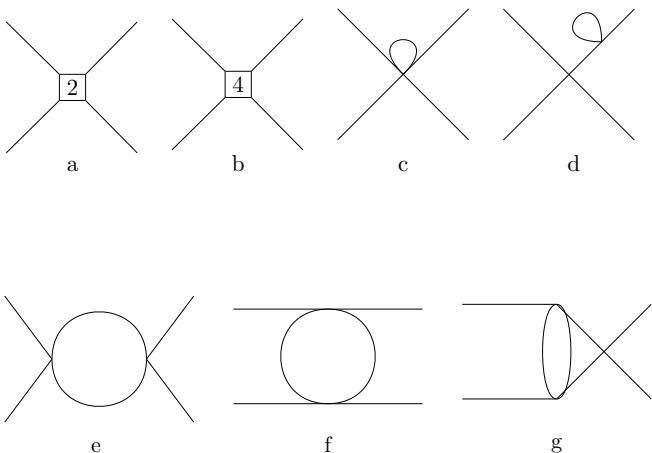
- $T$ -dependence captured by ChPT within uncertainties (larger for  $c_4$ ) far beyond the low- $T$  applicability regime

- $\chi_{\text{top}}$  scales with  $T$  dominated by  $\langle \bar{q}q \rangle_l$
- However, 2nd term in WI  $\chi_{\text{top}} = -\frac{1}{4} [m_{ud} \langle \bar{q}q \rangle_l + m_{ud}^2 \chi^n]$  relevant near  $T_c$   
→ finite  $O(4)$ - $U(1)_A$  gap in physical case



# Scattering and Resonances within finite- $T$ Unitarized ChPT

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- LSZ+finite- $T$  Green function
- Thermal bath breaks Lorentz covariance  
 $\rightarrow s, t, S^0, T^0, U^0$  on-shell independent
- 3 independent  $J_k$ -loop integrals

$$\mathbf{S} = p_1 + p_2, \mathbf{T} = p_1 - p_3, \mathbf{U} = p_1 - p_4$$

$$\mathcal{T}(\mathbf{S}, \mathbf{T}, \mathbf{U}; T) = \mathcal{T}_2(s, t, u) + \mathcal{T}_4^{tree}(s, t, u) + \mathcal{T}_4^F(\mathbf{S}, \mathbf{T}, \mathbf{U}; T) + \mathcal{T}_4^J(\mathbf{S}, \mathbf{T}, \mathbf{U}; T)$$

(a)

(b)

(c-g)

(e-g)

$$F_{\beta a}(T) = T \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \int \frac{d^{D-1}q}{(2\pi)^{D-1}} \frac{1}{q^2 - M_a^2} \quad \text{tadpole-like}$$

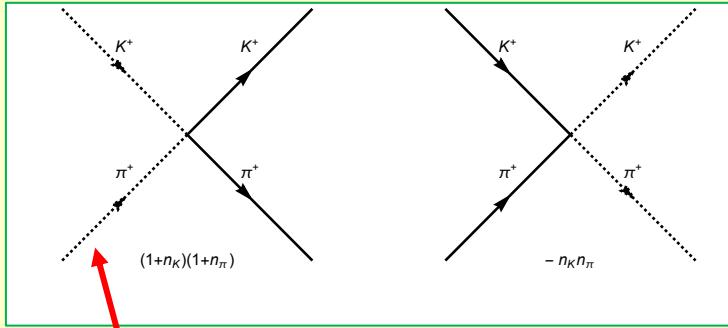
$$J_k^{ab}(Q_0, |\vec{Q}|; T) = T \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \int \frac{d^{D-1}q}{(2\pi)^{D-1}} \frac{q_0^k}{[q^2 - M_a^2] [(q - Q)^2 - M_b^2]} \quad (k = 0, 1, 2)$$

$$q_0 = \omega_n \equiv 2\pi i n T, \quad Q_0 = \omega_m \quad n, m \in \mathbb{Z}, \quad \omega_m \rightarrow -i(Q_0 + i\epsilon) \quad \text{AC to } Q_0 \in \mathbb{R}$$

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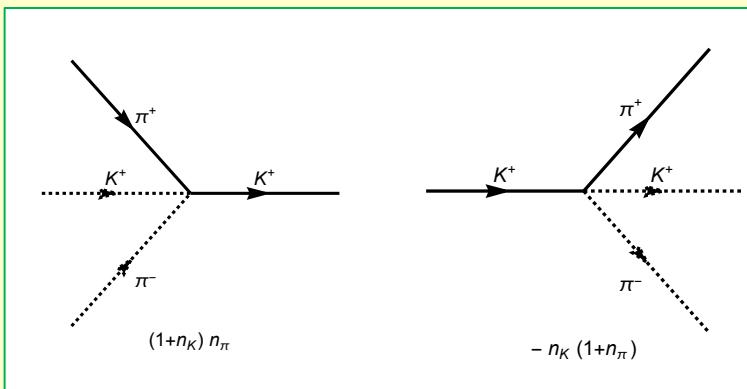
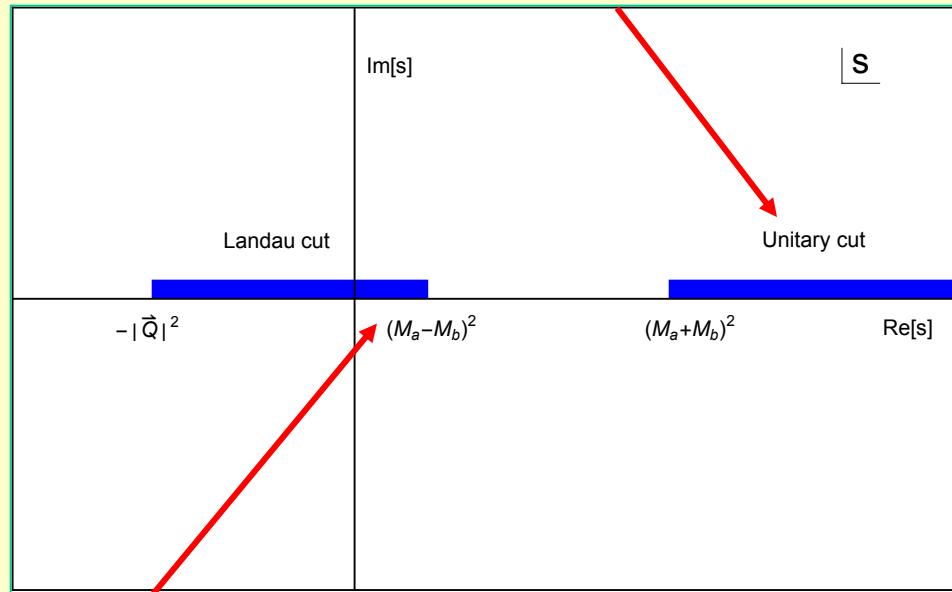
- Unitarity modified from physical thermal bath processes:



thermal bath particles

$$n_i \equiv n_B(E_i) = \frac{1}{e^{E_i/T} - 1} \text{ BE distrib.}$$

Correction to standard unitary cut

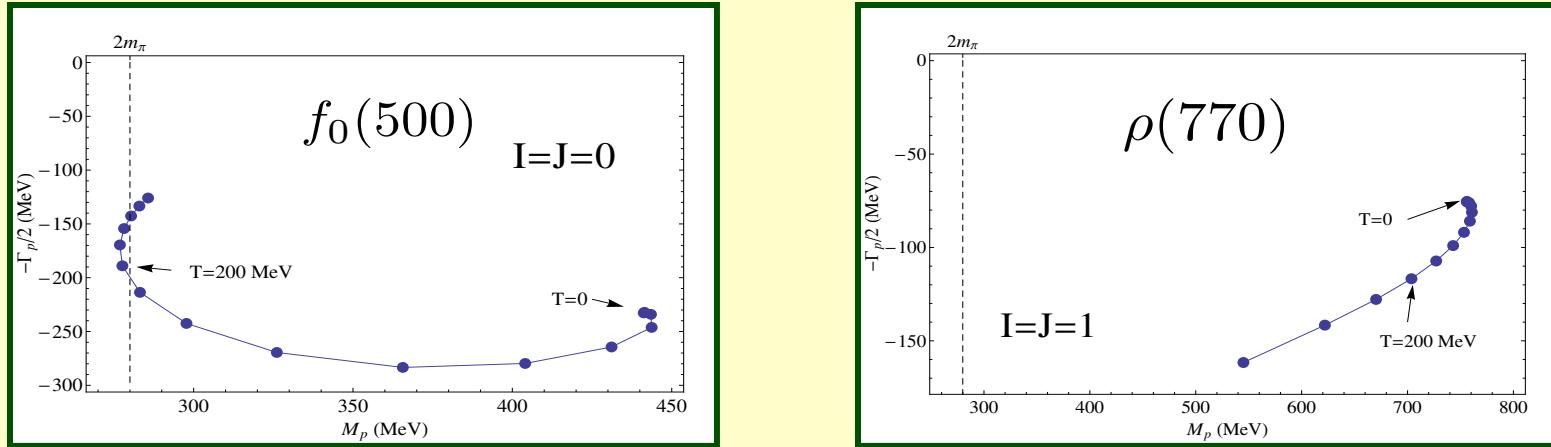


Landau cut  
(purely thermal, vanishes for  $T = 0$  or  $M_a = M_b$ )

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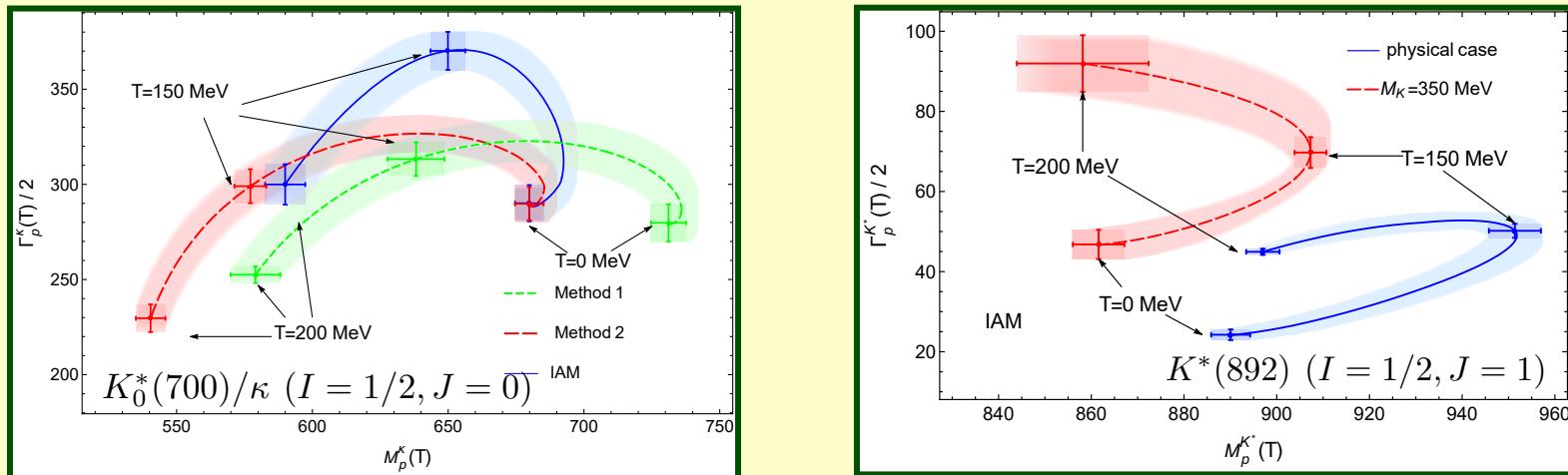
## $\pi\pi$ scattering

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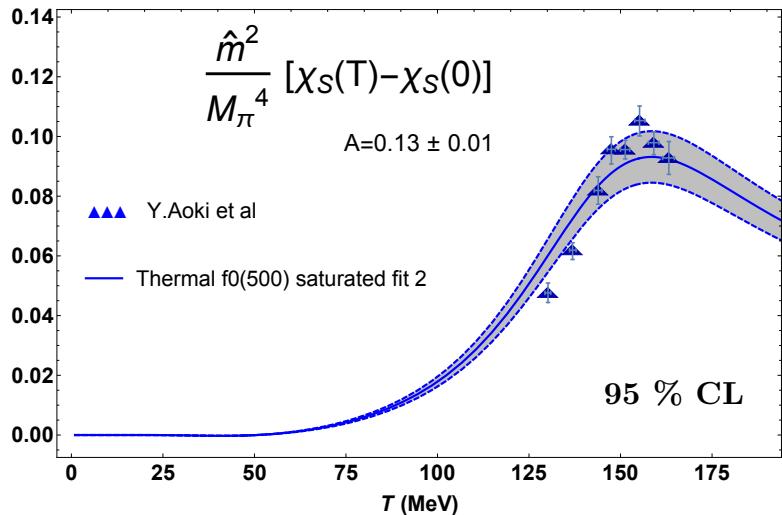


## $K\pi$ scattering

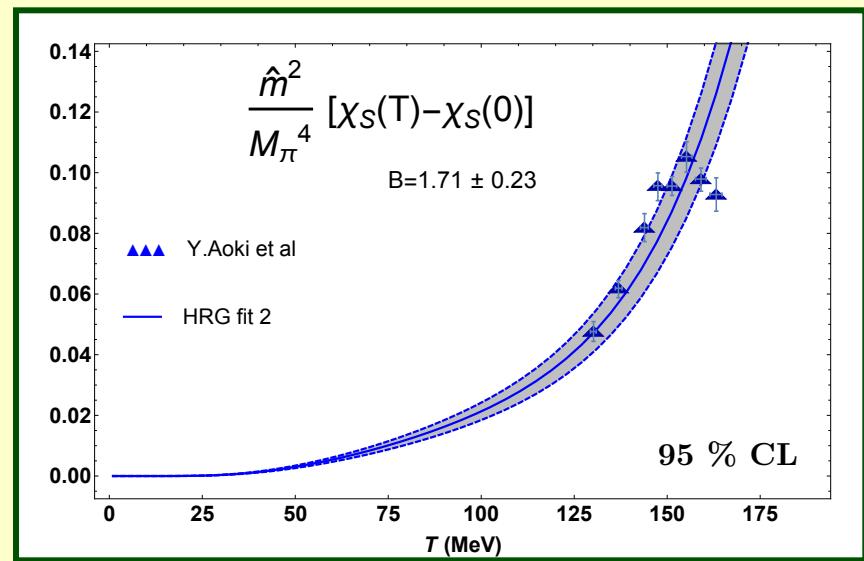
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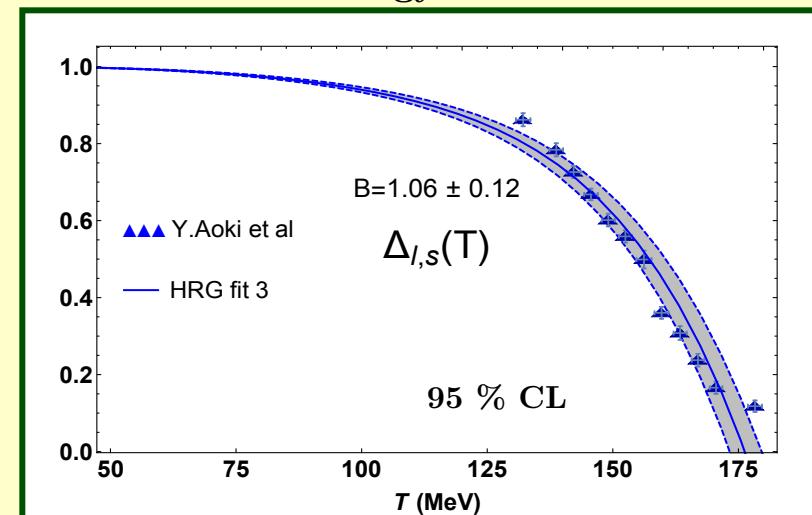
$$\chi_S(T) = A \frac{m_\pi^4}{4m_q^2} \frac{M_S^2(0)}{M_S^2(T)} \quad (A_{ChPT} \simeq 0.14)$$



**HRG Jankowski et al PRD87, 105018 (2013)**  
Fitted with free-energy normalization  $B$

Fit	A	B	$\chi^2/\text{dof}$	$T_{max}$ (MeV)
Thermal $f_0$ fit 1	$0.13 \pm 0.02$	—	6.25	155
Thermal $f_0$ fit 2	$0.13 \pm 0.01$	—	4.93	165
HRG fit 1	—	$1.90 \pm 0.02$	1.33	155
HRG fit 2	—	$1.71 \pm 0.23$	10.30	165
HRG fit 3	—	$1.06 \pm 0.12$	3.77	155

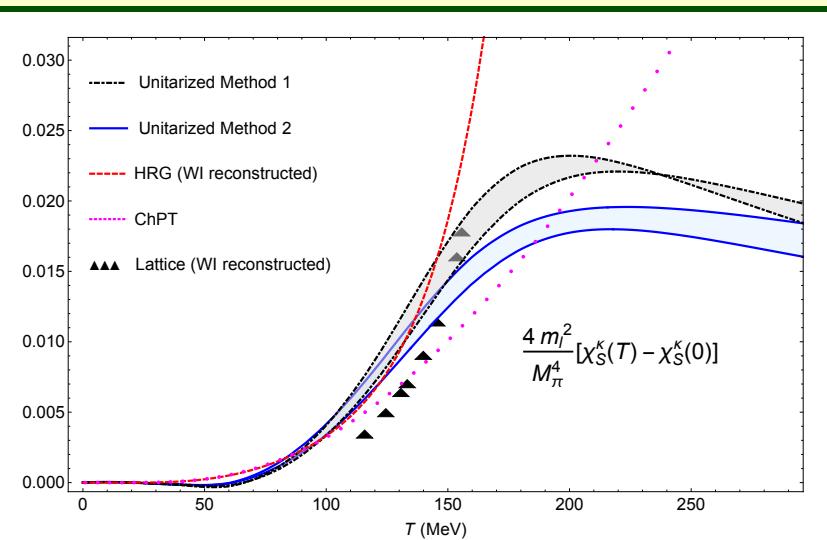
- Thermal  $f_0(500)$  fits better around  $T_c$  (peak behaviour)
- HRG increasing  $\chi_S$ , in conflict with condensate fit



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$\Rightarrow \chi_S^\kappa$  saturated by thermal  $I = 1/2 K_0^*(700)$  scalar pole from

unitarized  $\pi K$  scattering  $\rightarrow \chi_S^{\kappa,U}(T) = \chi_S^\kappa(0) \frac{M_\kappa^2(0)}{M_\kappa^2(T)}$



Thermal interactions crucial again to reproduce expected peak



$$\chi_S^\kappa(0) = \chi_S^{\kappa,ChPT}(0)$$

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with simplified unitarized methods:

$$t_U(s; T) = \frac{t_2^2(s)}{t_2(s) - \tilde{t}_4(s, T)}$$



$$\begin{aligned} \text{M1: } \tilde{t}_4(s; T) &= 16\pi t_2(s)^2 \tilde{J}_0^{K\pi}(s; T) \\ \text{M2: } \tilde{t}_4(s; T) &= t_4(s; 0) + 16\pi t_2(s)^2 [J_0^{K\pi}(s; T) - J_0^{K\pi}(s; 0)] \end{aligned}$$

subtracted CU-like approach  
(R.Gao et al PRD 2019)

$T = 0$  poles:

$$\sqrt{s_p}^{(1)} = (731 \pm 7) - i(280 \pm 9) \text{ MeV}$$

$$\sqrt{s_p}^{(2)} = (679 \pm 6) - i(289 \pm 8) \text{ MeV}$$

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# Saturated Scalar susceptibility in the LSM

**S.Ferrer, AGN, A.Vioque, 2018**

$$\mathcal{L}_{LSM} = \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu \Phi^T \partial^\mu \Phi - \frac{\lambda}{4} [\Phi^T \Phi - v_0^2]^2 + h\sigma,$$

$$\chi_s(T) = \left( \frac{d^2 h}{dm_q^2} \right) v(T) + \left( \frac{dh}{dm_q} \right)^2 \Delta_\sigma(k=0; T),$$

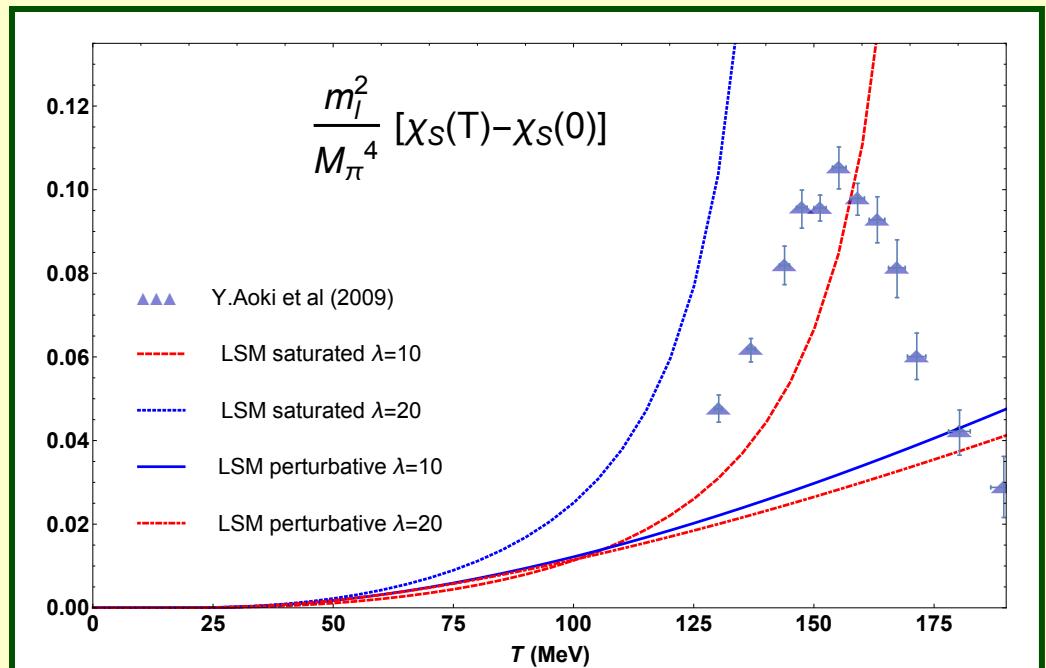
suppressed near  $T_c$

$$M_{0\pi}^2 = \frac{h}{v} = \lambda(v^2 - v_0^2) \quad , \quad M_{0\sigma}^2 = M_{0\pi}^2 + 2\lambda v^2, \quad v = \langle \sigma \rangle$$

calculating the self-energy  $\Sigma$  to one loop:

$M_\pi$ (MeV)	$M_p$ (MeV)	$\Gamma_p$ (MeV)	$\lambda$
0	450.0	172.5	8.4
0	775.1	550.0	20.0
140	450.0	159.2	9.6
140	750.1	550.0	21.2

$$\frac{\chi_s(T)}{\chi_s(0)} \simeq \frac{M_{0\sigma}^2 + \Sigma(k=0; T=0)}{M_{0\sigma}^2 + \Sigma(k=0; T)}$$



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- $\mu_5$  chem. pot. for approx. (local) conservation of chiral charge  $Q_5$  (characteristic time  $t_{L-R} \sim m_q^{-1} \gg t_{fireball}$  for light quarks)

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{L}_{QCD} \rightarrow \mathcal{L}_{QCD} + \mu_5 \bar{\psi} \gamma^0 \gamma_5 \psi \quad \text{in that region}$$

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- "local" chiral invariant ChPT with axial  $U(1)$  external source



$Z \sim 0.8$  (EM pion mass dif)

$D_\mu$  & explicit source-dep new terms  
 $N_f = 2$

$$\mathcal{L}_2 \rightarrow \mathcal{L}_2 + 2\mu_5^2 F^2 (1 - Z + \kappa_0)$$

$\kappa_i$  new LEC to be fixed

$$\mathcal{L}_4 \rightarrow \mathcal{L}_4 + \kappa_1 \mu_5^2 \text{tr} (\partial^\mu U^\dagger \partial_\mu U) + \kappa_2 \mu_5^2 \text{tr} (\partial_0 U^\dagger \partial^0 U) + \kappa_3 M_\pi^2 \mu_5^2 \text{tr} (U + U^\dagger) + \kappa_4 \mu_5^4$$

- NLO dispersion relation  $\Rightarrow$

No lattice data

$$v_\pi(\mu_5) = \frac{|\vec{p}|}{p_0} \Big|_{M=0} = 1 + 2\kappa_2 \frac{\mu_5^2}{F_\pi^2} \quad (\kappa_2 < 0)$$

$$[M_\pi^2]^{pole}(\mu_5) = M_\pi^2 \left[ 1 - 4(\kappa_1 + \kappa_2 - \kappa_3) \frac{\mu_5^2}{F^2} \right]$$

$$[M_\pi^2]^{scr}(\mu_5) = M_\pi^2 \left[ 1 - 4(\kappa_1 - \kappa_3) \frac{\mu_5^2}{F^2} \right]$$

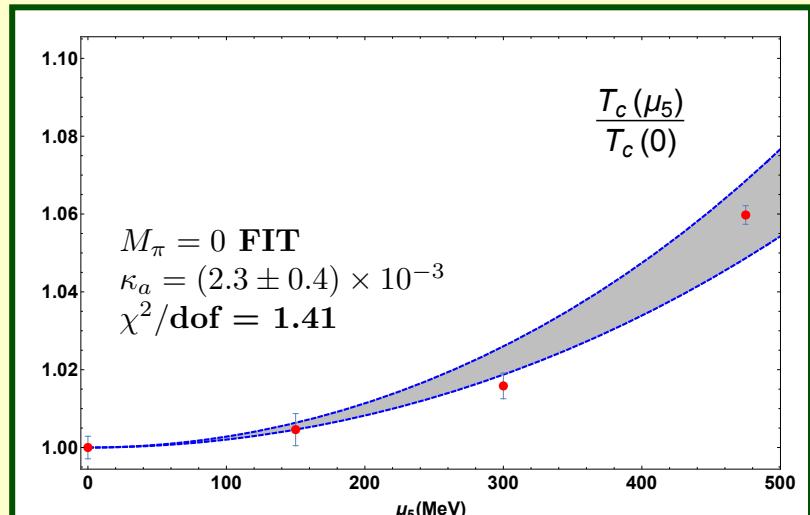
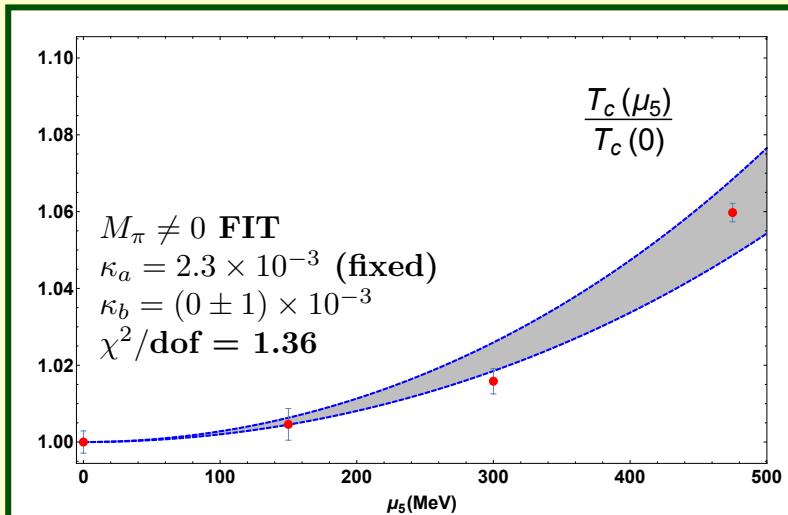
- NNLO quark condensate  $\Rightarrow$

$$\frac{\langle \bar{q}q \rangle_l(T, \mu_5)}{\langle \bar{q}q \rangle_l(0, \mu_5)} \Big|_{M=0} = 1 - \frac{T^2}{8F^2} \left[ 1 - 2\kappa_a \frac{\mu_5^2}{F^2} \right] - \frac{T^4}{384F^4}$$

$$\kappa_a = 2\kappa_1 - \kappa_2, \quad \kappa_b = \kappa_1 + \kappa_2 - \kappa_3$$

Well accommodated by chiral limit ChPT:

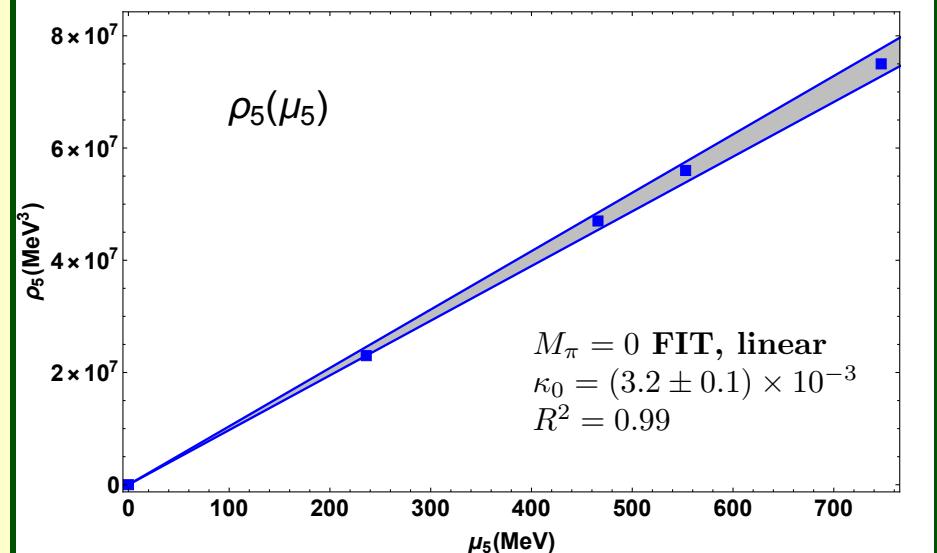
Lattice data Braguta et al 2015 ( $N_c = 2$ )



- NLO chiral charge density  $\Rightarrow$

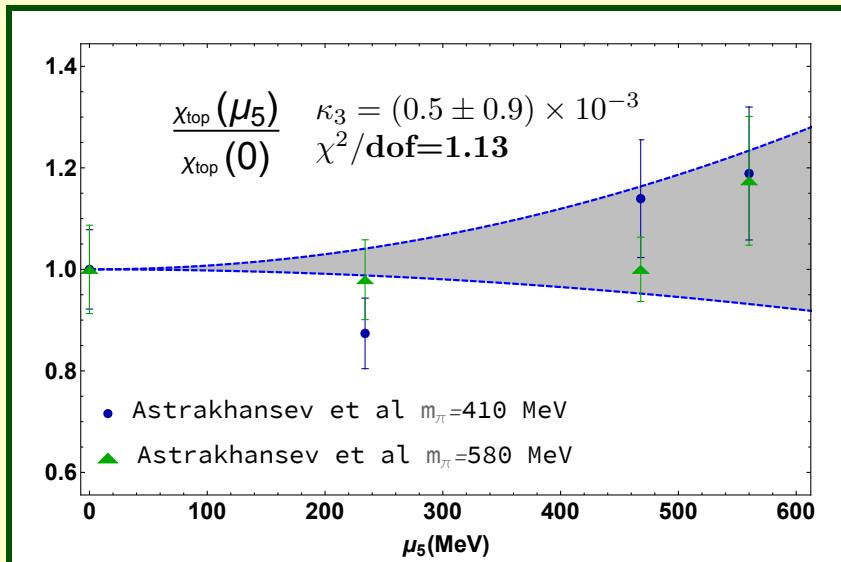
Linear  $\mathcal{O}(\mu_5)$  dominant  
for moderate  $\mu_5$

Very insensitive to  $M_\pi$



Lattice data Astrakhantsev et al 2019

- NLO topological susceptibility  $\Rightarrow$



$$\frac{\chi_{top}(\mu_5)}{\chi_{top}(0)} = 1 + 4 \frac{\kappa_3 \mu_5^2}{F^2}$$

More lattice data needed  
to better pin down  $\kappa_i$

Lattice data Astrakhantsev et al 2019