Topological susceptibility and axial symmetry at finite temperature

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Summary:

- ✔ Motivation
- ✔ Chiral phase transition at finite temperature and axial symmetry
- ✔ Previous studies
- ✔ Simulating dynamical overlap fermions
- ✔ Topology fixing and friends
- ✔ Methodology and results (quenched and $N_f=2$)
- ✔ Discussion and conclusions

People involved in the project

JLQCD group: S. Hashimoto, S. Aoki, T. Kaneko, H. Matsufuru,
J. Noaki, E. Shintani

See for example POS(Lattice2010)174 (arXiv::1011.0257), article in prep.

Motivation

Pattern of chiral symmetry breaking at low temperature QCD

$$SU(N_f)_V \times SU(N_f)_A \times U(1)_V \times \boxed{U(1)_A} \rightarrow SU(N_f)_V \times U(1)_V$$

Well known facts

- Axial anomaly – Non vanishing topological susceptibility
- Mass splitting of the η' with respect to the lighter mesons

What is the fate of the axial $U_A(1)$ symmetry at finite temperature($T \gtrsim T_c$)?

Dirac Overlap operator, retaining the maximal amount of chiral symmetry on the lattice is, theoretically, the best way to answer this question.

Goal of the current project

Check restoration of axial $\mathrm{U}_A(1)$ symmetry by measuring (spatial) meson correlators at finite temperature in full QCD with overlap

Degeneracy of correlators is the signal that we are looking for

$$\begin{tikzcd}
\sigma(1_4 \otimes 1_2) \arrow[r, leftrightarrow, "Chiral\ sym."] \arrow[d, leftrightarrow, "U(1)_A"'] & \pi(i\gamma_5 \otimes \tau^a) \arrow[d, leftrightarrow, "U(1)_A"] \\
\eta(i\gamma_5 \otimes 1_2) \arrow[r, leftrightarrow, "Chiral\ sym."] & \delta(1_4 \otimes \tau^a)
\end{tikzcd}$$

As I will show in this talk,

there are some issues to solve before attacking the real problem...

Simulating dynamical overlap fermions

In order to avoid expensive tricks to handle the zero modes of the Hermitian Wilson operator JLQCD simulations use (JLQCD 2006):

- Iwasaki action (suppresses Wilson operator near zero modes)
- Extra Wilson fermions and twisted mass ghosts to rule out the zero modes

Topology is thus fixed throughout the HMC trajectory.

The effect of fixing topology is expected to be a Finite Size Effect (actually O(1/V))

$$Z_Q = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\chi_t V}} \exp\left[-\frac{Q^2}{2\chi_t V}\right]\left[1 - \frac{c_4}{8V\chi_t^2} + O\left(\frac{1}{V^2}, \delta^2\right)\right].$$

Fixing topology: how to deal with it at T=0

From the previous partition function we can extract the relation between correlators at fixed θ and correlators at fixed Q

In particular for the topological susceptibility and using the Axial Ward Identity we obtain a relation involving fermionic quantities:

$$\lim_{|x|\to\text{large}} \langle mP(x)mP(0)\rangle_Q^{\text{disc}} \equiv \frac{1}{V}\left(\frac{Q^2}{V} - \chi_t - \frac{c_4}{2\chi_t V}\right) + O(e^{-m_\pi |x|})$$

P(x) is the flavor singlet pseudo scalar density operator

Aoki *et al*. PRD76,054508 (2007)

What is the effect of fixing Q at finite temperature?

Results

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- ✔ Simulation details
- ✔ Eigenvalues distribution
- ✔ Finite temperature quenched SU(3) at fixed topology
- ✔ Meson correlators in two flavors QCD

Simulation details

Pure gauge (16^3x6, 24^3x6):

Iwasaki action + top. fixing term

β	*a(fm)*	*T (MeV)*	*T/Tc*
2.35	0.132	249.1	0.86
2.40	0.123	268.1	0.93
2.43	0.117	280.9	0.97
2.44	0.115	285.7	0.992
2.445	0.114	288	1.0
2.45	0.1133	290.2	1.01
2.46	0.111	295.1	1.02
2.48	0.107	305.6	1.06
2.50	0.104	316.2	1.10
2.55	0.094	347.6	1.20

Two flavors QCD (16^3x8)

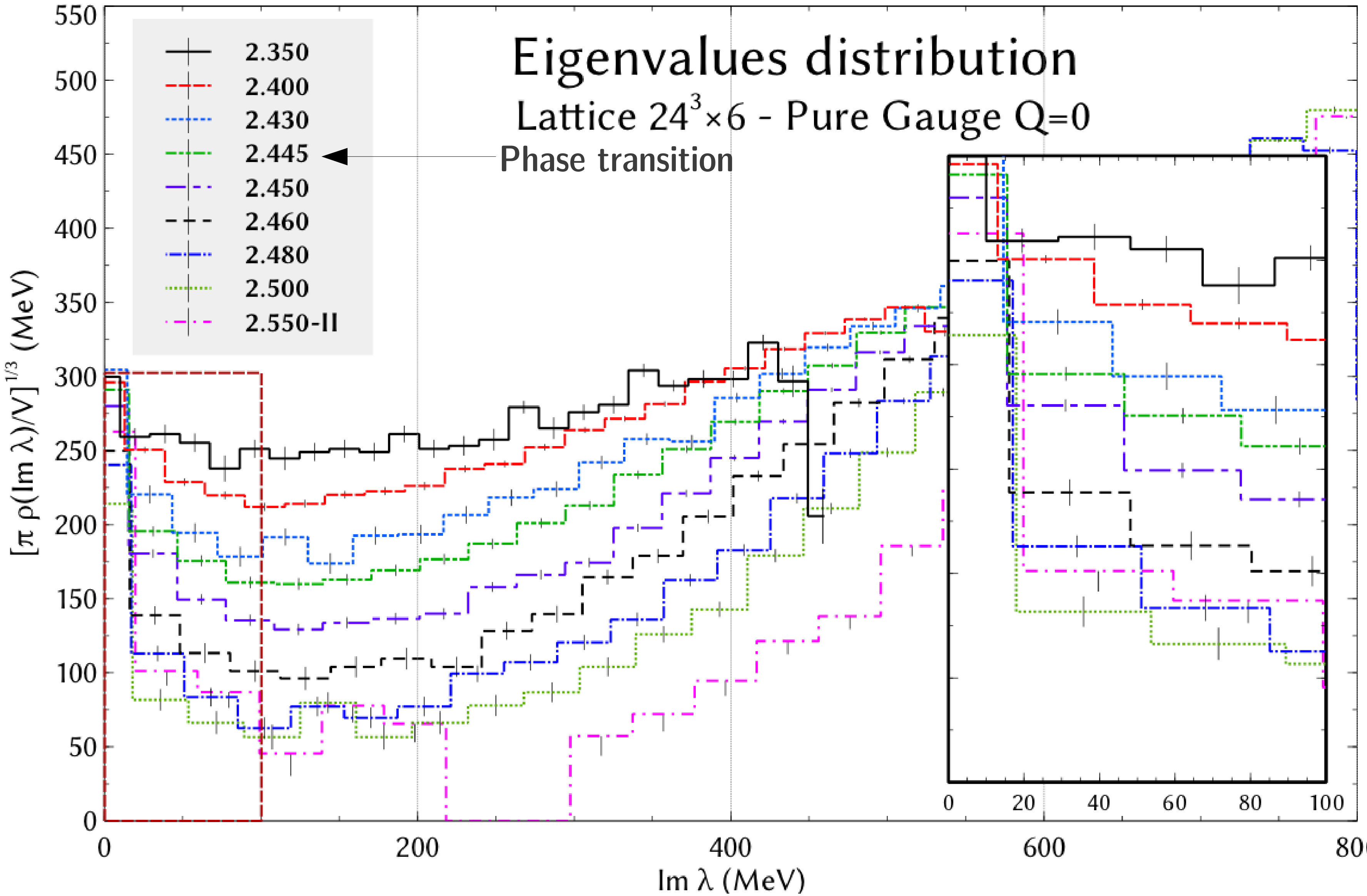
Iwasaki + Overlap + top. Fix

O(200) trj per T

am=0.05, 0.025, 0.01

β	*a(fm)*	*T (MeV)*	*T/Tc*
2.18	0.1438	171.5	0.95
2.20	0.1391	177.3	0.985
2.30	0.1183	208.5	1.15
2.40	0.1013	243.5	1.35
2.45	0.0940	262.4	1.45

Eigenvalue distribution



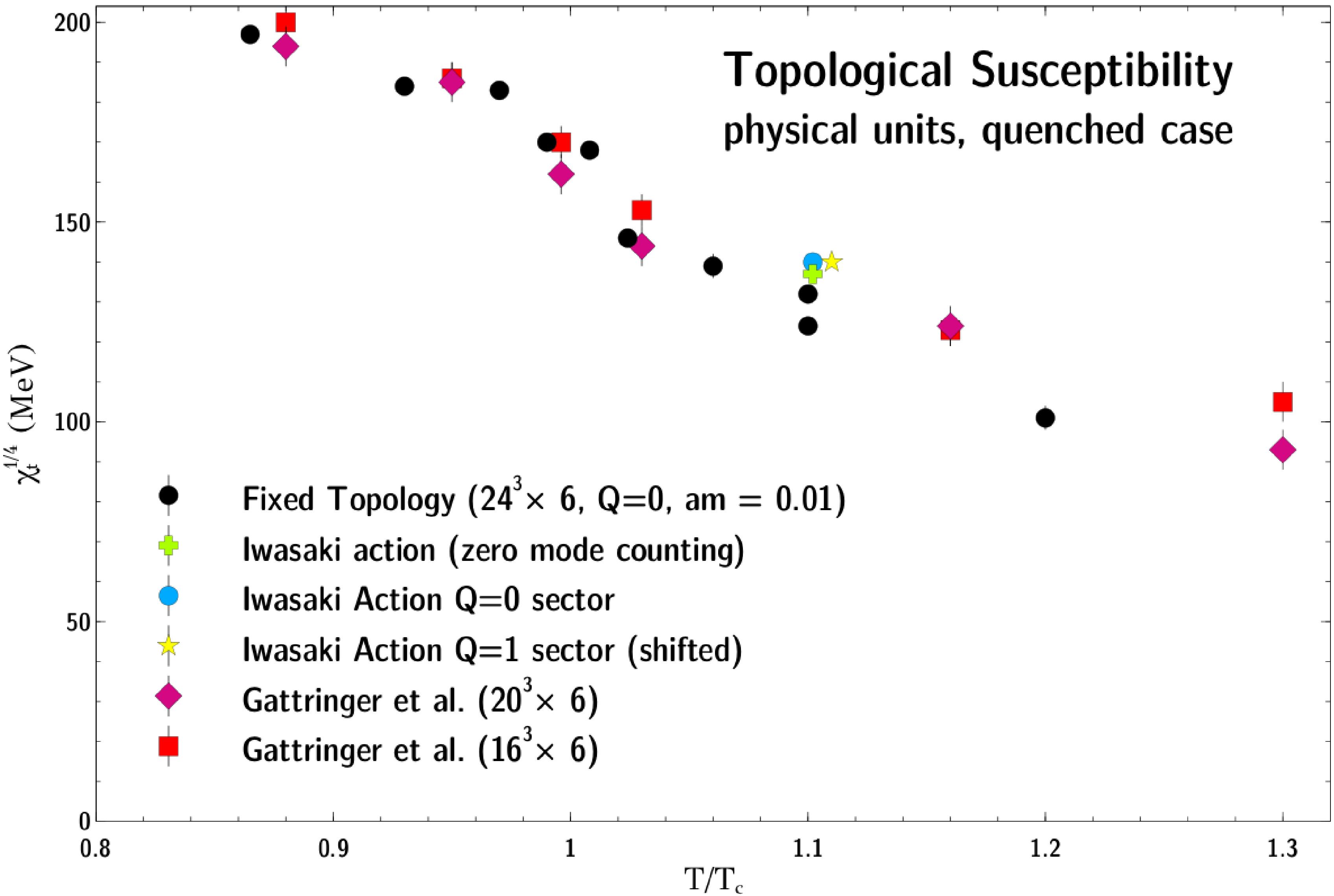
Topological susceptibility in pure gauge theory - I

$$\lim_{|x|\to \text{large}} \langle mP(x)mP(0)\rangle_Q^{\text{disc}} \equiv \frac{1}{V}\left(\frac{Q^2}{V} - \chi_t - \frac{c_4}{2\chi_t V}\right) + O(e^{-m_\pi |x|})$$

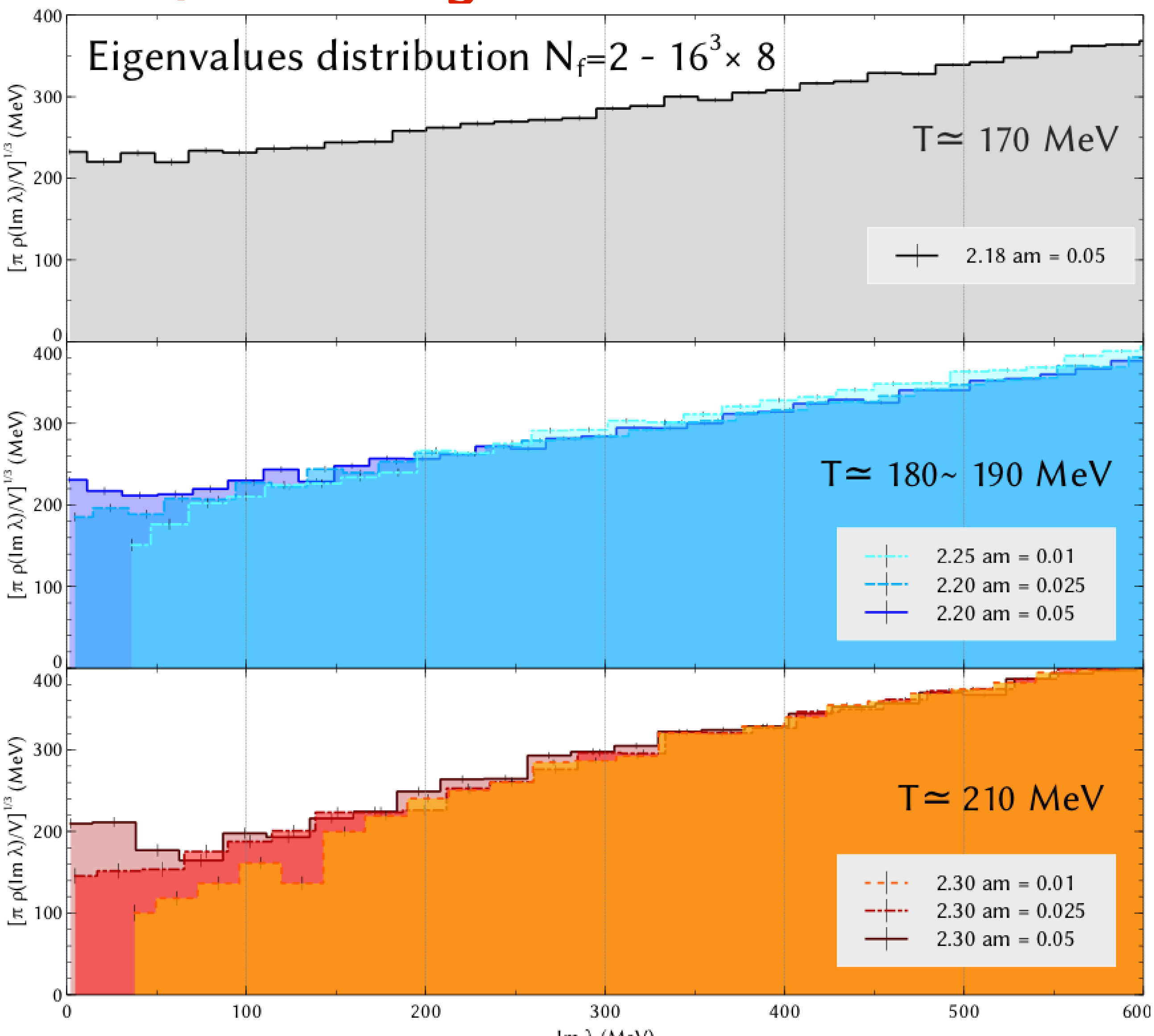
(Spatial) Correlators are always approximated by the first 50 eigenvalues (enough to extract the $x \to \infty$ limit)

- Pure gauge: double pole formula for disconnected diagram
- Topological susceptibility estimated by a joint fit of connected and disconnected contribution.

Topological susceptibility in pure gauge theory - II



Full QCD – Eigenvalues



Effect of axial symmetry on the Dirac sperctrum

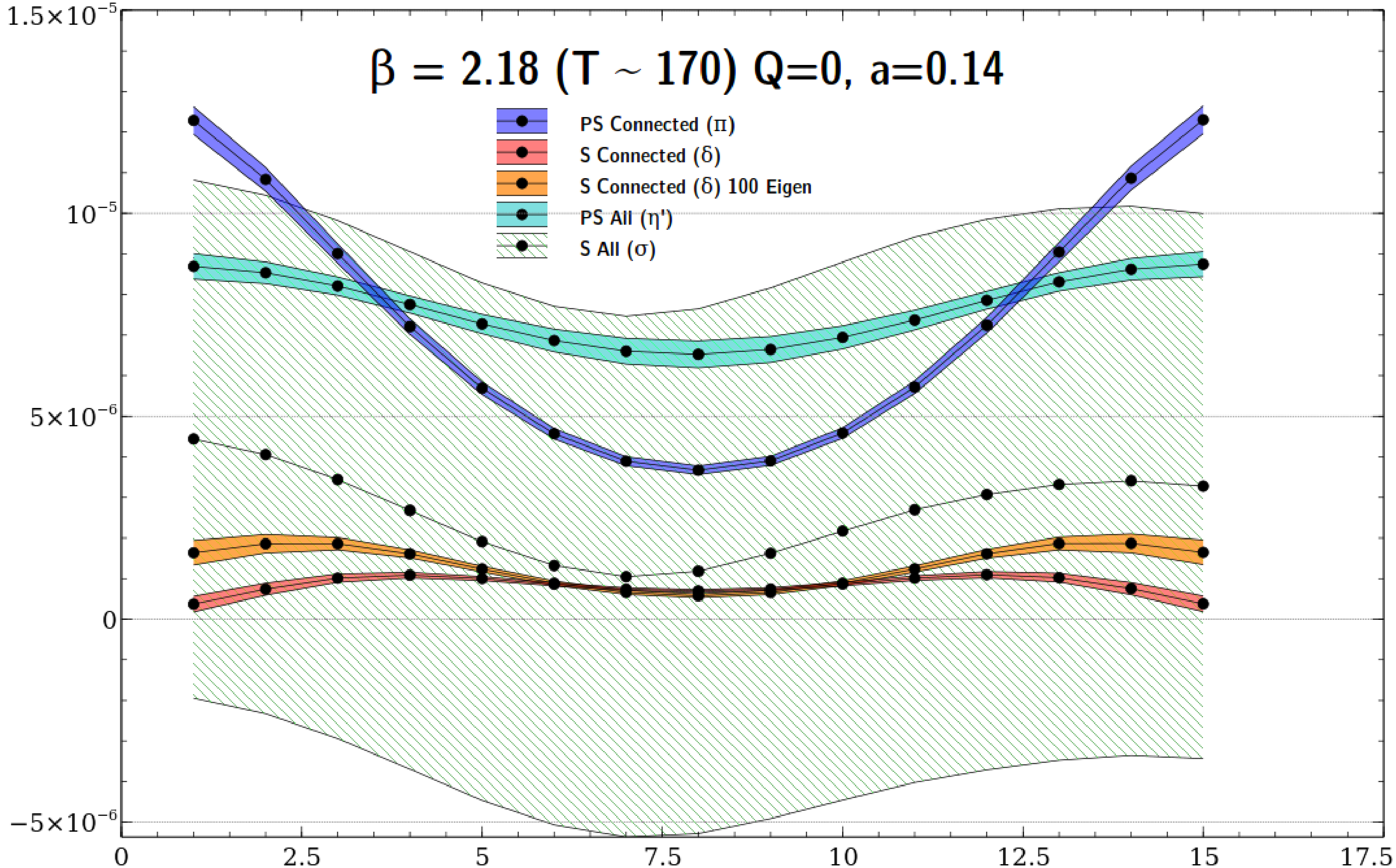
$$\chi^{\pi-\delta} = \int d\lambda \rho_m(\lambda) \frac{4m^2}{\lambda^2 + m^2}$$

If chiral symmetry is restored we can conclude that

$$\lim_{\lambda\to 0} \lim_{m\to 0} \frac{\rho_m(\lambda)}{\lambda} = 0$$

Full QCD – Meson correlators

Mass



Temperature

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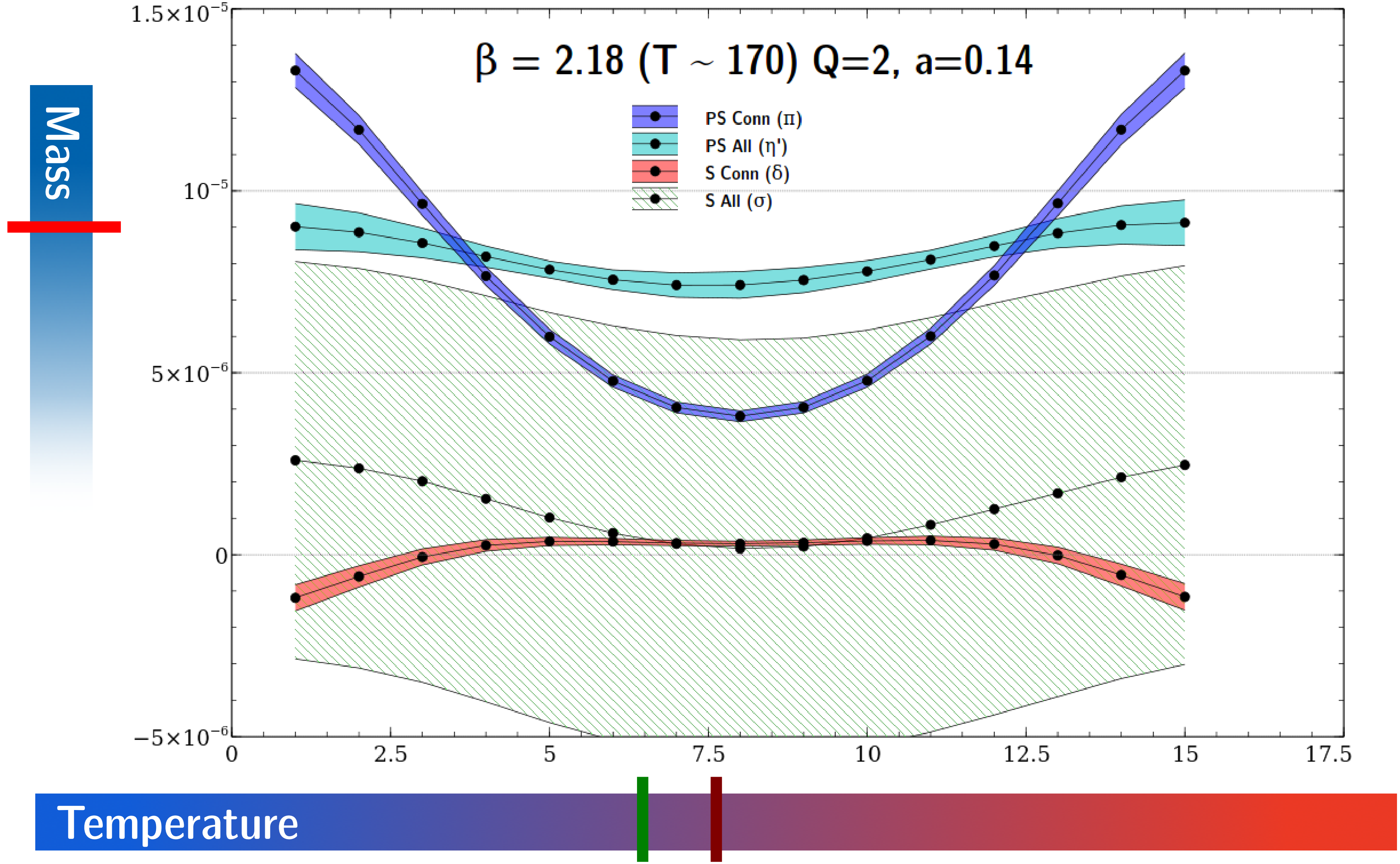

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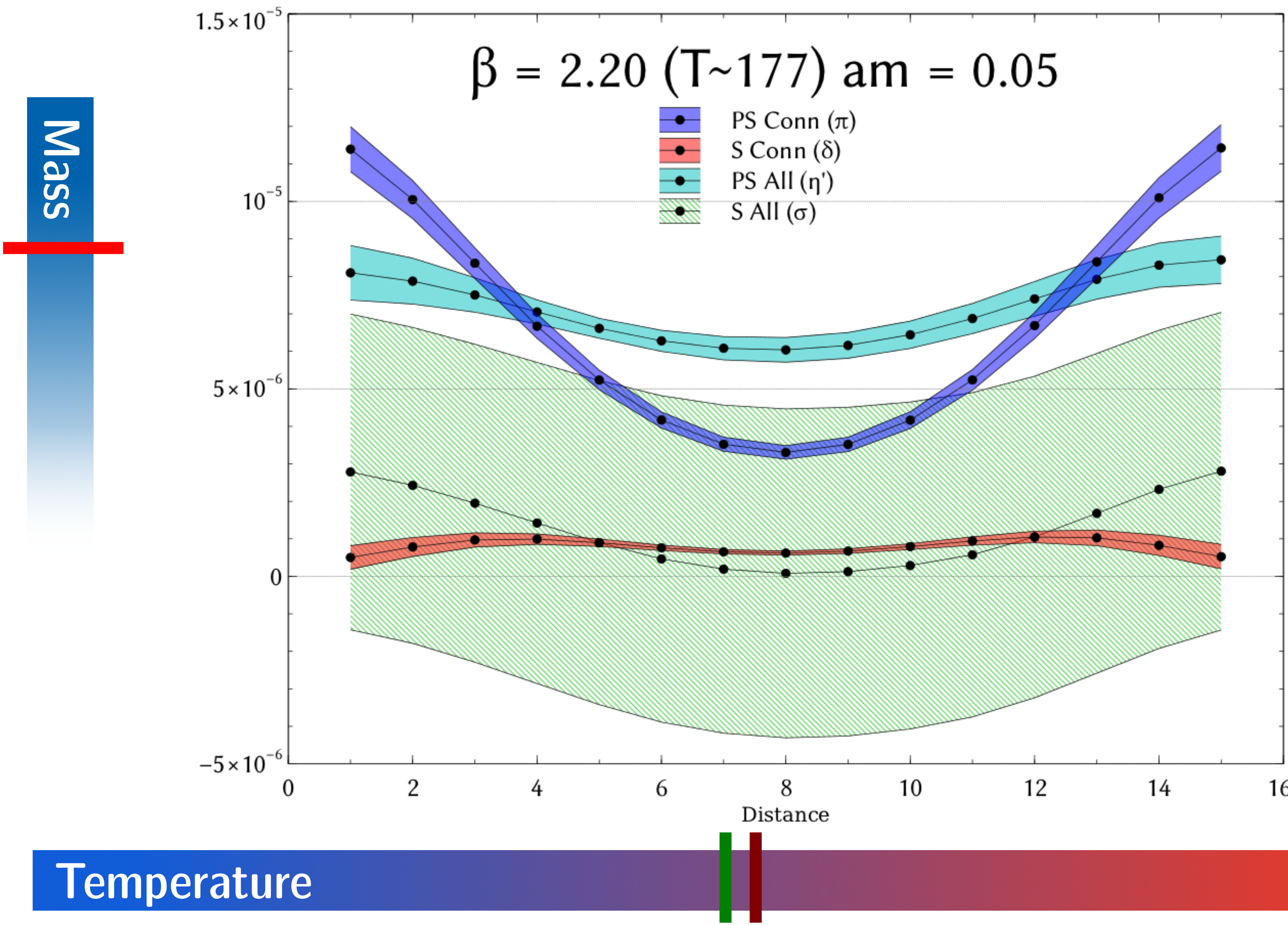

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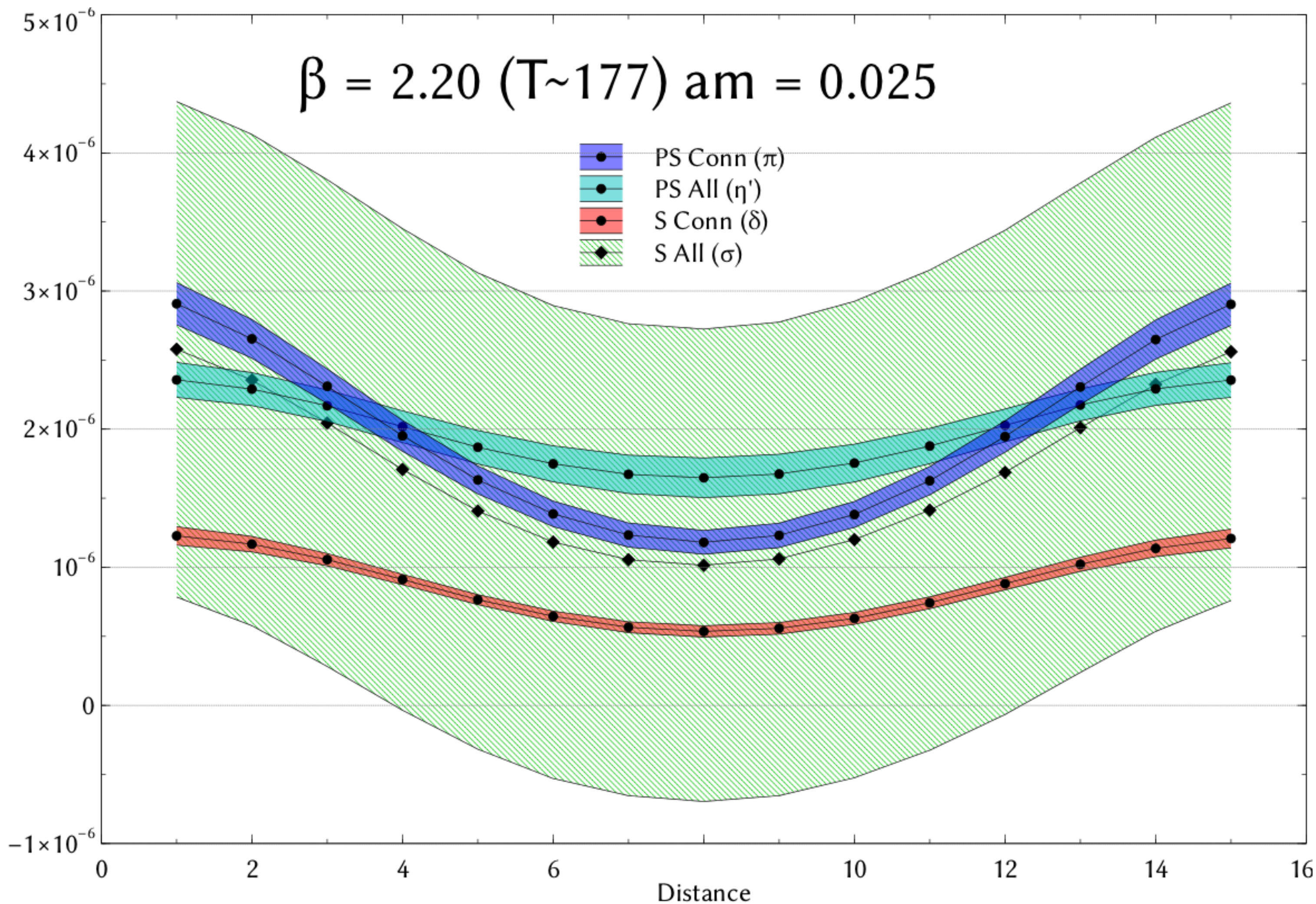

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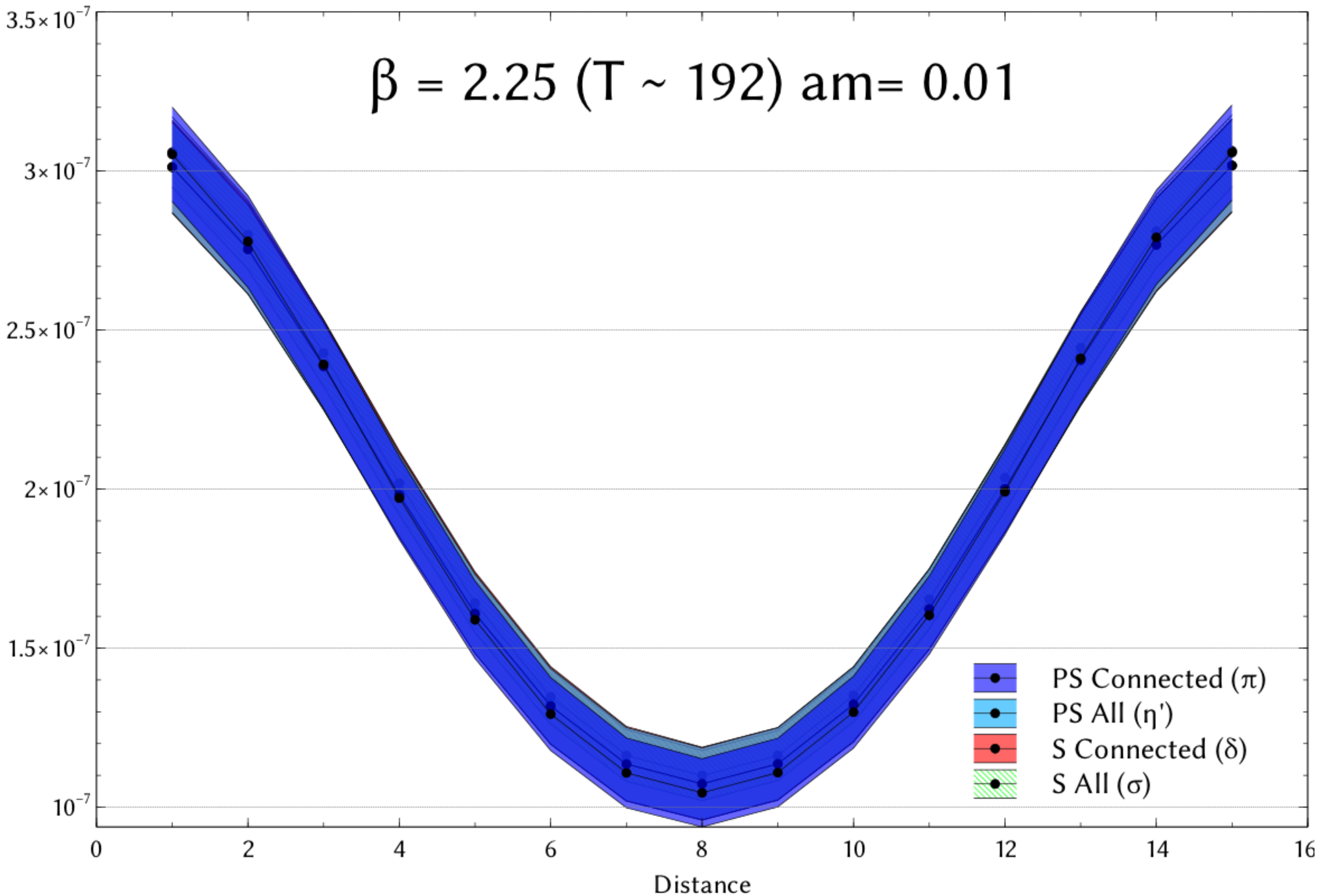

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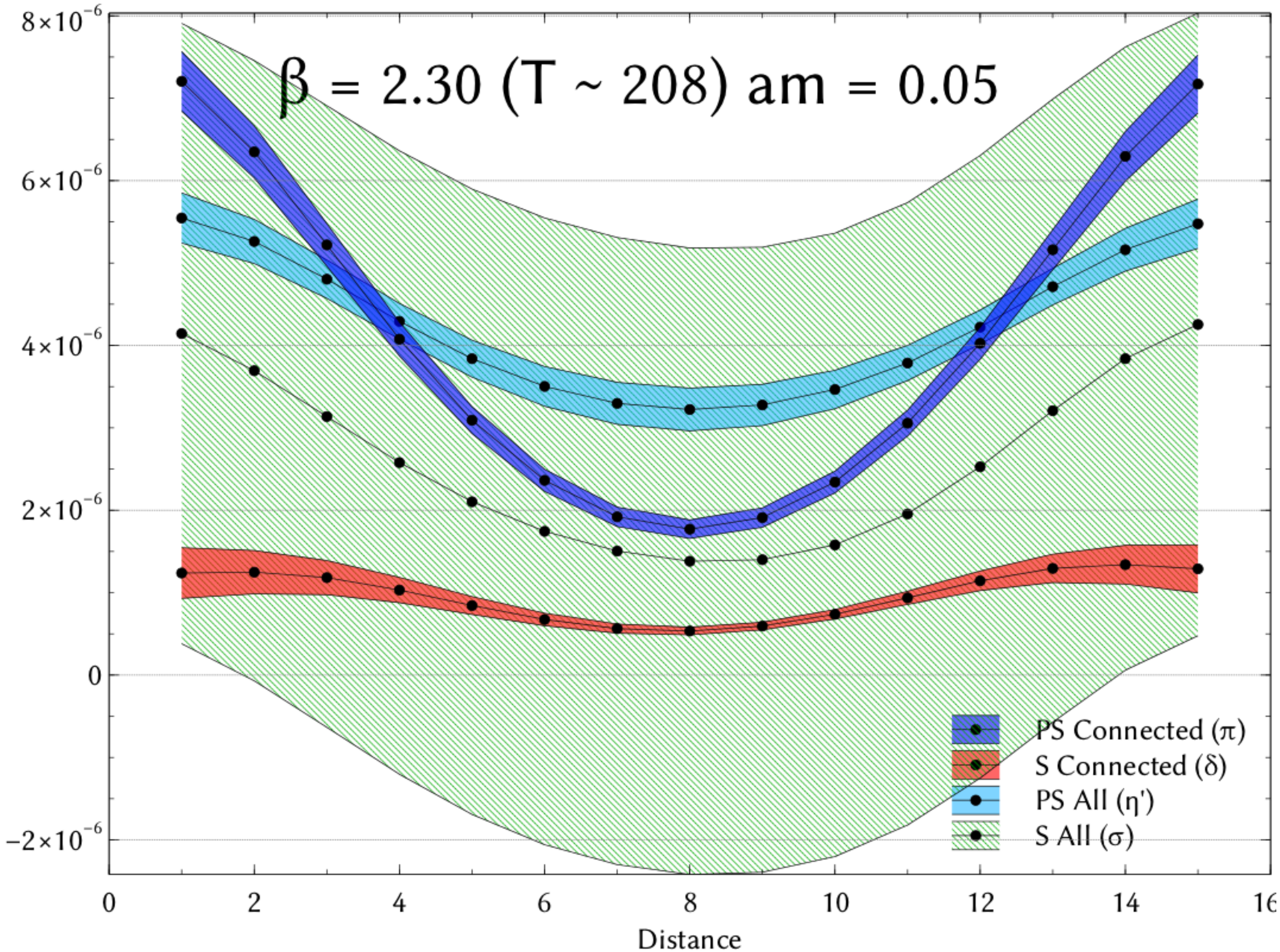

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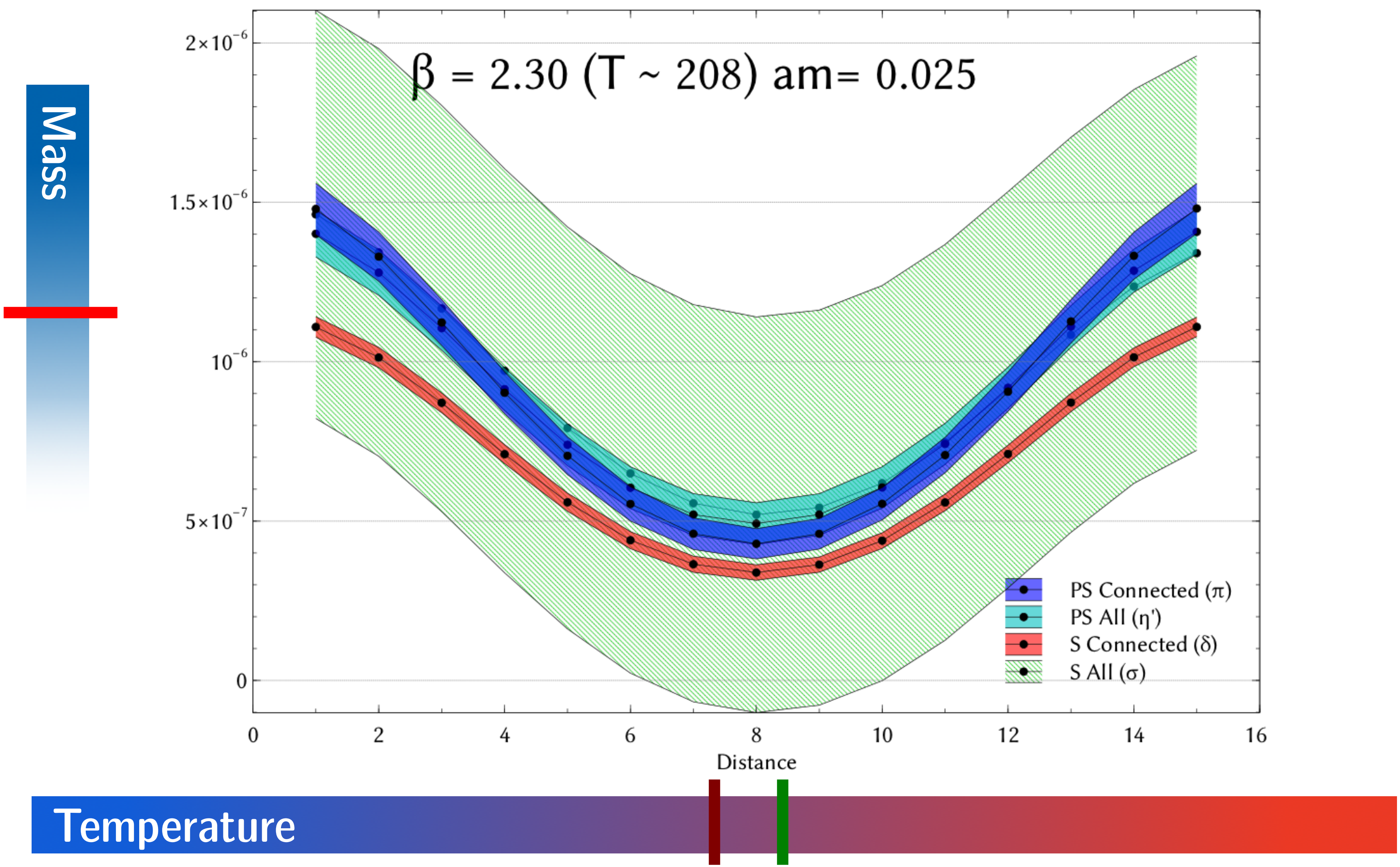

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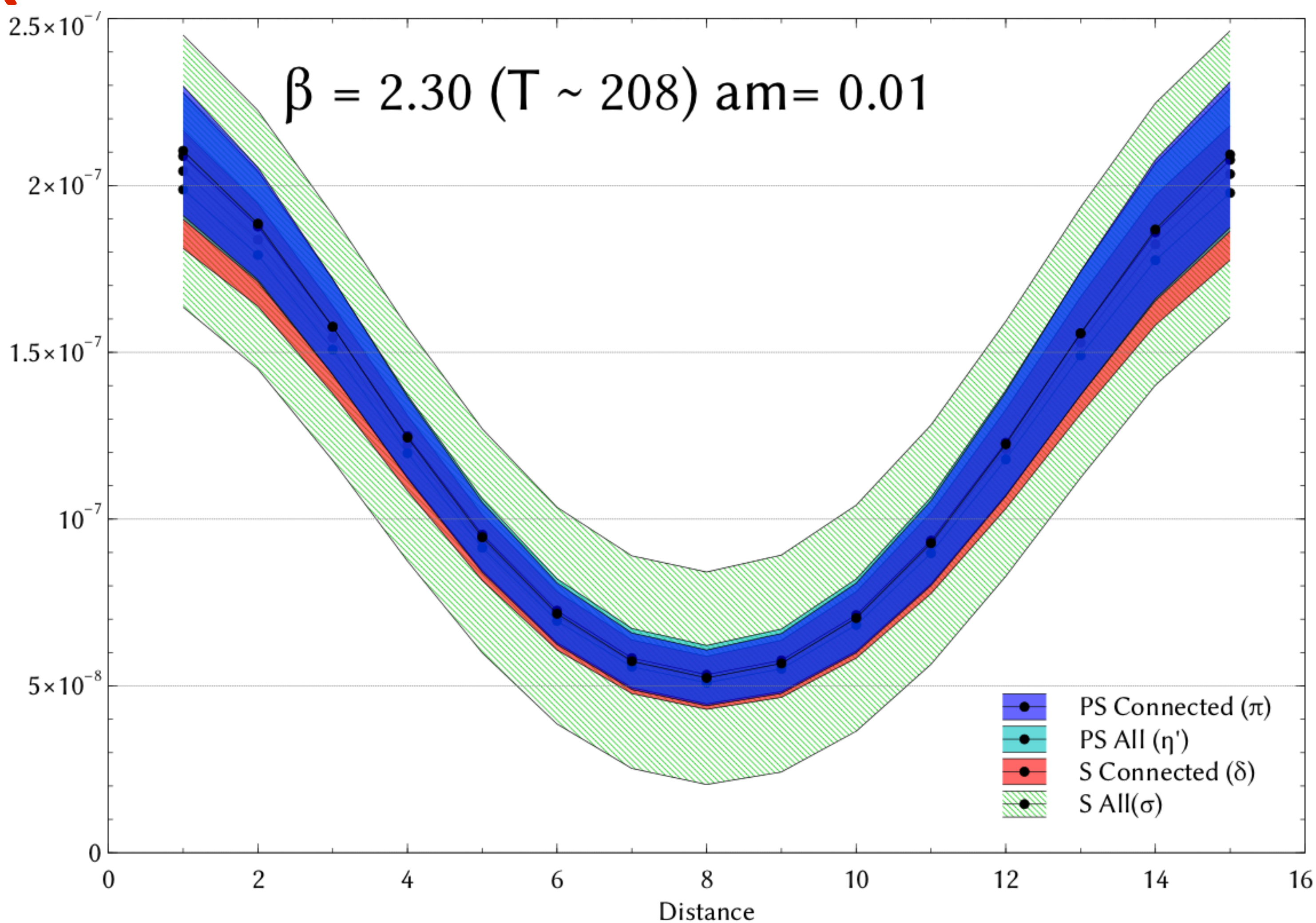

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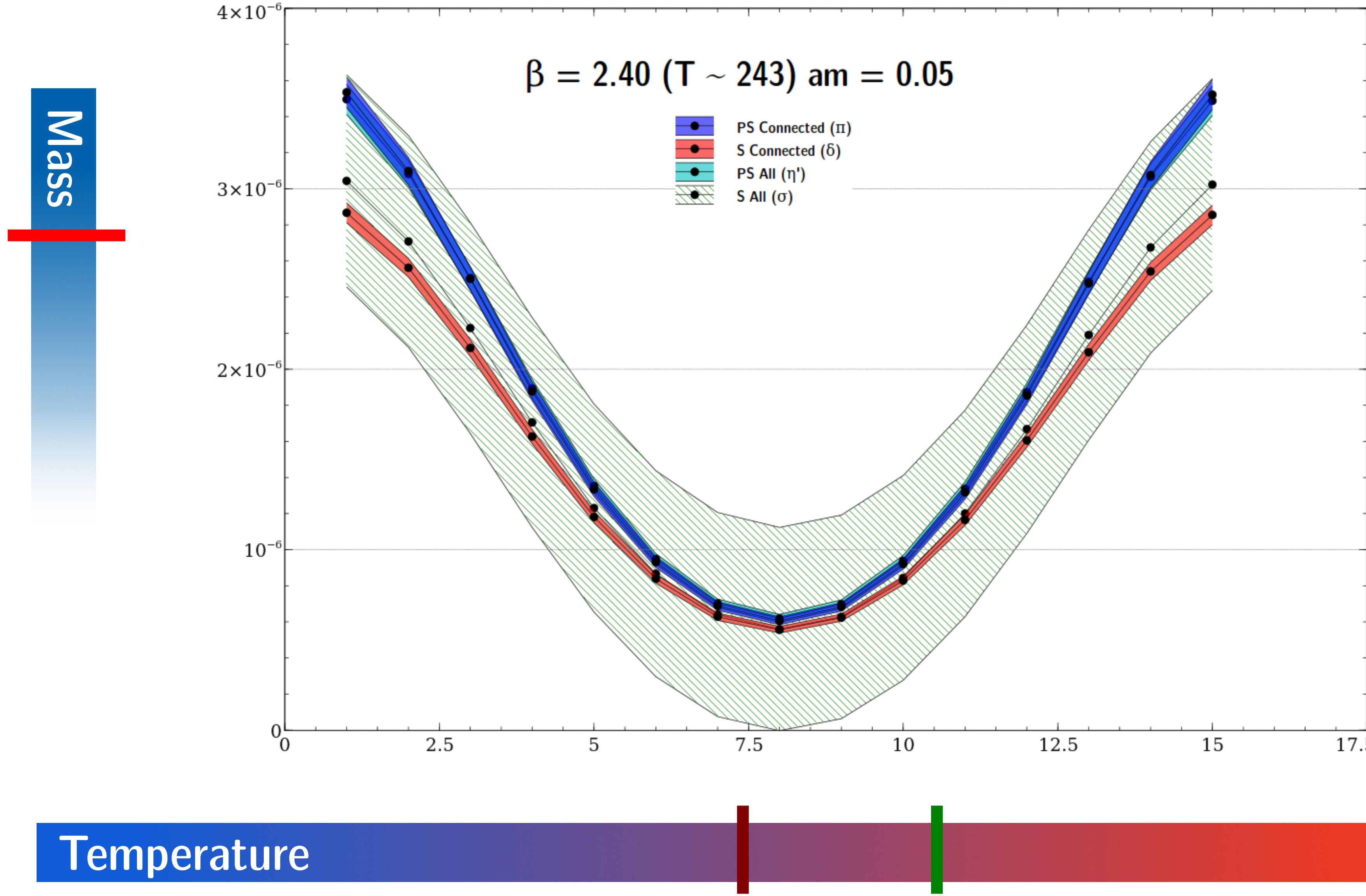


Summary

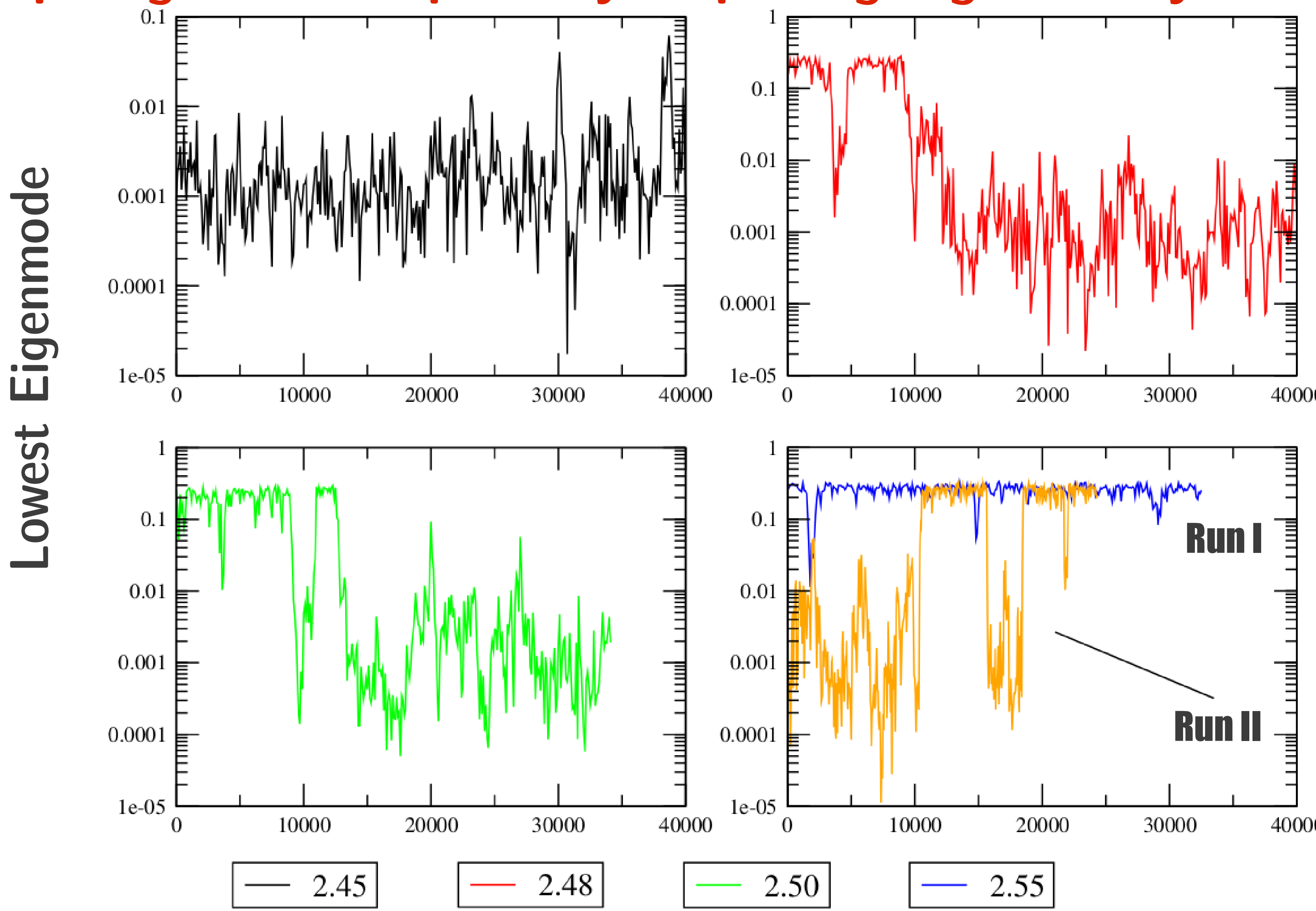
- Overlap fermions are the best choice to check axial anomaly at finite temperature
- Current machine and algorithms permit now realistic simulations...
- ...at the cost of fixing topology
- We checked feasibility by test runs in pure gauge theory
- In pure gauge systematic errors are under control.

- (almost) final results in Full QCD show restoration of $U_A(1)$ symmetry
- We need more data on chiral limit and check approach to T_c (1-2 weeks)

LuxRay Artistic Rendering of Lowest Eigenmode

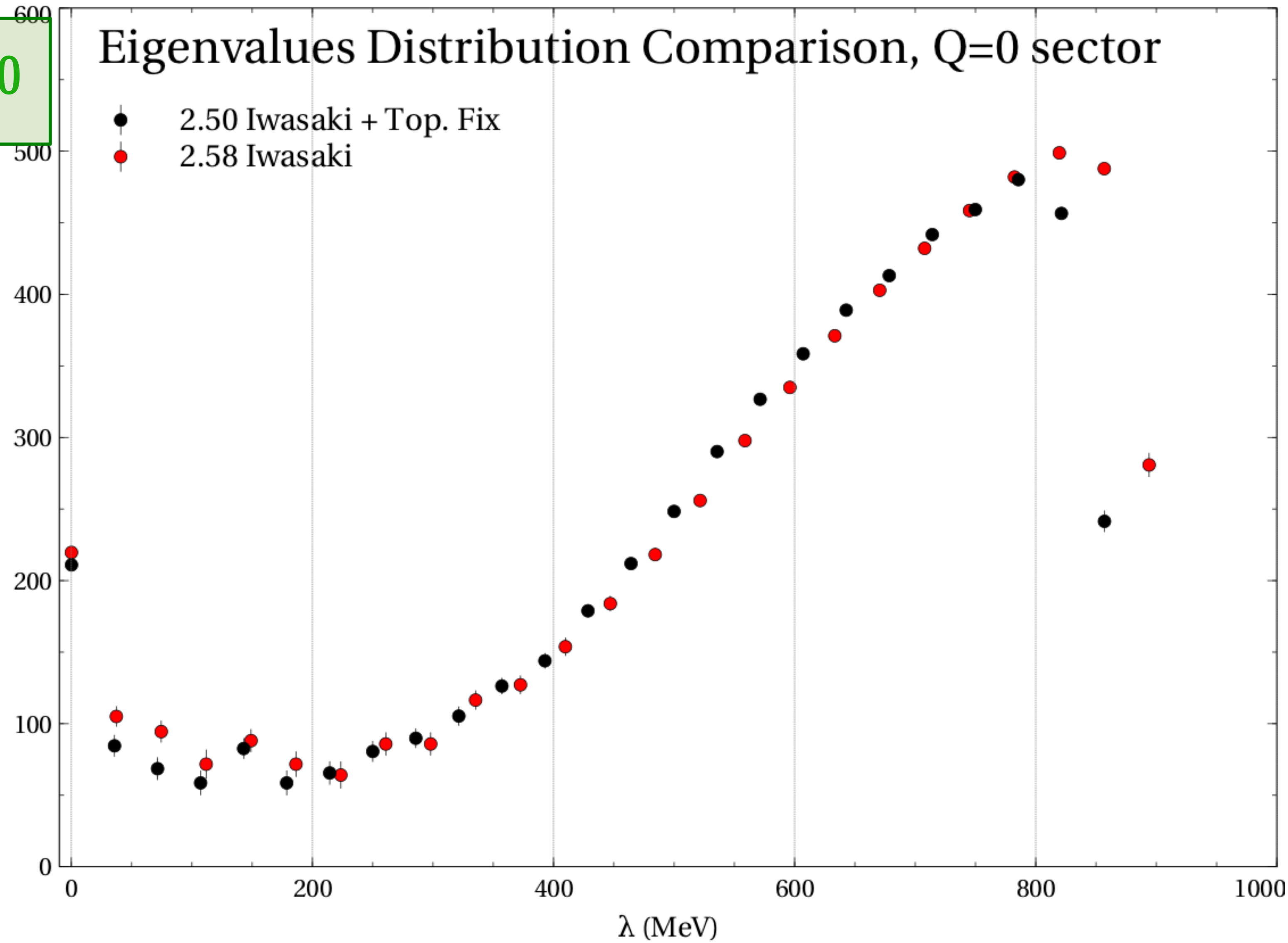
Backup slides

Topological susceptibility in pure gauge theory - III



Topological susceptibility in pure gauge theory

$\beta = 2.50$



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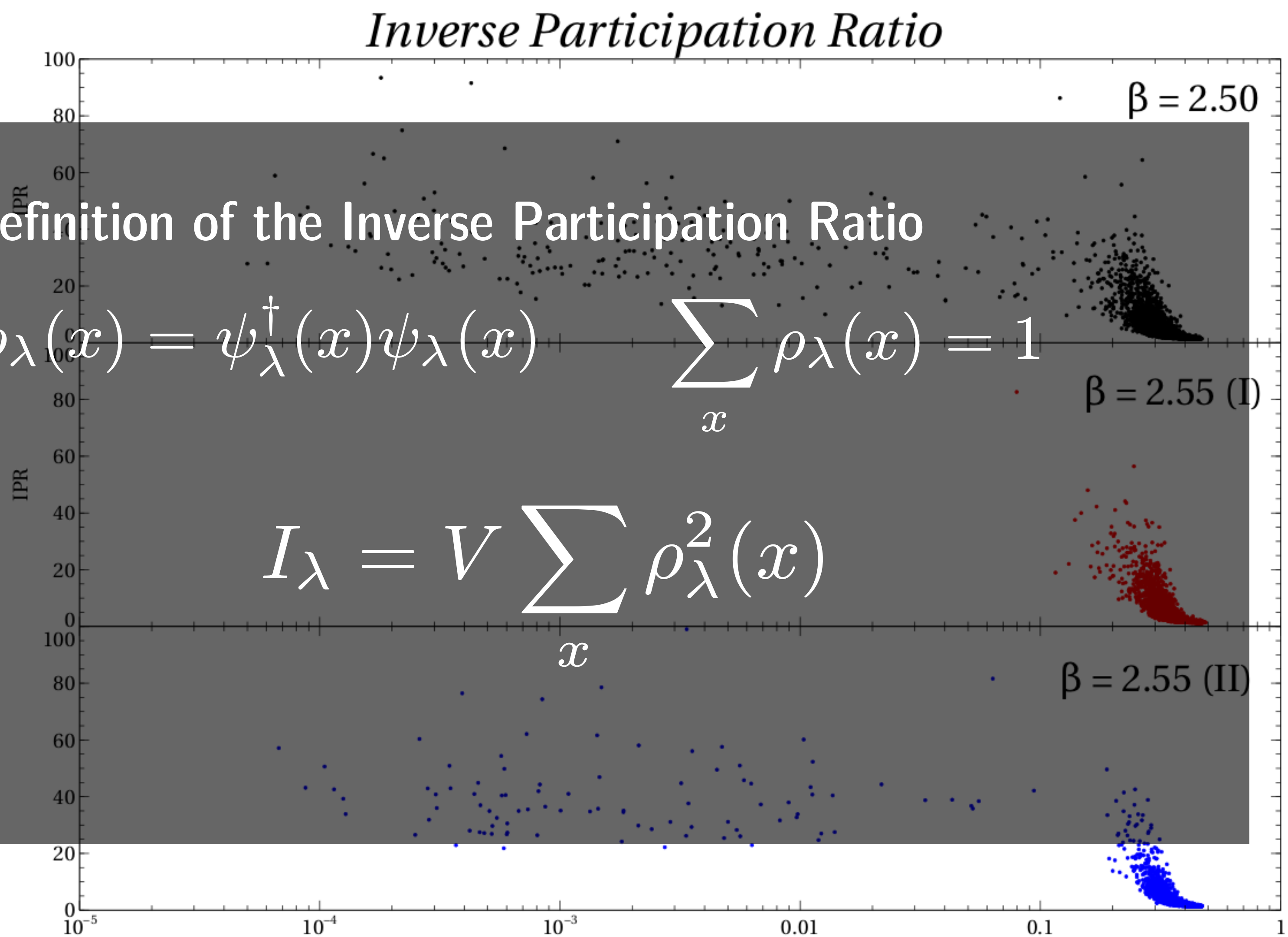
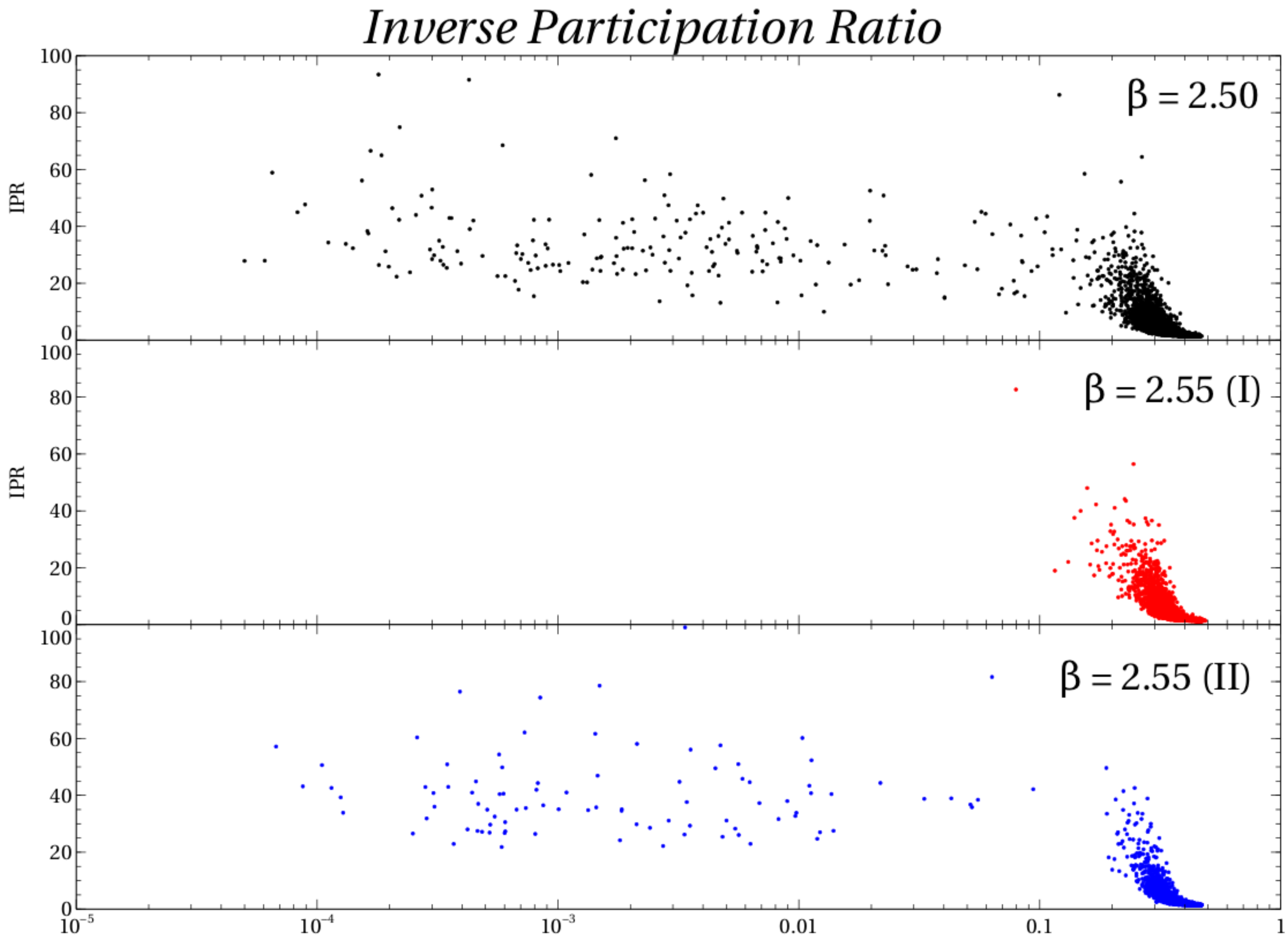


Definition of the Inverse Participation Ratio

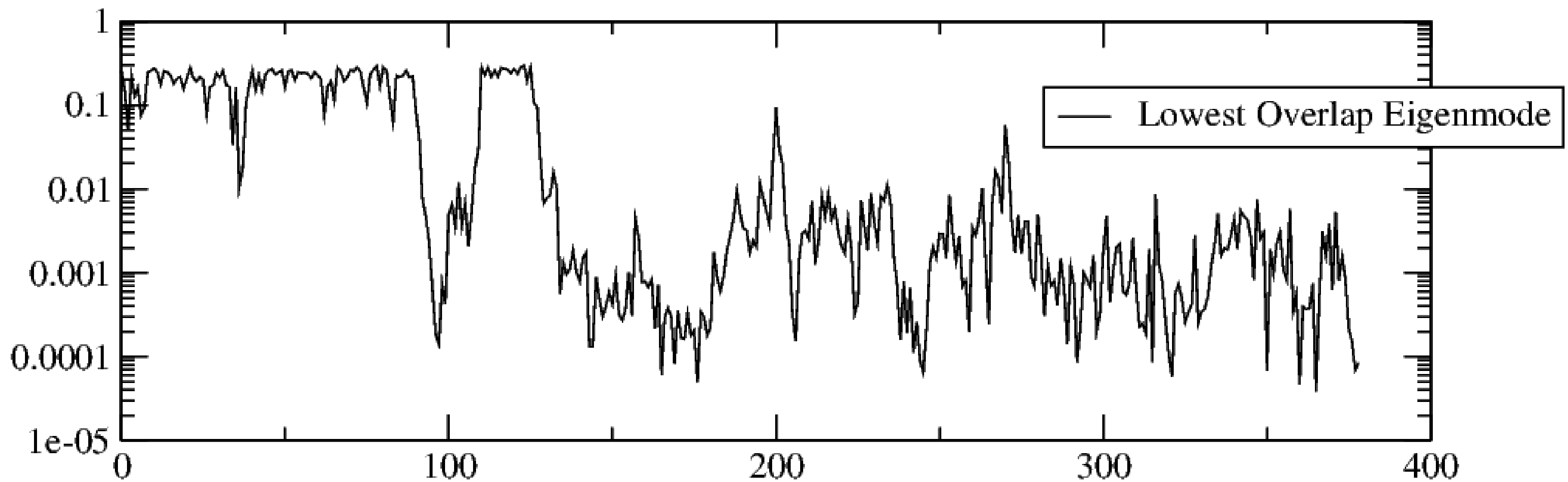
$$\rho_\lambda(x) = \psi_\lambda^\dagger(x)\psi_\lambda(x) \qquad \sum_x \rho_\lambda(x) = 1$$

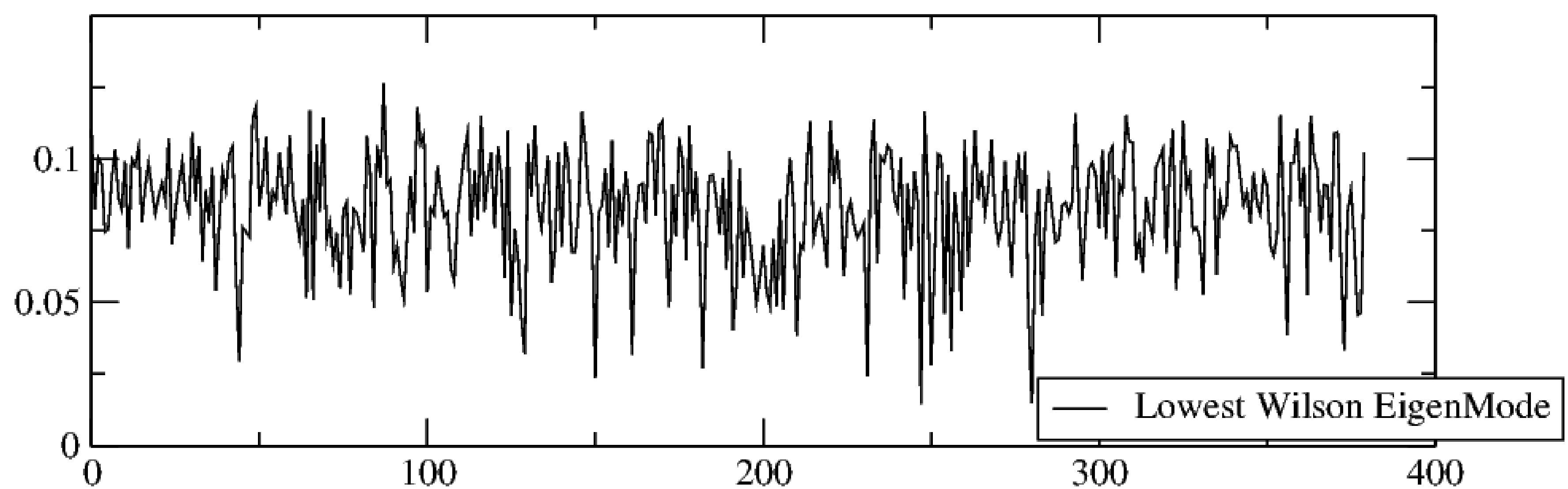
$$I_\lambda = V \sum_x \rho_\lambda^2(x)$$

Topological susceptibility in pure gauge theory - VII



Topological susceptibility and axial symm. at FT





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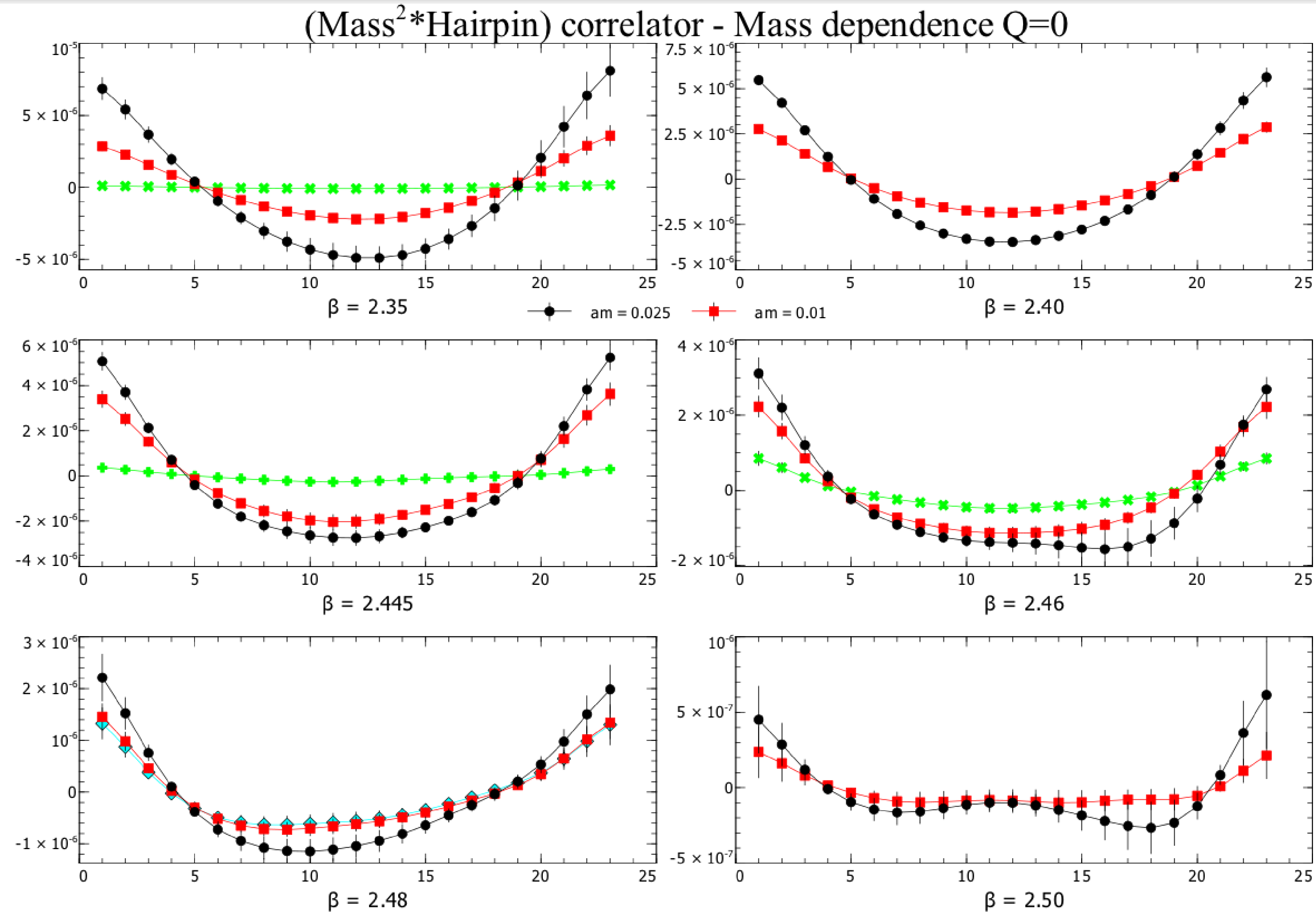

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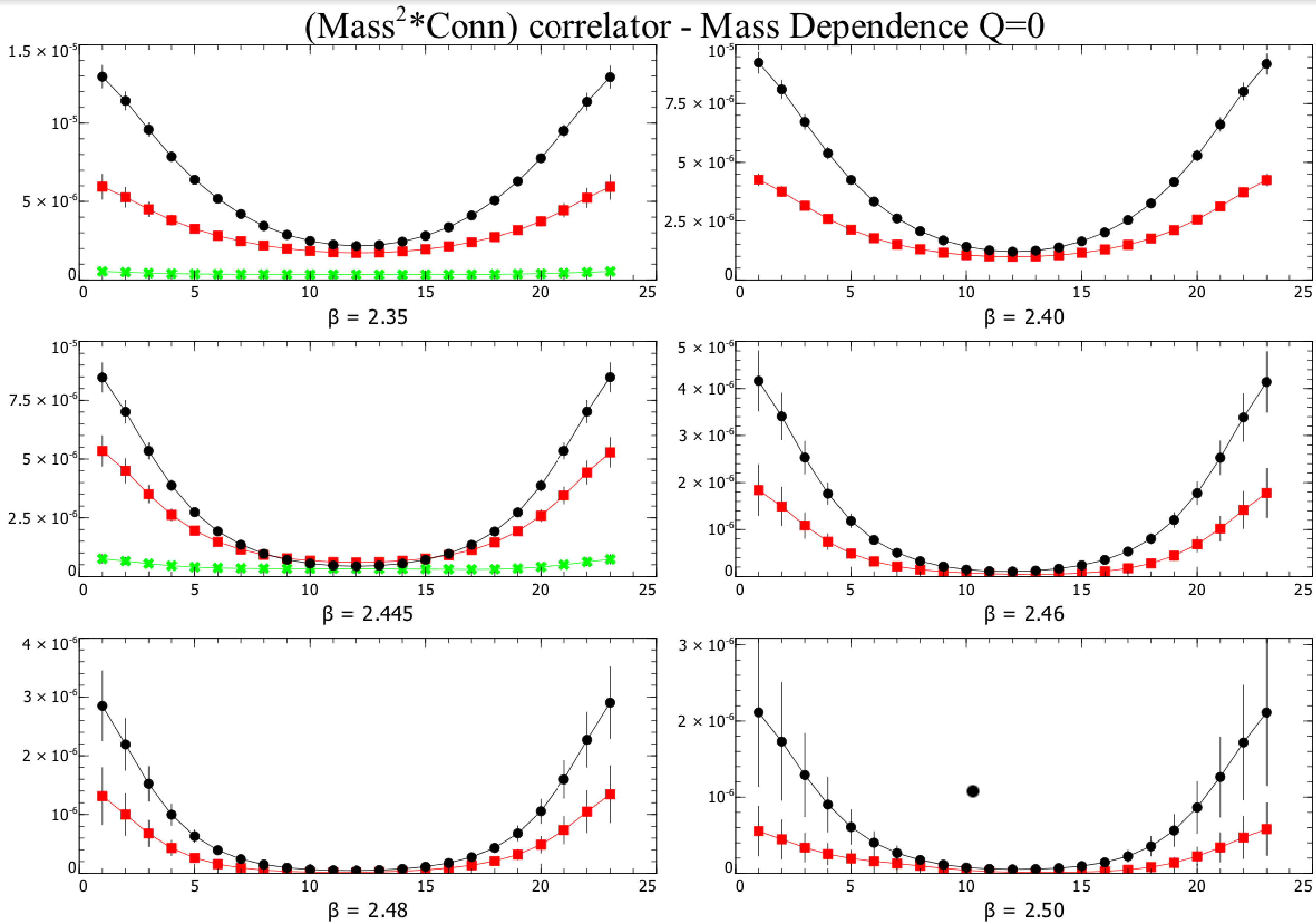

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