

# Baryon bag simulation of QCD in the strong coupling limit

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# Introduction

- ▶ Worldline representations have been helpful in understanding and removing various kinds of sign problems
- ▶ Often worldline representations highlight certain features or symmetries of theories
- ▶ Good algorithms for worldline configurations, e.g., worm algorithms
- ▶ Here we revisit the old idea of a monomer-dimer-loop representation of strong coupling (SC) QCD
- ▶ How do the worldline DOF change when we increase the temperature to drive the system into the chirally symmetric phase?
- ▶ To analyze the relevant DOF we use the baryon bag picture ( $\neq$  MIT bag)

# Lattice model

QCD partition function for  $\beta = 0$  (strong coupling)

$$Z = \int D[\bar{\psi}\psi] \int_{\text{SU}(3)} D[U] e^{S_F[\bar{\psi},\psi,U]}$$

with 1-flavor of staggered quarks on anisotropic lattices

$$S_F[\bar{\psi},\psi,U] = \sum_x \left( 2m\bar{\psi}_x\psi_x + \sum_{\nu} \xi_{x,\nu} \left[ e^{\mu\delta_{\nu,d}} \bar{\psi}_x U_{x,\nu} \psi_{x+\hat{\nu}} - e^{-\mu\delta_{\nu,d}} \bar{\psi}_{x+\hat{\nu}} U_{x,\nu}^\dagger \psi_x \right] \right)$$

$\xi_{x,1} = 1, \dots, \xi_{x,d} = t(-)^{x_1+\dots+x_{d-1}}$ : staggered signs and anisotropic coupling  $t$

$\Rightarrow$  Temperature  $T$  is an increasing function of  $t$  [de Forcrand *et al.* 2017]

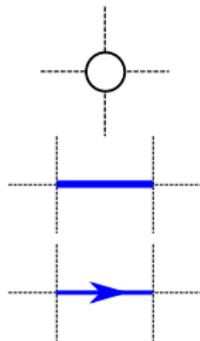
# Monomers, dimers and baryon loops

⇒ At SC gauge fields can be integrated out exactly [Rossi, Wolff 1984]

⇒ The remaining Grassmann integral can be mapped to a statistical system of the following objects [Rossi, Wolff '85, Karsch, Mütter '88]

Mass terms:  $(\bar{\psi}_x \psi_x)^{n_x} \rightarrow$  Monomers  $n_x$

Hops:  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} (\bar{\psi}_x \psi_x \bar{\psi}_{x+\hat{\nu}} \psi_{x+\hat{\nu}})^{d_{x,\nu}} \rightarrow \text{Dimers } d_{x,\nu} \\ \dots (\bar{\psi}_x \psi_{x+\hat{\nu}})^{3\ell_{x,\nu}} \dots \rightarrow \text{Baryon loops } \ell_{x,\nu} \end{array} \right.$



Every non-vanishing contribution to the Grassmann integral must obey the constraint

$$n_x + \sum_{\nu} d_{x,\nu} + \sum_{\nu} \frac{3}{2} |\ell_{x,\nu}| = 3$$

# Worldline representation of SC partition sum

$$Z = \sum_{\{n,d,\ell\}} w_n(m) w_d(t) w_\ell(\mu, t)$$

- ▶ Degrees of freedom:
  - ▶ Monomers ( $n$ ) and dimers ( $d$ )
  - ▶ Directed self-avoiding Baryon loops ( $\ell$ )
- ▶ Fermion sign problem: even  $w_\ell(\mu = 0)$  is not strictly positive
- ▶ Karsch and Mütter realized: simulate U(3) and pair closed dimer chains with loops that occupy the same contour
- ▶ Is there a different way to get strictly positive weights?  $\Rightarrow$  Baryon bags

# Baryon bag representation of SC QCD

$$Z = \sum_{\{\mathcal{B}\}} \prod_{\mathcal{B}_i \in \mathcal{B}} \det D[\mathcal{B}_i] \times Z_{\bar{\mathcal{B}}} \quad [\text{Gattringer 2018}]$$

Each bag  $\mathcal{B}_i$  has a weight of

$$\det D[\mathcal{B}_i] = \int \prod_{x \in \mathcal{B}_i} dB_x d\bar{B}_x \exp \left( \sum_{x,y \in \mathcal{B}_i} \bar{B}_x D_{xy}^{(i)} B_y \right)$$

where  $D^{(i)}$  is the **FREE** Dirac op. for the composite field  $B_x = \psi_x^1 \psi_x^2 \psi_x^3$  ( $\bar{B}_x = \bar{\psi}_x^3 \bar{\psi}_x^2 \bar{\psi}_x^1$ ) on some arbitrary domain  $\mathcal{B}_i$  of space-time

$$D_{x,y}^{(i)} = 2(4m^3) \delta_{x,y} + \sum_{\nu} \xi_{x,\nu} \left[ e^{3\mu\delta_{x,d}} \delta_{y,x+\hat{\nu}} - e^{-3\mu\delta_{x,d}} \delta_{x,y+\hat{\nu}} \right] \quad \forall x,y \in \mathcal{B}_i$$

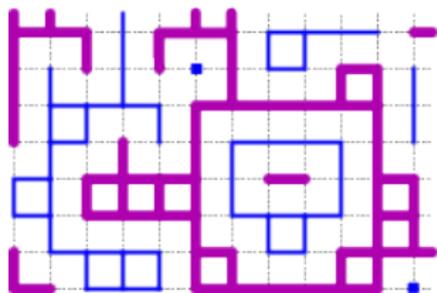
$\Rightarrow$  In bag domain  $\mathcal{B} = \cup_i \mathcal{B}_i$  resummation of 3-monomers, 3-dimers and baryon loops into a single determinant of a free composite field!

# Baryon bag representation of SC QCD

- ▶ Baryon bag is a superposition of 3-monomers, 3-dimers and baryon loops  
⇒ Baryon terms fully saturate the Grassmann integrals
- ▶ Lattice decomposes into disjoint domains:  $\mathcal{B} = \cup_i \mathcal{B}_i$  and  $\overline{\mathcal{B}}$
- ▶ Complementary domain  $\overline{\mathcal{B}}$  is filled with mesonic contributions

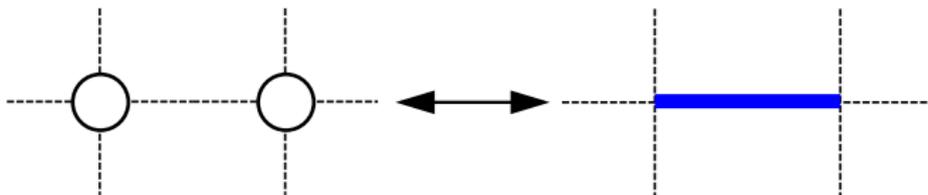
$$Z_{\overline{\mathcal{B}}} = \sum_{n,d} (2m)^{N(n)} \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^{N(d_1)+N(d_2)}$$

- ▶ Bag weights are real and positive for  $\mu = 0$
- ▶ Chiral symmetry for  $m = 0$



# Bag simulation

Monomer based updates for check of representation:



⇒ Local update good for a qualitative check of the representation

⇒ For numerically studying the chiral limit: better worm algorithm

# Observables

- ▶ Chiral condensate

$$\langle \bar{\psi}\psi \rangle = \frac{1}{V} \frac{\partial}{\partial m} \ln Z$$

- ▶ Chiral susceptibility

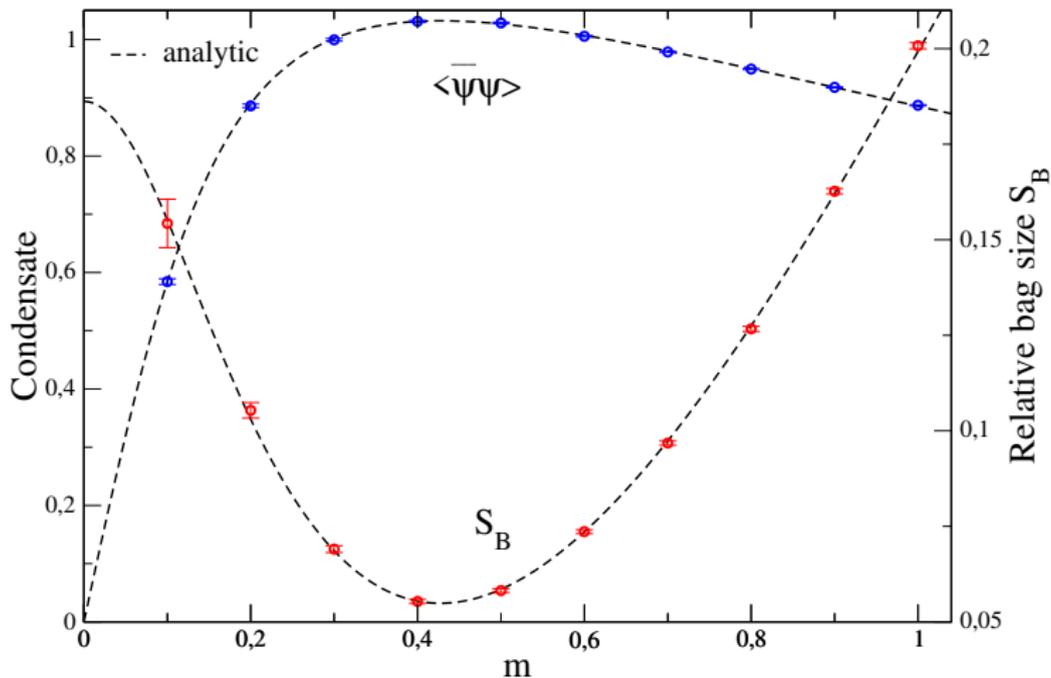
$$\chi_{\bar{\psi}\psi} \equiv \frac{\partial}{\partial m} \langle \bar{\psi}\psi \rangle + V \langle \bar{\psi}\psi \rangle^2$$

- ▶ Relative bag size

$$\langle S_B \rangle = \frac{1}{V} \left\langle \sum_{\mathcal{B}_i \in \mathcal{B}} |\mathcal{B}_i| \right\rangle$$

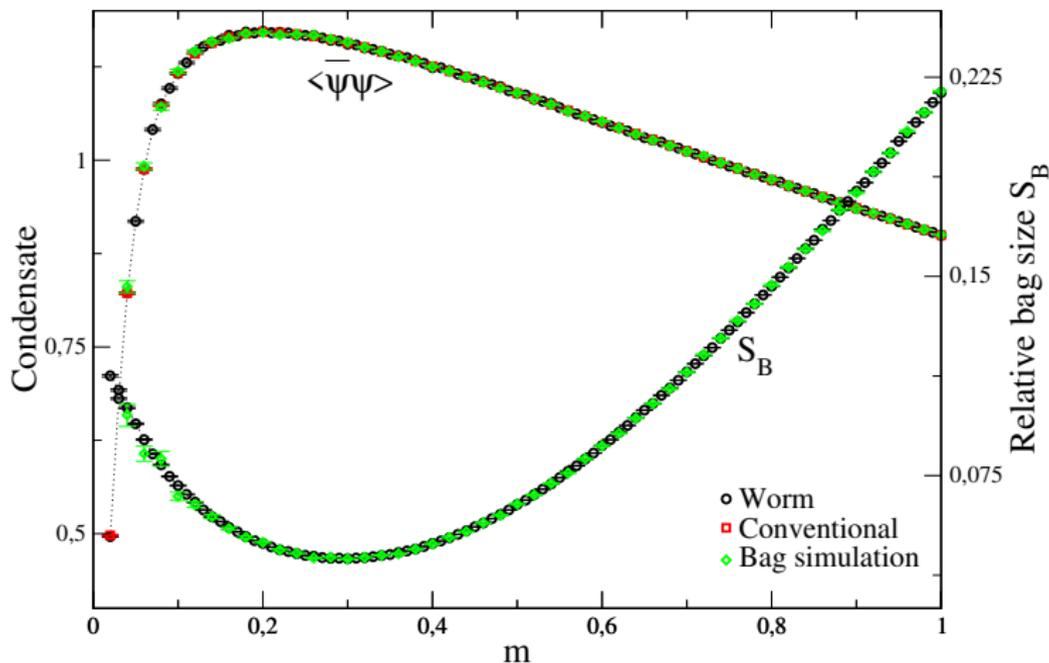
## Cross-checks: 2x2

⇒ On a 2x2 lattice we can count all configs and provide analytic results!



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⇒ On a 4x4 lattice we can use conventional simulations and a newly developed worm to validate our results!



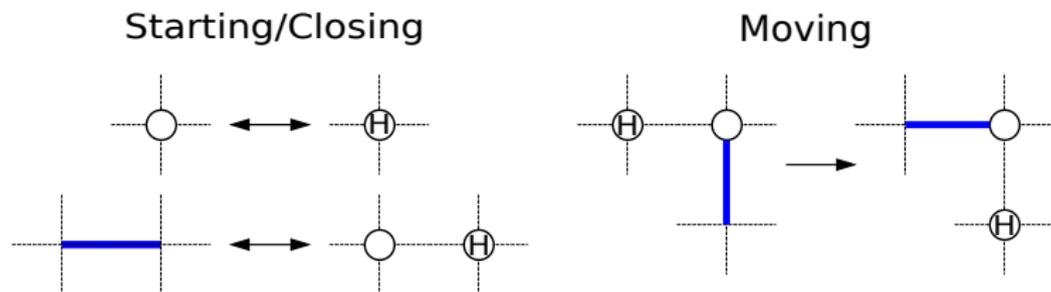
## Issues and take-aways

- ▶ Representation is interesting as it organizes DOF in a new way
  - Still determinants to compute (Matrix size depends on parameters)
- ▶ Local update is good for a qualitative check
  - Bad in the (interesting) small  $m$  region
- ▶ Numerical study: We use a  $U(3)$  worm (no bags!)
  - $S_B$ : sites occupied by 3-monomers, 3-dimers and baryon loops

# Worm algorithm

The worm is a natural extension to  $m \neq 0$  of the well known U(3) worm

[Adams, Chandrasekharan 2002]

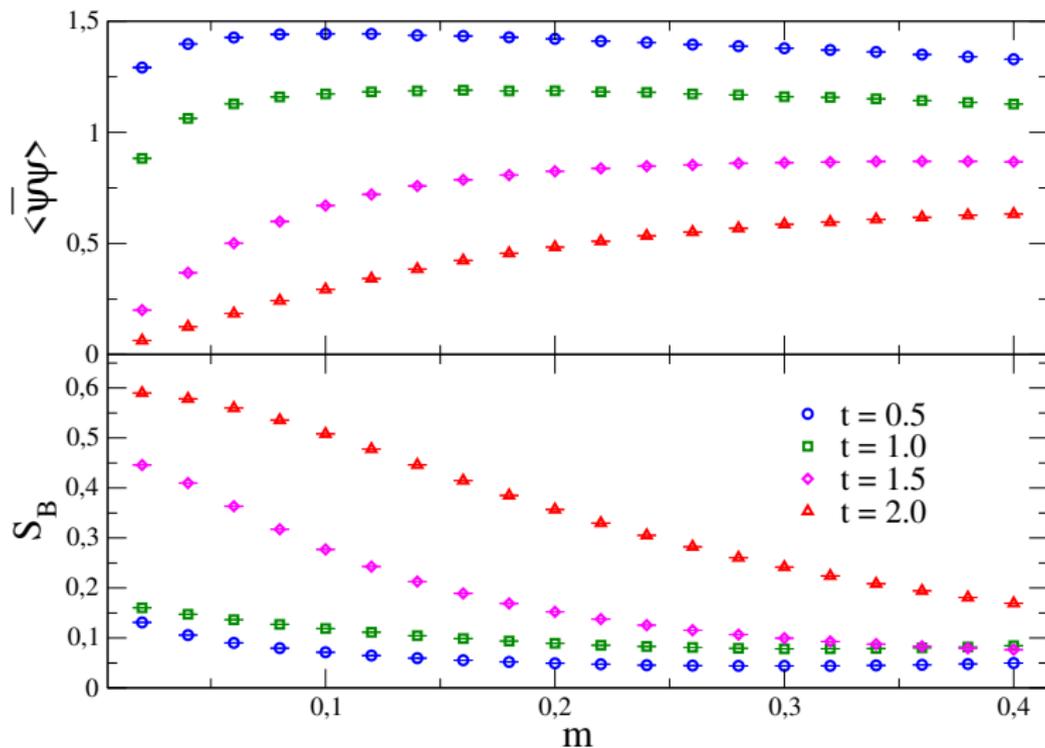


⇒ We measure observables on the U(3) ensemble and reweight to SU(3)!

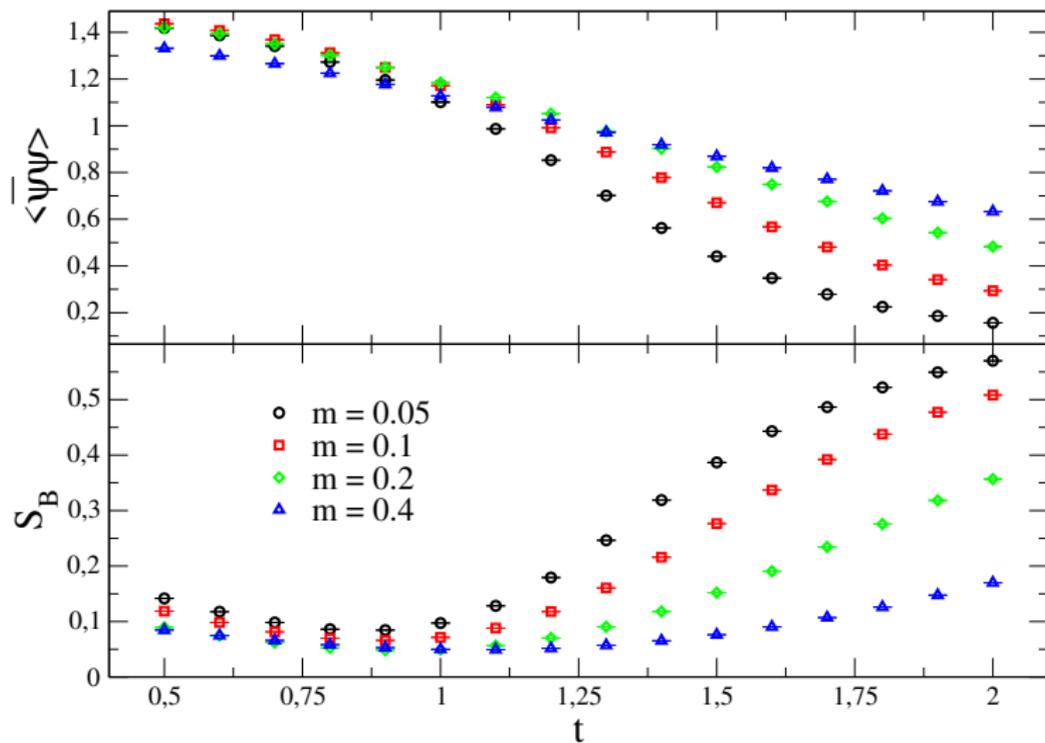
[Karsch, Mütter 1988]

$$\langle \mathcal{O} \rangle_{\text{SU}(3)} = \frac{\langle \mathcal{O} \prod_{\ell} [1 + f(t) \text{sign}(\ell)] \rangle_{\text{U}(3)}}{\langle \prod_{\ell} [1 + f(t) \text{sign}(\ell)] \rangle_{\text{U}(3)}}$$

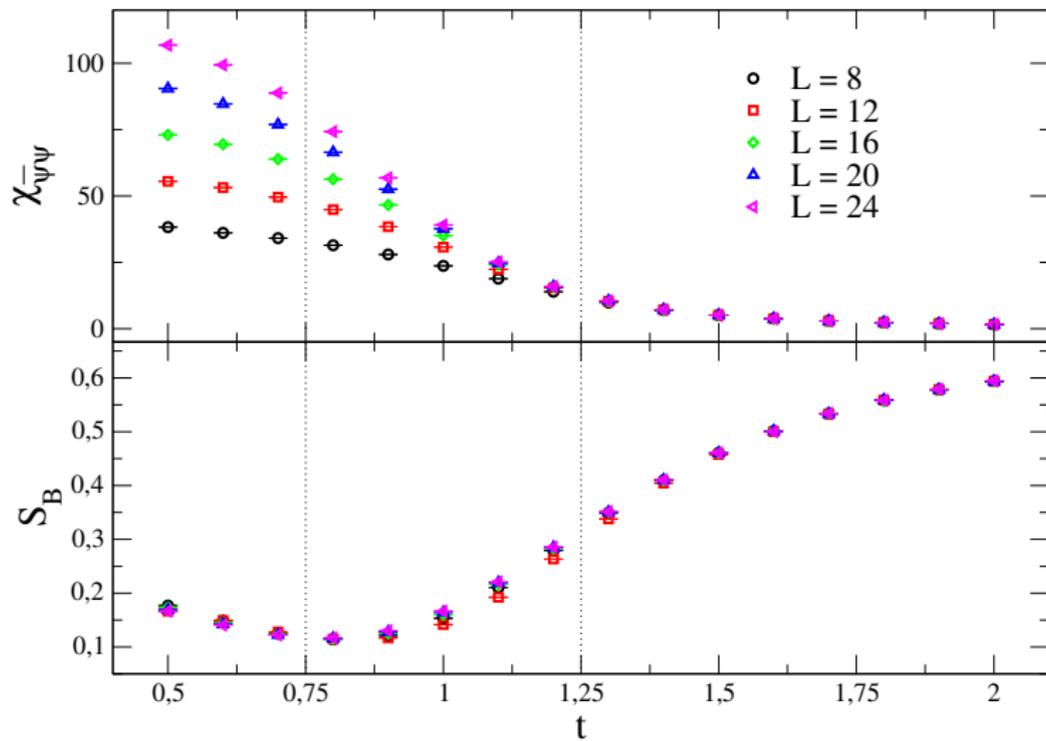
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**Thanks for listening!**