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## The chiral critical point from the strong coupling expansion

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The strong coupling expansion for staggered fermions allows for Monte Carlo simulations using a dual representation. It has a mild sign problem for low values of the inverse gauge coupling  $\beta$ , hence the phase diagram in the full  $\mu_B - T$  plane can be evaluated. We have extended this framework to include  $O(\beta^2)$  corrections, by mapping the degrees of freedom to a vertex model. We present results on the  $\beta$ -dependence of the chiral critical point from those simulations.

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