

# Excited States of the Nucleon in 2+1 flavour QCD

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# Roper Resonance

- *Roper resonance* ( $P_{11}$ ) is the first positive parity excited state of the nucleon
- Observed in 1960's from  $\pi N$  scattering
- The resonance is interesting due to its low mass (1440 MeV) relative to the nearest negative-parity ( $S_{11}$ ) resonance (1535 MeV).
- In a constituent quark model, the Roper state is  $\approx 100$  MeV *above* the  $S_{11}$  (1535 MeV) state.
- The Roper state appeared very high in all previous lattice simulations using the variational method.

- Two point correlation function:

$$G_{ij}(t, \vec{p}) = \sum_{\vec{x}} e^{-i\vec{p}\cdot\vec{x}} \langle \Omega | T \{ \chi_i(\mathbf{x}) \bar{\chi}_j(0) \} | \Omega \rangle.$$

- Inserting completeness

$$\sum_{B, \vec{p}', s} |B, \vec{p}', s\rangle \langle B, \vec{p}', s| = I$$

- Then

$$G_{ij}(t, \vec{p}) = \sum_{B^+} \lambda_{B^+} \bar{\lambda}_{B^+} e^{-E_{B^+} t} \frac{\gamma \cdot \mathbf{p}_{B^+} + M_{B^+}}{2E_{B^+}} + \sum_{B^-} \lambda_{B^-} \bar{\lambda}_{B^-} e^{-E_{B^-} t} \frac{\gamma \cdot \mathbf{p}_{B^-} - M_{B^-}}{2E_{B^-}}$$

- $\lambda_{B^\pm}$ ,  $\bar{\lambda}_{B^\pm}$  are the couplings of  $\chi(0)$  and  $\bar{\chi}(0)$  with  $|B^\pm\rangle$  defined by

$$\langle \Omega | \chi(0) | B^+, \vec{p}, s \rangle = \lambda_{B^+} \sqrt{\frac{M_{B^+}}{E_{B^+}}} u_{B^+}(\vec{p}, s),$$

$$\langle B^+, \vec{p}, s | \bar{\chi}(0) | \Omega \rangle = \bar{\lambda}_{B^+} \sqrt{\frac{M_{B^+}}{E_{B^+}}} \bar{u}_{B^+}(\vec{p}, s),$$

and for the negative parity states,

$$\langle \Omega | \chi(0) | B^-, \vec{p}, s \rangle = \lambda_{B^-} \sqrt{\frac{M_{B^-}}{E_{B^-}}} \gamma_5 u_{B^-}(\vec{p}, s),$$

$$\langle B^-, \vec{p}, s | \bar{\chi}(0) | \Omega \rangle = -\bar{\lambda}_{B^-} \sqrt{\frac{M_{B^-}}{E_{B^-}}} \bar{u}_{B^-}(\vec{p}, s) \gamma_5.$$

- At  $\vec{p} = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{G}_{ij}^{\pm}(t, \vec{0}) &= \text{Tr}_{\text{sp}}[\Gamma_{\pm} \mathbf{G}_{ij}(t, \vec{0})] \\ &= \sum_{B^{\pm}} \lambda_i^{\pm} \bar{\lambda}_j^{\pm} e^{-M_{B^{\pm}} t}. \end{aligned}$$

- Parity projection operator,

$$\Gamma_{\pm} = \frac{1}{2}(1 \pm \gamma_0).$$

- And

$$\mathbf{G}_{ij}^{\pm}(t, \vec{0}) \stackrel{t \rightarrow \infty}{=} \lambda_{i0}^{\pm} \bar{\lambda}_{j0}^{\pm} e^{-M_{0^{\pm}} t}.$$

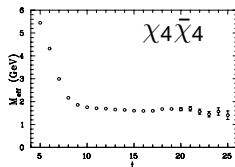
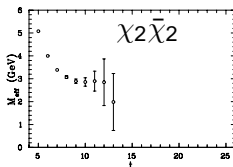
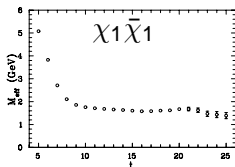
# Interpolators

- Consider

$$\chi_1(x) = \epsilon^{abc} (u^{Ta}(x) C \gamma_5 d^b(x)) u^c(x),$$

$$\chi_2(x) = \epsilon^{abc} (u^{Ta}(x) C d^b(x)) \gamma_5 u^c(x),$$

$$\chi_4(x) = \epsilon^{abc} (u^{Ta}(x) C \gamma_5 \gamma_4 d^b(x)) u^c(x).$$



# Variational Method

- Consider  $N$  interpolating fields, then

$$\bar{\phi}^\alpha = \sum_{i=1}^N u_i^\alpha \bar{\chi}_i,$$

$$\phi^\alpha = \sum_{i=1}^N v_i^\alpha \chi_i,$$

such that,

$$\langle B_\beta, \mathbf{p}, \mathbf{s} | \bar{\phi}^\alpha | \Omega \rangle = \delta_{\alpha\beta} \bar{z}^\alpha \bar{u}(\alpha, \mathbf{p}, \mathbf{s}),$$

$$\langle \Omega | \phi^\alpha | B_\beta, \mathbf{p}, \mathbf{s} \rangle = \delta_{\alpha\beta} z^\alpha u(\alpha, \mathbf{p}, \mathbf{s}),$$



- Then a two point correlation function matrix for  $\vec{p} = 0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} G_{ij}^{\pm}(t)u_j^{\alpha} &= \left( \sum_{\vec{x}} \text{Tr}_{\text{sp}} \{ \Gamma_{\pm} \langle \Omega | \chi_i \bar{\chi}_j | \Omega \rangle \} \right) u_j^{\alpha} \\ &= \lambda_i^{\alpha} \bar{z}^{\alpha} e^{-m_{\alpha} t}. \end{aligned}$$

(no sum over  $\alpha$ )

- $t$  dependence only in the exponential term

- Then one can have a recurrence relation at time  $(t_0 + \Delta t)$ ,

$$G_{ij}(t_0 + \Delta t)u_j^\alpha = e^{-m_\alpha \Delta t} G_{ij}(t_0)u_j^\alpha.$$

- Multiplying by  $[G_{ij}(t_0)]^{-1}$  from left,

$$[(G(t_0))^{-1} G(t_0 + \Delta t)]_{ij} u_j^\alpha = c^\alpha u_i^\alpha,$$

- where  $c^\alpha = e^{-m_\alpha \Delta t}$  is the eigenvalue.
- Similarly, it can also be solved for the left eigenvalue equation for  $v^\alpha$  eigenvector,

$$v_i^\alpha [G(t_0 + \Delta t)(G(t_0))^{-1}]_{ij} = c^\alpha v_j^\alpha.$$

- The vectors  $u_j^\alpha$  and  $v_i^\alpha$  diagonalize the correlation matrix at time  $t_0$  and  $t_0 + \Delta t$  making the projected correlation function

$$v_i^\alpha G_{ij}(t) u_j^\beta = \delta^{\alpha\beta} z^\alpha \bar{z}^\beta e^{-m_\alpha t}.$$

- The projected correlator, is then analyzed to obtain masses of different states,

$$v_i^\alpha G_{ij}^\pm(t) u_j^\alpha \equiv G_\pm^\alpha,$$

- We construct the effective mass

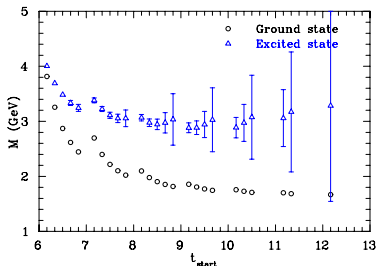
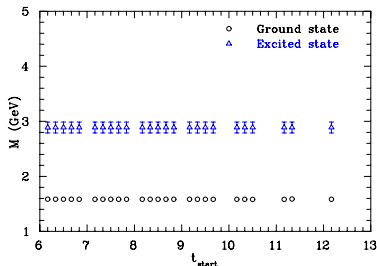
$$M_{\text{eff}}^\alpha(t) = \ln \left( \frac{G_\pm^\alpha(t, \vec{0})}{G_\pm^\alpha(t+1, \vec{0})} \right).$$

## $2 \times 2$ correlation matrix of $\chi_1 \chi_2$ for a point source

Projected Mass

Vs

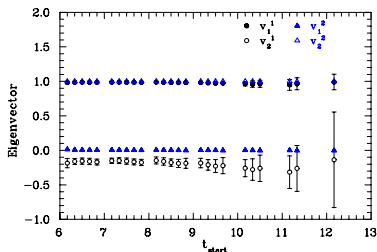
Mass From Eigenvalue



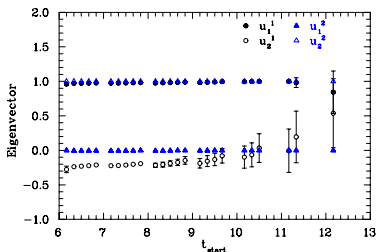
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- $\Delta t$  is shown in minor tick marks

# Eigenvectors - Point Source, for $\chi_1\chi_2$

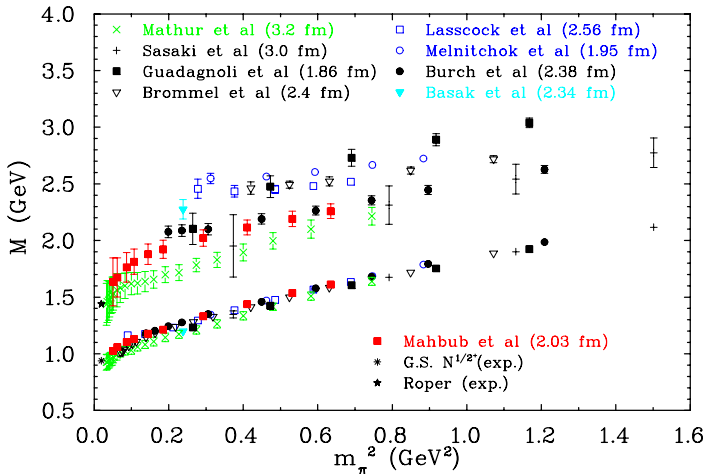
## Left Eigenvectors



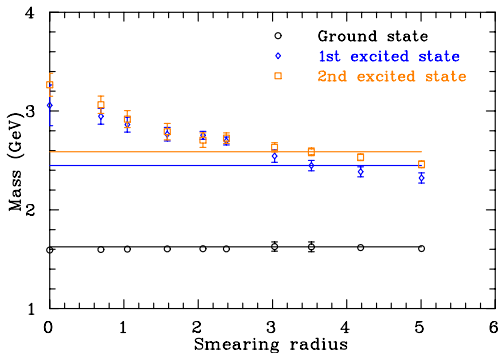
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# Roper state: Compilation of existing results in QQCD

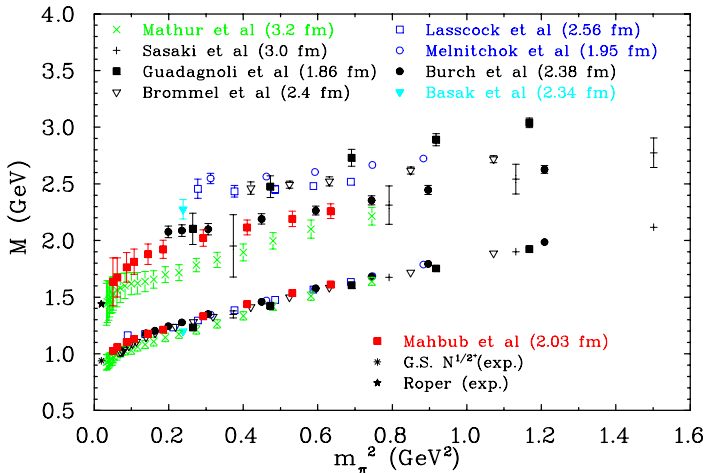


# Smearing Source Problem



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 [arXiv:0905.3616 [hep-lat]]

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# Source Smearing

Correlation matrices are built from a variety of source and sink smearings.

$$\psi_i(\mathbf{x}, t) = \sum_{\mathbf{x}'} F(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') \psi_{i-1}(\mathbf{x}', t),$$

where,

$$F(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') = (1 - \alpha) \delta_{\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}'} + \frac{\alpha}{6} \sum_{\mu=1}^3 [U_{\mu}(\mathbf{x}) \delta_{\mathbf{x}', \mathbf{x} + \hat{\mu}} + U_{\mu}^{\dagger}(\mathbf{x} - \hat{\mu}) \delta_{\mathbf{x}', \mathbf{x} - \hat{\mu}}],$$

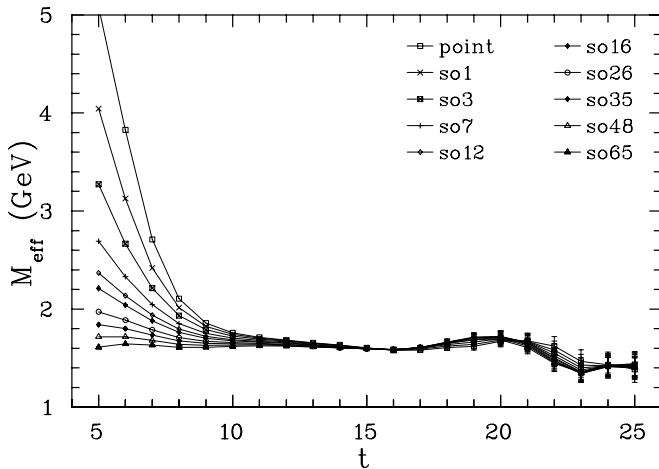
Fixing  $\alpha = 0.7$ , the procedure is repeated  $N_{\text{sm}}$  times.

## 4 × 4 bases of $\chi_1 \bar{\chi}_1$

- Consider smeared–smeared correlation functions
- Variety of smearing sweeps used to form basis interpolators

Sweeps →	1	3	7	12	16	26	35	48
Basis No. ↓	Bases							
1	1	-	7	-	16	-	35	-
2	-	3	7	-	16	-	35	-
3	1	-	-	12	-	26	-	48
4	-	3	-	12	-	26	35	-
5	-	3	-	12	-	26	-	48
6	-	-	-	12	16	26	35	-
7	-	-	7	-	16	-	35	48

# Smeared Source - Point Sink Correlators

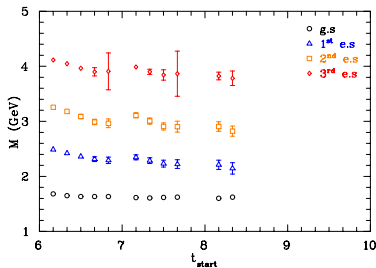
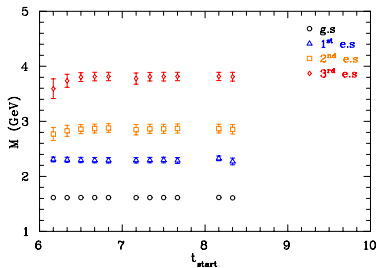


# $4 \times 4$ correlation matrix for the 4<sup>th</sup> basis (3, 12, 26, 35)

Projected Mass

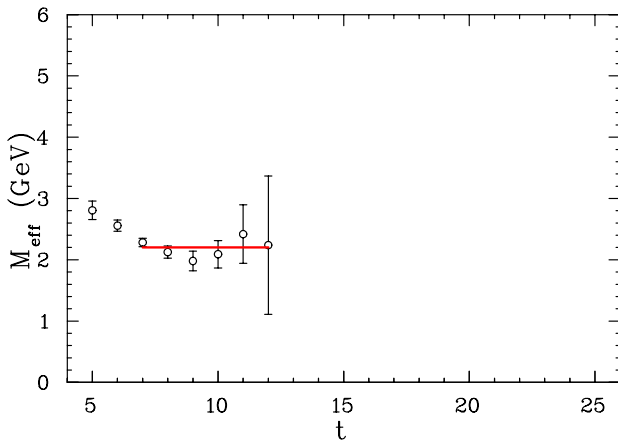
Vs

Mass From Eigenvalue



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# Effective Mass of Roper: 5<sup>th</sup> Basis

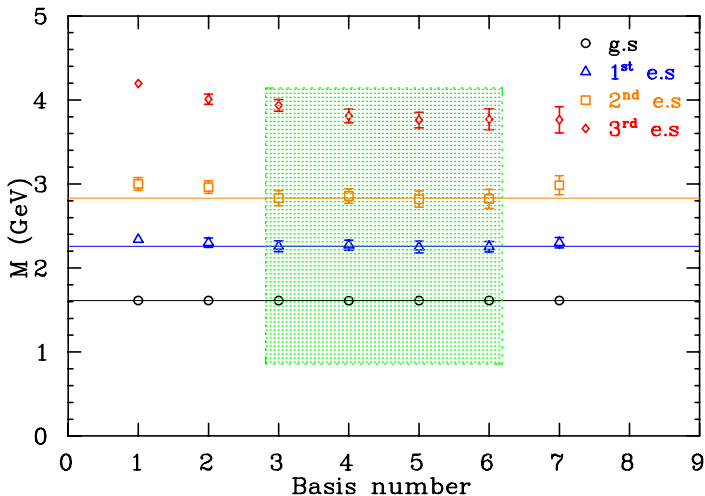


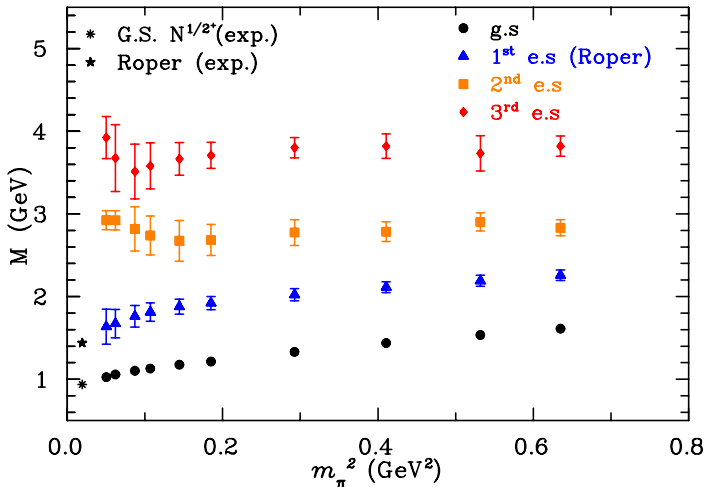
$$\chi^2/\text{dof} = 0.51$$

$4 \times 4$  bases of  $\chi_1 \bar{\chi}_1$ 

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4	-	3	-	12	-	26	35	-
5	-	3	-	12	-	26	-	48
6	-	-	-	12	16	26	35	-
7	-	-	7	-	16	-	35	48

# Projected correlator masses from $4 \times 4$ analysis







$6 \times 6$  bases of  $\chi_1 \bar{\chi}_1$ 

Sweeps $\rightarrow$	1	3	7	12	16	26	35	48
Basis No. $\downarrow$	Bases							
1	1	3	7	12	16	26	-	-
2	1	3	7	12	16	-	35	-
3	1	3	7	-	16	26	35	-
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5	1	-	7	12	16	26	35	-
6	-	3	7	12	16	26	35	-

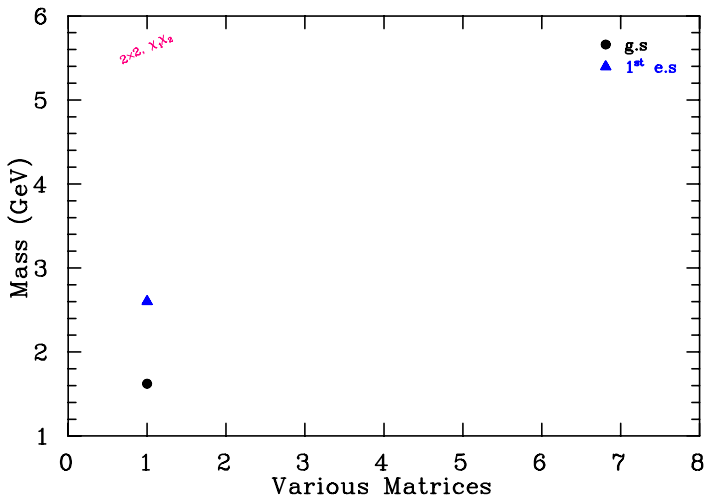
# $6 \times 6$ bases of $\chi_1 \chi_2$

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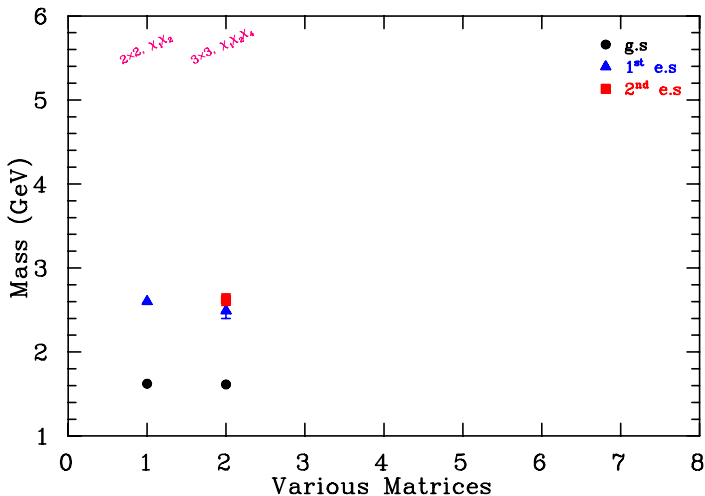
$8 \times 8$  bases of  $\chi_1 \chi_2$ 

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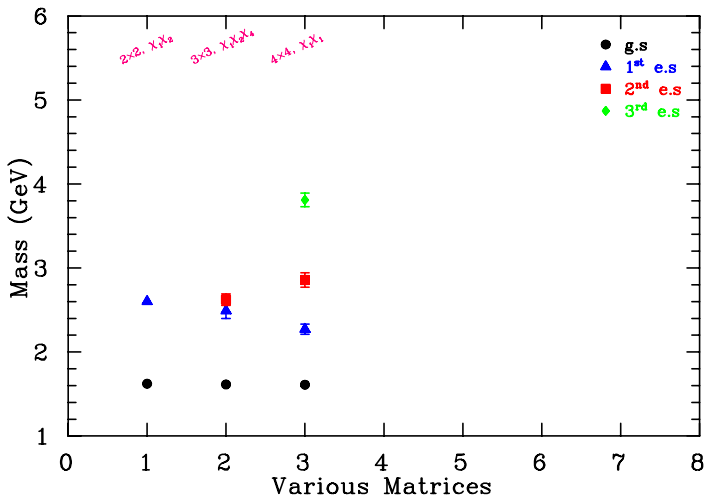
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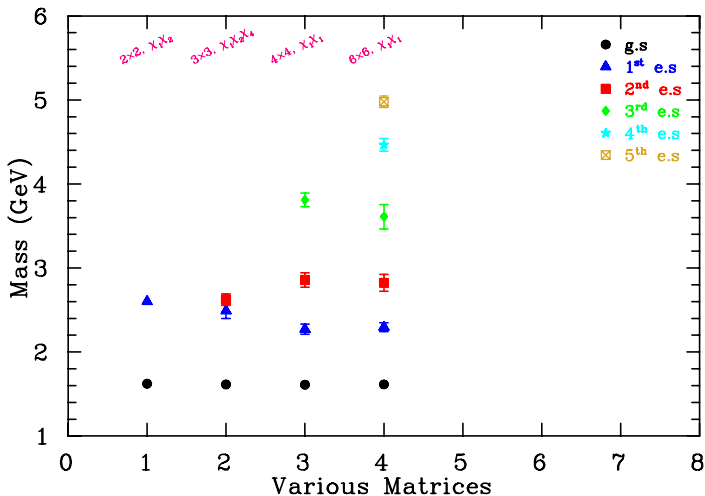
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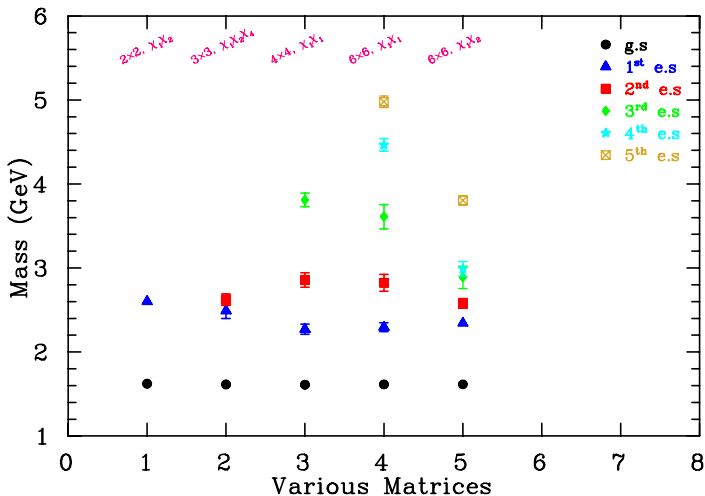
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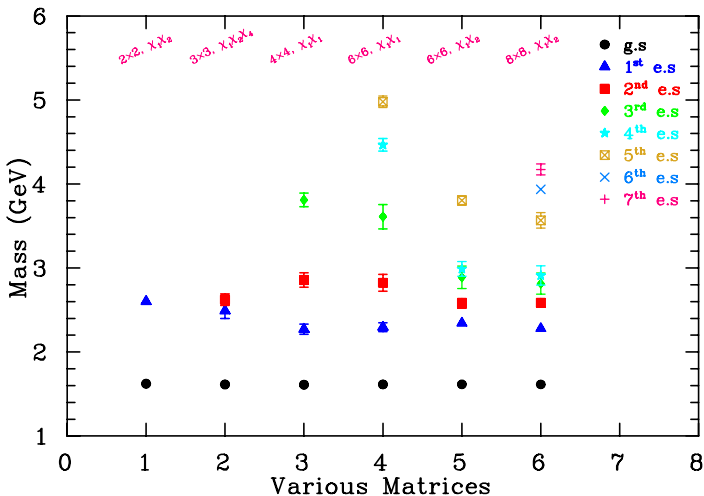


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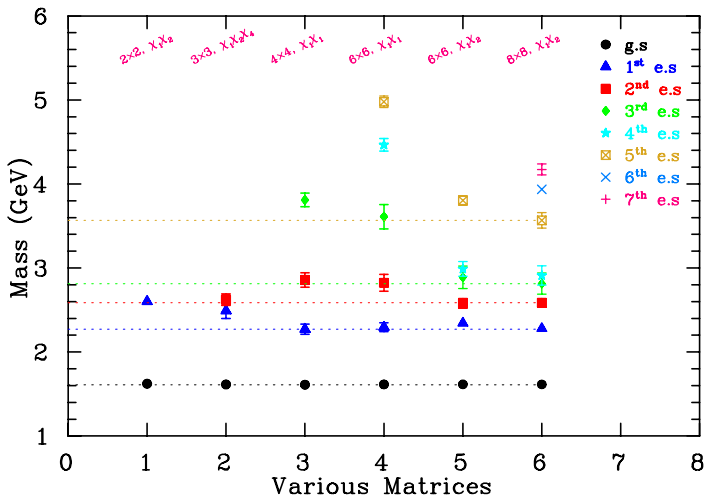




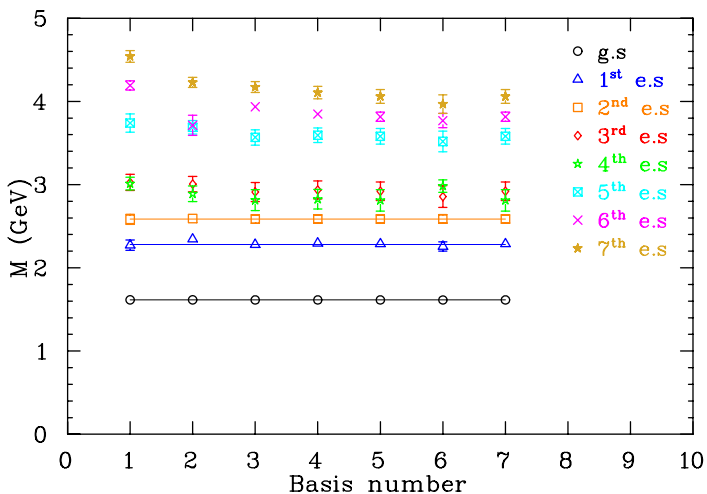
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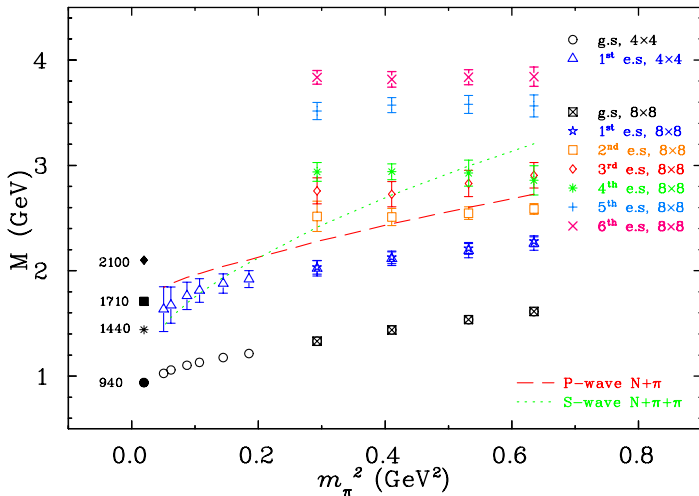
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# Projected masses from $8 \times 8$ analysis of $\chi_1 \chi_2$



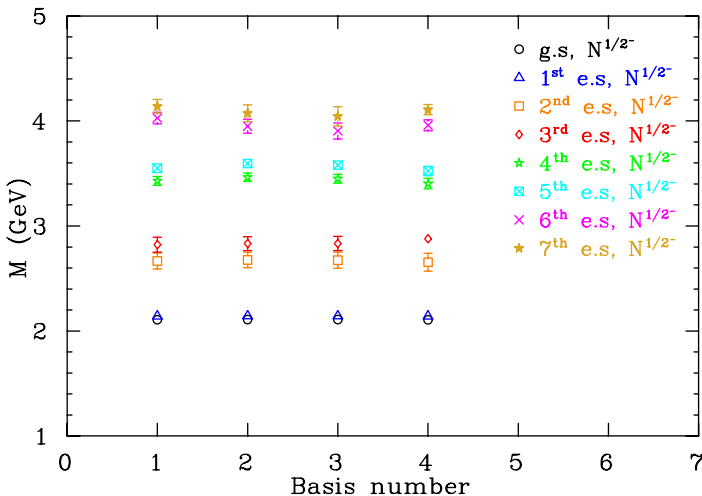
# Positive Parity Results



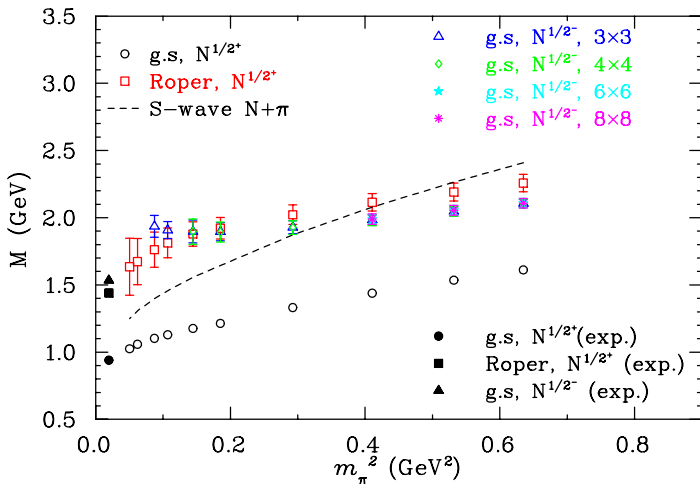
## $8 \times 8$ bases of $\chi_1 \chi_2$ for $N1/2^-$ Analysis

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3	-	-	7	-	16	26	35	-
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# Projected $N1/2^-$ masses from $8 \times 8$ bases



# Roper and $N1/2^-$ states



# PACS-CS lattice: Simulation details

PACS-CS Collaboration: S. Aoki, et al., Phys. Rev. **D79** (2009) 034503.

- Lattice volume:  $32^3 \times 64$
- Non-perturbative  $\mathcal{O}(a)$ -improved Wilson quark action
- Iwasaki gauge action
- $2 + 1$  flavour dynamical-fermion QCD
- $\beta = 1.9$  providing  $a = 0.0907$  fm
- $K_{ud} = \{ 0.13700, 0.13727, 0.13754, 0.13770, 0.13781 \}$
- $K_s = 0.13660$
- Lightest pion mass is 156 MeV.

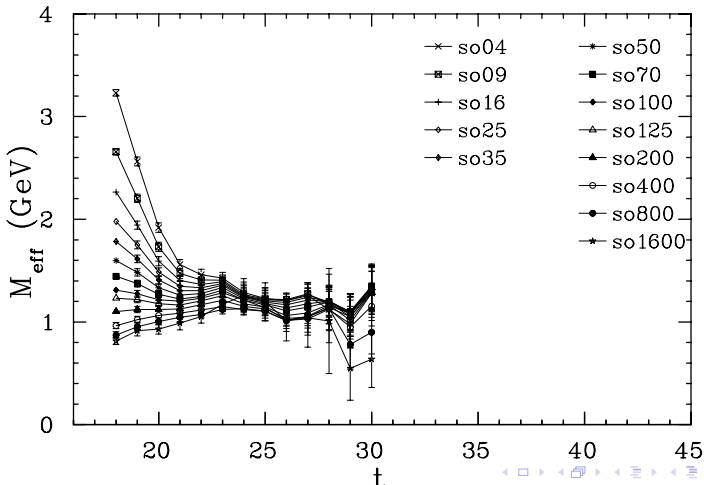


# $4 \times 4$ bases of $\chi_1 \bar{\chi}_1$

Sweeps $\rightarrow$	16	25	35	50	70	100	125	200	400	800
Basis No. $\downarrow$	Bases									
1	16	-	35	-	70	100	-	-	-	-
2	16	-	35	-	70	-	125	-	-	-
3	16	-	35	-	-	100	-	200	-	-
4	16	-	35	-	-	100	-	-	400	-
5	16	-	-	50	-	100	125	-	-	-
6	16	-	-	50	-	100	-	200	-	-
7	16	-	-	50	-	-	125	-	-	800
8	-	25	-	50	-	100	-	200	-	-
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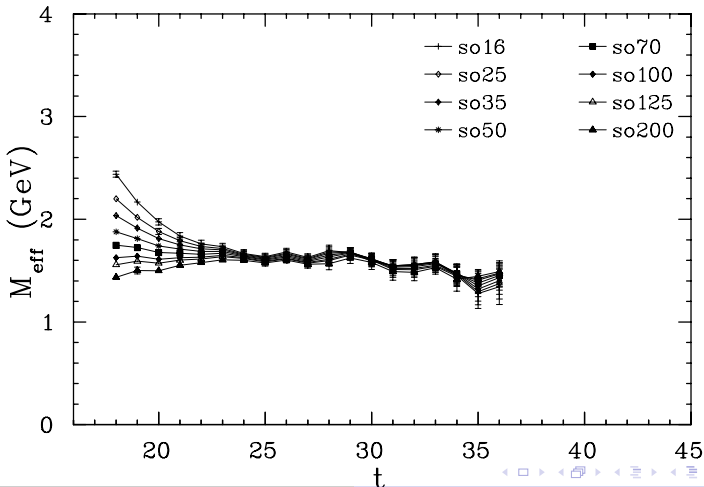
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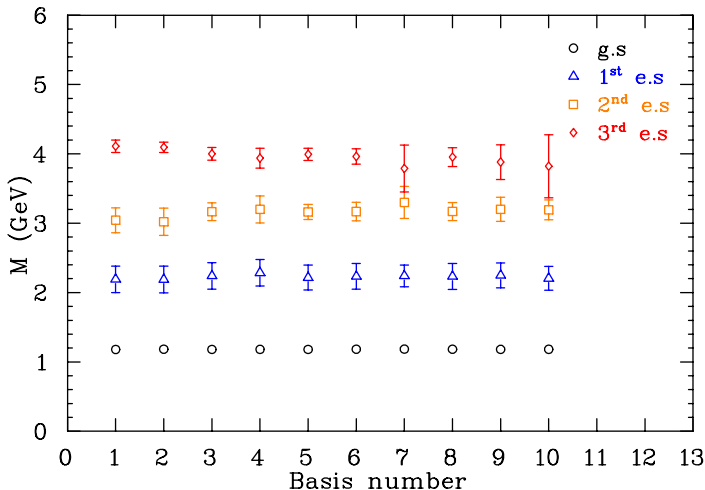


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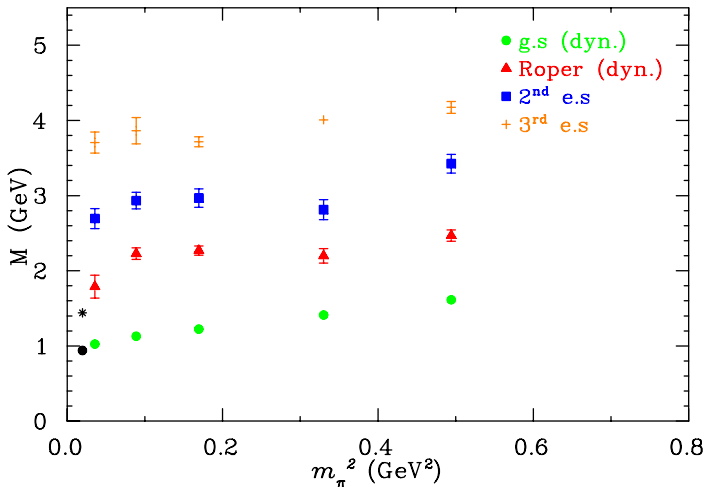
For the heaviest quark: 50 cfs



For all  $4 \times 4$  bases:  $K_{ud} = 0.137700$

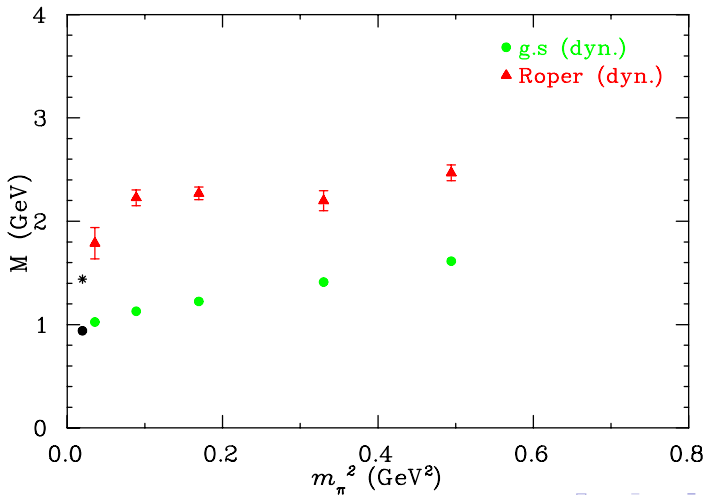


# Even Parity Nucleon Spectrum in full QCD

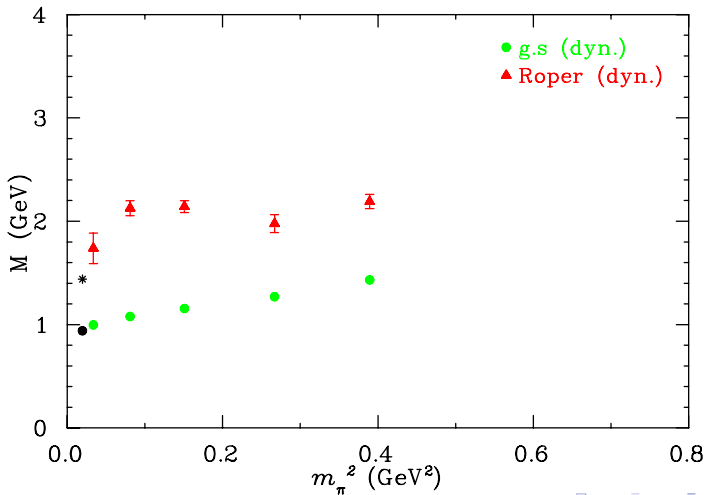


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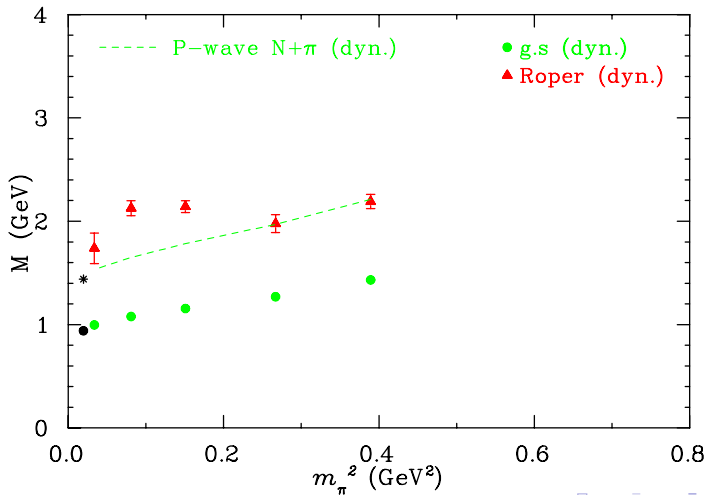
# Ground and Roper states (fixed lattice spacing)



# Ground and Roper states (Sommer scale sets $a$ )

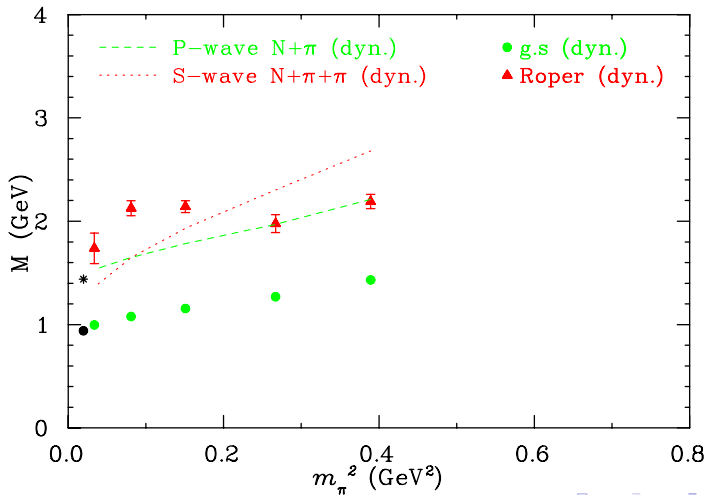


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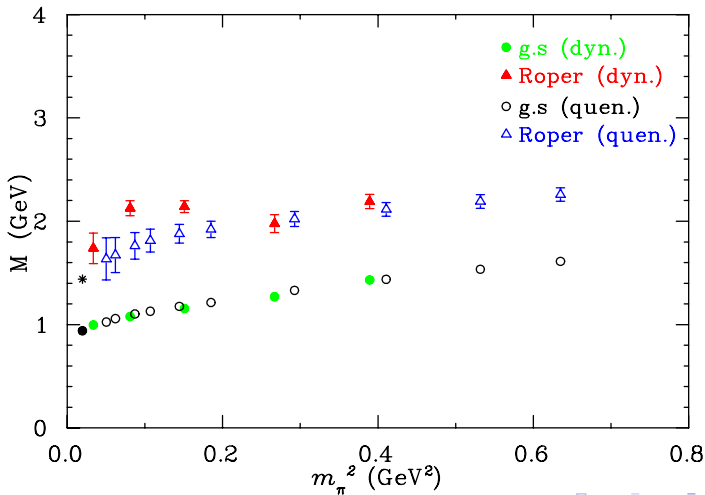




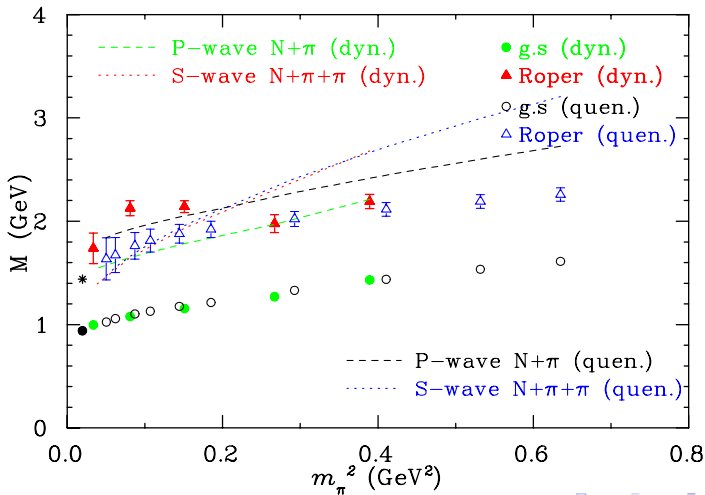
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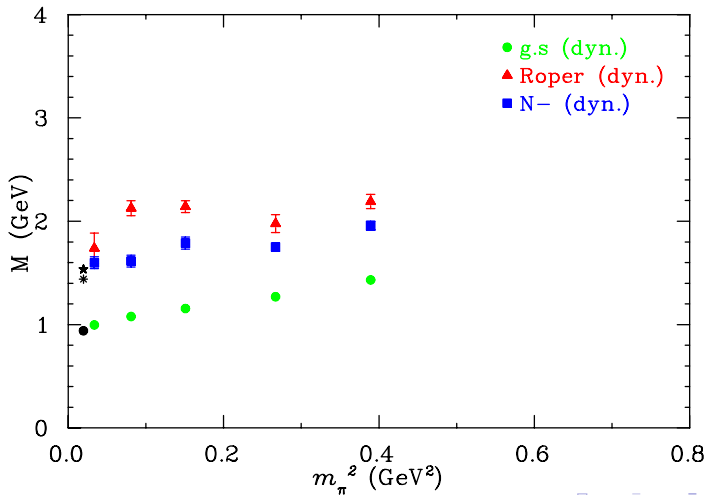


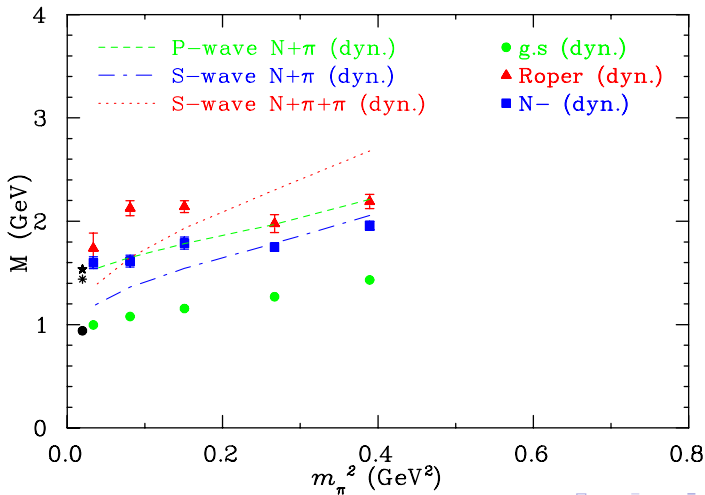
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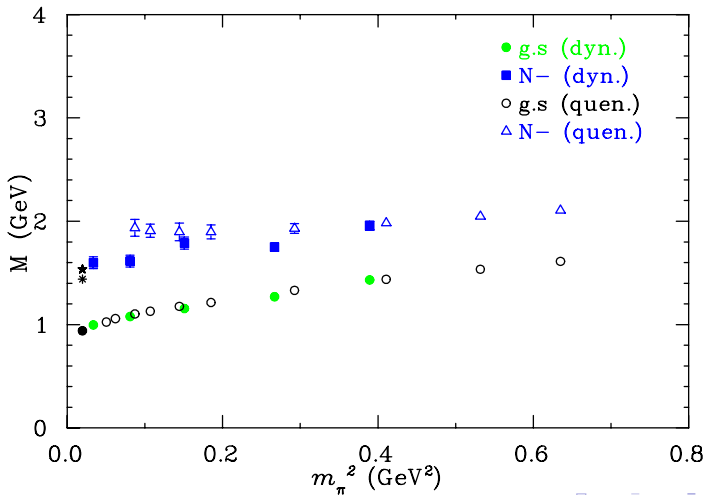
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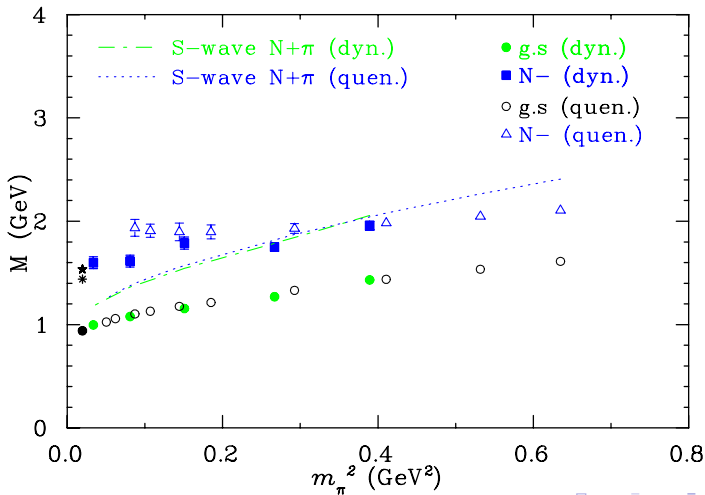
$N_{1/2}^-$  (1535) (Sommer scale)

$N_{1/2^-}$  (1535) (Sommer scale)

# Quenched Vs Dynamical $N1/2^-$ (1535) (Sommer scale)



# Quenched Vs Dynamical $N_{1/2^-}$ (1535) (Sommer scale)

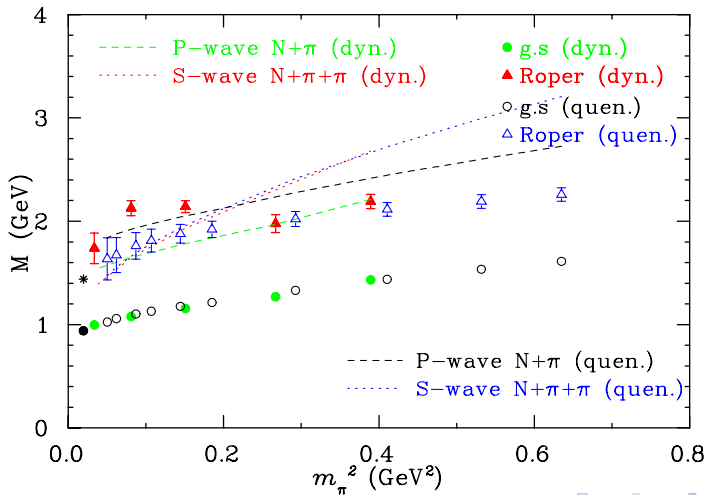


# Summary

- Several fermion-source and -sink smearing levels have been used to construct correlation matrices.
- A variety of  $4 \times 4$ ,  $6 \times 6$ , and  $8 \times 8$  matrices were considered to demonstrate the independence of the eigenstate energies from the basis interpolators.
- A low-lying Roper state has been identified in both quenched and full QCD using this correlation-matrix based method.
- The approach to the chiral limit is significantly different.
- The two heaviest quark masses considered in the dynamical case provide states consistent with  $P$ -wave  $\pi N$  scattering states.



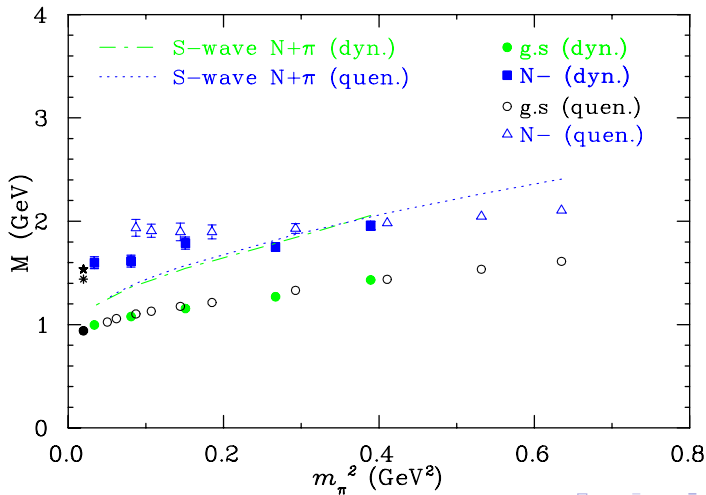
# Quenched Vs Dynamical (Sommer scale)



## Summary continued...

- The  $N1/2^-$  results in quenched and dynamical QCD reveal significant differences in the approach to the physical point.
- A level crossing between the Roper and  $N1/2^-$  states is observed in quenched QCD at  $m_\pi \simeq 400$  MeV.
- A level crossing between the Roper and  $N1/2^-$  states is anticipated in full QCD at  $m_\pi \simeq 150$  MeV, just above the physical pion mass.
- The approach to the experimentally measured masses is encouraging.
- The effects of the finite volume and the role of scattering states remains to be resolved.

# Quenched Vs Dynamical $N(1/2^-)$ (1535) (Sommer scale)



## Future Plans

- Complete all quark masses at 400 configs (800 at lightest mass).
- Explore chiral curvature via chiral effective field theory.
- Extend to a comprehensive analysis of all baryons of interest.
- Complete determination of excited-state electromagnetic properties.