

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

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- 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  $\vec{p} = 0$

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

- Parity projection operator,

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

- And

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

# 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  $\vec{p} = 0$ ,

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

- There is no sum over  $\alpha$
- $t$  dependence only in the exponential term

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

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

- 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

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

## Simulation Details

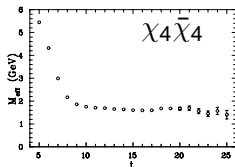
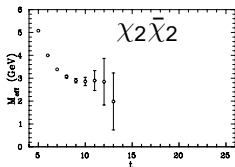
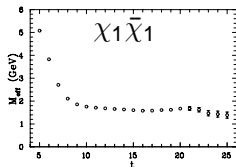
- lattice volume  $16^3 \times 32$
- lattice spacing 0.127 fm
- We use FLIC fermion action and quenched QCD
- Analysis is performed for 10 different pion masses: 797, 729, 641, 541, 430, 380, 327, 295, 249, 224 MeV.
- We use a variety of Gaussian smearing sweeps (number of sweeps 1, 3, 7, 12, 16, 26, 35, 48, 65)
- $2 \times 2$ ,  $3 \times 3$ ,  $4 \times 4$ ,  $6 \times 6$  and  $8 \times 8$  correlation matrices are analyzed

- Interpolators:

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

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

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

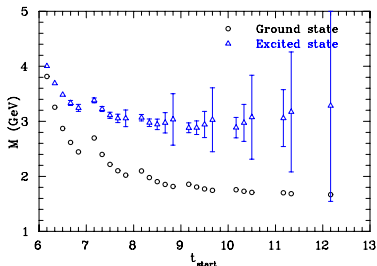
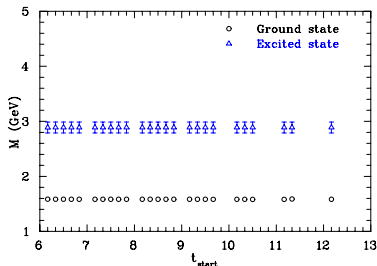


## $2 \times 2$ correlation matrix of $\chi_1 \chi_2$ for a point source

Projected Mass

Vs

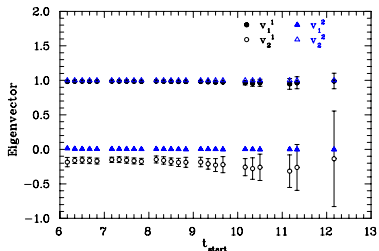
Mass From Eigenvalue



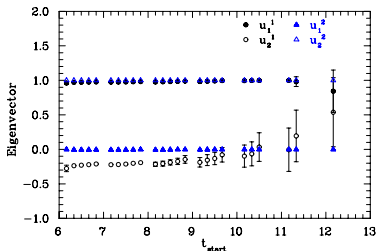
- $t_{\text{start}} = t_0$  is shown in major tick marks
- $\Delta t$  is shown in minor tick marks

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

## Left Eigenvectors



## Right Eigenvectors

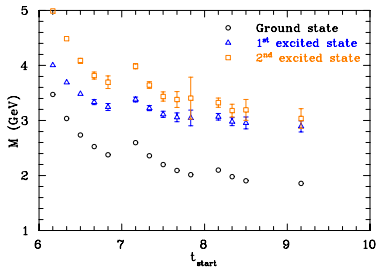
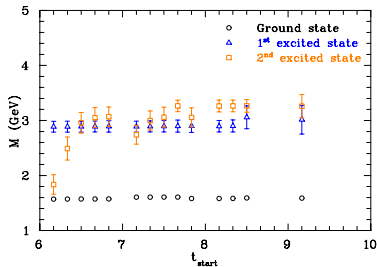


# $3 \times 3$ correlation matrix of $\chi_1 \chi_2 \chi_4$ for a point source

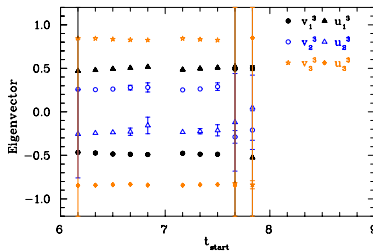
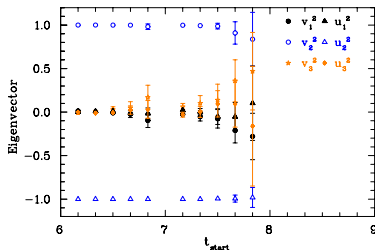
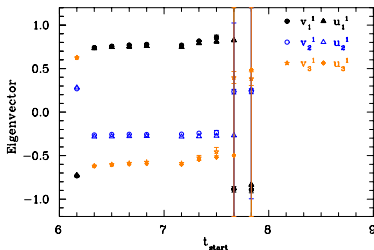
Projected Mass

Vs

Mass From Eigenvalue



# Eigenvectors - $3 \times 3$



# Source Smearing

To obtain better overlap with low-lying states, consider source smearing.

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

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.

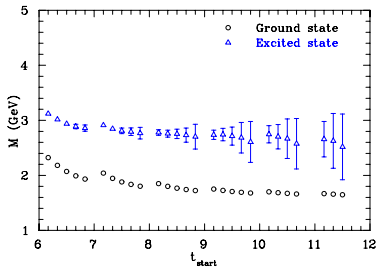
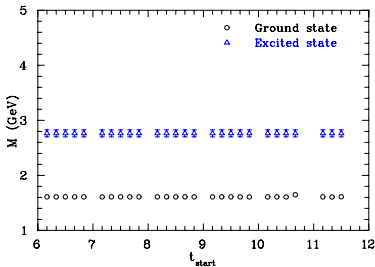


# $2 \times 2$ correlation matrix of $\chi_1 \chi_2$ for a smeared source

Projected Mass

Vs

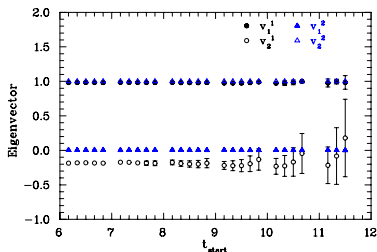
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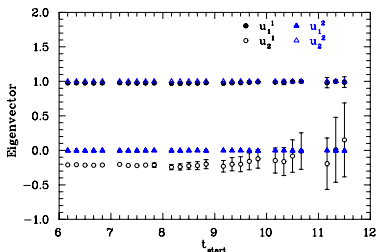
- $t_{\text{start}} = t$  is shown in major tick marks
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Eigenvectors - Smeared source -  $\chi_1 \chi_2$ 

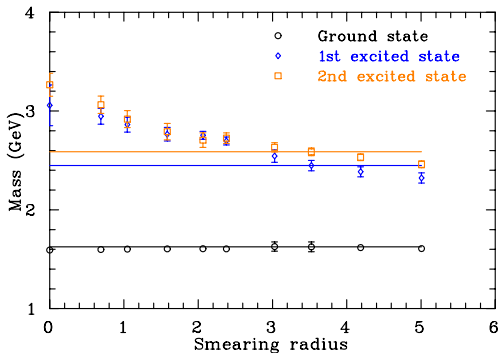
Left Eigenvectors



Right Eigenvectors

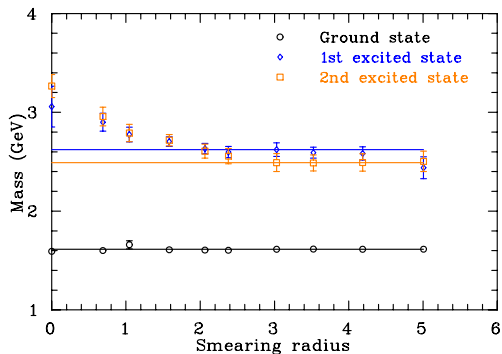


# Smearing Source Problem



M. S. Mahbub, *et al.*, Phys. Rev. D **80**, 054507 (2009)  
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# Smear-Smear Problem



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# Roper Resonance

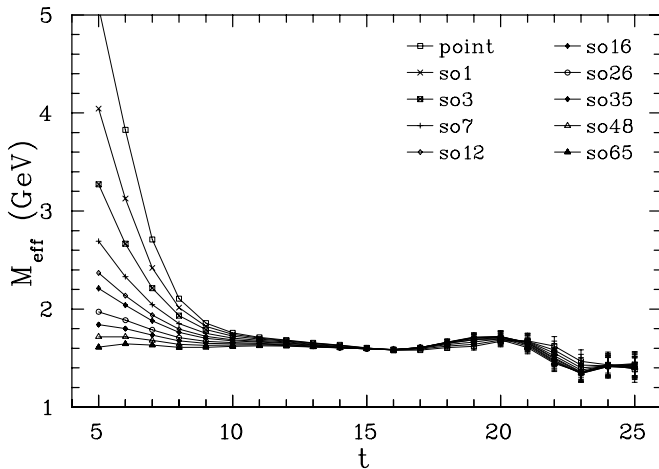
- *Roper resonance* ( $P_{11}$ ) is the first positive parity excited state of the nucleon
- Observed in 1960's from  $\pi N$  scattering
- The resonance is interesting due to its low mass (1440 MeV) relative to the nearest negative-parity ( $S_{11}$ ) resonance (1535 MeV).
- In a constituent quark model, 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.

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

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

Sweeps $\rightarrow$	1	3	7	12	16	26	35	48
Basis No. $\downarrow$	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

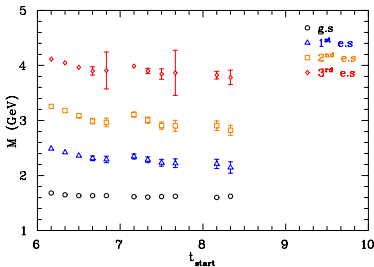
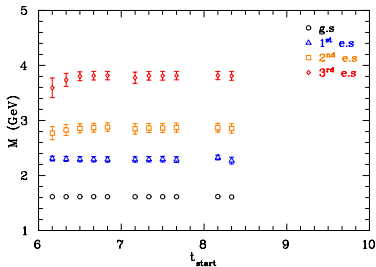


# $4 \times 4$ correlation matrix for the 4<sup>th</sup> basis (3, 12, 26, 35)

Projected Mass

Vs

Mass From Eigenvalue

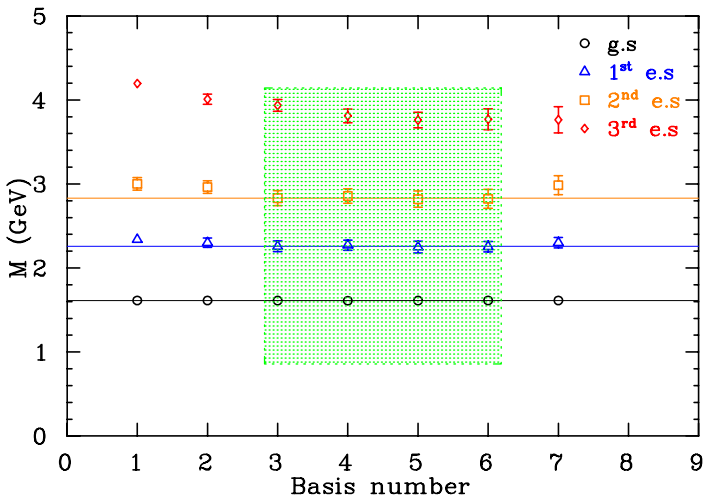


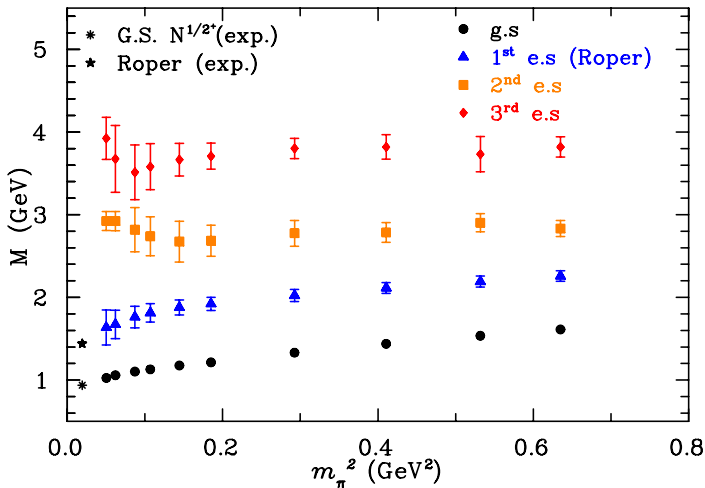


$4 \times 4$  bases of  $\chi_1 \bar{\chi}_1$ 

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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

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

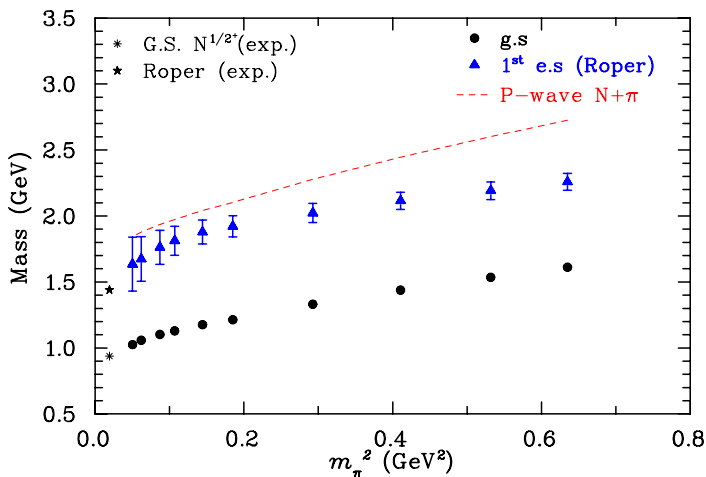




# Projected Correlator Fits for the Roper

3 <sup>rd</sup> basis (1,12,26,48)				4 <sup>th</sup> basis (3,12,26,35)				5 <sup>th</sup> basis (3,12,26,48)				6 <sup>th</sup> basis (12,16,26,35)			
$t_1$	$t_2$	$aM$ (Roper)	$\frac{\chi^2}{\text{dof}}$	$t_1$	$t_2$	$aM$ (Roper)	$\frac{\chi^2}{\text{dof}}$	$t_1$	$t_2$	$aM$ (Roper)	$\frac{\chi^2}{\text{dof}}$	$t_1$	$t_2$	$aM$ (Roper)	$\frac{\chi^2}{\text{dof}}$
7	12	1.456(41)	0.58	7	12	1.465(39)	0.63	7	12	1.451(44)	0.51	7	12	1.454(40)	0.57
7	12	1.411(43)	0.55	7	12	1.419(41)	0.62	7	12	1.405(46)	0.48	7	12	1.417(39)	0.60
7	12	1.368(39)	0.54	7	12	1.361(45)	0.60	7	12	1.364(40)	0.53	7	11	1.363(42)	0.68
7	12	1.307(44)	0.57	7	11	1.298(51)	0.60	7	12	1.305(45)	0.57	7	10	1.308(46)	0.54
7	11	1.235(50)	0.43	7	11	1.245(51)	0.57	7	11	1.233(51)	0.37	7	11	1.244(52)	0.38
7	11	1.210(60)	0.42	7	11	1.211(55)	0.58	7	11	1.206(57)	0.38	7	11	1.220(60)	0.49
7	10	1.163(69)	0.60	7	11	1.165(67)	0.56	7	10	1.164(71)	0.53	7	10	1.184(75)	0.56
7	10	1.129(82)	0.61	7	10	1.127(81)	0.84	7	10	1.136(82)	0.58	7	10	1.155(85)	0.54
7	10	1.07(10)	0.56	7	10	1.06(10)	0.95	7	10	1.07(11)	0.68	7	10	1.11(11)	0.63
7	9	1.04(13)	0.85	7	10	1.01(12)	0.97	7	9	1.05(13)	0.79	7	9	1.10(13)	0.70

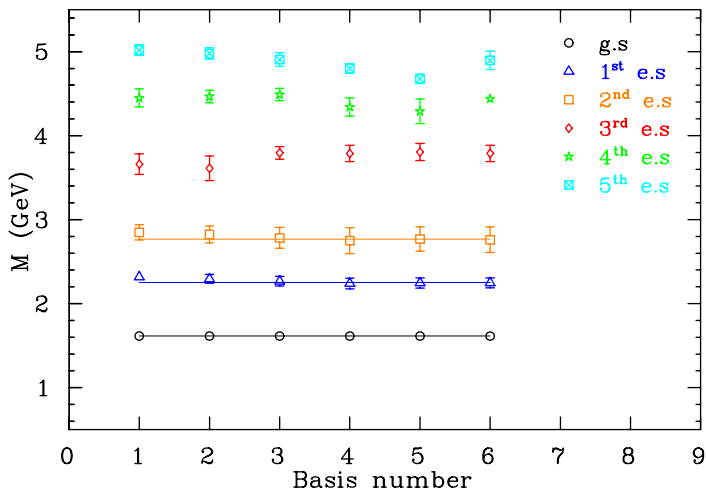
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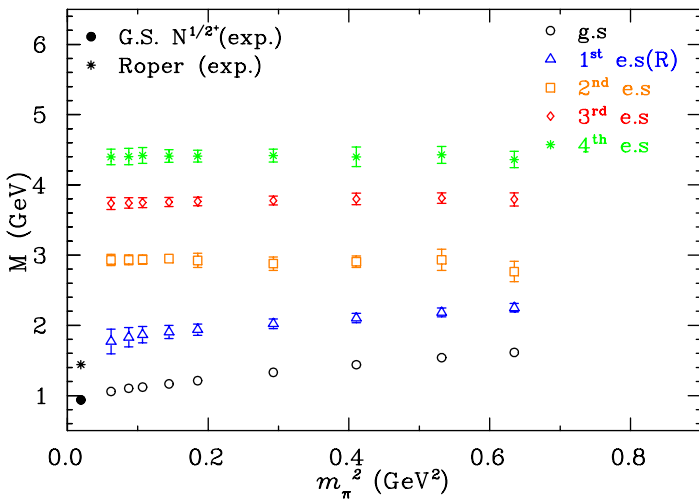


$6 \times 6$  bases of  $\chi_1 \bar{\chi}_1$ 

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1	1	3	7	12	16	26	-	-
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3	1	3	7	-	16	26	35	-
4	1	3	-	12	16	26	-	48
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6	-	3	7	12	16	26	35	-

# Projected correlator masses from $6 \times 6$ analysis

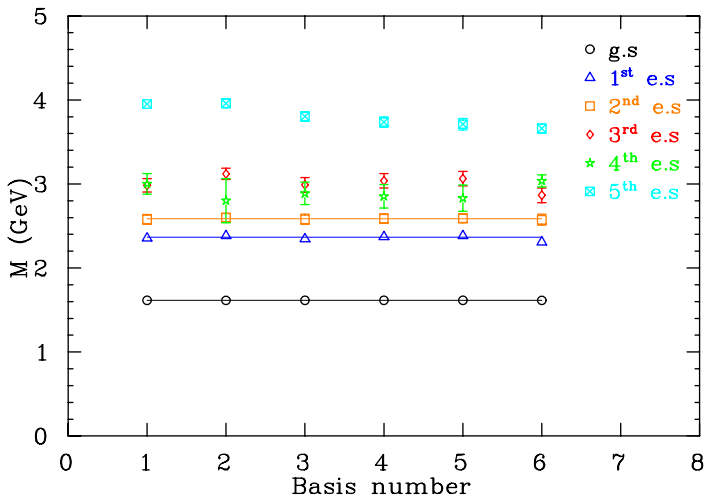


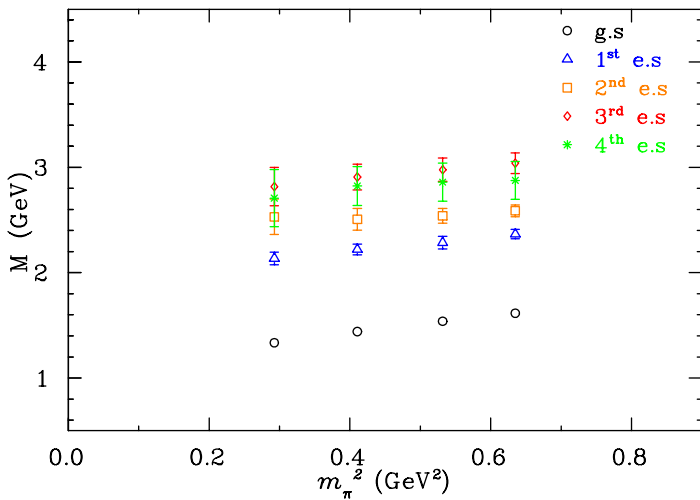




$6 \times 6$  bases of  $\chi_1 \chi_2$ 

Sweeps $\rightarrow$	1	3	7	12	16	26	35	48
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2	-	3	-	12	-	26	-	-
3	-	3	-	-	16	-	-	48
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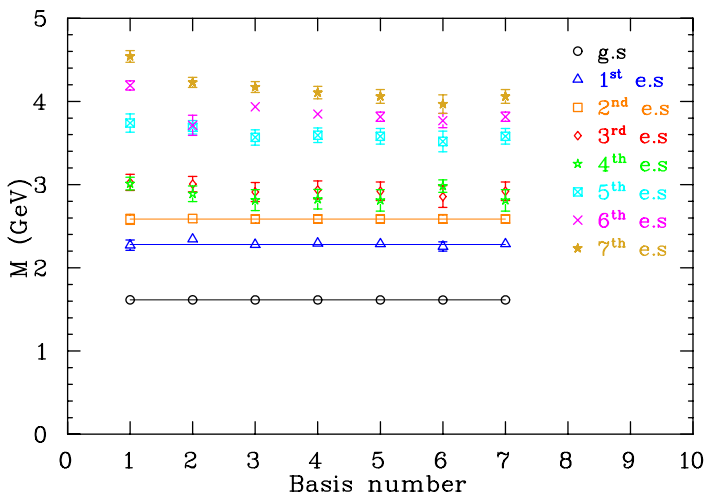
Projected masses from  $6 \times 6$  analysis of  $\chi_1 \chi_2$ 

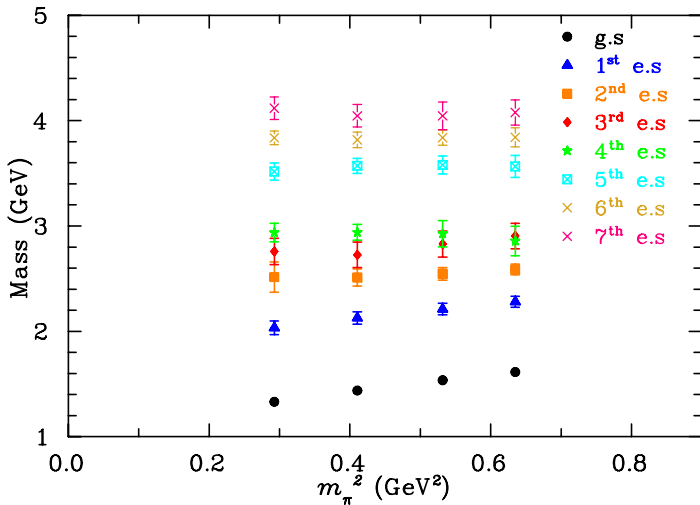


$8 \times 8$  bases of  $\chi_1 \chi_2$ 

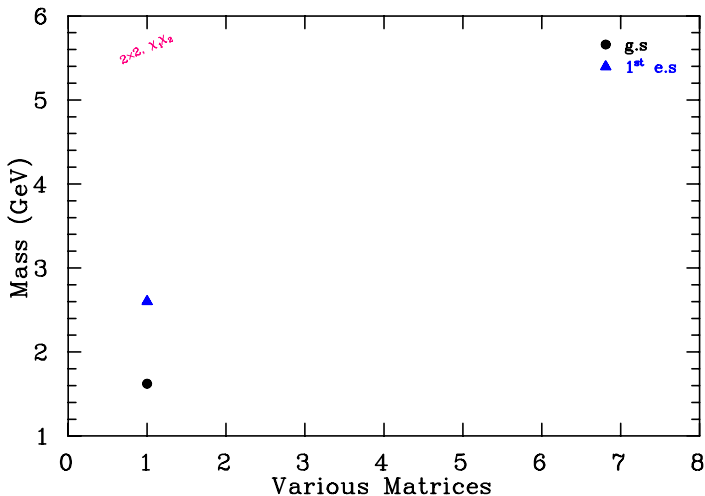
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# Projected masses from $8 \times 8$ analysis of $\chi_1 \chi_2$

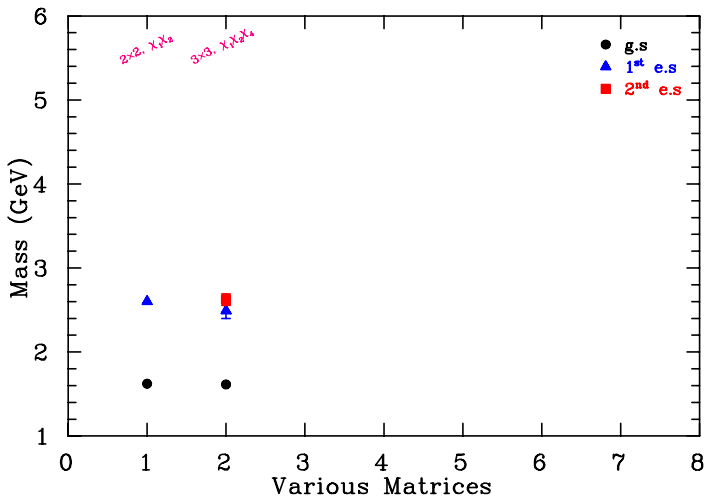




# Review of excited "states"

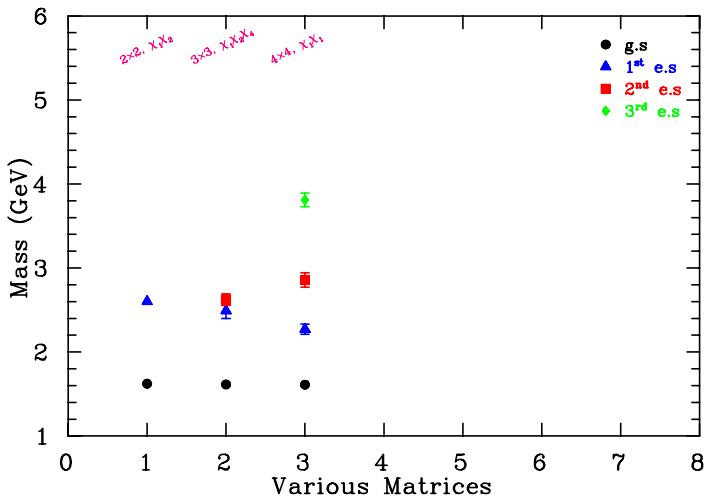


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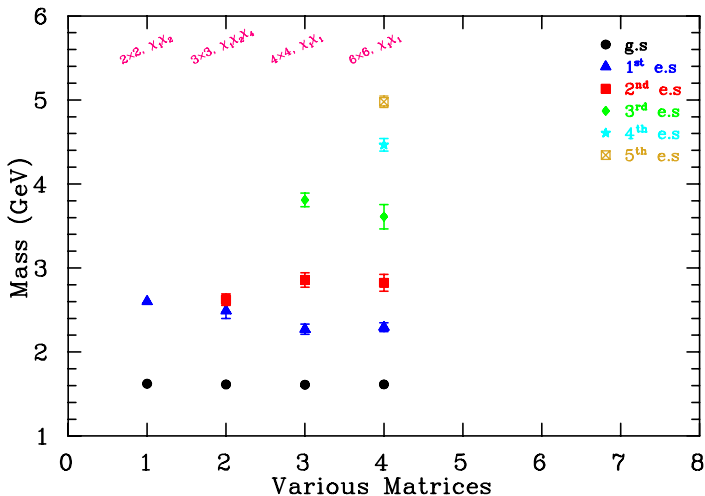




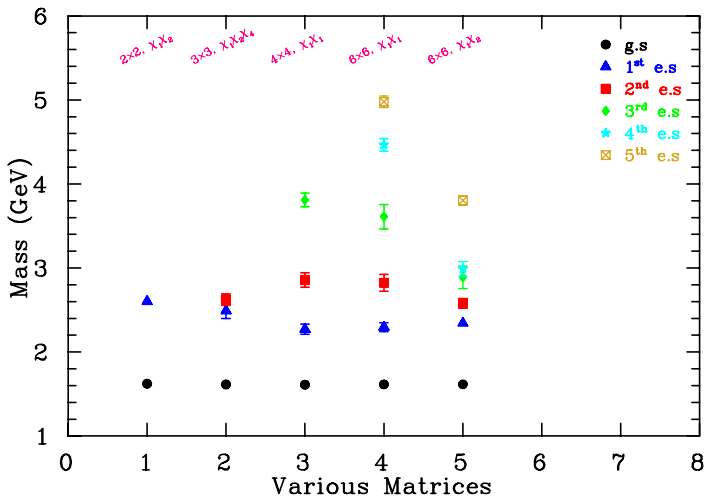
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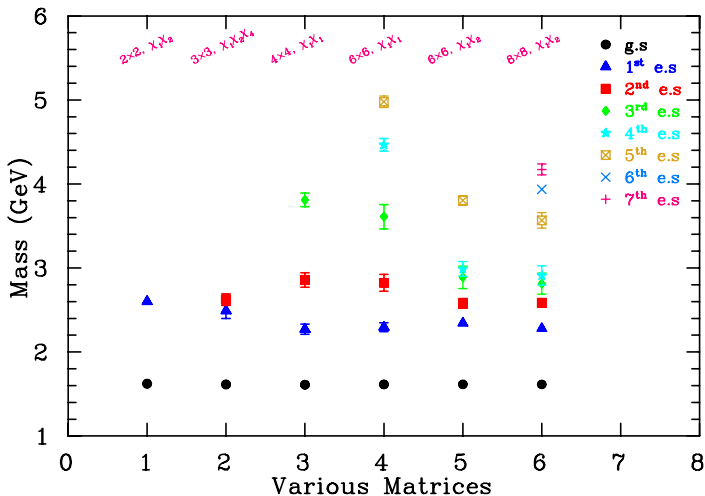
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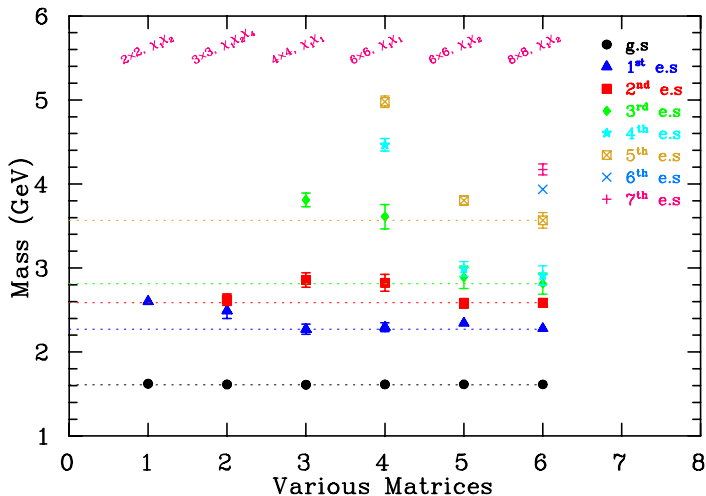
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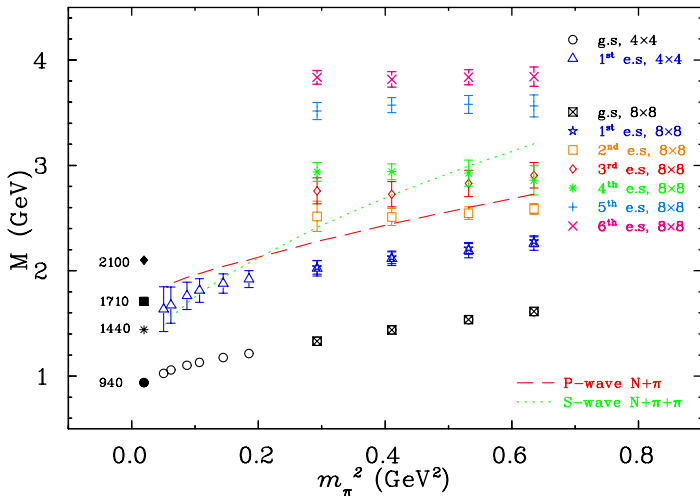
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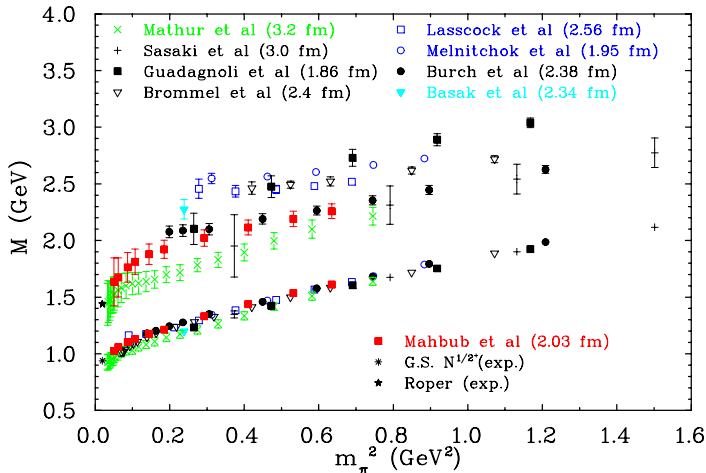
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# Positive Parity Results



# Roper state: Compilation of existing results

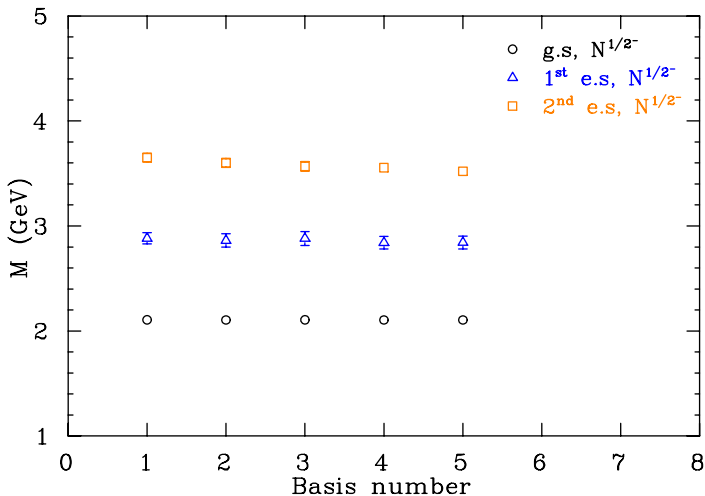


# $3 \times 3$ bases of $\chi_1 \bar{\chi}_1$ for $N1/2^-$

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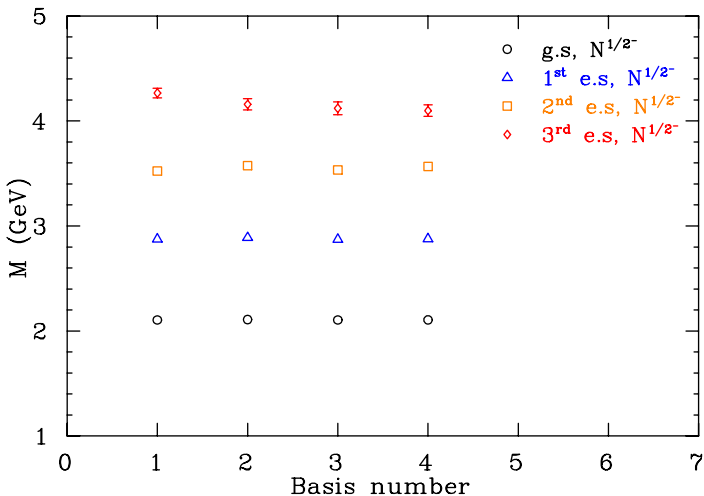
# Projected $N1/2^-$ masses from $3 \times 3$ bases



# $4 \times 4$ bases of $\chi_1 \bar{\chi}_1$ for $N1/2^-$

Sweeps $\rightarrow$	1	3	7	12	16	26	35	48
Basis No. $\downarrow$	Bases							
1	1	-	-	12	-	26	-	48
2	-	3	-	12	-	26	35	-
3	-	3	-	12	-	26	-	48
4	-	-	-	12	16	26	35	-

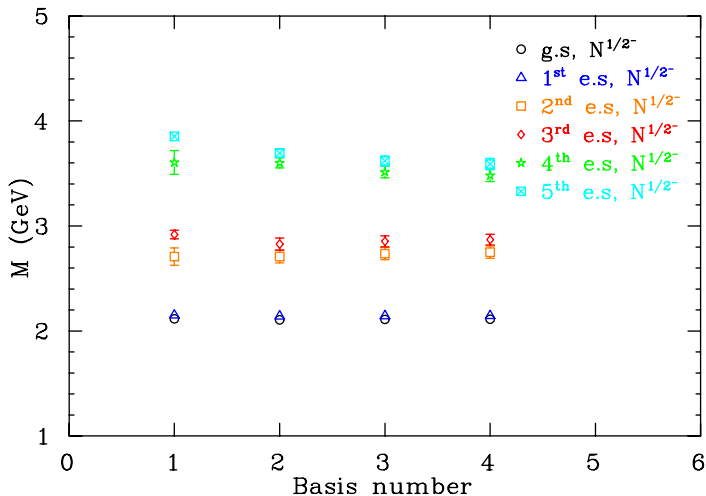
# Projected $N1/2^-$ masses from $4 \times 4$ bases



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

Sweeps $\rightarrow$	1	3	7	12	16	26	35	48
Basis No. $\downarrow$	Bases							
1	-	3	-	12	-	26	-	-
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3	-	-	7	-	16	-	35	-
4	-	-	-	12	16	26	-	-

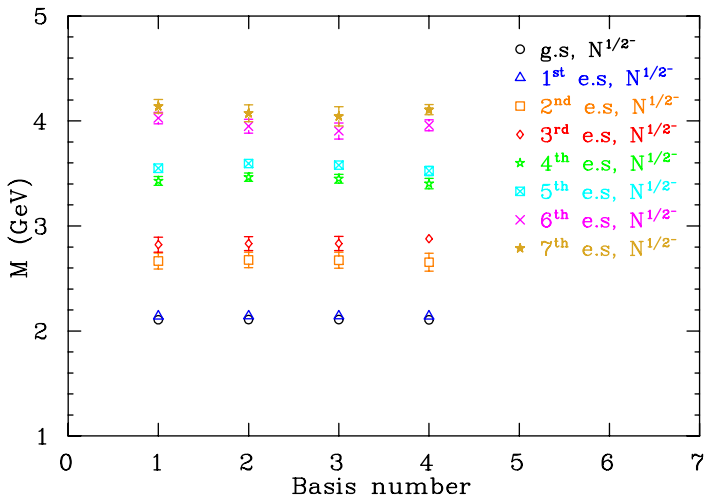
# Projected $N1/2^-$ masses from $6 \times 6$ bases



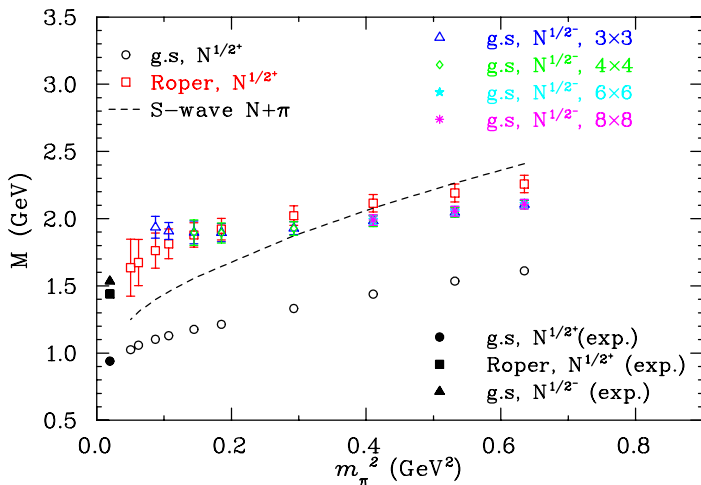
$8 \times 8$  bases of  $\chi_1 \chi_2$ 

Sweeps $\rightarrow$	1	3	7	12	16	26	35	48
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2	-	-	7	12	-	26	35	-
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4	-	-	7	-	16	-	35	48

# Projected $N1/2^-$ masses from $8 \times 8$ bases



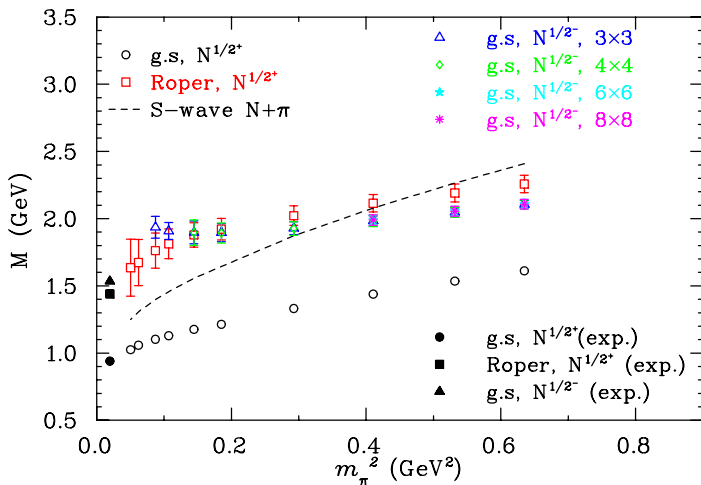
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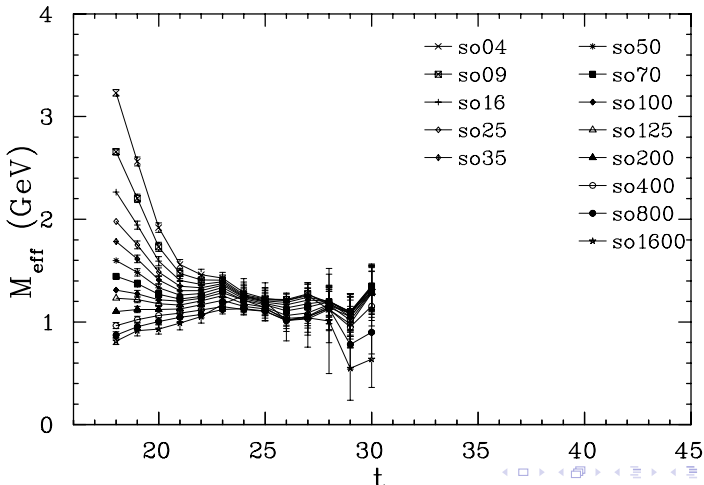
# PACS-CS lattice: Simulation details

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 QCD
- $\beta = 1.9$  providing  $a = 0.0907$  fm
- $K_{ud} = \{ 0.13700, 0.13727, 0.13754, 0.13770, 0.13781 \}$
- $K_s = \{ 0.13640, 0.13660 \}$
- Lightest pion mass is 156 MeV.

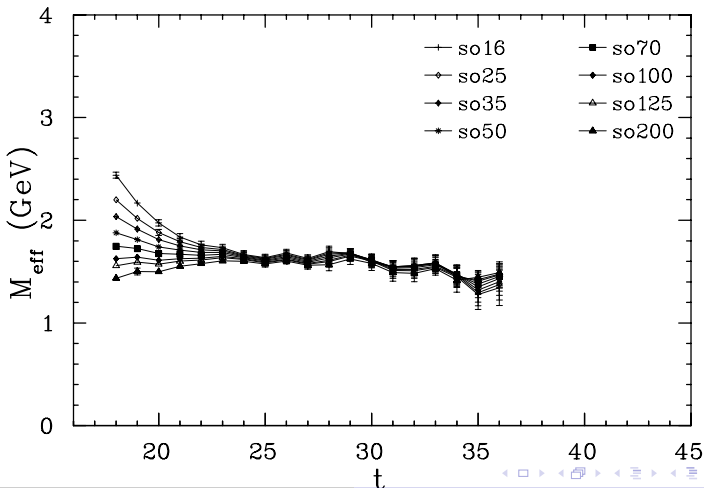
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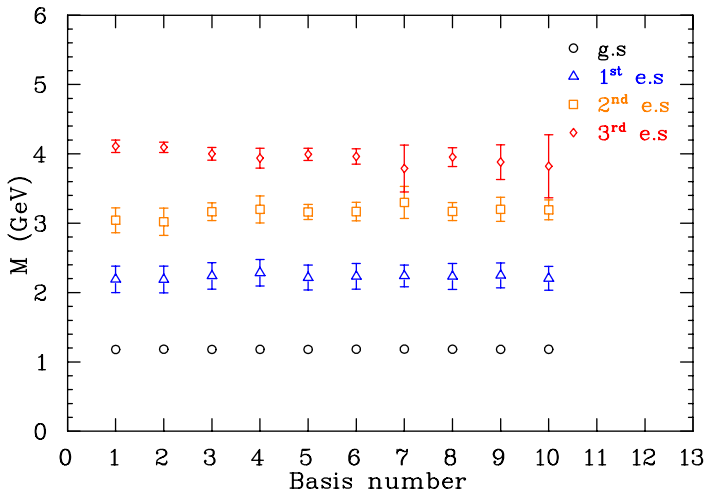
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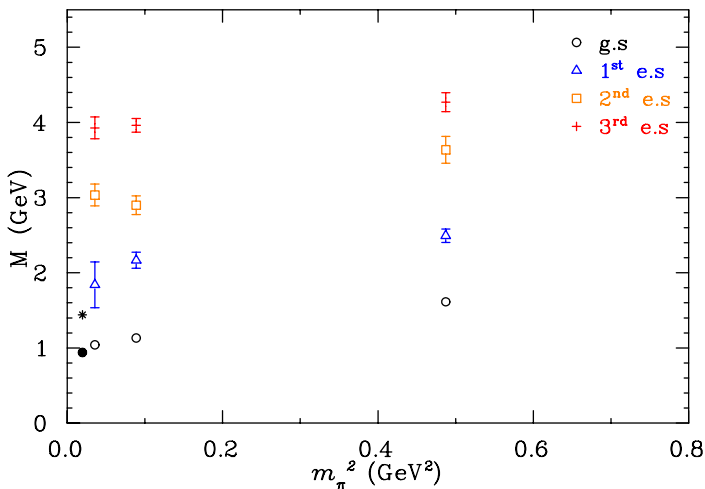
$4 \times 4$  bases of  $\chi_1 \bar{\chi}_1$ 

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	-	-
9	-	25	-	50	-	100	-	-	400	-
10	-	-	35	-	70	-	125	-	400	-

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

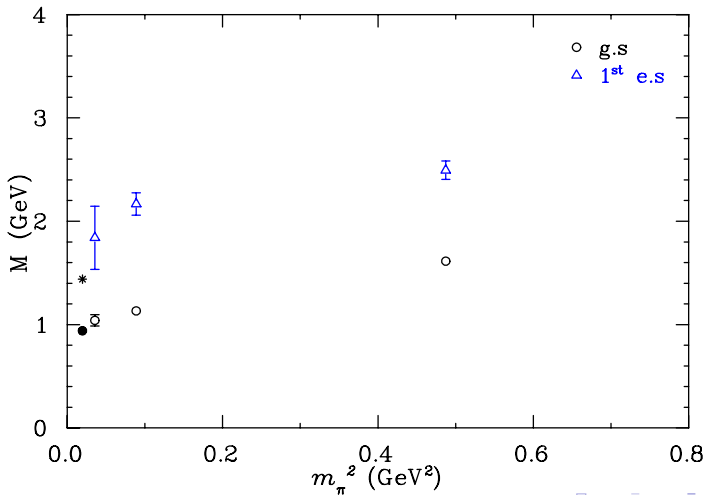


# Even Parity Nucleon Spectrum in full QCD



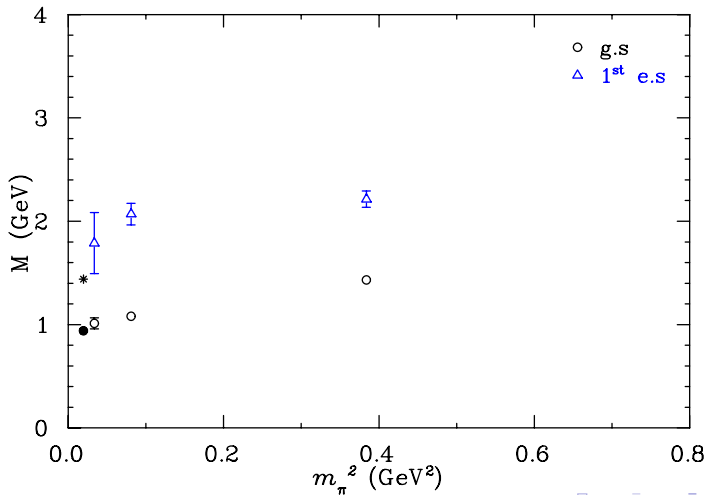
Heaviest = 50 cfs, second lightest = 200 cfs, lightest = 40 cfs.

# Ground and Roper states (fixed lattice spacing)

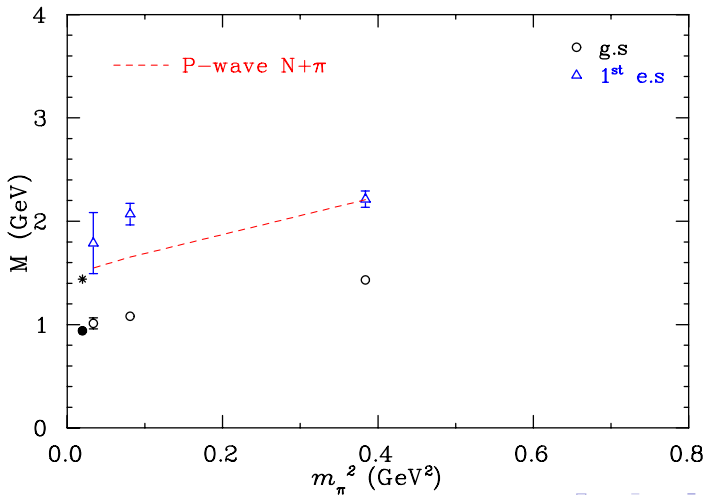




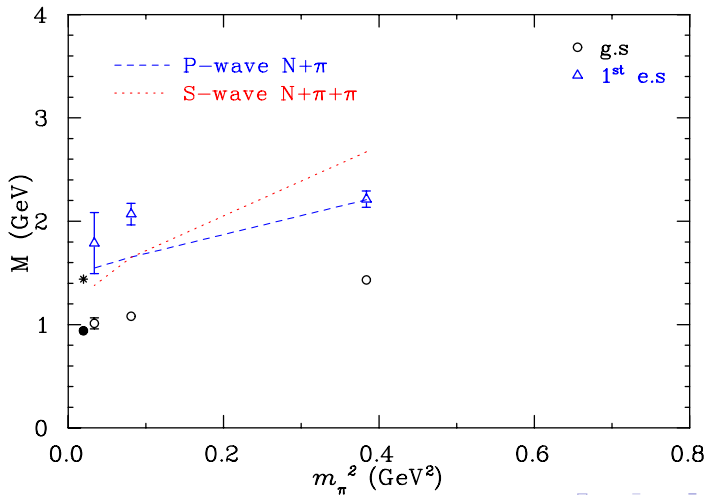
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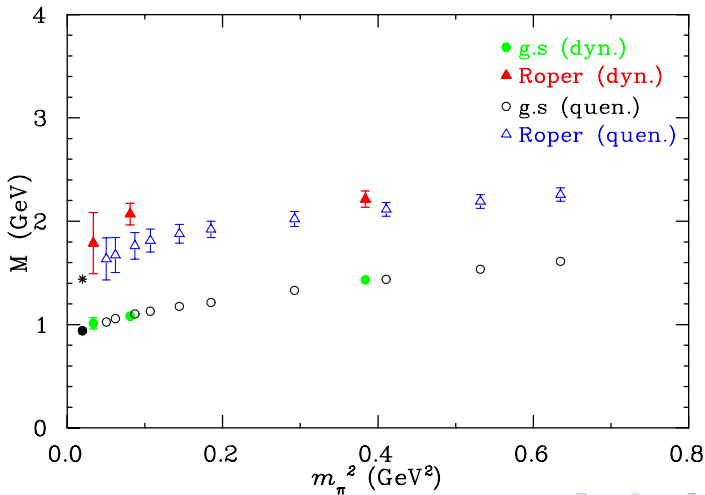
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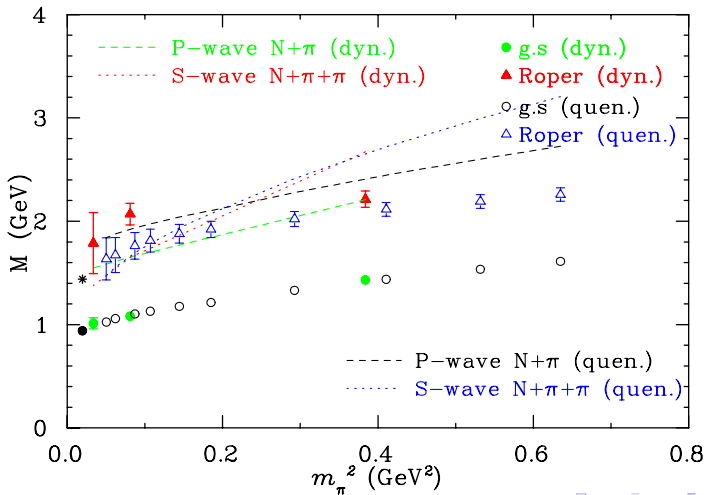
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# Summary

- Several levels of smearing have been used to construct correlation matrices.
- Various dimensions of correlation matrices have been analyzed.
- We observed a source-smearing dependence of the excited state masses when using early correlation matrix techniques with fixed source smearing.
- Using several levels of source and sink smearings to construct correlation matrices, a low-lying Roper state has been identified for the first time.
- Several  $4 \times 4$ ,  $6 \times 6$ ,  $8 \times 8$  matrices were considered to demonstrate the independence of the eigenstate energies from the basis interpolators.

## Summary continued...

- We have shown how apparent eigenstates can be resolved into actual eigenstates states through the consideration of larger correlation matrices and introducing additional quark spin-flavor relationships (via  $\chi_2$ ).
- A level crossing between the Roper and  $N1/2^-$  states has been observed for the first time using the variational approach.
- The Roper results in quenched and dynamical QCD reveal significant differences in the approach to the physical point.

## Future Plans

- Complete all quark masses at 200 configs (400 at lightest mass).
- Extend to partially quenched QCD and quenched QCD.
- Commence chiral effective field theory analysis of chiral curvature.
- Extend to a comprehensive analysis of all baryons of interest.
- Complete determination of excited-state electromagnetic properties.