

# Excited hadrons in $n_f = 2$ QCD

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- **Action and configurations**
- Analysis
- Mass spectrum

## Chirally Improved Dirac operator

General ansatz for fermion action:

$$D_{mn} = \sum_{\alpha=1}^{16} \Gamma_{\alpha} \sum_{p \in \mathcal{P}_{m,n}^{\alpha}} c_p^{\alpha} \prod_{l \in p} U_l \delta_{n,m+p}$$

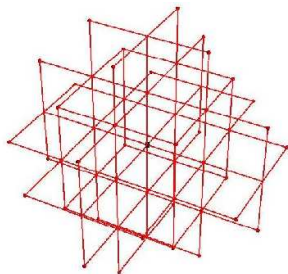
Wilson

$S_1 \bullet + S_2 \rightarrow + S_3 \rightarrow \updownarrow + S_4 \square \dots$   
 $+ \gamma_{\mu} \left( V_1 \rightarrow \updownarrow + V_2 \rightarrow \updownarrow + + V_3 \square \dots \right)$   
 $+ \gamma_{\mu} \gamma_{\nu} \left( t_1 \square \dots \right) + \gamma_{\mu} \gamma_{\nu} \gamma_{\rho} \left( a_1 \dots \right) + \gamma_5 \left( p_1 \dots \right)$

(Gattringer, PRD63(2001)114501)

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Leads to a set of (e.g. 50) algebraic equations, which can be solved (norm minimization).

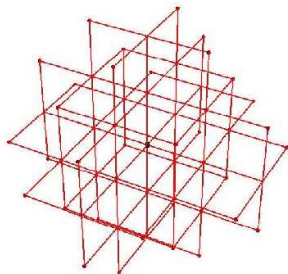


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## Study with 2 dynamical CI fermions

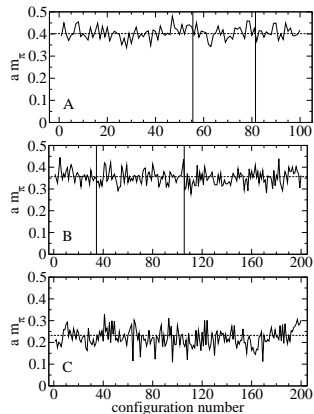
- Chirally improved fermions ( $D_{CI}$ ),  $n_f = 2$  light quarks
- $1 \times$  Stout smearing
- Lüscher-Weisz gauge action
- Hybrid Monte Carlo simulation
  - Hasenbusch mass preconditioning, 2 pseudofermions
  - Chronological inverter (min residue extrap.)
  - Mixed precision inverter (cf. Dürr et al., PRD79, 014501)
  - Each unit MD time between 70 and 100 steps
  - Here: Three ensembles for  $16^3 \times 32$ :

set	$\beta_{LW}$	$m_0$	$t_{MD}$	config's	$a[\text{fm}]$	$m_\pi[\text{MeV}]$	$m_{AWI}[\text{MeV}]$
A	4.70	-0.050	600	100	0.151(2)	525(7)	42.8(4)
B	4.65	-0.060	1200	200	0.150(1)	470(4)	34.1(2)
C	4.58	-0.077	1200	200	0.144(1)	322(5)	15.3(4)

- Eigenvalues close to circle but wider distribution
- $Z_A/Z_V \approx 1.07$

## Pion mass

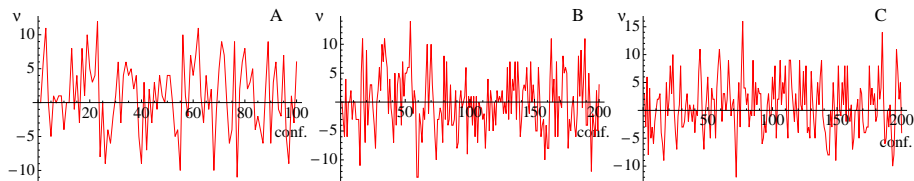
Time sequence and histogram of the configuration pion mass



## Topological sectors

Frequent tunneling:

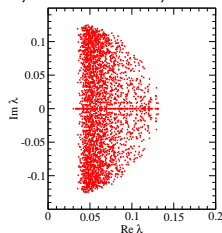
Time sequence and histogram of “topological charge” (number of small real modes counted with  $\text{sign}\langle\gamma_5\rangle$ ) for the ensemble B (truncation!)



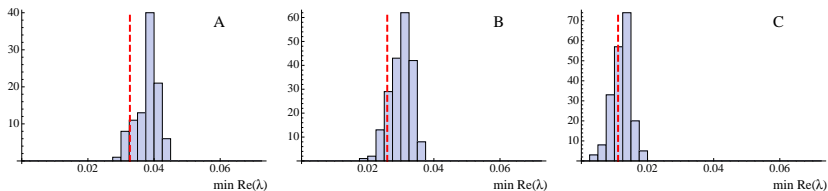
## Smallest eigenvalue

Eigenvalue spread is wider than for the quenched case (diff. smearing and action parameters) →

$16^3 \times 32$ , ensemble A, 20 configs.:



Histogram of the smallest  $\text{Re}(\lambda)$ :



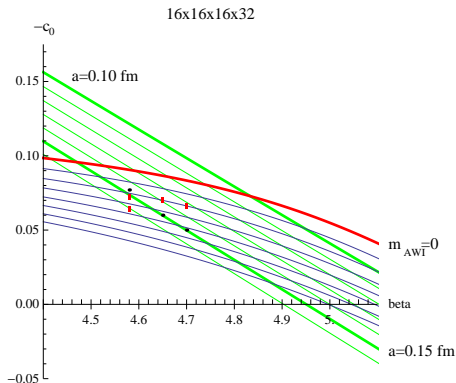
( $m_{AWI}$ : broken red lines at 42.8 MeV, 34.1 MeV, 15.3 MeV)

Parameters: Lattice spacing and  $m_{AWI}$ 

**Lattice spacing** determined from potential (Sommer parameter  $r_0 = 0.48$  fm)

$m_{AWI}$  defined from the axial W.I.

$$\frac{\langle \partial_t A_4(\vec{p} = \vec{0}, t) P(0) \rangle}{\langle P(\vec{p} = \vec{0}, t) P(0) \rangle} \equiv 2 m_{AWI} = 2 m^{(ren)} Z_P / Z_A$$



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## Variational method

(cf., Michael, Lüscher/Wolff; recently: Blossier et al.)

- Each channel: Several interpolators  $O_j$
- Compute all cross-correlations

$$C(t)_{ij} = \langle O_i(t) \bar{O}_j(0) \rangle = \sum_n \langle 0 | O_i | n \rangle \langle n | O_j^\dagger | 0 \rangle e^{-t E_n} .$$

- Solve the generalized eigenvalue problem:

$$C(t) \vec{u}^{(n)}(t) = \lambda^{(n)}(t) C(t_0) \vec{u}^{(n)}(t)$$

Then

$$\lambda^{(n)}(t) \propto e^{-t E_n} (1 + \mathcal{O}(e^{-t \Delta E_n})) .$$

- The eigenvectors are “fingerprints” of the state

## Hadron interpolators

Hadron operators are built on spatially 3x HYP smeared gauge configurations.

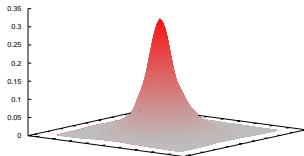
We need several interpolators!

- Different Dirac structure
- Quark sources:
  - Point
  - Wall
  - **(Spatially) smeared, covariant**
  - Laplacian eigenvectors (Distillation method, Peardon et al.)
  - **Derivative sources**

## Smearing quark sources

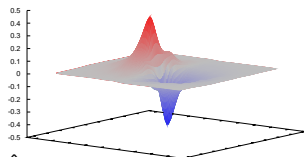
- Jacobi smeared quark sources, e.g.,  
 $u_s \equiv (S u)_x$

$$S = M S_0 \quad \text{with} \quad M = \sum_{n=0}^N \kappa^n H^n$$
$$H(\vec{n}, \vec{m}) = \sum_{j=1}^3 \left[ U_j(\vec{n}, 0) \delta(\vec{n} + \hat{j}, \vec{m}) + U_j(\vec{n} - \hat{j}, 0)^\dagger \delta(\vec{n} - \hat{j}, \vec{m}) \right].$$



- Fewer quark propagators
- Combination allows nodes in the interpolating operators
- Derivative quark sources  $W_{d_i}$ :

$$D_i(\vec{x}, \vec{y}) = U_i(\vec{x}, 0) \delta(\vec{x} + \hat{i}, \vec{y}) - U_i(\vec{x} - \hat{i}, 0)^\dagger \delta(\vec{x} - \hat{i}, \vec{y}),$$
$$W_{d_i} = D_i S_w.$$



## Interpolating field operators

Examples for mesons:

$$\bar{u}_s \Gamma d_s$$

where  $u_s, d_s$  denote smeared and/or derivative smeared quarks

E.g. for  $\pi$ :

$$\begin{aligned} &\bar{u}_n \gamma_5 d_n, \quad \bar{u}_n \gamma_5 d_w, \quad \bar{u}_w \gamma_5 d_w, \\ &\bar{u}_n \gamma_t \gamma_5 d_n, \quad \bar{u}_n \gamma_t \gamma_5 d_w, \quad \bar{u}_w \gamma_t \gamma_5 d_w, \\ &\bar{u}_{\partial_i} \gamma_i \gamma_5 d_n, \quad \bar{u}_{\partial_i} \gamma_i \gamma_5 d_w, \\ &\bar{u}_{\partial_i} \gamma_i \gamma_t \gamma_5 d_n, \quad \bar{u}_{\partial_i} \gamma_i \gamma_t \gamma_5 d_w, \\ &\bar{u}_{\partial_i} \gamma_5 d_{\partial_i}, \quad \bar{u}_{\partial_i} \gamma_t \gamma_5 d_{\partial_i} \end{aligned}$$

Examples for N (and  $\Sigma, \Xi$ ):

$$N^{(i)} = \epsilon_{abc} \Gamma_1^{(i)} u_a \left( u_b^T \Gamma_2^{(i)} d_c - d_b^T \Gamma_2^{(i)} u_c \right)$$

with the choices

	$\Gamma_1^{(i)}$	$\Gamma_2^{(i)}$
$i = 1$	1	$C\gamma_5$
$i = 2$	$\gamma_5$	$C$
$i = 3$	$i$	$C\gamma_4\gamma_5$

projected to parity (and spin)

Example: Angular momentum content of  $\rho$ 

Type:	Interpolator:	Chiral classification:
Vector	$O_{\rho}^V = \bar{u}(x)\gamma^i d(x)$	$(0, 1) \oplus (1, 0)$
Pseudotensor	$O_{\rho}^T = \bar{u}(x)\gamma_4\gamma^i d(x)$	$(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})_b$

- If both operators couple to  $\rho$ : Chiral symmetry is broken (for  $a \rightarrow 0$  only V couples: pert. th. RG)
- Unitarily equivalent to angular momentum  $\{^{2S+1}L_J\}$  basis in CMS:  
 $|^3S_1\rangle, |^3D_1\rangle$

Smearing size defines infrared scale: Allows study of IR scale dependence of Vector vs. Tensor contribution and thus S-wave and D-wave admixture.

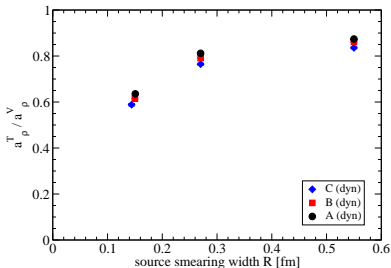
Contribution of lattice operator  $i$  to eigenstate  $(n)$

$$a_i^{(n)} = \langle 0 | O_i | n \rangle, \text{ eigenvectors } \vec{u}^{(n)}.$$

Then

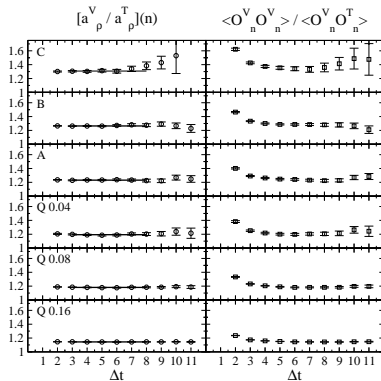
$$\frac{C(t)_{ij} u_j^{(n)}}{C(t)_{kj} u_j^{(n)}} \sim \frac{a_i^{(n)}}{a_k^{(n)}}$$

gives the ratio of coupling of different lattice operators to the eigenstate.



$R \rightarrow 0$  : only  $(0, 1) \otimes (1, 0)$ ,  $S/D = \sqrt{2}$

large  $R$ : mainly S-wave

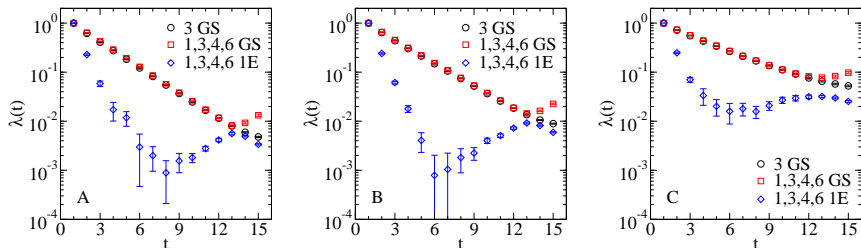


Glozman et al.,  
PRL103(09)121601;  
ArXiv:0909.2939

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$0^{-+} : \pi^{\pm}(140), \pi^{\pm}(1300)$ 

Multi-operator (variational) analysis at *small* pion masses: the back-running pion limits the observation range for the excited state!

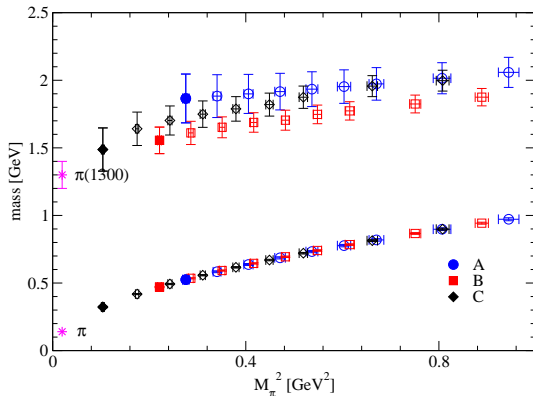


(Fig. from PRD79, 054501 (2009))

This can be cured with larger time-size: for physical pion masses one needs at least  $N_t = 64$  for  $a = 0.15$  fm,  $N_t = 128$  for  $a = 0.075$  fm

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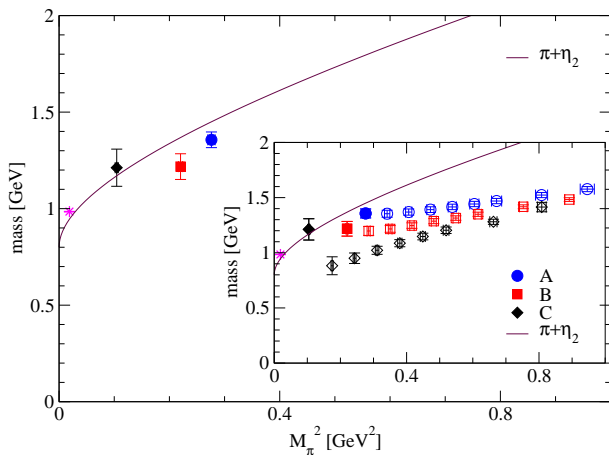
Choosing the cosh-fit interval on basis of eigenvalues: Excited pion state, including partially quenched data (open symbols)



$0^{++} : a_0(980), a_0(1450)$ 

...compared to  $\pi\eta_2$  channel  
(mass of  $\eta_2$  estimated)...  
compatible with Jansen et  
al., arXiv:0906.4720

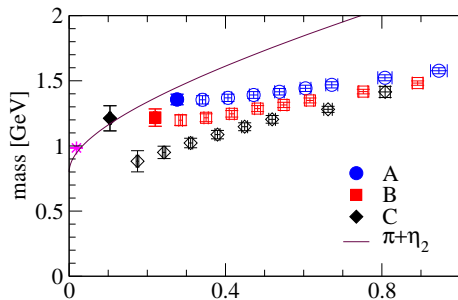
...tetraquark state?



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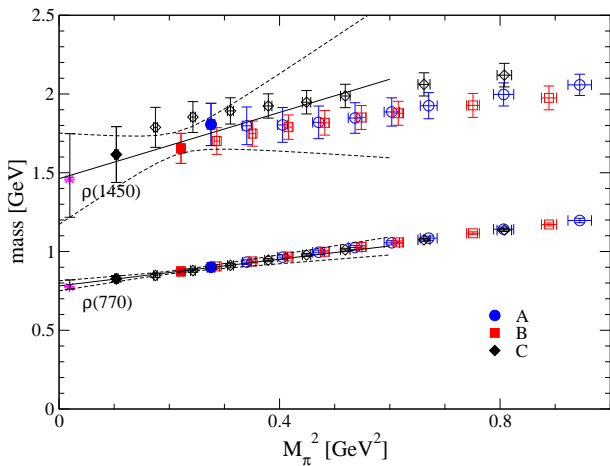
Dynamical points (full symbols) and partially quenched points (open symbols): the partially quenched states may couple to pairs of pseudoscalars (VS)(VS), cf. Prelovsek et al. PRD70, 094503 (2004) (cancels for fully dynamical case)?

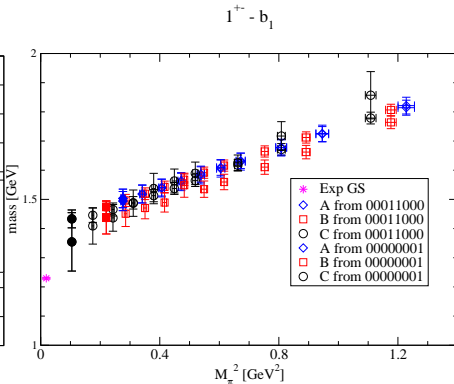
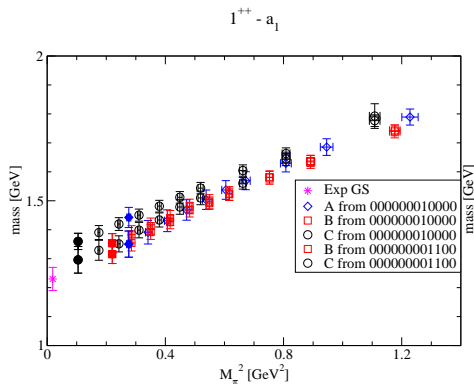
But: Broad range of values for different sets of interpolators!



$1^{--} : \rho^\pm(770), \rho^\pm(1450)$ 

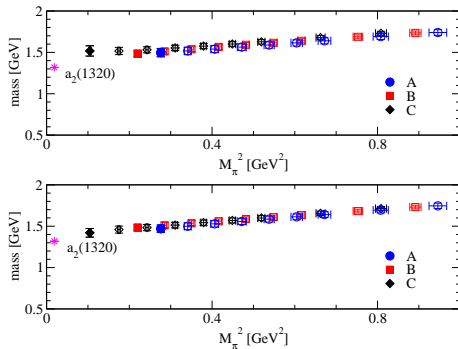
- No decay yet (p-wave)
- More contamination with higher excitations, thus  $t_0 = 2$  is preferable. Optimal combination chosen for each data set.
- 2nd excitation  $\rho(1720)$  signal is seen for some combinations of interpolators
- Exotic ( $1^{-+}$ ) channel is too noisy.



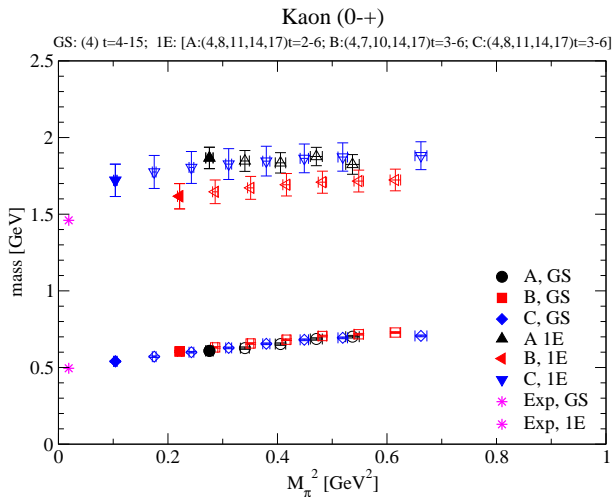
$1^{++} : a_1(1260)$  and  $1^{+-} : b_1(1235)$ 

Good signal for ground state *needs* interpolators with derivative sources; note:

$$m_{latt, b_1} \approx m_{latt, a_0} + 200 \text{ MeV}$$

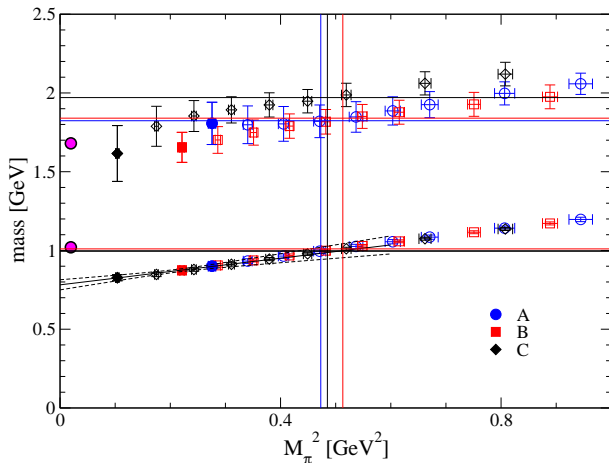
$2^{++} : a_2(1320)$ 

Both representations agree; variational method necessary - one needs more than one interpolator; derivative sources (e.g.  $\epsilon_{ijk} \bar{u}_{\partial_i} \gamma_j d_n$ ) are necessary.

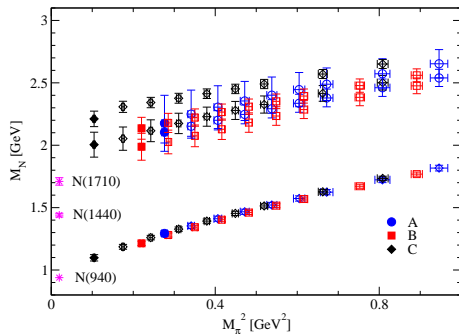
$0^- : K(490)$  and  $K(1460)$ 

$1^{--} : \phi^\pm(1020), \phi^\pm(1680)$ 

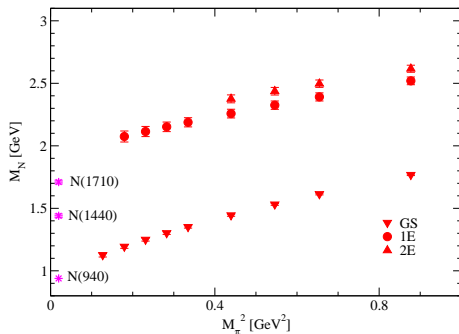
- $I = 0$ , disconnected contributions omitted
- 1st excitation  $\phi(1680)$  signal too high (cf.  $\rho$ )



$\frac{1}{2}^+$  :  $N(940)$ ,  $N(1440)$   $P_{11}$ ,  $N(1710)$   $P_{11}$



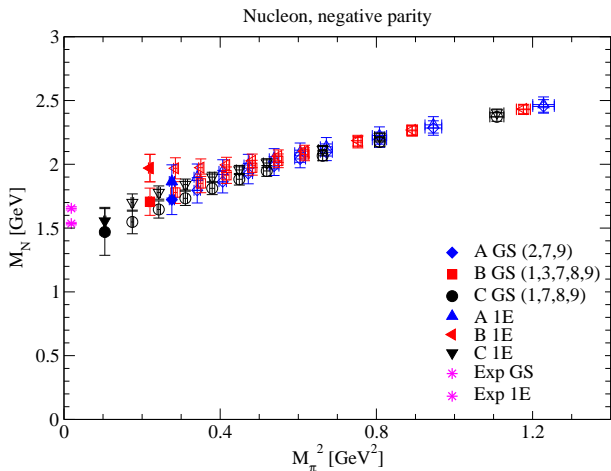
Two excitations (higher one vague), too high up! Roper?



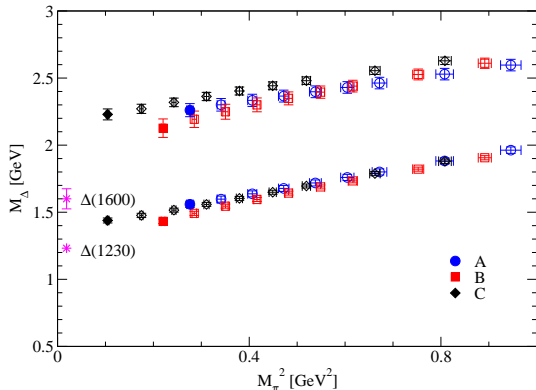
Quenched results (Burch et al., PRD 74 (2006) 014504);  
 cf., Mahbub arXiv:0905.3616

$\frac{1}{2}^-$  :  $N(1535) S_{11}$ ,  $N(1650) N_{11}$ 

Two states seen, mass splitting seen, but not clearly resolvable; dynamical points for lowest mass (set C) have short fit range

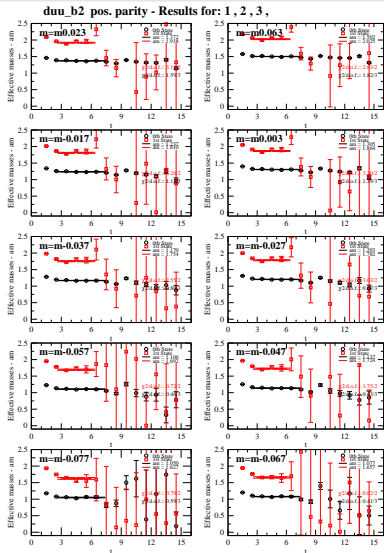


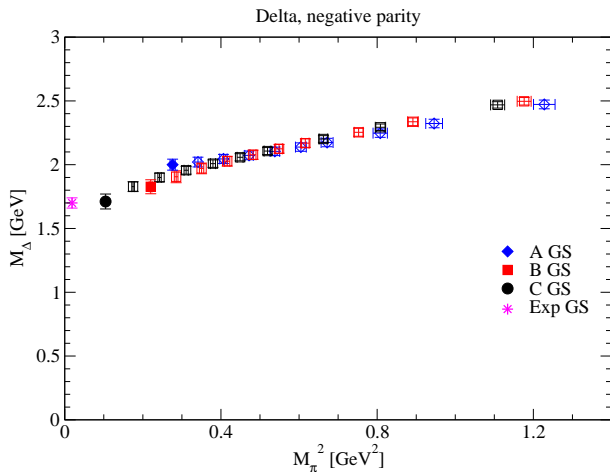
$\frac{3}{2}^+$  :  $\Delta(1232) P_{33}, \Delta(1600) P_{33}$



Excited  $\Delta$  clearly seen, but too high (squeezed?)

$M_Q$  is used to fix strange (only valence) quark mass.

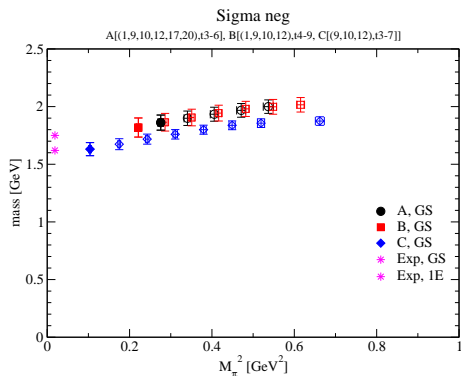
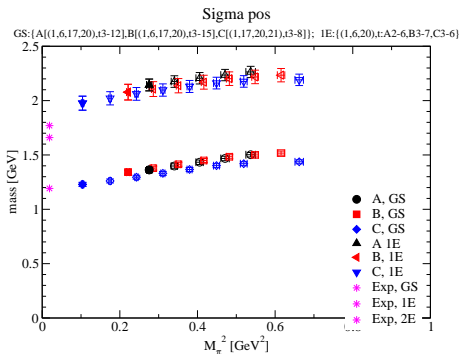


$\frac{3}{2}^{\frac{3}{2}-} : \Delta(1700) P_{33}$ 

Axial charge for  $N$ ,  $\Sigma$  and  $\Xi$  see ArXiv 0910.4190.

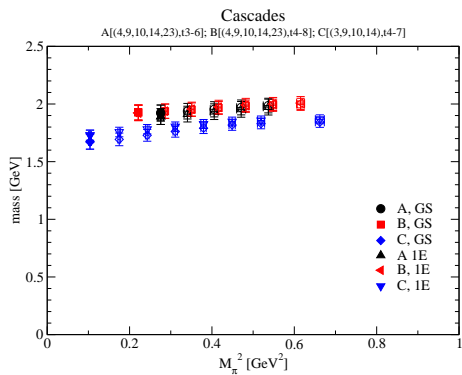
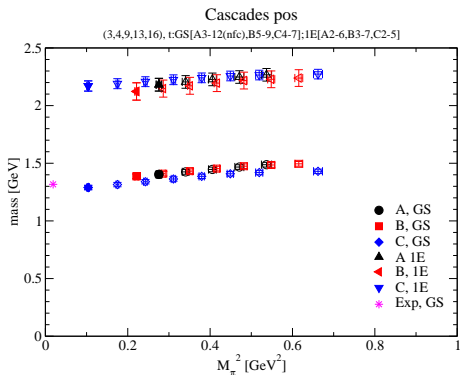
$\frac{1}{2}^+$  :  $\Sigma(1190)$ ,  $\Sigma(1660)$

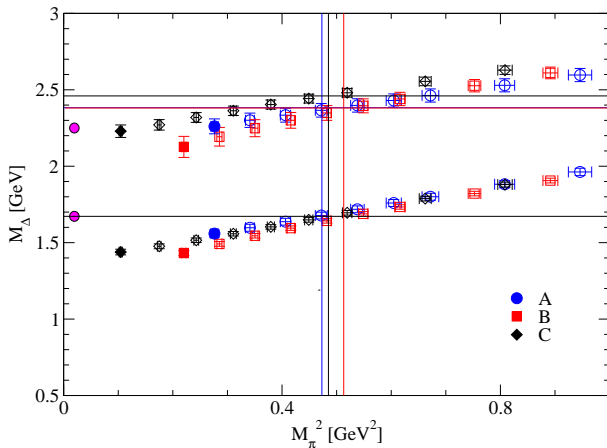
$\frac{1}{2}^-$  :  $\Sigma(1750)$



$\frac{1}{2}^+$  :  $\Xi(1320)$ ,  $\Xi(?)$

$\frac{1}{2}^-$  :  $\Xi(?)$



$\Omega(1672), \Omega(2250)?$ 

## Conclusion

- Excellent ground state masses for (in lattice units) small lattices and all mesons:  $0^{-+}$ ,  $1^{--}$ ,  $1^{+-}$ ,  $1^{++}$ ,  $2^{--}$ ,  $2^{-+}$ ,  $2^{++}$
- $a_0$  behaves unlike other mesons
- Weak signals for excited states towards smaller pion masses
- Pion excitations need large time size
- Ground state baryons fine, excited state baryons too high: volume squeezing ( $Lm_\pi = 6.36, 5.63, 3.66$ )?
- Other approaches with more interpolators (cf. distillation method)?
- Results for Baryon axial charge (Mohler at LAT09)
- Ongoing: enhancing statistics and parameter sets