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$\nu 0p_{1/2} - \nu 0p_{3/2}$ spin-orbit splitting in ^{20}O

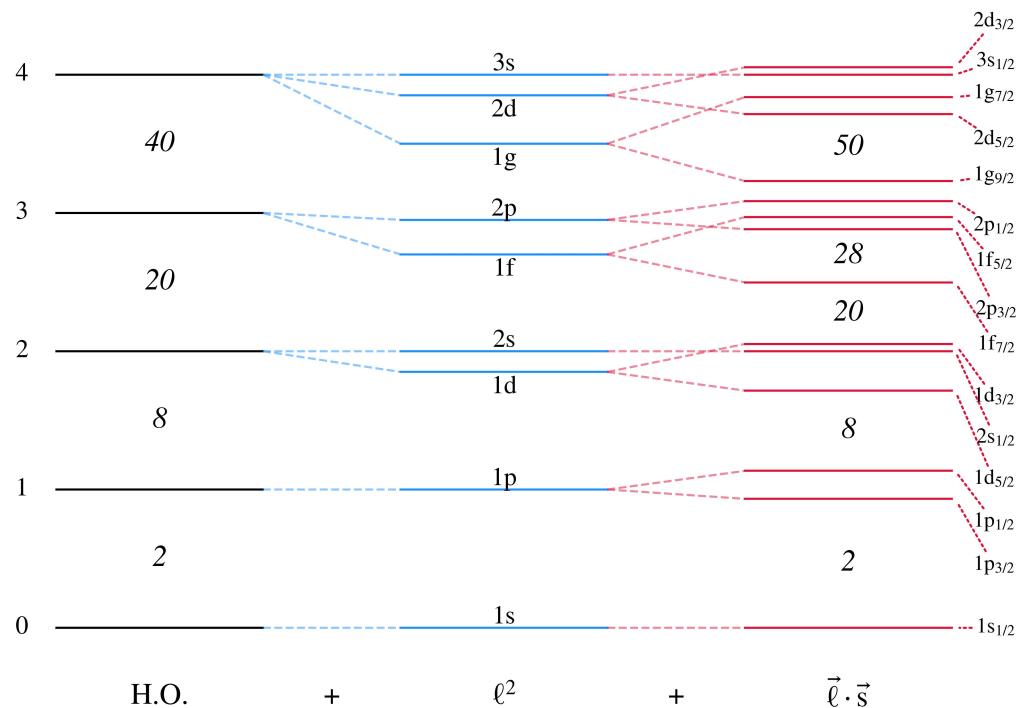
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A recap on the SO splitting

Introduced by M. Goeppert-Mayer, reproduces magic numbers for stable nuclei.



SO splitting is mainly a **surface** effect:

$$V_{SO} = -\frac{1}{\hbar^2} V_{so}(\vec{l} \cdot \vec{s}) \left(\frac{1}{r} \frac{dV}{dr} \right)$$

Affected by many phenomena as **drip-lines** are approached

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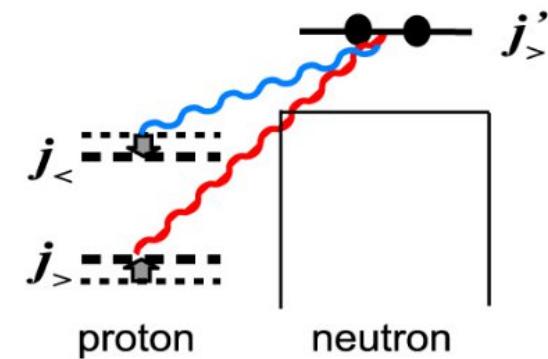
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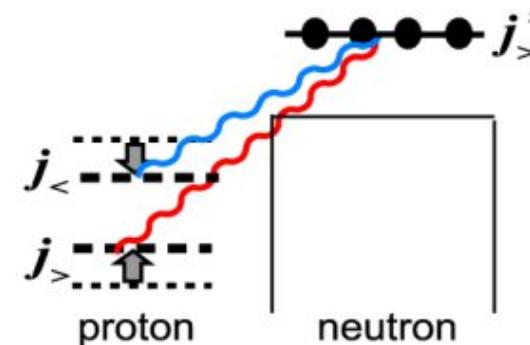
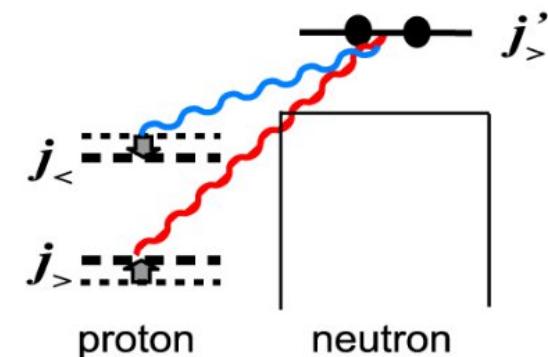
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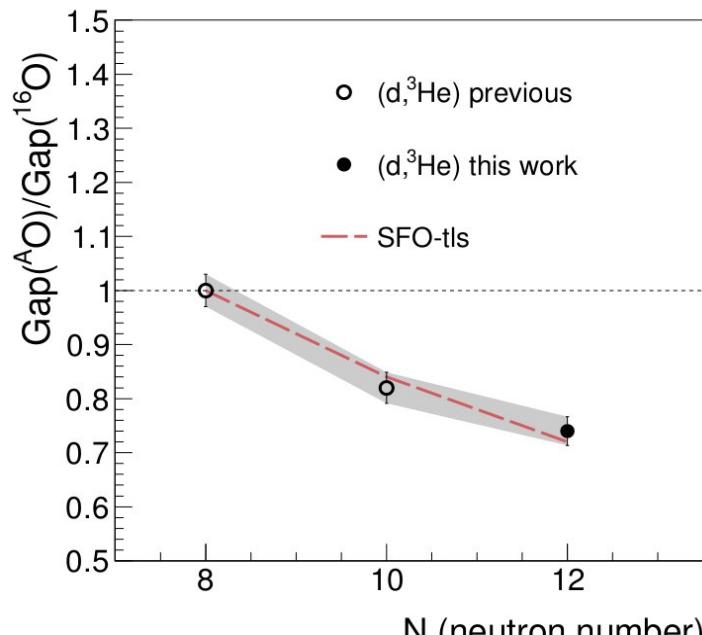
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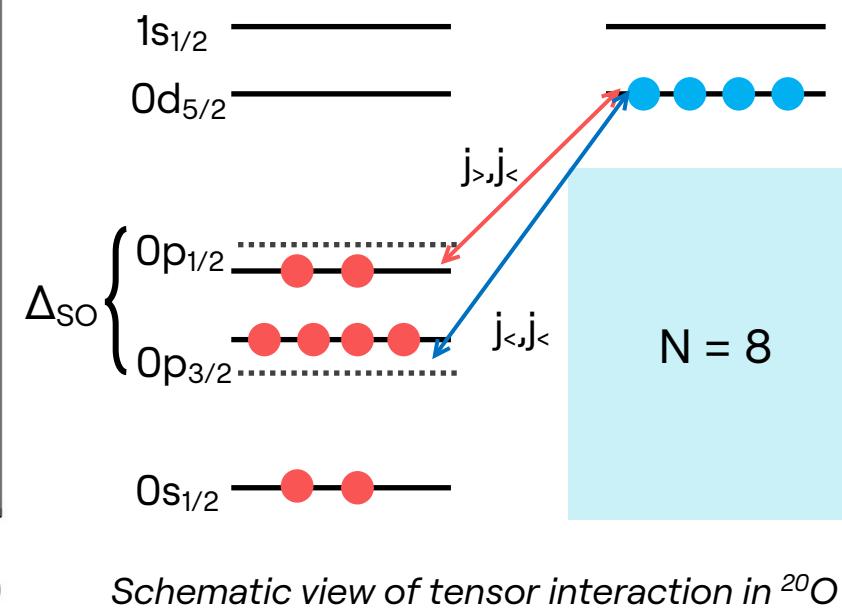
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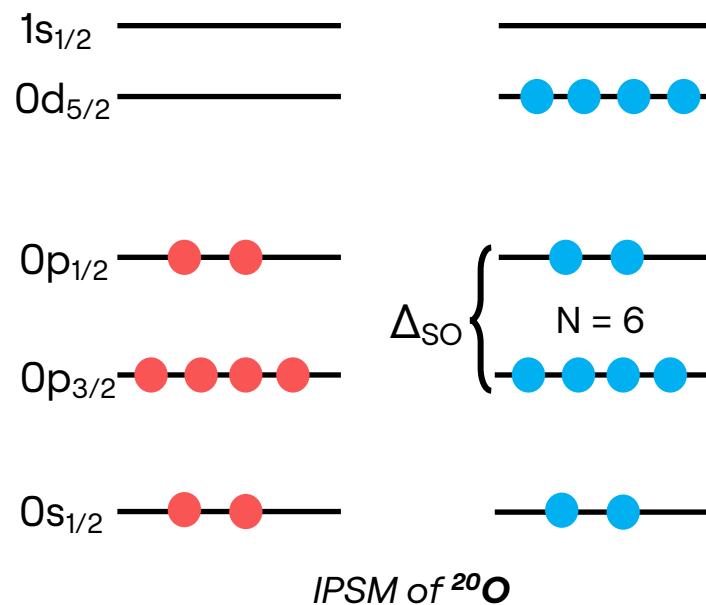
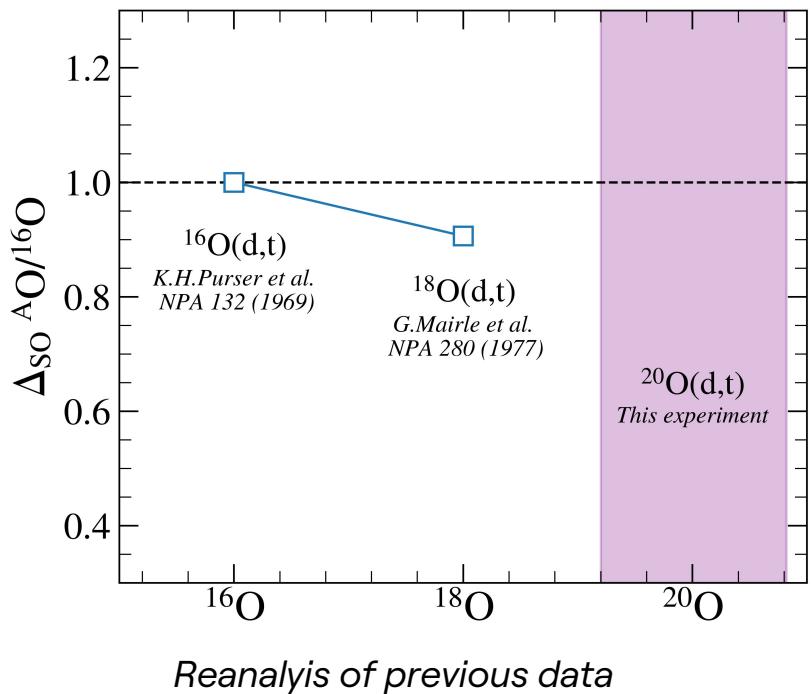


Tensor V_{pn} reduces $Z = 6$ gap as neutrons are added to v $0d_{5/2}$

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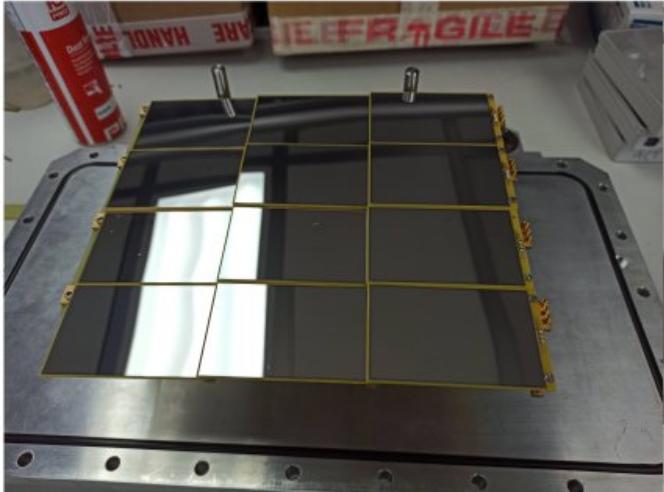


Would the gap decrease in ^{20}O ?

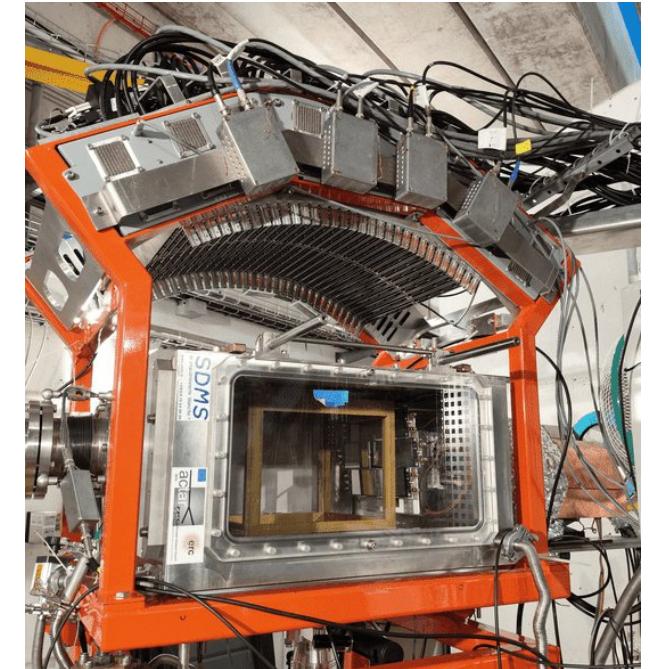
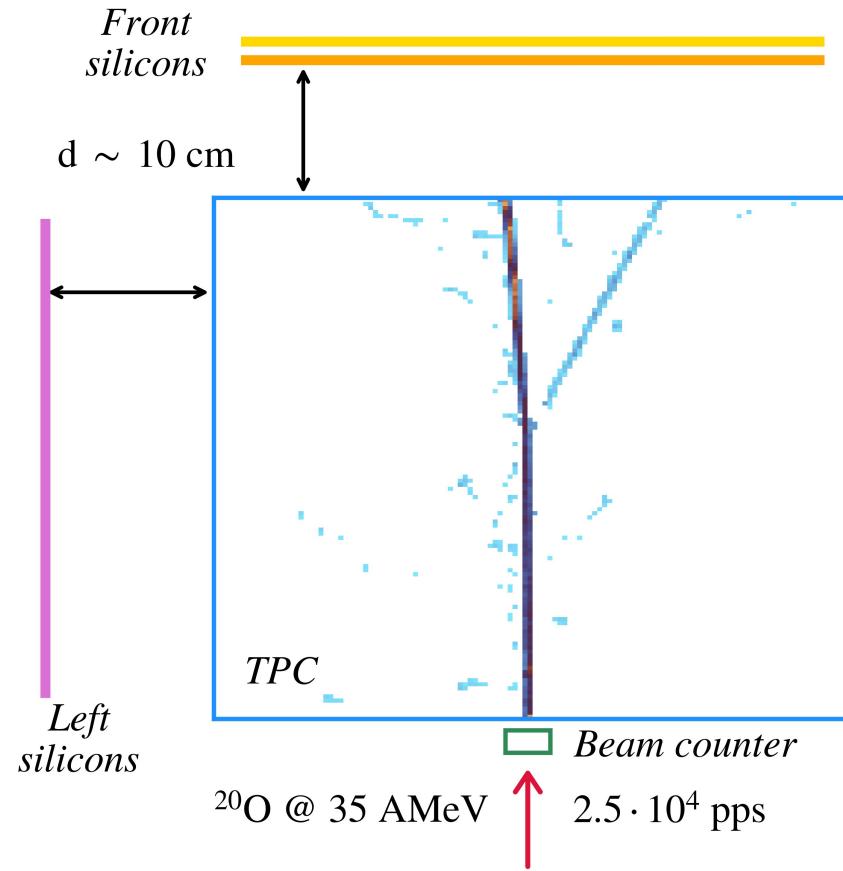
Can we extract magnitude of tensor force?

Experimental setup

E796 @ LISE in 2022. First transfer experiment with ACTAR TPC!

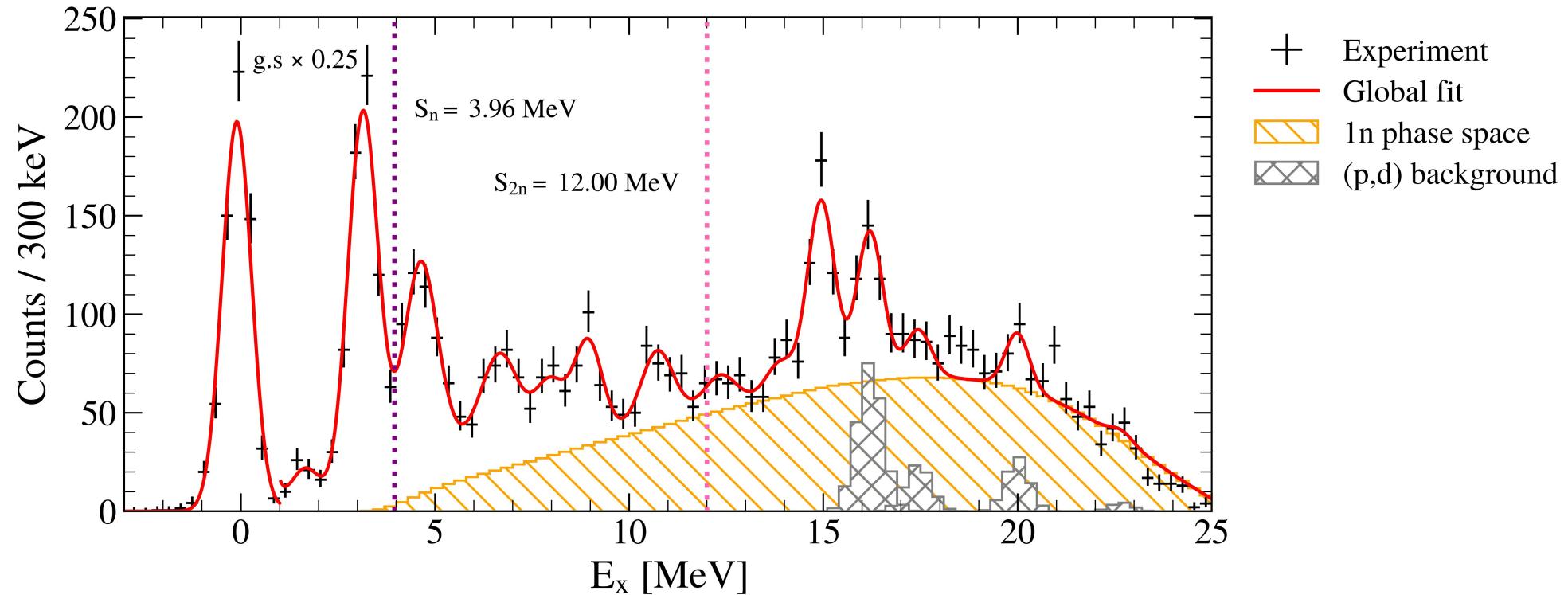


Silicon sizes:
 $80 \times 50 \times 0.5 \text{ mm}^3$



Gas mixture:
 $90\% \text{ D}_2 + 10\% \text{ iC}_4\text{H}_{10}$
at 952 mbar

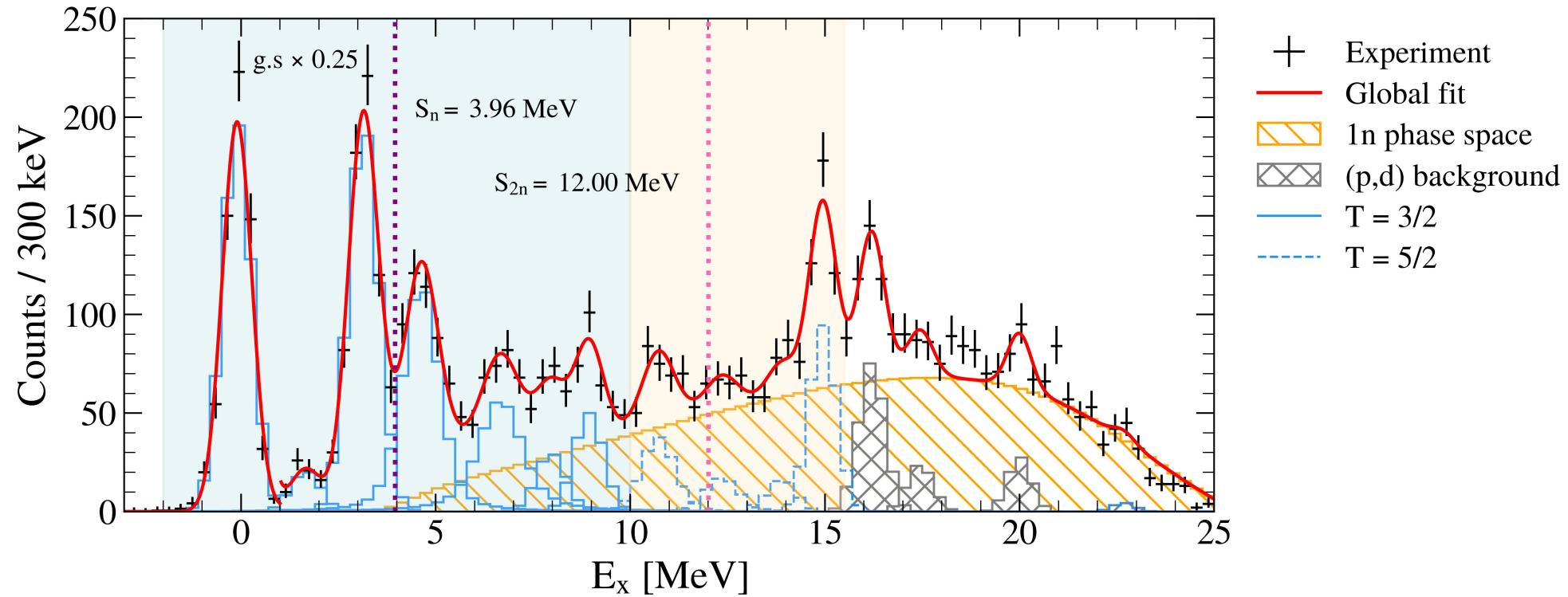
Results: E_x spectrum



- 11 observed states
- At $E_x > 15 \text{ MeV}$ (**p,d** contamination appears)

- 1n phase space considered:
 $^{19}\text{O} \Rightarrow ^{18}\text{O} + n$
- 2n phase space is negligible

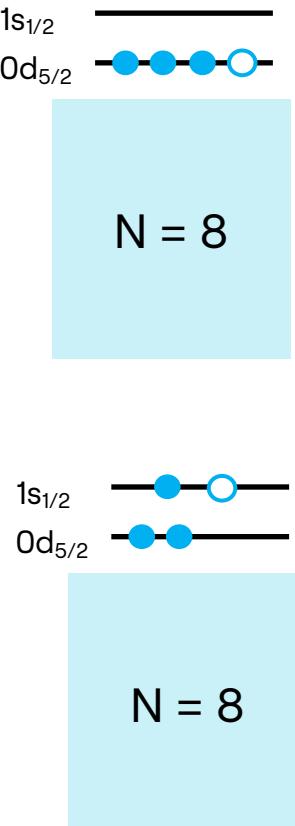
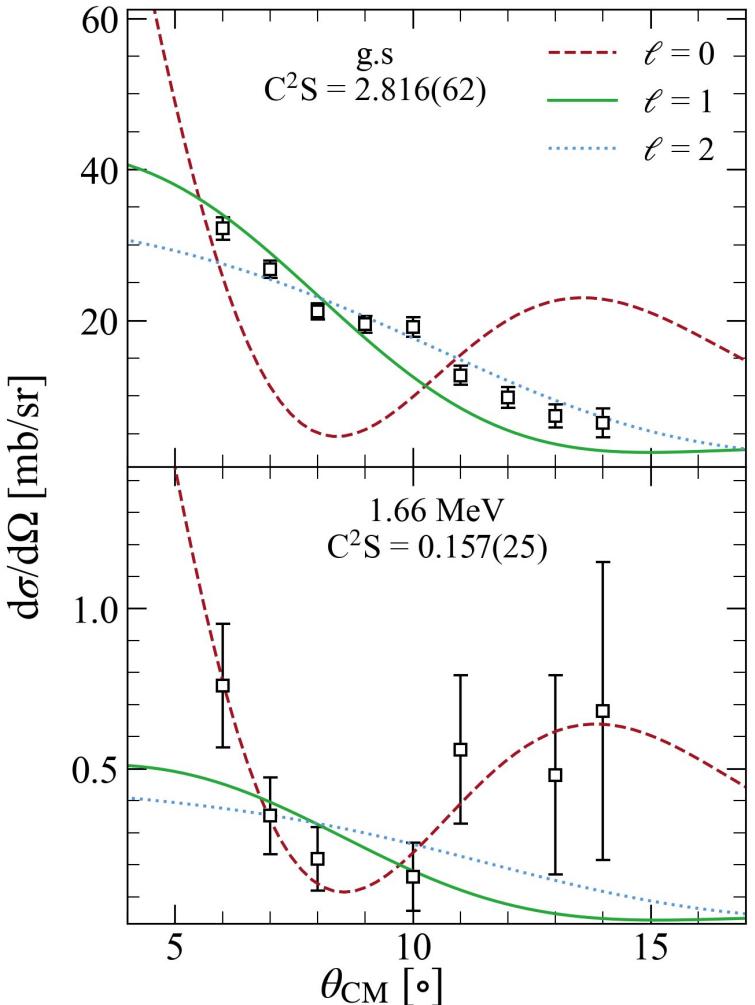
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T = 3/2 states @ $E_x < 10$ MeV

T = 5/2 at $E_x > 10$ MeV, based on comparison with $^{20}\text{O}(\text{d}, \text{He})^{19}\text{N}$

Results: cross-sections

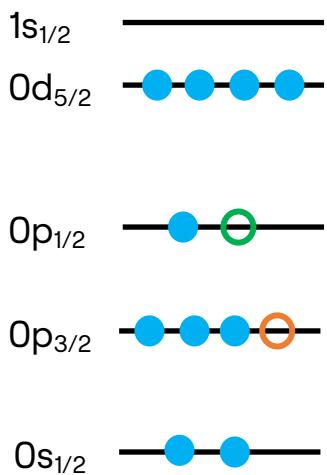
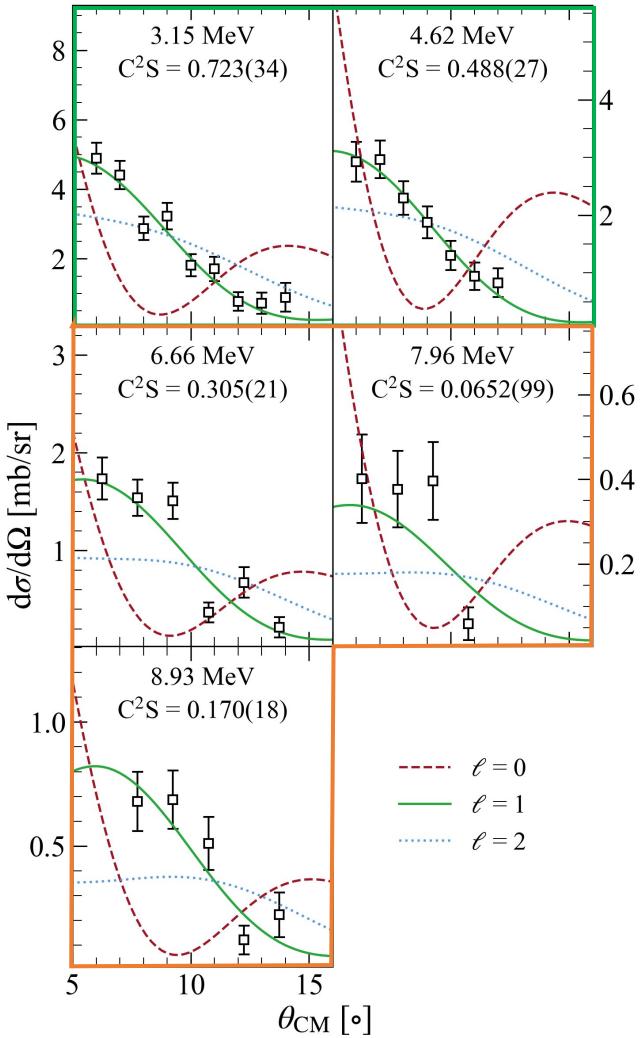


DWBA with Fresco

- OMP:
 - ²⁰O + d: Daehnick
W. W. Daehnick et al. PRC 21 (1980)
 - ¹⁹O + t: Pang
D.Y. Pang et al. PRC 79 (2009)
- ⟨ d | t ⟩ from ab-initio GFMC
I. Brida et al., PRC 84 (2011)
- ⟨ ²⁰O | ¹⁹O ⟩ from standard WS

- g.s.: 5/2⁺, taking up 71% of the occupancy
- 1^{st.}: 1/2⁺, with 8% of 1s_{1/2} occupancy

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Based on shell-model calculations (see next slide):

- $E_x = 3.1$ and 4.6 MeV $\Rightarrow 0p_{1/2}$
- $E_x = 6.7, \dots, 8.9$ MeV $\Rightarrow 0p_{3/2}$

T = 3/2 states:

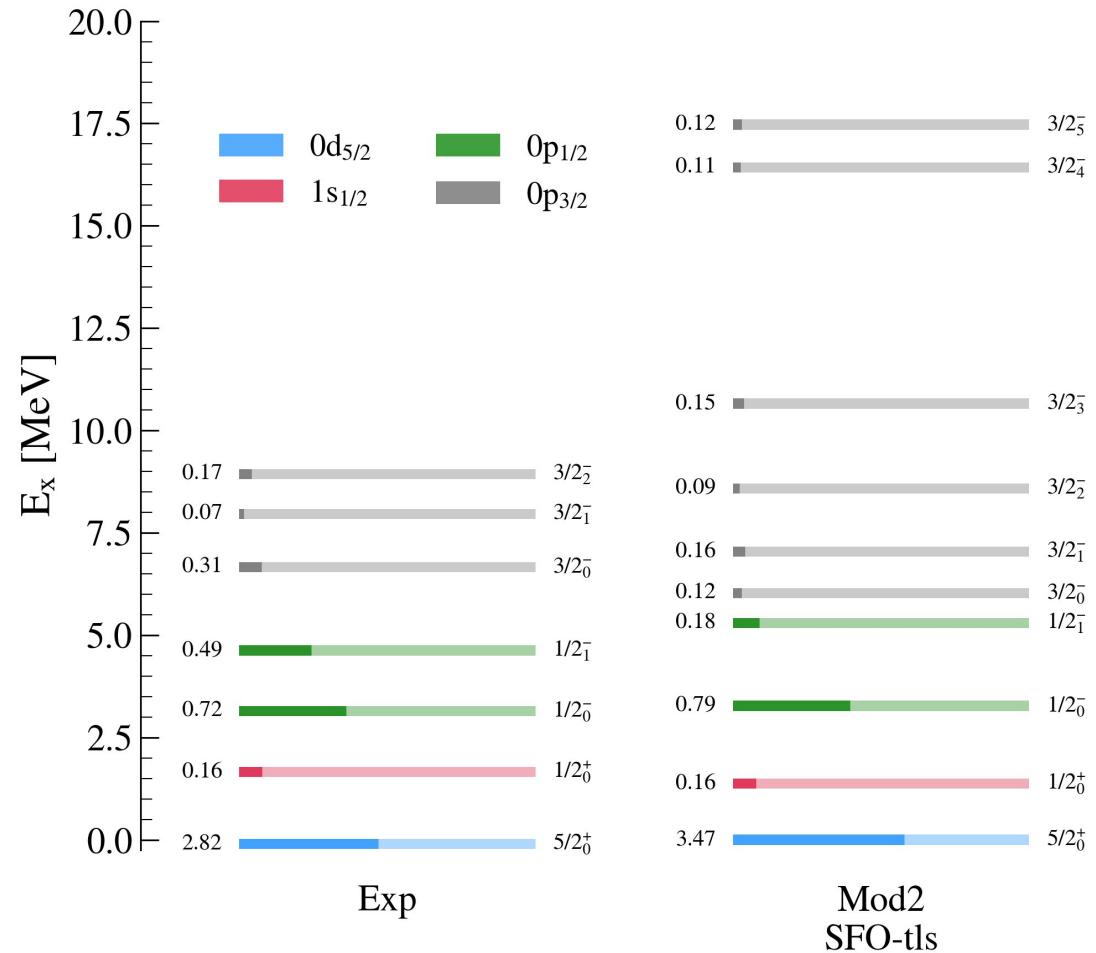
- $0p_{1/2}$: 61 % of strength
- $0p_{3/2}$: just 14 % of occupancy!

Results: comparison with models

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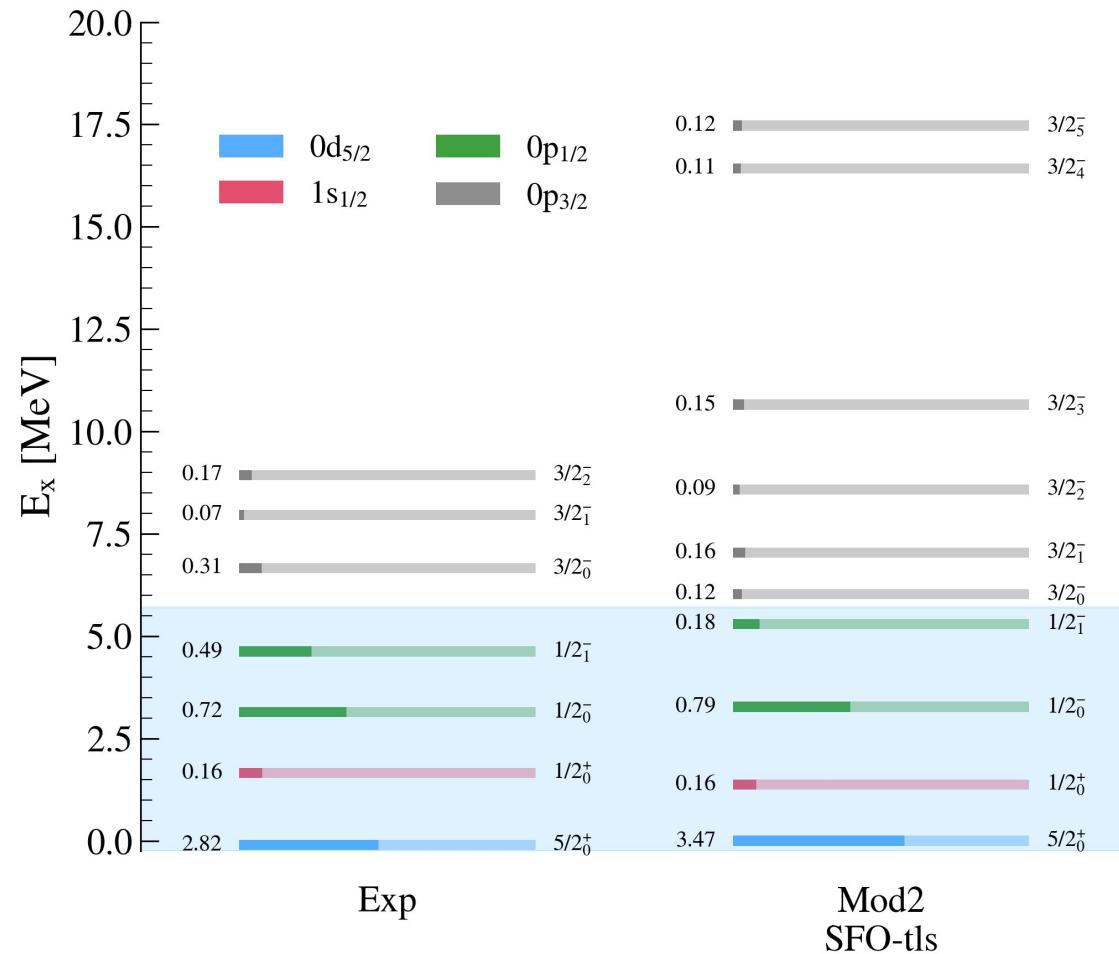
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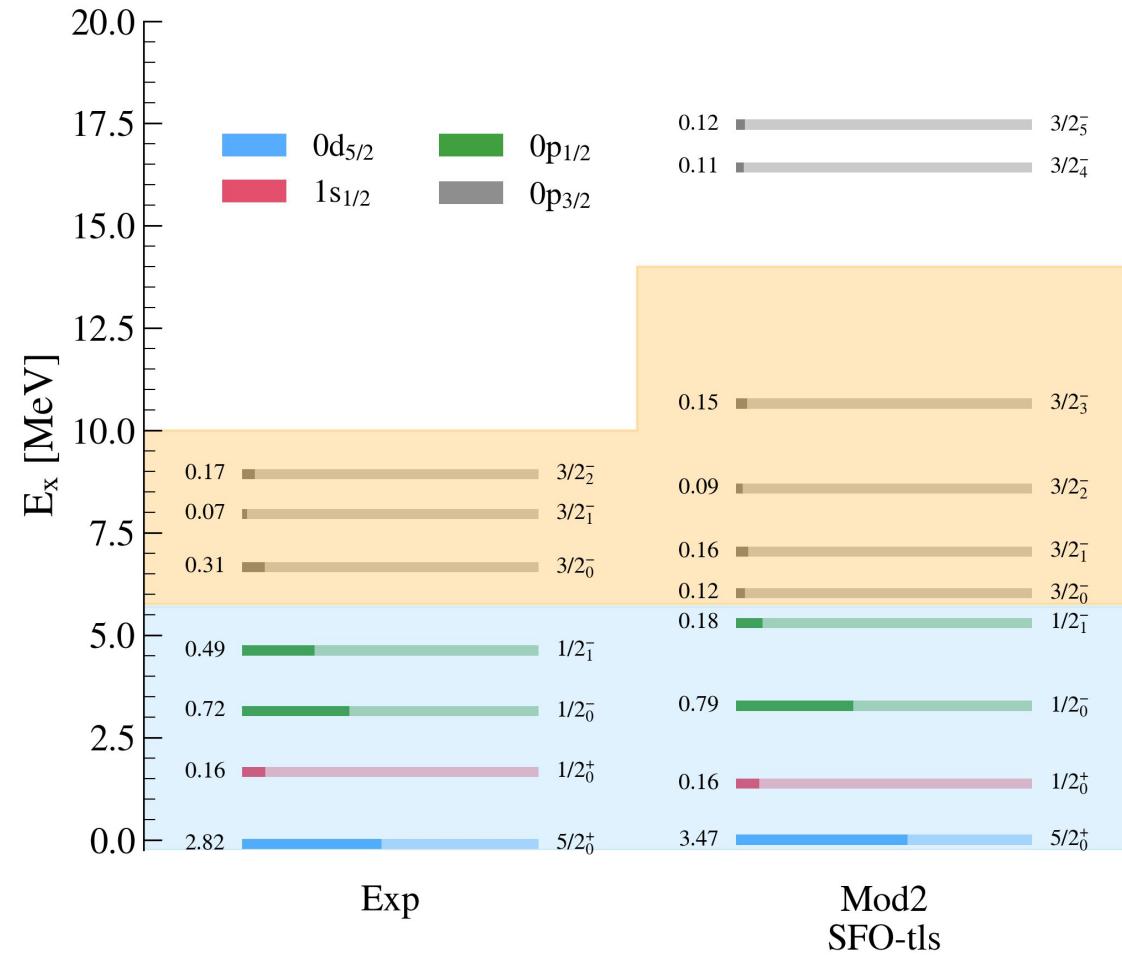
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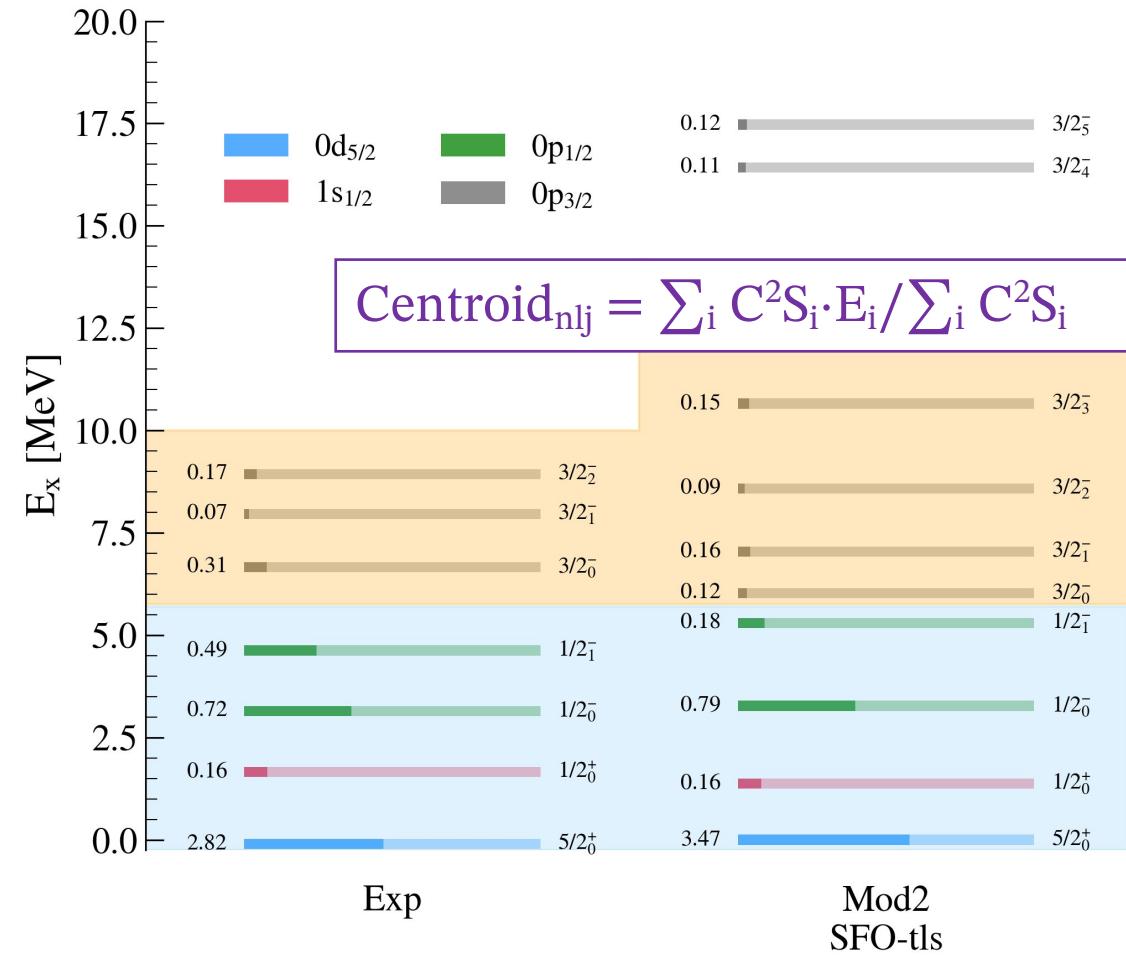
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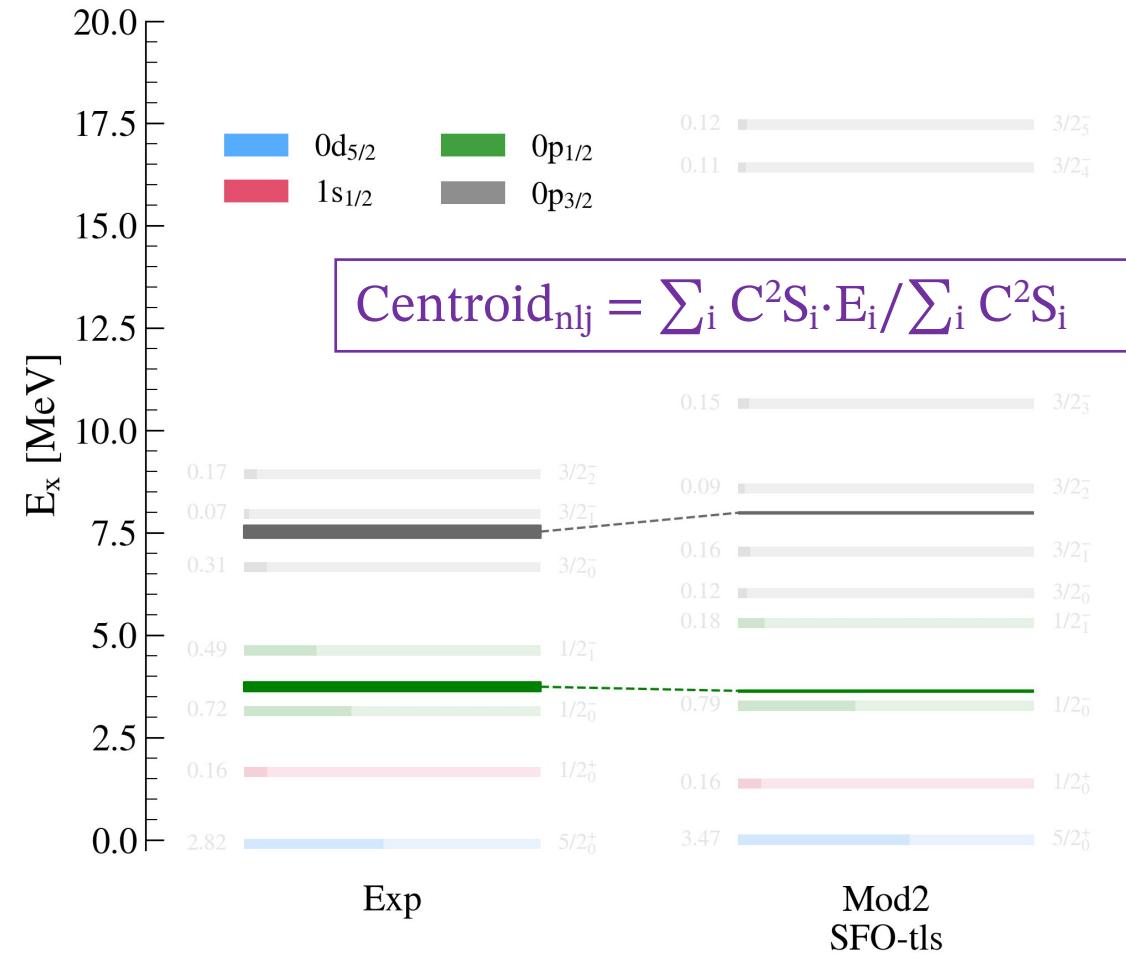
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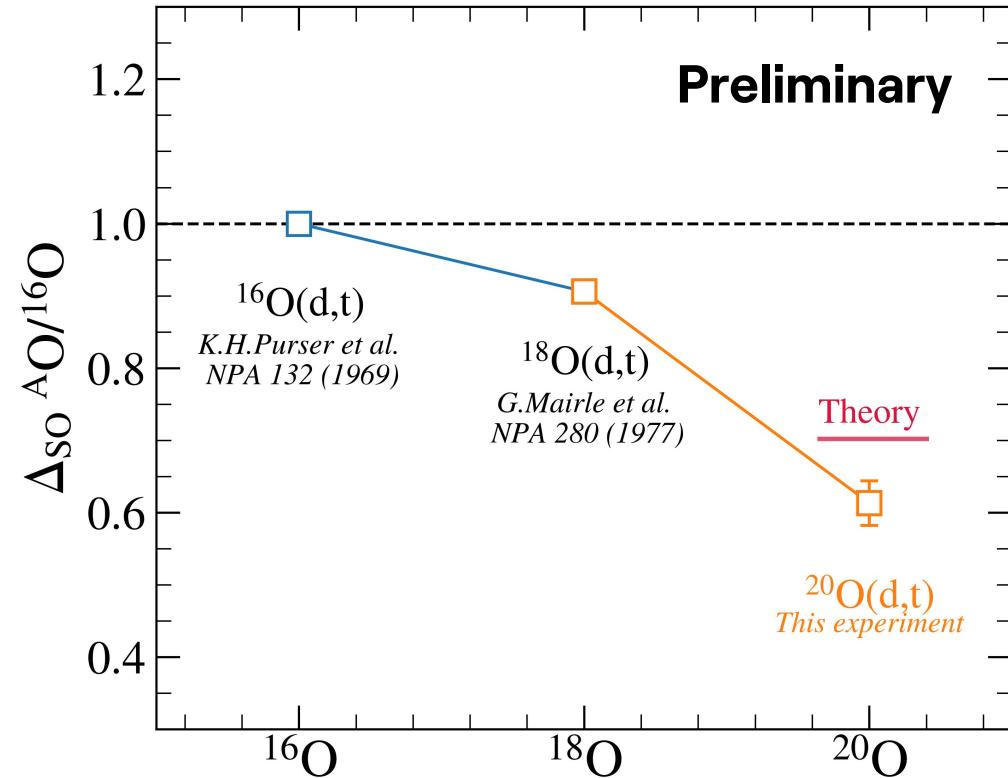
Results: SO gap

Gap = Cent_{0p1/2} - Cent_{0p3/2}

- **Exp:** 40 % reduction wrt ^{16}O
- **Theo:** ~ 30% quenching

Tensor $\nu\nu$ also plays a major roles in SO evolution!

Theoretical predictions needed for $^{16,18}\text{O}$ before drawing any final conclusions



Conclusions

$^{20}\text{O}(\text{d},\text{t})^{19}\text{O}$ reaction as a means to measure SO gap
in exotic O isotopes

DWBA analysis to extract spectroscopic factors and
 E_x centroids for $T=3/2$ states

Comparison with SFO-tls interaction validates
measured SO gap

40% exp. reduction of $N = 6$ SO gap $^{20}\text{O} / ^{16}\text{O}$

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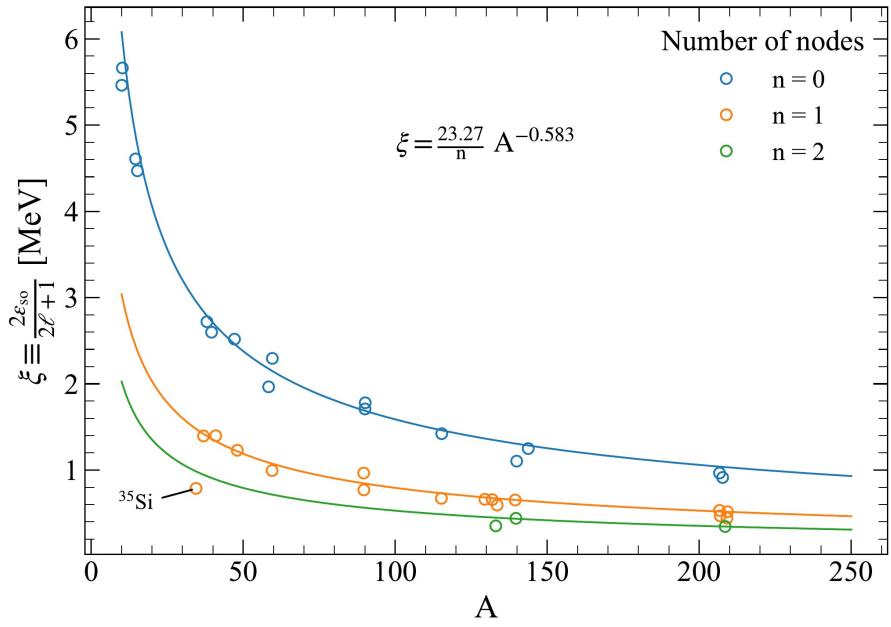
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Extra slides

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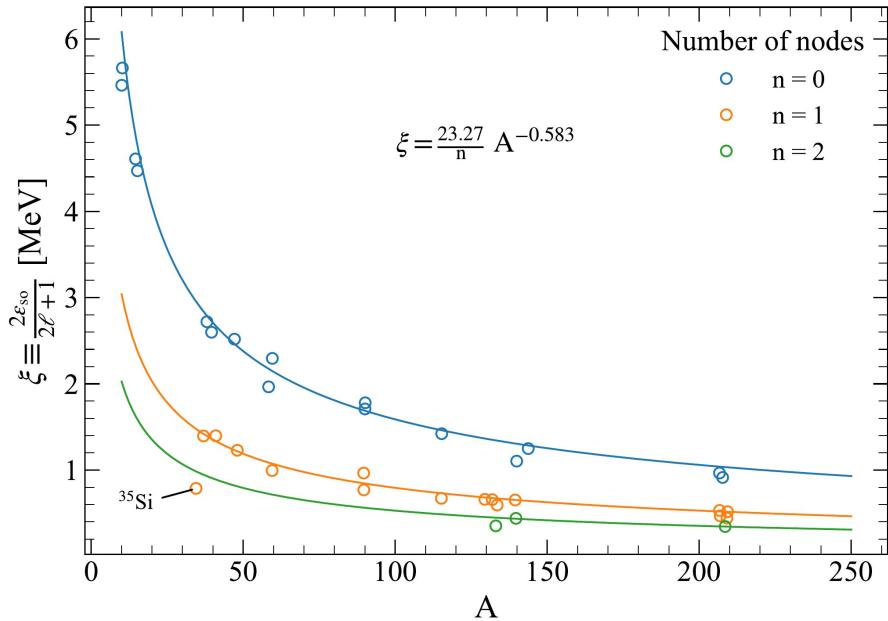
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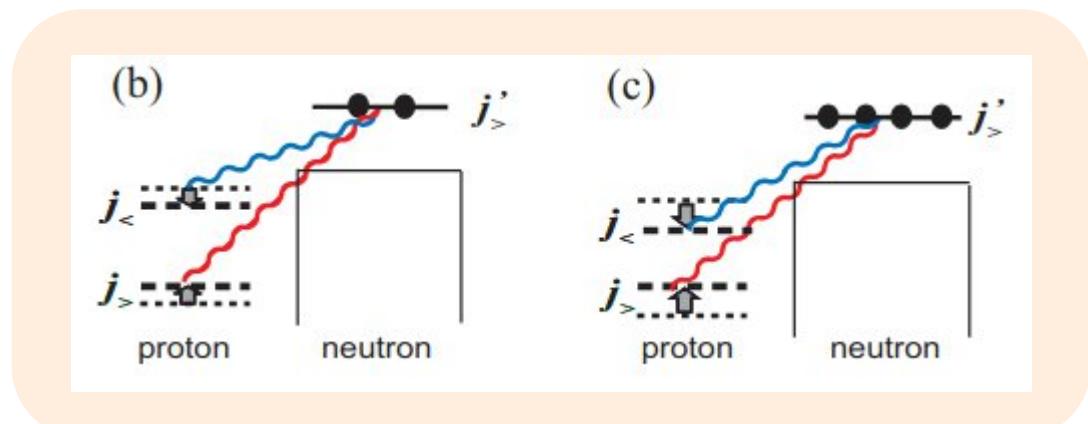
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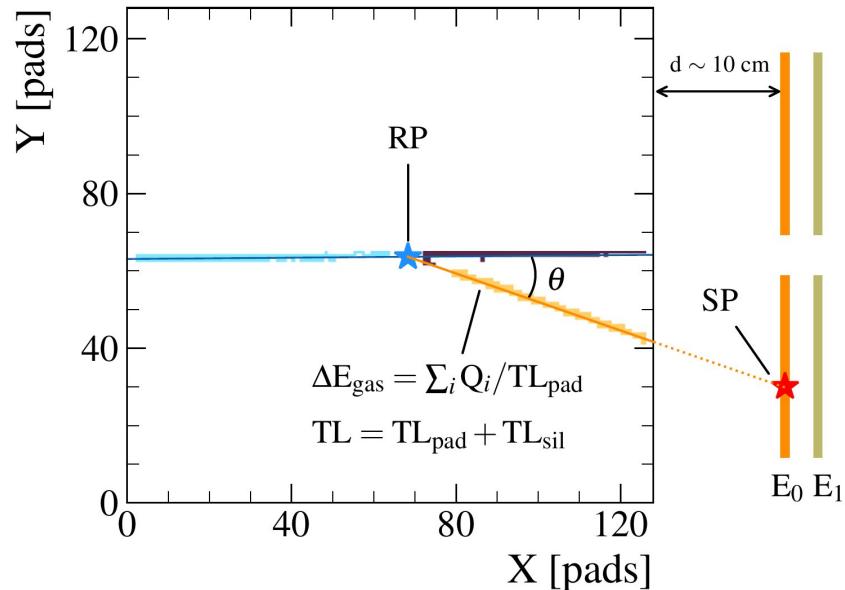
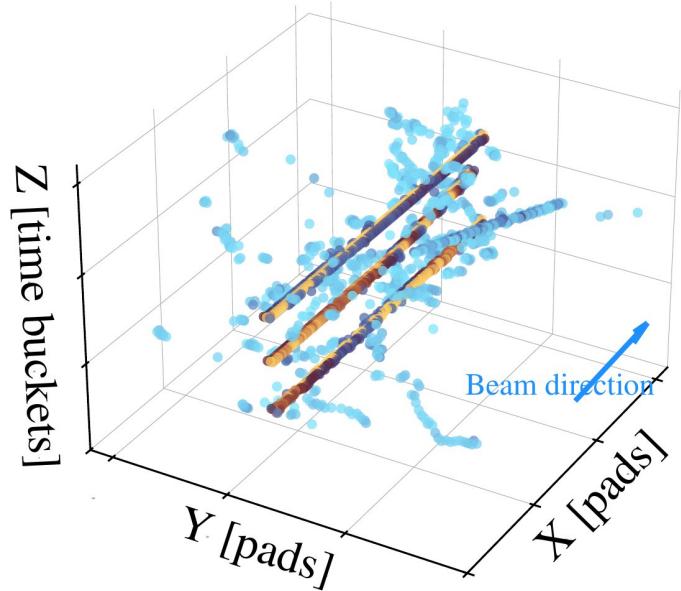
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A window to the analysis

Intricate analysis to extract reactions of interest out of noisy data.



Unique advantages from the TPC:

- Precise **vertex** determination
- Improved ΔE corrections

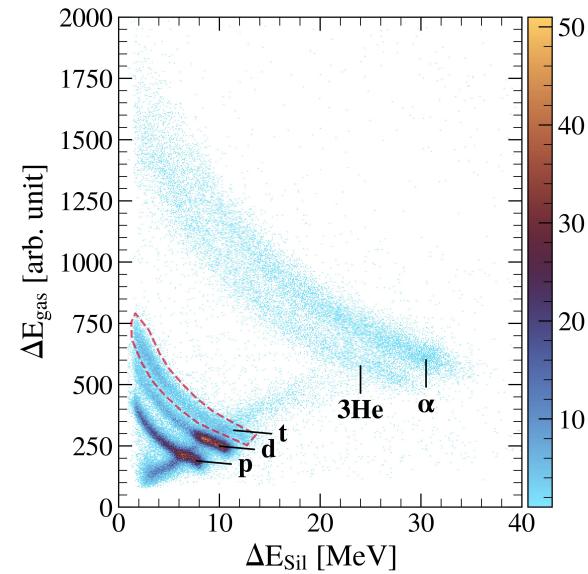
- Factor 10 in target number
- Implicit PID with ΔE_{gas}

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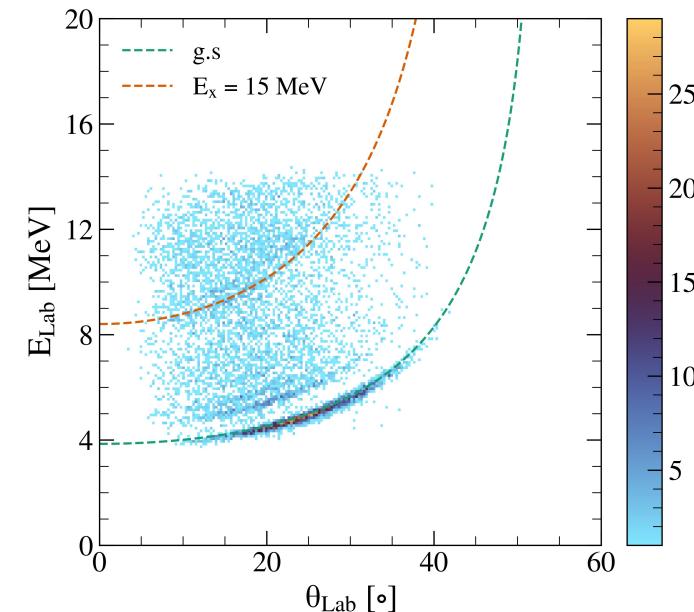
1. PID of tritons by plotting

ΔE_{gas} vs ΔE_{SiI}



Masked punch-through to 2nd front layer

2. E_x reconstructed by the **missing-mass** technique



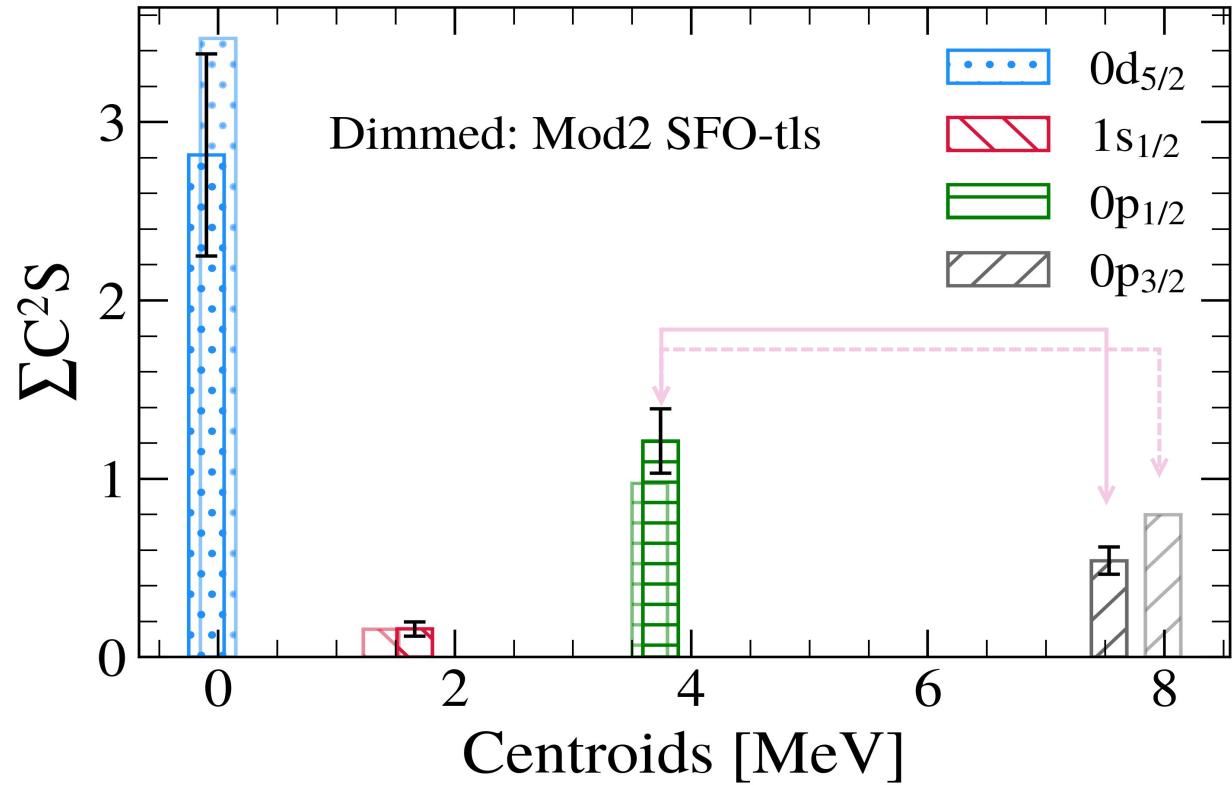
Results: centroids

Modified SFO-tls:

- Excellent agreement for $0d_{5/2}$, $1s_{1/2}$ and $0p_{1/2}$
- $0p_{3/2}$ shifted towards high E_x

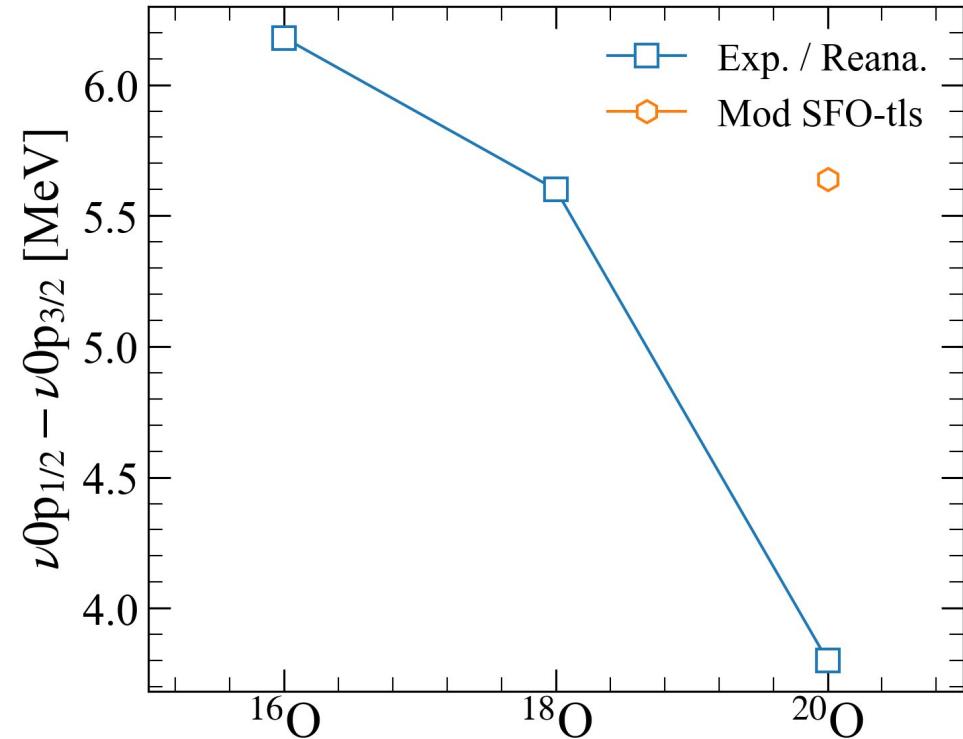
$0p_{1/2}$ – $0p_{3/2}$ SO gap:

- Exp: 3.79(19) MeV
 - Theo: 4.34 MeV
- ⇒ 0.5 MeV difference



Results: gap evolution

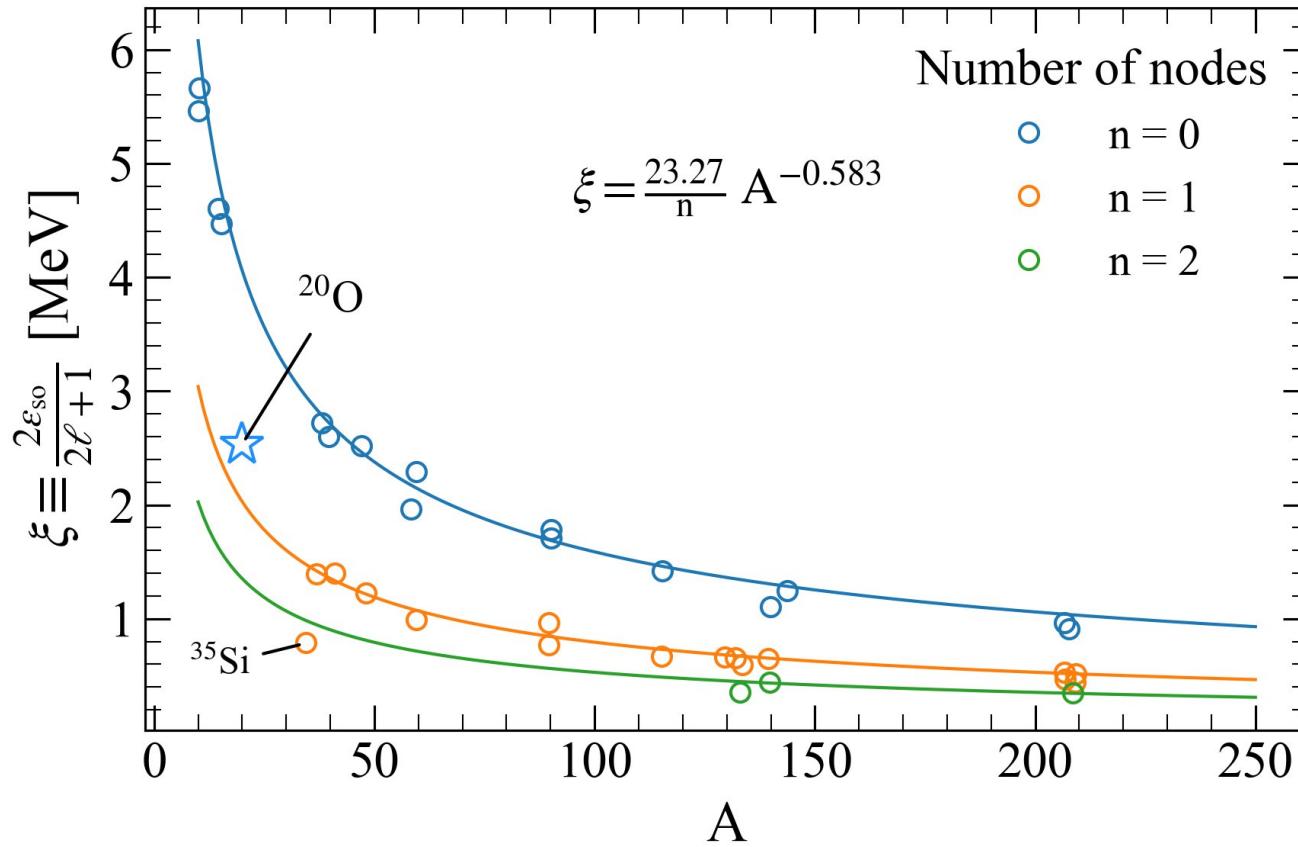
- $^{16}\text{O}(\text{d},\text{t})$: *K. H. Purser et al. NPA 132 (1969)*. No need to reanalyze xs bc there is only one state per nlj; just take the Ex
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- $^{18}\text{O}(\text{d},\text{t})$: *G. Mairle et al. NPA 280 (1977)*. Reanalysis of xs with our OMPs and Fresco. Major discrepancies with their paper
- $^{20}\text{O}(\text{d},\text{t})$: this experiment



We are lacking theo calculations for ^{16}O and ^{18}O

Conclusions

- To be determined



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