

Constraints on the opacity profile of the sun from helioseismic and solar neutrino data

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Outline

- Solar abundances: the solar composition problem and the SSM
- Linear Solar Models: a tool to investigate the solar interior
- Application: what we know about opacity (and metals) in the sun
- Summary and conclusions

The solar composition problem

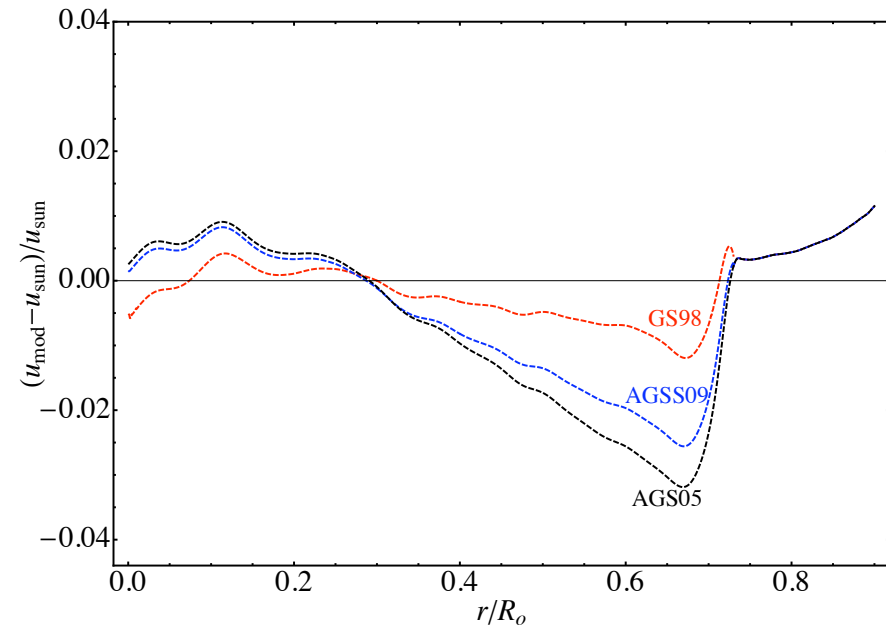
The latest solar photospheric abundances leads to SSMs which do not correctly reproduce helioseismic observables

squared isothermal sound speed

$$u = P/\rho$$

Note that: $c^2 = \gamma u$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} c^2 = \partial P / \partial \rho |_{\text{ad}} \\ \gamma = \partial \ln P / \partial \ln \rho |_{\text{ad}} \end{array} \right.$$



See e.g. Basu & Antia 07

	FRANEC(*)- GS98	FRANEC- AGS05	FRANEC(*)- AGSS09	Helioseismic Values
<u>Photospheric abund.</u>				
$(Z/X)_b$	0.0231	0.0165	0.0181	0.2485 ± 0.0034
Y_b	0.245	0.229	0.232	
<u>Convective Zone</u>				
R_b/R_o	0.716	0.730	0.725	0.715 ± 0.001

(*) Estimated by LSM approach. See Later

Standard Solar Models

Stellar structure equations are solved, starting from a ZAMS model to present solar age (we neglect rotation, magnetic fields, etc.):

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{\partial m}{\partial r} &= 4\pi r^2 \rho \\
 \frac{\partial P}{\partial r} &= -\frac{G_N m}{r^2} \rho \\
 P &= P(\rho, T, X_i) \\
 \frac{\partial l}{\partial r} &= 4\pi r^2 \rho \epsilon(\rho, T, X_i) \\
 \frac{\partial T}{\partial r} &= -\frac{G_N m T \rho}{r^2 P} \nabla
 \end{aligned}
 \quad \nabla = \text{Min}(\nabla_{\text{rad}}, \nabla_{\text{ad}}) \rightarrow \begin{cases} \nabla_{\text{rad}} = \frac{3}{16\pi a c G_N} \frac{\kappa(\rho, T, X_i) l P}{m T^4} \\ \nabla_{\text{ad}} = (d \ln T / d \ln P)_s \simeq 0.4 \end{cases}$$

Chemical evolution driven by nuclear reaction, diffusion and gravitational settling, convection

Standard input physics for equation of states, nuclear reaction rates, opacity, etc.

Free-parameters (**mixing length**, Y_{ini} , Z_{ini}) adjusted to match the observed properties of the Sun (**radius**, **luminosity**, Z/X).

Note that equations are non-linear → Iterative method to determine mixing length, Y_{ini} , Z_{ini}

Metals in the Sun

- Z_{CNO} control the efficiency of CNO cycle

- Metals give a substantial contribution to opacity:

Energy producing region ($R < 0.3 R_{\odot}$)

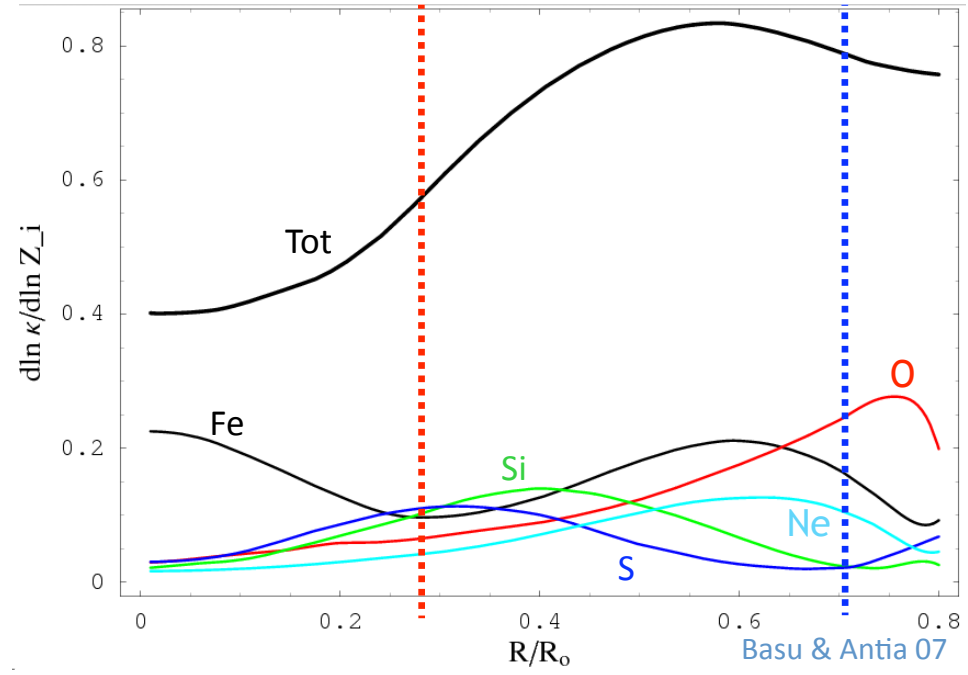
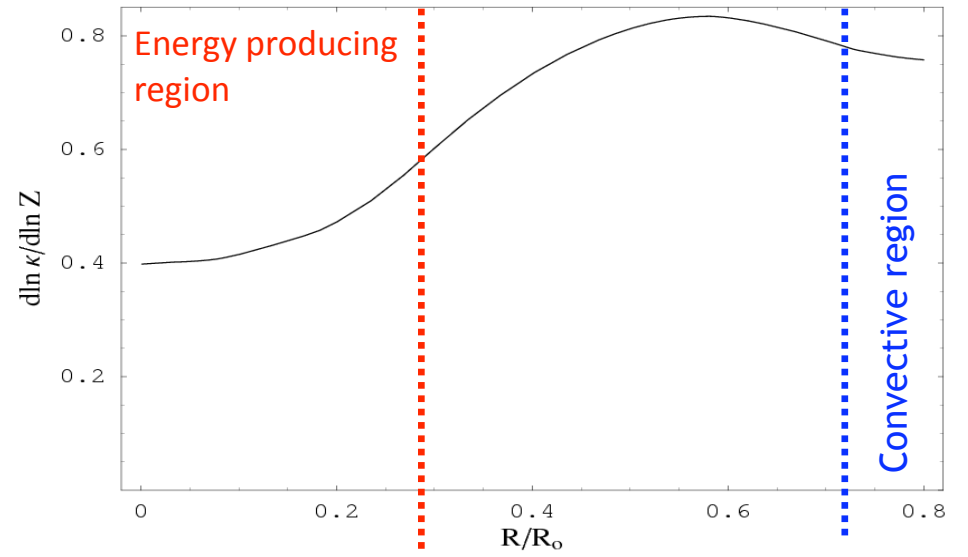
$$\kappa_Z \approx \frac{1}{2} \kappa_{\text{tot}}$$

Fe gives the largest contribution.

Outer radiative region ($0.3 < R < 0.73 R_{\odot}$)

$$\kappa_Z \sim 0.8 \kappa_{\text{tot}}$$

Relevant contributions from several diff. elements (O, Fe, Si, Ne, ...)



To understand metals: ➔ What we know about opacity in the sun?

Linear Solar Models

*F.L. Villante and B. Ricci - **Astrophys.J.714:944-959,2010***

*F.L. Villante - **J.Phys.Conf.Ser.203:012084,2010***

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- The result:

A **linear system of ordinary differential equations** that can be used to study the response of the sun to an arbitrary modification input parameters.

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 System of four linear differential equations in δm , δP , δl , δT

Note that:

EOS: we assumed perfect gas scaling and neglect the role of metals

$$\delta \rho(r) = \delta P(r) - \delta T(r) - P_Y \Delta Y(r)$$

$$P_Y(r) = -\frac{\partial \ln \mu}{\partial Y} = -\frac{5}{8 - 5Y(r) - 6Z(r)}$$

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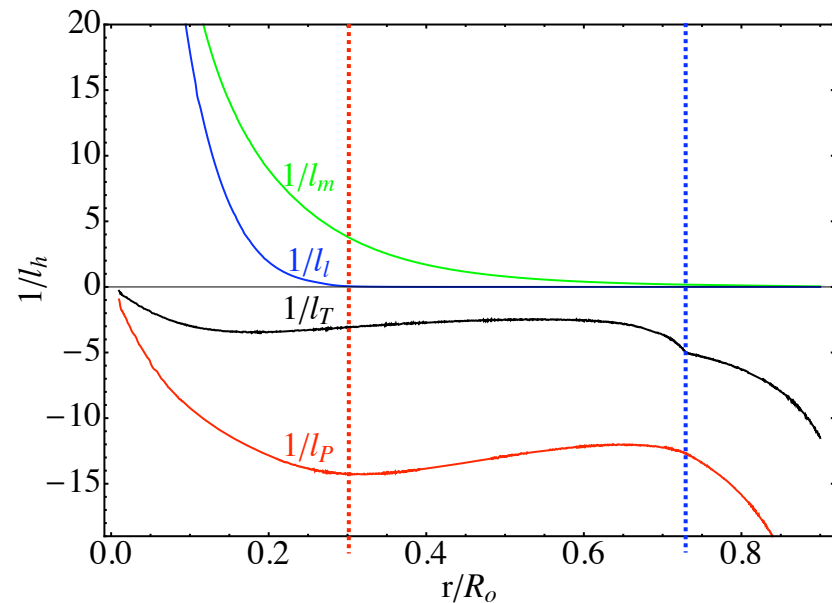
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$\delta \epsilon, \delta \kappa =$ fractional variations of the input params \rightarrow provide the source terms

Inverse scale height of h in SSM

$$l_h = \left[\frac{d \ln(\bar{h})}{dr} \right]^{-1}$$



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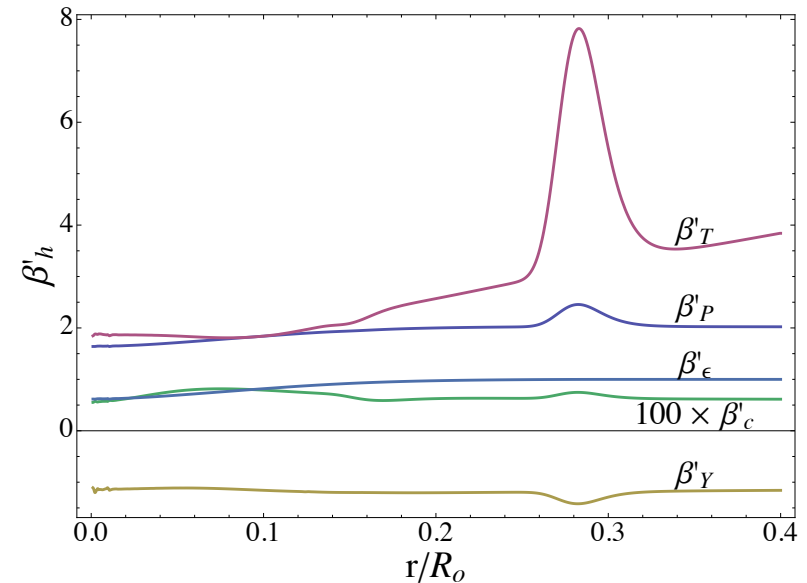
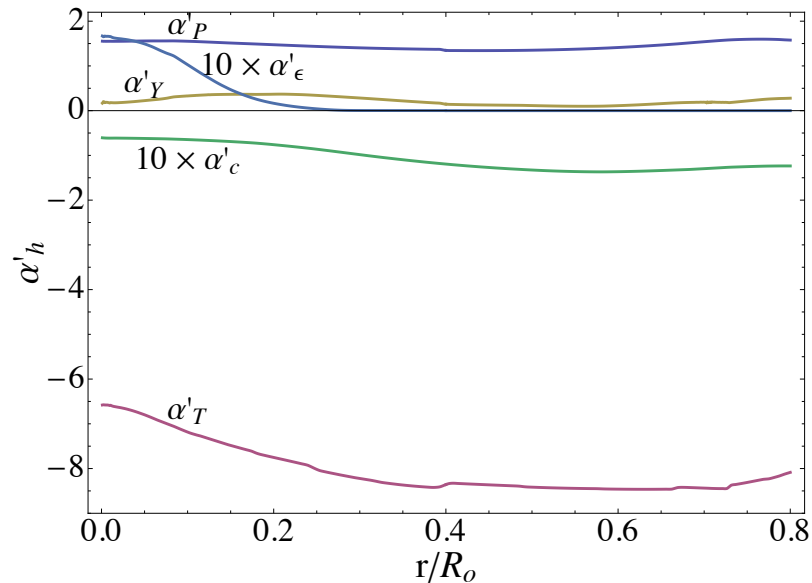
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The coefficients γ_h , β'_h and α'_h describes the response of the plasma (EOS, energy generations and radiative transfer) to variation of structural (δm , δP , δL , δT) and chemical properties.



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To be solved between with the boundary conditions

At the center of the sun ($r = 0$)

$$\delta m = \gamma_{P,0} \delta P_0 + \gamma_{T,0} \delta T_0 + \gamma_{Y,0} \Delta Y_{\text{ini}} + \gamma_{\epsilon,0} \delta \epsilon_0$$

$$\delta P = \delta P_0$$

$$\delta T = \delta T_0$$

$$\delta l = \beta'_{P,0} \delta P_0 + \beta'_{T,0} \delta T_0 + \beta'_{Y,0} \Delta Y_{\text{ini}} + \beta'_{C,0} \delta C + \beta'_{\epsilon,0} \delta \epsilon_0$$

At the convective boundary ($r = \bar{R}_b$)

$$\delta m = -\bar{m}_{\text{conv}} \delta C$$

$$\delta P = \delta C$$

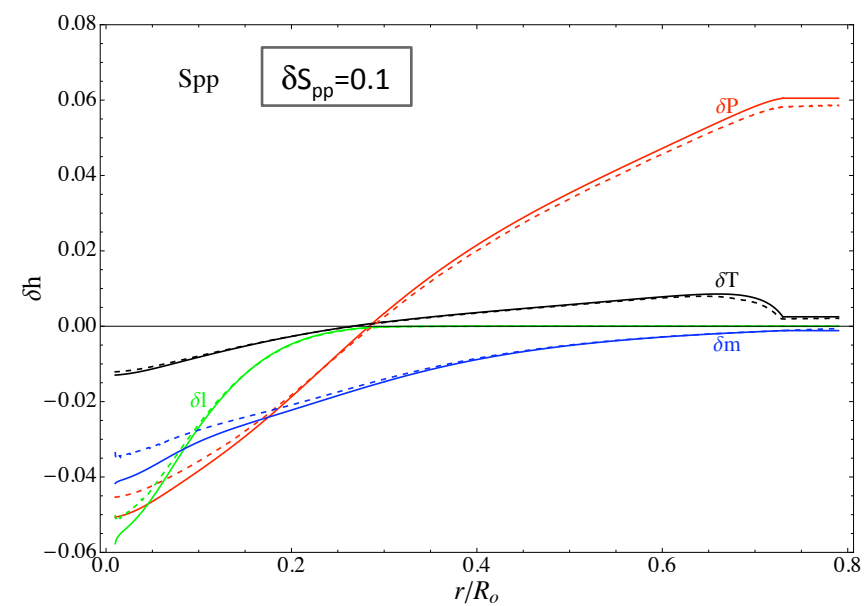
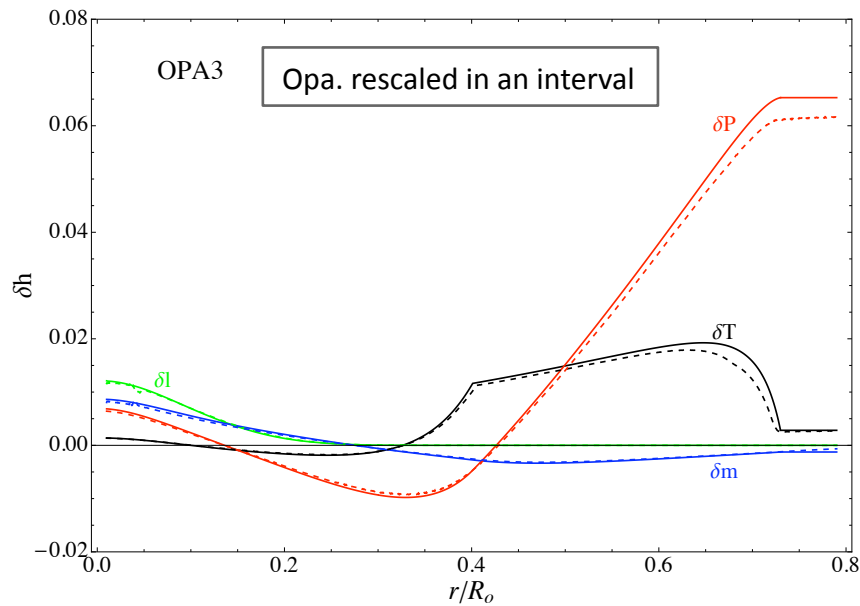
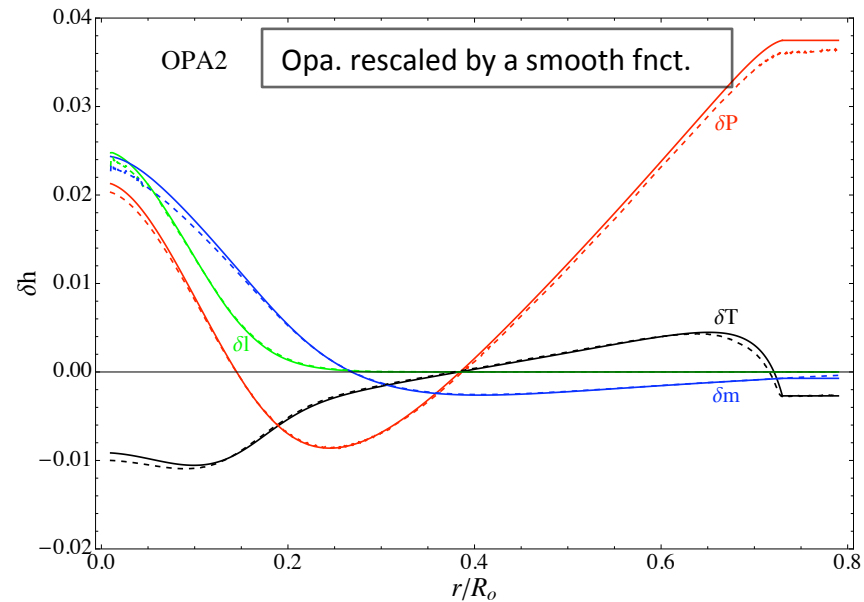
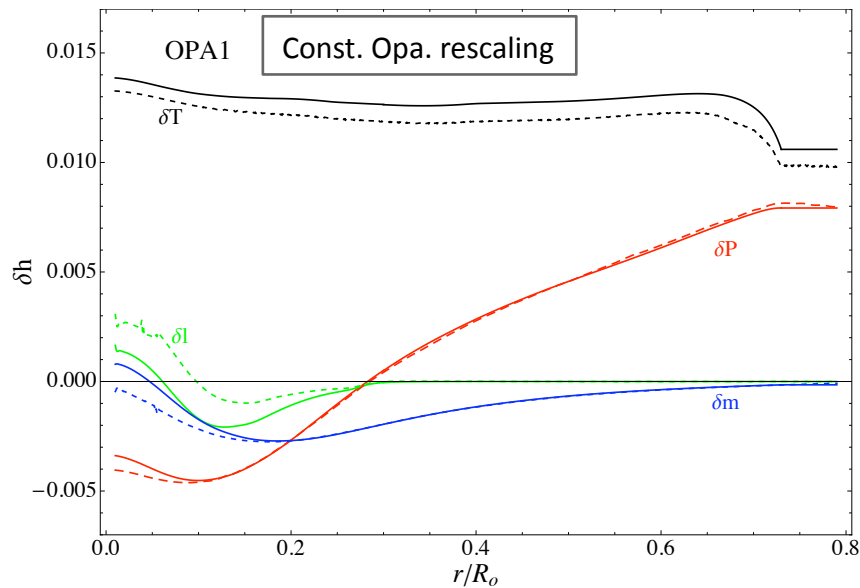
$$\delta T = A'_Y \Delta Y_{\text{ini}} + A'_C \delta C$$

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Univocally determine
the parameters
 $\delta P_0, \delta T_0, \Delta Y_{\text{ini}}, \delta C$

Linear Solar Models – Validation

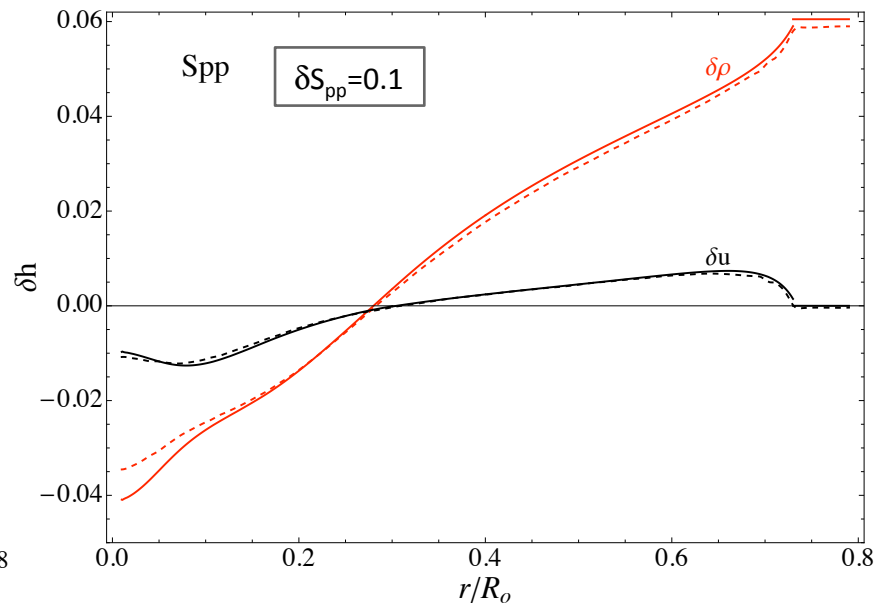
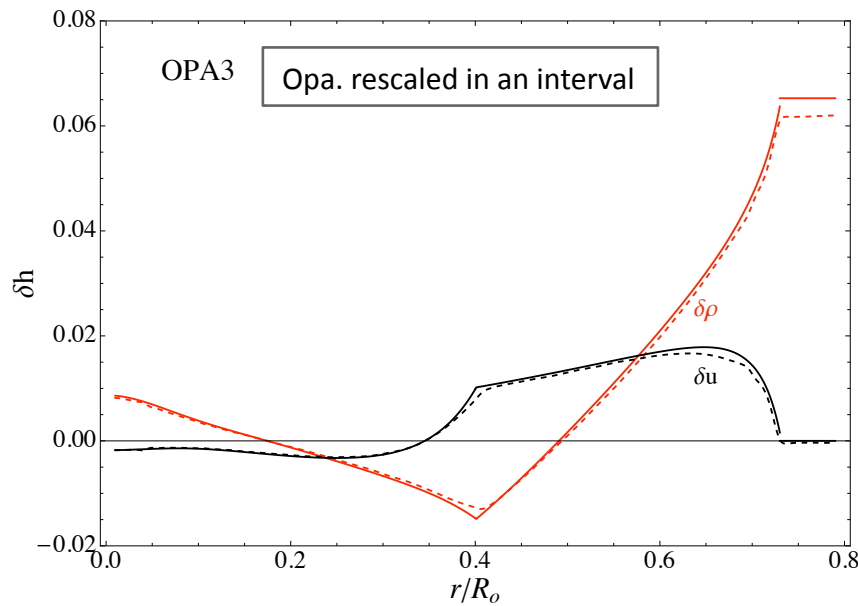
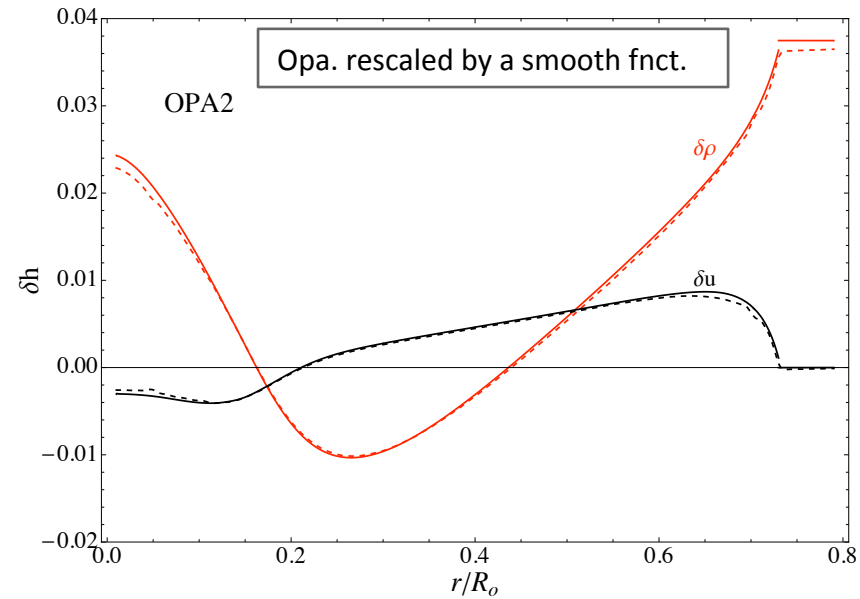
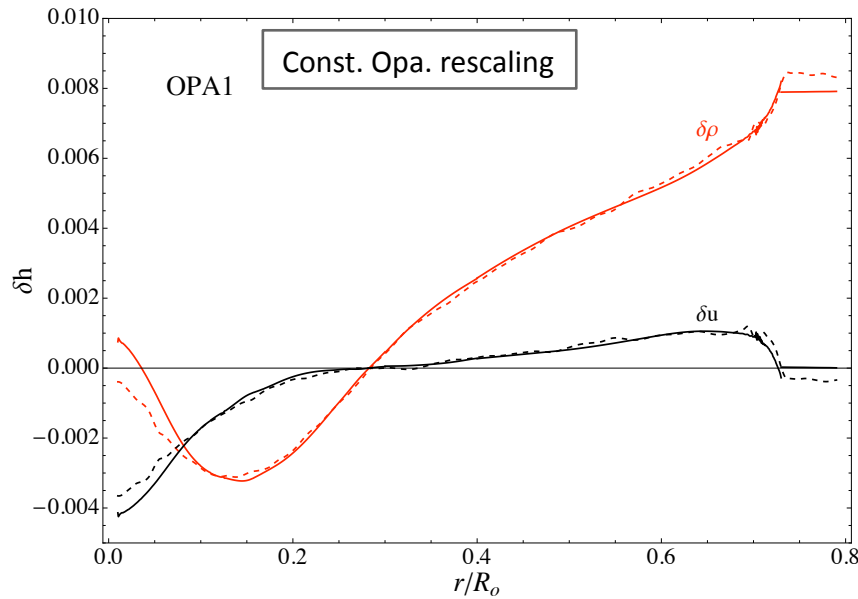
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	OPA1		OPA2		OPA3		Spp	
	SM	LSM	SM	LSM	SM	LSM	SM	LSM
ΔY_b	0.014	0.014	-0.0037	-0.0036	0.0038	0.0038	0.0031	0.0034
δR_b	-0.0020	-0.0020	-0.0067	-0.0070	-0.014	-0.015	-0.0058	-0.0064
$\delta \Phi_{pp}$	-0.011	-0.010	0.0045	0.0052	-0.0020	-0.0011	0.0090	0.0092
$\delta \Phi_{Be}$	0.13	0.13	-0.067	-0.064	0.017	0.016	-0.11	-0.11
$\delta \Phi_B$	0.27	0.27	-0.17	-0.17	0.029	0.028	-0.27	-0.28
$\delta \Phi_N$	0.14	0.14	-0.10	-0.094	0.003	0.004	-0.21	-0.22
$\delta \Phi_O$	0.21	0.22	-0.14	-0.14	0.012	0.012	-0.29	-0.31

Surface helium:

$$\Delta Y_b = A_Y \Delta Y_{ini} + A_C \delta C$$

$$\begin{cases} A_Y = 0.838 \\ A_C = 0.033 \end{cases}$$

Convective radius:

$$\delta R_b = \Gamma_Y \Delta Y_{ini} + \Gamma_C \delta C + \Gamma_\kappa \delta \kappa_b$$

$$\begin{cases} \Gamma_Y = 0.449 \\ \Gamma_C = -0.117 \\ \Gamma_\kappa = -0.085 \end{cases}$$

Neutrino fluxes:

$$\delta \Phi_\nu = \int dr [\phi_{\nu,\rho}(r) \delta \rho(r) + \phi_{\nu,T}(r) \delta T(r) + \phi_{\nu,Y}(r) \Delta Y(r) + \phi_{\nu,Z}(r) \delta Z(r) + \phi_{\nu,Spp}(r) \delta S_{pp}]$$

where:

$$\phi_{\nu,j}(r) = \frac{r^2 \bar{\rho}(r) \bar{n}_\nu(r) n_{\nu,j}(r)}{\int dr r^2 \bar{\rho}(r) \bar{n}_\nu(r)}$$

Opacity (and metals) in the sun

F.L. Villante – ApJ, in press

The relation between opacity and metals

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\delta m}{dr} &= \frac{1}{l_m} [\gamma_P \delta P + \gamma_T \delta T - \delta m + \gamma_Y \Delta Y_{\text{ini}}] \\ \frac{d\delta P}{dr} &= \frac{1}{l_P} [(\gamma_P - 1) \delta P + \gamma_T \delta T + \delta m + \gamma_Y \Delta Y_{\text{ini}}] \\ \frac{d\delta l}{dr} &= \frac{1}{l_l} [\beta'_P \delta P + \beta'_T \delta T - \delta l + \beta'_Y \Delta Y_{\text{ini}} + \beta'_C \delta C] \\ \frac{d\delta T}{dr} &= \frac{1}{l_T} [\alpha'_P \delta P + \alpha'_T \delta T + \delta l + \alpha'_Y \Delta Y_{\text{ini}} + \alpha'_C \delta C + \delta \kappa] \end{aligned}$$

The source term that is responsible for the modification of the sun (and that can be bounded from obs. data) is :

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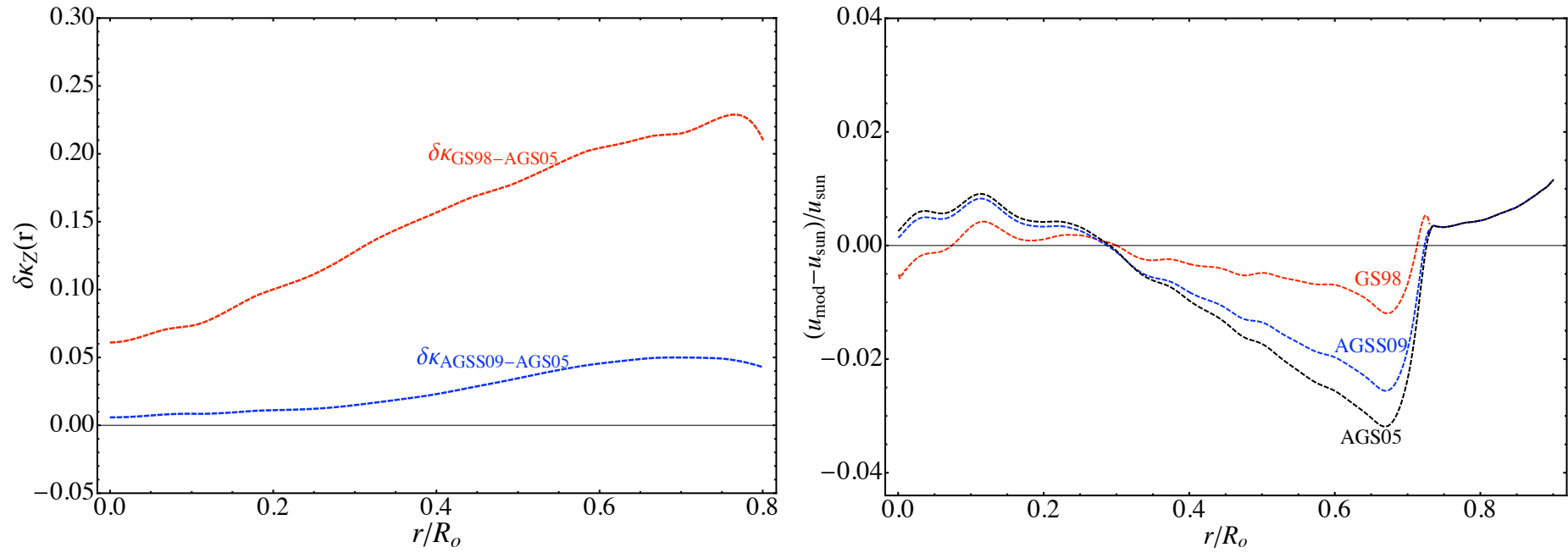
Intrinsic opacity change

$$\delta \kappa_I(r) = \frac{\kappa(\bar{\rho}(r), \bar{T}(r), \bar{Y}(r), \bar{Z}_i(r))}{\bar{\kappa}(\bar{\rho}(r), \bar{T}(r), \bar{Y}(r), \bar{Z}_i(r))} - 1$$

Composition opacity change

$$\delta \kappa_Z(r) = \frac{\bar{\kappa}(\bar{\rho}(r), \bar{T}(r), \bar{Y}(r), Z_i(r))}{\bar{\kappa}(\bar{\rho}(r), \bar{T}(r), \bar{Y}(r), \bar{Z}_i(r))} - 1$$

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$$\delta z_i = \frac{(Z_{i,b}/X_b) - (\bar{Z}_{i,b}/\bar{X}_b)}{(\bar{Z}_{i,b}/\bar{X}_b)}$$

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We calculate numerically the **kernel $K_Q(r)$** by considering **localised increase** of opacity in LSM:

$$\delta\kappa(r) = G(r - r_0) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\delta r} \exp\left[-\frac{(r - r_0)^2}{2\delta r^2}\right]$$

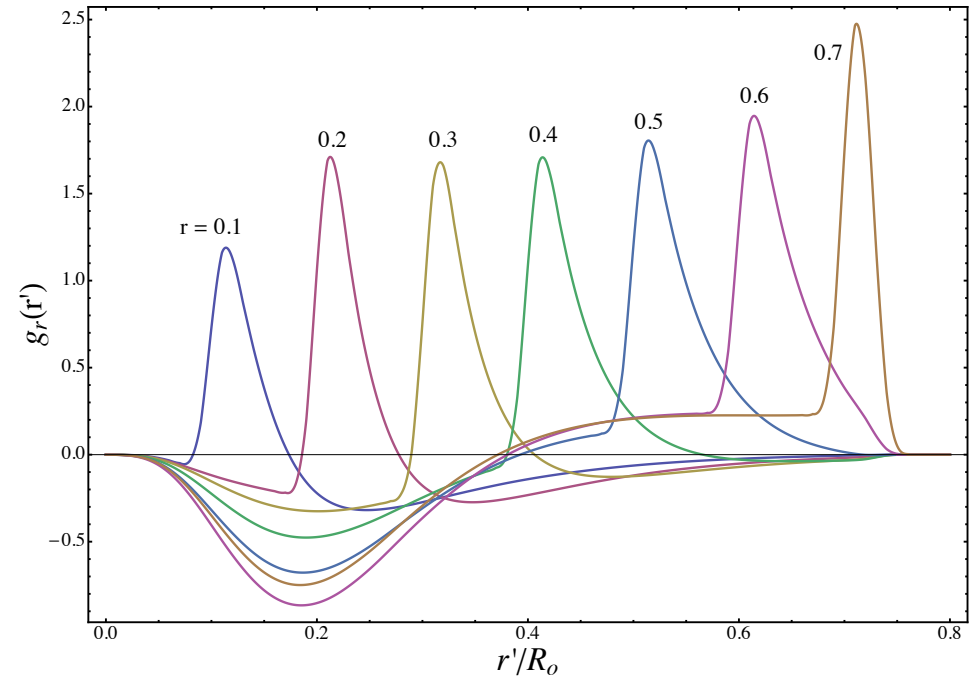
($\delta r = 0.01R_\odot$)

The obtained results are adequate to describe all the situations in which opacity varies on scales larger the $\delta r = 0.01 R_\odot$

$$\delta Q(r_0) = \int dr K_Q(r) G(r - r_0) \simeq K_Q(r_0)$$

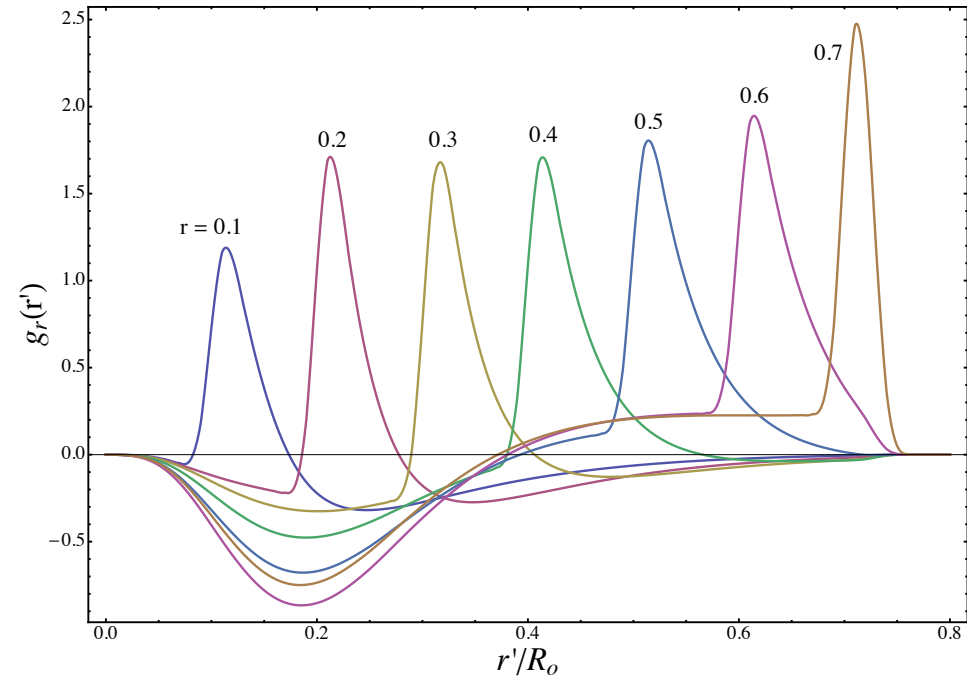
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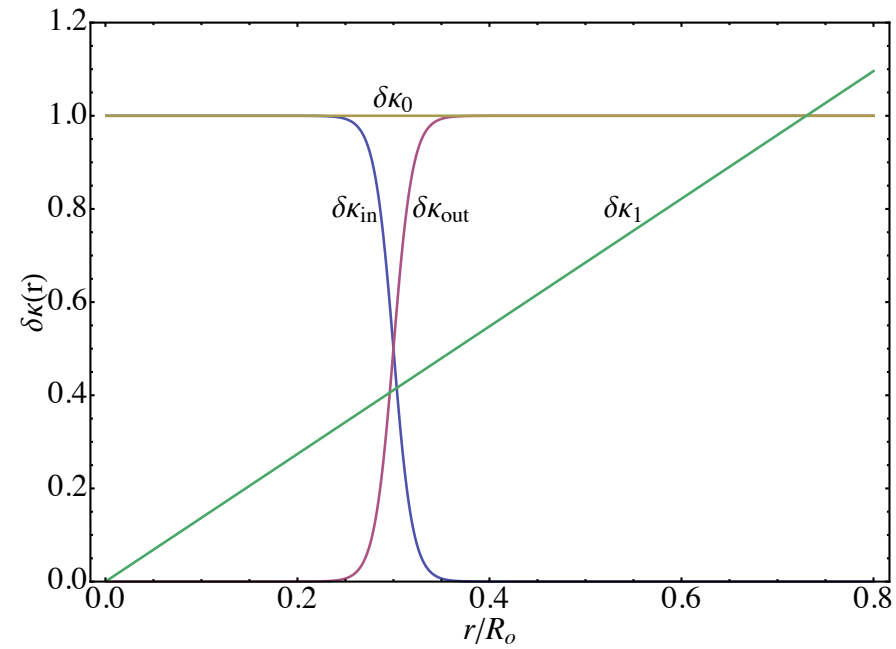


The kernels are not positive definite \rightarrow compensating effects can occur ...

$$\delta u_0(r) = \int dr' K_u(r, r') \simeq 0$$

The sound speed is *insensitive to a global rescaling of opacity*

Useful parameterizations for $\delta\kappa(r)$



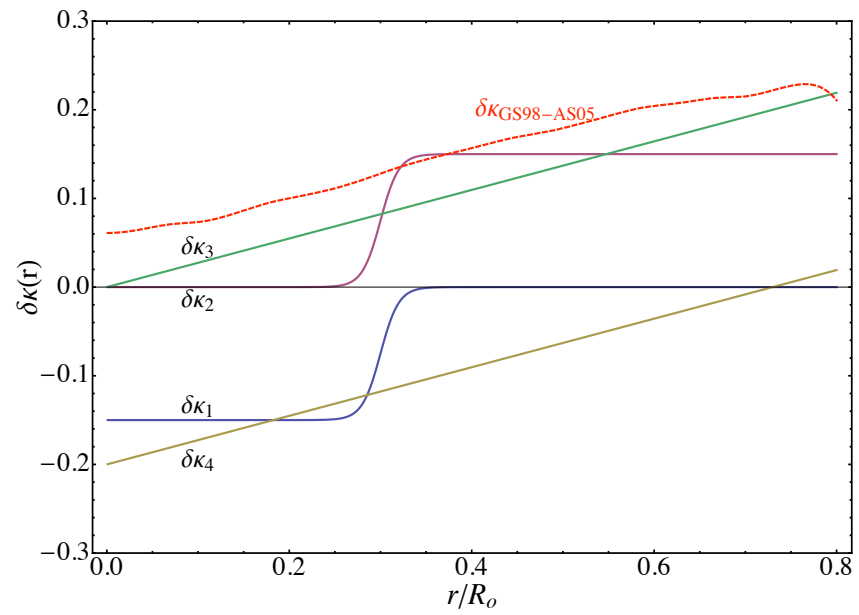
Two zones:

$$\delta\kappa(r) = A_{\text{in}} \delta\kappa_{\text{in}}(r) + A_{\text{out}} \delta\kappa_{\text{out}}(r)$$

Linear tilt:

$$\delta\kappa(r) = A_0 \delta\kappa_0(r) + A_1 \delta\kappa_1(r) = A_0 + A_1 (r/\bar{R}_b)$$

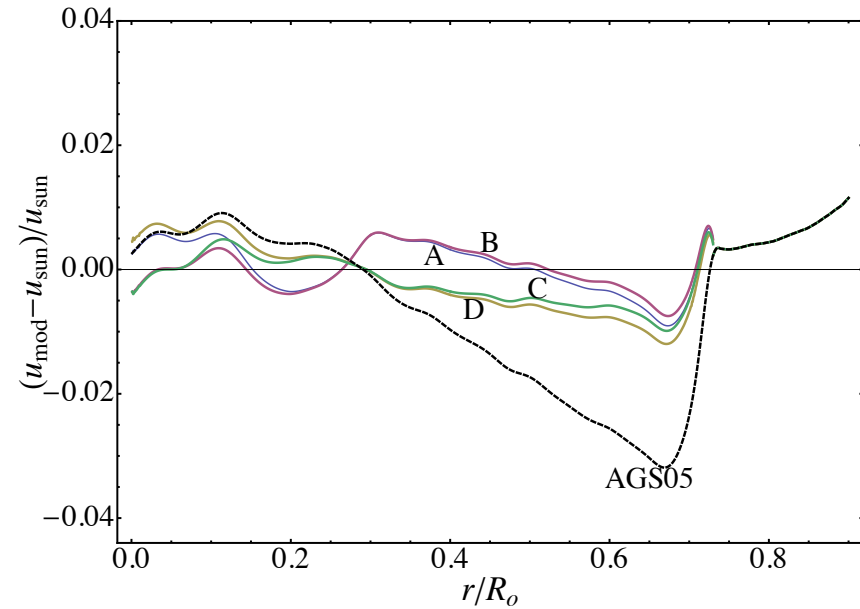
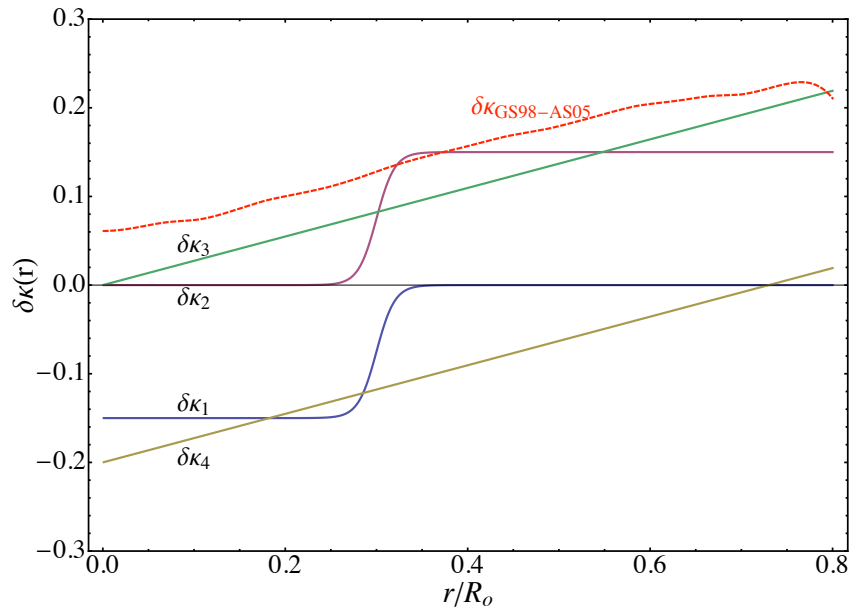
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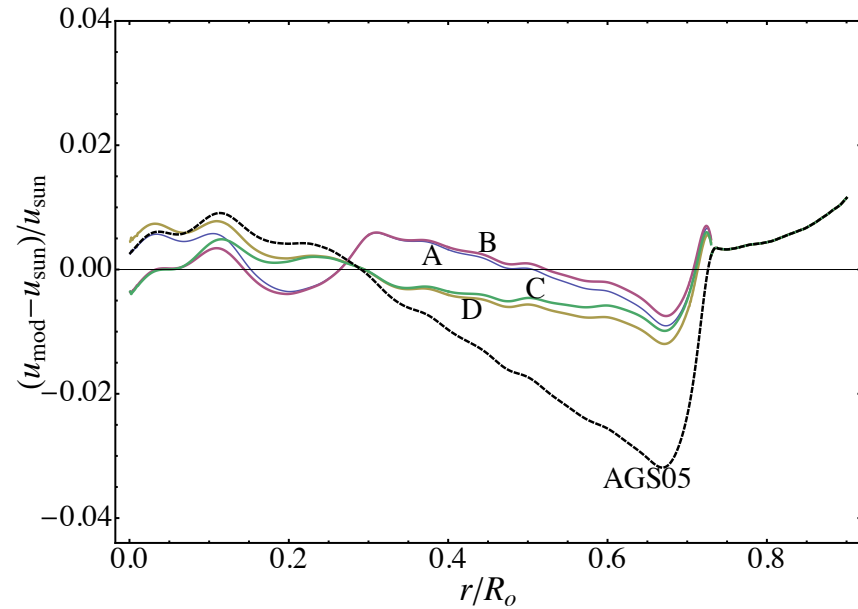
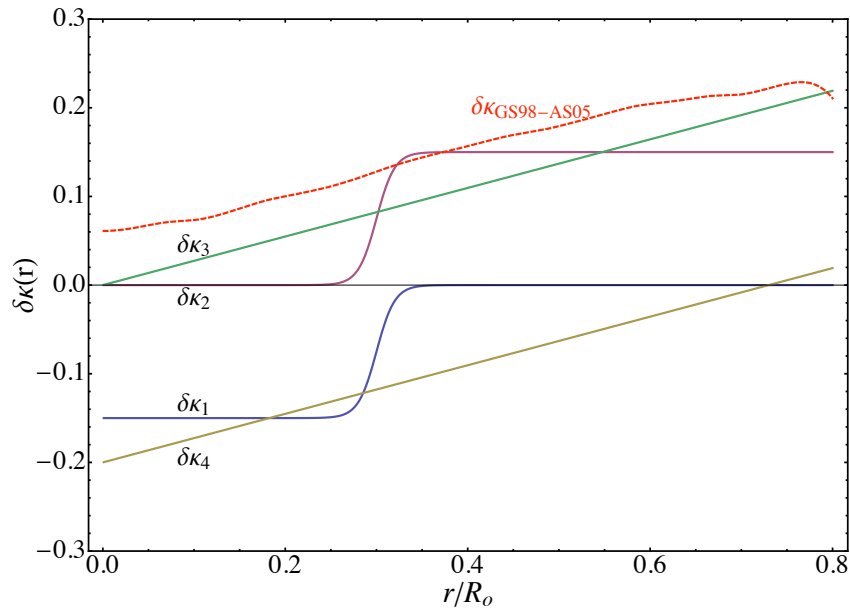
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?? Few GeV WIMPs in the core??

Villante@Physun08 and TAUP09

Frandsen talk later

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The “stability” of sound speed ...

Schematically, we can note that:

$$\frac{GMm_u}{R} \sim \frac{k_B T}{\mu} = \frac{P}{\rho} = u$$

Virial theorem



This quantity is fixed for the Sun

In a “normal star”, opacity determine luminosity:

$$L \sim \frac{E_\gamma}{t_{diff}} = \frac{M^3 \mu^4}{\kappa}$$

In the sun:

To keep L constant, we have to vary helium abundace.

An **increase** of Y implies a **decrease** of κ and an **increase** of μ).

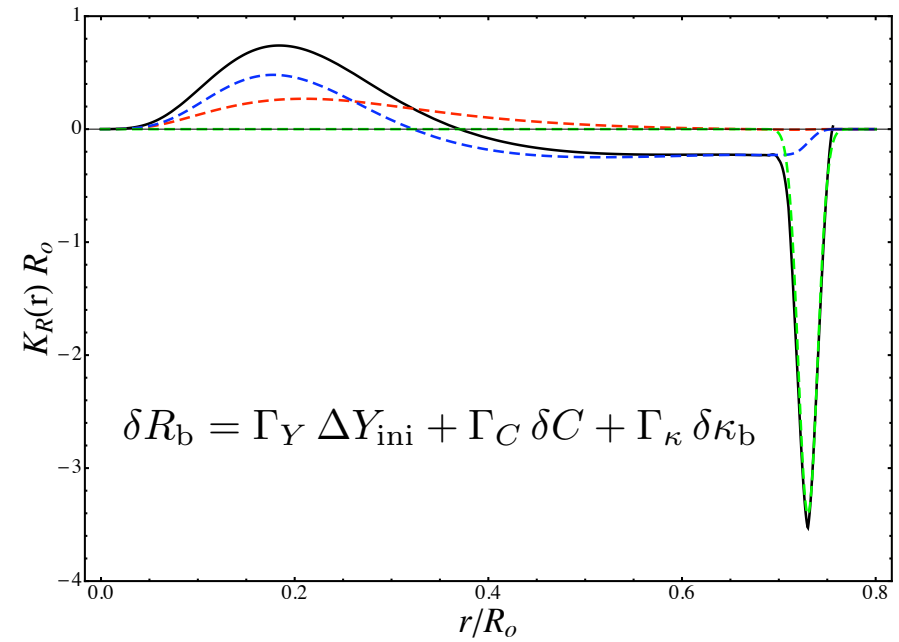
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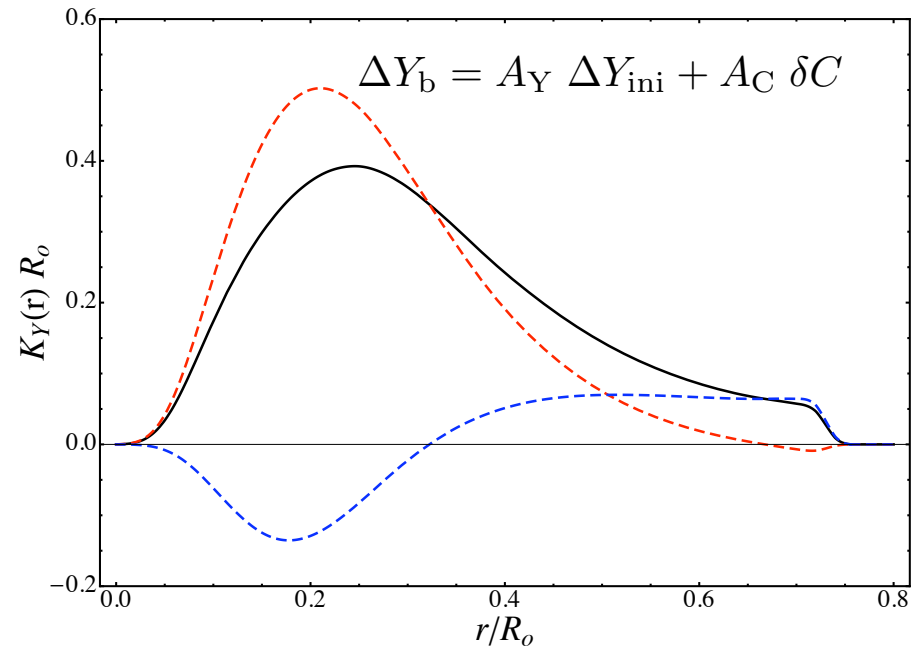
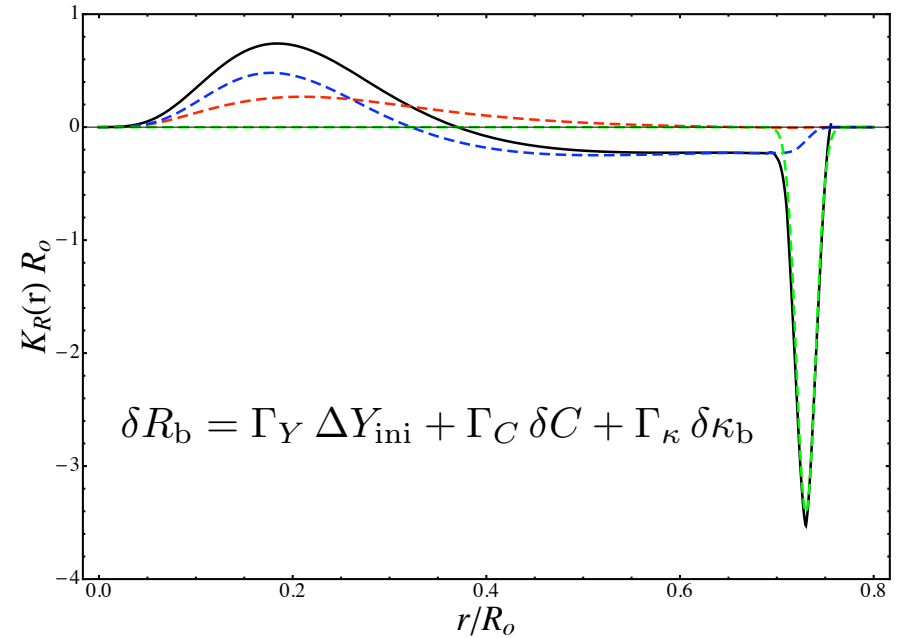
$$\Delta Y_b = \int dr K_Y(r) \delta \kappa(r)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta Y_b &= 0.073 A_{\text{in}} + 0.069 A_{\text{out}} \\ &\simeq 0.07 (A_{\text{in}} + A_{\text{out}}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Delta Y_b = 0.142 A_0 + 0.062 A_1$$

To reproduce helioseismic results:

$$A_{\text{in}} = 0.07 \pm 0.04 \quad A_{\text{out}} = 0.21 \pm 0.04$$



A model independent relation for $\delta\kappa_b$

We have that:

$$\Delta Y_b = A_Y \Delta Y_{ini} + A_C \delta C$$

$$\delta R_b = \Gamma_Y \Delta Y_{ini} + \Gamma_C \delta C + \Gamma_\kappa \delta\kappa_b$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} A_Y = 0.838 \\ A_C = 0.033 \\ \Gamma_Y = 0.449 \\ \Gamma_C = -0.117 \\ \Gamma_\kappa = -0.085 \end{array} \right.$$

Remember that: $\delta C = \delta P_b = \delta\rho_b$

We eliminate ΔY_{ini} from equations and obtain:

$$\delta\kappa_b = C_Y \Delta Y_b + C_R \delta R_b + C_\rho \delta\rho_b$$

Model independent:

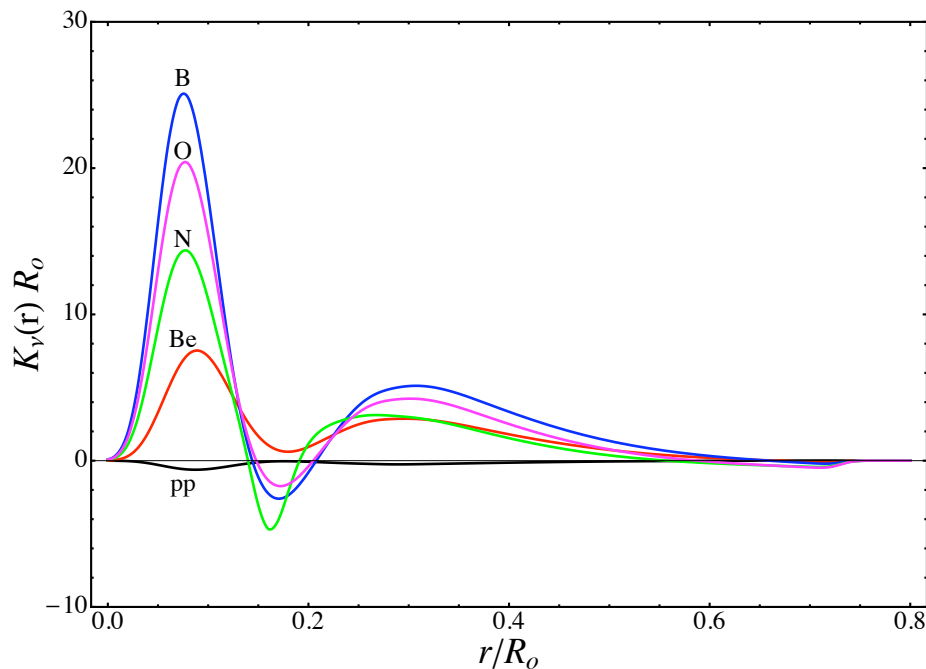
no parametrization for $\delta\kappa(r)$ is needed

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} C_Y = -\frac{\Gamma_Y}{A_Y \Gamma_\kappa} = 6.27 \\ C_R = \frac{1}{\Gamma_\kappa} = -11.71 \\ C_\rho = \frac{1}{\Gamma_\kappa} \left[\frac{A_C \Gamma_Y}{A_Y} - \Gamma_C \right] = -1.58 \end{array} \right.$$

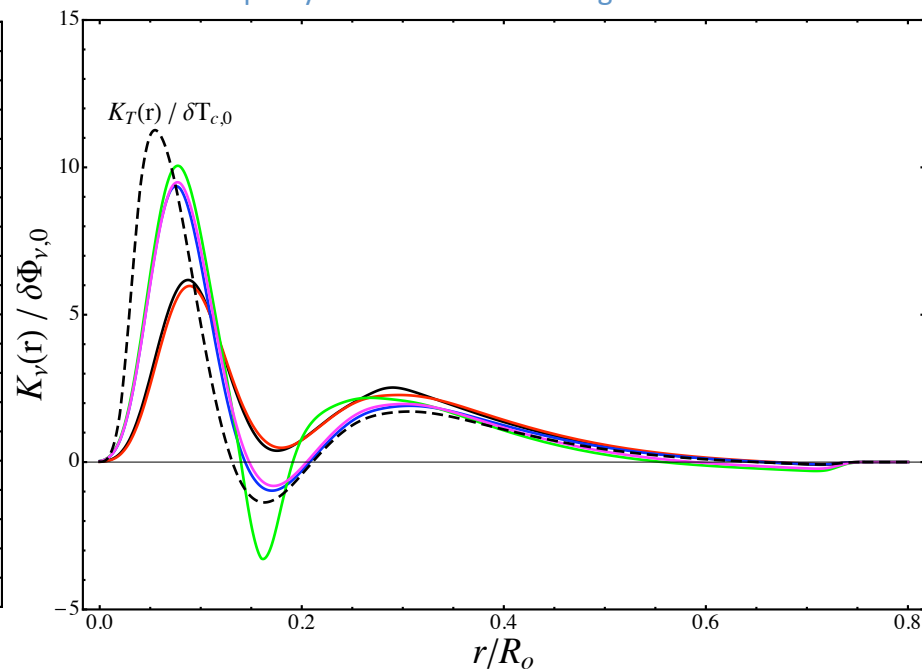
By using $\delta R_b = -0.0205 \pm 0.0015$, $\Delta Y_b = 0.0195 \pm 0.0034$ and $\delta\rho_b = 0.08$:

$$\delta\kappa_b \simeq 0.24 \pm 0.03$$

Neutrino Fluxes



See also Tripathy and Christensen-Dalsgaard 98



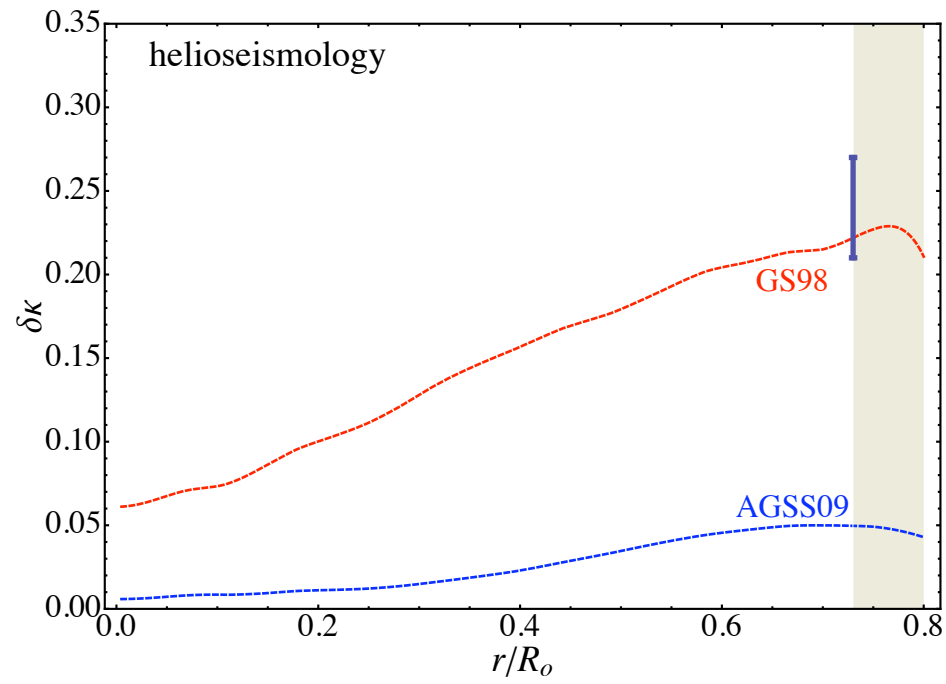
$$\delta\Phi_\nu = \int dr K_\nu(r) \delta\kappa(r)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \delta\Phi_\nu &= A_{\text{in}} \delta\Phi_{\nu,\text{in}} + A_{\text{out}} \delta\Phi_{\nu,\text{out}} \\ &\simeq (\xi A_{\text{in}} + A_{\text{out}}) \delta\Phi_{\nu,\text{in}} \quad \left[\xi \sim 2 \rightarrow 3 \right] \end{aligned}$$

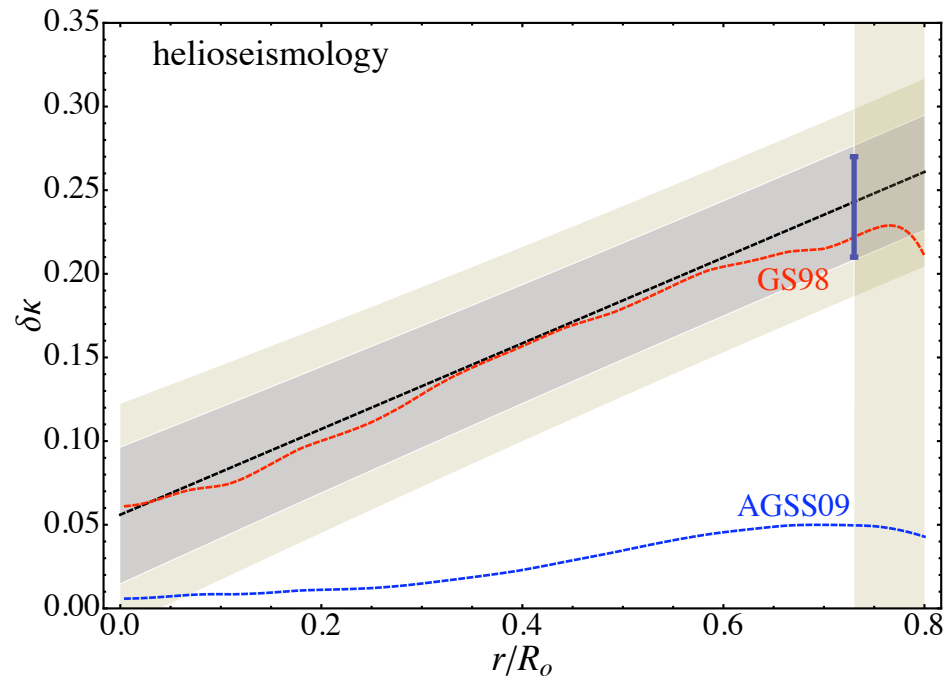
$$\delta\Phi_\nu = A_0 \delta\Phi_{\nu,0} + A_1 \delta\Phi_{\nu,1}$$

$\delta\Phi_\nu$	$\delta\Phi_{\nu,\text{in}}$	$\delta\Phi_{\nu,\text{out}}$	$\delta\Phi_{\nu,0}$	$\delta\Phi_{\nu,1}$
$\delta\Phi_{\text{pp}}$	-0.069	-0.031	-0.100	-0.030
$\delta\Phi_{\text{Be}}$	0.85	0.41	1.26	0.38
$\delta\Phi_{\text{B}}$	1.93	0.75	2.68	0.68
$\delta\Phi_{\text{O}}$	1.65	0.50	2.15	0.48
$\delta\Phi_{\text{N}}$	1.14	0.28	1.43	0.30

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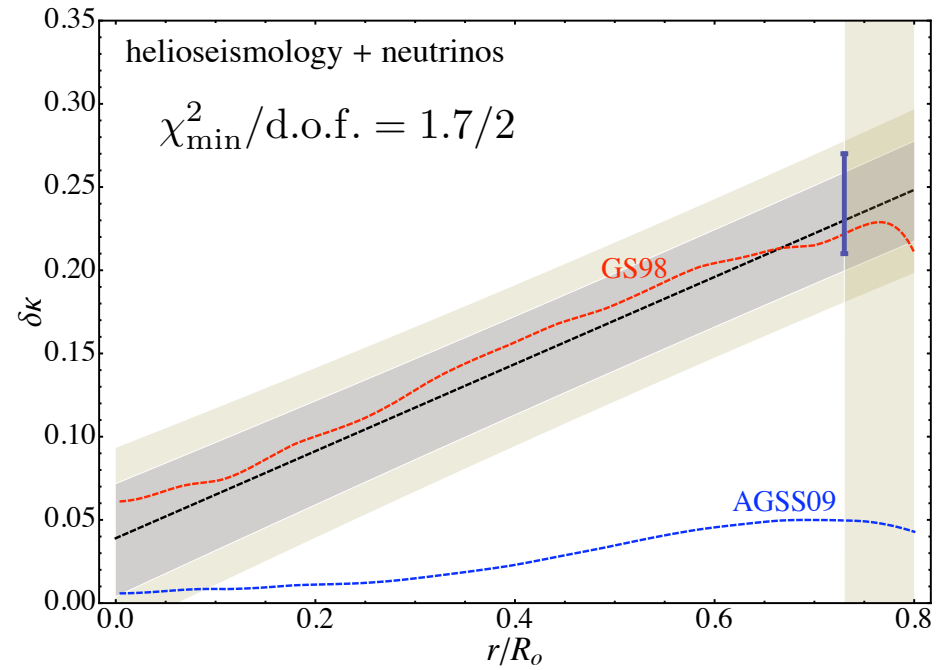
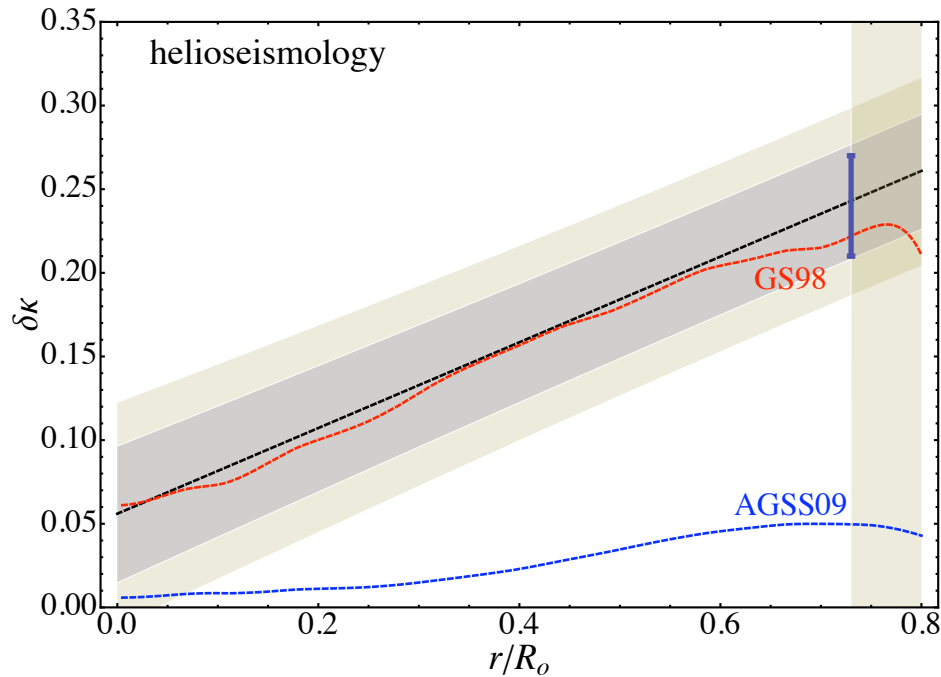
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SNO 2002, 2005, 2008

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Borexino 2008

AGS05 predictions

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$$\bar{R}_b = 0.730 R_\odot$$

$$\bar{\Phi}_B = (4.66 \pm 0.42) \times 10^6 \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

$$\bar{\Phi}_{Be} = (4.54 \pm 0.23) \times 10^9 \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

v-fluxes from Serenelli 09 – (error estimate sdo not include opa and metals)

Summary and conclusions

- **Linear Solar Models**: a simple and accurate tool to investigate the sun interior
- **Application**: analysis of the role of opacity (and metals) in the sun
- **Sound speed and convective radius**: sensitive to differential opacity variations
- **Helium and neutrinos**: sensitive to overall opacity rescaling and, in particular, to opacity of the inner radiative region.
- Nice **complementarity** between different observational data.
- The opacity changes required to fit **helioseismic and solar neutrino** data seem large with respect to current opacity (and composition) uncertainties.
- Hopefully, **future neutrino flux** measurements (Be, CNO, pep) will provide additional clues for the solar composition puzzle.

Additional Slides

Linear Solar Models

- SSMs provide a **good approximation** of the real sun. Small modifications are likely to explain disagreement with helioseismology.
- We can **expand linearly** the solar models around the SSM and calculate:

$$\delta(\text{output}) = \mathbf{L} [\delta(\text{input})]$$

$$\delta(\text{input}) = \delta\kappa(r), \delta\epsilon(r), \delta(\text{composition}), \dots$$

$$\delta(\text{output}) = \delta u(r), \delta R_b, \Delta Y_b, \delta\Phi_\nu, \dots$$

- A tool to investigate the solar interior (accessible also to non SSM builders)
- It can help to understand the origin of discrepancy with helioseismic data or to describe new effects.

Linear Solar Models – Structure equations

We write:

$$\begin{aligned} h(r) &= \bar{h}(r)[1 + \delta h(r)] & h = l, m, \rho, P, T \\ X_i(r) &= \bar{X}_i(r)[1 + \delta X_i(r)] \\ Y(r) &= \bar{Y}(r) + \Delta Y(r) \end{aligned}$$

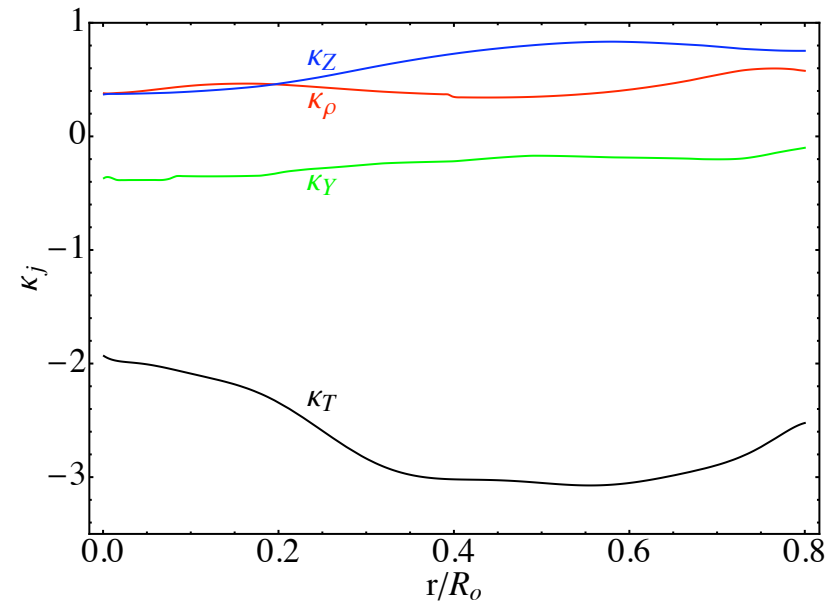
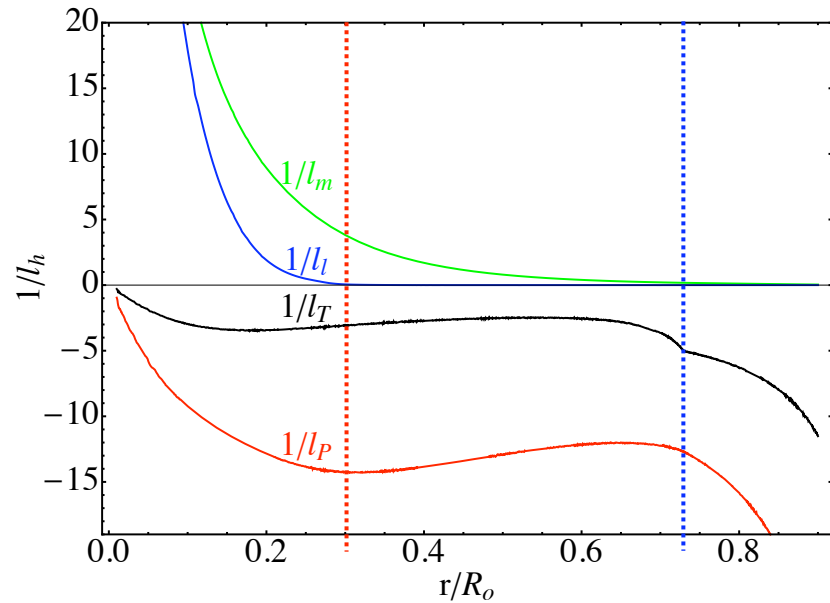
where $\bar{h}(r)$, $\bar{X}_i(r)$ are the SSMs predicted values.

We then **expand structure eqs.** to **first order** in perturbations:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \delta m}{\partial r} &= \frac{1}{l_m} [\delta \rho - \delta m] \\ \frac{\partial \delta P}{\partial r} &= \frac{1}{l_P} [\delta m + \delta \rho - \delta P] \\ \delta P &= [P_\rho \delta \rho + P_T \delta T + P_Y \Delta Y + \sum_i P_i \delta X_i] \\ \frac{\partial \delta l}{\partial r} &= \frac{1}{l_l} [(1 + \epsilon_\rho) \delta \rho + \epsilon_T \delta T + \epsilon_Y \Delta Y + \sum_i \epsilon_i \delta X_i - \delta l + \delta \epsilon] \\ \left\{ \begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \delta T}{\partial r} &= \frac{1}{l_T} [\delta l + (\kappa_T - 4) \delta T + (\kappa_\rho + 1) \delta \rho + \kappa_Y \Delta Y + \sum_i \kappa_i \delta X_i + \delta \kappa] && \text{Rad.} \\ \frac{\partial \delta T}{\partial r} &= \frac{1}{l_T} [\delta m + \delta \rho - \delta P] && \text{Conv.} \end{aligned} \right. \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{where } l_h = \left[\frac{d \ln(\bar{h})}{dr} \right]^{-1} \quad \text{and} \quad P_h = \left[\frac{d \ln(P)}{d \ln(h)} \right], \quad \epsilon_h = \left[\frac{d \ln(\epsilon)}{d \ln(h)} \right], \quad \kappa_h = \left[\frac{d \ln(\kappa)}{d \ln(h)} \right]$$

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Linear Solar Models – Simplifications

EOS: we assume perfect gas scaling and neglect the role of metals

$$\delta\rho(r) = \delta P(r) - \delta T(r) - P_Y \Delta Y(r) \qquad P_Y(r) = -\frac{\partial \ln \mu}{\partial Y} = -\frac{5}{8 - 5Y(r) - 6Z(r)}$$

We eliminate density from equations, obtaining:

$$\frac{d\delta m}{dr} = \frac{1}{l_m} [\delta P - \delta T - \delta m - P_Y \Delta Y]$$

$$\frac{d\delta P}{dr} = \frac{1}{l_P} [-\delta T + \delta m - P_Y \Delta Y]$$

$$\frac{d\delta l}{dr} = \frac{1}{l_l} \left[\beta_P \delta P + \beta_T \delta T - \delta l + \beta_Y \Delta Y + \sum_i \beta_i \delta Z_i + \delta \epsilon \right]$$

$$\frac{d\delta T}{dr} = \frac{1}{l_T} \left[\alpha_P \delta P + \alpha_T \delta T + \delta l + \alpha_Y \Delta Y + \sum_i \alpha_i \delta Z_i + \delta \kappa \right] \qquad \text{Rad.}$$

$$\frac{d\delta T}{dr} = \frac{1}{l_T} [-\delta T + \delta m - P_Y \Delta Y] \qquad \text{Conv.}$$

with:

$$\begin{array}{llll} \alpha_P = \kappa_\rho + 1 & \alpha_T = \kappa_T - \kappa_\rho - 5 & \alpha_Y = -(\kappa_\rho + 1)P_Y + \kappa_Y & \alpha_i = \partial \ln \kappa / \partial \ln Z_i \\ \beta_P = \epsilon_\rho + 1 & \beta_T = \epsilon_T - \epsilon_\rho - 1 & \beta_Y = -(\epsilon_\rho + 1)P_Y + \epsilon_Y & \beta_i = \partial \ln \epsilon / \partial \ln Z_i \end{array}$$

Linear Solar Models – Boundary conditions

Central conditions (r=0):

$$\begin{array}{l}
 m(0) = 0 \\
 l(0) = 0
 \end{array}
 \longrightarrow
 \begin{array}{l}
 \delta m(0) = \delta P_0 - \delta T_0 - P_{Y,0} \Delta Y_0 \\
 \delta P(0) = \delta P_0 \\
 \delta T(0) = \delta T_0 \\
 \delta l(0) = \beta_{P,0} \delta P_0 + \beta_{T,0} \delta T_0 + \beta_{Y,0} \Delta Y_0 + \sum_i \beta_{i,0} \delta Z_{i,0} + \delta \epsilon_0
 \end{array}$$

Surface conditions implemented at the convective boundary:

$$\begin{array}{l}
 m(\bar{R}_b) \simeq M_\odot \\
 l(\bar{R}_b) = L_\odot \\
 Y(r \geq \bar{R}_b) = \text{const}
 \end{array}
 \longrightarrow
 \frac{\partial \delta u}{\partial r} = -\frac{\delta u}{l_T}
 \longrightarrow
 \begin{array}{l}
 \delta m(\bar{R}_b) = -\bar{m}_{\text{conv}} \delta C \\
 \delta P(\bar{R}_b) = \delta C = \delta \rho(\bar{R}_b) \\
 \delta T(\bar{R}_b) = \delta \mu_b = -P_{Y,b} \Delta Y_b \\
 \delta l(\bar{R}_b) = 0
 \end{array}$$

$$\delta u(r \geq \bar{R}_b) = 0$$

Remind that:

$$\delta u(r) = \delta P(r) - \delta \rho(r) = \delta T(r) - \delta \mu(r)$$

Linear Solar Models – Chemical composition

The **elemental abundances** in the present Sun are determined by:

- initial abundances;
- nuclear burnings;
- diffusion and gravitational settling.

$$Y(r) = Y_{\text{ini}} [1 + D_Y(r)] + Y_{\text{nuc}}(r)$$

$$Z_i(r) = Z_{\text{ini},i} [1 + D_Z(r)]$$

We **assume** that:

- **helium nuclear production** Y_{nuc} **scales proportionally** to the **nuclear reaction efficiency** in the present sun

$$\Delta Y_{\text{nuc}}(r) = \bar{Y}_{\text{nuc}}(r) \delta \epsilon^{\text{tot}}(r)$$

- **Diffusion** effects in the convective envelope **scales proportionally** to **diffusion velocity** of the present sun

$$\Delta Y_b = A_Y \Delta Y_{\text{ini}} + A_C \delta C$$

$$\Delta Z_{b,i} = B_Y \Delta Y_{\text{ini}} + B_C \delta C + \delta z_i$$

$$\delta z_i = \frac{(Z_{i,b}/X_b) - (\bar{Z}_{i,b}/\bar{X}_b)}{(\bar{Z}_{i,b}/\bar{X}_b)}$$

- Variations of diffusion efficiency in the radiative core can be neglected:

$$\Delta Y(r) = \xi_Y(r) \Delta Y_{\text{ini}} + \xi_T(r) \delta T(r) + \xi_P(r) \delta P(r)$$

$$\delta Z_i(r) = \delta Z_{i,\text{ini}} = Q_Y \Delta Y_{\text{ini}} + Q_C \delta C + \delta z_i$$

Linear Solar Models – Final set of equations equations

$$\frac{d\delta m}{dr} = \frac{1}{l_m} [\gamma_P \delta P + \gamma_T \delta T - \delta m + \gamma_Y \Delta Y_{ini} + \gamma_\epsilon \delta \epsilon]$$

$$\frac{d\delta P}{dr} = \frac{1}{l_P} [(\gamma_P - 1) \delta P + \gamma_T \delta T + \delta m + \gamma_Y \Delta Y_{ini} + \gamma_\epsilon \delta \epsilon]$$

$$\frac{d\delta l}{dr} = \frac{1}{l_l} [\beta'_P \delta P + \beta'_T \delta T - \delta l + \beta'_Y \Delta Y_{ini} + \beta'_C \delta C + \beta'_\epsilon \delta \epsilon]$$

$$\frac{d\delta T}{dr} = \frac{1}{l_T} [\alpha'_P \delta P + \alpha'_T \delta T + \delta l + \alpha'_Y \Delta Y_{ini} + \alpha'_C \delta C + \delta \kappa + \alpha'_\epsilon \delta \epsilon]$$

To be solved between with the boundary conditions

$r = 0$

$$\delta m = \gamma_{P,0} \delta P_0 + \gamma_{T,0} \delta T_0 + \gamma_{Y,0} \Delta Y_{ini} + \gamma_{\epsilon,0} \delta \epsilon_0$$

$$\delta P = \delta P_0$$

$$\delta T = \delta T_0$$

$$\delta l = \beta'_{P,0} \delta P_0 + \beta'_{T,0} \delta T_0 + \beta'_{Y,0} \Delta Y_{ini} + \beta'_{C,0} \delta C + \beta'_{\epsilon,0} \delta \epsilon_0$$

$r = \bar{R}_b$

$$\delta m = -\bar{m}_{conv} \delta C$$

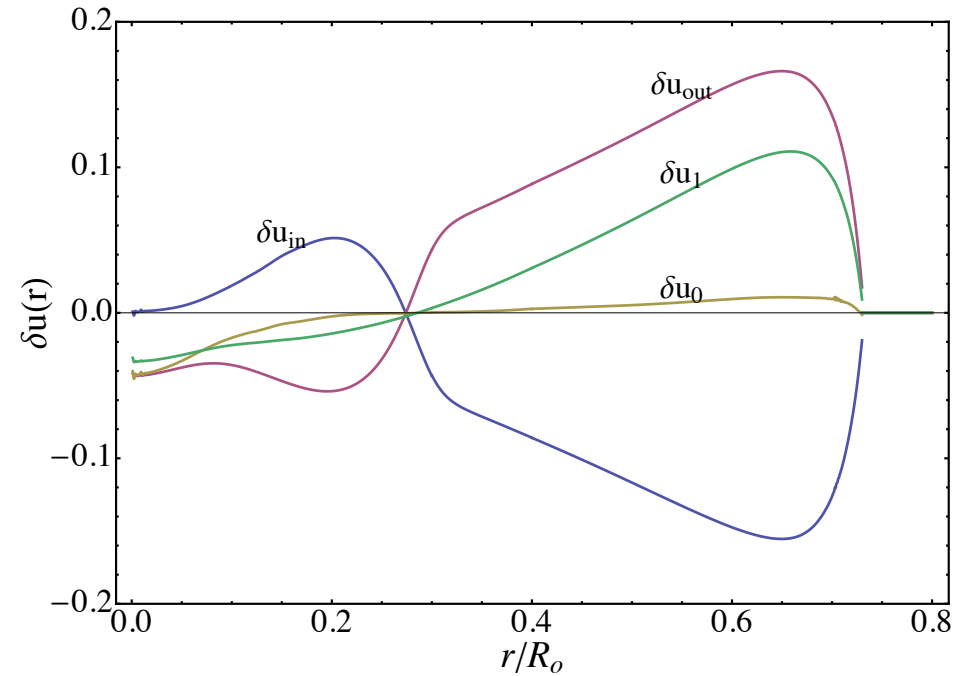
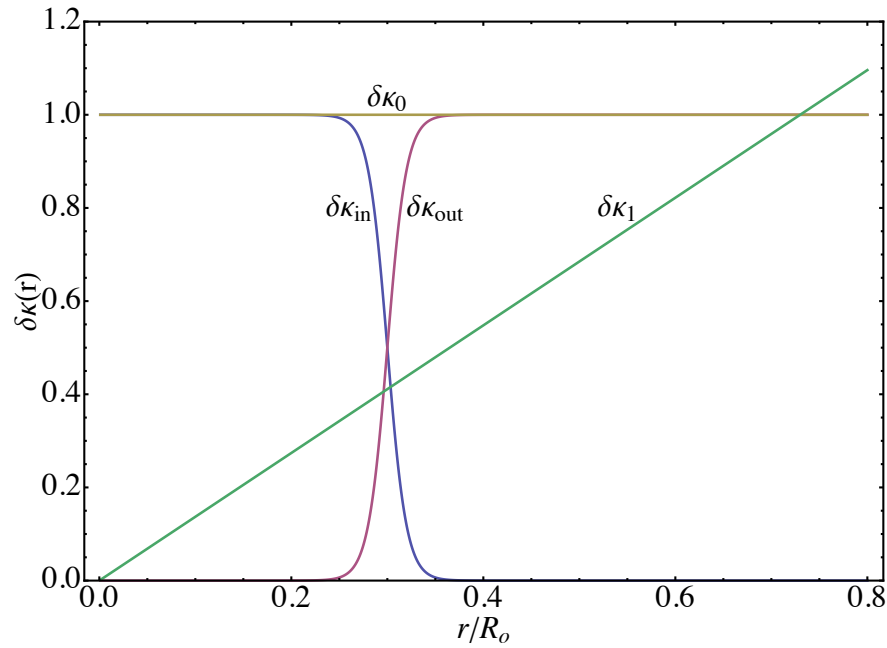
$$\delta P = \delta C$$

$$\delta T = A'_Y \Delta Y_{ini} + A'_C \delta C$$

$$\delta l = 0$$

Univocally determine
the parameters
 $\delta P_0, \delta T_0, \Delta Y_{ini}, \delta C$

The sound speed



$$\delta\kappa(r) = A_{\text{in}} \delta\kappa_{\text{in}}(r) + A_{\text{out}} \delta\kappa_{\text{out}}(r)$$

$$\delta\kappa(r) = A_0 \delta\kappa_0(r) + A_1 \delta\kappa_1(r)$$

$$\delta u(r) = A_{\text{in}} \delta u_{\text{in}}(r) + A_{\text{out}} \delta u_{\text{out}}(r)$$

$$\delta u(r) = A_0 \delta u_0(r) + A_1 \delta u_1(r)$$

$$\delta u_{\text{in}}(r) \simeq -\delta u_{\text{out}}(r)$$

$$\delta u_0(r) \ll \delta u_1(r)$$