

# Solar models and neutrinos

## Where do we stand?

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# Coming full circle

How does the Sun shine?  
What is the solar core temperature?

Solar  $\nu$ s as sensitive  
probes of solar core

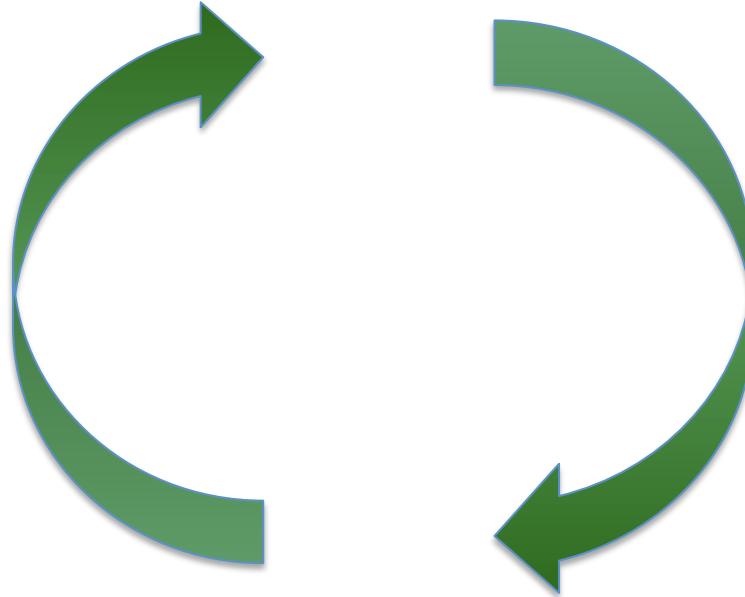
SuperK & SNO  
 $\nu$  oscillations

Radiochemical experiments  
Kamiokande

Solar neutrino problem

Standard model(s) crises!

Helioseismic inference of  
solar structure  $\rightarrow$  agreement with solar models  
 $\rightarrow$  Physics solution (circa 1996)

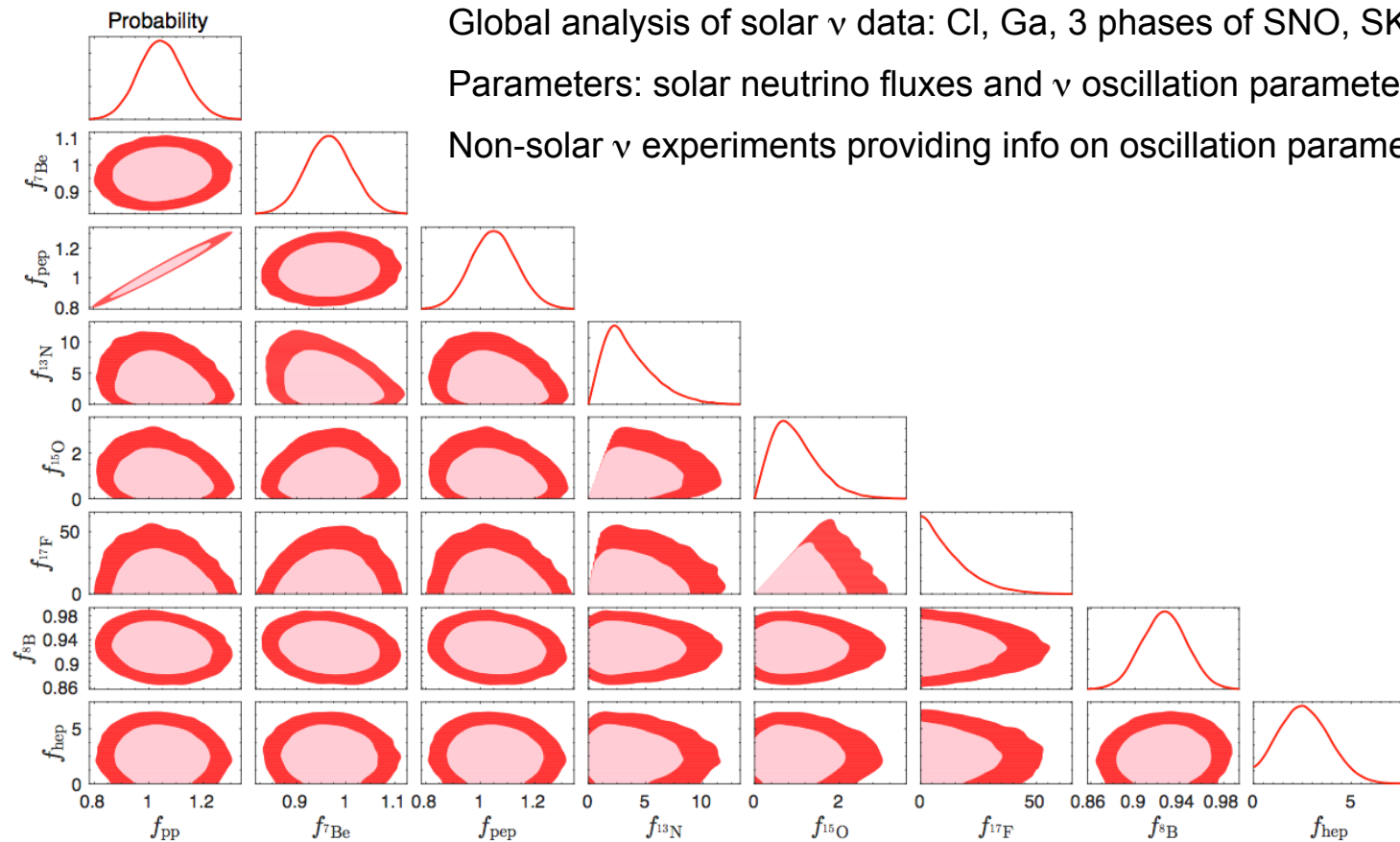


# How does the Sun shine?

Global analysis of solar  $\nu$  data: Cl, Ga, 3 phases of SNO, SK I-IV, Borexino Phase 1&2

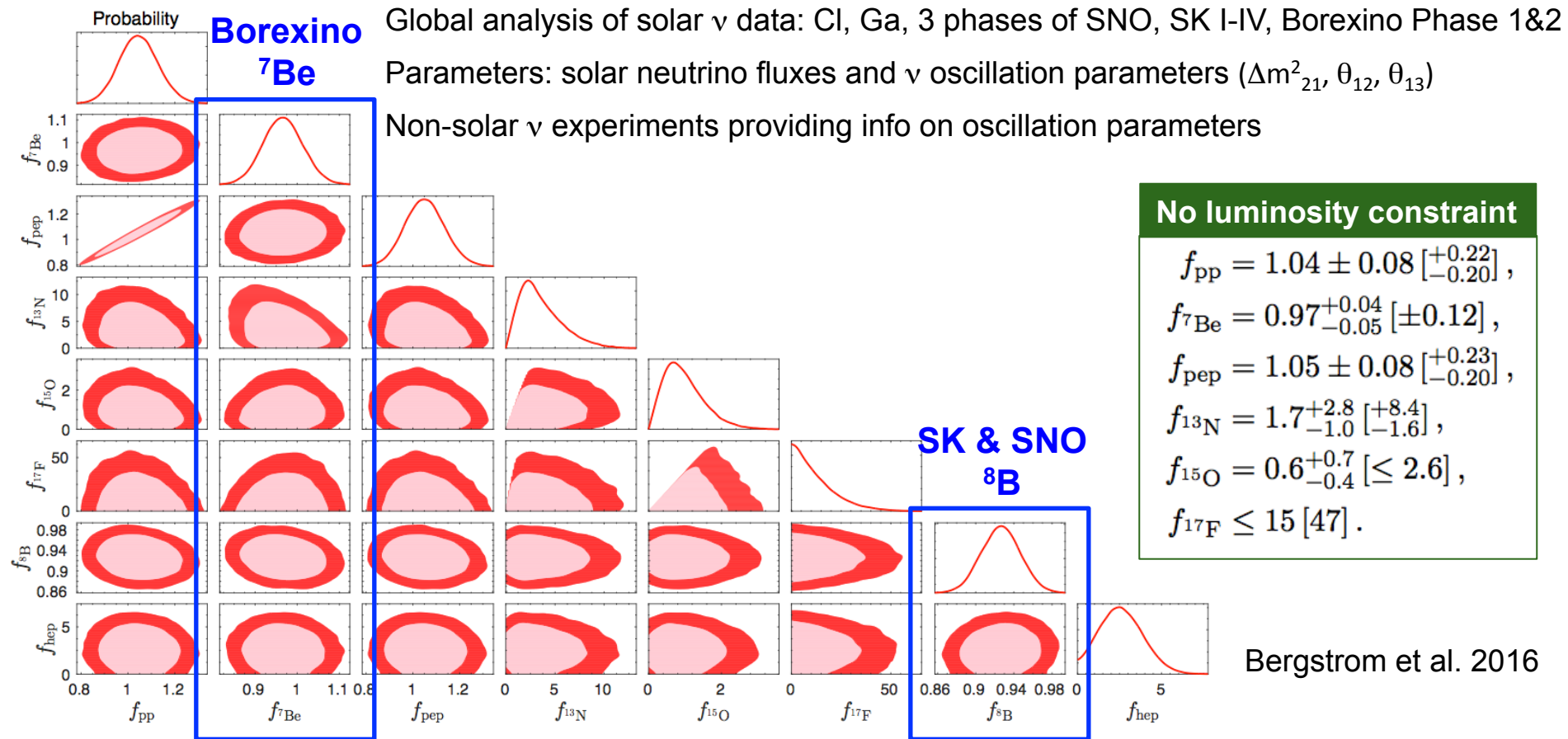
Parameters: solar neutrino fluxes and  $\nu$  oscillation parameters ( $\Delta m_{21}^2$ ,  $\theta_{12}$ ,  $\theta_{13}$ )

Non-solar  $\nu$  experiments providing info on oscillation parameters



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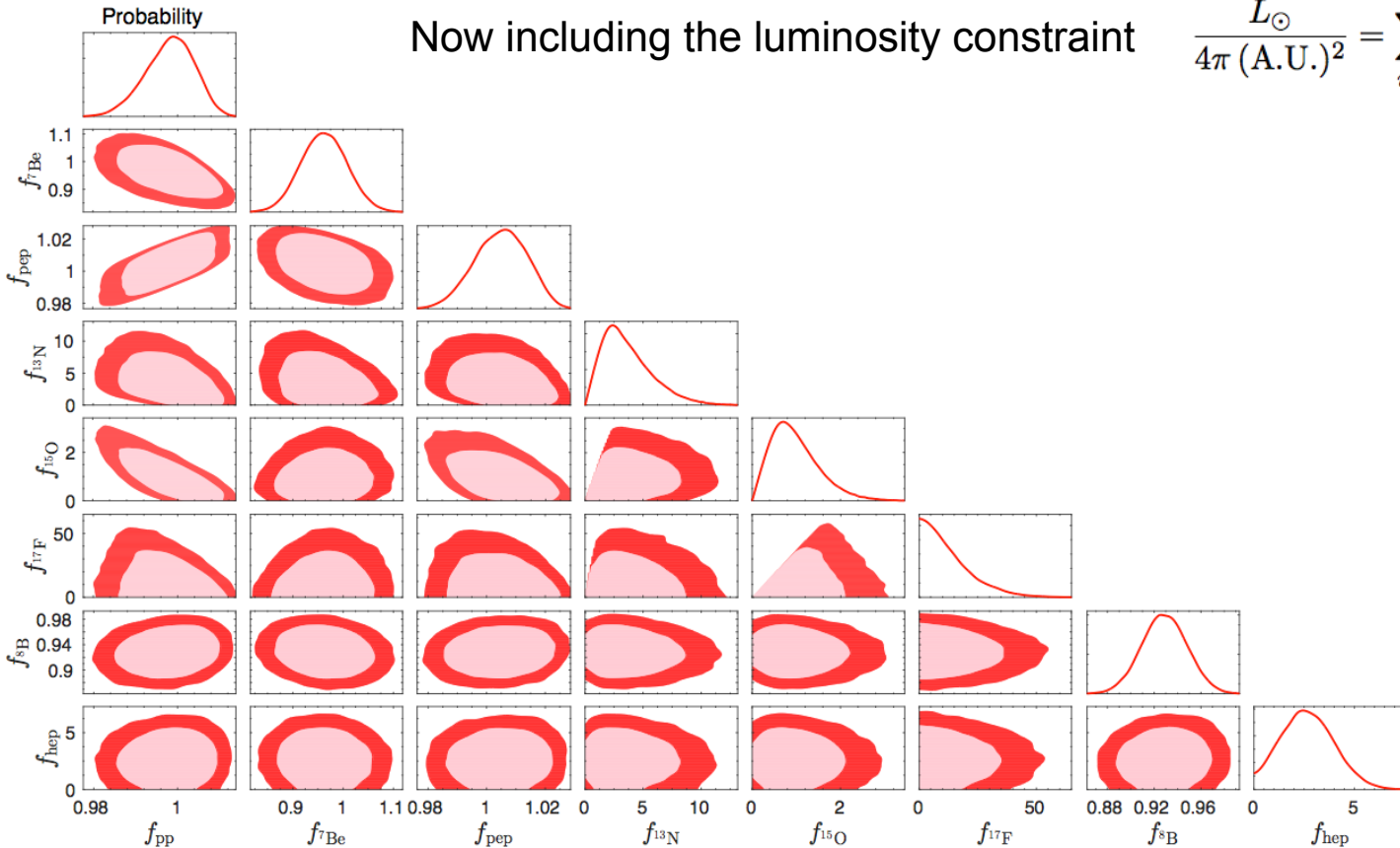
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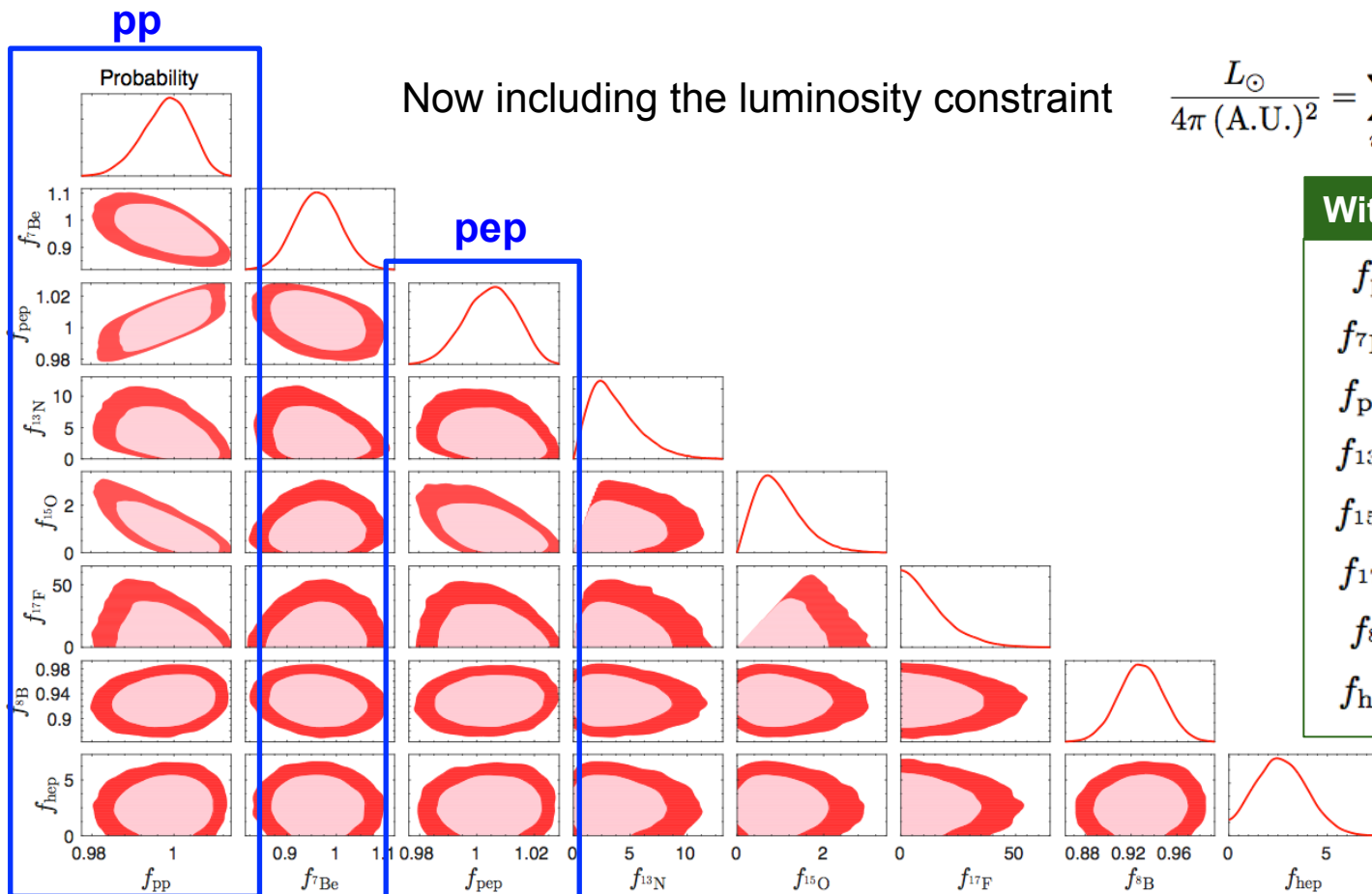
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$$\begin{aligned} f_{\text{pp}} &= 0.999^{+0.006}_{-0.005} [^{+0.012}_{-0.016}], \\ f_{^7\text{Be}} &= 0.96^{+0.05}_{-0.04} [^{+0.12}_{-0.11}], \\ f_{\text{pep}} &= 1.005 \pm 0.009 [^{+0.019}_{-0.024}], \\ f_{^{13}\text{N}} &= 1.7^{+2.9}_{-1.0} [^{+8.4}_{-1.6}], \\ f_{^{15}\text{O}} &= 0.6^{+0.6}_{-0.4} [^{+2.0}_{-0.6}], \\ f_{^{17}\text{F}} &\leq 15 [46], \\ f_{^8\text{B}} &= 0.92 \pm 0.02 [\pm 0.05], \\ f_{\text{hep}} &= 2.4^{+1.5}_{-1.2} [\leq 5.9], \end{aligned}$$

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## With luminosity constraint – $L_{\odot} = L_{\text{nuc}}$

$$\frac{L_{\text{pp-chain}}}{L_{\odot}} = 0.991^{+0.005}_{-0.004} [^{+0.008}_{-0.013}] \quad \Longleftrightarrow \quad \frac{L_{\text{CNO}}}{L_{\odot}} = 0.009^{+0.004}_{-0.005} [^{+0.013}_{-0.008}]$$

Global analysis with more recent data needed, e.g. Borexino – see Ianni's talk

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# Solar core temperature → solar models

Strong T dependence of  $\nu$ -fluxes

$$\Phi(^8\text{B}) \propto T_c^{25} \longrightarrow \text{SuperK+SNO} \longrightarrow \delta T_c / T_c \approx 0.1\%$$

$$\Phi(^7\text{Be}) \propto T_c^{10} \longrightarrow \text{Borexino} \longrightarrow \delta T_c / T_c \approx 0.4\%$$

But this determines only precision – actual  $T_c$  determination requires solar models

Problems start here – models depend on inputs

- Solar composition

- Radiative opacities

- Nuclear reaction rates

- Chemical mixing (gravitational settling + other mixing processes)

- Equation of state

# Solar composition

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- non-LTE treatment of line formation

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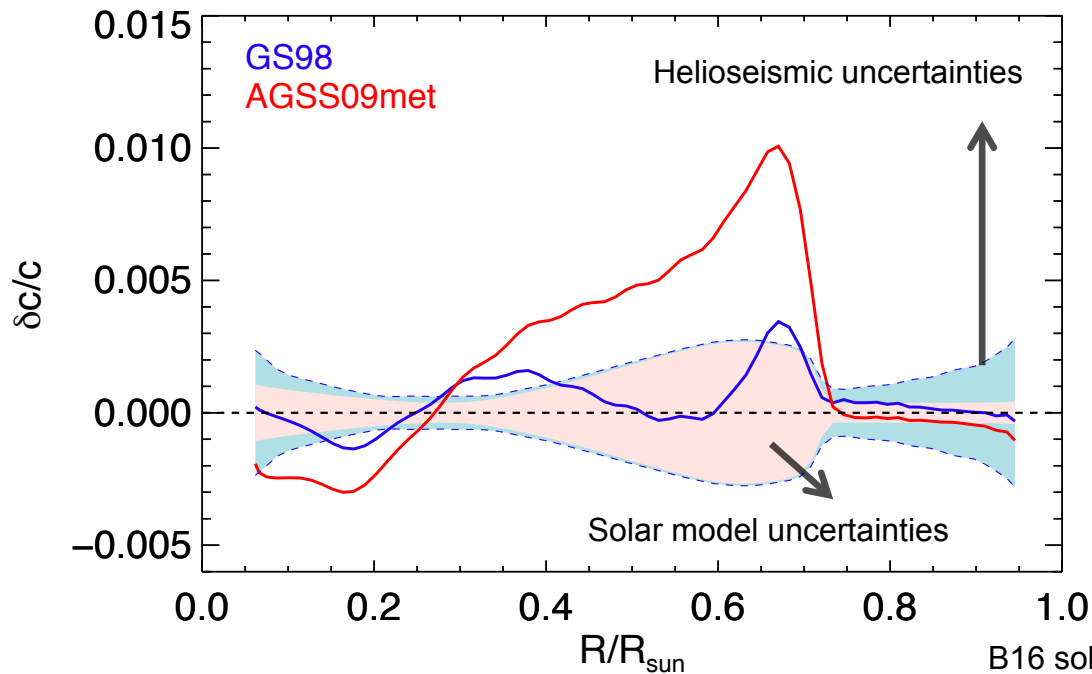
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| Impact of SSM calibration |             |             |                 |
|---------------------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------|
|                           | $L_{\odot}$ | $R_{\odot}$ | $(Z/X)_{\odot}$ |
| $\alpha_{\text{mlt}}$     | 0.06        | -0.19       | 0.06            |
| $Y_{\text{ini}}$          | 2.35        | 0.56        | 0.08            |
| $Z_{\text{ini}}$          | -0.73       | -0.14       | 1.11            |

# Solar models - helioseismology



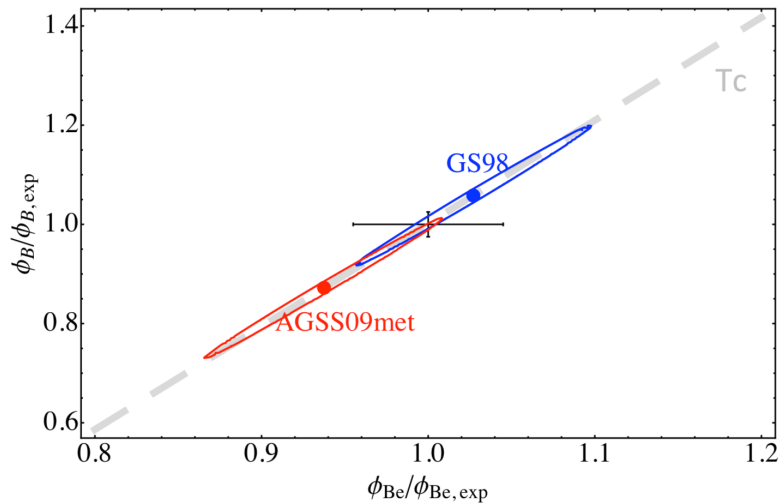
B16 solar models – Vinyoles et al. 2017

| Qnt.                         | B16-GS98                     | B16-AGSS09met       | Solar               |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| $Y_S$                        | $0.2426 \pm 0.0059$          | $0.2317 \pm 0.0059$ | $0.2485 \pm 0.0035$ |
| $R_{CZ}/R_\odot$             | $0.7116 \pm 0.0048$          | $0.7223 \pm 0.0053$ | $0.713 \pm 0.001$   |
| $\langle \delta c/c \rangle$ | $0.0005^{+0.0006}_{-0.0002}$ | $0.0021 \pm 0.001$  | $0^a$               |

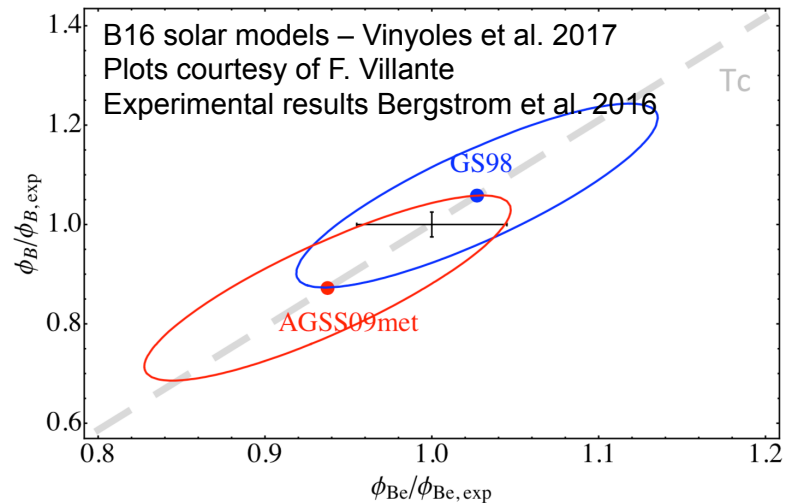
} 2-3  $\sigma$  discrepancy for low Z

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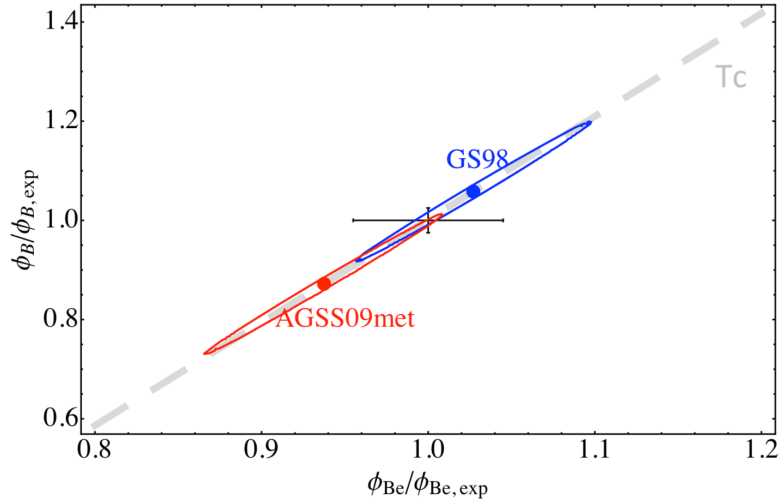


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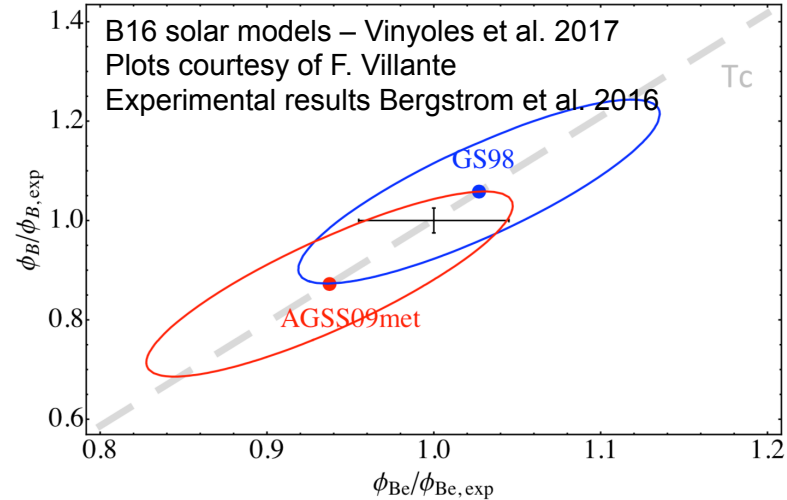


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Composition  $\rightarrow$  affects pp-chain fluxes through  $T_c$  change

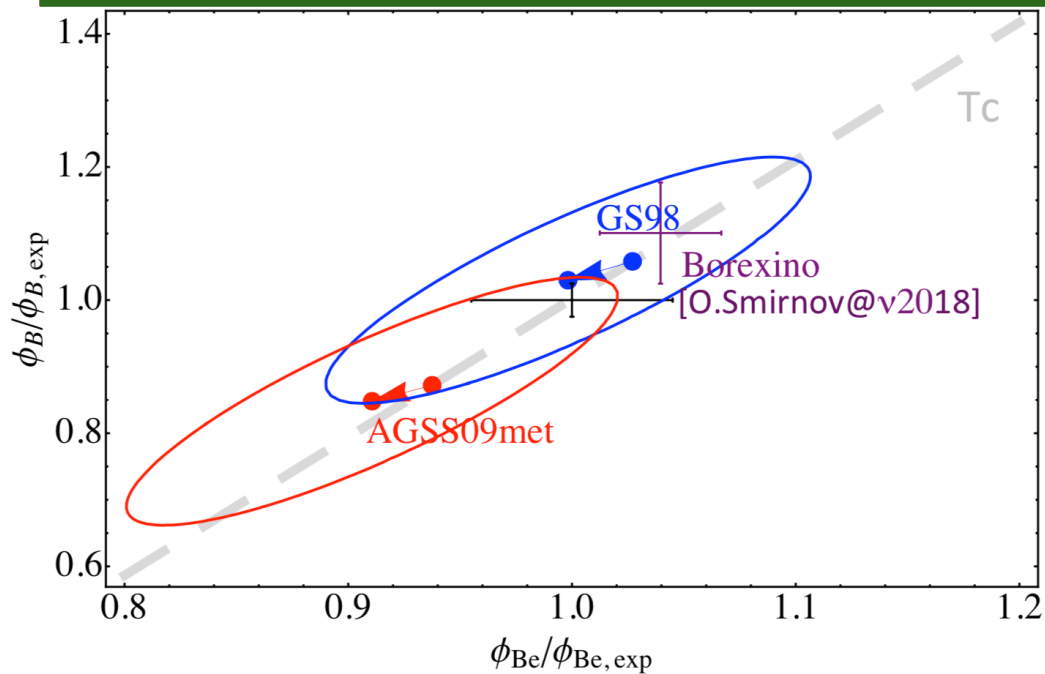
$\rightarrow$  determines opacity

$\rightarrow$  pp-fluxes sensitive to opacity (i.e. temperature, only indirectly to composition)

$\rightarrow$  composition and atomic opacities are degenerate in pp-chain fluxes (and helioseismology)

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New Borexino  ${}^7\text{Be}$  and  ${}^8\text{B}$  – A. Ianni's talk today



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$\nu$ -fluxes comparably good agreement  
(model uncertainties dominate)

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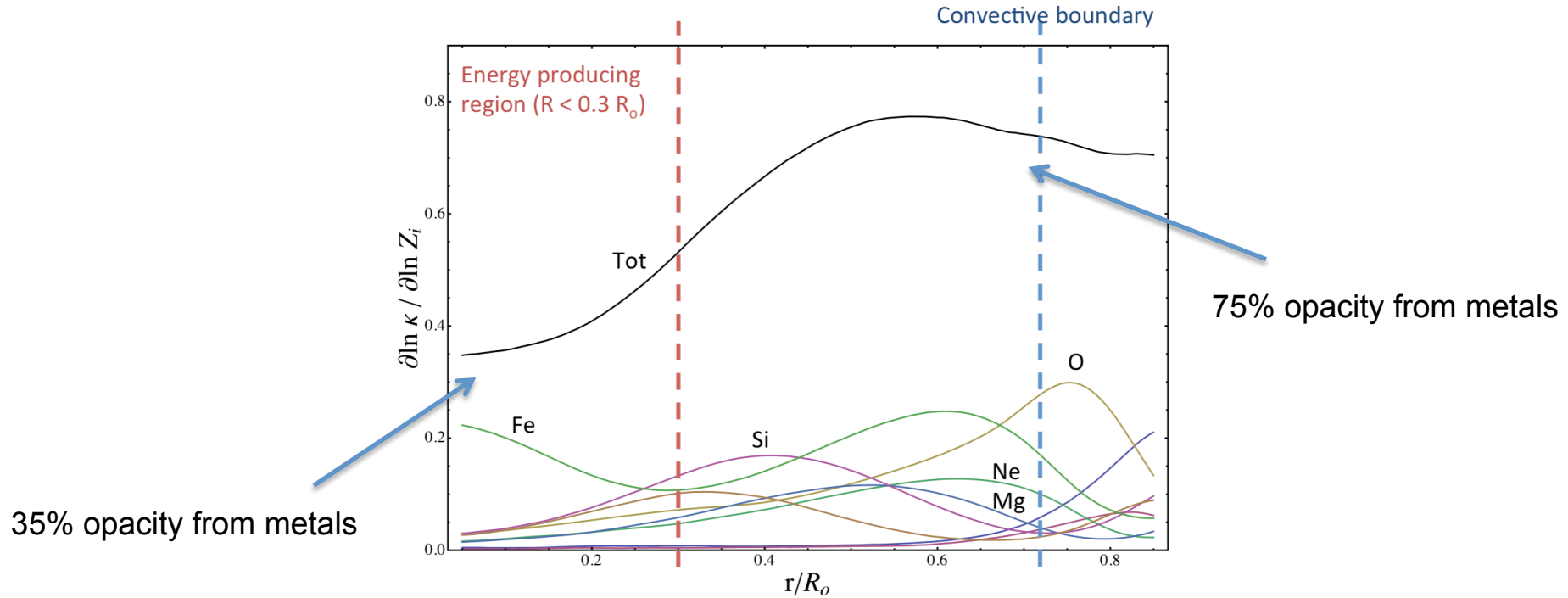
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Global comparison favors high-Z models

i.e. models with  $(P, \rho)$  or  $(T, \mu)$  profiles  
consistent with high-Z models

**But interpretation in terms of solar composition is hampered by  
degeneracy between composition and opacity**

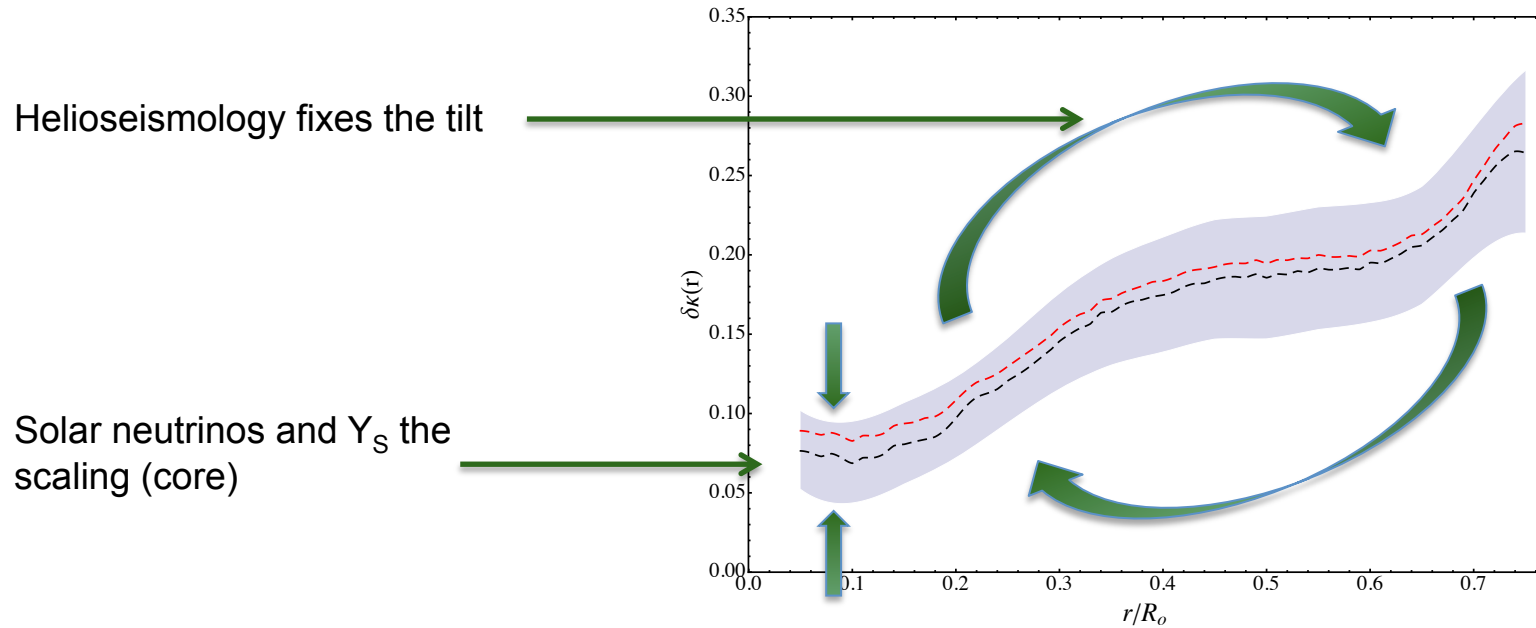
# Metals & Opacity



Intrinsic uncertainty + composition induced variation  
( $\delta$  = fractional variation)

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# Solar opacity from $\nu$ s and helioseismology

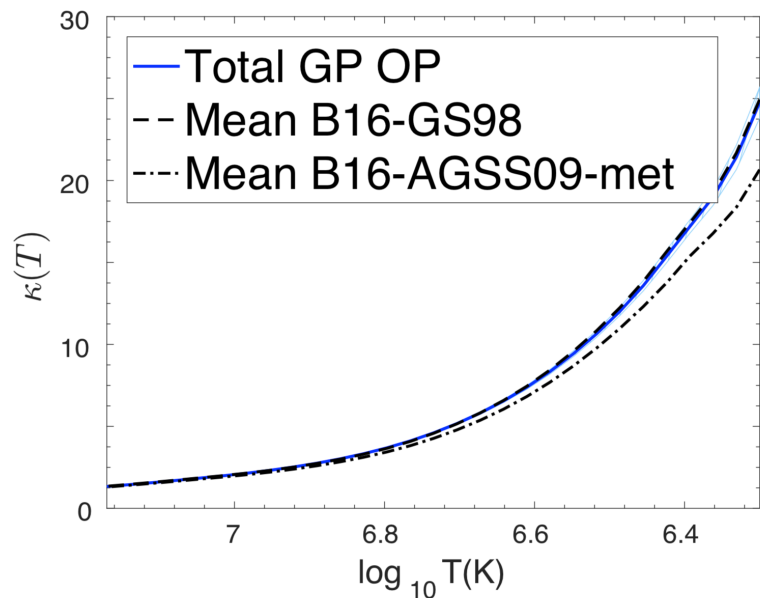


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Song et al. 2018

Bayesian analysis – composition free to vary

Opacity solar profile (posterior distrib)

Very close to that from GS98 model (unsurprisingly)

If AGSS09 composition  $\rightarrow$  20% increase at base of convective zone

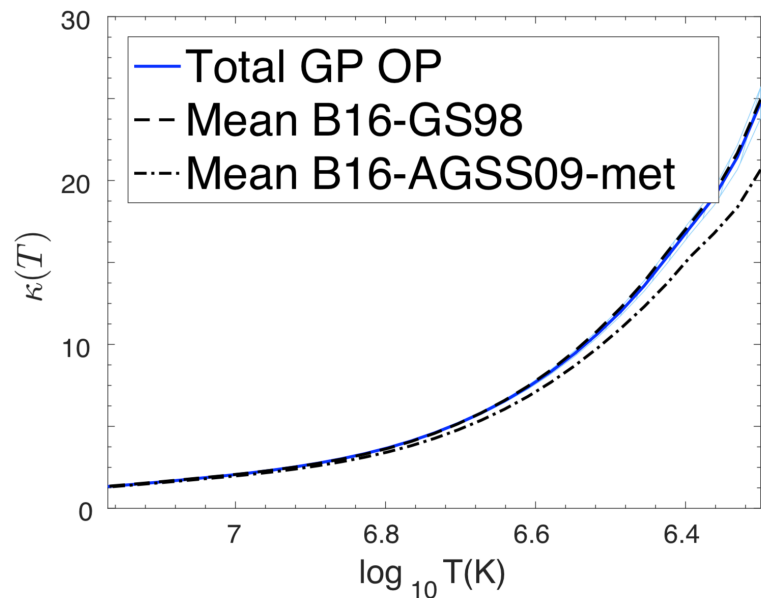
Improvements wrt Villante et al. 2014:

- arbitrary  $\delta\kappa_I$  function
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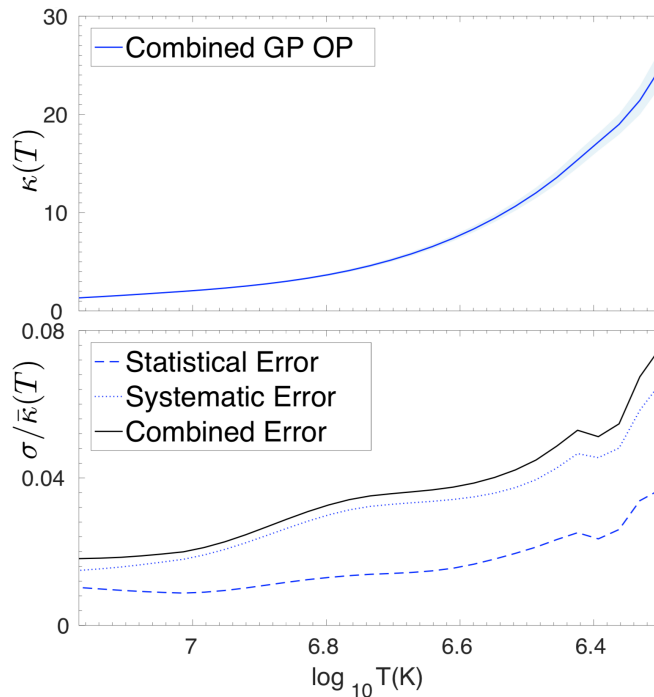
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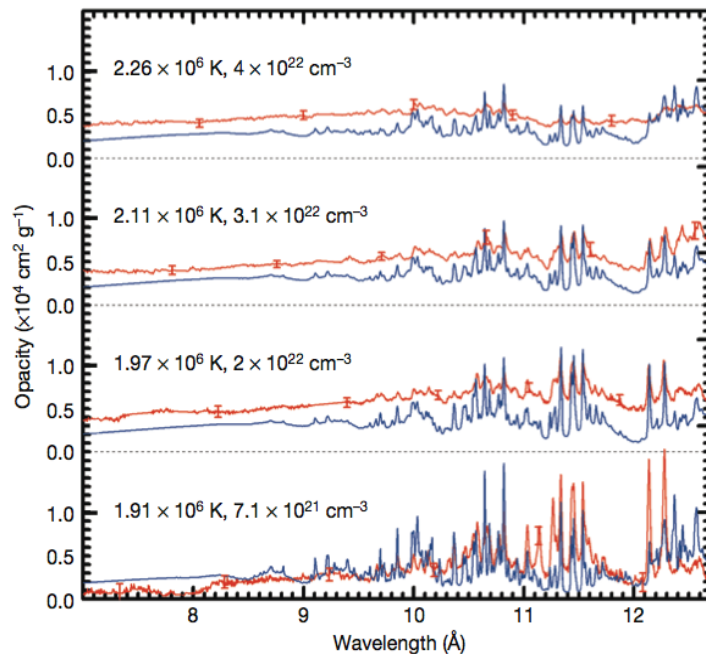
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# Opacities – Experimental result

First ever opacity measurement at conditions close to base of the solar convective envelope

Fe opacity @Sandia Lab -- > 7% increase of Rosseland mean opacity



$$T \sim T_{\text{CZ}}$$

$$\text{Ne} \sim 1/4 \text{ Ne}_{\text{CZ}}$$

Bailey et al. 2015

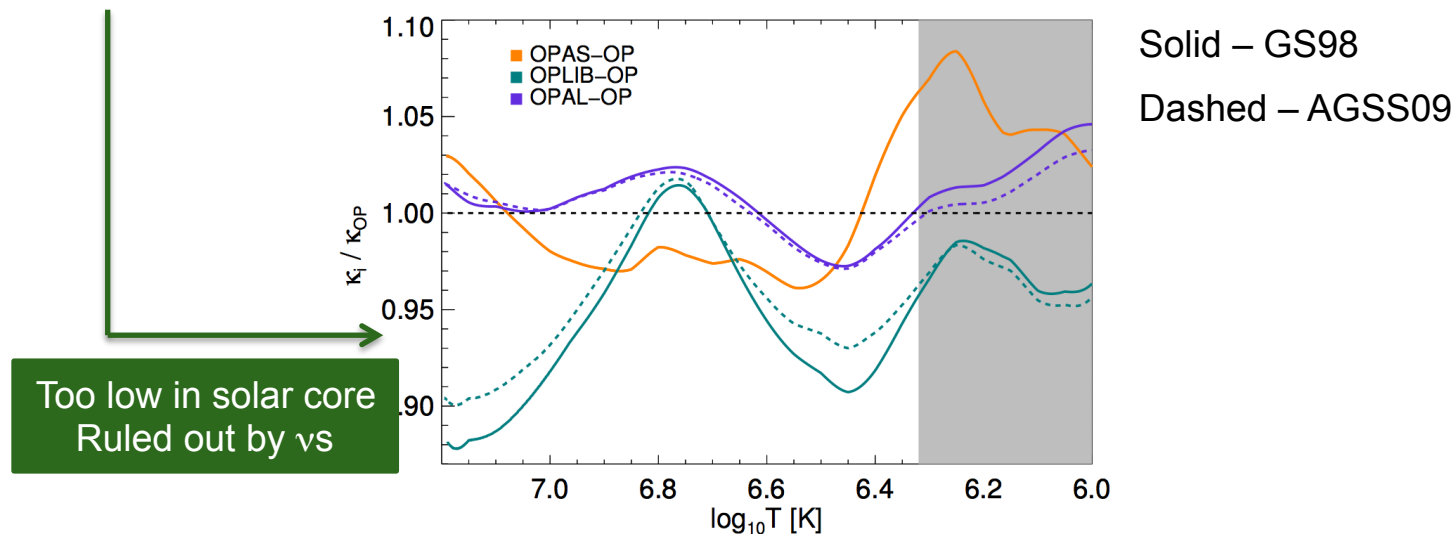
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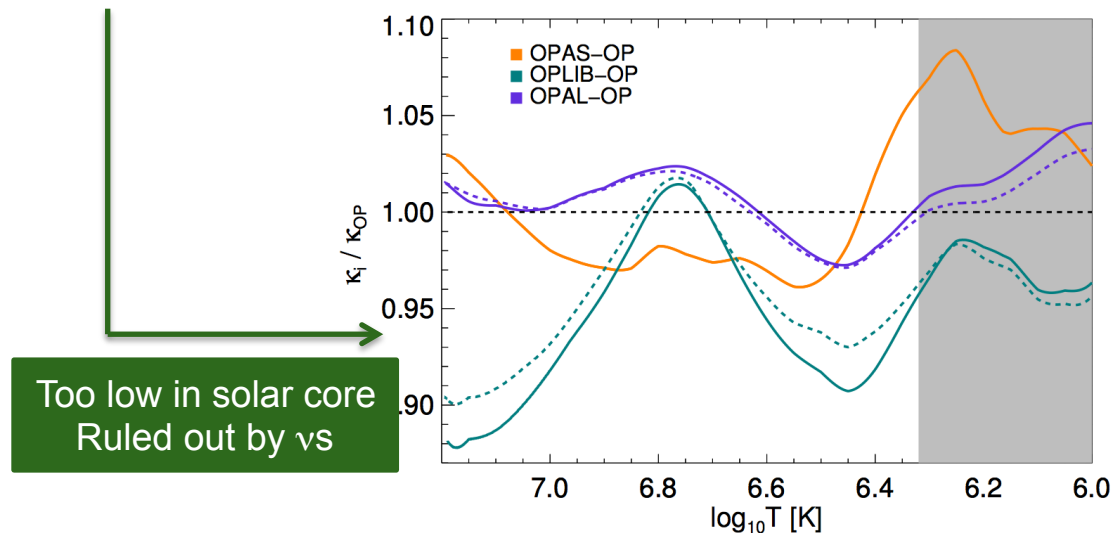
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Solid – GS98

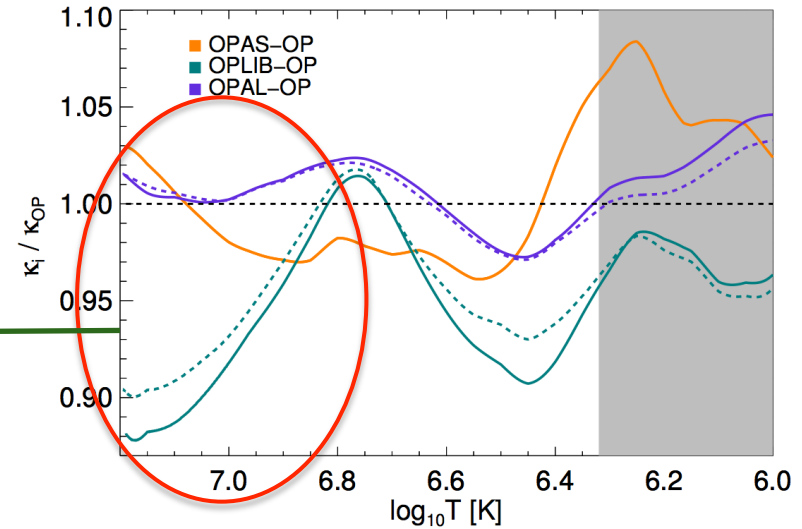
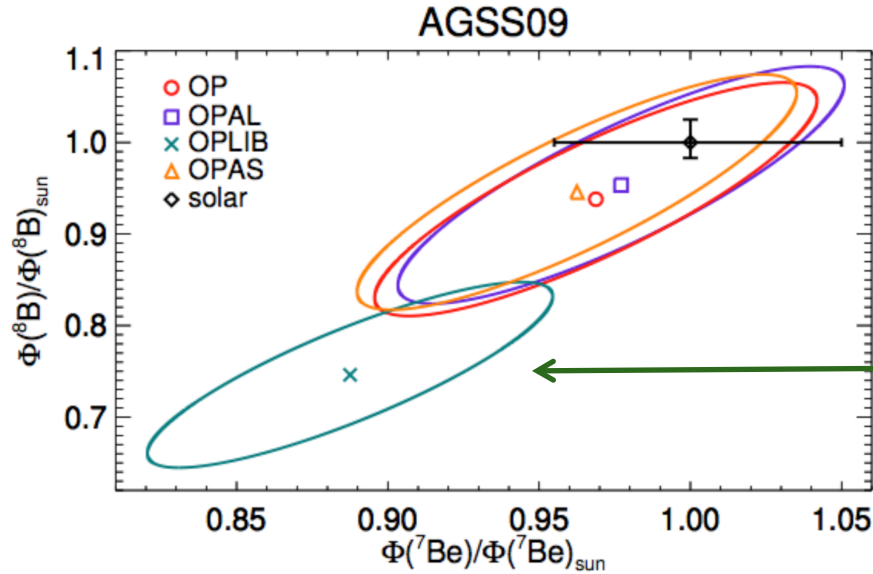
Dashed – AGSS09

**Not guaranteed that newer  
opacity models lead to  
higher opacity values**

**$\pm 5\%$  variations**

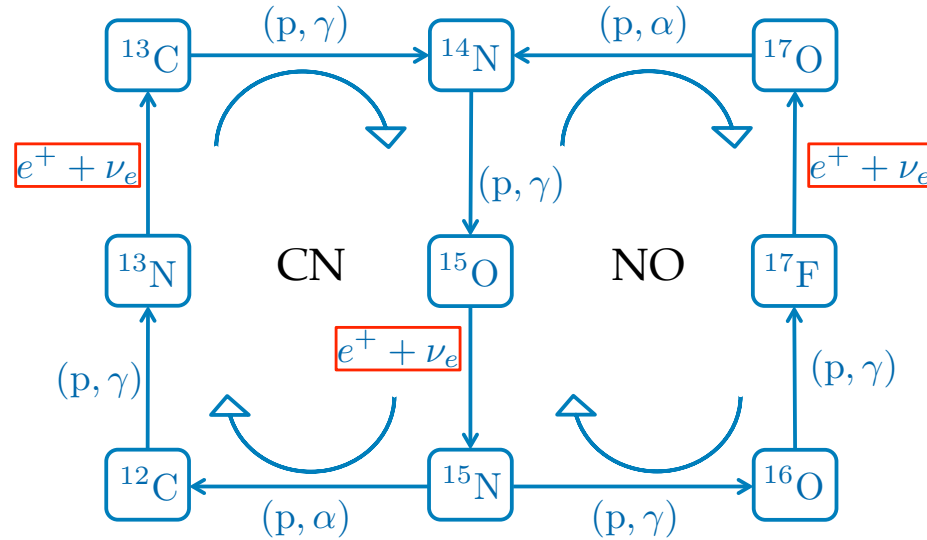
**Current situation unclear**

# SSM with new opacities



**Solar vs rule out OPLIB opacities for low Z models**

# CN-vs and solar composition



CN-cycle marginal in the Sun  $\rightarrow$  intrinsic changes in its rate do not alter background state (e.g.  $T$ ,  $\rho$ ,  $X$ )

$\rightarrow$  linear dependence on core C+N abundance and  $S_{1,14}$  (for  $^{15}\text{O}$ )

$$\frac{\Phi(^{15}\text{O})_{\text{HZ}} - \Phi(^{15}\text{O})_{\text{LZ}}}{\Phi(^{15}\text{O})_{\text{LZ}}} \approx 40\%$$

# CN-vs and solar composition

Converting  $\Phi(^{15}\text{O})$  measurement into C+N core measurement – use  $\Phi(^8\text{B})$  as thermometer

$$\frac{\phi(^{15}\text{O})}{\phi(^{15}\text{O})_{\text{SSM}}} / \left[ \frac{\phi(^8\text{B})}{\phi_{\text{SSM}}(^8\text{B})} \right]^{0.785} = x_C^{0.794} x_N^{0.212} D^{0.172} \\ \times [L_{\odot}^{0.515} O^{-0.016} A^{0.308}] \\ \times [S_{11}^{-0.831} S_{33}^{0.342} S_{34}^{-0.685} S_{17}^{-0.785} S_{e7}^{0.785} S_{114}^{0.995}] \\ \times [x_{\text{O}}^{0.003} x_{\text{Ne}}^{-0.005} x_{\text{Mg}}^{-0.003} x_{\text{Si}}^{-0.001} x_{\text{S}}^{-0.001} x_{\text{Ar}}^{0.001} x_{\text{Fe}}^{0.003}]$$

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Reduces to

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Nuclear uncertainty dominant:  $S_{1,14}$  (7%) &  $S_{17}$  (5%) – can be potentially reduced further

(Almost) direct measurement of C+N in solar core

# Summary

- The Sun shines by pp burning :  $1.03 \pm 0.08 L_{\odot}$
- adding luminosity constraint:  $CN < 1\%$  at  $3\sigma$
- New theoretical opacities: OPLIB: excluded by  $\nu$  measurements and surface helium
- Precise determination of solar opacity profile from  $\nu$ s (core opacity) and seismic data

Solar abundance/model problem remains: opacity  $\leftrightarrow$  composition degeneracy  
Exporting abundance/opacity problem to other stars: systematic errors in ages by 10-15%

- CN fluxes remain necessary and only way to break degeneracy
- Whatever the result, very important measurement  $\rightarrow$  core C+N abundance  
40% solar abundance problem, 15% chemical mixing processes in the Sun (surface/core difference)

First experimental opacity measurement @ solar conditions

- $\rightarrow$  hints of higher Fe opacity at right place : 7%
- $\rightarrow$  not enough :  $\sim 20\%$

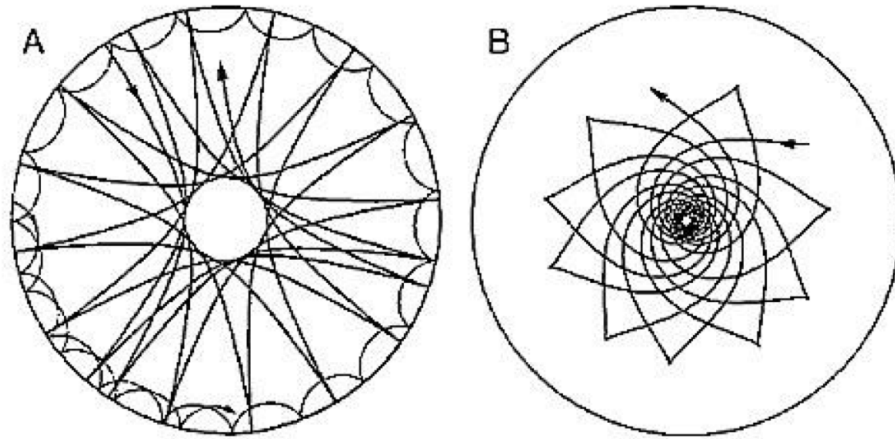
Opacity model calculations have differences  $\sim 10\%$   $\rightarrow$  need improvements

Bonus (not included): Tentative discovery of g-modes – potential disagreement with SSM predictions?

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# g-modes detection (finally?)

g-modes probe inner regions – but strongly damped in the surface – tiny amplitudes & high background



direct searches for g-modes have failed (despite claims in Garcia et al. 2007)

Fossat et al. 2017 use new method: long term modulations in p-mode spectrum

Claim detections of more than 200 g-modes of angular degree  $l = 1, 2$

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$$\Pi_\ell = \frac{2\pi^2}{\sqrt{\ell(\ell+1)}} \left[ \int_0^{R_{CZ}} N \frac{dr}{r} \right]^{-1}$$

$$N = g \left( \frac{1}{\Gamma_1} \frac{d \log p}{dr} - \frac{d \log \rho}{dr} \right)$$

Fossat et al.  $P_1 = 1443.1 \pm 0.5\text{s}$  -  $P_2 = 832.8 \pm 0.7\text{s}$

GS98 SSMs:  $P_1 = 1525 - 1540\text{ s}$  -  $P_2 = 880 - 890\text{ s}$

AGSS09 SSMs:  $P_1 = 1535 - 1560\text{ s}$  -  $P_2 = 886 - 900\text{ s}$

- 2) Rotational splitting -- > solar core rotation  $\sim \times 3$  faster than intermediate regions  
Maybe some impact for chemical mixing in the core – but in direction of lowering  $\nu$ -fluxes

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$$\Delta \pi^2 \approx \left[ \frac{R_{CZ}}{d\pi} \right]^{-1} \left( 1 - \frac{d \log n}{d \log \rho} \right)$$

## From Appourchaux et al. 2010 review

and data-analysis perspectives – to give unambiguous detections of individual g modes. The review ends by concluding that, at the time of writing, there is indeed a consensus amongst the authors that there is currently no undisputed detection of solar g modes.

- 2)

Maybe some impact for chemical mixing in the core – but in direction of lowering  $\nu$ -fluxes

# SSM – B16 models

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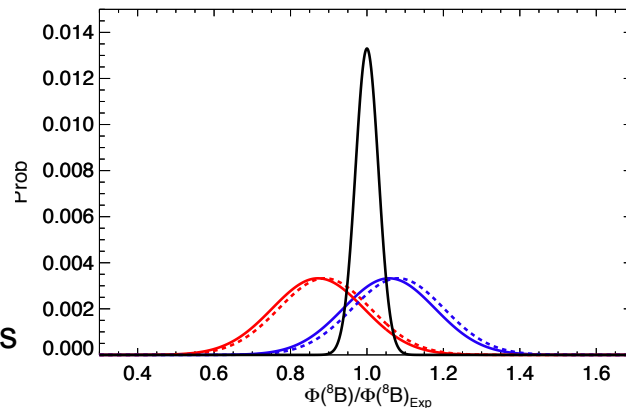
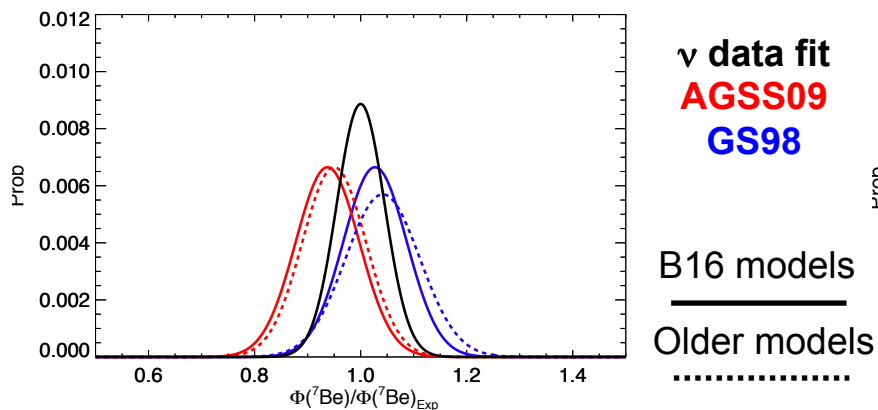
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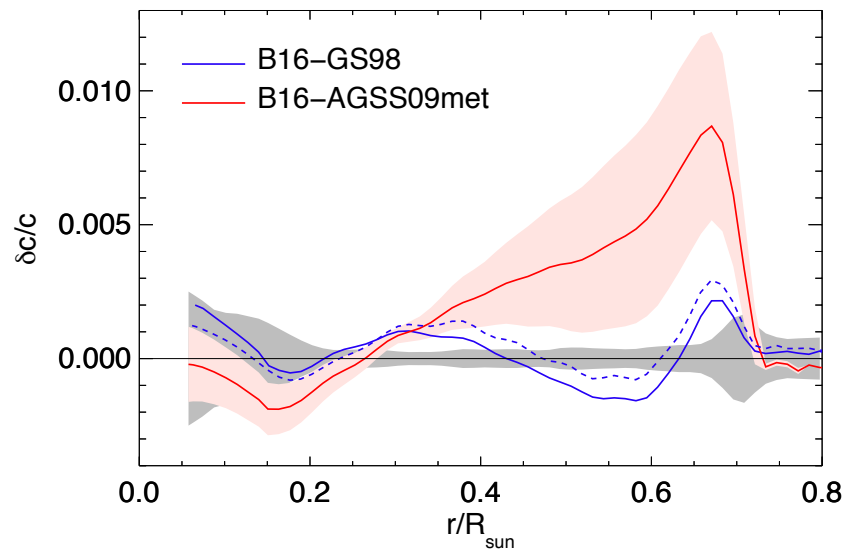
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Revision of global analysis including new Borexino data needed

# SSM – B16 models

## Small changes in helioseismic probes

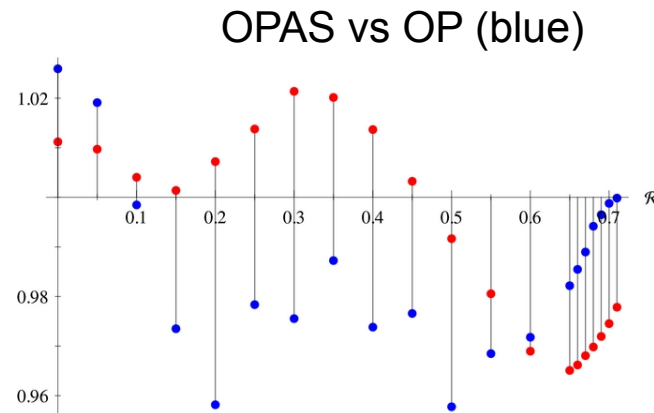
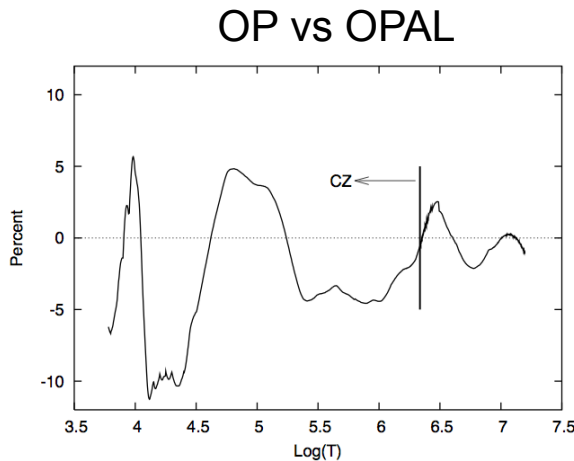


| Qnt.                         | B16-GS98            | B16-AGSS09met       | Solar               |
|------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| $Y_S$                        | $0.2426 \pm 0.0059$ | $0.2317 \pm 0.0059$ | $0.2485 \pm 0.0035$ |
| $R_{CZ}/R_\odot$             | $0.7116 \pm 0.0048$ | $0.7223 \pm 0.0053$ | $0.713 \pm 0.001$   |
| $\langle \delta c/c \rangle$ | $0.0005 \pm 0.0004$ | $0.0021 \pm 0.001$  | —                   |

# Opacities

Helioseismic probes and pp  $\bar{\nu}$ s depend on “effective” opacity profiles: opacity models + composition details in F. Villante’s talk

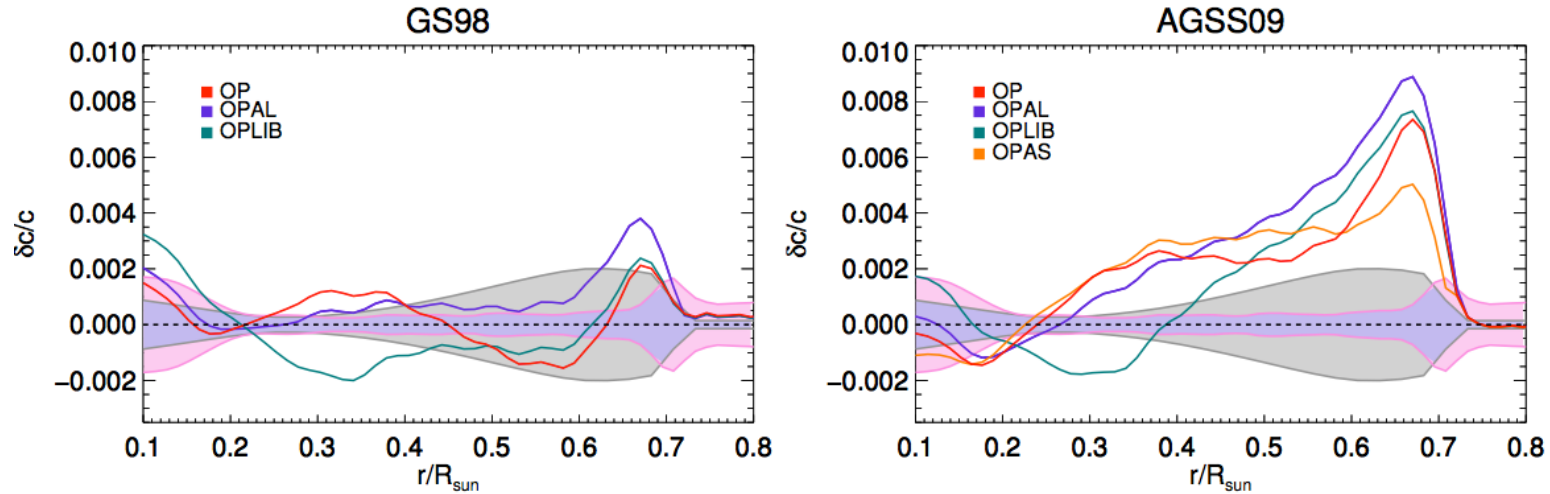
Status of opacity models in 2014 @ “A special Borexino Event”



**Few percent differences in solar interiors**

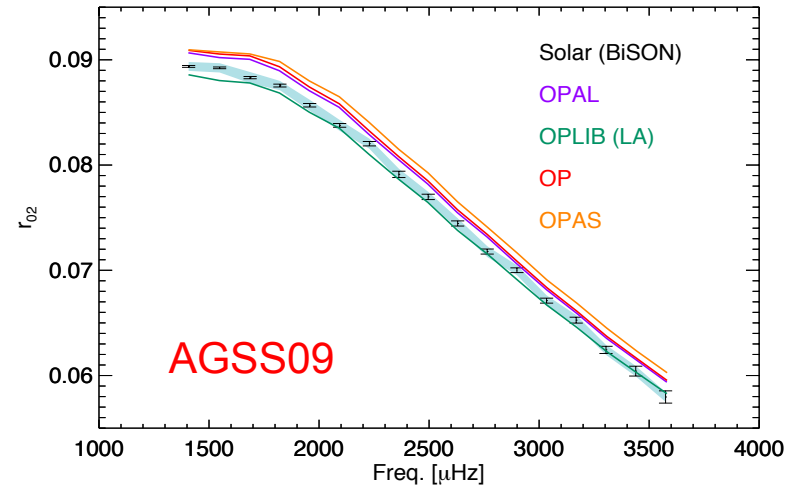
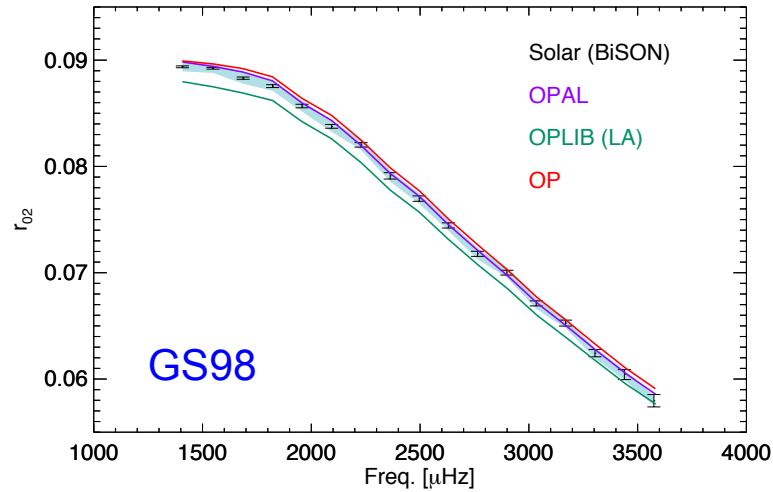
**Only theoretical calculations available**

# SSM with new opacities



New opacities lead to some variations in sound speed profiles but nothing too dramatic

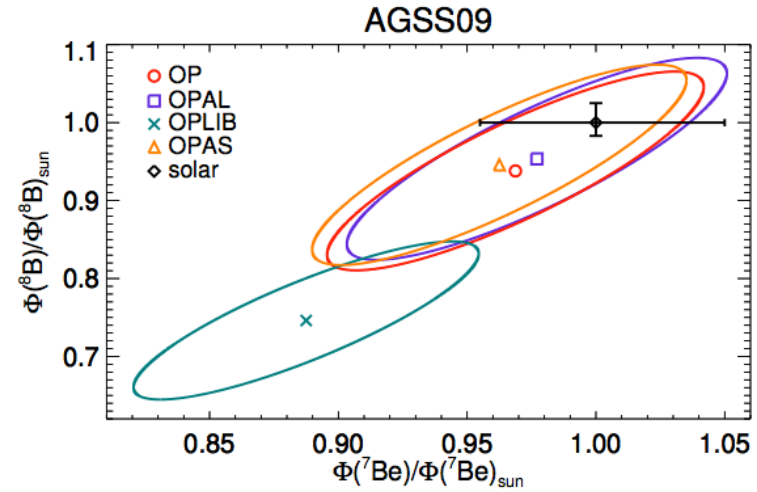
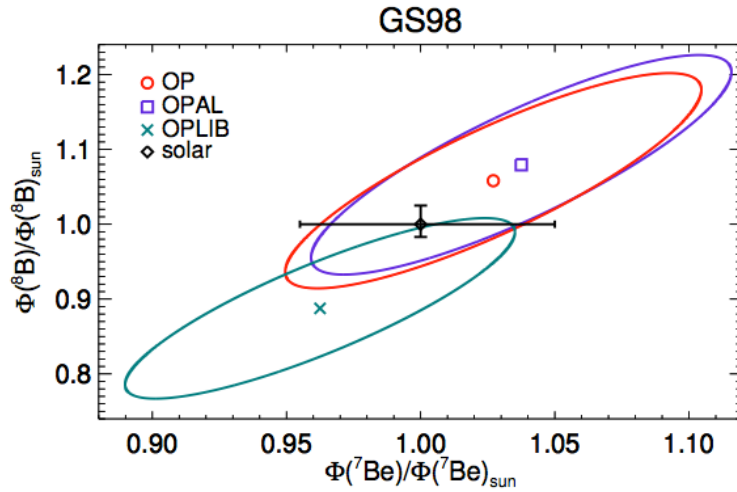
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New OPLIB opacities lead to indecisive results for helioseismic probes

not all agree (disagree) with high(low) Z solar models

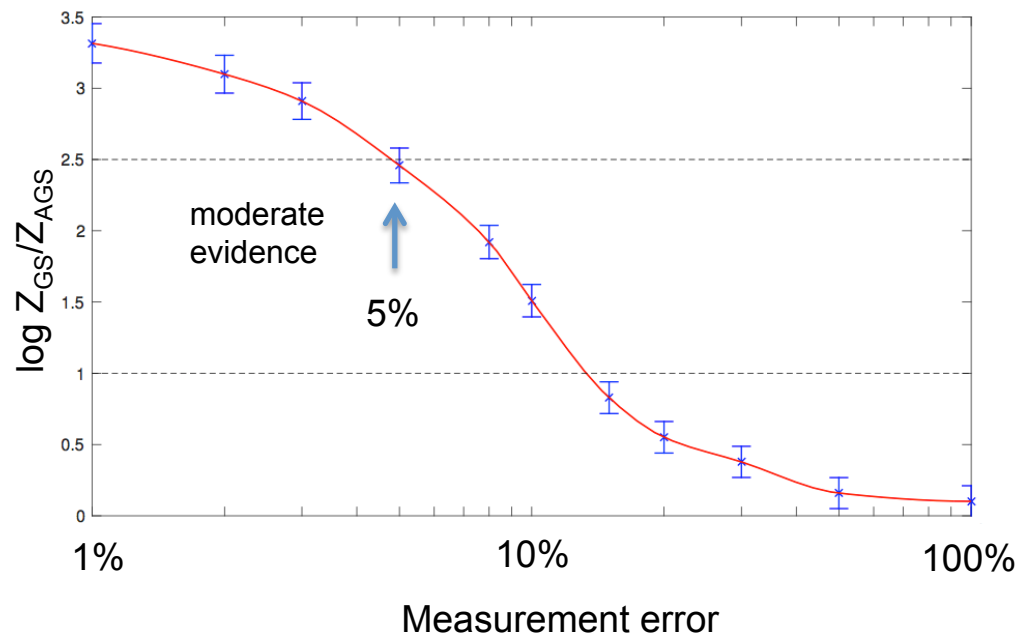
# SSM with new opacities



# SSM: the need for CN(O)

New opacity calculations do not alter state-of-the-art or complicate matters more

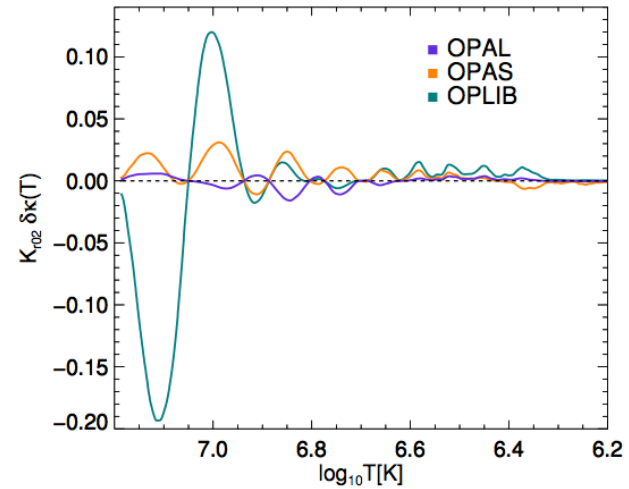
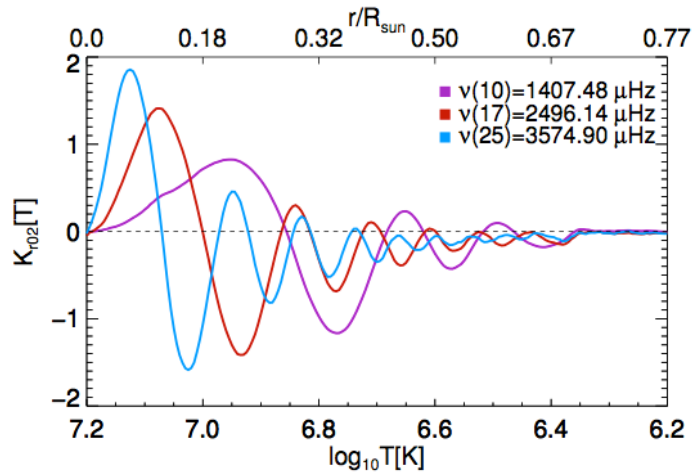
Most robust way to break the opacity  $\leftrightarrow$  composition degeneracy is through CNOs



$\nu$ -experiments only  
Bergstrom et al. 2016

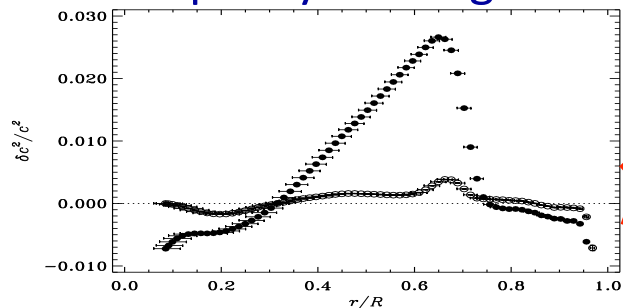
Discriminating power can improve if model information is added (Haxton et al. 2008)

# Extra slides

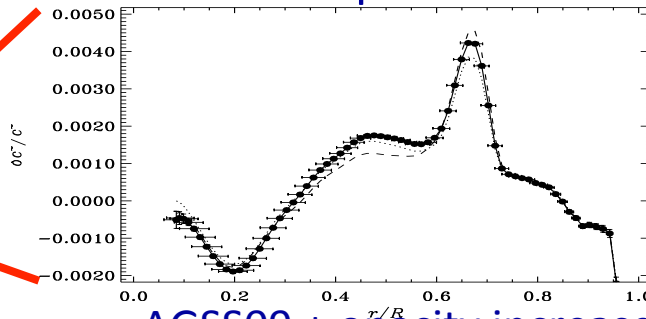


# The role of radiative opacities

Helioseismic probes and ns from pp-chains not directly sensitive to  $Z$ , but to radiative opacity --  $\rightarrow$  degeneracy exists between composition and  $k$

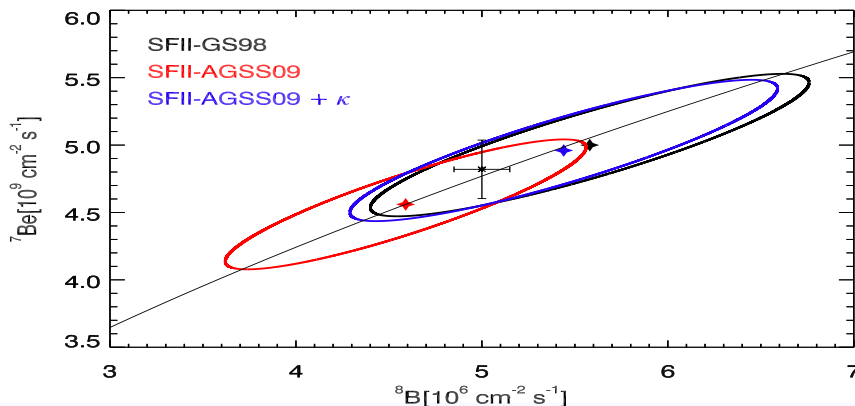


Christensen Dalsgaard et al 2009



AGSS09 + opacity increase (15 to 20%)

Also frequency ratios  $r_{02}$ ,  $r_{13}$   
Sound speed and pp-chain neutrinos  
 $\rightarrow$  recover GS98 “like” values



**All probes sensitive to  
temperature-m profile  
not to detailed composition**

# Opacity Kernels

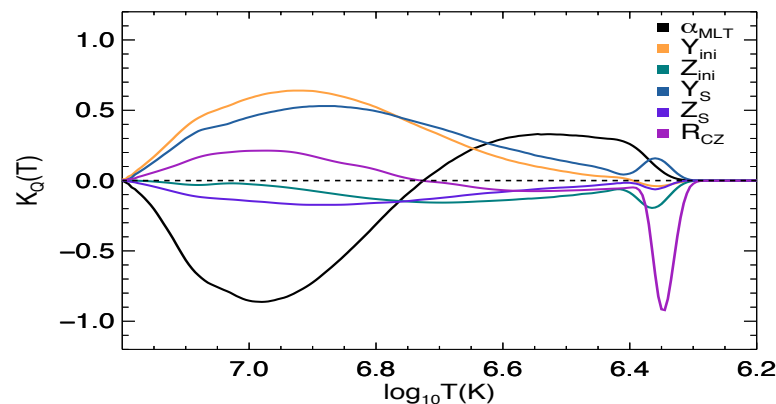
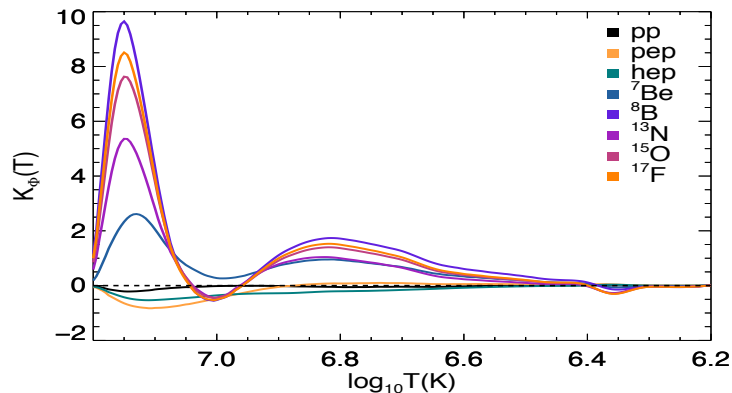
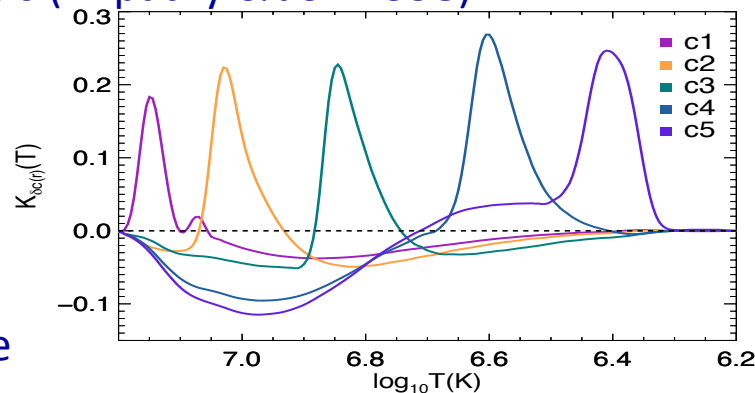
## Treatment of opacity uncertainties – opacity Kernels (Tripathy & JCD 1998)

$$\delta Q = \int \frac{dT}{T} K_Q(T) \delta \kappa(T)$$

$$\delta \kappa(T) = C \delta(T - T_0)$$

$$K_Q(T_0) = \frac{\delta Q}{C}$$

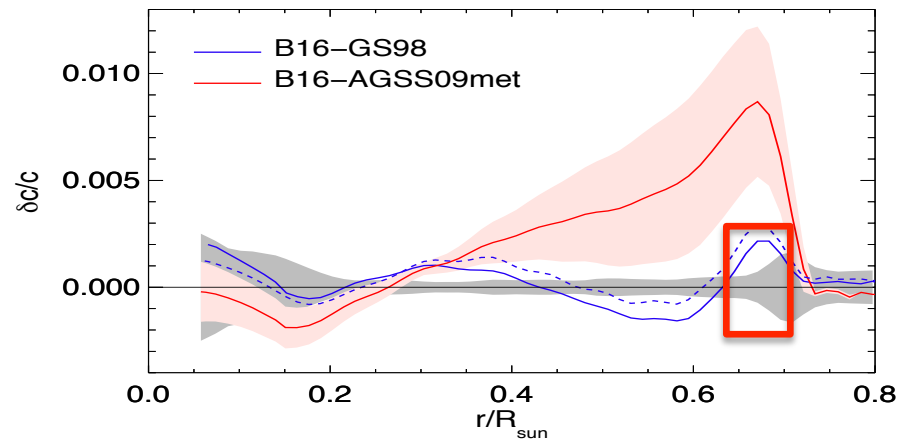
Good as long as linear models have linear response



# Solar models vs data

Including for correlations in models

| Case                                   | dof | GS98     |                      | AGSS09met |                      |
|----------------------------------------|-----|----------|----------------------|-----------|----------------------|
|                                        |     | $\chi^2$ | p-value ( $\sigma$ ) | $\chi^2$  | p-value ( $\sigma$ ) |
| $Y_{\text{S}} + R_{\text{CZ}}$ only    | 2   | 0.9      | 0.5                  | 6.5       | 2.1                  |
| $\delta c/c$ only                      | 30  | 58.0     | 3.2                  | 76.1      | 4.5                  |
| $\delta c/c$ no-peak                   | 28  | 34.7     | 1.4                  | 50.0      | 2.7                  |
| $\Phi(^7\text{Be}) + \Phi(^8\text{B})$ | 2   | 0.2      | 0.3                  | 1.5       | 0.6                  |
| all $\nu$ -fluxes                      | 8   | 6.0      | 0.5                  | 7.0       | 0.6                  |
| global                                 | 40  | 65.0     | 2.7                  | 94.2      | 4.7                  |
| global no-peak                         | 38  | 40.5     | 0.9                  | 67.2      | 3.0                  |

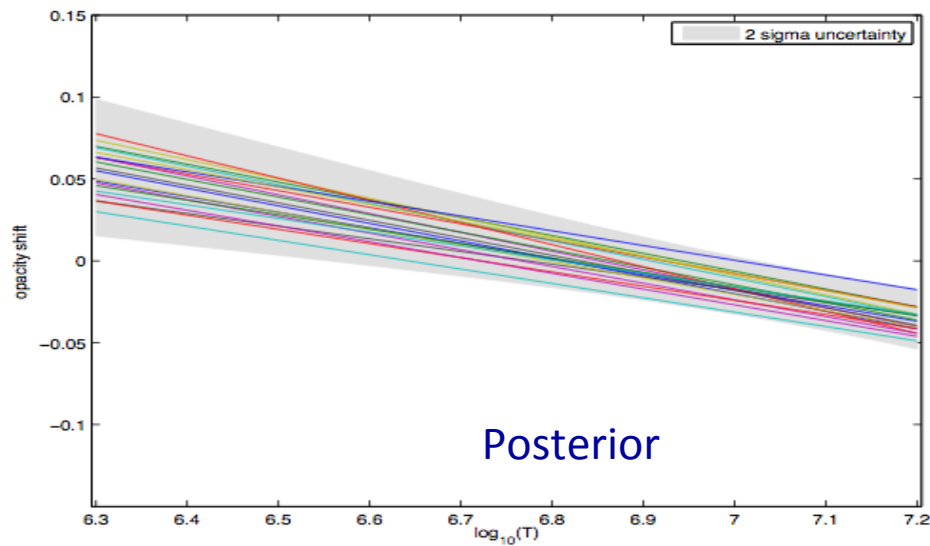
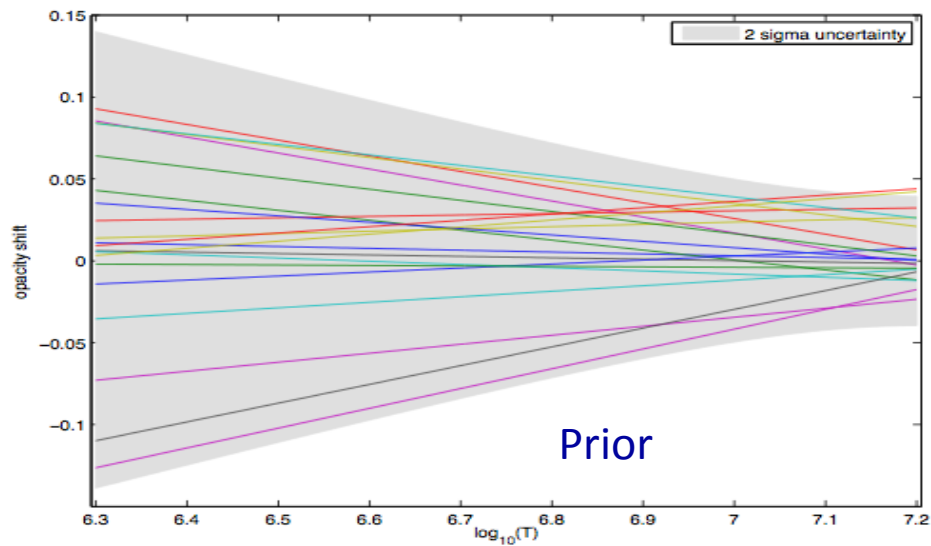


Looks can be deceiving – GS98 better but not excellent  
correlation in models very important  
linear variation of opacity “too rigid”

# A more general approach to error function: gaussian process

What is the true opacity error function? Linear, OP-OPAL, etc?

Linear model



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Let the data decide. Well... as much as possible

$f(x) \sim N(m(x), C(x, x'))$  Locally a gaussian function of mean  $m$

e.g. 2% center or 7% at BCE

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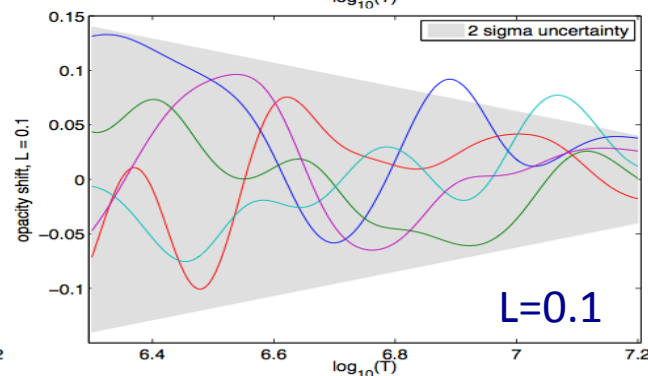
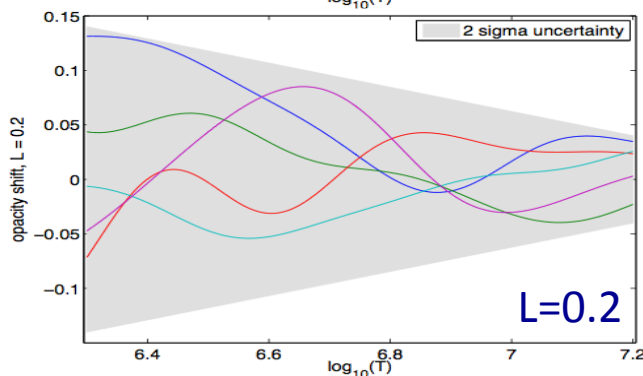
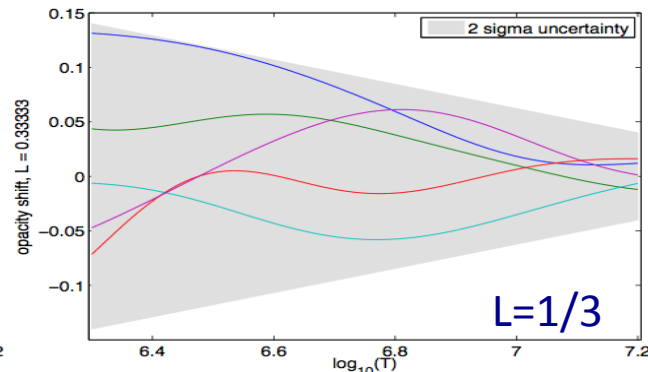
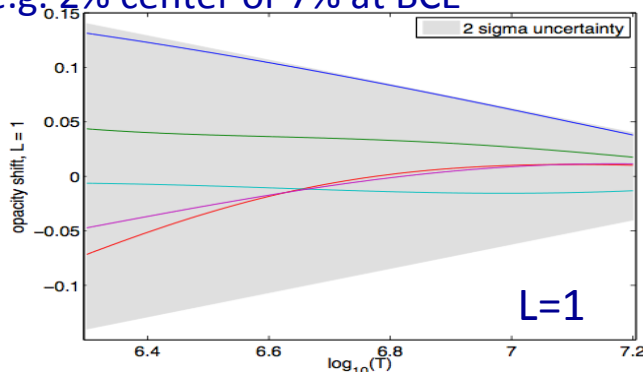
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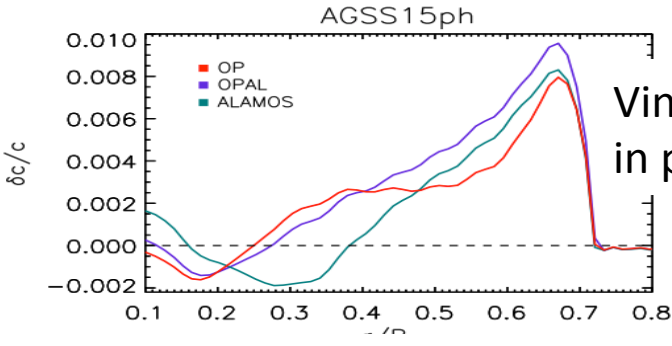
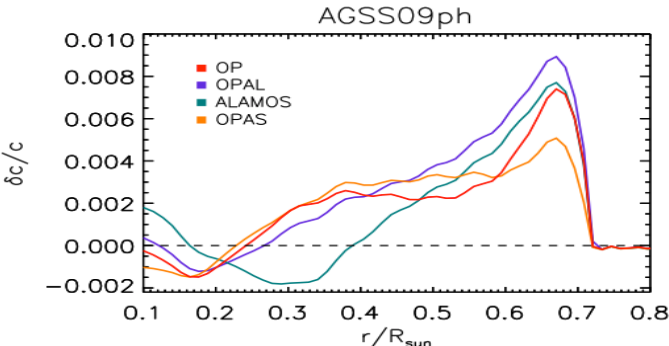
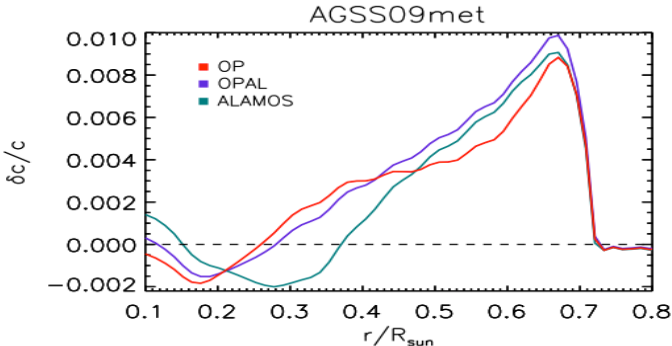
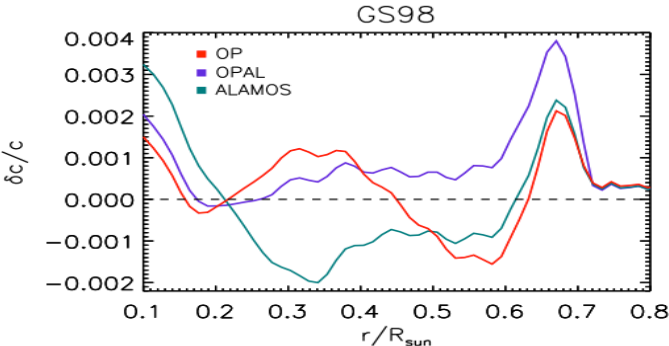
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Obtain “best” opacity fit

Song et al. in preparation



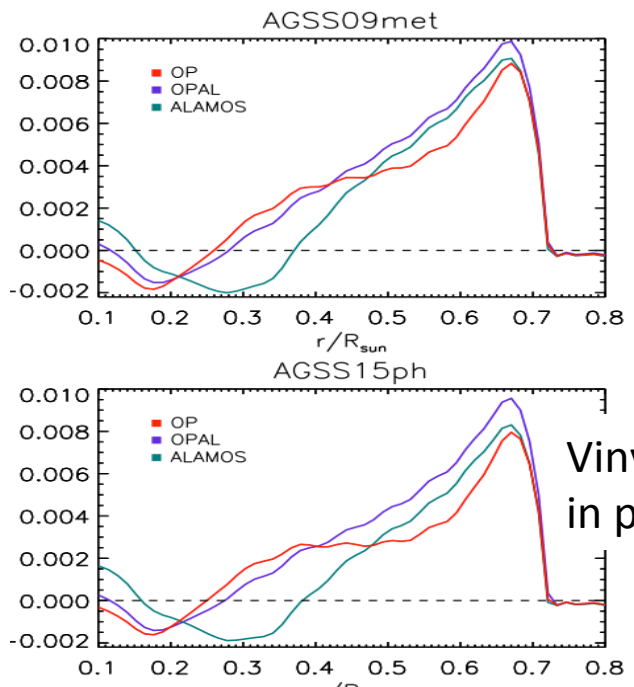
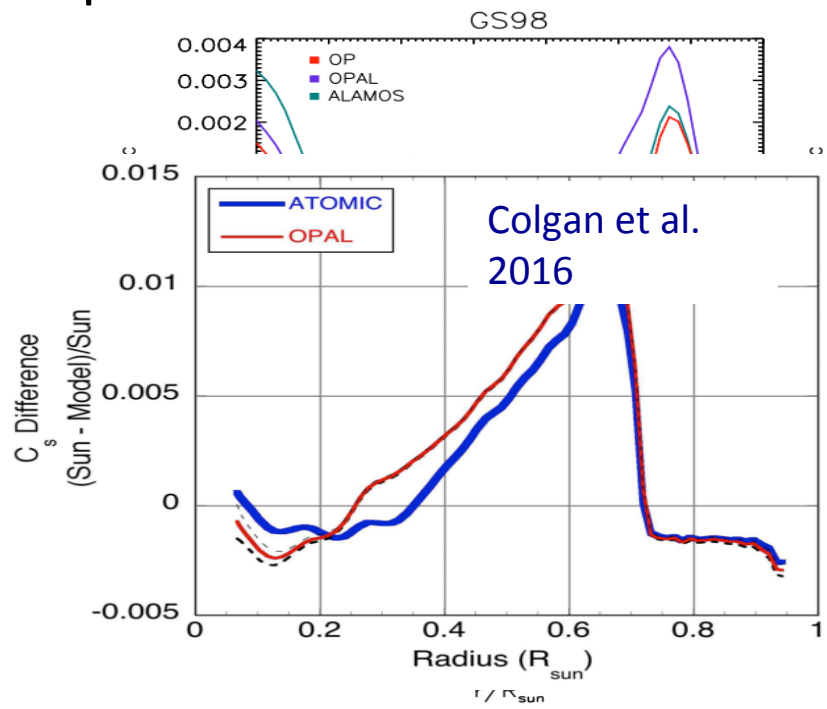
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Vinyoles 2017  
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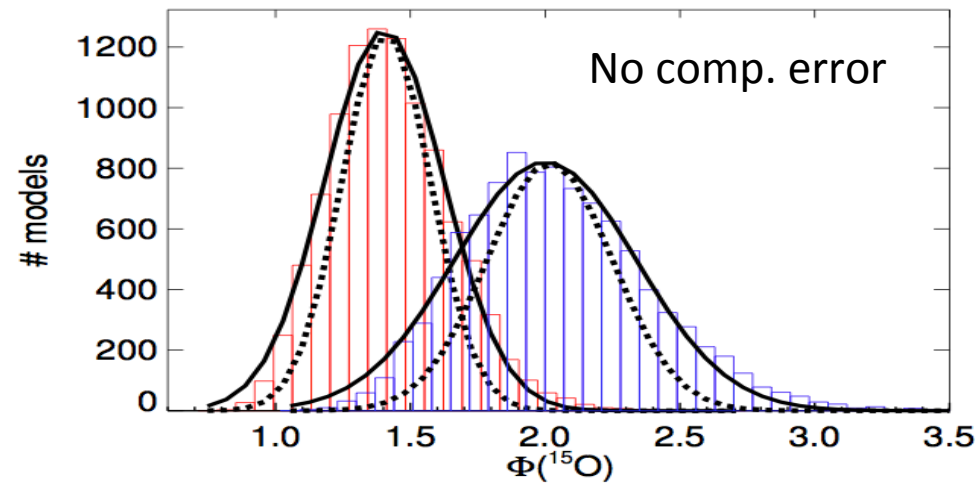


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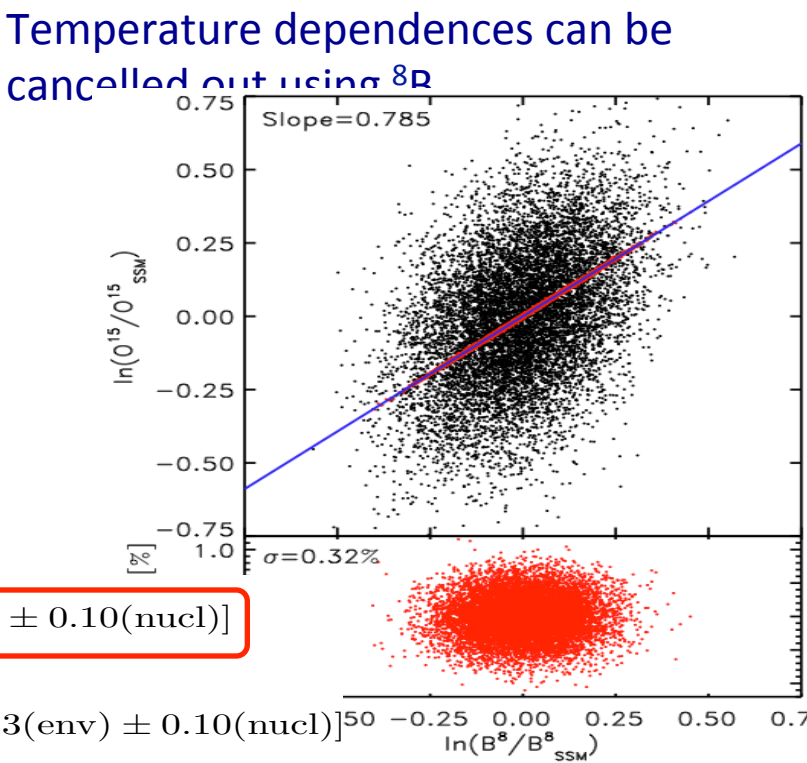
New opacities – OPAS & Los Alamos (ATOMIC/OPLIB)  
Marginal improvement in  $\delta c/c$

# CN n fluxes



$$\frac{\Phi(^{15}\text{O})}{\Phi(^{15}\text{O})_{\text{SSM}}} = \left[ \frac{\Phi(^8\text{B})}{\Phi(^8\text{B})_{\text{SSM}}} \right]^{0.785} x_C^{0.749} x_N^{0.212} [1 \pm 0.003(\text{env}) \pm 0.10(\text{nucl})]$$

$$\approx \left[ \frac{\Phi(^8B)}{\Phi(^8B)_{\text{SSM}}} \right]^{0.785} \left[ \frac{N_C + N_N}{N_C^{\text{SSM}} + N_N^{\text{SSM}}} \right] [1 \pm 0.003(\text{env}) \pm 0.10(\text{nucl})]$$



Discriminates compositions to better than ~ 3-s before adding CN experimental error