

# systematics uncertainties in the determination of the local dark matter density

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# [1] the relevance of the local dark matter density

$$\rho_0 \equiv \rho_{dm}(R_0 \sim 8 \text{ kpc})$$

::  $\rho_0$  is a main astrophysical unknown for DM searches ::

key ingredient to compute DM signals and draw limits  
uncertainties on  $\rho_0$  are crucial in interpreting positive DM detections

## scattering off nuclei

$$\frac{dR}{dE} \propto n_{dm} \int_{v_{min}}^{\infty} dv \frac{f(v)}{v} \propto \rho_0$$

signal: nuclei recoils

sensitive to  $\langle \rho_0 \rangle_{mpc}$

## capture in Sun/Earth

$$\frac{dN_{dm}}{dt} = C - 2\Gamma_{ann}$$

$$C \propto n_{dm} \int_0^{v_{max}} dv \frac{f(v)}{v} \propto \rho_0$$

signal:  $\nu$  from Sun/Earth

sensitive to  $\langle \rho_0 \rangle$

## halo annihilation/decay

$$\frac{d\phi}{dE} \propto \langle \sigma_{ann} v \rangle n_{dm}^k \propto \rho_0^k$$

signals:  $\gamma, e^+, \bar{p}, \nu$

sensitive to  $\langle \rho_0 \rangle$

[not the largest unknown]

# [1] from dynamical observables to $\rho_0$

## Milky Way mass model

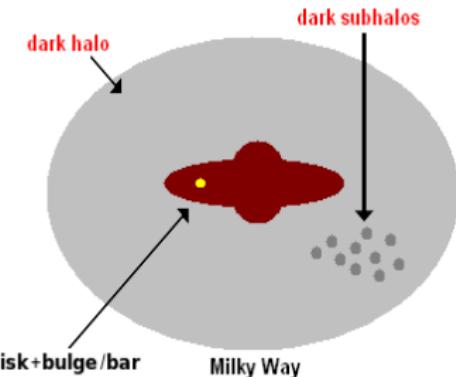
bulge(+bar)  $\lesssim 3$  kpc  $\rho_b(x, y, z)$   $x_b, y_b, z_b$

disk  $\lesssim 10$  kpc  $\rho_d(r, z)$   $\Sigma_d, r_d, z_d$

dark halo  $\lesssim 200$  kpc  $\rho_{dm}(x, y, z) \propto \rho_0$

+gas...

a model fixes  $M_i(R), \phi_i(R)$



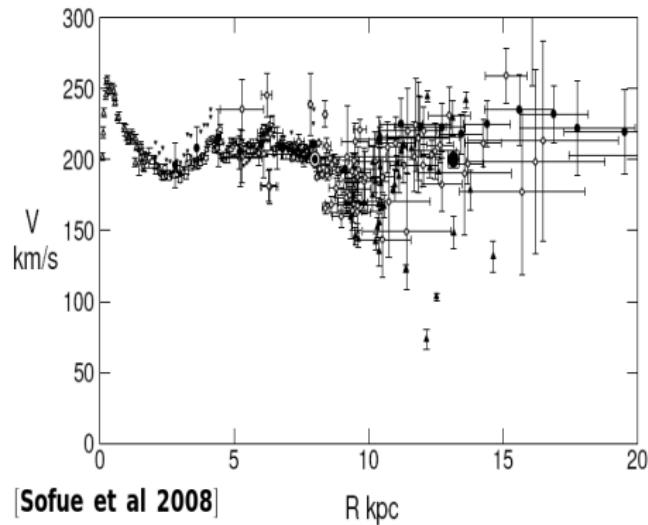
$$\sum_i \frac{d\phi}{dR}(R) \equiv \frac{G}{R^2} \sum_i M_i(< R) = \frac{v^2(R)}{R} \quad v_0 \equiv v(R_0)$$

spherical average local density

$$\bar{\rho}_0 \simeq \frac{1}{4\pi R_0^2} \left( \frac{1}{G} \frac{\partial (v^2 R)}{\partial R} \Big|_{R_0} - \frac{dM_d}{dR} \Big|_{R_0} \right)$$

# [1] from dynamical observables to $\rho_0$

observables



$$R_0, \quad A - B = v_0/R_0, \quad A + B = -v'_0 \\ [\text{fix } v_0, v'_0]$$

mass enclosed

$$M(< 50 \text{ kpc}) \quad M(< 100 \text{ kpc})$$

local surface density

$$\Sigma_{|z| < 1.1 \text{ kpc}} \quad \Sigma_*$$

terminal velocities  $R < R_0$   
 $v(R) = v_T(l) + v_0 \sin(l)$

velocity dispersions  $R \gtrsim R_0$  (tracer populations)

$$\text{Jeans (sph., steady)} \quad \frac{\partial(\nu \sigma_R^2)}{\partial R} + \frac{2\beta \sigma_R^2 \nu}{R} = \nu \sum_i \frac{d\phi_i}{dR} = -\frac{\nu G}{R^2} \sum_i M_i(< R)$$
$$\sigma_{los} \propto \sigma_R$$

microlensing

$$\tau_{LMC} \sim 10^{-7} \quad \tau_{bulge} \sim 10^{-6} \quad [\text{constrain } M_b]$$

# [1] from dynamical observables to $\rho_0$

**aim:** use observables to constrain mass model parameters

**selected references** (different models/observables)

Caldwell & Ostriker '81       $\rho_0 = 0.23 \pm \times 2 \text{ GeV/cm}^3$

Gates, Gyuk & Turner '95       $\rho_0 = 0.30_{-0.11}^{+0.12} \text{ GeV/cm}^3$

Moore et al '01       $\rho_0 \simeq 0.18 - 0.30 \text{ GeV/cm}^3$

Belli et al '02       $\rho_0 \simeq 0.18 - 0.71 \text{ GeV/cm}^3$  (isoth.)

Strigari & Trotta '09       $\Delta \rho_0 / \rho_0 = 20\%$  (projected; 2000 halo stars,  $v_{esc}$ )

Catena & Ullio '09       $\rho_0 \simeq 0.39 \pm 0.03 \text{ GeV/cm}^3$        $\Delta \rho_0 / \rho_0 = 7\% !!$

Salucci et al '10       $\rho_0 \simeq 0.43 \pm 0.21 \text{ GeV/cm}^3$

**usual assumptions:**  $\rho_{dm} = \rho_{dm}(r)$ ,  $\rho_{dm}$  from DM-only simulations

# [1] the role of baryons on dark matter halos

adiabatic contraction [Blumenthal et al 1986]

spherical mass distribution  $M_i(< R_i)$ : baryons + dark matter     $f_b \sim 0.17$   
baryons cool and contract slowly  $\rightarrow M_b(< R)$   
circular orbits +  $L = \text{const}$

$$R(M_b(< R) + M_{dm}(< R)) = R_i M_i(< R_i) = R_i M_{dm}(< R)/(1 - f_b)$$

$$\rho_{dm} \propto R^{-2} \frac{dM_{dm}}{dR}$$

final DM profile is significantly contracted

[+ Gnedin et al 2004, Gustafsson et al 2006]

## halo shape

DM-only halos are prolate

+ baryons: more oblate halos (still triaxial)

in any case,  $\rho_{dm} \neq \rho_{dm}(r)$

### aim

address systematics on  $\rho_0$  in light of recent N-body+hydro simulations  
a realistic pdf on  $\rho_0$  is needed if we are to convincingly identify WIMPs

## [2] our numerical framework

difficult to obtain a MW-like galaxy at  $z = 0$  with simulations  
usually large bulges and small disks result ( $L$  problem)

**recent sucessful attempt:** Agertz, Teyssier & Moore 2010  
dark matter + gas + stars

### cosmological setup

WMAP 5yr cosmology  
select DM-only halo  
 $M_{vir} \sim 10^{12} M_\odot$     $R_{vir} \sim 205$  kpc  
no major merger for  $z < 1$

### baryonic features

star formation (Schmidt law;  $\epsilon_{ff}$ ,  $n_0$ )  
$$\dot{\rho}_g = -\epsilon_{ff} \frac{\rho_g}{t_{ff}}$$
 stellar feedback (SNII, SNIa, wind)

### numerical features

$m_{DM} = 2.5 \times 10^6 M_\odot$   
 $\Delta x = 340$  pc

### **main result**

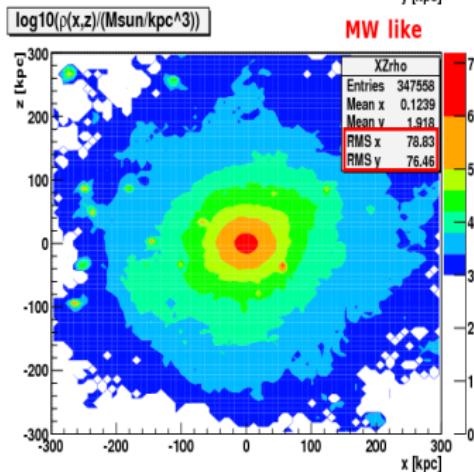
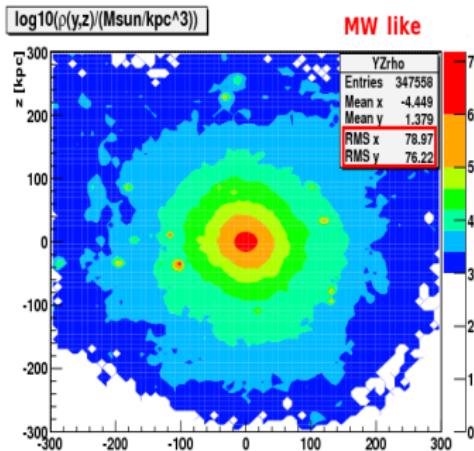
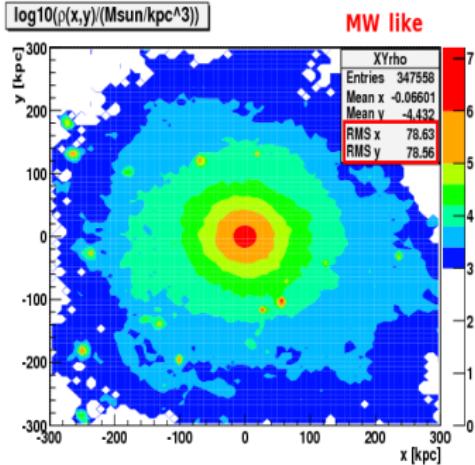
MW-like galaxy with  $v_c \sim const$ ,    $B/D \sim 0.25$ ,    $r_d \sim 4 - 5$  kpc

## [2] our numerical framework

Run	$\epsilon_{\text{ff}}$	Feedback	Star formation threshold, $n_0$					
SR6-n01e1	1 %	SNII	$0.1 \text{ cm}^{-3}$					
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SR6-n01e5	5 %	SNII	$0.1 \text{ cm}^{-3}$					
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SR6-n01e5ML	5 %	SNII, SNIa, mass loss	$0.1 \text{ cm}^{-3}$					
SR6-n1e1	1 %	SNII	$1 \text{ cm}^{-3}$					
SR6-n1e2	2 %	SNII	$1 \text{ cm}^{-3}$					
SR6-n1e5	5 %	SNII	$1 \text{ cm}^{-3}$					
Run	$M_{\text{disk,s}}$	$M_{\text{disk,g}}$	$M_{\text{bulge,s}}$	$r_d$ [kpc] (1)	$f_{\text{gas}}$ (2)	B/D	B/T	$j_{\text{bar}}$ (3)
SR6-n01e1	8.6	1.6	2.0	3.8	0.13	0.23	0.19	1920
SR6-n01e2	7.4	1.3	4.6	7.6	0.10	0.62	0.38	1655
SR6-n01e5	5.6	0.72	7.0	$\sim 15.0$	0.05	1.25	0.56	1305
SR6-n01e1ML	8.0	2.3	2.2	5.0	0.18	0.27	0.21	1960
SR6-n01e2ML	8.1	1.6	3.8	5.0	0.12	0.47	0.32	1718
SR6-n01e5ML	5.5	0.93	7.2	$\sim 15.0$	0.07	1.30	0.57	1464
SR6-n1e1	6.6	3.3	2.9	2.7	0.26	0.44	0.31	1594
SR6-n1e2	6.4	2.4	4.3	2.5	0.18	0.67	0.40	1804
SR6-n1e5	6.0	2.1	5.2	2.7	0.16	0.87	0.46	1643

to bracket uncertainties we consider: **DM only, MW like, baryon+**

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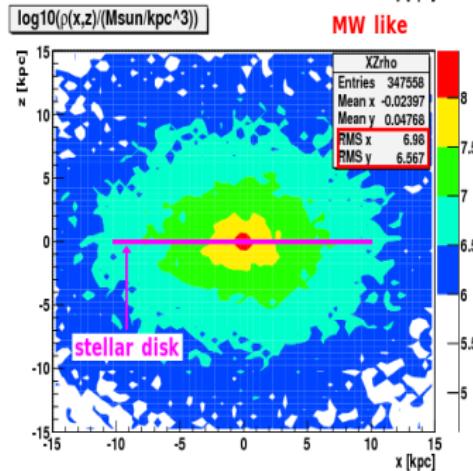
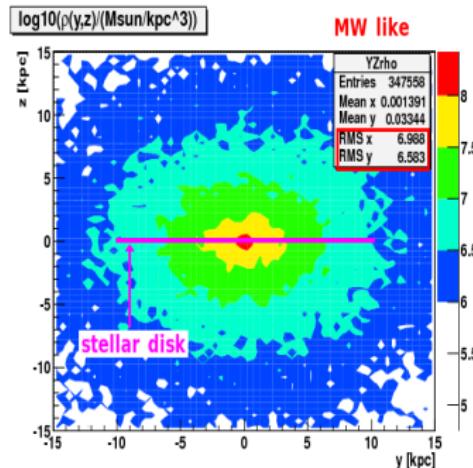
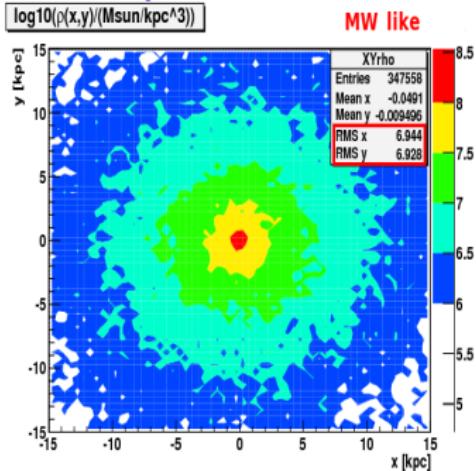


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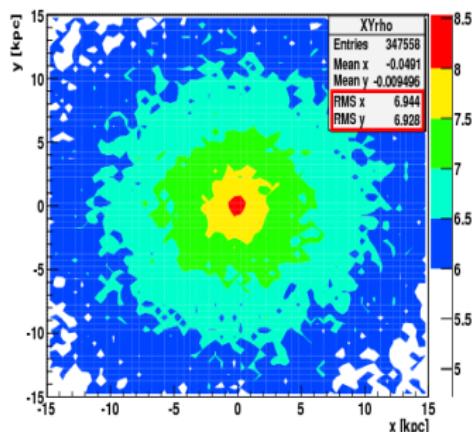
approximately axisymmetric halo

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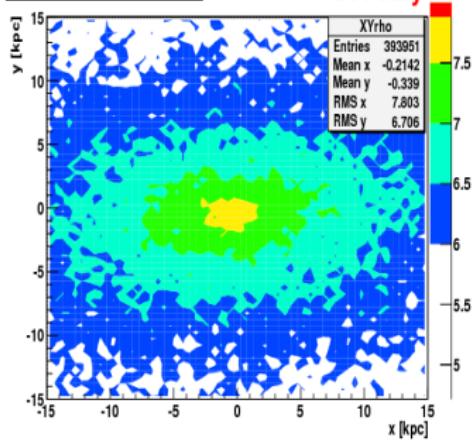
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MW like



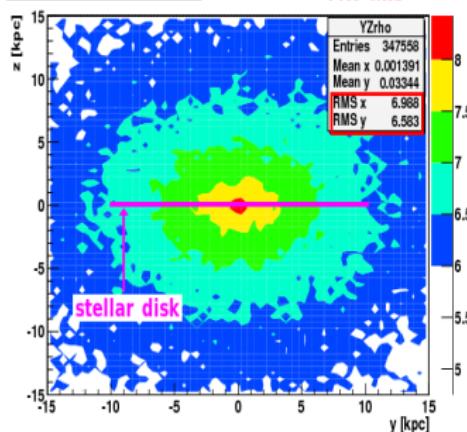
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DM only



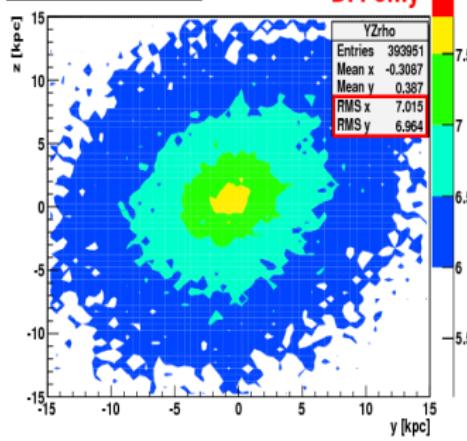
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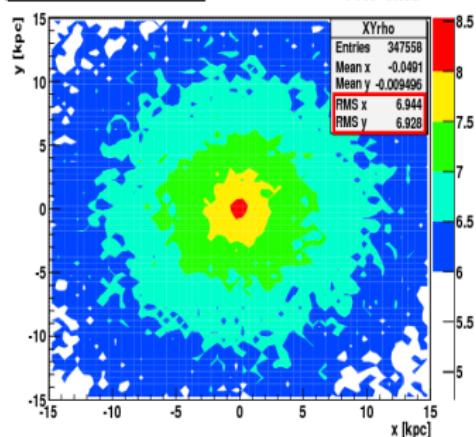
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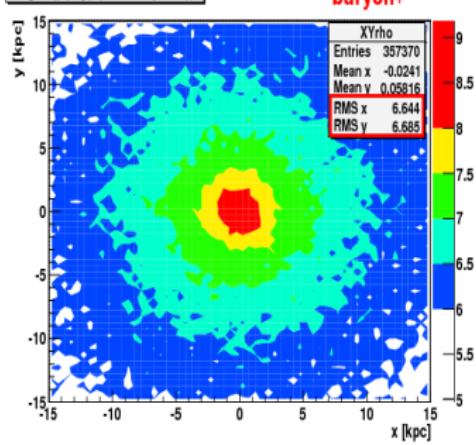


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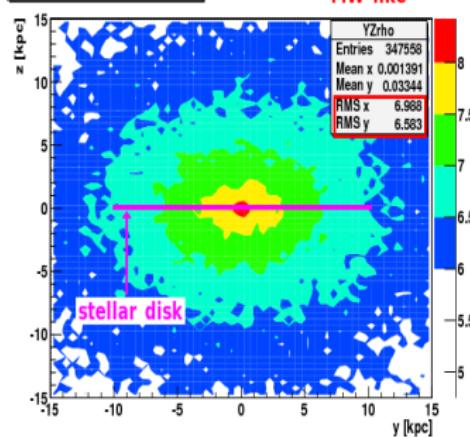
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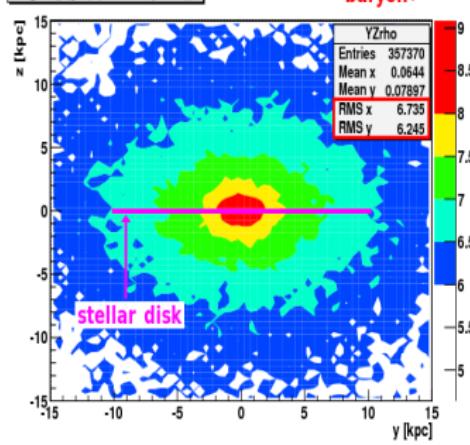
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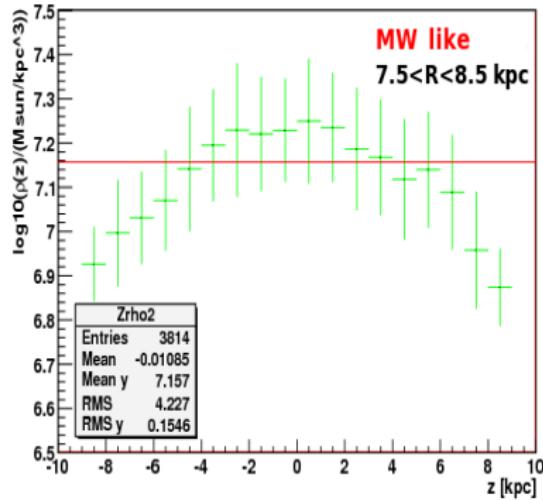
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local spherical shell:  $7.5 < R < 8.5$  kpc

DM overdensity towards  $z \sim 0$   
(i.e. stellar disk)

bottomline

baryons make DM halos rounder (but still non-spherical) and  
flattened along the stellar disk

### [3] halo shape: getting more quantitative

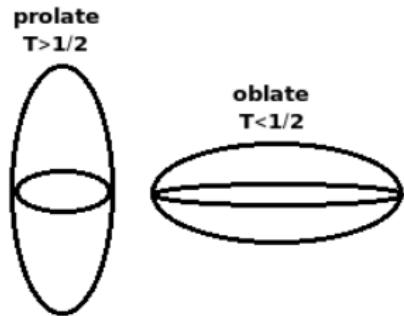
#### inertia calculations

for a set of  $N_p$  particles,  $J_{ij} = \frac{\sum_{k=1}^{N_p} m_k x_{i,k} x_{j,k}}{\sum_{k=1}^{N_p} m_k}$

principle axes: eigenvectors  $\vec{j}_a$  (major),  $\vec{j}_b$  (intermediate),  $\vec{j}_c$  (minor)

axis ratios:  $b/a = \sqrt{J_b/J_a}$ ,  $c/a = \sqrt{J_c/J_a}$

triaxiality:  $T = \frac{1-b^2/a^2}{1-c^2/a^2}$

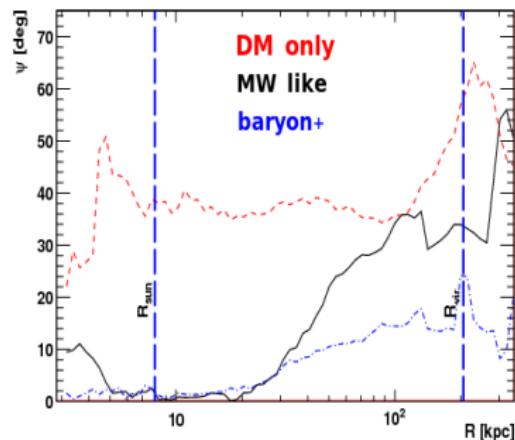
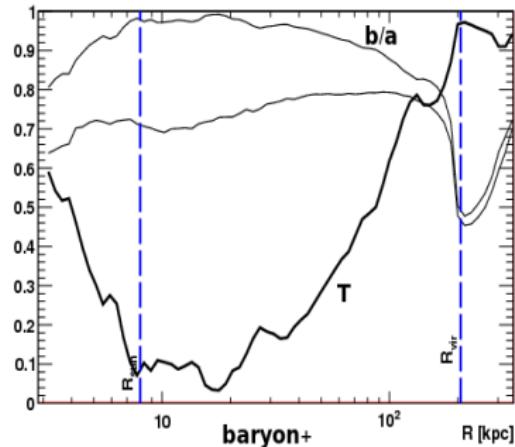
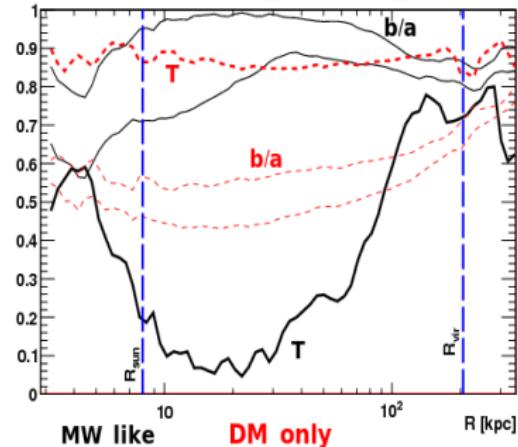


iterative procedure [a la Katz et al '91]

$$r < R \rightarrow b/a, c/a, \vec{j}_{a,b,c} \rightarrow q = \sqrt{x^2 + \frac{y^2}{(b/a)^2} + \frac{z^2}{(c/a)^2}} < R \rightarrow \dots$$

convergence criterium: 0.5% change in  $b/a$ ,  $c/a$

### [3] halo shape: getting more quantitative



inclusion of baryons  
prolate  $\rightarrow$  oblate halo shape  
flattening aligned with stellar disk for  
 $R \lesssim 20$  kpc

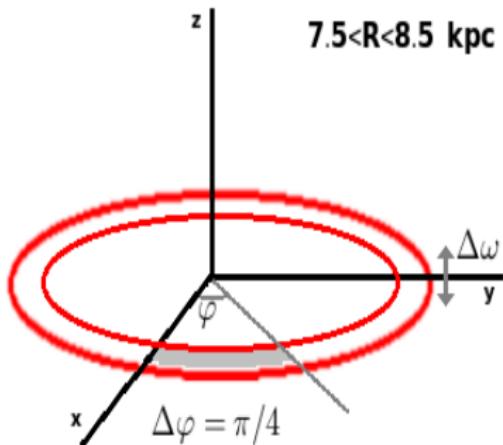
[MP, Agertz, Bertone, Moore & Teyssier '10]

### [3] halo shape: consequences for $\rho_0$

- / many studies assume a spherical halo [e.g. Catena & Ullio, Strigari & Trotta]
- / data then constrains the spherical average local density  $\bar{\rho}_0$ :

$$\bar{\rho}_0 \simeq \frac{1}{4\pi R_0^2} \left( \frac{1}{G} \left. \frac{\partial(v^2 R)}{\partial R} \right|_{R_0} - \left. \frac{dM_d}{dR} \right|_{R_0} \right)$$

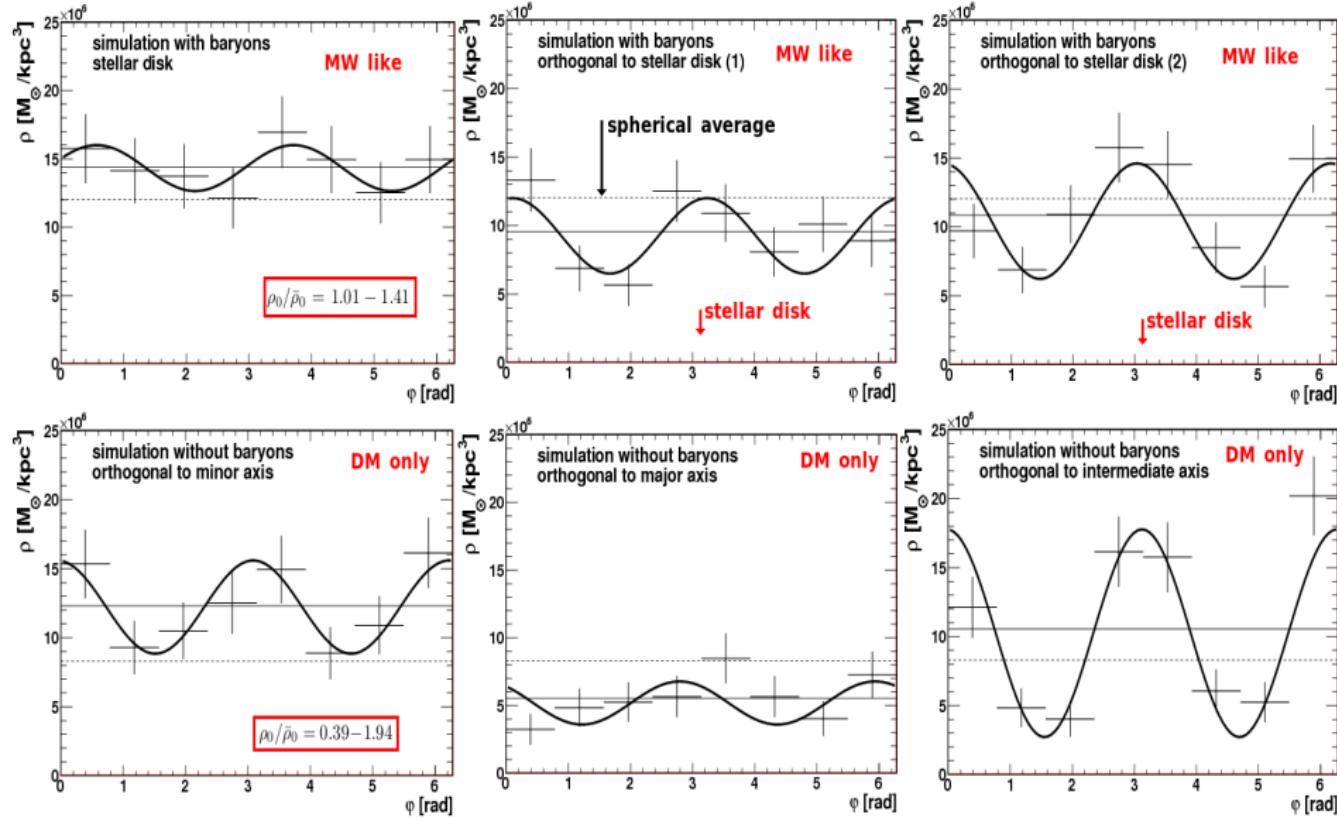
- / model triaxial halo is tricky ( $b/a$ ,  $c/a$  not known nor constant)
- / to estimate **systematic uncertainty** compare  $\bar{\rho}_0 \leftrightarrow \rho_0$  in simulations



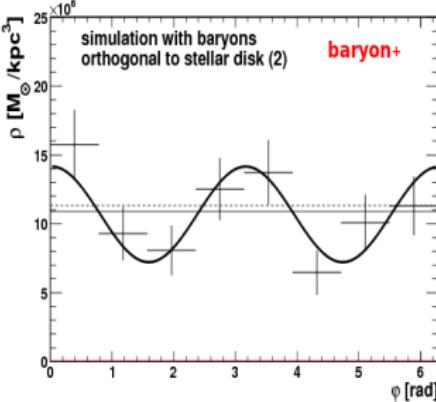
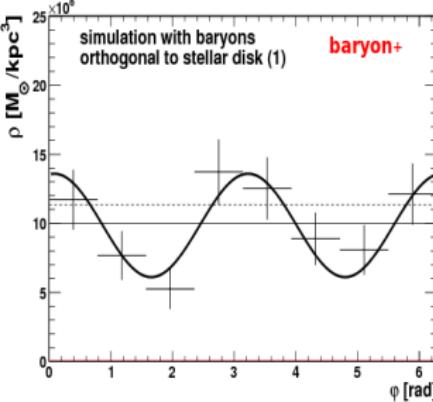
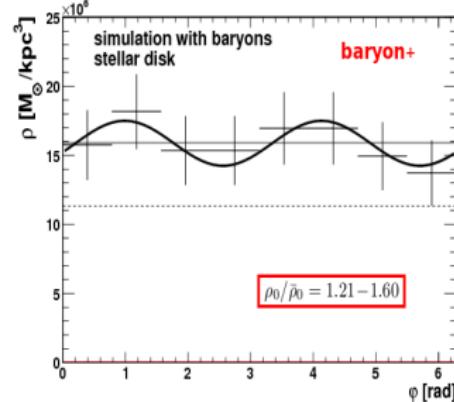
strategy  
spherical shell  $7.5 < R < 8.5$  kpc  
select particles in 3 orthogonal rings  
divide rings into 8 portions  $\Delta\varphi = \pi/4$   
evaluate  $\rho$  along the ring,  $\rho(\varphi)$

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[MP, Agertz, Bertone, Moore & Teyssier '10]



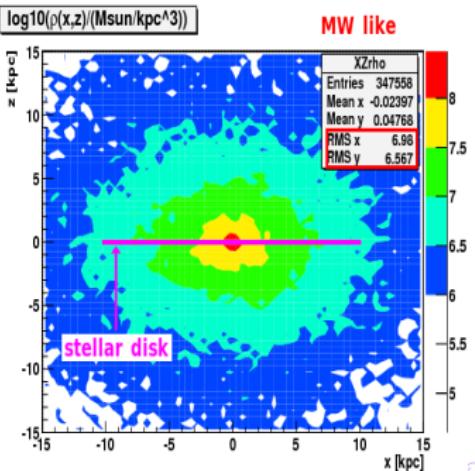
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MW like	$\rho_0/\bar{\rho}_0 = 1.01 - 1.41$
baryon+	$\rho_0/\bar{\rho}_0 = 1.21 - 1.60$
DM only	$\rho_0/\bar{\rho}_0 = 0.39 - 1.94$

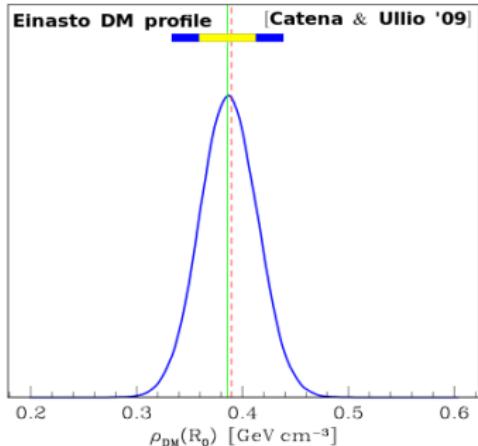
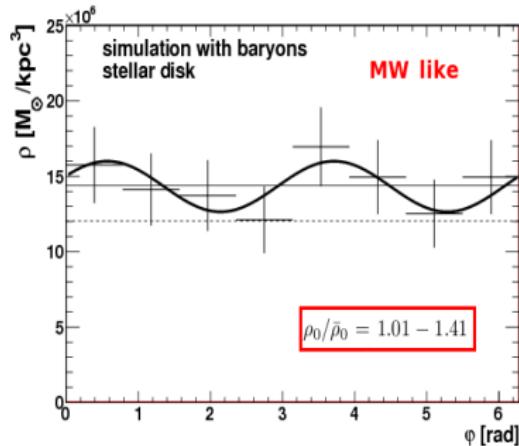
- /  $\rho(\varphi) > \bar{\rho}_0$  because halo is flattened
- / halo-to-halo scatter can change normalisation

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just an exercise...



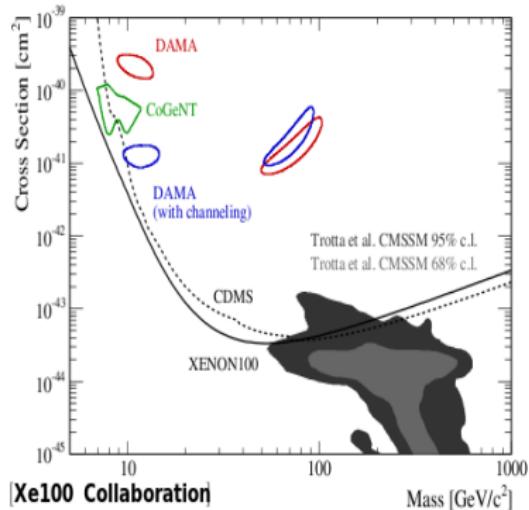
$$\rho_0 = 0.466 \pm 0.033(\text{stat}) \pm 0.077(\text{syst}) \text{ GeV/cm}^3$$

:: syst > stat ::

future: bayesian study with triaxial halo

## [4] $\rho_0$ : why do we care?

direct detection



$$\frac{dR}{dE_R} = \frac{\rho_0}{m_\chi m_N} \int_{v_{min}}^{\infty} d^3\vec{v} v f(\vec{v} + \vec{v}_E; v_{esp}, v_0) \frac{d\sigma_{\chi N}}{dE_R}$$

standard assumptions

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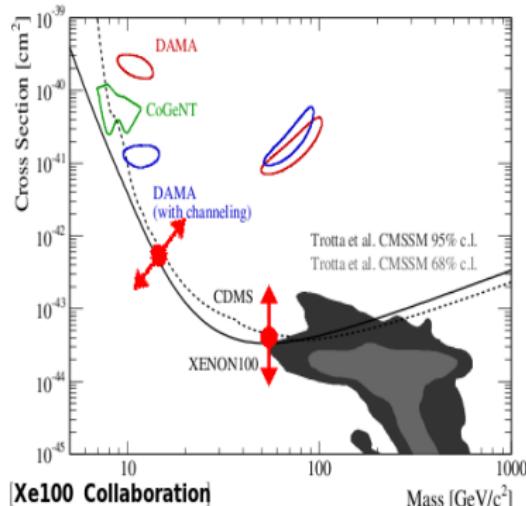
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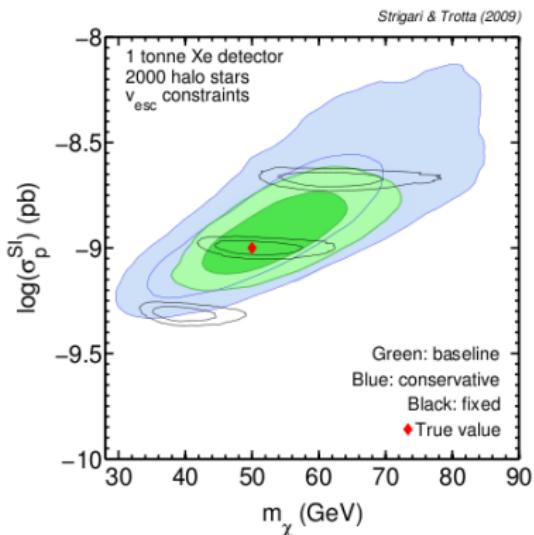
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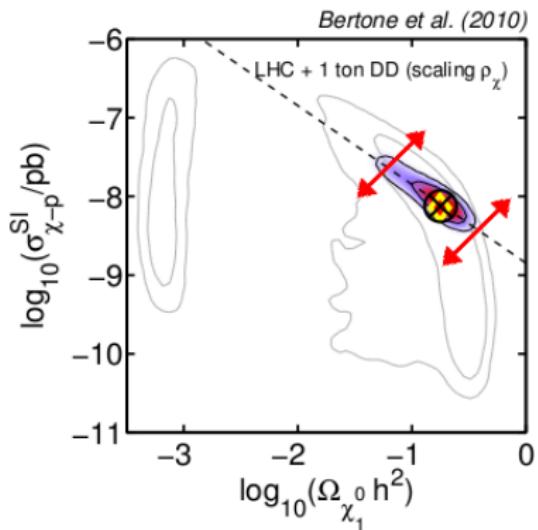
## reconstruction capabilities



direct + halo stars

3/4 halo parameters

$$\Delta \bar{\rho}_0 / \bar{\rho}_0 \sim 20\%$$



direct + LHC

$$\rho_\chi \propto \rho_0 \Omega_\chi$$

no uncertainty on  $\rho_0$

**next steps:** include astro+nuclear uncertainties  
complementarity between different targets in direct detection  
[on-going work...]

## [..] conclusions

$\rho_0$  in light of recent N-body+hydro simulations

- > baryons turn DM halo from prolate to oblate
- > flattening is along the disk
- >  $\rho_0/\bar{\rho}_0 \simeq 1.21 \pm 0.20$

$\rho_0$  uncertainties: not an academic question!

ultimately limit our ability to combine signals and distinguish particle physics models

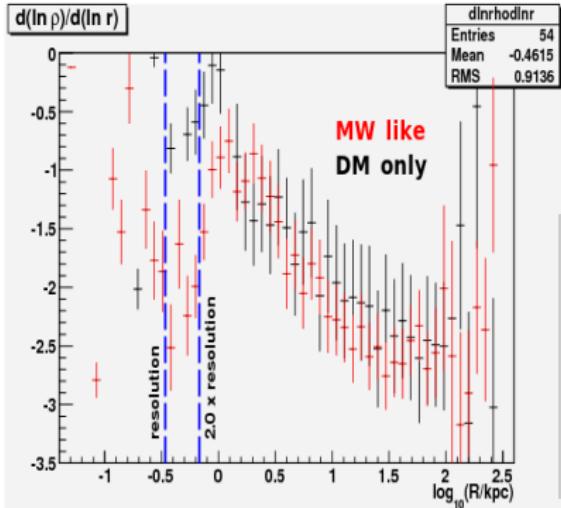
upcoming direct detection experiments and results urge for accurate control over systematics of astrophysical parameters

## [+] halo profile

DM-only simulations find NFW|Einasto profiles

$$\frac{\partial \ln \rho}{\partial \ln R} \rightarrow -1 | 0 \text{ as } R \rightarrow 0$$

baryons expected to contract DM profile



$\frac{\partial \ln \rho}{\partial \ln R} < -1$  for  $R < 1$  kpc

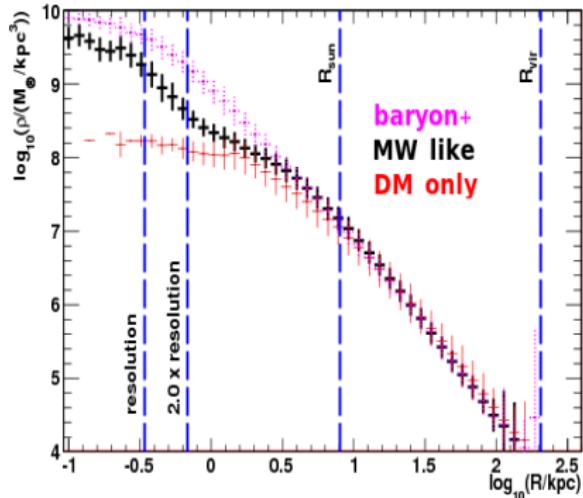
but: no convergence;  $R > 2\Delta x$

teaser

if  $\rho_{dm} \propto R^{-2}$ , extrapolation to pc (why not?)  
yields extreme annihilation signals

e.g. for Fermi-LAT GC  $\gamma$ ,  
 $\langle \sigma_{ann} v \rangle \lesssim 10^{-28} \text{ cm}^3/\text{s} @ m_{dm} = 100 \text{ GeV}$

# [+] halo profile



	NFW fit $1 < R/\text{kpc} < 100$		power law fit	
	$\log_{10}(\rho_s / (\text{M}_\odot / \text{kpc}^3))$	$R_s/\text{kpc}$	$0.340 < R/\text{kpc} < 1$	$0.680 < R/\text{kpc} < 10^{0.1}$
SR6-n01e1ML	7.57 (7.61)	9.48 (8.43)	1.97 (1.58)	1.14 (1.16)
DM only	7.08 (6.97)	15.59 (15.42)	0.46 (0.68)	0.24 (0.36)
SR6-n01e5ML	8.13 (7.76)	5.58 (7.38)	1.54 (1.59)	1.85 (2.00)

significant contraction wrt DM-only case

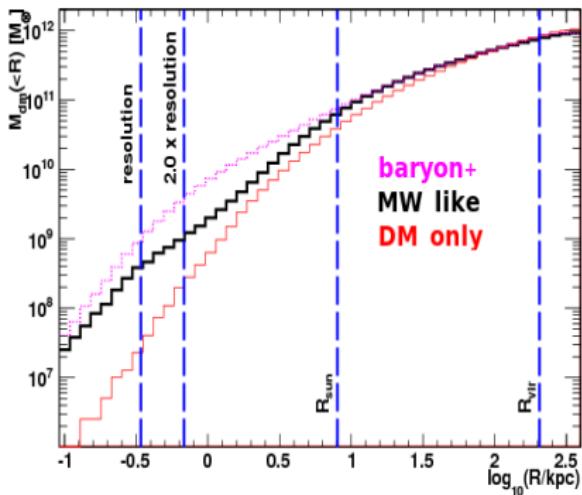
hint for an inner cusp

## [+] halo profile: mass enclosed

$M_{dm}(< 3 - 8 \text{ kpc})$ : important for dynamical constraints



insensitive to inner cusp:  $R^{-1.97}$ ,  $\tilde{R} = 3(8) \text{ kpc}$      $\Delta M_{dm}(< \tilde{R}) = 3(1)\%$



same  $M_{dm}(< 8 \text{ kpc})$  for  $\frac{\bar{\rho}_0(\text{SR6-n01e1ML})}{\bar{\rho}_0(\text{DM-only})} \simeq 0.9$

but:  $A \pm B, \Sigma_*$  constrain  $\bar{\rho}_0$  and  $M_{dm}(< R_0)$

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using contracted profiles would lead to smaller  
 $c$ , but same  $\bar{\rho}_0$

# [+] phase space: a first look

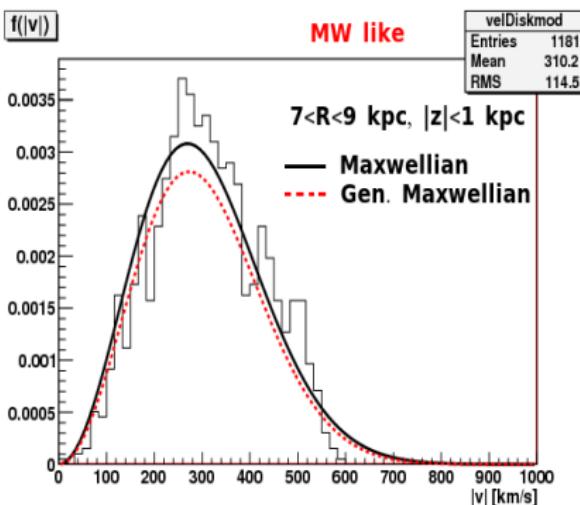
## relevance

for direct detection:  $\frac{dR}{dE} \propto \int_{v_{min}}^{\infty} dv \frac{f(v)}{v}$

for capture in astrophysical objects:  $C \propto \int_0^{v_{max}} dv \frac{f(v)}{v}$

standard approach: use Maxwellian  $f(v) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \frac{v^2}{\sigma^3} \exp\left(-\frac{v^2}{2\sigma^2}\right)$ ,  $\sigma = 270$  km/s

uncertainties related to mismodelling of  $f(v)$



MW like (SR6-n01e1ML)

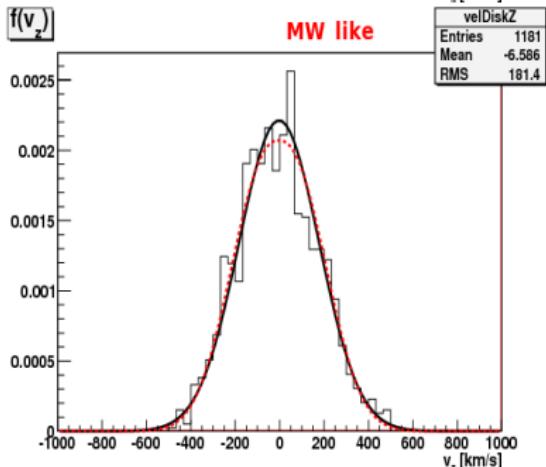
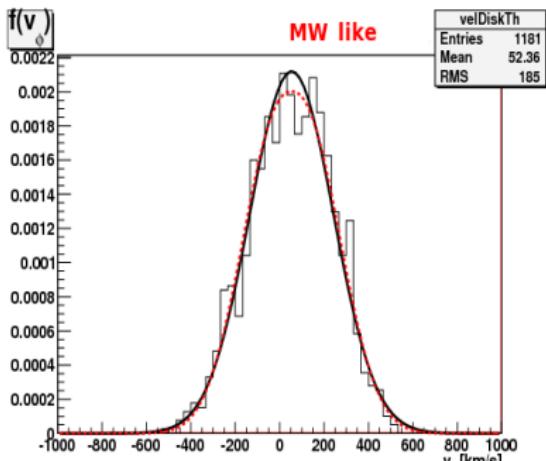
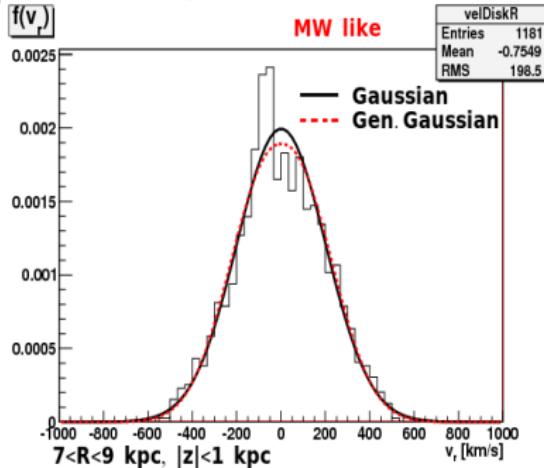
local stellar disk  $7 < R < 9$  kpc and  $|z| < 1$  kpc

$v$  wrt  $\langle v \rangle_{R < 50}$  kpc

Maxwellian and generalised Maxwellian give poor fits  $\chi^2/N_{dof} \simeq 3 - 4$

[ongoing work...]

# [+] phase space: a first look



Gaussian ok (generalised forms not needed)

$$\langle v_\phi \rangle \sim 50 \text{ km/s}$$

no dark disk apparent, but need more particles

[ongoing work...]

