

# systematics uncertainties in the determination of the local dark matter density (+ complementarity of different targets in direct detection)

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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

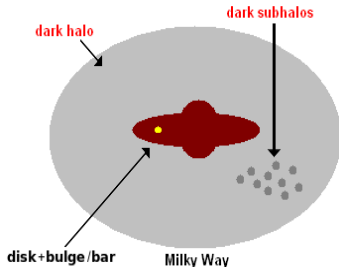
bulge(+bar)  $\lesssim 3$  kpc  $\rho_b(x, y, z) \quad x_b, y_b, z_b$

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

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

+gas...

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



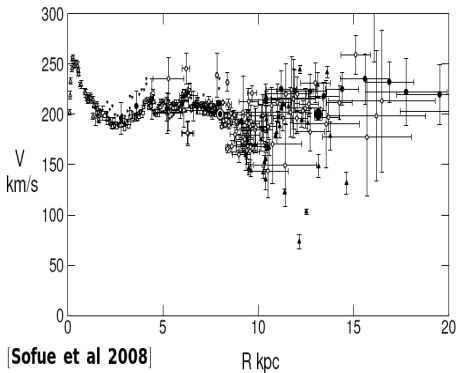
$$\sum_i \frac{d\phi}{dR}(R) \equiv \frac{G}{R^2} \sum_i M_i(< R) = \frac{v^2(R)}{R} \quad v_0 \equiv v(R_0)$$

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

## [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 successful 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

$$m_{DM} = 2.5 \times 10^6 M_{\odot}$$

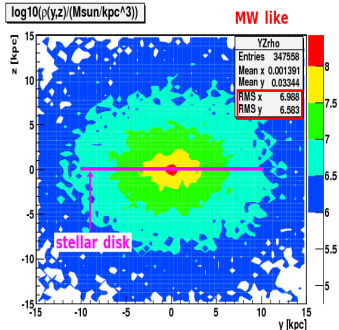
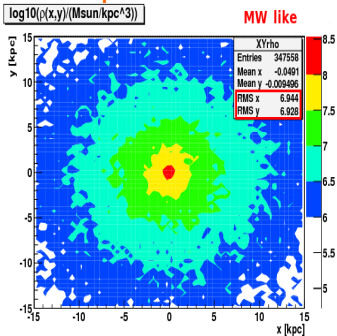
$$\Delta x = 340 \text{ pc}$$

### main result

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

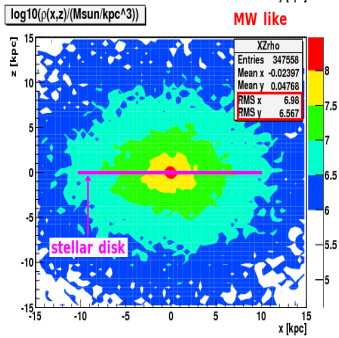


# [3] halo shape: a first look



profiles of dark matter density  
SR6-n01e1ML :: MW like  
approximately axisymmetric halo

$$10^7 M_{\odot}/\text{kpc}^3 \sim 0.38 \text{ GeV}/\text{cm}^3$$

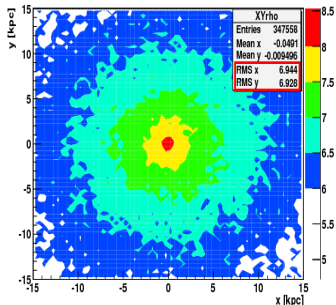




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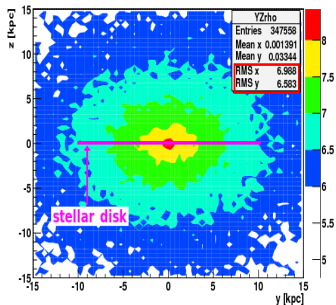
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MW like



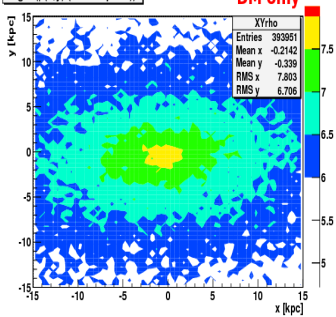
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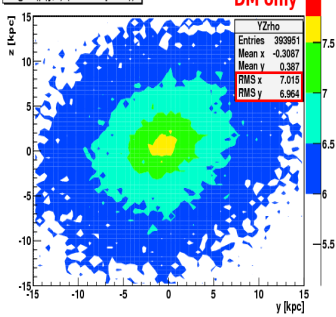
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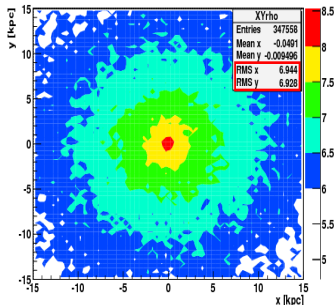
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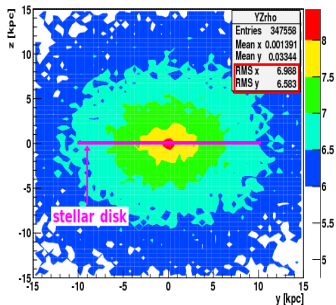
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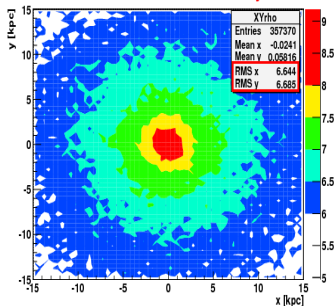
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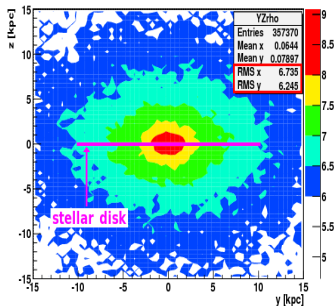
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baryon+

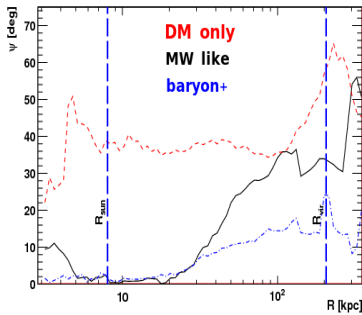
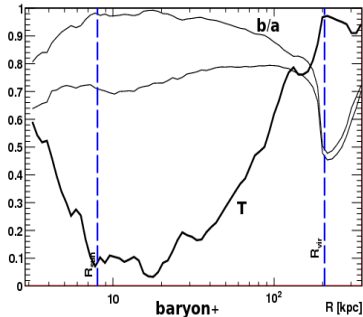
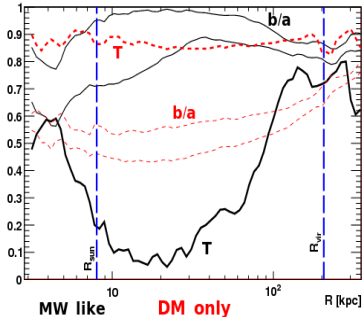


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### [3] halo shape: getting more quantitative



inclusion of baryons

prolate  $\rightarrow$  oblate halo shape

flattening aligned with stellar disk for  
 $R \lesssim 20$  kpc

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

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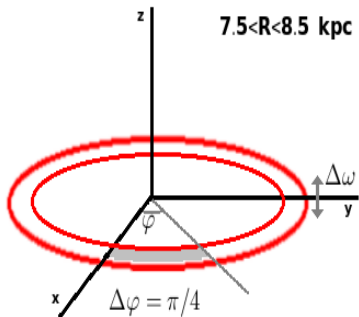
/ many studies assume a spherical halo [e.g. Catena & Ullio, Strigari & Trotta]

/ data then constrains the spherical average local density  $\bar{\rho}_0$ :

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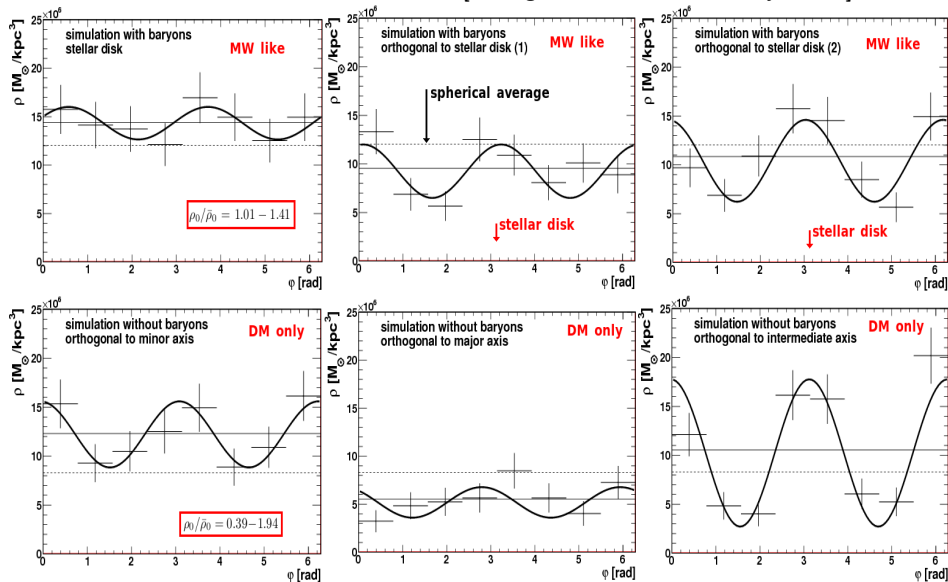
/ model triaxial halo is tricky ( $b/a$ ,  $c/a$  not known nor constant)

/ to estimate **systematic uncertainty** compare  $\bar{\rho}_0 \leftrightarrow \rho_0$  in simulations



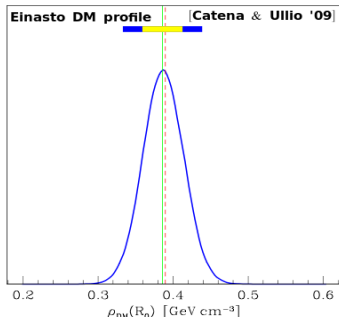
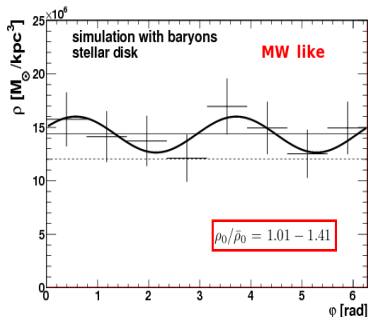
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just an exercise...

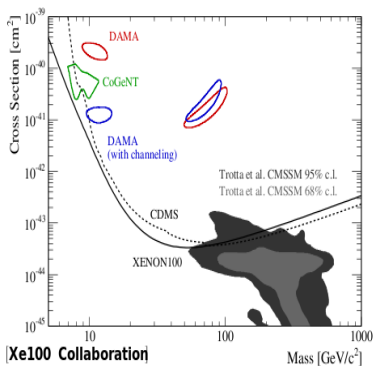


$$\rho_0 = 0.466 \pm 0.033(\text{stat}) \pm 0.077(\text{syst}) \text{ GeV}/\text{cm}^3$$

:: syst > stat ::

future: bayesian study with triaxial halo

## [4] astrophysical uncertainties: why do we care?



direct detection

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

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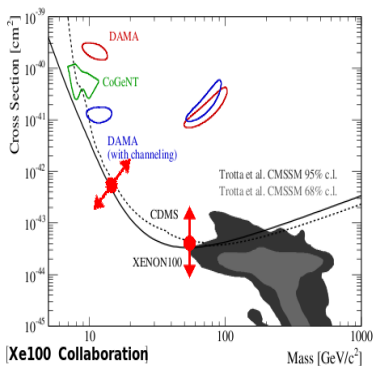
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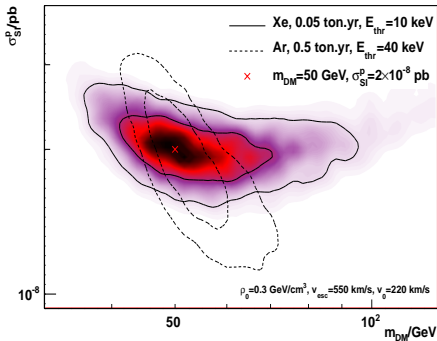
spin independent scattering rate

$$\frac{dR}{dE_R} = \frac{\rho_0 \sigma_{SI}^P}{m_\chi \mu_{P\chi}^2} \times \underbrace{\mathbf{A}^2 F^2(E_R, \mathbf{A})}_{\text{nuclear physics}} \times \underbrace{\mathcal{F}(v_{min}(E_R, \mathbf{A}, m_\chi))}_{\text{astrophysics}}$$

$$v_{min} = \sqrt{m_N E_R / (2\mu_{N\chi}^2)}$$

breaking  $\rho_0 \sigma_{SI}^P / m_\chi$  degeneracy use several energy bins and/or targets

kinematic limit  $m_\chi \gg m_N \Rightarrow v_{min} \simeq \sqrt{E_R / (2m_N)}$ ;  $dR/dE_R \propto \rho_0 \sigma_{SI}^P / m_\chi$



work in progress

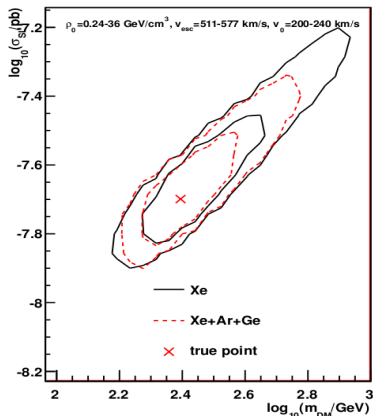
[with Bertone, Trotta, Baudis]

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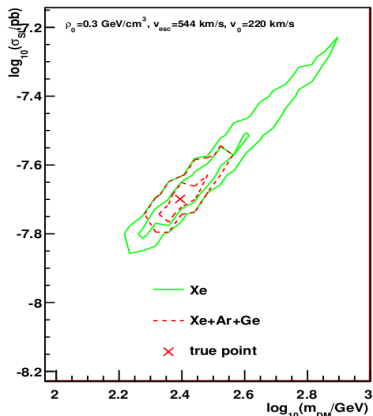
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how much do astrophysical uncertainties blow up target complementarity?

with astrophysical uncertainties



fixed astrophysics



work in progress [with Bertone, Trota, Baudis]

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## [..] conclusions

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

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

**astrophysical uncertainties: not an academic question!**

ultimately limit our ability to combine signals

example: complementarity between different targets in direct detection

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

## [+] 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 +  $L = \text{const}$

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

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

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

# [+] 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:  $T = \frac{1-b^2/a^2}{1-c^2/a^2}$

**prolate**  
 **$T > 1/2$**



**oblate**  
 **$T < 1/2$**

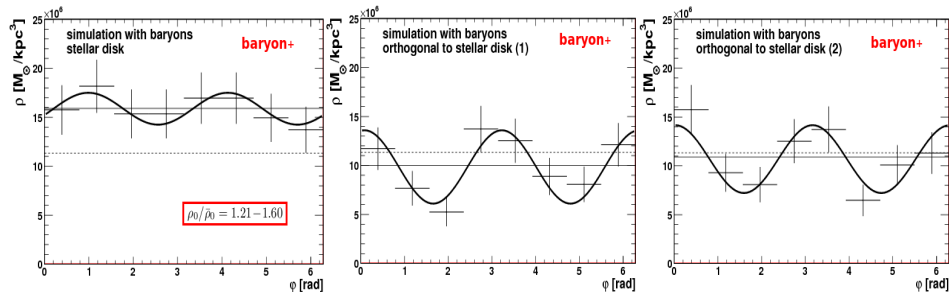


iterative procedure [a la Katz et al '91]

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

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

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



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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