Systematic uncertainties in dark matter searches due to halo asphericity

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Direct and indirect DM searches

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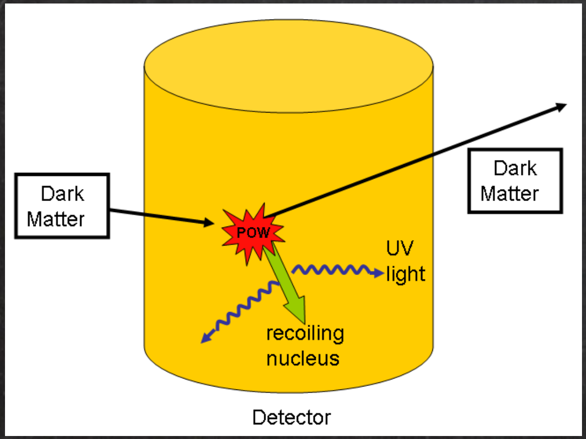
* Direct detection

DM particles streaming through the surface of the Earth could scatter with the nuclei of the detector



$$R \approx \frac{\rho_\odot \sigma \langle v \rangle}{m_\chi \, m_A}$$

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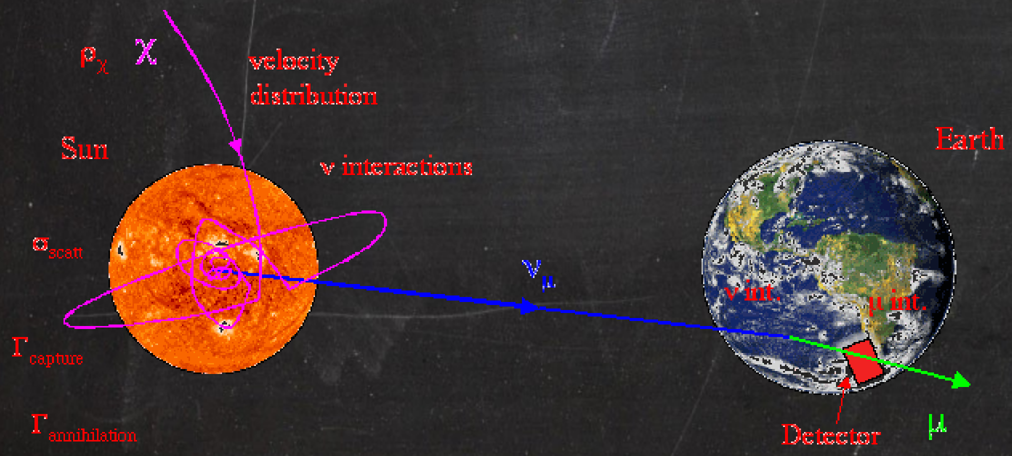
* **Direct/Indirect detection**

Flux of neutrinos α annihilation rate α Sun's capture rate α DM particles through the Sun α local DM density



$$\dot{N}_\chi(t) = C_\odot - A_\odot\, N_\chi^2(t) - E_\odot\, N_\chi(t)$$

$$C^\odot \approx 1.3 \times 10^{21}\,\mathrm{sec}^{-1} \left(\frac{\rho_{\mathrm{local}}}{0.3\,\mathrm{GeV/cm}^3}\right)\left(\frac{270\,\mathrm{km/s}}{\bar{v}_{\mathrm{local}}}\right) \times \left(\frac{100\,\mathrm{GeV}}{m_\chi}\right) \sum_i \left(\frac{A_i\,(\sigma_{\chi i,\mathrm{SD}} + \sigma_{\chi i,\mathrm{SI}})\, S(m_\chi/m_i)}{10^{-6}\,\mathrm{pb}}\right),$$

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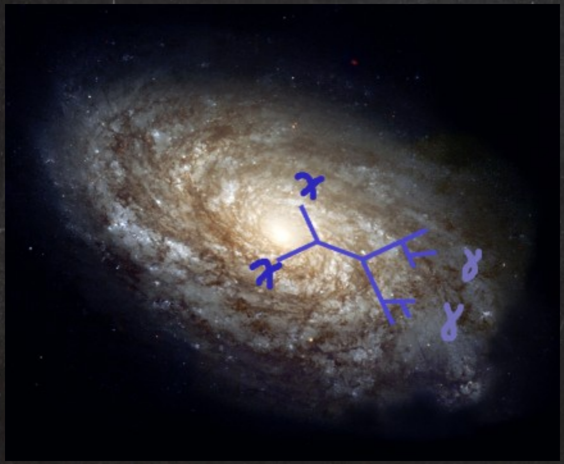
Not only the local normalization is important but the also the shape of the halo!



$$\left(\frac{d\Phi_{\rm ann}}{dE}\right)(E,\Delta\Omega) = \frac{\langle\sigma v\rangle}{2\,m_\chi^2}\sum_i {\rm BR}_i\,\frac{dN^i_{\rm ann}}{dE}\,J_{\rm ann}(\Omega)\,\frac{\Delta\Omega}{4\,\pi}$$

$$\left(\frac{d\Phi_{\rm dec}}{dE}\right)(E,\Delta\Omega) = \frac{1}{m_\chi\,\tau_\chi}\sum_i {\rm BR}_i\,\frac{dN^i_{\rm dec}}{dE}\,J_{\rm dec}(\Omega)\,\frac{\Delta\Omega}{4\,\pi}$$

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has to be under control —» DM halo

DM: spherical halos?

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NFW $$\rho(r) = \frac{4\rho_s}{r/r_s\,(1+r/r_s)^2}$$

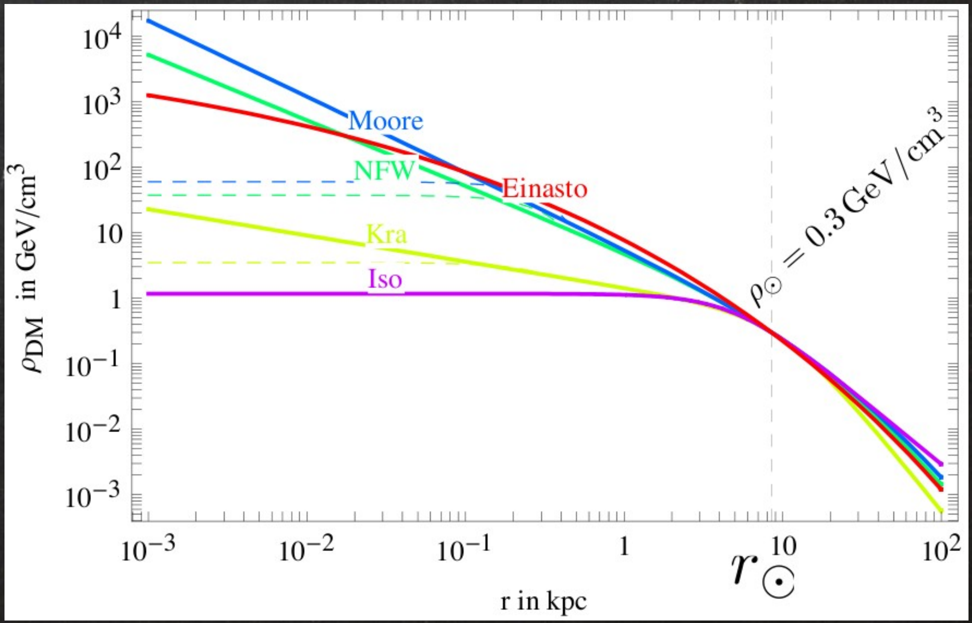
Einasto

$$\rho(r) = \rho_\odot \exp\left[-\frac{2}{\alpha}\left(\left(\frac{r}{r_s}\right)^\alpha - \left(\frac{R_\odot}{r_s}\right)^\alpha\right)\right]$$

ρ_0 = 0.3 GeV / cm^3

r_s = 20 kpc

α = 0.38



DM: triaxial halos!

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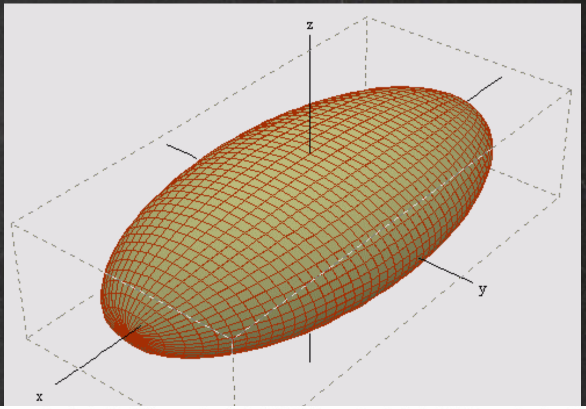
Halos are found to be non-spherical.
In fact, spherical halos are rare!

Baryons prefer to lay in one of the 3 symmetry planes



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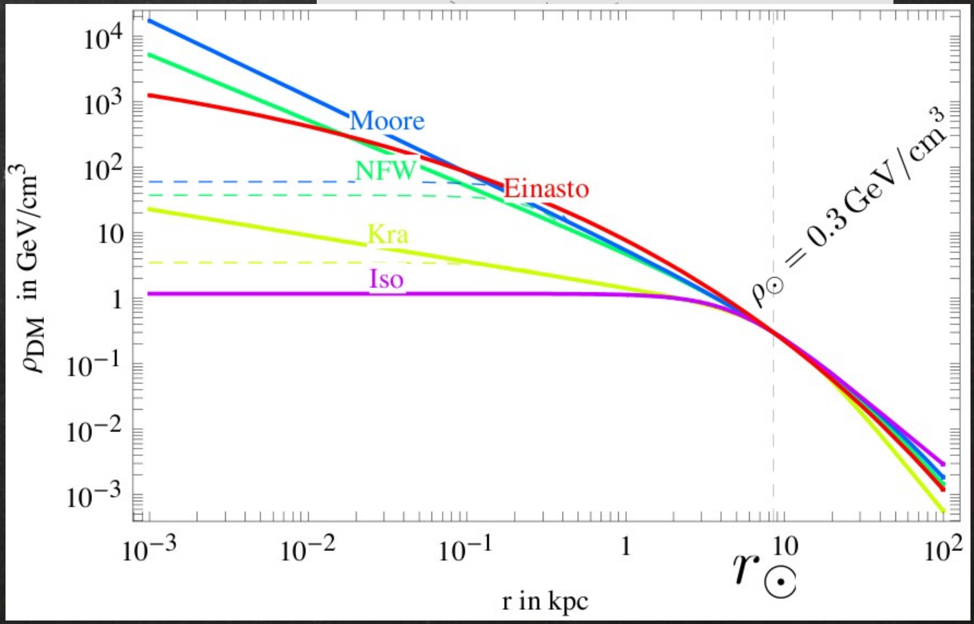
$$r_e^2 = x^2 + \left(\frac{y}{b/a}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{z}{c/a}\right)^2$$

a > b > c



Bolshoi simulation

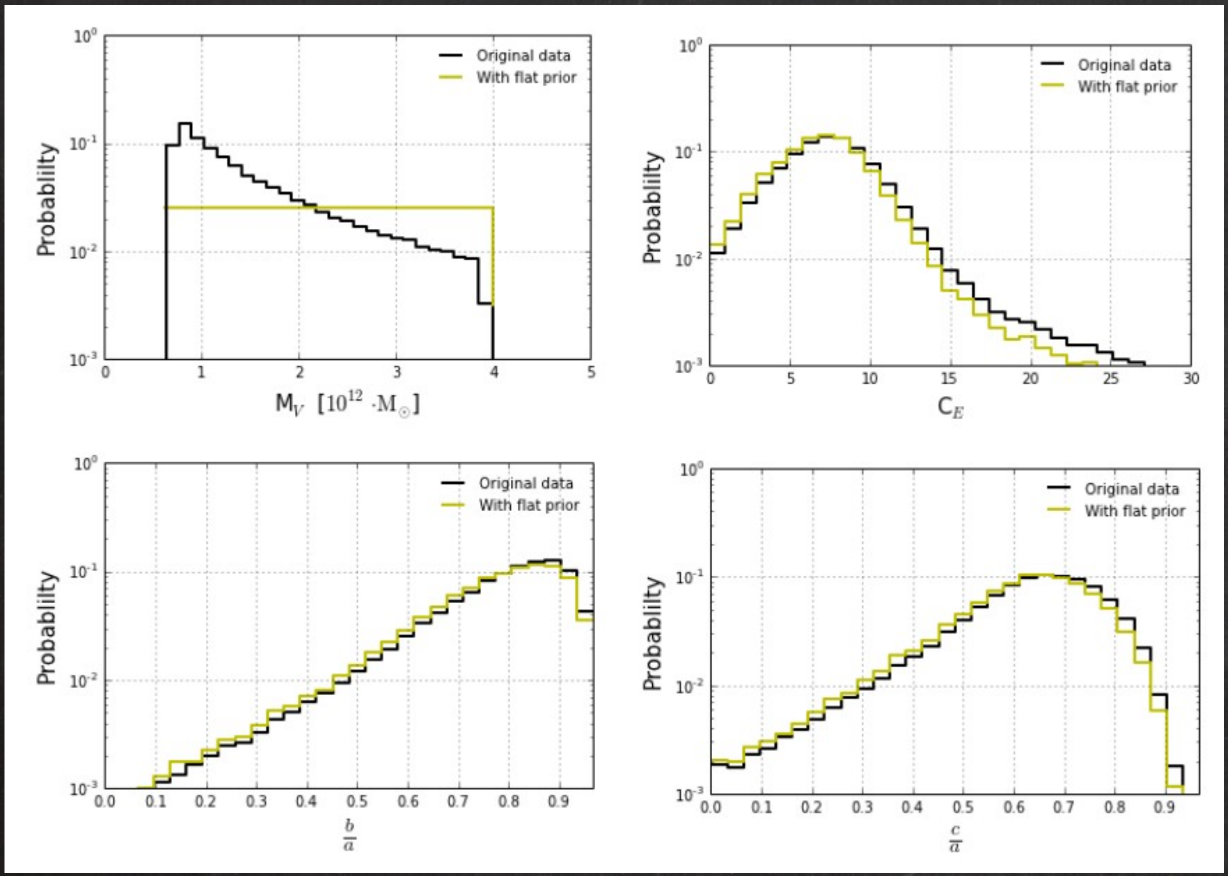
Bolshoi A. Klypin, S. Trujillo-Gomez & J. Primack '10
Publicly available through the MultiDark Database K. Riebe et al. '11
Cubic volume 250 h^{-1} Mpc, sampled with 2048^3 particles
Mass of a simulation particle $1.4 \cdot 10^8\ h^{-1}\ M_*$

Cosmological parameters compatible with WMAP5 and WMAP7
$\Omega_m=0.27$, $\Omega_\Lambda=0.73$, $n_s=0.95$, $h=0.70$, $\sigma_8=0.82$

DM only
DM halos fitted using NFW profile
Effects due to substructure (clumps) captured

Collection of $\mathcal{O}(10^5)$ halos characterised by
Virial mass M_V (and virial radius)
Triaxial parameters b/a & c/a
Concentration parameter C_E

Data set



~10^5 DM only halos

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Flat prior on M_V in order to avoid cosmological bias

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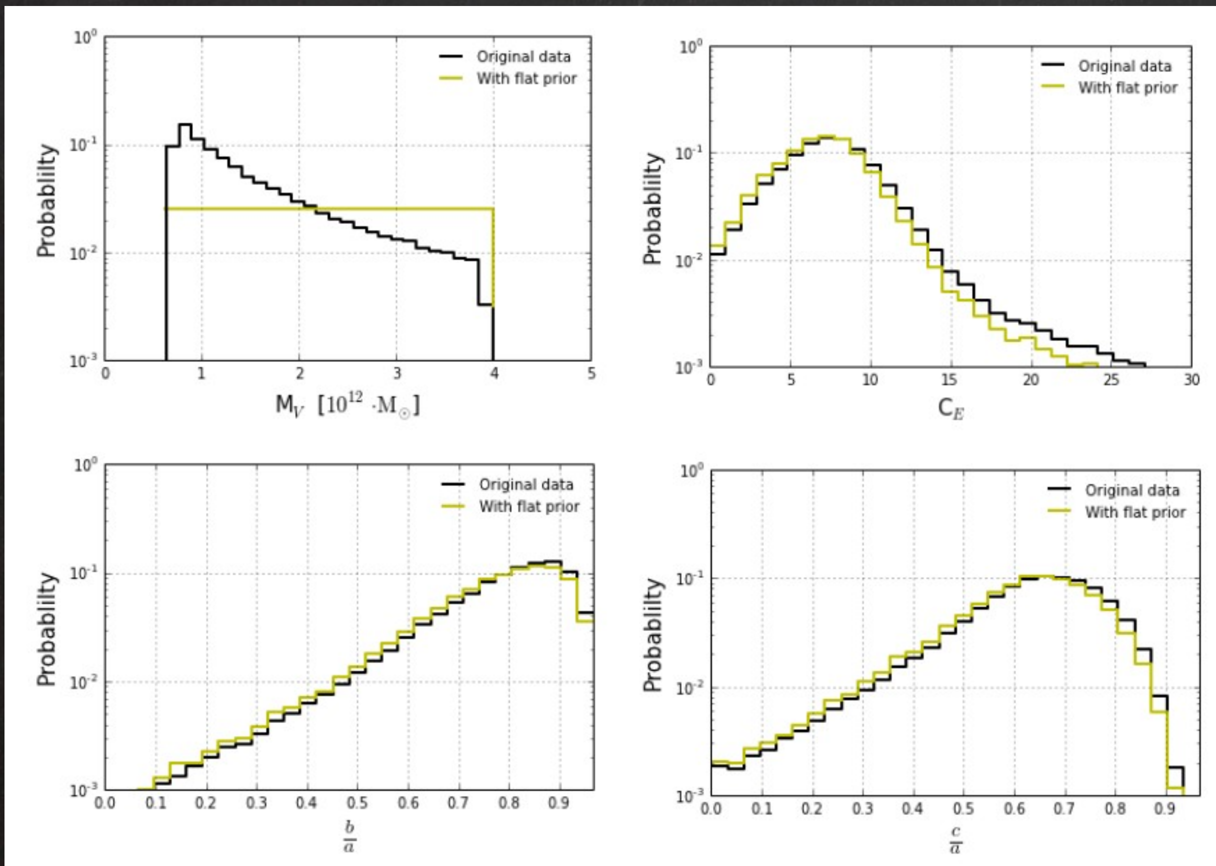

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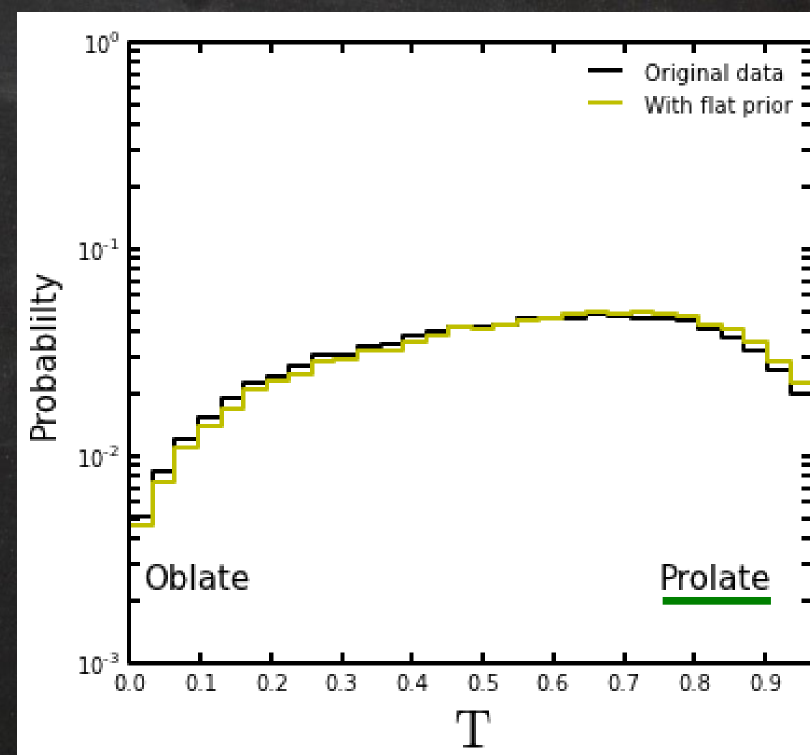
Triaxiality parameter

$$T = \frac{1 - (b/a)^2}{1 - (c/a)^2}$$

$\langle T \rangle \sim 0.58$



Impact of halo asphericity

(preliminary comments)

~spherical	*prolate*	oblate
b/a=0.96	b/a=0.58	b/a=0.97
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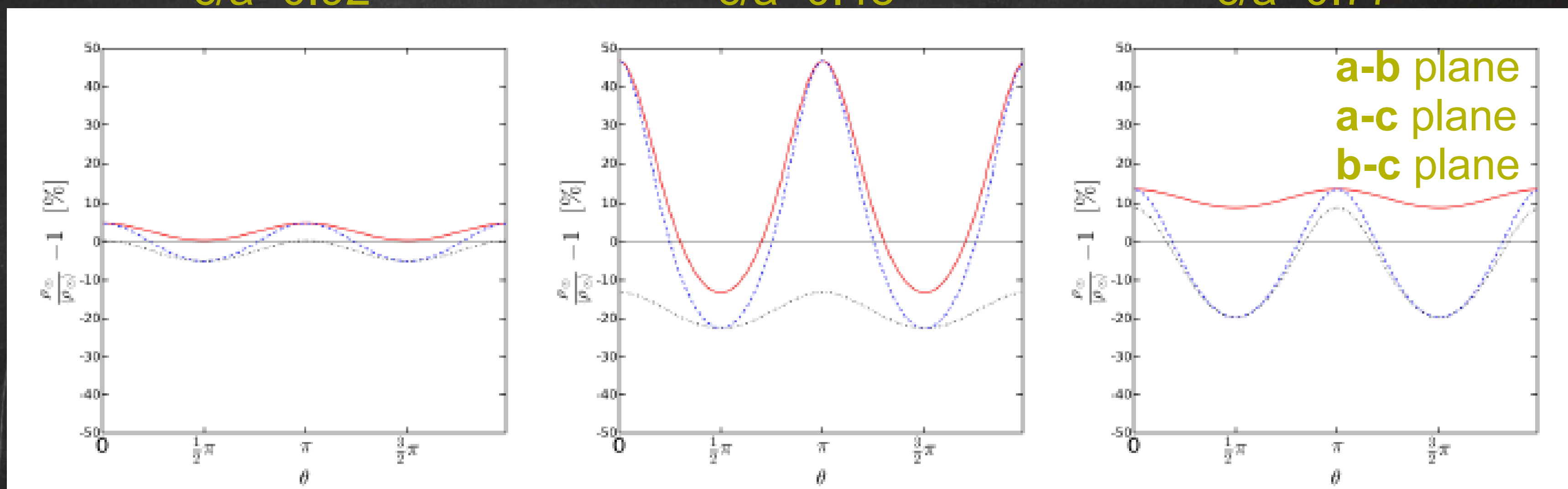
$\rho/\langle\rho\rangle - 1$ [%]



$\rho_0(\theta)$: Local DM density at a given angle θ

$\langle\rho_0\rangle$: Spherically averaged local DM density

$\rho_0 / \langle\rho_0\rangle - 1$: Uncertainty induced by **triaxiality**

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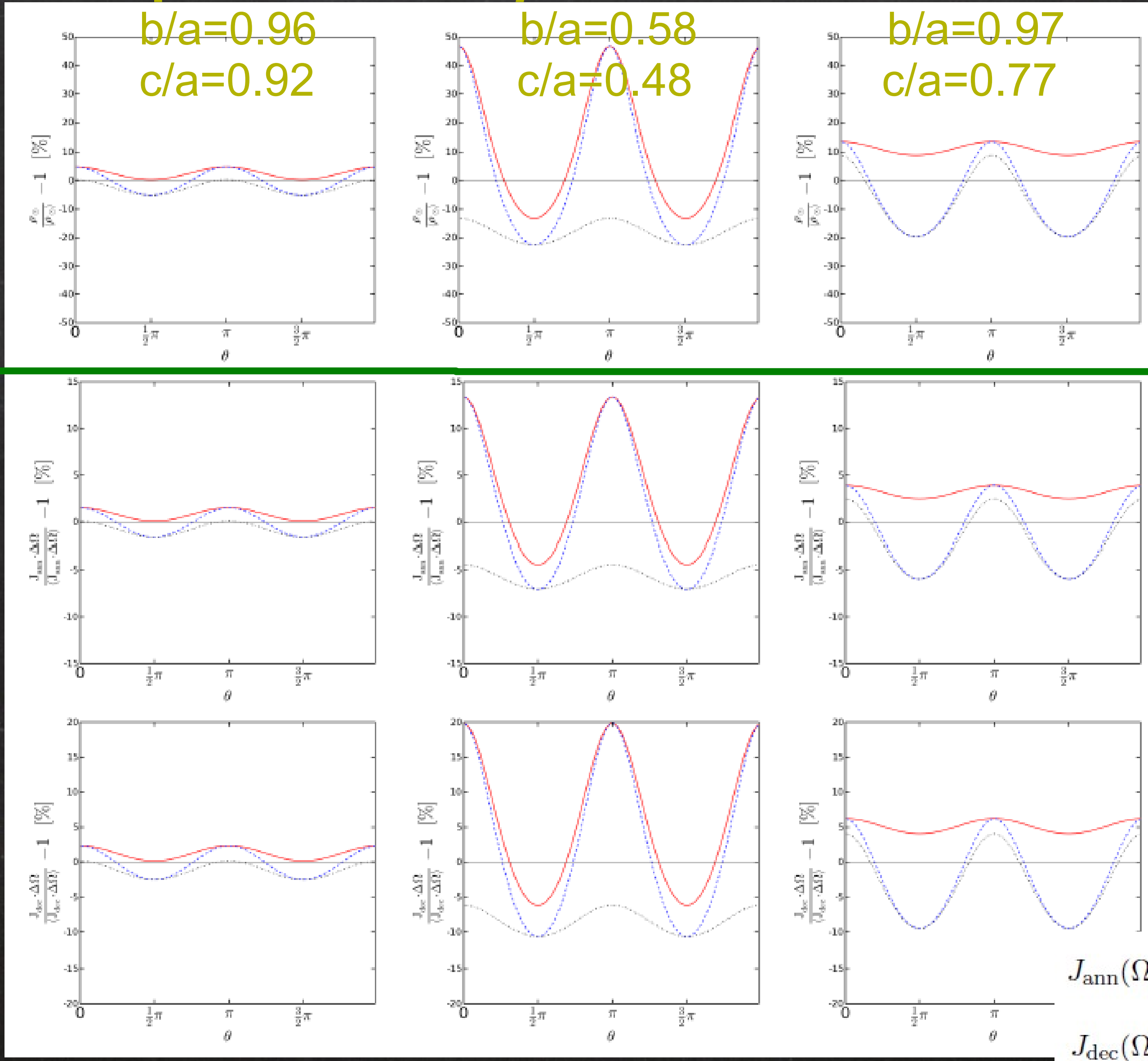
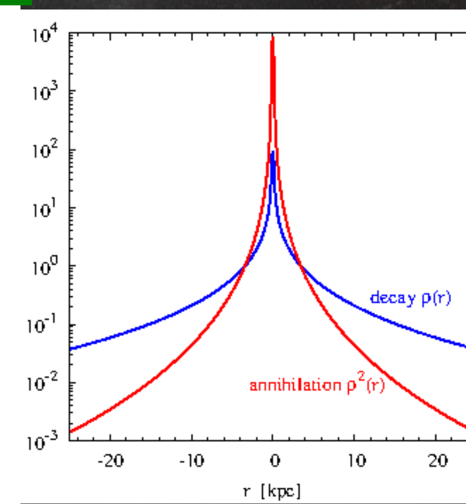
ρ/<ρ> - 1 [%]

J/<J> - 1 [%]

ann.

dec.





ROI = 20°x20°

$$J_{\text{ann}}(\Omega)\Delta\Omega = \int_{\Delta\Omega} \mathrm{d}\Omega \int_{\text{los}} \rho(r(s,\Omega))^2 \, \mathrm{d}s$$

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Observational priors

Virial mass

Different methods like gravitational lensing, rotation curves, escape velocity, velocity dispersion profiles of some tracers...

Estimates based on stellar kinematics tend to yield $\lesssim 10^{12}\ M_*$

distant tracers tend to yield $\gtrsim 10^{12}\ M_*$

M_V is expected to lie within $\mathbf{0.7 \cdot 10^{12}\ M_* < M_V < 4 \cdot 10^{12}\ M_*}$

Observational priors

Virial mass

Mass at 60 kpc
Total mass in the innermost 60 kpc
Sloan Digital Sky Survey '08

$$M(<60\ \text{kpc}) = (4.0 \pm 0.7) \cdot 10^{11}\ M_*$$

Observational priors

Virial mass

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Local DM surface density

$$\Sigma_{z_0}(\mathrm{R}_\odot) \equiv \Sigma(\mathrm{R}_\odot, |z| < z_0) = \int_{-z_0}^{+z_0} \rho\,(\mathrm{R}_\odot, z))\,\mathrm{d}z$$

$\Sigma(|z|<1.1\ \mathrm{kpc}) = (17\pm6)\ M_* \ \mathrm{pc}^{-2}$ J. Bovy & HW. Rix '13

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Sun's galactocentric distance

$R_* = [7.5, 8.7]$ kpc

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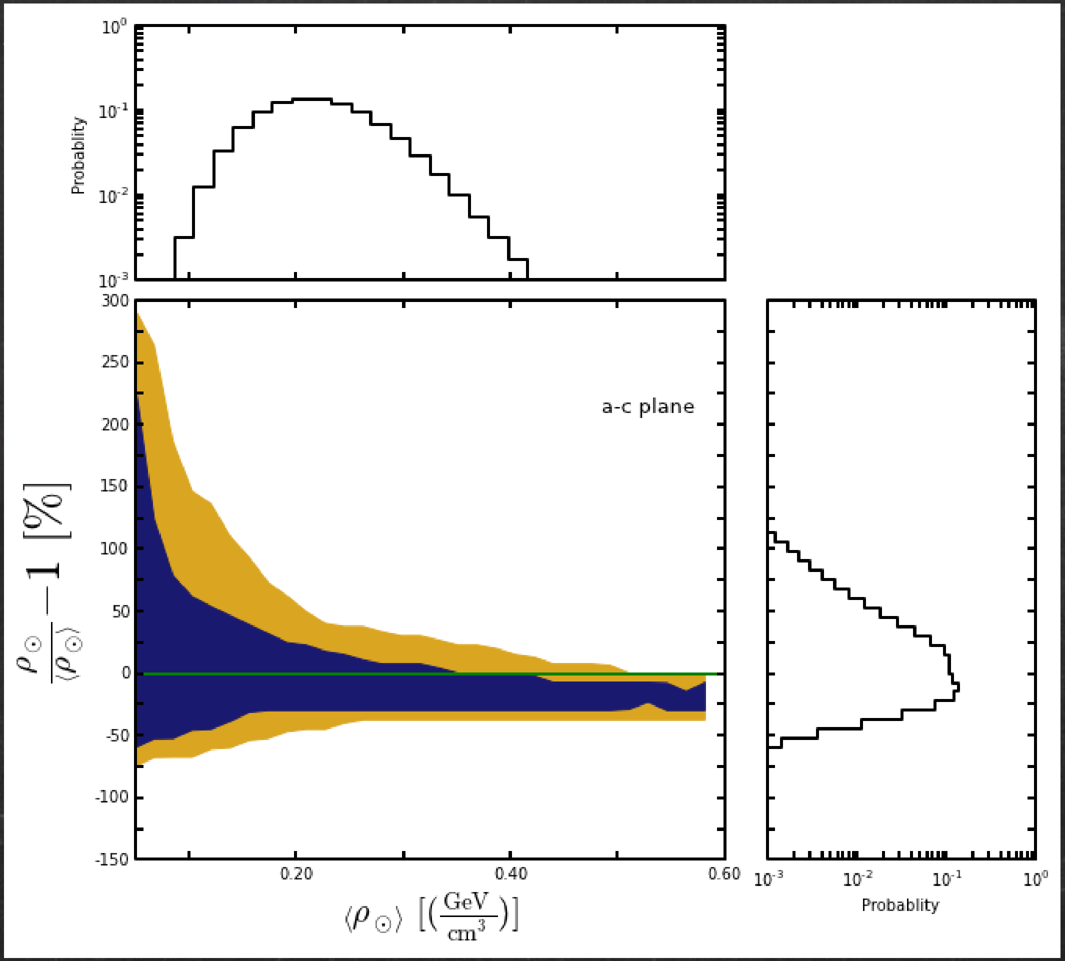
Other dynamical constraints for the Milky Way:
Terminal velocities,
velocity dispersions in a tracer population,
local circular velocities...
need a detailed **mass model for baryons in** the MW

Systematic uncertainties in ρ_0

a-c plane



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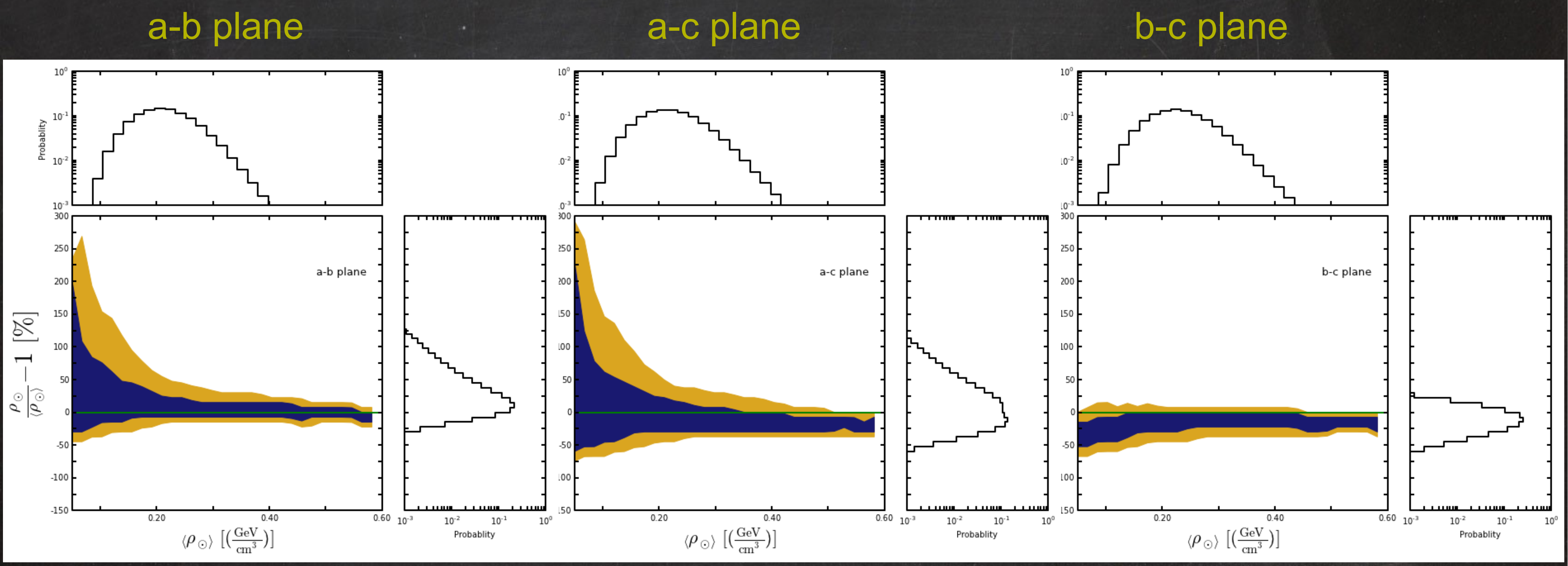
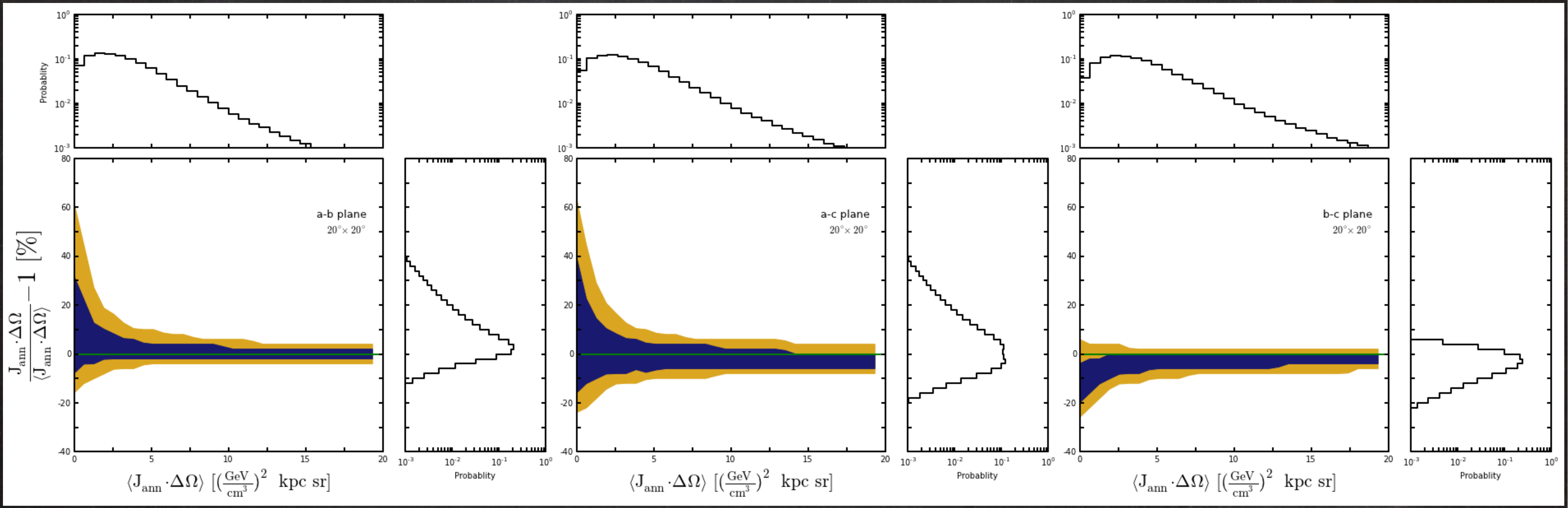


If $\langle\rho_0\rangle \sim 0.3$ GeV/cm^3 the uncertainty ~45% @ 95% CL

Systematic uncertainties in J·ΔΩ

Annihilation

a-b plane a-c plane b-c plane



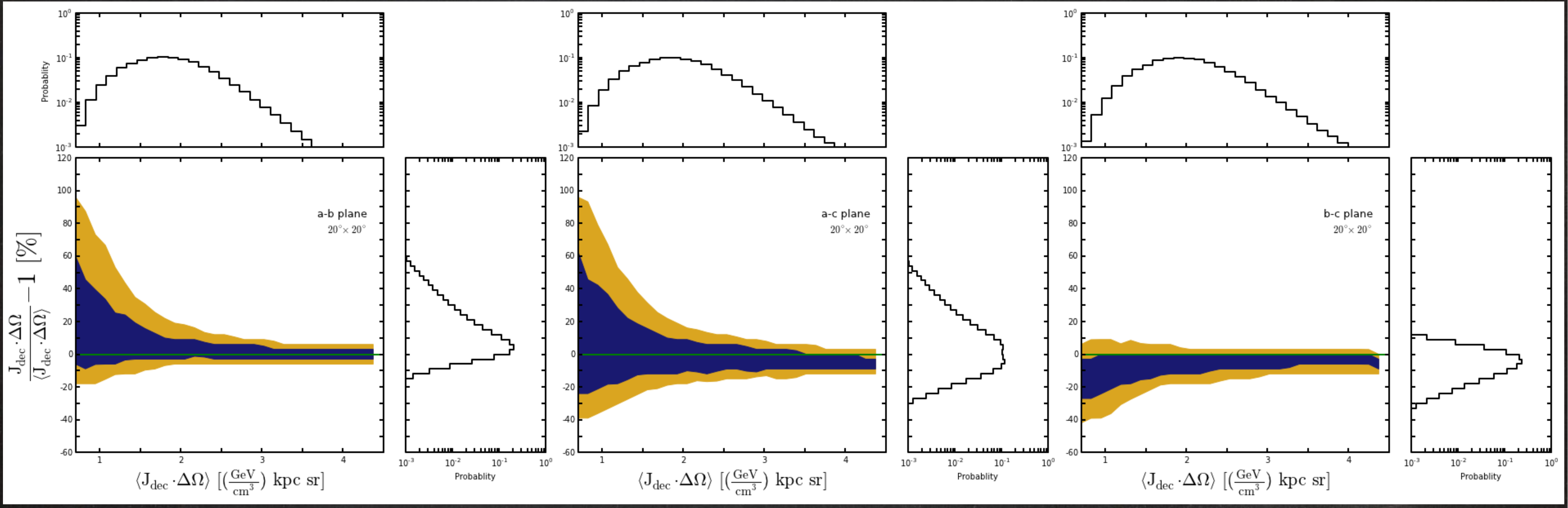
$\langle J_{ann} \cdot \Delta\Omega \rangle$ ~ 14 $(GeV/cm^3)^2$ kpc sr uncertainty ~10% @ 95% CL

ROI = 20° x 20° around the GC

Systematic uncertainties in J·ΔΩ

Decay

a-b plane a-c plane b-c plane



$<J_{dec}\cdot\Delta\Omega> \sim 3.5$ GeV/cm^3 kpc sr uncertainty ~20% @ 95% CL

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Conclusions

* In order to extract particle physics parameters (m_x, σ, <σv>) from DM experiments, the astrophysics has to be under control.

* N-body simulations predicts triaxial DM halos. Spherical halos are rare!

* Using the DM only N-body simulation *Bolshoi* we studied the systematic uncertainties in ρ_0 and J·ΔΩ due to the halo asphericity.

* We took into account observational priors (M_V, M_{60}, SD...) in order to make the halos more Milky way like.

* For a standard NFW, deviations for ρ_0 ~ 45% and J·ΔΩ ~ 10% (annihilation) and J·ΔΩ ~ 20% (decay) @95% CL ROI = 20° x 20° around the GC

* Non negligible effect for DM detection!