Modelling the
Kinematics of an
Ultra Diffuse
Galaxy to
Determine its Dark
Matter Content

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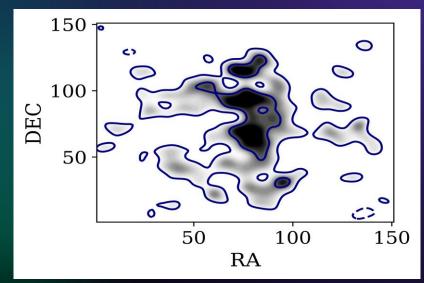
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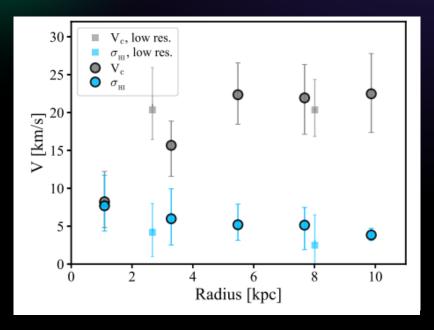
Background Information

- An Ultra Diffuse Galaxy (UDG) is a low surface brightness galaxy whose matter content is spread out over a large volume [1].
- Imagine a galaxy with a mass thousands of times smaller than the Milky way that occupies a similar amount of space.

Ultra Diffuse Galaxy: AGC 114905

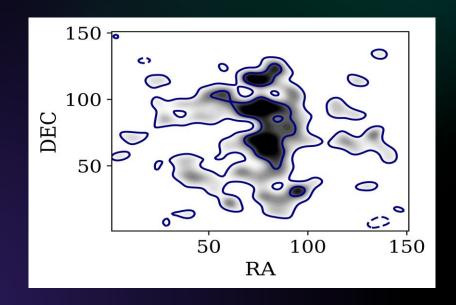
- From analysis of the neutral hydrogen maps of AGC 114905, it has been suggested that AGC 114905 contains little to no dark matter [2] (henceforth MP22).
- This claim stems from the rotation curve and velocity dispersion profile of the galaxy which appears to be completely explained by baryonic matter.



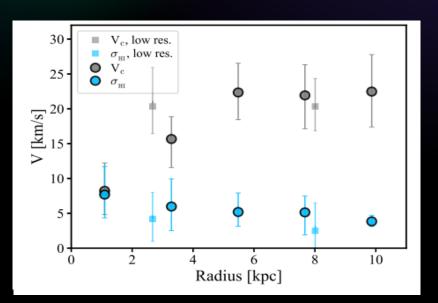


Scientific Goal

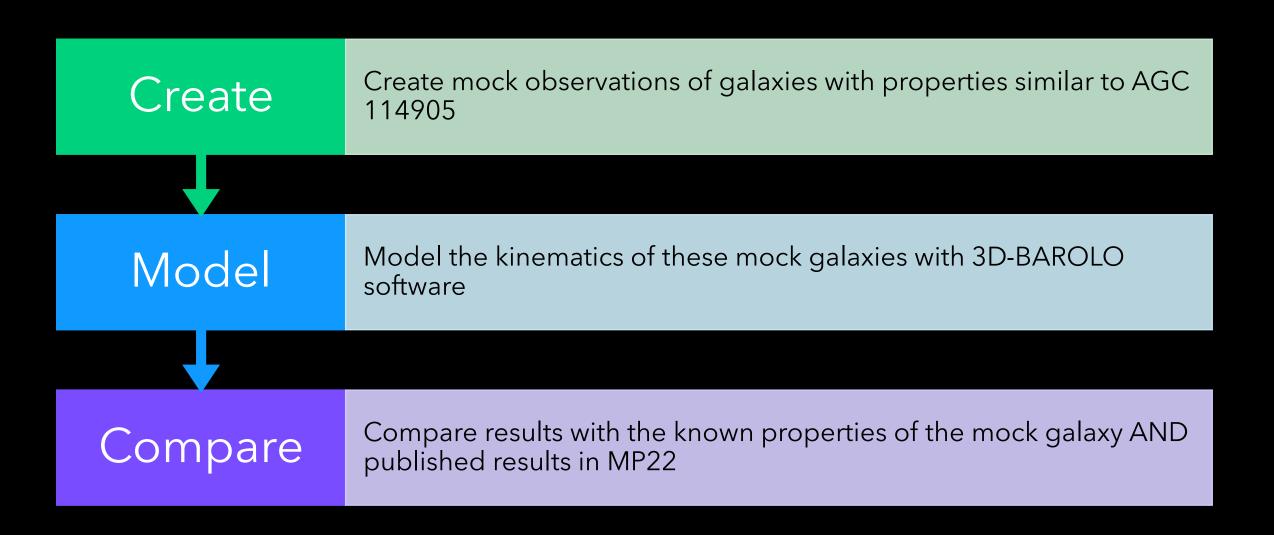
- To investigate whether AGC 114905 needs dark matter to explain its kinematics.
- I've done this by analyzing the reliability of 3D-Barolo, the software used to derive these claims, in the ultra diffuse galaxy regime [3].







Procedure



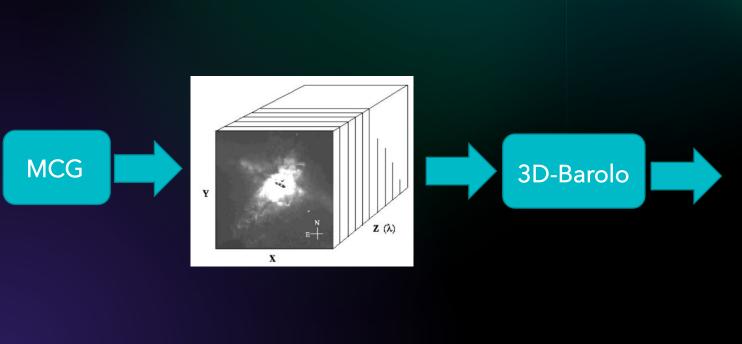
Software Information

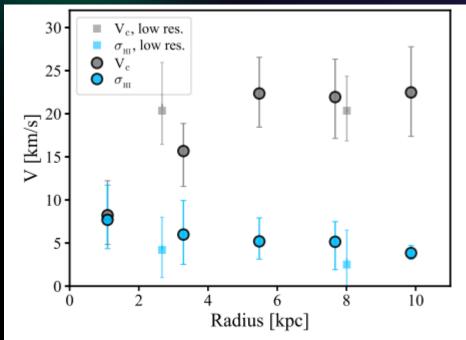
Mock Cube Generator (MCG)

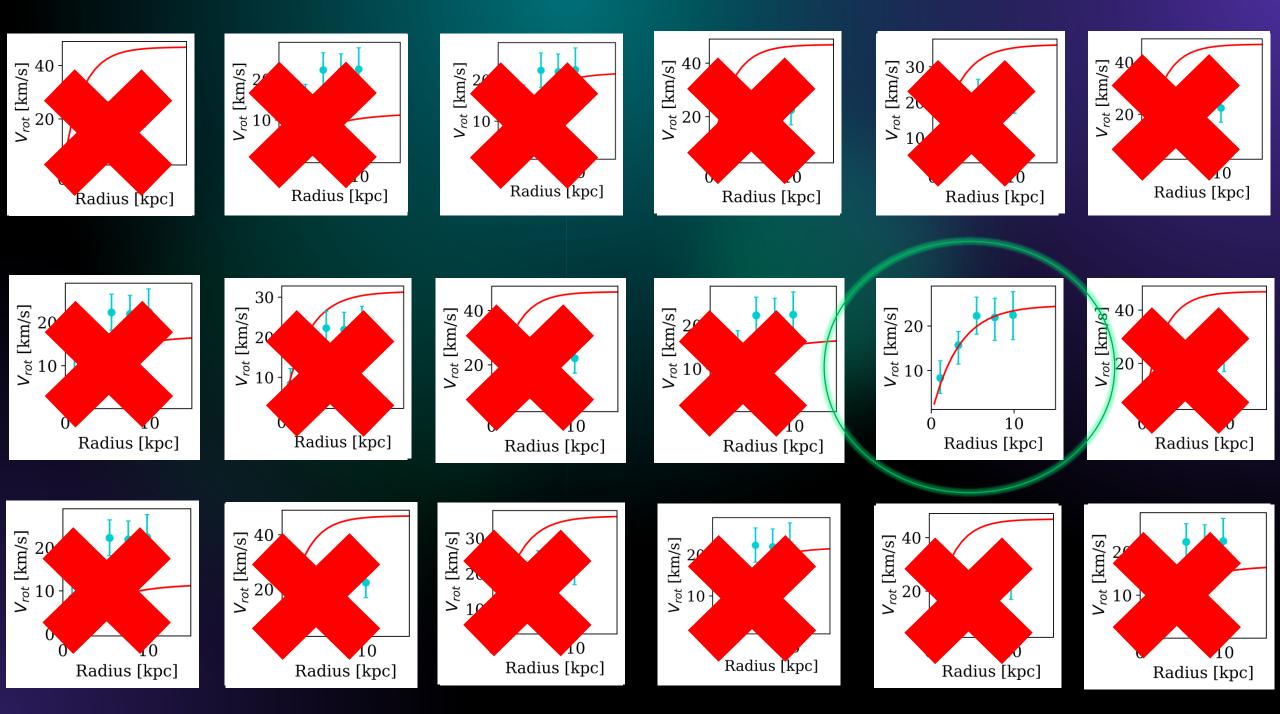
Creates observations of mock galaxies with user specified properties

3D-Barolo

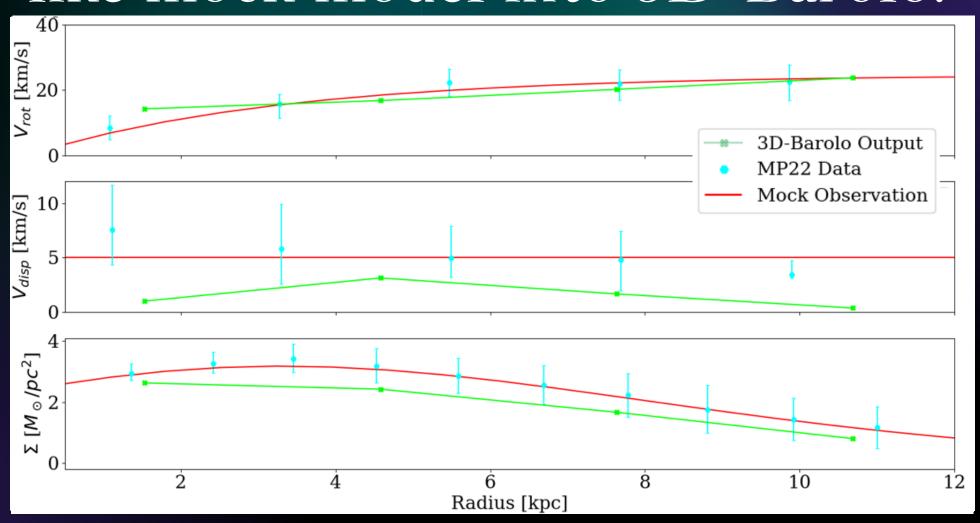
Extracts the kinematic properties of a galaxy from observations



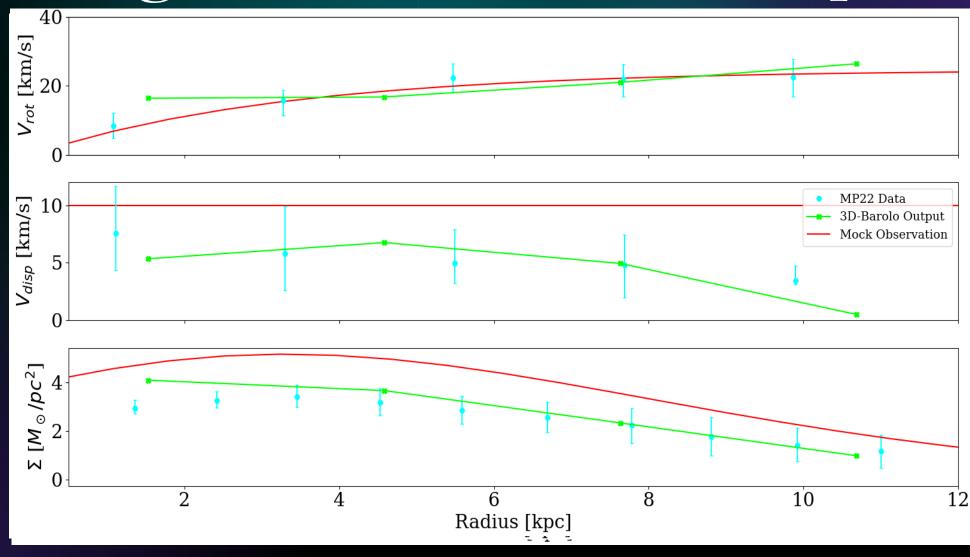




What happens when you put in a MP22-like mock model into 3D-Barolo?



Finding AGC 114905's Properties



Results and Conclusions

- By producing mock observations of ultra diffuse galaxies, the accuracy of the kinematics produced by 3D-BAROLO were quantified
- The velocity dispersion of AGC 114905 is likely 4.8 \pm 0.5 km/s higher than what is reported in MP22
- Galaxies with higher velocity dispersion tend to have more massive DM halos [4].

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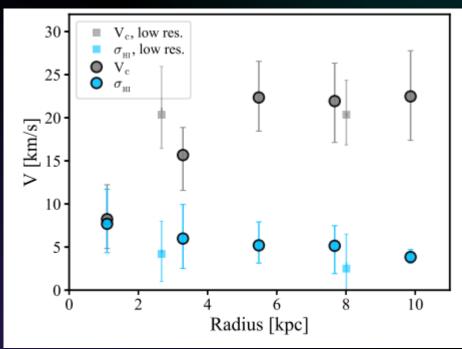
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Image Credits

- 1. AGC 114905: https://earthsky.org/space/dark-matter-missing-from-galaxy-agc-114905/
- 2. Milky Way: https://www.amnh.org/explore/ology/astronomy/the-milky-way-galaxy2
- 3. Both figures in slide 3 are from ref. [2].
- 4. Significance of Results Galaxy: https://astronomy.com/magazine/ask-astro/2017/12/galaxy-rotation
- 5. Significance of Results Frisbee: https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Frisbee_freestyle_claudio_cigna_2009.jpg
- 6. Gravitational Potential Well: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gravitational_potential
- 7. Balloon: <u>https://www.turbosquid.com/3d-models/3d-inflated-balloon/1036754</u>

Key Questions

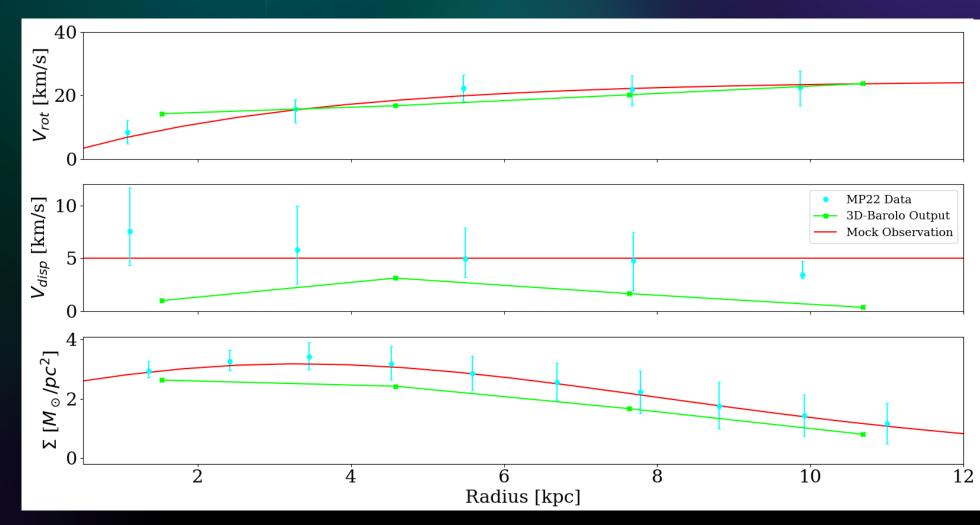


For a mock galaxy with properties like AGC 114905 in MP22, what do the profiles output by 3D-Barolo look like?

What kind of mock galaxy is needed for 3D-Barolo to output profiles similar to what is seen in MP22?

What happens when you put in a MP22-like mock model into 3D-Barolo?

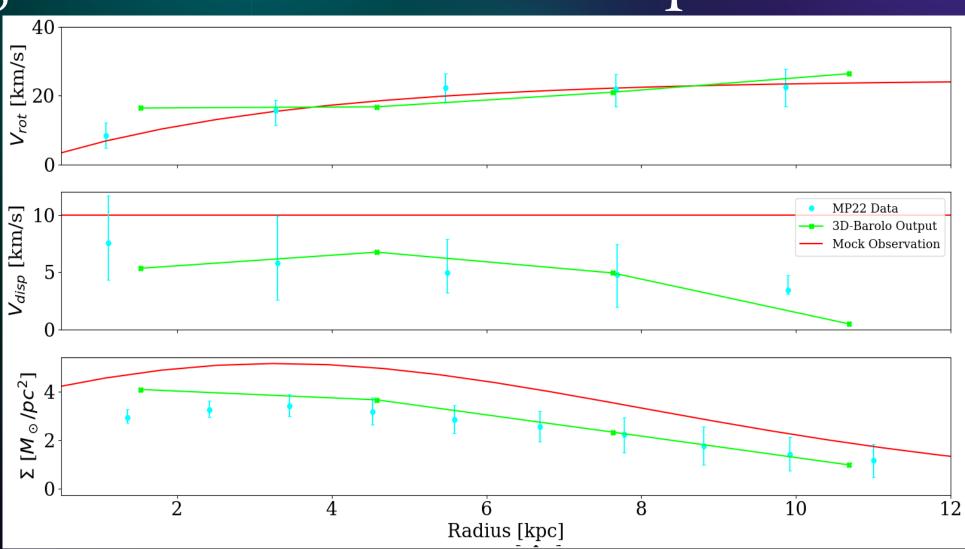
- V_{disp} is underestimated by 2.5 - 4.5 km/s
- Inner Surface
 density is slightly
 underestimated



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• V_{disp} and $\Sigma(r)$ are increased within the mock galaxy

 The quality of fits between 3D-Barolo and MP22 data increases dramatically



Conclusions

- The velocity dispersion of AGC 114905 is likely higher than what is published in ref. [2] by 3.5 ± 1 km/s
- This suggests that AGC 114905 could require a DM halo to explain the velocity of matter within it