

Did bulges form first and discs later ?

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1. The MGC (release) = 10,095 galaxies with B/D decomp.
2. **Galaxy bimodality = two components not two types**
3. The sequence of galaxy form. = Haloes, bulges, discs ?
4. **Disc opacity and the cosmic inventory = $\tau_B=3.8$!**
5. GAMA = 300 sq deg VST+VISTA+AAT to B=21.5 mag

MGC

Millennium Galaxy Catalogue

Liske et al (2002); Cross et al (2003); Driver et al (2004)

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INT WFC: 37 sq deg to B=26mag/s arcsec

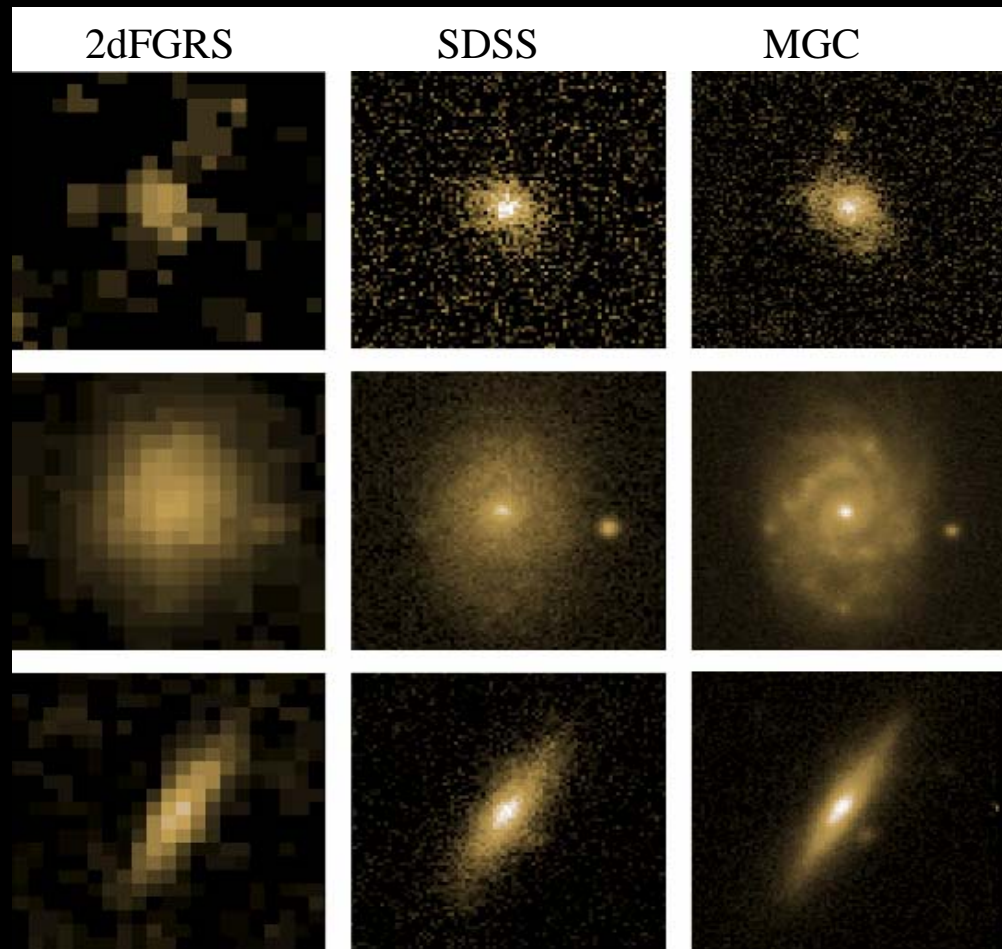
~1 million galaxies

SDSS DR4: ugriz to B~25mag/sq arcsec

AAT 2dF: 10k zs to B=20 mag (96%)

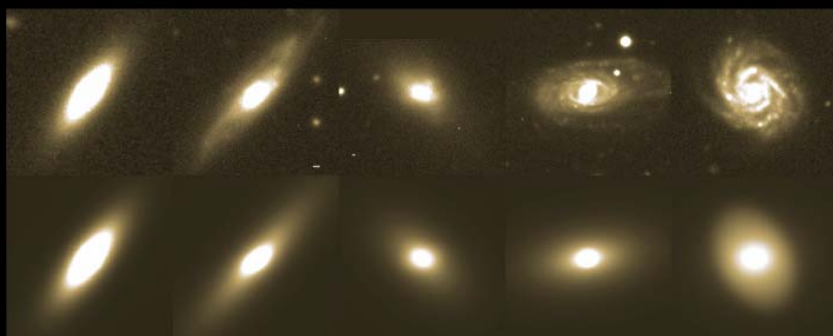
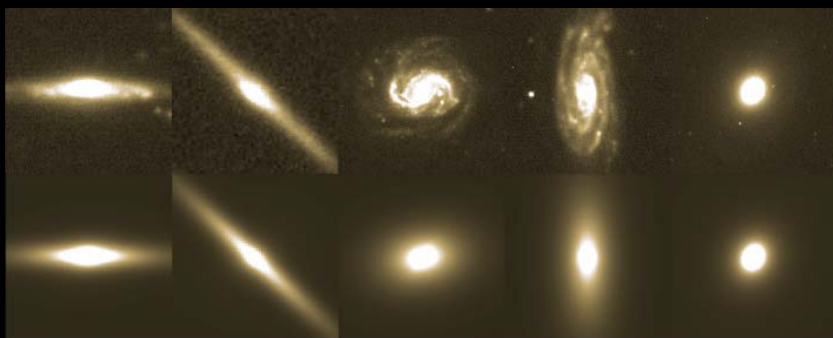
GEMINI: zs for extreme-LSBGs (30%)

15 science papers in print/under review



MGC Bulge/disc decomposition

- o Sersic+exponential profiles+PSF convolution via GIM2D, **Simard et al (1998)**
- o 10,095 gals = largest available sample, **Allen et al (2006)**
- o 96% redshift completeness (AAT/GEMINI) to B=20.0 mag, **Driver et al (2005)**
- o B(INT) + ugriz(SDSS) + **zYJHK(UKIRT)** imaging now complete.
- o **All data available from Friday 18th August online: <http://www.eso.org/~jliske/mgc/>**



BULGE

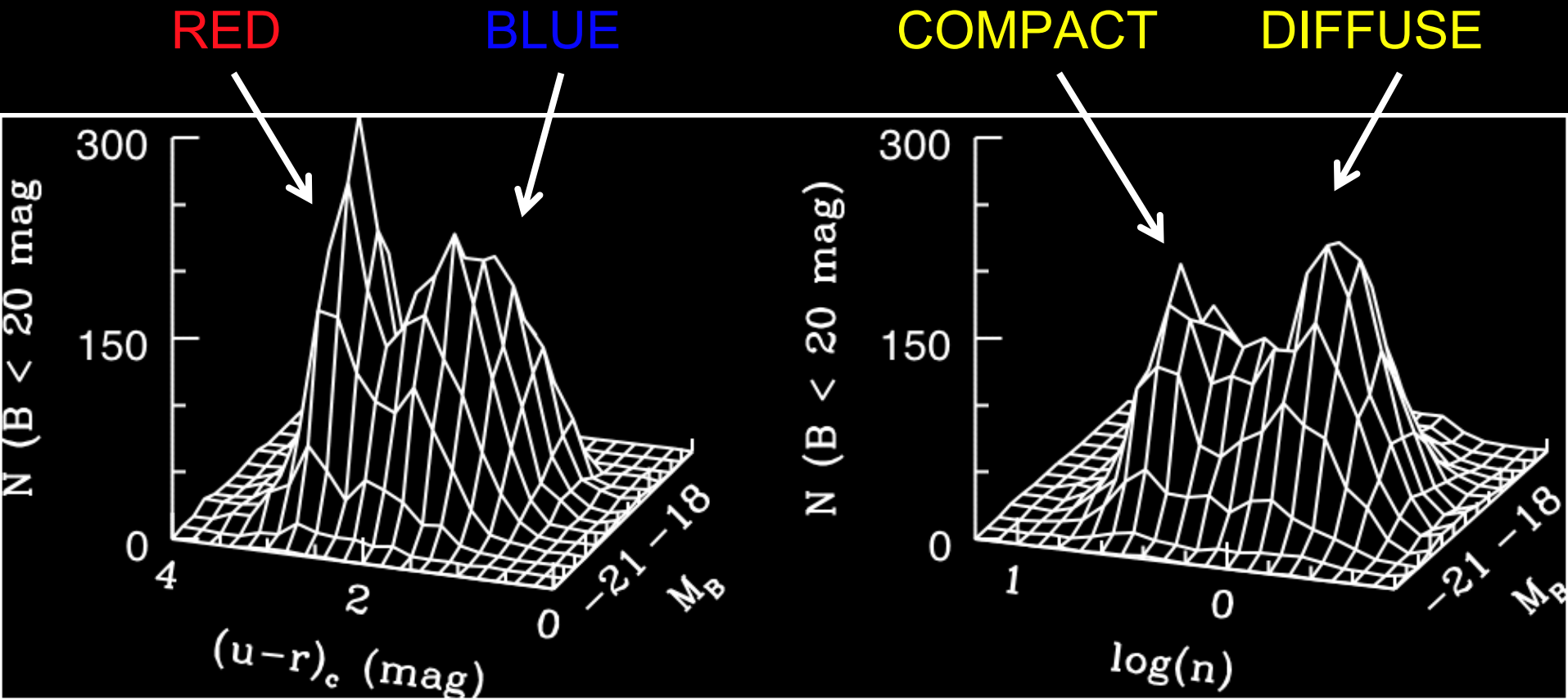
DISC



Galaxy Bimodality

Observe strong colour ($u-r$) and structural ($\log n$) bimodalities
(Strateva et al 2001; Baldry et al 2004; Driver et al 2006)

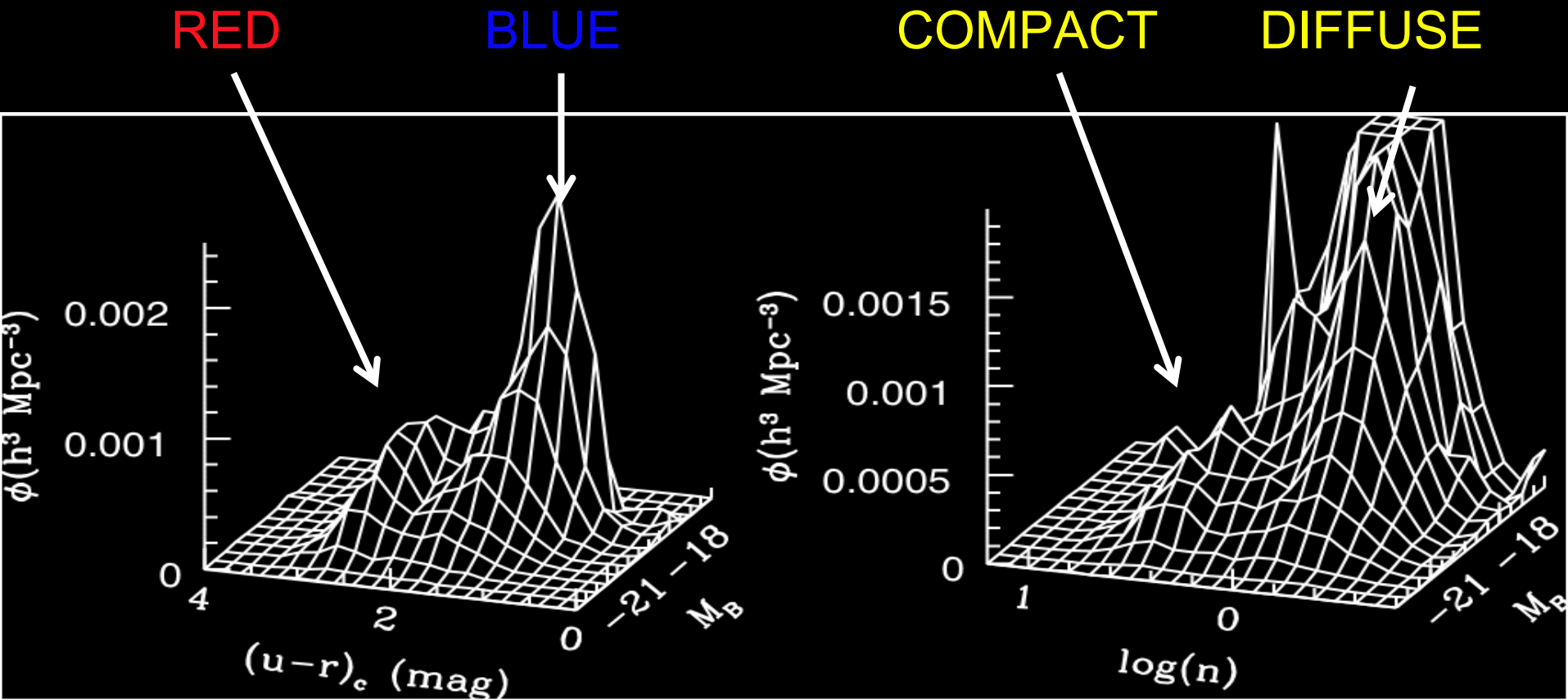
OBSERVED DISTRIBUTIONS ($M_B < -16$)



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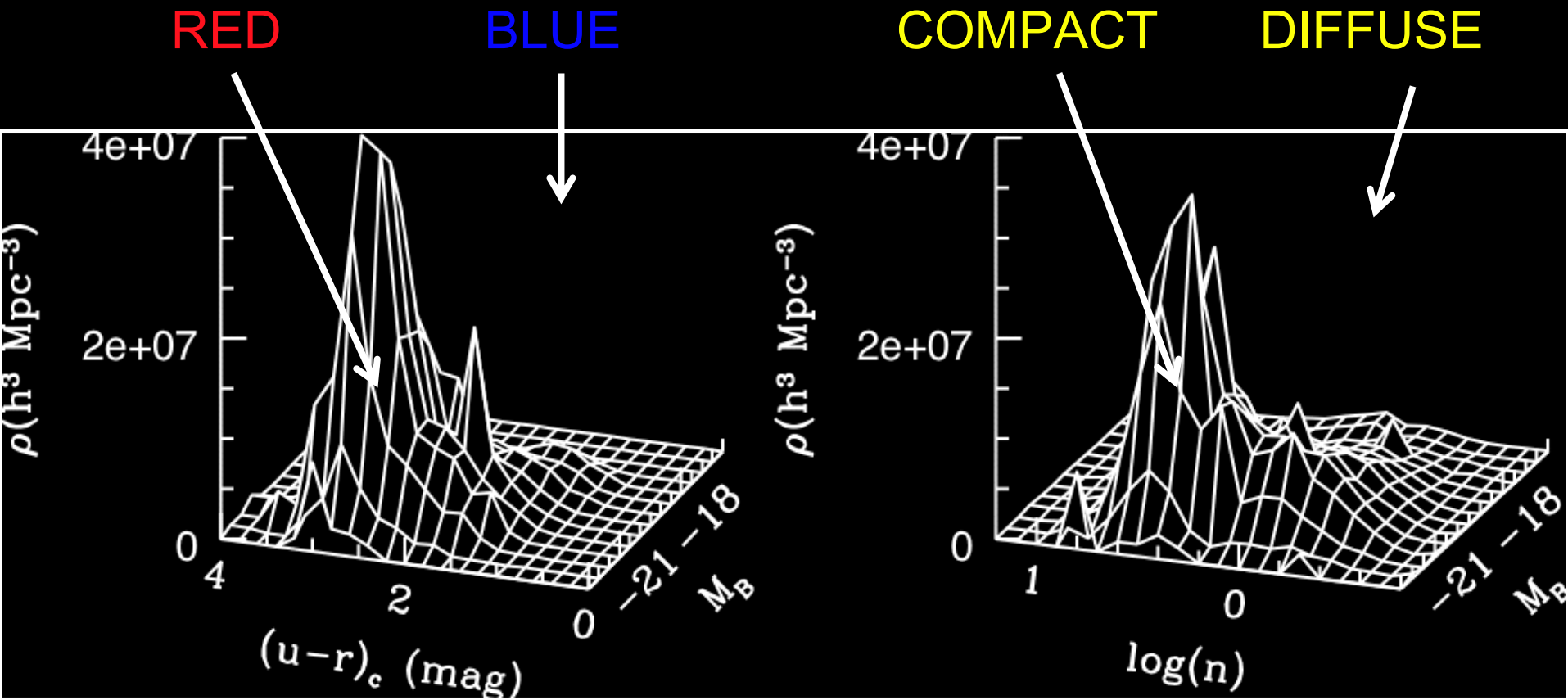
VOLUME CORRECTED (NUMBER DENSITY)



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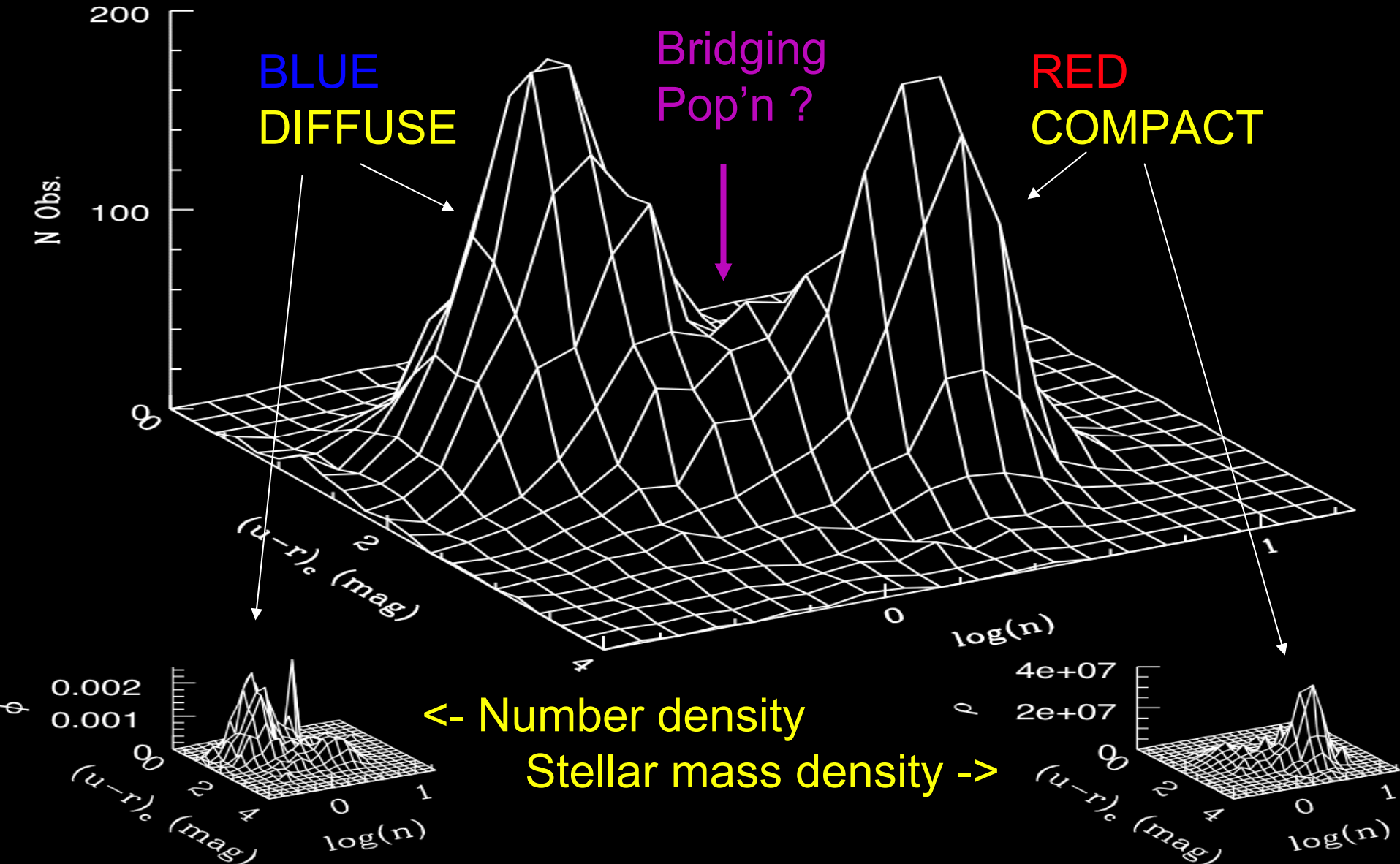
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VOLUME CORRECTED (MASS DENSITY)



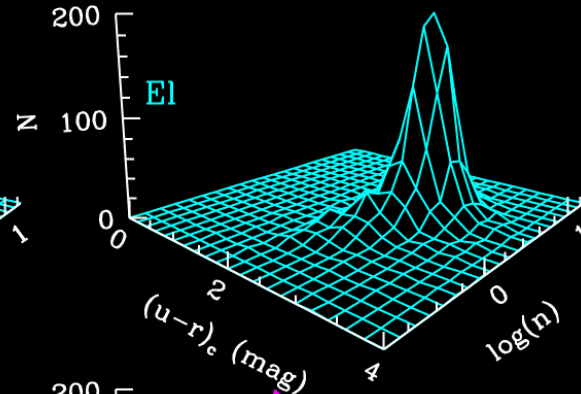
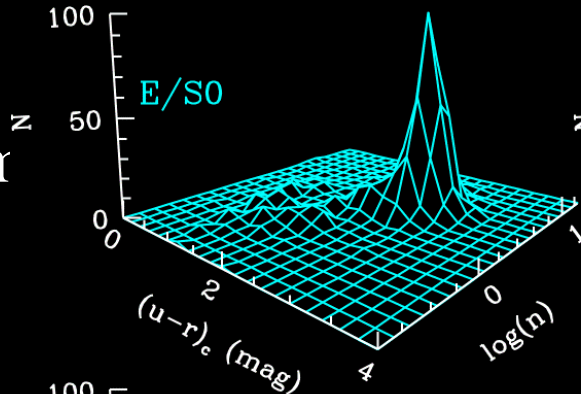
Bimodality in (u-r)-log(n)

Driver et al, 2006, MNRAS, astro-ph/0602240



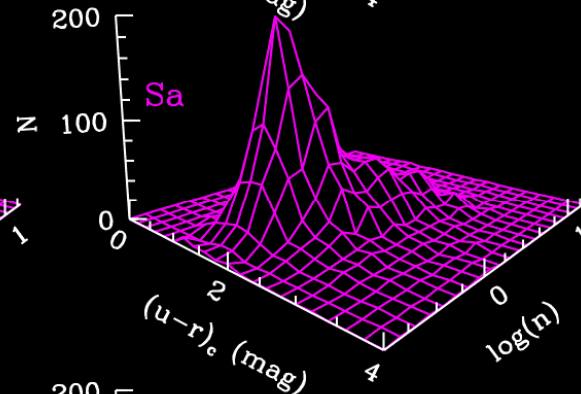
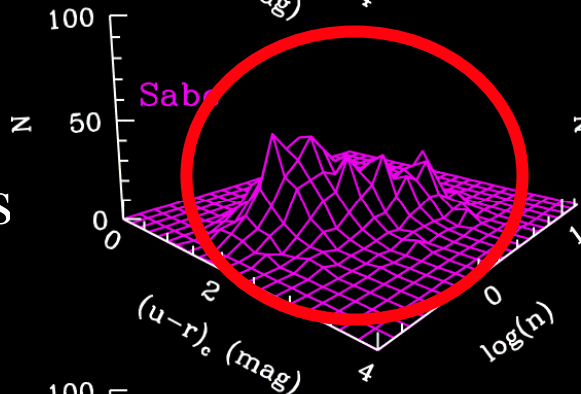
Two populations or two components ?

E/S0s
Bulge system



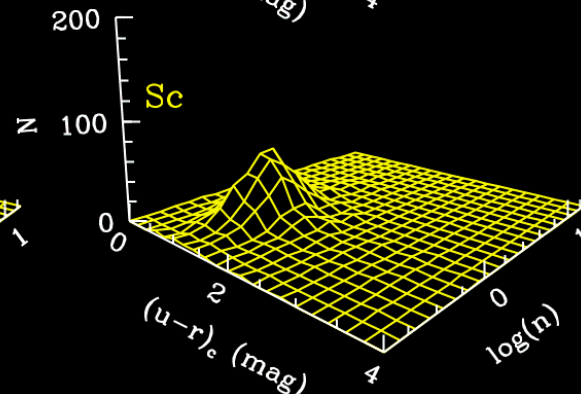
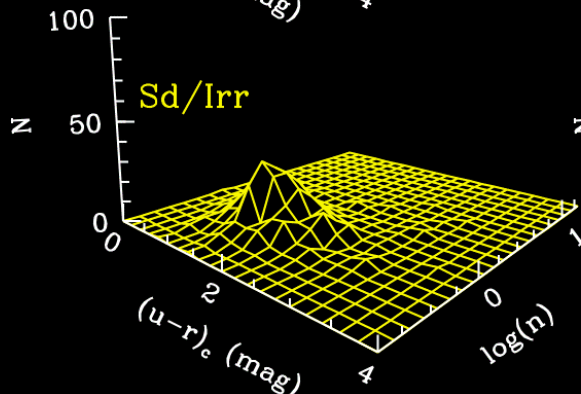
E1(Old)

Sabc
Bulge+Disks



Sa(Interm.)

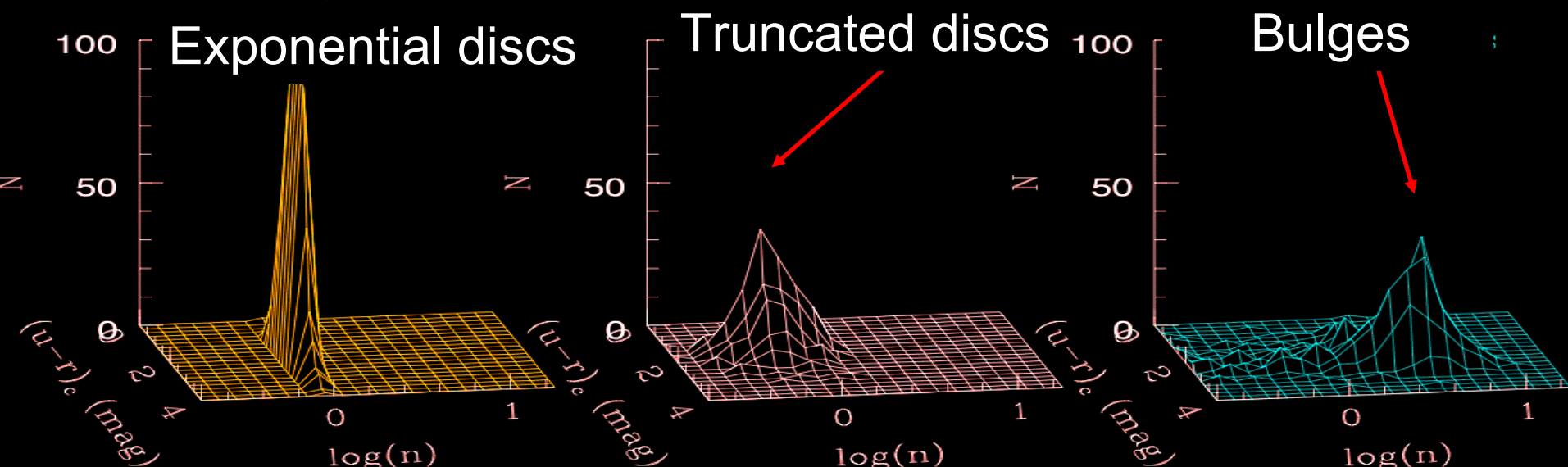
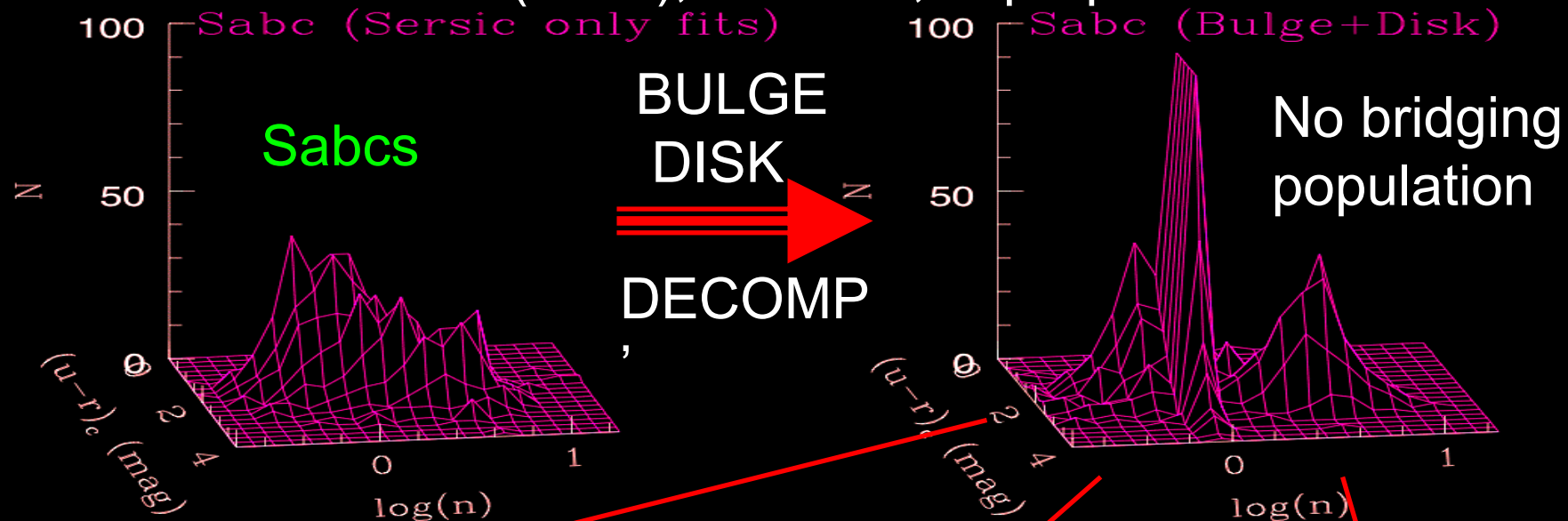
Sd/Irr
Disk systems



Sc(Young)

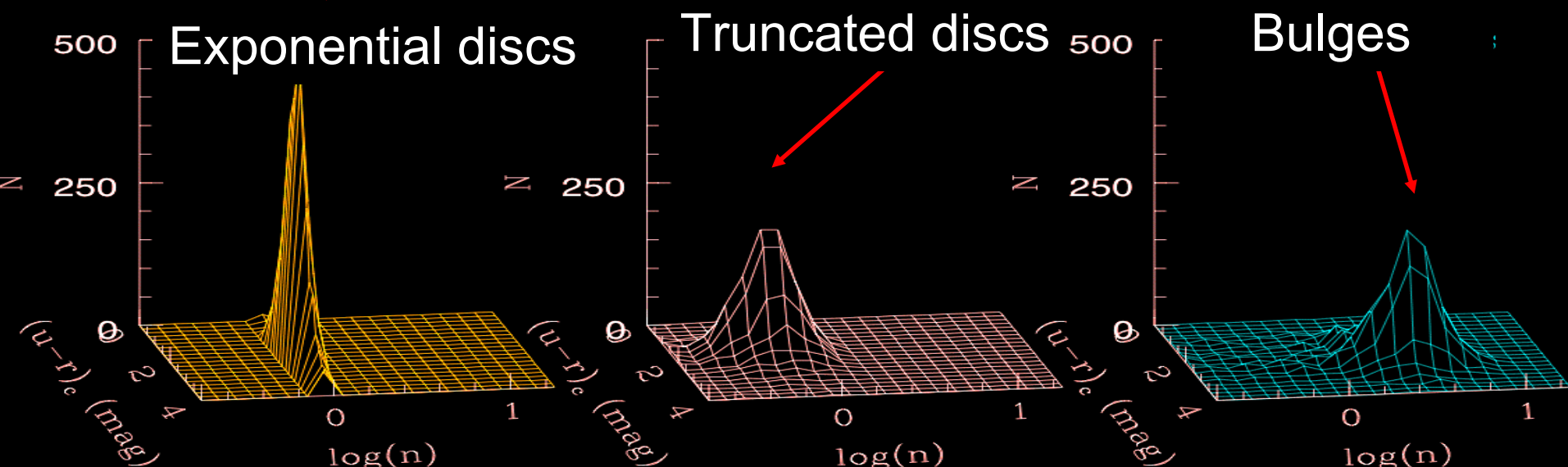
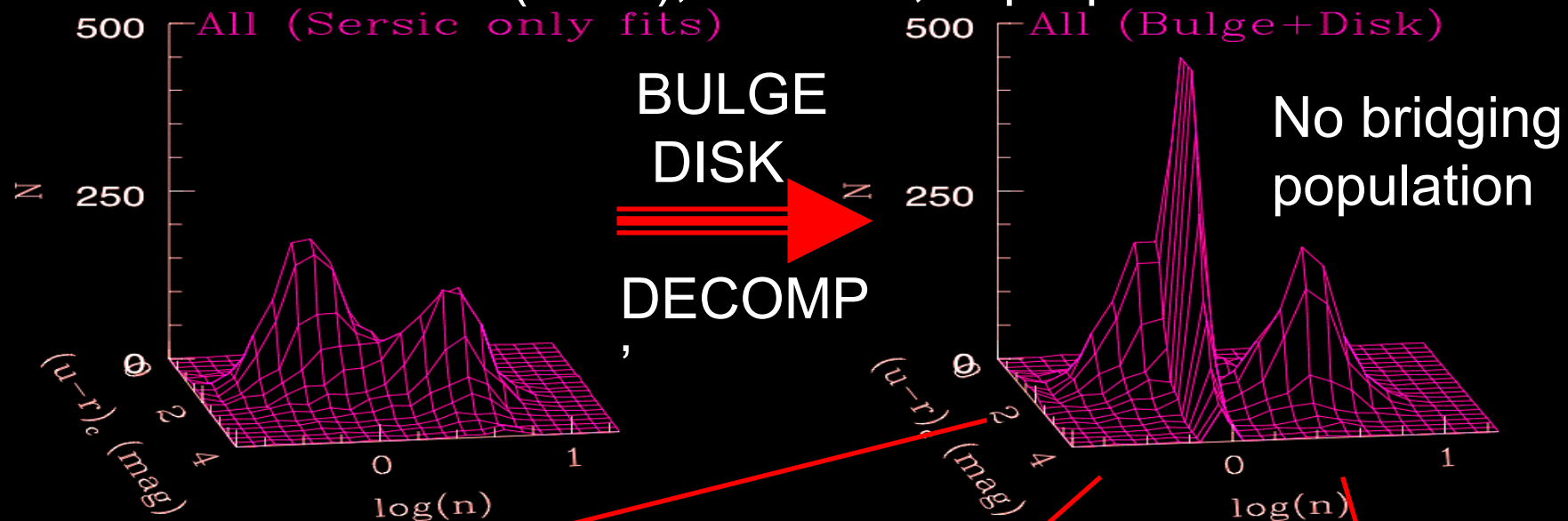
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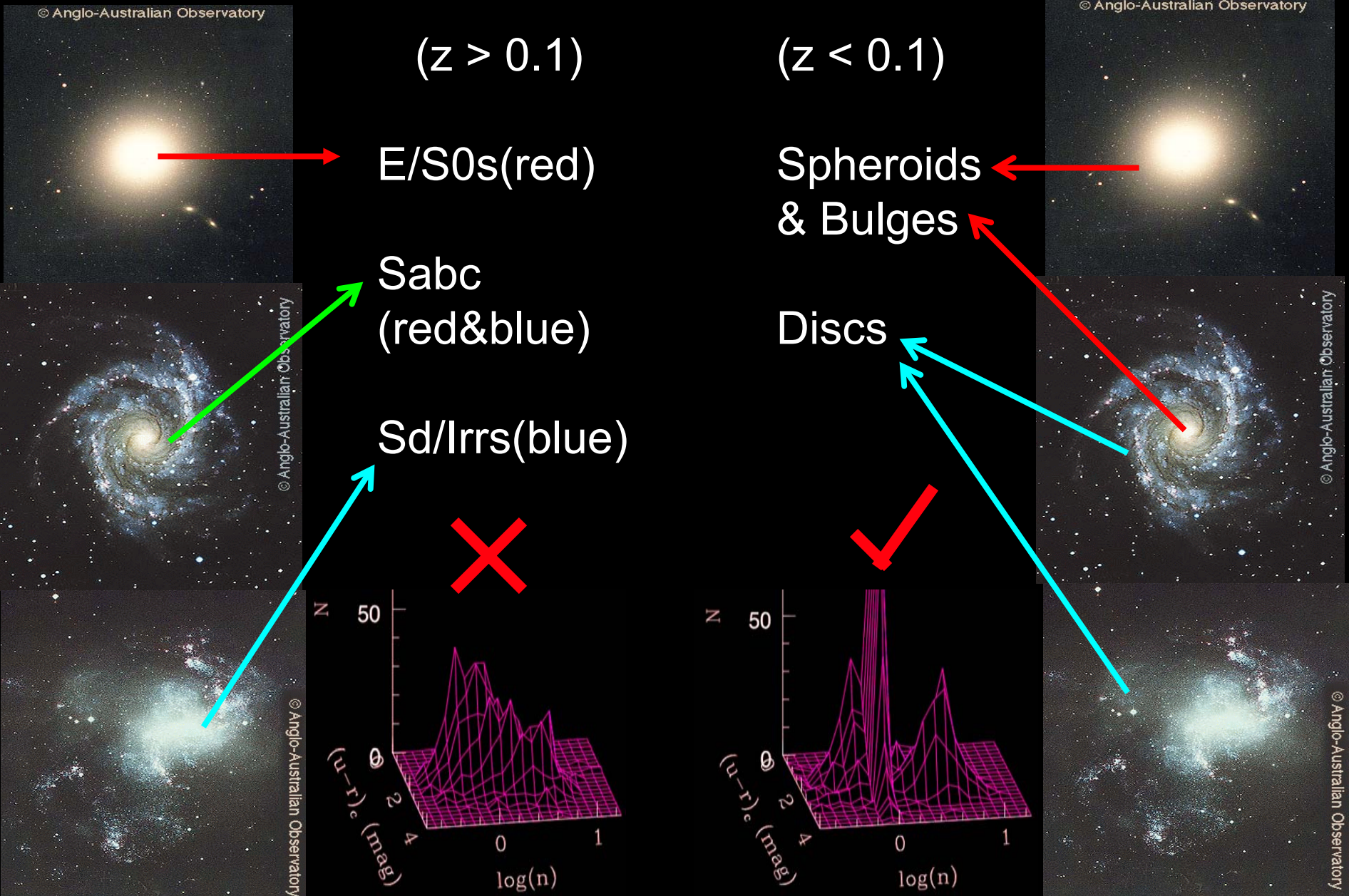


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Galaxy types v components ?



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($z > 0.1$)

($z < 0.1$)

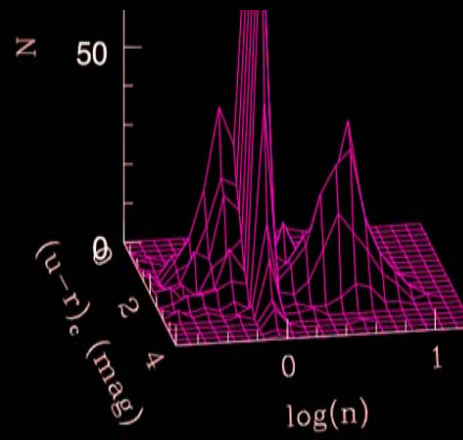
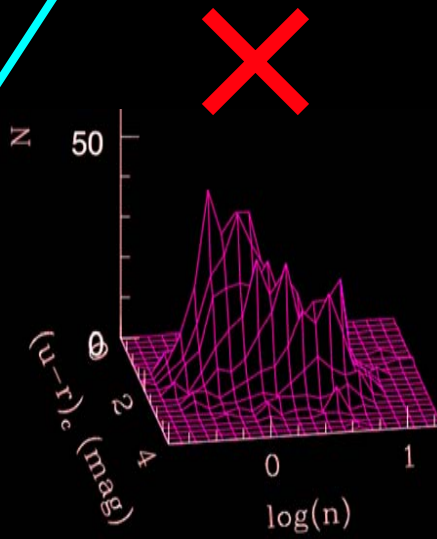
E/S0s (red)

Spheroids & Bulges

Sabc (red&blue)

Discs

Sd/Irrs (blue)



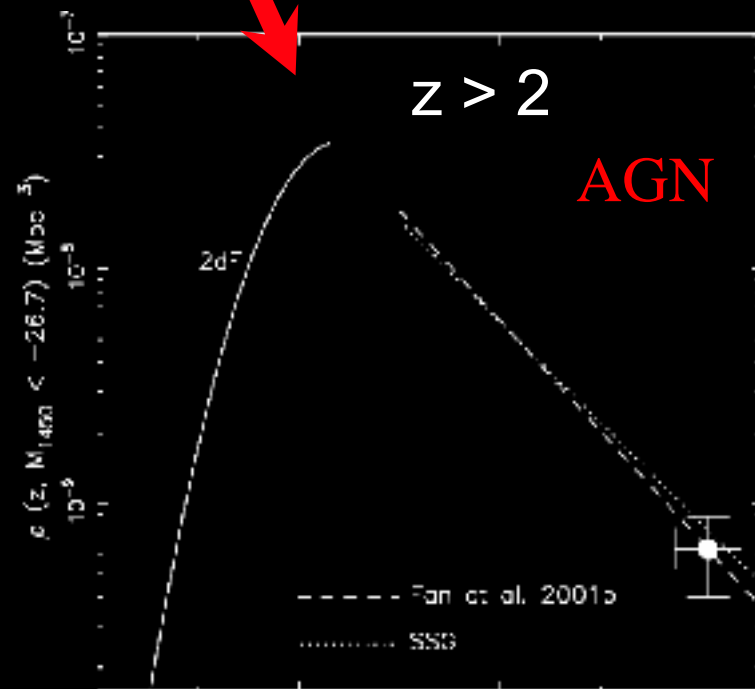
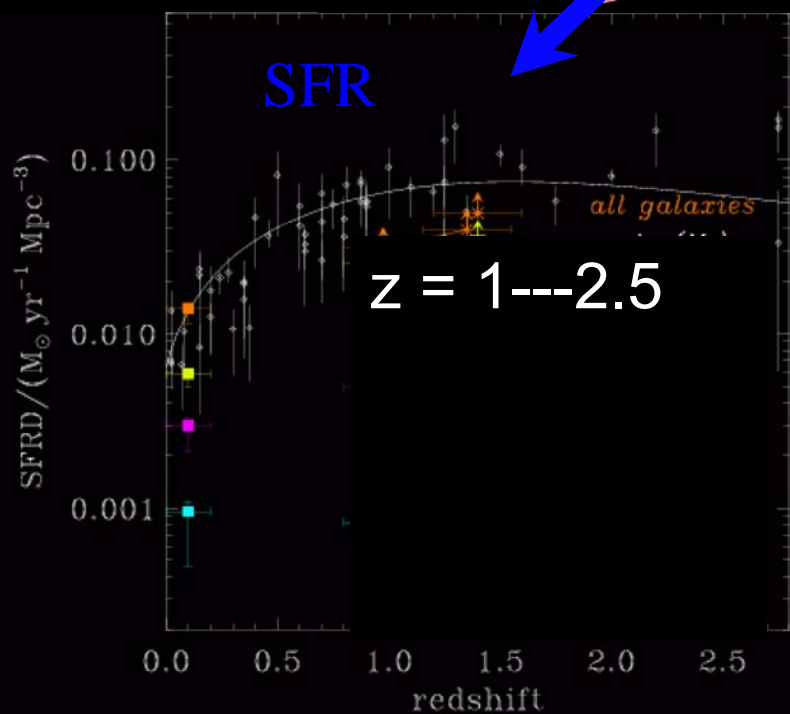
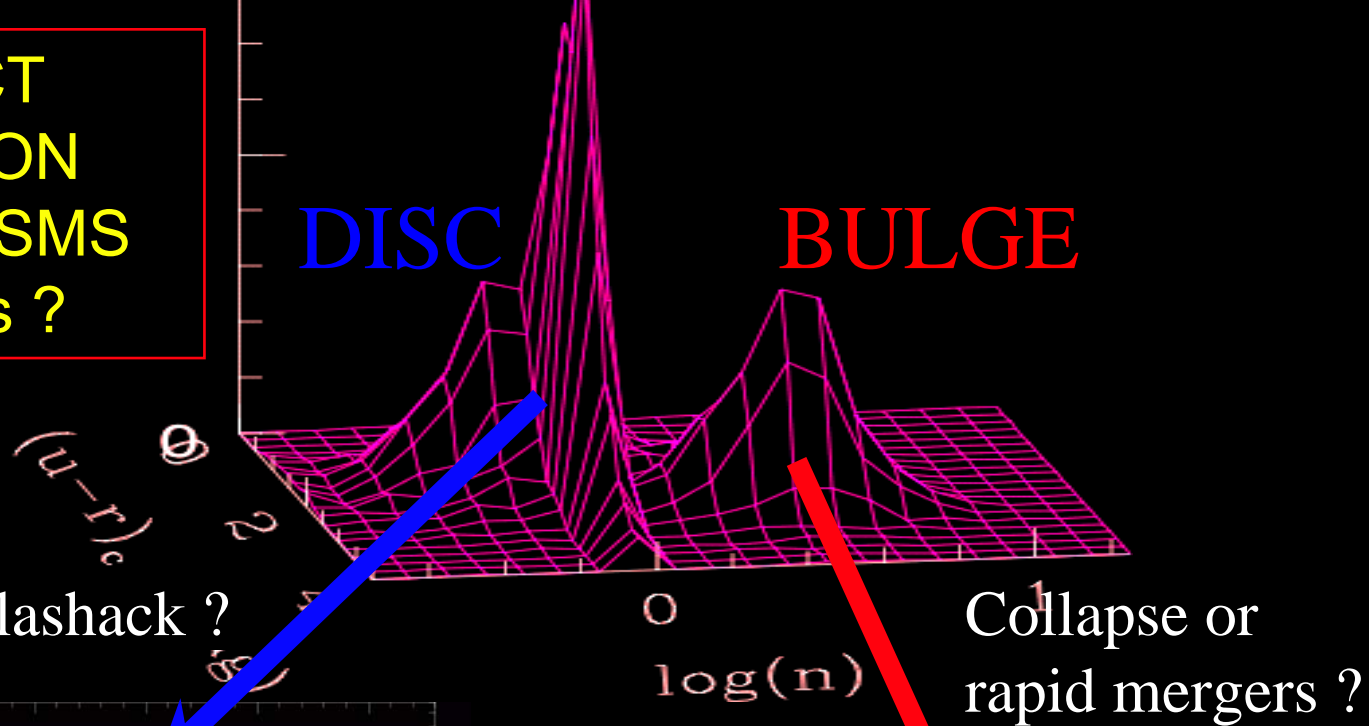
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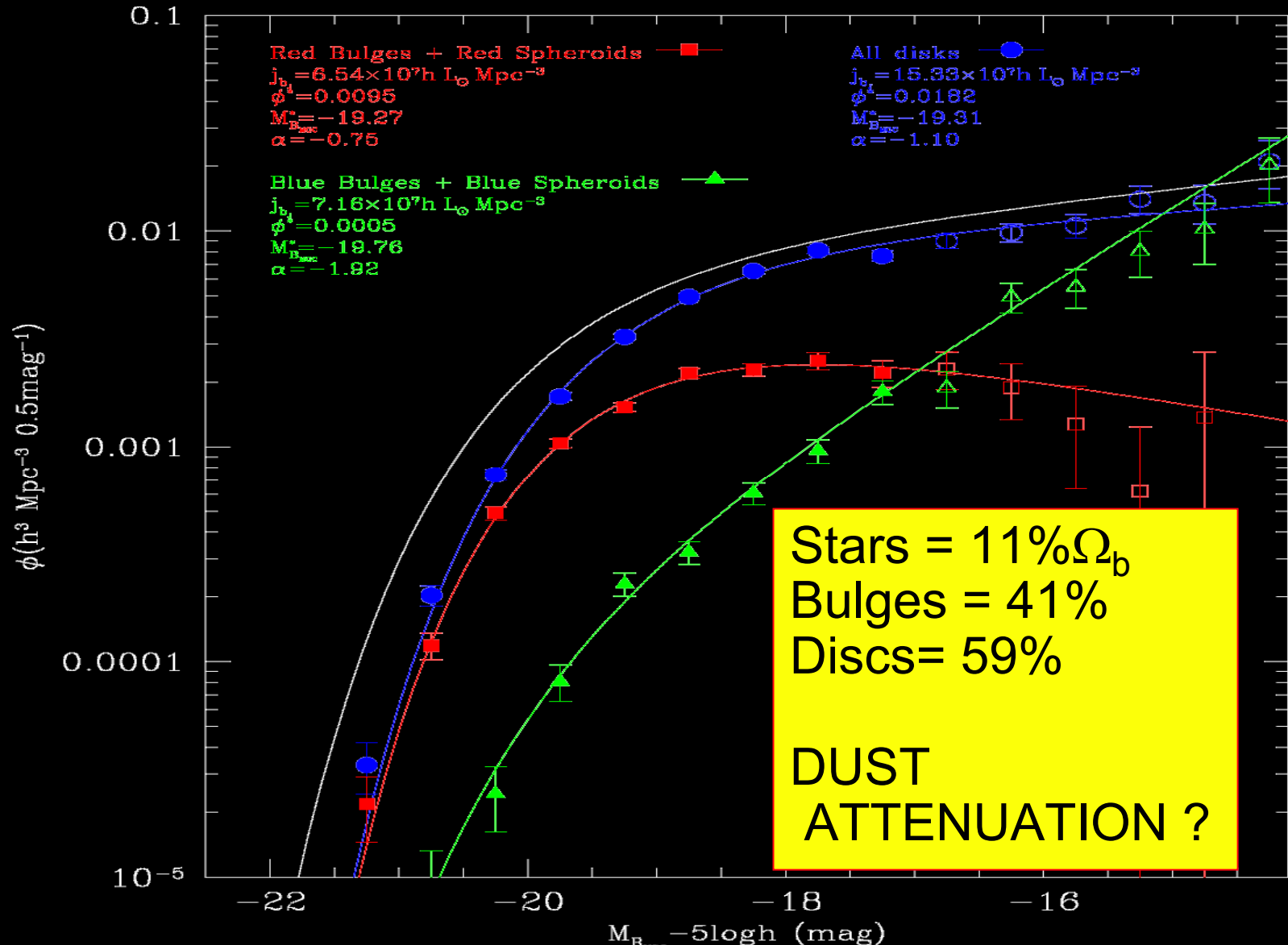
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2 DISTINCT
FORMATION
MECHANISMS
AND ERAs ?



The Component Luminosity Functions

Allen et al (2006), ApJL, submitted

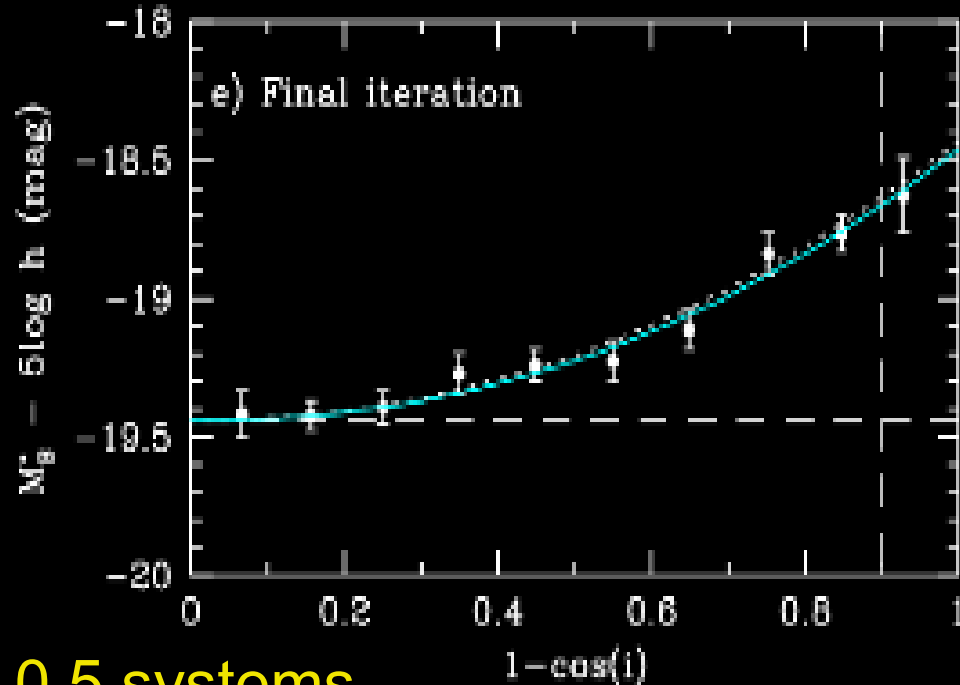
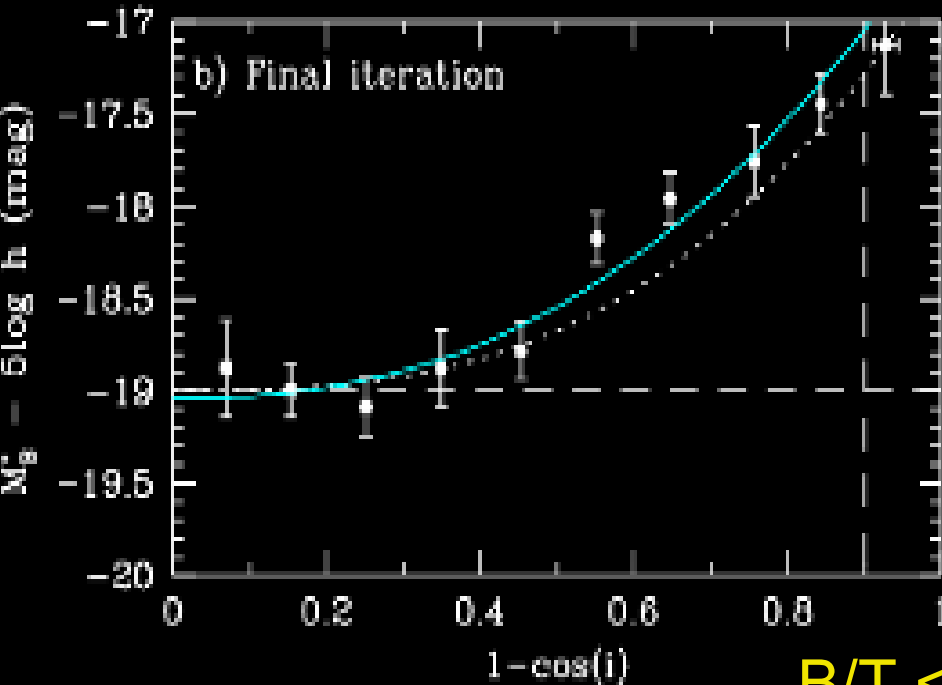


Empirical dust attenuation-inclination relations

- Derive M^* for discs in various inclination bins (with α fixed)
- Find that M^* gets fainter for more inclined systems: Dust attenuation

Bulges: 0 - 2 mags !

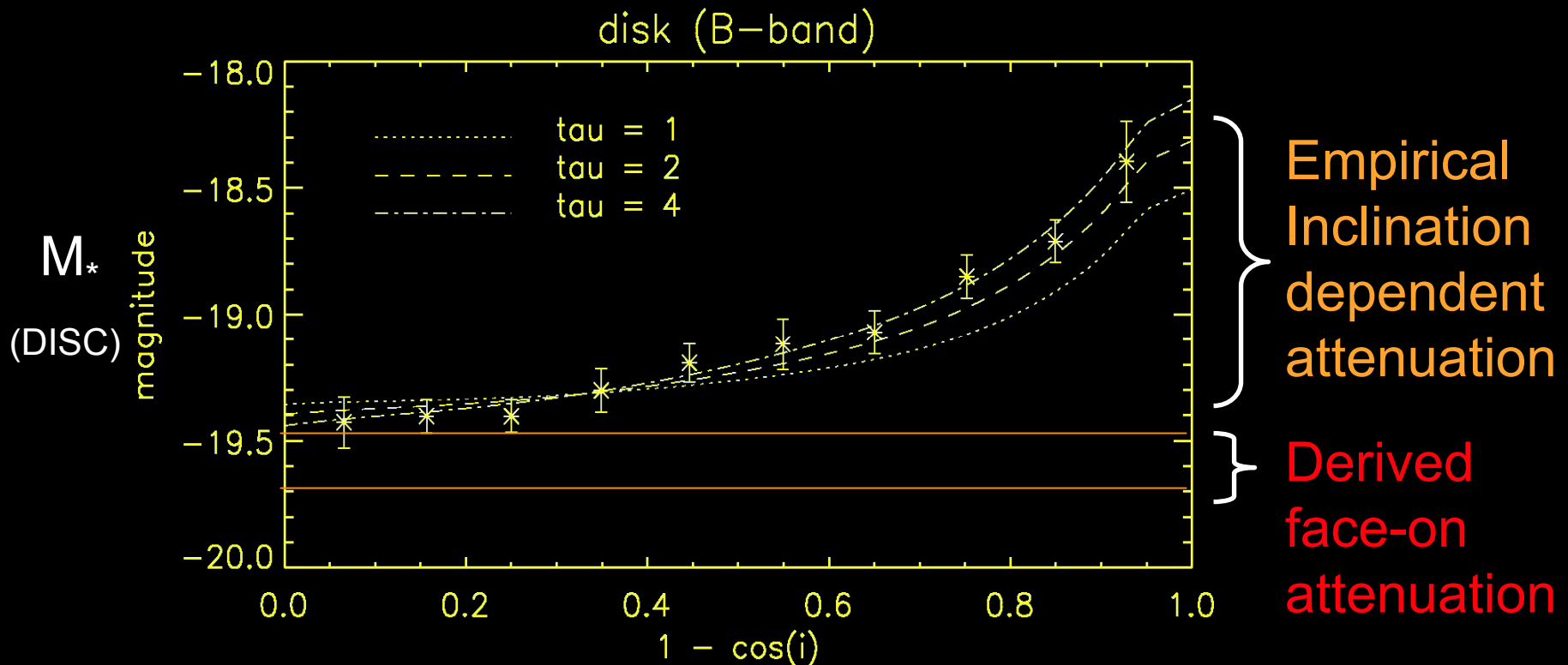
Disc: 0 - 0.8 mag !



B/T < 0.5 systems

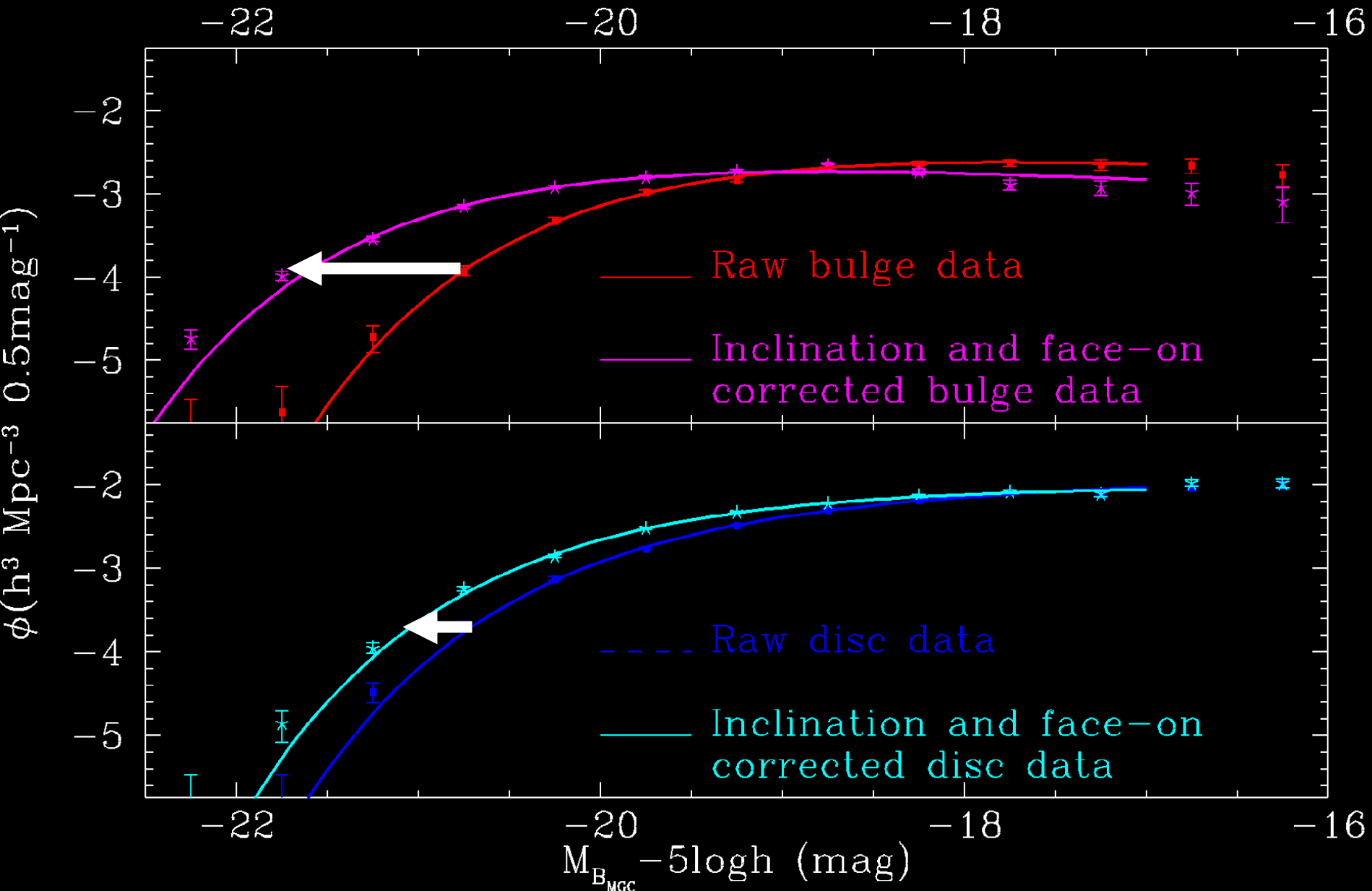
Dust modelling

- We fit the Tuffs and Popescu dust model and derive: $\tau_B = 3.8 \pm 0.7$
(Popescu et al 2000; Tuffs et al 2004; Popescu et al 2005; Mollenhoff et al 2006)
- Model based on UV+ugrizJHK+Spitzer data of 6 nearby galaxies
- One free parameter = core dust density



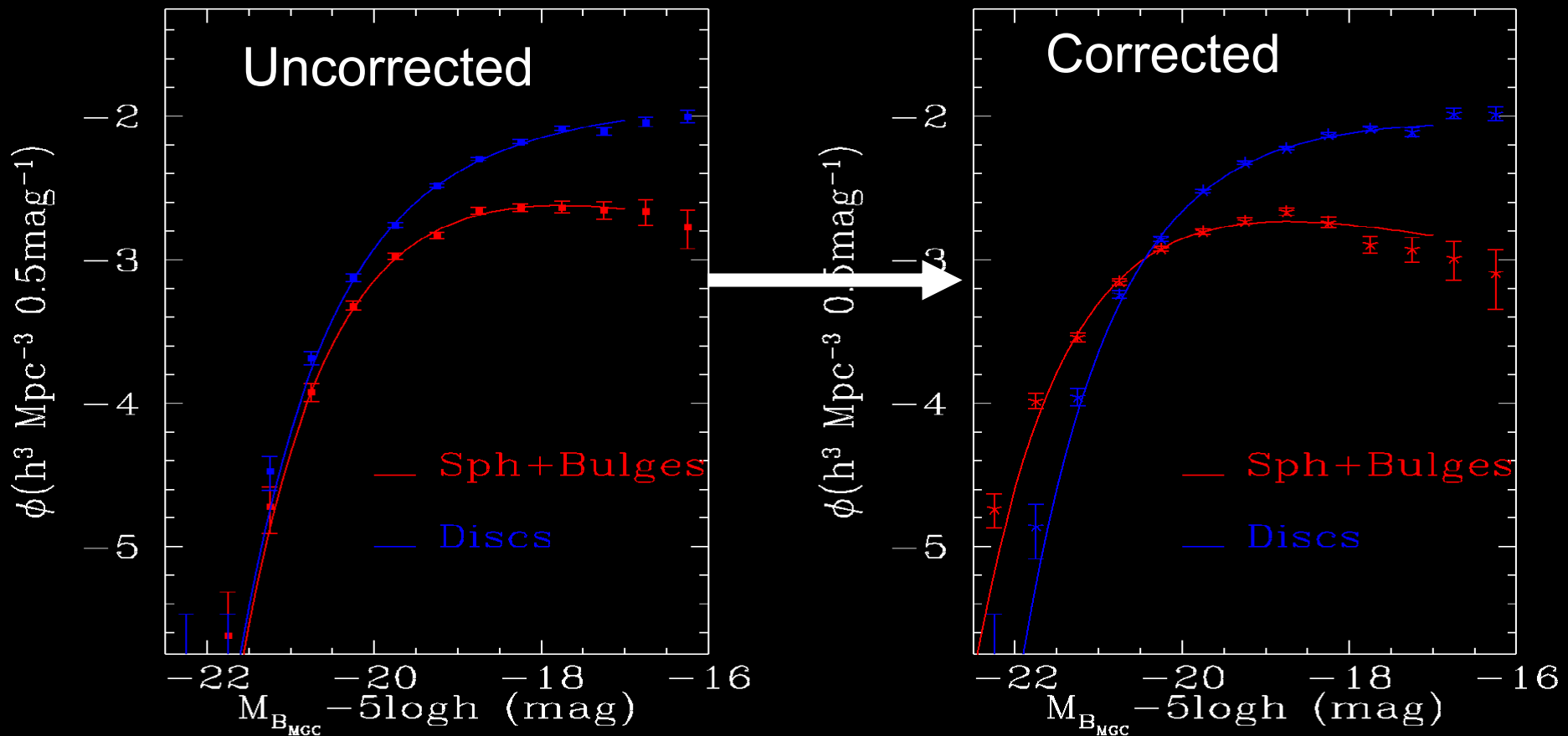
- Face-on attenuation correction in B: Discs = 0.20 mag; Bulges = 0.84 mag
- Total attenuation in B: Discs = 0.2 - 1.1 mag; Bulges = 0.8 - 3.4 mag !!!

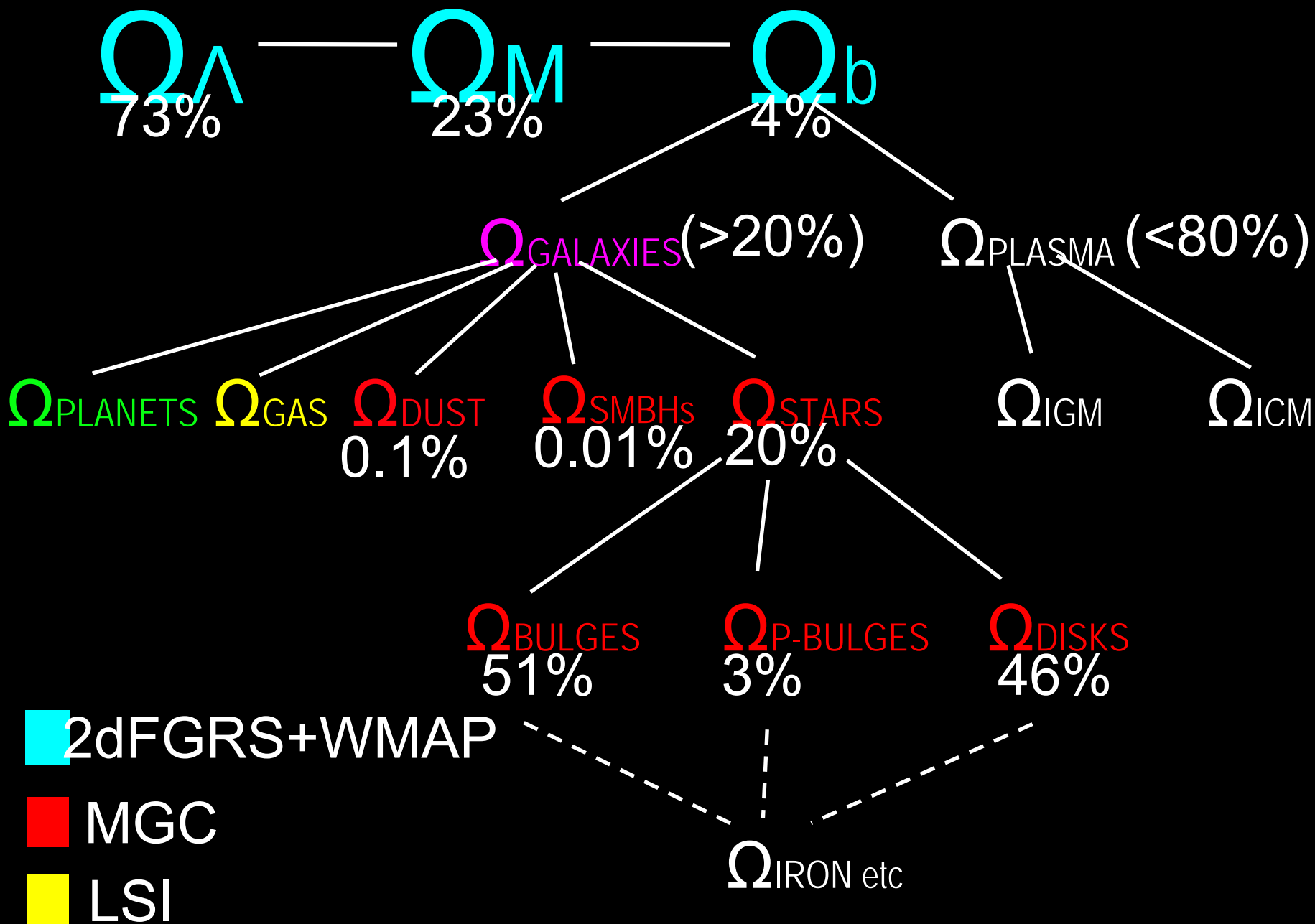
Dust corrected LFs !



Dust corrected LFs !

- Bulge LD up 100%; Disc LD up 40%
- Bulge mass up 150%; Disc mass up 50%
- Similar results derived from scaling up face-on LFs + offsets





Summary

- **Disks & bulges occupy distinct regions in the colour-structure plane**
- **Must entertain notion of bi(tri)-modal galaxy formation scenario?**
 - **Bulk of dark matter halo assembly at high-z (rapid) ???**
 - **Bulge formation via collapse of baryons + residual mergers (Bulge/AGN/SMBH trinity) $z > 2$ (Low mass blue spheroids suggest downsizing of bulge formation) ?**
 - **Disk formation through later splashback, accretion & infall ? (truncated disks still growing I.e., inside out formation) ???**
- **Must abandon HTF/global approach and routinely dismantle galaxies into their key components (bulges and discs)**
- **20% of baryons in stars (almost half emergent B flux attenuated)**
- **50% of stars in bulges 50% in discs**
- **Dust attenuation in B a big issue (bulges heavily attenuated)**
disks 0.2-1.1 mag, bulges: 0.8 - 3.4 mag ! $\tau_B \sim 3.8 \pm 0.7$
- **Switch to near/far-IR now essential to overcome dust issues: GAMA**

Galaxy And Matter Assembly

- 300 sq deg ugrizJHK sub-arcsec deep imaging and spectroscopic survey
- St Andrews (Driver), Edinburgh (Peacock), LJMU (Baldry), ESO (Liske)
- 4 tests of CDM structure plus generic galaxy resource on scale of SDSS
- Zero redshift benchmark for JWST (launch 2013)

