

# Did bulges form first and discs later ?

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1. Galaxy bimodalities (colour and structure)
2. Two populations or two components ?
3. Morphology & bulge-disk decomposition
4. The sequence of galaxy formation ?
5. Summary/Problems/Future directions
6. GAMA database @ St Andrews



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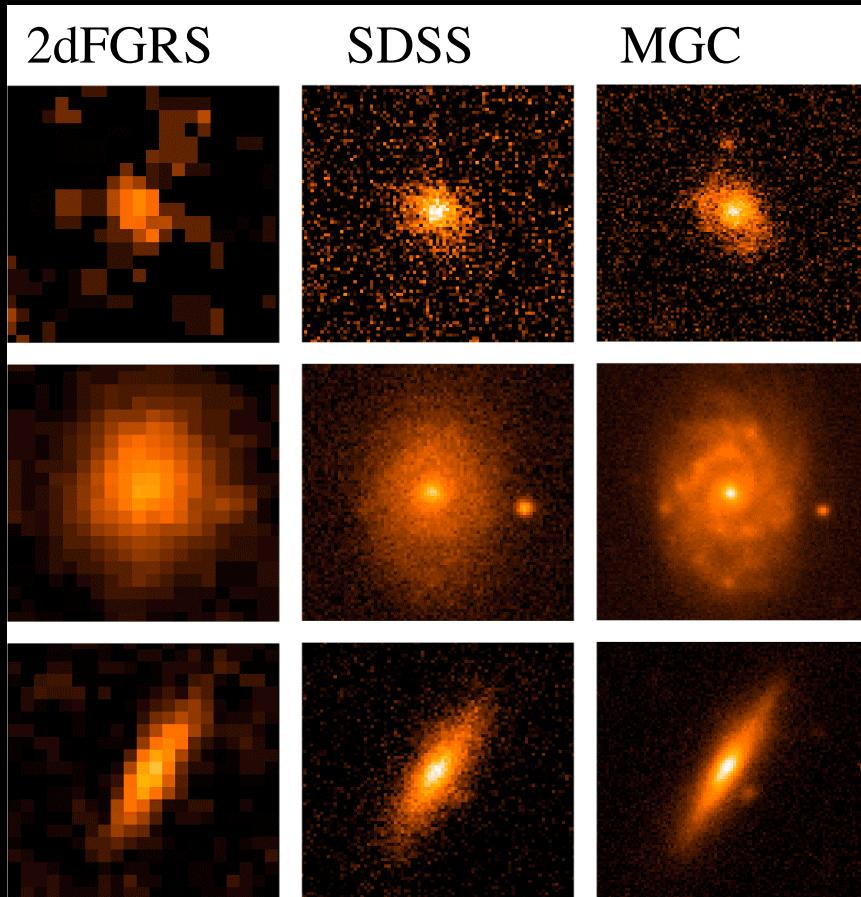
INT WFC: 37 sq deg to B=26mag/s arcsec  
~1 million galaxies

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

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

GEMINI:  $z_s$  for extreme-LSBGs (30%)

12 science papers in print/under review

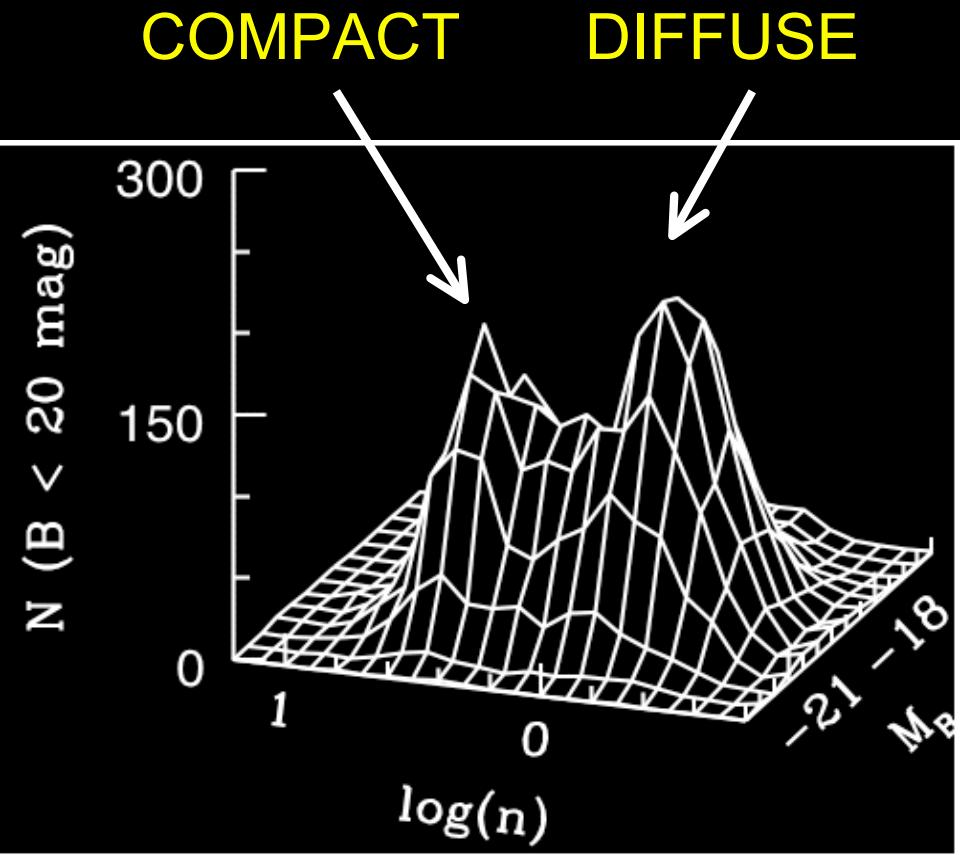
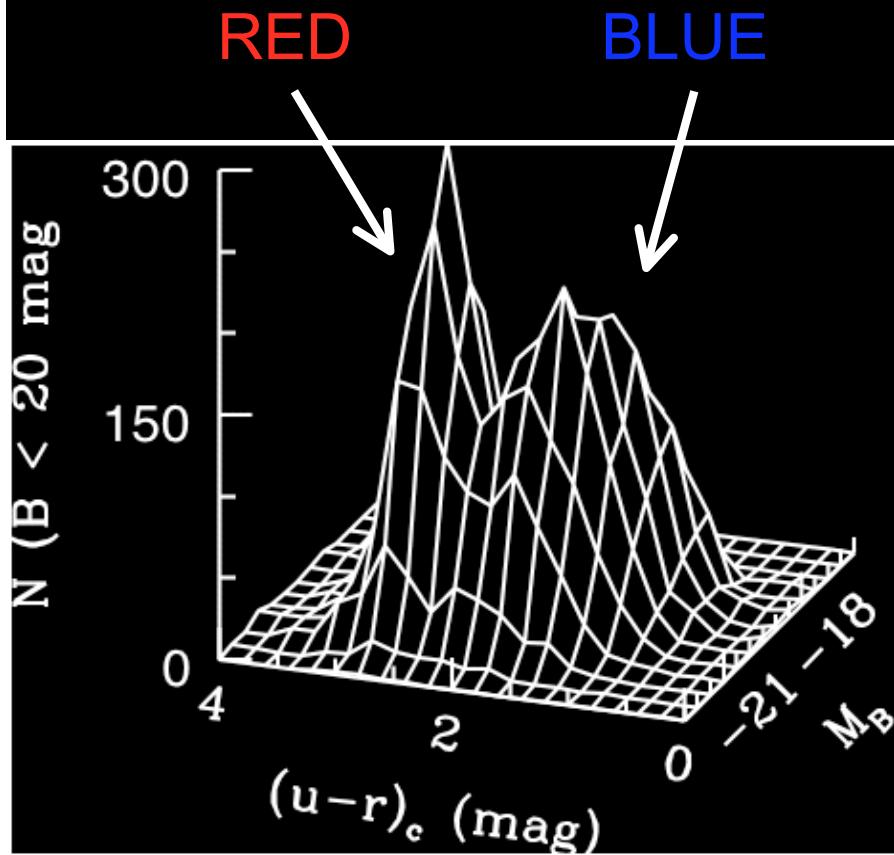


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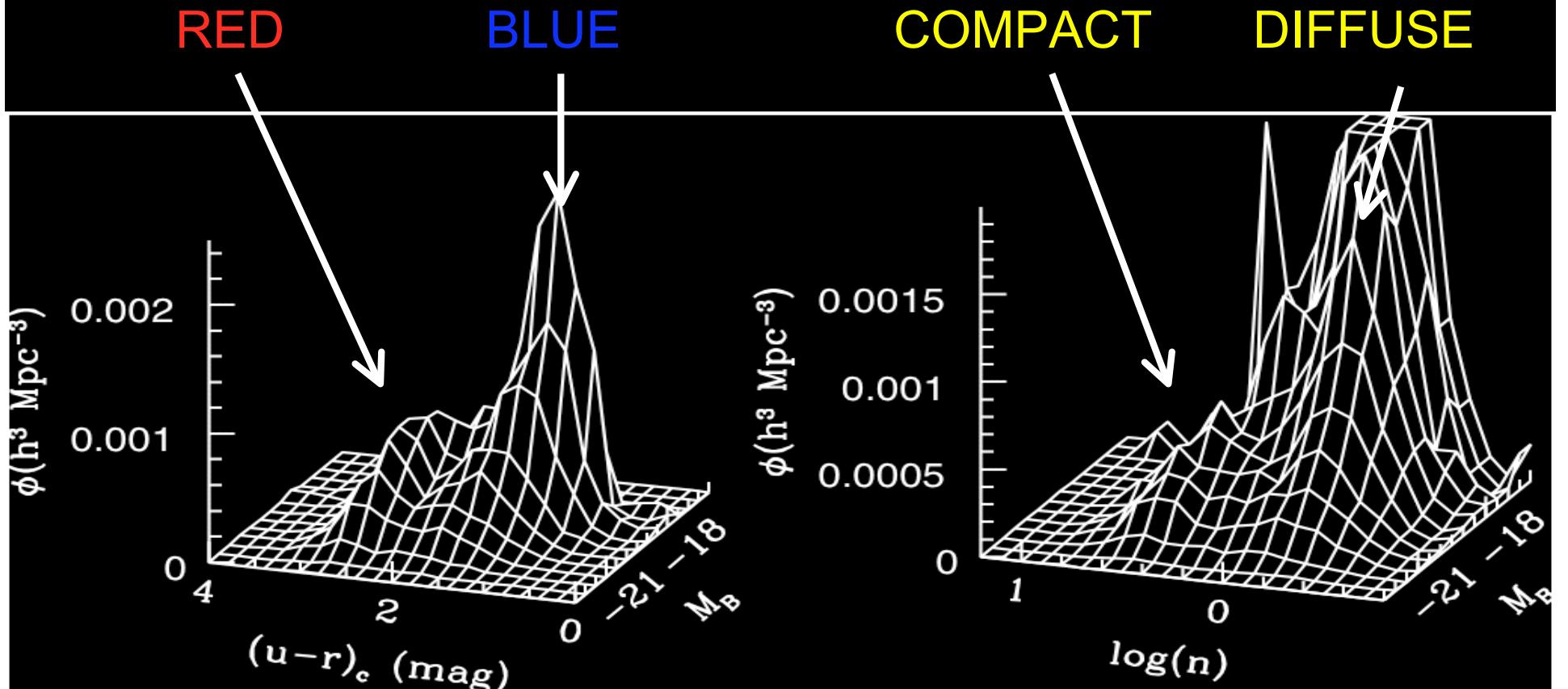
OBSERVED DISTRIBUTIONS ( $M_B < -16$ )



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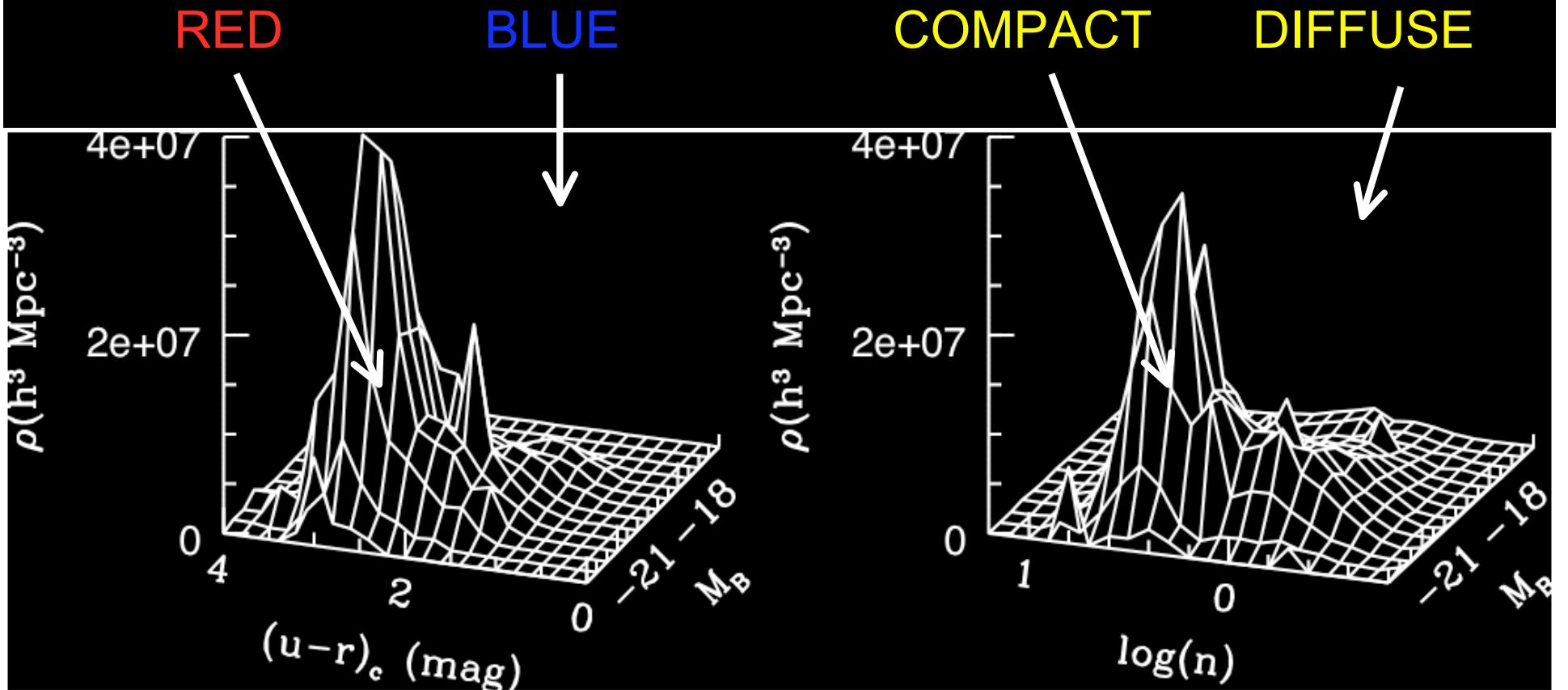
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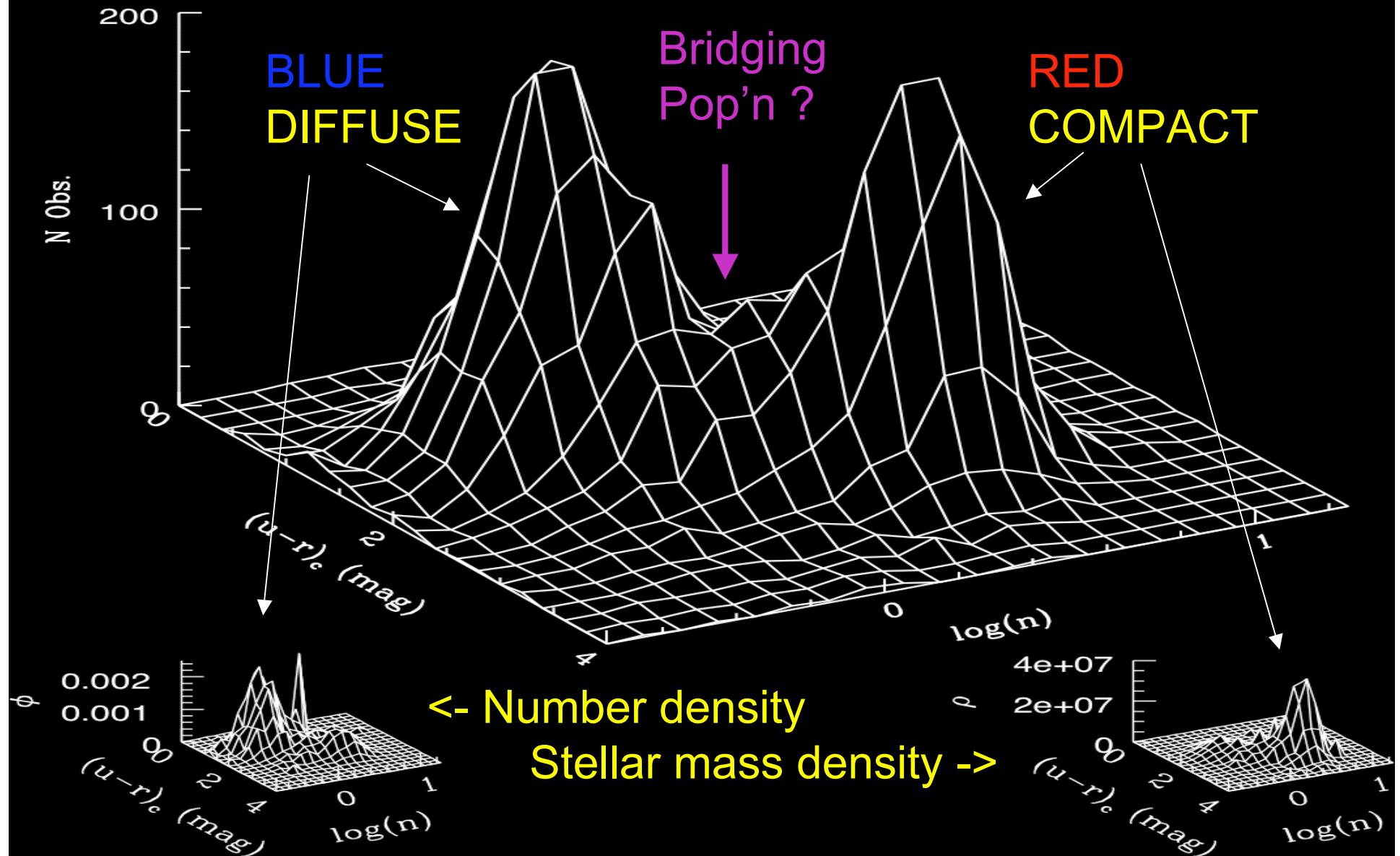
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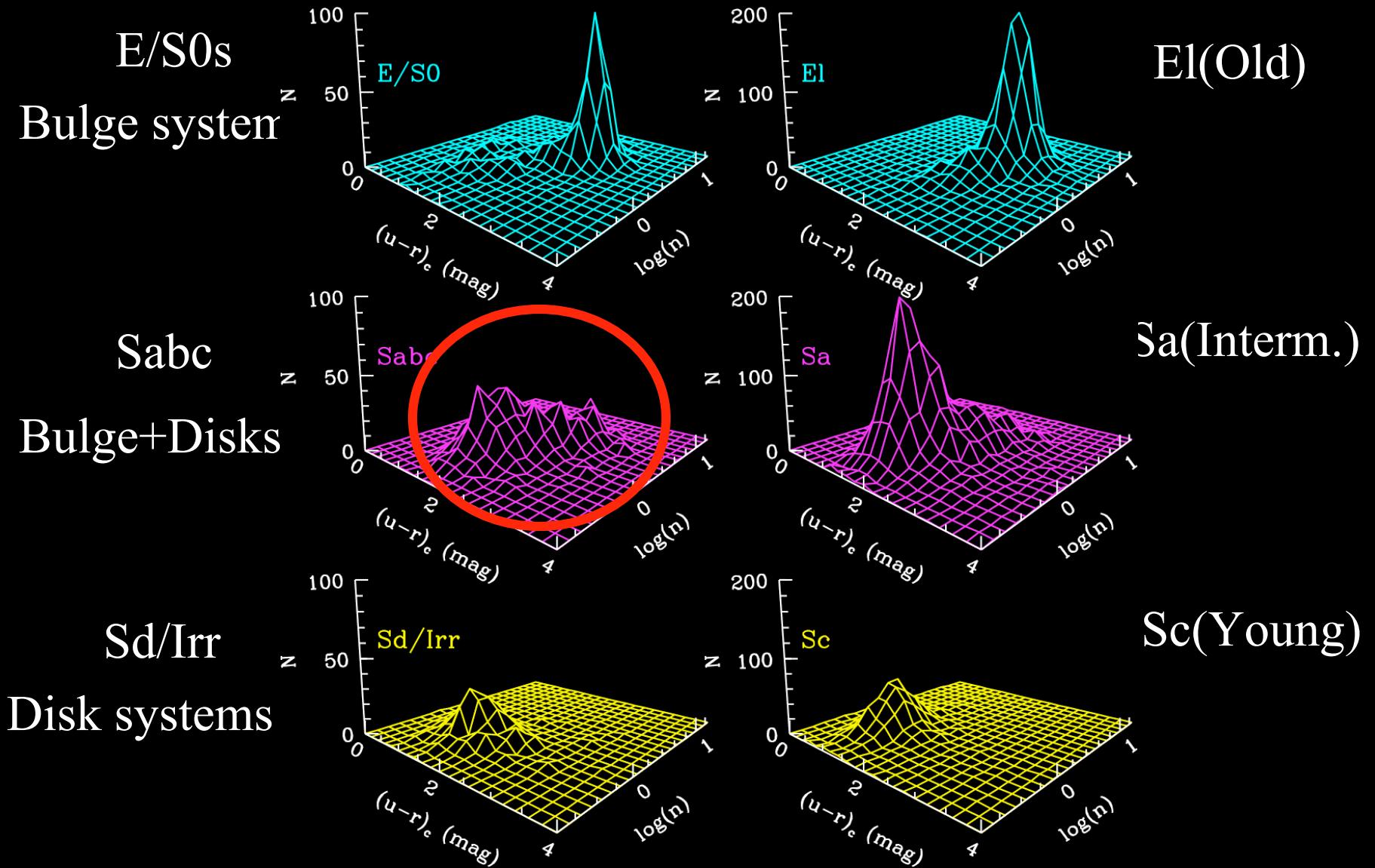


# Bimodality in $(u-r)$ - $\log(n)$

(Driver et al, 2006, astro-ph/0602240)

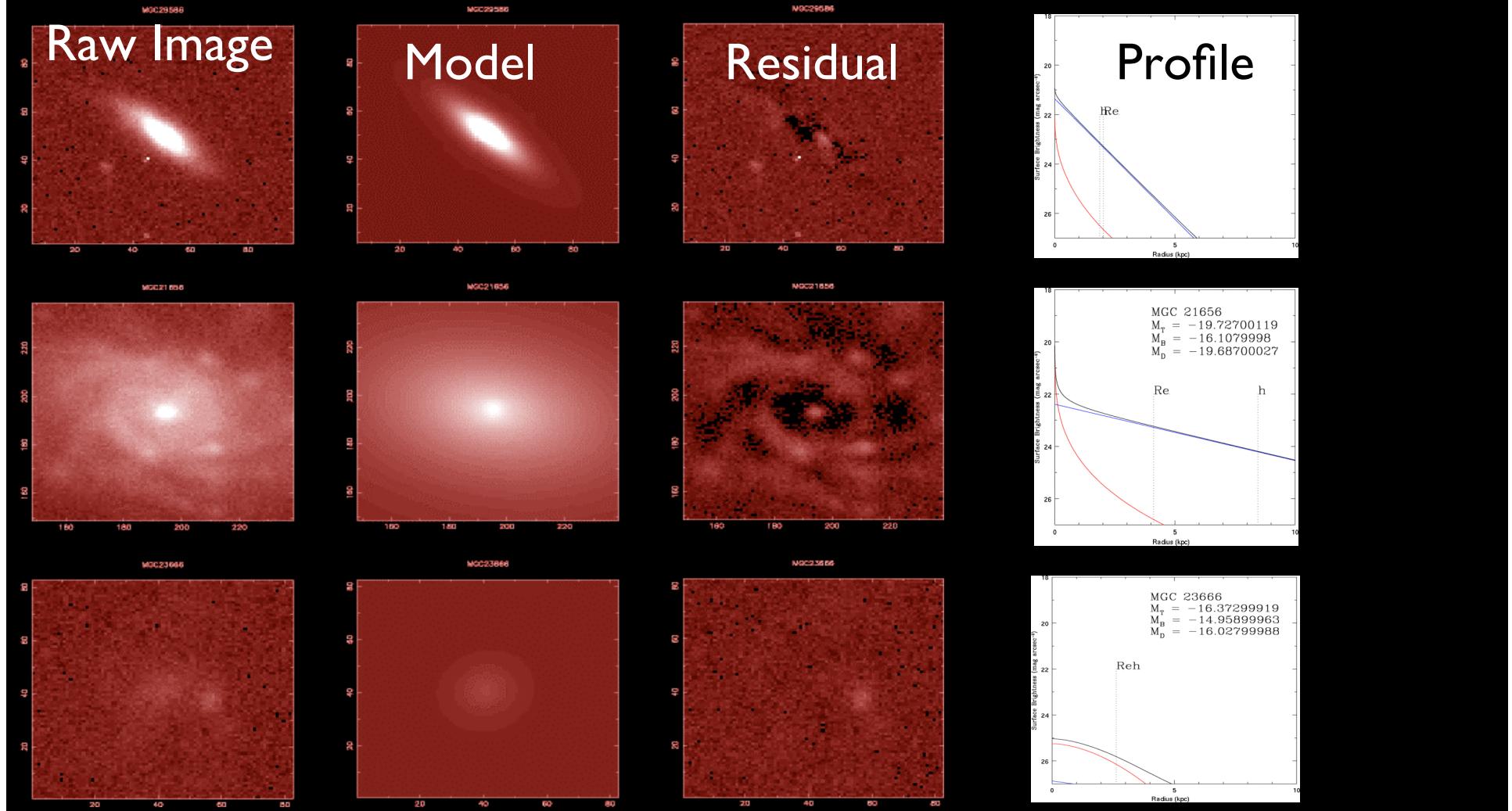


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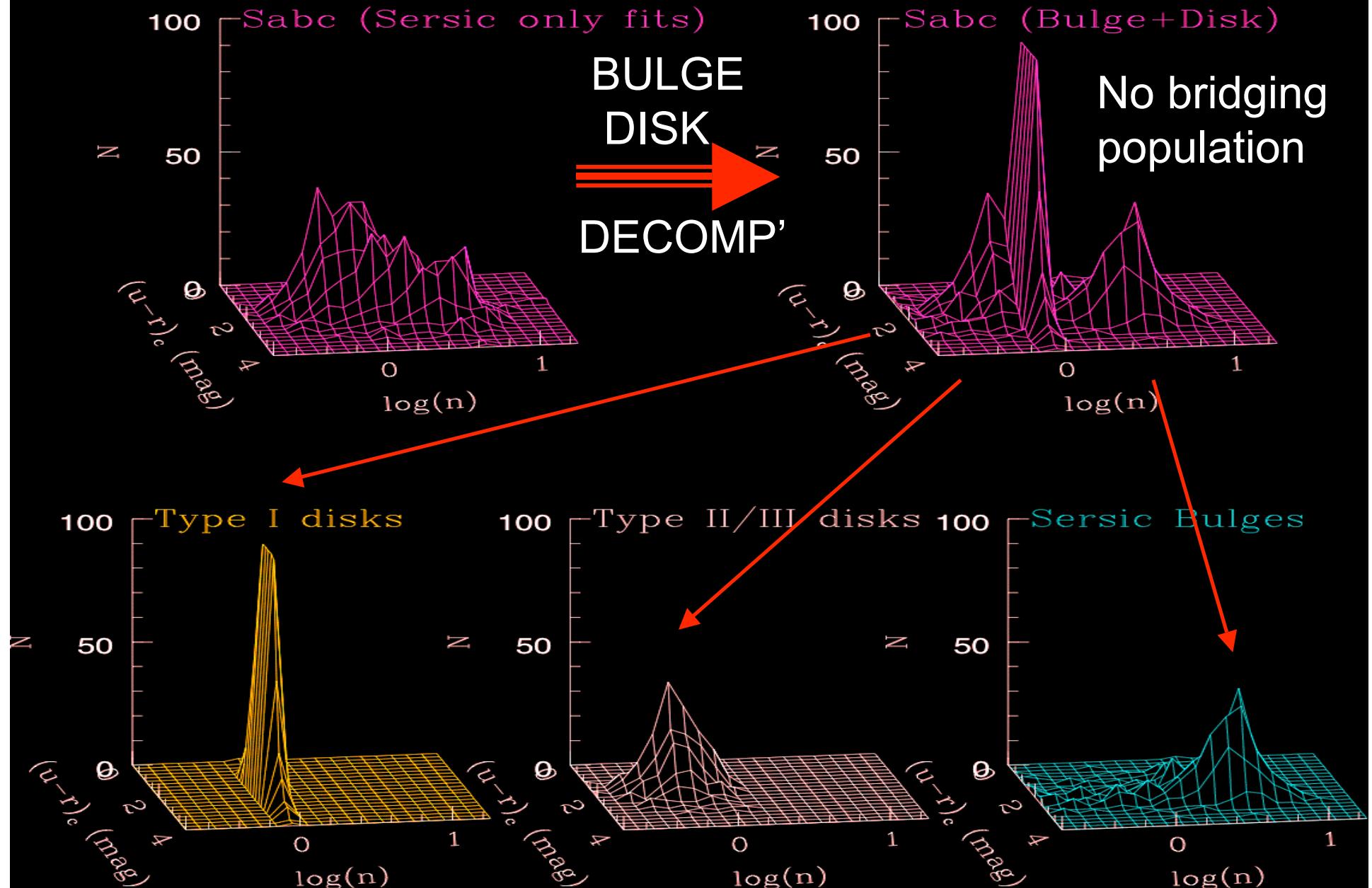


# MGC Structural Analysis (GIM2D)

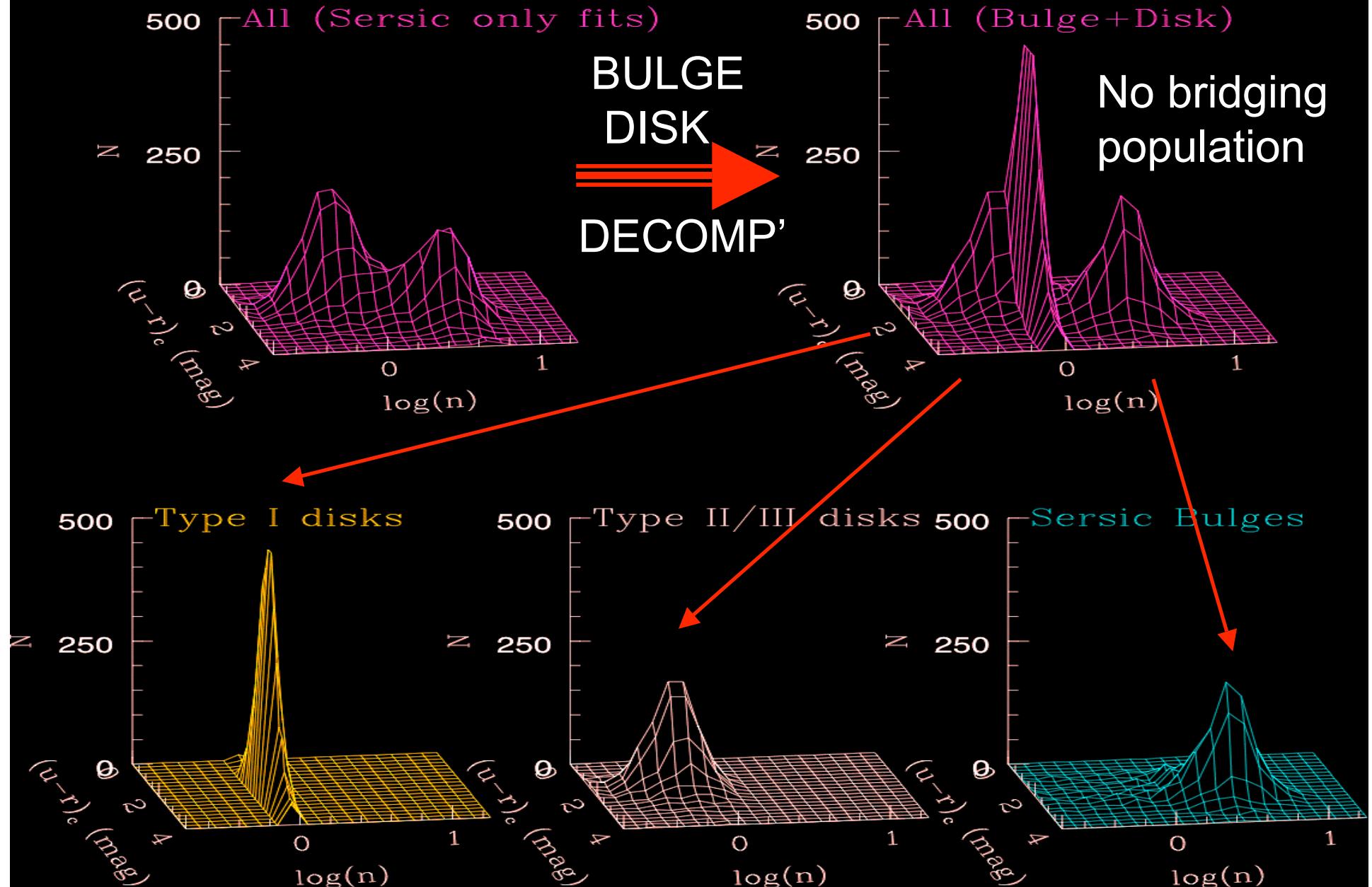
- o 12 Dimensional minimisation (Sersic+exponential profiles+PSF convolution)
- o 10,095 galaxies now completed, largest available sample, [Allen et al \(2006\)](#)



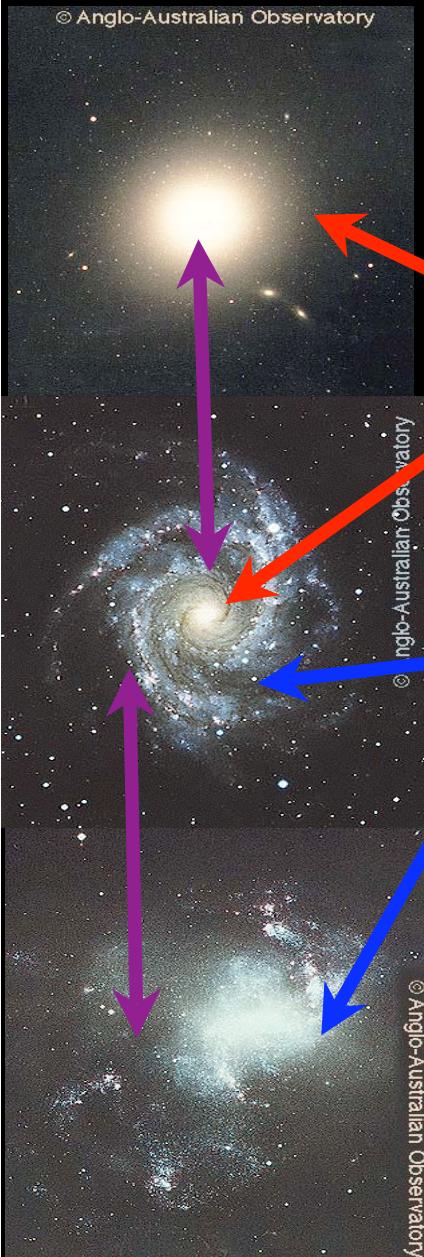
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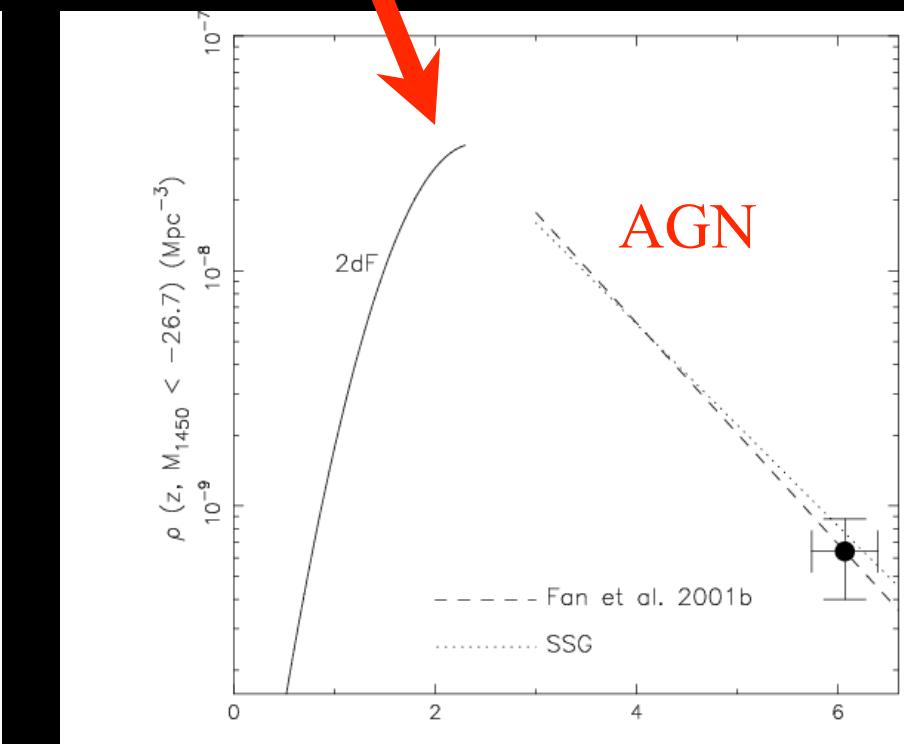
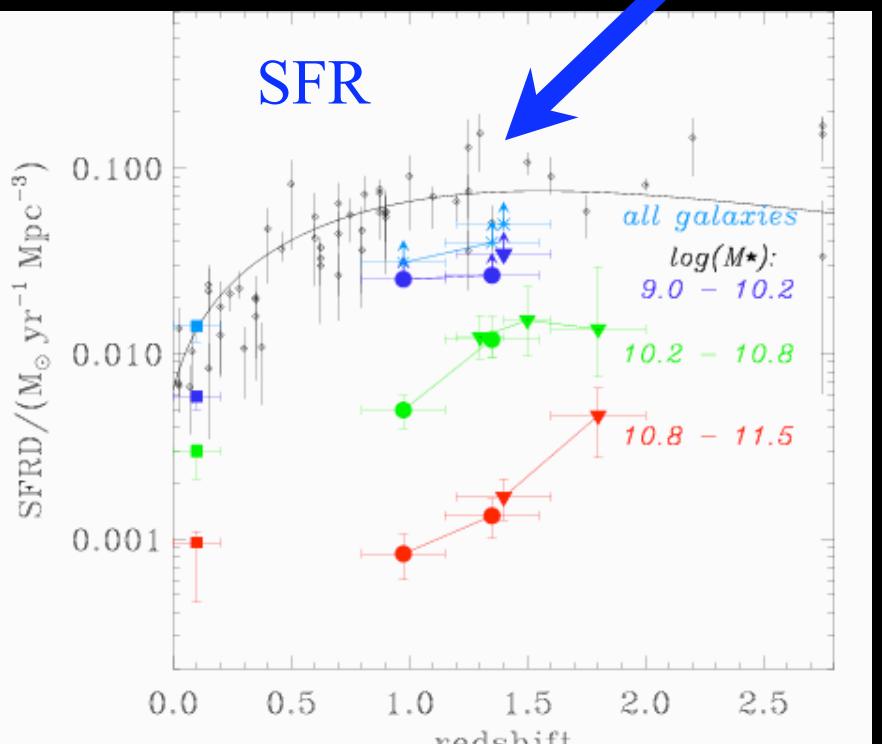
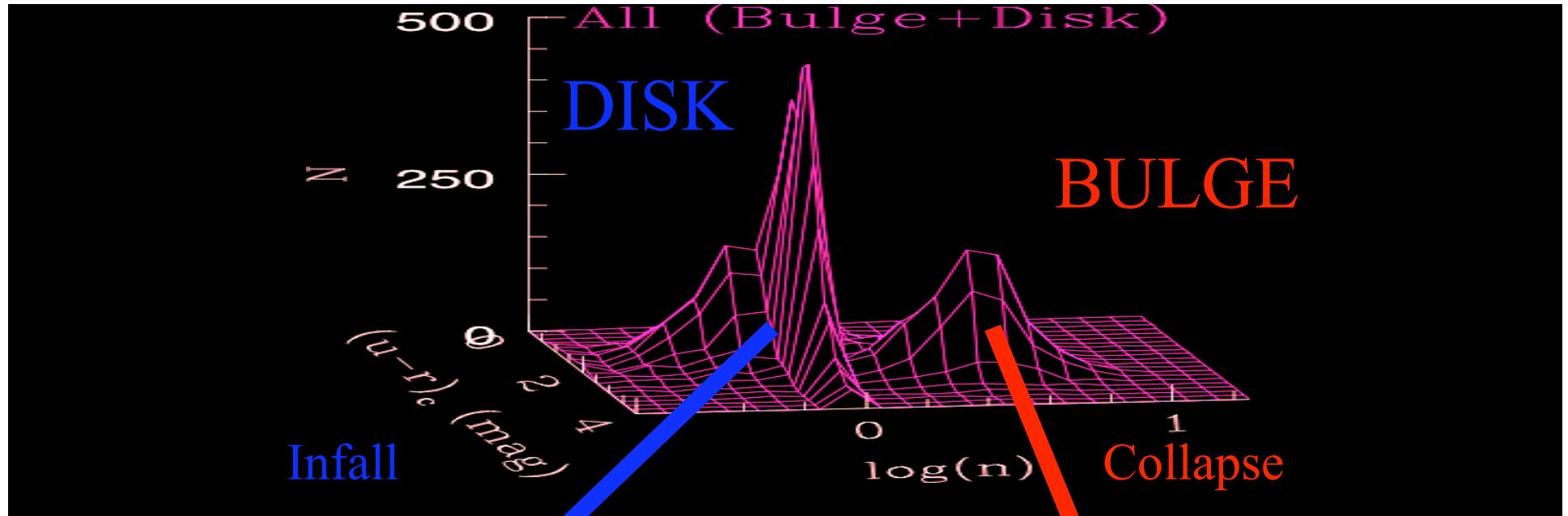
# Galaxy formation ?



SPHEROIDS/BULGES: Red, old, hot, empty, SMBH bulge relations, L-size (Kormendy rel),  $z_{\text{form}} = \text{AGN peak and Ly-break systems.}$

DISCS & IRRs: Blue, young/inte.,dusty, rotating, no SMBHs?, L-size (Freeman Law),  $z_{\text{form}} = \text{SFR and HDF assymetry at } z=1-2$

2 DISTINCT FORMATION  
MECHANISMS AND ERAs ?



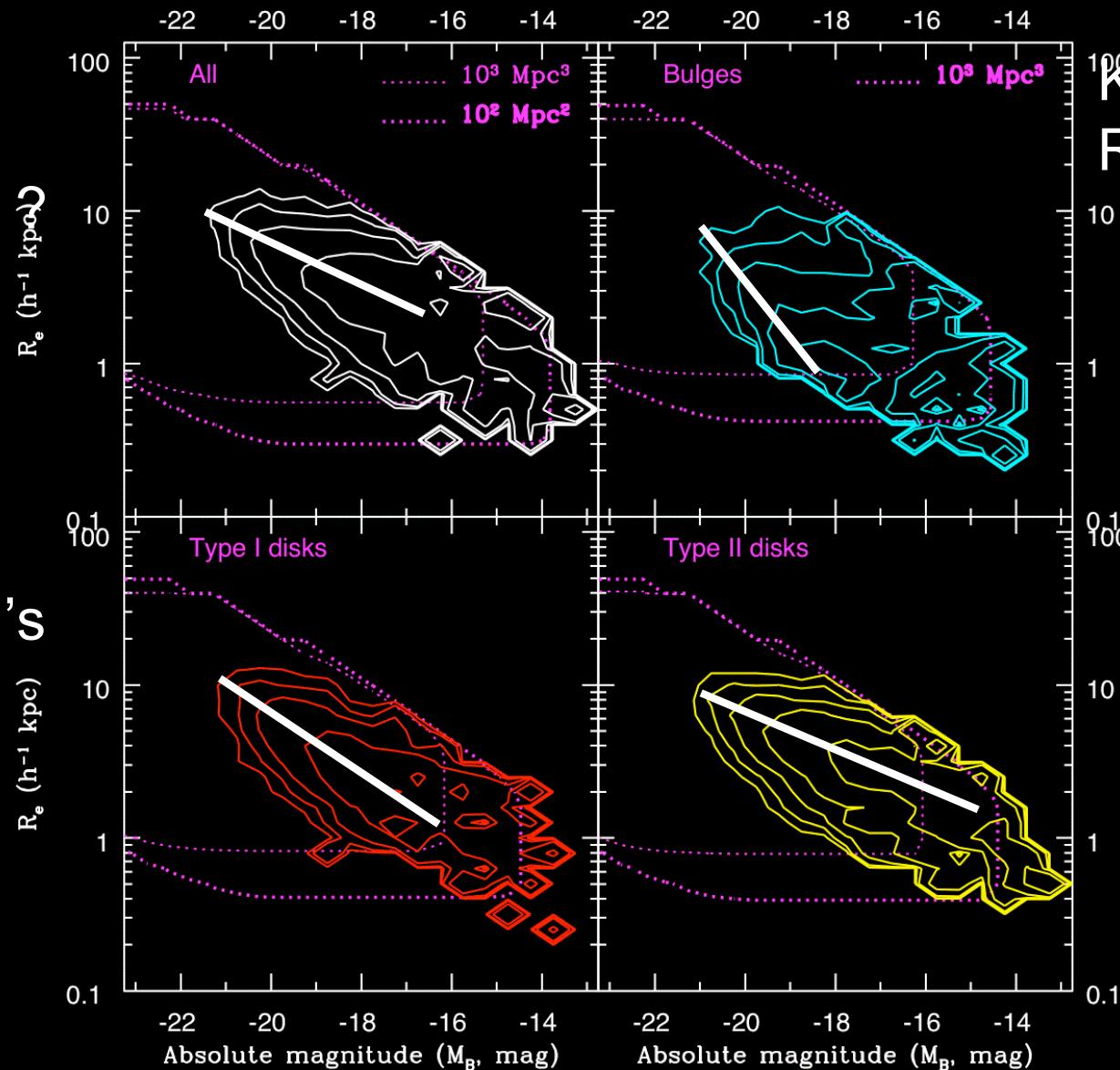
# Luminosity-size relation(s)

Global  
Relation

Freeman's  
Law ?

Kormendy  
Relation ?

De Jong  
& Lacey ?



# Summary/Problems/Future directions

- Disks and bulges occupy distinct non-overlapping regions in the colour-structure plane... (no obvious crossover pop!)... independent ?
- Must entertain notion of bi(tri)-modal galaxy formation scenario?
  1. Dark matter halo assembly
  2. Bulge formation via monolithic/frag. collapse (Bulge/AGN/SMBH trinity)
  3. Disk formation through flashback, accretion & infall
- Today 50% of stars by mass in spheroids/bulges and 50% in disks
- Must abandon the Hubble tuning fork and morphology
- May also need to abandon global measurements ?
  - ⇒ Luminosity-size relation of bulges and disks (HST, JWST)
  - ⇒ Star-formation rates of bulges and disks (IFUs)
- Routine bulge-disk decomposition needed to unravel gal. evol.
  - Requires deeper higher resolution data ( $1'' \sim 1\text{kpc}$  at  $z=0.1$ )
  - Near-IR (Dust & star-formation major problems in optical profiling)
  - Disk truncation & nuclei fitting major unsolved issues
  - Need to develop robust fast codes (e-science application)      GAMA ==>
  - Selection bias extremely complex (12D surface inside the 12D datacube)

# Galaxy And Matter Assembly (GAMA) Database @ St Andrews

- New 300 sq degree survey combining:
  - MGC, SDSS-DR4, UKIDSS
  - VST KIDS deep high resolution optical imaging (**x2 res, +3mag**)
  - VISTA KIDS deep high resolution near-IR imaging (**near-IR, +3 mag**)
  - AAT AAOmega redshifts (**to B~21.5 mag, +1.5mag, x2 spec. res**)
  - GEMINI/VLT/SALT redshifts and IFU follow-up (**eLSBGs, dynamics**)
- Science goals:
  - Testing CDM on kpc to Mpc scales (**3 tests: Halo MF, LF, merger tree**)
  - Tracing bimodality and global SFR to  $z=0.6$
  - Structural decomposition of  $\sim 100\,000$  galaxies (**MGC x10**)
  - Comprehensive study of the dwarf galaxy domain (**MB to -11 mag**)

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