

## The formation of Galactic Bulges

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In this talk I will discuss current ideas about the formation of galactic bulges, based on recent observations. Bulges, occupying a strategic position between elliptical and spiral galaxies, are important objects when studying galaxy formation. In particular, I will discuss the question whether bulges were formed early-on at high redshift, or whether they formed later through secular evolution of their disk. To do this I will use new results based on HST surface photometry, SAURON integral field spectroscopy and N-body simulations.

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