

4 Star Formation Relations

(+ Strengthened Cluster Survival)

With One Single Model

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Rationale

Star cluster research is experiencing a very exciting decade. With the Atacama Large Millimeter / submillimeter Array and the Gaia astrometric satellite, we are now equipped to probe the full lifecycle of star clusters, from the properties of the molecular gas in which they form, to the properties of the stellar streams which dying clusters leave in their wake. To exploit fully and meaningfully these huge data flows, the active collaboration of observers and modellers is critically needed. What theoretical predictions are we able to make? What are the observable quantities? How well do we

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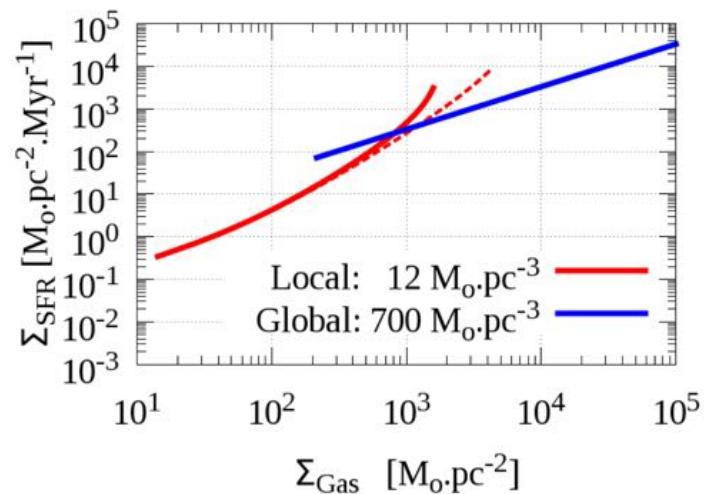


Star cluster formation in centrally-concentrated molecular clumps



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➤ What star formation relations
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Outline

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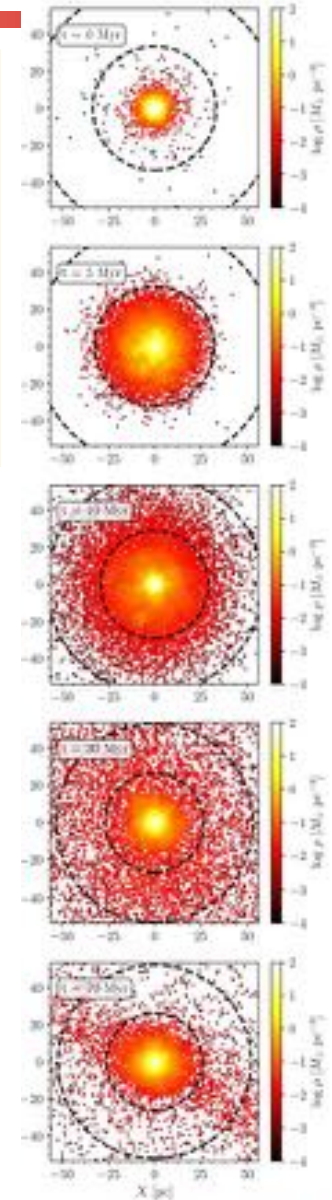
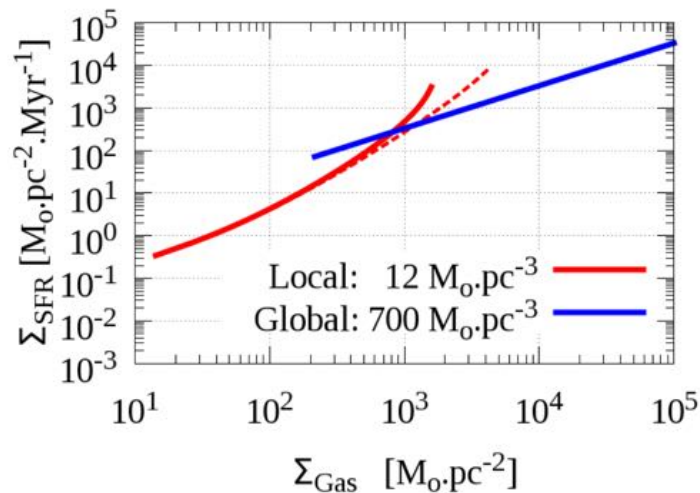


B. Gas-free systems

➤ When the residual
star-forming gas is
gone, how do such
systems evolve ?

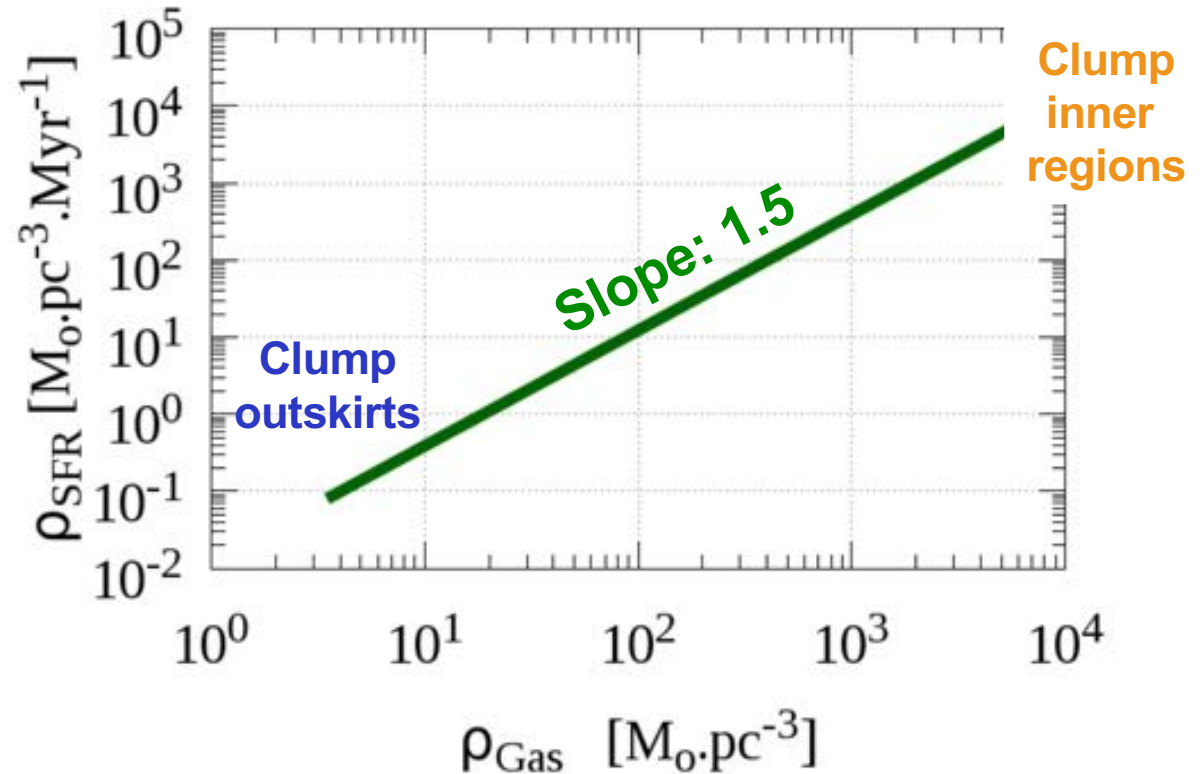
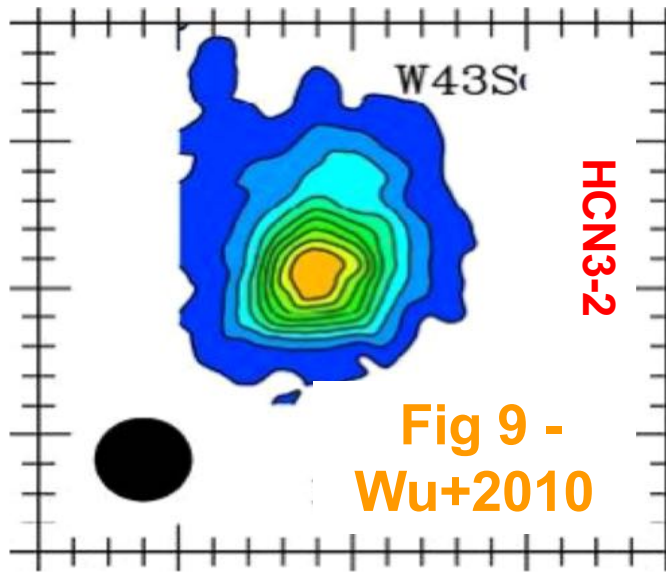
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First Star Formation Relation (Volume/Theory)



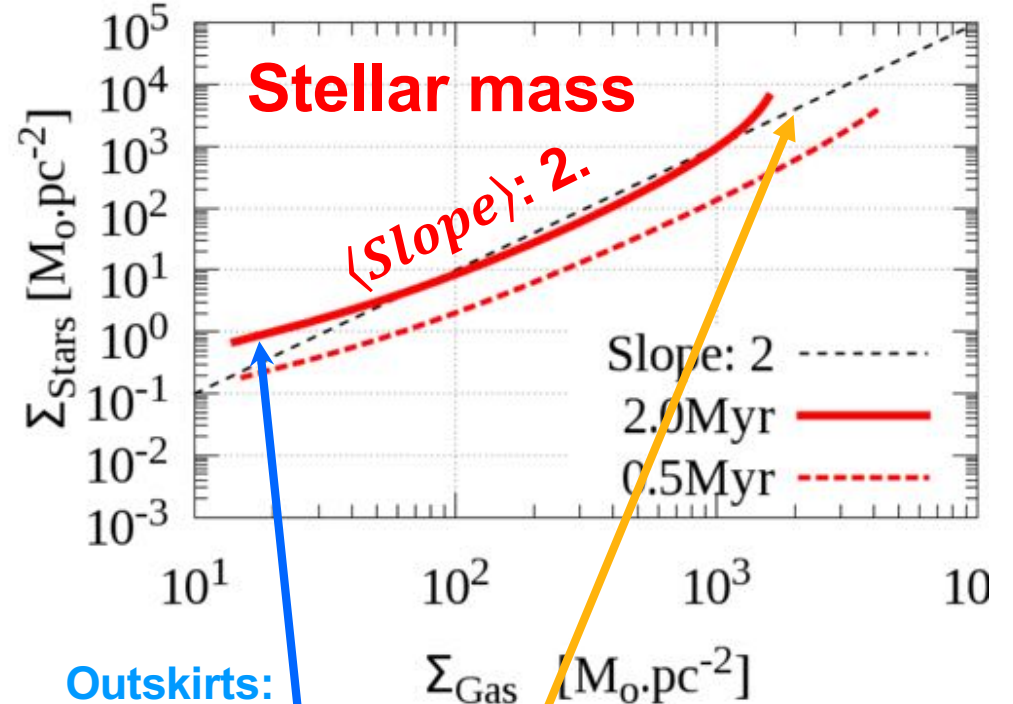
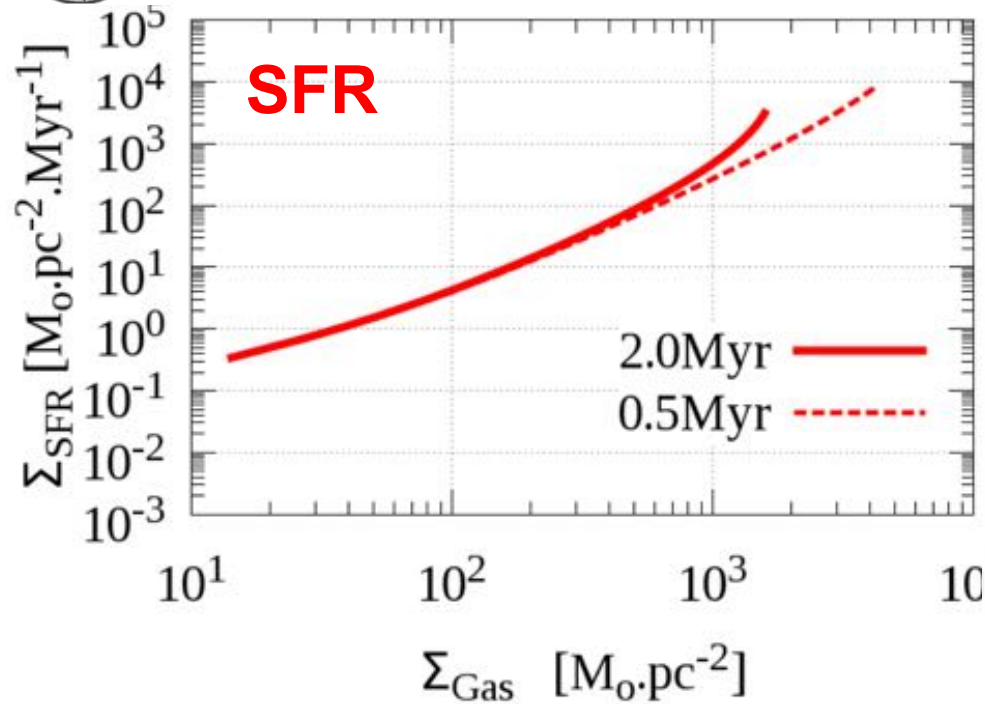
- Molecular clumps have volume density gradients
- If stars form with a constant star formation efficiency per free-fall time, ϵ_{ff} , the volumetric star formation relation is a power-law of slope 3/2
- Shell-by-shell representation
- **Local** star formation relation

$$\rho_{SFR} = \frac{\epsilon_{ff} \rho_{gas}}{\tau_{ff}}$$

$$\underline{\rho_{SFR}} \propto \rho_{gas}^{1.5}$$



Second Star Formation Relation (Surface/Observ.)

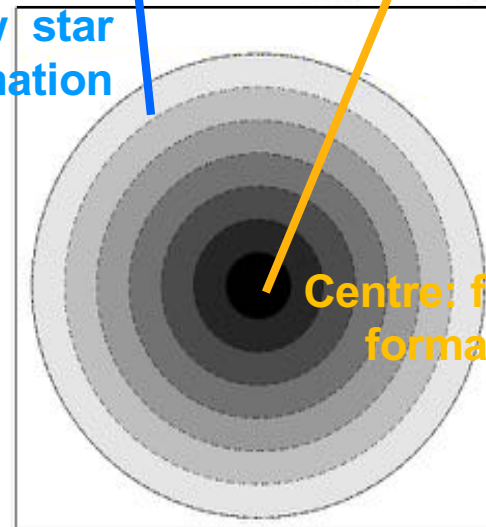


II. $\Sigma_{SFR} \propto \Sigma_{gas}^2$

- Steeper than its volumetric counterpart
- Contour-by-contour representation
- **Local** star formation relation

Parmentier & Pfalzner (2013)

Outskirts:
slow star
formation



Centre: fast star
formation

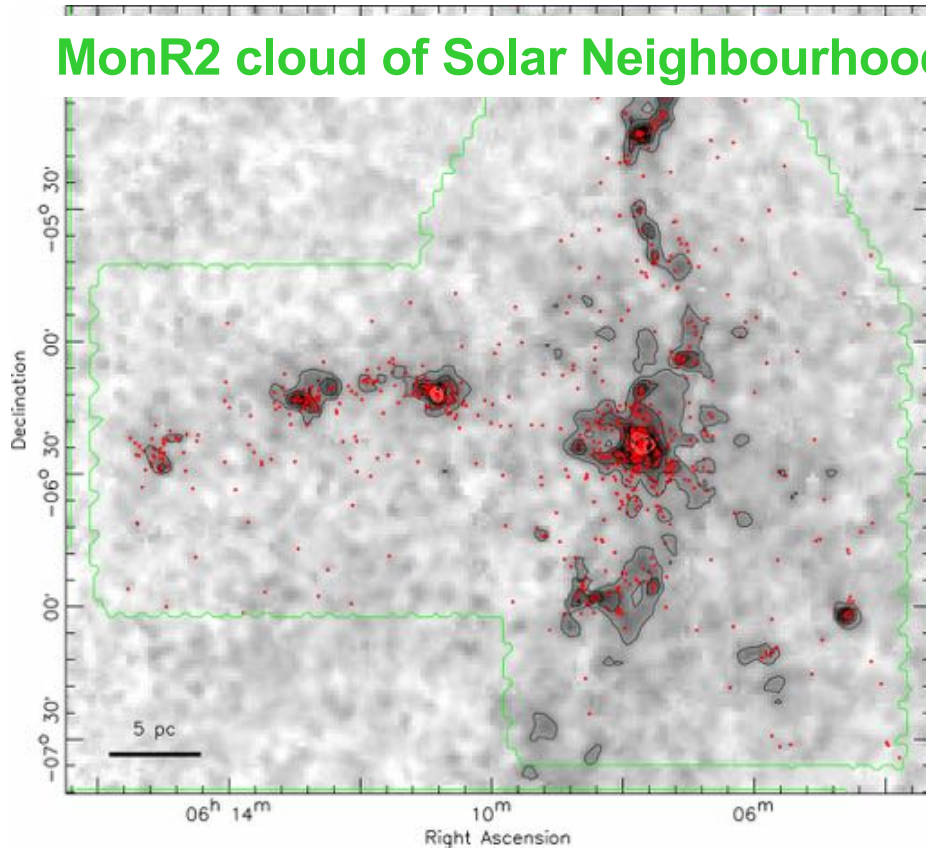




Sol. N. Molecular Clouds Show Quadratic SF Relations

Fig. 1, Gutermuth+ (2011)

MonR2 cloud of Solar Neighbourhood



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$$\Sigma_{YSO} \propto \Sigma_{gas}^2$$

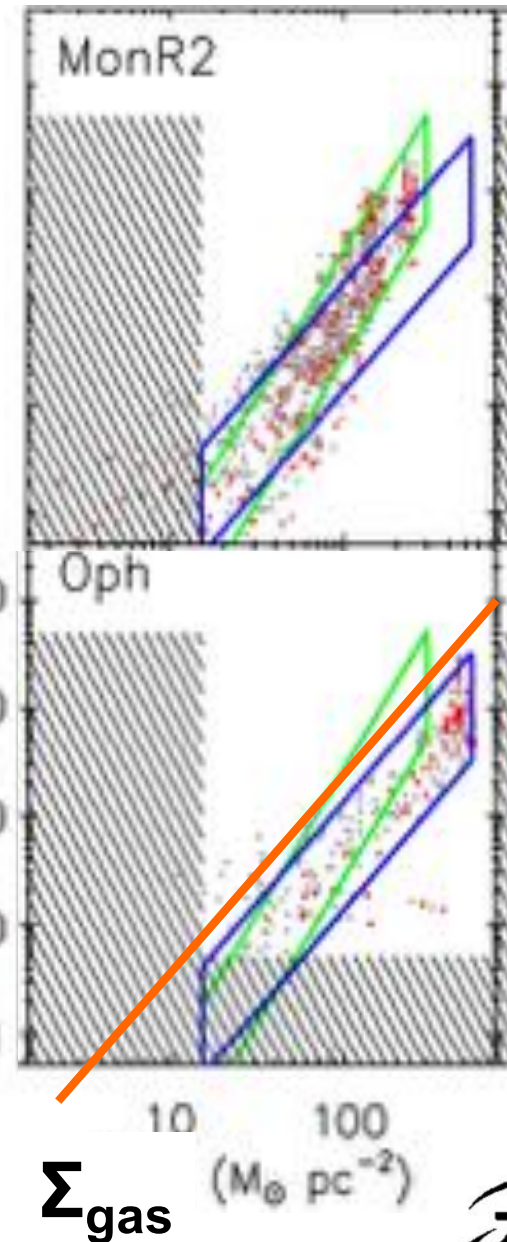


Fig. 9, Gutermuth+ (2011)

Σ_{gas}

$(M_{\odot} pc^{-2})$



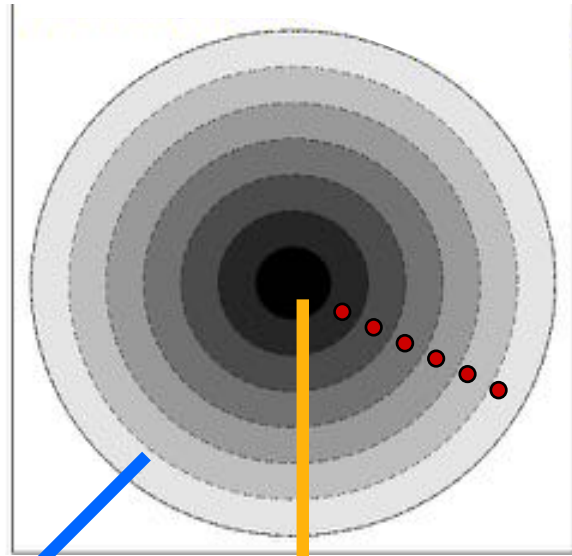


From a Local SF Relation ...

Local perspective:

- Contour-by-contour basis
- One clump is enough

Clump distance: e.g. 500 pc



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... to a Global (= Third) SF Relation

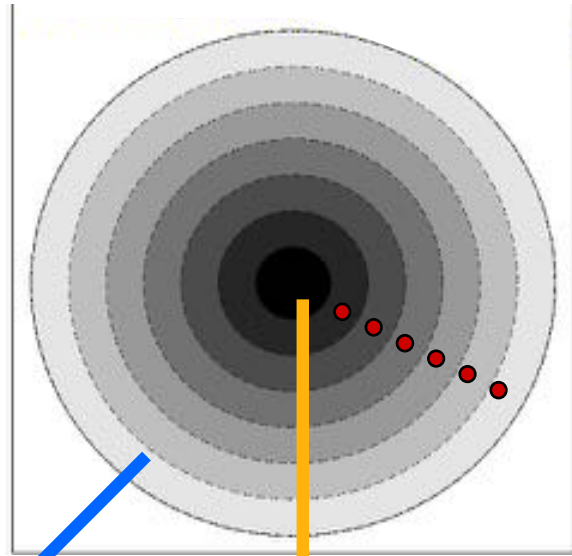
Local perspective:

- **Contour-by-contour basis**
- **One clump is enough**

Clump at a distance where it cannot be resolved

$$(\Sigma_{gas}^{glob}, \Sigma_{SFR}^{glob})$$

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Global perspective:

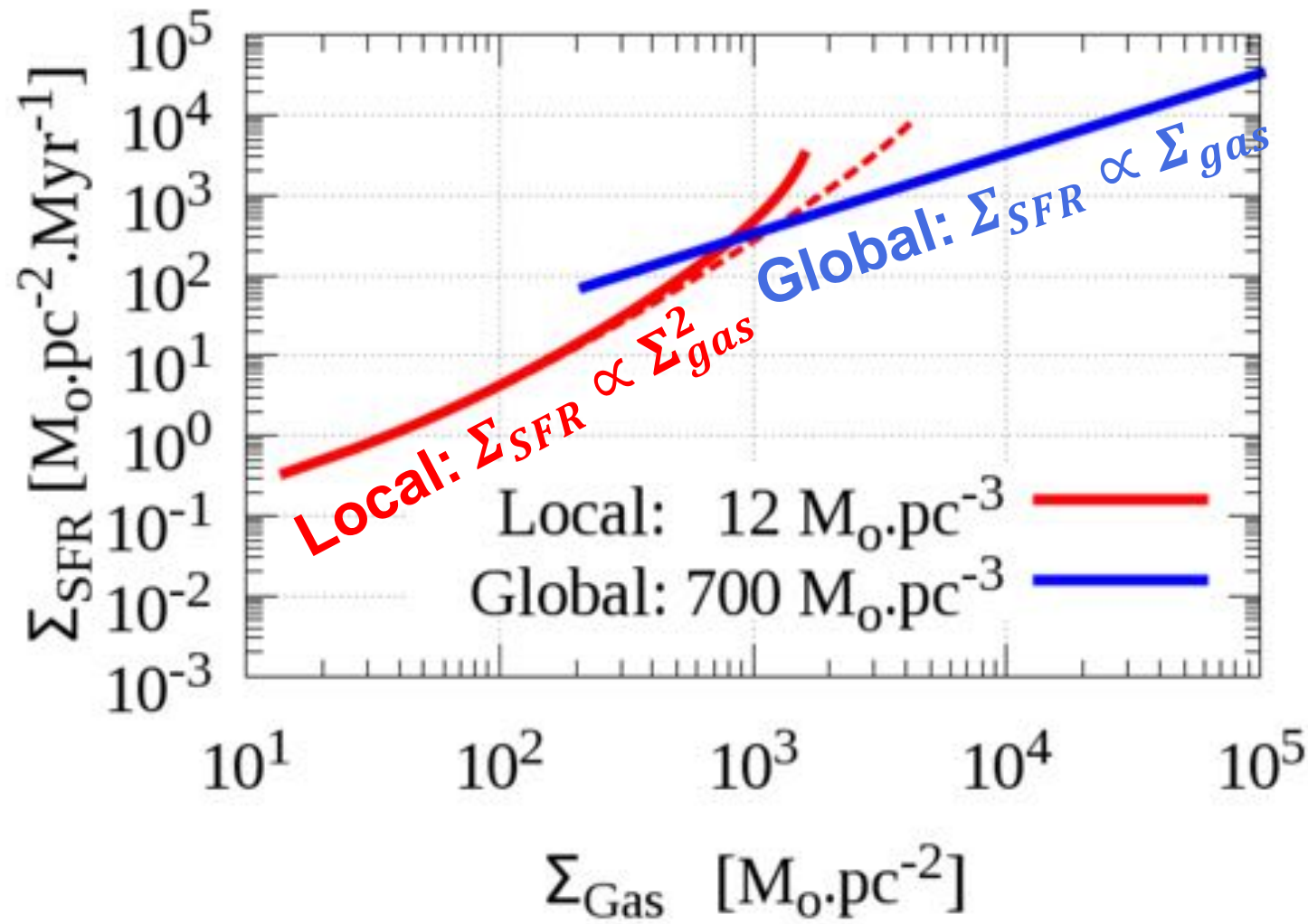
- A population of clumps is needed
- e.g. HCN(1-0) molecular clumps
- **To first order: common free-fall time**
→ **Slope: 1**
→ **Third / linear SF relation**

$$\text{III. } \Sigma_{SFR} \propto \Sigma_{gas}$$



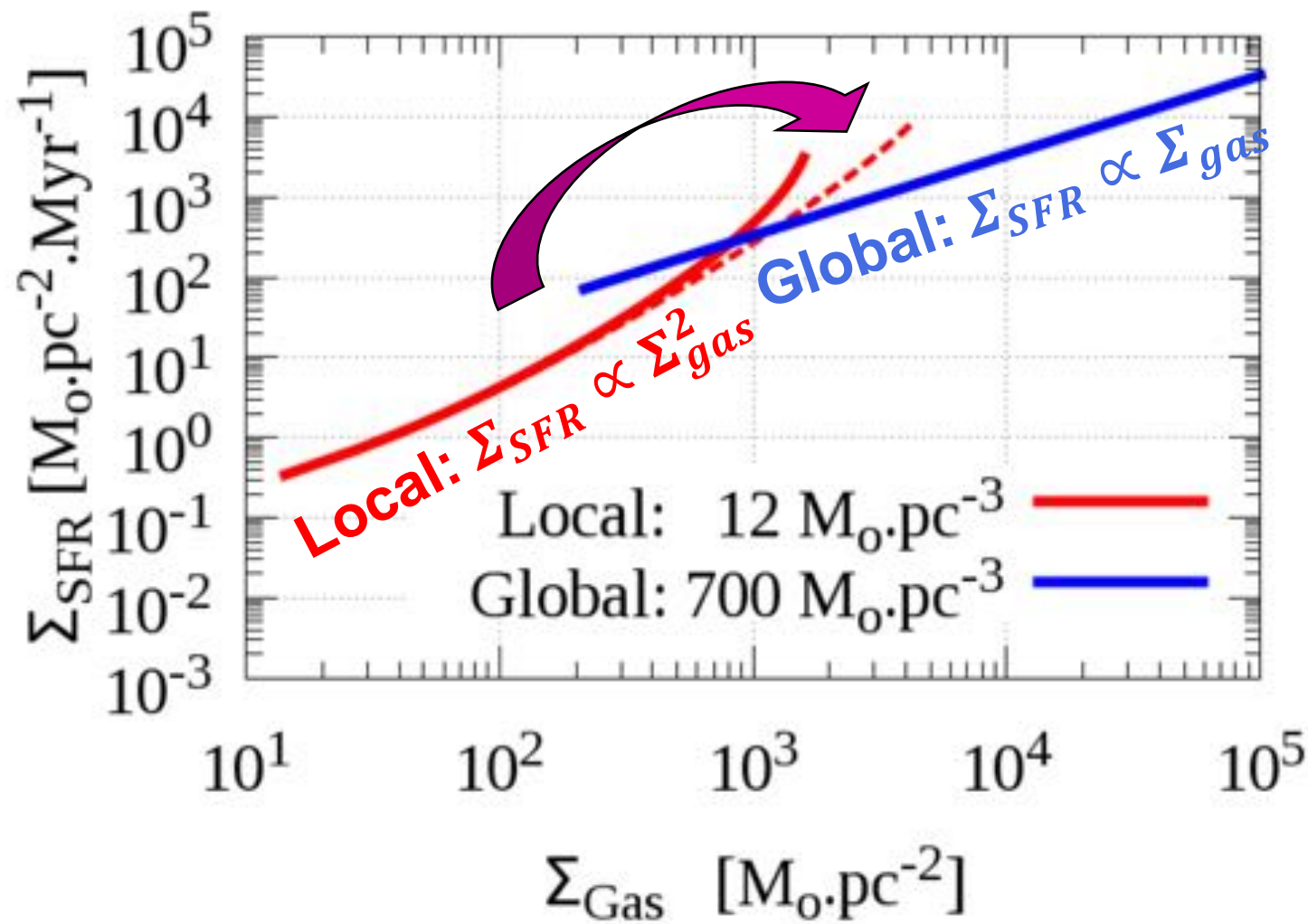


Composite SF Relation: II + III



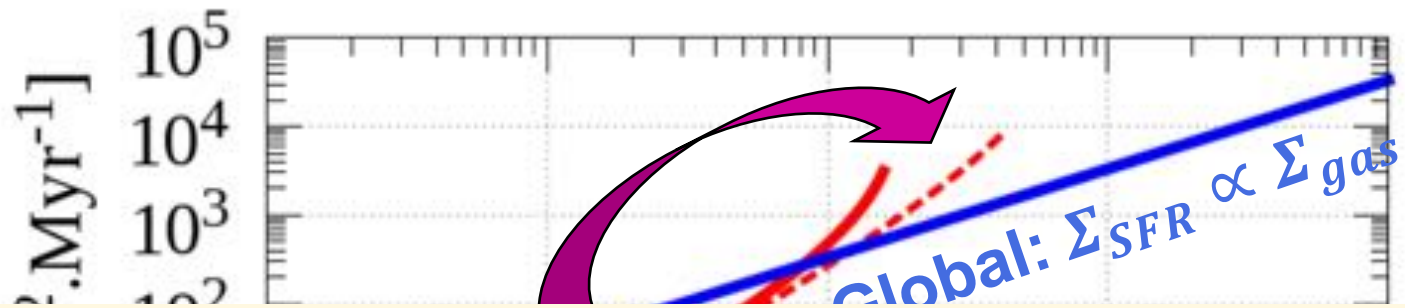


Break-Point in Composite SF Relation

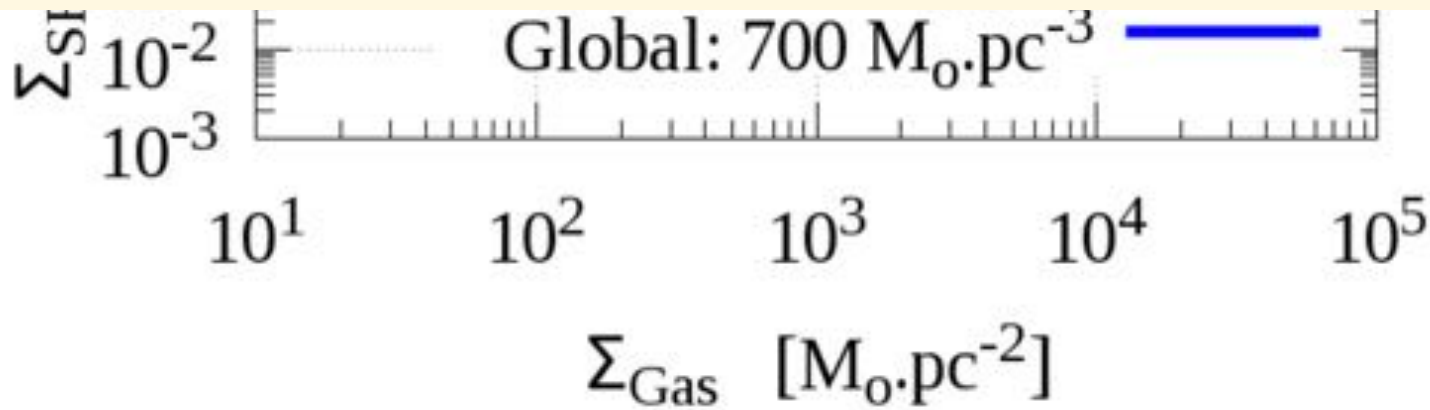




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Mind the step !





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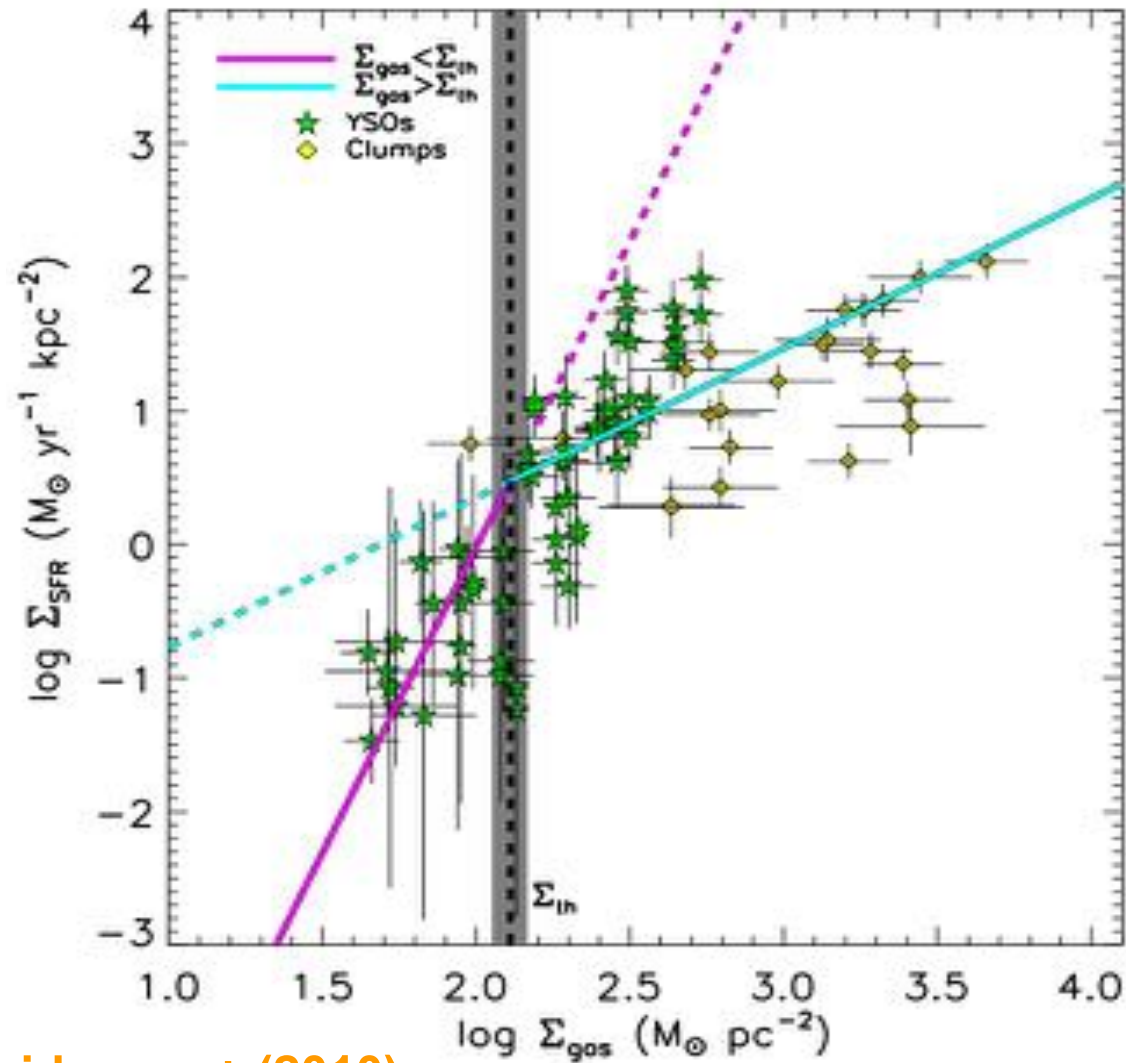
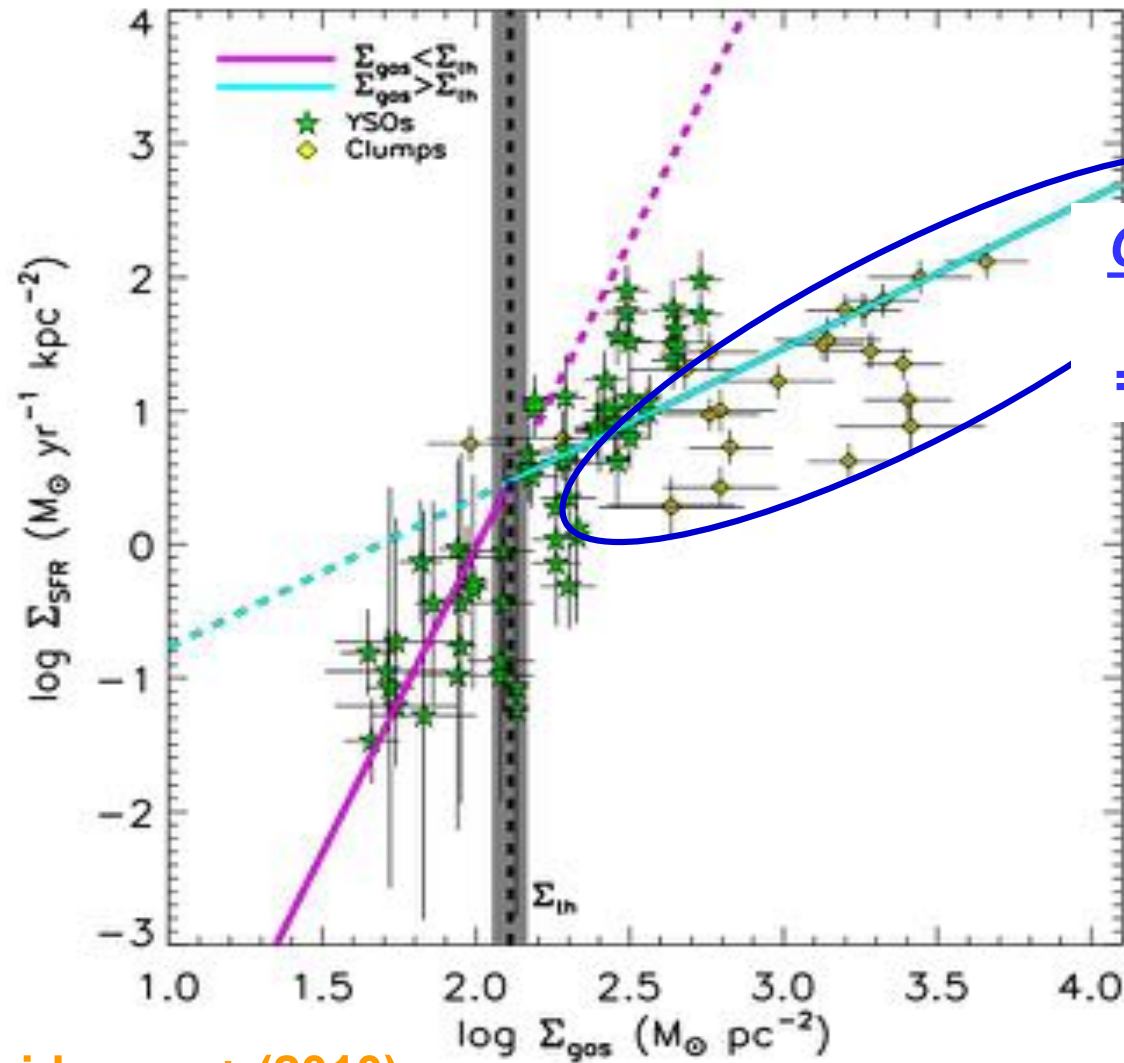


Fig. 10, Heiderman+ (2010)



Break-Point in Composite SF Relation



HCN Clumps

Global relation:
1 data-point
= 1 HCN clump

Fig. 10, Heiderman+ (2010)

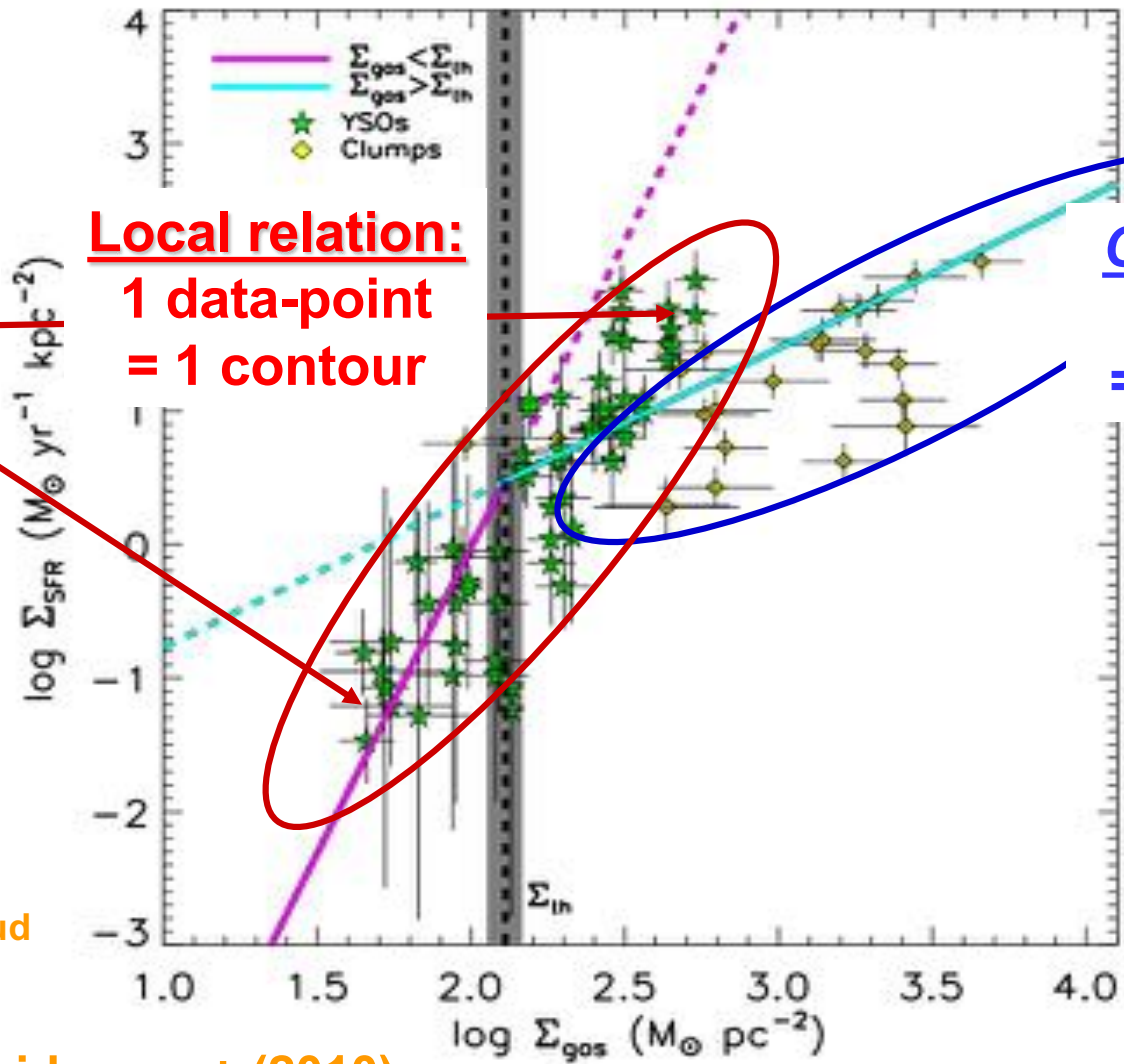




Break-Point in Composite SF Relation



Perseus molecular cloud



Local relation:
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Figs 2 & 10, Heiderman+ (2010)

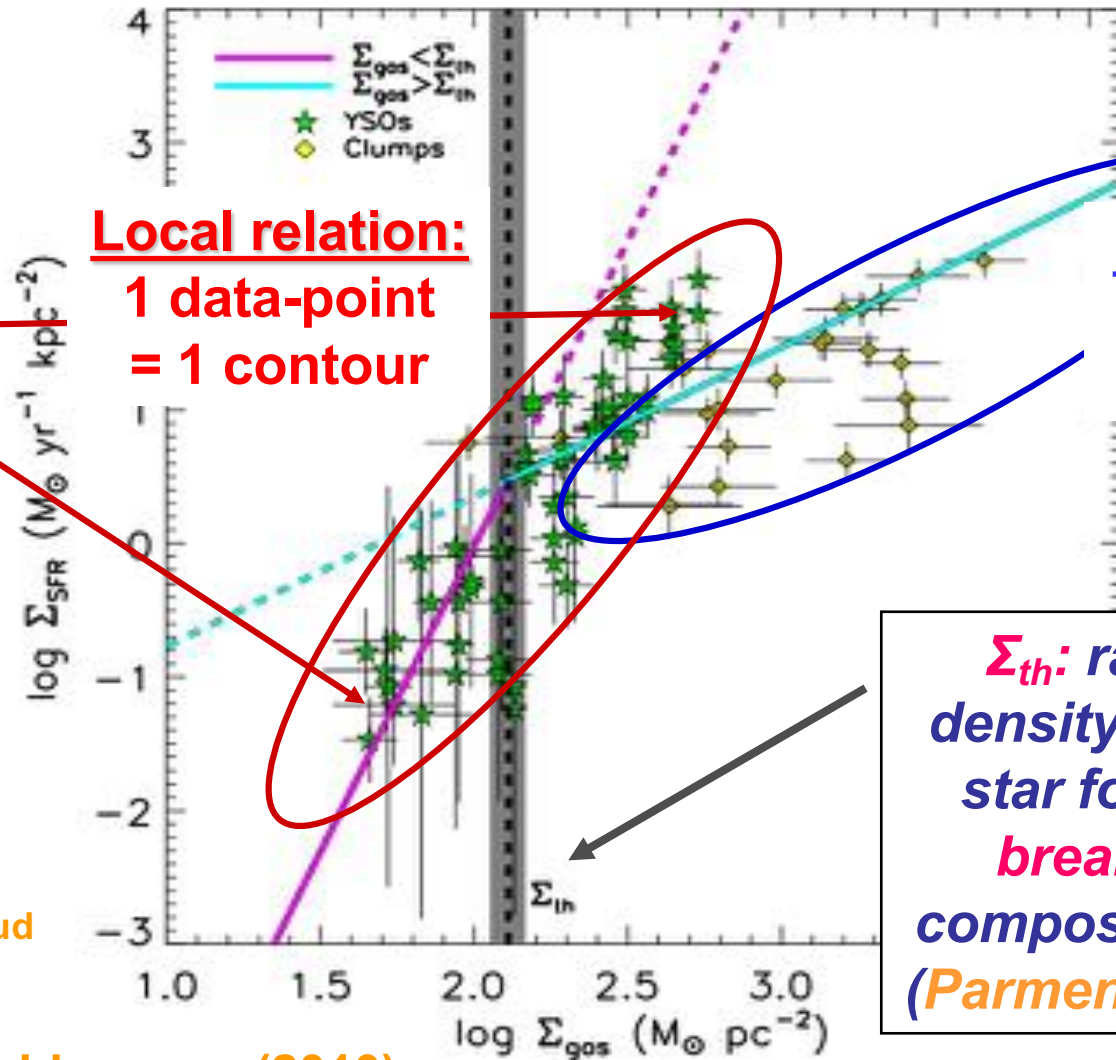




Interpretation of Break-Point



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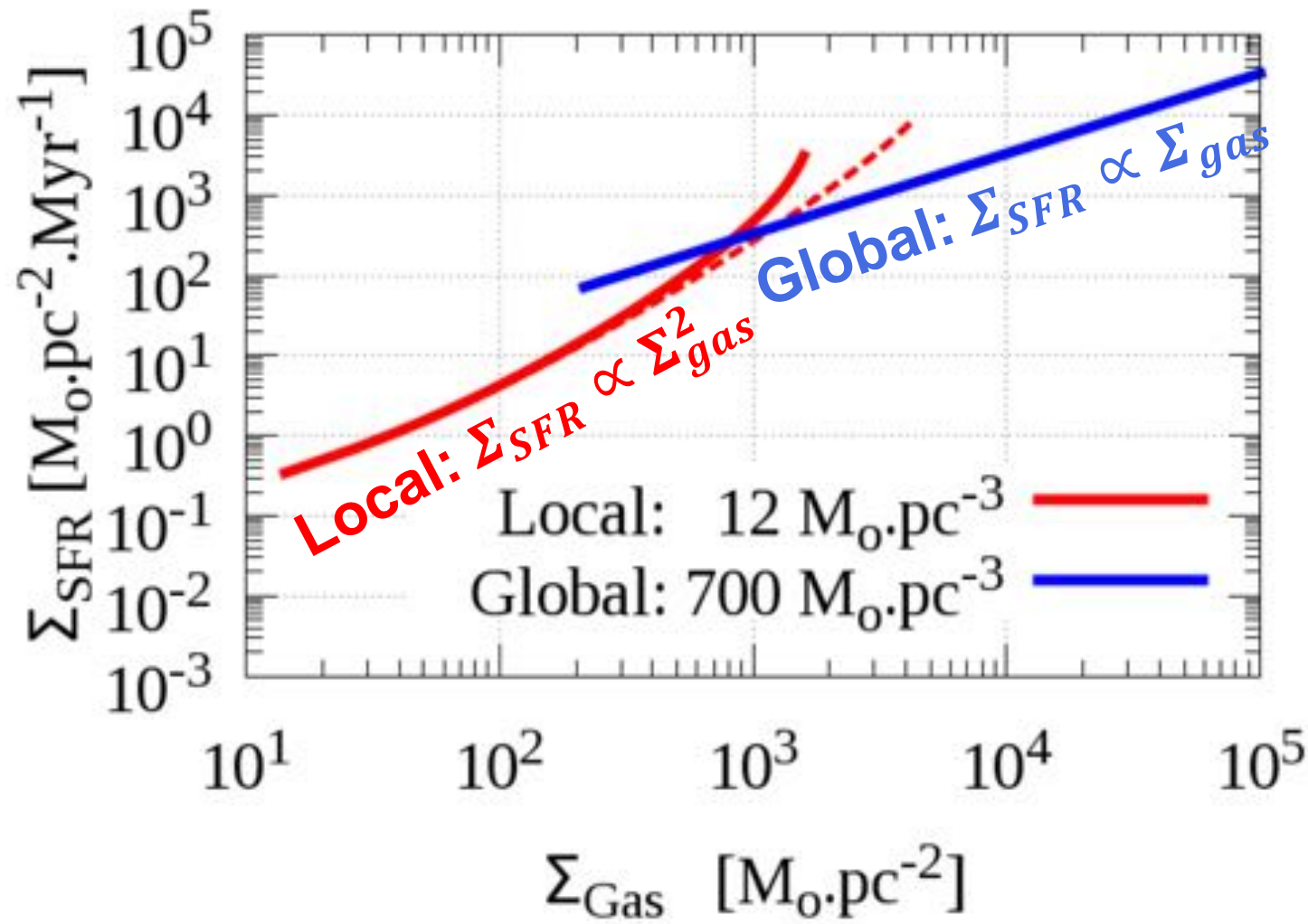
Σ_{th} : rather than a density threshold for star formation, the *break-point* of a composite SF relation (Parmentier 2016, ApJ)

Figs 2 & 10, Heiderman+ (2010)





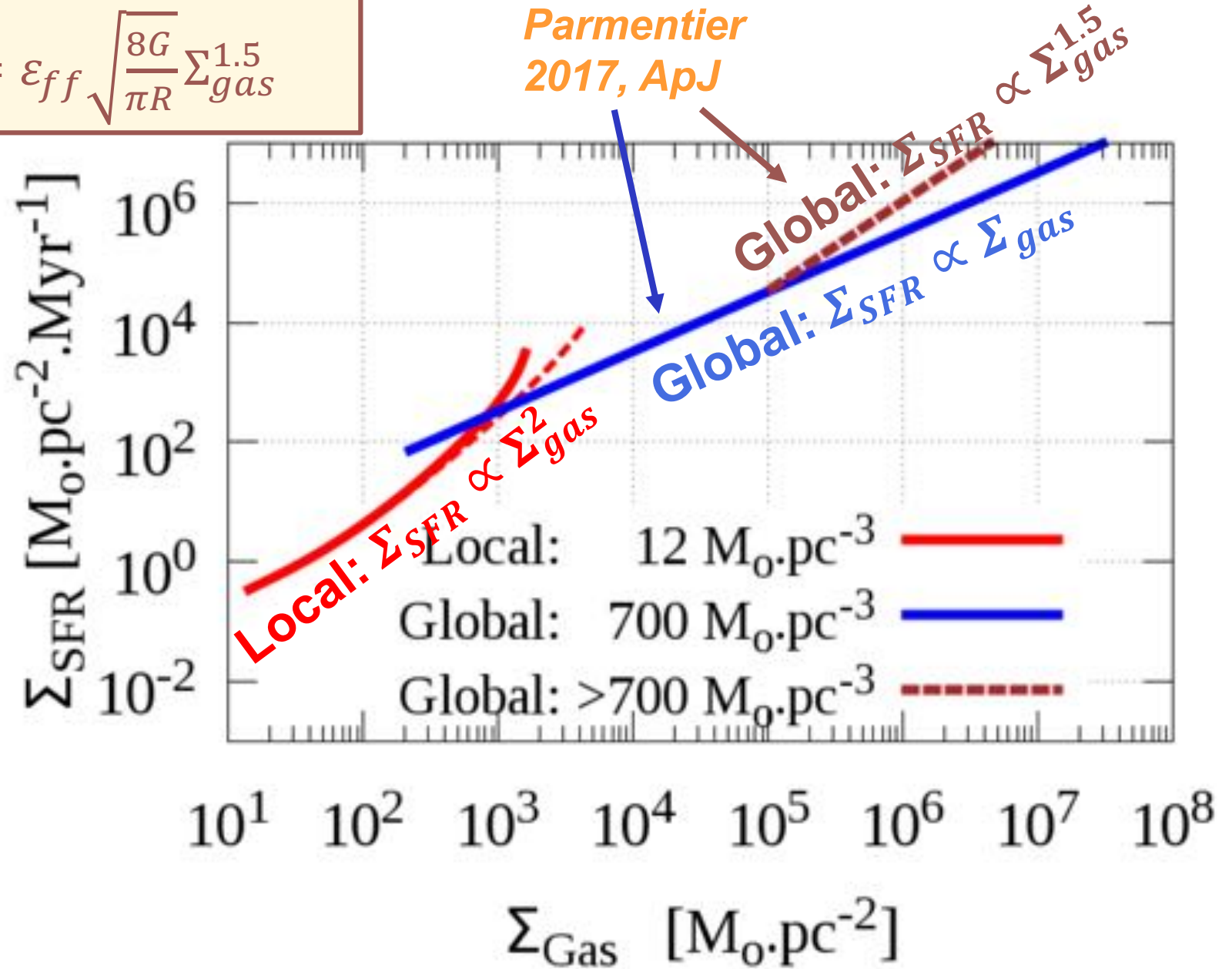
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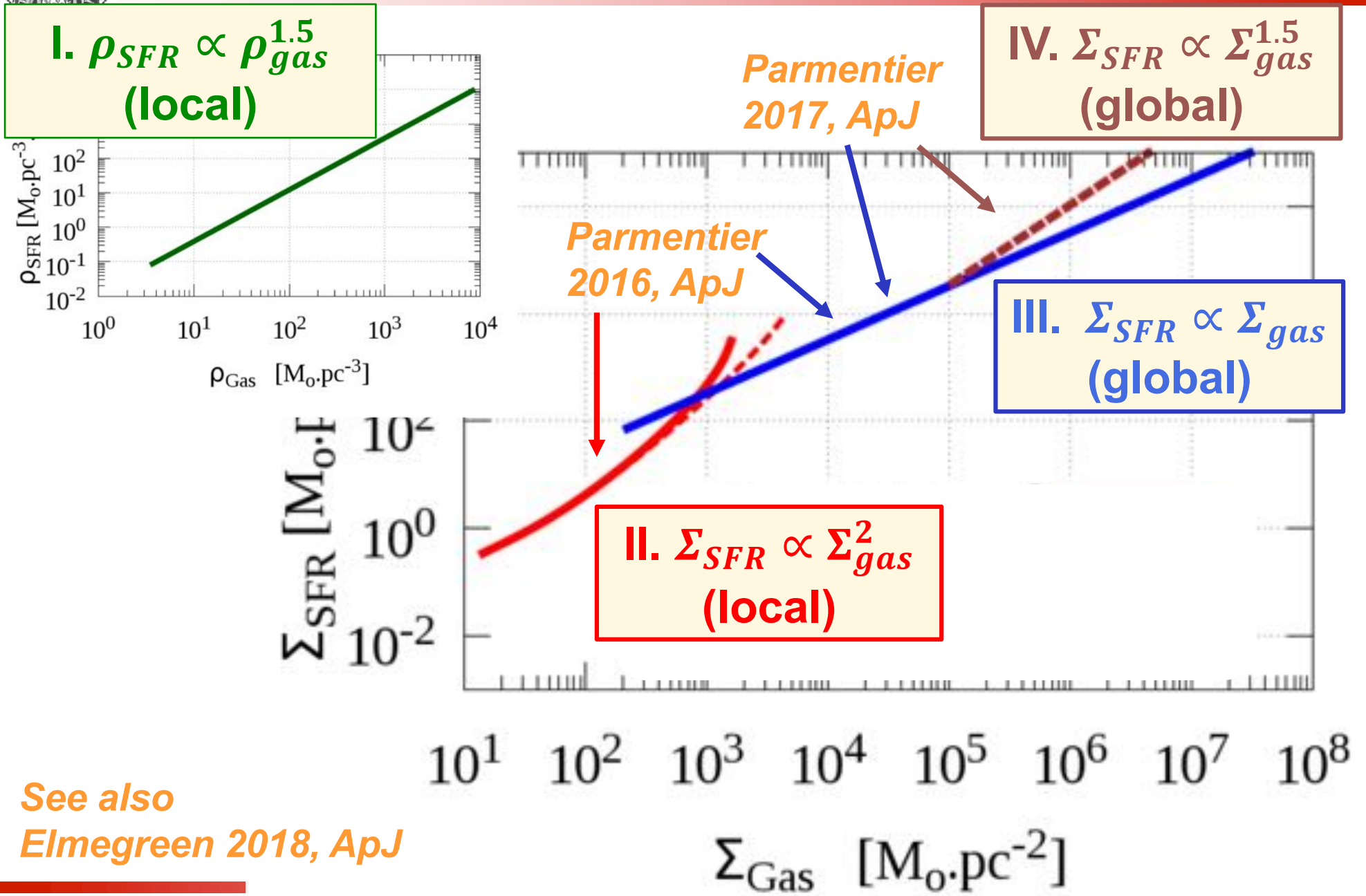
Fourth SF Relation (the very dense gas)

$$\text{IV. } \Sigma_{\text{SFR}} = \varepsilon_{\text{ff}} \sqrt{\frac{8G}{\pi R}} \Sigma_{\text{gas}}^{1.5}$$





4 Star Formation Relations for Molecular Clumps





Star Formation Relations and Co.

Shell – by – shell :

$$\rho_{SFR} \cong \varepsilon_{ff} \frac{\rho_{gas}}{\tau_{ff}} \propto \varepsilon_{ff} \frac{\rho_{gas}}{(\rho_{gas})^{-1/2}} \propto \rho_{gas}^{3/2}$$

Contour – by – contour :

$$\Sigma_{SFR} \approx \Sigma_{gas}^2$$

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- Constant ε_{ff} : the slope is not necessarily 1.5
- Slope $\neq 1.5$ does **not** necessarily discard a scenario in which star formation proceeds with a constant ε_{ff}





Star Cluster Evolution after Gas Expulsion

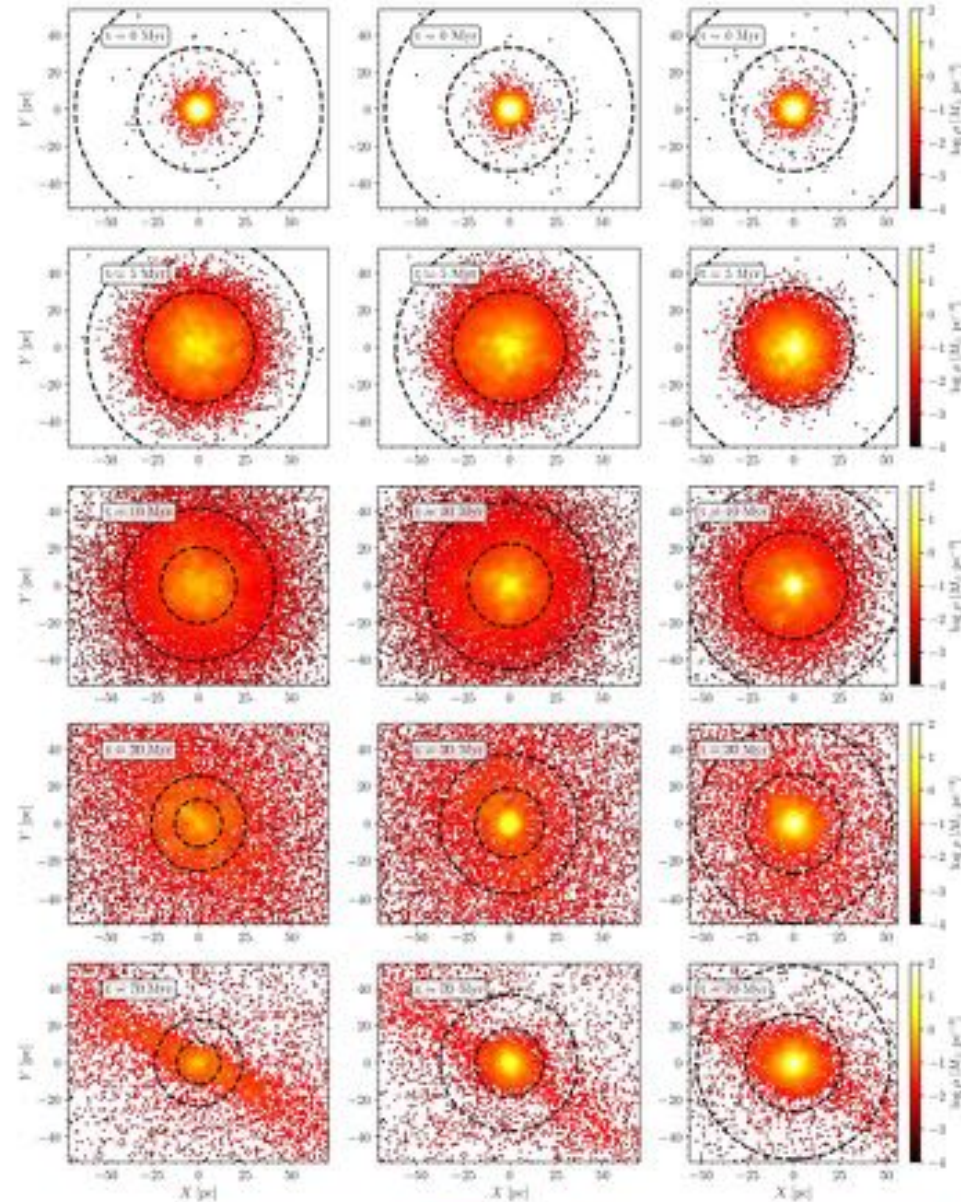
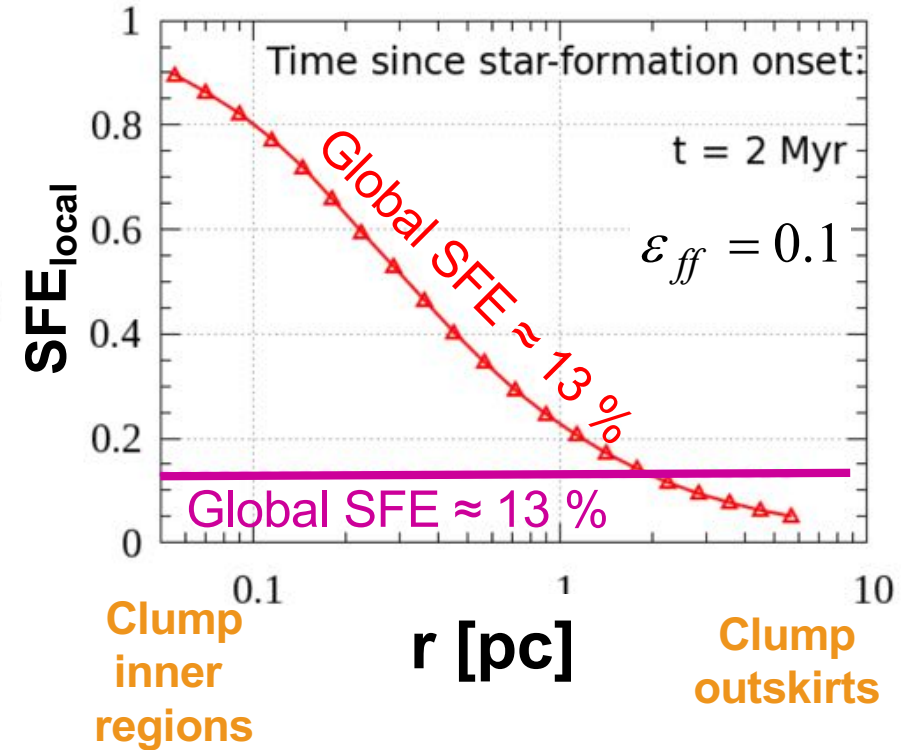
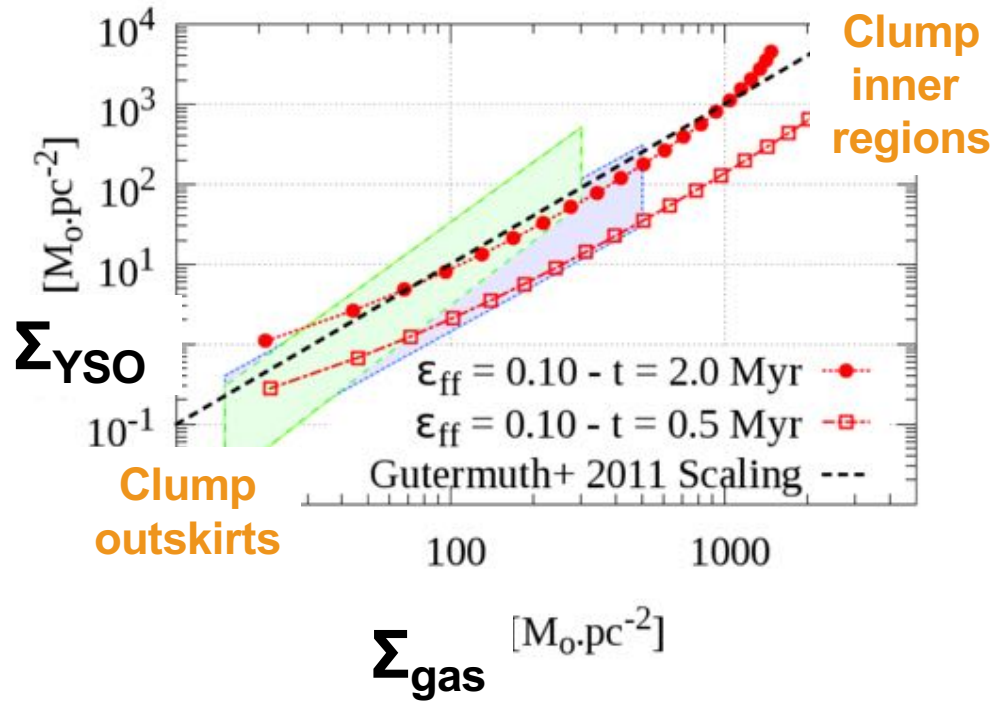


Fig 1,
Shukirgaliyev,
Parmentier,
Just & Berczik
(2018)



SFE Radial Variations



Local Star Formation Relation:

Superlinear / Quadratic

Local star formation efficiency :

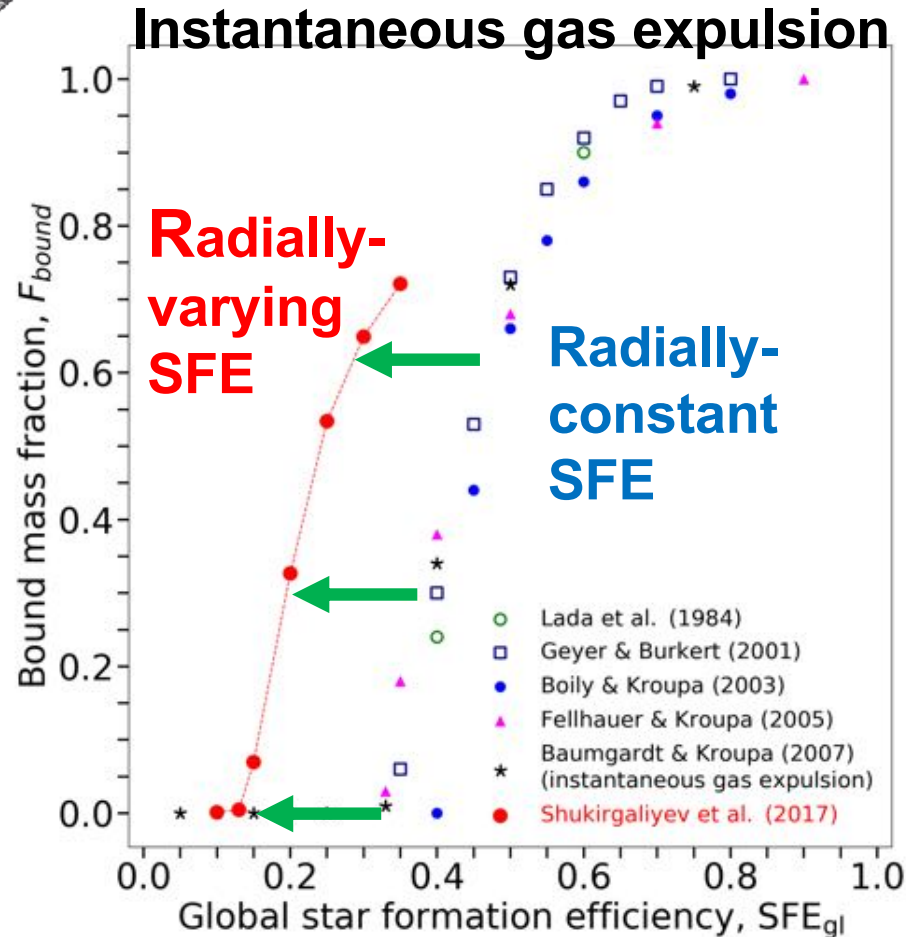
$\text{SFE}_{\text{local}}(\text{inner}) > \text{SFE}_{\text{local}}(\text{outer})$

Figs 3 and 10, Parmentier & Pfalzner (2013)





Violent Relaxation



Based on Fig8 in Shukirgaliyev, Parmentier, Berczik & Just (2017)

- Clusters reaching a global SFE higher than 13% do survive
- **Strongly reduced infant mortality**
 - Despite solar-neighbourhood tidal field inclusion!
 - One model cluster with a global SFE of 25% and a birth mass of $15E3M_{\text{sun}}$ has a dissolution time of 2.9Gyr !





Take-Away Messages

- The slopes of star formation relations measured for molecular clumps depend on:
 - what is measured,
 - how it is measured,
 - on top of SF physics

- When interpreting star formation relations, first thought should be “pitfalls ahead”

- Cluster infant mortality
 - ↳ Cluster teenage mortality

