

Discussion: Star Formation Laws

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Some Questions

- **Should we stop calling them “laws”?**
- **What is (are) the exgal SF RELATION(S)?**
 - Relation between 1.4 (KS) and ~ 1.0 (Bigiel...)
 - Or sublinear (Blanc, Shetty)
- **Why do local MW clouds not follow exgal relations?**
 - Why Schmidt laws within, but not among local MCs?
- **What is meant by “threshold”?**
- **Can dense gas relations unify MW and exgal?**
- **How do we define “dense”?**
- **What’s (not) going on in the (MW) CMZs?**

More Questions

- **What are the implications for modelers?**
 - **If rate limiting step is IGM to ISM, who cares about a minor extra delay? (Faucher-Giguere et al.)**
 - **Or do we really want to understand SF as well as galaxy evolution?**
 - **If feedback controls it all, why do high and low mass SF regions have similar efficiencies?**
 - **Are volumetric “laws” better than areal “laws”?**
 - **Effects of averaging within/among MCs? (Eve)**
- **Choice of SFR tracer (averaging time)**