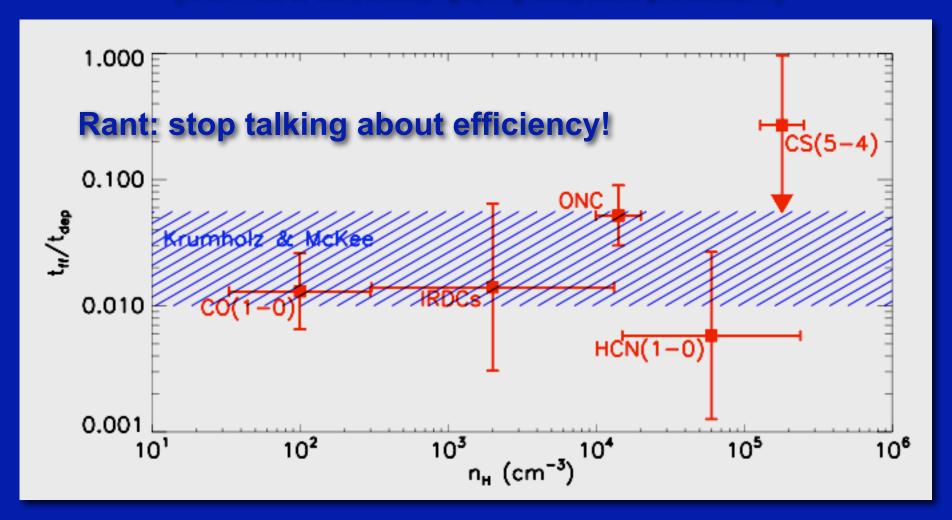
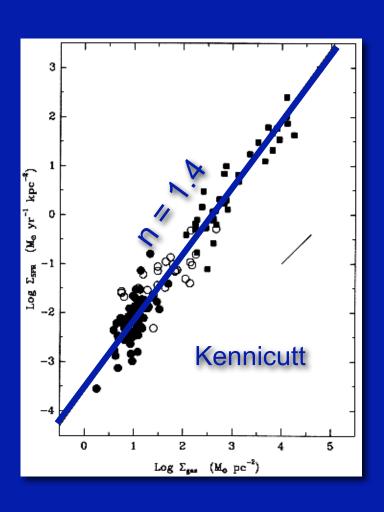
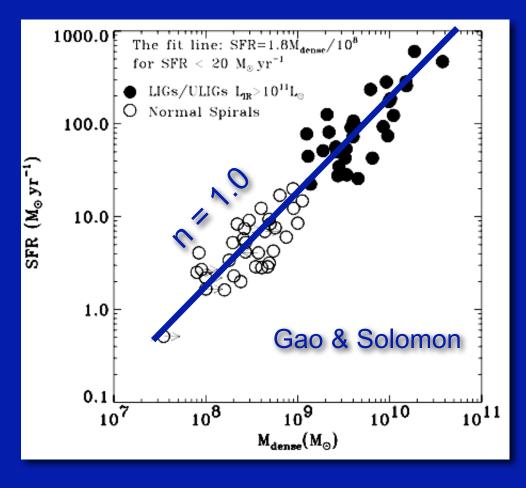
At What Density Does Star Formation Become Fast?

(Krumholz & Tan, 2006, ApJ, in press, astro-ph/0606277)



Why is the SF Law Non-Linear in CO, Linear in HCN?





Why Do "Microphysical" and "Macrophysical" Calculations Both Get SFR_{ff} ~ 0.02?

Microphysical

- Krumholz & McKee: set by turbulent PDF
- Allen et al: set by magnetic fields, ambipolar diffusion

Macrophysical

- Silk: set by SN energy injection
- Thompson et al: set by radiation pressure support
- Socrates et al: set by cosmic ray Eddington limit