



**SDSS-IV MaNGA : The
Different Quenching
Histories of
Fast and Slow Rotators**

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paper

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★ Title: SDSS-IV MaNGA: The Different Quenching Histories of Fast and Slow Rotators

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purpose

- ★ Do the theorised different formation mechanisms of fast and slow rotators produce an observable difference in their star formation histories?

method

- ★ Use $u - r$ and $NUV - u$ colours from SDSS and GALEX and an existing inference package, STARPY, to conduct a first look at the onset time and exponentially declining rate of quenching of these galaxies.

$$SFR = \begin{cases} i_{sfr}(t_q) & \text{if } t < t_q \\ i_{sfr}(t_q) \times \exp\left(\frac{-(t-t_q)}{\tau}\right) & \text{if } t > t_q \end{cases} \quad (3)$$

- ★ Anderson-Darling test

data

★ MaNGA sample, SDSS & GALEX Photometry,
identify slow and fast rotators

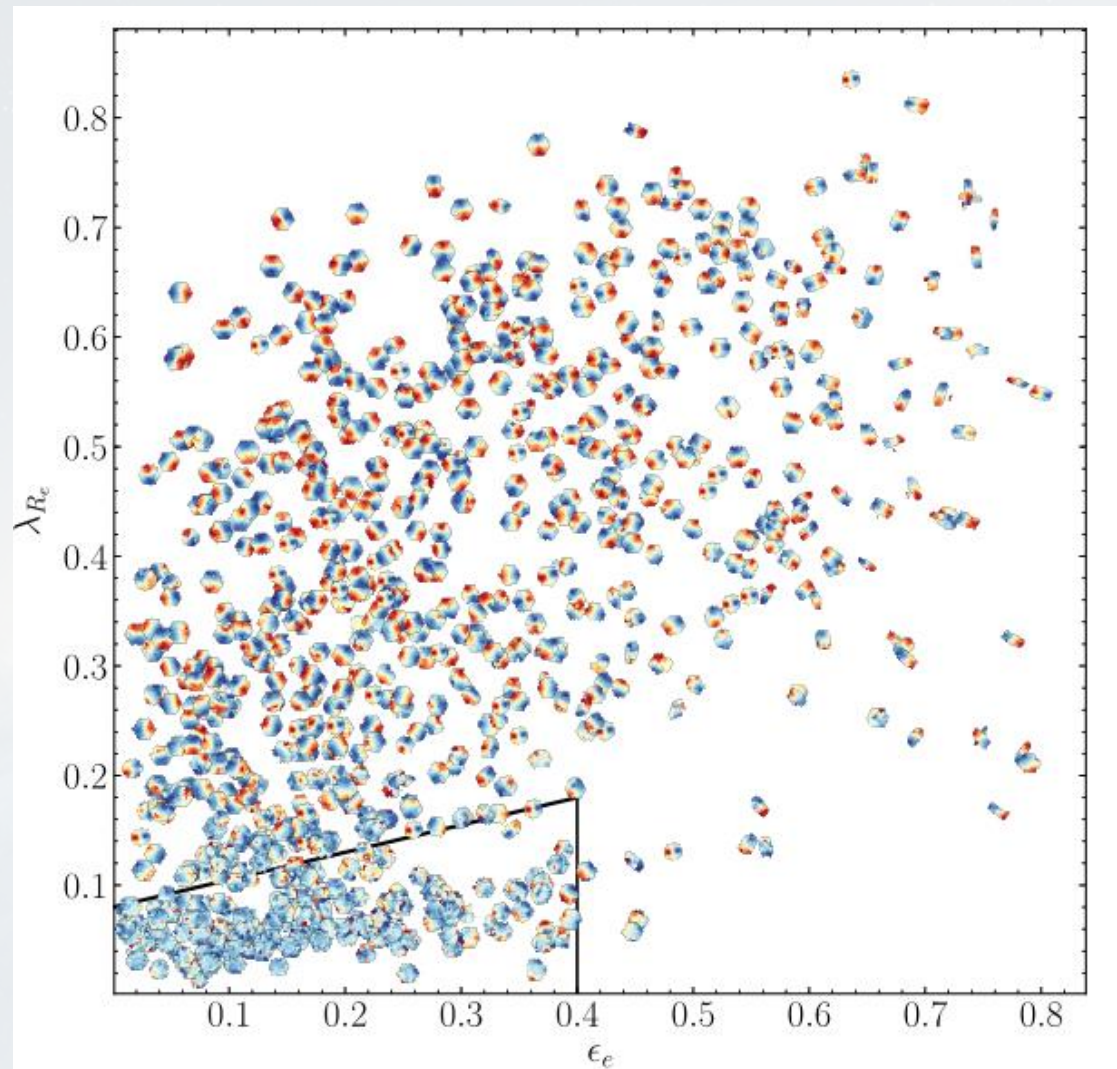
★ Specific stellar angular momentum

$$\lambda_{R_e} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N F_i R_i |V_i|}{\sum_{i=1}^N F_i R_i (V_i^2 + \sigma_i^2)^{1/2}}, \quad (1)$$

★ Slow rotators

$$\lambda_{R_e} < 0.08 + \frac{\epsilon_e}{4} \quad \text{with} \quad \epsilon_e < 0.4. \quad (2)$$

data



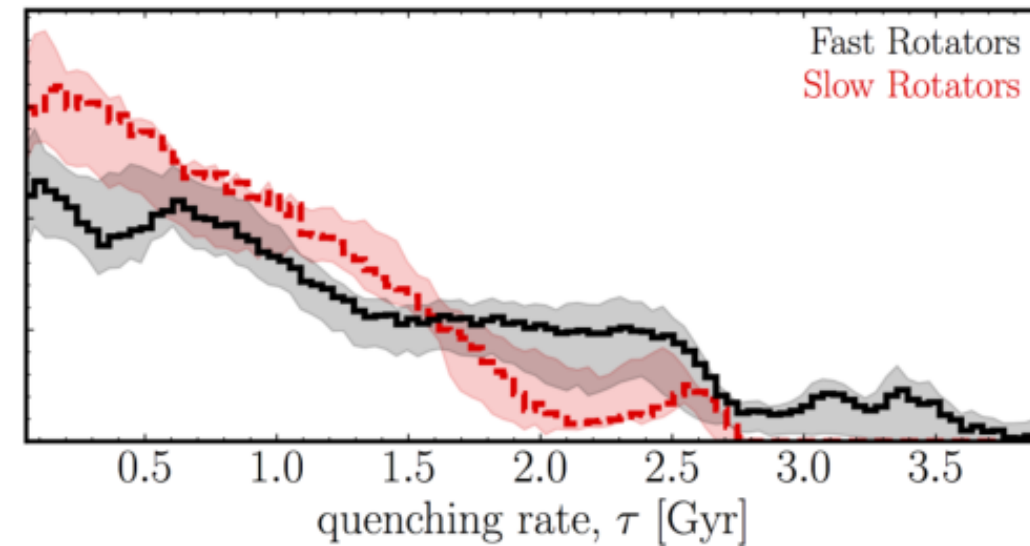
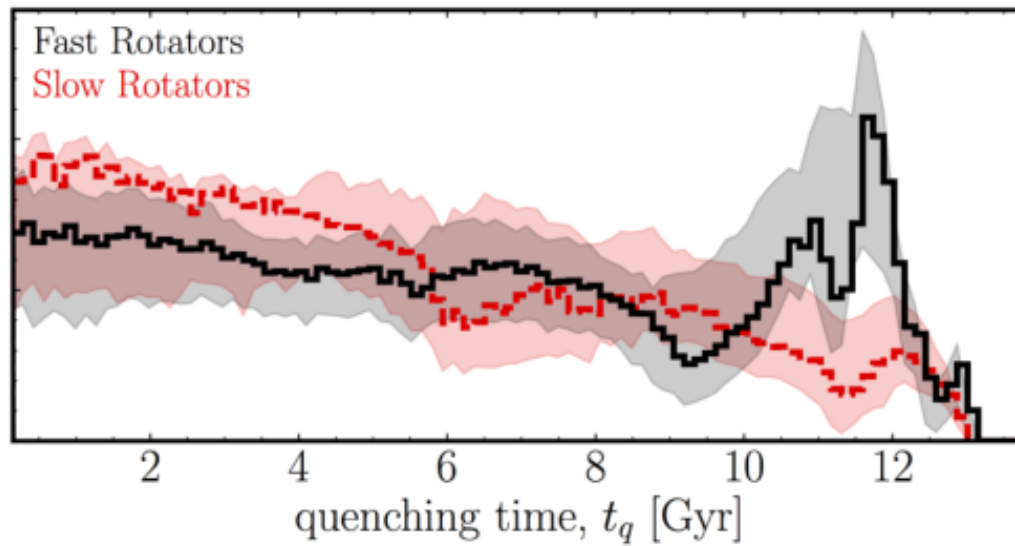
result

- ★ Given some statistical tests, the only differences: kinematics, colours, position within their group halo
- ★ Result: the distribution of the inferred quenching rates of fast and slow rotators are statistically distinguishable

result

- ★ Quenching is more likely to occur at rapid rates ($\tau < \sim 1$ Gyr) for slow rotators, in agreement with theories suggesting slow rotators are formed in dynamically fast processes, such as major mergers.
- ★ Fast rotators quench at a much wider range of rates than slow rotators, consistent with a wide variety of physical processes such as secular evolution, minor mergers, gas accretion and environmentally driven mechanisms.
- ★ A subset of the fast rotators quench at these same rapid rates as the bulk of the slow rotator sample.

result



conclusion

- ★ The theorised different formation mechanisms of fast and slow rotators produce an observable difference in their star formation histories
- ★ But both classes of galaxy may be able to quench, and therefore form, via major mergers.

discuss

- ★ This result combined with the findings of recent simulations showing disc survival in gas-rich major mergers (Bois et al. 2011; Pontzen et al. 2016; Sparre & Springel 2016), suggests that the total gas mass fraction within a pair of merging galaxies, is what will ultimately decide the kinematic fate of a galaxy.