

A Catalog of 406 AGNs in MaNGA: A Connection between Radio-mode AGNs and Star Formation Quenching

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Abstract

Accurate active galactic nucleus (AGN) identifications and spatially resolved host galaxy properties are a powerful combination for studies of the role of AGNs and AGN feedback in the coevolution of galaxies and their central supermassive black holes. Here, we present robust identifications of 406 AGNs in the first 6261 galaxies observed by the integral field spectroscopy survey Mapping Nearby Galaxies at Apache Point Observatory. Instead of using optical line flux ratios, which can be difficult to interpret in light of the effects of shocks and metallicity, we identify the AGNs via mid-infrared Wide-field Infrared Survey Explorer colors, Swift/BAT ultrahard X-ray detections, NVSS and FIRST radio observations, and broad emission lines in SDSS spectra. We subdivide the AGNs into radio-quiet and radio-mode AGNs, and examine the correlations of the AGN classes with host galaxy star formation rates and stellar populations. When compared to the radio-quiet AGN host galaxies, we find that the radio-mode AGN host galaxies are preferentially elliptical, lie further beneath the star-forming main sequence (with lower star formation rates at fixed galaxy mass), have older stellar populations, and have more negative stellar age gradients with galactocentric distance (indicating inside-out quenching of star formation). These results establish a connection between radio-mode AGNs and the suppression of star formation.

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1. Introduction

One of the most important issues in astrophysics today is understanding how galaxies and their supermassive black holes (SMBHs) coevolve, which results in surprisingly tight correlations such as the $M_{\rm BH}$ - σ relation (e.g., Gebhardt et al. 2000; Greene & Ho 2006; McConnell & Ma 2013; see Heckman & Best 2014 for a review). Active galactic nuclei (AGNs) have emerged as key players in this coevolution, since SMBH mass growth is traced by nuclear activity, and negative feedback from AGNs can quench star formation in a galaxy and regulate the galaxy's mass growth (e.g., Silk & Rees 1998; Di Matteo et al. 2005; Hopkins et al. 2008; Fabian 2012; Storchi-Bergmann & Schnorr-Müller 2019). Negative AGN feedback is invoked not only to explain observed correlations between SMBHs and their host galaxies, but also to produce the observed break in the galaxy luminosity function and the bimodal color distribution of galaxies (e.g., Strateva et al. 2001; Silk & Mamon 2012).

The role and significance of AGN feedback depend on the class of AGN. AGNs can be subdivided into two classes: radio-quiet and radio-loud. Radio-quiet AGNs are not radio-silent; they have smaller 1.4 GHz radio powers and radio-to-optical flux density ratios ($\lesssim 10^{24} \, \mathrm{W \, Hz^{-1}}$ and $\lesssim 10$, respectively; e.g., Fanaroff & Riley 1974; Ledlow & Owen 1996) than radio-loud AGNs. Radio-quiet AGNs (whether Type 1 or Type 2 AGNs) are quasar-mode AGNs, which are also known as radiative-mode AGNs or high-excitation radio galaxies (HERGs). Radio-

loud AGNs can be further subdivided; they are either quasar-mode AGNs or radio-mode AGNs, which are also known as jet-mode AGNs or low-excitation radio galaxies (LERGs; e.g., Tasse et al. 2008; Hickox et al. 2009; Heckman & Best 2014). Quasar-mode AGNs accrete large amounts of gas from an optically thick, geometrically thin accretion disk that is radiatively efficient (e.g., Shakura & Sunyaev 1973), and most of their energy is emitted radiatively. In contrast, radio-mode AGNs are thought to accrete material at a lower rate through advection-dominated accretion flows (e.g., Narayan & Yi 1995), which leads to most of the energy being emitted as kinetic energy in powerful radio jets rather than emitted radiatively (e.g., Merloni & Heinz 2007).

Even though quasar-mode AGNs contribute two orders of magnitude more energy to the universe than radio-mode AGNs (e.g., Cattaneo & Best 2009), radio-mode AGNs are a promising feedback mechanism because most of the radio jet energy can be imparted directly to the host galaxy (e.g., Wagner & Bicknell 2011). In contrast, quasar-mode AGNs may be less efficient at imparting their energy to the host galaxy and influencing star formation.

There are two possible ways that radio-mode AGNs can influence their host galaxies: either by quenching star formation (negative feedback) or by enhancing it (positive feedback). The negative feedback scenario works by the radio jet's mechanical energy heating the interstellar medium (ISM) in a galaxy, thus preventing the gas from radiatively cooling and forming stars

(e.g., Pawlik & Schaye 2009; Nesvadba et al. 2010), or by driving the molecular gas needed to form stars out of the galaxy (e.g., Nesvadba et al. 2006; Morganti 2010). In the positive feedback scenario, the radio jets can shock the ISM, creating the high-density conditions for the ISM to then collapse and form new stars (e.g., Kalfountzou et al. 2012; Zinn et al. 2013).

Much remains unclear about the role of AGNs in general, and radio-mode AGNs in particular, in driving feedback in galaxies. To begin with, our understanding of the influence of AGNs and feedback in galaxy evolution and galaxy-SMBH coevolution is limited by our ability to accurately identify AGNs. Most spectroscopic surveys identify AGNs using Baldwin-Phillips-Terlevich (BPT) optical emission line diagnostics (Baldwin et al. 1981; Kewley et al. 2001), which classify the emission source as star formation, a low-ionization nuclear emission-line region (LINER), Seyfert, or composite. However, many studies have illustrated that these BPT diagnostics are a minefield for AGN identifications, since optical lines can be obscured by dust and the emission line ratios can be changed by effects such as shocks, variations in metallicity, young hot stars, and evolved hot stars. Shock ionization related to AGNs or star formation can move emission line ratios into different regions of the BPT diagram (e.g., Rich et al. 2011; Kewley et al. 2013). Metallicity can also change emission line ratios; for example, because nitrogen is a secondary element its abundance traces the metallicity, and consequently lower metallicities produce lower [N II] $\lambda 6584$ / $H\alpha$ flux ratios (e.g., van Zee et al. 1998; Groves et al. 2006). Emission from young hot stars such as Wolf-Rayet stars can elevate line flux ratios in the BPT diagram (e.g., Brinchmann et al. 2008), while post-asymptotic giant branch (AGB) stars are capable of producing hard ionizing radiation that alters BPT line flux ratios (e.g., Binette et al. 1994; Yan & Blanton 2012; Belfiore et al. 2016).

Other measurements can be considered alongside the BPT diagnostics to help mitigate the contamination by non-AGNs. For example, ${\rm H}\alpha$ equivalent widths can help separate ionization by AGNs from ionization by post-AGB stars (e.g., Cid Fernandes et al. 2010; Kewley et al. 2019; Sánchez 2020), and the distance from the standard diagnostic lines can quantify the significance of a BPT classification (Wylezalek et al. 2018). Reprojections of the BPT diagrams can also resolve ambiguities in the classifications (e.g., Ji & Yan 2020). The best path forward to improve BPT-based diagnostics of AGNs is still developing.

More accurate and complete AGN identifications can advance any study of AGNs in galaxies, and are particularly compelling for the Sloan Digital Sky Survey-IV (SDSS-IV) survey Mapping Nearby Galaxies at Apache Point Observatory (MaNGA) since MaNGA enables spatially resolved studies of galaxies in unprecedented numbers (~10,000 nearby galaxies; Bundy et al. 2015; Law et al. 2015). Here, we present a catalog of secure identifications of 406 AGNs in MaNGA via four observational approaches, using both ground- and space-based archival data. Using spatially resolved properties of the host galaxies, we then assess the relationship between radio-mode AGNs and star formation, which is not yet well understood (e.g., Morganti 2017; Wylezalek & Morganti 2018). Hereafter, we refer to negative feedback as "feedback."

This paper is organized as follows. In Section 2, we present the parent sample of MaNGA galaxies and their derived properties. In Section 3, we present the catalog of 406 AGNs,

which are selected by mid-infrared colors, ultrahard X-ray detections, radio observations, and broad emission lines. In Section 4, we compare the overlap of our 406 AGNs with other approaches to selecting AGNs in MaNGA, including BPT-based AGN identifications. In Section 5, we present and discuss our results, which establish a connection between radio-mode AGNs and the suppression of star formation in galaxies. Finally, Section 6 summarizes our conclusions.

We assume a Hubble constant $H_0 = 70 \,\mathrm{km \, s^{-1} \, Mpc^{-1}}$, $\Omega_m = 0.3$, and $\Omega_\Lambda = 0.7$ throughout, and all distances are given in physical (not comoving) units.

2. Galaxy Sample and Properties

We base our catalog on the galaxies observed by MaNGA, which is an ongoing SDSS-IV integral field spectroscopy (IFS) survey of $\sim 10,000$ low-redshift galaxies. MaNGA began taking data in 2014 and finished in 2020 (Bundy et al. 2015; Drory et al. 2015; Law et al. 2015; Yan et al. 2016; Blanton et al. 2017; Wake et al. 2017). MaNGA uses IFS with 2" fibers grouped into hexagonal bundles, and the observations span 3600-10300 Å with a spectral resolving power of $R \sim 2000$. The redshift range is 0.01 < z < 0.15 (average redshift z = 0.03). The FWHM of the point-spread function (PSF) is 2."5, which corresponds to physical resolutions of 0.5-6.5 kpc for this redshift range. The hexagonal bundles range in diameter from 12...95 to 32...95.

MaNGA targets galaxies with stellar masses $>10^9\,M_\odot$. The more massive, elliptical galaxies are typically found at the higher redshifts (Bundy et al. 2015; Wake et al. 2017), and the galaxy morphologies evolve over the MaNGA redshift range (Sánchez et al. 2019). Finally, the MaNGA survey was designed to spectroscopically map galaxies out to at least 1.5 times the effective radius (R_e), and the typical MaNGA galaxy is mapped out to a radius of \sim 15 kpc.

We use the eighth MaNGA Product Launch (MPL-8) of the data reduction pipeline (Law et al. 2016), which includes observations of 6261 galaxies observed through mid-2018. Our analyses rely on galaxy properties measured in the Pipe3D Value Added Catalog (Sánchez et al. 2016, 2018), including galaxy stellar mass, star formation rate (SFR; derived from stellar population modeling), stellar population age (luminosity-weighted age of the stellar population at R_e), and stellar age gradient (slope of the gradient of the luminosity-weighted logage of the stellar population within a galactocentric distance of 0.5–2.0 R_e).

3. MaNGA AGN Catalog

3.1. AGN Selection

We select AGNs using four different approaches—Widefield Infrared Survey Explorer (WISE) mid-infrared color cuts, Swift/BAT hard X-ray sources, NVSS/FIRST 1.4 GHz radio sources, and SDSS broad emission lines—where each data set has full coverage of the MaNGA footprint. We outline each approach below.

3.1.1. WISE Mid-infrared Colors

Mid-infrared emission, which is produced by hot dust in the obscuring structure around the AGN, is a good selector for both obscured and unobscured AGNs. First, we select AGNs using WISE mid-infrared observations of the MaNGA galaxies.

WISE observed the full sky in four bands at 3.4, 4.6, 12, and $22 \,\mu m$ (W1, W2, W3, and W4, respectively). We cross-match the AllWISE Source Catalog (Wright et al. 2010; Mainzer et al. 2014) to the MaNGA galaxies with a matching radius of 6."25 (the smallest radius of a MaNGA integral field unit), and we find 6417 matches. For these matches, we use the magnitudes measured with profile-fitting photometry and provided by AllWISE. The 6" PSF for the W1, W2, and W3 bands corresponds to 2–15 kpc for our redshift range and encompasses the hot dust producing the mid-infrared emission (e.g., Elitzur 2006).

There are many different WISE color criteria that have been used to select AGNs (e.g., Wright et al. 2010; Jarrett et al. 2011; Donley et al. 2012; Stern et al. 2012; Assef et al. 2013, 2018), and we select one with a well-defined, high reliability because our goal is to assemble a catalog of robust AGN identifications. Reliability is measured as the fraction of WISE-selected AGNs that have AGN contributions of >50% to their spectral energy distributions (see Assef et al. 2010, 2013, 2018). Specifically, we apply the 75% reliability criteria of W1 – W2 > 0.486 exp $\{0.092(W2-13.07)^2\}$ and W2 > 13.07, or W1 – W2 > 0.486 and W2 \leq 13.07 to select AGNs (Assef et al. 2018), which yields 67 AGNs.

To determine the bolometric luminosity of each AGN, we estimate the rest-frame $6 \mu m$ luminosity and convert it to the rest-frame $2{\text -}10 \,\text{keV}$ luminosity (Stern 2015). We note that there is a range in bolometric corrections and they may depend on Eddington ratios (e.g., Vasudevan & Fabian 2007). We convert the rest-frame $2{\text -}10 \,\text{keV}$ luminosity to the bolometric luminosity by multiplying by a factor of 20, which is a typical bolometric correction for AGNs (e.g., Elvis et al. 1994; Marconi et al. 2004).

3.1.2. Swift/BAT Ultrahard X-Rays

Hard X-rays are reliable tracers of the hot X-ray corona around AGNs, and hard X-rays are especially valuable for identifying AGNs because these high-energy X-rays are less biased by orientation effects or obscuration. The Swift observatory's Burst Alert Telescope (BAT) is carrying out a uniform all-sky survey in the ultrahard X-ray regime (14–195 keV), and the recent 105 month BAT catalog has identified ~1000 AGNs (Oh et al. 2018). The X-ray source catalog is cross-matched to Data Release 12 (DR12) of the SDSS (Alam et al. 2015), which encompasses all of the MaNGA galaxies that have been observed, and we find that there are 17 BAT-identified AGNs in MaNGA.

We then convert the published 14–195 keV luminosities to bolometric luminosities using the bolometric correction $L_{\rm bol}/L_{\rm 14-195~keV}=8.47$ (Ricci et al. 2017; Ichikawa et al. 2019).

3.1.3. NVSS/FIRST 1.4 GHz Radio Sources

Radio observations are useful for detecting the radio jet emission associated with AGNs. Observations from the NRAO Very Large Array Sky Survey (NVSS; Condon et al. 1998) and the Faint Images of the Radio Sky at Twenty centimeters (FIRST; Becker et al. 1995) have been used to identify AGNs in SDSS DR7 galaxies (Best & Heckman 2012). NVSS is a $1.4\,\mathrm{GHz}$ continuum survey that fully covers the sky north of a decl. of -40° , while FIRST is a $1.4\,\mathrm{GHz}$ survey of $10,000\,\mathrm{square}$ degrees of the North and South Galactic Caps. The

catalog of Best & Heckman (2012) has a flux density limit of 5 mJy, which extends down to a 1.4 GHz radio luminosity of $\sim 10^{23}$ W Hz⁻¹ at z=0.1. They separate emission from AGNs from emission from star formation by using the correlation between the strength of the 4000 Å break and the radio luminosity per stellar mass (Best et al. 2005), BPT diagnostics, and the correlation between the H α luminosity and the radio luminosity; see Best & Heckman (2012) for more details. They estimate that $\lesssim 1\%$ of objects are misclassified (Best et al. 2005). Since all MaNGA galaxies are also SDSS DR7 galaxies, we cross-match the DR7 AGN catalog of Best & Heckman (2012) with MaNGA and find 325 radio AGNs in MaNGA.

We convert the 1.4 GHz integrated fluxes of the sources to 2–10 keV luminosities via the scaling relation in Panessa et al. (2015), and then apply a bolometric correction as described in Section 3.1.1.

Further, Best & Heckman (2012) have identified which AGNs are quasar-mode high-excitation radio galaxies (HERGs) and which are radio-mode low-excitation radio galaxies (LERGs); we note that LERGs are also closely related to the weak-line radio galaxies of Tadhunter et al. 1998). They base this classification on the emission lines detected in the the SDSS DR7 spectra of the galaxies. Their classification follows four main approaches: (1) using the excitation index parameter of Buttiglione et al. (2010), which is based on the emission line ratios $[O III]/H\beta$, $[N II]/H\alpha$, $[S II]/H\alpha$, and $[O I]/H\alpha$; (2) using the diagnostic diagram of Kewley et al. (2006); (3) using the [O III] equivalent width; and (4) using the diagnostic of Cid Fernandes et al. (2010), which is based on the emission line ratios $[NII]/H\alpha$ and $[OIII]/H\alpha$. The full details of the classification are presented in Best & Heckman (2012). We find only three radio-loud quasar-mode AGNs in our sample, which is unsurprising given that MaNGA focuses on lower luminosity AGNs in general.

We compare the radio-mode AGNs to the radio-quiet AGNs in Section 5.

3.1.4. Broad Emission Lines

Broad Balmer emission lines are excellent tracers of Type 1 AGNs, because the broad lines are produced in the high-density gas very close to the SMBH (e.g., Osterbrock 1991). Oh et al. (2015) recently analyzed the spectra of SDSS DR7 galaxies at z < 0.2 for evidence of broad H α emission lines, which they used to build a catalog of Type 1 AGNs in SDSS. We crossmatch their catalog with MaNGA, since all MaNGA galaxies are included in SDSS DR7, and we find 55 broad-line AGNs in MaNGA.

Then, we convert the [O III] $\lambda 5007$ luminosities published in Oh et al. (2015) to bolometric luminosities via the scaling relation of Pennell et al. (2017).

3.2. The MaNGA AGN Catalog

In total we identify 406 unique AGNs in MaNGA MPL-8, and we present the AGNs, how they were identified, their bolometric luminosities, and whether they are quasar-mode or radio-mode (for the radio AGNs) in a catalog here, with the data fields as defined in Table 1.

We identify the AGNs using WISE colors, BAT X-ray detections, radio observations, and broad emission lines, and each approach has its own strengths and limitations; 46 of the AGNs are identified by more than one approach, as shown in

Table 1
Data Fields in the MaNGA AGN Catalog

No.	Field	Description
1	MANGA_ID	Galaxy identifier assigned by MaNGA
2	R.A.	Right ascension of MaNGA galaxy [J2000, decimal degrees]
3	Decl.	Declination of MaNGA galaxy [J2000, decimal degrees]
4	Z	Spectroscopic redshift of galaxy
5	WISE_AGN	Whether AGN was selected in WISE [Boolean]
6	LOG_LBOL_WISE	Log bolometric luminosity of WISE AGN [erg s ⁻¹]
7	LOG_LBOL_WISE_ERR	Log bolometric luminosity error of WISE AGN [erg s ⁻¹]
8	BAT_AGN	Whether AGN was selected in BAT [Boolean]
9	LOG_LBOL_BAT	Log bolometric luminosity of BAT AGN [erg s ⁻¹]
10	LOG_LBOL_BAT_ERR	Log bolometric luminosity error of BAT AGN [erg s ⁻¹]
11	RADIO_AGN	Whether AGN was selected in NVSS/FIRST [Boolean]
12	RADIO_CLASS	Quasar-mode (HERG) or radio-mode (LERG)
13	LOG_LBOL_RADIO	Log bolometric luminosity of NVSS/FIRST AGN [erg s ⁻¹]
14	LOG_LBOL_RADIO_ERR	Log bolometric luminosity error of NVSS/FIRST AGN [erg s ⁻¹]
15	BROAD_AGN	Whether AGN was selected by broad lines [Boolean]
16	LOG_LBOL_BROAD	Log bolometric luminosity of broad-line AGN [erg s ⁻¹]
17	LOG_LBOL_BROAD_ERR	Log bolometric luminosity error of broad-line AGN [erg s ⁻¹]

Note. The MaNGA AGN Catalog is available in its entirety in fits format from the original publisher. (This table is available in its entirety in machine-readable form.)

Table 2
Overlap between AGN Classifications

AGN Identifier(s)	Number of AGNs
WISE only	25
BAT only	1
Radio only	309
Broad lines only	25
WISE and BAT	3
WISE and radio	11
WISE and broad	18
WISE, BAT, and radio	2
WISE, BAT, and broad lines	7
WISE, BAT, radio, and broad lines	1
BAT and broad lines	2
BAT, radio, and broad lines	1
Radio and broad lines	1

Table 2. WISE mid-infrared colors are excellent for uncovering even obscured AGNs, but there can also be significant, contaminating mid-infrared emission from the host galaxy. As a result, mid-infrared colors can be biased toward AGNs that are accreting at high rates (e.g., Hickox et al. 2009; Mendez et al. 2013). BAT ultrahard X-rays can identify AGNs over a greater range of accretion rates, but are less sensitive to extremely obscured, Compton-thick AGNs (column densities $N_{\rm H} \geqslant 10^{24} \, {\rm cm}^{-2}$; e.g., Akylas et al. 2016; Marchesi et al. 2018). While radio observations can penetrate through this dust to detect obscured AGNs, they have difficulty identifying lowintensity, radio-quiet AGNs (e.g., White et al. 2000). Finally, broad emission lines are robust indicators of Type 1 AGNs, but they can be diluted by the stellar continuum and they miss all obscured (Type 2) AGNs.

Every selector of AGNs has its caveats. Since the limitations of one AGN selector can be overcome by the strengths of another, a multiwavelength approach that uses many different selectors—such as the approach followed here—can build the most complete sample of AGNs.

We find that each AGN subsample has a similar median host galaxy mass: $\log(M_*/M_{\odot}) = [11.2, 11.0, 11.0, 10.9]$ for the radio, broad-line, WISE, and BAT subsamples, respectively.

In Section 4 we compare our MaNGA AGN catalog to other AGN catalogs assembled for MaNGA, while in Section 5 we focus on comparisons between the host galaxies of the 81 radio-quiet AGNs (those identified by WISE, BAT, and/or broad emission lines, but undetected in radio) and the host galaxies of the 143 radio-mode AGNs, to better understand the relationship between these types of AGNs and star formation.

4. Comparison to Other AGN Catalogs in MaNGA

Here we compare our 406 AGNs to other studies that have selected AGNs or AGN candidates in MaNGA. Our catalog is unique in that it is dominated by radio AGNs, and we are particularly interested in the degree of overlap between our sample and the AGN samples that were selected by combinations of BPT line flux ratios, $H\alpha$ equivalent width, and surface brightness (Sections 4.2–4.4). The 2" angular size of the MaNGA fibers corresponds to 1.2 kpc at the average redshift of z=0.03, which means that even the spectrum of a galaxy's nuclear spaxel can encompass a range of energy sources besides an AGN. The BPT and $H\alpha$ -selected AGNs that do not appear in our catalog are candidates for misclassifications due to shocks, metallicity, young hot stars, and evolved hot stars; this will be the topic of a subsequent paper.

4.1. MaNGA Ancillary AGN Catalog

While in its planning stages, MaNGA added several luminous AGN host galaxies to its target list to increase the range of AGN luminosities that MaNGA samples (ancillary AGN program; PI: J. Greene). This ancillary AGN program increased the maximum AGN luminosity in MaNGA from $L_{\rm bol} \sim 10^{43}\,{\rm erg\,s^{-1}}$ to $L_{\rm bol} \sim 10^{45}\,{\rm erg\,s^{-1}}$. The goal of the program was to select Type 2 AGNs, so that both the spatially

 $[\]overline{^{8}}$ https://www.sdss.org/dr15/manga/manga-target-selection/ancillary-targets/luminous-agn/

extended narrow-line region and the host galaxy properties could be studied. These additional AGNs were selected using the Swift/BAT catalog of hard X-ray sources, [O III] $\lambda5007$ fluxes from the AGN Line Profile and Kinematics Archive (Mullaney et al. 2013), and the WISE color cuts of 0.7 < W1 - W2 < 2.0 and 2.0 < W2 - W3 < 4.5 (Wright et al. 2010) as well as a minimum bolometric luminosity of $10^{43}\,\rm erg\,s^{-1}$ to help exclude star-forming galaxies. The program also ensured that each ancillary AGN had at least two inactive MaNGA control galaxies of similar redshift, stellar mass, and size.

In SDSS DR15, which includes the 4656 galaxies in MaNGA MPL-7, 24 of the ancillary AGNs were observed. Of these, two were selected for the ancillary AGN catalog by BAT alone, 12 were selected by [O III] $\lambda 5007$ alone, nine were selected by WISE alone, and one was selected by both BAT and [O III] λ 5007. Eight of the ancillary AGNs are included, by one or more of our diagnostics (Section 3.1), in our MaNGA AGN catalog. Of the remaining 16 ancillary AGNs that are not in our MaNGA AGN catalog, nine are selected by [O III] λ 5007. Since we did not use optical emission lines in our AGN selection, it makes sense that not all of the AGNs selected by [O III] $\lambda 5007$ would also be in our sample. The final seven ancillary AGNs that are in the ancillary catalog but not in ours are WISE-selected AGNs. The reason for the different classifications is the different WISE color cut criteria; we have selected our criteria to be purposefully conservative (Section 3.1.1), which omits these ancillary AGNs.

4.2. MaNGA AGN Catalog of Rembold et al.

Rembold et al. (2017) searched for AGNs in MaNGA using both BPT and WHAN (where $H\alpha$ equivalent widths >3 Å identify ionization by AGNs and not ionization by post-AGB stars; Cid Fernandes et al. 2010) diagnostics simultaneously. Using the SDSS-III integrated nuclear spectra of the 2778 galaxies observed in MaNGA MPL-5, they identify 62 "true" AGNs whose line flux ratios and $H\alpha$ equivalent widths lie in the Seyfert or LINER regions of both the BPT and WHAN diagrams

We identify 13 of the 62 AGNs in our catalog (21%): six are detected by radio only, three are detected by WISE and radio, two are detected by broad lines only, one is detected by WISE only, and one is detected by WISE and BAT.

4.3. MaNGA AGN Catalog of Wylezalek et al.

Wylezalek et al. (2018) made the first large systematic effort to use spatially resolved BPT diagrams to identify AGN candidates with MaNGA data. For each MaNGA galaxy, they created a BPT map where each spaxel's ionizing radiation is classified as star formation, LINER, Seyfert, or composite. They identified AGN candidates as those with a certain fraction of the spaxels having line flux ratios consistent with Seyferts, as well as using cuts on $H\alpha$ surface brightness and equivalent width. From these criteria, they selected 308 AGN candidates out of the first 2727 galaxies that were observed by MaNGA in MPL-5.

Wylezalek et al. (2018) note that their objects are AGN candidates, because there are many known contaminants that can mimic AGN-like signatures in photoionized gas. For example, the line flux ratios can be affected by shocks, metallicity, obscuration, young hot stars, evolved hot stars, and

off-nuclear AGNs (e.g., Rich et al. 2011; Kewley et al. 2013; Belfiore et al. 2016).

Of their 308 AGN candidates, 41 are in our AGN catalog (13%): 18 are detected by radio only, six are detected by WISE only, six are detected by broad lines only, five are detected by WISE and radio, four are detected by WISE and broad lines, one is detected by WISE and BAT, and one is detected by WISE, BAT, and broad lines.

4.4. MaNGA AGN Catalog of Sánchez et al.

Sánchez et al. (2018) selected AGN candidates based on the integrated spectra of the central 3" by 3" of MaNGA galaxies. To classify an object as an AGN candidate, they required that this central integrated spectrum have emission line ratios that lie above the theoretical maximum for starbursts in the BPT diagram (Kewley et al. 2001, 2006) and an H α equivalent width that is >1.5 Å (Cid Fernandes et al. 2010). Out of 2755 galaxies in MaNGA MPL-5, they identify 98 AGN candidates.

We find that 23 of their AGNs are also in our AGN catalog (23%): eight are detected by radio only, three are detected by WISE only, six are detected by broad lines only, one is detected by WISE and radio, three are detected by WISE and broad lines, one is detected by WISE and BAT, and one is detected by radio, broad lines, and BAT.

The catalogs of Rembold et al. (2017), Wylezalek et al. (2018), and Sánchez et al. (2018) are similar in that they each employ variations of BPT and $H\alpha$ measurements to select AGN candidates in MaNGA. We find that $\sim 10\%$ –20% of their AGN candidates are recovered in our catalog. We will explore the physical reasons for these overlaps, and the implications for using BPT diagnostics and $H\alpha$ measurements to select AGNs, in a subsequent paper (J. Negus et al. 2020, in preparation).

5. Results and Discussion

5.1. Radio-mode AGNs Are Preferentially Found in Elliptical Galaxies and Galaxy Mergers

To understand how radio-mode and radio-quiet AGNs might affect their host galaxies differently, we first compare their host galaxy morphologies. For morphologies, we use the MaNGA value-added catalog of published morphologies from Galaxy Zoo 2 (Willett et al. 2013) and currently unpublished morphologies from Galaxy Zoo 4.9 Following Willett et al. (2013), we identify elliptical galaxies as those classified as "smooth" and spiral galaxies (a category that includes S0 galaxies) as those classified as "features or disk." Galaxy Zoo volunteers are also asked whether there is anything odd about each galaxy, and then whether the odd feature is due to a ring, a lens or arc, a disturbed galaxy, an irregular galaxy, something else, a merger, or a dust lane.

We find that the radio-quiet AGNs are hosted mainly in spiral galaxies. Of the 81 radio-quiet AGNs, 56 are hosted in spirals (69%), 8 are hosted in ellipticals (10%), and 0 are hosted in mergers (0%). In contrast, the radio-mode AGNs are hosted mainly in elliptical galaxies. Of the 143 radio-mode AGNs, 25 are hosted in spirals (17%), 93 are hosted in ellipticals (65%), and \geqslant 7 are hosted in mergers (\geqslant 5%; see below). Figure 1 shows examples of the host galaxies of the radio-quiet AGNs and the radio-mode AGNs. In particular, many of the

https://www.sdss.org/dr15/data_access/value-added-catalogs/?vac_id=manga-morphologies-from-galaxy-zoo

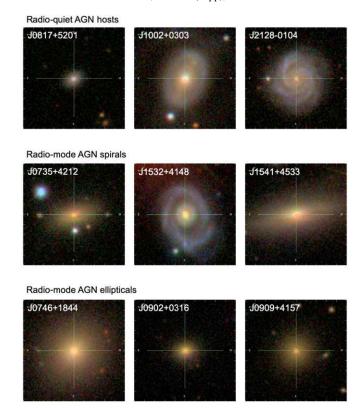


Figure 1. Example galaxy morphologies for the radio-quiet AGN host galaxies (top row), radio-mode AGN spiral galaxies (middle row), and radio-mode AGN elliptical galaxies (bottom row). Each panel is a $50'' \times 50''$ cutout of the SDSS ugriz image.

radio-mode AGNs are found in S0 galaxies that are red; we explore this more in Section 5.2, where we find that the radio-mode AGN host galaxies indeed have low SFRs.

Our findings confirm previous studies that have established that radio-mode AGNs preferentially reside in massive, red, elliptical galaxies (e.g., Baum et al. 1992; Véron-Cetty & Véron 2001; Kauffmann et al. 2008; Smolčić 2009; Janssen et al. 2012; Hardcastle 2018). These elliptical galaxies must have central nuclear gas reservoirs to accrete onto the central SMBHs and ignite the AGNs.

The radio-mode AGNs are also unique in that 20 (14%) of them are hosted in galaxies that are marked as odd, whereas 0 of the radio-quiet AGN host galaxies are classified as odd. The 20 galaxies with odd morphologies are shown in Figure 2, and Table 3 shows the reason why each galaxy is classified as odd (where we only list the classifications with weighted vote fractions >0.5). The most common classification is "merger," with 7 (35%) of the odd galaxies receiving this classification. As another check, we visually classified the 20 odd galaxies and found that 17 (85%) of them are mergers interacting with one or more nearby companions (Table 3). As Figure 2 shows, most of these mergers appear to be between elliptical galaxies.

Several studies have also found that, in mass-matched samples, radio-loud AGNs are more likely to be found in galaxy mergers than radio-quiet AGNs (e.g., Ramos Almeida et al. 2012; Chiaberge et al. 2015). These specific radio-mode AGNs are tracers of gas inflow triggering nuclear activity in mergers.

Our finding, that 7 to 17 of the 143 radio-mode AGNs in MaNGA (5%–12%) are hosted by galaxy mergers, is lower than the 27% of z < 0.7 weak-line radio galaxies that have

disturbed, merger-like morphologies (Ramos Almeida et al. 2011). This difference may be explained by the depth of the Gemini optical broadband observations of Ramos Almeida et al. (2011) (features detected at a median depth of $\mu_V = 23.6 \, \mathrm{mag \, arcsec^{-2}}$), whereas the Galaxy Zoo classifications were made from SDSS images with a median depth $\mu_r = 22.7 \, \mathrm{mag \, arcsec^{-2}}$. Many more of the MaNGA galaxies may have faint post-merger signatures that are only discernible with deeper follow-up imaging.

Radio-mode AGNs might be found preferentially in elliptical galaxies because they could be a last phase in the evolution of AGNs; the host galaxies may have slowed their star formation due to processes such as morphological quenching that are unrelated to AGNs (e.g., Martig et al. 2009). Alternatively, radio-mode AGNs might be found preferentially in elliptical galaxies because radio-mode AGNs drive feedback in their host galaxies, quenching star formation. Another possibility that could also apply to the mergers is that interactions or other AGN triggering events in elliptical galaxies, where there is little gas available to fuel the AGNs, lead to low accretion rates to the SMBHs, producing radio-mode AGNs. To explore the effects of the radio-mode AGNs on their host galaxies, including whether they might drive feedback, we turn to the SFRs of the host galaxies.

5.2. AGNs, and Especially Radio-mode AGNs, Lie below the Star-forming Main Sequence

On average, galaxies form stars at a rate commensurate with the mass of the galaxy; this is seen in the observed correlation between the SFR and stellar mass M_{\ast} of galaxies, which is sometimes called the "star-forming main sequence" (SFMS; Brinchmann et al. 2004; Elbaz et al. 2007; Noeske et al. 2007; Speagle et al. 2014). The existence of an SFMS suggests that star formation may be limited both by the internal gas supply and by quenching mechanism(s) that exhaust the gas supply available for new star formation.

However, the presence of AGNs complicates the picture, because some studies find that AGN host galaxies lie predominantly along the SFMS (e.g., Rosario et al. 2013; Stanley et al. 2017); some find that AGN host galaxies lie above the SFMS, with enhanced SFRs compared to those of inactive galaxies of similar mass (e.g., Young et al. 2014; Pitchford et al. 2016); while still others find that AGN host galaxies lie below the SFMS, with suppressed SFRs compared to those of inactive galaxies of similar mass (e.g., Mullaney et al. 2015; Shimizu et al. 2015). If AGN host galaxies lie above or below the SFMS, this suggests that the AGN itself may be linked to the SFR-for example, by the AGN enhancing or suppressing star formation. In general, AGN host galaxies are found in the green valley, between starforming and elliptical galaxies (e.g., Schawinski et al. 2010; Shimizu et al. 2017; Sánchez et al. 2018), but the SFR of a particular host galaxy may depend on the type of AGN that it hosts (e.g., Ellison et al. 2016).

To investigate this further, we plot the SFR and galaxy stellar mass of the radio-quiet and the radio-mode AGN host galaxies in MaNGA (Figure 3). For comparison, we use the SFMS that was derived for local (0.015 $\leq z \leq$ 0.1) SDSS galaxies with blue optical colors (Elbaz et al. 2007). The first difference we notice in AGN host galaxies is that the radio-mode AGNs are preferentially found in higher mass galaxies, which is consistent with our finding in Section 5.1 that radio-

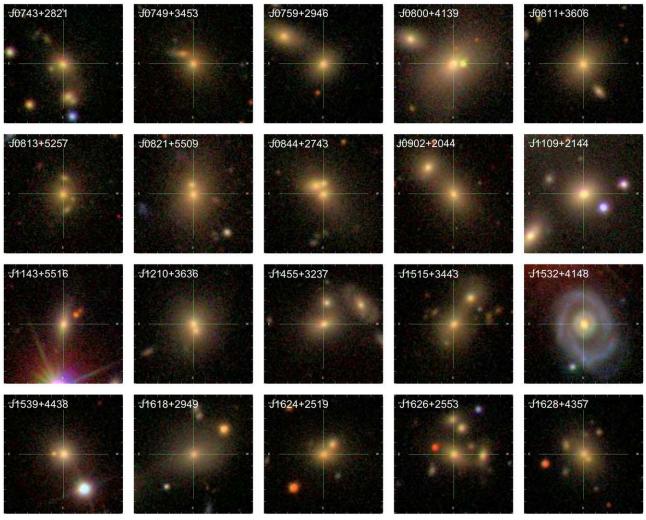


Figure 2. 50" × 50" cutouts of SDSS ugriz images of the radio-mode AGNs whose host galaxies are classified as odd by Galaxy Zoo 2.

mode AGNs are preferentially found in elliptical galaxies (see also, e.g., Matthews et al. 1964; Janssen et al. 2012).

For each population of AGN host galaxies (radio-quiet and radio-mode), we fit the SFR and stellar mass with a power law,

$$\log(SFR/M_{\odot} \text{ yr}^{-1}) = \alpha + \beta \log(M_{*}/M_{\odot}). \tag{1}$$

We find that the best-fit relation for the radio-quiet AGN host galaxies ($\alpha = -21.5 \pm 0.7$, $\beta = 2.01 \pm 0.06$) is steeper than the SFMS, with the majority of AGN host galaxies falling below the SFMS (systematically lower SFR for a given stellar mass). To quantify this, we calculate each AGN host galaxy's distance from **SFMS** $\Delta(\log SFR) = \log SFR_{AGN} - \log SFR_{SFMS}$ (Figure 4). For the radio-quiet AGN host galaxies, the median $\Delta(\log SFR)$ is -0.2. This is similar to the median $\Delta(\log SFR) \sim -0.5$ found for Swift/BAT AGNs at z < 0.05 as well as BPT-selected AGNs at z < 0.08 (Shimizu et al. 2015). Other studies of SDSS galaxies at 0.04 < z < 0.1 find that BPT-selected AGNs lie ~ 0 to 2 dex below the SFMS (Leslie et al. 2016; McPartland et al. 2019).

The radio-mode AGN host galaxies are even more extreme; they exhibit a steeper SFR– M_* relation ($\alpha=-88.1\pm8.1$, $\beta=7.7\pm0.7$) and lie even further beneath the SFMS (median $\Delta(\log SFR)$ of -1.6) than the radio-quiet AGN host galaxies,

as shown in Figures 3 and 4. Since radio-mode AGNs are often found in elliptical galaxies (Section 5.1), it follows that they should lie below the SFMS on average. Our results are also in general agreement with the radio-excess-selected AGNs that show lower SFRs for a given galaxy mass (Karouzos et al. 2014), although a more direct comparison is not possible because that study's AGN selection (via fits to the spectral energy distribution) and redshift range (z < 2) are not comparable to this work.

We also divide the radio-mode AGNs and radio-quiet AGNs by host galaxy morphology, and find that the same trend holds: regardless of host galaxy morphology, the radio-mode AGN host galaxies fall further beneath the SFMS than the radio-quiet ones (Figure 4). These results are particularly interesting for elliptical galaxies, since they are gas-poor in general. However, the elliptical galaxies that host AGNs must have nuclear gas available to accrete onto their SMBHs. This gas could also form stars, but since we are finding lower SFRs in these galaxies, this implies that the AGNs (and particularly the radio-mode AGNs) could be quenching star formation.

We find that AGNs, and particularly radio-mode AGNs, reside in host galaxies with suppressed star formation. We explore this further via the stellar properties of the MaNGA host galaxies.

Table 3
Classifications of Odd Host Galaxies of Radio-mode AGNs

SDSS name	Galaxy Zoo Classification ^a	Visual Classification ^b
SDSS J074351.25+282128.0	none	merger
SDSS J074949.43+345302.1	merger	merger
SDSS J075909.96+294651.7	merger	merger
SDSS J080028.00+413938.2	none	merger
SDSS J081141.12+360656.8	none	merger
SDSS J081343.61+525738.2	something else	merger or lens
SDSS J082133.17+550907.0	merger	merger
SDSS J084453.99+274308.3	none	merger
SDSS J090234.90+204417.9	merger	merger
SDSS J110941.19+214425.3	something else	merger
SDSS J114316.27+551639.6	something else	unknown
SDSS J121039.44+363652.1	something else	merger
SDSS J145558.28+323732.5	something else	merger
SDSS J151554.87+344346.3	merger	merger
SDSS J153227.65+414842.3	ring	spiral with ring
SDSS J153929.67+443854.4	n/a	merger
SDSS J161835.15+294902.3	merger	merger
SDSS J162441.33+251941.6	merger	merger
SDSS J162650.63+255328.2	something else	merger
SDSS J162823.30+435727.3	none	merger

Notes.

^b Based on by-eye classification of SDSS composite image.

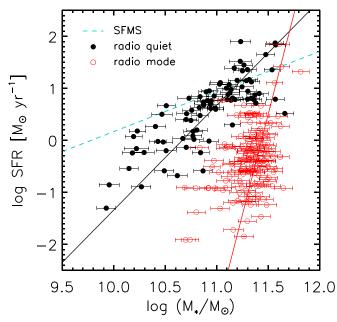


Figure 3. Relation between SFR and stellar mass for radio-quiet AGN host galaxies (filled black circles; best-fit relation shown as the black solid line) and radio-mode AGN host galaxies (open red circles; best-fit relation shown as the red solid line). The error bars on SFR are too small to see, with a median error of 0.005 on $\log(\text{SFR}/M_{\odot} \text{ yr}^{-1})$. For reference, the dashed cyan line illustrates the star-forming main sequence for local SDSS galaxies with blue colors (Elbaz et al. 2007).

5.3. Radio-mode AGN Host Galaxies Have Older Stellar Populations and Negative Stellar Age Gradients

After finding that the radio-mode AGN host galaxies lie significantly below the star-forming main sequence, which

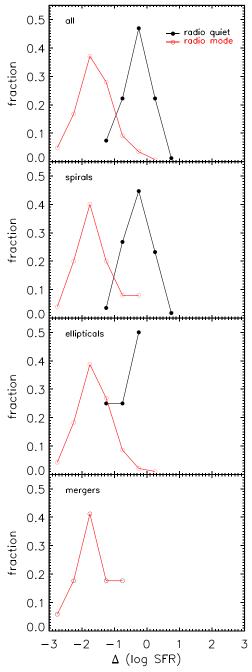


Figure 4. Fraction of AGN host galaxies vs. distance from the star-forming main sequence, where $\Delta(\log SFR) = \log SFR_{AGN} - \log SFR_{SFMS}$, shown for different host galaxy morphologies. Regardless of host galaxy morphology, the radio-mode AGN host galaxies (open red circles) lie significantly further below the SFMS than the radio-quiet AGN host galaxies (filled black circles). There are no radio-quiet AGN host galaxies that are classified as mergers. We have binned the data with bin sizes of $\Delta(\log SFR) = 0.5$.

shows that star formation is suppressed in these galaxies, we now search for further evidence of quenching in the host galaxies' stellar population ages and age gradients.

First, we consider the stellar population age $t_{\rm age}$ (defined as the luminosity-weighted age of the stellar population at the galaxy's effective radius; Section 2) for each host galaxy. As Figure 5 shows, the radio-mode AGN host galaxies not only lie further beneath the SFMS but also have stellar population ages that are older than those of the radio-quiet AGN host galaxies. This is true independent of host galaxy morphology, though it

^a Where the Galaxy Zoo 2 classification had a weighted vote fraction >0.5. "None" indicates that no vote fraction exceeded 0.5, while "n/a" indicates that the galaxy was not included in Galaxy Zoo 2.

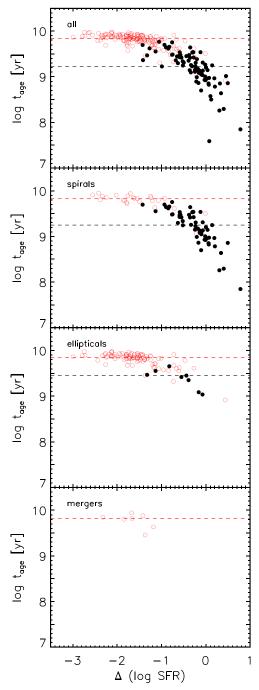


Figure 5. Stellar population ages as a function distance from the star-forming main sequence, where $\Delta(\log SFR) = \log SFR_{AGN} - \log SFR_{SFMS}$, shown for different host galaxy morphologies. The radio-quiet AGN host galaxies are shown as filled black circles (with median stellar population ages shown as the black dashed lines), while the radio-mode AGN host galaxies are shown as open red circles (with median stellar populations age shown as the red dashed lines). For all host galaxy morphologies, the radio-mode AGN host galaxies lie further beneath the SFMS and have older stellar populations (approaching the age of the universe), suggesting that recent star formation has been shut down in these galaxies.

is a somewhat stronger effect for spiral galaxies. We find that the median stellar ages of the radio-quiet AGN host galaxies are $\log(t_{\rm age}/\rm yr) = [9.2, 9.4]$ for spiral and elliptical galaxies, respectively, while the median stellar ages of the radio-mode AGN host galaxies are $\log(t_{\rm age}/\rm yr) = [9.8, 9.8]$ for spiral and elliptical galaxies, respectively.

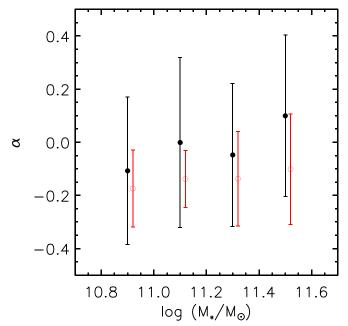


Figure 6. Stellar age gradients α for the radio-quiet AGN host galaxies (filled black circles) and radio-mode AGN host galaxies (open red circles, offset in the x-axis for clarity). The mean stellar age gradients are plotted against stellar mass, in stellar mass bins of size 0.2 dex. The error bars represent the standard deviation in the α values. While the radio-quiet AGN host galaxies show flat stellar age gradients across each galaxy ($\alpha \sim 0$), the radio-mode AGN host galaxies show negative ($\alpha \sim -0.15$) stellar age gradients; this suggests inside-out quenching of star formation in the radio-mode AGN host galaxies.

Similarly, Chen et al. (2013) studied a sample of SDSS galaxies at 0.1 < z < 0.3 with stellar masses $\log(M_*/M_\odot) > 11.4$ and found that the fraction of galaxies that have had star formation within the last gigayear is lower in galaxies with radio jets than in radio-quiet galaxies. Our finding that radio-mode AGN host galaxies have stellar populations that are a median of 4–5 Gyr older than the stellar populations of radio-quiet AGN host galaxies indicates that star formation has been quenched in radio-mode AGN host galaxies in the past. We explore this idea further with stellar age gradients.

Since MaNGA obtains spatially resolved spectra across the galaxies that it observes, we can measure how the stellar population ages change as a function of galactocentric radius across a given galaxy. Here, we define the stellar age gradient α as the slope of the gradient of the luminosity-weighted log-age of the stellar population within a galactocentric distance of 0.5–2.0 R_e (Section 2). When α is positive, it means that the stellar populations are getting older as we move away from the galactic center. A negative α indicates that the stellar populations are getting younger as we move away from the galactic center. We compare the stellar age gradients of the radio-quiet AGN host galaxies and the radio-mode AGN host galaxies to look for signs of quenching in either type of galaxy.

Because stellar age gradients correlate with host galaxy stellar mass (e.g., González Delgado et al. 2014; Zheng et al. 2017), we compare the stellar age gradients in stellar mass bins of 0.2 dex. As Figure 6 shows, the radio-quiet AGN host galaxies have approximately flat ($\alpha \sim 0$) stellar age gradients while the radio-mode AGN host galaxies have negative ($\alpha \sim -0.15$) stellar age gradients. For the radio-mode AGN host galaxies, this means that the central stellar populations are older than the stellar populations further toward the galaxy outskirts.

Table 4Median Stellar Age Gradients

	$\log(M_*/M_{\odot})$					
	10.9	11.1	11.3	11.5		
Radio-quiet AGNs						
Spiral	-0.08	0.04	-0.11	-0.15		
Elliptical	0.28	n/a	0.20	n/a		
Radio-mode AGNs						
Spiral	n/a	-0.16	-0.06	-0.13		
Elliptical	-0.15	-0.11	-0.08	-0.06		
Merger	-0.19	-0.14	-0.10	-0.24		

Note. Host galaxy stellar mass bins have size 0.2 dex and are centered on the stellar mass given by each column header. Bins that have no galaxies in them are marked with n/a.

It has been shown that the measurement of stellar age gradient depends on the number of fibers in the integral field unit, with lower numbers of fibers leading to overestimates and higher numbers of fibers leading to more accurate measurements (Ibarra-Medel et al. 2019). To determine the magnitude of this effect on our results, we reanalyze the stellar age gradients for only the galaxies with the largest fiber bundle size (127 fibers, corresponding to a diameter of 32".5). We find that the stellar age gradients decrease by $\sim\!0.05$; the radio-quiet AGN host galaxies have $\alpha\sim-0.05$ while the radio-mode AGN host galaxies have $\alpha\sim-0.2$. The overall trend, of radio-mode AGN host galaxies exhibiting more negative stellar age gradients than radio-quiet AGN host galaxies, remains the same.

We also compare the stellar age gradients in different host galaxy morphologies, binned by stellar mass. The median stellar age gradients for the radio-quiet AGNs and radio-mode AGNs, subdivided by host galaxy morphology and host galaxy stellar mass, are shown in Table 4. The radio-quiet AGN host galaxies exhibit negative stellar age gradients for most of the spiral galaxy mass bins, and positive stellar age gradients for the elliptical galaxies. In contrast, the radio-mode AGN host galaxies exhibit negative stellar age gradients for all morphology types.

This result, that radio-mode AGN host galaxies of all masses and all morphologies have negative stellar age gradients—even when the radio-quiet AGN host galaxies have positive stellar age gradients (as in the case of elliptical galaxies)—implies inside-out suppression of new star formation in the host galaxies of radio-mode AGNs. This could be explained by AGN feedback evacuating the gas and preventing central star formation. This same mechanism could also starve the central SMBH of gas, leading the SMBH to accrete at a lower rate via the advection-dominated accretion flows (e.g., Ishibashi et al. 2014) that create the radio-mode AGNs that are currently observed in these galaxies. The reason for the galaxy mergers to have more negative stellar age gradients than the spiral and elliptical galaxies may be that the mergers themselves induce additional inside-out suppression of star formation (e.g., Barrows et al. 2017). An alternative explanation is that radiomode AGNs, which are associated with low accretion rates onto SMBHs, occur preferably in elliptical galaxies with older stellar populations in the nuclear region, due to the lack or exhaustion of gas to form new stars.

6. Conclusions

We have assembled a catalog of 406 unique AGNs in MaNGA MPL-8, which consists of observations of 6261 galaxies. Instead of using optical emission line diagnostics, which are particularly prone to misclassifications, we identify the AGNs by their WISE colors, Swift/BAT ultrahard X-ray sources, NVSS/FIRST radio observations, or broad emission lines. We compare the radio-mode AGNs (some of which were also identified as AGNs by WISE, BAT, and/or broad lines) to the population of radio-quiet AGNs that were identified as AGNs by WISE, BAT, and/or broad lines. Then, we search for correlations between AGNs and the star formation in their host galaxies, by using MaNGA observations to examine the AGN host galaxy locations on the star-forming main sequence and the stellar population ages and age gradients of the AGN host galaxies.

Our main results are summarized below.

- 1. Radio-quiet AGNs are hosted primarily in spiral galaxies (88% of radio-quiet AGNs are found in spirals), while radio-mode AGNs are predominantly found in elliptical galaxies (74% of radio-mode AGNs are found in ellipticals). While no radio-quiet AGNs were found to be in mergers, 5%–12% of radio-mode AGNs reside in mergers.
- 2. AGN host galaxies lie below the star-forming main sequence of SFR versus galaxy stellar mass; for fixed stellar mass, the AGN host galaxies have systematically lower SFRs. The radio-quiet AGN host galaxies are found at a median $\Delta(\log SFR) = -0.2$, while the radio-mode AGN host galaxies lie even further below the star-forming main sequence at a median $\Delta(\log SFR) = -1.6$ (Figures 3 and 4).
- 3. Radio-mode AGN host galaxies have stellar populations that are a median of 4–5 Gyr older than the stellar populations of radio-quiet AGN host galaxies (Figure 5). This is independently true for each host galaxy morphology type.
- 4. Overall, radio-quiet AGN host galaxies have flat stellar population age gradients, while radio-mode AGN host galaxies have negative ($\alpha \sim -0.15$) stellar age gradients (Figure 6). In elliptical galaxies, radio-quiet AGNs have positive stellar age gradients (median $\alpha = 0.20$) and radio-mode AGNs have negative stellar age gradients (median $\alpha = -0.09$). Our finding that radio-mode AGNs are associated with negative stellar age gradients means that radio-mode AGN host galaxies have older stellar populations in their centers and younger stellar populations at larger distances from the galaxy centers. This is evidence of inside-out quenching of star formation in these radio-mode AGN host galaxies.
- 5. When the previous four results are considered together (radio-mode AGN host galaxies are typically elliptical, lie far below the star-forming main sequence, have older stellar populations, and have negative stellar age gradients), they show a connection between radio-mode AGNs and star formation quenching in the past, particularly in galaxy centers. The cause of the connection is not clear. Possibilities include: (1) radio-mode AGN feedback is quenching star formation; (2) radio-mode AGNs are a final phase in the evolution of AGNs; (3) interactions or other gas transfer events in elliptical

galaxies, where there is little gas available to fuel the AGNs, lead to low accretion rates onto the SMBHs, consequently producing radio-mode AGNs.

Further evidence of AGN feedback in these MaNGA galaxies could be obtained by searching for outflows in these galaxies and then modeling the outflows to determine their energetics, to constrain the impact on the star-forming material. Observations of the molecular gas content of the host galaxies could also determine whether gas is being removed from the central regions of the galaxies, which would suppress central star formation.

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