



# SDSS-IV MaNGA: Probing the Kinematic Morphology–Density Relation of Early-type Galaxies with MaNGA

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## Abstract

The “kinematic” morphology–density relation for early-type galaxies posits that those galaxies with low angular momentum are preferentially found in the highest-density regions of the universe. We use a large sample of galaxy groups with halo masses  $10^{12.5} < M_{\text{halo}} < 10^{14.5} h^{-1} M_{\odot}$  observed with the Mapping Nearby Galaxies at APO (MaNGA) survey to examine whether there is a correlation between local environment and rotational support that is independent of stellar mass. We find no compelling evidence for a relationship between the angular momentum content of early-type galaxies and either local overdensity or radial position within the group at fixed stellar mass.

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## 1. Introduction

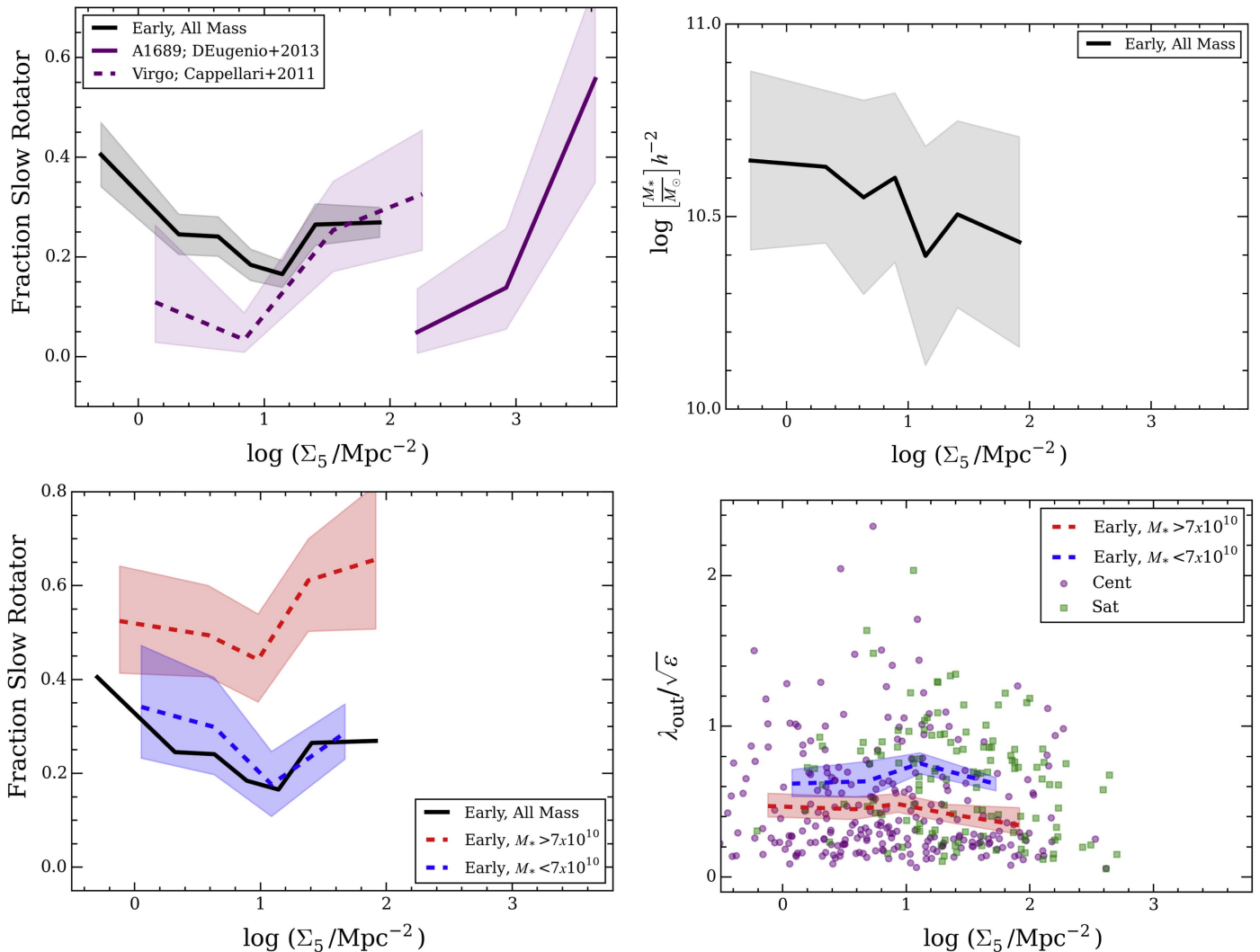
The angular momentum content of galaxies can serve as a probe of their assembly histories. Although early-type galaxies are dynamically hot systems, many of them show some rotation (e.g., Davies et al. 1983; Franx & Illingworth 1990). The evolution in angular momentum of galaxies is influenced in complex ways by mergers (both major or minor), gas accretion, and internal processes such as star formation that either turn gas into stars or expel gas (e.g., Penoyre et al. 2017). Mergers, for instance, might increase or decrease the angular momentum depending on the configuration (e.g., Naab et al. 2014). Tracking the evolution in angular momentum content with galaxy properties is a tracer of the factors that dominate galaxy evolution.

It is standard to trace the galaxy angular momentum using the ratio of velocity to dispersion support. In the context of integral-field spectroscopy (IFS), a luminosity-weighted two-dimensional measurement ( $\lambda_R$ ) is used as a proxy for the angular momentum content. We adopt the definition of  $\lambda_R$  from Emsellem et al. (2007; see also Binney 2005), with  $R$  as the flux-weighted radial coordinate,  $V$  the radial velocity, and  $\sigma$  the

stellar velocity dispersion:  $\lambda_R = \langle R|V| \rangle / \langle R\sqrt{V^2 + \sigma^2} \rangle$ . Slowly rotating galaxies are those that fall below the expectations for a mildly anisotropic oblate rotator (see Cappellari et al. 2006; Emsellem et al. 2007 for details). Stellar mass is the primary determinant of whether a galaxy is a slow rotator (Emsellem et al. 2007, 2011; Oliva-Altamirano et al. 2017; Veale et al. 2017b). Secondary correlations with environment may reveal the physical processes that determine the distribution of angular momentum in galaxies.

Early studies examined the relationship between angular momentum as traced by  $\lambda_R$  and environment by measuring the fraction of galaxies with low  $\lambda_R$  as a function of local overdensity. Cappellari et al. (2011) showed that a tiny fraction (<5%) of early-type galaxies in low-density environments are slow rotators and tied this low fraction to a kinematic version of the morphology–density relation (Dressler 1980). The fraction of early-type slowly rotating galaxies indeed rises dramatically in the densest environments (Houghton et al. 2013; Scott et al. 2014; D’Eugenio et al. 2015; although see also Fogarty et al. 2014). As examples, we present measurements from Cappellari et al. (2011) and D’Eugenio et al. (2013) in Figure 1 (top left).

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**Figure 1.** Top left: slow-rotator fraction (with MaNGA weights applied) among the full sample of early-type galaxies as a function of local overdensity  $\Sigma_5$ . Two clusters from the literature are shown for comparison, Abell 1689 (solid purple; D’Eugenio et al. 2013) and Virgo (dashed purple; Cappellari et al. 2011). Our data are binned to contain equal numbers of points, and bins are plotted at the weighted-mean value of  $M_*$ . The shaded regions denote the weighted mean and the error in that mean. There is not a significant trend between slow-rotator fraction and local overdensity. Top right: stellar mass vs.  $\Sigma_5$  shows a slight drop in stellar mass toward the highest overdensities due to a preponderance of satellites at high  $\Sigma_5$ . Bottom left: mass-weighted slow-rotator fraction as a function of local overdensity. We reweight each galaxy to enforce a uniform mass distribution and consider a high-mass (red dashed) and low-mass (blue dashed) bin divided at the sample median stellar mass. There is no residual trend with overdensity at fixed mass in these data. Bottom right: the full distribution of  $\lambda_{\text{out}}/\sqrt{\epsilon}$  as a function of  $\Sigma_5$ . Satellites (squares) and centrals (circles) are both included in the mass-weighted trends. Again, we see no trend as a function of  $\Sigma_5$ .

Because massive galaxies preferentially reside in overdense regions, it is difficult to determine from these small early samples whether or not environment plays a role independent of mass. Two larger IFS surveys have recently published relevant studies. Veale et al. (2017a) examined a mass-selected sample of galaxies from MASSIVE (Ma et al. 2014). The majority of these galaxies are central galaxies living in a wide range of halo masses. Veale et al. (2017a) do not find a compelling environmental dependence of  $\lambda_R$  at fixed  $M_*$ . Brough et al. (2017) examine eight clusters observed by SAMI (Croom et al. 2012). By number, their sample is dominated by satellite galaxies, containing only eight brightest-cluster galaxies. They also argue that trends with local overdensity can be explained by the strong dependence on stellar mass.

We present a bridge between the MASSIVE and SAMI samples. We exploit the large number of IFS cubes afforded by the MaNGA survey (Bundy et al. 2015), part of the Sloan Digital Sky Survey IV (SDSS-IV; Blanton et al. 2017), to build

a sample of central galaxies with  $\lambda_R$  measurements (Greene et al. 2017, hereafter Paper I). Roughly two-thirds of the galaxies in our MaNGA sample are central galaxies, spanning a wide range in inferred host halo mass (and thus environment). We consider the kinematic morphology–density relation of early-type galaxies using a number of different complementary probes of global and local environment, including halo mass, designation as central or satellite, local overdensity, and radial location in the cluster.

We assume a flat  $\Lambda$ CDM cosmology with  $\Omega_m = 0.238$ ,  $\Omega_\Lambda = 0.762$ ,  $H_0 = 100 h^{-1} \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$ , in order to follow the convention of our group catalog (Yang et al. 2007). Halo masses are defined as  $M_{200b} \equiv M(<R_{200b}) = 200 \bar{\rho}_3^4 \pi R_{200b}^3$ , where  $R_{200b}$  is the radius at which the mean interior density is equal to 200 times the mean matter density of the universe ( $\bar{\rho}$ ). Stellar mass is denoted  $M_*$  and has been derived using a Chabrier initial mass function (IMF). We use units in which  $h = 1$ .

## 2. Sample and Data

### 2.1. The MaNGA Survey

MaNGA will ultimately obtain integral-field spectroscopy of 10,000 nearby galaxies with the 2.5 m Sloan Foundation Telescope (Gunn et al. 2006) and the BOSS spectrographs (Smee et al. 2013). Fibers are joined into 17 hexagonal fiber bundles to perform a multi-object IFS survey (Drory et al. 2015). Each fiber has a diameter of  $2''$ , while the bundles range in diameter from  $12''$  to  $32''$  with a 56% filling factor. The BOSS spectrographs have a wavelength coverage of 3600–10300 Å and a spectral resolution of  $\sigma_r \approx 70 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ . The relative spectrophotometry is accurate to a few percent (Yan et al. 2016b). The survey design is described in Yan et al. (2016a), the observing strategy in Law et al. (2015), and the data reduction pipeline in Law et al. (2016).

The MaNGA sample is selected from the NASA-Sloan Atlas (NSA; Blanton M., <http://www.nsatlas.org>) with redshifts mostly from the SDSS Data Release 7 MAIN galaxy sample (Abazajian et al. 2009). The sample is built in  $i$ -band absolute magnitude ( $M_i$ )-complete shells, with more luminous galaxies observed in more distant  $M_i$  shells such that the spatial coverage (in terms of  $R_e$ ) is roughly constant across the sample (Yan et al. 2016a; Wake et al. 2017). We focus on the combination of the *Primary* sample ( $\sim 50\%$  of the total sample) and *Secondary* sample ( $\sim 40\%$  of the total sample), selected such that 80% of the galaxies in each  $M_i$  shell can be covered to  $1.5R_e$  ( $2.5R_e$ ) by the largest MaNGA IFU for the Primary (Secondary) sample, respectively. To compare different stellar mass bins, it is necessary to reweight the galaxy distributions in the sample to account for the different volumes probed by each mass shell. We apply these volume weights whenever population means are presented.

### 2.2. Galaxy Sample

We work with the MaNGA data derived from the data-release pipeline (DRP) v2.0.1 (MaNGA Product Launch (MPL) 5) sample that are also in the Yang et al. (2007, hereafter Y07) group catalog (updated to DR7). Y07 use an iterative, adaptive group finder to assign galaxies to halos. Briefly, they first use a friends-of-friends algorithm to identify potential groups, followed by abundance matching to assign likely halo masses to each group based on the total galaxy luminosity. They iterate their group selection based on the initial estimate for halo mass. We select the central galaxy as the most luminous one, while all other galaxies are designated as satellite galaxies.

We select central and satellite galaxies that reside in halos more massive than  $10^{12.5} h^{-1} M_\odot$  (where the group catalog is complete; Yang et al. 2009) and additionally require that the satellite galaxies have stellar masses  $M_* > 10^{10} h^{-2} M_\odot$ . We also visually remove all galaxies with spiral structure, focusing only on early-type (E/S0) galaxies (for details see Paper I). The final sample comprises 379 early-type centrals with a minimum stellar mass of  $3 \times 10^{10} M_\odot$  and a median stellar mass of  $10^{11} M_\odot$ . There are 159 early-type satellite galaxies with a minimum stellar mass of  $10^{10} M_\odot$  and a median stellar mass of  $3 \times 10^{10} M_\odot$ .

### 2.3. Identifying Slow Rotators

The kinematic measurements we use to derive  $\lambda_R$  come from the MaNGA Data Analysis Pipeline (DAP) and are measured

on Voronoi-binned data (Cappellari & Copin 2003) with a signal-to-noise ratio of at least 10 per  $70 \text{ km s}^{-1}$  spectral pixel. The kinematics are measured using the penalized pixel-fitting code pPXF (Cappellari & Emsellem 2004), with emission lines masked. The stellar templates are drawn from the MILES library (Sánchez-Blázquez et al. 2006) and are convolved with a Gaussian line-of-sight velocity distribution to derive the velocity and velocity dispersion of the stars. The velocity dispersions are reliable above  $\sigma > 40 \text{ km s}^{-1}$  (Penny et al. 2016), while the small number of unresolved spaxels are removed from analysis. The central  $\sigma$  values range from 50 to  $400 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ , with only 43 galaxies having dispersions  $< 100 \text{ km s}^{-1}$  for the sample, so we are not working in this low dispersion regime. An eighth-order additive polynomial is included to account for flux calibration and stellar population mismatch. We adopt the “DONOTUSE” flags from the DAP (meaning that there are known catastrophic problems with these data) and flag all bins with  $\sigma > 500 \text{ km s}^{-1}$  or  $V > 400 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ . We only keep galaxies for which at least 50% of their spaxels are unflagged.

We calculate  $\lambda_R$  within elliptical isophotes. We adopt the position angle and galaxy flattening  $\epsilon = 1 - b/a$  from the NASA-Sloan Atlas (NSA; Blanton et al. 2011).<sup>23</sup> While it is standard in the literature to compare galaxies at  $\lambda_{R_e}$ , we show in Paper I that at the spatial resolution of MaNGA these measurements can be biased by 10%–50%, depending on the input  $\lambda_{R_e}$ , with lower values of  $\lambda_{R_e}$  suffering more severely. As described in detail in Paper I, we adopt the outermost measurement of  $\lambda_R$  ( $\lambda_{\text{out}}$ ).  $\lambda_{\text{out}}$  matches  $\lambda(1.5R_e)$  with  $\sim 20\%$  scatter and no bias, but allows us to include galaxies with limited radial coverage. Finally, the inner  $2''$  of data are excluded, since the low spatial resolution of MaNGA tends to lower  $\lambda_R$ . In Paper I, we use simulations to show that excluding the central region brings the measured  $\lambda_R$  value closer to the true value, and we estimate that the residual impact of low spatial resolution leads to at most a systematic increase in slow-rotator fraction of 10% from our measured values.

To determine whether a galaxy is a slow or fast rotator requires further comparison with the intrinsic shape of the galaxy, since the amount of rotation needed to support an oblate galaxy rises with ellipticity. Emsellem et al. (2007) report an empirically motivated division between slow and fast rotators of  $\lambda_{R_e} < 0.31\sqrt{\epsilon}$ . For measurements at  $\lambda(1.5R_e)$ , we simply scale by the typical ratio of  $\lambda_{R_e}/\lambda(1.5R_e)$  from our data to define slow rotators as those with  $\lambda_{\text{out}} < 0.35\sqrt{\epsilon}$ .

## 3. The Relationship between $\lambda$ and Environment

We now demonstrate that at fixed  $M_*$  there is no residual dependence of  $\lambda_{\text{out}}$  on either local or global environment. We discuss the different measures of environment used in the analysis, describe how we normalize for  $M_*$ , and examine  $\lambda_{\text{out}}$  as a function of local overdensity at fixed  $M_*$ .

### 3.1. Measures of Environment

In Paper I, we examined  $\lambda_{\text{out}}$  in bins of  $M_{200b}$ , finding no evidence for any residual dependence of  $\lambda_{\text{out}}$  on halo mass  $M_{200b}$  at fixed  $M_*$ . Nor was there any significant evidence for differences between central and satellite galaxies at fixed mass. Therefore, in this Letter, we do not reconsider  $M_{200b}$  or the

<sup>23</sup> <http://www.sdss.org/dr13/manga/manga-target-selection/nsa/>

satellite/central distinction. We do note, however, that there is considerable scatter in the halo masses and the central designations in group catalogs (e.g., Campbell et al. 2015). It is useful, therefore, to consider local overdensity measures as a complement to the group-based measures of environment.

The first papers investigating links between  $\lambda_R$  and environment focused on a local overdensity measurement (e.g., Dressler 1980). The local overdensity measurement employed here ( $\Sigma_n$ ) is simply the number of galaxies (in our case,  $n=5$ ) with  $M_r > -20.3$  mag, divided by the volume required to enclose that number of neighbors above the magnitude limit. We adopt the  $\Sigma_5$  measurements from Goddard et al. (2017; as defined by Etherington & Thomas 2015).

$\Sigma_n$  is a complex measure of environment. For large overdensities, with more than three to five members, the region of measurement falls within the parent halo. However, when the number of members of a group approaches the overdensity measure, the distance to the  $n$ th nearest neighbor may fall in a different halo. In this case, the measure becomes more sensitive to very large scale clustering than to local overdensity (Muldrew et al. 2012; Woo et al. 2013). Furthermore, the physical processes impacting galaxies at group centers (e.g., merging) may be different than those dominating the satellite galaxies living further from the group center (e.g., stripping). We therefore prefer using the radial group position,  $R/R_{200b}$ , which ensures only intra-group comparisons are made. For comparison with previous literature, we examine both measures.

### 3.2. Controlling for Stellar Mass

We employ a simple mass-weighting scheme to ensure flat mass distributions in all environmental bins. In each environment bin, we inversely weight each galaxy based on the number of galaxies at that mass, such that the final mass distribution is flat. We do this in two mass bins, divided at the median stellar mass. We do not employ the MaNGA weights here, since we are looking at renormalized mass distributions.

Throughout the rest of the Letter, we will display the weighted slow-rotator fractions as a function of  $\Sigma_n$  and  $R/R_{200b}$ . In these figures, the bin sizes are chosen to ensure a constant number of objects per bin and are plotted at the weighted bin center. The shaded regions indicate the error in the mean, derived via bootstrapping.

### 3.3. Trends with $\Sigma_5$

We first examine whether there is a trend between  $\lambda_{\text{out}}$  and local overdensity at fixed  $M_*$ . Figure 1 (top left) presents two clusters that illustrate the range of results from individual studies of clusters, and the slow-rotator fraction is shown for our full sample of satellite and central galaxies. There is no strong trend with local overdensity in our data, which are roughly consistent with the Virgo results in a similar  $\Sigma$  range (although the Virgo results employ  $\Sigma_3$  rather than  $\Sigma_5$ ). We see a rising slow-rotator fraction at low  $\Sigma_5$ . This rising fraction reflects the increasing dominance of higher-mass central galaxies at low overdensity in our sample. Figure 1 (top right) shows that there is a trend (albeit weak) between local overdensity and stellar mass as satellites grow more dominant at higher overdensity. To garner reasonable results, we must examine the trends with overdensity at fixed mass. Note the full relationship between stellar mass and local overdensity is

complicated for satellites (e.g., Woo et al. 2013) and is not fully probed by our early-type, high-mass sample.

In Figure 1 (bottom left), we impose mass-weighting. While higher-mass galaxies show a higher slow-rotator fraction, no residual trend is seen with  $\Sigma_5$  for either bin. Since slow-rotator fraction is assigned as a binary (noisy) division, it is useful to examine the full distribution of  $\lambda_{\text{out}}/\sqrt{\epsilon}$  (Figure 1, bottom right). Again, we see a split in samples based on stellar mass, but no residual trend in  $\lambda_{\text{out}}/\sqrt{\epsilon}$  as a function of  $\Sigma_5$ . We thus turn to examine  $\lambda_{\text{out}}$  as a function of  $R/R_{200b}$ .

### 3.4. Trends with $R/R_{200b}$

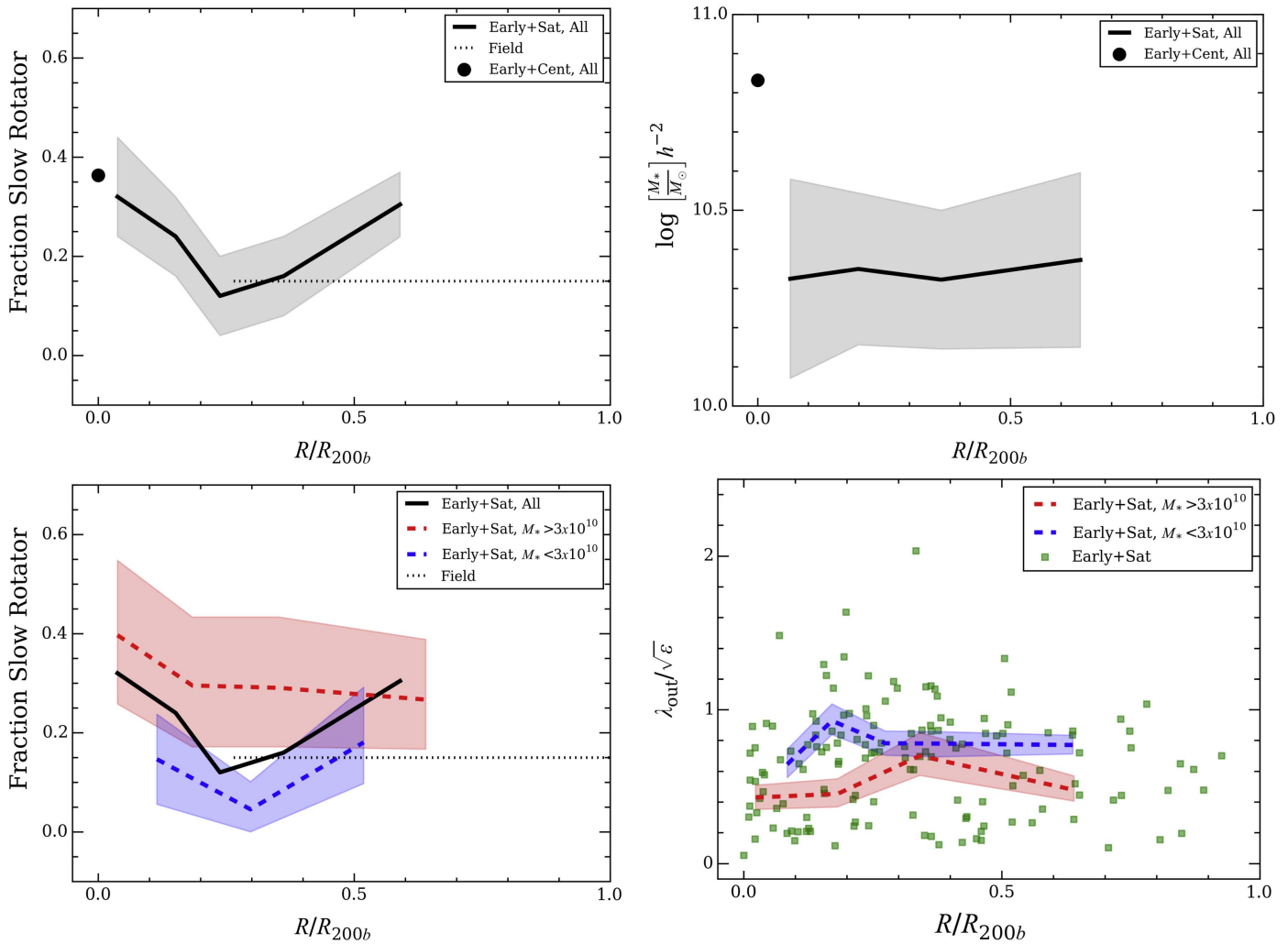
$R/R_{200b}$  is complementary to  $\Sigma_5$ , since the radial distance is always measured within the group halo, while the local overdensity can extend to neighboring halos at low density. Figure 2 (top left) presents the slow-rotator fraction as a function of  $R/R_{200b}$  for all satellites in the sample. The central galaxies by construction are found at the group center and have a 40% slow-rotator fraction averaged over all masses. There is no compelling trend in slow-rotator fraction as a function of radius. In terms of mass, the central galaxies are more massive than the satellites, but there is not a strong mass segregation within the satellite galaxies (Figure 2, top right). The true radial mass trend is washed out by our narrow range in stellar mass and morphology (e.g., Woo et al. 2013).

We then consider the mass-weighted slow-rotator fraction as a function of radius (Figure 2, bottom left). Again, the high- and low-mass-weighted samples have higher and lower slow-rotator fractions, respectively, but there is no compelling additional evidence for a radial trend in slow-rotator fraction when we control the distribution in stellar mass. We similarly see a very flat mean  $\lambda_{\text{out}}/\sqrt{\epsilon}$  as a function of radius (Figure 2, bottom right).

In short, there is no evidence that large-scale or local environment plays a driving role in the distribution of  $\lambda_{\text{out}}$ , for an array of environmental measures. Of course, it is possible that a stronger radial trend might be apparent if we could consider only the most massive halos; such analysis required larger samples and should be possible with MaNGA soon.

## 4. Discussion and Summary

Combining the results from both local environmental indicators, we conclude that angular momentum content at fixed stellar mass is not influenced at a level that we can detect here by the local density or by the radial position within the halo. In Paper I, we argued that angular momentum at fixed mass was not influenced by the halo mass or central/satellite distinction. Thus, we conclude that local processes (accretion, star formation, and merging) determine the angular momentum content of early-type galaxies. This result is in accord with recent results from Illustris (Penoyre et al. 2017) suggesting that only major mergers (not minor ones) have the capacity to significantly alter  $\lambda_R$  in the most massive galaxies, while accretion and consumption of gas can alter  $\lambda_R$  in lower-mass galaxies. Thus, lower-mass galaxies are spun up by gaseous processes, while massive galaxies are not. In this scenario, stellar mass is the dominant factor setting  $\lambda_R$ , since even if the total level of accretion and merging is higher in denser environments, stellar mass determines whether  $\lambda_R$  is impacted at all by external factors at late times.



**Figure 2.** Top left: slow-rotator fraction as a function of normalized group radius. Centrals (black point) are at the group center; the rest are satellites (black line). Top right: weighted-mean stellar mass (and error in the mean) as a function of radius in the group. Bottom left: mass-weighted slow-rotator fraction as a function of radius. Normalizing for stellar mass, there is no radial dependence of this fraction. We apply the same mass-weighting as in Figure 1 to enforce a uniform mass distribution and consider a high-mass (red dashed) and low-mass (blue dashed) bin divided at the sample median stellar mass (note it is lower here since we consider only satellite galaxies). Bottom right: distribution in  $\lambda_{\text{out}}/\sqrt{\epsilon}$  as a function of radial coordinate  $R/R_{200b}$  for the satellite galaxies, weighted by mass as in the bottom right panel. There is a difference in overall  $\lambda_{\text{out}}/\sqrt{\epsilon}$  as a function of stellar mass, but no additional trend with radius.

Our findings are in accord with two more recent studies (Brough et al. 2017; Veale et al. 2017a). We suggest that stellar mass dependence also drives earlier results from individual clusters that found evidence for a rising slow-rotator fraction toward the most overdense regions (e.g., Houghton et al. 2013; Scott et al. 2014; D’Eugenio et al. 2015; Cappellari 2016).

Our work fits into a broader conversation about the role of environment in establishing internal galaxy properties. Galaxy mass functions are a function of environment (e.g., Binggeli et al. 1988). Once stellar mass is controlled, however, there are only subtle remaining differences as a function of environment for many internal galaxy properties, including morphology and color (e.g., Blanton & Moustakas 2009; Alpaslan et al. 2015), star formation rates (Wijesinghe et al. 2012), stellar populations (Thomas et al. 2010), and gradients therein (e.g., Greene et al. 2015; Goddard et al. 2017). As the MaNGA survey progresses, the larger sample size will enable yet more sensitive searches for subtle trends between environment, stellar kinematics, gas content, and stellar populations.

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