

# SDSS-IV MaNGA: enhanced star formation in galactic-scale outflows

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## ABSTRACT

Using the integral field unit (IFU) data from Mapping Nearby Galaxies at Apache Point Observatory (MaNGA) survey, we collect a sample of 36 star-forming galaxies that host galactic-scale outflows in ionized gas phase. The control sample is matched in the three-dimensional parameter space of stellar mass, star formation rate, and inclination angle. Concerning the global properties, the outflows host galaxies tend to have smaller size, more asymmetric gas disc, more active star formation in the centre, and older stellar population than the control galaxies. Comparing the stellar population properties along axes, we conclude that the star formation in the outflows host galaxies can be divided into two branches. One branch evolves following the inside-out formation scenario. The other located in the galactic centre is triggered by gas accretion or galaxy interaction, and further drives the galactic-scale outflows. Besides, the enhanced star formation and metallicity along minor axis of outflows host galaxies uncover the positive feedback and metal entrainment in the galactic-scale outflows. Observational data in different phases with higher spatial resolution are needed to reveal the influence of galactic-scale outflows on the star formation progress in detail.

**Key words:** galaxies: abundances – galaxies: kinematics and dynamics – galaxies: star formation.

## 1 INTRODUCTION

The regulation of star formation and building up of stellar mass are hot topics and major unresolved issues in the research of galaxy formation and evolution (Sánchez 2020). Galactic-scale outflows together with gas accretion play critical role in modulating the star formation activity and interacting with the interstellar medium (ISM) in galaxies (Veilleux, Cecil & Bland-Hawthorn 2005).

More than half a century ago, Lynds & Sandage (1963) demonstrated the existence of explosion in the galactic centre of M82. Many physical mechanisms can invoke the powerful explosion, e.g. stellar winds and supernovae (Heckman, Armus & Miley 1990; Hogarth et al. 2021), as well as active galactic nuclei (AGNs) (Fabian 2012; Cicone et al. 2014; Bao et al. 2019). The radiation pressure from photoionization or shock excitation blows gas out along the polar axes (Rich et al. 2010; García-Burillo et al. 2014; Fischer et al. 2017). More and more studies indicate the ubiquity of the multiphase galactic-scale outflows at all cosmic epochs (Davies et al. 2019; Herrera-Camus et al. 2019; Ginolfi et al. 2020; Liu et al. 2020; Salak et al. 2020; Hogarth et al. 2021).

However, agreement still did not reach on the effect of galactic-scale outflows on star formation activities. On the one hand, the energy injection from the outflows could prevent gas from collapse, which thus restrains star formation and is called negative feedback (Fischer et al. 2010; Sturm et al. 2011; Maiolino et al. 2012). On the other hand, the outward winds extrude the gas clouds on the path and improve the volume density of molecular gas (Sakamoto et al. 2009; Aalto et al. 2012, 2015). Such a procedure could accelerate the formation of stars and is called positive feedback. As a matter of fact, these two schemes could coexist in one case, but correspond to different local environment (Shin et al. 2019; García-Bernetete et al. 2021).

There exist abundant observational pieces of evidence of the positive feedback on star formation in host galaxies, while few proofs demonstrate the enhanced star formation in the galactic-scale outflows. Maiolino et al. (2017) reported spectroscopic observations that reveal star formation occurring in a galactic outflow at a redshift of 0.0448. Gallagher et al. (2019) pointed out that star formation occurs inside at least 30 per cent of the galactic-scale outflows sample in the Mapping Nearby Galaxies at Apache Point Observatory (MaNGA) survey. However, statistically spatial resolved evidence of the star formation enhancement in the galactic-scale outflows is still missing.

In this work, we construct a sample of star-forming galaxies (SFGs) from the MaNGA survey and further select galactic-scale outflows therein. By comparison with the galaxies that do not show

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outflow features, we summarize the global features of the outflows host galaxies. The common structure of the galactic-scale outflows can be modelled as the famous M82 (Bland & Tully 1988), where the outward gas looks like bipolar winds and is projected to the minor axis along the line of sight. By comparing the stellar population properties in galactic-scale outflows (minor axis) and along stellar disc (major axis), we find robust evidence on positive feedback and metal entrainment in the galactic-scale outflows.

This paper is organized as follows. The sample selection and methodology of data processing are presented in Section 2. We describe the influence of the outflows on the host galaxies in Section 3, which includes both global properties and properties along the axes. Our understandings on these results are discussed in Section 4. Finally, a summary is given in Section 5. Throughout this paper, we adopt a set of cosmological parameters as follows:  $H_0 = 70 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$ ,  $\Omega_m = 0.30$ ,  $\Omega_\Lambda = 0.70$ .

## 2 THE SAMPLE

### 2.1 Data and methodology

#### 2.1.1 The data

MaNGA is one of three core programs in the fourth-generation Sloan Digital Sky Survey (SDSS-IV) (Bundy et al. 2015; Law et al. 2016); it employs the Baryon Oscillation Spectroscopic Survey (BOSS) spectrographs (Smee et al. 2013) on the 2.5m Sloan Foundation Telescope (Gunn et al. 2006). This survey aims to conduct integral field unit (IFU) observation for  $\sim 10\,000$  nearby galaxies with a flat stellar mass distribution in  $10^9\text{--}10^{11} M_\odot$  and redshift  $0.01 < z < 0.15$  (Blanton et al. 2017). Two dual-channel BOSS spectrographs (Smee et al. 2013) provide simultaneous wavelength coverage from 3600 to 10 000 Å. The spectral resolution is  $\sim 2000$ , allowing measurements of all strong emission line species from [O II]  $\lambda 3727$  to [S II]  $\lambda 6731$ . The MaNGA sample and data products used here are drawn from the SDSS Data Release 15 (DR15) (Aguado et al. 2019), which includes  $\sim 4621$  galaxies observed in the first 3 yr of the survey.

The global stellar mass ( $M_*$ ) and star formation rate (SFR) in this work are extracted from the GALEX-SDSS-WISE Legacy Catalog (GSWLC) and derived through UV/optical SED fitting (Salim et al. 2007). We stack the spectra inside the MaNGA bundle and measure the strength of the 4000 Å break ( $Dn4000$ ) to get an idea of the global stellar population age.  $Dn4000$  is defined as the ratio of flux density between two narrow continuum bands 3850–3950 Å and 4000–4100 Å. The bulge-to-total light ratio (fracDeV) is obtained by Sersic + Exponential fits to the  $r$ -band 2D surface brightness profiles from the MaNGA PyMorph DR15 photometric catalogue.<sup>1</sup> The other intrinsic properties e.g. redshift ( $z$ ), effective radius ( $Re$ ), axial ratio ( $q = b/a$ ), and photometric position angle ( $\phi$ ) are adopted from NASA-Sloan Atlas (NAS, Blanton et al. 2011).

The spatially resolved spectral properties are obtained from the MaNGA data analysis pipeline (DAP, Westfall et al. 2019), e.g. emission line flux, stellar/gas velocity, and velocity dispersion, as well as  $Dn4000$ . We limit the signal-to-noise ratios of the related emission lines to be higher than 2 for further calculations. The asymmetric feature is the indicator of gas disc stability and we cite the kinematic asymmetry from Feng et al. (2020), which use the KINEMETRY package (Krajinović et al. 2006) to fit the velocity field of the ionized gas. Similarly, we use KINEMETRY package

to fit the kinematic position angle of the circular gas disc. The kinematic properties of gas are traced by ionized Hydrogen (i.e. H  $\alpha$ ), while all the emission line centres are tied together in MaNGA DAP. Besides, we extract the mass/luminosity-weighted stellar population age and stellar mass in each spaxel from the data cube of PIPE3D (Sánchez et al. 2016a), which is a fitting tool for the analysis of the spectroscopic properties of the stellar population.

#### 2.1.2 The methodology

Using H  $\alpha$ /H  $\beta$  ratio, we estimate extinction-corrected H  $\alpha$  luminosity under the Case B (Calzetti 2001):

$$F_\lambda = F_{\lambda,0} \times 10^{-0.4k(\lambda)E(B-V)}, \quad (1)$$

where  $k(\lambda)$  is the Galactic dust attenuation curve, and colour excess  $E(B - V) = 0.934 \times \ln[(F_{H\alpha}/F_{H\beta})/2.86]$ .

The SFR in the star-forming region is estimated from the H  $\alpha$  luminosity as suggested by Kennicutt (1998) with a Salpeter IMF (Salpeter 1955):

$$SFR(M_\odot \text{ yr}^{-1}) = 7.9 \times 10^{-42} L_{H\alpha}. \quad (2)$$

The spatially resolved SFR surface density ( $\Sigma_{\text{SFR}}$ ) is estimated by further dividing the physically spaxel area. While the  $\Sigma_{\text{SFR}, 1\text{kpc}}$  is defined as the SFR surface density within the central 1 kpc radius.

The gas-phase metallicity is an important indicator for constraining the past star formation history (SFH) of galaxies. Several calibrations, either empirical, theoretical, or hybrid, have been proposed to derive gas metallicity from emission line fluxes. We apply the analytical fit from Tremonti et al. (2004) and estimate gas-phase metallicity using  $R_{23}$  as

$$12 + \log(O/H) = 9.185 - 0.313x - 0.264x^2 - 0.321x^3, \quad (3)$$

where  $x \equiv \log(R_{23})$ ,  $R_{23} = ([\text{O II}]\lambda\lambda 3726, 3729 + [\text{O III}]\lambda\lambda 4959, 5007)/H\beta$ . The metallicity within the central 1 kpc is defined as the median of all the spaxels within central 1 kpc radius. Other metallicity tracers are also adopted to check the reliability of the metallicity measurements, e.g.  $([\text{O III}]\lambda 5007/H\beta) \times (H\alpha/[N \text{ II}]\lambda 6583)$ ,  $[N \text{ II}]\lambda 6583/H\alpha$  (Marino et al. 2013). Those measurements are 0.4 dex lower than the metallicity that calculated as equation (3), but the overall trends are consistent. The discrepancy is reasonable considering that equation (3) is derived by the modelled calibrators, while Marino et al. (2013) calibrated the metallicity with direct method. In general, the former is higher than the latter (Barrera-Ballesteros et al. 2017; Sánchez et al. 2017).

### 2.2 Sample selection

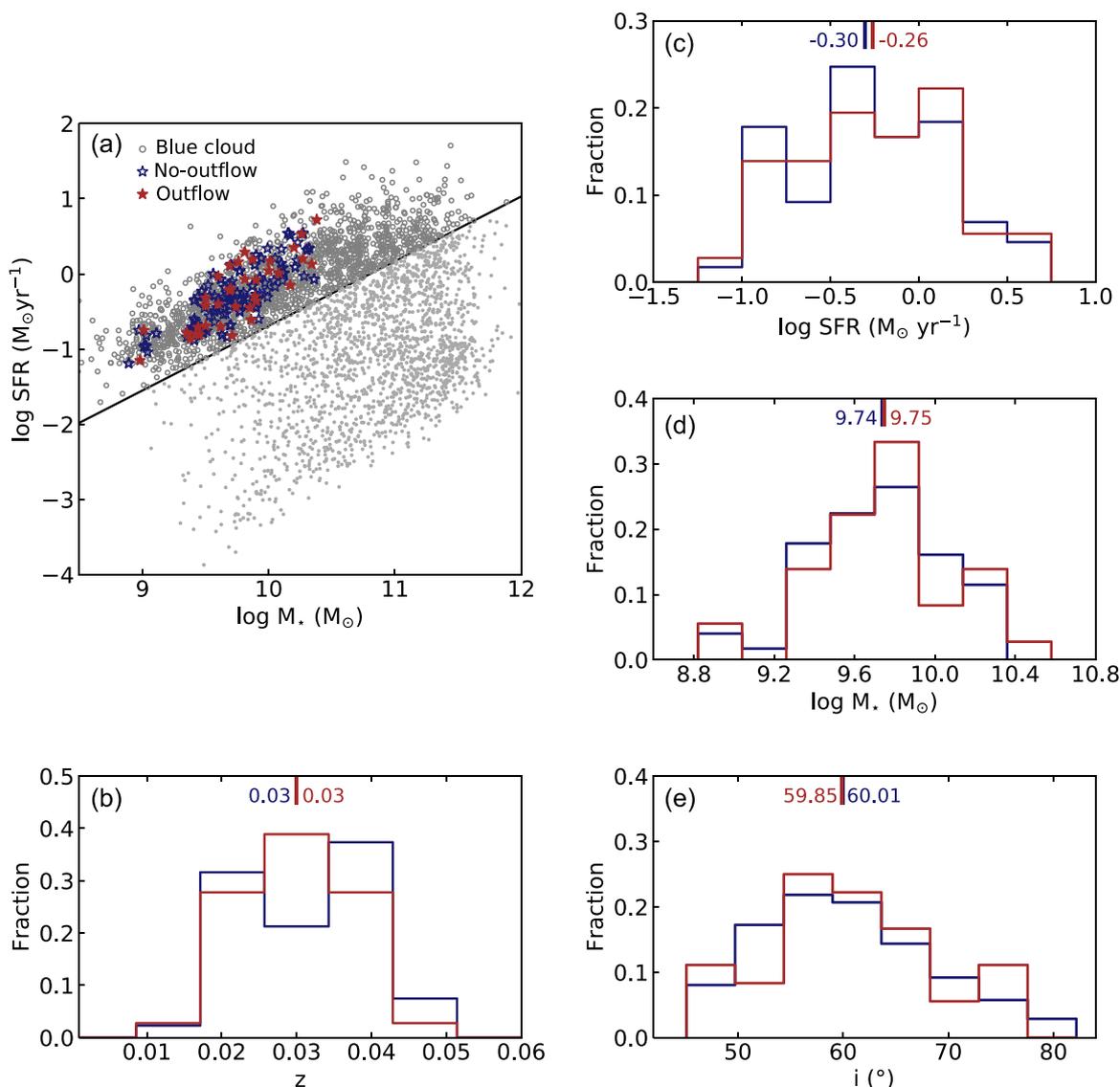
In this work, we focus on the star-formation-driven galactic-scale outflows, and the parent sample is selected as follows:

(i) It locates in star-forming main sequence (grey hollow circles in Fig. 1a). The black solid line, expressed as  $\log(\text{SFR}) = 0.86 \log(M_*) - 9.29$ , is adopted to separate the star-forming main sequence from the other galaxies.

(ii)  $\log([\text{O III}]/H\beta) < 0.61/(\log([N \text{ II}]/H\alpha) - 0.05) + 1.3$ . The central spaxel of each galaxy is limited to locate in the star-forming region based on the demarcation proposed by Kauffmann et al. (2003).

(iii)  $r$ -band fracDeV  $< 0.8$ . We follow Padilla & Strauss (2008) to distinguish disc galaxies (fracDeV  $< 0.8$ ) from the early-type galaxies (fracDeV  $> 0.8$ ), so that the estimation of the galaxy inclination angle ( $i$ ) will be feasible.

<sup>1</sup>[https://www.sdss.org/dr15/data\\_access/value-added-catalogs](https://www.sdss.org/dr15/data_access/value-added-catalogs)



**Figure 1.** (a) Main-sequence relation. The black solid line is adopted to separate the star-forming main sequence from the other galaxies. The grey hollow and solid points represent the star-forming (SF) galaxies and non-SF galaxies. The red and blue stars mark the sample and control galaxies. (b) Redshift distributions. The red and blue histograms represent the distributions of sample and control galaxies. The red and blue bars mark the medians of the corresponding distributions. Without supplementary description, the same colour coding is hereinafter used in the following figures. (c) SFR distributions. (d) Stellar mass distributions. (e) Inclination angle distributions.

(iv)  $i > 45^{\circ}$ . The relation between inclination angle and axial ratio is given by  $\cos^2 i = (q^2 - q_0^2)/(1 - q_0^2)$ , where  $q$  is the axial ratio and  $q_0 = 0.2$  (Hubble 1926).

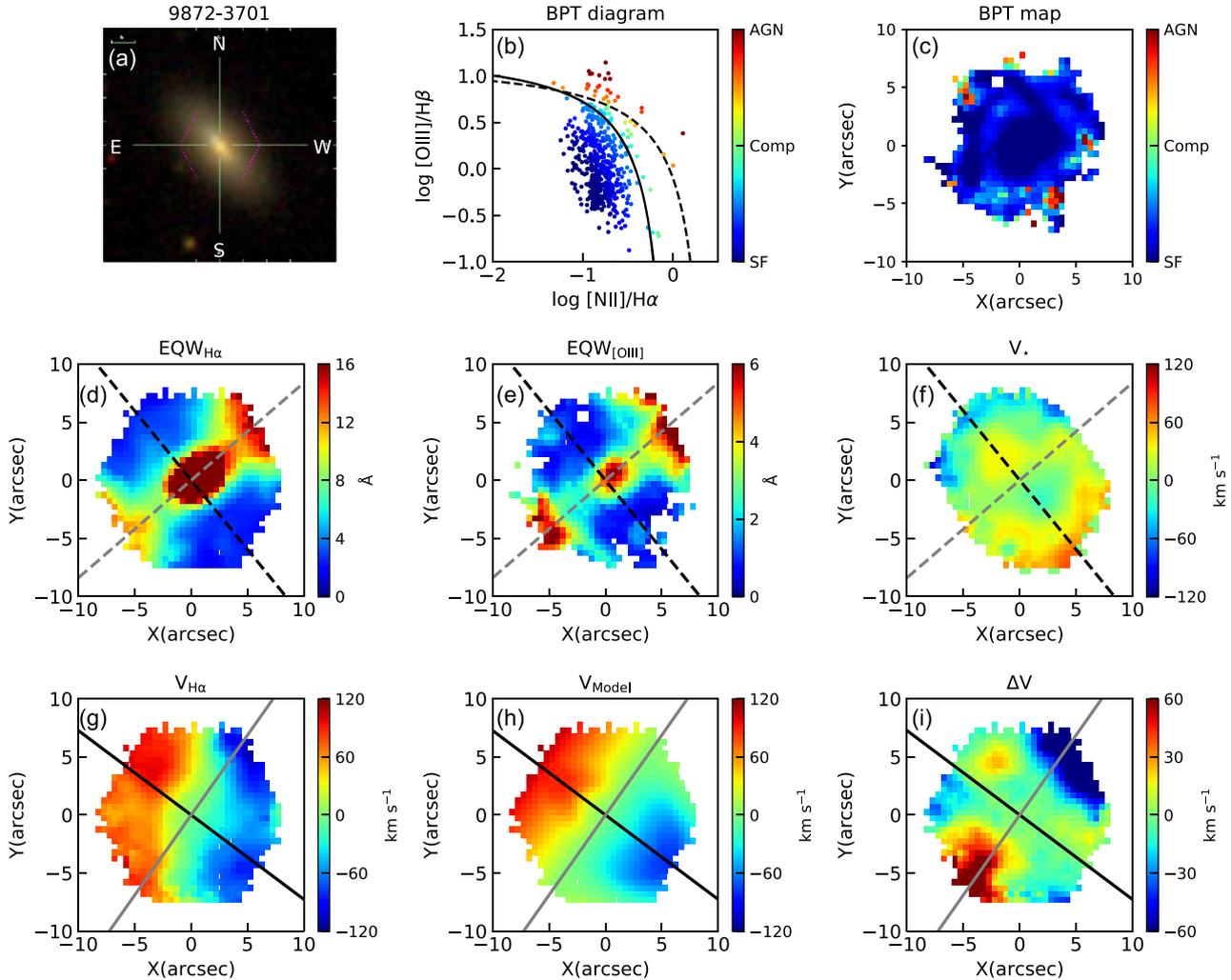
(v) The median  $[\text{O III}]\lambda 5007$  equivalent width ( $[\text{O III}]$  EQW) of spaxels along the minor axis is higher than that along the major axis.

Finally, we select 386 SFGs as the parent sample. We inspect the EQW maps of  $[\text{O III}]$  and  $\text{H}\alpha$ , and find 36 of them (red stars in Fig. 1a) having galactic-scale outflow features in both maps.

Fig. 2 shows an example of the SFGs with galactic-scale outflows. Fig. 2(a) is the  $g, r, i$  colour image from the SDSS survey. Figs 2(b) and (c) show the BPT diagram and resolved BPT map. In Fig. 2(b), the black solid curve shows the demarcation between starburst galaxies and AGNs defined by Kauffmann et al. (2003) and the black dashed curve shows the demarcation proposed by Kewley et al. (2001). In both Figs 2(b) and (c), the blue pixels mark the star-forming region, the green pixels mark the composite region with contributions from

both AGN/shock and star formation, and the red pixels mark the AGN/shock region. The colour scheme is quantified by the distance of each pixel to the dashed curve (Kauffmann et al. 2003) in Fig. 2(b). It is clear that this galaxy is star forming dominated. The bipolar structure of outflows is obvious in the  $\text{H}\alpha$  EQW and  $[\text{O III}]$  EQW maps in Figs 2(d) and (e).

The stellar velocity map in Fig. 2(f) shows two counterrotating stellar discs. The gas velocity map traced by  $\text{H}\alpha$  in Fig. 2(g) follows a regularly rotated gas disc with multiple velocity components in the bipolar region. Fig. 2(h) shows the best fit of the observed velocity field, which follows the method of Krajnović et al. (2006) and assumes circular orbits in a thin disc. We refer the reader to Krajnović et al. (2008, 2011) for more details. The model is expressed as  $V(R, \psi) = V_C(R) \sin(i) \cos(\psi)$ , where  $R$  is the radius of a circular orbit in the galactic plane,  $V_C$  is the  $\text{H}\alpha$  circular velocity at radius  $R$  and is defined as the velocity along the major axis in each 0.5 arcsec bin,  $i$  is the inclination angle, and  $\psi$  is the azimuthal angle



**Figure 2.** (a) SDSS  $g, r, i$  colour image. (b) BPT diagram. The black solid curve shows the demarcation between starburst galaxies and AGNs defined by Kauffmann et al. (2003), and the black dashed curve shows the demarcation proposed by Kewley et al. (2001). The blue pixels designate the star-forming region, the green pixels mark the composite region with contributions from both AGN/shock and star formation, and the red pixels represent the AGN/shock region. (c) The spatially resolved BPT diagram. The colour definition is same as panel (b). (d) Equivalent width map of  $H\alpha$ : the black dashed line marks the photometric major axis, while the grey dashed line marks the photometric minor axis; (e) Equivalent width map of  $[O III]\lambda 5007$ : the black and grey dashed lines are same as panel (d). (f) Velocity map of stars: the black and grey dashed lines are same as panel (d). (g) Velocity map of  $H\alpha$ : the black solid line marks the kinematic major axis, while the grey solid line marks the kinematic minor axis. (h) Circular disc model: the black and grey solid lines are same as panel (g). (i) Residual ( $V_{H\alpha} - V_{Model}$ ) after subtracting the disc model from the  $H\alpha$  velocity field: the black and grey solid lines are same as panel (g).

measured from the major axis in the galactic plane with a coverage of  $[0, 2\pi]$ . We subtract the disc model from  $H\alpha$  velocity field and the residual is shown in Fig. 2(i). The bipolar galactic-scale outflows in Fig. 2(i) is quite obvious. The outward ionized gas moves towards the Earth in the north-west, while it moves away in the south-east. The maximum projected velocity of galactic outflows equals  $109 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ . After inclination angle ( $i_{disc} = 55^\circ$ ) correction, the actual velocity is larger than  $150 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ , which means the star-formation-driven outflows are quite powerful in this case.

### 2.3 Control sample

In order to quantify the influence of outflows on the evolution of host galaxies, we build a control sample of galaxies without outflow features. For each SFG with galactic-scale outflows (SFOs), we select five control galaxies (CGs, blue stars in Fig. 1a) which are closely matched in three-dimensional space of stellar mass ( $|\Delta \log M_*| <$

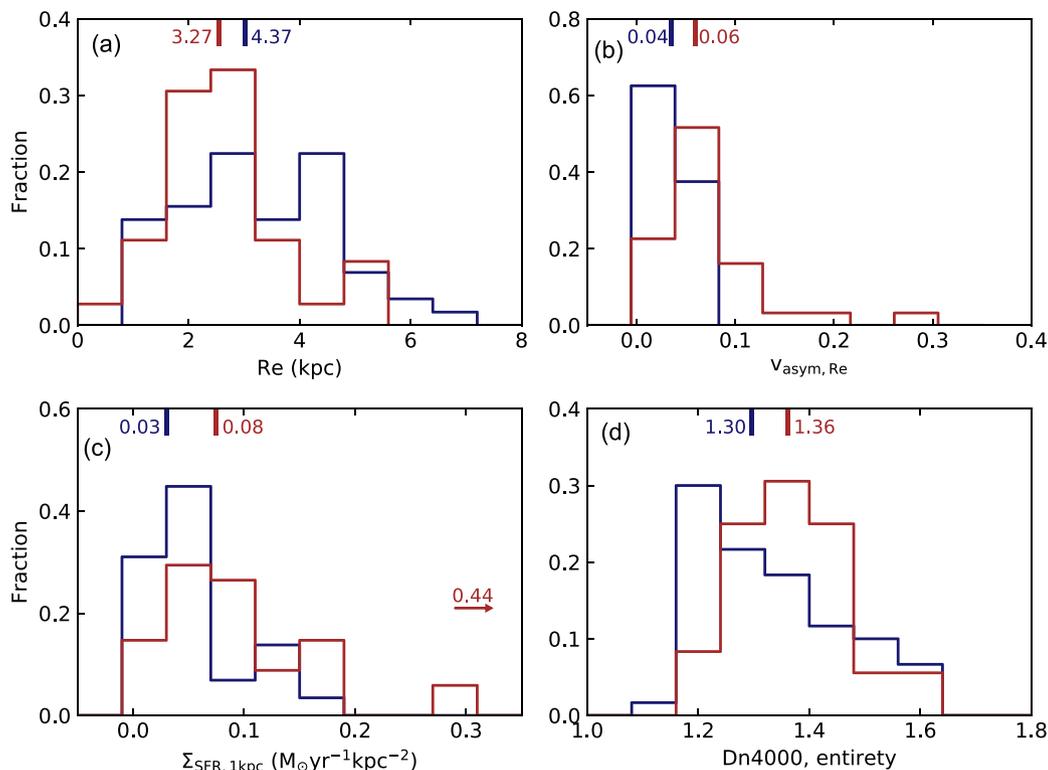
$0.1$ ), SFR ( $|\Delta \log \text{SFR}| < 0.2$ ), and inclination angle ( $|\Delta i| < 5^\circ$ ). The distributions of those properties of SFOs and CGs are displayed in Figs 1(c)–(e). Moreover, the redshift distributions of SFOs and CGs (see Fig. 1b) are consistent.

The motivation for choosing these three matching parameters is the following: (i) stellar mass is the most fundamental parameter and many other physical properties are known to vary strongly with stellar mass; (ii) matched SFR implies similar activity in SFOs and CGs to probe the driven mechanism of outflows; (iii) the inclination angle constraint ensures similar projection effects on SFOs and CGs.

## 3 INFLUENCE OF OUTFLOWS ON HOSTS

### 3.1 Global properties

The comparison in the global properties between SFOs and CGs can help explore the origin of galactic-scale outflows. The parameters



**Figure 3.** (a) Effective radius distributions. (b) Gas velocity field asymmetry distributions. (c) Central (1 kpc) SFR surface density distributions. (d) Light-weighted stellar population age index ( $Dn4000$ ) distributions.

concerned in this section include galaxy size traced by effective radius, kinematic stability traced by asymmetry of gas velocity map, and stellar population properties traced by SFR surface density or stellar population age.

In Fig. 3, the red/blue histogram represents the distribution of physical properties of SFOs/CGs, while the red/blue bar on the top of each panel shows the median of each parameter of SFOs/CGs. Fig. 3(a) shows that the effective radius of SFOs is smaller than the CGs. We obtain both  $R_{50}$  (Petrosian 50 percent light radius) and  $R_{90}$  (Petrosian 90 percent light radius) from the NYU value-added catalogue (Blanton et al. 2005) and calculate the concentration ( $C = R_{90}/R_{50}$ ). The distributions of  $C_{SFO}$  and  $C_{CG}$  match each other, thus SFOs tend to be smaller in physical sizes compared to the CGs.

The asymmetry of gas velocity field can indicate the turbulence in gas disc. Previous studies have reported that properties of ionized gas at the effective radius are representative of the average properties of galaxies (González Delgado et al. 2015; Sánchez et al. 2016b), thus we choose the asymmetry at effective radius ( $v_{\text{asym, Re}}$ ) for comparison. The distributions in Fig. 3(b) show higher asymmetric gas kinematics in the SFOs, which could be contributed by gas accretion or galaxy interaction.

Observationally, galactic-scale outflows are a general consequence of high SFR surface density (Heckman et al. 2002; Chen et al. 2010). In Fig. 3(c), we compare the  $\Sigma_{\text{SFR, 1 kpc}}$  between SFOs and CGs and find that the central regions of SFOs are more active than the CGs. The active star formation implies the birth of young stellar population. However, the global 4000 Å break in SFOs turns out to be higher than CGs (Fig. 3d), which indicates older global stellar population.

In terms of the galactic-scale outflows host galaxies, the higher global  $Dn4000$  implies the generally older stellar population, while the higher  $\Sigma_{\text{SFR, 1kpc}}$  invokes ongoing star formation in the galactic

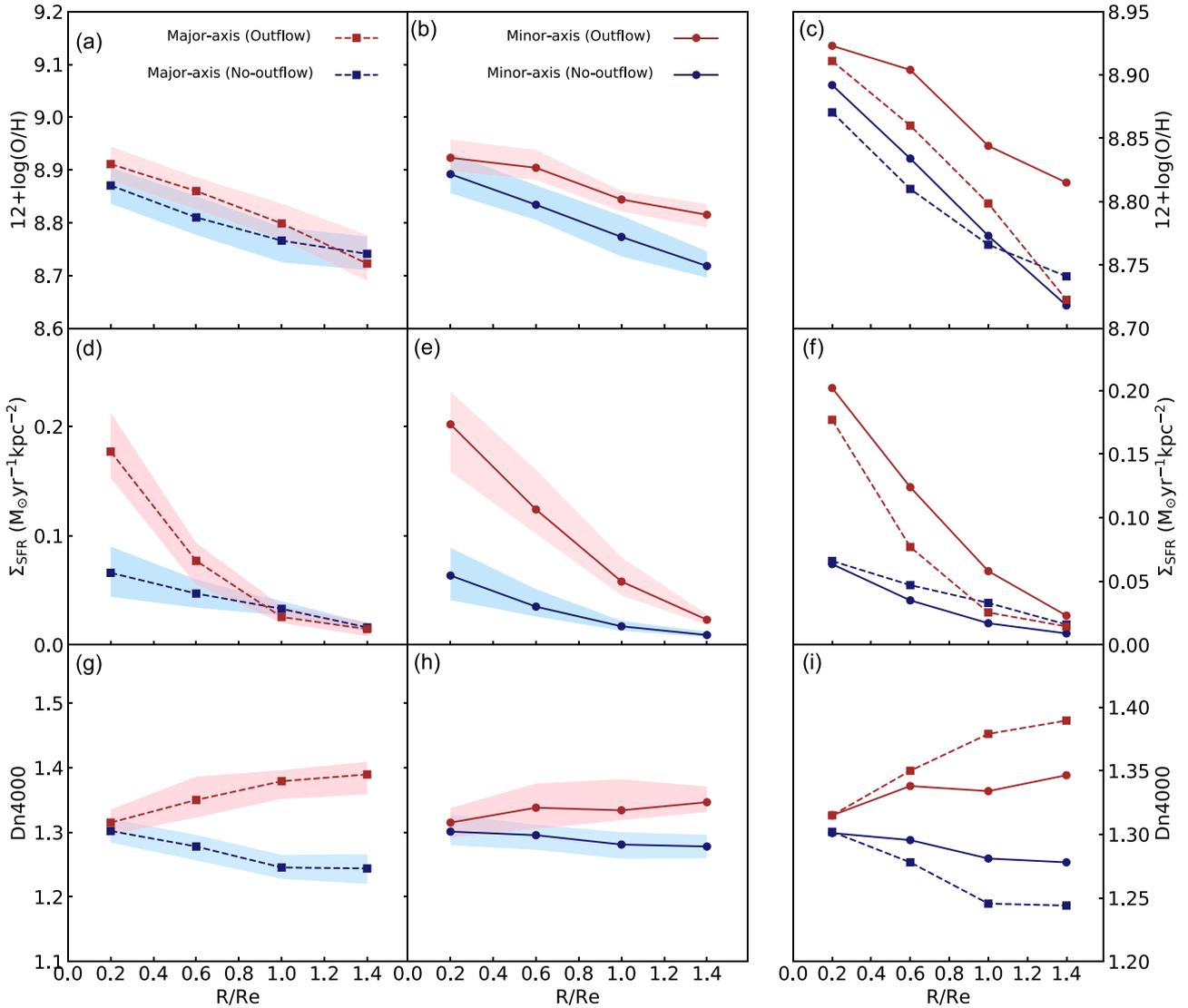
centre. Considering that SFOs have similar SFR but smaller physical size than CGs, they could go through strong star formation recently. The centrally concentrated star formation in SFOs can be triggered by gas accretion or galaxy interaction, which is shown as asymmetric gas disc. Besides, the radiation pressure from the star formation further drives the powerful galactic-scale outflows.

### 3.2 Enhanced star formation and metallicity in outflows

In this section, we focus on comparing gas-phase metallicity, star formation activity, as well as stellar population age in galactic-scale outflows (minor axis) and along stellar disc (major axis). Through this kind of comparison, we would have an idea about how the star-formation-driven galactic-scale outflows influence the evolution of host galaxies.

From top to bottom, Fig. 4 shows the gradients of gas-phase metallicity, SFR surface density, and indicator of light-weighted stellar population age ( $Dn4000$ ). The galactocentric distance is normalized to the effective radius and binned in units of  $0.4R_e$ . In the left column of Fig. 4, the red/blue square marks the median in each radial bin along the major axis of SFOs/CGs. The red/blue dashed profile represents the radial gradient along the major axis of SFOs/CGs. In the middle column of Fig. 4, the red/blue circle marks the median in each radial bin along the minor axis of SFOs/CGs. The red/blue solid profile represents the radial gradient along the minor axis of SFOs/CGs. The pink/sky blue shadow in those two columns covers 40 per cent–60 per cent error bar range around the gradient of SFOs/CGs. Besides, the profiles of each property are collected in the corresponding panel in the right column of Fig. 4.

The gas-phase metallicity along major axis of SFOs is higher than CGs in Fig. 4(a), and the gradients are similar. The metallicity



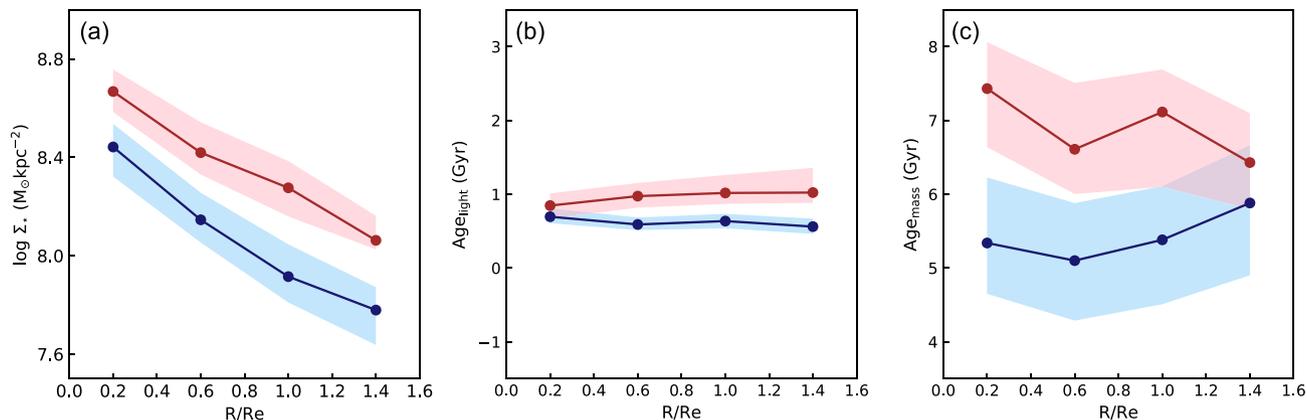
**Figure 4.** The red dashed/solid profile represents the gradient along the major/minor axis of SFOs, on which the red squares/circles mark the median in each  $0.4Re$  bin. The pink shadows covers 40 per cent–60 per cent error bar range around the medians in SFOs. The blue dashed/solid profile represents the gradient along the major/minor axis of CGs, on which the blue squares/circles mark the median in each  $0.4Re$  bin. The sky blue shadows covers 40 per cent–60 per cent error bar range around the medians in CGs. The last panel in each row gathers the gradients in SFOs and CGs. (a, b, c) The gas-phase metallicity gradients. (d, e, f) The SFR surface density gradients. (g, h, i) The light-weighted stellar population age index ( $Dn4000$ ) gradients.

along minor axis of SFOs is also higher than CGs in Fig. 4(b), while the gradient in SFOs is shallower. In Fig. 4(c), the slopes of the gradients along major and minor axes of CGs, as well as gradient along major axis of SFOs approximately equal  $0.1 \text{ dex}/Re$ , which is coincident with the typical metallicity gradient of star-forming galaxies (Schaefer et al. 2020). The metallicity in the central  $0.4Re$  of both SFOs and CGs are approximative. The gradients along major and minor axes of CGs are consistent in each radial bin. However, in the outer  $0.4Re$  of SFOs, the metallicity along minor axis is  $0.15 \text{ dex}$  higher than major axis. Those enriched metals along minor axis of SFOs could be entrained by the galactic-scale outflows.

SFR describes the activity of ongoing star formation which happens in the recent  $10^{6-7} \text{ yr}$ . The SFR surface density along major axis of SFOs is higher than CGs (Fig. 4d). Considering the similar SFR in SFOs and CGs (Fig. 1b), the smaller physical size of SFOs (Fig. 3a) causes denser star formation activities. Besides, the  $\Sigma_{\text{SFR}}$  in

central  $0.4Re$  of SFOs is obviously higher than the outer  $0.4Re$ , while such difference is small in CGs. This tendency further proves that the active star formation in the centre of SFOs could be the trigger mechanism for the powerful outflows. Similar gradients along minor axes are shown in Fig. 4(e). In Fig. 4(f), the  $\Sigma_{\text{SFR}}$  gradients along major and minor axes of CGs are consistent, while the  $\Sigma_{\text{SFR}}$  along minor axes of SFOs is entirely higher than major axis, which is a direct evidence for the star formation enhancement in the galactic-scale outflows.

Light-weighted stellar population age, which can be indicated by  $Dn4000$ , traces the generation of young stellar population in galaxies. Such a parameter implies the average intensity of star formation in  $10^9 \text{ yr}$  time-scale. In Figs 4(g) and (h),  $Dn4000$  along both major and minor axes of SFOs are higher than CGs, which means that the global stellar population in SFOs is older. On this basis, the similar global SFR in SFOs and CGs implies a recent star formation in



**Figure 5.** The colour and mark settings are same as Fig. 4. (a) The stellar mass surface density gradients along the minor axis. (b) The light-weighted age gradients along the minor axis. (c) The mass-weighted age gradients along the minor axis.

SFOs that may be triggered by gas accretion or galaxy interaction. Comparing the  $Dn4000$  gradients in Fig. 4(i), we find that the stellar population along the minor axis of SFOs is younger than the major axis. The existence of younger stellar population along the minor axis of SFOs further supports the enhanced ongoing star formation in the galactic-scale outflows.

## 4 DISCUSSION

A plenty of physical processes impact the star formation activities in the galaxy evolution, e.g. gas inflows, gas outflows, and galaxy interaction. To better understand this complex system, one of the key clues is to study the stellar population content at the current stage (Chen et al. 2010; Bizyaev et al. 2019).

IFU data have been widely used to analyse the radial gradients of the stellar population parameters in the spatially resolved manners (González Delgado et al. 2015; Erroz-Ferrer et al. 2019; Santucci et al. 2020). In this work, we collect SFGs that host galactic-scale outflows from the MaNGA survey. The active star formation and older stellar population along axes of SFOs suggest that the formation of stars in SFOs can be classified into two branches. One branch lodges in stellar disc and steadily forms following an inside-out process. The other dominates over the galactic centre and could be triggered by gas accretion or galaxy interaction recently.

### 4.1 Inside-out formation

The scenario that pristine gas is accreted from cosmic web or satellites (Robertson et al. 2006; Governato et al. 2007) and primarily collapses in the galactic centre is so-called inside-out formation. In such a process, stars in the galactic centre are formed prior to that in the outer disc (Dale et al. 2020), thus the stellar population in the central region is expected to be older (Peterken et al. 2020).

The negative  $Dn4000$  gradients along axes of CGs (blue profiles in Fig. 4i) follow the inside-out formation, while such gradients reverse in SFOs (red profiles in Fig. 4i). Some studies suggested evidence for an outside-in formation process, but only in low-mass dwarf galaxies (Pan et al. 2015; Sacchi et al. 2018). As shown in Fig. 5(a), the negative  $\Sigma_*$  gradients imply that stars formed earlier or more efficient in the central region of both SFOs and CGs. Besides, the negative metallicity gradients in SFOs and CGs (Fig. 4c) could be explained as the metal-rich stars assembling in the galactic centre

and metals being released to ISM by stellar winds or supernovae. Those stellar population property gradients are consistent with the inside-out formation scenario.

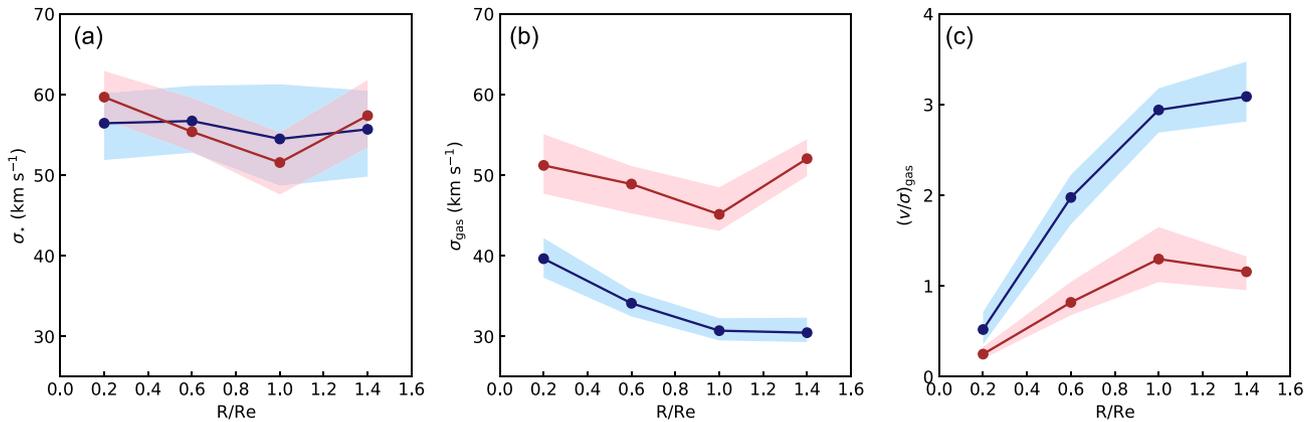
Figs 5(b) and (c) show the light- and mass-weighted stellar population age gradients, which trace the young and old stellar populations, respectively. Both the light- and mass-weighted stellar population ages in SFOs (red profiles in Figs 5b and c) are older than CGs (blue profiles in Figs 5b and c), while the difference in mass-weighted stellar population age is more prominent. Therefore, the old stellar population dominates the stellar components in SFOs.

In Fig. 4(f), the  $\Sigma_{\text{SFR}}$  along axes of SFOs (red profiles) is overall higher than CGs (blue profiles), which implies denser star formation in the outflows host galaxies recently. Besides, the steeply negative  $\Sigma_{\text{SFR}}$  gradients in SFOs suggest that the strong star formation is focused on the galactic centre. As shown in Fig. 4(i), it is the newborn stars that pull down the light-weighted stellar population age in the centre of SFOs.

### 4.2 Recent star formation

Fig. 6(a) shows the similar stellar velocity dispersion ( $\sigma_*$ ) along minor axis of SFOs and CGs, while Fig. 6(b) shows higher gas velocity dispersion ( $\sigma_{\text{gas}}$ ), traced by ionized Hydrogen ( $H\alpha$ ), along the minor axis of SFOs. The enhanced turbulence in the ionized gas of SFOs could be a combined result of gas accretion, gas outflows, and galaxy interaction. Such turbulence, which also behaves as more asymmetric gas kinematics in SFOs in Fig. 3(b), is a key factor in triggering the recent star formation.

We calculate the fraction of kinematically misaligned galaxies in SFOs and CGs, which are 22 percent and 7 percent. The fraction in CGs is consistent with the typical fraction in MaNGA survey (Jin et al. 2016), while the fraction in SFOs is three times higher. Simulations show that continuous gas accretion (Thakar & Ryden 1998) or galaxy interaction (Naab et al. 2014) can inject kinematically decoupled gas. In Fig. 6(c), the gas velocity to velocity dispersion ratio  $(v/\sigma)_{\text{gas}}$ , traced by ionized Hydrogen ( $H\alpha$ ), in SFOs (red profile) is lower than CGs (blue profile). This implies the consumption of gas angular momentum in SFOs, which is the result of the collision between the pre-existing and accreted gas. Under gravitation, the slow-rotating gas in SFOs would be accreted into the central region and trigger star formation.



**Figure 6.** The colour and mark settings are same as Fig. 4. (a) The stellar velocity dispersion gradients along the minor axis. (b) The gas velocity dispersion (traced by  $H\alpha$ ) gradients along the minor axis. (c) The gas velocity to velocity dispersion ratio (traced by  $H\alpha$ ) gradients along the minor axis.

The star formation in the centre of SFOs produces strong radiation pressure and further drives powerful outflows. In Fig. 4(f), the  $\Sigma_{\text{SFR}}$  along the minor axis (red solid profile) of SFOs is higher than the major axis (red dashed profile), which demonstrates star formation enhancement in the galactic-scale outflows. This enhancement, known as positive feedback, originates from the compression of molecular gas clouds along the path of galactic-scale outflows (Maiolino et al. 2017; Gallagher et al. 2019). In Fig. 4(i), the younger stellar population along the minor axis (red solid profile) of SFOs, compared to the major axis (red dashed line), also proves the birth of young stars in the galactic-scale outflows.

## 5 SUMMARY

In this paper, we study the physical properties of the star-forming galaxies which host SFOs. The CGs are matched in the three-dimensional parameter space of stellar mass, SFR, and inclination angle.

- We first compare the global properties between the SFOs and CGs. The SFOs are smaller in size and host older stellar population. However, the SFR surface density in the centre of SFOs is higher than the CGs. Combining the asymmetry of gas kinematics, these SFOs could undergo gas accretion or galaxy interaction recently which triggers star formation in the centre.

- The difference in the stellar population properties along axes between SFOs and CGs describes more detailed star formation progress. The negative slope of  $\Sigma_*$  and metallicity gradients in SFOs and CGs, as well as the  $Dn4000$  gradient in CGs, support the inside-out formation scenario, while the positive  $Dn4000$  gradient and higher  $\Sigma_{\text{SFR}}$  in SFOs imply the recent star formation in the galactic centre. Combining the kinematic property gradients of stars and gas, we suggest that the accreted gas triggers star formation in the centre of SFOs and further drives galactic-scale outflows.

- By comparing the stellar population properties in galactic-scale outflows (minor axis) and along stellar disc (major axis), we find enhanced star formation and metallicity in the galactic-scale outflows. Those are robust pieces of evidence for the positive feedback and metal entrainment in the galactic-scale outflows.

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