Ionized gas disks in Elliptical and S0 galaxies at z < 1

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ABSTRACT

We analyse the extended, ionized-gas emission of 24 early-type galaxies (ETGs) at 0 < z < 1 from the ESO Distant Cluster Survey (EDisCS). We discuss different possible sources of ionization and favour star-formation as the main cause of the observed emission. Ten galaxies have disturbed gas kinematics, while 14 have rotating gas disks. In addition, 15 galaxies are in the field, while 9 are in the infall regions of clusters. This implies that, if the gas has an internal origin, this is likely stripped as the galaxies get closer to the cluster centre. If the gas instead comes from an external source, then our results suggest that this is more likely acquired outside the cluster environment, where galaxy-galaxy interactions more commonly take place. We analyse the Tully-Fisher relation of the ETGs with gas disks, and compare them to EDisCS spirals. Taking a matched range of redshifts, $M_B < -20$, and excluding galaxies with large velocity uncertainties, we find that, at fixed rotational velocity, ETGs are 1.7 mag fainter in M_B than spirals. At fixed stellar mass, we also find that ETGs have systematically lower specific star-formation rates than spirals. This study constitutes an important step forward towards the understanding of the evolution of the complex ISM in ETGs by significantly extending the look-back-time baseline explored so far.

Key words: galaxies: elliptical and lenticular, cD -galaxies: evolution -galaxies: formation -galaxies: kinematics and dynamics -galaxies: ISM

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→ ETGs have long been regarded as a homogeneous population of passively-evolving galaxies (colour, fundamental plane, line strengths) → Owing to an increase in instrumental sensitivity in the last decades, a number of observations have gradually revealed the presence of a complex ISM in nearby ETGs (X-rays, HI, warm ionized gas, dust) → The new "slow and fast rotator" scheme of SAURON/ATLAS^{3D}

We found 24 ETGs with extended emission at 0<z<1, significantly extending the look-back-time baseline explored so far</p>

EDCSNJ1354073-1233336	EDCSNJ1354074-1233206	EDCSNJ1103485-1247452	EDCSNJ1354176-123226
z=0.767	z=0.818	z=0.767	z=0.478
EDCSNJ1227507-1139384	EDCSNJ1138115-1135008	EDCSNJ1228026-1139163	EDCSNJ1227577-1137211
z=0.873	z=0.183	z=0.343	2=0.545
EDGSNJ1138086-1131416	EDCSNJ1138170-1131411	EDCSNJ1354055-1234136	EDCSNJ1354049-1234087
z=0.504	z=0.261	z=0.514	z=0.662
0 0.2	0.4 0.6	0.8 1	1.2 1.4

They represent >12% of the emission-line galaxy population at z<1

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→ Kinematics (gas):

- 14 had regular disk kinematics
- and 10 showed signs of disturbed gas kinematics



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→ Source of ionization

From indicators such as:

- EW(H δ +H γ) vs. D4000
- [OII]/Hb ratios (always < 6.7)
- extent of emission
- colours (most in red sequence

but many are bluer)

We conclude that ionization is most likely caused by **star formation**, and not AGN activity or post-AGB stars.

→ Environment

Most ETGs are in the **field**, and the ones found in clusters are located in the **outskirts**



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→ The Tully Fisher relation E/S0s are 1.7 mag fainter than the spirals at fixed Vrot → The sSFR vs stellar mass relation Cluster ETGs have systematically lower sSFR, and field ETGs have the lowest sSFR and the highest stellar masses



The cupcake model:



An underlying old stellar population with a "frosting" of star formation



See Jaffé et al. (2014)