

Rotational Evolution of T Tauri and Herbig Ae/Be stars

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Gaia's view of Pre-Main Sequence Evolution:
Linking the T Tauri and Herbig Ae/Be stars

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Motivation

**Does magnetospheric accretion
scenario depend on mass?**

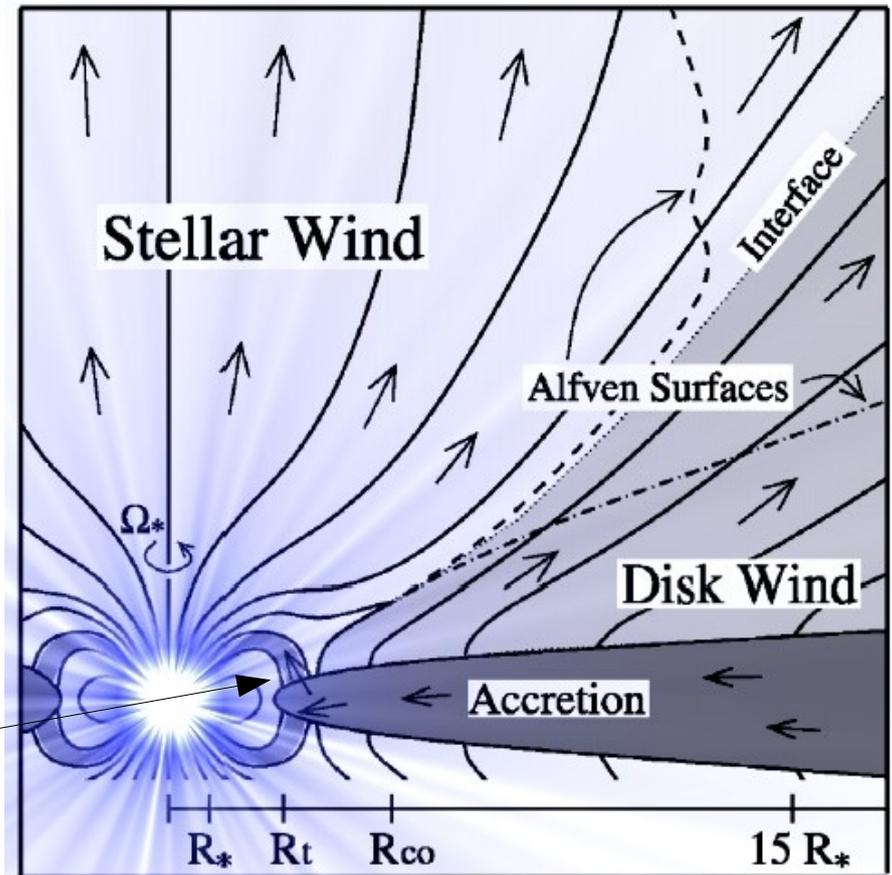
Context

CTTs $\leq 2M_{\odot}$ (Classical T Tauri stars)

H Ae Bes $> 2-10M_{\odot}$ (Intermediate Mass stars)

(Matt+2012)

- Both : Are young, exhibit IR and UV excesses, mass inflow and outflows, variability, magnetic activity, multiplicity, X-ray emission.

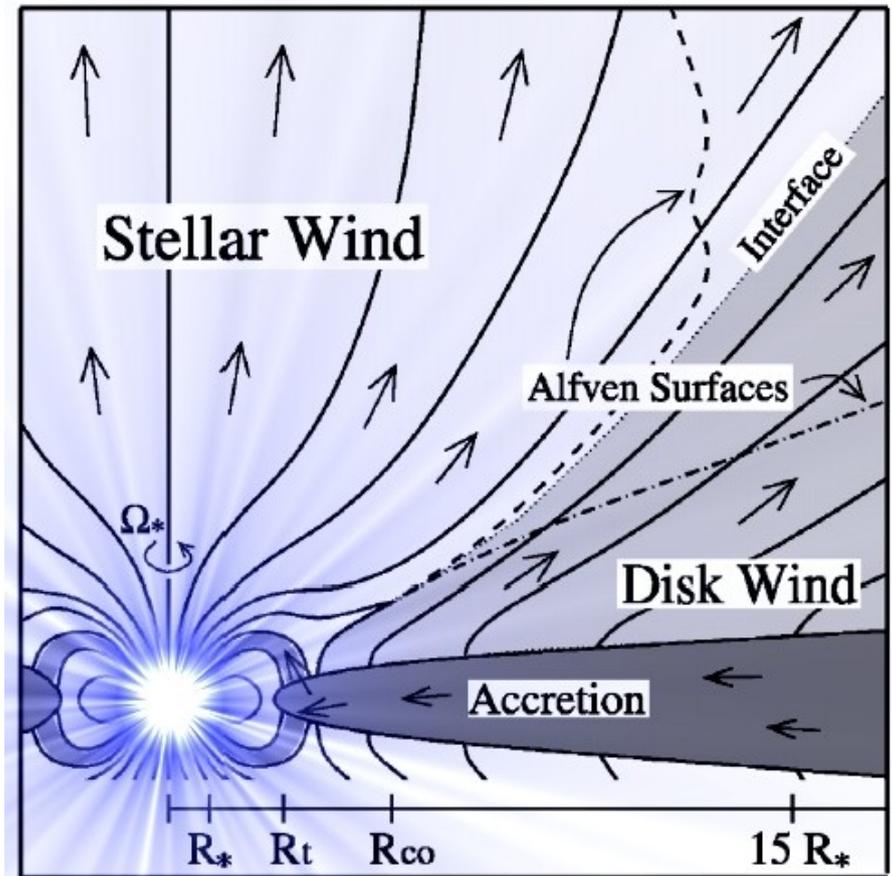


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Context

- HAeBes are crossing the region in the HR diagram where the convective envelope disappears. On the contrary, CTTs are fully convective.
- Absence of simultaneous occurrences of red(blue)-shifted absorption features in Herbig Bes is interpreted as Bes accrete disk material in a different way (Cauley+2015), **challenging the idea of a unique paradigm i.e. Magnetospheric Accretion, over the whole mass spectrum.**

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Stellar Rotation in accreting stars

CTTs

- Half of CTTs in larger samples are slow rotators. Spin down via star-disk interaction (Bouvier+1997,2013) and Stellar Winds (Matt+2012).
- The restant fraction are fast rotators usually assumed diskless stars.

HAeBes

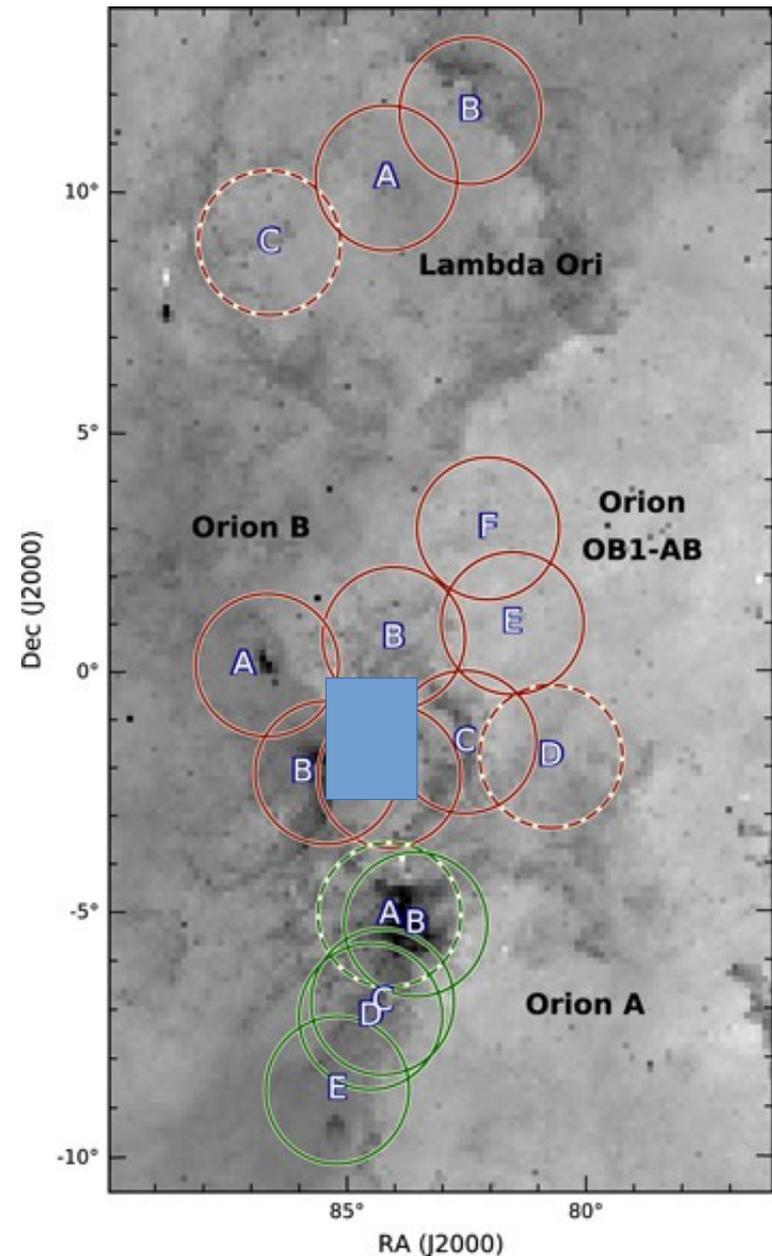
- Rotate faster due to they are bigger and with weaker magnetic fields (only 7-10% of positive detections) (Alecian+2013). **However, a more efficient braking is noted for magnetic HAeBes.**

Thus, it seems plausible that the loss of Angular Momentum (AM) is occurring under same mechanisms than in CTTs.

- Moreover, HAeBes are the progenitors of the Ap/Bp MS stars which have periods of a few days (Zorec+2012)

Our Approach

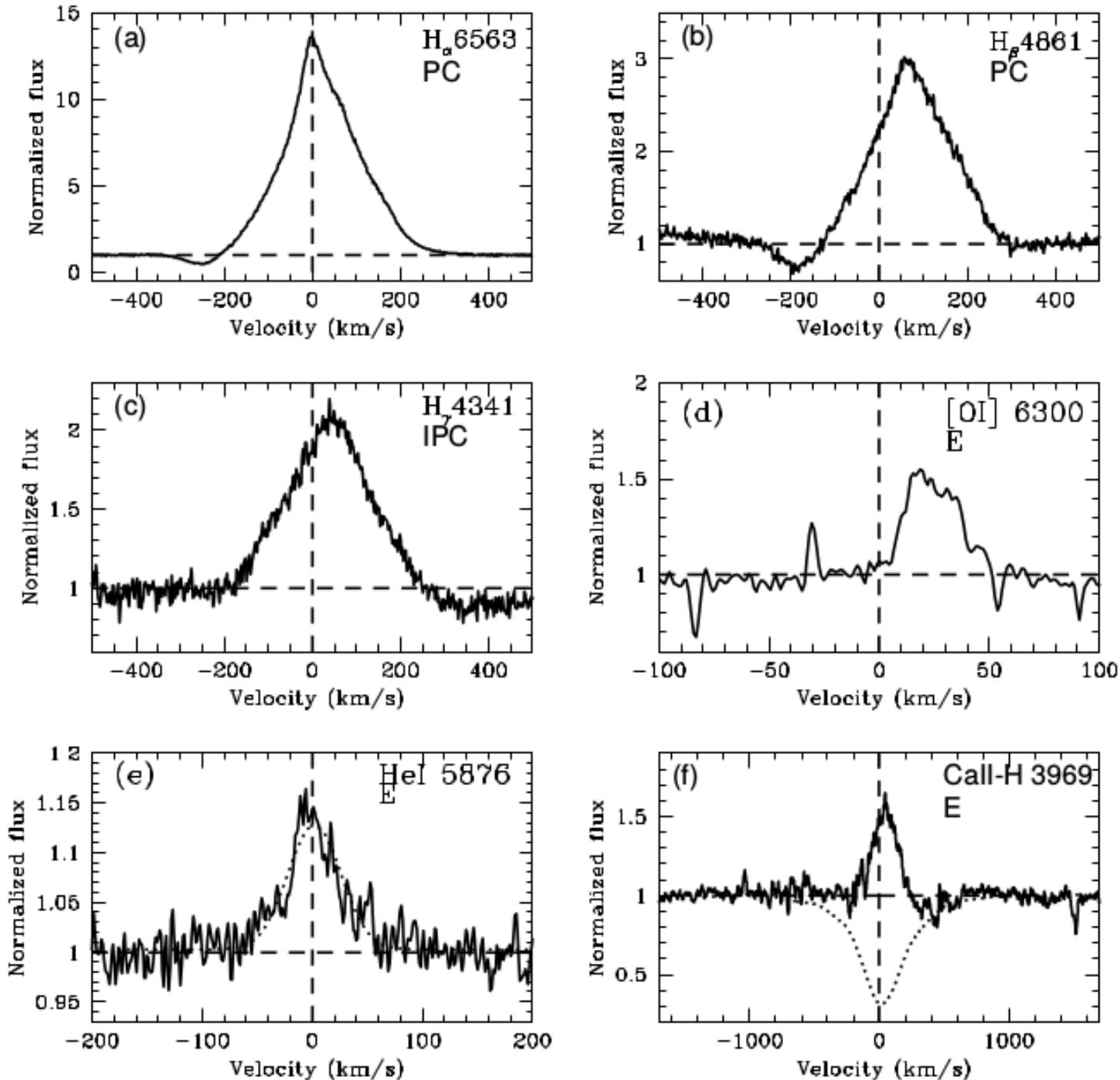
We take to the limit the main assumptions used for describing the spin evolution in CTTs, extending them up to higher masses. For this purpose we consider an **approximately coeval sample** of young stars covering the mass interval 0.2 to 4.0 M_{\odot} belonging to the Orion molecular complex.



Our Approach

- We selected 6 HAeBes belonging to Orion Star formation Complex ($\sim 1\text{My}$) and acquired High Resolution spectra with **FIES** spectrograph ($R\sim 68000$) (3680 – 7270Å) at **Nordic Optical Telescope** 2.5m. We measured ($v_e \sin i$) and conducted detailed analysis of line profiles .
- Also used data with similar resolution for 142 members of Sigma-Ori cluster ($\sim 3\text{My}$) obtained with **HECTOECHELLE** fiber fed multiobject spectrograph at the 6.5m Telescope of the MMT Observatory (MMTO). We measured ($v_e \sin i$) for 60 of them which exhibit Li I in absorption.

FIES line profiles of HIP26955



Stellar or
disk
winds ?

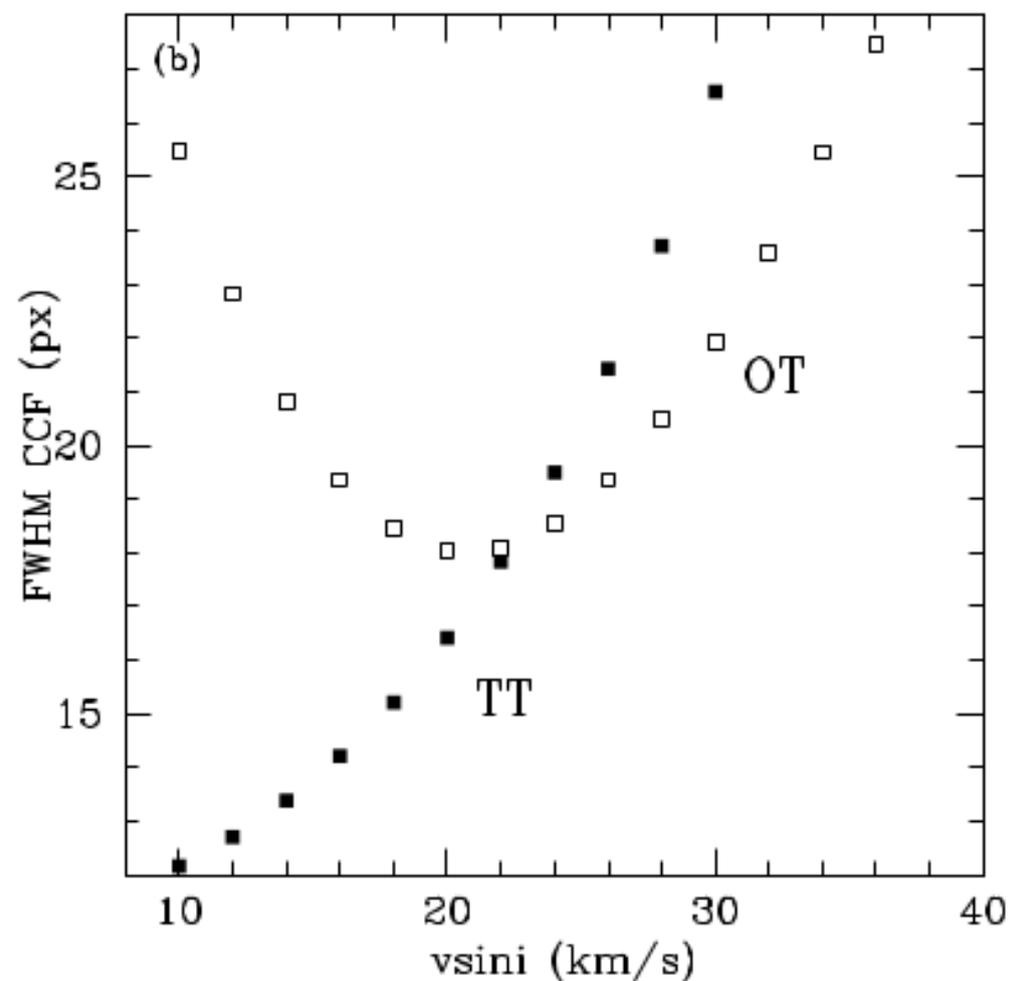
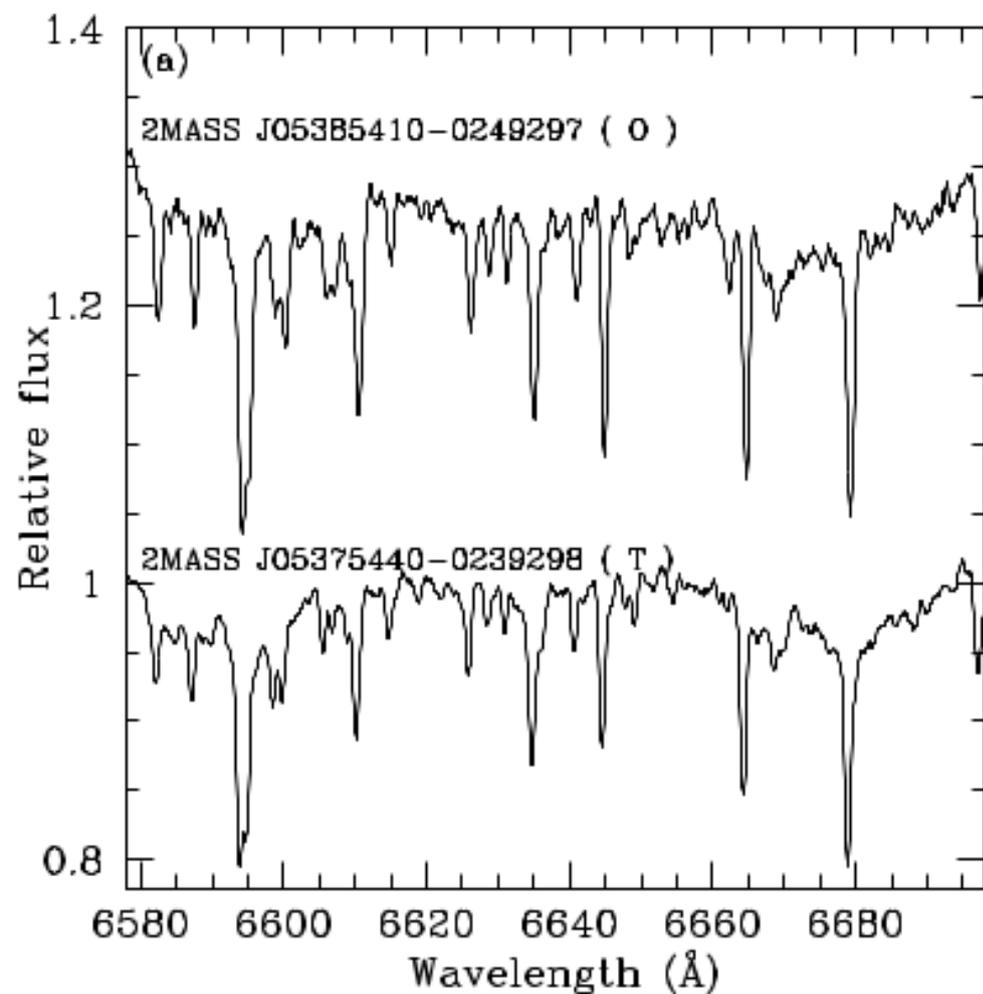
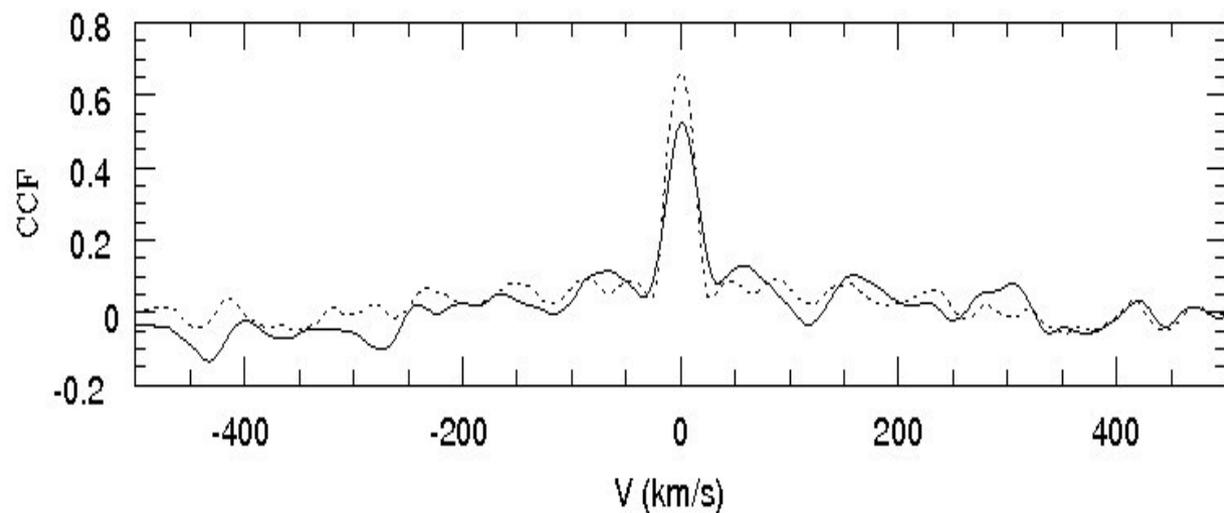
Stellar Parameters

- **Mass, radius and age** for each star were obtained by interpolating $(B-V)_0$ and M_V in (Siess+2000) and using **GAIA DR2 parallaxes**
- Mass outflow / inflow diagnostics (FIES)
- **Projected rotational velocities ($v_e \sin i$)**

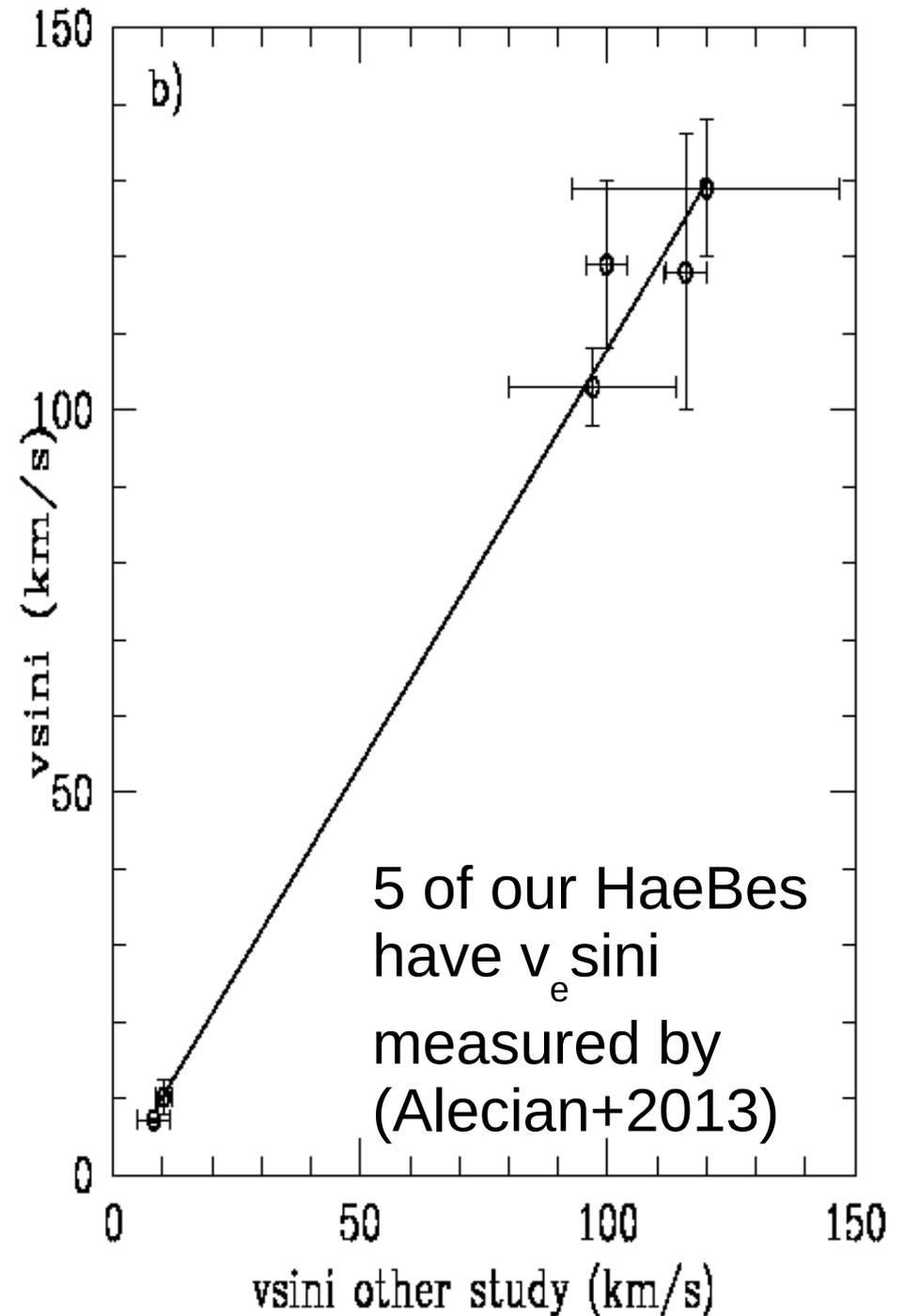
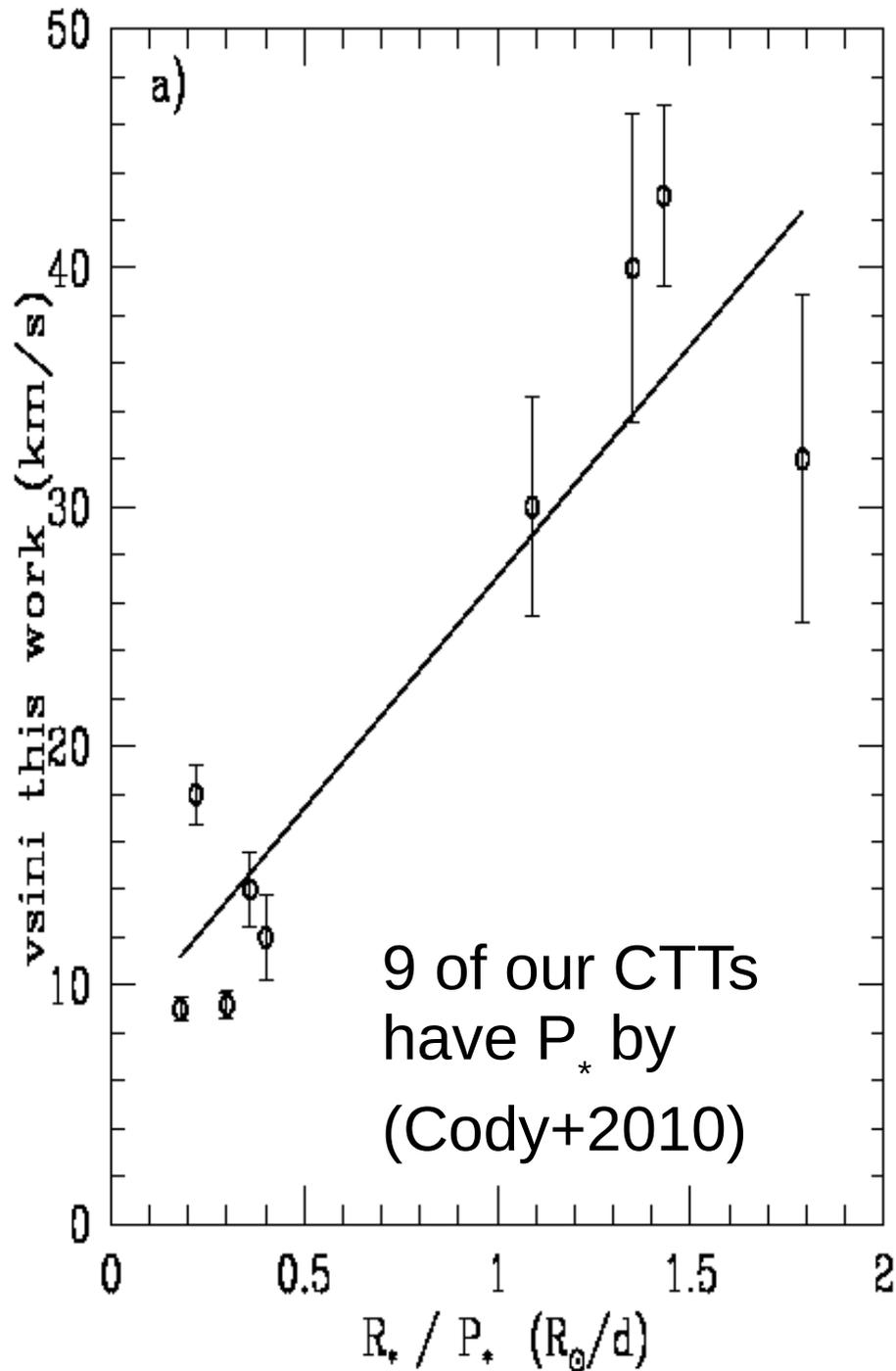
Computed through CCF of each star with one comparison spectrum with similar SpT, artificially broadened at different velocities.

We adopted as $v_e \sin i$ the value at which occurs the minimum of the FWHM of the parabola that better fits the peak of the CCF

$v_{\text{e}} \sin i$ measurements

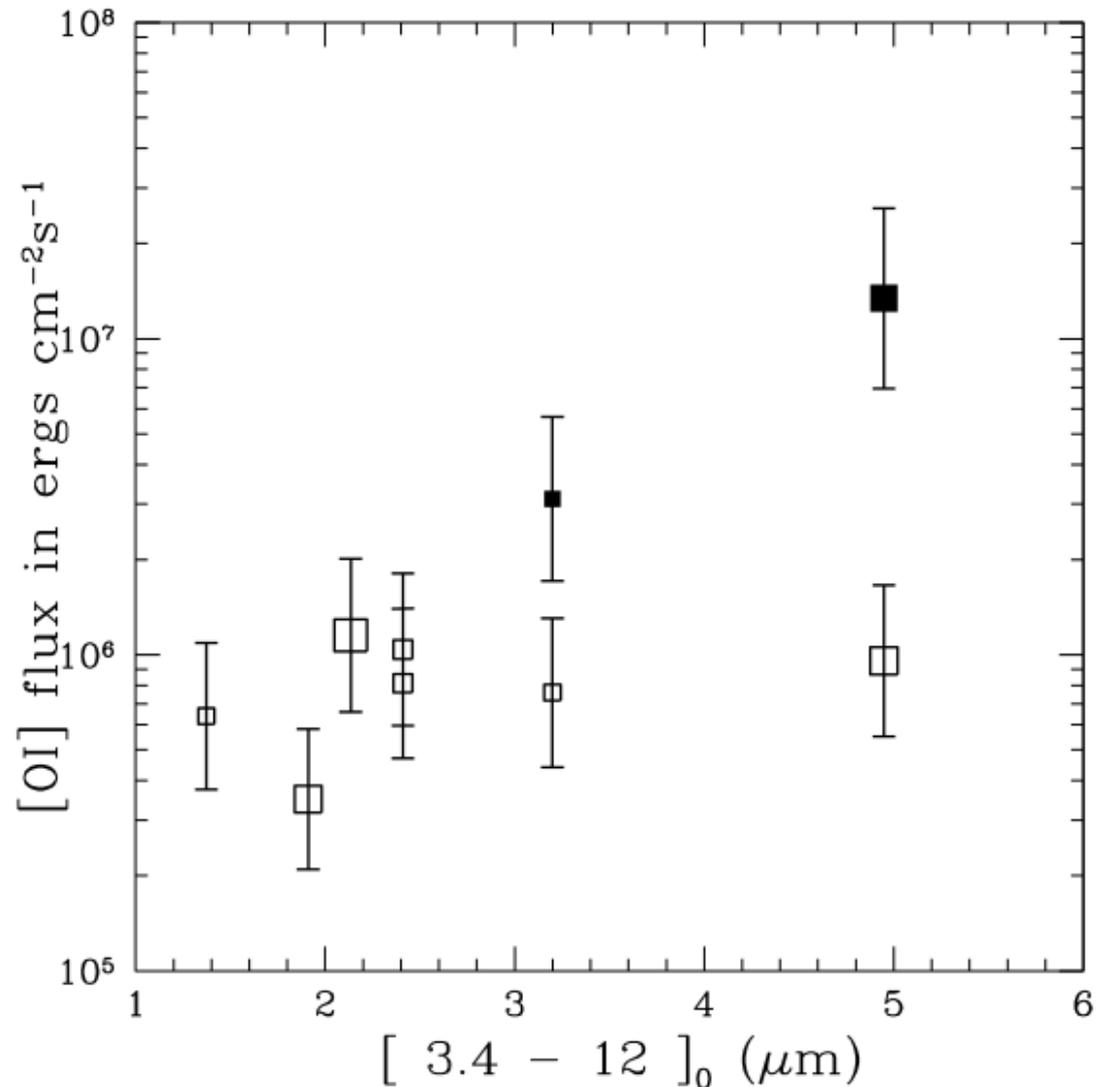


Comparison with other studies



- We used a spin evolution model carefully parametrized in order to explain the rotation measurements obtained in HAeBes by assuming that rotation of both CTTs and HAeBes is governed by the same physics

**Stellar winds powered
by accretion in
HAeBes ?**



Rotational evolution for stars with 0.13 – 7 Mo

Assuming that the stars rotate as a solid bodies, the angular momentum equation evolution can be computed for distinct masses in terms of :

$$\frac{d\Omega_*}{dt} = \frac{T_*}{I_*} - \Omega_* \left(\frac{\dot{M}_a}{M_*} + \frac{2}{R_*} \frac{dR_*}{dt} \right)$$

(Siess+2000)

$$T_* = \begin{cases} \dot{M}_a \delta J + \int_{R_T}^{R_{out}} \gamma(R) \frac{\mu^2}{R^4} dR - \dot{M}_w \Omega_* r_A^2 & \text{if } t < \tau_D \\ 0 & \text{if } t > \tau_D \end{cases}$$

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 $\frac{r_A}{R_*} = K \left(\frac{B_*^2 R_*^2}{\dot{M}_w v_{esc}} \right)^m$
 (Matt+2008)

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Stellar Accretion

The simplest way is consider that decays exponentially on time from an initial value at τ :

$$\dot{M}_a = \dot{M}_{a,0} e^{-\frac{(t-\tau_0)}{\tau_a}}$$

(Vidotto+2014)

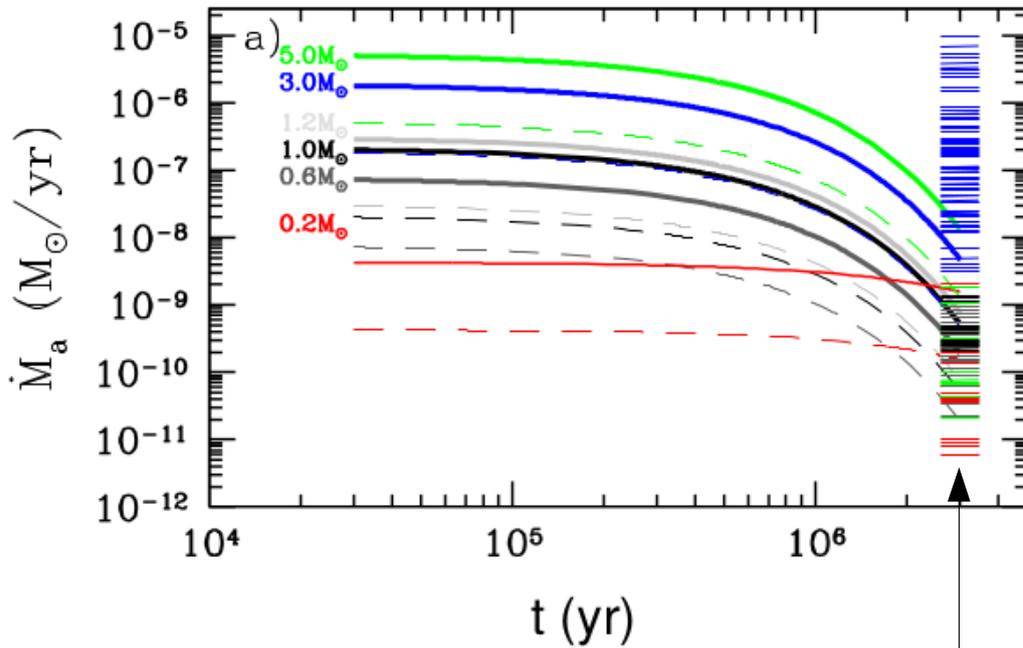
Magnetic field strength

(Landin+2010)

$$B_* = \begin{cases} B_0(\Omega_*) \frac{\tau_{c,*}(M_*, t) \Omega_*(M_*, t)}{\tau_{c,\odot} \Omega_\odot} & \text{for } 0.6 < M_* < 1.2 M_\odot \\ c(M_*) \frac{\Omega_*(M_*, t)}{\Omega_\odot} & \text{for } M_* < 0.6 \text{ and for } M_* > 1.2 M_\odot \end{cases}$$

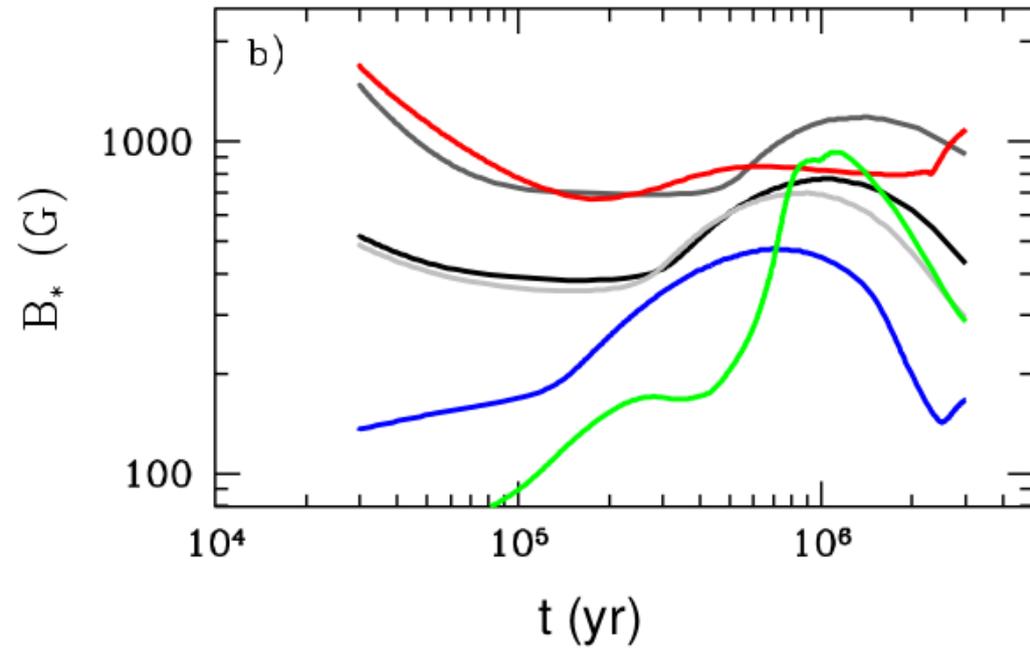
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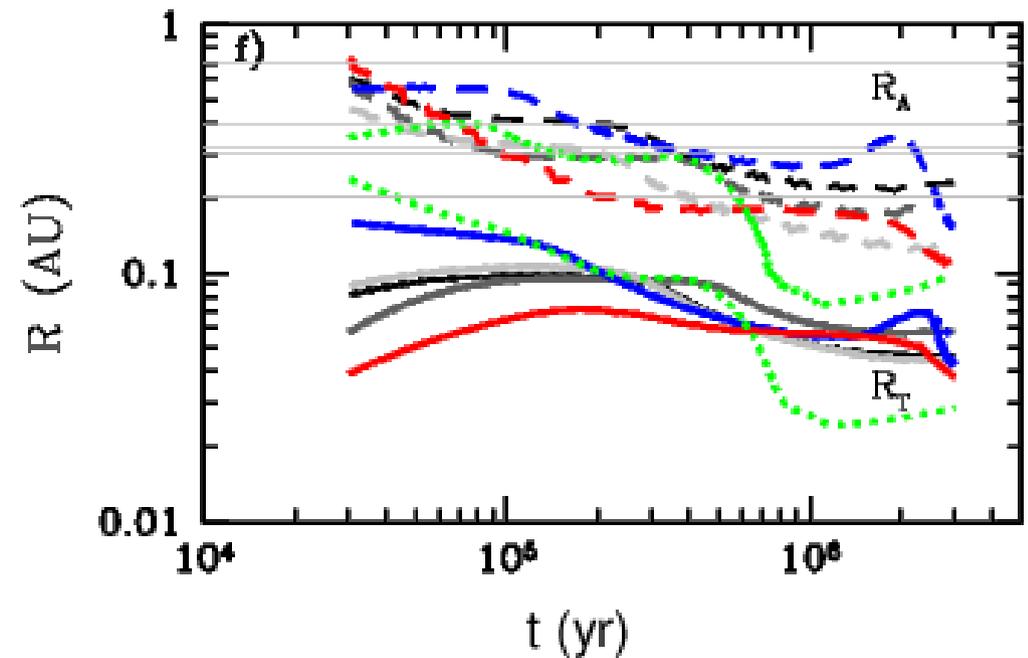
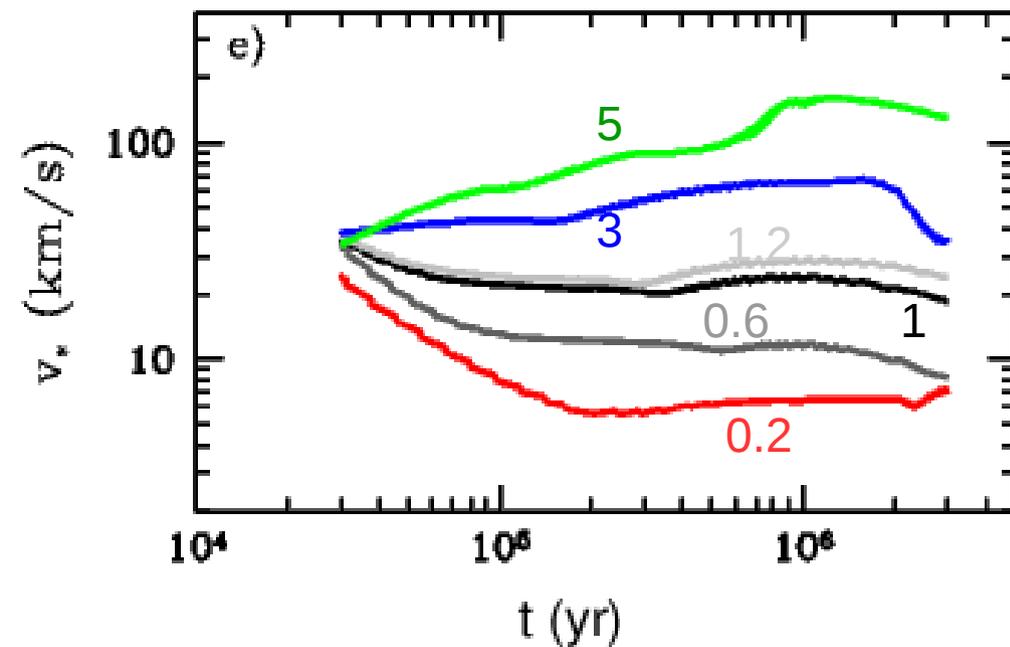
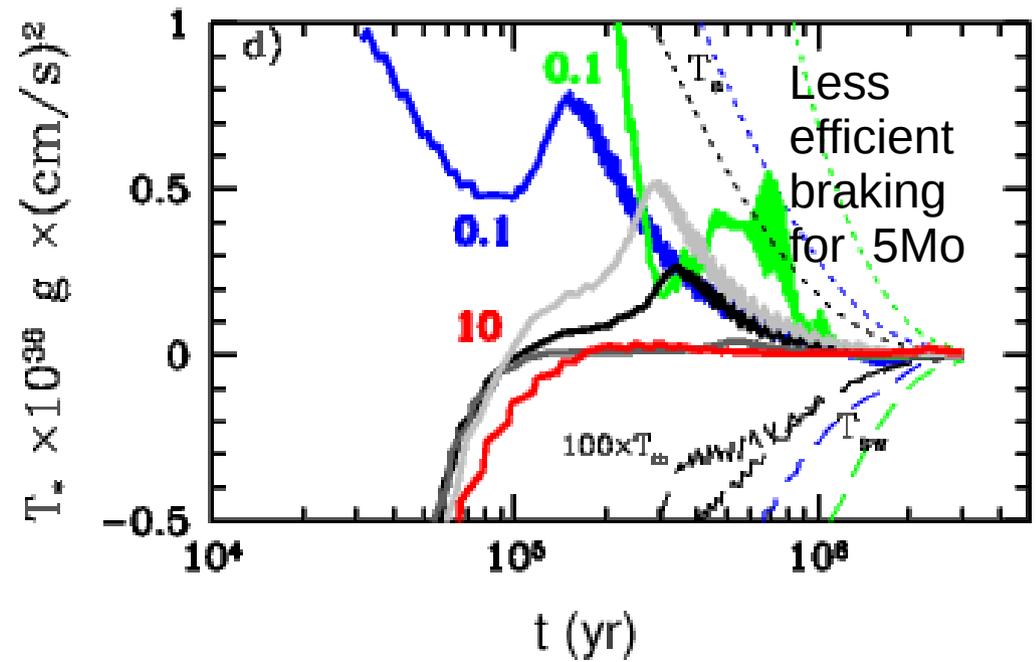
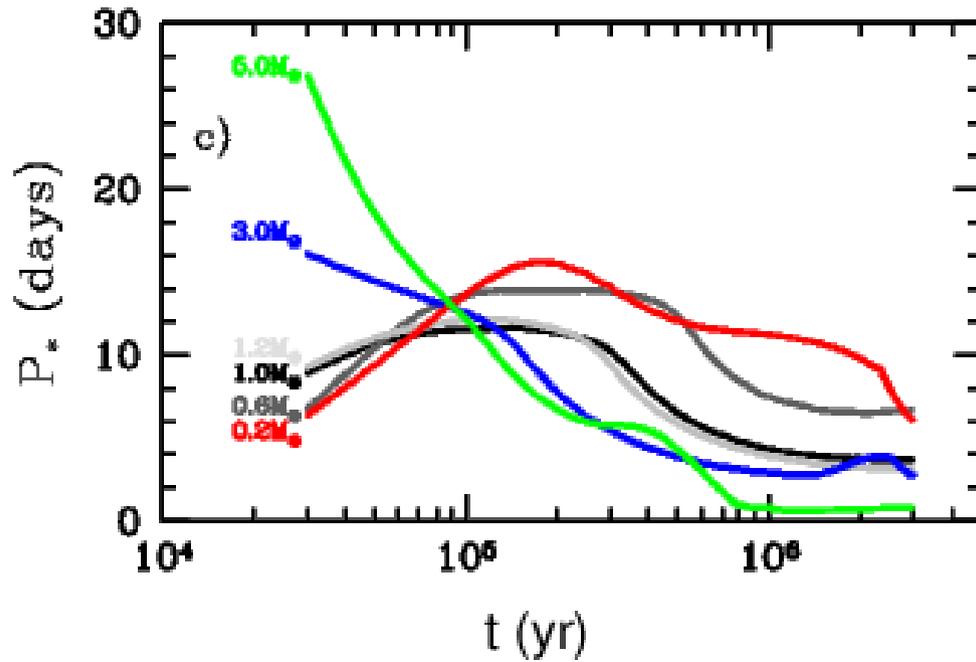


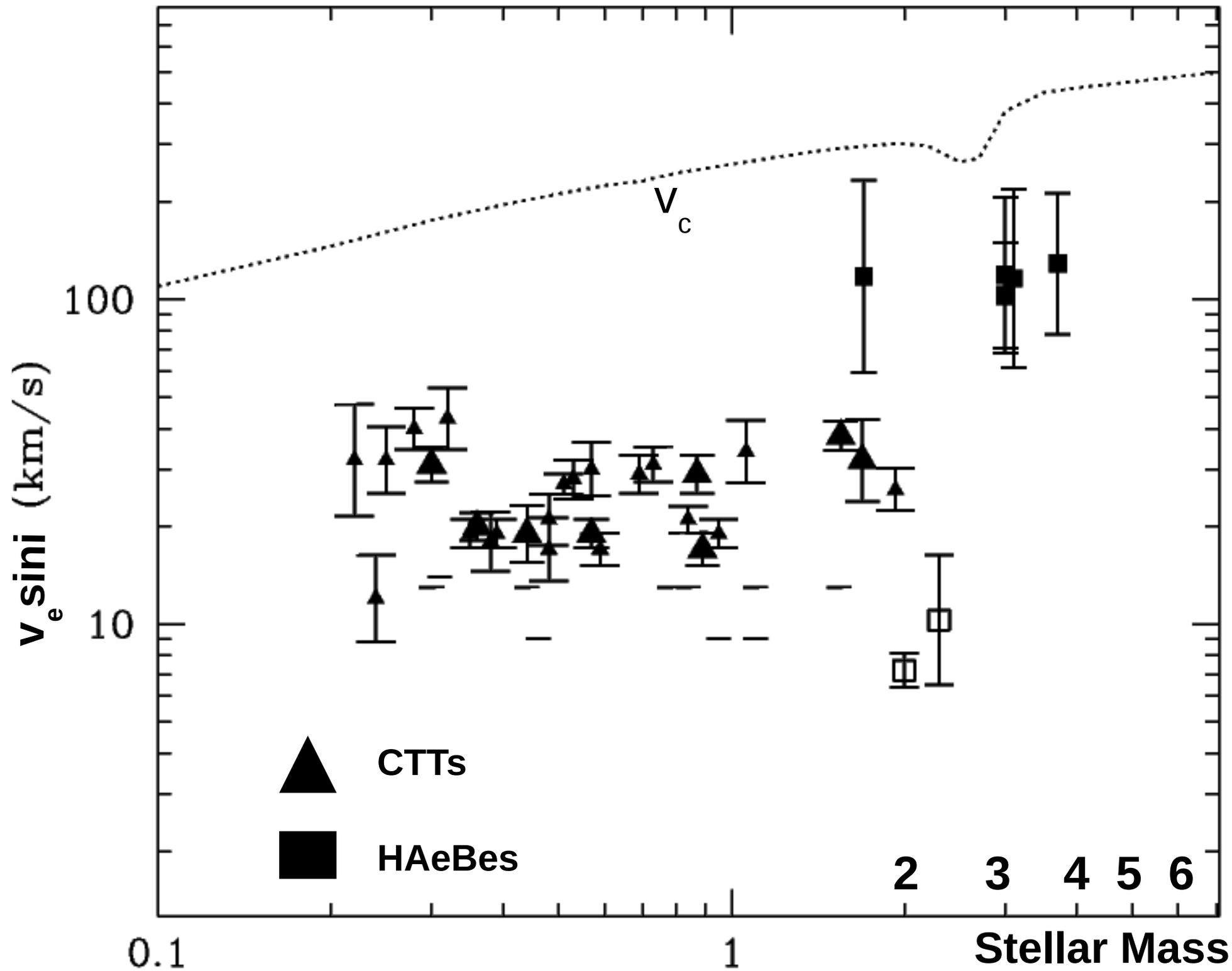
(Maucó+2016)

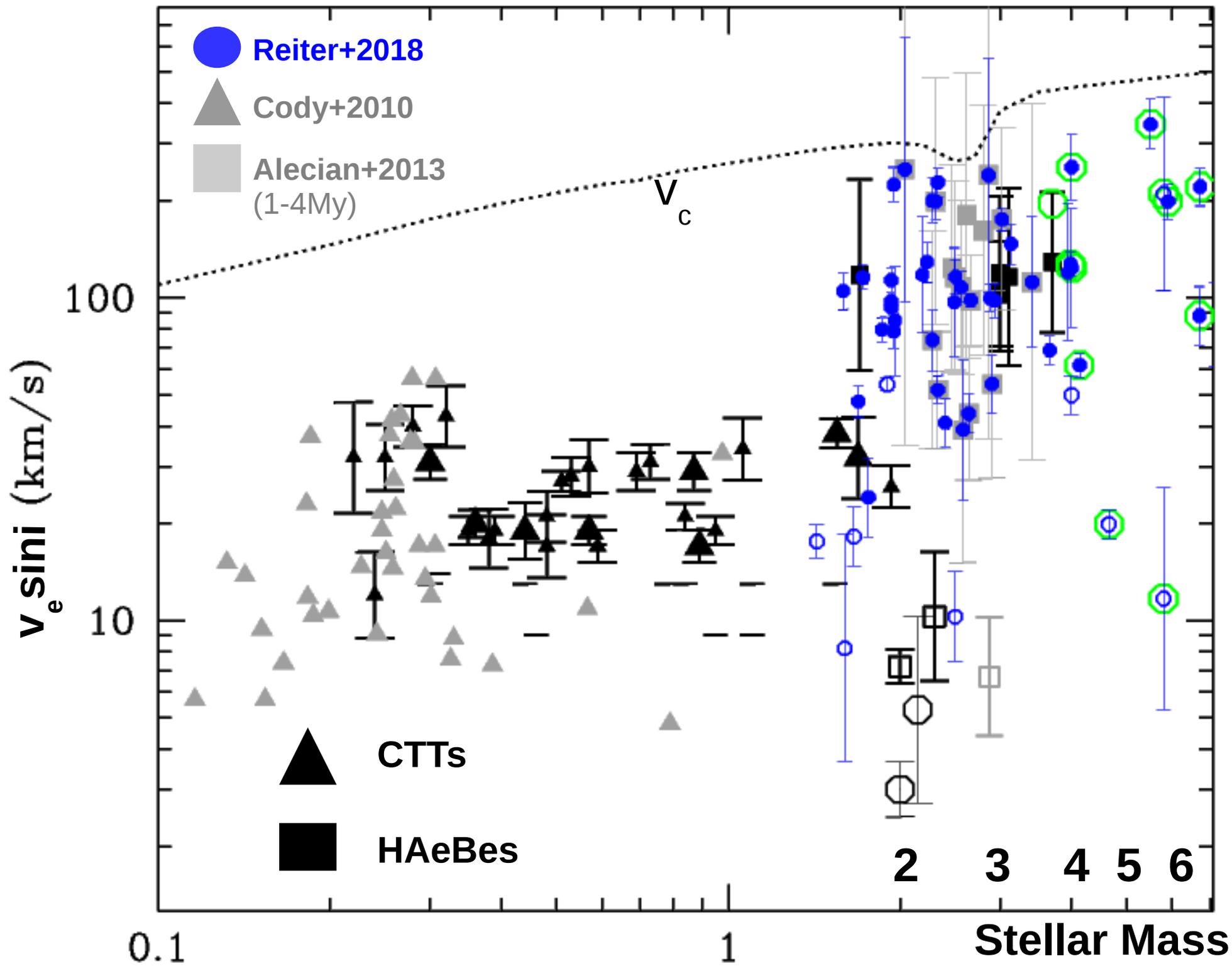
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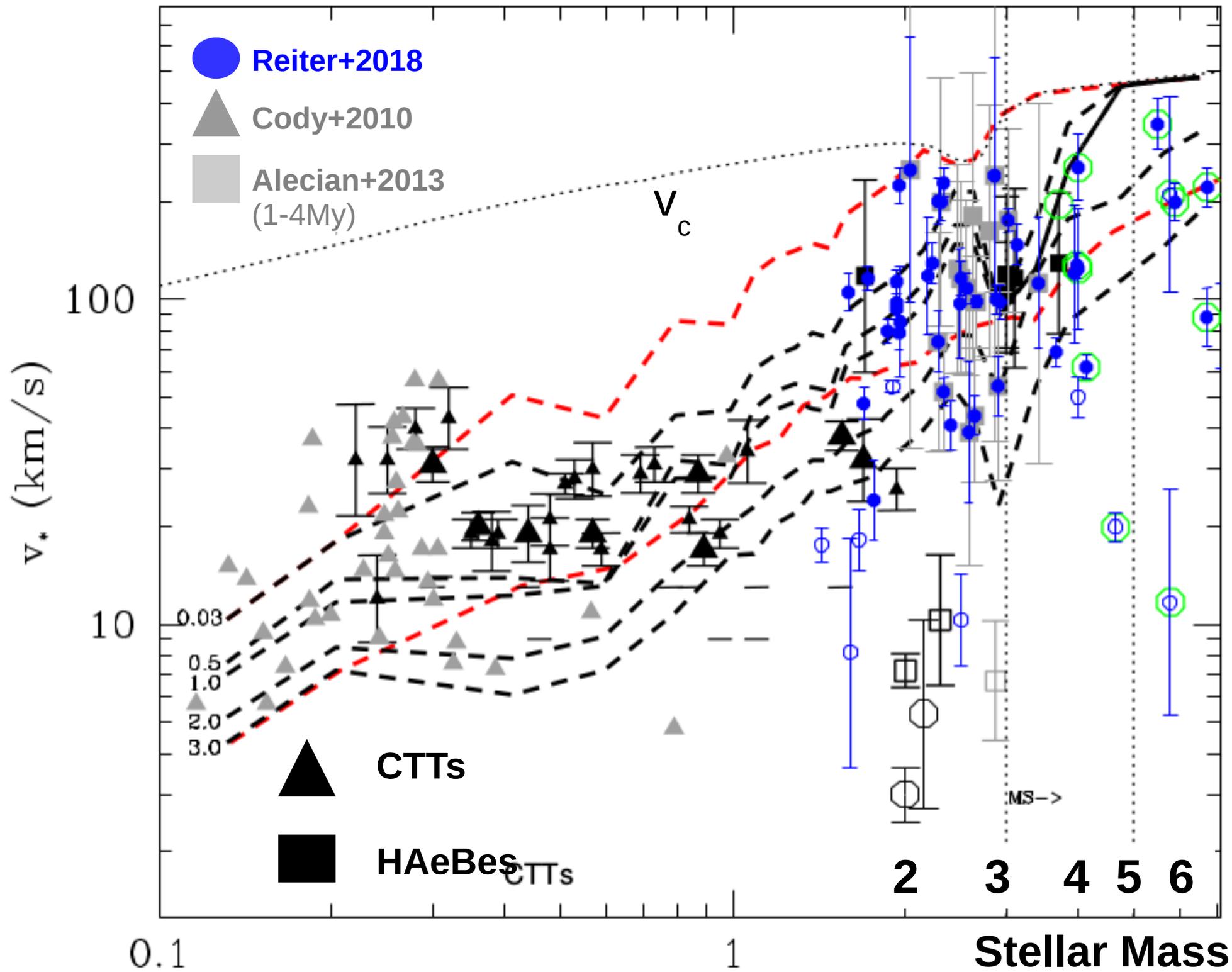


Rotational histories for stars with long-lived disks







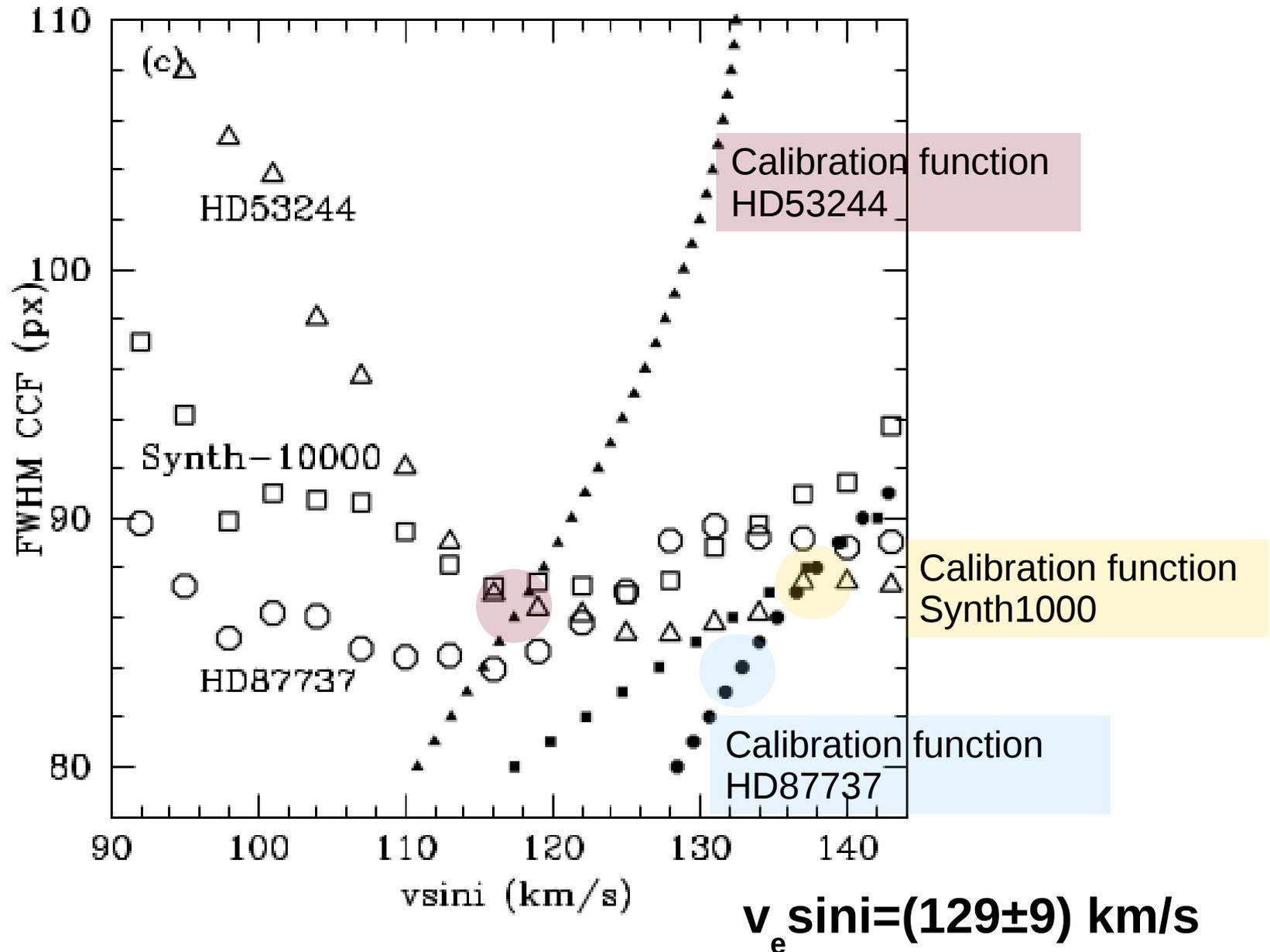


Conclusions

- The extension of a spin evolution model for one solar mass toward higher masses, is able to explain the high rotation rates in HAeBes within the uncertainties of our measurements.
- A lack of efficiency for the wind launching mechanism is noted however as mass increases, in particular for 5 M_{\odot} . This seems in agreement with recent studies that suggest that the CTTs paradigm for rotation is not valid in Herbig Bes (Cauley+2105, Fairlamb+2104,+2105).
- This adds more evidence for a break of MA for higher masses.

Many thanks !

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Balmer excesses

