

Disks, accretion and ejection in BD/VLM stars

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BDs/VLMS have disks,
accrete and eject matter

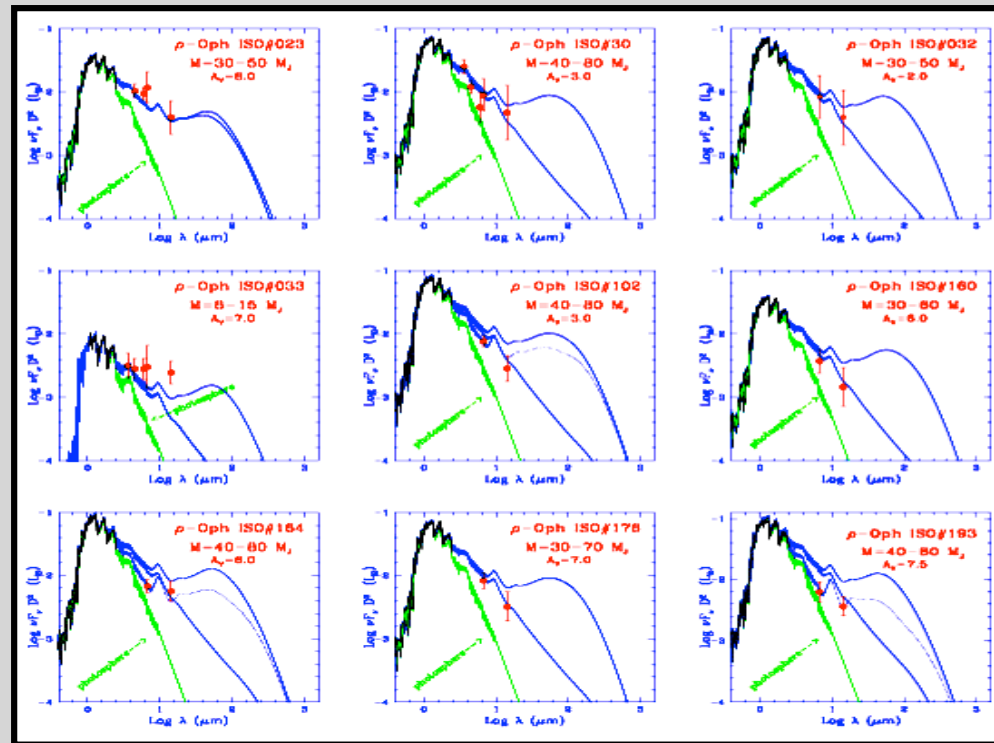


Why is it interesting?

- ✓ Relevance for formation mechanism: same as stars?
- ✓ And for disk physics (large leverage)
- ✓ Can BDs form planets ?

First detections of dusty disks from near&mid-IR excess

✓ Ground-based & ISO



Comeron et al. 1999, 2000
Natta & Testi 2001
Natta et al. 2002

Spitzer

- ✓ Large samples (statistics)
- ✓ SEDs up to mid-IR
 - Complete to $\sim 20\text{-}30 M_J$ (nearby star-forming regions)
 - Fraction of disks similar to TTS

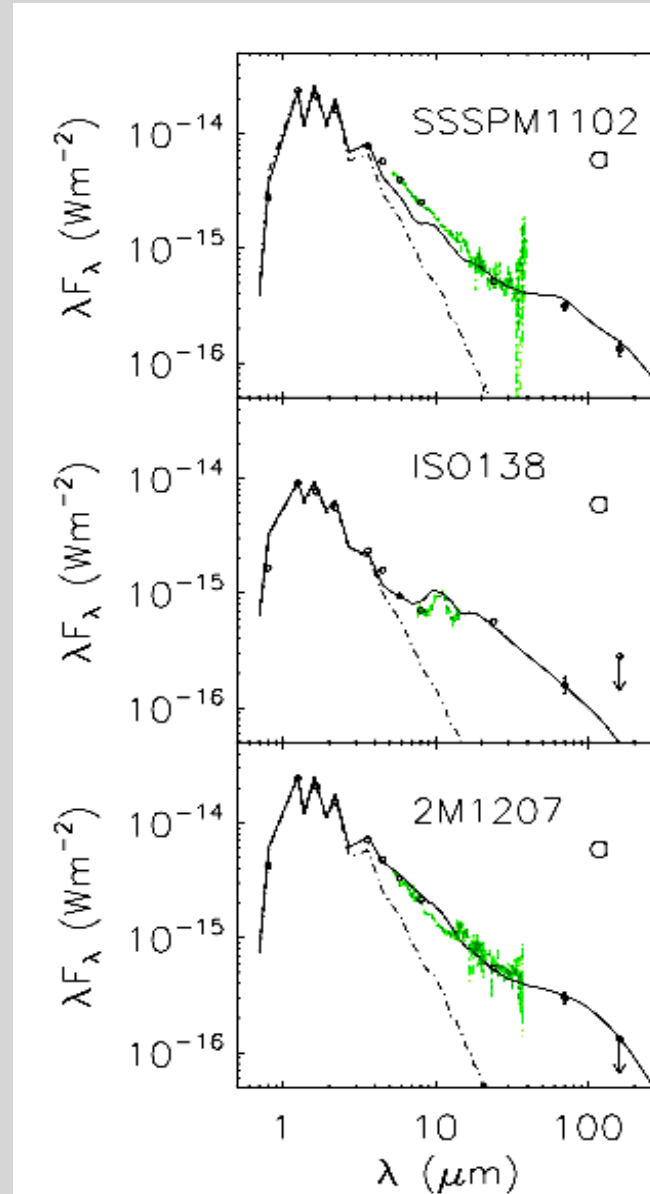
No disk masses

No disk radii ($R > 10$ AU)

Herschel

- ✓ ~ 50 BDs:
 - 80% detected at 70 mic
 - 30 % detected at 160 mic
- ✓ Masses: very low
- ✓ No need for settling

P. Harvey: GTO program
(Poster #21)



TWA
M8.5
M_{disk} ~ 10⁻⁵ M_⊙

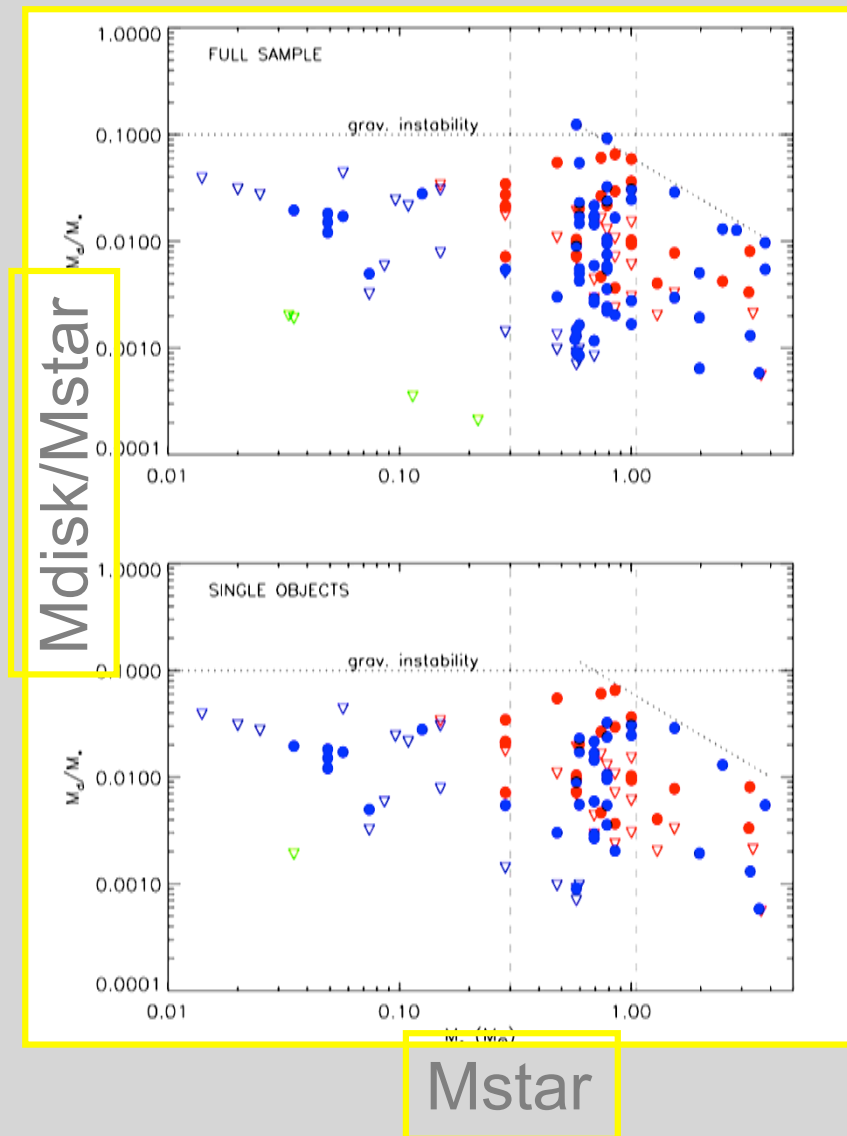
Cha I
M6.5
M_{disk} ~ few 10⁻⁶
M_⊙

TWA
M8
M_{disk} ~ 10⁻⁵ M_⊙

Sub-mm (Scuba-2)

- ✓ 7 new objects (3 in Taurus and 4 in TWA) with SCUBA-2 (850mic)
- ✓ Detections: 2 in Taurus, 0 in TWA
- ✓ Disk masses of BDs: $M_d/M_* \ll 0.1$
- ✓ $M_{\text{disk}} < 1 M_J$

Mohanty et al. 2011 (talk)

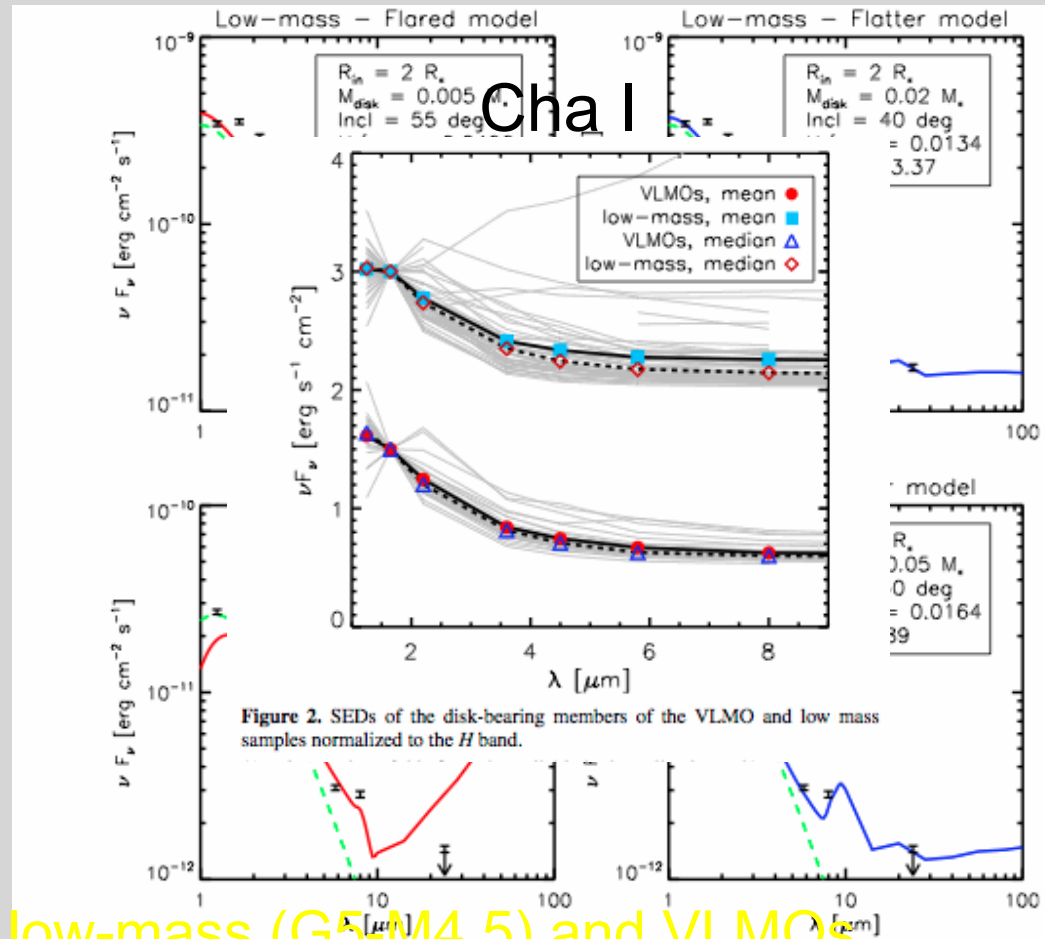
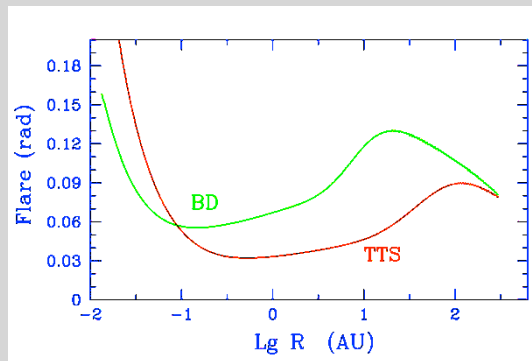


Low disk masses

- ✓ No Jupiter-mass planets
- ✓ Earths?
- ✓ Planetesimals?

Grain evolution

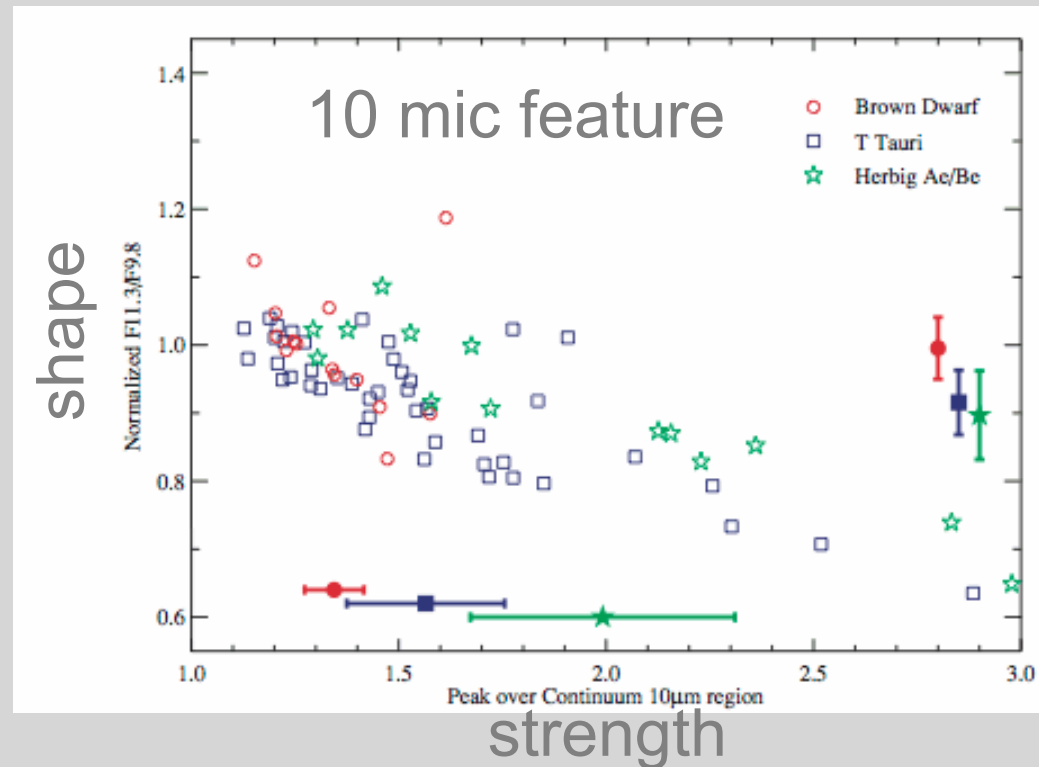
- ✓ From SEDs: evidence of sedimentation, faster than in TTS



Szucs et al. 2010: both low-mass (G5-M4.5) and VLMOs (M4.75-M9.5) need grain sedimentation, VLMOs more so than low-mass stars.

Silicates

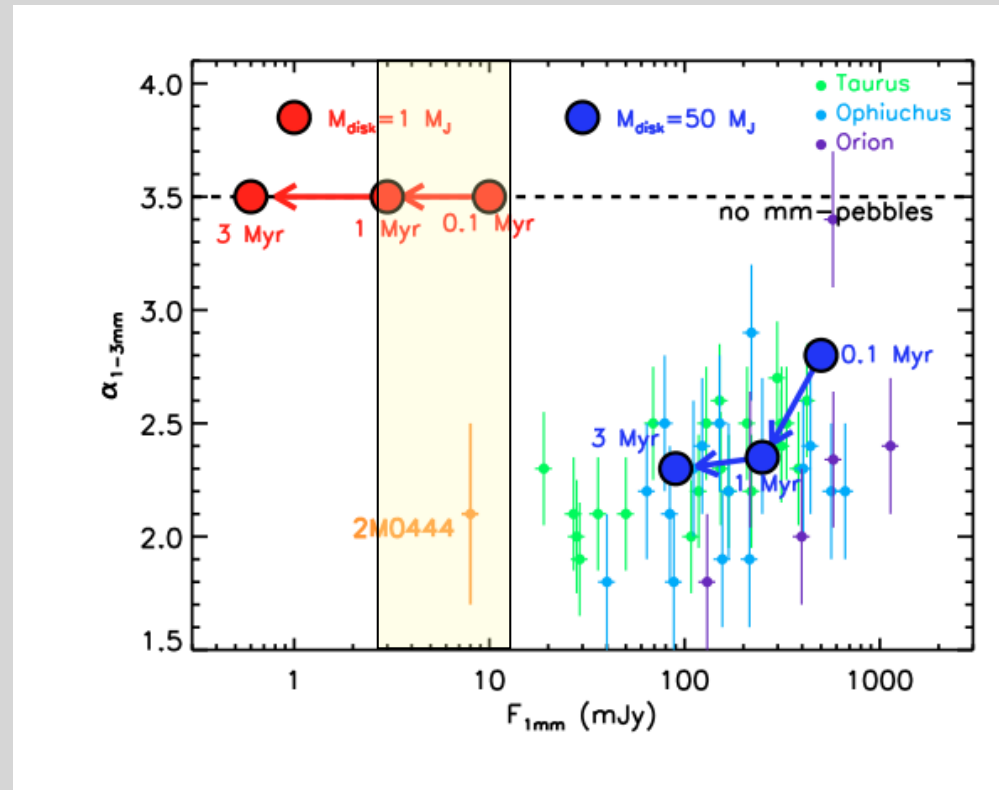
- ✓ 10 mic silicates more evolved than in TTS



Pascucci et al. 2009, see also Poster #37 by Oliveira

Pebbles in BD disks?

- ✓ Evidence of mm-size grains in the outer disks of TTS: impossible!
- ✓ Grain growth is controlled by gas-dust coupling (gas density and motions)
 - Coalescence
 - Fragmentation
 - Radial drift
- ✓ Model predictions for low-mass disks in BD: no growth!
- ✓ 2MASS 0444+2512: detected at 450, 850, 1.3mm, 3.47mm (see Sholz et al. 2006, Bouy et al. 2008, Mohanty et al. 2011): shallow (sub)-mm spectrum



4 BDs with ALMA Early Science

Ricci et al., 2010, 2011 etc. (ESO), see poster #43 and talk by Testi
 Birnstiel et al. 2010, 2011 etc., Pinilla et al. 2011 (Heidelberg)

- ✓ If BD disks have mm-size grains (as TTS disks), this is an indication that they can form planetesimals & earths
- ✓ We do not understand how

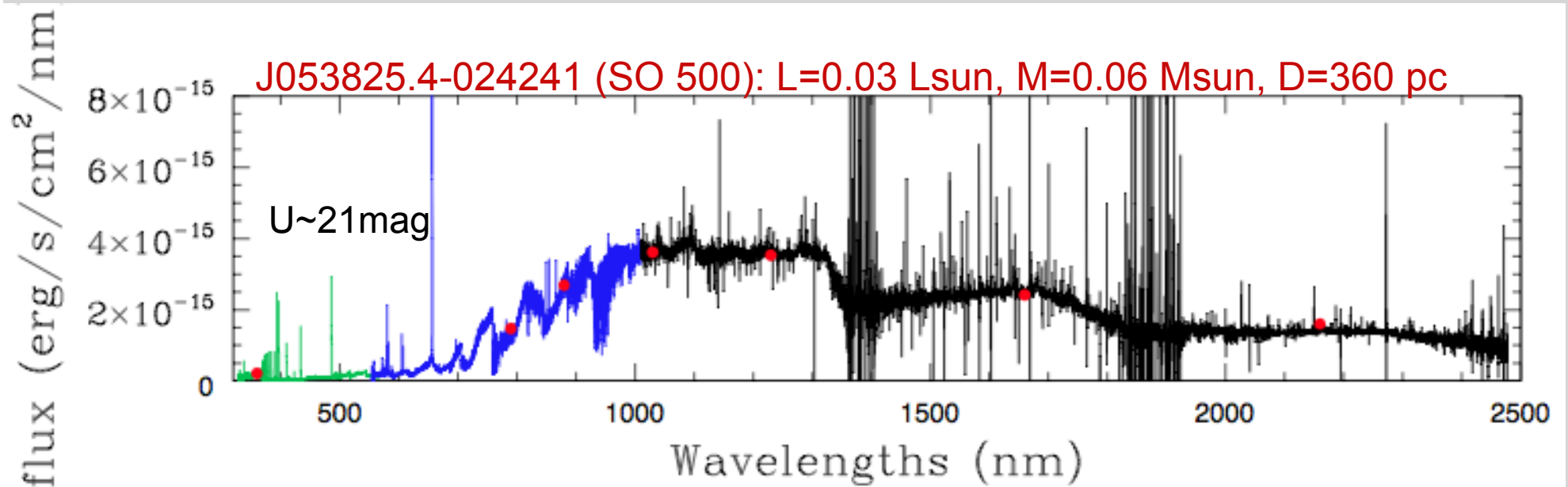
Accretion

- ✓ Many young BDs have evidence of accretion
- ✓ Macc in BDs is lower than in more massive stars: $M_{\text{acc}} \propto M_{\text{star}}^2$
- ✓ Macc decreases on average with time also for BDs
- ✓ The fraction of accreting BDs is lower in older star forming regions
- ✓ There are BDs with (relatively) high accretion rates; some very old ?

Statistics has improved, but most Macc derived from H α

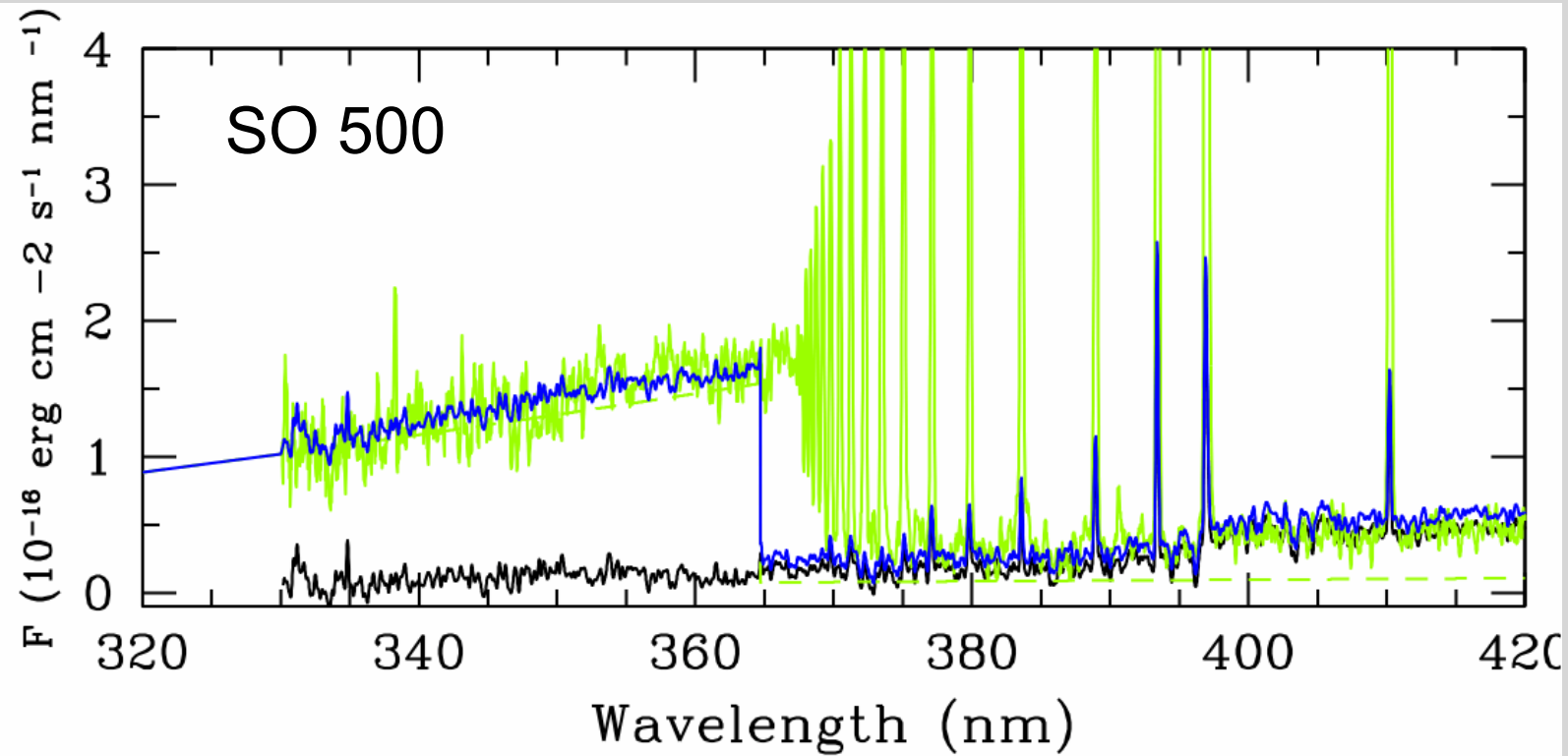
X-Shooter spectra

- ✓ Echelle spectrometer on UT2/ESO
- ✓ Resolution 4000-9000 (75-33 km/s)
- ✓ Good sensitivity
- ✓ Simultaneous coverage from 300-2400nm (U-K)



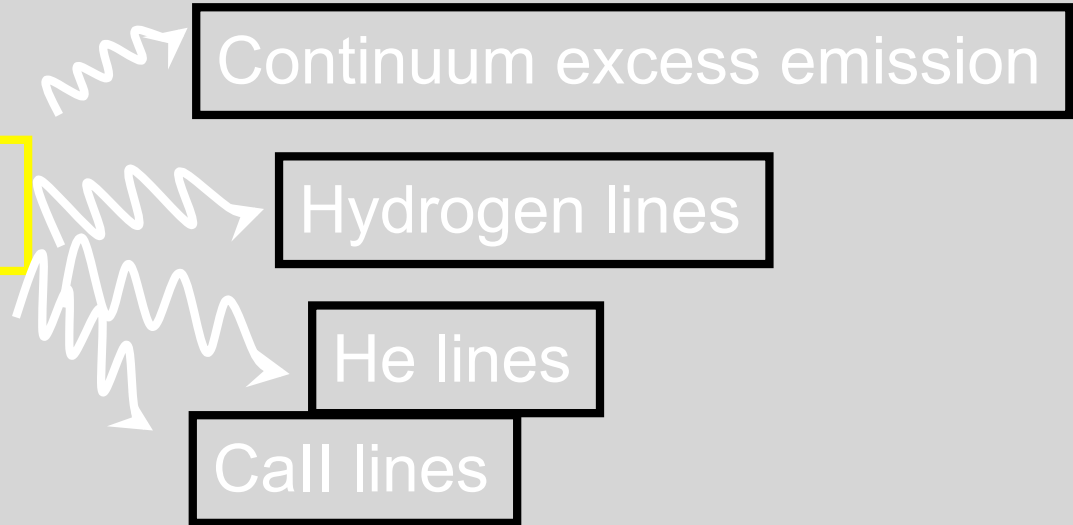
Talk by Alcalá, Poster #46 (Stelzer), #44 (Rudolf)

Direct measurement of Lacc

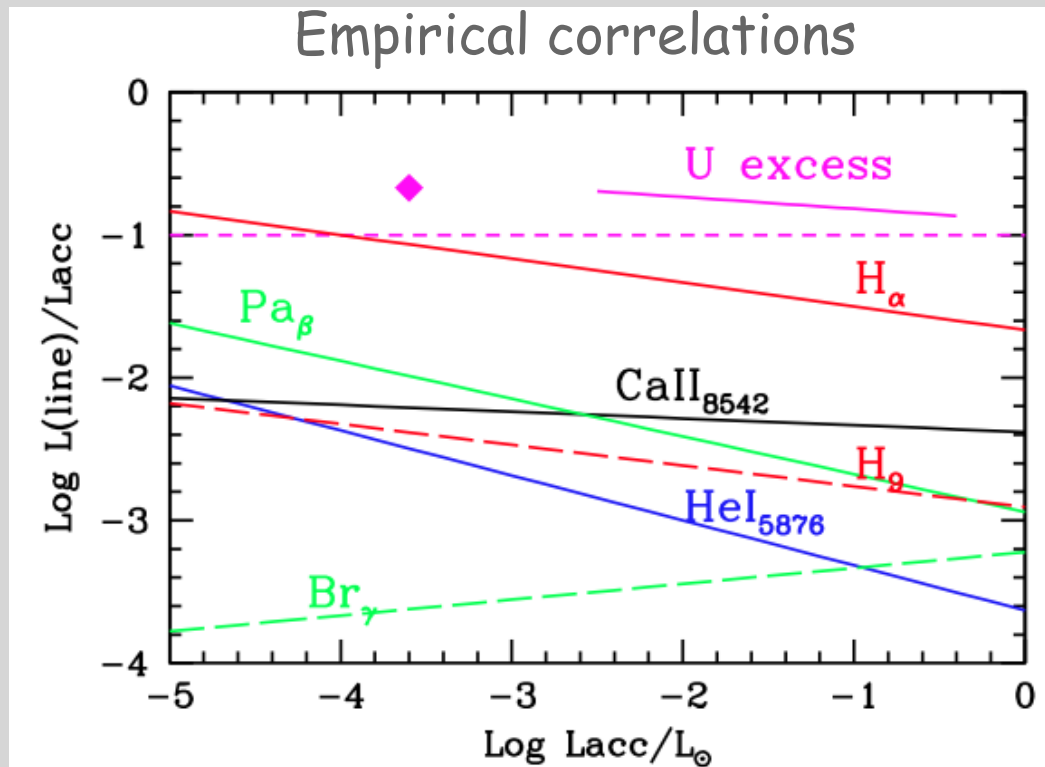


Template (Class III) + BC from slab model

Accretion luminosity



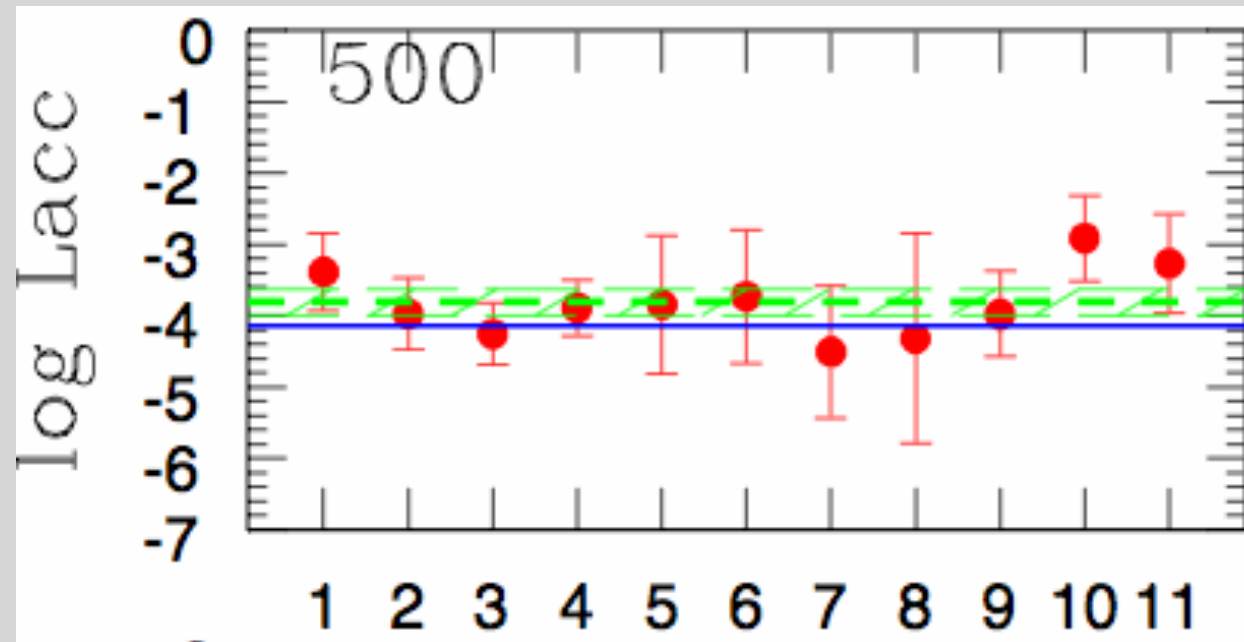
L _{acc}	0.1	1e-4
H α	3%	10%
H β	0.2%	0.5%
Pa β	0.2%	1%
Br γ	0.05%	0.02%
CaII ₈₅₄₂	0.5%	0.6%
HeI ₅₈₇₆	0.05%	0.5%
Uexc	15%	20%



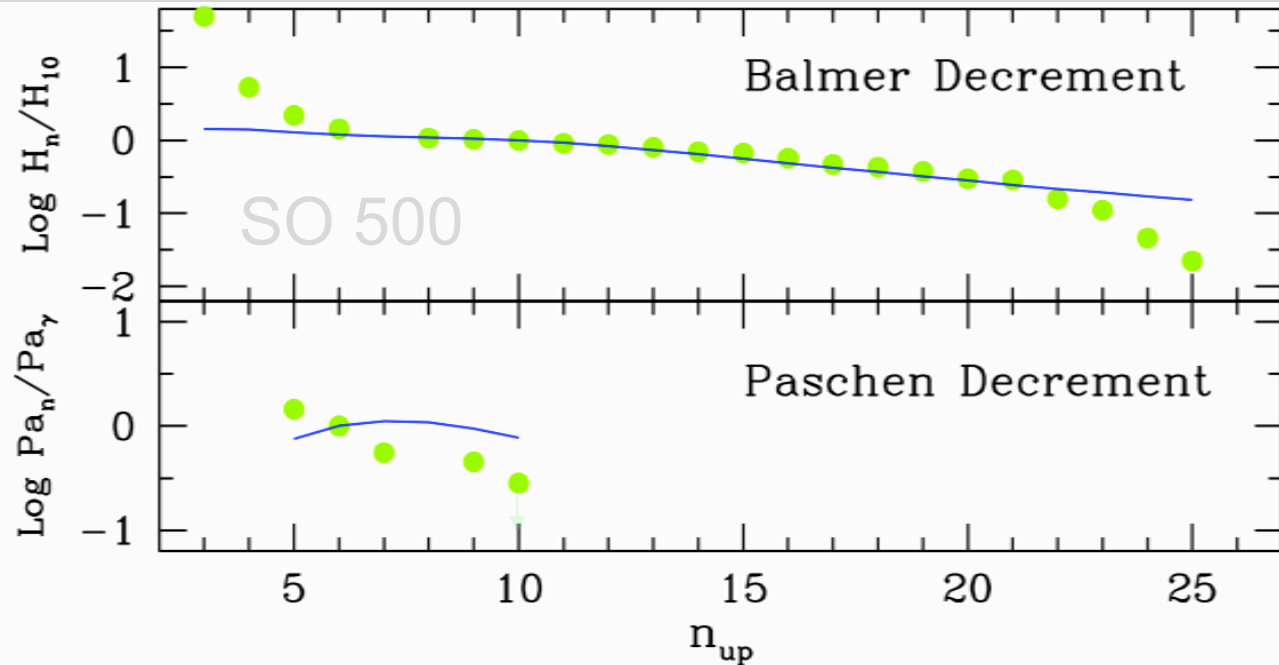
Xshooter sample: few tens TTS, ~10 BDs

- ✓ Improved estimates of secondary accretion indicators into BD regimes

- 1: H α
- 2: H β
- 3: H γ
- 4: H δ
- 5: Pa γ
- 6: Pa β
- 7: HeI
- 8: NaI
- 9: CaII854nm
- 10: CaII866 nm
- 11: Uband



Physical conditions of the emitting gas



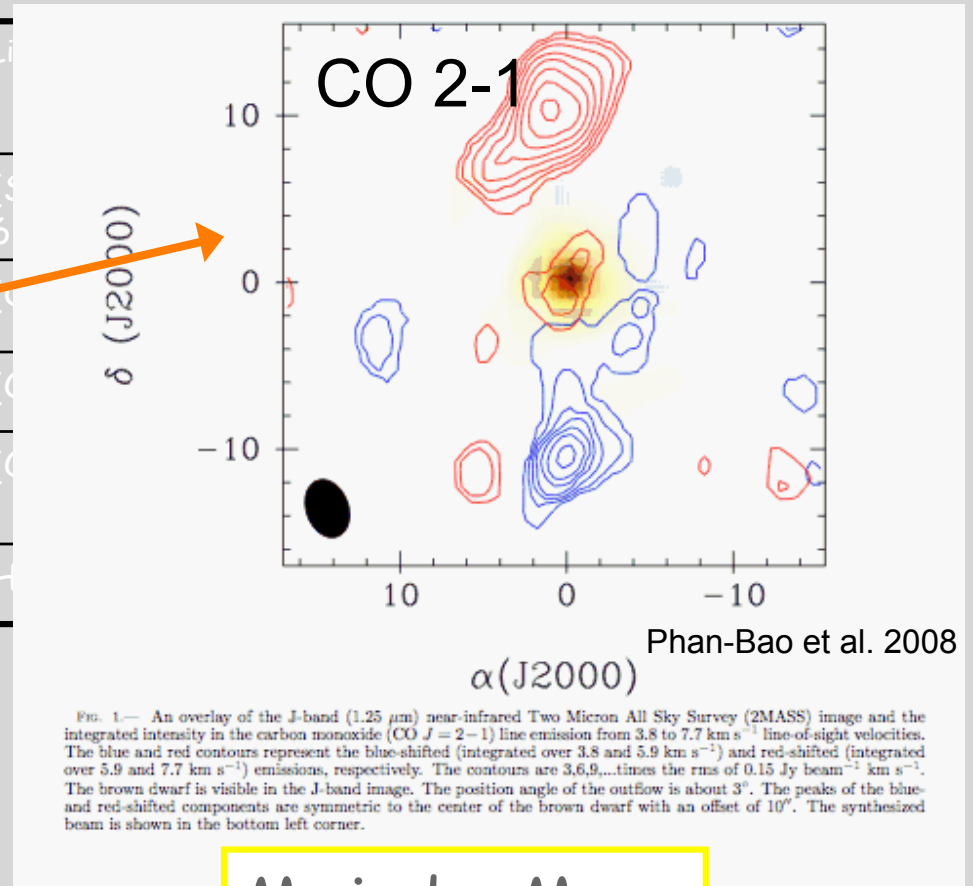
Hydrogen
slab model

- ✓ Electron density
- ✓ Temperature
- ✓ Velocity field
- ✓ Slab depth
- ✓ Level population
- ✓ Area

We need predictions of line intensities

BDs have jets : spectroastrometry in forbidden optical lines

Object	Spectral Type	Estimated Mass (M_{jup})	Li
ISO-Cha1 217	M6.2	80^1	[S 6
2MASS1207-3932	M8	24^2	[C
ρ -Oph 102	M6.5	60^3	[C
σ -Oph 32	M8	40^3	[C
LS-RCrA 1	M6.5	$35-72^4$	H



Poster #51 (Whelan)

Very similar to TTS jets

$M_{\text{wind}} \sim M_{\text{acc}}$

Mass Accretion and Mass Loss

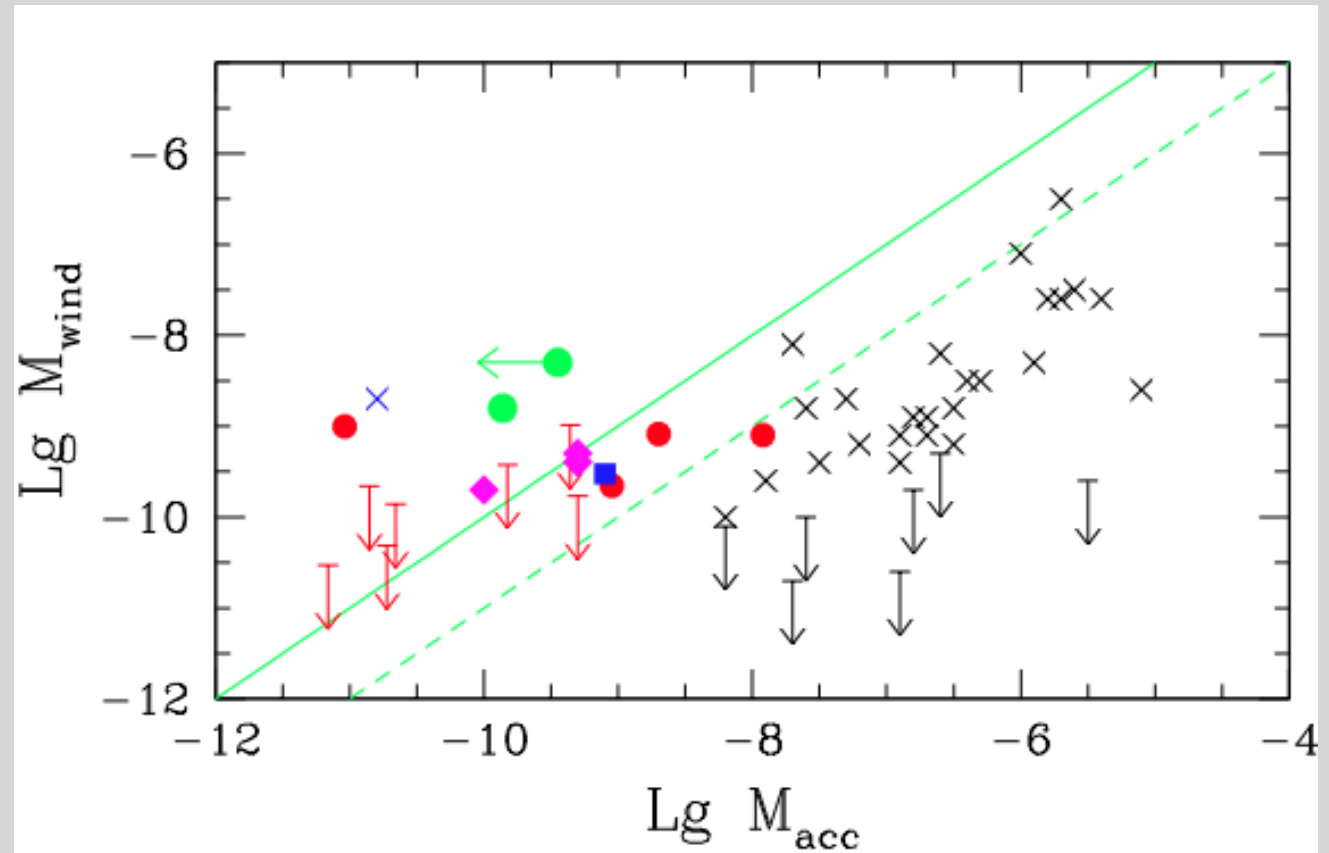
× Hartigan et al.
1995 (TTS in
Taurus)

● Herczeg &
Hillenbrand 2008
(0.035-0.17
Msun)

◆ Whelan et al.
(0.035-0.08
Msun)

× ■ Bacciotti et al.
2011 (0.5, 0.13
Msun)

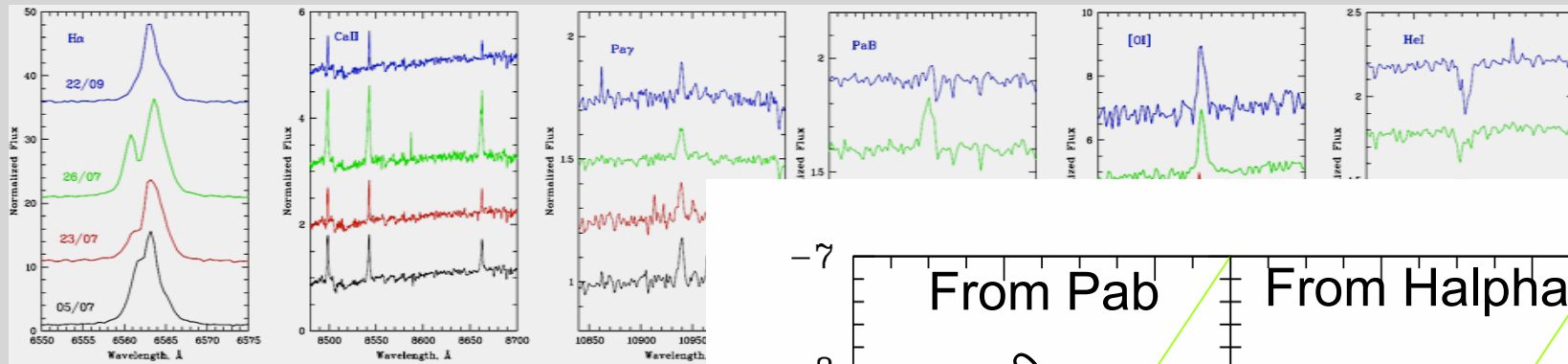
● Rigliaco et al.
in prep
(0.16, 0.2 Msun)



There are monsters, more at low M_{acc} (?)

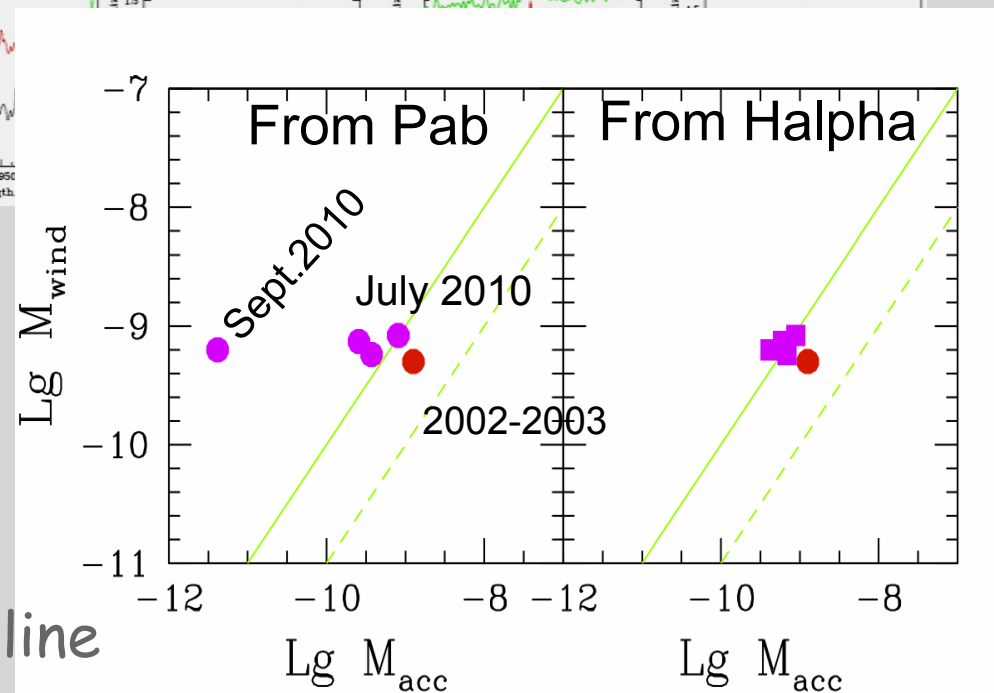
X-Shooter provides simultaneously accretion and outflow measurements

ρ -Oph102: $\sim 60 M_J$



Testi, Costigan, et al., in prep

- ✓ Stable in time
- ✓ Strong wind
- ✓ Dangerous to rely on a single line



Summary

✓ Formation process(es)

- BDs have disks, accrete and eject matter
- So far, BDs behave like TTS
- There are trends with the mass of the central object, but no discontinuities
- It is possible that we have not reached the "critical" mass

✓ Disk physics and evolution:

- BD disks have very low mass (no Jupiters)
- If BD disks have mm-size grains, this will set strong constraints on grain evolution: maybe easier than we think to form planetesimals in all disks
- Mass ejections in BDs: several objects with low M_{acc} have strong mass-loss