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II. CVSO 104: A pre-main sequence close binary with an optical companion in Ori OB1★

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ABSTRACT

We present the results of our study of the close pre-main sequence spectroscopic binary CVSO 104 in Ori OB1, based on data obtained within the PENELLOPE legacy program. We derive, for the first time, the orbital elements of the system and the stellar parameters of the two components. The system is composed of two early M-type stars and has an orbital period of about five days and a mass ratio of 0.92, but contrary to expectations, it does not appear to have a tertiary companion. Both components have been (quasi-)synchronized, but the orbit is still very eccentric. The spectral energy distribution clearly displays a significant infrared excess that is compatible with a circumbinary disk. The analysis of He I and Balmer line profiles, after the removal of the composite photospheric spectrum, reveals that both components are accreting at a similar level. We also observe excess emission in H α and H β , which appears redshifted or blueshifted by more than 100 km s⁻¹ with respect to the mass center of the system, depending on the orbital phase. This additional emission could be connected with accretion structures, such as funnels of matter from the circumbinary disk. We also analyze the optical companion located at about 2'4 from the spectroscopic binary. This companion, which we named CVSO 104 B, turns out to be a background Sun-like star that is not physically associated with the PMS system and does not belong to Ori OB1.

Key words. stars: pre-main sequence – binaries: spectroscopic – stars: low-mass – accretion, accretion disks – protoplanetary disks – stars: individual: CVSO104

1. Introduction

The formation of stars and planets is strongly influenced by the conditions in their environment (circumstellar disks, jets, and winds) during their early life. The majority of stars are formed in binary and multiple systems, which, for sufficiently small separations, allows for information on their components to be obtained, such as dynamical masses. It is therefore very important to detect and study young pre-main sequence (PMS) close binaries for deriving their orbital and stellar properties and to understand how the binarity affects the planet formation. Moreover, well-characterized early-PMS binary systems are critical in constraining theoretical evolutionary tracks, which are used to derive fundamental stellar properties, but are often affected by

offsets of up to 50% in the predicted masses, as compared to the dynamical mass estimates (e.g., Covino et al. 2004; Hillenbrand & White 2004; Stassun et al. 2014). Such PMS binaries are also very important for studying the mass accretion process in a different field geometry from that of single stars. Both the observations and numerical simulations show that quasi-periodic bursts of accretion are expected in close binaries, with a different pattern for circular and eccentric systems (e.g., Muñoz & Lai 2016; Gillen et al. 2017). For eccentric systems, the accretion bursts, originating from the impact of nearly free-falling matter on the high atmospheric layers of each of the two components, are more frequently observed near the periastron passages (e.g., Kóspál et al. 2018; Tofflemire et al. 2019). The simulations also show gas streams from the circumbinary disk flowing to each component through the L_2 and L_3 Lagrangian points (e.g., de Val-Borro et al. 2011; Muñoz & Lai 2016).

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We present here the spectroscopic orbit of CVSO 104 (Haro 5-64), which is a classical T Tauri star located in the ~ 5 Myr old Orion OB1b association. It was discovered as a star with $H\alpha$ emission in the region of the Horsehead Nebula (IC 434) by Haro & Moreno (1953) with objective-prism observations. It was detected in the Kiso survey of emission-line objects by Wiramihardja et al. (1989), who confirmed it as a strong $H\alpha$ emitter. Briceño et al. (2005) observed this star as part of the CIDA Variability Survey of Orion OB1 (CVSO) and reported it as a variable source with $H\alpha$ and $\text{Li I } \lambda 6708$ equivalent widths of -62.90 \AA and 0.30 \AA , respectively. The spectra analyzed in the present paper have been obtained as part of the PENELLOPE program running at the Very Large Telescope (VLT), a ground-based follow-up large program (see Manara et al. 2021, hereafter Paper I) of the ULLYSES HST program¹ (Roman-Duval et al. 2020).

The *Gaia* EDR3 release lists a parallax $\varpi = 2.73 \pm 0.03$ mas for the object, putting it at a distance of 366 ± 4 pc, that is, within the Orion star forming region. Its magnitude, $G = 14.45$, is too faint for *Gaia* to provide radial velocity measurements. Based on a limited set of APOGEE-2 spectra, Kounkel et al. (2019) identified it as a double-lined binary, with a mass ratio of 0.988 ± 0.063 . It is thus a perfect target for binarity follow-up studies. As short-period binaries may be induced by the gravitational torque from an additional companion (e.g., Eggleton & Kiseleva-Eggleton 2001; Naoz & Fabrycky 2014), it is also interesting to know if the system is, in fact, triple.

Gaia lists a slightly fainter ($\Delta G = 0.14$) and redder visual companion at a separation of $2.39''$. With a parallax of $\varpi = 1.49 \pm 0.03$ mas, corresponding to a distance of about 670 pc, this optical companion is, however, unrelated to the much closer Ori OB1 (Tokovinin et al. 2020), as also confirmed by the analysis of its spectra presented in Sect. 3.3. From now on, we will refer to this background star as CVSO 104 B, while we will refer to our target as CVSO 104 A.

The paper is organized as follows. Section 2 reports the observations used in this work. The results of the analysis of the data are then described in Sect. 3 and discussed in Sect. 4. We finally summarize our conclusions in Sect. 5.

2. Observations

2.1. Spectroscopy

High-resolution spectroscopy ($R \approx 70\,000$) was performed with the Ultraviolet and Visual Echelle Spectrograph (UVES, Dekker et al. 2000) within the PENELLOPE Large Program (ESO Prog. ID. 106.20Z8; see Paper I). Three UVES spectra were acquired within two days of the HST observation of CVSO 104 A+B and a fourth one was purposely requested by us a few days later, after the clear detection of the two components in the spectra of this spectroscopic binary. All these spectra were taken with the same position angle of 109° for the slit, aligning it with the optical pair. Medium-resolution ($R \sim 10\,000$ – $20\,000$) broad-wavelength coverage spectroscopy was obtained using the X-shooter instrument (Vernet et al. 2011). The strategy of spectroscopic observations and details on data reduction are explained in Paper I. Particular attention was paid to the order trace and extraction to separate the spectra of the two stars of the visual pair.

CVSO 104 A+B was also observed during five visits (two in February 2017 and three in October 2017) in the framework of the APOGEE survey (Ahumada et al. 2020), which obtains

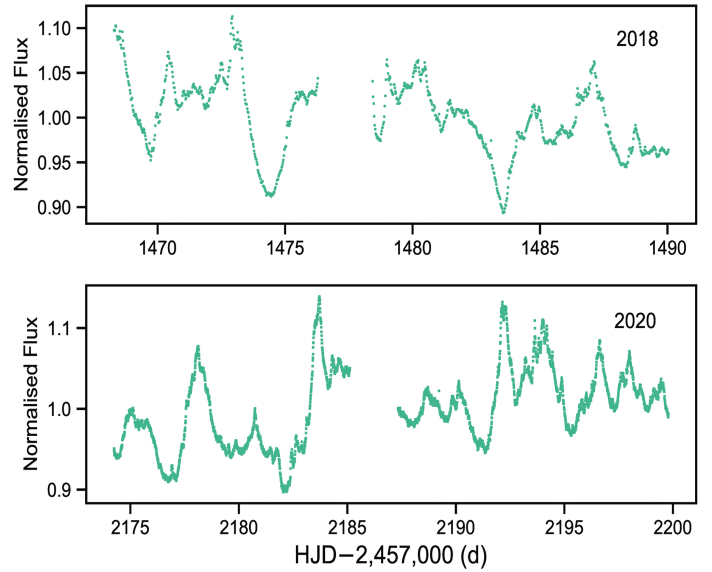


Fig. 1. TESS light curves of CVSO 104 A+B in 2018 (top) and 2020 (bottom).

$R \sim 22\,500$ spectra in the H -band. Since the radial velocities measured on APOGEE spectra and reported in the SDSS Data Release 16 (Jönsson et al. 2020) were derived by assuming the object as a single star, they are not usable. We therefore downloaded the APOGEE spectra² and derived the velocities of both components, in the same way as we did for the UVES and X-shooter spectra (see Sect. 3.2).

2.2. Photometry

Space-born accurate photometry was obtained with NASA's Transiting Exoplanet Survey Satellite (TESS; Ricker et al. 2015). CVSO 104 A+B was observed in sector 6 with 1426s exposure times between 2018-12-15 and 2019-01-06, as well as in sector 32 with 475s exposure times between 2020-11-20 and 2020-12-16; this latter data set is contemporaneous to our spectroscopic observations. Given the pixel size of TESS, the optical companion will contribute to the light curve. We downloaded the data from the MAST archive and created light curves using the LIGHTKURVE³ package by using a mask that contained all the neighboring pixels having $S/N > 6$ (see Fig. 1). The 2018 data had a mean flux of $1244 \pm 51 \text{ e}^- \text{ s}^{-1}$, while the 2020 data set had a similar mean flux of $1221 \pm 58 \text{ e}^- \text{ s}^{-1}$.

To get the color information that is lacking in TESS data and to separate the contribution of the two visual components of the optical pair, several ground-based facilities were involved in the observation of this object during the HST and VST observations. In the present work, we make use of data taken with four different instruments.

We observed CVSO 104 at the *M. G. Fracastoro* station (Serra La Nave, Mt. Etna, 1750 m a.s.l.) of the Osservatorio Astrofisico di Catania (OACT, Italy) from 25 November to 16 December 2020. We used the facility imaging camera at the 0.91 m telescope with a set of broad-band Bessel filters (B , V , R , I , Z) as well as two narrow-band $H\alpha$ filters centered on the line core ($H\alpha_9$) and on the redward continuum ($H\alpha_{18}$). The index $H\alpha_{18}-H\alpha_9$ is basically a measure of intensity of the $H\alpha$ emission in units of the continuum that can be converted into equivalent

¹ ullyses.stsci.edu

² Available at <http://skyserver.sdss.org/dr16/>

³ docs.lightkurve.org

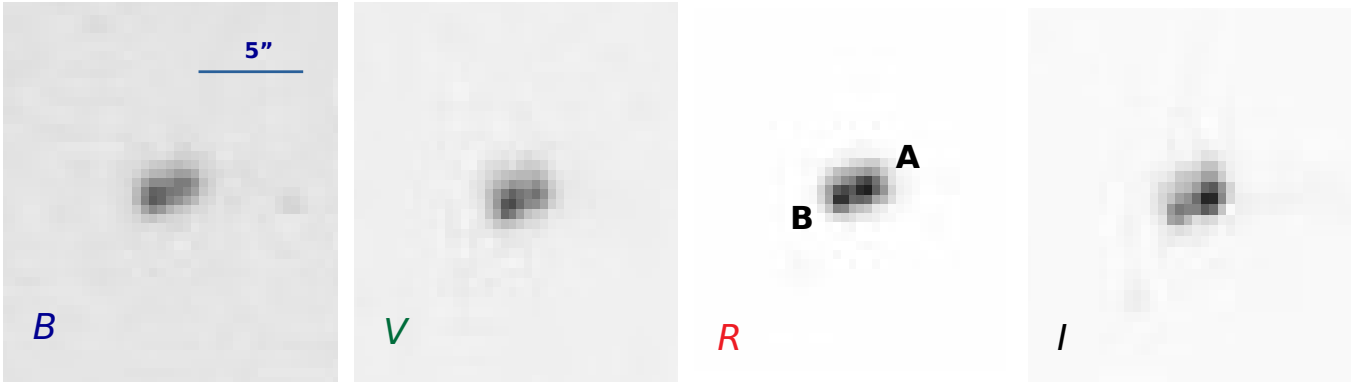


Fig. 2. Portion of images acquired at OACT on 16 December 2020 in *BVRI* bands centered on the visual pair CVSO 104 A+B. North is up and east is to the left and the two components are indicated in the *R*-band image. We note how the relative brightness of the two stars changes in the different bands, with A becoming brighter than B in the *I* band.

width (EW) of $H\alpha$ (Frasca et al. 2018). Details on photometric observations and data reduction can be found in Paper I. We note that the two visual components are clearly resolved only in the nights with good seeing (see Fig. 2), with the exception of the *Z* filters in which the image is slightly out of focus. We have therefore extracted the photometry of the stars in the field of CVSO 104 from the calibrated images, using apertures of $5''$ of radius, which include both components of the visual pair. To measure the magnitude difference of the two visual components in the images taken with the best seeing, we used an approach similar to that of Covino et al. (2004).

CVSO 104 was also observed from 6 November to 26 December, 2020 with the 0.8 m RC80 telescope of Konkoly Observatory (Hungary) using Bessel *BV* and Sloan *r'i'* filters. Details about the instrument, data reduction, and photometry are provided in Ábrahám et al. (in prep.). In most of the images, the binary and the visual companion could be properly separated. We performed PSF photometry separately for CVSO 104 A and B in each image. As we show in Sect. 3.1, CVSO 104 B is non-variable, therefore, we calculated its average flux in each filter. Then we added these values to the fluxes of CVSO 104 A, to obtain a full light curve of the visual pair CVSO 104 A+B during the run to be used together with other data sets. To this aim the *r', i'* magnitudes were converted to R_C, I_C using the prescription given by Lupton (2005)⁴.

We used *BVri* photometry collected by AAVSONet⁵, which is a set of robotic telescopes operated by volunteers for the American Association of Variable Star Observers (AAVSO). Stars in the AAVSO Photometric All-Sky Survey (APASS, Henden et al. 2018) were used to calibrate the AAVSO photometric data for our targets. The *r, i* magnitudes were converted to R_C, I_C as was done for the Konkoly photometry. We incorporated data taken by the amateur observers of the AAVSO⁶, in response to AAVSO Alert Notice 725. Finally, some additional *BVRI* photometry was obtained at the Crimean Astrophysical Observatory (CrAO) on the AZT-11 1.25 m telescope.

The photometry obtained with the latter instruments includes both components in the aperture. The multiband light curve of CVSO 104 A+B during 30 nights including the ULLYSES and PENELLOPE campaigns is displayed in Fig. A.1.

⁴ <http://www.sdss3.org/dr8/algorithms/sdssUBVRITransform.php>

⁵ <https://www.aavso.org/aavsonet>

⁶ Available at <https://www.aavso.org/data-download>

3. Results

3.1. Photometry

The TESS light curves (Fig. 1) show rather stochastic variations, albeit quasi-periodic. The period analysis provides different results depending on the epoch of observations and the different techniques. Periodograms reveal that the most likely period for the 2018 data set is 4.73 days, while for the 2020 data, this is 4.91 days, similar to the photometric variability period of 4.68 days in the *R*-band reported by Karim et al. (2016), as well as to the orbital period we derived (see below). Using the CLEAN deconvolution algorithm (Roberts et al. 1987), we found the maximum power in 2018 at 2.31 days, that is, about the half period of the periodogram and the second highest peak at about 4.53 days. In 2020, the highest peak corresponds to 4.73 days. However, for both data sets, folding the data with any of the above periods does not reveal a convincing phase diagram.

The ground-based multiband light curve (Fig. A.1) shows a stochastic behaviour with at least two bursts fully observed in *BVRI* bands. The intensity of the bursts is clearly stronger in the bluer bands. However, no intensification of the $H\alpha$ emission is observed in the OACT photometry contemporaneous to the stronger burst and the variations of $H\alpha$ EW do not seem to be correlated or anticorrelated with the brightness variations.

While the contribution of CVSO 104 B is included in the photometric data presented in Fig. A.1, our analyses suggest that this source is non-variable or that its variability is negligible in comparison to CVSO 104 A. As a first check, we compared the *Gaia* EDR3 *G*-band magnitude uncertainty of component B with the corresponding *Gaia* magnitude uncertainties of other stars of the same brightness (we used Fig. 5.15 from the *Gaia* Early Data Release 3 Documentation V1.1⁷ for this comparison). We concluded that the relative flux error of component B, 0.02%, agrees with the representative numbers from similarly bright non-variable stars for which a similar number of observations were taken. We also plotted the light curves of CVSO 104 B, using the spatially resolved photometry obtained at OACT and Konkoly observatories (Sect. 2.2). The plot shown in Fig. A.2 also confirms that the source was constant within the measurement uncertainties, if we neglect very small systematic differences between Konkoly and OACT. In order to check this claim on more quantitative grounds, we calculated the χ^2 and the

⁷ gea.esac.esa.int/archive/documentation/GEDR3/

Table 1. Heliocentric radial velocities of the two components of CVSO 104 A.

HJD (2 400 000+)	RV _a (km s ⁻¹)	σ _{RV_a}	RV _b (km s ⁻¹)	σ _{RV_b}	Instrument
57794.66675	6.59	1.49	42.67	2.29	APOGEE
57795.66700	-10.39	1.40	62.56	1.36	APOGEE
58033.96831	33.52	2.37	15.05	2.74	APOGEE
58037.98405	-8.64	1.37	57.49	1.39	APOGEE
58039.00019	35.16	1.71	8.92	1.79	APOGEE
59178.64280	-12.17	0.68	63.68	0.56	UVES
59179.62813	24.61	0.67	17.32	2.80	UVES
59180.61009	61.23	0.19	-16.39	0.23	UVES
59180.63589	64.36	2.16	-14.54	2.40	XSHOO
59243.55343	-13.01	0.61	64.25	0.59	UVES

probability $P(\chi^2)$ that the magnitude variations have a random occurrence (e.g., Press et al. 1992). We found, for the Konkoly dataset, values of $P(\chi^2)$ of 0.21, 0.22, 0.35, and 0.25 for B , V , R_C , and I_C bands, respectively, which indicates that these variations are non-significant.

3.2. Radial velocity

The radial velocity was measured by cross-correlating the spectra with late-type templates. For the X-shooter spectrum, we selected only the regions with the best S/N in the VIS arm – the one with the highest resolution – and adopted as template a BT-Settl synthetic spectrum (Allard et al. 2012), with $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}] = 0$, $T_{\text{eff}} = 4000$ K, and $\log g = 4.0$. For the UVES spectra, we adopted the same template and an HARPS spectrum of GJ 514 (M1V, $RV = 14.606$ km s⁻¹, Jönsson et al. 2020), obtaining the same results within the errors. This analysis was carried out with the IRAF⁸ task FXCOR excluding emission lines and very broad features that can blur the peaks of the cross-correlation function (CCF). For a better measure of the centroids and full width at half maximum ($FWHM$) of the CCF peaks of the two components, we applied a two-Gaussian fit. The RV error, σ_{RV} , was computed by FXCOR according to the fitted peak height and the antisymmetric noise as described by Tonry & Davis (1979). We used the same BT-Settl template to measure RVs in the APOGEE spectra by cross-correlation. The individual values of RV measured in our and APOGEE spectra are listed in Table 1.

We searched for the best orbital period by applying a periodogram analysis (Scargle 1982) and the CLEAN deconvolution algorithm (Roberts et al. 1987) to the RVs of the primary and secondary components. The data folded with the best period (maximum amplitude in the power spectrum) display a smooth variation with an asymmetrical shape, typical for an eccentric RV orbital motion. Then, we fitted the observed RV curve with the CURVEFIT routine (Bevington & Robinson 2003) to determine the orbital parameters and their standard errors. This also allowed us to improve the determination of the orbital period, finding $P_{\text{orb}} = 5.025$ days (see Fig. 3). The orbital parameters are reported in Table 2. We note that the high eccentricity, $e \approx 0.39$, is in line with the simulations of Zrake et al. (2021), who show that equal-mass binaries accreting from a circumbinary disk

⁸ IRAF is distributed by the National Optical Astronomy Observatory, which is operated by the Association of Universities for Research in Astronomy, Inc.

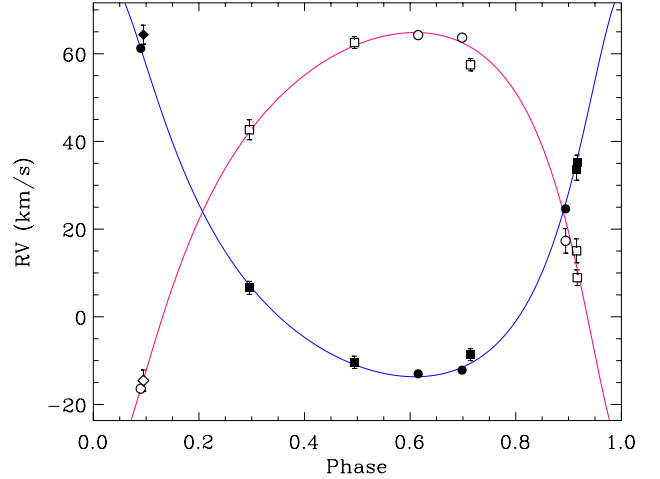

Fig. 3. Heliocentric radial velocity curve (circles = UVES, squares = APOGEE, diamonds = X-shooter data) of CVSO 104 A. Filled and open symbols have been used for the primary (more massive) and secondary component, respectively. The blue and red lines represent the orbital solution (Table 2) for the primary and secondary component, respectively.

Table 2. Orbital and stellar parameters of CVSO 104 A.

Orbital parameters		Stellar parameters		
HJD0 ^(*)	788.156 ± 0.023		Primary	Secondary
P_{orb} (d)	5.0253 ± 0.0001	SpT	M0	M2
e	0.395 ± 0.048	T_{eff} (K)	3770 ± 180	3590 ± 190
ω (°)	160.9 ± 1.9	$v \sin i$ (km s ⁻¹)	7.5 ± 1.0	6.0 ± 1.0
γ (km s ⁻¹)	24.51 ± 0.17	$w_{a,b}$	0.63 ± 0.10	0.37 ± 0.10
K_a (km s ⁻¹)	45.93 ± 0.27	W_{Li} (mÅ)	550 ± 40	680 ± 70
K_b (km s ⁻¹)	48.85 ± 0.27	$A(\text{Li})$	3.2 ± 0.2	3.6 ± 0.3
$M_a \sin^3 i$ (M_{\odot})	0.185 ± 0.013	R (R_{\odot})	1.07 ± 0.02	0.99 ± 0.02
$M_b \sin^3 i$ (M_{\odot})	0.171 ± 0.012	L (L_{\odot})	0.21 ± 0.04	0.15 ± 0.04
M_b/M_a	0.921 ± 0.008	M (M_{\odot})	0.57 ± 0.15	0.43 ± 0.15
$a \sin i$ (R_{\odot})	8.73 ± 0.04			

Notes. ^(*) Heliocentric Julian Date (HJD-2 457 000) of the periastron passage; the subscripts a and b refer to the primary (more massive) and secondary component, respectively.

evolve toward an orbital eccentricity of $e \sim 0.45$, unless they start with a nearly circular orbit ($e \lesssim 0.08$).

In addition, we searched for signatures of an eventual third companion, yet unresolved, in UVES spectra of CVSO 104 A, independently on *Gaia*. For this purpose, we applied the Broadening Function (BF) method (Rucinski 2012), which is a linear deconvolution operation. Prior to the analysis, all emission lines were carefully removed from the spectra. However, no signatures of a third stellar body were found in the BF profiles. Furthermore, no residual peak at the velocity of the optical companion, CVSO 104 B ($RV \approx 42.9 \pm 0.5$ km s⁻¹), was found either in the BFs or in the CCFs. This confirms that the extraction of the spectra allowed us to separate A and B components without significant contamination.

3.3. Stellar parameters

In the PENELLOPE survey, we used the code ROTFIT to determine the atmospheric parameters, $v \sin i$, and veiling for single objects (Frasca et al. 2015, 2017; Paper I). We used

this code for determining the parameters of CVSO 104 B and found $T_{\text{eff}} = 5750 \pm 100$ K, $\log g = 4.40 \pm 0.12$ dex, $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}] = 0.08 \pm 0.07$ dex, $\text{RV} = 42.9 \pm 0.5$ km s $^{-1}$, and $v \sin i < 2$ km s $^{-1}$, namely, CVSO 104 B turns out to be a slowly-rotating Sun-like star. Furthermore, there is no lithium $\lambda 6708$ Å absorption line and no chromospheric emission is visible in the H α line core (see Fig. A.3). Therefore, we do not expect significant brightness variations, compared to CVSO 104 A, from this background star, in agreement with the results from the ground-based photometry (Sect. 3.1).

In the case of double-lined spectroscopic binaries (SB2), we cannot use ROTFIT, therefore, we used COMPO2, a code developed in the IDL⁹ environment by Frasca et al. (2006), which has been adapted to the UVES spectra. COMPO2 adopts a grid of templates to reproduce the observed spectrum, which is split into segments of 100 Å each that are independently analyzed. As a grid of templates, we used ELODIE spectra of 34 low-active slowly rotating stars with a spectral type in the range K2–M5. The resolution of UVES was degraded to that of the ELODIE templates ($R = 42\,000$) by convolution with a Gaussian kernel with the proper width. COMPO2 does not derive the projected rotation velocities of the two components, which are instead estimated as $v \sin i_a = 7.5$ km s $^{-1}$ and $v \sin i_b = 6.0$ km s $^{-1}$ from the FWHM of the peaks of the CCF and kept as fixed parameters in the code. The RV separation of the two components is well-known from the CCF analysis and was used to build the composite “synthetic” spectrum. The flux ratio between the components, which has been expressed in terms of the flux contribution of the primary component in units of the continuum, w_a , is instead left free to vary until a minimum χ^2 is attained for each combination of spectra (1156 different combinations with the adopted grid). We note that the combination of two spectra with a relevant velocity separation reduces the intensity of the photospheric absorption lines of each component in a similar way as the veiling does. However, no combination of late-type spectra was able to fairly fit the observed spectrum, unless we included a veiling. After several trials, we found, as the best veiling, $r = 0.4$ for the UVES segments in the analyzed red region. An example of the application of COMPO2 is shown in Fig. 4 for three spectral segments, around 6200 Å, 6400 Å and 6700 Å, of the UVES spectrum acquired on JD = 2 459 180.

To evaluate the atmospheric parameters (APs) and the flux contribution we kept only the best 25 combinations (based on the χ^2), namely, about the top 2%, of the primary and secondary spectra per each spectral segment and calculated the averages by weighting with the corresponding χ^2 . These parameters are listed in Table 2. The spectral types (SpT) of the components are taken as the mode of the spectral-type distributions (see Fig. 5).

Equivalent widths of the Li I 6708 Å line, W_{Li} , for the components of CVSO 104 A have been measured on the residual spectrum (blue line in Fig. 4). This procedure offers the advantage to remove any possible contamination from nearby iron lines. The W_{Li} values were corrected for the veiling by multiplying them by $(1 + r)$, adopting the value of veiling measured with COMPO2 at red wavelengths, $r = 0.4$, and for the flux contribution to the composite spectrum by dividing them by w_a or w_b for the primary and secondary component, respectively. The error on the equivalent width was estimated as the product of the integration range and the mean error per spectral point, which results from the standard deviation of the flux values of the residual spectrum measured at the two sides of the line and

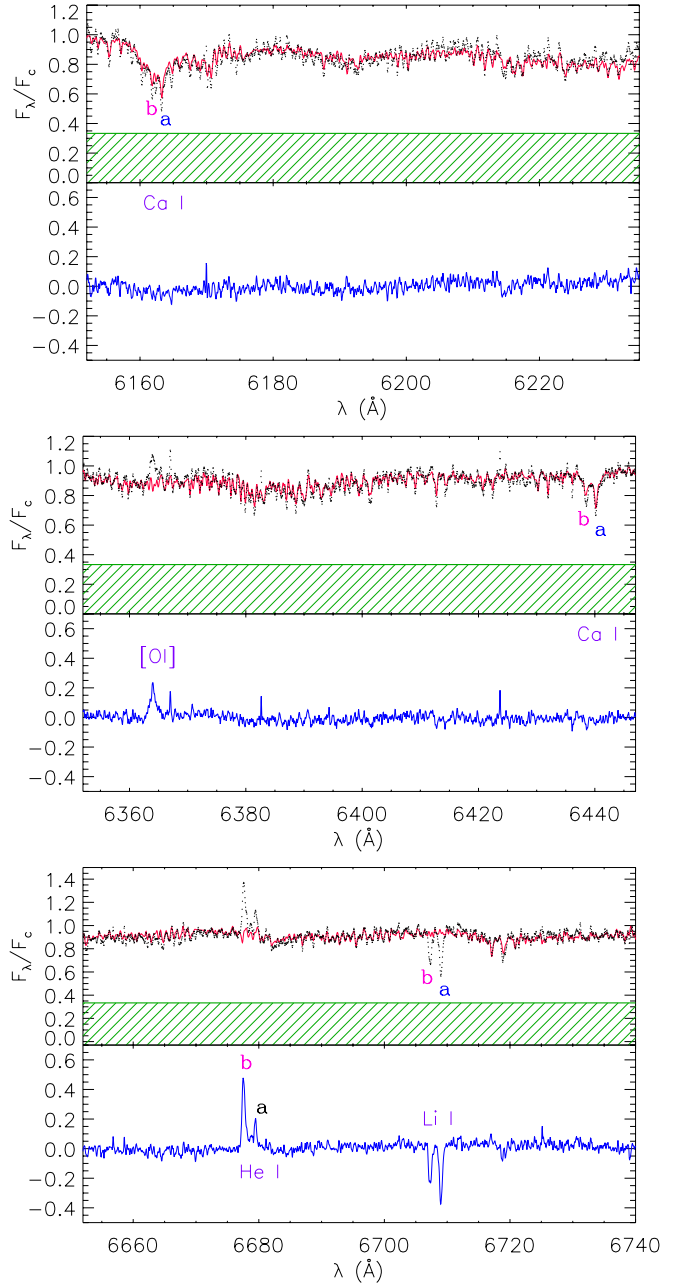


Fig. 4. UVES spectrum of CVSO 104 A (black dots) observed on JD = 2 459 180 in three spectral regions around 6200 Å (top), 6400 Å (middle), and 6700 Å (bottom). In each box, the synthetic spectrum, which is the weighted sum of two standard star spectra mimicking the primary and secondary component, is overplotted with a full red line. Prominent lines from the primary and secondary component are marked with a and b, respectively. The hatched green regions denote the level of the veiling. The residual spectra obtained by the subtraction of the photospheric template are displayed in the lower panel of each box with a blue line.

is quoted in Table 2 next to the W_{Li} values. From these values, we derived a Lithium abundance, $A(\text{Li})$, of 3.2 ± 0.2 and 3.6 ± 0.3 , for the primary and secondary component, respectively, by using the curves of growth of Zapatero Osorio et al. (2002). The abundance difference between primary and secondary component is within the uncertainties and is likely related to the uncertainties introduced by the correction for veiling and flux contribution. These data are also reported in Table 2.

⁹ IDL (Interactive Data Language) is a registered trademark of Harris Corporation.

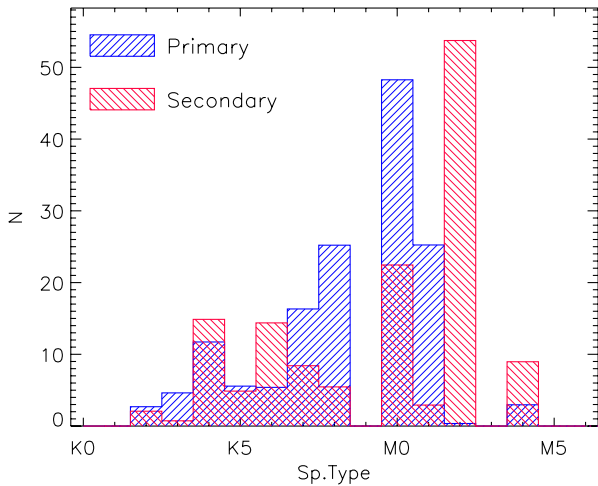


Fig. 5. Distribution of spectral types for the components of CVSO 104 A.

3.4. Accretion and wind diagnostics

The residual spectra are also very helpful in measuring the equivalent widths and fluxes of emission lines of the two components when they are well separated in wavelength. We were successful in separating the contribution of the two components for He I $\lambda 5876 \text{ \AA}$ and $\lambda 6678 \text{ \AA}$ lines in all the UVES spectra, with the exception of the spectrum taken at reduced Julian date RJD = 59179, when the system was near a conjunction. We fitted two Gaussians to each spectrum to measure the centroid (RV), the *FWHM*, and equivalent width, W_{line} , of the line of each component (blue and red dashed lines in Figs. 6 and 7 for the primary and secondary component, respectively). We recover the line flux at Earth, f_{line} , from the equivalent width W_{line} and the extinction corrected flux of the adjacent continuum, namely $f_{\text{line}} = W_{\text{line}} f_{\text{cont}}^0$ (see, e.g., Alcalá et al. 2017; Frasca et al. 2018), where the continuum flux is measured in the X-shooter spectrum¹⁰ and is corrected for the extinction by the factor $10^{0.4A_{\lambda}}$, scaling A_{λ} from the $A_V = 0.35 \text{ mag}$ (see Sect. 3.5). The line luminosity is then derived adopting the distance, d , as $L_{\text{line}} = 4\pi d^2 f_{\text{line}}$.

The radial velocities, equivalent widths, and line luminosities are reported in Table 3, where we used the subscripts *a* and *b* for the quantities related to the primary and secondary component, respectively. A further broad emission feature, blueshifted with respect to the primary component, is visible in the He I $\lambda 5876$ line at RJD = 59178. In this case, we fitted the observed line profile with three Gaussians and report the parameters of this feature (brown dashed line in Fig. 7) as RV_3 , W_3 , and L_{line}^3 in Table 3.

The H β emission profiles of the two components (Fig. 8) are much wider than the He I lines and, as a consequence, they are strongly blended. However, we could still deblend them with multi-component fits of Lorentzian profiles. A third emission component is always visible out of the conjunction as a blueshifted or redshifted feature, depending on the orbital phase. It displays the maximum intensity in the first epoch (RJD = 59178), where we also observed the excess He I emission. All the three H β emission peaks display a much smaller intensity at RJD = 59243, although the system configuration is the same as the first epoch of UVES observations, suggesting an intrinsic

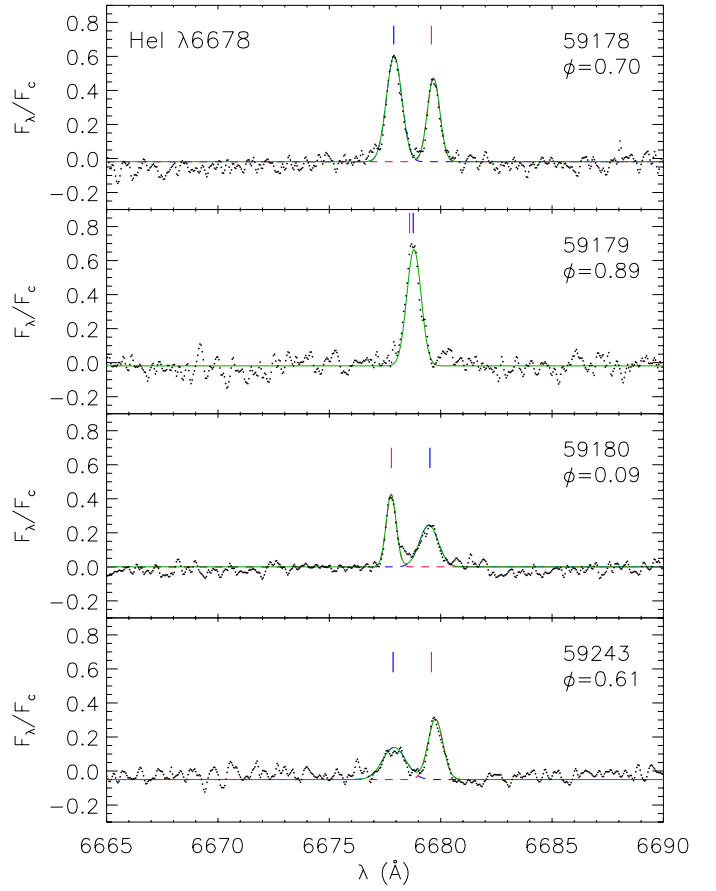


Fig. 6. Residual UVES spectra in the He I $\lambda 6678 \text{ \AA}$ region (black dots). In each panel, the two-Gaussian fit to the emission peaks (green full line) and the individual Gaussians corresponding to the primary (blue dashed line) and secondary (red dashed line) component are overlaid. The blue and red vertical ticks mark the expected position of the lines of primary and secondary component, respectively, according to the photospheric RV. The reduced Julian day and the orbital phase (ϕ) are marked in the upper right corner of each box.

accretion variation in addition to any potential geometric effect. The RV, equivalent width and line luminosity of the H β emission components are also quoted in Table 3.

We cannot distinguish the emission contribution of the two stars in the H α line (Fig. A.4), but we always see the blueshifted and redshifted excess component at a velocity that is similar to that of H β . A two-Gaussian fit has allowed us to separate the contribution of the latter feature from the integrated emission coming from the two stars, which we also report in Table 3. We think that this broad excess emission feature can be related to the complex structure of accretion funnels.

The strong intensity variation from the first to the last spectrum is also observed in H α and suggests a variable accretion rate. We have calculated the accretion luminosity, L_{acc} , with the $\log L_{\text{acc}} - \log L_{\text{line}}$ linear relations proposed by Alcalá et al. (2017). The mass accretion rate, \dot{M}_{acc} , was then derived from L_{acc} according to:

$$\dot{M}_{\text{acc}} = \left(1 - \frac{R_{\star}}{R_{\text{in}}}\right)^{-1} \frac{L_{\text{acc}} R_{\star}}{GM_{\star}}, \quad (1)$$

where R_{\star} and R_{in} are the stellar radius and inner-disk radius (assumed to be $R_{\text{in}} = 5R_{\star}$), respectively (see

¹⁰ A small correction was applied to the continuum flux based on the photometric variations.

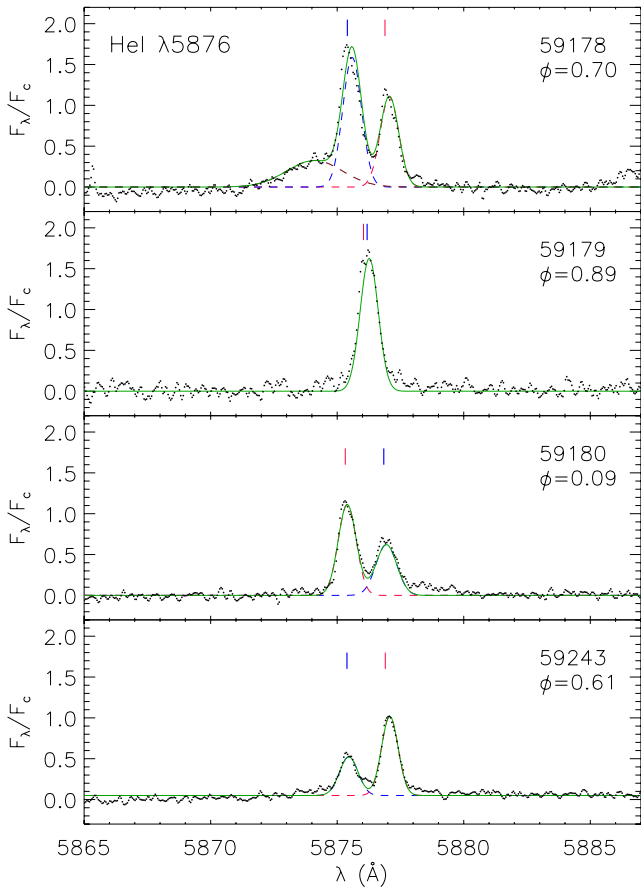


Fig. 7. Residual UVES He I $\lambda 5876$ Å profiles (black dots). In each panel, the two-Gaussian fit to the emission peaks (green full line) and the individual Gaussians corresponding to the primary (blue dashed line) and secondary (red dashed line) component are overlaid. The blue and red vertical ticks mark the expected position of the lines of primary and secondary component, respectively, according to the photospheric RV. The dashed brown line in the upper panel represents the Gaussian fitted to the excess blueshifted emission observed only in this spectrum. The reduced Julian day and the orbital phase (ϕ) are marked in the upper right corner of each box.

Gullbring et al. 1998; Hartmann et al. 1998). At each epoch, we have calculated the mean values of L_{acc} and M_{acc} (reported in Table 4), which have been obtained averaging the individual values derived from the two He I and H β lines. The errors include the relative errors of the line luminosities and the standard deviation of L_{acc} values from the three diagnostics.

The [O I] $\lambda 6300$ Å line is always observed as a single and rather symmetric feature (see Fig. 9). Its radial velocity spans from +19 to +26 km s $^{-1}$, therefore, it is always close to the barycentric velocity. Its equivalent width in the UVES spectra does not change very much, being about 0.80, 0.86, 1.09, and 1.20 Å, from the first to the last epoch of UVES observations. Interestingly, it is slightly stronger when the permitted lines are weaker. The [O I] $\lambda 6363$ Å line displays a similar behavior. This does not necessarily mean a real intensity variation, but it could be instead the result of a decrease of the excess continuum flux due to the accretion, namely, the veiling.

The observed profile of the [O I] $\lambda 6300$ Å line displays broad wings that cannot be reproduced with a single Gaussian. We therefore interpreted them as the superposition of a narrow and

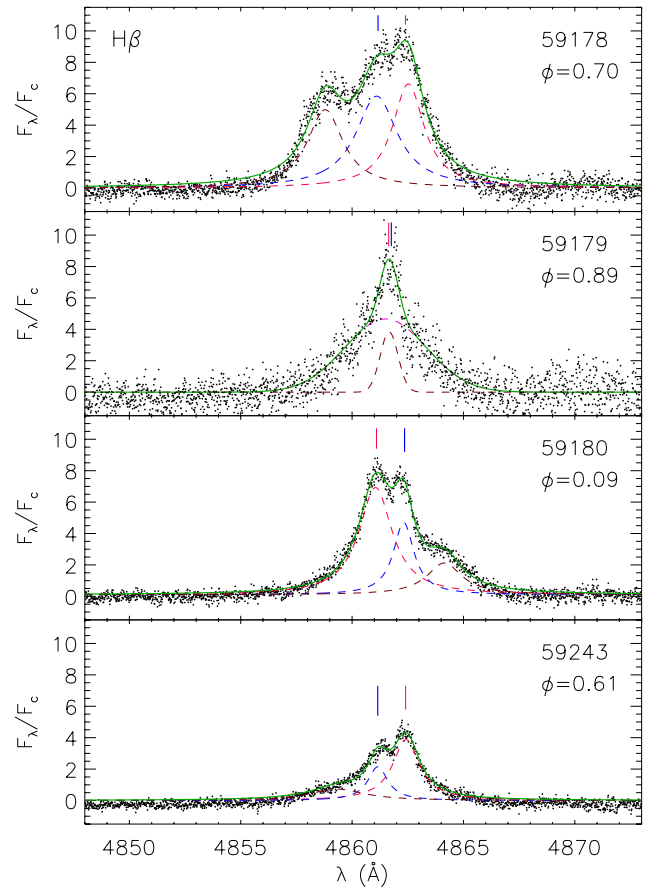


Fig. 8. Residual UVES H β profiles (black dots). The meaning of the symbols is as in Fig. 7.

a broad component, which have been fitted with Gaussians. The broad component is normally associated with magneto-hydrodynamic winds from the inner (<1 au) disk, while the narrow one is related to photoevaporated winds originating in a much more extended region (up to 100 au, e.g., Ercolano & Pascucci 2017). The parameters of the narrow (N) and broad (B) emission component are reported in Table 5. The narrow emission component has an average width of $FWHM, \approx 44$ km s $^{-1}$, while it is about 288 km s $^{-1}$ for the broad one. Following the prescriptions applied in different studies of forbidden emission lines (Simon et al. 2016; McGinnis et al. 2018; Fang et al. 2018; Banzatti et al. 2019; Gangi et al. 2020), we can estimate the emission size of these components under the assumption that the line widths are dominated by Keplerian broadening. Assuming an inclination of $i = 43^\circ$ and a total mass of $1 M_\odot$ (Sect. 3.5), the narrow component should be emitted by a region of ≈ 0.84 au ($180 R_\odot$), which is compatible with a circumbinary disk, as has also been found from the SED analysis. The size of the source of the broad component should be ≈ 0.02 au ($4.3 R_\odot$).

3.5. Spectral energy distribution

To study the shape of the spectral energy distribution (SED) of CVSO 104 A, excluding the contribution of the optical companion, we used both the OACT photometry and synthetic photometry made on the flux-calibrated X-shooter spectra of the two stars (see Fig. 10). We extended the SED to mid-infrared (MIR) and far-infrared (FIR) wavelengths by adding flux values

Table 3. Multi-component analysis of permitted emission lines of CVSO 104 A in the UVES spectra.

RJD	RV _a	RV _b	RV ₃	FWHM _a	FWHM _b	FWHM ₃	W _a	W _b	W ₃	L _{line} ^a	L _{line} ^b	L _{line} ³
	(km s ⁻¹)			(km s ⁻¹)			(Å)			(10 ⁻⁶ L _⊙)		
He I λ6678												
59178	-10.9 ± 1.9	68.6 ± 2.2	...	38 ± 5	30 ± 5	...	0.48 ± 0.07	0.30 ± 0.06	...	7.9 ± 1.1	5.1 ± 1.0	...
59179	26.9 ± 1.9		...	36 ± 5			0.59 ± 0.09		...	8.8 ± 1.5		...
59180	60.1 ± 5.1	-16.8 ± 2.1	...	57 ± 13	26 ± 5	...	0.25 ± 0.05	0.24 ± 0.03	...	4.2 ± 0.8	3.9 ± 0.5	...
59243	-12.6 ± 7.7	73.1 ± 3.0	...	43 ± 18	30 ± 7	...	0.22 ± 0.05	0.31 ± 0.04	...	3.6 ± 0.8	6.1 ± 0.8	...
He I λ5876												
59178	-7.6 ± 1.2	70.2 ± 1.6	-82.4 ± 21.4	46 ± 4	45 ± 4	124 ± 49	1.57 ± 0.08	1.07 ± 0.08	0.76 ± 0.15	16.3 ± 0.8	11.2 ± 0.8	7.8 ± 1.5
59179	29.5 ± 1.1				1.76 ± 0.14		...	16.6 ± 1.4		...
59180	65.3 ± 2.6	-12.5 ± 1.3	...	58 ± 7	40 ± 3	...	0.86 ± 0.09	0.90 ± 0.08	...	9.0 ± 0.9	9.3 ± 0.8	...
59243	-9.7 ± 3.2	73.7 ± 1.5	...	49 ± 8	41 ± 4	...	0.40 ± 0.07	0.66 ± 0.06	...	4.1 ± 0.7	6.9 ± 0.6	...
Hβ												
59178	-16.3 ± 3.3	71.5 ± 2.8	-158.5 ± 3.6	120 ± 8	111 ± 4	123 ± 5	22.3 ± 1.8	24.9 ± 1.7	18.9 ± 1.9	214.5 ± 17.3	239.5 ± 16.3	182.0 ± 18.3
59179	18.7 ± 2.1		...	190 ± 40			21.2 ± 2.0		...	163.1 ± 19.2		...
59180	59.4 ± 2.6	-19.3 ± 3.3	171.9 ± 4.7	69 ± 5	116 ± 3	116 ± 8	8.0 ± 0.9	19.1 ± 1.6	6.1 ± 1.2	77.4 ± 8.7	183.8 ± 15.4	58.6 ± 11.5
59243	-12.7 ± 3.5	65.6 ± 2.3	-124.8 ± 18.7	70 ± 13	78 ± 6	285 ± 32	6.7 ± 0.7	10.8 ± 0.9	3.6 ± 1.0	64.9 ± 6.8	103.9 ± 8.7	34.8 ± 9.7
Hα												
59178	47.1 ± 3.7		-168.8 ± 5.3	200 ± 12		150 ± 15	60.0 ± 1.5		26.8 ± 1.1	1177 ± 29		525 ± 22
59179	24.1 ± 3.8		...	250 ± 19		...	50.7 ± 1.7		...	895 ± 33		...
59180	21.6 ± 3.3		210.8 ± 9.0	188 ± 10		131 ± 21	59.8 ± 1.0		9.9 ± 0.9	1174 ± 20		194 ± 18
59243	51.4 ± 6.6		-86.2 ± 14.5	152 ± 11		214 ± 18	21.3 ± 1.0		14.5 ± 1.2	419 ± 20		284 ± 24

Table 4. Accretion luminosity and mass accretion rates of the components of CVSO 104 A.

RJD	log L _{acc} ^a	log L _{acc} ^b	log Ḃ _{acc} ^a	log Ḃ _{acc} ^b
	(L _⊙)		(M _⊙ yr ⁻¹)	
59178	-1.70 ± 0.18	-1.8 ± 0.30	-8.82 ± 0.18	-8.86 ± 0.30
59179	-1.45 ± 0.22		...	
59180	-2.08 ± 0.24	-1.95 ± 0.31	-9.20 ± 0.24	-8.98 ± 0.31
59243	-2.27 ± 0.28	-2.01 ± 0.29	-9.39 ± 0.28	-9.04 ± 0.29

Table 5. Multicomponent analysis of the [O I] λ6300 Å emission line.

RJD	RV _N	FWHM _N	I _N	RV _B	FWHM _B	I _B
	(km s ⁻¹)			(km s ⁻¹)		
59178	21.0 ± 3.7	46.9 ± 7.8	0.46(6)	11.1 ± 18.9	355 ± 84	0.12(2)
59179	21.6 ± 3.3	38.7 ± 6.9	0.58(8)	39.6 ± 12.6	267 ± 51	0.19(3)
59180	22.0 ± 2.0	43.8 ± 4.0	0.67(5)	32.8 ± 13.4	289 ± 50	0.12(2)
59243	22.8 ± 1.6	37.9 ± 3.4	0.93(8)	48.3 ± 10.8	258 ± 43	0.18(3)

Notes. I_N and I_B are the intensities of the narrow and broad component, respectively, in units of the continuum.

from the literature. These data are quoted in Table A.1. As the contribution of the visual companion B is strongly decreasing at longer wavelengths (see Fig. 10), we assign the MIR (WISE) and FIR (*Herschel*) fluxes to the component A.

To reproduce the photospheres of the two components of the binary, we combined two BT-Settl spectra (Allard et al. 2012) adopting the temperatures and flux contributions at red wavelengths, w_a and w_b , found with COMPO2 and reported in Table 2. With this photospheric template, we fitted the optical-NIR portion (from *B* to *H* band) of the SED (Fig. 11), fixing the *Gaia* EDR3 parallax and letting the extinction, A_V , and

the radius of the primary component, R_a , free to vary until a minimum χ^2 is attained. We found $A_V = 0.35$ mag and $R_a = 1.07R_\odot$. The 3D extinction map of the Galaxy published by Green et al. (2019) provides $E(g-r) = 0.12$ mag at the position and distance of CVSO 104 A¹¹, which translates into $E(B-V) = 0.106-0.120$ mag, depending on the conversion used, which would then correspond to $A_V = 0.33-0.37$ mag. This value is in close agreement with the value of A_V derived by us and suggests that most (or all) of this reddening is interstellar in nature, rather than circumstellar. The radius of the secondary component, $R_b = 0.99R_\odot$, is derived from R_a and the flux contributions w_a and w_b . We have then evaluated the stellar luminosities as $L = 4\pi R^2 \sigma T_{\text{eff}}^4$. The error of luminosity includes also the error on flux contribution. These stellar parameters are also quoted in Table 2. The position of the two components of CVSO 104 A in the Hertzsprung-Russell (HR) diagram is shown in Fig. 12 along with the pre-main-sequence evolutionary tracks and isochrones by Baraffe et al. (2015). Both components lie close to the isochrone at 5 Myr and masses of $0.57 \pm 0.15 M_\odot$ and $0.43 \pm 0.15 M_\odot$ can be inferred for the primary and secondary component, respectively. Comparing these values with the dynamical masses reported in Table 2, we deduce a system inclination of $i \simeq 43^{+8}_{-4}$ degrees. We note that the mass ratio derived from the position in the HR diagram, $M_b/M_a = 0.75 \pm 0.33$, is smaller than but is still compatible with the dynamical one, if we take the large errors of the individual masses ($\pm 0.15 M_\odot$) into account. The latter are mainly the result of the large T_{eff} uncertainty. Therefore, the radial velocity curve strongly suggests components with closer masses and effective temperatures.

The masses and radii derived for the components Aa and Ab of CVSO 104 enable us to trace the configuration of the system, which is depicted in Fig. 13. The SED also shows that up to the *H* band the emission is photospheric, while longward of that it follows the typical emission pattern displayed by Class II

¹¹ <http://argonaut.skymaps.info/query>

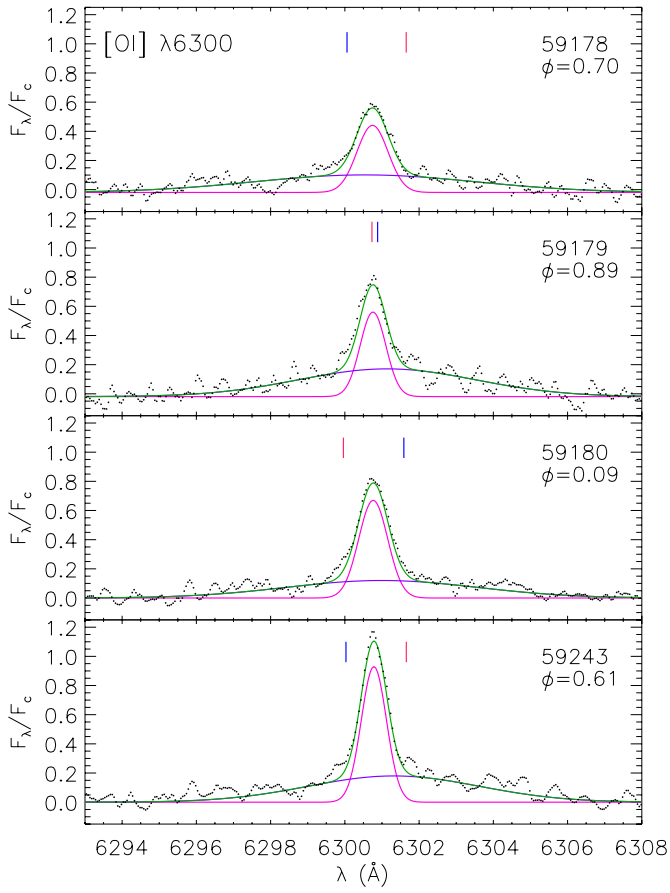


Fig. 9. Residual UVES spectra in the [O I] $\lambda 6300$ region (black dots). The blue and red vertical ticks mark the expected position of the lines of primary and secondary component, respectively, according to the photospheric RV. The Gaussian fits to the broad and narrow component of the line profile are overlotted with purple and magenta lines, respectively, while their sum is plotted with a green line. The reduced Julian day and the orbital phase (ϕ) are marked in the upper right corner of each box.

sources in Taurus (e.g., D’Alessio et al. 1999; Furlan et al. 2006), which is outlined by the light-grey shaded area in Fig 11. Such an IR excess could be explained by thermal emission from a dusty disk. We can, for example, reproduce it with two blackbodies with $T_1 = 1000$ K (red dotted line in Fig. 11) and $T_2 = 150$ K (green dashed line). The areas of these sources, assumed as uniformly emitting, are about 1.0×10^{25} cm² and 2.1×10^{28} cm², respectively. If they are related to an inner and outer disk with inclination $i = 43^\circ$ and internal radius $R_{\text{in}} = 1 R_\odot$, their radii should be ~ 21 and $960 R_\odot$. If compared with the semi-major axis $a \approx 13_{-2}^{+1} R_\odot$, this implies that a circumbinary disk must exist.

4. Discussion

Our study confirms that CVSO 104 A is a double-lined spectroscopic binary with a dynamical mass ratio around 0.92, which is slightly lower but marginally consistent within the uncertainties with the estimate by Kounkel et al. (2019). With an orbital period of five days, but no physical companion detected directly, by *Gaia* nor by Broadening Function method, the system is a rare case of a close binary without a detected tertiary component. Indeed, Laos et al. (2020) found that 90% of spectroscopic

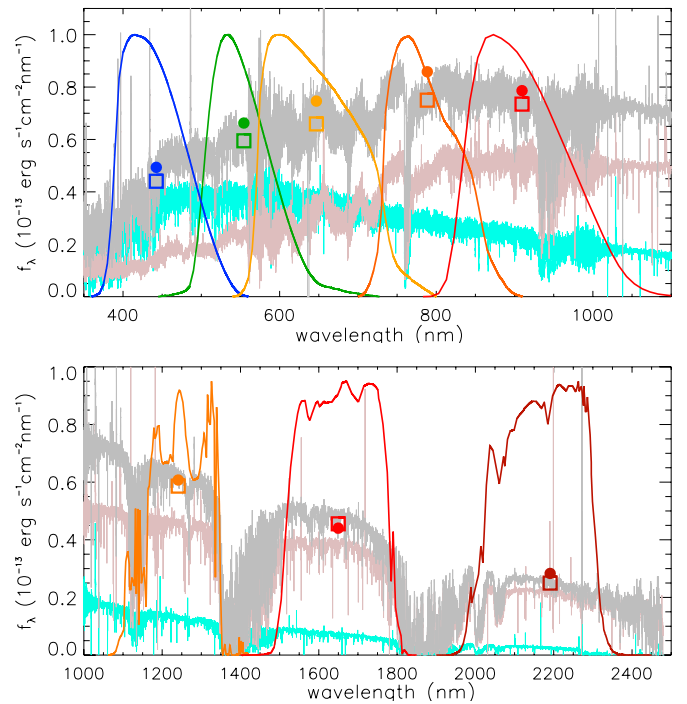


Fig. 10. X-shooter flux-calibrated spectrum of CVSO 104 A (pink line), CVSO 104 B (cyan line), and the sum of the two (grey line) in the visual (*top panel*) and NIR region (*bottom panel*). The contemporaneous photometry obtained from OACT in the BVR_cIz' bands and the 2MASS JHK_s photometry are displayed with colored dots. The filter bandpasses and the synthetic photometry (open squares) obtained integrating the combined spectrum (A+B) over these bandpasses are overlaid with the same color as the photometric points.

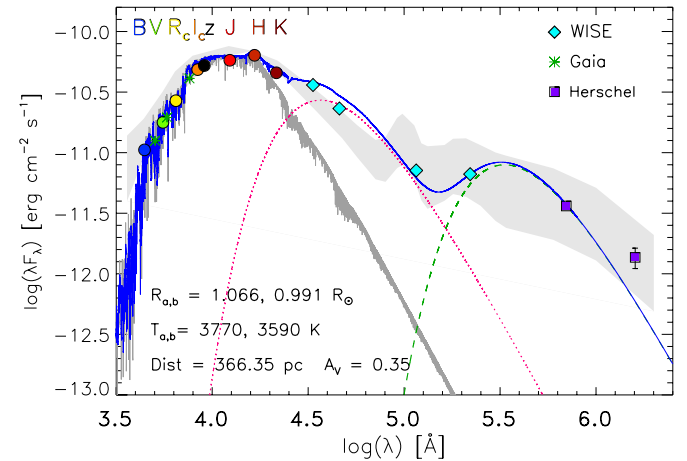


Fig. 11. Spectral energy distribution of CVSO 104 A based on OACT and synthetic photometry made on the X-shooter spectrum. *Gaia* magnitudes, mid- and far-infrared fluxes are shown with different symbols, as indicated in the legend. The combination of BT-Settl spectra (Allard et al. 2012) that reproduce the photospheres of the components of the close binary is shown by a gray line. The two black bodies with $T = 1000$ K and $T = 150$ K that fit the MIR and FIR disk emission are shown by the dotted red and dashed green lines, respectively. The continuous blue line displays the sum of the smoothed photospheric template and the two black bodies. The light-grey shaded area in the background is the median SED of Class II Taurus sources according to D’Alessio et al. (1999) and Furlan et al. (2006), reddened by $A_V = 0.35$ mag, and scaled to the H band photometric point.

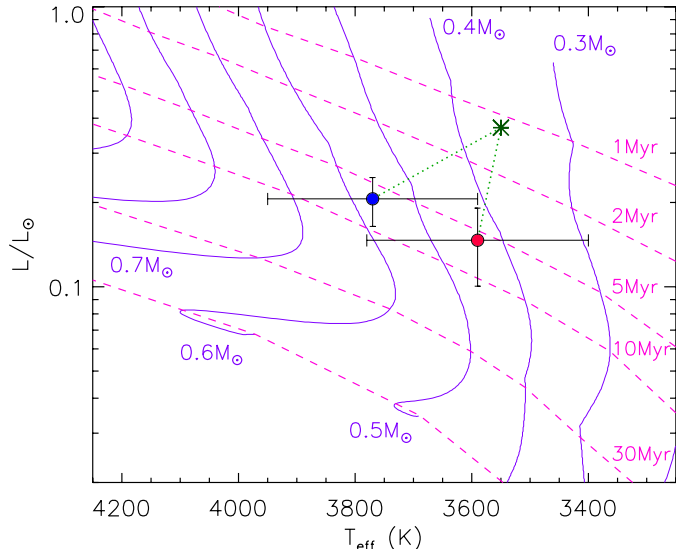


Fig. 12. Position of the primary (blue dot) and secondary (red dot) component of CVSO 104 A in the HR diagram. Isochrones and evolutionary tracks by Baraffe et al. (2015) are overlaid as dashed and solid lines; the labels represent their age and mass. The green asterisk connected with green dotted lines to the dots marks the position of CVSO 104 A, with the parameters derived from the combined spectrum in Paper I.

binaries with orbital periods between 3 and 6 days had a tertiary companion.

Observations with TESS reveal variability, with an irregular, or at most a semi-regular, pattern. The fact that TESS has large pixels, so that the component B is also contributing to the flux, makes difficult assessing the real amplitude of the variations and whether they really originate from the spectroscopic binary. However, according to our classification as a slowly rotating, low-activity G2 V star and the photometry displayed in Fig. A.2, the brightness variations of the component B are negligible in comparison with CVSO 104 A. The observed variations look more like small-amplitude bursts (perhaps linked to accretion) than dips, especially in the second TESS light curve, simultaneous with PENELLOPE. The TESS light curves are reminiscent of the sources in NGC 2264 with “aperiodic accretion variability” or “stochastic variability” presented by Stauffer et al. (2016) or to the “stochastic” or “burster” type of variability detected with K2 in Upper Sco (Cody & Hillenbrand 2018). With the aim of distinguishing between a “dipper” or “bursting” light curve on more quantitative grounds, we have evaluated the asymmetry of the TESS light curve, using the metric, M , expressed by Cody et al. (2014) in their Eq. (7). After removing the linear trend, we found $M \approx 0.13$. According to Cody et al. (2014), values of $M < -0.25$ are typical of “bursting” light curves, $M > +0.25$ correspond to “dippers”, while $-0.25 < M < +0.25$ indicates symmetric light curves. As a further test, we calculated the third moment (skewness) as -0.45 , which also indicates a rather symmetric light curve. We repeated this analysis with the ASAS-SN g' data, which have a precision and cadence lower than TESS, but a longer time baseline and we found $M \approx 0.17$ and skewness -0.30 , which also suggest a symmetric light curve. Therefore, we cannot classify CVSO 104 A either as a burster or a dipper. The stochastic variability is probably related to fluctuating accretion. However, our multiband photometry (Fig. A.1) shows at least two clearly detected bursts simultaneous with the enhancements of the TESS light curve. The intensification is stronger in

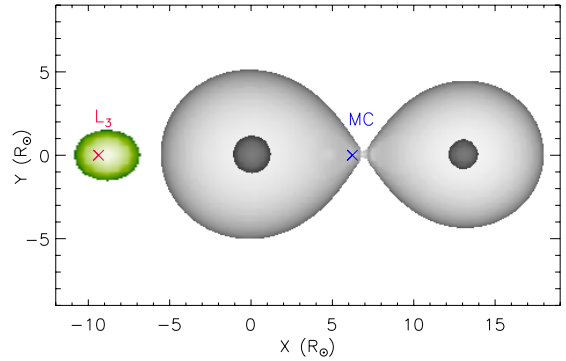


Fig. 13. Schematic representation of the geometry of the CVSO 104 A system in the orbital plane. The dark shaded surfaces represent the primary (at left) and secondary component, while the light-grey one is the critical Roche surface. The size and separation of the stars and Roche lobes as well as the position of the barycenter (MC) and the Lagrangian point L_3 are to scale. The source of the excess $H\alpha$ and $H\beta$ emission is represented by the shaded green area.

the bluer bands, as usually observed during accretion bursts (see, e.g., Tofflemire et al. 2017).

In Paper I, we quote a mass for the star of $0.37 M_\odot$ and a mass accretion rate of $3.24 \times 10^{-9} M_\odot \text{ yr}^{-1}$, but these values assumed that the object was single. The mass accretion rate reported in Paper I is higher than the \dot{M}_{acc} values of each component, but it is close to their sum at $\text{RJD}=59178$, $\dot{M}_{\text{acc}} \approx 2.95 \times 10^{-9} M_\odot \text{ yr}^{-1}$.

Using evolutionary tracks and isochrones of Baraffe et al. (2015), we found that both components are near the isochrone at 5 Myr and derived the masses to be $0.57 \pm 0.15 M_\odot$ and $0.43 \pm 0.15 M_\odot$, with a binary inclination of $i \approx 43^\circ \pm 6^\circ$ (see Fig. 12). However, apart from the large mass errors, which mainly stem from the large uncertainties of T_{eff} values, the masses depend on the adopted set of evolutionary tracks. To evaluate the impact of different models on the determination of masses and age, we have also used the SPOTS Models of Somers et al. (2020), which include the effects of magnetic activity and starspots on the structure of active stars. The HR diagrams with the Somers et al. (2020) tracks for a spot covering fraction of 0%, 34%, and 51% are shown in Fig. A.5. We note that the position of the two components with respect to the tracks with a spot filling factor $F_{\text{spot}} = 0$ is the same as for the tracks of Baraffe et al. (2015). A spot coverage of 34% would increase the masses by a factor of ~ 1.3 , which is inside the mass errors, while a larger spot filling factor, $F_{\text{spot}} = 51\%$, would make the masses larger by a factor ~ 1.5 and the inclination of the system would be $i \approx 37^\circ$. However, unless the spots are evenly distributed over the surface of the two stars, there is no indication of such a high coverage from the light curve which should have shown a large-amplitude rotational modulation superimposed to the observed bursts. Moreover, in the latter case, the age of the system would turn out to be 15–20 Myr, which is hardly compatible with the high mass accretion rate and with the age of ~ 5 Myr of the Ori OB1 association.

If we use the radii and orbital period listed in Table 2, we find equatorial rotation velocities of $v_{\text{eq}} = 10.7$ and 10.0 km s^{-1} for the primary and secondary components, respectively, which become $v \sin i = 7.3$ and 6.8 km s^{-1} , that is, they are in agreement with the measured $v \sin i$, within the errors. We therefore conclude that the components are synchronized or close to synchronization, but the system is not yet circularized. This is in

agreement with the timescales for circularization and synchronization, $\tau_{\text{circ}} \sim 800$ Myr and $\tau_{\text{sync}} \sim 2$ Myr, which we have calculated according to Zahn (1989). With an age of ~ 5 Myr, this system should have had time enough to synchronize the rotation of the two components with the orbital period. However, as pointed out by Hut (1981), in an eccentric orbit the tidal interaction is stronger at periastron, when the orbital velocity is higher, with the consequence that the equilibrium is reached at a value of rotation period, P_{pseudo} , which is smaller than P_{orb} , leading to a pseudo-synchronization. The value of P_{pseudo} depends on the eccentricity of the system and results to be about 2.5 days for both components of CVSO 104 A, which is not consistent with the $v \sin i$ values measured by us. The timescale for the pseudo-synchronization can be evaluated as $\tau_{\text{pseudo}} \sim 12$ Myr, following the guidelines of Hut (1981). This suggests that the pseudo-synchronization equilibrium has not yet been attained for the components of CVSO 104 A.

With a semi-major axis of about $13 R_{\odot}$ and an inclination of about 43° , the system should certainly not show any eclipses. In all cases, the Roche lobe radius of both stars is about $5 R_{\odot}$, that is, much larger than the radius of the individual stars, which is about $1 R_{\odot}$ (see also Fig. 13). Thus, there is also a place for circumstellar accretion disks, in addition to a circumbinary disk. The existence of the latter is confirmed by our SED analysis.

The accretion luminosities and mass accretion rates of the two components, calculated from the fluxes of the lines where the profiles of the two components could be deblended (He I $\lambda 6678$, He I $\lambda 5876$, and H β), are similar. The secondary component seems to accrete slightly more than the primary, but at the first epoch (RJD=59178) we see the reverse. However, these variations are within the errors and cannot be considered to be highly significant.

The numerical simulations of circumbinary accretion onto eccentric and circular binaries made by Muñoz & Lai (2016) show that for circular binaries one expects accretion bursts with a period $\sim 5P_{\text{orb}}$, while for eccentric orbits it is mostly modulated at $\sim 1P_{\text{orb}}$. This seems to be the case with CVSO 104 A, according to what is observed in the TESS light curve (Fig. 1). Moreover, based on the above simulations, the two components should have similar accretion rates in circular orbits, while very different accretion rates, with a ratio up to 10–20, should be observed in the components of binaries with eccentric orbits. The asymmetry breaking between the stars, however, alternates over timescales on the order of $200 P_{\text{orb}}$ and it can be attributed to a slowly precessing, eccentric circumbinary disk. Our spectroscopic observations always display very similar \dot{M}_{acc} for the two components, with some hint of variation, but they span a too small time range and further observations are needed to search for variations on 100 day timescales.

Figure 1 of Muñoz & Lai (2016) clearly shows the spiral pattern of matter from the circumbinary disk to the stars and circumstellar disks. Similar structures are found in the simulations of Gillen et al. (2017) and de Val-Borro et al. (2011) for the two gas streams passing the co-linear Lagrangian points on the way down to the stars. Also, de Val-Borro et al. (2011) used their model to estimate the RV of Balmer line emission from the region within the circumbinary disk, finding maximum velocities of about $\pm 100 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ around the quadratures, which are in agreement with the excess emission observed on V4046 Sgr by Stempels & Gahm (2004). According to Stempels & Gahm (2004), these excess emissions are consistent with two concentrations of gas co-rotating with the stars and moving with a projected velocity of 80 km s^{-1} around the center of mass. This

suggests that they are located well inside the edge of the circumbinary disk and also inside the co-linear Lagrangian points of V4046 Sgr. It is possible that a similar accretion structure that brings matter towards the primary component is responsible for the extra emission component observed in H α and H β . We note that its RV is approximately symmetric with respect to the barycentric velocity $\gamma = 24.5 \text{ km s}^{-1}$. If we are looking at the same structure at opposite phases (near quadratures) and if we assume it as quasi-stationary in the reference frame rotating with the system, it should be located at $\approx 15 R_{\odot}$ from the barycenter, that is, near the Lagrangian point L_3 (see Fig. 13). The absence of a similar structure on the side of the secondary star is not an unexpected result, since the simulations of de Val-Borro et al. (2011) and Muñoz & Lai (2016) show that the density distribution in the inner gap can be highly asymmetrical. For instance, the model of Terquem et al. (2015) applied to CoRoT 223992193, a PMS binary with $P_{\text{orb}} \approx 3.87$ day and M-type components, shows that the stream of matter from the circumbinary disk to the primary is much denser than the one directed toward the secondary component. A similar result is also reported by Gómez de Castro et al. (2020) for simulations of AK Sco, a short-period SB2 composed of mid-F stars with a circumbinary disk. These authors observed an enhancement of the accretion rate during the periastron passages from UV tracers and the higher resolution COS spectra revealed that the flow was channeled preferentially into one of the two components.

Contrary to what observed by Gómez de Castro et al. (2020) for AK Sco, Ardila et al. (2015) do not detect any clear correlation between accretion luminosity and phase for the two binaries DQ Tau and UZ Tau either from UV continuum or C IV line flux, suggesting that gas is stored in the system throughout the orbit and may accrete stochastically. These systems are both composed of early-M type stars in eccentric orbits with longer orbital periods ($P_{\text{orb}} = 15.8$ and 19.1 day, respectively) and circumbinary disks. However, optical emission lines and continuum veiling intensification near the periastron passage have been reported for DQ Tau (e.g., Mathieu et al. 1997; Basri et al. 1997). Kóspál et al. (2018) analyzed contemporaneous ground-based, *Spitzer*, and K2 photometry of DQ Tau. The K2 light curve displays a clear rotational modulation which is crossed by short-duration flare-like events but also by stronger brightening events with a complex behaviour and a longer duration, which are observed only at phases close to the periastron passage. The latter are interpreted as accretion bursts. Tofflemire et al. (2017) observed accretion bursts near periastron passages in the same binary system with multiband photometry which are stronger in the bluer bands. We observed a similar color behaviour for the bursts observed in CVSO 104 A, but they are not seen near periastron passages. Another system for which accretion burst have been observed near periastron passages is TWA 3A (Tofflemire et al. 2019). This is apparent from their *U*-band light curve, but it is also indicated by the intensity and *FWHM* of H α , H β , and He I $\lambda 5876$ lines, which increase near the periastron passages. They also show that the He I $\lambda 5876$ line indicates that the primary is accreting more than the secondary and suggest that this can be explained by the Muñoz & Lai (2016) simulations. We note, however, that P_{orb} and eccentricity are larger for TWA 3A than for CVSO 104 A, with periastron and apastron separations of 14.7 and $64.0 R_{\odot}$, respectively. Therefore the effect of periastron passage may be stronger for the former system. We need time-series high-resolution spectroscopy, possibly in different epochs, to investigate the behavior of accretion variability in CVSO 104 A.

5. Conclusions

We presented a spectroscopic and photometric study of the PMS object CVSO 104 A, which is located in the Ori OB1 association and has an optical companion with a similar brightness at about 2".4. The latter star, which we have named CVSO 104 B, is a background Sun-like star not physically associated with the PMS object and does not belong to Ori OB1. Thanks to high- and intermediate-resolution spectra taken in the framework of the PENELLOPE large program and archival APOGEE spectra, we confirmed CVSO 104 A as a double-lined spectroscopic binary and derived, for the first time, its orbital parameters. We found a dynamical mass ratio of 0.92, an orbital period of about five days, and an eccentric orbit ($e \approx 0.39$, see Table 2). It is a rare case of a close binary without a detected tertiary component.

The analysis of the UVES spectra also allowed us to estimate the parameters of the two components of the binary system, which turn out to be slowly rotating ($v \sin i \approx 6\text{--}7 \text{ km s}^{-1}$), early M-type stars. In the HR diagram, both stars are located near the same isochrone at 5 Myr (according to two different models), which is in good agreement with the age estimated for Ori OB1. The rotation rates indicate that the two stars have already attained spin-orbit synchronization but the orbit is not yet circular. This agrees with the timescales for synchronization and circularization that we have estimated as $\tau_{\text{sync}} \sim 2 \text{ Myr}$ and $\tau_{\text{circ}} \sim 800 \text{ Myr}$, respectively.

The SED shows a significant infrared excess that can be explained only with a circumbinary accretion disk with an extension of at least 4.5 au ($960 R_{\odot}$), although the presence of circumstellar disks around the two stars cannot be ruled out. The kinematic properties (RV and *FWHM*) of the narrow component of the [O I] $\lambda 6300 \text{ \AA}$ line are also compatible with emission from a region of a circumbinary disk of $\approx 1 \text{ au}$.

The analysis of permitted lines, such as H β , He I $\lambda 5876 \text{ \AA}$, and He I $\lambda 6678 \text{ \AA}$, after the removal of the underlying photospheric spectrum, clearly reveals emission from both components of the close binary CVSO 104 A with a similar intensity. This result is in contrast with what is suggested by some theoretical studies, which predict, for most of the time, very different accretion rates for the components of an eccentric binary system, even if they have a similar mass (e.g., Muñoz & Lai 2016). However, since the ratio of accretion rates of the components is expected to reverse periodically, a binary system should be observed nearly-continuously for a long time ($\geq 100 \text{ days}$) to draw firm conclusions. In addition to the emission profiles corresponding to the velocity of the components and likely produced by emitting material near the accretion shocks, the H α and H β profiles display a broad excess emission component, which appears blueshifted or redshifted by more than 100 km s^{-1} at different phases. We think that this emission could be produced by an accretion funnel from the circumbinary disk towards the primary component, similar to what was found by Stempels & Gahm (2004) for V4046 Sgr and in agreement with the predictions from the numerical simulations (e.g., de Val-Borro et al. 2011; Terquem et al. 2015; Gillen et al. 2017).

The contemporaneous space- (TESS) and ground-based photometry displays a stochastic variability pattern with a possible periodicity around 4.7 days (not far from the orbital period) and some short-duration ($\approx 1 \text{ day}$) peaks. The latter are reminiscent of accretion bursts, based on their shape and color dependence. However, unlike other binary systems with eccentric orbits (such as the paradigmatic case of DQ Tau), these accretion bursts do not seem to occur near the periastron passages.

Future studies with multi-epochs and high-resolution spectroscopy of this and other PMS binaries are needed for a deeper investigation of the impact of multiplicity on the mass accretion phenomenon. The synergy between ODYSSEUS and PENELLOPE large programs can be of great assistance in this respect, with the data being publicly available¹².

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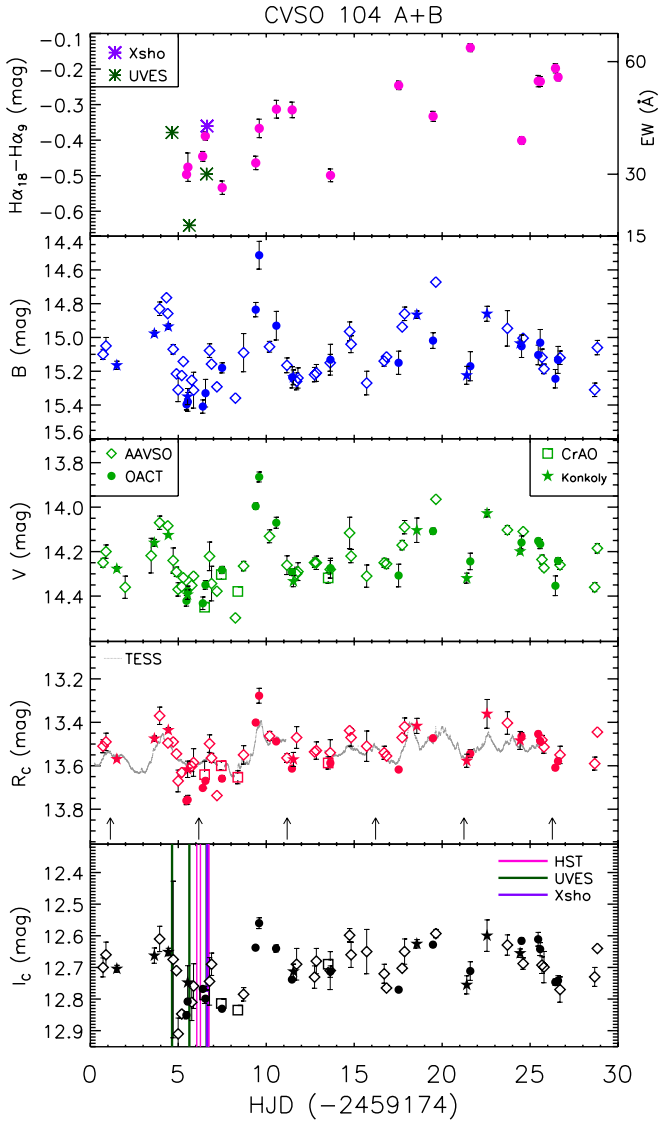


Fig. A.1. Multiband ground-based light curve of CVSO 104 A+B around the time of VLT and HST observations. Different symbols, as reported in the legend, are used for the different data sets. The $H\alpha$ color index, which measures the intensity of the line, is shown in the upper panel. Synthetic $H\alpha$ colors based on X-shooter and UVES spectra are overplotted with asterisks in the same box. The contemporaneous TESS light curve is overplotted with grey dots to the R_C light curve. The arrows in the same box mark the periastron passages. The epoch of VLT and HST observations are marked in the lower box.

Appendix A: Additional tables and figures

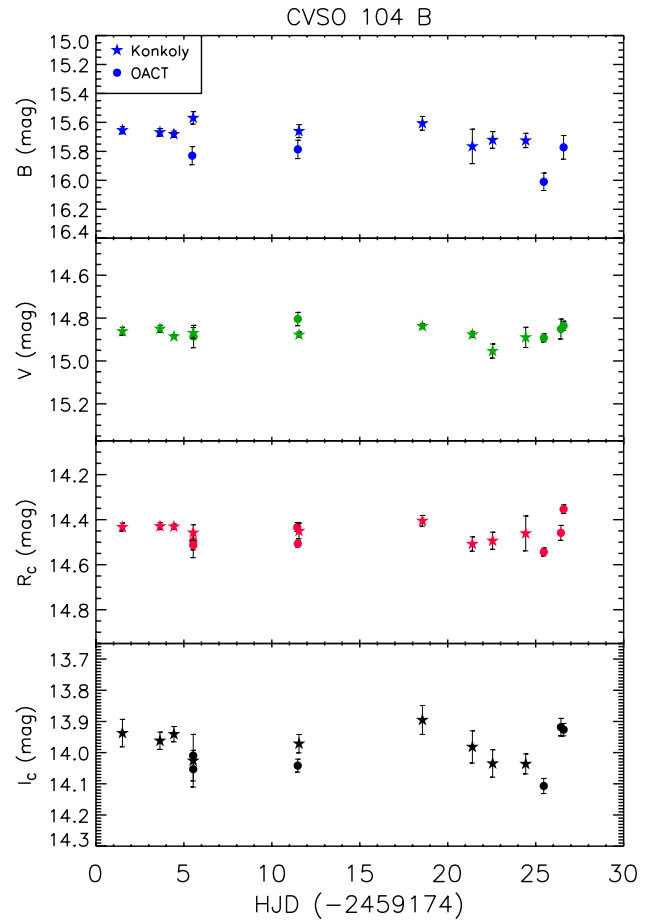


Fig. A.2. Multiband ground-based photometry of CVSO 104 B obtained at OACT and Konkoly observatories in the nights with a good seeing.

Table A.1. Photometry of CVSO 104 A and B.

Band	λ_c (μm)	Comp. A (mag)	Comp. B (mag)	Reference
<i>B</i>	0.444	16.67 ± 0.08	15.67 ± 0.06	Present work
<i>V</i>	0.550	15.57 ± 0.05	14.87 ± 0.04	Present work
<i>R_C</i>	0.621	14.64 ± 0.05	14.47 ± 0.05	Present work
<i>I_C</i>	0.767	13.53 ± 0.04	14.10 ± 0.07	Present work
<i>z'</i>	0.910	13.56 ± 0.05	14.43 ± 0.11	Present work
<i>BP</i>	0.505	15.242 ± 0.042	15.024 ± 0.004	<i>Gaia</i> EDR3
<i>G</i>	0.623	14.455 ± 0.009	14.588 ± 0.003	<i>Gaia</i> EDR3
<i>RP</i>	0.772	13.398 ± 0.018	13.932 ± 0.005	<i>Gaia</i> EDR3
<i>J</i>	1.235	12.16 ± 0.05	13.52 ± 0.08	Present work
<i>H</i>	1.662	11.24 ± 0.05	13.03 ± 0.08	Present work
<i>K_s</i>	2.159	10.81 ± 0.04	13.23 ± 0.08	Present work
<i>WISE 1</i>	3.35	9.699 ± 0.023	...	WISE
<i>WISE 2</i>	4.60	9.204 ± 0.020	...	WISE
<i>WISE 3</i>	11.56	7.560 ± 0.019	...	WISE
<i>WISE 4</i>	22.09	5.571 ± 0.039	...	WISE
<i>Herschel blue</i>	70	84.7 ± 2.7 mJy	...	H2020
<i>Herschel red</i>	160	72.9 ± 14.0 mJy	...	H2020

Notes *Gaia* EDR3=[Gaia Collaboration \(2020\)](#); WISE=[Cutri et al. \(2021\)](#); H2020=[Herschel Point Source Catalogue Working Group et al. \(2020\)](#).

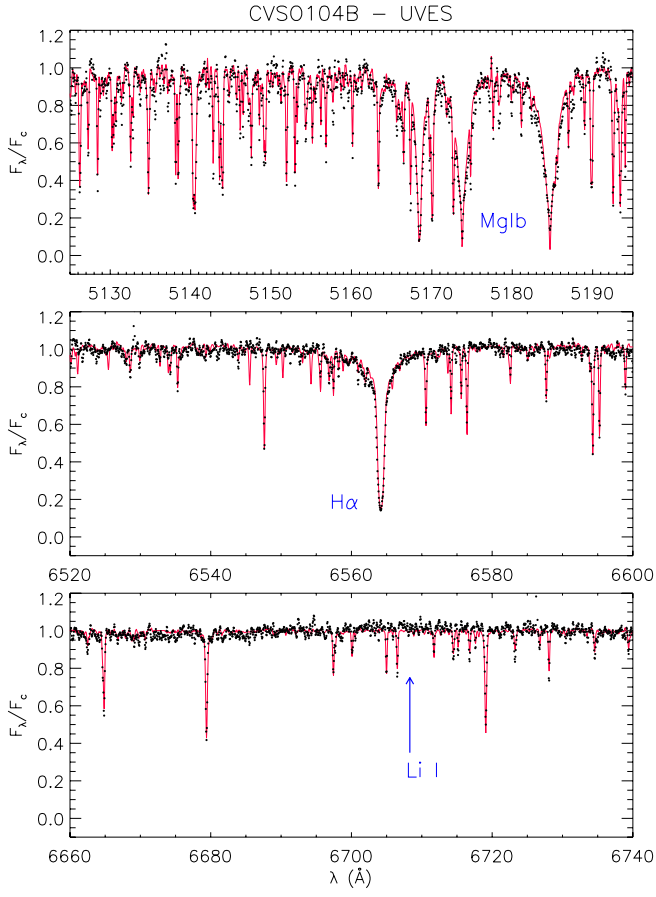


Fig. A.3. UVES spectrum of CVSO 104 B (black dots) in three spectral regions around the Mg I b triplet (*top*), H α (*middle*), and 6700 Å (*bottom*). In each box the spectrum of the standard star that is best fitting that of CVSO 104 B is overplotted with a full red line.

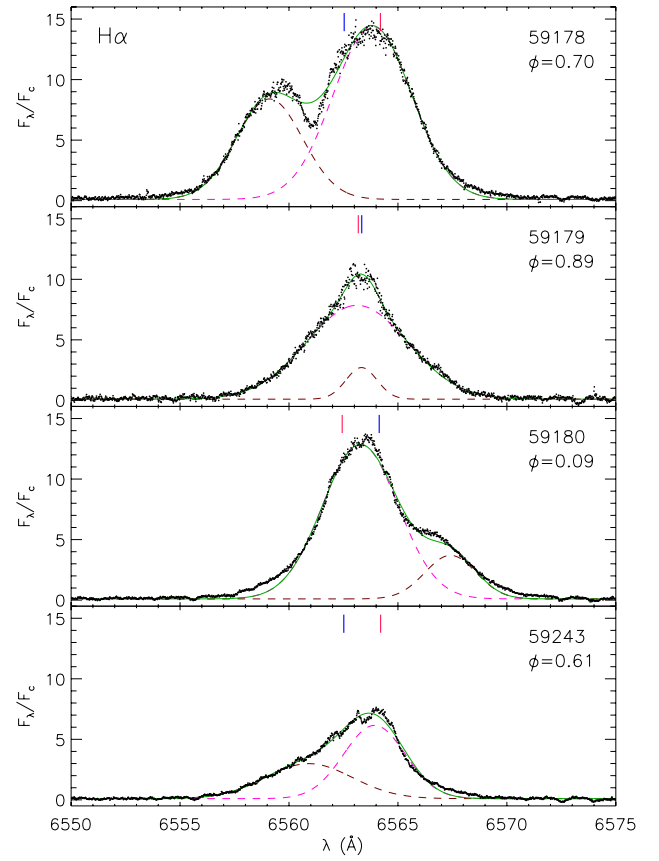


Fig. A.4. Residual UVES H α profiles (black dots). The totally blended emission from the two stars is represented, in each box, by a magenta dashed line, while the brown dashed line is the Gaussian fitted to the excess blueshifted or redshifted emission. The sum of the two Gaussians is overplotted as a full green line. The blue and red vertical ticks mark the expected position of the lines of primary and secondary component, respectively, according to the photospheric RV.

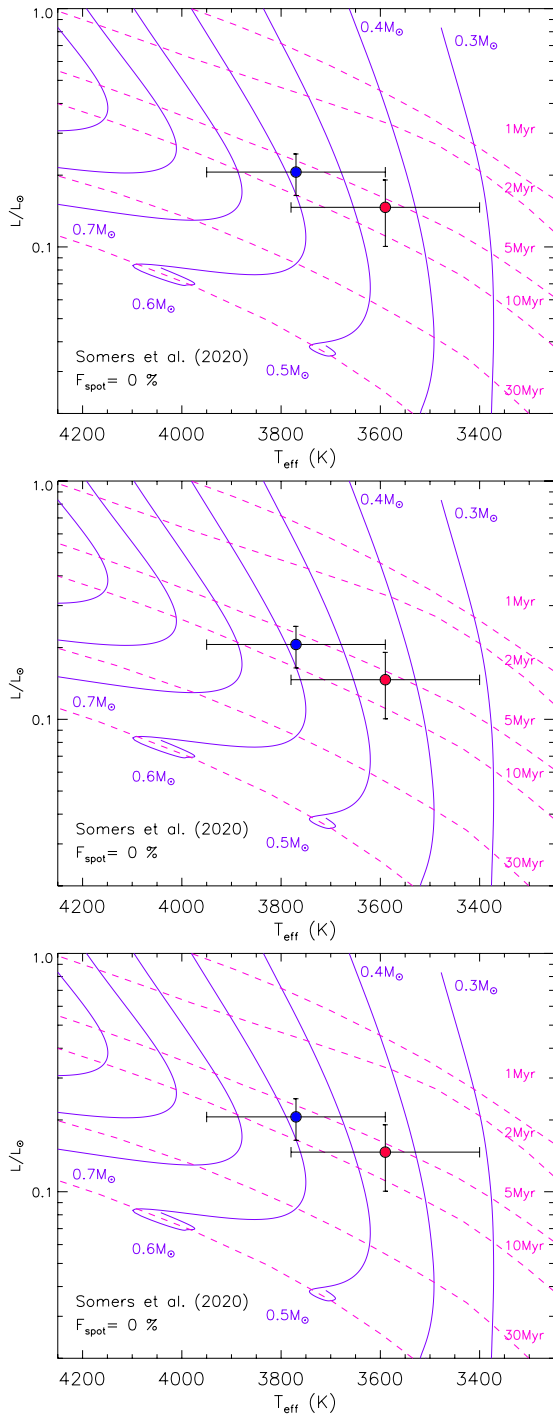


Fig. A.5. HR diagram of the primary (blue dot) and secondary (red dot) component of CVSO 104 A with isochrones and evolutionary tracks by Somers et al. (2020) for three spot covering factors.