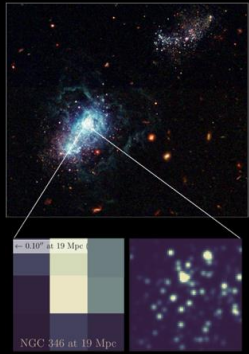




The HWO perspective of the Italian collaboration

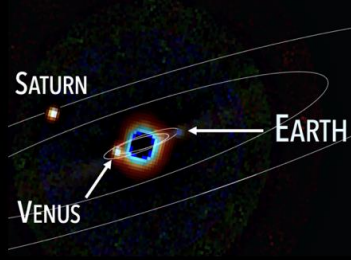
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8.10" at 19 Mpc
NGC 346 at 19 Mpc

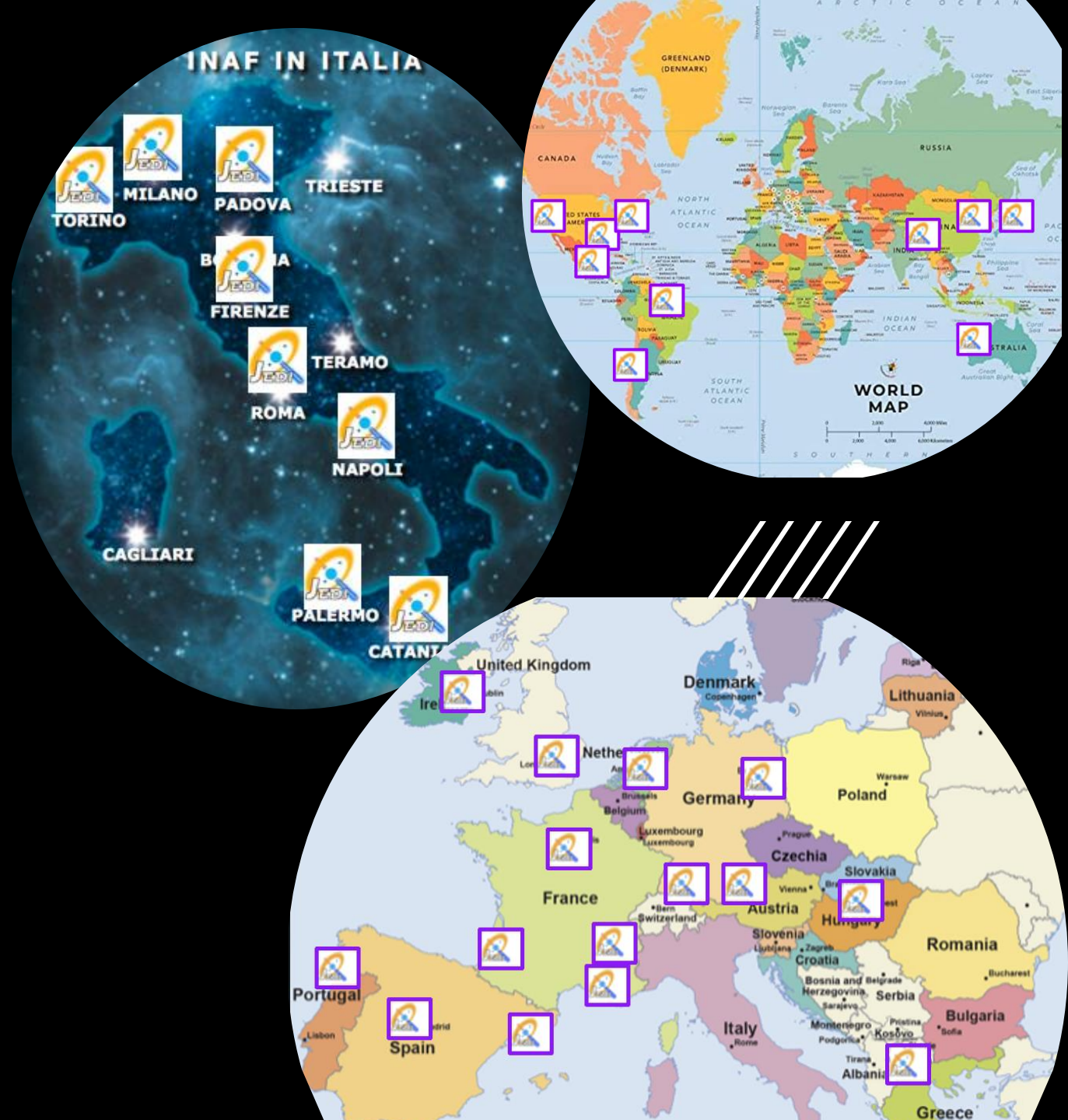
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SHAPING THE ITALIAN CONTRIBUTION TO HWO

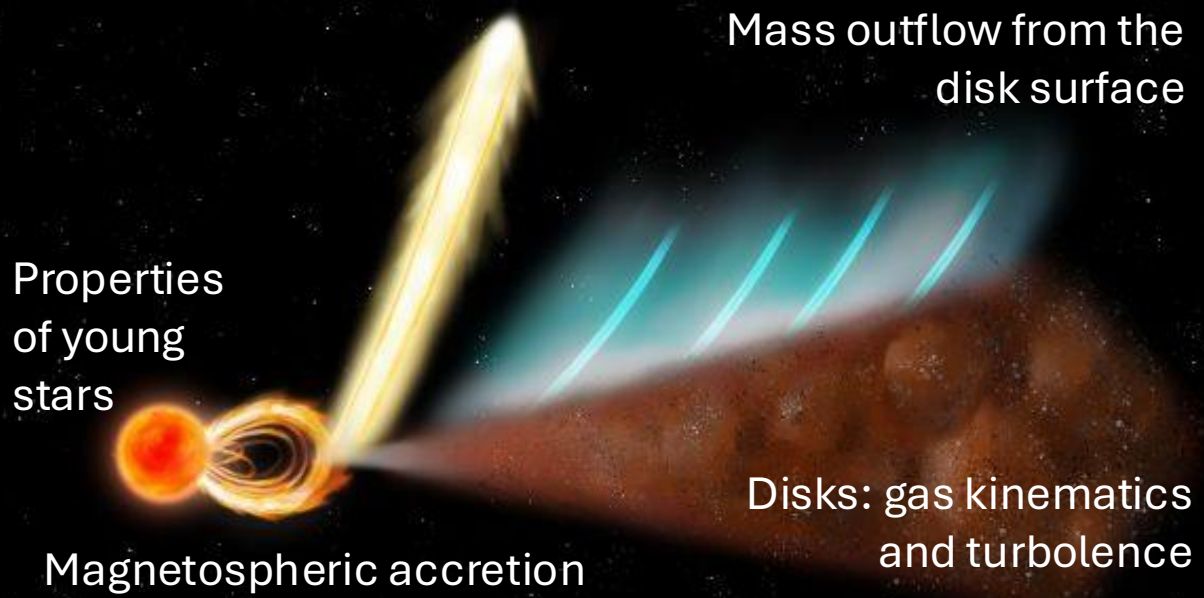
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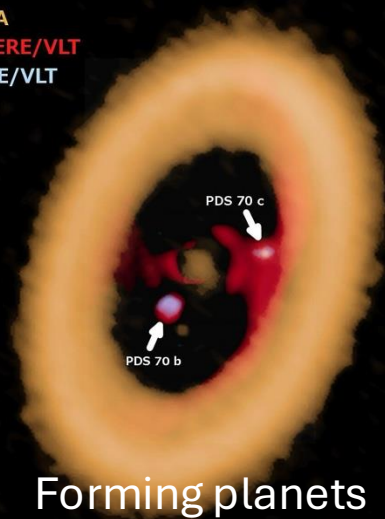
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JEDI SCIENTIFIC INTERESTS



ALMA
SPHERE/VLT
MUSE/VLT





$$2\frac{\lambda}{D} HST = 80 \text{ mas (@500 nm)}$$

$$2\frac{\lambda}{D} HWO = 25 \text{ mas (@500 nm, } D = 8\text{m)}$$



Major gain factors for our community:

UV regime

high-sensitivity and multiplexing in the UV

high-contrast for proto-planets search



Where we can have a real gain in the
“side-science” made by the JEDI with
respect to what we have now and we will
have in the next 20/30 years?



HWO and the accretion onto young stars



Science topic: measuring accretion onto young stars via the UV Balmer Jump or U-band photometry

Open question(s): how does accretion in low-metallicity environment affect disk evolution and planet formation? – looking at the OUTER GALAXY (Magellanic Clouds)

limiting factor(s): Resolution. Distance. Sensitivity.

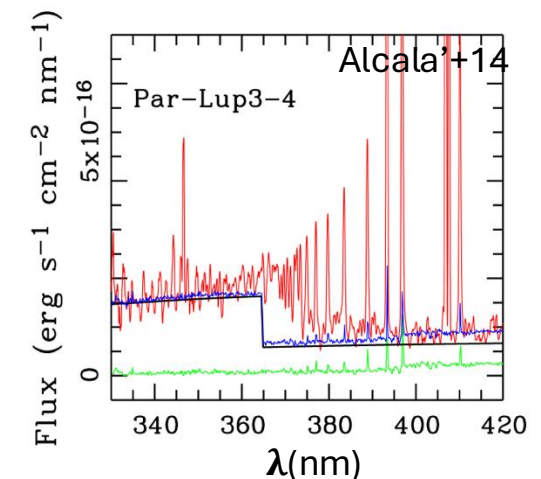
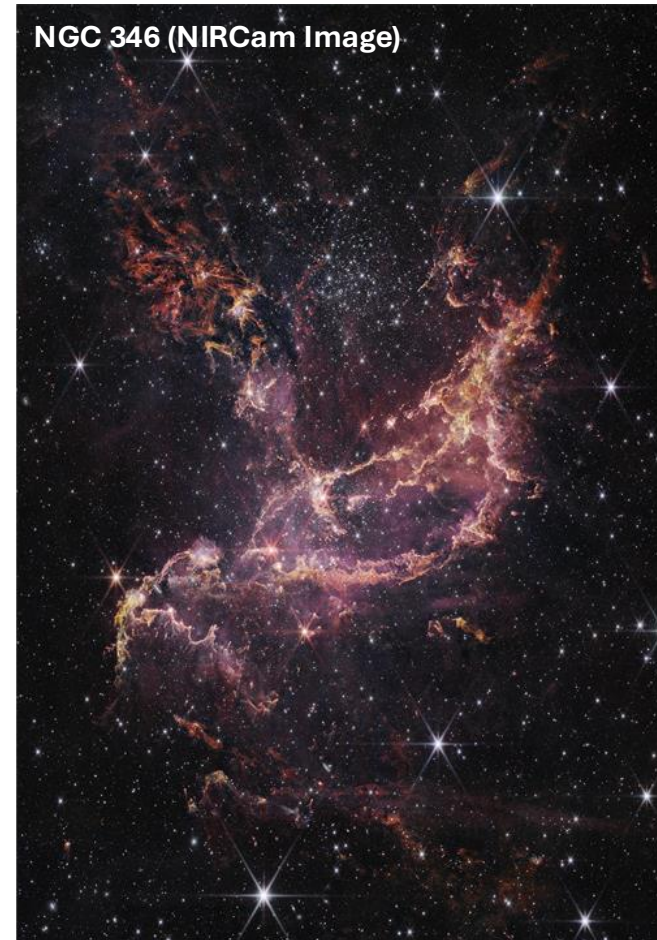
Example: Magellanic Cloud - distance $\sim 50/60$ kpc $\rightarrow R \sim 900/1000$ au

Boost with HWO: Higher spatial resolution and high sensitivity in UV band

Basic Instrument requirements: UV coverage of the Balmer Jump (Near-UV wavelengths)

Unique science case for HWO (Not-doable with ELT – UV-coverage not provided):

Measuring accretion in stars in low-metallicity environment $\rightarrow$ boosting our understanding in planet formation (planet/metallicity correlation)



HWO and the jet launching regions



Science topic: Exploring the jet launching regions around young, low-mass stars

Open question(s): what is the mechanism driving the removal of mass and angular momentum through jets?

Limiting factor(s): spatial and spectral resolution

Boost with HWO: probe the base of the jet using UV diagnostic lines (e.g. MgII @ 2796,2803, Ly α)

Basic Instrument requirements: IFS, NUV, spatial and spectral resolution ($R > \sim 3-5000$)

Typical SFR – distance ~ 150 pc, $\rightarrow R \sim 2/3$ au

Best case scenario (e.g., Lyman H₂ band emission @150nm)

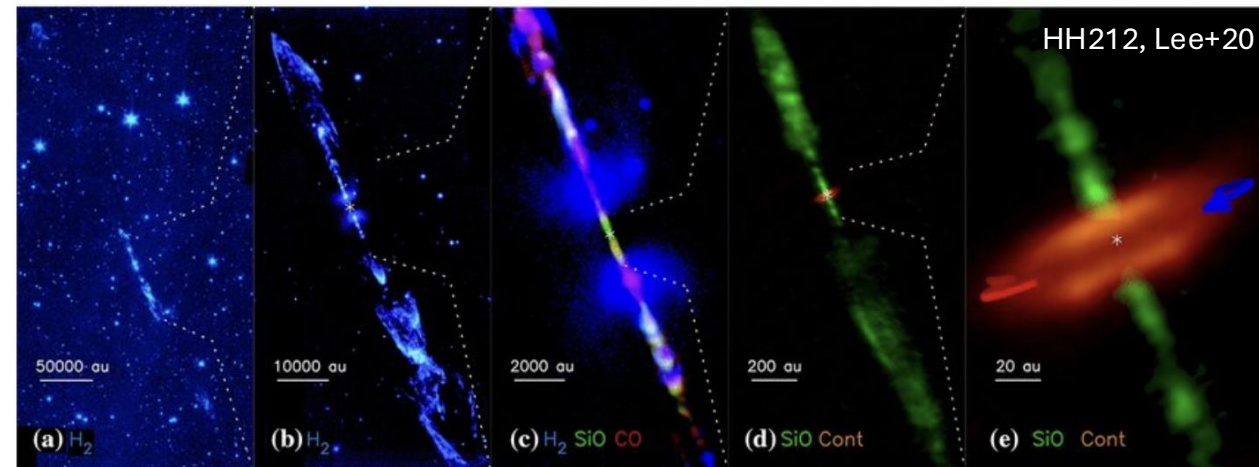
$$2 \frac{\lambda}{D} HWO = 7 \text{ mas } (@150 \text{ nm}, D = 8m, d = 100pc)$$

$\rightarrow R = 0.7$ au

$\rightarrow$ spatially resolve the region within 2au

Unique science case for HWO:

Being able to resolve the region within 1 au (in the best case scenario)



HWO and the accretion onto forming planets



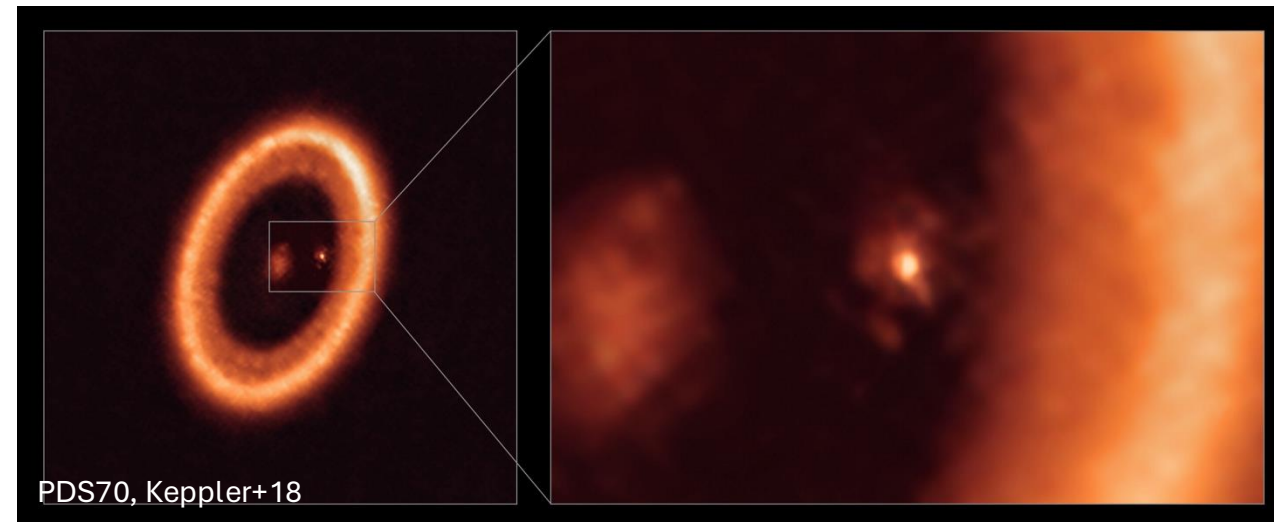
Science topic: measuring accretion onto protoplanets using Balmer/Paschen hydrogen lines (UV-Optical-NIR)

Open question(s): Do proto-planets form through magnetospheric accretion, as Sun-like stars?

limiting factor(s): limited number of objects observed SO FAR (many(?) more to come (SHARP? PCS?)) - dust absorption

Boost with HWO: more time available to discovered other targets; high-contrast (10^{-10} → see accreion on $H\alpha$)

Basic Instrument requirements: UV coverage of the Balmer Jump (extinction?) – NIR – High-contrast (up to 10^{-10})





3 “side” science cases unique for HWO:

- Accretion onto young stars moving to the outer galaxy
- Exploring the jet launching regions around young stars
- Measuring the accretion onto forming planets