



12774 - Taking aim at Precision Cosmology with SN Atalanta

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OBSERVATIONS

<i>Folder</i>	<i>Observation</i>	<i>Label</i>	<i>Observing Template</i>	<i>Science Target</i>
Observation Folder				
	1	NIRSpec	NIRSpec Fixed Slit Spectroscopy	(32) SMACS0723-GLSN-1
	2	NIRCam	NIRCam Imaging	(32) SMACS0723-GLSN-1

ABSTRACT

A multiply imaged supernova, SN Atalanta, has been discovered in JWST/NIRCam imaging of the galaxy cluster SMACS J0723.3-7327 — the iconic Early Release Observation deep field. Two images are currently visible at ~25x magnification, with a model-predicted time delay of 20–30 observer-frame days. Available photometry is consistent with a Type IIP SN near the end of its plateau, a phase whose sharp subsequent decline is well suited to precise time-delay measurement. However, the extremely faint host galaxy (~29.5 mag) has no spectroscopic redshift, and the SN classification remains photometric. Both are required to convert the time delay into a measurement of H₀. We request 4 HST orbits and 3.3 hours of JWST time to obtain multi-epoch imaging of the post-plateau drop-off and a single NIRSpec PRISM spectrum for redshift and classification. With

existing lens models anchored by deep multi-facility coverage of this cluster, we estimate a $\sim 5\text{--}10\%$ H_0 measurement from this system alone. SN Atalanta is actively fading and will be beyond spectroscopic reach before the next JWST visibility window.

OBSERVING DESCRIPTION

We propose 4 HST orbits and 3.3 hours of JWST time to follow up SN Atalanta, a multiply imaged supernova discovered in the galaxy cluster SMACS J0723.3-7327. Three epochs of HST/WFC3-IR imaging in F110W and F160W will sample the post-plateau decline of both SN images, providing a precise photometric time delay. A single JWST visit pairs NIRCам imaging in F115W/F150W/F300M/F444W with NIRSpec fixed-slit PRISM spectroscopy. The NIRCам epoch fills the HST observability gap and matches the discovery filters, while the NIRSpec spectrum delivers a spectroscopic redshift for the faint host galaxy and a SN classification via H-alpha and other diagnostic emission lines. Together these observations enable a $5\text{--}10\%$ measurement of H_0 from one of the most well-characterized lensing clusters in existence.

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#	Name	Target Coordinates	Targ. Coord. Corrections	Miscellaneous
(32)	SMACS0723-GLSN-1	RA: 07 23 17.7040 (110.8237667d) Dec: -73 27 10.74 (-73.45298d) Equinox: J2000		
<i>Comments:</i> <i>Category=Star</i> <i>Description=[Type II supernovae]</i>				
(33)	SMACS0723-GLSN-2	RA: 07 23 18.0329 (110.8251371d) Dec: -73 27 7.89 (-73.45219d) Equinox: J2000		
<i>Comments:</i> <i>Category=Star</i> <i>Description=[Type II supernovae]</i>				
(34)	NIRSpec-TA	RA: 07 23 13.6358 (110.8068158d) Dec: -73 27 6.21 (-73.45173d) Equinox: J2000		
<i>Comments:</i> <i>Category=Star</i> <i>Description=[O stars]</i> <i>Extended=NO</i>				

Fixed Targets

Proposal 12774 - Observation 1 - Taking aim at Precision Cosmology with SN Atalanta

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Observation	Proposal 12774, Observation 1: NIRSpec Diagnostic Status: Warning Observing Template: NIRSpec Fixed Slit Spectroscopy										
	(NIRSpec (Obs 1)) Warning (Form): Observers are responsible for checking that target acquisition is feasible. (Visit 1:1) Warning (Form): Overheads are provisional until the Visit Planner has been run.										
Fixed Targets	#	Name	Target Coordinates			Targ. Coord. Corrections			Miscellaneous		
	(32)	SMACS0723-GLSN-1	RA: 07 23 17.7040 (110.8237667d) Dec: -73 27 10.74 (-73.45298d) Equinox: J2000								
Comments: Category=Star Description=[Type II supernovae]											
Acquisition	#	Target	TA Method	Subarray	Filter	Readout Pattern	Groups/Int	Integrations/Exp	Total Integrations	Total Exposure Time	Optional ETC ID
	1	34 NIRSpec-TA	WATA	SUB2048	F140X	NRSRAPID	3	1	1	3.628	
Template	HFF Readout Mode			Slit			Subarray				
	false			S200A1			FULL				
Dithers	#	Primary Dither Positions						Sub-Pixel Pattern			
	1	5						NONE			
Spectral Elements	#	Grating/Filter	Slit	Readout Pattern	Groups/Int	Integrations/Ex #	Autocal	Total Dithers	Total Integrations	Total Exposure Time	Optional ETC ID
	1	PRISM/CLEAR	S200A1	NRSIRS2	9	1 1	NONE	5	5	3355.445	

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Special Requirements

Before Date 07-JUL-2026:00:00:00

Group Observations 1, 2, Non-interruptible

Proposal 12774 - Observation 2 - Taking aim at Precision Cosmology with SN Atalanta

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Observation	<p>Proposal 12774, Observation 2: NIRCam Diagnostic Status: Warning Observing Template: NIRCam Imaging</p>									
Diagnostics	(Visit 2:1) Warning (Form): Overheads are provisional until the Visit Planner has been run.									
Fixed Targets	#	Name	Target Coordinates		Targ. Coord. Corrections			Miscellaneous		
	(32)	SMACS0723-GLSN-1	RA: 07 23 17.7040 (110.8237667d) Dec: -73 27 10.74 (-73.45298d) Equinox: J2000							
	<p><i>Comments:</i> Category=Star Description=[Type II supernovae]</p>									
Template	Module		Subarray			Target Placement				
	ALL		FULL			Module B center (small extended source)				
Dithers	#	Primary Dither Type		Primary Dithers		Subpixel Dither Type		Dither Size	Subpixel Positions	
	1	NONE				SMALL-GRID-DITHER			4	
Spectral Elements	#	Short Filter	Long Filter	Readout Pattern	Groups/Int	Integrations/Exp	Total Integrations	Total Dithers	Total Exposure Time	Optional ETC ID
	1	F115W	F444W	BRIGHT1	10	1	4	4	815.995	
	2	F150W	F300M	BRIGHT1	10	1	4	4	815.995	
Special Requirements	<p>Offset 38.0 arcsec, -30.0 arcsec Fiducial Point Override NRCBS_FULL Group Observations 1, 2, Non-interruptible</p>									