



# 1671 - Emission line galaxies beyond the limits of the Hubble UDF: Physical conditions in ultra-faint star forming galaxies

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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	MPT_custom	NIRSpec MultiObject Spectroscopy	(2) MUSE-DR2-MXDF-V2

## ABSTRACT

In the last 15 years, the Hubble Space Telescope has spent more than four weeks worth of exposure time on a single 11 sq. arcminute region of the night sky: the Hubble Ultra Deep Field (UDF). However, deep VLT/MUSE optical integral field spectroscopy has recently revealed an abundant population of ultra-faint galaxies without counterparts in the HST imaging. These  $z=2.9-6.7$  galaxies are detectable due to their strong Lyman-alpha emission, with equivalent widths that imply extremely young ages, small stellar masses, and a very low amount of metal enrichment. This unprecedented sample represents our best chance at studying galaxies in the earliest phases of formation, even with future JWST imaging surveys. We propose to use JWST/NIRSpec's MSA to follow-up a subset of 45-55 of these 171 galaxies at 1.7-5.1 microns in order to target strong optical emission lines: Halpha, [OIII], Hbeta, [NeIII], and [OII]. These observations will reveal exactly how metal-poor these galaxies are, will put direct constraints on stellar population models for young ages and low-metallicities, and, when combined with exquisite MUSE restframe-UV data, will reveal for the first time the physical conditions inside the lowest-mass star-forming galaxies at high redshift. The large wavelength coverage and sensitivity of NIRSpec are crucial for obtaining the information required to fully characterize these ultra-faint Lyman-alpha emitters.

## OBSERVING DESCRIPTION

We will use NIRSpec's MSA to target faint, high-equivalent width Lyman-alpha emitters in the UDF (03 32 38, -27 47 0). These targets have been selected from MUSE integral field spectroscopy to be promising candidates for extremely young and metal-poor stellar populations at  $2.9 < z < 6.7$ . With G235M/F170LP and G395M/F290LP data, we will measure optical emission lines like Halpha, Hbeta, [OIII], and [OII] for all sources. These

emission lines will be used to determine the systemic redshifts of the galaxies as well as their gas-phase metallicities.

In order to maximize multiplexing, we are allowing for some spectral overlap (minimal separation of 130 shutters between targets) as we are in a detector noise-limited regime. Further, we are not planning to dither as (1) this would minimize the number of targets receiving the full integration time, which is crucial for our science and (2) we already have some redshift information for each target so we can ensure no emission lines fall in the detector gap. 3 nods are performed for each grating setup. Each grating setup has 3 integrations of 100 groups in NRSIRS2RAPID (1473s exposures). R1000 Band II (III) has 3 (2) sequences at each position to build up signal-to-noise.

A target catalog is included in this APT file. This includes all of our scientific targets (from MUSE) as well as all sources from the GOODS-S catalog of Skelton et al. (2014) which will be used for target acquisition.

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Fixed Targets	#	Name	Target Coordinates	Targ. Coord. Corrections	Miscellaneous
	(1)	DR2-MXDF-WIDE-GOODSS	RA: 03 32 38.9520 (53.1623000d) Dec: -27 47 6.89 (-27.78525d) Equinox: J2000		
<i>Comments: Catalog includes all sources from the Skelton et al. (2014) GOODS-S catalog, which can be used for TA (including compact galaxies).</i>					
<i>Description=[]</i>					
(2)	MUSE-DR2-MXDF-V2	RA: 03 32 36.7742 (53.1532258d) Dec: -27 47 13.54 (-27.78709d) Equinox: J2000			
<i>Comments: Updates to astrometry - all sources now on GAIA reference frame (Whitaker et al. 2019). Sources all now have NIRSpec imaging magnitudes estimated from SED fitting.</i>					
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<b>Observation</b>	<b>Proposal 1671, Observation 1: MPT_custom</b> <b>Diagnostic Status: Warning</b> Observing Template: NIRSpec MultiObject Spectroscopy										
	(Visit 1:1) Warning (Form): Overheads are provisional until the Visit Planner has been run.										
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<b>Acquisition</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>Reference Star Bin</b>	<b>Target</b>	<b>Filter</b>	<b>MSA Configuration</b>	<b>Readout Pattern</b>	<b>Groups/Int</b>	<b>Integrations/Exp</b>	<b>Total Integrations</b>	<b>Total Exposure Time</b>	<b>ETC Wkbk.Calc ID</b>
	1	Filter: CLEAR; Readout: NRSRAPID; 8 sources in 3 quads; [ Optimal TA Accuracy ]	SAME	CLEAR	Auto Acq MSA Config	NRSRAPID	3	1	4	171.788	
<b>Template</b>	<b>TA Method</b>	<b>Obtain Confirmation Images</b>	<b>Science Aperture</b>	<b>Primary Candidate List</b>	<b>Filler Candidate List</b>	<b>Spectral Overlap Map</b>	<b>Spectral Overlap Threshold</b>				
	MSATA	After Target ACQ	MSA Center	P1 (150 sources)	P25 (25650 sources)	jwst-nirspec-mr	1.5				
<b>Reference Stars</b>	<b>Visit</b>	<b>ID</b>	<b>RA</b>	<b>Dec</b>	<b>Magnitude</b>	<b>Visit</b>	<b>ID</b>	<b>RA</b>	<b>Dec</b>	<b>Magnitude</b>	
	1	24315	53.163022	-27.797726	22.86868262238852	1	31586	53.138354	-27.766409	22.424868532800147	
	1	30490	53.185761	-27.772298	23.29677333554852	1	32799	53.130119	-27.759156	21.654360455120027	
	1	31080	53.178171	-27.769213	22.66928273198507	1	33042	53.133134	-27.758789	21.399055380768257	
	1	31452	53.130806	-27.767934	22.74539057174947	1	34067	53.191727	-27.753587	22.523639271478174	
<b>Confirmation</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>Confirmation Type</b>	<b>Conf. Readout Pattern</b>	<b>Conf. Groups/Int</b>	<b>Conf. Integrations/Exp</b>	<b>Conf. Total Integrations</b>	<b>Conf. Total Exposure Time</b>				
	1	After Target Acq	NRSIRS2RAPID	40	1	1	598.144				

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	#	Exposure Specification	MSA Configuration	Nod Pattern	Pointing	Aperture PA	Dispersion Offset (Shutters)	Cross-Dispersion Offset (Shutters)	Total Dithers	Total Integrations	Total Exposure Time
<b>Spectral Elements</b>	1	1 (G235M/F170LP)	c1	3 Shutter Slitlet	53.161801249999 996 Degrees - 27.764488888888 877 Degrees	55.070056365531 29			3	9	13261.301
	2	1 (G235M/F170LP)	c1	3 Shutter Slitlet	53.161801249999 996 Degrees - 27.764488888888 877 Degrees	55.070056365531 29			3	9	13261.301
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	4	2 (G395M/F290LP)	c1	3 Shutter Slitlet	53.161801249999 996 Degrees - 27.764488888888 877 Degrees	55.070056365531 29			3	9	13261.301
	5	2 (G395M/F290LP)	c1	3 Shutter Slitlet	53.161801249999 996 Degrees - 27.764488888888 877 Degrees	55.070056365531 29			3	9	13261.301
<b>Special Requirements</b>	MSA Scheduled Aperture PA 55.07400521 to 55.07400521 Degrees (V3 276.50766 to 276.50766)										