



# 2677 - Mapping the Aromatic Smoke from the Superwind of the Archetypal Starburst M82

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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 MultiObject Spectroscopy	(1) M-82
	2		NIRSpec MultiObject Spectroscopy	(1) M-82
	3		NIRSpec MultiObject Spectroscopy	(1) M-82
	4	Repeat of Observation 3	NIRSpec MultiObject Spectroscopy	(1) M-82
	11	Repat of Visit 1:1	NIRSpec MultiObject Spectroscopy	(1) M-82

## ABSTRACT

The detection of PAH emission in galaxy halos or superwinds provides valuable insight into the destruction and survival of PAHs in hostile environments. The archetypal starburst, superwind galaxy M82 is an ideal laboratory for exploring these processes, not only because of the widespread detection of PAH emission all around the galaxy, but also because of the puzzling spatial variations of the PAH spectral profiles. More specifically, AKARI/IRC low-resolution observations have shown that in the plane of M82 the 3.4 micron aliphatic C-H feature is much weaker than the 3.3 micron aromatic C-H feature; in contrast, in the superwind the 3.4 micron feature supercedes the 3.3 micron feature. This is puzzling because in the harsh superwind environment PAHs would be easily stripped off any aliphatic sidegroups and not expected to show strong aliphatic

emission. Also, if PAHs in the superwind are indeed highly aliphatic as suggested by the strong 3.4 micron emission, it is puzzling why the 6.85 and 7.25 micron aliphatic C-H deformation bands are not seen in the Spitzer/IRS spectra of M82.

We propose to map the PAH emission bands at 3--5 micron on a number of representative regions along the M82 superwind structures with the NIRSpec Multi-Object Spectroscopy at a spectral resolution  $R \sim 1000$ . Combined with the previous Spitzer/IRS spectral mapping of this galaxy at 5--35 micron, we will be able to explore the PAH size and chemical structural (i.e., aromatic vs. aliphatic) properties and their spatial variations in M82 and gain insight into their origin, destruction and survival.

### **OBSERVING DESCRIPTION**

We propose JWST/NIRSpec MOS spectroscopic observations to study the PAH emission features at 3--5 micron on a number of representative regions along the M82 superwind structures, from the center to both the southern and northern halos as well as the outer-edges of the plane. The G395M/F290LP disperser-filter combination is adopted to cover the wavelength range of 2.9--5.1 micron at a spectral resolution of 1000. To increase the sampling efficiency on the sky, the pre-defined long slit MSA configuration on Q4 Field Point 2 is selected. We have introduced ten visits with different spatial offsets and/or position angles to sample the radial profiles of the PAH features along three directions (five visits with  $V_3=200-220$  degrees, three visits with  $V_3=270-300$  degrees and two visits with  $V_3=230-250$  degrees). Depending on the slit location, we use different readout patterns (NRSIRS2RAPID for Visits 1:3, 2:2 and 3:2, and NRSIRS2 for the others) and exposure times for different visits (see details in the Observation Folder in the APT file). There is no need for target acquisition.

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Fixed Targets	#	Name	Target Coordinates	Targ. Coord. Corrections	Miscellaneous
	(1)	M-82	RA: 09 55 52.4300 (148.9684583d) Dec: +69 40 46.93 (69.67970d) Equinox: J2000	Epoch of Position: 2015.5	
<i>Comments: This object was generated by the targetselector and retrieved from the SIMBAD database.</i> Category=Galaxy Description=[Starburst galaxies]					



Proposal 2677 - Observation 2 - Mapping the Aromatic Smoke from the Superwind of the Archetypal Starburst M82

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<b>Observation</b>	<p><b>Proposal 2677, Observation 2</b></p> <p><b>Diagnostic Status: Warning</b></p> <p>Observing Template: NIRSpec MultiObject Spectroscopy</p>										
<b>Diagnostics</b>	<p>(Visit 2:1) Warning (Form): Overheads are provisional until the Visit Planner has been run.</p> <p>(Visit 2:2) Warning (Form): Overheads are provisional until the Visit Planner has been run.</p> <p>(Visit 2:3) Warning (Form): Overheads are provisional until the Visit Planner has been run.</p>										
<b>Fixed Targets</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Target Coordinates</b>			<b>Targ. Coord. Corrections</b>			<b>Miscellaneous</b>		
	(1)	M-82	RA: 09 55 52.4300 (148.9684583d) Dec: +69 40 46.93 (69.67970d) Equinox: J2000			Epoch of Position: 2015.5					
	<p><i>Comments: This object was generated by the targetselector and retrieved from the SIMBAD database.</i></p> <p><i>Category=Galaxy</i></p> <p><i>Description=[Starburst galaxies]</i></p>										
<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>	
	NONE	No		Q4 Field Point 2				jwst-nirspec-mr		1.5	
<b>Spectral Elements</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>Exposure Specification</b>	<b>MSA Configuration</b>	<b>Nod Pattern</b>	<b>Pointing</b>	<b>Aperture PA</b>	<b>Dispersion Offset (Shutters)</b>	<b>Cross-Dispersion Offset (Shutters)</b>	<b>Total Dithers</b>	<b>Total Integrations</b>	<b>Total Exposure Time</b>
	1	1 (G395M/F290LP)	Q4 Field Point 2 Long Slit			5.4846400712426 16E-4		450.0	1	2	2946.956
	2	2 (G395M/F290LP)	Q4 Field Point 2 Long Slit			359.99999999999 994		0.0	1	1	160.478
	3	1 (G395M/F290LP)	Q4 Field Point 2 Long Slit			359.99944343930 69		-450.0	1	2	2946.956
<b>Special Requirements</b>	<p>Group Visits within 53.0 Days</p> <p>Aperture PA Range 48.493301 to 78.493301 Degrees (V3 269.91752585 to 299.91752585)</p> <p>Visits Same PA</p>										

Proposal 2677 - Observation 3 - Mapping the Aromatic Smoke from the Superwind of the Archetypal Starburst M82

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<b>Observation</b>	<p><b>Proposal 2677, Observation 3</b></p> <p><b>Diagnostic Status: Warning</b></p> <p>Observing Template: NIRSpec MultiObject Spectroscopy</p>										
<b>Diagnostics</b>	<p>(Visit 3:1) Warning (Form): Overheads are provisional until the Visit Planner has been run.</p> <p>(Visit 3:2) Warning (Form): Overheads are provisional until the Visit Planner has been run.</p>										
<b>Fixed Targets</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Target Coordinates</b>			<b>Targ. Coord. Corrections</b>			<b>Miscellaneous</b>		
	(1)	M-82	RA: 09 55 52.4300 (148.9684583d) Dec: +69 40 46.93 (69.67970d) Equinox: J2000			Epoch of Position: 2015.5					
	<p><i>Comments: This object was generated by the targetselector and retrieved from the SIMBAD database.</i></p> <p><i>Category=Galaxy</i></p> <p><i>Description=[Starburst galaxies]</i></p>										
<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>				
	NONE	No	Q4 Field Point 2			rwst-nirspec-mr	1.5				
<b>Spectral Elements</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>Exposure Specification</b>	<b>MSA Configuration</b>	<b>Nod Pattern</b>	<b>Pointing</b>	<b>Aperture PA</b>	<b>Dispersion Offset (Shutters)</b>	<b>Cross-Dispersion Offset (Shutters)</b>	<b>Total Dithers</b>	<b>Total Integrations</b>	<b>Total Exposure Time</b>
	1	1 (G395M/F290LP)	Q4 Field Point 2 Long Slit			5.4846400712426 16E-4		450.0	1	1	1473.478
	2	2 (G395M/F290LP)	Q4 Field Point 2 Long Slit			0.0			1	1	160.478
<b>Special Requirements</b>	<p>Group Visits within 53.0 Days</p> <p>Aperture PA Range 8.493301 to 28.493301 Degrees (V3 229.91752585 to 249.91752585)</p> <p>Visits Same PA</p>										

Proposal 2677 - Observation 4 - Mapping the Aromatic Smoke from the Superwind of the Archetypal Starburst M82

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<b>Observation</b>	<p><b>Proposal 2677, Observation 4: Repeat of Observation 3</b></p> <p><b>Diagnostic Status: Warning</b></p> <p>Observing Template: NIRSpec MultiObject Spectroscopy</p>										
<b>Diagnostics</b>	<p>(Visit 4:1) Warning (Form): Overheads are provisional until the Visit Planner has been run.</p> <p>(Visit 4:2) Warning (Form): Overheads are provisional until the Visit Planner has been run.</p>										
<b>Fixed Targets</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Target Coordinates</b>			<b>Targ. Coord. Corrections</b>			<b>Miscellaneous</b>		
	(1)	M-82	RA: 09 55 52.4300 (148.9684583d) Dec: +69 40 46.93 (69.67970d) Equinox: J2000			Epoch of Position: 2015.5					
	<p><i>Comments: This object was generated by the targetselector and retrieved from the SIMBAD database.</i></p> <p><i>Category=Galaxy</i></p> <p><i>Description=[Starburst galaxies]</i></p>										
<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>				
	NONE	No	Q4 Field Point 2			jwst-nirspec-mr	1.5				
<b>Spectral Elements</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>Exposure Specification</b>	<b>MSA Configuration</b>	<b>Nod Pattern</b>	<b>Pointing</b>	<b>Aperture PA</b>	<b>Dispersion Offset (Shutters)</b>	<b>Cross-Dispersion Offset (Shutters)</b>	<b>Total Dithers</b>	<b>Total Integrations</b>	<b>Total Exposure Time</b>
	1	1 (G395M/F290LP)	Q4 Field Point 2 Long Slit			5.4846400712426 16E-4		450.0	1	1	1473.478
	2	2 (G395M/F290LP)	Q4 Field Point 2 Long Slit			0.0			1	1	160.478
<b>Special Requirements</b>	<p>Group Visits within 53.0 Days</p> <p>Aperture PA Range 8.493301 to 28.493301 Degrees (V3 229.91752585 to 249.91752585)</p> <p>Visits Same PA</p>										

Proposal 2677 - Observation 11 - Mapping the Aromatic Smoke from the Superwind of the Archetypal Starburst M82

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<b>Observation</b>	<p><b>Proposal 2677, Observation 11: Repeat of Visit 1:1</b></p> <p><b>Diagnostic Status: Warning</b></p> <p>Observing Template: NIRSpec MultiObject Spectroscopy</p>										
<b>Diagnostics</b>	<p>(Visit 11:1) Warning (Form): Overheads are provisional until the Visit Planner has been run.</p> <p>(Visit 11:2) Warning (Form): Overheads are provisional until the Visit Planner has been run.</p> <p>(Visit 11:3) Warning (Form): Overheads are provisional until the Visit Planner has been run.</p> <p>(Visit 11:4) Warning (Form): Overheads are provisional until the Visit Planner has been run.</p> <p>(Visit 11:5) Warning (Form): Overheads are provisional until the Visit Planner has been run.</p>										
<b>Fixed Targets</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Target Coordinates</b>			<b>Targ. Coord. Corrections</b>			<b>Miscellaneous</b>		
	(1)	M-82	RA: 09 55 52.4300 (148.9684583d) Dec: +69 40 46.93 (69.67970d) Equinox: J2000			Epoch of Position: 2015.5					
	<p><i>Comments: This object was generated by the targetselector and retrieved from the SIMBAD database.</i></p> <p><i>Category=Galaxy</i></p> <p><i>Description=Starburst galaxies</i></p>										
<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>				
	NONE	No	Q4 Field Point 2			jwst-nirspec-mr	1.5				
<b>Spectral Elements</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>Exposure Specification</b>	<b>MSA Configuration</b>	<b>Nod Pattern</b>	<b>Pointing</b>	<b>Aperture PA</b>	<b>Dispersion Offset (Shutters)</b>	<b>Cross-Dispersion Offset (Shutters)</b>	<b>Total Dithers</b>	<b>Total Integrations</b>	<b>Total Exposure Time</b>
	1	2 (G395M/F290LP)	Q4 Field Point 2 Long Slit			359.98990603726 59		-800.0	1	2	2946.956
	2	1 (G395M/F290LP)	Q4 Field Point 2 Long Slit			359.99967960571 1		-400.0	1	1	1473.478
	3	3 (G395M/F290LP)	Q4 Field Point 2 Long Slit			0.0			1	1	160.478
	4	1 (G395M/F290LP)	Q4 Field Point 2 Long Slit			3.1129409686405 99E-4		400.0	1	1	1473.478
	5	2 (G395M/F290LP)	Q4 Field Point 2 Long Slit			0.0100361829581 92297		800.0	1	2	2946.956
<b>Special Requirements</b>	<p>Group Visits within 53.0 Days</p> <p>Aperture PA Range 338.493301 to 358.493301 Degrees (V3 199.91752585 to 219.91752585)</p> <p>Visits Same PA</p>										