



4436 - Near- and Mid-IR Observations to Probe Dust Formation in the Remarkably Nearby Stripped-Envelope Supernova 2023dbc

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OBSERVATIONS

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Phase 1				
	1	NIRSPEC	NIRSpec Fixed Slit Spectroscopy	(1) SN2023dbc
	2	MIRI/LRS	MIRI Low Resolution Spectroscopy	(1) SN2023dbc

ABSTRACT

This past week, one of the closest stripped-envelope supernovae (SESNe) was discovered. The Type Ic SN 2023dbc was reported in M108 at only ~10 Mpc, a “once-in-a-decade” event. A worldwide multi-wavelength campaign is already underway, but JWST may provide the most valuable insights. Heavily obscured ($AV > 3$ mag), the SN is already quite red, but more importantly, the proximity of the SN offers a unique opportunity to study details of dust formation, which is still an open question, particularly in the early Universe. While AGB stars are considered to be primary dust producers, the first dust in the local Universe may have formed before AGB stars had time to make it. SESNe come from the death of massive, shorter-lived stars, and are therefore one of the earliest possible sources of early Universe cosmic dust. Few SESNe have occurred close enough to monitor dust formation from early- to late-times. In fact, simultaneous measurements of the fundamental and first overtone of CO, over multiple epochs, has only been achieved for SN 1987A. A SESN provides a dramatic contrast in ejecta composition from which to test theories of dust and molecule formation and destruction. Here we request 6.6 hr of DDT to obtain an NIR+MIR spectral time-series of SN 2023dbc at three key epochs between 30–350 days past-maximum luminosity to detect, characterize, and monitor the molecules and dust formed in SN 2023dbc. The observations

will provide a legacy data set from which to model dust formation and uniquely probe the poorly constrained ejecta composition of SESNe.

OBSERVING DESCRIPTION

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Proposal 4436 - Targets - Near- and Mid-IR Observations to Probe Dust Formation in the Remarkably Nearby Stripped-Envelope Sup...

Fixed Targets	#	Name	Target Coordinates	Targ. Coord. Corrections	Miscellaneous
	(1)	SN2023dbc	RA: 11 11 39.2110 (167.9133792d) Dec: +55 40 29.23 (55.67479d) Equinox: J2000	Epoch of Position: 2000	
Generic Targets	#	Name	Criteria	Description	
	(2)	SESN1	The target must be a stripped-envelope supernova	The target must be a newly discovered stripped-envelope supernova.	

Proposal 4436 - Observation 1 - Near- and Mid-IR Observations to Probe Dust Formation in the Remarkably Nearby Stripped-Envelop...

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Observation	Proposal 4436, Observation 1: NIRSPEC Diagnostic Status: Warning Observing Template: NIRSPEC Fixed Slit Spectroscopy											
	(Visit 1:1) Warning (Form): Overheads are provisional until the Visit Planner has been run.											
Fixed Targets	#	Name	Target Coordinates			Targ. Coord. Corrections			Miscellaneous			
	(1)	SN2023dbc	RA: 11 11 39.2110 (167.9133792d) Dec: +55 40 29.23 (55.67479d) Equinox: J2000			Epoch of Position: 2000						
<i>Comments:</i> Category=Star Description=[Supernovae] Extended=NO												
Acquisition	#	Target	TA Method	Subarray	Filter	Readout Pattern	Groups/Int	Integrations/Exp	Total Integrations	Total Exposure Time	ETC Wkbk.Calc ID	
	1	SAME	WATA	SUB32	F140X	NRSRAPID	3	1	1	0.08	151979.2	
Template	Slit					Subarray						
	S400A1					SUBS400A1						
Dithers	#	Primary Dither Positions					Sub-Pixel Pattern					
	1	2					NONE					
Spectral Elements	#	Grating/Filter	Slit	Readout Pattern	Groups/Int	Integrations/Ex #	Autocal	Total Dithers	Total Integrations	Total Exposure Time	ETC Wkbk.Calc ID	
	1	G235M/F170LP	S400A1	NRSRAPID	4	1	1	NONE	2	2	15.621	151979.4
	2	G395M/F290LP	S400A1	NRSRAPID	6	1	2	NONE	2	2	21.853	

Proposal 4436 - Observation 1 - Near- and Mid-IR Observations to Probe Dust Formation in the Remarkably Nearby Stripped-Envelop...

Special Requirements

Target Of Opportunity Response Time 20 Days, Number of Activations 1

Group Observations 1, 2 within 3 Days

Proposal 4436 - Observation 2 - Near- and Mid-IR Observations to Probe Dust Formation in the Remarkably Nearby Stripped-Envelop...

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Observation	Proposal 4436, Observation 2: MIRI/LRS Diagnostic Status: Warning Observing Template: MIRI Low Resolution Spectroscopy									
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			
	(1)	SN2023dbc	RA: 11 11 39.2110 (167.9133792d) Dec: +55 40 29.23 (55.67479d) Equinox: J2000	Epoch of Position: 2000						
	Comments: Category=Star Description=[Supernovae] Extended=NO									
Acquisition	#	Target	Filter	Readout Pattern	Groups/Int	Integrations/Exp	Total Integrations	Total Exposure Time	ETC Wkbk.Calc ID	
	1	SAME	F560W	FAST	4	1	1	11.1	151979.1	
Template	Subarray				Obtain Verification Image?					
	FULL				true					
Dithers	#	Dither Type	No. Spectral Steps	Spectral Step Offset	No. Spatial Steps	Spatial Step Offset				
	1	ALONG SLIT NOD								
Pointing Verification	#	PV Readout Pattern	PV Groups/Int	PV Integrations/Exp	PV Total Integrations	PV Exposures/Dith	PV Total Dithers	PV Total Exposure Time	PV ETC Wkbk.Calc ID	Filter
	1	FASTR1	5	1	1	1	1	13.875		F560W

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Spectral Elements	#	Readout Pattern	Groups/Int	Integrations/Exp	Total Integrations	Exposures/Dith	Total Dithers	Total Exposure Time	ETC Wkbk.Calc ID
	1	FASTR1	30	1	2	1	2	166.502	151979.3
Special Requirements	Target Of Opportunity Response Time 20 Days, Number of Activations 1								
	Group Observations 1, 2 within 3 Days								