



# 4520 - 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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	4	MIRI/LRS	MIRI Low Resolution Spectroscopy	(1) SN2023dbc
Phase 3				
	5	NIRSPEC	NIRSpec Fixed Slit Spectroscopy	(1) SN2023dbc
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## 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.

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Proposal 4520 - 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	
	<i>Comments:</i> Category=Star Description=[Supernovae] Extended=NO				
(2)	2MASS	RA: 11 11 42.8438 (167.9285158d) Dec: +55 40 17.96 (55.67166d) Equinox: J2000	Proper Motion RA: -13.469 mas/yr Proper Motion Dec: -4.410 mas/yr Parallax: 0.0012646" Epoch of Position: 2024.28		
<i>Comments:</i> Category=Star Description=[A stars] Extended=NO					
Generic Targets	#	Name	Criteria	Description	
	(3)	SESN1	The target must be a stripped-envelope supernova		
<i>Comments: The target must be a newly discovered stripped-envelope supernova.</i>					

Proposal 4520 - Observation 3 - Near- and Mid-IR Observations to Probe Dust Formation in the Remarkably Nearby Stripped-Envelop...

Wed May 01 22:01:48 GMT 2024

<b>Observation</b>	<b>Proposal 4520, Observation 3: NIRSPEC</b> <b>Diagnostic Status: Warning</b> Observing Template: NIRSPEC Fixed Slit Spectroscopy											
	(Visit 3:1) Warning (Form): Overheads are provisional until the Visit Planner has been run.											
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	1	SAME	WATA	SUB32	F140X	NRSRAPID	3	1	1	0.08	151981.2	
<b>Template</b>	<b>Slit</b>					<b>Subarray</b>						
	S400A1					SUBS400A1						
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	1	2					NONE					
<b>Spectral Elements</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>Grating/Filter</b>	<b>Slit</b>	<b>Readout Pattern</b>	<b>Groups/Int</b>	<b>Integrations/Ex #</b>	<b>Autocal</b>	<b>Total Dithers</b>	<b>Total Integrations</b>	<b>Total Exposure Time</b>	<b>ETC Wkbk.Calc ID</b>	
	1	G235M/F170LP	S400A1	NRSRAPID	20	1	1	NONE	2	2	65.477	151981.4
	2	G395M/F290LP	S400A1	NRSRAPID	50	1	2	NONE	2	2	158.957	

Proposal 4520 - Observation 3 - Near- and Mid-IR Observations to Probe Dust Formation in the Remarkably Nearby Stripped-Envelop...

Special Requirements

Between Dates 07-NOV-2023:00:00:00 and 07-JAN-2024:00:00:00

Group Observations 3, 4 within 2 Days

Proposal 4520 - Observation 4 - Near- and Mid-IR Observations to Probe Dust Formation in the Remarkably Nearby Stripped-Envelop...

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<b>Observation</b>	<b>Proposal 4520, Observation 4: MIRI/LRS</b> <b>Diagnostic Status: Warning</b> Observing Template: MIRI Low Resolution Spectroscopy									
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	1	SAME	F560W	FAST	4	1	1	11.1	151981.1	
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	1	FASTR1	5	1	1	1	1	13.875		F560W

Proposal 4520 - Observation 4 - Near- and Mid-IR Observations to Probe Dust Formation in the Remarkably Nearby Stripped-Envelop...

Spectral Elements	#	Readout Pattern	Groups/Int	Integrations/Exp	Total Integrations	Exposures/Dith	Total Dithers	Total Exposure Time	ETC Wkbk.Calc ID
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Special Requirements	Between Dates 07-NOV-2023:00:00:00 and 07-JAN-2024:00:00:00								
	Group Observations 3, 4 within 2 Days								

Proposal 4520 - Observation 5 - Near- and Mid-IR Observations to Probe Dust Formation in the Remarkably Nearby Stripped-Envelop...

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<b>Observation</b>	<b>Proposal 4520, Observation 5: NIRSPEC</b> <b>Diagnostic Status: Warning</b> Observing Template: NIRSPEC Fixed Slit Spectroscopy																																
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Proposal 4520 - Observation 5 - Near- and Mid-IR Observations to Probe Dust Formation in the Remarkably Nearby Stripped-Envelop...

Special Requirements

Between Dates 02-MAY-2024:00:00:00 and 16-MAY-2024:00:00:00

Group Observations 5, 6 within 1 Days

Proposal 4520 - Observation 6 - Near- and Mid-IR Observations to Probe Dust Formation in the Remarkably Nearby Stripped-Envelop...

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<b>Observation</b>	<b>Proposal 4520, Observation 6: MIRI/LRS</b> <b>Diagnostic Status: Warning</b> Observing Template: MIRI Low Resolution Spectroscopy									
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