



4537 - B335 with NIRSpec IFU

Cycle: 3, Proposal Category: GTO

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OBSERVATIONS

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| | 1 | B335 | NIRSpec IFU Spectroscopy | (1) B335-protostar |

ABSTRACT

We propose to follow up on the discovery of very young, highly excited shock fronts very close to the central protostellar object in B335. These shock fronts were found in the slitless spectroscopy and imaging obtained as part of the extinction mapping program 1187. We propose to follow-up this discovery with mapping of the inner few arcsec of this protostellar outflow with the NIRSpec IFU to study the CO bandhead emission from the densest shock fronts in detail, and to study the spectrum of the embedded protostar in the scattered continuum observed in the reflection nebula. We expect that the emission lines in the scattered light, originating from the disk around the protostar will have very different kinematics from the emission in the shock fronts. The proposed observations will have significant legacy value, since the string of shock fronts in B335 indicates repeated ejection events on timescales of a few decades and both morphological and spectral changes in the outflow launch region are to be expected on this time scale.

OBSERVING DESCRIPTION

We propose a set of 5 IFU pointings covering east and west of the ALMA position of the central protostar. A position angle of PA-V3 = 100 deg. is dictated by the available visibility, the desire to avoid the micrometeoroid risk zone, and the need to avoid diffraction spikes from a nearby very bright star, that affected part of Figure 1. The resulting mosaic pattern (Figure 7) has the outflow axis roughly diagonal through the IFU, which is cosmetically not ideal, but feasible. The mosaic will include the central region and the two youngest show fronts on either side of the central protostar.

We will use one NIRSpec setting with the F290LP filter and the G395H high- resolution grating with a spectral resolution of 2700. Shorter wavelengths are so much more obscured by extinction that getting a good spectrum becomes prohibitively difficult.

Since the B335 region has a rich background star field (the very reasons why it was chosen for 1187) with bright extended emission, we want to use a full set of MSA leak calibration exposures, even though these are expensive in observing time.

Proposal 4537 - Targets - B335 with NIRSpec IFU

| Fixed Targets | # | Name | Target Coordinates | Targ. Coord. Corrections | Miscellaneous |
|---------------|--|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------|
| | (1) | B335-protostar | RA: 19 37 0.8795 (294.2536646d) | Parallax: 0.008" | |
| | | Dec: +07 34 9.29 (7.56925d) | Epoch of Position: 2015 | | |
| | | Equinox: J2000 | | | |
| | <i>Comments:</i> | | | | |
| | <i>Category=ISM</i> | | | | |
| | <i>Description=[Dense interstellar clouds, Protostars, Stellar jets]</i> | | | | |
| | <i>Extended=YES</i> | | | | |

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| Observation | <p>Proposal 4537, Observation 1: B335</p> <p>Diagnostic Status: Warning</p> <p>Observing Template: NIRSpec IFU Spectroscopy</p> | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Diagnostics | (Visit 1:1) Warning (Form): Overheads are provisional until the Visit Planner has been run. | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Template | TA Method | | | | | | HFF Readout Mode | | | | | |
| | NONE | | | | | | false | | | | | |
| Mosaic | Rows | Columns | Row Overlap % | Column Overlap % | Row shift (deg) | Column shift (deg) | Tile Order | | | | | |
| | 1 | 5 | 10.0 | 60.0 | 0.0 | 50.0 | DEFAULT | | | | | |
| Dithers | # | Dither Type | Size | Starting Point | Number of Points | Points | | | | | | |
| | 1 | 4-POINT-DITHER | | | | | | | | | | |
| Spectral Elements | # | Grating/Filter | Readout Pattern | Groups/Int | Integrations/Exp | Leakcal | Dither | Autocal | Total Dithers | Total Integrations | Total Exposure Time | ETC Wkbk.Calc ID |
| | 1 | G395H/F290LP | NRSIRS2RAPI D | 13 | 1 | false | true | NONE | 4 | 4 | 816.978 | |
| | 2 | G395H/F290LP | NRSIRS2RAPI D | 13 | 1 | true | true | NONE | 4 | 4 | 816.978 | |

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Special Requirements

Aperture PA Range 238.97164917 to 238.97164917 Degrees (V3 100.0 to 100.0)
Offset -1.2 arcsec, 1.8 arcsec