



5328 - Measuring the Form of the IMF in Passive Galaxies at $z=1.2$

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OBSERVATIONS

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Observation Folder				
	1	NIRC Imaging	NIRCam Imaging	(2) MOO-J1142+1527-NIRCAM
	4	71, 72	NIRSpec MultiObject Spectroscopy	(5) science+ref-full-unique-05mar25

ABSTRACT

We propose a direct measurement of the low mass slope of the initial mass function (IMF) close to cosmic noon. We will use gravity-sensitive absorption features in the spectra of massive, passively evolving galaxies at $z=1.2$ to determine whether the IMF is bottom-heavy in these galaxies, and to quantify the dependence of the IMF on velocity dispersion for these elliptical galaxies. Derived galaxy properties such as stellar mass, age, and star formation history fundamentally depend on the IMF, with most studies assuming a single, universal form. However, evidence for massive ellipticals in the local Universe indicates velocity dispersion-dependent variation in the shape of the IMF with the most massive galaxies having the

most bottom-heavy IMF. Our observations will yield the first statistical measurements of the low mass slope of the IMF in the distant Universe, and also its dependence on galaxy mass. At the same time, these IMF measurements provide a new means of directly connecting passive galaxies with their progenitor populations across cosmic time.

OBSERVING DESCRIPTION

We will obtain two-band NIRCcam pre-imaging of the galaxy cluster MOO J1142+1527 using the SHALLOW4 readout pattern with a FULLBOX 8NIRSPEC primary dither pattern and two subpixel positions. Data will be obtained with three groups per integration and a single integration.

The NIRSspec observations will consist of data taken in two separate grating/filter combinations using a single slit configuration per grating. The grating/filter combinations include a short PRISM/CLEAR observation to map the spectral energy distributions and much longer G235H/F170LP observations to measure the relevant absorption features. The PRISM observations consist of a single exposure specification, while the NIRSspec data are comprised of three repeated observations of the same exposure specification. The slit configurations use 3 shutter long slits and are designed to maximize the number of bright elliptical galaxies from the cluster. We use the NRSIRS2RAPID readout pattern for the PRISM data, but NRSIRS2 for G235H to reduce the data excess. We employ a 3 shutter nod, but do not include a dither to cover the gap in spectral coverage because doing so leads to reduction in the number of primary targets in our configuration.

The final NIRSspec configurations will be designed based on the NIRCcam pre-imaging. Once the G235H configuration is designed, then we will use that configuration as the starting point for the prism configuration so that all of the primary and secondary targets are included. We will then add filler targets, based on e.g. phot-z membership probability, to create a new, unique prism configuration that more effectively uses the available shutter areas since the prism spectra are shorter.

Proposal 5328 - Targets - Measuring the Form of the IMF in Passive Galaxies at z=1.2

Fixed Targets	#	Name	Target Coordinates	Targ. Coord. Corrections	Miscellaneous
	(2)	MOO-J1142+1527-NIRCAM	RA: 11 42 43.0000 (175.6791667d) Dec: +15 26 49.00 (15.44694d) Equinox: J2000	Epoch of Position: 2015.5	
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(5)	science+ref-full-unique-05mar25	RA: 11 42 43.7285 (175.6822021d) Dec: +15 27 0.40 (15.45011d) Equinox: J2000			
	<i>Comments:</i> Description=[]				

Proposal 5328 - Observation 1 - Measuring the Form of the IMF in Passive Galaxies at z=1.2

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Observation	<p>Proposal 5328, Observation 1: NIRC Imaging</p> <p>Diagnostic Status: Warning</p> <p>Observing Template: NIRCam Imaging</p>																													
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Special Requirements	<p>Group Visits within 53.0 Days</p> <p>Visits Same PA</p>																													

Proposal 5328 - Observation 4 - Measuring the Form of the IMF in Passive Galaxies at z=1.2

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Observation	Proposal 5328, Observation 4: 71, 72 Diagnostic Status: Warning Observing Template: NIRSpect MultiObject Spectroscopy										
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	(5)	science+ref-full-unique-05mar25	RA: 11 42 43.7285 (175.6822021d) Dec: +15 27 0.40 (15.45011d) Equinox: J2000			Comments: Description=[]					
Acquisition	#	Reference Star Bin	Target	Filter	MSA Configuration	Readout Pattern	Groups/Int	Integrations/Exp	Total Integrations	Total Exposure Time	ETC Wkbk.Calc ID
	1	Filter: F140X; Readout: NRSRAPID; 8 sources in 3 quads; [Optimal TA Accuracy]	SAME	F140X	Auto Acq MSA Config	NRSRAPID	3	1	4	171.788	
Template	TA Method	HFF Readout Mode	Obtain Confirmation Images	Science Aperture	Primary Candidate List	Filler Candidate List	Spectral Overlap Map	Spectral Overlap Threshold			
	MSATA	false	After Target ACQ and New MSA Config	MSA Center	primary (9 sources)	secondary (7163 sources)	mwst-nirspec-hr	1.5			
Reference Stars	Visit	ID	RA	Dec	Magnitude	Visit	ID	RA	Dec	Magnitude	
	1	102000	175.705939	15.458979	21.06999969482422	1	104150	175.673016	15.441091	22.030000686645508	
	1	102921	175.675772	15.406405	22.450000762939453	1	104346	175.660358	15.422525	20.809999465942383	
	1	103158	175.689623	15.451397	22.510000228881836	1	104721	175.660017	15.436811	22.200000762939453	
	1	103511	175.686909	15.452880	21.8799991607666	1	105216	175.655262	15.441629	21.440000534057617	
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	1	c1 : 72	NRSIRS2RAPID	10	1	1	160.478				
	2	c1 : 71	NRSIRS2RAPID	10	1	1	160.478				

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Spectral Elements	#	Exposure Specification	MSA Configuration	Nod Pattern	Pointing	Aperture PA	Dispersion Offset (Shutters)	Cross-Dispersion Offset (Shutters)	Total Dithers	Total Integrations	Total Exposure Time
	1	2 (PRISM/CLEAR)	c1 : 72	5 Shutter Slitlet With Gaps	175.68222083333 333 Degrees 15.435302777777 778 Degrees	257.69003261508 215	3	3	3	3	962.867
	2	1 (G235H/F170LP)	c1 : 71	5 Shutter Slitlet With Gaps	175.68222083333 333 Degrees 15.435302777777 778 Degrees	257.69003261508 215	3	12	12	12	17681.735
	3	1 (G235H/F170LP)	c1 : 71	5 Shutter Slitlet With Gaps	175.68222083333 333 Degrees 15.435302777777 778 Degrees	257.69003261508 215	3	12	12	12	17681.735
	4	1 (G235H/F170LP)	c1 : 71	5 Shutter Slitlet With Gaps	175.68222083333 333 Degrees 15.435302777777 778 Degrees	257.69003261508 215	3	12	12	12	17681.735
Special Requirements	Aperture PA Range 257.69 to 257.69 Degrees (V3 119.1154303 to 119.1154303) [MSA Selected] MSA Scheduled Aperture PA 257.6900 to 257.6900 Degrees (V3 119.1154303 to 119.1154303)										