



# 6213 - Unraveling cosmic dust origins: JWST revelations from legacy observations of SN 2023dbc

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**OBSERVATIONS**

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	10	NIRSPEC	NIRSpec Fixed Slit Spectroscopy	(1) SN2023dbc
	11	MIRI/LRS	MIRI Low Resolution Spectroscopy	(1) SN2023dbc
	12	MIRI/Imaging	MIRI Imaging	(1) SN2023dbc

**ABSTRACT**

During JWST Cycle 1, a "once-in-a-decade" event transpired -- SN 2023dbc, a Type Ic supernova, exploded in M108 at only ~10 Mpc. The proximity of this SN offers a unique opportunity to study the details of dust formation in the early Universe and to probe its total "dust budget." While asymptotic giant branch (AGB) stars have been considered to be the primary producers of dust in the local Universe, at high redshifts they are not expected to significantly contribute to the dust budget of the Universe. Stripped-envelope supernovae (SESNe) come from the death of the most massive, shorter-lived stars, and are therefore one of the earliest possible sources of cosmic dust in the Universe. No SESN has occurred close enough to monitor dust formation from early to late times, until now. Remarkably, JWST Cycle 1 observations of SN 2023dbc have revealed both the

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fundamental and first vibrational bands of CO and SiO (dust precursors), and scheduled Cycle 2 observations will trace their early evolution. Yet, to fully understand how dust is formed in SESNe, a longer time series of data is required. By analyzing the evolution of molecular bands at later epochs, as well as capturing the early formation of dust features, the exact conditions in the ejecta during the dust formation can be determined. Here we request 23.9 hr of JWST time to follow SN 2023dbc at three epochs from 600-1200 d past maximum. With these data, the molecular emissions will be used to measure the exact conditions for dust formation in the ejecta. The observations will also create a legacy data set that can be used to model dust formation and investigate the poorly-constrained ejecta composition of SESNe.

### **OBSERVING DESCRIPTION**

We request 23.9 hr of JWST time to obtain a NIRSpec+MIRI time-series of the nearby SN Ic 2023dbc at three epochs from 600-1200 d past maximum. With these data, the molecular emissions will be used to measure the exact conditions for dust formation in the ejecta. The observations will also provide a legacy data set from which to model dust formation and uniquely probe the poorly constrained ejecta composition of SESNe.

Proposal 6213 - Targets - Unraveling cosmic dust origins: JWST revelations from legacy observations of SN 2023dbc

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				

Proposal 6213 - Observation 7 - Unraveling cosmic dust origins: JWST revelations from legacy observations of SN 2023dbc

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<b>Observation</b>	<b>Proposal 6213, Observation 7: NIRSPEC</b> <b>Diagnostic Status: Warning</b> Observing Template: NIRSpec Fixed Slit Spectroscopy											
	(Visit 7:1) Warning (Form): Overheads are provisional until the Visit Planner has been run.											
<b>Fixed Targets</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Target Coordinates</b>			<b>Targ. Coord. Corrections</b>			<b>Miscellaneous</b>			
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<i>Comments:</i> Category=Star Description=[Supernovae] Extended=NO												
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	2	G395M/F290LP	S400A1	NRSRAPID	75	3	2	NONE	3	9	1065.856	177287.4

Proposal 6213 - Observation 7 - Unraveling cosmic dust origins: JWST revelations from legacy observations of SN 2023dbc

Special Requirements

Group Observations 7, 8, 9 within 1 Days

Proposal 6213 - Observation 8 - Unraveling cosmic dust origins: JWST revelations from legacy observations of SN 2023dbc

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<b>Observation</b>	<b>Proposal 6213, Observation 8: MIRI/LRS</b> <b>Diagnostic Status: Warning</b> Observing Template: MIRI Low Resolution Spectroscopy									
<b>Diagnostics</b>	(Visit 8:1) Warning (Form): Overheads are provisional until the Visit Planner has been run.									
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	1	SAME	F560W	FAST	10	1	1	27.75	177287.1	
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	1	FASTR1	5	1	1	1	1	13.875		F560W

Proposal 6213 - Observation 8 - Unraveling cosmic dust origins: JWST revelations from legacy observations of SN 2023dbc

Spectral Elements	#	Readout Pattern	Groups/Int	Integrations/Exp	Total Integrations	Exposures/Dith	Total Dithers	Total Exposure Time	ETC Wkbk.Calc ID
	Special Requirements	1	FASTR1	100	10	20	1	2	5600.031
	Group Observations 7, 8, 9 within 1 Days								

Proposal 6213 - Observation 9 - Unraveling cosmic dust origins: JWST revelations from legacy observations of SN 2023dbc

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<b>Observation</b>	<p><b>Proposal 6213, Observation 9: MIRI/Imaging</b></p> <p><b>Diagnostic Status: Warning</b></p> <p>Observing Template: MIRI Imaging</p>										
<b>Diagnostics</b>	(Visit 9:1) Warning (Form): Overheads are provisional until the Visit Planner has been run.										
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	1	F1500W	FASTR1	20	1	1	Dither 1	4	4	69.222	177287.11
	2	F1800W	FASTR1	60	1	1	Dither 1	4	4	207.667	177287.8
	3	F2100W	FASTR1	100	3	1	Dither 1	4	12	1045.258	177287.12
	4	F2550W	FASTR1	40	20	1	Dither 1	4	80	2834.657	177287.13
<b>Special Requirements</b>	Group Observations 7, 8, 9 within 1 Days										

Proposal 6213 - Observation 10 - Unraveling cosmic dust origins: JWST revelations from legacy observations of SN 2023dbc

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<b>Observation</b>	<b>Proposal 6213, Observation 10: NIRSPEC</b> <b>Diagnostic Status: Warning</b> Observing Template: NIRSPEC Fixed Slit Spectroscopy											
	(Visit 10:1) Warning (Form): Overheads are provisional until the Visit Planner has been run. (Visit 10:1) Informational (Form): Visit schedulable, but most scheduling windows are when JWST is pointed in direction of greatest micrometeoroid impact risk. This is likely due to scheduling special requirements.											
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Special Requirements

Between Dates 06-NOV-2025:00:00:00 and 05-FEB-2026:00:00:00

Group Observations 10, 11, 12 within 1 Days

Proposal 6213 - Observation 11 - Unraveling cosmic dust origins: JWST revelations from legacy observations of SN 2023dbc

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<b>Observation</b>	<b>Proposal 6213, Observation 11: MIRI/LRS</b> <b>Diagnostic Status: Warning</b> Observing Template: MIRI Low Resolution Spectroscopy																												
	(Visit 11:1) Warning (Form): Overheads are provisional until the Visit Planner has been run. (Visit 11:1) Informational (Form): Visit schedulable, but most scheduling windows are when JWST is pointed in direction of greatest micrometeoroid impact risk. This is likely due to scheduling special requirements.																												
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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
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	Between Dates 06-NOV-2025:00:00:00 and 05-FEB-2026:00:00:00 Group Observations 10, 11, 12 within 1 Days								

Proposal 6213 - Observation 12 - Unraveling cosmic dust origins: JWST revelations from legacy observations of SN 2023dbc

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<b>Observation</b>	<p><b>Proposal 6213, Observation 12: MIRI/Imaging</b></p> <p><b>Diagnostic Status: Warning</b></p> <p>Observing Template: MIRI Imaging</p>										
<b>Diagnostics</b>	<p>(Visit 12:1) Warning (Form): Overheads are provisional until the Visit Planner has been run.</p> <p>(Visit 12:1) Informational (Form): Visit schedulable, but most scheduling windows are when JWST is pointed in direction of greatest micrometeoroid impact risk. This is likely due to scheduling special requirements.</p>										
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	2	F1800W	FASTR1	70	1	1	Dither 1	4	4	242.278	177345.8
	3	F2100W	FASTR1	100	3	1	Dither 1	4	12	1045.258	177345.12
	4	F2550W	FASTR1	60	45	1	Dither 1	4	180	9497.313	177345.13
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