



6361 - Bridging Accretion Mechanisms from Stars to Planets with NIR Diagnostics

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OBSERVATIONS

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	1	CT Cha b	NIRSpec Fixed Slit Spectroscopy	(1) V-CT-CHA-B
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	4	Isolated Accretor 2	NIRSpec Fixed Slit Spectroscopy	(4) ISOLATED-ACCRETOR2-J1110-7642
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ABSTRACT

We propose to conduct an innovative line ratio based comparison of NIR accretion diagnostics for bound and unbound planetary-mass objects in the ~2Myr Chamaeleon Star Forming Region with NIRSpec fixed-slit spectroscopy. The hydrogen series lines accessible only to JWST (including Paschen alpha and Brackett beta), combined with JWST's unique sensitivity to traditional accretion line diagnostics at very low flux levels (Paschen Beta, Brackett Gamma) will enable discrimination between traditional magnetospheric paradigms of accretion assumed for stars and newly-developed accretion models designed for protoplanets. Critical to our understanding and calibration of accreting protoplanet discoveries, the proposed observations will provide diagnostic line ratios for multiple accretion tracers that will improve relations used to interpret accretion rates for accreting protoplanet candidates such as PDS70bc, Delorme 1 (AB) b, etc. With a uniform sample of planetary-mass objects of the same spectral type and age that includes both bound 'planetary' companions and 'free-floating' isolated objects, we will be able to inform whether the accretion mechanisms governing the formation of these objects differ depending on companionship, illuminating the origins of young giant planets and rogue planetary-mass objects.

OBSERVING DESCRIPTION

Overall Strategy

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We propose to acquire high resolution spectroscopy with the S200A1 slit and G140H/F100LP, G235H/F170LP, and G395H/F290LP configurations. All six of the proposed targets will be observed using the same configuration to provide a uniformly comparative dataset and enable calibration through precise continuum subtraction of photospheric emission, enabling the scientific goals of detection of faint emission line accretion diagnostics.

PA Special Requirements

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In order to minimize contamination from the stellar halo and diffraction spikes in the fixed slit spectra of the companion, and to avoid dithering motions moving the primary star into the slit, aperture position angle restrictions are required for the two companion objects in the proposed study.

PA restrictions are as follows:

CT Cha b: Observe at 150-270 deg or 330-90 deg

CHXR 73 b: Observe at 90-200 deg or 270-20 deg (observations are 10 deg more restrictive due to closer separation of CHXR companion).

The remaining four targets do not have special requirements.

Target Acquisition

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Target acquisitions have been calculated in the ETC separately for each of the six targets in the proposed program, based upon target spectral type and magnitude. All observations use the SUB2048 or SUB32 array and various readout patterns to reach a minimum SNR~35.

Exposure Times, Groups, and Integrations

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All exposure times have been calculated using the JWST ETC to achieve sensitivity to line ratios for the emission line diagnostics targeted in this study, specifically aiming to reach line sensitivities of a $\sim \text{few} \times 10^{-17}$ erg/s/cm², necessary to discriminate between various accretion physics models. ETC simulations with lines at various sensitivities injected were performed, reaching S/N in each mode of ~ 113 (G140H), ~ 70 (G235H), and ~ 38 (G395H). The maximum numbers of groups were selected in order to minimize noise and avoid saturation, with corresponding integrations used to reach the total exposure time in three separate slit dither positions. As all of our targets have comparable NIR magnitudes and are selected to share very similar physical properties (i.e., temperature and spectral type) the total integrations are largely the same for all of the targets in the study. The one non-Chamaeleon target, TWA 29, has a correspondingly shorter exposure time due to the fact that it is much closer and two magnitudes brighter.

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#	Name	Target Coordinates	Targ. Coord. Corrections	Miscellaneous
(1)	V-CT-CHA-B	RA: 11 04 8.3330 (166.0347208d) Dec: -76 27 18.00 (-76.45500d) Equinox: J2000	Proper Motion RA: -22.223360798921444 mas/yr Proper Motion Dec: 0.01949340698729092 mas/yr Parallax: 0.005264482063413752" Epoch of Position: 2016.0	
<p><i>Comments: Jan 2025 KBF</i> <i>Updated to Gaia DR3 coordinates for CT Cha A + offset from Wu et al. 2015</i> <i>Category=Star</i> <i>Description=[Exoplanets, Substellar companions]</i> <i>Extended=NO</i></p>				
(2)	CHXR-73B	RA: 11 06 28.3632 (166.6181800d) Dec: -77 37 33.96 (-77.62610d) Equinox: J2000	Proper Motion RA: -22.501828240754598 mas/yr Proper Motion Dec: -0.0448815879939778 mas/yr Parallax: 0.005225594989299537 " Epoch of Position: 2016	
<p><i>Comments: Jan 2025 KBF</i> <i>Updated to Gaia DR3 coordinates for CXHR 73 A + offset from Martinez 2022</i> <i>Category=Star</i> <i>Description=[Exoplanets, Substellar companions]</i> <i>Extended=NO</i></p>				
(3)	ISOLATED-ACCRETOR1- J1106-7618	RA: 11 06 28.5400 (166.6189167d) Dec: -76 18 3.90 (-76.30108d) Equinox: J2000	Proper Motion RA: -14.1 mas/yr Proper Motion Dec: -6.2 mas/yr Epoch of Position: 2000	
<p><i>Comments: This object was generated by the targetselector and retrieved from the SIMBAD database.</i></p> <p><i>Jan 2025 KBF</i> <i>Corrected epoch to 2000</i> <i>Added proper motions from Esplin+ 2017. dec pm uncertainty is 5mas/yr, so have included this</i> <i>Category=Star</i> <i>Description=[Brown dwarfs, Exoplanets, Young stellar objects]</i> <i>Extended=NO</i></p>				
(4)	ISOLATED-ACCRETOR2- J1110-7642	RA: 11 10 6.5882 (167.5274508d) Dec: -76 42 48.66 (-76.71352d) Equinox: J2000	Proper Motion RA: -11.8 mas/yr Proper Motion Dec: -1.4 mas/yr Epoch of Position: 2000	
<p><i>Comments: This object was generated by the targetselector and retrieved from the SIMBAD database.</i></p> <p><i>Jan 2025 KBF</i> <i>Corrected epoch to 2000</i> <i>Added proper motions from Esplin+ 2017.</i> <i>Category=Star</i> <i>Description=[Brown dwarfs, Exoplanets, Young stellar objects]</i> <i>Extended=NO</i></p>				
(5)	PHOT-TEMPLATE-1-J1110- 7714	RA: 11 10 57.7200 (167.7405000d) Dec: -77 14 57.00 (-77.24917d) Equinox: J2000	Proper Motion RA: -12.1 mas/yr Proper Motion Dec: -1.7 mas/yr Epoch of Position: 2000	
<p><i>Comments: This object was generated by the targetselector and retrieved from the SIMBAD database.</i></p> <p><i>Jan 2025 KBF</i> <i>Corrected epoch to 2000</i> <i>Added proper motions from Esplin+ 2017.</i> <i>Category=Star</i> <i>Description=[Brown dwarfs, Exoplanets, Young stellar objects]</i> <i>Extended=NO</i></p>				

Fixed Targets

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(6)	PHOT-TEMPLATE-2-TWA- 29	RA: 12 45 14.0918 (191.3087158d) Dec: -44 29 8.09 (-44.48558d) Equinox: J2000	Proper Motion RA: -46.15237747900009 mas/yr Proper Motion Dec: -22.516688964298353 mas/yr Epoch of Position: 2016
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Comments: This object was generated by the targetselector and retrieved from the SIMBAD database.

Jan 2025 KBF

Updated to Gaia DR3 coordinate

Category=Star

Description=[Brown dwarfs, Exoplanets, Young stellar objects]

Extended=NO

Proposal 6361 - Observation 1 - Bridging Accretion Mechanisms from Stars to Planets with NIR Diagnostics

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Observation	Proposal 6361, Observation 1: CT Cha b 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)	V-CT-CHA-B	RA: 11 04 8.3330 (166.0347208d) Dec: -76 27 18.00 (-76.45500d) Equinox: J2000			Proper Motion RA: -22.223360798921444 mas/yr Proper Motion Dec: 0.01949340698729092 mas/yr Parallax: 0.005264482063413752" Epoch of Position: 2016.0						
<i>Comments: Jan 2025 KBF</i> <i>Updated to Gaia DR3 coordinates for CT Cha A + offset from Wu et al. 2015</i> <i>Category=Star</i> <i>Description=[Exoplanets, Substellar companions]</i> <i>Extended=NO</i>												
Acquisition	#	Target	TA Method	Subarray	Filter	Readout Pattern	Groups/Int	Integrations/Exp	Total Integrations	Total Exposure Time	ETC Wkbk.Calc ID	
	1	1 V-CT-CHA-B	WATA	SUB2048	F110W	NRSRAPID	3	1	1	3.628	238638.31	
Template	HFF Readout Mode				Slit			Subarray				
	false				S200A1			FULL				
Dithers	#	Primary Dither Positions						Sub-Pixel Pattern				
	1	3						NONE				
Spectral Elements	#	Grating/Filter	Slit	Readout Pattern	Groups/Int	Integrations/Exp	#	Autocal	Total Dithers	Total Integrations	Total Exposure Time	ETC Wkbk.Calc ID
	1	G140H/F100LP	S200A1	NRSIRS2RAPID	23	4	1	NONE	3	12	4201.6	238638.10
	2	G235H/F170LP	S200A1	NRSIRS2RAPID	21	4	2	NONE	3	12	3851.467	238638.11
	3	G395H/F290LP	S200A1	NRSIRS2RAPID	15	1	3	NONE	3	3	700.267	238638.12

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Special Requirements

Aperture PA Range 150 to 270 Degrees (V3 11.15809631 to 131.15809631)
Aperture PA Range 330 to 90 Degrees (V3 191.15809631 to 311.15809631)

Proposal 6361 - Observation 2 - Bridging Accretion Mechanisms from Stars to Planets with NIR Diagnostics

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Observation	Proposal 6361, Observation 2: CHXR 73 b Diagnostic Status: Warning Observing Template: NIRSpec Fixed Slit Spectroscopy											
	(Visit 2:1) Warning (Form): Overheads are provisional until the Visit Planner has been run.											
Fixed Targets	#	Name	Target Coordinates			Targ. Coord. Corrections			Miscellaneous			
	(2)	CHXR-73B	RA: 11 06 28.3632 (166.6181800d) Dec: -77 37 33.96 (-77.62610d) Equinox: J2000			Proper Motion RA: -22.501828240754598 mas/yr Proper Motion Dec: -0.0448815879939778 mas/yr Parallax: 0.005225594989299537 " Epoch of Position: 2016						
Comments: Jan 2025 KBF Updated to Gaia DR3 coordinates for CXHR 73 A + offset from Martinez 2022 Category=Star Description=[Exoplanets, Substellar companions] Extended=NO												
Acquisition	#	Target	TA Method	Subarray	Filter	Readout Pattern	Groups/Int	Integrations/Exp	Total Integrations	Total Exposure Time	ETC Wkbk.Calc ID	
	1	2 CHXR-73B	WATA	SUB32	CLEAR	NRSRAPID	3	1	1	0.08	238638.32	
Template	HFF Readout Mode				Slit			Subarray				
	false				S200A1			FULL				
Dithers	#	Primary Dither Positions					Sub-Pixel Pattern					
	1	3					NONE					
Spectral Elements	#	Grating/Filter	Slit	Readout Pattern	Groups/Int	Integrations/Exp	#	Autocal	Total Dithers	Total Integrations	Total Exposure Time	ETC Wkbk.Calc ID
	1	G140H/F100LP	S200A1	NRSIRS2RAPID	30	3	1	NONE	3	9	4070.3	238638.36
	2	G235H/F170LP	S200A1	NRSIRS2RAPID	42	2	2	NONE	3	6	3763.934	238638.37
	3	G395H/F290LP	S200A1	NRSIRS2RAPID	14	1	3	NONE	3	3	656.5	238638.38

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Special Requirements

Aperture PA Range 90 to 200 Degrees (V3 311.15809631 to 61.15809631)
Aperture PA Range 270 to 20 Degrees (V3 131.15809631 to 241.15809631000002)

Proposal 6361 - Observation 3 - Bridging Accretion Mechanisms from Stars to Planets with NIR Diagnostics

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Observation	Proposal 6361, Observation 3: Isolated Accretor 1 Diagnostic Status: Warning Observing Template: NIRSpec Fixed Slit Spectroscopy											
Diagnostics	(Visit 3:1) Warning (Form): Overheads are provisional until the Visit Planner has been run.											
Fixed Targets	#	Name	Target Coordinates			Targ. Coord. Corrections			Miscellaneous			
	(3)	ISOLATED-ACCRETOR1-J1106-7618	RA: 11 06 28.5400 (166.6189167d) Dec: -76 18 3.90 (-76.30108d) Equinox: J2000			Proper Motion RA: -14.1 mas/yr Proper Motion Dec: -6.2 mas/yr Epoch of Position: 2000						
	<i>Comments: This object was generated by the targetselector and retrieved from the SIMBAD database.</i> Jan 2025 KBF Corrected epoch to 2000 Added proper motions from Esplin+ 2017. dec pm uncertainty is 5mas/yr, so have included this Category=Star Description=[Brown dwarfs, Exoplanets, Young stellar objects] Extended=NO											
Acquisition	#	Target	TA Method	Subarray	Filter	Readout Pattern	Groups/Int	Integrations/Exp	Total Integrations	Total Exposure Time	ETC Wkbk.Calc ID	
	1	3 ISOLATED-ACCRETOR1-J1106-7618	WATA	SUB32	CLEAR	NRSRAPID	3	1	1	0.08	238638.41	
Template	HFF Readout Mode				Slit			Subarray				
	false				S200A1			FULL				
Dithers	#	Primary Dither Positions						Sub-Pixel Pattern				
	1	3						NONE				
Spectral Elements	#	Grating/Filter	Slit	Readout Pattern	Groups/Int	Integrations/Exp	#	Autocal	Total Dithers	Total Integrations	Total Exposure Time	ETC Wkbk.Calc ID
	1	G140H/F100LP	S200A1	NRSIRS2RAPID	30	3	1	NONE	3	9	4070.3	238638.42
	2	G235H/F170LP	S200A1	NRSIRS2RAPID	42	2	2	NONE	3	6	3763.934	238638.43
	3	G395H/F290LP	S200A1	NRSIRS2RAPID	14	1	3	NONE	3	3	656.5	238638.44

Proposal 6361 - Observation 4 - Bridging Accretion Mechanisms from Stars to Planets with NIR Diagnostics

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Observation	<p>Proposal 6361, Observation 4: Isolated Accretor 2</p> <p>Diagnostic Status: Warning</p> <p>Observing Template: NIRSpec Fixed Slit Spectroscopy</p>											
Diagnostics	(Visit 4:1) Warning (Form): Overheads are provisional until the Visit Planner has been run.											
Fixed Targets	#	Name	Target Coordinates		Targ. Coord. Corrections			Miscellaneous				
	(4)	ISOLATED-ACCRETOR2-J1110-7642	RA: 11 10 6.5882 (167.5274508d) Dec: -76 42 48.66 (-76.71352d) Equinox: J2000		Proper Motion RA: -11.8 mas/yr Proper Motion Dec: -1.4 mas/yr Epoch of Position: 2000							
	<p><i>Comments: This object was generated by the targetselector and retrieved from the SIMBAD database.</i></p> <p><i>Jan 2025 KBF</i> <i>Corrected epoch to 2000</i> <i>Added proper motions from Esplin+ 2017.</i> <i>Category=Star</i> <i>Description=[Brown dwarfs, Exoplanets, Young stellar objects]</i> <i>Extended=NO</i></p>											
Acquisition	#	Target	TA Method	Subarray	Filter	Readout Pattern	Groups/Int	Integrations/Exp	Total Integrations	Total Exposure Time	ETC Wkbk.Calc ID	
	1	4 ISOLATED-ACCRETOR2-J1110-7642	WATA	SUB32	CLEAR	NRSRAPID	3	1	1	0.08	238638.48	
Template	HFF Readout Mode			Slit			Subarray					
	false			S200A1			FULL					
Dithers	#	Primary Dither Positions					Sub-Pixel Pattern					
	1	3					NONE					
Spectral Elements	#	Grating/Filter	Slit	Readout Pattern	Groups/Int	Integrations/Exp	#	Autocal	Total Dithers	Total Integrations	Total Exposure Time	ETC Wkbk.Calc ID
	1	G140H/F100LP	S200A1	NRSIRS2RAPID	30	3	1	NONE	3	9	4070.3	238638.45
	2	G235H/F170LP	S200A1	NRSIRS2RAPID	42	2	2	NONE	3	6	3763.934	238638.46
	3	G395H/F290LP	S200A1	NRSIRS2RAPID	14	1	3	NONE	3	3	656.5	238638.47

Proposal 6361 - Observation 5 - Bridging Accretion Mechanisms from Stars to Planets with NIR Diagnostics

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Observation	Proposal 6361, Observation 5: Phot. Template 1 Diagnostic Status: Warning Observing Template: NIRSpec Fixed Slit Spectroscopy											
Diagnostics	(Visit 5:1) Warning (Form): Overheads are provisional until the Visit Planner has been run.											
Fixed Targets	#	Name	Target Coordinates			Targ. Coord. Corrections			Miscellaneous			
	(5)	PHOT-TEMPLATE-1-J1110-7714	RA: 11 10 57.7200 (167.7405000d) Dec: -77 14 57.00 (-77.24917d) Equinox: J2000			Proper Motion RA: -12.1 mas/yr Proper Motion Dec: -1.7 mas/yr Epoch of Position: 2000						
	<i>Comments: This object was generated by the targetselector and retrieved from the SIMBAD database.</i> Jan 2025 KBF Corrected epoch to 2000 Added proper motions from Esplin+ 2017. Category=Star Description=[Brown dwarfs, Exoplanets, Young stellar objects] Extended=NO											
Acquisition	#	Target	TA Method	Subarray	Filter	Readout Pattern	Groups/Int	Integrations/Exp	Total Integrations	Total Exposure Time	ETC Wkbk.Calc ID	
	1	5 PHOT-TEMPLATE-1-J1110-7714	WATA	SUB2048	F110W	NRSRAPID	3	1	1	3.628	238638.52	
Template	HFF Readout Mode			Slit			Subarray					
	false			S200A1			FULL					
Dithers	#	Primary Dither Positions						Sub-Pixel Pattern				
	1	3						NONE				
Spectral Elements	#	Grating/Filter	Slit	Readout Pattern	Groups/Int	Integrations/Exp	#	Autocal	Total Dithers	Total Integrations	Total Exposure Time	ETC Wkbk.Calc ID
	1	G140H/F100LP	S200A1	NRSIRS2RAPID	23	4	1	NONE	3	12	4201.6	238638.49
	2	G235H/F170LP	S200A1	NRSIRS2RAPID	21	4	2	NONE	3	12	3851.467	238638.50
	3	G395H/F290LP	S200A1	NRSIRS2RAPID	15	1	3	NONE	3	3	700.267	238638.51

Proposal 6361 - Observation 6 - Bridging Accretion Mechanisms from Stars to Planets with NIR Diagnostics

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Observation	Proposal 6361, Observation 6: Phot. Template 2 Diagnostic Status: Warning Observing Template: NIRSpec Fixed Slit Spectroscopy											
	(Visit 6:1) Warning (Form): Overheads are provisional until the Visit Planner has been run.											
Fixed Targets	#	Name	Target Coordinates			Targ. Coord. Corrections			Miscellaneous			
	(6)	PHOT-TEMPLATE-2-TWA-29	RA: 12 45 14.0918 (191.3087158d) Dec: -44 29 8.09 (-44.48558d) Equinox: J2000			Proper Motion RA: -46.15237747900009 mas/yr Proper Motion Dec: -22.516688964298353 mas/yr Epoch of Position: 2016						
<i>Comments: This object was generated by the targetselector and retrieved from the SIMBAD database.</i> Jan 2025 KBF Updated to Gaia DR3 coordinate Category=Star Description=[Brown dwarfs, Exoplanets, Young stellar objects] Extended=NO												
Acquisition	#	Target	TA Method	Subarray	Filter	Readout Pattern	Groups/Int	Integrations/Exp	Total Integrations	Total Exposure Time	ETC Wkbk.Calc ID	
	1	6 PHOT-TEMPLATE-2-TWA-29	WATA	SUB32	F140X	NRSRAPID	3	1	1	0.08	238638.56	
Template	HFF Readout Mode				Slit			Subarray				
	false				S200A1			FULL				
Dithers	#	Primary Dither Positions						Sub-Pixel Pattern				
	1	3						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	G140H/F100LP	S200A1	NRSIRS2RAPID	20	2	1	NONE	3	6	1838.2	238638.53
	2	G235H/F170LP	S200A1	NRSIRS2RAPID	20	1	2	NONE	3	3	919.1	238638.54
	3	G395H/F290LP	S200A1	NRSIRS2RAPID	5	1	3	NONE	3	3	262.6	238638.55