



9231 - SN 2024vjm, Probing Evolution, Molecule, and Dust Formation in the nearest Type Iax Supernova

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OBSERVATIONS

<i>Folder</i>	<i>Observation</i>	<i>Label</i>	<i>Observing Template</i>	<i>Science Target</i>
Epoch 200 days				
	1	NIRSpec	NIRSpec Fixed Slit Spectroscopy	(1) 24vjm
	2	MIRI/LRS	MIRI Low Resolution Spectroscopy	(1) 24vjm
	3	MIRI/Imaging	MIRI Imaging	(1) 24vjm
	4	MIRI/Imaging	MIRI Imaging	(1) 24vjm

ABSTRACT

SN 2024vjm is the closest (7.2 Mpc) Type Iax supernova (SN Iax) yet discovered. Type Iax supernovae are a class of subluminal thermonuclear supernovae with two branches, Faint and Luminous, likely originating from a non-homogeneous class of progenitor systems. There exist a number of proposed explosion channels, including: (1) a C+O+Ne white dwarf (WD) in a binary system where the primary WD undergoes a failed deflagration; (2) the merger of a O+Ne WD with a C+O WD; and (3) a pulsating delayed-detonation of a near-Chandrasekhar mass WD. Scenarios (1) and (2) lead to a compact, bound remnant; while scenario (3) will produce copious amounts of carbon monoxide and eventually dust. The proximity of SN 2024vjm offers an unparalleled opportunity to determine the nature of Faint SN Iax. SN 2024vjm was observed near maximum light by JWST with NIRSpec and MIRI/MRS, but a follow-up near 220 days is necessary to reveal possible CO and dust formation. We propose obtaining NIRSpec and MIRI/LRS spectra from 1-14 microns, and photometry at 15, 18 and 21 microns to determine the shape of the SED. These observations will elucidate: the symmetry of ejecta; the ionization state and density; whether CO and dust are formed. This observation will vastly improve our understanding of SN Iax. Forgoing the proposed observations will hamper any future science (JWST or ground-based), and the community will be unable to accurately trace the evolution of dust growth in these enigmatic objects. Since the SNe Iax rate is only 15% of the SNe Ia rate, 2024vjm is our best chance to observe a very nearby SN Iax with JWST.

OBSERVING DESCRIPTION

We propose to observe SN 2024vjm with NIRSpec medium resolution, MIRI/LRS, and MIRI imaging at approximately 220 days after maximum light.

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Proposal 9231 - Targets - SN 2024vjm, Probing Evolution, Molecule, and Dust Formation in the nearest Type Ia Supernova

Fixed Targets	#	Name	Target Coordinates	Targ. Coord. Corrections	Miscellaneous
	(1) <i>Comments:</i> Category=Star Description=[Type Ia supernovae] Extended=NO	24vjm	RA: 19 09 25.7800 (287.3574167d) Dec: -63 50 1.75 (-63.83382d) Equinox: J2000	Epoch of Position: 2000	

Proposal 9231 - Observation 1 - SN 2024vjm, Probing Evolution, Molecule, and Dust Formation in the nearest Type Ia Supernova

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Observation	Proposal 9231, Observation 1: NIRSpec 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)	24vjm	RA: 19 09 25.7800 (287.3574167d) Dec: -63 50 1.75 (-63.83382d) Equinox: J2000			Epoch of Position: 2000						
<i>Comments:</i> Category=Star Description=[Type Ia supernovae] Extended=NO												
Acquisition	#	Target	TA Method	Subarray	Filter	Readout Pattern	Groups/Int	Integrations/Exp	Total Integrations	Total Exposure Time	ETC Wbkk.Calc ID	
	1	SAME	WATA	SUB2048	CLEAR	NRSRAPID	3	1	1	3.628	243904.6	
Template	HFF Readout Mode				Slit			Subarray				
	false				S400A1			SUBS400A1				
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 Wbkk.Calc ID	
	1	G140M/F070LP	S400A1	NRSRAPID	50	1	1	NONE	3	3	238.435	243904.8
	2	G140M/F100LP	S400A1	NRSRAPID	60	1	2	NONE	3	3	285.175	243904.11
	3	G235M/F170LP	S400A1	NRSRAPID	70	1	3	NONE	3	3	331.915	243904.1
	4	G395M/F290LP	S400A1	NRSRAPID	80	1	4	NONE	3	3	378.655	243904.7

Special Requirements

Sequence Observations 1, 2, 3, 4, Non-interruptible

Proposal 9231 - Observation 2 - SN 2024vjm, Probing Evolution, Molecule, and Dust Formation in the nearest Type Ia Supernova

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Observation	<p>Proposal 9231, Observation 2: MIRI/LRS</p> <p>Diagnostic Status: Warning</p> <p>Observing Template: MIRI Low Resolution Spectroscopy</p>									
Diagnostics	(Visit 2:1) Warning (Form): Overheads are provisional until the Visit Planner has been run.									
Fixed Targets	#	Name	Target Coordinates	Targ. Coord. Corrections			Miscellaneous			
	(1)	24vjm	RA: 19 09 25.7800 (287.3574167d) Dec: -63 50 1.75 (-63.83382d) Equinox: J2000	Epoch of Position: 2000						
	<p><i>Comments:</i> <i>Category=Star</i> <i>Description=[Type Ia supernovae]</i> <i>Extended=NO</i></p>									
Acquisition	#	Target	Filter	Readout Pattern	Groups/Int	Integrations/Exp	Total Integrations	Total Exposure Time	ETC Wkbk.Calc ID	
	1	SAME	F560W	FASTGRPAVG16	6	1	1	266.404	243904.9	
Template	Subarray				Obtain Verification Image?					
	FULL				true					
Dithers	#	Dither Type	No. Spectral Steps	Spectral Step Offset	No. Spatial Steps	Spatial Step Offset				
	1	ALONG SLIT NOD								
Pointing Verification	#	PV Readout Pattern	PV Groups/Int	PV Integrations/Exp	PV Total Integrations	PV Exposures/Dith	PV Total Dithers	PV Total Exposure Time	PV ETC Wkbk.Calc ID	Filter
	1	FASTR1	5	2	2	1	1	30.525		F770W

Proposal 9231 - Observation 2 - SN 2024vim, Probing Evolution, Molecule, and Dust Formation in the nearest Type Iax Supernova

Spectral Elements	#	Readout Pattern	Groups/Int	Integrations/Exp	Total Integrations	Exposures/Dith	Total Dithers	Total Exposure Time	ETC Wkbk.Calc ID
		1	FASTR1	100	20	40	1	2	11205.612
Special Requirements	Sequence Observations 1, 2, 3, 4, Non-interruptible								

Proposal 9231 - Observation 3 - SN 2024vjm, Probing Evolution, Molecule, and Dust Formation in the nearest Type Ia Supernova

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Observation	<p>Proposal 9231, Observation 3: MIRI/Imaging</p> <p>Diagnostic Status: Warning</p> <p>Observing Template: MIRI Imaging</p>										
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			
	(1)	24vjm	RA: 19 09 25.7800 (287.3574167d) Dec: -63 50 1.75 (-63.83382d) Equinox: J2000			Epoch of Position: 2000					
	<p><i>Comments:</i> <i>Category=Star</i> <i>Description=[Type Ia supernovae]</i> <i>Extended=NO</i></p>										
Template	Subarray										
	FULL										
Dithers	#	Dither Type	Starting Point	Number of Points	Points	Starting Set	Number of Sets	Optimized For	Direction	Pattern Size	
	1	CYCLING	1	4		1	1			DEFAULT	
Spectral Elements	#	Filter	Readout Pattern	Groups/Int	Integrations/Exp	Exposures/Dith	Dither	Total Dithers	Total Integrations	Total Exposure Time	ETC Wkbk.Calc ID
	1	F1500W	FASTR1	100	1	1	Dither 1	4	4	1110.016	243903.7
Special Requirements	Sequence Observations 1, 2, 3, 4, Non-interruptible										

Proposal 9231 - Observation 4 - SN 2024vim, Probing Evolution, Molecule, and Dust Formation in the nearest Type Ia Supernova

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Observation	<p>Proposal 9231, Observation 4: MIRI/Imaging</p> <p>Diagnostic Status: Warning</p> <p>Observing Template: MIRI Imaging</p>										
Diagnostics	<p>(Visit 4:1) Warning (Form): Overheads are provisional until the Visit Planner has been run.</p> <p>(Visit 4:1) 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>										
Fixed Targets	#	Name	Target Coordinates			Targ. Coord. Corrections		Miscellaneous			
	(1)	24vjm	RA: 19 09 25.7800 (287.3574167d) Dec: -63 50 1.75 (-63.83382d) Equinox: J2000			Epoch of Position: 2000					
	<p><i>Comments:</i> <i>Category=Star</i> <i>Description=[Type Ia supernovae]</i> <i>Extended=NO</i></p>										
Template	<p>Subarray</p> <p>BRIGHTSKY</p>										
Dithers	#	Dither Type	Starting Point	Number of Points	Points	Starting Set	Number of Sets	Optimized For	Direction	Pattern Size	
	1	CYCLING	1	4		1	1			DEFAULT	
Spectral Elements	#	Filter	Readout Pattern	Groups/Int	Integrations/Exp	Exposures/Dith	Dither	Total Dithers	Total Integrations	Total Exposure Time	ETC Wkbk.Calc ID
	1	F1800W	FASTR1	100	5	1	Dither 1	4	20	1744.404	243903.9
	2	F2100W	FASTR1	100	12	1	Dither 1	4	48	4191.416	243903.10
Special Requirements	<p>Between Dates 01-APR-2025:00:00:00 and 15-MAY-2025:00:00:00</p> <p>Sequence Observations 1, 2, 3, 4, Non-interruptible</p>										