



2198 - Quiescent or dusty? Unveiling the nature of extremely red galaxies at $z > 3$

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OBSERVATIONS

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ABSTRACT

Quantifying the nature and prevalence of the recently-discovered extremely-red galaxies found in Spitzer IRAC data, but not seen by Hubble, is one of the most exciting high-redshift opportunities for JWST's infrared capabilities. These galaxies are suspected of being either dusty star-forming

galaxies at $z\sim 3-6$, or, most intriguingly, quiescent evolved galaxies at $z\sim 4-5$. These "H-dropouts", so-named from their non-detection by Hubble's WFC3/IR camera, remain an enigma. The limited spectral coverage of the current photometric data has precluded any reliable assessment of their redshifts. And spectroscopic confirmation has been quite impractical. ALMA data has provided further confirmation, but without establishing redshifts. H-dropouts pose significant challenges to galaxy growth models (if evolved), or to our estimates of the history of galaxy build-up (if dusty star-forming). Our JWST "H-drop" pilot program uses NIRSpec/prism spectroscopy at $R=100$ to reveal the true nature of these extremely red galaxies. We have identified two relatively bright, plausible $z\sim 4-5$ quiescent galaxies from the deepest IRAC imaging data of the GOODS-S field, plus a larger sample of H-band undetected sources in that same field. Our primary goals are to: (1) obtain the first spectroscopic redshift measurement for this enigmatic population; (2) distinguish quiescent from dusty star-forming sources; (3) constrain their physical properties including gas-phase metallicities; (4) provide new measurements for the contribution of obscured sources to the cosmic Star Formation Rate Density at $z\sim 3-6$; and (5) possibly confirm the first quiescent galaxies at $z\sim 4-5$. Only JWST/NIRSpec can achieve these goals.

OBSERVING DESCRIPTION

The primary goal of this program is to obtain 0.8hr deep NIRSpec/PRISM observations of a sample of H-dropout galaxies split over 2 MSA pointings, where we will take 2 configurations each. Given that our galaxy sample is by definition not detected in current HST imaging, but just in Spitzer/IRAC, we require NIRCам preimaging (the IRAC PSF is much too wide for accurate positioning of the MSA slits).

NIRCам pre-imaging acquisition:

For both pointing separately, we take the pre-imaging with a large scale dither to cover the required area to fit all candidate sources that will be observed in the MSA masks. In particular, we use the INTRASCA primary dither pattern to obtain a large scale offset of 24". At each of these positions, we use a 3-point small scale dither pattern to properly sample the PSF. We use the SHALLOW4 readout pattern with 6 groups, resulting in a total exposure time of 1868s. Images are taken in F444W (LW) to detect our candidate galaxies, and complementary F200W (SW).

NIRSpec exposures:

The observing strategy for the MSA consists of 3 nod in slits exposures. We are taking a series of 13 groups of integrations with the IRS2 readout mode, resulting in a total exposure time of 2889s. By repeating this for a second configuration at the same pointing, we reach a sample of ~ 15 primary galaxies, in addition to $\sim 30-35$ fillers. The MSA mask design can only be finalized after pre-imaging and once the V3 angle of JWST will be assigned.

Background Limited Special Requirement:

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One of the requirements of our program is to measure faint H α emission lines, which are expected to lie at ~ 4.5 micron. The peak S/N at this wavelength changes by $>10\%$ between the lowest and highest background conditions. Similarly our F444W images are affected. We therefore request "Background Limited" observations. We set the requirement to "Background no more than 40% above minimum" for the pre-imaging and 20% for the spectra to ensure a sufficiently large scheduling window of 2.5 months.

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#	Name	Target Coordinates	Targ. Coord. Corrections	Miscellaneous
(5)	S67NIRCAM	RA: 03 32 18.1555 (53.0756479d) Dec: -27 50 33.92 (-27.84276d) Equinox: J2000		
<i>Comments:</i> Category=Unidentified Description=[Blank field]				
(6)	S156NIRCAM	RA: 03 32 38.4035 (53.1600146d) Dec: -27 53 2.94 (-27.88415d) Equinox: J2000		
<i>Comments:</i> Category=Unidentified Description=[Blank field]				
(15)	APTCATS156V7	RA: 03 32 36.3144 (53.1513100d) Dec: -27 52 28.34 (-27.87454d) Equinox: J2000		
<i>Comments:</i> Description=[]				
(16)	APTCATS67V5	RA: 03 32 19.7434 (53.0822642d) Dec: -27 50 39.09 (-27.84419d) Equinox: J2000		
<i>Comments:</i> Description=[]				

Fixed Targets

Proposal 2198 - Observation 1 - Quiescent or dusty? Unveiling the nature of extremely red galaxies at z>3

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Observation	<p>Proposal 2198, Observation 1: PreimageS67</p> <p>Diagnostic Status: Warning</p> <p>Observing Template: NIRCAM Imaging</p>									
Diagnostics	<p>(Visit 1:1) Warning (Form): Overheads are provisional until the Visit Planner has been run.</p> <p>(Visit 1:2) Warning (Form): Overheads are provisional until the Visit Planner has been run.</p> <p>(Visit 1:3) Warning (Form): Overheads are provisional until the Visit Planner has been run.</p> <p>(Visit 1:4) Warning (Form): Overheads are provisional until the Visit Planner has been run.</p>									
Fixed Targets	#	Name	Target Coordinates			Targ. Coord. Corrections		Miscellaneous		
	(5)	S67NIRCAM	RA: 03 32 18.1555 (53.0756479d) Dec: -27 50 33.92 (-27.84276d) Equinox: J2000							
	<p><i>Comments:</i> Category=Unidentified Description=[Blank field]</p>									
Template	Module					Subarray				
	ALL					FULL				
Mosaic	Rows	Columns	Row Overlap %	Column Overlap %	Row shift	Column shift	Tile Order			
	2	1	2.0	2.0	0.0	0.0	DEFAULT			
Dithers	#	Primary Dither Type		Primary Dithers	Subpixel Dither Type		Dither Size	Subpixel Positions		
	1	FULLBOX		6	STANDARD			1		
Spectral Elements	#	Short Filter	Long Filter	Readout Pattern	Groups/Int	Integrations/Exp	Total Integrations	Total Dithers	Total Exposure Time	ETC Wkbk.Calc ID
	1	F200W	F444W	BRIGHT2	7	1	6	6	901.889	
Special Requirements	<p>Sequence Visits within 53.0 Days Visits Same PA Background Limited. Background no more than 30th percentile above minimum</p> <p>3 After 1 by 60.0 Days to <None specified></p>									

Proposal 2198 - Observation 3 - Quiescent or dusty? Unveiling the nature of extremely red galaxies at z>3

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Observation	Proposal 2198, Observation 3: S67v1s Diagnostic Status: Warning Observing Template: NIRSpec MultiObject Spectroscopy										
	(Visit 3:1) Warning (Form): Overheads are provisional until the Visit Planner has been run. (Visit 3:1) Warning (Form): The recommended value is 8 Reference Stars for this template.										
Fixed Targets	#	Name	Target Coordinates			Targ. Coord. Corrections			Miscellaneous		
	(16)	APTCATS67V5	RA: 03 32 19.7434 (53.0822642d) Dec: -27 50 39.09 (-27.84419d) Equinox: J2000			<i>Comments:</i> 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: CLEAR; Readout: NRSRAPIDD6; 6 sources in 4 quads; [Optimal TA Accuracy]	SAME	CLEAR	Auto Acq MSA Config	NRSRAPIDD6	3	1	4	687.153	
Template	TA Method	Obtain Confirmation Images	Science Aperture	Primary Candidate List	Filler Candidate List	Spectral Overlap Map	Spectral Overlap Threshold				
	MSATA	After Target ACQ and New MSA Config	MSA Center	S67main (15 sources)	S67fillers (582 sources)	jwst-nirspec-prism	1.5				
Reference Stars	Visit	ID	RA	Dec	Magnitude	Visit	ID	RA	Dec	Magnitude	
	1	3239	53.052003	-27.863049	25.49105990939324	1	8148	53.105547	-27.830053	25.47103624214549	
	1	4000	53.048340	-27.857795	25.49196273580524	1	9130	53.057384	-27.823396	25.08364100111337	
	1	4271	53.093282	-27.855763	25.01231908484857	1	11807	53.060053	-27.808828	25.41425439655728	
Confirmation	#	Confirmation Type	Conf. Readout Pattern	Conf. Groups/Int	Conf. Integrations/Exp	Conf. Total Integrations	Conf. Total Exposure Time				
	1	c1	NRSIRS2RAPID	3	1	1	58.356				
	2	c2	NRSIRS2RAPID	3	1	1	58.356				

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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	1 (PRISM/CLEAR)	c1	3 Shutter Slitlet	53.068265041666 66 Degrees - 27.840026111111 115 Degrees	197.54071280137 023			3	3
	2	1 (PRISM/CLEAR)	c2	3 Shutter Slitlet	53.063020208333 334 Degrees - 27.846222222222 195 Degrees	197.54316953664 91			3	3	2494.7
Special Requirements	Background Limited. Background no more than 20th percentile above minimum MSA Scheduled Aperture PA 197.5341947 to 197.5341947 Degrees (V3 58.959625 to 58.959625) 3 After 1 by 60.0 Days to <None specified>										

Proposal 2198 - Observation 2 - Quiescent or dusty? Unveiling the nature of extremely red galaxies at z>3

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Observation	<p>Proposal 2198, Observation 2: PreimageS156</p> <p>Diagnostic Status: Warning</p> <p>Observing Template: NIRCcam Imaging</p>									
Diagnostics	<p>(Visit 2:1) Warning (Form): Overheads are provisional until the Visit Planner has been run.</p> <p>(Visit 2:2) Warning (Form): Overheads are provisional until the Visit Planner has been run.</p> <p>(Visit 2:3) Warning (Form): Overheads are provisional until the Visit Planner has been run.</p> <p>(Visit 2:4) Warning (Form): Overheads are provisional until the Visit Planner has been run.</p>									
Fixed Targets	#	Name	Target Coordinates			Targ. Coord. Corrections		Miscellaneous		
	(6)	S156NIRCAM	RA: 03 32 38.4035 (53.1600146d) Dec: -27 53 2.94 (-27.88415d) Equinox: J2000							
	<p><i>Comments:</i> Category=Unidentified Description=[Blank field]</p>									
Template	Module					Subarray				
	ALL					FULL				
Mosaic	Rows	Columns	Row Overlap %	Column Overlap %	Row shift	Column shift	Tile Order			
	2	1	2.0	2.0	0.0	0.0	DEFAULT			
Dithers	#	Primary Dither Type		Primary Dithers	Subpixel Dither Type		Dither Size	Subpixel Positions		
	1	FULLBOX		6	STANDARD			1		
Spectral Elements	#	Short Filter	Long Filter	Readout Pattern	Groups/Int	Integrations/Exp	Total Integrations	Total Dithers	Total Exposure Time	ETC Wkbk.Calc ID
	1	F200W	F444W	BRIGHT2	7	1	6	6	901.889	
Special Requirements	<p>Sequence Visits within 53.0 Days Visits Same PA Background Limited. Background no more than 20th percentile above minimum</p> <p>4 After 2 by 60.0 Days to <None specified></p>									

Proposal 2198 - Observation 4 - Quiescent or dusty? Unveiling the nature of extremely red galaxies at z>3

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Observation	Proposal 2198, Observation 4: S156_APA209.5745697 Diagnostic Status: Warning Observing Template: NIRSpec MultiObject Spectroscopy										
	(Visit 4:1) Warning (Form): Overheads are provisional until the Visit Planner has been run. (Visit 4:1) Warning (Form): The recommended value is 8 Reference Stars for this template.										
Fixed Targets	#	Name	Target Coordinates			Targ. Coord. Corrections			Miscellaneous		
	(15)	APTCATS156V7	RA: 03 32 36.3144 (53.1513100d) Dec: -27 52 28.34 (-27.87454d) Equinox: J2000			<i>Comments:</i> 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: NRSRAPIDD6; 5 sources in 4 quads; [Optimal TA Accuracy]	SAME	F140X	Auto Acq MSA Config	NRSRAPIDD6	3	1	4	687.153	
Template	TA Method		Obtain Confirmation Images	Science Aperture	Primary Candidate List	Filler Candidate List	Spectral Overlap Map	Spectral Overlap Threshold			
	MSATA		After Target ACQ and New MSA Config	MSA Center	S156main (14 sources)	S156fillers (537 sources)	jwst-nirspec-prism	1.5			
Reference Stars	Visit	ID	RA	Dec	Magnitude	Visit	ID	RA	Dec	Magnitude	
	1	1072	53.156374	-27.913113	23.45652799424882	1	5600	53.179191	-27.870606	24.78264475213166	
	1	3022	53.119759	-27.893617	24.96245698099744	1	11128	53.150369	-27.857980	24.03612145573414	
	1	3358	53.125504	-27.889978	23.58428201605231					7	
Confirmation	#	Confirmation Type		Conf. Readout Pattern	Conf. Groups/Int	Conf. Integrations/Exp		Conf. Total Integrations	Conf. Total Exposure Time		
	1	c1		NRSIRS2RAPID	5	1		1	87.533		
	2	c2		NRSIRS2RAPID	5	1		1	87.533		

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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	1 (PRISM/CLEAR)	c1	3 Shutter Slitlet	53.146720666666 67 Degrees - 27.881858333333 355 Degrees	209.57672689860 013			3	3
	2	1 (PRISM/CLEAR)	c2	3 Shutter Slitlet	53.155031875 Degrees - 27.878649444444 42 Degrees	209.57283977028 72			3	3	2450.934
Special Requirements	MSA Scheduled Aperture PA 209.5745697 to 209.5745697 Degrees (V3 71.0 to 71.0) 4 After 2 by 60.0 Days to <None specified>										