



## 12218 - Toward Resolving the Mass loss Discrepancy

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### VISITS

<i>Visit</i>	<i>Targets used in Visit</i>	<i>Configurations used in Visit</i>	<i>Orbits Used</i>	<i>Last Orbit Planner Run</i>	<i>OP Current with Visit?</i>
01	(1) SK-65D47	STIS/CCD STIS/FUV-MAMA	1	07-Jul-2010 22:03:04.0	yes
02	(2) SK-67D105	STIS/CCD STIS/FUV-MAMA	1	07-Jul-2010 22:03:09.0	yes
03	(3) SK-67D111	STIS/CCD STIS/FUV-MAMA	1	07-Jul-2010 22:03:12.0	yes
04	(4) SK-70D115	STIS/CCD STIS/FUV-MAMA	1	07-Jul-2010 22:03:15.0	yes
05	(5) SK-69D50	STIS/CCD STIS/FUV-MAMA	1	07-Jul-2010 22:03:18.0	yes
06	(6) SK-67D168	STIS/CCD STIS/FUV-MAMA	1	07-Jul-2010 22:03:20.0	yes

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07	(7) SK-71D41	STIS/CCD STIS/FUV-MAMA	1	07-Jul-2010 22:03:23.0	yes

7 Total Orbits Used

### **ABSTRACT**

Recent observations have raised serious questions about the mass loss rates of O stars, suggesting that they may be up to 10 times smaller than previously believed. Such a severe revision in the mass loss rates would have wide ranging astrophysical consequences, and has been termed the "mass loss discrepancy". We propose new HST observations aimed at addressing this problem. The new data will be combined with FUSE and existing HST spectra, Spitzer photometry, and optical spectra to create a data set of lasting value. Our proposed analysis will highlight how different wind diagnostics in the same star can yield different results, thereby providing clues to the origin of the discrepancies.

### **OBSERVING DESCRIPTION**

All observations are straightforward, with no safety issues. Each target is allotted one orbit for acquisition and obtaining an E140M spectrum. The following lists the ETC numbers used to determine the ACQs and exposures.

ACQ	Spectrum (S/N in 45 min @1600A)
Sk-65 47 O4 If* 1 s	STIS.A329308 STIS.A329318 15.2
Sk-67 105 O4 f 1 s	STIS.A329309 STIS.A329322 15.2
Sk-67 111 O6: Iafpe 1 s	STIS.A329311 STIS.A329323 14.3
Sk-70 115 O6.5 Iaf 1 s	STIS.A329312 STIS.A329324 12.3
Sk-69 50 O7 If 1 s	STIS.A329313 STIS.A329326 8.7
Sk-67 168 O8 Iaf 1 s	STIS.A329314 STIS.A329327 15.3
Sk-71 41 O8.5 I 2 s	STIS.A329316 STIS.A329328 6.3

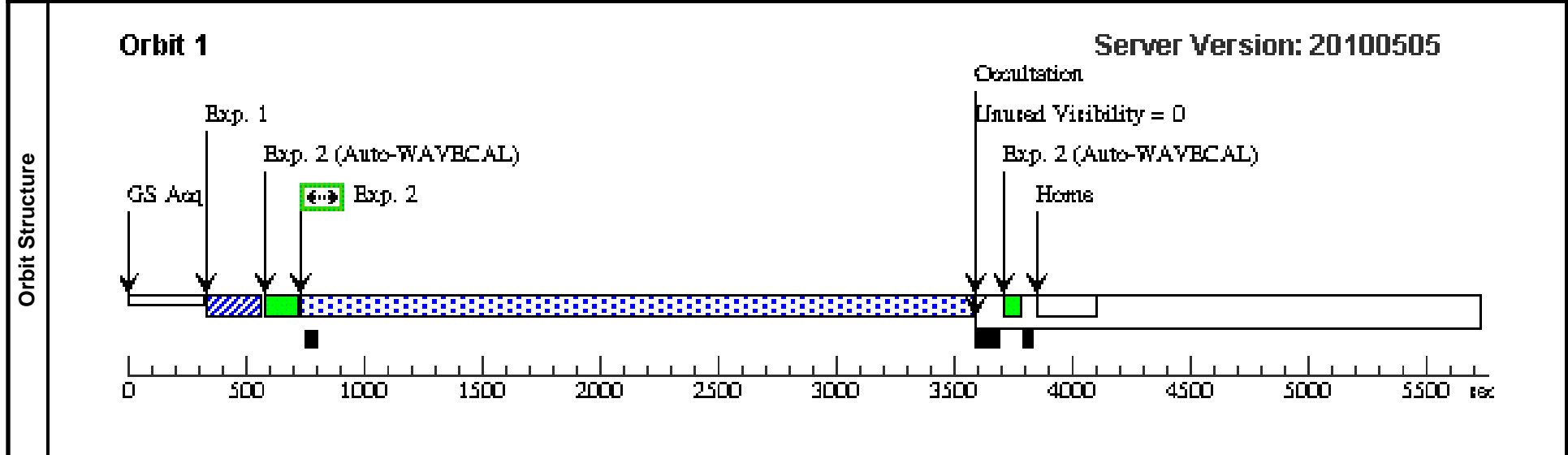
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<b>Visit</b>	<b>Proposal 12218, Visit 01</b>				
	<b>Diagnostic Status: No Diagnostics</b>				
	Scientific Instruments: STIS/FUV-MAMA, STIS/CCD				
	Special Requirements: (none)				

<b>Fixed Targets</b>	#	Name	Target Coordinates	Targ. Coord. Corrections	Fluxes	Miscellaneous
	(1)	SK-65D47	RA: 05 20 54.7200 (80.2280000d) Dec: -65 27 17.90 (-65.45497d) Equinox: J2000		V=12.51	Reference Frame: ICRS
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	1		(1) SK-65D47	STIS/CCD, ACQ, F28X50LP	MIRROR				2 Secs [==>]	[1]	
	<i>Comments: STIS.A329308</i>										
	2		(1) SK-65D47	STIS/FUV-MAMA, ACCUM, 0.2X0.2	E140M 1425 A				2500 Secs [==>2835.0 Secs]	[1]	
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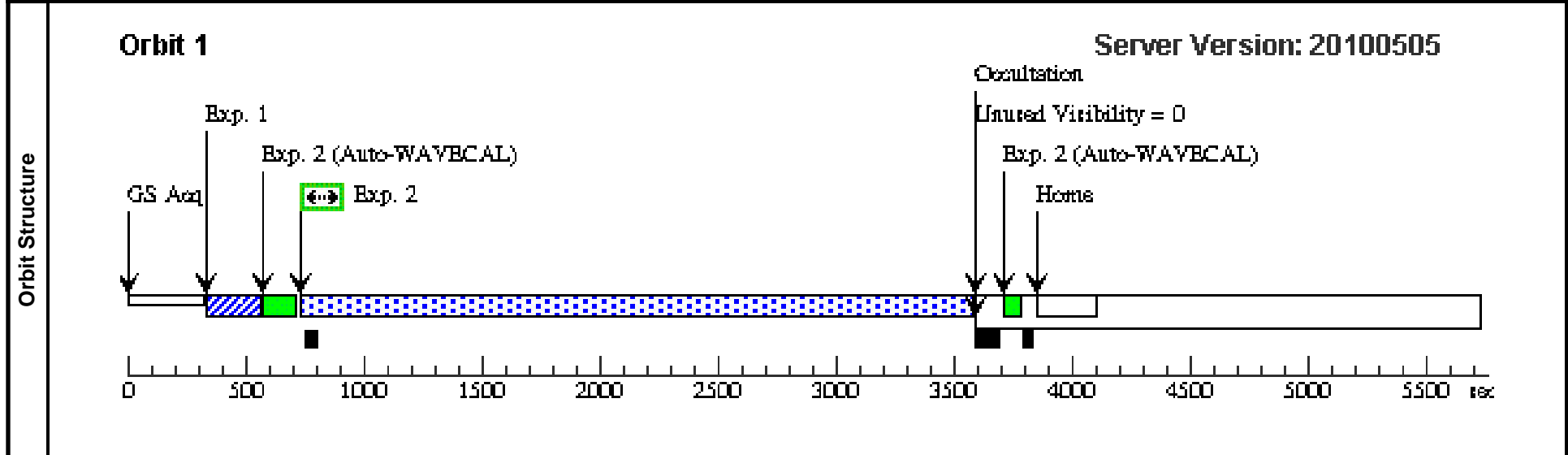
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<b>Visit</b>	<b>Proposal 12218, Visit 02</b>				
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	Scientific Instruments: STIS/FUV-MAMA, STIS/CCD				
	Special Requirements: (none)				

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	(2)	SK-67D105	RA: 05 26 6.1900 (81.5257917d) Dec: -67 10 56.80 (-67.18244d) Equinox: J2000		V=12.42	Reference Frame: ICRS
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	1		(2) SK-67D105	STIS/CCD, ACQ, F28X50LP	MIRROR				1 Secs [==>]	[1]
	<i>Comments: STIS.A329309</i>									
	2		(2) SK-67D105	STIS/FUV-MAMA, ACCUM, 0.2X0.2	E140M 1425 A				2500 Secs [==>2839.0 Secs ]	[1]
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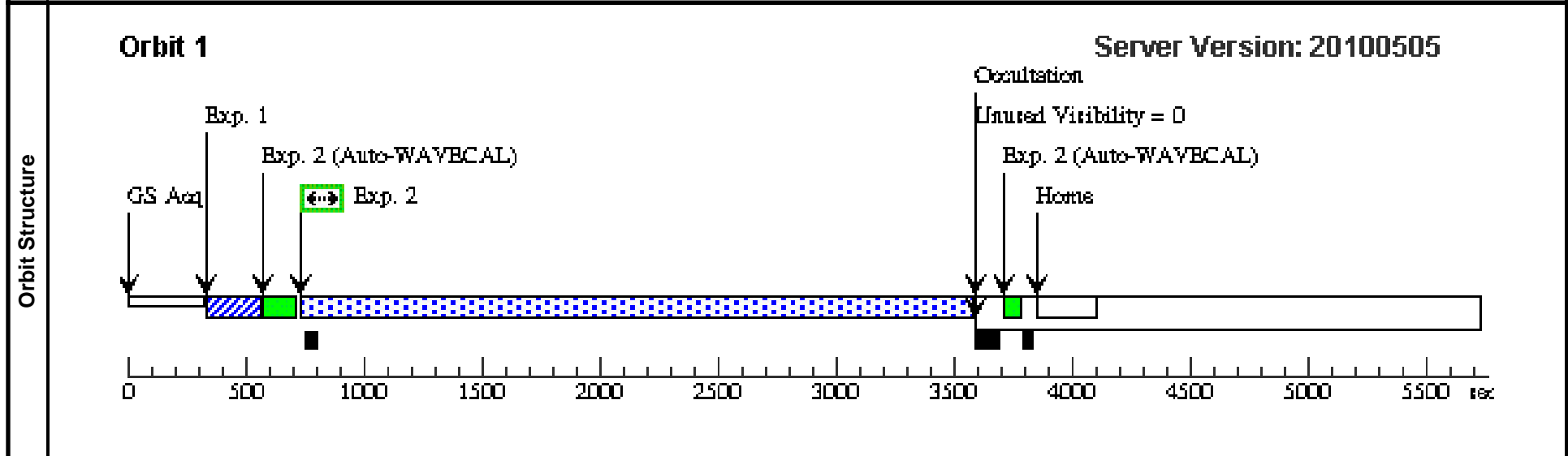
Proposal 12218 - Visit 03 - Toward Resolving the Mass loss Discrepancy

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	Scientific Instruments: STIS/FUV-MAMA, STIS/CCD				
	Special Requirements: (none)				

<b>Fixed Targets</b>	#	Name	Target Coordinates	Targ. Coord. Corrections	Fluxes	Miscellaneous
	(3)	SK-67D111	RA: 05 26 48.0800 (81.7003333d) Dec: -67 29 29.80 (-67.49161d) Equinox: J2000		V=12.57	Reference Frame: ICRS
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	<i>Comments: STIS.A329311</i>										
	2		(3) SK-67D111	STIS/FUV-MAMA, ACCUM, 0.2X0.2	E140M 1425 A				2500 Secs [==>2839.0 Secs ]	[1]	
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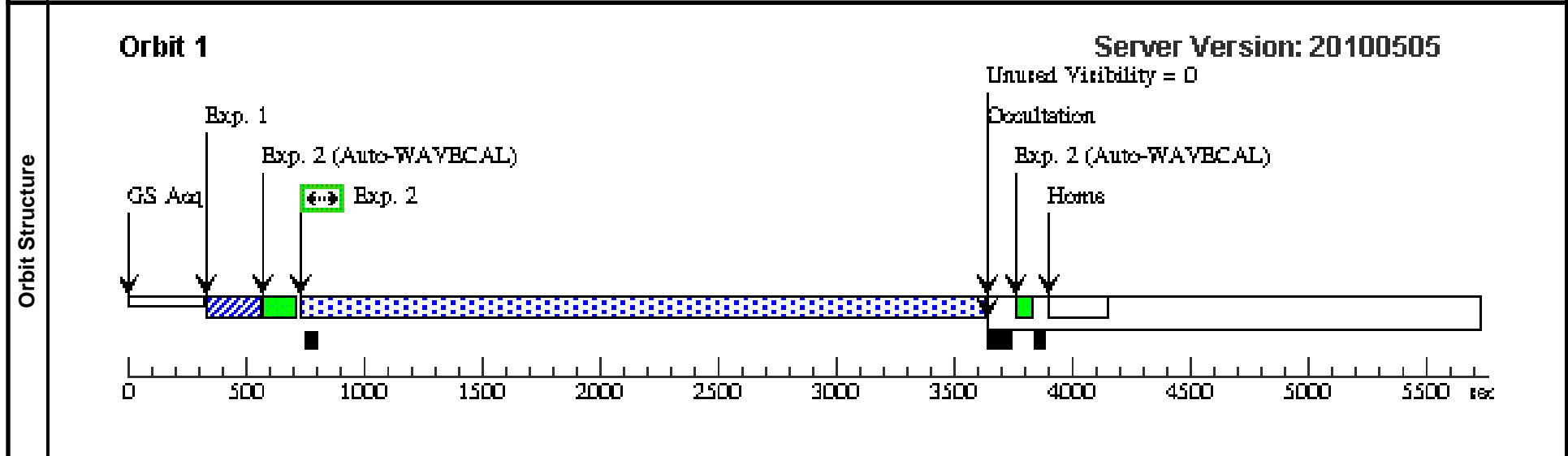
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	Scientific Instruments: STIS/FUV-MAMA, STIS/CCD				
	Special Requirements: (none)				

<b>Fixed Targets</b>	#	Name	Target Coordinates	Targ. Coord. Corrections	Fluxes	Miscellaneous
	(4)	SK-70D115	RA: 05 48 49.6540 (87.2068917d) Dec: -70 03 57.82 (-70.06606d) Equinox: J2000		V=12.24	Reference Frame: ICRS
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<b>Exposures</b>	#	Label	Target	Config,Mode,Aperture	Spectral Els.	Opt. Params.	Special Reqs.	Groups	Exp. Time/[Actual Dur.]	Orbit	
	1		(4) SK-70D115	STIS/CCD, ACQ, F28X50LP	MIRROR				1 Secs [==>]	[1]	
	<i>Comments: STIS.A329312</i>										
	2		(4) SK-70D115	STIS/FUV-MAMA, ACCUM, 0.2X0.2	E140M 1425 A				2500 Secs [==>2885.0 Secs ]	[1]	
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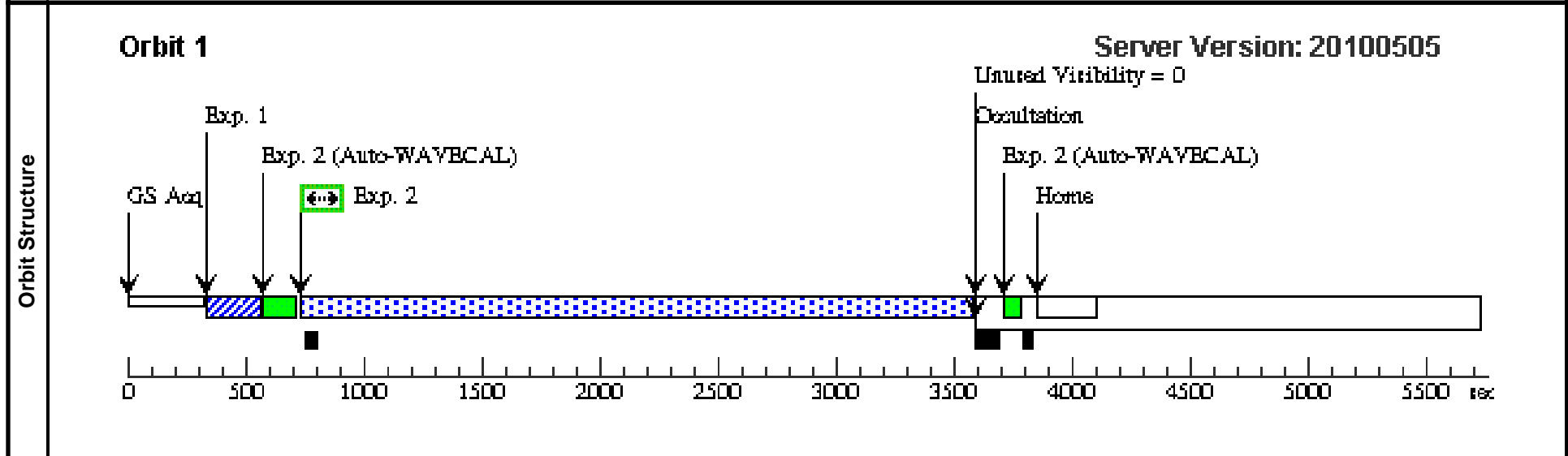
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	Special Requirements: (none)				

<b>Fixed Targets</b>	#	Name	Target Coordinates	Targ. Coord. Corrections	Fluxes	Miscellaneous
	(5)	SK-69D50	RA: 04 57 15.1900 (74.3132917d) Dec: -69 20 20.40 (-69.33900d) Equinox: J2000		V=13.345	Reference Frame: ICRS
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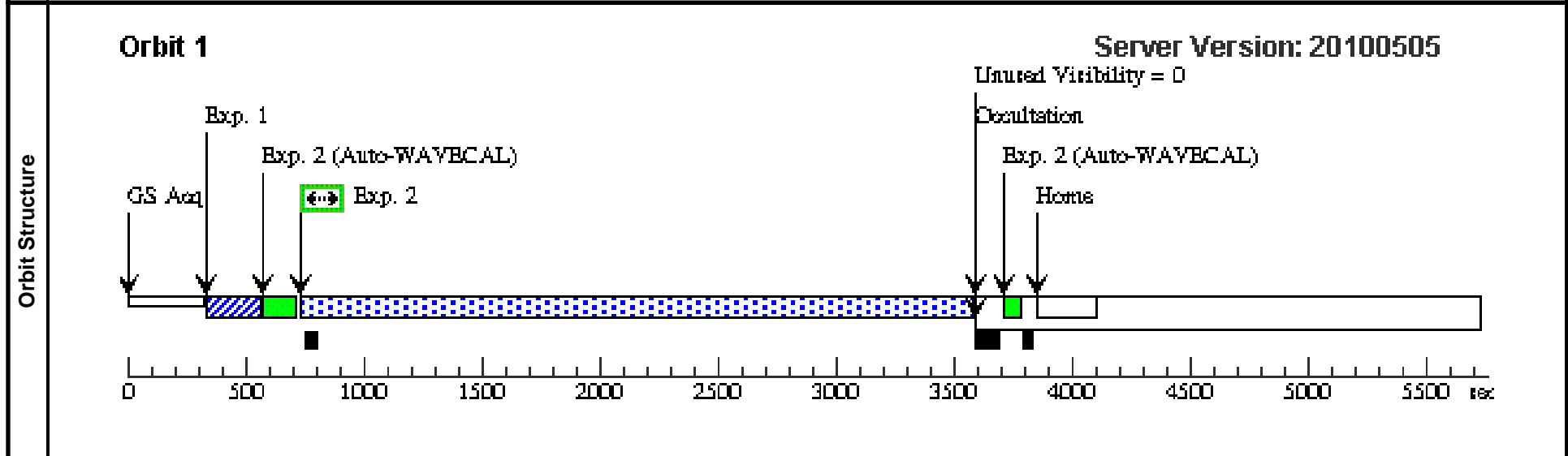
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	1		(5) SK-69D50	STIS/CCD, ACQ, F28X50LP	MIRROR				1 Secs [==>]	[1]	
	<i>Comments: STIS.A329313</i>										
	2		(5) SK-69D50	STIS/FUV-MAMA, ACCUM, 0.2X0.2	E140M 1425 A				2500 Secs [==>2839.0 Secs ]	[1]	
	<i>Comments: STIS.A329326</i>										



<b>Visit</b>	Proposal 12218, Visit 06				
	Diagnostic Status: No Diagnostics				
	Scientific Instruments: STIS/FUV-MAMA, STIS/CCD				
	Special Requirements: (none)				

Fixed Targets	#	Name	Target Coordinates	Targ. Coord. Corrections	Fluxes	Miscellaneous
	(6)	SK-67D168	RA: 05 31 52.1100 (82.9671250d) Dec: -67 34 20.70 (-67.57242d) Equinox: J2000		V=12.08	Reference Frame: ICRS
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Exposures	#	Label	Target	Config,Mode,Aperture	Spectral Els.	Opt. Params.	Special Reqs.	Groups	Exp. Time/[Actual Dur.]	Orbit	
	1		(6) SK-67D168	STIS/CCD, ACQ, F28X50LP	MIRROR				1 Secs [==>]	[1]	
	<i>Comments: STIS.A329314</i>										
	2		(6) SK-67D168	STIS/FUV-MAMA, ACCUM, 0.2X0.2	E140M 1425 A				2500 Secs [==>2839.0 Secs ]	[1]	
	<i>Comments: STIS.A329327</i>										



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	Scientific Instruments: STIS/FUV-MAMA, STIS/CCD				
	Special Requirements: (none)				

<b>Fixed Targets</b>	#	Name	Target Coordinates	Targ. Coord. Corrections	Fluxes	Miscellaneous
	(7)	SK-71D41	RA: 05 30 40.1700 (82.6673750d) Dec: -71 05 37.00 (-71.09361d) Equinox: J2000		V=12.83	Reference Frame: ICRS
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<b>Exposures</b>	#	Label	Target	Config,Mode,Aperture	Spectral Els.	Opt. Params.	Special Reqs.	Groups	Exp. Time/[Actual Dur.]	Orbit
	1		(7) SK-71D41	STIS/CCD, ACQ, F28X50LP	MIRROR				2 Secs [==>]	[1]
	<i>Comments: STIS.A329316</i>									
	2		(7) SK-71D41	STIS/FUV-MAMA, ACCUM, 0.2X0.2	E140M 1425 A				2500 Secs [==>2881.0 Secs ]	[1]
	<i>Comments: STIS.A329328</i>									

