



13008 - Probing Weak Intergalactic Absorption with Flaring Blazar Spectra 2

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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) BZBJ1001+2911	COS/FUV	5	12-Dec-2013 21:01:50.0	yes
02	(2) PMNJ2345-1555	COS/FUV COS/NUV	5	12-Dec-2013 21:02:14.0	yes
03	(3) PG1222+216	COS/FUV	5	12-Dec-2013 21:02:38.0	yes

15 Total Orbits Used

ABSTRACT

We propose to exploit the flaring states of high- and unknown-redshift blazars to obtain very high $S/N > 25$ COS spectra in order to study details of the local intergalactic medium (IGM) not accessible for study using the plethora of lower S/N data being obtained. Only with very high S/N spectra is it possible to detect the weakest Ly alpha and metal lines wherein may lie a substantial portion of the cosmic baryons. The numbers of weak OVI absorbers can discriminate between collisionally ionized and photoionized models, as well as determine which of several galactic outflow models best matches the IGM metal enrichment. Most importantly, high S/N spectra plus the featureless UV power-law continuum of blazars facilitates the detection of broad, shallow absorbers ["broad Ly alpha" (BLA) and broad OVI-only absorbers] which uniquely probe the $T = 3 \times 10^5 - 3 \times 10^6$ K range in the IGM where many cosmic baryons are predicted to be "hiding."

In addition, these same spectra will be used to obtain lower limits on, or estimates of, the redshift for any featureless blazars observed using the foreground Ly-alpha forest absorbers. In some cases weak Lyman alpha emission may also be detected, as was recently discovered for a few well-known low-redshift BL Lac objects using COS spectra. We request up to three *non-disruptive ToOs* to carry out this program in Cycle 19. Ground-based monitoring will select objects flaring to $V \sim 13.5$ mag for HST observations, out of a set of about 200 monitored blazars.

OBSERVING DESCRIPTION

We have selected our targets from several pools of known blazars. The First group (12) are objects with known or suggested emission redshifts > 0.3 to maximize the pathlength for weak intergalactic Ly α , O VI, and other important diagnostic lines. The second group (6) are objects known to be simultaneously bright in TeV gamma-rays and with nominal UV fluxes above $\sim 1e-15$ erg cm^{-2} s^{-1} \AA^{-1} . All targets have measured GALEX NUV and FUV fluxes and are in regions of moderate to low Galactic extinction.

We assume the unreddened continuum in the optical-UV range follows a power-law behavior of the form $f(\nu) = \nu^{-\alpha}$ and determine the slope α from published GALEX NUV/FUV fluxes. These fluxes were obtained simultaneously and their ratio should be insensitive to luminosity variations in the AGN. Observed GALEX UV indices are $0 < \alpha < 2$, typical of those seen in detailed UV spectra of BL Lac objects (e.g., Stocke, Danforth & Perlman 2011).

All targets will be monitored on the ground by a network of small, optical telescopes (see Coordinated Observations below) with a ~ 3 day cadence. We estimate optical trigger thresholds for each target based on these power laws and the observed Galactic extinction toward each object. When the optical magnitude indicates that the reddened flux in the far-UV is $\sim (2-3)e-14$ erg cm $^{-2}$ s $^{-1}$ Ang $^{-1}$, we will activate a non-disruptive ToO observation. The typical magnitude for triggering these observations is $V < 13.5$.

For $F_{1500} \sim 3e-14$ erg cm $^{-2}$ s $^{-1}$ Ang $^{-1}$, we estimate that we can achieve S/N ~ 25 per resolution element in a single five-orbit HST visit. The observations will be carried out in both COS/G130M (~ 2 orbits) and COS/G160M (~ 3 orbits) using multiple grating central wavelength and FP positions. This is to ensure continuous spectral coverage over the $1132 < \lambda < 1795$ wavelength range and to dither instrumental features (repellor grid wire shadows, gain sag artifacts, etc.) across the spectrum. Two members of the team have extensive experience in this area as members of the COS GTO team.

Unfortunately, we cannot guarantee that any particular object will remain above our flare threshold for the 2-4 weeks required for Preferred Scheduling observations (a.k.a. non-disruptive ToO). To minimize the chances of a miss, we will carefully examine the historical variability record for each object and the trend of the flare in progress to predict the duration of a flare. However, even if our chosen blazar has faded somewhat below our $F_{1500} \sim 3e-14$ erg cm $^{-2}$ s $^{-1}$ Ang $^{-1}$ trigger level, we can still obtain very useful data at lower S/N with our planned observations. As a case in point, 1ES 1553+113 was observed in a non-flaring state (3 HST orbits, $F_{1500} \sim 1.5e-14$, S/N ~ 15). Danforth et al. (2010) published a study of over 100 intervening absorption lines, including several interesting new OVI absorbers, and constrained the source redshift to $0.3950 < z < 0.45$. Even if the objects are not near peak flux during the HST observations, our data (obtained at an above-average flux level) will enable compelling and original science.

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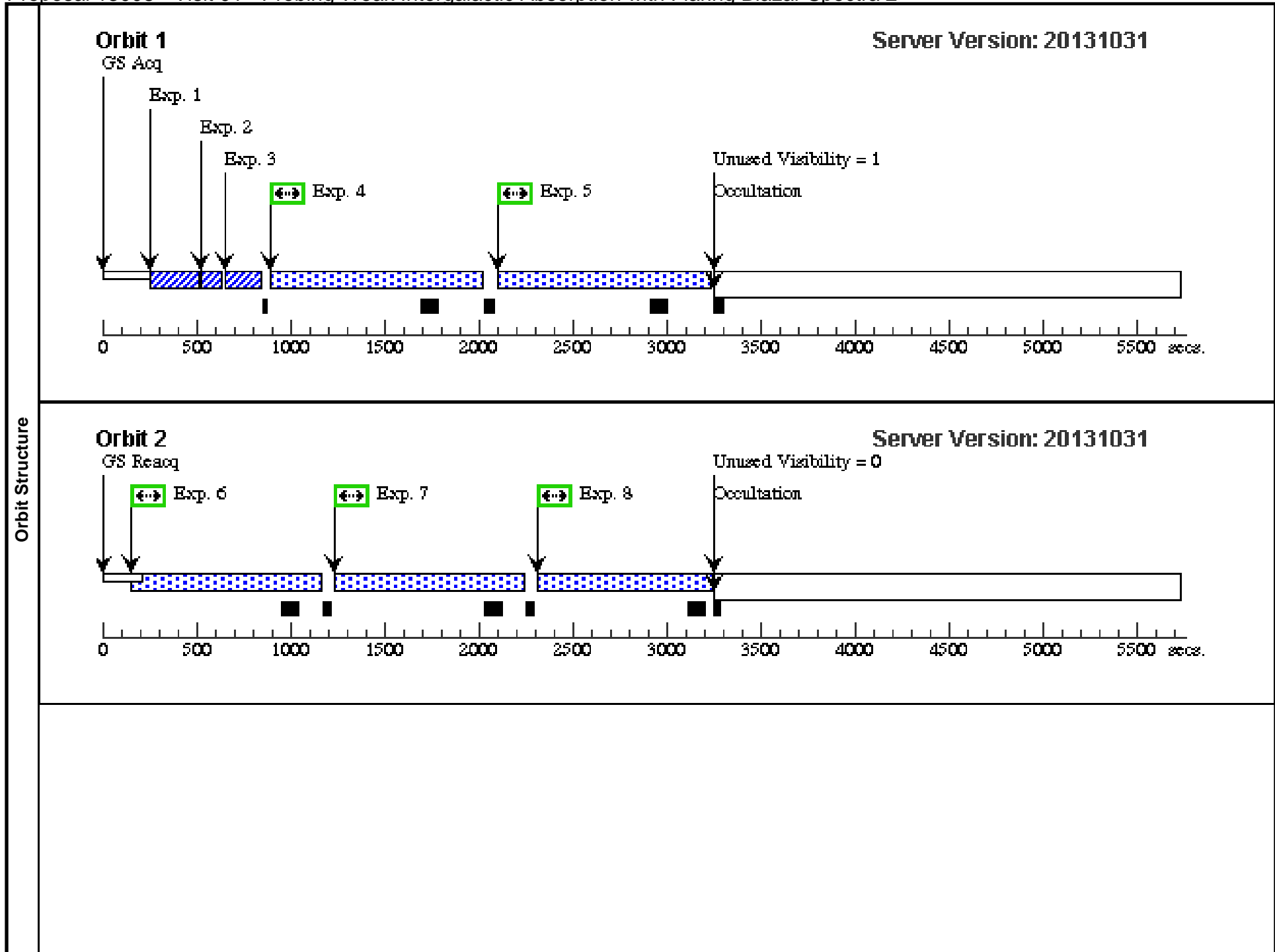
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Exposures	1	ACQ/SEAR CH (COS.sa.499 016)	(1) BZBJ1001+2911	COS/FUV, ACQ/SEARCH, PSA	G130M 1291 A	SCAN-SIZE=2		8 Secs (8 Secs) [==>]	[1]	
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	2	ACQ/PEAK XD (COS.sa.499 016)	(1) BZBJ1001+2911	COS/FUV, ACQ/PEAKXD, PSA	G130M 1291 A				22 Secs (22 Secs) [==>]	[1]
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	3	ACQ/PEAK D (COS.sa.499 016)	(1) BZBJ1001+2911	COS/FUV, ACQ/PEAKD, PSA	G130M 1291 A	NUM-POS=5; STEP-SIZE=0.9			8 Secs (8 Secs) [==>]	[1]
	<i>Comments: S/N>40 at 50% nominal flux or above (F_1500>0.8e-14). However, if flux is 2x expected level, count rate is still acceptable (COS.sa.499016).</i>									
	4	Blazar 1 - G 130M 1291 (COS.sp.499 017)	(1) BZBJ1001+2911	COS/FUV, TIME-TAG, PSA	G130M 1291 A	FP-POS=1; BUFFER-TIME=70 0			700 Secs (1011 Secs) [==>1011.0 Secs]	[1]
	<i>Comments: For F(1300)=1.6e-14, expect S/N~8 per resel. Buffer time based on 2x nominal count rate.</i>									
	5	Blazar 1 - G 130M 1300 (COS.sp.499 017)	(1) BZBJ1001+2911	COS/FUV, TIME-TAG, PSA	G130M 1300 A	FP-POS=2; BUFFER-TIME=70 0			700 Secs (1011 Secs) [==>1011.0 Secs]	[1]
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6	Blazar 1 - G 130M 1309 (COS.sp.186 162)	(1) BZBJ1001+2911	COS/FUV, TIME-TAG, PSA	G130M 1309 A	FP-POS=3; BUFFER-TIME=70 0			830 Secs (887 Secs) [==>887.0 Secs]	[2]	
<i>Comments: For F(1500)=3e-14, expect S/N~18 per resel. Buffer time based on 2x nominal count rate.</i>										
7	Blazar 1 - G 130M 1318 (COS.sp.186 162)	(1) BZBJ1001+2911	COS/FUV, TIME-TAG, PSA	G130M 1318 A	FP-POS=4; BUFFER-TIME=70 0			830 Secs (887 Secs) [==>887.0 Secs]	[2]	
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8	Blazar 1 - G 130M 1327 (COS.sp.186 162)	(1) BZBJ1001+2911	COS/FUV, TIME-TAG, PSA	G130M 1327 A	FP-POS=1; BUFFER-TIME=70 0			750 Secs (807 Secs) [==>807.0 Secs]	[2]	
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9	Blazar 1 - G 160M 1623 (COS.sp.186 167)	(1) BZBJ1001+2911	COS/FUV, TIME-TAG, PSA	G160M 1623 A	FP-POS=4; BUFFER-TIME=11 00			1300 Secs (1366 Secs) [==>1366.0 Secs]	[3]	
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10	Blazar 1 - G 160M 1611 (COS.sp.186 167)	(1) BZBJ1001+2911	COS/FUV, TIME-TAG, PSA	G160M 1611 A	FP-POS=3; BUFFER-TIME=11 00			1340 Secs (1406 Secs) [==>1406.0 Secs]	[3]	
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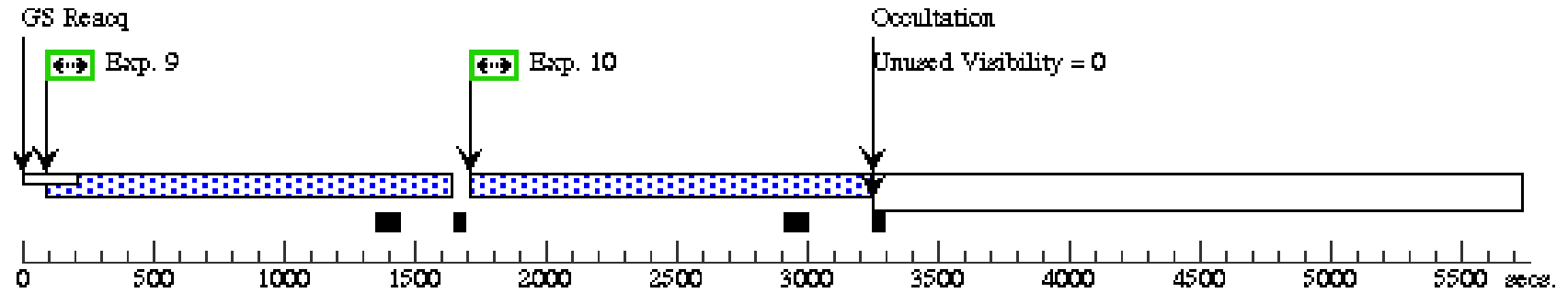
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12	Blazar 1 - G 160M 1589 (COS.sp.186 167)	(1) BZBJ1001+2911	COS/FUV, TIME-TAG, PSA	G160M 1589 A	FP-POS=1; BUFFER-TIME=11 00	1340 Secs (1387 Secs) [==>1387.0 Secs]	[4]
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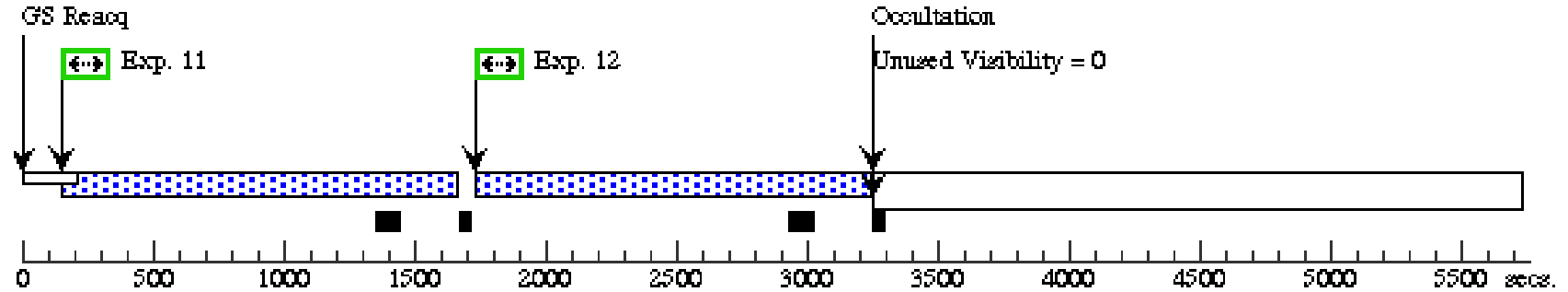
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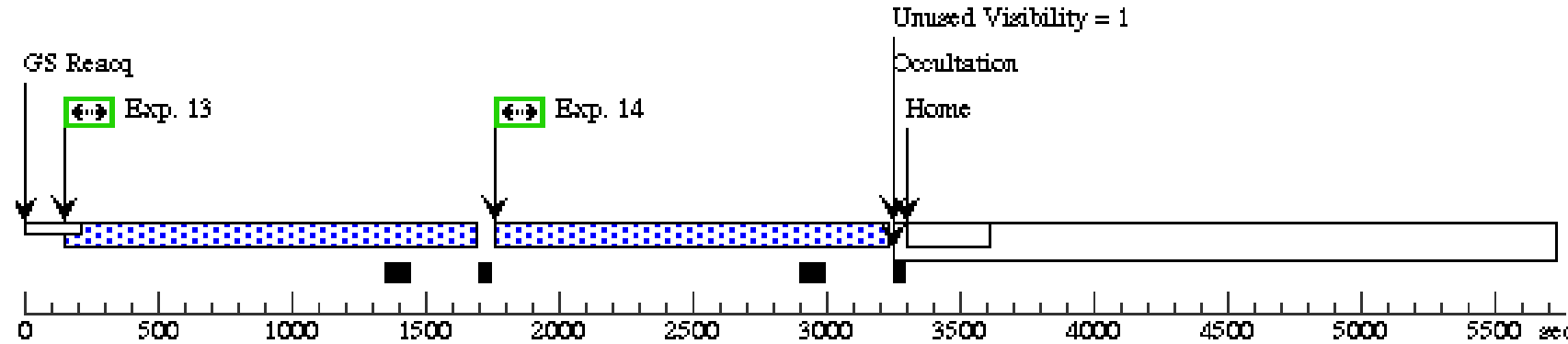
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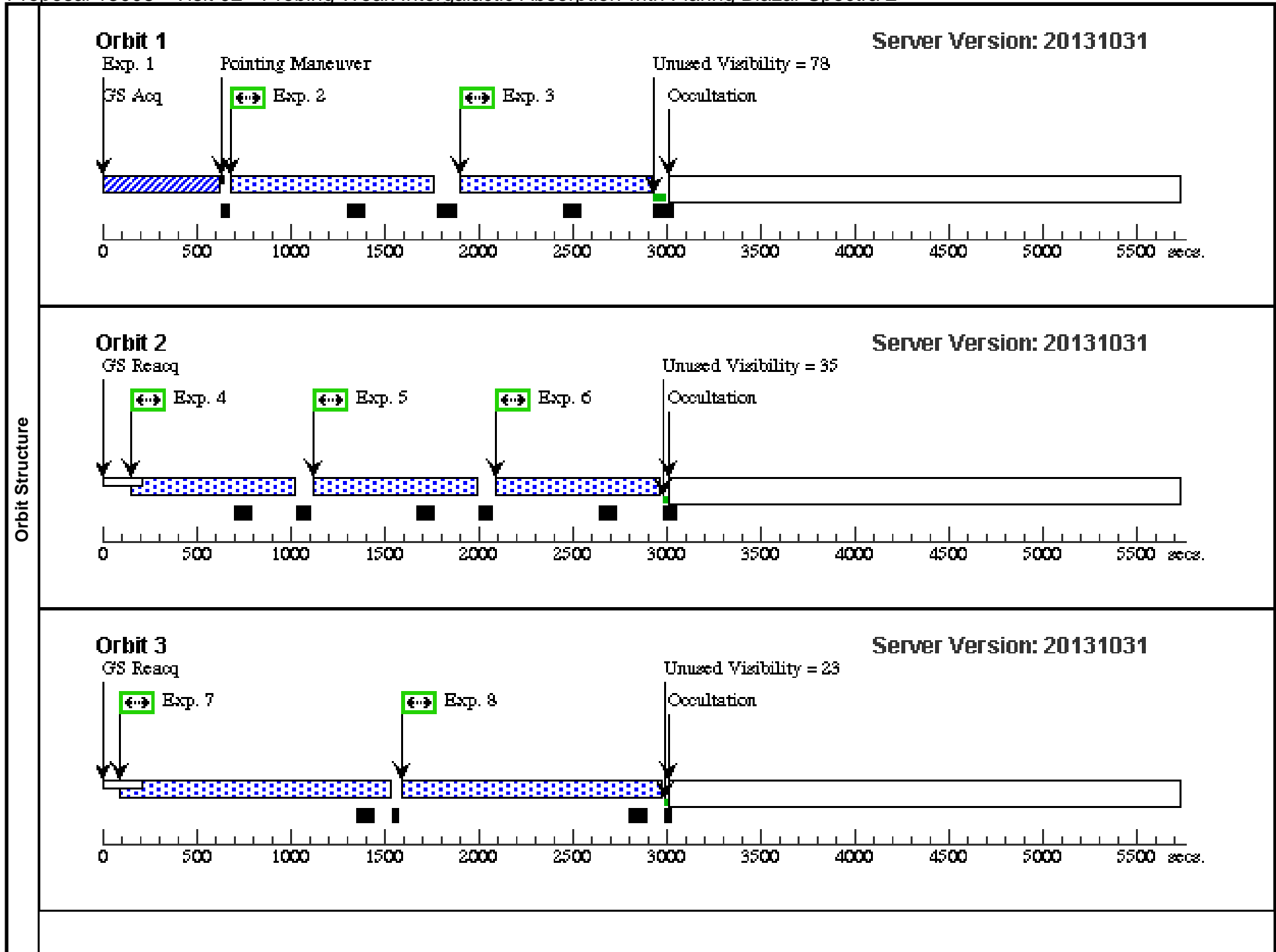
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	<i>Comments: S/N>40 at 50% nominal flux or above (F_1500>1.5e-14). However, if flux is 2x expected level, count rate is still acceptable (COS.ta.196577).</i>									
	2	Blazar 2 - G 130M 1291 (COS.sp.186 162)	(2) PMNJ2345-1555	COS/FUV, TIME-TAG, PSA	G130M 1291 A	FP-POS=1; BUFFER-TIME=45 0			900 Secs (900 Secs) [==>]	[1]
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	3	Blazar 2 - G 130M 1300 (COS.sp.186 162)	(2) PMNJ2345-1555	COS/FUV, TIME-TAG, PSA	G130M 1300 A	FP-POS=2; BUFFER-TIME=45 0			900 Secs (900 Secs) [==>]	[1]
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6	Blazar 2 - G 130M 1327 (COS.sp.186 162)	(2) PMNJ2345-1555	COS/FUV, TIME-TAG, PSA	G130M 1327 A	FP-POS=1; BUFFER-TIME=45 0			750 Secs (750 Secs) [==>]	[2]	
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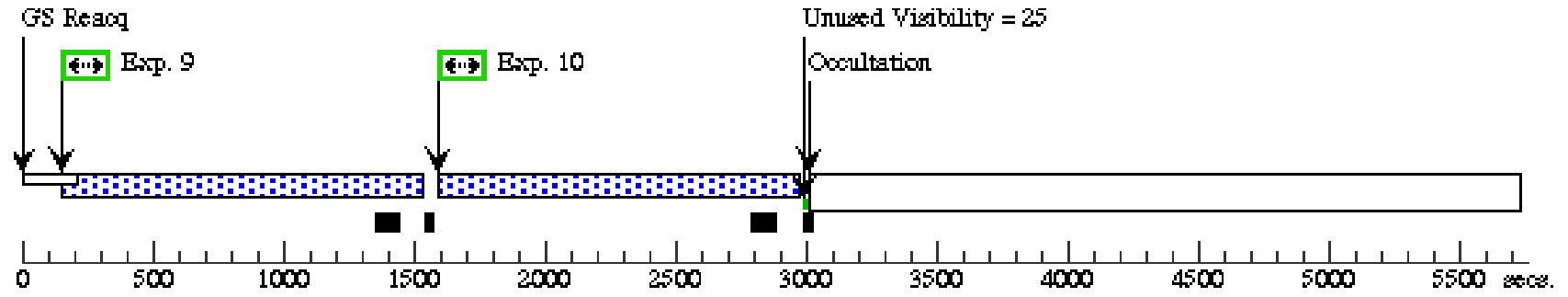
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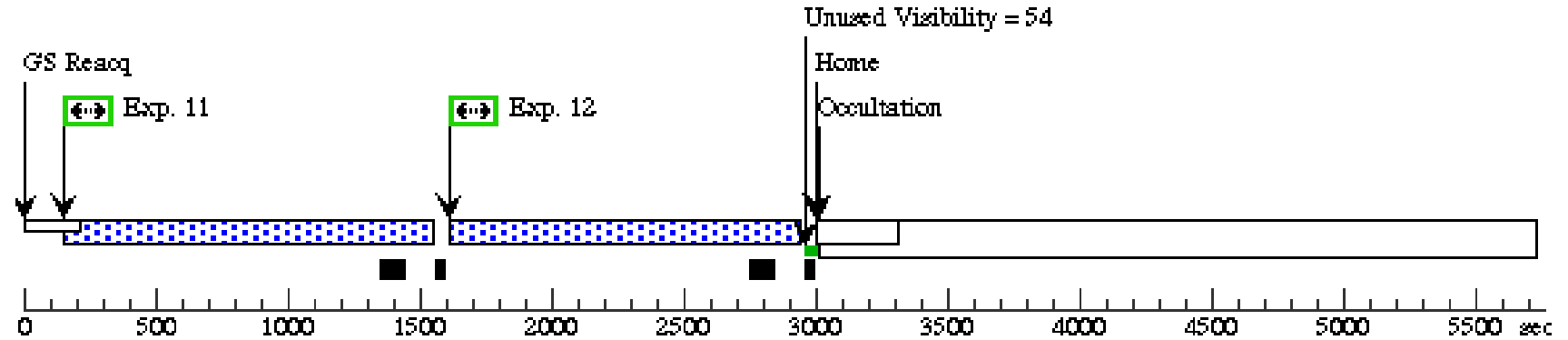
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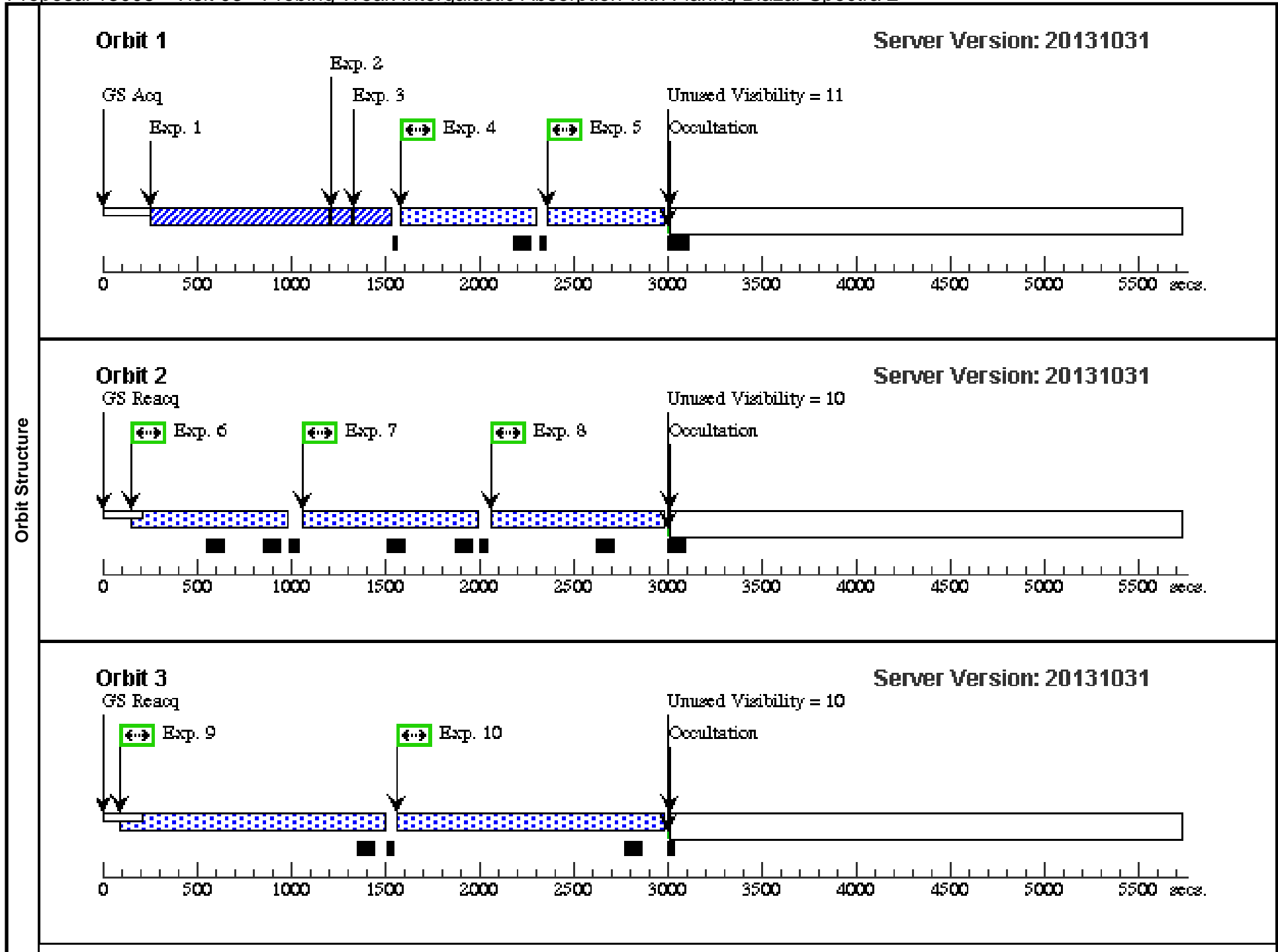
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#	Label (ETC Run)	Target	Config,Mode,Aperture	Spectral Els.	Opt. Params.	Special Reqs.	Groups	Exp. Time (Total)/[Actual Dur.]	Orbit	
Exposures	1	ACQ/SEAR CH (COS.sa.548 198)	(3) PG1222+216	COS/FUV, ACQ/SEARCH, PSA	G130M 1291 A	SCAN-SIZE=5; CENTER=FLUX-W T-FLR; STEP-SIZE=1.767		4 Secs (4 Secs) [==>]	[1]	
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	2	ACQ/PEAK XD (COS.sa.548 197)	(3) PG1222+216	COS/FUV, ACQ/PEAKXD, PSA	G130M 1291 A			22 Secs (22 Secs) [==>]	[1]	
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	3	ACQ/PEAK D (COS.sa.548 197)	(3) PG1222+216	COS/FUV, ACQ/PEAKD, PSA	G130M 1291 A	NUM-POS=5; STEP-SIZE=0.9		9 Secs (9 Secs) [==>]	[1]	
	<i>Comments: S/N>40 at 50% nominal flux or above (F_1500>2e-14). However, if flux is 2x expected level, count rate is still acceptable (COS.sa.548199).</i>									
	4	Blazar 3 - G 130M 1291 (COS.sp.548 201)	(3) PG1222+216	COS/FUV, TIME-TAG, PSA	G130M 1291 A	FP-POS=1; BUFFER-TIME=50 0		600 Secs (600 Secs) [==>]	[1]	
	<i>Comments: For F(1500)=4e-14, we expect S/N~15 per resel. Buffer time based on 2x nominal count rate.</i>									
	5	Blazar 3 - G 130M 1300 (COS.sp.548 201)	(3) PG1222+216	COS/FUV, TIME-TAG, PSA	G130M 1300 A	FP-POS=2; BUFFER-TIME=45 0		500 Secs (500 Secs) [==>]	[1]	
	<i>Comments: For F(1500)=3e-14, expect S/N~18 per resel. Buffer time based on 2x nominal count rate.</i>									
6	Blazar 3 - G 130M 1309 (COS.sp.548 201)	(3) PG1222+216	COS/FUV, TIME-TAG, PSA	G130M 1309 A	FP-POS=3; BUFFER-TIME=30 0		710 Secs (710 Secs) [==>]	[2]		
<i>Comments: For F(1500)=3e-14, expect S/N~18 per resel. Buffer time based on 2x nominal count rate.</i>										
7	Blazar 3 - G 130M 1318 (COS.sp.548 201)	(3) PG1222+216	COS/FUV, TIME-TAG, PSA	G130M 1318 A	FP-POS=4; BUFFER-TIME=35 0		810 Secs (810 Secs) [==>]	[2]		
<i>Comments: For F(1500)=3e-14, expect S/N~18 per resel. Buffer time based on 2x nominal count rate.</i>										
8	Blazar 3 - G 130M 1327 (COS.sp.548 201)	(3) PG1222+216	COS/FUV, TIME-TAG, PSA	G130M 1327 A	FP-POS=1; BUFFER-TIME=45 0		803 Secs (803 Secs) [==>]	[2]		
<i>Comments: For F(1500)=3e-14, expect S/N~18 per resel. Buffer time based on 2x nominal count rate.</i>										
9	Blazar 3 - G 160M 1623 (COS.sp.548 202)	(3) PG1222+216	COS/FUV, TIME-TAG, PSA	G160M 1623 A	FP-POS=1; BUFFER-TIME=11 00		1230 Secs (1230 Secs) [==>]	[3]		
<i>Comments: For F(1500)=4e-14, we expect S/N~14 per resel. Buffer time based on 2x nominal count rate.</i>										
10	Blazar 3 - G 160M 1611 (COS.sp.548 202)	(3) PG1222+216	COS/FUV, TIME-TAG, PSA	G160M 1611 A	FP-POS=1; BUFFER-TIME=11 00		1303 Secs (1303 Secs) [==>]	[3]		
<i>Comments: For F(1500)=4e-14, we expect S/N~14 per resel. Buffer time based on 2x nominal count rate.</i>										

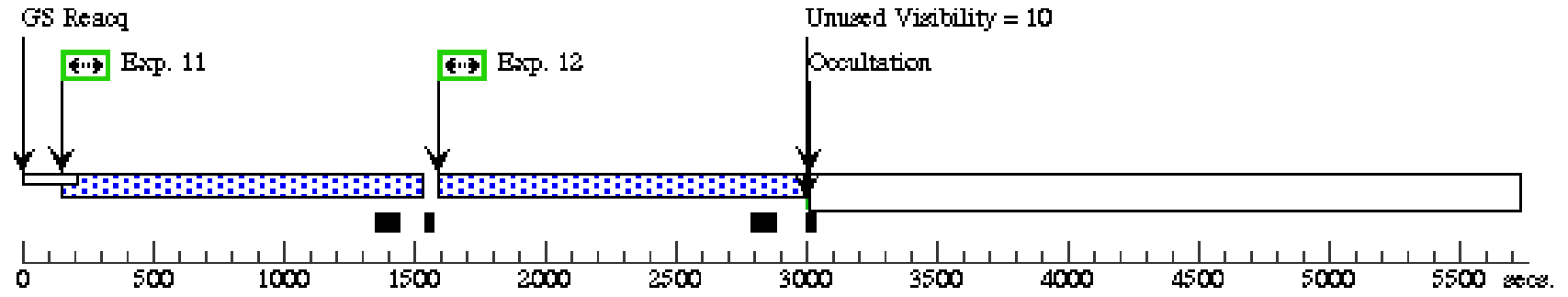
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11	Blazar 3 - G 160M 1600 (COS.sp.548 202)	(3) PG1222+216	COS/FUV, TIME-TAG, PSA	G160M 1600 A	FP-POS=1; BUFFER-TIME=11 00	1260 Secs (1260 Secs) [==>]	[4]
<i>Comments: For $F(1500)=4e-14$, we expect $S/N\sim 14$ per resel. Buffer time based on 2x nominal count rate.</i>							
12	Blazar 3 - G 160M 1589 (COS.sp.548 202)	(3) PG1222+216	COS/FUV, TIME-TAG, PSA	G160M 1589 A	FP-POS=1; BUFFER-TIME=11 00	1275 Secs (1275 Secs) [==>]	[4]
<i>Comments: For $F(1500)=4e-14$, we expect $S/N\sim 14$ per resel. Buffer time based on 2x nominal count rate.</i>							
13	Blazar 3 - G 160M 1577 (COS.sp.548 202)	(3) PG1222+216	COS/FUV, TIME-TAG, PSA	G160M 1577 A	FP-POS=1; BUFFER-TIME=11 00	1260 Secs (1260 Secs) [==>]	[5]
<i>Comments: For $F(1500)=4e-14$, we expect $S/N\sim 14$ per resel. Buffer time based on 2x nominal count rate.</i>							
14	Blazar 3 - G 160M 1577 (COS.sp.548 202)	(3) PG1222+216	COS/FUV, TIME-TAG, PSA	G160M 1577 A	FP-POS=2; BUFFER-TIME=11 00	1344 Secs (1344 Secs) [==>]	[5]
<i>Comments: For $F(1500)=4e-14$, we expect $S/N\sim 14$ per resel. Buffer time based on 2x nominal count rate.</i>							



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