



15612 - X-ray and UV monitoring of the extraordinary changing-look AGN Mrk 1018

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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) MRK-1018	COS/FUV COS/NUV	3	13-Dec-2018 19:01:39.0	yes
02	(1) MRK-1018	COS/FUV COS/NUV	3	13-Dec-2018 19:01:41.0	yes

6 Total Orbits Used

ABSTRACT

We propose two joint Chandra/HST observations (each 45 ks/3 orbits) of the changing-look AGN Mrk 1018. In 2015 our team discovered this highly unique AGN in which we are witnessing the ongoing transition process. Monitoring Mrk 1018 immediate behavior with a joint Chandra/HST observation twice in 2019 is urgently needed and will leverage our extensive multi-wavelength monitoring program built up in the last 4 years. With the proposed data we will study how the X-ray emitting corona and the UV emitting accretion disk respond to the ongoing changes in the accretion rate. The joint X-ray/UV data are also needed to track the evolution of the wavelength-dependent SED (in combination with other wavelength ranges), as well as to understand why Mrk 1018 repeatedly changes its luminosity output.

OBSERVING DESCRIPTION

These COS-FUV observations are part of a coordinated multi-wavelength monitoring program combining X-rays (Chandra) and optical observations of the changing-look AGN Mrk1018. Each epoch we obtain a 3 orbit long FUV spectrum with the G140L grating to cover the FUV continuum at high S/N as well as the flux and shape of broad emission lines such as Ly α and CIV.





