



12956 - The First Transmission Spectrum of an Eccentric Cool Jupiter

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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) HAT-P-17 CCDFLAT NONE WAVE	STIS/CCD	5	07-Dec-2012 21:01:40.0	yes
02	(1) HAT-P-17	WFC3/IR	5	07-Dec-2012 21:07:00.0	yes

10 Total Orbits Used

ABSTRACT

The techniques of transmission/emission spectroscopy are at the forefront of the characterization of exoplanetary atmospheres, allowing for a direct determination of elemental abundances, chemistry and temperature-pressure profiles. Hot Jupiters have dominated such studies due to their large spectroscopic signals. Despite this well-studied sample of similar exoplanets, the measured spectra exhibit surprising diversity, a fact which remains poorly understood.

Since the hotter gas giants are well-observed, advancing our understanding of exoplanetary atmospheres requires the multi-wavelength detection of transits for exoplanets residing in cooler temperature regimes.

We propose the very first transit observations, from the optical to the near-infrared, of a moderately-irradiated ($\sim 650\text{-}960\text{ K}$), Jupiter-like exoplanet residing on an eccentric orbit ($e=0.346$): HAT-P-17b.

Besides being in a previously unobserved temperature regime, its eccentric orbit allows the atmosphere of HAT-P-17b to periodically cross the condensation curves of sodium and potassium, implying that these alkali metals exist in the gas phase at periapsis and condense out into clouds/hazes at apoapsis. Furthermore, the range of temperatures allow for the carbon budget to be based on comparable amounts of CO and CH₄.

Our proposed observations will determine if the spectral features of K I, Na I, CH₄ and H₂O are present or absent from the optical to the near-infrared, thereby allowing us to constrain elemental abundances and atmospheric temperatures. This first dataset of a unique transition object will provide an insightful compliment to existing transmission observations of hot Jupiters.

OBSERVING DESCRIPTION

This program uses the STIS and WFC3 instruments to perform precision photometry during transit events.

With the STIS instrument, we will observe the target during one transit, with the visit containing five orbits. We will use the STIS G750L grating to cover the wavelength range between 5300-10200 Å and use the 52"x2" slit to minimize slit losses. We will adopt exposure times of 140 seconds, with a sub-array size of 128, which is chosen to provide a sufficient time sampling of the HST orbital-phase trend such that it can be modeled and removed successfully. There will not be any gaps for buffer dumps. For each orbit, we will take 17 exposures of 140 seconds each, with 21 second overheads. We have set Wavecal=No for all STIS observations (as in previous similar programs such as GO 11740) such that the duty cycle and photometric precision is maximized. The zeropoint of the wavelength calibration will be determined from the stellar spectrum itself. We have also scheduled an explicit wavecal exposure after the HST is occulted by the Earth. For each exposure, S/N levels per resolution element of 500 at 7500Å will be reached for the G750L.

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The visit using WFC3/G141 will also observe one transit, with the visit containing 5 orbits. We will use the 256 sub-array to reduce the observational overheads. We will also use the new line scan mode which will lengthen the spectrum along the slit during an exposure. This avoids saturation and permits relatively long exposures (66 seconds), greatly increasing the efficiency. By degrading the S/N estimates of the ETC by a factor of $\sqrt{2}$ these exposure times give a S/N per resolution element of 2100.

Each visit contains 5 orbits, which ensures high S/N transmission spectra are obtained. For each visit, there are three out-of-transit orbits, and two orbits occur during transit. The first orbit of each visit will likely not be used for primary analysis in the transit light curve, as the telescope thermally relaxes into its new pointing position during that time. This is a well known phenomenon, and all other similar transiting HST programs have adopted this strategy. Therefore, two of the out-of-transit orbits will be used to determine the baseline flux.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Set Wavecal=No for the STIS observations (as in previous similar programs such as GO 11740) such that the duty cycle and photometric precision is maximized.

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Visit	<p>Proposal 12956, HAT-P-17 G750L (01), implementation</p> <p>Diagnostic Status: No Diagnostics</p> <p>Scientific Instruments: STIS/CCD</p> <p>Special Requirements: SCHED 100%; Period 10.338523 D AND ZERO-PHASE HJD2454801.16869</p> <p><i>Comments: HAT-P-17 STIS G750L. It is essential that the five orbits be scheduled in a continuous block.</i></p>					
	Fixed Targets	#	Name	Target Coordinates	Targ. Coord. Corrections	Fluxes
(1)		HAT-P-17	RA: 21 38 8.7316 (324.5363817d) Dec: +30 29 19.42 (30.48873d) Equinox: J2000	Proper Motion RA: -76.8 mas/yr Proper Motion Dec: -124.8 mas/yr Epoch of Position: 2000	V=10.38+/-0.2	Reference Frame: ICRS
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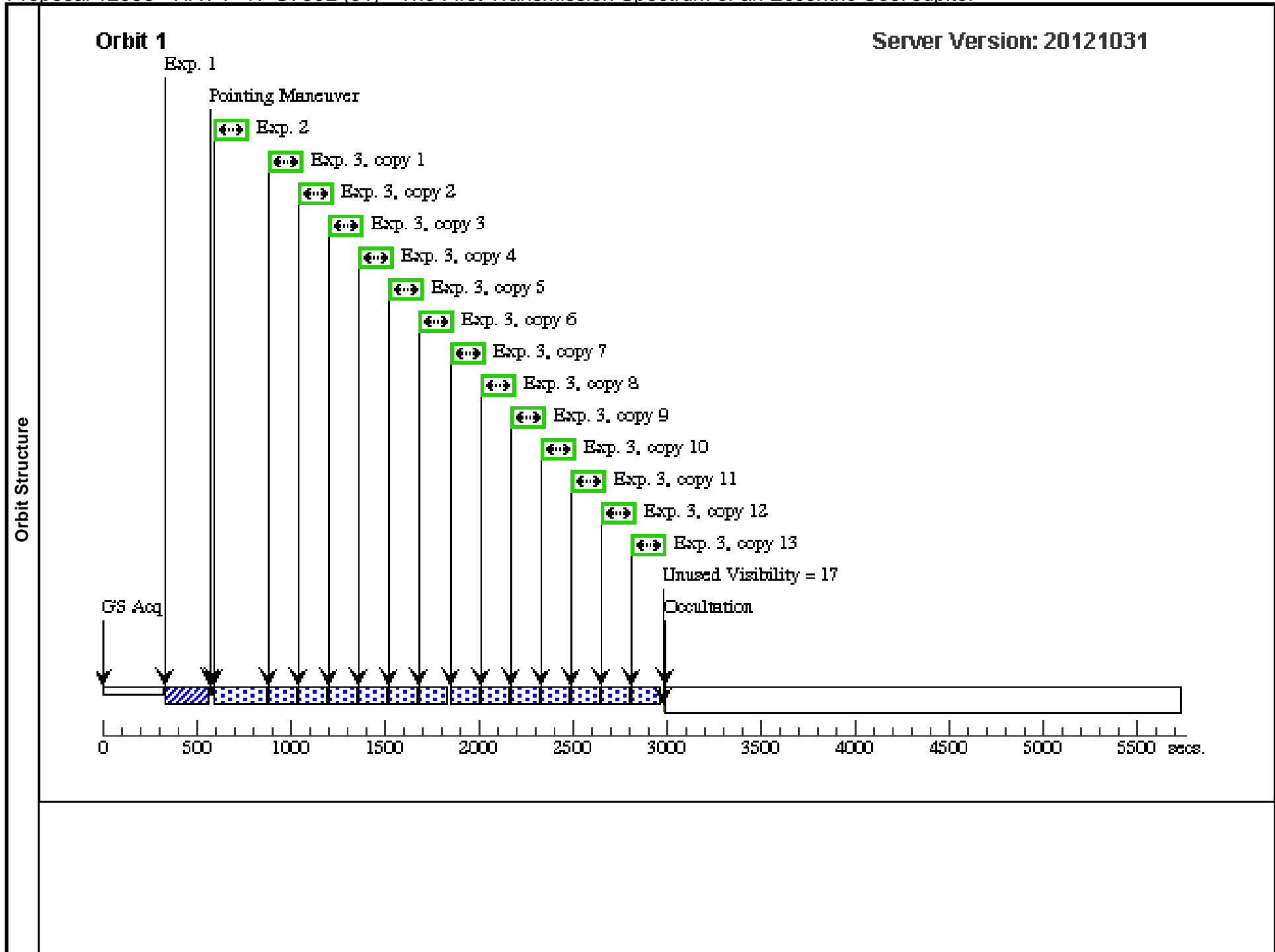
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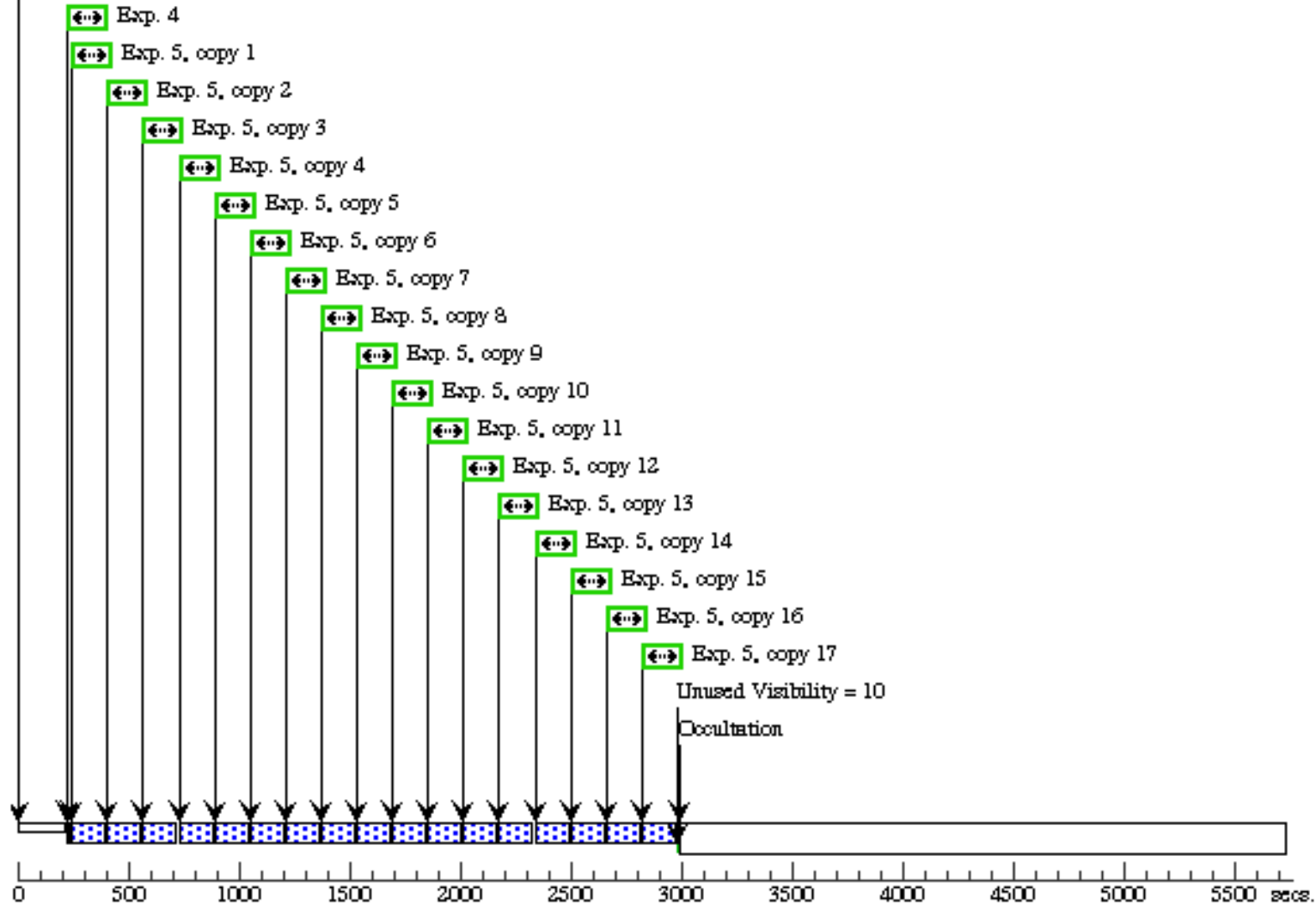
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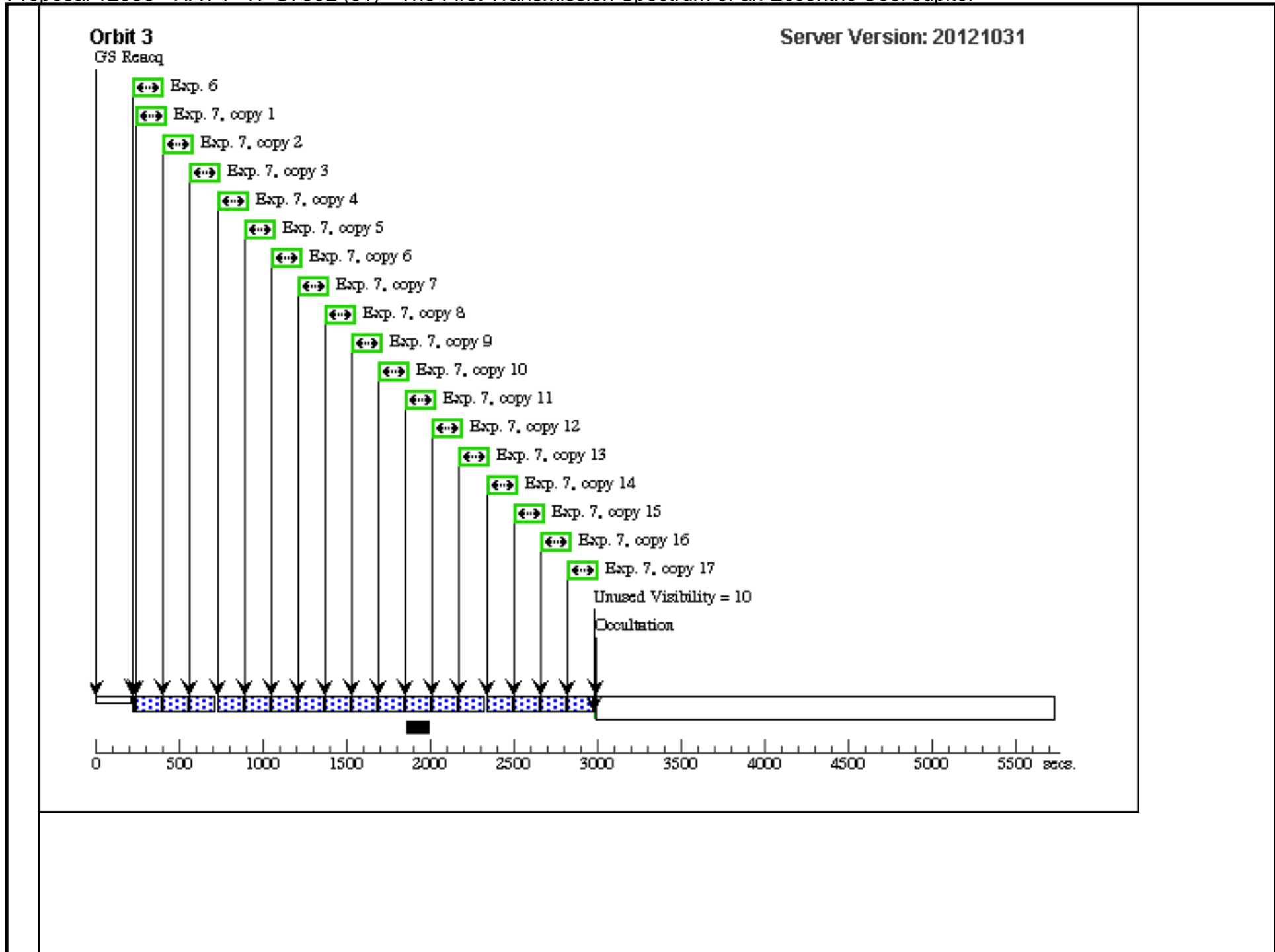
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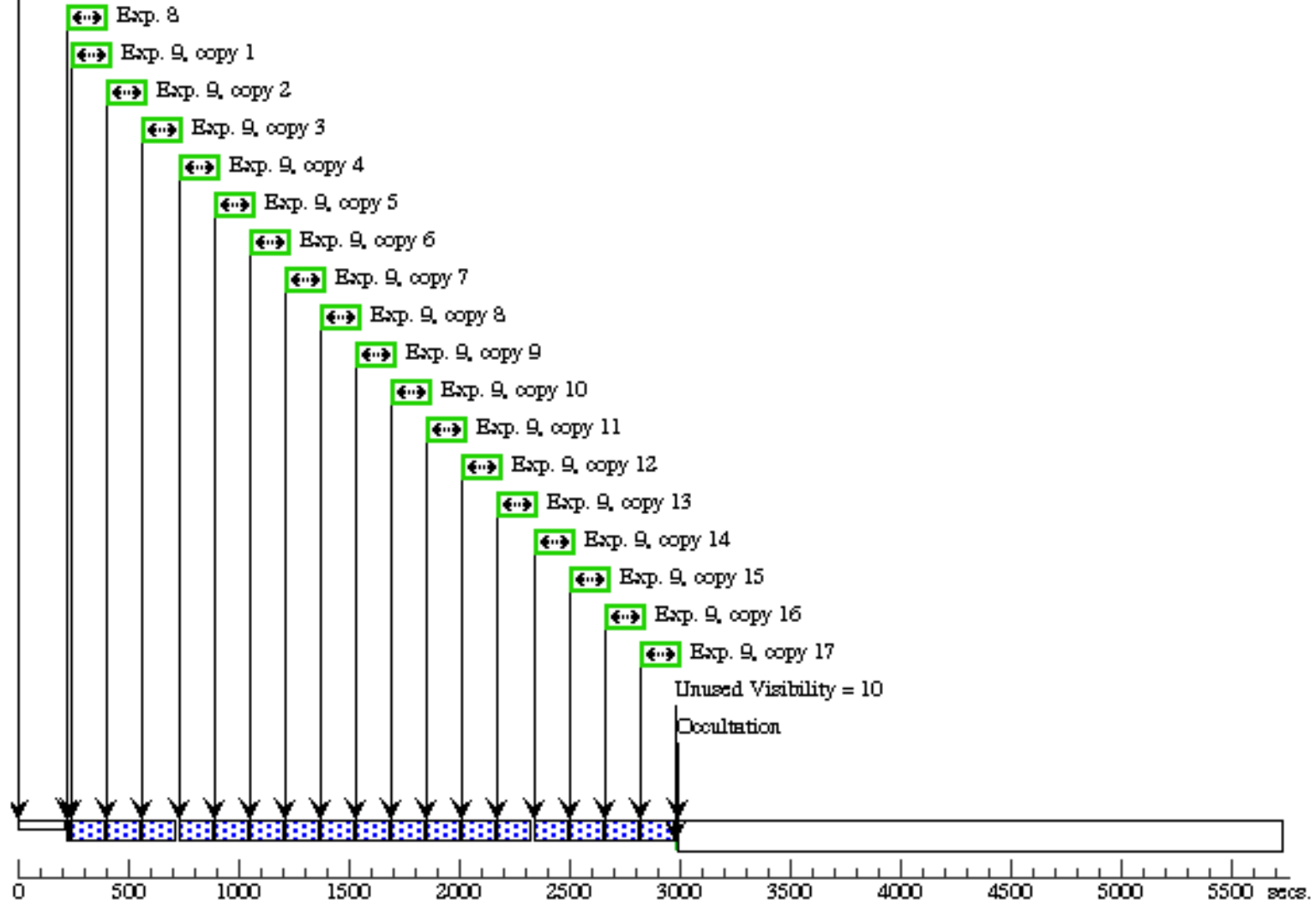
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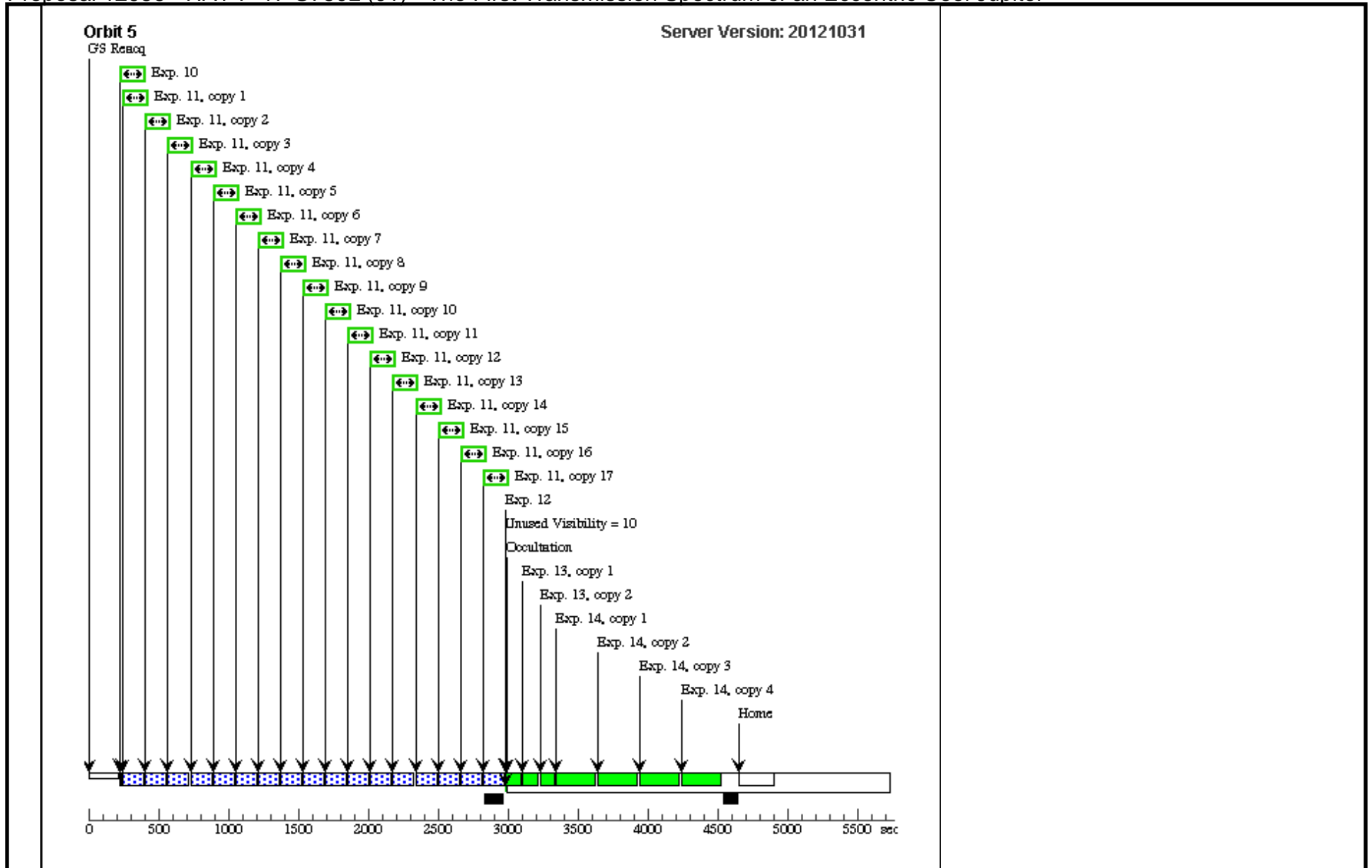




Orbit 4

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	Diagnostic Status: No Diagnostics Scientific Instruments: WFC3/IR Special Requirements: SCHED 100%; Period 10.338523 D AND ZERO-PHASE HJD2454801.16869 <i>Comments: HAT-P-17 WFC G141. It is essential that the five orbits be scheduled in a continuous block.</i>					
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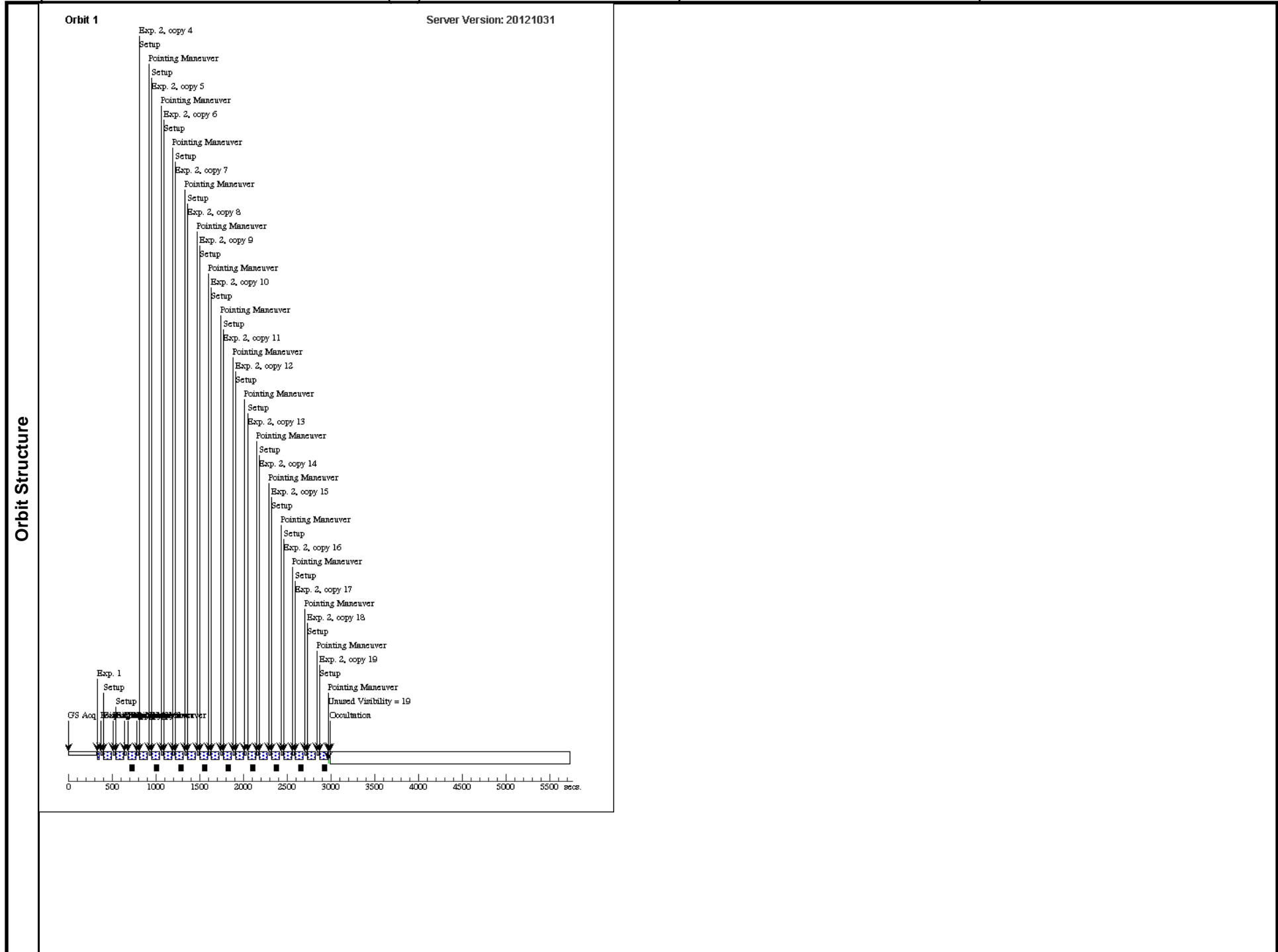
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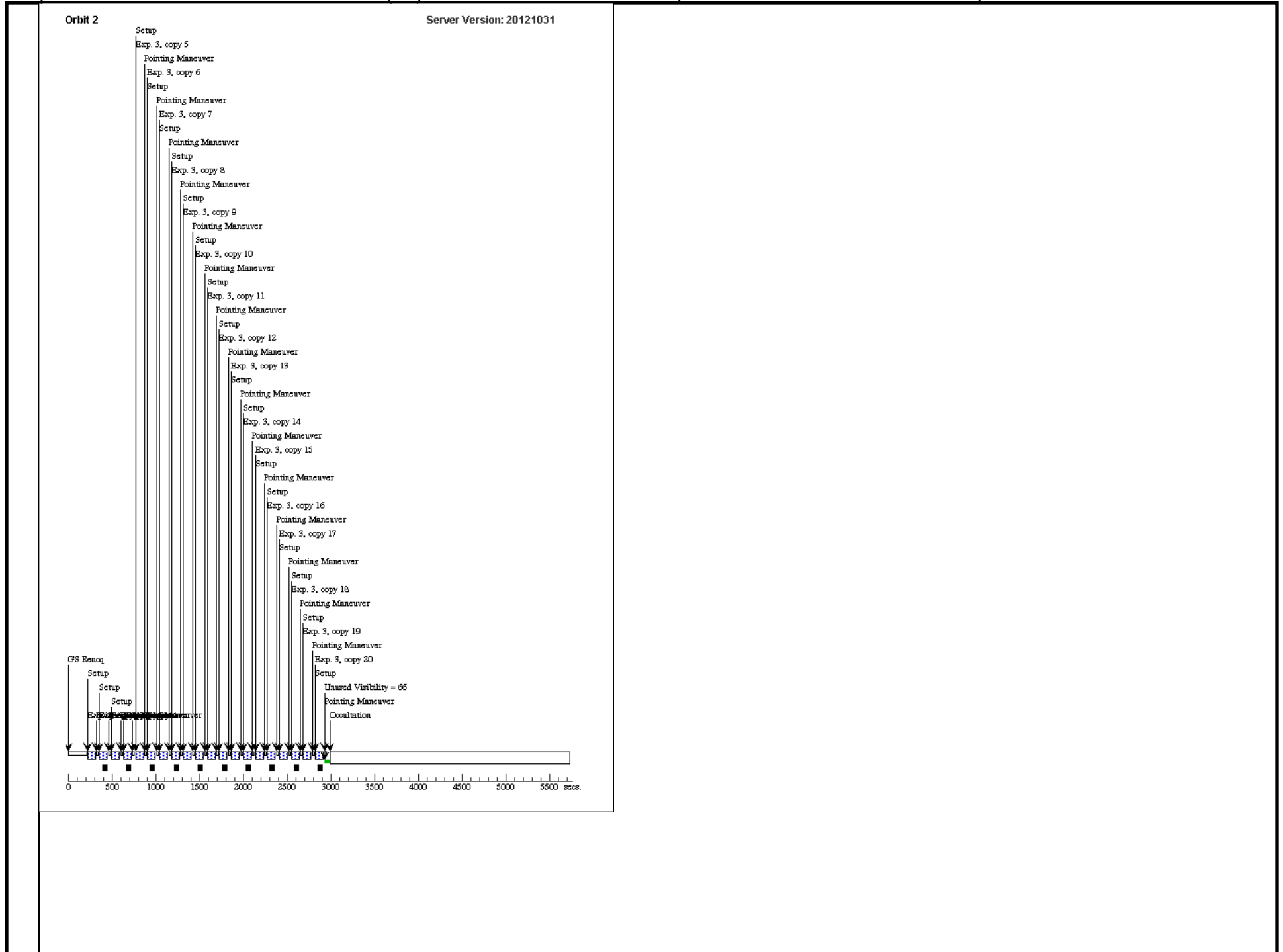
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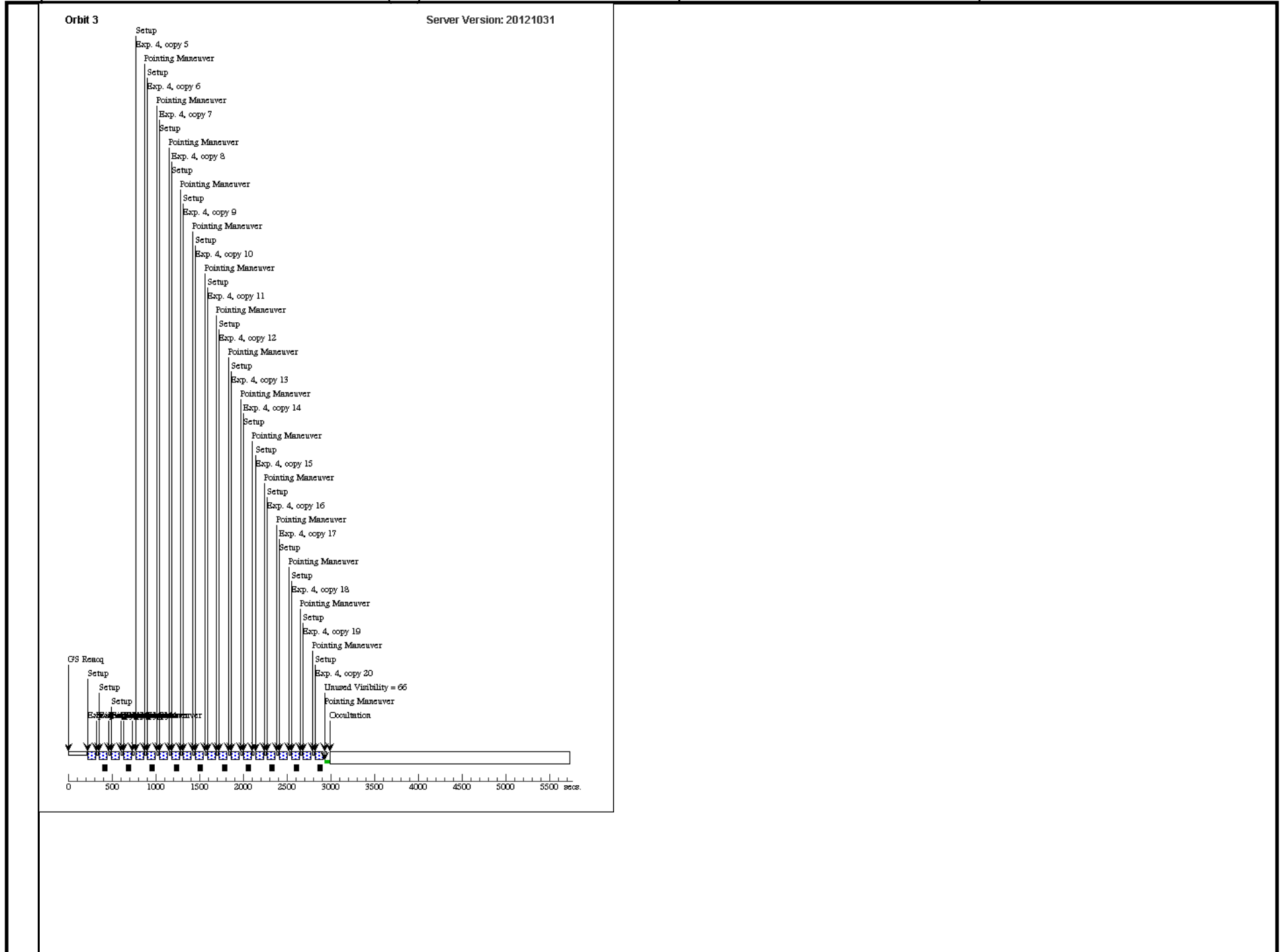
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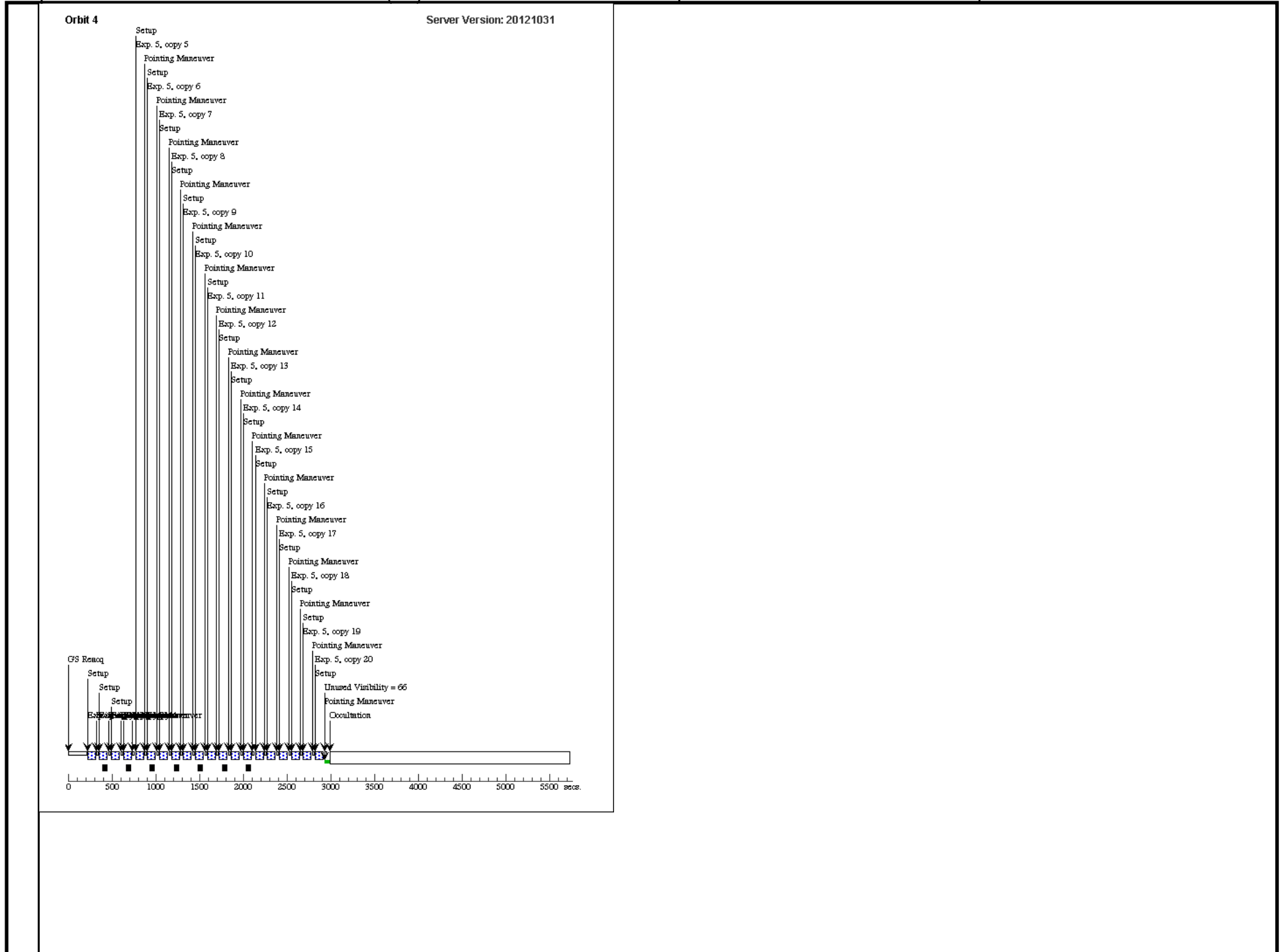
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