



15129 - Completing Kepler's Mission to Determine the Frequency of Earth-like Planets

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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) KEPLER-62 | WFC3/UVIS | 18 | 16-Nov-2017 14:01:24.0 | yes |

18 Total Orbits Used

ABSTRACT

The primary goal of NASA's Kepler mission is to estimate the frequency of Earth-sized planets orbiting in the habitable zone (HZ) of Sun-like stars (so called eta-Earth). Analysis of four years of Kepler data reveals an unprecedented population of more than 4400 planet candidates orbiting 3400

stars, however only a small subset of these (~13 planets) fall into the regime of near-Earth-sized and in the HZ of a solar-type star. By accounting properly for detection biases that limit the catalog completeness and reliability we can turn an observed population into an intrinsic population and achieve Kepler's prime mission goal. Our team have shown that uncertainties in HZ occurrence rates for solar-type stars for all analyses to date are dominated by systematic uncertainties. The robustness of the 13 high-value Earth-like planet candidates is questionable due to their long periods and small transit depths - the Kepler team estimate that perhaps 50% of these are real planets. The proposed HST observations provide a pilot study to measure the photometric time series of the high-value, temperate terrestrial planet candidate Kepler-62f in order to confirm that it is not a false alarm. Long-duration high-precision observations from HST of this kind have not been attempted before and therefore we opt to waive the proprietary period of data collected during this pilot study. Successful confirmation will pave the way for a future large program to examine all of the Kepler G dwarf habitable Earth-sized planets and drastically improve the accuracy of eta-Earth estimates.

OBSERVING DESCRIPTION

Using HST, recover the long period, $P=267$ day, transiting super-Earth size planet, Kepler-62f that was originally detected by Kepler. The science goal requires 19 uninterrupted HST orbits in a SINGLE visit using the WFC3/UVIS F350LP filter of the planet host, Kepler-62 (K2V; $V=14.1$). Due to the long orbital period there are two opportunities during the Cycle 25 observing window to observe a transit of Kepler-62f (we are requesting observations for one of the two). We seek high precision, continuous photometric coverage in order to recover the shallow (470 ppm) transit event lasting ~8 hours. Observations are planned to achieve high throughput via spatial scanning and provide orbit-to-orbit stability. Kepler-62 is positioned in the sub-array in order to accommodate without overlap the $\Delta V=1.1$ comparison stellar target 2MASS: 18524855+4521022 to aid in understanding the data systematics. With the transit event constraints and uninterrupted 19 orbit visit, the scheduling for this program will be challenging, but 19-orbits contiguously has been observed before in program 13467 (visit 25). We will accept SAA impacted orbits in science. Schedulability = 100% special requirement is enabled.

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| Visit | <p>Proposal 15129, Visit 01, implementation</p> <p>Diagnostic Status: Warning</p> <p>Scientific Instruments: WFC3/UVIS</p> <p>Special Requirements: SCHED 100%; ORIENT 28D TO 28 D; Period 267.282 D AND ZERO-PHASE HJD2455422.720</p> <p><i>Comments: Scheduling Requirements: Visit 1 requires 19 non-interrupt HST orbits. There are only two transit events during cycle 25. We accept science observations during SAA. We desire comparison stellar target 2MASS: 18524855+4521022 (Delta mag = 1.1; Separation = 25 arcsec) to also be observable on 1024x1024 subarray to aid in understanding the data systematics.</i></p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| # | Label | Target | Config,Mode,Aperture | Spectral Els. | Opt. Params. | Special Reqs. | Groups | Exp. Time (Total)/[Actual Dur.] | Orbit |
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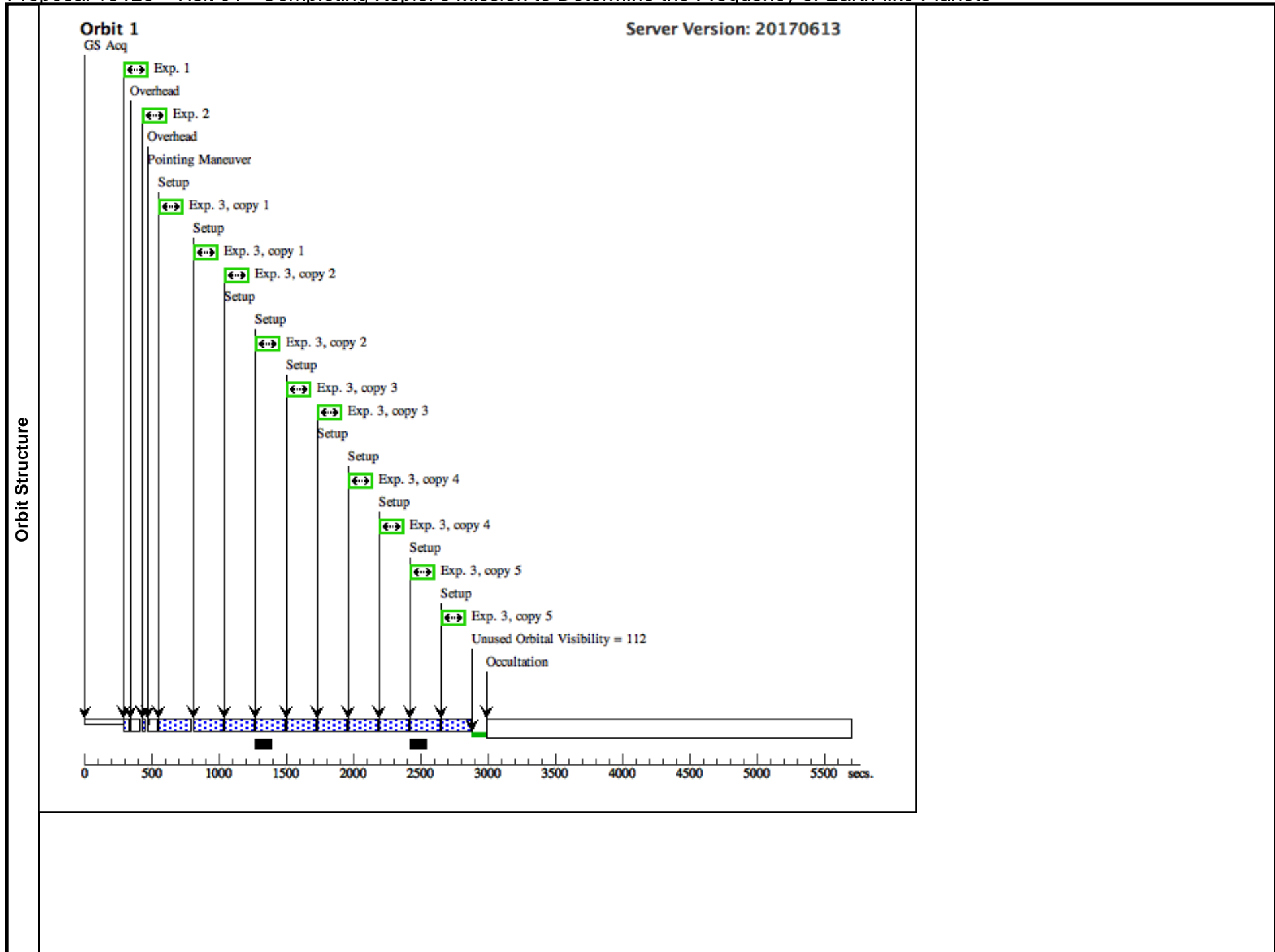
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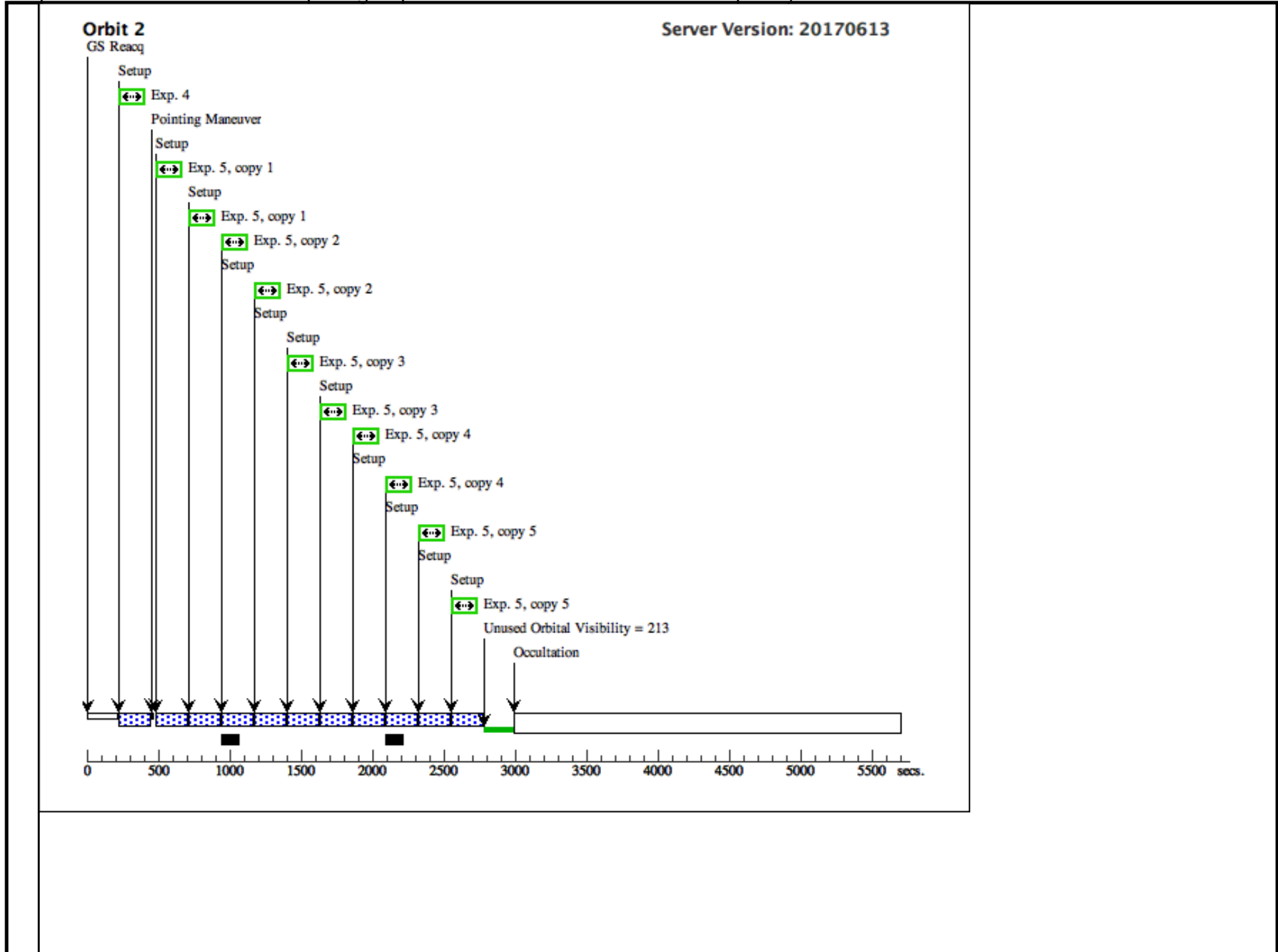
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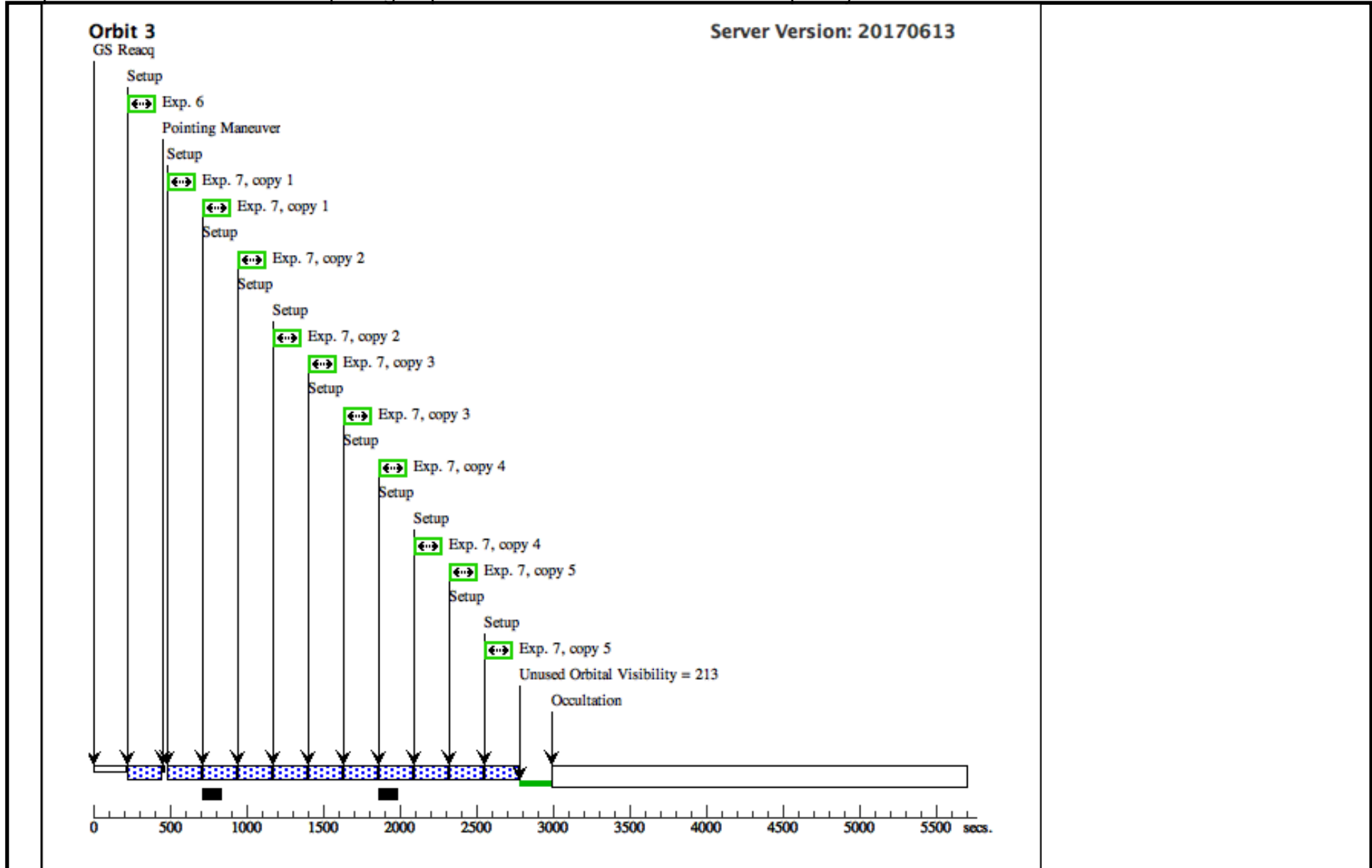
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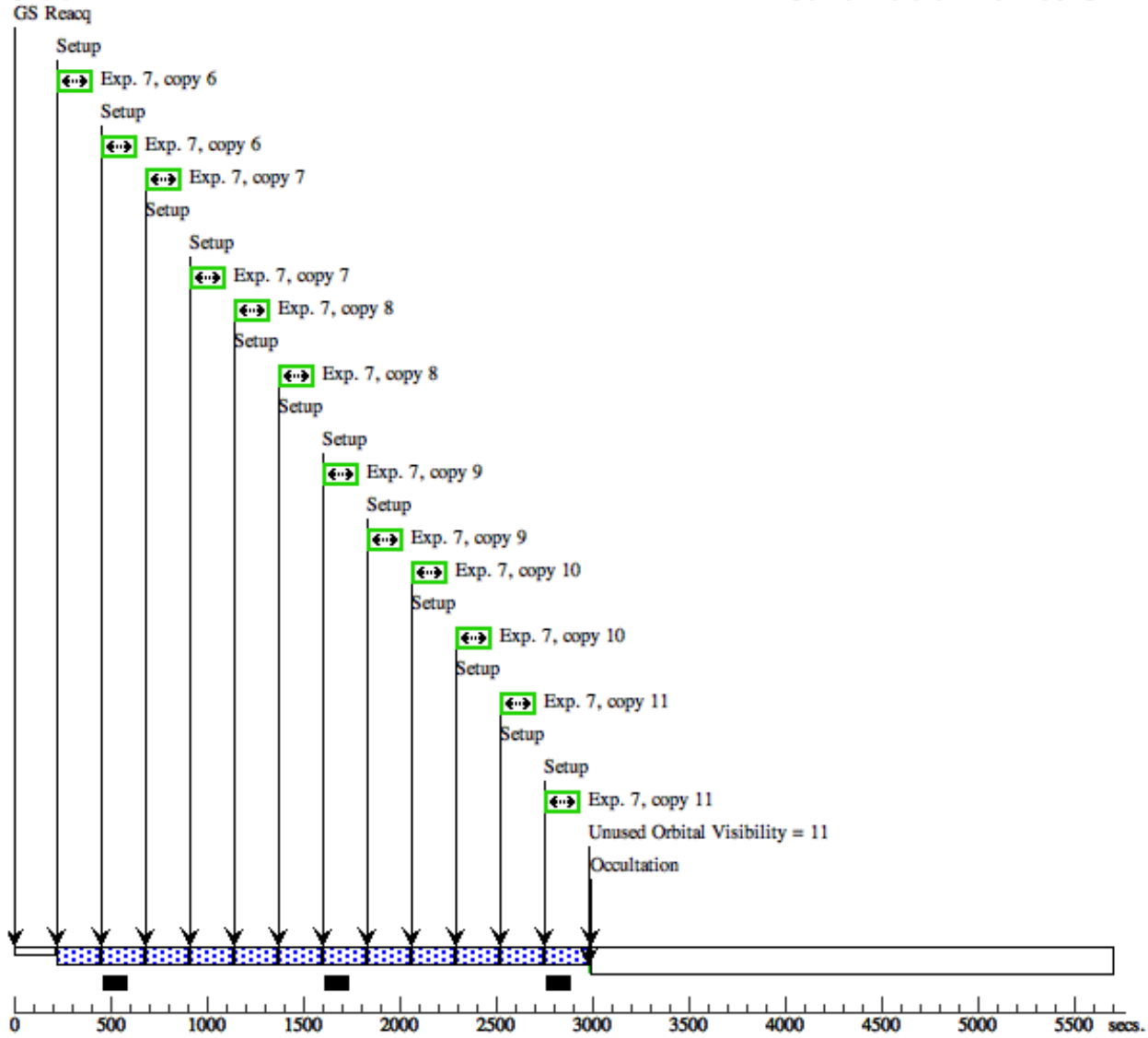


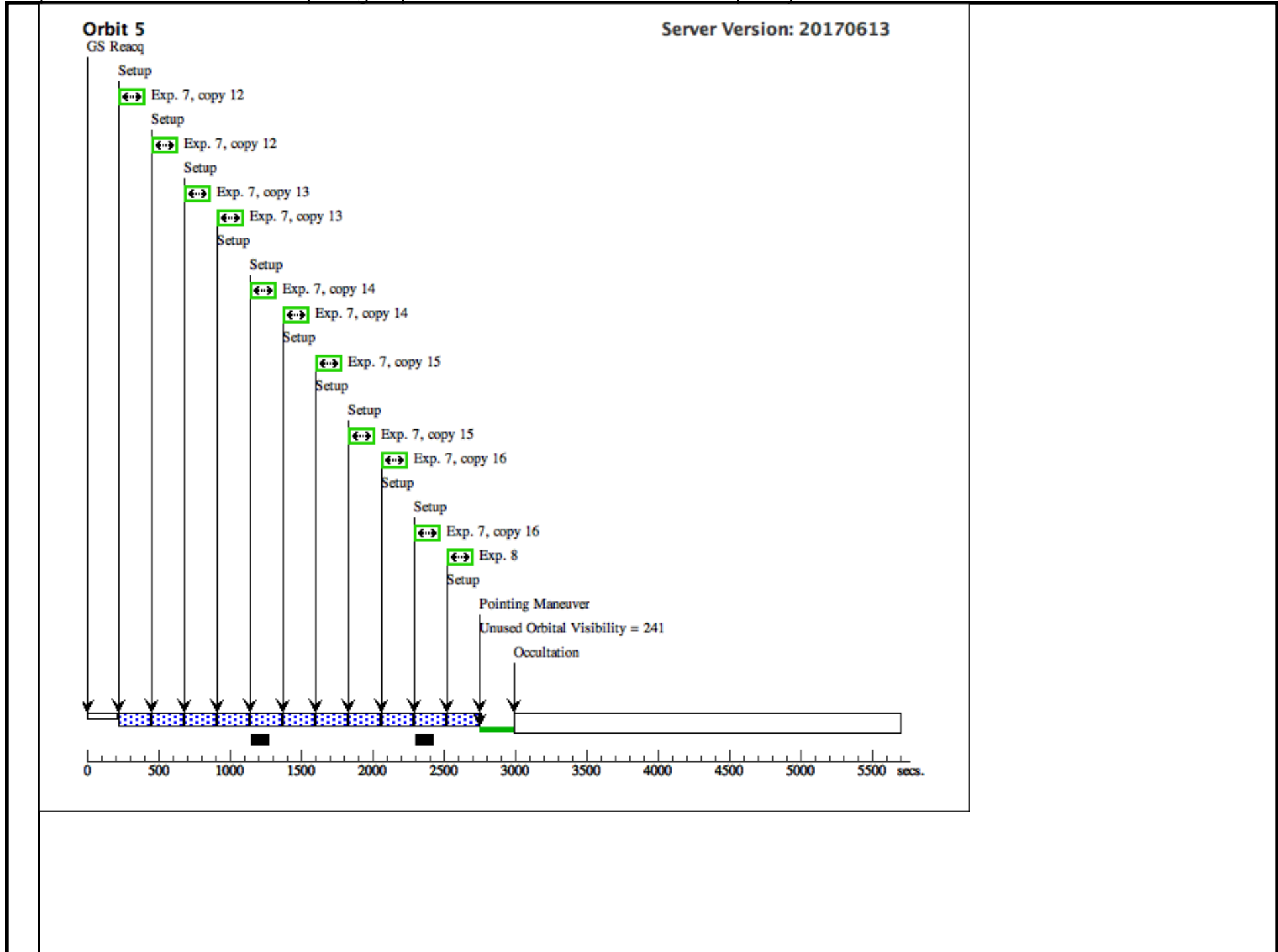




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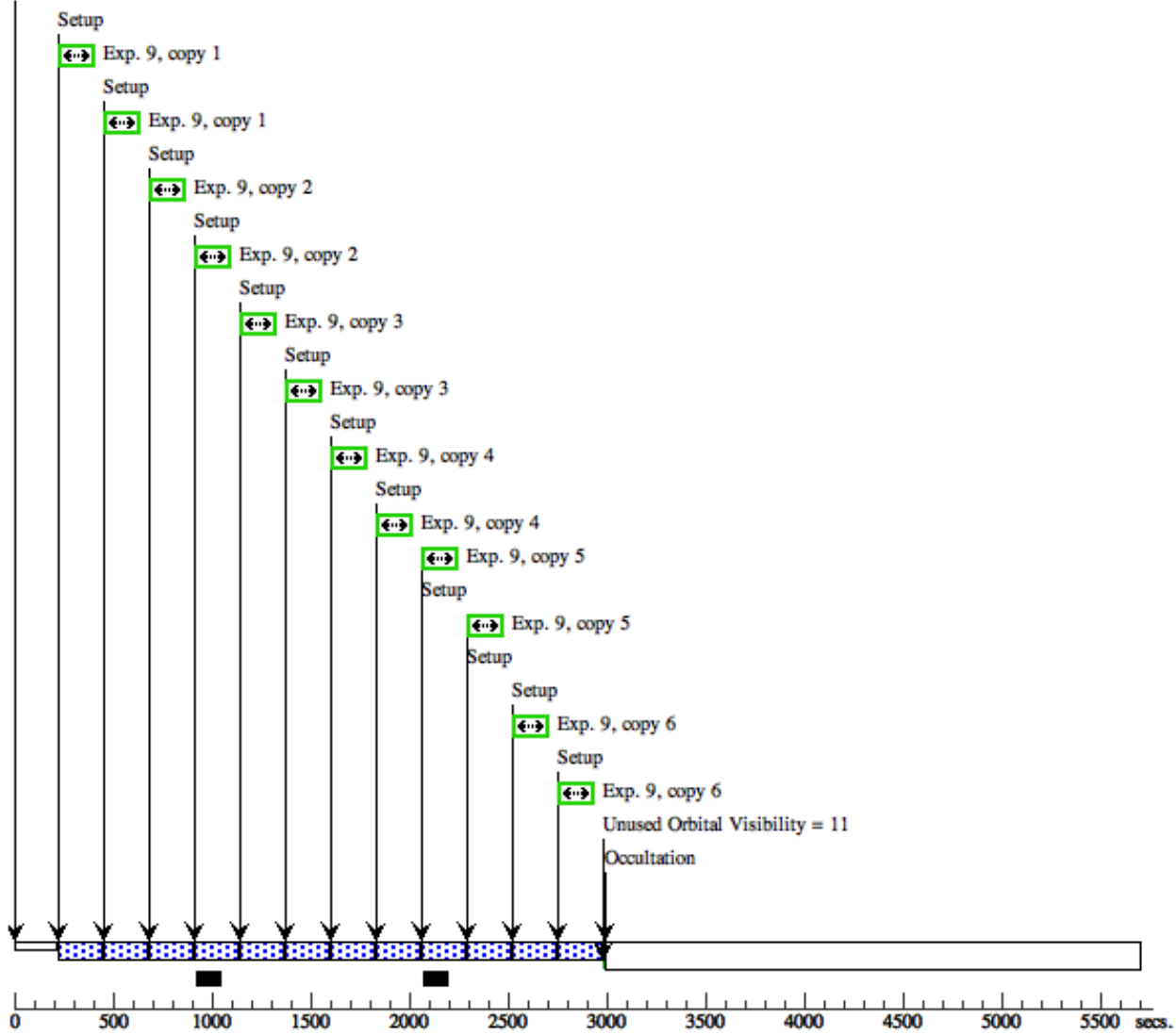




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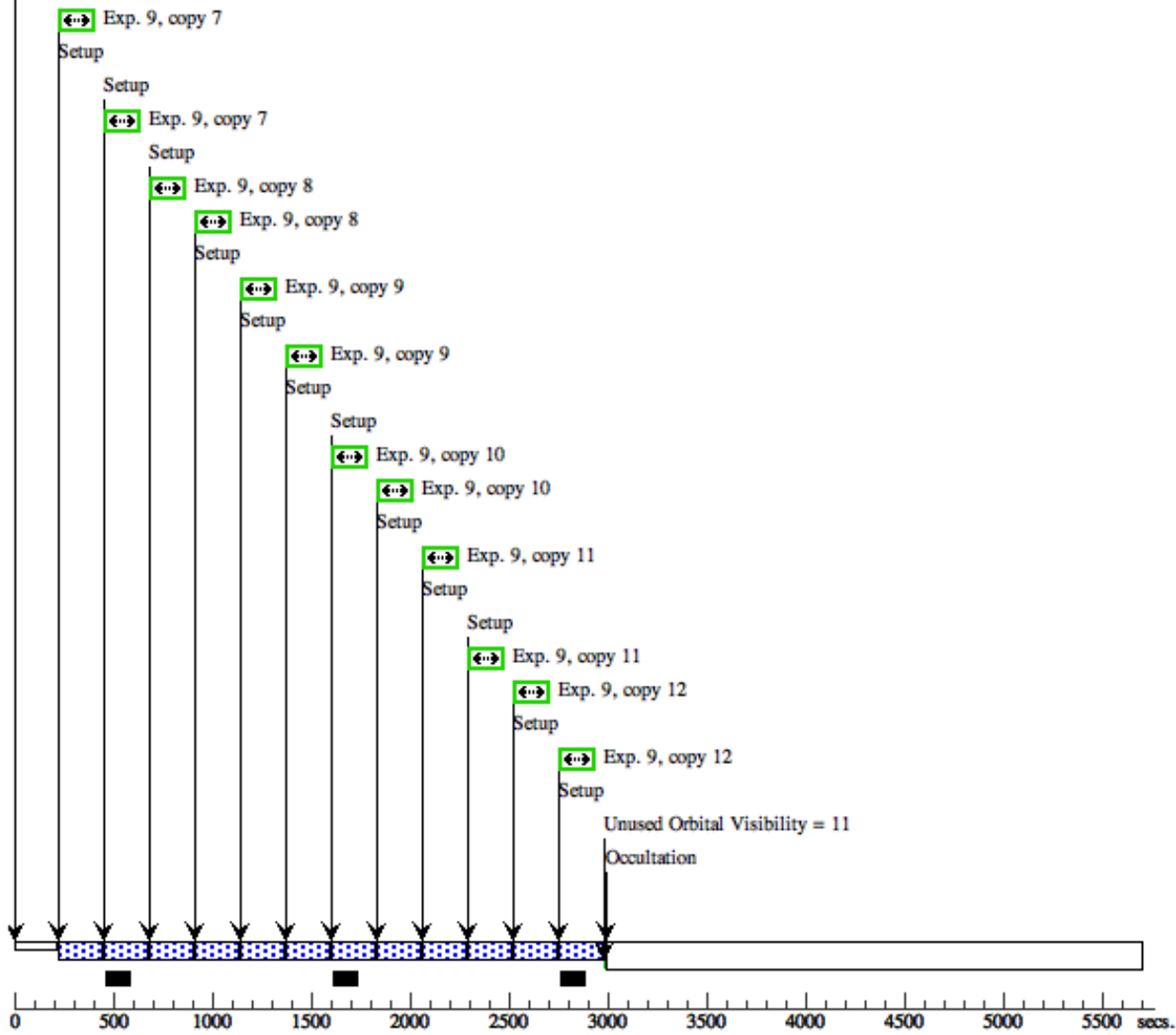
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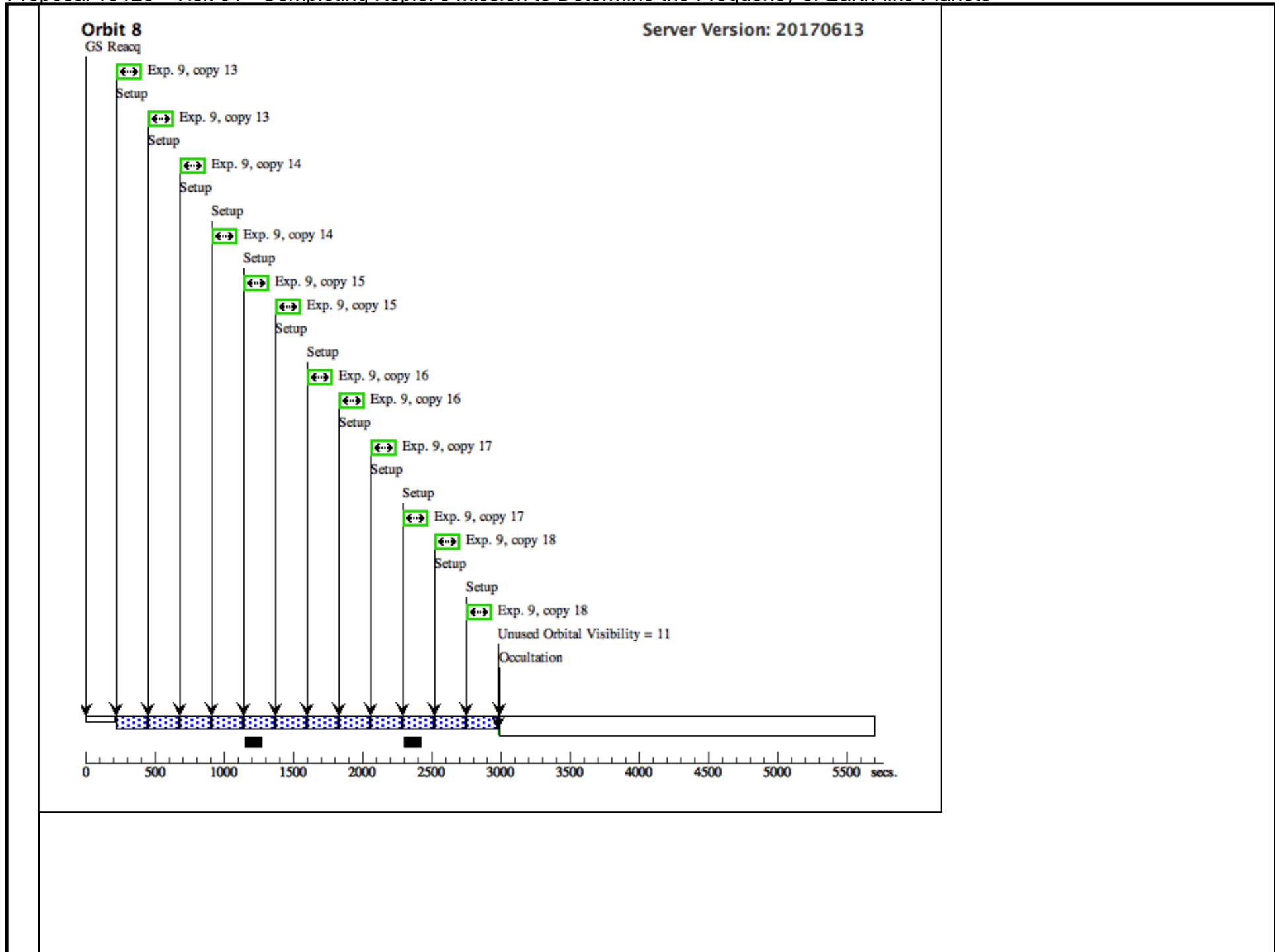


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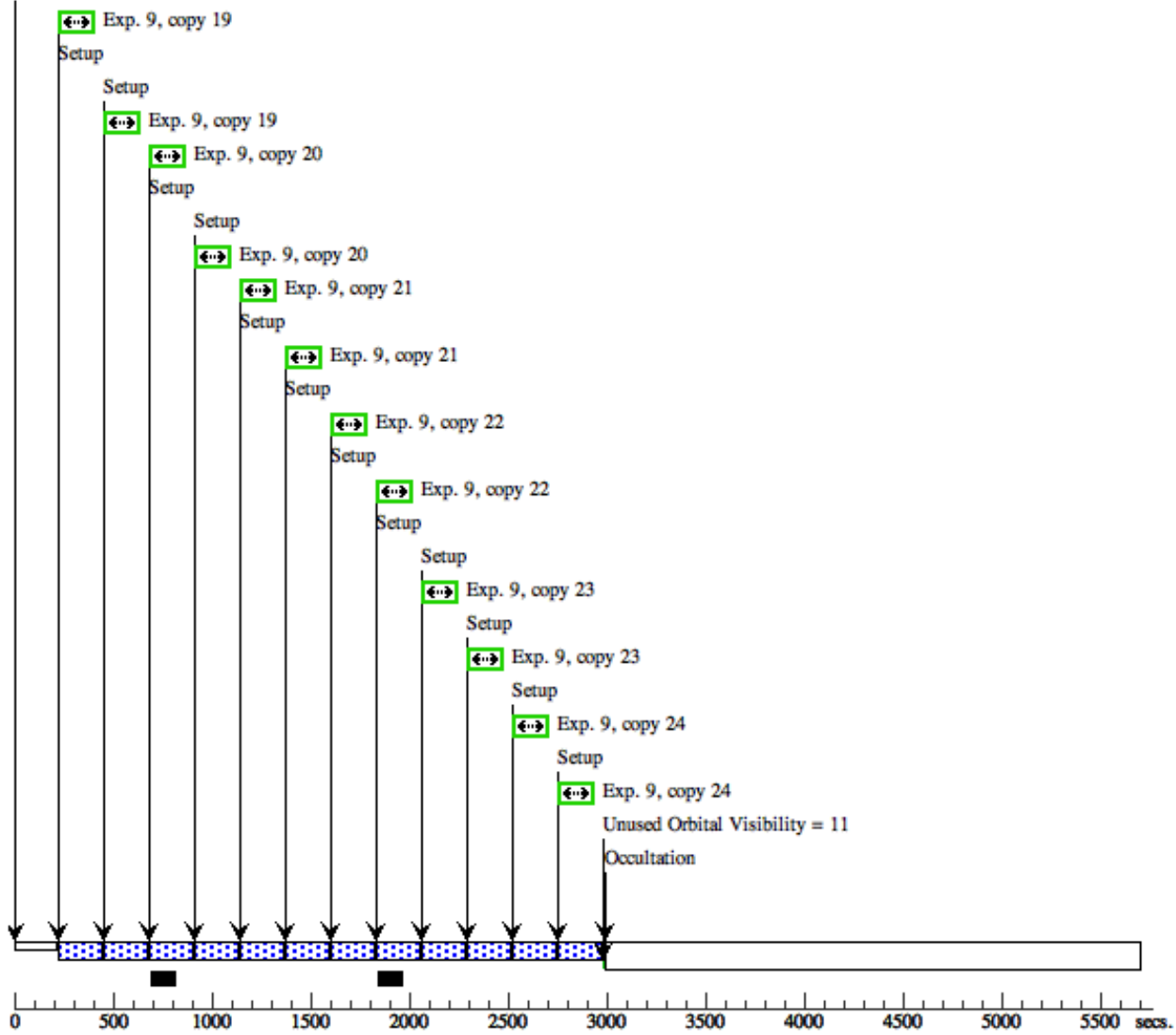


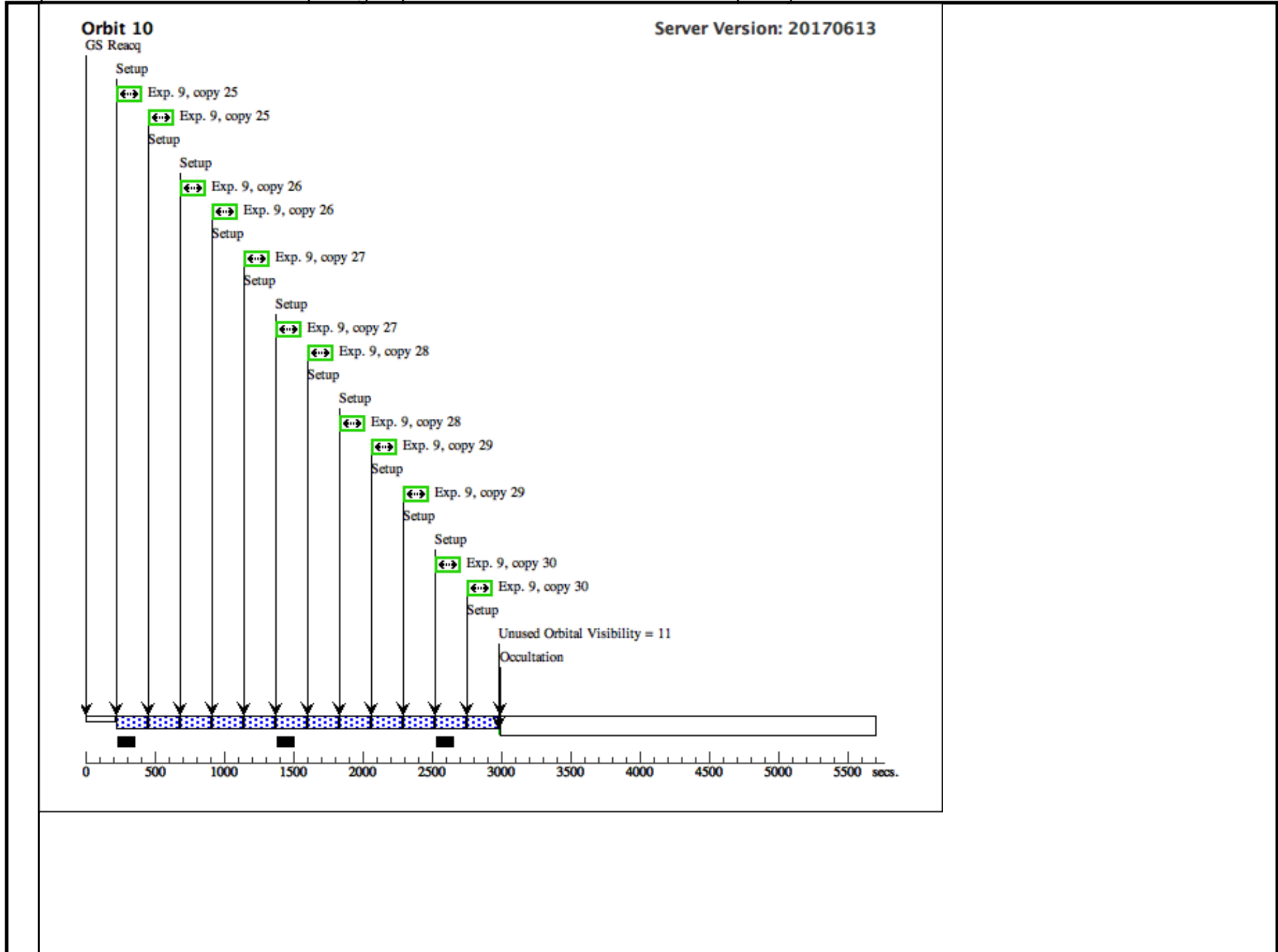


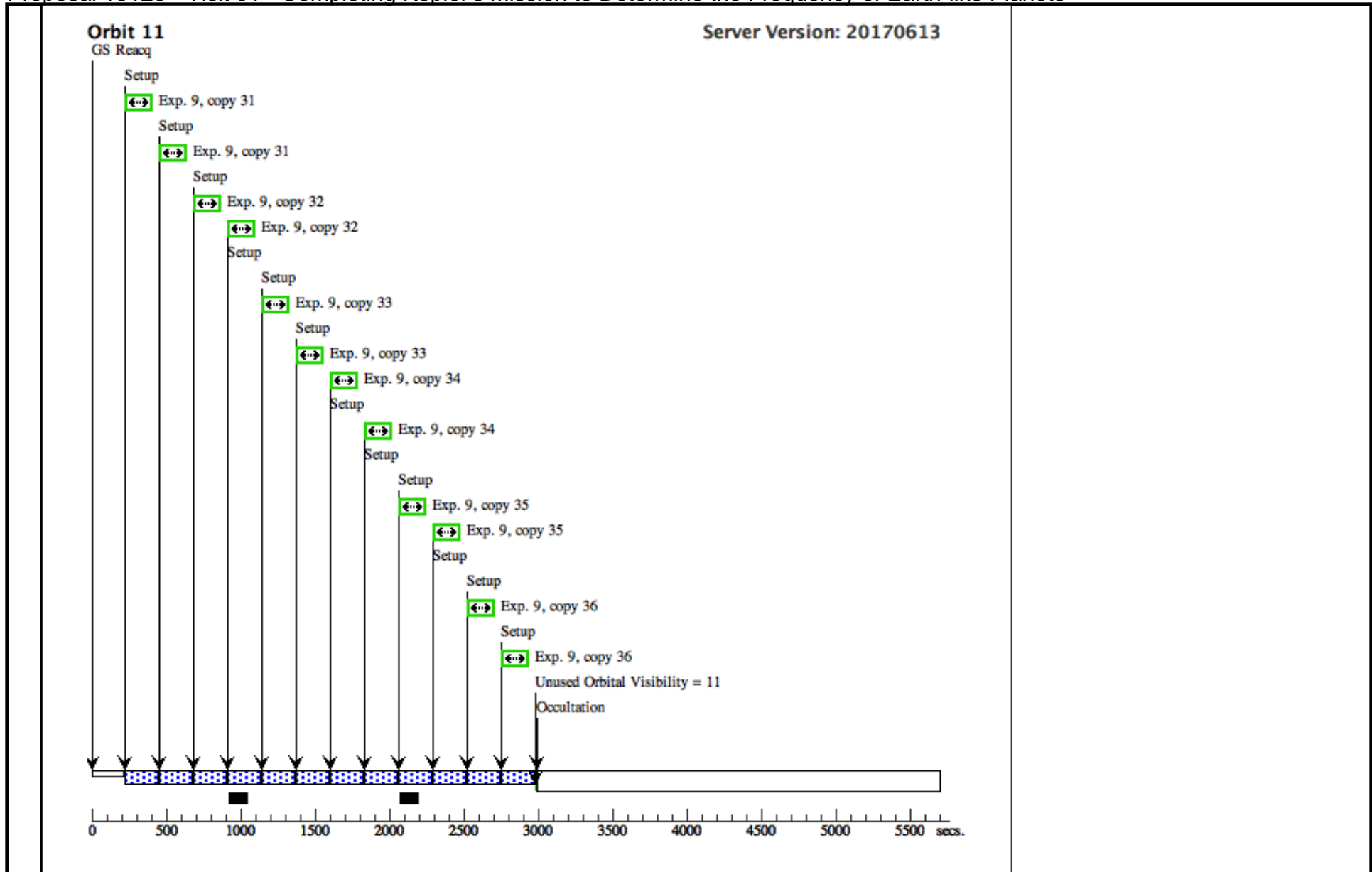
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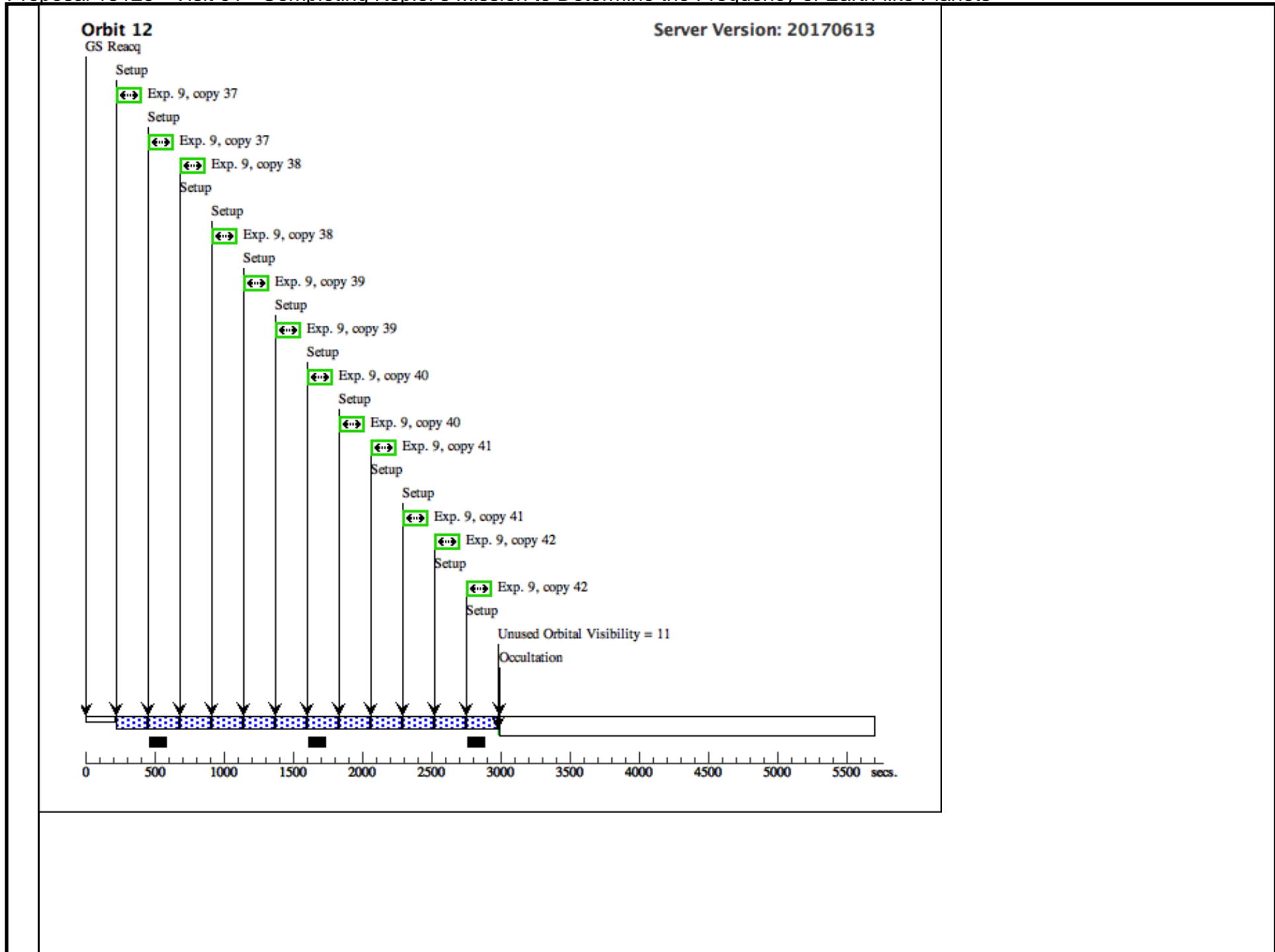
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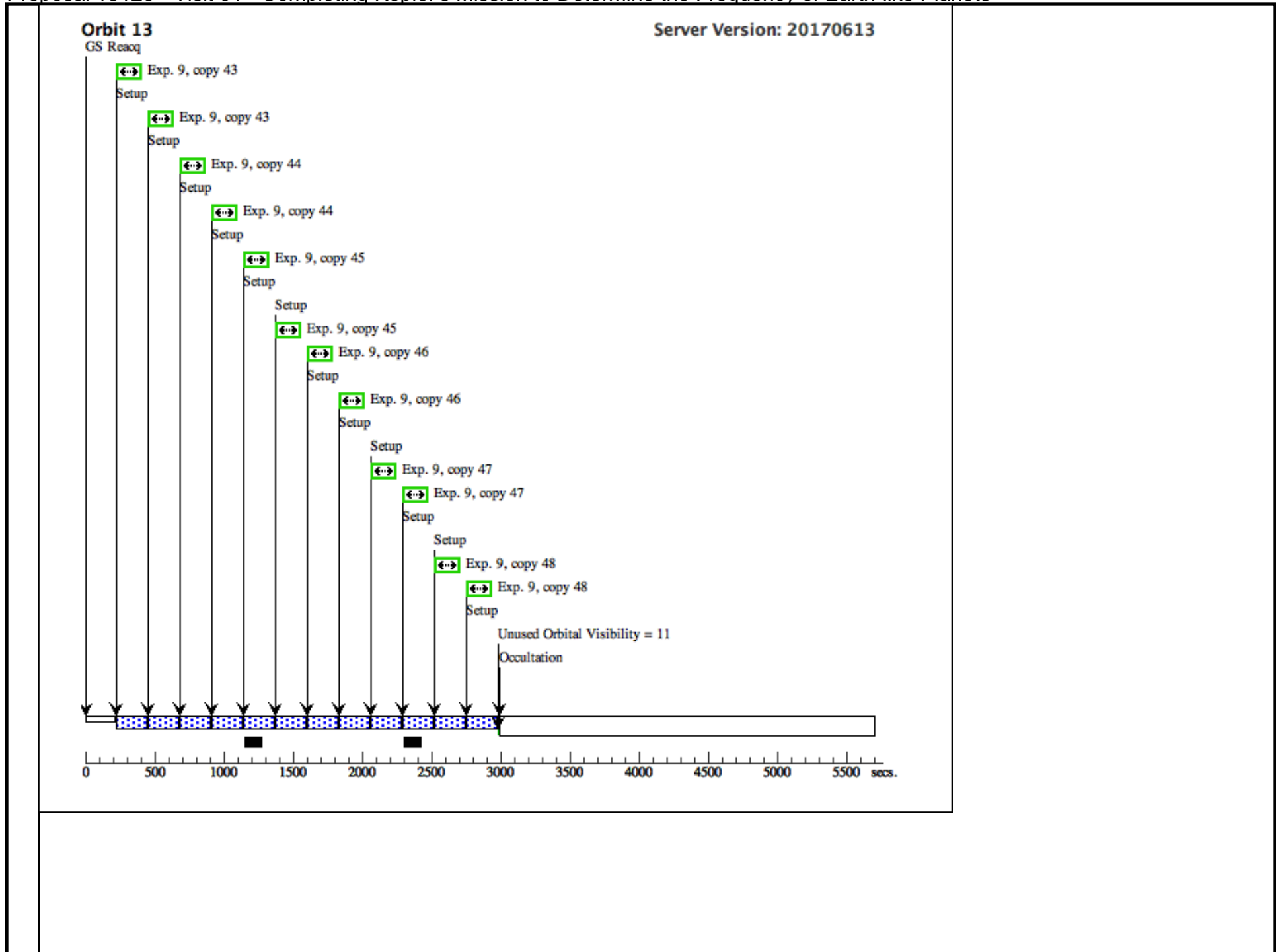
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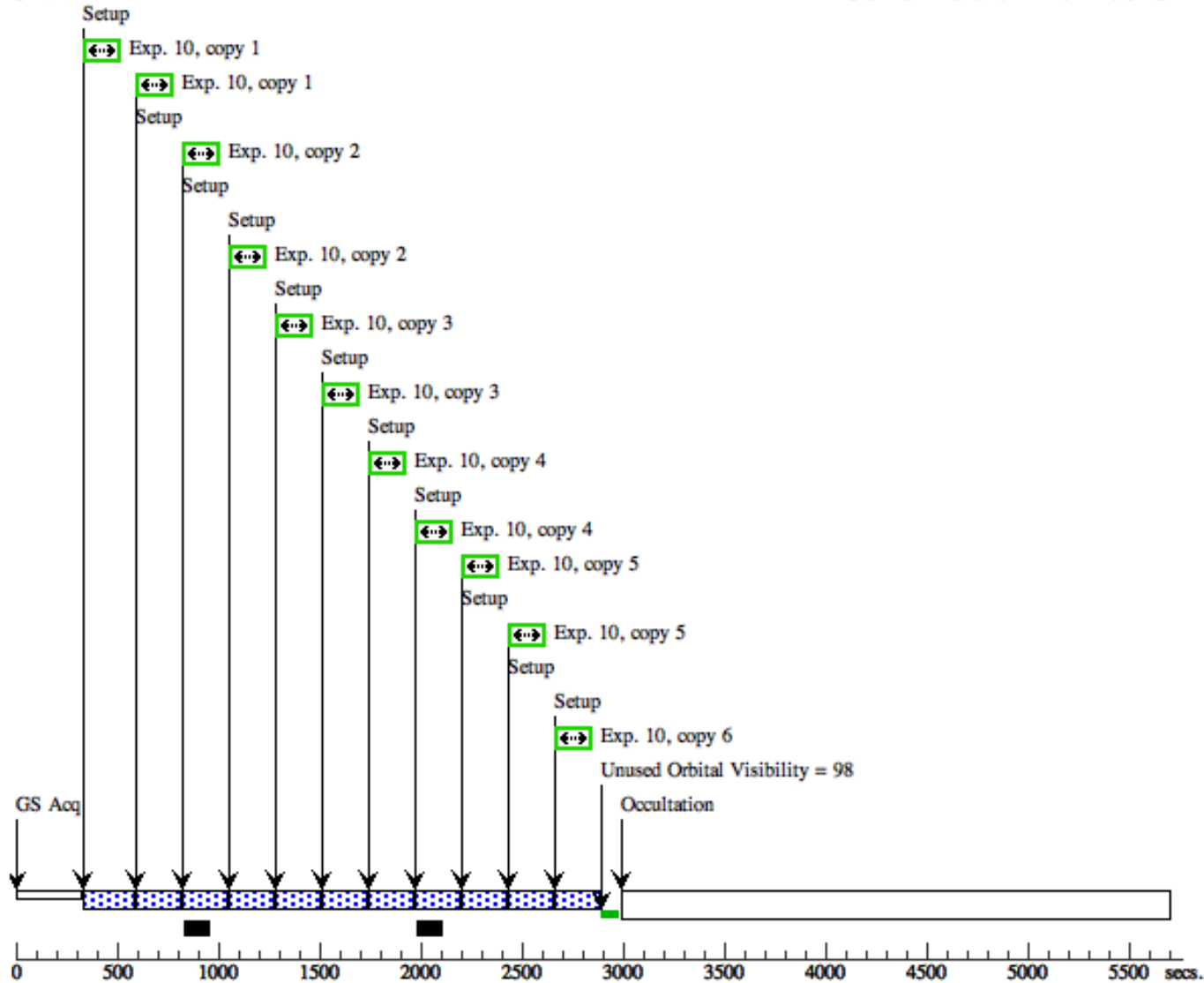


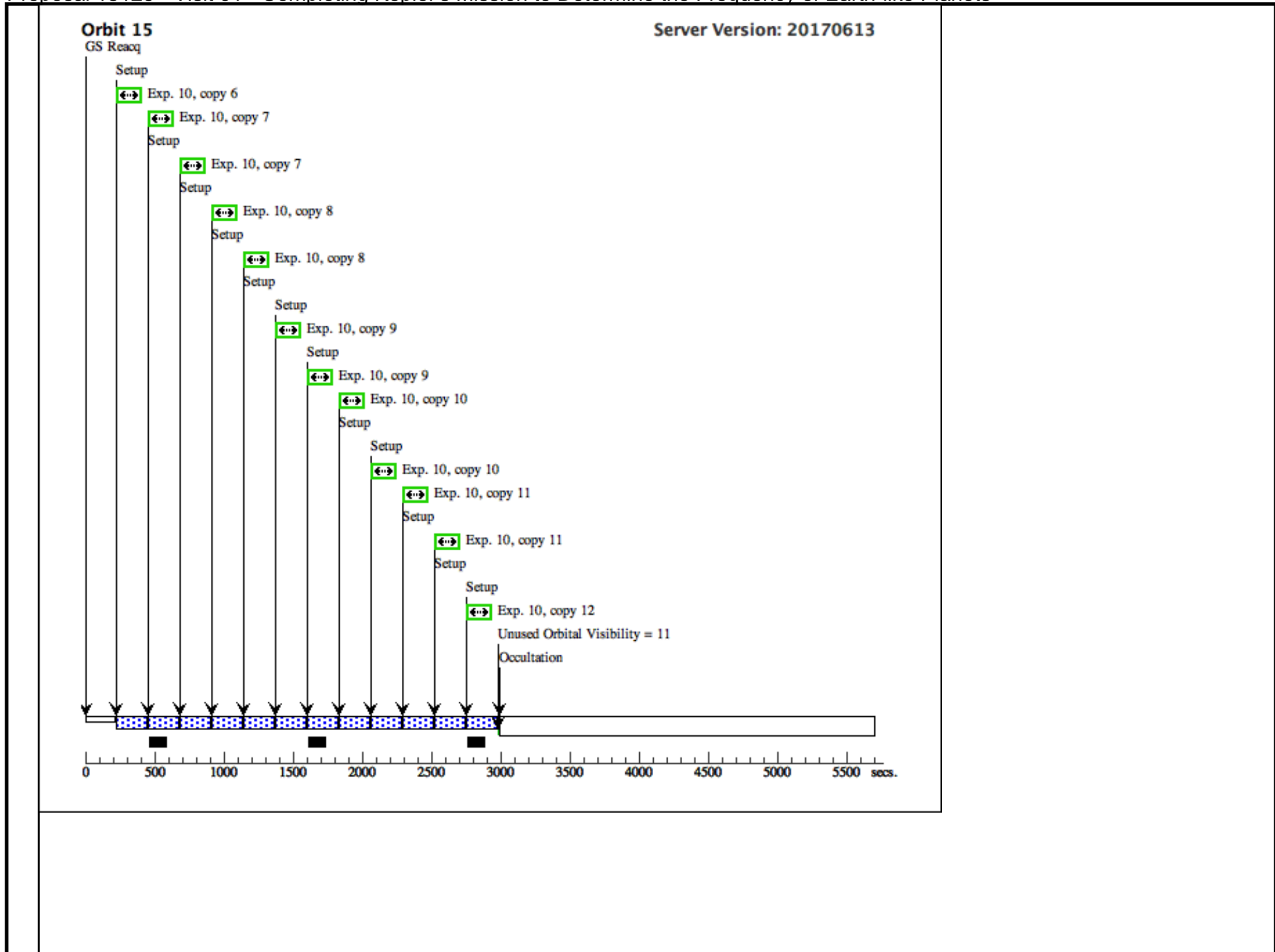




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