



## 16076 - UV spectroscopy and imaging of the transient Swift J221951-484240 discovered in the follow-up of GW S190930t.

Cycle: 27, Proposal Category: GO

(UV Initiative)

(Availability Mode: AVAILABLE)

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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>
03	(1) SWIFTJ221951-484240	COS/FUV	3	16-Apr-2020 19:00:21.0	yes
05	(2) SWIFTJ221951-484240-SAFE-TARGET	COS/FUV	3	16-Apr-2020 19:00:23.0	yes
02	(1) SWIFTJ221951-484240	ACS/WFC	1	16-Apr-2020 19:00:24.0	yes
04	(1) SWIFTJ221951-484240	S/C	1	16-Apr-2020 19:00:24.0	yes

8 Total Orbits Used

## **ABSTRACT**

Swift/UVOT detected J221951-484240 on the 30th September 2019 as part of the search for an electromagnetic counterpart to the LIGO/VIRGO Gravitational Wave (GW) trigger S190930t; after the cycle 27 proposal deadline. Compared to archival UV images, J221951-484240 is brighter by over 3 magnitudes. The nature of this blue-slowly evolving source remains unclear following Swift and ground-based follow-up. It is possible this transient is associated with S190930t or alternatively it may be a new class of UV-bright transient. HST UV data is the only means to constrain the distance to the source and its true nature. Determining this now will allow us to plan additional observations using Swift, HST and other resources to follow its evolution. Observations in the present cycle would also facilitate rapid publication, which is of particular importance as this source was identified during follow-up of a GW alert. Only HST has the UV spectroscopic capability to obtain the key data needed to identify the nature of this 19th magnitude u-band transient before it fades away. Owing to the unique nature of this source, these observations will lead to a timely and high-impact publication whether or not it is connected to the GW emission.

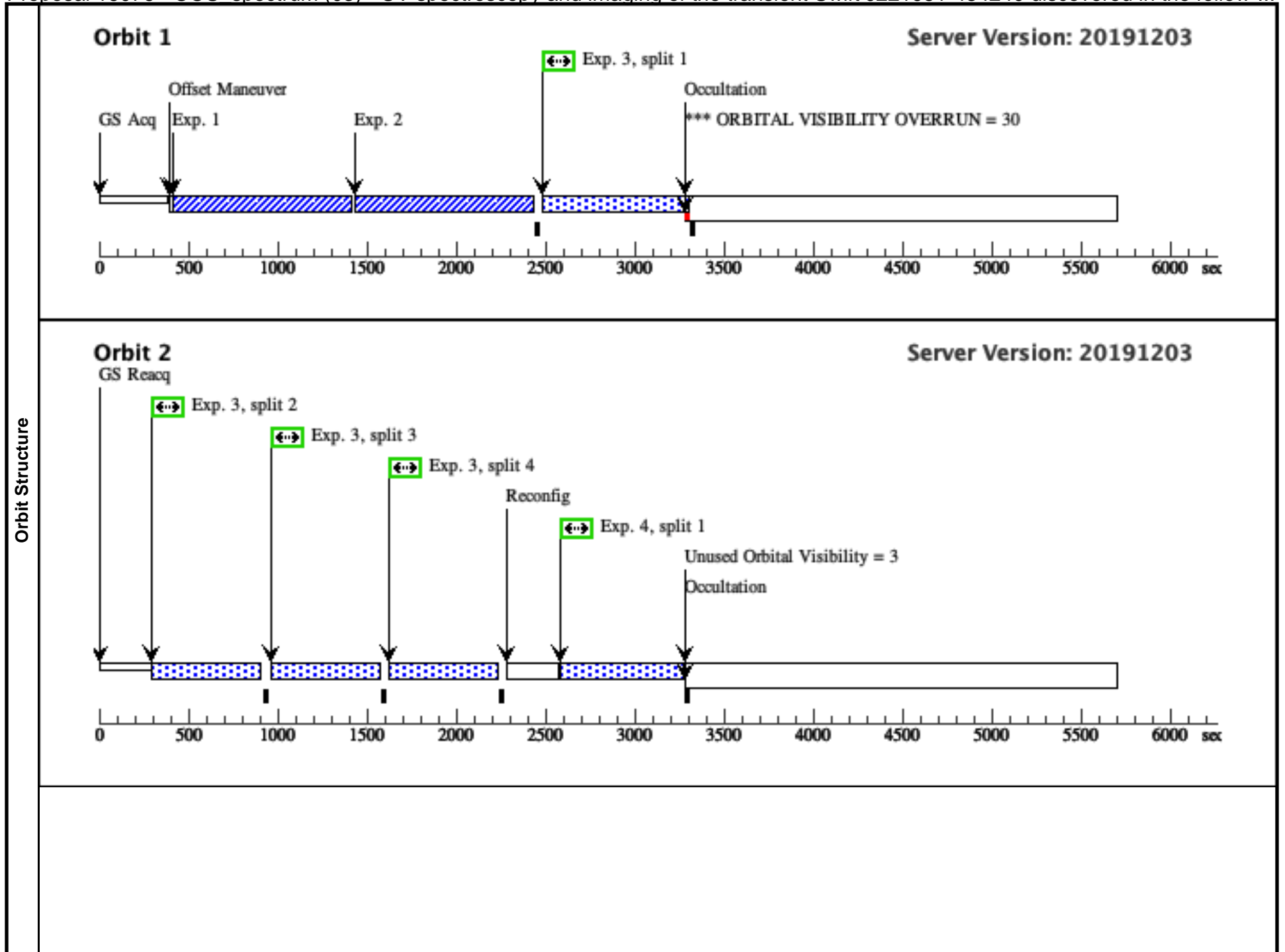
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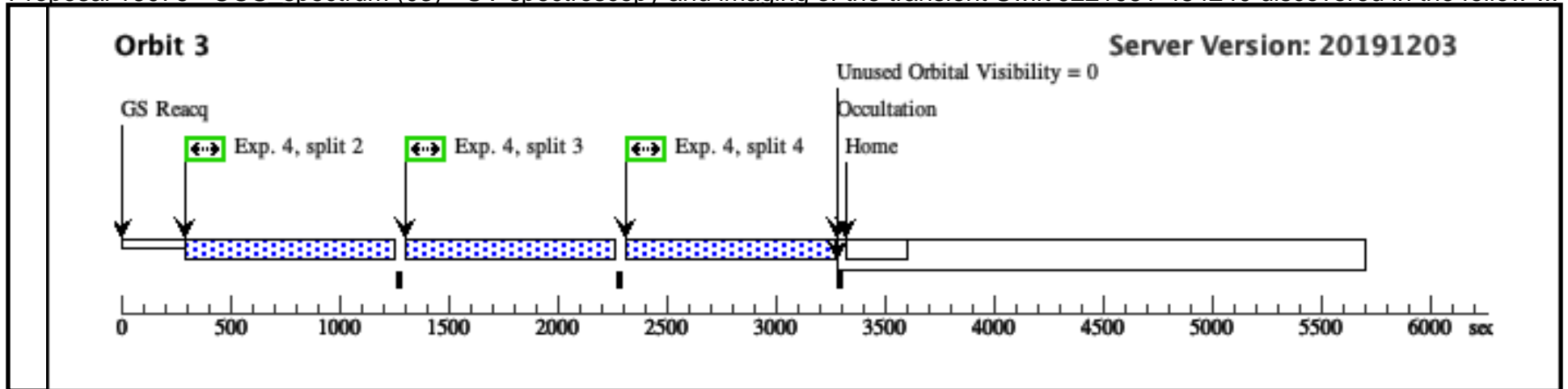
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Proposal 16076 - COS spectrum (03) - UV spectroscopy and imaging of the transient Swift J221951-484240 discovered in the follow-...

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<b>Visit</b>	<b>Proposal 16076, COS_spectrum (03), implementation</b> <b>Diagnostic Status: Warning</b> Scientific Instruments: COS/FUV Special Requirements: ORIENT 105D TO 350 D; AFTER 04 BY 3 D TO 10 D; BEFORE 30-JUN-2020:00:00:00 <i>Comments: This visit should be scheduled in the evening local time. Flags need to be cleared during the workday.</i>																																																																																																																
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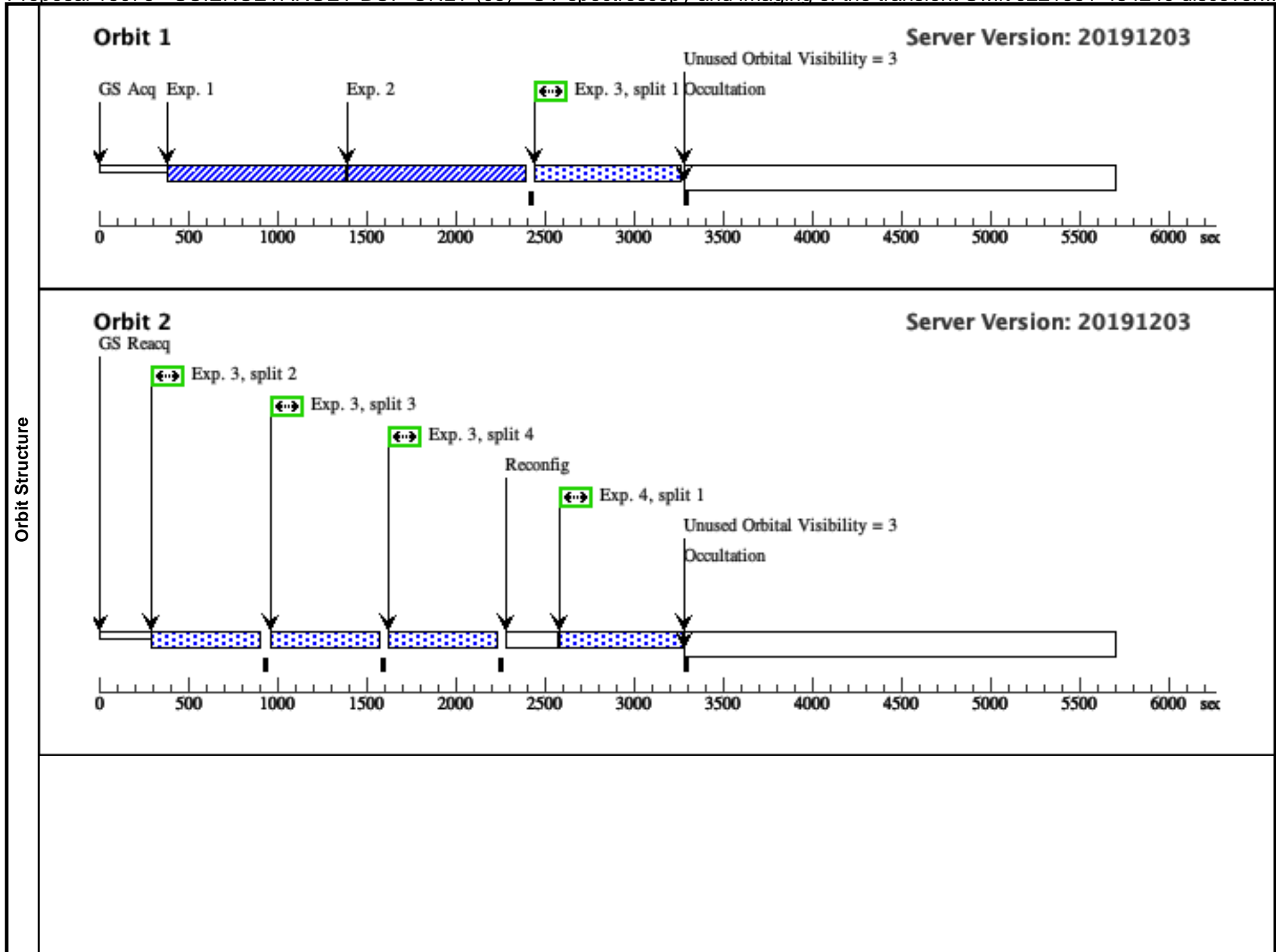


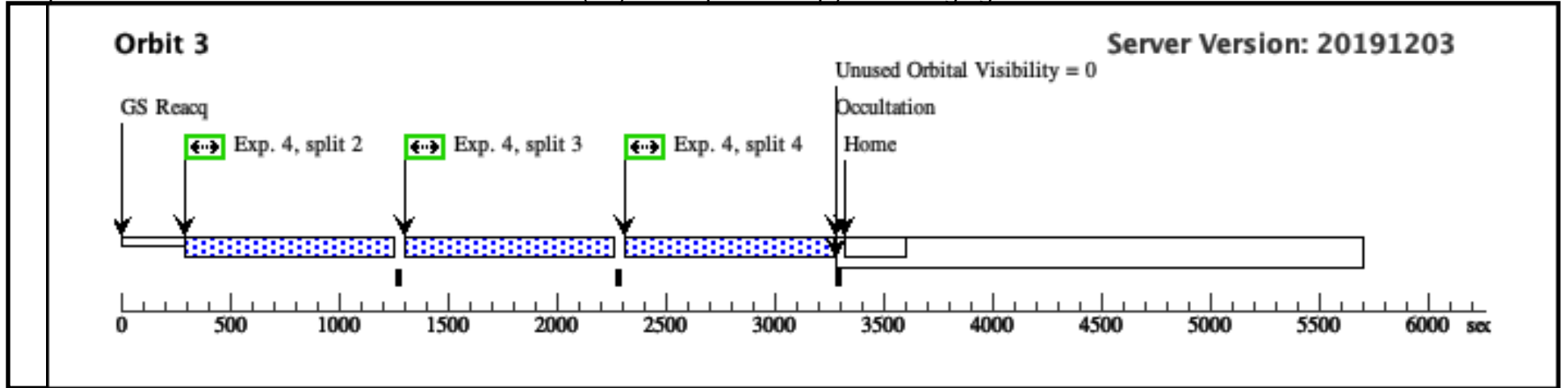


Proposal 16076 - SCIENCETARGET-BOP-ONLY (05) - UV spectroscopy and imaging of the transient Swift J221951-484240 discover...

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Visit	<b>Proposal 16076, SCIENCETARGET-BOP-ONLY (05)</b> <b>Diagnostic Status: No Diagnostics</b> Scientific Instruments: COS/FUV Special Requirements: ORIENT 105D TO 350 D; BEFORE 30-JUN-2020:00:00:00 Comments: This visit is for BOP checking the safe target only and should not execute onboard HST.									
	Fixed Targets	#	Name	Target Coordinates	Targ. Coord. Corrections	Fluxes	Miscellaneous			
(1)		SWIFTJ221951-484240	RA: 22 19 51.8110 (334.9658792d) Dec: -48 42 40.72 (-48.71131d) Equinox: J2000			V=19.6+/-0.5	Reference Frame: ICRS			
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(2)	SWIFTJ221951-484240-SAFE-TARGET	Offset from SWIFTJ221951-484240 RA Offset: -0.99 Secs Dec Offset: -0.233 Arcsec			V=19.6+/-0.5	Offset Position (SWIFTJ221951-484240-SAFE-TARGET)				
Comments: This target is a blank piece of sky which is the bright object safe pointing and is 9.839 arcseconds away at a PA of 271.4 degrees U3. Category=UNIDENTIFIED Description=[BLANK FIELD] Extended=NO										
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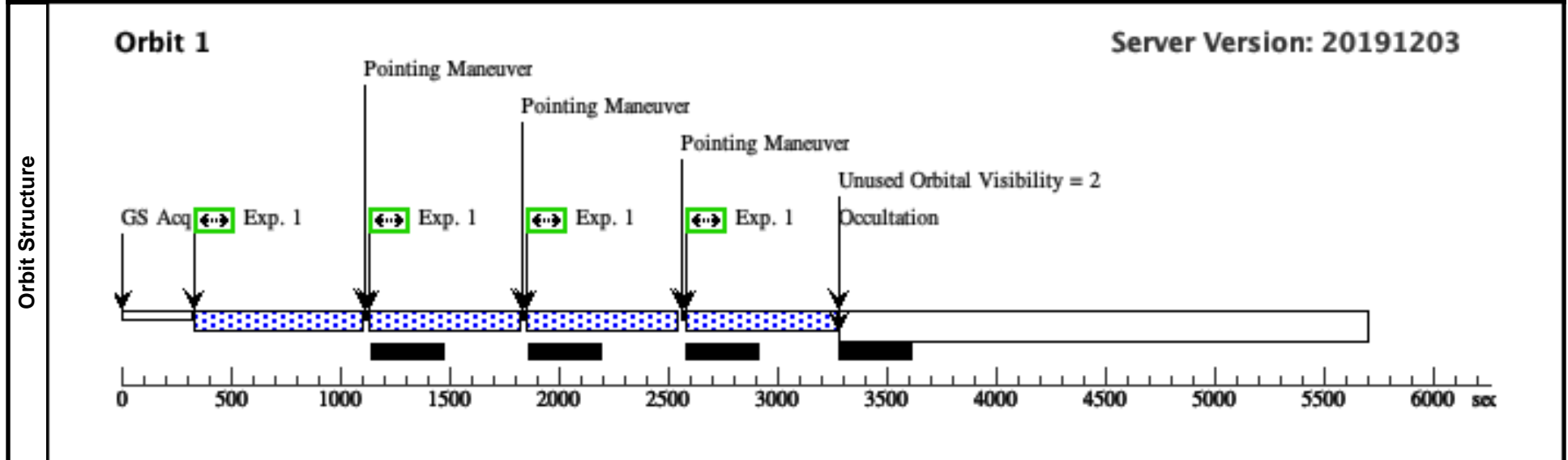
<b>Visit</b>	<b>Proposal 16076, ACS-WFC_image (02), implementation</b>		
	<b>Diagnostic Status: No Diagnostics</b>		
	Scientific Instruments: ACS/WFC		
	Special Requirements: (none)		

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Proposal 16076 - S/C VISIT (04) - UV spectroscopy and imaging of the transient Swift J221951-484240 discovered in the follow-up of ...

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<b>Visit</b>	<b>Proposal 16076, S/C VISIT (04)</b> <b>Diagnostic Status: No Diagnostics</b> Scientific Instruments: S/C Special Requirements: ORIENT 105D TO 350 D <i>Comments: This visit allocates and sets up the safe position offset slot for visit 03 which will use that slot. This S/C visit should go earlier in the week while visit 03 will be at least 3 days later.</i>									
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	1		(1) SWIFTJ221951-484240	S/C, DATA, V1			POS TARG 229.132 80000,-241.0575000 0; SAVE OFFSET V03 SAF; SPEC COM INSTR ECSLOTSET; QESIPARM ANGLE 271.4; QESIPARM DIST 9.839		5 Secs (5 Secs) [==>]	[1]
<b>Orbit Structure</b>	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <span><b>Orbit 1</b></span> <span><b>Server Version: 20191203</b></span> </div> <p>The diagram shows a timeline from 0 to 6000 seconds. A green bar indicates the observation period from approximately 300s to 3200s. An arrow labeled 'Exp. 1' points to the start of this bar at 300s. A vertical line at 300s is labeled 'GS Acq Unused Orbital Visibility = 2947'. A vertical line at approximately 3250s is labeled 'Occultation'.</p>									