



## 17580 - Probing the AGN-Host Relationship in the LINER /CT-AGN NGC 4102

Cycle: 31, Proposal Category: GO

(Availability Mode: SUPPORTED)

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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) NGC-4102	WFC3/UVIS	4	12-Mar-2026 14:00:14.0	yes
05	(1) NGC-4102	WFC3/UVIS	4	12-Mar-2026 14:00:15.0	yes
02	(1) NGC-4102	WFC3/UVIS	4	12-Mar-2026 14:00:16.0	yes
03	(1) NGC-4102	WFC3/UVIS	1	12-Mar-2026 14:00:17.0	yes
04	(1) NGC-4102	WFC3/UVIS	1	12-Mar-2026 14:00:17.0	yes
06	(1) NGC-4102	WFC3/UVIS	1	12-Mar-2026 14:00:18.0	yes

15 Total Orbits Used

## **ABSTRACT**

High-resolution Chandra and multi-wavelength maps of the inner regions of nearby active galaxies are revealing an increasingly complex and intriguing picture of the AGN and its multi-faceted interaction with the host galaxy (feedback). We propose a deep probe into the AGN-host relationship in NGC 4102, a luminous LINER and a Compton-Thick (CT) AGN in the near universe ( $D \sim 17$  Mpc,  $1'' \sim 100$  pc). With joint Chandra and HST observations, we propose to investigate the properties of the soft extended X-ray emission spatially and spectrally and distinguish between Seyfert, LINER, and star formation powered X-ray emission on scales from  $\sim 30$  pc to 5 kpc. The spatial study of the hard X-ray emission ( $> 2.5$  keV), may provide key evidence of the interaction of the AGN with thick molecular clouds.

## **OBSERVING DESCRIPTION**

We aim to measure [O III], H-alpha, H-beta, the [S II] 6717,6731 and red & blue continua of NGC 4102. Ratios between continuum-subtracted line maps will be used to make "BPT maps" to diagnose the local ionization state.

The overall goals are similar to Programs #15350 (PI: Maksym), #15609 (PI: Fabbiano) and #16837 (PI: Fabbiano), as are the basic strategies. Filters and instruments are comparable to #16837, and it is a WFC3-only program. Our goal is to reach  $> 3$ -sigma detection for all lines within  $< 1$  arcsec of the nucleus.

This will require 4 orbits of [O III] (F502N), 4 orbits of H-beta (F487N), 1 orbit of [S II] (F673N) and  $< 1$  orbit of H-alpha (F658N). Even the faintest H-alpha regions will be detected at  $\sim 23$ -sigma in one orbit, so we pack the continua into the H-alpha orbit.

Given the number of exposures, it is possible to use a box dither to improve PSF sampling for [O III], H-beta and [S II]. H-alpha and continuum observations are short and use a CR-split.

Pre-flash amounts are typically 17, except for F814W (12).

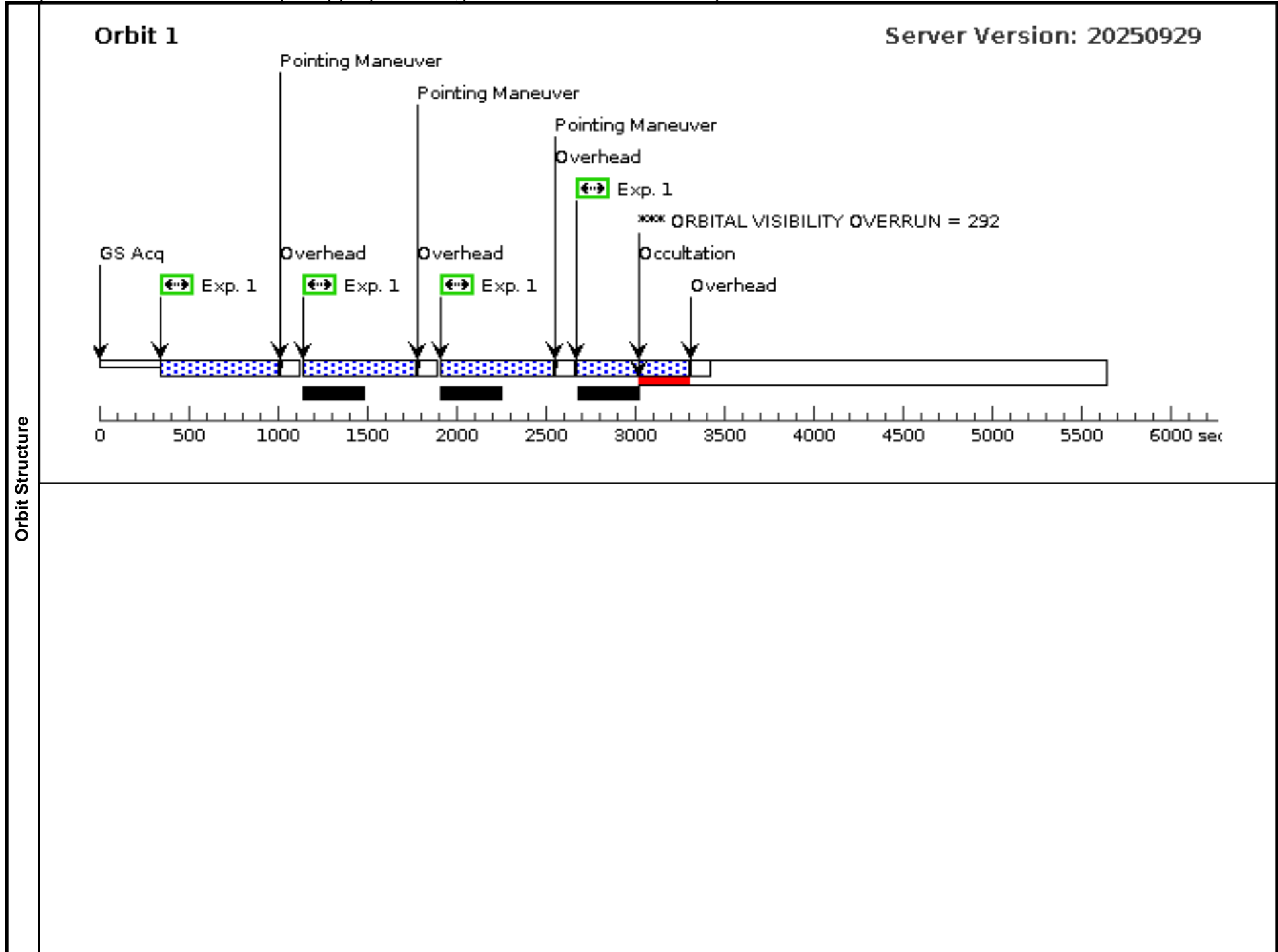
[O III] has been re-observed due to a failed observation.

H-alpha must also be re-observed, due to a failed observation. Continuum bands from the original visit are fine, only H-alpha is needed.

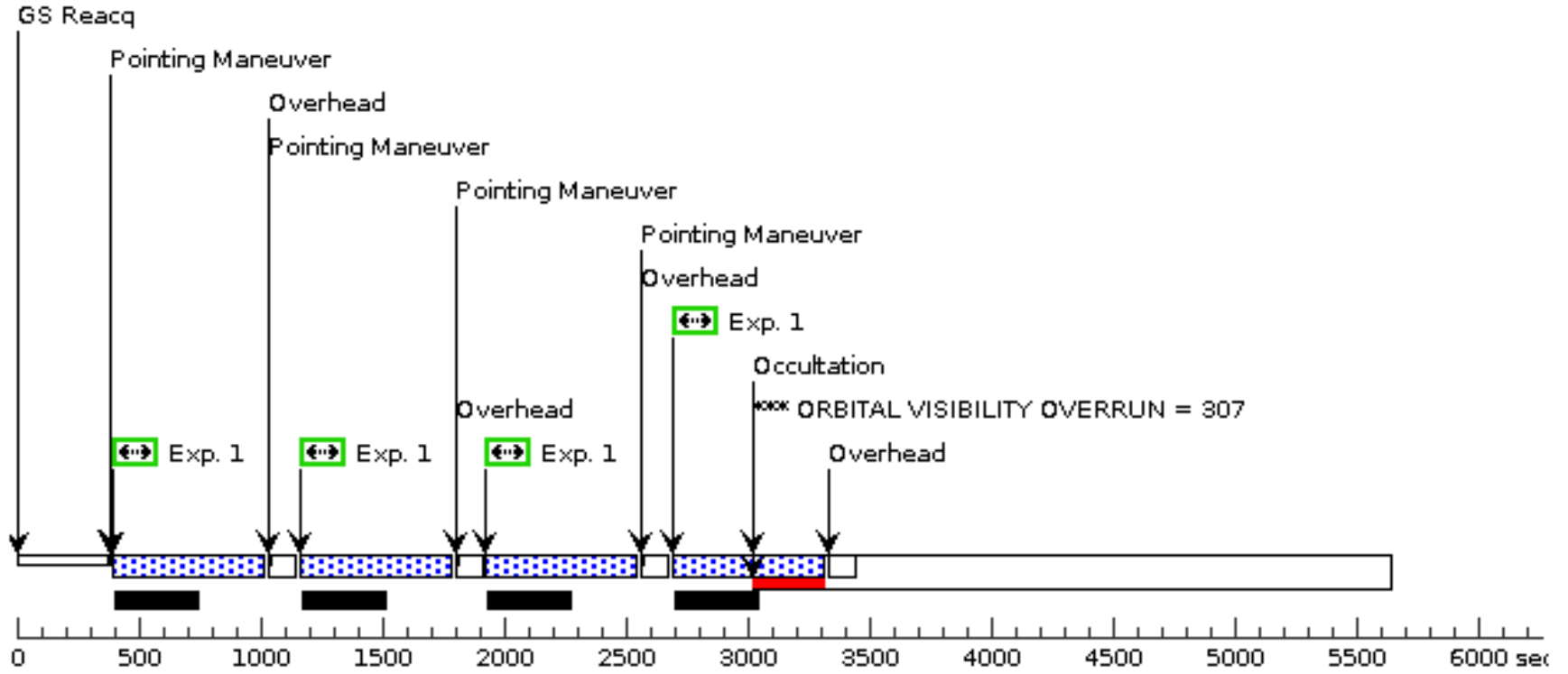
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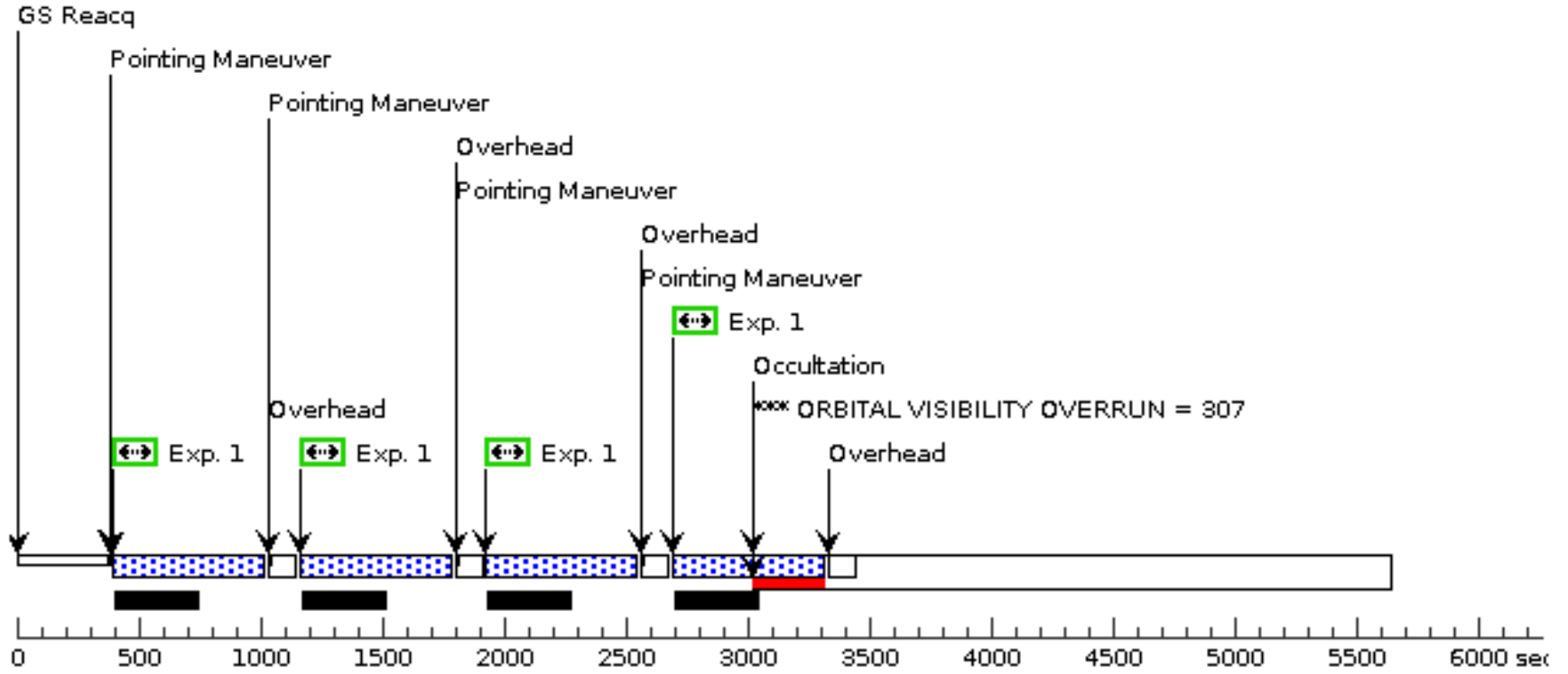
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<b>Fixed Targets</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Target Coordinates</b>	<b>Targ. Coord. Corrections</b>	<b>Fluxes</b>	<b>Miscellaneous</b>				
	(1)	NGC-4102	RA: 12 06 22.9831 (181.5957629d) Dec: +52 42 40.38 (52.71122d) Equinox: J2000	Epoch of Position: 2000 Redshift: 0.00282	V=11.13	Reference Frame: SIMBAD				
<p><i>Comments: This object was generated by the targetselector and retrieved from the SIMBAD database.</i></p> <p><i>Coordinates were refined to the radio nucleus centroid from VLA data.</i></p> <p><i>Category=ISM</i></p> <p><i>Description=[EMISSION LINE NEBULA, NLR, NUCLEUS]</i></p>										
<b>Exposures</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>Label</b>	<b>Target</b>	<b>Config,Mode,Aperture</b>	<b>Spectral Els.</b>	<b>Opt. Params.</b>	<b>Special Reqs.</b>	<b>Groups</b>	<b>Exp. Time (Total)/[Actual Dur.]</b>	<b>Orbit</b>
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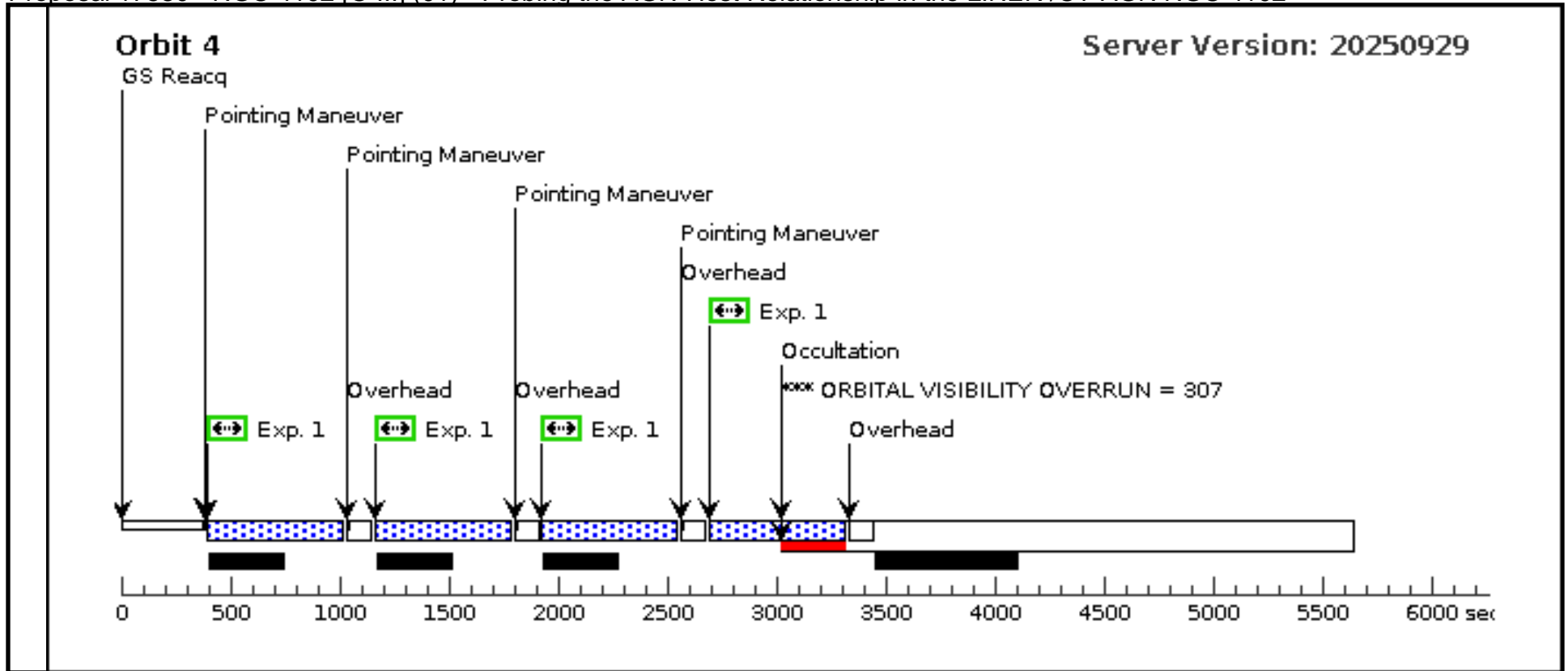


**Orbit 2**



**Orbit 3**

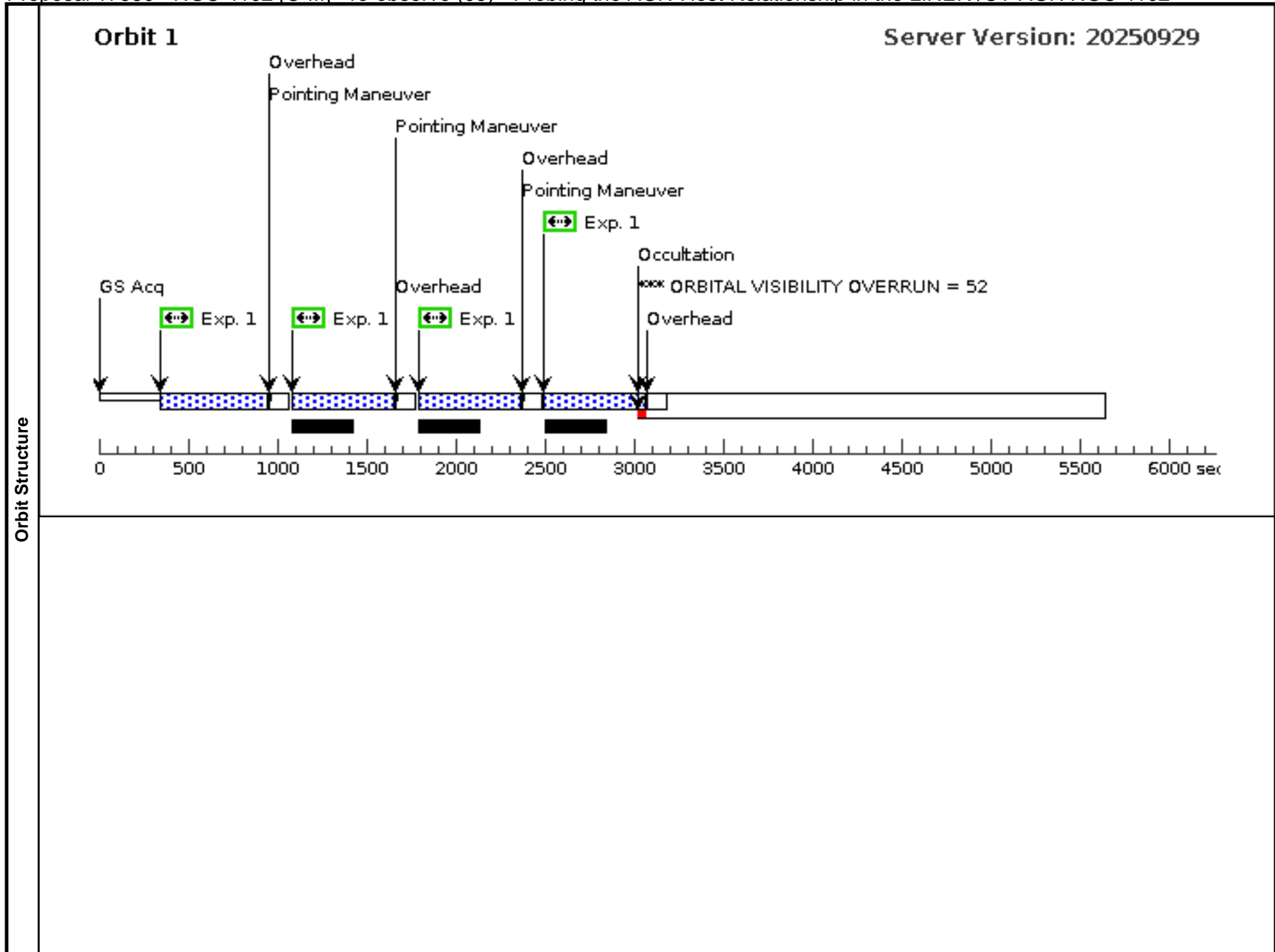




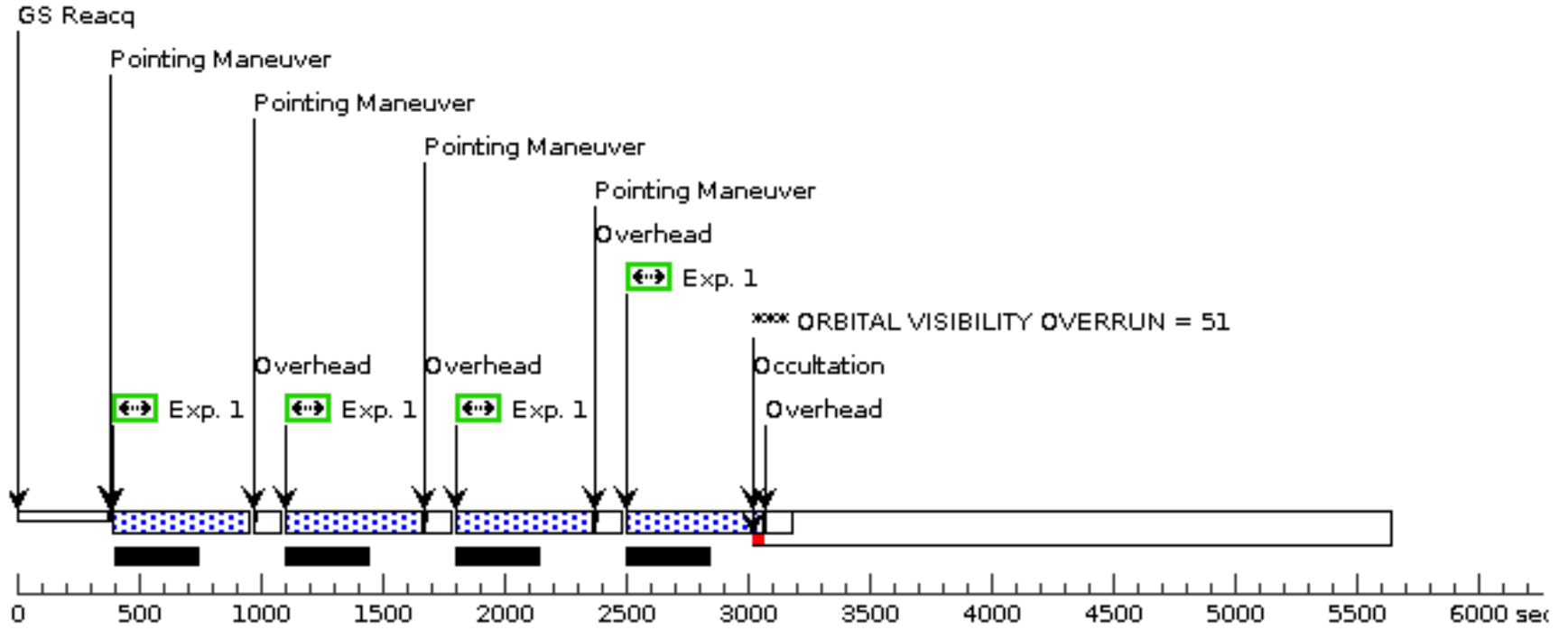
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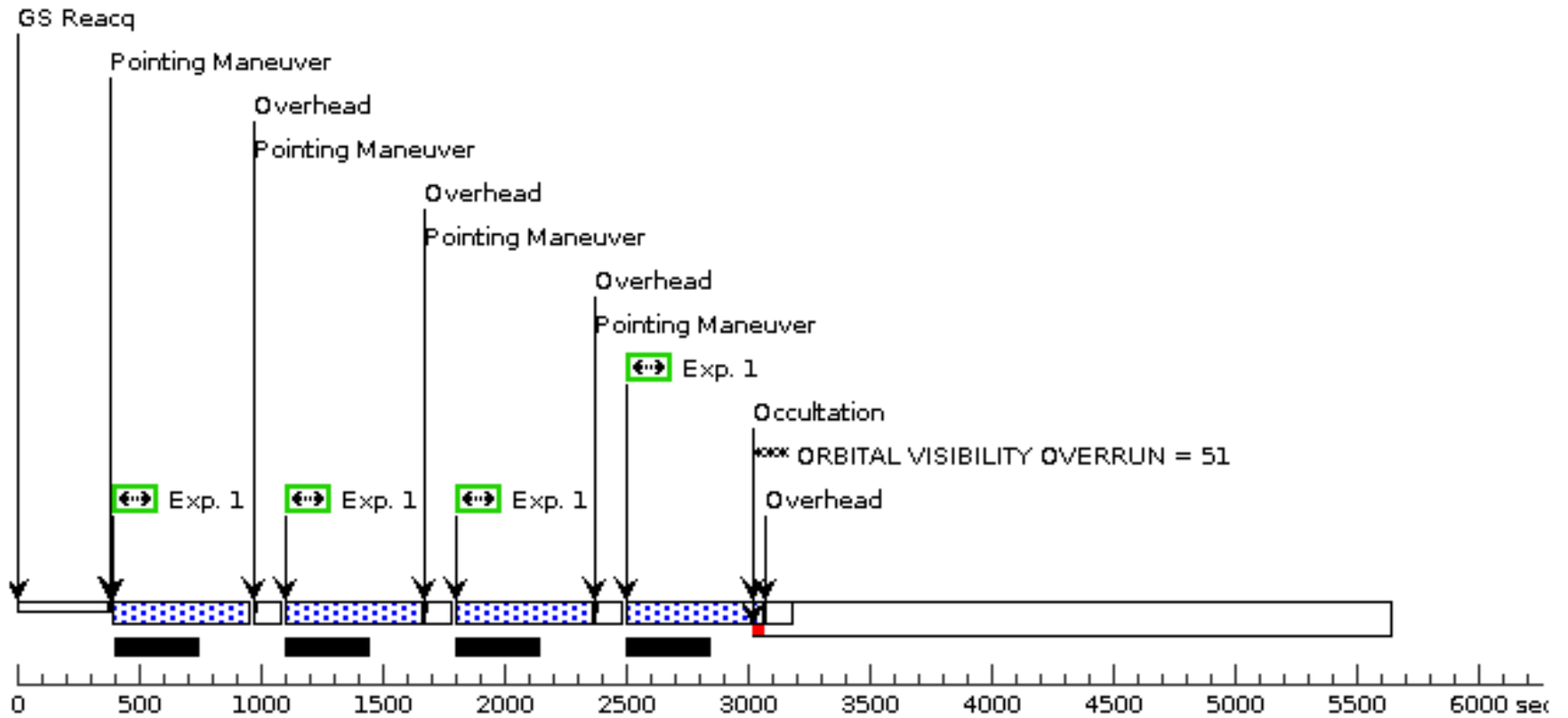
<b>Visit</b>	<p><b>Proposal 17580, NGC 4102 [O III] - re-observe (05), completed</b></p> <p><b>Diagnostic Status: Warning</b></p> <p>Scientific Instruments: WFC3/UVIS</p> <p>Special Requirements: (none)</p> <p><i>Comments: 4 orbits of exposure for NGC 4102 using F502N. The box dither pattern should improve resolution (should it become relevant). We are using CR splits in association with the dither pattern, which may be overkill for cosmic ray removal (no CR splits were used in a similar exposure for NGC 5005) but should be very thorough.</i></p> <p><i>This is a re-do of visit #01, which failed.</i></p>									
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<b>Exposures</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>Label</b>	<b>Target</b>	<b>Config,Mode,Aperture</b>	<b>Spectral Els.</b>	<b>Opt. Params.</b>	<b>Special Reqs.</b>	<b>Groups</b>	<b>Exp. Time (Total)/[Actual Dur.]</b>	<b>Orbit</b>
	1	NGC 4102 [O III]	(1) NGC-4102	WFC3/UVIS, ACCUM, UVIS	F502N	FLASH=17		Pattern 2, Exps 1-1 in NGC 4102 [O III] - re-observe (05) (2)	500 Secs (9032 Secs)	
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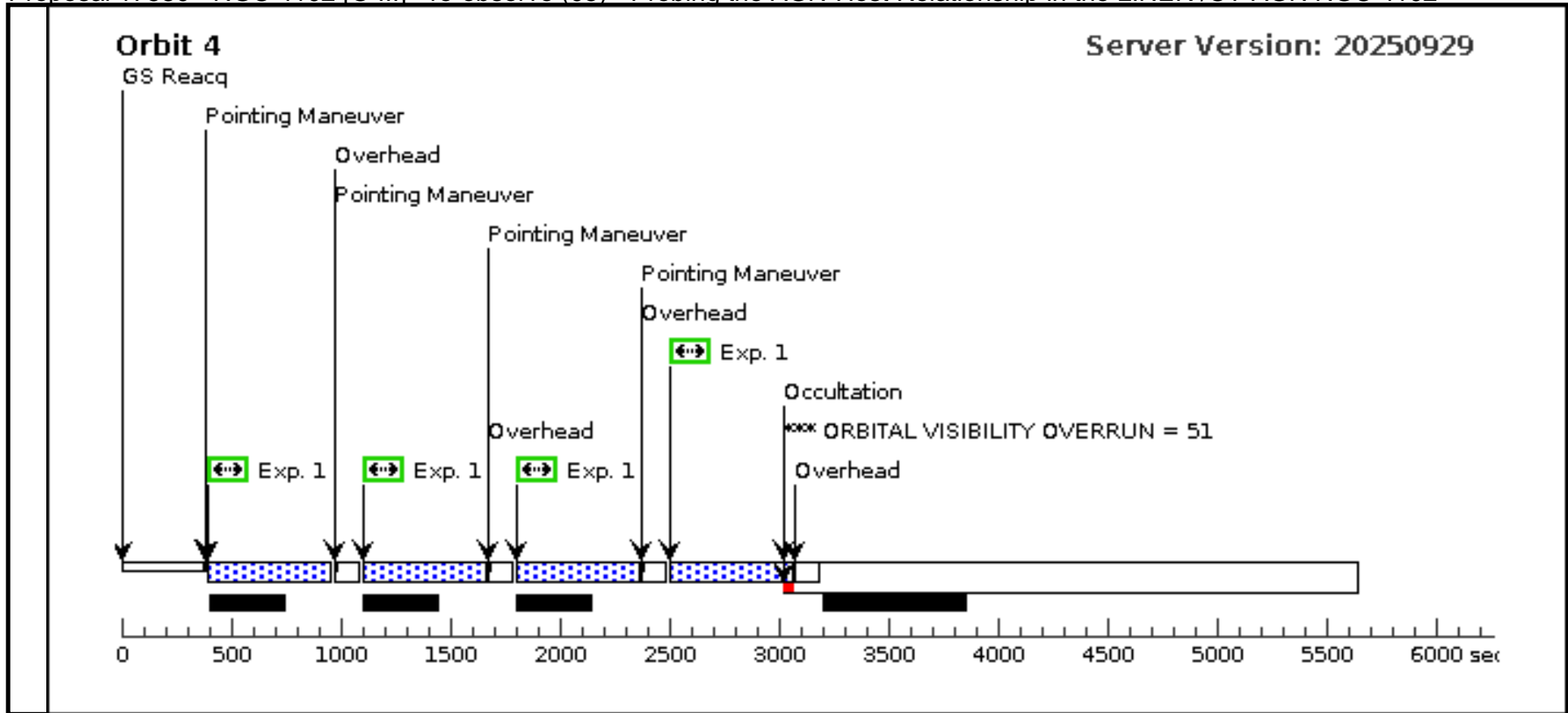


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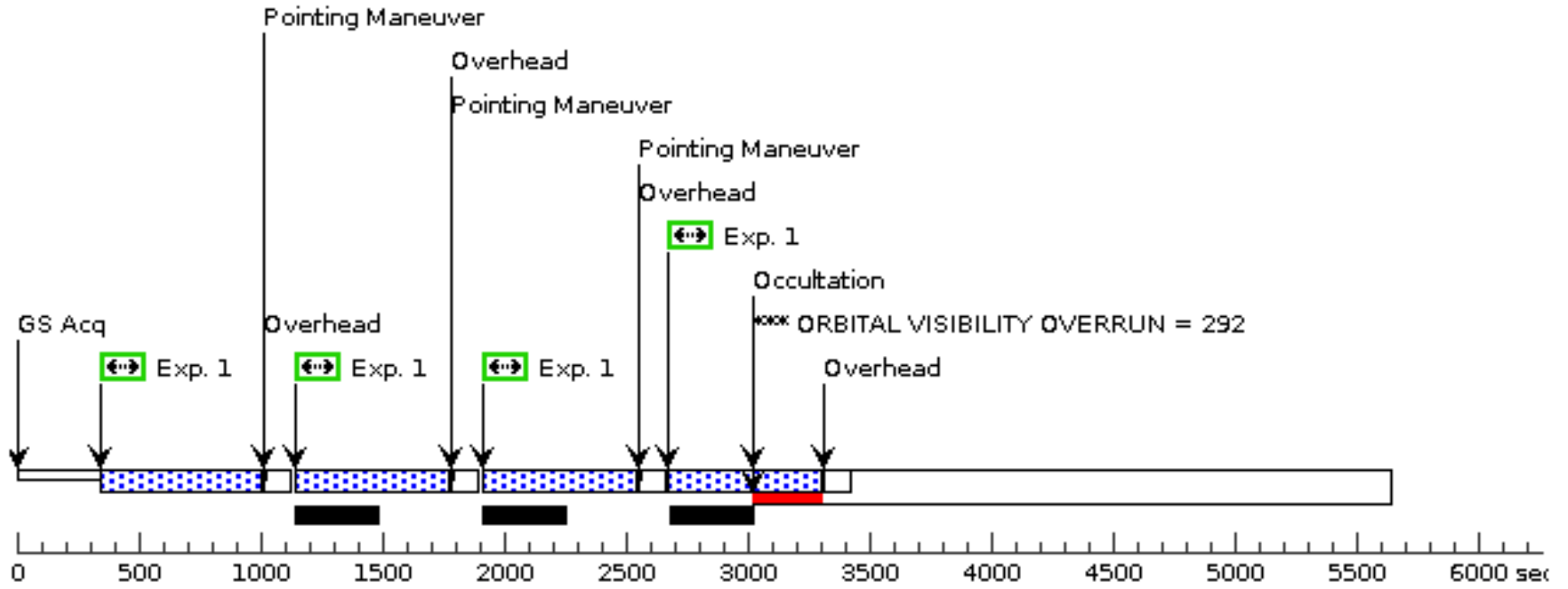




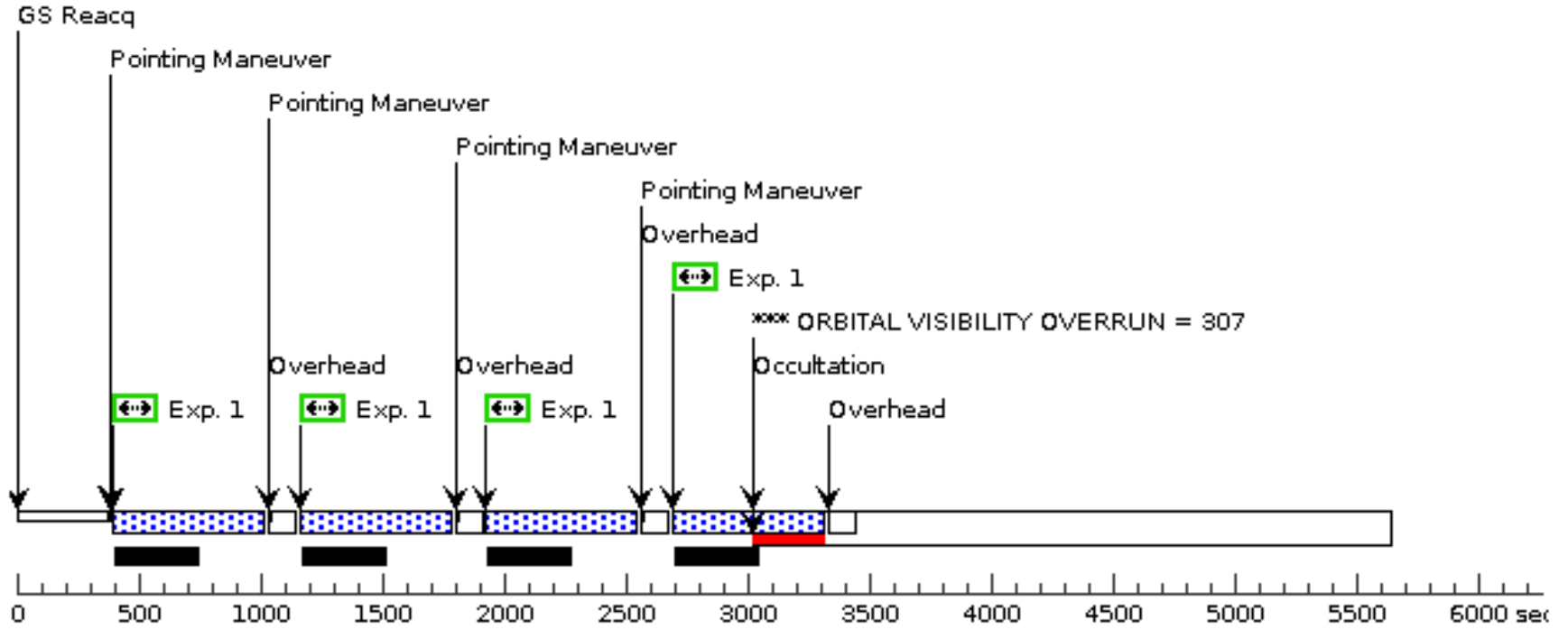


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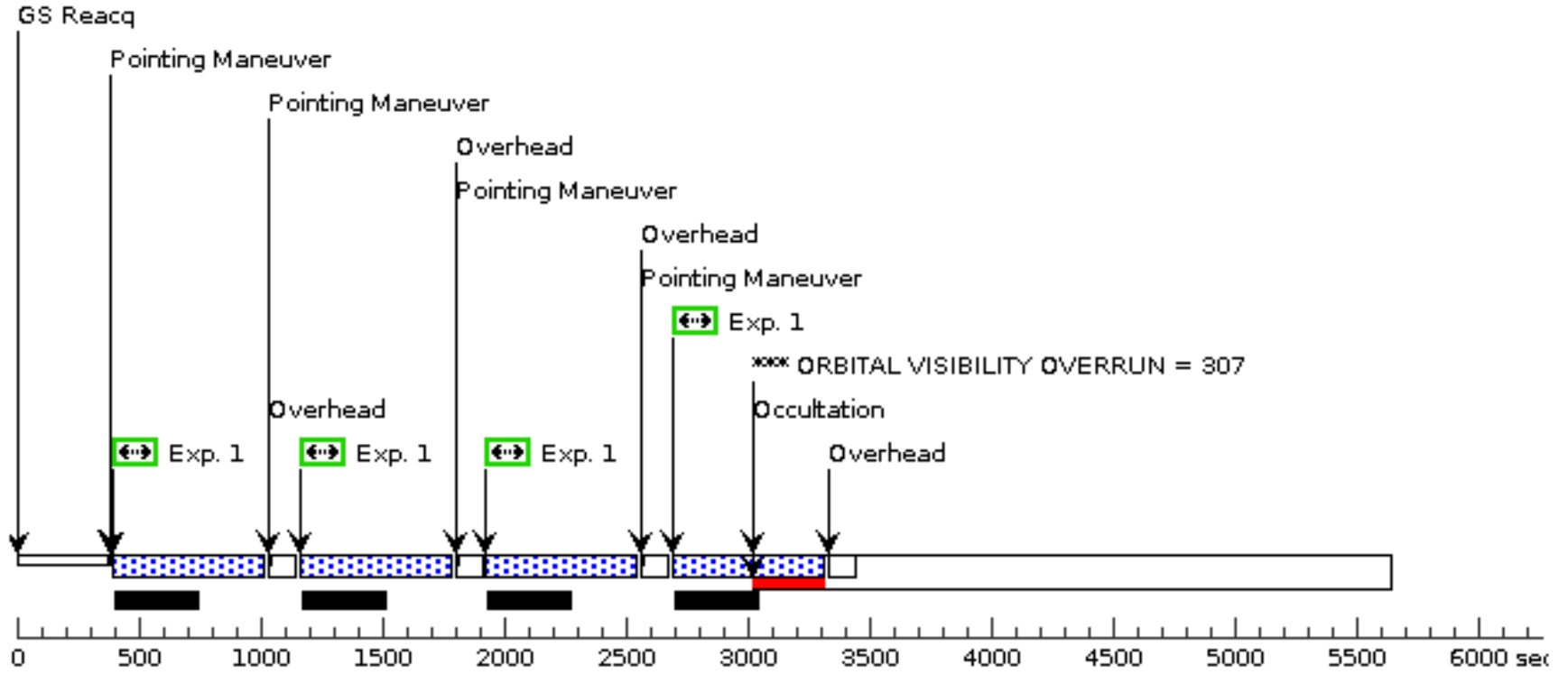
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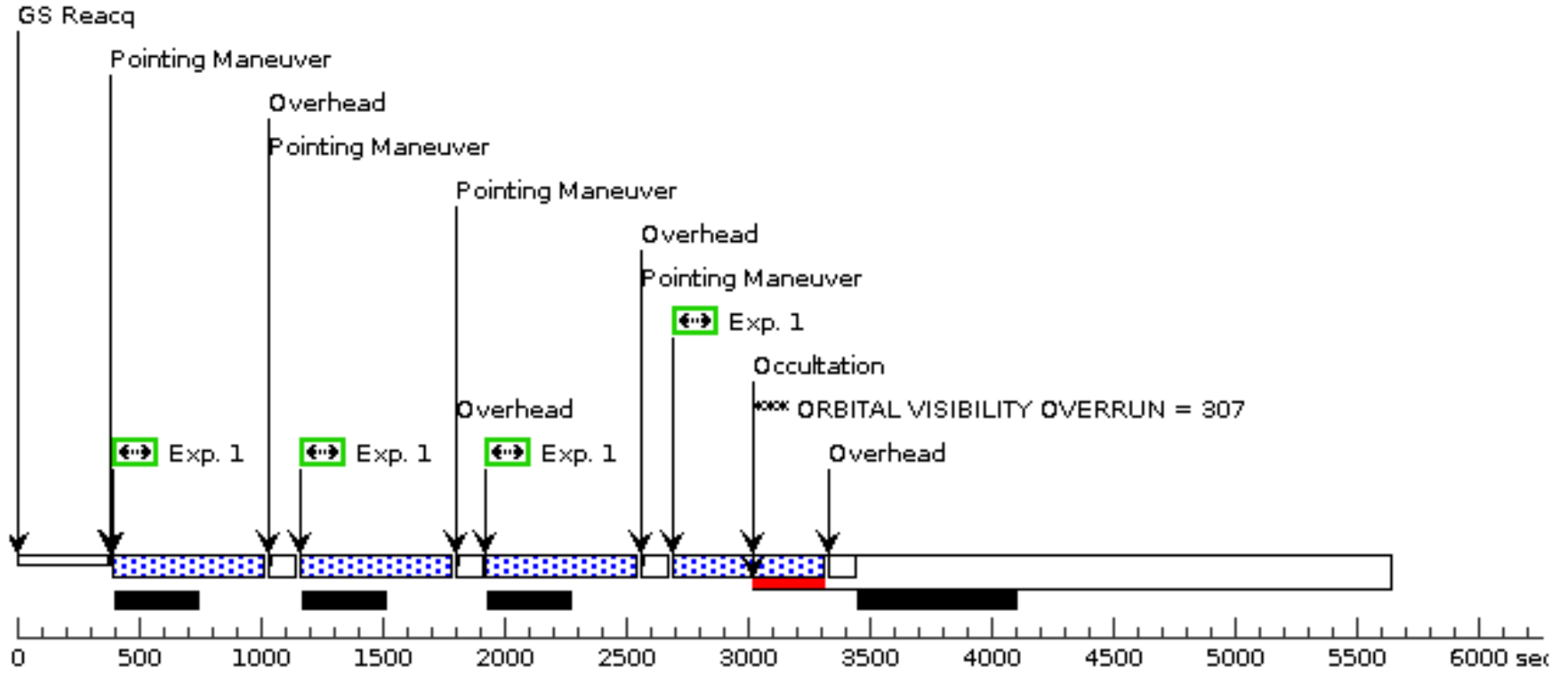
**Orbit 2**



**Orbit 3**



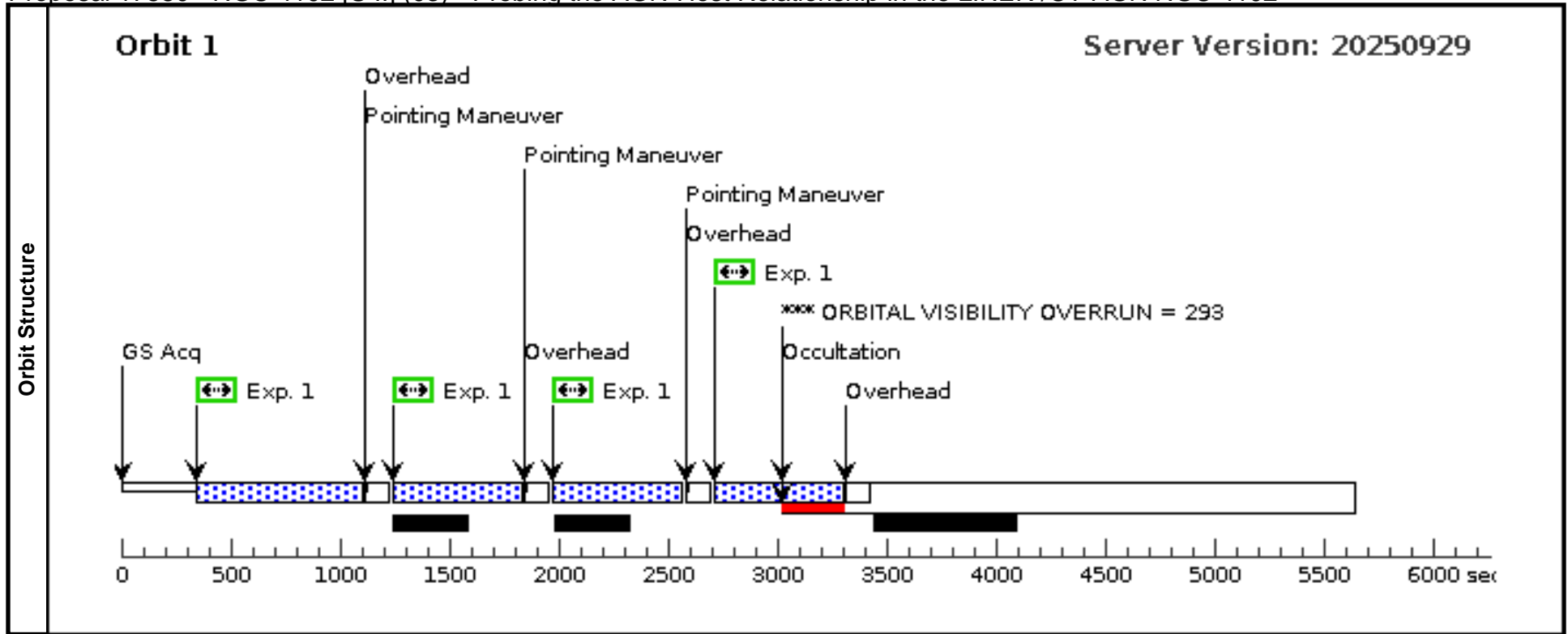
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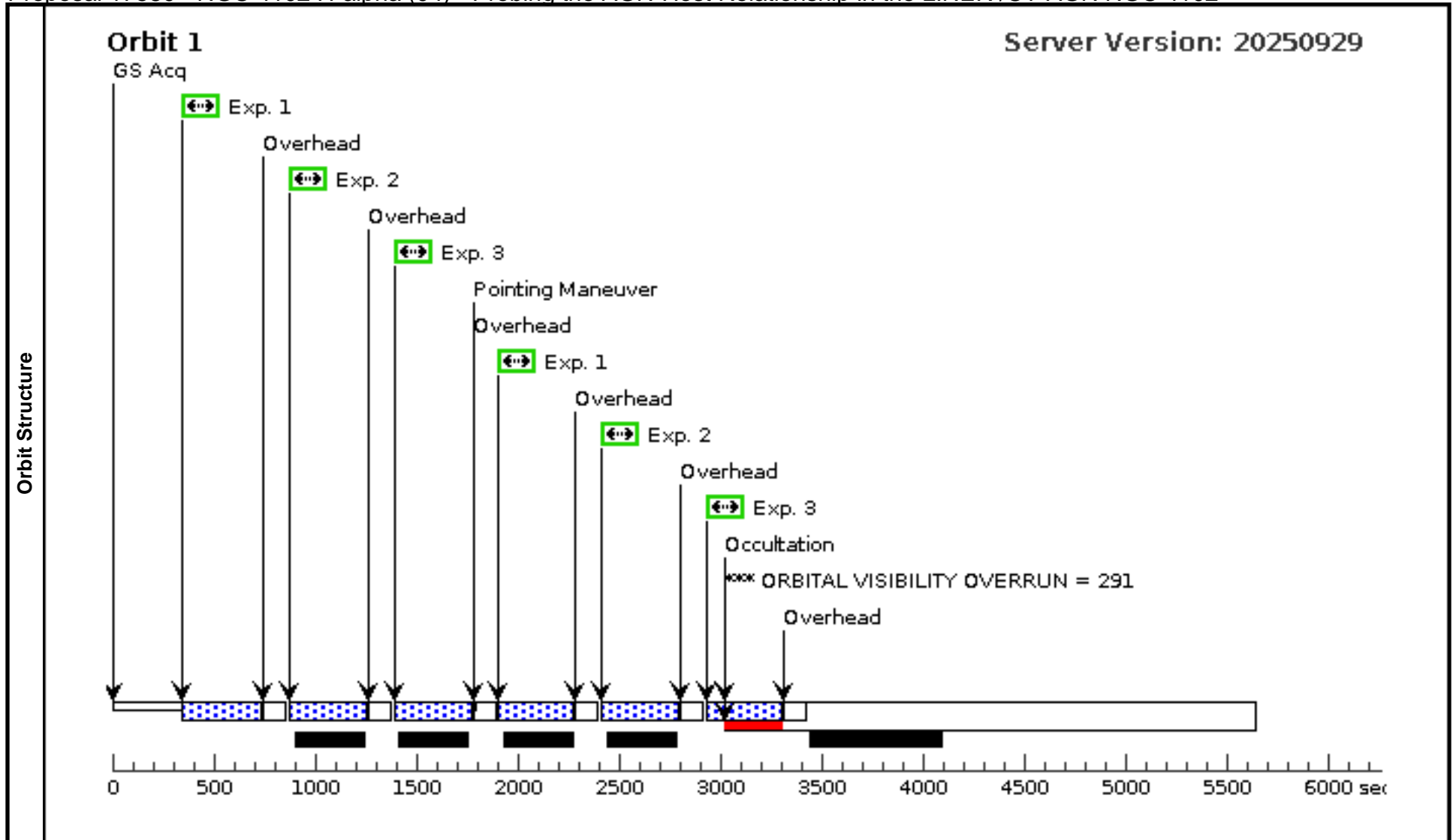
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	<b>Diagnosics</b> (NGC 4102 [S II] (03)) Warning (Orbit Planner): ORBITAL VISIBILITY OVERRUN										
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	1	NGC 4102 [S II]	(1) NGC-4102	WFC3/UVIS, ACCUM, UVIS	F673N	FLASH=17		Pattern 1, Exps 1-1 in NGC 4102 [S II] (03) (1)	500 Secs (2517 Secs) [==>726.0 Secs (Pattern 1)] [==>597.0 Secs (Pattern 2)] [==>597.0 Secs (Pattern 3)] [==>597.0 Secs (Pattern 4)]		[1]



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	(NGC 4102 H-alpha (04)) Warning (Orbit Planner): ORBITAL VISIBILITY OVERRUN										
<b>Diagnosics</b>											
<b>Patterns</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>Primary Pattern</b>				<b>Secondary Pattern</b>				<b>Exposures</b>	
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	1	NGC 4102 H-alpha	(1) NGC-4102	WFC3/UVIS, ACCUM, UVIS	F673N	FLASH=17		Pattern 3, Exps 1-3 in NGC 4102 H-alpha (04) (3)	350 Secs (708 Secs)		
									[==>356.0 Secs (Pattern 1)]		[1]
									[==>352.0 Secs (Pattern 2)]		
	2	NGC 4102 b lue	(1) NGC-4102	WFC3/UVIS, ACCUM, UVIS	F547M	FLASH=17		Pattern 3, Exps 1-3 in NGC 4102 H-alpha (04) (3)	350 Secs (708 Secs)		
									[==>356.0 Secs (Pattern 1)]		[1]
									[==>352.0 Secs (Pattern 2)]		
	3	NGC 4102 red	(1) NGC-4102	WFC3/UVIS, ACCUM, UVIS	F814W	FLASH=12		Pattern 3, Exps 1-3 in NGC 4102 H-alpha (04) (3)	350 Secs (708 Secs)		
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									[==>352.0 Secs (Pattern 2)]		



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<b>Visit</b>	<b>Proposal 17580, NGC 4102 H-alpha - re-observe (06)</b>		
	<b>Diagnostic Status: No Diagnostics</b>		
	Scientific Instruments: WFC3/UVIS		
	Special Requirements: (none)		

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	<i>Comments: This object was generated by the targetselector and retrieved from the SIMBAD database.</i>					
	<i>Coordinates were refined to the radio nucleus centroid from VLA data.</i>					
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<b>Exposures</b>	#	Label	Target	Config,Mode,Aperture	Spectral Els.	Opt. Params.	Special Reqs.	Groups	Exp. Time (Total)/[Actual Dur.]	Orbit
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