



17585 - The Discovery of a Fourth Low-Mass Planet in an Unusual Super-Puff System

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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-51	WFC3/IR	6	17-Oct-2023 23:00:43.0	yes
02	(1) KEPLER-51	WFC3/IR	6	17-Oct-2023 23:01:32.0	yes

12 Total Orbits Used

ABSTRACT

The Kepler-51 system consists of three known "super-puff" exoplanets - ultra-low density objects that challenge current theories of planet formation and evolution, with masses measured exclusively from transit timing variations (TTVs). The transmission spectra of Kepler-51b and d were observed with JWST to investigate their atmospheric composition and to search for high altitude hazes and/or planetary rings that may be responsible for their large observed radii. However, the JWST mid-transit time of Kepler-51d was discrepant from TTV predictions by 2 hours, compared to the prediction uncertainty of 2.7 minutes. In order to match the new observations, a fourth planet must be included in the TTV models, with the uncertainty in its mass and period greatly increasing the uncertainty on the masses of the three known planets and their future transit times. As a result, not only is it more difficult to interpret the JWST spectra, but we now run the risk of missing future transits of the Kepler-51 planets altogether. We therefore propose to observe the next transits of Kepler-51c and d in late Oct/early Nov 2023 with HST. Observing these two planets would provide the tightest constraints possible on the mass and period of the fourth planet and reduce the uncertainties on the masses and future transit times of the other three planets. These transits cannot be observed from the ground due to the faintness of the host star and the availability of large telescopes, nor can we wait for subsequent transits due to the increasing uncertainty of the transit time with time. With HST being the ideal space telescope for this observation and the timing of these transits, we request DD time.

OBSERVING DESCRIPTION

There are two transits observations, one each of Kepler-51c and Kepler-51d.

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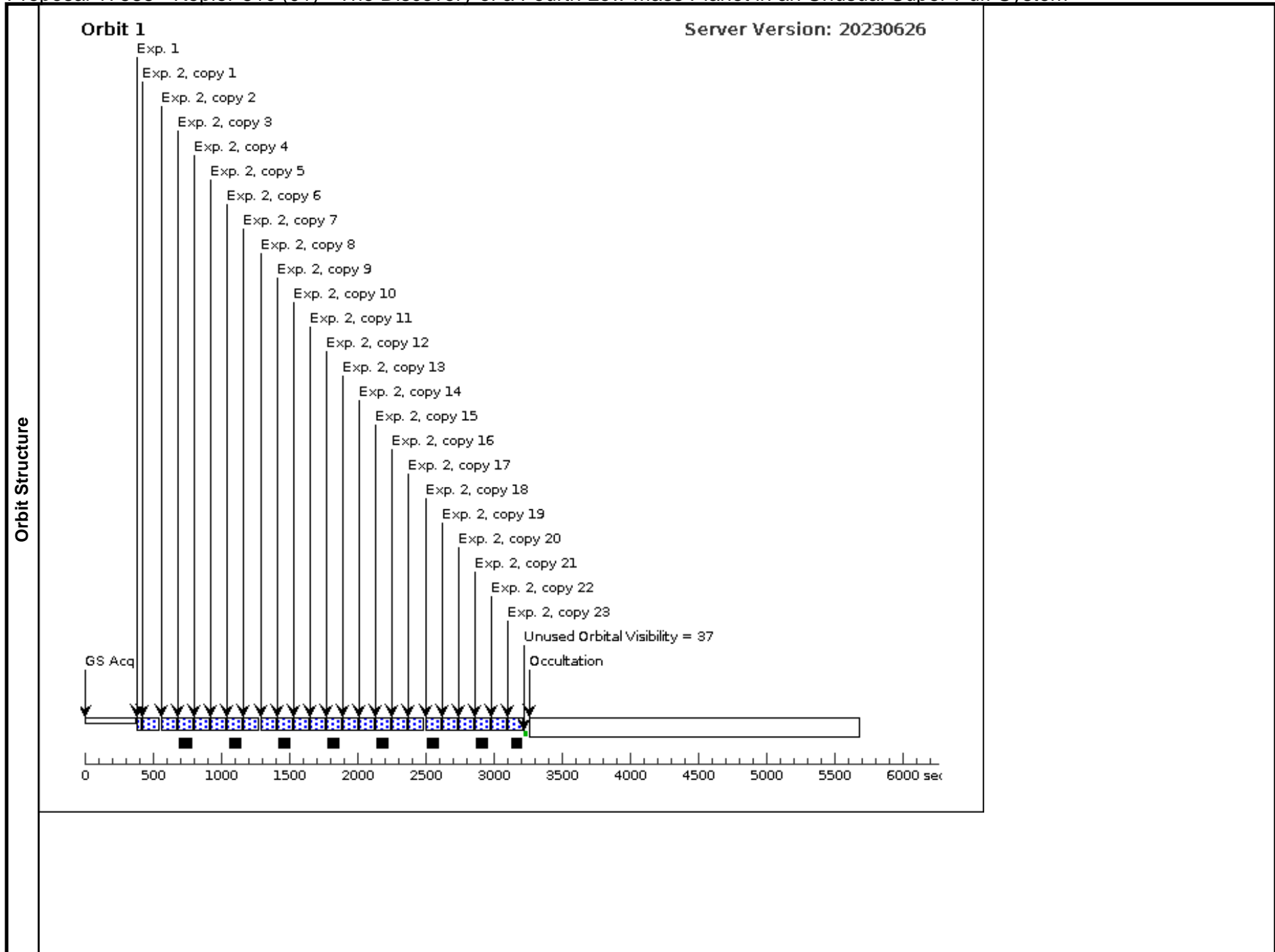
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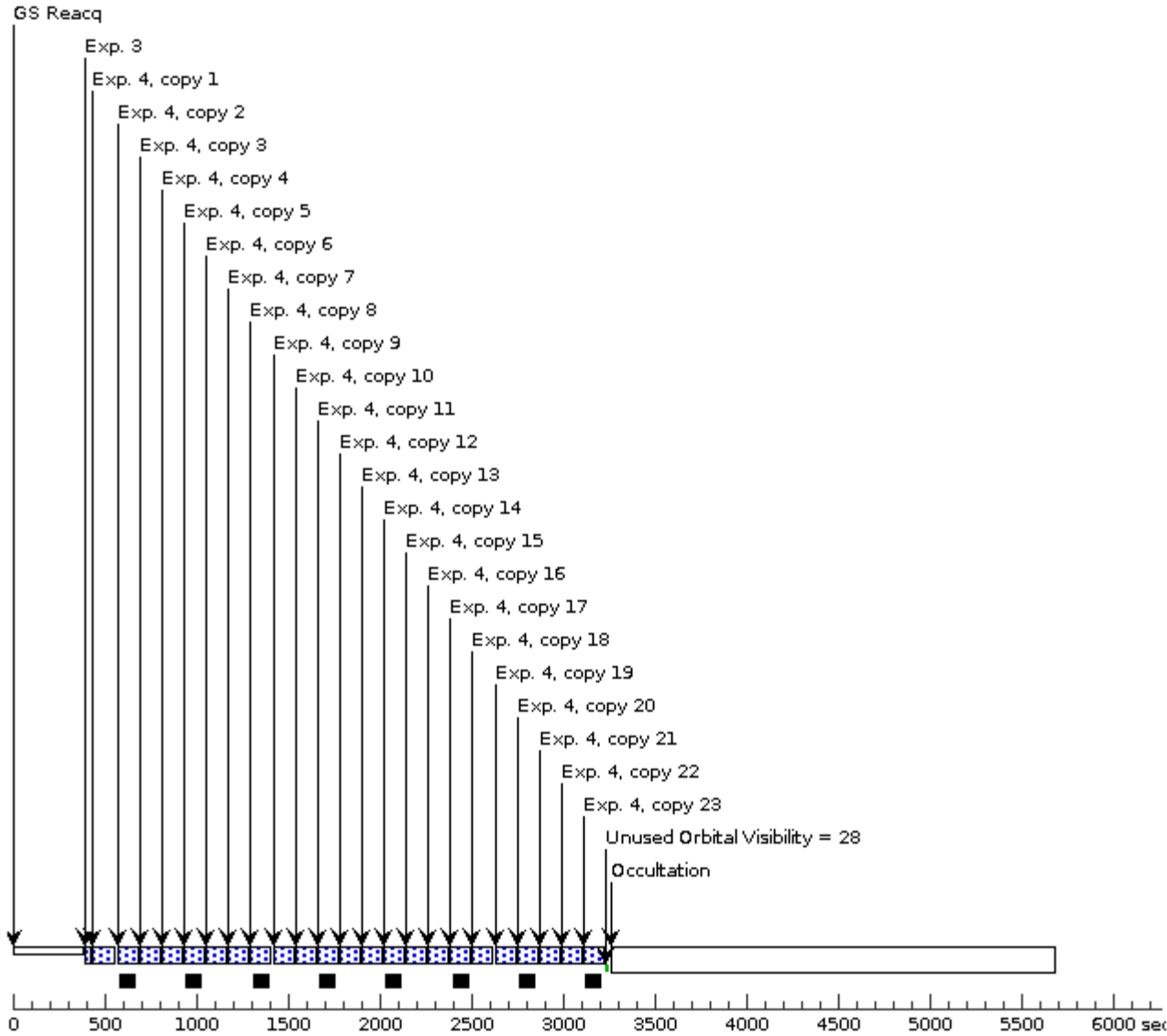
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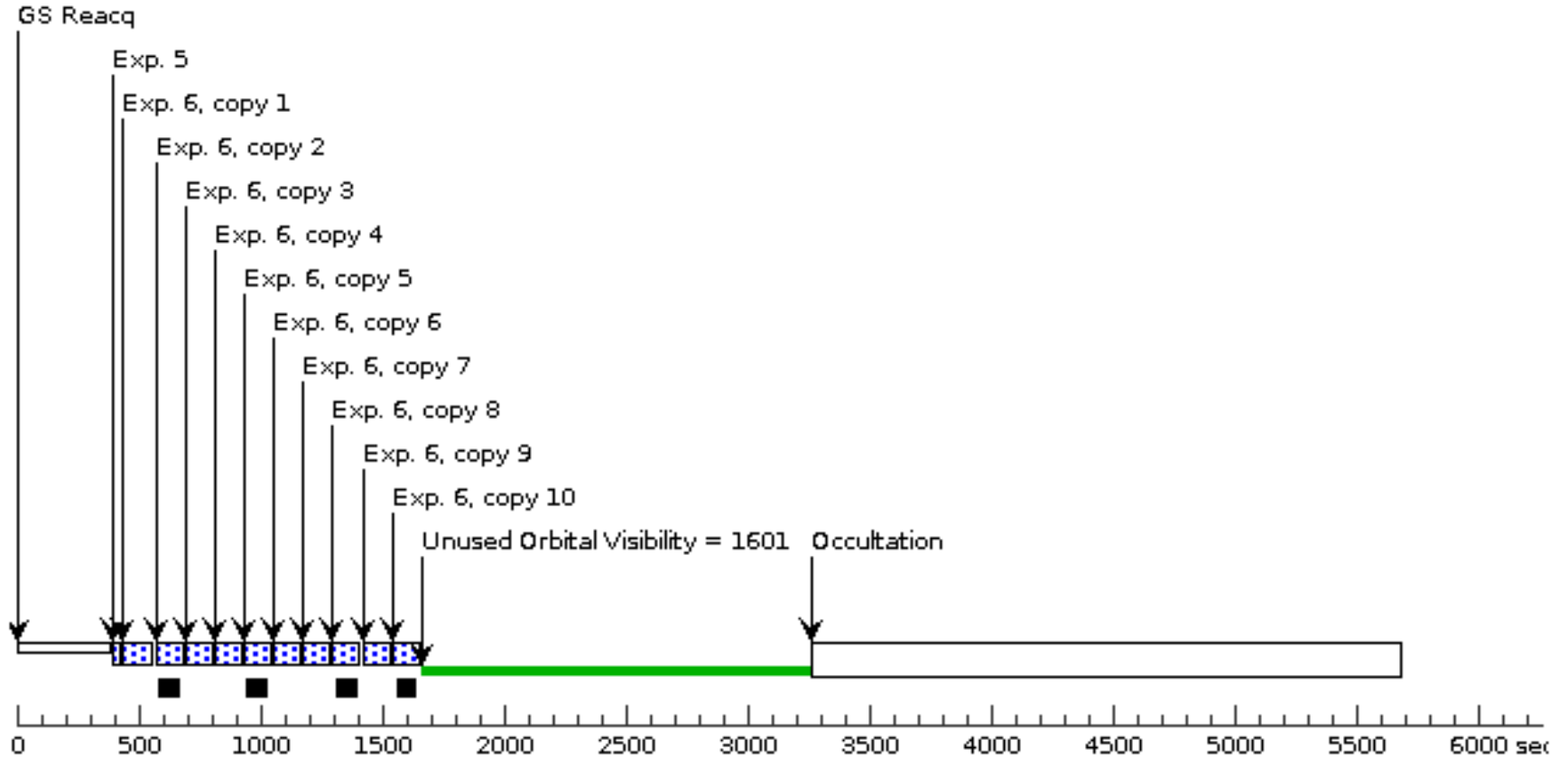


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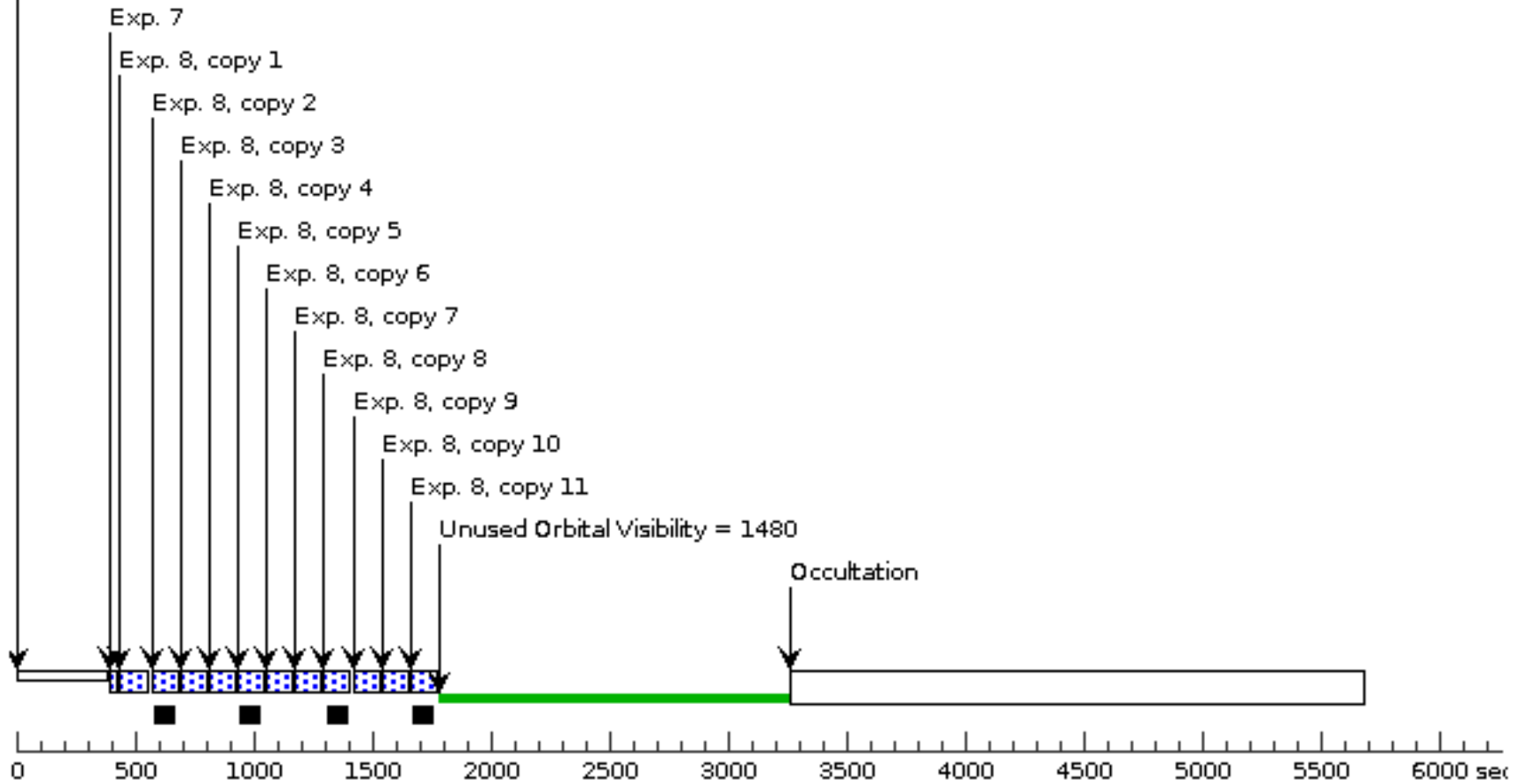


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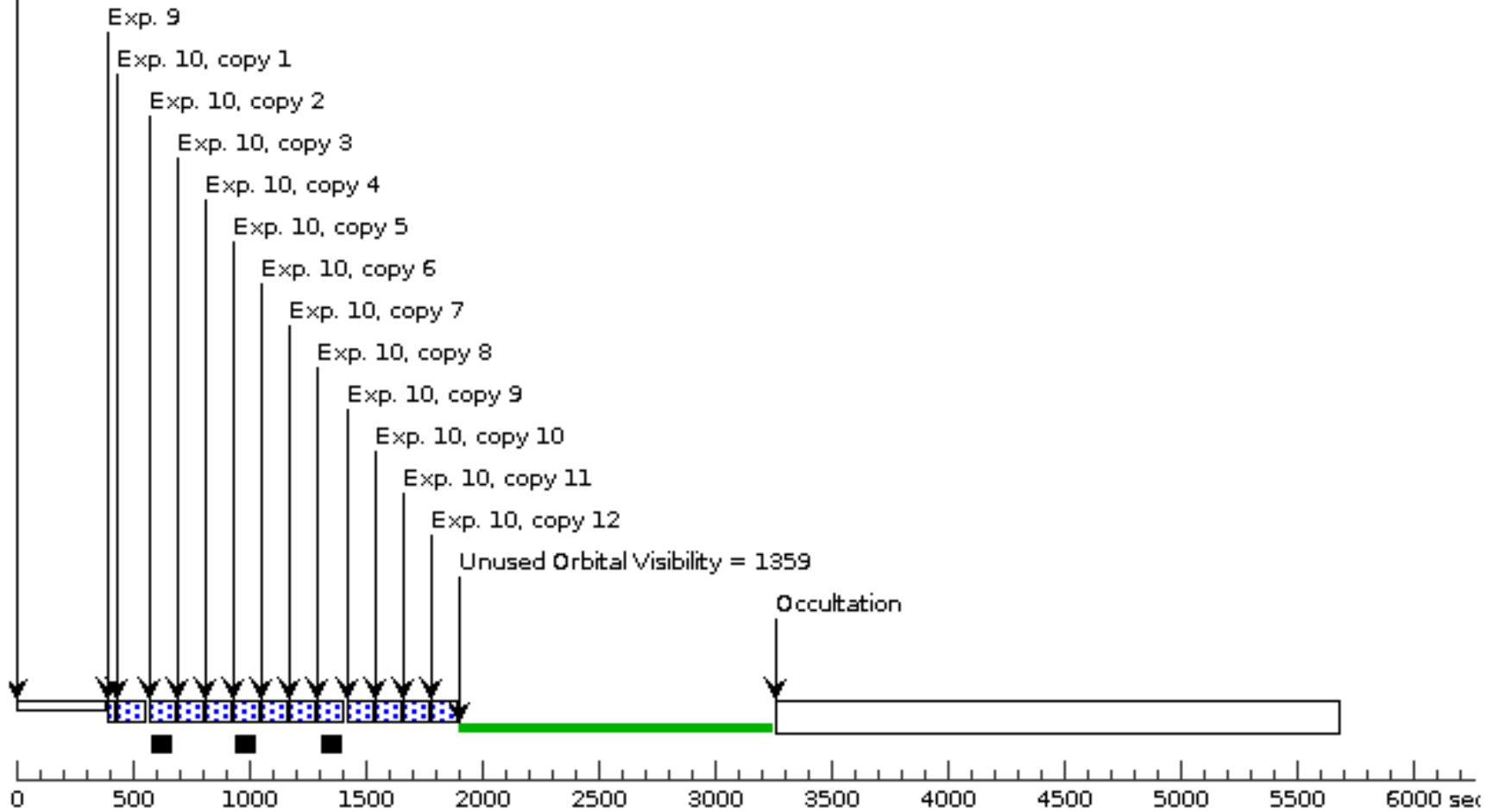
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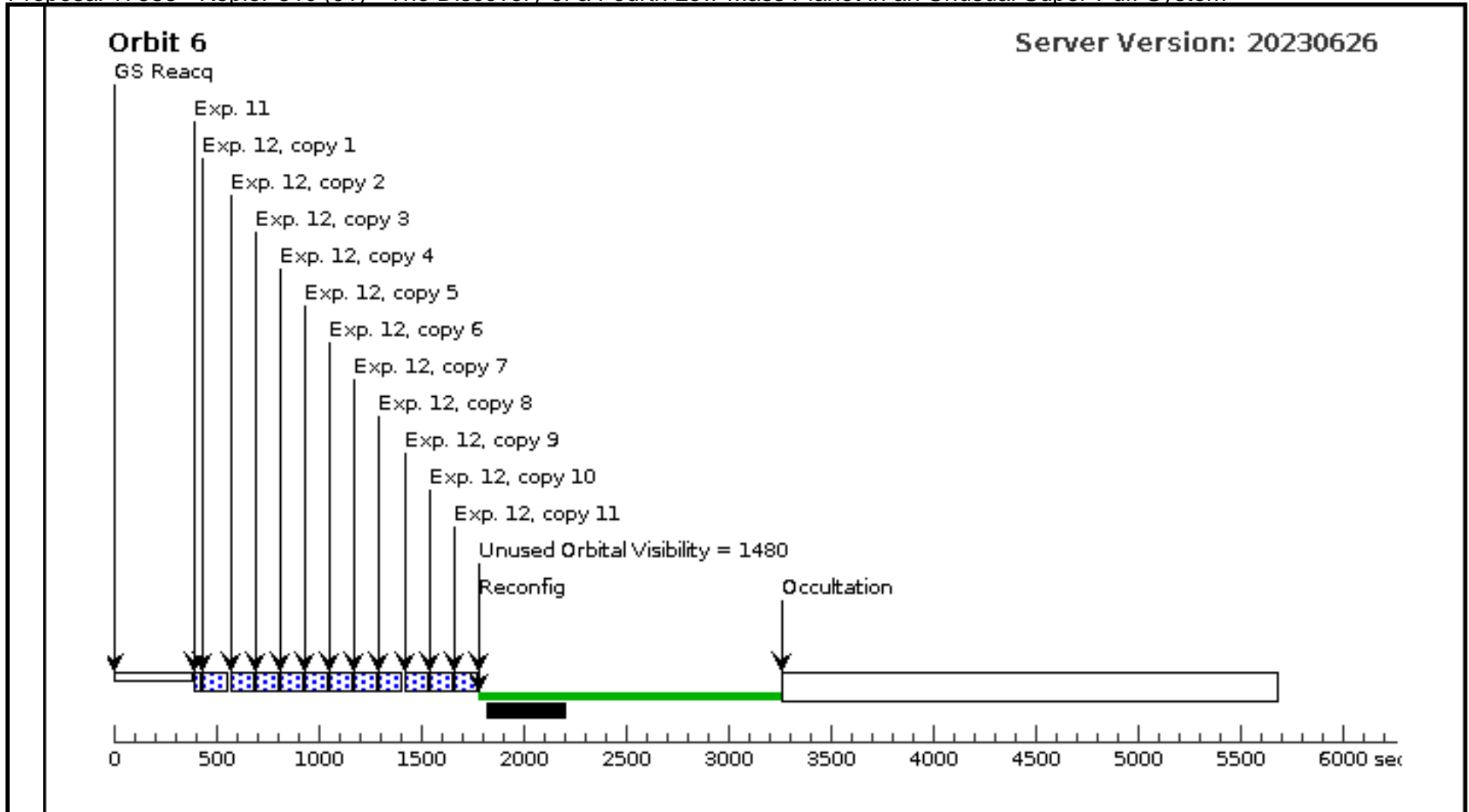
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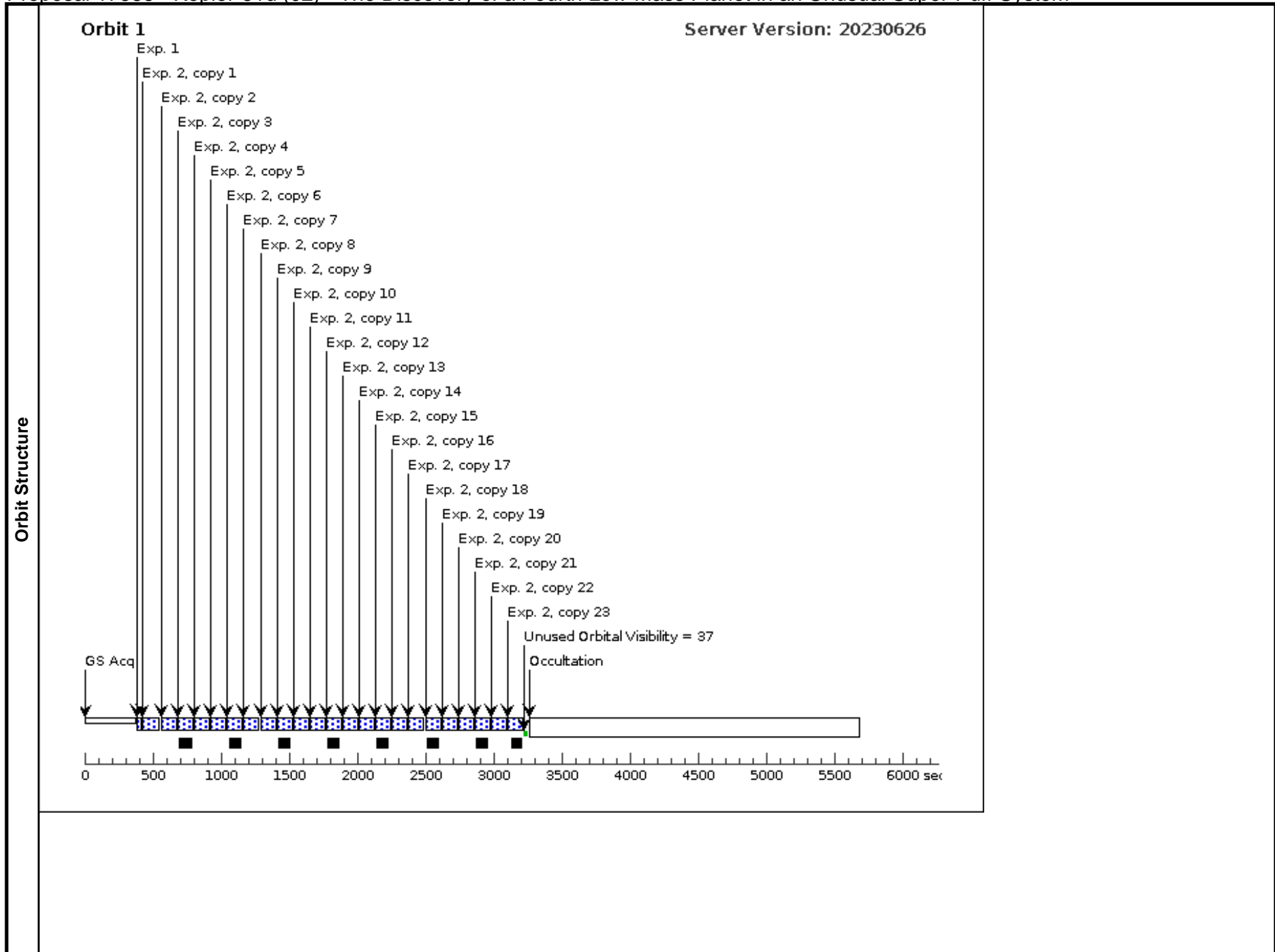
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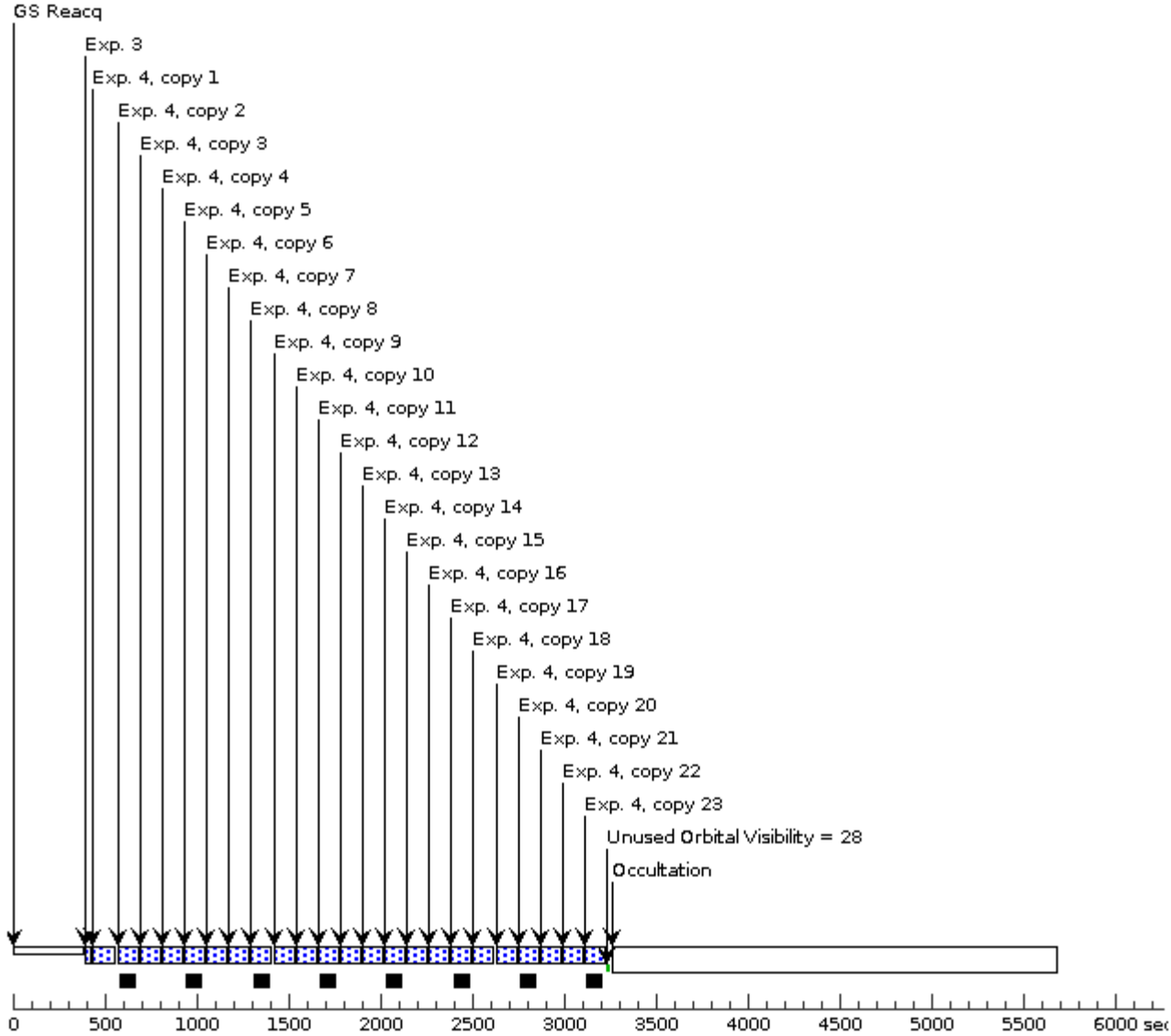
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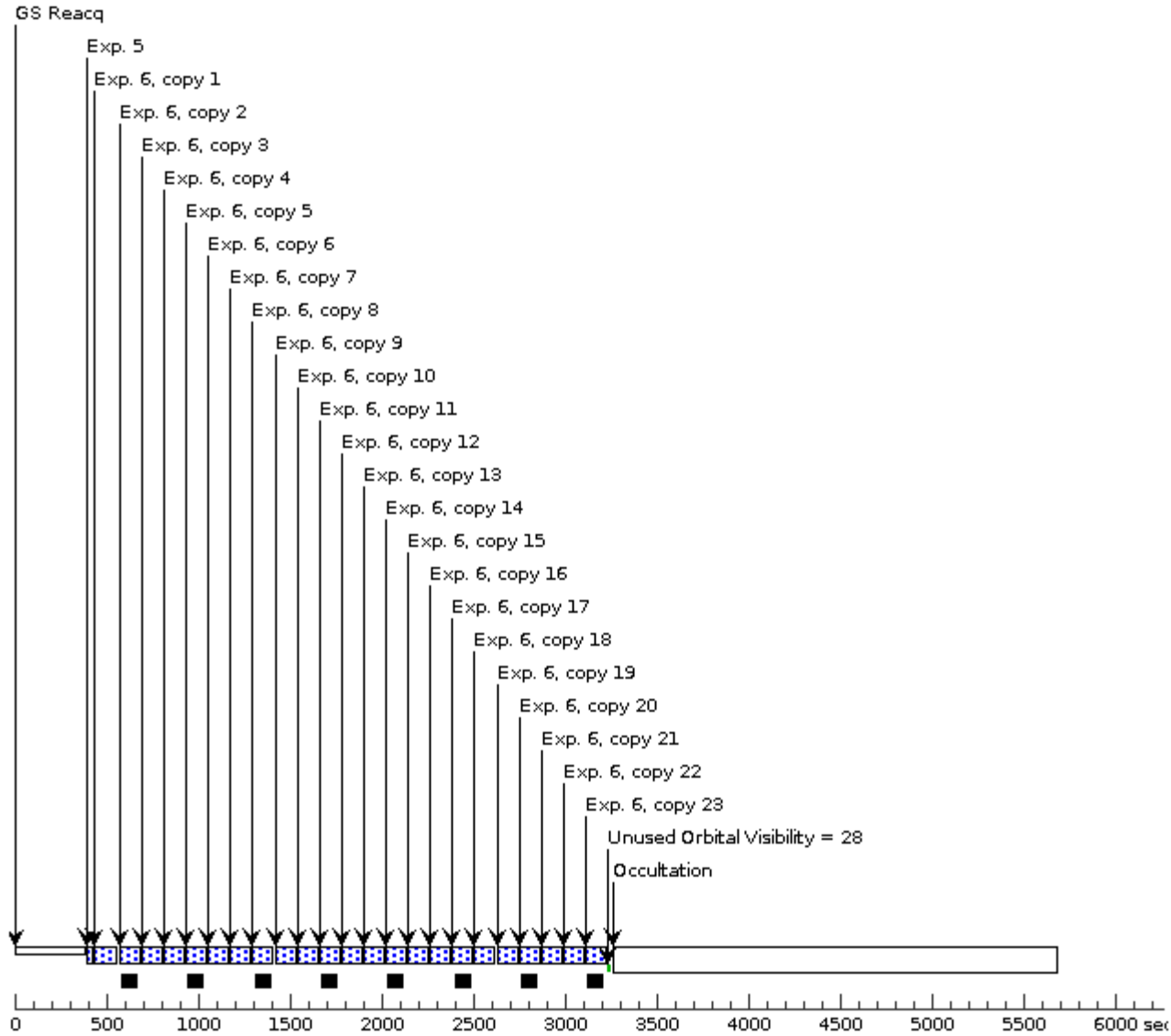
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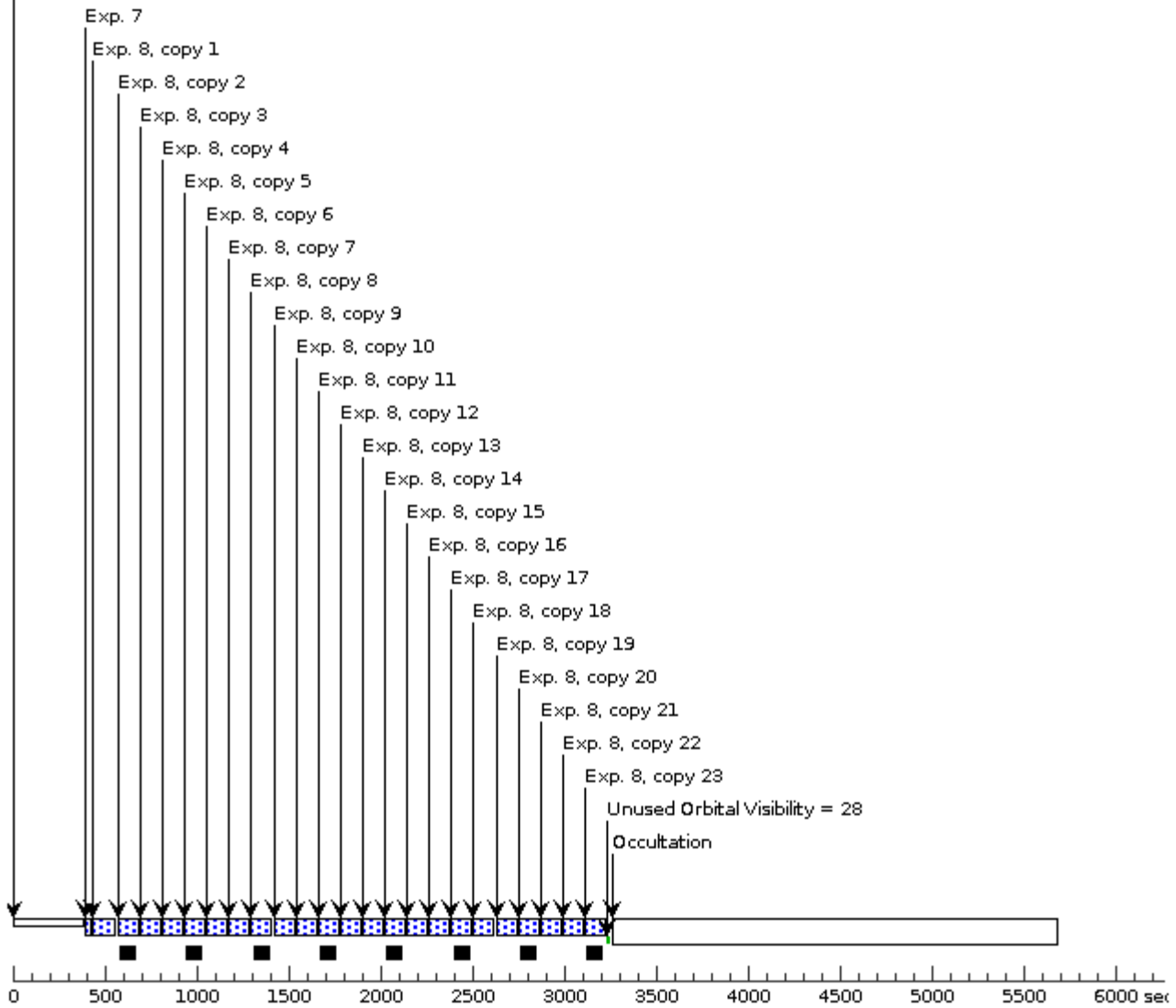
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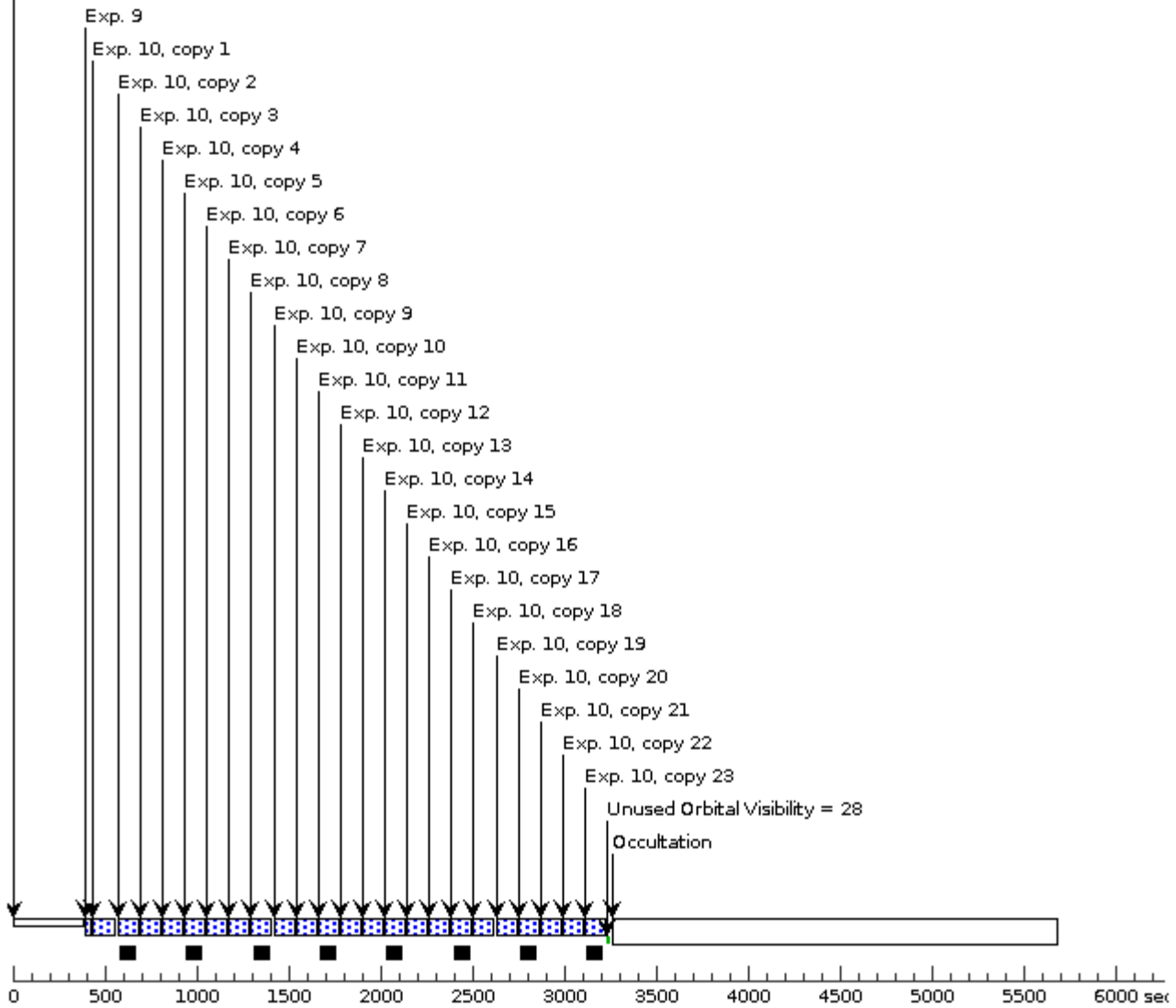
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