



# 17606 - Meet Me In the Afterglow: Late-time follow up of the Ultra-luminous GRB 221009A

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) GRB221009A	WFC3/UVIS	3	12-Jun-2024 15:02:26.0	yes
02	(1) GRB221009A	WFC3/IR WFC3/UVIS	3	12-Jun-2024 15:02:27.0	yes
03	(1) GRB221009A	WFC3/IR	3	12-Jun-2024 15:02:29.0	yes

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04	(1) GRB221009A	WFC3/IR	3	12-Jun-2024 15:02:30.0	yes

12 Total Orbits Used

## **ABSTRACT**

We propose to acquire deep multi-band HST observations of the most energetic GRB ever observed, GRB 221009A. The subsequent afterglow was also superlatively bright in the radio, optical, and X-ray bands. Late-time HST photometry has revealed slower fading in the optical than the near-IR, inconsistent with expectations for a GRB afterglow. Here we propose late-time HST observations at ~600-722 days after explosion to continue monitoring the evolution of this unprecedented event at optical-NIR wavelengths. The goals of this program are to constrain the timing of the jet break, better model the host galaxy, and investigate the local environment. HST mid-cycle 31 observations are essential for this remarkable object as it will fade by the time of Cycle 32.

## **OBSERVING DESCRIPTION**

In this proposal, we have 12 orbits split across 4 visits. The visits can happen in any order, however we would like visit 1 and 2 to happen within two weeks of each other and visits 2, 3, and 4 to happen within two weeks of each other. The goal of this project is to add three additional points to the light curve of the fading GRB afterglow.

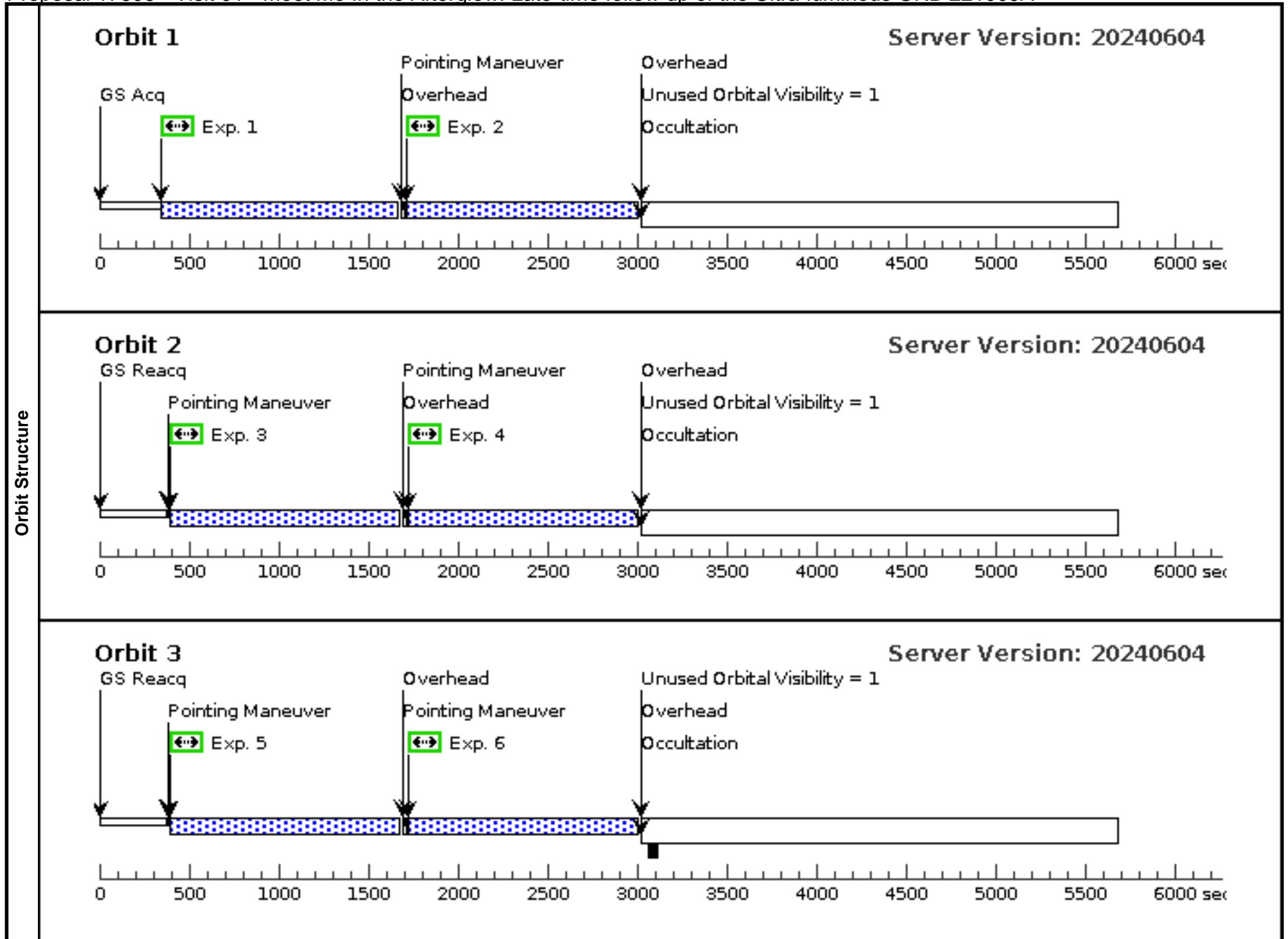
Visit 1 (3 orbits): 3 orbits with UVIS/F814W.

Visit 2 (3 orbits): 1 orbit with UVIS/F814W and 2 orbits with IR/F110W and IR/F160W. The IR orbits have ~800s in F160W and ~1600s in F110W.

Visit 3 (3 orbits): 3 orbits with IR/F110W and IR/F160W. Each orbit has ~800s in F160W and ~1600s in F110W.

Visit 4 (3 orbits): 3 orbits with IR/F110W and IR/F160W. Each orbit has ~800s in F160W and ~1600s in F110W.



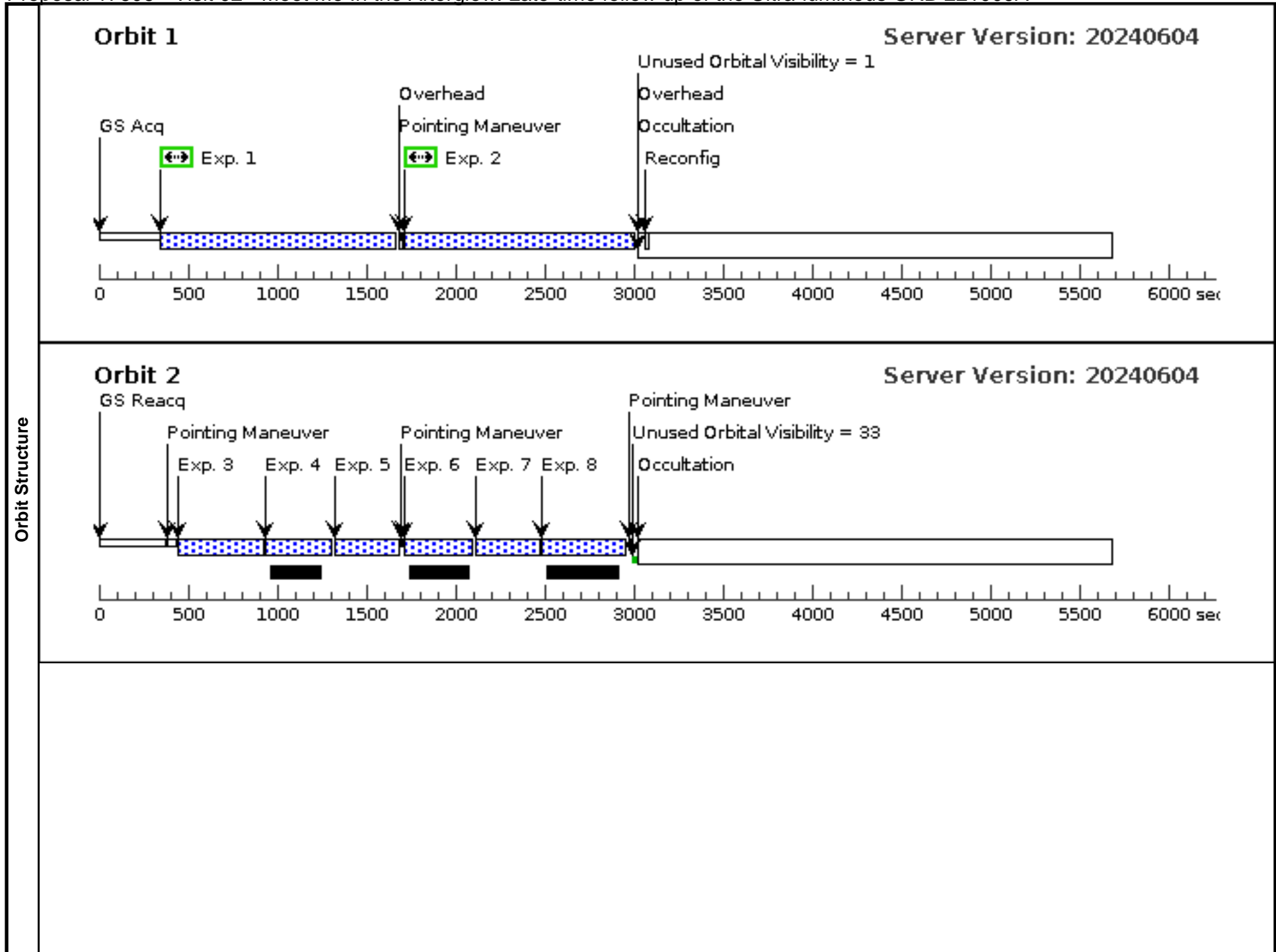


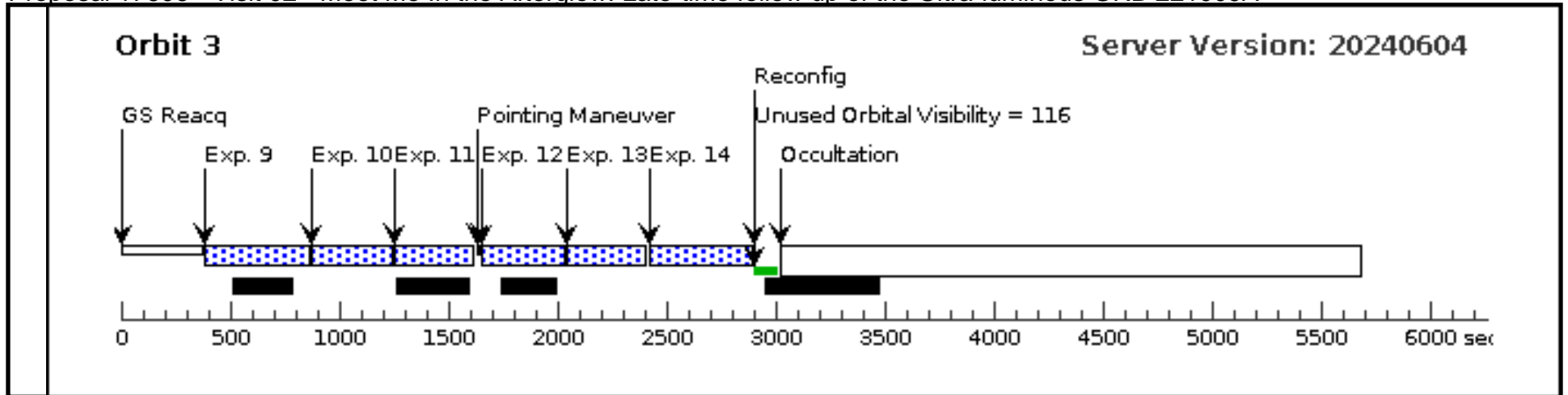
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<b>Visit</b>	<b>Proposal 17606, Visit 02, implementation</b> <span style="float: right;">Wed Jun 12 19:02:31 GMT 2024</span>					
	<b>Diagnostic Status: No Diagnostics</b> Scientific Instruments: WFC3/IR, WFC3/UVIS Special Requirements: ORIENT 10D TO 70 D; ORIENT 100D TO 160 D; ORIENT 190D TO 250 D; ORIENT 280D TO 340 D; SEQ 01,02 WITHIN 14 D					
<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)	GRB221009A	RA: 19 13 3.5008 (288.2645867d) Dec: +19 46 24.23 (19.77340d) Equinox: J2000	Redshift: 0.151	V=27.5 fading	Reference Frame: ICRS
<i>Comments:</i> Category=EXT-STAR Description=[GAMMA RAY BURSTER]						

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Exposures	#	Label	Target	Config,Mode,Aperture	Spectral Els.	Opt. Params.	Special Reqs.	Groups	Exp. Time (Total)/[Actual Dur.]	Orbit
	1	(1) GRB221009A	(1) GRB221009A	WFC3/UVIS, ACCUM, UVIS2-C512C-SUB	F814W		POS TARG 0.208,0.281	Sequence 1-2 Non-Int in Visit 02	1292 Secs (1292 Secs) [==>]	[1]
	2	(1) GRB221009A	(1) GRB221009A	WFC3/UVIS, ACCUM, UVIS2-C512C-SUB	F814W		POS TARG 0.050,0.211	Sequence 1-2 Non-Int in Visit 02	1292 Secs (1292 Secs) [==>]	[1]
	3	(1) GRB221009A	(1) GRB221009A	WFC3/IR, MULTIACCUM, IR	F160W	NSAMP=10; SAMP-SEQ=SPAR S50	POS TARG 0.000,0.000	Sequence 3-8 Non-Int in Visit 02	452.93635 Secs (452.936 Secs) [==>]	[2]
	4	(1) GRB221009A	(1) GRB221009A	WFC3/IR, MULTIACCUM, IR	F110W	NSAMP=8; SAMP-SEQ=SPAR S50	POS TARG 0.000,0.000	Sequence 3-8 Non-Int in Visit 02	352.935448 Secs (352.935 Secs) [==>]	[2]
	5	(1) GRB221009A	(1) GRB221009A	WFC3/IR, MULTIACCUM, IR	F110W	NSAMP=8; SAMP-SEQ=SPAR S50	POS TARG 0.000,0.000	Sequence 3-8 Non-Int in Visit 02	352.935448 Secs (352.935 Secs) [==>]	[2]
	6	(1) GRB221009A	(1) GRB221009A	WFC3/IR, MULTIACCUM, IR	F110W	NSAMP=8; SAMP-SEQ=SPAR S50	POS TARG 0.694,0.048	Sequence 3-8 Non-Int in Visit 02	352.935448 Secs (352.935 Secs) [==>]	[2]
	7	(1) GRB221009A	(1) GRB221009A	WFC3/IR, MULTIACCUM, IR	F110W	NSAMP=8; SAMP-SEQ=SPAR S50	POS TARG 0.694,0.048	Sequence 3-8 Non-Int in Visit 02	352.935448 Secs (352.935 Secs) [==>]	[2]
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	9	(1) GRB221009A	(1) GRB221009A	WFC3/IR, MULTIACCUM, IR	F160W	NSAMP=10; SAMP-SEQ=SPAR S50	POS TARG 1.388,0.095	Sequence 9-14 Non-Int in Visit 02	452.93635 Secs (452.936 Secs) [==>]	[3]
	10	(1) GRB221009A	(1) GRB221009A	WFC3/IR, MULTIACCUM, IR	F110W	NSAMP=8; SAMP-SEQ=SPAR S50	POS TARG 1.388,0.095	Sequence 9-14 Non-Int in Visit 02	352.935448 Secs (352.935 Secs) [==>]	[3]
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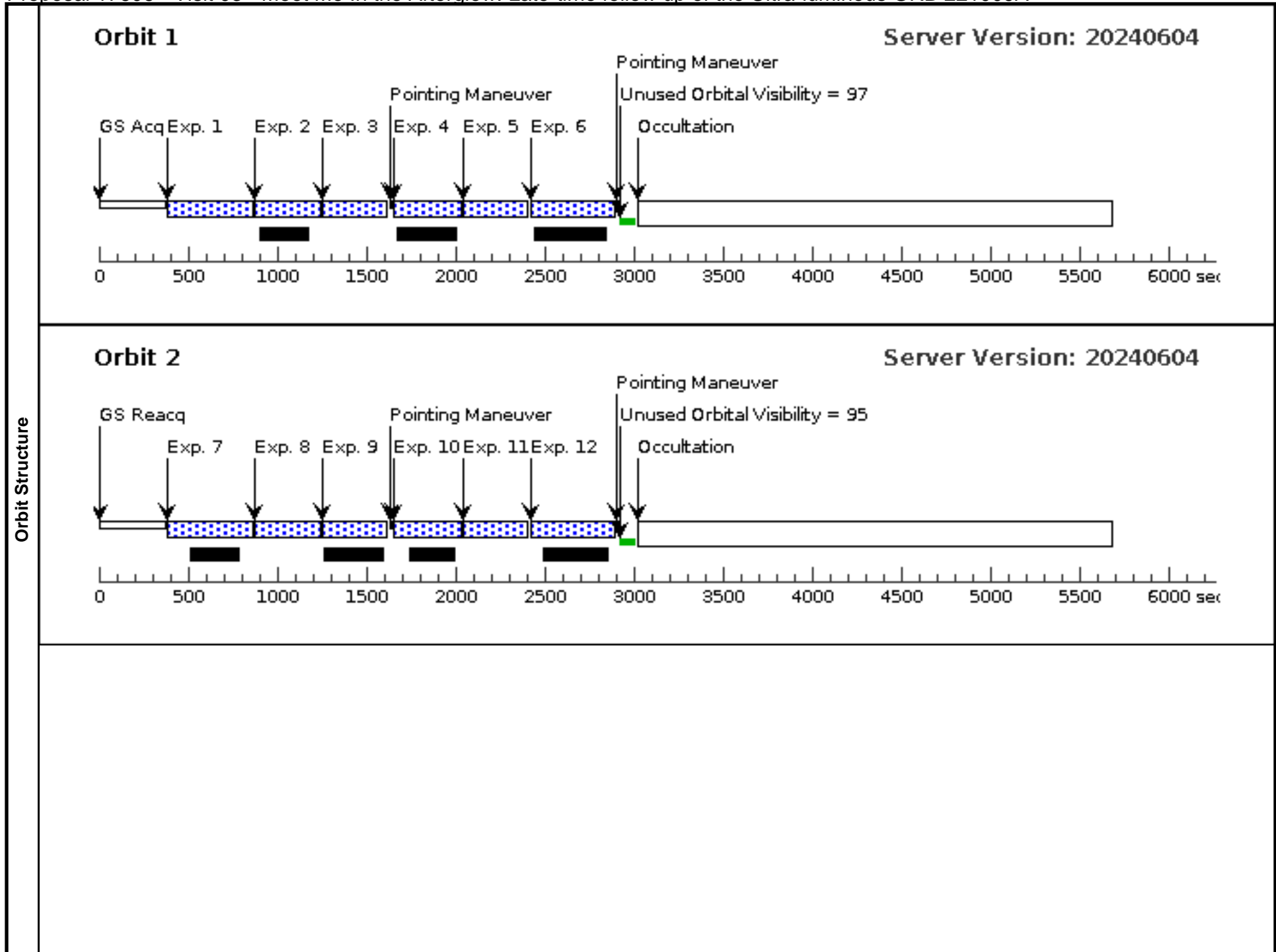
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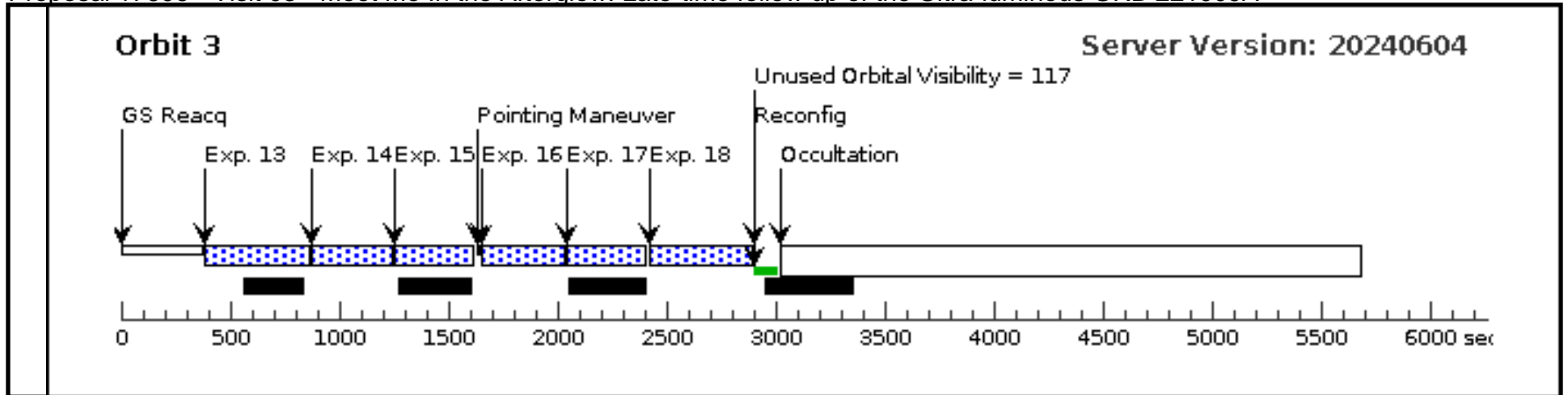
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Exposures	1	(1) GRB221009A	WFC3/IR, MULTIACCUM, IR	F160W	NSAMP=10; SAMP-SEQ=SPAR S50	POS TARG 0.745,0. 668	Sequence 1-6 Non-Int in Visit 03	452.93635 Secs (452.936 Secs) [==>]	[1]
	2	(1) GRB221009A	WFC3/IR, MULTIACCUM, IR	F110W	NSAMP=8; SAMP-SEQ=SPAR S50	POS TARG 0.745,0. 668	Sequence 1-6 Non-Int in Visit 03	352.935448 Secs (352.935 Secs) [==>]	[1]
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	4	(1) GRB221009A	WFC3/IR, MULTIACCUM, IR	F110W	NSAMP=8; SAMP-SEQ=SPAR S50	POS TARG 1.440,0. 716	Sequence 1-6 Non-Int in Visit 03	352.935448 Secs (352.935 Secs) [==>]	[1]
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	7	(1) GRB221009A	WFC3/IR, MULTIACCUM, IR	F160W	NSAMP=10; SAMP-SEQ=SPAR S50	POS TARG 0.373,1. 242	Sequence 7-12 Non-Int in Visit 03	452.93635 Secs (452.936 Secs) [==>]	[2]
	8	(1) GRB221009A	WFC3/IR, MULTIACCUM, IR	F110W	NSAMP=8; SAMP-SEQ=SPAR S50	POS TARG 0.373,1. 242	Sequence 7-12 Non-Int in Visit 03	352.935448 Secs (352.935 Secs) [==>]	[2]
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	10	(1) GRB221009A	WFC3/IR, MULTIACCUM, IR	F110W	NSAMP=8; SAMP-SEQ=SPAR S50	POS TARG 1.067,1. 289	Sequence 7-12 Non-Int in Visit 03	352.935448 Secs (352.935 Secs) [==>]	[2]
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	2	(1) GRB221009A	WFC3/IR, MULTIACCUM, IR	F110W	NSAMP=8; SAMP-SEQ=SPAR S50	POS TARG 0.745,0.668	Sequence 1-6 Non-Int in Visit 04	352.935448 Secs (352.935 Secs)	[==>]	[1]
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	4	(1) GRB221009A	WFC3/IR, MULTIACCUM, IR	F110W	NSAMP=8; SAMP-SEQ=SPAR S50	POS TARG 1.440,0.716	Sequence 1-6 Non-Int in Visit 04	352.935448 Secs (352.935 Secs)	[==>]	[1]
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