



# 17808 - Ice giant atmospheres, rings and moons - physics of the macroscopic to the microscopic

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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) URANUS	ACS/WFC	3	25-Jul-2024 11:00:55.0	yes
02	(1) URANUS	ACS/WFC	3	25-Jul-2024 11:00:58.0	yes
03	(2) NEPTUNE	ACS/WFC	3	25-Jul-2024 11:01:01.0	yes
04	(2) NEPTUNE	ACS/WFC	3	25-Jul-2024 11:01:03.0	yes

12 Total Orbits Used

## **ABSTRACT**

Uranus is the highest priority destination for a future NASA flagship mission in the Origins, Worlds and Life planetary science decadal survey. With Neptune, these two are the solar system ice giant siblings, representative of a multitude of kindred exoplanets. We propose to obtain imaging polarimetry of Uranus and Neptune at unprecedented spatial resolution with ACS in order to advance our knowledge of the macroscopic and microphysical character of the scattering atmospheres of these two worlds. With HST resolution, we can separate polar hazes, storms and bands, revealing the global scattering properties in unprecedented detail while identifying for the first time the scattering properties of features impossible to determine from the ground. The polarization depends on the altitude of the scatterers, their chemical composition, and microscopic shape and size. Given the plethora of ice giant exoplanets, high quality empirical measurements and modeling of the polarization distribution of these local archetypes and their varied hydrocarbon hazes will facilitate extrapolation to one of the most commonly found exoplanet populations. We will also obtain polarization measurements of the rings of Uranus and moons of both Uranus and Neptune. This is particularly critical to the top priority Uranus Orbiter and Probe flagship mission, as further knowledge is needed to enable safe passage through the upper atmosphere and dusty ring environment.

## **OBSERVING DESCRIPTION**

We propose to acquire nine images per orbit, three for each polarizer using three filters (F435W, F606W and F775W) selected to span the visible spectrum without significant filter-to-filter overlap, and three orbits per visit to accumulate the appropriate number of photons for both Neptune and Uranus, two visits each.

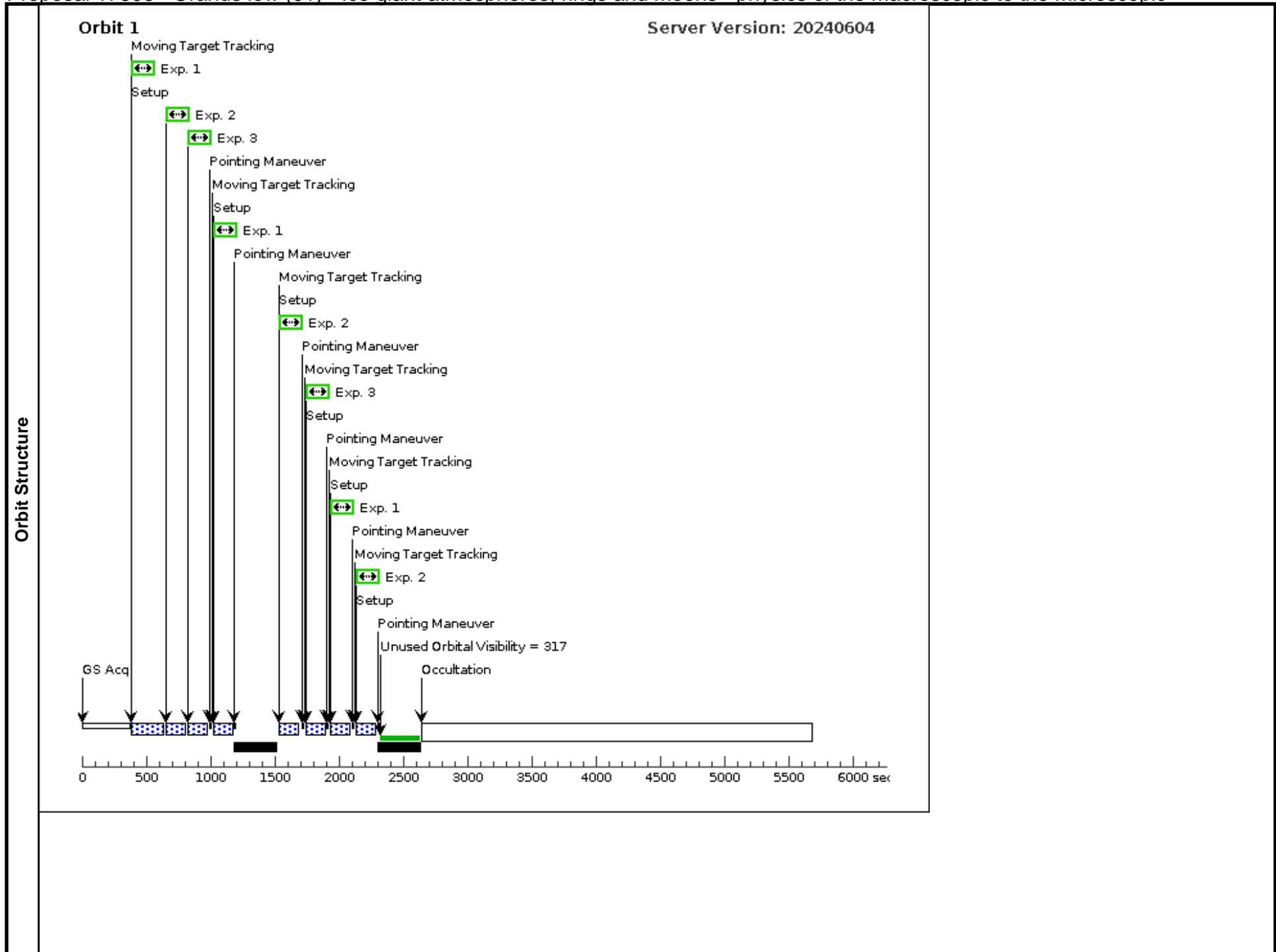
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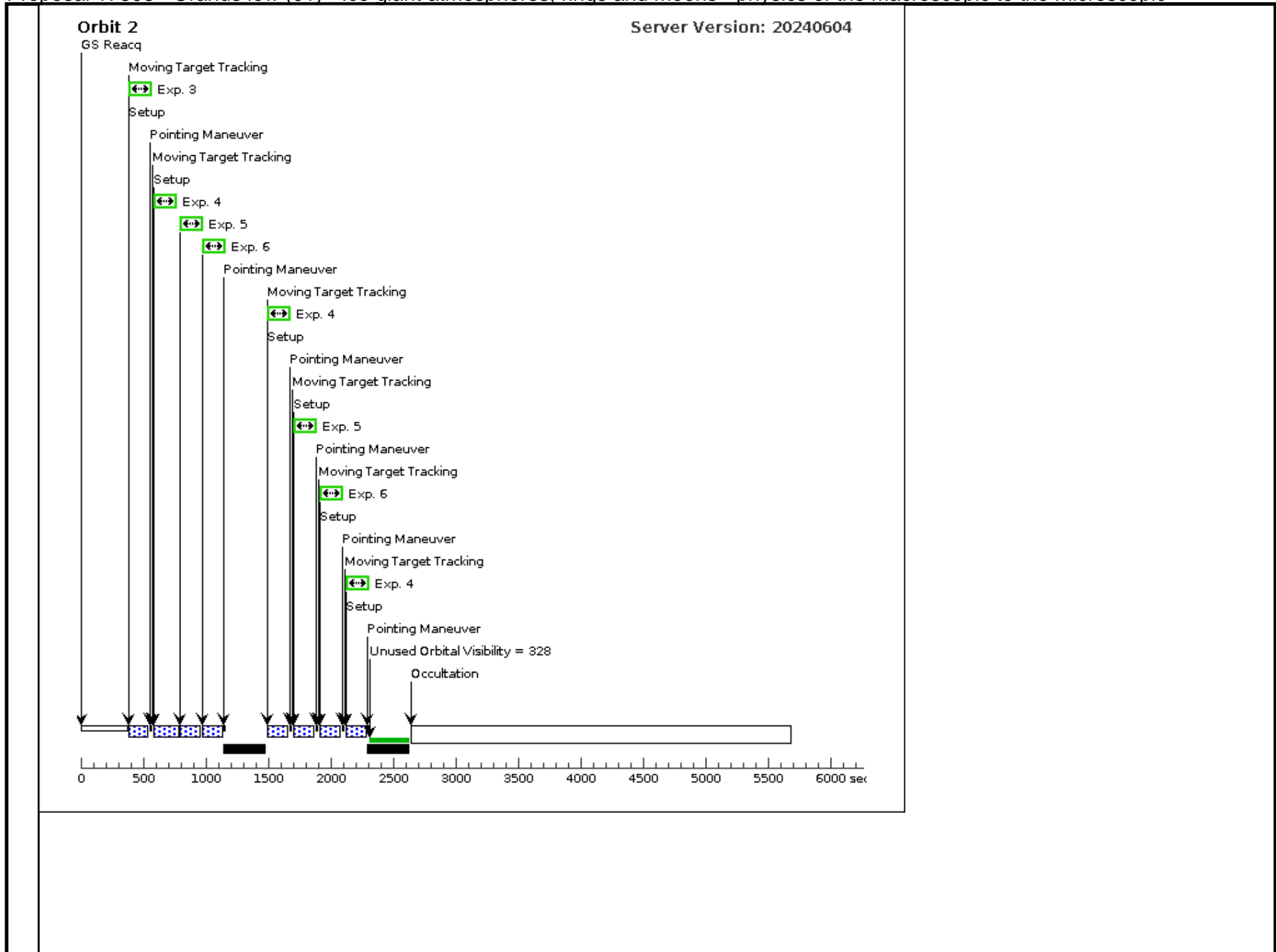
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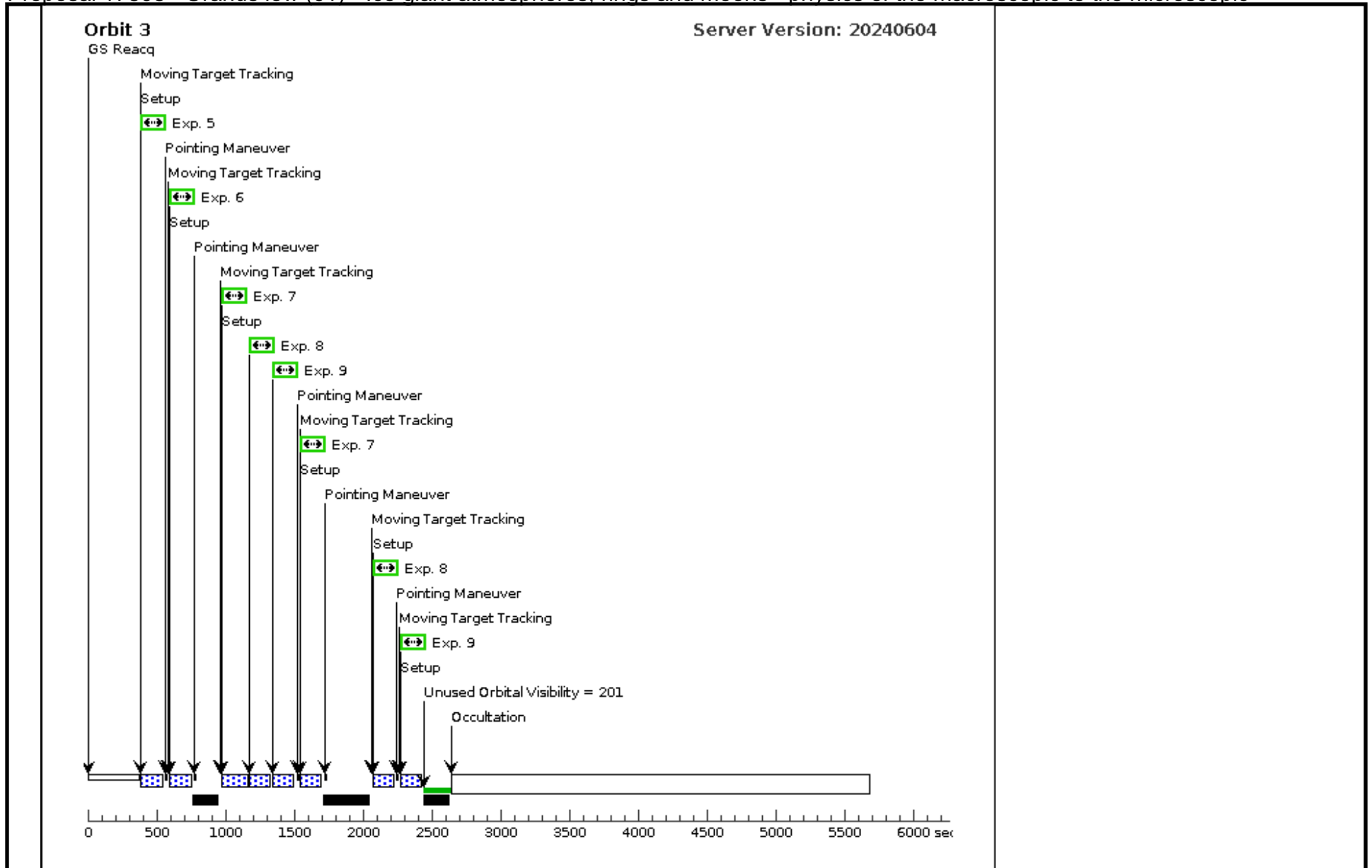
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<b>Diagnosics</b>						
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<b>Solar System Targets</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Level 1</b>	<b>Level 2</b>	<b>Level 3</b>	<b>Window</b>
	(1)	URANUS	STD=URANUS			
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	4	(1) URANUS	(1) URANUS	ACS/WFC, ACCUM, WFC	F775W POL0V			Pattern 1, Exps 4-6 in Uranus low (01) (1)	10 Secs (30 Secs) [==>(Pattern 1)] [==>(Pattern 2)] [==>(Pattern 3)]	[2]
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	6	(1) URANUS	(1) URANUS	ACS/WFC, ACCUM, WFC	F775W POL60V			Pattern 1, Exps 4-6 in Uranus low (01) (1)	10 Secs (30 Secs) [==>(Pattern 1)] [==>(Pattern 2)] [==>(Pattern 3)]	[2] [3]
	7	(1) URANUS	(1) URANUS	ACS/WFC, ACCUM, WFC	F435W POL0UV			Pattern 2, Exps 7-9 in Uranus low (01) (2)	7 Secs (14 Secs) [==>(Pattern 1)] [==>(Pattern 2)]	[3]
	8	(1) URANUS	(1) URANUS	ACS/WFC, ACCUM, WFC	F435W POL120UV			Pattern 2, Exps 7-9 in Uranus low (01) (2)	7 Secs (14 Secs) [==>(Pattern 1)] [==>(Pattern 2)]	[3]
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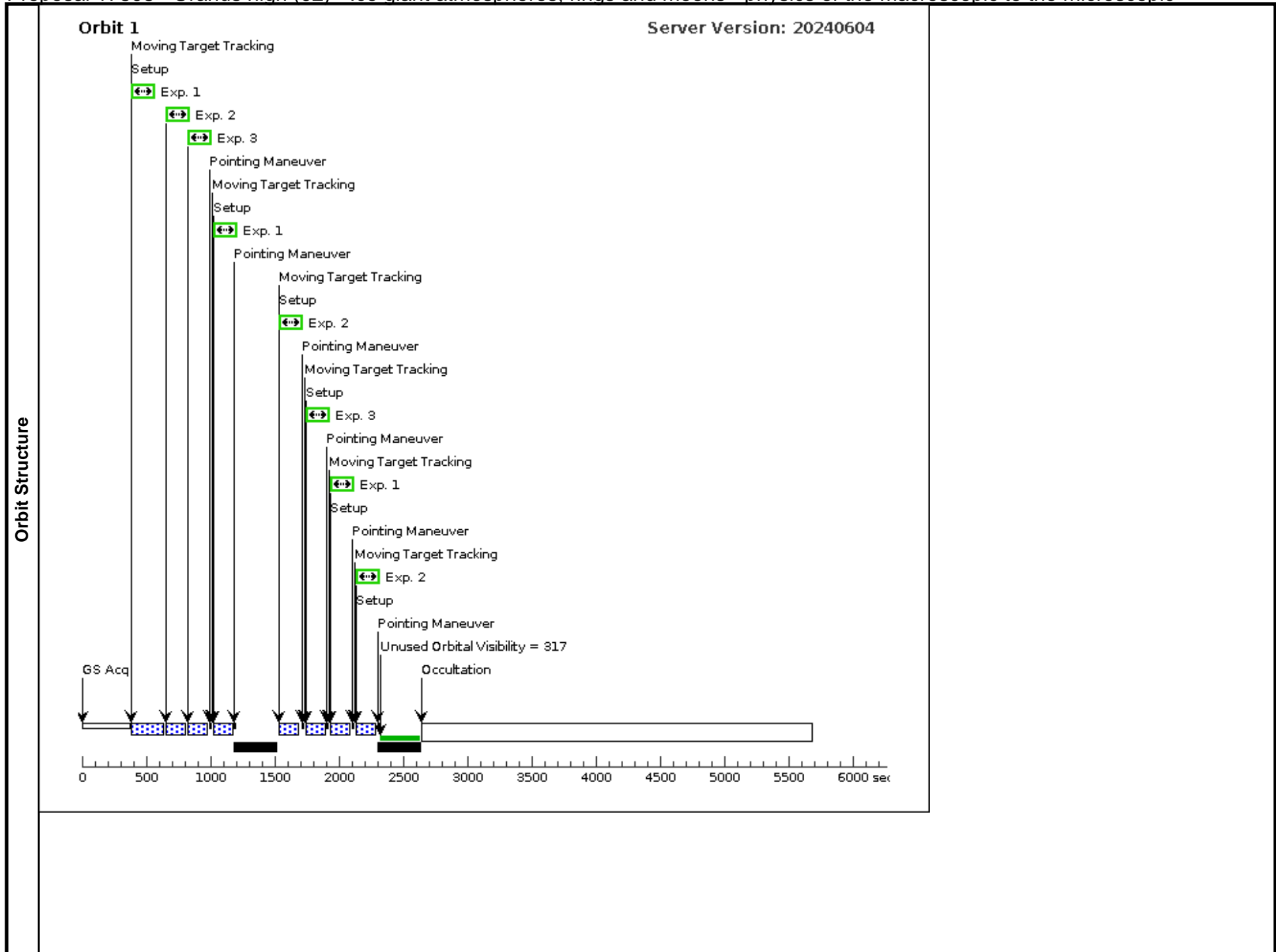
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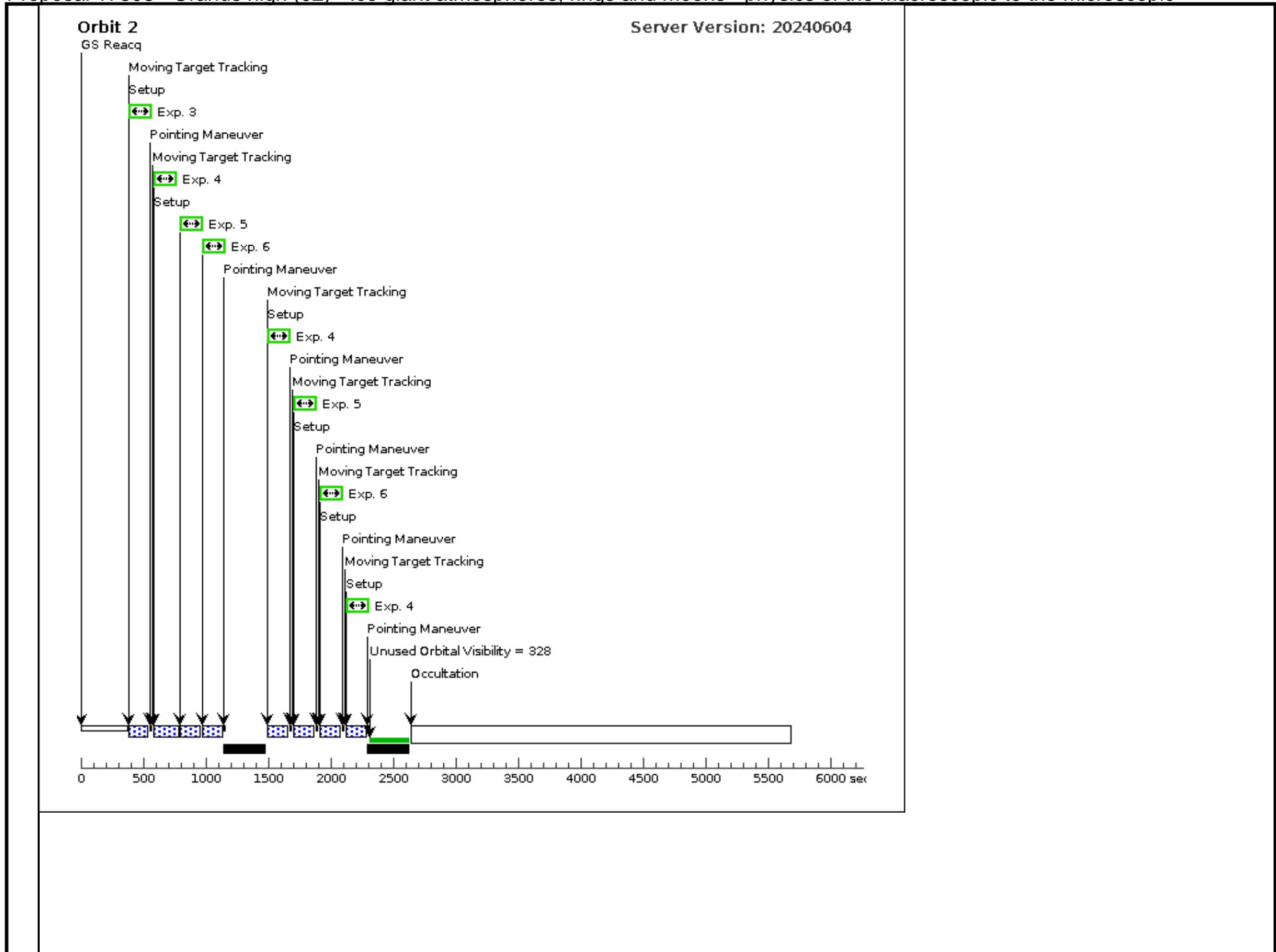
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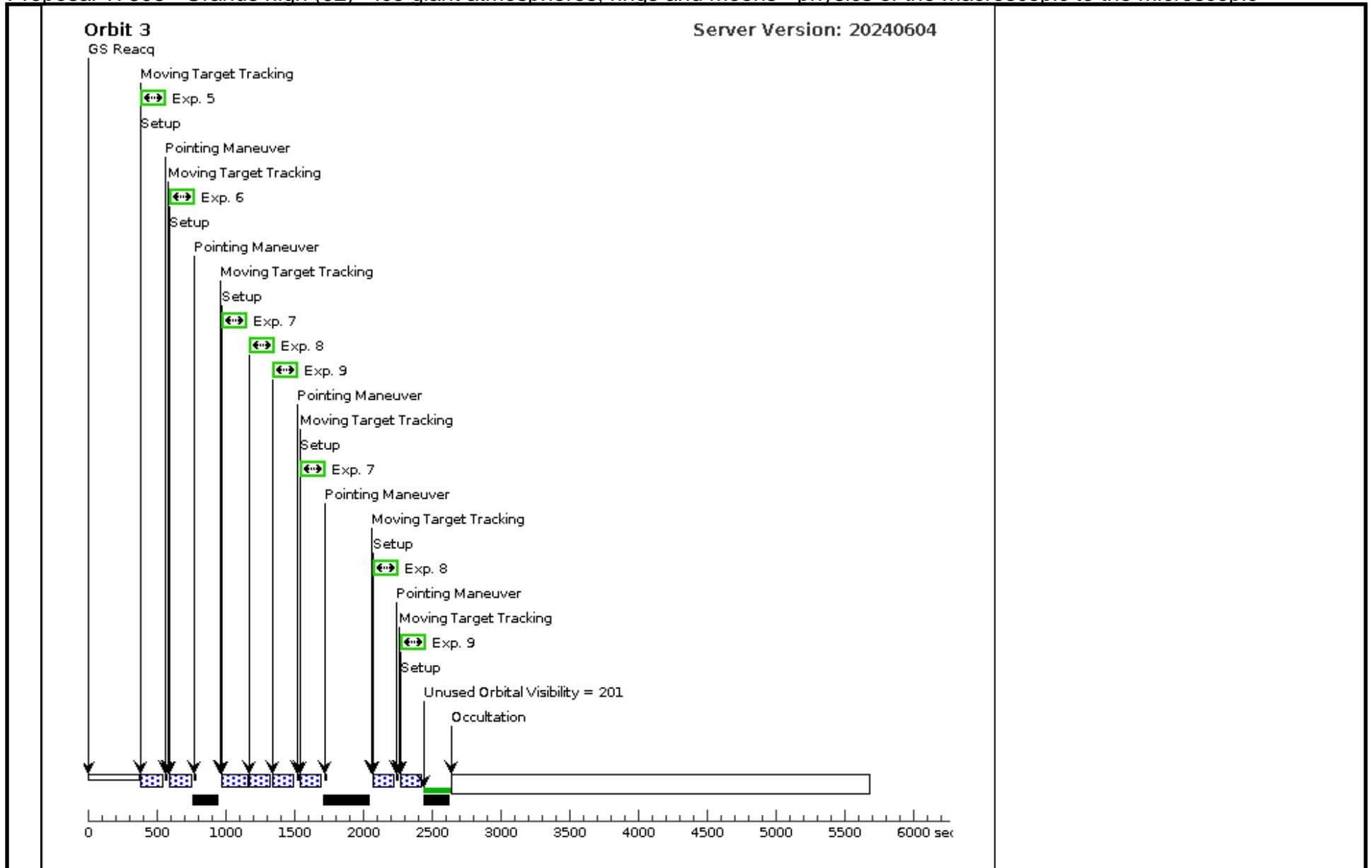
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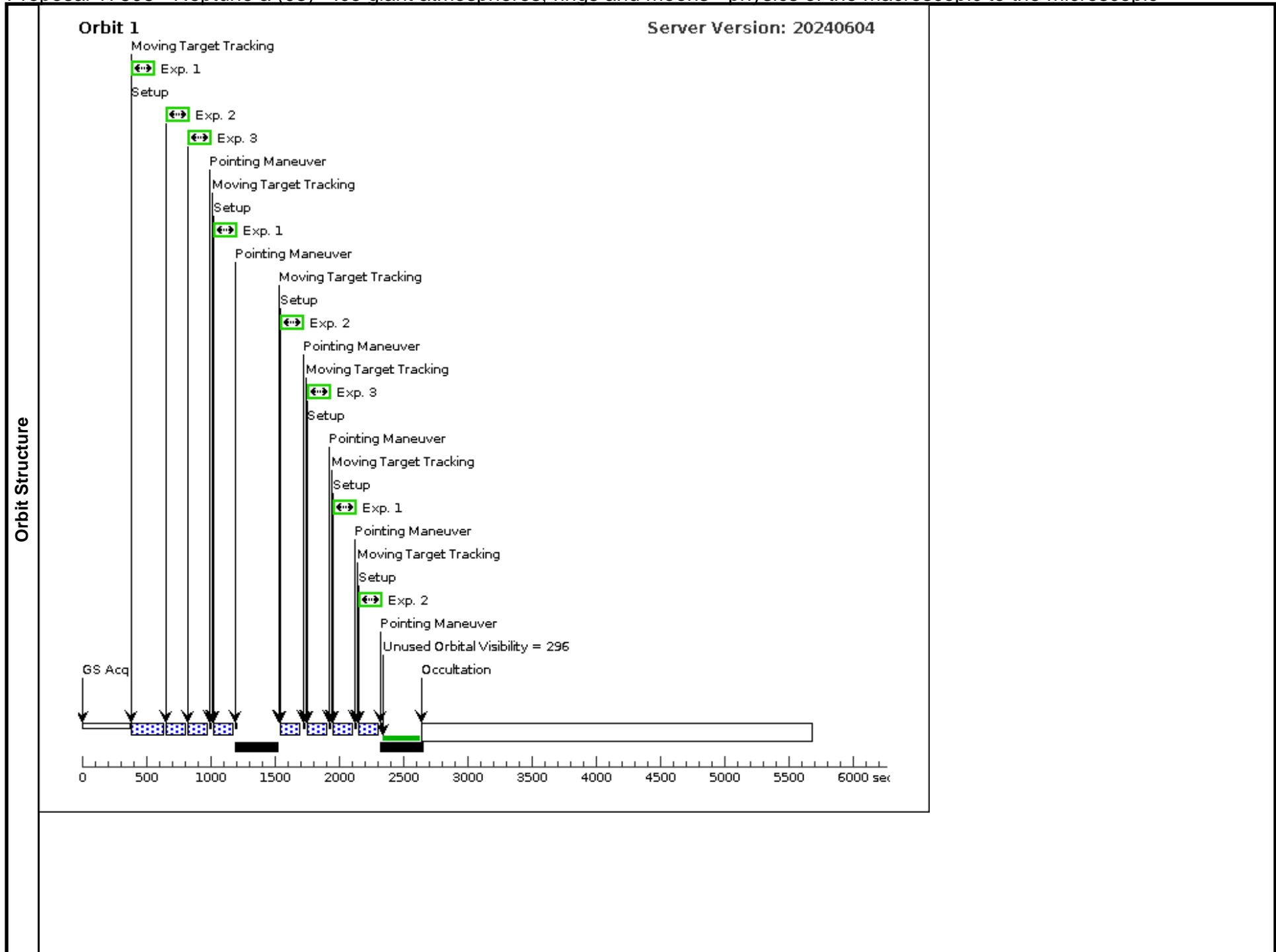
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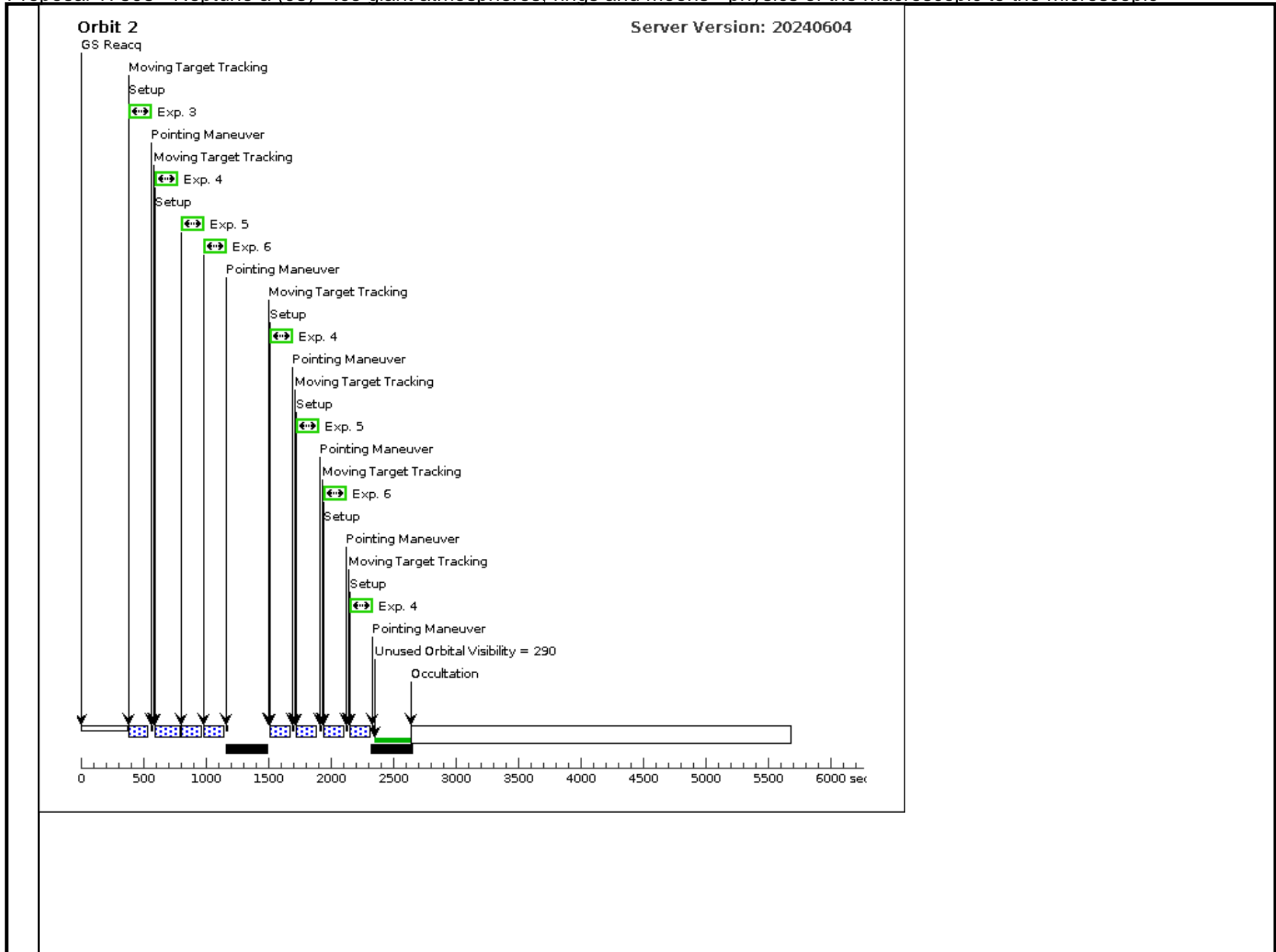
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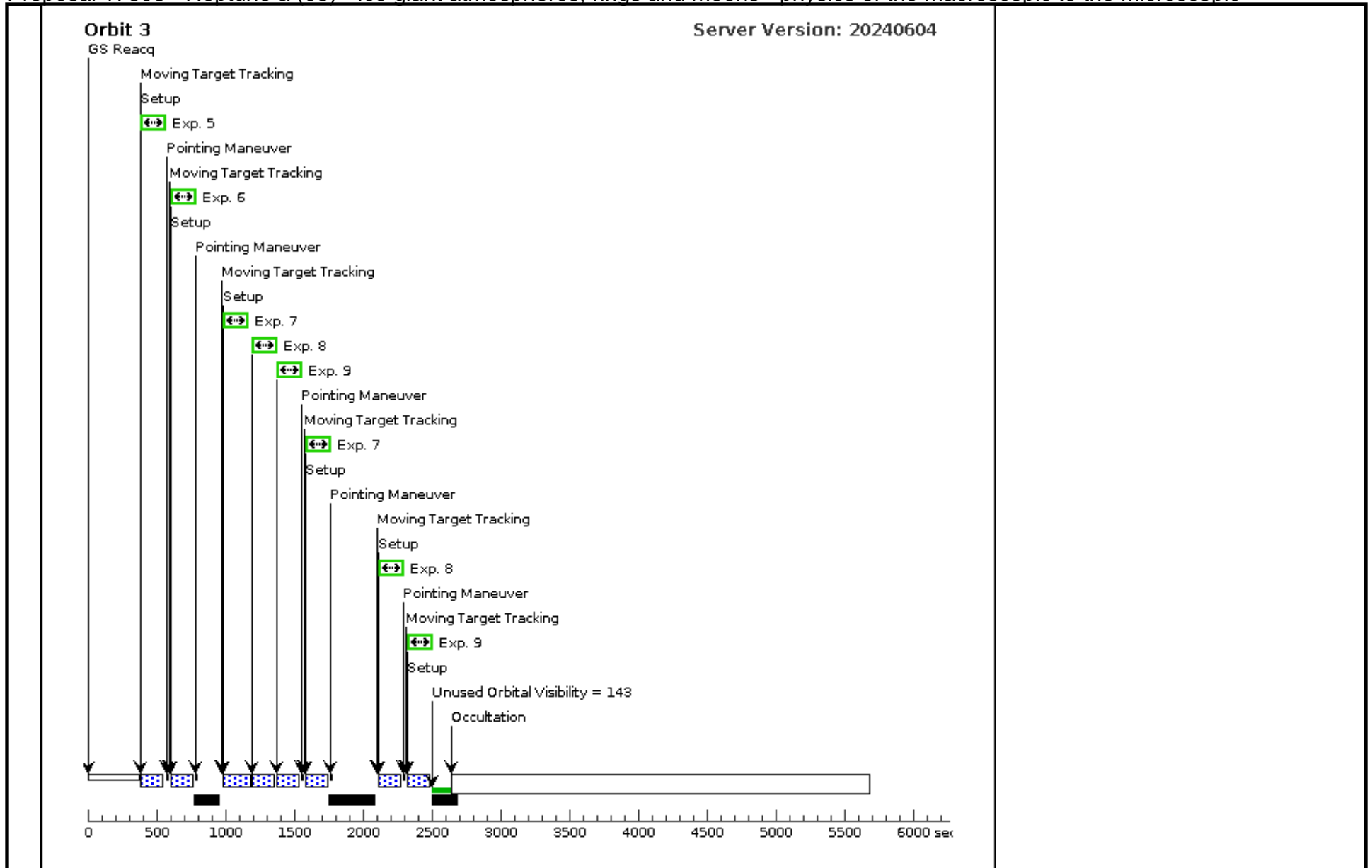
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