APT, the Astronomer's Proposal Tool Introduction

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The Astronomer's Proposal Tool

- The Astronomer's Proposal Tool (APT) is STScI's GUI-based software package proposers use to write, validate, and submit proposals for the James Webb Space Telescope.
- Familiar for HST users, but there are significant differences between the two of them.
- In general JWST proposals have only a Phase 1. By the proposal deadline all instrument modes strategies have to be defined and in principle should not change. Of course there will be revisions and iterations with the PC and contact scientist.
- The NIRSpec MSA is an exception. Only after the observing data/PA has been fixed the final MSA configuration can be delivered.
- https://jwst-docs.stsci.edu/display/JPP/JWST+Astronomers+Proposal+Tool%2C+APT

APT Terminology

Your JWST Program can contain different observations.

- Each observation can have different visits (e.g. imaging mosaic tiles).
- Each visit contains one or more exposures that can be obtained using a single Guide Star (there are some exceptions to this). Also, a visit can only be 24 hours long.
- One visit can contain different activities (invoked one script, e.g. TA, dithers in one filter…)
- We don’t have control on how the visits get split.

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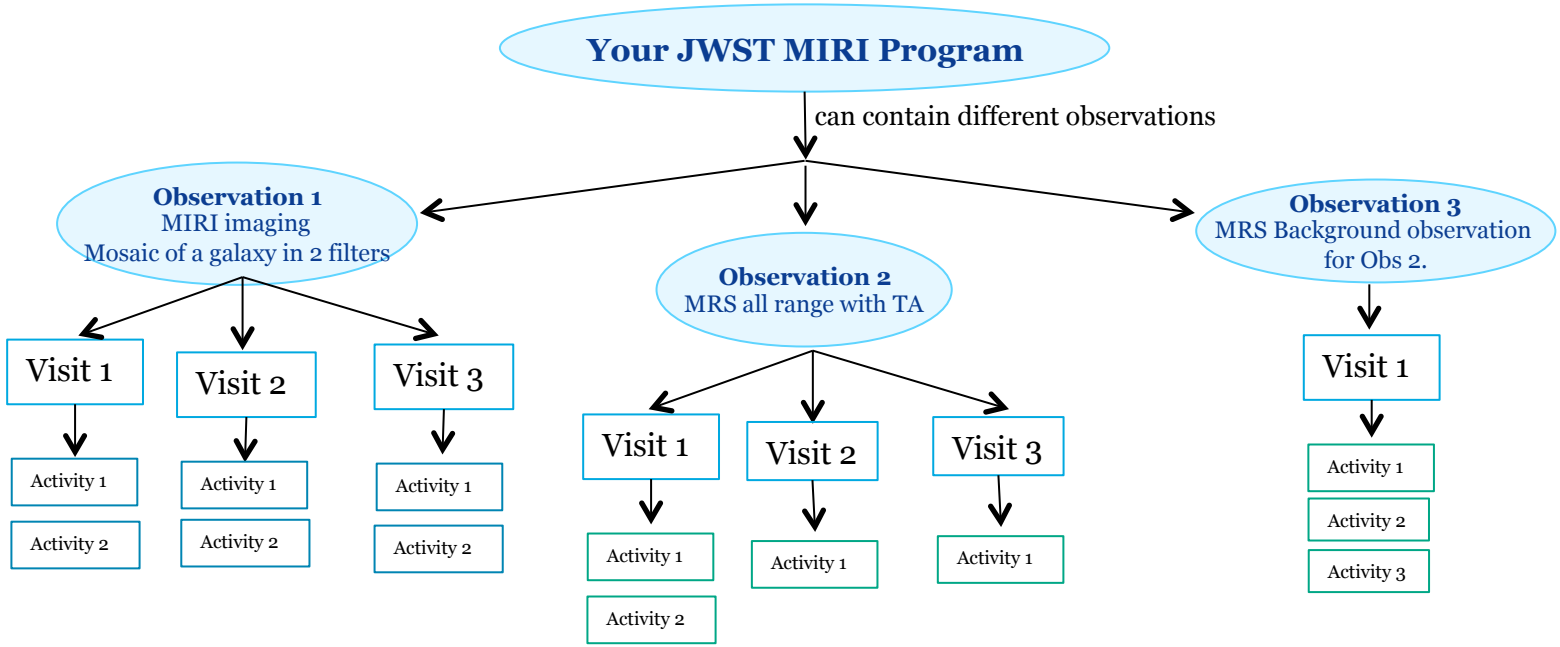

The time limit for one exposure if 10000 s, except for TSOs.
There are also limits in the data volume (APT gives warnings)

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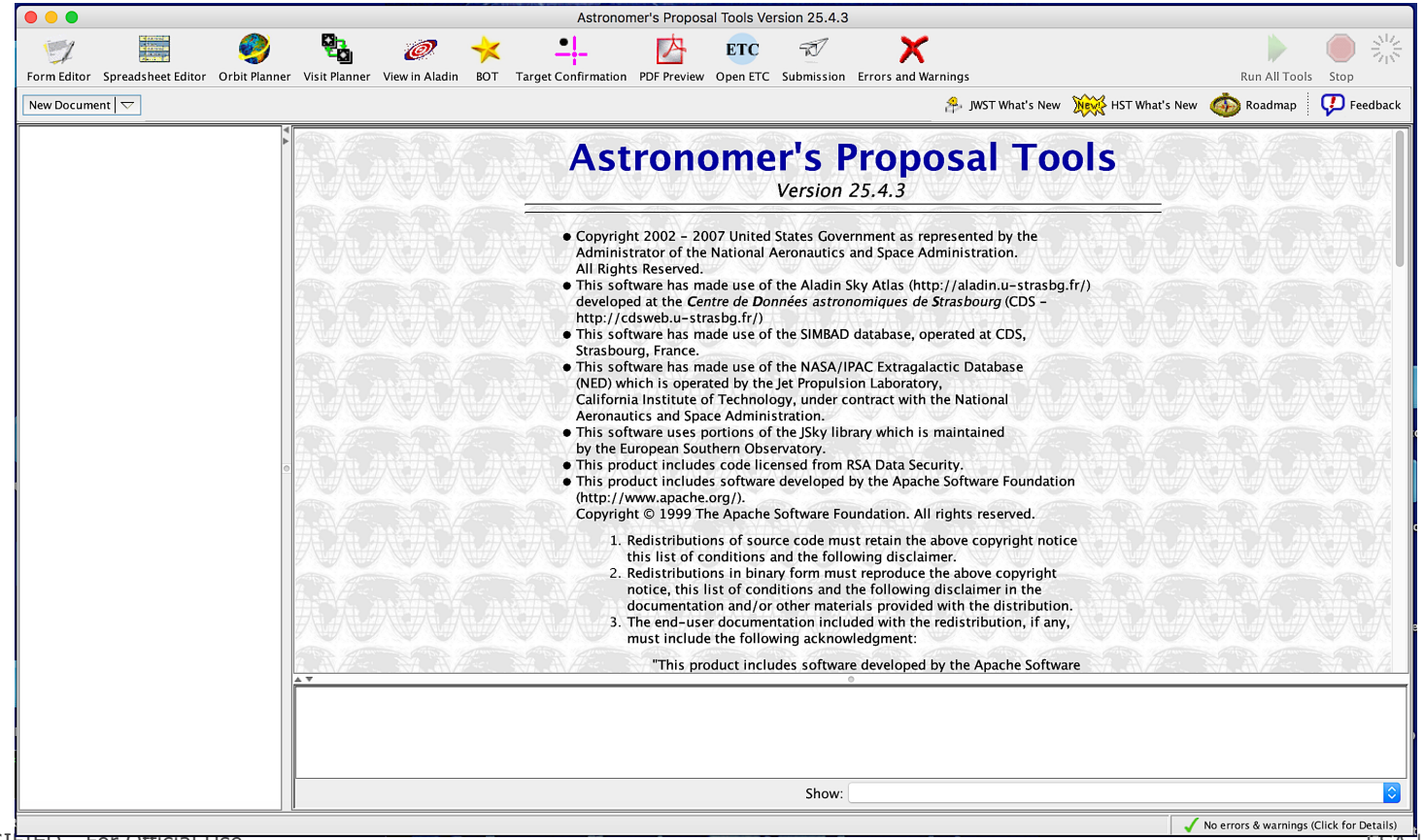

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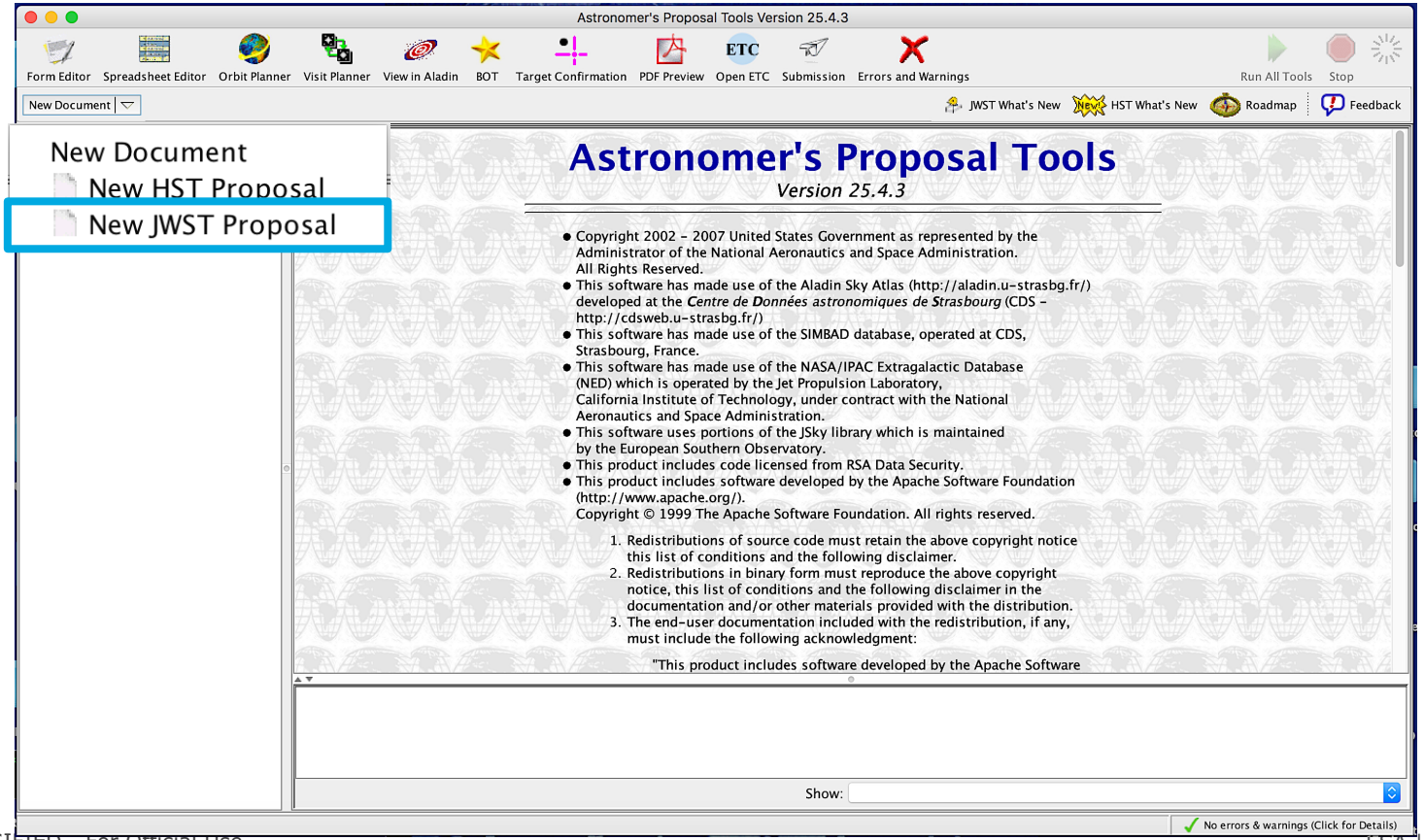
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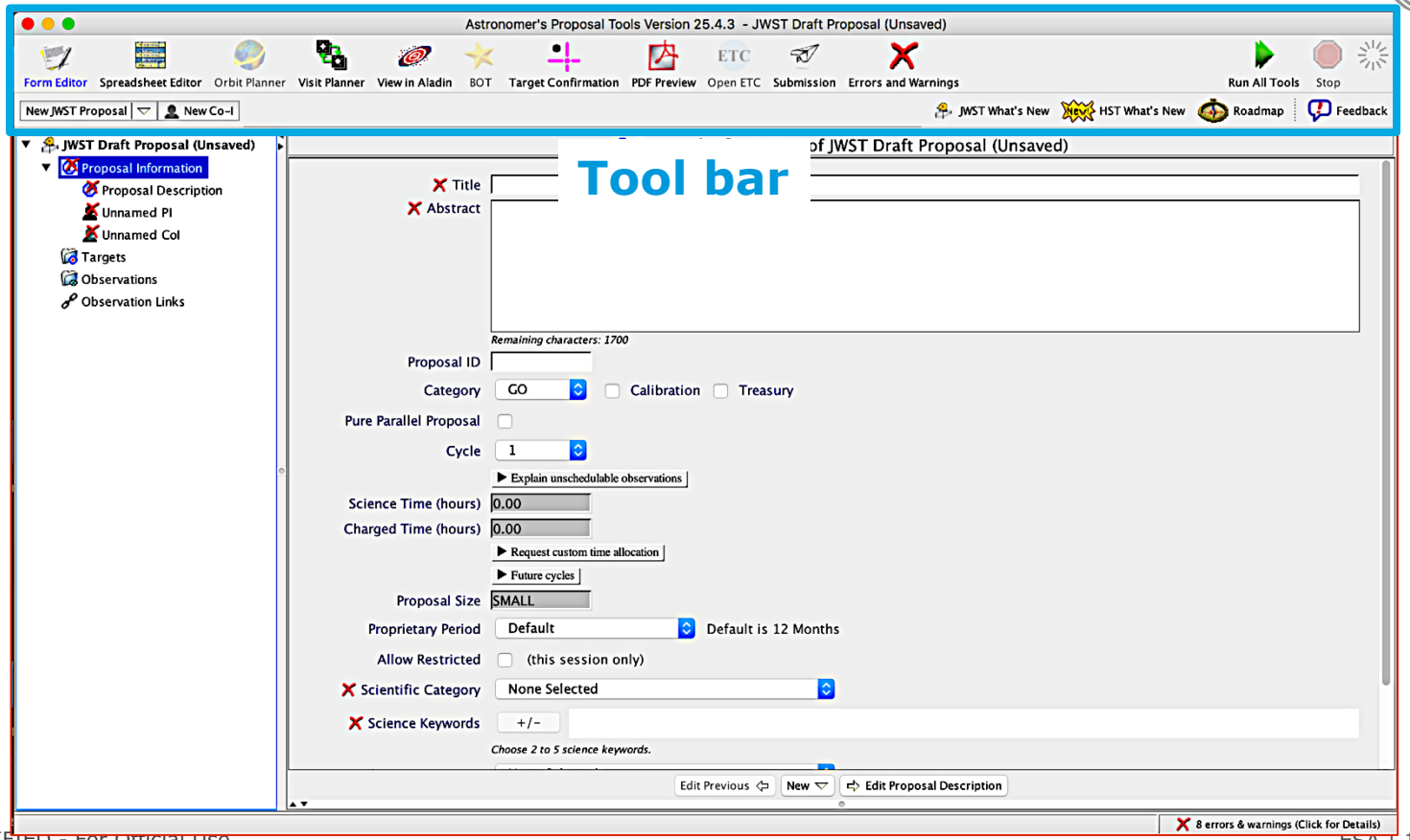
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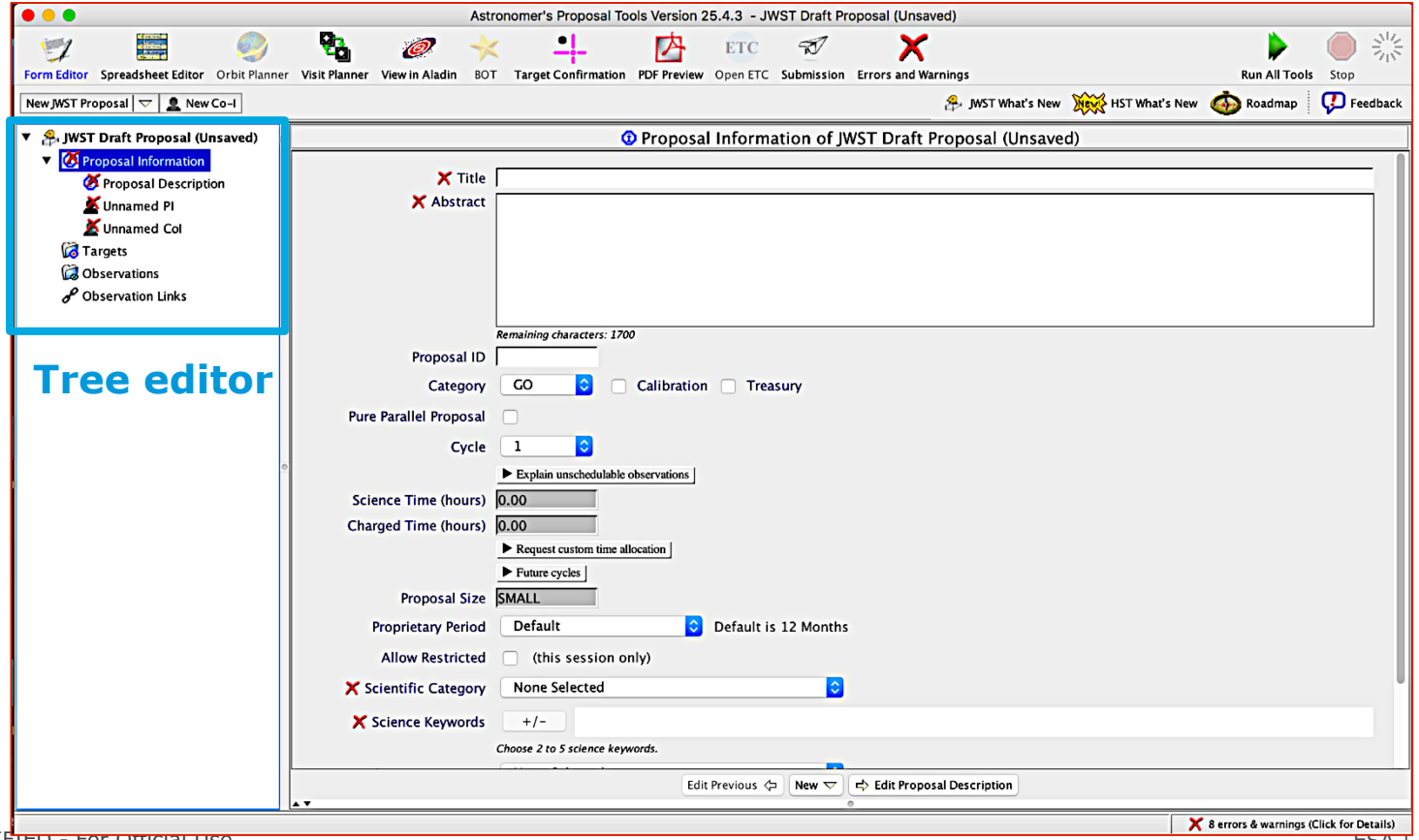
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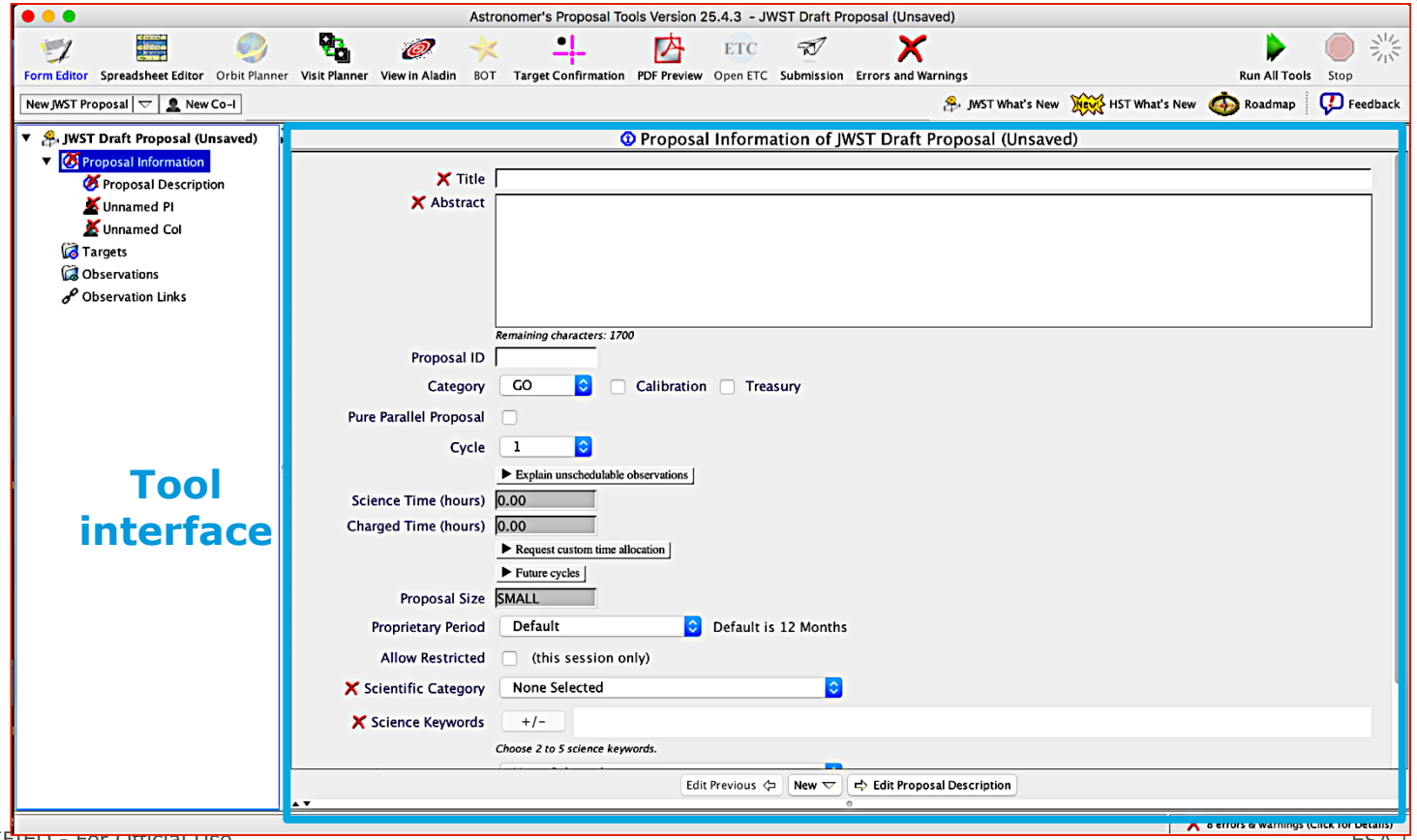
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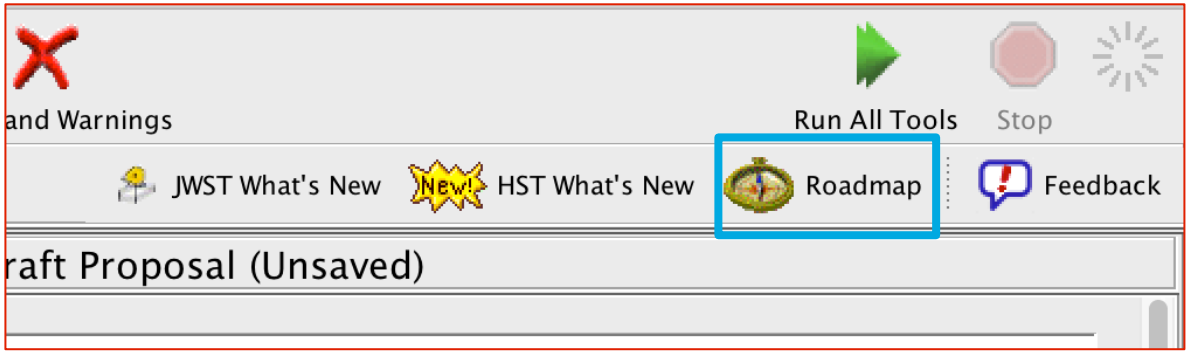

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JWST Cycle 1 Proposal Checklist and Resources

[Know the deadlines] [Know where to find the JWST User Documentation] [Learn the JWST observation planning tools.] [Design a JWST observing program in APT] [Write your science proposal] [Submit your JWST proposal.] [Wait.] [Next steps for approved programs] [Related Links]

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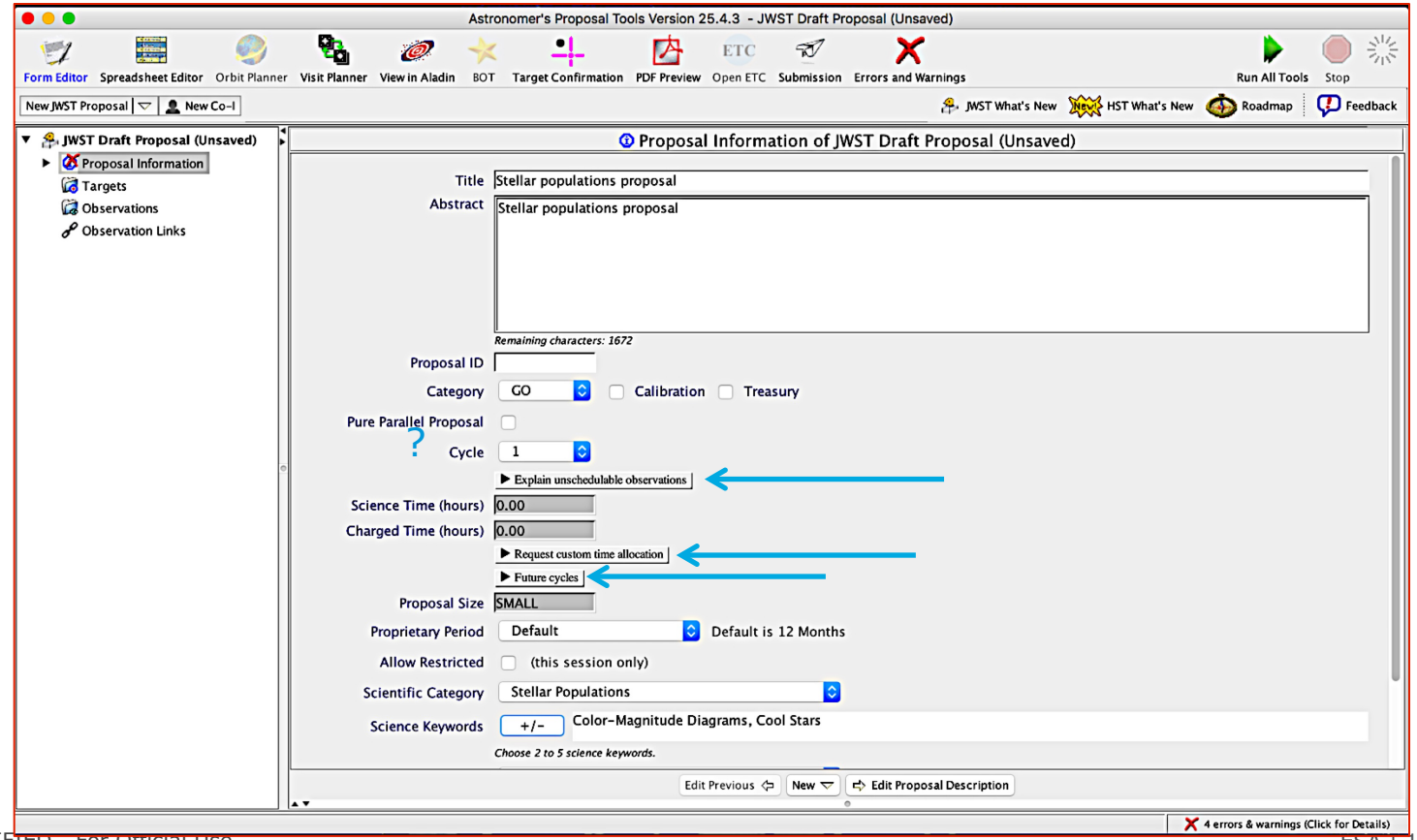

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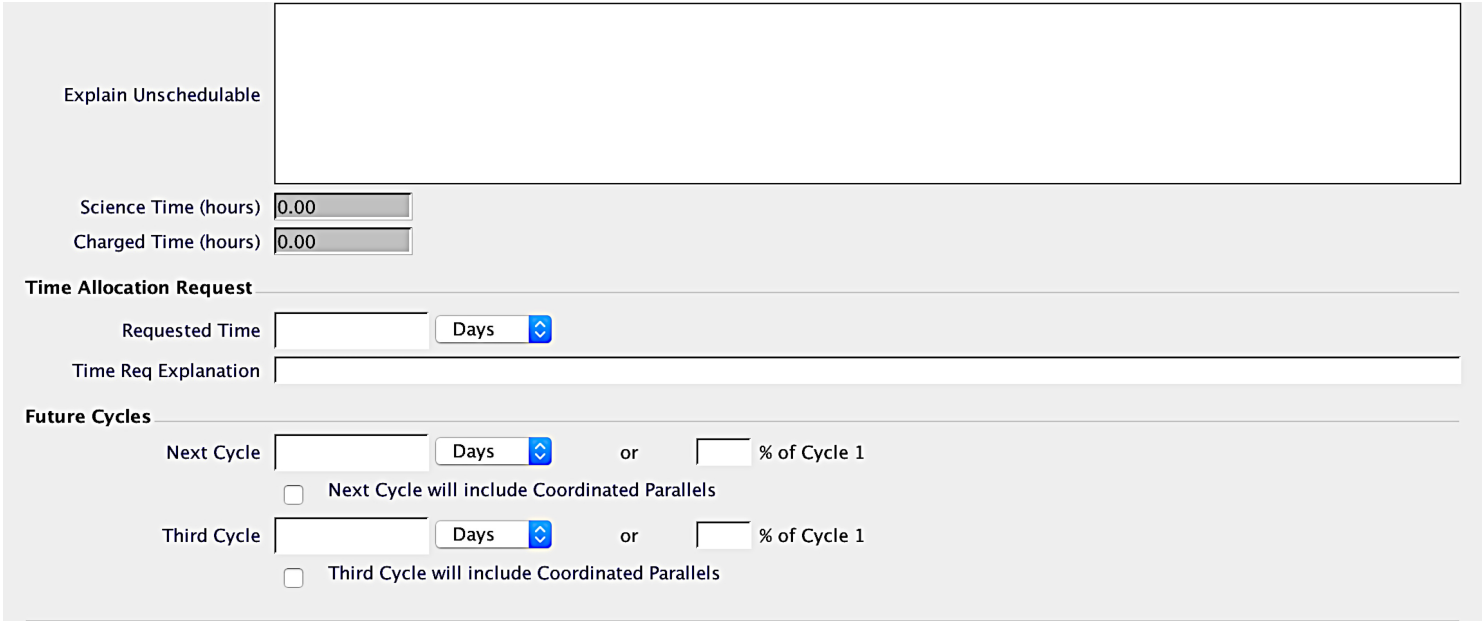

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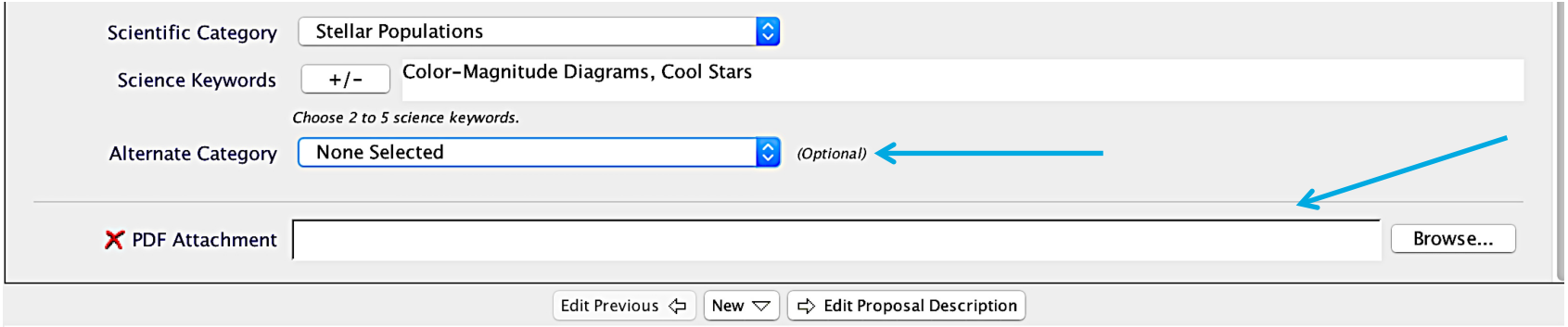

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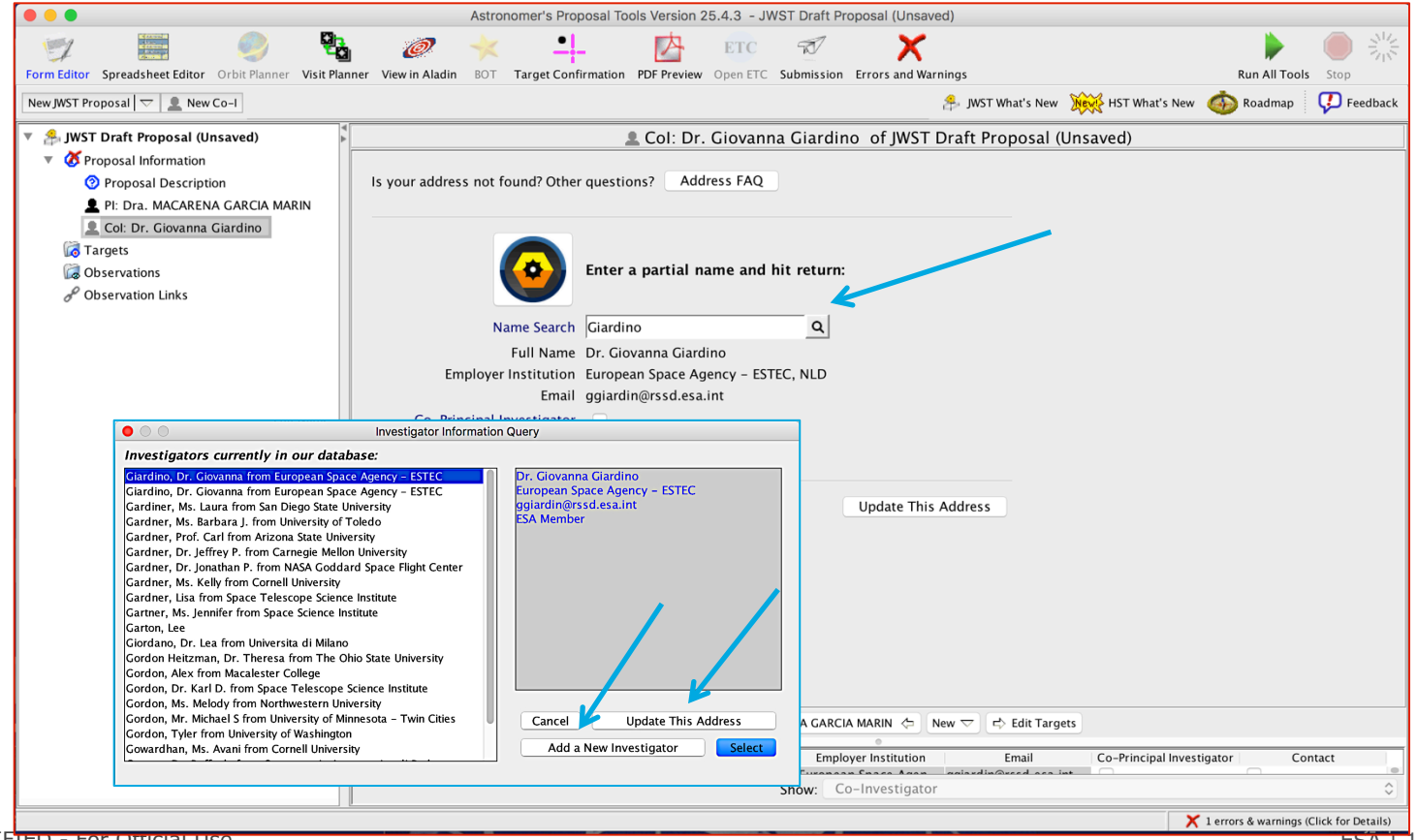

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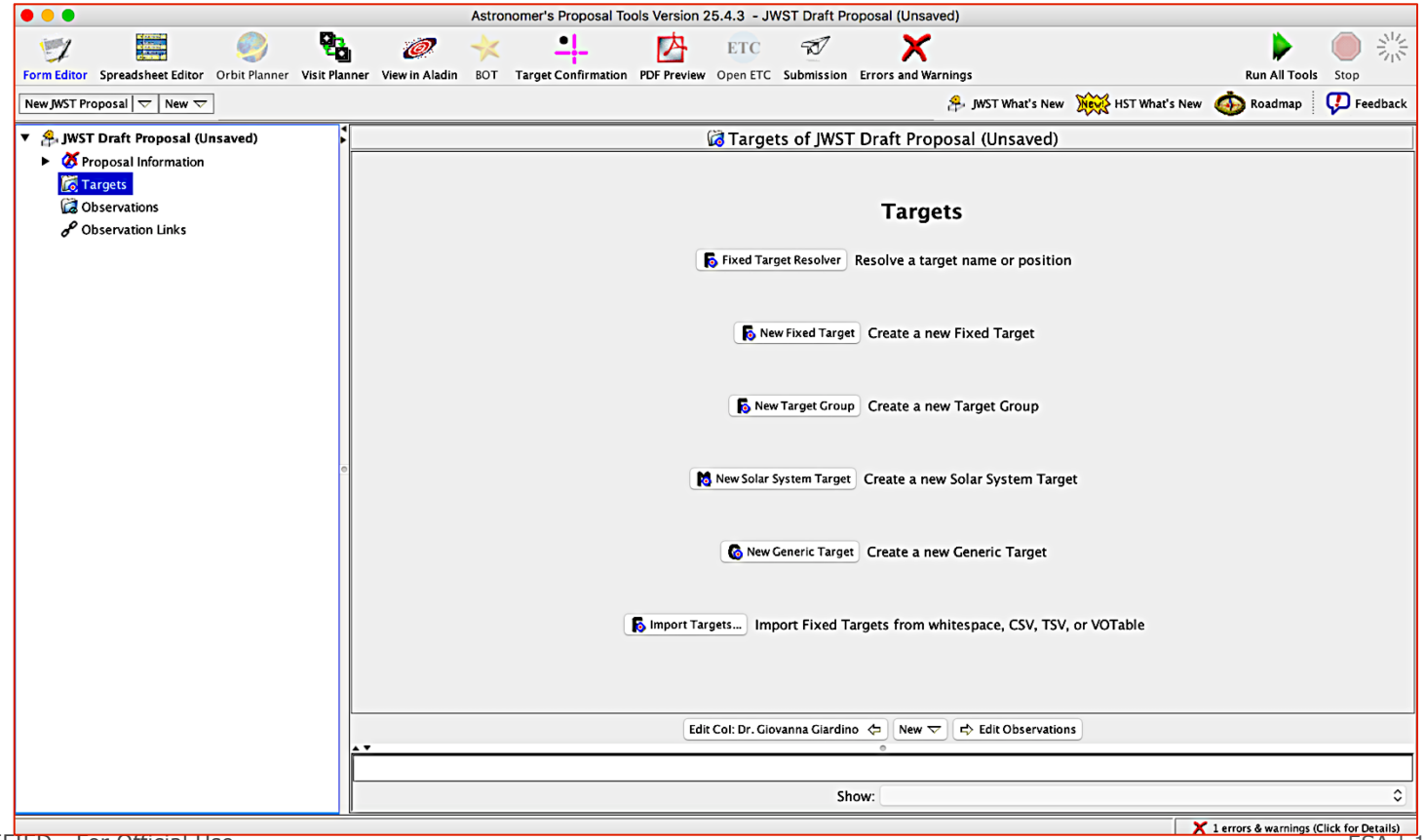

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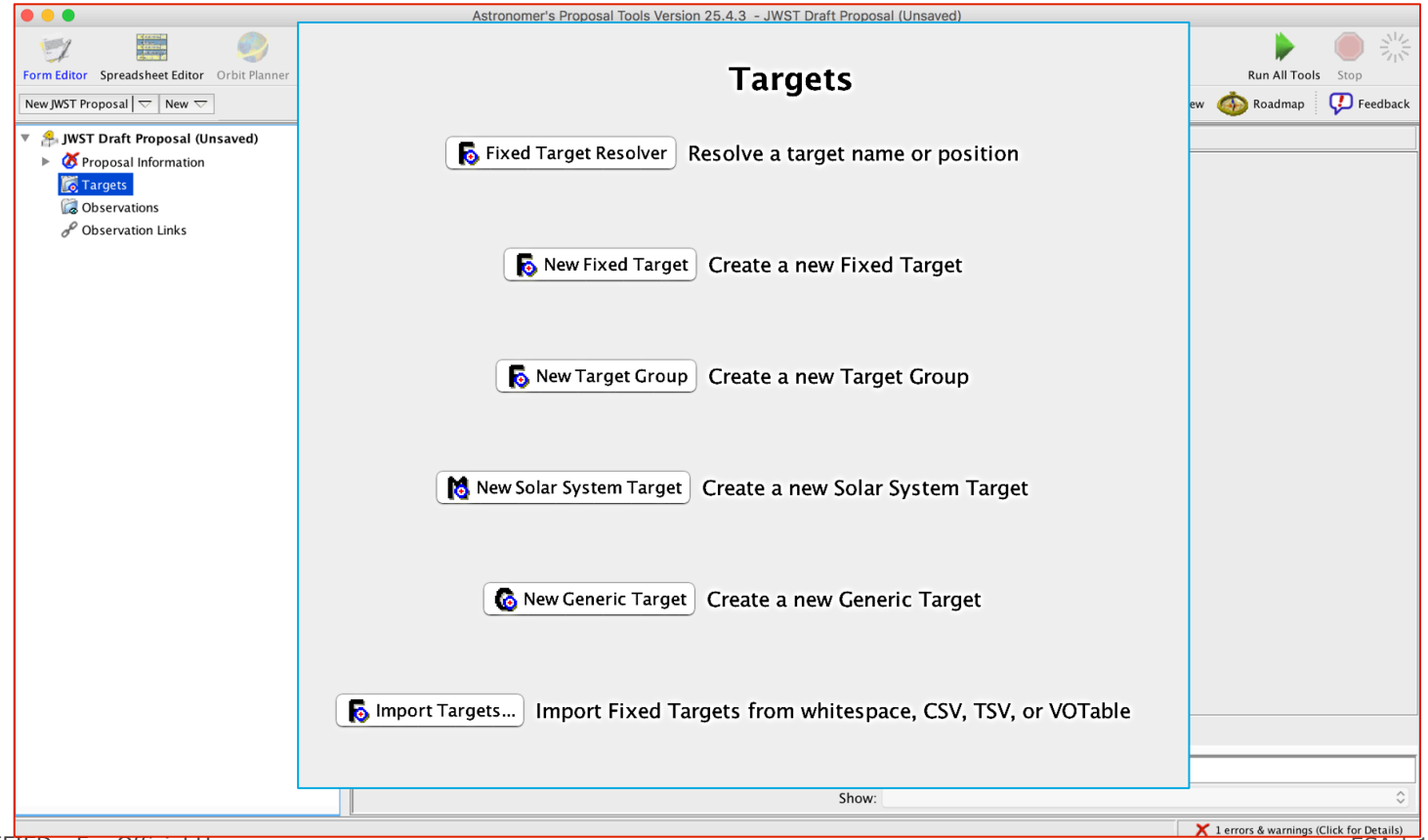

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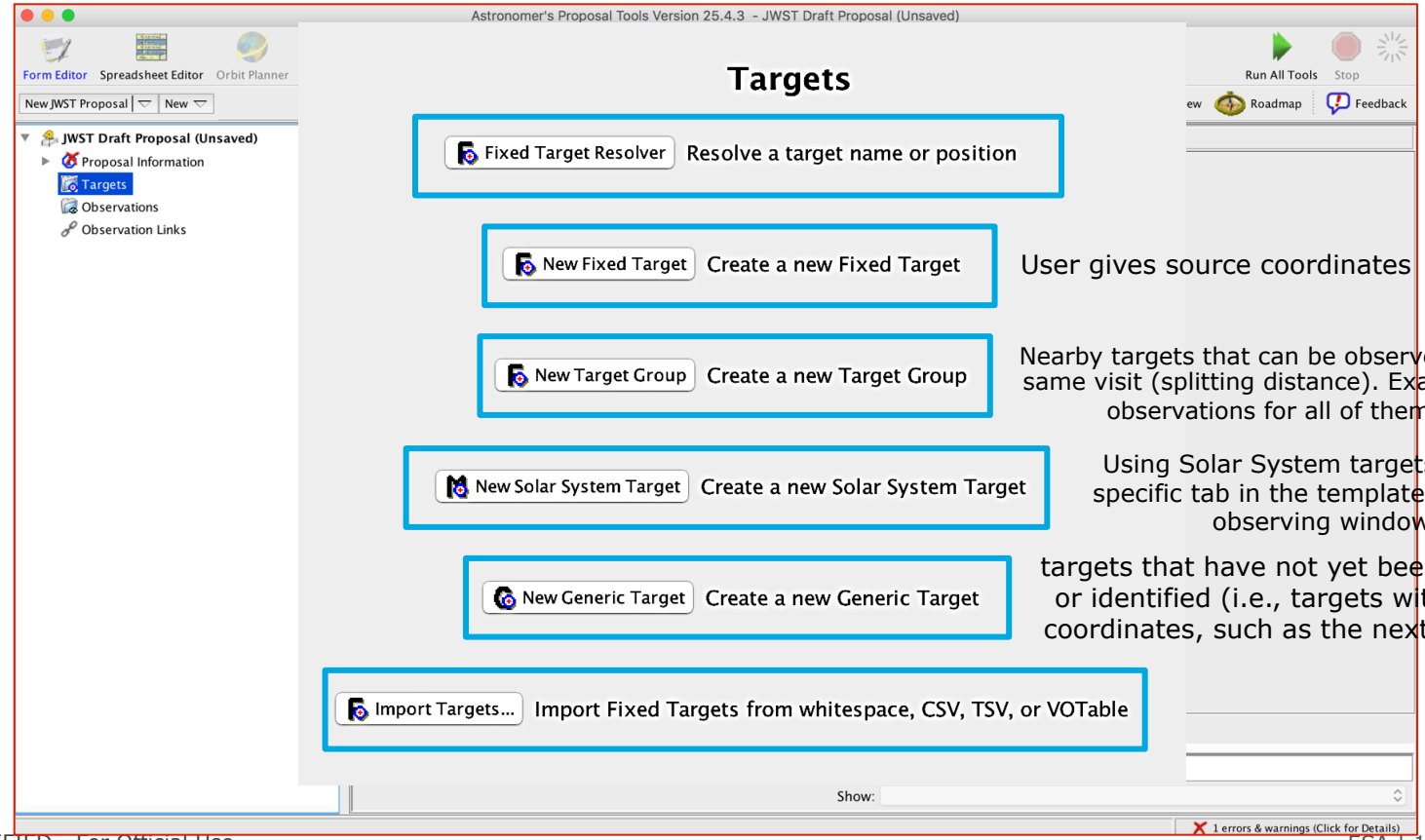

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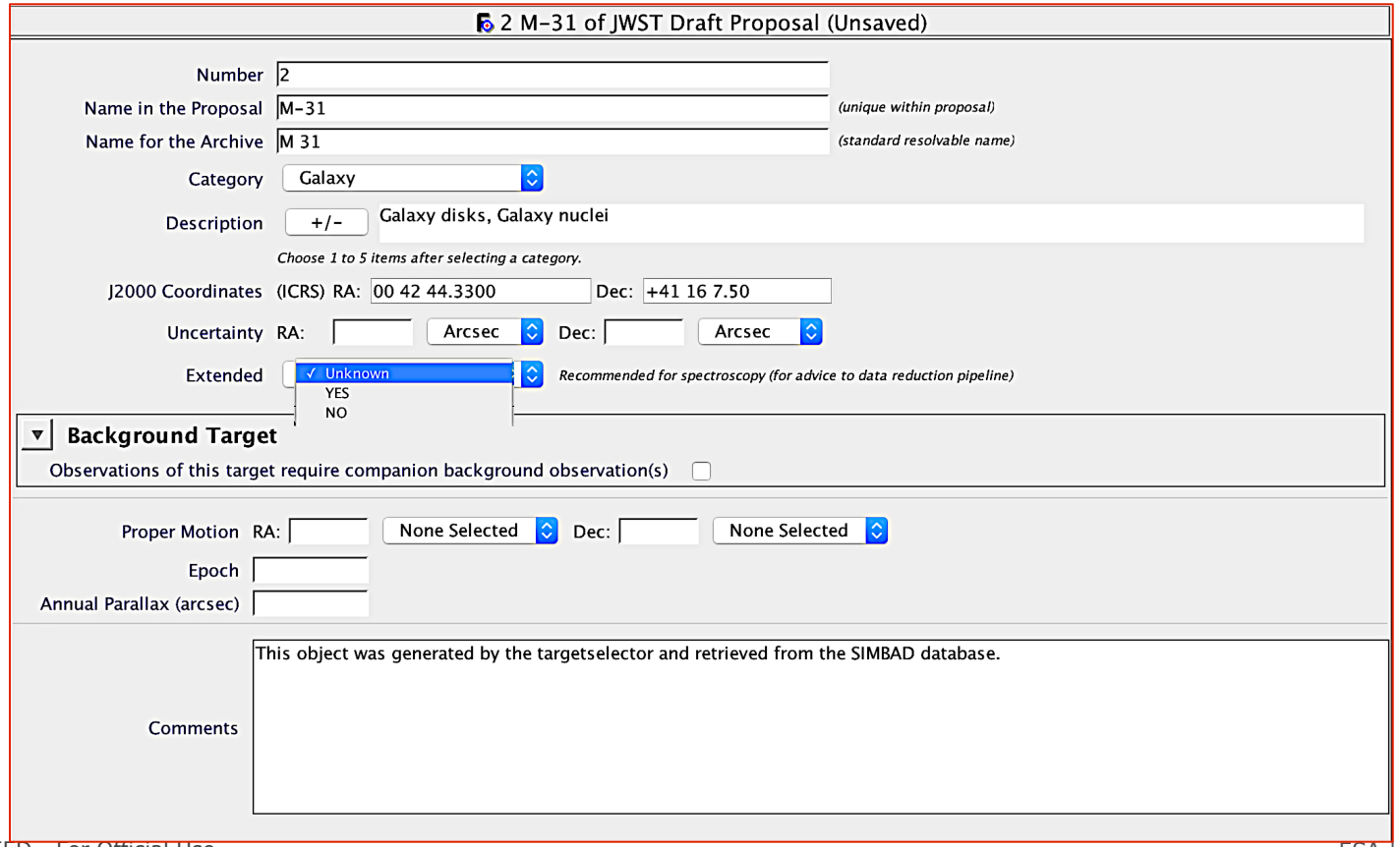

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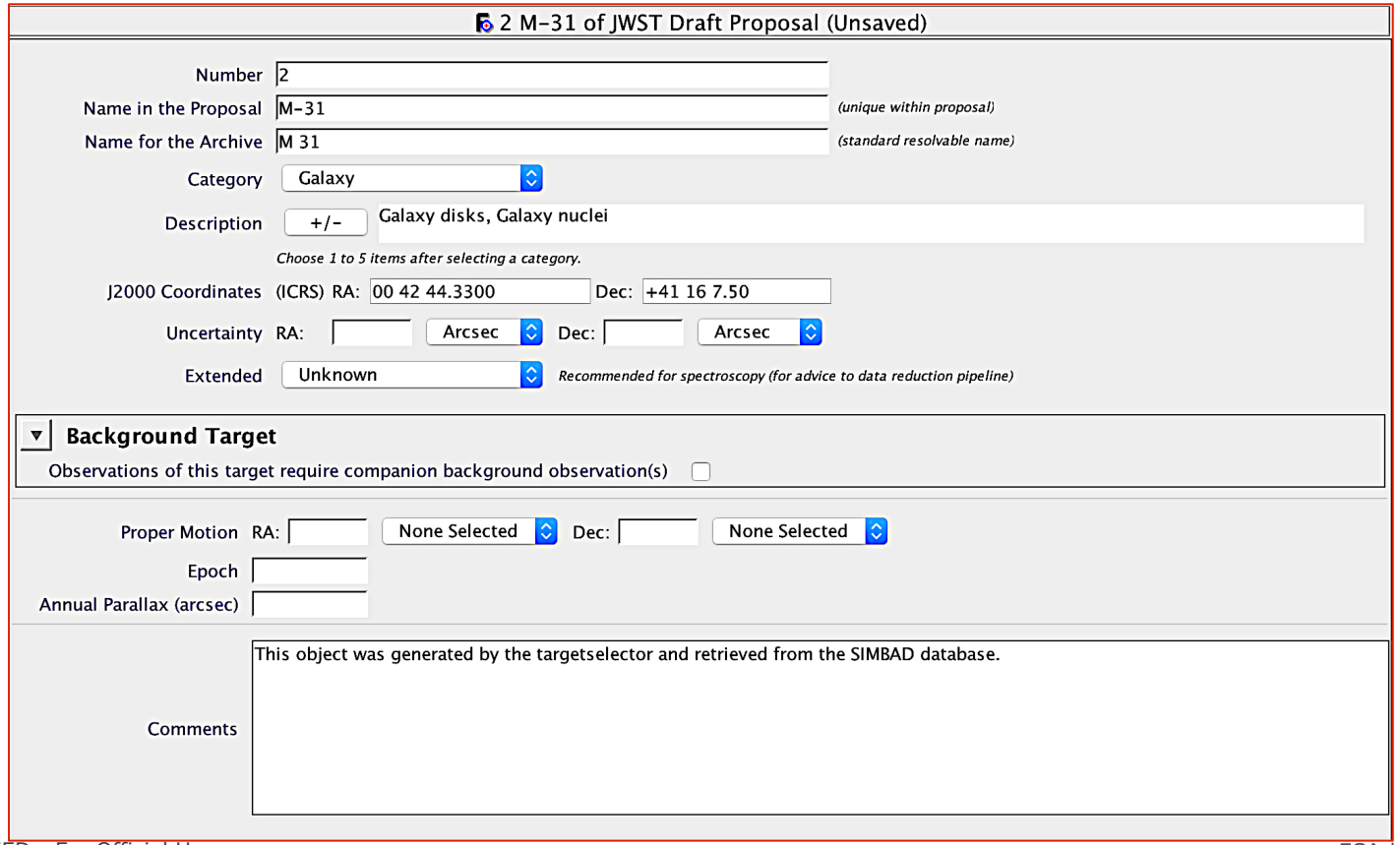

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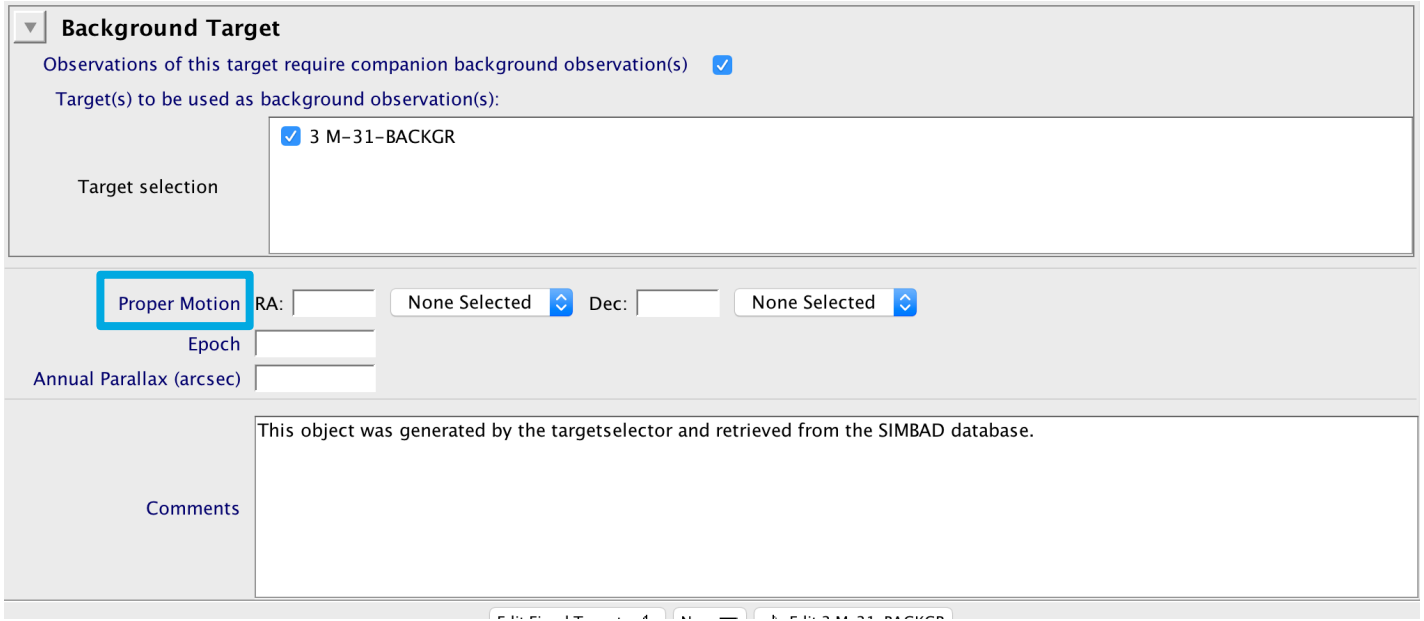

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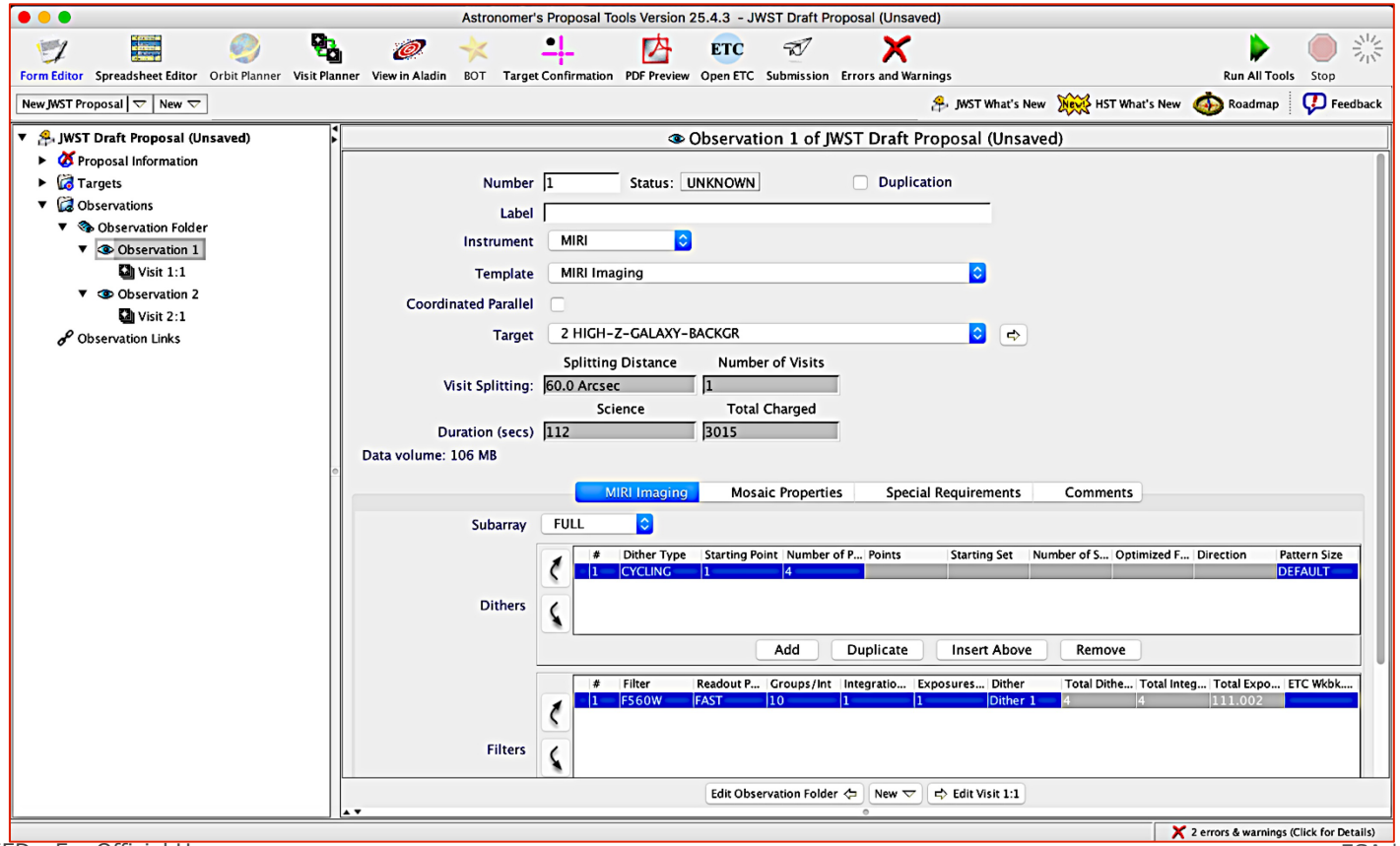

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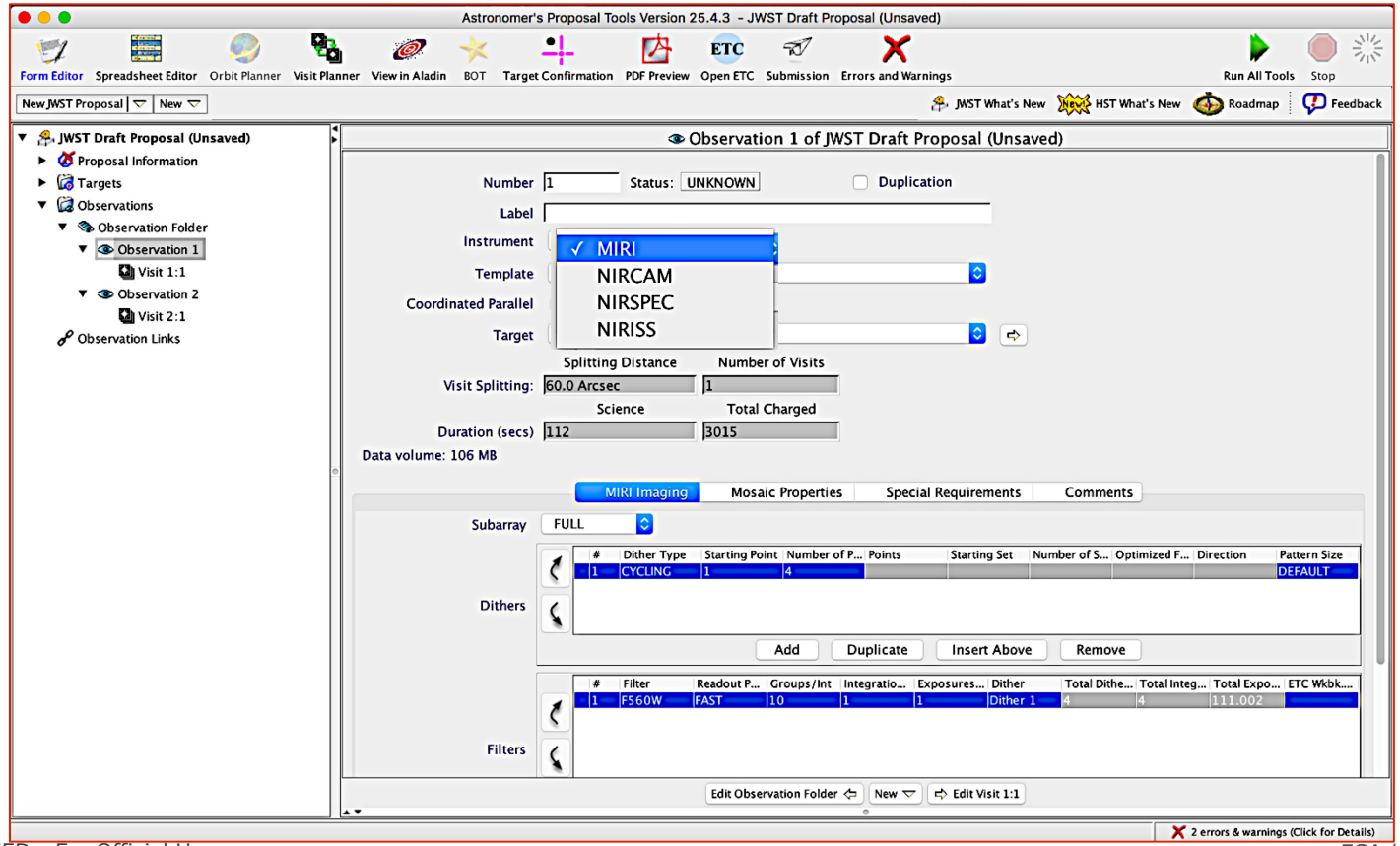

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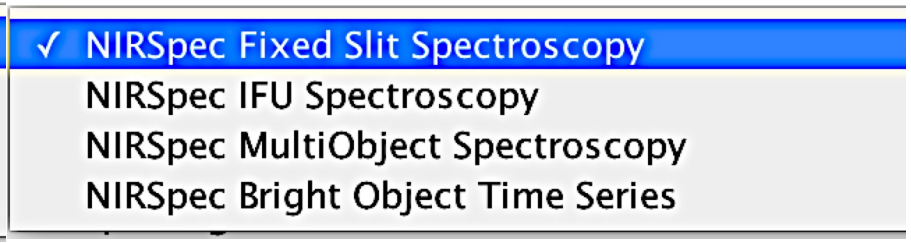

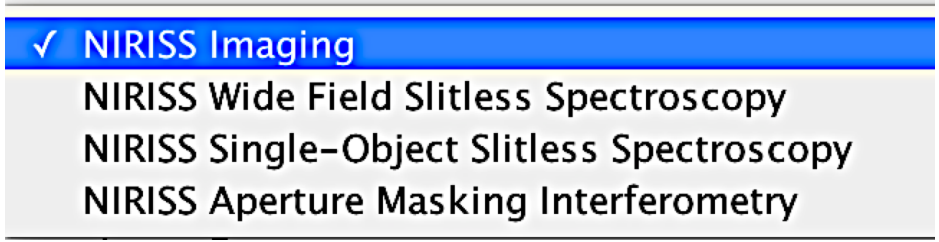

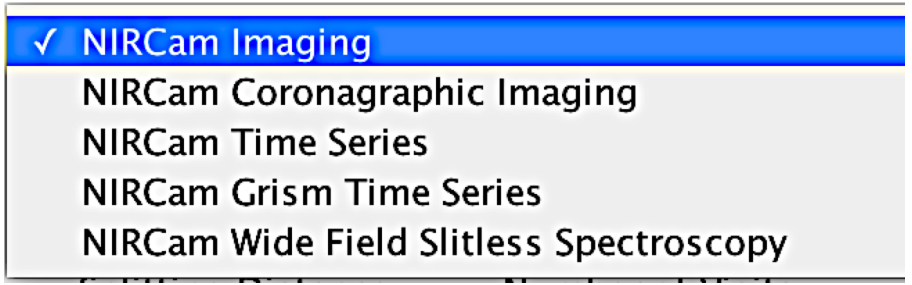

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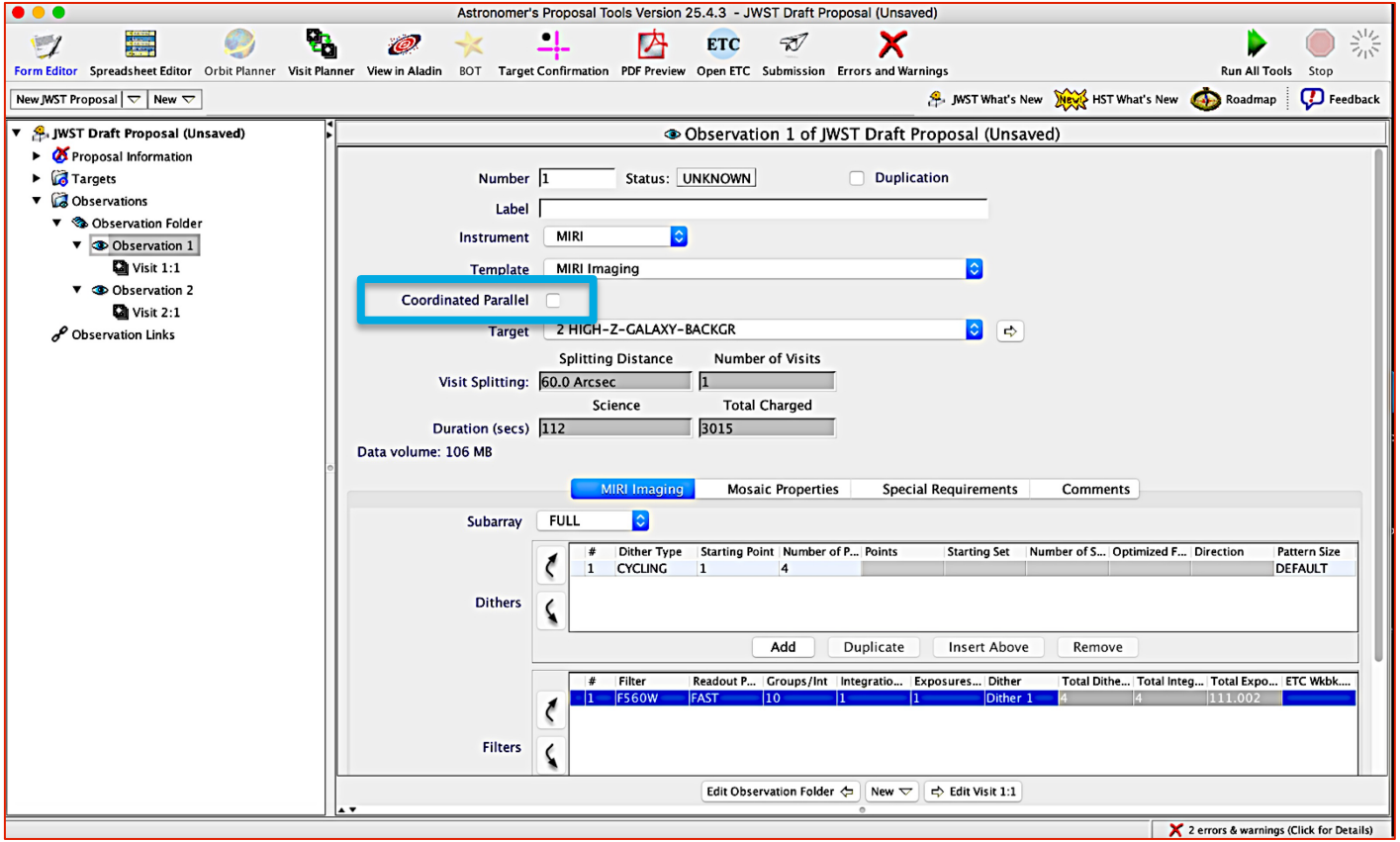

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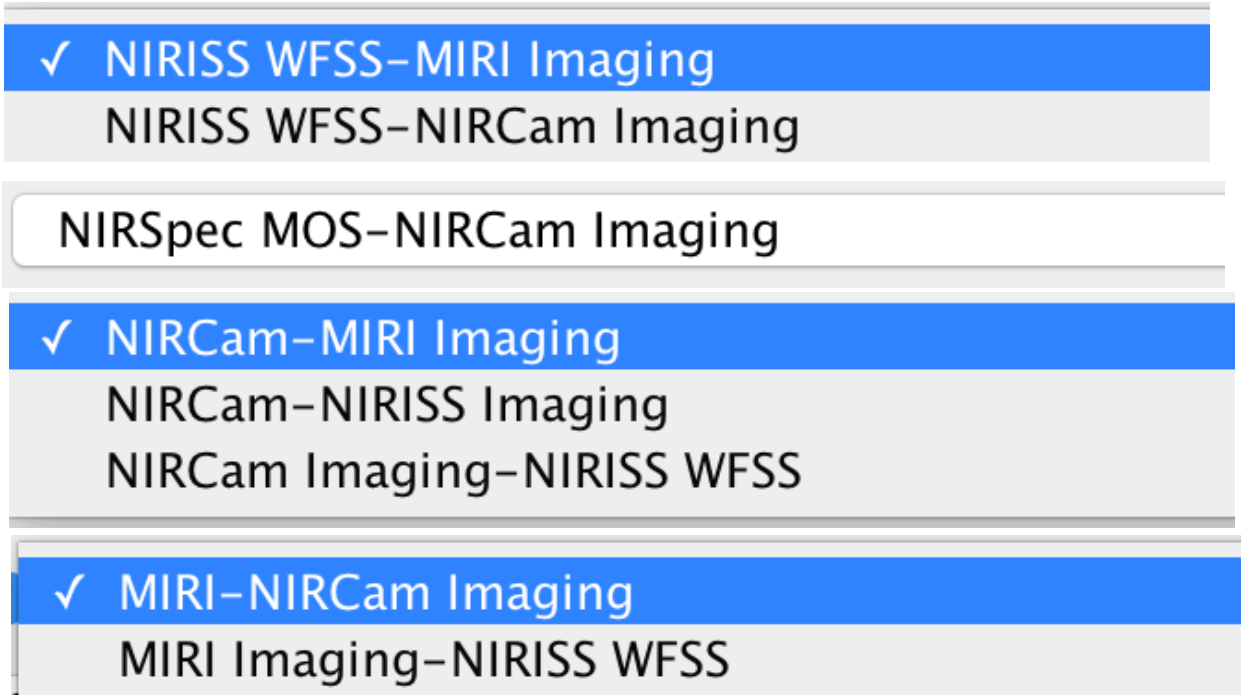

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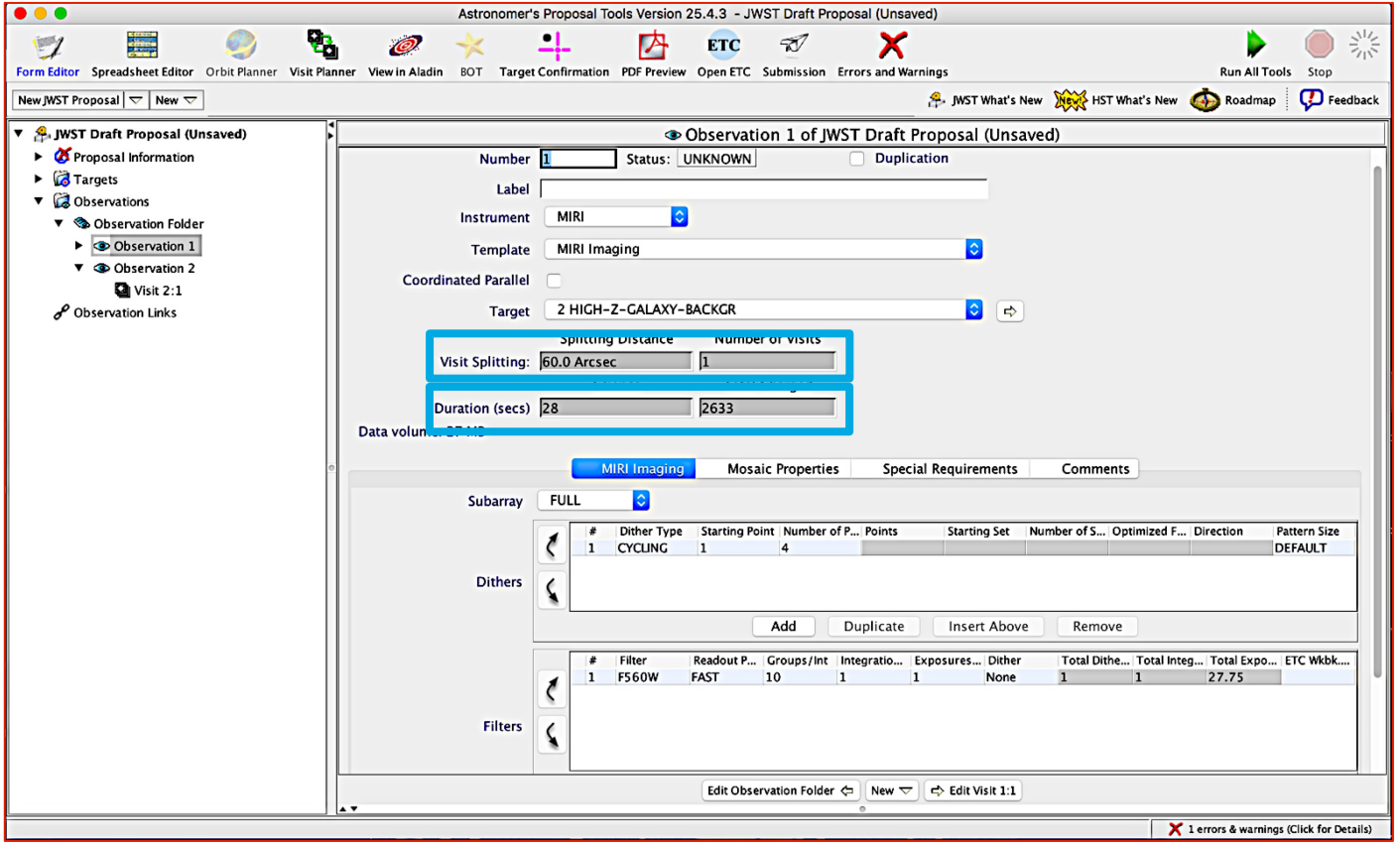

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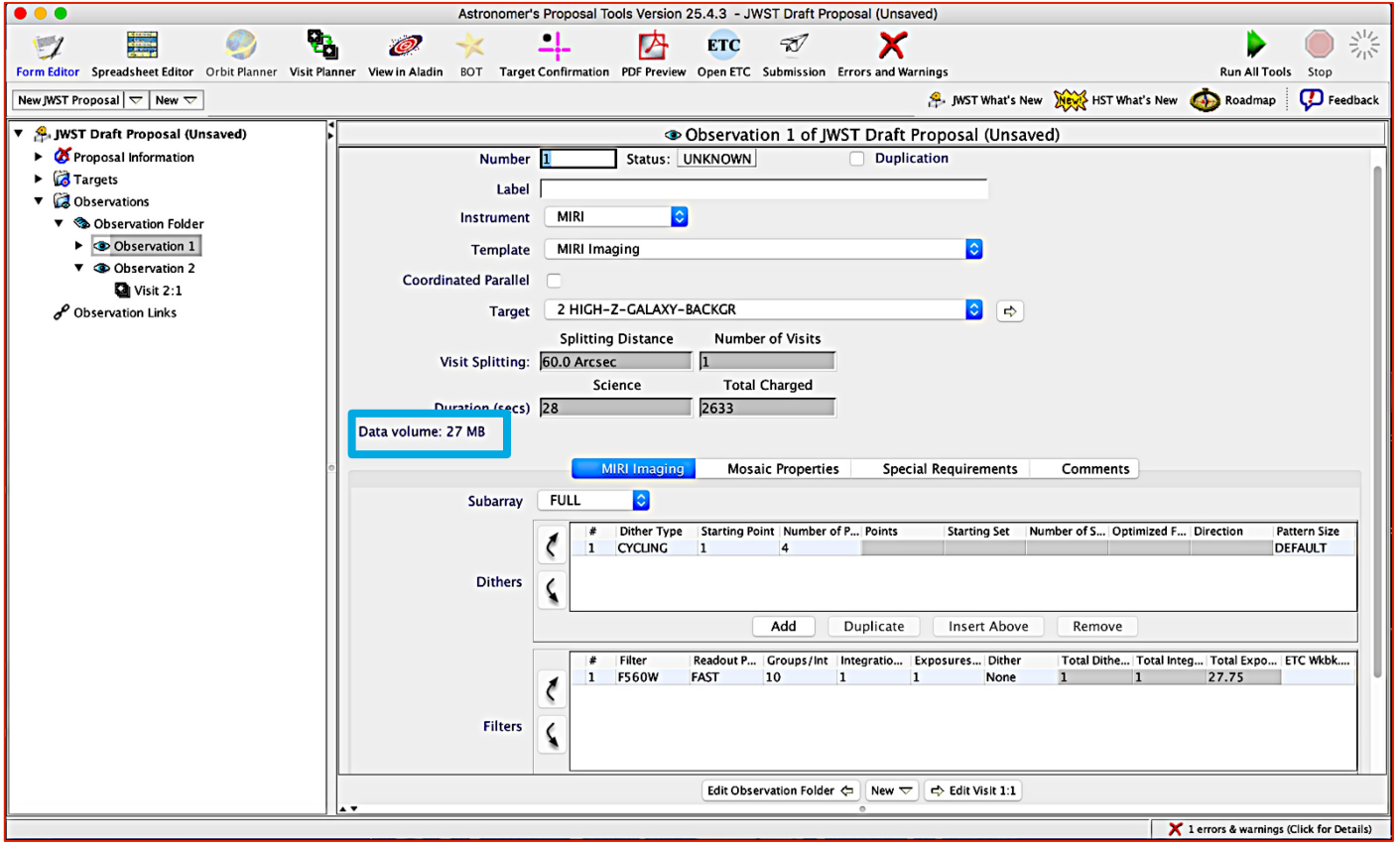

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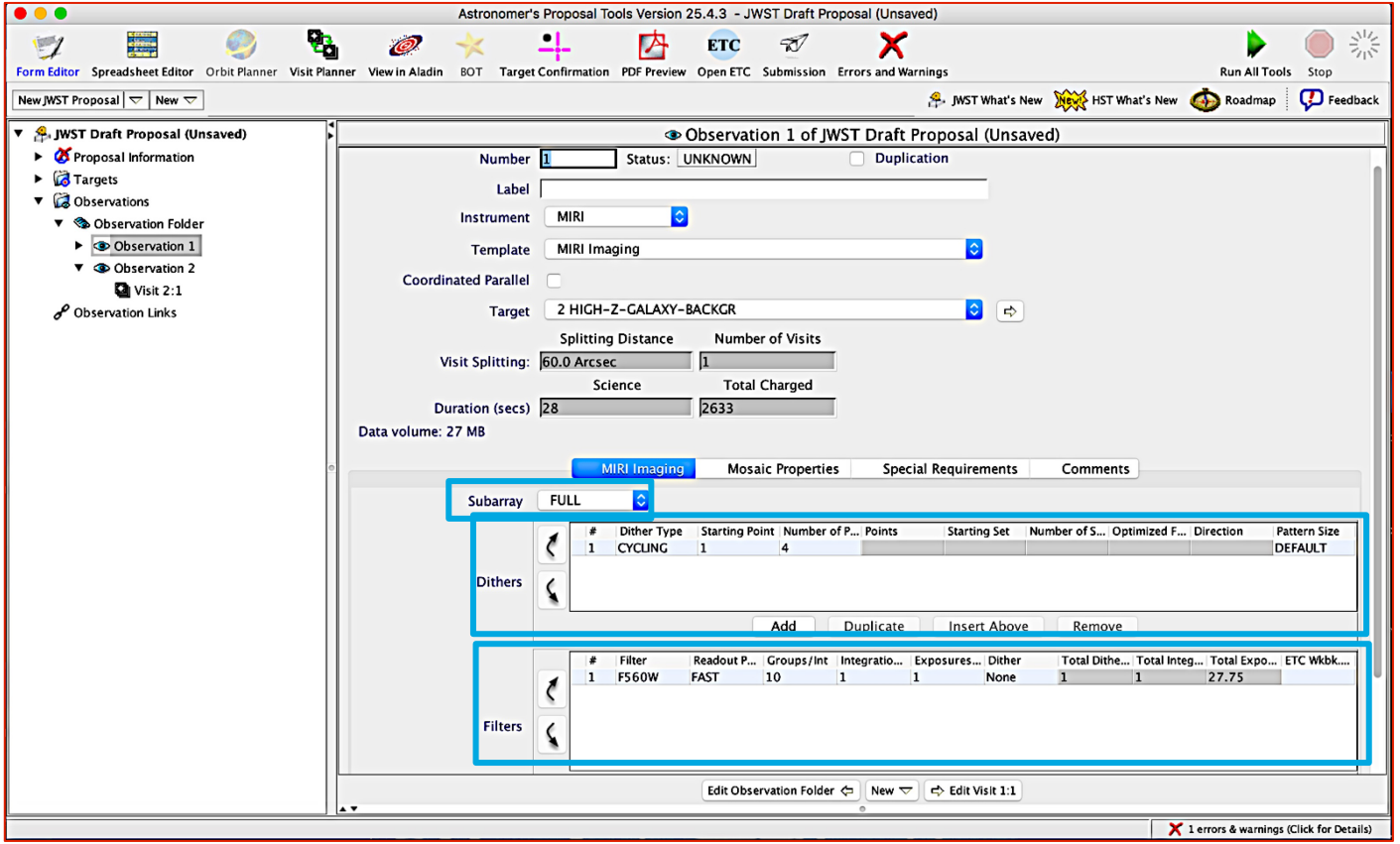

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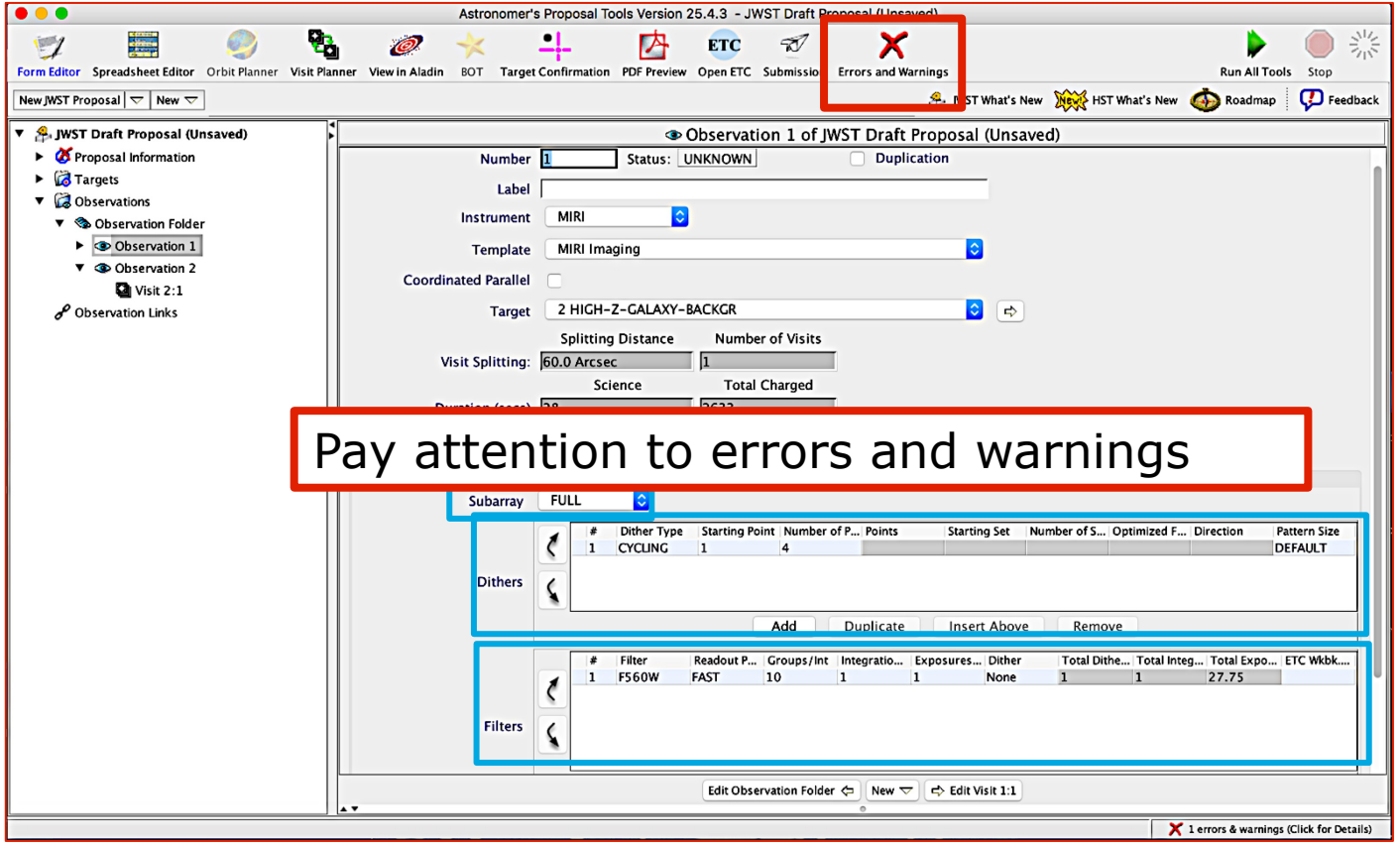

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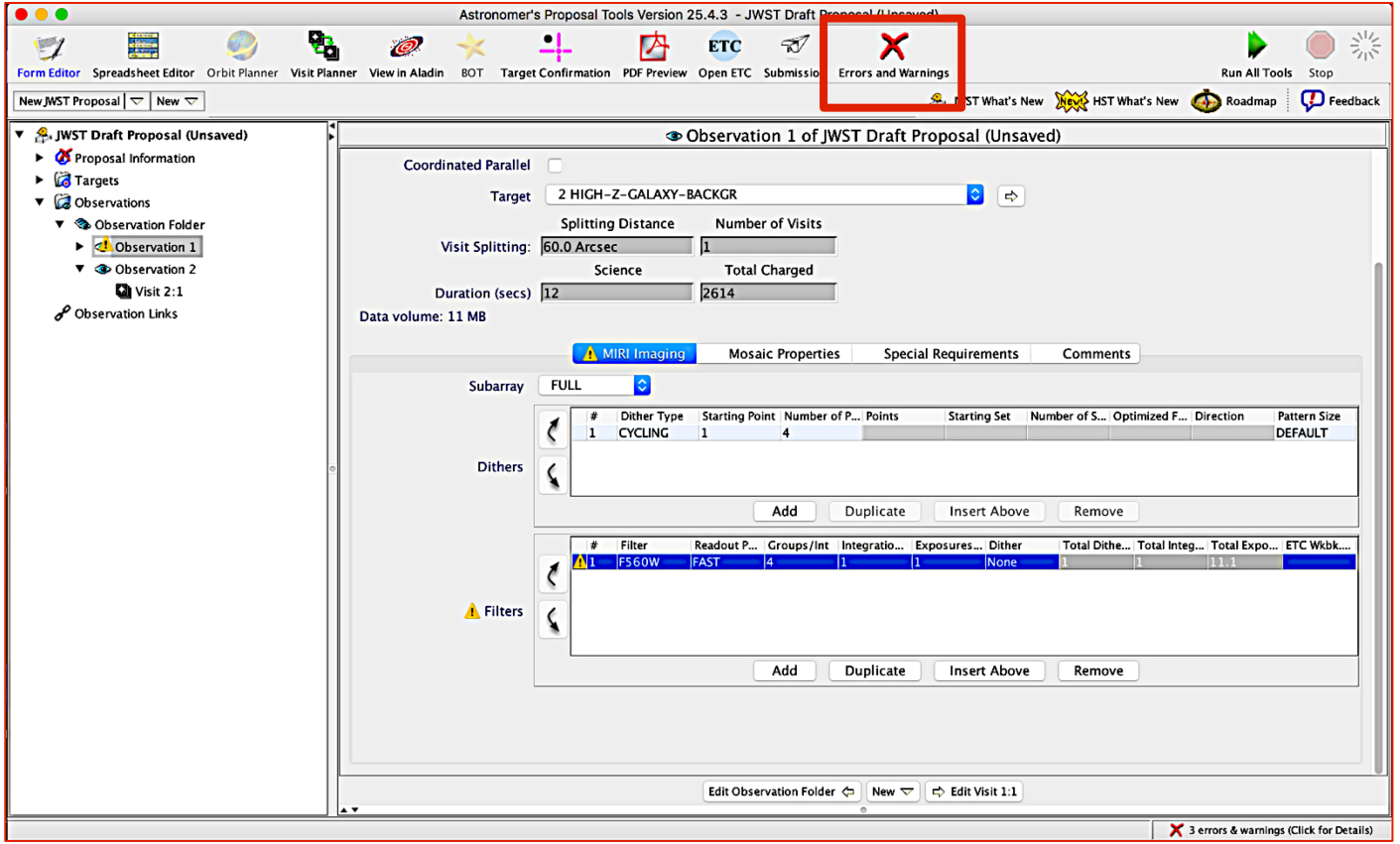

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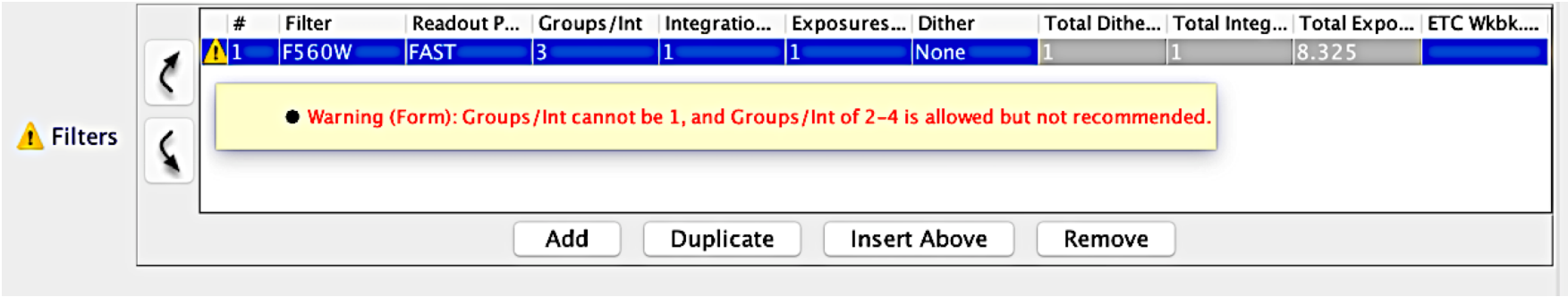

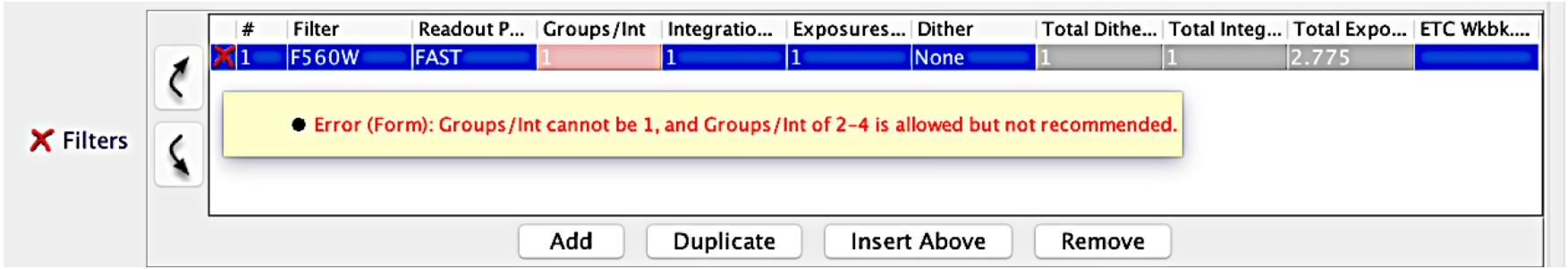

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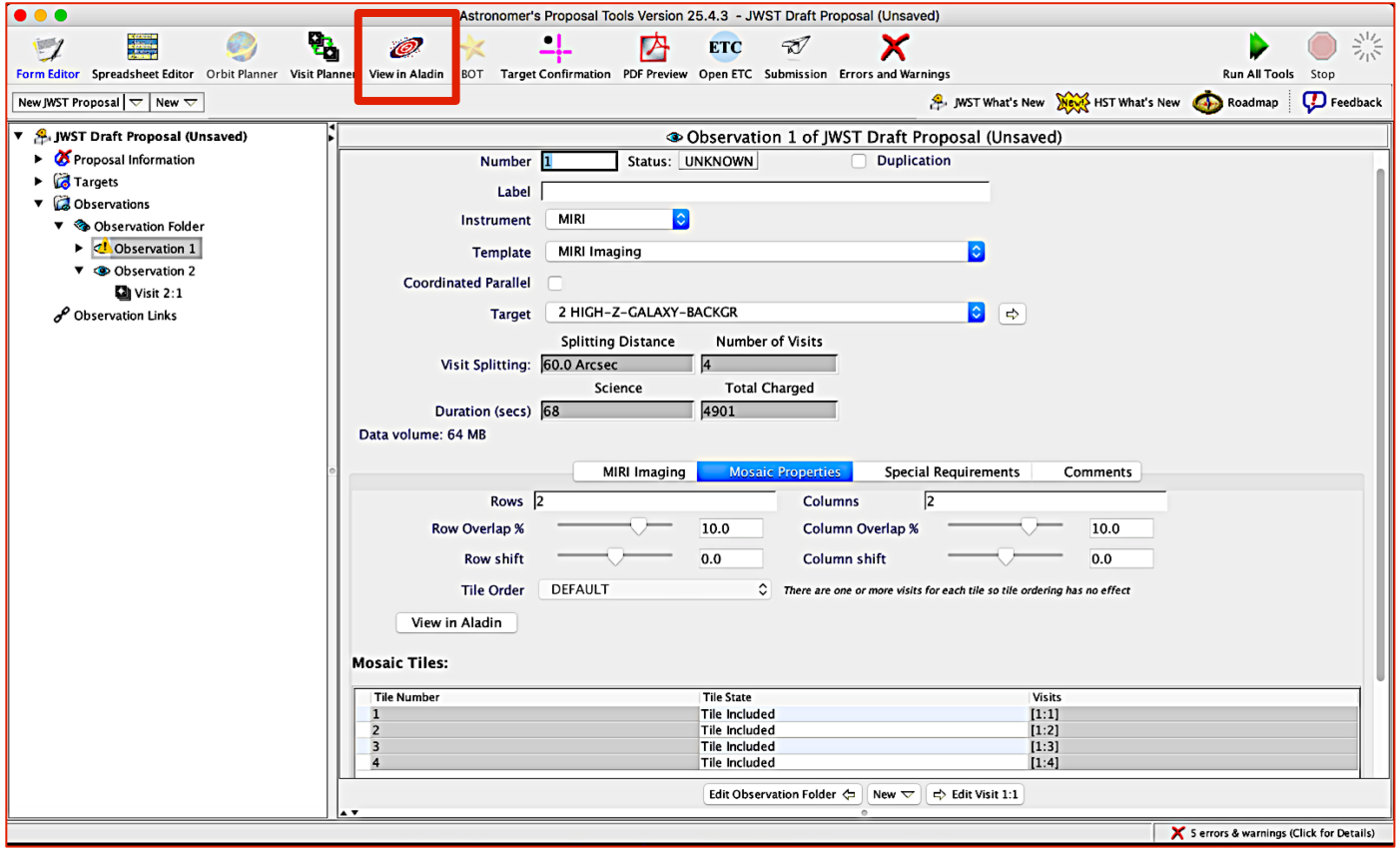

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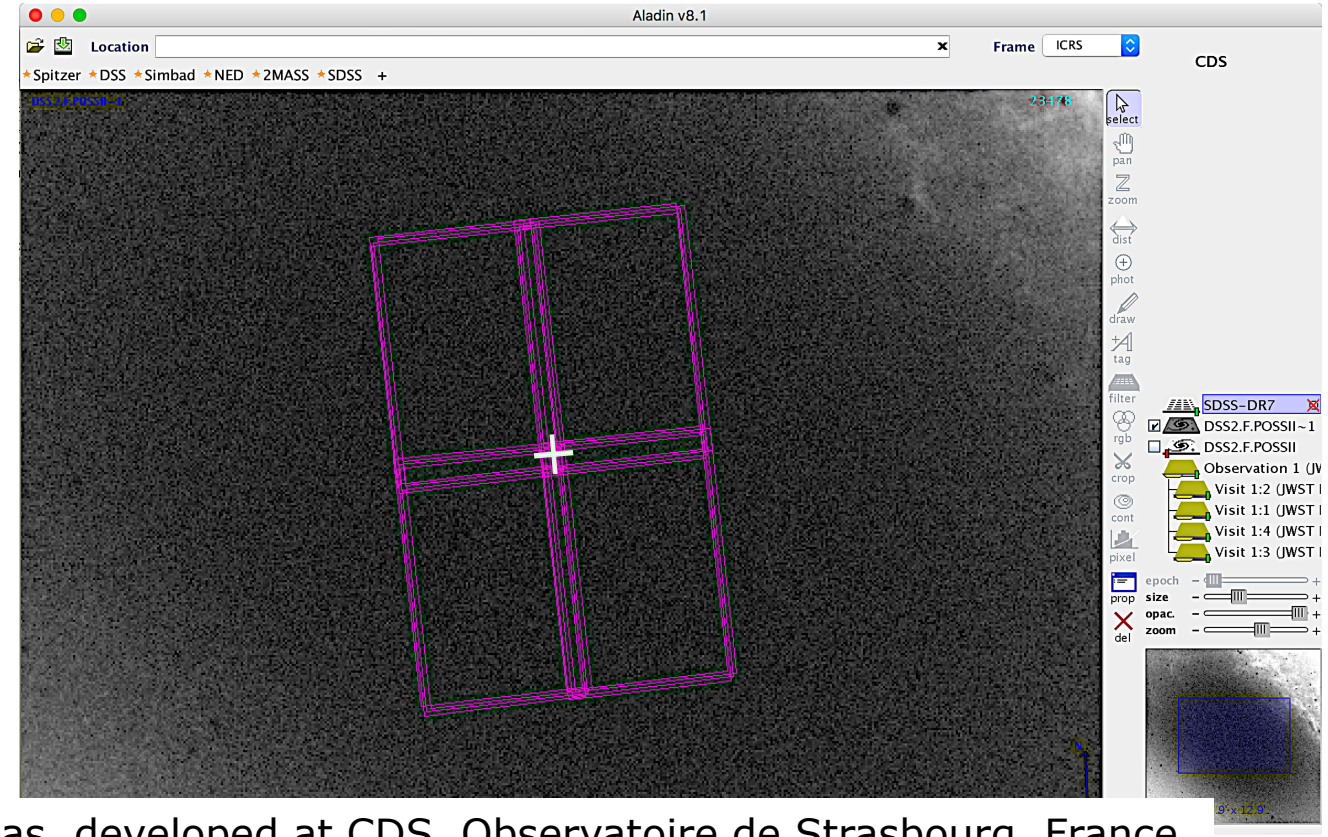

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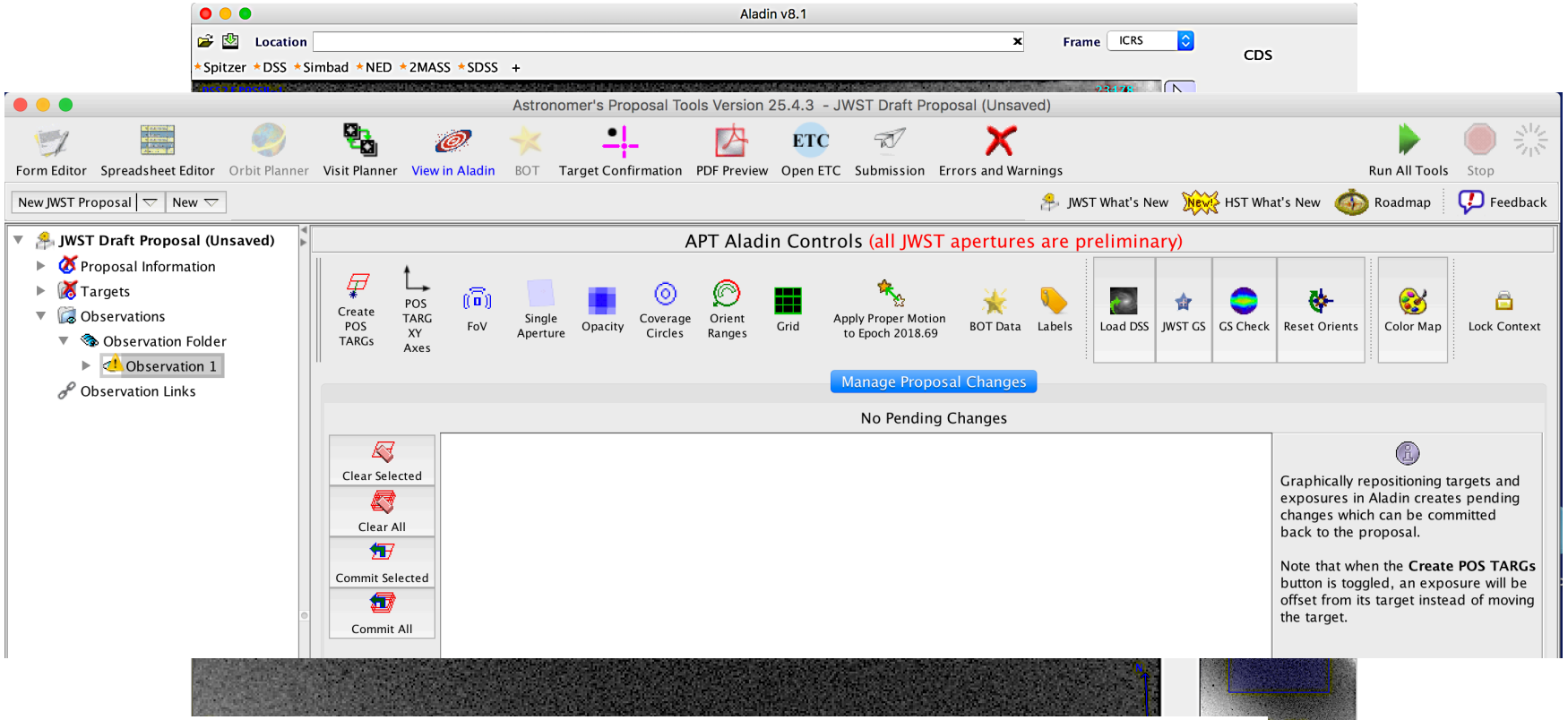

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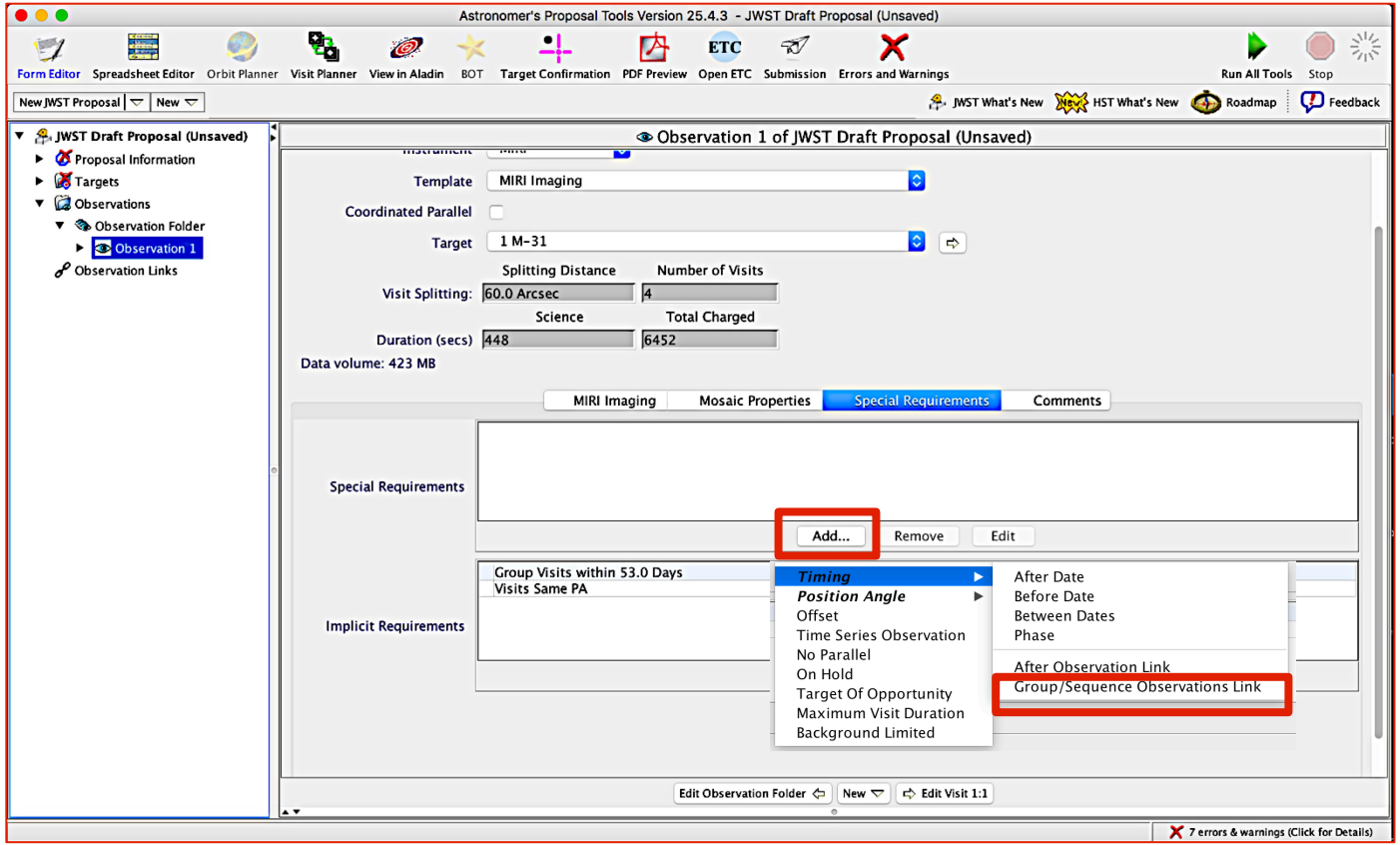

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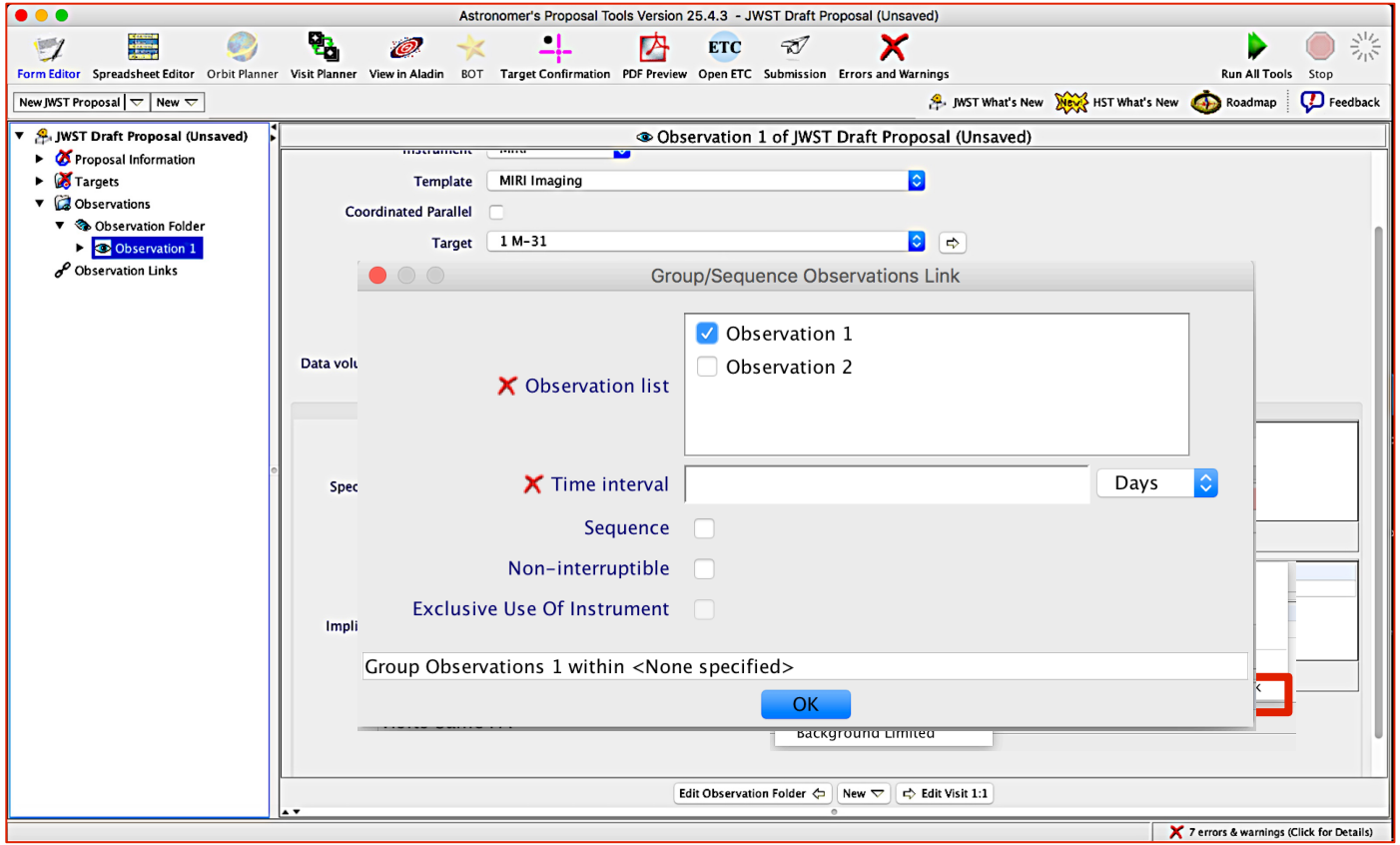

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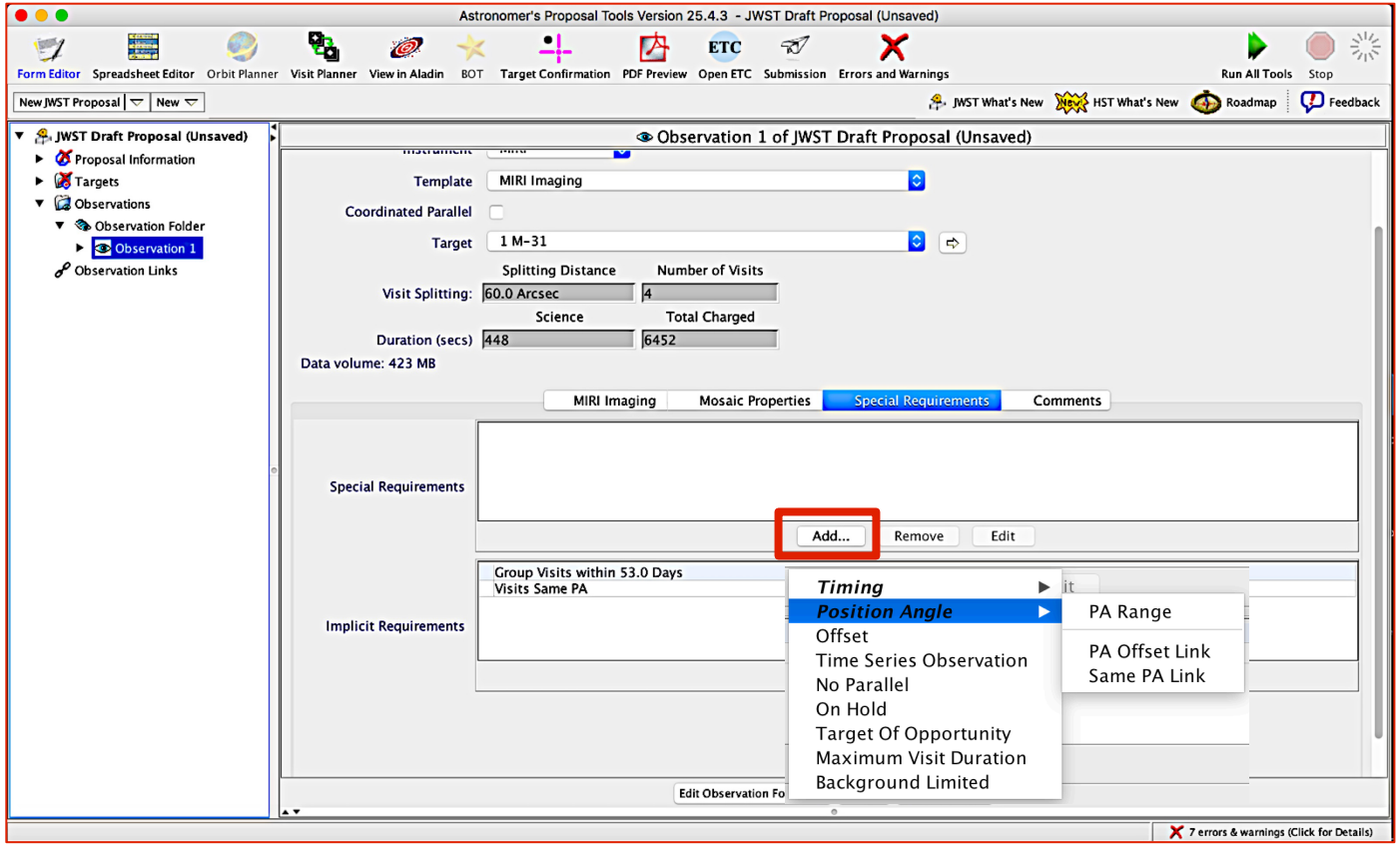

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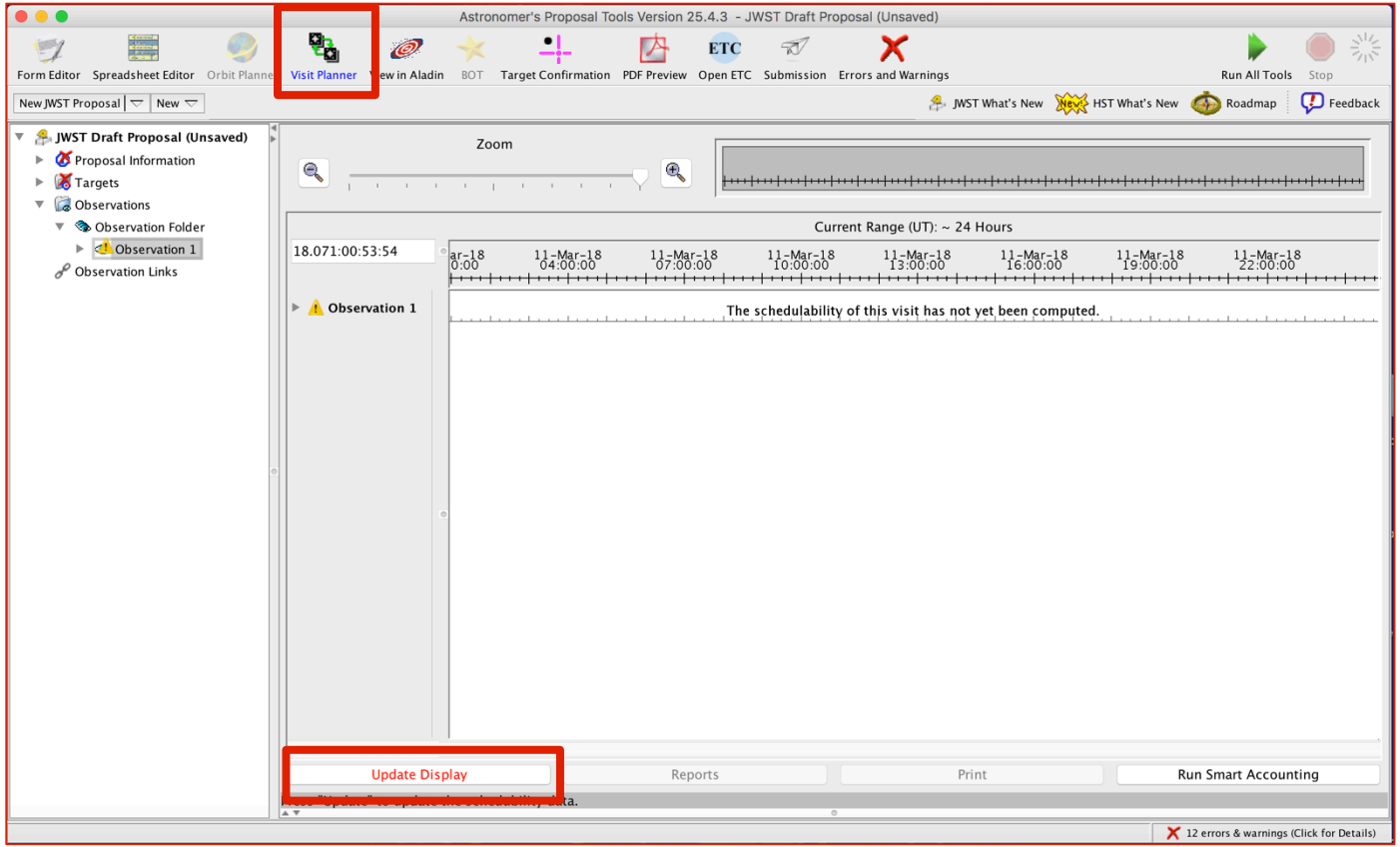

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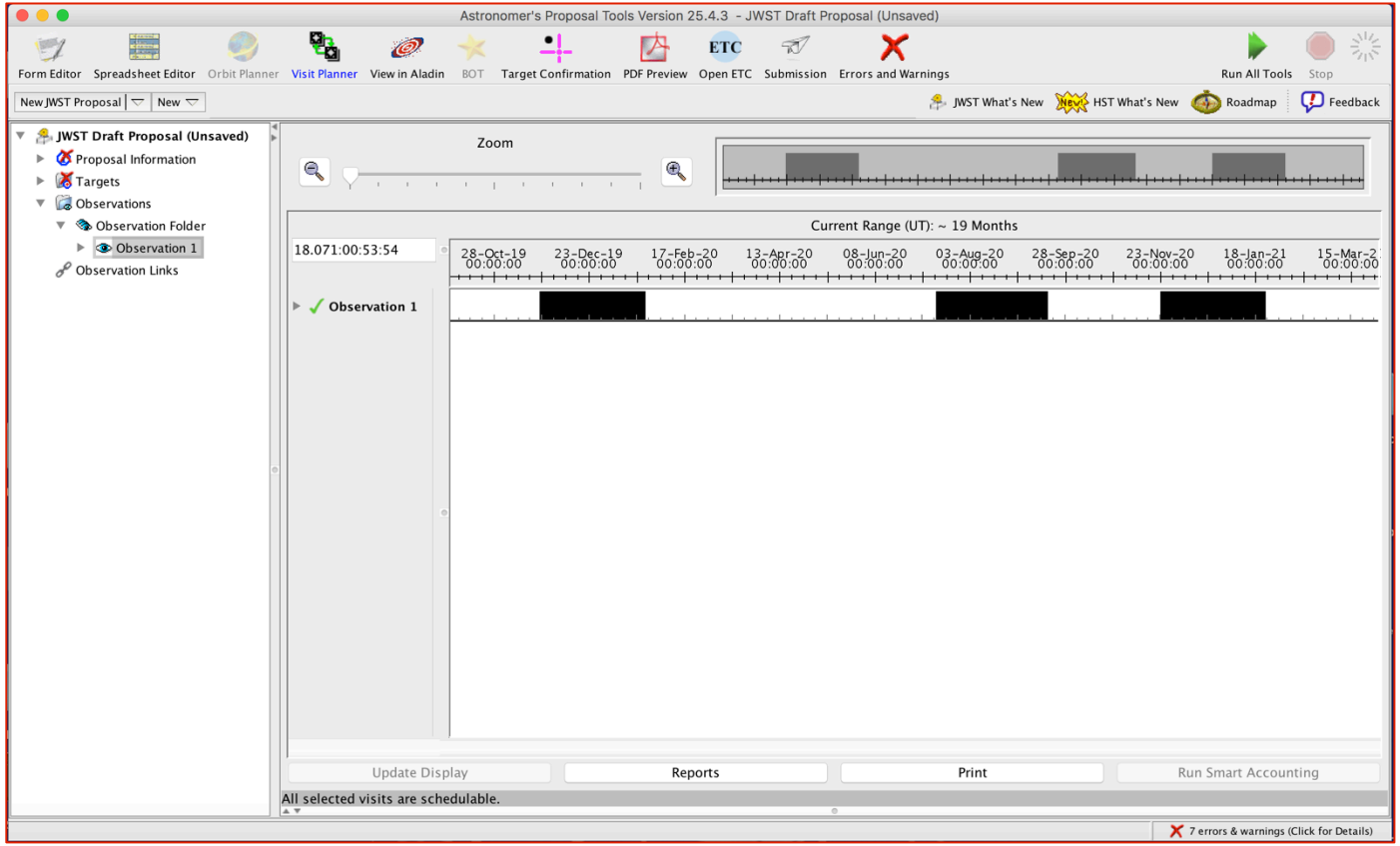

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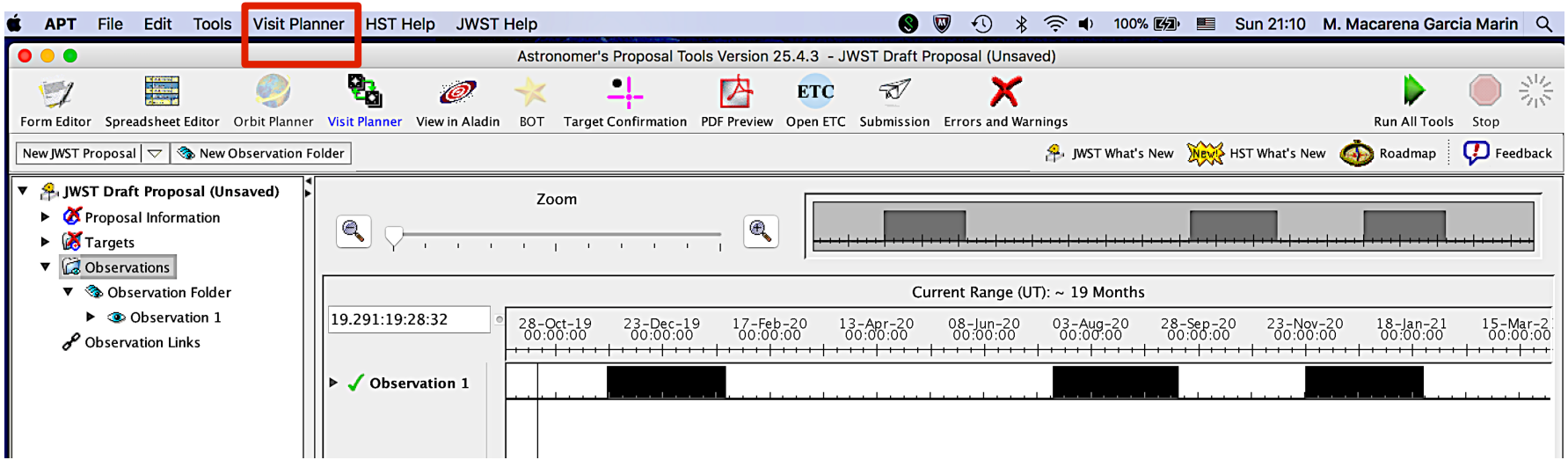

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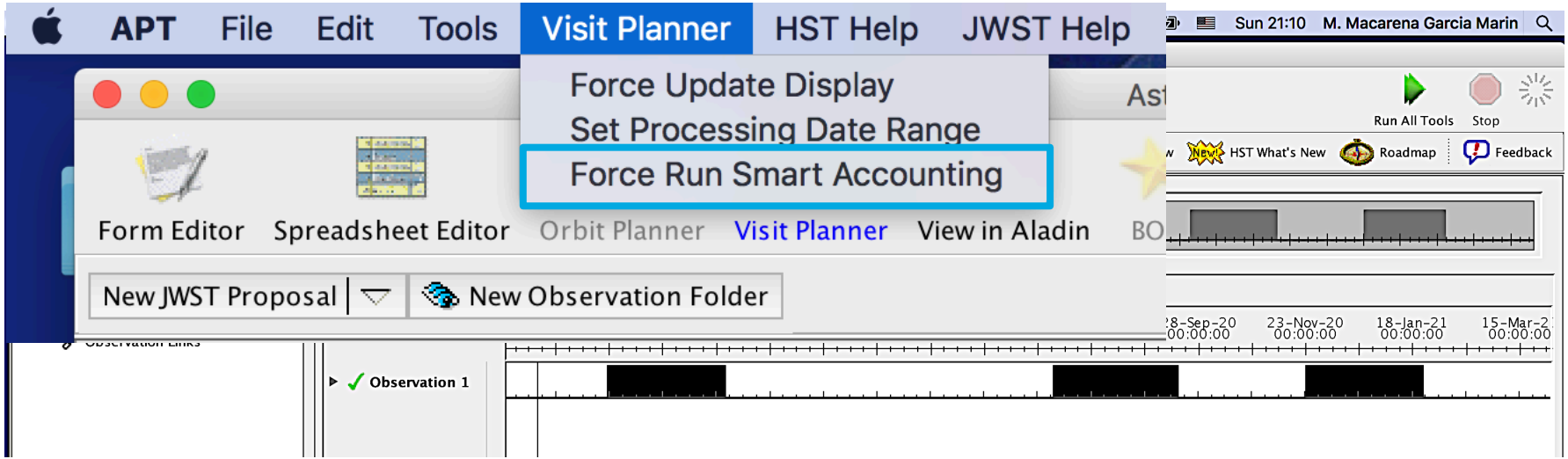

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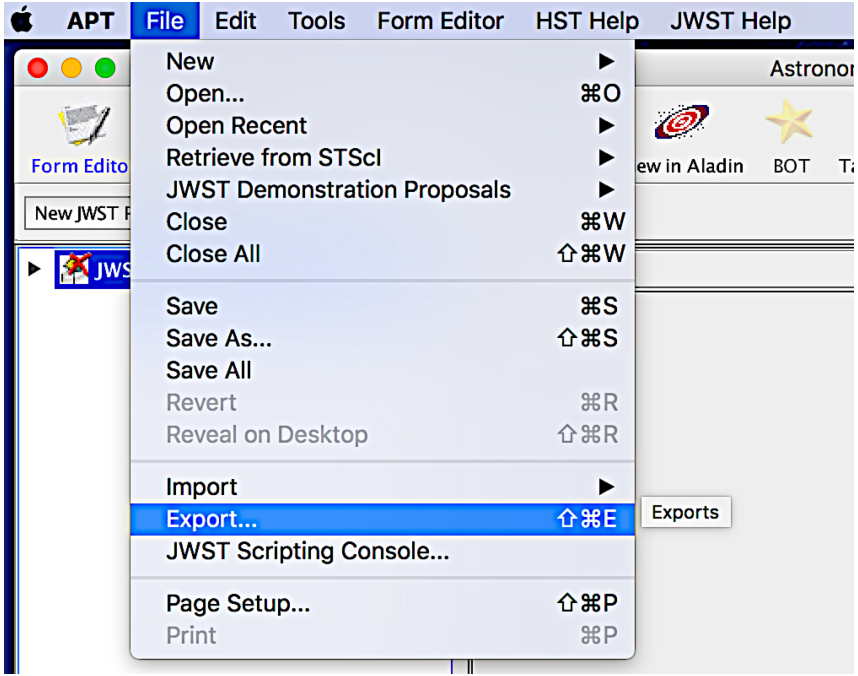

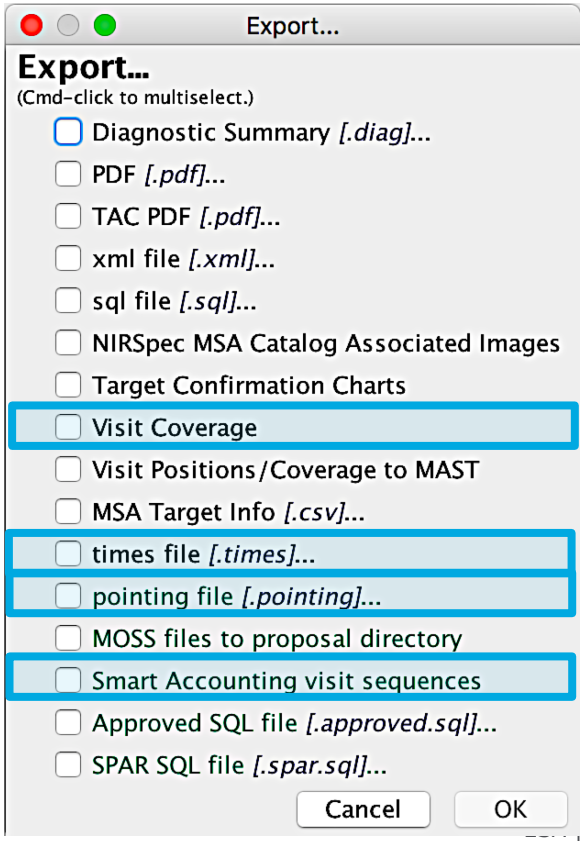

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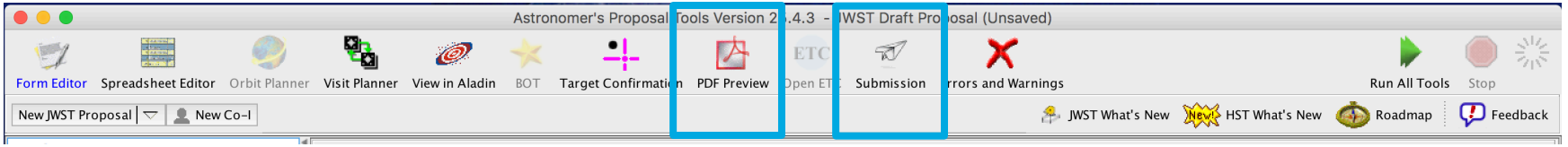

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