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Fulfill Programs (from p18 of OTAC Procedures)

The Fulfil program was introduced following a recommendation of the XMM-Newton Users' Group. The main criterion for acceptance is that the proposed observations are of **archival value rather than of specific scientific interest**. Examples are missing sources of important samples and filling "holes" in areas where a complete coverage would be of interest. The following points should be considered:

• Observations of a fulfil program are normally accepted only at **"C"-priority**. (They will be scheduled with the same probability as "normal "C"-priority observations.)

• Observations of a fulfil program which are accepted in "C"-priority time are **not accounted against the 'C"-time budget of the panel**.

• Observations of a fulfil program **can also be accepted in priority "A" or "B" time of the panel**, if the panel considers the observations as scientifically sufficiently important.

• The **panel cannot change a program, which was not submitted as fulfil, to a fulfil** program.

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Consulted TAC chairs, received following comments:

AGN: - most panel members relaxed re Fulfill programs, as would be C if accepted (Chair unhappy
        - **good to keep, ensure TAC members understand they should be marked just like others**

Stars: - Fulfill category clearly explained in procedures
        - but TAC can reject and suggest would be better as LP or GO, but → delay to resubmit!
        - TAC decision can be arbitrary!
        - no obvious solution, but **TACs really should respect category chosen by proposer**!