# The Proposal Evaluation Interface

Panel Meetings – For Panel members



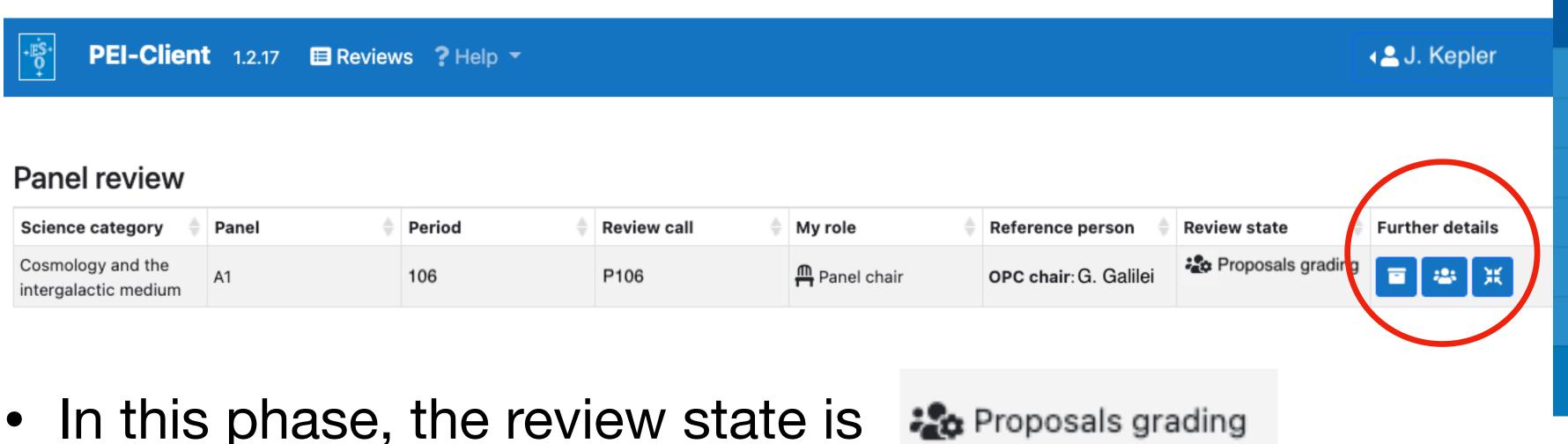
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#### General information

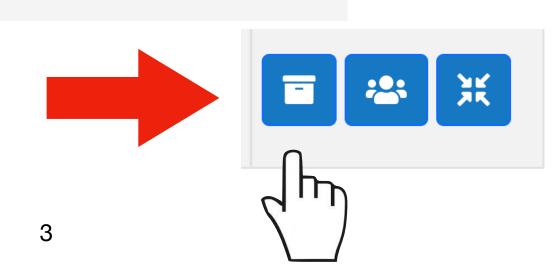
- For a general introduction on the meeting phase, please carefully read these guidelines.
- Make sure you have the link for connecting to the online Panel Meetings via the MS-Team platform. You should have received a message with the relevant information.
- If you have questions and/or doubts, please do not hesitate to contact us at <a href="mailto:opo@eso.org">opo@eso.org</a>.

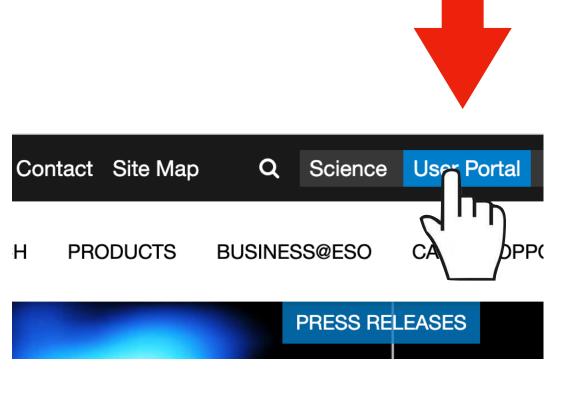
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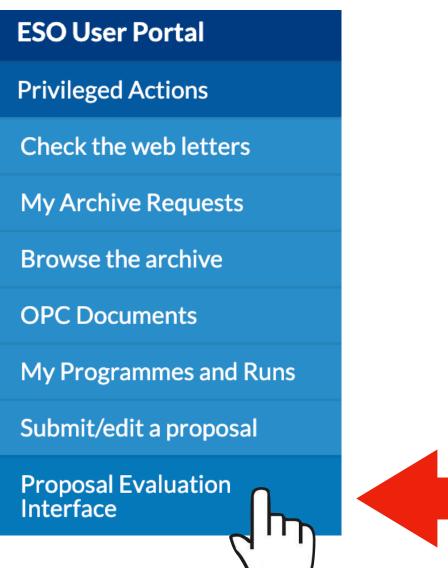
- Go to the User Portal and enter your credentials
- Select Proposal Evaluation Interface from the left menu
- Select the Current Review.



Click on the "Go to proposals icon"



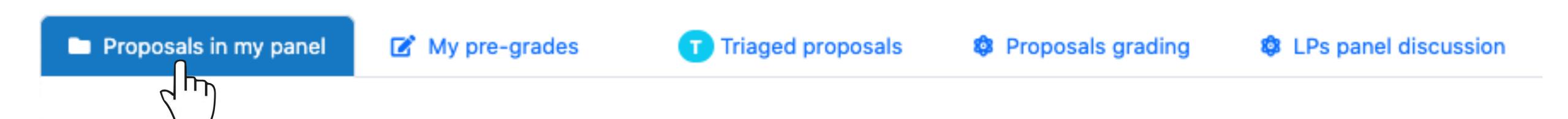




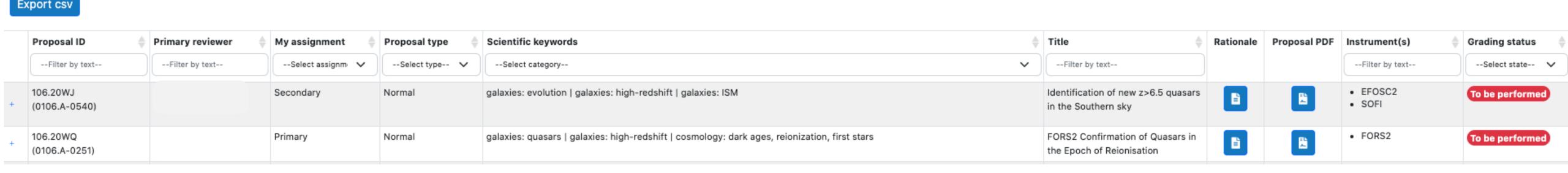
Proposals in my panel

- This tab provides a detailed overview of the proposals assigned to your panel. The list can be refined using various filters
- At the start of the meetings, all programmes will be flagged

To be performed



#### Panel proposals overview



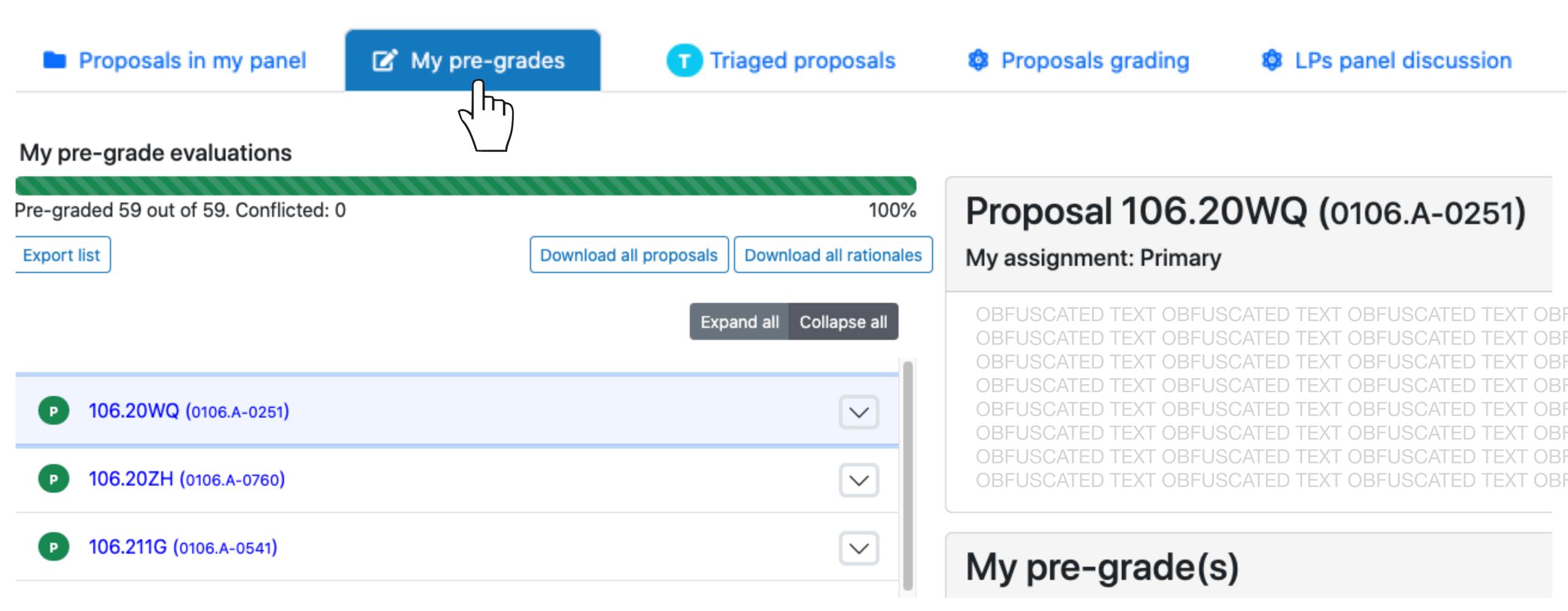
• If you need this, the list of proposals can be exported (CSV) and worked using your favorite spreadsheet editor.



Proposal ID	Old style proposal ID	Primary reviewer	My assignment	Conflicted	Proposal Type	Science categories	
106.20WJ	0106.A-0540		Secondary	no	Normal	galaxies: evolution,galaxies: high-redshift,galaxies: ISM	Identification
106.20WQ	0106.A-0251		Primary	no	Normal	galaxies: quasars,galaxies: high-redshift,cosmology: dark ages, reionization, first stars	
106.20X0	0106.A-0970		Grader	no	Normal	galaxies: abundances,galaxies: ISM,galaxies: quasars	The gaseous
106.20X6	1106.A-1059		Secondary	no	Large	galaxies: evolution,galaxies: formation,galaxies: intergalactic medium	Transforming
106.20XC	0106.A-0748		Secondary	no	Normal	galaxies: high-redshift,galaxies: luminosity function, mass function,galaxies: photometry	The transitio
106.20XR	0106.A-0752		Secondary	no	Normal	galaxies: active,galaxies: intergalactic medium,galaxies: ISM	NIR survey of
106.20ZH	0106.A-0760		Primary	no	Normal	galaxies: clusters,galaxies: elliptical and lenticular, cD,galaxies: evolution	Searching fo
106.20ZY	0106.A-0786		Secondary	no	Normal	galaxies: evolution,galaxies: formation,galaxies: high-redshift	Remarkably
106.2109	0106.A-0763		Grader	no	Normal	galaxies: high-redshift,galaxies: intergalactic medium,galaxies: quasars	Can luminou

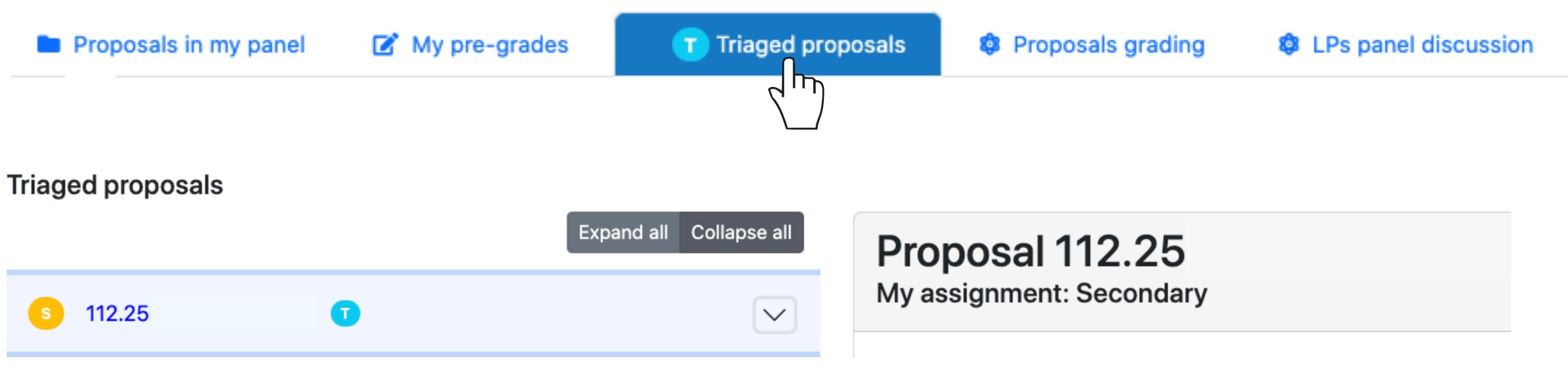


• This tab gives you access to all pre-meeting information



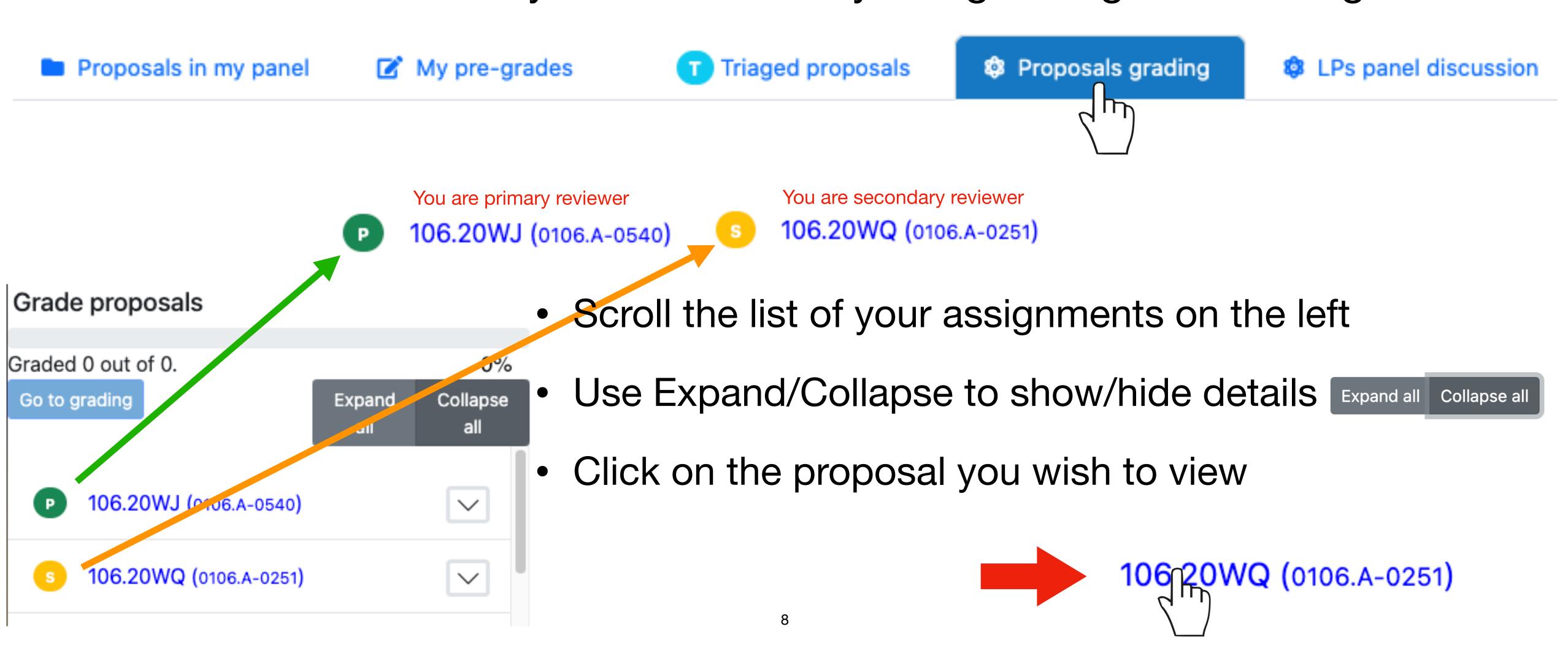


- This tab provides the list of proposals which were triaged based on the pre-meeting grades.
- In case you wish one or more of these to be rescued, please take note and ask you Panel Chair at the Panel meeting.



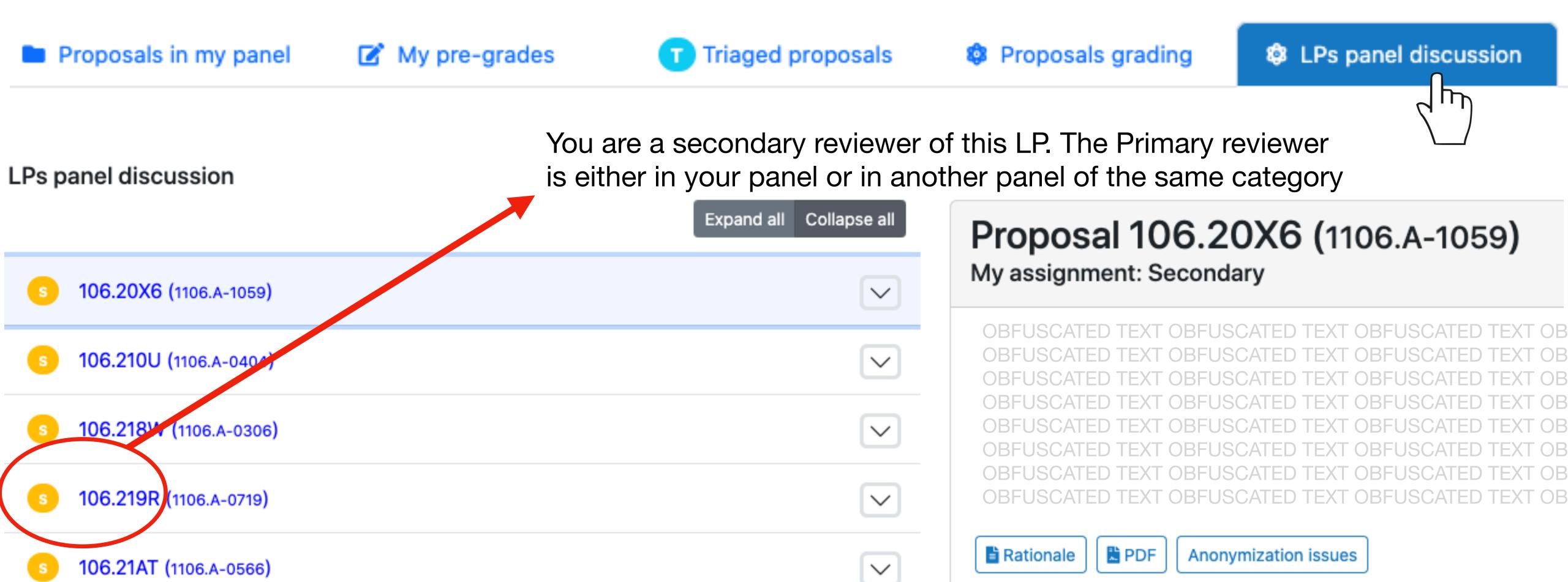


• This is the tab which you will be mostly using during the meetings





 This tab provides the list of Large Programmes submitted for your scientific category (A in the example)



#### Rescuing triaged proposals

- Triaged proposals are marked with a in the list to the left.
- They can be rescued only by your Panel Chair.
- Any panel member can request the rescuing of a proposal, should this be reckoned to deserve a discussion by the panel.
- Once the proposal is rescued, it is flagged with a
  - P 106.20WJ (0106.A-0540)
- The RE flag indicates that the programme was rescued by ESO for operational reasons.

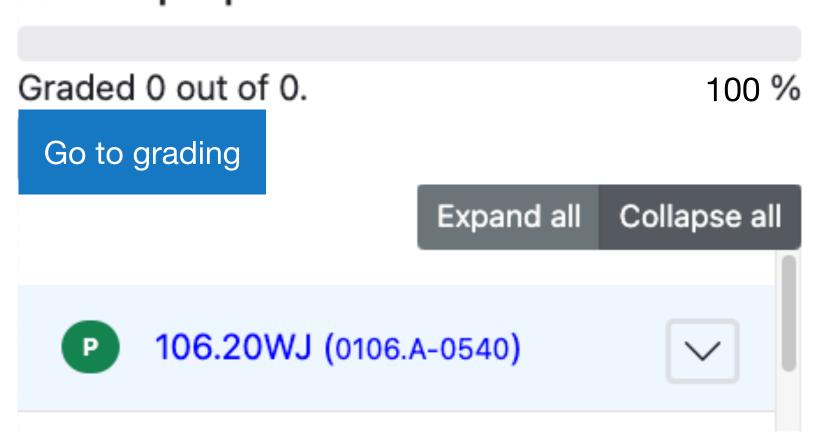
#### Large Programmes (LP)

- There is no grading/voting of LPs at the panel meetings.
- The LPs within the scientific category of the panel are discussed in preparation for the voting at the OPC meeting.
- A pre-selection of the LPs to be discussed and voted at the OPC (promoted LPs) has been prepared based on the pre-meeting grades.
- Non-Promoted LPs are marked as
- Your Panel Chair can propose the promotion of one or more non-promoted LPs, also based on the discussions within your Panel.

#### Proposal discussion and grading/1

- Your Panel Chair will select the proposal to be discussed. This will automatically pop-up in your list, highlighted with a light cyan color and flagged as Grading in the list.
- If you get lost, the button Go to grading will always bring you to the proposal being graded

#### Grade proposals



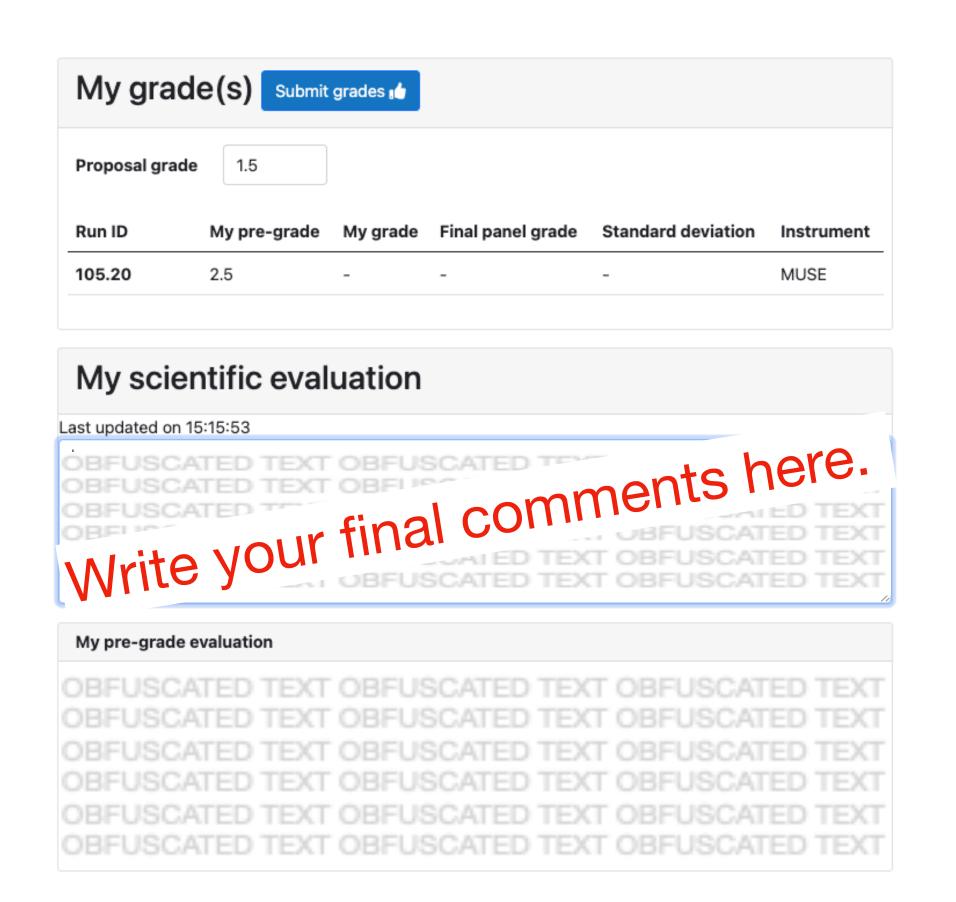
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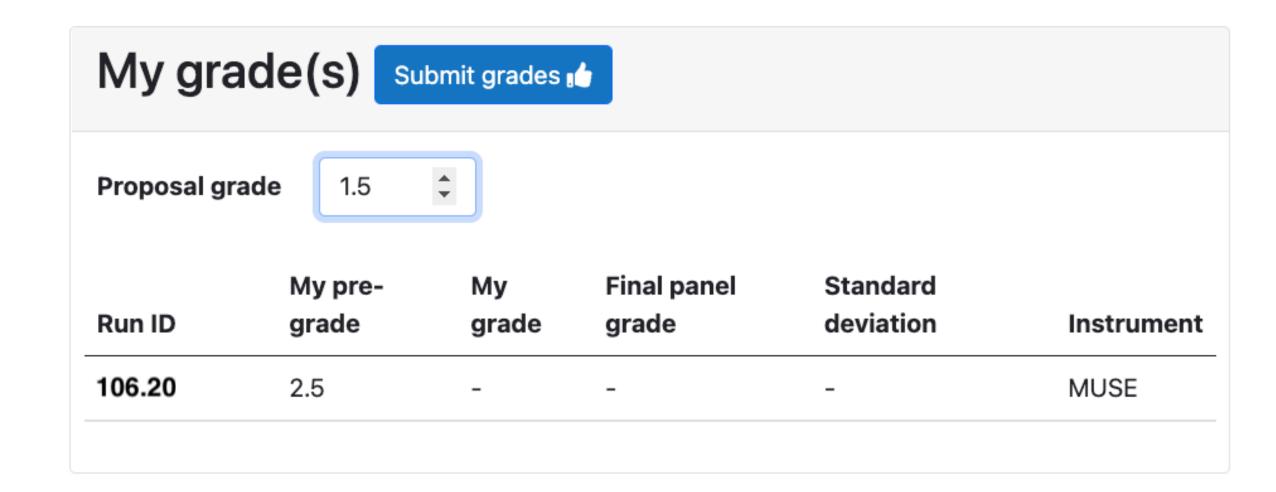
My assignment: Primary

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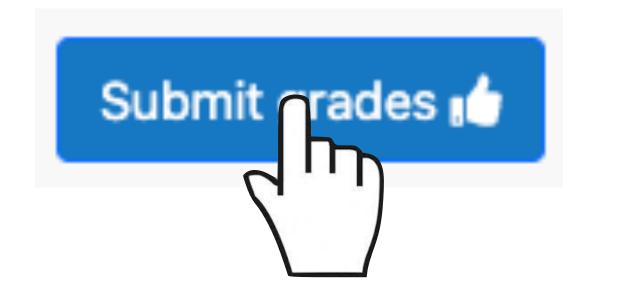
#### Proposal discussion and grading/2

• You can/should take notes in the *My scientific evaluation* field. Once the discussion is over, you can provide your final grade.



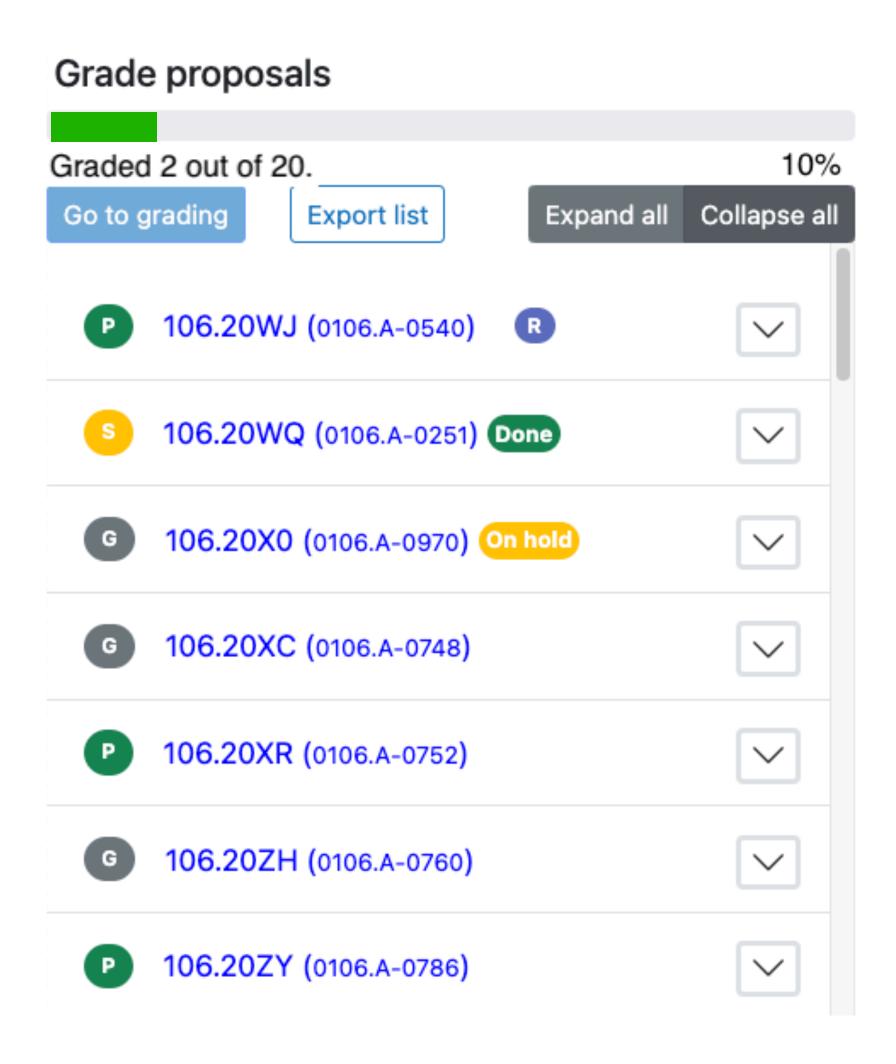


Once you are done, push the Submit grades button

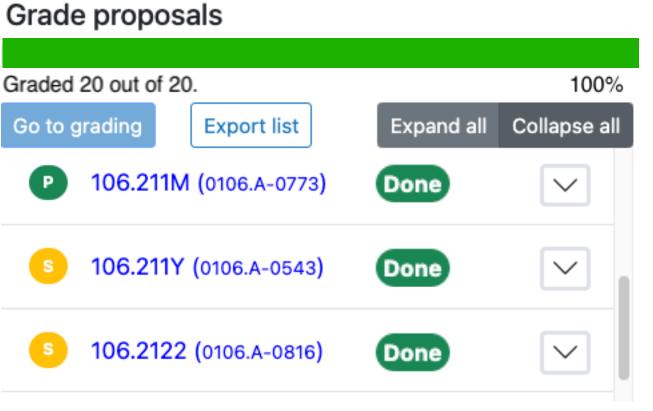




#### Proposal grading/3



- In case of problems you can ask the Panel Chair to reopen the grading.
- This has to be done BEFORE s/he closes the grading.
- Successfully graded proposals are flagged as in the list to the left.
- Your job will be completed when all proposals will have the status



#### Reporting anonymisation issues



- Although anonymisation issues should be reported during the premeeting phase, it is possible to do that also during the meeting.
- You can do this via the Proposal grading tab.
- After selecting the proposal on the left list, push and proceed like in the pre-meeting phase.



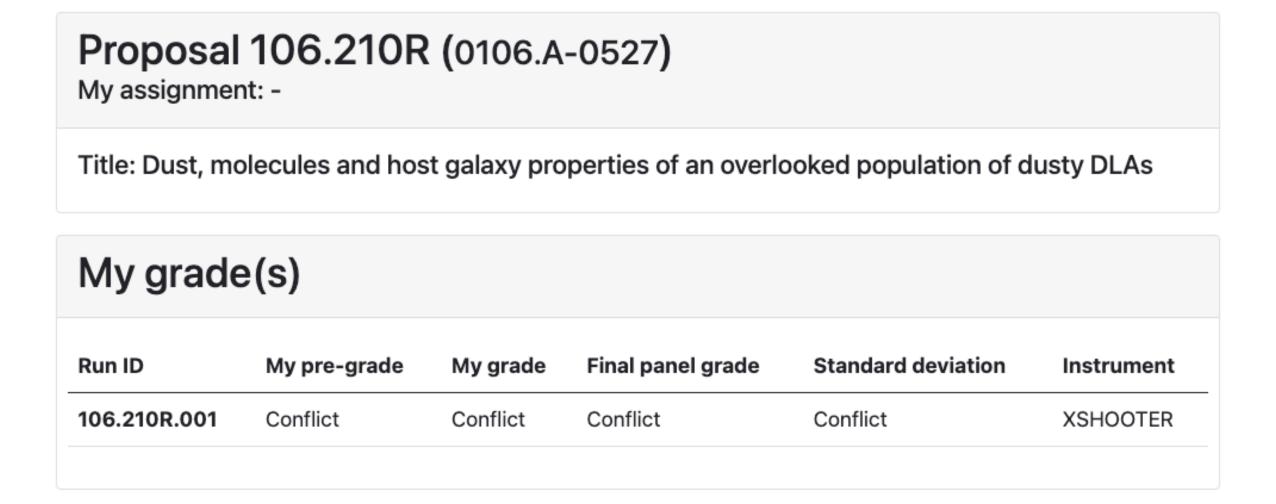
Confirm

X Cancel

Proposal ID: 106.20WQ  Comment (cut-and-paste here the anonymization violations from the proposal)							

#### Reporting last minute conflicts

- If your realise you have a conflict which went unnoticed during the premeeting phase, you must signal it to your Panel Chair immediately.
- The Panel Chair will insert the conflict in the system, via the Conflicts and Impediments tab.
- From that point on you will not have access to the given proposal and you will be asked to leave the meeting.



(after the end of the panel meetings)

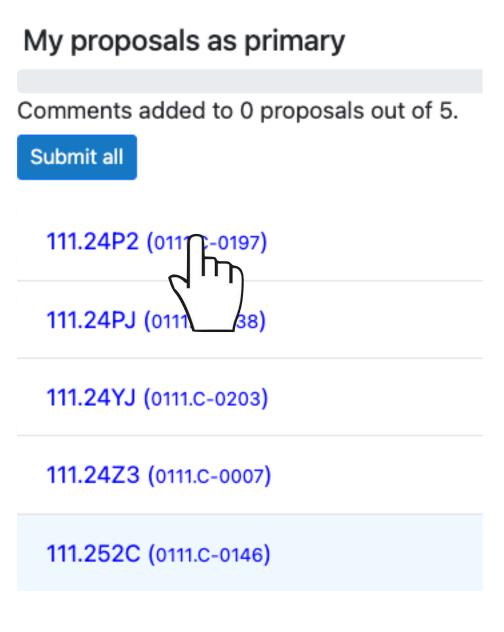
- You have about two weeks after the end of the panel meetings to finalise your comments as primary reviewer (check the timeline!).
- For this enter the PEI and select the tab

My Panel evaluations as Primary

- This will produce the list of your primary assignments.
- Select the proposal and refine your comment in the PEI field "My final scientific evaluation".

# My final scientific evaluation

Approver: Galileo Galilei



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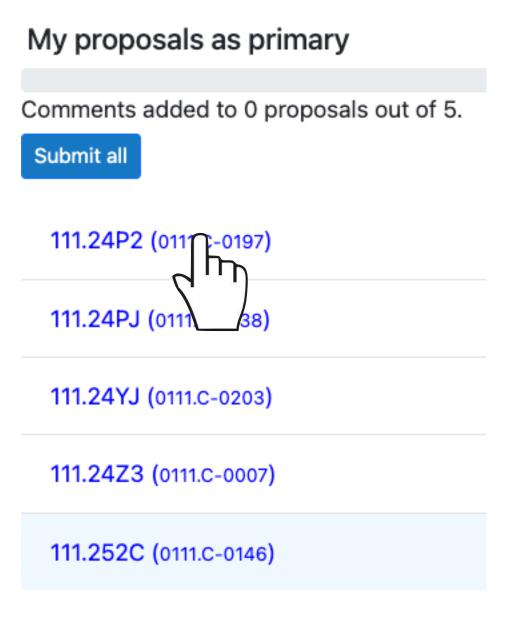
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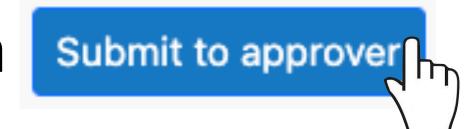
#### My final scientific evaluation

Approver: Galileo Galilei



(after the end of the panel meetings)

- To reflect the overall opinion of the panel and the discussion at the meetings, refer to the comments provided by the other members. They are reported below yours.
- In writing the comment, remember that this text is what will be passed to the Pl. Use appropriate language and a constructive tone.
- Once you are done with your final scientific evaluation, push | Submit to approve | Improve |



- This will pass your comment to the designated approver in your panel (either the panel chair or the vice/co-chair).
- Do this for all your primary assignments.

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#### (after the end of the panel meetings)

- To reflect the overall opinion of the panel and the discussion at the meetings, refer to the comments provided by the other members. They are reported below yours.
- Primary reviewers have the responsibility to take notes during the panel discussions for their Primary proposals, as the others may not update their pre-grades notes. The Primary will see the non-anonymised comments by other reviewers and may contact them for clarifications.
- In writing the comment, remember that this text is what will be passed to the PI. Use appropriate language and a constructive tone.
- Once you are done with your final scientific evaluation, push

Submit to approver

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#### The grading scale

The grade scale to be used is defined as follows:

#### 1.0 – outstanding: breakthrough science

- 1.5 excellent: definitely above average
- 2.0 very good: no significant weaknesses
- 2.5 good: minor deficiencies do not detract from strong scientific case
- 3.0 fair: good scientific case, but with definite weaknesses
- 3.5 rather weak: limited science return prospects
- 4.0 weak: little scientific value and/or questionable scientific strategy
- 4.5 very weak: deficiencies outweigh strengths

#### 5.0 – unsuitable

Please make use of the full grade range. For more advices on how to run the review, visit this page.