

# **Gaia Data Release 3:** Accessing Gaia DR3 data

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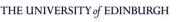
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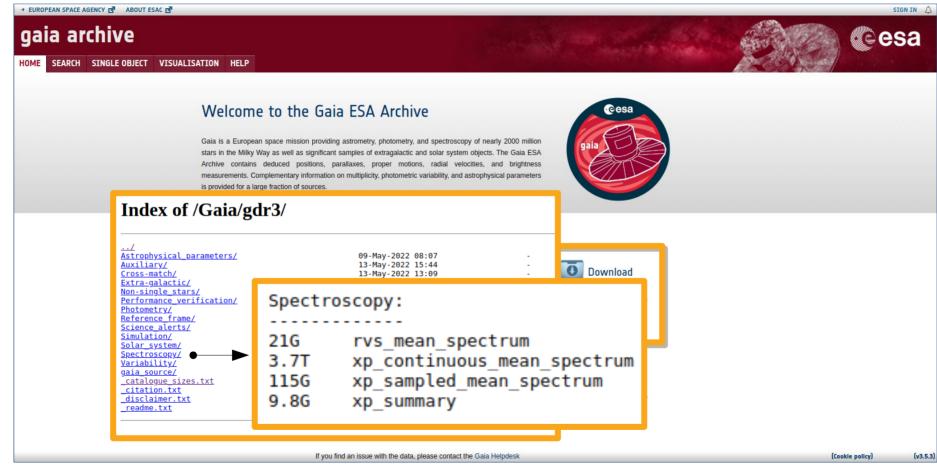
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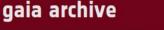








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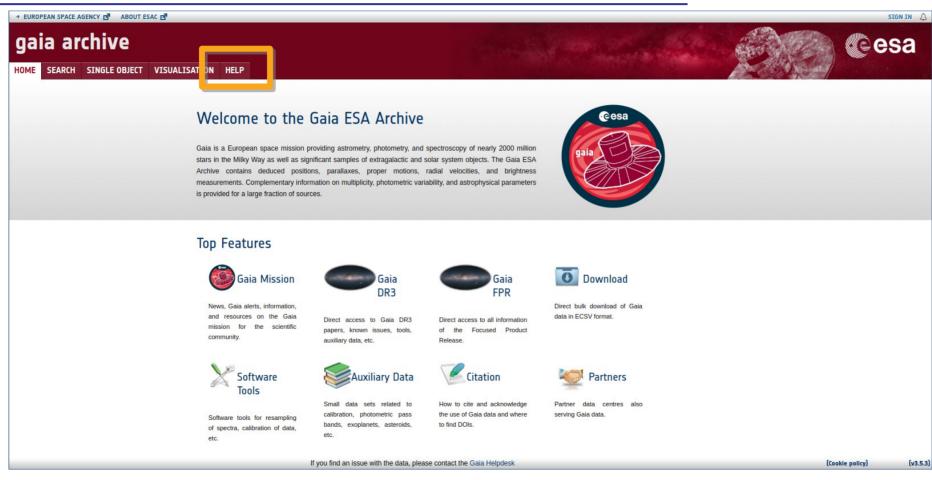
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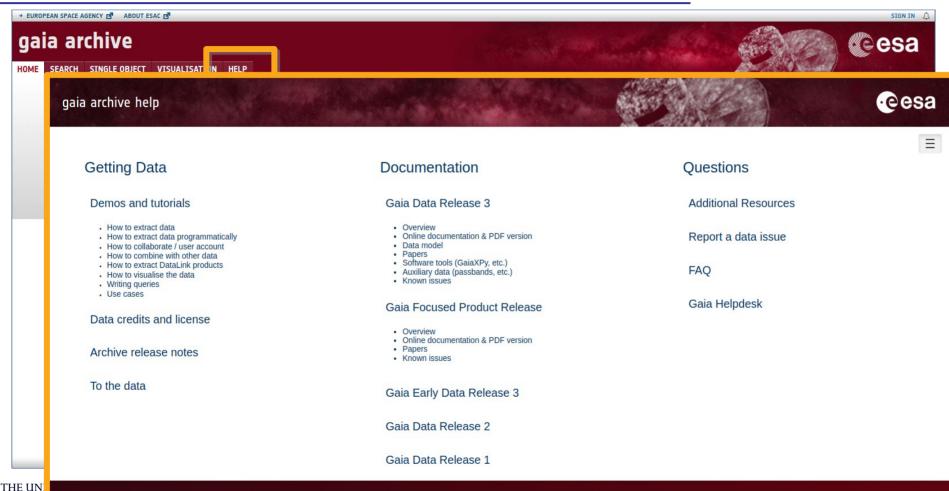
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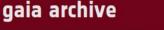
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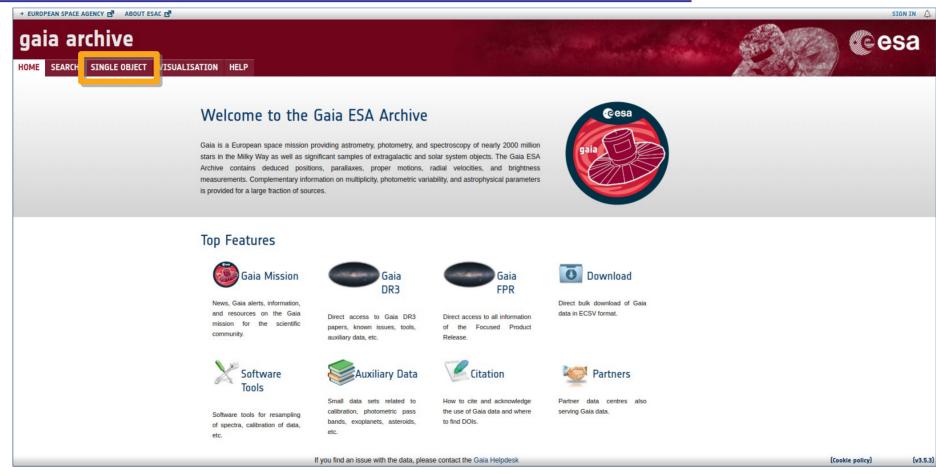
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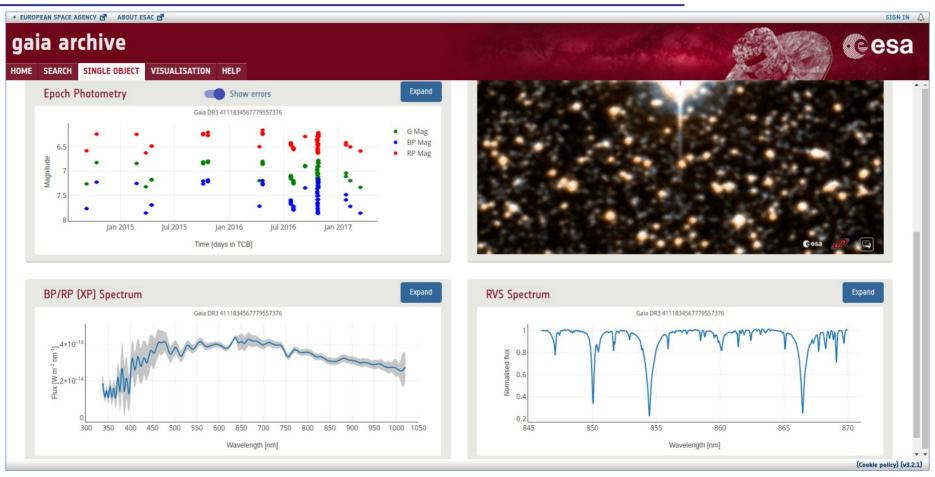




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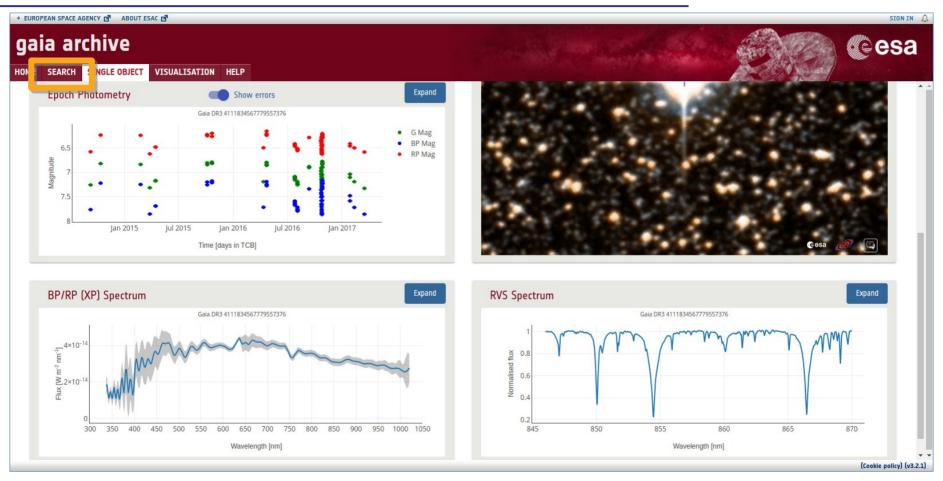






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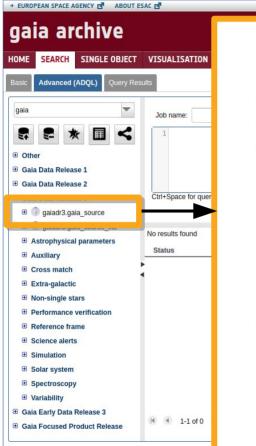


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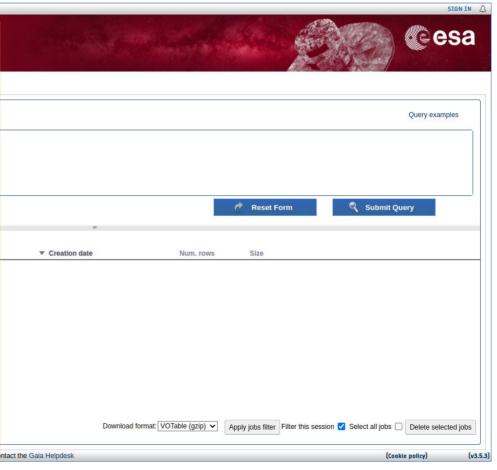


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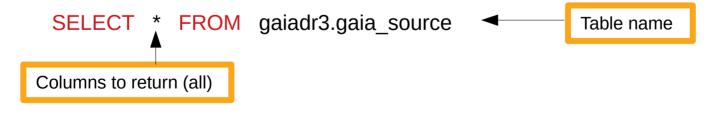
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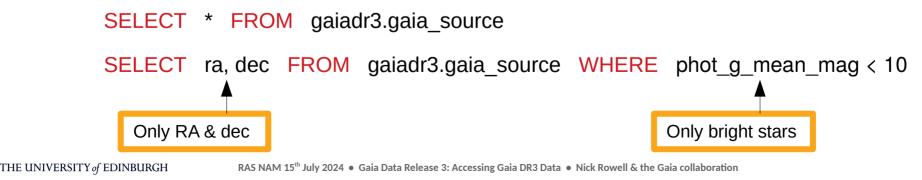






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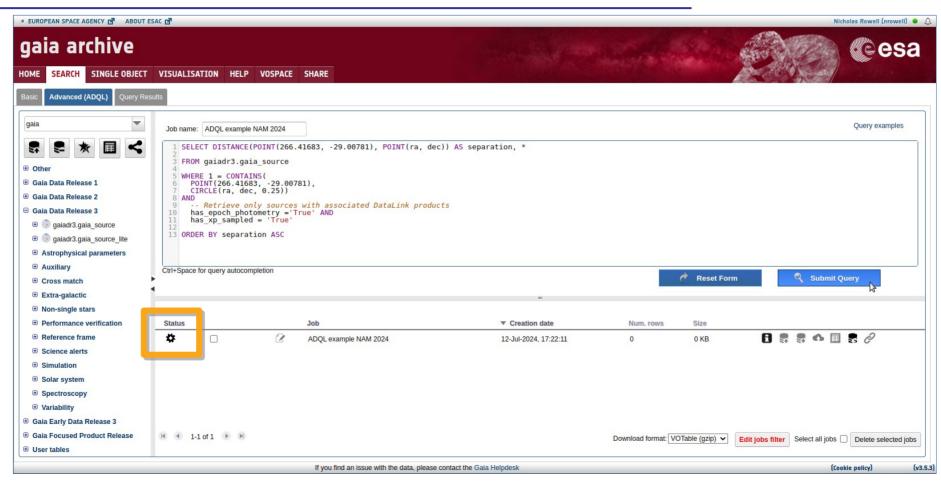




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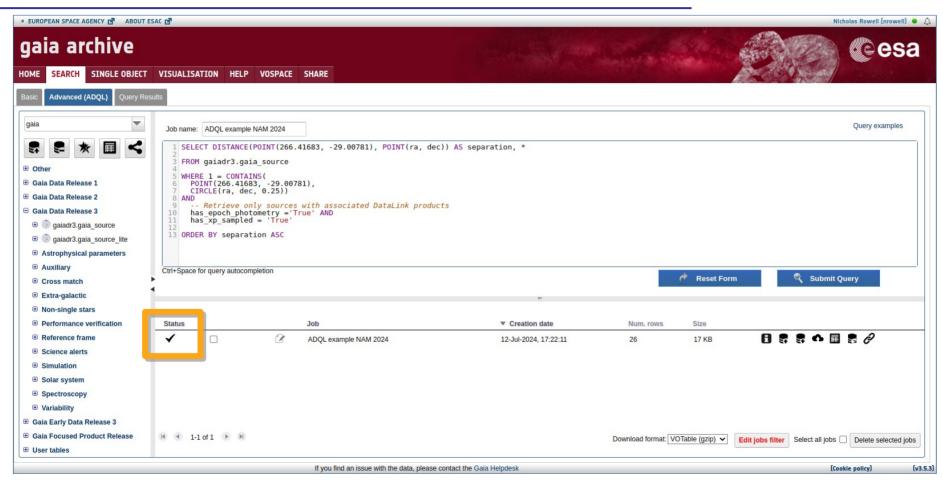
















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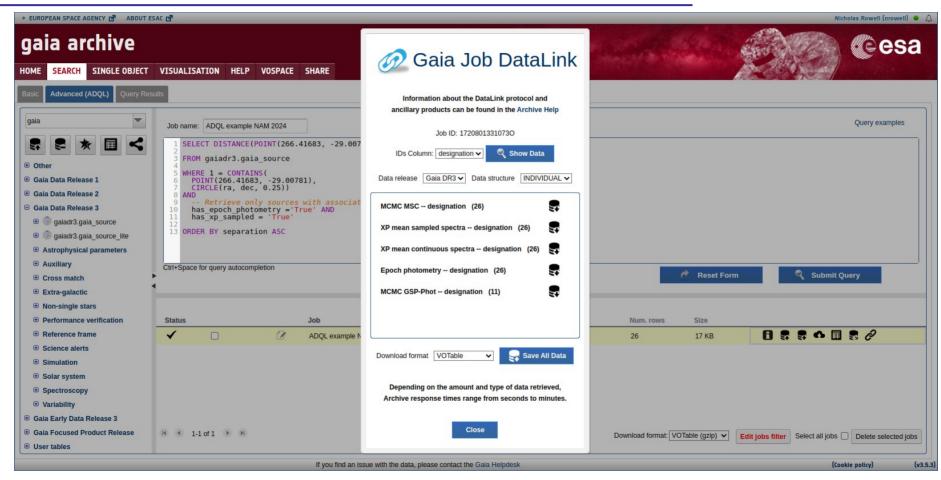


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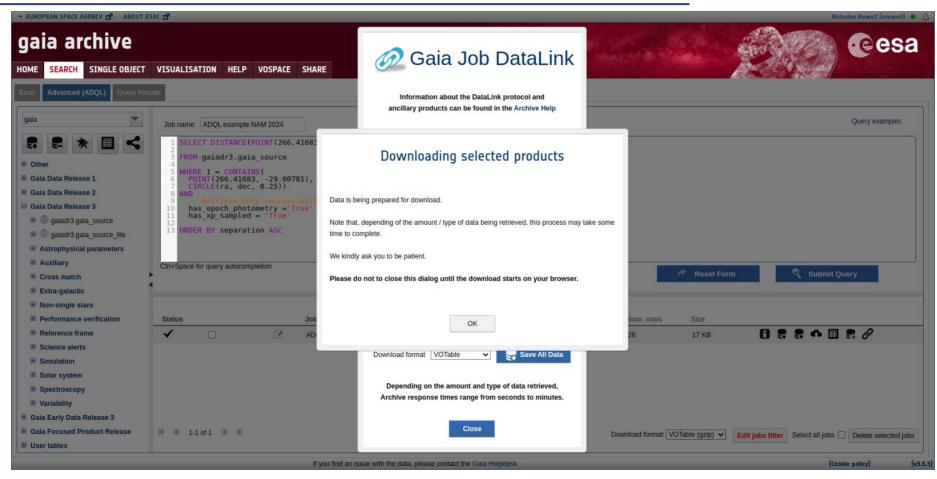






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## Non-tabular data in Gaia DR3

- Many of the new DR3 products are of non-tabular nature
  - BP/RP spectra, epoch photometry, MCMC samples, ...
  - For practical reasons these are not stored as tables in the archive relational database
  - Not accessible using TAP+ services; fields cannot be used in ADQL queries
    - This is possible via the UK Gaia Data Mining Platform [see Nigel's talk to follow]
- These are accessed using DataLink services

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- Archive queries provide links to additional data products outside of the main catalogue
- TOPCAT can access DataLink products (as well as tabular data via TAP+)
- Python module astroquery.gaia provides programmatic access to DataLink products
- There are tutorials and many examples on the Gaia Archive pages
  - https://www.cosmos.esa.int/web/gaia-users/archive/datalink-products



# **Additional software tools**

- TOPCAT
  - Accessing, visualising, manipulating tabular data (see Mark Taylor's talk)
  - www.star.bris.ac.uk/~mbt/topcat/
- astroquery.gaia

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- Python module for accessing Gaia tabular and non-tabular data
- https://astroquery.readthedocs.io/en/latest/gaia/gaia.html
- Several software tools for working with Gaia data have been released with DR3
  - https://www.cosmos.esa.int/web/gaia/dr3-software-tools
- GaiaXPy for manipulating BP/RP spectra
  - https://gaia-dpci.github.io/GaiaXPy-website/



## Summary

- The ESA Gaia Archive is the main access point for all Gaia data release products
  - https://gea.esac.esa.int/archive/
- Issues discovered since each data release are reported on the known issues pages
  - https://www.cosmos.esa.int/web/gaia/dr3-known-issues
- There are numerous ways to access the data either directly through the Archive, partner data centres or via third party applications
- There are tabular and non-tabular data
  - Tabular data can be used in selections when making queries
  - Non-tabular data must be downloaded
- Many useful tutorials are available on the Archive help pages

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