



# Gaia visualisation services on the SPACIOUS platform

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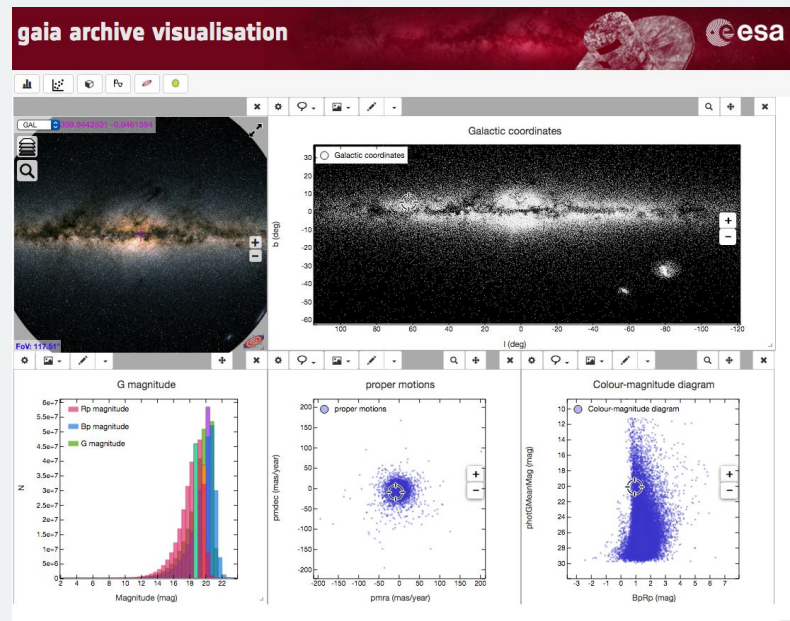
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# GAVS

## Gaia Archive Visualisation Service (GAVS)

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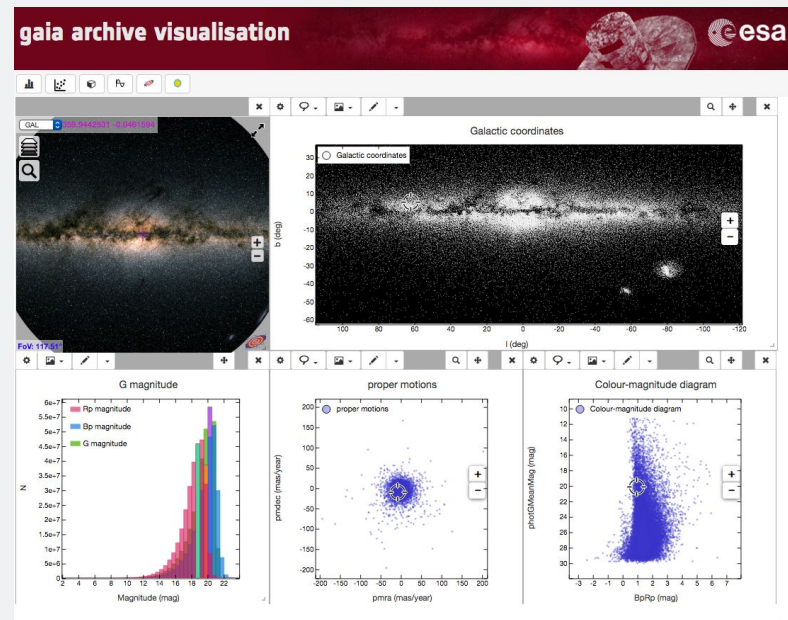
- Interactive visual exploration service
- Client-server architecture with REST API
- Server@ESA: Heavy lifting (and most of the code). **Code-to-data paradigm**
- Handles users (thousands? many simultaneously) on limited hardware resources.
- Scalable



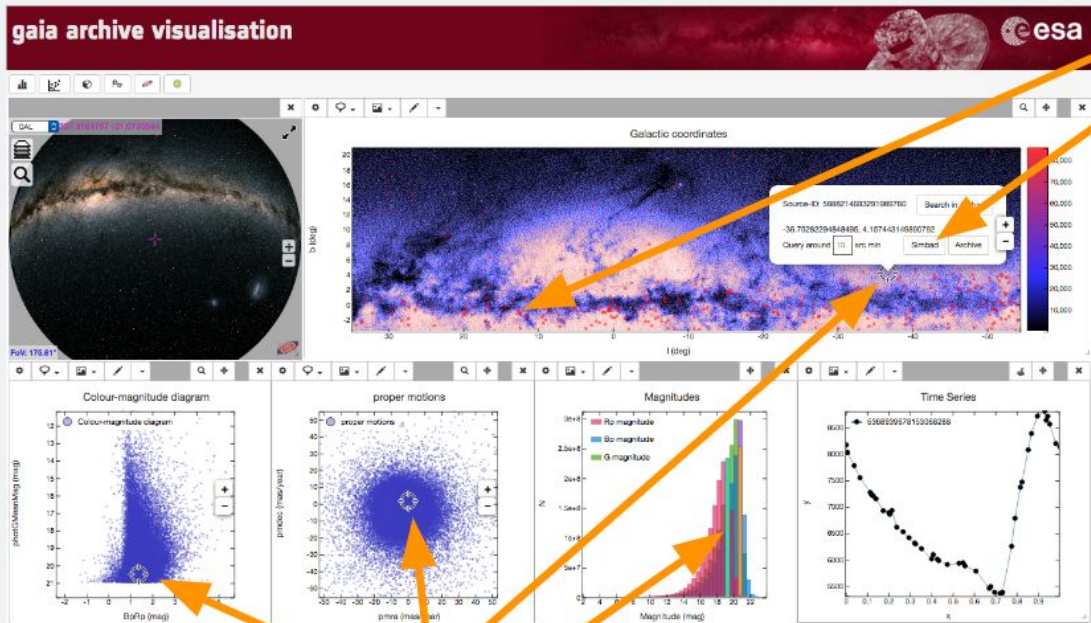
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## Goals

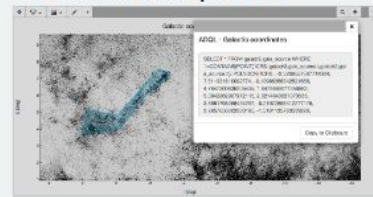
- Ability to display essential plots; scatter plots, density plots, histograms,...
- At any level of detail. From the overall catalog to individual stars.
- Interactive (zoom, pan, select, etc)
- Facilitate archive queries based on visual inspection at any level of detail



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- visual ADQL queries

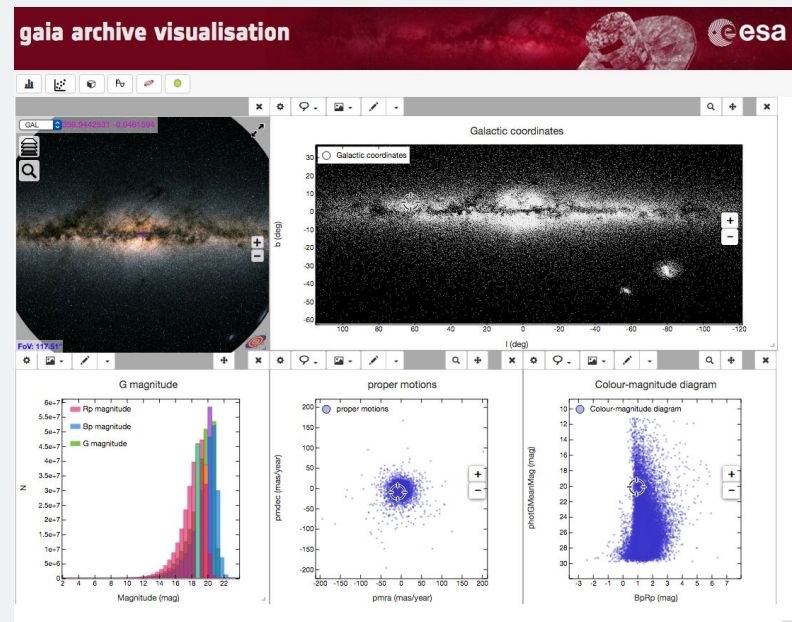


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# GAVS - Limitations

- Fixed set of plots: Arbitrary, user-defined, not currently supported
- (no) interoperability with archive
- Functionalities offered via GUI
- Pre-computed indices (plots) done by an operator
- Limited computational resources: HD, also CPU+RAM for computing indices.



SPACIOUS addresses these limitations

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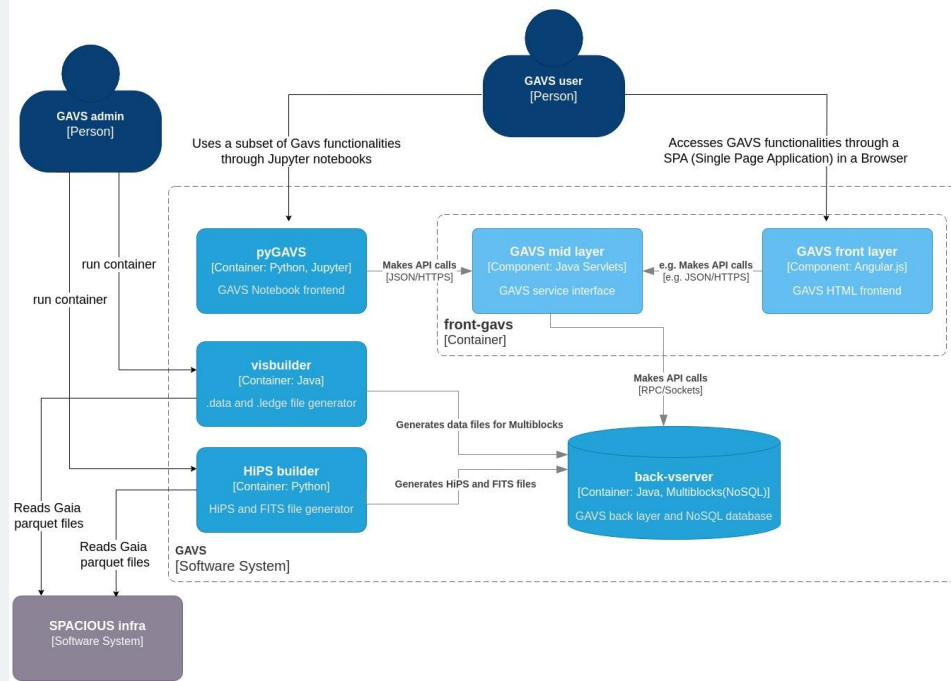
- **Containerisation and Deployment**

- Refactored and packaged the GAVS components for cloud-native environments (and python interfacing).

- **Solves**

- Extended resources
- User precomputation of indices
- Interoperability with data archive

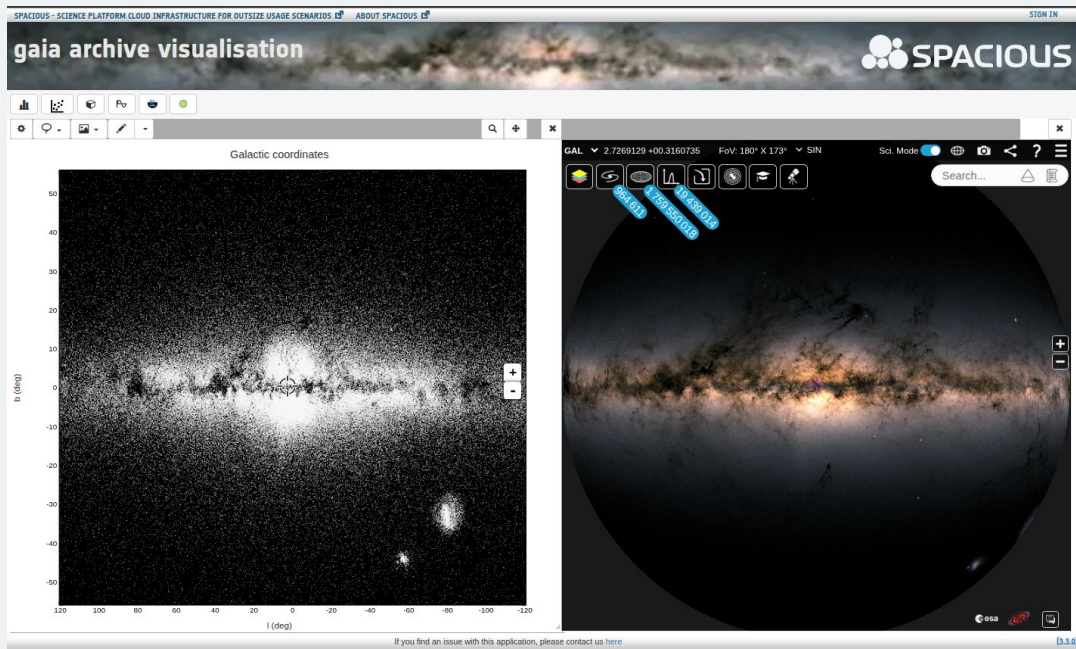
[Containers] GAVS - Gaia Archive Visualization Service





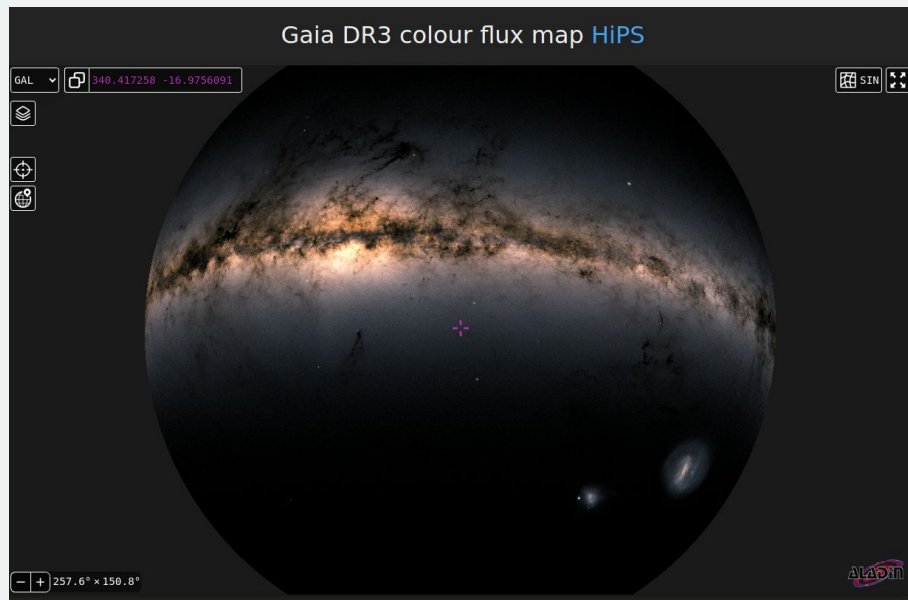
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- Frontend skin support.  
GUI customisation for branding consistency in different projects.
- ESASky support:
  - Archive interoperability a la EUCLID archive
  - With linked views!



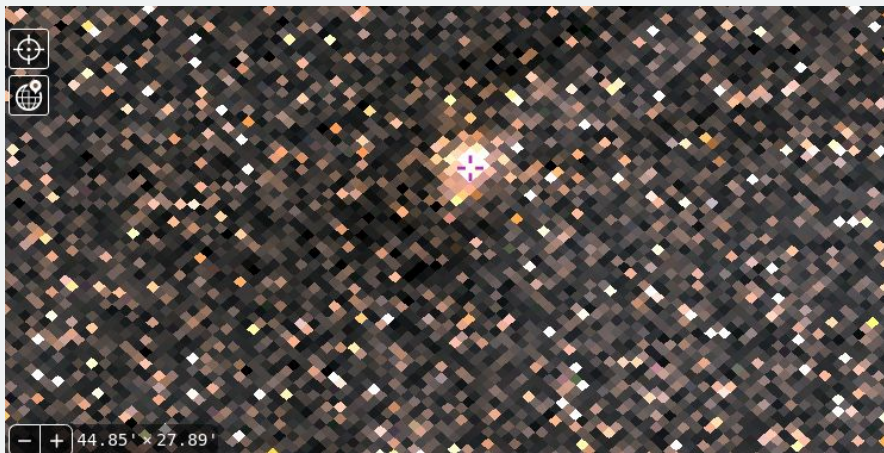
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- **Creation of Visualisations (preprocessing)**
  - Support for Parquet input files
  - Containerised visbuilder to integrate with the BDAF infrastructure
  - Optimised memory handling (previously requiring operator oversight)
  - Complete rewrite of HiPS creator  
Memory limits removed. High resolution reachable.



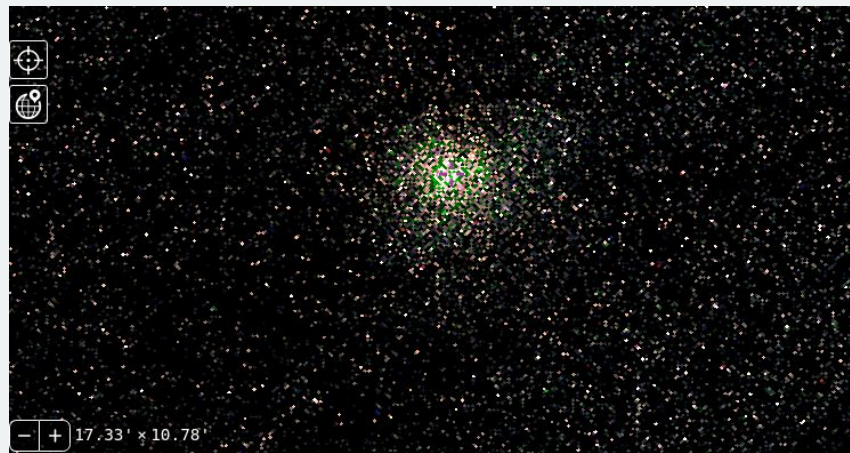


# Higher res HiPS with SPACIOUS



NGC 6287

Left: HiPS order 4 ( $\sim 34.5''$ ) - current resolution at GAVS.



Right: HiPS level 7 ( $\sim 4''$ ) - resolution with SPACIOUS

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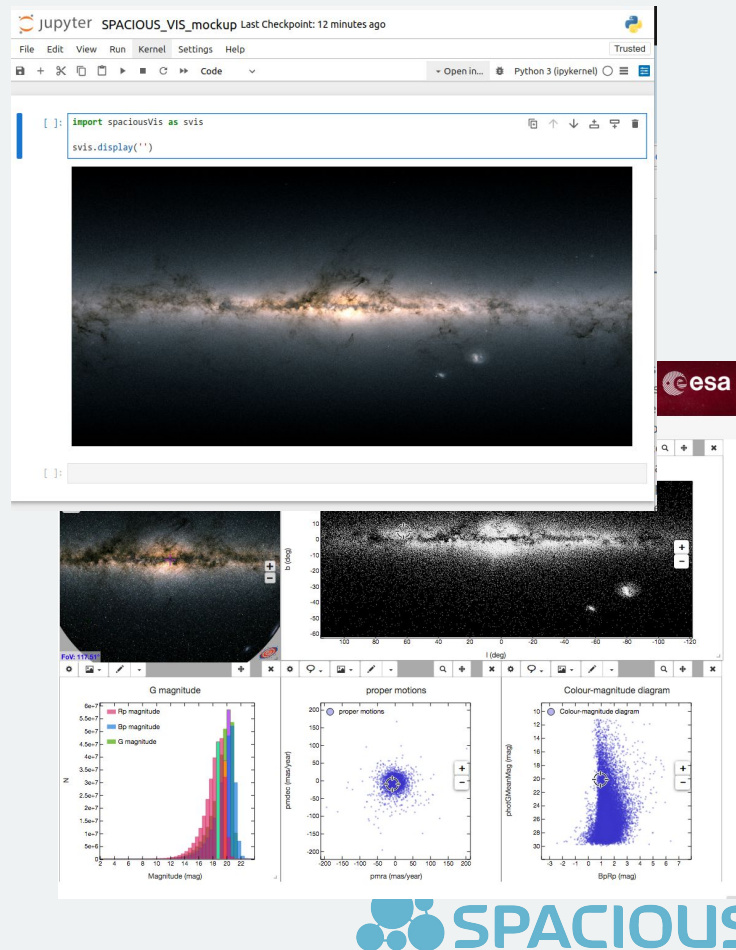
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# GAVS @ SPACIOUS

- The web page (webapp) is “just” an example of a visualisation client
- **SPACIOUS** provides
  - Python client wrapping the REST API
  - Total visualisation and analysis flexibility
  - Tighter integration with archives (ESA, SPACIOUS cloud, etc): visualise queries, visually generated queries
  - Reproducibility, collaborative - sharing workspaces



## Examples of pyGAVS use

```
In [1]: import sys
import os
sys.path.insert(0, os.path.abspath('../src/pygavs'))

import pyGAVS as pg

print(pg.__doc__)
gavs = pg.GAVS(env='dev')
```

pyGAVS is a simple Python thin client for the Gaia Archive Visualisation Service (GAVS) to be used primarily with notebooks.

Read about GAVS `here` <[https://www.aanda.org/articles/aa/full\\_html/2017/09/aa31059-17/aa31059-17.html](https://www.aanda.org/articles/aa/full_html/2017/09/aa31059-17/aa31059-17.html)>`\_

Access GAVS through the browser `here` <<https://gea.esac.esa.int/archive/visualization/>>`\_

## 0 - Obtaining the available visualizations

```
In [2]: h1d = gavs.availableVisualizations('HISTOGRAM_1D')
s2d = gavs.availableVisualizations('SCATTER_PLOT_2D')
s3d = gavs.availableVisualizations('SCATTER_PLOT_3D')

print(f'Available Histograms (1D) : {h1d}\n')
print(f'Available Scatterplots (2D) : {s2d}\n')
print(f'Available Scatterplots (3D) : {s3d}')
```

Available Histograms (1D) : ['1000 parallax', 'a\_g\_val', 'b', 'bp\_g', 'bp\_rp', 'dec', 'e\_bp\_min\_rp\_val', 'g\_rp', 'l', 'lum\_val', 'parallax', 'parallax\_over\_error', 'phot\_bp\_mean\_mag', 'phot\_rp\_mean\_mag', 'phot\_g\_mean\_mag', 'pmd\_ec', 'pmra', 'proper\_motion\_norm', 'ra', 'radial\_velocity', 'radius\_val', 'teff\_val']

Available Scatterplots (2D) : ['1000 parallax\_over\_error', 'blue\_colour\_colour', 'bp\_g\_error\_vs\_g', 'bp\_rp\_error\_vs\_g', 'colour\_magnitude', 'ecllon ecllat', 'g\_mag\_and\_error', 'g\_rp\_error\_vs\_g', 'hr', 'l\_b', 'proper\_motion\_galactic\_latitude', 'proper\_motion\_galactic\_longitude', 'proper\_motion\_radial\_velocity', 'proper\_motions', 'ra\_dec', 'radial\_velocity\_galactic\_latitude', 'radial\_velocity\_galactic\_longitude', 'red\_colour\_colour']

Available Scatterplots (3D) : ['parallax\_over\_error\_10', 'parallax\_over\_error\_100', 'parallax\_over\_error\_50']

- Connects to any service running a vserver (GAVS, SPACIOUS BDAF, ...)
- Tutorials provided

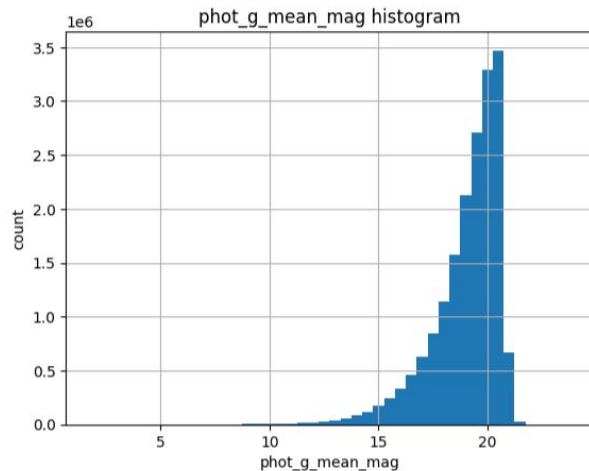
### 3 - Building 1D Histograms

#### One histogram

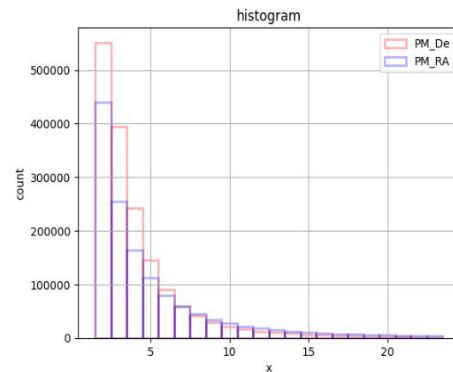
```
In [5]: import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

visId = 'phot_g_mean_mag'
[counts], [bins], [widths] = gavs.histogram(visId, minX=2, maxX=24, numBins=44, plot=False)

fig, ax = plt.subplots()
ax.bar(bins, counts, widths)
ax.set_xlabel(visId)
ax.set_ylabel('count')
ax.set_title(f'{visId} histogram')
ax.grid(True)
plt.show()
plt.close(fig)
```



```
In [8]: visIds = ['pmdec', 'pmra']
labels = ('PM_De', 'PM_RA')
ecs = ['red', 'blue']
gavs.histogram(visIds, *args, label=labels, ec=ecs)
```





## Displaying and annotating a visualisation with GAVS with matplotlib

```
In [49]: # 1 - Get the raw image data from GAVS. We can also use predefined locations, Sesame name, SkyCoord, etc
img_arr, bounds = gavs.raster_image(location=(-45, 23), size_deg=45)

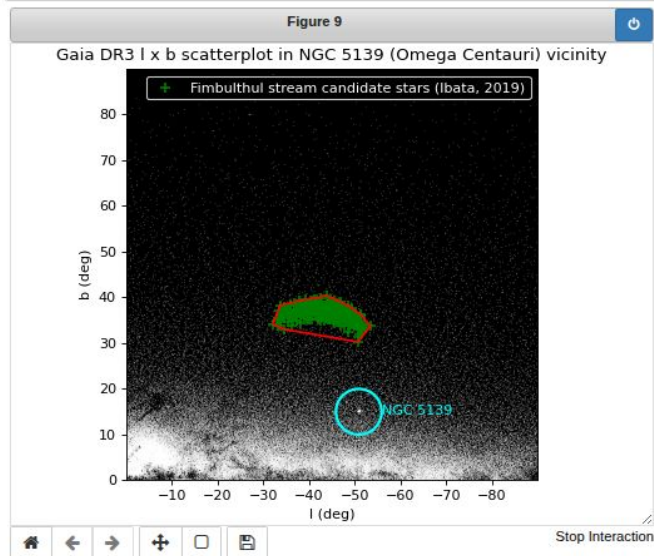
# 2 - Draw the scatter using this raw data
fig, ax = plt.subplots(constrained_layout=True)

ax.imshow(img_arr, cmap="gray", origin="upper", extent=bounds, interpolation="hermite")
ax.set_title("Gaia DR3 l x b scatterplot in NGC 5139 (Omega Centauri) vicinity")
ax.set_xlabel("l (deg)")
ax.set_ylabel("b (deg)")

# 3 - Draw a circle centered on NGC 5139
circle = patches.Circle((-50.9, 15.0), 5, edgecolor="cyan", facecolor="none", linewidth=2)
ax.add_patch(circle)
ax.text(-56, 15.2, "NGC 5139", color="cyan", va="center")

# 4 - Fetch Fimbulthul stream data from VizieR (Ibata et. al., 2019) and add it to the scatter
xs, ys, nm = gavs.get_catalog_2Ddata.points("J/other/NatAs/3.667", row_limit=500)
ax.scatter(xs, ys, color="green", s=60, marker="+", label=nm)
ax.legend(facecolor="black", edgecolor="white", labelcolor="white", loc='upper right')

# 5 - Fit a convex polygon to neatly contain the stream points and convert it to a DS9 format region
reg_coords = gavs.get_hull_coordinates(xs, ys)
poly = patches.Polygon(reg_coords, edgecolor="red", facecolor="none", linewidth=1.5)
ax.add_patch(poly)
```



## Works with

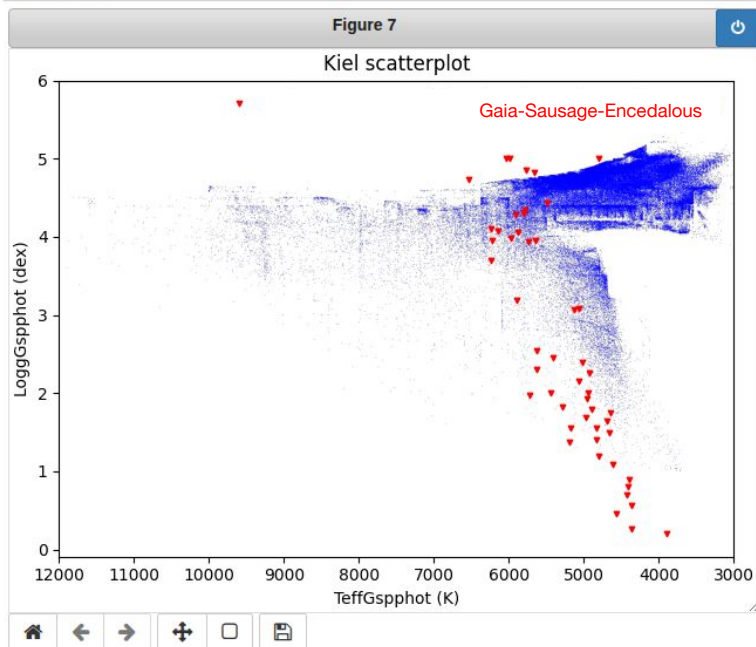
- Matplotlib
- Numpy and pandas
- Astroquery
- Astropy SkyCoords, units, etc
- Sesame name resolver
- ESASky
- ...



```
In [19]: img_arr, bounds = gavs.raster_image(vis_id='kiel', color='blue', marker_size=1)
fig, ax = plt.subplots(constrained_layout=True)
ax.imshow(img_arr, origin="upper", extent=bounds)
ax.set_title("Kiel scatterplot")
ax.set_xlabel("TeffGspphot (K)")
ax.set_ylabel("LoggGspphot (dex)")
ax.set_aspect("auto")

xs, ys, nm = gavs.get_catalog_2Ddata_points("J/A+A/691/A333", cols=['Teff', 'logg'])
ax.scatter(xs, ys, color="red", s=10, marker="v", label=nm)
ax.legend(facecolor="white", edgecolor="white", labelcolor="red", loc='upper right')

plt.show()
```



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