

User Agreement

Summary

The GOSA is a citizen science project created by the Institute Astronomical Observatory of the Adam Mickiewicz University (AO AMU), with collaboration with ITTI Sp. z o.o. under the ESA Contract No. 400011266014/NL/CBi: "Gaia-GOSA: An interactive service for asteroid follow-up observations.". GOSA supports the Gaia mission by involving members of the public - you - in obtaining valuable lightcurves of asteroids. The data collected by the GOSA community will be used by Gaia-DPAC for enhancing the expected Gaia Solar System science.

What you agree to if you contribute to the GOSA

The web provides a means of reaching a large audience willing to devote their free time to collaborate with the researchers of the Gaia mission. In particular, the aim is to acquire photometric observations of selected targets which can become a cornerstone when analysing the data collected by Gaia. Therefore, if you contribute to the GOSA, you grant the AO AMU and its collaborators, permission to use your contributions however we like to further this goal, trusting us to do the right thing with your data. However, you give us this permission non-exclusively, meaning that you yourself still own your contribution.

We ask you to grant us these broad permissions, because they allow us to change the legal details by which we keep the data available; this is important because the legal environment can change and we need to be able to respond without obtaining permission from every single contributor.

Finally, you must not contribute data to the GOSA that you do not own. For example, do not submit observations from data catalogues.

What you may do with GOSA data

You retain ownership of any contribution you make to the GOSA. You may use, distribute or modify your individual contribution in any way you like. However, you do not possess ownership of the data obtained after reducing and analysing your observations.

Legal details

By submitting your contribution to the GOSA, you agree to grant the AO AMU a perpetual, royalty-free, non-exclusive, sub-licensable license to: use, reproduce, modify, adapt, publish, translate, create derivative works from, distribute, and exercise all copyright and publicity rights with respect to your contribution worldwide and/or to incorporate your contribution in other works in any media now known or later developed for the full term of any rights that may exist in your contribution.

If you do not want to grant to the AO AMU the rights set out above, you cannot interact with the GOSA.

By interacting with the GOSA, you:

- Warrant that your contribution contains only data that you have the right to make available to the AO AMU for all the purposes specified above; and
- Indemnify the AO AMU against all legal fees, damages and other expenses that may be incurred by the AO AMU as a result of your breach of the above warranty; and
- Waive any moral rights in your contribution for the purposes specified above.

This license does not apply to data about you, covered in the Privacy Policy.

Privacy Policy

In addition to the contributions you make towards the scientific goals of the GOSA, we collect additional data about you to support and improve the operation of the project. We also conduct experiments on the design of the website that we evaluate based on your reactions and behavior. This Privacy Policy describes what data we collect, how we use it and how we protect it.

We respect the privacy of every individual who participates in the GOSA. We operate in accordance with the United Kingdom Data Protection Act 1998 and the Freedom of Information Act 2000, as well as with United States regulations regarding protection of human subjects in research.

Data we collect

Identifying information: If you register with the GOSA, we ask you to create a username and supply your e-mail address. Your e-mail address is not visible to other users, but others will see your username in various contexts.

Usage information: We also monitor how people use our website, and aggregate general statistics about users and traffic patterns as well as data about how users respond to various site features. This includes, among other things, recording:

- When you log in.
- Pages you request.
- Other contributions, such as posts on the forums.

If you register and log in, the logs associate these activities with your username. Otherwise, they are associated with your IP address. In order to collect this data, we may use software that collects statistics from IP data. This software can determine what times of day people access our site, which country they access the websites from, how long they visit for, what browser they are using, etc.

What we do with the information we gather

Usage information is collected to help us improve our website in particular for the following reasons:

- Internal record keeping.
- We may use the information to customize the website.
- We may use the information to conduct experiments regarding the use of various site features.

What is shared with third parties

We will never release e-mail addresses to third parties without your express permission. We will also never share data we collect about you unless (a) it cannot be associated with you or your username, and (b) it is necessary to accomplish our research goals.

Contributions you make to the forums are widely available to others. Aside from the above, information is held as confidentially as is practical within our secured database.

How we use cookies

In some areas of our site, a cookie may be placed on your computer. A cookie is a small file that resides on your computer's hard drive that allows us to improve the quality of your visit to our websites by responding to you as an individual.

We use traffic log cookies to identify which pages are being used and improve our website. We only use this information for statistical analysis purposes, they are not shared with other sites and are not used for advertisements.

You can choose to accept or decline cookies. Most web browsers automatically accept cookies, but you can usually modify your browser setting to decline cookies if you prefer. However, if you choose to decline cookies from the GOSA then functionality, including your ability to log-in and participate, will be impaired.

Acceptance of cookies is implied if you continue to access our website without adjusting your browser settings.

Where we store your data

We use a local server located at the AO UAM which is exclusively devoted to the GOSA.

Security measures

Members of the research teams are made aware of our privacy policy and practices by reviewing this statement upon joining the team. We follow industry best practices to secure user data, and access to the database and logs are limited to members of the research group and system administrative staff.

Removing your data

If you wish to remove any data submitted to GOSA, please contact us at contact@gaiagosa.eu

When we will contact you

If you do not register, we will never contact you. If you do register, we will contact you by e-mail in the following circumstances:

- Occasionally, we will send e-mail messages to you with some feedback about the submitted observations, specially in case of problems or doubts during the reduction process.
- We may contact you with a newsletter about the progress of the project.

Further information and requests

The Data Controller is AO AMU. For a copy of the information we hold on you please contact the project team at the address below:

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