

## ESO Phase 3 Data Release Description

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### Abstract

This is the release of reduced spectra from the high-resolution echelle spectrograph ESPRESSO<sup>1</sup>. The instrument is located at the Coudé focus of the VLT and can be used for observations with any of the UTs or with the incoherently combined beams from all four UTs. The spectrograph offers a wavelength range from 380 to 788 nm. The spectral resolution depends on the instrument mode. The median resolving power is 140000 in HR mode, 190000 in UHR, and 70000 in MR. The HR and UHR modes use the light from one of the UTs whereas the MR mode is used together with all four UTs. The spectrograph is fed with two fibres. One fibre (fibre A) is placed on the object. The second fibre (fibre B) can be used to either measure the sky background or to simultaneously collect light from a reference calibration source. A Fabry-Pérot (FP) cavity is the operationally used simultaneous reference which allows to measure the instrumental drift between the night-time observation and the daytime wavelength calibration.

This release is an open stream release. It is complete from start of operations on 24<sup>th</sup> October 2018 until present. Data content is not fixed but grows with time as new data are being acquired and processed (approximately with monthly cadence and with a delay of one to two months).

Data have been reduced using the ESPRESSO pipeline version 2.2.1 or higher. It includes extraction of the spectrum, flat fielding, wavelength calibration, and flux calibration. Sky subtraction is only performed if fibre B is placed on sky. If the science target is not a QSO then an automated cross correlation with a stellar reference mask is executed in order to calculate the radial velocity (RV) of the observed object. Please note that systematic shifts of the RV values can occur between different versions of the pipeline. It is highly recommended to use only products from the same pipeline version for RV studies.

The ESPRESSO pipeline extracts a spectrum from a single exposure. If several exposures on the same target are executed within the same observing template then an additional reduction step is performed for this release. The extracted and flux-calibrated spectra of the single exposures are combined into a co-added spectrum with increased signal-to-noise ratio. The combined spectrum becomes the primary product; the single spectra are made available as associated files. For the co-adding step, the ESOTK pipeline is used (version 0.8.4 or higher).

### Release Content

The ESPRESSO release is a stream release. The content of the release grows with time as new data are being acquired and processed. The data are tagged "ESPRESSO" in the ESO archive user interface<sup>2</sup>. The release contains data from all instrument modes and set-ups. First data have been published in April 2021. This initial release consisted of observations from October 2018 (i.e. start of operations) until March 2020.

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.eso.org/sci/facilities/paranal/instruments/espresso.html>

<sup>2</sup> [http://archive.eso.org/wdb/wdb/adp/phase3\\_spectral/form](http://archive.eso.org/wdb/wdb/adp/phase3_spectral/form)

## Data Selection

Data selection is based on the following rules:

- instrument = ESPRESSO
- category (DPR.CATG) = SCIENCE
- observing technique (FITS key DPR.TECH) = ECHELLE
- type (DPR.TYPE) = OBJECT,SKY or OBJECT,FP.

Processing of the ESPRESSO science data has a success rate of nearly 100%, only very few input raw files are rejected. No selection is made on the basis of the observing mode (visitor or service). Data with 'test programme IDs' starting with '60' or '060' are not processed.

**Settings.** Data from all instrumental modes (HR, UHR, and MR) and with all detector binning values are processed.

**Data sets and input files.** Processing of ESPRESSO science data is based on single exposures: every science exposure is pipeline-processed and results in an extracted, flux-calibrated spectrum and a number of additional products. Often, a science observation consists of a single exposure. However also regularly, several exposures on the same object are executed within the same template. In such a case, an additional processing step is executed after the reduction of the single exposures. All spectra resulting from the same observing template as defined by the same TPL.START keyword are co-added into a combined spectrum. This step is performed independently of the original intent of the observation, i.e. whether the intention was to add the exposures in order to get a higher signal-to-noise ratio or to study a time series. In any case, all individual single-exposure spectra are available in addition to the combined spectrum as associated files. Observations from different OB (Observing Block) executions on the same target are not combined.

## Release Notes

### Pipeline Description

A detailed description of the ESPRESSO pipeline can be found in the pipeline user manual which is available from the ESO pipeline web pages<sup>3</sup>. The initially released data set was processed with version 2.2.1 of the pipeline. The actual version used for processing can be found in the header of any product in the keyword "PROCSOFT".

Combination of spectra from single exposures is done with the `esotk_spectrum1d_combine` recipe. A detailed description is available from the ESO pipeline web pages<sup>4</sup>. The initially released data were processed using version 0.8.4 of the ESOTK pipeline.

### Data Reduction and Calibration

**Reduction steps.** Data reduction includes bias subtraction, flat fielding, correction for the Echelle blaze function, wavelength calibration, extraction of the spectrum, merging of Echelle orders, and flux calibration.

**Wavelength calibrations.** Wavelength calibration is achieved in two steps. The Fabry-Pérot (FP) light source provides a high number of evenly distributed lines for an accurate relative wavelength calibration. The absolute wavelengths are determined by an exposure with a Thorium-Argon (Th-Ar) hollow-cathode lamp. ESPRESSO is also equipped with a laser frequency comb (LFC) which can be used alternatively to the Th-Ar lamp. Because the LFC was only partially available since start of operations and since its stability is not yet fully characterised, only Th-Ar exposures are taken for the wavelength calibration in this release.

Wavelengths in the "WAVE" column of the output products are expressed in vacuum.

**Barycentric correction.** The wavelengths in the science spectrum are correct to the barycentre of the solar system.

**Correction for instrumental drift.** The ESPRESSO spectrograph is fed with two fibres simultaneously. Fibre A is placed on the scientific object. Fibre B can be used to record the FP source during the science exposure. For these observations, the instrumental drift between the science observation and the daytime wavelength calibration is calculated and corrected in the wavelength solution.

**Sky subtraction.** Alternatively to simultaneously measuring the FP with fibre B, this fibre can be used to measure the sky background which is then subtracted data within reduction. The relative efficiency between fibres A and B is determined via daylight sky flats and corrected at the sky subtraction step. The sky cannot be subtracted if fibre B is on the FP.

**Contamination induced by the FP.** When fibre B is used to measure the FP light, the strong FP lines can produce contamination on the detector at the position of fibre A. This effect is measured with dedicated calibration frames and has been monitored since start of operation. Since the FP does not lead to a measurable contamination, correction of it is, therefore, not applied in the data reduction for this release.

**Cleaning of cosmic ray hits.** Cosmic ray hits are cleaned from the spectra using kappa-sigma clipping.

**Spectrum extraction.** The spectra are extracted using the optimal extraction algorithm using cross-dispersion order profiles that are obtained from the spectral flat fields.

**Flux calibration.** Extracted spectra are always flux calibrated by the pipeline. According to the ESPRESSO calibration plan, spectroscopic flux standards are observed with each telescope every

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<sup>3</sup> Under the ESPRESSO link at <http://www.eso.org/sci/software/pipelines/>

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few weeks. Exact measurements of the actual atmospheric conditions in a specific night are, therefore, not available. For this release, sets of standard stars have been identified that are representative for a given time period. All science observations from such a period have then been calibrated with the same set. The telescopes of the science and the standard star observations are matched.

**Radial velocity calculation.** The espresso science recipe computes the cross-correlation function (CCF) of the extracted spectrum in wavelength-order space with respect to a binary template of a given spectral type. The radial velocity (RV) is then obtained from a Gaussian fit to the CCF. Template masks for F-, G-, K-, and M-type stars are available within the pipeline. The results are written into the “HIERARCH ESO QC CCF \*” header keywords of the output products; the measured RV value can be found in “HIERARCH ESO QC CCF RV”, the corresponding error in “HIERARCH ESO QC CCF RV ERROR”, and the used mask in “HIERARCH ESO QC CCF MASK”.

**Combination of spectra.** For the combination of spectra, the generic recipe `esotk_spectrum1d_combine` is used. All input spectra are normalised to the flux level of the first input spectrum. For the combination, kappa-sigma clipping is used with  $\kappa = 10$ .

**Calibrations used for data reduction.** Table 1 lists the required calibration types that are needed for the reduction of science data. Please see the pipeline user manual for further details.

Table 1. ESPRESSO calibrations

Type	Purpose
Bias	Measures the residual, fixed pattern of the detector bias. (The bias level is measured in the overscan regions of the detector.)
Dark	Hot pixel map.
Detector (LED) flat fields	Bad pixel map.
Order definition flat	Defines the position of the orders on the detector.
(Spectroscopic) flat field	Echelle blaze function per order.
Wavelength calibration (FP and Th-Ar)	Wavelength solution. Calibrations with (fibre A, fibre B) = (FP, FP), (Th-Ar, FP), and (FP, Th-Ar) are used for this release..
Contamination	Measures the contamination from the FP source on fibre B. Not used for data reduction in this release.
Sky flat fields	Give the relative efficiency of fibre B with respect to fibre A. Only used in science reduction if fibre B is on sky.
Standard stars	Absolute flux calibration.

All calibrations used in this release have been processed with pipeline version 2.2.1 or higher. Calibration and science data for ESPRESSO are always processed with the same pipeline version.

## Products

The primary ESPRESSO science data product is a 1D spectrum with merged Echelle orders. The file has one table extension. It is the result of either a single exposure or a combination (“stacking”) of spectra resulting from individual exposures. The table columns contain the extracted flux, the wavelength, the error of the flux, and some additional quantities.

There are several additional files which are associated to the primary product:

- 1) an extracted spectrum of fibre B (sky spectrum or FP);
- 2) the cross-correlation function from the calculation of the radial velocity, not produced if target is a QSO;
- 3) the drift matrix between the science exposure and the wavelength calibration, only in case fibre B is on FP;

- 4) a tar file with additional pipeline products that are needed to run the DAS<sup>5</sup> (data analysis) pipeline of ESPRESSO, it includes the Echelle blaze function and files with extracted spectra for each Echelle order (as 2D images in wavelength-order space);
- 5) a PNG plot file that visualizes the primary product and provides quality control (QC) information;
- 6) all extracted spectra from the individual exposures if the primary product is a co-added spectrum; then also the files under items 1 to 3 are provided for each exposure.

The primary products contain some header keywords with information related to the OB and the QC process. They are listed in Table 2.

Table 2. FITS keywords added to the primary product

Parameter	Values	Meaning
<i>OB-related information:</i>		
SM_VM	SM or VM	Data taken in Service Mode or Visitor Mode; VM data are less constrained in terms of OB properties; they have no user constraints defined and therefore no OB grades.
OB_GRADE	A/B/C/D; X	Immediate grade given by night astronomer, considering ambient conditions checked against user constraints (VM data are formally graded X meaning 'unknown').
OB_COMM<n>	Free text	Any optional comments added by the night astronomer, together with the approximate UT hh:mm (truncated after 200 characters).
<i>QC-related information:</i>		
QCFLAG	e.g. 0000001	QC flag composed of 7 bits, see Table 3.
QC_COMM<n>	Free text	Comments about quality issues

## Data Quality

**Master calibrations.** All used master calibrations have been quality-reviewed and certified at the time of acquisition.

**Review and certification of science products.** ESPRESSO spectra are reviewed and certified by a process that involves both automatic scoring and random human-supervised certification. The automatic quality-control system scores

- the fulfilment of the calibration plan with respect to the wavelength calibration;
- the saturation of (parts of) the observation;
- and the quality of the combination process in case of co-added spectra.

The measured values are compared to reference values and scored. A non-zero score flags a potential issue. Any non-zero score is reviewed. Upon review, comments can be entered. They are intended to be informative, but they don't claim completeness. The comments are propagated to the product headers (in the keywords QC\_COMM<n>).

**QC flag.** While the quality-control scheme is an internal process, there is also a scheme to propagate quality information to the user. The header key "QCFLAG" in the ESPRESSO products contains a quality flag that is composed of seven bits (see Table 3). For each bit, the value 0 means "OK, no concern".

Flag #1 is set when the wavelength calibrations that are used for the processing have not been measured during the day following the observation. Normally, wavelength calibrations are taken in the morning after the science observations for all set-ups of the night. There are exceptional cases when this was not possible.

<sup>5</sup> See ESPRESSO-DAS link at <http://www.eso.org/sci/software/pipelines/>

Flags #2 is set if the number of saturated pixels in the input raw file is larger than 500. In case of co-added spectra, this flag refers to the raw file of the first spectrum.

The ESPRESSO pipeline performs an automatic cross-correlation with a template mask in order to calculate the radial velocity of the object. Masks are available within the pipeline for several types F, G, K, and M stars. Which mask is used is determined from the spectral type that is given in the OB. If it is not an F, G, K, or M type then flag #3 is set because the derived RV is highly uncertain.

The fourth flag is related to the seeing during the observation. The pipeline corrects the extracted flux for losses due to the fibre entrance (“slit loss”) which depends on the seeing. The seeing value is recorded in the “HIERARCH ESO TEL<N> IA FWHM” header keywords. In exceptional cases, the keyword contains an unrealistically low or high value which leads to an unreliable flux correction. Flag #4 is set in such a case.

Table 3. QC flags<sup>6</sup>. The flags #1 to #4 are common to both single and co-added spectra.

Bit	Content (if “yes”, value is 0, otherwise 1)	Motivation
#1 – $\Delta t$ to wavelength calibration	Time difference to wavelength calibration less than one $\frac{3}{4}$ of a day?	If not then this means a potential issue with the accuracy of the wavelength solution.
#2 – saturation	No or only few saturated pixels in input raw frame?	The extracted spectrum or part of the spectrum cannot be used if saturations occurs in input.
#3 – RV quality	Is the object a star of type F, G, K, or M?	If not then the calculated RV is not reliable.
#4 – seeing	Was the recorded seeing during the observation between 0.35 and 3 arcsec?	If not then the flux correction for “slit loss” is unreliable.
#5 – input flux deviation	Does the average flux of the input spectra deviate by less than 50% from the median?	Larger deviations may indicate an issue during execution of the observation that resulted in less flux.
#6 – improvement of signal-to-noise ratio	Is the signal-to-noise ratio of the co-added spectrum higher than the average of the inputs?	If not then this indicates a general issue during the spectrum combination.
#7 – contribution	Is the relative contribution of the input spectra higher than 95%?	If not then a significant fraction of the input spectra have not been used in the co-adding process.

Flags #5 to #7 are only used if the primary product is a co-added spectrum. Flag #5 is set if the variation of the average flux of the input spectra is larger than 50%. Flag #6 refers to the signal-to-noise ratio of the combined spectrum and is set if there is no improvement compared to the average signal-to-noise ratio of the inputs. Finally, for flag #7 the contribution of the input spectra for each wavelength bin of the combined spectrum is evaluated. It is set when on average 95% or less of the inputs contributed to the co-added spectrum.

**Preview plots.** For each science target, a preview plot is available as quick look. It is delivered as ancillary file together with the main product. An example for a single spectrum is shown in Figure 1 and an example for a combined spectrum in Figure 2.

The plot for a single spectrum shows as top panel the full extracted spectrum (in blue) and a rebinned version (in red) of the same spectrum. The positions of prominent spectral features ( $H\alpha$ ,  $H\beta$ ,  $H\gamma$ , and Na D) are marked with dashed lines. Directly below, the spectrum of the signal-to-noise ratio (SNR) and the quality spectrum are plotted. Values of greater than 0 for the latter indicate an issue with the extracted spectrum which could, for example, be due to saturation in the input. The three plots at the bottom show details of the spectrum for three spectral windows.

<sup>6</sup> The up-to-date list can be found at [http://www.eso.org/observing/dfq/quality/PHOENIX/ESPRESSO/score\\_bits.txt](http://www.eso.org/observing/dfq/quality/PHOENIX/ESPRESSO/score_bits.txt)

The plot for a combined spectrum has one more panel. It shows the two input spectra with the lowest and highest average flux (in black) together with the co-added spectrum. This panel allows to infer how much the flux of the input spectra varied during the observation sequence. The SNR panel for a combined spectrum has the signal-to-noise spectrum of the first input and of the co-added spectrum.

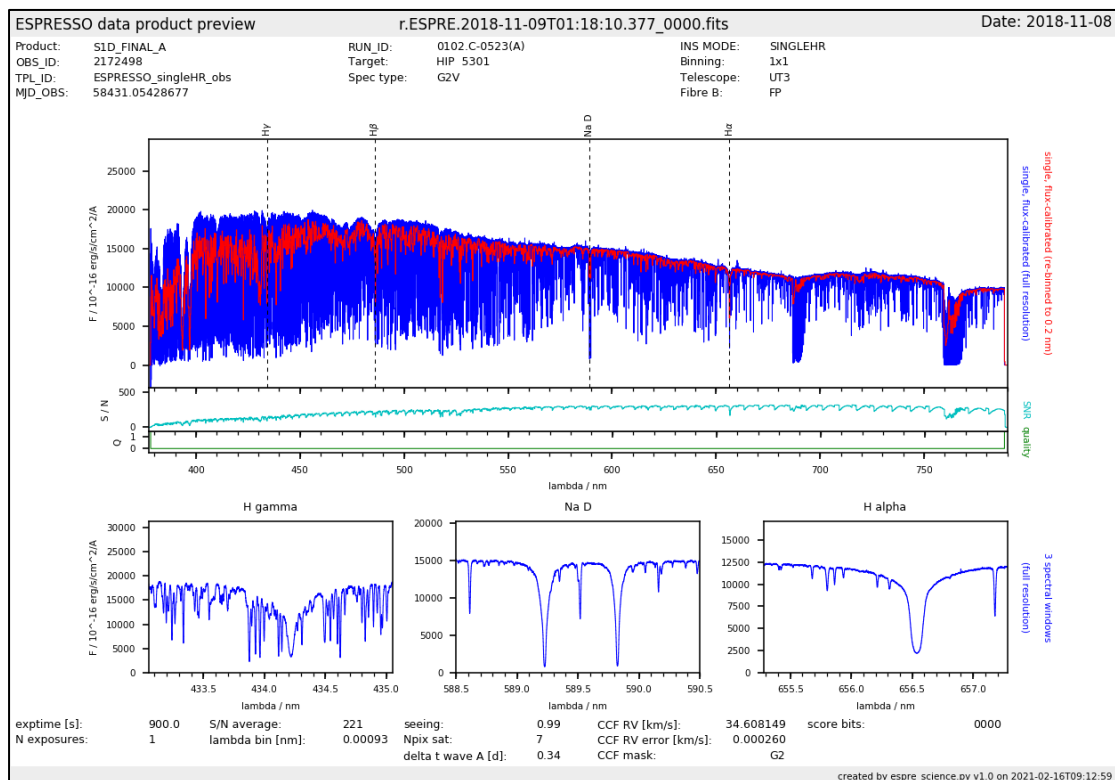


Figure 1. Preview plot associated to a single-exposure spectrum. See text for explanation

At the bottom of each plot, a set of QC parameters applicable to the product are printed:

- the total exposure time of the observation, from header keyword “TEXPTIME”;
- the number of exposures on the target (keyword “NCOMBINE”) and, for combined spectra only, the square root of this number;
- the average SNR of the spectrum;
- the seeing during the observation (keyword “HIERARCH ESO TEL<N> IA FWHM”);
- the number of saturated pixels in the (first) input frame;
- the time difference between science and the wavelength calibration (delta t wave A);
- the RV results from the cross-correlation (keywords “HIERARCH ESO QC CCF RV”, “HIERARCH ESO QC CCF RV ERROR”, and “HIERARCH ESO QC CCF MASK”);
- and the score bits.

For a combined product, the following parameters are added:

- the average contribution of the input spectra to the co-added spectrum; this number should be close to the number of combined exposures;
- the SNR of the co-added (stacked) spectrum;
- the average SNR of all input spectra;
- and the improvement of the SNR in the co-added spectrum, i.e.  $\text{SNR}_{\text{coadd}} / \text{SNR}_{\text{single}}$ ; this number should be close to the square root of the number of combined exposures.

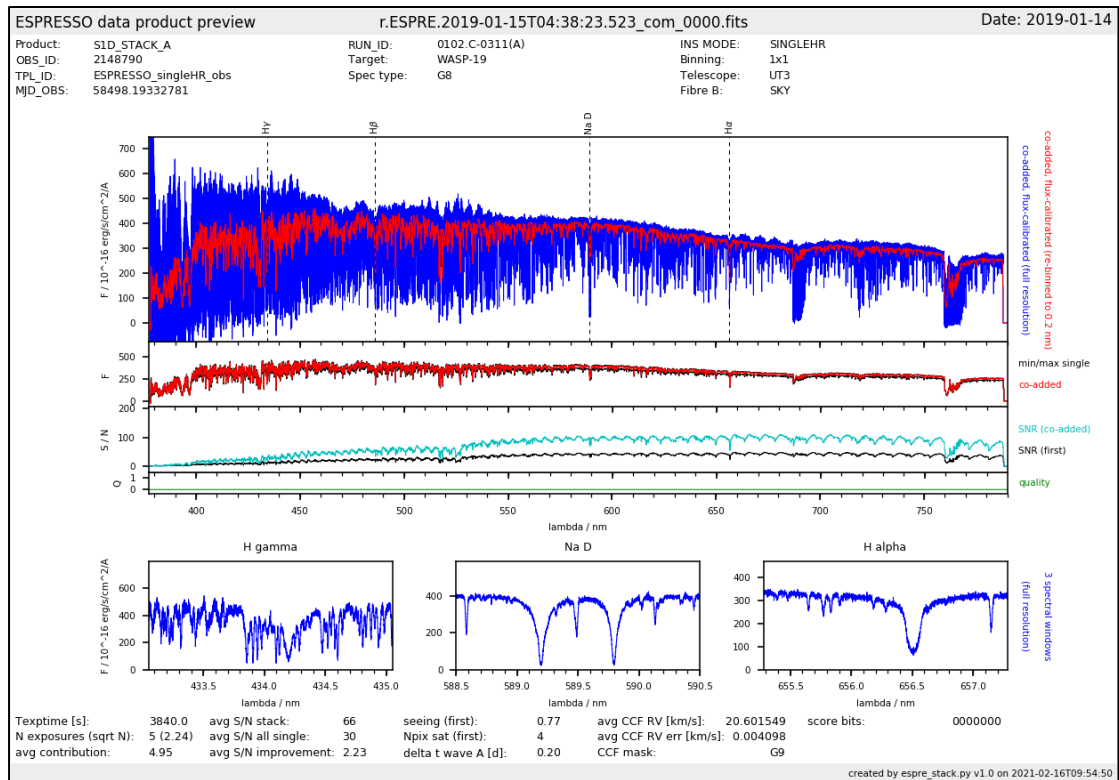


Figure 2. Preview plot associated to a combined spectrum. See text for explanation

## Known Features and Issues

**Dependency of RV values on pipeline version.** Changes of the algorithms in various parts of the pipeline can result in shifts of the calculated RV values from one pipeline version to another. For RV studies, the relative precision of the radial velocity and not the absolute accuracy is usually important. Therefore, shifts in RV due to different pipeline versions do not affect the science goals. However, it must be checked that all observations that are used have been reduced with the same pipeline version. All science products that are provided in this release have been processed with the same pipeline version as the master calibrations. This ensures internal consistency of the release. For future additions to this release, different pipeline version than in the initial release may be used. The consistency between science products and master calibrations will, however, be kept. The user is advised to check the actual pipeline version, that is recorded in the “PROCSOFT” header keyword, before comparing RV values.

**Dependency of RV values on template mask.** By default, the pipeline uses the template mask closest to the target spectral type, which is given in the header keyword HIERARCH ESO OCS OBJ SP TYPE of the raw file. The information has been provided during Phase 2 when planning the observations. If the spectral type is not provided or not recognized, the pipeline uses the G8 template as default mask.

It should be noted that using different template masks for the RV calculation might lead to small but systematic differences in the resulting velocities. Therefore, when using the computed RVs for time series analysis, e.g. for the study of radial velocity curves, it is essential that all the radial velocities are computed using the same template mask. If the data come from different observing runs, this is not necessarily the case. In such a case, the radial velocities of a target should be re-computed specifying a single template. This can be achieved with the dedicated EsoRex workflow Star III. Both the workflow and necessary recipe are available in the ESPRESSO-DAS pipeline<sup>7</sup>.

**Co-added spectra.** Multi exposures on the same target are combined if they have been measured within the same template, i.e., if the files have the same TLP.START header key value. Combination

<sup>7</sup> Under the ESPRESSO-DAS link at <http://www.eso.org/sci/software/pipelines/>



is executed independently from the original science goal of the observation. For studying temporal variations, the products from the individual exposures are provided as ancillary files.

**RV values for co-added spectra.** The RV value that is shown in the QC plots for co-added spectra is the average of the cross-correlation results from the individual spectra. This RV value is only indicative and cannot be used for RV studies. The user is referred instead to the products from the individual exposures which are available as ancillary products.

## Data Format

### File Types

The data set for each observation consists of one primary product file, several ancillary fits files, a tar archive, and one preview plot. The number of ancillary files depends on the source for fibre B (FP or sky), whether or not cross correlation was performed, and whether the primary product comes from a single exposure or is a co-added spectrum. Table 4 and Table 5 give an overview of the provided files.

Table 4. Primary and ancillary products for spectra from a single exposure

<b>ORIGFILE</b> begins with	<b>Type</b>	<b>Product category</b> HIERARCH ESO PRO CATG and PRODCATG	<b>Num- ber</b>	<b>Primary or ancillary?</b>	<b>Description</b>
ES_SFLX	fits	S1D_FINAL_A SCIENCE.SPECTRUM	1	Primary	Flux-calibrated spectrum of the tar- get (fibre A)
ES_SFLB	fits	S1D_FINAL_B ANCILLARY.SPECTRUM	1	Ancillary	Extracted spectrum of fibre B
ES_SCCA	fits	CCF_A ANCILLARY.CCF	0..1	Ancillary	Cross-correlation function, not pro- duced for QSOs
ES_SDMB	fits	DRIFT_MATRIX_B ANCILLARY.DRIFT	0..1	Ancillary	Drift between sci- ence exposure and wavelength-calibra- tion, only in case fi- bre B is on FP
	tar		1	Ancillary	Tar archive with ad- ditional fits files
	png		1	Ancillary	Preview plot

Table 5. Primary and ancillary products for co-added spectra

<b>ORIGFILE</b> begins with	<b>Type</b>	<b>Product category</b> HIERARCH ESO PRO CATG and PRODCATG	<b>Num- ber</b>	<b>Primary or ancillary?</b>	<b>Description</b>
ES_SOBF	fits	S1D_STACK_A SCIENCE.SPECTRUM	1	Primary	Flux-calibrated, co- added spectrum of the target (fibre A)
ES_SFLA	fits	S1D_FINAL_A ANCILLARY.SPECTRUM	1..N	Ancillary	Flux-calibrated spec- tra for each of the N exposures
ES_SFLB	fits	S1D_FINAL_B ANCILLARY.SPECTRUM	1..N	Ancillary	Extracted spectra of fibre B
ES_SCCA	fits	CCF_A ANCILLARY.CCF	0..N	Ancillary	Cross-correlation functions, not pro- duced for QSOs
ES_SDMB	fits	DRIFT_MATRIX_B ANCILLARY.DRIFT	0..N	Ancillary	Drift between sci- ence exposure and wavelength-calibra- tion, only in case fi- bre B is on FP
	tar		1	Ancillary	Tar archive with ad- ditional fits files
	png		1	Ancillary	Preview plot

The tar archive<sup>8</sup> that is delivered as an ancillary file contains pipeline products which are needed by the ESPRESSO DAS recipes. The content of the tar file is listed in Table 6.

Table 6. Content of the tar archive

<b>ORIGFILE</b> begins with	<b>Type</b>	<b>Product category</b> HIERARCH ESO PRO CATG	<b>Num- ber</b>	<b>Description</b>
ES_S2DA	fits	S2D_A	1..N	Extracted spectra for each order, not flux-calibrated, divided by blaze function
ES_S2BA	fits	S2D_BLAZE_A	1..N	Extracted spectra for each order, not flux-calibrated, not divided by blaze function
ES_S2SA	fits	S2D_SKYSUB_A	0..N	Extracted spectra for each order, sky-subtracted, not flux-calibrated, divided by blaze function; only if fibre B is on sky
ES_PFBA	fits	BLAZE_A	1	Blaze function

The ORIGFILE product names follow a naming convention which is

ES\_<TYPE>\_<OBS\_ID>\_<DP\_ID>\_<RES>\_<BINX>x<BINY>\_<TEL>.fits

See Table 7 for details. An example ORIGFILE name would be

ES\_SFLX\_2147913\_2018-11-09T07:18:46.594\_UHR\_1x1\_U3.fits

for a single-exposure spectrum from OB 2147913, observation started at 07:18:46.594 (UT) on 9 November 2018. The ultra-high resolution (UHR) mode was used with a detector binning of 1x1. The telescope for the observation was UT3. The archive user may wish to read the ORIGFILE header key and to rename the archive-delivered fits files accordingly.

In addition to the fits products, also the preview plots are delivered as ancillary files. They come in the PNG image format and follow the naming conventions

r.ESPRE.<DP\_ID>\_<NNNN>.png

for single-exposure spectra and

r.ESPRE.<DP\_ID>\_com\_<NNNN>.png

for co-added spectra, <DP\_ID> is the time stamp of the (first) exposure and <NNNN> is a running number with leading zeros (e.g. '0000', '0001', ...).

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<sup>8</sup> When extracting the tar archive on the command line of Linux machines, it is advised to use a command like  

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tar -xvf ./ES_SFLX_2147913_2018-11-09T07:18:46.594_UHR_1x1_U3.fits
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in order to avoid confusion due to the presence of colons in the file name.

Table 7. ORIGFILE naming convention

Component	Description
ES	ESPRESSO product
<TYPE>	Product type. See Table 4, Table 5, and Table 6
<OBS_ID>	OB ID of the observation (header key <code>HIERACH ESO OBS ID</code> )
<DP_ID>	Time stamp in UT of the first exposure of the stack in the format <YEAR>-<MONTH>-<DAY>T<HOUR>:<MINUTE>:<SECOND>.<MILLISECOND>
<RES>	Spectral resolution: either HR, UHR, or MR
<BINX>	Detector binning in x (cross-dispersion) direction: 1, 2, 4, or 8
<BINY>	Detector binning in y (dispersion) direction: 1, 2, or 4
<TEL>	Telescope: U1, U2, U3, or U4 for HR and UHR; U1234 <sup>9</sup> if all for four UTs are used for MR

### File structure and size

The primary ESPRESSO product is a fits file with one table extension. The table columns for single-exposure spectra and co-added spectra are given in Table 8 and Table 9, respectively. File sizes of the primary products are between 8 and 53 MB.

Table 8. Table columns of single-exposure spectra

Column	Unit	Description
WAVE	Å	Wavelength (in vacuum)
FLUX	erg/cm <sup>2</sup> /s/Å	Extracted flux; sky-subtracted if fibre B is on sky, otherwise not sky-subtracted
ERR	erg/cm <sup>2</sup> /s/Å	Error of flux
QUAL	None	Quality. Values above 0 may indicate issues with data, e.g. saturation
SNR	None	Signal-to-noise ratio of extracted spectrum
WAVE_AIR	Å	Wavelength (in air)
FLUX_EL	Counts	Extracted electrons per wavelength bin, not sky-subtracted
ERR_EL	Counts	Corresponding error
QUAL_EL	None	Corresponding quality
FLUX_CAL	erg/cm <sup>2</sup> /s/Å	Extracted flux, not sky-subtracted
ERR_CAL	erg/cm <sup>2</sup> /s/Å	Corresponding error
QUAL_CAL	None	Corresponding quality
FLUX_CAL_SKYSUB	erg/cm <sup>2</sup> /s/Å	Extracted flux, sky-subtracted; only present if fibre B is on sky
ERR_CAL_SKYSUB	erg/cm <sup>2</sup> /s/Å	Corresponding error
QUAL_CAL_SKYSUB	None	Corresponding quality
FLUX_EL_SKYSUB	Counts	Extracted electrons per wavelength bin, sky-subtracted; only present if fibre B is on sky
ERR_EL_SKYSUB	Counts	Corresponding error
QUAL_EL_SKYSUB	None	Corresponding quality

<sup>9</sup> There are few cases where not all four telescopes were available. Then, a value like “U234” can be found.

Table 9. Table columns of co-added spectra

<b>Column</b>	<b>Unit</b>	<b>Description</b>
WAVE	Å	Wavelength (in vacuum)
FLUX	erg/cm <sup>2</sup> /s/Å	Co-added flux; sky-subtracted if fibre B is on sky, otherwise not sky-subtracted
ERR	erg/cm <sup>2</sup> /s/Å	Error of flux
SNR	None	Signal-to-noise ratio of extracted spectrum
QUAL	None	Quality. Values above 0 may indicate issues with data, e.g. saturation
CONTRIB	None	Number of contributing input spectra

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