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Stellar Population Astrophysics (SPA) with the TNG

Stock 2, a little-studied open cluster with an eMSTO[★]

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ABSTRACT

Stock 2 is a little-studied open cluster that shows an extended main-sequence turnoff (eMSTO). In order to investigate this phenomenon and characterise the cluster itself, we performed high-resolution spectroscopy in the framework of the Stellar Population Astrophysics project. We employed the High Accuracy Radial velocity Planet Searcher in the Northern hemisphere spectrograph at the Telescopio Nazionale Galileo (TNG). We completed our observations with additional spectra taken with the Catania Astrophysical Observatory Spectropolarimeter. We observed 46 stars (dwarfs and giants). They represent by far the largest sample collected for this cluster to date. We provide the stellar parameters, the extinction, and the radial and projected rotational velocities for most of the stars. Chemical abundances for 21 species with atomic numbers up to 56 have also been derived. We note a differential reddening in the cluster field with an average value of 0.27 mag. This appears the main cause for the observed eMSTO because it cannot be explained as the result of different rotational velocities, as found in other clusters. We estimate an age for Stock 2 of 450 ± 150 Ma, which corresponds to a MSTO stellar mass of $\approx 2.8 M_{\odot}$. The cluster mean radial velocity is about 8.0 km s^{-1} . We find a solar-like metallicity for the cluster, $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}] = -0.07 \pm 0.06$, compatible with its galactocentric distance. The chemical abundances of main-sequence stars and giants are compatible within the errors. The exceptions are barium and strontium, which are clearly overabundant in giants, and cobalt, which is only marginally overabundant. Finally, the chemical composition of Stock 2 is fully compatible with the composition observed in other open clusters of the Galactic thin-disc population.

Key words. open clusters and associations: individual: Stock 2 – Hertzsprung-Russell and C-M diagrams – stars: abundances – stars: fundamental parameters

1. Introduction

During the last years, a large number of young and intermediate-age stellar clusters (with ages of up to about two billion years) have been discovered in the Magellanic Clouds (MCs) that exhibit extended main-sequence turnoffs (eMSTOs, Mackey & Broby Nielsen 2007; Milone et al. 2009, 2018; Li et al. 2017). The youngest of these ($\tau \leq 700$ Ma) also display split main sequences (MSs, Bastian et al. 2017;

Correnti et al. 2017; Li et al. 2017; Milone et al. 2018), similar to those observed in the old globular clusters of the Milky Way (MW). These features are not a peculiarity of the MCs clusters alone, but have recently been found in Galactic open clusters as well (Marino et al. 2018a; Cordoni et al. 2018; Piatti & Bonatto 2019; Li et al. 2019; Sun et al. 2019). This fact, which appears to be quite common, leads us to critically reconsider the assumption that colour-magnitude diagrams (CMDs) of open clusters can be reproduced by a single isochrone as a consequence of an unique and homogeneous stellar population, as has been thought until now. This has led, for instance, to the use of the so-called isochrone cloud to fit the CMDs of clusters displaying an eMSTO (Johnston et al. 2019).

It has been observed that the magnitude of the eMSTO/split MS phenomenon is related to the cluster age (Niederhofer et al. 2015; Cordoni et al. 2018), which would imply that it is caused by an evolutionary effect. Stellar rotation is accepted as the main

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cause (Marino et al. 2018b; Sun et al. 2019). Observed and synthetic CMDs were compared, and based on this, split MSs have been explained by the coexistence of two stellar populations with different rotation rates (D’Antona et al. 2015; Milone et al. 2016). One of them, which includes about two-thirds of the total MS stars, consists of fast rotators and forms the so-called red MS (rMS), while the other one, the blue MS (bMS), is composed of the slow-rotating stars. Additionally, in the area of the CMDs around the MSTO, fast rotators are brighter than the slow ones. This picture has been directly confirmed through measurements of projected rotational velocities ($v \sin i$) in eMSTO stars in the two MCs (Dupree et al. 2017; Marino et al. 2018b) and in MW open clusters (Sun et al. 2019).

However, rotation alone is not always able to explain the observational behaviour. In certain situations, an age spread resulting from a prolonged star formation history or multiple star formation episodes is also required (Goudfrooij et al. 2017; Gossage et al. 2019). Nonetheless, this is not the case for open clusters, whose mass is well below the mass considered necessary to create multiple populations (Krumholz et al. 2019; Gratton et al. 2019). Alternatively, according to D’Antona et al. (2017), the rotational braking that is due to tidal interactions between the components of close binaries from a single stellar population of coeval stars may also produce a distribution of rotational velocities capable to reproduce the eMSTOs and split MSs observed in the CMDs. A greater number of observations are necessary to elucidate and constrain the role of each of these mechanisms, or of any other mechanism that is still hidden underneath it. This will allow us to fully understand this phenomenon.

Here we report the analysis of a large sample of stars that are on the MS and are giants in the nearby and poorly studied open cluster Stock 2. This is a dispersed cluster discovered by Stock (1956) and is located in the Orion spiral arm, $[\alpha(2000) = 2^{\text{h}}15^{\text{m}}, \delta(2000) = +59^{\circ}16', \ell = 133.334^{\circ}, b = -1.694^{\circ}]$, roughly on the same line of sight as the double cluster h & χ Persei, but considerably closer to the Sun. However, despite its proximity, the physical parameters for this cluster such as age or chemical composition are not precisely known. According to the literature (Stock 1956; Krzeminski & Serkowski 1967; Robichon et al. 1999; Spagna et al. 2009), the distance to Stock 2 ranges between 300 and 350 pc, although the most recent studies, based on the second *Gaia* data release, place it at about 400 pc (Cantat-Gaudin et al. 2018; Reddy & Lambert 2019). The average reddening is $E(B - V) \approx 0.35$, but it appears to be variable across the cluster field (Krzeminski & Serkowski 1967; Spagna et al. 2009; Ye et al. 2021).

The age is still not precisely known. On the one hand, the cluster might be coeval or slightly older than the Pleiades (100–275 Ma, e.g., Krzeminski & Serkowski 1967; Robichon et al. 1999; Reddy & Lambert 2019; Ye et al. 2021), but on the other hand, Sciortino et al. (2000) found from the analysis of the cluster X-ray luminosity function that its age is similar to that of the Hyades ($\tau \approx 625$ Ma). Based on the TO region shape and the distribution of the giants on the CMD, Spagna et al. (2009) reported an age within the 200–500 Ma range. Thus, the age of Stock 2 is still a debated issue and represents a challenging task. Recently, Reddy & Lambert (2019) performed the first detailed spectroscopic analysis of this cluster so far. They took high-resolution spectra of three red giants, from which they estimated a solar-like mean metallicity ($[\text{Fe}/\text{H}] = -0.06 \pm$

0.03) and the chemical abundances for 23 elements. Ye et al. (2021) obtained a similar value ($[\text{Fe}/\text{H}] = -0.04 \pm 0.15$) from LAMOST medium-resolution spectra of almost 300 likely members. They also found that Stock 2 is a massive cluster ($\approx 4000 M_{\odot}$).

This paper is part of the Stellar Population Astrophysics (SPA) project, which is an ongoing Large Programme running on the 3.6-m Telescopio Nazionale *Galileo* (TNG) at the Roque de los Muchachos Observatory (La Palma, Spain). The SPA is an ambitious project whose aim is to reveal the star formation and chemical enrichment history of the Galaxy, obtaining an age-resolved chemical map of the solar neighbourhood and the Galactic thin disc. More than 500 nearby representative stars are being observed at high resolution in the optical and near-infrared bands by combining the High Accuracy Radial velocity Planet Searcher in North hemisphere spectrograph (HARPS-N) and GIANO-B spectrographs (see Origlia et al. 2019, for more details on SPA). In this work, we combine high-resolution spectroscopy, archival photometry, and the *Gaia* early third data release (*Gaia*-eDR3, Gaia Collaboration 2016, 2021) in order to investigate the properties of Stock 2. We pay special attention to the upper MS and MSTO. The analysis of stellar parameters, CMDs, and the lithium abundance are of great importance to constrain the cluster age. The paper is structured as follows. In Sect. 2 we present our observations and explain the criteria we followed to select our targets. Then, we describe our spectral analysis in Sect. 3 and display the results we derived: radial velocities, atmospheric parameters, and chemical abundances. The determination of the extinction and the analysis of the CMDs are detailed in Sects. 4 and 5, respectively. The discussion and comparison of our results with the literature are conducted in Sect. 6. Finally, we summarise our results and present our conclusions in Sect. 7.

2. Observations and target selection

With the aim of studying the cluster and determine its properties, we observed a sample of representative stars among the bona fide members (with an assigned membership probability of $P = 1$) from Cantat-Gaudin et al. (2018). The only exception is the brightest giant, star g1, for which Cantat-Gaudin et al. (2018) reported a membership probability of $P = 0.8$. We initially targeted the giants to determine the cluster metallicity and detailed abundances, as we did for other clusters in SPA. We mainly selected red clump stars for this so that the sample would be as homogeneous as possible (see Casali et al. 2020; Zhang et al. 2021). These stars, orange circles in Fig. 1, are labelled ‘g’ in Table 1. By examining the *Gaia*-DR2 CMD (because *Gaia*-eDR3 was not available when we prepared our observations), we realised that the cluster exhibited an eMSTO/split MS. This was not clearly visible in pre-existing photometry because of field contamination. In order to study this, we also selected the brightest stars in the upper MS as targets, which are close to the turn-off (TO) point (green triangles in Fig. 1 and labelled ‘to’ in Table 1), as well as MS stars. We followed three different sequences to sample the blue MS (bMS, blue circles and ‘b’), red MS (rMS, red circles and ‘r’), and the upper envelope of the MS, which is the region that is mostly populated by binary and multiple stars (black circles and ‘u’). The numbering used throughout this paper for each of these series consists of assigning a sequential number beginning with the brightest star. In total, we acquired high-resolution spectra for 46 stars in several observational runs that are described below (see Table 1).

¹ Nominal coordinates according to the WEBDA database, <https://webda.physics.muni.cz/>

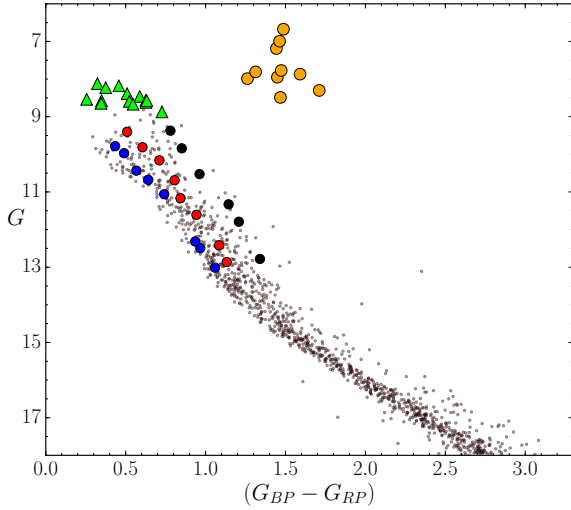


Fig. 1. $G/(G_{BP} - G_{RP})$ diagram for Stock 2. Members from Cantat-Gaudin et al. (2018) are marked with light brown dots. Stars observed with CAOS in this work are represented with green triangles while those observed with HARPS-N appear as circles with different colours, as explained in the text.

2.1. Spectroscopy

We used HARPS-N (Cosentino et al. 2014) to observe the ten cluster giants on 5 and 6 November 2018. HARPS-N is an échelle spectrograph mounted at the 3.6 m TNG telescope at El Roque de los Muchachos Observatory (La Palma, Spain). It is fibre-fed from the Nasmyth B focus and covers the wavelength range from 3870 Å to 6910 Å, providing a resolving power of $R = 115\,000$. Still with the same equipment, we then took spectra for 24 MS stars from 16 to 19 December 2018 and from 13 to 15 January 2019². The instrument pipeline was used to reduce these spectra.

We completed the TNG observations by collecting additional spectra for the 14 brightest stars of the upper MS around the TO point. Observations were carried out between 29 and 31 October 2020 with the Catania Astrophysical Observatory Spectropolarimeter (CAOS, Spanò et al. 2006; Leone et al. 2016). CAOS is an échelle spectrograph mounted on the 0.91 m telescope at M. G. Fracastoro station (Serra La Nave, Mt Etna (Italy)), which provides a resolution of $R = 55\,000$. It is fibre-fed from the Cassegrain focus and covers the wavelength range from 3875 Å to 6910 Å in 81 orders. These spectra were reduced by employing the IRAF³ packages following standard procedures. The log of the observations can be found in Table 1. This table displays the spectrograph we used, the heliocentric Julian day at mid exposure (HJD), the exposure time (t_{exp} , which is the sum of all exposures of the same star), an estimate of the average signal-to-noise ratio per pixel achieved at 6500 Å (S/N), and the HD (or *Tycho*, or 2MASS) designation (Name).

Table 1. Observation log.

Star	Name	HJD	t_{exp} (s)	S/N ^(a)
HARPS-N				
b1	HD 13967	58469.459	3000	111
b2	HD 13100	58469.420	3000	99
b3	TYC 3698-2381-1	58471.426	3600	98
b4	TYC 3699-1132-1	58472.519	7200	90
b5	TYC 3698-2224-1	58499.390	3800	82
b6	TYC 3698-483-1	58498.383	5400	58
b7	J02192173+5927303 ^(b)	58470.375	9600	64
b8	J02204032+5923204 ^(b)	58497.360	5400	30
r1	HD 12920	58499.473	1900	99
r2	TYC 3698-861-1	58469.498	3000	93
r3	TYC 3698-645-1	58471.506	3600	103
r4	TYC 3698-2739-1	58471.644	4800	67
r5	TYC 3697-479-1	58499.438	3800	78
r6	J02134650+5923569 ^(b)	58498.450	5400	74
r7	TYC 3697-1499-1	58470.514	9600	61
r8	J02131100+5945191 ^(b)	59178.387	6300	46
u1	HD 13699	58469.381	2400	147
u2	TYC 3698-1363-1	58469.537	3000	108
u3	TYC 3698-1420-1	58471.562	4800	95
u4	TYC 3698-1703-1	59131.598	3680	65
u5	J02134467+5933039 ^(b)	59131.687	5520	73
u6	J02162746+5954309 ^(b)	59131.748	4200	28
g1	HD 15498	58428.407	700	264
g2	HD 14346	58428.390	700	232
g3	HD 13437	58428.468	1400	346
g4	HD 13207	58428.450	1400	255
g5	HD 14403	58428.487	1400	282
g6	HD 12650	58428.423	1400	248
g7	HD 15665	58429.341	1400	242
g8	HD 14415	58428.505	1400	255
g9	HD 13655	58429.359	1400	211
g10	HD 13134	58429.378	1400	192
CAOS				
to1	HD 14183	59152.498	2400	164
to2	HD 14161	59152.567	2700	153
to3	HD 12184	59152.529	2700	164
to4	HD 14025	59152.601	2700	89
to5	HD 13518	59153.510	2400	114
to6	HD 15240	59152.474	3000	70
to7	HD 13591	59153.541	2700	97
to8	HD 14946	59154.361	3000	69
to9	HD 14579	59153.615	2700	81
to10	HD 13909	59154.489	3000	153
to11	HD 13688	59153.576	2700	80
to12	HD 15315	59154.404	3000	115
to13	HD 13899	59154.526	3000	153
to14	HD 13606	59154.323	3000	45

Notes. ^(a)Signal-to-noise ratio per pixel at 6500 Å. ^(b)2MASS designation.

2.2. Archival data

As mentioned above, we started our investigation based on the work conducted by Cantat-Gaudin et al. (2018). From the analysis of *Gaia*-DR2 data, they identified 1209 members for

² We used GIARPS, i.e. the combination of GIANO and HARPS-N, but we use only HARPS-N spectra here because they are more efficient for the warm MS stars. GIANO spectra will be used in forthcoming papers.

³ IRAF is distributed by the National Optical Astronomy Observatories, which are operated by the Association of Universities for Research in Astronomy, Inc., under the cooperative agreement with the National Science Foundation.

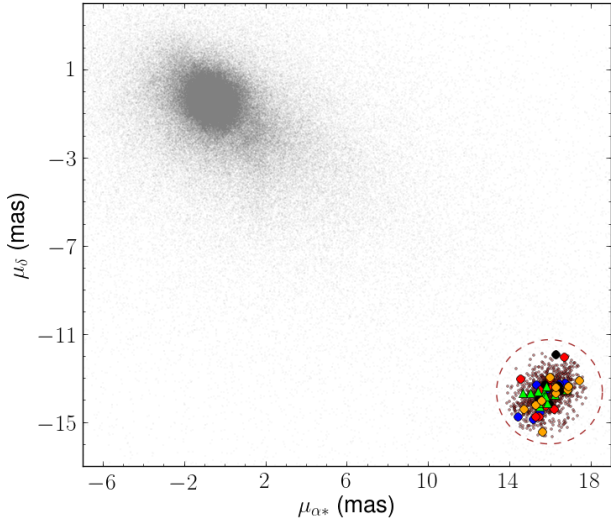


Fig. 2. Proper-motion diagram in the field of Stock 2. The ellipse (dashed brown line) is centred on the average proper motions of the cluster and has semi-axes of four times the sigmas of the μ_{α^*} and μ_{δ} distributions of the cluster members according to Cantat-Gaudin et al. (2018). It represents the cluster extent in astrometric space. Grey dots represent field stars, and the remaining symbols are the same as in Fig. 1.

Stock 2. In the astrometric space, they located the cluster at $(\mu_{\alpha^*}, \mu_{\delta}, \varpi) = (15.966, -13.627, 2.641) \pm (0.650, 0.591, 0.076)$. It clearly stands out from the background (as shown in Fig. 2, which highlights the stars we observed). According to the spatial distribution of its members (Fig. 3), Cantat-Gaudin et al. (2018) placed the cluster centre at $\alpha(2000) = 2^{\text{h}}15^{\text{m}}25.44^{\text{s}}$, $\delta(2000) = +59^{\circ}31'19.2''$, at a distance $\Delta(\alpha, \delta) = (25.4^{\text{s}}, 15.3')$ from the nominal value. Stock 2 is a dispersed cluster, and half of its members (r_{50}) are found within a radius of 1.03° around the centre. The most distant members are positioned almost 4° away. As a result, none of the photometric datasets in the literature covers its entire extension. For this reason, we resorted to all-sky photometric surveys to complement our spectroscopy and the *Gaia* data. We used JHK_S magnitudes from the 2MASS catalogue in the near-infrared wavelength (Skrutskie et al. 2006) as well as $BVg'r'i'$ optical bands from the APASS catalogue (Henden et al. 2016). For the brightest stars for which the APASS photometry is not reliable we also made use of the values listed in the ASCC2.5 catalogue (Kharchenko & Roeser 2009) in some cases. The combination of all these data allowed us to analyse the CMDs of the cluster, as we explain in Sect. 5. All the astrometric and photometric data available for the stars observed in this work are summarised in Tables A.1 and A.2 of the paper.

3. Spectral analysis

3.1. Radial velocity

We started the spectroscopic analysis by measuring the heliocentric radial velocity (RV) of the observed objects. For this purpose, we cross-correlated our spectra against synthetic templates by employing the task FXCOR, which is contained in the IRAF packages. When we examined the cross-correlation function (CCF), we identified some multiple systems (SB2 or SB3) among the stars forming our sample: r4, u1, and u2. In the upper sequence, we therefore found only two binaries out of the six

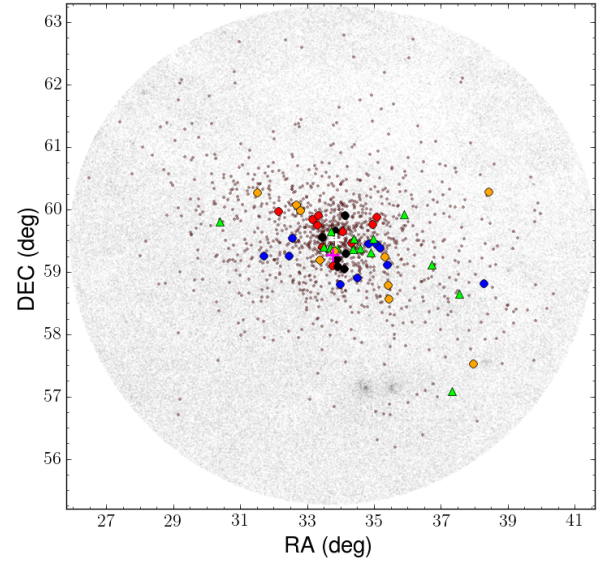


Fig. 3. Sky region around Stock 2. Grey dots show sources with $G \leq 16$ mag within a radius of $240'$ around the cluster nominal centre (magenta cross). Cluster members identified by Cantat-Gaudin et al. (2018) are represented by black points, and the cluster centre derived from them is shown by the white cross. Coloured circles and green triangles are the objects observed in this work (see Fig. 1) with the HARPS-N and CAOS spectrographs, respectively. The overdensities visible at $RA \sim 35^{\circ}$ and $Dec \sim 57^{\circ}$ correspond to the h & χ Per double cluster.

candidates, although the remaining four might be single-lined systems (SB1). Additionally, star u3 might also have a close companion because it shows a discrepant RUWE⁴ *Gaia* parameter for a single source (≈ 3.3). For the remaining single stars, the results are listed in the last column of Table 2. The RVs clearly show a large dispersion, with values ranging from -16.5 to $+15.7 \text{ km s}^{-1}$. This is likely a consequence of the $v \sin i$ distribution. While for slow rotators (e.g., giants and stars in the lower MS) precise RVs can be determined, for rapid rotators, this is not the case. This is specially relevant for the hottest stars in our sample, which are located at the upper MS close to the TO point. These stars are of spectral type A. In addition to rotating rapidly, they display far fewer features in their spectra, which broadens and reduces the intensity of the CCF peak. To calculate the average RV for the cluster, we therefore only took the stars into account whose $v \sin i < 50 \text{ km s}^{-1}$. Based on 21 members, we thus derived an average value of $RV = 7.5 \pm 3.3 \text{ km s}^{-1}$. On the other hand, *Gaia*-DR2 (eDR3 does not provide new values) gives the RV for 194 objects among the members listed in Cantat-Gaudin et al. (2018). The average value, after applying a 3σ clipping filter to ignore outliers, is $RV_{\text{GDR2}} = 9.5 \pm 3.3 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ (which becomes 8.0 km s^{-1} if the error-weighted mean is calculated instead). If we consider only the giants, the weighted average of our values is $RV = 7.9 \pm 1.4 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ (where we have assumed the weighted standard deviation as uncertainty), which is in close agreement with the above estimate.

3.2. Atmospheric parameters

To determine the stellar atmospheric parameters of our targets, we used the ROTFIT code (Frasca et al. 2006) adapted to the SPA project workframe, as was done previously (see e.g., Frasca et al. 2019; Casali et al. 2020). The code provides not only

⁴ <https://www.cosmos.esa.int/web/gaia/II-124>

Table 2. Stellar parameters derived for the single stars.

Star	T_{eff} (K)	$\log g$	[Fe/H]	Sp T	$v \sin i$ (km s ⁻¹)	RV (km s ⁻¹)
b1	8500 ± 300	4.10 ± 0.20	0.00 ^(a)	A1 V ^(b)	140 ± 15	13.44 ± 2.69
b2	8700 ± 200	4.00 ± 0.20	0.00 ^(a)	A0 V ^(b)	34.3 ± 4.7	9.37 ± 0.68
b3	7700 ± 300	4.07 ± 0.23	-0.19 ± 0.18	A7 V	280 ± 30	15.65 ± 9.16
b4	7800 ± 300	4.09 ± 0.21	-0.21 ± 0.16	A7 V	120 ± 15	8.03 ± 2.85
b5	7289 ± 252	4.05 ± 0.22	-0.16 ± 0.13	A9 IV	220 ± 20	6.43 ± 8.04
b6	6132 ± 91	4.11 ± 0.14	0.00 ± 0.10	F9 IV-V	21.9 ± 0.7	8.47 ± 0.23
b7	6092 ± 73	4.20 ± 0.10	0.07 ± 0.10	F8 V	4.0 ± 1.0	-4.27 ± 0.10
b8	5841 ± 86	4.42 ± 0.12	0.06 ± 0.08	G1 V	2.2 ± 1.7	5.74 ± 0.11
r1	8000 ± 250	3.90 ± 0.20	0.00 ^(a)	A1 V ^(b)	250 ± 30	-1.42 ± 6.35
r2	8300 ± 300	3.80 ± 0.30	0.00 ^(a)	A1 V ^(b)	230 ± 30	0.62 ± 3.09
r3	8800 ± 300	3.90 ± 0.20	0.00 ^(a)	A0 ^(b)	40 ± 9	-3.69 ± 0.54
r5	7607 ± 279	4.11 ± 0.20	-0.09 ± 0.12	F0 III	135 ± 15	13.75 ± 5.81
r6	6851 ± 138	4.14 ± 0.11	-0.07 ± 0.09	F4 V	13.3 ± 1.0	9.65 ± 0.24
r7	6332 ± 163	4.04 ± 0.15	-0.06 ± 0.11	F7 IV	42 ± 2	3.55 ± 0.83
r8	6086 ± 73	4.20 ± 0.10	0.07 ± 0.10	F8 V	8.5 ± 0.8	9.02 ± 0.14
u3	7603 ± 299	4.01 ± 0.21	-0.13 ± 0.12	A8 V	53 ± 6	9.26 ± 0.86
u4	8300 ± 300	4.10 ± 0.20	0.00 ^(a)	B8 V ^(b)	85 ± 10	-4.96 ± 0.29
u5	6449 ± 152	4.09 ± 0.16	-0.07 ± 0.11	F6 IV	44 ± 1	3.38 ± 0.75
u6	6534 ± 131	4.11 ± 0.15	-0.05 ± 0.10	F8 V	41 ± 1	2.27 ± 0.76
g1	4530 ± 86	2.14 ± 0.10	0.01 ± 0.09	K1 III	1.6 ± 1.5	9.78 ± 0.12
g2	4760 ± 111	2.69 ± 0.14	0.02 ± 0.10	K0 III	7.6 ± 0.6	8.11 ± 0.13
g3	4937 ± 114	2.51 ± 0.35	0.04 ± 0.08	G8 III	6.1 ± 0.7	8.36 ± 0.13
g4	4977 ± 117	2.82 ± 0.18	0.04 ± 0.08	G8 III	1.7 ± 1.5	8.37 ± 0.11
g5	5061 ± 56	2.99 ± 0.19	0.04 ± 0.07	G8 III	5.4 ± 1.2	9.20 ± 0.12
g6	5002 ± 110	2.96 ± 0.20	0.03 ± 0.07	G8 III	1.9 ± 1.6	7.10 ± 0.10
g7	5058 ± 56	2.97 ± 0.20	0.03 ± 0.07	G8 III	2.7 ± 1.6	8.45 ± 0.11
g8	5065 ± 56	3.00 ± 0.19	-0.03 ± 0.09	G8 III	5.2 ± 1.3	7.86 ± 0.11
g9	5062 ± 56	3.00 ± 0.19	0.00 ± 0.09	G8 III	4.6 ± 1.4	4.38 ± 0.11
g10	5066 ± 56	3.01 ± 0.19	-0.03 ± 0.09	G8 III	4.5 ± 0.9	8.66 ± 0.11
to1 ^(c)	9300 ± 300	4.5 ± 0.2	0.00 ^(a)	A1 V ^(b)	80 ± 10	4.0 ± 11.7
to2	9100 ± 300	4.3 ± 0.2	0.00 ^(a)	A2 IV ^(b)	60 ± 10	6.7 ± 7.0
to3	9000 ± 300	4.1 ± 0.2	0.00 ^(a)	A2 V ^(b)	133 ± 10	2.8 ± 7.7
to4	8300 ± 400	3.5 ± 0.2	0.00 ^(a)	A1 V ^(b)	199 ± 20	4.0 ± 10.0
to5	9000 ± 400	4.0 ± 0.2	0.00 ^(a)	A1 V ^(b)	108 ± 10	3.0 ± 9.6
to6	9100 ± 300	4.3 ± 0.2	0.00 ^(a)	A0 V ^(b)	245 ± 25	9.3 ± 10.6
to7	8800 ± 400	4.5 ± 0.2	0.00 ^(a)	A1 IV ^(b)	165 ± 15	10.3 ± 1.7
to8	8800 ± 300	4.5 ± 0.2	0.00 ^(a)	A1 V ^(b)	94 ± 10	5.6 ± 5.9
to9	8000 ± 400	3.5 ± 0.2	0.00 ^(a)	A3 V ^(b)	211 ± 20	0.4 ± 21.5
to10	9100 ± 300	4.4 ± 0.2	0.00 ^(a)	A0 IV ^(b)	83 ± 10	7.4 ± 4.8
to11	8800 ± 300	3.9 ± 0.2	0.00 ^(a)	A0 IV ^(b)	11 ± 5	8.3 ± 0.1
to12	8800 ± 400	4.0 ± 0.2	0.00 ^(a)	A0 V ^(b)	228 ± 20	4.5 ± 8.3
to13	8500 ± 400	3.6 ± 0.2	0.00 ^(a)	A0 V ^(b)	236 ± 25	8.2 ± 8.3
to14	8800 ± 300	4.5 ± 0.2	0.00 ^(a)	A0 V ^(b)	144 ± 14	7.5 ± 6.5

Notes. ^(a)Solar ODF adopted. ^(b)Spectral types adopted from SIMBAD. ^(c)Possible SB2 system.

atmospheric parameters such as effective temperature (T_{eff}), surface gravity ($\log g$), and iron abundance ([Fe/H], as a proxy of the metallicity), but also an estimate of the spectral type (SpT) and the projected rotational velocity ($v \sin i$). We note that the last item is a key parameter for the research we conducted here. ROTFIT is based on a χ^2 minimisation of the difference between the target spectrum and a grid of templates. This difference is

evaluated in 28 spectral segments of 100 Å each. Then, the final parameters are obtained by averaging the results of the individual regions, weighting them according to the χ^2 and the information contained in each spectral segment. As template spectra, we selected a collection of high-resolution spectra of real stars with well-known parameters taken with ELODIE ($R = 42\,000$). This grid of templates is the same as was used in the *Gaia*-ESO

Survey by the Catania node (Smiljanic et al. 2014; Frasca et al. 2015). A more detailed description of our method can be found in Frasca et al. (2019).

For all the single stars, the results are displayed in Table 2. We obtained an average solar metallicity of $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}] = 0.00 \pm 0.08$ for this cluster, which was calculated as the weighted mean of the values for the spectra analysed with ROTFIT. The error reflects the standard deviation of the individual values around the cluster mean.

ROTFIT is optimised to be used with FGK-type targets. For hotter stars, we therefore used a different approach based on a grid of synthetic spectra computed as described in Sect. 3.3, for which we adopted an opacity distribution function (ODF) computed for solar abundances. To determine T_{eff} and $\log g$, we used the wings and cores of Balmer lines, while a region around the Mg II $\lambda 4481$ line was used to derive the $v \sin i$. The rapid stellar rotation strongly broadens the spectral lines and they also become shallow, which makes them very difficult to measure. We therefore chose to adopt $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}] = 0$.

3.3. Chemical abundances

In order to calculate the elemental abundances of our (single) targets, we made use of the spectral synthesis technique (Catanzaro et al. 2011, 2013), as we already did within the SPA project previously (Frasca et al. 2019). As a starting point, we took the atmospheric parameters obtained with ROTFIT to compute 1D local thermodynamic equilibrium (LTE) atmospheric models with the ATLAS9 code (Kurucz 1993a,b). Then we generated the corresponding synthetic spectra using the radiative transfer code SYNTHE (Kurucz & Avrett 1981). As an optimisation code, we exploited ad hoc IDL routines based on the *amoeba* minimisation algorithm to determine the best solution by minimising the χ^2 of the differences between the synthetic and observed spectra. To confirm the validity of the input parameters, we let them vary at this point. We always found that the best solution is consistent with the ROTFIT values reported in Table 2. We therefore adopted them for the subsequent analysis. After we confirmed the parameters, we started to determine the abundances. We focused our analysis on 39 spectral regions of 50 Å each between 4400 and 6800 Å. In this way, we derived the chemical abundances of 22 elements with an atomic number up to 56: C, O, Na, Mg, Al, Si, S, Ca, Sc, Ti, V, Cr, Mn, Fe, Co, Ni, Cu, Zn, Sr, Y, Zr, and Ba. For the hottest stars, those around the TO point observed with CAOS, it was not possible to provide reliable abundances. These A-type stars, with effective temperatures above 8000 K, rotate with moderate-to-high velocities, which prevents the analysis of the few spectral lines that are observed in their spectra. The bluest part of the spectra is not sufficiently well exposed even for classification purposes, therefore we took the spectral types from the SIMBAD database.

Individual abundances for each star are listed according to the standard notation $A(X) = \log [n(X)/n(\text{H})] + 12$ in Tables A.3 and A.4 for MS stars and giants, respectively. Additionally, the cluster mean abundances for each element, in terms of $[\text{X}/\text{H}]$, are reported in Table 3. They were calculated by means of the weighted average of each star, using the individual errors as weight. The abundances are expressed referring to the solar value that we obtained by applying the same procedure to a HARPS-N spectrum of Ganymede (see Table 5 in Frasca et al. 2019).

With the exception of the hottest and fast rotating stars for which we can not measure its abundance, we found an average $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}] = -0.13 \pm 0.08$. This value is slightly lower than that derived by using ROTFIT, but it is still compatible within the

Table 3. Average chemical abundances ($[\text{X}/\text{H}]$) for Stock 2 obtained with SYNTHE.

Element	Total	MS stars	Giants
C	-0.08 ± 0.05	-0.08 ± 0.05	...
O	-0.20 ± 0.03	-0.20 ± 0.03	...
Na	$+0.14 \pm 0.14$	$+0.08 \pm 0.14$	$+0.23 \pm 0.14$
Mg	-0.20 ± 0.10	-0.25 ± 0.10	-0.15 ± 0.10
Al	-0.13 ± 0.15	-0.18 ± 0.16	-0.12 ± 0.15
Si	$+0.05 \pm 0.08$	$+0.03 \pm 0.09$	$+0.07 \pm 0.09$
S	$+0.05 \pm 0.10$	$+0.00 \pm 0.11$	$+0.14 \pm 0.11$
Ca	-0.04 ± 0.09	-0.02 ± 0.09	-0.09 ± 0.10
Sc	$+0.01 \pm 0.13$	$+0.00 \pm 0.13$	$+0.03 \pm 0.14$
Ti	-0.06 ± 0.12	-0.08 ± 0.12	-0.01 ± 0.13
V	$+0.06 \pm 0.10$	$+0.14 \pm 0.11$	-0.03 ± 0.11
Cr	$+0.02 \pm 0.15$	-0.04 ± 0.15	$+0.09 \pm 0.15$
Mn	-0.07 ± 0.15	-0.09 ± 0.16	-0.05 ± 0.15
Fe	-0.13 ± 0.08	-0.15 ± 0.09	-0.10 ± 0.09
Co	$+0.01 \pm 0.05$	$+0.08 \pm 0.06$	-0.09 ± 0.06
Ni	-0.04 ± 0.10	-0.01 ± 0.10	-0.07 ± 0.11
Cu	-0.22 ± 0.10	-0.16 ± 0.10	-0.31 ± 0.11
Zn	-0.16 ± 0.09	-0.20 ± 0.10	-0.13 ± 0.09
Sr	$+0.09 \pm 0.15$	-0.02 ± 0.15	$+0.46 \pm 0.16$
Y	$+0.11 \pm 0.04$	$+0.12 \pm 0.04$	$+0.06 \pm 0.06$
Zr	$+0.00 \pm 0.14$	$+0.01 \pm 0.15$	-0.01 ± 0.14
Ba	-0.11 ± 0.09	-0.20 ± 0.09	$+0.18 \pm 0.09$

errors. For clarity, we adopted the weighted mean of both values (obtained from ROTFIT and SYNTHE, respectively) as the iron content of the cluster, that is, $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}] = -0.07 \pm 0.06$.

We find that the abundances derived from giants and dwarfs are compatible within the errors for all the elements except for Ba and Sr, which are clearly overabundant in giants (0.48 and 0.38 dex, respectively), and Co, which is only marginally overabundant. For the remaining elements, no significant discrepancies are seen. The differences for Na, V, and Cu are ≥ 0.15 dex, but they are still consistent with each other. Stock 2 shows solar weighted-mean ratios for α -elements ($[\alpha/\text{Fe}] = 0.04 \pm 0.05$, without including the O) and iron-group elements ($[\text{X}/\text{Fe}] = 0.03 \pm 0.03$). For the heaviest elements without Sr and Ba, the cluster exhibits a supersolar ratio ($[s/\text{Fe}] = 0.17 \pm 0.04$).

4. Reddening and SED fitting

With the aim of determining the interstellar extinction (A_V) of our sources as well as the luminosity (L), we resorted to the spectral energy distribution (SED) fitting method. From publicly available optical and near-IR photometric data, we built the corresponding SED, which was fitted with BT-Settl synthetic spectra (Allard 2014). For each target, we assumed its *Gaia*-eDR3 parallax as well as the atmospheric parameters (T_{eff} and $\log g$) obtained in Sect. 3.2, leaving the stellar radius (R) and A_V as free parameters. These parameters were then obtained by χ^2 minimisation, and the stellar luminosity was calculated as $L = 4\pi R^2 \sigma T_{\text{eff}}^4$. An example of this fitting is shown in Fig. 4. The errors on A_V and R are found by the minimisation procedure considering the 1σ confidence level of the χ^2 map, but we also took the error on T_{eff} into account.

The A_V values thus obtained are reported in Table 4. We provide results for 42 stars, whose A_V range from 0.37 to 1.93 mag, with an average of $A_V = 0.84 \pm 0.34$, where the error

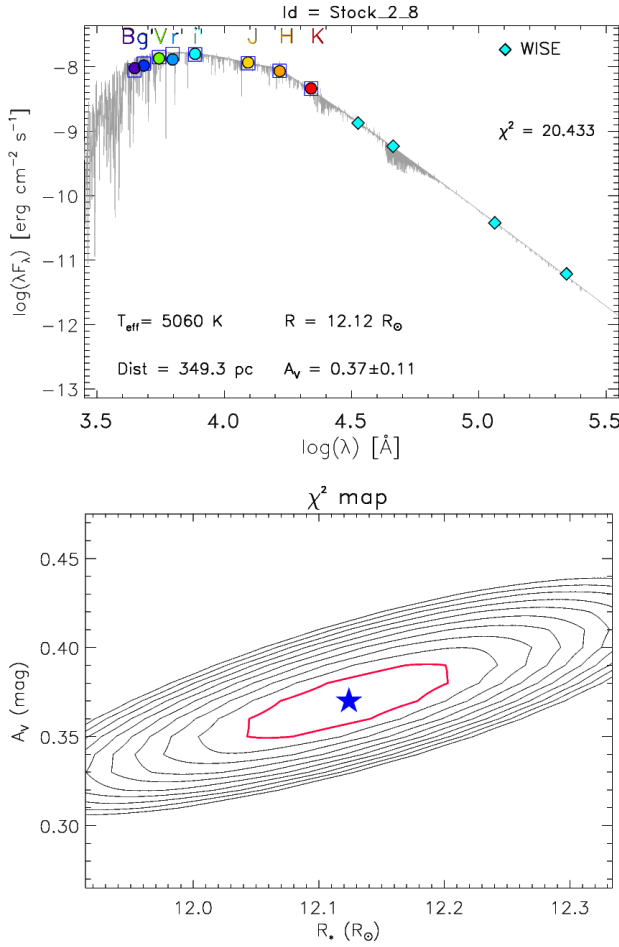


Fig. 4. *Top:* example of an SED fitting (star g8). *Bottom:* χ^2 -contour map of the fitting. The red contour corresponds to the 1σ confidence level.

is the standard deviation. This extinction corresponds to $E(B - V) = 0.27 \pm 0.11$ when a standard reddening law with $R_V = 3.1$ is assumed. The high dispersion confirms the existence of a noticeable differential reddening across the observed field, as described in previous studies (Krzeminski & Serkowski 1967; Spagna et al. 2009). Our value is indeed compatible within the errors with the value most frequently accepted for the cluster, $E(B - V) \approx 0.35$ (Ye et al. 2021).

Alternatively, we evaluated the reddening from the colour excess definition, that is, by comparing observed and intrinsic colours for each star. For this purpose, we used the 2MASS photometric data shown in Table A.2 because they are more suitable than the optical values: they are less strongly affected by extinction. The intrinsic colours were adopted from the spectral types (Table 2) according to the calibrations of Straižys & Lazauskaitė (2009). In this way, we obtained an average cluster reddening of $E(B - V) = 0.26 \pm 0.11$ from 43 stars, which shows an excellent agreement with the value derived from the SED fitting. This agreement is especially remarkable considering that photometric calibrations do not take the effect of the rotational velocity on the colour into account.

5. Colour-magnitude diagrams

With the aim of investigating the age of the cluster, we combined archival photometry with the spectroscopy obtained in

Table 4. Results of the SED fitting.

Star	A_V (mag)	R ($R_\odot$)	L ($L_\odot$)
b1	0.65 ± 0.17	2.23 ± 0.03	23.4 ± 3.2
b2	0.77 ± 0.08	2.12 ± 0.04	23.2 ± 2.1
b3	0.42 ± 0.22	1.85 ± 0.02	10.9 ± 1.7
b4	0.73 ± 0.24	1.80 ± 0.03	10.7 ± 1.6
b5	0.77 ± 0.25	1.64 ± 0.03	6.8 ± 0.9
b6	0.45 ± 0.10	1.15 ± 0.02	1.7 ± 0.1
b7	0.47 ± 0.09	1.08 ± 0.02	1.4 ± 0.1
b8	0.46 ± 0.11	0.98 ± 0.02	1.0 ± 0.1
r1	0.53 ± 0.25	2.84 ± 0.05	29.7 ± 4.4
r2	0.85 ± 0.19	2.45 ± 0.03	25.7 ± 3.7
r3	1.28 ± 0.09	2.37 ± 0.03	30.2 ± 4.1
r5	1.06 ± 0.22	1.68 ± 0.03	8.5 ± 1.2
r6	0.94 ± 0.17	1.55 ± 0.02	4.8 ± 0.3
r7	0.86 ± 0.16	1.21 ± 0.02	2.1 ± 0.2
r8	0.82 ± 0.07	1.06 ± 0.01	1.4 ± 0.1
u3	1.29 ± 0.23	2.55 ± 0.04	19.6 ± 3.0
u4	1.93 ± 0.20	1.91 ± 0.03	15.5 ± 2.2
u5	1.23 ± 0.16	1.77 ± 0.02	4.9 ± 0.4
u6	1.51 ± 0.10	1.23 ± 0.02	2.5 ± 0.2
g1	0.40 ± 0.30	29.84 ± 1.55	337.6 ± 31.1
g2	0.58 ± 0.31	24.85 ± 0.48	285.4 ± 27.2
g3	0.66 ± 0.27	21.27 ± 0.30	242.6 ± 22.5
g4	0.82 ± 0.26	17.36 ± 0.23	166.9 ± 15.7
g5	0.53 ± 0.13	14.99 ± 0.20	132.7 ± 5.9
g6	1.15 ± 0.25	18.30 ± 0.21	188.5 ± 16.6
g7	0.85 ± 0.12	15.62 ± 0.24	144.0 ± 6.7
g8	0.37 ± 0.11	12.12 ± 0.17	86.8 ± 3.9
g9	1.43 ± 0.08	15.78 ± 0.26	147.0 ± 6.8
g10	0.90 ± 0.08	12.33 ± 0.13	90.5 ± 3.9
to2	0.78 ± 0.14	4.58 ± 0.05	129.3 ± 16.9
to3	0.59 ± 0.15	4.38 ± 0.08	113.3 ± 15.1
to4	0.65 ± 0.34	4.50 ± 0.09	86.4 ± 16.7
to5	1.00 ± 0.20	4.42 ± 0.09	115.2 ± 20.5
to6	0.37 ± 0.17	3.11 ± 0.07	59.8 ± 7.9
to7	1.04 ± 0.22	4.39 ± 0.06	104.0 ± 18.9
to8	0.48 ± 0.17	3.54 ± 0.05	67.6 ± 9.1
to9	0.77 ± 0.36	4.59 ± 0.08	77.8 ± 15.5
to10	0.90 ± 0.13	3.96 ± 0.07	96.9 ± 12.7
to11	1.06 ± 0.19	4.22 ± 0.12	95.9 ± 13.3
to12	0.61 ± 0.24	3.62 ± 0.10	70.7 ± 12.9
to13	0.93 ± 0.27	4.13 ± 0.11	80.2 ± 15.1
to14	1.23 ± 0.22	4.03 ± 0.15	87.8 ± 12.4

this work. We made use of the most widespread procedure, the so-called isochrone-fitting method. It consists of finding the age-dependent model, isochrone, that best reproduces the cluster evolutionary snapshot reflected in its CMD. In a first step, it was necessary to construct the CMD. We did this in three different photometric systems (optical, 2MASS, and *Gaia*-eDR3), highlighting our targets in Fig. 5 according to the criterion described in Sect. 2. We took advantage of the reddening obtained previously ($E(B - V) = 0.27$, Sect. 4) to draw the following diagrams: $M_V/(B - V)_0$, $M_{K_s}/(J - K_s)_0$, and $G/(G_{BP} - G_{RP})$. Individual distances derived from the inversion of their

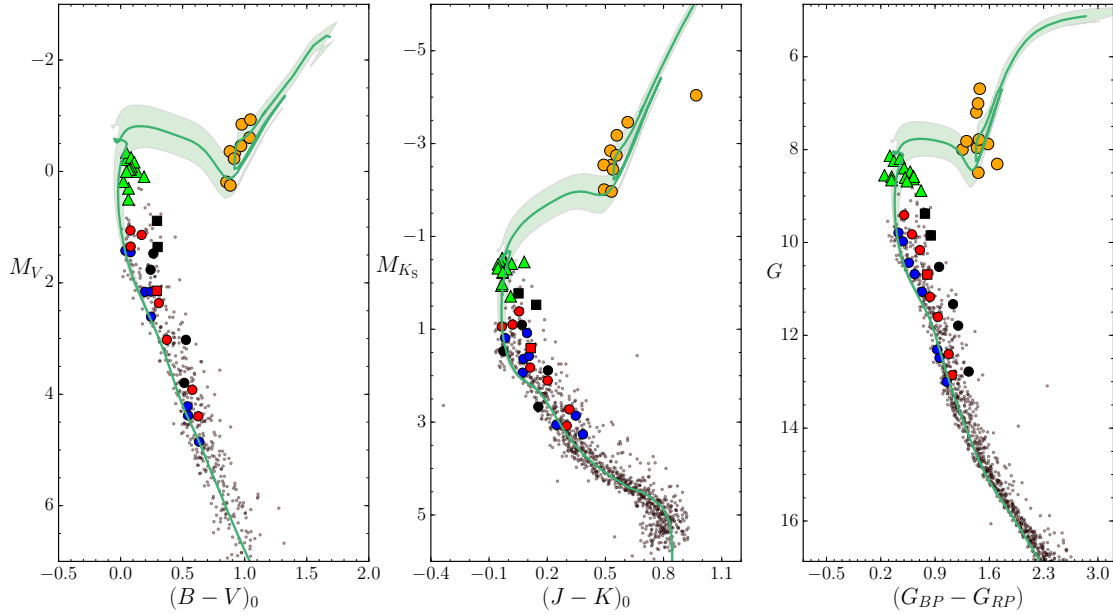


Fig. 5. Colour-magnitudes diagrams for Stock 2 in three different photometric systems. *Left:* $M_V/(B - V)_0$, photometric data from the APASS catalogue. *Centre:* $M_{Ks}/(J - K)_0$ (2MASS). *Right:* $G/(G_{BP} - G_{RP})$ (Gaia-eDR3). Colours and symbols are the same as in Fig. 1. The green line and the shaded area are the best-fitting isochrone within the uncertainties ($\log \tau = 8.65 \pm 0.15$).

parallaxes were also taken into account. Individual zero-point offset corrections, with an average value of about $-33 \mu\text{as}$, were applied to the published *Gaia*-eDR3 parallaxes following the recommendations outlined by [Lindgren et al. \(2021\)](#). In a second step, we then drew PARSEC isochrones ([Bressan et al. 2012](#)) for different ages computed at the metallicity found in this work ($[\text{Fe}/\text{H}] = -0.07$, see Sect. 3.3). With the intention of ensuring the reliability of the fit, we selected from the list of members identified by [Cantat-Gaudin et al. \(2018\)](#) only those with a sufficiently high membership probability (i.e. $P \geq 0.7$). Additionally, we imposed a quality cutoff on this sample, taking only the objects whose error on parallax is below 0.1 mas, that is, objects with an uncertainty smaller than 5%. We considered 1016 cluster members with *Gaia*-eDR3 photometry. We cross-matched our member list with the APASS ([Henden et al. 2016](#)) and 2MASS ([Skrutskie et al. 2006](#)) catalogues and then selected only the stars with good-quality photometry. In the first case, this meant stars with errors on both V and $(B - V) < 0.1$ mag, while in the second case, this meant only the stars without any ‘ U ’ photometric flag. In total, we retrieved 409 and 955, respectively. The resulting diagrams are displayed in Fig. 5.

When building the first CMD ($M_V/(B - V)_0$), we immediately realised the incorrect positions of the brightest stars, which included many of our targets. For these stars, the APASS photometry provides errors above one magnitude or even not quantified errors. With this purpose, we resorted to the ASCC2.5 catalogue ([Kharchenko & Roeser 2009](#)), from which we took V and $(B - V)$ for stars brighter than $V = 10$ after scaling both photometric datasets⁵. Then we dereddened the CMD (left panel of Fig. 5) by applying individual corrections to the stars for which we have spectra and the average value to the remaining stars. Finally, we plotted the isochrone that best reproduces the CMD based on a visual inspection, from which we obtained a $\log \tau = 8.65 \pm 0.15$ for the cluster (equivalent to an age of 450 ± 150 Ma). In this

case, the error reflects the interval of isochrones that gives a good fit. With this age, the MSTO stellar mass is $\approx 2.8 M_\odot$. In general, stars occupy positions close to the isochrone, and only the TO stars seem to lie slightly away from it.

The fit is for the 2MASS CMD is quite good and all stars match the isochrone rather well, with the exception of the star g1. It is the brightest in the cluster and lies at a position away from the rest of the giants. Because it is so bright, it is close to saturation, and its photometry, flagged in the catalogue as ‘*EDD*’, has errors in each band of about 0.2 mag. Therefore its anomalous $(J - K)$ colour could simply be an instrumental effect. Some residual dispersion is still observed for the MS stars although the correction for reddening was applied; moreover, in the NIR, the reddening is lower than at optical wavelengths and should play a minor role in the CMD. After the reddening correction, no clear eMSTO/split MS is apparent in the CMD. Giants show a dispersion in magnitude greater than it would be expected from their atmospheric parameters, which are very similar to each other.

In the last diagram, the *Gaia*-eDR3 CMD, the isochrone (and not the stars as in the previous CMDs) was reddened using the average extinction obtained in Sect. 4 because the dereddening of the *Gaia* photometry is not a trivial task. A distance modulus of 7.87 was applied, which corresponds to the distance derived by [Cantat-Gaudin et al. \(2018\)](#). The fit is also good, and the stars lie along the isochrone.

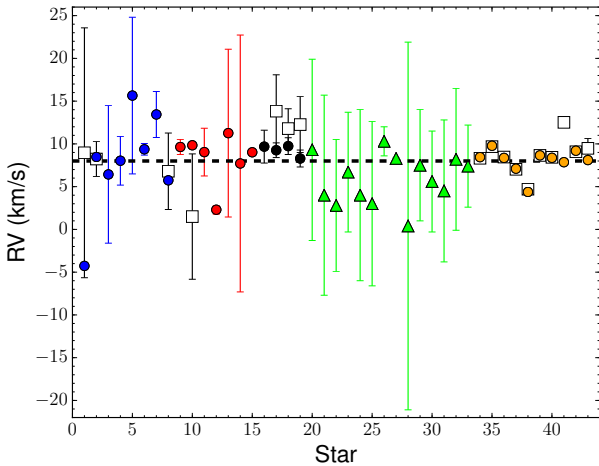
6. Discussion

One of the objectives of this research was to determine the age of the cluster. Now, based on *Gaia*-eDR3 individual parallaxes for the cluster members and the extinction derived from the SED fitting, we were able to build suitable CMDs, in which the cluster age was obtained through the isochrone-fitting method. By analysing the dereddened 2MASS CMD, which is less strongly affected by the interstellar dust than the CMDs at optical wavelengths used in past works, we can assess that Stock 2 is a moderately young open cluster of 450 ± 150 Ma. This means

⁵ By employing almost one hundred stars with good-quality photometry in both catalogues, we found average differences (ASCC2.5 minus APASS) of $\Delta V = -0.040$ and $\Delta(B - V) = -0.005$ mag.

Table 5. Comparison of the RV (km s^{-1}) derived in this work and in the literature.

Star	Me08	<i>Gaia</i> -DR2	Reddy19	This work
g3	9.6 ± 1.3	8.5 ± 0.2	8.8 ± 0.1	8.4 ± 0.1
g4	8.1 ± 0.4	8.4 ± 0.1	8.6 ± 0.1	8.4 ± 0.1
g9	7.8 ± 0.8	4.7 ± 0.2	4.4 ± 0.1	4.4 ± 0.1

**Fig. 6.** Comparison of the RVs obtained in this work (symbols and colours as in previous figures) with those of *Gaia*-DR2 (open squares). The dashed line shows the average cluster value, $\text{RV} = 8.0 \text{ km s}^{-1}$.

that it is somewhat younger than the Hyades and clearly older than the Pleiades. This confirms the results of Spagna et al. (2009) and Sciortino et al. (2000) over previous studies (e.g., Krzemiński & Serkowski 1967).

The RVs obtained by us are in general compatible within the errors with those found in the literature, as displayed in Table 5 for stars in common with Mermilliod et al. (2008), who measured RVs for red giants in open clusters, and Reddy & Lambert (2019). Although Mermilliod et al. (2008) claimed binarity for g3 and g9, we did not see any feature in their spectra that might confirm this, as Reddy & Lambert (2019) concluded as well. However, given the discrepancies for the latter, perhaps it might be a long-period variable. Figure 6 shows the stars for which we have derived their RV compared, when possible, to the values obtained by *Gaia*-DR2. We highlight the excellent agreement for the slow rotators, especially in the case of giant stars. For fast rotators, as we already noted, our errors are instead very large and the results are not very reliable; for most of them, *Gaia*-DR2 does not provide any RV.

Regarding the atmospheric parameters, as already mentioned, Reddy & Lambert (2019) conducted the only spectroscopy-based paper devoted to Stock 2. Their study is based on high-resolution spectra ($R = 60\,000$) of three of the cluster giants. These stars, which have also been observed by us, are g3 (numbered as 43 in their work), g4 (1011), and g9 (1082). Our temperatures and metallicities are slightly higher but still in agreement with their values within the errors. Instead, gravities are only marginally compatible. The two datasets are compared in Table 6. These discrepancies can probably be explained by different methods that were used. In this work, we employed spectral fitting, while their approach was based on the equivalent width (EW) analysis.

With the aim of confirming the consistency of our results, we plot the Kiel and HR diagrams in Fig. 7. The former is a reddening-free diagnostic, whereas in the latter, extinction has been taken into account when the luminosity was calculated. The location of the stars in the HR diagram is better than in the Kiel diagram, where gravities lie at a distance with respect to those of the isochrone around 0.2 dex, as we reported in the comparison with results from Reddy & Lambert (2019). Additionally, TO stars show a large dispersion in this diagram. This is very likely a consequence of the poor accuracy of the gravity determinations for these A-type stars, which rotate moderately or fast. In the HR diagram, these stars are placed more closely clustered around the TO point, as expected. The fit is also better for MS stars and is especially good for giants, which fall on the isochrone.

6.1. Chromospheric emission and lithium abundance

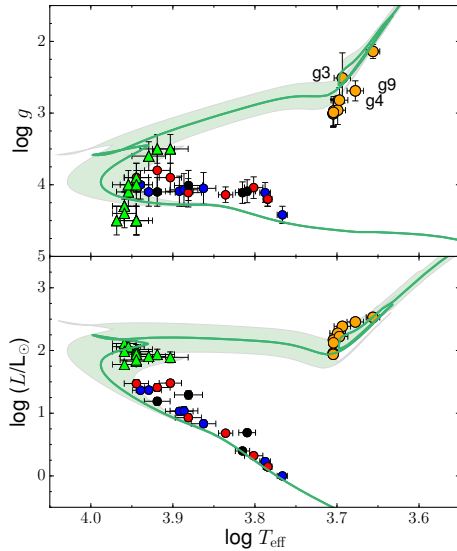
For stars cooler than about 6500 K and with an age from a few ten to a few hundred Ma, the level of magnetic activity (e.g., the emission in the cores of lines that formed in the chromosphere) and the atmospheric lithium abundance can be used to estimate the age (see e.g., Jeffries 2014; Frasca et al. 2018, and references therein). The best diagnostics of chromospheric emission in the wavelength range covered by HARPS-N are the Ca II H&K and Balmer H α lines. However, the S/N at 3900 Å is very low, so that we can only use H α for this purpose. The templates produced by ROTFIT with rotationally broadened spectra of non-active, lithium-poor stars were subtracted from the observed spectra of the targets to measure the excess emission in the core of the H α line ($EW_{H\alpha}^{em}$) and the equivalent width of the Li I $\lambda 6708$ Å absorption line (EW_{Li}), removing the blends with nearby lines.

Figure 8 shows an example of the subtraction procedure we used to measure the equivalent width of the H α and lithium lines, $EW_{H\alpha}^{em}$ and EW_{Li} . These quantities were measured on the subtracted spectra by integrating the residual emission and absorption profiles, as shown by the green dashed areas in Fig. 8. They are reported in Table 7.

A simple method for obtaining an estimate of a star's age independent of that derived from isochrones is to compare its position in a diagram that plots lithium abundance, $A(\text{Li})$, versus T_{eff} with the upper envelopes of clusters with a known age. We calculated the lithium abundance, $A(\text{Li})$, from our values of T_{eff} , $\log g$, and EW_{Li} by interpolating the curves of growth of Lind et al. (2009), which span the T_{eff} range 4000–8000 K and $\log g$ from 1.0 to 5.0 and include non-LTE corrections. In Fig. 9 we show the lithium abundance as a function of T_{eff} along with the upper envelopes of the distributions of some young open clusters shown by Sestito & Randich (2005). In addition to the large errors of $A(\text{Li})$, which take into account both the T_{eff} and EW_{Li} errors, Fig. 9 shows that all the targets are located close to or below the Hyades upper envelope, compatible with an age ≈ 600 Ma. The only exception is the coldest target, b8, which lies between the upper envelopes of the Pleiades (≈ 100 Ma) and NGC 6475 (≈ 300 Ma). This suggests an age ≤ 300 Ma for this star. However, for stars with $T_{\text{eff}} > 6000$ K, the upper envelopes are very close to each other, which hampers the estimation of the cluster age with this method. Lithium abundances for colder stars, where the envelopes separate more, would be extremely useful in clarifying this point. Unfortunately, the combination of very high resolution and telescope size did not permit us to reach the low MS. Hopefully, large samples of fainter stars will be acquired, for instance by the survey WEAVE (Dalton et al. 2020), which is due to start soon at the 4.2 m *William Herschel* Telescope.

Table 6. Comparison of the atmospheric parameters derived in this work with those of the literature.

Star	This work			Reddy & Lambert (2019)		
	T_{eff} (K)	$\log g$	[Fe/H]	T_{eff} (K)	$\log g$	[Fe/H]
g3	4937 ± 114	2.51 ± 0.35	0.04 ± 0.08	4925 ± 50	2.0 ± 0.1	-0.07 ± 0.03
g4	4977 ± 117	2.82 ± 0.35	0.04 ± 0.08	4900 ± 50	2.3 ± 0.1	-0.05 ± 0.04
g9	5062 ± 56	2.98 ± 0.18	0.00 ± 0.09	5050 ± 50	2.6 ± 0.1	-0.06 ± 0.03

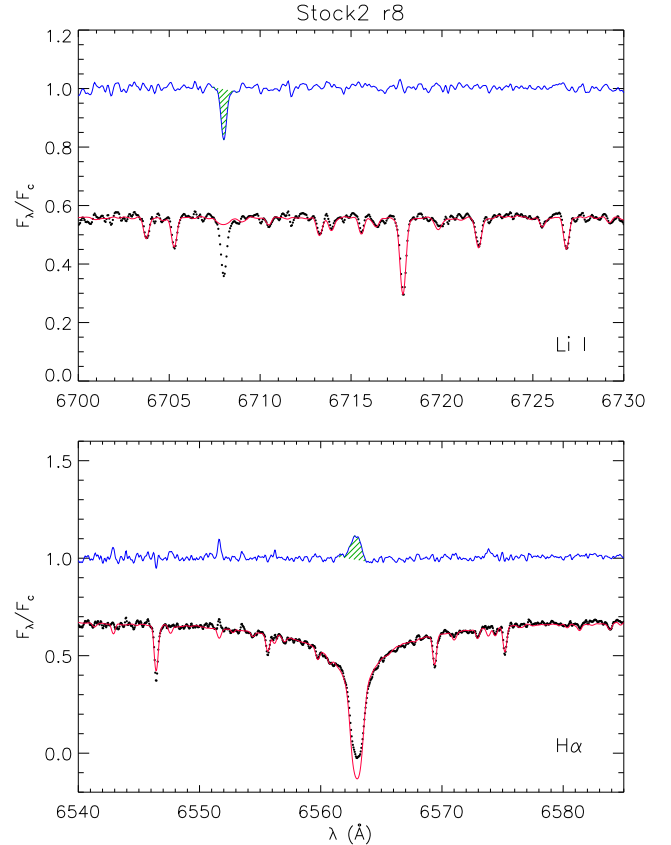
**Fig. 7.** Kiel and HR diagrams for Stock 2. Symbols and colours are the same as in Fig. 5.

6.2. Galactic metallicity gradient

Open clusters are good tracers of the radial metallicity distribution of the Galaxy (i.e. the so-called Galactic gradient). To determine how the metallicity derived for Stock 2 in this work compares with the general gradient, we collected a sample of homogeneously analysed clusters from the *Gaia*-ESO iDR5 and iDR6 (Baratella et al. 2020; Magrini et al. 2021) and the APOGEE DR16 surveys (Donor et al. 2020). From the latter, we only took clusters with data derived from two or more stars and closer than 15 kpc. In addition, open clusters from Alonso-Santiago et al. (2017, 2018, 2019, 2020) were also added to the sample, along with those previously investigated within the SPA project (Frasca et al. 2019; D’Orazi et al. 2020; Casali et al. 2020; Zhang et al. 2021). We gathered more than one hundred clusters for this comparison, ten of which are in common in different datasets. Figure 10 shows the location of Stock 2 in the Galactic gradient. Galactocentric distances were taken from Cantat-Gaudin et al. (2018), who obtained their distances from the *Gaia*-DR2 parallaxes, taking as a reference for the solar value $R_{\odot} = 8.34$ kpc. The metallicity in terms of iron abundance was referenced to $A(\text{Fe}) = 7.45$ dex (Grevesse et al. 2007). The metallicity found in this work is compatible with that expected for its position.

6.3. Chemical composition and Galactic trends

We compared our results for the abundances (separately for MS stars and giants) to those of Reddy & Lambert (2019), with which we have 17 chemical elements in common. For

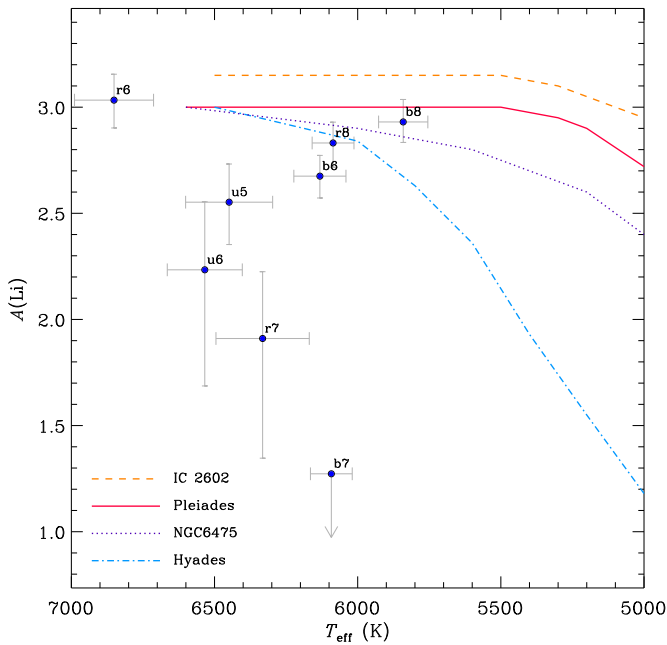
**Fig. 8.** Subtraction of the non-active, lithium-poor template (red line) from the spectrum of Stock2 r8 (black dots), which reveals the chromospheric emission in the $H\alpha$ core (blue line in the bottom panel) and emphasises the Li I $\lambda 6708 \text{ \AA}$ absorption line, removing the nearby blended lines (top panel). The green hatched areas represent the excess $H\alpha$ emission (bottom panel) and Li I absorption (top panel) that were integrated to obtain $EW_{H\alpha}^{\text{em}}$ and EW_{Li} , respectively.

the comparison, the values from Reddy & Lambert (2019) were scaled to our solar references. Figure 11 shows the differences of the abundance ratios ($[X/H]$), this work minus those from the literature. As expected, the differences are smaller for giants ($\Delta[X/H] = 0.07$ dex on average) than for MS stars (0.12 dex). With the only exception of Y, the chemical composition of all the giants is fully compatible with that obtained by Reddy & Lambert (2019). On the other hand, the abundances for Na, V, Co, Zn, Y, and Ba are somewhat different for MS stars.

Finally, as we have done above in relation to the metallicity gradient, we compared the abundances obtained in this work with those of the comparison clusters selected before. We completed the sample by adding the *Gaia*-ESO DR4 abundances (Magrini et al. 2017, 2018) for the clusters in common with Magrini et al. (2021). We have up to 18 chemical elements in

Table 7. Li $\lambda 6708$ Å equivalent widths and lithium abundance for targets cooler than 7000 K.

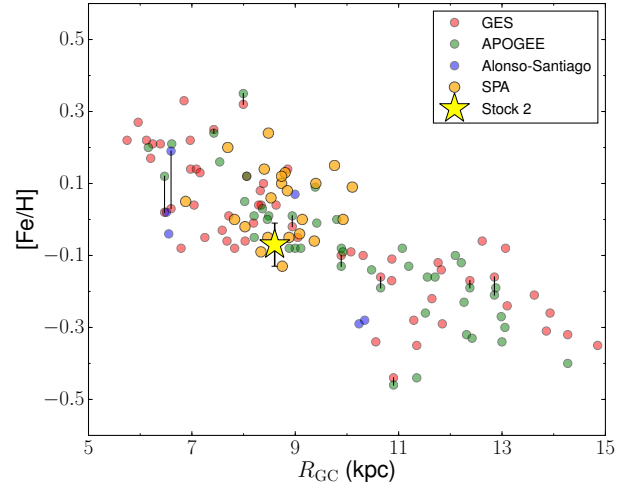
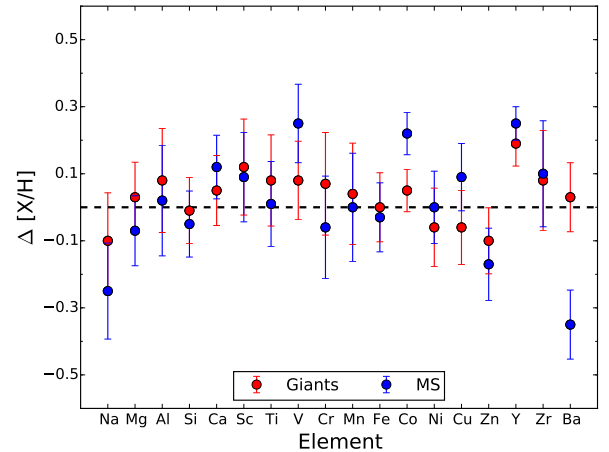
Star	T_{eff} (K)	$EW_{\text{H}\alpha}^{\text{em}}$ (mÅ)	err	EW_{Li} (mÅ)	err	$A(\text{Li})$ (dex)
b6	6132	143	24	63	6	$2.68^{+0.10}_{-0.10}$
b7	6092	...	...	< 3	...	< 1.27
b8	5841	72	31	145	12	$2.93^{+0.11}_{-0.10}$
r6	6851	...	...	54	5	$3.03^{+0.12}_{-0.13}$
r7	6332	50	15	9	6	$1.91^{+0.31}_{-0.56}$
r8	6086	110	17	89	10	$2.88^{+0.10}_{-0.11}$
u5	6449	38	13	32	6	$2.55^{+0.18}_{-0.20}$
u6	6534	93	37	15	10	$2.23^{+0.32}_{-0.55}$

**Fig. 9.** Lithium abundance as a function of T_{eff} . The upper envelopes of $A(\text{Li})$ for IC 2602 (age ≈ 30 Ma), the Pleiades (≈ 100 Ma), NGC 6475 (≈ 300 Ma), and the Hyades (≈ 600 Ma) clusters adapted from Sestito & Randich (2005) are overplotted.

common with them, for which the ratios $[\text{X}/\text{Fe}]$ versus $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}]$ are displayed in Fig. 12 for 16 chemical elements. The remaining 2 elements are O and Ba, but because the measure of the abundances is conditioned by the evolutionary state of the stars (see Sect. 3.3) for these elements, we discarded them from the comparison. In general, the chemical composition of Stock 2 is compatible with that of the Galactic thin disc, as supported by the agreement with the observed chemical trends traced by more than one hundred open clusters. Only the abundance of Cu is slightly below these trends, but it is still compatible with them.

6.4. Rotational velocity, reddening, and eMSTO

We investigated the relation between $v \sin i$ and the eMSTO phenomenon. As mentioned in Sect. 2, we selected our targets following three different sequences along the MS in the CMD of Fig. 1: blue, red, and the upper envelope. About 40% of all the stars observed in this work rotate rapidly (with $v \sin i > 100 \text{ km s}^{-1}$). Table 2 shows that the fastest rotators are

**Fig. 10.** Radial metallicity gradient from open clusters studied in the framework of the *Gaia*-ESO (Baratella et al. 2020; Magrini et al. 2021, red circles) and APOGEE (Donor et al. 2020, green circles) surveys. Other similar clusters analysed by Alonso-Santiago et al. (2017; 2018; 2019; 2020, blue circles,) are also added, together with those previously investigated in the SPA project (Frasca et al. 2019; D'Orazi et al. 2020; Casali et al. 2020; Zhang et al. 2021, orange circles). Black lines link results for the same cluster provided by different authors. The star represents Stock 2.**Fig. 11.** Differences between our mean abundances for giants and MS stars and those by Reddy & Lambert (2019). The error bars are the quadratic sum of the uncertainties reported in the two studies for each element.

found among the brightest stars in each sequence in general, but a large scatter of velocities is also detected. According to the literature (Dupree et al. 2017; Marino et al. 2018b; Sun et al. 2019), the bMS should be populated by stars that rotate more slowly than those in the rMS. However, this is not what we observe in this work. Significant differences are not found in the mean $v \sin i$ of either sequence. In addition, for the single stars in the group in which we expected to find binaries (the upper envelope sequence), their $v \sin i$ are smaller than in the two other series, although they are redder even than the rMS stars (see Table 8).

To interpret this phenomenon, the contribution of the reddening should not be ignored. The average cluster value obtained in this work is compatible within the errors with that expected for its position according to the extinction maps obtained by

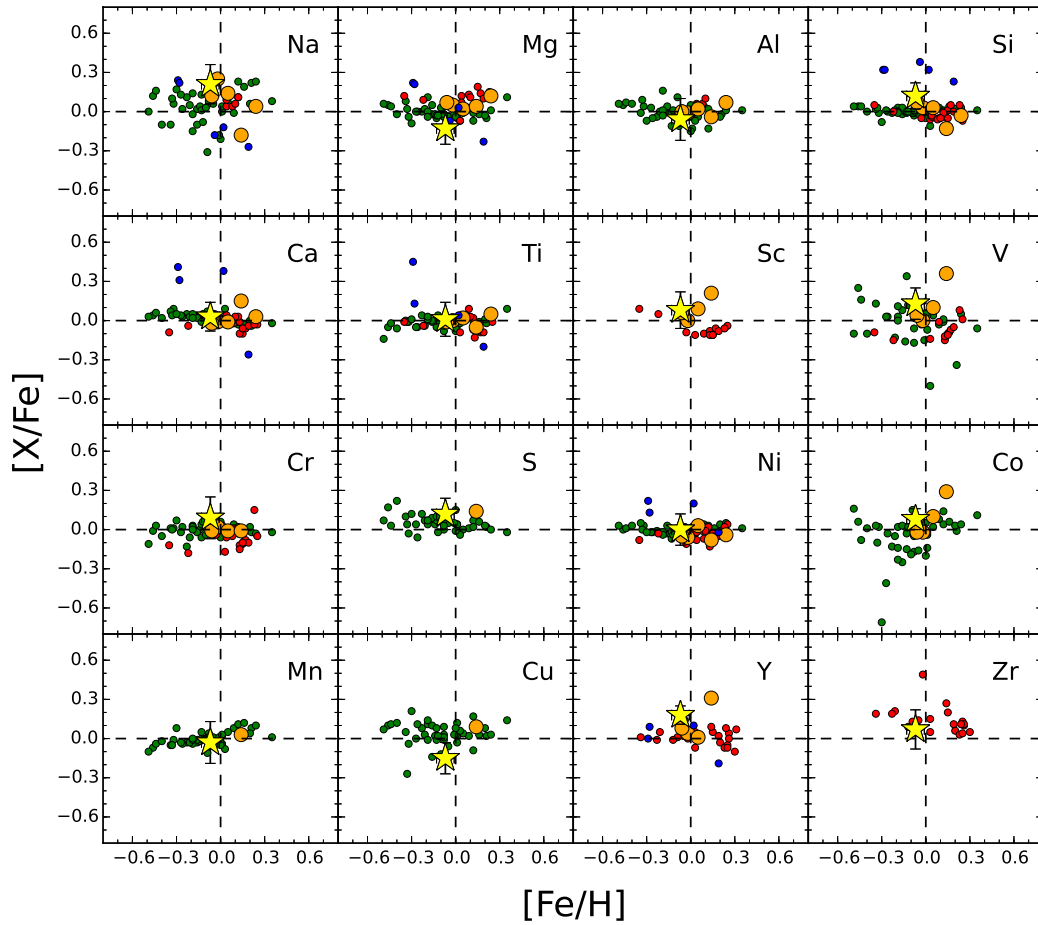


Fig. 12. Abundance ratios $[X/Fe]$ vs. $[Fe/H]$. Symbols and colours are the same as in Fig. 10. The dashed lines indicate the solar value.

Table 8. Mean projected rotational velocities (km s^{-1}) and reddening in MS stars. N is the number of stars in each category.

MS sequence (N)	$v \sin i$ (km s^{-1})	A_V (mag)
bMS (8)	103 ± 106	0.59 ± 0.15
rMS (7)	100 ± 98	0.91 ± 0.23
uMS (4)	57 ± 22	1.49 ± 0.32

Lallement et al. (2019). However, as noted above, its value varies considerably across the cluster field. For illustrative purposes only, we map in Fig. 13 the distribution of A_G in the cluster region from its members. Because *Gaia*-eDR3 does not provide these values, we took them from *Gaia*-DR2. For slightly more than half of the members identified by Cantat-Gaudin et al. (2018), specifically, for 673 stars, A_G was available. In order to derive individual values for the remaining objects, we calculated them as the distance-weighted average of the values of the five closest members. After we estimated the A_G for all the members, we started to construct the chart. In a first step, a grid of points covering the spatial distribution of the cluster members was generated. These points were spaced every $30''$ in both RA and Dec. In a second step, the A_G of all the members distant up to $3'$ from each point was then averaged. The resulting spatial distribution of the cluster members, colour-coded according to their A_G , is shown in Fig. 13. It displays how variable the reddening is across the cluster field. This is likely the result of the

low Galactic latitude and the large extension that it occupies on the sky.

For each of the sequences into which we grouped our MS stars, we calculated the average $v \sin i$ and A_V . These quantities, together with their standard deviations, are quoted in Table 8. Although our sample is not statistically large, our data suggest that rotational velocity cannot explain the observed eMSTO, but reddening is most likely responsible for it.

7. Conclusions

We have conducted this research in the framework of the SPA project with the aim of continuing to improve our knowledge of the solar neighbourhood. This work is focused on Stock 2, a nearby and little-studied open cluster. We studied it in detail from high-resolution spectroscopy complemented with archival photometry and *Gaia*-eDR3 data. Our sample is by far the largest to date. It is composed of 46 bona fide members that include both giants and MS stars. In order to study the eMSTO phenomenon, we selected the brightest of the MS stars around the TO point and many others following three different sequences to cover the spread observed in the CMDs.

We found three double-spectrum binaries in our sample. For the remaining stars, we measured their radial and projected rotational velocities and derived the extinction and their atmospheric parameters. In addition, we carried out the chemical analysis for 29 stars observed with HARPS-N, providing the abundances of 22 elements.

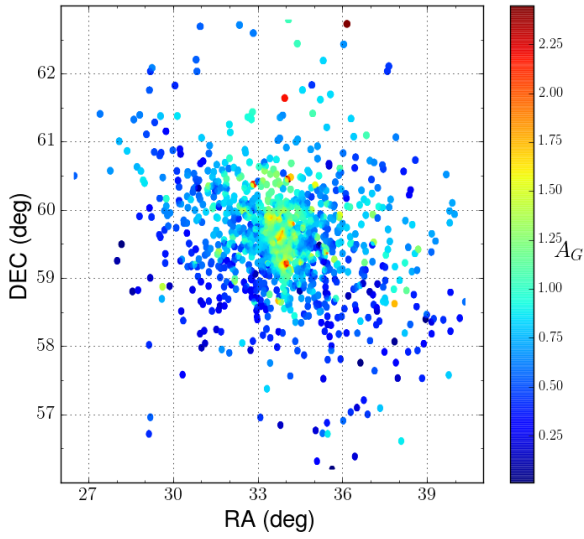


Fig. 13. Interstellar extinction (A_G) towards Stock 2, as traced by the cluster members.

We found that half of the MS stars are fast rotators, with $v \sin i > 100 \text{ km s}^{-1}$. However, the distribution of slow and fast rotators along the bMS, rMS, and uMS sequences is random. This discards the rotational velocity as the cause of the observed eMSTO. Additionally, cluster members are disseminated over a wide region of the sky (up to $\approx 13^\circ \times 8^\circ$), and differential reddening plays an important role in shaping the CMDs. We found an average reddening in the cluster field of $E(B - V) = 0.27 \pm 0.11$. Its large dispersion (consistent with the *Gaia*-DR2 value, $E(G_{BP} - G_{RP}) = 0.40 \pm 0.18$) confirms the existence of a variable reddening across the field of Stock 2.

The reddening also makes it difficult to obtain an accurate age for the cluster. However, from the isochrone-fitting on the dereddened 2MASS CMD, which is the least affected by extinction, we derived a value of $450 \pm 150 \text{ Ma}$. This age implies a mass at the MSTO of $\approx 2.8 M_\odot$. The analysis of the abundance of lithium indicates an age similar to that of the Hyades ($\sim 600 \text{ Ma}$), although the coolest observed member could be as young as 300 Ma. Spectroscopic observations of a larger sample of members with a lower T_{eff} is needed to settle this point. We expect very useful data from large spectroscopic surveys that will start in the near future, such as WEAVE. The cluster RV derived from the giants is $\approx 8.0 \text{ km s}^{-1}$. Stock 2 shows a solar-like metallicity, $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}] = -0.07 \pm 0.06$, which is fully compatible within the errors with that expected for its Galactocentric distance.

Finally, we performed a detailed study of the cluster chemical composition by determining the abundances of C, odd-Z elements (Na and Al), α -elements (O, Mg, Si, S, Ca, and Ti), iron-peak elements (Sc, V, Cr, Mn, Co, Ni, Cu, and Zn), and s-elements (Sr, Y, Zr, and Ba). The chemical composition of MS stars is compatible within the errors with that of the giants. The differences are only significant for Co and particularly for Ba and Sr; the abundances of Ba and Sr are clearly higher in giants. We conclude our research by claiming that its chemical composition is consistent with that of the thin disc. This is supported by the values of its ratios $[\text{X}/\text{Fe}]$ that are on the Galactic trends displayed by open clusters in the *Gaia*-ESO and APOGEE surveys. Finally, the cluster shows solar-like mean ratios for the α ($[\alpha/\text{Fe}] = 0.04 \pm 0.05$) and the iron-peak [iron-peak/ Fe] = 0.03 ± 0.03 elements, and for the heaviest elements

(without the Ba and Sr abundances), it exhibits a mild overabundance with respect to the Sun, $[\text{s}/\text{Fe}] = 0.17 \pm 0.04$.

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Appendix A: Additional material

Table A.1. *Gaia*-eDR3 astrometric data and distance from the nominal cluster centre for the stars that we observed spectroscopically.

Star	<i>Gaia</i> ID	RA (J2000)	DEC (J2000)	r (')	μ_{α^*} (mas yr ⁻¹)	μ_{δ} (mas yr ⁻¹)	ϖ (mas)
b1	459178703132426240	34.48311854134	58.90486243904	31.3	14.999	-14.611	2.6447
b2	507116585468397056	32.54413370951	59.54252695750	40.4	16.301	-13.214	2.6388
b3	459194783490756864	35.39133923387	59.11965513235	51.2	15.578	-13.764	2.6504
b4	458990239966637952	38.27197917057	58.81579898105	142.1	14.407	-14.858	2.6463
b5	506840844266935936	33.97434127517	58.80312503169	28.7	15.721	-13.472	2.6606
b6	45922236921401728	35.07063047584	59.44654655126	41.8	15.405	-14.625	2.7479
b7	507255909903255552	34.84053716405	59.45844918367	35.3	15.780	-13.580	2.7361
b8	459218938386541952	35.16801877868	59.38902174977	44.0	15.332	-13.384	2.6124
r1	507146783374181632	32.13145197747	59.96836576552	64.7	14.563	-13.005	2.6649
r2	507365246896272896	35.06444839762	59.87623805527	54.2	15.155	-14.354	2.7007
r3	507252993628942720	34.05459164780	59.64717386226	24.6	15.341	-14.737	2.5698
r4	506860674140167040	33.76117606478	59.09963634588	10.0	15.939	-13.423	2.6602
r5	507320132561058816	33.33222692914	59.90338605120	40.3	15.592	-13.631	2.6496
r6	507292679128459648	33.44378542242	59.39912184483	12.3	16.482	-12.394	2.6718
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u3	507222619614549120	34.08846836495	59.05499281394	16.4	15.477	-14.016	2.5316
u4	507300478788942336	33.82852920703	59.65770807066	23.6	15.742	-13.342	2.6230
u5	507296046382572544	33.43614454737	59.55110040542	19.6	15.850	-14.199	2.6847
u6	507327451184397568	34.11443819490	59.90860513398	40.1	15.392	-13.980	2.7318
g1	458067680993514880	37.96122969562	57.53016943124	168.4	15.583	-15.372	2.8234
g2	459199662573391104	35.31451183206	59.24791059241	48.0	15.336	-14.112	2.6734
g3	506910564480154624	33.36994098675	59.19599825280	12.4	16.185	-13.613	2.7007
g4	507507702367267584	32.79846557813	59.98091354856	51.7	15.907	-12.985	2.6480
g5	459118882826608640	35.40906474613	58.78418769010	58.8	15.333	-14.185	2.6013
g6	507214579443494144	31.49382702819	60.27836579355	91.2	16.730	-13.491	2.6515
g7	465132764751065984	38.41778408960	60.29074433497	153.7	14.627	-14.373	2.6353
g8	459112148318029056	35.44132561197	58.57339552018	66.9	16.175	-12.680	2.8040
g9	507240967720664576	33.81963029733	59.33494934281	4.6	17.456	-13.180	2.6970
g10	507520106232760320	32.66560224473	60.07874260771	58.8	16.211	-13.392	2.6178
to1	459223645670638080	34.96867177658	59.52776540690	40.4	15.741	-14.267	2.6547
to2	459214196742707328	34.89578467837	59.30823843080	35.2	15.511	-13.763	2.6627
to3	507833157812702464	30.38334220690	59.80312184848	107.3	16.747	-13.447	2.5536
to4	507254264940286848	34.59497162300	59.37600203694	26.7	15.436	-13.684	2.6403
to5	507289792902722560	33.50346335389	59.40154837538	11.1	16.080	-13.635	2.6827
to6	458031294029981056	37.33987184386	57.08988530288	173.0	15.551	-14.335	2.7773
to7	507289036996187392	33.67587890681	59.39470155470	8.0	16.136	-13.725	2.6887
to8	459047616427062656	36.71980324154	59.11633877589	91.7	15.411	-14.421	2.6387
to9	459349814627528832	35.90280215246	59.92113484362	76.3	15.000	-13.755	2.6427
to10	507270860693863552	34.39585873306	59.53594422822	25.5	15.508	-13.984	2.6759
to11	507242926225718656	33.88222527863	59.38491919641	8.2	15.570	-13.842	2.7249
to12	458972682139718400	37.53662882225	58.64313669405	123.0	14.500	-13.693	2.5444
to13	507233683456274176	34.36804763539	59.36682677450	19.9	15.643	-13.655	2.6301
to14	507299104399421696	33.71937266885	59.64359860910	22.6	15.665	-13.787	2.6654

Table A.2. Photometry for the stars that we observed spectroscopically.

Star	V	$(B - V)$	J	H	K_S	G	$(G_{BP} - G_{RP})$
b1	9.968	0.290	9.239	9.079	9.028	9.789	0.429
b2	10.067	0.287	9.278	9.191	9.158	9.976	0.484
b3	10.443	0.381	9.673	9.542	9.493	10.438	0.562
b4	10.760	0.432	9.801	9.653	9.594	10.681	0.638
b5	11.223	0.493	10.081	9.891	9.871	11.061	0.731
b6	12.459	0.684	11.132	10.795	10.705	12.308	0.927
b7	12.650	0.696	11.244	10.925	10.913	12.483	0.958
b8	13.204	0.781	11.676	11.344	11.210	13.000	1.049
r1	9.522	0.340	8.679	8.576	8.530	9.410	0.502
r2	10.019	0.355	8.992	8.919	8.820	9.825	0.602
r3	10.271	0.492	9.215	9.102	9.022	10.165	0.705
r4	10.835	0.563	9.622	9.401	9.358	10.691	0.800
r5	11.280	0.650	10.108	9.873	9.808	11.172	0.835
r6	11.793	0.675	10.414	10.127	10.045	11.602	0.937
r7	12.610	0.855	11.124	10.739	10.657	12.405	1.075
r8	13.075	0.891	11.481	11.079	11.035	12.854	1.122
u1	9.559	0.564	8.359	8.277	8.158	9.379	0.770
u2	10.085	0.569	8.752	8.553	8.460	9.849	0.844
u3	10.725	0.680	9.315	9.119	9.017	10.529	0.952
u4	11.570	0.867	9.889	9.689	9.573	11.334	1.132
u5	12.078	0.923	10.277	10.000	9.855	11.784	1.198
u6	13.111	1.000	11.074	10.776	10.652	12.769	1.334
g1	7.132	1.348	4.764	3.920	3.730	6.689	1.476
g2	7.492	1.233	5.167	4.597	4.449	7.006	1.454
g3	7.633	1.189	5.394	4.889	4.718	7.199	1.433
g4	8.222	1.234	5.915	5.367	5.213	7.782	1.466
g5	8.201	1.085	6.153	5.657	5.520	7.819	1.306
g6	8.402	1.410	5.878	5.286	5.148	7.879	1.582
g7	8.401	1.192	6.117	5.593	5.438	7.960	1.441
g8	8.359	1.003	6.410	5.916	5.813	7.999	1.252
g9	8.892	1.342	6.195	5.632	5.450	8.309	1.701
g10	8.975	1.144	6.639	6.131	5.986	8.497	1.458
to1	8.220	0.215	7.606	7.669	7.585	8.134	0.317
to2	8.291	0.297	7.517	7.476	7.411	8.194	0.447
to3	8.324	0.236	7.662	7.650	7.571	8.241	0.369
to4	8.527	0.342	7.666	7.568	7.534	8.399	0.501
to5	8.585	0.407	7.655	7.557	7.518	8.475	0.580
to6	8.632	0.182	8.171	8.143	8.094	8.551	0.248
to7	8.704	0.445	7.683	7.613	7.552	8.575	0.619
to8	8.666	0.222	8.042	8.031	7.991	8.583	0.340
to9	8.734	0.437	7.727	7.591	7.509	8.585	0.625
to10	8.708	0.357	7.859	7.783	7.729	8.605	0.514
to11	8.779	0.429	7.747	7.701	7.613	8.633	0.620
to12	8.744	0.219	8.121	8.125	8.045	8.656	0.340
to13	8.812	0.347	7.886	7.798	7.750	8.679	0.537
to14	9.041	0.477	7.906	7.815	7.698	8.883	0.719

Table A.3. Chemical abundances, expressed as $A(X)=\log[n(X)/n(H)]+12$, for MS stars in Stock 2.

X	b1	b2	b4	b5	b6	b7	b8	r3
C	8.66 ± 0.09	8.67 ± 0.18	8.47 ± 0.08	8.65 ± 0.17	...	8.32 ± 0.11	...	8.35 ± 0.15
O	8.57 ± 0.13	8.53 ± 0.11	8.41 ± 0.16	...	...	...	...	8.29 ± 0.15
Na	...	...	6.42 ± 0.15	6.44 ± 0.15	6.29 ± 0.15	6.23 ± 0.09	6.26 ± 0.04	6.15 ± 0.13
Mg	7.54 ± 0.07	7.55 ± 0.15	7.52 ± 0.13	7.60 ± 0.15	7.33 ± 0.05	7.40 ± 0.09	7.47 ± 0.13	7.53 ± 0.12
Al	...	...	...	...	...	6.10 ± 0.15	6.30 ± 0.10	...
Si	7.56 ± 0.19	7.66 ± 0.12	7.57 ± 0.10	...	7.46 ± 0.15	7.44 ± 0.09	7.58 ± 0.05	7.59 ± 0.11
S	7.29 ± 0.15	...	7.23 ± 0.15	...	...	7.41 ± 0.15	...	7.45 ± 0.15
Ca	6.33 ± 0.16	6.12 ± 0.14	6.19 ± 0.11	6.37 ± 0.10	6.48 ± 0.12	6.31 ± 0.15	6.35 ± 0.12	...
Sc	3.38 ± 0.10	3.19 ± 0.15	3.24 ± 0.15	...	3.01 ± 0.15	2.99 ± 0.13	3.18 ± 0.07	3.19 ± 0.15
Ti	4.91 ± 0.17	4.85 ± 0.19	5.00 ± 0.17	...	4.99 ± 0.15	4.76 ± 0.06	4.89 ± 0.11	4.62 ± 0.10
V	4.21 ± 0.15	4.09 ± 0.14	4.13 ± 0.15	...	3.96 ± 0.15	3.81 ± 0.19	4.08 ± 0.18	4.41 ± 0.15
Cr	5.54 ± 0.11	5.73 ± 0.14	5.56 ± 0.12	...	5.53 ± 0.14	5.50 ± 0.11	5.68 ± 0.15	5.59 ± 0.14
Mn	5.41 ± 0.15	5.43 ± 0.14	5.35 ± 0.15	5.35 ± 0.15	5.20 ± 0.16	5.17 ± 0.15	5.42 ± 0.20	5.35 ± 0.15
Fe	7.49 ± 0.19	7.61 ± 0.12	7.02 ± 0.15	7.40 ± 0.10	7.39 ± 0.15	7.31 ± 0.10	7.25 ± 0.12	7.06 ± 0.18
Co	4.88 ± 0.15	...	4.88 ± 0.15	4.88 ± 0.10	5.00 ± 0.15	4.71 ± 0.15	4.89 ± 0.18	5.07 ± 0.09
Ni	6.28 ± 0.14	6.50 ± 0.09	6.07 ± 0.17	...	6.12 ± 0.14	6.02 ± 0.17	6.07 ± 0.11	6.25 ± 0.20
Cu	...	...	...	...	...	4.07 ± 0.11	4.00 ± 0.16	...
Zn	...	...	4.31 ± 0.15	...	4.32 ± 0.15	4.32 ± 0.06	...	4.58 ± 0.15
Sr	2.86 ± 0.15	3.05 ± 0.13	3.01 ± 0.15	...	2.90 ± 0.15	3.02 ± 0.13	2.90 ± 0.10	2.90 ± 0.04
Y	2.26 ± 0.19	2.57 ± 0.19	2.30 ± 0.11	...	2.14 ± 0.08	2.21 ± 0.19	2.19 ± 0.09	2.25 ± 0.11
Zr	...	...	2.56 ± 0.15	...	2.56 ± 0.15	2.64 ± 0.11	2.76 ± 0.15	2.40 ± 0.16
Ba	1.84 ± 0.15	2.64 ± 0.12	1.63 ± 0.19	...	1.97 ± 0.15	2.03 ± 0.19	2.09 ± 0.15	1.95 ± 0.11

X	r5	r6	r7	r8	u3	u4	u5	u6
C	8.66 ± 0.11	8.50 ± 0.13	8.61 ± 0.15	8.27 ± 0.08	8.41 ± 0.15	8.42 ± 0.11	8.07 ± 0.15	8.62 ± 0.17
O	8.45 ± 0.08	8.79 ± 0.18	...	...	8.65 ± 0.04	8.78 ± 0.11	...	...
Na	...	6.44 ± 0.15	6.11 ± 0.14	6.13 ± 0.08	6.21 ± 0.14	...	6.29 ± 0.09	6.20 ± 0.17
Mg	7.44 ± 0.13	7.40 ± 0.10	7.40 ± 0.13	7.43 ± 0.11	7.32 ± 0.11	7.59 ± 0.06	7.56 ± 0.15	7.42 ± 0.10
Al	...	6.45 ± 0.10	...	6.50 ± 0.10	...	...	...	6.30 ± 0.15
Si	7.58 ± 0.18	7.48 ± 0.12	7.43 ± 0.15	7.51 ± 0.09	7.33 ± 0.12	7.61 ± 0.15	7.61 ± 0.19	7.45 ± 0.17
S	...	7.38 ± 0.12	7.33 ± 0.19	7.19 ± 0.20	7.35 ± 0.08	7.29 ± 0.15	...	7.20 ± 0.14
Ca	6.35 ± 0.19	6.20 ± 0.09	6.33 ± 0.11	6.42 ± 0.10	6.12 ± 0.17	6.27 ± 0.12	6.37 ± 0.18	6.31 ± 0.11
Sc	3.13 ± 0.10	2.93 ± 0.10	3.23 ± 0.17	3.06 ± 0.12	3.19 ± 0.09	3.07 ± 0.11	3.13 ± 0.10	3.18 ± 0.15
Ti	4.75 ± 0.05	4.82 ± 0.14	4.73 ± 0.15	4.91 ± 0.12	4.56 ± 0.14	4.73 ± 0.10	4.99 ± 0.13	4.61 ± 0.14
V	4.04 ± 0.14	3.98 ± 0.16	4.23 ± 0.11	4.01 ± 0.16	4.05 ± 0.08	4.17 ± 0.19	4.22 ± 0.15	4.06 ± 0.16
Cr	5.52 ± 0.16	5.48 ± 0.11	5.34 ± 0.12	5.61 ± 0.09	5.29 ± 0.11	5.64 ± 0.09	5.63 ± 0.08	5.28 ± 0.11
Mn	4.97 ± 0.13	5.13 ± 0.14	5.27 ± 0.11	5.39 ± 0.17	5.05 ± 0.13	5.10 ± 0.15	5.48 ± 0.14	5.22 ± 0.15
Fe	7.20 ± 0.10	7.15 ± 0.14	7.14 ± 0.12	7.43 ± 0.08	7.10 ± 0.15	7.37 ± 0.16	7.33 ± 0.13	7.18 ± 0.15
Co	5.23 ± 0.15	5.10 ± 0.20	5.16 ± 0.09	4.89 ± 0.18	5.00 ± 0.20	5.03 ± 0.15	5.32 ± 0.11	4.91 ± 0.08
Ni	6.08 ± 0.15	5.90 ± 0.11	5.91 ± 0.17	6.12 ± 0.18	6.00 ± 0.11	6.25 ± 0.17	6.21 ± 0.08	5.97 ± 0.17
Cu	4.17 ± 0.15	4.30 ± 0.15	4.11 ± 0.15	4.08 ± 0.04	...	...	...	4.24 ± 0.15
Zn	...	4.22 ± 0.11	4.15 ± 0.13	4.43 ± 0.10	...	...	...	4.35 ± 0.15
Sr	...	2.93 ± 0.10	...	3.00 ± 0.04	2.89 ± 0.04	2.87 ± 0.15	...	3.03 ± 0.15
Y	...	2.29 ± 0.11	2.50 ± 0.05	2.28 ± 0.19	2.48 ± 0.04	2.24 ± 0.19	2.20 ± 0.15	2.00 ± 0.15
Zr	2.56 ± 0.14	2.66 ± 0.14	2.62 ± 0.17	2.70 ± 0.19	2.82 ± 0.08	...	...	2.57 ± 0.14
Ba	1.61 ± 0.16	1.89 ± 0.14	1.91 ± 0.08	2.03 ± 0.08	1.39 ± 0.14	2.06 ± 0.04	2.14 ± 0.18	2.05 ± 0.13

Table A.4. Chemical abundances, expressed as $A(X)=\log[n(X)/n(H)]+12$, for giants in Stock 2.

X	g1	g2	g3	g4	g5	g6	g7	g8	g9	g10
Na	6.35 ± 0.08	6.38 ± 0.15	6.56 ± 0.13	6.49 ± 0.13	6.39 ± 0.10	6.56 ± 0.15	6.50 ± 0.10	6.31 ± 0.10	6.46 ± 0.13	6.35 ± 0.06
Mg	7.59 ± 0.12	7.52 ± 0.13	7.58 ± 0.09	7.55 ± 0.03	7.51 ± 0.12	7.54 ± 0.06	7.63 ± 0.15	7.47 ± 0.15	7.71 ± 0.18	7.52 ± 0.16
Al	6.37 ± 0.08	6.46 ± 0.09	6.41 ± 0.02	6.48 ± 0.17	6.56 ± 0.13	6.41 ± 0.12	6.48 ± 0.14	6.56 ± 0.13	6.68 ± 0.10	6.50 ± 0.10
Si	7.63 ± 0.09	7.58 ± 0.12	7.60 ± 0.12	7.57 ± 0.13	7.54 ± 0.09	7.58 ± 0.11	7.57 ± 0.12	7.48 ± 0.12	7.57 ± 0.11	7.54 ± 0.13
S	...	...	7.49 ± 0.13	7.41 ± 0.18	7.54 ± 0.15	7.47 ± 0.15	7.47 ± 0.15	7.47 ± 0.16	7.47 ± 0.26	7.44 ± 0.12
Ca	6.24 ± 0.15	6.20 ± 0.15	6.28 ± 0.15	6.30 ± 0.15	6.30 ± 0.14	6.25 ± 0.10	6.21 ± 0.12	6.22 ± 0.15	6.20 ± 0.15	6.11 ± 0.15
Sc	3.09 ± 0.07	3.18 ± 0.14	3.21 ± 0.12	3.24 ± 0.12	3.16 ± 0.10	3.16 ± 0.13	3.23 ± 0.12	3.23 ± 0.14	3.23 ± 0.14	3.16 ± 0.13
Ti	4.78 ± 0.15	4.77 ± 0.15	4.94 ± 0.15	4.90 ± 0.10	4.86 ± 0.13	4.94 ± 0.15	4.87 ± 0.11	4.79 ± 0.15	4.84 ± 0.14	4.79 ± 0.15
V	3.90 ± 0.16	3.93 ± 0.09	3.97 ± 0.15	3.94 ± 0.15	3.90 ± 0.13	3.90 ± 0.15	3.97 ± 0.15	3.88 ± 0.12	3.96 ± 0.08	3.88 ± 0.12
Cr	5.64 ± 0.12	5.65 ± 0.13	5.70 ± 0.12	5.73 ± 0.12	5.62 ± 0.07	5.72 ± 0.12	5.73 ± 0.12	5.63 ± 0.05	5.68 ± 0.12	5.65 ± 0.14
Mn	5.29 ± 0.10	5.30 ± 0.12	5.34 ± 0.11	5.29 ± 0.10	5.34 ± 0.08	5.31 ± 0.09	5.28 ± 0.11	5.28 ± 0.13	5.27 ± 0.11	5.28 ± 0.11
Fe	7.30 ± 0.19	7.30 ± 0.13	7.45 ± 0.09	7.35 ± 0.14	7.29 ± 0.11	7.40 ± 0.13	7.31 ± 0.12	7.34 ± 0.12	7.28 ± 0.15	7.30 ± 0.14
Co	4.83 ± 0.13	4.87 ± 0.07	4.81 ± 0.10	4.83 ± 0.14	4.87 ± 0.13	4.82 ± 0.13	4.82 ± 0.11	4.85 ± 0.13	4.93 ± 0.13	4.78 ± 0.12
Ni	6.04 ± 0.11	6.00 ± 0.15	6.17 ± 0.13	6.17 ± 0.14	6.09 ± 0.14	6.19 ± 0.14	6.20 ± 0.13	6.03 ± 0.13	6.09 ± 0.15	6.00 ± 0.09
Cu	3.88 ± 0.15	3.96 ± 0.14	4.11 ± 0.15	3.99 ± 0.15	3.96 ± 0.11	3.96 ± 0.15	3.99 ± 0.12	3.90 ± 0.11	3.93 ± 0.15	3.87 ± 0.15
Zn	4.53 ± 0.15	4.25 ± 0.09	4.42 ± 0.12	4.35 ± 0.08	4.32 ± 0.10	4.47 ± 0.10	4.55 ± 0.12	4.49 ± 0.09	4.39 ± 0.10	4.33 ± 0.15
Sr	3.03 ± 0.20	3.31 ± 0.13	3.53 ± 0.13	3.43 ± 0.10	3.51 ± 0.10	3.31 ± 0.14	3.36 ± 0.14	3.46 ± 0.11	3.30 ± 0.15	3.43 ± 0.10
Y	2.37 ± 0.13	2.40 ± 0.12	2.36 ± 0.13	2.30 ± 0.13	2.36 ± 0.12	2.23 ± 0.13	2.13 ± 0.15	2.34 ± 0.14	2.21 ± 0.13	2.39 ± 0.18
Zr	2.59 ± 0.15	2.71 ± 0.05	2.62 ± 0.08	2.64 ± 0.12	2.66 ± 0.12	2.59 ± 0.05	2.64 ± 0.14	2.62 ± 0.14	2.66 ± 0.12	2.64 ± 0.14
Ba	2.47 ± 0.18	2.42 ± 0.05	2.34 ± 0.06	2.30 ± 0.04	2.25 ± 0.09	2.47 ± 0.14	2.47 ± 0.14	2.47 ± 0.10	2.40 ± 0.18	2.42 ± 0.12