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I. Radial velocities and chemical abundances^{*,**}

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ABSTRACT

Context. The Sagittarius (Sgr) dwarf spheroidal galaxy is currently being disrupted under the strain of the Milky Way. A reliable reconstruction of Sgr star formation history can only be obtained by combining core and stream information.

Aims. We present radial velocities for 67 stars belonging to the Sgr Stream. For 12 stars in the sample we also present iron (Fe) and α -element (Mg, Ca) abundances.

Methods. Spectra were secured using different high resolution facilities: UVES@VLT, HARPS@3.6 m, and SARG@TNG. Radial velocities are obtained through cross correlation with a template spectra. Concerning chemical analysis, for the various elements, selected line equivalent widths were measured and abundances computed using the WIDTH code and ATLAS model atmospheres.

Results. The velocity dispersion of the trailing tail is found to be $\sigma = 8.3 \pm 0.9$ km s⁻¹, i.e., significantly lower than in the core of the Sgr galaxy and marginally lower than previous estimates in the same portion of the stream. Stream stars follow the same trend as Sgr main body stars in the $[\alpha/\text{Fe}]$ vs. $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}]$ plane. However, stars are, on average, more metal poor in the stream than in the main body. This effect is slightly stronger in stars belonging to more ancient wraps of the stream, according to currently accepted models of Sgr disruption.

Key words. stars: abundances – stars: atmospheres – galaxies: abundances – galaxies: evolution – galaxies: dwarf – galaxies: individual: Sgr dSph

1. Introduction

Dwarfs are the most common type of galaxies in the universe. Several dwarf satellites are usually associated with giant galaxies and, in the commonly accepted scenario (White & Rees 1978), giant galaxies actually emerge out of the hierarchical assembly of dwarfs. In this respect, dwarf galaxies are considered to be the building blocks of the universe.

The Sagittarius dwarf spheroidal galaxy (Ibata et al. 1994, Sgr dSph) is currently disrupting into the Milky Way (MW) and its discovery historically represented one of the first clear confirmations on a local framework of the hierarchical merging paradigm. Nevertheless, the chemical analysis of stars in the

MW satellites and in Sgr itself seems to seriously challenge this evolutionary scheme (see Venn et al. 2004 for a review). In fact, it turned out that red giant stars in local dwarfs have chemical patterns, in particular in the $[\alpha/\text{Fe}]$ abundance ratios, that are not compatible with those of the galactic halo (but see Robertson et al. 2005, for a possible solution to this problem). However, the idea that dwarfs may have contributed the halo with stars even significantly different from their present stellar population is now under investigation (Munoz et al. 2006; Chou et al. 2006).

Tagging accreted components and analyzing their chemical composition is very important for our comprehension of the Milky Way formation. Some streams were identified in the galaxy without any association with a core remnant. Therefore, they could represent the residuals of ancient accretions (Duffau et al. 2006; Belokurov et al. 2006a), and their chemical signature might be very informative as well.

In this framework, Sgr plays a special role. It presents a very significant core remnant (30° tidal radius), and its giant tidal streams (henceforth, the Stream, for brevity), now identified all over the sky (Majewski et al. 2003, hereafter M03), indicate that the disruption process is still ongoing. Hence, Sgr is

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** Appendix A and Table 1 are only available in electronic form at <http://www.aanda.org>

a MW satellite for which a complete reconstruction of the star formation history is possible, combining core and stream information. As such, it will be possible to understand if Sgr is actually a building block of the galactic halo or not. Deep color magnitude diagrams (e.g., Marconi et al. 1998; Bellazzini et al. 1999; Layden & Sarajedini 2000; Monaco et al. 2002; Bellazzini et al. 2006a) and abundances derived from high resolution spectra (Bonifacio et al. 2000; McWilliam et al. 2003; Bonifacio et al. 2004; McWilliam & Smecker-Hane 2005; Monaco et al. 2005; Sbordone et al. 2006) provided a fresh wealth of information about the star formation history (SFH) of the stellar populations present in the Sgr core over the years. Information about the Stream is now also accumulating (M03, Majewski et al. 2004; Law et al. 2005; Belokurov et al. 2006b; Chou et al. 2006; Bellazzini et al. 2006b).

This is the first paper of a series devoted to the study of the Sgr Stream. Here, we present radial velocities for 67 red giant branch (RGB) stars belonging to the Stream and high resolution chemical abundances (Fe, Mg, and Ca) for 12 of these stars. The paper is organized as follows: in Sect. 2 we describe the target selection procedure. The observational dataset and the applied data reduction procedure are discussed in Sect. 3. In Sect. 4 we describe the procedure for radial velocity measurements and discuss the obtained results. In Sect. 5 we present a comparison between radial velocity obtained here and in Majewski et al. (2004, hereafter M04) for a sample of stars belonging to the Sgr trailing tail and common to the two studies. In Sect. 6 we present chemical abundances obtained for 12 stars lying in two different spots of the Stream. In Sect. 7 we discuss our findings. In Sect. 8 we briefly summarize the obtained results.

2. Target selection

Data were obtained using three different high resolution facilities. A sub-sample of the M04 stars was observed with UVES (46 stars). The remaining stars were selected from the 2MASS¹ catalog employing the M03 procedure, which has already been proven to be a powerful tool to pick-out candidate stream stars (see also M04).

Reddening estimates were obtained through the Schlegel et al. (1998) reddening maps. Distances of the target stars were derived through photometric parallax, following M03, but adopting $(m - M)_0 = 17.10$ as the distance modulus of the Sgr core (Monaco et al. 2004), instead of 16.90. Cartesian coordinates and longitudes in the Sgr orbital plane were derived following M03 (see M03 for definitions and details). Coordinates, magnitudes, and derived distances of the program stars are listed in Table 1. Parameters for UVES stars are taken directly from Table 3 in M04.

In Fig. 1 we plot the position of the target stars (big solid markers) in Cartesian coordinates of the (galactocentric) Sgr orbital plane. Different symbols correspond to stars observed with different facilities. The Law et al. (2005) model of Sgr destruction (for a spherical galactic potential) is also plotted for reference.

3. Observations and data reduction

A total of 13 stars were observed between August 30, 2004, and January 24, 2005, using the SARG spectrograph mounted on the Telescopio Nazionale Galileo (TNG) telescope at La Palma. We used the 1"6 slit, which provides a resolution of $R = 29\,000$.

¹ See <http://www.ipac.caltech.edu/2mass>

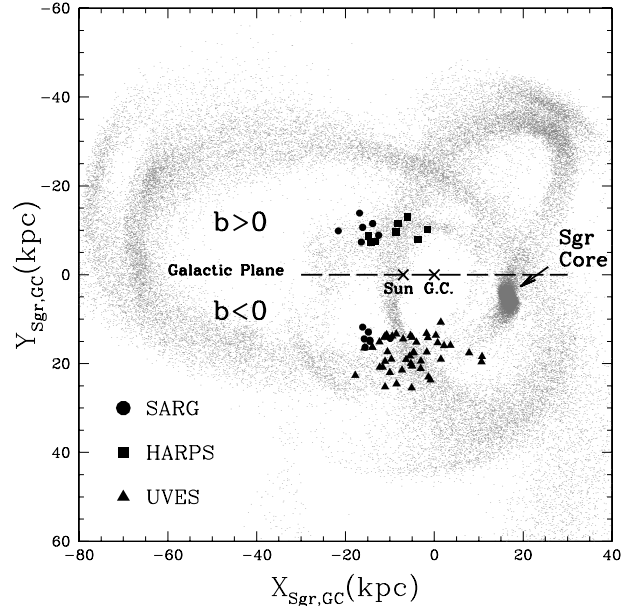


Fig. 1. Program stars positions in the Cartesian galactocentric Sgr plane (filled symbols). Different symbols correspond to stars observed with different spectrographs. A model of the Sgr disruption (grey dots) is also plotted. The galactic plane (dashed line) and the position of the Sun, of the galactic center, and of the Sgr main body are also marked for reference.

The chosen setup used the yellow cross-disperser, which covers approximately the 462–792 nm spectral range. Data reduction (bias subtraction, division by flat field, lambda calibration, background subtraction, and extraction) was performed within the ESO-MIDAS² echelle context.

During a technical-time slot on the nights of June 3 and 4, 2006, we observed 8 supplementary stars with the HARPS facility mounted at the 3.6 m telescope in La Silla. The standard high resolution HARPS mode ($R = 110\,000$, 380–690 nm spectral range) was employed. Stars were observed for an integration time ranging from 800 s (#465) to 1200 s (all the others). Additional HARPS observations were obtained for stars #1006, #1022, and #1083 in July 2006, with 30 min exposures. The June 29, 2006 star #1006 was observed for one hour integration time.

Data were reduced through the online automatic pipeline installed on the WHALDRS workstation at the 3.6 m control room. The final output of the HARPS pipeline is extracted spectra that are completely reduced (bias-subtraction, cosmic rays filtering, flat-field, and wavelength calibration), and the star radial velocity as measured by a cross correlation function on the bidimensional echelle spectrum with a template G2 dwarf³ mask. The extreme stability of the HARPS facility secures accurate radial velocity measures even with very low signal-to-noise spectra. In Fig. 2 we plot the cross correlation function obtained for the two lowest S/N spectra obtained. The signal corresponding to the star radial velocity is clearly evident.

² ESO-MIDAS is the acronym for the European Southern Observatory Munich Image Data Analysis System, developed and maintained by the European Southern Observatory. <http://www.eso.org/projects/esomidass/>

³ To date, the G2 dwarf is the only template available for cross correlation using the HARPS pipeline. However, using a not yet released M4 mask, we found a $\sim 100\text{ m s}^{-1}$ radial velocity difference in a test made on star #459992.

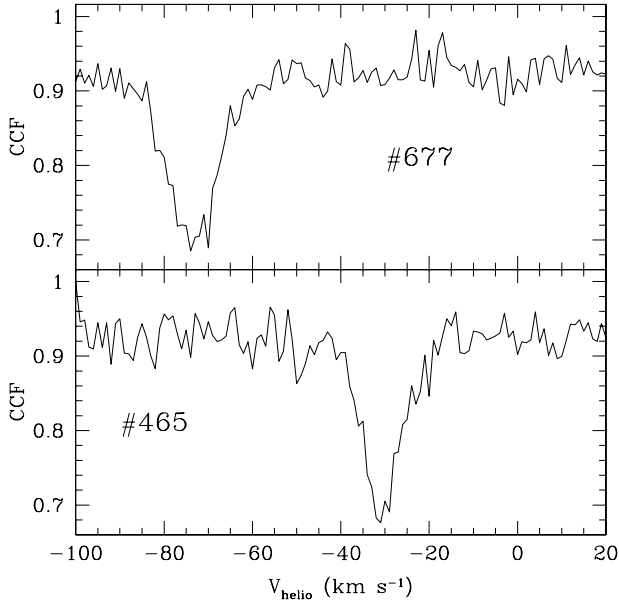


Fig. 2. Cross correlation function (CCF) of the two lowest signal-to-noise HARPS spectra with the G2 dwarf template. The heliocentric star radial velocity reported in Table 1 is obtained through a Gaussian fit to the observed peak. Contrary to usual conventions, the star radial velocity is found by the HARPS pipeline as a minimum in the CCF.

UVES spectra for 46 stars were obtained between June 18 and September 16, 2005. Stars were observed with the standard setting DIC 390+580 nm, which covers the spectral range 328–456 nm and 480–680 nm, with the Blue and Red arms, respectively. We employed a 2×2 CCD binning and a slit width of $1''.2$, which provide a resolution of about $35\,000 \div 40\,000$. Data were reduced using the UVES ESO-MIDAS pipeline.

4. Radial velocities

Radial velocities (RV) of star in the SARG and UVES samples are obtained by cross correlation with a synthetic spectrum using the *fxcor* task inside the IRAF⁴ suite. The synthetic spectrum was calculated employing the SYNTHE code (Kurucz 1993a; Sbordone et al. 2004) and a set of atmospheric parameters (temperature; gravity; metallicity = 3900; 1.0; -0.5) similar to those of all the observed stars (see, e.g., Table 3). Concerning the HARPS spectra, the formal photon noise induced radial velocity error is in the worst case 11 m s^{-1} . A conservative 200 m s^{-1} uncertainty is assumed. In Table 1 we report the measured radial velocities (heliocentric and in the galactic standard of rest⁵), as well as the signal-to-noise ratio of the spectra. Radial velocities are obtained with a precision, generally, better than 0.5 km s^{-1} . For the HARPS and UVES spectra, we only present radial velocities, here.

In Fig. 3 we plot the program stars RVs (in the galactic standard of rest, v_{gsr}) as a function of the Sgr longitude scale (Λ_{\odot}) along the orbital plane. We also plot M04 (for distances larger than 13 kpc) and Dohm-Palmer et al. (2001) data superposed to

⁴ IRAF is distributed by the National Optical Astronomy Observatories, which is operated by the association of Universities for Research in Astronomy, Inc., under contract with the National Science Foundation.

⁵ A local standard of rest rotation velocity of 220 km s^{-1} and a peculiar motion of $(u, v, w) = (-9, 12, 7) \text{ km s}^{-1}$ are adopted for the Sun, for consistency with M04.

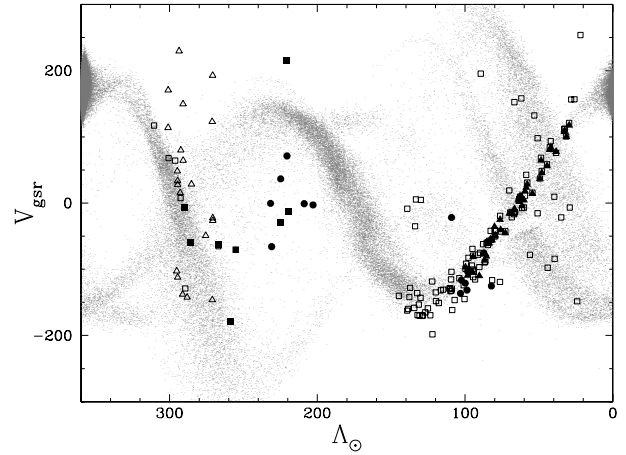


Fig. 3. Galactic standard of rest radial velocities of the program stars (filled symbols) as a function of the longitude of the Sgr orbital plane. Different symbols correspond to stars observed with different spectrographs (circles, squares, and triangles for SARG, HARPS, and UVES data, respectively). Stars studied by M04 (empty squares) and by Dohm-Palmer et al. (2001) (open triangles) are also plotted together with a model of the Sgr disruption (grey dots).

the Sgr destruction model already used in Fig. 1. Stars in the UVES sample describe a characteristic trend of decreasing v_{gsr} with increasing Λ_{\odot} along the Sgr trailing tail, as already discussed by M04. The same trend is also followed by SARG stars at similar stream positions. Referring to Fig. 1, at positive galactic latitude ($b > 0$ or $Y_{\text{Sgr,GC}} < 0$) all the SARG and 3 among the HARPS stars lie on a well defined branch of stream ($X_{\text{Sgr,GC}} < -10 \text{ kpc}$). The large dispersion shown by this group in Fig. 3 ($\Lambda_{\odot} < 230^{\circ}$) is predicted to some extent by the model, and more data are mandatory to constrain the radial velocity pattern of this part of the stream. The remaining part of the HARPS stars lie in a region where different branches of the Sgr Stream overlap ($X_{\text{Sgr,GC}} > -10 \text{ kpc}$ in Fig. 1). Their radial velocities nicely fit with the trend predicted by the model for the Sgr leading tail and confirmed by Dohm-Palmer et al. (2001) (Fig. 3) and Law et al. (2005) data. However, especially for the three stars at $230^{\circ} < \Lambda_{\odot} < 280^{\circ}$, some ambiguity still holds.

5. The UVES sample: comparison with Majewski et al. (2004)

5.1. Sanity check and possible binary stars

UVES stars were selected out of the M04 sample and trace 70 degrees of the Sgr trailing tail, in the range $30^{\circ} < \Lambda_{\odot} < 100^{\circ}$. Note that $\Lambda_{\odot} = 0$ at the Sgr core. Figure 4 shows the distribution of the differences between the heliocentric radial velocity measured here and in M04 (see Table 1). After removing star #1006 (which shows a remarkably large velocity difference: -35.4 km s^{-1}), the distribution is well represented by a Gaussian distribution centered at -0.44 km s^{-1} and having a σ of 5.45 km s^{-1} . Hence, there is no zero point difference between the two sets of measures and, given the high accuracy of the UVES velocities, the dispersion of the distribution nicely confirms the 5.3 km s^{-1} quoted by M04 as random errors.

It is noteworthy that 3 stars lie over the 3σ limit ($>16 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ of RV variation, Fig. 4). A possible reason for the detected RV difference is that these stars are in fact binary systems, observed at different orbital phases. Time series of RV measures are clearly needed to assess this hypothesis on a firm basis. Between

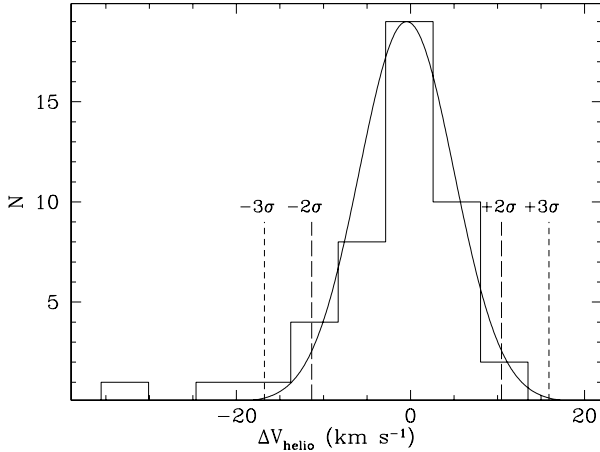


Fig. 4. Distribution of the difference between RVs measured here and in M04. The best-fit Gaussian curve ($\sigma = 5.45 \text{ km s}^{-1}$) is also plotted. Long dashed and short dashed lines mark 2σ and 3σ levels.

Table 2. Heliocentric radial velocity at different dates for the three suspected binaries. Brackets besides dates acknowledge UVES (U), HARPS (H), or M04 measures. The last column reports the signal-to-noise ratio of the HARPS and UVES spectra or the cross-correlation quality index for M04 data.

Date	$v \text{ (km s}^{-1}\text{)}$			Q
	1006	1022	1083	
2002-07-15 (M04)			-0.1	7
2002-07-30 (M04)		-82.8		5
2002-07-31 (M04)	-6.5			7
				S/N
2005-07-19 (U)			-19.21	14
2005-07-20 (U)	-41.90			42
2005-09-13 (U)		-102.48		18
2006-06-29 (H)	-46.65			10
2006-07-14 (H)		-105.14		9
2006-07-15 (H)			-19.71	8
2006-07-17 (H)	-47.33			13
2006-07-19 (H)	-47.25	-104.64		12, 11

June and July 2006, additional HARPS data was obtained for these stars. In Table 2 we report a summary of the RVs measured for stars #1006, #1022, and #1083. Support of the binary hypothesis is provided by this new data to star #1006 and, to some extent, also to #1022, while no significant RV variation between the UVES and HARPS measures was obtained for star #1083. In any case, considering the 3 outliers as genuine binaries, a preliminary lower limit for the Sgr binary fraction of $\sim 6\%$ is derived.

5.2. The velocity dispersion of the Sgr trailing tail

In the upper panels of Fig. 5, we plot the v_{gr} as a function of Λ_{\odot} for stars in the UVES sample. The left panel shows our measures, and the right panel M04 RVs. Continuous lines show a least-squares fit and a polynomial fit (M04) to the trend, in the former and latter cases, respectively. The fits hold up to $\Lambda_{\odot} < 90^{\circ}$, where the increase of the velocity dispersion is evident (see M04).

Lower panels show the distribution of differences between the actual RV and the fit. M04 data (right panel) is well fitted by a Gaussian curve having a dispersion of 11.8 km s^{-1} , once star #1006 (which lies more than 3σ away from the mean) is removed. M04 used a $\sigma = 11.7 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ Gaussian curve to fit the

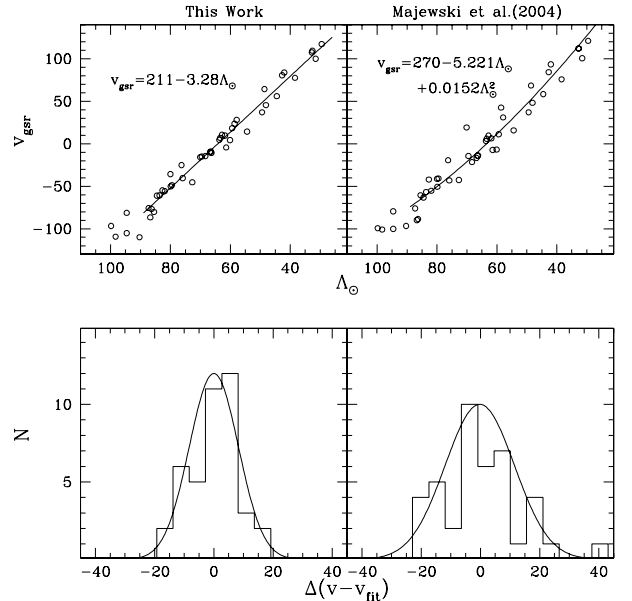


Fig. 5. Upper panels: measured radial velocities as a function of the Sgr orbital plane for stars in the UVES sample. The left panel shows measures presented here; the right panel shows M04 measures. The fit to the observed distributions are also plotted. Lower panels: distribution of the differences between the fit and the actual RV for the two set of measures.

observed distribution. Hence, the stars we observed are representative of the more populous M04 sample. Note also that M04 used 45 stars to evaluate the stream velocity dispersion, a number not so different from the 40 objects we use here.

The left lower panel shows residuals of our measures with respect to the fit. The distribution is fitted by a Gaussian of $\sigma = 8.3 \pm 0.9 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ (without rejecting any star, i.e., using 41 stars) while M04 obtained an intrinsic stream dispersion of $\sigma = 10.4 \pm 1.3 \text{ km s}^{-1}$, after removing the random errors ($\sim 5.3 \text{ km s}^{-1}$). The two values are in agreement, within the errors. However, the above results suggest that this part of the trailing tail is colder than what was estimated by M04 with low resolution spectroscopy, and it also appears colder than the Sgr core (11.17 km s^{-1} and 11.4 km s^{-1} in Monaco et al. 2005, hereafter M05; and Ibata et al. 1997, respectively). Nonetheless, the external regions of the Sgr main body may present velocity dispersions more similar to what observed in this portion of the Stream (see also Ibata et al. 1997).

Our results suggest that to properly characterize dynamical structures these cold (e.g., streams in and outside the halo, dwarf galaxies velocity dispersions), high resolution data are really useful, if not mandatory. It should be also kept in mind that a sizable population of binaries could (and indeed should) be present in Sgr. However, the increase of the measured velocity dispersions of a dwarf galaxy due to the presence of a binary population should be considered at most marginal (Hargreaves et al. 1996; Olszewski et al. 1996).

At $\Lambda_{\odot} > 90$, we confirm the M04 claim of a rise in the stream velocity dispersion. However, with just 5 stream stars no meaningful comparison with M04 can be done. Note also that a colder velocity dispersion in the stream of a disrupting system with respect to the core remnant is expected on the basis of the conservation of phase-space density (see Helmi & White 1999). The stream velocity dispersion should actually decrease as a function of time (as $\frac{1}{t}$).

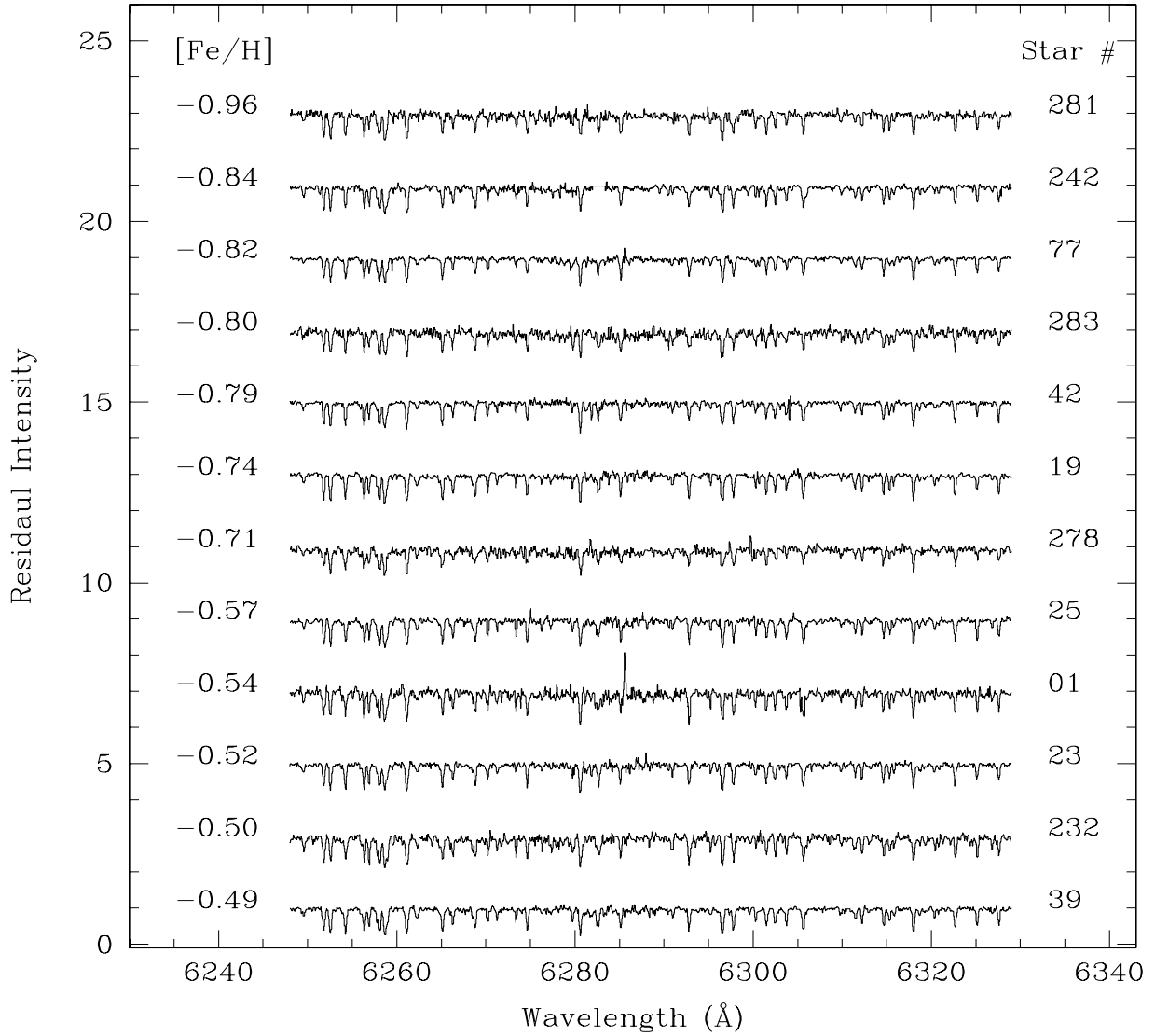


Fig. 6. Sample of the SARG spectra of the 12 stream stars for which the chemical analysis was performed. Labels on the right denote the star number, those on the left the measured $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}]$.

6. Chemical analysis

Looking at Fig. 1, it is easy to realize that SARG stars lie at the most extreme Stream positions, among the program stars. They sample two different wraps of Stream and in each of them a part of the Stream significantly distant from the Sgr core. Therefore, SARG stars are ideal to spot the basic chemical characteristics of the Sgr Stream. Here we present Fe, Mg, and Ca abundances for the stars in the SARG sample.

In more detail, stars from #1 to #77 of Table 1 belong to the trailing tail ($b < 0$ or $Y_{\text{GC,Sgr}} > 0$, Fig. 1) at more than 80 degrees from the Sgr core. Stars from #232 to #283 ($b > 0$ or $Y_{\text{GC,Sgr}} < 0$), lie above the galactic plane and probably belong to a more ancient branch of the stream. Star #260 has a too low S/N ratio (see Table 1) to allow a reliable chemical analysis and is, therefore, dropped in the following discussion. In Fig. 6 we plot a sample of the SARG spectra of the 12 stars for which the chemical analysis was performed.

Stars in the UVES sample have cooler temperatures with respect to SARG stars. As such, the great majority of them present deep titanium oxide bands (TiO, see Fig. 4 in M05), which strongly complicates the chemical analysis. TiO bands depress

the continuum, and a reliable estimate of the continuum level is crucial for robust equivalent width measurements. Thus, the derivation of elemental abundances for such cool stars represents a significant challenge. A few groups are actively investigating methods to derive trustworthy abundances for M stars by the simultaneous comprehensive synthesis of selected spectral regions roughly in the range $7000 \text{ \AA} < \lambda < 9000 \text{ \AA}$ (see Valenti et al. 1998; Bean et al. 2006). For this reason and in spite of the high quality of the data, the analysis of stars in the UVES sample will be presented in a forthcoming contribution.

6.1. Atmospheric parameters and chemical abundances

Dereddened $(J - K)$ colors were used together with the Alonso et al. (1999) calibration to derive the effective temperature (T_{eff}) of the program stars. Stars share very similar colors ($(J - K)_0 = 0.93 \div 0.97$, see Table 1), which turn into a quite tight range of temperature, namely $T_{\text{eff}} = 3831 \div 3936 \text{ K}$. Note that effective temperatures derived with this procedure, however, appear on average roughly 2% hotter (i.e., +76 K) than the calibration scale

Table 3. Atmospheric parameters assumed for the program stars.

Star	T_{eff}	$\log g$	ξ	[M/H]
1	3900	0.9	2.1	-0.5
19	3900	0.9	2.1	-0.5
23	3900	0.9	2.0	-0.5
25	3900	0.9	2.0	-0.5
39	3900	0.9	1.7	-0.5
42	3900	0.9	2.1	-0.5
77	3900	0.9	1.9	-0.5
232	3900	0.9	2.1	-0.5
242	3900	0.9	2.2	-0.5
278	3900	0.9	2.0	-0.5
281	3900	0.9	2.2	-0.5
283	3900	0.9	2.0	-0.5

Table 4. Mean chemical abundances of the program stars. The number of lines used and the line scatter are also reported.

Star	$A(\text{Fe})$	n	$A(\text{Mg})$	n	$A(\text{Ca})$	n
Sun	7.51		7.58		6.35	
1	6.96 ± 0.28	28	7.08 ± 0.19	4	5.57 ± 0.20	7
19	6.77 ± 0.22	36	6.80 ± 0.25	4	5.38 ± 0.19	8
23	7.00 ± 0.27	33	6.83 ± 0.12	2	5.51 ± 0.14	7
25	6.94 ± 0.22	31	7.15 ± 0.25	4	5.52 ± 0.14	7
39	7.02 ± 0.22	33	6.80 ± 0.14	3	5.56 ± 0.17	7
42	6.70 ± 0.22	32	6.93 ± 0.09	3	5.41 ± 0.25	8
77	6.69 ± 0.25	32	7.00 ± 0.06	4	5.63 ± 0.27	6
232	7.01 ± 0.20	25	7.51 ± 0.20	4	5.94 ± 0.23	7
242	6.67 ± 0.29	27	7.05 ± 0.11	3	5.49 ± 0.15	7
278	6.80 ± 0.24	17	6.89 ± 0.14	3	5.54 ± 0.16	7
281	6.54 ± 0.18	25	6.83 ± 0.19	4	5.14 ± 0.17	7
283	6.71 ± 0.20	26	6.94 ± 0.15	4	5.41 ± 0.23	5

$$A(\text{X}) = \log\left(\frac{\text{X}}{\text{H}}\right) + 12.00.$$

adopted in M05⁶. We eventually adopted $T_{\text{eff}} = 3900$ K for all of our stars, assuming a ± 100 K uncertainty. However, note that (i) the assumed T_{eff} obtain excitation equilibrium of the neutral iron lines (Fe I) in all but two (#242 and #42) of the stream stars, and that (ii) 76 K of difference in the temperature scale do not induce any sensible change in the derived abundances, as can be seen from Table 6 and Table 4 in M05.

All the targets were photometrically classified as M-Giants (see M03). However, photometric classification is always tentative and should be spectroscopically confirmed. Stars are classified as M-type on the basis of the presence of titanium oxide (TiO) bands in their spectra. Indeed, the SARG spectra do not present TiO bands, as somewhat expected from their not exceedingly low temperatures (see also M05). Thus, chemical abundances are safely derived from spectral lines equivalent widths (EW) provided a proper model atmosphere is employed.

After correcting for their distance and reddening, gravity should be derived for target stars by the relevant fundamental relationship:

$$\log g = 4 \log T_{\text{eff}} - \log L_* + \log M_* + \text{const}, \quad (1)$$

where $\text{const} = \log(4\pi G\sigma) = -10.32$ and M_* and L_* are the stellar mass and luminosity. However, given the obvious uncertainty in the definition of both the stellar mass and the bolometric correction at such low temperatures, only a safe physical range can

⁶ In M05, T_{eff} were derived for stars in the Sgr core from optical colors. The quoted 2% of difference in the temperature scale was estimated comparing M05 stars temperatures as derived from optical and infrared colors.

Table 5. Mean abundance ratios for the program star. For iron abundances, the line scatter is also reported.

Star	[Fe/H]	[Mg/Fe]	[Ca/Fe]
1	-0.55 ± 0.28	0.05	-0.23
19	-0.74 ± 0.22	-0.04	-0.23
23	-0.51 ± 0.27	-0.24	-0.33
25	-0.57 ± 0.22	0.14	-0.26
39	-0.49 ± 0.22	-0.29	-0.30
42	-0.81 ± 0.22	0.16	-0.13
77	-0.82 ± 0.25	0.24	0.10
232	-0.50 ± 0.20	0.43	0.09
242	-0.84 ± 0.29	0.31	-0.02
278	-0.71 ± 0.24	0.02	-0.10
281	-0.97 ± 0.18	0.22	-0.24
283	-0.80 ± 0.20	0.16	-0.14

$$[X/Y] = \log\left(\frac{\text{X}}{\text{Y}}\right) - \log\left(\frac{\text{X}}{\text{Y}}\right)_{\odot}.$$

Table 6. Errors in the abundances of star #19 due to uncertainties in the atmospheric parameters.

	$\Delta A(\text{Fe})$	$\Delta A(\text{Mg})$	$\Delta A(\text{Ca})$
$\Delta\xi = \pm 0.2 \text{ km s}^{-1}$	${}_{+0.12}^{-0.10}$	∓ 0.04	${}_{+0.12}^{-0.11}$
$\Delta T_{\text{eff}} = \pm 100 \text{ K}$	${}_{+0.04}^{-0.01}$	${}_{+0.04}^{-0.01}$	${}_{-0.09}^{+0.10}$
$\Delta \log g = \pm 0.50$	${}_{-0.14}^{+0.15}$	${}_{-0.07}^{+0.08}$	${}_{+0.00}^{-0.01}$

be identified for $\log g$, relying on a collection of isochrones (see, e.g., Fig. 11 in Bertone et al. 2004). Comparing with the Girardi et al. (2002) isochrones in the K vs. $(J - K)$ plane, we derived $\log g = 0.9 \pm 0.5$ dex as a realistic estimate of the representative surface gravity and its allowed range, for all the targets.

To derive the chemical abundances, we firstly calculated a model atmosphere with $T_{\text{eff}} = 3900$ K, $\log g = 0.9$, $[M/H] = -0.5$, and the Opacity Distribution Functions of Kurucz (1993b). Secondly, we measured EW s on the spectra for a selected sample of Fe, Mg, and Ca lines using the standard IRAF task *splot*. Finally, abundances were derived from the measured EW s using the calculated model atmosphere within the WIDTH code. The GNU-Linux ported version (Sbordone et al. 2004) of both the WIDTH and ATLAS codes (Kurucz 1993a) were employed. Microturbulent velocities (ξ) for each star were determined minimizing the dependence of the iron abundance from the EW .

The atmospheric parameters adopted for the program stars are reported in Table 3. The Fe, Ca, and Mg line lists, as well as the adopted atomic parameters and the measured EW , are reported in Table A.1. Table A.1 also lists the abundance obtained for each line. The mean and standard deviation of such abundances can be found in Tables 4 and 5 (as $[X/H]$ abundances in the latter case) for each chemical species together with the number of lines employed. The line scatter reported in Tables 4 and 5 should be representative of the statistical error arising from the noise in the spectra and from uncertainties in the measurement of the equivalent widths⁷. In Table 6 we report the errors arising from the uncertainties in the atmospheric parameters in the case of star #19, taken as representative of the whole sample.

⁷ Under the assumption that each line provides an independent measure of the abundance, the error in the mean abundances should be obtained by dividing the line scatter by \sqrt{n} (where n is the number of measured lines). However, we consider the line scatter reported in Tables 4 and 5 (which is *not* divided by \sqrt{n}) as a realistic estimate of the error associated with each abundance.

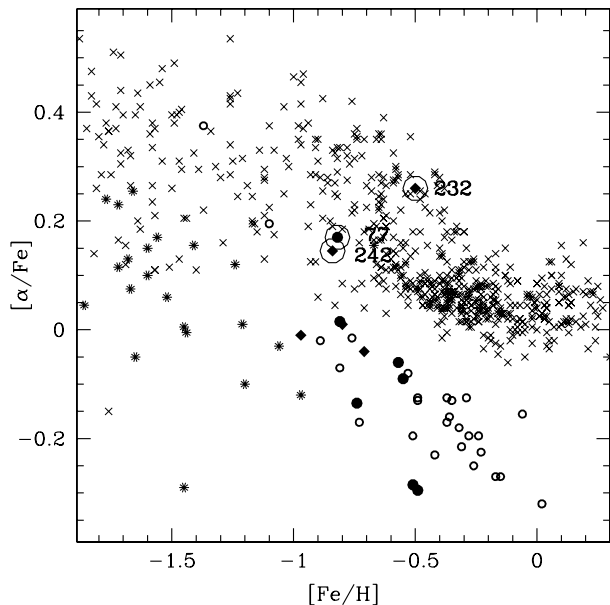


Fig. 7. $[\alpha/\text{Fe}] = \frac{[\text{Ca}/\text{Fe}] + [\text{Mg}/\text{Fe}]}{2}$ as a function of the $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}]$ for MW stars and local group galaxies (crosses and asterisks, respectively, from Venn et al. 2004). Filled symbols refer to program stars (diamonds for the $b > 0$ subsample) while Sgr main body stars are plotted as empty circles.

In Fig. 7 we plot the mean alpha element abundance ratio (defined as $\langle [\alpha/\text{Fe}] \rangle = \frac{[\text{Mg}/\text{Fe}] + [\text{Ca}/\text{Fe}]}{2}$ as in M05) as a function of the measured $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}]$. Chemical abundances of main body stars from M05⁸ and B04⁹ are plotted. MW and Local group dwarfs stars are plotted as well (Venn et al. 2004). Stream stars, clearly, follow the same trend defined by the stars that are still bound to the core of Sgr. Stars belonging to the $b > 0$ subsample are indicated.

Stars #77, #232, and #242 occupy a portion of plane dominated by MW stars in Fig. 7. Unlike #232, stars #77 and #242 lie in a transition region where their abundances are still compatible with the Sgr path. Star #77 also has a relatively high RV ($v_{\text{gsr}} = -21.1$) compared with the mean stream pattern ($\Lambda_{\odot} = 109.2$, see Fig. 3 and Table 1). On the other hand, #242 RV is similar to other SARG and HARPS stars lying at similar stream longitudes (Fig. 3). Hence, in the following analysis we conservatively drop #77 and #232 as possible contaminating MW stars. We keep star #1, in spite of its slightly low RV, since its chemical composition follows the Sgr pattern. The inclusion or exclusion of this star does not substantially modify our conclusions.

7. Discussion

We presented RV for a sample of 67 stars belonging to the Sgr Stream. Spectra were obtained using 3 different high resolution facilities, namely SARG@TNG, HARPS@3.6 m, and UVES@VLT. Stars in the UVES sample (46 stars) trace 70° along the trailing tail and were already observed at low resolution by M04. We found a trailing tail velocity dispersion of $8.3 \pm 0.9 \text{ km s}^{-1}$, a value in marginal agreement with M04 ($10.4 \pm 1.3 \text{ km s}^{-1}$) and colder than the Sgr core (Ibata et al. 1997, M05).

⁸ Only the 15 stars not showing TiO bands are plotted. See Table 1 in M05.

⁹ The B04 abundances were recomputed adopting the same temperature scale and reddening adopted in M05. These variations in the input parameters produced small (compatible with the quoted errors) changes in the derived abundances (see Sbordone et al. 2006).

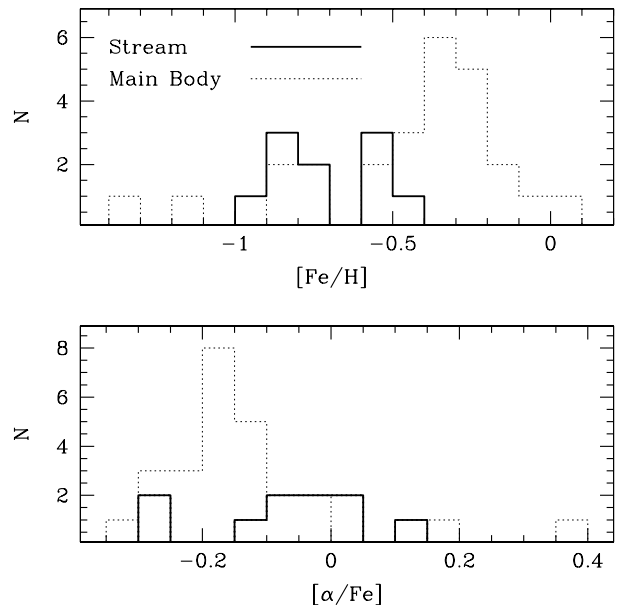


Fig. 8. Comparison between the metallicity (*upper panel*) and $[\alpha/\text{Fe}]$ (*lower panel*) distribution of main body (dotted histogram) and stream (continuous histogram) stars.

The reader is referred to M04 for a discussion about the implications of the velocity dispersion in the Stream for the lumpiness of the galactic halo. We just recall here that a lumpy halo tends to heat coherent streams. However, the part of Stream we sample is populated by stars stripped in relatively recent times and, therefore, is probably not very sensitive to the lumpiness of the halo. We also presented Fe, Mg, and Ca abundances for 12 stars observed with the SARG facility. Ten of them are bona fide Sgr stream members as of their chemical abundances and RV (Figs. 7 and 3). Note, however, that any individual star can only be considered as a probable member.

In Fig. 8 (upper panel) we compare the Sgr main body (dotted histogram) and Stream (continuous histogram) metallicity distribution (MD). We point out that in M05, target stars were chosen in the infrared K vs. $(J - K)$ plane adopting the selection box of Fig. 1 in that paper. In the infrared plane, in fact, the upper Sgr RGB stands out very clearly from the contaminating MW field (to compare with the optical plane, see Fig. 2 in M05). Indeed, such a selection implies a bias toward metal rich stars, and, actually, we provided a thorough sampling of the Sgr dominant population (Monaco et al. 2002) at the Sgr center (i.e., around the globular cluster M 54, whose RGB is roughly represented by the bluer isochrone in Fig. 2 of M05).

The existence of a metal rich dominant population in Sgr allowed M03 to develop his successful technique for tracing the Sgr streams all over the sky. We used such a technique here to select our targets. It is easy, looking at Fig. 1 (and 2) in M03, to realize that the M03 and M05 selection criterion are practically the same. Note, that the mean temperature and gravity of the 15 stars analyzed in M05 (the first 15 lines of Table 1 in M05¹⁰) are 3975 K and 1.00 (with 177 K and 0.18 as standard deviations, respectively) against the 3900 K and 0.9 adopted here for our stars.

B04 adopted a different selection function. Essentially, they selected fainter stars, which have slightly larger gravities. The abundances derived in M05 and B04 are compatible with each

¹⁰ Note that stars marked with an asterisk in Table 1 of M05 shows TiO bands and are not analyzed for chemical abundance there.

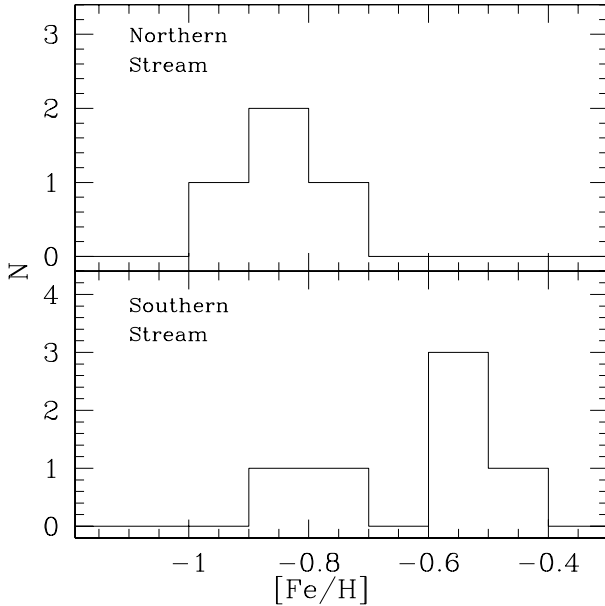


Fig. 9. Comparison between the metallicity distribution of stars in the Sgr trailing tail (*lower panel*) and in a portion of stream above (*upper panel*) the galactic plane. Stars in the upper panel sample a more ancient branch of the stream with respect to stars in the lower panel (see Fig. 1).

other within the errors (see M05 and Sbordone et al. 2006, for discussions).

Main body stars show a well defined peak in the MD at ~ -0.35 ($\langle [\text{Fe}/\text{H}] \rangle = -0.35 \pm 0.19$, considering stars with $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}] > -0.80$) and sample a large metallicity range. Stream stars sample a smaller metallicity range, as somewhat expected by the small number of stars analyzed. Clearly, the stream MD is shifted toward lower metallicity ($\langle [\text{Fe}/\text{H}] \rangle = -0.70 \pm 0.16$) compared to the main body. A Kolmogorov-Smirnov test provides a probability $< 10^{-3}$ that core and stream stars are extracted from the same parent population. A similar effect is also evident in the distribution of core and stream stars alpha element abundance ratio (lower panel).

SARG stars sample very different regions of the Stream (see Fig. 1). The sub-sample at negative galactic latitude (stars from #1 to #42; $b < 0$ or $Y_{\text{Sgr,GC}} > 0$ in Fig. 1) belongs to the Sgr trailing tail in the $80^\circ < \Lambda_\odot < 100^\circ$ region. Hence, they were probably stripped during the last Sgr orbit. The $b > 0$ sub-sample (stars from #242 to #283) traces, on the other hand, a more ancient episode of tidal stripping. In particular, according to the Law et al. (2005) model of Sgr disruption, they should have been lost three or more orbits ago (i.e., $> 2-3$ Gyr ago). In Fig. 9 we plot the two sub-samples MD. It is evident that the mean metallicity of northern ($b > 0$) stream stars is lower compared to southern ones: $\langle [\text{Fe}/\text{H}] \rangle = -0.83 \pm 0.11$ and $\langle [\text{Fe}/\text{H}] \rangle = -0.61 \pm 0.13$, respectively. However, given the small number of stars in the two subsamples, this result has to be considered tentative and must be confirmed by the analysis of a more statistically significant sample of stars.

In summary, we found evidence of a more metal-poor MD in the Sgr Stream compared to the main body. Moreover, stars stripped in ancient orbits appear more metal-poor than stars lost in recent passages. Preliminary results pointing in the same direction were reported by Martínez-Delgado et al. (2004) and M03. Recently, more definitive indications in this sense were provided by Chou et al. (2006) (hereafter C06) and Bellazzini et al. (2006b).

In particular, C06 presented high resolution iron abundances for 56 M-giants belonging to the Sgr leading tail. Thus, we sample a different and complementary stream region. C06 found a variation of about -0.7 dex in the mean iron content from the core to the portion of stream they sample. Our results are qualitatively in agreement with C06, although the variation we find is a bit smaller. Several reasons can be responsible for such a difference (i.e., the different stream portion sampled, their more populated sample, the different analysis). C06 interpreted their results as a “direct evidence that there can be significant chemical differences between current dSph satellites and the bulk of the stars they have contributed to the halo”. Our results confirm this statement. Moreover, as we pointed out in M05, Sgr stars at $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}] < -1$ would also have $[\alpha/\text{Fe}]$ abundance ratios similar to MW stars (see Fig. 7), hence they may be eligible as contributors to the assembly of the “normal” Galactic Halo (i.e., metal-poor and α -enhanced). However, Sbordone et al. (2006) found under-solar or over-solar abundances for several elements in 12 Sgr core stars. Even more interesting, they found a flat trend over the range $-0.9 < [\text{Fe}/\text{H}] < 0$ in some of the anomalous abundance ratios such as $[\text{Na}/\text{Fe}]$, $[\text{Zn}/\text{Fe}]$, and $[\text{Cu}/\text{Fe}]$. Detailed abundances of Stream stars, especially of the most metal-poor ones, will be of the uttermost importance to finally establish whether Sgr stars lost in ancient passages could have significantly contributed to the standard stellar population of the galactic halo or not.

Moreover, the galactic halo is populated by very old stars. Under the assumption that dSph galaxies are dominated by an intermediate age population (“Carina-like”), Unavane et al. (1996) concluded that no more than 10% of the whole halo stellar population may have originated from accretion (but see Munoz et al. 2006). Indeed, these authors predicted low $[\alpha/\text{Fe}]$ abundance ratios in the MW satellites as a result of their inferred low star formation rates (see Fig. 7).

The Sgr stellar content is dominated in the main body by an intermediate age (Bellazzini et al. 2006a) population. Stream stars studied here follow the abundance pattern of main body stars (Fig. 7) and are moderately more metal poor than them (Fig. 8). Hence, our targets likely have ages not much older than stars in the Sgr dominant population. Indeed, the SFH implied by the chemistry of stars sampled here, do not differ significantly from that of core stars: a prolonged period of star formation is needed to reach low $[\alpha/\text{Fe}]$ abundance ratios. The C06 sample may eventually be made by older stars, more similar to the typical stellar content of the galactic halo.

However, neither our study nor the C06 one provide a fair sampling of the MD of the Sgr stream. We both selected targets using the 2MASS catalog. As such, the target selection biases our samples toward metal rich stars. As stated above, the target selection box was actually shaped to enclose stars in the Sgr dominant population. Thus, the actual MD of the Stream might eventually be skewed to even lower metallicities and made by older stars, for any reasonable age-metallicity relation (see, e.g., Layden & Sarajedini 2000). Note also that Sgr is known to host a significant population of old and metal-poor stars (both in the main body and the streams, see Vivas et al. 2005; Monaco et al. 2003, and references therein).

Even SARG stars at $b > 0$ could not have been stripped more than a few Gyr ago, a time at which the Sgr star formation was already completed. Therefore, we agree with the C06 conclusion that the difference in the core and stream MD witness a metallicity gradient inside the former Sgr (see, for instance, Bellazzini et al. 1999; Layden & Sarajedini 2000, and references therein). Chemical abundances in the outskirts of the Sgr main body would be necessary to quantify metallicity gradients inside

Sgr (see also Alard 2001). Stars in the trailing tail (lower panel in Fig. 9) are only mildly more metal poor than core ones (upper panel in Fig. 8). Hence, eventually, stars lying in the outer Sgr core and in the trailing tail might not present any chemical difference.

Indeed, the great majority of the MW satellites contain populations of old stars, either dominant or not. It appears a general tendency of the most metal-poor populations in dSphs to be less concentrated with respect to the other populations hosted (Munoz et al. 2006; Tolstoy et al. 2004, and references therein). This characteristic might favor the preferential stripping of metal-poor stars during tidal interactions between dSphs and the MW.

8. Conclusions

The Sgr SFH, its dynamical status and orbital evolution are constrained by the stellar populations hosted both in the main body and in the tidal streams of this disrupting galaxy. In this paper we presented radial velocities and chemical abundances (Fe, Mg, Ca) for a sample of stars belonging to the Sgr tidal streams. In particular, we presented the first α -element abundances ever obtained for stars in the Sgr stream. The main results obtained can be summarized as follows:

- The velocity dispersion of the Sgr trailing tail (8.3 km s^{-1}) is significantly lower than in the main body (11.2 km s^{-1}).
- Stream stars follow the same distinct trend described by stars in the Sgr main body in the $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}]$ vs. $[\alpha/\text{Fe}]$ plane (Fig. 7).
- Sgr stars are, on average, more metal-poor in the Stream than in the core (Fig. 8).
- Stars belonging to more ancient wraps of the Streams are more metal-poor (Fig. 9). This result was obtained comparing the MD of stars belonging to two different wraps of the Stream. However, given the limited number of stars in the two subsamples (4 and 6), this latter result has to be considered tentative.

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Table 1. Basic parameters of the program stars. Measured radial velocities and spectra signal-to-noise ratios are also reported. Beside the 2MASS name we give our own identifier to the star, which is used consequently in the other tables and throughout the paper.

2MASS ID	SARG sample											S/N (@650 nm)	v_{helio} (km s ⁻¹)	v_{gsr} (km s ⁻¹)			
	Star	α (J2000.0)	δ (J2000.0)	l	b	Λ_{\odot}	K_0	$(J-K)_0$	$E(B-V)$	d_{\odot} (kpc)							
2MASS J00170214+0104165	1	00	17	02.1	+01	04	16	105.2	-60.6	82.18	10.88	0.95	0.03	15.07	19	-227.91 ± 0.48	-125.29
2MASS J01225543+0451341	19	01	22	55.4	+04	51	34	137.5	-57.1	98.69	10.89	0.97	0.03	16.39	29	-207.07 ± 0.45	-131.44
2MASS J01295300+0055392	23	01	29	53.0	+00	55	39	142.7	-60.5	98.08	11.21	0.94	0.02	16.42	29	-163.52 ± 0.25	-103.86
2MASS J01305453+0351575	25	01	30	54.5	+03	51	57	141.5	-57.6	99.86	11.19	0.96	0.02	18.22	27	-188.82 ± 0.30	-121.11
2MASS J01492111+0231536	39	01	49	21.1	+02	31	53	150.4	-57.2	103.1	10.77	0.99	0.02	16.43	32	-188.31 ± 0.51	-136.39
2MASS J01520195+0020525	42	01	52	01.9	+00	20	52	153.3	-58.9	102.5	10.73	0.96	0.03	14.56	33	-160.10 ± 0.33	-116.45
2MASS J02224517+0039362	77	02	22	45.1	+00	39	36	165.0	-54.6	109.2	10.64	0.97	0.03	14.20	37	-45.94 ± 0.34	-21.79
2MASS J08491184+4819380	232	08	49	11.8	+48	19	38	171.2	39.2	202.9	11.10	0.97	0.03	17.69	18	-27.77 ± 0.20	-2.85
2MASS J09193349+4350034	242	09	19	33.5	+43	50	03	176.9	44.6	208.9	10.31	0.95	0.02	11.48	28	-8.24 ± 0.19	-0.90
2MASS J10055844+3132597	260	10	05	58.4	+31	33	00	195.8	53.9	220.5	10.48	0.97	0.02	13.53	8	107.71 ± 0.33	71.12
2MASS J10413374+4033099	278	10	41	33.8	+40	33	10	177.9	60.1	224.8	11.35	0.93	0.02	17.15	17	30.69 ± 0.37	36.58
2MASS J10472976+2339508	281	10	47	29.8	+23	39	51	213.0	61.9	231.6	10.13	0.94	0.03	10.07	25	56.53 ± 0.41	-0.49
2MASS J10504744+2748542	283	10	50	47.5	+27	48	54	204.4	63.3	230.9	10.62	0.95	0.02	13.09	15	-25.32 ± 0.48	-65.83
HARPS sample																	
2MASS J13091343+1215502	465	13	09	13.4	+12	15	50	319.5	74.6	266.8	10.35	0.99	0.02	13.51	2	-30.57 ± 0.011	-62.14
2MASS J14340509+0936258	677	14	34	05.1	+09	36	26	1.9	60.1	286.0	9.60	0.99	0.03	9.64	2	-73.55 ± 0.011	-59.13
2MASS J09364419+0704484	452892	09	36	44.2	+07	04	48	227.2	39.7	219.5	9.94	0.94	0.04	10.18	12	118.53 ± 0.008	-12.52
2MASS J09453656+0937568	459992	09	45	36.6	+09	37	57	225.6	42.9	221.2	9.91	0.99	0.02	11.47	12	336.10 ± 0.008	214.81
2MASS J09564707+0645292	452060	09	56	47.1	+06	45	29	230.9	43.9	224.8	9.82	0.95	0.02	9.62	12	100.57 ± 0.008	-28.53
2MASS J11345053-0700511	421173	11	34	50.5	-07	00	51	271.7	51.1	255.3	9.81	0.97	0.04	10.84	11	69.26 ± 0.008	-70.60
2MASS J11554802-0339068	427535	11	55	48.0	-03	39	07	277.2	56.4	258.6	10.01	0.99	0.02	12.42	7	-57.53 ± 0.009	-178.38
2MASS J14112205-0610129	423286	14	11	22.1	-06	10	13	336.0	51.5	289.7	9.51	1.05	0.03	12.55	12	41.10 ± 0.008	-7.04
UVES sample																	
2MASS J00035283-1940468	1005	00	03	52.8	-19	40	47	64.8	-76.8	69.5	10.97	1.03	0.02	19.1	31	-56.92 ± 0.13	-14.93
2MASS J00131891-2301528	1006	00	13	18.9	-23	01	53	56.2	-80.4	70.1	10.59	1.00	0.02	14.5	42	-41.90 ± 0.05	-15.82
2MASS J00135624-1721554	1007	00	13	56.2	-17	21	55	79.4	-76.9	72.7	11.52	0.99	0.03	21.4	53	-90.51 ± 0.16	-45.26
2MASS J00223563-0512079	1008	00	22	35.6	-05	12	08	104.3	-67.0	80.0	9.81	1.08	0.03	13.9	38	-116.25 ± 0.31	-35.72
2MASS J00264668-1526427	1009	00	26	46.7	-15	26	43	95.6	-77.0	76.3	10.82	0.95	0.03	13.2	49	-70.01 ± 0.07	-25.09
2MASS J00321654-1851113	1010	00	32	16.5	-18	51	11	93.9	-80.6	75.9	11.57	1.02	0.02	24.5	29	-71.25 ± 0.10	-40.45
2MASS J00390964-1322429	1011	00	39	09.6	-13	22	43	110.5	-76.0	79.9	10.50	1.12	0.02	21.9	18	-95.24 ± 0.22	-50.22
2MASS J00464414-0659259	1013	00	46	44.1	-06	59	26	119.5	-69.8	84.5	11.84	0.95	0.06	21.0	49	-122.67 ± 0.51	-61.05
2MASS J00480460-1131551	1014	00	48	04.6	-11	31	55	119.9	-74.4	82.7	10.61	1.05	0.03	17.3	47	-109.88 ± 0.46	-54.74
2MASS J00522982-1518360	1015	00	52	29.8	-15	18	36	124.2	-78.2	81.9	11.16	1.08	0.02	25.3	21	-87.05 ± 0.67	-55.70
2MASS J00532013-0529477	1016	00	53	20.1	-05	29	48	124.2	-68.4	86.7	10.46	1.01	0.04	14.0	55	-148.81 ± 0.45	-86.55
2MASS J00542073-0449174	1017	00	54	20.7	-04	49	17	124.8	-67.7	87.3	10.51	1.01	0.05	14.3	47	-139.50 ± 0.42	-75.63
2MASS J00563325-2154386	1018	00	56	33.3	-21	54	39	135.8	-84.7	79.5	10.74	1.06	0.02	19.2	29	-56.01 ± 0.09	-48.64
2MASS J01011934-1536343	1019	01	01	19.3	-15	36	34	134.7	-78.3	83.6	11.20	1.01	0.02	19.6	52	-86.01 ± 0.55	-60.71
2MASS J01015376-1015085	1020	01	01	53.8	-10	15	08	131.7	-72.9	86.3	11.31	1.01	0.03	21.0	63	-119.20 ± 0.53	-76.72
2MASS J01091912-1508157	1022	01	09	19.1	-15	08	16	143.0	-77.3	85.5	9.27	1.14	0.03	13.6	18	-102.48 ± 0.43	-80.19
2MASS J01212317-1036096	1025	01	21	23.2	-10	36	10	147.5	-72.0	90.3	10.06	1.08	0.03	15.5	38	-139.46 ± 0.16	-109.94
2MASS J01282756-0505173	1028	01	28	27.6	-05	05	17	146.4	-66.3	94.6	11.33	0.96	0.04	17.1	71	-123.43 ± 0.52	-81.25
2MASS J01512105-0727451	1034	01	51	21.1	-07	27	45	161.5	-65.7	98.3	11.69	1.01	0.02	24.4	52	-129.68 ± 0.37	-109.28
2MASS J01574156-1709471	1035	01	57	41.6	-17	09	47	183.3	-71.7	94.6	10.65	1.05	0.02	17.5	28	-91.39 ± 0.11	-105.05
2MASS J01593606-0801131	1036	01	59	36.1	-08	01	13	166.3	-65.0	99.8	10.66	1.05	0.02	18.0	32	-109.87 ± 0.27	-96.69
2MASS J21153360-3530060	1065	21	15	33.6	-35	30	06	8.5	-43.7	29.5	11.73	1.03	0.07	26.7	47	90.93 ± 0.22	117.32
2MASS J21174714-2432331	1066	21	17	47.1	-24	32	33	23.4	-42.2	31.5	11.92	1.01	0.05	27.4	44	30.30 ± 0.03	99.97
2MASS J21250780-2747090	1067	21	25	07.8	-27	47	09	19.6	-44.6	32.6	10.65	1.00	0.10	14.5	38	52.99 ± 0.21	109.52
2MASS J21314538-3513510	1068	21	31	45.4	-35	13	51	9.3	-47.0	32.8	11.65	1.01	0.07	24.0	48	81.00 ± 0.14	107.51
2MASS J21581991-3406074	1071	21	58	19.9	-34	06	07	11.4	-52.4	38.4	10.74	1.07	0.02	20.0	61	49.80 ± 0.05	77.62
2MASS J22083965-2812124	1072	22	08	39.7	-28	12	12	21.5	-54.1	42.0	10.92	1.04	0.02	19.1	35	34.80 ± 0.28	83.89
2MASS J22142679-2306184	1073	22	14	26.8	-23	06	18	30.5	-54.4	44.5	10.24	1.10	0.03	17.8	23	-11.35 ± 0.40	56.01
2MASS J22264953-3918133	1075	22	26	49.5	-39	18	31	1.5	-57.7	42.7	10.86	1.01	0.02	16.5	47	78.46 ± 0.21	80.60
2MASS J22373980-2628544	1076	22	37	39.8	-26	28	54	26.4	-60.2	48.6	10.35	1.04	0.02	14.7	49	15.13 ± 0.22	64.33
2MASS J22392246-2508120	1077	22	39	22.5	-25	08	12	29.2	-60.4	49.4	9.99	1.10	0.02	15.7	18	-16.66 ± 0.46	37.04
2MASS J22442231-3247156	1078	22	44	22.3	-32	47	16	13.5	-62.0	48.1	11.21	1.03	0.01	21.5	27	22.16 ± 0.11	45.52
2MASS J22561212-2045555	1080	22	56	12.1	-20	45	56	40.3	-63.0	54.4	11.24	0.99	0.03	18.6	70	-50.66 ± 0.16	14.34
2MASS J23194353-1546105	1082	23	19	43.5	-15	46	11	56.3	-65.9	61.4	11.24	1.03	0.03	21.8	63	-78.77 ± 0.39	-4.31
2MASS J23212651-2426543	1083	23	21	26.5	-24	26	54	35.4	-69.6	58.6	10.50	1.14	0.02	24.0	14	-19.21 ± 0.16	23.63
2MASS J23241474-2750339	1084	23	24	14.7	-27	50	34	25.8	-70.7	57.9	11.46	1.04	0.02	24.9	34	-1.30 ± 0.39	28.15
2MASS J23262366-2500371	1085	23	26	23.7	-25	00	37	34.5	-70.8	59.4	10.78	1.00	0.02	15.7	52	-20.79 ± 0.14	18.25
2MASS J23293008-2458096	1086	23	29	30.0	-24	58	10	35.0	-71.5	60.1	10.46	1.10	0.02	20.1	15	-33.59 ± 0.32	4.34
2MASS J23295478-2051034	1087	23	29	54.8	-20	51	03	47.2	-70.4	61.8	10.59	1.00	0.04	14.4	53	-42.89 ± 0.10	9.67
2MASS J23303457-1607474	1088	23	30	34.6	-16	07	47	59.2	-68.3	63.7	11.30	0.98	0.03	17.9	71	-64.25 ± 0.25	4.63
2MASS J23430789-2358264	1089	23	43	07.9	-23	58	27	40.7	-74.3	63.4	11.35	0.97	0.02	17.8	39	-29.11 ± 0.08	6.93
2MASS J23454168-2644555	1090	23	45	41.7	-26	44	56	30.7	-75.4	62.8	10.38	1.02	0.02	14.0	48	-14.45 ± 0.15	10.58
2MASS J23503612-2002156	1091	23	50	36.1	-20	02	16	56.7	-74.4	66.5	10.58	1.07	0.02	18.4	33	-55.91 ± 0.30	-9.18
2MASS J23531941-2050407	1092	23	53	19.4	-20	50	41	55.2	-75.3	66.8	11.61	0.97	0.02	20.1	55	-52.74 ± 0.08	-9.87
2MASS J23563742-2347116	1093	23	56	37.4	-23	47	12	45.0	-77.2	66.3	11.46						

Appendix A: Individual line data

The following tables report the line list and adopted atomic parameters for the program stars. The measured equivalent width and the corresponding abundance obtained for each line are also reported.

Table A.1. Line list and adopted atomic parameters for the program stars. The measured equivalent width and the corresponding abundance obtained for each line are also reported.

Ion	λ (nm)	$\log gf$	Source of $\log gf$ (see notes)	EW (pm) 1	ϵ	EW (pm) 19	ϵ	EW (pm) (pm) 23	ϵ	EW (pm) 25	ϵ
Fe I	585.5076	-1.76	FMW	–	–	–	–	5.09	7.283	–	–
Fe I	588.3817	-1.36	FMW	–	–	9.47	6.640	12.15	7.151	12.15	7.151
Fe I	595.2718	-1.44	FMW	12.89	7.324	9.27	6.719	12.70	7.360	7.62	6.491
Fe I	602.7051	-1.21	FMW	10.52	6.818	10.78	6.861	9.28	6.661	11.17	6.981
Fe I	605.6005	-0.46	FMW	9.18	6.795	7.43	6.517	8.31	6.692	8.08	6.654
Fe I	609.6664	-1.93	FMW	–	–	6.05	6.707	6.19	6.748	9.76	7.324
Fe I	615.1617	-3.30	FMW	18.60	7.279	17.79	7.166	19.23	7.439	14.43	6.730
Fe I	622.6734	-2.22	FMW	–	–	8.13	7.162	–	–	–	–
Fe I	651.8366	-2.75	FMW	11.27	6.580	13.18	6.868	11.94	6.734	13.97	7.052
Fe I	659.7559	-1.07	FMW	7.05	7.145	4.28	6.695	7.44	7.233	6.97	7.158
Fe I	670.3566	-3.16	FMW	9.40	6.598	9.03	6.546	13.87	7.319	–	–
Fe I	673.9521	-4.95	FMW	11.68	6.885	10.37	6.704	11.27	6.873	12.58	7.066
Fe I	674.6954	-4.35	FMW	–	–	4.74	6.923	6.99	7.254	5.55	7.052
Fe I	679.3258	-2.47	FMW	3.75	6.989	3.12	6.872	–	–	5.08	7.224
Fe I	595.6694	-4.60	FMW	–	–	20.24	7.026	20.59	7.225	–	–
Fe I	595.8333	-4.42	K94	9.36	7.040	10.36	7.187	–	–	–	–
Fe I	602.4058	-0.12	FMW	17.44	7.486	14.06	6.988	11.71	6.661	13.83	7.016
Fe I	606.5482	-1.53	FMW	25.18	6.994	21.92	6.673	20.84	6.620	23.89	6.938
Fe I	624.6318	-0.96	FMW	19.52	7.245	14.82	6.548	16.37	6.872	15.48	6.729
Fe I	625.2555	-1.69	FMW	–	–	23.13	6.629	22.50	6.631	23.18	6.700
Fe I	629.7793	-2.74	FMW	–	–	18.29	6.714	19.64	6.967	17.54	6.685
Fe I	630.1500	-0.67	K94	–	–	14.88	6.335	15.81	6.560	–	–
Fe I	630.2494	-1.13	K94	12.39	6.442	13.55	6.629	17.73	7.360	16.04	7.106
Fe I	632.2685	-2.43	FMW	15.38	6.551	14.90	6.476	17.76	7.001	17.16	6.909
Fe I	633.5330	-2.23	FMW	25.32	6.923	22.29	6.643	22.59	6.733	21.80	6.654
Fe I	633.6823	-1.05	FMW	19.20	7.397	16.53	7.016	16.27	7.054	15.30	6.900
Fe I	657.4227	-5.04	FMW	18.29	7.107	17.54	6.990	17.25	7.037	–	–
Fe I	659.3870	-2.42	FMW	21.62	7.152	19.62	6.893	20.61	7.106	18.94	6.882
Fe I	664.8080	-5.29	K94	–	–	11.18	6.325	–	–	12.35	6.538
Fe I	671.0318	-4.88	FMW	11.55	6.686	13.05	6.900	10.81	6.627	12.96	6.946
Fe I	675.0152	-2.62	FMW	20.26	7.233	17.74	6.829	18.33	7.024	18.84	7.109
Fe I	680.6843	-3.21	FMW	10.46	6.744	11.22	6.853	13.74	7.287	13.32	7.222
Fe I	683.9830	-3.45	FMW	12.10	6.963	11.26	6.842	14.43	7.374	12.47	7.071
Fe I	722.3658	-2.21	O	16.91	7.048	–	–	18.22	7.291	13.20	6.584
Fe I	756.8899	-0.87	K94	13.63	7.114	11.48	6.809	12.45	7.000	13.39	7.136
Fe I	758.3788	-1.99	FMW	15.44	6.590	17.23	6.836	16.66	6.829	19.54	7.208
Fe I	774.8269	-1.76	FMW	21.39	6.989	17.32	6.488	19.73	6.868	19.91	6.890
Fe I	783.2196	-0.02	K94	15.37	6.719	14.80	6.641	–	–	16.70	6.962
Mg I	552.8405	-0.52	G03	29.56	7.055	22.58	6.631	23.07	6.697	25.11	6.831
Mg I	571.1088	-1.73	G03	13.92	6.848	11.55	6.519	14.39	6.956	15.21	7.069
Mg I	631.8717	-1.94	G03	5.87	7.037	4.83	6.884	–	–	9.15	7.521
Mg I	631.9237	-2.16	G03	6.78	7.386	5.26	7.169	–	–	5.28	7.183
Ca I	585.7451	0.24	SR	18.52	5.373	17.00	5.171	19.85	5.596	–	–
Ca I	586.7562	-1.49	G03	6.07	5.356	6.59	5.424	6.59	5.439	7.31	5.535
Ca I	643.9075	0.39	SR	–	–	22.20	5.111	24.50	5.474	25.39	5.565
Ca I	645.5558	-1.29	SR	14.51	5.654	12.81	5.403	13.25	5.523	12.34	5.385
Ca I	649.3781	-0.11	SR	21.04	5.423	21.85	5.533	23.21	5.795	22.20	5.669
Ca I	649.9650	-0.82	SR	14.09	5.110	16.81	5.512	–	–	16.02	5.466
Ca I	650.8850	-2.11	NBS	6.57	5.402	4.86	5.180	6.27	5.377	5.66	5.297
Ca I	714.8150	0.21	K88	21.33	5.288	24.59	5.694	21.31	5.367	24.13	5.721

Table A.1. continued.

Ion	λ (nm)	$\log gf$	Source of $\log gf$ (see notes)	EW (pm) 39	ϵ	EW (pm) 42	ϵ	EW (pm) (pm) 77	ϵ	EW (pm) 232	ϵ
Fe I	585.5076	-1.76	FMW	–	–	–	–	3.42	6.991	–	–
Fe I	588.3817	-1.36	FMW	10.18	6.982	11.63	6.999	8.12	6.496	–	–
Fe I	595.2718	-1.44	FMW	8.66	6.795	–	–	6.50	6.337	9.61	6.774
Fe I	602.7051	-1.21	FMW	9.63	6.879	8.97	6.570	11.12	7.032	10.26	6.776
Fe I	605.6005	-0.46	FMW	9.97	7.127	8.48	6.684	8.85	6.822	–	–
Fe I	609.6664	-1.93	FMW	–	–	6.51	6.777	–	–	–	–
Fe I	615.1617	-3.30	FMW	16.41	7.282	14.11	6.610	12.70	6.517	–	–
Fe I	622.6734	-2.22	FMW	6.88	7.085	7.55	7.075	7.43	7.115	–	–
Fe I	651.8366	-2.75	FMW	13.11	7.126	13.62	6.934	13.14	6.987	–	–
Fe I	659.7559	-1.07	FMW	8.21	7.473	5.27	6.862	4.66	6.790	8.62	7.387
Fe I	670.3566	-3.16	FMW	14.04	7.574	9.33	6.589	8.65	6.558	12.34	7.025
Fe I	673.9521	-4.95	FMW	10.13	6.849	9.69	6.614	6.12	6.188	10.51	6.723
Fe I	674.6954	-4.35	FMW	4.59	6.946	2.75	6.588	–	–	7.66	7.324
Fe I	679.3258	-2.47	FMW	4.52	7.175	–	–	2.28	6.699	3.49	6.942
Fe I	595.6694	-4.60	FMW	–	–	–	–	–	–	18.39	6.684
Fe I	595.8333	-4.42	K94	–	–	9.58	7.072	8.90	7.045	–	–
Fe I	602.4058	-0.12	FMW	12.20	6.947	14.65	7.081	11.99	6.772	–	–
Fe I	606.5482	-1.53	FMW	23.51	7.047	24.52	6.935	18.41	6.380	–	–
Fe I	624.6318	-0.96	FMW	16.04	7.065	13.81	6.383	12.91	6.372	18.17	7.060
Fe I	625.2555	-1.69	FMW	24.06	6.941	20.18	6.272	20.73	6.503	–	–
Fe I	629.7793	-2.74	FMW	18.36	7.022	16.60	6.474	17.70	6.784	21.40	7.103
Fe I	630.1500	-0.67	K94	15.46	6.749	–	–	–	–	20.32	7.119
Fe I	630.2494	-1.13	K94	11.82	6.609	14.14	6.724	11.32	6.384	15.62	6.961
Fe I	632.2685	-2.43	FMW	16.06	6.995	15.42	6.557	14.43	6.553	20.26	7.268
Fe I	633.5330	-2.23	FMW	22.17	6.862	20.51	6.443	21.28	6.664	25.64	6.949
Fe I	633.6823	-1.05	FMW	12.76	6.699	15.87	6.914	14.54	6.853	15.85	6.911
Fe I	657.4227	-5.04	FMW	17.28	7.375	15.65	6.694	15.35	6.809	17.16	6.928
Fe I	659.3870	-2.42	FMW	18.75	7.107	18.63	6.751	17.99	6.830	20.47	7.006
Fe I	664.8080	-5.29	K94	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Fe I	671.0318	-4.88	FMW	12.46	7.067	11.02	6.614	9.63	6.499	13.63	6.985
Fe I	675.0152	-2.62	FMW	17.57	7.223	17.65	6.814	15.25	6.596	17.93	6.860
Fe I	680.6843	-3.21	FMW	12.14	7.230	8.98	6.536	11.60	7.012	15.19	7.440
Fe I	683.9830	-3.45	FMW	10.49	6.927	10.57	6.743	10.53	6.826	12.84	7.070
Fe I	722.3658	-2.21	O	12.18	6.612	16.80	7.032	13.09	6.628	–	–
Fe I	756.8899	-0.87	K94	11.28	6.985	9.63	6.543	9.38	6.581	14.54	7.242
Fe I	758.3788	-1.99	FMW	16.86	7.084	13.43	6.310	17.23	6.984	18.67	7.025
Fe I	774.8269	-1.76	FMW	17.63	6.825	19.17	6.725	–	–	21.35	6.985
Fe I	783.2196	-0.02	K94	15.51	7.000	14.60	6.613	11.90	6.334	15.55	6.744
Mg I	552.8405	-0.52	G03	21.73	6.681	–	–	25.85	6.904	35.63	7.285
Mg I	571.1088	-1.73	G03	11.84	6.714	13.58	6.801	14.69	7.043	21.27	7.702
Mg I	631.8717	-1.94	G03	5.25	6.993	5.78	7.024	5.58	7.019	8.01	7.337
Mg I	631.9237	-2.16	G03	–	–	3.91	6.957	4.32	7.040	9.10	7.709
Ca I	585.7451	0.24	SR	–	–	18.84	5.412	–	–	–	–
Ca I	586.7562	-1.49	G03	6.30	5.452	6.57	5.421	6.05	5.380	9.29	5.778
Ca I	643.9075	0.39	SR	23.35	5.560	26.09	5.566	24.89	5.582	28.62	5.791
Ca I	645.5558	-1.29	SR	11.66	5.445	10.51	5.084	11.26	5.273	14.07	5.588
Ca I	649.3781	-0.11	SR	21.88	5.869	18.99	5.127	24.52	6.011	29.15	6.299
Ca I	649.9650	-0.82	SR	15.63	5.644	18.92	5.829	16.29	5.587	19.82	5.961
Ca I	650.8850	-2.11	NBS	5.31	5.286	4.92	5.188	10.40	5.961	12.66	6.198
Ca I	714.8150	0.21	K88	21.63	5.668	24.18	5.646	–	–	27.45	5.991

Table A.1. continued.

Ion	λ (nm)	$\log gf$	source of $\log gf$ (see notes)	EW (pm) 242	ϵ	EW (pm) 278	ϵ	EW (pm) (pm) 281	ϵ	EW (pm) 283	ϵ
I	585.5076	-1.76	FMW	5.72	7.352	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fe I	588.3817	-1.36	FMW	11.53	6.927	9.43	6.677	-	-	-	-
Fe I	595.2718	-1.44	FMW	-	-	-	-	7.76	6.455	7.05	6.400
Fe I	602.7051	-1.21	FMW	10.49	6.768	-	-	-	-	10.04	6.787
Fe I	605.6005	-0.46	FMW	10.37	6.943	-	-	-	-	9.90	6.956
Fe I	609.6664	-1.93	FMW	7.12	6.846	-	-	4.76	6.494	-	-
Fe I	615.1617	-3.30	FMW	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fe I	622.6734	-2.22	FMW	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fe I	651.8366	-2.75	FMW	14.65	7.025	12.76	6.863	9.72	6.320	-	-
Fe I	659.7559	-1.07	FMW	5.24	6.842	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fe I	670.3566	-3.16	FMW	12.66	7.019	11.00	6.873	10.05	6.655	11.96	7.021
Fe I	673.9521	-4.95	FMW	10.45	6.679	9.00	6.553	7.72	6.342	13.07	7.141
Fe I	674.6954	-4.35	FMW	-	-	-	-	5.22	6.981	-	-
Fe I	679.3258	-2.47	FMW	4.91	7.170	-	-	-	-	3.55	6.962
Fe I	595.6694	-4.60	FMW	16.41	6.242	-	-	19.00	6.683	19.00	6.919
Fe I	595.8333	-4.42	K94	7.40	6.747	-	-	8.38	6.876	6.24	6.627
Fe I	602.4058	-0.12	FMW	12.83	6.728	-	-	12.05	6.603	10.68	6.486
Fe I	606.5482	-1.53	FMW	-	-	23.45	6.895	21.45	6.542	21.61	6.708
Fe I	624.6318	-0.96	FMW	15.55	6.589	-	-	15.87	6.639	-	-
Fe I	625.2555	-1.69	FMW	-	-	26.25	6.971	-	-	24.47	6.823
Fe I	629.7793	-2.74	FMW	15.56	6.248	21.39	7.168	-	-	15.42	6.369
Fe I	630.1500	-0.67	K94	16.14	6.459	15.86	6.568	17.10	6.605	15.84	6.565
Fe I	630.2494	-1.13	K94	13.02	6.483	12.69	6.553	12.64	6.425	13.47	6.684
Fe I	632.2685	-2.43	FMW	15.12	6.441	15.88	6.708	15.14	6.444	15.07	6.578
Fe I	633.5330	-2.23	FMW	-	-	24.91	6.940	20.67	6.391	22.60	6.734
Fe I	633.6823	-1.05	FMW	13.71	6.505	-	-	13.92	6.540	12.88	6.501
Fe I	657.4227	-5.04	FMW	14.60	6.471	18.63	7.268	16.10	6.687	15.88	6.810
Fe I	659.3870	-2.42	FMW	17.24	6.469	19.73	6.990	17.47	6.503	17.39	6.655
Fe I	664.8080	-5.29	K94	-	-	11.28	6.383	-	-	12.07	6.497
Fe I	671.0318	-4.88	FMW	9.44	6.374	9.86	6.493	8.40	6.246	11.99	6.799
Fe I	675.0152	-2.62	FMW	14.22	6.206	16.74	6.758	16.87	6.605	15.44	6.541
Fe I	680.6843	-3.21	FMW	11.65	6.869	-	-	10.22	6.673	11.97	7.014
Fe I	683.9830	-3.45	FMW	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fe I	722.3658	-2.21	O	-	-	-	-	11.75	6.278	12.76	6.520
Fe I	756.8899	-0.87	K94	10.44	6.620	-	-	8.56	6.361	10.48	6.707
Fe I	758.3788	-1.99	FMW	16.06	6.611	-	-	14.70	6.429	-	-
Fe I	774.8269	-1.76	FMW	16.95	6.370	20.60	6.971	19.16	6.652	-	-
Fe I	783.2196	-0.02	K94	-	-	-	-	-	-	15.40	6.786
Mg I	552.8405	-0.52	G03	27.28	6.913	23.13	6.701	24.86	6.765	23.99	6.759
Mg I	571.1088	-1.73	G03	16.77	7.177	-	-	15.06	6.958	13.41	6.819
Mg I	631.8717	-1.94	G03	6.01	7.045	5.10	6.935	2.93	6.554	6.12	7.086
Mg I	631.9237	-2.16	G03	-	-	4.42	7.049	4.60	7.060	4.61	7.079
Ca I	585.7451	0.24	SR	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ca I	586.7562	-1.49	G03	8.14	5.603	6.08	5.370	8.39	5.658	9.15	5.788
Ca I	612.2217	-0.31	NIST	-	-	-	-	-	-	26.64	5.527
Ca I	643.9075	0.39	SR	25.02	5.378	24.47	5.471	27.48	5.693	22.89	5.286
Ca I	645.5558	-1.29	SR	13.46	5.445	11.82	5.310	15.41	5.788	10.51	5.120
Ca I	649.3781	-0.11	SR	21.55	5.408	22.55	5.713	21.13	5.436	-	-
Ca I	649.9650	-0.82	SR	15.81	5.297	17.32	5.667	14.56	5.179	-	-
Ca I	650.8850	-2.11	NBS	7.85	5.542	7.30	5.510	9.29	5.742	5.03	5.212
Ca I	714.8150	0.21	K88	25.94	5.763	24.47	5.761	22.89	5.486	22.59	5.535

FMW – Fuhr et al. (1988);

NIST – Fuhr & Wiese (1996)

G03 – Gratton et al. (2003);

SR – Smith et al. (1981);

NBS – Wiese et al. (1969);

MFW – Martin et al. (1988);

O – O’Brian et al. (1991);

K88 – Kurucz (1988);

K94 – Kurucz (1994).