



# A Diffuse Metal-poor Component of the Sagittarius Stream Revealed by the H3 Survey

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## Abstract

The tidal disruption of the Sagittarius dwarf galaxy has generated a spectacular stream of stars wrapping around the entire Galaxy. We use data from Gaia and the H3 Stellar Spectroscopic Survey to identify 823 high-quality Sagittarius members based on their angular momenta. The H3 Survey is largely unbiased in metallicity, and so our sample of Sagittarius members is similarly unbiased. Stream stars span a wide range in  $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}]$  from  $-0.2$  to  $\approx -3.0$ , with a mean overall metallicity of  $\langle [\text{Fe}/\text{H}] \rangle = -0.99$ . We identify a strong metallicity dependence to the kinematics of the stream members. At  $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}] > -0.8$  nearly all members belong to the well-known cold ( $\sigma_v < 20 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ ) leading and trailing arms. At intermediate metallicities ( $-1.9 < [\text{Fe}/\text{H}] < -0.8$ ) a significant population (24%) emerges of stars that are kinematically offset from the cold arms. These stars also appear to have hotter kinematics. At the lowest metallicities ( $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}] \lesssim -2$ ), the majority of stars (69%) belong to this kinematically offset diffuse population. Comparison to simulations suggests that the diffuse component was stripped from the Sagittarius progenitor at earlier epochs, and therefore resided at larger radius on average than the colder metal-rich component. We speculate that this kinematically diffuse, low-metallicity population is the stellar halo of the Sagittarius progenitor system.

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## 1. Introduction

Streams of stars from tidally disrupted satellite galaxies provide insight into the buildup of the Milky Way through minor mergers and can be used as tracers of the Milky Way potential. Accreted satellites likely contribute substantial numbers of stars to the Milky Way halo (e.g., Bullock & Johnston 2005; Bell et al. 2008; Zolotov et al. 2009; Cooper et al. 2010; Monachesi et al. 2019), and may also influence the dynamical state (e.g., Quinn & Goodman 1986; Quinn et al. 1993; Velazquez & White 1999; Font et al. 2001; Kazantzidis et al. 2008; Purcell et al. 2011; Laporte et al. 2018) and star formation history (e.g., Hernquist & Mihos 1995; Moreno et al. 2015; Ruiz-Lara et al. 2020) of the Milky Way disk. Perhaps the most striking example of these processes is the ongoing tidal disruption of the Sagittarius dwarf galaxy.

Sagittarius was discovered as an overdensity of stars in velocity and position on the sky (Ibata et al. 1994). Isodensity contours of a corresponding excess of stars at  $R \sim 18$  indicated that Sagittarius was highly elongated (Ibata et al. 1995). The use of luminous standard candles including RR Lyrae and M giant stars, and matched color–magnitude diagram (CMD) filtering allowed this elongation to be mapped in excess number counts to ever larger separations from the Sagittarius dwarf remnant, eventually reaching across the entire sky (e.g., Alard 1996; Mateo et al. 1996, 1998; Alcock et al. 1997; Totten & Irwin 1998; Majewski et al. 1999, 2003; Ibata et al. 2001; Newberg et al. 2003; Belokurov et al. 2006, 2014; Hernitschek et al. 2017; Sesar et al. 2017). At the same time, spectroscopic follow-up was used to identify members of the prominent leading and trailing arms as coherent velocity overdensities often well

separated from the bulk of Milky Way stars (e.g., Ibata et al. 1997; Majewski et al. 1999, 2004; Belokurov et al. 2014). Detailed studies of the stellar population of Sagittarius have taken advantage of these overdensities to identify Sagittarius members via selections in position and line-of-sight velocity.

Exploration of the chemical composition of such Sagittarius members revealed a substantial metallicity difference between the dwarf galaxy remnant ( $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}] \sim -0.4$ ) and the streams ( $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}] \sim -1$ ) and suggestions of a gradient along the streams themselves (e.g., Bellazzini et al. 2006; Chou et al. 2007; Monaco et al. 2007; Carlin et al. 2012; Gibbons et al. 2017). These observations were interpreted to suggest a steep metallicity gradient within the Sagittarius progenitor, and have implications for the composition of stars contributed by Sagittarius to the Milky Way halo.

With the release of Gaia DR2 the proper motions and parallaxes of 2 billion stars across the entire sky became available (Gaia Collaboration et al. 2018). While Sagittarius debris is too distant for significant detection of parallax by Gaia, the proper motions of the luminous giants are of sufficient signal-to-noise ratio (S/N) to allow a clean separation against the background (Antoja et al. 2020). Moreover, supplementing the Gaia data with external distances, e.g., from standard candles or CMD fitting, enables a more robust identification of Sagittarius debris (e.g., Ibata et al. 2020; Ramos et al. 2020). However, these techniques lack the full 6D phase-space information, and so contamination is still a source of concern.

The combination of Gaia data with large spectroscopic surveys—e.g., LAMOST, SEGUE, and APOGEE—has provided a 6D phase-space view of Sagittarius (Li et al. 2019; Yang et al. 2019; Hayes et al. 2020). This has allowed for

selection of Sagittarius members based on conserved quantities such as integrals of motion (Li et al. 2019; Yang et al. 2019; Hayes et al. 2020), as well as further insight into the metallicity distribution function (MDF) of Sagittarius stars and its variation along the streams. However, existing spectroscopic surveys are limited by small numbers and/or significant selection biases in metallicity.

In this work we identify Sagittarius members in the H3 Stellar Spectroscopic Survey on the basis of their Galactocentric angular momentum. A key feature of the H3 Survey is that the main sample is selected solely on the basis of apparent magnitudes and Gaia parallaxes, so the resulting sample is largely unbiased with respect to metallicity. In Section 2 we describe the H3 Survey and how we correct for the selection function. In Section 3 we describe two simulations of the Sagittarius system that are used to inform our selection of Sagittarius members and our interpretation of the data. In Section 4 we detail the selection of Sagittarius members in the H3 survey and use the identified stars to explore the MDF and kinematics of Sagittarius. In Section 5 we compare our data to simulations of the Sagittarius tidal streams with a focus on possible correspondences to this low-metallicity diffuse population. Finally, in Section 6 we discuss the possible origins of this population and the implications of a low-metallicity stellar halo of the Sagittarius progenitor.

## 2. Data

### 2.1. Overview and Derived Quantities

In this paper we combine data from the Gaia satellite and the H3 Survey (Conroy et al. 2019a). Gaia is delivering parallaxes and proper motions for  $>1$  billion stars to  $G \approx 20$ . H3 is a medium-resolution ( $R \approx 32,000$ ) spectroscopic survey of stars in the Northern Hemisphere and at high Galactic latitudes. Specifically, the primary H3 selection function is  $|b| > 30^\circ$ ,  $15 < r < 18$ , and  $\pi < 0.5$  mas, where the latter is a selection on the Gaia parallax. To date, all but a handful of the currently acquired fields are at  $|b| > 40^\circ$ . The selection enables efficient targeting of distant halo stars, which is the primary scientific motivation of the survey. Critically, the main H3 selection function is largely unbiased with respect to metallicity, as no color-cuts are applied. The H3 survey also includes an additional secondary selection of rare and distant K giants and blue horizontal branch (BHB) stars (Conroy et al. 2019a), which we include in this work with appropriate re-weighting where necessary (see Section 2.2 below).

Stellar parameters and distances are derived for each star using *Minesweeper* (Cargile et al. 2020). Briefly, *Minesweeper* is a Bayesian inference program that fits the combined H3 spectrum and broadband photometry to a library of stellar isochrones and synthetic spectral models. For most of the H3 sample the Gaia parallax has low S/N (as the stars are distant and hence have small parallaxes). The Gaia parallax is included as a prior in the fitting; this prior is helpful for separating dwarfs and giants even when the parallax S/N is low. The fit parameters include the radial velocity, stellar mass, age,  $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}]$ ,  $[\alpha/\text{Fe}]$ ,  $A_V$ , and heliocentric distance. Cargile et al. (2020) validate this approach using a variety of mock data, star cluster data, high-quality benchmark stars, duplicate H3 observations, and a subset of the H3 data that has high S/N Gaia parallaxes. These tests demonstrate that the H3 pipeline is delivering reliable stellar parameters, with systematic

uncertainties in radial velocities of  $\lesssim 1 \text{ km s}^{-1}$  and in metallicities of  $\lesssim 0.1$  dex.

From the basic 6D phase-space quantities of radial velocity, distance, R.A., decl., and proper motions, we compute a wide array of derived quantities including angular momenta and orbital energies. The latter require adopting a Galactic potential. Here we use the default `MilkyWayPotential` in `gala v1.1` (Bovy 2015; Price-Whelan 2017; Price-Whelan et al. 2017). We adopt the right-handed Galactocentric frame `v4.0` implemented in `Astropy v4.0` (Astropy Collaboration et al. 2013, 2018). We also compute the radial velocity projected into the Galactocentric standard of rest (GSR),  $V_{\text{GSR}}$ . It is important to note that this quantity is distance-independent—it is a function of only radial velocity and sky coordinates. Heliocentric Sagittarius stream coordinates are computed using the frame of Majewski et al. (2003) as implemented in `gala`; the stream longitude coordinate  $\Lambda_{\text{Sgr}}$  increases from the progenitor toward the trailing stream. Uncertainties on these quantities are propagated using the posterior samples obtained from *Minesweeper* for distance and radial velocity along with assumed Gaussian uncertainties for Gaia proper motions.

We use the H3 catalog V2.4, which contains 125,000 stars observed through 2020 February. Here we focus on stars with  $\log g < 3.5$  to remove the dwarf stars that are at much smaller distances than the bulk of Sagittarius. In addition we require a median spectroscopic S/N  $> 3$ , and remove stars flagged for known issues in the data analysis. We also remove 79 stars with large uncertainties in their angular momenta ( $> 3 \times 10^3 \text{ kpc km s}^{-1}$ ). This results in a sample of 6830 giants.

### 2.2. Selection Function Reweighting

Any survey provides an incomplete view of the sky, whether because of the survey geometry (window function), magnitude limit, and/or other selections (e.g., color-cuts). For example, a magnitude-limited survey will be biased toward more nearby stars, and so a histogram of stellar metallicities from such a sample will be weighted toward the more nearby stars. In order to provide a more complete view, one can re-weight the existing stars to account for the survey selection function, or forward-model the entire process with a detailed model of the underlying population(s) (see, e.g., Rix & Bovy 2013). We describe in this section our approach to re-weighting stars in the H3 Survey.

The primary H3 target selection does not impose an explicit metallicity bias (e.g., due to cuts in color space). However, there is an additional color selection of K giants and BHB stars (Conroy et al. 2019a) that are assigned higher priority ranking in fiber assignment (these stars are rare, accounting for only  $\sim 1$ – $2$  stars per field). Moreover the magnitude limit imparts a large distance bias, as well as a small distance-dependent metallicity bias. To account for these effects we estimate the number of stars of a certain stellar type and priority ranking  $p$  and above a given S/N threshold that are contributed to the catalog by pointing  $i$  as

$$\lambda_i = \Omega d^2 n_i([\text{Fe}/\text{H}], d) f_t f_{i,m} f_{i,p} dd, \quad (1)$$

where  $\Omega$  is the solid angle of the pointing,  $n$  is the density of all stars in the direction of the pointing at a particular heliocentric distance  $d$  and metallicity  $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}]$ ,  $f_t$  is the fraction of stars that are of the selected stellar type (e.g.,  $\log g < 3.5$ ),  $f_{i,m}$  is the fraction of stars of that type that fall within a magnitude range

that would be observable above the S/N threshold, and  $f_{i,p}$  is the fraction of stars of that priority rank that are assigned a fiber (which is independent of distance, metallicity, or magnitude).

It is not our intention here to construct and fit a detailed model for the spatial and metallicity variation of  $n$ , accounting for Poisson statistics. However, we can estimate the effect of the selection function on the metallicity distribution with the following approach. We assume that every star in the catalog represents  $w \equiv K/(f_t f_{i,m} f_{i,p})$  stars where  $K$  is a normalizing constant, and then re-weight each star to account for these metallicity, distance, and priority class-dependent selection effects. Using a relationship between magnitude and S/N determined for each pointing along with foreground reddening, the product  $f_t f_{i,m}$  is computed for each star from isochrones, and is dependent on distance and metallicity. The factor  $f_{i,p}$  is computed from information about which available sources were assigned to fibers. We apply these weights when constructing the overall MDF of Sagittarius in Section 4 below and find little difference from the MDF in raw number counts.

### 3. Simulations of the Sagittarius Stream

To guide our interpretation of the H3 data we consider two  $N$ -body simulations of the tidal disruption of the Sagittarius dwarf galaxy in the halo of the Milky Way.

The first is the landmark simulation of Law & Majewski (2010a, LM10 hereafter). This simulation integrated the trajectories of particles representing the Sagittarius dwarf galaxy within a static Milky Way potential over 8 Gyr. All the Sagittarius particles were initially distributed as a Plummer sphere (Plummer 1911), and no distinction was made between stellar and dark matter particles. This simulation was able to obtain a very good match to the existing observational constraints on the Sagittarius tidal streams by varying the parameters of the Milky Way potential and the mass of the Sagittarius progenitor. A triaxial potential was required to simultaneously produce the positions and radial velocities of stars in the leading stream. The initial mass and scale radius of the progenitor in the best-fitting simulation were  $6.4 \times 10^8 M_\odot$  and 0.85 kpc. In addition to 6D phase-space information for each particle, LM10 provide the time when the particle became unbound from the Sagittarius progenitor and the rank-order of the energy of the particle within the progenitor (see LM10 for details). We have used the latter to compute  $\hat{R}_{\text{prog}}$ , the mean internal orbital radius of each particle within the Plummer potential of the progenitor; particles that are more tightly bound are more typically found in the inner regions of the Sagittarius progenitor. The time when the particle became unbound is tightly although nonlinearly correlated with angular distance from the remnant, but only roughly correlated with  $\hat{R}_{\text{prog}}$  since during pericentric passage particles with a large range of mean orbital radii can be stripped from the progenitor.

More recent simulations of the disruption of the Sagittarius progenitor have sought to explain new observations, especially of the distant apocenter of the trailing stream, and also to include more physical effects than LM10, such as a dynamic Milky Way halo (e.g., Gibbons et al. 2014; Dierickx & Loeb 2017; Laporte et al. 2018; Fardal et al. 2019). Here we consider the simulation of Dierickx & Loeb (2017, DL17 hereafter) due to the more massive and complex progenitor, featuring a dark, extended Hernquist halo with  $M = 1.3 \times 10^{10} M_\odot$  as well as stellar components in a more compact bulge and disk with 10% of the halo mass. The DL17 simulation tracked the orbits of both stellar

and dark matter particles within a live Milky Way halo, thus accounting for a time-varying potential and dynamical friction. The DL17 simulation tracks the infall of Sagittarius from well beyond the virial radius of the Milky Way. While effort was made to match the observed relative positions and velocities of the Sun, Galactic center, and Sagittarius remnant, the resulting simulation has substantial differences in detail from the actual observed stream properties, manifest largely as a coherent shift of the stream from observed coordinates. For our purposes, this simulation will prove useful to highlight the different behavior of diffuse, less strongly bound particles (the dark matter halo) from the more strongly bound stellar particles in the presence of dynamical friction.

For both simulations we use the observational phase-space quantities (R.A., decl., heliocentric distance, proper motions, and radial velocity) as reported by the authors, and when necessary we convert these to Galactocentric coordinates using the respective reference frames of those authors. In order to create H3-like mock catalogs we have identified simulation particles that fall within the H3 window function. For the LM10 particles we also generate mock photometry and apply a magnitude limit of  $15 < r < 18$ . We then use the mock photometry to assign proper-motion uncertainties appropriate for Gaia. We assign 10% uncertainties in distance to both the LM10 and DL17 mocks; the median formal distance uncertainty for the H3 Sagittarius sample discussed below is 7%. Where noted, we perturb the mock values by these uncertainties to create more realistic comparisons for the H3 data.

## 4. Results

### 4.1. Selection of Sagittarius Members

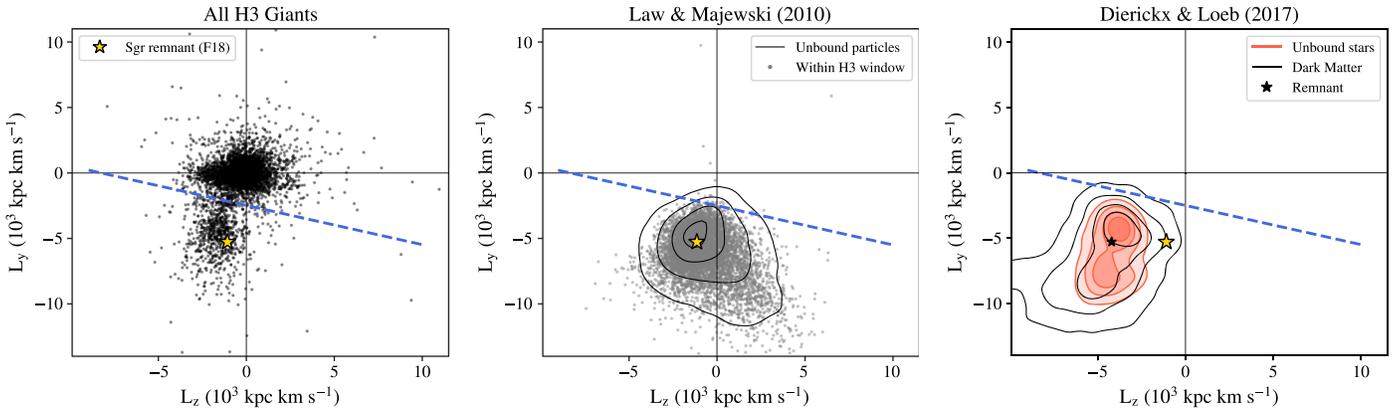
The H3 Survey enables the measurement of 6D phase-space coordinates for a homogeneously selected sample of distant stars. The Sagittarius angular momentum vector is nearly aligned with the negative Galactic  $y$ -axis, which means that Sagittarius stars will have high values of  $L_y$ —angular momentum in the negative  $y$ -direction. Except for the effects of dynamical friction and nonspherical potentials, the angular momenta of stars in the Milky Way halo are expected to remain a conserved quantity.

Figure 1 shows the  $L_y$ - $L_z$  plane for H3 giants and the LM10 and DL17 simulations. As expected, the simulations are confined to negative values of  $L_y$  close to the modeled Sagittarius remnant, even in the presence of a nonspherical potential (LM10) or dynamical friction (DL17). In the data there is also a clear excess of stars in a region of angular momentum space occupied by the simulations. We therefore define a simple selection in this plane that encompasses the vast majority of the mock particles in the LM10 simulations and also separates the bimodal distribution of H3 giant stars. Specifically, we select Sagittarius stars with

$$L_y < -2.5 - 0.3 L_z, \quad (2)$$

where the angular momenta are in units of  $10^3 \text{ kpc km s}^{-1}$ . We remove from this selection 18 stars with a substantial fraction of their angular momentum in the  $x$  direction and five stars with clearly anomalous chemistry ( $[\alpha/\text{Fe}] > -0.3 [\text{Fe}/\text{H}] + 0.2$ ). These selections result in a sample of 823 Sagittarius stars, which is  $\sim 12\%$  of the giants in the H3 Survey.

While the Sagittarius stars form a prominent locus in the  $L_y$ - $L_z$  plane and our selection criterion runs through the



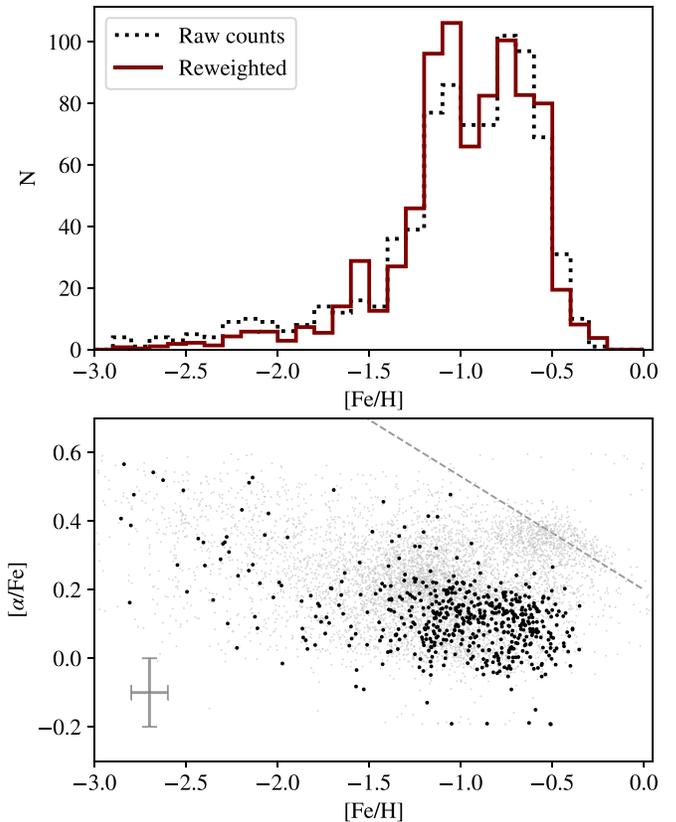
**Figure 1.** Distribution in the  $L_z$ – $L_y$  plane of H3 giants (left) and particles from the **LM10** (middle) and **DL17** (right) simulations. The dashed blue lines show the selection criteria for identifying Sagittarius stars in H3 data. Note that this selection naturally separates the two visible clumps in the data. In all three panels the observed angular momentum of the Sagittarius remnant is shown as a yellow star (Fritz et al. 2018). In the middle panel, the contours correspond to all unbound **LM10** stars, while the gray points correspond to the stars within the H3 window and magnitude selection function, with realistic noise applied to their distances and proper motions. In the right panel, all unbound stars and dark matter particles are shown as orange and black contours, respectively. The simulated remnant is shown as a black star.

minimum between this and the locus defining the bulk of the H3 giants, there may still be contamination by non-Sagittarius members. This could arise from intrinsic overlap in the distribution of Sagittarius and non-Sagittarius stars in this plane, or from scattering of non-Sagittarius stars into our simple selection by angular momentum errors. Removal of a nonuniform “background” population of stars contributed by distinct halo structures (e.g., Naidu et al. 2020) is difficult; probabilistic classification and selection may prove useful in future work, as well as consideration of additional observables (e.g., chemistry). Finally, we note that detailed investigation of the H3 giant sample has revealed a small number of giant stars with inferred distances that are too small by a factor of approximately two due to confusion between the red clump and red giant branch. Of these, 65 have proper motions consistent with Sagittarius and fall within our selection criterion when their distances are doubled. Future work to resolve this issue will add to the number of identified Sagittarius members in the H3 survey.

#### 4.2. Global Metallicities and Abundances

We begin by considering the MDF for the Sagittarius tidal debris in H3. In previous work on this topic Sagittarius members were identified via RR Lyrae stars, M giants, or other color-selected samples. These allowed for efficient selection of members, but at the cost of imparting significant biases in the metallicities of the resulting sample (see Conroy et al. 2019b, for a discussion of some of these issues). H3 is unique in this regard, in that the selection of spectroscopic targets is largely unbiased with respect to metallicity.

In the top panel of Figure 2 we show the MDF for Sagittarius stream members in H3, excluding the 10 specially selected BHB stars due to their large metallicity uncertainties. The MDF is shown both with and without the corrections described in Section 2.2, demonstrating that the survey selection function has little effect on the overall MDF. The stream is quite metal-rich, with a mean metallicity of  $\langle [\text{Fe}/\text{H}] \rangle = -1.02$ . The weighted mean accounting for selection biases is  $\langle [\text{Fe}/\text{H}] \rangle = -0.99$ . This is comparable to recent estimates from the APOGEE Survey (Hayes et al. 2020). We also see a significant tail of metal-poor stars, extending to  $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}] \approx -3$ . This tail comprises 49 stars with  $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}] < -2.0$ , accounting for  $\sim 6\%$  of the Sagittarius sample in raw numbers or



**Figure 2.** Top panel: metallicity distribution of Sagittarius members. Both the raw number counts and the re-weighted distribution (normalized to the same total number) are shown. Bottom panel: distribution of Sagittarius members with  $S/N > 5$  in  $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}]$  and  $[\alpha/\text{Fe}]$  (black) and the entire H3 sample of  $S/N > 5$  giants (light gray). A typical error bar is shown in the bottom left, and the definition of anomalous chemistry is shown as the dashed gray line.

3% when re-weighting. This does not include the 10 BHB stars with  $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}] \lesssim -2$ , which would bring the fraction of metal-poor stars to 7% in raw numbers. The nature of these metal-poor stars will be explored in detail below.

In the bottom panel of Figure 2 we show the distribution of Sagittarius stream members with  $S/N > 5$  in  $[\alpha/\text{Fe}]$  versus  $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}]$ . Overall, the Sagittarius members have relatively low

$[\alpha/\text{Fe}]$  abundances compared to the general population of giants in H3 (Conroy et al. 2019b). Indeed, the Sagittarius  $[\alpha/\text{Fe}]$  abundances are the lowest of all halo components identified in the H3 survey (Naidu et al. 2020). We note that our  $[\alpha/\text{Fe}]$  abundances are somewhat higher than measured from APOGEE data (Hasselquist et al. 2019; Hayes et al. 2020).

#### 4.3. Identifying Kinematically Cold and Diffuse Populations

The trend of  $V_{\text{GSR}}$  as a function of Sagittarius stream longitude,  $\Lambda_{\text{Sgr}}$ , has traditionally proven a powerful way to identify Sagittarius members and to constrain models of the Sagittarius stream. This particular space is advantageous because neither quantity depends on distances or proper motions (which dominate the error budget), and because the leading and trailing arms of Sagittarius are visible as cold structures. In this paper we focus on this space for similar reasons, and only use the distances and proper motions to select probable Sagittarius members in angular momentum space (see Figure 1).

In the top panel of Figure 3 we show  $V_{\text{GSR}}$  as a function of stream longitude for the H3 stars selected as Sagittarius members by their angular momentum. The previously known cold components of the leading ( $\Lambda_{\text{Sgr}} > 200^\circ$ ) and trailing ( $\Lambda_{\text{Sgr}} < 140^\circ$ ) arms are clearly apparent. There is also a population of stars more broadly distributed in  $V_{\text{GSR}}$ . Without full 6D phase-space information this population would have been relegated to a background; with full 6D phase-space information we now know that they have angular momenta that clearly associate them with Sagittarius.

To decompose the Sagittarius stars into kinematically cold and diffuse components we model the run of mean  $V_{\text{GSR}}$  with Sagittarius stream longitude as two second-order polynomials, one for the cold trailing stream and one for the cold leading stream. We further model the dispersion of  $V_{\text{GSR}}$  in these components as second-order polynomials of the stream longitude. Finally, we include a diffuse component modeled for simplicity as a single broad Gaussian in each longitude range with free mean and dispersion. The fraction of stars belonging to this diffuse component is also left as a free parameter.

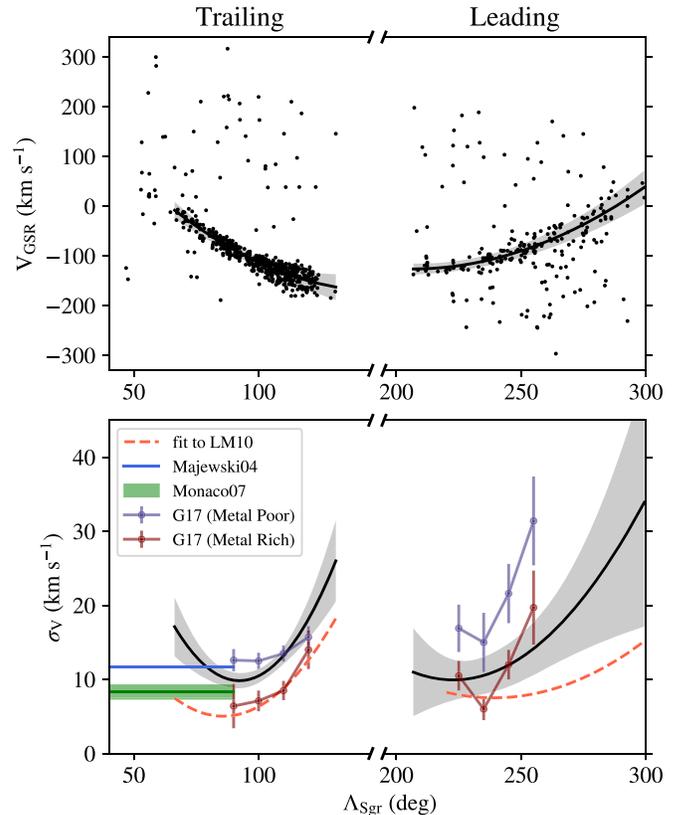
The likelihood of the H3 data for this model is

$$\mathcal{L} = \prod_i \frac{1-f}{\sigma_{v,i}\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{(v_i-\mu_{v,i})^2}{2\sigma_{v,i}^2}} + \frac{f}{\sigma_b\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{(v_i-\mu_b)^2}{2\sigma_b^2}} \quad (3)$$

$$\mu_{v,i} = \alpha^\top \lambda_i, \quad \sigma_{v,i} = \beta^\top \lambda_i \quad (4)$$

where  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are the three-element vectors giving the coefficients of the polynomials for mean velocity and velocity dispersion respectively,  $\lambda_i$  is the Vandermonde matrix of stream longitude for star  $i$ ,  $f$  is the diffuse fraction, and  $\mu_b$  and  $\sigma_b$  are the mean and dispersion of the diffuse component. We infer the parameters of this model through nested Monte Carlo sampling (Skilling 2004; Speagle 2020) of the posterior probability distribution. The marginalized parameter values, their uncertainties, and the ranges over which we adopted a uniform prior are given in Table 1.

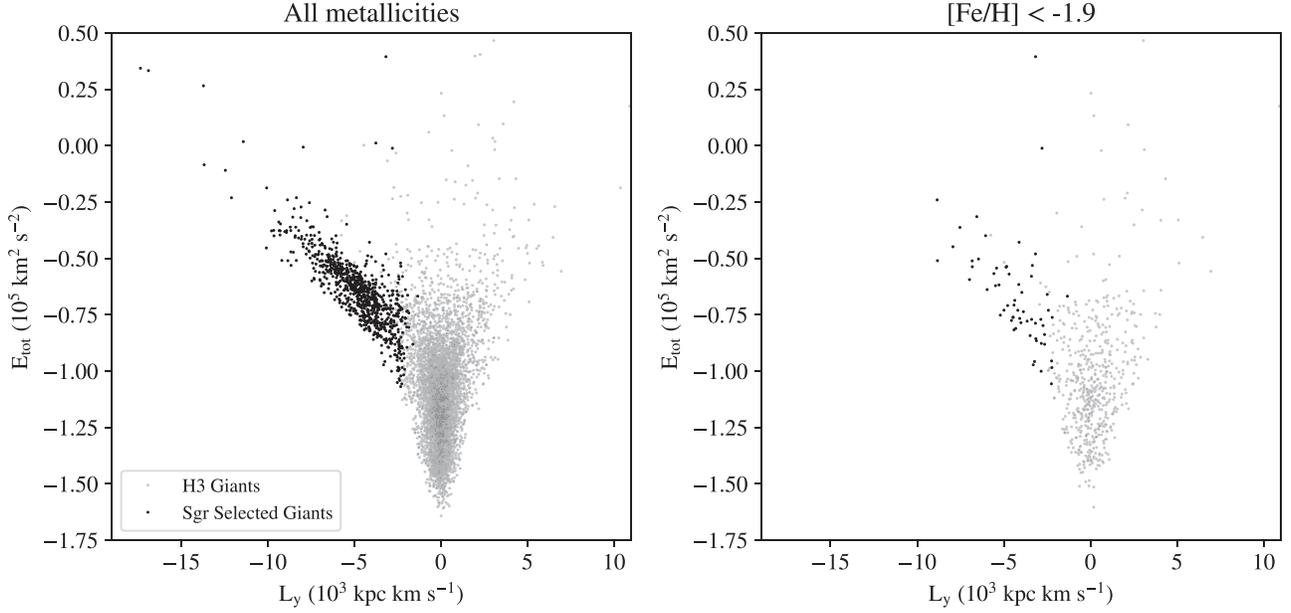
We note that the formal uncertainties in  $V_{\text{GSR}}$  obtained from the H3 spectra are  $< 1 \text{ km s}^{-1}$  for the Sagittarius members, with a median of  $0.24 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ . Repeated observations have demonstrated that the quoted errors are underestimated by a factor of two (Conroy et al. 2019a).



**Figure 3.** Top panel:  $V_{\text{GSR}}$  vs. stream longitude ( $\Lambda_{\text{Sgr}}$ ) for the H3 Sagittarius members that satisfy the angular momentum selection in Figure 1. Cold and diffuse components are clearly visible. The sample with the highest posterior probability for the model for  $V_{\text{GSR}}(\Lambda_{\text{Sgr}})$  in the cold component is shown as a solid line, while the corresponding dispersion is shown as a gray band. Bottom panel: velocity dispersion of the cold component as a function of stream longitude. Posterior median values and uncertainties from this work are shown in black/gray, and are compared to previous work (Majewski et al. 2004; Monaco et al. 2007; Gibbons et al. 2017). We also show our fit to the LM10 simulated stream as a dashed orange line.

The trends in mean velocity and velocity dispersion inferred from the H3 Sagittarius members with this model are shown as black lines and shaded regions in Figure 3. For comparison we show the trends inferred by Gibbons et al. (2017), who fit a combination of metal-poor and metal-rich components to SEGUE data (in their analysis “metal-poor” referred to  $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}] \approx -1.3$ ). We did not find that residuals from our inferred mean trend were correlated with metallicity. We also show the results of fitting our model to the most recently stripped LM10 simulation particles that fall within the H3 spatial window. Finally, we indicate the velocity dispersions measured in the leading stream by Majewski et al. (2004) and Monaco et al. (2007); the latter was used to constrain the LM10 model. At its lowest point—where projection effects are smallest—the velocity dispersion in the trailing stream that we infer ( $\sim 10 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ ) is larger by  $\sim 4\text{--}5 \text{ km s}^{-1}$  than we recover from the LM10 mock particles treated in the same way.

We infer diffuse fractions in raw number counts of  $(10 \pm 2)\%$  and  $(41 \pm 4)\%$  for  $\Lambda_{\text{Sgr}} < 150^\circ$  and  $\Lambda_{\text{Sgr}} > 200^\circ$  respectively. We use the cold stream models to identify members of the diffuse component as stars  $> 2\sigma$  from the mean  $V_{\text{GSR}}$  at any longitude. We have also computed marginalized posterior probabilities for membership in each component and used these to assign stars to cold and diffuse populations; the results are very similar.



**Figure 4.** Distribution of H3 giants in the space of orbital energy ( $E_{\text{tot}}$ ) and the  $y$ -component of angular momentum ( $L_y$ ). Sagittarius members are shown in black. The left panel shows all stars, while the right panel shows stars with  $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}] < -1.9$ . Sagittarius members are clearly identified as the “spur” extending toward negative  $L_y$ . The parallel diagonal tracks in the left panel are associated with the leading and trailing arms.

**Table 1**  
Fitted Stream Parameters

Parameter	MAP <sup>a</sup>	Posterior	Prior Range
$\Lambda_{\text{Sgr}} < 140^\circ$			
$\alpha_0$	352	$352^{+26.8}_{-26}$	(250, 450)
$\alpha_1$	-6.97	$-6.96^{+0.543}_{-0.557}$	(-10, 0)
$\alpha_2$	0.023	$0.023^{+0.0029}_{-0.0028}$	(-0.05, +0.05)
$\beta_0$	-102	$-100^{+23.9}_{-22.9}$	(-200, 0)
$\beta_1$	2	$1.96^{+0.477}_{-0.492}$	(-1, 4)
$\beta_2$	-0.011	$-0.011^{+0.0025}_{-0.0025}$	(-0.05, +0.05)
$\mu_b$	90.2	$83.7^{+22.6}_{-23.6}$	(-150, +150)
$\sigma_b$	158	$160^{+17.3}_{-14.5}$	(100, 250)
$f$	0.094	$0.097^{+0.014}_{-0.012}$	(0, 0.3)
$\Lambda_{\text{Sgr}} > 200^\circ$			
$\alpha_0$	676	$666^{+173}_{-169}$	(200, 1500)
$\alpha_1$	-7.78	$-7.72^{+1.4}_{-1.41}$	(-20, 0)
$\alpha_2$	0.0189	$0.0188^{+0.0029}_{-0.0029}$	(-0.05, 0.05)
$\beta_0$	213	$200^{+152}_{-159}$	(-100, 500)
$\beta_1$	-1.82	$-1.73^{+1.35}_{-1.25}$	(-5, 5)
$\beta_2$	0.00409	$0.0039^{+0.0026}_{-0.0029}$	(-0.03, 0.03)
$\mu_b$	-74.6	$-81.5^{+14.1}_{-14}$	(-150, 150)
$\sigma_b$	138	$139^{+11.5}_{-9.86}$	(100, 250)
$f$	0.41	$0.408^{+0.039}_{-0.038}$	(0, 0.6)

**Notes.** Reported posterior parameter values are the 50th percentile of the marginalized posterior PDFs, while uncertainties are computed from the 16th and 84th percentiles. There are strong covariances between parameters.

<sup>a</sup> Maximum a posteriori sample in the Monte Carlo chain.

#### 4.4. Stream Kinematics versus Metallicity

In this section we explore the kinematics of the Sagittarius stream as a function of metallicity.

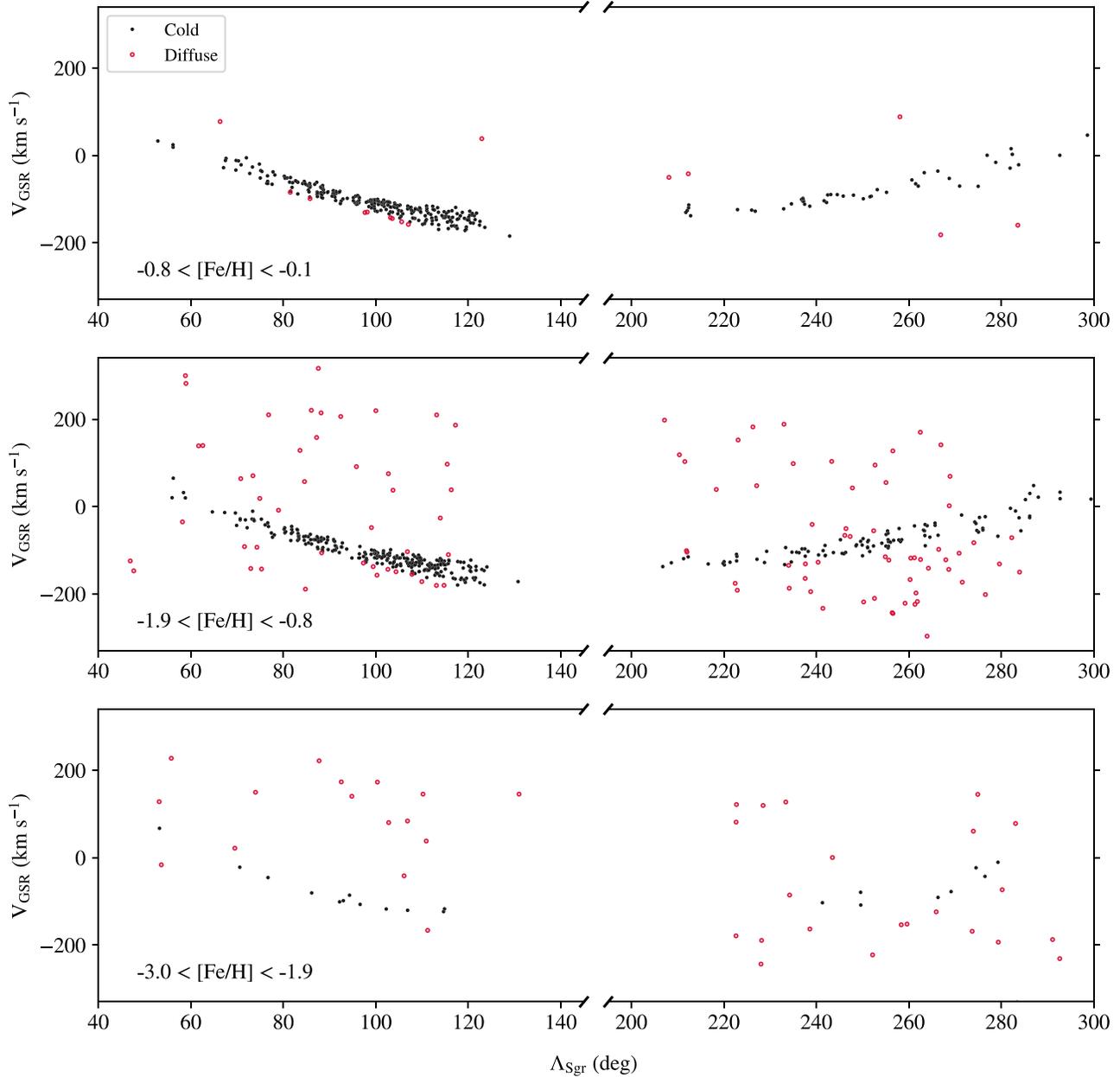
Figure 4 shows the orbital energy ( $E_{\text{tot}}$ ) as a function of the  $y$ -component of angular momentum ( $L_y$ ). The left panel shows all H3 giants in gray and the Sagittarius members in black.

Members show up very clearly as a spur in the negative  $L_y$  direction (see also Hayes et al. 2020). Moreover, two parallel diagonal sequences are clearly visible within the Sagittarius sample; these correspond to the leading and trailing arms (see also Li et al. 2019). In the right panel we show only stars with  $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}] < -1.9$ . This selection was chosen based on the break in the MDF in Figure 2. The spur is still clearly visible, which provides visual confirmation that the low-metallicity population in Figure 2 is genuinely associated with the Sagittarius stream (see also Appendix A).

In Figure 5 we show  $V_{\text{GSR}}$  as a function of the longitude along the stream,  $\Lambda_{\text{Sgr}}$ . The three panels correspond to three metallicity bins, with the most metal-rich at the top. The bins were chosen to correspond to features in the MDF (see Figure 2). Stars are classified as belonging to a kinematically cold or diffuse component as described in Section 4.3. The most metal-rich bin shown in the top panel reflects the “conventional” view of the Sagittarius stream, e.g., as seen in M giant tracers (e.g., Belokurov et al. 2014). Specifically, the metal-rich stream is kinematically cold, with  $\sigma_v \lesssim 20 \text{ km s}^{-1}$  (see Section 4.3).

Remarkably, a kinematically diffuse component emerges at lower metallicities. The diffuse component first appears at  $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}] < -0.8$  (middle panel), and is the dominant component at  $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}] < -1.9$  (bottom panel). In fact, at the lowest metallicities the Sagittarius stream is barely identifiable in  $V_{\text{GSR}}$  space. Recall that these stars are nonetheless very clearly members of the Sagittarius stream in angular momentum space (Figures 4 and A1 below). The diffuse component comprises 24% of the stars in the  $-1.9 < [\text{Fe}/\text{H}] < -0.8$  bin and 69% of the stars at  $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}] < -1.9$ .

The distribution of metallicities for the cold and diffuse components is shown in Figure 6. Here the Sagittarius members are separated by their position along the stream ( $\Lambda_{\text{Sgr}} < 140^\circ$  and  $\Lambda_{\text{Sgr}} > 200^\circ$ ), and by whether they are associated with the kinematically cold or diffuse components. For the cold components,  $\Lambda_{\text{Sgr}} < 140^\circ$  corresponds to the



**Figure 5.**  $V_{\text{GSR}}$  as a function of Sagittarius stream longitude for Sagittarius members in H3. The sample is split into three metallicity bins, one for each panel. Within each panel, stars are associated with either a kinematically cold or a diffuse component (filled vs. open symbols, see Section 4.3 for details). Notice that the diffuse component is much more prominent at lower metallicities. For the kinematically cold component, the stars at  $\Lambda_{\text{Sgr}} < 140^\circ$  are associated with the trailing arm, while those at  $\Lambda_{\text{Sgr}} > 200^\circ$  are associated with the leading arm.

trailing arm, while  $\Lambda_{\text{Sgr}} > 200^\circ$  corresponds to the leading arm. Within the cold component the trailing arm is more metal-rich than the leading arm (median  $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}]$  of  $-0.8$  compared to  $-1.0$ ). A more metal-rich trailing arm has been noticed before (e.g., Carlin et al. 2018; Hayes et al. 2020). Models predict that at the range of stream longitudes sampled here the trailing arm has been more recently stripped than the leading arm, and so a more metal-rich trailing arm might arise if there was a steep metallicity gradient within the Sagittarius dwarf galaxy, as suggested by several authors (Chou et al. 2007; Law & Majewski 2010a; Hayes et al. 2020).

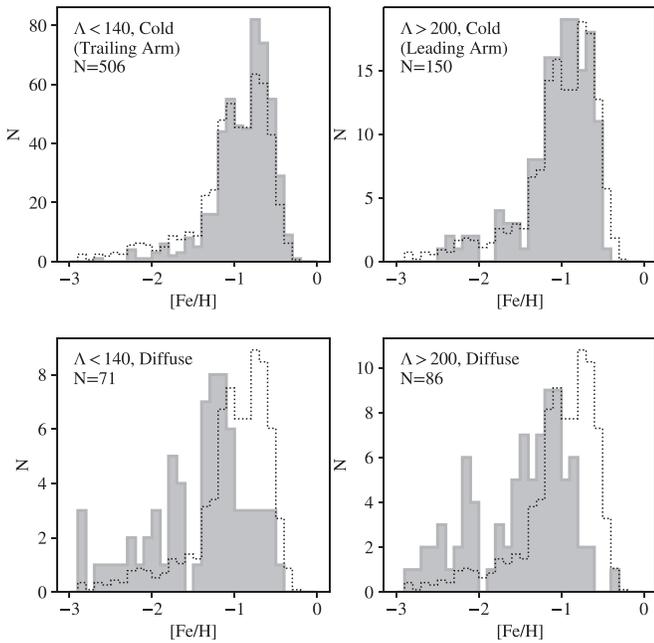
The MDFs of the kinematically diffuse components are shown in the bottom panels of Figure 6. Overall, the diffuse population has a much larger fraction of metal-poor stars than the kinematically cold population. Given the small numbers of

stars, it is difficult to discern any differences in the MDFs of the diffuse populations along the stream longitude. However, there is tentative evidence that the low-metallicity stars are not simply the tail of the distribution but appear as distinct components. Additional data should clarify this issue.

## 5. Comparison to Models

We now turn to a comparison between the data and the Sagittarius stream models of LM10 and DL17.

We begin by returning to Figure 1, in which the models and data are shown in angular momentum space. We note first that the stream stars in H3 are offset with respect to the observed remnant (Fritz et al. 2018). This behavior is not observed in LM10 because angular momentum transfer was not allowed



**Figure 6.** MDF in raw counts of Sagittarius members separated into trailing and leading arms (top left and right panels), and cold vs. diffuse components (top and bottom panels). The overall unweighted MDF is shown as a dotted line, renormalized to the total number of stars in each component. The leading cold arm is on average slightly more metal-poor than the trailing cold arm. The diffuse components are more metal-poor on average than the cold components and display a greater fraction of very metal-poor stars.

between the low-mass Sagittarius progenitor and the rigid Milky Way halo. There is an unobserved spur of debris in **LM10** at positive  $L_z$  and more negative values of  $L_y$ , whereas the bulk of their model is associated with stars that became unbound early in the interaction, the most uncertain regime of that model. In the **DL17** model, in which the dynamic host halo enabled angular momentum transfer via dynamical friction, two modes offset from the modeled remnant are visible, corresponding to the leading and trailing streams.

Figure 7 compares the H3 velocities and Galactocentric distances to the **LM10** and **DL17** models as a function of stream longitude ( $\Lambda_{\text{Sgr}}$ ). The H3 stars are color-coded by metallicity, and the most metal-poor stars are highlighted as larger black symbols. The **LM10** model points are color-coded by their mean orbital radius within the progenitor system, which very roughly correlates with the time at which a particle became unbound from Sagittarius. For the **DL17** model we show the locations of both the stripped stars (orange) and the dark matter particles (black). The purpose of showing both the stars and dark matter is to compare the stream morphology of the colder stellar component to the more diffuse dark matter component. For both the **LM10** and **DL17** models, we display the full, noiseless simulation particle data.

The **LM10** models were tuned in part to reproduce the observed cold component, so it is not surprising that those models reproduce that aspect of the data. The **DL17** models were not tuned to the same degree, and so there is somewhat less agreement with the observed cold component.

It is intriguing that both models predict populations at the same approximate stream longitude coordinates as the well-studied cold components (e.g., at  $50^\circ < \Lambda_{\text{Sgr}} < 130^\circ$  and  $200^\circ < \Lambda_{\text{Sgr}} < 300^\circ$ ) but offset in  $V_{\text{GSR}}$ . In **LM10** these structures at different  $V_{\text{GSR}}$  were stripped at earlier times from the outer regions

of the progenitor system, while in **DL17** there is overlapping debris from both the stellar and dark matter components. From these two models we can infer that material stripped at earlier times will in general not lie in the same regions of  $V_{\text{GSR}}-\Lambda_{\text{Sgr}}$  and  $r_{\text{Gal}}-\Lambda_{\text{Sgr}}$  as the more recently stripped material, in spite of the fact that all of this debris occupies a similar region in angular momentum space (see Figure 1).

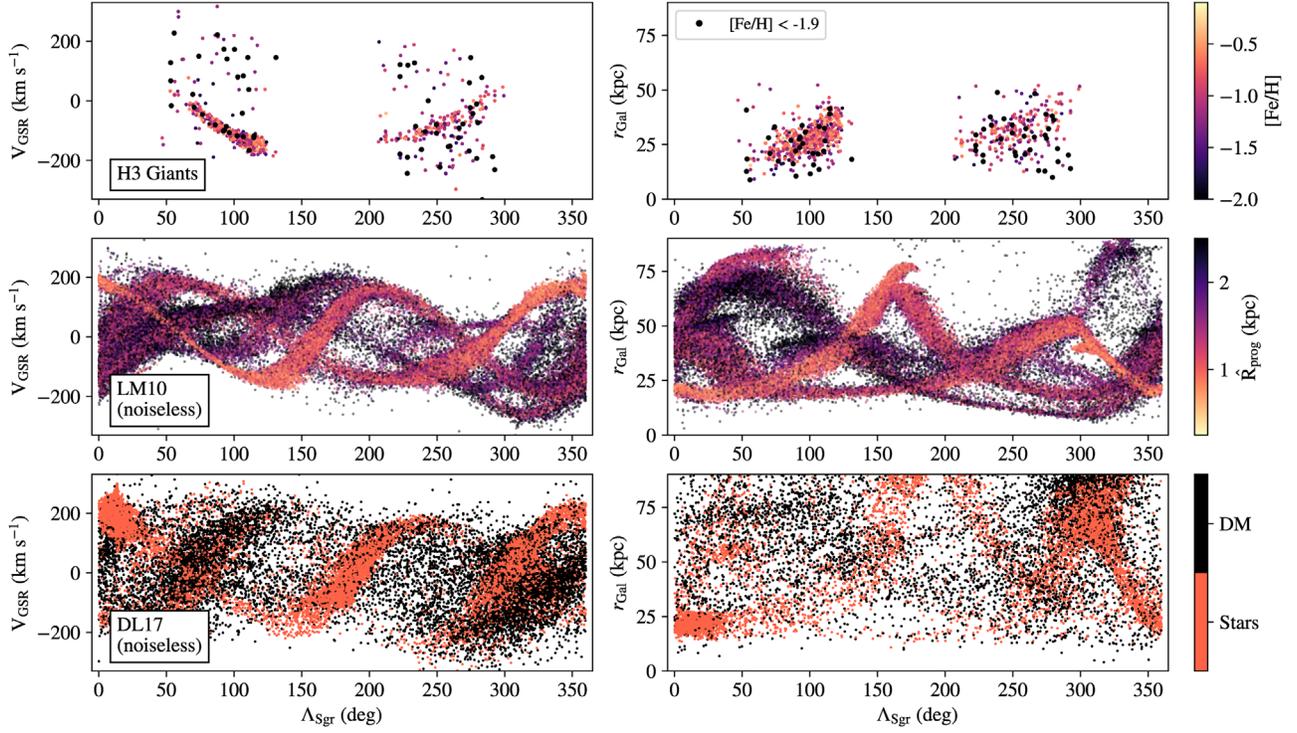
A more direct comparison between the data and models is provided in Figure 8, where we have attempted to create an H3-like survey from the **LM10** and **DL17** simulation data, as described in Section 3. In this figure the simulated data are downsampled to produce the same number of points as in the H3 panel. It is noteworthy that the cold component at  $50^\circ < \Lambda_{\text{Sgr}} < 130^\circ$  in **DL17** is greatly diminished (compare with Figure 7). This is due to the fact that the **DL17** model does not project into the correct on-sky position of the Sagittarius stream. Furthermore, the trailing arm in **LM10** is too cold compared to the data (see also Figure 3). This suggests that the mass for Sagittarius adopted in **LM10** is too low (see also Gibbons et al. 2017).

Turning to the diffuse component in H3, there is some general correspondence with the **LM10** and **DL17** models, in the sense that both models predict additional debris at  $50^\circ < \Lambda_{\text{Sgr}} < 130^\circ$ ,  $V_{\text{GSR}} > 0 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ , and at  $200^\circ < \Lambda_{\text{Sgr}} < 300^\circ$  at both  $V_{\text{GSR}} \approx -200 \text{ km s}^{-1}$  and  $V_{\text{GSR}} > 0 \text{ km s}^{-1}$  (see also Yang et al. 2019). However, the **LM10** predictions appear in general much colder than the observations. We explore this further in Figure 9, where we have convolved the **LM10** velocities by an additional dispersion of  $\sigma_+ = 10, 20, 40 \text{ km s}^{-1}$  for stars with  $\hat{R}_{\text{prog}} > 1.2 \text{ kpc}$ . Visual comparison between the data and these artificially broadened **LM10** models suggests that the data at  $V_{\text{GSR}} > 0 \text{ km s}^{-1}$  are  $20\text{--}40 \text{ km s}^{-1}$  more diffuse than the default **LM10** models. This is in contrast to the cold wraps, in which the **LM10** model is only  $\approx 5 \text{ km s}^{-1}$  colder than the data (see Figure 3). Returning to Figure 8, the **DL17** model predicts a high degree of diffuse structure, if we associate some stars with the dark matter distribution (black points).

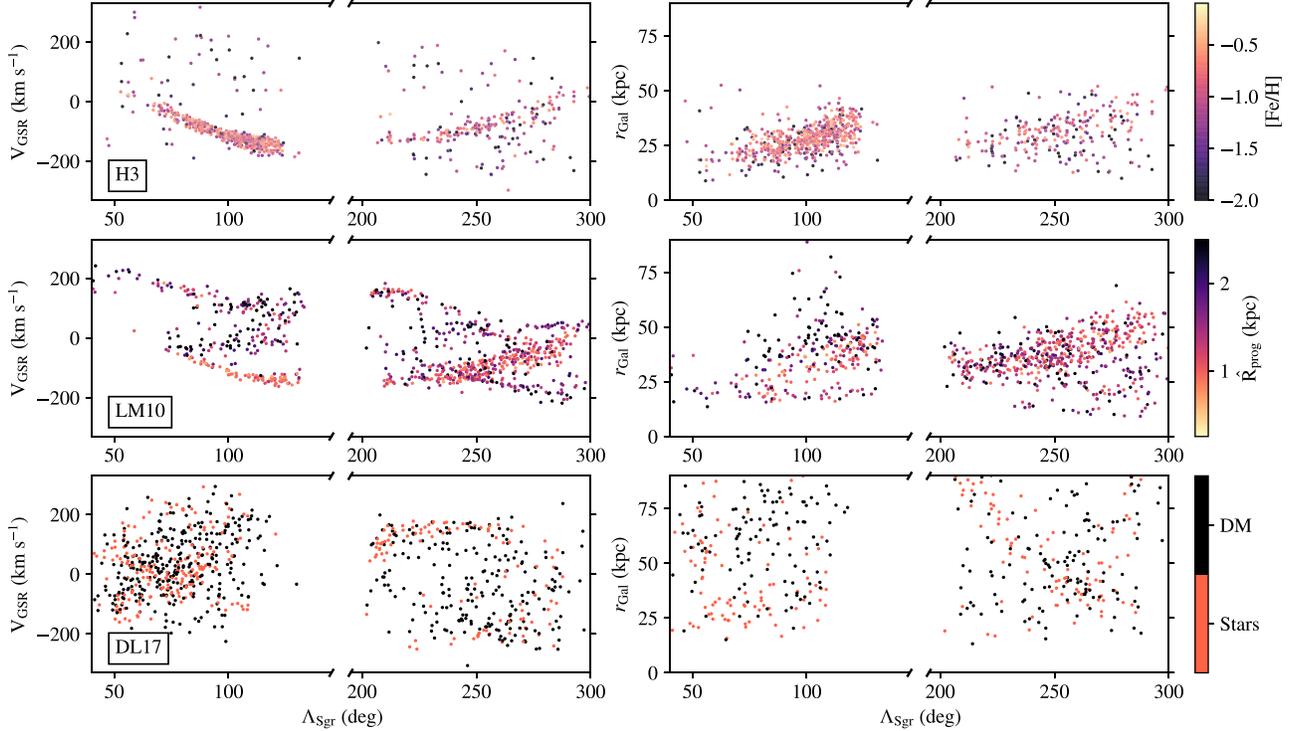
We also note that the relative density of points in the cold and diffuse components is quite different between the data and the **LM10** model (recall that **LM10** has been downsampled to the same total number of H3 Sagittarius members). In particular, at  $50^\circ < \Lambda_{\text{Sgr}} < 130^\circ$  there are far more stars in the cold component in the data than in the **LM10** model. This could mean that the radial density profile in the **LM10** progenitor model is too shallow.

In general, the conclusion from this comparison is that neither model accurately predicts both the locations and large spread in velocity of the metal-poor component. However, by combining insights from both models, we suggest that the diffuse metal-poor component observed in the data is associated with older wraps of the Sagittarius stream that are probing the outer regions of the progenitor system.

Finally, in Figure 10 we compare Sagittarius members in H3 to the **LM10** model in configuration space. Because the orbit of Sagittarius is closely aligned in the  $Y$ -plane, we show stars in the  $X$ - $Z$  plane. Arrows show the direction of motion, with the length normalized by the magnitude of the velocity. H3 stars are color-coded by metallicity, while **LM10** points are color-coded by their mean orbital radius within the progenitor. For **LM10**, points that would lie within the H3 Survey footprint and magnitude limit are shown as solid, and the rest are shown as transparent.



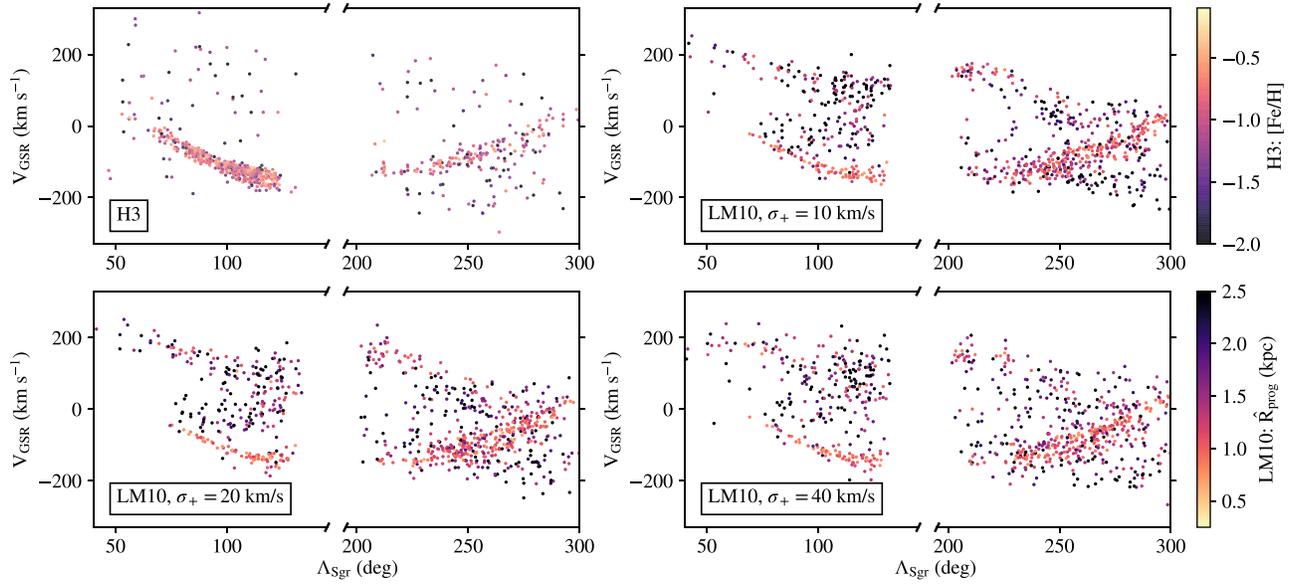
**Figure 7.**  $V_{\text{GSR}}$  (left panels) and  $r_{\text{Gal}}$  (right panels) as a function of Sagittarius stream longitude. The top panels show the selected Sagittarius stars in H3 color-coded by metallicity. The middle panels show a random subset of the model of LM10, color-coded by  $\hat{R}_{\text{prog}}$ , the approximate location within the original progenitor system. The bottom panels show the DL17 simulation, including both stars (orange points) and dark matter particles (black points).



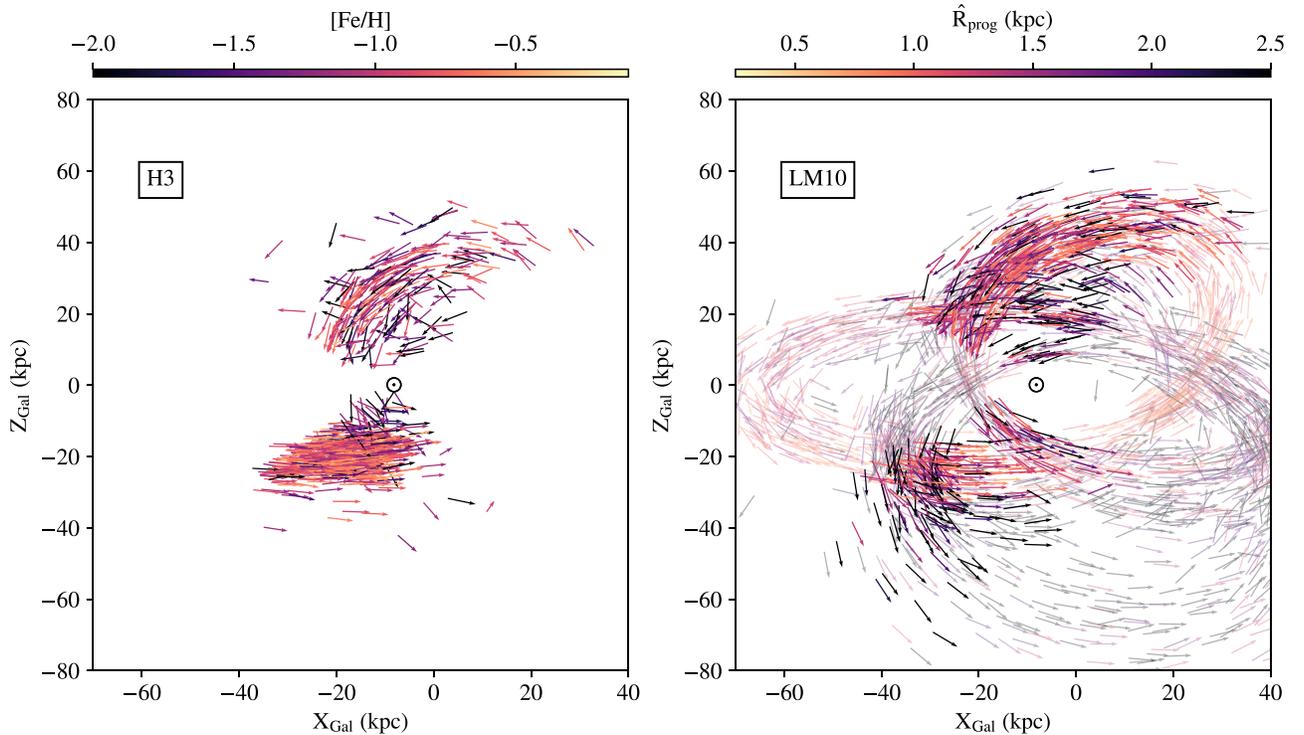
**Figure 8.** As in Figure 7, now with the H3 spatial selection window and error model applied to the LM10 and DL17 simulations. For LM10 the H3 magnitude limit is also applied, while in the case of DL17, no attempt was made to simulate the magnitude limit in H3, and so the particles in the lower panel have a more extended distribution in  $r_{\text{Gal}}$  than in the other panels.

There are several interesting features in Figure 10. First, the continuation of the leading stream at  $(X_{\text{Gal}}, Z_{\text{Gal}}) = (-10, -20)$  kpc that is heading toward negative  $Z_{\text{Gal}}$  corresponds approximately

to the leading arm in LM10 at the same coordinates. However, in the LM10 model, this portion of the leading arm has a larger velocity component in the  $X_{\text{Gal}}$  direction, and appears much colder.



**Figure 9.**  $V_{\text{GSR}}$  as a function of Sagittarius stream longitude for selected Sagittarius stars in H3 colored by metallicity (top left panel) and for LM10 with the H3 selection function and error model applied and colored by  $\hat{R}_{\text{prog}}$  (other panels). In each of the LM10 panels an additional velocity dispersion is added to particles with  $\hat{R}_{\text{prog}} > 1.2$  kpc. The default LM10 model produces debris at  $V_{\text{GSR}} > 100$  km s $^{-1}$  that is much colder than our data, while increasing the dispersion by 20–40 km s $^{-1}$  results in a somewhat better match to the data.



**Figure 10.** Distribution of Sagittarius members in Galactocentric  $X$ - $Z$  coordinates. Arrows indicate the direction of motion, and the length of the arrow is proportional to the velocity projected on the  $X$ - $Z$  plane. In the left panel, H3 stars are color-coded by metallicity, while in the right panel LM10 stars are color-coded by  $\hat{R}_{\text{prog}}$ , the approximate location within the original progenitor system. Furthermore, in the right panel, stars outside the H3 footprint and magnitude range are shown as transparent arrows. The position of the Sun is marked with a solar symbol.

The earlier portion of the leading arm extends to greater  $Z_{\text{Gal}}$  than seen in H3 (50 versus 40 kpc). The stars at  $(-20, 20)$  kpc moving toward negative  $X_{\text{Gal}}$  are likely a continuation of the trailing arm wrapping back around the Galaxy, as previously noted by Yang et al. (2019). Finally, we do not detect the older predicted wrap in LM10 at  $(-30, -30)$  kpc with a significant  $-Z_{\text{Gal}}$  velocity component.

In spite of the known shortcomings of the LM10 model, it is still widely used owing to its ability to match in detail many of the features of the cold debris at  $< 50$  kpc. There would be significant value in an updated version of an LM10-style model that is able to more accurately reproduce the extended debris at larger radius. In light of the results presented here, there would also be value in considering multicomponent models of the

progenitor, for example a compact main body and an extended metal-poor stellar halo.

## 6. Discussion

In this paper we have combined Gaia and H3 data to identify 823 Sagittarius members based on a simple selection in angular momentum space. Owing to the design of the H3 survey, the resulting sample is nearly unbiased with respect to metallicity. This selection allowed us to identify a population of metal-poor stars ( $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}] < -1.9$ ) associated with the Sagittarius stream that is both offset and more diffuse in kinematic space than the metal-rich component. By comparing to simulations of the Sagittarius stream, we infer that this metal-poor component was likely stripped from the Sagittarius progenitor at earlier times than the more metal-rich colder component.

These results support a picture in which this metal-poor component of Sagittarius represents a population of stars within the progenitor system at larger radius and perhaps with higher velocity dispersion than the main body. Such a population could be considered the stellar halo of the Sagittarius dSph galaxy.

Extended structures with distinct stellar populations are common in star-forming dwarf galaxies in the Local Volume (see Stinson et al. 2009, and references therein). Many nearby dwarf galaxies show some evidence for stellar halo-like populations, including Sculptor (Tolstoy et al. 2004), Fornax (Battaglia et al. 2006), Sextans (Battaglia et al. 2011), and Ursa Minor (Pace et al. 2020). These galaxies have clear metallicity gradients with a kinematically hotter, more metal-poor population extending to larger radius than the colder, more metal-rich population. M33, the largest satellite in the Local Group, also shows clear evidence of a metal-poor population at large radius (Cioni 2009). The Small and Large Magellanic Clouds (SMC and LMC) have relatively shallow metallicity gradients (Cioni 2009). However, RR Lyrae in the LMC do suggest the presence of a kinematically hot, metal-poor stellar halo (Borissova et al. 2006). In deep optical imaging Kado-Fong et al. (2020) find round stellar outskirts, suggestive of stellar halos, to be ubiquitous in galaxies with mass  $M_* \sim 10^9 M_\odot$ . Focusing on Sagittarius, it has long been recognized that the metallicity gradient along the *cold* leading and trailing streams, and the metallicity difference between the streams and the remnant, implies a very steep metallicity gradient within the progenitor system (e.g., Bellazzini et al. 2006; Chou et al. 2007; Law & Majewski 2010a; Hayes et al. 2020).

The origin of dwarf stellar halos is unclear. Dwarf mergers are predicted to be common in the early hierarchical growth of structure predicted by cold dark matter cosmology (e.g., Deason et al. 2014), though the decreasing ratios of stellar mass to halo mass at lower halo masses and realistic hydrodynamical simulations predict that such mergers account for a small fraction of the stellar mass in present-day dwarfs (e.g., Purcell et al. 2007; Fitts et al. 2018). A shell structure in deep imaging of the Fornax dSph has been interpreted as evidence of recent accretion of a smaller dwarf system (Coleman et al. 2004). Using simulations, Benítez-Llambay et al. (2016) and Genina et al. (2019) argue for several pathways to produce the metal-rich/metal-poor dichotomy in dwarfs, all of which are related to a history of mergers within the system (see also Revaz & Jablonka 2018). Kawata et al. (2006) attempt to explain the metallicity dichotomy in Sculptor solely by dissipative collapse at high redshift. While this model is able to produce a metallicity gradient, it does not produce a

substantially hotter metal-poor component, in contrast with the data. The formation of extended, older, stellar halos in dwarfs was found by Stinson et al. (2009) to be possible via in situ processes including disk sloshing and outflows, though the kinematic signatures were not explored. Finally, El-Badry et al. (2016) argue that rapid potential fluctuations induced by stellar feedback can efficiently redistribute stellar populations, resulting in (modestly) negative metallicity gradients. This last scenario could potentially also produce a kinematically hotter population at large radius, but it is unclear whether it can generate the steep metallicity gradients observed.

The kinematic offset between the metal-poor and metal-rich populations, combined with insights from simulations, is our strongest argument in favor of the metal-poor stars belonging to a halo-like population. The diffuse kinematics support this picture, but there are alternative explanations for the diffuse appearance in kinematic space (Figure 9). One possibility is that we are seeing multiple older cold wraps that are overlapping and simply appear diffuse. This seems unlikely based on comparison to LM10 (see Figure 8), and we stress that observational uncertainties in  $V_{\text{GSR}}$  are solely a function of the measured radial velocity and hence are very small ( $\approx 1 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ ). Another possibility is that these older wraps were cold when stripped from the progenitor system and subsequently dynamically heated. Given the long orbital times in the outer halo this too seems unlikely, but detailed simulations are required to clarify this option. Finally, the kinematically offset stars may be due to one or more satellites of Sagittarius that were subsequently tidally destroyed in the Galactic potential.

We now place our results in the broader context of the Sagittarius system. We measured a mean metallicity of the entire stream of  $\langle [\text{Fe}/\text{H}] \rangle_{\text{stream}} = -0.99$ . Using APOGEE data, Hayes et al. (2020) measured the metallicity of the remnant of  $\langle [\text{Fe}/\text{H}] \rangle_{\text{rem}} = -0.57$ . Niederste-Ostholt et al. (2010) have estimated the total luminosity of the Sagittarius system (stream plus remnant) to be  $L \approx 1.1 \times 10^8 L_\odot$ , and they estimated that 70% of the luminosity is in the stream. We therefore take a weighted average of the stream and remnant metallicities to arrive at an average Sagittarius system metallicity of  $\langle [\text{Fe}/\text{H}] \rangle_{\text{system}} = -0.86$ . Assuming  $M/L_V = 5$  would imply a stellar mass of  $M_* = 5.5 \times 10^8 M_\odot$ . The mass-metallicity relation for Local Group dwarfs determined by Kirby et al. (2013) predicts a metallicity of  $-0.88$  for this mass, in remarkable agreement with our estimated remnant metallicity. The inferred stellar mass of Sagittarius lies in between the stellar masses of the SMC ( $3 \times 10^8 M_\odot$ ; Stanimirović et al. 2004) and LMC ( $3 \times 10^9 M_\odot$ ; van der Marel et al. 2002).

The total mass of Sagittarius before infall is quite uncertain, with estimates ranging from  $10^9$  to  $10^{11} M_\odot$  (e.g., Jiang & Binney 2000; Helmi & White 2001; Law & Majewski 2010a; Łokas et al. 2010; Purcell et al. 2011; Gibbons et al. 2017; Laporte et al. 2018). Part of the challenge in constraining the mass lies in the fact that a wide range of initial masses can produce a comparable present-day remnant mass and location (e.g., Gibbons et al. 2017). Abundance-matching of halos to galaxies in a cosmological setting predicts a total mass of  $M_{\text{halo}} \approx 10^{11} M_\odot$  (Behroozi et al. 2019) for our adopted stellar mass. Another approach is to use the globular cluster (GC) systems to estimate the total halo mass, because many authors have noted a strong power-law relation between the two (e.g., Hudson et al. 2014; Harris et al. 2017). We have identified seven GCs as confidently associated with Sagittarius (see

Appendix B). Using the catalog of Harris (1996) (2010 edition) and  $M/L_V = 2$ , we estimate a total GC mass in the Sagittarius system of  $M_{GC} = 3 \times 10^6 M_\odot$ . Adopting the ratio of GC mass to halo mass of  $M_{GC}/M_{halo} = 4 \times 10^{-5}$  from Hudson et al. (2014) leads to an estimate of the halo mass of the Sagittarius progenitor of  $M_{halo} \approx 6 \times 10^{10} M_\odot$ . A relatively “heavy” Sagittarius progenitor mass would have implications for the predicted velocity dispersion of any associated stellar halo.

An important limitation to this work is the incomplete view of Sagittarius provided by the H3 Survey in terms of on-sky coverage. The current H3 footprint is inhomogeneous (see Conroy et al. 2019a), so we are likely missing important features of the Sagittarius system. H3 will eventually homogeneously (and sparsely) cover the entire sky at  $|b| > 30^\circ$  and decl.  $> -20^\circ$ . However, even the final data set cannot provide a complete all-sky view of Sagittarius. Combining spectroscopic surveys with large-area photometric surveys (e.g., Sesar et al. 2017; Antoja et al. 2020) will therefore continue to be essential to develop a complete view of the Sagittarius system.

An additional limitation to the present study is the impact of uncertainties in distance and proper motion on the selection of Sagittarius members. Both of these quantities are uncertain at the  $\approx 10\%$  level. While the spectrophotometric distance uncertainties are unlikely to substantially improve, the proper motions are expected to become much more precise in future Gaia data releases. The current uncertainties could result in some degree of contamination in the membership selection, although we would expect any contamination to occur independent of metallicity (see further discussion in Appendix A). Even with perfect measurements there will likely be some contamination from the background Milky Way populations. Bringing other information to bear on the selection, such as chemistry, could be useful in this case.

The metal-poor stars belonging to Sagittarius comprise 11% of the total sample of metal-poor giants in the H3 Survey. Unlike the metal-rich Sagittarius population, these stars do not appear as cold structures either on-sky or in velocity–position

space. The identification of this population is a testament to the power of considering conserved quantities such as angular momenta when identifying debris in the Galactic halo.

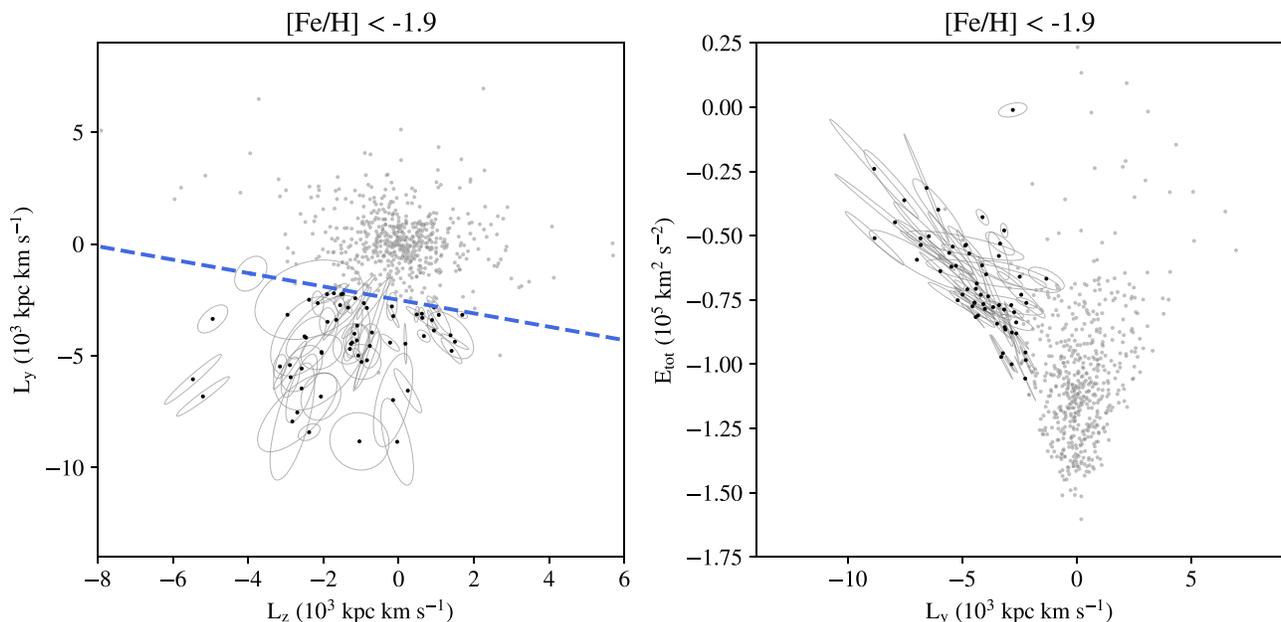
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*Software:* Minesweeper (Cargile et al. 2020), dynesty (Speagle 2020), gala (v1.1 Bovy 2015; Price-Whelan 2017; Price-Whelan et al. 2017), Astropy (v4.0 Astropy Collaboration et al. 2013, 2018), NumPy (Oliphant 2006), SciPy (Virtanen et al. 2020), matplotlib (Hunter 2007), IPython (Perez & Granger 2007).

## Appendix A Uncertainties in Phase-space Quantities

It is important to consider the uncertainties on the kinematic quantities that we are using to select Sagittarius members. These uncertainties are highly correlated. We have propagated uncertainties by computing the relevant kinematic quantities from a number of fair samples of the posterior distributions for the phase-space coordinates of each star. For heliocentric distances and radial velocities we take samples from the posteriors computed with *Minesweeper*. For proper motions we sample from Gaussians described by the values and uncertainties provided by the Gaia DR2. The uncertainties in



**Figure A1.** Distribution of low-metallicity H3 giants in both the  $L_z$ - $L_y$  plane (left panel) and the  $E$ - $L_y$  plane (right panel). The blue dashed line in the left panel shows the Sagittarius selection criterion. Sagittarius members with  $[Fe/H] < -1.9$  are shown as darker symbols. Ellipses show the highly correlated uncertainties of the low-metallicity Sagittarius members in both of these planes.

celestial coordinates are negligible. For the Sagittarius members, the error budget is dominated by two terms: the  $\approx 10\%$  distance uncertainty and the approximately comparable uncertainty in the proper motions.

We then estimate the covariance matrix of  $L_y$ ,  $L_z$  (and  $E_{\text{tot}}$ ) for each star from these posterior samples. While displaying the uncertainty ellipses for all stars is challenging, in Figure A1 we show the uncertainty ellipses for an important subset of H3 stars: Sagittarius members with  $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}] < -1.9$ . This figure demonstrates that the uncertainties can in some cases be significant, but they do not compromise the identification of Sagittarius members at low metallicity.

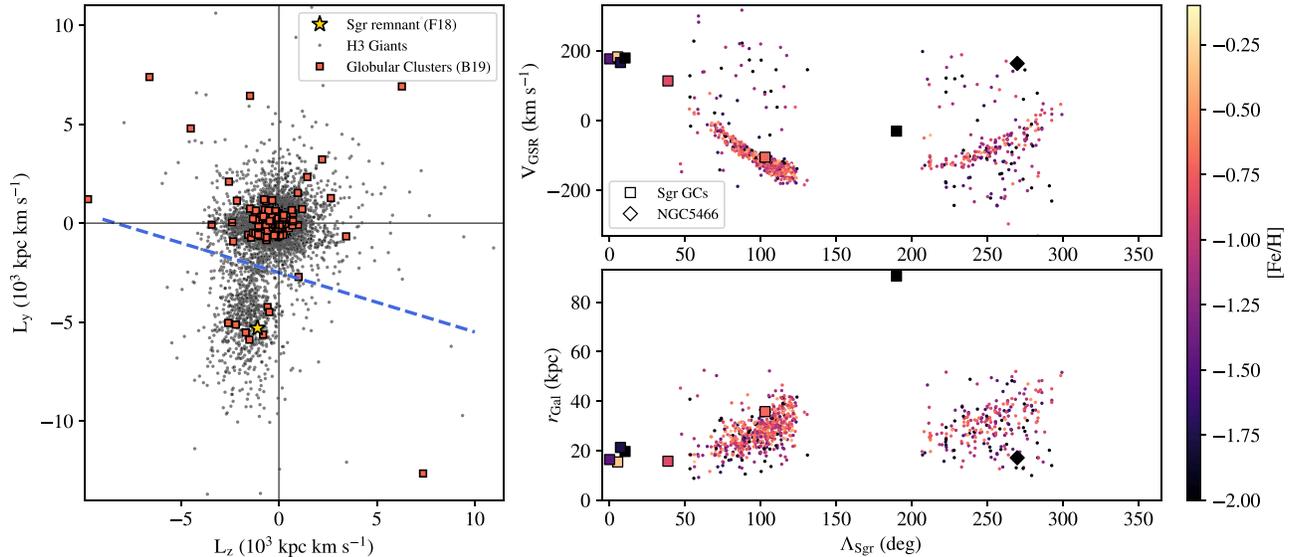
## Appendix B Sagittarius GCs

The origin of the Galactic GC population has been the subject of much debate. Recently it has become clear that many, if not most, of the GCs are associated with accreted galaxies in the halo (e.g., Bellazzini et al. 2003; Law & Majewski 2010b; Massari et al. 2019; Myeong et al. 2019; Kruijssen et al. 2020). In this Appendix we revisit the question of which GCs are associated with Sagittarius in the light of our  $L_z$ - $L_y$  selection (Figure 1).

We use the catalog of GC proper motions, distances, and velocities from Baumgardt et al. (2019) and compute associated angular momenta and projections into the Sagittarius orbital plane. We show the distribution of all 154 GCs in  $L_z$ - $L_y$  in Figure B1. There are seven GCs clearly associated with

Sagittarius in angular momentum space: NGC 2419, NGC 6715, Pal 12, Terzan 7, Terzan 8, Arp 2, and Whiting 1. Four of these have long been associated with the core of the Sagittarius dSph (NGC 6715 [M54], Terzan 7, Terzan 8, and Arp 2). Whiting 1, Pal 12, and NGC 2419 have also previously been suggested to be associated with Sagittarius (e.g., Newberg et al. 2003; Law & Majewski 2010b; Belokurov et al. 2014; Massari et al. 2019; Bellazzini et al. 2020). A number of other clusters have been proposed as being associated with Sagittarius that do not meet our selection criterion: Berkeley 29, NGC 5634, and NGC 5053 (Law & Majewski 2010b), NGC 5824 (Massari et al. 2019), NGC 5634 and NGC 4147 (Bellazzini et al. 2020). Finally, there is one cluster, NGC 5466, that falls right on top of the selection boundary, and to our knowledge has not previously been associated with Sagittarius.

The right panels of Figure B1 show the seven strong candidates and NGC 5466 in the  $V_{\text{GSR}}-\Lambda_{\text{Sgr}}$  and  $r_{\text{Gal}}-\Lambda_{\text{Sgr}}$  planes. The points are color-coded by metallicity, and are plotted along with the H3 Sagittarius members. Six of the clusters are at  $0^\circ < \Lambda_{\text{Sgr}} < 100^\circ$  and are clearly associated with either the main body or the cold component. NGC 2419, at  $\Lambda_{\text{Sgr}} \approx 190^\circ$ , is associated with the apocenter of the cold trailing arm (Newberg et al. 2003; Belokurov et al. 2014). Finally, NGC 5466, whose association with Sagittarius we hold as tentative, lies at  $\Lambda_{\text{Sgr}} \approx 270^\circ$  and is coincident with the diffuse metal-poor population. We regard this association as suggestive and worthy of further investigation.



**Figure B1.** Distribution of all GCs from Baumgardt et al. (2019) in phase space. Left panel: distribution in  $L_z$ - $L_y$ , comparing the locations of the GCs to the H3 sample. The seven Sagittarius GCs (NGC 2419, NGC 6715, Pal 12, Terzan 7, Terzan 8, Arp 2, and Whiting 1) are clearly clustered around the Sagittarius remnant (star symbol; Fritz et al. 2018) in angular momentum space. NGC 5466 lies on the selection boundary. Right panels: comparison of Sagittarius GCs to H3 Sagittarius members in  $V_{\text{GSR}}$  and Galactocentric distance, as a function of stream longitude. Symbols are color-coded by metallicity.

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