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# Investigations into the early phases of the Milky Way's formation through stellar kinematics and chemical abundances\*

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#### ABSTRACT

We analysed a set of very metal-poor stars, for which accurate chemical abundances have been obtained as part of the ESO Large Program 'First stars' in the light of the *Gaia* DR2 data. The kinematics and orbital properties of the stars in the sample show they probably belong to the thick disc, partially heated to halo kinematics, and to the accreted Gaia Sausage-Enceladus satellite. The continuity of these properties with stars at both higher ([Fe/H] > -2) and lower metallicities ([Fe/H] < -4.) suggests that the Galaxy at [Fe/H]  $\leq -0.5$  and down to at least [Fe/H]  $\sim -6$  is dominated by these two populations. In particular, we show that the disc extends continuously from [Fe/H]  $\leq -4$  (where stars with disc-like kinematics have recently been discovered) up to [Fe/H]  $\geq -2$ , the metallicity regime of the Galactic thick disc. An 'ultra metal-poor thick disc' does indeed exist, constituting the extremely metal-poor tail of the canonical Galactic thick disc, and extending the latter from [Fe/H]  $\sim -0.5$  up to the most metal-poor stars discovered in the Galaxy to date. These results suggest that the disc may be the main, and possibly the only, stellar population that has formed in the Galaxy at these metallicities. This would mean that the dissipative collapse that led to the formation of the old Galactic disc must have been extremely fast. We also discuss these results in the light of recent simulation efforts made to reproduce the first stages of Milky Way-type galaxies.

**Key words.** Stars: Abundances – Galaxy: abundances – Galaxy: halo – Galaxy: disc – Galaxy: kinematics and dynamics – Galaxy: evolution

#### 1. Introduction

Our definitions and understanding of the Galactic halo, and, more generally, of the old Galactic stellar populations have been strongly shaken by the results obtained from the Gaia data releases (Gaia Collaboration et al. 2016, 2018a). Because we like to cling to good ideas (as much as we like good stories), the vision that we had of the Galactic halo before Gaia was built on two studies published more than half a century ago: the articles of Eggen et al. (1962) and Searle & Zinn (1978). After having elaborated for a few decades on these two studies, the halo was standardly described only a few years ago as the combination of collapsed and accreted components, with relative weights not easily quantifiable (see, for example, Helmi 2008; Carollo et al. 2007). The in-situ component was believed to have formed from the collapsing gas, eventually brought into the Galaxy via gas-rich mergers, while the accreted component was thought to be formed from a multitude (several tens) of stellar sub-haloes (Gao et al. 2010; Griffen et al. 2018). The possibility that solar vicinity halo stars were dominated by the presence of possibly one only satellite has already been raised by Brook et al. (2003), based on the stellar kinematics of halo stars, and by Nissen & Schuster (2010, 2012); Schuster et al. (2012), on the basis of their chemical abundances, kinematics,

and ages. The analysis of the Gaia DR1 and DR2 has allowed us to extend our view beyond the solar vicinity, and to show that the Galaxy at low metallicity  $(-2.5 \leq [Fe/H] \leq -1)$  is, most probably, dominated by the remnant of a single accretion event that occurred 9-11 Gyr ago (Belokurov et al. 2018; Haywood et al. 2018; Helmi et al. 2018; Di Matteo et al. 2018; Mackereth et al. 2019; Myeong et al. 2018; Gallart et al. 2019) and that the in-situ part of the Galactic halo may be attributed to heated disc stars (Bonaca et al. 2017; Haywood et al. 2018; Di Matteo et al. 2018; Belokurov et al. 2019; Gallart et al. 2019) rather than a collapsing halo (Haywood et al. 2018; Di Matteo et al. 2018), thus supporting the predictions of N-body models (Zolotov et al. 2010; Purcell et al. 2010; Font et al. 2011; Qu et al. 2011; McCarthy et al. 2012; Jean-Baptiste et al. 2017). Even more surprising, in this context, has been the result, from Sestito et al. (2019), that about 20% of all ultra-metal-poor  $([Fe/H] < -4)^1$  stars known are on thin or thick disc orbits. Stars at [Fe/H] < -4 or even [Fe/H] < -6 are expected to form a few hundreds Myr after the Big Bang, raising two fundamental questions: was the gaseous disc already the main, and possibly the only, structure of the Milky Way to form stars at these early epochs?; and, how could the fossil signatures of such kinematically cold stars have not been erased by the passage of time?

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> We adopt the classical notations that, for each element X,  $[X/H] = log(N_X/N_H)_{star} - log(N_X/N_H)_{Sun}$  and [X/Fe] = [X/H] - [Fe/H].

The assembly sequence of our Galactic halo is encoded in spectra of its surviving low-metallicity stars, given that their elemental abundance ratios reflect the successive nucleosynthesis processes and the nature of the stars creating them. In the frame of the ESO Large Program 'First stars - First nucleosynthesis' (hereafter LP First stars) a sample of very metal-poor field stars, giants and turnoff stars, with -4.2 < [Fe/H] < -2, was studied homogeneously from high-resolution and high S/N spectra. Since these stars are very or extremely metal poor, it is supposed that they are very old and formed shortly after the Big Bang. For many of these stars, the main astrometric parameters - precise position, proper motion and parallax - are now available in the second data release of the Gaia mission (Gaia Collaboration et al. 2018a). The aim of the present paper is therefore to make a step toward a better understanding of the very metal-poor populations in the Galaxy and of their origin, by comparing the kinematics of the LP First stars to the kinematics of different samples of metal-poor, as well as more metal-rich, stars.

The outline of the paper is as follows: in the following section, we describe the characteristics of our sample. In Section 3, we analyse and discuss the kinematics and orbital properties of our stars. In Section 4, we undertake an extensive comparison of the kinematic properties of our sample with the higher metallicity sample studied by Nissen & Schuster (2010), and also with the *Gaia* DR2-APOGEE sample studied by Di Matteo et al. (2018) on the one side, and with the lower metallicity sample studied by Sestito et al. (2019) on the other side. In Section 5, we analyse the chemical properties of stars in the LP First stars, and compare it to the sample of r-rich stars at similar metallicities studied by Roederer et al. (2018). Finally, in Sects. 6 and 7, we discuss our results and derive our conclusions.

#### 2. Data

#### 2.1. LP First stars sample in the Gaia DR2 survey

In the frame of the LP First stars, a sample of 54 very metal-poor field stars, giants, and turnoff stars was studied homogeneously from high-resolution ( $R \approx 45000$ ), high-S/N (S/N better than 200 per resolution element at 400 nm) spectra. This sample of stars was selected from the the HK survey of Beers et al. (1985, 1992) for their low metallicity after a medium resolution followup, without considering their kinematics. The metallicity of the stars was found to be in the range -4.2 < [Fe/H] < -2, with a peak at [Fe/H]  $\approx$  -3. Following Beers (2005), these stars are referred to as 'very metal-poor' (VMP) if  $-3.0 < [Fe/H] \le -2.0$ , or 'extremely metal-poor' (EMP) if  $-4.0 < [Fe/H] \le -3.0$ . A complete LTE analysis using OSMARCS models (Gustafsson et al. 1975, 2003, 2008) was carried out, based on the spectral analysis code turbospectrum (Alvarez & Plez 1998). The results of this analysis were published in a series of papers entitled First Stars I to First Stars XVI (see, in particular: Cayrel et al. 2004; Bonifacio et al. 2009).

At low metallicities, many stars are carbon-enhanced compared to the normal EMP stars<sup>2</sup>. At [Fe/H] = -3, for example, about 30% of the stars are carbon-rich with [C/Fe] > +1.0. They are referred to as 'carbon-enhanced metal-poor' (CEMP) stars (Beers & Christlieb 2005), and their fraction increases when the metallicity decreases. A few CEMP stars (six in total) are



**Fig. 1.** *Top panel:* Histogram (hatched black) of the distances (in kpc) to the Sun, of the sample of stars studied in the frame of the ESO LP First Stars. The grey histogram shows the distance distribution of giant stars, the red histogram that of turnoff stars; *Middle panel:* X-Y spatial distribution of stars in the sample (grey dots for giants, red dots for turnoff stars), and their uncertainties; *Bottom panel:* R-Z spatial distribution of stars in the sample (grey dots for giants, red dots for turnoff stars) and their uncertainties.

also present among the LP First stars (e.g. Depagne et al. 2002; Sivarani et al. 2004, 2006). For the sake of homogeneity, we do not include these CEMP stars in our present sample. We did, however, verify that these CEMP stars do not show any peculiar-

 $<sup>^2</sup>$  The origin of this high C abundance is not always completely clear. It can be due to an enrichment of a normal EMP binary star by its more massive companion in its AGB phase, or the star could have been formed from a C-rich cloud.



**Fig. 2.** *From top to bottom:* [Fe/H] distribution (hatched black) of stars in sample. The grey histogram shows the [Fe/H] distribution of giant stars, the red histogram that of turnoff stars; [Mg/Fe] - [Fe/H] and [Ca/Fe] - [Fe/H] distributions of stars in the sample (grey dots for giants, red dots for turnoff stars); [Ba/Fe] - [Fe/H] distribution of stars in the sample (grey dots for giants, red dots for turnoff stars). Stars have only an upper limit estimate of the [Ba/Fe] ratio are indicated by an arrow.

ity in their kinematic properties when they are compared to the full LP First stars sample, as discussed in Appendix A.

Most of the stars in the sample are too faint to have a lineof-sight velocity in the *Gaia* DR2 (Gaia Collaboration et al. 2018a,b), but precise line-of-sight velocities were measured on each UVES spectrum of the stars and were published in Bonifacio et al. (2007, 2009). Taking into account the position of the telluric lines, the error is estimated to  $0.5 \text{ km s}^{-1}$  for the turnoff stars and  $0.3 \text{ km s}^{-1}$  for the giants. When they exist in *Gaia* DR2, there is a good agreement, within the error bars, between the line-of-sight velocities measured by *Gaia* and by UVES.

Three turnoff stars have a variable line-of-sight velocity (CS 29499-060, CS 29527-015, CS 30339-069), and as a consequence, were not taken into account in this study. The characteristics of the remaining stars, angular position on the sky, line-of-sight velocity, proper motions, and parallaxes  $\pi$ were extracted from the *Gaia* DR2. We only kept stars whose uncertainty on the parallax  $\sigma_{\pi}/\pi$  was less than 20%, after correcting by the zeropoint offset of -0.03 (Arenou et al. 2018; Gaia Collaboration et al. 2018a; Lindegren et al. 2018). This leaves us with a final sample of 42 stars (16 turnoff stars and 26 giants), whose characteristics are given in Appendix B in Table B.1. For this final sample, distances were calculated by simply inverting the parallaxes.

In Fig. 1, we present the histogram of the distances from the Sun of the stars in the final sample, as well as their spatial coordinates. For a description of the method adopted to estimate distances, and to derive the spatial coordinates of the stars, as well as their uncertainties, we refer the reader to Sect. 3.1. The turnoff stars are, as expected, on average, closer to the Sun than the giants. The giants are almost regularly spaced between zero and 8 kpc. On the contrary, all the turnoff stars are concentrated between zero and only 2 kpc. The metallicity distribution of the final sample of stars (see Fig. 2) peaks around [Fe/H] = -3.0.

#### 2.2. Chemical properties of the LP First stars sample

A surprise result of the spectroscopic study of the LP First stars sample (VMP and EMP stars) was the great homogeneity of their abundance ratios. From C to Zn, the abundance ratios are very similar in all the stars, although the clouds from which they were formed have probably been enriched in metals by a very small number of massive SN II supernovae (see Cayrel et al. 2004; Bonifacio et al. 2009). In order to explain the abundance pattern of the elements, the mass of these supernovae should be between 10 and 30  $M_{\odot}$  (Cayrel et al. 2004). All these stars are, in particular, almost uniformly  $\alpha$ -rich (see Fig. 2, and Andrievsky et al. 2010; Spite et al. 2012), with a very small scatter after the non-LTE corrections.

This uniform  $\alpha$  enhancement suggests that these stars were all formed from a matter only enriched by massive SN II supernovae, before the explosion of the first SN I ejected lower  $N(\alpha)/N(Fe)$  ratio. At higher metallicity ([Fe/H] > -1.6), the ratio [ $\alpha$ /Fe] has often been used to distinguish different halo populations (Nissen & Schuster 2010; Hayes et al. 2018), but this does not currently seem possible in the VMP and EMP stars, since they all have about the same  $N(\alpha)/N(Fe)$  ratio (see Fig. 2).

However, in these VMP and EMP stars, the abundance ratios of the elements heavier than Zn (hereafter 'heavy elements'), formed by neutron capture on iron seeds, are very variable (see in Fig. 2, the large scatter of [Ba/Fe] vs. [Fe/H] and also Gilroy et al. (1988); François et al. (2007); Spite et al. (2018)). At the same metallicity, the ratio Ba/Fe varies by a factor of almost 100. Since only the abundance ratios [X/Fe] of the heavy elements show significant differences from star to star, it can be interesting to study the kinematics of these NMP and EMP stars as a function of the abundance of these heavy elements. Recently, Roederer et al. (2018) studied the kinematic properties of a sam-

ple of only VMP and EMP stars rich in heavy elements, so it will be possible to compare our results with theirs.

#### 2.3. R-rich very metal-poor stars

Elements heavier than Zn are formed by addition of neutrons on iron seeds, via various nucleosynthetic mechanisms, and predominantly via the r- and the s-processes. This addition may indeed be slow (compared to the  $\beta$  decay) in the 's-process', or very rapid, with an important flux of neutrons, in the 'r-process'. The s-process mainly occurs in AGB stars, and it seems that the lifetime of their progenitors is too long to significantly contribute to the chemical evolution of the early Galaxy for [Fe/H]  $\leq$ -1.5 dex (Travaglio et al. 2004; Käppeler et al. 2011). In the VMP and EMP stars, the heavy elements are thus mainly formed by the r-process. The different possible sites of the r-process (massive stars, neutron-stars, and neutron-star/black hole mergers) are reviewed by Cowan et al. (2019).

A star is referred to as r-rich when it is rich in europium relative to iron, because the s-process builds very little Eu, and, as a consequence, the abundance of Eu is a good index of the r-process enrichment. Following Roederer et al. (2018), a star is referred to as r-rich when [Eu/Fe] > 0.7.

Unfortunately, in most of the turnoff metal-poor stars, the Eu lines are too weak to be measured, and the abundance of Eu cannot be directly estimated. However, we showed (Spite et al. 2018) that, in all the 'normal' VMP and EMP stars (i.e. not C rich), there is an excellent correlation between the abundance of Eu and the abundance of Ba, with [Eu/Ba]  $\approx +0.5$  dex.

At higher metallicities ( $[Fe/H] \gtrsim -1.5 \text{ dex}$ ), the pattern of the heavy elements in the stars can be affected by the s-process, and the ratio [Ba/Fe] increases (see for example Roederer et al. 2016).

In order to include the turnoff stars in this study, since all the stars have a metallicity lower than -2.0 dex, we used the [Ba/Fe] ratio as a proxy of [Eu/Fe]. The values of [Fe/H] and [Ba/Fe] are given for each star of the LP First stars sample in the Table B.1.

# 3. Kinematic and orbital properties of the LP First stars

We start our analysis by deriving the orbits of stars in our sample, the associated parameters, and their uncertainties, to establish the kinematic properties of very metal-poor and extremely metal-poor stars.

#### 3.1. Orbit integration

For calculating positions and velocities in the galactocentric rest frame, we assumed an in-plane distance of the Sun from the Galactic centre,  $R_{\odot} = 8.34$  kpc (Reid et al. 2014), a height of the Sun above the Galactic plane,  $z_{\odot} = 27$  pc (Chen et al. 2001), a velocity for the local standard of rest (LSR),  $V_{LSR} = 240$  km/s (Reid et al. 2014), and a peculiar velocity of the Sun with respect to the LSR,  $U_{\odot} = 11.1$  km/s,  $V_{\odot} = 12.24$  km/s,  $W_{\odot} = 7.25$  km/s (Schönrich et al. 2010). We note that in our choice of the galactocentric coordinate system, the Sun lies on the x-axis with a negative value of x = -8.34 kpc, and the  $V_{\odot}$  is positive, that is parallel to the y axis. This implies that the disc rotates clockwise, and, as a consequence, the z-component of the disc angular momentum,  $L_{z}$ , and the disc azimuthal velocity,  $V_{\Phi}$  are negative<sup>3</sup>.

Thus, negative  $V_{\Phi}$  corresponds to prograde motion, and positive  $V_{\Phi}$  to retrograde motion.

For each star, we took into account its errors on parallax, proper motions, and line-of-sight velocity, by assuming gaussian distributions of the errors, and by generating 100 random realisations of these parameters. The corresponding errors on positions and velocities are given in Table B.5.

Finally, in this section and in the following, to integrate the orbits of stars, we made use of the axisymmetric Galactic potential 'PII' described in (Pouliasis et al. 2017), which consists of a thin and of a thick stellar disc and a spherical dark matter halo, and which reproduces a number of characteristics of the Milky Way (see Pouliasis et al. 2017, for details). Starting from the current positions and velocities of stars in the galactocentric rest frame, derived as described above, we have integrated their orbits backward in time for 6 Gyr, by making use of a leap-frog algorithm with fixed time step  $\Delta t = 10^5$  yr. For each star, we can thus quantify its total energy E (that is the sum of its kinetic and potential energy), reconstruct its orbit in the Galactic potential adopted, and hence estimate its eccentricity, ecc, the maximum height from the plane,  $z_{max}$ , it reaches, as well as its (in-plane) apocentre  $R_{max}$ . To estimate the uncertainties on the orbital parameters, for each star, we compute 100 realisations of its orbit, by making use of the 100 random realisations of its parallax, proper motions, and line-of-sight velocity, as described above. All these realisations are also integrated in the same Galactic potential and for the same total time interval. The orbits of all stars in the LP First stars are given in Appendix C. The corresponding orbital parameters, and their uncertainties are given in Appendix B, Table B.6.

#### 3.2. Kinematic and orbital properties of the LP First stars

We start the analysis of the kinematics of stars in our sample by showing the Toomre diagram – that is the  $V_{\Phi} - \sqrt{V_R^2 + V_Z^2}$ plane, with  $V_R$  and  $V_Z$  being, respectively, the radial and vertical components of the velocity of stars – in Fig 3 (top-left panel). In this plane, most of the stars in the sample seem kinematically associated to the halo, the absolute value of their velocity,

 $\sqrt{(V_{\phi} - V_{LSR})^2 + {V_R}^2 + {V_Z}^2}$ , relative to the LSR, being larger than 180 km/s, a threshold often used to distinguish stars with disc-like kinematics from stars with kinematics more akin to the halo (see, for example Nissen & Schuster 2010). However, eight out of the 42 LP First stars, that is nearly 20% of the sample, redistribute in the grey area of the Toomre diagram in Fig 3, which represents the locus of stars with disc-like kinematics, where the absolute value of the star velocity, relative to the LSR, is lower than 180 km/s.

Because stars in the LP sample have a wide spatial distribution, extending to distances of several kpc from the Sun (see Fig. 2), differences in velocities can simply reflect differences in the positions of the stars, rather than intrinsic differences in their kinematic properties. A more robust comparison can be done by analysing integral-of-motion spaces, like the  $L_z - L_{perp}$ or  $E - L_z$  space. Those spaces, and in particular the clumpiness of the stellar distribution in those spaces, were suggested by Helmi et al. (1999); Helmi & de Zeeuw (2000) as efficient diagnostics to infer the (accreted) origin of stars in the Galaxy. It was later shown that this approach has severe limitations (Jean-Baptiste

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> We remind the reader that the azimuthal velocity  $V_{\Phi}$  is defined as the z-component of the angular momentum  $L_z$  divided by the (in-plane)

distance *R* of the star from the Galactic centre, that is  $V_{\Phi} = (XV_Y - YV_Z)/R$ . The radial velocity,  $V_R$ , is in turn defined as:  $V_R = (XV_X + YV_Y)/R$ 



**Fig. 3.** *Top-left panel:* Toomre diagram for stars in LP sample. The vertical dashed line separates prograde from retrograde motions. Velocities are in units of km/s. The grey area separates stars with  $\sqrt{V_R^2 + (V_\Phi - V_{LSR})^2 + V_Z^2} \le 180$  km/s from stars with higher relative velocities with respect to the LSR. *Top-right panel:* Distribution of the LP First stars in the  $L_z - L_{perp}$  plane. Angular momenta are in units of 100 kpc km/s. *Middle-left panel:* Distribution of LP First stars in the  $E - L_z$  plane. The vertical dashed line separates prograde from retrograde motions. Angular momenta are in units of 100 kpc km/s, energies in units of 100 km<sup>2</sup>/s<sup>2</sup>. *Middle-right panel:* Distribution of LP First stars in the  $z_{max} - R_{max}$  plane. The inset shows the whole distribution, over 60 kpc from the Galactic centre, while the main panel shows a zoom in the innermost 20 kpc. Filled symbols indicate stars with prograde orbits, empty symbols stars with retrograde orbits. Blue points show the comparison with the sample of stars analysed by Haywood et al. (2018). Units are in kpc. *Bottom-right panel:* Normalised distribution of the arctan( $z_{max}/R_{max}$ ) for stars in the LP sample (black histogram), compared to stars studied by Haywood et al. (2018) (blue histogram). In all panels, uncertainties have been estimated as described in Sect. 3.1.

et al. 2017) – and indeed in the following, we avoid using these diagnostics, alone, to infer the nature of stars in our sample. It is nevertheless more reliable to compare the kinematic proper-

ties of a spatially extended sample of stars in those planes, rather than in velocity-only planes, since velocities can change within the spatial volume covered by our data because of velocity gradients.

The  $L_z - L_{perp}$  plane (see Fig. 3, top-right panel) shows  $L_z$ , which is the *z*-component of the orbital angular momentum of a star, versus  $L_{perp} = \sqrt{L_x^2 + L_y^2}$ , which is the perpendicular angular momentum component. We note that, while in an axisymmetric potential,  $L_z$  is conserved,  $L_{perp}$  is not. In all plots shown in the rest of the paper, the adopted value of  $L_{perp}$  is thus the time-averaged value, calculated over 6 Gyr of orbital evolution. Figure 3 shows that the LP sample has a broad distribution in the  $L_z - L_{perp}$  plane: stars with the most retrograde motions also have the highest values of  $L_{perp}$ , while, among stars with prograde motions, some have values of  $L_z$  very similar to those of stars of the LSR ( $L_{z,LSR} = -20$ , in units of 100 kpc km/s).

The distribution of our sample stars in the energy, *E*, versus the vertical component of the angular momentum,  $L_z$  (middle-left panel of Fig 3) shows that some of the stars, both on prograde and retrograde orbits, can have very high energies, of which the absolute value is about twice as high as those of stars with disc-like kinematics (the latter can be identified in this plane as the stars with  $L_z \leq -5$  and  $-1900 \leq E \leq -1800$ ).

Interestingly, LP stars on prograde and on retrograde orbits show similar eccentricities (middle-right panel of Fig 3): few stars on retrograde orbits have eccentricities lower than 0.4. In this plot, as in the following, the eccentricity of a star in defined as:

$$ecc = \frac{R_{3D,\max} - R_{3D,\min}}{R_{3D,\max} + R_{3D,\min}},$$
(1)

 $R_{3D,max}$  and  $R_{3D,min}$  being, respectively, the (3D) apocentre and pericentre of the star's orbit.

Finally, the maximal radial excursion of the orbits of stars as projected onto the Galactic plane,  $R_{max}$ , versus their maximal height from the plane,  $z_{max}$ , is reported in Fig 3 (bottom-left panel). While the majority of stars in the sample are confined inside 20 kpc from the Galactic centre, some can reach much larger distances, as high as 50 kpc. The striking feature of this plot, however, is that VMP and EMP stars are not distributed homogeneously in this plane, but they tend to group along (at least) two different structures: one confined close to the Galactic plane (i.e. low  $z_{max}$ ), and one characterised by larger  $z_{max}$ , for all values of  $R_{max}$ . These structures, or wedges, were already noted in the sample of about 2000 Gaia DR2 stars with high tangential velocities relative to the LSR studied by Haywood et al. (2018). Also, stars in Haywood et al. (2018) are indeed redistributed along at least two wedges (see discussion in that paper), the one with low  $z_{max}$  populated by stars with disc-like orbits, which mean they are always confined close to the Galactic plane. The stars studied by Haywood et al. (2018), however, have a mean [Fe/H]  $\sim -1$  dex, that is between 1 and 3 dex higher than the [Fe/H] of LP First stars. The same orbital structure found by Haywood et al. (2018) at high metallicities thus seems to persist over several orders in metallicities. We investigate this point further in the next section. We conclude by noting that the distribution of stars in the  $R_{max} - z_{max}$  plane is independent of them being on prograde or retrograde orbits: stars with retrograde or prograde rotation are redistributed rather homogeneously in this plane, and some retrograde stars are clearly confined to disc-like kinematics (i.e. low  $z_{max}$ ). As in Haywood et al. (2018), it is possible to quantify the amount of stars with disc-like orbits, and distinguish them from those with halo-like orbits, by estimating the arctangent of the ratio  $z_{max}/R_{max}$  (see Fig 3, bottom-right panel), which represents the inclination of the wedges in this plane. The lack of stars with  $\arctan(z_{max}/R_{max}) \sim 0.2$ , noticed by Haywood et al. (2018) for stars at  $[Fe/H] \sim -1$  dex, and found also in this VMP and EMP



**Fig. 4.** *Top panel:* Normalised metallicity distribution of the LP First stars sample (grey histogram), compared to the ultra-metal-poor sample studied by Sestito et al 2019 (yellow histogram), the Nissen & Schuster 2010 sample (orange histogram) and the *Gaia* DR2-APOGEE sample (pink histogram). The four samples span about 7 dex in [Fe/H]. *Mid-dle panel:* Distribution in the XY plane of stars from the *Gaia* DR2-APOGEE (stellar number density map in logarithmic scale), the LP First stars (black dots), the Nissen & Schuster 2010 sample (orange dots), and the Sestito et al 2019 sample (yellow dots). Units are in kpc. *Bottom panel:* Distribution in the RZ plane of stars in the different samples. Colours and units are the same as those adopted in the middle panel.

sample, does separate the two samples well. By making use of

arctan( $z_{max}/R_{max}$ ) = 0.2 as separating value, we find disc-like orbits for 10 out of the 42 stars in the LP First stars, that is for about 20% of the stars in the sample, a fraction comparable to that derived using the Toomre diagram and of a discriminating value for disc-like orbits of  $\sqrt{(V_{\phi} - V_{LSR})^2 + V_R^2 + V_Z^2}$  = 180 km/s (see discussion at the beginning of this section). We note that, compared to the Haywood et al. (2018) stars, the distribution of the arctan( $z_{max}/R_{max}$ ) for stars of the LP sample shows a lower fraction of stars with disc-like kinematics. This is a natural consequence of the fact that the Haywood et al. (2018) sample is dominated by thick disc stars at [Fe/H]  $\geq -1$  with halo-like kinematics, which are the dominant contributor to the kinematically defined halo population at few kpc from the Sun (see also Di Matteo et al. 2018).

#### 4. Comparison with samples of stars at lower and higher metallicities

In this section, we aim to compare the kinematic and orbital properties of stars in the LP sample with those of samples that cover different metallicity ranges, as detailed below. The reason for this comparison is twofold. Firstly, we want to understand whether the properties described in the previous section are found also among stars of lower and higher metallicities. Secondly, by comparing with other samples (in particular with those at higher metallicities, where a distinction between in-situ and accreted stars is possible on the basis of their chemical abundances), we can try to interpret the kinematic and orbital characteristics of our stars in terms of their in-situ/accreted origin.

In the following part of this section, we compare the kinematic and orbital properties of stars in the LP First stars to three different samples, which are listed below in order of increasing [Fe/H].

- The sample of ultra iron-poor stars (UIP) studied by Sestito et al. (2019). This sample consists of 42 stars with  $[Fe/H] \leq -4$ . Sestito et al. (2019) already derived orbital parameters for these stars using Gaia DR2 parameters, and a bayesian estimate of the distances. For coherence with the approach used for the analysis of the LP sample, and throughout the rest of this paper, we applied the same selection applied to the LP sample to the Sestito et al. (2019) sample. After correcting the parallaxes for the zero-point offset, we only retain stars with positive parallaxes, and a relative error on the latter smaller than 20%. We then estimate the distances of stars by simply inverting the parallaxes, and integrate their orbits in the same potential and with the same numerical method adopted for the LP sample (see Sect. 3.1). Uncertainties on positions, velocities, and resulting orbital parameters are also estimated as was done for our sample (see Tables B.5 and B.6). The advantage of this approach is the choice of the same methods and corrections for all stars, the disadvantage, of course, is the reduced statistics. The selection of the quality of parallaxes indeed severely reduces the sample from 42 to 15 members. Two stars of the 15, with Gaia id 5000753194373767424 and 6692925538259931136, are common to the LP First stars sample.
- The sample of metal-poor stars studied by Nissen & Schuster (2010) (see also Nissen & Schuster 2011; Schuster et al. 2012; Nissen & Schuster 2012). This sample consists of 94 dwarf stars in the metallicity range -1.6 < [Fe/H] < -0.4. The kinematics and orbital properties of stars in this sam-</p>

ple were discussed in Nissen & Schuster (2010) and Schuster et al. (2012). We recalculated these properties using *Gaia* DR2 astrometry and by employing the same selection of parallaxes and their relative errors, as adopted for the LP First stars and Sestito et al. (2019) samples, as well as by making use of the same Galactic potential for orbit integration. The final sample contains 84 stars.

The Gaia DR2-APOGEE sample studied by Di Matteo et al. (2018). This sample is the result of cross-matching the Gaia DR2 (Gaia Collaboration et al. 2018a) with APOGEE data from DR14 (Majewski et al. 2017), using the CDS Xmatch service. To construct this sample, we selected stars in the two catalogues with a position mismatch tolerance of of 0.5 arcsec, and retained only those with positive parallaxes, relative error on parallaxes less than 20%, and a signal-tonoise ratio in the APOGEE spectra, SNR> 100. Also in this case, parallaxes have been corrected for the zero-point parallax offset. All line-of-sight velocities used for this sample are from APOGEE. Following the study of Fernández-Alvar et al. (2019), we applied additional selection criteria only retaining stars with effective temperatures, Teff >4000, and gravities,  $1 < \log(g) < 3.5$ . Finally, we also removed all APOGEE stars with ASCAPFLAG and STARFLAG warning of any problems with the determinations of the atmospheric parameters (specifically those with a warning about the reliability of the effective temperature, log(g), rotation and having a very bright neighbour). After applying all these selection criteria, our final sample consists of 61789 stars. Also for this sample, we have derived positions and velocities of stars as described in Sect. 3.1 and integrated the orbits for 6 Gyr in the PII Galactic potential described in Pouliasis et al. (2017).

Figure 4 shows the normalised [Fe/H] distributions of stars in these samples, as compared to the LP distribution, and their spatial distribution in the galactic plane (XY), as well as in the meridional plane (RZ). The Nissen & Schuster (2010) sample is very local (distances from the Sun less than about 300 pc), the other samples span a larger range of distances from the Sun. In particular, we note that the APOGEE sample lacks stars in the fourth quadrant, and that this gap is partially filled by the LP First stars and samples from Sestito et al. (2019). While the differences in the spatial extension and coverage of all these samples must be taken into account, the advantage of this approach is to compare the kinematics of stars in the Galaxy over a range of nearly 7 dex in [Fe/H], something that, to our knowledge, was done here for the first time.

## 4.1. Spanning 7 dex in [Fe/H]: the ubiquity of the Galactic disc

Figure 5 shows the Toomre diagram, the  $E-L_z$  plane, the  $ecc-L_z$  plane and the  $R_{max} - z_{max}$  plane for all stars in the LP sample, compared, respectively, to the Sestito et al 2019 sample, the Nissen & Schuster 2010 sample, and the *Gaia* DR2-APOGEE sample. The VMP and EMP stars of our sample show striking similarities in all these planes with the UIP stars from Sestito et al 2019. The two samples essentially show the same distribution in all these spaces. In both samples, about 20% of the stars have disc-like kinematics. This fraction is comparable to that derived by Sestito et al. (2019), using all 42 stars, and not our restricted sample of 15, thus suggesting that our cut on parallax errors did not introduce any bias in the relative fraction of stars with disc/halo kinematics. As already noticed by Sestito et al.

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**Fig. 5.** From top to bottom: Toomre diagram,  $E - L_z$ ,  $ecc - L_z$  and  $R_{max} - z_{max}$  planes for stars of LP First stars (black dots), compared to the Sestito et al 2019 sample (yellow stars, first column), the Nissen & Schuster 2010 sample (orange squares, middle column), and the *Gaia* DR2-APOGEE sample (density map, right column). The vertical dashed lines separate prograde from retrograde motions. Velocities are in units of km/s, distances are in units of kpc, angular momenta are in units of 100 kpc km/s, and energies in units of 100 km<sup>2</sup>/s<sup>2</sup>.

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(2019), some stars in the sample have very low eccentricities, like 2MASS J18082002-5104378 (Meléndez et al. 2016), which is on a circular orbit (ecc = 0.1). Stars on disc-like orbits are thus found all along the [Fe/H] sequence, from the most metal-poor stars up to the most metal-rich samples (Nissen & Schuster 2010, *Gaia* DR2-APOGEE), suggesting that, despite their different abundances and iron contents, a fraction of the UIP, EMP, VMP, and metal-poor stars can all share the same common origin, tracing the early phases of the Milky Way disc formation (see also the recent work by Venn et al. 2019, for the finding of a EMP star with disc-like kinematics).

While a non-negligible fraction of stars have disc-like kinematics, the majority of the UIP stars, as well as the VMP and EMP stars, have halo-like kinematics. This does not necessarily mean that they are all accreted, since a fraction of the halo can be made of stars formerly in the disc, but later kinematically heated to halo kinematics by one or several satellite accretions. This has indeed proven to be the dominant in-situ mode of formation of the Galactic halo for stars at higher metallicities, and at few kpc from the Sun (see Di Matteo et al. 2018), as we discuss more extensively in the next section. It is, however, interesting to note that, compared to stars at higher metallicities, such as stars in the Nissen & Schuster sample and stars in the Gaia DR2-APOGEE sample (middle and right columns in Fig. 5), in the Toomre diagram, the UIP and LP samples seem to lack stars with null angular momentum, meaning along the  $L_z = 0$  line. At values of  $\sqrt{(V_R^2 + V_Z^2)} \gtrsim 200$  km/s, stars with [Fe/H] < -4 have rather prograde or retrograde motions, but none seem to lie along the sequence of accreted halo stars discovered by Nissen & Schuster 2010, and later confirmed in Gaia DR1 and DR2 data by Belokurov et al. (2018) (Gaia Sausage), Haywood et al. (2018), Helmi et al. (2018) (Gaia Enceladus). The Gaia Sausage, which is this group of halo stars with very radial orbits, and null  $V_{\Phi}$ , seems to indeed disappear at [Fe/H] < -2 in this plane. We emphasise that this apparent difference between the kinematics of VMP and EMP stars, on the one side, and stars with [Fe/H] > -2, on the other side, is simply the consequence of these stars probing different regions and distances from the Galactic centre. Indeed, when one compares the kinematics of these different samples of stars in the quasi-integral-of-motion space  $L_z - L_{perp}$  plane (see Fig 5, second row), rather than in the Toomre diagram, the kinematic properties of these samples are the same, over the whole [Fe/H] interval. Before moving further, we need, however, to emphasise two points of the comparison with samples at higher metallicity. Firstly, when compared to the Nissen & Schuster (2010) sample, which, we remind the reader, is a kinematically selected sample of thick disc and halo stars, the VMP and EMP stars in the LP First stars sample show an excess of stars at retrograde motions (positive  $L_z$ , i.e.  $L_z > 5$ ) and high values of  $L_{perp}$  ( $L_{perp} > 15$ ). None of the Nissen & Schuster (2010) stars occupy this region of the  $L_z - L_{perp}$  diagram, and we suggest this is a consequence of the 'local' character of stars in the Nissen & Schuster (2010) study, which are all limited to a few hundred parsecs from the Sun. Indeed, when VMP and EMP stars are compared to stars in the Gaia DR2-APOGEE sample, one can see that stars with  $L_z$  and  $L_{perp}$  as extreme as  $L_z > 5$  and  $L_{perp} > 15$  are found also in the latter. Secondly, because in the comparison shown in this figure we used all stars in the Gaia DR2-APOGEE sample, not restricting ourself to stars from the kinematically defined thick disc and halo, the reader will not be surprised to find that the majority of stars in Gaia DR2-APOGEE sample are stars with cold (i.e. thin) disc-like kinematics, their distribution peaking at  $L_z \sim 20$  and  $L_{perp} \leq 5$ . At this stage, what is important to retain is that the region occupied by all these samples, independently of their [Fe/H] ratio, is the same: the relative fraction of stars in one or in another region of the space under analysis can change from one sample to another, but not their overall distribution.

Finally, the last two rows of Fig. 5 show the comparison between the LP First stars sample with the other datasets in the  $ecc - L_z$  and  $R_{max} - z_{max}$  plane. The reader may notice that the similarity in the kinematic properties of stars, along 7 dex in [Fe/H] is also remarkable in these planes. When compared to the Sestito et al. (2019) sample, the distribution is similar both in the  $ecc - L_z$  and  $R_{max} - z_{max}$  planes. It is remarkable that the two stars with the lowest eccentricity among all the stars with  $[Fe/H] \leq -2$  are stars of the Sestito et al. (2019) sample, and have eccentricities below 0.2. The comparison with samples at higher metallicities shows, overall, a good agreement, even if we note the absence (in the LP sample) of stars with low  $z_{max}$ and  $R_{max} > 10$  kpc (see comparison with the Nissen & Schuster (2010) sample and with the Gaia DR2-APOGEE sample. For the time being, it is difficult to say whether this difference is real or not. We note, however, that this difference seems peculiar to the LP sample, and it is not evident when the high-metallicity samples are compared to stars from Sestito et al. (2019). In this latter case, some stars have limited  $z_{max}$  but in-plane apocentres  $R_{max} > 10.$ 

## 4.2. Comparing with in-situ and accreted stars at [Fe/H] > -2

While in the previous section we compared the kinematic and orbital properties of the LP sample to stars of lower and higher metallicities, in this section we push the comparison with the higher metallicity samples (Nissen & Schuster 2010, Gaia DR2-APOGEE) further. The metallicity range  $-2 \leq [Fe/H] \leq -0.5$ is particularly interesting for stellar population studies because stars in this [Fe/H] interval are grouped into two separate chemical sequences: a high- $\alpha$  sequence, made of thick disc and in-situ halo stars, and a low- $\alpha$  sequence, interpreted as made of accreted stars (see Fig. 6, first column). These two distinct chemical sequences, discovered by Nissen & Schuster (2010), on the basis of their  $\left[\alpha/\text{Fe}\right]$  content, have since been confirmed as two distinct sequences based on a number of other elemental abundance ratios (seee Nissen & Schuster 2011; Schuster et al. 2012; Nissen & Schuster 2012). As shown by Hayes et al. (2018), in a study based on the analysis of APOGEE data, and by Haywood et al. (2018) on the basis of Gaia DR2 data, these stars represent the sampling at the solar vicinity of a much extended structure, visible up to several kpc from the Sun, now referred to as the Gaia Sausage (Belokurov et al. 2018) or Gaia Enceladus (Helmi et al. 2018). While the Nissen & Schuster sample is limited in terms of statistics, it does have an exquisite spectroscopic quality that makes it ideal for a first comparison with our samples of VMP and EMP stars. The Gaia DR2-APOGEE sample, in turn, provides a much larger statistics, and extends the comparison to regions beyond the solar vicinity, up to several kpc from the Sun.

Figure 6 (middle and right columns) shows the Toomre diagram of stars in the in-situ and accreted sequences of the Nissen & Schuster (2010) and *Gaia* DR2-APOGEE samples. For the former sample, we used the classification given in the work by Nissen & Schuster (2010) to distinguish in-situ (high- $\alpha$ , thick disc and halo) from accreted (low- $\alpha$ ) stars. For the latter sample, to have a clean separation between these two populations



**Fig. 6.** *First row, left panel:* [Mg/Fe] versus [Fe/H] distribution for stars in Nissen & Schuster 2010 sample. Red colours indicate low- $\alpha$  stars, blue colours indicate high- $\alpha$  (thick disc and halo) stars, following the classification given in Nissen & Schuster 2010. *First row, middle panel:* Toomre diagram of LP First stars (black dots), and of the high- $\alpha$  (thick disc and halo) stars in the Nissen & Schuster 2010 sample (blue squares). *First row, right panel:* Toomre diagram of LP First stars (black dots), and of the low- $\alpha$  stars in the Nissen & Schuster 2010 sample (red squares). The grey area in this panel and in the previous one separates stars with  $\sqrt{V_R^2 + (V_\Phi - V_{LSR})^2 + V_Z^2} \le 180$  km/s from stars with higher relative velocities with respect to the LSR. The vertical dashed lines separate prograde from retrograde motions. *Second row, left panel:* [Mg/Fe] versus [Fe/H] distribution of stars selected as in-situ, high- $\alpha$  stars and accreted, low- $\alpha$  stars are shown, respectively, with blue and red dots. *Second row, niddle panel:* Toomre diagram of LP First stars (black dots), and of the high- $\alpha$  stars in the *Gaia* DR2-APOGEE sample (density map). *Second row, right panel:* Toomre diagram of LP First stars (black dots), and of the low- $\alpha$  stars in the *Gaia* DR2-APOGEE sample (density map). *Second row, right panel:* Toomre diagram of LP First stars (black dots), and of the low- $\alpha$  stars in the *Gaia* DR2-APOGEE sample (density map). *Second row, right panel:* Toomre diagram of LP First stars (black dots), and of the low- $\alpha$  stars in the *Gaia* DR2-APOGEE sample (density map). The grey dashed curve in this panel and in the previous one separates stars with  $\sqrt{V_R^2 + (V_\Phi - V_{LSR})^2 + V_Z^2} \le 180$  km/s from stars with higher relative velocities with respect to the LSR. The vertical dashed lines separate prograde from retrograde motions.

in the [Mg/Fe]-[Fe/H] plane, we adopt a separation similar to that already used by Di Matteo et al. (2018), defining in-situ and accreted stars, respectively, as stars above and below a separating line  $[Mg/Fe] = -0.26 \times [Fe/H]$ ). In particular, accreted stars are defined as those with a [Mg/Fe] content at least 0.1 dex below this line, for any given value of [Fe/H], in order to minimise any contamination between the two samples. For the in-situ population, we restrict the search to metallicities  $-1.5 \leq [Fe/H] \leq -0.5$ , thus using a metallicity interval similar to that of the Nissen & Schuster stars, while to also remove the contamination from the metal-poor thin disc, accreted stars from the low- $\alpha$  sequence are selected only if their [Fe/H] is lower than -0.7 dex. These choices of course drastically reduce the statistics of the accreted sequence, but have the advantage of minimising any contamination from the thick disc and thin disc populations. The comparison between these two sets of in-situ and accreted stars and our LP sample shows that the accreted versus in-situ nature of each star in the sample is difficult to establish on the basis of the Toomre diagram alone. Stars with disc kinematics (i.e. stars with  $\sqrt{V_R^2 + (V_\Phi - V_{LSR})^2 + V_Z^2} \le 180$  km/s) in the LP sample are mostly possibly in-situ, since all stars in the Nissen & Schuster (2010) sample with disc-like kinematics have an in-situ origin (see top-middle panel of Fig. 6).

A second avenue for understanding the accreted or in-situ nature of stars in our sample is to compare them to the Nissen & Schus-

ter (2010) and Gaia DR2-APOGEE samples in the  $L_z - L_{perp}$ plane (see Fig. 7, top panels). Stars in the LP sample with  $L_z \leq -10$  (8 out of 42) lie on a region mostly (but not excusively) occupied by in-situ stars, both of the Nissen & Schuster (2010) and of the Gaia DR2-APOGEE sample. The region with with  $L_{perp} \gtrsim 13$  and  $L_z \gtrsim -10$  (8 out of 42) is mostly, if not only, populated by accreted stars both in the Nissen & Schuster (2010) and in the Gaia DR2-APOGEE sample, but not by their in-situ counterpart. On the basis of this argument, we suggest that stars in the LP sample in this region of the  $L_z - L_{perp}$  plane are mostly accreted. However, the nature of the majority of the sample, that is of LP First stars with  $L_z \gtrsim -10$  and  $L_{perp} \lesssim 13$  is more difficult to establish: this region is the locus where stars of the Gaia-Sausage-Enceladus are redistributed, but also the locus of in-situ stars heated to halo-like kinematics by the accretion(s), the so-called 'plume' identified in the  $v_{\Phi}$  – [Fe/H] plane (see Di Matteo et al. 2018).

Some additional information comes from the comparison in the  $ecc - L_z$  and  $E - L_z$  planes (see Fig. 7, second and third rows): while we note, once again, the significant overlap of in-situ and accreted stars in kinematic spaces, and thus the difficulty of discriminating, overall, the accreted or in-situ nature of stars in our sample, the comparison with stars of the Nissen & Schuster (2010) sequences and the high and low- $\alpha$  sequences in the *Gaia* DR2-APOGEE samples allows us to understand the nature of some of the stars in the LP First stars sample. The two stars



**Fig. 7.** Left column, from top to bottom:  $L_z - L_{perp}$  plane,  $ecc - L_z$  plane and  $E - L_z$  plane for stars in LP sample (black dots), compared to high- $\alpha$  (thick disc and halo) stars of Nissen & Schuster sample (blue squares) and high- $\alpha$  from Gaia DR2-APOGEE sample (green density maps). Right column, from top to bottom:  $L_z - L_{perp}$  plane,  $ecc - L_z$  plane and  $E - L_z$  plane for stars in the LP sample (black dots), compared to low- $\alpha$  stars of the Nissen & Schuster sample (red squares) and low- $\alpha$  stars from the Gaia DR2-APOGEE sample (orange points).

with ecc < 0.4 and low, negative  $L_z$  that we already discussed in Fig. 5, are most probably in-situ (they lie within  $2\sigma$  from the  $ecc - L_z$  distribution of high- $\alpha$  stars in the *Gaia* DR2-APOGEE sample). Stars with energies E > -1500 are most probably accreted, because they lie in a region populated only by accreted stars of the *Gaia* DR2-APOGEE and Nissen & Schuster (2010) samples. (see Fig. 8 and Fig. 9). The existence of structures in the  $z_{max} - R_{max}$  plane among stars with  $-1.5 \leq [Fe/H] \leq -0.5$  was already noted by Schuster et al. (2012) and has since been confirmed by the analysis of *Gaia* DR2 data thanks to the amount of available statistics and excellent quality of its astrometry (see Haywood et al. 2018). The comparison with the Nissen & Schuster (2010) sample allows us to understand that the wedges found in the  $z_{max} - R_{max}$  plane for LP First stars (see Fig. 3) cannot be

Finally, we conclude with a discussion of the  $R_{max} - z_{max}$  plane

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**Fig. 8.**  $R_{max} - z_{max}$  plane for stars in LP sample (black dots), compared to high- and low- $\alpha$  stars of Nissen & Schuster sample (respectively, blue and red squares). The top panel shows the  $R_{max} - z_{max}$  distribution inside 20 kpc, the bottom panel show the distribution for the whole samples.

univocally linked to a different nature of stars than those that make it. One may be tempted to interpret stars in the lowest wedge, meaning those with disc-like kinematics, made exclusively by in-situ populations, and stars with halo-like kinematics made only of accreted material. The comparison with Nissen & Schuster stars, however, discourage this conclusion, since low- $\alpha$  sequence (accreted) stars are found in both samples, among stars with disc-like kinematics and among stars with halo-like kinematics as well (see Fig. 8). In particular, some of the stars of the Nissen & Schuster (2010) sample, with low  $z_{max}$ , and classified as accreted by Nissen & Schuster (2010) on the basis of their low- $\alpha$  content, have  $R_{max}$  inside 10 kpc, which is in the same region where all the LP First stars with low- $z_{max}$  are found.

To further discuss the in-situ/accreted nature of stars in our sample, we compare their distribution in the  $z_{max} - R_{max}$  plane to that of in-situ and accreted stars from *Gaia* DR2-APOGEE (see Fig. 9). As already suggested by the analysis of the Nissen & Schuster sample, in-situ stars at few kpc from the Sun tend to populate a very narrow region of the  $z_{max} - R_{max}$  plane, with 5 kpc  $\leq R_{max} \leq 15$  kpc and  $z_{max} \leq 10$  kpc. Only a handful of in-situ stars in this sample have indeed  $R_{max} > 20$  kpc. Accreted stars, in turn, have a much broader distribution in this plane, significantly extending to  $R_{max}$  and  $z_{max}$  above 20 kpc. Another way to appreciate the difference in orbital parameters of these two samples is by comparing the distribution of the arctan ( $z_{max}/R_{max}$ ) (see



**Fig. 9.**  $R_{max} - z_{max}$  plane for stars in LP sample (black dots), compared to high- $\alpha$  (first row) and low- $\alpha$  stars (third row) of *Gaia* DR2-APOGEE sample. In the first and third rows, the left panel shows a zoom for stars with Rmax  $\leq 20$  kpc, the right panel the whole distribution. *Second* and fourth row: Normalised histogram of the acrtangent of the ratio zmax/Rmax for high- $\alpha$  stars (blue histogram, second row), and low- $\alpha$  stars (yellow histogram, second row) in *Gaia* DR2-APOGEE. In both panels, the distribution is compared to that of the LP sample (black histogram).

second and fourth panels of Fig. 9): the distribution of the arctangent of the  $z_{max}/R_{max}$  ratio of in-situ stars shows a first local maximum at about 0.15, a dip at 0.2, a second local maximum at 0.3, and declines very rapidly at larger arctangent values. Insitu stars with disc-like orbits constitute 40% of the total in-situ sample at these metallicities. The distribution of the arctangent of  $z_{max}/R_{max}$  is, in turn, different for the accreted population: it shows no rapid decline above 0.2, but rather a flat distribution, and only very few stars (less than 10%) are on disc-like orbits (*arctan*( $z_{max}/R_{max} < 0.2$ ). By comparing the distribution of extremely metal-poor stars to those derived for in-situ and accreted stars in the APOGEE sample, we can conclude that:

- LP stars with high values of the  $\arctan(z_{max}/R_{max})$  (above ~ 0.5) are most probably accreted;
- the significant fraction of stars with disc-like orbits (~ 24% of the LP First stars sample have  $\arctan(z_{max}/R_{max}) < 0.2$ )



**Fig. 10.** From top to bottom: [Fe/H] distribution of stars in LP First stars sample (grey histogram), compared to [Fe/H] distribution of stars in the Roederer et al 2018 sample (turquoise); distribution in the X-Y plane of stars in LP First stars sample (black points) and of stars in Roederer et al 2018 sample (turquoise diamonds); distribution in meridional, R-Z, plane of stars in LP First stars sample (black points), and of stars in Roederer et al 2018 sample (turquoise diamonds); distribution in meridional, R-Z, plane of stars in LP First stars sample (black points), and of stars in Roederer et al 2018 sample (turquoise diamonds).

cannot be explained if they all have an accreted origin. If all stars in our samples were indeed accreted, we would expect the fraction of stars with disc-like orbits to be less than 10% – by analogy with the fraction of accreted stars on disc-like orbits in the *Gaia* DR2-APOGEE sample – while this fraction is 2-2.5 times larger for stars in the LP. Based on the compar-

ison with stars at higher metallicities, we thus conclude that 50 - 60% of the VMP and EMP stars on disc-like orbits are indeed in-situ stars, formed in the very early phases of the Milky Way disc assembly;

- stars with intermediate values of  $\arctan(z_{max}/R_{max})$  (0.2– 0.5) are probably a mixture of in-situ and accreted populations. By analogy with the Nissen & Schuster (2010) and *Gaia* DR2-APOGEE samples, we suggest that the in-situ stars in this intermediate range of  $\arctan(z_{max}/R_{max})$  values are also stars of the early Milky Way disc (thus, they have the same origin of in-situ stars with  $\arctan(z_{max}/R_{max}) < 0.2$ ), but they were heated to halo kinematics by the major accretion(s) experienced by the Galaxy over its lifetime. The relative weights of in-situ versus accreted stars in this range are currently difficult to establish: they indeed have comparable kinematics, and they are indistinguishable both in [Fe/H], [Mg/Fe], [Ca/Fe], and [Ba/Fe] abundances, as discussed in the next section.

#### 5. Adding chemical properties to the analysis: linking $\alpha$ and *r*-abundances to kinematics

Chemical information always provides important clues, either because it shows homogeneity, significant grouping, or dispersion in chemical abundance spaces. The sample of the LP First stars has been shown to be chemically homogeneous (see Sect. 2.2 and Fig. 2). The new information brought by Gaia is that these stars probably have different origins, and it is worth reconsidering these properties in the light of the analysis presented in the previous section. In this section, we thus aim to understand whether any of the kinematic properties discussed in the previous sections show any dependence on the chemical abundances of VMP and EMP stars. For stars in the LP First stars, abundance ratios of the  $\alpha$  elements [Mg/Fe] and [Ca/Fe] corrected for non-LTE effects are available (Andrievsky et al. 2010; Spite et al. 2012, and Fig. 2), together with [Ba/Fe] and the metallicity [Fe/H] (Table 1 and Fig. 2). Together with  $\alpha$ -abundances, which have been shown to be good discriminants between in-situ and accreted stars at higher metallicities (see Nissen & Schuster 2010; Hayes et al. 2018; Haywood et al. 2018; Helmi et al. 2018; Di Matteo et al. 2018; Mackereth et al. 2019), we are also interested in analysing the dependency of kinematics on the [Ba/Fe] abundances. This because it has recently been suggested that VMP and EMP r-rich objects may have an accreted origin (see Roederer et al. 2018), and we would like to re-investigate this claim in the framework of our analysis. R-rich objects, however, are relatively rare. In a sample of about 260 metal-poor stars studied within the framework of the Hamburg/ESO R-process enhanced star survey, Christlieb et al. (2004) and Barklem et al. (2005) found only 24 stars meeting the criterion chosen by Roederer et al. (2018): [Eu/Fe]>0.7 dex, and there are only five such stars in our sample of extremely metal-poor stars. To enrich our sample of r-rich stars, we thus decided to add the stars from the r-rich sample of Roederer et al. (2018) as long as they meet our specifications: not C-rich, not binaries, [Fe/H] < -2 and  $\sigma_{\pi}/\pi$  < 0.2. Stars in the Roederer et al. (2018) sample that meet this criteria are 26. As mentioned is Section 2, barium is a good proxy for europium. Because our sample lacks europium measurement for turn-off star, we rely on barium instead, and likewise for stars analysed by Roederer et al. (2018). Their main characteristics are presented in Table B.2; in Fig.10, the histogram of their metallicity is compared to the histogram of the stars of the LP First stars; a comparison of the positions in the XY and RZ plane among these two

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**Fig. 11.** From top to bottom: Toomre diagram,  $E - L_z$ ,  $ecc - L_z$  and  $R_{max} - z_{max}$  planes colour-coded by [Fe/H] (first column), and [Ba/Fe] (second column).

samples is also given. For these 'Roederer' stars, we adopted the radial velocity deduced from high resolution spectra given by Roederer et al. (2018). The computed distances are slightly different from the values given by Roederer et al. (2018), since they adopted a Bayesian estimation of the distances of the stars, while we calculate the distances by inverting the parallaxes (corrected for the zero-point offset), as done for the previous samples.

In Figs. 11 and 12, we analyse the same kinematic and orbital parameter spaces discussed in the previous sections (Toomre diagram,  $E - L_z$ ,  $ecc - L_z$  space and  $R_{max} - z_{max}$  spaces), this time adding the abundance information (for positions, velocities, orbital parameters, and corresponding errors of the Roederer et al. (2018) stars, see Tables B.5 and B.6). When analysing the dependence of the results on the [Fe/H] and [Ba/Fe] content, we also add the data from Roederer et al

2018 to increase the statistics. Whatever the abundance ratio analysed in Fig. 11, no clear dependency of the kinematics on the chemistry of the stars appears evident.

It is however interesting to see that in the Toomre diagram, as well as in the  $R_{max} - z_{max}$  plane, some of the stars in the Roederer et al. (2018) sample have disc-like kinematics, thus confirming the results found for the LP First stars: eight out of the 42 stars in our sample, and 10 of the 26 stars from Roederer et al. (2018) have low kinetic energies, compared to the LSR, with  $\sqrt{V_R^2 + (V_{\Phi} - V_{LSR})^2 + V_Z^2} \le 180$  km/s, within 1- $\sigma$  error; 10 of the 42 stars in our sample, and seven of the 26 stars from Roederer et al. (2018) have arctan( $z_{max}/R_{max}$ ) < 0.2. This result does not confirm the conclusion of Roederer et al. (2018), who claimed that their sample did not include stars with disc-like kinematics, and we go on to discuss the reasons behind these



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**Fig. 12.** From top to bottom: Toomre diagram,  $E - L_z$ ,  $ecc - L_z$  and  $R_{max} - z_{max}$  planes colour-coded by [Mg/Fe] (first column), [Ca/Fe] (second column).

different conclusions.

Evidence that there is no clear correlation between the [Fe/H], [Mg/Fe], [Ca/Fe] and [Ba/Fe] content and the stellar kinematics is also provided in Fig. 13, where stars in our samples are plotted in the [Mg/Fe]-[Fe/H], [Ca/Fe]-[Fe/H], and [Ba/Fe]-[Fe/H] planes and colour-coded by their angular momenta  $L_z$ , their orbital energy *E* and the arctangent of the  $z_{max}/R_{max}$  ratio. Stars from Roederer et al. (2018) are also plotted in the [Ba/Fe]-[Fe/H] plane. In Roederer et al. (2018), the authors conclude that r-enhanced stars in particular are probably accreted because they do not find r-enhanced objects with disc kinematics. The key difference with our analysis, however, is how Roederer et al. (2018) define disc stars, as those with  $\sqrt{V_R^2 + (V_\Phi - V_{LSR})^2 + V_Z^2} \le 100$  km/s. That is, their definition of the disc kinematics is much more restrictive than ours, and more restrictive than definitions

usually adopted in the literature. Clearly, among stars in the Roederer et al. (2018) sample, some have (thick) disc-like kinematics. Moreover, because of such a restrictive definition of the disc kinematics, and because none of their stars fit this definition, Roederer et al. (2018) conclude that their sample must exclusively contain halo-like objects (either being genuine in-situ halo stars, or having been kinematically heated from the disc, or accreted). However, they favour the accreted origin of stars in their sample because they are able to assign most of the stars to groups, or overdensities, in kinematic spaces. This approach is fraught with errors, because it has been shown that accretions with the mass ratio of the Gaia Sausage ( $\geq 1$ : 10) leave substantial grouping in kinematic spaces even for stars already present in the Galaxy at the time of accretion (Jean-Baptiste et al. 2017), and that several distinct groups can all have the same in-situ or accreted origin. In other words, belonging to a kinematic group is not in itself an indication that a star has been accreted (again,



**Fig. 13.** From left to right: Stars in [Mg/Fe]-[Fe/H], [Ca/Fe]-[Fe/H] and [Ba/Fe]-[Fe/H] planes colour-coded by their angular momentum  $L_z$  (first row), their orbital energy *E* (second row), and arctangent of the ratio  $z_{max}/R_{max}$  (third row). Stars from Roederer et al 2018 are also plotted in the Ba/Fe]-[Fe/H] plane.

see the results by Jean-Baptiste et al. 2017). Among the 14 stars (out of 26) in the sample of Roederer et al. (2018) that have  $z_{max} < 5$  kpc, all have  $R_{max} < 12$  kpc (and in fact most have  $R_{max} < 10$  kpc), and while this is not a guarantee that they are all (thick) disc objects, at least half must belong to this population (see previous section).

We therefore cannot conclude with Roederer that disc stars are not r-enhanced, and that r-enhancement is a signature of an extragalactic origin of a star. This is discussed further in the next section.

#### 6. Discussion

We now summarise the results obtained in the previous sections.

Firstly, we showed that the kinematic and orbital properties of stars at [Fe/H] <~ -0.4 are surprisingly similar at all metallicities (see Fig. 6), as already emphasised in Sect. 4.1. By this we mean that the different samples occupy similar regions in kinematic spaces, independently of their [Fe/H]. This does not imply, of course, that their density distributions in any of those kinematic spaces are the same (because the latter property depends, at least, on the selection function of</li>

each sample). At high metallicities ( $-1.5 \leq [Fe/H] \leq -0.4$ ), these properties are dominated by two populations that can clearly be identified as accreted stars from the so-called Gaia Sausage-Enceladus event (Belokurov et al. 2018; Haywood et al. 2018; Helmi et al. 2018), and the  $\alpha$ -enhanced thick disc, partially heated to halo kinematics (Bonaca et al. 2017; Haywood et al. 2018; Di Matteo et al. 2018; Gallart et al. 2019; Belokurov et al. 2019). There is no evidence, from our analysis, that the data studied here contain other populations in significant proportions.

– Secondly, the chemical abundances investigated here (barium, calcium, and magnesium) demonstrate no obvious dependence on kinematics, and in particular no obvious difference among possibly in-situ and accreted stars. As long as it was assumed that an in-situ halo was formed in the Galactic halo, the match found with accreted stars would have not been surprising: they could have formed from the same kind of environment, or Galactic sub-haloes. However, with the increasing evidence that in-situ stars at [Fe/H] < -0.5 have more likely formed in a (massive) disc, then the similarity in the abundance ratios between in-situ and accreted stars raises new questions.

## 6.1. Evidence of the ubiquity of the Galactic thick disc, from $[Fe/H] \sim -6$ to nearly solar [Fe/H]

Sestito et al. (2019) discuss the implication of their findings on the existence of ultra metal-poor stars on disc-like orbits for the first stages of the formation of the Milky Way. Among the different scenarios they propose, they envisage that stars in their sample with disc-like orbits could belong to the thick disc population, and the link we make in this paper with populations at higher metallicities put this hypothesis on a more robust basis. Sestito et al. (2019) discuss three different scenarios for the formation of their ultra metal-poor disc stars: (1) they originate in the early Galactic disc; (2) they could have been accreted, even if the authors themselves cast doubts on this hypothesis, since the only (up to now) evident massive merger experienced by the Galaxy is represented by Gaia Sausage-Enceladus, which brought mainly stars on retrograde or low  $L_z$  orbits; (3) they could be the remnants of massive building block(s), or clumps, of the proto-Milky Way that formed the backbone of the Milky Way disc.

While we note that scenarios (1) and (3) are not necessarily distinct and may have some overlap, we think that the continuity found here in the orbital and kinematic properties of stars on the whole metallicity range support the conclusions of Sestito et al. (2019) that stars with prograde motion exist with similar characteristics from the highest metallicities  $(-1. \le [Fe/H] \le -0.3)$ , where they can formally be identified as  $\alpha$ -enhanced thick disc stars, to metallicities in the range  $-2 \leq [Fe/H] \leq -1$ (the so-called metal-weak thick disc, see Norris et al. 1985; Morrison et al. 1990; Chiba & Beers 2000; Beers et al. 2002; Reddy & Lambert 2008; Brown et al. 2008; Kordopatis et al. 2013; Hawkins et al. 2015; Li & Zhao 2017; Hayes et al. 2018; Di Matteo et al. 2018) all the way down to metallicities as low as  $[Fe/H] \sim -6$ . So the simplest deduction that can be made is that very metal-poor, extremely metal-poor and ultra iron-poor stars with disc-like kinematics (or at least the majority, see Sect. 4.2) are stars born in the Galaxy itself in the very early phases of its formation. These stars all experienced the same heating events culminating with the end of the accretion of Gaia Sausage-Enceladus, visible at  $[Fe/H] \sim -0.3$ , and  $[Mg/Fe] \sim 0.2$ , that is about 10 Gyr ago (Di Matteo et al. 2018; Gallart et al. 2019; Belokurov et al. 2019). This ultra iron-poor thick disc is of fundamental importance to trace the disc formation back in time, up to the most metal-poor and first stars discovered up to date. We note that Beers & Sommer-Larsen (1995) suggested that the metal-weak thick disc extended below metallicity -2.0, and in fact, one of the metal-weak thick disc candidates, observed at spectral high resolution by Bonifacio et al. (1999), CS 29529-12 with [Fe/H] = -2.27, is indeed on a thick disc orbit, according to its Gaia DR2 parallax and proper motions.

How do these results compare with state-of-the-art simulations? Simulations have indicated consistently over the last 15 years that the most ancient stars are concentrated in the inner part of Milky-Way-type galaxies, (see, for example Diemand et al. 2005; Gao et al. 2010; Tumlinson 2010; Ishiyama et al. 2016; Griffen et al. 2018), and are usually made of stars formed in sub-haloes that merge to form a central concentration. Neither of the two populations of VMP and EMP discussed seems to be consistent with this picture. The accreted population, like its counterpart at high metallicity, could be explained by a single event, the Gaia Sausage, whose stars redistribute over a large range of kinematic and orbital properties. The results presented here and in Sestito et al. (2019) indicate that at least a fraction of

the most metal-poor and possibly oldest in-situ stars formed in the Galaxy have similar kinematic properties to what is known nowadays, at higher metallicities, like the thick disc population. Several studies (e.g. Purcell et al. 2010; Qu et al. 2011; Mc-Carthy et al. 2012) have found that an in-situ halo may originate from a disc of stars heated by interactions and accretions. As a matter fact, McCarthy et al. (2012) find that their in-situ halo stars have formed at relatively late times z < 2. The most recent simulations may point in the right direction. For instance, Pillepich et al. (2019) present simulations where galaxies are rotationally supported very early on, with  $V_{rot}/\sigma > 2 - 3$  already at redshift z = 5 and below. However, at this redshift, stars are predicted to have metallicities around  $[Fe/H] \sim -2$  (Tumlinson 2010; Starkenburg et al. 2017), and so are at the upper limit of the sample studied here. The data therefore indicate that the Milky Way disc probably settled at redshift z > 5, with stars at metallicities of about [Fe/H] = -4 or -5 formed at redshift z > 6. This is yet to be found in simulations and in observations of disc morphologies at these redshifts.

# 6.2. Accreted stars at [Fe/H] ≤ −2 and the difficulty of using chemical abundances to discriminate the nature of very metal-poor and extremely metal-poor populations

Regarding stars with halo kinematics, Sestito et al. (2019) divide those in their sample in inner (apocentres inside 30 kpc) and outer (apocentres greater than 30 kpc) halo, suggesting a possible different origin. The comparison we made in Sect. 4.1 with higher metallicity samples, and in particular with the *Gaia* DR2-APOGEE stars, suggests that stars with high apocentres in the Sestito et al. (2019) and in our samples could all be related to the same accretion event known as Gaia Sausage-Enceladus. The homogeneity of the  $\alpha$ -element abundance ratios in the metallicity range covered by the LP First stars sample also supports this view<sup>4</sup>. Inner halo stars appear, in turn, as a *melange* of stars from the Gaia Sausage-Enceladus and of stars of the early Milky Way disc heated to halo kinematics.

The situation for enhanced r-process elements is more complex. We do not confirm the conclusions of Roederer et al. (2018) about the nature of stars with enhanced r-process elements: as traced here by barium, there is no evidence that these stars have all an accreted origin. More precisely, the barium-rich stars studied by Roederer et al. (2018) show no sign, from their kinematics and orbital properties, that they originate from any other population than those associated with the Gaia Sausage-Enceladus or the early Galactic disc, partially heated to halo kinematics. We emphasise once more that the distribution of stars in several N -independent groups in kinematic spaces is not an indication either of their accreted origin or of their belonging to N -distinct satellites (Jean-Baptiste et al. 2017). Some of the stars studied by Roederer et al. (2018) clearly have (thick) disc-like orbits, or lie, in kinematic spaces, in regions occupied at higher metallicities, by the Gaia Sausage. Before making the hypothesis that these stars are associated with low-mass dwarfs, or ultra-faint galaxies, as suggested by Roederer et al. (2018), we first need to robustly demonstrate that they are neither stars of the disc or of the in-situ halo (that is the

 $<sup>^4</sup>$  Here we mean that the LP First stars are homogeneous given the uncertainties on the abundance estimates (of the order of 0.15 dex for [Ca/Fe] and 0.2 dex for [Mg/Fe], see Fig. 2). In these very metal-poor stars with a metallicity far from the Sun, the individual uncertainties do not come from the observed spectra, but mainly from the uncertainties on the model parameters.

heated disc), nor are they associated with Gaia Enceladus.

#### 7. Conclusions

In this work, we analyse a set of very metal-poor and extremely metal-poor stars for which accurate chemical abundances and radial velocities have been obtained as part of the ESO LP First stars. Combining spectroscopic information with the astrometric data available from the *Gaia* DR2, and comparing this sample to stars at lower (Sestito et al. 2019) and higher (Nissen & Schuster 2010; Di Matteo et al. 2018) metallicities, we make the following conclusions:

- At all metallicities, from [Fe/H] ~ -6 to [Fe/H] ~ -0.4, stars show very similar kinematic properties. By analogy with stars at higher metallicities ([Fe/H] ~ -2 to [Fe/H] ~ -0.4), these kinematic properties can be interpreted as the presence of two dominant populations at -6 ≤ [Fe/H] ≤ -2: a disc, partially heated to halo kinematics, and the low-metallicity stars of the Gaia Sausage-Enceladus satellite.
- The Galactic disc extends not only to the metal-poor regime (the so-called "metal-weak thick disc"), but in fact down to metallicities as low as [Fe/H]  $\sim -6$ . In other words, an ultra metal-poor thick disc exists, which constitutes the extremely metal-poor tail of the 'canonical' Galactic thick disc and of the metal-weak thick disc.
- At all metallicities from [Fe/H] ~ -6, up to [Fe/H] ~ -0.4, we suggest that these early disc stars have similar kinematic properties, because they experienced the same violent heating processes, that ended with the accretion of the Gaia Sausage-Enceladus satellite, about 10 Gyr ago (Di Matteo et al. 2018; Gallart et al. 2019; Belokurov et al. 2019). We note that it is still possible that the disc experienced some cooling in the first 2-3 Gyr of its formation (see, for example Samland & Gerhard 2003), but the signatures of this process are currently difficult to identify, on the one side, because the samples of stars at [Fe/H] < -2 still suffer from low statistics, and, on the other side, because of the concurrent kinematic heating the disc experienced, which partially hides the cooling signature, if present.
- Besides the disc, the halo population that is present all over the  $-6 \leq [Fe/H] \leq -0.5$  range is a mix of disc stars heated to halo kinematics (the same phenomenon experienced by canonical thick disc stars, see Di Matteo et al. 2018; Belokurov et al. 2019), and accreted stars, possibly all associated with Gaia Sausage-Enceladus. There is no evidence of other significant populations in this sample of stars, which, we remind the reader, extends up to 8 kpc from the Sun.
- Surprisingly, we find no clear relation between the kinematics and the chemical abundances of stars at [Fe/H] < -2: no dependence on  $\alpha$ -elements as Mg and Ca, and no dependence on r-process elements, as barium. In this respect, we cannot confirm the results by Roederer et al. (2018), regarding the possible exclusively accreted nature of r-rich stars at [Fe/H] < -2. R-rich stars indeed appear to be a mixture of disc stars, partially heated to halo kinematics, and accreted stars with kinematic properties compatible to those of Gaia Sausage-Enceladus.

These results raise a number of questions. In-situ and accreted stars at [Fe/H] < -2 seem to share the same chemical abundances, both in Mg, Ca and Ba. This is surprising given the stochasticity of the star formation process at those early epochs

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of Galaxy formation, and given the different sites where these stars originated (Galaxy versus Gaia Sausage-Enceladus).

Limongi & Chieffi (2005) showed that the average abundances of the LP giant stars (Cayrel et al. 2004) can be reproduced rather well with a single zero metallicity supernova of moderate mass (20-50 solar masses), or by a population of zero-metallicity stars with a standard Salpeter Initial Mass Function (IMF) with index -2.35. More recently, Ishigaki et al. (2018), using the chemical abundances of about 200 EMP stars, concluded that the masses of the first generation of stars were predominantly below 40 solar masses. The general conclusion is that there is no need for a top-heavy IMF of zero-metallicity stars to reproduce the abundance ratios observed in VMP and EMP stars. Our finding that the LP First stars were probably formed in two distinct galaxies. the Milky Way and Gaia Sausage-Enceladus, implies that this conclusion holds for both galaxies. This strongly supports the notion that the IMF is universal, even at zero metallicity. It is, of course, difficult to reconcile these observations with the theoretical predictions of zero-metallicity star formation that require a top-heavy IMF (e.g. Bromm & Larson 2004, and references therein). We note, however, that recent high-resolution simulations of star formation predict an IMF that is not necessarily top heavy (e.g. Greif et al. 2007; Clark et al. 2011).

Finally, to get insights into the nature of stars at [Fe/H] < -2, it has been necessary to compare their kinematic properties to those of more metal-rich stars ( $-2 \leq [Fe/H] \leq -0.5$ ). This latter interval is fundamental, because here we clearly see two distinct main populations, the ( $\alpha$ -enhanced) thick disc, partially heated to halo kinematics, and stars from the Gaia Sausage-Enceladus. The possibility to distinguish these two chemical sequences, at  $-1.5 \leq [Fe/H] \leq -0.5$ , and to study their corresponding kinematic properties is thus also vital to interpreting the nature and origin of stars at lower metallicities, where  $\alpha$ -abundance patterns appear very homogeneous, and [Ba/Fe] seems not to be discriminant. In this context, we need to be aware that we still need to robustly establish that the low- $\alpha$  sequence discovered by Nissen & Schuster (2010) and then discussed in a number of subsequent works is made of stars from one unique satellite (i.e. Gaia Sausage-Enceladus) and it is not hiding multiple accreted populations, possibly of similar masses (see, for example Snaith et al. 2016). The link between this sequence and the metal-poor thin disc, that is the outer disc of the Milky Way, is also yet to be completely understood (see the recent work by Buck 2019). Digging into this low- $\alpha$  sequence, its connection with the outer disc, and its constituents, is necessary for a deeper understanding of stars over the whole range of metallicities, from  $[Fe/H] \sim -6$  to  $[Fe/H] \sim -0.5$ , thus well beyond the limited [Fe/H] range where this low- $\alpha$  sequence is currently found.

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#### Appendix A: On the kinematic properties of the carbon enhanced metal-poor stars in the LP First stars sample

Among the stars in the LP First stars sample, six are carbonenhanced metal-poor stars (CEMP, see Beers & Christlieb 2005), and, for the sake of homogeneity, were excluded from our study. These stars are: CS22949-37, CS22892-52 (Gaia DR2 ID=6826025986350385280), CS29497-30 (Gaia DR2 ID=2347402354016302208), CS31080-95 (Gaia DR2 ID=4790354875531489024). CS22958-42 (Gaia DR2 ID=4718427642340545408). CS29528-41 (Gaia DR2 ID=5131487257219876864). Of those six stars, the first does not have a measured parallax in Gaia DR2, while the second has a parallax relative error larger than 20%. We are thus left with four stars only, whose distances have been estimated by inverting their parallaxes, and whose galactocentric positions and velocities have been derived as described in Sect. 3.1. For all four stars, proper motions are from Gaia DR2, while their line-of-sight velocities are taken from the work of Sivarani et al. (2006), except for CS 22892-052, whose adopted line-of-sight velocity is taken from the work of Roederer et al. (2014). The derived distances from the Sun, and distributions in the Toomre diagram,  $L_z - L_{perp}$ ,  $E - L_z$  and  $ecc - L_z$  planes are reported in Fig. A.1, and there they are compared to the corresponding properties of the LP First stars sample analysed in this paper. As shown in this figure, the CEMP stars in the sample do not show different kinematic properties to those of the main LP sample. We emphasise, however, that the statistics of CEMP stars in the LP sample is too low to derive more robust conclusions.

#### Appendix B: Tabular data

In this Appendix, we report the main parameters (parallaxes, proper motions, radial velocities, [Fe/H], and [Ba/Fe]) for stars of the LP First stars programme (Table B.1), for stars of the Roederer et al. (2018) sample (Table B.2) and for stars of the Sestito et al. (2019) sample (Table B.3). Table B.4 gives the correspondence between the name of the star and its Gaia DR2 ID. Tables B.5 and B.6 give the galactocentric positions and velocities, orbital parameters and relative errors for stars of the LP First stars programme, of the Roederer et al. (2018) and Sestito et al. (2019) samples. We note that two stars among the 15 of the Sestito et al. (2019) sample analysed in this paper are common to the LP First stars: CS 22885-0096 (Gaia DR2 ID=6692925538259931136) and HE 0044-3755 (Gaia DR2 ID=5000753194373767424). As a consequence, they are not reported in the list of Sestito et al. (2019) stars given in Tables B.5 and B.6, but only in the list of LP First stars.

#### **Appendix C: Orbits**

In this Appendix, we show the orbits of the 42 stars in the LP First stars sample. Both the meridional plane, R - Z, and the projection on the X - Y plane, are shown.



**Fig. A.1.** *Top row:* Histogram (hatched orange) of distances (in kpc) to the Sun, of the sample of CEMP stars in the ESO LP First stars, with *Gaia* DR2 relative errors on parallaxes smaller than 20%. For comparison, the histogram of the distances to the Sun of stars in the LP First stars studied in this paper, is also shown (hatched black). *Middle row, left panel:* Toomre diagram for CEMP stars (orange dots). Stars from the LP First stars sample studied in this paper are also shown (black dots). The vertical dashed line separates prograde from retrograde motions. Velocities are in units of km/s. The grey area separates stars with  $\sqrt{V_R^2 + (V_\Phi - V_{LSR})^2 + V_Z^2} \le 180$  km/s from stars with higher relative velocities with respect to the LSR. *Middle row, right panel:* Distribution of the CEMP stars (orange dots) in the L<sub>2</sub> – L<sub>perp</sub> plane. Stars from the LP First stars sample studied in this paper are also shown (black dots). Angular momenta are in units of 100 kpc km/s. *Bottom row, left panel:* Distribution of CEMP stars (orange dots) in the E – L<sub>z</sub> plane. Stars from the LP First stars sample studied in this paper are also shown (black dots). Angular momenta are in units of 100 kpc km/s, energies in units of 100 km<sup>2</sup>/s<sup>2</sup>. *Bottom row, right panel:* Distribution of CEMP stars (orange dots) in the eccentricity – L<sub>z</sub> plane. Stars from the LP First stars sample studied in this paper are also shown (black dots). Angular momenta are in units of 100 kpc km/s, energies in units of 100 km<sup>2</sup>/s<sup>2</sup>. *Bottom row, right panel:* Distribution of CEMP stars (orange dots) in the eccentricity – L<sub>z</sub> plane. Stars from the LP First stars sample studied in this paper are also shown (black dots).

**Table B.1.** Main *Gaia* data of the stars studied in the frame of the LP First stars. In this table, we state the [Fe/H], the metallicity of the star, [Ba/Fe] (a proxy for [Eu/Fe]), the *Gaia* equatorial coordinates ra and dec (epoch 2015.5), the proper motions pmra and pmdec (in mas), the line-of-sight velocity (in km s<sup>-1</sup>) measured by *Gaia* and measured on the UVES spectra (Gaia RVel and UVES RVel) with the corresponding errors, the *Gaia* DR2 parallax corrected by the zero-point offset, the error  $\sigma_{\pi}$  and  $\sigma_{\pi}/\pi$ , and finally the distances of the stars *d* (in kpc) deduced from the parallax. The stars were kept only when  $\sigma_{\pi}/\pi < 0.20$ .

Turnoff stars								err		err			$err(\pi)$	
					Gaia (	Gaia	Gaia (	Gaia	UVES	UVES	Gaia		/	
	[Fe/H]	[Ba/Fe]	ra	dec	pmra pn	ndec	RVel I	RVel	RVel	RVel	π	$err(\pi)$	π	d
BS16023-046	-2.97	<-0.61	210.22678	22.77818	-42.36 -4	0.68	-	-	-7.5	0.5	0.972	0.023	0.02	1.03
BS16076-006	-3.81	<-1.20	192.09468	20.94551	-26.33 -12	3.06	-	-	206	0.5	0.592	0.037	0.06	1.69
BS16968-061	-3.05	<-1.03	225.27528	3.71246	-46.28 -43	5.91	-	-	-80.7	0.5	1.045	0.041	0.04	0.96
BS17570-063	-2.92	-0.31	5.15105	23.79362	52.27 -3'	7.18	-	-	-184.4	0.5	0.934	0.039	0.04	1.07
CS22177-009	-3.10	<-0.48	61.91948	-25.04581	22.24 -6	1.67	-	-	-208.4	0.5	1.219	0.022	0.02	0.82
CS22888-031	-3.30	<-0.08	347.88562	-35.44536	56.62 -2	7.42	-	-	-125.1	0.5	1.103	0.034	0.03	0.91
CS22948-093	-3.30	0.22	327.63123	-41.13045	-18.22 -10	6.99	-	-	364.3	0.5	0.502	0.039	0.08	1.99
CS22953-037	-2.89	<-0.79	21.27828	-59.26672	67.87 3	5.62	-	-	-163.3	0.5	1.217	0.017	0.01	0.82
CS22965-054	-3.04	<-0.84	331.62634	-2.54289	27.32	0.95	-	-	-281.6	0.5	0.680	0.056	0.08	1.47
CS22966-011	-3.07	-0.06	353.77954	-30.38193	32.58 -4	1.92	-	-	-13.5	0.5	1.150	0.059	0.05	0.87
CS29506-007	-2.91	0.18	320.11935	-20.77313	-7.88 -20	0.30	-	-	56.4	0.5	0.869	0.043	0.05	1.15
CS29506-090	-2.83	-0.35	322.62024	-22.17839	-12.43 -40	0.73	-	-	-21.3	0.5	0.892	0.041	0.05	1.12
CS29518-020	-2.77	_	18.05528	-31.00153	42.03 -	8.65	-	-	-22.2	0.5	0.960	0.025	0.03	1.04
CS29518-043	-3.20	<-0.78	19.65977	-30.68414	36.39 -	3.31	-	-	144.8	0.5	0.734	0.030	0.04	1.36
CS30301-024	-2.75	-0.28	227.12340	-0.59987	-40.40 -1	7.35	-	-	-67.7	0.5	1.762	0.045	0.03	0.57
CS31061-032	-2.58	<-0.45	39.68045	3.31729	5.64 -20	0.28	-	-	21	0.5	1.071	0.027	0.03	0.93
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Giant stars					Caia	<b>.</b>	Cala	Caia	INTERI		Caia		$err(\pi)$	
	[E/II]	[De/Ee]		daa	Gala C	Jala	DV-11	Jala DVal	DVES	UVES DVal	Gala		/	L.
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HD2/90	-2.47	-0.21	/.8204/	-10./9488	-1.38 -5	1.05	-60.7	0.1	-01	0.3	1.510	0.063	0.04	0.00
HD122303	-2.82	-0.85	210.03180	9.08379	-189.08 -7	0.32	-20.2	0.2	-20.2	0.5	3.474	0.005	0.02	0.29
HD1804/8	-2.39	-0.08	290.30882	-17.49122	-22.22 -8.	3.03 2.41	32 146	1.7	31.0 146.5	0.5	1.044	0.041	0.04	0.90
BD+1/05248	-2.07	0.55	202.00007	17.30980	-47.75-2	2.41	-140	0.2	-140.3	0.5	2.009	0.030	0.03	0.80
BD-1805550	-3.00	-0.61	299.70729	-18.20349	11.47 -9	1.15	-125.1	0.3	-124.9	0.3	2.008	0.041	0.02	0.50
CD-380245	-4.19	-0.55	11.05090	-37.03933	15.25 -	1.55	48.3	2.5	46.5	0.3	0.245	0.034	0.14	4.08
BS10407-002	-3.//	<-0./1	205.50255	17.81130	-18.10 4	4.02	15.0	-	-90.0	0.3	0.230	0.028	0.12	4.34
CS22169-035	-3.04	-1.13	63.05/8/	-12.084/6	7.99 -	4.90	15.9	0.9	14.4	0.3	0.223	0.039	0.17	4.49
CS22186-025	-3.00	-0.06	00.13007	-37.150/1	2.70	3.49	-	-	-122.3	0.3	0.126	0.015	0.12	7.93
CS22189-009	-3.49	-1.13	40.42657	-13.46963	3.35 -4	4.59	-	-	-20.2	0.3	0.165	0.031	0.19	6.08
CS228/3-166	-2.97	-0.57	304.84168	-61.50425	-15.42 -1.	2.52	-	-	-16.9	0.3	0.199	0.034	0.17	5.03
CS228/8-101	-3.25	-0.32	251.38102	8.24597	-7.06	1.23	-	-	-129.2	0.3	0.126	0.025	0.20	7.91
CS22885-096	-3.78	-0.94	305.21320	-39.89176	-4.43 -0	6.91	-	-	-250.1	0.3	0.201	0.025	0.12	4.98
CS22896-154	-2.69	0.34	295.61198	-56.97624	-9.75 -24	4.97	-	-	138	0.3	0.337	0.018	0.05	2.96
CS22897-008	-3.41	-0.96	315.79938	-65.08582	-1.68 -0	6.28	-	-	266.6	0.3	0.186	0.020	0.11	5.39
CS22948-066	-3.14	-0.83	326.21319	-37.46531	-0.17 -0	6.51	-	-	-170.6	0.3	0.153	0.029	0.19	6.52
CS22953-003	-2.84	0.39	15.56610	-61.72947	-3.82 -1	5.77	-	-	208.5	0.3	0.240	0.014	0.06	4.16
CS22956-050	-3.33	-0.62	329.52429	-65.22424	-1.39 -0	6.07	-	-	-0.4	0.3	0.152	0.023	0.15	6.58
CS22966-057	-2.62	-0.33	357.24066	-29.65650	4.35 -30	6.52	-	-	102.2	0.3	0.536	0.027	0.05	1.87
CS22968-014	-3.56	<-1.37	46.62292	-54.50905	-0.50 -:	5.19	-	-	159.1	0.3	0.144	0.017	0.12	6.95
CS29495-041	-2.82	-0.46	324.13870	-28.31351	-1.70 -12	2.85	-	-	79.6	0.3	0.218	0.031	0.14	4.58
CS29502-042	-3.19	-1.43	335.45341	2.47910	-6.59 -	7.28	-139.3	4.9	-138.2	0.3	0.543	0.097	0.18	1.84
CS29516-024	-3.06	-0.61	336.56399	2.86270	1.00 -3	8.71	-	-	-84.3	0.3	0.314	0.031	0.10	3.18
CS29518-051	-2.69	-0.13	21.04172	-28.25593	7.14 -1:	5.66	-	-	96.4	0.3	0.517	0.036	0.07	1.93
CS30325-094	-3.30	<-1.68	223.66348	4.36050	-33.26 -1	8.52	-155.1	1.6	-157.7	0.3	0.457	0.042	0.09	2.19
CS31082-001	-2.91	0.74	22.37977	-16.01282	11.74 -42	2.71	139.1	0.9	139.1	0.3	0.511	0.046	0.09	1.96

Roederer stars								err		err			$err(\pi)$	
					Gaia	Gaia	Gaia	Gaia	Spec	Spec	Gaia		/	
	[Fe/H]	[Ba/Fe]	ra	dec	pmra	pmdec	RVel	RVel	RVel	RVel	π	$err(\pi)$	π	d
J235718.91-0052478	-3.36	1.12	359.32899	-0.88059	49.75	-172.41	-	-	-9.4	0.5	1.898	0.055	0.03	0.53
CS 29497-004	-2.85	1.07	7.02886	-26.05118	9.47	0.39	-	-	105	0.4	0.270	0.030	0.11	3.71
J21064294-6828266	-2.76	0.32	316.67890	-68.47416	-4.43	-18.38	-72.3	1.5	-72.6	0.6	0.479	0.030	0.06	2.09
J09544277+5246414	-2.99	0.35	148.67809	52.77810	-17.90	-26.91	-69.1	1	-67.5	1	0.336	0.036	0.11	2.98
J15383085-1804242	-2.09	0.62	234.62830	-18.07358	-49.47	-37.99	132.4	0.3	131.3	0.5	0.993	0.040	0.04	1.01
J21091825-1310062	-2.40	0.12	317.32605	-13.16851	3.18	-28.67	-35.7	0.5	-35.9	0.4	0.455	0.043	0.09	2.20
CS 31078-018	-2.84	0.72	45.25294	6.27546	17.35	-10.22	81.7	1.8	81.3	0.2	0.674	0.030	0.04	1.48
HE 0430-4901	-2.72	0.51	67.87979	-48.91151	7.28	4.82	-	-	208.7	3	0.400	0.017	0.04	2.50
CS 22945-058	-2.71	0.28	358.15780	-66.08389	30.74	-22.23	-	-	23.4	0.5	0.615	0.025	0.04	1.63
J02165716-7547064	-2.50	0.25	34.23813	-75.78516	-3.37	1.65	-6.1	0.6	-5.8	0.3	0.212	0.021	0.10	4.71
SMSS J062609.83-5905032	-2.77	0.84	96.54097	-59.08418	2.07	2.14	-	-	-110	1	0.221	0.017	0.08	4.53
HE 2224+0143	-2.58	0.58	336.84636	1.97581	4.07	-10.24	-	-	-113.1	0.2	0.351	0.037	0.11	2.85
SMSS J024858.41-6843064	-3.71	0.59	42.24347	-68.71843	-5.10	-8.60	-	-	-239	1	0.299	0.016	0.05	3.35
HE 2327-5642	-2.78	0.31	352.65464	-56.43737	12.57	-8.69	-	-	282.2	1	0.208	0.020	0.10	4.81
CS 29491-069	-2.55	0.24	337.75916	-32.64363	10.05	-34.61	-	-	-377.1	0.7	0.416	0.033	0.08	2.41
SMSS J051008.62-3720198	-3.20	0.75	77.53595	-37.33881	11.82	-23.44	370.9	1.5	372.8	1	0.935	0.029	0.03	1.07
CS 29529-054	-2.75	-0.02	59.84974	-62.16927	28.70	-28.62	-	-	113.2	0.4	1.010	0.020	0.02	0.99
J15582962-1224344	-2.54	0.04	239.62342	-12.40957	-8.82	-0.69	82.3	0.5	83.1	0.5	0.440	0.034	0.08	2.27
J00405260-5122491	-2.11	-0.04	10.22057	-51.38113	211.49	-197.32	123.3	0.5	123.1	0.2	6.701	0.027	0.00	0.15
CS 22943-132	-2.67	-0.05	305.71256	-43.22781	68.31	-43.70	-	-	18.9	0.8	2.197	0.024	0.01	0.46
HD 115444	-2.96	0.18	199.17694	36.38104	4.56	-60.45	-27.5	0.3	-27	0.5	1.229	0.040	0.03	0.81
HD 221170	-2.18	0.26	352.36995	30.43250	-16.64	-53.66	-121.1	0.2	-121.2	0.1	1.867	0.059	0.03	0.54
HE 0420+0123a	-3.03	0.54	65.81075	1.51332	33.26	-21.42	-55.3	0.4	-55.3	1	0.923	0.043	0.05	1.08
J19232518-5833410	-2.08	0.11	290.85474	-58.56147	-23.41	-16.43	126.9	0.9	125.9	0.6	0.487	0.055	0.11	2.05
HE 1430+0053	-3.03	-0.09	218.31879	0.68018	-23.17	-14.93	-	-	-107.7	0.4	0.328	0.030	0.09	3.05
J15271353-2336177	-2.15	-0.03	231.80521	-23.60539	-228.89	-96.95	3.8	0.5	1.2	0.3	6.821	0.046	0.01	0.15

**Table B.3.** Main *Gaia* data of the stars selected in the sample of Sestito et al. (2019). Five of these stars are ultra iron-poor stars with [Fe/H] < -4.5. The other stars have metallicities close to the metallicity of the LP First stars sample, but many of them are C rich. The columns are the same as in Table B.1

Sestito's sample							err	err			$err(\pi)$	
					Gaia Gaia	Gaia	Gaia	Spec Spec	Gaia		/	
	[Fe/H]	[Ba/Fe]	ra	dec	pmra pmdec	RVel	RVel	RVel RVel	π	$err(\pi)$	π	d
HE 0233-0343	-4.70	-	39.12435	-3.50172	49.96 -10.61	-	-	64.0 1.0	0.822	0.054	0.07	1.22
HE 1327-2326	-5.96	-	202.5245	-23.69694	-52.52 45.5	-	-	64.4 1.3	0.918	0.024	0.03	1.09
SDSS J081554.26+472947.5	<-5.80	-	123.97602	47.49645	-14.15 -24.23	-	-	-95.0 23.0	0.474	0.084	0.18	2.11
SDSS J102915+172927	-4.99	-	157.31307	17.49107	-10.86 -4.06	-	-	-35.0 4.0	0.764	0.078	0.1	1.31
SMSS J031300.36-670839.3	<-6.53	-	48.25164	-67.14426	7.03 1.09	-	-	298.5 0.5	0.128	0.016	0.13	7.81
BD+44 493	-4.30	-	36.70797	44.96279	118.36 -32.23	-147.9	0.9	-150.14 0.63	4.79	0.066	0.01	0.21
CS 22885-0096	-4.21	-	305.2132	-39.89176	-4.43 -6.91	-	-	-248.0 10.0	0.201	0.025	0.12	4.98
CS 22963-0004	-4.09	-	44.19414	-4.85485	21.71 -2.67	-	-	292.4 0.2	0.252	0.036	0.14	3.97
HE 0044-3755	-4.19	-	11.6509	-37.65935	15.23 -7.53	-	-	48.3 2.5	0.245	0.034	0.14	4.08
HE 0057-5959	-4.08	-	14.97496	-59.72497	2.39 -10.52	-	-	375.64 1.0	0.228	0.025	0.11	4.38
HE 0134-1519	-4.00	-	24.27252	-15.07304	24.96 -10.9	-	-	244.0 1.0	0.375	0.03	0.08	2.66
HE 1012-1540	-4.17	-	153.72236	-15.93132	-102.32 28.13	-	-	225.8 0.5	2.572	0.028	0.01	0.39
LAMOST J125346.09+075343.	-4.02	-	193.44198	7.89501	21.04 -58.73	-	-	78.0 0.4	1.435	0.038	0.03	0.7
SDSS J014036.21+234458.1	-4.00	-	25.15092	23.74941	1.02 -21.47	-	-	-197.0 1.0	1.078	0.056	0.05	0.93
2MASS J18082002-5104378	-4.07	-	272.08343	-51.07724	-5.63 -12.64	-	-	16.54 0.12	1.708	0.04	0.02	0.59

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**Table B.4.** Correspondance name of the star, Gaia Designation; and Gaia Designation, name of the star, for the stars of the different samples. All these stars used in the calculations have a parallax error less than 20% in the *Gaia* DR2.

	Dwarfs ESO	LP ''First stars''	
BS 16023-046	DR2 1256787527655339520	DR2 1154852693702722432	BS 16968-061
BS 16076-006	DR2 3954415903126795136	DR2 1256787527655339520	BS 16023-046
BS 16968-061 BS 17570-062	DR2 1154852693702722432	DR2 2329078133745332608	CS 22966-011
CS 22177-009	DR2 2801174155095700250 DR2 4890881265153979904	DR2 2505556060544507008	CS 22965-054
CS 22888-031	DR2 6553564535381928320	DR2 2801174135693760256	BS 17570-063
CS 22948-093	DR2 6572334195301351296	DR2 3954415903126795136	BS 16076-006
CS 22953-037	DR2 4716937597925985152	DR2 4418547253297229568	CS 30301-024
CS 22965-054	DR2 2676443097097288704	DR2 4716937597925985152	CS 22953-037
CS 22966-011	DR2 2329078133745332608	DR2 4890881265153979904	CS 22177-009
CS 29506-007	DR2 6828192853186579712	DR2 50207/5554654970708	CS 29518-045
CS 29518-020	DR2 5029418699461331328	DR2 6553564535381928320	CS 22888-031
CS 29518-043	DR2 5028773354854976768	DR2 6572334195301351296	CS 22948-093
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CS 31061-032	DR2 2503556060544507008	DR2 6829482026274589568	CS 29506-007
HD 2706	Giants ESO I	LP "First stars"	CS 20225 0004
HD 2790 HD 122563	DR2 2507454097527877504 DR2 3723554268436602240	DR2 1138097734708307300	BS 16467-0062
HD 186478	DR2 6871465473332110464	DR2 2327812561502492928	CS 22966-0057
BD+17 3248	DR2 4553184509407224576	DR2 2367454697327877504	HD 2796
BD-18 5550	DR2 6867802519062194560	DR2 2451773941958712192	CS 31082-0001
CD-38 245	DR2 5000753194373767424	DR2 2703673700854939136	CS 29502-0042
BS 16467-0062	DR2 1247612343640067840	DR2 2703747063191473536	CS 29516-0024
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CS 22873-0166	DR2 6430979984003489024	DR2 4553184509407224576	BD+17 3248
CS 22878-0101	DR2 4445232430567438592	DR2 4710594687144052096	CS 22953-0003
CS 22885-0096	DR2 6692925538259931136	DR2 4734734636730938240	CS 22968-0014
CS 22896-0154	DR2 6448440159932433536	DR2 4865951797498979840	CS 22186-0025
CS 22897-0008	DR2 6449369934453211264	DR2 5000753194373767424	CD-38 245
CS 22948-0066	DR2 6586084653360277504	DR2 5036171899878275584	CS 29518-0051
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HD 115444	DR2 1474455748663044736	DR2 1474455748663044736	HD 115444
HD 221170	DR2 2869759781250083200	DR2 2322729725405593728	CS 29497-004
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CS 22945-058	DR2 6389179335052544256	DR2 2703430605705583360	HE 2224+0143
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CS 29497-004 CS 29529-054	DR2 2522729725405595728 DR2 4679456071169507712	DR2 3279770347500975050	HE $0420\pm0123a$ HE $1430\pm0053$
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HE 0420+0123a	DR2 3279770347306973056	DR2 4637170571951777280	J02165716-7547064
HE 0430-4901	DR2 4787830774791048832	DR2 4647065936083474816	SMSS J024858.41-684306.4
HE 1430+0053	DR2 3653467682134558592	DR2 4679456071169507712	CS 29529-054
HE 2224+0143	DR2 2703430605705583360	DR2 4787830774791048832	HE 0430-4901
HE 2327-5642	DR2 6495850379767072128	DR2 4820909925710430976	SMSS J051008.62-372019.8
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SDSS 1081554 26+472947 5	DR2 931227322991070560	DR2 3650020775906965290	SMSS 102913+1/2927 SMSS 1031300 36-670830 3
SDSS J102915+172927	DR2 3890626773968983296	DR2 6194815228636688768	HE 1327-2326
SMSS J031300.36-670839.3	DR2 4671418400651900544	DR2 931227322991970560	SDSS J081554.26+472947.5
Stars with –4.5 <[Fe/H] $\leq$ –4.0			
BD+44 493	DR2 341511064663637376	DR2 2453397508316944128	HE 0134-1519
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HE 0134-1519	DR2 2453397508316944128	DR2 4903905598859396480	HE 0057-5959
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SDSS J014036.21+234458.1	DR2 290930261314166528	DR2 6692925538259931136	BPS CS 22885-0096
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#### Table B.5. Galactic coordinates X, Y, Z are in pc and the velocities in $km\,s^{-1}.$

Gaia ID	Gal	actocenti V	ic Coord	Vv	Vv	Va	П	V	w	err	err V	err 7	err Vy	err Vy	err Va	err	err V	err
	A	1	L	• 1	• 1	• 2	0	•			1	L	• 1	• 1	• 2			
ESO LP "First stars'	' (turno	off and	giant	stars)														
DR2 1154852693702722432	-7740.6	16.1	772.6	-50.9	-44.2	-40.1	-50.9	-284.2	-40.1	21.1	0.6	26.3	0.5	10.4	0.7	0.5	10.4	0.7
DR2 1247612343640067840	-7222.7	-59.8	4224.5	-347.1	89.0	-57.4	-347.1	-151.0	-37.4	171.0	9.1	642.4	51.1	25.4	13.2	51.1	25.4	13.2
DR2 1256787527655339520	-8070.6	105.0	1014.4	-15.2	-31.5	36.8	-15.2	-271.5	36.8	5.3	2.1	19.3	0.5	5.5	0.9	0.5	5.5	0.9
DR2 2327812561502492928	-7913.9	145.4	-1784.3	138.7	-48.1	-92.1	138.7	-288.1	-92.1	21.8	7.4	92.7	5.4	15.8	0.3	5.4	15.8	0.3
DR2 2329078133745332608	-8097.2	128.5	-804.4	-41.5	40.4	-13.4	-41.5	-199.6	-13.4	12.3	3.9	42.1	2.5	10.7	1.8	2.5	10.7	1.8
DR2 2451773941958712192	-8800.2	128.3	-1871.7	119.0	-119.5	-189.3	119.0	-359.5	-189.3	43.9	13.1	181.2	13.4	36.4	5.9	13.4	36.4	5.9
DR2 2503556060544507008	-8925.4	130.1	-688.7	22.3	172.3	-43.8	22.3	-67.7	-43.8	15.4	3.4	18.8	0.7	2.2	1.0	0.7	2.2	1.0
DR2 2676443097097288704	-7769.6	900.5	-986.0	-252.6	55.1	92.3	-252.6	-184.9	92.3	43.0	67.9	76.4	11.5	1.9	8.2	11.5	1.9	8.2
DR2 2703747063191473536	-7802.4	21227.4	-1238.3	49.5 266.6	-224.5	-229.1	266.6	-114.1	-229.1	86.0	231.0	238.7	27.7	0.5 41.6	29.2	27.7	0.5	29.2
DR2 2801174135693760256	-8679.4	765.8	-640.2	-86.5	-103.5	-55.5	-86.5	-343.5	-55.5	15.7	35.4	30.8	7.2	10.4	8.2	7.2	10.4	8.2
DR2 3189438526418585728	-11414.6	-1461.1	-2904.5	9.1	65.9	80.1	9.1	-174.1	80.1	597.1	283.7	569.3	1.7	35.3	15.9	1.7	35.3	15.9
DR2 3723554268436602240	-8223.8	-20.2	289.6	-133.1	16.0	24.2	-133.1	-224.0	24.2	2.2	0.4	4.9	2.5	4.5	0.8	2.5	4.5	0.8
DR2 4418547253297229568	-7952.7	-10.2	441.7	-73.1	146.4	-9.4	-73.1	-93.6	-9.4	10.2	0.3	10.9	1.1	2.9	0.9	1.1	2.9	0.9
DR2 4445232430567438592	-2271.1	2913.0	4183.1	-175.7	75.4	158.2	-175.7	-164.6	158.2	1337.9	642.2	916.2	19.4	28.4	48.2	19.4	28.4	48.2
DR2 4553184509407224576	-7791.1	463.5	377.6	-40.0	16.6	64.7	-40.0	-223.4	64.7	16.2	13.7	10.3	1.5	4.5	3.6	1.5	4.5	3.6
DR2 4716937597925985152	-/131.9	-2036.6	-5599.5	-314.2	-15.5 263.8	9.1	-314.2	-255.5	9.1	23	5.0	199.8	12.5	9.7	0.6	12.5	9.7	0.6
DR2 4734734636730938240	-8315.8	-4159.0	-5534.3	162.5	91.5	-70.5	162.5	-148.5	-70.5	3.5	598.1	799.8	21.7	9.5	7.2	21.7	9.5	7.2
DR2 4865951797498979840	-11212.0	-4885.2	-5520.5	140.2	201.7	159.8	140.2	-38.3	159.8	395.2	672.3	763.4	11.8	17.4	9.3	11.8	17.4	9.3
DR2 4890881265153979904	-8763.9	-378.2	-564.8	273.4	146.4	175.9	273.4	-93.6	175.9	8.0	7.2	11.2	2.9	3.8	0.5 3 4	2.9	3.8	0.5
DR2 5028773354854976768	-7877.4	-388.9	-1326.2	-172.6	-33.5	-110.5	-130.1	-275.5	-17.4	2.9	95.5 64	57.5	27.4	44.2 6.6	5.4 1.2	27.4	44.2 6.6	5.4 1.2
DR2 5029418699461331328	-8368.7	-104.4	-1009.0	-132.3	100.3	48.9	-132.3	-139.7	48.9	0.8	2.8	27.9	3.9	4.2	0.7	3.9	4.2	0.7
DR2 5036171899878275584	-8518.5	-170.3	-1890.7	36.1	90.0	-77.9	36.1	-150.0	-77.9	13.5	12.9	145.0	2.7	11.6	0.9	2.7	11.6	0.9
DR2 5170309947645049728 DR2 6399358510623784192	-11248.5	-539.1	-5279.6	41.0	91.7	30.4	41.0	-148.3	30.4	605.8	112.3	749.0	4.5	33.7	1.3	4.5	33.7 27 A	1.3
DR2 6430979984003489024	-4557.8	-1747.8	-2786.9	87.4	-73.7	342.4	87.4	-313.7	342.4	837.6	387.0	623.1	19.8	73.4	72.1	19.8	73.4	72.1
DR2 6448440159932433536	-5903.8	-863.3	-1423.5	50.8	-146.2	29.2	50.8	-386.2	29.2	110.9	39.3	66.0	3.3	16.3	4.1	3.3	16.3	4.1
DR2 6449369934453211264	-4684.9	-2141.1	-3297.8	170.3	-2.0	-85.8	170.3	-242.0	-85.8	417.7	244.7	380.0	2.5	17.0	8.1	2.5	17.0	8.1
DR2 6553504535381928320 DR2 6572334195301351296	-7989.8	33.0 4.7	-808.7	-210.3	55.9 112.9	-154.4	-210.3	-184.1	42.5 -154.4	101.4	0.4	20.4 123.2	5.4	0.1	2.0	5.4 11.8	0.1	2.0
DR2 6586084653360277504	-4141.5	443.0	-4945.7	-71.6	41.2	142.9	-71.6	-198.8	142.9	861.5	90.9	1020.3	5.6	41.0	1.3	5.6	41.0	1.3
DR2 6692925538259931136	-4188.9	91.5	-2722.7	-150.7	70.9	209.8	-150.7	-169.1	209.8	605.4	13.3	401.0	6.8	25.8	9.3	6.8	25.8	9.3
DR2 6786616710767824640	-5404.6	1042.9	-3331.6	146.4	1.9	-60.8	146.4	-238.1	-60.8	469.4	166.8	537.0	13.6	43.1	1.7	13.6	43.1	1.7
DR2 6829482026274589568	-7585.4	409.9	-738.8	102.8	170.0	-25.9	102.8	-70.0	-25.9	35.6	19.4	36.2	2.9	4.8	0.4	2.9	4.8	0.4
DR2 6867802519062194560	-7918.7	182.4	-166.0	-57.8	17.0	-43.3	-57.8	-223.0	-43.3	9.3	4.0	4.3	0.8	4.2	2.2	0.8	4.2	2.2
DR2 6871465473332110464	-7507.4	349.4	-293.5	172.8	-108.0	-59.9	172.8	-348.0	-59.9	33.2	13.9	12.8	5.4	14.9	2.3	5.4	14.9	2.3
<b>Roederer Stars</b>																		
DR2 7189878332862720	-9390.3	168.2	-1007.3	-87.3	127.3	-29.7	-87.3	-112.7	-29.7	44.7	7.2	44.0	1.8	5.7	0.9	1.8	5.7	0.9
DR2 828438619475671936	-10219.1	593.9	2256.0	-153.7	-161.4	-111.8	-153.7	-401.4	-111.8	208.3	65.8	247.1	23.0	44.4	7.6	23.0	44.4	7.6
DR2 14/4455/48663044/36 DR2 2322729725405593728	-8351.6	236.0	-3666.2	-128.6	181.3	-112.2	-128.6	-16/.1	-112.7	0.4	29.6	30.1 463.9	5./ 18.4	0.0 9.7	1.5	5./ 18.4	0.0 9.7	1.5
DR2 2449797054412948224	-8359.6	256.9	-432.5	110.7	-122.6	-217.4	110.7	-362.6	-217.4	0.6	7.8	14.0	3.1	11.5	6.6	3.1	11.5	6.6
DR2 2703430605705583360	-7552.7	1866.5	-1979.7	2.8	66.0	-8.5	2.8	-174.0	-8.5	72.6	172.1	185.1	2.2	10.4	8.8	2.2	10.4	8.8
DR2 2869759781250083200	-8442.8	456.1	-234.3	132.4	115.0	-31.6	132.4	-125.0	-31.6		12.7	7.3	2.8	1.0	2.7	2.8	1.0	2.7
DR2 3653467682134558592	-6575.3	-198.7	2493.2	-163.4	-117.6	-48.1	-163.4	-357.6	-48.1	149.2	26.5	208.5	9.5	32.3	2.7	9.5	32.3	2.7
DR2 4342895871148449152	-6370.9	-67.6	1156.7	48.0	182.3	105.9	48.0	-57.7	105.9	154.3	5.3	88.5	2.9	5.4	4.6	2.9	5.4	4.6
DR2 4637170571951777280	-6752.4	-3226.3	-3012.2	37.6	317.1	-38.8	37.6	77.1	-38.8	177.8	361.4	340.5	3.4	6.9	5.6	3.4	6.9	5.6
DR2 464/0659360834/4816 DR2 4679456071169507712	-7593.5	-2249.2	-2337.8	88.8	421.0	216.9	111.0 88.8	-181.0	216.9	36.5   1.2	110.0	115./	1.5	2.3	2.0	7.5 1.4	0.5	2.0
DR2 4787830774791048832	-8792.0	-1779.8	-1671.3	-104.6	68.1	-76.4	-104.6	-171.9	-76.4	17.7	69.7	66.5	3.0	1.4	2.3	3.0	1.4	2.3
DR2 4820909925710430976	-8761.4	-763.1	-592.4	-35.8	-95.4	-176.1	-35.8	-335.4	-176.1	13.5	24.4	19.8	3.2	2.6	1.0	3.2	2.6	1.0
DR2 4925248047268557056 DR2 5482786685494509056	-8303.1 -8464 7	-49.2	-109.0 -1973 6	-20.6 -24 4	23.6	-53.8	-20.6 -24 4	-216.4	-53.8 102.1	0.2	0.2 303 3	0.6 149 3	0.3	0.8 17	0.2	0.3	0.8 17	0.2
DR2 6239162964995926016	-8214.8	-37.9	93.2	-56.5	99.1	50.0	-56.5	-140.9	50.0	0.8	0.2	0.4	0.4	1.0	0.3	0.4	1.0	0.3
DR2 6255142030043852928	-7476.5	-160.0	520.1	56.4	-57.7	95.6	56.4	-297.7	95.6	34.3	6.4	19.6	2.7	11.5	1.0	2.7	11.5	1.0
DR2 6376678403241698560	-6971.6	-941.7	-1238.3	-69.3	122.0	137.0	-69.3	-118.0	137.0	95.7	65.9	88.5	2.3	11.4	6.0	2.3	11.4	6.0
DR2 6389179555052544256 DR2 6495850379767072128	-7038.4	-1539.6	-1218.4	-148.5	-118.6	-230.4	-148.5	-252.0	-230.4	198.7	54.5 146.2	384.6	19.5	26.7	0.3	19.5	26.7	0.3
DR2 6600971319243174144	-7145.4	298.2	-2039.6	-170.0	-201.7	276.0	-170.0	-441.7	276.0	95.4	23.8	165.0	0.7	32.6	4.4	0.7	32.6	4.4
DR2 6638565923901510656	-6638.0	-675.5	-905.0	129.6	-1.5	130.0	129.6	-241.5	130.0	187.1	74.2	102.4	1.6	23.4	19.7	1.6	23.4	19.7
DR2 6679228303437917696 DR2 6885782695269539584	-/964.6 -6918.4	-17.4 1047 7	-229.8	-65.5 68.5	179.1 -26 9	-133.3	-65.5 68.5	-60.9	-133.3 -94.0	3.2 162 1	0.1	2.2 148 8	0.8	0.6 29.9	1.1 14 1	0.8 9.2	0.6 29.9	1.1 14 1
DR2 0003702075207557501	0710.1	1017.7	1270.0	00.5	20.7	21.0	00.5	200.7	71.0	102.1	117.5	110.0	7.2	27.7			27.7	<u> </u>
Sestito's sample	0057.0	170.0	0500.0	010.5	22.0	201 -	010.5	070.0	201.1		14.2	010.1	12.6	24.0	<b>a</b> 4	12.4	24.0	2.4
DR2 245559/508516944128 DR2 2495327693479473408	-9057.0 -9024.6	1/0.8	-2552.8 _9754	-219.5	-52.9	-201.1	-219.5	-2/2.9	-201.1 43.1	59.4   43.5	14.2 4.4	212.1 63.7	13.0 9.8	24.9 14 9	2.4 5.7	13.0 9.8	24.9 14 9	2.4 5.7
DR2 290930261314166528	-8878.0	498.2	-540.9	147.7	89.0	56.3	147.7	-151.0	56.3	29.0	26.9	30.7	1.5	3.2	3.9	1.5	3.2	3.9
DR2 341511064663637376	-8495.0	129.5	-26.0	42.5	68.9	58.9	42.5	-171.1	58.9	2.0	1.7	0.7	1.2	1.2	0.3	1.2	1.2	0.3
DR2 3733768078624022016 DR2 3751852536630575909	-8209.3	-188.8	684.8 236 4	183.7	115.6	16.4	183.7	-124.4	16.4 55.5		5.0	17.6	4.2	3.1	1.8	4.2	3.1	1.8
DR2 3890626773968983296	-8887.9	-489.6	1110.8	-20.6	227.8	-62.1	-20.6	-12.2	-62.1	45.7	40.9	2.1 90.5	4.3	3.5	4.3	4.3	3.5	4.3
DR2 4671418400651900544	-6946.2	-5382.1	-5453.0	-109.3	-114.9	-88.0	-109.3	-354.9	-88.0	175.1	676.0	688.3	21.8	20.1	14.4	21.8	20.1	14.4
DR2 4903905598859396480	-7124.7	-2026.3	-3663.5	180.0	-99.8	-189.8	180.0	-339.8	-189.8	136.3	227.2	413.8	7.2	20.1	13.4	7.2	20.1	13.4
DR2 5184420/492524/1808 DR2 6194815228636688768	-10/40.5	-/0.2	-5151.9	-234.5	-01.8 186.9	-56.0	-234.5	-501.8	-36.0 268.7	15.6	11.5	478.9 17.7	52.2	40.8 1.1	∠3.0 5.9	52.2 7.3	40.8 1.1	∠3.0 5.9
DR2 6702907209758894848	-7799.1	-170.2	-119.5	14.6	210.9	2.2	14.6	-29.1	2.2	13.3	4.2	3.6	0.3	0.9	0.2	0.3	0.9	0.2
DR2 931227322991970560	-10080.9	242.4	1193.0	-30.7	26.7	-180.1	-30.7	-213.3	-180.1	348.6	48.5	233.5	28.6	43.5	31.3	28.6	43.5	31.3

#### Table B.6. Calculated Orbital Parameters

				D2	D2			<b>D</b> 3	<b>D</b> 3			DЭ	Errors	5		<b>D</b> 3	D3
Gaia ID	Е	Lz	Lperp	Dmin	Dmax	zmin	zmax	Dmin	Dmax	E Lz	Lperp	Dmin	Dmax	zmin	zmax	Dmin	Dmax
ESO I D "First store"	(+		d ato	nt atox	•a)												
DR2 1154852693702722432 -	( <b>turn</b> ) 1974.4	-33.6	25.9	nt star 0.9	<b>(8)</b>	-1.2	1.2	0.9	8.0	3.9 8.0	0.8	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0
DR2 1158097734768367360 -	1772.3	-82.3	59.0	2.3	11.0	-4.3	4.3	2.4	11.1	53.9 21.8	5.8	0.6	1.0	0.3	0.3	0.7	1.0
DR2 1247612343640067840 -	1234.3	62.6	149.1	1.4	33.8	-28.9	29.9	3.0	34.4	192.5 18.7	36.1	0.5	14.3	15.8	16.5	0.4	14.9
DR2 2327812561502492928 -	1819.4	-36.8	75.7	1.1	9.7	-7.4	7.4	1.6	10.0	16.6 12.2	7.0	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.5	0.1	0.0
DR2 2329078133745332608 -	1963.4	32.5	19.1	0.8	8.3	-0.9	0.9	0.8	8.3	3.0 8.7	0.6	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.0
DR2 2367454697327877504 -	1853.6	91.7	25.8	2.5	9.4	-1.1	1.1	2.5	9.4 13.6	2.4 4.2	0.4	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0
DR2 2503556060544507008 -	1773.1	153.8	37.3	5.5	9.0	-1.4	1.4	5.5	9.0	2.1 1.7	0.9	0.9	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0
DR2 2676443097097288704 -	1621.2	20.8	63.1	0.5	15.5	-9.9	9.9	0.6	15.6	20.2 4.4	4.0	0.1	0.7	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.7
DR2 2703673700854939136 -	1839.6	104.5	70.5	3.6	8.3	-3.7	3.7	4.0	8.4	4.3 2.8	0.6	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2
DR2 2801174135693760256 -	1838.1	-96.8	36.4	2.8	9.5	-43.7	1.6	2.8	49.0 9.5	23.4 10.1	5.7	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.2
DR2 3189438526418585728 -	1708.3	63.2	85.9	1.9	12.2	-7.9	7.9	2.6	12.4	33.4 39.8	19.6	0.9	0.8	3.2	3.2	0.6	0.9
DR2 3723554268436602240 -	1888.3	13.5	13.9	0.3	9.7	-0.6	0.6	0.3	9.8	2.8 3.7	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1
DR2 4418547253297229568 -	1862.6	116.4	15.4	3.6	8.6	-0.5	0.5	3.6	8.6	4.1 2.4	0.1	0.4	0.4	0.0	0.9	0.4	0.4
DR2 4445232430567438592 -	1743.1	-36.8	88.7	1.1	12.4	-9.4	9.2	1.8	12.6	174.9 29.8	54.5	0.7	5.9	6.1	5.2	1.7	6.0
DR2 4553184509407224576 -	1977.2	11.4	28.8	0.3	8.0	-1.2	2.6	0.4	8.1	0.3 3.5	0.7	0.1	0.0	0.4	0.3	0.1	0.0
DR2 4710394687144032096 - DR2 4716937597925985152 -	1542.5	-69.8	87.2	1.7 4.9	42.4	-10.9	10.9	2.1 5.2	42.4	44.3 12.8 8.8 0.5	0.3	0.3	0.7	0.8	0.7	0.4	0.7
DR2 4734734636730938240 -	1594.9	2.0	170.0	0.7	14.4	-14.4	13.4	4.5	14.7	59.0 29.4	23.2	0.6	1.8	1.6	1.9	0.9	1.8
DR2 4865951797498979840 -	1268.1	151.6	120.6	3.5	29.8	-16.3	16.1	4.1	30.0	34.6 29.5	5.2	0.8	2.4	3.6	3.6	0.8	2.4
DR2 4890881265153979904 -	1308.2	-26.0	124.5 67.8	2.7	12.1	-17.5	17.4	3.5	27.9	4.0 3.5   91.7 30.8	29.5	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.1	0.2
DR2 5028773354854976768 -	1708.2	70.3	61.2	1.8	12.1	-5.4	5.4	2.0	12.2	8.1 5.3	2.5	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.3
DR2 5029418699461331328 -	1811.4	85.4	45.8	2.4	10.2	-3.0	3.0	2.4	10.2	1.8 3.4	0.7	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1
DR2 5036171899878275584 -	1855.9	77.4	66.9	2.4	8.8	-4.3	4.3	2.7	8.9	6.2 9.9   22.6 36.2	0.4	0.4	0.0	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.1
DR2 6399358510623784192 -	1906.4	30.7	67.4	1.0	8.0	-6.2	6.2	2.9	8.2	22.0 30.2	4.4	0.5	0.6	1.1	1.1	0.5	0.6
DR2 6430979984003489024 -	1288.8	-55.1	184.7	1.3	43.4	-41.9	28.8	4.1	49.6	449.2 24.6	45.2	0.4	80.5	87.3	30.7	0.4	114.1
DR2 6448440159932433536 -	1985.6	-91.2	38.5	3.3	6.1	-1.6	1.4	3.4	6.3	18.5 7.9	2.5	0.5	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.5	0.1
DR2 6449369934453211264 - DR2 6553564535381928320 -	1894.5	-37.9	95.5 34.4	1.4	12.5	-6./	6./ 3.6	2.8	/.0 12.6	5.9 10.9   68 49	3.2 0.5	0.5	0.4	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.4
DR2 6572334195301351296 -	1091.9	80.0	150.5	1.7	41.8	-34.6	34.5	2.9	42.2	16.9 9.0	3.4	0.2	1.3	1.8	1.9	0.2	1.4
DR2 6586084653360277504 -	1881.6	14.1	111.1	0.8	6.9	-7.2	7.1	3.5	7.4	34.4 16.4	4.5	0.6	1.0	1.0	1.1	0.5	1.0
DR2 6692925538259931136 - DR2 6786616710767824640 -	1807.9	28.2	132.8	1.1	7.9	-8.0	8.0 6.9	4.5	8.3	16.5 12.9   49.2 16.7	2.1	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.5
DR2 6828192853186579712 -	1946.3	38.7	19.8	1.0	8.5	-0.9	0.9	1.0	8.5	1.1 6.8	0.3	0.4	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9
DR2 6829482026274589568 -	1810.2	132.8	29.9	4.3	9.1	-1.2	1.2	4.3	9.2	6.7 3.9	0.6	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0
DR2 6867802519062194560 -	1974.5	12.2	18.5	0.3	8.2	-0.9	0.9	0.3	8.2	0.8 3.3	0.8	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0
DR2 08/14034/3332110404 -	1/9/.0	-70.0	37.4	2.0	10.8	-1.5	2.1	2.0	10.9	23.0 10.3	2.1	0.5	0.4	0.2	0.5	0.5	0.4
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DR2 7189878332862720 -	1778.9	118.0	29.7	3.3	10.5	-1.3	1.3	3.4	10.6	3.0 4.9	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.1
DR2 828438619475671936 - DR2 1474455748663044736 -	1518.3	-1/4./ 62.3	25.2	5.5 1.5	16.6	-9.8	9.8	6.8 1.5	16.8	136.2 51.6	25.2	1.4	5.5 0.2	2.6	2.7	1.5	5.5 0.2
DR2 2322729725405593728 -	1595.0	142.2	94.4	4.2	14.7	-6.7	6.8	4.6	14.8	23.5 9.3	0.6	0.5	1.1	0.9	0.8	0.5	1.1
DR2 2449797054412948224 -	1595.8 ·	-100.0	175.6	3.5	13.1	-11.2	11.2	6.4	13.4	32.1 9.5	7.0	0.3	1.0	0.7	0.7	0.3	1.0
DR2 2703430605705583360 -	1951.7	49.8	30.3	1.4	10.3	-2.2	1.0	1.6	8.1	2.6 7.8	2.0	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.1
DR2 2209759781250085200 - DR2 3279770347306973056 -	1819.5	64.4	70.8	1.9	9.7	-5.5	5.5	2.8	9.8	0.6 8.4	1.6	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1
DR2 3653467682134558592 -	1805.7	-73.3	76.6	2.2	9.9	-5.6	5.6	2.6	10.0	54.0 18.5	10.6	0.6	0.9	0.5	0.5	0.7	0.9
DR2 4342895871148449152 -	1860.3	114.9	70.7	4.8	6.8	-3.0	3.0	5.2	7.0	14.8 6.2	2.0	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2
DR2 4637170371931777280 - DR2 4647065936083474816	-771.8	200.8	125.5	5.8	73.5	-28.6	30.4	6.4	73.5	17.5 4.2	0.7	0.2	2.3	1.2	0.6	0.0	2.3
DR2 4679456071169507712 -	1899.4	36.5	31.5	0.9	9.1	-2.7	1.0	1.1	9.3	1.8 2.1	0.5	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
DR2 4787830774791048832 -	1808.1	78.4	52.3	2.2	10.3	-3.6	3.6	2.3	10.3	3.5 0.3	1.2	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1
DR2 4820909923710430976 - DR2 4925248047268557056 -	1958.1	-81.0	23.9	0.5	9.5 8.3	-8.0	8.0 1.2	0.5	9.8 8.4	0.8 2.6	0.5	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0
DR2 5482786685494509056 -	1288.1	288.9	101.3	7.9	26.6	-7.6	7.6	8.3	26.6	8.9 1.0	4.3	0.0	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.0	0.5
DR2 6239162964995926016 -	1905.7	81.6	26.3	2.3	8.5	-1.1	1.1	2.3	8.6	0.7 0.8	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
DR2 6255142030043852928 - DR2 6376678403241698560 -	1948.3	-45.0 89.5	50.8 94 1	1.4	73	-3.6	3.6 4.9	1.5	7.8	4.3 8.4   68 83	2.2	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.1
DR2 6389179335052544256 -	1880.2	17.0	35.1	0.4	9.5	-3.4	3.4	0.4	9.5	11.1 6.8	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2
DR2 6495850379767072128 -	1609.6	-62.1	128.6	1.8	14.6	-12.4	12.4	3.4	14.9	56.9 9.9	7.7	0.2	2.2	0.8	0.9	0.3	2.2
DR2 66009/13192431/4144 -	1269.2 -	10.6	234.9	4.1	28.3	-23.0	22.2	7.1	28.5	56.1 21.6   10.8 16.5	0.7	0.4	3.5	1.5	1.7	0.1	3.5
DR2 6679228303437917696 -	1728.1	142.9	91.3	5.4	9.5	-4.4	4.4	6.0	9.6	0.7 0.5	0.8	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.2
DR2 6885782695269539584 -	1957.2	-17.7	55.5	0.7	7.4	-4.9	4.9	0.9	7.6	29.8 17.8	14.9	0.5	0.1	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.1
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DR2 4903905598859396480 -	1547.5 ·	-107.9	203.2	3.9	13.9	-12.2	12.2	7.7	14.1	20.6 18.5	1.2	0.6	0.7	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.7
DR2 2453397508316944128 -	1436.7	-35.3	114.3	0.8	21.7	-19.0	19.3	2.0	22.0	44.7 23.4	3.5	0.5	2.2	1.2	0.6	0.2	2.1
DR2 290930261314166528 -	1772.6	86.1 50.1	35.3	2.2	11.3	-2.1	1.7	2.3	11.4 87	1.8 2.2	2.9	0.1	0.1	0.5	0.2	0.1	0.0
DR2 2495327693479473408 -	1750.1	39.1 16.7	30.5 36.6	0.4	8.7 12.4	-1.5 -3.8	1.5 4.2	1.0 0.4	0.7 12.4	1.0 1.0	3.1	0.0	0.0	1.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
DR2 5184426749232471808 -	1041.9	-61.9	68.7	1.1	51.0	-20.0	18.3	1.3	51.3	201.7 55.1	53.0	0.9	44.0	22.1	14.0	1.3	44.8
DR2 4671418400651900544 -	1657.4	-19.0	58.6	0.5	14.5	-8.7	8.8	0.6	14.7	68.2 8.8	13.2	0.2	2.1	3.2	3.2	0.3	2.1
DR2 3751852536639575808 -	1706.9	17.5 58.3	31.0	1.4	11.1	-10.8	10.8	0.2	11.4 13.4	103.5 40.8 3.5 0.3	40.0 0.6	1.0 0.0	5.7 0.1	5.5 0.0	5.0 0.0	1.9 0.0	5.7 0.1
DR2 3890626773968983296 -	1648.0	203.6	59.1	8.7	9.6	-2.2	2.2	8.9	9.6	4.9 2.0	4.4	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.2
DR2 3733768078624022016 -	1739.3	91.3	25.1	2.3	12.2	-1.3	1.3	2.3	12.2	4.1 2.8	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.2
DR2 6194815228636688768 - DR2 6702907209758894848 -	1193.4 1786 5	159.1 164.4	190.1 47	3.8 6.5	33.9 8.0	-24.3	23.1	5.5 6.5	54.0 8.0	30.8 0.6	3.6 0.1	0.1	2.1	1.4 0.0	1.7	0.0	2.1
DR2 6692925538259931136 -	1816.1	25.5	131.7	1.1	7.7	-7.9	7.9	4.5	8.1	28.5 12.4	5.2	0.5	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.2	0.7



**Fig. C.1.** Projection on R - Z plane and on X - Y plane of orbits of stars in the LP First stars sample. The red line corresponds to the mean orbit of each star, the grey lines to the 100 realisations of this orbit, once errors on the observables (parallaxes, proper motions, line-of-sight velocities) are taken into account. The Gaia DR2 ID of each star is reported on the top of each panel.

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Fig. C.2. Continued from Fig. C.1.



Fig. C.3. Continued from Fig. C.1.

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Fig. C.4. Continued from Fig. C.1.