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SAGITTARIUS II, DRACO II AND LAEVENS 3: THREE NEW MILKY WAY SATELLITES DISCOVERED IN THE PAN-STARRS 1 3π SURVEY

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ABSTRACT

We present the discovery of three new Milky Way satellites from our search for compact stellar overdensities in the photometric catalog of the Panoramic Survey Telescope and Rapid Response System 1 (Pan-STARRS 1, or PS1) 3π survey. The first satellite, Laevens 3, is located at a heliocentric distance of $d = 67 \pm 3$ kpc. With a total magnitude of $M_V = -4.4 \pm 0.3$ and a half-light radius of $r_h = 7 \pm 2$ pc, its properties resemble those of outer halo globular clusters. The second system, Draco II/Laevens 4, is a closer and fainter satellite ($d \sim 20$ kpc, $M_V = -2.9 \pm 0.8$), whose uncertain size ($r_h = 19^{+8}_{-6}$ pc) renders its classification difficult without kinematic information; it could either be a faint and extended globular cluster or a faint and compact dwarf galaxy. The third satellite, Sagittarius II/Laevens 5 (Sgr II), has an ambiguous nature, as it is either the most compact dwarf galaxy or the most extended globular cluster in its luminosity range ($r_h = 37^{+8}_{-6}$ pc and $M_V = -5.2 \pm 0.4$). At a heliocentric distance of $67 \pm 5$ kpc, this satellite lies intriguingly close to the expected location of the trailing arm of the Sagittarius stellar stream behind the Sagittarius dwarf spheroidal galaxy (Sgr dSph). If confirmed through spectroscopic follow up, this connection would locate this part of the trailing arm of the Sagittarius stellar stream that has so far gone undetected. It would further suggest that Sgr II was brought into the Milky Way halo as a satellite of the Sgr dSph.

Key words: galaxies: dwarf – Galaxy: structure – globular clusters: general – Local Group

1. INTRODUCTION

Two decades ago the prevalent view of the Milky Way (MW) as an isolated system was radically changed by the discovery of a tidally disrupting dwarf galaxy (DG), embedded in a stream in the constellation of Sagittarius (Ibata et al. 1994), highlighting the underrated importance of MW–satellite interactions. With LCDM models predicting a new population of faint satellite DGs orbiting the MW (e.g., Bullock et al. 2000, 2001), the new challenge was to find these, until elusive objects. At the turn of the century, the advent of large CCD surveys such as the Sloan Digital Sky Survey (SDSS; York et al. 2000) uncovered some 16 DGs among the faintest ever found (e.g., Willman et al. 2005; Zucker et al. 2006; Belokurov et al. 2007; Walsh et al. 2007). Though revolutionizing our view of the satellite galaxies, just a handful of new globular clusters (GCs) were found, faint and nearby (Koposov et al. 2007; Belokurov et al. 2010; Muñoz et al. 2012; Balbinot et al. 2013). In addition, the SDSS enabled the discovery of several tidal streams (e.g., Belokurov et al. 2006; Grillmair & Dionatos 2006), further illustrating the central role of satellite and cluster disruption in building up the MW’s halo.

With the second generation of surveys emerging, such as the Dark Energy Survey (DES, The Dark Energy Survey Collaboration 2005), PS1 (K. Chambers et al., in preparation), later data releases of the SDSS, the Survey of the MAgellanic System at Harlan J. Smith (SMASH, D. Nidever et al., in preparation), and VST Atlas have seen the number of known MW likely DGs expand further from $\sim 25$ to $\sim 35$. These once elusive systems appear to be more common as deeper, but also wider coverage, data are gathered (Bechtol et al. 2015; Koposov et al. 2015; Kim & Jerjen 2015; Kim et al. 2015a; Laevens et al. 2015; Martin et al. 2015). In parallel, these systematic surveys also revealed a smaller number of faint new GCs (e.g., Laevens et al. 2014; Kim & Jerjen 2015). The increase in the number of MW satellites led to the blurring of the traditional distinction between small, baryon-dominated GCs and much more extended, dark-matter dominated DGs. Taking the photometric properties of these new satellites at face value shows that they straddle the DG and GC boundary in the size–luminosity plane, in the so-called “valley of ambiguity” (Gilmore et al. 2007). Though follow-up observations have implied velocity dispersions higher than those expected from the stellar content for most of the new satellites (Martin et al. 2007; Simon & Geha 2007; Simon et al. 2011; Willman et al. 2011; Kirby...
analysis, when beneficial. Although there are many small differences between the two PVs, their most interesting features for our study are that the PV2 psf photometry is performed on the stacked images, whereas for PV3, the stacks are only used to locate sources before performing the photometry on each individual sub-exposure, with its appropriate psf. As a consequence, the PV3 photometry is more accurate, but the PV2 star/galaxy separation is more reliable. The depths of the bands of PV2, enabling the discoveries, are comparable to the SDSS for the $g_p$ band (23.0) and reach $\sim$$0.5/$$1.0$ mag deeper for $r_p$ (22.8) and $i_p$ (22.5); Metcalfe et al. 2013.

With large CCD surveys, automated search algorithms were developed to perform fast and efficient searches of these massive data sets for the small stellar overdensities that betray the presence of faint MW satellites. These techniques, originally implemented on the SDSS data (Koposov et al. 2008; Walsh et al. 2009) have proven very successful. Inspired by this, we have developed our own similar convolution technique (B. P. M. Laevens et al., in preparation), adapted to the intricacies of the PS1 survey. The technique consists of isolating typical old, metal-poor DG or GC stars using de-reddened color–magnitude information $[r-i]_h,$ $i_h$. For a chosen distance, masks in color–magnitude space are determined based on a set of old and metal-poor isochrones. The distribution of sources thereby extracted from the PS1 stellar catalog is convolved with two different window functions or Gaussian spatial filters (Koposov et al. 2008). The first Gaussian is tailored to the typical dispersion size of DGs or GCs (2′, 4′, or 8′), whereas the second one accounts for the slowly varying contamination on far larger scales (28′ and 56′). Subtracting the map produced from convolving the data with the larger Gaussian from that obtained with the smaller Gaussian results in maps of the PS1 sky tracking over- and under-densities once we further account for the small spatial inhomogeneities present in the survey. After cycling through different distances and the aforementioned sizes, we convert and combine all the density maps into statistical significance maps, allowing for a closer inspection of highly significant detections that do not cross-match with known astronomical objects (Local Group satellites, background galaxies, and their GC systems, or artifacts produced by bright foreground stars). We further weed out spurious detections by checking that these overdensities do not correspond to significant background galaxy overdensities (Koposov et al. 2008). Applied to PV1, this method already led to the discovery of the most distant MW GC Laevens 1 (Belokurov et al. 2014; Laevens et al. 2014), as well as one of the faintest MW satellites, Triangulum II (Laevens et al. 2015), whose nature is not yet known. Sgr II, Dra II, and Lae 3 were detected as 11.9, 7.4, and 6.5σ detections, comfortably above our 5σ threshold. All three new satellites lie outside the SDSS footprint, which explains why they were not discovered before. Sgr II and Lae 3 are located at fairly low Galactic latitude ($b \sim -20°$) and Dra II is quite far north ($b \sim +65°$).
3. PROPERTIES OF THE THREE STELLAR SYSTEMS

3.1. Color–Magnitude Diagrams and Distances

3.1.1. Sagittarius II

The color–magnitude diagram (CMD) of stars within one half-light radius of Sgr II (2/0; see below for the structural parameters) is displayed in the top row of panels in Figure 1, next to the CMD of a field region of the same size. Since the features of Sgr II are so obvious we rely here only on the more accurate PV3 photometry at the cost of a poorer star/galaxy separation at the faint end. Given the location near the MW bulge [(l, b) = (18°.9, −22.9°)] the field CMD is very populated, but the Sgr II CMD features are nevertheless clearly defined with a red giant branch (RGB) visible between [(r_p1−i_p1)_0, i_p1,0] ≈ [0.30, 16.5] and [0.15, 21.5], before its main sequence turnoff at i_p1,0 < 22.0. The most obvious feature, however, is the horizontal branch (HB) of the system, clearly visible for 19.5 < i_p1,0 < 20.0 and (r_p1−i_p1)_0 < 0.0. When selected with the box overlaid in orange on the CMD of the second Sgr II CMD panel of Figure 1, these stars correspond to a well-defined spatial overdensity (right-most panel). Isolating the HB stars (blue box) also highlights how clustered they are on the sky. We further highlight a single star that is bluer and brighter than the turnoff and could potentially correspond to a blue straggler (green box and green triangle).

The presence of the reasonably well-populated HB, with 13 stars within 3 half-light radii, allows for a robust estimation of the distance to the satellite. Equation (7) in (Deason et al. 2011) describes the relation between the absolute magnitude of these HB stars and their SDSS g − r colors. Converting the PS1 magnitudes to the SDSS bands, for which the relation holds, reveals a median g = 19.60 ± 0.03 and M_r = 0.47 ± 0.04 when we perform a Monte Carlo resampling of the stars’ uncertainties. These lead to a distance-modulus of 19.13 ± 0.15, where an uncertainty of 0.1 was assumed on the Deason et al. (2014) relation. This translates into a heliocentric distance of 67 ± 5 kpc or a Galactocentric distance of 60 ± 5 kpc. Fixing the satellite at this distance modulus, we experiment with isochrones. Overlaid on the Sgr II CMD of Figure 1, we also show the old and metal-poor isochrone from the PARSEC library (12 Gyr, [Fe/H] = −2.2; Bressan et al. 2012) that provides the best qualitative fit to the CMD features at this distance.

The properties of Sgr II are summarized in Table 1.

3.1.2. Draco II

Draco II is much closer and less luminous than Sgr II, as can be seen in the CMD of stars within 2r_s of the satellite’s center in the second row of panels in Figure 1. Here, since we need both depth and a good star/galaxy separation to clean the main sequence of Dra II, we use the PV3 photometry combined with the superior PV2 star/galaxy flags. This has the consequence of removing some faint PV3 stars misidentified as galaxies but more optimally cleans the main sequence of the satellite. A field CMD is shown in the right-most CMD panel and helps identify the Dra II features: a populated main sequence between [(r_p1−i_p1)_0, i_p1,0] ≈ [0.0, 20.2] and [0.2, 22.0]. At brighter magnitudes, Dra II shows no HB and no prominent RGB. However, a group of stars at [0.2, 17.0] is compatible with being the system’s sparsely sampled RGB. As for Sgr II, isolating the stars in these CMD features (orange box in the central CMD panel) highlights the stellar overdensity in the spatial distribution shown in the right-most panel. As for Sgr II, we identify a potential blue straggler in green.

Due to the absence of any HB star, we cannot reliably break the distance-age-metallicity degeneracy with the PS1 data alone. Consequently, we explored isochrones of different ages and metallicities, located at varying distances. The best fit is provided by the PARSEC isochrone shown in Figure 1; it has an age of 12 Gyr and [Fe/H] = −2.2 and is located at a distance modulus of 16.9 ± 0.3 but we caution the reader on the reliability of this particular isochrone that needs to be confirmed from deeper data.

3.1.3. Laevens 3

As can be seen in Figure 2, Lae 3 is a compact stellar system. As such, the automated PS1 pipeline fails to extract the photometric information of the central region that suffers from crowding. We therefore perform custom photometry of this sky cell using DAOPHOT, using the same method as (Laevens et al. 2014). The resulting CMD for stars within 3r_h of the stellar system’s centroid is shown on the bottom row of panels in Figure 1. This CMD is still likely to suffer from crowding, yet it reveals features that are clearly not expected in the field population: the Lae 3 RGB between [(r_p1−i_p1)_0, i_p1,0] ≈ [0.75, 18.0] and [0.15, 21.0], followed by the system’s MSTO at fainter magnitudes. The stars between [(r_p1−i_p1)_0, i_p1,0] ≈ [0.0, 16.2] and [0.2, 18.2] are foreground contaminants and are situated far from the satellite center, just under the 3r_h limit. As for the two other satellites, selecting these stars only (orange box in the middle CMD) highlights a clear stellar overdensity.

An investigation into the presence of RR Lyra stars in the PS1 temporal data (N. Hermitshen et al. 2015, in preparation; B. Sesar et al. 2015, in preparation) reveals one obvious candidate, 0.6 arcmins away from the center of the cluster (highlighted by the blue box in the middle CMD and represented by a blue star in the right-most panel). Briefly, RR Lyrae stars are identified in PS1 data by providing average PS1 colors and various variability statistics to a trained Random Forest classifier (Richards et al. 2011). The resulting RR Lyrae sample is 80% complete (up to 80 kpc) and 90% pure. The distances of PS1 RR Lyrae stars are uncertain at the 5% level. The RR Lyra star in Lae 3 has also been observed more than 100 times by the Palomar Transient Factory (PTF; Law et al. 2009; Rau et al. 2009). The distance and period measured from PS1 data agree within 2 kpc and 5% with those measured from the PTF data. The RR Lyra star in Lae 3 is at (m − M) = 19.14 ± 0.10, or a distance of 67 ± 3 kpc. The ~14 hr period of the star suggests a star with a metallicity range of −1.9 < [Fe/H] < −1.6. Fixing this distance, we once again experiment with various isochrones and conclude that the CMD features are best tracks by an isochrone with a comparatively young age of 9 Gyr and [Fe/H] ~ −1.9, compatible with the properties of the RR Lyra star. The isochrone fit, fixed at that distance, tracks the main features of the satellite such as the RGB and the MSTO. Though two blue stars are also present at the same magnitude as the tentative red HB, the bluest of the two is a field variable star, incompatible for being a member of Lae 3. We further compare the CMD

14 This is not per se surprising as, for instance, the similarly faint system Willman 1 only contains two HB stars (Willman et al. 2011).
15 Note that the PS1 postage stamp images show no clear stellar over density for Sgr II and Dra II, hence why we do not include them.
Figure 1. Left: from top to bottom, CMD of stars within 1 half-light radius (Sgr II), 2 half-light radii (Dra II), or 3 half-light radii (Lae 3) with the favored isochrone: 12 Gyr and [Fe/H] ∼ −2.2 for Sgr II and Dra II, and 9 Gyr and [Fe/H] = −1.9 (Lae 3). In the case of Lae 3, we also show the same old and metal-poor isochrone (green) as for Sgr II and Dra II, highlighting that with current photometry, it is difficult to distinguish between the two. Middle left: same as left-most panel with the CMD selection box used to isolate the RGB, HB, MSTO, and/or MS stars of the satellites (orange), and an HB selection box (blue) for Sgr II. The RR Lyra star for Lae 3 is highlighted in blue. Candidate blue straggler stars are identified for Sgr II and Dra II (green). Middle right: CMD of field regions for, stars 15 arcmin west of the satellites, of similar sizes to those used for the left-most panels. Right: spatial distribution of all stars around the three satellites (light black dots) and of stars selected with the orange CMD selection boxes in the middle-left panel (big black dots). For Sgr II, HB stars corresponding to the blue HB selection box in the middle panel are represented by blue stars symbols. Finally, candidate blue straggler stars corresponding to the green box are displayed as green triangles.

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features with the GC fiducial published by Bernard et al. (2014) in the PS1 photometric system. The fiducials of GCs NGC 1904, NGC 5897 and NGC 7089, with $-1.9 < \text{[Fe/H]} < -1.6$ provide a good fit to the CMD features and confirm our impression from the isochrones.

The derived properties are summarized in Table 1 for all three satellites.

### 3.2. Structural Parameters and Absolute Magnitudes

The structural parameters of Sgr II, Dra II, and Lae 3 are derived using a version of the Martin et al. (2008) likelihood technique updated to a full Markov Chain Monte Carlo framework (N. F. Martin et al. 2015, in preparation). Using the star’s location in the vicinity of the satellite, the algorithm calculates the posterior probability distribution function (PDF) of a family of exponential radial density profiles, allowing for flattening and a constant contamination from field stars. The parameters of the models are the centroid of the system, the ellipticity, $\epsilon$, the position angle, $\theta$ (defined as the angle of the major axis east from north), the half-light radius $r_h$, and finally the number of stars, $N^*$ within the chosen CMD selection box. We further determine the physical half-light radius from the angular one by randomly drawing distances from the distance modulus values.

The PDF for the ellipticity, position angle, as well as the angular and physical half-light radii may be seen in Figure 3 for, from top to bottom, Sgr II, Dra II, and Lae 3. The three right-most panels of the figure compare the radial profile of a given satellite, binned following the favored centroid, ellipticity, and position angle to the favored exponential radial density profile; they display the good quality of the fit in all cases. All three systems are rather compact, with angular half-light radii of $2.0^\circ_{-0.3}^{+0.4}$, $2.7^\circ_{-0.8}^{+1.0}$, and $0.40^\circ_{-0.11}^{+0.11}$ arcmin for Sgr II, Dra II, and Lae 3, respectively. However, the different distances to these systems lead to different physical sizes: $38_{-7}^{+8}$, $19_{-6}^{+8}$, and $7 \pm 2$ pc. In all three cases, the systems appear mildly elliptical but the PDFs show that this parameter is poorly constrained from the current data. It should be noted that, in the case of Lae 3, the crowding at the center of the stellar system could lead to an underestimation of the compactness and luminosity of the system. However, the Lae 3 radial profile shows no sign of a central dip.

The absolute magnitude of the three stellar systems was determined using the same procedure as for Laevens I and Triangulum II (Laevens et al. 2014, 2015), as was also described for the first time in Martin et al. (2008). Using the favored isochrones and their associated luminosity functions for the three satellites, shifted to their favored distances, we build CMD pdfs after folding in the photometric uncertainties. Such CMDs are populated until the number of stars in the CMD selection box equals the favored number of stars $N^*$ as determined by the structural parameters. The flux of these stars is summed up, yielding an absolute magnitude. In practice, this operation is repeated a hundred times with different drawings of the Markov chains, thus taking into account three sources of uncertainty: the distance modulus uncertainty, the uncertainty on the number $N^*$ of stars in the CMD selection box, and shot-noise uncertainty, originating from the random nature of populating the CMD. This procedure yields total magnitudes in the PS1 $r_p$ band, which we then convert to the more commonly used $V$-band magnitudes through a constant color offset ($V - r = 0.2$) determined from the analysis of more populated, known, old and metal-poor MW satellites. This yield $M_V = -5.2 \pm 0.4$, $-2.9 \pm 0.8$, and $-4.4 \pm 0.3$ for Sgr II, Draco II, and Laevens

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**Table 1**

Properties of Laevens 3, Draco II, and Sagittarius II

|                | Laevens 3 | Draco II/Laevens 4 | Sagittarius II/Laevens 5 |
|----------------|-----------|--------------------|--------------------------|
| $\alpha$(ICRS) | 21:06:54.3| 15:52:47.6         | 19:52:40.5               |
| $\delta$ (ICRS)| +14:58:48 | +64:33:55          | -22:04:05                |
| $\ell$ (°)     | 63.6      | 98.3               | 18.9                     |
| $b$ (°)        | -21.2     | +42.9              | -22.9                    |
| Distance Modulus| 19.14 ± 0.10 | 16.9 ± 0.3    | 19.13 ± 0.15              |
| Heliocentric Distance (kpc) | 67 ± 3 | 20 ± 3           | 67 ± 5                   |
| Galactocentric Distance (kpc) | 64 ± 3 | 22 ± 3           | 60 ± 5                   |
| $M_V$          | $-4.4 \pm 0.3$ | $-2.9 \pm 0.8$   | $-5.2 \pm 0.4$           |
| $L_V$          | $10^{3.7 \pm 0.1}$ | $10^{3.1 \pm 0.4}$ | $10^{3.0 \pm 0.1}$       |
| [Fe/H]         | $\sim -1.9$ | $\sim -2.2$      | $\sim -2.2$              |
| Age (Gyr)      | $\sim 9$   | $\sim 12$         | $\sim 12$                |
| $E(B-V)^*$     | 0.073      | 0.016             | 0.097                    |
| Ellipticity    | 0.21 ± 0.21 | 0.24 ± 0.27 | 0.23 ± 0.17              |
| Position angle (from N to E*) | $40^\circ_{-30}^{+38}$ | $70 \pm 28$ | $72_{-23}^{+33}$         |
| $r_h$ (arcminutes) | $0.40_{-0.11}^{+2.07}$ | $2.7_{-0.8}^{+1.0}$ | $2.0_{-0.3}^{+0.4}$        |
| $r_h$ (pc)     | $7 \pm 2$  | $19_{-6}^{+8}$    | $38_{-5}^{+3}$            |

**Note.**

* From Schlegel et al. (1998) and Schlaufy & Finkbeiner (2011)

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**Figure 2.** $r_p$, $P_1$, $r_{f1}$ image of Laevens 3, built from the stacked PV3 PS1 images. The image is 2.5 $\times$ 2.5 and north is to the top and east is to the left.
Sgr II occupies an interesting place in the $r_h$ versus $M_V$ plane as it lies in the very middle of the “valley of ambiguity”\textsuperscript{19}, highlighted by Gilmore et al. (2007). Although other MW satellites are known with similar absolute magnitudes, Sgr II is smaller than Coma Berenices ($r_h = 74 \pm 4$ pc; Muñoz et al. 2010), Pisces II ($r_h = 58 \pm 10$ pc; Sand et al. 2012), Hydra II ($r_h = 68 \pm 11$ pc; Martin et al. 2015), or the even larger Leo IV and Leo V ($r_h = 205 \pm 36$ and $133 \pm 31$ pc; de Jong et al. 2010), or Ursa Major I ($r_h = 318 \pm 45$ pc; Martin et al. 2008). On the other hand, Sgr II remains larger than the largest GC, Pal 14 ($r_h \sim 25$ pc; Hilker 2006), or the recently discovered Laevens 1 system ($r_h = 20 \pm 2$ pc), recently confirmed to be a GC (Kirby et al. 2015). It should however be noted that, recently, M31 satellites assumed to be GCs have been discovered with similar sizes (Huxor et al. 2014), although the nature of some of these systems is also ambiguous (Mackey et al. 2013). The CMD of Figure 1 shows that the satellite hosts a clear blue HB, which is not a common feature of outer halo GCs that tend to favor red HBs (see, e.g., Figure 1 of Laevens et al. 2014). Ultimately, spectroscopic follow-up and a measure of the satellite’s velocity dispersion is necessary to fully confirm the nature of this satellite and whether it is dark-matter dominated.

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The location of Sgr II, $\sim 15^\circ$ from Sgr dSph and in the expected plane of the Sgr stellar stream is particularly interesting as it could point to an association. The fact that it lies 40–45 kpc behind Sgr dSph rules out a direct connection between the two satellites but a comparison with the Law & Majewski (2010b) N-body model for the Sgr stream (Figures 5 and 6) reveals that Sgr II is located at the expected distance of model particles from the trailing arm of the Sgr stream stripped out of their host more than 3 Gyr ago. It is therefore likely that Sgr II was brought into the MW halo along with this part of the Sgr stream that has so far eluded detection, in a similar fashion to numerous other MW halo GCs (Law & Majewski 2010a). The fact that the sky location of Sgr II is slightly offset from this section of the model’s trailing arm is not necessarily surprising since a former Sgr dSph satellite is not expected to be as concentrated on the sky as its former stars in the model. In addition, the location of these older wraps of the Sgr stream is very poorly constrained in the model. In fact, the discovery of Sgr II and its association with the Sgr stream could add valuable constraints on the modeling of the Sgr stream once confirmed through radial velocities.

### 4.2. Draco II

Draco II also has an ambiguous nature, although it is here driven mainly by the large uncertainties on its structural parameters and distance, stemming from the faint nature of the object in the PS1 data. With the current photometry, the satellite appears to share the properties of Kim 2 or Eridanus III, believed to be GCs (Bechtol et al. 2015; Kim et al. 2015b; Koposov et al. 2015). On the other hand, its uncertain properties are also completely compatible with those of Wil 1, favored to be a DG (Willman et al. 2011). Here as well, deep photometry and/or spectroscopy are necessary to classify this system.

\textsuperscript{19} The region in $r_h$ versus $M_V$ space that straddles the “classical” boundaries between DGs and GCs.
Given the common connection between faint stellar systems and stellar streams, we investigate possible associations of the satellite to known MW halo streams. The closest stream to Dra II is the GD-1 stream (Grillmair & Dionatos 2006). Placing the new satellite onto the stream coordinate system $(\phi_1, \phi_2)$ defined by Koposov et al. (2010), we find that it is located at $\phi_1 \sim 17^\circ 1$ and $\phi_2 \sim 3^\circ 8$. Though Koposov et al. (2010) do not have any measurements in this region (their measurements range from $\phi_1 = -60^\circ 00$, $\phi_2 = -0^\circ 64 \pm 0^\circ 15$ to $\phi_1 = -2^\circ 00$, $\phi_2 = -0^\circ 87 \pm 0^\circ 07$), the extrapolation of the orbit at the location of Dra II yield $\phi_2 \sim -2^\circ 7$, only $5^\circ$–$6^\circ$ away from the satellite. However, the extrapolated distance of the stream reaches only $\sim 12$ kpc there, to be compared with Dra II’s $\sim 20$ kpc. Therefore, if the GD-1 stream does not significantly deviate from the Koposov et al. (2010) orbit, the current distance estimate for Dra II appears too high for a direct association.

4.3. Laeens 3

The small half-light radius of Lae 3 ($7 \pm 2$ pc) places it well within the regime of GCs. With a relatively young age

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This coordinate system is a rotated spherical one, aligned with the stream’s coordinates, $\phi_1$ and $\phi_2$ represent longitude and latitude respectively.
should be noted: the isochrone fit relies on the photometry currently available, which suffers from crowding. The presence of an RR Lyra star could be at odds with a young halo scenario since its presence would point to a system that is at least 10 Gyr old. We find no possible connection between this new system and known stellar systems in the MW halo.

5. CONCLUSION

In this paper, we have presented the discovery of three new faint MW satellites, discovered in the photometric catalog of the PS1 3π survey. The characterization of Lae 3 suggests that it is a GC, with properties similar to “young outer halo” GCs. The two other systems, Dra II and Sgr II, have an ambiguous classification. Dra II contains mainly main sequence stars, as well as a handful of probable RGB stars. It is very faint but its structural parameters are uncertain enough to prevent a classification as an extended GC or a compact DG. It is located close to the orbital path of the GD-1 stream but its distance is in disagreement with the expectations of the stream’s orbit (~20 versus ~12 kpc) and appear to rule out an association. Finally, Sgr II is located in a part of the size–luminosity plane that contains no other known system, either more extended than known MW GCs, or more compact than known MW DGs in its luminosity range. Independent of its nature, Sgr II is particularly interesting, as it lies at the expected location of the Sgr dSph stellar stream behind the bulge. In particular, the distance to the new satellite favors a connection with the currently undiscovered part of the trailing arm of the Sgr stream produced by stars stripped from the DG more than 3 Gyr ago. Ultimately, spectroscopic follow-up will be necessary to conclusively establish the nature of the last two satellites or confirm their connection with the GD-1 and Sgr stellar streams.

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