Kinematics of Antlia 2 and Crater 2 from the Southern Stellar Stream Spectroscopic Survey (S$^5$)

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Abstract

We present new spectroscopic observations of the diffuse Milky Way satellite galaxies Antlia 2 and Crater 2, taken as part of the Southern Stellar Stream Spectroscopic Survey (S$^5$). The new observations approximately double the number of confirmed member stars in each galaxy and more than double the spatial extent of spectroscopic observations in Antlia 2. A full kinematic analysis, including Gaia EDR3 proper motions, detects a clear velocity gradient in Antlia 2 and a tentative velocity gradient in Crater 2. The velocity gradient magnitudes and directions are consistent with particle stream simulations of tidal disruption. Furthermore, the orbit and kinematics of Antlia 2 require a model that includes the reflex motion of the Milky Way induced by the Large Magellanic Cloud. We also find that Antlia 2’s metallicity was previously overestimated, so it lies on the empirical luminosity–metallicity relation and is likely only now experiencing substantial stellar mass loss. Current dynamical models of Antlia 2 require it to have lost over 90% of its stars to tides, in tension with the low stellar mass loss implied by the updated metallicity. Overall, the new kinematic measurements support a tidal disruption scenario for the origin of these large and extended dwarf spheroidal galaxies.

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1. Introduction

Antlia 2 (Ant2) and Crater 2 (Cra2) are dwarf spheroidal (dSph) satellite galaxies of the Milky Way with present-day stellar masses $\sim 10^6 M_\odot$ but unusually large half-light radii, greater than 1 kpc. Ant2 was discovered by a search through the Gaia DR2 all-sky astrometric survey (Torrealba et al. 2019, henceforth T19). Ant2 has an astonishingly large half-light radius of almost 3 kpc, as large as the Large Magellanic Cloud (LMC), but with a tiny fraction ($10^{-4}$) of its stellar mass, implying a surface brightness of $\sim 32$ mag arcsec$^{-2}$, the lowest average surface brightness for any detected galaxy to date.

Cra2 was discovered using deep photometry in the ATLAS survey (Torrealba et al. 2016, henceforth T16), with a half-light radius of $\sim 1$ kpc and surface brightness of $\sim 30$ mag arcsec$^{-2}$. Caldwell et al. (2017), surprisingly, found that Cra2 had an exceptionally low velocity dispersion of only 2.7 km s$^{-1}$, suggesting an unusually underdense dark matter halo. Previously known Milky Way satellites of similar total luminosity (like the Ursa Minor, Draco, and Sextans dSphs), which were discovered decades ago (e.g., Wilson 1955; Irwin et al. 1990), are typically a few hundred parsecs in size and so of higher surface brightness, making Ant2 and Cra2 two of the lowest surface brightness galaxies in the known universe. The closest

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anals are several satellites of M31, including Andromeda XIX and XXI (Collins et al. 2020, 2021).

The central question is whether these galaxies’ extreme properties can be explained by tides. Galaxies at Ant2 and Cra2’s luminosity (and usually more compact and have a larger velocity dispersion (e.g., Caldwell et al. 2017; Simon 2019; Torrealba et al. 2019; Collins et al. 2020, 2021). Tidal interactions between a dwarf galaxy and the Milky Way can (but do not always) increase the radius and decrease the velocity dispersion of the dwarf galaxy, producing remnants with properties similar to Ant2 and Cra2 (e.g., Peñarrubia et al. 2008; Errani et al. 2015; Fattahi et al. 2018; Sanders et al. 2018; Fu et al. 2019). Current evidence does suggest that both Ant2 and Cra2 have been substantially affected by tides. T19 found that Ant2 is off the empirical luminosity–metallicity relation (Kirby et al. 2013), suggesting that it lost over 90% of its stellar mass, and also that Ant2 has an orbit bringing it within 30 kpc of the Milky Way center. Fu et al. (2019) found that Cra2 also has a pericenter within 30 kpc of the Milky Way center, and its current properties can be explained if Cra2 has lost ~90% of its stellar mass to tides (also see Sanders et al. 2018). The plausibility of this scenario depends on whether these galaxies reside in cuspy or cored dark matter halos (Sanders et al. 2018; Fu et al. 2019; Torrealba et al. 2019; Samee et al. 2020). Alternatively, others have proposed that the properties of such low surface brightness galaxies are perhaps better explained with Modified Newtonian Dynamics (MOND) than dark matter (e.g., McGaugh 2016). However, given the low surface brightness and large on-sky extent of Ant2 and Cra2, additional kinematic measurements are needed.

In this paper, we present new spectroscopic observations of Ant2 and Cra2 from the Southern Stellar Stream Spectroscopic Survey ($S^5$; Li et al. 2019). Using the wide field of view and high multiplexing of the Two Degree Field (2dF) on the Anglo-Australian Telescope (AAT), we have roughly doubled the number of known spectroscopic members in Ant2 and Cra2 compared to the existing literature, and we have also doubled the radial extent of observations in Ant2. In addition, we have included the substantially improved proper motions from Gaia EDR3 (Lindgren et al. 2020) as part of our analysis. Our main result is a clear detection of a velocity gradient in Ant2 that strongly suggests that it has recently experienced substantial tidal disruption. We also tentatively detect a velocity gradient in Cra2. Section 2 describes our spectroscopic observations, data reduction, and velocity/metallicity measurements. We update the luminosity and spatial parameters for Ant2 in Section 3 using Gaia EDR3. Section 4 gives the results of our 6D kinematic analysis for both galaxies. Section 5 describes our fit to the metallicity distribution functions. Section 6 describes the orbital analysis. We compare to previous results and discuss implications for galaxy formation, dark matter, and MOND in Section 7, and then we conclude in Section 8.

2. Spectroscopic Data

2.1. Observations and Target Selection

Both Ant2 and Cra2 were observed as part of $S^5$. $S^5$ uses the AAOmega spectrograph on the 3.9 m AAT, fed by the 2dF fiber positioner facility; see Li et al. (2019) for details on the survey strategy, target selection, observation, and reduction of $S^5$ data. Although $S^5$ focuses on the physics of stellar streams as the main science goal, we observed Ant2 and Cra2, as both galaxies were postulated to have tidal stripping features in the original discovery papers T16 and T19. Furthermore, the substantial extent of the galaxies on the sky makes them ideal targets for the AAT’s large field of view.

Ant2 was observed with five AAT pointings between 2020 February 27 and March 1. Each field was observed with three 40-minute exposures. The fields were arranged with a central pointing plus two overlapping pointings along the minor axis and two along the major axis. Although the central pointing was not strictly necessary to achieve complete sky coverage, we included it because the target density in the central field is higher than the available fibers allow for in a single configuration (392 fibers, including sky fibers).

The targets for Ant2 were selected based on the photometry, parallax, and proper motions from Gaia DR2 (Gaia Collaboration et al. 2018b, 2018c). Specifically, we used dereddened photometry calculated assuming the color-dependent extinction corrections from Gaia Collaboration et al. (2018a) and $E(B−V)$ values from Schlegel et al. (1998). We first constructed an empirical fiducial isochrone in dereddened $G$ versus $G−RP$ using a list of member stars in the Milky Way’s ultra-faint dwarf galaxies compiled in Pace & Li (2019). We shifted the isochrone to the distance modulus of Ant2 ($μ = 20.6$) and then selected stars within 0.15 mag from the isochrone in $G−RP$ and brighter than 19.5 mag in dereddened $G$ band. The ultra-faint dwarf galaxy stars are typically more metal-poor than Ant2, but the color selection window is wide enough to not bias the metallicity distribution of Ant2.

In proper motion space, we selected targets with

$$|μ_α − μ_α,0| < max(kσ_μ,λ, 0.3)$$

$$|μ_δ − μ_δ,0| < max(kσ_μ,λ, 0.3),$$

where $μ_α,0$ and $μ_δ,0$ are the proper motion of Ant2 from T19 and $k$ defines priority classes. Since Ant2 is near the Galactic plane ($b = 10^5$), the foreground contamination is relatively high. In order to maximize the target efficiency, we divided the targets into different priorities, with $k = 0.5$, 1, and 2 as high- and medium-, and low-priority targets, respectively. Finally, we restricted the targets to have $ω < 3σ_ω$, where $ω$ is parallax and $σ_ω$ is the parallax error.

The selection criteria above provide about 400–500 available targets per AAT field. These targets are then used as input for fiber allocation using the software configure (Miszalski et al. 2006). Each AAT field contains about 360 fibers assigned to Ant2 targets, 25 sky fibers, and 8 fibers for alignment stars.

We observed the two outermost fields along the semimajor axis on 2020 February 27, the two outermost fields along the semiminor axis on February 29, and the central field on March 1. To maximize the number of Ant2 members, quick reductions were performed after every night, and targets with signal-to-noise ratio (S/N) per pixel larger than 6 in the red arm were moved to the lowest-priority category for the observations in the next night, when the targets were also in another AAT field. In total, with five AAT pointings, we observed 1110 Ant2 targets, of which 950 were marked as stars by our pipeline (the good star flag; Li et al. 2019), and 508 have S/N > 4 that are used in this work.

For Cra2, since the size of the galaxy on the sky is smaller, only one AAT field centered at Cra2 was observed. We
obtained two 2250 s exposures on February 29 and two 2700 s exposures on March 1 for Cra2, with identical target lists and fiber allocations for both nights. The target selection procedure is very similar to that described above for Ant2, with the exception that only 250 targets are selected with the combined parallax, proper motion (using Fritz et al. 2018 for the mean Cra2 motion), and photometry selection. Therefore, we added an additional ~100 targets that are outside the isochrone selection window but have proper motions consistent with Cra2. In total we observed 354 targets, of which 301 were used here. Note we use a less stringent S/N cut for Cra2 because there is much less contamination in the field, but using an S/N > 4 cut makes no difference to our results. Examples of blue and red spectra are shown in Figure 1.

### 2.2. Data Reduction and Analysis

The data used in this paper are from an internal S5 data release (DR2.2) where the analysis is improved compared to Li et al. (2019, previously DR1.4), which was publicly released (Li & S5 Collaboration 2021). Previously, we fit the higher-resolution red calcium triplet (CaT) spectrum and the blue low-resolution spectrum separately. We now use the ability of the rvspecfit code (Koposov 2019) to perform simultaneous modeling of multiple spectra to fit the red and blue spectra, as well as repeated observations of the same object from different nights, with proper consideration of the heliocentric correction from each observation. Since the red spectra have a spectral resolution $8 \times$ higher than the blue spectra and therefore give higher precision in RV, we allow a velocity offset between the blue and red spectra during the fit. However, we emphasize that for many objects stellar parameters like $T_{\text{eff}}$, log g, and [Fe/H] gain more information from blue arm spectra because of the much larger spectral coverage, i.e., 3700–5700 Å versus 8400–8800 Å. We also use a photometric prior on $T_{\text{eff}}$ similar to the one described in Li et al. (2019) that relies on DECam $g - r$ and $r - z$ colors or Gaia $G - RP$ color for sources without DECam photometry. Additionally, rather than relying on the original PHOENIX stellar atmosphere grid (Husser et al. 2013), which has substantial step sizes of 0.5–1 dex in the [Fe/H] grid and occasional grid gaps, we use a refined grid with smaller step sizes. This grid is obtained by performing global radial basis function interpolation on a rectangularly spaced grid without gaps in $T_{\text{eff}}$, log g, [Fe/H], and [$\alpha$/Fe]. This grid has a step size of 0.25 for both [Fe/H] and [$\alpha$/Fe]. Because of the grid’s regularity, we then use a nonlinear interpolation as opposed to linear Delaunay triangulation interpolation. This tends to improve the stellar parameters and metallicities, reducing clustering of measured parameters around the grid points.

The new processing pipeline does not substantially affect the radial velocity measurements other than for objects with multiple observations, where the accuracy is improved through simultaneous modeling of spectra. The radial velocities and uncertainties are recalibrated the same way as described in Li et al. (2019), including validation of the zero-point against APOGEE DR16 (Jösson et al. 2020) and GALAH DR3 (Buder et al. 2020). We adopt the same corrections to the velocities as in Li et al. (2019). Thanks to the use of red and blue spectra, we find that the metallicities in DR2.2 are more accurate than for DR1.4. Full catalogs are available in Appendix A (Tables 4 and 5 for Ant2 and Cra2, respectively), including membership probabilities from Section 4.

Previous verification tests with high-resolution spectroscopy have found that rvspecfit is not as accurate or precise as calcium triplet metallicities when distances to stars are known (Li et al. 2019, 2020; Ji et al. 2020; Wan et al. 2020). Thus, we also determine CaT metallicities from equivalent widths and the Herrera et al. (2013) calibration, which requires absolute V magnitudes. Equivalent widths were measured by fitting a Gaussian plus Lorentzian function, with a minimum systematic uncertainty of 0.2 Å that typically translates into 0.13 dex (Li et al. 2017). Visual inspection of the fits shows that only stars with S/N > 5 should be considered to have reliable CaT metallicities. The absolute V magnitudes are determined from Gaia EDR3 G, BP, and RP photometry, first applying the filter transformations in Riello et al. (2021), then dereddening using Schlegel et al. (1998) and Schlafly & Finkbeiner (2011) and adding the distance moduli in Table 1. The Gaia bandpasses are large, and the filter transformations or dereddening could be uncertain, but we find that using the V magnitude transformations for Pan-STARRS 1 photometry in Cra2 (Chambers et al. 2016) and the NOIRLab Source Catalog (NSC) DR2 photometry for Ant2 (Nidever et al. 2021) makes an insignificant <0.03 dex difference in the measured metallicities. We thus use the Gaia photometry to be consistent across both galaxies, and because the NSC DR2 photometry is incomplete for Ant2.
### Table 1

| Parameter | Antlia 2 | Crater 2 | Description |
|-----------|----------|----------|-------------|
| α (deg)   | 143.8079 ± 0.0492 | 177.310 (2) | Galaxy center R.A. |
| δ (deg)   | −36.6991 ± 0.0800 | −18.412 (2) | Galaxy center decl. |
| μ (mag)   | 20.6 ± 0.11 (1) | 20.35 ± 0.07 (2, 3) | Distance modulus |
| σ (kpc)   | 131.8 (1) | 117.5 (2) | Distance |
| Mv        | −9.86 ± 0.08b | −8.2 (2) | Luminosity |
| rs (arcmin) | 66.3 ± 4.6 | 31.2 ± 2.5 (2) | Circularized half-light radius |
| rc (pc)   | 2541 ± 175 | 1066 ± 84 (2) | Circularized half-light radius |
| α0 (arcmin) | 104.6 ± 8.6 | ... | Half-light major axis |
| α9 (pc)   | 4010 ± 329 | ... | Half-light major axis |
| ε (1 − b/a) | 0.60 ± 0.04 | 0.12 ± 0.02 (3)b | Ellipticity |
| θPA (deg) | 154.0 ± 2.4 | 135 ± 4 (3)b | Position angle (E of N) |
| μν (mag arcsec−2) | 30.7 ± 0.2 | 30.6 ± 0.2 (2) | Surface brightness within half-light radius |
| vhel (km s−1) | +288.8±0.4 | +89.3±1.0 | Heliocentric radial velocity |
| μ* (mas yr−1) | −0.094±0.007 | −0.073±0.021 | Heliocentric proper motion, R.A. cos δx |
| μl (mas yr−1) | +0.103±0.008 | −0.123±0.013 | Heliocentric proper motion, decl.δ |
| vgs (km s−1) | 49.9±0.4 | −81.4±0.3 | Galactic Standard of Rest, radial velocity |
| μ* (mas yr−1) | −0.047±0.007 | +0.133±0.021 | Galactic Standard of Rest, proper motion, R.A., cos δx |
| μl (mas yr−1) | +0.179±0.008 | +0.118±0.013 | Galactic Standard of Rest, proper motion, decl.δ |
| σv (km s−1) | 5.98±0.36 | 2.34±0.36 | Radial velocity dispersion |
| κe (km s−1 deg−1) | 5.72±0.06 | 2.19±1.20 | Linear radial velocity gradient |
| κc (km s−1 kpc−1) | 2.49±0.26 | 1.07±0.58 | Linear radial velocity gradient |
| θe (deg) | +174.8±10 | +97.3±15 | RV gradient direction (E of N) |
| σv, no ke (km s−1) | 7.69±0.40 | 2.43±0.35 | Radial velocity dispersion without linear gradient |
| ⟨[Fe/H]⟩ (dex, DR2.2) | −1.77±0.08 | −2.10±0.08 | Mean metallicity using full spectrum fitd |
| sfFe (dex, DR2.2) | 0.66±0.03 | 0.34±0.03 | Metallicity dispersiond |
| kFe (dex deg−1, DR2.2) | +0.10±0.09 | −0.05±0.20 | Metallicity radial gradient |
| ⟨[Fe/H]⟩ (dex, CaT) | −1.90±0.04 | −2.16±0.04 | Mean metallicity using calcium triplet EW |
| sfFe (dex, CaT) | 0.34±0.03 | 0.24±0.05 | Metallicity dispersion |
| Nmem       | 283      | 141      | Number of clear member stars in our sample (P > 0.95) |
| Ntot       | 288.7    | 141.0    | Sum of membership probabilities |
| Mdyn (Mb)  | 10^{7.82±0.09} | 10^{7.74±0.21} | Dynamical mass within half-light radius (Wolf et al. 2010) |
| Lc (Lc)    | 10^{5.88} | 10^{5.21} | Luminosity in Lc, assuming Mv,0 = + 4.83 |
| M* (Mb)    | 10^{5.22} | 10^{5.55} | Stellar mass in M*, assuming M*/L = 2.2 |
| M/L (Mb/Lc) | 100      | 31       | Mass-to-light ratio within half-light radius |

**Notes.** Values without references are determined in this work.

a This is the statistical uncertainty in Poisson star counts. The actual uncertainty may be higher; see text.
b Not used in the Cra2 spatial likelihood; see text.
c The systematic error in each proper motion component is not included but is an additional 0.023 mas yr−1 (Lindegren et al. 2020).
d Calcium triplet metallicities are preferred over the DR2.2 values. The metallicity dispersion from the full spectrum fit is particularly influenced by a few outliers with inaccurate metallicities.

**References.** (1) Torrealba et al. 2019; (2) Torrealba et al. 2016; (3) Vivas et al. 2020.

In Ant2, both rvspecfit in S5 and the CaT metallicities are substantially lower than the metallicities inferred in T19, by about 0.5 dex. This is a zero-point offset in the T19 metallicities, which were fit with an early version of rvspecfit. To confirm this, we have reanalyzed the original data used in T19 using both the new rvspecfit and the calcium triplet, obtaining a lower metallicity. We have also verified the lower metallicities of a few stars using high-resolution spectroscopy (A. P. Ji et al. 2021, in preparation). Thus, we believe that our updated metallicity measurement is more accurate.

For galaxy member stars, the CaT metallicities are preferred over the rvspecfit spectrum synthesis metallicities, as they have both better accuracy and better precision (e.g., Li et al. 2020; Wan et al. 2020). However, the rvspecfit metallicities are applicable to both galaxy and foreground stars, so they are used in mixture models for determining galaxy membership. Some stars in DR2.2 have erroneous metallicities of [Fe/H] ~ 0, which will be remedied in future S5 analyses. However, the overall performance of rvspecfit is still quite good, obtaining metallicities only biased high by 0.1 dex compared to the calcium triplet in our two galaxies. We provide both metallicities in Tables 4 and 5.
3. Structural Parameters

For Cra2, we adopt the luminosity and spatial parameters from T16, a spherical Plummer profile (Dejonghe 1987) with half-light radius of $31.2$ pc. Vivas et al. (2020) also determined spatial parameters from deeper DECam data but with a smaller field of view, finding evidence for a small ellipticity $e = 0.12 \pm 0.02$. We include their measurement in Table 1 but do not use it in membership determination.

Since Ant2 is heavily blended with Milky Way foreground stars, its structural parameters require including Gaia astrometry to remove the contamination. Torrealba et al. (2019) used Gaia DR2 to determine structural parameters. We now use the better photometry and astrometry in Gaia EDR3 to redetermine the structural parameters of Ant2. We use data from a $10^5$-radius circular area on the sky around Ant2 with $E(B-V)_{	ext{GDR}} < 0.75$ to avoid the possible incompleteness due to high extinction, and then we select stars with reddened $G_0 < 20$. We select likely Ant2 members as stars with parallaxes $\omega < 0.01 < 2\sigma_\omega$, proper motions in $\alpha$ and $\delta$ consistent with the mean Ant2 proper motion in Table 1 $|\mu - \mu_0| < \min(2\sigma_\mu, 0.3)$, and reddened $G - RP$ colors within $0.075$ mag of the red giant branch track.

The on-sky density of selected stars is shown in Figure 2. This spatial density was modeled as an elliptical Plummer profile plus a background density with a quadratic spatial gradient. Stars were sorted into HEALPIX$^{23}$ equal-area bins with $n_{\text{side}} = 512$ ($\approx 6/9$ on a side). The likelihood function is the standard Poisson likelihood for independent bins, with the Poisson rate given by the equation

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\rho(x, y|x_0, y_0, e, \text{PA}, a_b, I, b) = \exp(I)
\times \left(1 + \frac{1}{a_b^2 \sigma_\omega^2} \left(\frac{(x - x_0)\cos(\text{PA}) - (y - y_0)\sin(\text{PA})}{1 - e}\right)^2
+ \left((y - y_0)\cos(\text{PA}) + (x - x_0)\sin(\text{PA})\right)^2\right)^{-2}
+ \exp(b_0 + b_1x + b_2y + b_{3x}x^2 + b_{3y}y^2),
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where $x, y$ are coordinates of stars in the tangential projection, $x_0, y_0$ is the center of the object, $e$ is the ellipticity, $\text{PA}$ is the positional angle, $a_b$ is the size along the major axis, $I$ is the logarithm of the central surface brightness, and $b_0, b_1, b_2, b_3x, b_3y$ are background parameters. The prior is uniform in all parameters aside from $x_0, y_0 \sim N(0, 1)$. The posterior was sampled using Stan (Carpenter et al. 2017) and summarized using the 16th/50th/84th percentiles in Table 1. In the table we also provide the inferred circularized half-light radius $r_h = a_b \sqrt{1 - e}$. Overall our measurements are more precise than but consistent with those of T19, except for the ellipticity $e = 0.60 \pm 0.04$, which is about $2\sigma$ larger than in T19, who measured $e = 0.38 \pm 0.08$.

We also redetermine the galaxy luminosity broadly following Muñoz et al. (2018). We refit the spatial density profile using significantly wider selection criteria in proper motion, parallax, and color to avoid incompleteness. Integrating the Plummer profile fit, we find $N = 750 \pm 50$ stars brighter than our cutoff of $G_0 = 20.0$. Using the luminosity function from a Dotter et al. (2008) isochrone ($12 \text{ Gyr}, [\text{Fe}/\text{H}] = -2.0, [\alpha/\text{Fe}] = +0.4$) and a fixed distance modulus of 20.6 (T19), this corresponds to $M_V = -9.86 \pm 0.08$. Using MIST isochrones instead yielded a similar $M_V = -9.83$ (Choi et al. 2016). The surface brightness within the half-light radius is then $30.7$ mag arcsec$^{-2}$. Because we find Ant2’s luminosity to be much higher and the radius to be slightly smaller ($r_h = 66.3'$) than in T19 (who had $M_V = -9.03$ and $r_h = 76/2'$), we obtain a surface brightness higher by over $1$ mag arcsec$^{-2}$. Finally, we tested whether two Plummer components were a better fit to the data, but we found no substantial improvement to the log-likelihood with the extra component.

4. Membership Modeling and Kinematic Properties

Stellar membership and kinematic properties are measured using a combination of sky position, radial velocity, and metallicity from rvspecfit, as well as Gaia EDR3 proper motions. We impose quality cuts of $S/N > 3$ for Cra2 and $S/N > 4$ for Ant2 because there is more contamination for the latter. If multiple exposures were taken for one star, we use the $S/N$ of the best individual exposure for the quality cut. We also require a velocity error $< 10 \text{ km s}^{-1}$, as visual inspection shows that stars with larger velocity errors are often substantially affected by sky subtraction residuals. No color–magnitude diagram (CMD) information was included, but it was already used during spectroscopic target selection. We have verified that ignoring any one of the spatial positions, metallicities, or proper motions does not significantly change the membership or fitted parameters of our mixture model.

Before fitting, we identified possible binary stars using previous observation epochs. Stars were considered binary candidates if their radial velocities differed by more than $3\sigma$ in different epochs. For Ant2, we used our reanalyzed

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$^{23}$ http://healpix.sourceforge.net
observations of the data taken in T19, finding seven likely binary stars among the Ant2 members. For Cra2, we used literature velocities from Caldwell et al. (2017) and Fu et al. (2019). There is a 1 km s$^{-1}$ systematic offset in our velocities of the matched stars, but after removing this offset, three likely binary stars were identified. These stars were given velocity errors of 999 km s$^{-1}$ to effectively remove their velocities from the fit, and they are marked as binary candidates in Tables 4 and 5. We expect the true binary fraction to be closer to 50% (e.g., Spencer et al. 2018), which could affect Cra2 and its very low velocity dispersion, but it is unlikely to affect Ant2 with its higher velocity dispersion. Similarly, stars with metallicity uncertainties larger than 0.5 dex were given errors of 99 dex because these metallicities are usually due to fitting sky residuals.

These data were fit with a three-component mixture model: one galaxy component and two foreground components (for the halo and disk foregrounds). The foreground components are assumed to be uniform both spatially and in proper motion space. The foreground radial velocities and metallicities are each modeled as 1D Gaussians. For the galaxies, we model their spatial, 3D velocity, and metallicities including a linear velocity gradient and radial metallicity gradient (the detailed likelihoods are described elsewhere, e.g., Walker et al. 2016; Caldwell et al. 2017; Pace et al. 2020). The spatial components are modeled as Plummer profiles using the spatial parameters from Table 1 (Section 3 for Ant2, T16 for Cra2). We hold the spatial parameters fixed to the photometric values to avoid biases from the spectroscopic selection. The galaxy radial velocity is modeled as having a linear velocity gradient with Gaussian intrinsic velocity dispersion around the gradient. The galaxy [Fe/H] is modeled as a Gaussian with a radial gradient for the mean. The galaxy proper motion is modeled to be a single value for the whole galaxy with no dispersion (current proper motion uncertainties cannot resolve a tangential velocity dispersion). Note that our spectroscopic selection function for proper motions is rather complicated and depends on the proper motion uncertainties (Section 2), but we have verified that implementing a proper motion background model that more accurately reflects the exact selection makes no difference to the final fitted parameters or member stars. The posterior is sampled using emcee (Foreman-Mackey et al. 2013) with 64 walkers and 10,000 steps per chain.

Our coverage for both Ant2 and Cra2 spans at least a 1° radius on the sky. Thus, the corrections for both the differential solar reflex motion and the perspective motion (requiring a known proper motion) are crucial to obtain accurate kinematics. For the solar reflex motion, we perform all our fits with velocities that have been corrected to the Galactic Standard of Rest (GSR, $v_{\text{gsr}}$), assuming the local standard of rest velocity of 232.8 km s$^{-1}$ (McMillan 2017), a relative solar velocity of (11.1, 12.24, 7.25) km s$^{-1}$ (Schönrich et al. 2010), and other parameters set to the default values in astropy version 4.0 (in particular, a distance of 8.122 kpc to the Galactic Center; Gravity Collaboration et al. 2018). The radial velocity differences due to a differential reflex correction across Ant2 and Cra2 are ±1.0 and ±1.7 km s$^{-1}$ for fields of view of ±2.2 deg and ±0.7 deg, respectively. The proper motions over the same spatial extent are differentially affected by ±0.010 mas yr$^{-1}$ and ±0.014 mas yr$^{-1}$ for Ant2 and less than ±0.005 mas yr$^{-1}$ for Cra2.

Additionally, we include the perspective motion effect on the measured radial velocities and proper motions (e.g., Kaplinghat & Strigari 2008; Walker et al. 2008). The perspective motion effect is important for radial velocities (up to ±3.0 and ±1.5 km s$^{-1}$ for Ant2 and Cra2, respectively, across their fields of view) but not for proper motions (less than 0.005 mas yr$^{-1}$). Practically, we parameterize each galaxy’s velocity in GSR coordinates using the radial velocity $v_{\text{gsr}}$ and the proper motions $\mu_{x,\text{gsr}}$ and $\mu_{y,\text{gsr}}$ at the center of the galaxy to define a Cartesian vector. To compare to data, this Cartesian velocity is converted to the observed values $v_{\text{obs}}$, $\mu_{x,\ast}$, and $\mu_{y,\ast}$ for each star at its $\alpha, \delta$ using astropy reference frames. We have also accounted for correlations between proper motions and parallax in Gaia, using the known distance to the galaxies (see Appendix B). This does not substantially affect Ant2, but it decreases $\mu_{x}$ for Cra2 by 0.01 mas yr$^{-1}$.

The results of the mixture model fits are provided in Table 1, with membership probabilities included in Tables 4 and 5. Figures 3 and 4 visually show the model parameters compared to several data dimensions. In these figures, all observed radial velocities and proper motions have been corrected to the GSR, with the effect of perspective motion and solar reflex motion removed. In panels (a), (b), (c), and (d), the observed stars have been color-coded by the component for which they have over 50% membership probability. Members in Ant2 and Cra2 are shown as large blue circles, while the foreground disk and halo are shown as small green points and orange crosses. Panels (d) and (g) show that the radial velocity alone very cleanly separates both galaxies from the foreground populations. The metallicity, proper motion, and spatial information play a relatively minor role (though the latter two are important parts of our spectroscopic selection). Note that our CMD color selection is wide enough to pick up stars substantially redder and bluer than the member stars (panel (a) in both figures), so we do not expect a metallicity bias from our selection.

Panels (c) and (e) show the radial velocity as a function of position. We first consider Ant2, which displays a clear linear velocity gradient of $k_v = 5.72^{+0.60}_{-0.56}$ km s$^{-1}$ deg$^{-1}$ (2.49$^{+0.26}_{-0.25}$ km s$^{-1}$ kpc$^{-1}$), a >5σ detection that is visually apparent in Figures 3(c) and (e). The best-fit direction of the gradient (pointing from low to high $v_{\text{gsr}}$) is indicated by the black arrow in panel (e), and in both galaxies the gradient direction is roughly on the same axis as the proper motion vector (magenta arrows in panel (e)). This is shown more quantitatively in Figure 5, where the posterior distributions of the best-fit position angles of the (reflex-corrected) proper motion, velocity gradient, and elliptical position angle are shown. In Ant2 the best-fit angles are all fairly similar, but there is a significant difference between the major axis orientation and proper motion direction (see Section 6). Simulations of tidally disrupting systems often show an “S”-shaped velocity profile centered around the disrupting progenitor (e.g., Erkal et al. 2017; see also Section 6.2). We briefly investigate the presence of such structure in Figure 6. First, we separate stars into 15 bins of roughly equal size along the major axis, fitting a velocity mean (blue points) and dispersion (orange bars) within each bin. Second, we model the velocities as a set of three line segments with two variable break points (red lines at the bottom of the figure) with a constant velocity dispersion, so as to be able to detect any sharp changes in slopes. The binned velocities do suggest that there may be a small flattening at the center of Ant2. The broken line model suggests that the data at
positive major axis may have higher slope than the rest of Ant2. But overall, neither of these models appears substantially more compelling than a single linear slope given current data, and we leave more detailed modeling to the community. Next, we consider the possible velocity gradient in Cra2. Figures 4(c) and 4(e) show that there may be a slight gradient aligned roughly in the R.A. direction, but it is detected at only 1.8σ (\(k = 2.19^{+1.18}_{-1.09}\) km s\(^{-1}\) deg\(^{-1}\)) and its direction is very poorly constrained (Figure 5). We consider this a tentative detection of a velocity gradient, sufficient for us to later broadly discuss but not make claims about the implications of a velocity gradient in Cra2. Examining just the proper motion and spatial orientation, Figure 5 does show a clear difference between the direction of the precise Gaia EDR3 proper motion and the orientation of the elliptical fit to the galaxy’s shape by Vivas et al. (2020). As noted before, Vivas et al. (2020) detected a small but significant ellipticity of 0.12 ± 0.02 in Cra2 using deep DECam observations of RGB and RRL stars, while T16 found no ellipticity with shallower but more spatially extended photometry. Additional deep observations with wider spatial coverage are likely needed to confirm the shape and orientation of Cra2, so we do not discuss it further here.

5. Metallicity Distribution and Luminosity–Metallicity Relation

After galaxy members are identified, we fit the CaT metallicities with metallicity distribution function (MDF) models to provide a first look at the formation history of these galaxies. Only stars with member probability >0.95 and S/ N > 5 are included here, due to the increased S/N required to fit equivalent widths of individual lines. The sample sizes for the MDF are thus reduced from 283 and 141 stars to 161 and 65 stars for Ant2 and Cra2, respectively. Note that our membership determination does include [Fe/H] information from rvspectfit assuming a Gaussian MDF, and in principle this could affect the MDF fits derived here. However, removing [Fe/H] from membership determination affects the membership of ≤3 stars, which we have checked does not change the results here. This is in part because \(\sigma_{fe}\) is overestimated in DR2.2 owing to a few bad measurements from rvspectfit (see panels (d) and (h) of Figures 3 and 4).

To interpret the MDFs, we fit the leaky box, pre-enriched, and extra gas models as described by Kirby et al. (2011, 2013). The leaky box is the classic analytic model characterized by the effective yield \(\rho_{eff}\). The pre-enriched box model adds a minimum metallicity floor [Fe/H]_0, while the extra gas model (Lynden-Bell 1975) adds pristine gas to a leaky box parameterized by \(M\), where \(M = 1\) reproduces the leaky box and \(M > 1\) adds extra pristine gas to the leaky box, creating a more peaked MDF with a lighter metal-poor tail. The likelihood includes the metallicity uncertainties by convolving the model MDF with the uncertainty for each star (Kirby et al. 2011). The posterior is sampled using dynesty (Speagle 2020). The priors are log uniform for \(p\) from 10\(^{-3}\) to 10\(^{-1}\) for all three models, uniform in [Fe/H]_0 from −5 to −2

\(^24\) Code available at https://github.com/alexji/mdfmodels.
for the pre-enriched model, and uniform in $M$ from 1 to 30 for the extra gas model. Additionally, we fit a Gaussian MDF with a mean $\mu$ and intrinsic spread $\sigma$, with a uniform prior for $\mu$.

Figure 4. Crater 2 mixture model fit. The panels are the same as in Figure 3, except panel (c) has $\Delta$R.A. on the x-axis.

Figure 5. Posterior distributions for important angles in Ant2 (top panel) and Cra2 (bottom panel). All angles are east of north. The proper motion direction has been reflex corrected. In the top panel, the velocity gradient has been flipped by 180°. In the bottom panel, the major-axis PA is taken from Vivas et al. (2020) and assumed to be Gaussian. All angles are roughly aligned in Ant2, but the small difference between the proper motion and spatial orientation is significant. This is an effect of the LMC (Section 6).

Figure 6. Testing for a nonlinear velocity trend in Ant2. The data for each member star are shown in light gray. We consider two models. First, we fit 15 separate bins of velocities and velocity dispersions: the blue circles and error bars are the mean and error on the mean in each bin, and the orange error bars are the velocity dispersion. Second, we fit three continuous line segments with a constant velocity dispersion. The red line is the mean model, the shaded region indicates 1σ and 2σ confidence intervals for the mean, and the break points are indicated by short red lines at the bottom of the figure. While the inner 1° of the galaxy may have a slight flattening, a single velocity gradient is still a good description of the current data.
from $-4$ to $-1$ and $\log\sigma$ from $-2$ to $+1$. The Gaussian fit results are adopted as the CaT metallicity in Table 1.

The best-fit values are tabulated in Table 2 and shown visually in Figure 7. The models in Figure 7 are convolved by the median [Fe/H] uncertainty. The posteriors are all well behaved (i.e., with a single well-defined posterior peak), except for the extra gas model in Cra2, where there is only a lower limit on the $M$ parameter. This is because larger $M$ values make the MDF very sharply peaked, but the typical [Fe/H] uncertainty of $\approx 0.25$ dex in Cra2 is unable to resolve such a narrow peak.

We compare the model fits using the corrected Akaike Information Criterion (AICc), which is essentially a likelihood ratio (see details in Jenkins et al. 2020; Kirby et al. 2020). Neither Ant2 or Cra2 is well described by a leaky box model, but this is the only model that can be ruled out. The observed MDFs do not clearly distinguish between the extra gas, pre-enriched, or Gaussian models, primarily because the metallicity uncertainties are quite large. For reference, Table 2 also includes the results of similar model fits to other Milky Way satellites from Kirby et al. (2013) and Jenkins et al. (2020). Ant2 has an MDF that is overall fairly similar to Sextans, while Cra2 is overall substantially more metal-poor and more similar to the dwarf galaxy Ursa Minor. Note that dynasty does compute the Bayesian evidence, which can also be used for model comparison. This gives the same qualitative conclusions as the AICc, but we use the AICc here to enable direct comparison in Table 2 to previous results (Kirby et al. 2013, 2020).

No spatial metallicity gradients were found for either Ant2 or Cra2 in either the CaT or DR2.2 metallicities. While multiple chemodynamic populations are often found in dSphs, they typically require data sets of O(1000) stars (e.g., Kordopatis et al. 2016; Pace et al. 2020) or adding CMD or high-resolution abundance information (e.g., Lemasle et al. 2012). Our data of 140–290 metallicities alone are thus probably insufficient to rule out the presence of such populations, though Walker et al. (2019) note that there are two distinct main sequence turnoffs in Cra2, and more extreme gradients can be detected with fewer stars (Chiti et al. 2021).

Figure 7. Calcium triplet metallicity distributions for Ant2 (top panel) and Cra2 (bottom panel), along with best-fit models for four MDF forms, convolved by the median uncertainty. The AICc is shown for each model in the legend, where larger $\Delta$AICc values indicate a better fit. Neither galaxy is well described by a leaky box model (thin red line). However, the other three models are all reasonable fits.

Figure 8 shows the updated mean CaT metallicities of these galaxies compared to the luminosity–metallicity relation (LZR; Kirby et al. 2013). Both Ant2 and Cra2 lie within the scatter of this relation. For Ant2, this is a stark contrast from the measurement by T19 (open red circle). The original

| Table 2 Chemical Properties |
|----------------------------|
| dSph | Leaky Box | Pre-enriched | Extra Gas | Gaussian |
| $p_{\alpha}(Z_{\odot})$ | $p_{\alpha}(Z_{\odot})$ | $[\text{Fe/H}]_0$ | $\Delta$AICc | $p_{\alpha}(Z_{\odot})$ | $M$ | $\Delta$AICc | $\mu$ | $\sigma$ | $\Delta$AICc |
|------|----------|-------------|-----------|----------|--------|-------------|------|--------|-----------|
| Antlia 2 | 0.019$^{+0.002}_{-0.002}$ | 0.014$^{+0.002}_{-0.002}$ | $-2.85^{+0.13}_{-0.16}$ | 21.1 | 0.016$^{+0.001}_{-0.001}$ | 5.3$^{+1.3}_{-2.2}$ | 20.9 | $-1.90^{+0.01}_{-0.04}$ | 0.34$^{+0.03}_{-0.04}$ | 23.8 |
| Crater 2 | 0.016$^{+0.002}_{-0.002}$ | 0.004$^{+0.001}_{-0.001}$ | $-2.67^{+0.10}_{-0.13}$ | 24.1 | 0.008$^{+0.001}_{-0.001}$ | 21.4$^{+0.60}_{-0.80}$ | 23.9 | $-2.16^{+0.04}_{-0.04}$ | 0.24$^{+0.05}_{-0.04}$ | 22.8 |
| Fornax | 0.106$^{+0.005}_{-0.005}$ | 0.082$^{+0.005}_{-0.004}$ | $-2.05^{+0.06}_{-0.06}$ | 124.0 | 0.111$^{+0.003}_{-0.003}$ | 9.3$^{+1.3}_{-1.3}$ | 306.9 | $-1.04^{+0.01}_{-0.01}$ | 0.33 | ... |
| Leo I | 0.047$^{+0.002}_{-0.002}$ | 0.030$^{+0.002}_{-0.002}$ | $-2.33^{+0.06}_{-0.06}$ | 178.4 | 0.045$^{+0.001}_{-0.001}$ | 7.9$^{+1.2}_{-1.0}$ | 353.3 | $-1.45^{+0.01}_{-0.01}$ | 0.32 | ... |
| Sculptor | 0.029$^{+0.002}_{-0.002}$ | 0.027$^{+0.002}_{-0.002}$ | $-3.39^{+0.26}_{-0.26}$ | 10.7 | 0.029$^{+0.002}_{-0.002}$ | 1.4$^{+0.2}_{-0.2}$ | 5.3 | $-1.68^{+0.01}_{-0.01}$ | 0.46 | ... |
| Leo II | 0.025$^{+0.002}_{-0.002}$ | 0.024$^{+0.002}_{-0.002}$ | $-2.92^{+0.11}_{-0.11}$ | 25.5 | 0.028$^{+0.002}_{-0.002}$ | 3.3$^{+0.5}_{-0.5}$ | 45.2 | $-1.63^{+0.01}_{-0.01}$ | 0.40 | ... |
| Sextans | 0.016$^{+0.002}_{-0.002}$ | 0.013$^{+0.002}_{-0.002}$ | $-3.17^{+0.23}_{-0.23}$ | 12.0 | 0.014$^{+0.001}_{-0.001}$ | 3.3$^{+0.10}_{-0.10}$ | 10.4 | $-1.94^{+0.01}_{-0.01}$ | 0.47 | ... |
| Ursa Minor | 0.014$^{+0.001}_{-0.001}$ | 0.007$^{+0.001}_{-0.001}$ | $-2.92^{+0.10}_{-0.10}$ | 41.9 | 0.009$^{+0.001}_{-0.001}$ | 11.0$^{+1.3}_{-1.3}$ | 44.3 | $-2.13^{+0.01}_{-0.01}$ | 0.43 | ... |
| Draco | 0.014$^{+0.001}_{-0.001}$ | 0.011$^{+0.001}_{-0.001}$ | $-3.06^{+0.09}_{-0.09}$ | 37.7 | 0.013$^{+0.001}_{-0.001}$ | 4.2$^{+0.13}_{-0.13}$ | 44.7 | $-1.98^{+0.01}_{-0.01}$ | 0.42 | ... |
| CVn I | 0.019$^{+0.002}_{-0.002}$ | 0.016$^{+0.002}_{-0.002}$ | $-3.10^{+0.20}_{-0.20}$ | 13.4 | 0.017$^{+0.002}_{-0.002}$ | 2.6$^{+0.7}_{-0.7}$ | 9.6 | $-1.91^{+0.01}_{-0.01}$ | 0.44 | ... |
| Bootes I | 0.005$^{+0.001}_{-0.001}$ | 0.005$^{+0.001}_{-0.001}$ | $-3.74^{+0.18}_{-0.18}$ | 2.9 | 0.005$^{+0.001}_{-0.001}$ | 4.5$^{+1.2}_{-1.8}$ | 6.4 | $-2.33^{+0.05}_{-0.05}$ | 0.27 | ... |

Note. The $\Delta$AICc values are compared to the Leaky Box model (larger positive values mean more favored).

References. (K13) Kirby et al. (2013); (J21) Jenkins et al. (2020).
measurement placed Ant2 far to the left of the LZR, such that it was likely originally much more massive and probably lost at least 90% of its stellar mass to tidal interactions (dashed arrow). The origin of the difference is a substantial zero-point offset in the T19 metallicities that is not present in recent versions of rvspecfit. The CaT metallicities are about 0.1 dex lower than the rvspecfit metallicities, but they should be on the same scale as most Milky Way (MW) satellite galaxies in Kirby et al. (2013) and the Simon (2019) literature compilation, and so they are more suitable for comparisons to the LZR.

Ant2 and Cra2 are both currently about 1.0–1.5σ below the Kirby et al. (2013) LZR. For their progenitors to remain within 2σ of the LZR, Ant2 and Cra2 could have lost at most 66% and 42% of their initial stars, respectively. For these galaxies to have lost 90% and 99% of their initial stellar mass corresponds to ∼3σ and ∼5σ deviations from the LZR, respectively. Thus, we conclude that neither Ant2 nor Cra2 has lost 90% of their stars to tidal disruption yet, though it would not be too surprising for them to have lost about half their stars.

6. Orbits and Dynamical Modeling

6.1. Orbit

Using the kinematics in Table 1, we integrate the orbits of Ant2 and Cra2 backward in a static Milky Way potential and in a potential that includes the interaction of the Milky Way and the LMC. Including the LMC is particularly important since previous studies have shown that it has a significant effect on the orbits of these two dwarfs (Erkal & Belokurov 2020).

For the static case, we use the Milky Way potential from McMillan (2017), which consists of four disks, a bulge, and a Navarro–Frenk–White (NFW) dark matter halo. We use galpot (Dehnen & Binney 1998) to compute the forces from this potential and advance the orbits with a leapfrog integrator. We account for uncertainties in the Milky Way potential, as well as the solar position and velocity, by sampling 10,000 realizations of the McMillan (2017) posterior chains. We also sample the present-day position and velocity of Ant2 and Cra2 within their uncertainties. We then integrate backward for 5 Gyr. The orbital parameters for each dwarf are shown in Table 3.

Next, we consider the Ant2 and Cra2 orbits in the presence of the LMC. We model the Milky Way potential as described above and model the LMC as a Hernquist profile (Hernquist 1990) with a mass of $1.5 \times 10^{11} M_\odot$ and a scale radius of 17.14 kpc. This profile is motivated by Erkal et al. (2019), who measured the mass of the LMC from its effect on the Orphan Stream. To account for the motion of the Milky Way in response to the LMC (e.g., Gómez et al. 2015; Erkal et al. 2021; Petersen & Peñarrubia 2021), we model the Milky Way and LMC as particles sourcing their respective potentials (as in Erkal et al. 2019; Erkal & Belokurov 2020; Vasiliev et al. 2021). The dynamical friction on the LMC is modeled using the approximations in Jethwa et al. (2016). In addition to uncertainties in the Milky Way potential, solar kinematics, and observed properties of Ant2/Cra2, we also sample from the uncertainties in the LMC’s present-day position and velocity using its observed proper motion (Kallivayalil et al. 2013), distance (Pietrzyński et al. 2013), and radial velocity (van der Marel et al. 2002). For each of these 10,000 realizations, we integrate Ant2 and Cra2 backward in the combined presence of the LMC and Milky Way for up to 5 Gyr. Since the LMC is believed to be on its first approach to the Milky Way (e.g., Besla et al. 2007; Kallivayalil et al. 2013), we end the simulation if the LMC reaches its apocenter with respect to the Milky Way. We do this to avoid including realizations where the LMC reapproaches the Milky Way, which could alter the orbits of Ant2 and Cra2.

The results are summarized in Table 3. The overall orbital geometries for both Ant2 and Cra2 are qualitatively similar to
previous work (Caldwell et al. 2017; Sanders et al. 2018; Fu et al. 2019; Torrealba et al. 2019), with Ant2 approaching apocenter and Cra2 just past apocenter. We thus focus our attention on the differences in pericenters, the most relevant quantity for tidal disruption. For Ant2, the static Milky Way model has a pericenter of 52.4±9.5 kpc, while the LMC model has a pericenter of 38.6±7.9 kpc. The new pericenters are larger than previously inferred (~15 kpc from Chakrabarti et al. 2019, 37±15 kpc from Torrealba et al. 2019) owing to an updated Gaia EDR3 proper motion (Section 7.1.1). For Cra2, the static Milky Way model has a pericenter of 33.2±5.1 kpc, while the LMC model has a pericenter of 21.7±5.1 kpc. The static model pericenter is similar to those previously inferred (37.7±18.0 kpc from Fu et al. 2019). In general, the pericenters of both dwarfs are closer when including the LMC, in agreement with previous studies (e.g., Erkal et al. 2019, 2021; Petersen & Peñarrubia 2021), we consider these to be our fiducial result going forward.

To explore how these dwarfs have been affected by the Milky Way, we estimate the tidal radius using King (1962):

\[ r_t = \left( \frac{GM_{sat}}{\Omega^2 - \frac{d^2\Omega}{dt^2}} \right)^{1/3}, \]

where \( M_{sat} \) is the mass of the satellite, \( \Omega \) is the angular frequency of the satellite, and \( \frac{d^2\Omega}{dt^2} \) is the second derivative of the Milky Way potential with respect to radius. For the satellite mass, we use the dynamical mass within the half-light radius \( (M_{dyn} \) based on the Wolf et al. (2010) estimator (see Table 1). This is lower than the total mass, so it may underestimate the tidal radius, but since \( r_t \propto M^{1/3} \), the difference will not be large. We compute this tidal radius at pericenter for each of the 10,000 orbit realizations, reported in Table 3. To account for the uncertainty in the dynamical mass, we sample the dynamical mass for each orbit realization. As expected, the tidal radius for each dwarf is substantially smaller for the orbits in the presence of the LMC, since these have smaller pericenters. Furthermore, the tidal radii of Ant2 and Cra2 at pericenter are significantly smaller than their current half-light radii, 59% and 36%, respectively. This suggests that both galaxies may have experienced substantial tidal disruption, which we explore next.

6.2. Tidal Disruption Simulations

Since both Ant2 and Cra2 may be tidally disrupting, we now investigate the expected tidal debris using the modified Lagrange Cloud stripping technique of Gibbons et al. (2014) as implemented in Erkal et al. (2019).\(^{25}\) This technique works by rewining the orbits of Ant2 and Cra2 for 5 Gyr and then generating a stream during the forward integration. We initialize the progenitors of Ant2 and Cra2 to be Plummer spheres with masses and scale radii of \((10^{10.92} M_\odot, 1 \text{ kpc})\) and \((10^{6.72} M_\odot, 500 \text{ pc})\). These masses are equal to the inferred dynamical mass within the half-light radius from Table 1.

The simulation setup is similar to Section 6.1, except we keep the potential and other parameters fixed. For the Milky Way we select the same posterior chain of McMillan (2017) that was used in Li et al. (2020). This realization was chosen since Li et al. (2020) found that it gave a good fit to the AAO stream. In this potential, the Milky Way halo is lighter than the best-fit model in McMillan (2017) \((M_{200} = 8.27 \times 10^{11} M_\odot)\), so the LMC has a realistic past orbit and has recently completed its first approach to the Milky Way. For the solar distance and motion we use 8.122 kpc and \((11.1, 245.04, 7.25) \text{ km s}^{-1}\), respectively, as in Section 4. For the LMC, we use the same \(1.5 \times 10^{11} M_\odot\) Hernquist profile as in Section 6.1. We perform simulations both with and without the LMC.

The Ant2 and Cra2 results are shown in Figures 9 and 10. For Cra2, the current observations do not extend sufficiently far to probe potential tidal features, so we do not comment further. However, our ~5\(^{\circ}\) coverage of Ant2 clearly extends into the region where a tidal stream would be expected. Indeed, there is striking qualitative agreement between both the orientation and radial velocity gradient of Ant2 and the mock tidal stream. We did not do any fine-tuning of parameters, which strongly suggests that tidal effects are responsible for the spatial extent and kinematic properties of Ant2.

The left panel of Figure 9 shows that in a static MW potential there is a misalignment between the simulated orientation of Ant2 tidal features (blue contours) and the actual observed orientation of Ant2. This corresponds to an offset of ~12\(^{\circ}\) between the reflex-corrected proper motion and the spatial orientation of Ant2, which is statistically significant (Figure 5).\(^{26}\) Such misalignments are not expected if Ant2 is orbiting in a static potential, but they can easily arise in dynamic potentials (e.g., Erkal et al. 2019; Shipp et al. 2019; Vasiliev et al. 2021). The middle panel shows a simulation in the dynamic potential including a \(1.5 \times 10^{11} M_\odot\) LMC. The stream orientation (red contours) is much closer to the observed orientation of Ant2. Furthermore, the radial velocity gradients in the model with and without the LMC are 6.1 and 4.1 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ deg}^{-1}, respectively; we measure a gradient of 5.7 ± 0.6 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ deg}^{-1} that matches the LMC model.

At first, this may seem curious, because Ant2’s orbit has never taken it close to the LMC (Torrealba et al. 2019). Indeed, our simulations show that a plane fit to Ant2’s stream has almost the same orientation today as during Ant2’s previous pericenter (2.7\(^{\circ}\) difference), when the LMC was still far from the Milky Way. Instead, we find that the misalignment is due to the reflex motion of the Milky Way induced by the LMC (e.g., Gómez et al. 2015; Garavito-Camargo et al. 2019; Erkal et al. 2021). In order to explore this effect, we looked at the velocity change the LMC has imparted on Ant2 and the Milky Way since Ant2’s previous pericenter, when the material in the stream was stripped. For the potential realization used to generate the stream, this pericenter occurred ~930 Myr ago. Since then, the LMC has accelerated the Milky Way by \((5.10, 9.93, -43.68) \text{ km s}^{-1}\) and Ant2 by \((-0.32, 16.94, -7.47) \text{ km s}^{-1}\) in the \((X, Y, Z)\) direction, and the Milky Way has moved.

\(^{25}\) We acknowledge gala (Price-Whelan 2017), whose implementation of the Fardal et al. (2015) mock stream generator was used in initial explorations.

\(^{26}\) Some of the most recently stripped material from Ant2 may not lie along the stream orbit, which could introduce minor projection effects, as the Sun’s position is not exactly in the Ant2 orbital plane. The observed effect would be small, since Ant2 is currently very distant, so our current position is near the orbital plane (a maximum ~3/5 effect).
by (−3.09, 0.13, 31.21) kpc. Note that the LMC has had a much larger effect on the Milky Way, since the LMC has passed much closer to the Milky Way than to Ant2. Thus, we see that the effect of the LMC is (1) to accelerate the Milky Way approximately downward relative to Ant2, effectively adding an upward (+Z) component to Ant2’s velocity from our perspective, and (2) to move the Milky Way upward, effectively changing our viewpoint of the Ant2 stream.

To explore this in the data, the purple arrow in the middle panel of Figure 9 shows the result of adding 28 km s$^{-1}$ in the −Z Galactocentric direction to the 3D velocity of Ant2 and then reprojecting this to the expected on-sky orientation. The 28 km s$^{-1}$ offset roughly mimics the reflex velocity of the Milky Way to the LMC today (Erkal et al. 2021; Petersen & Peñarrubia 2021; Vasiliev et al. 2021), and this simple correction matches the stream model and the observed orientation of Ant2. This velocity shift is likely also encapsulating the effect of the Milky Way’s movement since Ant2’s pericenter, which would change our perspective of the Ant2 stream.

As a final check, we ran a stream simulation including the LMC but artificially fixing the position of the Milky Way. No offset in the Ant2 stream was produced (orange contours in left panel of Figure 9). We thus conclude that Ant2’s kinematic properties are well explained by tidal disruption after accounting for the motion of the Milky Way induced by the LMC’s passage.

Finally, we note that while we have mostly focused our analysis on the effect of the LMC on Ant2, the same general picture also holds for Cra2. Since its most recent pericenter with the Milky Way, Cra2 has been accelerated by the LMC by (0.75, 12.84, −8.24) km s$^{-1}$, while the Milky Way has been accelerated by (5.97, 19.47, −45.04) km s$^{-1}$. Thus, the main effect of the LMC on Cra2’s stream will similarly be due to the motion of the Milky Way.

7. Discussion

7.1. Comparison to Previous Results

7.1.1. Gaia DR2 versus EDR3 Proper Motions

Gaia EDR3 has more precise proper motions and better control of systematic effects than Gaia DR2 (Lindegren et al. 2020). Figure 11 shows the new (heliocentric) proper motions for EDR3 compared to previous literature measurements and/or predictions. Our results agree well with McConnachie & Venn (2020b), Li et al. (2021), and Battaglia et al. (2021), who also use Gaia EDR3, while the results using Gaia DR2 are generally consistent with each other but offset from the EDR3 results.

The green triangles in Figure 11 indicate proper motions associated with specific scenarios proposed by previous studies. For Ant2, Chakrabarti et al. (2019) measured a proper motion consistent with other DR2 measurements but with a substantial tail that included pericenters as low as 15 kpc. Such low pericenters could have excited perturbations in the outer gas disk of the Milky Way. Ant2’s new proper motions in EDR3 now suggest a much larger pericenter of 38.6 kpc (52.4 kpc when not including the LMC), making it less likely to be the source of those perturbations. For Cra2, Sanders et al. (2018) predicted a range of proper motions for Cra2 to experience substantial tidal disruption if it resides in an NFW halo. This value is now disfavored, though the predicted range is very large and the new proper motion measurement is at the edge of the allowed range.

7.1.2. Previous Antlia 2 Studies

T19 have presented the only other spectroscopic study of Ant2, also using AAT/2dF. The current paper includes all of the data in T19, as well as five additional new fields. All data are reduced and analyzed consistently here. Our new data double the number of member stars and extend out to $\gtrsim 2$ half-light radii. T19 tentatively detected an increase in the velocity dispersion with galaxy radius, with a dispersion of $\sim 5$ km s$^{-1}$.
within 0.5 deg increasing to \(\sim 7 \text{ km s}^{-1}\) at larger radii. They argued that at the time that this could be due to a velocity gradient, though the data did not yet support that. Our new data extending out 2\(\times\) further now clearly show that there is a linear velocity gradient across the galaxy in excess of the perspective extending out 2\(\times\) by itself, though the data did not yet support that. Our new data (Figure 3) with an intrinsic scatter of \(6.0 \pm 0.4 \text{ km s}^{-1}\).

T9 also found that Ant2 had a mean metallicity of \(-1.4\), but here we find a substantially lower mean metallicity of \(-1.9\) (Figure 8). The corrected mean metallicity now clearly places Ant2 on the luminosity–metallicity relation (Kirby et al. 2013). This makes the previous conclusion that Ant2 has lost over 90% of its stellar mass now disfavored at about 3\(\sigma\).

### 7.1.3. Previous Crater 2 Studies

Caldwell et al. (2017) and Fu et al. (2019) are the two previous spectroscopic studies of Cra2. These two studies had much smaller sample sizes but spanned a similar spatial extent and had precise velocity uncertainties of \(\sim 1–2 \text{ km s}^{-1}\). Because we allowed a fairly low S/N cut for our members, our median velocity uncertainty for Cra2 members is \(\sim 3 \text{ km s}^{-1}\), of which 41 have velocity precision \(< 2 \text{ km s}^{-1}\), similar to previous studies. We thus have better statistics for large-scale trends (e.g., velocity gradients), but only the brighter stars with better S/N and \(\sim 1 \text{ km s}^{-1}\) uncertainties contribute to resolving the very low velocity dispersion in Cra2.

Our kinematic model finds tentative evidence for a velocity gradient in Cra2 of \(2.2 \pm 1.2 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ deg}^{-1}\), slightly more significant than the gradient found by Caldwell et al. (2017) \((k_v = 1.8^{+1.3}_{-1.1} \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ deg}^{-1}\) or a 95% upper limit of 3.6 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ deg}^{-1}\) but still detected at less than 2\(\sigma\) significance. The reality of this gradient needs to be elucidated with future data extending to larger radii. Including the velocity gradient, we find that the velocity dispersion of Cra2 is \(2.34^{+0.42}_{-0.30} \text{ km s}^{-1}\). If we ignore the velocity gradient, we obtain a dispersion of \(2.43^{+0.52}_{-0.19} \text{ km s}^{-1}\). Both values are somewhat smaller than (but consistent with) the value of 2.7 \text{ km s}^{-1} found by Caldwell et al. (2017) and Fu et al. (2019).

We note that there is a \(\sim 1 \text{ km s}^{-1}\) velocity offset in our Cra2 velocity compared to Caldwell et al. (2017) and Fu et al. (2019). A similar offset has been found comparing \(S^3\) velocities to high-resolution velocities (Ji et al. 2020). The native AAT velocities in fact would match those previous studies, but the zero-point of \(S^3\) velocities has been shifted by 1.1 \text{ km s}^{-1} to match that of several large surveys (APOGEE, Gaia, GALAH; Li et al. 2019). Regardless, the results presented in this paper are not affected by a 1 \text{ km s}^{-1} global velocity offset.

We find a lower mean metallicity of \([\text{Fe/H}] = -2.16 \pm 0.03\) compared to Caldwell et al. (2017) \((-1.98 \pm 0.1\)) and Fu et al. (2019) \((-1.95 \pm 0.06\)). The Caldwell et al. (2017) metallicities are from analyzing a small spectral range that tends to overestimate metallicities (e.g., Ji et al. 2016), but the Fu et al. (2019) results are also determined from the calcium triplet with the Carrera et al. (2013) relation, so they should be identical to ours. Upon investigation, we found an error in the Fu et al. (2019) conversion between CaT equivalent widths and \([\text{Fe/H}]\). Metallicities calculated using their equivalent widths and the Carrera et al. (2013) calibration agree with our current AAT measurements. We thus trust that our lower \([\text{Fe/H}]\) for Cra2 is accurate.

### 7.2. Tidal Disruption of Antlia 2

The evidence in this paper strongly suggests that Ant2 is currently undergoing tidal disruption, and its extended low surface brightness properties are indicative of the early stages of creating a stellar stream. Ant2 clearly displays a velocity gradient aligned with its orbit and position angle (Figures 3 and 5). The magnitude of the observed velocity gradient matches that predicted in tidal disruption simulations (Figure 9). We also see suggestions of a central overdensity with a different orientation and relatively flatter velocity dispersion that might indicate an embedded progenitor system, though these are not statistically significant (Figures 2, 6). However, Ant2 currently lies within the mass–metallicity relationship, and it is unlikely to have lost more than half its stars so far (Figure 8, Section 5). We appear to have caught Ant2 at a special time, right as it is being tidally disrupted but before it has lost most of its stars.

A key question is whether to interpret the observed velocity gradient as tidal effects or as rotation, since both tidal effects and solid-body rotation have a similar functional form for modeling the line-of-sight velocities. In the case of Ant2, the gradient is very likely due to tides, because the reflex-corrected
Figure 11. Proper motions of Ant2 (left) and Cra2 (right) from this work compared to literature. The large circles are Gaia EDR3 measurements, and all find similar results, including the red circle from this work, the black circle from McConnachie & Venn (2020b; denoted MV20b), the orange circle from Li et al. (2021), and the purple circle from Battaglia et al. (2021). The two sets of red error bars indicate with and without the 0.023 mas yr$^{-1}$ systematic uncertainty per component for Gaia EDR3 (Lindegren et al. 2020). The points in squares are proper motion measurements using Gaia DR2 (Ant2; gray square MV20a = McConnachie & Venn 2020a, blue square = T19; Cra2; gray square MV20a = McConnachie & Venn 2020a, blue square K18 = Kallivayalil et al. 2018, orange square F18 = Fritz et al. 2018, purple square F19 = Fu et al. 2019). In Ant2, the green triangle C19 is a Gaia DR2 measurement by Chakrabarti et al. (2019) that has a substantial chance of a very low pericenter of $\leq 15$ kpc. This scenario is disfavored by the new proper motions. In Cra2, the green triangle S18 is a prediction from Sanders et al. (2018) about the range of proper motions for Cra2 to have experienced very substantial tidal disruption in an NFW halo. This is now barely consistent with our new measurement.

Proper motion is well aligned with the velocity gradient and spatial extent of the galaxy, as expected if the gradient is due to tides. Furthermore, our particle stream simulations provide a good match to the observations with no tuning applied (Figure 9). Additionally, statistics of dSph galaxies suggest that they tend not to have much rotation, with $v_{rot}/\sigma_\nu < 0.5$ for 80% of satellite dSphs (Wheeler et al. 2017), while Ant2 would have $v_{rot}/\sigma_\nu \sim 1$ at its half-light radius (although it has been proposed that galaxies like Cra2 and Ant2 form in high-spin halos; e.g., Dalcanton et al. 1997b; Amorisco & Loeb 2016). Finally, Ant2’s orbit takes it close enough to the Milky Way that its tidal radius at pericenter is substantially smaller than its half-light radius today (Table 3). We cannot rule out the small chance that the rotation axis and velocity just happen to match that expected from Milky Way tides, but such a scenario is quite fine-tuned compared to the tidal scenario. In the future, these can be observationally distinguished with more precise proper motions that reveal internal motion (e.g., Zivick et al. 2021). Finding a substantial extended stream along Ant2’s orbit would also further support the tidal disruption scenario.

An offset between a stream’s spatial orientation and its reflex-corrected proper motion direction is evidence of a time-dependent gravitational potential. The biggest time-dependent perturbation in the MW is from the LMC, which directly impacts many stellar streams (Erkal et al. 2019; Shipp et al. 2019) and also can indirectly affect systems by moving the Milky Way (Vasiliev et al. 2021). Ant2 is now the second example, after the Sagittarius stream (Vasiliev et al. 2021), of the indirect effect of the LMC. The middle panel of Figure 9 shows that for Ant2 this effect is well approximated by just a reflex correction. This suggests that streams can be used to measure both the direct influence of the LMC and the induced reflex motion of the Milky Way.

Finally, the discussion of Ant2’s velocity gradient may also apply to Cra2, although more of the spatial extent of Cra2 needs to be observationally probed to confirm the velocity gradient and its direction. The tentative velocity gradient in Cra2 points toward the same direction as the proper motion (as opposed to Ant2, where it points opposite), as expected in the tidal disruption scenario, because Cra2 is past apocenter where Ant2 is just nearing apocenter.

7.3. Tidal Evolution and Dark Matter Halo Profiles

In standard $\Lambda CDM$ galaxy formation theory, galaxies typically follow a positive correlation between galaxy size and velocity dispersion (e.g., Fattahi et al. 2018). The unusually low velocity dispersions and large sizes of Ant2 and Cra2 pose a potential challenge to this picture (e.g., McGaugh 2016; Caldwell et al. 2017), but a natural explanation within $\Lambda CDM$ is strong tidal stripping (e.g., Frings et al. 2017; Fattahi et al. 2018; Sanders et al. 2018; Fu et al. 2019; Torrealba et al. 2019; Applebaum et al. 2021). Tidally removing substantial amounts of mass can simultaneously increase the size and lower the velocity dispersion of a galaxy, especially if the dark matter halo has been cored through stellar feedback (e.g., Ferrarsi et al. 2015) or the halo has unusually low concentration (e.g., Rey et al. 2019; Sameie et al. 2020). A full investigation of the Ant2 and Cra2 progenitors is beyond the scope of this paper, but we briefly summarize past work on this topic in the context of our new measurements.

7.3.1. Crater 2

Sanders et al. (2018) performed a suite of controlled tidal disruption simulations of stars in an NFW halo to find the conditions necessary for reproducing the velocity dispersion and physical size of Cra2 in $\Lambda CDM$. They argued that for Cra2 to be consistent with $\Lambda CDM$, its observed GSR proper motion should have a total magnitude less than 0.2 mas yr$^{-1}$. We find a GSR proper-motion magnitude of $0.18 \pm 0.02$ mas yr$^{-1}$, which
is right at the threshold value. The proposed scenario also requires Cra2 to have lost ~99% of its total mass and ~70% of its stellar mass to tides, so its original progenitor would be ~1.3 mag more luminous and a 2.5σ outlier from the luminosity–metallicity relation.

Changing from a cuspy NFW to a cored density profile for the dark matter halo makes the tidal stripping scenario more likely. Fu et al. (2019) use tidal evolution tracks from Errani et al. (2015) to show that tidally stripping 70%–90% of the total mass from a galaxy like today’s Sculptor or Ursa Minor dSphs would result in a system with the size and velocity dispersion of Cra2. Similar results are also broadly found in the APOSTLE simulations (Fattahi et al. 2018) and controlled simulations (Sanders et al. 2018). Presumably the lower total mass loss in a tidally disrupting cored halo would correspond to a lower stellar mass loss, which would then reduce the tension between Cra2’s progenitor and the luminosity–metallicity relation.

7.3.2. Antlia 2

T19 argued that Ant2 likely resides in a cored dark matter halo, as it was difficult to tidally produce a galaxy of this size if embedded in a dark matter cusp. Our new radius measurement of 2.5 kpc is smaller than the previous 3 kpc, but it is still large enough to not substantially change their conclusions. Samee et al. (2020) argued with a different suite of idealized simulations that a CDM cusp is plausible, though it requires a dark matter halo of unusually low concentration (also see Amorisco 2019). However, they agree with T19 that a cored halo is preferred. Like other dwarf galaxies, the origin of a dark matter core in Ant2 is not clear. Baryonic feedback could certainly produce a core in a galaxy of this mass (T19). Different dark matter models are another possibility, for instance, by adding a self-interaction cross section (Samee et al. 2020) or a soliton core from fuzzy dark matter (Broadhurst et al. 2020).

Crucially, the models by T19 and Samee et al. (2020) have Ant2 losing ~99% and 90% of its stellar mass, respectively. Given our update to the Ant2 mean metallicity, these large stellar mass losses now imply that Ant2’s progenitor was 3σ–5σ below the luminosity–metallicity relationship, a clear discrepancy. Detailed dynamical modeling is now needed to see whether Ant2’s tidal disruption but low stellar mass loss can be accommodated within ΛCDM, or if alternate theories are now preferred.

7.4. External Field Effect in MOND

The external field effect (EFE) is a prediction of MOND that originates from the nonlinear combination of accelerations in MOND and should apply to satellites of the Milky Way. Based on its position ≈120 kpc away from the Galactic center and its very large half-light radius of ≈1 kpc, McGaugh (2016) predicted that the EFE in Cra2 should cause it to have a very low velocity dispersion of $2.1^{+0.9}_{-0.6}$ km s$^{-1}$, where the uncertainty is due to differences in the assumed mass-to-light ratio. This was confirmed by Cra2’s very low velocity dispersion of $2.7$ km s$^{-1}$ from Caldwell et al. (2017) and Fu et al. (2019). Including the possible velocity gradient in Cra2, our results ($2.35^{+0.4}_{-0.3}$ km s$^{-1}$) are even closer to this prediction.

Ant2 is another good candidate to test the EFE. Its Galactocentric distance is ~130 kpc, with a radius $\approx 2.8 \times$ and a stellar mass $\approx 4.7 \times$ that of Cra2. Since both the internal and external accelerations for Ant2 are similar to Cra2, the EFE prediction for Ant2’s velocity dispersion should be similar to that for Cra2, increasing by $\approx 35\%$ owing to the different physical parameters and distance to $2.8^{+0.3}_{-0.2}$ km s$^{-1}$ (Equation (2) in McGaugh 2016). Ant2’s velocity dispersion of $6.0^{+0.4}_{-0.3}$ km s$^{-1}$ is thus in conflict with the EFE prediction.

The similar EFE predictions but very different velocity dispersions for Ant2 and Cra2 could pose a challenge for MOND. However, given the clear presence of tidal effects in Ant2 and possible velocity gradient in Cra2, it is important to explore the influence of tides before drawing further conclusions.

7.5. Comparison to Extragalactic Low Surface Brightness Galaxies

Low surface brightness galaxies (LSBs), with central surface brightnesses $\geq 23$ mag arcsec$^{-2}$—comparable to the sky background—have long been of interest because they are a substantial part of the galaxy population but are hard to observationally detect and characterize (e.g., Dalcanton et al. 1997a). Ant2 and Cra2 are the nearest LSBs with unusually large radii, though most Milky Way satellite galaxies are technically LSBs owing to their low stellar masses. There are a few LSBs of similar stellar masses to Ant2 and Cra2 in the Local Group and Local Volume also detected in resolved stars (such as And XIX, Martin et al. 2016; Collins et al. 2020; And XXI, Collins et al. 2021; and Coma P, Ball et al. 2018; Brunker et al. 2019), and an increasingly large number of relatively luminous, distant, and unresolved LSBs detected in deep photometric surveys (e.g., Koda et al. 2015; van Dokkum et al. 2015; Greco et al. 2018; Danieli et al. 2020; Lim et al. 2020; Tanoglidis et al. 2021). The most extreme LSBs are now often called ultradiffuse galaxies (UDGs, with $r_e > 1.5$ kpc, central surface brightness $> 24$ mag arcsec$^{-2}$, and dwarf–spheroid-like morphologies; van Dokkum et al. 2015). LSBs have been of particular interest because their population properties are only now becoming well characterized (e.g., Greco et al. 2018; Danieli & van Dokkum 2019; Danieli et al. 2020; Kado-Fong et al. 2021; Tanoglidis et al. 2021), their formation mechanisms are still hotly debated (e.g., Amorisco & Loeb 2016; Carloni et al. 2019; Jiang et al. 2019; Tremmel et al. 2020; Applebaum et al. 2021; Jackson et al. 2021; Wright et al. 2021), and they are good systems to test dark matter theories (e.g., McGaugh & de Blok 1998; Danieli et al. 2019; Emsellem et al. 2019; Müller et al. 2020).

As one of the closest LSBs/UDGs, our observations of Ant2 offer some possible insights for interpreting other, more distant LSBs. First, the original observations of Ant2 were limited in radial extent. T19 suggested that their observations were likely due to an intrinsic velocity gradient, though they could not rule out a varying velocity dispersion. The larger radial extent of our Ant2 observations now clearly detects the gradient. This may be relevant for recent UDG kinematic measurements using IFU observations of UDG stellar bodies (e.g., Danieli et al. 2019; Emsellem et al. 2019; Forbes et al. 2021), which do not necessarily probe a very large distance away from the centers. A second concern is interpreting velocity gradients. In Ant2 we detect a clear velocity gradient, but this is consistent with both a linearly rising rotation curve along the major axis and tidal disturbances. It is in large part because we have the proper motion of Ant2 that we can argue that the tidal disturbances are
| Gaia Source ID   | R.A.  | Decl. | Gaia G | $\mu_*$ | $\mu_\alpha$ | $v_{hel}$ | $\epsilon_\alpha$ | [Fe/H] | $\epsilon_{Fe}$ | [Fe/H] | $\epsilon_{Fe}$ | Binary | $p_{nom}$ | S/N  |
|-----------------|-------|-------|--------|---------|-------------|----------|-----------------|-------|--------------|-------|--------------|--------|-----------|-------|
| 5430123686295270528 | 142.53357 | −37.91439 | 19.45 | 0.880 | 1.683 | 79.01 | 2.49 | 0.06 | 0.16 | −0.93 | 0.43 | N | 0.00 | 7.4 |
| 543012701914141444 | 142.53799 | −37.79130 | 19.00 | −0.352 | −0.771 | 38.98 | 1.96 | −1.12 | 0.22 | −1.52 | 0.36 | N | 0.00 | 7.1 |
| 5430144851898821120 | 142.37813 | −37.56172 | 17.76 | −0.239 | 0.021 | 180.92 | 1.16 | 0.10 | 0.09 | −1.99 | 0.56 | N | 0.00 | 10.0 |
| 5432707744779139200 | 145.32869 | −38.46708 | 18.81 | −0.212 | −0.019 | 305.01 | 2.25 | −1.14 | 0.12 | −2.42 | 0.20 | N | 0.00 | 9.9 |
| 5432712035510686672 | 145.21509 | −38.39652 | 18.72 | −0.087 | 0.256 | 291.02 | 2.03 | −0.00 | 0.99 | −0.81 | 0.30 | N | 0.00 | 9.0 |
| 5432719255291437952 | 145.42085 | −38.47635 | 18.15 | −1.494 | −1.091 | 11.57 | 0.91 | −0.34 | 0.01 | −2.03 | 0.14 | N | 0.00 | 32.2 |
| 5432719697672405248 | 145.43874 | −38.44401 | 18.83 | −0.156 | 0.361 | 59.50 | 1.65 | −0.17 | 0.14 | −0.98 | 0.56 | N | 0.00 | 6.7 |
| 5432721660472955008 | 145.53543 | −38.36941 | 19.53 | −0.528 | 1.769 | 267.07 | 4.21 | −2.69 | 0.49 | −2.30 | 0.40 | N | 0.00 | 4.1 |
| 5432724542395731200 | 145.81868 | −38.34123 | 19.30 | 0.194 | −1.032 | 42.57 | 3.45 | −0.55 | 0.20 | −0.44 | 0.73 | N | 0.00 | 5.2 |
| 5432730246112749056 | 145.68201 | −38.19851 | 19.06 | −0.457 | −0.228 | 20.93 | 2.42 | −0.28 | 0.13 | −0.67 | 0.49 | N | 0.00 | 4.3 |
| 5432735159555576800 | 145.44373 | −38.23879 | 19.58 | −0.067 | −0.293 | 290.96 | 4.71 | −0.69 | 0.40 | −1.44 | 0.59 | N | 0.06 | 4.1 |
| 5432736057203390208 | 145.36721 | −38.30410 | 19.12 | 0.526 | 0.889 | 5.46 | 2.58 | −0.69 | 0.43 | −0.82 | 0.59 | N | 0.00 | 7.4 |
| 5432800619153094784 | 144.62609 | −38.57772 | 18.89 | −0.096 | −0.001 | 295.91 | 3.33 | −2.29 | 0.38 | −1.95 | 0.59 | N | 1.00 | 5.0 |
| 543281594359883456 | 144.32467 | −38.48502 | 18.81 | 0.094 | 0.269 | 296.32 | 2.10 | 0.10 | 0.90 | −1.72 | 0.45 | N | 1.00 | 7.9 |
| 5432828618045034496 | 143.98730 | −38.75532 | 18.19 | −0.576 | −0.685 | 1.43 | 2.20 | −1.02 | 0.12 | −1.52 | 0.43 | N | 0.00 | 10.8 |
| 5432829824929895424 | 143.95847 | −38.70626 | 19.69 | −0.513 | 0.825 | 55.46 | 5.62 | 0.10 | 0.20 | −1.46 | 0.97 | N | 0.00 | 4.7 |
| 5432847584621060352 | 143.88772 | −38.55068 | 19.16 | −0.845 | −0.183 | 29.79 | 3.78 | −1.23 | 0.19 | −1.12 | 0.46 | N | 0.00 | 5.5 |
| 5432851982667756160 | 143.79150 | −38.46329 | 19.48 | −0.735 | 0.301 | 19.97 | 3.70 | −0.53 | 0.31 | −2.29 | 1.43 | N | 0.00 | 4.0 |
| 5432856896110223872 | 144.25280 | −38.51619 | 18.79 | 0.108 | −0.749 | 40.59 | 2.08 | 0.06 | 0.31 | −0.42 | 0.33 | N | 0.00 | 6.8 |
| 5432859026431982720 | 144.10070 | −38.52739 | 19.13 | −0.230 | 0.207 | −10.08 | 1.88 | −0.08 | 0.15 | −0.73 | 0.53 | N | 0.00 | 6.2 |

**Note.** The first 20 rows are shown here. The full table is available online as a machine-readable table. (This table is available in its entirety in machine-readable form.)
### Table 5

**Crater 2 Data**

| Gaia Source ID   | R.A. (deg) | Decl. (deg) | Gaia G (mag) | $\mu_\alpha$ (mas yr$^{-1}$) | $\mu_\delta$ (mas yr$^{-1}$) | $v_{hel}$ (km s$^{-1}$) | $e_r$ (km s$^{-1}$) | [Fe/H] (DR2.2) | $e_{Fe}$ (DR2.2) | [Fe/H] (CaT) | $e_{Fe}$ (CaT) | Binary | $p_{mon}$ | S/N |
|------------------|------------|-------------|---------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|---------|-----------|-----|
| 3543024835796029056 | 177.59227  | −19.35520   | 20.15         | −0.292                      | −0.469                      | 18.76                   | 3.77              | −1.02          | 0.41           | −0.93        | 0.32         | N       | 0.00      | 4.1 |
| 3543053487522870912 | 177.62997  | −19.19029   | 19.39         | −0.818                      | −1.319                      | 44.80                   | 3.70              | −1.35          | 0.27           | −1.74        | 0.55         | N       | 0.00      | 3.2 |
| 3543056309318642304 | 177.75071  | −19.05828   | 20.08         | 1.705                       | −0.197                      | −17.76                  | 2.28              | −1.12          | 0.13           | −1.49        | 1.38         | N       | 0.00      | 4.5 |
| 3543057164015770880 | 177.73569  | −19.02361   | 18.46         | −0.189                      | −0.082                      | 94.03                   | 1.29              | −2.09          | 0.20           | −1.86        | 0.20         | N       | 1.00      | 13.6 |
| 3543058455326067680 | 177.93394  | −19.06145   | 17.85         | −0.307                      | 0.314                       | 18.36                   | 1.49              | −0.92          | 0.07           | −2.25        | 0.21         | N       | 0.00      | 10.8 |
| 3543064516999805056 | 177.90168  | −18.94614   | 19.94         | −5.778                      | 1.410                       | 159.86                  | 4.89              | −1.28          | 0.21           | −1.39        | 0.61         | N       | 0.00      | 3.2 |
| 3543142822843457280 | 178.17990  | −18.96932   | 19.04         | −1.569                      | 0.279                       | 12.82                   | 4.55              | −1.02          | 0.19           | −1.35        | 0.42         | N       | 0.00      | 4.1 |
| 3543156193077156608 | 178.05288  | −18.88107   | 19.00         | −0.608                      | 0.213                       | 17.78                   | 1.58              | −1.11          | 0.14           | −1.74        | 0.34         | N       | 0.00      | 7.2 |
| 3543158357740679168 | 178.12481  | −18.81081   | 16.51         | 0.209                       | −0.409                      | −6.91                   | 1.19              | −0.69          | 0.03           | −2.04        | 0.20         | N       | 0.00      | 15.7 |
| 3543195152725167744 | 178.31004  | −18.51465   | 19.69         | −0.298                      | −0.231                      | 228.00                  | 6.57              | −1.99          | 0.39           | −0.95        | 0.76         | N       | 0.00      | 3.6 |
| 35431957771200464128 | 178.32564 | −18.48732   | 19.63         | 0.140                       | 0.883                       | 22.13                   | 3.94              | −1.63          | 0.24           | −1.87        | 0.42         | N       | 0.00      | 3.7 |
| 3543399455728835200 | 176.97970  | −19.40391   | 20.21         | −3.184                      | −0.093                      | 50.80                   | 3.43              | −1.17          | 0.20           | −0.45        | 0.51         | N       | 0.00      | 4.3 |
| 3543412271911301504 | 176.98540  | −19.31376   | 19.10         | −1.015                      | −1.042                      | 281.00                  | 2.89              | −1.15          | 0.19           | −0.79        | 0.46         | N       | 0.00      | 5.1 |
| 3543415364287322368 | 176.74756  | −19.30076   | 19.70         | −0.296                      | −0.407                      | 220.88                  | 6.35              | −1.56          | 0.36           | −2.27        | 0.49         | N       | 0.00      | 3.2 |
| 3543480445928587904 | 176.54002  | −19.06992   | 19.17         | −1.122                      | −0.912                      | 258.82                  | 5.14              | −0.91          | 0.29           | −1.56        | 0.52         | N       | 0.00      | 3.7 |
| 3543774423553961600 | 177.08996  | −19.36856   | 19.43         | −2.134                      | −0.708                      | 216.75                  | 8.53              | −1.59          | 0.32           | −2.18        | 0.45         | N       | 0.00      | 4.1 |
| 3543796211924443520 | 177.00119  | −19.02632   | 17.87         | 0.041                       | 0.084                       | 21.92                   | 0.92              | −0.52          | 0.05           | −1.33        | 0.15         | N       | 0.00      | 17.2 |
| 3543807065300506464 | 177.51300  | −19.04849   | 19.92         | −3.646                      | −1.318                      | 366.55                  | 7.40              | −2.02          | 0.44           | −2.19        | 0.68         | N       | 0.00      | 3.1 |
| 3543810741797032960 | 177.41296  | −19.00933   | 18.99         | 0.022                       | 0.159                       | 91.90                   | 2.13              | −2.31          | 0.22           | −2.21        | 0.26         | N       | 1.00      | 8.5 |
| 3543811600790524288 | 177.45042  | −18.95351   | 19.09         | −1.197                      | 0.025                       | −12.52                  | 1.99              | −0.63          | 0.12           | −1.56        | 0.48         | N       | 0.00      | 5.7 |

**Note.** The first 20 rows are shown here. The full table is available online as a machine-readable table.

(This table is available in its entirety in machine-readable form.)
more likely. This was also emphasized for And XIX by Collins et al. (2020), who tentatively detected a velocity gradient but could not distinguish between rotation and tides.

8. Summary

We present new AAT/2dF spectroscopy in the Milky Way satellite dwarf galaxies Antlia 2 and Crater 2, roughly doubling the number of radial velocities and metallicities compared to the literature. We perform a detailed kinematic analysis including astrometry from Gaia EDR3. We also update the spatial parameters for Ant2 with Gaia EDR3 data, which results in a much higher luminosity. The new galactic properties are given in Table 1 and visualized in Figures 3 and 4. We fit simple chemical evolution models to the metallicity distribution functions, though our sample size and metallicity precision are not sufficient to distinguish between different formation channels (Figure 7).

Ant2 displays a clear velocity gradient roughly aligned with its major axis and reflex-corrected proper motion (Figure 5). Cra2 has a low significance detection of a velocity gradient as well, also roughly aligned with its proper motion. These gradients suggest that tidal interactions with the Milky Way affect these galaxies’ kinematics.

Our observations of Crater 2 largely corroborate conclusions from previous studies (Caldwell et al. 2017; Fu et al. 2019), although we find that it is 0.2 dex more metal-poor than those studies. However, our observations of Ant2 suggest qualitatively new interpretations compared to previous studies (Torrealba et al. 2019). First, the observed velocity gradient and spatial orientation are a remarkable match to tidal disruption simulations, strongly suggesting that Ant2 is impacted by tides and possibly embedded in its own stellar stream. Second, the spatial orientation of Ant2 and its stream is only accurately reproduced if we include the effect of the LMC, not because of a direct impact but because the LMC moves the Milky Way’s barycenter. The clear kinematic signatures of tides contrast with our updated metallicity measurement, which places Ant2 on the luminosity–metallicity relation (Figure 8) and suggests that Ant2 has not lost most of its stellar mass yet. It remains to be seen whether these facts can be reconciled in standard ΛCDM galaxy formation, as all models of Ant2 to date lose >90% of their stars to tidal disruption. But taken all together, the detailed chemodynamics provided by Gaia and our AAT spectroscopy continue to support a tidal origin for the large sizes and low densities of Ant2 and Cra2.

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Software: numpy (van der Walt et al. 2011), scipy (Jones et al. 2001), matplotlib (Hunter 2007), seaborn (Waskom et al. 2016), astropy (Astropy Collaboration et al. 2013; Price-Whelan et al. 2018), RVSpecFit (Koposov et al. 2019) q3c (Koposov & Bartunov 2006), emcee (Foreman-Mackey et al. 2013), Stan (Carpenter et al. 2017), dynesty (Speagle 2020), gala (Price-Whelan 2017; Price-Whelan et al. 2020), healpy (Gorski et al. 2005; Zonca et al. 2019), galpot (Dehnen & Binney 1998).

Appendix A

Data Tables

Tables 4 and 5 contain machine-readable tables for properties of stars in Antlia 2 and Crater 2, respectively.

Appendix B

Marginalizing over Known Parallax

The Gaia astrometric solution provides a full five-dimensional covariance matrix for sky position, proper motions, and parallax. If a true value is known for one of these parameters, we can marginalize over the covariance matrix given the true value, which can introduce small corrections to the mean values and uncertainties. We now show the procedure to use the known distance to our galaxies as a known parallax to correct the proper motions. First, we define the vector $V$ and matrix $M$ containing the measured astrometric information from Gaia:

$$V = \begin{pmatrix} \mu_s \\ \mu_b \\ \omega \end{pmatrix}$$

$$M = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma^2_{\mu_s} & \sigma_{\mu_s \mu_b} & \sigma_{\mu_s \omega} \\ \sigma_{\mu_b \mu_s} & \sigma^2_{\mu_b} & \sigma_{\mu_b \omega} \\ \sigma_{\omega \mu_s} & \sigma_{\omega \mu_b} & \sigma^2_{\omega} \end{pmatrix}.$$
We also define $V_0$ and $M_0$ as vectors and matrices containing the true parallax $\omega_{\text{gal}}$ and uncertainty $\sigma_{\omega_{\text{gal}}}$ (based on the distance modulus and uncertainty):

$$V_0 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \omega_{\text{gal}} \end{pmatrix} \quad (B3)$$

$$M_0 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \sigma_{\omega_{\text{gal}}}^2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (B4)$$

Then, if all distributions are multivariate Gaussians, marginalizing over the known values is given by

$$M_{\text{new}} = (M^{-1} + M_0^{-1})^{-1}$$

$$V_{\text{new}} = M_{\text{new}}(M^{-1}V + M_0^{-1}V_0). \quad (B5)$$

We use the first two components of $V_{\text{new}}$ and $M_{\text{new}}$ as the proper motions for our kinematic modeling. Including the known distance affects the proper motions of Ant2 by less than 0.01 mas yr$^{-1}$, but it decreases $\mu_6$ for Cra2 by 0.01 mas yr$^{-1}$.

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