



# Proper Motions of Stellar Streams Discovered in the Dark Energy Survey

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## Abstract

We cross-match high-precision astrometric data from *Gaia* DR2 with accurate multiband photometry from the Dark Energy Survey (DES) DR1 to confidently measure proper motions for nine stellar streams in the DES footprint: Aliqa Uma, ATLAS, Chenab, Elqui, Indus, Jhelum, Phoenix, Tucana III, and Turranburra. We determine low-confidence proper-motion measurements for four additional stellar streams: Ravi, Wambelong, Willka Yaku, and Turbio. We find evidence for a misalignment between stream tracks and the systemic proper motion of streams that may suggest a systematic gravitational influence from the Large Magellanic Cloud (LMC). These proper motions, when combined with radial velocity measurements, will allow for detailed orbit modeling that can be used to constrain properties of the LMC and its effect on nearby streams, as well as global properties of the Milky Way's gravitational potential.

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**Supporting material:** machine-readable table

## 1. Introduction

Stellar streams, the tidal remnants of accreted globular clusters and dwarf galaxies, are powerful tools for studying the distribution of matter and the accretion history of our Galaxy (Johnston 1998; Bullock & Johnston 2005). Stellar streams arise naturally in hierarchical models of galaxy formation; however, their low surface brightness makes them historically difficult to detect. The advent of large sky surveys has rapidly increased the number of known streams around the Milky Way (e.g., Mateu et al. 2018, and references therein) and other nearby galaxies (e.g., Zucker et al. 2004; Martínez-Delgado et al. 2010). This explosion in the known population of stellar streams promises to enable detailed statistical modeling of the stream population in the near future (e.g., Bonaca & Hogg 2018).

Stellar streams are excellent dynamical tools for measuring the properties of the Milky Way, including the total enclosed mass within their orbits (e.g., Gibbons et al. 2014; Bowden et al. 2015; Bovy et al. 2016; Bonaca & Hogg 2018) and the shape and radial

profile of the gravitational field (Law & Majewski 2010; Erkal et al. 2016). An individual stream can probe the Milky Way's potential across tens of kiloparsecs (Koposov et al. 2010; Law & Majewski 2010), while a population of a dozen stellar streams with full kinematic information is expected to constrain the gravitational potential of the Milky Way at subpercent levels (Bonaca & Hogg 2018).

Stellar streams are also sensitive tracers of perturbations in the Milky Way's gravitational field. Streams can be used to detect perturbations in the gravitational field of the halo from known satellites (e.g., Vera-Ciro & Helmi 2013; Gómez et al. 2015; Erkal et al. 2018, 2019) and smaller dark matter substructure (e.g., Ibata et al. 2002; Johnston et al. 2002; Carlberg 2009, 2012; Yoon et al. 2011; Erkal & Belokurov 2015). The Milky Way's largest satellite, the Large Magellanic Cloud (LMC), resides in a dark matter halo that may be 10% as massive as that of the Milky Way (Busha et al. 2011; Boylan-Kolchin et al. 2012). Direct measurements of the LMC mass exist only within 9 kpc, yielding values of  $2 \times 10^{10} M_{\odot}$  (e.g., Schommer et al. 1992; van der Marel & Kallivayalil 2014); however, cosmological arguments predict that the mass of the LMC is nearly an order of magnitude larger (Busha et al. 2011; Boylan-Kolchin et al. 2012). Such a

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large gravitational perturber located at a distance of only 50 kpc would have an appreciable effect on measurements of the gravitational field in the halo of the Milky Way. Stellar streams, particularly those in spatial proximity to the LMC, offer a sensitive mechanism to independently measure the mass of the LMC at large radii (e.g., Erkal et al. 2018, 2019).

Large-area, ground-based, digital photometric surveys like the Sloan Digital Sky Survey (York et al. 2000), Pan-STARRS (Chambers et al. 2016), VST ATLAS (Shanks et al. 2015), and the Dark Energy Survey (DES; DES Collaboration 2016) have rapidly increased the number of known stellar streams (e.g., Odenkirchen et al. 2001; Belokurov et al. 2006; Grillmair 2006, 2009, 2014, 2017a, 2017b; Grillmair & Dionatos 2006; Bonaca et al. 2012; Koposov et al. 2014; Drlica-Wagner et al. 2015; Balbinot et al. 2016; Bernard et al. 2016; Myeong et al. 2017; Jethwa et al. 2018; Shipp et al. 2018). The population of stellar streams discovered in DES is of particular interest for constraining the gravitational field in the Milky Way’s outer halo (Shipp et al. 2018). The DES streams constitute some of the faintest and most distant streams discovered around the Milky Way, and as a result of the excellent photometry provided by DES, they can be distinguished from foreground stellar populations with unprecedented accuracy. Furthermore, the location of these streams in the southern hemisphere makes them sensitive probes of the joint potential of the Milky Way and LMC.

While deep photometric surveys are excellent for detecting faint stellar structures at large distances, additional phase-space information is necessary for comprehensive dynamical modeling (e.g., Eyre & Binney 2009; Law & Majewski 2010; Bovy 2014; Bowden et al. 2015; Bovy et al. 2016; Erkal et al. 2019). The 3D kinematics of faint stream stars can be obtained via a combination of proper-motion measurements from high-precision astrometric surveys and radial velocity measurements from deep spectroscopic observations. The second data release from the *Gaia* satellite (*Gaia* DR2; *Gaia* Collaboration et al. 2018) provides unprecedented proper-motion measurements for more than 1 billion stars. *Gaia* DR2 has enabled proper-motion measurements for stellar streams at distances of tens of kiloparsecs (e.g., Price-Whelan & Bonaca 2018; Fardal et al. 2019; Koposov et al. 2019), as well as joint photometric and astrometric discovery of previously unknown streams (Malhan & Ibata 2018; Malhan et al. 2018).

In addition to providing kinematic information, the systemic proper motions of stellar streams can also greatly improve the efficiency of target selection for spectroscopic follow-up surveys. Proper motions can be used to discriminate likely stream members from foreground Milky Way stars and other halo stars. For example, the Southern Stellar Stream Spectroscopic Survey (S<sup>5</sup>; Li et al. 2019), an ongoing program to map the line-of-sight velocities and metallicities of the DES streams using the 3.9 m Anglo-Australian Telescope’s Two-degree Field (2dF) fiber position and AAOmega spectrograph, efficiently selects targets following the techniques described here.

In this paper, we cross-matched data from DES DR1 and *Gaia* DR2 to measure proper motions for stellar streams in the DES footprint.<sup>20</sup> We performed two distinct analyses that each combined precise photometry from DES DR1 with precise astrometry from *Gaia* DR2. First, we performed a simple “by-eye” analysis to visibly highlight the proper-motion signal of

stellar streams by removing the majority of the Milky Way foreground contamination with physically motivated cuts. Next, we performed a more statistically rigorous Gaussian mixture model (GMM) fit, in which we applied a less strict data selection, and then fit a two-component Gaussian model in proper-motion space to account for both the Milky Way foreground and the stream signal.

We detected and confirmed proper-motion signatures for 9 of the 14 streams (Aliqa Uma, ATLAS, Chenab, Elqui, Indus, Jhelum, Phoenix, Tucana III, Turranburra), including the most distant DES stream, Elqui, at 50 kpc. The proper motions of eight of these streams were confirmed in preliminary data from S<sup>5</sup> (Li et al. 2019), while one of these streams (Turranburra) has a corresponding signal in the proper motion of coincident RR Lyrae stars. Throughout this paper, we will refer to these nine confirmed measurements as “high-confidence.” We report low-confidence proper-motion signatures of four additional streams (Ravi, Wambelong, Willka Yaku, and Turbio) and no significant proper-motion signature for the Molonglo stream (Grillmair 2017b). Interestingly, we found that several of the DES streams have systemic proper motions that are misaligned with their tracks on the sky. Such an offset is expected owing to the perturbative gravitational influence of the LMC (Erkal et al. 2019; Koposov et al. 2019).

This paper is organized as follows. In Section 2, we describe our cross-matched sample of data from DES DR1 and *Gaia* DR2. In Section 3, we discuss the two methods used to obtain proper-motion measurements. In Section 4, we present our results, and in Section 5, we discuss some of the implications of our measurements. We conclude in Section 6.

## 2. Data Preparation

Our data set consists of wide-area ground-based photometry from DES DR1 (DES Collaboration et al. 2018) and precision space-based astrometric measurements from *Gaia* DR2 (*Gaia* Collaboration et al. 2018). We performed an angular cross-match between these catalogs based on a matching radius of 0".5. There is a systematic astrometric offset of 150 mas between DES DR1 and *Gaia* DR2.<sup>21</sup> Before performing the cross-match, we corrected the DES astrometry by fitting two 2D polynomials to the offsets in R.A. and decl. between DES and *Gaia* as a function of location in the DES footprint. After applying this correction, we find the median offset between DES and *Gaia* to be 55 mas. The *Gaia* DR2 source catalog consists predominantly of stellar objects. To further ensure that our population is not contaminated by galaxies, we cut on the DES quantity, `EXTENDED_COADD` = 0, which selects high-confidence stars by comparing to the DES point-spread function (PSF; Section 4.5 of DES Collaboration et al. 2018). We found that this cut removes very few objects from our final catalog, and a looser selection on the DES star/galaxy separation (i.e., `EXTENDED_COADD` ≤ 1) had no effect on the results of this analysis.

We also removed objects with bad astrometric fits in *Gaia* DR2. As described in Lindegren et al. (2018), we define  $u \equiv (\text{astrom\_chi2\_al}/(\text{astrom\_n\_good\_obs\_al} - 5))^{1/2}$ , and we remove stars with  $u > 1.2 \times \max(1, \exp(-0.2 (G - 19.5)))$ .

<sup>20</sup> We excluded the Palca stream from this analysis owing to its large width and extent on the sky, which make it difficult to characterize.

<sup>21</sup> The offset between DES DR1 and *Gaia* DR2 is due to the fact that the DES DR1 absolute astrometry was tied to the Two Micron All Sky Survey (DES Collaboration et al. 2018).

Here `astrom_chi2_al` and `astrom_n_good_obs_al` are the astrometric quantities available in the *Gaia* DR2 catalog.

In addition, we removed nearby stars by making a parallax cut of  $\varpi < 0.5$  mas. We explored a more inclusive parallax cut that incorporated the uncertainty on the parallax measurement (similar to Pace & Li 2019), but we found that such a cut increased contamination from faint foreground stars with large parallax uncertainties. We thus chose to retain our strict cut on parallax alone, though we recognize that such a cut will exclude some fainter members with larger parallax uncertainties. This cut was applied for both analyses.

For flux measurements, we used the `SExtractor` PSF magnitudes derived from the DES DR1 data. These magnitudes were corrected for interstellar reddening according to the procedure described in Section 4.2 of DES Collaboration et al. (2018). We calculated a correction to the DES DR1 calibrated magnitudes in each band,  $b$ , according to  $A_b = E(B - V) \times R_b$ , where the fiducial coefficients were derived using the Fitzpatrick (1999) reddening law with  $R_V = 3.1$  and the  $E(B - V)$  values come from Schlegel et al. (1998). The coefficients  $R_b$  were taken from DES Collaboration et al. (2018):  $R_g = 3.186$  and  $R_r = 2.140$ . Throughout this paper, we use  $g$  and  $r$  to refer to the dereddened PSF magnitudes derived from DES DR1. Our cross-matched sample is in the magnitude range of  $16 \lesssim g \lesssim 21$ , where the bright threshold is set by the saturation limit of DES and the faint threshold is set by the sensitivity of *Gaia*.

For each stream, we transformed the data into a coordinate system aligned with the track of the stream, such that  $\phi_1$  and  $\phi_2$  are the coordinates along and across the track of the stream, respectively (e.g., Koposov et al. 2010). This transformation is performed by rotating the celestial equator to the great circle defined by the poles listed in Table 3 of Shipp et al. (2018), so that  $(\phi_1, \phi_2) = (0^\circ, 0^\circ)$  lies at the center of the observed portion of the stream. The rotation matrix for each stream is included in Appendix C.

When analyzing each stream, we used proper motions converted into the rotated coordinate system and corrected for the solar reflex motion. We refer to these proper motions as  $\mu_{\phi_1}, \mu_{\phi_2}$ , where  $\mu_{\phi_1}$  includes the  $\cos \phi_2$  correction. The velocity of the Sun relative to the Galactic standard of rest is taken to be  $(U_\odot, V_\odot, W_\odot) = (11.1, 240.0, 7.3)$  km s $^{-1}$  (Schönrich et al. 2010; Bovy et al. 2012), and we used the stream distances reported in Shipp et al. (2018).

We then performed several data selections, some of which were applied generically to the data set, and some of which were applied selectively, depending on the stream and the analysis method. We enumerate these selection criteria below.

- (i) *Color-magnitude*: We selected stars in  $g - r$  versus  $g$  color-magnitude space following a method similar to that described in Pace & Li (2019). Red giant branch (RGB) and main-sequence (MS) stars were selected based on the best-fit Dotter isochrones (Dotter et al. 2008) to the DES data. We began with the isochrone parameters listed in Shipp et al. (2018) and then updated the age and metallicity of the isochrones based on the likely members after an iteration of the proper-motion fit. The final isochrone values are listed in Table 4. For a given isochrone, we selected stars within either  $\Delta(g - r) \pm 0.05$  mag or  $\Delta g \pm 0.4$  mag of the Dotter isochrone. In addition, we selected blue horizontal branch (BHB) stars using an empirical isochrone of M92 from Clem (2005) transformed to the DES photometric system.

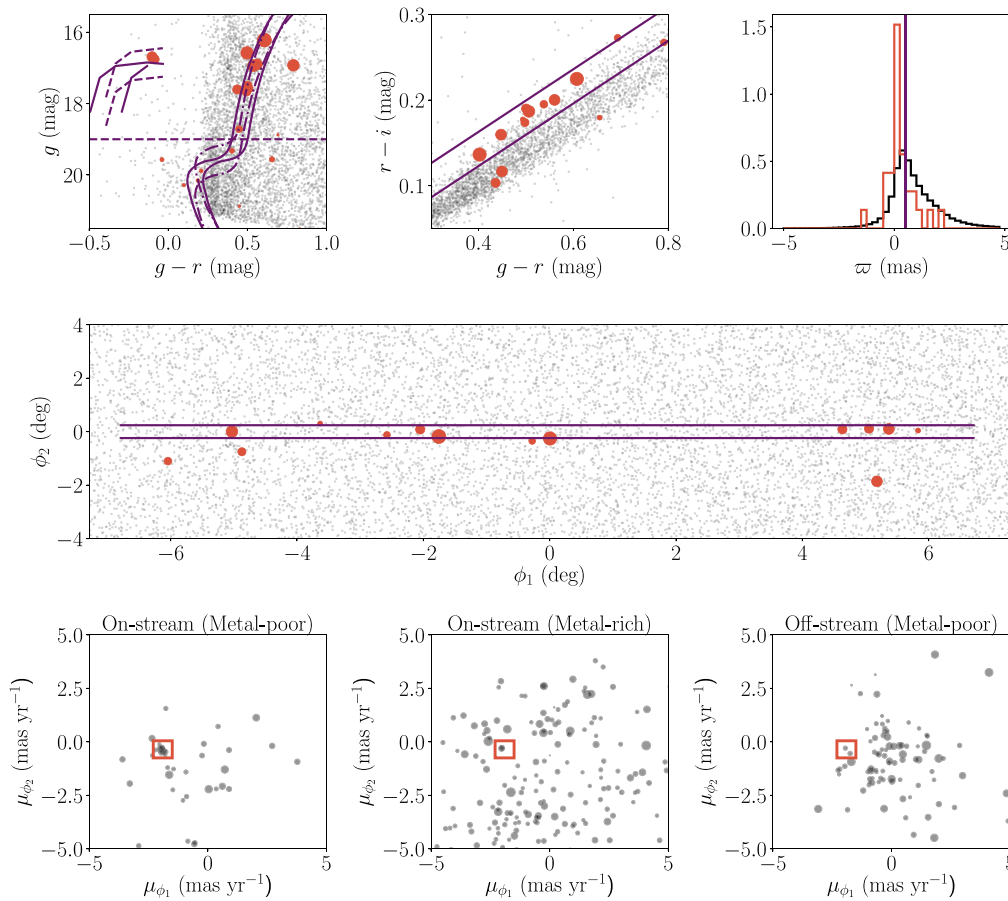
For the BHB selection, we used a wider color window,  $\Delta(g - r) \pm 0.10$ , due to the reduced foreground contamination at bluer colors. We did not select any red horizontal branch stars.

- (ii) *Magnitude*: In some cases, we made an additional magnitude cut that selected reasonably bright stars with smaller proper-motion uncertainties. For the by-eye analysis of the brightest streams (i.e., ATLAS, Chenab, Jhelum, Phoenix, Ravi, Tucana III, Turranburra, and Wambelong), we selected stars with  $g < 19$ . In the GMM analysis, all streams had a cutoff at an absolute magnitude in the  $g$  band of  $M_g = 2$ .
- (iii) *Metal-poor*: We performed a cut in  $(g - r)$  versus  $(r - i)$  color-color space to select for metal-poor stars. Stars that lie along more metal-poor isochrones tend to have redder  $r - i$  colors at a given  $g - r$  color, as shown in Li et al. (2018) and Pace & Li (2019). We selected stars that lie between 0.02 and 0.06 mag in  $r - i$  above the empirical ridgeline of the stellar locus in DES. This selection was made only when necessary to further eliminate foreground contamination (i.e., Indus, Jhelum, Ravi, Turbio, Turranburra, and Wambelong).
- (iv) *Spatial*: We selected a spatial region along each stream. For most streams, this is a region along the great circle connecting the stream's endpoints, as specified in Shipp et al. (2018). However, for ATLAS, which shows significant deviation from a great circle, the on-stream region was selected along the track defined by Equation (6) in Shipp et al. (2018). The widths of the on-stream selection varied between the two analysis methods. For the by-eye fit, we used the regions described in Table A.1 of Shipp et al. (2018). In contrast, for the GMM analysis, we define the on-stream region to be  $3w$ , where  $w$  represents the width of the stream, as reported in Table 1 of Shipp et al. (2018).
- (v) *Escape velocity*: When performing the GMM analysis (Section 3.2), we removed stars with tangential velocities greater than the Milky Way escape velocity at the distance of each stream. We calculated the escape velocity,  $v_{\text{esc}}$ , using the `MWPotential2014` from `galpy` (Bovy 2015), with a Milky Way halo mass of  $M_{\text{vir}} = 1.6 \times 10^{12} M_\odot$ , as in Pace & Li (2019). We calculated the tangential velocity,  $v_{\text{tan}}$ , from the proper motion of each star, assuming the distance of the target stream, and removed all stars with  $v_{\text{tan}} > v_{\text{esc}}$ , in order to filter out nearby and possible hypervelocity stars. We verified that the analysis was unaffected by changes to this cut, e.g., by removing stars with  $v_{\text{tan}} - 3\sigma_{v_{\text{tan}}} > v_{\text{esc}}$ .

### 3. Methods

We obtained measurements of the proper motion of each stream with two complementary methods. First, we applied a set of physically motivated cuts to increase the prominence of the stellar stream signal, which was estimated by eye based on the clustering of stars in proper-motion space. Second, we fit a GMM to the data to obtain a statistically robust measurement of the proper motion, proper-motion gradient, and corresponding uncertainties for each stream. The by-eye fit yields a quick and intuitive measurement of the proper motion, while the GMM provides a more rigorous measurement including statistical





**Figure 1.** Example of the by-eye analysis for the Phoenix stream. The gray points illustrate the stars included in the cross-matched catalog surrounding the Phoenix stream. The purple lines indicate the selections made on color–magnitude (top left), color–color (top middle), parallax (top right), and spatial parameters (center). The bottom three panels illustrate the proper motions of stars passing all selections (left), failing the metal–poor cut (via color–color selection) but passing other selections (middle), and failing the on–stream cut but passing other selections (right). A clear overdensity corresponding to the proper motion of the Phoenix stream (orange box) can be seen in the bottom left panel when all selections are applied. Orange points in the color–magnitude and color–color panels reside within the orange box in proper motion and pass the parallax and spatial selections. The orange histogram in the parallax panel contains stars that reside within the orange box and pass the color–magnitude, color–color, and parallax selections. Orange points in the center panel reside within the orange box and pass the color–magnitude, color–color, and parallax selections. The size of the orange points in the top panels and the black points in the bottom panels is inversely proportional to the uncertainty in the measured proper motion.

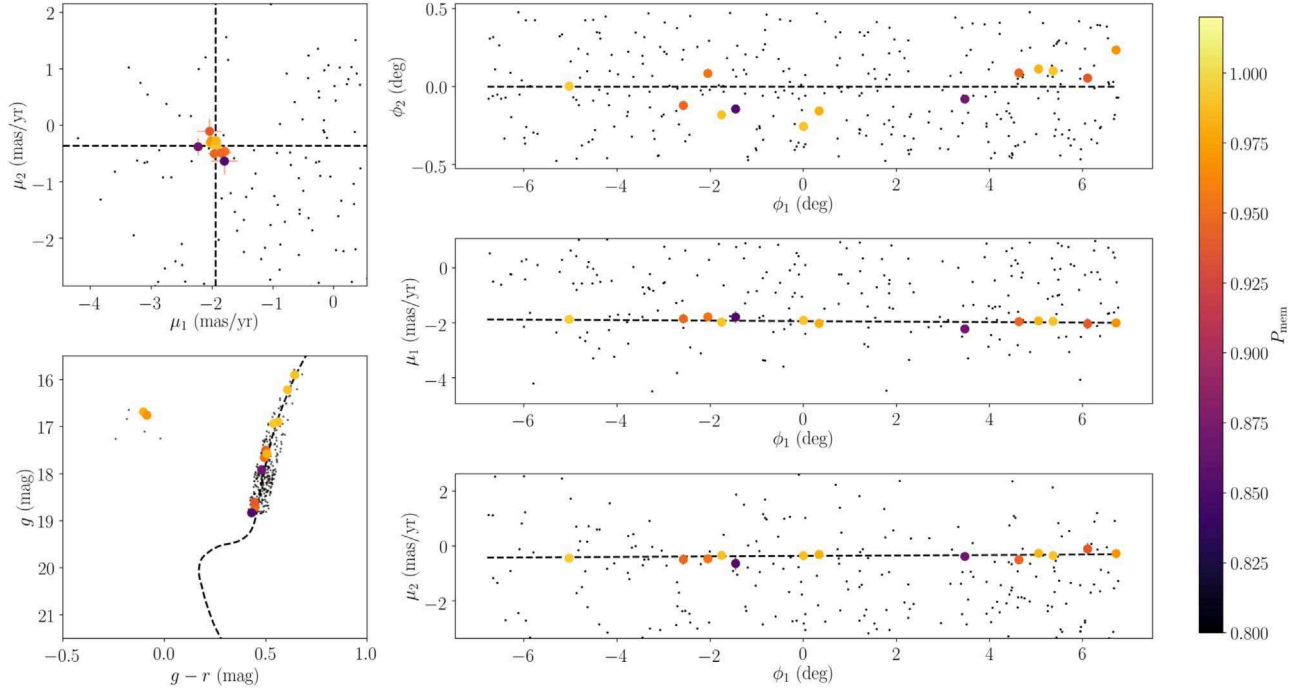
uncertainties. We recommend the use of the GMM results when available. We include the by-eye results in Appendix A for comparison and since there are several streams where the GMM fails to converge. The by-eye measurements may be used for these low-confidence detections at the reader’s discretion.

### 3.1. By-eye Fit

We applied a set of physically motivated selection criteria to the data coincident with each stream to decrease foreground contamination and enhance the proper-motion signature of stellar streams (enumerated in Section 2). For all streams, we performed a cut on color–magnitude (i) and a color–color selection for metal–poor stars (iii). We selected on–stream and off–stream regions for comparison with the local Milky Way foreground (iv). In addition, for a subset of bright streams (ATLAS, Chenab, Jhelum, Phoenix, Ravi, Tucana III, Turranburra, and Wambling), we selected stars with  $g < 19$ , to remove stars with larger proper-motion uncertainties (ii). We visually inspected the cleaned data to identify clusters of stars in proper-motion space

that could correspond to the signatures of the stellar streams. We identified possible proper-motion signatures of 13 streams (Table 3); nine of these are similarly identified by the GMM procedure described in Section 3.2. Since the GMM procedure is more objective and statistically rigorous, we choose to report those values as our results; however, the by-eye fit proved to be a valuable diagnostic for validating the GMM fit.

Figure 1 shows a graphical representation of these cuts applied to the Phoenix data. In the bottom panels of Figure 1, the proper motions of stars passing three different selections are shown. The bottom left panel shows stars passing all selections, and the proper-motion signal of the Phoenix stream is highlighted by the orange box. The bottom middle panel contains metal-rich stars that lie along the stream, and the bottom right panel shows metal-poor stars in the off-stream region. As expected, the proper-motion signal is only visible in metal-poor stars that lie along the track of the Phoenix stream. Stars with a proper motion consistent with our measurement of the Phoenix stream (within the orange box) are plotted in the other panels of Figure 1 and are found to be consistent with the Phoenix stream in color, magnitude, and location on the sky.



**Figure 2.** Results of the GMM fit to the Phoenix stream. The black points illustrate the data that were included in the fit; stars with membership probabilities  $P_{\text{mem}} > 0.8$  are color-coded by their membership probabilities.

**Table 1**  
Priors on Gaussian Mixture Model

Parameter	Prior	Range	Units
$\mu_{\phi_{1,2}}$	Uniform	$(-10, 10)$	$\text{mas yr}^{-1}$
$d\mu_{\phi_{1,2}}/d\phi_1$	Uniform	$(-3, 3)$	$\text{mas yr}^{-1} \text{ deg}^{-1}$
$\mu_{\phi_{1,2}, \text{MW}}$	Uniform	$(-10, 10)$	$\text{mas yr}^{-1}$
$\sigma_{\mu_{\phi_{1,2}, \text{MW}}}$	Jeffreys	$(-1, 3)$	$\text{mas yr}^{-1}$
$f_{\text{MW}}$	Uniform	$(0, 1)$	

**Note.** Priors on the nine free parameters in the GMM fits.  $\mu_{\phi_{1,2}}$  are the mean stream proper motions at  $\phi_1 = 0$ .  $d\mu_{\phi_{1,2}}/d\phi_1$  are the gradients of the stream proper motions with respect to  $\phi_1$ .  $\mu_{\phi_{1,2}, \text{MW}}$  are the mean proper motions of the Milky Way foreground component.  $\sigma_{\mu_{\phi_{1,2}, \text{MW}}}$  are the dispersions of the Milky Way proper motions.  $f_{\text{MW}}$  is the fraction of stars belonging to the Milky Way component.

### 3.2. Gaussian Mixture Model Fit

After obtaining measurements by eye, we fit a GMM to the data. We performed the fit on all 14 streams and obtained results consistent with the by-eye method for the nine high-confidence streams. The GMM fits to the low-confidence streams did not converge. The fitting procedure follows that of Pace & Li (2019) and is described briefly below.

The mixture model includes two multivariate Gaussian components in proper-motion space. The first describes the stream and has a dispersion fixed to zero. The second component accounts for the Milky Way foreground and any other contaminating stellar populations. For each stream, we also tried introducing a third component to test whether the background would be better described by two Gaussians, and in no case were the resulting stream parameters affected by the

additional component. We therefore model the background by a single Gaussian component in the results presented here.

The likelihood is calculated as a product of two parts, the proper-motion distribution and the spatial distribution. The proper-motion term is modeled as

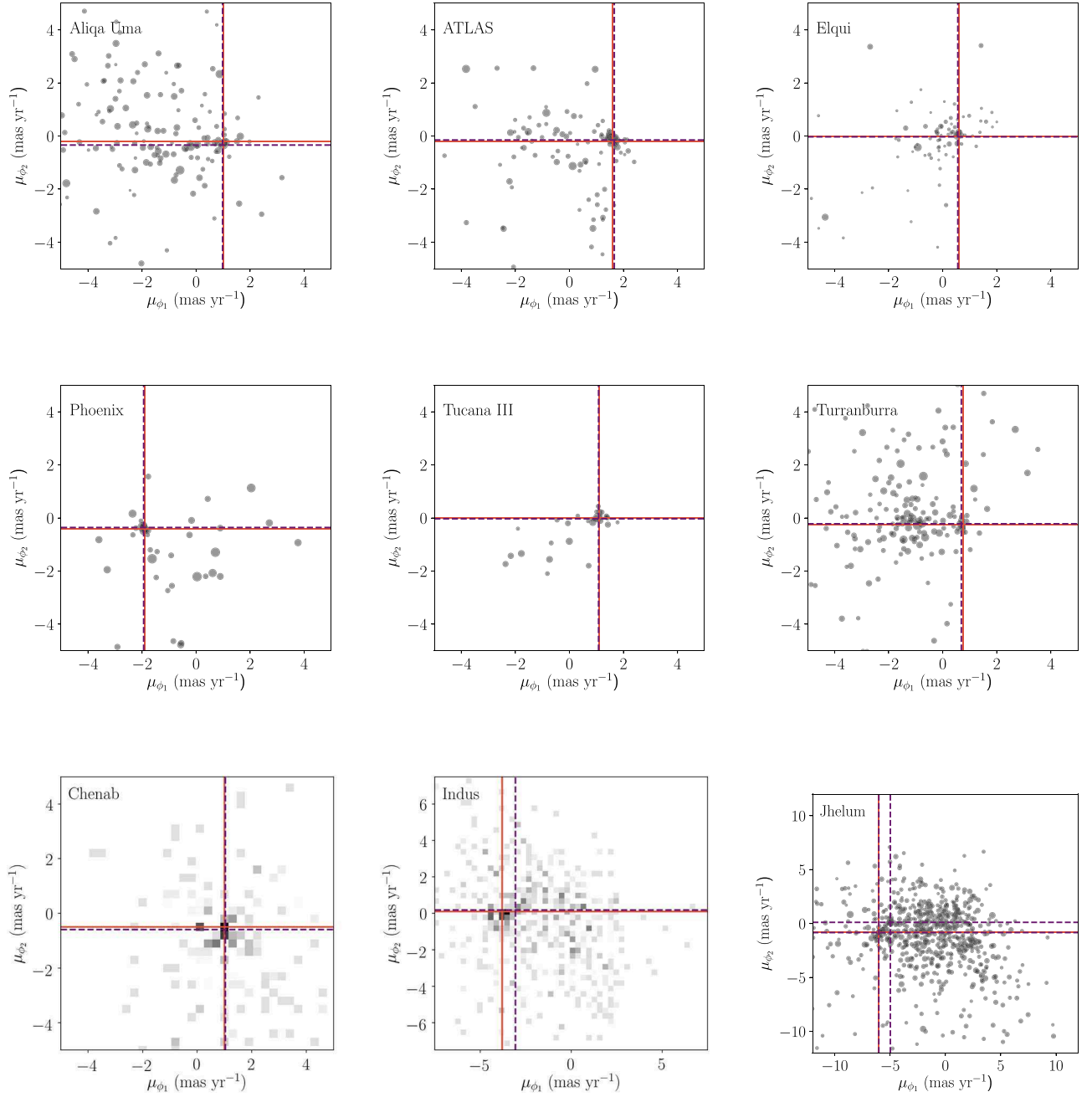
$$\ln \mathcal{L}_{\text{PM}} = -\frac{1}{2}(\chi - \bar{\chi})^T C^{-1}(\chi - \bar{\chi}) - \frac{1}{2} \ln(4\pi^2 \det C), \quad (1)$$

where  $\chi = (\mu_{\phi_1}, \mu_{\phi_2})$  is the data vector and  $\bar{\chi} = (\overline{\mu_{\phi_1}}(\phi_1), \overline{\mu_{\phi_2}}(\phi_1))$  is the vector containing the systemic proper motion of the stream as a function of  $\phi_1$ . Allowing the systemic proper motion to vary with  $\phi_1$  gives us a measurement of the proper-motion gradient along the length of the stream. The covariance matrix,  $C$ , includes the correlation between the proper-motion errors ( $\epsilon$ ) and a term for the intrinsic proper-motion dispersion ( $\sigma$ ). The covariance matrix is

$$C = \begin{bmatrix} \epsilon_{\mu_{\phi_1}}^2 + \sigma_{\mu_{\phi_1}}^2 & \epsilon_{[\mu_{\phi_1} \times \mu_{\phi_2}]}^2 \\ \epsilon_{[\mu_{\phi_1} \times \mu_{\phi_2}]}^2 & \epsilon_{\mu_{\phi_2}}^2 + \sigma_{\mu_{\phi_2}}^2 \end{bmatrix}. \quad (2)$$

The second part of the mixture model is a spatial prior based on the distance between stars and the stream axis in  $\phi_2$ . We included the spatial stream prior probability as a truncated normal distribution, with a standard deviation equal to the stream width listed in Table 1 of Shipp et al. (2018). For the Milky Way, the spatial prior probability was approximated as a uniform distribution across the narrow region included in the fit. The complete set of free parameters and their priors are listed in Table 1.

Before performing the mixture model fit, we first made several data selections as described in Section 2. For each stream, we made cuts on color-magnitude (i) and escape velocity (v). Several thicker streams required additional



**Figure 3.** High-confidence *Gaia* DR2 proper-motion measurements of streams in the DES footprint. Proper motions are transformed to stream coordinates,  $\mu_{\phi_1}$ ,  $\mu_{\phi_2}$ . Best-fit proper-motion estimates fit by eye are shown by the solid orange crosshairs, while the best-fit results from the GMM are shown in purple. In the scatter plots, the size of the points is inversely proportional to the  $1\sigma$  uncertainty on the proper motion of each star. Chenab and Indus, two of the thicker streams, are better shown by 2D histograms.

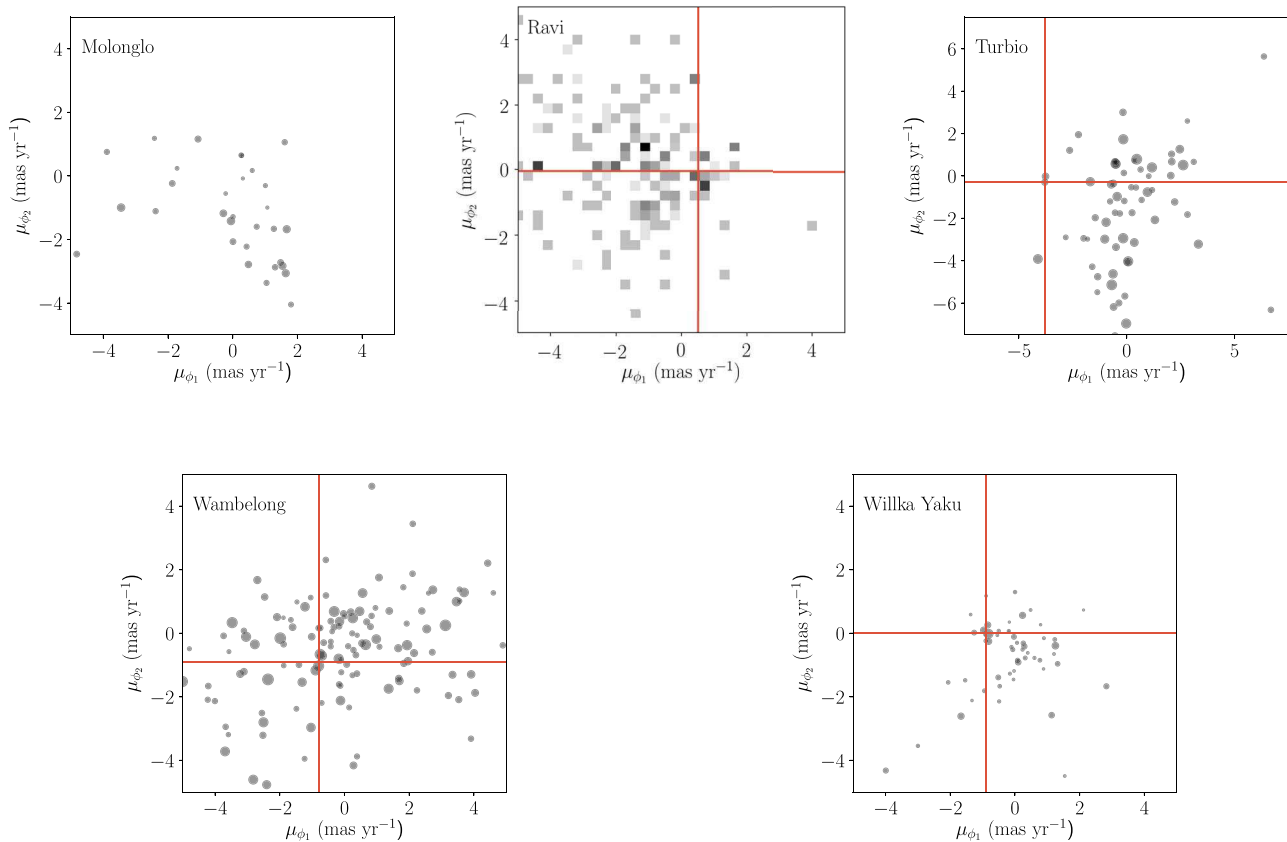
filtering, so we performed the metal-poor selection (iii) on Indus, Jhelum, Ravi, Turbio, Turranburra, and Wambelong.

Following Pace & Li (2019), we use the *MultiNest* algorithm (Feroz & Hobson 2008; Feroz et al. 2009) to determine the posterior distribution. We compute a Bayes factor to assess the significance of each stream signal, comparing models with only the Milky Way component and with both the Milky Way and stream components.

As an example, we show the results of the GMM fit to Phoenix in Figure 2. All stars included in the fit are plotted, with stars with  $P_{\text{mem}} > 0.8$  colored by their membership probability.

#### 4. Results

The by-eye and GMM analyses yield proper-motion measurements for nine streams: Aliqa Uma, ATLAS, Chenab, Elqui, Indus, Phoenix, Jhelum, Tucana III, and Turranburra, as illustrated in Figure 3. In the figure, the points indicate stars included in the by-eye analysis. The solid crosshairs indicate the by-eye measurement, and the dashed crosshairs mark the result of the GMM fit. The by-eye and GMM measurements agree quite well for the majority of the streams, with the exception of the long, thick Indus and Jhelum streams. The Indus stream has an offset in  $\mu_{\phi_1}$  derived from the by-eye and the GMM measurements, which can be attributed to the



**Figure 4.** Low-confidence *Gaia* DR2 proper-motion measurements for streams in the DES footprint. Low-confidence by-eye proper-motion measurements are shown by the orange crosshairs.

significant proper-motion gradient fit by the GMM analysis. In contrast, the discrepancy in the Jhelum stream can be attributed to the existence of two distinct components of the stream (Bonaca et al. 2019). Individual streams are discussed in more detail in Section 5.1.

Initial proper-motion measurements from the by-eye analysis were used to target  $S^5$  (Li et al. 2019). Seven of the nine streams measured here (Aliqa Uma, ATLAS, Chenab, Elqui, Indus, Phoenix, and Jhelum) have been observed by  $S^5$ , and a preliminary analysis of the  $S^5$  data shows that the stars used to derive our proper-motion measurements have relatively small dispersions in radial velocity space (Li et al. 2019). We take this as a spectroscopic confirmation of the proper-motion measurements quoted here. An eighth stream, Tucana III, has been previously observed spectroscopically by Li et al. (2018), and we again find that the proper-motion members are tightly grouped in radial velocity space. The ninth stream, Turranburra, has not been fully observed by  $S^5$ ; however, we find that the proper motion measured here is consistent with the proper motion of RR Lyrae stars observed by *Gaia* that are spatially consistent with the stream. We describe the analysis of these RR Lyrae in more detail in Section 5.1 and take this to be a secondary confirmation of the proper motion of this stream.

We also report lower-confidence proper-motion by-eye measurements for four streams, Ravi, Turbio, Wambelong, and Willka Yaku (Figure 4). Early versions of the by-eye measurements were used to target  $S^5$ , but the GMM fits to these streams failed to converge. This suggests that these by-eye measurements are less confident than those mentioned

previously. Upcoming observations from  $S^5$  should help resolve the proper motions of these streams. We find no promising proper-motion signal for Molonglo using either method. The best-fit proper motions and proper-motion gradients for all streams are reported in Table 2, and the by-eye results for all streams, including the low-confidence measurements, are reported in Table 3.

## 5. Discussion

In this section, we discuss the proper motions of the DES streams individually and as a population. These observations are summarized most concisely in Figure 5, which compares the proper motions measured here to the stream tracks measured with DES imaging. The black lines show the stream tracks approximated as great circles passing through the endpoints measured in Shipp et al. (2018), the purple arrows show the direction of the proper motion, and the orange line shows the past 1 Gyr of the trailing orbit of the LMC, with the star indicating its present-day position, and the dashed line indicating the segment of the orbit at which the LMC is at a distance beyond 100 kpc. This orbit is performed in the standard `MWPotential2014` from `galpy` (Bovy 2015), with LMC proper motions from Kallivayalil et al. (2013), distance from Pietrzyński et al. (2013), and radial velocity from van der Marel et al. (2002). In the following subsections, we present a discussion of individual streams (Section 5.1) and the influence of the LMC (Section 5.2).

**Table 2**  
Derived Proper Motion of DES Streams

	$\mu_\alpha \cos \delta$ (mas yr <sup>-1</sup> )	$\mu_\delta$ (mas yr <sup>-1</sup> )	$\mu_{\phi_1}$ (mas yr <sup>-1</sup> )	$\mu_{\phi_2}$ (mas/yr)	$d\mu_{\phi_1}/d\phi_1$ (mas yr <sup>-1</sup> deg <sup>-1</sup> )	$d\mu_{\phi_2}/d\phi_1$ (mas yr <sup>-1</sup> deg <sup>-1</sup> )	$v_{\text{tan}}$ (km s <sup>-1</sup> )	Bayes Factor
Aliqa Uma	0.25 ± 0.03	-0.71 ± 0.05	0.98 ± 0.04	-0.34 ± 0.03	-0.02 ± 0.03	-0.04 ± 0.02	141	-2.3
ATLAS	0.09 ± 0.03	-0.88 ± 0.03	1.66 ± 0.04	-0.15 ± 0.05	0.02 ± 0.005	-0.02 ± 0.005	181	18.0
Chenab	0.32 ± 0.03	-2.47 ± 0.04	1.03 ± 0.05	-0.60 ± 0.03	0.04 ± 0.01	-0.02 ± 0.01	225	15.2
Elqui	0.13 ± 0.04	-0.33 ± 0.09	0.56 ± 0.06	-0.03 ± 0.05	-0.03 ± 0.02	-0.04 ± 0.01	133	13.2
Indus	...	...	-3.09 ± 0.03	0.21 ± 0.03	0.05 ± 0.004	0.04 ± 0.004	245	15.5
Jhelum	...	...	-6.00 ± 0.03	-0.83 ± 0.05	...	...	378	9.4
Jhelum-a	...	...	-6.01 ± 0.02	-0.84 ± 0.04	...	...	379	22.9
Jhelum-b	...	...	-4.97 ± 0.03	0.11 ± 0.06	...	...	310	
Phoenix	2.76 ± 0.02	-0.05 ± 0.02	-1.94 ± 0.02	-0.36 ± 0.02	-0.01 ± 0.01	0.01 ± 0.01	179	7.8
Tucana III	-0.10 ± 0.04	-1.64 ± 0.04	1.08 ± 0.03	-0.03 ± 0.03	0.12 ± 0.03	-0.06 ± 0.03	129	28.2
Turranburra	0.43 ± 0.04	-0.89 ± 0.04	0.69 ± 0.04	-0.22 ± 0.04	0.00 ± 0.02	-0.03 ± 0.01	95	2.7

**Note.** The first two columns are proper-motion measurements in the observed equatorial coordinate system. Fits to Indus and Jhelum did not converge without first correcting for the solar reflex motion. All uncertainties reported here are statistical uncertainties from the mixture model fitting. Additional uncertainties, including the uncertainty propagated from the distance measurement through the correction for the solar reflex motion, are not included. We find that Jhelum is best fit by a two-stream-component model. The first row lists the result of fitting a single stream component to Jhelum, and Jhelum-a and Jhelum-b are the results of each component from the two-component fit. The tangential velocity is calculated by  $v_{\text{tan}} = 4.74 d \mu \text{ km s}^{-1}$ , where  $d$  is the distance measured in kpc and  $\mu$  is the proper motion measured in mas yr<sup>-1</sup>.

## 5.1. Discussion of Individual Streams

### 5.1.1. Aliqa Uma

Aliqa Uma is a narrow stream that is among the 11 streams discovered in the DES by Shipp et al. (2018). Aliqa Uma lies in a complicated region, bordering the southern end of the ATLAS stream and passing near to the Fornax dwarf galaxy in projection. For this reason, it is difficult to select likely members of Aliqa Uma without contamination from these nearby populations. Aliqa Uma has the lowest Bayes factor of the nine streams presented here, and in fact the Bayes factor is negative. However, confirmation by early S<sup>5</sup> observations merits the inclusion of these measurements among the “high-confidence” list.

### 5.1.2. ATLAS

The ATLAS stream is the most significant narrow stream in the DES footprint. Originally discovered in data from the ATLAS survey (Koposov et al. 2014), this stream extends over >30° and has been detected by both Pan-STARRS (Bernard et al. 2016) and DES (Shipp et al. 2018). Shipp et al. (2018) note that the track of the ATLAS stream deviates appreciably from a great circle on the sky. Due to the relatively large number of bright stars in ATLAS, it is possible to measure proper motions at multiple positions along the curved track of the stream. We note that the offset between the stream track and the proper motion changes along the path of the stream (Figure 6).

The ATLAS and Aliqa Uma streams are nearly adjacent but are offset by 6° in apparent orbital orientation and 6 kpc in mean distance (Shipp et al. 2018). However, we find that the reflex-corrected proper motions of these two streams,  $\mu'_\alpha \cos \delta$ ,  $\mu'_\delta = -1.47, 0.78 \text{ mas yr}^{-1}$  for ATLAS and  $\mu'_\alpha \cos \delta$ ,  $\mu'_\delta = -0.95, 0.42 \text{ mas yr}^{-1}$  for Aliqa Uma, are found to be nearly aligned on the sky (Figure 5). A potential association has been noted using preliminary radial velocity data from S<sup>5</sup> (Li et al. 2019).

### 5.1.3. Chenab

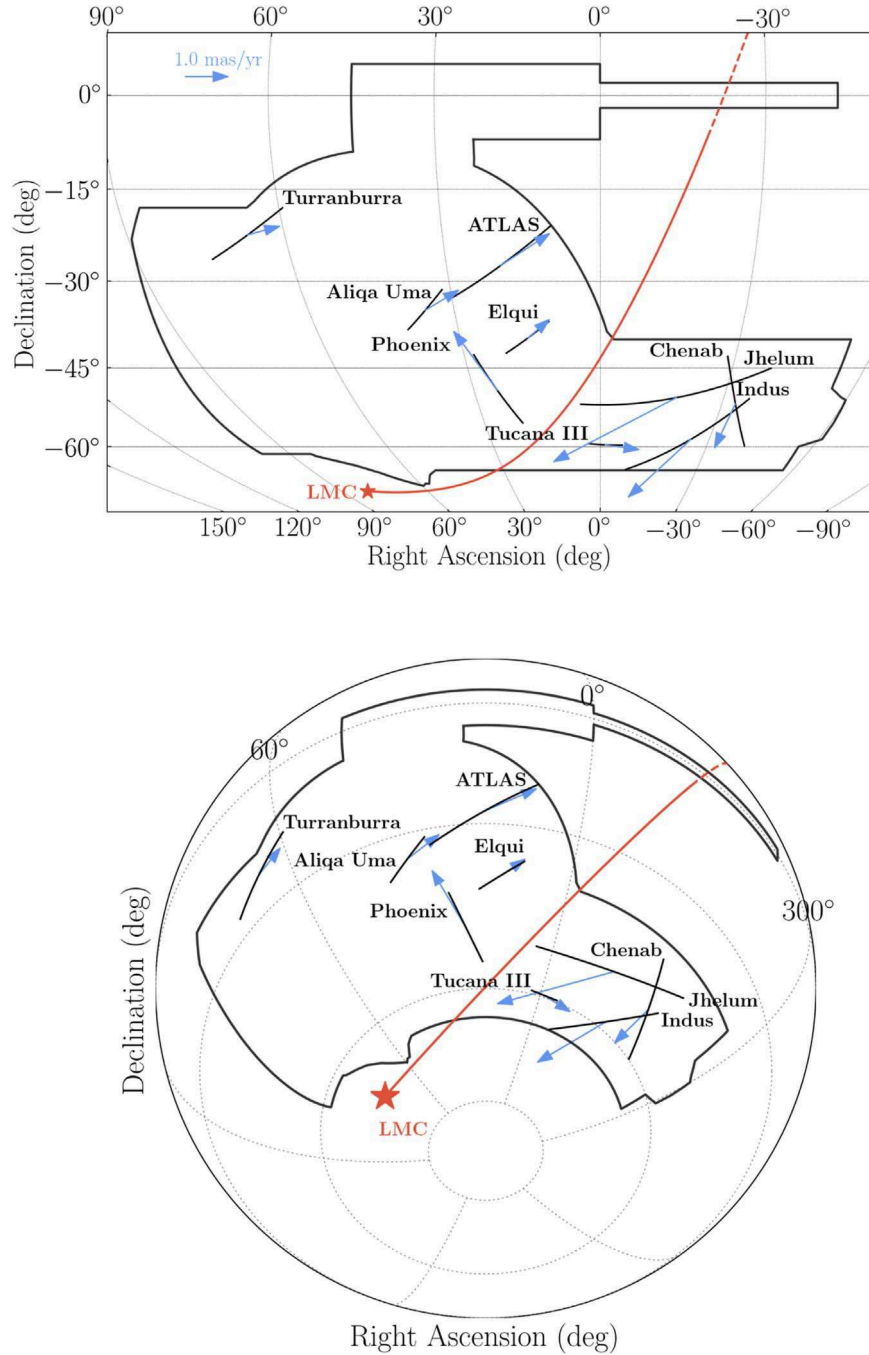
The Chenab stream was originally discovered photometrically with data from DES. Recently, using measurements of RR Lyrae stars from *Gaia* DR2, Koposov et al. (2019) showed evidence for a southern Galactic extension of the Orphan stream that overlaps with Chenab. We independently measure the proper motion of the Chenab stream and find that the proper motions of the RGB stars in Chenab are consistent with those of the RR Lyrae identified by Koposov et al. (2019). We show a comparison between the RGB and RR Lyrae members in Figure 7.

The association between Chenab and the Orphan stream was initially unclear owing to the >20° offset between their galactocentric orbital poles (Shipp et al. 2018). Erkal et al. (2019) showed that this shift in the orbital pole can be caused by the perturbative influence of the LMC. Moreover, this effect is strongest for the southern extension of the Orphan stream, i.e., Chenab, which has passed closer to the LMC than the northern extension. Therefore, these RGB candidate members in Chenab are ideal targets for spectroscopic follow-up to probe the effect of the LMC in 6D phase space. Furthermore, the large number of bright RGB members improves the precision of the proper motions of Chenab to better constrain the mass of the LMC.

### 5.1.4. Elqui

Elqui is the most distant stream discovered in DES at a distance of 50 kpc. Shipp et al. (2018) suggest that the location, distance, and orientation of Elqui may be a signature of a possible association with the Magellanic Stream. Though the distance is similar to that of the LMC, we find here from its proper motion that Elqui is moving in the opposite sense to the direction of LMC infall (see Figure 5). This makes it unlikely that Elqui originated as part of the Magellanic System. It is also unlikely that Elqui would have experienced a temporally extended encounter with the LMC, making it unlikely for the LMC to impart a large gravitational perturbation on the motion of the stream. This is similar to how streams on retrograde orbits are distorted less by the bar (e.g., Hattori et al. 2016) or substructure in the Milky Way disk (Amorisco et al. 2016) than





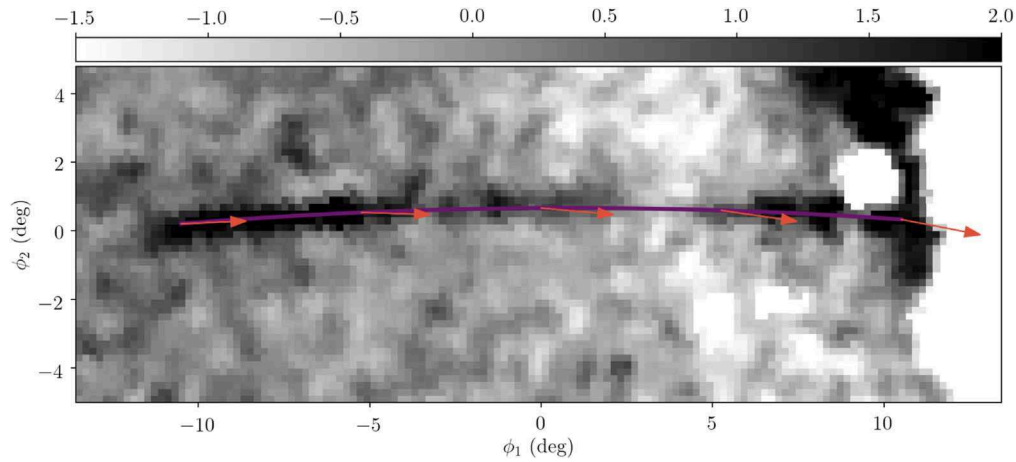
**Figure 5.** Proper motions offsets in comparison to the orbit of the LMC (orange line) in two projections. The nine streams with high-confidence proper-motion measurements are shown. All but Tucana III and Elqui show significant proper-motion offsets. The black lines indicate the stream tracks, as approximated by a great circle. The blue arrows show the reflex-corrected proper motions of the streams. The orange line is the trailing orbit of the LMC over the past 1 Gyr, with the current position marked as an orange star, and with the dashed line indicating a distance of greater than 100 kpc. The McBryde-Thomas flat polar quartic projection in the top panel more clearly shows the proper motions of each of the nine streams, while the orthographic projection in the bottom panel more clearly illustrates the direction between each stream and the LMC. The majority of the proper-motion offsets are directed toward the orbit of the LMC, suggesting that gravitational perturbation by the satellite is a likely cause.

streams on prograde orbits. Indeed, we see here no significant proper-motion offset with respect to the stream track:  $\mu_{\phi_2} = -0.03 \pm 0.05 \text{ mas yr}^{-1}$ .

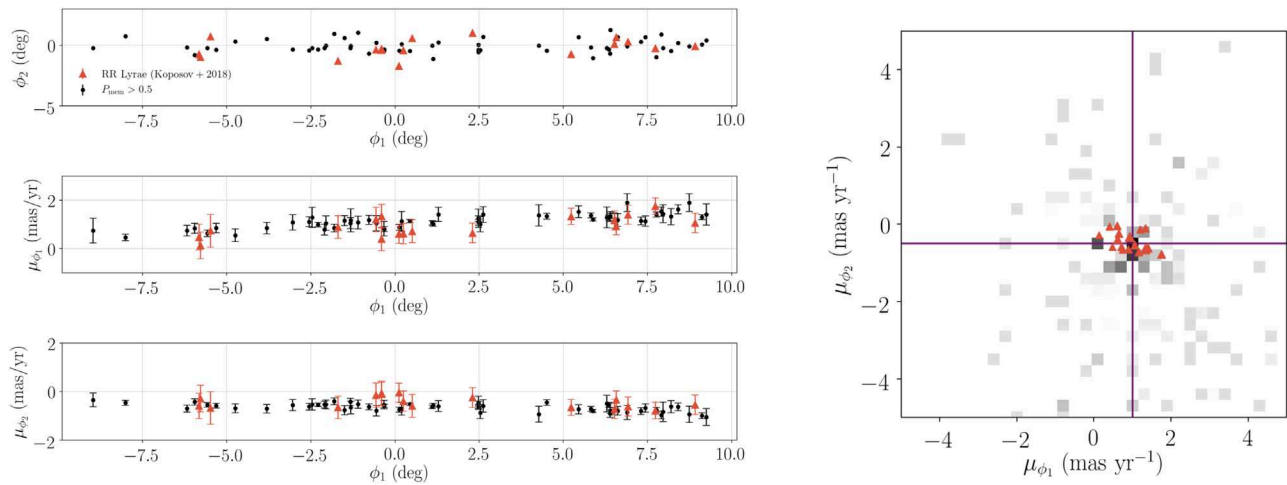
#### 5.1.5. Indus

We find that Indus has the largest measured change in proper motion along the stream, with a gradient of  $d\mu_{\phi_1}/d\phi_1$ ,  $d\mu_{\phi_2}/d\phi_1 = 0.05, 0.04 \text{ mas yr}^{-1} \text{ deg}^{-1}$ , resulting in a total change of 1.0 and  $0.8 \text{ mas yr}^{-1}$  across the  $20^\circ$  length of the stream, respectively.

Malhan et al. (2018) recover Indus within the *Gaia* DR2 data. They find a proper-motion range of  $0.50 \text{ mas yr}^{-1} < \mu_\alpha \cos \delta < 6.0 \text{ mas yr}^{-1}$ ,  $-8.0 \text{ mas yr}^{-1} < \mu_\delta < -2.0 \text{ mas yr}^{-1}$ . We find this to be consistent with our by-eye measurement, given uncertainties and the significant proper-motion gradient. Fitting the GMM to proper motions in the observed frame without correcting for solar reflex motion fails to converge owing to the large extent and proper-motion gradient of Indus.



**Figure 6.** Proper-motion offsets along the track of the ATLAS stream. The purple line indicates the track of ATLAS, and the orange arrows show the direction of the proper motion at points along the stream. The offset between the track and proper motion varies along the length of the stream.



**Figure 7.** Comparison between the RGB proper-motion measurement of Chenab reported here and the RR Lyrae members reported by Koposov et al. (2019). The black points are stars with  $P_{mem} > 0.5$  from the GMM analysis, and the orange triangles are the RR Lyrae. On the right, the purple crosshair is the GMM proper-motion measurement reported here. We find that the high membership probability RGB stars are consistent in proper motion with the reported RR Lyrae members and generally have smaller proper-motion uncertainties.

Bonaca et al. (2019) find that the track of the Indus stream is matched to an orbit fit of Jhelum, suggesting that the two streams may be multiple wraps of the same system. The proper motions and their gradients reported here may be used to further explore this possible scenario as discussed below.

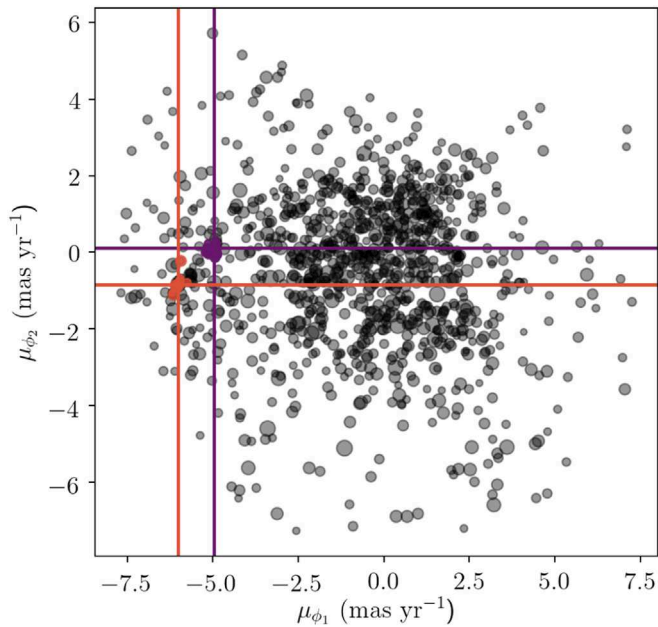
We observe an offset between the track of Indus and the direction of its proper motion. However, we note that this offset can be accounted for by a change in distance modulus of 0.2 mag, which is within reasonable uncertainty on the distance modulus measurement obtained by isochrone fitting in Shipp et al. (2018).

#### 5.1.6. Jhelum

In on-sky coordinates, Jhelum is the longest ( $29^\circ 2'$ ) and widest ( $1^\circ 16'$ ) stellar stream discovered by DES. We find that the proper motion of Jhelum is best fit by two distinct components (Figure 8). We fit the two proper-motion components simultaneously by introducing a second Gaussian stream component to our model with the same spatial prior as the first component, but with an independent proper motion. We label the two components Jhelum-a and Jhelum-b in

Table 2. The Bayes factor between the two-stream and one-stream models is 13.5, indicating a significant preference for the two-stream model. The proper motion of the Jhelum-a component is found to be in good agreement with the by-eye value. We note that for Jhelum, as for Indus, fitting to the proper motions in the original observed frame without correcting for solar reflex motion fails, and thus these observed-frame proper motions are left out of Table 2. The by-eye measurement in the observed equatorial coordinate frame is included in Table 3.

We also explored the effect of introducing a distance offset between the two components of the stream. Due to the reflex motion correction, there is a degeneracy between the distance separation of the two components and the observed proper-motion offset. We find that the mean proper motions of the two components would converge when corrected for the solar reflex motion at a difference in distance modulus of 0.7 ( $m - M = 15.6 \pm 0.35$ ). We note, however, that such discrepant distances (11 and 15 kpc for the two components) would require a low-probability coincidence in alignment between the two components and the line of sight. A smaller distance separation between the two components is possible and could reduce the proper-motion offset slightly.



**Figure 8.** Proper motion of stars around Jhelum. The black points are the stars passing the by-eye cuts described in Section 2. The purple and orange crosshairs indicate the best-fit mean proper motions of the two-stream components. The purple and orange points are stars with  $P_{\text{mem}} > 0.5$  for each of the two components.

Interestingly, Bonaca et al. (2019) recently showed that Jhelum has an extended two-component spatial structure. However, they find that the two components have consistent proper motions. Meanwhile, we measure two distinct proper-motion components with consistent spatial distributions. Bonaca et al. (2019) have explored possible physical scenarios for the formation of the complex morphology of Jhelum. For additional insight into the physical origin of the two populations, we call attention to the extensive work on the Sagittarius dwarf tidal stream(s), which have been noted to be split into at least two roughly parallel components at slightly different distances in the leading tail in the North (Belokurov et al. 2006). A similar split was then noted in the trailing tail in the South by Koposov et al. (2012). Navarrete et al. (2017) argue that the two southern components are not different wraps of the Sagittarius stream but could result from either complex or compound structure within the Sagittarius progenitor, or possibly a past interaction with another system, such as the Cetus Polar stream (Newberg et al. 2009).

The GD-1 stream also has a complex morphology, which may have been caused by past interactions (Carlberg & Grillmair 2013; de Boer et al. 2018; Price-Whelan & Bonaca 2018). By analogy, we note the possibility that Jhelum, too, could either (a) be a compound structure (two previously bound objects moving on similar orbits) or (b) have been originally a single object, which, due to a close interaction with another body, becomes split into two or disrupted or tidally extended so that it now appears like an object with a pair or range of proper motions. Radial velocities and velocity dispersion measurements of the Jhelum components, along with more detailed orbital modeling of Jhelum, as well as comparison with other halo objects, may be able to differentiate between possibilities (a) and (b).

Interestingly, Jhelum is on a nearly polar orbit with respect to the Milky Way disk (Shipp et al. 2018). Erkal et al. (2016) showed that such streams are the most sensitive to the flattening of the halo if the flattening is aligned with the Milky Way disk. This occurs as a result of differential precession of the stars in the stream and causes the stream to rapidly fan out. Thus, Jhelum’s broad morphology in proper motion could be a sensitive probe of the flattening of the Milky Way halo. This will be revisited in future work with radial velocities from  $S^5$  (Li et al. 2019).

We also consider the possible effect of the Indus stream on Jhelum. The distance modulus of Indus is 16.1, while that of Jhelum is 15.6 (Shipp et al. 2018), a  $\sim 25\%$  difference in distance, and both are traveling in roughly the same direction (see Figure 5). Therefore, one may consider whether these two streams could have had a close encounter in the past or perhaps share a common origin. Bonaca et al. (2019) find that an orbit fit to one component of Jhelum passes through the track of the Indus stream, which may indicate that the two streams are different tidal debris wraps from a common progenitor, or that a close approach has occurred between two distinct streams. A close encounter could explain the double structure of Jhelum, though one would require additional radial velocity information from both systems to more confidently determine their orbital histories.

#### 5.1.7. Phoenix

The Phoenix stream was first discovered by Balbinot et al. (2016) using data from the first year of DES. Compared to the other DES streams, the stellar distribution of Phoenix appears considerably more clumpy; however, none of these overdensities have been conclusively determined to be associated with a Phoenix progenitor. We examine the *Gaia* data for evidence of the structures identified by Balbinot et al. (2016); however, the *Gaia* stars passing our selections are too sparse to resolve any of these excesses.

Grillmair & Carlberg (2016) speculated that the Hermus stream (Grillmair 2014) may be a northern extension of Phoenix. They predict that if Phoenix-Hermus were one stream on a prograde orbit, it would have a proper motion of  $\mu_\alpha \cos \delta$ ,  $\mu_\delta \sim 2.1, 0.1 \text{ mas yr}^{-1}$ , while a retrograde orbit would yield  $\mu_\alpha \cos \delta$ ,  $\mu_\delta \sim 1, -3.5 \text{ mas yr}^{-1}$ . Our measured proper motion of  $\mu_\alpha \cos \delta$ ,  $\mu_\delta \sim 2.76 \pm 0.02, -0.05 \pm 0.02 \text{ mas yr}^{-1}$  disfavors the retrograde model.

Balbinot et al. (2016) also note a possible association between Phoenix and the nearby globular cluster, NGC 1261. Using proper-motion measurements from Dambis (2006),  $\mu_\alpha \cos \delta$ ,  $\mu_\delta = 1.33 \pm 0.89, -3.06 \pm 1.06 \text{ mas yr}^{-1}$ , Balbinot et al. (2016) find that NGC 1261 is on an orbit aligned with the path of Phoenix, but offset by  $10^\circ$ . Recently, Vasiliev (2019) used *Gaia* DR2 to update the proper motion of NGC 1261, yielding a value of  $\mu_\alpha \cos \delta$ ,  $\mu_\delta = 1.632 \pm 0.057, -2.037 \pm 0.057 \text{ mas yr}^{-1}$  (consistent values were determined by Baumgardt et al. 2019). The combination of this updated proper-motion measurement for NGC 1261 and our measurement of the proper motion of the Phoenix stream makes it increasingly unlikely that these two systems share a physical origin. However, we do note that the proper-motion offset of Phoenix is slightly aligned toward the orbit of NGC 1261.

### 5.1.8. Tucana III

The Tucana III stream is composed of two tidal tails extending from the Tucana III dwarf galaxy (Drlica-Wagner et al. 2015) and is the only stream in the DES footprint with a definitive progenitor. The proper motion of the Tucana III dwarf galaxy has been measured by several groups: Pace & Li (2019) find  $\mu_\alpha \cos \delta$ ,  $\mu_\delta = -0.03 \pm 0.04$ ,  $-1.65 \pm 0.04$  mas yr<sup>-1</sup>, Simon (2018) finds  $\mu_\alpha \cos \delta$ ,  $\mu_\delta = -0.014 \pm 0.038$ ,  $-1.673 \pm 0.040$  mas yr<sup>-1</sup>, and Fritz et al. (2018) find  $\mu_\alpha \cos \delta$ ,  $\mu_\delta = -0.025 \pm 0.034 \pm 0.035$ ,  $-1.661 \pm 0.035 \pm 0.035$  mas yr<sup>-1</sup>. The Tucana III stream is expected to have a similar proper motion to the dwarf itself. We measure a proper motion for Tucana III, including the core and tidal tails, of  $\mu_\alpha \cos \delta$ ,  $\mu_\delta = -0.10 \pm 0.04$ ,  $-1.64 \pm 0.04$  mas yr<sup>-1</sup>, which is indeed similar to that of the Tucana III dwarf galaxy. We also find that Tucana III has the largest proper-motion gradient of the streams measured here, with  $d\mu_{\phi_1}/d\phi_1$ ,  $d\mu_{\phi_2}/d\phi_1 = 0.12 \pm 0.03$  mas yr<sup>-1</sup> deg<sup>-1</sup>,  $-0.06 \pm 0.03$  mas yr<sup>-1</sup> deg<sup>-1</sup>.

Erkal et al. (2018) fit the orbit of Tucana III based on the track of the Tucana III stream and the line-of-sight velocity from Li et al. (2018), prior to *Gaia* DR2. They argued that the orbit of Tucana III was likely perturbed by a recent close passage with the LMC. They predicted that the LMC would have induced a nonzero proper motion perpendicular to the track of the stream and that this nonzero proper motion could be used to constrain the mass of the LMC. However, our measurements show that the proper motion perpendicular to the stream,  $\mu_{\phi_2} = -0.03 \pm 0.03$  mas yr<sup>-1</sup>, is consistent with zero. Since the lack of a proper motion perpendicular to the Tucana III stream track would set an upper bound on the mass of the LMC that is inconsistent with other direct measurements (e.g., van der Marel & Kallivayalil 2014), we suggest three possible explanations for the discrepancy between our measurements and the model of Erkal et al. (2018). First,  $\mu_{\phi_2}$  is corrected for the solar reflex motion and is therefore distance dependent. The apparent lack of a perpendicular proper motion might indicate that Tucana III is more distant than the initial isochrone fits suggest. In fact, a similar suggestion was made by Erkal et al. (2018) based on preliminary measurements of four RR Lyrae stars in Tucana III. Second, the lack of offset may be due to the fact that Erkal et al. (2018) fit the orbit with a fixed Milky Way potential. The proper motions will also be sensitive to the potential and the mass of the Milky Way. Third, Erkal et al. (2018) did not consider the reflex motion of the Milky Way caused by the infall of the LMC. As shown in Erkal et al. (2019), the distance and speed of the Milky Way relative to its present-day position and velocity are non-negligible, which will affect the modeling of the proper motion of Tucana III.

### 5.1.9. Turranburra

Turranburra is a relatively thick stream located at the eastern edge of the DES footprint. The morphology of the stream suggests a dwarf galaxy progenitor; Shipp et al. (2018) predict a progenitor mass of  $1.8 \times 10^6 M_\odot$ . Interestingly, in spite of its distance from the LMC, Turranburra also shows an appreciable offset between its track and observed proper motion, which is directed toward the LMC.

Unlike the other eight streams previously mentioned, Turranburra has not yet been fully observed by *S*<sup>5</sup>, and we cannot confirm its proper-motion signature with radial velocities. However, we have independently confirmed the proper-motion

measurement by comparison to the sample of *Gaia* DR2 RR Lyrae published by Iorio et al. (2018). We find 12 RR Lyrae that are likely associated with the stellar stream (see Figure 9).

The RR Lyrae were selected first along the length of the stream ( $|\phi_1| < 8.5^\circ$ ) and within  $|\phi_2| < 5^\circ$ . Then, we selected stars within 3 kpc of the distance to Turranburra reported in Shipp et al. (2018). The distances to the RR Lyrae are calculated using Equation (2) in Iorio et al. (2018). The RR Lyrae passing these simple selections, which are listed in Appendix D, all lie within  $2.5^\circ$  of the stream track, and the majority are tightly clustered around the measured value of the proper motion of the stellar stream.

### 5.1.10. Ravi

While the Ravi stream was not detected with high confidence in our analysis, we do note an interesting association with the RR Lyrae stream 24.5-1 from Mateu et al. (2018). The close association in the orbital poles of these two streams was previously noted by Shipp et al. (2018). We take the RR Lyrae stars associated with 24.5-1 as reported by Mateu et al. (2018) and select stars that lie within  $50^\circ$  along the stream track of the midpoint of Ravi. We determine the median proper motion of these RR Lyrae to be  $\mu_\alpha \cos \delta$ ,  $\mu_\delta \sim 0.6$ ,  $-1.8$  mas yr<sup>-1</sup>, with a large spread in  $\mu_\alpha \cos \delta$  of  $\sim 0.5$  mas yr<sup>-1</sup>. This value is similar to our low-confidence proper-motion measurement for Ravi of  $\mu_\alpha \cos \delta$ ,  $\mu_\delta \sim 0.2$ ,  $-1.6$  mas yr<sup>-1</sup>, particularly given the imprecision of the by-eye measurement, which may be a further indication of an association between these two streams.

We also note that Ravi crosses the dwarf galaxy Tucana II (Bechtol et al. 2015; Koposov et al. 2015) in projection, although the galaxy is at a much larger distance. (Tucana II is at a distance of 57 kpc (Koposov et al. 2015), while Ravi is at a distance of 23 kpc.) In order to exclude contamination from Tucana II, we selected only the segment of Ravi with  $\phi_1 > 0^\circ$ , so that the closest stars to Tucana II are separated from the galaxy by  $> 7^\circ$ . However, the proper motion we measure for Ravi is similar to that of Tucana II,  $\mu_\alpha \cos \delta$ ,  $\mu_\delta \sim 0.91$ ,  $-1.16$  mas yr<sup>-1</sup> (Pace & Li 2019), which could indicate that Tucana II has a very extended stellar distribution that is contaminating our analysis, or that the two systems share similar proper motions despite their large physical separation.

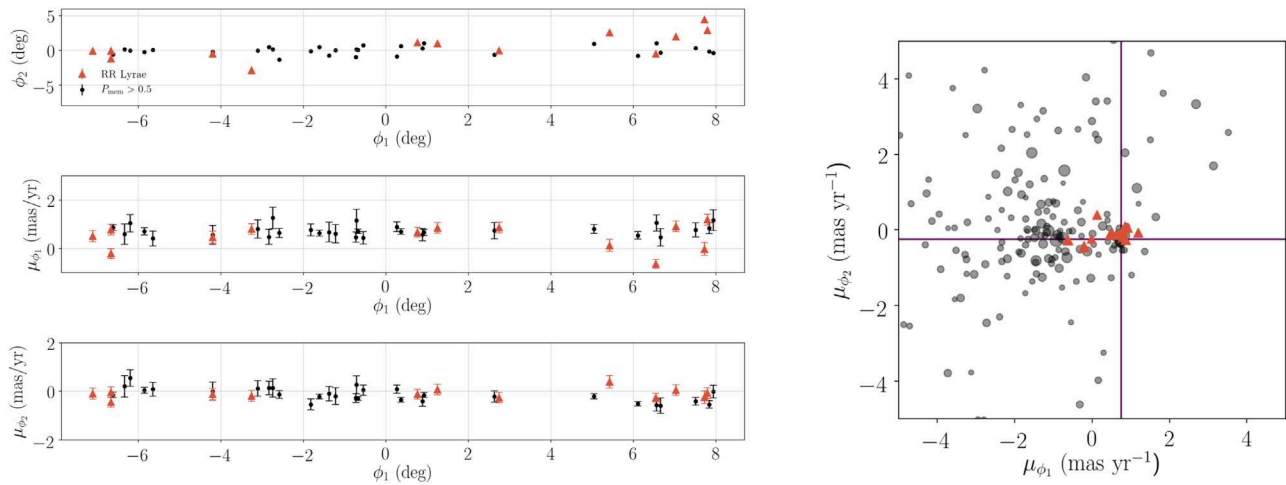
### 5.1.11. Other Streams

We do not find high-confidence measurements for three other streams, Turbio, Wambelong, and Willka Yaku, and we find no good measurement for Molonglo. We note that these streams reside in complex regions of higher stellar density, either nearer to the Galactic plane or in areas with other known streams or halo structure. Wambelong is located at  $b \sim -30^\circ$ , while Turbio and Willka Yaku are both in the vicinity of the Eri-Phe overdensity (Li et al. 2016). Molonglo both is near to the ATLAS stream and stretches into the area covered by the complex, massive Sagittarius stream. The complexity of the stellar foreground in these regions may have contributed to the failure of the the GMM fit to converge on valid proper-motion measurements for these streams.

## 5.2. Influence of the LMC

The LMC is the largest satellite of the Milky Way and can significantly perturb the orbits of stellar streams (Erkal et al. 2019). One possible consequence of a perturbation by the LMC





**Figure 9.** Comparison between the RGB proper-motion measurement of Turranburra and the RR Lyrae members selected as described in Section 5.1.9. The black points are stars with  $P_{mem} > 0.5$  from the GMM analysis, and the orange triangles are the RR Lyrae. On the right, the purple crosshair is the GMM proper-motion measurement reported here. We find that the high membership probability RGB stars are consistent in proper motion with the selected RR Lyrae.

is a misalignment between a stream’s track on the sky and the direction of its motion. Erkal et al. (2019) showed that the observed proper motion of the Orphan stream could be explained by a large gravitational perturbation from the LMC. Observation of the Orphan stream can thus be used to constrain the total mass of the LMC to be  $1.38^{+0.27}_{-0.24} \times 10^{11} M_{\odot}$  (Erkal et al. 2019). Erkal et al. (2018) hypothesized that such a massive LMC would similarly perturb the Tucana III stream; however, such a perturbation has not been found. The extent of the LMC perturbations on other streams is still unknown, and detailed modeling will be required to develop a self-consistent scenario. However, we can use the observed stream tracks and proper motions to make a qualitative comparison.

In the bottom panel of Figure 5, the majority of the streams (Aliqa Uma, ATLAS, Chenab, Indus, Jhelum, Phoenix, Turranburra) show proper-motion offsets in the direction of the LMC, with the exception of Elqui and Tucana III, which show no significant offsets. We note that we are only considering two dimensions of the stream velocity; it is also possible for these streams to have experienced a perturbation to their radial velocities, which will be explored in more detail by S<sup>5</sup>.

The magnitude of the measured proper-motion offset for a stream depends on the distance assumed in the solar reflex correction. We find that in addition to Elqui and Tucana III (which show very small proper-motion offsets), only Indus has an offset that is consistent with zero given a characteristic uncertainty in distance modulus of 0.2 mag. The other streams would require changes in distance modulus ranging from 0.5 to 4 mag to account for the observed proper-motion offsets.

A visual inspection of Figure 5 and Table 2 gives anecdotal evidence that certain groups of streams may exhibit more significant deflections. Streams with R.A. west of the LMC seem to exhibit larger offsets than those to the east of the LMC. Streams with larger widths, which may be indicative of a dwarf galaxy progenitor, generally seem to have larger offsets as well. In addition, streams with proper-motion vectors roughly aligned with the direction of motion along the trailing orbit of the LMC also exhibit larger offsets. These possible relationships must be examined in more detail with radial

velocities and detailed modeling. In any case, the offsets seen here indicate that the DES streams are excellent candidates for placing strong constraints on the LMC mass, as well as its shape and radial density profile.

Offsets between the track and direction of motion of stellar streams can also be caused by time-dependent oscillations in the Milky Way’s potential due to recent accretion events, as shown by Carlberg (2019). The detailed modeling of stellar streams, which will be possible with the combination of these measurements and radial velocities from S<sup>5</sup>, will allow for the separation between the effects of the LMC, which may dominate in the southern sky, and other large-scale time-dependent variations in the Milky Way’s potential.

## 6. Conclusions

We present high-confidence measurements of the proper motions of nine stellar streams in the DES footprint. These measurements confirm that these streams are coherent systems and illustrate the combined power of *Gaia* DR2 and DES DR1 to measure the velocities of distant, low surface brightness streams (out to 50 kpc). In addition, we have obtained low-confidence measurements of proper motions of four additional streams in the DES footprint. Further velocity measurements, of both proper motions and radial velocities, are necessary to confirm the remaining population of stellar streams discovered in DES and other photometric surveys.

Many of these streams are observed to have significant offsets between the direction of their tracks on the sky and the direction of their proper motions. This observation may indicate that the LMC may have significantly perturbed the orbits of these streams and suggests that this population of streams may be used to place strong constraints on the mass and the radial profile of the Milky Way’s largest satellite. Complete orbit modeling requires full 6D phase-space measurements of each stream. The proper-motion measurements in this work have been used to efficiently select targets for the ongoing S<sup>5</sup> spectroscopic survey, which aims to obtain radial velocities and metallicities of 20 streams in the southern hemisphere (Li et al. 2019).

In the future, imaging surveys such as LSST (LSST Science Collaboration 2009) and WFIRST (Spergel et al. 2013) will provide sensitive measurements of fainter and more distant streams. Wide-area spectroscopic surveys, such as DESI (DESI Collaboration et al. 2016), WEAVE (Dalton 2016), 4MOST (de Jong et al. 2019), and/or MSE (The MSE Science Team et al. 2019), will provide complementary radial velocity measurements. With complete 6D phase-space measurements of large populations of stellar streams, it will be possible to place strong constraints on the distribution of mass in our Galaxy, ranging from low-mass subhalos to the total mass of the Milky Way.

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## Appendix A By-eye Results

Here we report the by-eye measurements for all streams, including those with low-confidence measurements (Table 3). For the nine streams with high-confidence measurements these

**Table 3**  
By-eye Results

Name	$\mu_{\alpha} \cos \delta$ (mas yr <sup>-1</sup> )	$\mu_{\delta}$ (mas yr <sup>-1</sup> )	$\mu_{\phi_1}$ (mas yr <sup>-1</sup> )	$\mu_{\phi_2}$ (mas yr <sup>-1</sup> )
Aliqa Uma	0.3	-0.6	1.0	-0.2
ATLAS	-0.1	-1.0	1.6	-0.2
Chenab	0.3	-2.4	1.0	-0.5
Elqui	0.1	-0.4	0.6	0.0
Indus	3.5	-5.4	-3.8	0.1
Jhelum	6.9	-5.8	-6.0	-0.8
Phoenix	2.8	-0.1	-1.9	-0.4
Tucana III	-0.1	-1.7	1.1	0.0
Turranburra	0.4	-0.9	0.8	-0.3
Ravi	0.2	-1.6	0.5	-0.1
Turbio	2.3	2.0	-3.8	-0.3
Wambelong	2.0	-0.1	-0.8	-0.9
Willka Yaku	1.1	0.3	-0.9	0.0
Molonglo	...	...	...	...

**Table 4**  
Isochrone Parameters

Name	$m - M$	Age (Gyr)	$Z$
Aliqa Uma	17.3	12.5	0.0001
ATLAS	16.8	12.5	0.0001
Chenab	18.0	12.5	0.0001
Elqui	18.5	12.5	0.0001
Indus	16.1	12.5	0.0004
Jhelum	15.6	12.5	0.0001
Molonglo	16.8	13.5	0.001
Phoenix	16.4	12.5	0.0001
Ravi	16.8	13.5	0.0003
Tucana III	17.0	13.5	0.0001
Turbio	16.1	12.5	0.0001
Turranburra	17.2	13.5	0.0003
Wambelong	15.9	11.0	0.0001
Willka Yaku	17.7	11.0	0.0006

values are consistent, considering the imprecision of the by-eye measurements, with the GMM results.

### Appendix B Selection Parameters

Table 4 gives the isochrone parameters used in the data selections described in Section 2. These were modified from the parameters reported in Shipp et al. (2018), based on visual comparison of high-probability members after a first iteration of the proper-motion fit.

### Appendix C Coordinate Transformation Matrices

We used  $3 \times 3$  rotation matrices to transform positions and proper motions from celestial coordinates to stream coordinates. The entries of these matrices,  $R_{ij}$ , are shown in Table 5.

The matrices are written as

$$R = \begin{bmatrix} R_{0,0} & R_{0,1} & R_{0,2} \\ R_{1,0} & R_{1,1} & R_{1,2} \\ R_{2,0} & R_{2,1} & R_{2,2} \end{bmatrix}. \quad (3)$$

**Table 5**  
Rotation Matrix Parameters

Name	$R_{0,0}$	$R_{0,1}$	$R_{0,2}$	$R_{1,0}$	$R_{1,1}$	$R_{1,2}$	$R_{2,0}$	$R_{2,1}$	$R_{2,2}$
Aliqa Uma	0.66315359	0.48119409	-0.57330582	0.74585903	-0.36075668	0.55995440	-0.06262284	0.79894109	0.59814004
ATLAS	0.83697865	0.29481904	-0.46102980	0.51616778	-0.70514011	0.48615660	0.18176238	0.64487142	0.74236331
Chenab	0.51883185	-0.34132444	-0.78378003	-0.81981696	0.06121342	-0.56934442	-0.24230902	-0.93795018	0.24806410
Elqui	0.74099526	0.20483425	-0.63950681	0.57756858	-0.68021616	0.45135409	0.34255009	0.70381028	0.62234278
Indus	0.47348784	-0.22057954	-0.85273321	0.25151201	-0.89396596	0.37089969	0.84412734	0.39008914	0.36780360
Jhelum	0.60334991	-0.20211605	-0.77143890	-0.13408072	-0.97928924	0.15170675	0.78612419	-0.01190283	0.61795395
Molonglo	0.88306113	0.15479520	-0.44299152	0.36694639	-0.81621072	0.44626270	0.29249510	0.55663139	0.77756550
Phoenix	0.59644670	0.27151332	-0.75533559	-0.48595429	-0.62682316	-0.60904938	0.63882686	-0.73032406	0.24192354
Ravi	0.57336113	-0.22475898	-0.78787081	0.57203155	-0.57862539	0.58135407	0.58654661	0.78401279	0.20319208
Tucana III	0.505715	-0.007435	-0.862668	-0.078639	-0.996197	-0.037514	0.859109	-0.086811	0.504377
Turbio	0.52548400	0.27871230	-0.80385697	-0.71193491	-0.37328255	-0.59481831	0.46584896	-0.88486134	-0.00227102
Turranburra	0.36111266	0.85114984	-0.38097455	0.87227667	-0.16384562	0.46074725	-0.32974393	0.49869687	0.80160487
Wambelong	0.07420259	0.76149392	-0.6439107	-0.64686868	-0.45466937	-0.61223907	0.75898279	-0.46195539	-0.45884892
Willka Yaku	0.37978305	0.29001265	-0.87844038	-0.5848418	-0.66046543	-0.47089859	0.71674605	-0.69258795	0.08122206

**Note.** All transformations are defined by the stream endpoints reported by Shipp et al. (2018), with the origin located at the center of the stream, apart from that of Tucana III, for which we use the matrix from Li et al. (2018), which centers the stream on the progenitor.



**Table 6**  
Turranburra RR Lyrae

<i>Gaia</i> Source ID	$\alpha$ (deg)	$\delta$ (deg)
5091448747454278656	64.45486	−21.02018
4881423811590801536	72.81505	−26.62611
4894078026492980480	70.76238	−24.85804
4881772670311841920	73.37994	−25.64553
5097830652242359936	61.52814	−15.87997
5094366743938630016	60.72077	−19.45971
5097133875404904320	61.67817	−17.08474
4881586985989030272	73.82559	−25.84417
4899710545386636160	66.38172	−20.90392
3176477345911441024	62.41282	−14.63724
5096494402017554816	63.44298	−17.42091
4899649801666240896	66.89291	−21.04826
4891992802690351232	68.56002	−26.50784

### Appendix D

#### Turranburra RR Lyrae

Table 6 lists the *Gaia* DR2 source IDs of possible RR Lyrae members of Turranburra. The selection of these RR Lyrae is described in Section 5.1.9.

### Appendix E

#### Stream Members

Table 7 includes probable stream member stars with membership probability greater than 0.8 from the GMM method described in Section 3.2. We note that this list of members is incomplete, due to the tight, stream-dependent cuts made on the data. Therefore, the number of members listed here should not be considered to reflect the total number of member stars in each stream. More complete membership tables, with spectroscopically confirmed members for each stream, will be released with future S<sup>5</sup> publications.













**Table 7**  
Probable Stream Member Stars Based on Proper-motion Measurements

Stream	<i>Gaia</i> Source ID	$\alpha$ (deg)	$\delta$ (deg)	$P_{\text{mem}}$
Aliqa Uma	4969932298603707776	34.75908	−33.96308	0.96
Aliqa Uma	4970235699391286016	33.27414	−33.53518	0.82
Aliqa Uma	4970195635936386304	34.31974	−33.42711	0.94
Aliqa Uma	4970244873441388160	33.44620	−33.32170	0.85
Aliqa Uma	4966915105554905344	36.60916	−35.37393	1.00
Aliqa Uma	4966867208079439616	34.85794	−34.74736	0.81
Aliqa Uma	4953555626958854144	39.94765	−37.64483	0.83
Aliqa Uma	4953742509577115520	39.13671	−37.00413	0.98
ATLAS	2350245137034340864	10.19383	−21.12920	0.84
ATLAS	2349268564550587904	12.22904	−22.74946	0.92
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**Note.** Member stars are selected with GMM stream membership probability  $P_{\text{mem}} > 0.8$ .

(This table is available in its entirety in machine-readable form.)

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