





# ENCONTREITOR

a new approach to meteor shower research software

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# How do brazilian guys who don't like football have fun?







# BRAMON Brazilian Meteor Observation Network

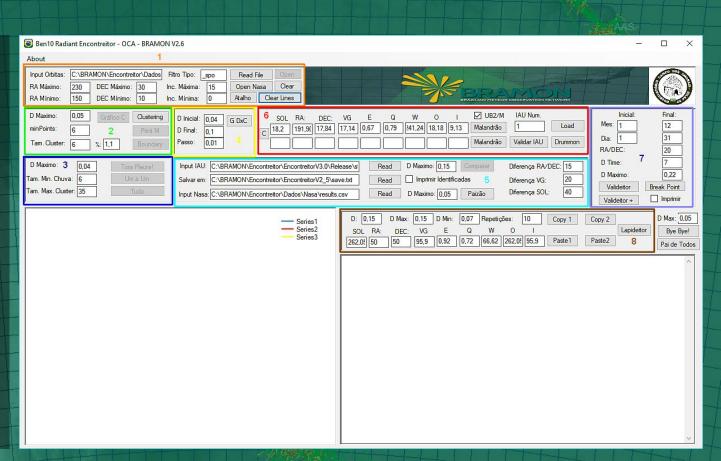
- Started operating in January 2014
- A collaborative network of amateur astronomers performing a volunteer work: citizen science
- Today BRAMON have 130 cameras and 94 operators covering 20 brazilian states
- Around of 150.000 orbits collected since 2014
- In 2017, we started searching for new radiants in or database
- So Leonardo Amaral has started development a software to aid this work
- The resulting software was Encontreitor, and it does much more than that...





#### **Encontreitor Main Screen**

- 1. Input data and filters
- 2. Clustering parameters
- 3. Tora Pleura parameters
- 4. DxC Graph parameters
- Input, output and filters to validations and Paizão
- 6. IAU list check and Malandrão function
- 7. Breakpoint and Validator functions
- 8. Lapideitor (refinement of shower data)

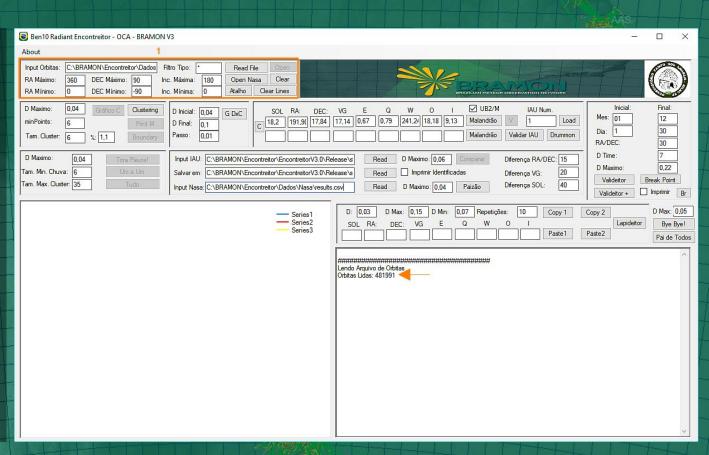






## Step 1: Meteor Clustering

- Enter the meteor database (u.csv) to search for clustering
- Define filter for meteor class (generally \_spo)
- Define filter for sky area (right ascention and declination limits)
- Define filter for orbit inclination
- And "Read File" to start fun!

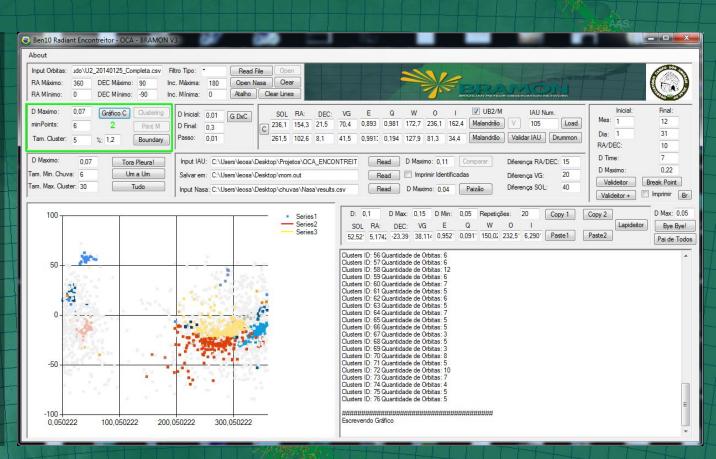






## **DBSCAN Meteor Clustering**

- Encontraitor Uses
   DBSCAN (Ester et al.) to search for clusters in a meteor database
- DBSCAN search is based in the distance between two points
- In clustering function, the points is the meteors and its distances is the D-criteria between them

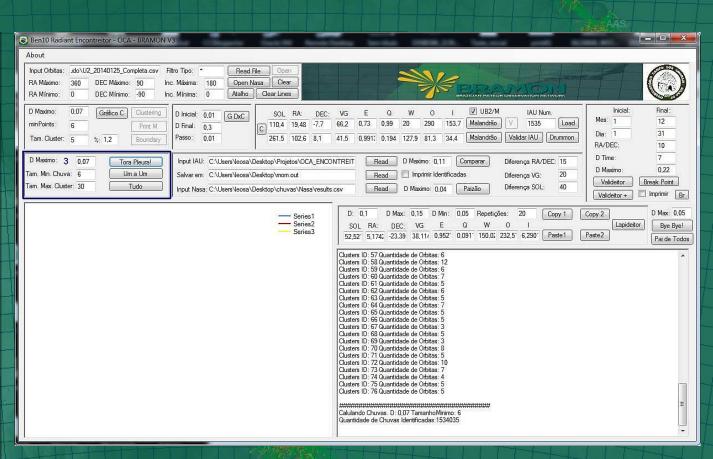






## Step 2: Tora Pleura - Combinating meteors in clusters

- Algorithm performs a simple combination in each cluster
- Clusters are filtered by size, group min size: 6 meteors
- Every grouping have a mean orbit determinated, and every member of the group have their orbital elements confronted against the mean orbit
- If the result of each of the tests are lower than a D min value, this grouping is considered a possible new radiant.







## **Tora Pleura Output**

- Groupings output of Tora
   Pleura combinatory
   analysis
- The not repeated meteors of each group should be selected which will ultimately constitute a single possible new radiant
- The groups consisting entirely of non-repeated meteors in other groups are discarded

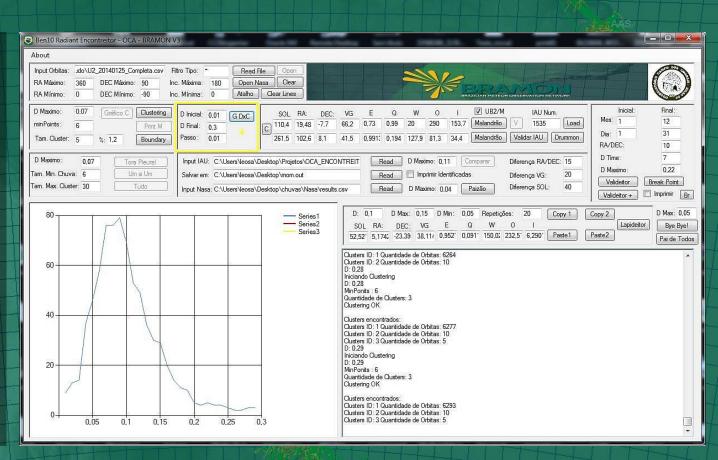
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## Gráfico DxC, valor ótimo para Critério Drummond

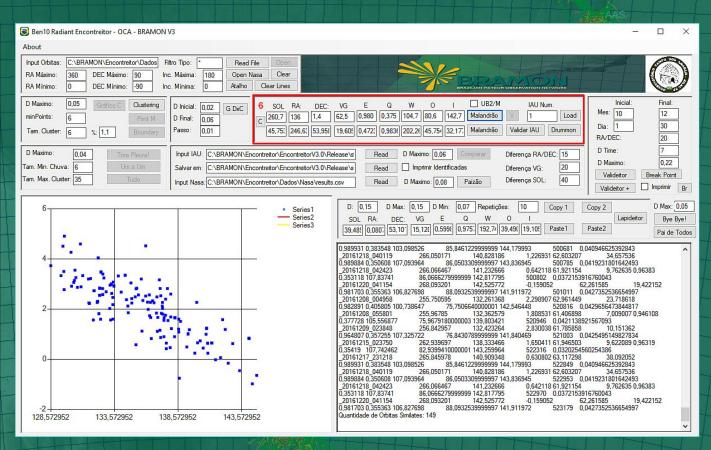
- Specification of the step values to be applied in the Breakpoint and Valideitor tests
- Graph D x C: determination of the optimal cut value of the Drummond Criterion to be applied in the Tora Pleura procedure





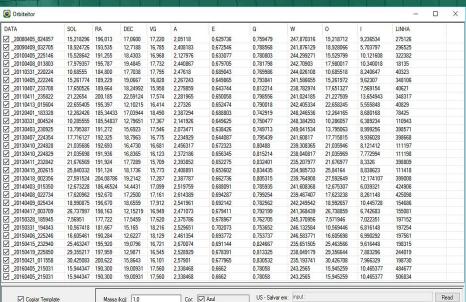
#### Malandrão

- Manual input of mean orbital elements to search for similar meteors in the database.
- The meteors of the output will be those that are below of a maximum D value stipulated in relation to the inserted mean orbital elements
- Validar IAU (Validate against IAU): With this function we can compare the average orbit of a possible new shower against the orbital elements of showers already cataloged in the IAU. In this way we check if it the new shower is not a shower already cataloged



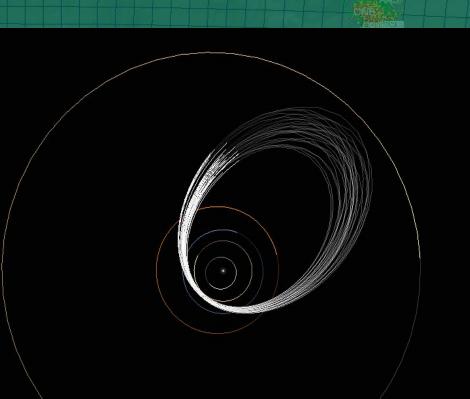


# Universe Sandbox Integration





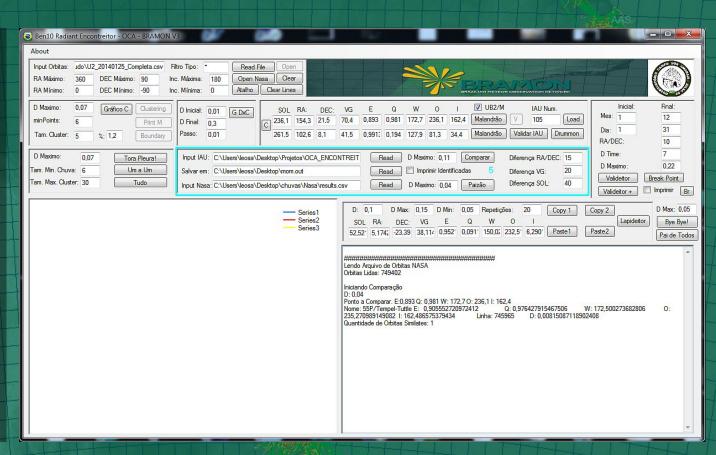
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# Paizão Function: Search for Parental body

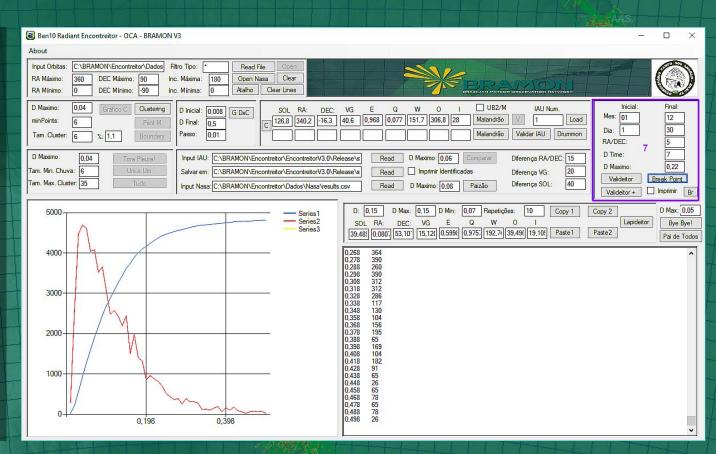
 Paizão (Parental Bodies): with this function we test the mean orbital elements of a new shower against the JPL Small-Body Database to search for parental bodies of the showers





# **Breakpoint Validation**

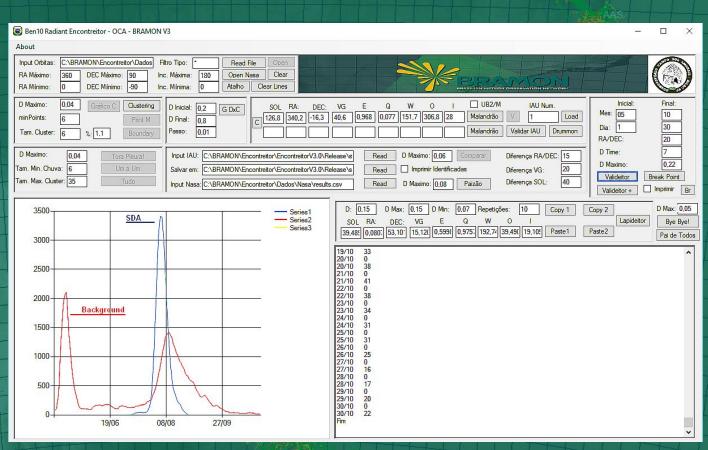
Breakpoint Method
 (Welch, 2001), test of the
 mean orbital elements of
 a candidate new shower
 against a continuum
 meteor background





## Valideitor: Search for incrase of shower activity

- The Valideitor analyzes over time (day by day) the amount of orbits that belong to a given radiant. To determine if an orbit belongs to a radiant, the Drummond test is applied between an individual meteor orbit in database and the shower orbital parameters. If the result is less than a given maximum D (we usually use the value of 0.21), the orbits are considered to belong to the radiant.
  - Over time, the number of orbits that fit in the radiant tends to increase, so you can see the formation of a peak in the graph.





# Ben 10 isn't dead!





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