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A classification of 6479 asteroids into families by means of the wavelet clustering method

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Abstract. — After the first use of the wavelet transform method for asteroid family identification (Bendjoya et al. 1991), an improved three-dimensional wavelet cluster analysis has been developed and tested on artificial families in Bendjoya et al. (1992). The success of these tests has provided us a reliable method to detect statistically significant groupings in the proper element space. This method has now been applied to a large set of proper elements of real asteroids, computed by the refined algorithm of Milani & Knežević, version 5.7 (Milani & Knežević 1992). The family search is performed among 6479 asteroids: 4168 numbered asteroids plus 2311 multi-opposition objects. The robustness of the detected significant groupings has been tested against several parameters: two levels of statistical significance versus the occurrence of chance groupings; the use of two different metrics in the proper element space; and the presence of "noise" caused by small variations in time of the proper elements. The derived robustness parameters have led to classify the set of asteroids in groupings named dynamical families and tribes, which correspond to different ranges of the robustness parameters. Twenty six dynamical families and 10 tribes have been identified.

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1. Introduction

Asteroid family searches have been carried out many times, and extensive references on this subject can be found in Valsecchi et al. 1989. All of these works used sets of so-called proper elements, namely the quasi-invariants of asteroid motions, as the starting data for the classification of asteroids into families. However, as pointed out by Valsecchi et al., large discrepancies between the published classifications have been present, concerning not only the number of families but also their composition. Zappalà & Cellino (1992) argued that in general these discrepancies were rather due to the clustering methods used for the family search, than to the different ways to compute the proper elements.

A renewal of interest in this subject has occurred when two different methods of cluster analysis, applied to the same proper element set (Zappalà et al. 1990, and Bendjoya et al. 1991), have yielded results in substantial agreement. Zappalà et al. identified asteroid families by means of the well-known hierarchical clustering method (HCM) adapted by them to the specific needs of the problem on the other hand, Bendjoya et al. used for the first time the mathematical formalism of the wavelet transform to carry out a new kind of cluster analysis in

the proper element space, aimed at identifying statistically significant families.

While this wavelet analysis method (W.A.M) gave a good agreement in the resulting family classification when compared to HCM, Bendjoya (1992) pointed out that it was not accurate and powerful enough to detect weakly contrasted families. The reason for this limitation is clear. The wavelet analysis was performed on the 3 planar projections of the proper element space, and the detected overdensities of points in these planes were used to reconstruct the three-dimensional families by taking their intersections. In this way, the projection procedure led to smooth out the fine structures of the distribution in the 3-dimensional space, thus making their detection hard or even impossible. The need for a new method, suitable for direct application to the 3D proper element space, was obvious. Hence, a new version of W.A.M. has been developed in Bendjoya et al. (1993), in order to perform the search of asteroid families directly in the 3D data space. This new W.A.M has been tested by applying it on artificial asteroid families, generated by a numerical asteroid break-up algorithm consistent with the results of laboratory impact experiments (Farinella et al. 1991). Several tests were devised, in order to point out the reliability and the limitations of W.A.M. Knowing a priori the members of the simulated families, the ability

of W.A.M to rediscover them has been tested against different backgrounds, different sizes and different shapes of the families in the proper element space. Its ability to separate families which were partially overlapping or lying close to each other has also been taken into consideration.

Moreover, since the dynamical and statistical definition of asteroid families obtained by means of both HCM and W.A.M, is based on the choice of a metric (having the dimension of a velocity), the successful outcome of our tests is a convincing proof that our chosen metric (the "standard" metric of Zappalà et al.) does not introduce strong distortions of the proper elements space, that may hinder the identification of real families. A similar argument can be made for the mathematical algorithm converting osculating into proper elements: we showed that families generated in the osculating element space were successfully recovered both in this space and in the proper element space. It is to be noticed that the families have been searched, in the osculating element space, just after the simulated impact without considering any post collisional evolution of the members. Moreover, the simulations allowed us to estimate in a number of cases the abundance of interlopers (i.e., the objects detected as belonging to a family but not genetically related to it), and these results will be used here to assess the likelihood of interlopers in the families which has been detected. Finally, a comparison between the W.A.M and the HCM procedures was carried out, showing that both methods, while still presenting some (different) problems, are suitable for obtaining a reliable family identification, with a high degree of significance versus the occurrence of chance groupings.

It is worthwhile to stress that automated objective methods (such as W.A.M and HCM) have great advantages with respect to the more subjective procedures adopted in the past, since they do not require any "a priori" knowledge on the set of data, nor entail a "leaning process" based on the detection of the few, well known families. Furthermore, automated methods of investigation provide the possibility of testing the robustness of the detected grouping against several parameters. It has been sometimes claimed that human eyes are also a performing "clustering tool", and indeed they have been used for asteroid family search (Williams 1979, 1992); in this respect, one can notice that the wavelet transform algorithm has been used with success to model the mechanism of human eye analysis, which is based on a multi-scale analysis of the contrasts (Mallat 1987). It is thus possible to compare W.A.M with an objective eye analysis; a cross comparison of the results of such analyses of random distributions can lead to quantify the level of significance of the detected overdensities of points.

The present family search has been carried out using a sample of 6479 main-belt asteroids, including 4168 numbered objects and 2311 unnumbered multi-opposition

ones. This sample of data is extracted from the proper elements set derived by means of the latest theory of Milani & Knežević (1992), corresponding to the 5.7 version of their algorithm. This new version is based on a new secular perturbation theory including the effects of all the outer planets (and partly the inner planets as well); new resonance monitoring schemes have also been introduced, leading to more accurate and more reliable proper elements. The proper element set, provided by Milani & Knežević includes 4535 objects among the 4722 numbered asteroids (at December 10, 1991), excluding the Trojans, the Hildas and the Earth-approaching bodies. Moreover, among the 12691 unnumbered asteroids observed so far, this data set includes 2459 objects observed at least during two oppositions. It has been excluded the single-opposition orbits, for which the quality of the osculating elements is too poor to derive from them accurate proper elements.

The file of proper elements derived by Milani and Knežević associates a quality code to each asteroid, which gives an indication of the non-convergence of the iterative procedure in the proper element computation and can be translated into an estimate of the accuracy of the proper elements. A quality code with value 20 corresponds to an oscillation of 0.01 between the values of the proper eccentricity and/or inclination provided by the last two iterations. Therefore, in agreement with the indications of Milani and Knežević, the asteroids with a quality code greater than 20 have been discarded from our sample.

In addition, owing to the expansion of the Hamiltonian in series of the eccentricities and inclinations on which Milani and Knežević's theory is based, one must consider as reliable only the proper elements of asteroids with an eccentricity and a sine of the inclination less than about 0.3, even if the associated quality code is smaller than 20. Although we have kept in mind this limitation, we have nevertheless performed the family search keeping in our sample the bodies having proper eccentricities and sine of the proper inclinations up to 0.45. This has been done in order to check whether the theory used to derive proper elements might artificially create significant overdensities at such inclinations and eccentricities. Among the 185 objects with a sine of the proper inclination, or a proper eccentricity greater than 0.3, only one grouping of 7 asteroids has been detected. This grouping is in the Phocaea region. This grouping has been known for a long time (see e.g. Williams 1971, 1979) as a group of asteroids isolated in this region by the presence of several resonances. Indeed as pointed out by Williams (1971), this depopulated region of the main belt is surrounded by the secular resonances ν_{16} , ν_{5} and ν_{6} and by the mean motion resonance 7:2. Valsecchi et al. (1989) proposed then to consider some dynamical process "pushing" asteroids in specific zones of the phase space. Moreover the high inclinations of these objects, and the presence of so many resonances, make the

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proper elements computed by Milani and Knežević very doubtful even "rubbish" (Milani private com.). These are the reasons why we do not consider this 7 member grouping as relevant and we will not mention it in the further discussion. Except the Phocaea grouping no other grouping has been detected at such high inclinations, which seems to confirm that Milani and Knežević's theory do not generate significant artificial groupings.

We have applied different alternative criteria (a stricter one and more relaxed ones) for the definition of what a "family" is, and we have estimated the number of expected interlopers in all the families. The robustness of the detected significant groupings of asteroids has been tested in three different ways: (i) using two different metrics to define distances in the proper element space; (ii) choosing two different thresholds for the statistical significance of the groupings; (iii) taking into account the variable accuracy of the proper elements, through the generation of "noisy" data. These different tests have allowed us to classify the detected significant groupings in three categories: "dynamical families", "tribes" and "marginally significant clusters" (the latter have been discarded a posteriori. The whole analysis will be described in more details in Sect. 2.

The results will be presented in Sect. 3, where we will also comment on the good agreement between most of our dynamical families and those resulting from the last classification of Zappalà et al. (1992). Finally, we shall mention some possible origin mechanisms for some dynamical families.

The comparison with Williams' classification (1991), using a very different set of data (about 1800 numbered objects plus 900 PLS asteroids that are not considered here) does not seem relevant. A deeper comparison, case by case, will be made in a forthcoming paper between the Zappalà et al. (1992) classification, Williams' one and the actual one.

2. The analysis

We recall that the wavelet clustering method consists in computing a wavelet coefficient at each node of a network superimposed to the set of the studied data. Let $C(a_0, b_0)$ be the onto wavelet coefficient computer at the node located in b_0 and for a given scale a_0 :

$$C(a_0, b_0) = K(a_0) \sum_{j=1}^{N} \psi_{a_0, b_0}(x_j)$$

where N is the number of points in the 3 dimensional proper element space, $K(a_0)$ is a normalization factor, x_j is the location of the j^{th} point of the data set, and ψ_{a_0, b_0} is the analyzing wavelet dilated by a_0 and translated at the location b_0 . In what concern our analysis, the so-called mexican hat wavelet has been chosen again:

$$\psi_{a,b} = \left(n - \frac{\|x - b\|^2}{a^2}\right) \exp\left(-\frac{\|x - b\|^2}{2a^2}\right)$$

where n is the dimension of the data space and where ||x-b|| represents the distance between x and b expressed by means of a metric suited to the considered problem. Because of the property of the analyzing wavelet, which is a zero mean function, $C(a_0, b_0)$ is an indicator of the presence of overdensities with a characteristic size about a_0 , in the vicinity of the considered node b_0 . For different values of the scale parameter a (namely: 110 m/s, 160 m/s, 230 m/s, 320 m/s, 450 m/s and 640 m/s), a wavelet coefficient map is computed, in which the high positive values of the coefficients point out the presence of overdensities above the background at the considered scale.

A subset of these coefficients is selected when considered as significant versus chance. The degree of significance is obtained by computing a wavelet coefficient threshold from a wavelet analysis performed on a pseudo random distribution. This pseudo random distribution is built in following independently the marginal distributions in proper semi-major axis, proper eccentricity and proper inclination of the data set under study. The subsets of significant wavelet coefficients connected on the grid form the "skeletons", from which its possible to reconstruct the significant underlying structure of points. The analysis is made for a set of scales leading to a local embedded multi-scale analysis. One disposes then, of sets of significant embedded grouping of points at different scales in the proper element space. For some methods of investigation, the simultaneous presence of big and small families in an area under study, can influence and even spoil the detection of the smaller ones. The fact that the wavelet clustering method is a local and multi-scale analysis method avoids this bias, since the members of the big families and of the small ones are not detected over the same range of scales.

For the next step of the analysis, one needs a criterion to cut the hierarchy of embedded significant structures of asteroids exhibited by the wavelet analysis. Following the philosophy described in Bendjoya et al. (1991), a maximal scale (a_{max}) is defined for a given zone and corresponds to the scale for which the different structures merge together. Like in Bendjoya et al. 1991, a_{max} is defined as the scale for which the number of supplementary asteroids (between one scale and the successive one) for the whole zone, is minimum. The determination of a_{max} allows to separate the different skeletons and hence the different significant groupings. Then, taking profit of the fine tuning developed during the simulated family study, we have considered that an asteroid belongs to a "family", if the latter is associated to a skeleton for each scale from the smallest one to a_{max} . The most restrictive criterion, called hereafter crit. 1, imposes that the detected asteroid must be found a least at the three first scales in order to be

listed as a family member. Once again from the work about family simulations, it appeared that a more relaxed criterion could be used. This second criterion, crit. 2, takes into account the asteroids associated to the same skeletons than with crit. 1 but which have been detected only from the second scale (160 m/s). This appears to be a reasonable approximation, since when we perform a "zoom" at a scale of the order of 110 m/sec it happens that the W.A.M coefficients start to be significantly influenced by the local distribution of single objects. The real and the quasirandom distributions look locally very similar, and some overdensities at this scale may loose their statistical significance. In the present analysis we have to take into account the possible post-collisional evolution of the families leading to an expected more diluted halo around a dense core. Taking into account this possibility, we have also considered the asteroids detected with still more relaxed criteria: crit. 3 and crit. 4. These latter two criteria are defined in the same way as crit. 2 but the smallest scales of detection are respectively 230 m/s and 320 m/s. More relaxed criteria are not considered since they would correspond to scales bigger than a_{max} . Obviously we keep in mind that, the more relaxed is the criterion used, the greater is the expected number of interlopers. That is why the different robustness tests that we have applied, and that we are going to describe, have been done on the families defined with the most restrictive criterion: crit. 1. The members associated to these families and added by the other criteria will be given and will be used in a forthcoming paper about a detailed comparison on families defined by different methods.

The family search has been performed by means of the two metrics already used in a previous paper (Bendjoya et al. 1991) and called the "standard metric" and the "alternative metric".

$$d = na'\sqrt{k_1\left(\frac{\delta a'}{a'}\right)^2 + k_2(\delta e')^2 + k_3(\delta \sin i')^2}$$
 (1)

where δ lies for the difference between the asteroid coordinates and corresponding coordinates of the node of computation, n and a' are respectively the mean motion and the proper semi major axis of this node. For the standard metric $k_1=5/4$, $k_2=2$ and $k_3=2$. The alternative metric is obtained with $k_1=1/2$, $k_2=3/4$ and $k_3=4$ which appears as a sufficiently different but satisfactory metric in order to test the robustness of the family versus the choice of the metric. These two metrics have been introduced by Zappalà et al. (1990) and are now largely used.

The analysis has been performed with the standard metric with a threshold equal to 5/1000, then with a threshold equal to 1/1000. This means that the significant wavelet coefficients, and hence the associated groupings of asteroids, have less than 5/1000 (resp 1/1000) risks to be due to chance. This double analysis allows to test the

robustness of the detected grouping versus the level of confidence associated to its detection. Then, the influence of the metric has been tested by performing a new analysis with the "alternative metric" and a statistical level of confidence of 5/1000. Finally the robustness of the significant groupings has been tested versus the accuracy of the proper elements of version 5.7. In this aim we have analyzed a new set of data derived from the original one, in taking into account the instability with respect to time of these proper elements. A deviation predicted by the model (Milani private communication) has been added randomly and independently to each proper element. The rms of these deviations are given by:

$$\sigma(e)^{2} = \frac{(0.021)^{2}}{(g - g_{6})^{4}} + \frac{(0.0147)^{2}}{(g + g_{5} - 2g_{6})^{2}} + \frac{(1.8 \ 10^{-5})^{2}}{(a - 3.28)^{4}}$$

$$+ (0.5)^{2} \sin^{8}(I) + (0.0005)^{2}$$

$$\sigma(\sin(I))^{2} = \frac{(0.038)^{2}}{(g - g_{6})^{4}} + (0.25)^{2} \sin^{8}(I) - 1 + (0.0005)^{2}$$

$$\sigma(a)^{2} = \frac{(1 \ 10^{-5})^{2}}{(a - 3.28)^{4}} + (0.0005)^{2}$$

$$(in \ AU)$$

This semi empirical formula takes into account: (i) the non linear effects of the $g-g_6$ secular resonance, (ii) the non linear forcing term $g+g_5-2g_6$, (iii) the truncation of powers of the inclination larger than 4 in the perturbing function (iv) the effects of the nearby mean motion resonances (mainly the 2:1 resonance), for more details see Milani & Knežević 1992. As pointed out by Milani and Knežević this estimation of the "noise" on the proper elements cannot be proven to held over time spans much longer than that of the used numerical integrations. Nevertheless the analysis of such a "noisy" data set, allows to estimate the influence of the latter effects on the robustness of a significant grouping.

The robustness of each significant grouping detected by means of the standard metric with a level of significance of 5/1000 and with crit. 1 are tested against (i) the noise of the proper elements (ii) the higher statistical level of confidence 1/1000 and (iii) the alternative metric. For each kind of comparison a robustness parameter R_x is computed. Let N_1 be the number of members of the significant grouping identified by the preliminary analysis, N_1' the number of members of the same grouping detected by a secondary analysis and N_c the number of asteroids in common:

$$R_x = 1 - \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{N_1 - N_c}{N_1} + \frac{N_1' - N_c}{N_1'} \right)$$

Where x stands for s1, n or m2 (see later). A robustness parameter such defined gives more information than a simple percentage of common objects. Indeed, as an example, let us consider two cases leading to the same

percentage of common objects: the first case being obtained with $(N_1=100,\ N_c=80,\ N_1'=100)$ and the second one with $(N_1=100,\ N_c=80,\ N_1'=150)$. Although we find 80% of common objects in both cases, the first robustness parameter will be 0.9 and the second one will be 0.666 which characterizes better the robustness of the considered grouping.

Instead of splitting the main belt in 7 zones as it has been done in the previous paper (Bendjoya et al. 1991), this time, only three regions are considered. They are defined from the mean motion resonances with Jupiter: a first one between the 4:1 and 3:1 mean motion resonances (2.065 < a' < 2.501), a second one between 3:1 and 5:2 Kirkwood gaps (2.501 < a' < 2.825), and the last one, between 5:2 and 2:1 gaps (2.825 < a' < 3.278). The merging of the seven previous zones in only three new ones, is made in order to avoid the "ghost family" effect (Milani et al. 1991) which occurs when the members of a very populated family represent a non negligible part of the studied data, leading to the non detection of the less populated families. On the other hand, the aim is to avoid the possibility to "loose" some members of families crossed by a mean motion resonance (like Eos). Figure 1a. and 1b. shows the whole set of analyzed data, projected in the (a', e') and $(a', \sin i')$ planes respectively with the limits of the three zones. The inner zone contains 2543 asteroids, the medium one 1789 and the outer 2147 asteroids.

Finally a rough estimation of the number of interlopers has been performed. An interloper has been defined as being an asteroid associated to a significant grouping by the analysis, but which is not a physically created fragment. One more time we used the results of the simulated family analysis, to estimate the number of interlopers for each groupings detected with the standard metric, applying crit. 1 and with a degree of significance of 5/1000. We have assumed that the number of interlopers depends on the volume of the considered grouping in the proper element space (V_g) , and on the number of objects not belonging to the grouping, and considered as the local background (N_{bg}) , in a fixed portion of volume (V_{bg}) centered on the barycentre of the grouping. The volume of the grouping $V_{\rm g}$ is estimated as follows: being given a significant grouping, the coordinates of the extreme members are determined leading to the knowledge of the expanse of this grouping, $\Delta a'$, $\Delta e'$, and $\Delta \sin i'$. V_g is the volume of the ellipsoid of semi axes $\Delta a'/2$, $\Delta e'/2$ and $\Delta \sin i'/2$. The volume $V_{\rm bg}$ in which we consider the local background is a cube of edge 0.2. Applying this procedure to the different cases of simulated families of Bendjoya et al. 1992, the percentage interlopers has been plotted as a function of $V_{\rm g} \frac{N_{\rm bg}}{V_{\rm bg}}$. The line fitting these experimental values is shown in Fig. 2. This fit is done with a factor of correlation of value 0.947. The number of interlopers for each significant grouping of the main belt is then estimated from the fitted line of slope $\simeq 1.810^{-2}$. Quite obviously we do not extrapolate this "law", and estimate the rough number of interlopers expected when using the W.A.M, only for the values of $V_{\rm g} \frac{N_{\rm bg}}{V_{\rm bg}}$ within the range of the ones computed for the simulations.

The results of the whole analysis are summarized in Tables 1a, 2a and 3a. The reader can find in these tables: (i) the name of the significant grouping with the standard metric at the level 5/1000 with crit. 1 (this name is the one of the least numbered asteroid of the grouping); (ii) the parameter of robustness versus noise Rn; (iii) the parameter of robustness versus the statistical level of significance Rs1; (iv) the same versus the metric Rm2; (v) the averaged robustness parameter R(R = (Rs1 + Rm2 + Rn)/3); (vi) the number of asteroid that can be added to the grouping if crit.2 is applied; (vii) the same with crit. 3; (viii) the same with crit. 4; (ix) the estimated number of interlopers: Ninter. The averaged robustness parameters give global information on the reliability of the detected significant groupings. We have chosen to classify the detected groupings in three classes based on the robustness parameters. The "dynamical families" are the groupings which are still detected at the higher level of significance versus chance, in general these grouping are also robust versus the metric and the noise. The groupings that are not detected at the higher statistical level $(R_{s1} = 0)$, but which are robust enough versus the two other tests $(R_n \neq 0 \text{ and } R_{m2} \neq 0)$ are called the "tribes". Finally the groupings which resist to no or only one test are called the "marginally significant clusters" and are discarded a posteriori. Indeed, they typically correspond to what an eye-analysis can define as a significant grouping without having the possibility to change any parameters of this analysis. We see here, the great advantage of an automated analysis, which allows to make cross comparisons in order to weight the quality of the detected groupings. This nomenclature is a little bit different than the one proposed by Farinella et al. (1991), but still compatible. The main discrepancy, between these two nomenclatures, comes from the fact that the one proposed here, results from several tests of robustness, while Farinella et al.'s one, lying on the HCM classification, is inspired by the sensitivity of the composition of the groupings to the determination of the level of selection. According to the variation of the amount of members as a function of the level chosen to define the groupings, they proposed to classify the groupings in "class", "clusters" and "clumps". Nevertheless, the same kind of information can be obtained here, by looking at the number of members added successively by the more and more relaxed criteria. Of course the term of "asteroid family" is reserved, whatever the method of investigation used, to the groupings which present some physical evidences of a collisional origin, such as: cosmochemical compatibility of the members and/or mass or velocity distributions in good accordance with experiments of fragmentations.

Tables 1 (b to 1), 2 (b to q) and 3 (b to 1) give the composition of the dynamical families and of the tribes. The members added by the different more relaxed criteria are also given. The name of the least numbered asteroid is given with its coordinates $(a', e', \sin i')$ and the number of members. The multi-opposition asteroids have a number greater than 7000 and the reader can find a correspondence table between these numbers and their present nomenclature in appendix.

Finally Table 4 gives for each dynamical family and tribe the number of multi-opposition members and the corresponding families previously identified (when available) by Bendjoya et al. (1991).

3. The results

Twenty six dynamical families have been identified plus 10 tribes. This represents a total of 1950 asteroids (with crit. 1), that is to say $\simeq 30\%$ of the whole set of data, 1754 asteroids belong to dynamical families and 196 to tribes. Over these 1950 asteroids, 648 are multi-opposition objects. The six dynamical families: Hertha, Flora, Eunomia, Eos, Themis, Koronis contain $\simeq 61\%$ of the total number of "family" population. One can remark that even for the dynamical families the global robustness coefficients for the inner zone are in general lower than for the two other regions. This is essentially due to the metric robustness parameter which is lower. Here appears the sensitivity of the W.A.M to the choice of the metric. Indeed the sphere of activity of the analyzing wavelet is modified by the change of the metric, and hence the neighbourhood of the grouping can influence differently its detection according to the choice of the metric. This effect is less present in the HCM method used by Zappalà et al. since individual distances between asteroids are considered and not global distance as in the W.A.M.

3.1. The inner zone

This zone contains 7 dynamical families and 3 tribes. The maximum scale retained to separate the groupings, a_{max} is 320 m/s. Figures 3 show the dynamical families and the tribes identified in this zone with the most restrictive criterion, crit. 1. respectively in the (a', e') plane (Fig. 3a) and in the $(a', \sin i')$ plane (Fig. 3b), and Fig. 3c and Fig. 3d display the whole set members obtained by all the criteria, in the same planes respectively.

The results about the different tests of robustness are found in Table 1a and the memberships of the dynamical families are found in the Tables 1b to 1k.

Hertha dynamical family, with 145 members (82 multiopposition objects) groups together the 32: Amalasuntha, 34: Polona and 35: 1969UN families found in the previous analysis of Bendjoya et al. (1991) (to which we will refer hereafter by "B.p.a" (Bendjoya et al. previous analysis). One can notice that already in B.p.a it had been mentioned that 34: Polona and 35: 1969UN families could merge in a larger grouping including the asteroids Nysa and Hertha. One more time the 44 Nysa asteroid can be added to the Hertha dynamical family when crit.2 is applied. Although this paper is not dedicated to a systematic study of each proposed family but rather to their presentation, we can point out here the need to make deeper physical or chemical investigations before concluding to the break-up origin of a family. Indeed the mixing of different taxonomic types in this dynamical family was already pointed out by Bell (1989). Quite obviously the kind of analysis performed in this work is unable to distinguish such discrepancies. This dynamical family is defined at 320 m/s and seems to be quite homogeneous from a dynamical point of view since only one skeleton is exhibited at each scale. Nevertheless its dependency on the applied criterion is strong and the number of expected interlopers is not negligible.

We can remark that two members of the family 33: Leonce found in B.p.a can be associated to Hertha if crit. 4 is used. It is to be noticed that this family had already given a rather low noise robustness parameter. This leads us to believe that the improvements of the proper elements brought by the version 5.7 of Milani and Knežević have corrected sufficiently the coordinates of the members of 33: Leonce to induce the disappearance of this family.

The Flora dynamical family is the biggest one found by the present analysis, with 368 members, 102 of which are multi-opposition objects. Flora groups together the 21: Lucretia, 22: Berolina, 23: Auravictrix, and 24: Iduberga families identified in B.p.a. The asteroids 281 Lucretia and 700 Auravictrix are detected with crit. 1, 422 Berolina with crit. 2 and 963 Iduberga with crit. 4. One more time, it had already be mentioned in B.p.a, the possibility to define a much more spread family than 22: Berolina which would have been composed by 403 members. The present 3D wavelet analysis, allows to point out that at the smallest studied scale (110 m/s) it exists 9 different skeletons of significant wavelet coefficients (see Bendjoya et al. 1992), which merge in a unique one for the larger scales. This is the track of the presence of several denser groupings within Flora which is in good accordance with the now commonly suggested multi-collisional-event origin of Flora. The presence, in this dynamical family, of the recently visited 951 Gaspra by the Galileo flyby, is in good accordance with the remarks of Williams (1992). He proposed to consider Gaspra to be a piece of the asteroid 8 Flora. His conclusions lie on the similar S type of 951 Gaspra and 8 Flora (Zellner et al. 1985), and also to the proximity of these two asteroids. This proximity appears also in the present analysis since these two asteroids belong to the same denser sub-grouping (formed by 39 members) of the identified Flora dynamical family. The number of interlopers cannot be extrapolated

for Flora, because of its estimated volume which is of about three times the biggest volume of the simulated families. The high density of the background around Flora can be the explanation of the big amount of members added by the relaxed criteria.

The Vesta dynamical family is composed by 79 members with 43 multi-opposition objects. This dynamical family, also defined at 320 m/s, has been particularly pointed out by Zappalà et al. (1992) because of the abundance of the "exotic" V-type members (basaltic). The present composition of Vesta mixes objects such as 63 Ausonia with 4 Vesta which seems incompatible with the cratering event origin proposed for the Vesta family. One more time the need of deeper investigations is pointed out on this example. This dynamical family groups together the 31a: Vesta and 31b: Tinchen of B.p.a. Vesta is the second case, and the last one, for which the number of interlopers cannot be estimated. This time, the great number of asteroids in the background is responsible of this impossibility of extrapolating the curve giving the percentage of interlopers as function of $V_{\rm g} \frac{N_{\rm bg}}{V_{\rm bg}}$. Vesta presents a weaker sensitivity to the criteria than the two previous dynamical families, nevertheless 33 members can be added by the more relaxed criteria.

Erigone is a small dynamical family with 12 members. This dynamical family has not been identified by B.p.a. The low value of the metric robustness parameter is due to the fact that the analysis made with the second metric allows the merging of this dynamical family with Eurynome.

Within the Eurynome dynamical family, also defined at 320 m/s, three different skeletons are pointed out by the analysis, at the smallest studied scales, which merge in a unique one at the other scales. This seems to indicate that, this rather spread family can be due to a multicollisional event or successive break-ups. The percentage of expected interlopers is of order of $\simeq 28\%$.

Metis makes a good "score" for the tests versus the statistical degree of significance and versus the noise, but is not found again with the second metric. This dynamical family, found at 230 m/s, is dense enough in comparison with the local background which allows to detect it at a higher level of confidence versus chance. Moreover Metis is not spoiled by the possible noise of the proper elements, but when the analysis is performed with the second metric its members cannot be rediscovered by applying crit. 1. This is a typical example of the sensitivity of the W.A.M to the metric as already mentioned. This sensitivity is also certainly due to the small number of members of this dynamical family located in a dense background.

Euterpe, also defined at 230 m/s, is composed by two skeletons at the scale 160 m/s containing a group of 4 close asteroids: 4579, 7810, 8025 and 9328. These 4 asteroids are rediscovered at the higher statistical level while the others are not. This dynamical family should

rather be considered as a tribe since only the sub-grouping of the four above mentioned asteroids are statistical level "resistant".

Ella is a little tribe of 15 members which resists pretty well to the tests against the noise and against the metric, but is not sufficiently contrasted to be detected at the higher level of significance.

Lameia and Victoria have respectively 19 and 34 members and are both not sufficiently contrasted to be detected at the higher level significance which has made their classification in tribes. These latter 3 tribes are defined at 230 m/s and are insensitive to the different criteria.

Finally a good agreement is found between: Hertha, Flora and Vesta, and Erigone and the corresponding families found by Zappalà et al. on the same set of data with an improved hierarchical clustering method (private com.) A forthcoming paper, as already mentioned, will propose a detailed comparison.

3.2. The medium zone

This zone provides a large number of very robust dynamical families, since we find 14 dynamical families, and only 2 tribes. All the families found in B.p.a. in zone 4 are rediscovered. The dynamical families of this zone are also characterized by the fact that except for Eunomia a very few number of interlopers is expected for each one. The largest scale considered in this zone is $a_{\rm max}=230~{\rm m/s}$, hence all the dynamical families and tribes are defined at this scale, and only crit. 2 and crit. 3 can be considered. Except Eunomia, once again, and Valda, the groupings in this zone are less sensitive to the different applied criteria than the ones of the inner zone.

Figures 4 show the dynamical families and the tribes identified in this zone respectively, by means of crit. 1, in the (a', e') plane (Fig. 4a) and in the $(a', \sin i')$ plane (Fig. 4b) while Fig. 4c and Fig. 4d display the whole set members obtained by all the criteria, in the same planes respectively. The results about the different test of robustness are found in Table 2a, the memberships of the dynamical families are found in the Tables 2b to 2q.

Antonia is formed by two "adjacent" subgroups: one of 14 members (272 Antonia) and another of 7 members (363 Padua). This later is entirely rediscovered at the higher statistical level. Antonia has been identified in B.p.a as 43: Lydia.

Maria and Dora are two well contrasted dynamical families with almost the same global robustness parameter. They have been identified in B.p.a as 44: Maria and 45: Dora respectively.

Adeona identified as 41b: Adeona in B.p.a can still be seen as a "satellite" of Eunomia, just like Nina since they are 3 very near dynamical families that merge together at scale 320 m/s.

Bower is a tiny dynamical family of 5 members which are all rediscovered at the higher statistical level. This shows that the present automated procedure is able to detect very small but robust families, which have not to be discarded a priori. Such a small dynamical family can be enlarged to 10 members if we consider the more permissive criterion crit. 3., and would be a good candidate for physical parameter study in order to check if such a small and robust grouping is detected because of its collisional origin or if it is due to chance.

Geffion, identified as 42: Leto in B.p.a, is a 37 member dynamical family. Even at the smallest scale only one skeleton is exhibited, which implies a homogeneousness from a dynamical point of view.

Eunomia is the biggest family of the zone with its 156 members (71 multi-opposition objects). As previously mentioned, a not negligible amount of members can be added by applying the two different more relaxed criteria, and the number of expected interlopers represents $\simeq 25\%$ of the members defined by means of crit. 1. The present Eunomia is the 41a: Eunomia family identified in B.p.a. At the contrary of the Flora dynamical family the wavelet analysis does not point out for Eunomia the presence of denser subclusters, since even for the smallest studied scale only one skeleton is associated to this latter. This is the track of a relative homogeneity within Eunomia from a dynamical point of view. If we bring together this homogeneity of Eunomia with its heterogeneousness of taxonomic types, we can be lead to suggest that Eunomia could be due to a succession of catastrophic collisions occurred at different times. About this heterogeneousness it is to be noticed that in B.p.a the presence of 85 Io and 141 Lumen, both of C-type was pointed out as possible interlopers. These two asteroids do not belong anymore to the dynamical family Eunomia, and only 85 Io is one of the possible added members by crit. 2.

Chloris is a dynamical family of 11 members that has not been identified by Williams but is discovered by Zappalà et al. (1992) with the name Idelsonia.

The 17 members of Lilaea (5 multi-opposition objects) have not been found in B.p.a. This dynamical family has been identified by Zappalà et al. in their last identification (1992) with the name Merxia.

All the members of Misa defined by Zappalà et al. 1992 are rediscovered here. As for Dora and Adeona, this dynamical family is entirely rediscovered at the higher statistical level.

Agnia is composed by two sub-clusters associated to two different skeletons at 160 m/s: one with 15 members (2514 Taiyuan) and the other one with 20 members (847) Agnia). These two sub-clusters are contrasted enough to be rediscovered at a statistical level of 1/1000. These two sub-groups are associated to the same skeleton at 230 m/s. Moreover at this later scale, the tribe Concordia is also associated to the same skeleton. Concordia is also composed by two sub-clusters, also distinguishable at 160 m/s, : a sub-cluster of 9 members (58 Concordia) and the other one with 7 members (128 Nemesis). This time these two sub-clusters do not "survive" at the higher statistical level. It seems that they are four groupings, close enough to be detected at the scale 230 m/s by the same skeleton, but two of these four groupings are dense enough to be classified as a dynamical family composed by two "tangent" smaller dynamical families. The two other sub-groupings form a tribe of two "tangent" smaller tribes. As it is impossible to distinguish the membership of Agnia or of Concordia for the asteroids added by crit. 3, we only consider those added by crit. 2.

The 47 members of Valda are found in seven skeletons the scale 160 m/s merging in a unique one at the following scale of 230 m/s. Either a dense local background allows to make some bridges between not genetically related small groupings, or this can be the track of multi-collisional history. Nevertheless the number of members added by the more relaxed criteria and the non negligible number of expected interlopers seems to indicate the first hypothesis as the right one. Then we can notice that the two more robust groupings are on one hand a 21 member grouping (262 Valda) and on the other hand a 11 member one (1644 Rafita).

Finally Pandora is a 21 members tribe with only 2 multi-opposition objects. This rather spread tribe is very sensitive to the "noise" in the proper element computation, just as Mellena dynamical family.

Dora, Maria, Antonia, Adeona, Lilaea, Geffion, Eunomia, Chloris, Misa, Agnia and Valda are also found by Zappalà et al. in their classification of 1992 and their memberships are in good accordance with the present identification.

3.3. The outer zone

Five dynamical families have been identified in this zone with a high global robustness parameter, and 5 tribes must be added to the classification made in this zone. This zone contains the three big and well known Hirayama's families: Eos, Koronis and Themis. As in the inner, zone a_{max} is equal to 320 m/s. The number of expected interlopers is low for all the groupings of this zone, while the number of added members by means of the different criteria is large. Figures 5 show the dynamical families and the tribes identified in this zone, by means of crit. 1 respectively in the (a', e') plane (Fig. 5a) and in the $(a', \sin i')$ plane (Fig. 5b), Fig. 5c and Fig. 5d show the whole set members obtained by all the criteria, in the same planes respectively. The results about the different tests of robustness are found in Table 3a, the memberships of the dynamical families are found in the Tables 3b to 3k.

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Eos is a dynamical family of 219 members (only 28 multi-opposition). The 61: Eos family of B.p.a was composed by 172 numbered objects of the present Eos. This dynamical family is particular in the sense that it is crossed by the $g+s-g_6-s_6$ resonance and also by the $g+s-g_5+s_7$ resonance (Milani & Knežević 1992). This particularity will be considered in the following section with the cases of Eunomia, Agnia and Padua.

Koronis is a compact big dynamical family with 161 members (37 multi-opposition) which 24 asteroids can be added to, with crit. 2. This dynamical family was 51: Koronis in B.p.a. The other candidate of the Galileo flyby is 243 Ida which, as pointed out by Williams (1991) is a S-type asteroid as other members of Koronis.

Themis is the dynamical family the most sensitive to the choice of criteria since 99, 54 and 58 asteroids can respectively be added, by means of crit. 2, crit. 3 and crit. 4, to its 177 members defined with crit. 1. This particular sensitivity has been already pointed out in B.p.a. The discrepancies between the B.p.A determination and the one of Zappalà et al. (1990), has been explained by the probable "core-halo" structure of Themis. The previous wavelet analysis was unable to extract from the background the halo around the core which was the only part recognizable. The present 3D analysis is able to point out such a peculiar structure through the big amount of asteroids added by the different criteria and through the fact that the number of expected interlopers is low.

The dynamical family Hygiea is "tangent" to the tribe Isergina since these two groupings associated to two different skeletons at 160 m/s are detected by a unique skeleton at the successive scales. Their different behaviors against the statistical level robustness test allow to classify them into two the different classes: dynamical family and tribe respectively. Since the distinction between these two groupings is impossible from the scale 230 m/s we only consider the members added to both of them, by means of crit. 2.

Aralia and Brasilia are two tribes of respectively 13 and 23 members.

Meliboea was not discovered in B.p.a and the authors had proposed that this family, found at this time by Zappalà et al. (1990), was missed because of the projection effects that smoothed the contrast of this tribe. As it has been suggested in B.p.a, the 3D method is able to discover this 19 member family. Its zero statistical level robustness parameter indicates that this tribe is effectively weakly contrasted as expected.

Finally Benda is a tribe of 10 members with 4 multiopposition objects.

 $734~\mathrm{Benda}$ is a $78.6~\mathrm{km}$ object and $861~\mathrm{Aida}$ is a $70~\mathrm{km}$ one.

One more time a good agreement with the last classification of Zappalà et al. (1992) is found for Veritas, Eos, Koronis Themis, Hygiea and Meliboea. We can already mention that, for Eos, Koronis and Themis the agreement is better if we consider the classification made by means of crit. 2.

3.4. The resonant cases

Eunomia is crossed by the $g_6-g_5+s-s_6$ resonance, Padua and Agnia, by the $g-g_6+s-s_6$ resonance and Eos by the $g+s-g_6-s_6$ resonance and also by the $g+s-g_5+s_7$. For the close-to-resonance asteroids, the way that the proper elements have been computed is not correct. Therefore the quality code of the proper elements of such asteroids can be increased artificially, so much that they may have not been take into account in the set of data. In order to detected the possible "orphans" of these families, we have performed a new analysis, including the asteroids for which the quality code of the proper elements is greater than 20, and applying crit. 1.

Padua and Agnia are unchanged. For Eunomia 9 different members: 2822, 3041, 3080, 3569, 7000, 7917, 8401, 8587, and 9111 are within Eunomia.

For Eos the following asteroids are added to this dynamical family.

320 766 1075 1174 1552 1723 1753 2115 2453 2909 3140 3310 3328 3736 3876 4059 4115 4170 4600 7064 8441 8460 9085 9228 9623

4. Conclusion

The 3D wavelet clustering method has made its proofs of reliability on several "artificial" families which allows to be confident in the results proposed by the present work. The twenty six dynamical families and the 10 tribes presented here, have passed several tests against the level of significance versus chance, against the "noise" in the proper elements, and against two sufficiently different metrics.

A good agreement is obtained between most of the dynamical families and the classification of Zappalà et al. (1992), and most of the tribes have in common several elements with the classification of Williams (1979).

Moreover the present method allows to suggest or to predict different scenario of the formation of the proposed "families" (total disruption, multi-breaking events, structures in "core-halo").

The limitation of such an analysis has been pointed out, and the reader must keep in mind that no conclusion about the certainty of a break-up event can be made without deeper physical and chemical investigations such as albedos, colors spectra and taxonomic classifications.

Nevertheless the dynamical families and the tribes defined in this paper can be considered as a significant set of candidates for such investigations.

These different physical data will be analyzed (when available) in a forthcoming paper for each of the families presently proposed and a systematic comparison family by family will be done with the classifications of other family searchers.

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Table 1a. Results for the inner zone: (i) the name of the significant grouping with the standard metric at the level 5/1000 with crit. 1 (this name is the one of significance R_{s1} ; (iv) the same versus the metric R_{m2} ; (v) the averaged robustness parameter $R(R=(R_{s1}+R_{m2}+R_{n})/3)$; (vi) the number of asteroid of the least numbered asteroid of the grouping); (ii) the parameter of robustness versus noise R_n ; (iii) the parameter of robustness versus the statistical level that can be added to the grouping if crit. 2 is applied; (vii) the same with crit. 3; (viii) the same with crit. 4; (ix) the estimated number of interpolers: Ninter

Table 1b to 1k. Lists of members of the dynamical families and tribes of the inner zone

Table 1b.

Name	Nmemb	Rn	Rs1	Rm2	R	N2	N3	N4	Ninter
135 Hertha	145	0.923	0.956	0.850	0.909	41	33	25	40
8 Flora	368	0.861	0.933	0.816	0.870	52	55	27	*
4 Vesta	- 62	0.888	0.876	0.833	0.866	17	00	∞	*
163 Erigone	12	0.917	0.958	0.583	0.819	H	2	-	0
79 Eurynome	43	0.842	0.771	0.637	0.750	က	0	0	12
9 Metis	11	0.958	0.955	.0	0.638	0	0	0	0
27 Euterpe	17	0.947	0.318	0.535	0.600	-	-	0	-
435 Ella	15	0.969	ö	0.816	0.595	0	0	0	-
248 Lameia	19	ij	.0	0.769	0.590	0	0	0	н
12 Victoria	34	0.662	· · ·	0.532	0.398	-	0	0	6

Nmemb: the number of members
Rn: the noise robustness parameter
Rs1: the statistical level robustness parameter
Rm2: the metric robustness parameter
R: the averaged robustness parameter
R2: number of members added by means of crit. 2
N3: the same by means of crit. 3
N4 the same by means of crit. 4
Ninter: the number of expected interlopers

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Table 1c.

8 Flora (2.20144 .1443 .0939

 $763\ 770\ 800\ 802\ 836\ 841\ 851\ 871\ 883\ 905\ 913\ 929\ 937\ 939\ 951$

members added by crit. 2

 $.577\ 2017\ 2402\ 2438\ 2500\ 2609\ 2678\ 2682\ 2750\ 2887\ 2890\ 2975\ 3073\ 3244\ 3253$ $3301\ 3413\ 3533\ 3669\ 3698\ 3840\ 3919\ 4145\ 4204\ 4338\ 4443\ 4606\ 7057\ 7206\ 7644$ 352 422 540 825 831 915 1016 1130 1249 1307 1338 1396 1412 1455 1472

members added by crit. 3

Table 1d.

79 members .0994 .1106 Vesta

Table 1e.

members added by crit. 1448 members added by crit. 2348 3052 members added by crit. 4 4675

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Table 1f.

79 Eurynome (2.44425 .1775 .0870) 43 members

members added by crit. 2 1217 1296 3018 Table 1g.

Table 1h.

members added by crit. 4468 members added by crit. 3 8824 Table 1i.

Table 1j.

)19 members

(2.47093.0731.0852

Lameia

Table 1k.

34 members 12 Victoria (2.33424 .1742 .1617

members added by crit. 2 8539

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309 9504 9685

.2595) 52 members

Table 2a. The same as Table 1a but for the medium zone

Name	Nmemb	Rn	Rs1	Rm2	R	N2	N3	Ninter
272 Antonia	21	1.	0.952	0.976	926.0	2	က	0
170 Maria	52	0.951	0.981	0.972	0.968	4	က	2
668 Dora	44	996.0	996.0	996.0	996.0	7	ъ	0
145Adeona	26	0.948	1.	0.933	096.0	ന	0	0
1639 Bower	5	1.	-:	0.857	0.952	-	4	0
1272 Geffion	37	0.959	0.959	0.910	0.943	က		0
15 Eunomia	156	0.931	0.961	0.921	0.938	21	12	40
779 Nina	œ	0.944	0.938	0.900	0.927	2	Н	0
410 Chloris	11	0.958	0.955	0.843	0.922	2	က	0
213 Lilaea	17	;	0.853	0.824	0.892	0	0	0
569 Misa	13	0.729	-i	0.933	0.887	က	2	0
847 Agnia	35	0.874	0.868	0.884	0.875	-		4
262 Valda	47	0.743	0.734	0.801	0.759	13	9	13
869 Mellena	6	0.556	0.778	0.361	0.519	2	2	0
55 Pandora	21	0.536	0.	0.884	0.473	ಬ	2	က
58 Concordia	16	0.840	0.	0.313	0.384	4		

Table 2b to 2q. The same as Tables 1b to 1k but for the medium zone

Table 2b.

0692) 21 members

272 Antonia (2.77779 .0497 .0692) 21 m	272 308 363 1420 1726 2306 2560 2930 2996 4124 4516 7 7925 8179 8391 8685 9195 9485	0 7: 11 11	members added by CIU.2 1372 2732 3020 8452 8518	members added by crit.2	203 673 1517		Table 2c.	170 Maria (2.55376 .1039 .2595) 52 n	170 472 575 616 660 695 714 727 787 875 879 897	3637 3786 3970 4099 4104 4122 4167 4673 7133 7153 723 888 3970 4099 4104 4122 4167 4673 7133 7153 723		members added by crit. 2 3332 4569 7324 9051		members added by cnt. 3 652 3537 8090		
Ninter	0	2	0	0	0	0	40	0	0	0	0	4	13	0	က	
N3	က	က	rs	0	4	-	12	-	က	0	2		9	70	7	
N2	2	4	8	က	-	က	21	2	2	0	က	-	13	2	ഹ	4
R	926.0	996.0	996.0	0.960	0.952	0.943	0.938	0.927	0.922	0.892	0.887	0.875	0.759	0.519	0.473	0.384
Rm2	926.0	0.972	996.0	0.933	0.857	0.910	0.921	0.900	0.843	0.824	0.933	0.884	0.801	0.361	0.884	0.313
Rs1	0.952	0.981	996.0	1:	ij	0.959	0.961	0.938	0.955	0.853	-i	0.868	0.734	0.778	0.	0.
Rn	i	0.951	996.0	0.948	.:	0.959	0.931	0.944	0.958	÷	0.729	0.874	0.743	0.556	0.536	0.840
Nmemb	21	52	44	26	ಬ	37	156	œ	11	17	13	35	47	6	21	16
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Table 2d.

668 Dora (2.79662.1986.1363

44 members

members added by crit. 2

8503 9095

members added by crit. 351 826 2992 4534 8298

Table 2e.

145 Adeona (2.67278 .1688 .2030) 26 members

members added by crit. 2

4523 9302 9390

Table 2f.

1639 Bower (2.57334 .1408 .1586) 5 members 1639 3815 4561 7711 8870

members added by crit. 2 4595

members added by crit. 342 544 1226 3528

Table 2g.

1272 Geffion (2.78377.1297.1566) 37 members

members added by crit. 3853 4020 4417 members added by crit. 255 Table 2h.

15 Eunomia (2.64368 .1462 .2263) 156 members

members added by crit. 2

members added by crit. 3

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Table 2i.

779 Nina (2.66554.1792.2679)8 members

members added by crit. 2771 3197 members added by crit. 3

8354

Table 2j.

members added by crit. 4200 8631

members added by crit. 3

109 187 9278

Table 2k.

8433 8568

Table 2m.

members added by crit. 2 7357

Table 2l.

members added by crit. 2

8003 9499 9671

members added by crit. 3

4108 7701

569 Misa (2.65761 .1799 .0395) 13 members

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Table 2n.

* 847 Agnia (2.78281.0680.0624) 20 members

* 2514 Taiyuan (2.65090.0641.0468) 15 members

see text

)47 members 262 Valda * (2.55359.1967.122

9361 9626

members added by crit. 2

members added by crit. 3

*262 Valda (2.55359.1967.122) 21 members

see text

869 Mellena (2.69200.2231.1335) 9 members

Table 20.

members added by crit. 2

1277 1555

members added by crit.

Table 2p.

55 Pandora

members added by crit. 2 2715 3294 3389 7515 8143 members added by crit. 3

1176 7603

Table 2q.

* (2.69998 .0808 .0818) 16 members 58 Concordia

9330

members added by crit.

* 58 Concordia (2.69998 .0808 .0818) 9 members

* 128 Nemesis (2.75012.0909.0902) 7 members

* see text

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Table 3b to 31. The same as Tables 1b to 1k but for the outer zone

Table 3b.

members added by crit. 2 1351

Name	Nmemb	Rn	Rs1	Rm2	R	N2	N3	N4	Ninter
490 Veritas	12	0.962	ij	ij	0.987	-	0	0	0
221 Eos	219	0.970	866.0	0.936	0.968	38	14	16	ъ
158 Koronis	161	0.969	-;	0.923	0.964	25	12.	13	0
24 Themis	177	0.969	0.994	0.856	0.940	66	54	58	16
10 Hygiea	29	0.931	0.821	0.809	0.854	œ			4
293 Brasilia	13	0.923	0	0.964	0.629	0	0	0	0
137 Meliboea	19	0.947	0.	0.903	0.616	0	-	က	0
973 Aralia	23	0.935	0.	0.845	0.593	1	0	-	-
1271 Isergina	19	0.974	0.	908.0	0.593	4			-
734 Benda	10	1.	0.	0.600	0.533	1	0	0	0

Table 3d.

221 Eos (3.01244 .0879 .1770) 219 members
221 339 450 513 520 529 562 573 579 590 608 633 639 651 653
661 669 742 775 798 807 833 876 890 1087 1105 1112 1129 1186 1199
$1207\ 1210\ 1220\ 1286\ 1287\ 1291\ 1297\ 1339\ 1353\ 1364\ 1388\ 1410\ 1413\ 1416\ 1434\ \Big $
1464 1485 1533 1557 1604 1605 1641 1649 1654 1711 1732 1737 1758 1767 1780 \mid
1786 1787 1801 1812 1826 1844 1852 1861 1882 1887 1903 1957 2027 2052 2091
2111 2124 2136 2179 2180 2191 2206 2216 2263 2309 2315 2345 2358 2387 2400
2413 2416 2425 2443 2459 2471 2476 2522 2523 2531 2578 2600 2618 2622 2632
2646 2677 2686 2690 2706 2711 2740 2752 2767 2787 2804 2836 2889 2907 2928
2957 2982 3003 3028 3088 3126 3168 3190 3194 3214 3232 3237 3250 3312 3318 \parallel
3329 3357 3366 3425 3469 3505 3506 3560 3570 3582 3620 3638 3713 3750 3772
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N°1

Table 3e.

oronis (2.86884 .0455 .0375) 161 members

members added by crit. 2

members added by crit. 4

Thomis (919/50 151/ 0180) 177 mamh

Table 3f.

members added by crit. 2

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members added by crit. 3

members added by crit. 4

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Table 3g.

)29 members 10 Hygiea (3.14228 .1342 .0884

Table 3h.

1271 Isergina (3.13526.1023.0995) 19 members

members added by crit. 1961 3754 7761 8646 293 Brasilia (2.86187.1283.2586) 13 members

Table 3i.

Table 3j.

members added by crit. 3 3106 members added by crit. 4 199 786 7564 Table 3k.

23 members 973 Aralia (3.22516 .0801 .2791

members added by crit. 2 9102 members added by crit. 4 1520 Table 31.

members added by crit. 2

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Table 4. For each dynamical families and tribes the number of multi-opposition members and the corresponding families previously identified (when available) by Bendjoya et al. (1991)

Name	Nmemb	Nmo	family version 4.2
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Vesta	79	43	31a + 31b
Erigone	12	7	
Eurynome	43	15	
Metis	11	6	
Euterpe	17	6	
Ella	15	9	
Lameia	19	5	
Victoria	34	11	
Antonia	21	10	43
Maria	52	14	44
Dora	44	23	45
Adeona	26	7	41b
Bower	5	2	
Geffion	37	11	42
Eunomia	156	71	41a
Nina	8	2	
Chloris	11	5	
Lilaea	17	5	
Misa	13	7	
Agnia	35	16	46
Valda	47	19	
Mellenaa	9	1	
Pandora	21	2	
Concordia	16	7	
Veritas	12	4	72
Eos	219	28	61
Koronis	161	37	51
Themis	177	43	71
Hygiea	29	20	
Brasilia	13	0	
Meliboea	19	6	
Aralia	23	7	
Isergina	19	9	
Benda	10	4	

Nmemb: number of members
Nmo: number of multi-opposition objects
family version 4.2: The corresponding family (when available)
from Bendjoya et al. 1991 analysis

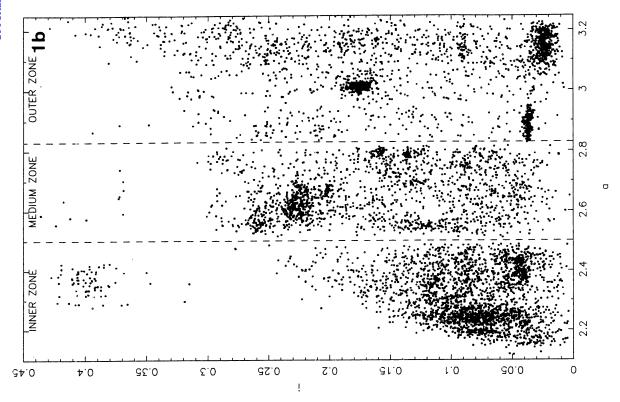
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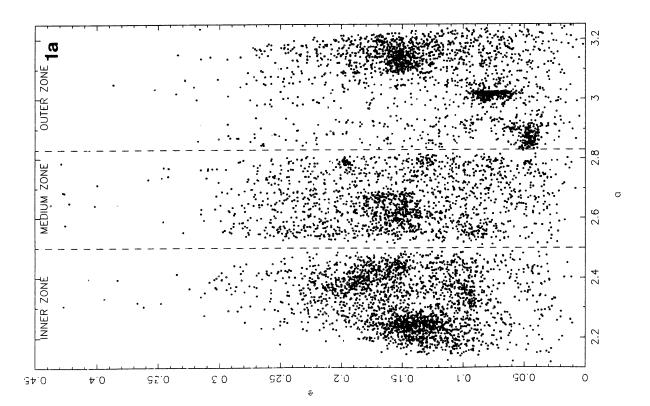
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								7677			
701								7681			
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701		7194						L 7684	1981EY1	7854	1981EV4
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								7711		7866	1981ED4
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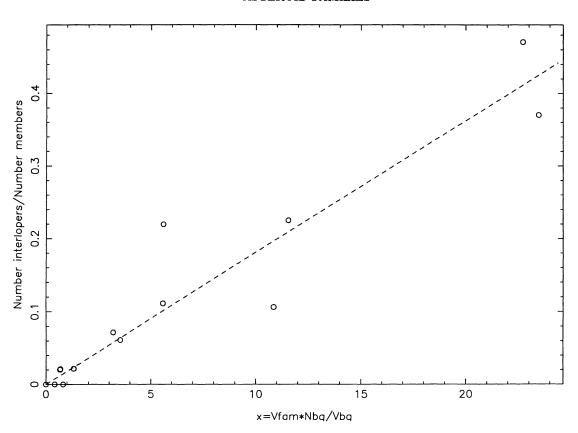
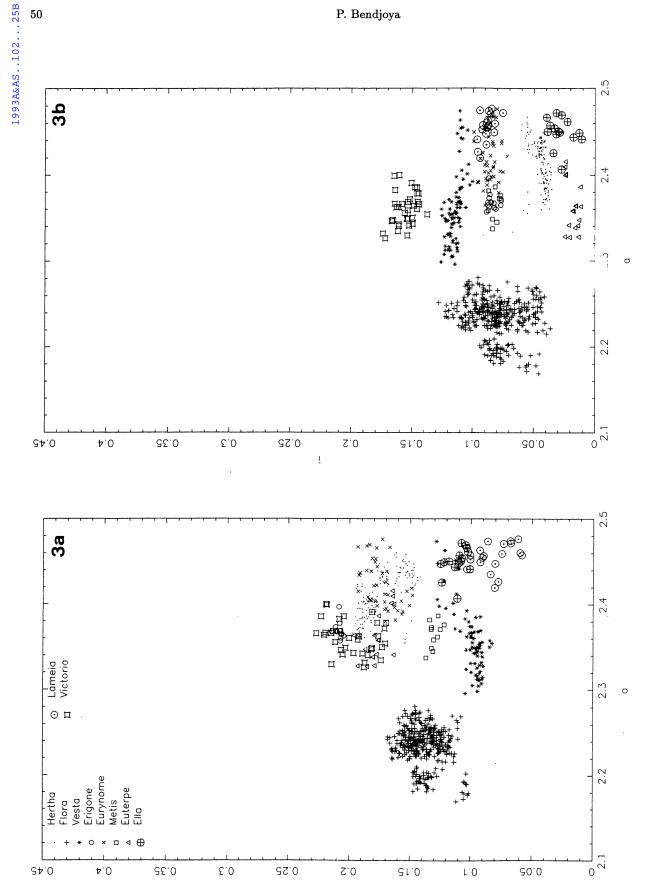
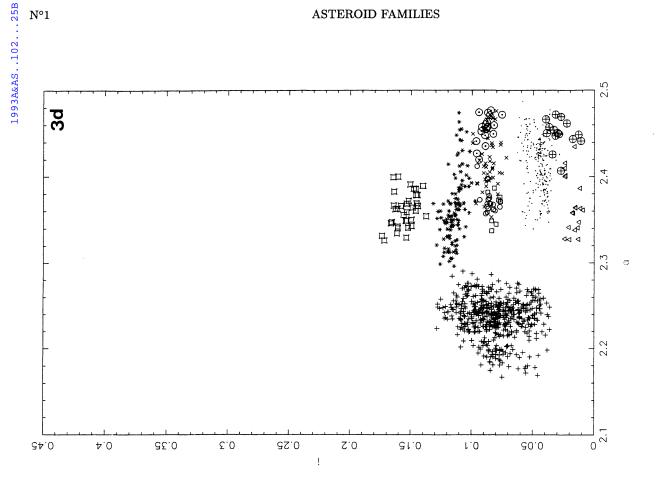
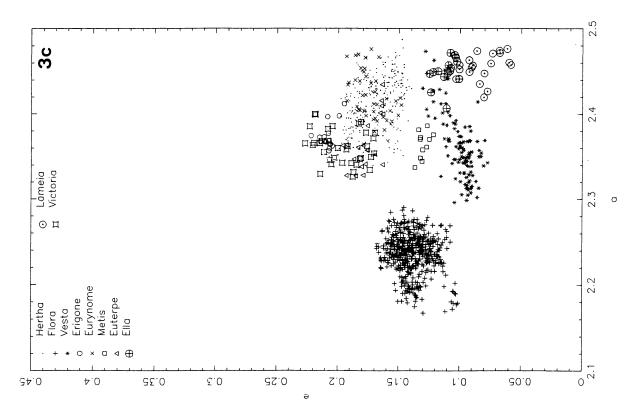


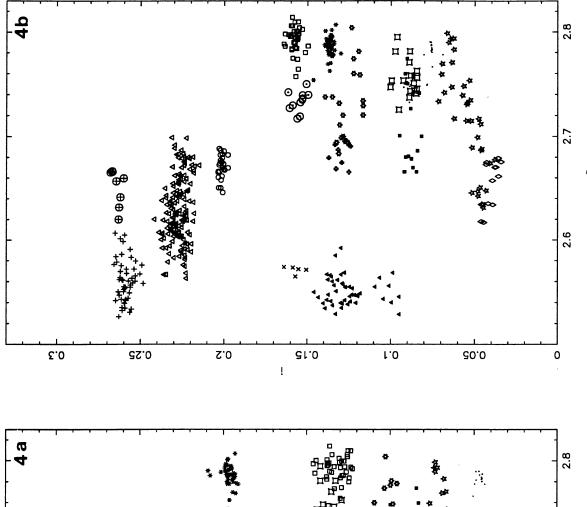
Fig. 2. The percentage of interlopers determined from the simulated families (Bendjoya et al. 1992) as a function of $V_{\rm g}N_{\rm bg}/V_{\rm bg}$.



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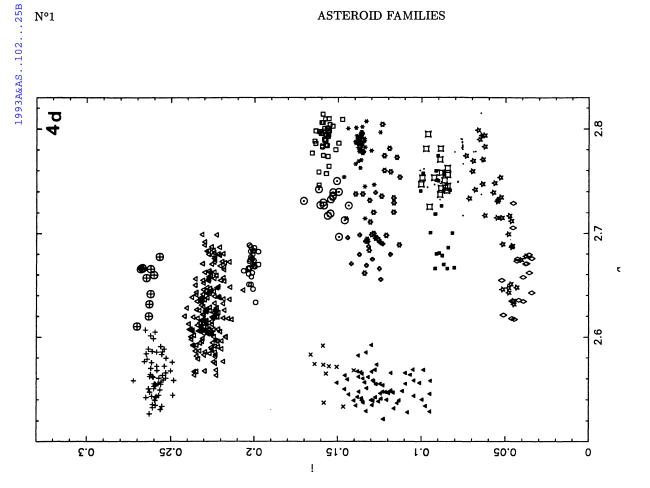
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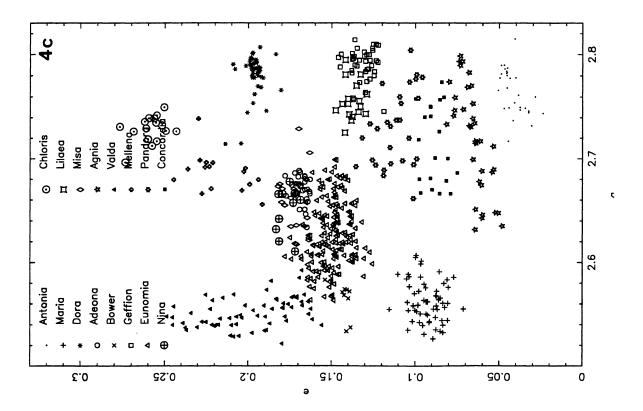
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