

Eurybates — a single asteroid family among Trojans

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ABSTRACT

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1 INTRODUCTION

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Trojans as an important test of the planetary migration theory

inclination distribution, namely large spread of I the Late Heavy Bombardment provides the timing of the Jupiter–Saturn 1:2 resonance

quite many families were proposed by Roig et al. (2008), based on a relatively sparse SLOAN data

Eurybates is a C-type family

REF Brož and Vokrouhlický (2008) studied Hilda group in the J3/2 resonance and reported 2 families: Hilda and Schubart with approximately 200 and 100 km parent bodies.

REF Bottke on delivery of D-types

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2 METHODS

In order to characterise possible groups in Trojan region, we need the following information

2.1 Resonant elements

numerical integrator, on-line digital filter

resonant elements: libration amplitude d , eccentricity e , inclination $\sin i$

definition in Milani (1993)

The values of elements agree with that of Milani & Knezevic

there are few outliers, because we have a different time scale of the computation

how many orbits were calculated

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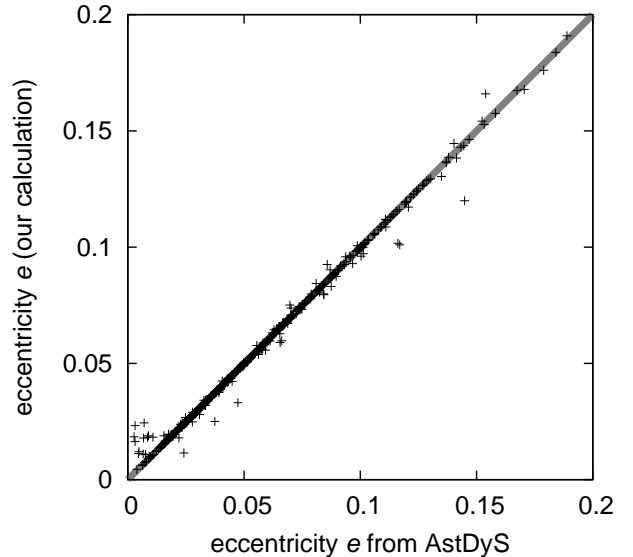


Figure 1. Comparison of our resonant elements to that of Milani & Knezevic (AstDyS catalogue). line $x = y$.

2.2 Hierarchical clustering

HCM method (REF Zappala et al.) d_1 metrics in the space of resonant elements (not proper) code by D. Nesvorný

$N(v_{\text{cutoff}})$ dependence is useful

comparison to random background

Eurybates, Aneas, 1998 RG₁₀ seem to be concentrated towards the center

Figure 2

Figure 3

2.3 Size-frequency distribution

assume a single value of albedo for a real family

we also test different albedo distribution dependent on size, as discovered by Jewitt et al. ???

Figure 4

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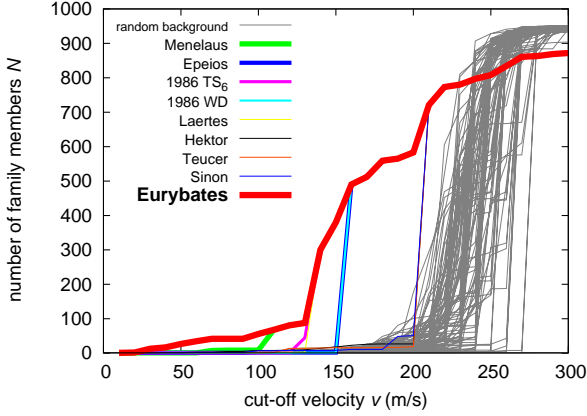


Figure 2. Dependence of number of family members N versus cutoff velocity v_{cutoff} for HCM. L4 cloud.

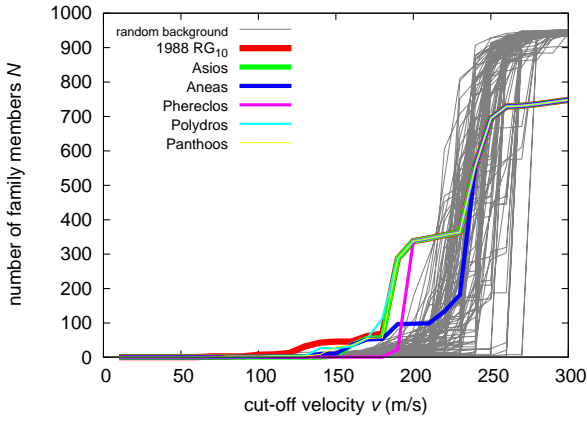


Figure 3. Dependence of number of family members N versus cutoff velocity v_{cutoff} for HCM. L5 cloud.

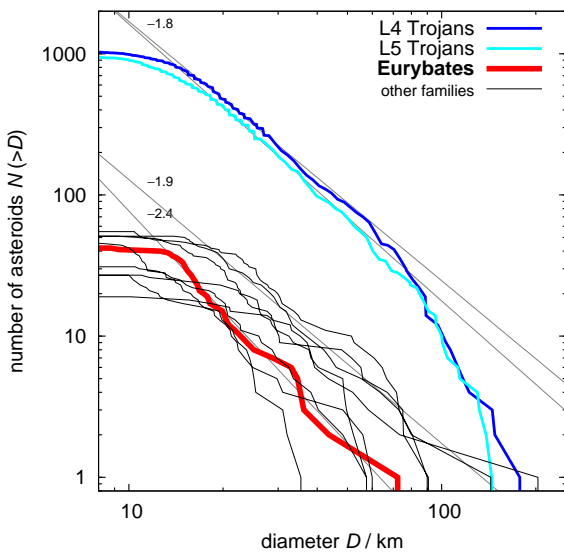


Figure 4. Size distribution of L5 Trojans and the Eurybates family.

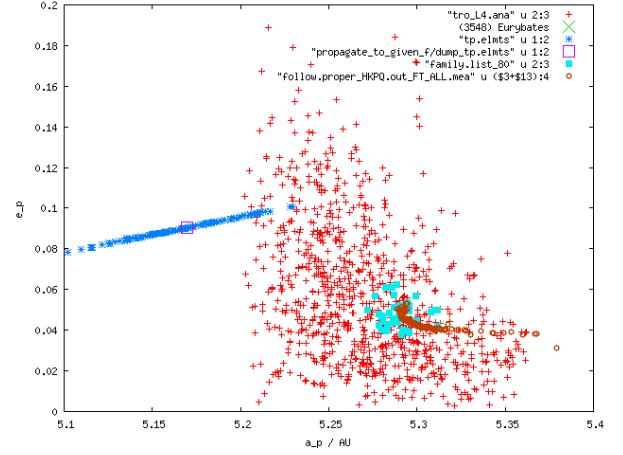


Figure 5. The synthetic family just after the impact disruption event. $f = 0^\circ$ A different geometry in f, ω produces a slightly different cluster, nevertheless, it is always smaller than the observed Eurybates family.

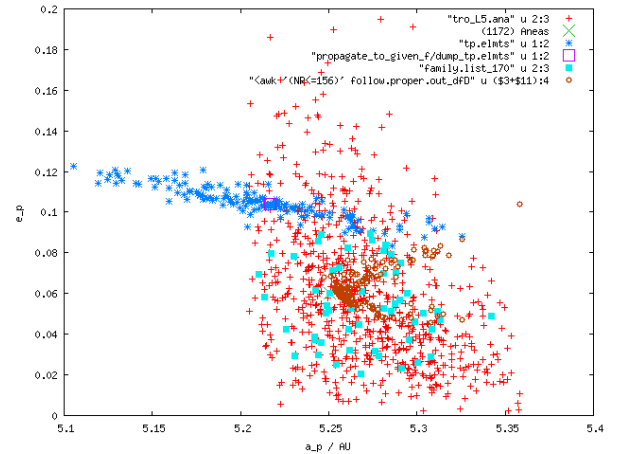


Figure 6. The synthetic family, which should correspond to the Aeneas group, just after the impact disruption event. $f = 135^\circ$ A different geometry in f, ω produces a slightly different cluster, nevertheless, it is way too smaller than the observed Aeneas group.

2.4 Colour data

Sloan DSS

we expect the family to be homogeneous comparison with Roig et al. (2008)

2.5 Impact disruption model

similar to Brož & Vokrouhlický (2008)

PB size, escape velocity and the current extent of the family should agree at least to some level

Of course, there is further evolution by Yarkovsky drift too.

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2.6 Planetary migration

numerical integrator

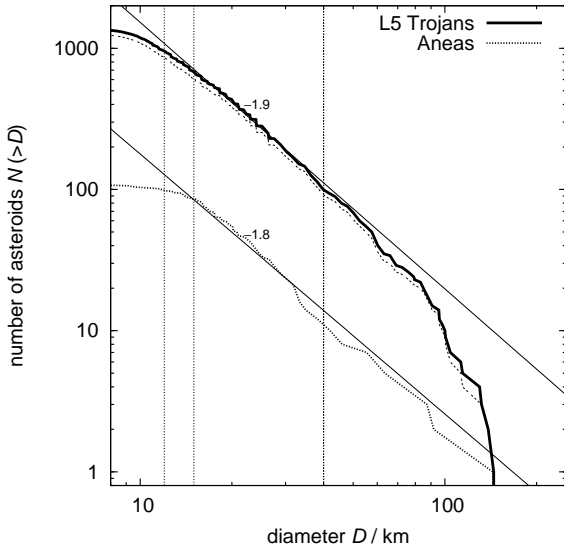


Figure 7. Size distribution of L5 Trojans and the Aeneas group.

semi-analytical treatment of migration
eccentricity damping

2.7 Yarkovsky/YORP effect

numerical integrator
both diurnal and seasonal effects
YORP is not taken into account directly, only random reorientations the time scale τ_{YORP} is anyway too long to significantly change orbits
evolution over 4 Gyr

3 ASTEROID FAMILIES AND INSIGNIFICANT GROUPINGS

3.1 Eurybates collisional family

description of the group, decision on velocity v_{cutoff} , SFD, colours
the group fulfils all criteria to be considered a collisional family
Figure $N(v_{\text{cutoff}})$
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3.2 Group denoted Aeneas

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small PB size
impossible to match an impact with the current spread, even if we account for 4 Gyr of orbital evolution due to Yarkovsky effect
it looks like a portion of the L4 cloud, with approximately background density
heterogeneous colours
not a real collisional family
Figure 7

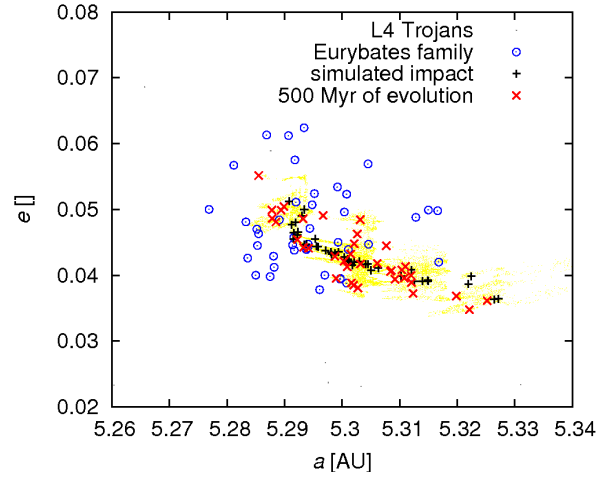


Figure 8. Evolution of the synthetic family over 500 Myr versus the observed Eurybates family. The spread in e is not sufficient to match the observations.

3.3 Group denoted 1988 RG₁₀

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4 LONG-TERM EVOLUTION OF TROJAN FAMILIES

4.1 Evolution due to Yarkovsky effect

detailed long-term evolution by Yarkovsky effect over 4 Gyr
Kolmogorov-Smirnov test of the eccentricity distribution
estimate of age: more than 1 Gyr
evolution in inclination is negligible, very slow
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Figure 9
Figure 10
Figure 11
Figure 12

4.2 Stability during planetary migration

all families are strongly unstable even during very late stages of migration
there are practically no migration scenarios, which would produce a sufficiently compact group, especially if we further evolve the orbits by the Yarkovsky effect till today
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 $\tau_{\text{mig}} = 30 \text{ Myr}$
try also different values of τ_{mig}
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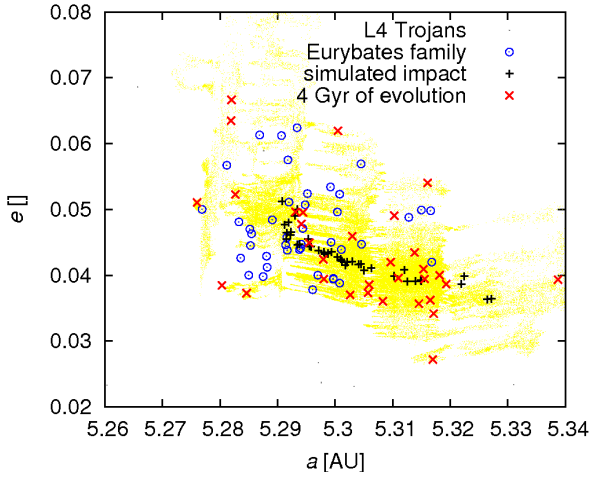


Figure 9. Evolution of the synthetic family over 4 Gyr versus the observed Eurybates family. The spread of eccentricities is too large compared to the observed family.

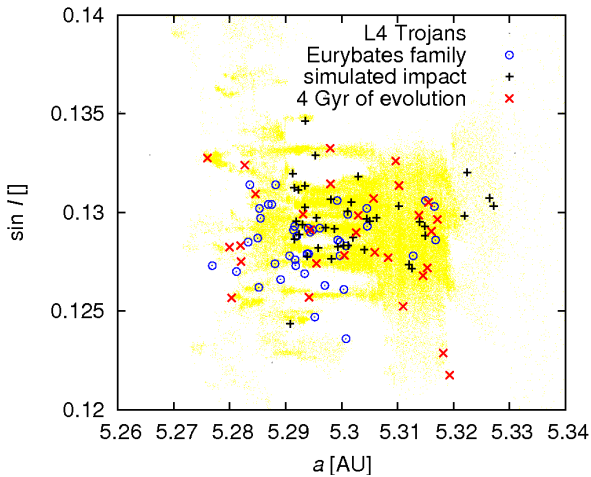


Figure 10. Evolution of the synthetic family over 4 Gyr compared to the observed Eurybates family. Inclinations evolve only barely.

4.3 Families lost by ballistic transport

How many families cannot be identified, because the breakup occurred at the outskirts of the stable libration zone?
probably most of families should be visible ???
(this was suggested by Bill Bottke) ???

4.4 Collisional rates

collisional rates are low in the current Solar System
Trojan-Trojan collision play a major role, orbits are practically detached from the Main Belt
in concert with only one family among Trojans

4.5 An application to extrasolar planetary system HD 209458

what happens to Trojans of HD 209458, if the planet approaches the star from a large (Jupiter-like) distance?

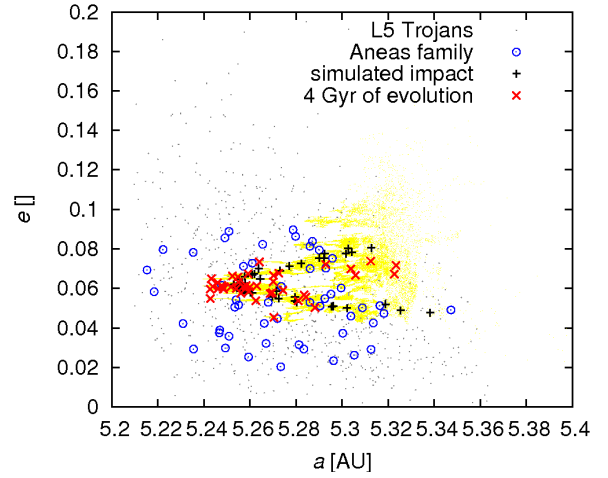


Figure 11. Evolution of the synthetic family over 4 Gyr versus the observed Aeneas group. The spread of eccentricities is too large compared to the observed family.

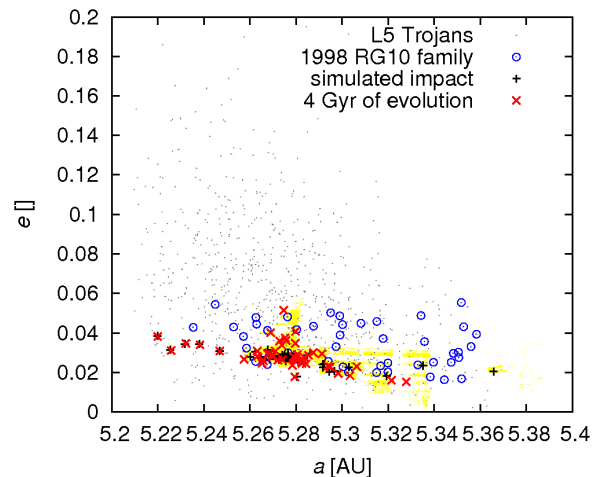


Figure 12. Evolution of the synthetic family over 4 Gyr versus the observed 1998 RG₁₀ group. The spread of eccentricities is too large compared to the observed family.

a numerical test

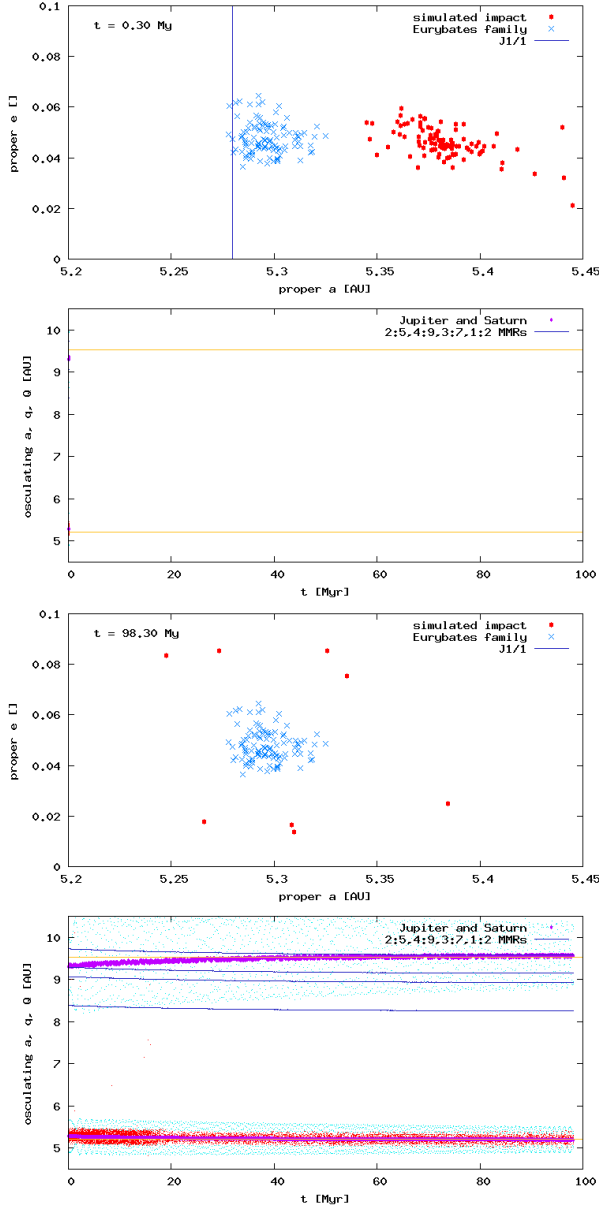
REF Vokrouhlický on observability of Trojans
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5 CONCLUSIONS

no D-type families anywhere in the Solar System
may be, D-type parent bodies are too weak and the target is pulverized during a collision?
implications for collisional models
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Figure 13. Evolution of a synthetic family during late phase of planetary migration, Left: state at 0 Myr. Right: 100 My. The family is almost destroyed and it is definitely incompatible with the observed Eurybates family.

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