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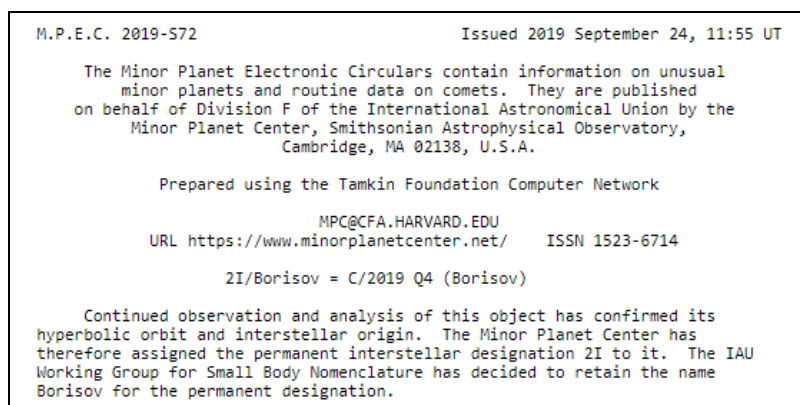
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2I/BORISOV = C/2019 Q4 (BORISOV)

Da ieri la cometa C/2019 Q4 (Borisov), scoperta il 30 agosto (v. *Nova* 1597 e 1598 rispettivamente del 13 e 14 settembre 2019), è ufficialmente il secondo oggetto interstellare dopo 1I/'Oumuamua, avvistato per la prima volta nell'ottobre 2017.

Già dopo una settimana di osservazioni da parte di astronomi dilettanti e professionisti, il Minor Planet Center dell'IAU (International Astronomical Union) era stato in grado di calcolare un'orbita preliminare per la cometa C/2019 Q4 (Borisov) che suggeriva che questo oggetto era interstellare.

L'orbita è ora sufficientemente nota e l'oggetto ha origine inequivocabilmente interstellare: ieri la circolare M.P.E.C. 2019-S72 (2019 September 24, 11:55 UT) lo ha ufficialmente designato come secondo oggetto interstellare, chiamandolo 2I/Borisov.



La Circolare del Minor Planet Center del 24 settembre 2019 che annuncia 2I/Borisov.

<https://www.minorplanetcenter.net/mpec/K19/K19S72.html>

Delle migliaia di comete scoperte finora, nessuna ha un'orbita iperbolica come quella di 2I/Borisov. A soli due anni dalla scoperta del primo oggetto interstellare 1I/'Oumuamua, questa nuova scoperta suggerisce che tali oggetti potrebbero essere sufficientemente numerosi da fornire un nuovo modo di investigare i processi nei sistemi planetari oltre il nostro.

2I/Borisov raggiungerà il suo perielio il 7 dicembre 2019, quando sarà a 2 unità astronomiche (UA) dal Sole e anche a 2 UA dalla Terra. Entro dicembre e gennaio si prevede che raggiungerà la massima luminosità (anche se sarà invisibile ad occhio nudo) nel cielo meridionale. Inizierà quindi il suo viaggio di ritorno, lasciando infine il Sistema Solare per sempre.

Questo oggetto sarà continuamente osservabile per molti mesi, un periodo più lungo di quello del suo predecessore, 1I/'Oumuamua. Gli astronomi sono ottimisti sulle possibilità di studiare questo raro ospite in modo molto dettagliato.

<https://www.space.com/interstellar-comet-borisov-officially-from-beyond-solar-system.html>

<https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2019/09/190924125025.htm>

<https://www.virtualtelescope.eu/2019/09/25/2i-borisov-c-2019q4-the-first-interstellar-comet-is-now-official-a-new-image-24-sept-2019/>

https://s22380.pcdn.co/wp-content/uploads/Borisov_Finder_BW_V4.pdf

Nelle pagine seguenti riportiamo le effemeridi della cometa 2I/Borisov dal 26 settembre al 30 novembre c.a. calcolate, per le ore 06 CEST, dal JPL per il nostro Grange Observatory.

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Column meaning:

TIME

Times PRIOR to 1962 are UT1, a mean-solar time closely related to the prior but now-deprecated GMT. Times AFTER 1962 are in UTC, the current civil or "wall-clock" time-scale. UTC is kept within 0.9 seconds of UT1 by introduction of integer leap-seconds for 1972 and later.

Conversion from the internal Barycentric Dynamical Time (TDB) to the non-uniform civil UT time-scale requested for output has not been determined for UTC times after the next July or January 1st. Therefore, the last known leap-second is used as a constant over future intervals.

Time tags refer to the UT time-scale conversion on Earth regardless of where the observer is located in the solar system. For example, if an observation from the surface of another body has an output time-tag of 12:31:00 UT, it refers to a time-scale conversion from TDB to UT valid at the center of the Earth at that instant, not the observer's location elsewhere in the solar system, where clock rates may differ slightly due to the local gravity field and there is no precisely defined or adopted "UT" analog.

Any 'b' symbol in the 1st-column denotes a B.C. date. First-column blank (" ") denotes an A.D. date. Calendar dates prior to 1582-Oct-15 are in the Julian calendar system. Later calendar dates are in the Gregorian system.

NOTE: "n.a." in output means quantity "not available" at the print-time.

SOLAR PRESENCE (OBSERVING SITE)

Time tag is followed by a blank, then a solar-presence symbol:

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' * ' Daylight (refracted solar upper-limb on or above apparent horizon)
' C ' Civil twilight/dawn
' N ' Nautical twilight/dawn
' A ' Astronomical twilight/dawn
' ' Night OR geocentric ephemeris

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LUNAR PRESENCE (OBSERVING SITE)

The solar-presence symbol is immediately followed by a lunar-presence symbol:

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' m ' Refracted upper-limb of Moon on or above apparent horizon
' ' Refracted upper-limb of Moon below apparent horizon OR geocentric
    ephemeris

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R.A.__(ICRF/J2000.0)_DEC =

Astrometric right ascension and declination of the TARGET CENTER with respect to the observing site in the coordinates of the ICRF/J2000 inertial reference frame. Compensated for down-leg light-time.

Units: RA in hours-minutes-seconds of time (HH MM SS.ff),
DEC in angular degrees-minutes-seconds (DD MM SS.f)

Azi_(a-appr)_Elev =

Airless apparent azimuth and elevation of target center. Adjusted for light-time, the gravitational deflection of light, stellar aberration, precession and nutation. Azimuth measured North(0) -> East(90) -> South(180) -> West(270) -> North (360). Elevation is with respect to plane perpendicular to local zenith direction. TOPOCENTRIC ONLY. Units: DEGREES

T-mag N-mag =

Comet's approximate apparent visual total magnitude ("T-mag") and nuclear magnitude ("N-mag") by following standard IAU definitions:

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T-mag = M1 + 5*log10(delta) + k1*log10(r)
N-mag = M2 + 5*log10(delta) + k2*log10(r) + phcof*beta

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Units: MAGNITUDES

S-O-T /r =

Sun-Observer-Target angle; target's apparent SOLAR ELONGATION seen from the observer location at print-time. Angular units: DEGREES

The '/r' column indicates the target's apparent position relative to the Sun in the observer's sky, as described below:

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For an observing location on the surface of a rotating body (considering its rotational sense):
/T indicates target TRAILS Sun (evening sky; rises and sets AFTER Sun)
/L indicates target LEADS Sun (morning sky; rises and sets BEFORE Sun)

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For an observing point NOT on a rotating body (such as a spacecraft), the "leading" and "trailing" condition is defined by the observer's heliocentric orbital motion: if continuing in the observer's current direction of heliocentric motion would encounter the target's apparent longitude first, followed by the Sun's, the target LEADS the Sun as seen by the observer. If the Sun's apparent longitude would be encountered first, followed by the target's, the target TRAILS the Sun.

NOTE: The S-O-T solar elongation angle is numerically the minimum separation angle of the Sun and target in the sky in any direction. It does NOT indicate the amount of separation in the leading or trailing directions, which are defined in the equator of a spherical coordinatesystem.

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