

PRECISE POSITIONS OF ASTEROIDS AND COMETS IN 1988

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RESUMEN

Se presentan las posiciones de asteroides y cometas obtenidas durante 1988 con el astrógrafo doble de 40-cms del Centro Astronómico de Yebes (España). La reducción se ha hecho usando el método de dependencias con ocho estrellas de referencia.

ABSTRACT

We present in this paper the positions of minor planets and comets obtained during 1988 with the 40-cm double astrograph at Centro Astronómico of Yebes (Spain). The reductions were made by the dependence methods using eight reference stars.

Key words: **ASTEROIDS – ASTROMETRY – COMETS**

I. INTRODUCTION

The Centro Astronómico of Yebes (Guadalajara, Spain) is participating in photographic observations of asteroids and comets as recommended by IAU Commission No. 20. The purpose of this programme is to obtain precise positions of interesting asteroids and comets, asteroids with uncertain orbital elements, and of newly discovered asteroids and comets.

The asteroids were selected by means of different criteria:

- a) Asteroids belong to the Ephemerides of Minor Planets (Leningrad 1988).
- b) Minor planets with uncertain ephemerides (marked with a cross in the Leningrad Ephemerides).
- c) Objects selected from the list by V.I. Orelskaya, of the Institut of Theoretical Astronomy of Leningrad, where the programme is being carried out (Orelskaya 1974; Batrakov, Izvekov and Vaskevich 1988).
- d) Asteroids with few observed oppositions, for which ephemerides were taken from MPCs of 1988.

The observed comets were selected from the Astronomical Telegrams of IAU and MPCs.

The coordinates of asteroids and comets are sent to the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory. We publish here the equatorial coordinates of the observed minor planets and comets during the year 1988.

II. MEASUREMENTS AND REDUCTIONS

All the observations were performed with the 40-cm aperture and 2-m focal length double astrograph at Centro Astronómico of Yebes. The coordinates of the Observatory are long. = $12^m 21^s$ W,

$\phi = 40^\circ 31' 24''$, $h = 930$ m. Details about the telescope can be seen in Pascual (1979).

Baked Kodak 103aO and IIaO plates were used throughout. On each plate we have three exposures separated by one interval of ten minutes. Between each exposure we increase $\delta = 1' 30''$ between the first and second, $\delta = 1'$ between the second and the last. For each plate eight reference stars were chosen. The coordinates and proper motions of these stars were taken from the SAO Catalogue for the epoch 1950.0.

The measurements are performed on the Asco-record Zeiss Coordinatograph with an estimated precision of one tenth of a micron ($0.1 \mu\text{m}$). The observations have been reduced using two methods: dependences method in order to provide the stellar dependences and the least squares method to derive the residuals of the reference stars.

III. RESULTS

The results for the asteroids and comets are presented in Tables 1, 2 and 3. The first column gives the number and name (or the provisional designation) of the object; the second column gives the date and time (in UT) of the observation; the third and fourth columns give the topocentric right ascension and declination for 1950.0, respectively; and the last two columns give the residuals.

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TABLE 1 (CONTINUED)

Table with columns: Object, Date (U.T.), R.A. (1950), Dec., Residuals. Rows include objects like 11, 18, 19, 20, 25, 39.

TABLE 1 POSITIONS OF MINOR PLANETS

Table with columns: Object, Date (U.T.), R.A. (1950), Dec., Residuals. Rows include objects like CERES, PALLAS, VESTA, HEBE, PARTHENOPE.

TABLE 2

POSITIONS OF MINOR PLANETS WITH UNCERTAIN EPHEMERIDES

Table with columns: Object, Date, (U.T.), R.A. (1950) [h m s], Dec. [o i #], Residuals [s #]. Rows include 879x RICARDA, 879x TINA, 1222x PATRICE, etc.

TABLE 3

POSITIONS OF COMETS

Table with columns: Object, Date, (U.T.), R.A. (1950) [h m s], Dec. [o i #], Residuals [s #]. Rows include Tempel 2 (87g), Tempel 2 (87g), Borrelly (87p), etc.

TABLE 1 (CONTINUED)

Table with columns: Object, Date, (U.T.), R.A. (1950) [h m s], Dec. [o i #], Residuals [s #]. Rows include 40 HARMONIA, 40 NYSA, 44 ELPIS, 148 GALLIA, 182 ELSA, 230 ATHAMANTIS, 269 JUSTITIA, 324 BAMBERGA, 324 SIEGENA, 389 INDUSTRIJA, 433 EROS, 480 HANSA, 552 SIGELINDE, 704 INTERAMNIA, 971 ALSATIA, 1036 GANYMED, 1251 HEDERA, 1685 TORO, 1685 TORO, 1980 TEZCATLIPOCA.

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