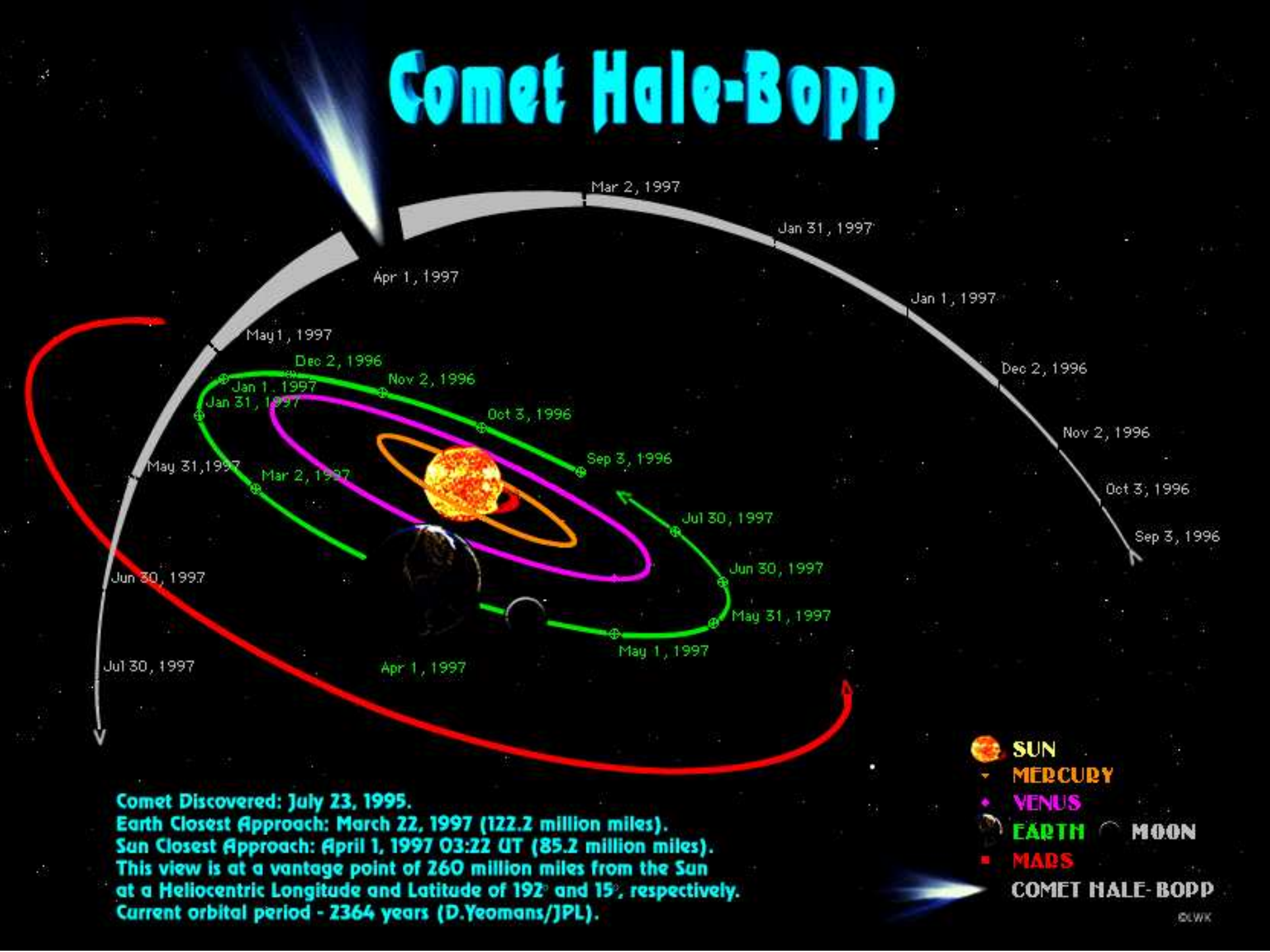
Comet Hale-Bopp



Comet Discovered: July 23, 1995.
Earth Closest Approach: March 22, 1997 (122.2 million miles).
Sun Closest Approach: April 1, 1997 03:22 UT (85.2 million miles).
This view is at a vantage point of 260 million miles from the Sun at a Heliocentric Longitude and Latitude of 192° and 15°, respectively.
Current orbital period - 2364 years (D.Yeomans/JPL).