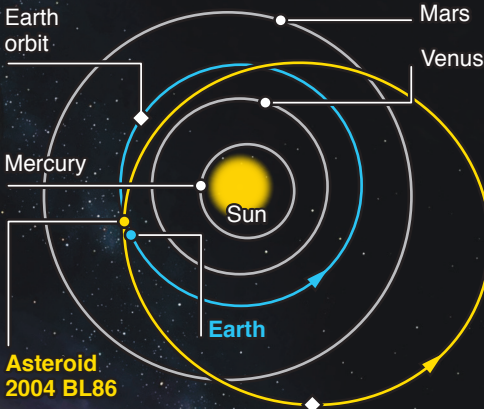


Huge asteroid to “narrowly” miss Earth

Asteroid 2004 BL86, estimated to be half a kilometre wide, will pass within 1.2 million km of Earth on January 26/27 – the closest it will get for the next 200 years and the nearest flyby of a space rock until 2027

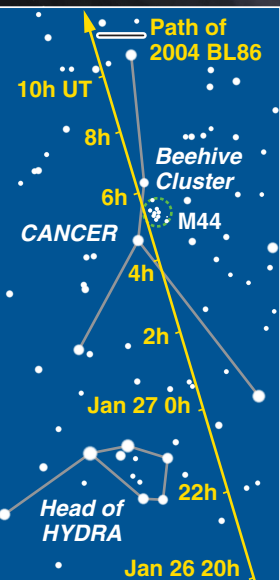


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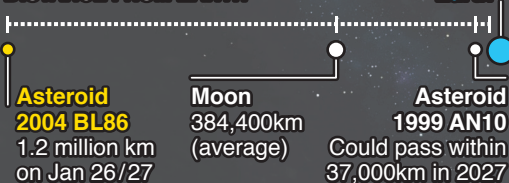


WHERE TO SEE IT

Observers in Europe, Americas and Africa will need small telescope or strong binoculars. Less visible in Asia / Pacific



DISTANCE FROM EARTH



Size of Earth, Moon and asteroids increased for clarity