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V4332 SAGITTARII

D. K. Lynch, R. W. Russell, and R. Ford, The Aerospace Corporation; H.B. Hammel, Space Science Institute (SSI); and M. L. Sitko, University of Cincinnati and SSI, report 3- to 14- μ m spectroscopy of V4332 Sgr (cf. IAUC5944, 5945) on Aug. 7.35 UT using BASS at the Infrared Telescope Facility. V4332 Sgr showed a moderate infrared excess between 10 and 13 μ m. The excess was nearly flat in units of W cm⁻² μ m⁻¹ vs. wavelength, with a slight increasing brightness trend toward longer wavelengths. Possible weak emission features were present at 11.1 and 12.7 μ m. There was a quasicontinuum between 3 and 9 μ m that was too narrow to be fitted by a black-body function. Derived magnitudes for V4332 Sgr were $L=6.7\pm0.3$, $M=5.7\pm0.2$, N [narrow, 10.3 μ m] = 5.8 \pm 0.5.

COMETS C/2006 L6-L8, C/2006 M5-M9, C/2006 N1-N3 (SOHO)

Additional Kreutz sungrazing comets have been found on SOHO website images (cf. IAUC 8738) — all very faint except where noted below. C/2006 L6, C/2006 M5, C/2006 M8, and C/2006 M9 were slightly diffuse (and generally small), while C/2006 L7, C/2006 L8, and C/2006 M7 were diffuse. C/2006 M9 was also found by T. Chen. C/2006 L5–L8 and C/2006 M5–M7 peaked at mag ~ 7.5 or fainter. C/2006 N1 was tiny, faint, and stellar in appearance in C3 images; in C2 images, it was diffuse and very faint with a hint of elongation. C/2006 N2 was small and stellar in appearance, peaking at mag ~ 6.5 . C/2006 N3 appeared stellar in C3 images, peaking at mag ≈ 5 ; in C2 images, it was rather condensed with no tail, fading rapidly.

| Comet | 2006 UT | α_{2000} | δ_{2000} | Inst. | F | MPEC |
|------------|-------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|-------|------------------|----------|
| C/2006 L6 | June 8.833 | $5^{^{\rm h}}04.^{^{\rm m}}9$ | $+21^{\circ}00^{'}$ | C2 | GS | 2006-O21 |
| C/2006 L7 | 10.450 | $5\ 10.9$ | $+21\ 07$ | C2 | TH | 2006-O21 |
| C/2006 L8 | 14.617 | $5\ 27.1$ | $+21\ 24$ | C2 | $_{\mathrm{HS}}$ | 2006-O21 |
| C/2006 M5 | 16.521 | $5\ 34.6$ | $+21\ 30$ | C2 | TC | 2006-O21 |
| C/2006 M6 | 19.064 | $5\ 44.4$ | $+21\ 38$ | C2 | TH | 2006-O21 |
| C/2006 M7 | 22.438 | $5\ 57.2$ | $+21\ 40$ | C2 | $_{\mathrm{HS}}$ | 2006-O21 |
| C/2006 M8 | 25.064 | $6\ 07.5$ | $+21\ 47$ | C2 | $_{\mathrm{HS}}$ | 2006-O62 |
| C/2006 M9 | 27.163 | $6\ 15.7$ | $+21\ 44$ | C2 | $_{\mathrm{HS}}$ | 2006-O62 |
| C/2006 N1 | July 11.821 | $7\ 12.0$ | $+20\ 10$ | C3/2 | SF | 2006-O62 |
| C/2006 N2 | 13.971 | $7\ 17.4$ | $+19\ 55$ | C3 | $_{\mathrm{HS}}$ | 2006-O62 |
| C/2006 N3 | 14.363 | $7\ 19.5$ | $+17\ 46$ | C3/2 | WX | 2006-O62 |