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SPECTROGRAPHIC OBSERVATIONS OF 32 CYGNI

DURING THE ECLIPSE OF 1962

Spectrographic observations of 32 Cygni were begun on March 1962 and are still continuing, with the grating spectrograph of the Merate Observatory. The dispersion is 22 A/mm. According to the Kukarkin catalogue half-eclipse was predicted for June 3,1962. Below is the sequence of our observations.

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March 19,1962: no trace of the chromospheric K line.
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      12
April
April
      23
               : a sharp chromospheric K line is clearly visible.
May
       15
               : strong chromospheric K line.
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May
       16
       21
               : strong K line, showing that the partial phase has begun;
May
       22
               : the width of the K line is increasing.
May
               : the K line is broader, but is not yet as broad as the
       23
May
                 H + H7 line.
               : total phase. H + H7 and K lines are equal in intensity.
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        3
June
       4
               : total phase. H + H7 and K lines are equal in intensity.
               ; partial phase.
June
      10
      16
               : strong chromospheric K line.
June
       18
June
       20
June
                   >>
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                                      >>
       21
June
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From visual inspection of these spectrograms we conclude that the partial phase has begun after May 16 but before May 21, and has finished after June 10 but before June 16. We estimate that half-eclipse occurred between May 31 and June 1.

Quantitative reductions of the spectrograms and measurements of radial velocities are in progress.

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