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1. HST TO OBSERVE UV PER AND AF CAM --- Janet A. Mattei, Aaron Price

    We have been informed by Dr. B. Gaensicke at UK that the Space
    Telescope Imaging Spectroscope (STIS) aboard the Hubble Space
    Telescope is scheduled to do ultraviolet spectroscopy of UV Per and AF
    Cam in the following exact dates and time:

    0324+58  AF Cam   Oct 13 2002  20:06:11 UT to 20:43:46 UT

    On behalf of the HST Program team, of astronomers in Europe and in the
    US, Dr. Gaensicke is requesting our observers help in monitoring these
    cataclysmic variables closely before, during, and after the scheduled
    times so that they can have "reliable information" on the behavior of
    the stars for the correlation and analysis of HST data.

    All CCD Observers: Please observe these objects several times per
    night with a V filter. Particularly during the HST scheduled
    observations please take as many high quality images as possible in V.

    European and Asian observers: The scheduled observations will occur
    while you are in darkness and North America is awash in daylight. So
    your observations are critical!

    Both stars are presently at quiescent and are quite faint. UV Per is
    around V=17-19! AF Cam is between V=16.5-18! Be prepared to track
    and/or stack lots of images. Thanks to Ron Zissell (ZRE), Roger
    Diethelm (DRG), and Steve Robinson (RSE) for already sending in CCD
    observations of these two objects.

Charts:
2. WW CET RXTE SATELLITE CAMPAIGN UPDATE --- Janet A. Mattei, Aaron Price

Our observations are really starting to pile up. Keep 'em coming! Below are the latest observing times for RXTE. Please observe WW CET every night and as often as possible during the following windows. Think about it: while your CCD is opened up at WW CET, in space RXTE's detectors will also be counting photons from the same source!

OCT 11 15:43:00 to 16:27:00
OCT 12 15:28:00 to 16:14:00
OCT 13 13:25:00 to 14:22:00
OCT 14 14:55:00 to 15:41:00
OCT 15 14:37:00 to 15:23:00
OCT 16 14:20:00 to 15:06:00
OCT 17 14:03:00 to 14:50:00

Please submit your data to AAVSO HQ as soon as possible. Special thanks to Peter Nelson (NLX), Robert James (JM), Tim Hager (HTY), Frank Sheder (SFK), Thomas Richards (RIX), Mike Koppelman (KMP) and Chuck Pullen (PCH) for already providing excellent coverage.

Dr. Baskill's web page covers the project in depth along with what he is trying to learn.

http://www.star.le.ac.uk/~dbl/xtewwcet.html

AAVSO charts for WW Cet are available at:

http://www.aavso.org/charts/CET/WW_CET/

Please observe and report your data to the AAVSO as soon as possible.

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Good observing!

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