

PHOTOELECTRIC MEASUREMENTS OF THE BRIGHTNESS OF 52 EUROPA. F. A. Tupieva.
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In July-September 1980 the photoelectric measurements of the brightness of 52 Europa were carried out with the 70-cm reflector of the Gissar Observatory of Tajikistan at UBV standard spectral bands. The observations were made during 24 nights at the interval of the phase angle from $0^\circ.2$ to 16° .

Lightcurve was composed with rotation period $5^h.631$ ([1]). The obtained composite lightcurve has the amplitude 0.15 mag., levels of minimum are equal, levels of maximum differ by 0.05 mag. The phase functions of brightness and color indices $U-B$ and $B-V$ were determined. The average colors $B-V = 0.696 \pm 0.004$ mag., $U-B = 0.398 \pm 0.010$ mag. The changes of $B-V$, $U-B$ with phase angle did not reveal.

52 Europa has the linear phase function of brightness with phase coefficient $\beta = 0.043 \pm 0.003$ mag./deg. for angles $\alpha > 7^\circ.5$ and $\beta = 0.058 \pm 0.002$ mag./deg. for angles $\alpha < 7^\circ.5$. Brightness of asteroid at $\alpha = 0^\circ$ is equal to 6.32 ± 0.03 mag.

H, G – approximation of the observed data gives $H = 6.23 \pm 0.02$ mag., $G = 0.16 \pm 0.03$. This approximation badly corresponds to data.

On the phase curve of Europa the increase of brightness by 0.10 mag. for V band and 0.15 mag. for U band was obtained at the phase angle $8^\circ.7$. The same effect was observed for Saturn's rings at the phase angle 4° ([2]) and also for the asteroid 19 Fortuna in the region of phase angles $6-8^\circ$ ([3]). It may be explained by rainbow effect, i.e. scattering of light by large spherical particles ([2]).

The corrected brightness of asteroid, $V(1, \alpha)$ and linear functions (touch-straight for $\alpha < 7^\circ$, continuous-straight for $\alpha > 7^\circ$) and H, G – function (curve) are given in Fig.

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