DISCOVERY OF THE YOUNG L DWARF WISE J174102.78–464225.5

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ABSTRACT

We report the discovery of the L dwarf WISE J174102.78–464225.5, which was discovered as part of a search for nearby L dwarfs using the *Wide-field Infrared Survey Explorer* (WISE). The distinct triangular peak of the *H*-band portion of its near-infrared spectrum and its red near-infrared colors ($J - K_s = 2.35 \pm 0.08$ mag) are indicative of a young age. Via comparison to spectral standards and other red L dwarfs, we estimate a near-infrared spectral type of $L7 \pm 2$ (pec). From a comparison to spectral and low-mass evolutionary models, we determine self-consistent effective temperature, $\log g$, age, and mass values of 1450 ± 100 K, 4.0 ± 0.25 (cm s^{-2}), 10–100 Myr, and $4\text{--}21 M_{\text{Jup}}$, respectively. With an estimated distance of 10–30 pc, we explore the possibility that WISE J174102.78–464225.5 belongs to one of the young nearby moving groups via a kinematic analysis and we find potential membership in the β Pictoris or AB Doradus associations. A trigonometric parallax measurement and a precise radial velocity can help to secure its membership in either of these groups.

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1. INTRODUCTION

The *Wide-field Infrared Survey Explorer* (WISE) has heralded in an unprecedented era of substellar discovery. WISE surveyed the entire sky at 3.4, 4.6, 12, and $22 \mu\text{m}$ (*W1*, *W2*, *W3*, and *W4* bands), with channels *W1* and *W2* designed specifically to be sensitive to cold brown dwarfs with effective temperatures (T_{eff}) less than 1400 K (Wright et al. 2010). With the substantial sample of substellar objects discovered by WISE (e.g., Kirkpatrick et al. 2011; Mace et al. 2013; Thompson et al. 2013), we can now perform individual in-depth studies to probe the evolution of such objects. It is critical when investigating the evolution of substellar objects to identify sources at various ages in order to construct a complete evolutionary sequence. The majority of L and T dwarfs discovered to date are old (age > 1 Gyr), consistent with a field population (Dahn et al. 2002; Schmidt et al. 2007; Faherty et al. 2009). Young brown dwarfs are rarer, but have distinctive characteristics that distinguish them from their older counterparts. Since young dwarfs are still contracting to their final radii, their surface gravities are lower, which can produce noticeable effects in the optical and near-infrared spectra of substellar objects (e.g., Kirkpatrick et al. 2006; Cruz et al. 2009; Bonnefoy et al. 2013; Allers & Liu 2013). Consequently, many young substellar objects have been identified by their low surface gravity spectral features, such as enhanced VO bands, narrow or weak alkali lines, a triangular *H*-band spectral shape, and red near-infrared colors (Cruz et al. 2007, 2009; Kirkpatrick et al. 2008, 2010; Faherty et al. 2012; Thompson et al. 2013). Studying these young field L and T dwarfs will help to constrain and improve substellar evolution models, while additional examples of young, late-type substellar objects can help to fill in the evolutionary gaps of these astronomical bodies. These models will become increasingly important in interpreting results from the next generation of extreme adaptive optics

imagers (i.e., the Gemini Planet Imager, Project 1640, the Spectro-Polarimetric High-contrast Exoplanet Research, and the Coronagraphic High Angular Resolution Imaging Spectrograph) as they attempt to image young exoplanets directly, since the determination of an accurate age can significantly affect the mass estimates of brown dwarfs and exoplanets (see, for example, the discussion of HR 8799 b, c, d, and e in Oppenheimer et al. 2013).

Here we report the discovery of the young, late-type object WISE J174102.78–464225.5 (henceforth WISE 1741–4642), discovered as part of a search for bright L and T type objects using WISE data. We summarize the identification of WISE 1741–4642 and our subsequent observations in Section 2. In Section 3 we discuss the spectral and physical characteristics of WISE 1741–4642, and provide a kinematic analysis where we evaluate potential young moving group membership for this object.

2. IDENTIFICATION AND OBSERVATIONS

2.1. Identification

WISE 1741–4642 was discovered as part of a search for bright L and T dwarfs. A complete description of the selection criteria is outlined in Section 2.1 of Thompson et al. (2013). To summarize, candidates are required to have a $W1 - W2$ color > 0.4 and a $W2$ signal-to-noise ratio > 20 . In an attempt to exclude extragalactic objects, candidates are also required to have $W1 - W2 > 0.96(W2 - W3) - 0.96$. Candidates are required to have no matching Two Micron All Sky Survey (2MASS) or USNO source within $3''$ to ensure moderate to high proper motions. Lastly, candidates are required to not be flagged as a solar system object. This search has resulted in the detection of 55 L and T dwarfs, previously discussed in Kirkpatrick et al. (2011), Mace et al. (2013), and Thompson et al. (2013).

Figure 1. SpeX near-infrared spectrum of WISE 1741–4642. Uncertainties are shown with a red dotted line. Major atomic and molecular features identifiable at low resolution have been labeled.

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2.2. Observations

2.2.1. IRTF/SpeX

We observed WISE 1741–4642 on the night of 2012 July 19 UT employing the medium-resolution infrared spectrograph SpeX (Rayner et al. 2003) at the 3 m NASA Infrared Telescope Facility (IRTF) on Mauna Kea. Observations were conducted in prism mode with a $0''.5$ wide slit, which achieves a resolving power ($\lambda/\Delta\lambda$) of ~ 150 over the range 0.8 – 2.5 μm . A series of ten 120 s exposures were obtained at two different nod positions along the $15''$ long slit, which was oriented to the parallactic angle. The A0V star HD 161706 was observed at a similar airmass as WISE 1741–4642 for telluric correction and flux calibration. Calibration spectra of internal flat field and argon arc lamps were obtained for flat fielding and wavelength calibration. The data were reduced with SpeXtool, the IDL-based data reduction package for SpeX (Cushing et al. 2004), which first corrected raw frames for non-linearity then pair subtracted and flat fielded. The spectra were then optimally extracted (e.g., Horne 1986) and wavelength calibrated using argon lamp exposures. Finally, multiple spectra were averaged together, corrected for telluric absorption, and flux calibrated (Vacca et al. 2003). The spectrum was absolutely flux calibrated using 2MASS magnitudes and the procedure outlined in Cushing et al. (2005).

2.2.2. Magellan/FIRE

WISE 1741–4642 was observed with the Folded-port Infrared Echellette (FIRE; Simcoe et al. 2013) on the Magellan Baade Telescope on 2013 August 9 and 2013 August 10 UT in cross-dispersed echelle mode ($\lambda/\Delta\lambda \approx 6000$) from 0.65 – 2.55 μm . Four 500 s exposures were taken each night in an ABBA dither pattern. The A0V stars HIP 84305 ($V = 8.41$) and HIP 89666 ($V = 8.65$) were also observed for telluric correction purposes. We also obtained flat-field and arc lamp (ThAr) exposures for pixel response and wavelength calibration. Data were reduced using the FIREHOSE package, which employs modified routines from the SpeXtool data reduction package (Vacca et al. 2003; Cushing et al. 2004).

Figure 2. Near-infrared spectrum of WISE 1741–4642 (black) compared with spectral standards (L4 through T0; red) from the SpeX Prism Spectral Library. Each spectrum is normalized by the mean flux from 1.27 to 1.32 μm . The spectra are separated along the vertical axis by a constant of 1.0 for clarity. The spectral standards used for this comparison are as follows: 2MASS J21580457–1550098 (L4; Kirkpatrick et al. 2010), SDSS J083506.16+195304.4 (L5; Chiu et al. 2006), 2MASS J1010148–040649 (L6; Reid et al. 2006), 2MASS J0103320+193536 (L7; Cruz et al. 2004), 2MASSW J1632291+190441 (L8; Burgasser 2007a), DENIS-P J0255–4700 (L9; Burgasser et al. 2006), and SDSS J120747.17+024424.8 (T0; Looper et al. 2007).

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3. DISCUSSION

3.1. Comparison to Spectral Standards

The SpeX near-infrared spectrum is presented in Figure 1, with prominent atomic and molecular lines labeled. We first attempted to determine the spectral type of WISE 1741–4642 by comparing the J -band spectral morphology with that of the near-infrared spectral standards (from Kirkpatrick et al. 2010, obtained from the SpeX Prism Spectral Library⁷). A comparison of WISE 1741–4642 to several spectral standards is shown in Figure 2. The figure makes clear that WISE 1741–4642 is redder than normal L dwarfs, and a single well-fitting spectral type is not easily determined by direct comparison (see Mace et al. 2013 for an in depth discussion on the difficulties encountered when comparing red dwarfs to spectral standards). We conservatively estimate the spectral type of WISE 1741–4642 to be $L7 \pm 2$ from the comparison to L and T dwarf spectral standards based on H_2O and FeH band strengths.

We also investigated the near-infrared spectral type indices examined by Allers & Liu (2013). Most of these indices are degenerate for spectral types later than L5. Because the by-eye comparisons suggest a spectral type later than L5, only the H_2OD index, originally defined by McLean et al. (2003), is useful. We calculated an H_2OD index of 0.78 , which, utilizing

⁷ <http://pono.ucsd.edu/~adam/browndwarfs/speXprism/library.html>

Figure 3. Near-infrared spectrum of WISE 1741–4642 (black) compared with the unusually red L dwarfs W0047+6803 (SpT_{IR} = L7.5 (pec); Gizis et al. 2012), 2M2244+2043 (SpT_{IR} = L7.5 (pec); Kirkpatrick et al. 2008), and 2M0355+1133 (SpT_{opt} = L5γ; Faherty et al. 2013). Each spectrum is normalized by the mean flux from 1.27 to 1.32 μm. While the spectra match better than the spectral standards in Figure 2, WISE 1741–4642 is redder than both 2M0355+1133 and 2M2244+2043 and more sharply peaked at H than 2M2244+2043.

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the polynomial fits in Table 3 of Allers & Liu (2013), gives a spectral type of $\sim$ L5.5.

3.2. Comparison to Red L Dwarfs

The spectrum of WISE 1741–4642 was compared to other unusually red late-type L dwarfs to aid in constraining its spectral type. Figure 3 shows the near-infrared SpeX spectrum of WISE 1741–4642 compared with the red L dwarf 2MASSW J224431.67+204343.3 (2M2244+2043; SpT (NIR) = L7.5 (pec), Kirkpatrick et al. 2008; SpT = L6 (VL-G), Allers & Liu 2013), the young L dwarf 2MASS J035523.27+113343.7 (2M0355+1133; SpT (opt) = L5γ, Faherty et al. 2013), and the red L dwarf WISEP J004701.06+680352.1 (W0047+6803; SpT (NIR) = L7.5 (pec), Gizis et al. 2012). We derive a near-infrared spectral type of L7 (pec) for 2M0355+1133 using the method outlined in the Appendix. All three spectra match WISE 1741–4642 reasonably well, suggesting a spectral type range of L7–L8. While these red L dwarfs are much better comparisons than the L dwarf spectral standards, differences can still be seen. Figure 3 shows that WISE 1741–4642 is both redder than 2M0355+1133 and 2M2244+2043 and has a more peaked H-band profile than 2M2244+2043. WISE 1741–4642 also shows deeper H₂O absorption than 2M0355+1133. W0047+6803 is the best match at J, though it is slightly redder than WISE 1741–4642. A more detailed comparison of individual spectral lines is performed in Section 3.4.2. Combining the estimated spectral type of WISE 1741–4642 from the comparison of spectral standards, the H₂OD spectral type index, and the comparison to other red L dwarfs, we assign a spectral type of L7 ± 2 (pec) to WISE 1741–4642.

3.3. Comparison to Model Spectra

The “BT-Settl” models from the Phoenix/NextGen group (Allard et al. 2011), using the solar abundances from Asplund et al. (2009), were used to estimate the T_{eff} and $\log g$ values of WISE 1741–4642. We compared models from 1000 to 2000 K in steps of 100 K and $\log g$ values of 3.5 to 5.5 (cm s^{−2}) in steps of 0.5 dex to our measured SpeX spectrum. In order to compare the models to our measured spectrum, each model spectrum was resampled to be uniform in $\ln(\lambda)$ space, smoothed with a Gaussian kernel to a resolving power of 150, and resampled onto the same wavelength grid as the SpeX spectrum. Following Cushing et al. (2008), a goodness of fit parameter is evaluated for each model spectrum. The goodness of fit parameter is defined as

$$G_k = \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{f_i - C_k \mathcal{F}_{k,i}}{\sigma_i} \right)^2, \quad (1)$$

where n corresponds to each data pixel, f_i is the flux density of the data, $\mathcal{F}_{k,i}$ is the flux density of the model k , and σ_i are the errors for each observed flux density. The C_k parameter is a multiplicative constant given by

$$C_k = \frac{\sum f_i \mathcal{F}_{k,i} / \sigma_i^2}{\sum \mathcal{F}_{k,i} / \sigma_i^2}. \quad (2)$$

C_k is equivalent to $(R/d)^2$, where R is the stellar radius and d is the distance (see Section 3.4.1). We performed a Monte Carlo simulation using our observed spectrum to determine the uncertainty of the best fitting spectrum (e.g., Cushing et al. 2010). We generated 1000 simulated data sets using both the absolute flux calibration uncertainty and the individual flux uncertainties at each wavelength. Each measured flux in the SpeX spectrum is randomly drawn from a single Gaussian distribution centered on the observed flux with a width given by the observed variance. The entire spectrum is also multiplied by a factor randomly drawn from a Gaussian distribution centered at one with a width given by the absolute flux calibration uncertainty.

Several low-gravity spectral models provided the best fits (Figure 4). The best fitting model spectrum was that with $T_{\text{eff}} = 1600$ K and a $\log g$ value of 3.5. In Section 3.4.3 we show that a T_{eff} of 1600 K and a $\log g$ of 3.5 suggest an unphysical age of ≤ 5 Myr for WISE 1741–4642. Therefore, we selected the next two best fitting spectral models ($T_{\text{eff}} = 1500$ K and $\log g = 4.0$; $T_{\text{eff}} = 1400$ K and $\log g = 4.0$) for further analysis. The three best fitting models are displayed in Figure 4. We take $T_{\text{eff}} = 1450 \pm 100$ K and $\log g = 4.0 \pm 0.25$ (cm s^{−2}) as our final estimates for these parameters. This temperature is in agreement with temperatures deduced for other $\sim$ L7 dwarfs (Golimowski et al. 2004).

3.4. Physical Characteristics

3.4.1. Distance

A byproduct of the model fitting technique is an estimate of the multiplicative constant C_k that is equivalent to $(R/d)^2$, where R is the radius of the star and d is the distance from Earth. Therefore, a stellar radius, in combination with model spectrum comparisons, can provide a distance estimate. We utilized four sets of low-mass evolutionary models combined with our best fit T_{eff} and $\log g$ ranges to estimate a stellar radius: the “COND” models (Baraffe et al. 2003), the “DUSTY” models (Chabrier et al. 2000), and the cloudy and cloudless models of Saumon

Figure 4. Top: the near-infrared spectrum of WISE 1741–4642 (black) compared with the three best fitting BT-Settl models. Each model spectrum is labeled with its corresponding T_{eff} and $\log g$ values. Bottom: the distribution of G_k values for the three best fitting models. Red: $T_{\text{eff}} = 1400$ K and $\log g = 4.0$, blue: $T_{\text{eff}} = 1500$ K and $\log g = 4.0$, and cyan: $T_{\text{eff}} = 1600$ K and $\log g = 3.5$.

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& Marley (2008). For the “DUSTY” models, dust grains are suspended, while in the “COND” models dust is removed from the photosphere. Similarly, the cloudy and cloudless models of Saumon & Marley (2008) account for cloud sedimentation, where the sedimentation efficiency parameter ($f_{\text{sed}} = 2$ for the cloudy models and the cloudless models include no opacity from clouds. We found a radius range of $0.137\text{--}0.161 R_{\odot}$ ($1.36\text{--}1.60 R_{\text{Jup}}$) for the “DUSTY” and “COND” models, and a range of $0.1398\text{--}0.1752 R_{\odot}$ ($1.39\text{--}1.74 R_{\text{Jup}}$) for the Saumon & Marley (2008) models. This range, in combination with the C_k values determined via model fitting, result in a so-called “spectroscopic parallax” (Bowler et al. 2009) of 8–11 pc.

We also estimate photometric distances using the relations of Looper et al. (2008a), Kirkpatrick et al. (2011), and Dupuy & Liu (2012). For a spectral type range of L5–L9 and the 2MASS and WISE magnitudes given in Table 1, we calculate distance ranges of 12–25 pc and 11–28 pc for the Looper et al. (2008a) and Dupuy & Liu (2012) relations, respectively. For the WISE W2 relation of Kirkpatrick et al. (2011), we calculated a distance range of 11–14 pc. The distance estimates using the K_S , W1, and W2 magnitudes provided the closest matches to the distance derived via spectroscopic parallax (11–20 pc, 11–17 pc, and 10–15 pc for K_S , W1, and W2, respectively), which could imply that the magnitudes from the wavelength region between K_S and WISE W2 are the least affected by youth.

Table 1
WISE 1741–4642 Properties

Parameter	Value	Ref.
Observed properties		
α (J2000)	17:41:02.79	1
δ (J2000)	−46:42:25.55	1
$\mu_{\alpha} \cos \delta$ (mas yr $^{-1}$)	−20.4 ± 9.2	3
μ_{δ} (mas yr $^{-1}$)	−343.0 ± 13.7	3
v_{rad}	−5.7 ± 5.1 km s $^{-1}$	3
J (mag)	15.786 ± 0.075	1
H (mag)	14.534 ± 0.054	1
K_S (mag)	13.438 ± 0.035	1
W1 (mag)	12.301 ± 0.025	2
W2 (mag)	11.675 ± 0.023	2
W3 (mag)	11.432 ± 0.190	2
W4 (mag)	< 12.301	2
$J-H$ (mag)	1.25 ± 0.09	1
$J-K_S$ (mag)	2.35 ± 0.08	1
$J-W2$ (mag)	4.11 ± 0.08	1, 2
W1 − W2 (mag)	0.63 ± 0.03	2
Inferred properties		
Spectroscopic distance	8–11 pc	3
Photometric distance	10–30 pc	3
Spectral type (NIR)	L7 ± 2 (pec)	3
T_{eff}	1450 ± 100 K	3
$\log g$	4.0 ± 0.25 (cm s $^{-2}$)	3
Mass	4–21 M_{Jup}	3
Age	10–100 Myr	3

References. (1) 2MASS catalog (Cutri et al. 2003); (2) WISE All-Sky Catalog (Cutri et al. 2012); (3) This paper.

This is further supported by Figure 9 of Faherty et al. (2013), which shows that the absolute flux of 2M0355+1133 matches the field L5 2M1507–16 well at K, while it is underluminous everywhere blueward of $\sim 2 \mu\text{m}$. Liu et al. (2013) also find that many of their young mid-L dwarfs with measured parallaxes are fainter at J than field objects of comparable spectral type. This is supported by the results of Faherty et al. (2012), in which they find that $\sim 80\%$ of objects in their low-gravity and young companion L dwarf sample are underluminous at J. According to Table 10 of Faherty et al. (2012), low-gravity and young companions are, on average, 0.48 mag underluminous at J and only 0.17 mag underluminous at K. If WISE 1741–4642 is similarly underluminous at J, then one would expect the distance estimates based on its J-band magnitude to be overestimated. We found that the J-band photometric distances were the largest of all estimates: 17–28 pc and 16–26 pc for spectral types L5–L9 according to the Dupuy & Liu (2012) and Looper et al. (2008a) relations, respectively. We conservatively take 10–30 pc as our final distance estimate.

3.4.2. Empirical Age

The near-infrared spectrum of WISE 1741–4642 shows a distinctly peaked H-band continuum, a well known characteristic of young brown dwarfs (Lucas et al. 2001; Figures 1–3). The shape of the H-band continuum is determined by differing sources of opacity production that depend on an object’s surface gravity (Rice et al. 2011; Barman et al. 2011; Marley et al. 2012). For higher gravities, the H-band shape is dominated by collision-induced absorption (CIA) opacity or cloud opacity, which results in a rounded appearance. For a low surface gravity object, cloud opacity and CIA become less significant, and the H-band shape is governed by molecular bands around

Figure 5. 2MASS $J - K_S$ vs. WISE $W1 - W2$ colors for dwarfs with photometric uncertainties ≤ 0.1 mag from <http://www.dwarfarchives.org> (cyan triangles). WISE 1741-4642 and red L dwarfs 2M2148+4003, 2M2244+2043, 2M0355+1133, and W0047+6803 are shown as red circles. Blue squares represent L_γ dwarfs from Table 3 of Faherty et al. (2013), the majority of which have optical spectral types earlier than L5.

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$1.7 \mu\text{m}$, most notably H_2O , which results in a peaked triangular appearance.

WISE 1741-4642 also shows a redder $J - K_S$ color ($J - K_S = 2.35 \pm 0.08$ mag) and $W1 - W2$ color ($W1 - W2 = 0.63 \pm 0.03$ mag) compared to objects of similar spectral type (Figures 2 and 5). Faherty et al. (2013) demonstrate that the $J - K_S$ and $W1 - W2$ colors of low surface gravity dwarfs deviate from the mean population. The triangular H -band shape and red $J - K_S$ and $W1 - W2$ colors of WISE 1741-4642 are features typical of young dwarfs and are often caused by low surface gravity. Kirkpatrick et al. (2008) show that gravity-sensitive spectral features are only evident in objects with Pleiades ages or younger. Therefore, the ability to distinguish low-gravity spectral features implies an age < 100 Myr. Following the example of Cruz et al. (2009), we take 10 Myr as a lower age limit because WISE 1741-4642 is isolated from young, dense, star-forming regions. This age is also an approximate lower limit for the ages of young nearby moving groups.

Allers & Liu (2013) define several gravity sensitive spectral indices that take advantage of the gravity sensitivity of FeH bands (centered on the 0.99 and $1.20 \mu\text{m}$ bandheads), VO absorption (centered on the $1.06 \mu\text{m}$ bandhead), the K I line at $1.14 \mu\text{m}$, and the H -band continuum shape. We note here that the alkali and molecular band indices are most useful for spectral types between $\sim\text{M9}$ and L5, and are degenerate for our predicted spectral type of L7. We can, however, determine the H -cont index, which is designed to quantify the H -band continuum shape. We calculated an H -cont value of 0.955 for our SpeX spectrum, which follows the low-gravity sequence, well separated from the location of normal field dwarfs (see

Figure 24 of Allers & Liu 2013). For the similarly red L7.5 (pec) dwarf W0047+6803, we calculate an H -cont value of 0.963. We can also utilize the K I pseudo-equivalent width (EW) definitions of Allers & Liu (2013) using our moderate-resolution FIRE spectrum. Alkali lines are known to be gravity sensitive, and can appear narrower than those seen in normal field dwarfs because of the lack of pressure broadened wings (Kirkpatrick et al. 2006). We first smoothed our FIRE spectrum with a Gaussian kernel to a resolution ($R \sim 1500$) similar to those inspected in Allers & Liu (2013). We measured pseudo-EW values for the 1.169 , 1.177 , and $1.252 \mu\text{m}$ K I lines of 0.93 , 1.89 , and $0.86 \text{ \AA}$, respectively. We similarly measure the pseudo-EWs of W0047+6803 (3.31 , 2.62 , and $1.16 \text{ \AA}$) and W0355+1133 (2.58 , 2.59 , and $0.98 \text{ \AA}$). All three measured pseudo-EWs are consistent with a low-gravity object (see Figure 23 and Table 10 of Allers & Liu 2013). Figures 6 and 7 display the K I spectral line regions of WISE 1741-4642 compared with the red L dwarfs W0047+6803 and W0355+1133. The FIRE spectrum has been smoothed in both figures to a resolution comparable to each comparison spectrum. Figures 6 and 7 show that WISE 1741-4642 has K I line strengths comparable to both W0047+6803 and W0355+1133. We also compared the K I lines with field brown dwarfs from the NIRSPEC Brown Dwarf Spectroscopic Survey (BDSS; McLean et al. 2007). Comparisons with the L5 field dwarf 2M1507-16 and the L7 field dwarf DENIS 0205-11 are shown in Figures 8 and 9. Each figure shows that the K I lines of WISE 1741-4642 are weaker and/or narrower than those lines seen in field dwarfs of a similar spectral type. We note that K I line strengths are also sensitive to temperature differences, which may contribute to the dissimilarity of the spectra.

Figure 6. K1 line comparison of the WISE 1741–4642 FIRE spectrum (black) with the red L7.5 dwarf W0047+6803 (red; Gizis et al. 2012). The FIRE spectrum was smoothed with a Gaussian kernel to the resolution of the comparison spectrum. The flux of both spectra were normalized to the continuum. (A color version of this figure is available in the online journal.)

Figure 7. K1 line comparison of the WISE 1741–4642 FIRE spectrum (black) with the L5 γ dwarf 2M0355+1133 (red; Faherty et al. 2013). The FIRE spectrum was smoothed with a Gaussian kernel to the resolution of the comparison spectrum. The flux of both spectra were normalized to the continuum. (A color version of this figure is available in the online journal.)

Canty et al. (2013) show that the K -band continuum shape can easily distinguish young (≤ 10 Myr) brown dwarfs from an older field population, and can be used with confidence even with low resolution spectra. We note that the sample used in Canty et al. (2013) has a dearth of objects with intermediate ages (> 10 Myr and less than the age of field dwarfs) and the effectiveness of the $H_2(K)$ index in this age range is not well constrained. They define an $H_2(K)$ index to quantify the K -band continuum slope, given as

$$H_2(K) = \frac{F_\lambda(2.17 \mu\text{m})}{F_\lambda(2.24 \mu\text{m})}, \quad (3)$$

where $F_\lambda(2.17 \mu\text{m})$ and $F_\lambda(2.24 \mu\text{m})$ are the median fluxes over a total range of $0.02 \mu\text{m}$ centered at 2.17 and $2.24 \mu\text{m}$, respectively. We calculated the $H_2(K)$ index of WISE 1741–4642 and found a value of 1.029 . However, we note that the analysis of the K -band continuum shape by Canty et al. (2013) for young brown dwarfs was performed for spectral types

$\leq L0$. To extend the work of Canty et al. (2013) into the L dwarf regime, we gathered all available spectra from the Spex Prism Spectral Library for which a resolving power ≥ 120 is available. Since many of the given or published spectral types were not determined homogeneously, we independently derived near-infrared spectral types for each available spectrum based on the Kirkpatrick et al. (2010) L dwarf classification scheme (see the Appendix). The $H_2(K)$ index of each L dwarf was calculated, and is shown in Figure 10 and given in Table 2. Any spectrum found to be especially noisy was not included in this analysis. While a spectral type dependence is seen past L0 (the $H_2(K)$ index generally increases with increasing spectral type), WISE 1741–4642 and the red L dwarfs 2M0355+1133 and 2M0047+6803 are seen to deviate from the field population. Also showing strong deviations below their near-infrared spectral types are the young, red L6 dwarf 2MASS J214816.28+400359.3 (Looper et al. 2008b), the young, red L2 dwarf 2MASS J014158.23–463357.4 (Kirkpatrick et al.

Figure 8. K1 line comparison of the WISE 1741–4642 FIRE spectrum (black) with the L5 dwarf 2M1507–16 spectrum from the BDSS (red; McLean et al. 2007). The NIRSPEC spectrum was smoothed with a Gaussian kernel to the resolution of the FIRE spectrum. The flux of both spectra were normalized to the continuum. (A color version of this figure is available in the online journal.)

Figure 9. K1 line comparison of the WISE 1741–4642 FIRE spectrum (black) with the L7 dwarf DENIS0205–11 spectrum from the BDSS (red; McLean et al. 2007). The NIRSPEC spectrum was smoothed with a Gaussian kernel to the resolution of the FIRE spectrum. The flux of both spectra were normalized to the continuum. (A color version of this figure is available in the online journal.)

2006), the low-gravity L dwarf 2MASS J224953.45+004404.6 ($\text{SpT}_{\text{opt}} = \text{L4}\gamma$; Faherty et al. 2013), and the red L8 dwarf SDSSp J010752.33+004156.1 (Geballe et al. 2002).

In summary, WISE 1741–4642 shows several traits, such as a peaked H -band continuum shape, red near-infrared colors, and a low $\text{H}_2(K)$ index, that are characteristic of a young age.

3.4.3. Model Age and Mass

We compared the position of WISE 1741–4642 in T_{eff} versus $\log g$ space with the “COND” (Baraffe et al. 2003), “DUSTY” (Chabrier et al. 2000), and Saumon & Marley (2008) cloudy and cloudless low-mass evolutionary models (discussed in Section 3.4.1). We note here that the spectral models of Allard et al. (2011) and the low-mass evolutionary models used in Section 3.4 are not self-consistent. However, such a comparison is the only available procedure for determining the physical characteristics of WISE 1741–4642. Figures 11 and 12 show that the best fitting model spectrum ($T_{\text{eff}} = 1600$, $\log g = 3.5$)

suggests an age ≤ 5 Myr, but there are no regions of ongoing star formation within 30 pc. Because this is unphysical for WISE 1741–4642, we use the next two best fitting models. For $T_{\text{eff}} = 1450 \pm 100$ K and $\log g = 4.0 \pm 0.25$, the “COND” and “DUSTY” models suggest an age between 5 and 100 Myr (Figure 11). The Saumon & Marley (2008) models suggest an age of 3–100 Myr (Figure 12). Both model ages are consistent with the age implied by the near-infrared spectral characteristics of WISE 1741–4642, and we take 10–100 Myr as our final age estimate for WISE 1741–4642. We take 10 Myr as a lower age limit because WISE 1741–4642 is isolated from young, dense, star-forming regions. Even though the best fitting model was deemed unphysical, this type of object has the potential to anchor low-mass evolutionary models for young ages.

The same models and spectral model parameters are used to estimate the mass of WISE 1741–4642. The “COND” and “DUSTY” models suggest a mass range of 5–21 M_{Jup} , while the Saumon & Marley (2008) models suggest a mass range of

Figure 10. $H_2(K)$ index as a function of spectral type for L dwarfs from the SpeX Prism Spectral Library based on our new spectral typing system. Red points indicate the mean $H_2(K)$ index and standard deviation for L dwarfs binned by 0.5 subtype. The young and/or red L dwarfs 2M2148+4003, 2M0355+1133, 2M0141-4633, 2M2249+0044, W0047-6803, and SDSS 0107+0041, as well as WISE 1741-4642, are individually labeled.

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4–15 M_{Jup} (Figures 11 and 12). We take 4–21 M_{Jup} as our final mass estimate.

3.5. Kinematic Analysis of WISE 1741-4642

Because WISE 1741-4642 is located in the southern hemisphere, where many young moving groups and associations reside, we considered the possibility that it belongs to one of these. Although a full moving group membership analysis requires accurate parallax, proper motion, and radial velocity measurements, we may still explore how probable nearby moving group membership is for WISE 1741-4642. We calculate proper motions in right ascension and declination using the *WISE* All-Sky and 2MASS positions of WISE 1741-4642 (listed in Table 1). Using a distance estimate of 10–30 pc and the proper motions given in Table 1, we calculated UVW ⁸ space motions for WISE 1741-4642 for a range of radial velocities. Then we compared the resulting UVW space motions to the “good box” from Zuckerman & Song (2004), a region of UVW space where nearby moving group members reside. Because UVW space motions depend on an accurate distance measurement, we calculated them using 10, 20, and 30 pc as the distance to WISE 1741-4642. There is a range of acceptable radial velocities that would put WISE 1741-4642 in the UVW space that coincides with nearby young moving groups, which is illustrated in Figure 13. Figure 13 also shows that WISE 1741-4642 is much more likely to belong to a nearby young moving group if its distance is 10 or 20 pc, rather than 30 pc. As shown in Section 3.5.1, the largest photometric distance estimates come from the relations of Dupuy & Liu (2012) and Looper et al. (2008a) and the J -band magnitude of WISE 1741-4642, which may be underluminous.

In addition, we also took advantage of the convergent point analysis and the Bayesian young nearby association membership probability tools developed by Rodriguez et al. (2013) and

Figure 11. Top: theoretical “COND” $\log g$ vs. T_{eff} evolutionary tracks from Baraffe et al. (2003). Isochrones of 1, 5, 10, 50, 100, and 120 Myr are shown by solid lines from right to left. Curves of constant mass from 0.005, 0.010, and 0.020 $M_{\odot}$ (5, 10, and 21 M_{Jup}) are shown by dashed lines from left to right. The red, blue, and cyan shaded regions represent the three best model spectrum fits: $T_{\text{eff}} = 1400$ K and $\log g = 4.0$ (red), $T_{\text{eff}} = 1500$ K and $\log g = 4.0$ (blue), and $T_{\text{eff}} = 1600$ K and $\log g = 3.5$ (cyan). The colors match those in Figure 6. Bottom: same as on the left for the theoretical “DUSTY” $\log g$ vs. T_{eff} evolutionary tracks from Chabrier et al. (2000).

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Malo et al. (2013), respectively. As both authors state clearly, high probabilities do not guarantee young association membership. However, these tools can aid in illustrating the likelihood of nearby moving group membership for WISE 1741-4642.

The convergent point analysis tool of Rodriguez et al. (2013) uses the position and proper motion of an astronomical body to calculate parallel and perpendicular proper motion components relative to the convergence point of several nearby young associations. WISE 1741-4642 membership probabilities for the TW Hydrae Association (TWA), the Tucana-Horologium association (Tuc-Hor), the Carina-Near moving group, and the Columba moving group are all less than 10%. Membership probabilities for the β Pictoris and AB Doradus associations are 94.2 and 91.9%, respectively. Furthermore, the convergent point analysis tool returns the ideal kinematic distances and radial velocities for membership in each group. The kinematic distance

⁸ UVW space motions are calculated using the measured radial velocity. UVW are defined with respect to the Sun. U is positive toward the Galactic center, V is positive in the direction of Galactic rotation, and W is positive toward the north Galactic pole.

Figure 12. Top: theoretical (cloudless) $\log g$ vs. T_{eff} evolutionary tracks from Saumon & Marley (2008). Isochrones of 3, 6, 10, 20, 30, 60, 100, and 200 Myr are shown by solid lines from right to left. Curves of constant mass from 0.004 – $0.016 M_{\odot}$ (4 – $17 M_{\text{Jup}}$) in steps of $0.002 M_{\odot}$ are shown by dashed lines from left to right. The red, blue, and cyan shaded regions represent the three best model spectrum fits: $T_{\text{eff}} = 1400$ K and $\log g = 4.0$ (red), $T_{\text{eff}} = 1500$ K and $\log g = 4.0$ (blue), and $T_{\text{eff}} = 1600$ K and $\log g = 3.5$ (cyan). The colors match those in Figure 6. Bottom: same as on the top for the theoretical (cloudy; $f_{\text{sed}} = 2$) $\log g$ vs. T_{eff} evolutionary tracks from Saumon & Marley (2008). (A color version of this figure is available in the online journal.)

is predicted to be 12.3 pc for β Pictoris and 19.1 pc for AB Doradus, distances that match well with our photometric distance estimates. The predicted radial velocities are -5.4 km s^{-1} and 2.1 km s^{-1} for β Pictoris and AB Doradus, respectively.

The Bayesian Analysis for Nearby Young AssociationNs tool (BANYAN; Malo et al. 2013) uses Bayesian inference to determine association membership probabilities, predicted radial velocities, and the most probable distances for several young nearby associations. Unlike the convergent point analysis tool of Rodriguez et al. (2013), the BANYAN tool determines membership probabilities so that they sum to 100%. Using the *WISE* All-sky catalog position and the proper motions provided in Table 1, the BANYAN tool determined that WISE 1741–4642 has a 0% probability of belonging to TWA, Tuc-Hor, Columba, and Carina. Membership probabilities for β Pictoris, AB Do-

Figure 13. UVW space velocities for WISE 1741–4642 for a range of radial velocities (-80 to $+80 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ in 10 km s^{-1} steps) for distances of 10, 20, and 30 pc. Negative radial velocity values are represented by open circles. The black square indicates the “good box” from Zuckerman & Song (2004). The blue and green empty boxes indicate the extent of highly probable members from Torres et al. (2008) for β Pictoris and the AB Dor association, respectively. Small blue and green filled squares represent the core UVW values of β Pictoris and AB Doradus as defined in Faherty et al. (2013).

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radus, Argus, and old field stars are 40.75%, 43.45%, 15.34%, and 0.47%, respectively (Argus is not considered by the convergent point analysis tool of Rodriguez et al. 2013). As with the convergent point analysis tool, the BANYAN tool claims a high likelihood that WISE 1741–4642 belongs to either β Pictoris or AB Doradus ($\sim 84\%$ total). Statistical distances are in excellent agreement with those from the convergent point method as well; 13.0 pc for β Pictoris and 19.5 pc for AB Doradus, again consistent with our photometric distance estimates. The predicted radial velocities from BANYAN are -4.7 km s^{-1} and $+2.57 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ for β Pictoris and AB Doradus, respectively.

We estimated the radial velocity of WISE 1741–4642 from our FIRE spectrum using measured K I central wavelengths compared to the rest wavelengths found in Rayner et al. (2009). We measured the central wavelength for each of the four K I lines at 1.16934 , 1.17761 , 1.24356 , and $1.252566 \mu\text{m}$ and from these calculated a radial velocity, corrected for the heliocentric radial

Figure 14. Left: the positions and proper motion of WISE 1741–4642 along with members of the Beta Pictoris moving group. Right: the positions and proper motion of WISE 1741–4642 along with members of the AB Doradus moving group.

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velocity, of $-5.7 \pm 5.1 \text{ km s}^{-1}$. While uncertainties using this method are large, a radial velocity significantly discrepant from those predicted for WISE 1741–4642 if it is a β Pictoris or AB Doradus member could have ruled out potential membership. Our measured radial velocity range does not rule out β Pictoris or AB Doradus membership. We also examined the XYZ position of WISE 1741–4642 using the *WISE* All-Sky position and our distance estimate of 10–30 pc. We find XYZ values of (9.5, -2.7 , -1.5), (19.0, -5.3 , -2.9), and (28.6, -8.0 , -4.4) pc for distances of 10, 20, and 30 pc, respectively. Comparing these values to the mean XYZ positions and dispersions for β Pictoris (9.27 ± 31.71 , -5.96 ± 15.19 , -13.59 ± 8.22) pc and the AB Doradus association (-2.37 ± 20.03 , 1.48 ± 18.83 , -15.62 ± 16.59) pc from Malo et al. (2013), we find that the XYZ positions of WISE 1741–4642 are consistent with known members of the β Pictoris and AB Doradus associations.

Given the youthful characteristics of the near-infrared spectrum of WISE 1741–4642 and the good agreement of its space

motion with the β Pictoris and AB Doradus associations, we believe there is a strong possibility of moving group membership. The position and proper motion of WISE 1741–4642 along with known members of β Pictoris and AB Doradus members from Schneider (2013) is displayed in Figure 14. Accurate parallax and radial velocity measurements will aid in clearing up any young association membership ambiguity.

4. CONCLUSIONS

We have shown through an analysis of the near-infrared spectrum and photometric colors of WISE 1741–4642 that it shows characteristics indicative of an age of 10–100 Myr. Since WISE 1741–4642 is young, it is less massive than the majority of objects with similar spectral types, which typically have ages greater than 1 Gyr (assuming spectral type correlates with effective temperature). We estimated a spectral type of $L7 \pm 2$ by a comparison of the near-infrared spectrum to spectral standards and other red L dwarfs. We determined an effective temperature of $1450 \pm 100 \text{ K}$ and $\log g$ of 4.0 ± 0.25 from a comparison to spectral models. From the T_{eff} and $\log g$ estimates, we estimate the mass of WISE 1741–4642 to be $4\text{--}21 M_{\text{Jup}}$. We also explored the possibility that WISE 1741–4642 is a member of one of the established nearby, young moving groups or associations. We found that membership of WISE 1741–4642 in the β Pictoris or AB Doradus moving groups is a possibility deserving follow-up observations. Future parallax and radial velocity measurements can confirm any association membership.

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Table 2
SpeX Prism Spectral Library Near-infrared L Dwarf Spectral Types

2MASS Name	SpT _{opt} (Pub.)	SpT _{NIR} (Pub.)	SpT _{IR} (Adopted)	H ₂ (K)	Ref.	Note
2M0004–4044	L5	L4.5	L5	1.051	1	
2M0015+2959	L7	L7.5 (pec)	L8.5	...	2	
2M0016–4056	L3.5	...	L5.5	1.034	3	
2M0030–1450	L7	...	L6.5	1.052	3	
2M0032+1410	...	L8	L9	1.199	3	
2M0036+1821	L3.5	L4	L1.5	1.062	4	
2M0036+2413	...	L5.5	L6	...	5	
2M0051–1544	L3.5	...	L6	1.047	3	
2M0053–3631	L3.5	...	L4	1.072	3	
2M0103+1935	L6	L7	L7	1.063	6	
2M0107+0041	L8	L5.5	L8	...	3	Red
2M0130–4445	...	L6	L7.5	...	7	
2M0134+0508	...	L1	L1	1.022	2	
2M0141–1601	...	L7:	L5.5	...	2	
2M0141–4633	L0 _γ	L0 (pec)	L2	...	22	Red
2M0144–0716	L5	...	L6.5	1.046	4	
2M0147+4731	...	L1.5	L1	1.024	2	
2M0205+1251	L5	...	L6.5	1.046	8	
2M0205–0795	...	L2	L2	1.004	2	
2M0205–1159	L7	L5.5	L9	1.121	3	
2M0206+2235	...	L5.5	L4.5	...	5	Blue
2M0207+1355	L3	L3	L1.5	...	?	
2M0208+2542	L1	...	L1.5	1.054	4	
2M0208+2737	L5	...	L6	1.063	3	
2M0227–1624	L1	...	L1.5	1.023	4	Sl. red
2M0228+2537	L0:	L0	L0	...	4	
2M0230–3027	...	L1	L1	1.026	2	
2M0235–2331	L1	L1	L1.5	1.038	4	
2M0241–1241	L2:	...	L2.5	1.035	4	
2M0255–4700	L8	L9	L9	1.144	9	
2M0257–3105	L8	...	L8.5	1.094	10	
2M0300–2130	...	L6 (pec)	L4.5	...	2	
2M0310–1648	L8	L9	L9.5	1.140	1	Sl. red
2M0318–3421	L7	...	L7	1.063	3	
2M0320–0446	M8	L0.5	L0	...	4	Sl. blue
2M0328+2302	L8	L9.5	L9.5	1.155	4	
2M0354+2540	L0	L1	L0	...	23	
2M0406–3812	L0 _γ	L1 (pec)	L2	...	2	Red?
2M0439–2353	L5:	...	L4.5	1.067	1	
2M0516–3332	L3:	...	L6	...	3	
2M0539–0059	L5	L5	L5	1.089	?	Blue
2M0624–4521	L5:	...	L6.5	1.055	10	
2M0652+4710	L4.5	...	L5.5	1.038	3	
2M0654+6528	...	L6	L5.5	...	3	
2M0717+5705	L3	L6.5	L3	1.036	3	Red
2M0741+0531	...	L1.5	L1	1.023	2	
2M0801+4628	L6.5	...	L5	1.038	3	
2M0805+4812	L4	L9	L5	1.098	11	Blue
2M0820+1037	...	L9.5	L9.5	...	5	
2M0820+4500	L5	...	L7	1.052	3	
2M0823+2428	L3	...	L2	1.033	3	Sl. red
2M0825+2115	L7.5	L6	L7.5	1.079	3	
2M0828–1309	L2	...	L1	1.029	12	
2M0830+4828	L8	L9	L9.5	1.120	4	
2M0835+1953	...	L5	L5	1.080	5	
2M0835–0819	L5	...	L6.5	1.048	3	
2M0847–1532	L2	...	L1.5	1.049	13	
2M0850+1057	L6	...	L6.5	1.059	14	
2M0851+1817	...	L4.5	L6	...	5	
2M0852+4720	...	L9.5	L9.5	1.128	3	
2M0856+2235	L3:	...	L3	1.033	3	
2M0857+5708	L8	L8	L7	1.097	3	Red
2M0859–1949	L6::	...	L8	1.146	10	
2M0905+5623	L5	...	L5	1.070	3	
2M0908+5032	L5	L9	L8	1.124	10	Blue

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2MASS Name	SpT _{opt} (Pub.)	SpT _{NIR} (Pub.)	SpT _{IR} (Adopted)	H ₂ (K)	Ref.	Note
2M0915+0422	L7	...	L6	1.068	1	
2M0921–2104	L1.5	L4	L1	1.043	12	Blue
2M0929+3429	L8	L7.5	L7	1.080	3	
2M1007+1930	...	L8	L9	1.144	3	
2M1010–0406	L6	L6	L6	1.071	8	
2M1025+3212	...	L7.5	L9	...	5	
2M1022+4114	L0	L (early)	L0.5	...	4	
2M1036–3441	L6	...	L9	1.126	3	
2M1043+1213	...	L7	L9	1.156	3	
2M1043+2225	L8	...	L8.5	1.152	10	Sl. red
2M1044+0429	...	L7	L8.5	1.130	3	
2M1046+4441	...	L5 (pec)	L4	1.096	2	
2M1048+0111	L1	L4	L1	1.021	4	
2M1058–1548	L3	L3	L2.5	1.037	3	
2M1100+4957	L3.5	...	L3	1.052	10	Sl. red
2M1104+1959	L4	...	L4	1.086	15	
2M1112+3548	L4.5	...	L5	1.042	3	
2M1113+3430	...	L3	L3	...	5	
2M1121+4332	...	L7.5	L5	...	5	Blue
2M1126–5003	L4.5	L6.5 (pec)	L5	1.102	16	Blue
2M1146+2230	L3	...	L2.5	1.041	3	
2M1155+0559	...	L7.5	L5	1.078	3	
2M1207–3151	L3:	...	L2	1.036	3	Red
2M1216+3003	...	L3.5	L4	...	5	
2M1219–3128	...	L8	L9	1.161	3	Sl. red
2M1221+0257	L0	...	L0.5	...	4	
2M1228–1547	L5	L6	L4.5	1.073	3	
2M1230+2827	...	L4:	L2	1.043	17	
2M1239+5515	L5	...	L5	1.048	3	
2M1247–1117	...	L0:	L0	...	2	
2M1302–5650	L2	L3 (pec)	L3	...	2	
2M1305–2541	L2	L2	L2	1.021	12	
2M1318+1736	...	L5.5	L6	1.039	2	
2M1326–0038	L8:	L5.5	L7	1.046	3	
2M1331+3407	L0	L1 (pec)	L1	1.019	2	Sl. red
2M1331–0116	L6	L8	T0	...	3	
2M1342+1340	...	L5.5	L6	...	5	
2M1345+5216	...	L3.5	L3	...	5	
2M1357+1428	L4:	...	L2	1.014	3	
2M1400+4338	...	L7	L8	1.138	3	
2M1407+1241	L1::	...	L4	1.042	3	
2M1416+1348	L6	...	L5	1.111	18	Blue
2M1416+5006	...	L5.5	L4.5	...	5	
2M1418–3538	...	L1.5	L1.5	1.030	2	
2M1419+5919	...	L1:	L1	...	2	
2M1422+2215	...	L6.5	L5	...	5	Blue
2M1431+1436	L2	L3.5	L1	1.018	17	Blue
2M1434+2202	...	L2.5	L1	1.045	17	Blue
2M1439+1929	L1	...	L1	1.016	15	
2M1440–1303	L1	L1 (pec)	L1	1.038	2	
2M1448+1031	L4:	L3.5	L5.5	1.065	3	
2M1506+1321	L3	L3	L3	1.020	9	
2M1515+4436	...	L7.5	L7.5	1.093	3	
2M1523+3014	L8	L8	L8	1.126	3	
2M1526+2043	L7	...	L5	1.076	15	
2M1534+1219	...	L4	L3	1.067	5	
2M1540+3742	...	L9	L9	1.135	3	
2M1548+1722	...	L5	L4.5	...	5	
2M1550+1455	L2:	...	L2.5	1.039	19	
2M1617+4019	...	L4	L6.5	1.064	5	Sl. red
2M1622+1159	...	L6	L4.5	...	5	
2M1630+4344	...	L7	L8.5	1.105	3	
2M1632+1904	L8	L8	L8	1.078	15	
2M1633–0640	...	L6	L5.5	1.085	5	Sl. blue
2M1638+1327	...	L2	L1.5	1.039	2	

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2MASS Name	SpT _{opt} (Pub.)	SpT _{NIR} (Pub.)	SpT _{IR} (Adopted)	H ₂ (K)	Ref.	Note
2M1645–1319	L1.5	...	L1	1.018	4	
2M1649+4643	...	L5	L4.5	...	5	Sl. blue
2M1653+6231	L3	...	L1.5	1.028	3	
2M1705–0516	...	L4	L1	1.034	3	
2M1707–0558	...	L3	L2	1.067	13	
2M1711+2232	L6.5	...	L9.5	1.137	3	
2M1728+3948	L7	...	L6.5	1.080	14	
2M1731+5310	...	L6	L5	1.078	5	
2M1732+2656	...	L1	L1	1.026	2	
2M1739+2454	...	L4	L2	1.048	2	
2M1750–0016	...	L5.5	L4.5	1.060	3	Sl. blue
2M1807+5015	L1.5	L1	L1	1.029	4	
2M1813+5101	...	L5	L4.5	1.094	2	
2M1821+1414	L4.5	L5 (pec)	L5	1.047	20	
2M1916–3700	...	L1	L1	...	2	
2M1928–4356	L4	...	L6	1.057	3	
2M1941+6826	...	L2	L2	1.046	2	
2M1949+6222	L2 (pec)	L2 (pec)	L2	...	2	
2M2002–0521	L6	...	L5.5	1.050	4	Sl. red
2M2026–2943	L1:	...	L1	...	21	
2M2028+0052	L3	...	L2.5	1.048	15	
2M2034+0827	L1	...	L1	1.038	3	
2M2036+1051	L3	...	L2	1.041	3	
2M2043–1551	...	L9	L9.5	1.201	3	
2M2057–0252	L1.5	L1.5	L1	1.028	15	
2M2101+1756	L7.5	...	L7.5	1.097	3	
2M2104–1037	L2.5	...	L2	1.038	3	
2M2130–0845	L1.5	...	L1	1.035	2	
2M2131–0119	...	L9	L9.5	...	5	
2M2132+1029	...	L4.5	L5.5	...	5	
2M2132+1341	L6	...	L6	1.068	10	
2M2133+1018	...	L5	L3.5	...	5	
2M2142–3101	L3	...	L2	1.048	3	
2M2148+4003	L6	L6 (pec)	L7	...	20	Red
2M2151+3402	...	L7 (pec)	L6	1.084	2	
2M2151–2441	L3	...	L3	1.034	4	Red
2M2155+2345	...	L2	L2	1.080	2	
2M2158–1550	L4:	L4	L4	1.065	2	
2M2211+6856	...	L2	L2	...	2	
2M2212+3430	L5:	L6	L6	1.073	3	
2M2249+0044	L3	L5	L7	1.038	4	
2M2252–1730	...	L7.5	T0	...	8	
2M2317–4838	L4 (pec)	L6.5 (pec)	L5	1.046	2	Red
2M2328–1038	...	L3.5	L2	...	5	
2M2351+3010	L5.5	L5 (pec)	L6.5	1.078	2	

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APPENDIX

SpeX NEAR-INFRARED SPECTRAL FITTING

The SpeX Prism Spectral Library is an invaluable resource to the brown dwarf community. We chose to utilize this resource to extend the work of Canty et al. (2013) regarding the H₂K youth index to the entire L dwarf spectral sequence. Since many of the given or published spectral types in the SpeX Prism Spectral Library were not determined homogeneously, we independently derived near-infrared spectral types for each available spectrum based on the Kirkpatrick et al. (2010) L dwarf classification scheme. For each spectrum, we first normalized

to 1.28 μm , then performed a χ^2 fitting to the region between 0.9 and 1.4 μm . Each spectrum was then inspected by-eye over the entire near-infrared range from 0.8 to 2.5 μm to see which subtype was most similar to the spectrum in question, with the results of the χ^2 fitting used as a guide. The newly derived near-infrared spectral types are given in Table 2, along with a reference to where the original near-infrared SpeX spectrum was published. We also include previously derived optical and near-infrared spectral types, when available. Those spectra with blue or red near-infrared colors compared to their best fitting spectral type are labeled as blue or red in the notes section of Table 2. The newly derived infrared spectral types of the sample

Figure 15. Left: a comparison of the spectral types derived in the Appendix and presented in Table 2 with previously published near-infrared spectral types. Any point in the shaded region agrees to within ± 2 subtype. Right: a comparison of the spectral types derived in the Appendix and presented in Table 2 with previously published optical spectral types. We note that there are no optical spectral types defined between L8 and T0.

(A color version of this figure is available in the online journal.)

agree to within ± 2 subtypes at a rate of $\sim 89\%$ (101/114) with previously published infrared spectral types and $\sim 93\%$ (103/111) with optical spectral types. A comparison of the newly derived spectral types with previously published spectral types is shown in Figure 15.

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