

# Intraday variability of the polarization vector in AGN S5 0716+714

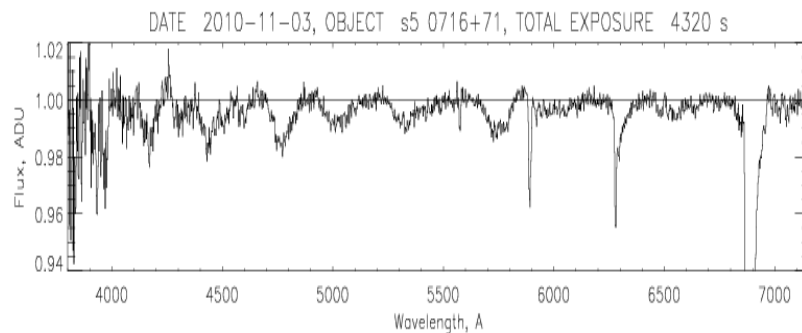
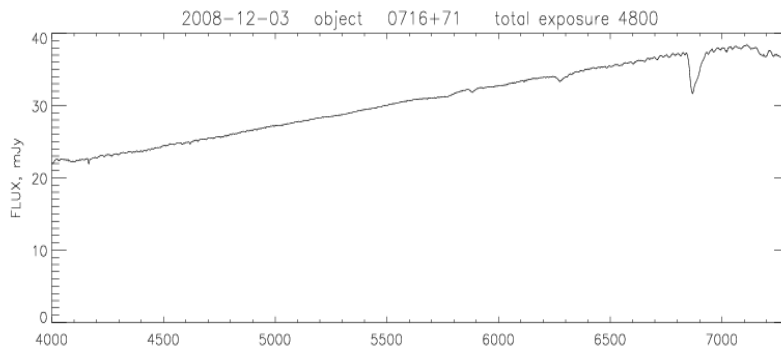
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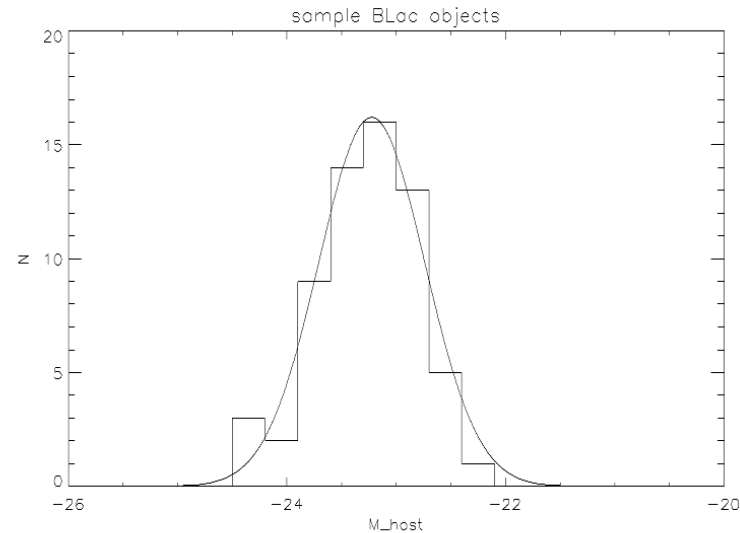
## Redshift $z$ - ?

- No spectral details (except interstellar) at 0.3% level ( $10^{-3} \text{ \AA}$ ).

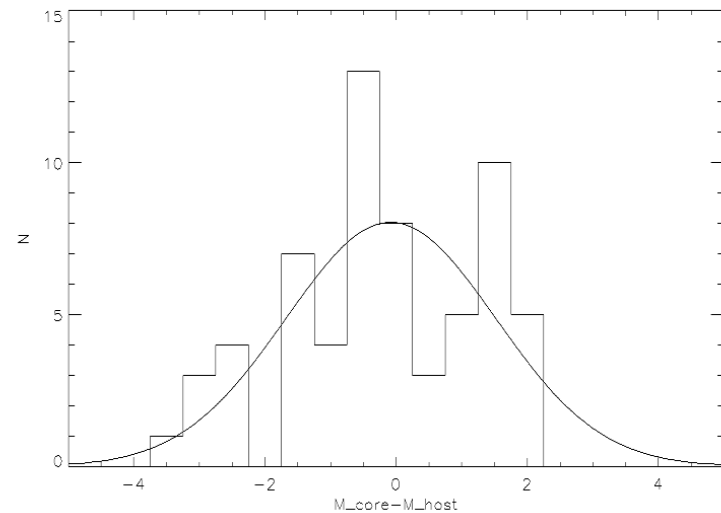


- No evidence of the host galaxy.
  - » (Urry et al. 2000) – *HST* survey →  $m > 20.0^m \rightarrow z > 0.5$
  - » (Stickel et al. 1993) →  $z \approx 0.26$
  - » (Bychkova et al. 2006) →  $z = 0.3$
  - » (Nilsson et al. 2008) →  $z = 0.3$
  - » (Stadnik & Romani 2014) →  $z = 0.127$

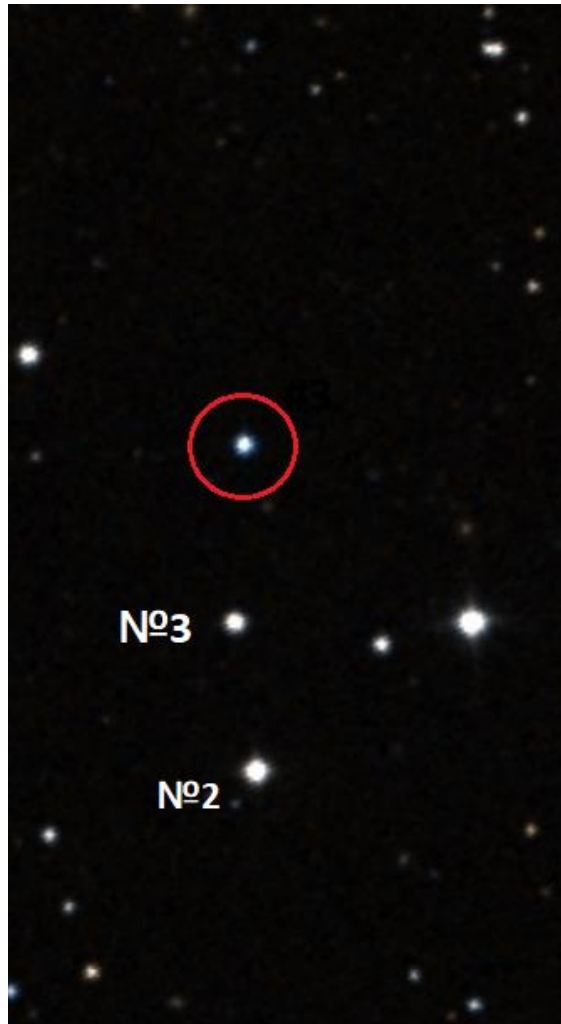
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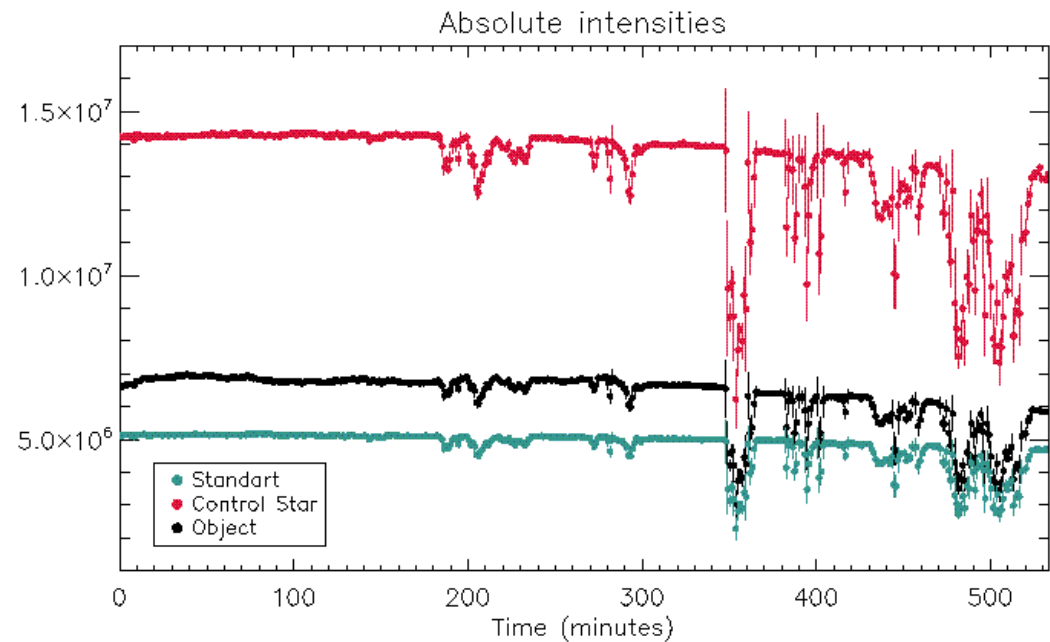
**Blazar sample (Urry et al. 2000):  
difference between the core and  
the host  $< 4^m$  ;  
but for S5 0716+714 – **up to  $7^m$**  .**



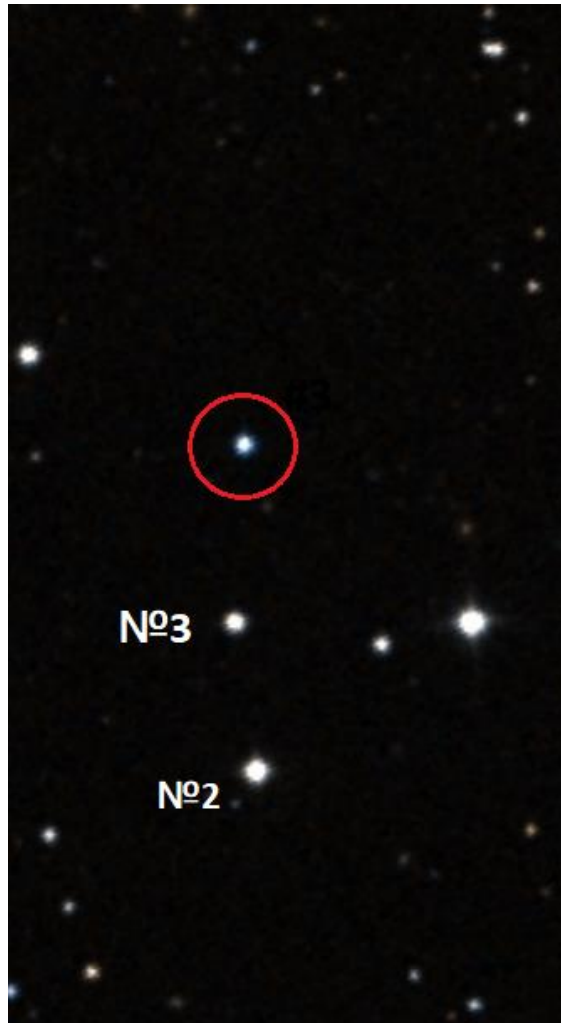
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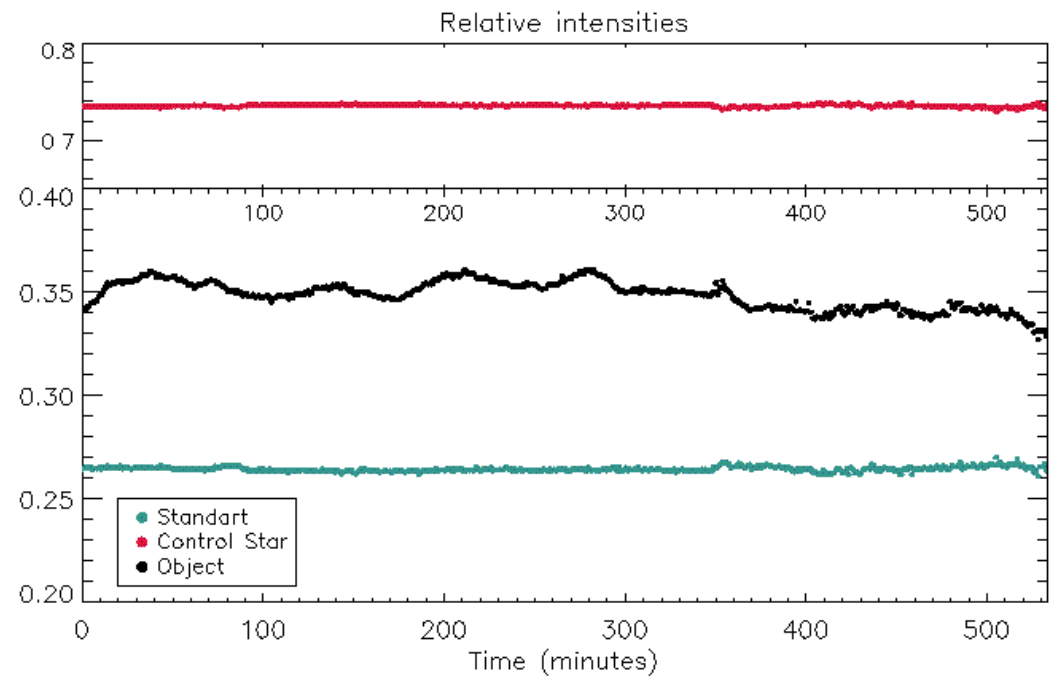
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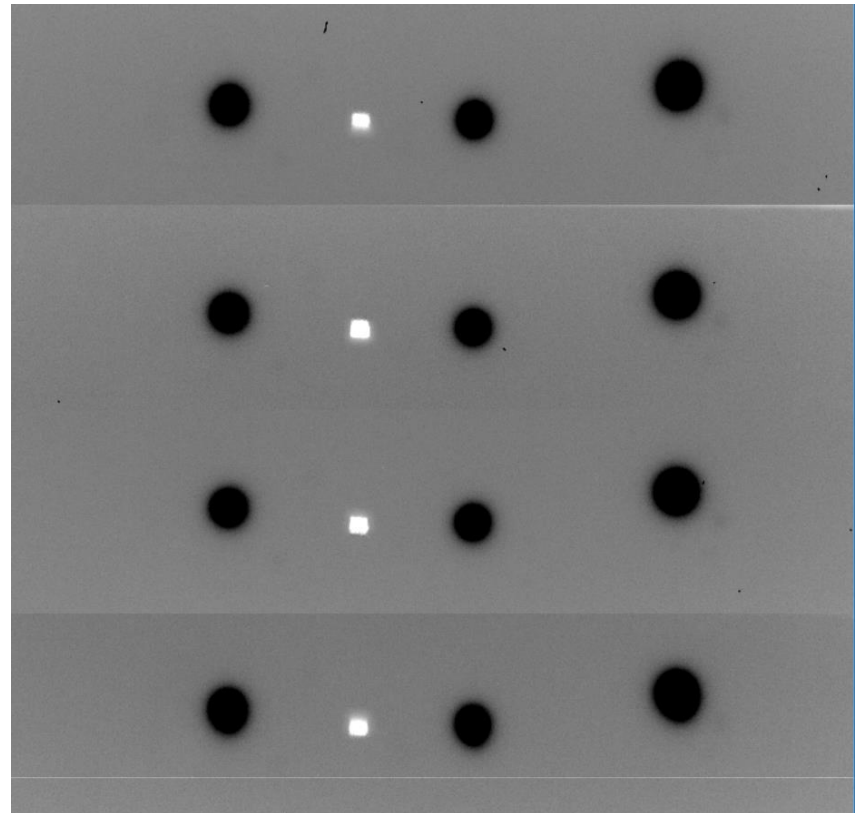
2. Double Wollaston prism → simultaneous measurements of  $Q$  and  $U$  Stokes parameters (Afanasiev & Amirkhanyan 2012):

$$Q = \frac{I_0 - I_{90} D_Q}{I_0 + I_{90} D_Q}$$

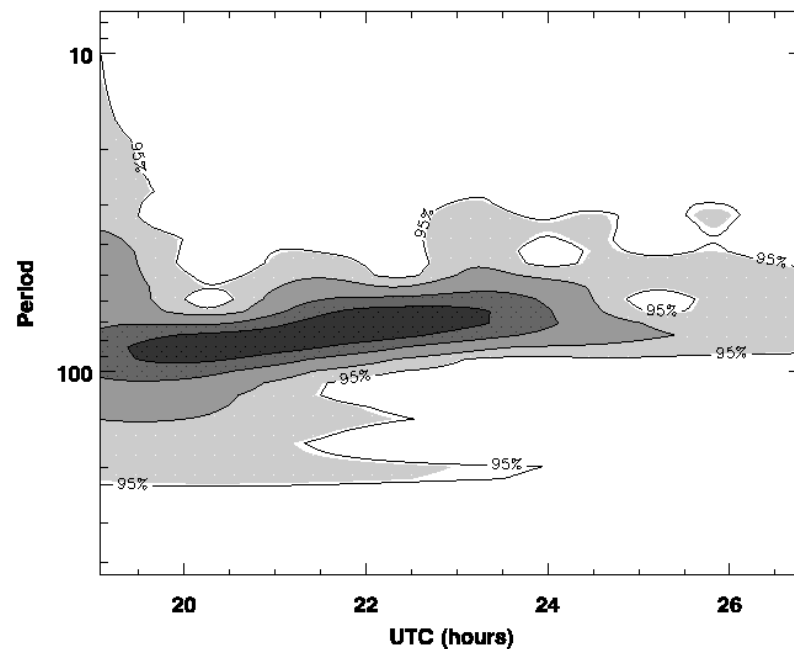
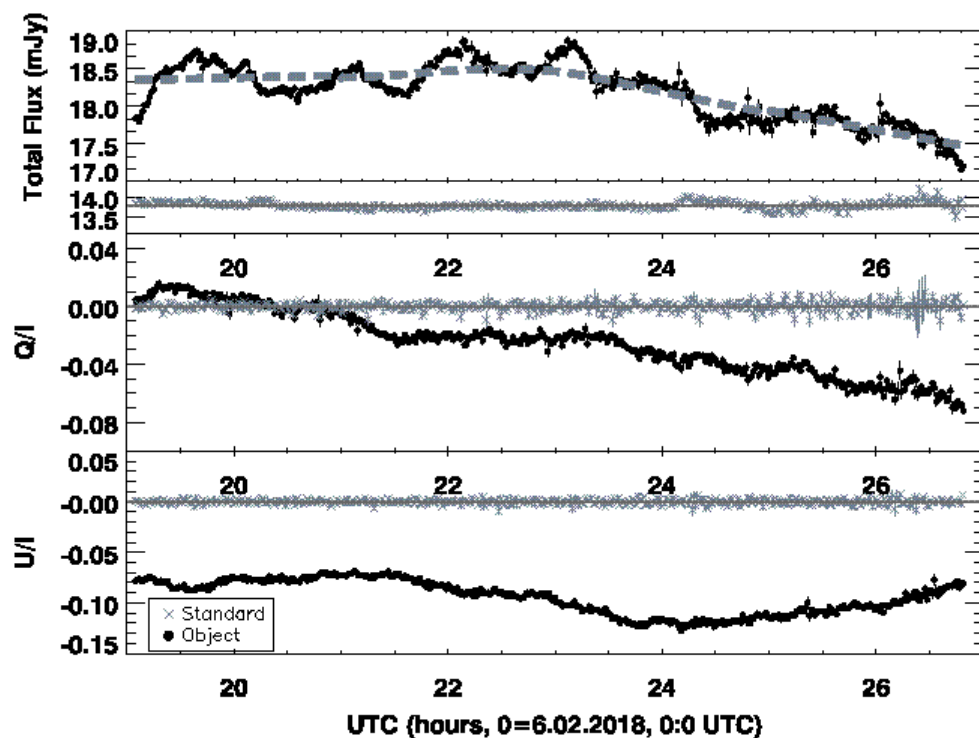
$$U = \frac{I_{45} - I_{135} D_U}{I_{45} + I_{135} D_U}$$

where  $D_{Q,U}$  are the coefficients of polarization channel transmission:

$$D_Q = 1.036 \pm 0.015, D_U = 0.985 \pm 0.015.$$

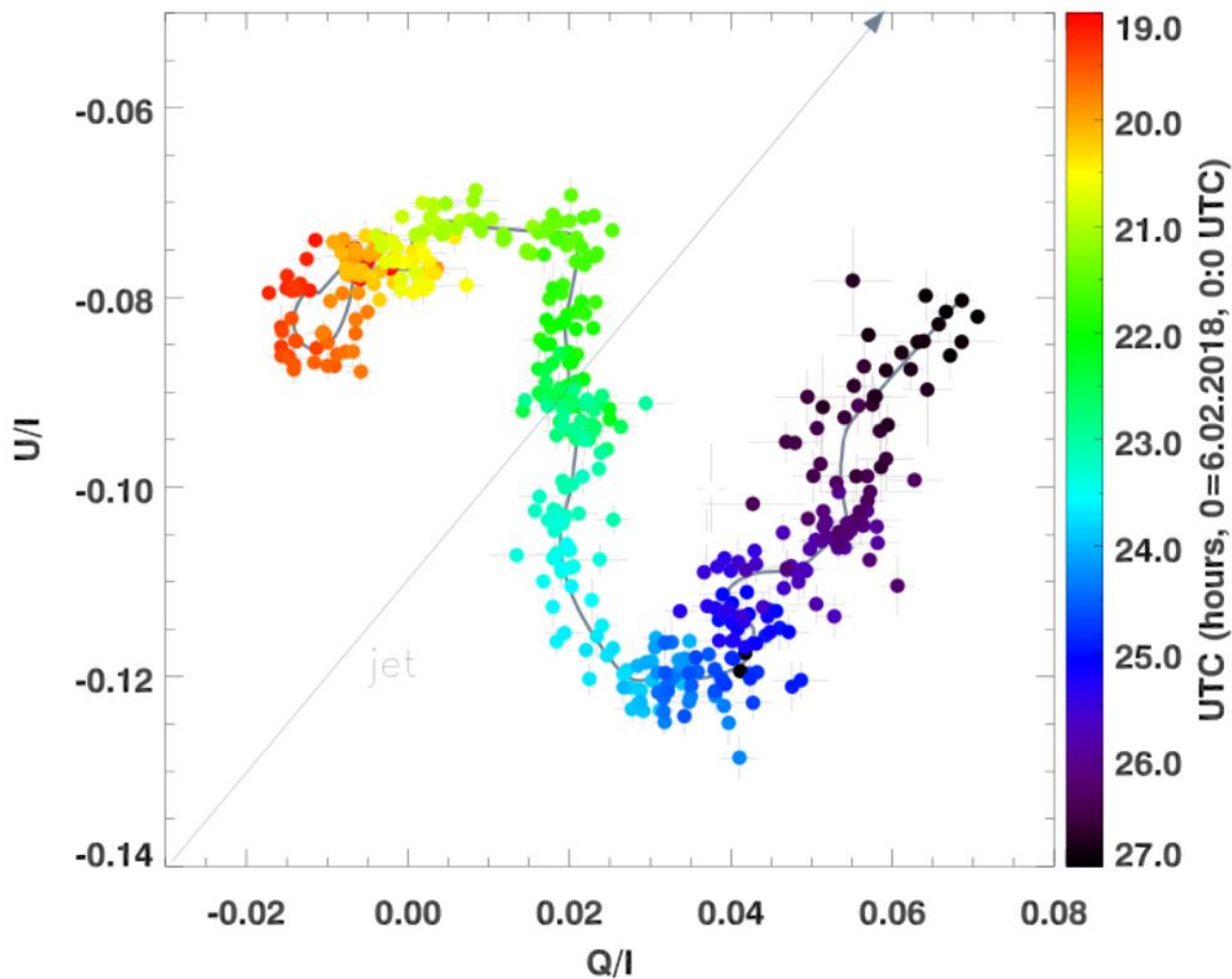


# Observations – result



Variation period in total flux  $\sim 77 \pm 10$  min.  
 Photometric accuracy – 0.005<sup>m</sup>.

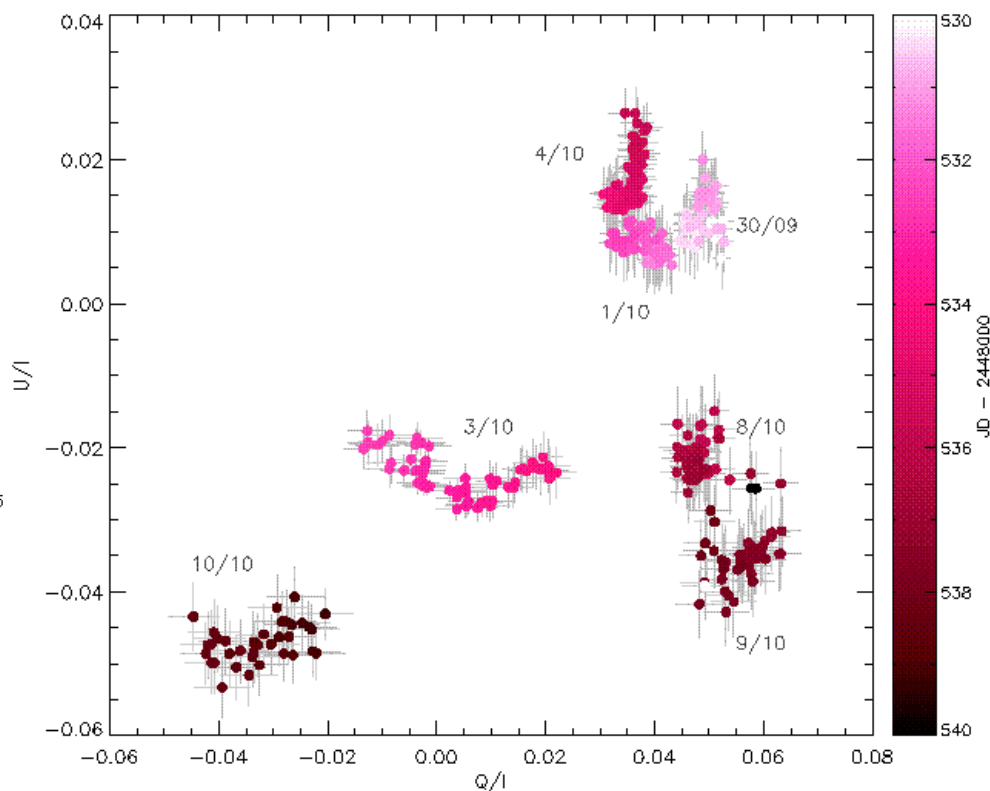
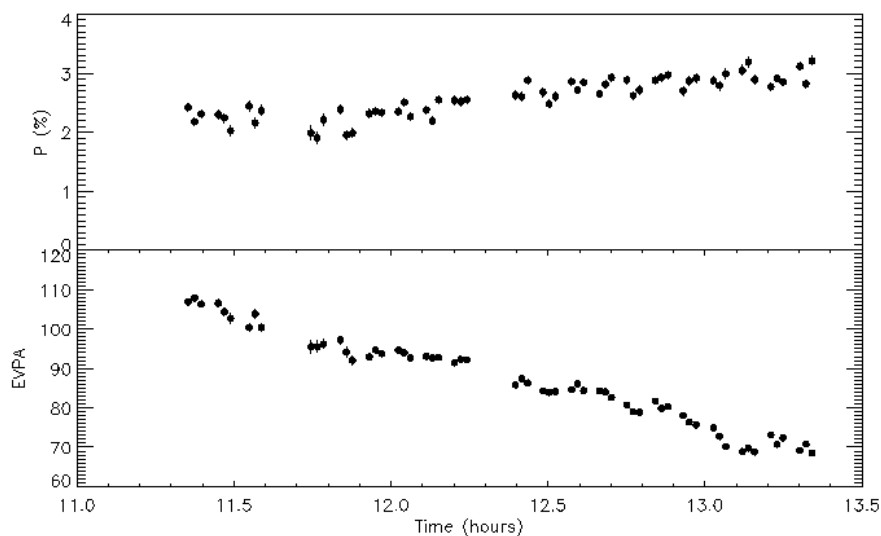
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The polarization vector direction switch – **1.5-3 hours**.  
Polarimetric accuracy – 0.1%.



# Monitoring on 6-m BTA – 1991/1994

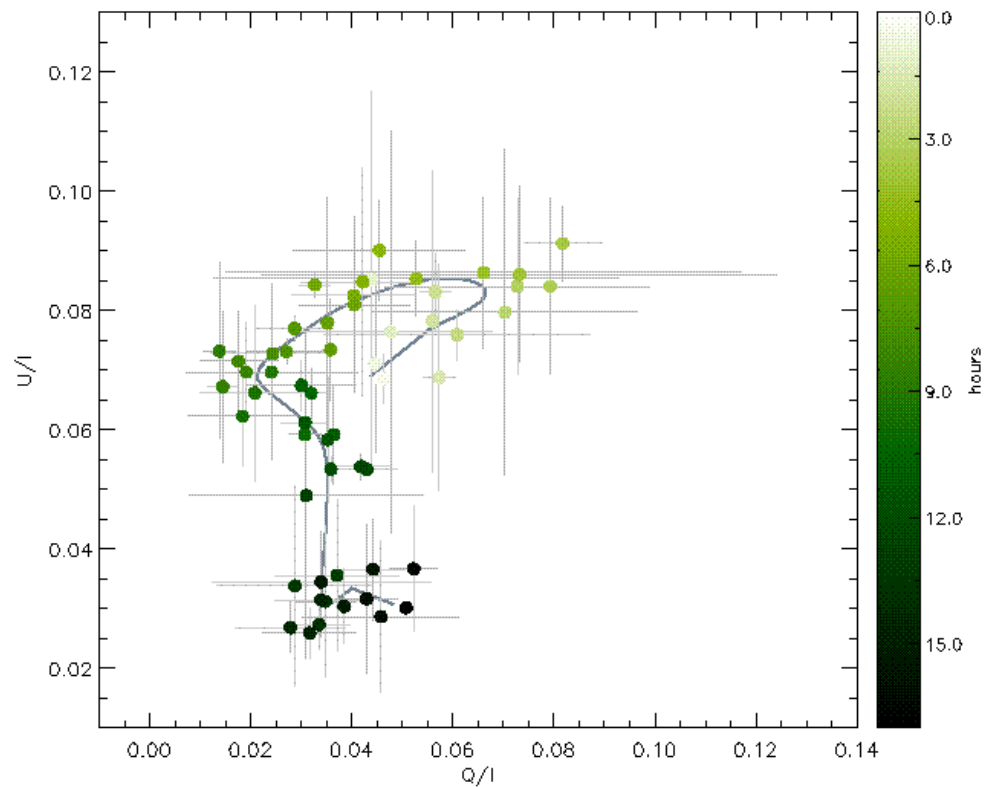
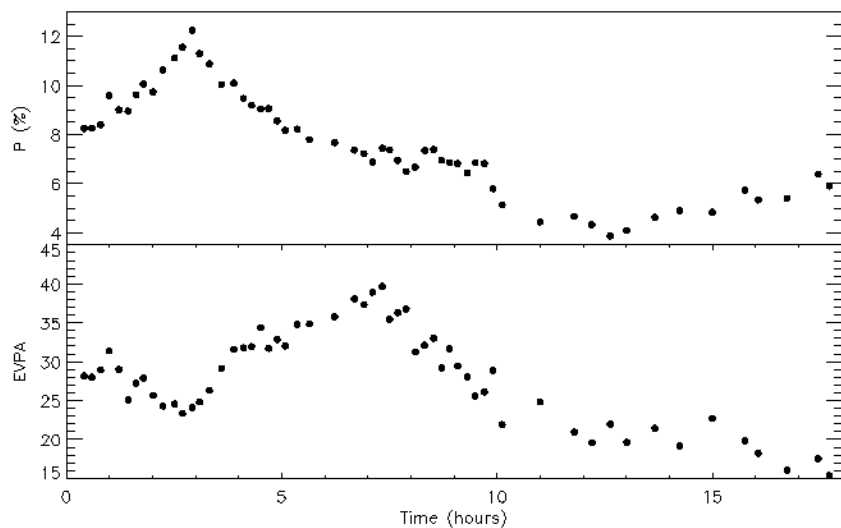


(Impey et al. 2000)

Temporal resolution:  $\sim 1$  min.

Accuracy: 0.2-0.4%.

# WEBT campaign – microflash 2014

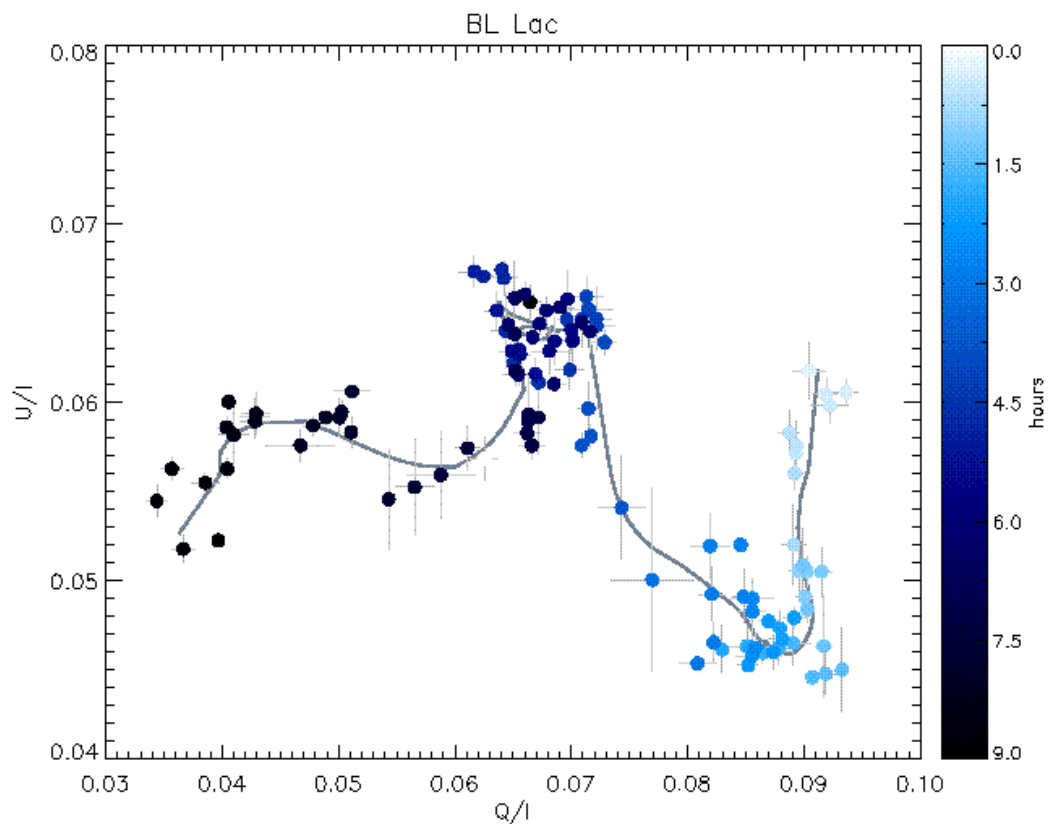
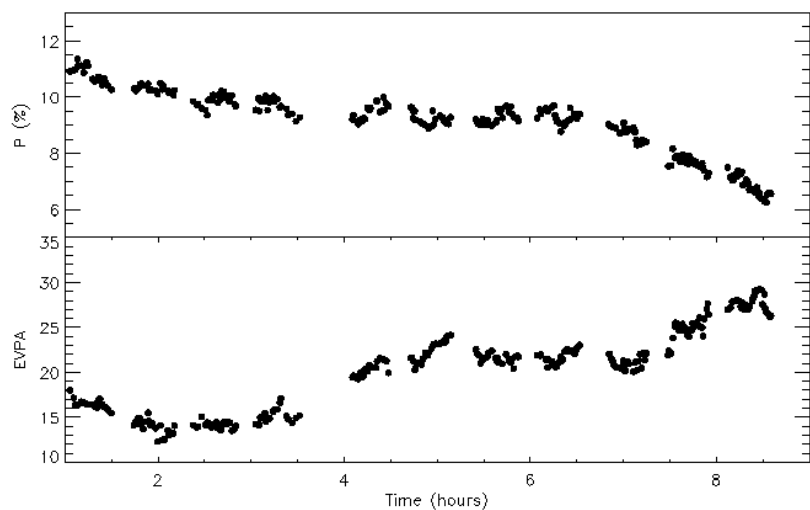


(Bhatta et al. 2015, 2016)

Temporal resolution :  $\sim 20$  min.

Accuracy: 2-10%.

# Rapid variations of BL Lac



(Covino et al. 2015)

Temporal resolution :  $\sim 1$ -2 min.

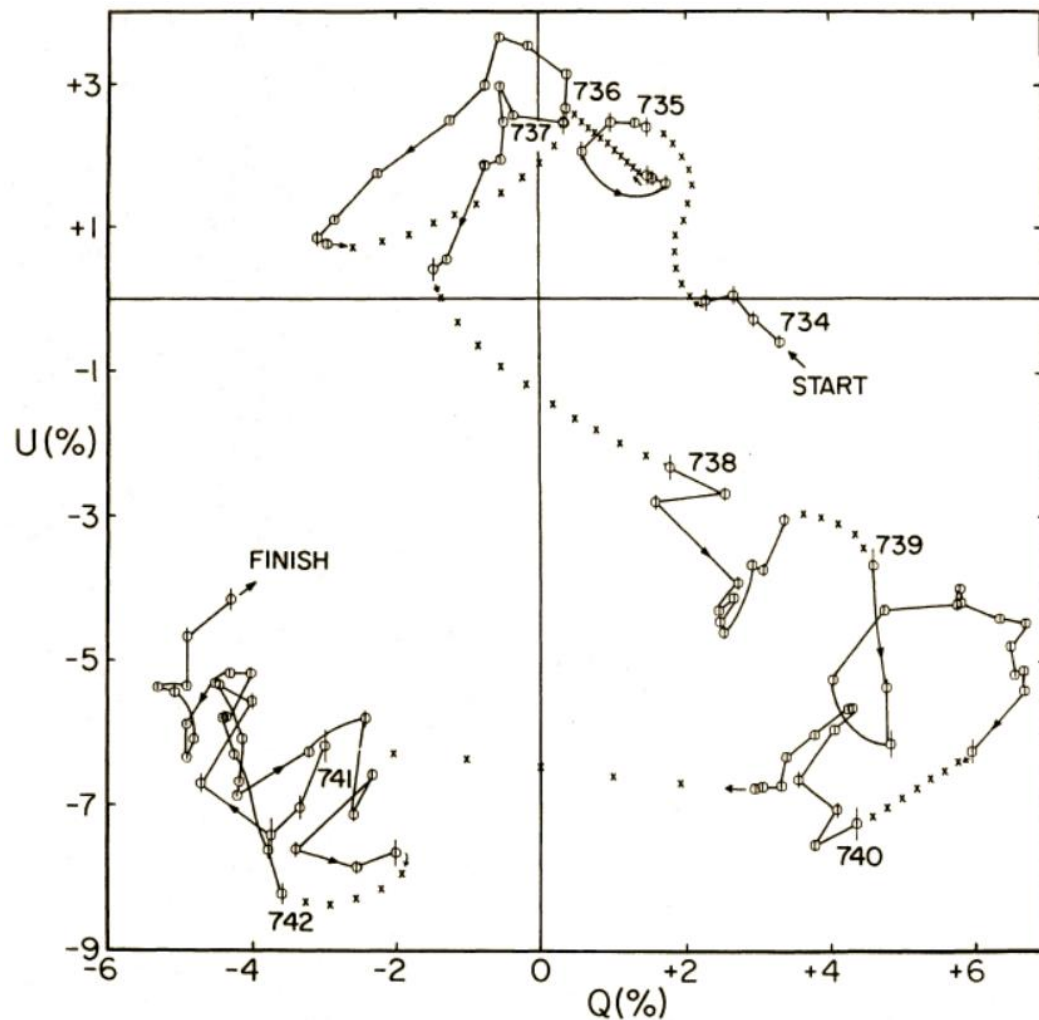
Accuracy: 0.2-0.3%.

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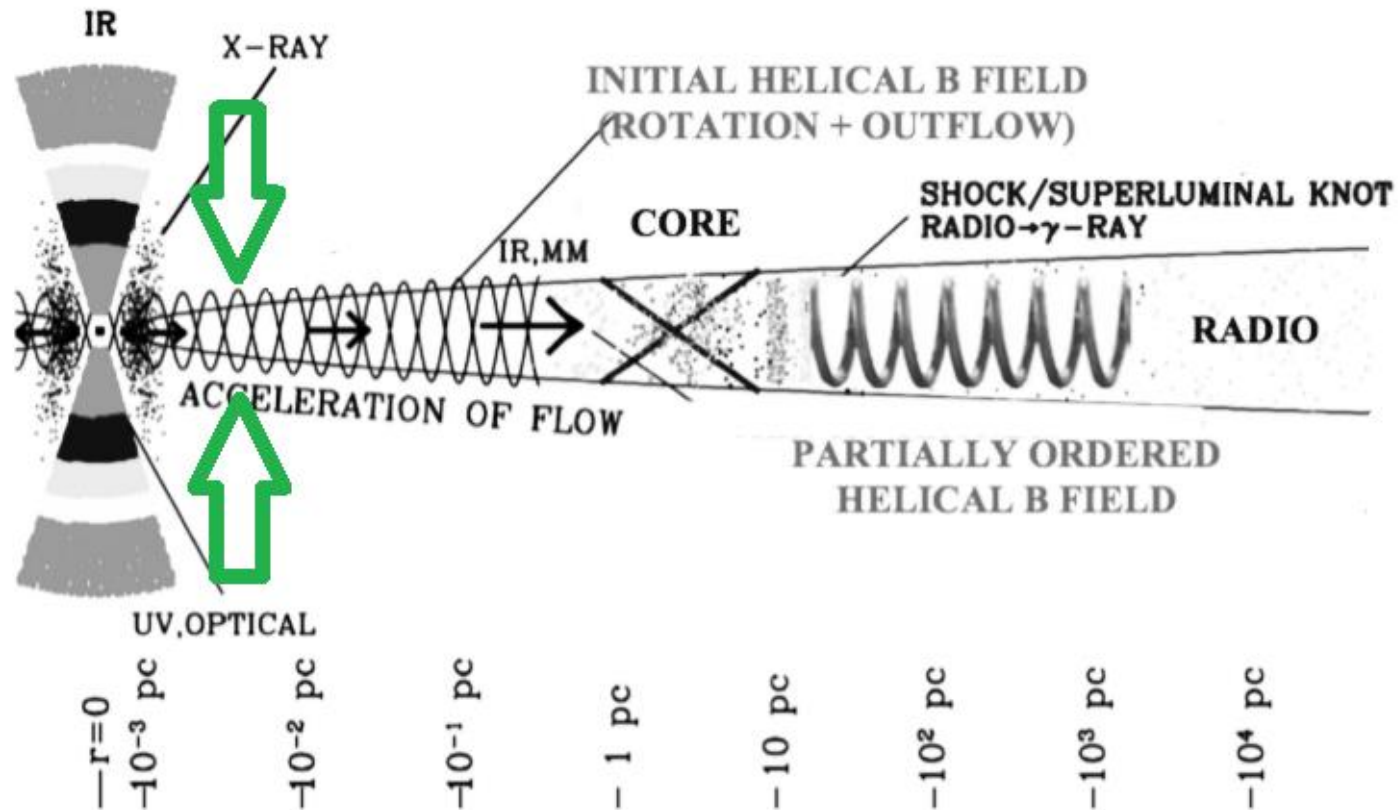
(Moore et al. 1982)

Temporal resolution :  $\sim 10$  min.

Accuracy: 0.3-0.4%.



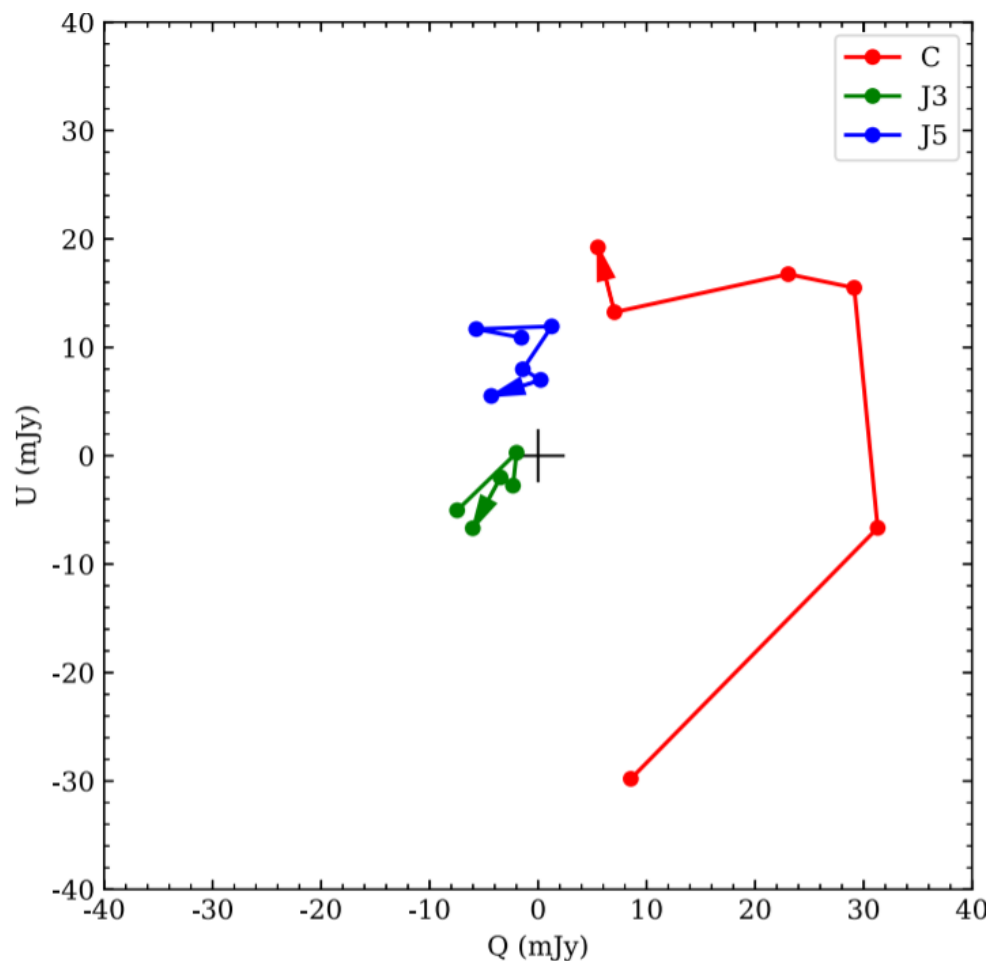
# Polarization model



(Marscher 2005)

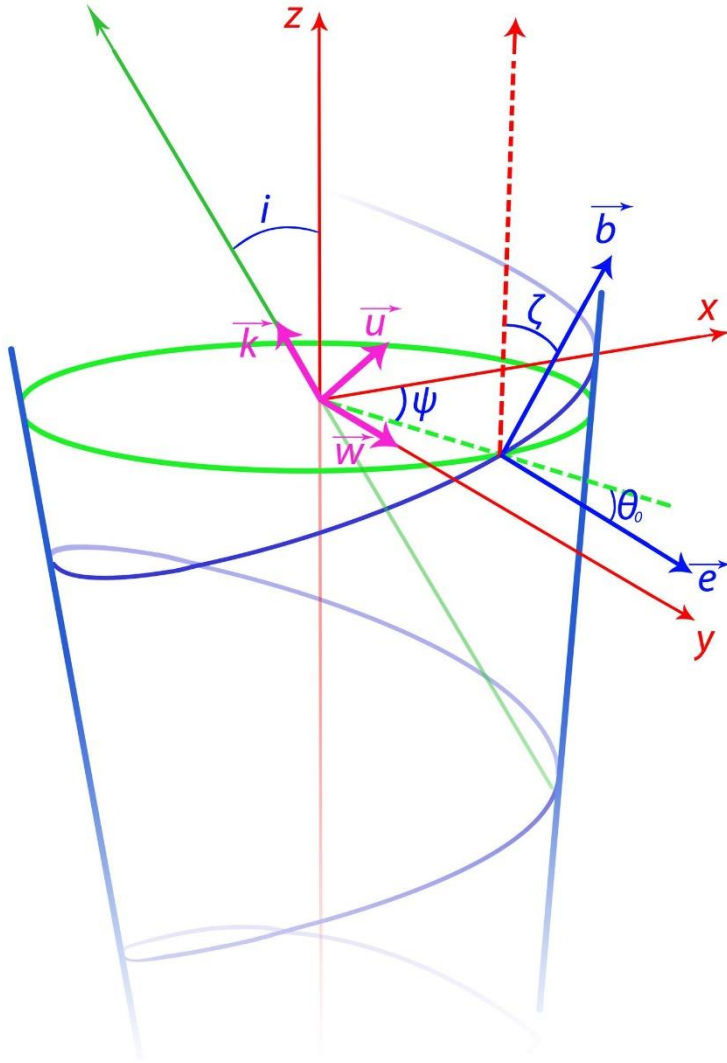
Helical magnetic field at  $<10^{-2}$  pc from the core.

# Polarization model



(Li et al. 2018)  
Radio observations of CTA 102  
in polarized light →  
Suggestion of the helical  
plasma trajectory in jet.

# Polarization model



(Steffan 1995, Li et al. 2018):

$$\rho = f \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{at + b}{f}\right)^2}$$

$$\varphi = \frac{1}{\sin\theta} \left[ \arctan\left(\frac{at + b}{f}\right) - \arctan\left(\frac{b}{f}\right) \right]$$

$$z = \frac{\rho - \rho_0}{\tan\theta}$$

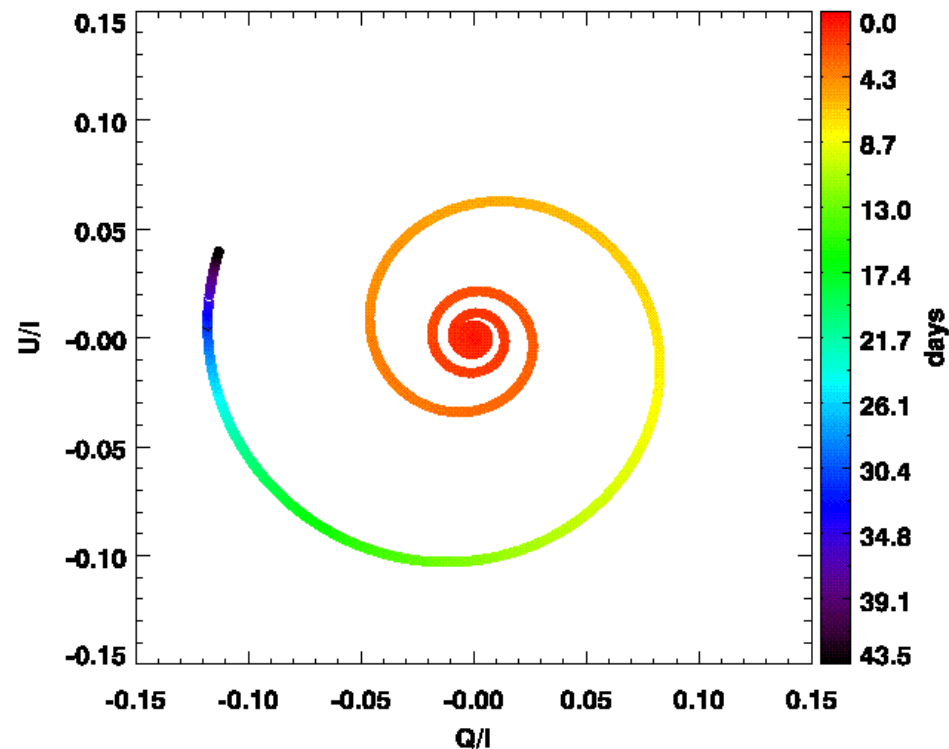
where the next coefficients are used:

$$a = \beta \sin\theta, \quad b = \sqrt{\rho_0^2 - f^2}, \quad f = \frac{j}{b}$$

where  $\beta = v/c$  is the velocity in units of speed of light,  $\rho_0$  is the cylindrical distance,  $j = L/E_{kin} c$  is the angular momentum.

# Polarization model

Kinematic parameters		Value
Inclination angle <sup>1</sup>	$i$	$5^\circ$
Half-opening angle of the cone <sup>1</sup>	$\theta$	$1.5^\circ$
Physical speed of the optical jet <sup>2</sup>	$\beta$	$0.999c$
Cylindrical distance	$\rho_0$	$5 \cdot 10^{-5}$ pc
Angular momentum	$j$	$0.9\beta\rho_0$
Maximum PD <sup>3</sup>	$P_{max}$	0.3



<sup>1</sup> (Pushkarev et al. 2009)

<sup>2</sup> (Butuzova 2018)

<sup>3</sup> (Larionov et al. 2013)



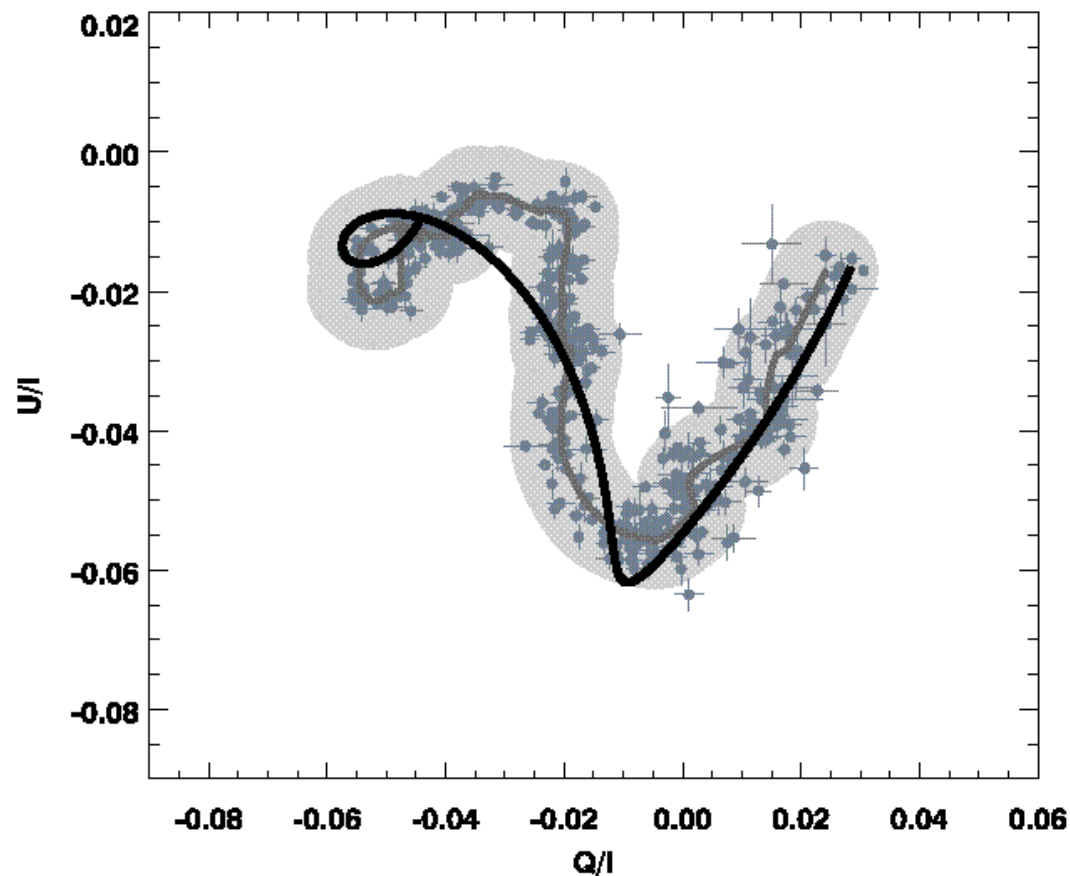
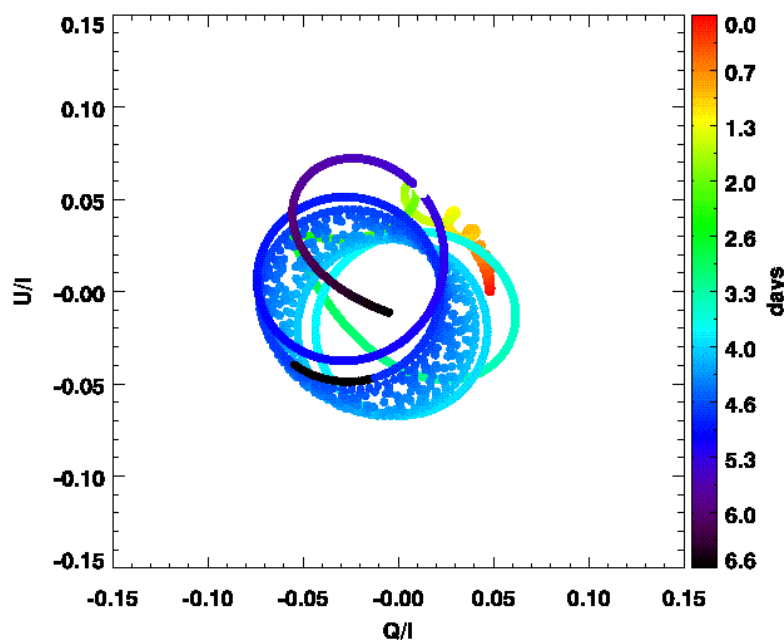
# Polarization model – add precession

## Kinematic parameters

## Value

Distance from the precession axis  $\omega$   $0.7 \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ pc}$

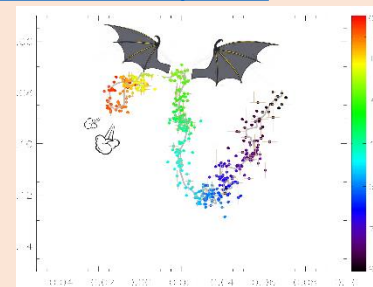
Precession period  $T$  15 days



# Conclusions

- We found the variability of the total ( $\Delta=0.04^m$ ) and polarized ( $\Delta=7\%$ ) fluxes on a time-scale  **$\sim 1.5$  hours**;
- We discovered the specific pattern of the polarization vector on the  $QU$ -plane – «arches» and «loops»;
- The estimation of the linear size of the field identifying with the emitting region –  **$1.5 \cdot 10^{-5}$  pc, or 10 a.u.** at  $\sim 10^{-3}$  pc from the central BH;
- The polarization vector rotations marks the magnetic field precessing with the **15 days** period;
- The similar pattern was found in other papers and also for BL Lac.

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## Proper motion S5 0716+714

