

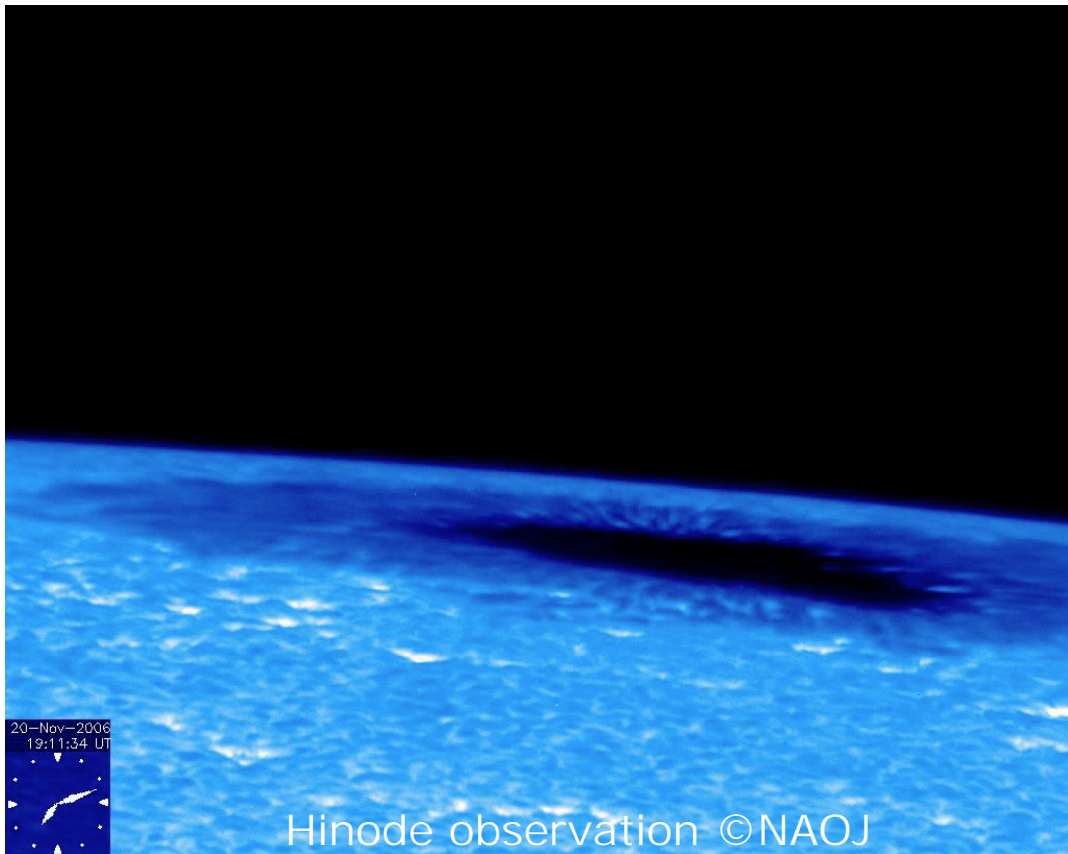
# The CLASP and CLASP2 Missions

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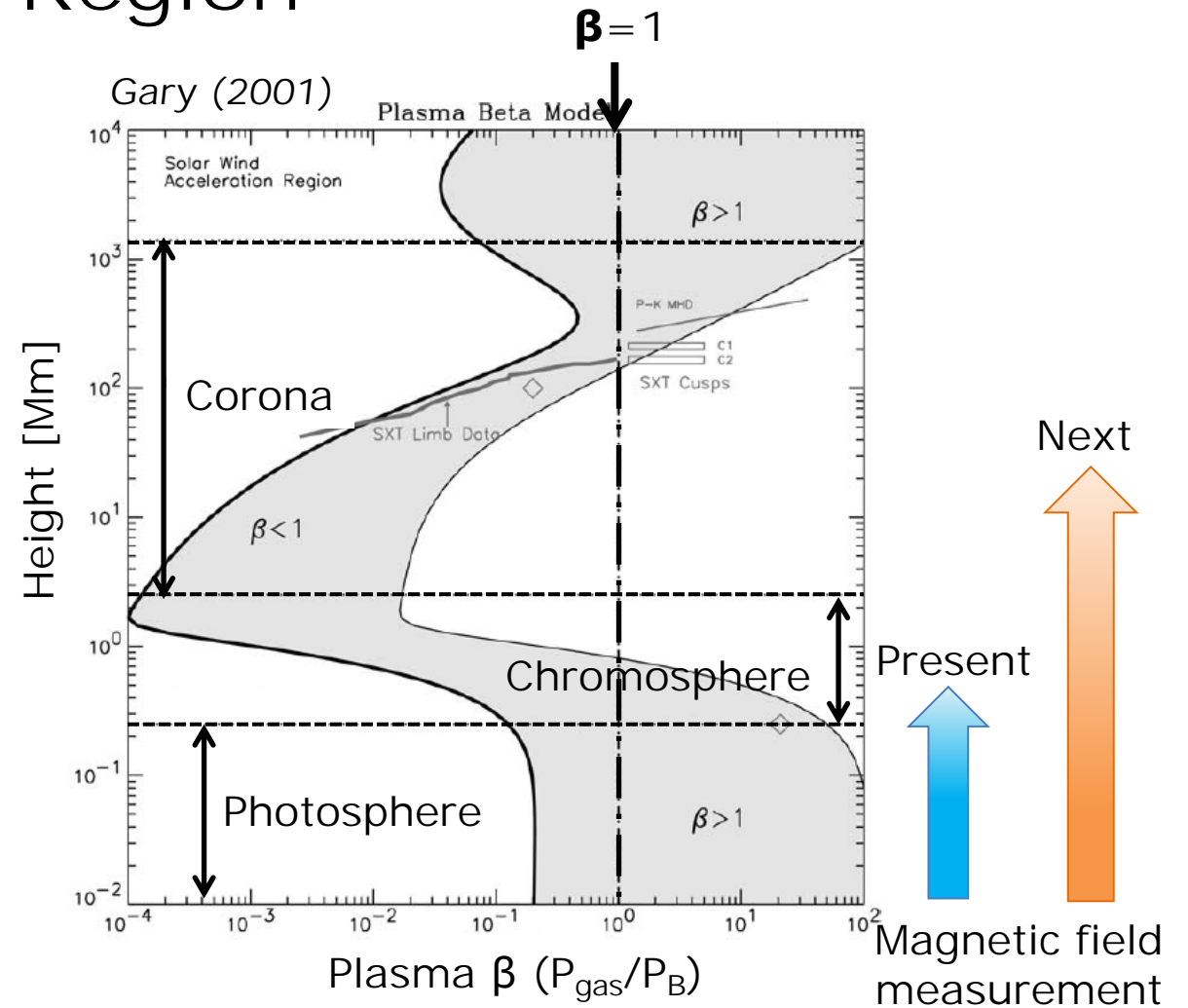
# Growing Demand: Magnetic Field Measurement in $\beta < 1$ Region



Quiet photosphere ( $\beta > 1$ )



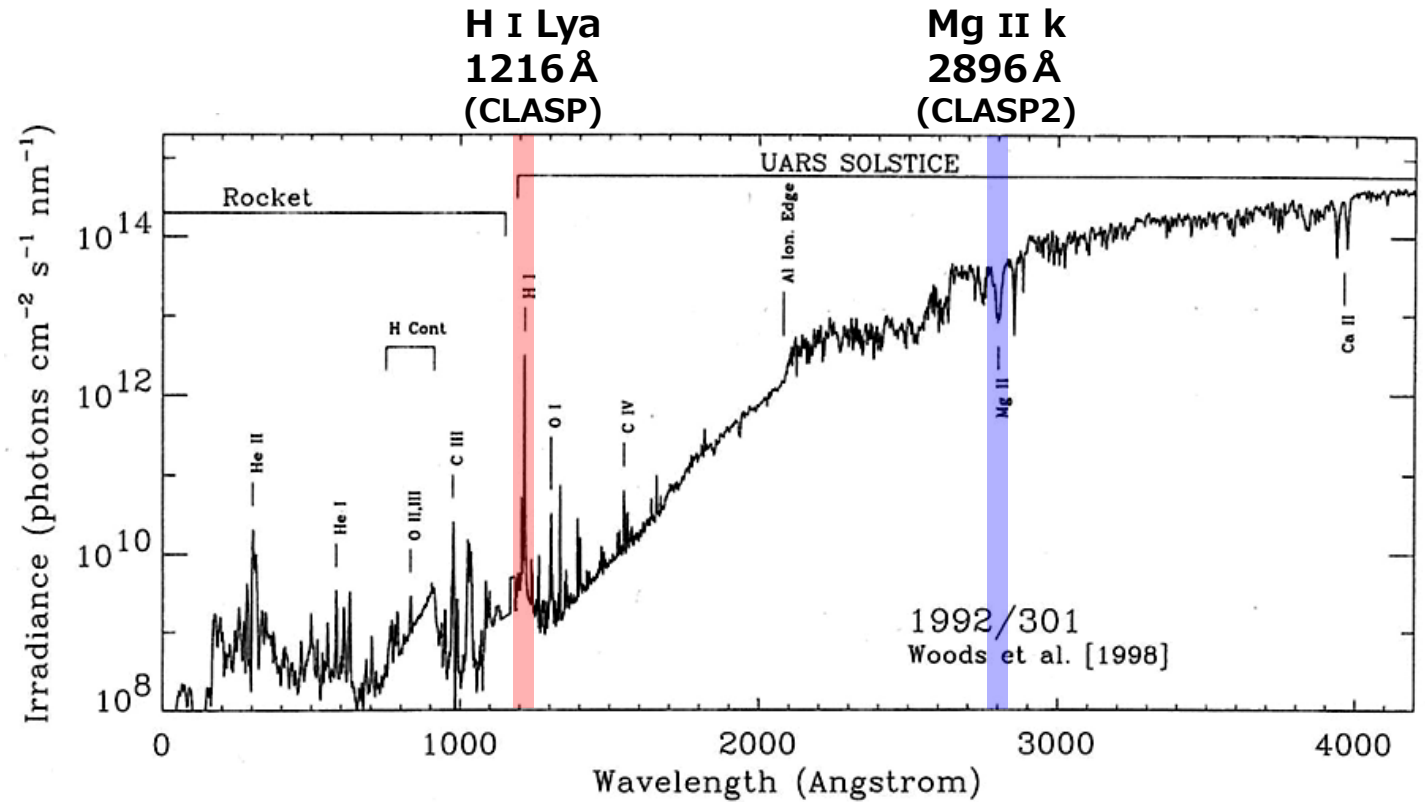
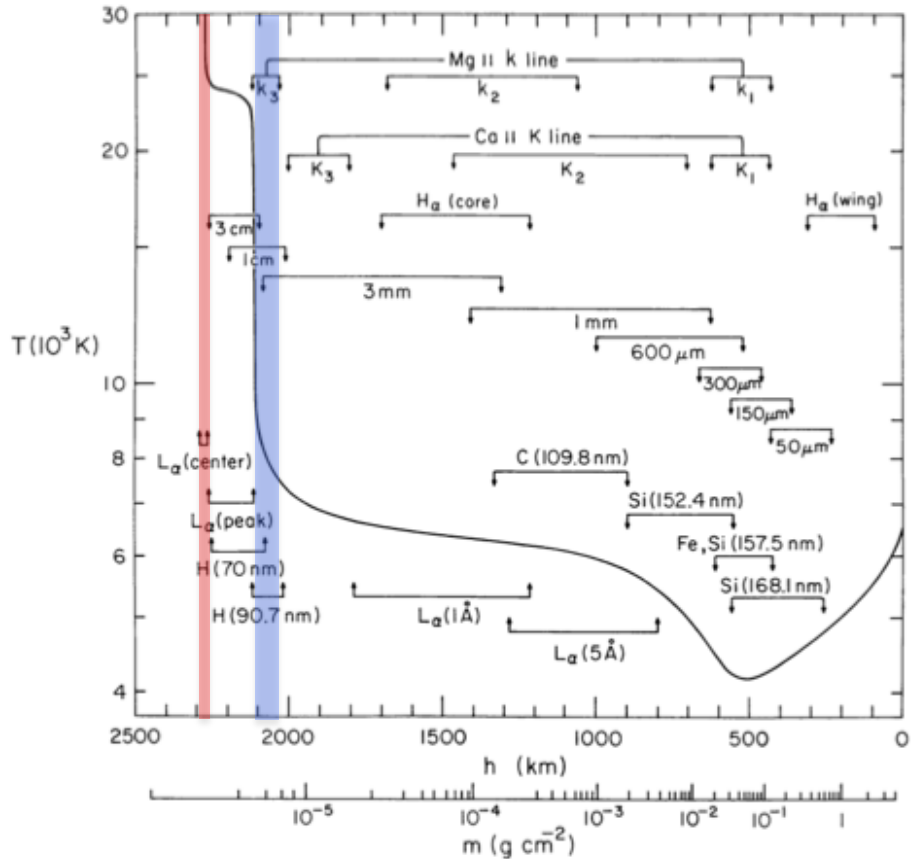
Dynamic chromosphere ( $\beta < 1$ )



# UV Spectral Lines

- Sensitive to physical properties at the layer where the temperature suddenly increases (upper chromosphere and transition region)

Vernazza+(1981)

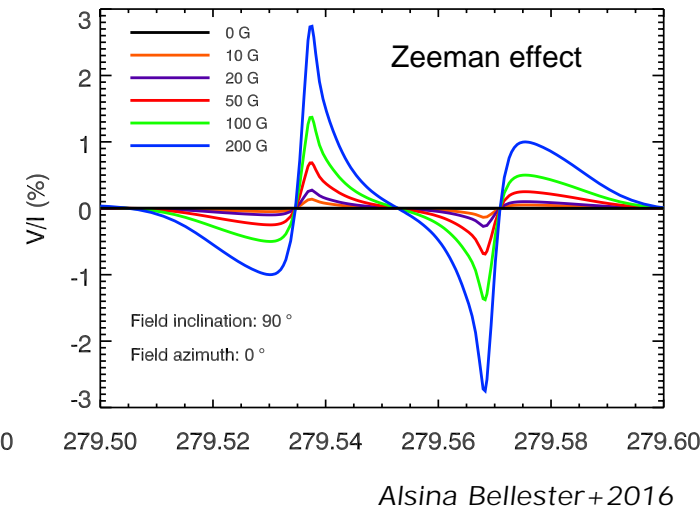
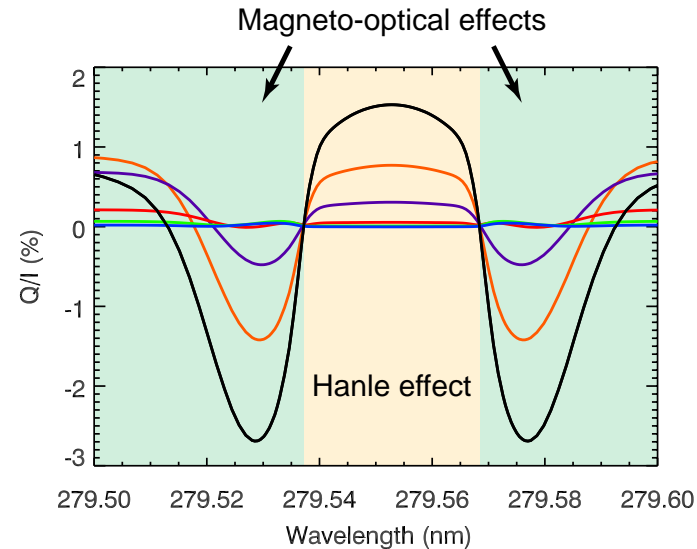
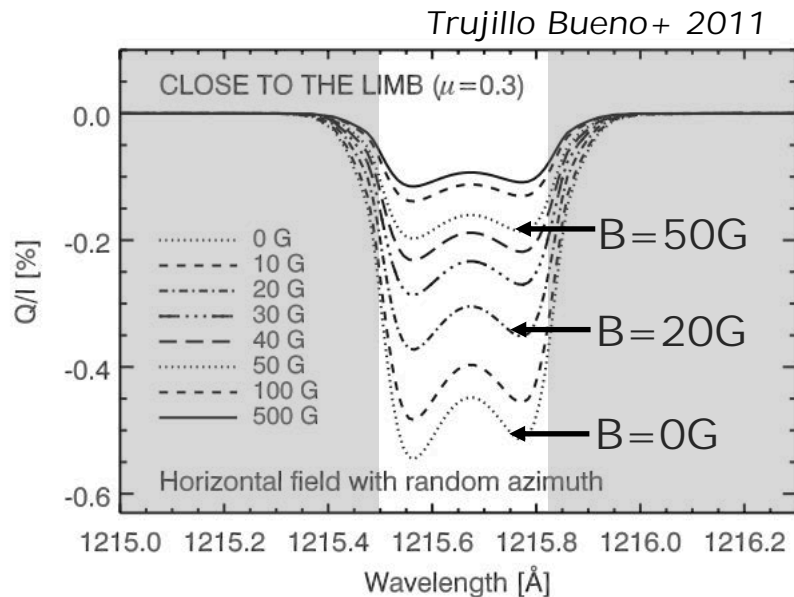


# Compelling UV Spectral Lines: H I Ly $\alpha$ & Mg II k

- Measurable scattering pol. ( $P_{LP} > 0.1\%$  at line core)

- H I Ly $\alpha$  at 1215.7 Å
  - Hanle effect at  $B > 10\text{G}$  &  $B_H \sim 50\text{G}$
  - Access the transition region

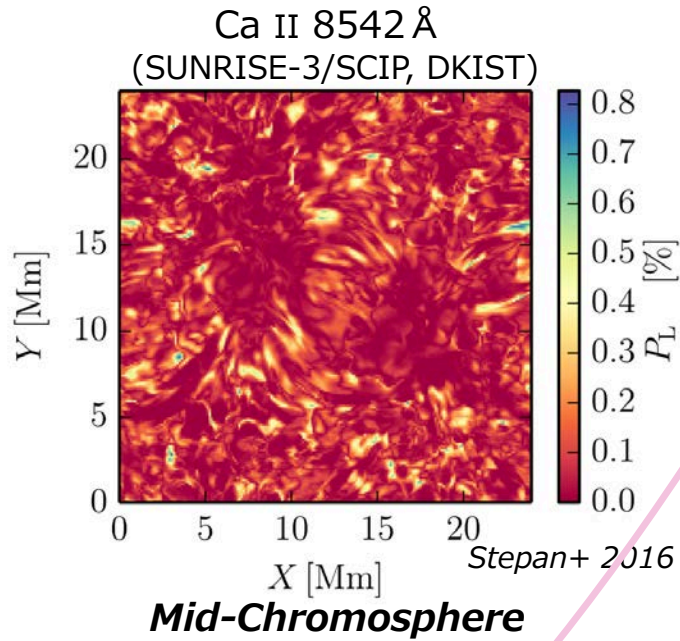
- Mg II k at 2896 Å
  - Hanle effect at  $B > 5\text{G}$  &  $B_H \sim 25\text{G}$
  - Stokes-V induced by Zeeman



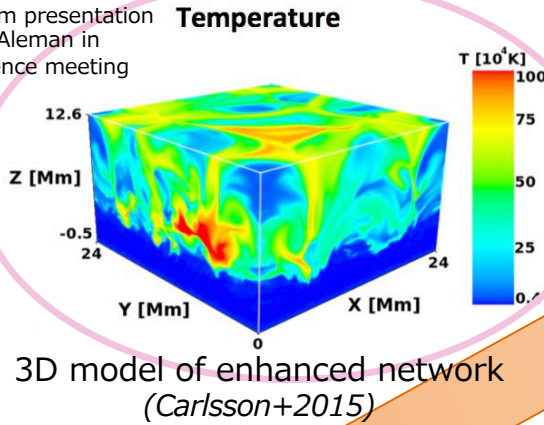
Alsina Bellester+2016

# A New Window to Access the Base of Corona

(DKIST coronagraph)

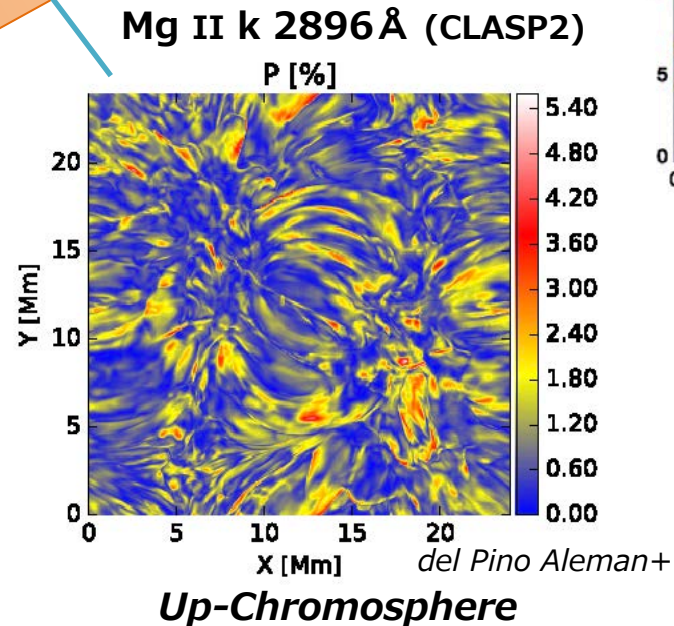


Adopted from presentation by del Pino Aleman in CLASP2 science meeting

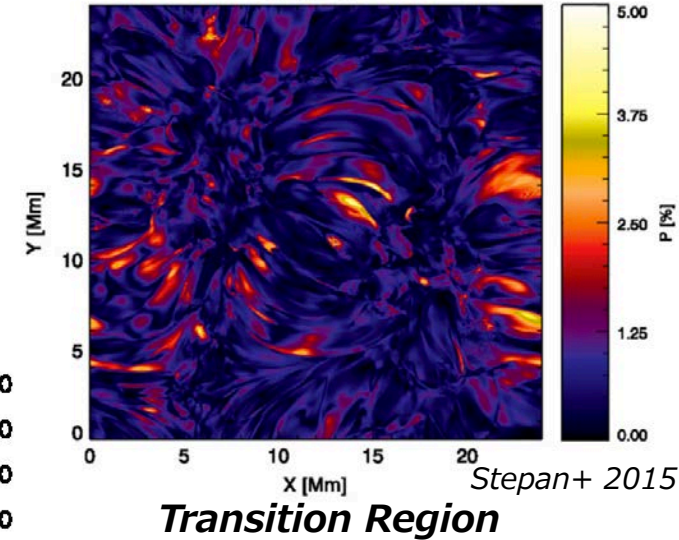


Ca I 4227 Å  
(SUNRISE-3/SUSI  
DKIST?)

Ca II k 3933 Å  
(SUNRISE-3/SUSI)



H I Ly $\alpha$  1216 Å (CLASP)  
P ( $\mu=1$ )

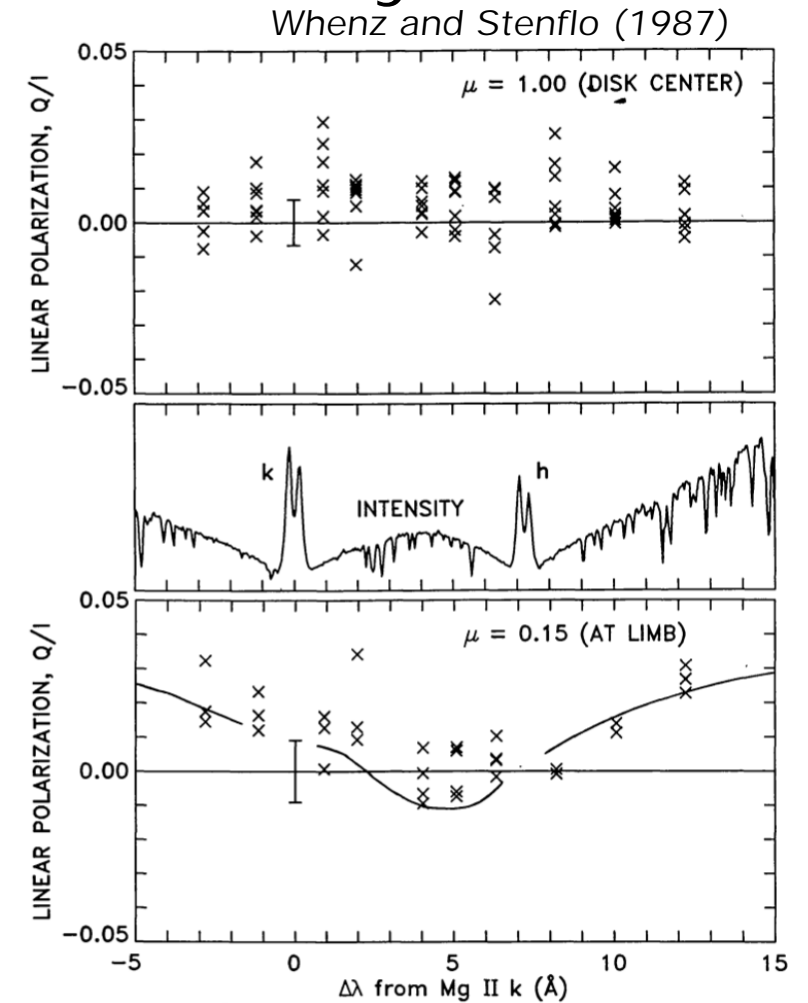
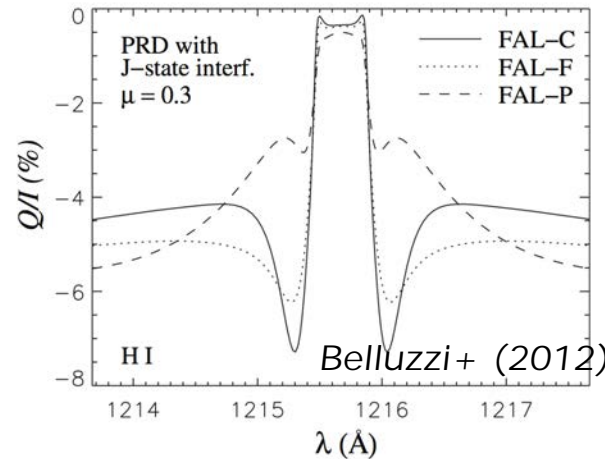


# Challenges in UV Spectro-Polarimetry

NO definitive previous measurements!

- Observations from space
- High-precision ( $\sim 0.1\%$ ) in UV
  - Limited number of photons
  - No commercial polarimeter
- Interpretation of scattering polarization
  - Stratification of atmosphere
  - Local anisotropy

Final Goal: Use Hanle effect (modification of scattering pol. by magnetic field) to diagnose the magnetic field



Measurement by UVSP aboard the Solar Maximum Mission satellite

# CLASP (2015) & CLASP2 (2019)

CLASP: Chromospheric Lyman-**A**lpha Spectro-**P**olarimeter

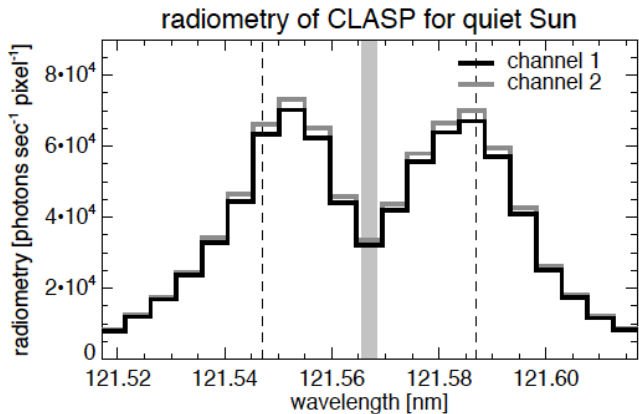
CLASP2: Chromospheric **L**Ayer Spectro-**P**olarimeter

- High-precision (<0.1%) spectro-polarimetry in
  - Vacuum UV, H I Ly $\alpha$ , at 121.6 nm with CLASP
  - Near UV, Mg II h & k around 280 nm with CLASP2
- International NASA sounding rocket programs
  - Launched at White Sands Missile Range, NM, USA
  - Successful recovery of instrument: CLASP → CLASP2

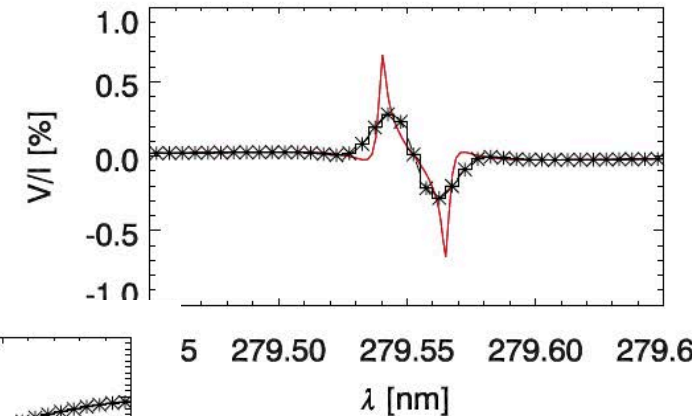
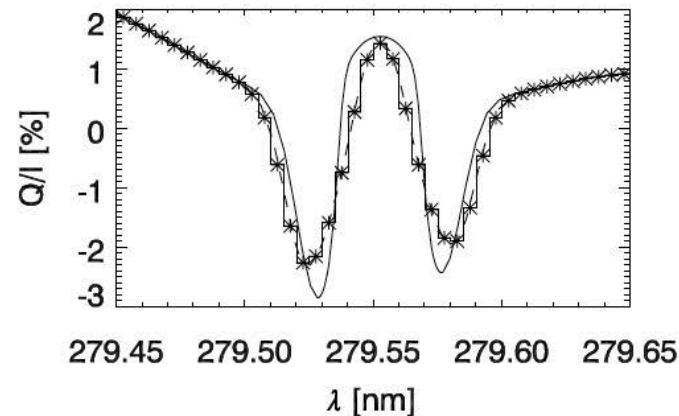
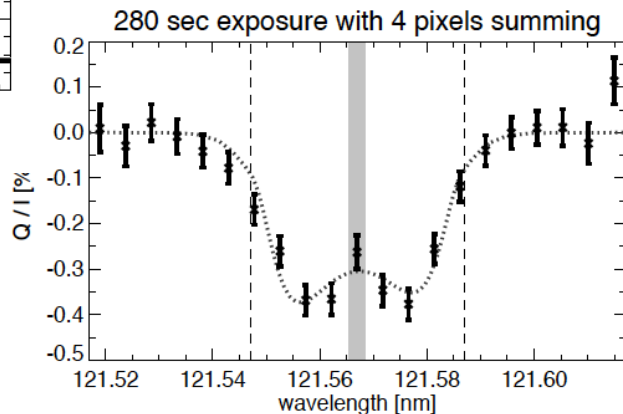


Credit: US Army Photo, White Sands Missile Range

# Specifications



CLASP1  
wavelength sampling:  
0.048 Å/pix



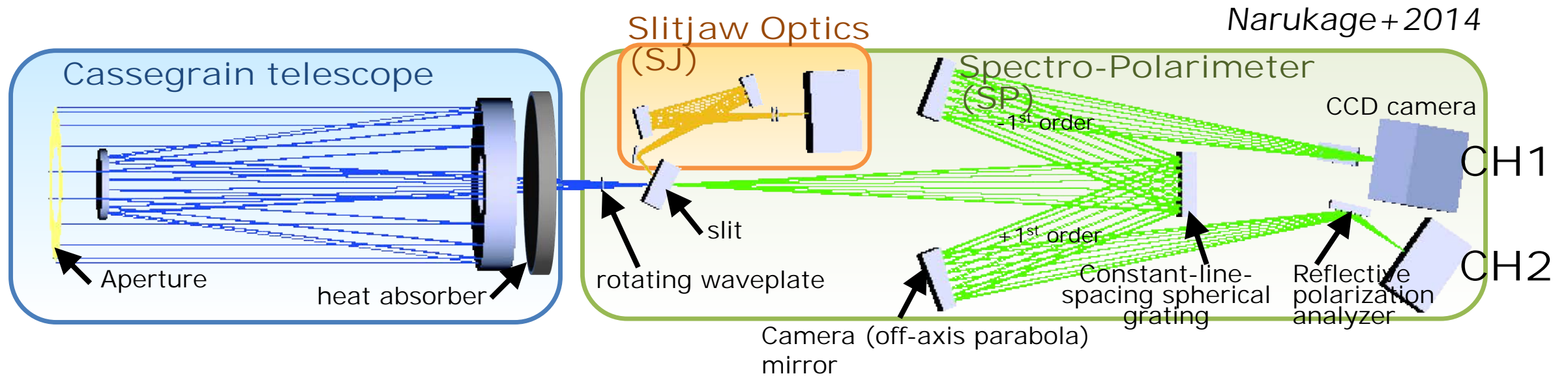
CLASP2  
wavelength sampling:  
0.05 Å/pix

	CLASP	CLASP2
Observables	Stokes-I, Q, U	Stokes-I, Q, U, V
Spectral Lines	Lyα (121.6 nm)	Mg II h & k at 280.0 nm
Resolutions	0.1Å (wavelength) & 2-3" (spatial)	0.1Å (wavelength) & 2" (spatial)
Slit Length	400"	200"
Science Target	Quiet Sun near the limb	Quiet Sun near the limb & Plage
Pol. Precision	0.1% at 3σ	



# Strategies for High-Precision UV Spectro-Polarimetry

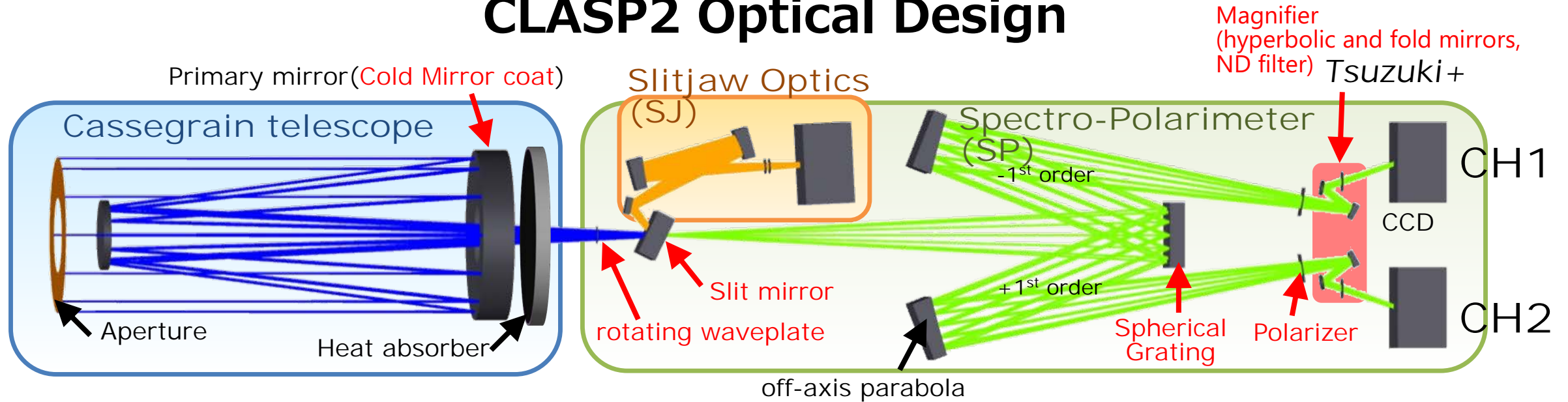
## CLASP Optical Design



- Two symmetric channels: CH1 & CH2
  - Simultaneously measure orthogonal polarization states
- High throughput in VUV
  - Minimize number of optical components
    - Grating working as a beam splitter as well
  - High-reflectivity coating to all optical components (Narukage+2017)

# Strategies for High-Precision UV Spectro-Polarimetry

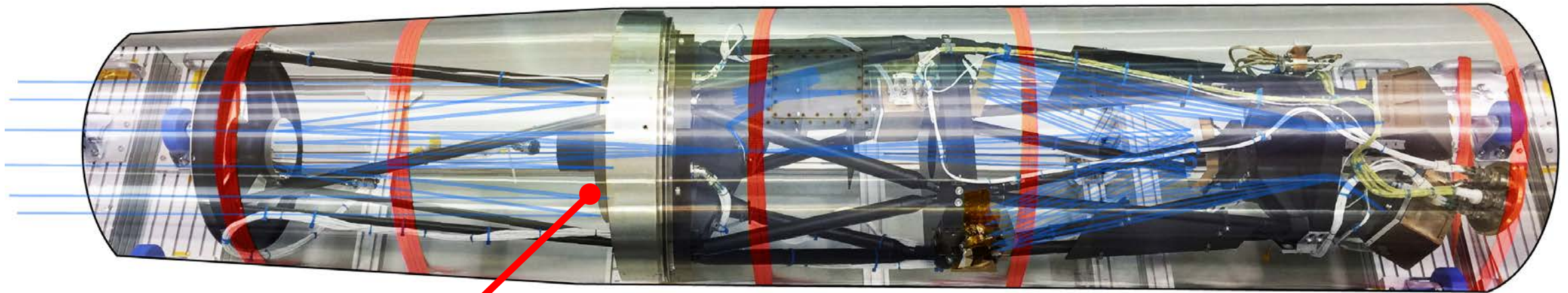
## CLASP2 Optical Design



- Two symmetric channels: CH1 & CH2
  - Simultaneously measure orthogonal polarization states
- High throughput in VUV
  - Minimize number of optical components
    - Grating working as a beam splitter as well
  - High-reflectivity coating to all optical components (Narukage+2017)

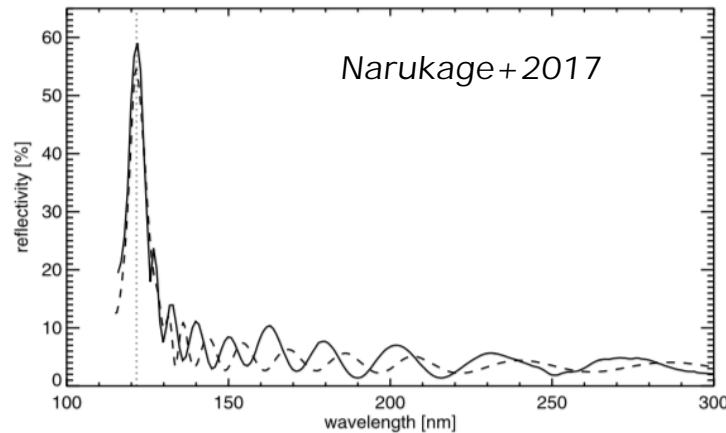
# Strategies for High-Precision UV Spectro-Polarimetry

## Visible Light Rejection



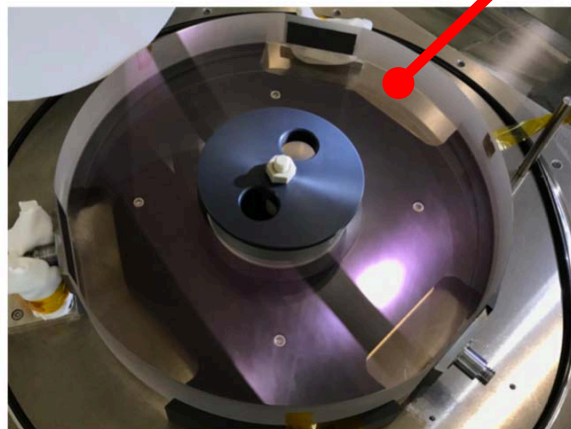
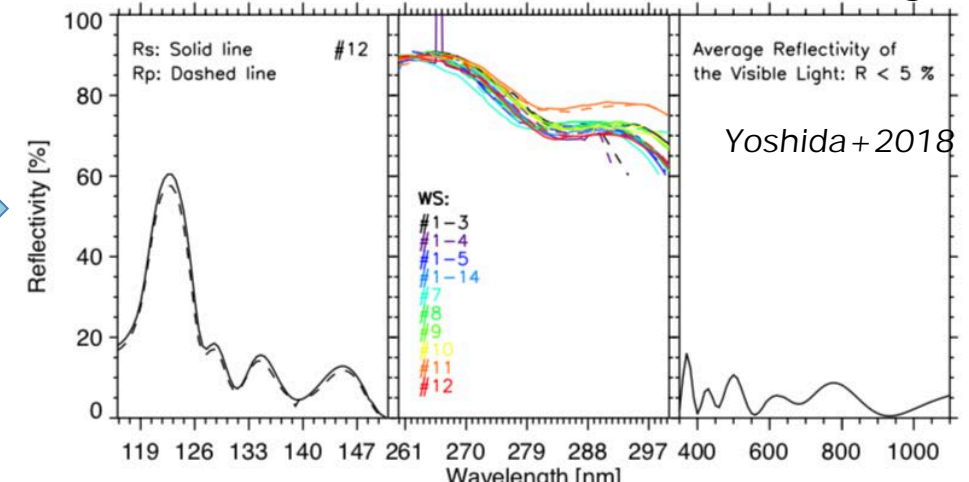
- Cold mirror coatings & heat absorber on the primary mirror
- Black plated to all structures.

CLASP: Cold mirror coating at 121 nm



Recoat

CLASP2: Dual-bandpass (121 nm for SJ & 280 nm for SP) cold mirror coating

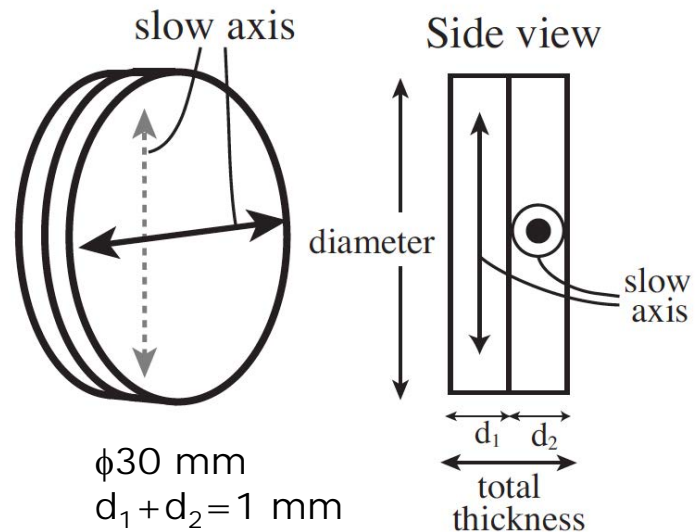


CLASP2 primary mirror

# Strategies for High-Precision UV Spectro-Polarimetry

## High-Precision UV Polarimeter - MgF<sub>2</sub> waveplate -

Optical contact zero-order waveplate

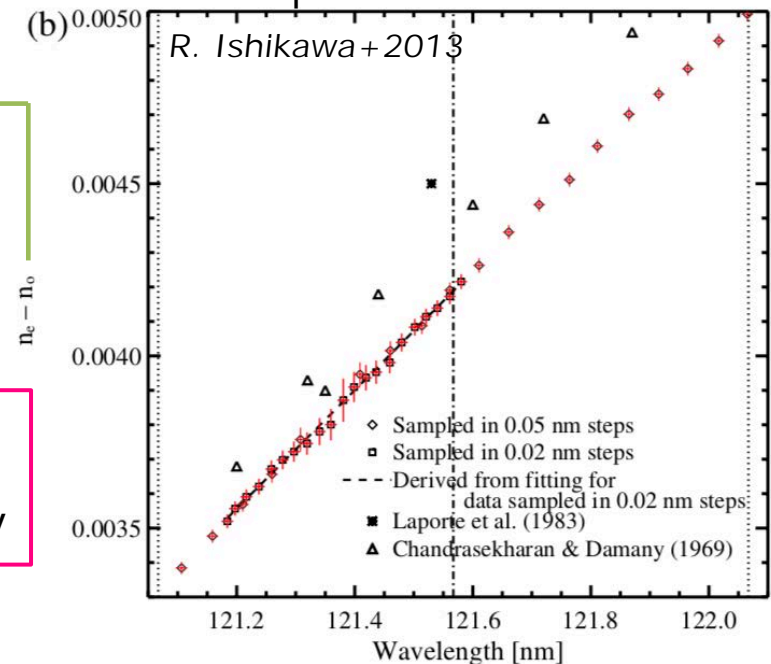


$$\delta = \frac{2\pi (n_e - n_o) (d_1 - d_2)}{\lambda}$$

Target retardation ( $\delta$ )

- CLASP: 180° for Q/U
- CLASP2: 127° (233°) for Q/U/V

MgF<sub>2</sub> Bi-refringence around Ly $\alpha$   
\* updated in decades \*



- The birefringence was precisely measured around 121.6 nm (2009 - 2013) and 280 nm (in 2016) at the synchrotron facility
  - CLASP half-waveplate was found to have the suitable phase retardation of  $\sim 234^\circ$  around 280 nm. We decided to keep the CLASP waveplate in CLASP2.
  - The measured bi-refringence was also used to fabricate the waveplates for polarization calibration.

# Strategies for High-Precision UV Spectro-Polarimetry

## High-Precision UV Polarimeter - polarization analyzer -

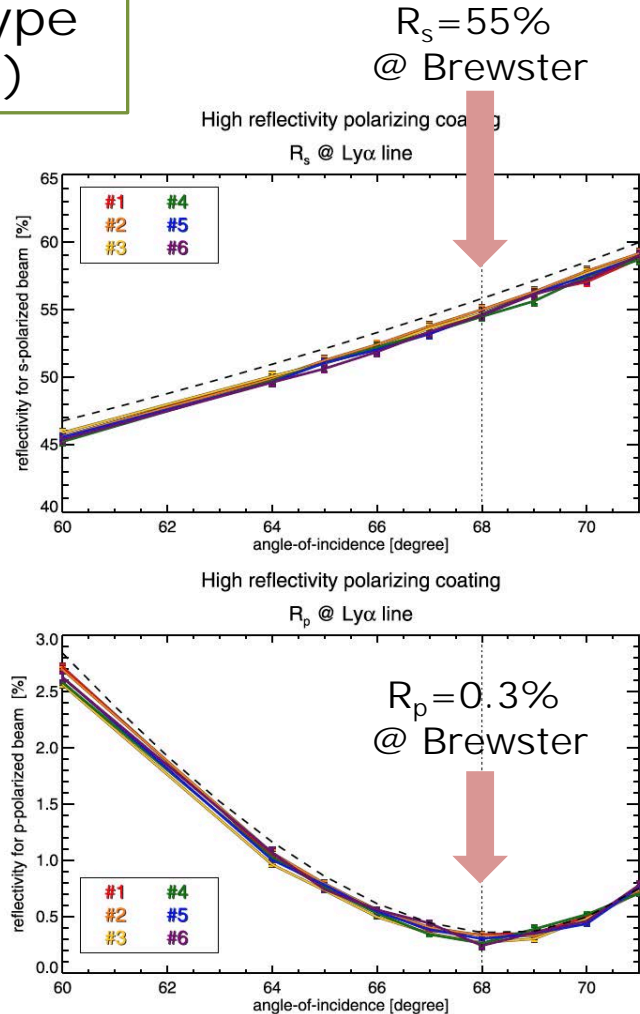
High-Reflective Type  
(CLASP, 122 nm)

Original plan: MgF<sub>2</sub> plate  
at Brewster, R<sub>s</sub> ~ 21%



Two-layer coating on  
fused silica substrate  
(72 x 33 mm)

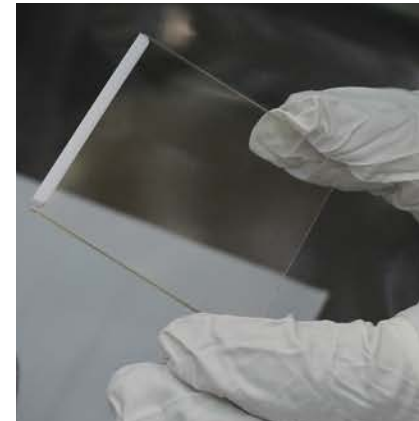
Bridou+ 2011  
Narukage+ 2017



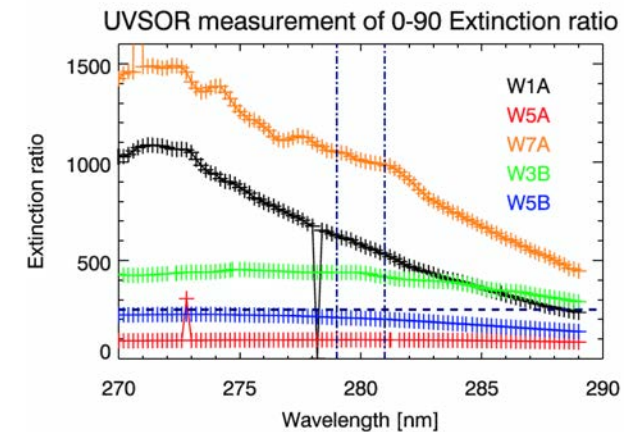
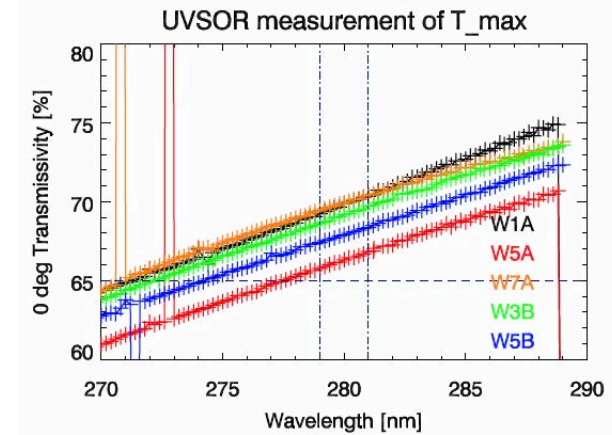
Transmissive Type  
(CLASP2, 280 nm)

Wire-grid UV polarizer  
(Berger+2012, for IRIS  
SOLC filter)

Transmissivity: T<sub>||</sub> ~ 70%  
Extinction ratio: T<sub>||</sub>/T<sub>⊥</sub> > 500

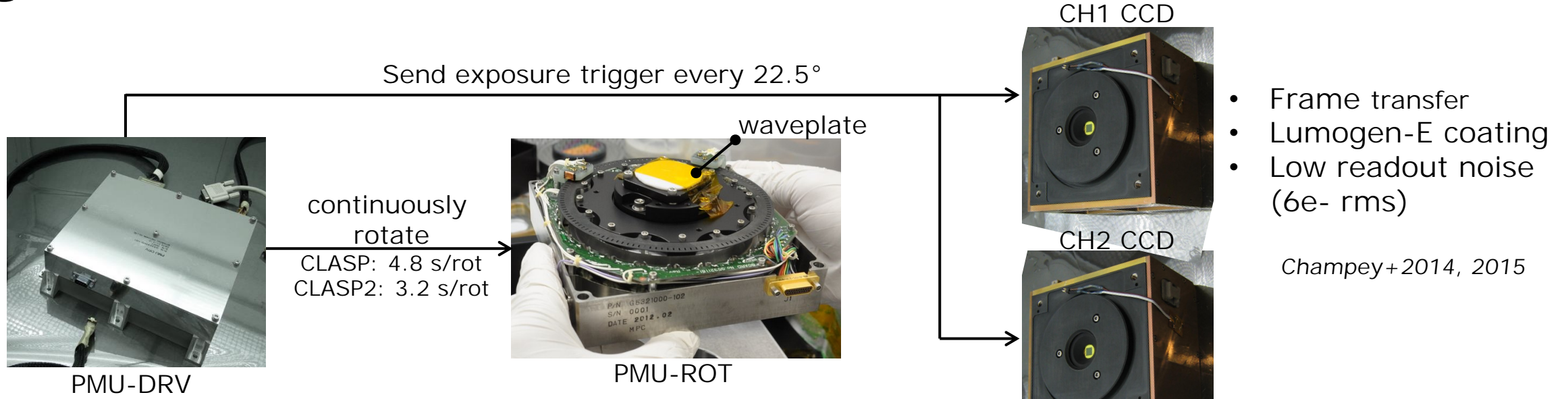


Substrate: Fused Silica  
- 50 x 50 mm, t=1mm

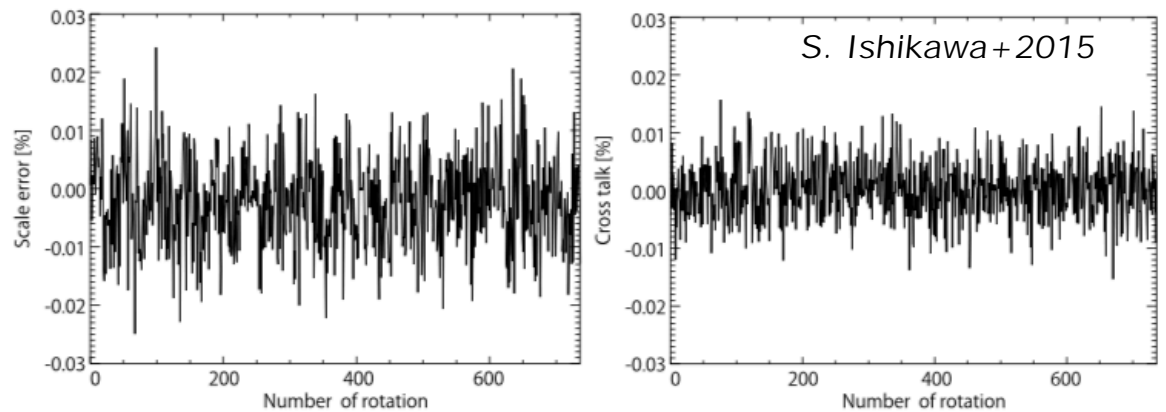


# Strategies for High-Precision UV Spectro-Polarimetry

## High-Precision UV Polarimeter - Polarization Modulation Unit -

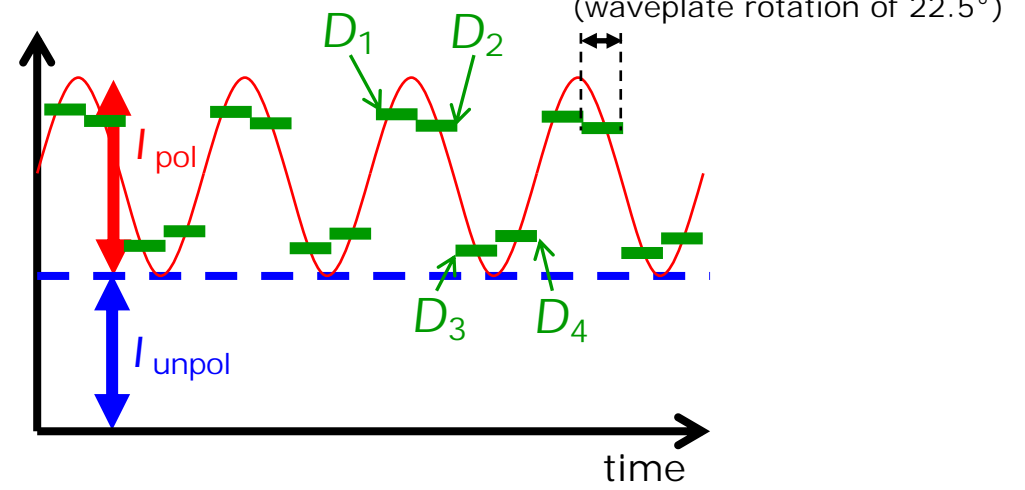


Being a key factor for precise polarimetry in space  
Solar-C/SUVIT → CLASP & CLASP2 → SUNRI SE-3/SCI P & SUSI



Scale error and cross talk due to non-uniformity < 0.01%!

Modulation measured by CCD



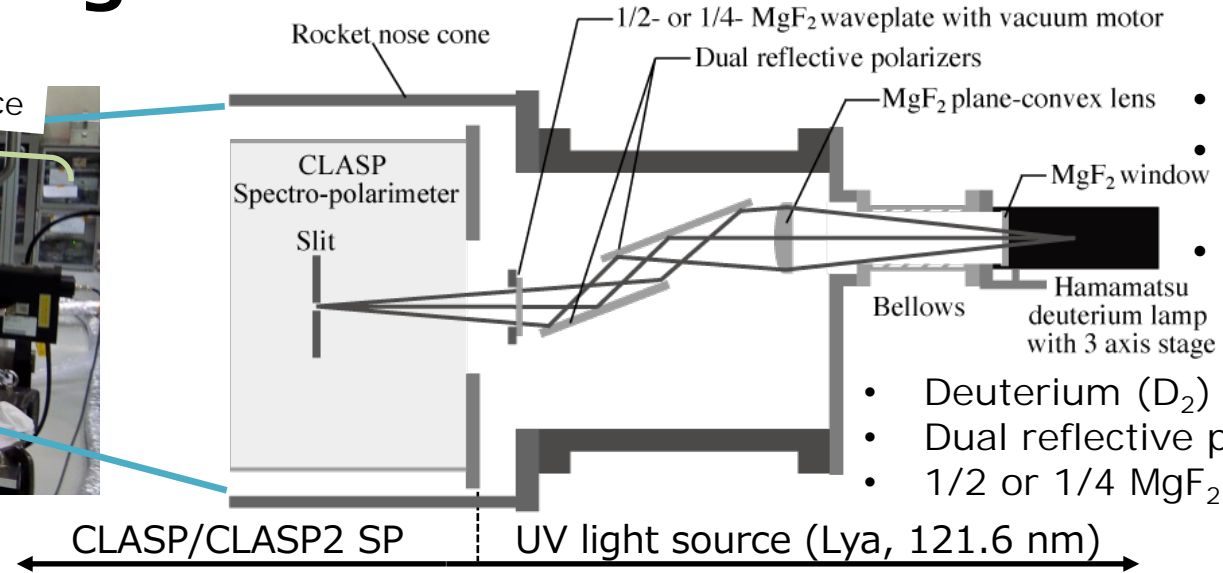
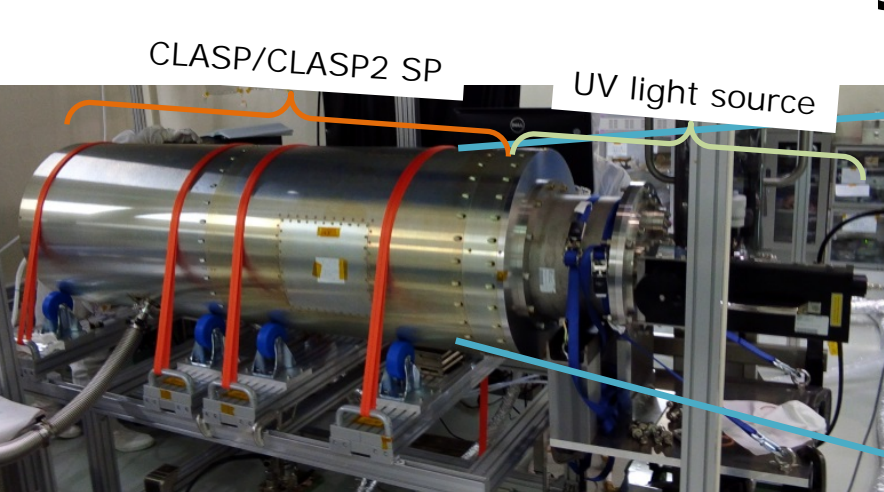
# Strategies for High-Precision UV Spectro-Polarimetry

## Error Budget Control

- List up and evaluate all possible source of errors and confirm that the polarization precision of  $\sim 0.1\%$  can be met at  $3\sigma$  level.

Error breakdown for spurious polarization	Error ( $1\sigma$ )	
Photon noise with nine-pixel summing	0.019 %	
Readout noise of CCD camera	0.007 %	
Fluctuation of exposure duration	$10^{-4}$ % †	Estimation with single channel demodulation (i.e., worst case)
Time variation of source intensity	$\lesssim 0.018$ % †	
Intensity variation caused by pointing jitter	$\lesssim 0.023$ % †	
Image shift from waveplate rotation	$\approx 0$ % †	
Off-axis incidence with 200 arcsec	$\approx 10^{-4}$ %	Spurious pol. due to telescope is negligibly small
Non-uniformity of coating on primary mirror	$10^{-3}$ %	
Error in polarization calibration	0.017 %	
Root-sum-square	$\lesssim 0.039$ %	

## Pre-Flight Polarization Calibration

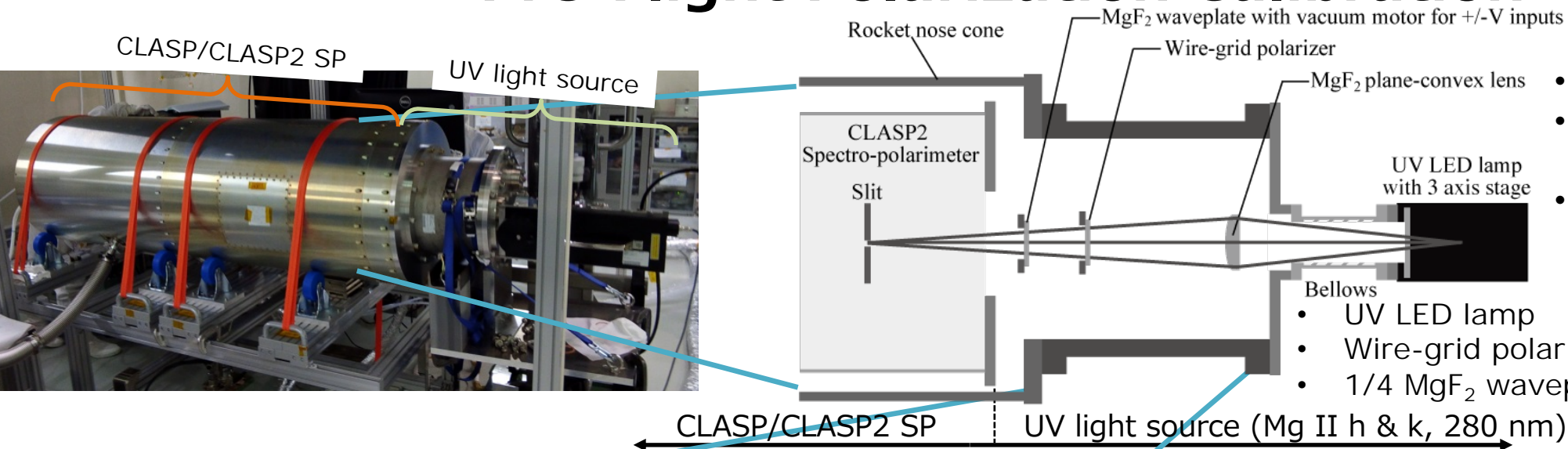


- Same F as telescope
- Linear & circular pol. inputs with  $p > 0.99$
- Polarization elements are on vacuum motor

- Deuterium (D<sub>2</sub>) lamp
- Dual reflective polarizers
- 1/2 or 1/4 MgF<sub>2</sub> waveplates



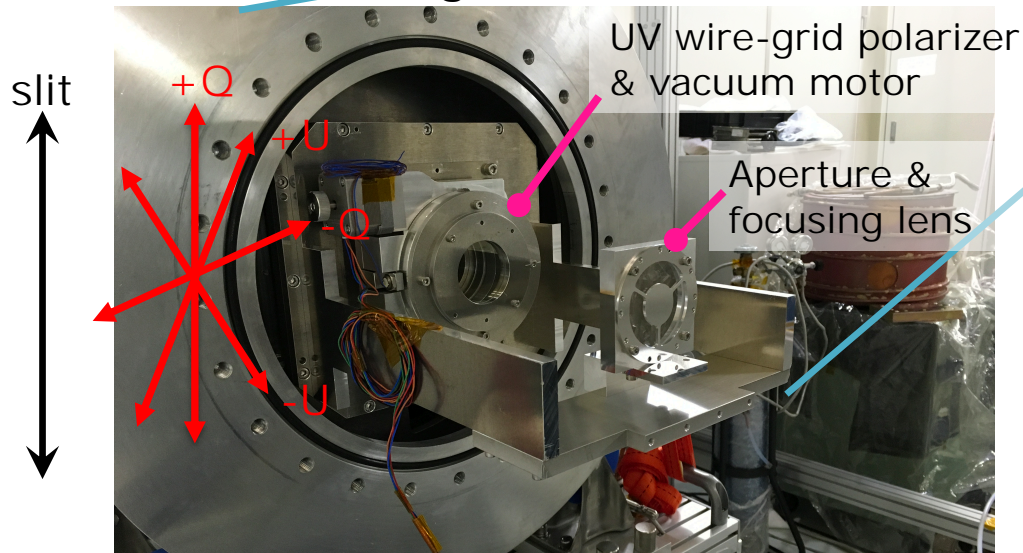
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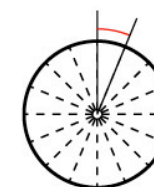
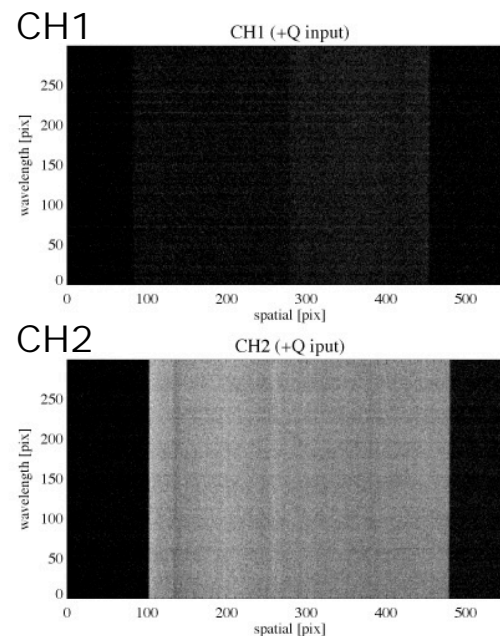
- Same F as telescope
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- Polarization elements are on vacuum motor

- Bellows
- UV LED lamp
  - Wire-grid polarizer with higher ER
  - 1/4  $MgF_2$  waveplate

CLASP2 light source chamber



Example of modulation (+Q input)



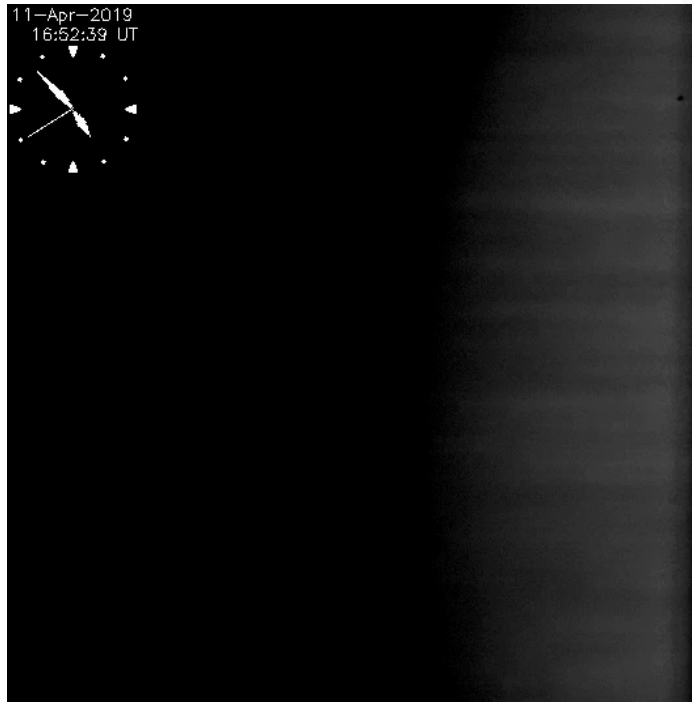
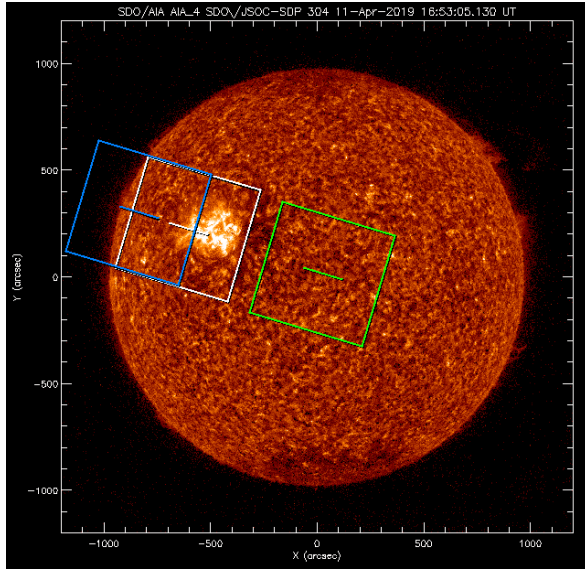
waveplate rot. & exposure (every 22.5°)

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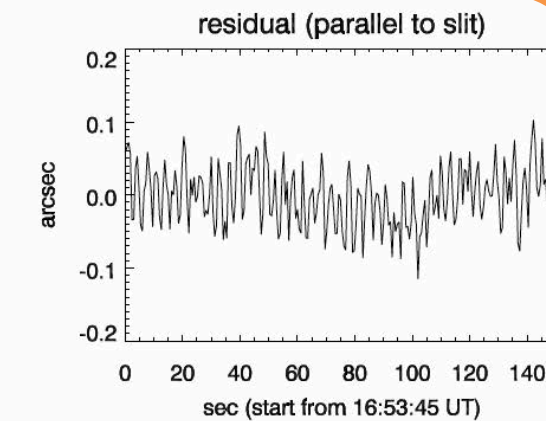
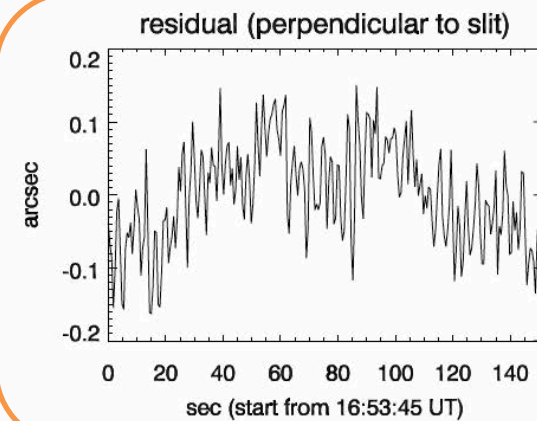
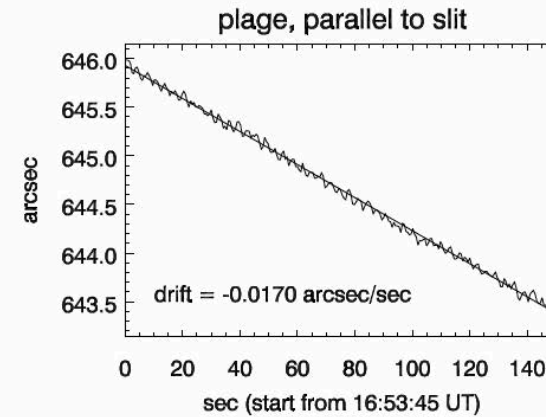
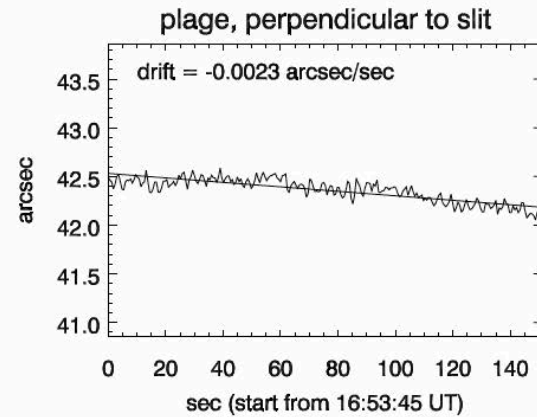
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## Perfect Flight! - Stable Pointing -

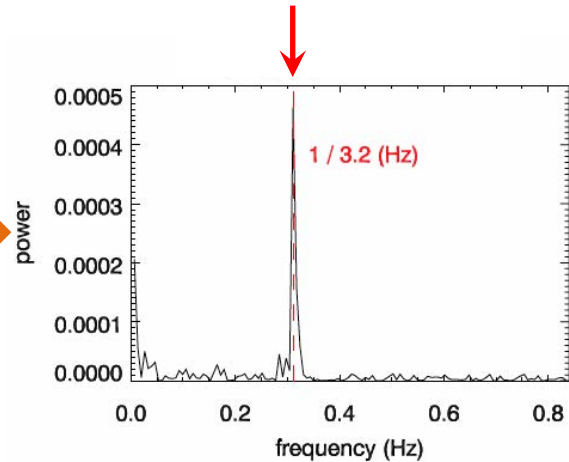
- Drift  $\sim 1''/\text{min}$  & Jitter  $\ll \pm 0.1''$  (P-V)



CLASP2/SJ movie



3.2 sec = PMU rotation  
Jitter mainly comes from the waveplate wobbling



Credit: US Army Photo, White Sands Missile Range

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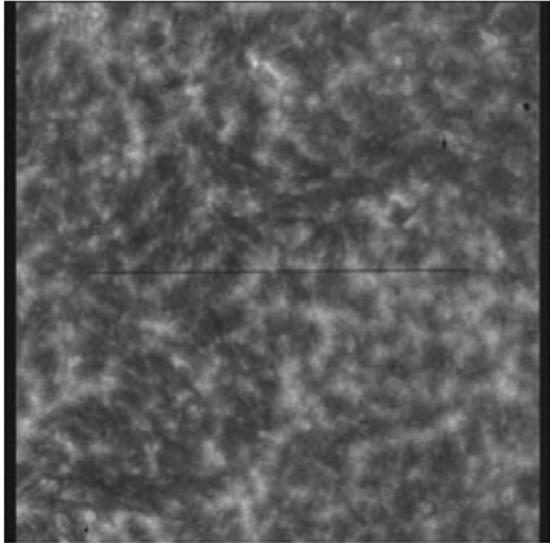
## On-board Polarization Calibration

Confirmation of zero-level with the disk center observation

CLASP (Ly $\alpha$  obs.)

Measured spurious pol.  
 $< 0.03 \pm 0.014 \%$   
*Giono+2017*

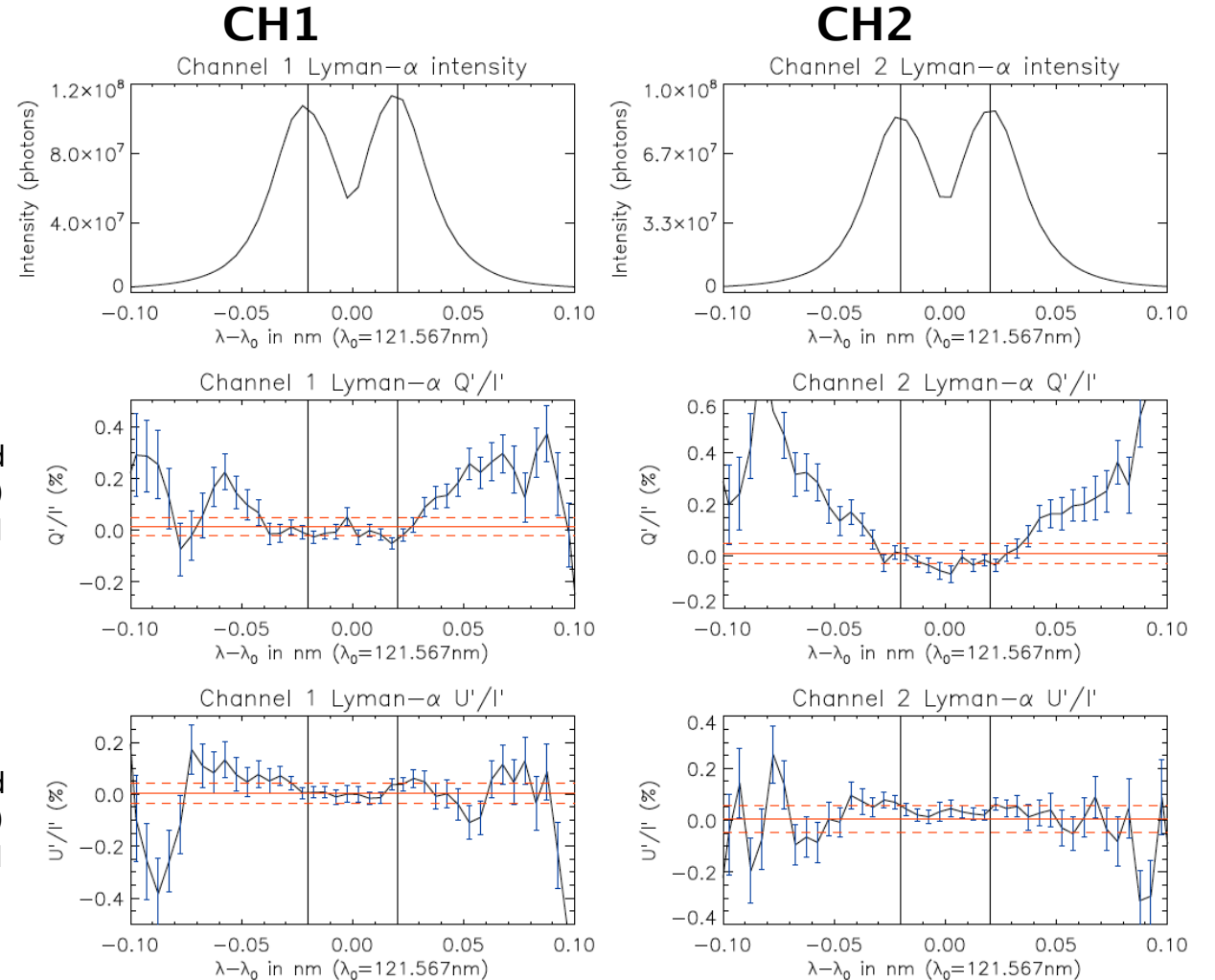
Slit-jaw images



Scattering polarization at the disk center is expected to be zero because of the geometry

spatially ( $\sim 400''$ ) and  
temporally (3 PMU rot.)  
averaged Q/I

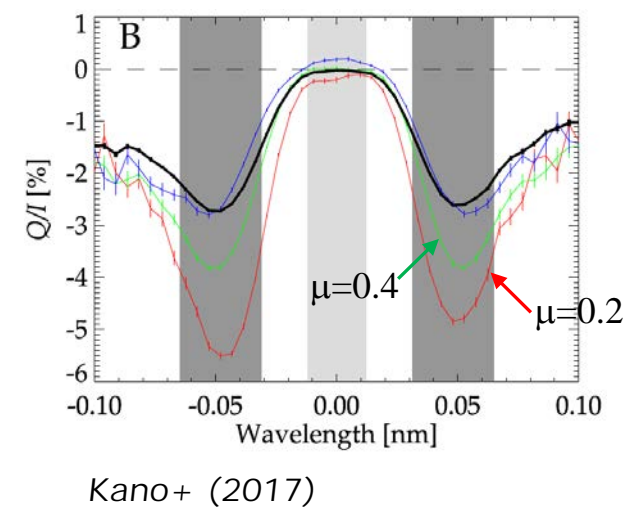
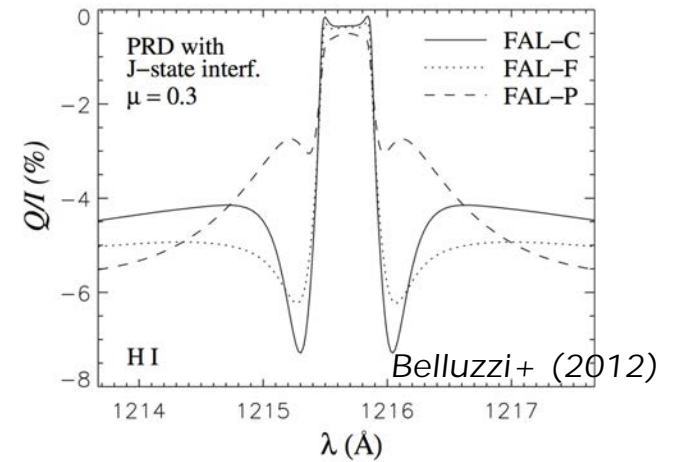
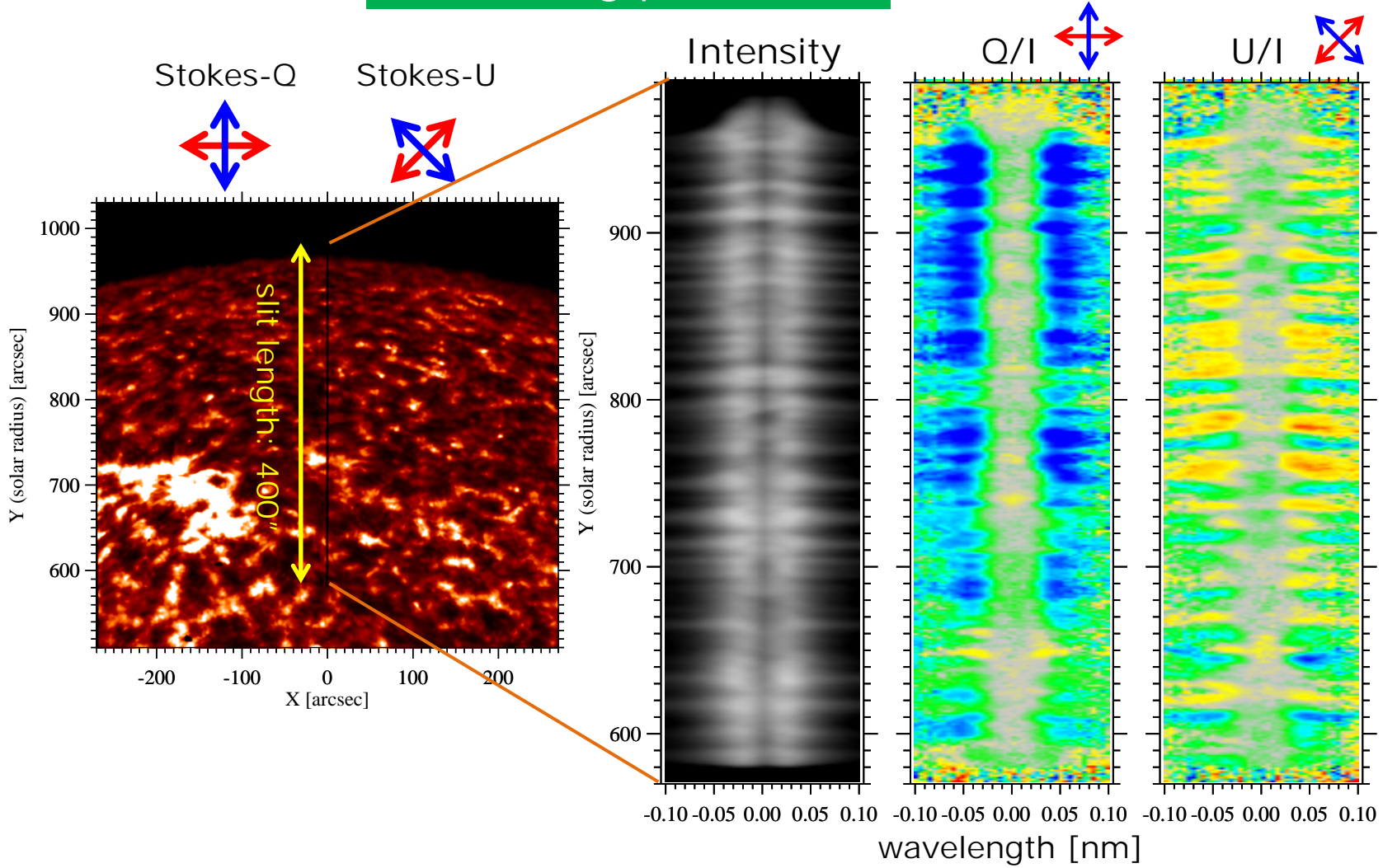
spatially ( $\sim 400''$ ) and  
temporally (3 PMU rot.)  
averaged U/I



## First Detection of Scattering Pol. in VUV

Lya wing  
(scattering pol. ONLY)

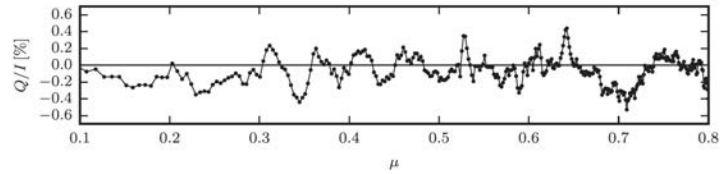
Clear CLV up to 6% in Q/I  
Fluctuating at a few% at  $\sim 10''$  both in Q/I and U/I



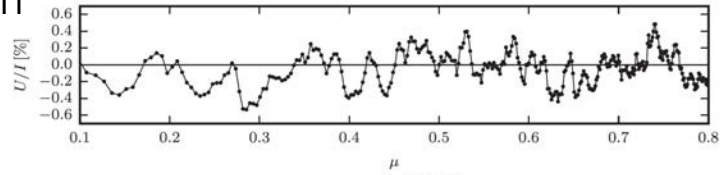


# CLASP Science Highlights (Polarimetry)

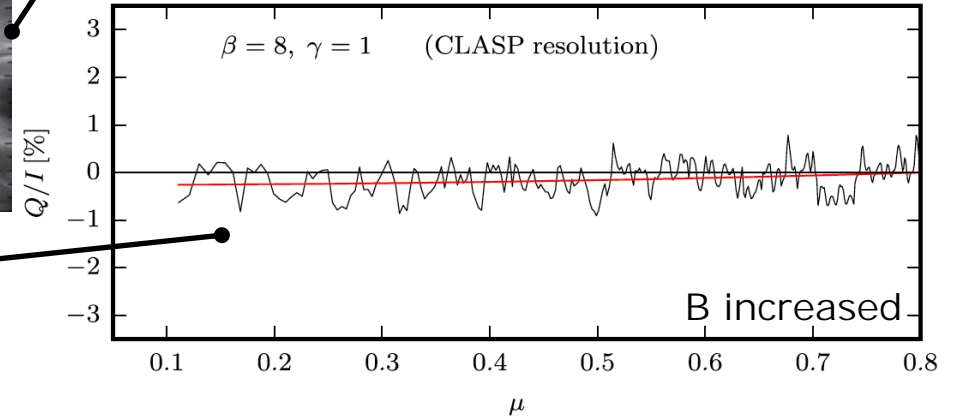
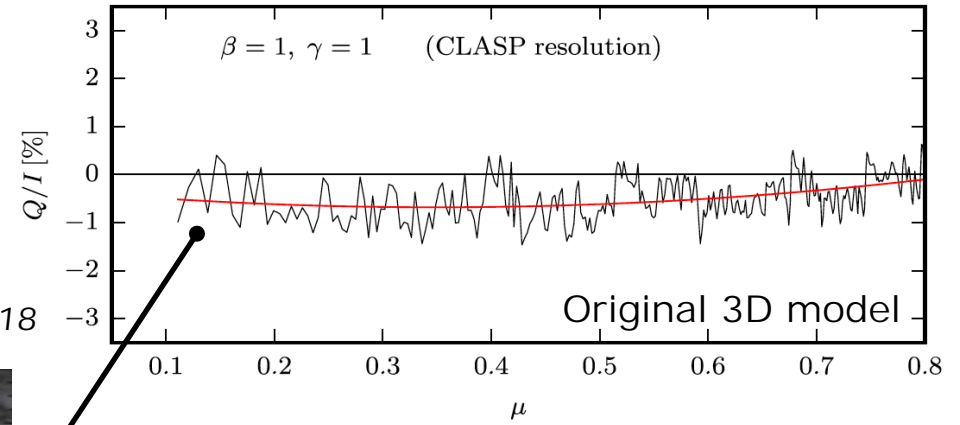
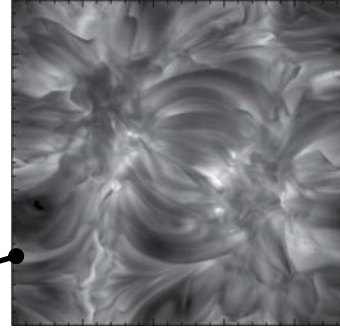
## Constraints on Geometrical Complexity and Magnetic Field



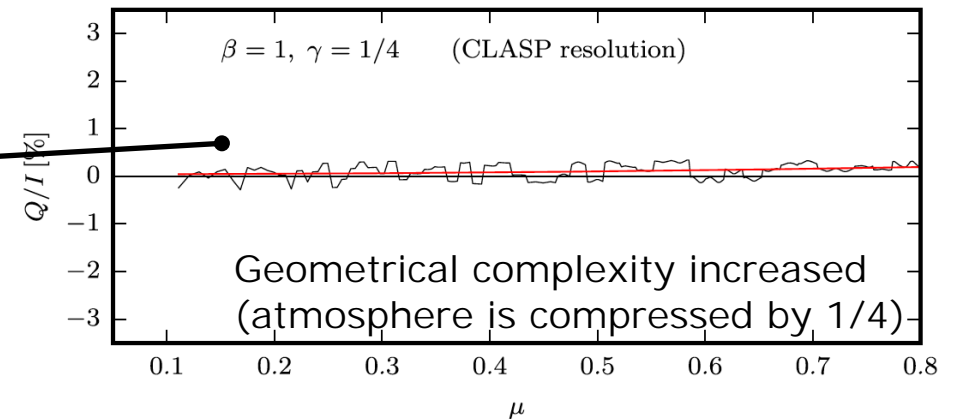
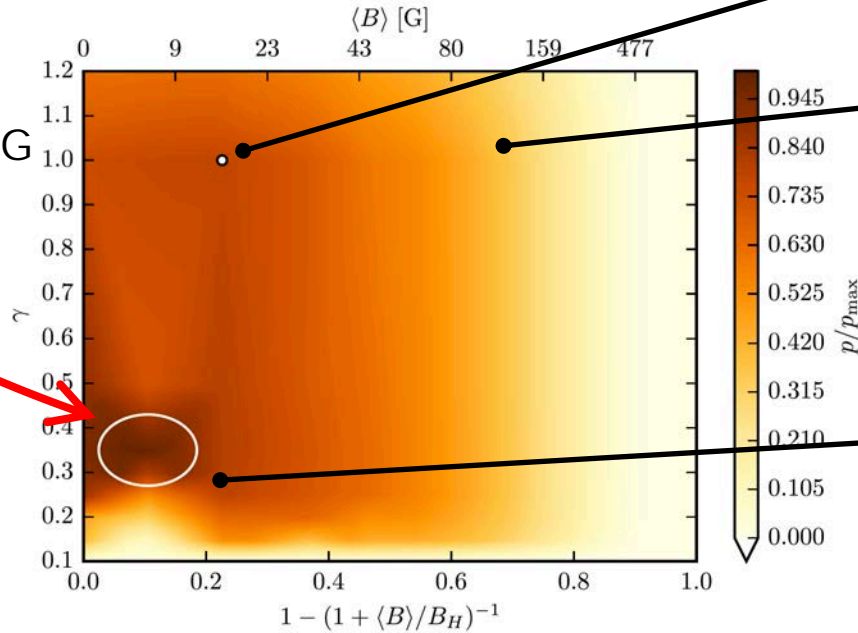
CLASP observation



Stepan+2018, Trujillo Bueno+2018

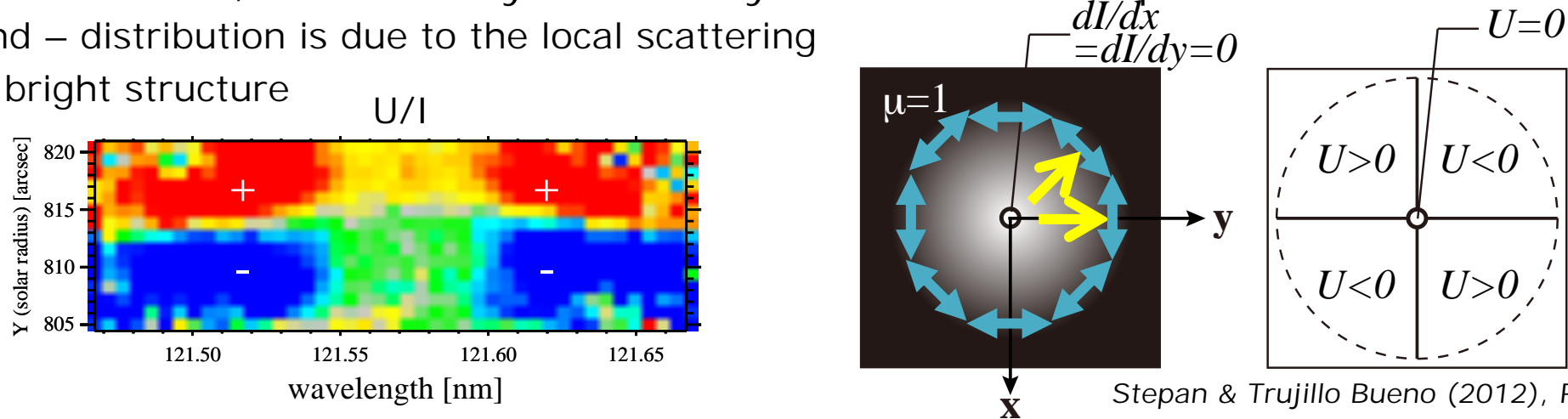


Best Agreement with  $\langle B \rangle \sim 7\text{G}$  &  $\gamma \sim 1/3$



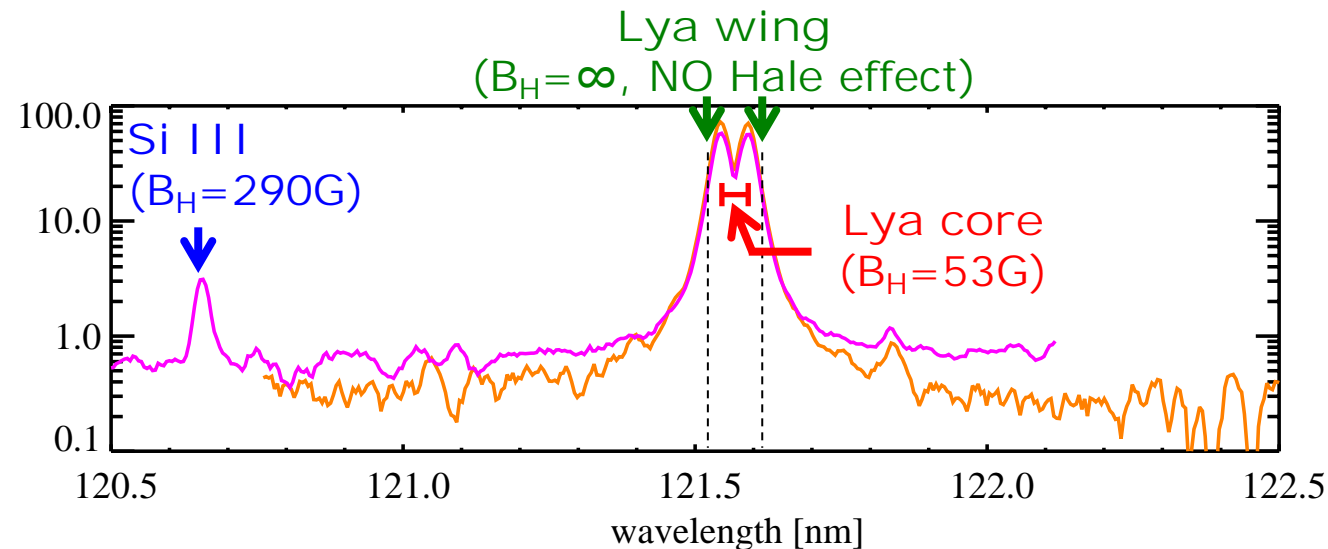
## How to Disentangle Hanle effect?

- Focus on Stokes-U, which is only affected by the local anisotropic radiation field
  - + and - distribution is due to the local scattering of a bright structure

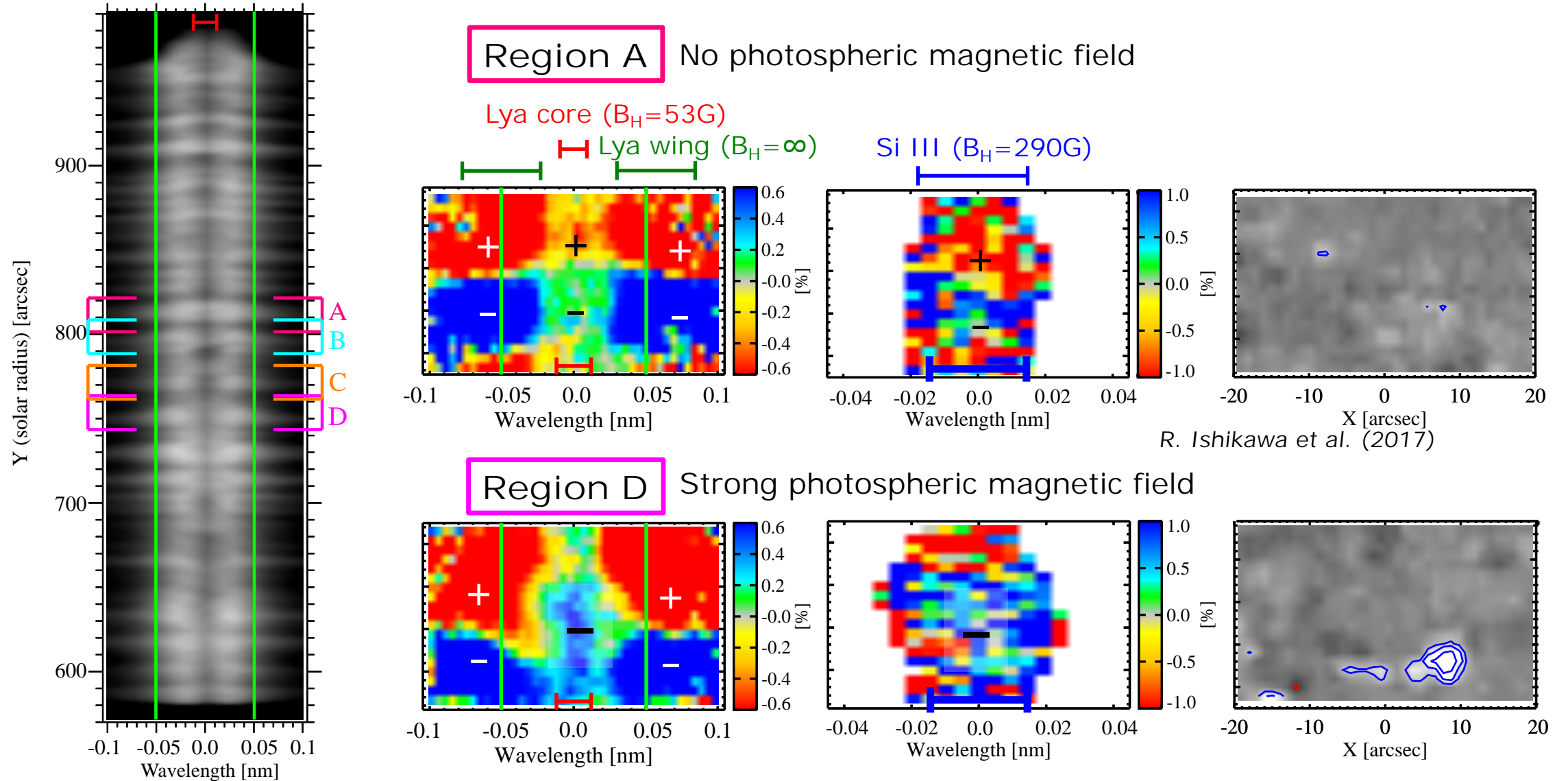


Stepan & Trujillo Bueno (2012), R. Ishikawa+ (2017)

- Compare three spectral ranges with different sensitivities to the Hanle effect



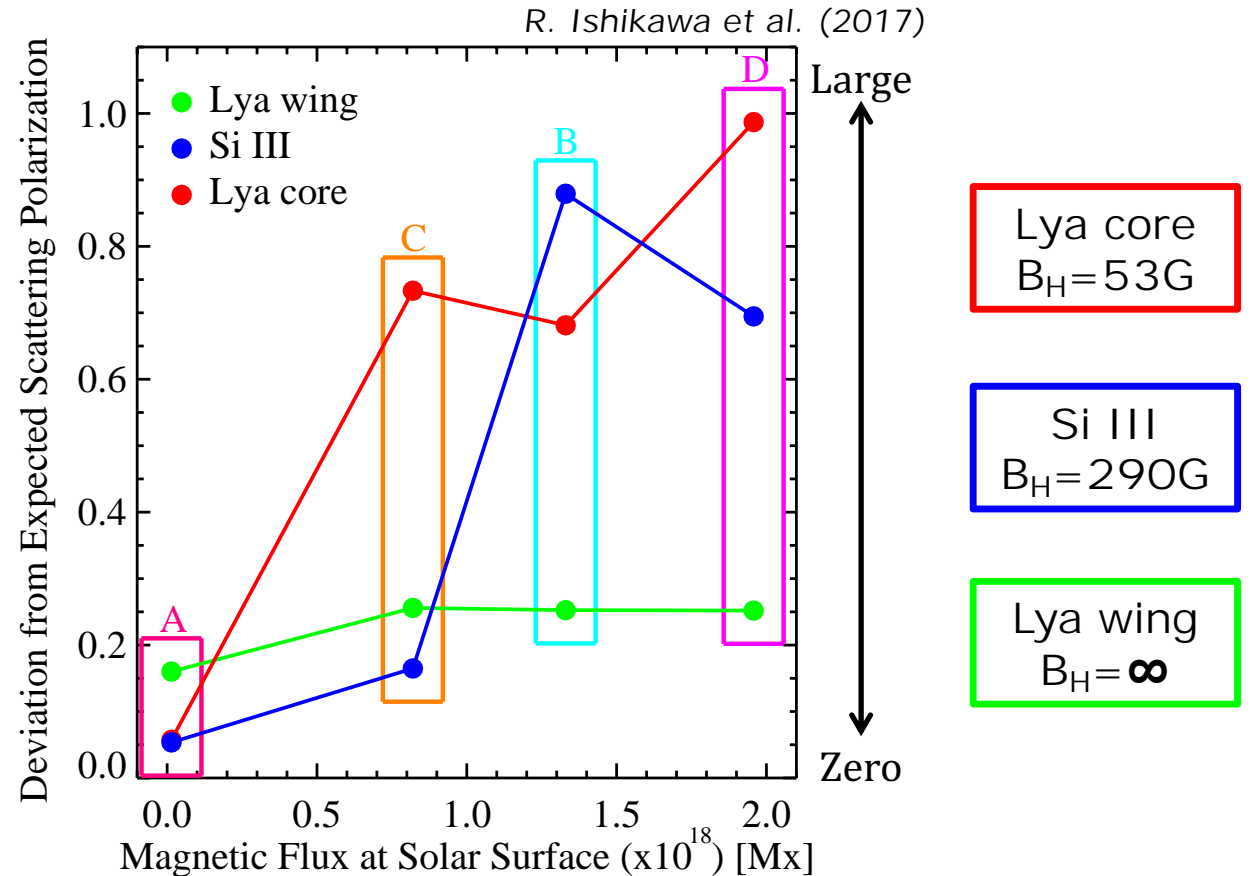
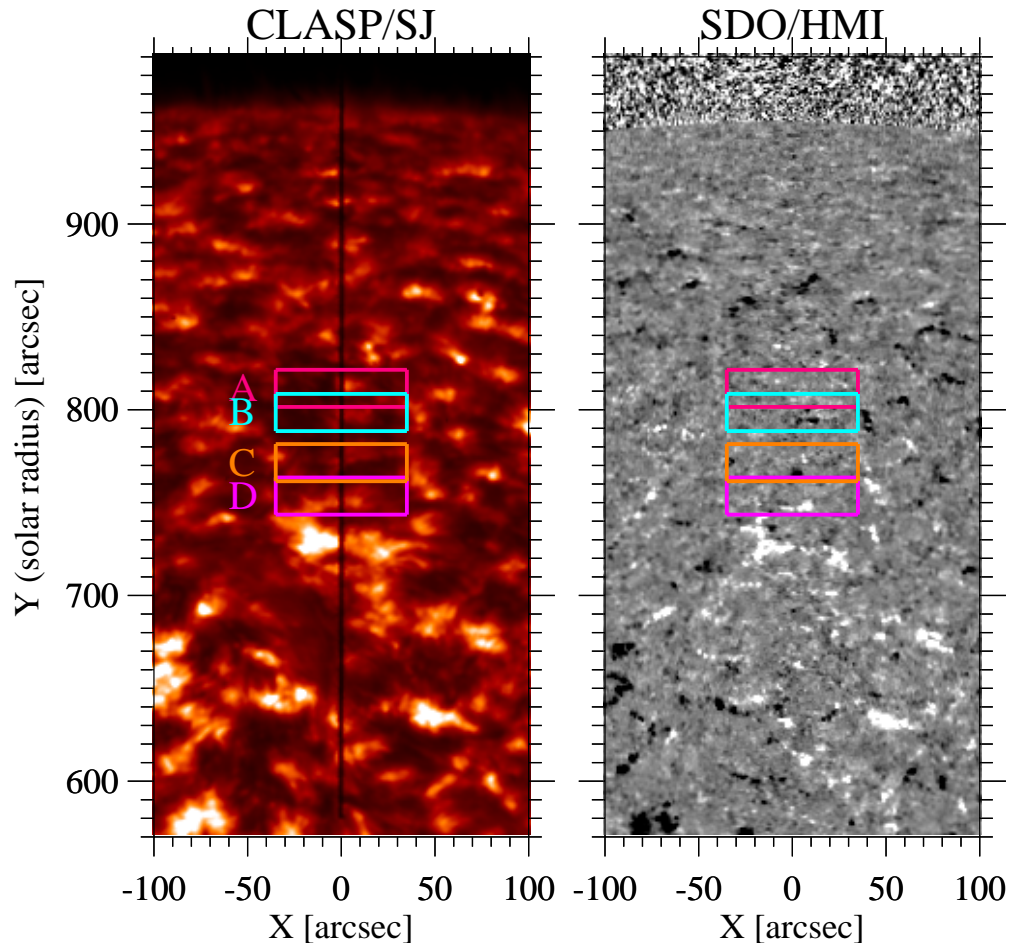
# U/I in Magnetized & Non-Magnetized Regions



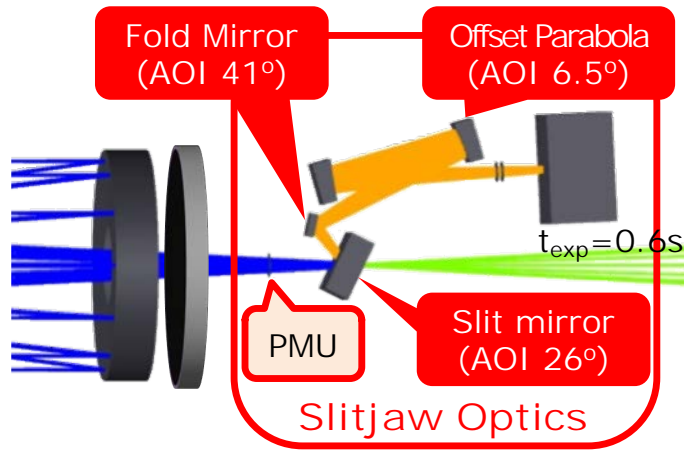


## Observational Evidence of Hanle Effect

- In Ly $\alpha$  core and Si III, U/I deviates from the positive and negative spatial distribution as photospheric magnetic flux increases

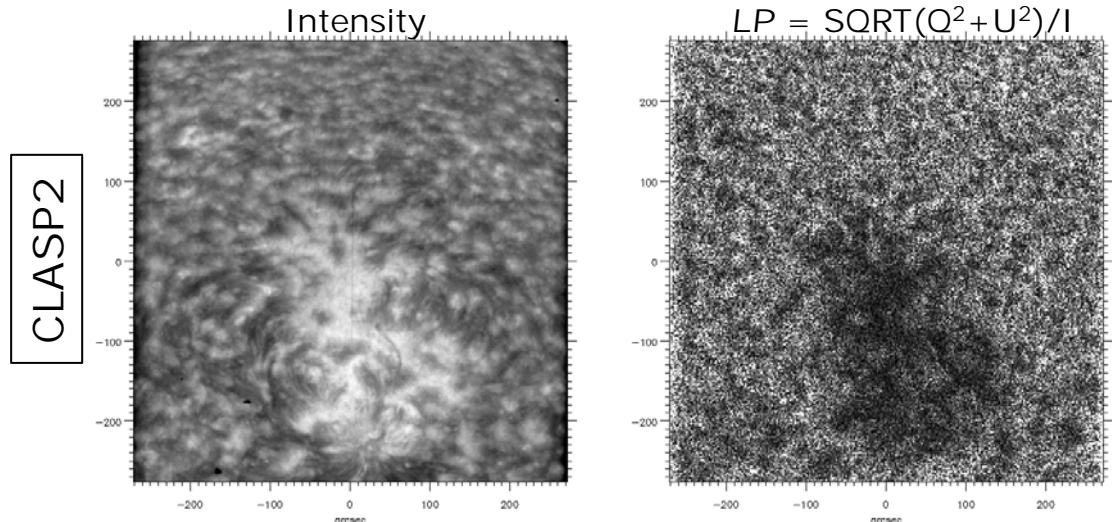
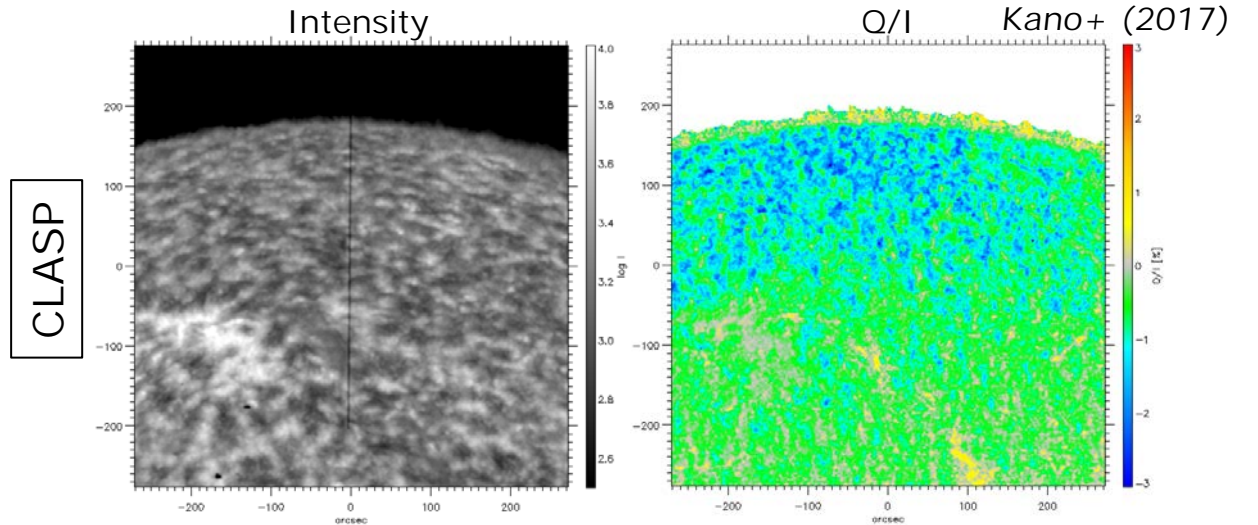
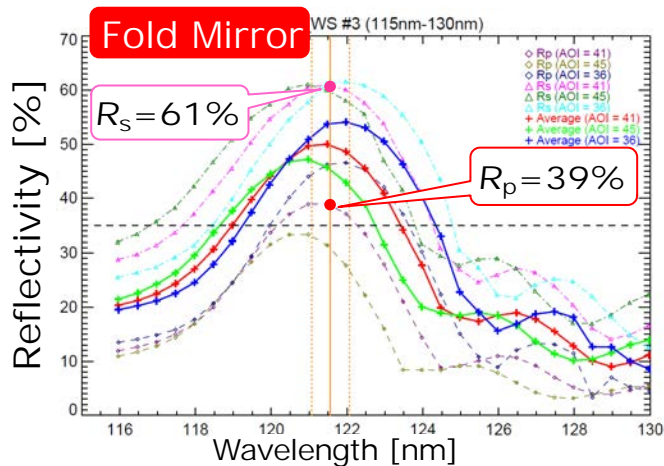


## Bi-Product : Lya Imaging Polarimetry

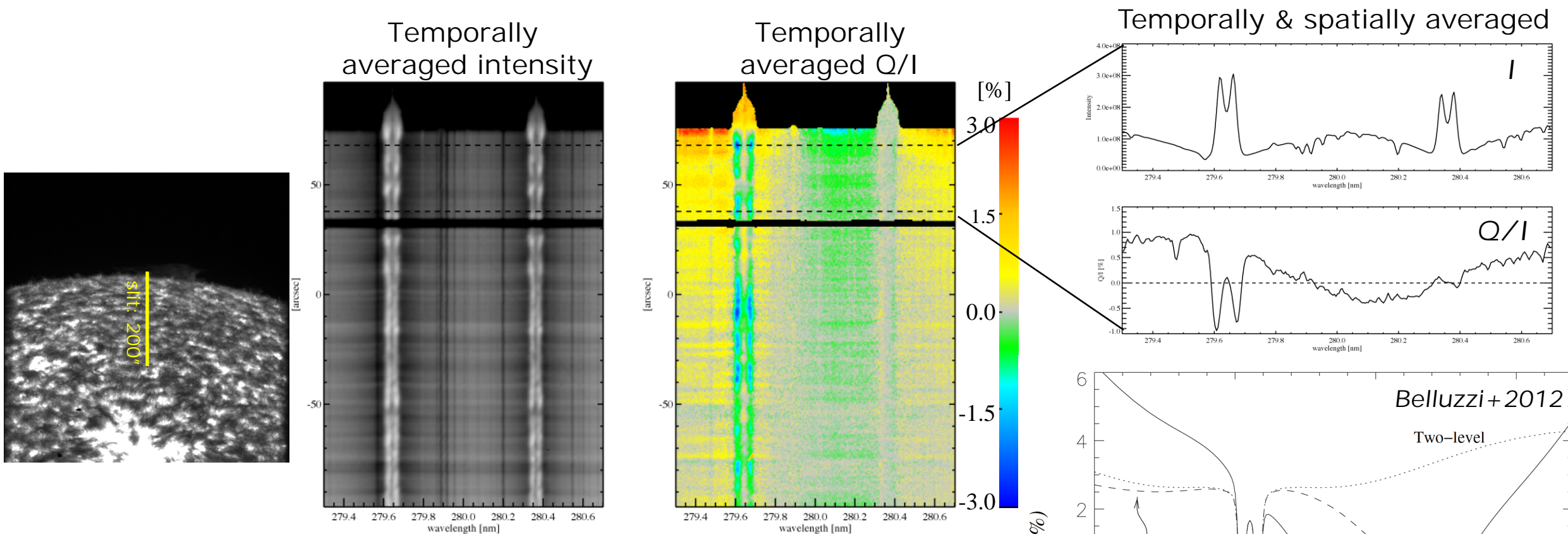


Magnet-Optical effect in Lya wing (Alsina Ballester+2019) can be a diagnostic tool of magnetic field?

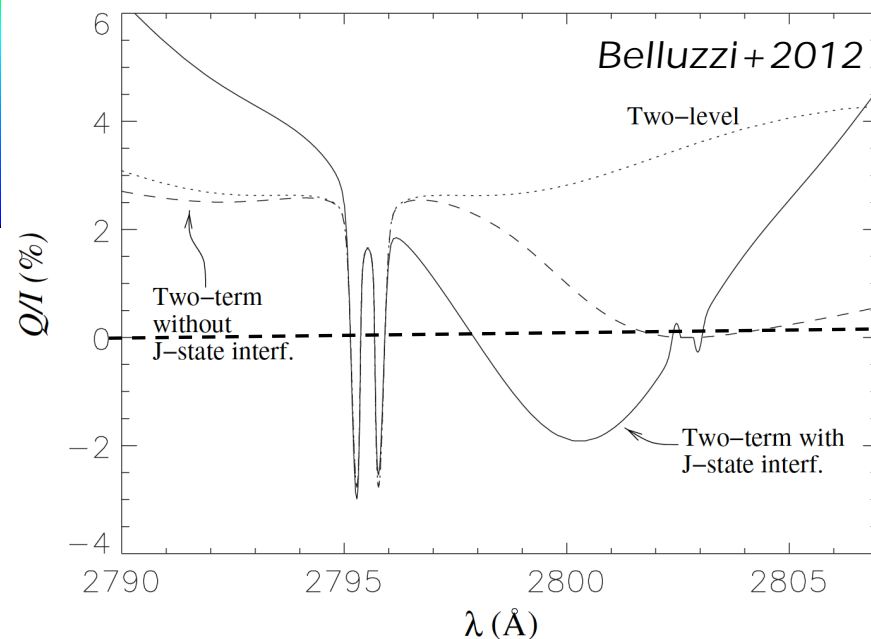
- Total Reflectivity:  $R_s = 34\%$  &  $R_p = 20\%$
- Polarization Power:  $P = \frac{R_s - R_p}{R_s + R_p} = 26\%$



## Detection of Scattering Pol. around Mg II h & k



- Wavelength structure of Q/I is consistent with the theoretical prediction (Belluzzi+2012).
  - Mg II k shows the strong scattering polarization while Mg II h shows the exactly zero at the center.

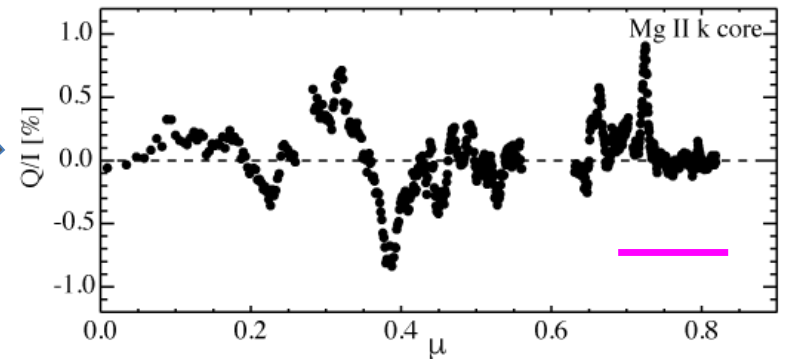
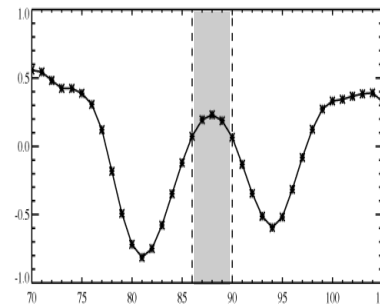
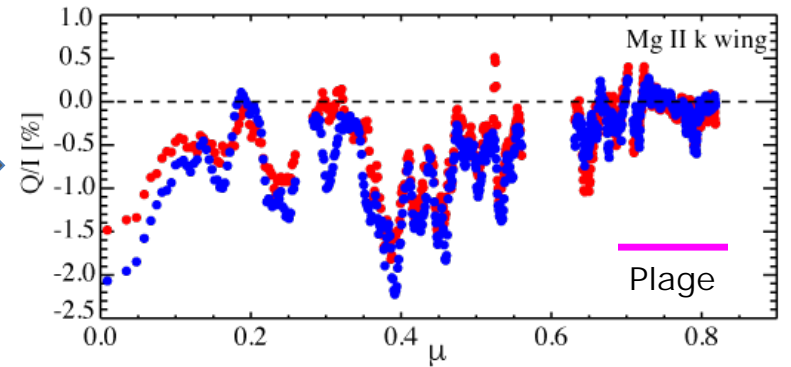
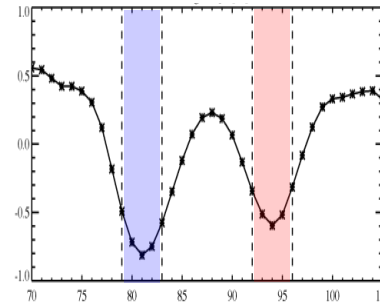
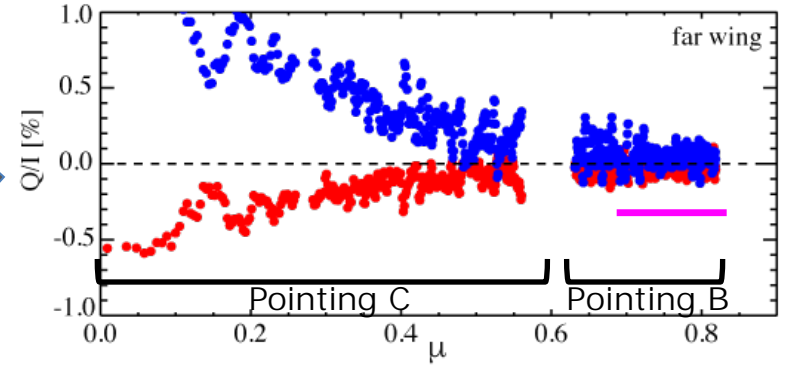
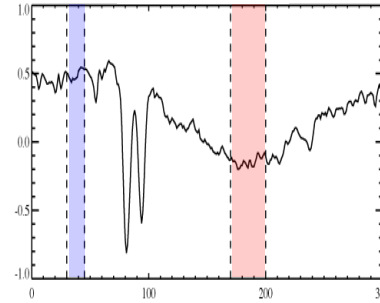
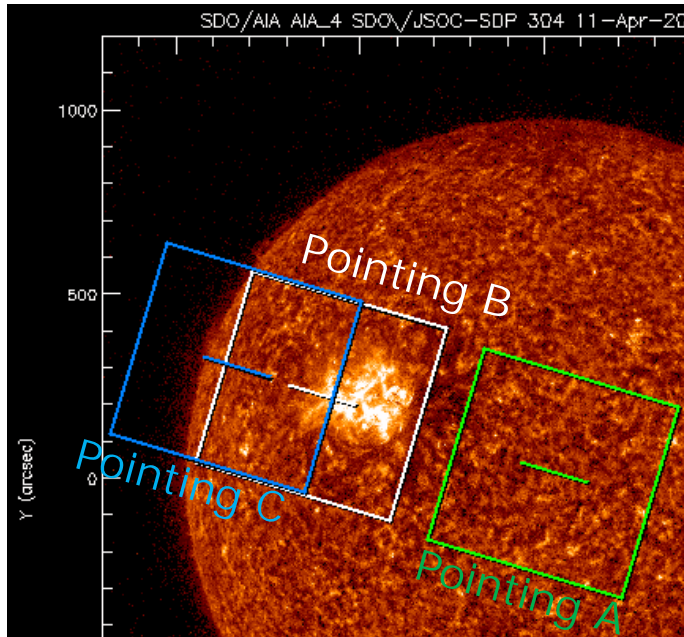


# CLASP2 Preliminary Results

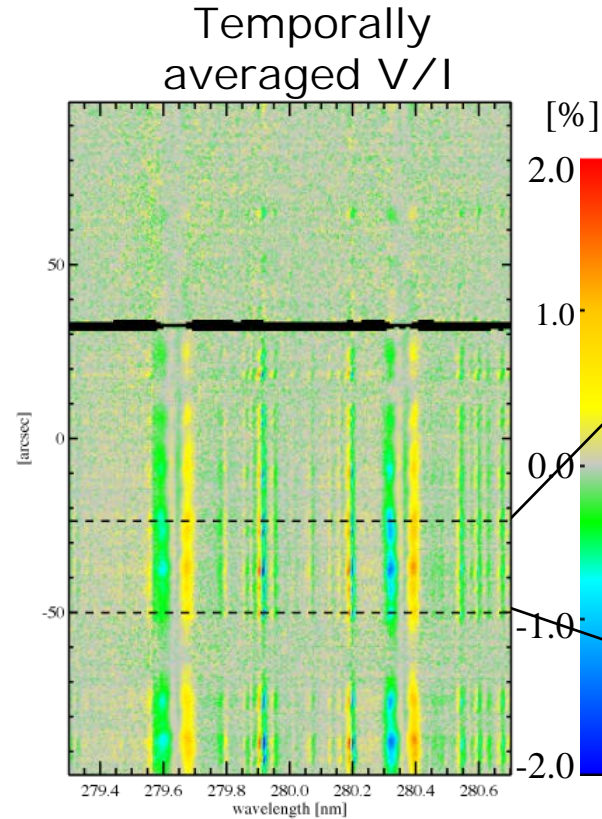
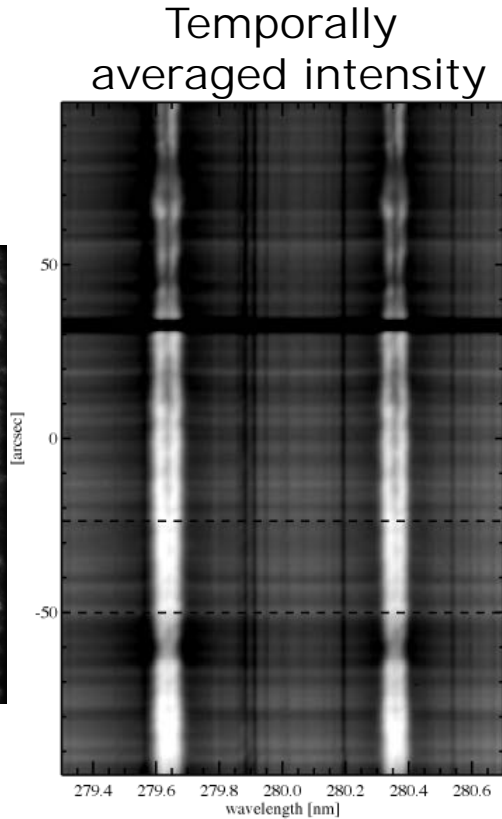
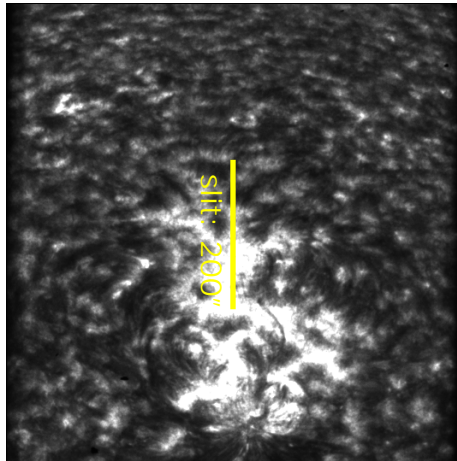
## Center-limb-variation of Q/I

- Clear CLV in far wing
- Presence of CLV is not clear in Mg II k wing & core

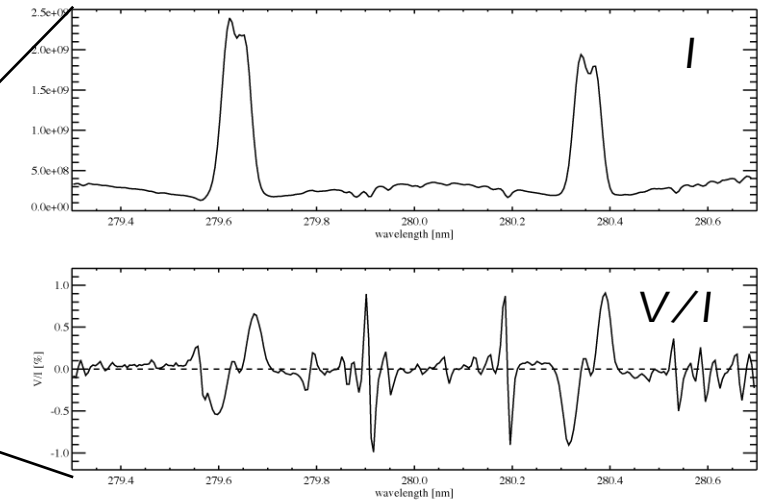
Further investigation & discussion will be in Rachmeler+ in AGU



## Significant V/I over the Plage



Temporally & spatially averaged



- Would be induced by the longitudinal Zeeman effect
- Many spectral lines (Mg II h & k, Mg II triplet, Mn I, etc....) show V/I

# Conclusions: CLASP & CLASP2

- Demonstrated that high-precision UV spectro-polarimetry is feasible & detected scattering polarization in UV
- As a diagnostic tool of magnetic field
  - Multi-wavelength spectro-polarimetry (Ly $\alpha$  & Si III in CLASP) can be powerful tool
  - Improvement of solar atmospheric model is required.
- Remaining issue: clarification of importance of Mg II k line
  - How V/I can facilitate the inferring of the magnetic field?
  - Simultaneous observation of scattering polarization in Mg II k and Ly $\alpha$  can provide the useful information?