# **High-resolution solar spectropolarimetry** and magnetic field diagnostics



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  - Polarized Radiative Transfer
  - Inversion, Weak field approximation, Center of Gravity

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**Polarization tensor** 

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•  $E_y(\vec{r}, t) = A_y e^{-i(\omega t + \phi_y)}$   
•  $I = \frac{c}{8\pi} < E_i^* E_j > , \quad i, j = x, y.$   
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### **Polarization tensor and Stokes parameters**

• 
$$I = \begin{pmatrix} \langle E_x^* E_y \rangle & \langle E_y^* E_x \rangle \\ \langle E_x^* E_y \rangle & \langle E_y^* E_y \rangle \end{pmatrix} =$$

- $I = \langle A_x^2 \rangle + \langle A_y^2 \rangle$
- $Q = \langle A_x^2 \rangle \langle A_y^2 \rangle$
- $U = \langle A_x A_y \cos(\phi) \rangle$
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$$E_x' = E_x \cos \theta;$$

Linear analyzer–polarizer behavior. Input light has two Cartesian components in general. Only the projections of these two components over the optical axis (at an angle  $\theta$  to the X axis) are transmitted. The resulting beam from the linear analyzer–polarizer is completely linearly polarized along the direction of the optical axis.

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• Linear polariser is a device that is totally transparent to the electric field along a given axes (called transmission axes) and totally opaque to the electric field

$$E_{y}^{'} = E_{y}\sin\theta.$$





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$$E'_{x} = E_{x} \cos \theta; \qquad E'_{y} = E_{y} \sin \theta.$$
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 $I_{meas}(\theta,\delta) = \langle E_x E_x^* \cos^2 \theta + E_y E_y^* \sin^2 \theta + \frac{1}{2} E_x E_y^* \sin 2\theta e^{-i\delta} + \frac{1}{2} E_x^* E_y \sin 2\theta e^{i\delta} \rangle$ 

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$$I_{meas}(\theta,\delta) = \frac{1}{2}(I +$$

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![](_page_10_Figure_10.jpeg)

### $-Q\cos 2\theta + U\cos\delta\sin 2\theta + V\sin\delta\sin 2\theta)$

$$I_{meas}(\theta, \delta) = \frac{1}{2}(I + Q\cos 2\theta - \theta)$$

 $I = I_{\text{meas}}(0, 0) + I_{\text{meas}}(\pi/2, 0),$ 

$$Q = I_{\text{meas}}(0, 0) - I_{\text{meas}}(\pi/2,$$

$$U = I_{\text{meas}}(\pi/4, 0) - I_{\text{meas}}(3\pi)$$

$$V = I_{\rm meas}(\pi/4, \pi/2) - I_{\rm meas}$$

- These are modulations
- $\bullet$

 $+ U\cos\delta\sin 2\theta + V\sin\delta\sin 2\theta$ 

 $I = \circlearrowright + \circlearrowright \text{ or } \leftrightarrow + \updownarrow \text{ etc}$  $Q = \updownarrow - \leftrightarrow ,$ 0),  $U = \bigwedge - \nearrow,$  $\pi/4, 0),$  $V = \circlearrowright - \circlearrowright,$  $(3\pi/4, \pi/2).$ 

We measure them to reconstruct Stokes I/Q/U/V

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![](_page_11_Picture_13.jpeg)

## Polarization of the light

- through which the light propagates
  - Magnetic field Zeeman affect
  - Electric field Stark affect
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## Muller Matrix

- Influence of any medium/material, physical element (telescope optic, mirrors, lens ...) on polarized radiation can be described through  $4 \times 4$  matrices, called Muller matrices Polarization calibrations are based on determination of telescopes' Muller matrix.

$$\begin{pmatrix} I'\\Q'\\U'\\V'\end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} M_{00} & M\\M_{10} & M\\M_{20} & M\\M_{30} & M \end{pmatrix}$$

 $I' = \mathbf{M}I,$ 

01	$M_{02}$	$M_{03}$		Ι	
11	$M_{12}$	$M_{13}$		Q	
21	$M_{22}$	$M_{23}$		U	
31	$M_{32}$	$M_{33}$		V	J

## Atomic structure

- Principal quantum number, n
- Orbital angular momentum, I (I=0,1,2,3,...,n-1; s,p,d,f)
- Spin angular momentum, s ( $s=\pm 1/2$  for electrons, 1,-1 for photons)
- Total angular momentum, j=l+s ( $|l-s| \le j \le |l+s|$ )
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 $(\mathbf{H}_0 + \mathbf{H}_B) |lsjm\rangle = (E_j + mg hv_L) |lsjm\rangle$ 

The presence of the magnetic field breaks de momentum J is split into (2J + 1) magnetic sublevels, where J - L + J (L is orbital angular momentum and *S* is spin angular momentum)

![](_page_17_Figure_2.jpeg)

 $\Delta M = + 1(\sigma_b), \ 0(\pi), \ - 1(\sigma_b)$ 

### magnetic field

$$E = E_0 - (\mu \cdot \mathbf{B}), \qquad \mu = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{e}{m} \frac{h}{2\pi} g M \right)$$
$$g = 1 + \frac{J(J+1) + S(S+1) - L(L+1)}{2J(J+1)}$$

![](_page_17_Figure_8.jpeg)

 $\Delta \lambda_H = 4.67 \times 10^{-13} g_{eff} \lambda_0^2 B_{LOS}$ 

## First extraterrestrial magnetic field

![](_page_18_Picture_1.jpeg)

Norman Lockyer (1836 – 1920)

![](_page_18_Picture_4.jpeg)

All the absorption-bands, were visible in the spectrum of the spot; they moreover appeared thicker where they crossed the spot spectrum (1867) \*.

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- Line splitting observed in 1870
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- Discovery of the magnetic field in sunspots in 1908 (3000 G in sunspot umbrae) (Hale 1908)
  - G.E. Hale, F. Ellerman, S.B. Nicholson, A.H. Joy, The Magnetic Polarity of Sun-Spots. Astrophys. J. 49, 153–178 (1919)

![](_page_20_Picture_5.jpeg)

Fig. 1 George Ellery Hale and his dicovery of magnetic fields in sunspots through observations of the Zeeman effect. At the place where the spectrograph slit crosses a sunspot the spectral lines get split in polarized components. The magnitude of the splitting is proportional to the magnetic field strength, while the polarization state (circular or linear) reveals the orientation of the field.

![](_page_20_Picture_9.jpeg)

### DKIST/VBI G-band at 430.5 nm

![](_page_21_Picture_2.jpeg)

 $\Delta \lambda_H = 4.67 \times 10^{-13} g_{eff} \lambda_0^2 B_{LOS}$ 

Fel 630.2 nm

![](_page_21_Figure_6.jpeg)

![](_page_22_Figure_1.jpeg)

 $\Delta M = + 1(\sigma_b), \ 0(\pi), \ - 1(\sigma_r)$ 

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![](_page_22_Picture_5.jpeg)

![](_page_23_Figure_1.jpeg)

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![](_page_23_Picture_3.jpeg)

# Polarization observations with DKIST Measurements

- ViSP, DL-NIRSP, Cryo-NIRSP, VTF
- Modulation states are measured with rotating retarders/liquid crystals
- Dual beam polarimetry is used analyzer is polarizing beam splitter
  - Minimizes cross-talks
  - Maximize S/N by using all available lights

# **Polarization observations with DKIST** Calibration

- Combines two beams
- Convert modulation states into Stokes vector

• Removes polarizations induced by the telescope optics/instruments

# Polarization observations with DKIST

- DKIST use polarimetric calibration unit
- Placed near primary focus just after secondary mirror
- Has different optical elements including polarizers and retarders
- Modulation states are measured and analyzed in Coulde lab level
- Polarization model (Muller matrix, telescope model etc)

![](_page_26_Picture_6.jpeg)

## ViSP: Fe I 6301/6302

- ViSP: Fe I 6301/6302 Å, and Ca II 8542 Å
  - Slit width: 0.214"
  - Step size: 0.219" step
  - Full map time: ~27 min
  - Target: Plage region near  $\mu \sim 0.8$
  - 4 raster scan at 4 adjacent pointings

The noise level of the averaged Stokes Q, U, & V profiles:  $4.4 \times 10^{-4} I_c$  and  $3.7 \times 10^{-4} I_c$ 

![](_page_27_Picture_8.jpeg)

![](_page_27_Figure_9.jpeg)

SDO/HMI LoS magnetogram

## The Zeeman effect - Strong Field Approximation

DKIST/VBI G-band at 430.5 nm

![](_page_28_Picture_2.jpeg)

 $\Delta \lambda_H = 4.67 \times 10^{-13} g_{eff} \lambda_0^2 B_{LOS}$ 

Fel 630.2 nm

![](_page_28_Figure_6.jpeg)

## **Polarized Radiative Transfer**

$$\frac{d}{d\tau} \begin{pmatrix} I \\ Q \\ U \\ V \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \eta_I & \eta_q & \eta_U & \eta_V \\ \eta_Q & \eta_I & \rho_V & -\rho_U \\ \eta_U & -\rho_V & \eta_I & \rho_Q \\ \eta_V & \rho_U & -\rho_Q & \eta_I \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} I-S \\ Q \\ U \\ V \end{pmatrix}$$

- $\eta_l$  absorption coeficient
- $\eta_{Q,U,V}$  describe the coupling of the intensity I with Q, U and V
- *ρ*<sub>*α,υ,v*</sub> conversion terms (dispersion coefficients) between Q, U and V due to magneto-optical effects

![](_page_29_Figure_5.jpeg)

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$$\eta_I = 1 + \frac{\eta_0}{2} \left\{ \phi_0 \sin^2 \theta + \frac{1}{2} \left[ \phi_{+1} + \phi_{-1} \right] (1 + \cos^2 \theta) \right\},\,$$

$$\eta_Q = \frac{\eta_0}{2} \left\{ \phi_0 - \frac{1}{2} \left[ \phi_{+1} + \phi_{-1} \right] \right\} \sin^2 \theta \cos 2\varphi,$$

$$\eta_U = \frac{\eta_0}{2} \left\{ \phi_0 - \frac{1}{2} \left[ \phi_{+1} + \phi_{-1} \right] \right\} \sin^2 \theta \sin 2\varphi,$$

$$\eta_V = \frac{\eta_0}{2} [\phi_{-1} - \phi_{+1}] \cos \theta,$$

$$\rho_{Q} = \frac{\eta_{0}}{2} \left\{ \psi_{0} - \frac{1}{2} \left[ \psi_{+1} + \psi_{-1} \right] \right\} \sin^{2} \theta \cos 2\varphi,$$

$$\rho_U = \frac{\eta_0}{2} \left\{ \psi_0 - \frac{1}{2} \left[ \psi_{+1} + \psi_{-1} \right] \right\} \sin^2 \theta \sin 2\varphi,$$

$$\rho_V = \frac{\eta_0}{2} \left[ \psi_{-1} - \psi_{+1} \right] \cos \theta.$$

![](_page_30_Figure_9.jpeg)

- $\theta \& \varphi$  are the inclination and azimuth of the magnetic field
- φ<sub>0,+1,-1</sub> components are computed from Voight function that includes Doppler motion and Zeeman splitting
- Azimuthal angle  $\varphi$  appears as sin(2 $\varphi$ ) and cos(2 $\varphi$ )
  - The azimuth is determined by observations of Q,U only to within 180°.

![](_page_30_Picture_15.jpeg)

## How we can infer magnetic field from Stokes profiles

• We need to solve a very complex radiative transfer problem under LTE/NLTE

## Inversions:

- Fit the observed Stokes profiles using inversion algorithms
- The ionization equilibrium, statistical equilibrium, and radiative transfer equations are solved numerically to synthesize the Stokes profiles

![](_page_31_Figure_5.jpeg)

### Inversion of Fe 6301 & 6302 with DeSire code

- (Ruiz Cobo & del Toro Iniesta 1994, Uitenbroek 2001)
- response functions

![](_page_32_Figure_4.jpeg)

![](_page_32_Figure_5.jpeg)

![](_page_32_Figure_8.jpeg)

![](_page_32_Figure_9.jpeg)

### Inversion of Ca II 8542 Å with DeSire code

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![](_page_33_Figure_2.jpeg)

Figure 9. The top panels show the ViSP images in the Ca II 8542 Å Stokes I line core and Stokes V at  $\Delta \lambda = -0.2$  Å. The DeSIRe output showing the temperature, LoS magnetic field, mass density and LoS velocity maps averaged over the interval between  $\log \tau = -2.8$  and -4.3 are presented in the middle and bottom panels.

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## Week-field Approximation

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 $V(\lambda) = -4.67 \times 10^{-10}$ 

$$V(\lambda) = \frac{1}{2} [I(\lambda - \Delta \lambda_H) - I(\lambda + \Delta \lambda_H)]$$
  

$$\Delta \lambda_H = 4.67 \times 10^{-13} g_{eff} \lambda_0^2 B_{LOS}$$
  

$$\Delta \lambda_D >> \Delta \lambda_H \qquad \Delta \nu_D = \frac{1}{\lambda_0} \sqrt{\frac{2kT}{m} + w_{nth}}$$
  

$$V = \Delta \lambda_H \left[ \frac{\partial I(\lambda)}{\partial \lambda} + \frac{1}{6} (\Delta \lambda_H^2) \frac{\partial^3 I(\lambda)}{\partial \lambda^3} + \dots \right]$$

$$^{-13}g_{eff}\lambda_0^2 B_{LOS} \frac{\partial I(\lambda)}{\partial \lambda}$$

## Week-field Approximation

 $\Delta \lambda_D > > \Delta \lambda_H$ 

![](_page_35_Figure_2.jpeg)

![](_page_35_Picture_4.jpeg)

![](_page_35_Picture_5.jpeg)

## Week-field Approximation

![](_page_36_Figure_1.jpeg)

Kuridze, D., et al. 2019, ApJ, 874, 126

### X8.2 flare coronal loops on 10 September 2017 observed by SST

![](_page_37_Figure_1.jpeg)

Panel *a* and *b* show the SST images in the Ca ii 8542 Å intensity (Stokes *I*) at line core and circular polarization (Stokes *V*) at line wing for the flare coronal loops. Panel *c* and *d* show a map of the LOS magnetic field together with histogram showing the distribution of the LOS magnetic fields for 3 different regions (1, 2, 3).

## Center of Gravity (COG) method

The COG is defined as the centroid of its residual intensity profiles:

![](_page_38_Figure_2.jpeg)

$$\lambda_{COG} = \frac{\int \lambda (I_{cont} - I) d\lambda}{\int (I_{cont} - I) d\lambda}$$
$$v_{LOS} = \frac{c(\lambda_0 - \lambda_{COG})}{\lambda_0}$$

The LOS strength of magnetic field

$$B_{LOS} = \frac{\lambda_{+} - \lambda_{-}}{2} \frac{4\pi mc}{eg_{L}\lambda_{0}^{2}}$$
$$\lambda_{\pm} = \frac{\int \lambda (I_{cont} - (I \pm V)) d\lambda}{\int (I_{cont} - (I \pm V)) d\lambda}$$

Uitenbroek 2003

- profiles (I, Q, U, V)
- Measurement of magnetic field in the photosphere and chromosphere is mainly based on Zeeman effect
- can be used to produce maps of the magnetic field components

## Summary

• The most powerful magnetic diagnostics of solar and astrophysical plasmas are based on measurements of the polarized states of light described by the Stokes

• Simple techniques such as weak-field/strong-field approximation, center-of-gravity

![](_page_39_Picture_8.jpeg)