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Gamma-ray Space Telescope

# Blazar variability in gamma-ray and optical polarization with Fermi and Kanata telescope



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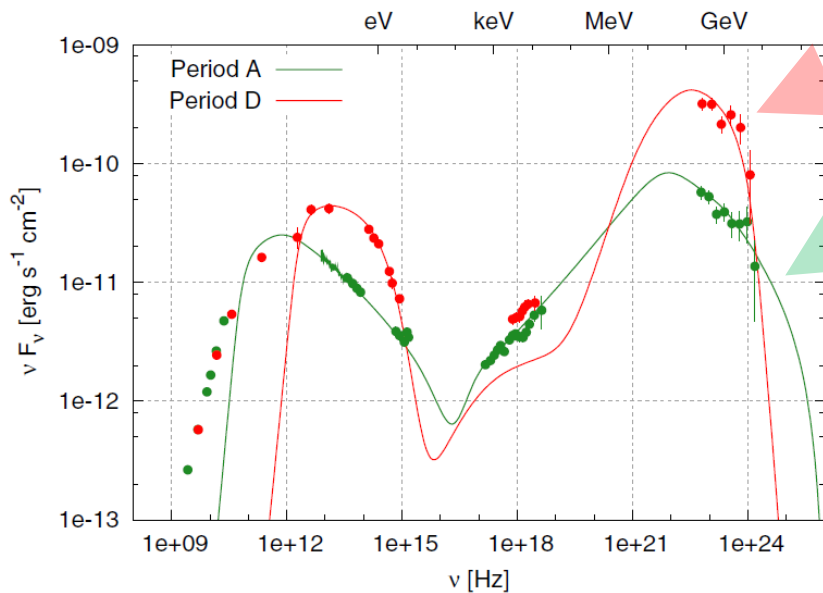
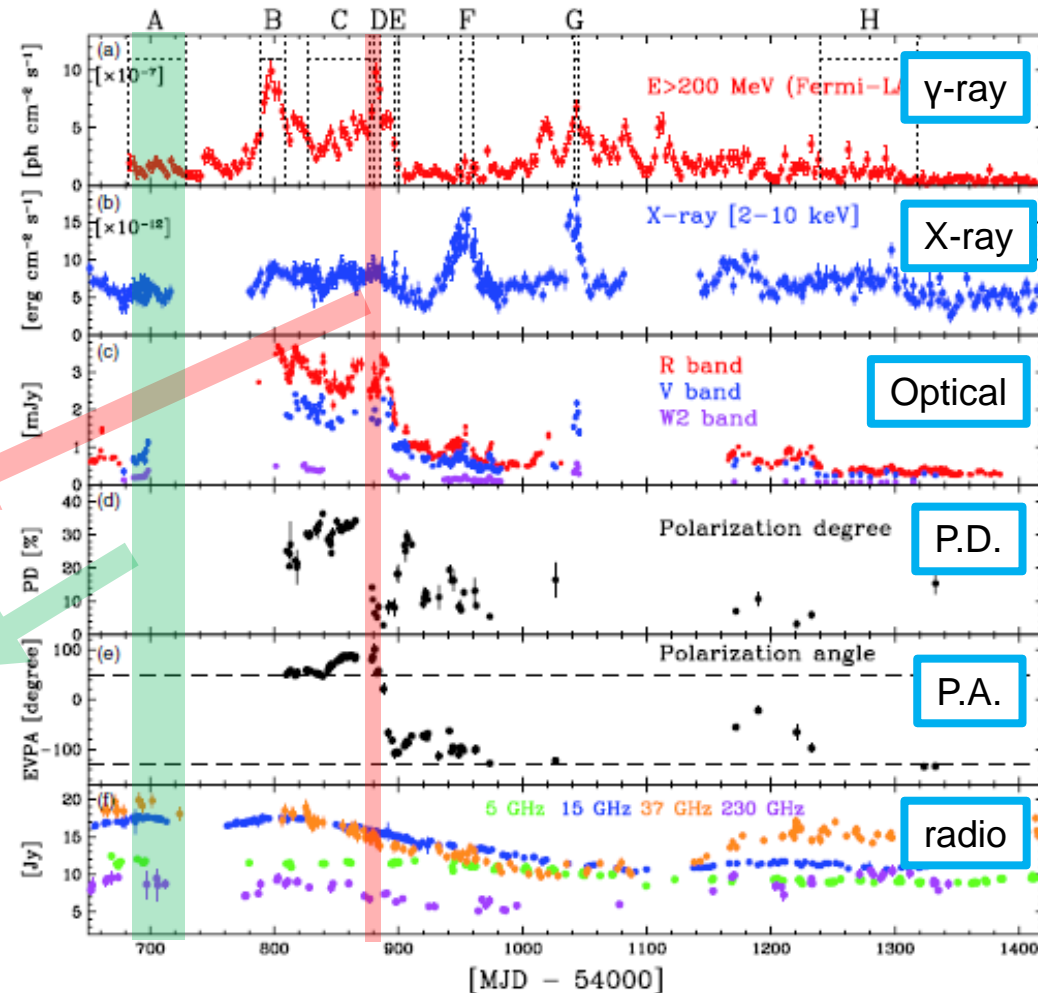
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Owing to improvement of instruments, we now can observe the daily change of SED.

It provides us with a lot of information about the jets

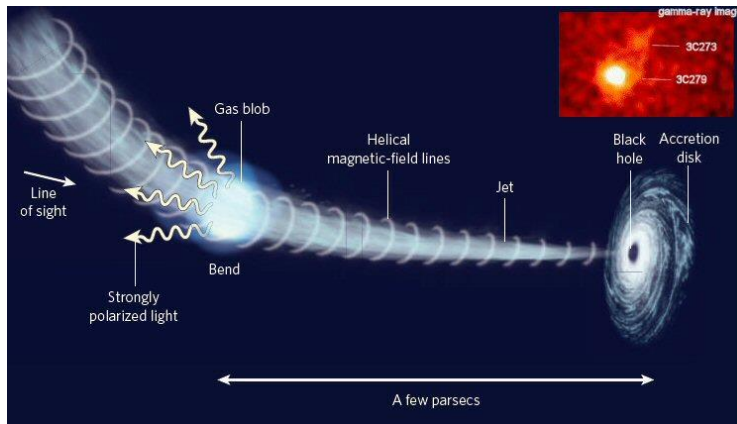
Light curve for 3C 279, Hayashida+12



# Polarization in blazar

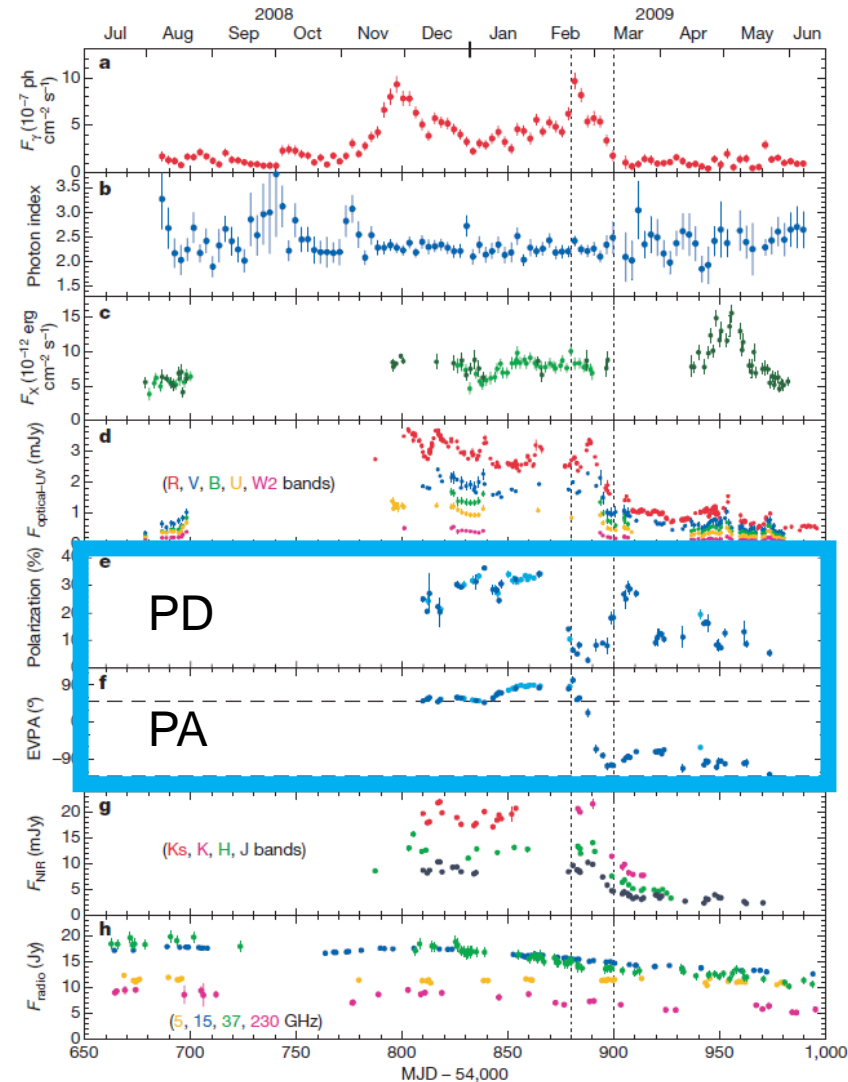


- **Polarization** information plays an important role in studying the environment in the jet
- Many MW-polarimetric observations were performed, but “**common**” properties in the jets are still unclear



Our team performed a number of monitoring observations with optical polarization with Fermi

FSRQ 3C 279, Abdo+10



## *Kanata Telescope*

**1.5m** diameter telescope designed for optical and near infrared band located at Higashi-Hiroshima Observatory in **Japan**.

**Target object**; Any type of transients (AGN, GRB, etc...)

Performed a lot of **campaign/ToO/follow-up** observations with Fermi/LAT and other telescopes

## *TRISPEC* (Cassegrain)

Optical and NIR polarimeter. Have a capability of **simultaneous** polarimetry in **optical & NIR** band

## *HOWPoI* (1<sup>st</sup> Nasmyth)

Optical polarimeter

Have a capability of one-shot polarimetry It enable us to get polarization with time scale of **< 1 minute** for R=15 mag object.



# Target List



Red; GeV bright source

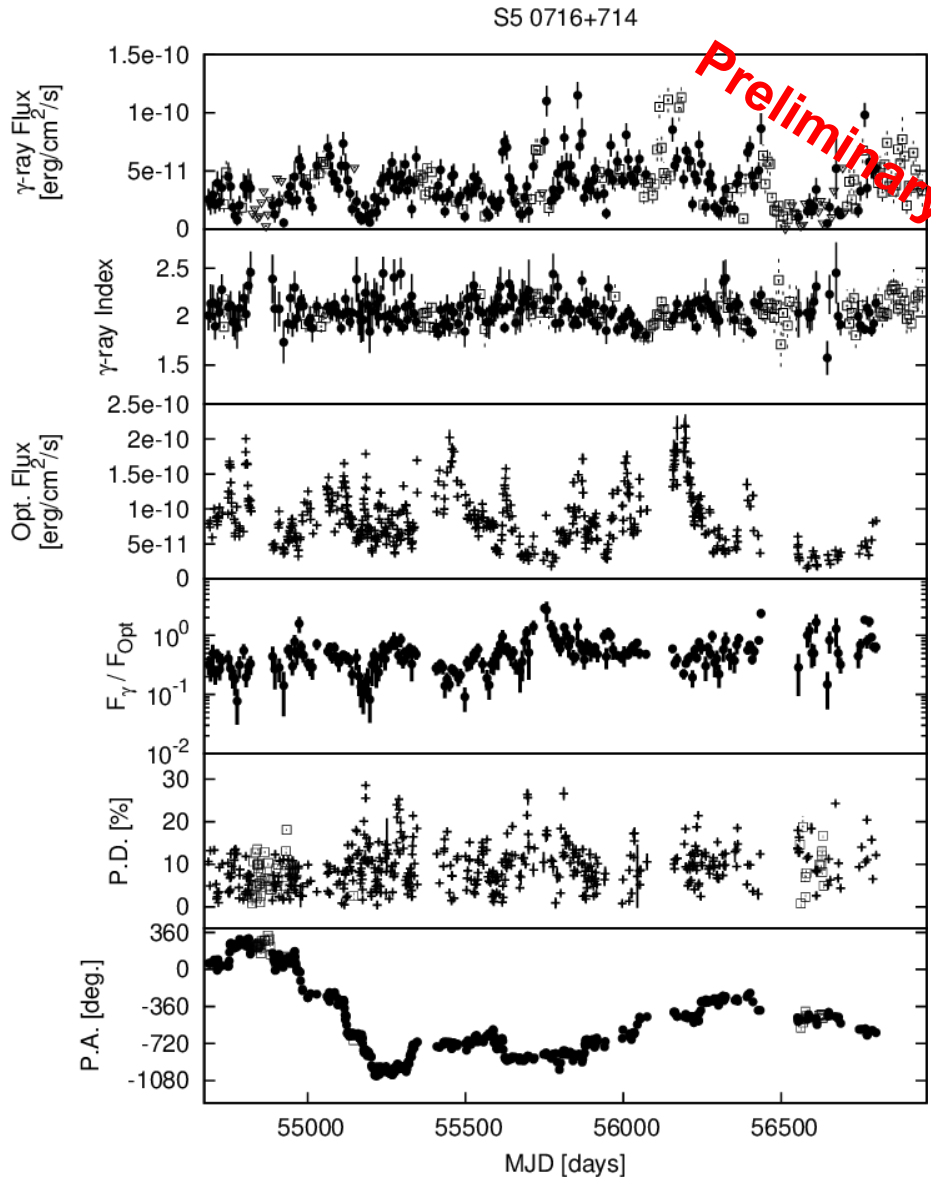
FSRQ	LSP	ISP	HSP	RL-NLSy1
<b>3C 454.3</b> (498)	<b>BL Lac</b> (539)	<b>S5 0716+714</b> (628)	<b>Mrk 501</b> (244)	1H 0323+342
<b>3C 273</b> (332)	OJ 287 (413)	<b>3C 66A</b> (487)	<b>PG 1553+113</b> (225)	PMN J0948+0022
<b>3C 279</b> (177)	AO 0235+164 (93)	<b>1ES 1959+650</b> (202)	<b>PKS 2155-304</b> (161)	
PKS 1749+096 (163)	OJ 49 (70)	S2 0109+22 (102)	<b>Mrk 421</b> (74)	
3C 371 (124)	S4 0954+658 (5)	PKS 0048-097 (63)	<b>ON 325</b> (56)	
RX J1542.8+612 (113)	1ES 1218+304 (3)	ON 231 (48)	1ES 0806+524 (54)	
<b>PKS 1510-089</b> (110)		OQ 530 (19)	H 1722+119 (66)	
Mis V1436 (106)			PKS 0422+004 (42)	
<b>CTA 102</b> (92)			1ES 2344+514 (33)	
PKS 1502+106 (76)			1ES 0647+250 (24)	
<b>QSO 0454-234</b> (28)			1ES 0323+022 (21)	
S5 1803+784 (35)				
PKS 0754+100 (28)				
PKS 0215+015 (5)				
<b>GB6 J1239+0443</b> (5)				

- Bright GeV & Opt. source
- Shows large flare

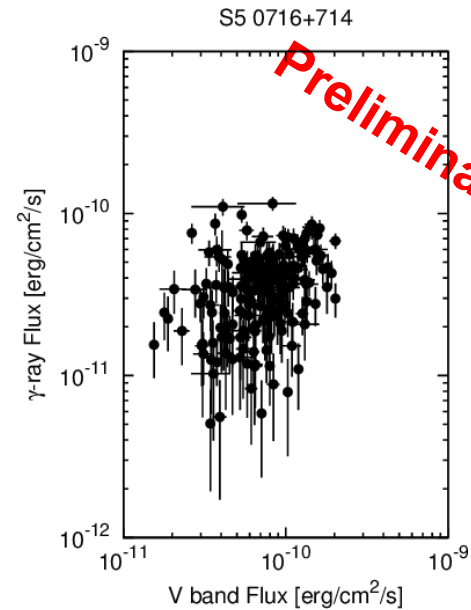
Aug. 2008 – Nov. 2014  
(6.5 years data)

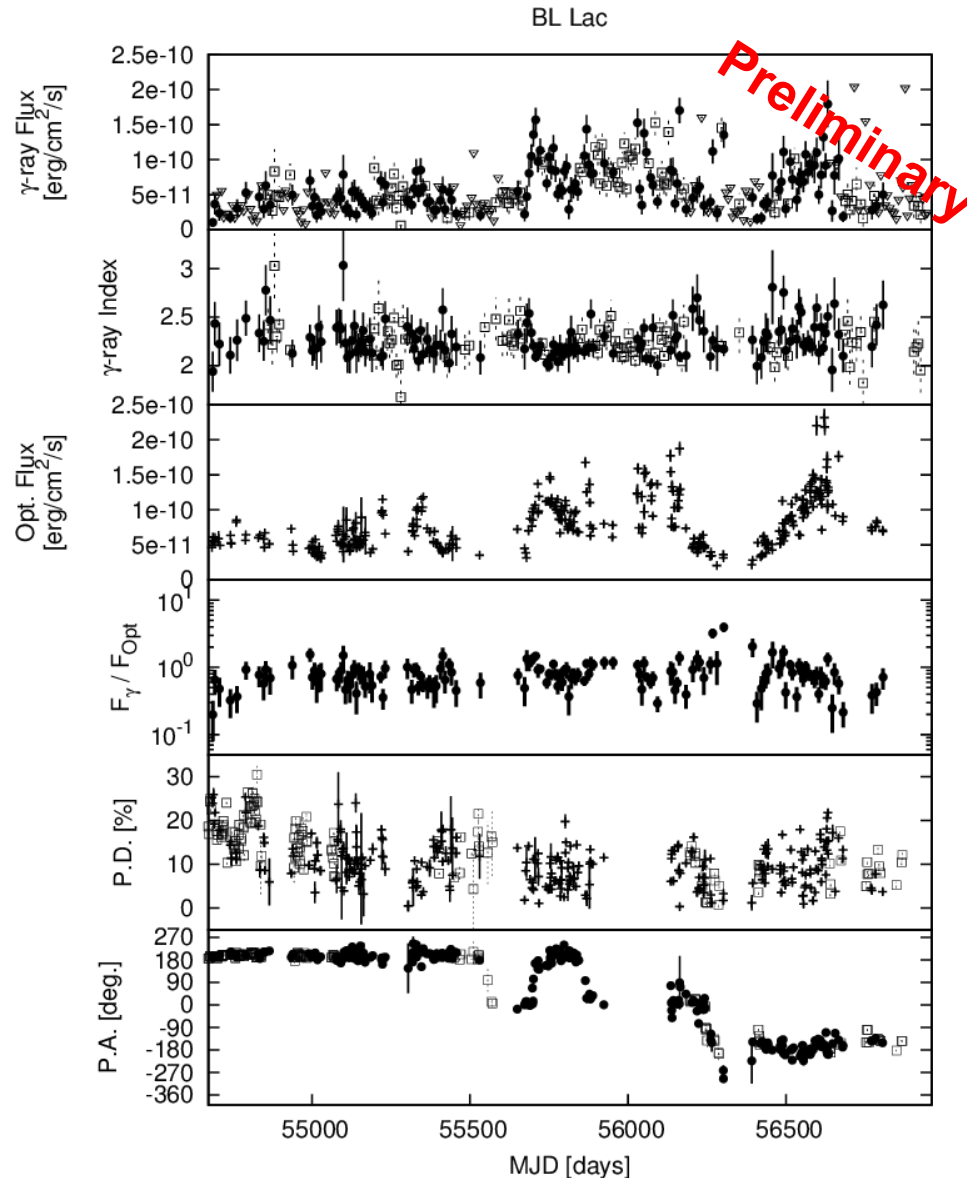
Pass 8 Fermi/LAT data with standard analysis  
(100MeV to 300 GeV, bin=7days)

# Ind. Object; S5 0716+714

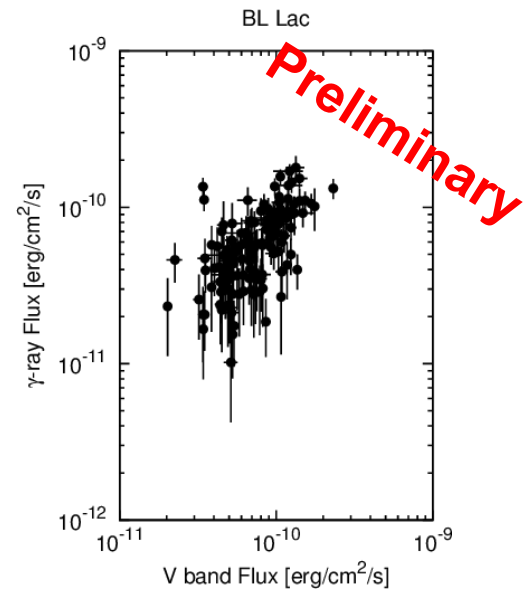


- Average cadence ~ 3 days
- Showed large variability of gamma-ray flux, optical flux, PD and PA
- Sometime, PA shows large variation

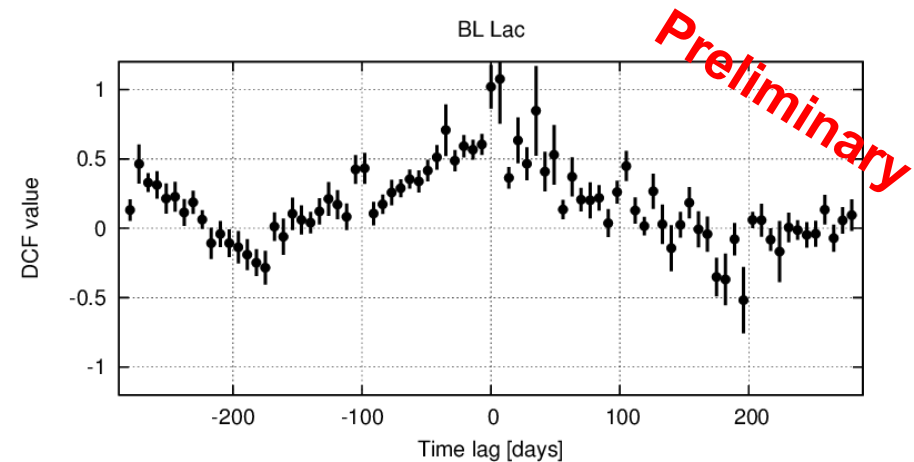
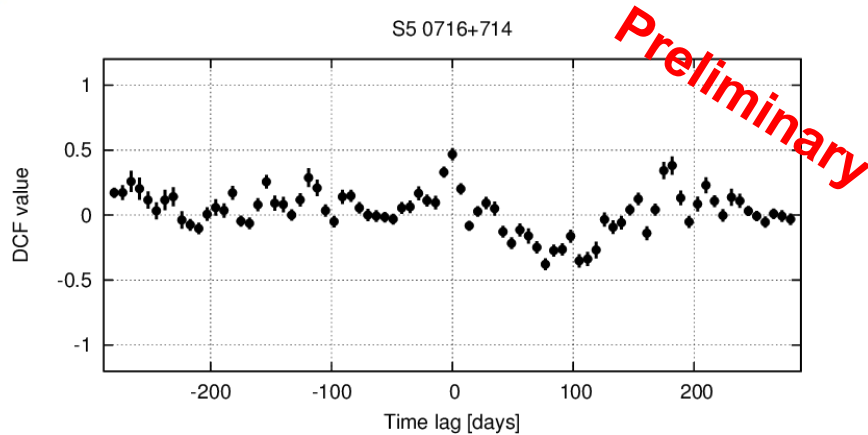




- BL Lac also shows large variability in GeV, Optical flux and PD
- But variability in PA is smaller than that in S5 0715+714



# Difference between blazars



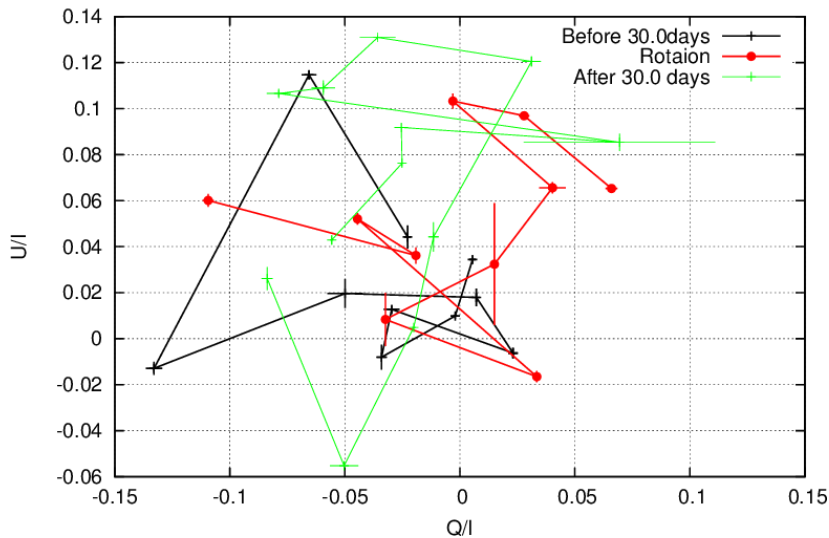
	S5 0716+714	BL Lac
Synchrotron peak [Hz]	$10^{14.6}$	$10^{13.6}$
Red shift	0.3	0.068
Corr. betw. gamma-ray & opt. flux	~0.5	~1.0
Variability of P.A.	Large	Small

## Similar blazar shows different properties

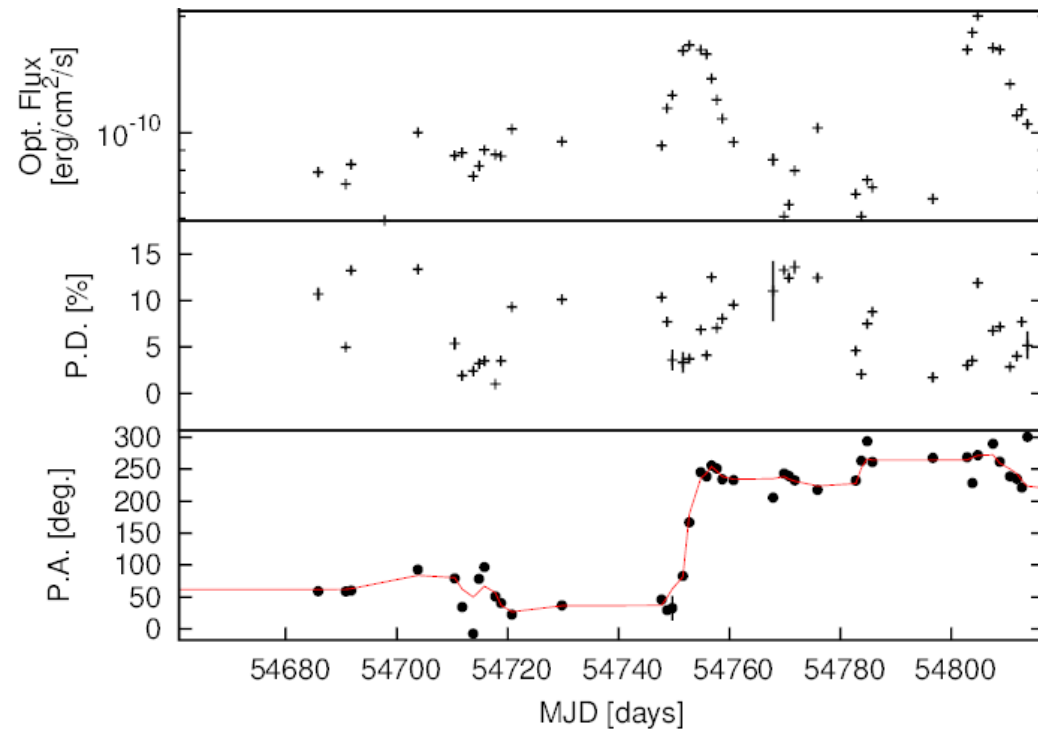
- What is the major parameter for blazar?  
Synchrotron peak? Redshift? BH mass? Luminosity? etc...



Polarization variability on  
the Stokes QU plane for  
S5 0716+714

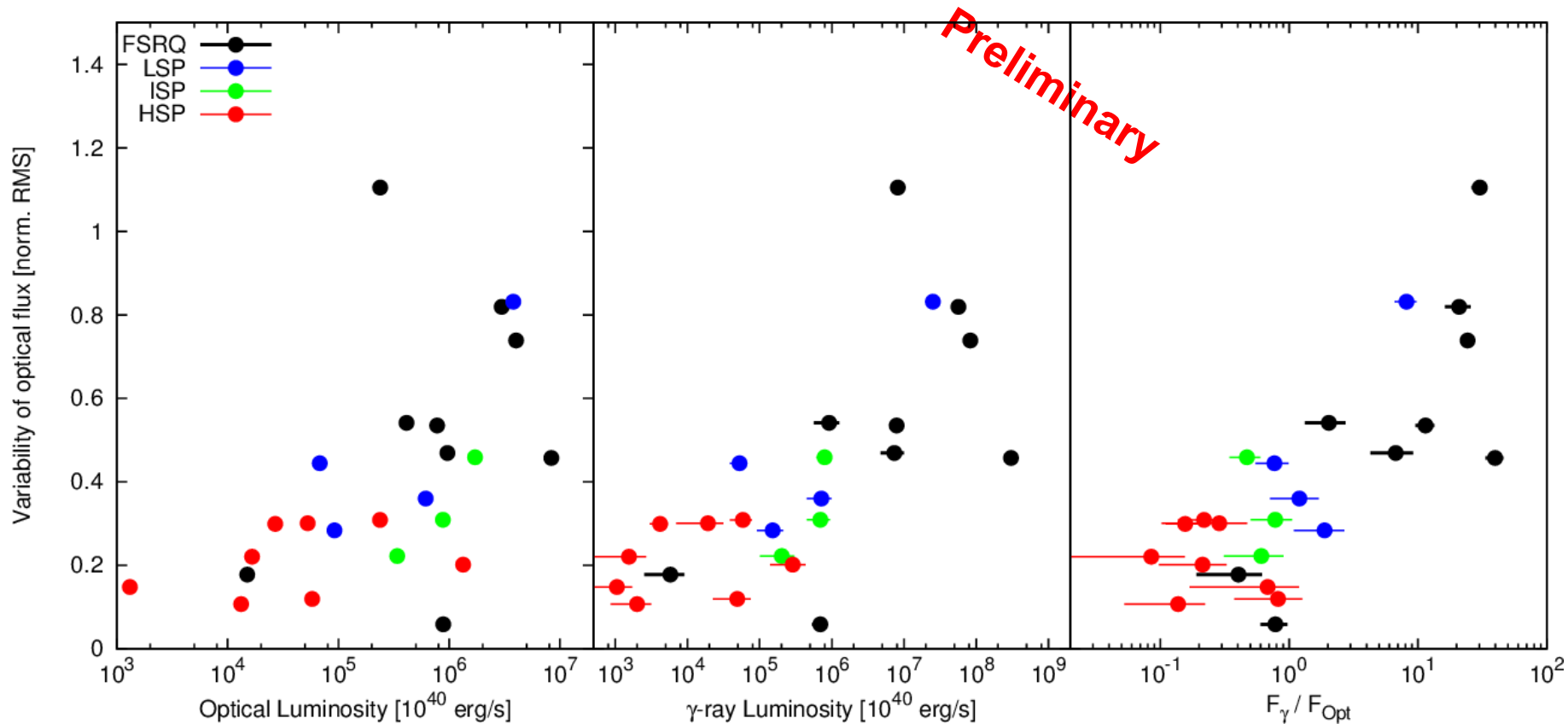


Light curve of S5 0716+714



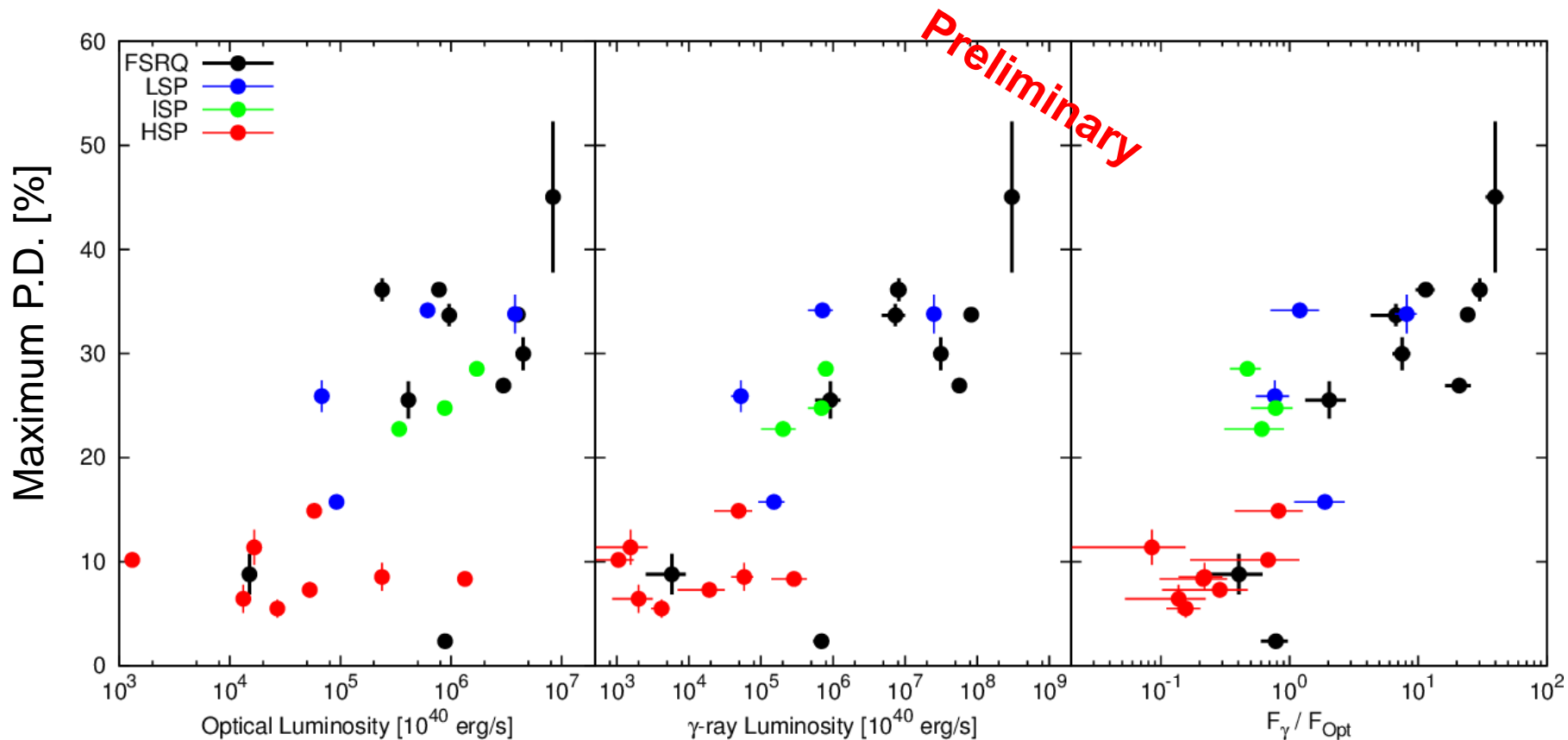
We found 33 PA rotation events from 15 objects,  
 But there are no clear relation between PA rotation and  
 GeV/Optical flare

# Correlation between Lum. & Variability of optical flux



**Gamma-ray luminous (Not optical) blazars show large variability in the optical band**

# Correlation between Lum. & Maximum PD



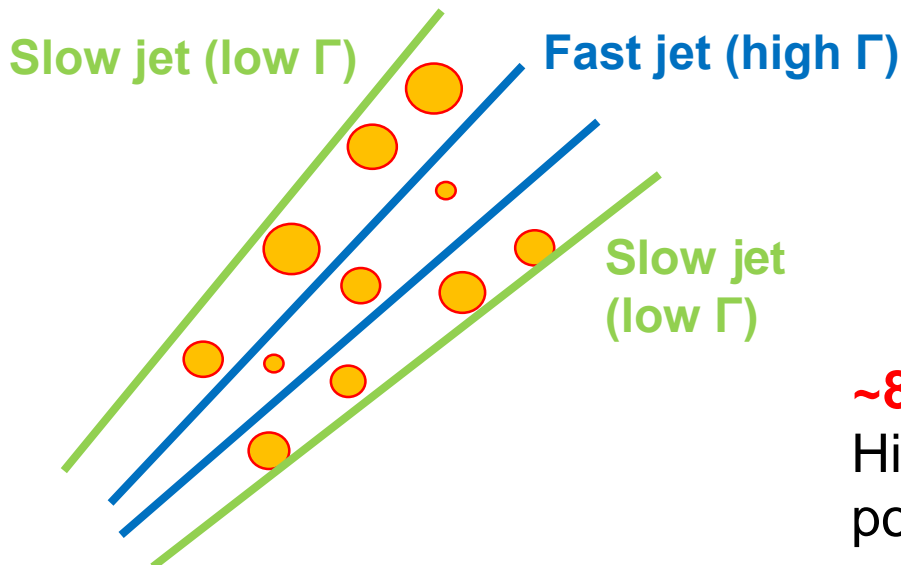
**Maximum PD shows good correlation with gamma-ray Luminosity or ratio of gamma-ray flux and optical flux (not optical luminosity)**

# Discussion; Multi-emission regions

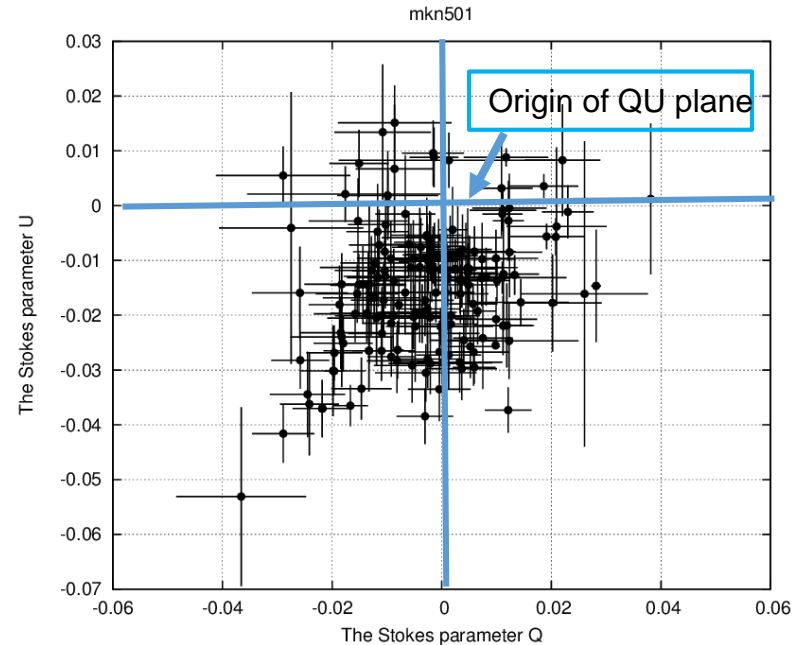


	High PD	Low PD
Bulk Lorentz factor	High	Low
Number of emission region	Few	Many
Compton dominance	High	Low

Superposition of several emission regions with various magnetic field directions will result in low degree of total polarization.



Mrk 501; polarization on QU plane



**~80%** of Low-PD objects and **~30%** of High-PD objects show such systematic polarization on the Stokes QU plane.

# Summary



- We performed long-term optical polarimetric observation of 39 blazars with Kanata and *Fermi/LAT*. And we found
  1. 33 “PA rotation” events but there is no clear relation between it and GeV/Optical flare
  2. Variability in the optical might be related with  $\gamma$ -ray luminosity
  3. Maximum PD related with  $\gamma$ -ray luminosity or ratio of  $\gamma$ -ray flux and optical flux ( $\sim$  Compton dominance).
- These results indicated that low  $\gamma$ -ray luminous blazars possess “multi-emission region”.
- A measurement of “Flare cadence” will be helpful to test the assumption of “multi-emission region” model.

Study for extracting method of flare and relation between GeV/optical flare and polarization angle is presented in poster session (M. Uemura, Y. kanda)

**We are planning to open all the polarization data as database in a few month**

Kanata team welcomes collaborative observations of any transient objects (Blazar, AGN, SN, X-ray binary, and any transients). Please contact us if you are interested in working with our team.