

## Betelgeuse workshop: linearly polarised spectrum of Betelgeuse

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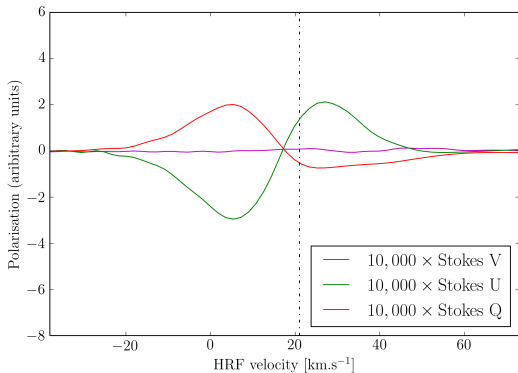
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# Typical polarisation scales for Betelgeuse



Stokes Q & Stokes U  
Stokes V

- Strong linear polarisation feature (well above the noise level)
- ➔ Associated to atomic lines
- Non Instrumental
- ➔ **No measurement of continuum polarisation**

# 1- Linearly polarised spectrum of Betelgeuse: Origin

Stokes Q & Stokes U

$$P_\ell = \sqrt{Q^2 + U^2}$$

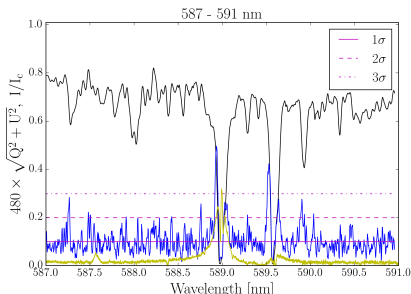
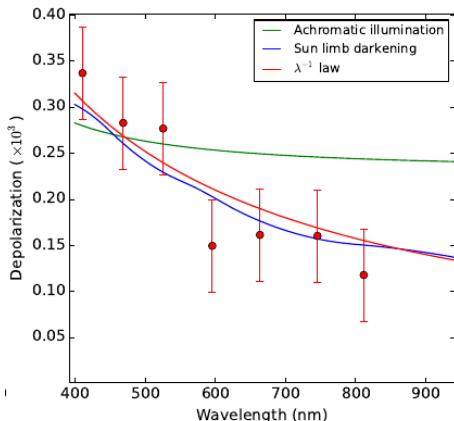
$P_\ell$  sun

→ See: [Aurière et al., 2016](#)

■ Non Zeeman origin

➔ The linearly polarised spectrum originates from depolarisation of the continuum

➔ Amplitude of the Na D1 D2 lines wrt the Solar case

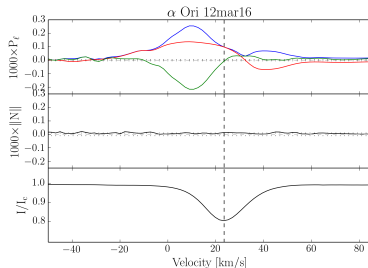
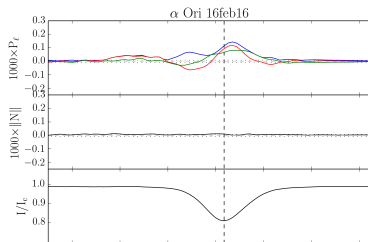
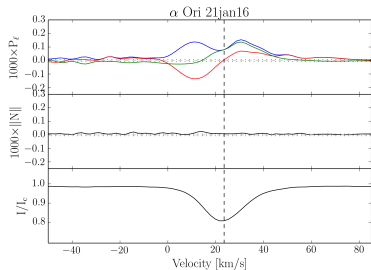


Linearly polarised spectrum of Betelgeuse around the Na doublet

**Polarisation in spectral lines**

# 1- Linearly polarised spectrum of Betelgeuse: variability (LSD profiles\*\* view)

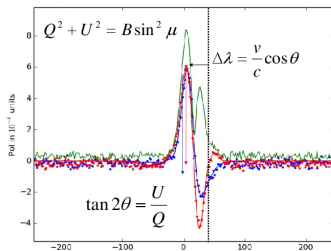
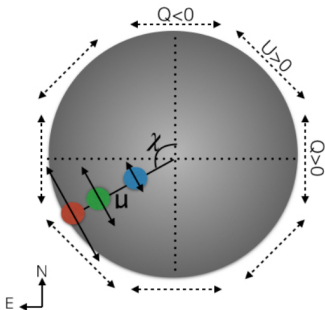
\*\*acquired during our Large Program with the Narval instrument



- Variability on months / weeks
  - Consistent with convective time scales
- Linear polarization induced anisotropies
  - Imaging bright spots ?

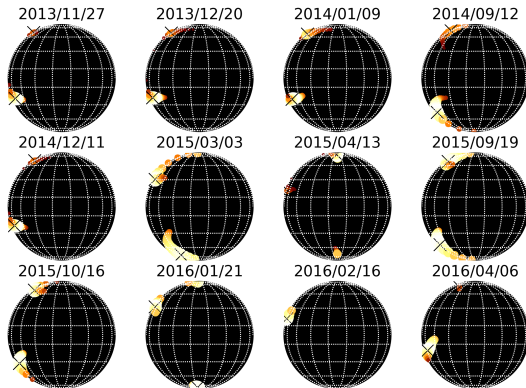
# Mapping bright spots on the stellar disk

- If we see linear polarisation → scattering → surface inhomogeneities
- One maximum in  $P_\ell$  equals one hot spot
- From the ratio  $U$  &  $Q$  we infer the angle of position on the disk:  $\chi$
- From the position of the peaks we infer the distance from disk centre:  $\mu$
- From the sum  $Q^2 + U^2$  we infer the Brightness of a spot:  $B$



*Aurière et al 2016. A. López Ariste's model.*

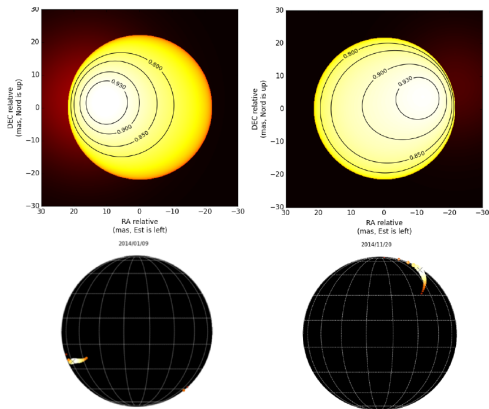
# Hot spots model: 1- variation with time



*Variation with time of the inferred position of bright spots.*

## Hot spots model: 2- Comparison with Interferometry

- Simultaneous observations with VLTI and Narval (left January 2014 / right November 2014)
- ➔ spectropolarimetric hot spots model consistent with interferometric hot spots models!  
Spots localised in the same quadrant



Interferometric reconstructions ([Montargès et al. 2016](#)) vs spectropolarimetric reconstructions ([Aurière et al. 16](#))