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Abstract

We present X-ray polarimetry observations from the Imaging X-ray Polarimetry Explorer (IXPE) of three low spectral peak and one intermediate spectral peak blazars, namely 3C 273, 3C 279, 3C 454.3, and S5 0716+714. For

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none of these objects was IXPE able to detect X-ray polarization at the 3σ level. However, we placed upper limits on the polarization degree at $\sim 10\%$ – 30% . The undetected polarizations favor models where the X-ray band is dominated by unpolarized photons upscattered by relativistic electrons in the jets of blazars, although hadronic models are not completely eliminated. We discuss the X-ray polarization upper limits in the context of our contemporaneous multiwavelength polarization campaigns.

Unified Astronomy Thesaurus concepts: X-ray astronomy (1810); Polarimetry (1278); Spectropolarimetry (1973); Radio loud quasars (1349); X-ray quasars (1821); Blazars (164); Flat-spectrum radio quasars (2163)

1. Introduction

Blazars are active galactic nuclei (AGNs) with relativistic jets that are inferred to be oriented within a few degrees from the observer’s line of sight (see Blandford et al. 2019). Their spectral energy distributions (SEDs) are generally characterized by two emission components: one at low photon energies (radio through optical, UV, and, in some cases, X-ray bands) and the other at much higher (X-ray and γ -ray) energies. Blazars are often classified by the frequency at which the low-energy portion of the SED peaks. This component is modeled as electron synchrotron emission. When the peak frequency is below the optical or infrared (IR) band, the blazar is considered to be low synchrotron peaked (LSP), in contrast with high-synchrotron-peaked (HSP) blazars, whose peak is in the X-ray band. Objects with a peak in the optical/UV range are termed intermediate-synchrotron-peaked (ISP) blazars. The origin of the different synchrotron peak classes is still debated, but it is often attributed to increased particle cooling due to the presence of external photon fields (Fossati et al. 1998).

Several blazars were observed in 2022 with the Imaging X-ray Polarimetry Explorer (IXPE; Weisskopf et al. 2022) that was launched on 2021 December 9. HSP blazars such as Mrk 501 (Liodakis et al. 2022), Mrk 421 (Di Gesu et al. 2022a), and PG 1553+113 (Middei et al. 2023a) were measured by IXPE to be polarized in the 10%–15% range, 2–5 times higher than the optical polarization at the same epochs. These findings support a model by which the X-rays in HSPs are produced in energy-stratified shocks, with electrons accelerated at the shock front to energies high enough to emit X-ray synchrotron radiation. Such energetic electrons occur only in a thin layer close to the shock front, beyond which the maximum electron energy decreases owing to radiative cooling (Marscher & Gear 1985). Consequently, the optically emitting region, which requires somewhat lower electron energies, extends over a more extensive volume. If the magnetic field is mostly disordered, e.g., by turbulence, then the mean polarization variation is expected to be stronger due to the increased randomness of the polarization vectors of the emission regions (Di Gesu et al. 2022b). This could have a stronger effect on the X-ray emission regions, which should occupy a smaller volume of the jet (i.e., fewer emission zones) compared to the optical or radio regions. The ratio of X-ray to optical polarization was observed to be higher than expected in such a model, which suggests that the level of disorder of the magnetic field increases with distance from the shock front (Liodakis et al. 2022; Marscher & Jorstad 2022). The alignment of the electric vector position angle (EVPA) with the jet direction in Mrk 501 (Liodakis et al. 2022) implies that there is an ordered component to the magnetic field perpendicular to the jet. How this component arises is somewhat uncertain; various suggestions involve compression of the disordered field at the shock (Hughes et al. 1985), generation of a magnetic field component transverse to the

shock normal (Tavecchio et al. 2018), or a toroidal magnetic field component in the ambient jet (Lyutikov et al. 2005). Complicating the physical picture of HSP blazar shocks are the observations that the EVPA can rotate in the X-ray band without rotation in the optical (Di Gesu et al. 2023) or vice versa (Middei et al. 2023a).

On the other hand, the X-ray portions of the SEDs of LSP and ISP blazars generally have flatter spectra than at optical frequencies (e.g., Abdo et al. 2010), indicating that a single synchrotron model is not responsible for both bands. The flatter X-ray spectra are consistent with models where the X-ray band is dominated by Compton upscattering of low-frequency (e.g., IR) photons by the relativistic electrons generating the synchrotron radiation (e.g., Maraschi et al. 2008). Processes involving hadrons, such as proton synchrotron radiation or production of electron–positron pairs by particle cascades might also be involved in generating the X-rays (e.g., Zhang et al. 2016). Each of these processes has specific polarization properties that can potentially identify their level of importance in the X-ray emission (e.g., Liodakis et al. 2019; Peirson et al. 2022). Compton scattering of unpolarized seed photons, such as those produced by the broad emission-line region, produces essentially unpolarized high-energy photons (Krawczynski 2012). If the seed photons are from synchrotron radiation in the jet—the synchrotron self-Compton (SSC) case—the X-ray polarization fraction (Π_X) is generally less than half that of the synchrotron radiation; the exact ratio depends on the model and the level of disorder of the magnetic field (Peirson et al. 2022). For hadronic processes, Π_X is expected to be similar to or even exceed the optical polarization (Π_O ; Zhang & Böttcher 2013; Zhang et al. 2019). Hence, X-ray polarization measurements or even upper limits in the context of simultaneous multiwavelength polarization observations can test emission models for LSP and ISP blazars.

IXPE previously observed BL Lac on three occasions. In the first two observations, the X-ray spectrum of BL Lac resembled that of LSPs, in the third observation that of ISPs. During the first two observations, there was only a 99% confidence upper limit of $\Pi_X < 13\%$, while the contemporaneous Π_O exceeded the X-ray limits (Middei et al. 2023b). In the third observation, 22% polarization was detected in the 2–4 keV band during a time dominated by synchrotron-emitting electrons from the low-energy hump of the SED (Peirson et al. 2023). There are still only upper limits to the X-ray polarization from the high-energy component. Those results disfavor any significant contribution from protons to the emission.

In this study, we present results from IXPE observations of three LSP blazars and one ISP blazar that were observed in 2022: 3C 273, 3C 279, 3C 454.3, and S5 0716+714. In Section 2, we describe the IXPE observations with full-band polarimetric and spectropolarimetric analyses, in Section 3 we

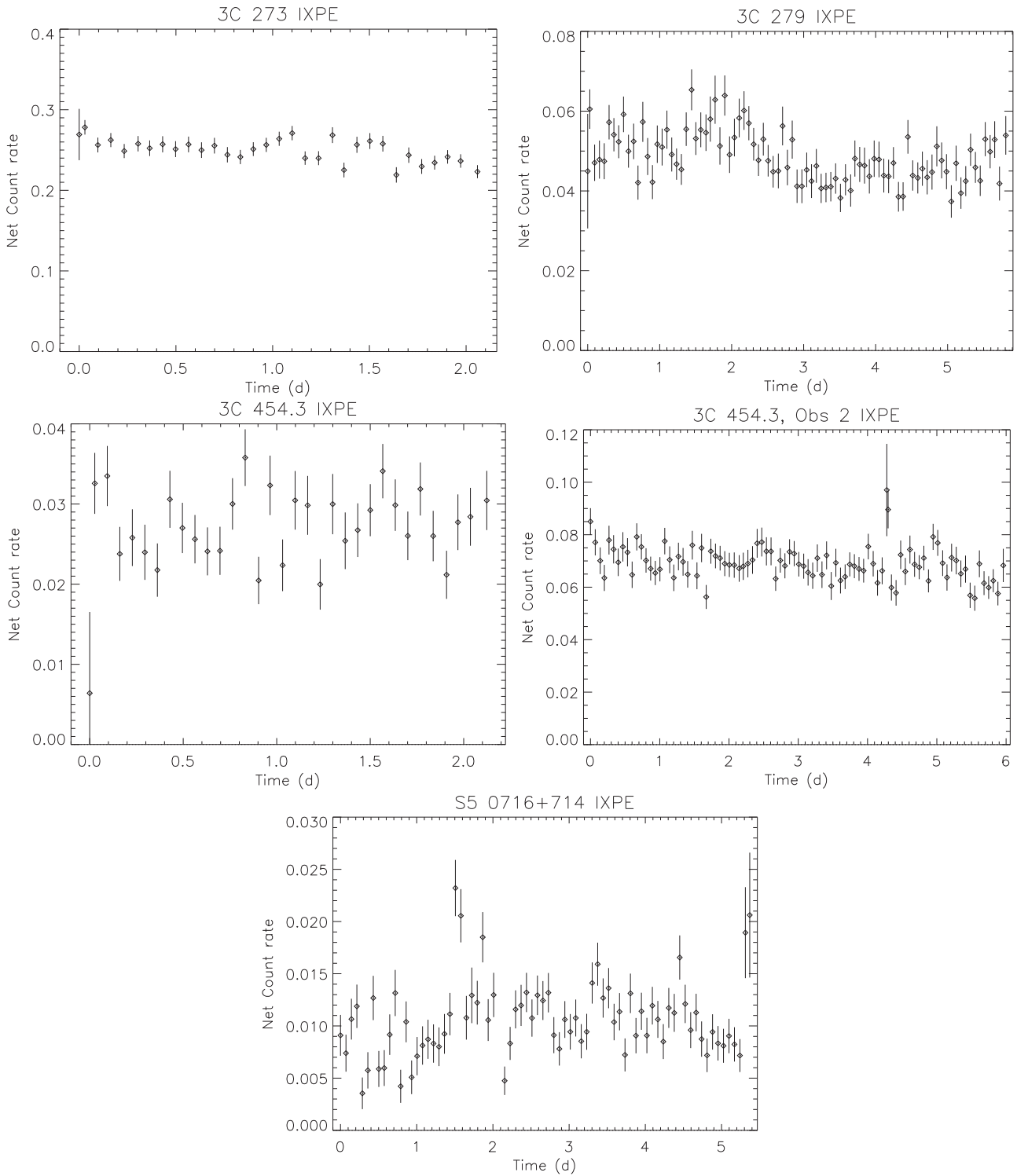


Figure 1. IXPE background-subtracted light curves for the four blazars reported here. No large variations are observed that would warrant isolating specific time periods for detailed analysis.

discuss the multiwavelength polarization campaigns on individual sources, and in Section 4 we discuss our results.

2. IXPE Observations

A log of IXPE observations is provided in Table 1. Two observations of 3C 454.3 were included, with the second one labeled “Obs 2.” See Weisskopf et al. (2022) for details about

IXPE. At the $\sim 30''$ angular resolution of IXPE, all of these sources are spatially unresolved.

2.1. Full-band Analyses

Event data were selected over the full bandpass from 2 to 8 keV, from a circular region $60''$ radius about each source, with background selected from an annulus from $200''$ to $300''$ from the target. Data were processed using `ixpeobssim`

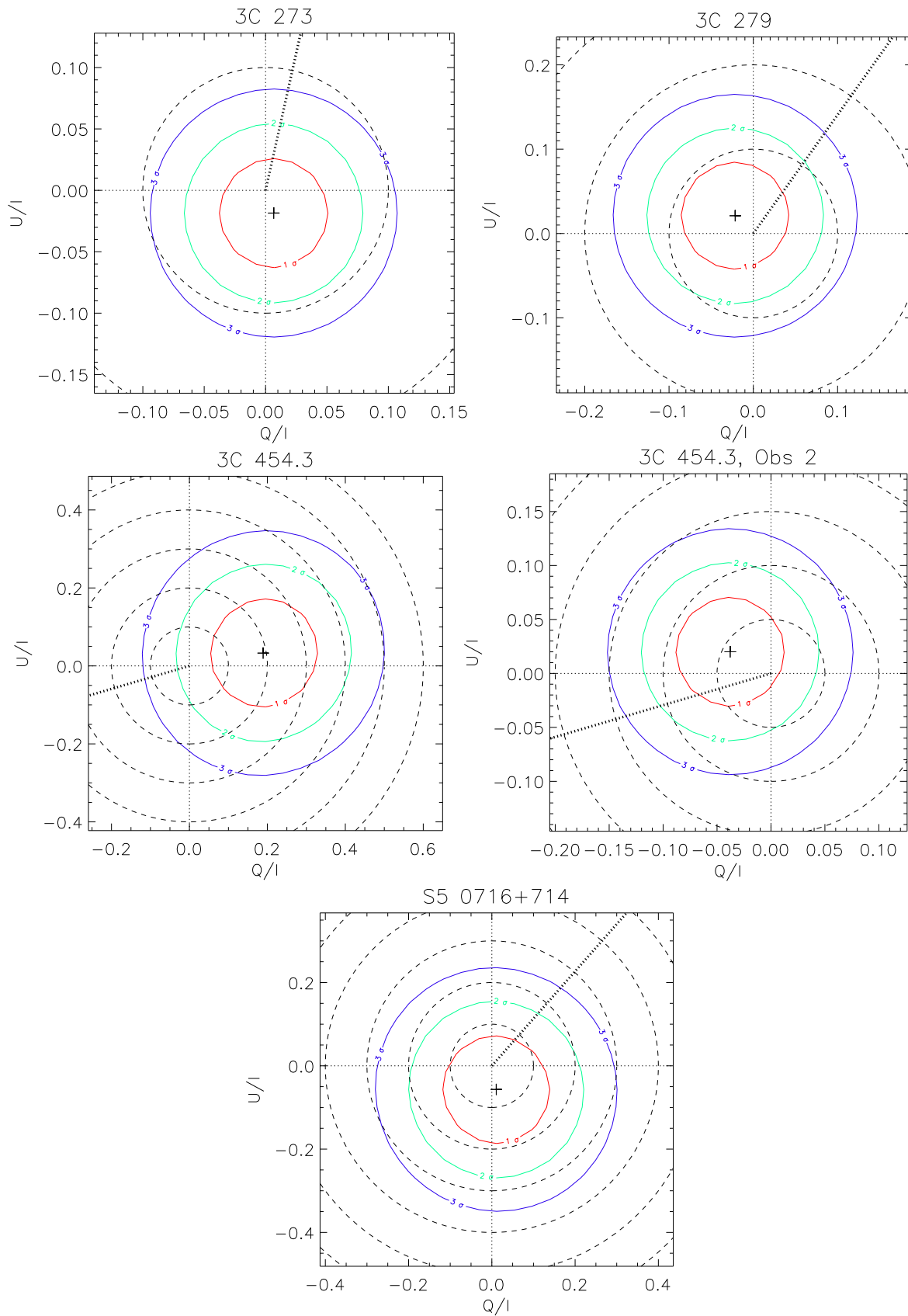


Figure 2. Probability contours in $Q-U$ space for time- and bandpass-averaged IXPE polarimetry of four blazars using a maximum-likelihood method that accounts for unpolarized background. Contour levels for 2 degrees of freedom enclose the 1σ , 2σ , and 3σ confidence regions. The plus signs mark the best estimates of $q = Q/I$ and $u = U/I$ and the dashed lines give circles of constant X-ray polarization fraction $\Pi_X = (q^2 + u^2)^{1/2}$ in 10% increments. The position angles of the jets are indicated by the thick dotted lines, taken from Weaver et al. (2019). In all cases, the results are consistent with null polarization at the $1-2\sigma$ confidence level.

Table 1
Summary of IXPE Observations

Source	Instrument	Observation ID	MJD Range	Exposure ^a (ks)	Π_X^b
3C 273	IXPE	01005901	59732.37–59734.45	95.28	<9.0%
3C 279	IXPE	01005701	59743.02–59748.85	264.42	<12.7%
3C 454.3	IXPE	01005401	59730.19–59732.34	98.12	<28%
3C 454.3 (Obs 2)	IXPE	02008901	60115.92–60121.89	274.92	<10.1%
S5 0716+714	IXPE	01005301	59669.43–59674.80	358.68	<26%

Notes.

^a Average of exposures for the three detector units.

^b 99% confidence limits using the unbinned, event-based likelihood method (Section 2.1).

Table 2
Summary of Spectropolarimetric Results

Source	N_H (10^{20} cm^{-2})	Γ	K ($10^{-3} \text{ ph cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-2} \text{ keV}^{-1}$)	Π_X^a
3C 273	1.68	1.80 ± 0.02	12.1	<12.8%
3C 279	2.25	1.79 ± 0.04	2.28	<15.5%
3C 454.3	6.81	1.71 ± 0.08	1.22	<40.3%
3C 454.3 (Obs 2)		1.66 ± 0.03	2.71	<11.6%
S5 0716+714	2.88	2.29 ± 0.20	0.72	<41.8%

Note.

^a The 99% confidence upper limits on Π_X are computed using the Q and U best-fit Gaussian 1σ errors and the best-fit Q/I and U/I values. See Section 2.2 for details.

(Baldini et al. 2022) and standard `ftools` (provided by the NASA High Energy Astrophysics Science Archive Research Center 2014). Background-subtracted light curves are shown in Figure 1.

Results from an unbinned event-based likelihood analysis (Marshall 2021) that accounts for an unpolarized background (Marshall 2024) are shown in Figure 2. No clear detections of X-ray polarizations are observed at the $1-2\sigma$ confidence level, with 99% confidence limits ranging from 9% to 28% (Table 1).

Rotations of the EVPA during the IXPE observation, especially for exposures longer than the typical variability timescales ($\sim 1-2$ days) in blazars, can lead to depolarization, as was demonstrated recently in the X-ray EVPA rotation detected by IXPE in Mrk 421 (Di Gesu et al. 2023). We tested for rotations using the method described in Di Gesu et al. (2023), employing an event-based likelihood method (Marshall 2021). Briefly, event tracks are rotated according to a simple model where the EVPA rotates uniformly through the observation with rate ω (in degrees per day). The difference in the log-likelihood is $\Delta S = S(\omega; \hat{q}, \hat{u}) - S(0; \hat{q}_0, \hat{u}_0)$, where $S(\omega; \hat{q}, \hat{u})$ is the log-likelihood at ω at the best-fit q and u for that value of ω . ΔS is distributed as χ^2 with 1 degree of freedom because q and u are uninteresting parameters for this test. We do not find evidence for EVPA rotations during our observations in any of the four sources. An example of the results from a rotation search is shown in Figure 3.

2.2. Spectropolarimetry

Spectropolarimetric fits were performed with the Multi-Mission Maximum Likelihood (3ML) framework (Vianello

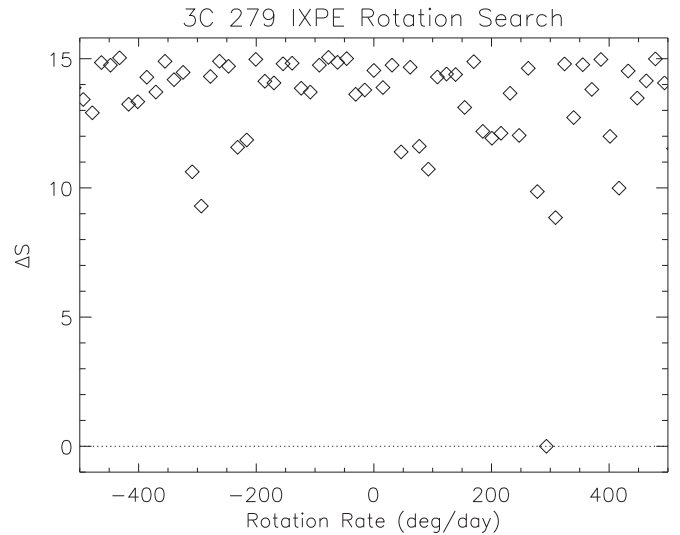


Figure 3. Example of a search for EVPA rotation, as applied to 3C 279. This source provided the largest log-likelihood difference of this group of blazars. A value of ΔS as large as 15.05 is significant at the 99.95% confidence level but there were about 130 trial rates tested, giving a chance detection of a rotation of this significance of 6.8%. See Di Gesu et al. (2023) for details of how the test was conducted.

et al. 2015).⁸⁶ In the 2–8 keV energy range, the spectra for the four sources are well described by an absorbed power law. The absorption column densities were fixed to the nominal Galactic values, and the polarization parameters are assumed to be constant through each observation and independent of energy.⁸⁷ Table 2 summarizes the best-fit parameters from the fits to each source, and Figure 4 shows the spectral fits. Figures 5 and 6 show the polarization parameters derived from the spectropolarimetric fits. An analysis using `xspec` gave similar results.

3. Notes on Individual Sources

Here we give information regarding the individual sources and our contemporaneous multiwavelength campaign during the IXPE observations. The results from the multiwavelength campaigns are summarized in the Appendix, and in Figures 7–11 and Tables 3–6.

⁸⁶ <https://threeml.readthedocs.io/en/stable/index.html>

⁸⁷ <https://heasarc.gsfc.nasa.gov/cgi-bin/Tools/w3nh/w3nh.pl>

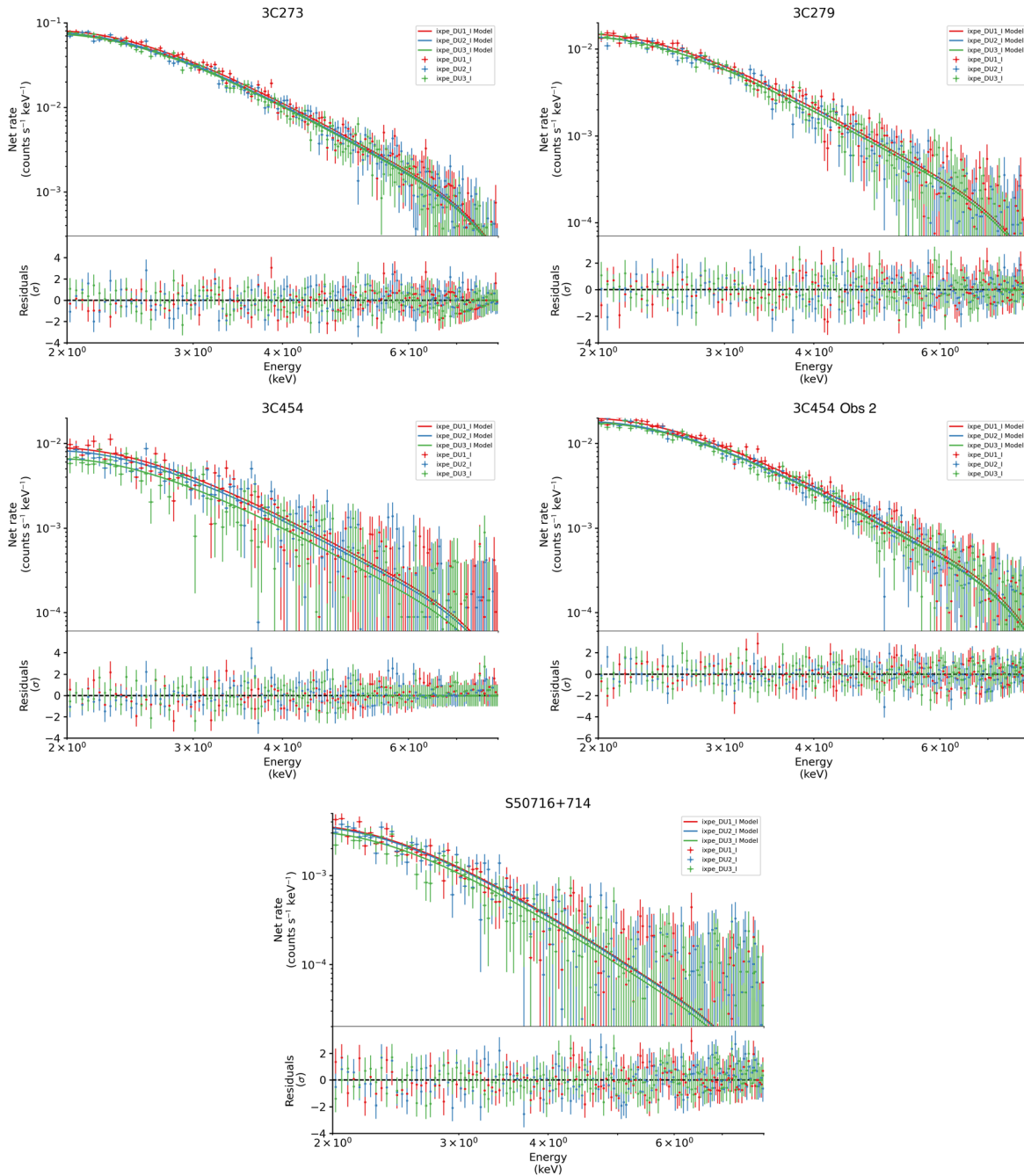


Figure 4. Background-subtracted Stokes I spectra for the four sources (from top left to bottom right: 3C 273, 3C 279, 3C 454.3, and S5 0716+714). In each plot, the solid lines show the best-fit model (absorbed power law), and the bottom panels illustrate the residuals of the data compared to the best-fit model. Red, blue, and green data and models represent IXPE DU1, DU2, and DU3, respectively.

3.1. 3C 273

3C273 ($z = 0.158339$) is one of the brightest X-ray-emitting LSP blazars. It is a flat-spectrum, radio-loud quasar with a strong “Big Blue Bump” that is interpreted as optical emission from an accretion disk (Shields 1978; Malkan 1983). Consistent with the interpretation that the optical light is of thermal origin, it is notoriously unpolarized (Stockman et al. 1984; Fernandes et al. 2020; Blinov et al. 2021b); hence, it is not surprising that the polarization in the $BVRI$ bands was $<0.5\%$ during our contemporaneous optical/IR campaign. Complicating the interpretation of our results is that the X-ray emission in 3C 273 is most likely a mix of hot corona and jet emission

(Grandi & Palumbo 2004; Chidiac et al. 2016). The nondetection ($<9\%$) of X-ray polarization prevents us from discerning between these two possible origins of the X-ray emission.

3.2. 3C 279

3C 279 ($z = 0.538$) is one of the most rapidly varying blazars, showing minute-timescale variability in γ -rays (Ackermann et al. 2016). It is also known to show large optical EVPA variations (Kiehlmann et al. 2016) that might also be connected to repeating patterns of γ -ray activity (Blinov et al. 2021a). During the IXPE observation the source polarization

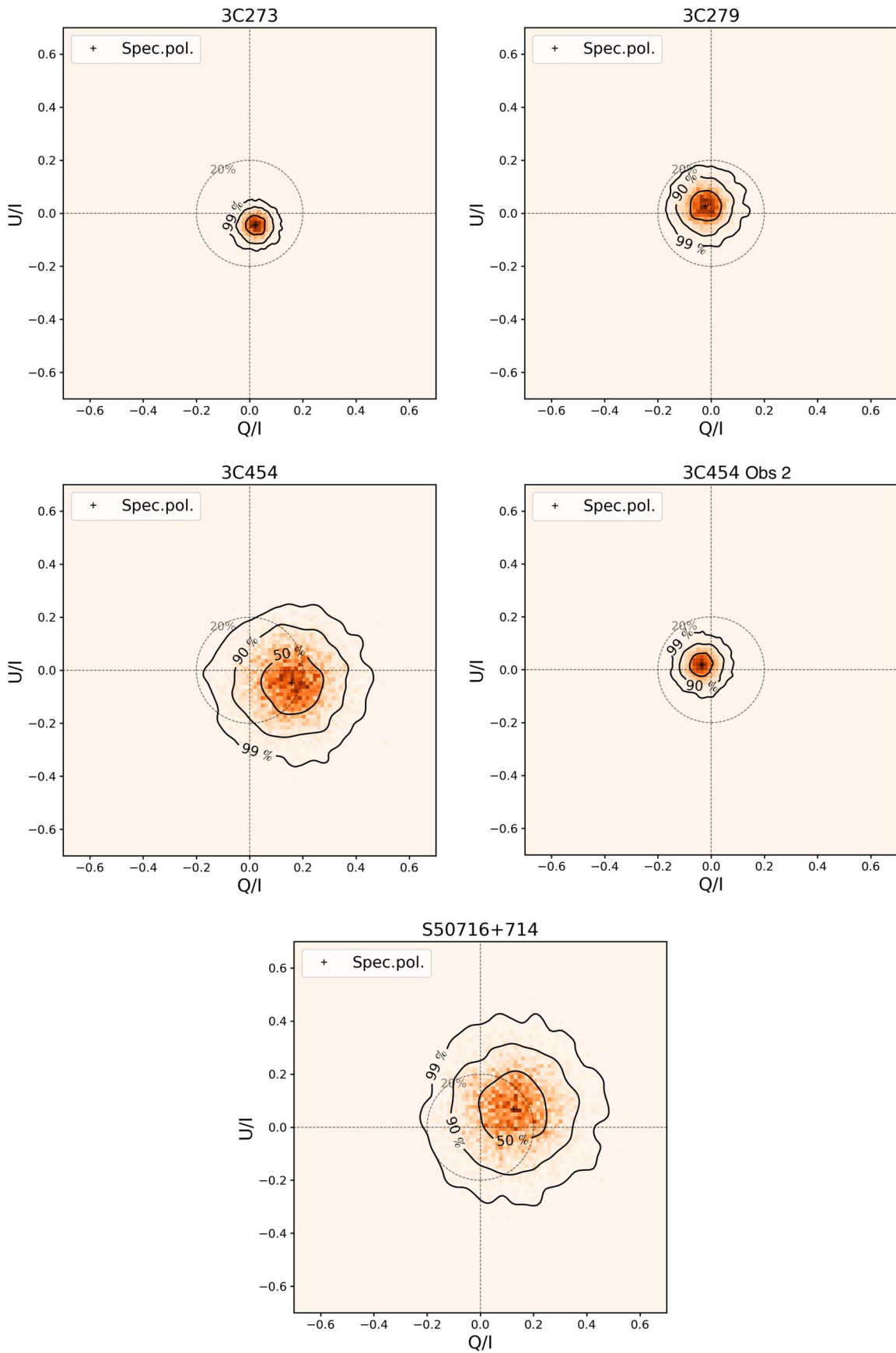


Figure 5. Stokes Q/I and U/I contour plots resulting from the spectropolarimetric fit for the four sources (from top left to bottom right: 3C 273, 3C 279, 3C 454.3, and S5 0716+714). Confidence levels of 50%, 90%, and 99% are shown, and the dotted circles indicate the locus where the polarization fraction is 20%.

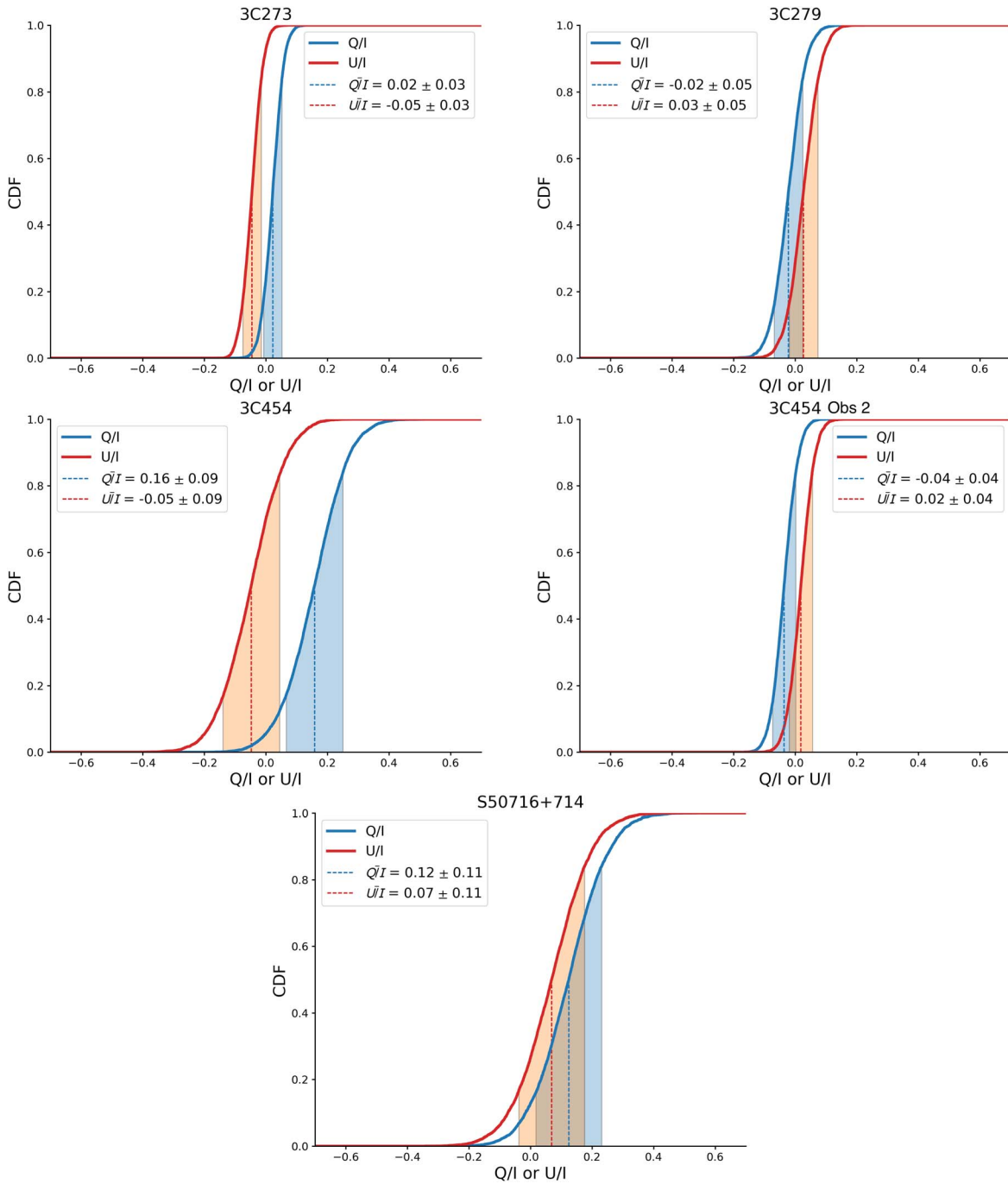


Figure 6. Stokes Q and U cumulative distribution functions (CDFs) for the best-fit distributions for the four sources (from top left to bottom right: 3C 273, 3C 279, 3C 454.3, and S5 0716+714).

was about 4% in millimeter (mm)–radio and 12% (within uncertainties) in optical/IR (BVR/IR). The EVPA showed a mild decrease from $\sim 175^\circ$ to $\sim 165^\circ$ in the optical–IR bands. In a hadronic scenario, X-ray polarization should be stable—less variable than the optical polarization (Zhang et al. 2016). Given the low-amplitude, slow EVPA variability in the optical, and the fact we do not find evidence for significant variations of the X-ray EVPA (see Figure 3), we can exclude temporal depolarization effects. Thus, the fact that the optical/IR polarization degree is comparable to the X-ray upper limit ($<12.7\%$) strongly disfavors models predicting higher X-ray polarization than the optical (e.g., proton synchrotron, proton-induced pair cascades, etc.).

3.3. 3C 454.3

3C 454.3 ($z = 0.859$) has had several well-studied outbursts observed across a wide swath of the electromagnetic spectrum (e.g., Jorstad et al. 2010, 2013; Weaver et al. 2019; Lioudakis et al. 2020) and has exhibited peculiar jet behavior (e.g., disappearing jet components; Traianou et al. 2022). It showed large variation in the value of Π_O that can reach as high as 30% (Lioudakis et al. 2020). We observed 3C 454.3 twice on 2022 May 31 until 2022 June 2 and again a year later 2023 June 20–2023 June 27. During the first IXPE observation (hereafter OBS1) the source was at best weakly polarized. In mm–radio, we obtain only upper limits of $<0.8\%$ at 3 mm and $<3.3\%$ at

1.3 mm. The optical (*VRI*) polarization is below 1%, with a stable EVPA within uncertainties. During the second IXPE observation (hereafter OBS2) we observe a slightly higher polarization degree that reaches a peak of 2%. The polarization angle is fairly stable, consistent with OBS1, until the end of the IXPE observation. There we observe a rapid rotation, likely related to the drop of Π_O . At the end of the IXPE observation Π_O drops below detectable levels ($<0.3\%$). After the IXPE observation, the angle recovers as Π_O slightly increases. In the mm–radio, the source shows a stable polarization angle consistent with the optical observations, and slightly higher polarization degree at around 2%–3%. Lower-frequency radio observations (<86 GHz) with the Korean VLBI Network (KVN) and Monitoring the Stokes *Q*, *U*, *I* and *V* Emission of AGN jets in Radio (QUIVER) programs (see Table 5) showed consistent results. That might suggest that the optical emission during our IXPE observations came from highly turbulent regions, which would explain the atypical for the source low Π_O . The unpolarized state in the optical in combination with the X-ray upper limits ($<28\%$ and $<10.1\%$) prevents us from coming to any conclusion regarding the emission processes in this source, but it may be interesting to reobserve this target when Π_O is much higher.

3.4. S5 0716+714

S5 0716+714 ($z = 0.3$) is a highly variable source that often shows intra-night variability in multiple optical bands (e.g., Gupta et al. 2012), large outbursts across the electromagnetic spectrum, and TeV emission (e.g., MAGIC Collaboration et al. 2018). During the IXPE observation, the source was observed in several optical and IR bands (*BVRIJHK*) showing highly variable Π_O between 1% and 13%. There is a large change in the optical EVPA before the IXPE observations (from $\sim 125^\circ$ to $\sim 50^\circ$). During the observation, we observe a slow optical EVPA increase from $\sim 50^\circ$ to $\sim 100^\circ$. Unfortunately, the source was in a quiescent X-ray flux state, providing an upper limit to the X-ray polarization of $<26\%$. Given the level of optical/IR polarization, we can only exclude models that predict several factors higher X-ray polarization than optical. We note that the X-ray spectral index is steeper for this source than the others presented here, perhaps an indication of its ISP nature that might provide a more significant X-ray polarization detection during a soft X-ray flare.

4. Summary

We presented results from the first-year observations of LSP and ISP sources by IXPE, namely 3C 273, 3C 279, 3C 454.3, and S5 0716+714. All the IXPE observations were supplemented with a contemporaneous radio/optical/IR polarization campaign. None of the sources yielded a significant ($>3\sigma$) X-ray polarization detection. Instead, we are able to constrain Π_X in the 2–8 keV band to be $<13\%$ for 3C 273 and 3C 279 and $<28\%$ for 3C 454.3 and S5 0716+714. The nondetection of X-ray polarization in these sources is consistent with previous IXPE results on BL Lac in both LSP and ISP states (Middei et al. 2023b; Peirson et al. 2023) as well as other radio galaxies (Ehlert et al. 2022).

For 3C 273 and 3C 454.3, the undetected X-ray polarization could point toward Compton scattering, either external Compton or SSC; however, the unpolarized optical/IR emission during the IXPE observations is preventing us from

coming to definitive conclusions. For S5 0716+714, the highly variable optical polarization degree and the high upper limit ($<26\%$) on the X-ray polarization makes any interpretation difficult. Our results disfavor a scenario where the X-ray polarization is a factor of several higher than the optical. Such a scenario can involve, for example, a pure proton synchrotron model (Zhang & Böttcher 2013; Paliya et al. 2018; Zhang et al. 2019) or scattering from relativistically moving plasma containing relatively cold electrons (Begelman & Sikora 1987).

On the other hand, 3C 279 shows fairly stable Π and EVPA in the optical/IR that remains persistently high ($>10\%$) and an upper limit to the Π_X that is comparable ($<12.7\%$). IXPE observations of BL Lac showed a similar picture, i.e., undetected X-ray polarization ($<16\%$) with Π_O that is comparable or exceeds the X-ray limits (Middei et al. 2023b; Peirson et al. 2023). However, in the case of BL Lac, the highly variable EVPA we observe in the optical could lead to depolarization of the otherwise highly polarized proton synchrotron emission, making it consistent with the Π_X limits. In the case of 3C 279, we can exclude any such depolarization effects, therefore our results strongly disfavor a significant contribution from proton synchrotron to the emission. While our results cannot yet differentiate between scattering or other hadronic processes, the emerging pattern of IXPE LSP/ISP observations suggests that $\Pi_X \lesssim 10\%$ and less than or comparable to the contemporaneous Π_O . Further IXPE observations can help further elucidate the X-ray emission mechanism in LSP/ISP blazars.

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Facilities: ALMA, CAO:2.2m, CrAO:0.7m, Effelsberg, IRAM:30m, IXPE, LX-200, Kanata, KVN, NOT, Hale, Perkins, Skinakas:1.3m, SMA, Swift, TU:0.6m (DIPOL-2).

Software: *ixpeobssim* (Baldini et al. 2022), *Astropy* (Astropy Collaboration et al. 2013, 2018), *Photutils* (Bradley et al. 2019), *NumPy* and *SciPy* (Virtanen et al. 2020), *IPython* (Perez & Granger 2007), *HEASoft* 6.30.1⁸⁸ (NASA High Energy Astrophysics Science Archive Research Center 2014), *3ML* (Vianello et al. 2015).

Appendix Multiwavelength Polarization Observations

Contemporaneous to the IXPE observations, several telescopes across the world provided multiwavelength polarization observations from radio to optical. Not all participating telescopes were able to observe all sources and in all listed radio frequencies and optical bands. Below we list the participating telescopes with a short description. Details on the different telescopes, analysis pipelines, and observing strategy can be found in Liodakis et al. (2022), Di Gesu et al. (2022b, 2023), and Kim et al. (2024). Tables 3–6 list the median values for the polarization degree and EVPA during the IXPE observations for the individual radio and optical telescopes. Figures 7–11 show the optical observations for the individual sources. Since our radio observations are limited in comparison to the optical results, and often only yield upper limits, we have opted to not include them in the plots to improve visibility. In the mm–radio spectral bands, observations were obtained with the IRAM 30 m telescope as part of the Polarimetric Monitoring of AGN at Millimeter Wavelengths (POLAMI⁸⁹) project at 3.5 mm (86.24 GHz) and 1.3 mm (228.93 GHz; Agudo et al.

⁸⁸ <http://heasarc.gsfc.nasa.gov/ftools>

⁸⁹ <http://polami.iaa.es/>

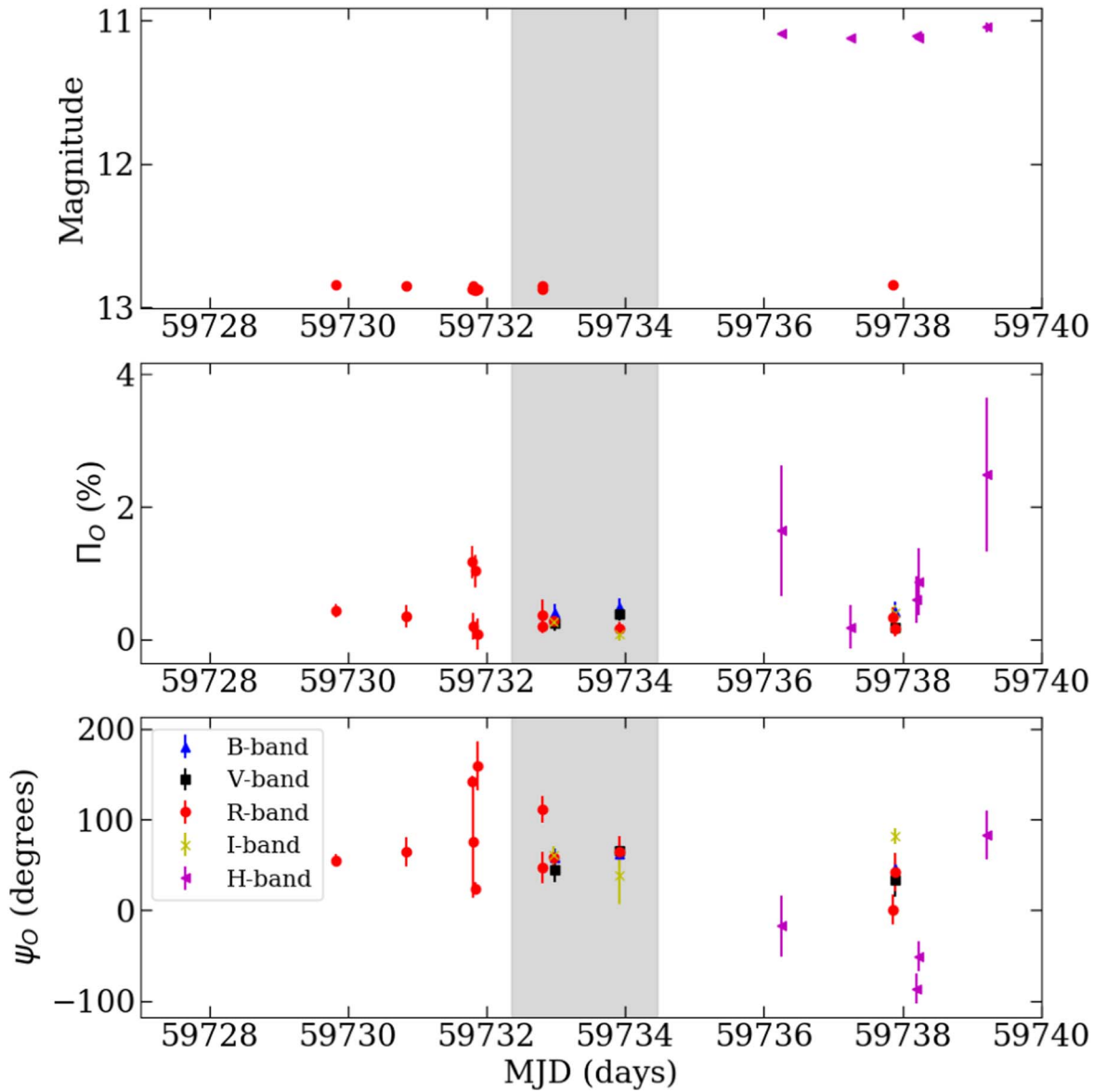


Figure 7. Contemporaneous optical and IR observations of 3C 273. The top panel shows the brightness in magnitudes, the middle panel the polarization degree, and the bottom panel the EVPA. The gray shaded area marks the duration of the IXPE observation.

2018a, 2018b; Thum et al. 2018), the Submillimeter Array (SMA) taken at 225.5 GHz within the SMA Monitoring of AGNs with Polarization (SMAPOL) program (I. Myserlis et al. 2024, in preparation) using two orthogonally polarized receivers, the SMA polarimeter, and standard analysis and calibration procedures (Sault et al. 1995; Ho et al. 2004; Marrone & Rao 2008; Primiani et al. 2016). Additional observations were obtained with the Atacama Large Millimeter Array (ALMA⁹⁰) at 343.5 GHz. Lower-frequency radio observations were obtained through the KVN (22–86 GHz; Kang et al. 2015) and QUIVER program (4.85–17 GHz) using the Effelsberg 100 m telescope. Observations in the *J*, *H*, and *K* IR bands were obtained using the 200 inch Palomar Hale telescope and the WIRC+Pol⁹¹ instrument (Tinyanont et al. 2019a, 2019b; Millar-Blanchaer et al. 2021; Masiero et al. 2022), the Kanata telescope using the Hiroshima

Optical and Near-InfraRed camera (HONIR; Kawabata et al. 1999; Akitaya et al. 2014), and the IR camera MIMIR⁹² (Clemens et al. 2012) at the Perkins Telescope (PTO; Flagstaff, AZ). In the optical, observations in the *B*, *V*, *R*, and *I* bands were obtained by the AZT-8 and LX-200 telescopes (St. Petersburg University), the Calar Alto and Sierra Nevada observatories, the DIPOL-2 polarimeter at the Haleakala observatory T60 telescope (Piirola 1973; Kosenkov et al. 2017; Berdyugin et al. 2018, 2019; Piirola et al. 2021), HONIR at the Kanata telescope, the Alhambra Faint Object Spectrograph and Camera (ALFOSC) at the Nordic Optical Telescope (NOT; Hovatta et al. 2016; Nilsson et al. 2018), and the RoboPol polarimeters at the Skinakas observatory (Panopoulou et al. 2015; Ramaprakash et al. 2019; Blinov et al. 2021b).

⁹⁰ <https://www.alma.cl/skameno/AMAPOLA/>

⁹¹ https://github.com/WIRC-Pol/wirc_drp

⁹² <https://people.bu.edu/clemens/mimir/index.html>

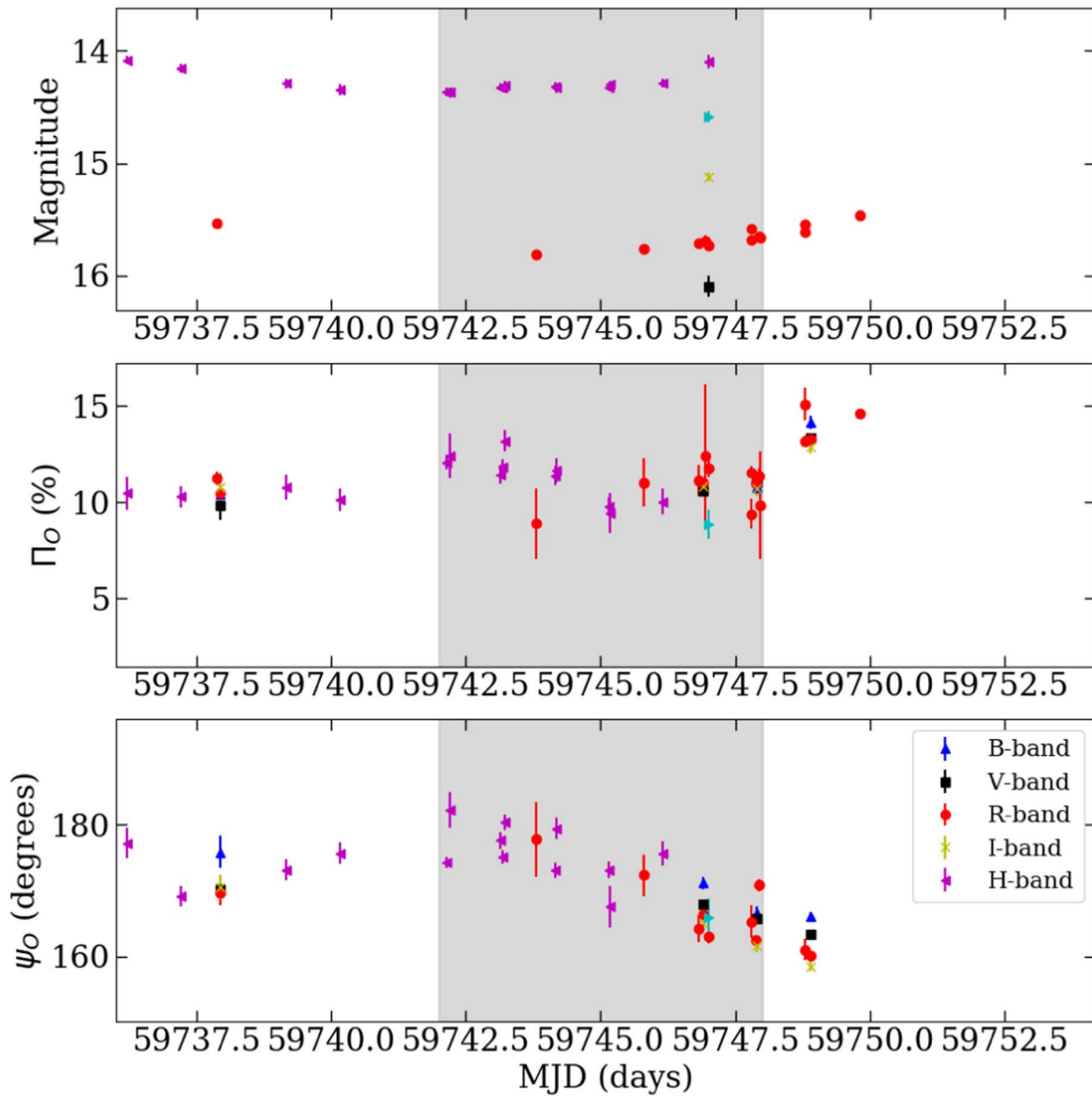


Figure 8. Same as Figure 7 but for 3C 279.

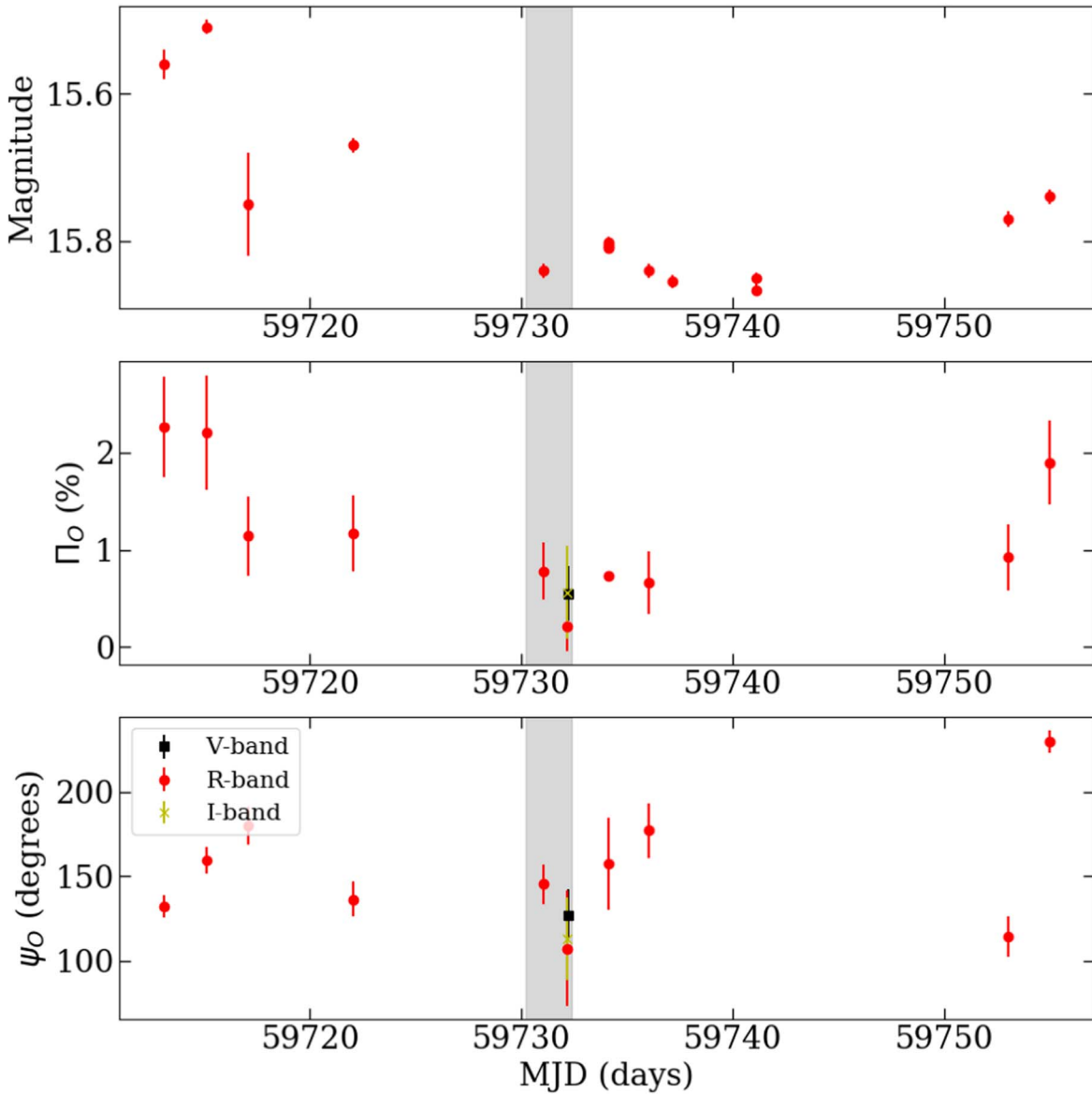


Figure 9. Same as Figure 7 but for 3C 454.3 (OBS1).

Table 3

Polarization Results Contemporaneous with the IXPE Observation of 3C 273

Telescope	Π (%)	s_{Π}	ψ (deg)	s_{ψ}
POLAMI (3 mm)	5.55 ± 1.17	0.06	146 ± 6	0.3
POLAMI (1.3 mm)	5.23 ± 0.8	0.58	150 ± 4	6.6
SMA (225.5 GHz)	5.63 ± 0.8	...	130 ± 0.2	...
AZT-8 and LX-200 (<i>R</i> band)	0.38 ± 0.23	...	111 ± 14	...
NOT (<i>B</i> band)	0.45 ± 0.13	0.05	60 ± 9	1.45
NOT (<i>V</i> band)	0.31 ± 0.11	0.07	55 ± 11	10.5
NOT (<i>R</i> band)	0.23 ± 0.1	0.05	61 ± 14	3.4
NOT (<i>I</i> band)	0.18 ± 0.1	0.09	50 ± 21	11.1
Skinakas (<i>R</i> band)	0.2 ± 0.1	...	47 ± 17	...

Note. The uncertainties for Π and ψ (i.e., EVPA) are either the uncertainty of the measurement or the median uncertainty in the case of multiple measurements. The quantities s_{Π} and s_{ψ} represent the standard deviations of Π or ψ , respectively.

Table 4

Polarization Results Contemporaneous with the IXPE Observation of 3C 279

Telescope	Π (%)	s_{Π}	ψ (deg)	s_{ψ}
POLAMI (3 mm)	4.09 ± 0.34	0.15	179 ± 2	0.84
POLAMI (1.3 mm)	<4.6	...	...	...
SMA (225.5 GHz)	4.08 ± 0.56	...	172 ± 1	...
AZT-8 and LX-200 (<i>R</i> band)	10.2 ± 1	0.97	169 ± 3	5.5
Calar Alto and SNO (<i>R</i> band)	11 ± 2	3.4	154 ± 6	10.6
Kanata (<i>R</i> band)	11.75 ± 0.42	...	163 ± 1	...
Kanata (<i>J</i> band)	8.88 ± 0.75	...	166 ± 3	...
NOT (<i>B</i> band)	10.77 ± 0.35	0.03	169 ± 1	2.26
NOT (<i>V</i> band)	10.86 ± 0.26	0.23	167 ± 0.7	1.1
NOT (<i>R</i> band)	11.01 ± 0.26	0.01	164.4 ± 0.6	2.04
NOT (<i>I</i> band)	10.79 ± 0.36	0.07	163.3 ± 1	1.72
Perkins (<i>H</i> band)	11.54 ± 0.5	1.13	175 ± 1	4.06
Skinakas (<i>R</i> band)	11.55 ± 0.33	...	160.4 ± 0.8	...

Note. See the Table 3 note.

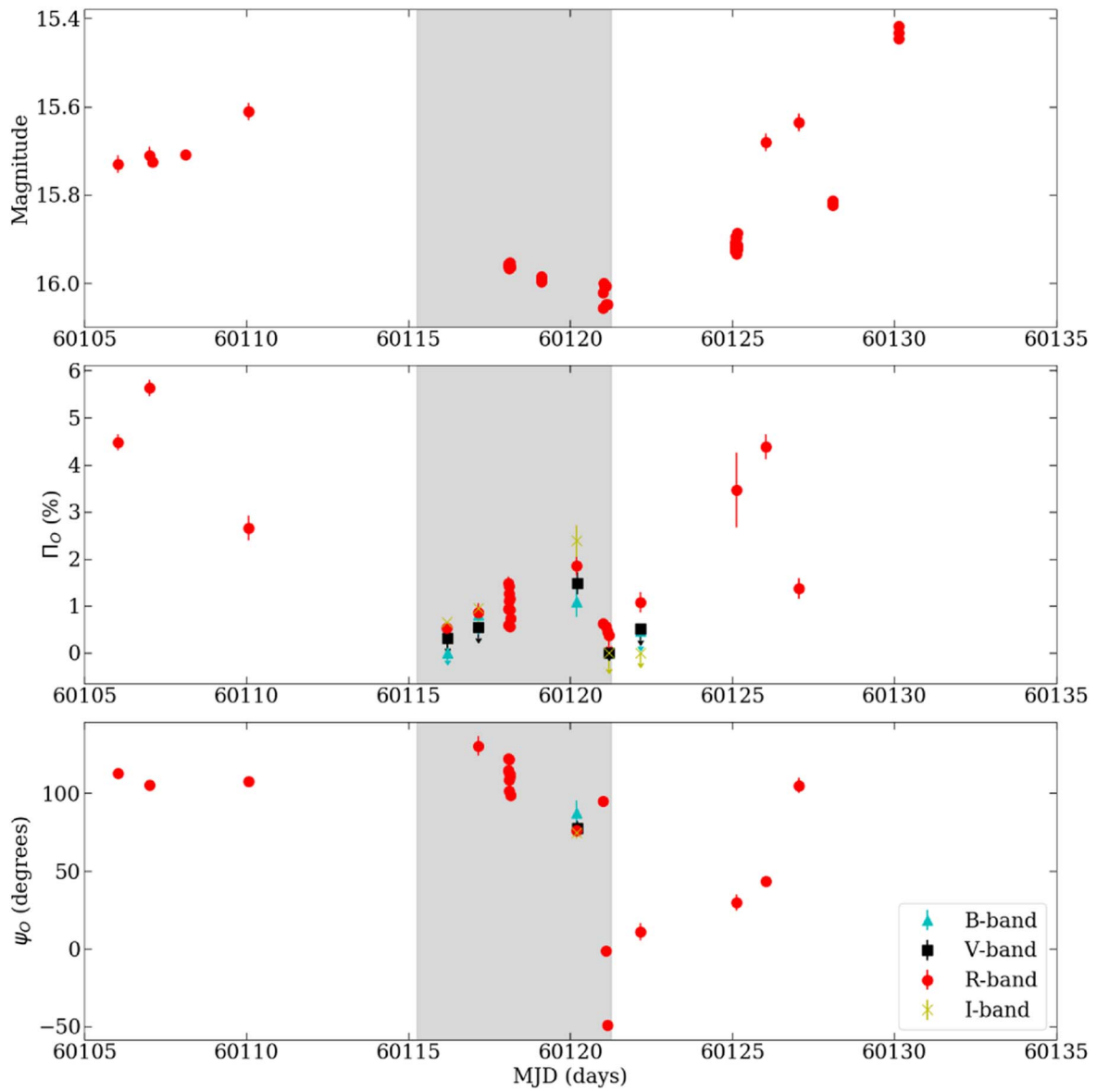


Figure 10. Same as Figure 7 but for 3C 454.3 (OBS2).

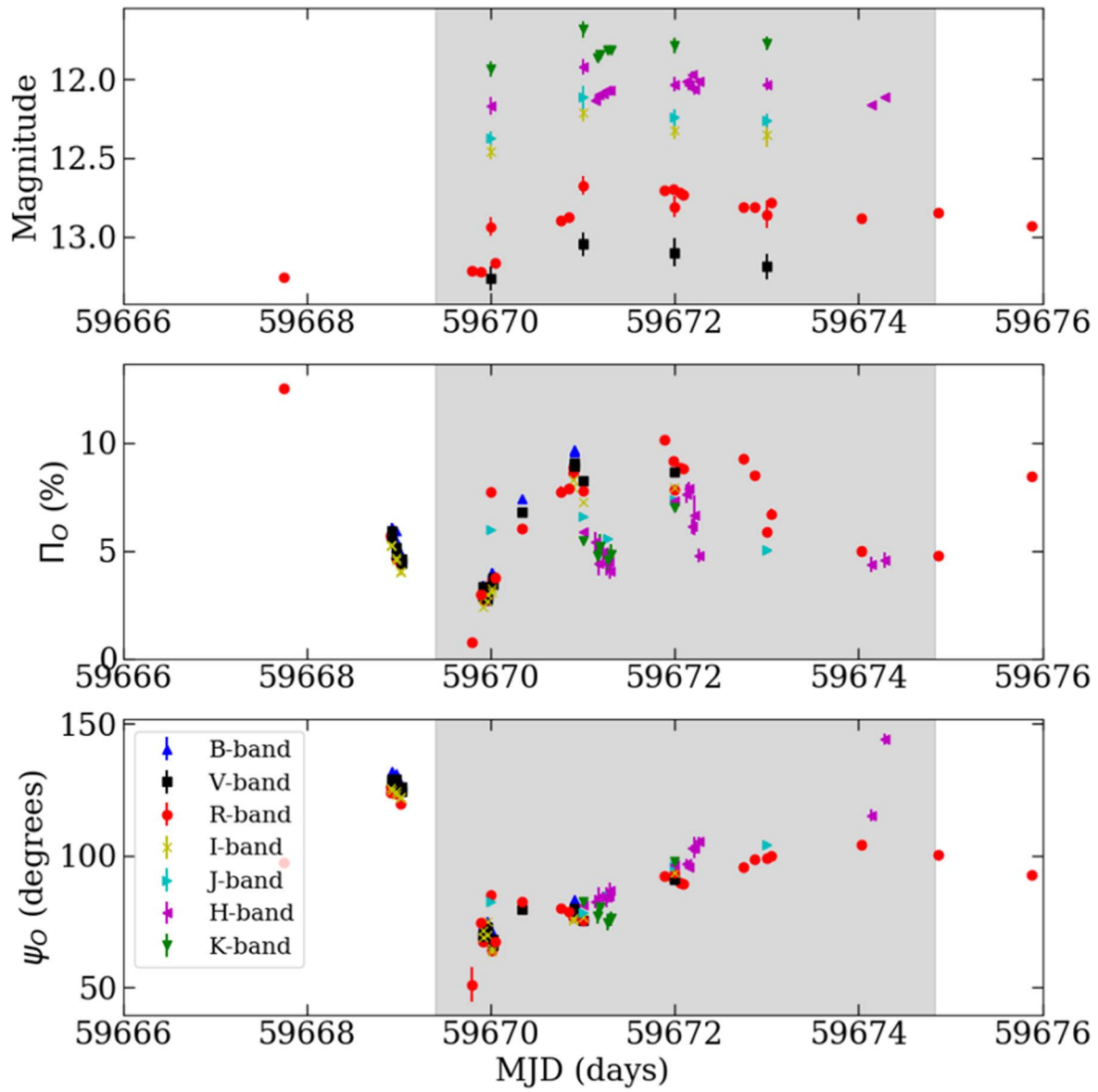


Figure 11. Same as Figure 7 but for S5 0716+714.

Table 5

Polarization Results Contemporaneous with the IXPE Observation of 3C 454.3

Telescope	Π (%)	s_{Π}	ψ (deg)	s_{ψ}
OBS1				
KVN (22 GHz)	0.46 ± 0.09	...	92 ± 3	...
KVN (43 GHz)	0.65 ± 0.09	...	121 ± 8	...
KVN (86 GHz)	1.3 ± 0.4	...	120 ± 12	...
KVN (129 GHz)	<3.4	...	...	...
POLAMI (3 mm)	<0.82	...	...	...
POLAMI (1.3 mm)	<3.3	...	...	...
SMA (225.5 GHz)	2.1 ± 0.3	...	112 ± 2	...
AZT-8 and LX-200 (<i>R</i> band)	<1	...	...	...
Calar Alto (<i>R</i> band)	0.72 ± 0.3	0.28	157 ± 15	27
NOT (<i>B</i> band)	<1	...	...	...
NOT (<i>V</i> band)	0.55 ± 0.3	...	127 ± 15	...
NOT (<i>R</i> band)	0.21 ± 0.25	...	107 ± 34	...
NOT (<i>I</i> band)	0.56 ± 0.48	...	113 ± 25	...
Skinakas (<i>R</i> band)	0.67 ± 0.33	...	145 ± 12	...
OBS2				
ALMA (343.5 GHz)	2.58 ± 0.3	...	133 ± 2	...
KVN (22 GHz)	2.0 ± 0.08	...	106 ± 3	...
KVN (43 GHz)	2.1 ± 0.09	...	105 ± 2	...
KVN (86 GHz)	2.6 ± 0.3	...	111 ± 3	...
SMA (225.5 GHz)	2.5 ± 0.3	0.55	130 ± 0.7	2.41
Calar Alto (<i>R</i> band)	0.9 ± 0.3	0.33	110 ± 4	50
NOT (<i>B</i> band)	0.4 ± 0.2	0.48	88 ± 8	...
NOT (<i>V</i> band)	0.43 ± 0.2	0.55	77 ± 5	...
NOT (<i>R</i> band)	0.7 ± 0.2	0.57	103 ± 5	27
NOT (<i>I</i> band)	0.80 ± 0.3	0.86	75 ± 4	...

Note. See the Table 3 note.**Table 6**

Polarization Results Contemporaneous with the IXPE Observation of S5 0716+714

Telescope	Π (%)	s_{Π}	ψ (deg)	s_{ψ}
POLAMI (3 mm)	<1.1	...	...	...
POLAMI (1.3 mm)	<3.8	...	...	...
AZT-8 and LX-200 (<i>R</i> band)	7.86 ± 0.17	2.76	89.7 ± 0.6	14.24
Kanata (<i>R</i> band)	7.75 ± 0.04	0.83	89.2 ± 0.13	9.01
Kanata (<i>J</i> band)	6.28 ± 0.06	0.84	89.4 ± 0.2	10.24
NOT (<i>B</i> band)	3.59 ± 0.18	2.74	74 ± 1.4	5.05
NOT (<i>V</i> band)	3.39 ± 0.14	2.53	71.2 ± 1.3	4.54
NOT (<i>R</i> band)	3.19 ± 0.14	2.47	69 ± 1.2	4.57
NOT (<i>I</i> band)	3.03 ± 0.13	2.28	71 ± 1.2	4.41
Palomar (<i>J</i> band)	4.52 ± 0.07	...	85 ± 1	...
Palomar (<i>H</i> band)	5.57 ± 0.07	0	85 ± 1	...
Perkins (<i>H</i> band)	4.86 ± 0.38	1.26	96 ± 2.2	16.95
Perkins (<i>K</i> band)	4.81 ± 0.49	0.22	77 ± 2.9	2.25
T60 (<i>B</i> band)	7.41 ± 0.12	...	82.1 ± 0.5	...
T60 (<i>V</i> band)	6.8 ± 0.16	...	79.8 ± 0.7	...
T60 (<i>R</i> band)	6.04 ± 0.15	...	82.8 ± 0.7	...

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