Progress Update: Week 4

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Recap

- Polarization occurs when a polarizing material allows oscillating electric field lines through in a specific direction
- My goal is to take polarized photos of the Moon and see how filters in the visible and near-IR change the degree of polarization



https://byjus.com/physics/polarization-of-light/

RSR Curve Update

What we want to happen:

What happened:



Monochromator Retuning

In order to correct the FWHM of the monochromator peak, we had to retune it to 100 microns Did a power sweep to get power output Plan to remake RSR curves next week

https://www.ssi.shima dzu.com/servicesupport/technicalsupport/analysisbasics/fundamentalsuv/single_double.html



Began Recording Data

- In the last two weeks, I began observing
- I have been observing on top of Norm
- So far, the Moon has been up from around ten pm to midnight
- Next week it will be up from around two to five am
- Taking 3 pictures in broadband then a dark then switching out the filter and repeating the process



Data Processing

- Created DoLP colormaps for each filter
- Important things to note:
 - Color bars have the same axis
 - Plots are a position of the Moon
 - Each picture of the Moon was taken with a different filter so it is not the same



https://opg.optica.org/oe/fulltext.cfm?uri=oe-32-14-24275

no filter









900 nm filter







450 nm filter



Polarimetric Calibration

- Take integrating sphere
- Polarizer
- Calibrate instrument with polarizer
- Check for any nonuniformity on camera and correct for it
 - Rotate polarizer to different degrees of polarization
 - Take 10 images at each



What is Next?

- Flat Field Correction
- Finishing Data Processing
 - Process Polarimetric Calibration
 - Apply to images
- Begin data analysis
- Continue observing and recording data

