

GIS CALIBRA

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- CDS Software note 54: GIS Instrumentation
 - CDS Software note 55: GIS Software
- Other relevant documentation can be found in the following links:

2. Wavelength Calibration

The best fits to the wavelength scale are obtained when the detectors are flat whereas the spectral axis is curved. The light is at a high grazing incidence angle;

Another factor which has to be taken into account is the way the lines are mapped onto the Rowland Circle (RC). The RC is not proportional to wavelength, but to the sine of the angle at which the light leaves the grating. This has to be compensated for by the flatness of the detector, reducing the error of the wavelength to pixels is demonstrated in the following figure from a straight line crossing the RC at the angle it was designed to do.

The second reason is associated with the fact that the charge cloud with the anode leads to a resolution that is not proportional to radius. When a spiral anode is used with fewer arms than in the anode design, the resolution in this polar plane only shifts in radius and radius

variations in the count rates. No automatic corrections are made for these variations. Other errors in the wavelength calibration are listed below.

3. Look-up Table corrections

There are two corrections needed for the data: one for the fixed patterning, and the other for ghosting.

3.1 Fixed patterning

Fixed patterning is an effect caused by the detector with the analogue detector read-outs; it is seen in the spectra. Figure 3 shows a subset of data from the detector.

It is necessary to remove the fixed patterning from the data, especially the gain depression calculation. This is done by a channel plate pore, i.e., before the fixed p

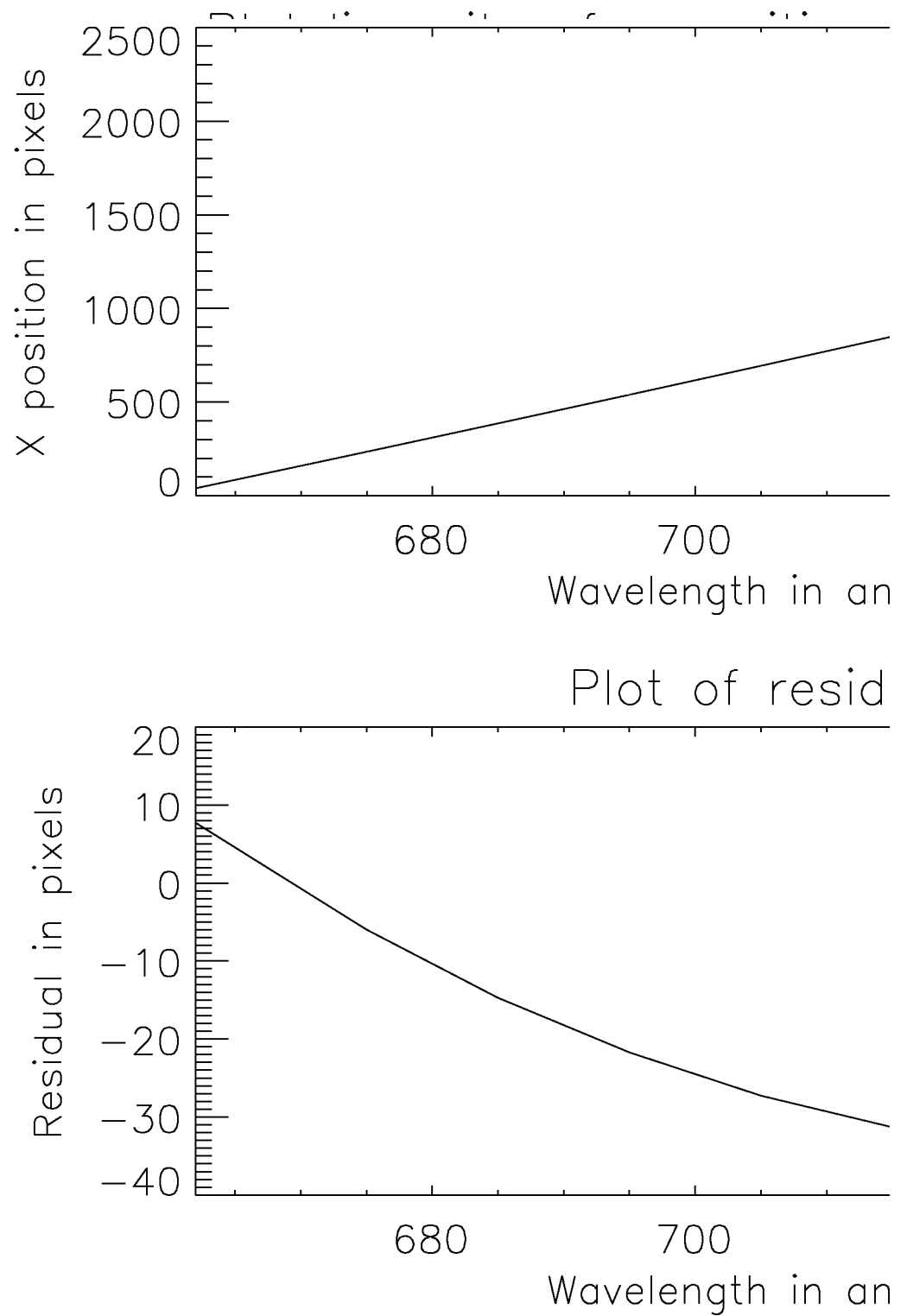


Figure 2. Non linearity in wavelength cali
This result is after combining the effects o

not change the intensities at all (see Table

3.2 Ghosting

An effect in the GIS detectors is the presence of ghost lines, or parts thereof, caused by an ambiguity in the data.

3.2.1 Correcting for Ghosting

The routine `ghost_buster` is used to remove ghost lines.

When the GIS is in raw data mode, it translates the raw data into a list of co-ordinate pairs from the detectors. When the GIS is in spectral data mode, it translates the raw data into a list of spectral data points. The length of the spiral, and the intensity is the intensity of the counts at the spiral. To translate these pairs into spectral data points, the GIS uses the `ghost_buster` routine used as part of the on-board GIS processing.

The ambiguity (or ghosting) in spectral data occurs in the 10-15 keV range, but where the thin spiral arms broaden, the ghosting is confined to occur only at the 10-15 keV range. It is these facts that are used in `ghost_buster` to remove the counts at the original location to produce the spectral data.

Smooth-size	height (counts/pix)	position (Å)	po (p
no	4.45761	188.259	11
4	4.43946	188.276	11
8	4.37399	188.275	11
12	4.26672	188.274	11
16	4.12166	188.273	11
20	3.94973	188.271	11
24	3.76101	188.270	11
28	3.56437	188.270	11
32	3.36759	188.269	11
36	3.17570	188.269	11
error	0.4	0.02	

Table 1. Variation in fitted line parameters. This table was produced by fitting a single uncalibrated spectral line at 188Å. For each smoothsize was used in `gis_smooth`. The error quote is by the gaussian fitting. There is no discernible trend with smoothsize.

The GIS line profiles are broader than expected for a peculiar profile. Figure 4 shows the average of the selected lines on each detector. The expected results from calculations with perfect optics, the 'stimulated' lines stimulated by capacitive coupling on the detector.

From Figure 3, the profile of detector 1 is clearly visible. To remove the fixed pattern noise, the `smoothsize` keyword in `gis_` was set to 7.

It is likely that all detector profiles are distorted, but that it is only noticeable in detector 1. The line position as seen in calibration data table 1 may also be responsible for the distortion, as shown in Figure 4.

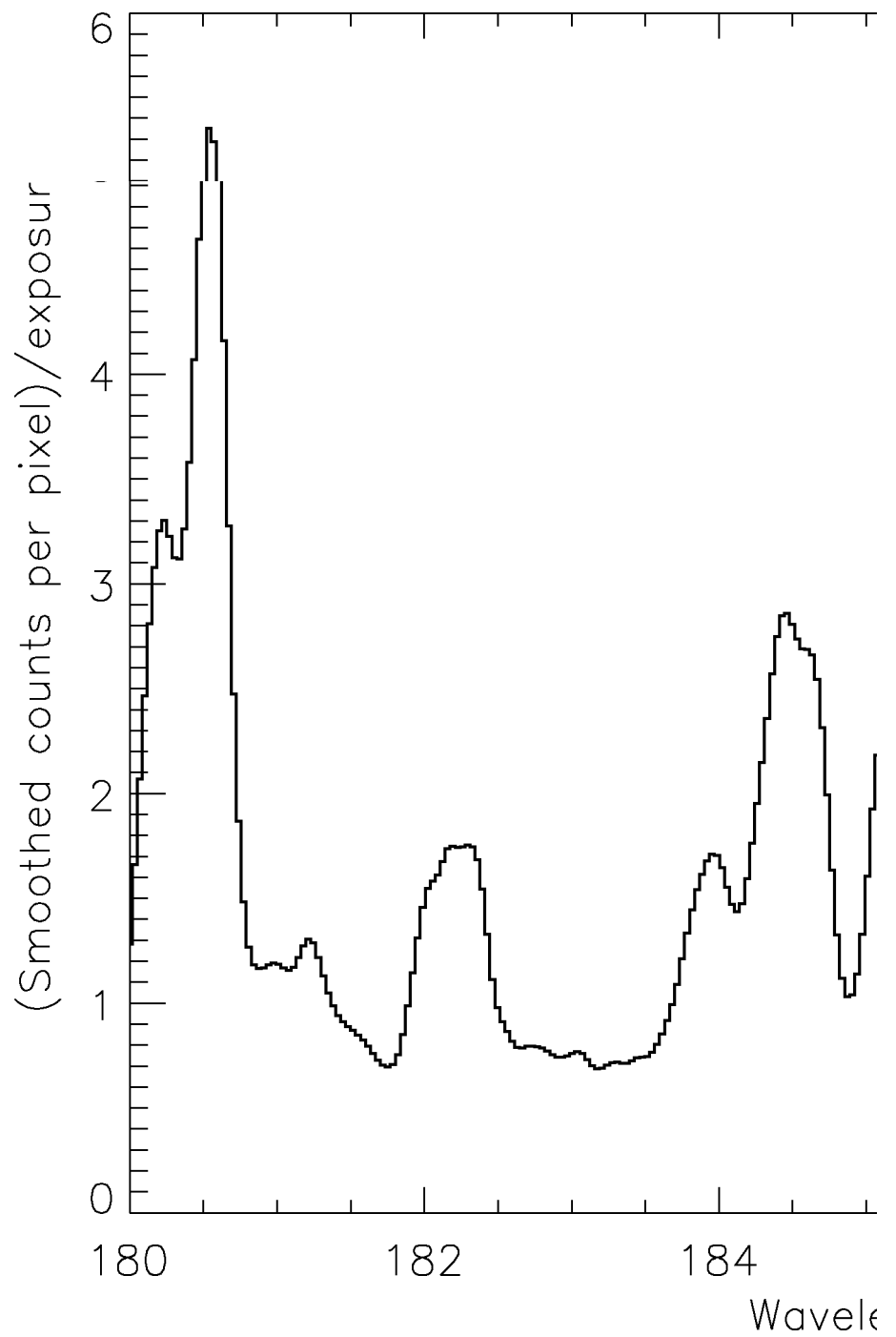
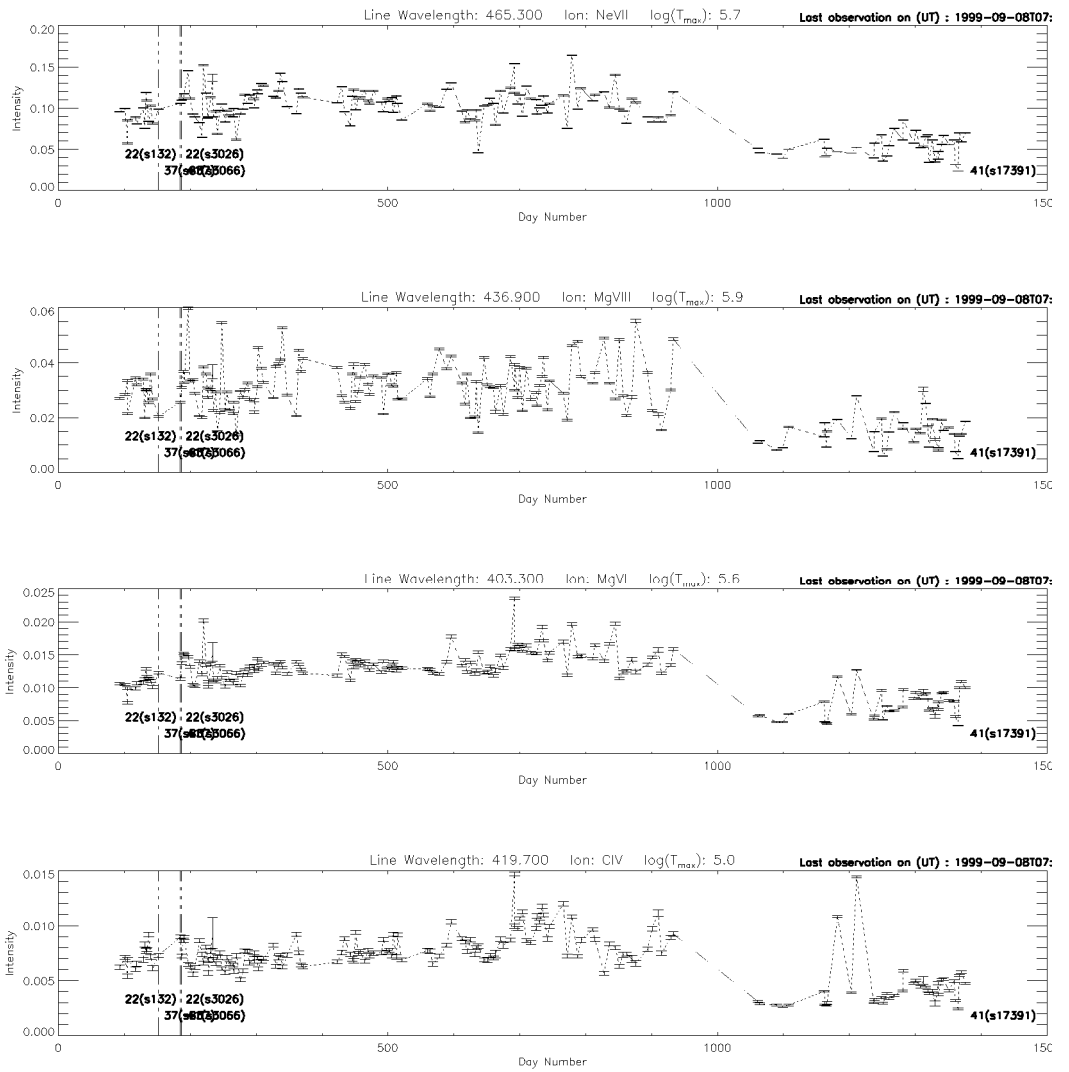


Figure 5. Data from the same observation ‘smoothsize’ (10).

5.1 Long Term Gain Depression

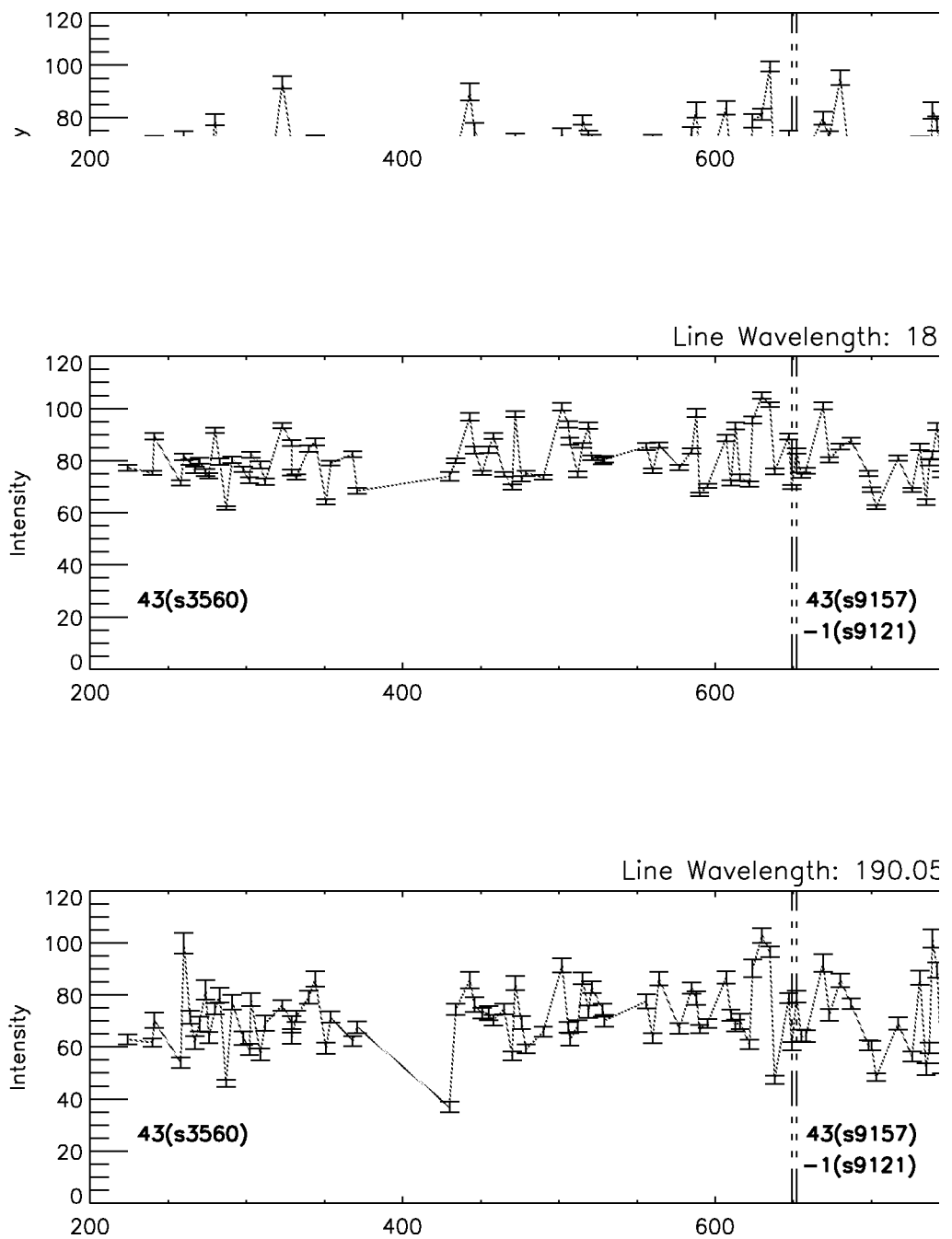
There are two problems here: One is the gain depression caused by outgassing, plate ageing and differential decay caused by the fact that different parts of the detector.

The cause of this is simply usage of the detector. As the charge is removed from the MCP channels, there is an effect of reducing the apparent intensity of the spectrum to compensate. For GIS, the parts of the detector closest to the source suffer first. Because of the wide range of intensities, it is possible to compensate for the LTGD in a GIS by increasing the voltage. A particularly intense line may cause a gain depression of up to a distance of 1 mm (2% of spectrum).



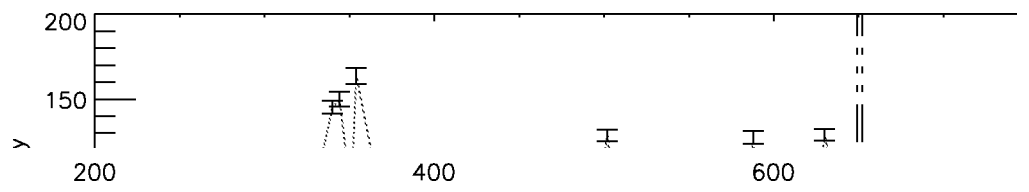
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Figure 7. Variation of line strengths in de



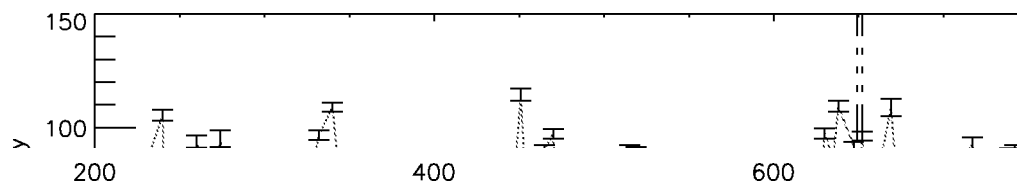
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Figure 8. Ratio of slit 3 to slit 1 intensitie mission.



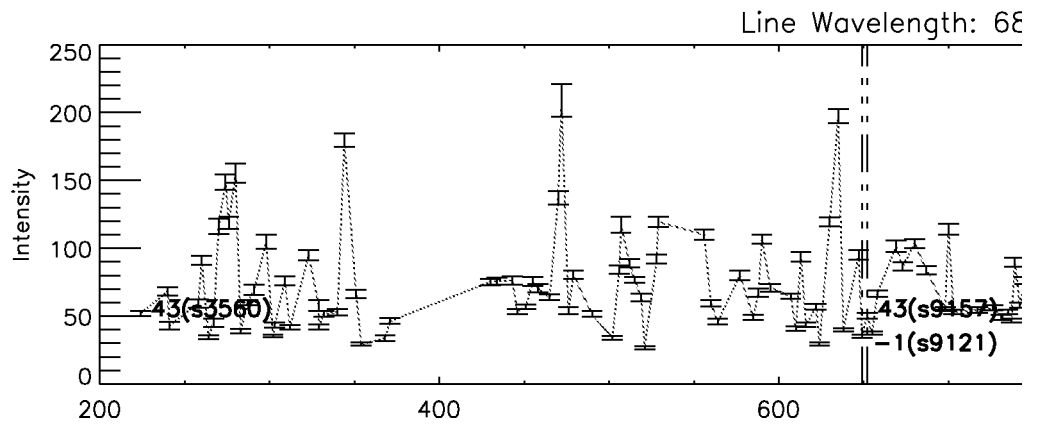
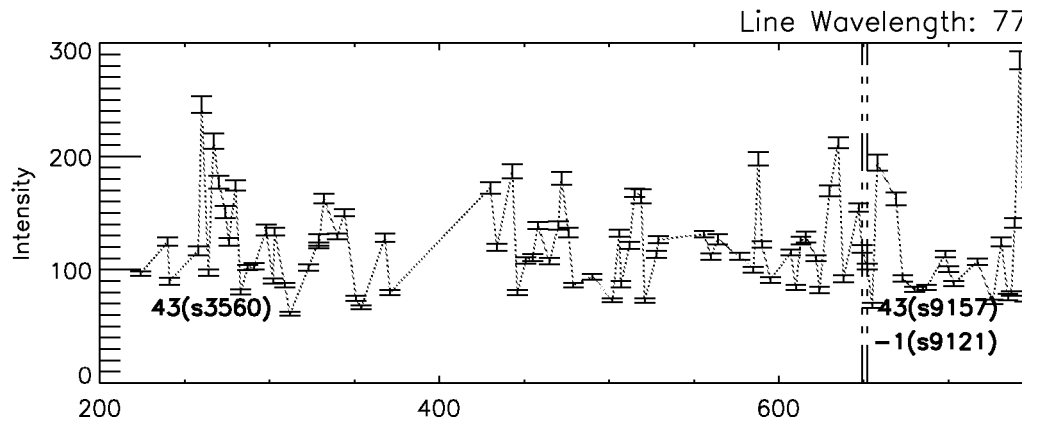
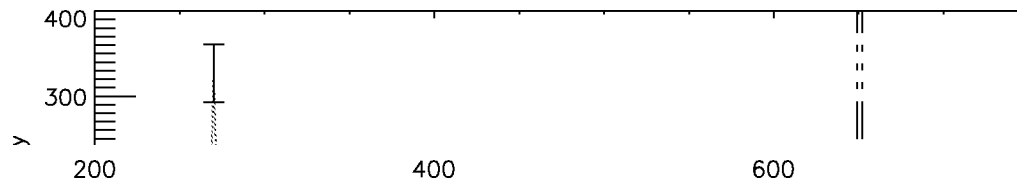
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Figure 9. Ratio of slit 3 to slit 1 intensitie mission.



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Figure 10. Ratio of slit 3 to slit 1 intensit mission.



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Figure 11. Ratio of slit 3 to slit 1 intensit mission.

made at the start of the mission in order to
The problem with using filaments to monitor
constant in time. We currently set up the
rate over the whole detector. Then dividing
pixel basis, will give values equal to 1 in
where there has been loss of sensitivity.

5.1.2 LTGD Correction

Long term gain depression and flat field
gain depression. These data can also be used
detector response over the illuminated area
routine `gis_calib_ff_ltgd` which is called
stamped, and the file nearest in date to the

Currently, no regions of LTGD have been
exception of the region around the excess
Here the count rates have dropped by a factor
SOHO, and are considered uncalibratable
called from `gis_calib`, will mark the reg

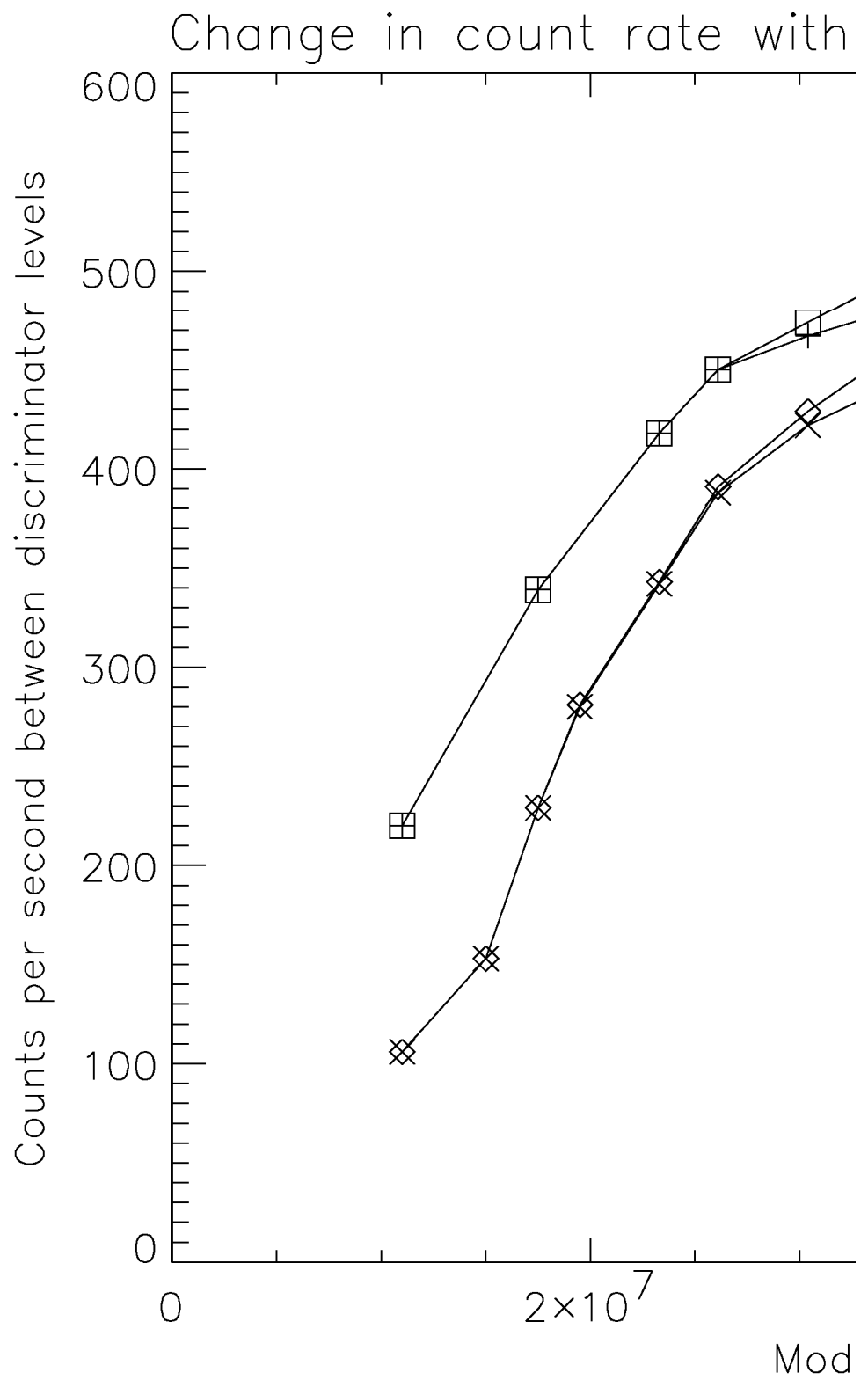


Figure 13. Stability of output count rate ν
From A. A. Breeveld (1996)³.

rate per MCP pore. This is combined with count rate as a function of gain. The relevant
Finally, the number of pores illuminated (1999) pages 41ff. For this to work, a valid positional resolution from the electronic readout and the spectral line width.

5.2.2 Errors in Intensity

As mentioned, the errors involved in calculating large, thus a 4% limit is set on the corrected standard (1/e) error of around $\pm 2\%$ in the correcting for CDGD. Lines that are too faint

5.3 Edge effects

Most detectors show edge effects, both as background. There are many causes for this wavelength scale, causing an increase in intensity in microchannel plates, where the strong edge detectors; changes in the solar background some very bright (solar) lines, seen especially calibrating the non-solar effects.

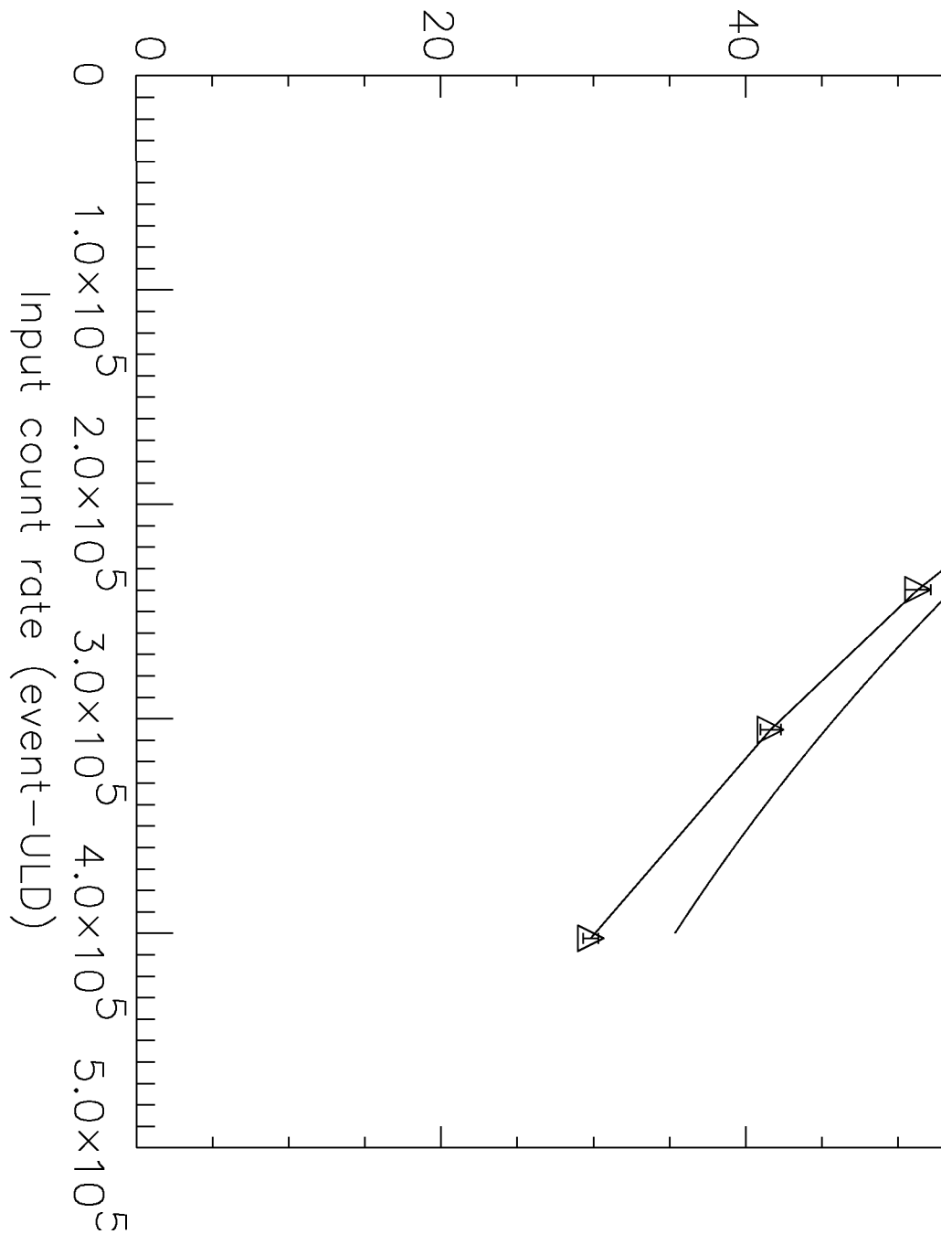


Figure 14. Plot of relationship between the rates.

The dead time used in the fit is $2.6 \mu\text{s}$, leading to a reduction in output count rate

In fact the count rate is ultimately limited to the CDHS from the GIS box, which is deep, is used to store bursts of events close at a higher count rate. At total (sum of all it may be possible to reduce the number of just one detector is still too high, the inter calibration software marks such data as u

6.2.1 Errors in Intensity

Count rates in excess of the limits impose uncalibratable by the calibration software

6.3 Analogue dead time

This involves an extending dead time of τ used to correct for this were measured being plotted in Figure 14. The routine `gis_cal` the data file `$CDS_GIS_CAL_INT/deadtime`

The dead time used in the fit is $2.6 \mu\text{s}$. This leading to a reduction in output count rate arrival and detection of a photon there follows detected, within which any new events will discrimination. This limits the rate at which non-linear relationship between the input

processing facility at Goddard, there is a 1
signified in the GIS and NIS data as a neg
exist (e.g., `cds_fill_missing`) to guess
taken with the results. Much lost data is
CDROMs processed at Goddard within a

6.4.1 Errors in Intensity

Missing data introduces obvious errors in
negative values and should not be used for
the value '65535', and should not be used

7. Effective Area and Detector

After all the above corrections have been
known absolute calibration data, using `gis`
`/arcsec2_cm2` switches. Detailed use of
GIS Software User Manual².

The GIS calibration coefficients used are
tests⁴, the coefficients can be viewed graph

```
IDL> .run gis_write_calib
```

and are shown in Table 2.

Wavelength dependence of the efficiencies	x^0	
G1 polynomial	-2.31180E+01	3.8
G2 polynomial	1.10400E+02	-1.
G3 polynomial	1.43580E+00	-1.
G4 polynomial	1.22100E-01	1.1
Effective area (cm²)		
Average area:	2.51667E+01	
Vignetting against mirror position (cm²)		
	x^0	
Polynomial	2.34380E+01	3.3

Table 2. Calibration coefficients used in

Table 3. Variation of NIS and GIS data r
The above observations were selected to s
NIS and GIS data. The two observations v
the calibrated intensities show large absol
1998. The lines observed were Mg VIII 3
($\log_{10}(\max(T_e))=6.2$).

