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## **SUMMARY**

The Gauss Algorithms have been developed for use in analyzing gamma-ray spectra and are available as a library of compiled functions. They can be used to develop spectroscopy systems for nuclear research, waste management, national security, and other application areas.

This manual describes for the user:

- what each function does
- how to prepare the input for each function
- how to invoke each function
- and how to interpret the output from each function.

It also indicates how to acquire a copy of the Gauss Algorithms library, where to locate example code, and how to get more information.

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## 1. GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF GAUSS ALGORITHMS

The Gauss Algorithms have been developed to aid in spectral analysis. They have been used in a series of nine spectral analysis programs named GAUSS I through GAUSS IX. The basic purpose of the GAUSS programs is to analyze the peaks in a  $\gamma$ -ray spectrum. This involves determining the channel position of a peak, which can be converted into the  $\gamma$ -ray energy of the peak, and determining the peak area, which can be converted into the number of  $\gamma$ -rays of that energy emitted by the source. The fit to the peak data is carried out by a nonlinear least squares fitting routine to determine the parameters (height, width, and position) of a Gaussian function that represents the data.

Thus, one of the uses of the Gauss Algorithms library has been to implement special-purpose products for analyzing  $\gamma$ -ray spectra from Ge semiconductor detectors. These routines provide the ability to calibrate energy, calibrate peakwidth, search for peaks, search for regions, and fit the spectral data in specifiable regions of  $\gamma$ -ray spectra. A spectral data fit of a region is the sum of one or more Gaussian components. With Gauss Algorithms, a user can determine the coordinates not only to plot the curve of this fit, but to plot the curve of each Gaussian component as well.

The calibration of energy and peakwidth use Bevington's Gauss-Jordan elimination to invert a symmetric matrix and calculate its determinant as part of a linear least squares fit. The peak search determines the initial location of peaks with the crossproduct of the spectrum with the unit squarewave. Then it uses a linear least squares fit to refine the location. The region search computes a background curve and from that, locates likely regions to be fitted. The spectral data fit uses the Levenberg-Marquardt algorithm as implemented in Minpack's `lmdr` routine. Minpack is by Jorge More', Burt Garbow, and Ken Hillstom at Argonne National Laboratory and includes software for solving nonlinear equations and nonlinear least squares problems; it is available via NETLIB at <http://www.netlib.org/liblist.html>. A square symmetric covariance matrix is calculated from the fit result, and fit uncertainties are calculated from the matrix.

For purposes of analyzing with Gauss Algorithms, a spectrum is expressed in terms of channels and counts. The horizontal axis of the graph represents the channels, and the channel range can be any range of integers. This range of channels is closely related to energy. Each channel represents an energy range, and energy increases with channels. Gauss Algorithms uses an energy equation to relate channels to energy. The vertical axis of the spectral graph represents the count of gamma-rays emitted by the source at an

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energy range that corresponds to a channel. See Figures 1a and 1b for examples of a spectrum drawn discretely and in a Manhattan skyline style.

A “peak fitting region” or “region” is a range of channels within the spectrum. Analysis or fitting of the spectral data is done over one region at a time. See Figure 2 for illustrations of a region of a spectrum.

A “peak centroid” or “peak” is a channel within a region chosen by the user or the fitting algorithm that indicates the location of a Gaussian component. See Figure 3 for illustrations of a peak in the spectrum.

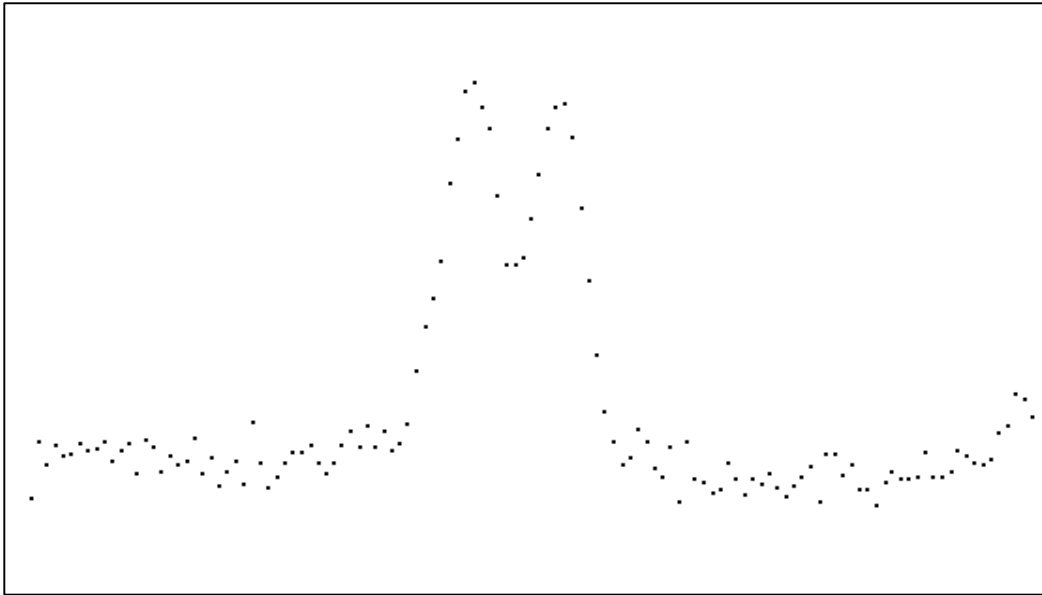
One of the functions in the Gauss Algorithms suite fits a region using any user-chosen peaks and the spectrum as input. It returns information that includes a fit of each Gaussian component, the sum of all the component fits, called a “region fit,” and a “background” of the region fit. See Figure 4 for illustrations of Gaussian components, a region fit, and its background.

Whenever the energy or peakwidth are calibrated, a “reduced chi squared” ( $\chi_R^2$ ) of the calibration is calculated.  $\chi_R^2$  is also calculated for every fit of a region. A small  $\chi_R^2$  value indicates a good corresponding calibration or fit.

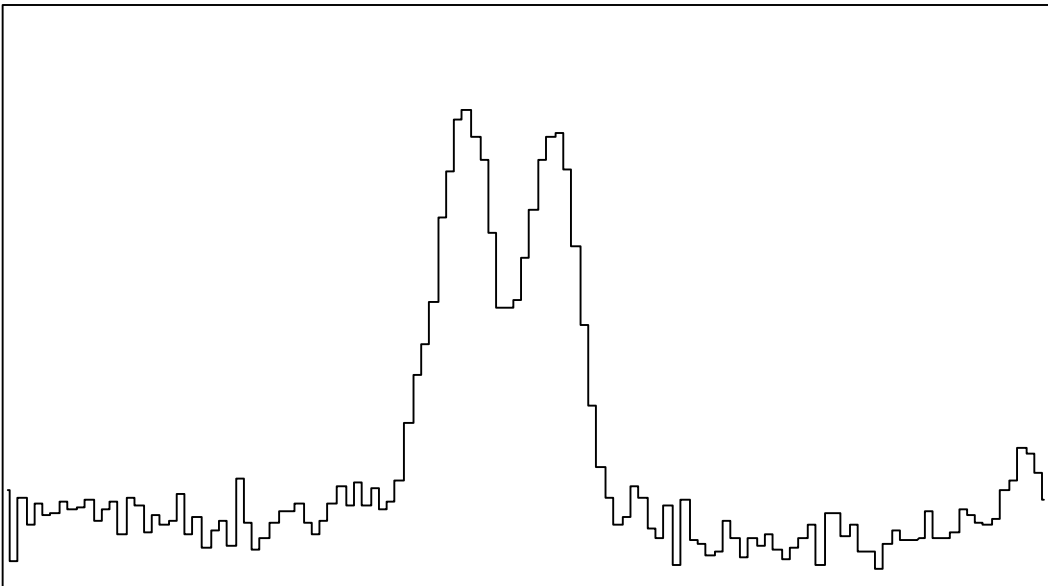
The Gauss Algorithms routines are independent. Any one or more of them can be used in an application. They are written in ANSI C and can be used on any computer with an ANSI C compiler. The Levenberg-Marquardt algorithm from Minpack is available in either C or FORTRAN. The FORTRAN version came from NETLIB and the C version came from using the *f2c* filter on the FORTRAN version. The library that is released will normally be compiled with the C version of the Levenberg-Marquardt algorithm.

The Gauss Algorithms require minimal memory and on a 150-Mhz Silicon Graphics Indigo system, calibration, searches, and postprocessing all take hundredths of a second to complete (both computer time and real time). A typical search is for hundreds of peaks and regions spread over 8,000 channels. Fitting a region takes longer. One 150-channel region, no peaks, one cycle, takes about 0.1 seconds. No peaks, 5 cycles, takes about 0.7 seconds. No peaks, 9 cycles, takes about 2 seconds. 5 peaks, one cycle, takes about 0.25 seconds. Table 1 shows these times.

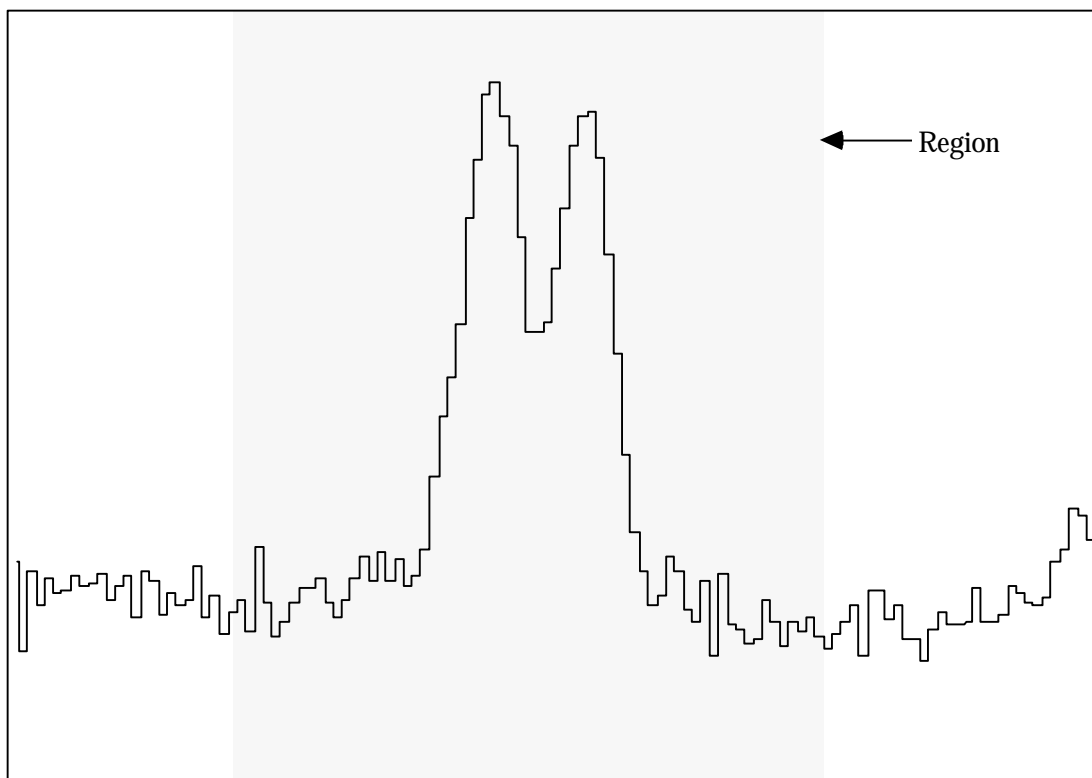




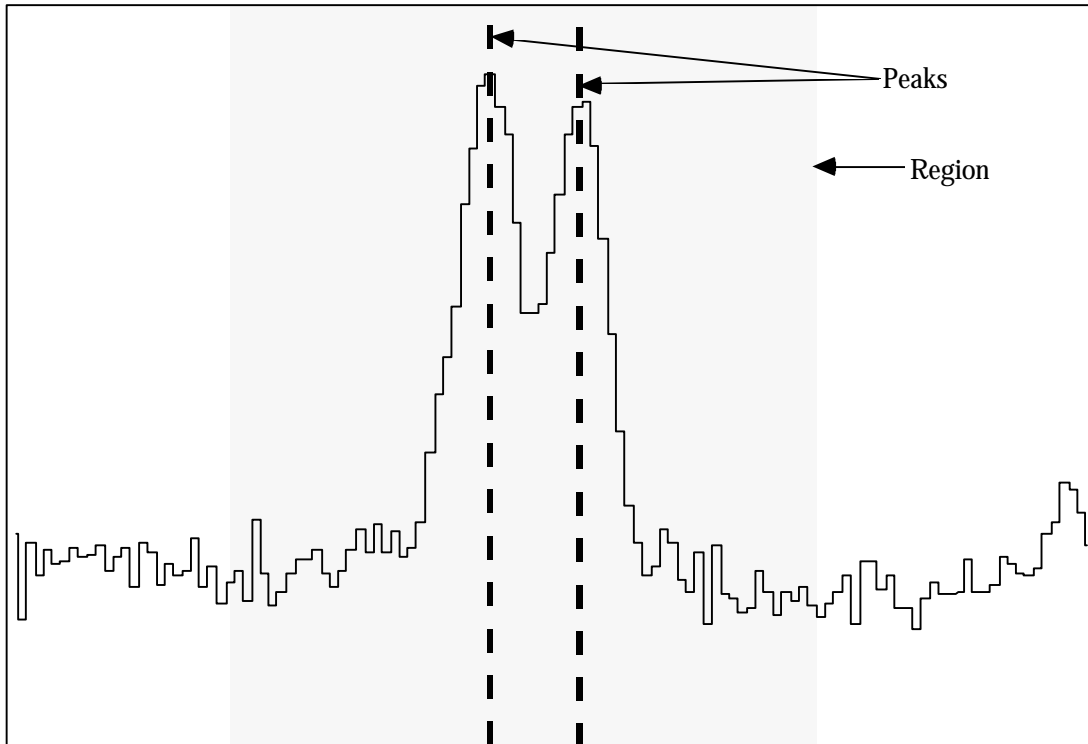
**Figure 1a.** Spectrum (discrete format).



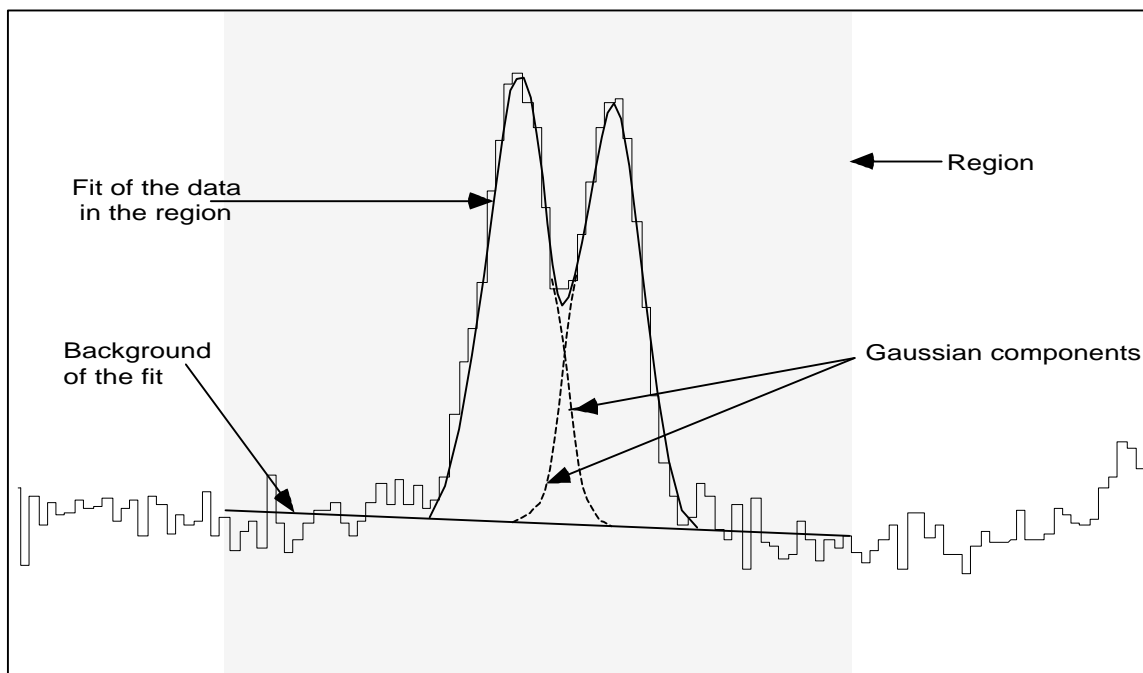
**Figure 1b.** Spectrum (Manhattan Skyline format).



**Figure 2.** A “peak fitting region” or “region” is a range of channels within a spectrum.



**Figure 3.** “Peak centroids” or “peaks” are specific channels within a chosen region, indicating the location of a Gaussian component.



**Figure 4.** Gaussian components, a region fit, and its background.

**Table 1.** Times to fit one 150-channel region.

	1 cycle	5 cycles	9 cycles
0 peaks	.1 sec	.7 sec	2 sec
5 peaks	.25 sec	-	-

## **2. HISTORY OF THE GAUSS PROGRAMS AND ALGORITHMS**

### **2.1 Purpose of the GAUSS Programs**

The basic purpose of the GAUSS programs is to analyze the peaks in a  $\gamma$ -ray spectrum. This involves determining the channel position of a peak, which can be converted into the  $\gamma$ -ray energy of the peak, and the peak area, which can be converted into the number of  $\gamma$ -rays of that energy emitted by the source. The fit to the peak data is carried out by a nonlinear least squares fitting routine to determine the parameters (i.e., height, width, and position) of the Gaussian function that represents the data. The programs were generally designed to carry out the spectral analysis (1) in an automated way, that is, with a minimum of user input, and (2) in a manual way, with user input for each peak. The availability of two levels of user interaction has allowed the GAUSS programs to be used both in the production mode to get results from many spectra, and in the metrology or research mode to get the very best results for each peak of interest. The success of the code for the metrology mode is illustrated by a long list of publications of measured  $\gamma$ -ray energies (or energy differences) (see References, under “Gamma-Ray Energy Measurement References”). It has also been used for precise  $\gamma$ -ray intensity measurements (see References, under “Gamma-Ray Intensity Measurement References”). The success in the production mode is indicated by the development of special versions discussed below and their use for in-plant source term measurement studies (see References, under “In-Plant Source Term Measurement Studies”).

### **2.2 Versions of the GAUSS Program**

Various versions of the GAUSS code have been developed since the early 1960s, and some have been documented (see References, under “Gauss-Related References”). Several versions of the GAUSS code have been used extensively. Table 2 lists the versions of the code and some characteristics of each version. Following Table 2 are further explanatory notes, differentiating the versions.

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**Table 2.** GAUSS Program Versions.

Version	Type	Derived from	Language	Machine	Input Style	Peak Width Equation	Automatic Peak Locating	Automatic Region Locating	Radionuclide Series
GAUSS I	research	—	FORTTRAN IV	IBM 7040	batch	no	no	no	no
GAUSS II	developmental <sup>a</sup>	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
GAUSS III	research	GAUSS II	FORTTRAN IV	IBM 7040	batch	yes	no	no	no
GAUSS IV	developmental <sup>a</sup>	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
GAUSS V	research	GAUSS IV	FORTTRAN IV	IBM 360/75	batch	yes	yes	no	no
GAUSS VI	production	GAUSS V	FORTTRAN IV	IBM 360/75	batch	yes	yes	no	yes
GAUSS VII	research	GAUSS V	FORTTRAN IV	CDC CYBER-176	batch	yes	yes	yes	no
GAUSS VIII	production	GAUSS VI	FORTTRAN V	CDC CYBER-176	batch	yes	yes	yes	yes
GAUSS IX	research	GAUSS VII	C	Silicon Graphics IRIX	interactive	yes	yes	yes	no
Gauss Algorithms	any	GAUSS VII	C and FORTRAN 77	any	batch	yes	yes	yes	no

a. Documentation is not available on GAUSS II and GAUSS IV code.

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GAUSS I was a research version based on the experience with NaI(Tl) detectors. This shows up in the non-Gaussian portion of the peak shape, which had symmetric tailing on both sides of the main Gaussian peak. The program was then applied to spectra that were obtained from the early Ge(Li) detectors. The incentive for reporting on the program may have come from the Ge(Li) spectral analysis, because the Idaho National Engineering Laboratory's (INEL's) prime method for analyzing NaI(Tl) spectra was based on the linear least squares fitting of the whole spectrum with components representing either single  $\gamma$ -rays or single nuclides. The GAUSS I program was small enough to allow the complete listing to be given in the associated report.

GAUSS II and GAUSS IV were developmental versions that were not extensively used or documented.

GAUSS III was the next research version and was an expansion and tailoring of the earlier version directed more toward the analysis of spectra from Ge(Li) detectors. The program included the capability to use a selected set of peaks in the spectrum to determine the  $\gamma$ -ray energy as a function of the channel. Also, a peak width function could be used to provide the initial width values. The spectral background under the peaks was a linear function. The program would fit up to five Gaussian components in a single portion of the spectrum. Each of the corresponding 30 parameters could be allowed to vary in the nonlinear least squares fit, or each could be fixed at its initial value. The peaks could be fit as pure Gaussian functions, or tailing could be added. However, the tailing function was symmetric and was from INEL's earlier work with NaI(Tl) detectors. The report on this version included a discussion of the precision of the results that could be obtained, especially for the  $\gamma$ -ray energies. Since the peaks from Ge(Li) or Ge detectors have tailing on the low-energy side, for energy determinations it was common practice to only use the data near the top of the peak (e.g., from the half-height on the low-energy side to just a little lower on the high-energy side). This was not necessarily the best option for determining the peak area, but it avoided the low-side tailing. This choice also meant that one could not achieve consistency between fits to singlets and doublets since for the doublets one would have to fit all the way down on the high side of one peak and the low side of the other.

GAUSS V was the next research version, which expanded the capability to treat spectra from Ge(Li) and Ge detectors. Since these spectra often have over a hundred peaks, a routine was added to automatically find peaks. This was done by means of a correlation method that reinforced the peak structure and subtracted a continuous background, ideally leaving just the peaks. These results were then used as the starting positions for fitting the original data with a Gaussian function. As before, a single fit could treat up to five Gaussians on a linear background. Four different levels of input

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were available, so at one extreme the user could let the program find the peaks and analyze them with only a minimum of input related to the whole spectrum, or at the other extreme the user could define the initial parameters for the fit to each peak. The program could use some peaks in the spectrum to determine the energy channel relationship. In this energy calibration process, a previously determined correction for the nonlinearity of the electronics could be used, after which the energies of all of the peaks were determined. Similarly, the full-energy peak efficiency could be previously stored in a data file and used to compute the relative emission rate for each peak. This program was made generally available through the Radiation Shielding Information Center (RSIC) at Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL).

GAUSS VI was the first version that was designed for production use. The main addition to GAUSS V was the use of a library of  $\gamma$ -ray energies and intensities for the radionuclides of interest. The energies of the  $\gamma$ -ray peaks were then compared to the energies of the lines in the library to determine which radionuclides might be present in the sample; decay rates of the radionuclides were determined from the peak area, detector efficiency, and the intensity from the library. For nuclides with more than one observed  $\gamma$ -ray, the decay rates from the various  $\gamma$ -rays were compared to test the correctness of the nuclide identification and when they were consistent, they were averaged to get the final value. The program was also modified to increase the chance that an analysis of each peak would be completed without a failure. The detailed analysis of each peak that was available in GAUSS V was eliminated. This program was also made available through the RSIC library at ORNL.

GAUSS VII version was the next research version and as such was based on GAUSS V, and did not include the nuclide identification portions of GAUSS VI. The development goal was primarily to incorporate as automatic features some of the operations that the GAUSS V users commonly employed to identify and fit multiplets. A common problem was that the earlier peak location routine would only identify one peak in a region that clearly contained two or more peaks. The user then had to identify the additional peaks and extend the range of data used to satisfactorily define the spectral background under the peaks. The first step in addressing this problem was to add a routine to determine peak regions. This was done by successive smoothings of a spectrum until it became a smooth function that closely represented the spectral background under the peaks. The regions of the actual spectrum that were significantly above this background spectrum were taken to be made up of peaks, even if the peak location routine had not identified peaks in the region. Even where peaks had been identified, these peak regions could be used to define the range of data that included other weaker peaks and thus define the region to include in a peak fit. The fit of a peak region then began with all of the peaks identified by the peak location routine. A second addition



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allowed the program to automatically add peak components in any fitting region where the initial fit did not satisfactorily fit the measured data. For any fit region, up to five new peaks could be added, one at a time, with a maximum of ten peaks in any region. The user had options to (1) print out all of these fits or only the best one, (2) vary the statistical criterion used to determine whether a new peak should be added, (3) and define many other details of the fitting. This program was also made available through the RSIC library at ORNL.

GAUSS VIII was the second production program, that is, it was an extension of the GAUSS VI program. The main addition was to replace the radionuclide decay rate routine with one based on the concepts of Gunnink and Niday (1972). Instead of simply tallying the decay rate computed from each  $\gamma$ -ray associated with a nuclide, a least squares fit was done to obtain the decay rate. If all of the lines associated with a nuclide were only associated with that nuclide, this was simply a weighted average of the individual decay rates. However, in most complex spectra some of the lines were potentially associated with more than one nuclide. In this case, the least squares fit to the peak areas included all of the interrelated nuclides and their associated peaks. This method thus provided a composition of the complex peaks into the components from each contributing nuclide. To eliminate cases where a nuclide decay rate would be indeterminate (i.e., the fit would fail) and other complications, a great deal of data checking had to be programmed before the least squares fit to the peak areas.

GAUSS IX is the latest version of the GAUSS programs. It makes use of the computational routines of Gauss Algorithms in an interactive structure. The interactive features are implemented with OSF/Motif and the X Window System. This interactive version can dramatically decrease the turnaround time for spectral analyses, especially when the user needs to refit some of the peaks with specially-chosen fitting parameters. The graphic features increase the opportunity for detecting patterns and anomalies in the spectral analyses. Users of GAUSS IX can set up the analysis parameters (peaks, peak regions, etc.) interactively via window dialogs. They can interactively display and review the results, selectively re-fit peaks, and save or purge the results, as appropriate. The spectral displays include the spectral data, peak locations, peak fitting regions, fit curves, background curves, and each Gaussian component; and the display is completely zoomable, scrollable, and resizable.

### 3. SPECIFICS ABOUT GAUSS ALGORITHMS

#### 3.1 Gauss Algorithm Glossary

Appendix A contains a glossary for the terms used in the Gauss Algorithms. Glossary items are listed alphabetically and are a useful reference for becoming familiar with the Gauss Algorithms.

#### 3.2 Gauss Algorithm Functions

Appendix B alphabetically lists Gauss Algorithm functions. Each function is described by a definition, a description in words of the function's purpose/use, the return values of the function (as appropriate), and a list of other related functions and types. To use these functions in software, use the appropriate library and include file for your computer type, as shown in Table 3.

**Table 3.** Library and include file to use by computer type.

computer type	library	include file
Unix type	libgauss.a	GaussLib.h
Windows type	gauss.a	GaussLib.h

#### 3.3 Gauss Algorithms Types

Appendix C alphabetically lists Gauss Algorithm types. Each type is described by a definition, a description in words of the type's purpose/use, and a list of other related functions and types. To use these functions in software, use the appropriate library and include file for your computer type, as shown in Table 3.

#### 3.4 Reference to Electronic Copy of Example Code

Electronic copies of example code for the use of Gauss Algorithms functions and types is available from the Gauss Algorithms Home Page at <http://home.inel.gov/gauss>.

### **3.5 How to Get the Gauss Algorithms**

INEL users can get the Gauss Algorithms from the Gauss Algorithms Home Page at <http://home.inel.gov/gauss>.

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GL_MAX EFFICY	definition used in <a href="#">GLEfficiency</a>
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GL_RGNSRCH_ALL	possible value for <a href="#">GLRgnSrchMode</a>
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GL_SPLIT_ALLOWED	possible value for <a href="#">GLSplitMode</a>
GL_SPLIT_NONE	possible value for <a href="#">GLSplitMode</a>
GL_SUCCESS	possible value for <a href="#">GLRtnCode</a>
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### Gauss Algorithms Functions

#### GL\_chan\_to\_e

**Definition:**

```
void GL_chan_to_e(GLEnergyEqn    ex,  
                  double          channel,  
                  double          *energy);
```

**Description:**

GL\_chan\_to\_e calculates the energy of the specified *channel* using the energy equation described in *ex*. The user must provide space for the answer in the *energy* parameter.

**See Also:**

[GLEnergyEqn](#)

### GL\_chan\_to\_w

**Definition:**

```
GLRtnCode GL_chan_to_w(GLWidthEqn    wx,  
                        int           channel,  
                        double        *width);
```

**Description:**

GL\_chan\_to\_w calculates the peak width at the specified *channel* using the width equation described in *wx*. The user must provide space for the answer in the *width* parameter.

**Return Values:**

GL\_SUCCESS, GL\_FAILURE

**See Also:**

[GLWidthEqn](#) and [GLRtnCode](#)

### GL\_curve

**Definition:**

```
GLRtnCode GL_curve(GLSpectrum    spectrum,  
                   GLFitRecord   *fit,  
                   int           nplots_per_chan,  
                   GLCurve       *curve);
```

**Description:**

GL\_curve uses the information in *fit* to generate points to use in graphing the fit and background. GL\_curve also uses the *spectrum* to calculate residuals.

The user can indicate the desired precision of the resulting curve with the *nplots\_per\_chan* parameter. *nplots\_per\_chan* = 1 would result in generating points only at each channel. *nplots\_per\_chan* = 2 would result in generating points midway between channels as well. The larger *nplots\_per\_chan* used, the more points will be generated between the channels.

The user must provide space for the answer in the *curve* parameter.

**Return Values:**

GL\_OVRLMT, GL\_SUCCESS

**See Also:**

[GLSpectrum](#), [GLFitRecord](#), [GLCurve](#), and [GLRtnCode](#)



### GL\_curve\_alloc

**Definition:**

```
GLCurve *GL_curve_alloc(int      regn_width,  
                        int      nplots_per_chan,  
                        int      npeaks);
```

**Description:**

GL\_curve\_alloc allocates memory for the GLCurve structure. The user should set *regn\_width* to at least the number of channels in the region to be graphed, *nplots\_per\_chan* to at least the number of points to be graphed per channel, and *npeaks* to at least the number of peaks indicated in the GLFitRecord structure used by GL\_curve later to set the contents of the GLCurve structure.

The value of GLCurve -> listlength is set properly in the returned structure.

**Return Values:**

If successful, GL\_curve\_alloc returns the address of the new GLCurve structure.  
If GL\_curve\_alloc fails, it returns NULL.

**See Also:**

[GL\\_curve](#), [GLCurve](#), [GL\\_curve\\_free](#), [GLFitRecord](#)

### **GL\_curve\_free**

**Definition:**

```
void GL_curve_free(GLCurve *curve);
```

**Description:**

GL\_curve\_free frees the memory of *curve* that was previously allocated by GL\_curve\_alloc.

**See Also:**

[GLCurve](#), [GL\\_curve\\_alloc](#)

## GL\_ecalib

### Definition:

```
GLRtnCode GL_ecalib(int          count,
                      double      *channel,
                      double      *energy,
                      double      *sige,
                      GLEgyEqnMode mode,
                      GLboolean   weighted,
                      GLEnergyEqn *ex);
```

### Description:

GL\_ecalib uses channel-energy-uncertainty triplets to compute an energy equation. The number of triplets is indicated in the *count* parameter. The triplets are passed via the arrays *channel*, *energy*, and *sige*. The *mode* parameter indicates what kind of equation to produce. See GLEgyEqnMode for the current choices. The *weighted* parameter indicates whether to use the uncertainties in the *sige* array (*weighted* = GL\_TRUE) or use the constant *1* for the uncertainties (*weighted* = GL\_FALSE). The user must provide space for the answer in the *ex* parameter.

### Return Values:

GL\_BADMALLOC, GL\_BADCALBLINF, GL\_SUCCESS

### See Also:

[GLboolean](#), [GLEnergyEqn](#) and [GLRtnCode](#), [GLEgyEqnMode](#)

### GL\_e\_to\_chan

**Definition:**

```
GLRtnCode GL_e_to_chan(GLEnergyEqn  ex,  
                        double        energy,  
                        double        *channel);
```

**Description:**

GL\_e\_to\_chan uses the energy equation *ex* to compute the channel that corresponds to the given energy. The user must provide space for the answer in the *channel* parameter.

**Return Values:**

GL\_FAILURE, GL\_SUCCESS

**See Also:**

[GLEnergyEqn](#) and [GLRtnCode](#)

### GL\_find\_regnpks

**Definition:**

```
GLRtnCode GL_find_regnpks(GLChanRange    region,  
                           GLTypedPeaks  *allpeaks,  
                           GLTypedPeaks  *pks_in_rgn);
```

**Description:**

GL\_find\_regnpks determines which peak in the *allpeaks* list is in the given region. Each of these peaks is returned in the *pks\_in\_rgn* parameter. The user must provide enough space for the answer in this parameter. This function is commonly used to prepare the list of peaks passed into the GL\_fitreg function.

**Return Values:**

GL\_OVRLMT, GL\_SUCCESS

**See Also:**

[GLChanRange](#), [GLTypedPeaks](#), and [GLRtnCode](#)

### GL\_fitrec\_alloc

**Definition:**

```
GLFitRecord *GL_fitrec_alloc(int    listlength);
```

**Description:**

GL\_fitrec\_alloc allocates memory for the GLFitRecord structure. The user should indicate the maximum number of peaks allowed in a region with the *listlength* parameter. This should match or exceed the value passed into the GL\_fitreg function with the GLFitParms->max\_npeaks parameter. The value of GLFitRecord->listlength is set properly in the returned structure.

**Return Values:**

If successful, GL\_fitrec\_alloc returns the address of the new GLFitRecord structure. If GL\_fitrec\_alloc fails, it returns NULL.

**See Also:**

[GLFitParms](#), [GLFitRecord](#), [GL\\_fitrec\\_free](#), [GL\\_fitreg](#)

## GL\_fitrec\_free

**Definition:**

```
void GL_fitrec_free(GLFitRecord      *fitrec);
```

**Description:**

GL\_fitrec\_free frees the memory of *fitrec* that was previously allocated by GL\_fitrec\_alloc.

**See Also:**

[GL\\_fitrec\\_alloc](#), [GLFitRecord](#)

### GL\_fitreg

#### Definition:

```
GLRtnCode GL_fitreg(GLChanRange  chanrange,
                    GLSpectrum    spectrum,
                    GLTypedPeaks  pklist,
                    GLFitParms    fitparms,
                    GLEnergyEqn   ex,
                    GLWidthEqn   wx,
                    GLFitRecList  **fitlist);
```

#### Description:

GL\_fitreg fits the region (*chanrange*) of data in the *spectrum* using the peaks indicated in *pklist*, the parameters stored in *fitparms*, and the equations in *ex* and *wx*. It stores the answer in the *fitlist* parameter. The memory allocation for the answer is done inside GL\_fitreg. Normally, the user sets *fitlist* equal to NULL before calling GL\_fitreg. If *fitlist* is not equal to NULL, GL\_fitreg assumes that *fitlist* points to an old list and tries to free it.

Example code:

```
GLFitRecList *fitlist;
fitlist = NULL;
return_code = GL_fitreg(chanrange, spectrum, pklist, fitparms, ex, wx,
                        &fitlist);
```

#### Return Values:

GL\_SUCCESS, GL\_BADMALLOC, GL\_FAILURE

#### See Also:

[GLChanRange](#), [GLEnergyEqn](#), [GLFitParms](#), [GLFitRecList](#), [GLRtnCode](#),  
[GLSpectrum](#), [GLTypedPeaks](#), [GLWidthEqn](#)



## GL\_peaksearch

### Definition:

```
GLRtnCode GL_peaksearch(GLChanRange  chanrange,
                        GLWidthEqn    wx,
                        int            threshold,
                        GLSpectrum     spectrum,
                        GLPeaks        *peaks);
```

### Description:

GL\_peaksearch identifies peaks within the indicated channel range of the spectrum. The width equation *wx* is used to prevent choosing overlapping peaks. The *threshold* parameter controls the pruning out of insignificant peaks. Larger thresholds prune the list more. Recommended threshold values are threshold=20 for more pruning, threshold=10 for average pruning, and threshold=5 for less pruning. The user must provide space in the *peaks* parameter for the answer. Running out of space is indicated in the return code.

### Return Values:

GL\_BADCHNRNG, GL\_BADTHRESH, GL\_FAILURE, GL\_BADPEAKWD,  
GL\_BADMALLOC, GL\_OVRLMT, GL\_SUCCESS

### See Also:

[GLChanRange](#), [GLWidthEqn](#), [GLSpectrum](#), [GLPeaks](#), and [GLRtnCode](#)

### GL\_postprocess

**Definition:**

```
GLRtnCode GL_postprocess(GLEfficiency    *efficy,  
                          GLSummary      *summary,  
                          GLPostInfo     *info);
```

**Description:**

GL\_postprocess uses the *efficy* and *summary* parameters to compute the necessary information to fill the *info* parameter. The user must provide enough space in *info* for the answer. This means that *info*-> *listlength* should be  $\geq$  *summary*->*npeaks*.

**Return Values:**

GL\_OVRLMT, GL\_SUCCESS

**See Also:**

[GLEfficiency](#), [GLPostInfo](#), [GLRtnCode](#), [GLSummary](#)

### GL\_prune\_rqdpks

**Definition:**

```
GLRtnCode GL_prune_rqdpks(GLEnergyEqn    ex,  
                           GLWidthEqn     wx,  
                           GLPeaks         searchpks,  
                           GLEnergyPeaks   curr_rqd,  
                           GLEnergyPeaks   *new_rqd);
```

**Description:**

GL\_prune\_rqdpks copies *curr\_rqd* to *new\_rqd*, skipping those peaks that are too close to a peak in the *searchpks* list. This is sometimes used in conjunction with the GL\_typed\_peaks function to prepare a peaklist for input to the GL\_fitreg function.

**Return Values:**

GL\_BADMALLOC, GL\_FAILURE, GL\_SUCCESS, GL\_OVRLMT

**See Also:**

[GLEnergyEqn](#), [GLEnergyPeaks](#), [GL\\_fitreg](#), [GLPeaks](#), [GLRtnCode](#),  
[GL\\_typed\\_peaks](#), [GLWidthEqn](#)

## GL\_regnsearch

### Definition:

GLRtnCode	GL_regnsearch(GLChanRange	chanrange,
	GLWidthEqn	wx,
	double	threshold,
	int	irw,
	int	irch,
	GLSpectrum	spectrum,
	GLPeaks	peaks,
	GLRgnSrchMode	mode,
	int	maxrgnwid,
	GLRegions	*regions);

### Description:

GL\_regnsearch identifies regions within the specified channel range that a user might want to pass to the GL\_fitreg function later. The width equation *wx* is used to compute a working background, to decide how wide a region should be around each peak in the *peaks* list, and to compute a minimum region width. The maximum region width is controlled with the *maxrgnwid* parameter. Whether regions without peaks are included in the answer is controlled with the *mode* parameter.

The *threshold* parameter controls the pruning out of insignificant regions. Larger thresholds prune the list more. Recommended threshold values are threshold=3 for more pruning, threshold=2 for average pruning, and threshold=1 for less pruning.

The *irw* and *irch* parameters control padding the ends of the regions. The regions are padded in pairs of adjacent ends. If the gap between the two region ends being padded is greater than  $irw \times \text{peakwidth}$ , then the region ends are padded with this. Otherwise, the region ends are padded with the gap minus *irch* if this pad is greater than zero. Recommended starting values for these parameters is *irw*=3 and *irch*=2. The user must provide space in the *regions* parameter for the answer. Running out of space is indicated in the return code.

### Return Values:

GL\_BADCHNRNG, GL\_BADIRCH, GL\_BADIRW, GL\_BADTHRESH,  
GL\_BADMALLOC, GL\_OVRLMT, GL\_SUCCESS

### See Also:

[GLChanRange](#), [GLPeaks](#), [GLRegions](#), [GLRgnSrchMode](#), [GLRtnCode](#),  
[GLSpectrum](#), [GLWidthEqn](#)

### GL\_set\_sigcount

**Definition:**

```
void GL_set_sigcount(GLSpectrum *spec);
```

**Description:**

GL\_set\_sigcount uses the values in the *spec->count* array to initialize the *spec->sigcount* array. It uses small count correction for counts  $\leq 10$  based on G. W. Phillips, NIM 153 (1978), p. 449. The user must provide space for the answer in *spec->sigcount*.

**See Also:**

[GLSpectrum](#)

### GL\_spline

**Definition:**

```
void GL_spline(GLEfficiency      *efficiency);
```

**Description:**

GL\_spline uses the abscissas and ordinates found in *efficiency* to calculate coefficients. This is a way for the user to prepare *efficiency->coeff* for use by GL\_postprocess. The user must ensure there is space for the answer in *efficiency->coeff*.

**See Also:**

[GL\\_postprocess](#), [GLEfficiency](#)

### GL\_summ\_alloc

**Definition:**

GLSummary \*GL\_summ\_alloc(int listlength);

**Description:**

GL\_summ\_alloc allocates memory for the GLSummary structure. The user should indicate the maximum number of peaks allowed in a region with the *listlength* parameter.

**Return Values:**

If successful, GL\_summ\_alloc returns the address of the new GLSummary structure. If GL\_summ\_alloc fails, it returns NULL.

**See Also:**

[GLSummary](#), [GL\\_summ\\_free](#)

## GL\_summ\_free

**Definition:**

```
void GL_summ_free(GLSummary      *summary);
```

**Description:**

GL\_summ\_free frees the memory of *summary* that was previously allocated by GL\_summ\_alloc.

**See Also:**

[GLSummary](#), [GL\\_summ\\_alloc](#)



## GL\_summarize

### Definition:

```
GLRtnCode GL_summarize(GLSpectrum    spectrum,  
                       GLFitRecord   *fit,  
                       GLSummary     *summary);
```

### Description:

GL\_summarize summarizes the information found in *fit* and stores it in *summary*.  
The user must provide space in the *summary* parameter for the answer.

### Return Values:

GL\_BADMALLOC, GL\_OVRLMT, GL\_SUCCESS

### See Also:

[GLSpectrum](#), [GLFitRecord](#), [GLSummary](#), and [GLRtnCode](#)

## GL\_typed\_peaks

### Definition:

```
GLRtnCode GL_typed_peaks (GLPeaks          *normal,  
                          GLEnergyPeaks    *required,  
                          GLEnergyEqn      ex,  
                          GLTypedPeaks     *combined);
```

### Description:

GL\_typed\_peaks combines a list of *normal* peaks and *required* peaks into a list of typed peaks. Since this list expresses every peak in terms of channel, the energy equation *ex* is used to compute the channel of each *required* peak.

The user must provide space in the *combined* parameter for the answer.

### Return Values:

GL\_OVRLMT, GL\_SUCCESS

### See Also:

[GLPeaks](#), [GLEnergyPeaks](#), [GLTypedPeaks](#), and [GLRtnCode](#)

## GL\_wcalib

### Definition:

```
GLRtnCode GL_wcalib(int          count,
                    double        *channel,
                    double        *wid,
                    double        *sigw,
                    GLWidEqnMode  mode,
                    GLboolean     weighted,
                    GLWidthEqn    *wx);
```

### Description:

GL\_wcalib uses channel-width-uncertainty triplets to compute a peakwidth equation. The number of triplets is indicated in the *count* parameter. The triplets are passed via the arrays *channel*, *wid*, and *sigw*. The *mode* parameter indicates what kind of equation to produce. See GLWidEqnMode for the current choices. The *weighted* parameter indicates whether to use the uncertainties in the *sigw* array (*weighted* = GL\_TRUE) or use the constant *1* for the uncertainties (*weighted* = GL\_FALSE).

The user must provide space for the answer in the *wx* parameter.

### Return Values:

GL\_BADMALLOC, GL\_BADCALBLINF, GL\_SUCCESS

### See Also:

[GLboolean](#), [GLWidthEqn](#), [GLRtnCode](#), [GLWidEqnMode](#)

## Appendix C

### Gauss Algorithms Types

#### GLCCType

**Definition:**

```
typedef enum
{
    GL_CC_LARGER = 0,
    GL_CC_SMALLER = 1,
    GL_CC_LARGER_INC = 2
} GLCCType;
```

**Description:**

GLCCType is an enumeration of the legal values for the *cc\_type* member of GLFitParms. *cc\_type* is used in conjunction with the *pkwd\_mode* member of GLFitParms to choose values for the convergence criteria *ftol* and *xtol*, which are inputs to the Levenberg-Marquardt algorithm used by GL\_fitreg. The comments in the algorithm source indicate that *ftol* measures the relative error desired in the sum of squares and *xtol* measures the relative error desired in the approximate solution. A recommended starting value for *cc\_type* is GL\_CC\_LARGER.

cc_type	pkwd_mode	
	GL_PKWD_VARIES	GL_PKWD_FIXED
GL_CC_LARGER	ftol = .001 xtol = .003	ftol = .01 xtol = .01
GL_CC_SMALLER	ftol = .001 xtol = .001	ftol = .001 xtol = .001
GL_CC_LARGER_INC	ftol = .001 xtol = .003	ftol = .001 xtol = .003

**See Also:**

[GLFitParms](#), [GLPkwdMode](#), [GL\\_fitreg](#)

## GLChanRange

### Definition:

```
typedef struct
{
    int    first;
    int    last;
} GLChanRange;
```

### Description:

GLChanRange is a structure type used to describe a region in terms of a range of channels that fall in the spectrum defined in a GLSpectrum type. The following relation between a region defined with GLChanRange and a spectrum defined with GLSpectrum is expected:

$$\text{GLSpectrum.firstchannel} \leq \text{GLChanRange.first} \leq \text{GLChanRange.last} \leq (\text{GLSpectrum.firstchannel} + \text{GLSpectrum.nchannels} - 1)$$

### See Also:

[GL\\_find\\_regnpks](#), [GL\\_fitreg](#), [GL\\_peaksearch](#), [GL\\_regnsearch](#), [GLFitRecord](#), [GLCurve](#), [GLRegions](#), [GLSpectrum](#)

## GLCurve

### Definition:

```
typedef struct
{
    int          listlength;      /* should be  $\geq$  npoints */
    GLChanRange  chanrange;      /* indicates the region */
    int          nplots_per_chan; /* how many plots between channels + 1 */
    int          npoints;        /* region width times nplots_per_chan */
    int          npeaks;         /* how many component peaks to graph */
    double       *x_offset;      /* array of x coordinates used by
                                all following arrays */
    double       **fitpeak;      /* array of component peak curves to be
                                graphed */
    double       *fitcurve;      /* fitcurve to be graphed */
    double       *back;         /* background to be graphed */
    double       *resid;        /* residuals of the fitcurve */
} GLCurve;
```

### Description:

GLCurve is a structure type used to hold coordinates for graphing the fit *fitcurve*, background *back*, and peak component fitcurves *fitpeak[i]* of a fitted region. The structure type also holds residuals. *listlength* indicates how much storage is available for each of the arrays *fitpeak[i]*, *fitcurve*, *back*, and *resid*. *npeaks* indicates how many peak component fitcurves are in the *fitpeak* array. The user must allocate adequate storage in *x\_offset*, *fitpeak*, *fitcurve*, *back*, and *resid*, and then set *listlength* appropriately.

### See Also:

[GL\\_curve](#), [GL\\_curve\\_alloc](#), [GL\\_curve\\_free](#), [GLChanRange](#)

### GLEfficiency

**Definition:**

```
#define GL_MAX EFFICY 100
#define GL_NUM_COEFFS 3

typedef struct
{
    int      neff;                /* number of entries in arrays */
    double   en[GL_MAX EFFICY];  /* abscissas */
    double   eff[GL_MAX EFFICY]; /* ordinates */
    double   coeff[GL_MAX EFFICY][GL_NUM_COEFFS];
                                           /* spline coefficients */
} GLEfficiency;
```

**Description:**

GLEfficiency is a structure type to hold information used in post processing. *en* holds the abscissas of the knots in strictly increasing order. *eff* holds the ordinates of the knots. *coeff* holds spline coefficients as calculated by GL\_spline.

**See Also:**

[GL\\_postprocess](#), [GL\\_spline](#)

## GLEgyEqnMode

### Definition:

```
typedef enum
{
    GL_EGY_LINEAR,
    GL_EGY_QUADRATIC
} GLEgyEqnMode;
```

### Description:

GLEgyEqnMode is an enumeration of the legal values for the *mode* member of GLEnergyEqn.

### See Also:

[GL\\_ecalib](#), [GLEnergyEqn](#)



## GLEnergyEqn

### Definition:

```
typedef struct
{
    double          a;          /* coefficient of equation */
    double          b;          /* coefficient of equation */
    double          c;          /* coefficient of equation */
    double          chi_sq;     /* the  $\chi_R^2$  of the calibration */
    GLEgyEqnMode    mode;       /* the form of the equation */
} GLEnergyEqn;
```

### Description:

GLEnergyEqn is a structure type that holds the information needed to describe an energy equation. If the coefficients are a result of calibration, the *chi\_sq* member is the  $\chi_R^2$  of that calibration. Otherwise, the *chi\_sq* member is zero. For the equations in the table below, x is the spectral channel, and e(x) is energy as a function of channel.

mode	equation form
GL_EGY_LINEAR	$e(x) = a + bx$
GL_EGY_QUADRATIC	$e(x) = a + bx + cx^2$

### See Also:

[GL\\_chan\\_to\\_e](#), [GL\\_e\\_to\\_chan](#), [GL\\_ecalib](#), [GL\\_fitreg](#), [GL\\_prune\\_rqdpks](#),  
[GL\\_typed\\_peaks](#), [GLEgyEqnMode](#), [GLFitRecord](#)

## GLEnergyPeaks

### Definition:

```
typedef struct
{
    int          listlength;    /* storage available in the energy array */
    int          npeaks;        /* number of entries stored in the energy array */
    double       *energy;       /* array of peaks */
} GLEnergyPeaks;
```

### Description:

GLEnergyPeaks is a structure type that holds a list of peaks expressed in terms of energy. The user must allocate adequate storage in *energy* and then set *listlength* appropriately.

### See Also:

[GL\\_prune\\_rqdpks](#), [GL\\_typed\\_peaks](#)

## GLFitInfo

### Definition:

```
typedef struct
{
    int          listlength;      /* storage length of peakinfo */
    double       intercept;      /* background intercept at last channel */
    double       slope;          /* background slope */
    double       step_height;     /* unused - was fraction of gaussian height */
    double       avg_width;       /* full-width-half-max in channels */
    int          npeaks;          /* number of GLPeakInfos stored in peakinfo */
    GLPeakInfo   *peakinfo;      /* fit information of each peak */
} GLFitInfo;
```

### Description:

GLFitInfo is a structure type that holds information about peak location, width, height, and background that is used to initiate a fit cycle from within the `GL_fitreg` function. It is overwritten with the answer. The background can be calculated from the *intercept* and *slope*. The peakwidth is calculated from *avg\_width* and from information in *peakinfo*. The peak location and height are in *peakinfo*. This structure type can also be used to record the uncertainty of each member of a corresponding GLFitInfo.

### See Also:

[GL\\_fitreg](#), [GLFitRecord](#)

## GLFitParms

### Definition:

```
typedef struct
{
    int          ncycle;          /* max # of fit cycling allowed */
    int          nout;            /* max # of best cycles to return */
    int          max_npeaks;      /* max # of peaks allowed in a fit */
    GLPkwdMode   pkwd_mode;      /* controls whether peakwidth can vary */
    GLSplitMode  split_mode;     /* controls how items varied in fit cycle */
    GLCCType     cc_type;        /* controls input to Levenberg-Marquardt
                                algorithm */
    float        max_resid;      /* max residual to determine whether to
                                recycle */
} GLFitParms;
```

### Description:

GLFitParms is a structure type that holds the parameters passed in to `GL_fitreg`. These parameters control the fitting, the recycling, and the reporting. If the maximum residual of the fit is greater than *max\_resid*, then `GL_fitreg` will try to recycle (add a peak and fit again). But if adding a peak would cause the peak count to exceed *max\_npeaks*, then it won't recycle. If recycling would mean that the number of cycles exceeds *ncycle*, then it won't recycle. Or, if the location of the maximum residual is too close to an existing peak, then it won't recycle. *nout* indicates the maximum number of cycles the user wants returned by `GL_fitreg`. The *nout* best ones are returned.

Good initial values are:

```
ncycle=5, nout=3, max_npeaks=10, pkwd_mode=GL_PKWD_VARIES,
split_mode = GL_SPLIT_NONE, cc_type = GL_CC_LARGER,
max_resid = 2.
```

### See Also:

[GL\\_fitreg](#), [GLCCType](#), [GLPkwdMode](#), [GLFitRecord](#), [GLSplitMode](#)

## GLFitRecList

### Definition:

```
typedef struct fitreclist
{
    GLFitRecord      *record;      /* structure holding one fit cycle answer */
    struct fitreclist *next;       /* pointer to next record in linked list */
} GLFitRecList;
```

### Description:

GLFitRecList is a linked list structure type that holds a list of GLFitRecords returned by GL\_fitregn.

### See Also:

[GL\\_fitregn](#), [GLFitRecord](#)

## GLFitRecord

### Definition:

```
#define GL_COVARR_DIM 3

typedef struct
{
    int          cycle_number;    /*which cycle created this record*/
    GLChanRange  used_chanrange; /*what region was passed in */
    GLFitParms   used_parms;     /*what parameters were passed in*/
    GLEnergyEqn  used_ex;        /*what energy equation was passed in */
    GLWidthEqn   used_wx;        /*what width equation was passed in */
    int          lmdr_info;       /*answer from Levenberg-Marquardt alg*/
    double        chi_sq;         /* $\chi^2_R$  of this fit */
    GLFitInfo     fitinfo;        /*description of fit */
    GLFitInfo     uncertainty;    /*corresponding fit uncertainties */
    double        (*covarr)[GL_COVARR_DIM];
                                   /* computed from jacobian */
} GLFitRecord;
```

### Description:

GLFitRecord is a structure type that holds information about a single fit cycle of the specified region. The “used” members record what information was passed into the GL\_fitreg function. *covarr* is a two-dimensional array with the first dimension = fitinfo->listlength. Within the GL\_fitreg function, this information is used as a starting point for fitting, and later overwritten with the answer. This structure type can also be used to record the *uncertainty* of each member of a corresponding GLFitRecord.

### See Also:

[GL\\_fitrec\\_alloc](#), [GL\\_fitrec\\_free](#), [GL\\_fitreg](#), [GLChanRange](#), [GLEnergyEqn](#), [GLFitInfo](#), [GLFitParms](#), [GLFitRecList](#), [GLWidthEqn](#)

### GLPeakInfo

**Definition:**

```
typedef struct
{
    double      height;          /* the height of the peak */
    double      centroid;        /* the location of the peak relative to the region */
    double      addwidth_511;    /* additional peakwidth due to the 511keV peak */
    GLPeakType  peak_type;       /* whether the peak location is fixed or not */
} GLPeakInfo;
```

**Description:**

GLPeakInfo is a structure type that holds information about a single peak in a single fit cycle of a region. Within the `GL_fitreg` function, this information is used as a starting point for fitting, and is later overwritten with the answer. This structure type can also be used to record the uncertainty of each member of a corresponding GLPeakInfo.

If the fit algorithm returns zero for the *height* member, this indicates that the peak was deleted during one of the cycles of the fit.

The value of the *centroid* member ranges from 1 to “region width,” where 1 indicates the first channel in the region.

**See Also:**

[GL\\_fitreg](#), [GLFitInfo](#), [GLPeakType](#)

## GLPeaks

### Definition:

```
typedef struct
{
    int          listlength;      /* amount of space in channel */
    int          npeaks;          /* number of peaks stored in channel */
    double       *channel;        /* array of peaks */
} GLPeaks;
```

### Description:

GLPeaks is a structure type that holds a list of peaks expressed in terms of channel locations. The user must allocate adequate storage in *channel* and then set *listlength* appropriately.

### See Also:

[GL\\_peaksearch](#), [GL\\_prune\\_rqdpks](#), [GL\\_regnsearch](#), [GL\\_typed\\_peaks](#),  
[GLTypedPeaks](#)



## GLPeakType

### Definition:

```
typedef enum
{
    GL_PEAK_NORMAL = 0,
    GL_PEAK_RQD = 1
} GLPeakType;
```

### Description:

GLPeakType is an enumeration of the legal values for members of both GLTypedPeaks and GLPeakInfo. It indicates whether the peak location is fixed or not.

GLPeakType	result
GL_PEAK_NORMAL	channel location not fixed
GL_PEAK_RQD	channel location fixed

### See Also:

[GLTypedPeaks](#), [GLPeakInfo](#)

## GLPkwMode

### Definition:

```
typedef enum
{
  GL_PKWD_VARIES = 0,
  GL_PKWD_FIXED = 2
} GLPkwMode;
```

### Description:

GLPkwMode is an enumeration of the legal values for the *pkwd\_mode* member of GLFitParms. It controls whether peak width can vary during a fit cycle, where peak width is computed from GLFitInfo->avg\_width and GLPeakInfo[j]->addwidth\_511. GLPkwMode also works with GLCCType to control input to the Levenberg-Marquardt algorithm.

Table showing when GLFitInfo->avg\_width is allowed to vary:

	count of regular peaks	
	none	at least 1
GL_PKWD_VARIES	not allowed	allowed
GL_PKWD_FIXED	not allowed	not allowed

Table showing when GLPeakInfo[j]->addwidth\_511 is allowed to vary: (GLPeakInfo[j]->addwidth\_511 must be nonzero to be allowed to vary, which occurs when the jth peak is tagged as a 511keV peak.)

	count of any peaks	
	less than 2	at least 2
GL_PKWD_VARIES	not allowed	allowed
GL_PKWD_FIXED	allowed	allowed

Note that the software prevents allowing both peakwidth parameters, GLFitInfo->avg\_width and GLPeakInfo[j]->addwidth511, to vary when there is only one peak. As peaks are added or deleted for recycling, the tables above are followed to update whether the *avg\_width* and *addwidth\_511* members are allowed to vary.

### See Also:

[GLCCType](#), [GLFitParms](#)

## GLPostInfo

### Definition:

```
typedef struct
{
    int          listlength;      /* storage length of each arrays */
    int          npeaks;          /* number of items stored in each array */
    double       *efficiency;     /* detector efficiency at each peak */
    double       *intensity;      /* ratio of peak area to efficiency */
    double       *sigi;           /* intensity uncertainty */
} GLPostInfo;
```

### Description:

GLPostInfo is a structure type to hold the answer from GL\_postprocess.

### See Also:

[GL\\_postprocess](#)

### GLRegions

**Definition:**

```
typedef struct
{
    int          listlength;    /* amount of storage in chanrange */
    int          nregions;     /* number of regions stored in chanrange */
    GLChanRange *chanrange;    /* array of regions */
} GLRegions;
```

**Description:**

GLRegions is a structure type to hold a list of regions. The user must set up the space for the *chanrange* array and set *listlength* appropriately.

**See Also:**

[GL\\_regsearch](#), [GLChanRange](#)

## GLRgnSrchMode

### Definition:

```
typedef enum
{
    GL_RGNSRCH_ALL,
    GL_RGNSRCH_FORPKS
} GLRgnSrchMode;
```

### Description:

GLRgnSrchMode is an enumeration of the legal values of the *mode* parameter of GL\_regnsrch. This parameter indicates whether to search for any region, or restrict the search to regions that contain one of the peaks also passed into the GL\_regnsrch function.

### See Also:

[GL\\_regnsrch](#)

## GLRtnCode

### Definition:

```
typedef enum
{
    GL_SUCCESS,
    GL_FAILURE,
    GL_BADMALLOC,
    GL_BADCALBLINF,
    GL_BADPEAKWD,
    GL_BADCHNRNG,
    GL_BADIRCH,
    GL_BADIRW,
    GL_BADTHRESH,
    GL_OVRLMT
} GLRtnCode;
```

### Description:

GLRtnCode is an enumeration of the legal values returned by the suite of Gauss Algorithms (except for the functions that return pointers to structure types).

GL\_SUCCESS - no problems in execution of procedure

GL\_FAILURE - unspecified problem in execution of procedure

GL\_BADMALLOC - failure to allocate temporary workspace in memory;  
procedure returned without completing.

GL\_BADCALBLINF - in calibration, error returned by `linf_()`

GL\_BADPEAKWD - in any procedure, `GL_chan_to_w()` returned error and  
recovery was not possible.

GL\_BADCHNRNG - the channel range is illegal or inconsistent with spectrum

GL\_BADIRCH - the value of `irch` passed in is  $\leq 0$

GL\_BADIRW - the value of `irw` passed in is  $\leq 0$

GL\_BADTHRESH - the value of threshold passed in is  $< 0$

GL\_OVRLMT - more peaks or regions were found than structure could hold; the  
extra peaks or regions are ignored; the returned list contains the items  
found up to the limit.

### See Also:

[GL\\_chan\\_to\\_w](#), [GL\\_curve](#), [GL\\_ecalib](#), [GL\\_e\\_to\\_chan](#), [GL\\_find\\_regnpks](#),  
[GL\\_fitregn](#), [GL\\_peaksearch](#), [GL\\_postprocess](#), [GL\\_prune\\_rqdpks](#), [GL\\_regnsearch](#),  
[GL\\_summarize](#), [GL\\_typed\\_peaks](#), [GL\\_wcalib](#)

## GLSpectrum

### Definition:

```
typedef struct
{
    int          listlength;          /* amount of storage in count & sigcount */
    int          nchannels;           /* # of items stored in count & sigcount */
    int          firstchannel;        /* a location on the X axis */
    unsigned long int *count;         /* y coordinates of spectrum */
    double       *sigcount;           /* uncertainties of y coordinates */
} GLSpectrum;
```

### Description:

GLSpectrum is a structure type to hold the counts per channel of a spectrum. *firstchannel* can be any positive or negative integer. *nchannels* must be positive or zero.

For example, the location of the last channel on the X axis can be calculated from

$$\text{last\_channel} = \text{GLSpectrum->firstchannel} + \text{GLSpectrum->nchannels} - 1$$

Both the *count* and *sigcount* arrays are indexed from 0 to *nchannels* - 1.

As another example, to retrieve the count at channel “J,” compute

$$\text{index} = J - \text{GLSpectrum->firstchannel}$$

to access `GLSpectrum->count[index]`.

### See Also:

[GLCurve](#), [GL\\_fitreg](#), [GL\\_peaksearch](#), [GL\\_regsearch](#), [GL\\_set\\_sigcount](#),  
[GL\\_summarize](#)

## GLSplitMode

### Definition:

```
typedef enum
{
    GL_SPLIT_NONE = 0,
    GL_SPLIT_ALLOWED = 1
} GLSplitMode;
```

### Description:

GLSplitMode is an enumeration of the legal values for the *split\_mode* member of GLFitParms.

If *split\_mode* = GL\_SPLIT\_NONE, then GL\_fitreg calls the Levenberg-Marquardt program only once, passing in a list of all the parameters that are allowed to vary.

If *split\_mode* = GL\_SPLIT\_ALLOWED, then GL\_fitreg calls the Levenberg-Marquardt program five times. The first and third time, only the linear parameters (intercept, slope, peak heights, avg\_width) are passed in to be varied. The second and fourth time, only the nonlinear parameters (peak centroids and addwidth\_511s) are passed in to be varied. The last time, all parameters allowed to vary are passed in. The intent of the GL\_SPLIT\_ALLOWED mode is to allow the fast linear least squares fitting method to improve these parameter estimates a great deal before the nonlinear fitting is done. But this mode takes more time and so is only recommended to investigate the fitting process itself.

### See Also:

[GLFitParms](#)



### GLSummary

**Definition:**

```
typedef struct
{
    int          listlength;      /* amount of storage available for each array */
    int          npeaks;          /* number of items stored in each array */
    double       ratio;           /* ratio of summation area to integral area */
    double       *channel;        /* array of peak centroids */
    double       *sigc;           /* array of centroid uncertainties */
    double       *height;         /* array of peak heights */
    double       *sigh;           /* array of height uncertainties */
    double       *wid;            /* array of peak widths */
    double       *sigw;           /* array of width uncertainties */
    double       *area;           /* array of peak areas */
    double       *siga;           /* array of area uncertainties */
    double       *energy;         /* array of peak energies */
    double       *sige;           /* array of energy uncertainties */
} GLSummary;
```

**Description:**

GLSummary is a structure type for holding the answer from GL\_summarize.

**See Also:**

[GL\\_postprocess](#), [GL\\_summ\\_alloc](#), [GL\\_summ\\_free](#), [GL\\_summarize](#)

## GLTypedPeaks

### Definition:

```
typedef struct
{
    GLPeaks      peak;          /* list of peaks */
    GLPeakType   *type;        /* array of type of each peak in list above */
} GLTypedPeaks;
```

### Description:

GLTypedPeaks is a structure type for holding a list of peaks along with the type of each peak. In addition to providing the necessary storage in the *peak* member, the user is expected to provide enough storage in the *type* member for up to *peak->listlength* entries.

### See Also:

[GL\\_find\\_regnpks](#), [GL\\_fitreg](#), [GL\\_typed\\_peaks](#), [GLPeaks](#), [GLPeakType](#)

## GLWidEqnMode

**Definition:**

```
typedef enum
{
    GL_WID_LINEAR,
    GL_WID_SQRT
} GLWidEqnMode;
```

**Description:**

GLWidEqnMode is an enumeration of the legal values for the *mode* member of GLWidthEqn.

**See Also:**

[GL\\_wcalib](#), [GLWidthEqn](#)

## GLWidthEqn

### Definition:

```
typedef struct
{
    double      alpha;          /* coefficient of equation */
    double      beta;           /* coefficient of equation */
    double      chi_sq;         /* the  $\chi_R^2$  of the calibration */
    GLWidEqnMode mode;         /* the form of the equation */
} GLWidthEqn;
```

### Description:

GLWidthEqn is a structure type that holds the information needed to describe a peak width equation. If the coefficients are a result of calibration, the *chi\_sq* member is the  $\chi_R^2$  of that calibration. Otherwise, the *chi\_sq* member is zero. For the equations in the table below,  $x$  is the spectral channel, and  $w(x)$  is peak width as a function of channel.

mode	equation form
GL_WID_LINEAR	$w(x) = \alpha + \beta x$
GL_WID_SQRT	$w(x) = \sqrt{\alpha + \beta x}$

### See Also:

[GL\\_chan\\_to\\_w](#), [GL\\_fitreg](#), [GL\\_peaksearch](#), [GL\\_prune\\_rqdpks](#), [GL\\_regsearch](#), [GL\\_wcalib](#), [GLFitRecord](#), [GLWidEqnMode](#)

## GLboolean

### Definition:

```
typedef enum
{
    GL_FALSE = False,
    GL_TRUE = True
} GLboolean;
```

### Description:

GLboolean is an enumeration of *true* and *false* for use with the Gauss Algorithms.

### See Also:

[GL\\_ecalib](#), [GL\\_wcalib](#)