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**Description** Deconvolving thermoluminescence glow curves according to various kinetic models (first-order, second-order, general-order, and mixed-order) using a modified Levenberg-Marquardt algorithm (More, 1978) <DOI:10.1007/BFb0067700>. It provides the possibility of setting constraints or fixing any of parameters. It offers an interactive way to initialize parameters by clicking with a mouse on a plot at positions where peak maxima should be located. The optimal estimate is obtained by “trial-and-error”. It also provides routines for simulating first-order, second-order, and general-order glow peaks.

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tgcd-package	<i>tgcd: An R package for analyzing thermoluminescence glow curves</i>
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### Description

Package for thermoluminescence glow curve deconvolution (tgcd) and glow peak simulation.

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#### Related package projects

R program KMS <https://github.com/pengjunUCAS/KMS>

R package numOSL <https://CRAN.R-project.org/package=numOSL>

### References

Peng J, Dong ZB, Han FQ, 2016. tgcd: An R package for analyzing thermoluminescence glow curves. SoftwareX, 5: 112-120.

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Kitis

*Glow curves provided by George Kitis*

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**Description**

A total of 22 glow curves provided by George Kitis.

**Usage**

```
data(Kitis)
```

**Format**

A list that contains 22 thermoluminescence glow curves.

**Details**

This object contains 22 thermoluminescence glow curves (x001 to x022) provided by George Kitis.

**Examples**

```
# Load package "tgcd".
require(tgcd)

data(Kitis)
names(Kitis)
```

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Refglow

*Reference glow curves*

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**Description**

Synthetic and measured thermoluminescence glow curves from the GLOCANIN project.

**Usage**

```
data(Refglow)
```

**Format**

A list that contains 10 thermoluminescence glow curves.

**Details**

This object contains 10 thermoluminescence glow curves (x001 to x010) from the GLOCANIN project (Bos et al., 1993, 1994).

## References

Bos AJJ, PETERS TM, Gomez Ros JM, Delgado A, 1993. An intercomparison of glow curve analysis computer programs: I. Synthetic glow curves. *Radiation Protection Dosimetry*, 47(1-4), 473-477.

Bos AJJ, PETERS TM, Gomez Ros JM, Delgado A, 1994. An intercomparison of glow curve analysis computer programs: II. Measured glow curves. *Radiation Protection Dosimetry*, 51(4): 257-264.

## Examples

```
# Load package "tgcd".
require(tgcd)

data(Refglow)
names(Refglow)
```

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savgol	<i>Apply a Savitzky-Golay algorithm to smooth thermoluminescence glow curves</i>
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## Description

Smooth thermoluminescence glow curves with a Savitzky-Golay smoothing filter and calculate derivatives.

## Usage

```
savgol(y, drv, hwd = 3 * (drv + 2), pod = 4)
```

## Arguments

y	<b>numeric(required)</b> : the data to be filtered
drv	<b>integer(required)</b> : the order of the derivative to be calculated
hwd	<b>integer(with default)</b> : half width of the segment used for filter
pod	<b>integer(with default)</b> : order of the polynomial used for filter

## Details

The Savitzky-Golay smoothing algorithm is particularly good at preserving lineshape while removing high frequency squiggles (Press et al., 1986). The procedure can be used to calculate derivatives of thermoluminescence data to identify the location of glow peaks.

## Value

The filtered signal, which has the same length as y.

## References

Press WH, Teukolsky SA, Vetterling WT, Flannery BP, 1986. *Numeric recipes in Fortran 77, the Art of Scientific Computing*, second edition.

**See Also**[tgcd](#)**Examples**

```

library(tgcd)
data(Refglow)

x <- Refglow$x009[,1]
y <- Refglow$x009[,2]
y0 <- savgol(y, drv=0)
dy <- savgol(y, drv=1)

plot(x, y, type="p", pch=21, bg="black")
points(x, y0, type="l", col="blue", lwd=2)

plot(x, dy, type="l", col="blue", lwd=2)
abline(h=0, lty="dashed", col="red", lwd=2)

```

simPeak

*Thermoluminescence glow peak simulation***Description**

Simulating first-order, second-order, or general-order glow peaks.

**Usage**

```

simPeak(temps, n0, Nn = NULL, bv = NULL, ff,
        ae, hr, typ = c("f", "s", "g"),
        outfile = NULL, plot = TRUE)

```

**Arguments**

temps	<b>vector(required)</b> : temperature values (K) where the values of the thermoluminescence intensity will be computed. It needs to be sorted increasingly. A vector of temperature values may be generated using the internal function <a href="#">seq</a>
n0	<b>numeric(required)</b> : initial concentration of trapped electrons (1/cm <sup>3</sup> )
Nn	<b>numeric(required)</b> : total concentration of the traps in the crystal (1/cm <sup>3</sup> )
bv	<b>numeric(required)</b> : order number for the general order glow peak
ff	<b>numeric(required)</b> : the frequency factor (1/s)
ae	<b>numeric(required)</b> : the activation energy (eV)
hr	<b>numeric(with default)</b> : the linear heating rate (K/s)
typ	<b>character(with default)</b> : the type of a glow peak, typ="f" means first-order, typ="s" means second-order, typ="g" means general-order, default typ="f"

outfile	<b>character</b> (optional): if specified, simulated intensities of glow peaks will be written to a file named "outfile" in CSV format and saved to the current work directory
plot	<b>logical</b> (with default): draw a plot according to the simulated glow peak or not

### Details

Function **simPeak** simulates glow peaks of various orders. The first-, second-, and general-order glow peak can be simulated using the following three ordinary equations, respectively (Pagonis et al., 2006):

$$\frac{dn}{dT} = \frac{-nS \exp(-\frac{E}{kT})}{\beta}$$

$$\frac{dn}{dT} = \frac{-n^2 S \exp(-\frac{E}{kT})}{N_n \beta}$$

$$\frac{dn}{dT} = \frac{-n^b S \exp(-\frac{E}{kT})}{N_n \beta}$$

where  $n$  is the concentration of trapped electrons,  $\frac{dn}{dT}$  the rate of change of the concentration of trapped electrons,  $S$  the frequency factor,  $E$  the activation energy,  $T$  the absolute temperature,  $k$  the Boltzmann constant,  $N_n$  the total concentration of the traps in the crystal,  $b$  the  $b$  value (kinetic order), and  $\beta$  the linear heating rate.

The ordinary equation is solved by the Fortran 77 subroutine *lsoda* (original version written by Linda R. Petzold and Alan C. Hindmarsh available at Netlib: <http://www.netlib.org/odepack/>, modified version by R. Woodrow Setzer from the R package *deSolve* (Soetaert et al., 2010) available at CRAN: <https://CRAN.R-project.org/package=deSolve>).

### Value

Return an invisible list containing the following elements:

temps	a vector of temperature values
t1	values of the thermoluminescence intensity
n	variation of concentration of trapped electrons with temperature
sp	parameters used for describing the shape of a glow peak (Pagonis et al., 2006): the temperature corresponding to half intensity on the left side of the peak (T1); the temperature corresponding to half intensity on the right side of the peak (T2); the temperature corresponding to maximum intensity (Tm); the half-width at the left side of the peak (d1=Tm-T1); the half-width at the right side of the peak (d2=T2-Tm); the total half-width (thw=d1+d2); the symmetry factor (sf=d2/thw)

### References

- Pagonis V, Kitis G, Furetta C, 2006. Numerical and practical exercises in thermoluminescence. Springer Science & Business Media.
- Soetaert K, Petzoldt T, Setzer RW, 2010. Solving Differential Equations in R: Package deSolve. Journal of Statistical Software, 33(9): 1-25.

**See Also**[tgcd](#); [simqOTOR](#)**Examples**

```
# Simulate second-order glow peaks with various
# initial electron trap concentration (n0).
temps <- seq(400, 600, by=0.5)
peak1 <- simPeak(temps, n0=0.2e10, Nn=1e10,
  ff=1e19, ae=2.0, hr=1, typ="s")
peak2 <- simPeak(temps, n0=0.4e10, Nn=1e10,
  ff=1e19, ae=2.0, hr=1, typ="s")
peak3 <- simPeak(temps, n0=0.6e10, Nn=1e10,
  ff=1e19, ae=2.0, hr=1, typ="s")
peak4 <- simPeak(temps, n0=0.8e10, Nn=1e10,
  ff=1e19, ae=2.0, hr=1, typ="s")
peak5 <- simPeak(temps, n0=1.0e10, Nn=1e10,
  ff=1e19, ae=2.0, hr=1, typ="s")
peaks <- cbind(peak1$t1, peak2$t1, peak3$t1, peak4$t1, peak5$t1)
matplot(temps, peaks, type="l", lwd=2, lty="solid",
  xlab="Temperature (K)", ylab="TL intensity (counts)")
```

simqOTOR

*Thermoluminescence glow peak simulation***Description**

Simulating glow peaks according to the one trap-one recombination center (OTOR) model using the quasi-equilibrium approximation.

**Usage**

```
simqOTOR(temps, n0, Nn, Ah, An, ff, ae,
  hr, outfile = NULL, plot = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

temps	<b>vector(required)</b> : temperature values (K) where the values of the thermoluminescence intensity will be computed, it needs to be sorted increasingly
n0	<b>numeric(required)</b> : initial concentration of trapped electrons (1/cm <sup>3</sup> )
Nn	<b>numeric(required)</b> : total concentration of the traps in the crystal (1/cm <sup>3</sup> )
Ah	<b>numeric(optional)</b> : probability coefficient of electron recombining with holes in the recombination center (cm <sup>3</sup> /s)
An	<b>numeric(optional)</b> : probability coefficient of electron retrapping in the traps (cm <sup>3</sup> /s)

ff	<b>numeric(required)</b> : the frequency factor (1/s)
ae	<b>numeric(required)</b> : the activation energy (eV)
hr	<b>numeric(with default)</b> : the linear heating rate (K/s)
outfile	<b>character(optional)</b> : if specified, simulated intensities of glow peaks will be written to a file named "outfile" in CSV format and saved to the current work directory
plot	<b>logical(with default)</b> : draw a plot according to the simulated glow peak or not

### Details

Function `simqOTOR` simulates a synthetic glow peak according to the OTOR model using the quasi-equilibrium approximation. This function may be used to simulating glow peaks of first-, second-, and general-order, depending on the given kinetic parameters. The approximate equation of the OTOR model derived using the quasi-equilibrium approximation can be described by (Pagonis et al., 2006):

$$\frac{dn}{dT} = \frac{-A_h n^2 S \exp\left(-\frac{E}{kT}\right)}{[n A_h + (N_n - n) A_n] \beta}$$

where  $n$  is the concentration of trapped electrons,  $\frac{dn}{dT}$  the rate of change of the concentration of trapped electrons,  $S$  the frequency factor,  $E$  the activation energy,  $T$  the absolute temperature,  $k$  the Boltzmann constant,  $N_n$  the total concentration of the traps in the crystal,  $A_h$  the probability coefficient of electron recombining with holes in the recombination center,  $A_n$  the probability coefficient of electron retrapping in the traps, and  $\beta$  the linear heating rate.

The ordinary equation is solved by the Fortran 77 subroutine *lsoda* (original version written by Linda R. Petzold and Alan C. Hindmarsh available at Netlib: <http://www.netlib.org/odepack/>, modified version by R. Woodrow Setzer from the R package *deSolve* (Soetaert et al., 2010) available at CRAN: <https://CRAN.R-project.org/package=deSolve>).

### Value

Return an invisible list containing the following elements:

temps	a vector of temperature values
t1	values of the thermoluminescence intensity
n	variation of concentration of trapped electrons with temperature
sp	parameters used for describing the shape of a glow peak, see function <code>simPeak</code> for details

### References

Pagonis V, Kitis G, Furetta C, 2006. Numerical and practical exercises in thermoluminescence. Springer Science & Business Media.

Soetaert K, Petzoldt T, Setzer RW, 2010. Solving Differential Equations in R: Package *deSolve*. Journal of Statistical Software, 33(9): 1-25.

### See Also

[tgcd](#); [simPeak](#)



## Examples

```
# Synthesizing a glow curve consisting of five glow peaks.
temps <- seq(330, 730, by=0.5)
peak1 <- simqOTOR(temps, n0=0.7e10, Nn=1e10, Ah=1e-3, An=1e-7,
  ff=1e14, ae=1.5, hr=1, outfile = NULL, plot = TRUE)
peak2 <- simqOTOR(temps, n0=0.5e10, Nn=1e10, Ah=1e-7, An=1e-7,
  ff=1e17, ae=1.9, hr=1, outfile = NULL, plot = TRUE)
peak3 <- simqOTOR(temps, n0=0.2e10, Nn=1e10, Ah=1e-5, An=1e-7,
  ff=1e15, ae=1.45, hr=1, outfile = NULL, plot = TRUE)
peak4 <- simqOTOR(temps, n0=0.2e10, Nn=1e10, Ah=1e-5, An=1e-7,
  ff=1e9, ae=0.85, hr=1, outfile = NULL, plot = TRUE)
peak5 <- simqOTOR(temps, n0=0.3e10, Nn=1e10, Ah=1e-7, An=1e-7,
  ff=1e11, ae=1.4, hr=1, outfile = NULL, plot = TRUE)
peaks <- cbind(peak1$tl, peak2$tl, peak3$tl, peak4$tl, peak5$tl,
  peak1$tl+peak2$tl+peak3$tl+peak4$tl+peak5$tl)
matplot(temps, y=peaks, type="l", lwd=2, lty="solid",
  xlab="Temperature (K)", ylab="TL intensity (counts)")
```

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 tgcd

*Thermoluminescence glow curve deconvolution (tgcd)*


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## Description

Thermoluminescence glow curve deconvolution according to various first-order, second-order, general-order, and mixed-order empirical expressions.

## Usage

```
tgcd(Sigdata, npeak, model = "lw", subBG = FALSE, pickp = "d2",
  pickb = "d0", nstart = 60, kkf = 0.03, mdt = NULL, mwt = NULL,
  mr = NULL, edit.inis = TRUE, inisPAR = NULL, inisBG = NULL,
  hr = NULL, hwd = NULL, pod = NULL, plot = TRUE, outfile = NULL)
```

## Arguments

Sigdata	<b>matrix(required)</b> : a 2-column matrix, temperature values and thermoluminescence signal values are stored in the first and second column, respectively
npeak	<b>integer(required)</b> : number of glow peaks, the allowed maximum number of glow peaks is set equal to 13
model	<b>character(with default)</b> : model used for glow curve deconvolution, "f1", "f2", and "f3" for first-order models, "s1", "s2" for second-order models, "g1", "g2", "g3" for general-order models, "lw" for the Lambert W (Wright Omega) function, "m1", "m2", and "m3" for the mixed-order models (see <b>Details</b> )
subBG	<b>logical(with default)</b> : whether the user want to subtract the background during the deconvolution

pickp	<b>character</b> (with default): mode used for initialization of kinetic parameters if <code>inisPAR=NULL</code> , "d0" and "d01" prompt the user to click with a mouse on the original and log-scale glow curves respectively to locate each glow peak, "d1", "d2", "d3", and "d4" prompt the user to click with a mouse on the first-, second-, third-, and fourth-derivative of the glow curve respectively to locate each glow peak
pickb	<b>character</b> (with default): mode used for initialization of background parameters if <code>inisBG=NULL</code> , "d0" and "d01" prompt the user to click with a mouse on the original and log-scale glow curves respectively to initialize the background parameters
nstart	<b>integer</b> (with default): number of trials performed in a "trial-and-error" protocol, the upper limit is set equal to 10000
kkf	<b>numeric</b> (with default): factor controlling the range of values from which random starting parameters will be generated during the "trial-and-error" protocol, $0 < \text{kkf} < 1$ . For example, if <code>kkf=0.03</code> then kinetic parameters will be generated uniformly between $(1.0 - \text{kkf}) * \text{inisPAR}$ and $(1.0 + \text{kkf}) * \text{inisPAR}$ and background parameters will be generated uniformly between $(1.0 - \text{kkf}) * \text{inisBG}$ and $(1.0 + \text{kkf}) * \text{inisBG}$
mdt	<b>numeric</b> (optional): allowed minimum distance between $T_m$ values of glow peaks. A larger <code>mdt</code> prevents the appearance of strongly overlapping peaks
mwt	<b>numeric</b> (optional): allowed maximum total half-width of deconvoluted glow peaks. A smaller <code>mwt</code> prevents the appearance of glow peaks with large total half-width
mr	<b>numeric</b> (optional): allowed minimum resolution of glow peaks. A larger <code>mr</code> prevents the appearance of strongly overlapping peaks
edit.inis	<b>logical</b> (with default): whether the user want to further modify, constrain, or fix the initialized kinetic (and/or background) parameters through an automatically generated <b>Dialog Table</b>
inisPAR	<b>matrix</b> (optional): a matrix (3 or 4 columns) used for storing initial kinetic parameters $I_m$ , $E$ , $T_m$ , $b$ (or $R$ , $a$ ) (see <b>Examples</b> )
inisBG	<b>vector</b> (optional): a 4-element vector used for storing initial background parameters $A$ , $B$ , $C$ , and $D$ used for background subtraction (see <b>Examples</b> )
hr	<b>numeric</b> (optional): linear heating rate used for calculating the frequency factor
hwd	<b>integer</b> (with default): half width (length) of the segment used for Savitzky-Golay smoothing
pod	<b>integer</b> (with default): order of the polynomial used for Savitzky-Golay smoothing
plot	<b>logical</b> (with default): draw a plot according to the fitting result or not
outfile	<b>character</b> (optional): if specified, fitted signal values for each glow peak will be written to a file named "outfile" in CSV format and saved to the current work directory

## Details

Function `tgcd` is used for deconvolving thermoluminescence glow curves according to various kinetic models. In the text below,  $I(T)$  is the thermoluminescence intensity as function of temperature  $T$ ,  $E$  the activation energy in eV,  $k$  the Boltzmann constant in eV/k,  $T$  the temperature in K with constant heating rate K/s,  $T_m$  the temperature at maximum thermoluminescence intensity in K,  $I_m$  the maximum intensity,  $b$  is an extra parameter (the kinetic order) in application of a general-order model,  $R$  is an extra parameter in application of the Lambert W (Wright Omega) function, and  $\alpha$  is an extra parameter in application of the mixed-order models.

**First-order** glow peaks appear if the recombination probability ( $A_m$ ) is greater than that of re-trapping ( $A_n$ ) during excitation. The three parameters describing a glow peak are:  $I_m$ ,  $E$ , and  $T_m$ . Three empirical expressions describing first-order glow peaks are available in function `tgcd`:

<1>The first type of first-order empirical expression (model="f1") is (Bos et al., 1993a)

$$I(T) = I_m \exp\left(\frac{E}{kT_m} - \frac{E}{kT}\right) \exp\left[\frac{E}{kT_m} \alpha\left(\frac{E}{kT_m}\right) - \left(\frac{T}{T_m}\right) \alpha\left(\frac{E}{kT}\right) \exp\left(\frac{E}{kT_m} - \frac{E}{kT}\right)\right]$$

where  $\alpha(x)$  is a quotient of 4th-order polynomials of the form

$$\alpha(x) = \frac{a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2 + a_3 x^3 + x^4}{b_0 + b_1 x + b_2 x^2 + b_3 x^3 + x^4}$$

$$a_0 = 0.267773734, a_1 = 8.6347608925, a_2 = 8.059016973, a_3 = 8.5733287401, \\ b_0 = 3.9584969228, b_1 = 21.0996530827, b_2 = 25.6329561486, b_3 = 9.5733223454$$

<2>The second type of first-order empirical expression (model="f2") is (Kitis et al., 1998)

$$I(T) = I_m \exp\left[1 + \frac{E}{kT} \frac{T - T_m}{T_m} - \frac{T^2}{T_m^2} \exp\left(\frac{E}{kT} \frac{T - T_m}{T_m}\right) \left(1 - \frac{2kT}{E}\right) - \frac{2kT_m}{E}\right]$$

<3>The third type of first-order function fits a weibull function (model="f3") (Pagonis et al., 2001)

$$I(T) = 2.713 I_m \left(\frac{T - T_m}{b} + 0.996\right)^{15} \exp\left[-\left(\frac{T - T_m}{b} + 0.996\right)^{16}\right]$$

$$\text{where } b = \sqrt{\frac{242.036 T_m^3 k^2}{(E + T_m k)^2 - 7 T_m^2 k^2}}$$

**Second-order** glow peaks appear if the re-trapping probability is comparable with or greater than that of recombination during excitation. The three parameters describing a glow peak are the same as those of first-orders. Two empirical expressions describing second-order glow peaks are available in function `tgcd`:

<4>The first type of second-order empirical expression (model="s1") is (Kitis et al., 1998)

$$I(T) = 4 I_m \exp\left(\frac{E}{kT} \frac{T - T_m}{T_m}\right) \left[\frac{T^2}{T_m^2} \left(1 - \frac{2kT}{E}\right) \exp\left(\frac{E}{kT} \frac{T - T_m}{T_m}\right) + 1 + \frac{2kT_m}{E}\right]^{-2}$$

<5>The second type of second-order function fit a logistic asymmetric function (model="s2") (Pagonis and Kitis, 2001)

$$I(T) = 5.2973 I_m \left[1 + \exp\left(-\left(\frac{T - T_m}{a_2} + 0.38542\right)\right)\right]^{-2.4702} \exp\left[-\left(\frac{T - T_m}{a_2} + 0.38542\right)\right]$$

$$\text{where } a_2 = \sqrt{\frac{1.189T_m^4 k^2}{E^2 + 4ET_m k}}$$

**General-order** glow peaks are produced in intermediate cases (neither of first-order, nor of second-order). The four parameters describing a glow peak are:  $I_m$ ,  $E$ ,  $T_m$ , and  $b$ . Three empirical expressions describing general-order glow peaks are available in function `tgcd`:

**<6>**The first type of general-order empirical expression (model="g1") is (Kitis et al., 1998)

$$I(T) = I_m b^{\frac{b}{b-1}} \exp\left(\frac{E}{kT} \frac{T-T_m}{T_m}\right) \left[ (b-1) \left(1 - \frac{2kT}{E}\right) \frac{T^2}{T_m^2} \exp\left(\frac{E}{kT} \frac{T-T_m}{T_m}\right) + 1 + \frac{2kT_m(b-1)}{E} \right]^{-\frac{b}{b-1}}$$

**<7>**The second type of general-order empirical expression (model="g2") is (Gomez-Ros and Kitis, 2002)

$$I(T) = I_m \exp\left(\frac{E}{kT_m} - \frac{E}{kT}\right) \left[ 1 + \frac{b-1}{b} \frac{E}{kT_m} \left(\frac{T}{T_m} \exp\left(\frac{E}{kT_m} - \frac{E}{kT}\right) F\left(\frac{E}{kT}\right) - F\left(\frac{E}{kT_m}\right)\right) \right]^{-\frac{b}{b-1}}$$

where  $F(x)$  is a rational approximation function of the form

$$F(x) = 1 - \frac{a_0 + a_1 x + x^2}{b_0 + b_1 x + x^2}$$

$$a_0 = 0.250621, a_1 = 2.334733, b_0 = 1.681534, b_1 = 3.330657$$

**<8>**The third type of general-order empirical expression (model="g3") is (Gomez-Ros and Kitis, 2002)

$$I(T) = I_m \exp\left(\frac{E}{kT_m^2} (T - T_m)\right) \left[ \frac{1}{b} + \frac{b-1}{b} \exp\left(\frac{E}{kT_m^2} (T - T_m)\right) \right]^{-\frac{b}{b-1}}$$

**<9>**Recently the semi-analytical expression derived from the one trap-one recombination (OTOR) model has also been applied to fit general-order glow peaks, by using either the Lambert W function (Kitis and Vlachos, 2013; Sadek et al., 2015; Kitis et al., 2016) or the Wright Omega function (Singh and Gartia, 2013; 2014; 2015). The four parameters describing a glow peak are:  $I_m$ ,  $E$ ,  $T_m$ , and an extra parameter  $R = \frac{A_n}{A_m} < 1$ . The semi-analytical expression can be described as (model="lw")

$$I(T) = I_m \exp\left(\frac{E}{kT} \frac{T_m - T}{T_m}\right) \frac{\omega(Z_m) + [\omega(Z_m)]^2}{\omega(Z) + [\omega(Z)]^2}$$

$$\text{where } Z_m = \frac{R}{1-R} - \log\left[\frac{1-R}{R} + \frac{\exp\left(\frac{E}{kT_m}\right)}{kT_m^2(1-1.05R^{1.26})}\right] F(T_m, E),$$

$$\text{and } Z = \frac{R}{1-R} - \log\left[\frac{1-R}{R} + \frac{\exp\left(\frac{E}{kT}\right)}{kT_m^2(1-1.05R^{1.26})}\right] F(T, E),$$

$$F(T_m, E) = T_m \exp\left(-\frac{E}{kT_m}\right) + \frac{E}{k} Ei\left(-\frac{E}{kT_m}\right),$$

$$F(T, E) = T \exp\left(-\frac{E}{kT}\right) + \frac{E}{k} Ei\left(-\frac{E}{kT}\right)$$

where  $\omega(x)$  and  $Ei(x)$  are the wright Omega function and the exponential integral function for variable  $x$ , respectively. The Fortran 90 subroutine used for evaluating the Wright Omega function is transformed from the Matlab code provided by Andrew Horchler (<https://github.com/horchler/wrightOmegaq>). The Fortran 90 subroutine (original Fortran 77 version by William Cody) used for evaluating the Lambert W function written by John Burkardt is available at [http://people.sc.fsu.edu/~jburkardt/f\\_src/toms743/toms743.f90](http://people.sc.fsu.edu/~jburkardt/f_src/toms743/toms743.f90). The Fortran 90 subroutine

used for evaluating the exponential integral function is written by John Burkardt (original Fortran 77 version by William Cody) ([http://people.sc.fsu.edu/~jburkardt/f\\_src/toms715/toms715.f90](http://people.sc.fsu.edu/~jburkardt/f_src/toms715/toms715.f90)).

**Mixed-order** kinetic models introduce an extra parameter  $\alpha = \frac{n_0}{n_0+M}$  where  $n_0$  is the initial filled concentration of the active traps and  $M$  that of the thermally disconnected deep traps (Sunta et al., 2002). The four parameters describing a glow peak are:  $I_m$ ,  $E$ ,  $T_m$ , and  $\alpha$ . Three empirical expressions describing mixed-order glow peaks are available in function **tgcd**:

**<10>**The first type of mixed-order empirical expression (model="m1") is (Kitis and Gomez-Ros, 2000)

$$I(T) = \frac{I_m [\exp(\frac{1-2kT_m}{R_m}) - \alpha]^2 \exp(\frac{E}{kT} \frac{T-T_m}{T_m}) \exp[\frac{T^2}{T_m^2 R_m} \exp(\frac{E}{kT} \frac{T-T_m}{T_m}) (1 - \frac{2kT}{E})]}{\exp(\frac{1-2kT_m}{R_m}) [\exp[\frac{T^2}{T_m^2 R_m} \exp(\frac{E}{kT} \frac{T-T_m}{T_m}) (1 - \frac{2kT}{E})] - \alpha]^2}$$

where  $R_m = \frac{A_m + \alpha}{A_m - \alpha}$  and  $A_m = \exp(\frac{A_m - \alpha}{A_m + \alpha} (1 - \frac{2kT_m}{E}))$

**<11>**The second type of mixed-order empirical expression (model="m2") is (Gomez-Ros and Kitis, 2002)

$$I(T) = \frac{4I_m R_m^2 \exp(\frac{E}{kT_m} - \frac{E}{kT}) \exp[R_m \frac{E}{kT_m} (\frac{T}{T_m} \exp(\frac{E}{kT_m} - \frac{E}{kT}) F(\frac{E}{kT}) - F(\frac{E}{kT_m}))]}{(1+R_m) [\exp[R_m \frac{E}{kT_m} (\frac{T}{T_m} \exp(\frac{E}{kT_m} - \frac{E}{kT}) F(\frac{E}{kT}) - F(\frac{E}{kT_m}))] - (1-R_m)]^2}$$

where  $R_m = (1 - \alpha)(1 + 0.2922\alpha - 0.2783\alpha^2)$

$$F(x) = 1 - \frac{a_0 + a_1 x + x^2}{b_0 + b_1 x + x^2}$$

$a_0 = 0.250621$ ,  $a_1 = 2.334733$ ,  $b_0 = 1.681534$ ,  $b_1 = 3.330657$

**<12>**The third type of mixed-order empirical expression (model="m3") is (Vejnovic et al., 2008)

$$I(T) = \frac{I_m \alpha (2-l)^2 \exp[\frac{T^2}{T_m^2} (\frac{2}{l} - 1) \exp(\frac{E}{kT_m} \frac{T-T_m}{T_m}) (1 - \frac{2kT}{E})] \exp(\frac{E}{kT_m} \frac{T-T_m}{T_m})}{(l-1) [\exp[\frac{T^2}{T_m^2} (\frac{2}{l} - 1) \exp(\frac{E}{kT_m} \frac{T-T_m}{T_m}) (1 - \frac{2kT}{E})] - \alpha]^2}$$

where  $\alpha = (l-1) \exp[\frac{2-l}{l} (1 - \frac{2kT_m}{E})]$

The **background** will be subtracted using the following expression if subBG=TRUE

$$I(T) = A - \frac{B}{1 + \exp[C(T-D)]}$$

where  $A$ ,  $B$ ,  $C$ ,  $D$  are positive parameters to be optimized.

The procedure minimizes the objective:  $fcn = \sum_{i=1}^n |y_i^o - y_i^f|$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n$  where  $y_i^o$  and  $y_i^f$  denote the  $i$ -th observed and fitted signal value, respectively, and  $n$  indicates the number of data points.

The Levenberg-Marquardt algorithm (More, 1978) (*minpack*: <http://netlib.org/minpack/>, original Fortran 77 version by Jorge More, Burton Garbow, Kenneth Hillstrom. Fortran 90 version by John Burkardt [http://people.sc.fsu.edu/~jburkardt/f\\_src/minpack/minpack.f90](http://people.sc.fsu.edu/~jburkardt/f_src/minpack/minpack.f90)) was mod-

ified so as to supports constraints and fixes of parameters. A "trial-and-error" protocol with starting values generated uniformly around the given starting parameters `inisPAR` and `inisBG` is performed repeatedly to search the optimal parameters that give a minimum Figure Of Merit (FOM) value (Balian and Eddy, 1977).

Kinetic parameters can be initialized by the user through argument `inisPAR` or by clicking with a mouse on the plot of the thermoluminescence glow curve showing peak maxima if `inisPAR=NULL`. Background parameters can be initialized by the user through argument `inisBG` or by clicking with a mouse on the plot of the thermoluminescence glow curve to select 4 data points if `inisBG=NULL`.

Parameters can be interactively constrained and fixed by modifying the following elements in a automatically generated **Dialog Table** if `edit.inis=TRUE`:

- (1) `INTENS[min,max,ini,fix]`: lower and upper bounds, starting and fixing values of  $I_m$
- (2) `ENERGY[min,max,ini,fix]`: lower and upper bounds, starting and fixing values of  $E$
- (3) `TEMPER[min,max,ini,fix]`: lower and upper bounds, starting and fixing values of  $T_m$
- (4) `bValue[min,max,ini,fix]`: lower and upper bounds, starting and fixing values of  $b$  in a general-order model
- (5) `rValue[min,max,ini,fix]`: lower and upper bounds, starting and fixing values of  $R$  in the Lambert W (Wright Omega) function model
- (6) `aValue[min,max,ini,fix]`: lower and upper bounds, starting and fixing values of  $\alpha$  in a mixed-order model
- (7) `BG[min,max,ini,fix]`: lower and upper bounds, starting and fixing values of background parameters  $A$ ,  $B$ ,  $C$ , and  $D$

## Value

Return an **invisible** list containing the following elements:

<code>comp.sig</code>	calculated signal values for each glow peak
<code>residuals</code>	calculated residual values
<code>pars</code>	optimized parameters stored in a matrix
<code>BGpars</code>	optimized background parameters, it returns NULL if <code>subBG=FALSE</code>
<code>ff</code>	calculated frequency factors, it returns NULL if <code>hr=NULL</code>
<code>sp</code>	parameters used for describing the shape of a glow peak, see function <a href="#">simPeak</a> for details
<code>resolution</code>	resolutions of optimized glow peaks calculated after Kitis and Pagonis (2019), it returns NULL if <code>npeak=1</code>
<code>SSR</code>	Squared Sum of Residuals
<code>RCS</code>	Reduced Chi-Square value
<code>R2</code>	squared "pearson" correlation between observed and fitted signals
<code>FOM</code>	Figure Of Merit value calculated after Balian and Eddy (1977)

**Note**

Function `tgcd` analyzes only thermoluminescence glow curves recorded with linear heating function (LHF) profile. The model to be optimized should not be underdetermined. This means that the number of data points ( $n_d$ ) should exceed the number of parameters ( $n_2$ ).

If it is not NULL the argument `inisPAR`, the procedure used for initializing kinetic parameters by clicking with a mouse will not be triggered. Similarly, if it is not NULL the argument `inisBG`, the procedure used for initializing background parameters by clicking with a mouse will not be triggered.

The user is advocated to use `mwt`, `mdt`, and `mr` to specify the allowed maximum total half-width, the allowed minimum distance, and the allowed minimum resolution respectively to resolve seriously overlapped glow peaks during the trial-and-error protocol.

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## See Also

[simPeak](#); [simqOTOR](#); [savgol](#)

## Examples

```
# Load the data.
data(Refglow)
data(Kitis)

# (1) Deconvolution of a glow curve using 4 peaks (no background subtraction) with
# the Lambert W (Wright Omega) function using specified initial kinetic parameters.

knPars <-
cbind(c(400, 550, 850, 1600), # Im
      c(1.4, 1.5, 1.6, 2),    # E
      c(420, 460, 480, 510), # Tm
      c(0.1, 0.1, 0.1, 0.1)) # R

dd1 <- tgcd(Refglow$x002, npeak=4, model="lw",
            inisPAR=knPars, nstart=10, edit.inis=FALSE)

head(dd1$comp.sig)
dd1$pars
dd1$sp
dd1$FOM

# (2) Deconvolution of a glow curve using 5 peaks (with background subtraction) with
# a mixed-order model using user-supplied initial kinetic and background parameters.
knPars <-
cbind(c(46829.06, 187942.43, 121876.22, 110390.55, 67978.33), #Im
      c(1.17, 1.14, 1.57, 0.77, 1.31),                      # E
      c(369.86, 400.69, 428.51, 482.41, 537.28),            # Tm
      c(0.75, 0.81, 0.92, 0.001, 0.29))                    # a
```

```
bgPars <- c(14201, 14121, 0.0176, 677.57) # A, B, C, D.  
dd2 <- tgcd(Kitis$x009, npeak=5, model="m1", subBG=TRUE,  
            inisPAR=knPars, inisBG=bgPars, nstart=10, edit.inis=FALSE)  
  
dd2$residual  
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dd2$BGpars
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