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FOS Geomagnetically-induced Image Motion Problem
(or, Why the Red Digicon is GIMPY, and What to do about it)

I. Discovery & Initial Analysis

- OV2189 image maps show distortion in X and Y
X center approximately correlated with half orbital period
Strong correlation with X component of geomagnetic B field
- Lab testing shows magnetic shields of same batch far below spec's
Blue digicon shield expected to be good - 2189 (Blue) on day 266
- Amplitude approximately 50 microns (1 diode = 1 resolution width)
or .4 arcseconds
- Maximum rate of drift approximately .1 diode/min, .04 arcsec/min

II. Further Testing

- OV 2188 should provide considerably better picture (22 Sept)
- Special (new) test may be required
Greater temporal resolution, varied spacecraft pointing
Second order effects: hysteresis?
field distortion?
E x B drift?
First examine 2188 results

III. Science Impact

- Spectrophotometry impaired
Y drift causes loss of signal
Exacerbated by relatively distortion characteristic of F12
and FGW non repeatability
Use 4.3 aperture (with loss of approx 50% spectral resolution)
- Spectropolarimetry impossible
Even small temporal variations in signal induce large pol error
Variations cannot be modelled/corrected (FGW non-repeatability)
- Target Acquisition less efficient
Binary Search may not be usable (can fail with drifting image)
Firmware less susceptible to drift but overhead nearly 2x B/S
Peak-up (very inefficient) required for small aperture TA
TALED's not useful unless offset from drift modelled/corrected

IV. Solutions

- Immediate: read out often (approx. 1 min) and shift before coadding
Regains most of spectral resolution (with some overhead cost)
Cannot correct for flux variation *need magnetic engineering data,*
Does not address TA issues *for calibration fix.*
- Final: dither X and Y deflections during acquisition
Dead time, initial set-up overheads?
Architecture; where are the calculations best performed?
Schedule - fix possible by early Cycle 1?

*ground
software
change.*

OV2189: Red Detector YPITCH Optimization

Y07E010CB

HV=22.2KV 0.1-PAIR TALED

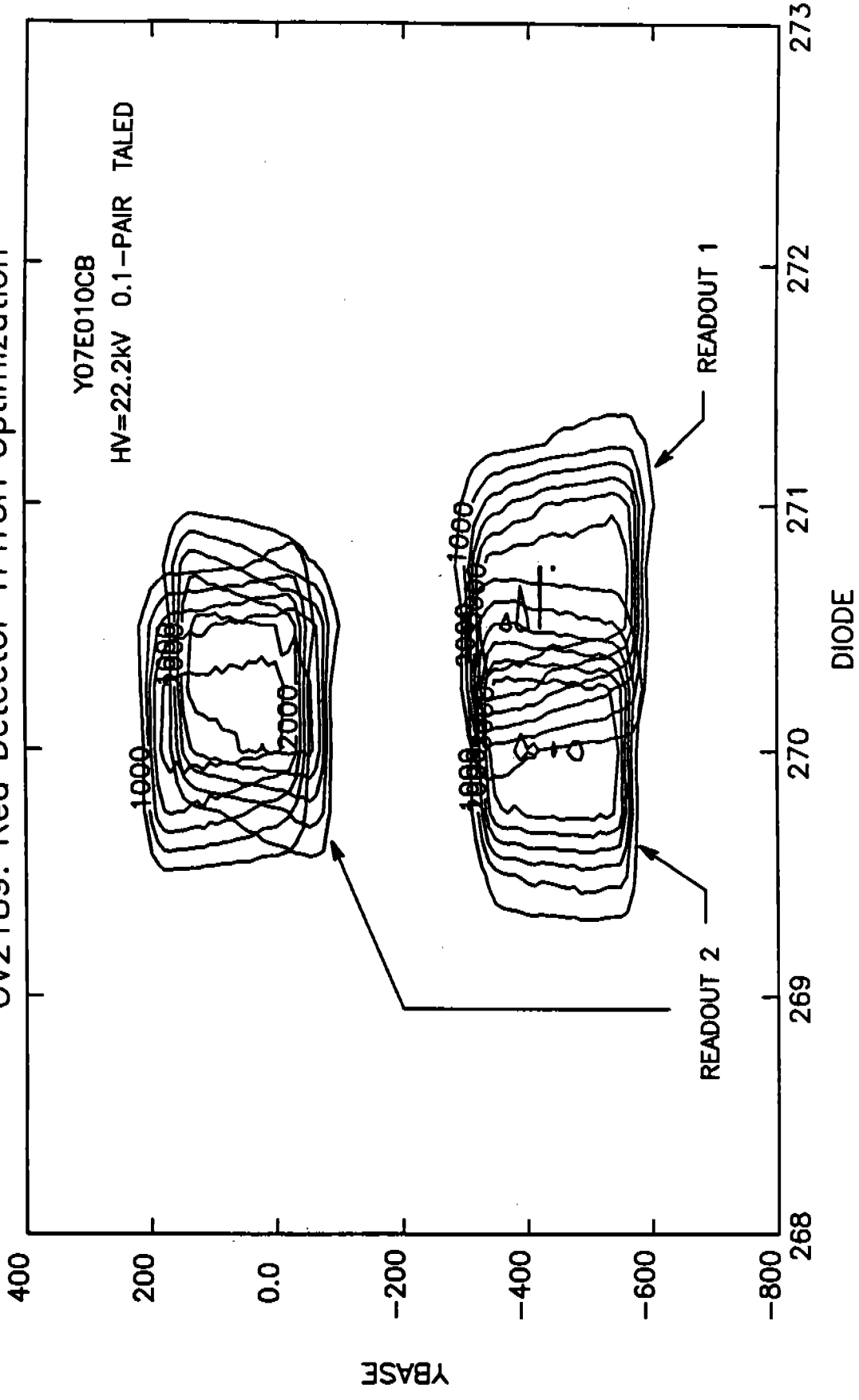


Fig. 2

TALED Centroids - 70.0

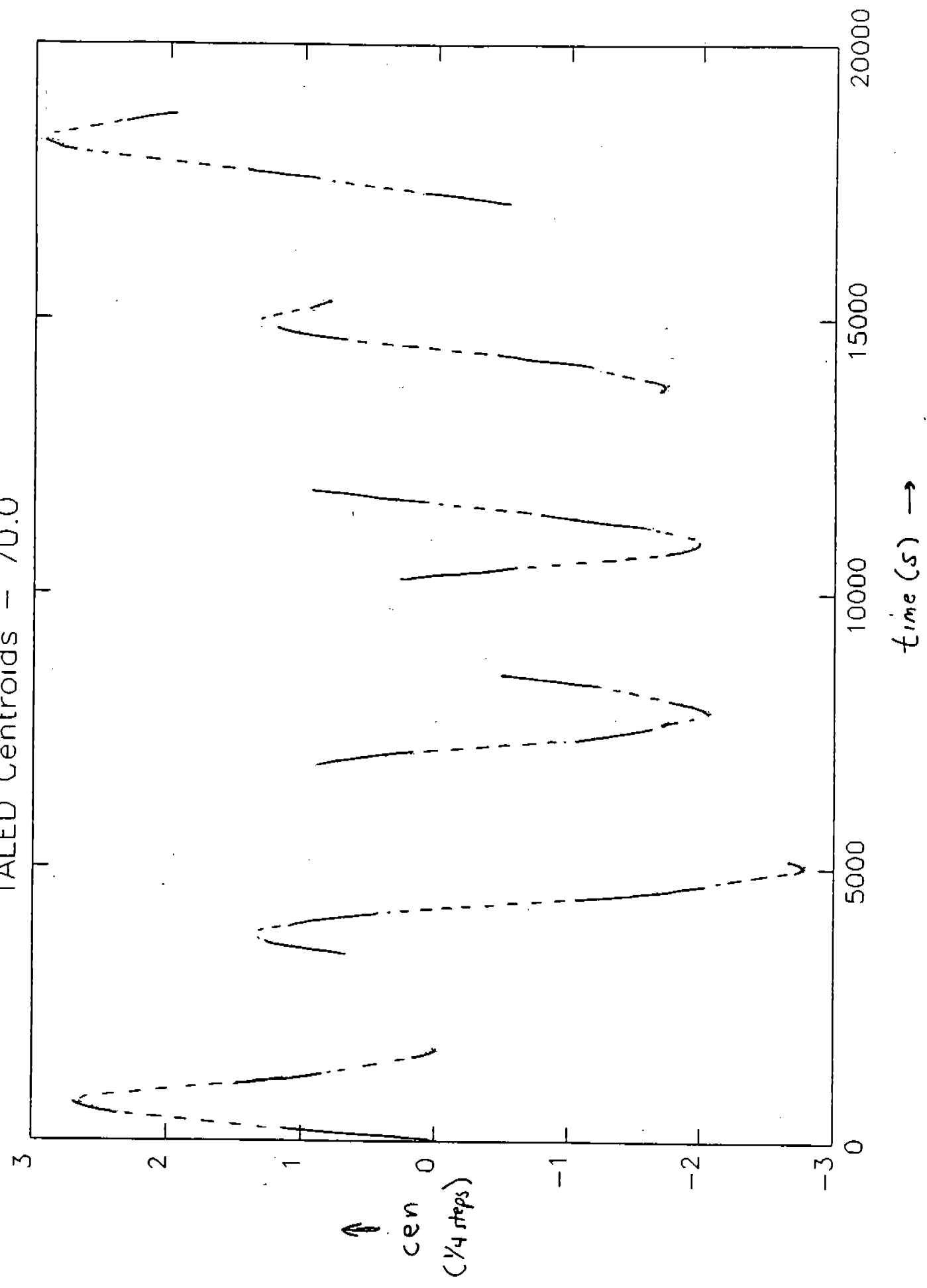


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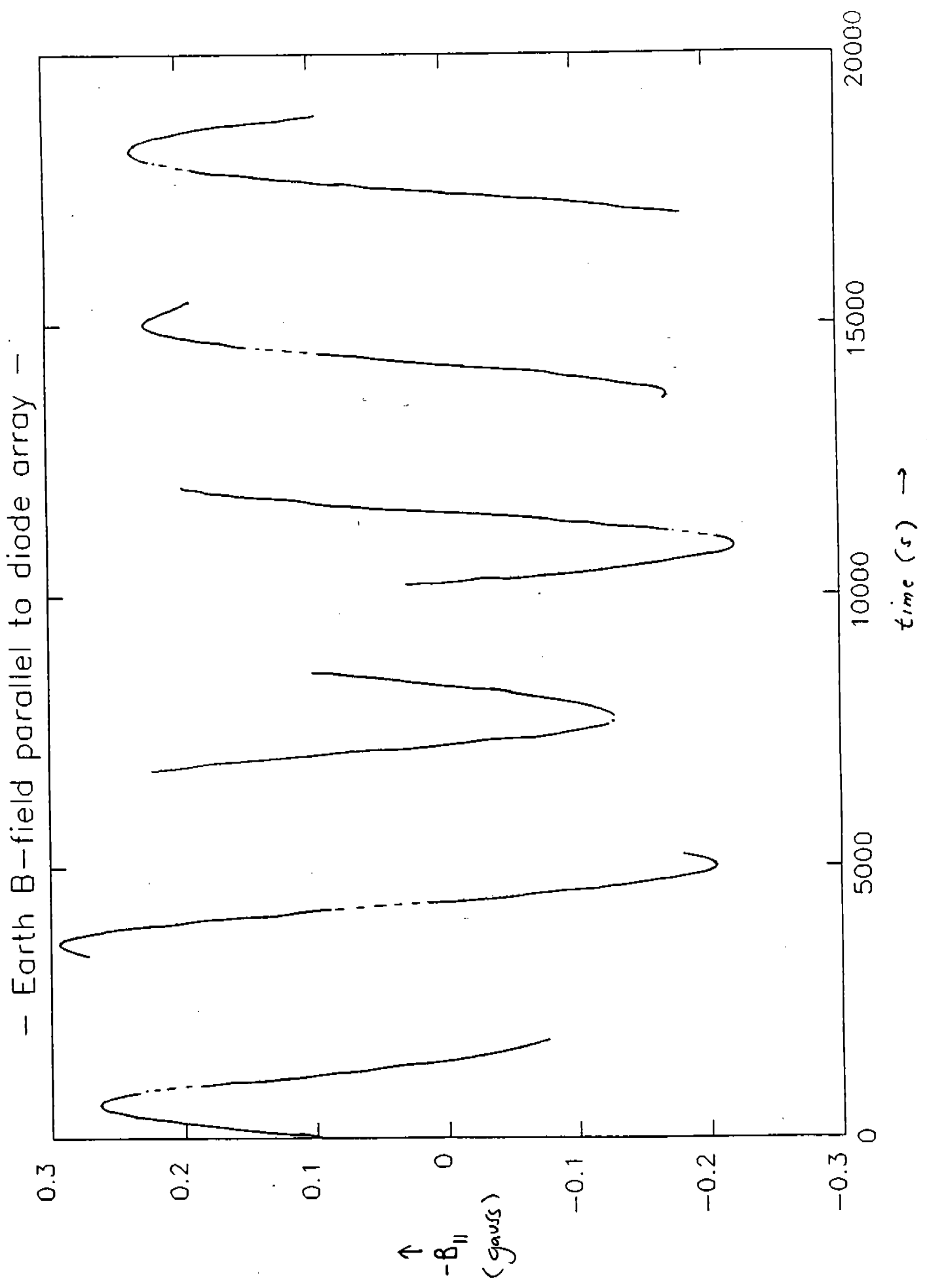


Fig. 6

B Parallel vs. centroid - 70.0

