

# Meteor spectra 2023

## Overview

This is a collection of meteor spectra obtained at Maienfeld (station MAI\_2, <http://www.meteorastronomie.ch/stationen.html>)

Setup:

Camera: **DMK 33GX249**

Resolution 1920x1200

Frame Rate: 25 Hz

Sensor Type Sony IMX249LLJ-C

Sensor Format 1/1.2 inch

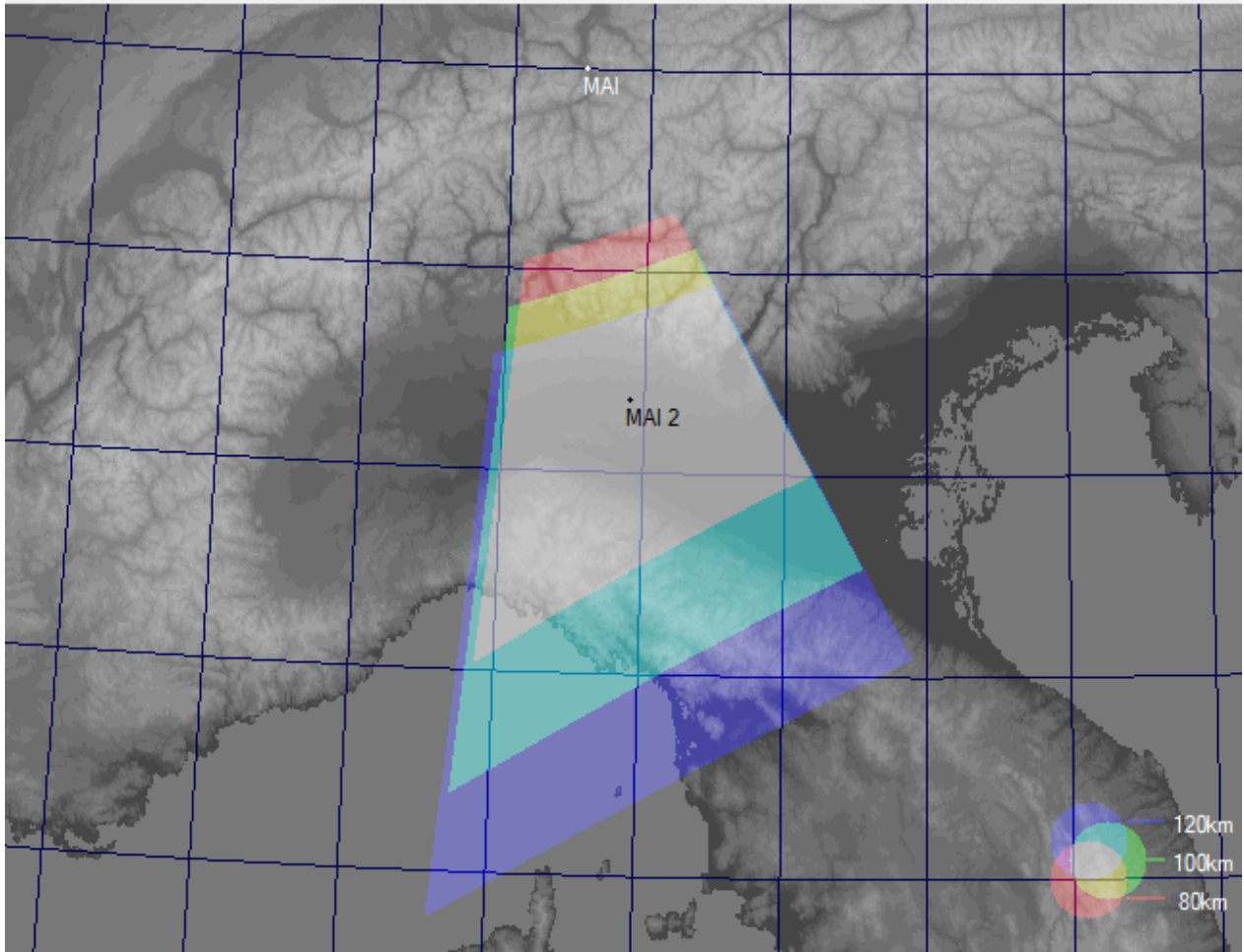
Pixel Size **5.86  $\mu\text{m}$**

### Lens

Kowa LM16HC f: 16mm F/1.4

Field of view horizontal: 39°

Approximate sky coverage (mobile setup, may change) for elevation 37°, Azimuth 170°



Grating: Thorlabs 600l/mm, dispersion: 0.598 nm/pixel

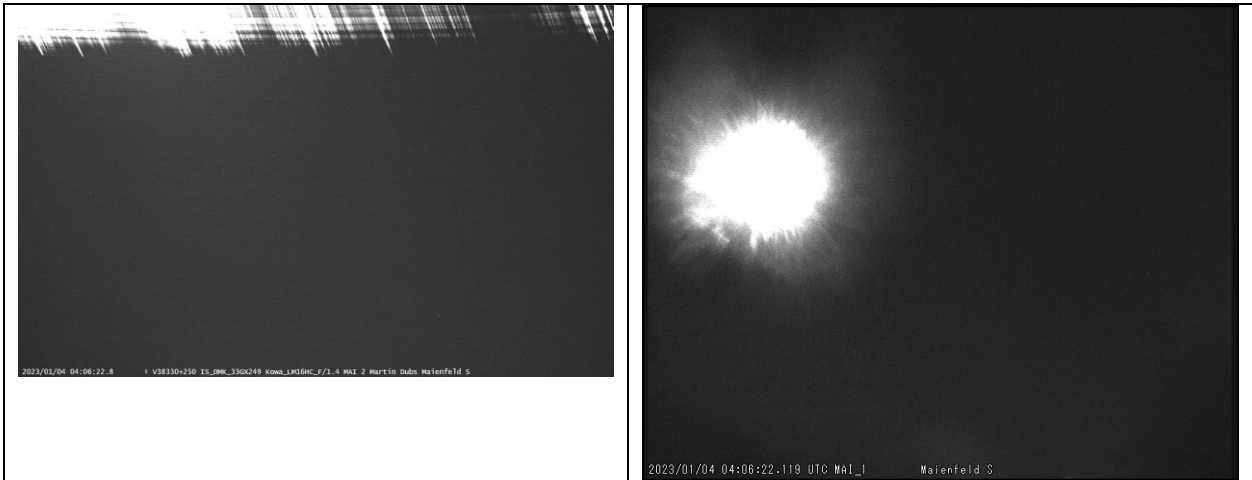
Spectra analyzed with Python M\_SPEC.py.

1<sup>st</sup> order spectra were further analysed by fitting synthetic meteor spectra to the observed spectra

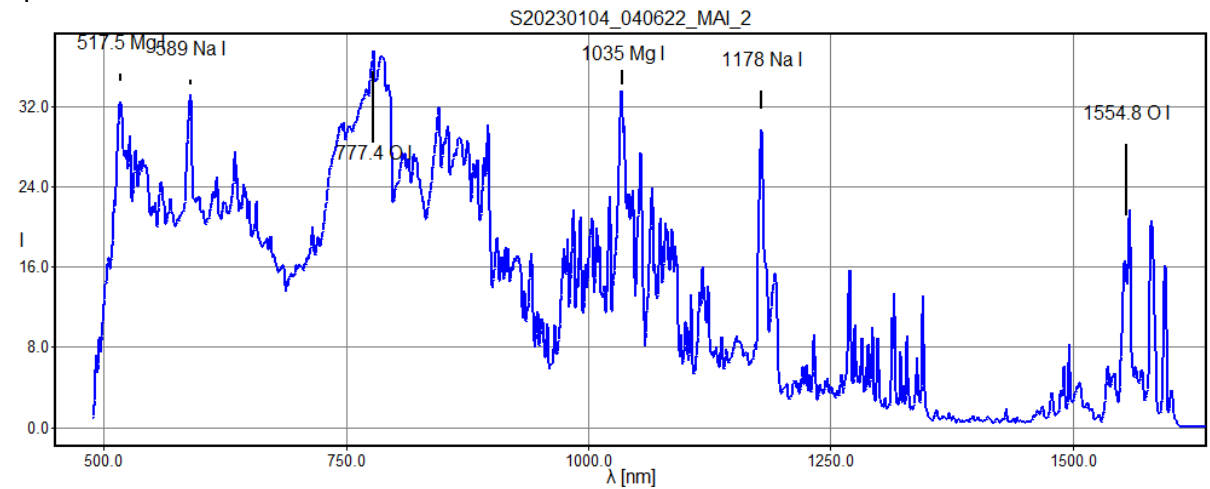
(<https://meteorspectroscopy.org/2022/03/08/synthetic-meteor-spectra/>).

In addition, meteors were recorded with a Watec 902H2 ultimate, equipped with a wide angle lens: Tamron VG412 ASIR at  $f \cong 4\text{mm}$ , MAI\_1.

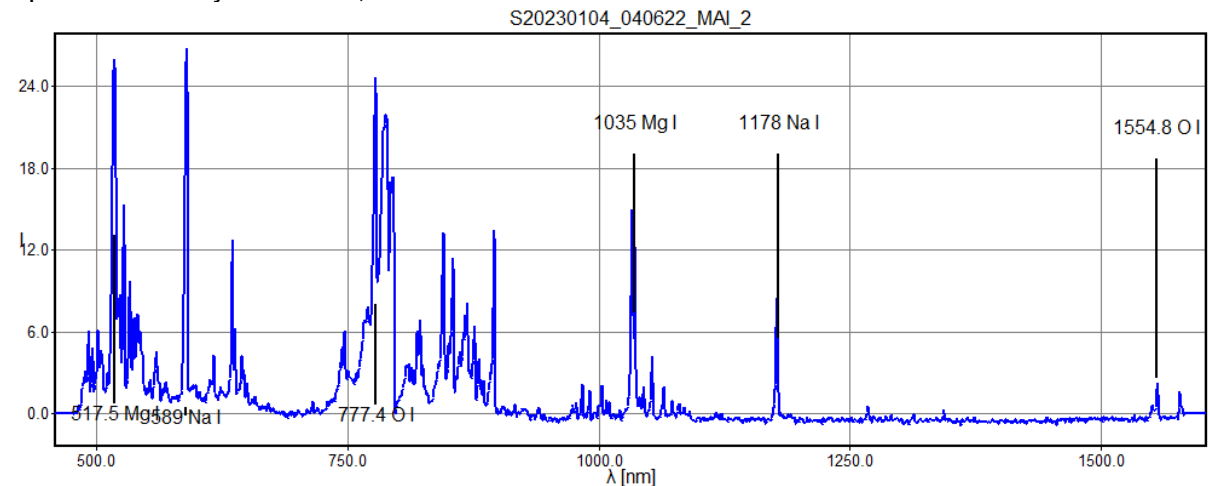
M20230104\_040622\_MAI\_2, DAD or QUA, -12.6m



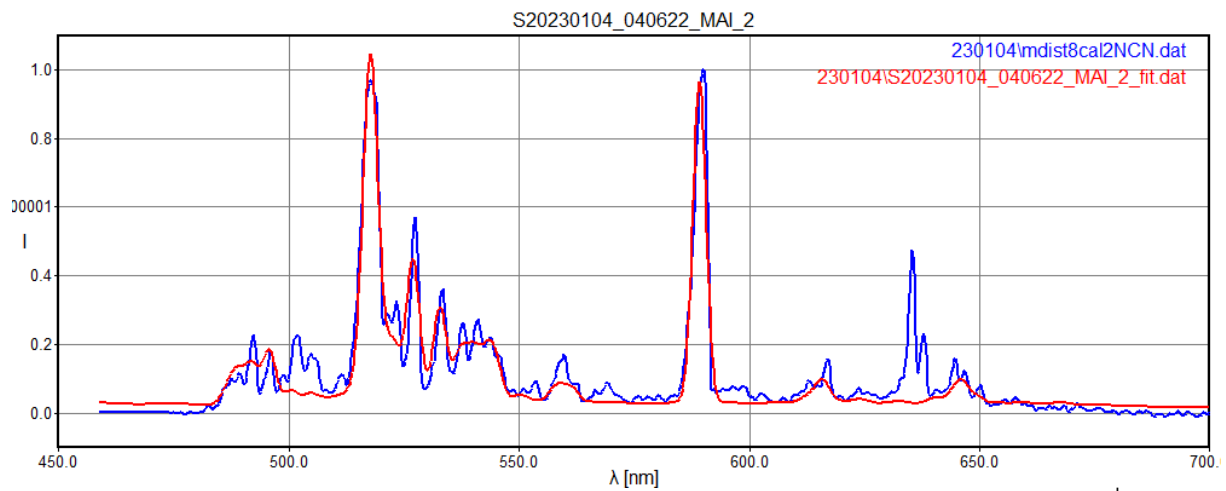
polynom for fit lambda c: [ 0.5996 488.989 ]  
 pixel lambda fit error  
 47.24, 517.50, 517.32, -0.1839  
 167.46, 589.00, 589.41, 0.4051  
 909.21, 1035.00, 1034.19, -0.8105  
 1150.02, 1178.00, 1178.59, 0.5893  
 rms\_x = 0.5482  
 spectrum 230104\r\_add6cal.dat saved



Spectrum mostly saturated, 1st and 2nd order



Single frame after most intense outburst



Synthetic spectrum from single frame (as above), lines above 700 nm mostly from 2<sup>nd</sup> order, excluded from fit, below 480 nm cutoff by frame edge.

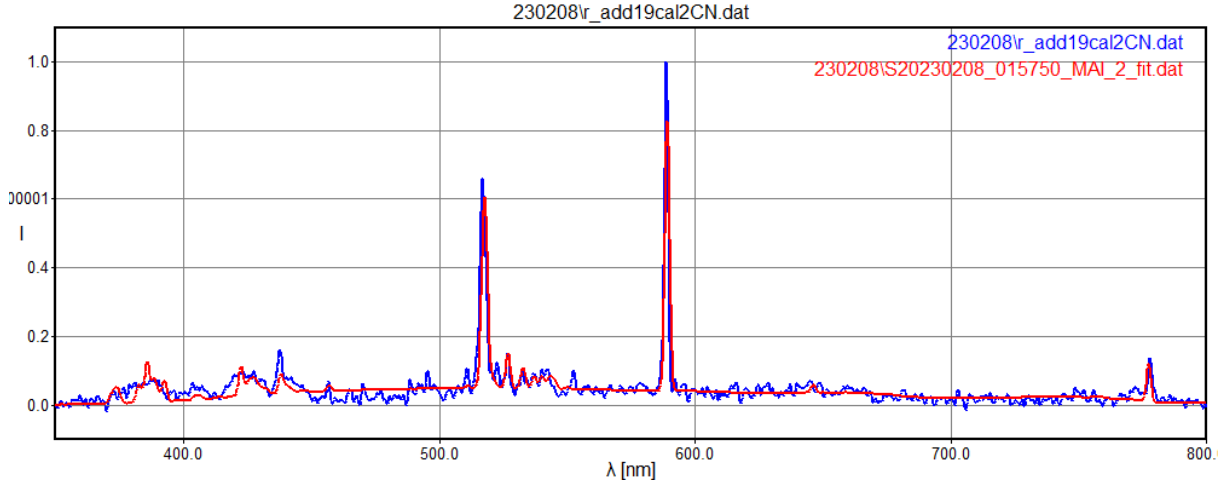
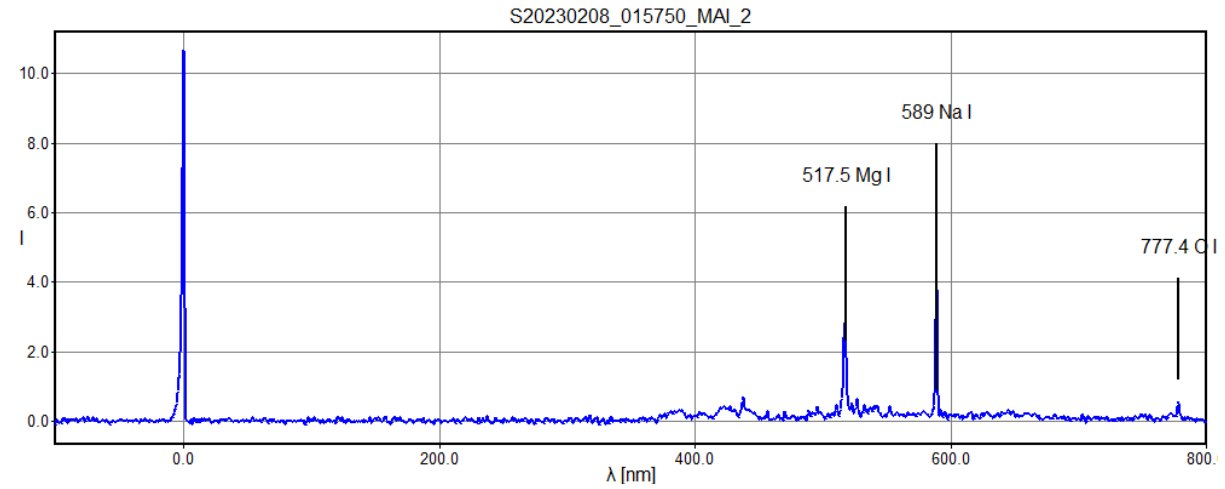
M20230208\_015750\_MAI\_2, spo, -1.1m



polynom for fit lambda c: [ 0.5991 -329.2067]  
 pixel lambda fit error  
 549.88, 0.00, 0.21, 0.2072  
 1412.67, 517.50, 517.07, -0.4254  
 1532.29, 589.00, 588.73, -0.2653  
 1848.03, 777.40, 777.88, 0.4835

rms\_x = 0.3634

spectrum 230208\r\_add19cal.dat saved



M20230214\_020346\_MAI\_2, spo, -1.9m

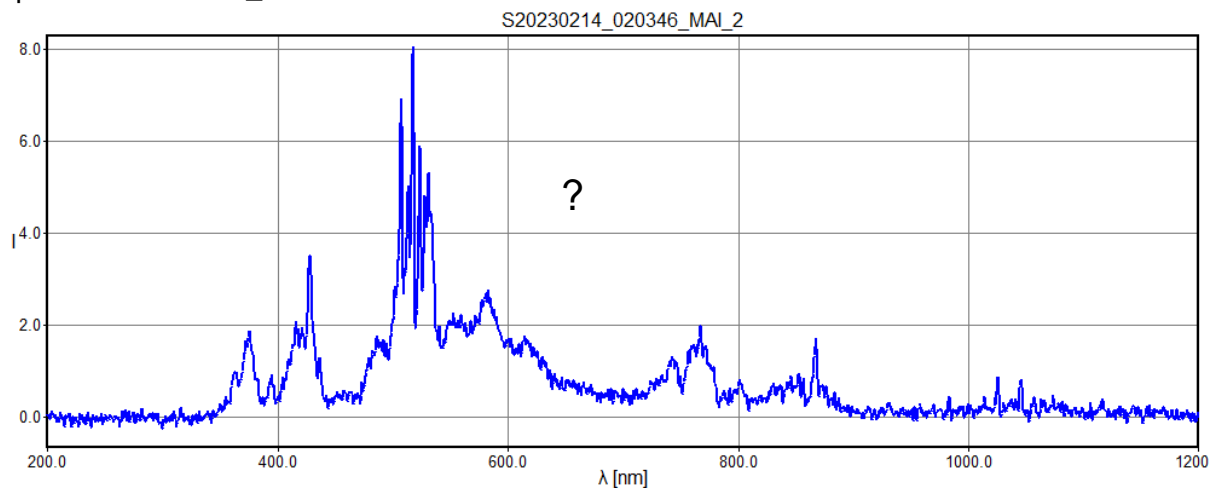


polynom for fit lambda c: [0.59996, 197.0193668]

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534.17,	517.50,	517.50,	0.0000

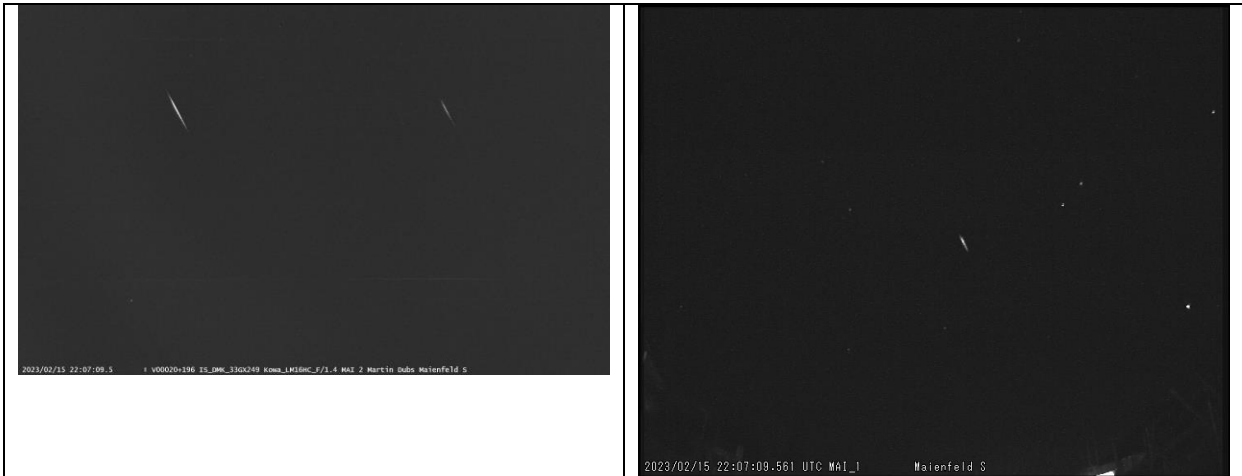
rms\_x = 0.0000

spectrum 230214\r\_add7cal.dat saved



Calibration uncertain, spectrum does not fit

M20230215\_220709\_MAI\_2, spo, -1.4m

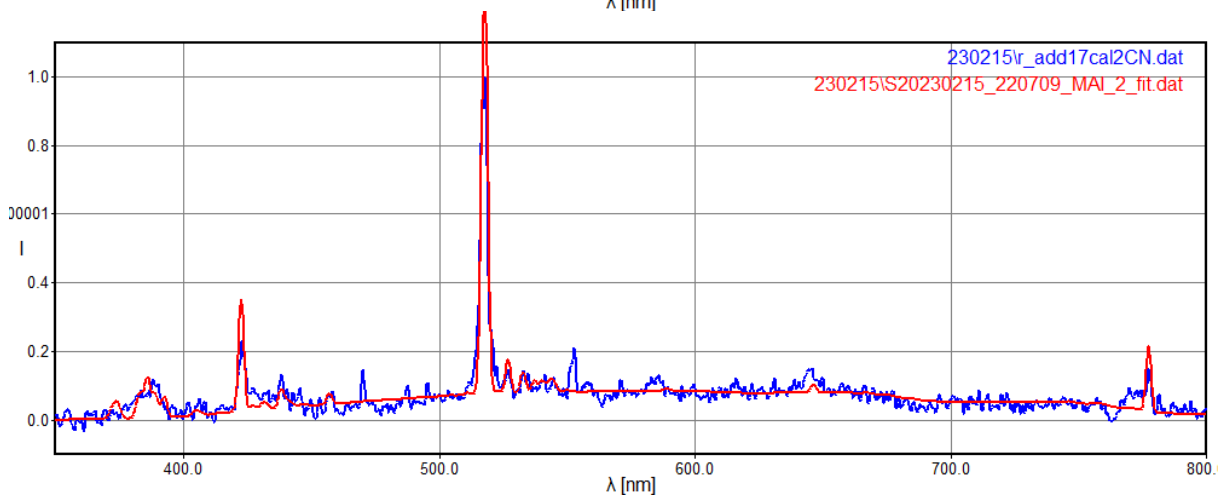
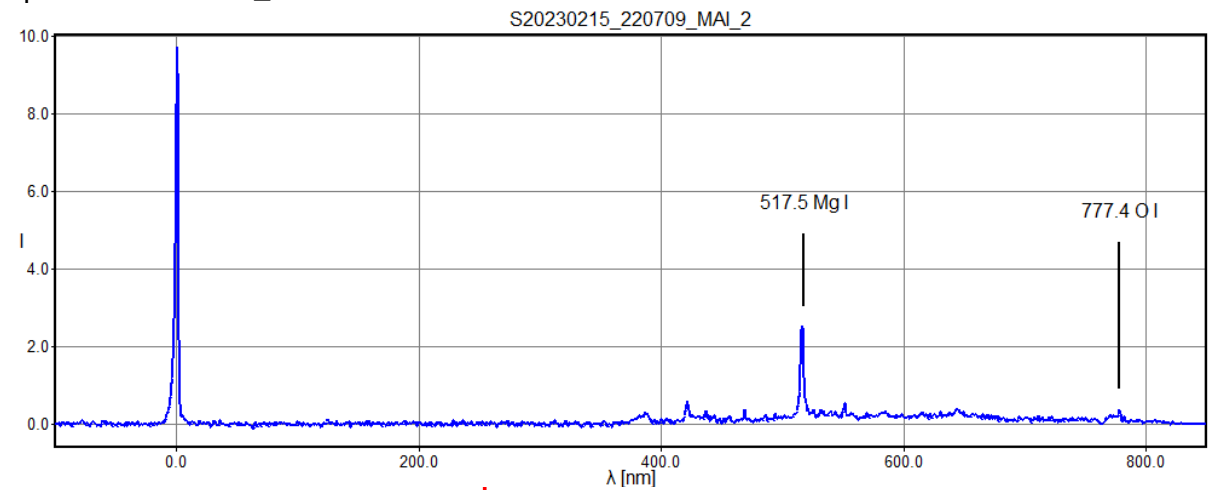


polynom for fit lambda c: [-5.1760e-06 6.0876e-01 -2.9946e+02]

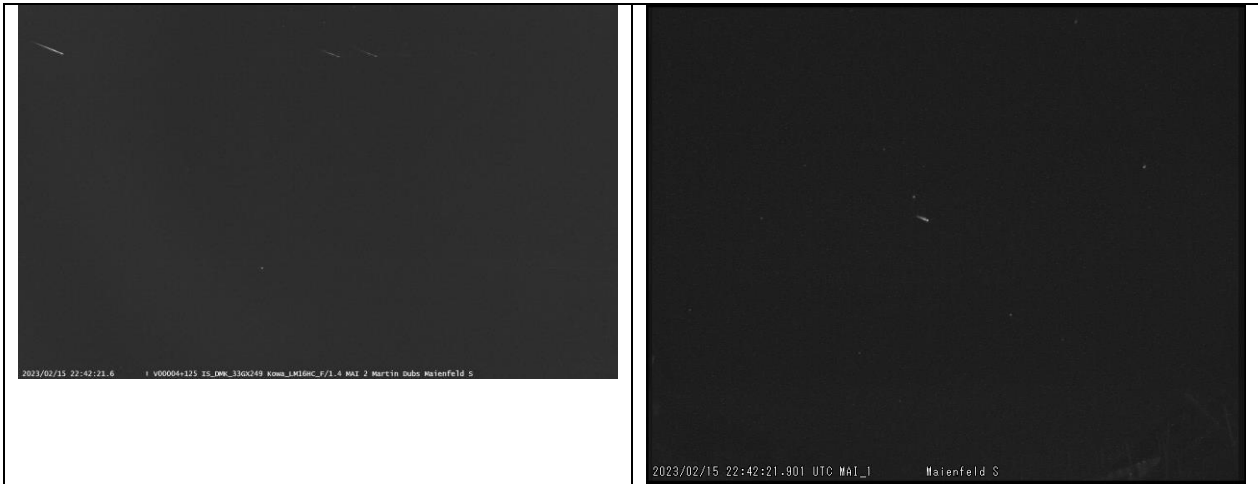
pixel	lambda	fit	error
494.00,	0.00,	0.00,	0.0000
1357.69,	517.50,	517.50,	0.0000
1796.39,	777.40,	777.40,	0.0000

rms\_x = 0.0000

spectrum 230215\r\_add17cal.dat saved



M20230215\_224221\_MAI\_2, spo, -1.2m

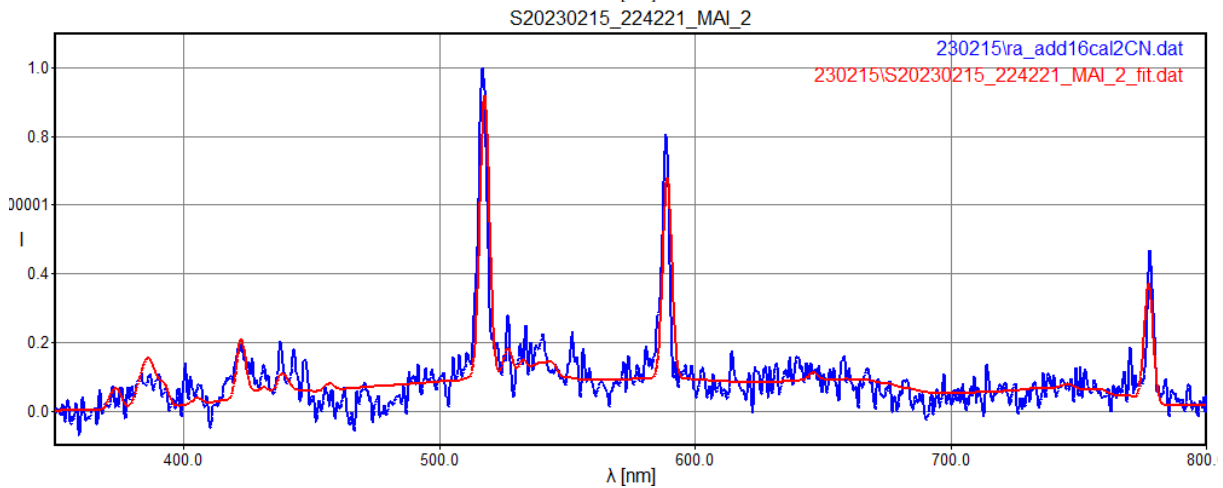
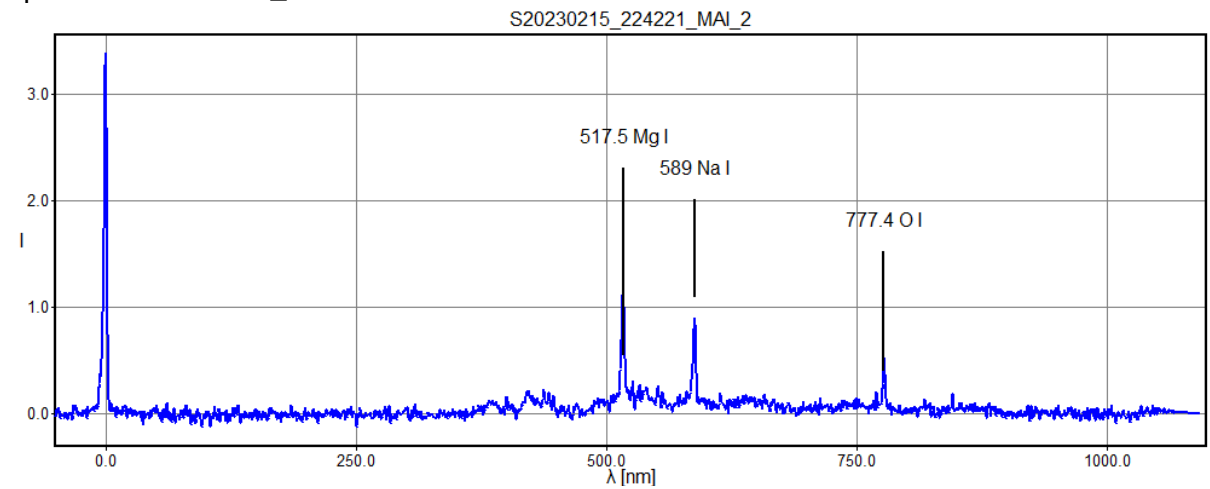


polynom for fit lambda c: [ 0.5975 -52.5834]

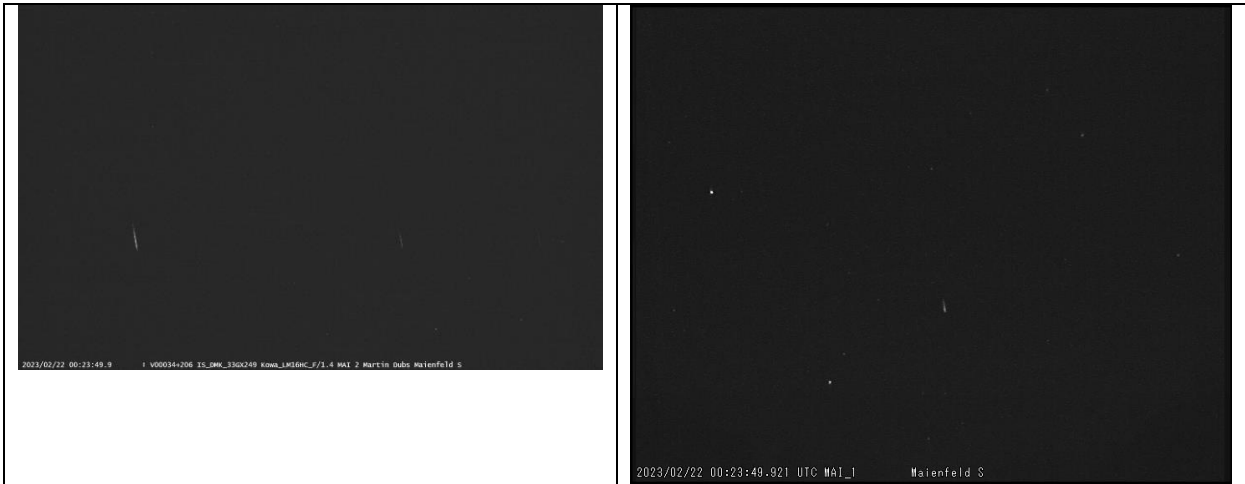
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88.36,	0.00,	0.22,	0.2159
953.39,	517.50,	517.11,	-0.3868
1073.10,	589.00,	588.65,	-0.3543
1389.86,	777.40,	777.93,	0.5251

rms\_x = 0.3865

spectrum 230215\ra\_add16cal.dat saved



M20230222\_002349\_MAI\_2, spo, -0.3m

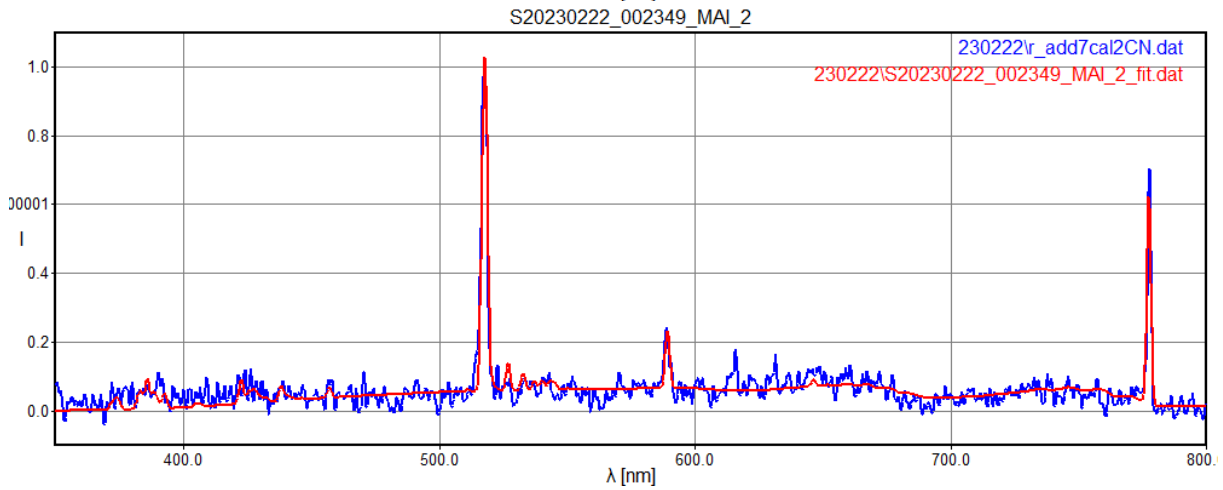
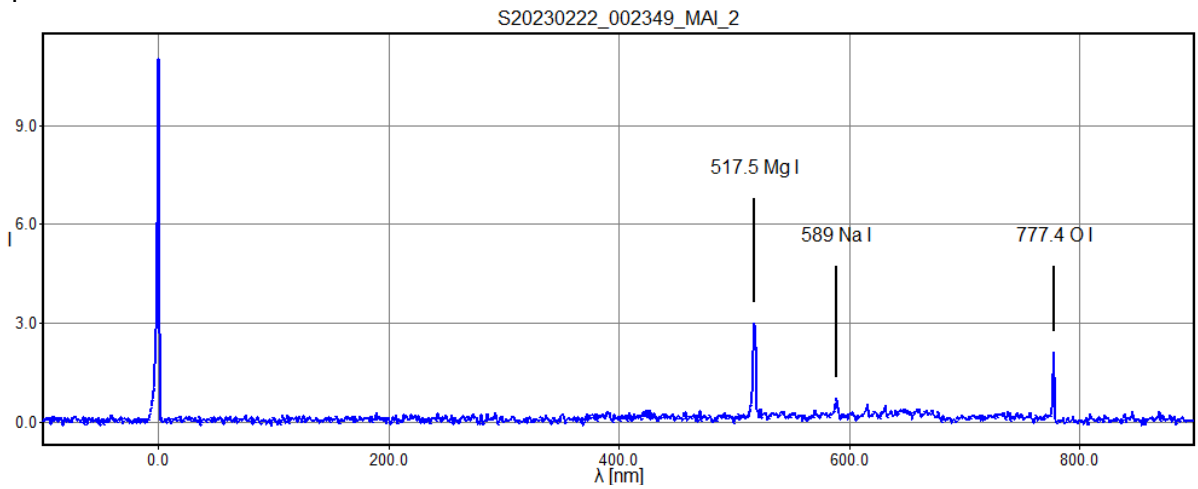


polynom for fit lambda c: [-4.1058e-06 6.0542e-01 -2.2996e+02]

pixel	lambda	fit	error
380.81,	0.00,	-0.01,	-0.0079
1245.45,	517.50,	517.69,	0.1932
1364.96,	589.00,	588.77,	-0.2334
1683.19,	777.40,	777.45,	0.0482

rms\_x = 0.1534

spectrum 230222\r\_add7cal.dat saved





M20230409\_211717\_MAI\_2, spo, -0.1m

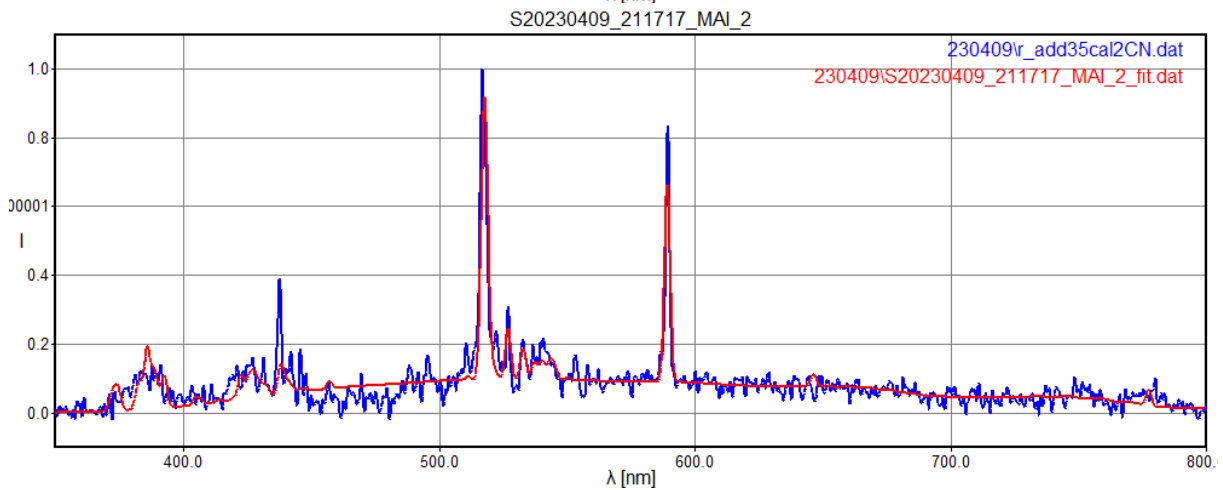
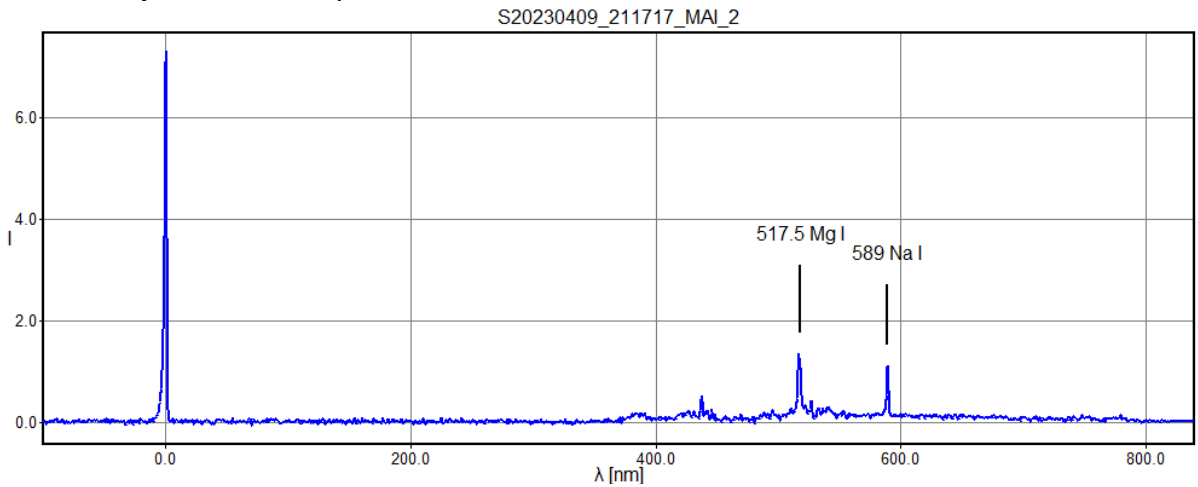


polynom for fit lambda c: [ 0.598 -305.9936]

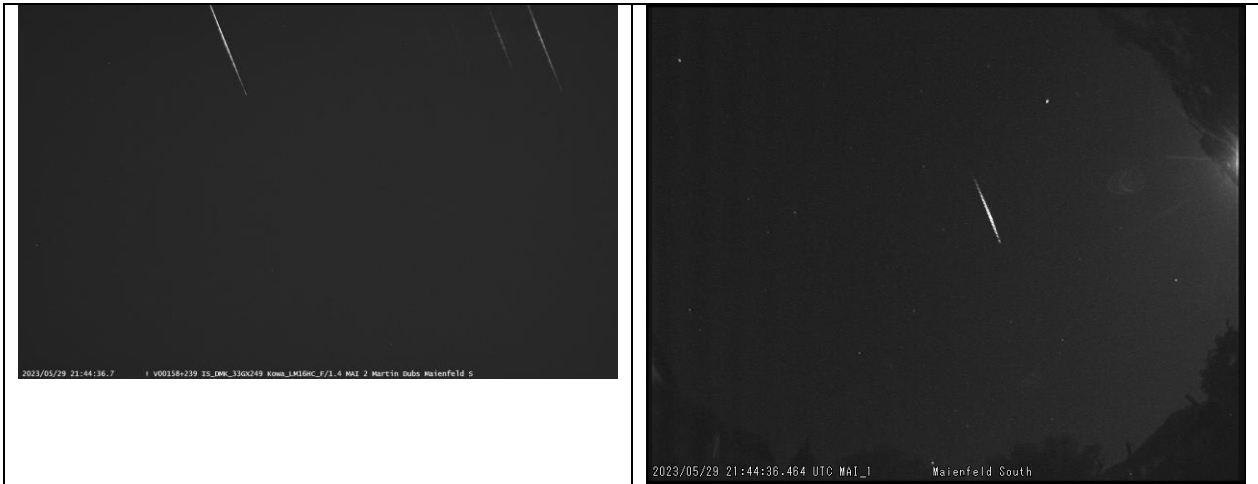
pixel	lambda	fit	error
511.76,	0.00,	0.04,	0.0416
1376.50,	517.50,	517.16,	-0.3395
1497.13,	589.00,	589.30,	0.2979

rms\_x = 0.2619

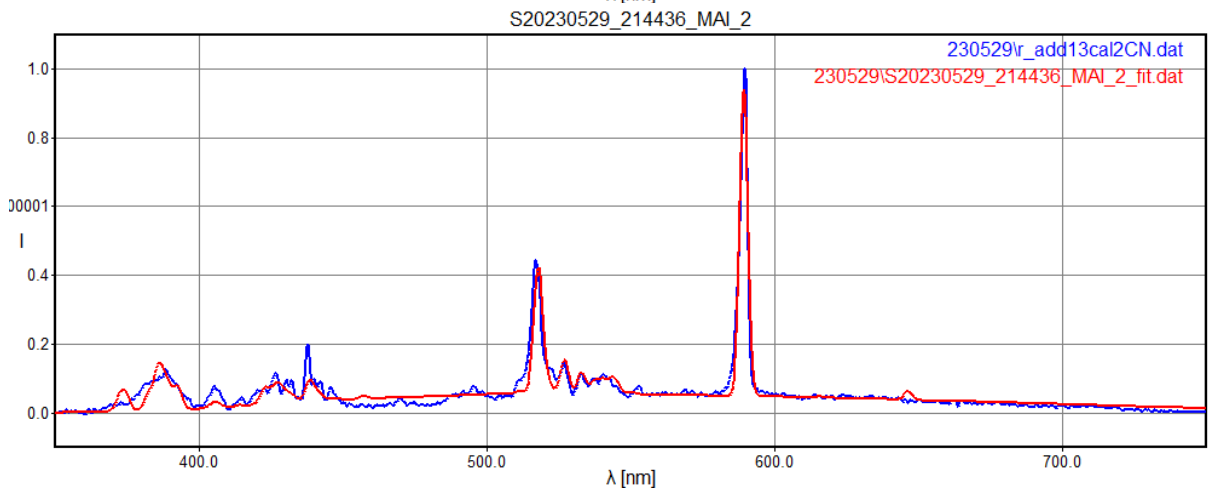
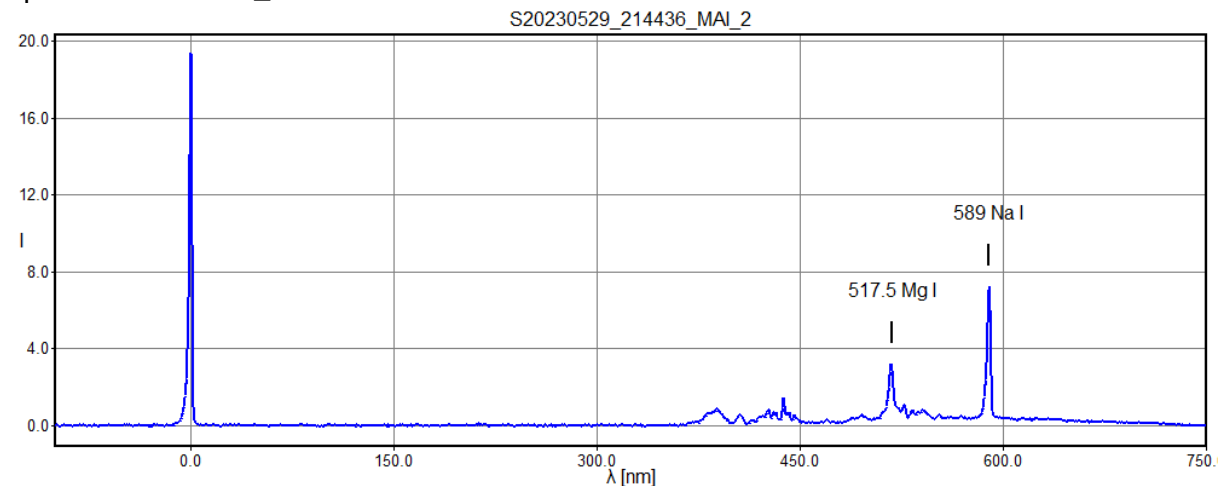
spectrum C:\Daten\Python\spyder\ 230409\r\_add35cal.dat saved moved to  
C:\Daten\Python\meteor-spectrum\230409



M20230529\_214436\_MAI\_2, spo, -2.6m



polynom for fit lambda c: [ 0.5979 -374.8916]  
 pixel lambda fit error  
 627.14, 0.00, 0.05, 0.0519  
 1491.93, 517.50, 517.08, -0.4227  
 1612.85, 589.00, 589.37, 0.3708  
 rms\_x = 0.3260  
 spectrum 230529\r\_add13cal.dat saved



M20230531\_021909\_MAI\_2, spo, -2.1m

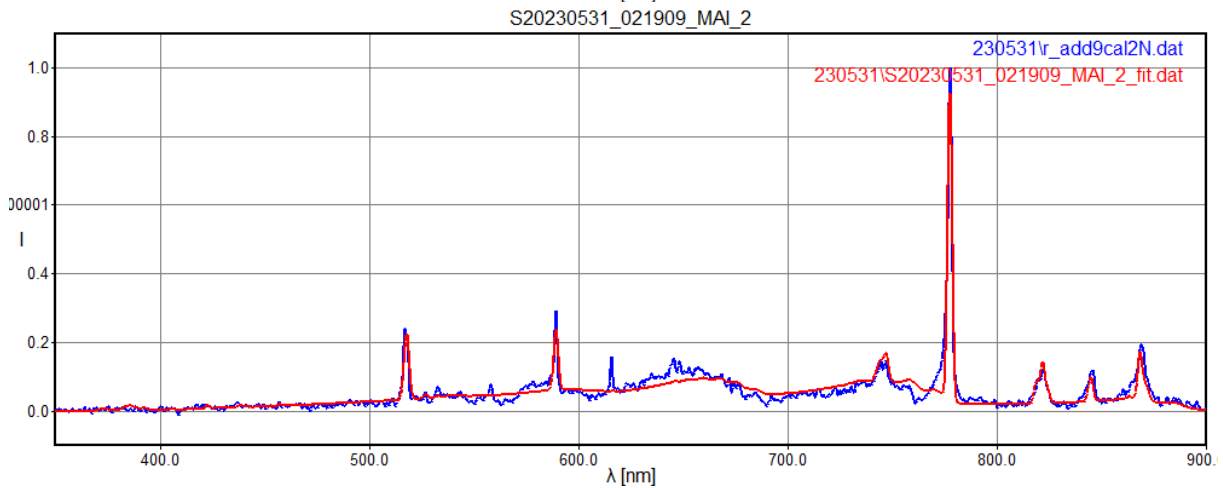
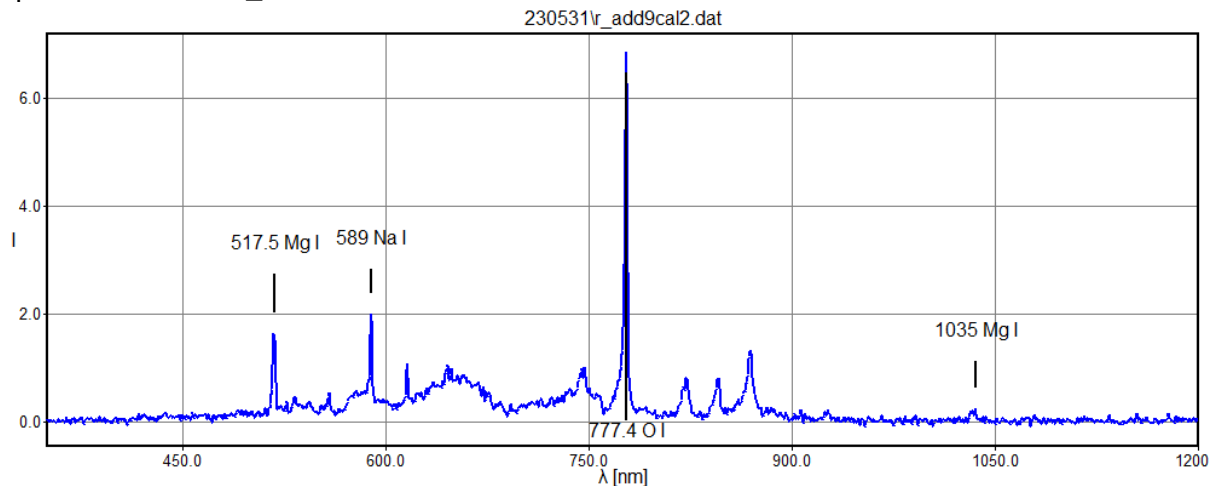


polynom for fit lambda c: [ 0.5973 314.7031]

pixel	lambda	fit	error
339.49,	517.50,	517.49,	-0.0057
459.17,	589.00,	588.98,	-0.0160
774.66,	777.40,	777.44,	0.0391
1205.81,	1035.00,	1034.98,	-0.0174

rms\_x = 0.0230

spectrum 230531\r\_add9cal.dat saved



M20230619\_213924\_MAI\_2, spo, -2.6m

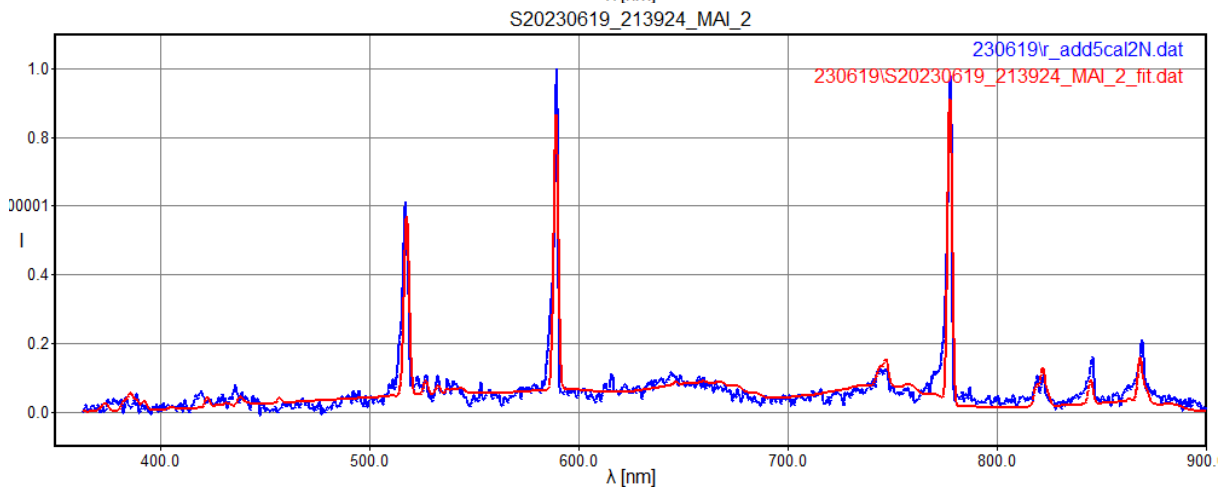
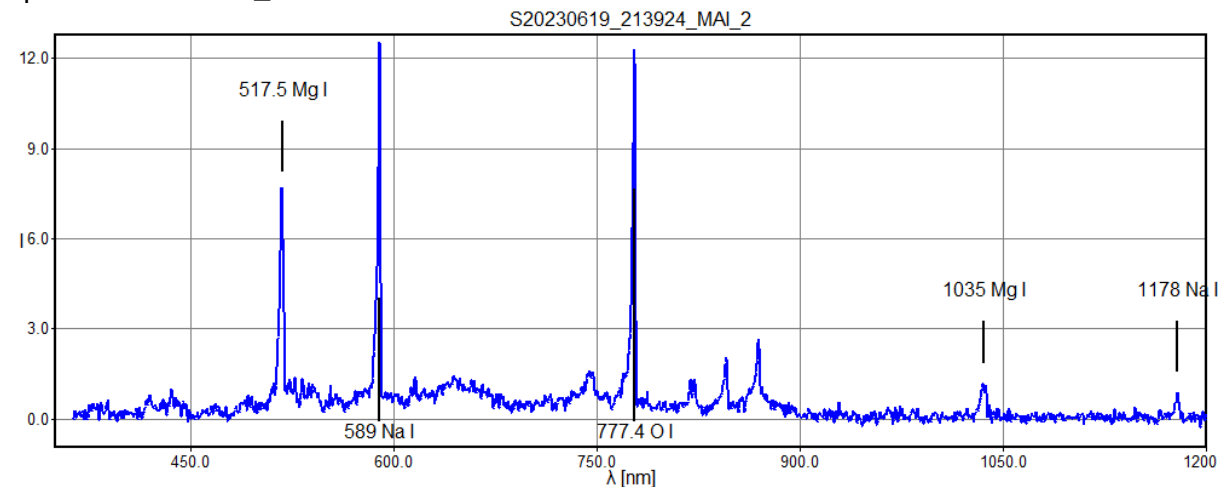


polynom for fit lambda c: [ 0.598 362.4407]

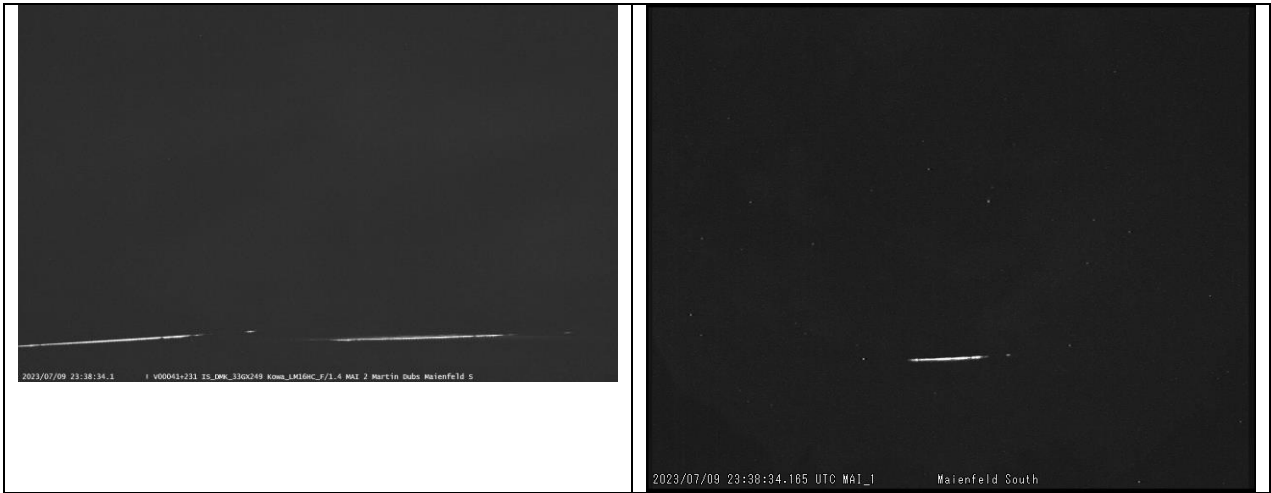
pixel	lambda	fit	error
258.90,	517.50,	517.25,	-0.2475
379.46,	589.00,	589.34,	0.3425
693.80,	777.40,	777.31,	-0.0949

rms\_x = 0.2500

spectrum 230619\r\_add5cal.dat saved



M20230709\_233834\_MAI\_2, spo, -2.2m

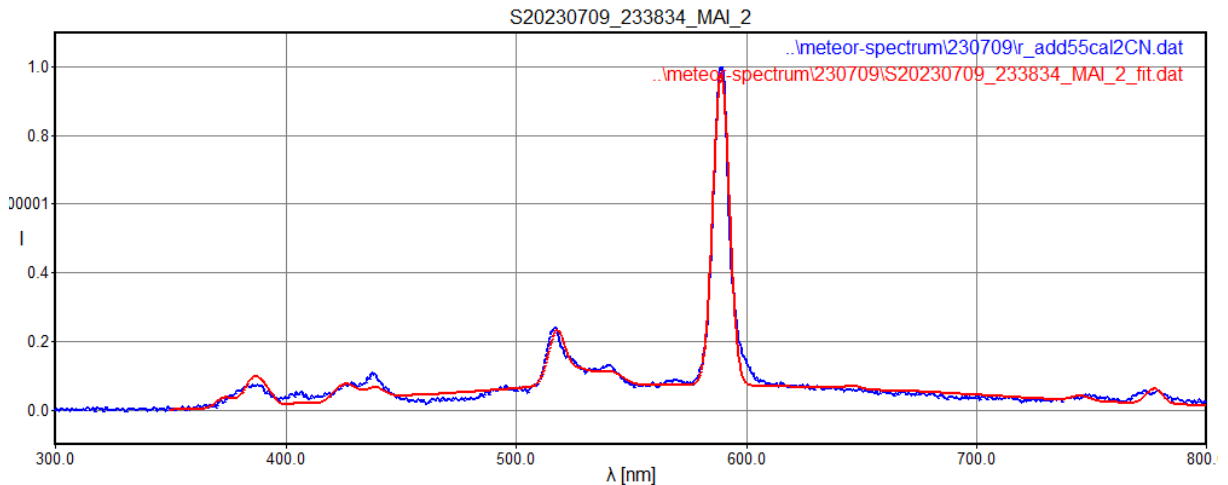
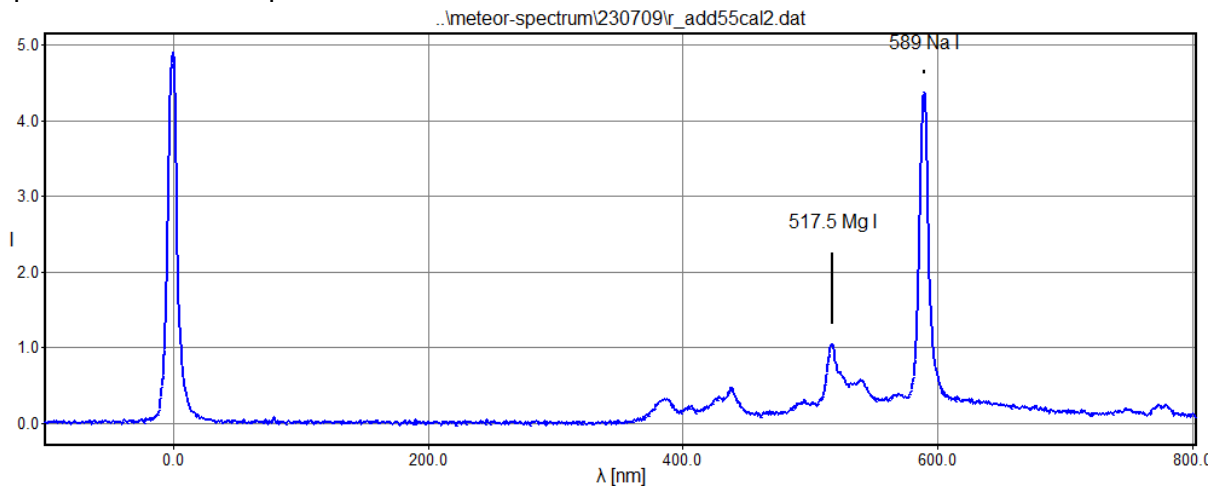


polynom for fit lambda c: [ 0.5982 -342.4655]

pixel	lambda	fit	error
572.60,	0.00,	0.04,	0.0384
1437.17,	517.50,	517.19,	-0.3141
1557.69,	589.00,	589.28,	0.2757

rms\_x = 0.2423

spectrum ..\meteor-spectrum\230709\r\_add55cal.dat saved



Low resolution caused by movement along dispersion direction. Cannot correct slant.

M20230812\_012046\_MAI\_2, PER, -2.8m

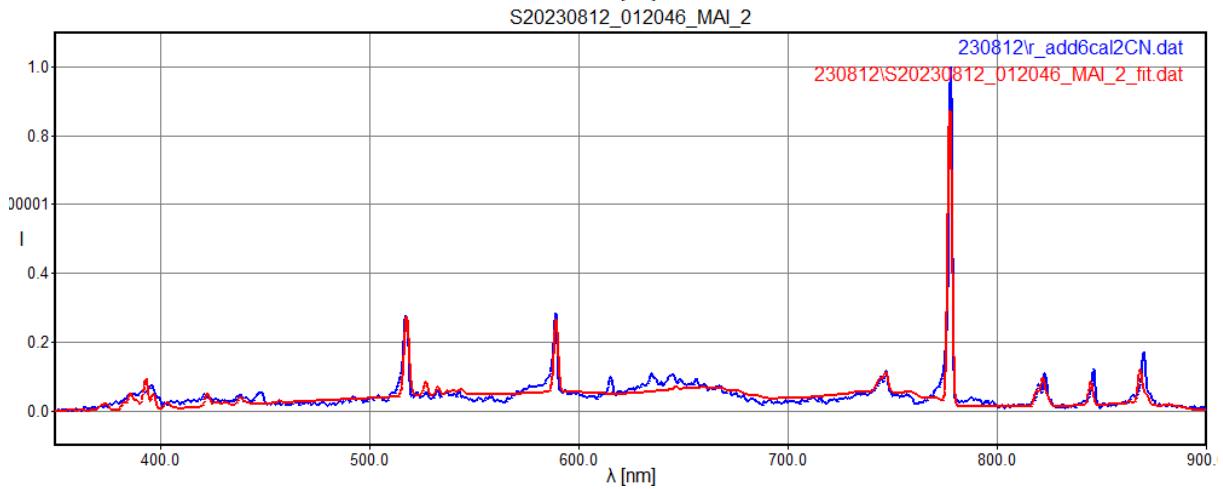
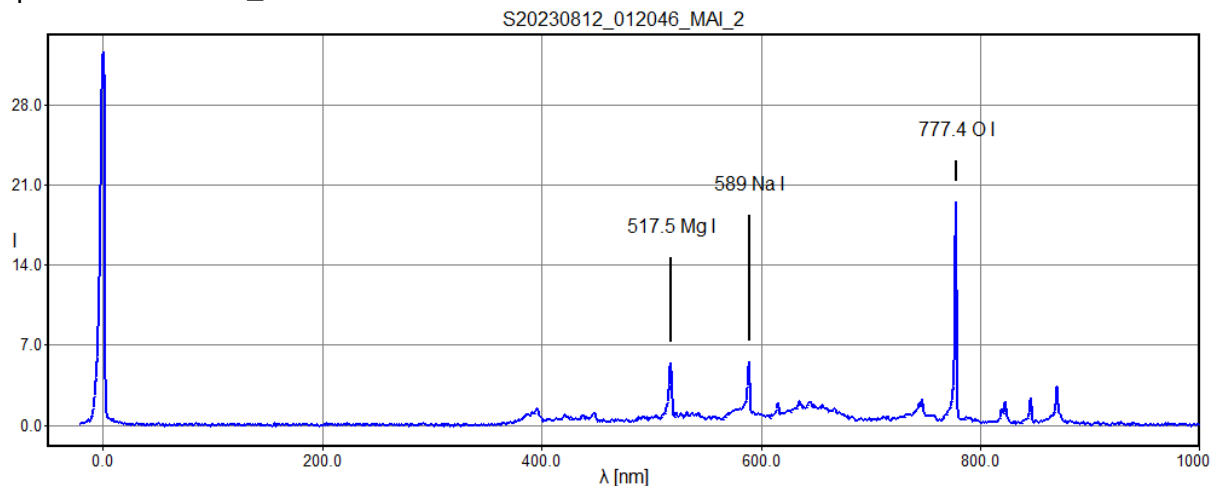


polynom for fit lambda c: [ 0.5972 -22.1659]

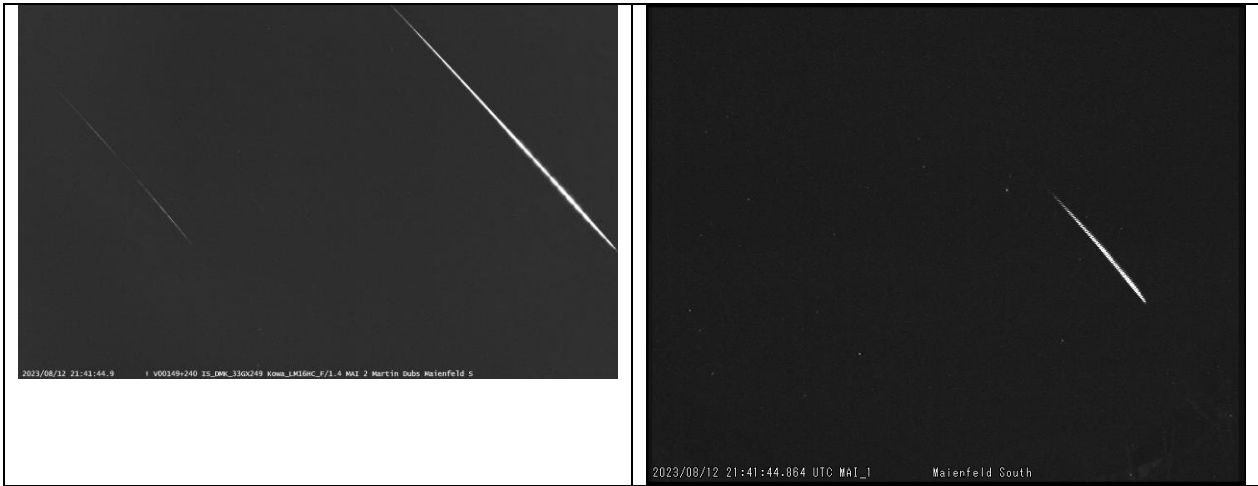
pixel	lambda	fit	error
37.21,	0.00,	0.05,	0.0547
903.64,	517.50,	517.46,	-0.0415
1023.16,	589.00,	588.83,	-0.1680
1339.19,	777.40,	777.55,	0.1548

rms\_x = 0.1193

spectrum 230812\r\_add6cal.dat saved



M20230812\_214144\_MAI\_2, PER, -3.4m

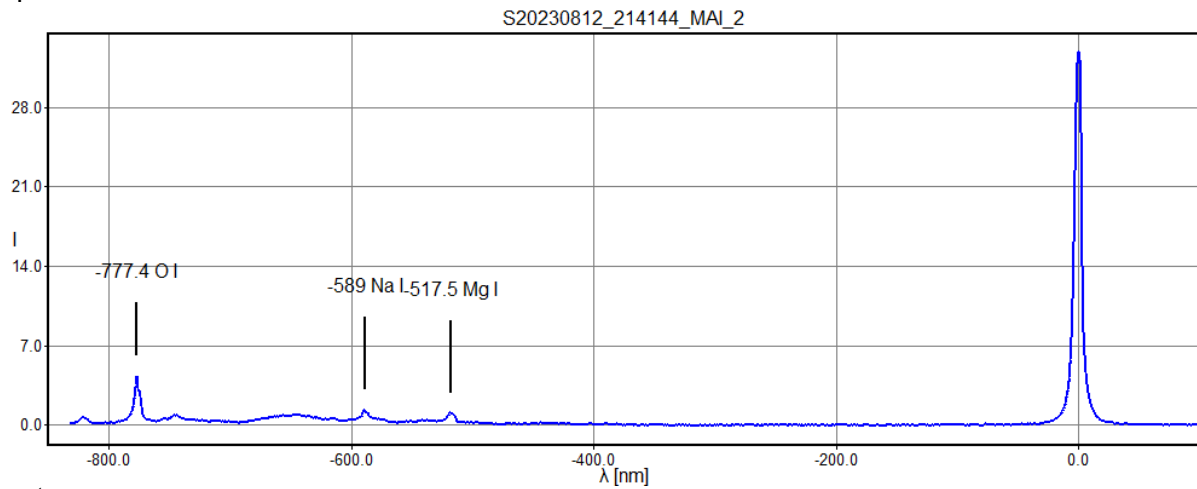


polynom for fit lambda c: [ 5.9654e-01 -8.3331e+02]

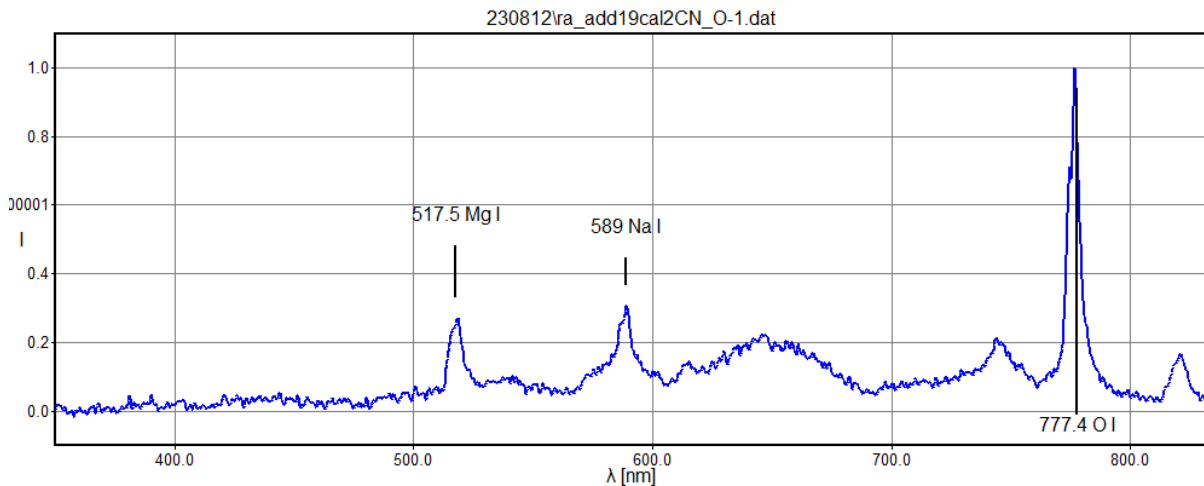
pixel	lambda	fit	error
1397.38,	0.00,	0.29,	0.2853
528.15,	-517.50,	-518.24,	-0.7448
409.28,	-589.00,	-589.16,	-0.1555
94.75,	-777.40,	-776.79,	0.6149

rms\_x = 0.5095

spectrum 230812\ra\_add19cal.dat saved



-1<sup>st</sup> order:



M20230821\_013008\_MAI\_2, PER, -3.3m

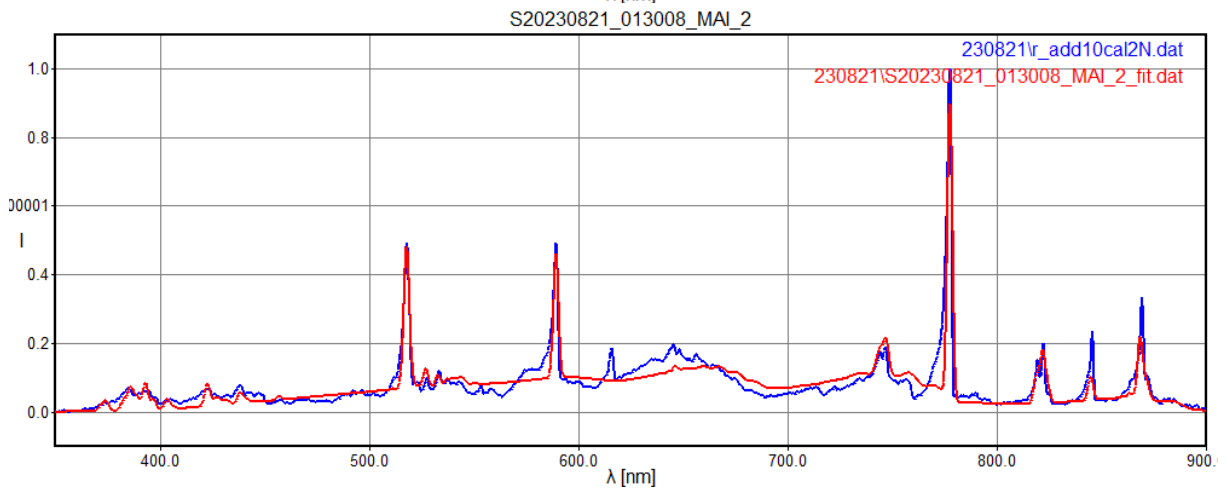
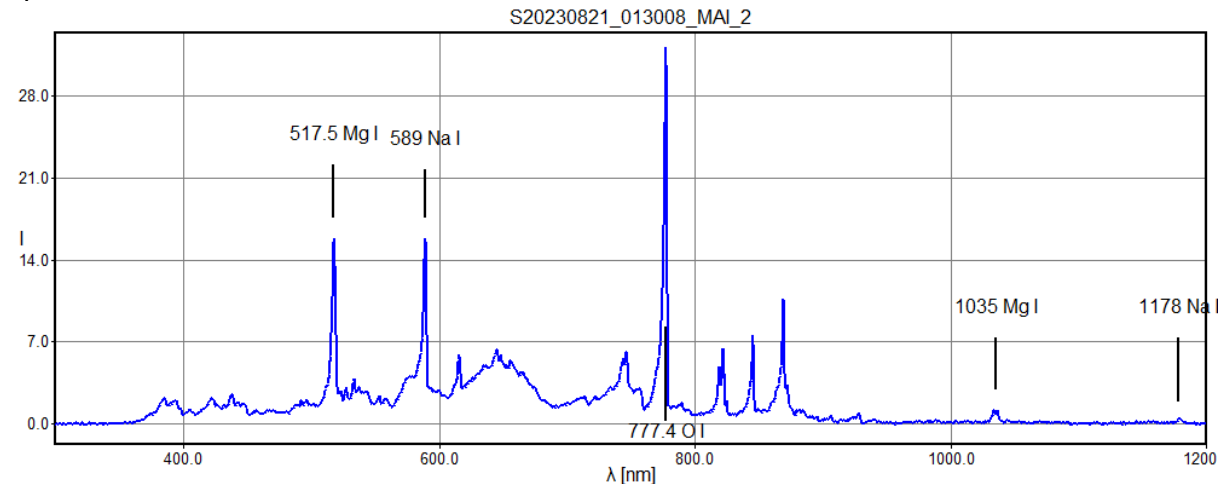


polynom for fit lambda c: [ 0.5981 213.6816]

pixel	lambda	fit	error
508.60,	517.50,	517.90,	0.3969
627.60,	589.00,	589.08,	0.0759
941.88,	777.40,	777.06,	-0.3398
1371.15,	1035.00,	1033.82,	-1.1751
1613.93,	1178.00,	1179.04,	1.0420

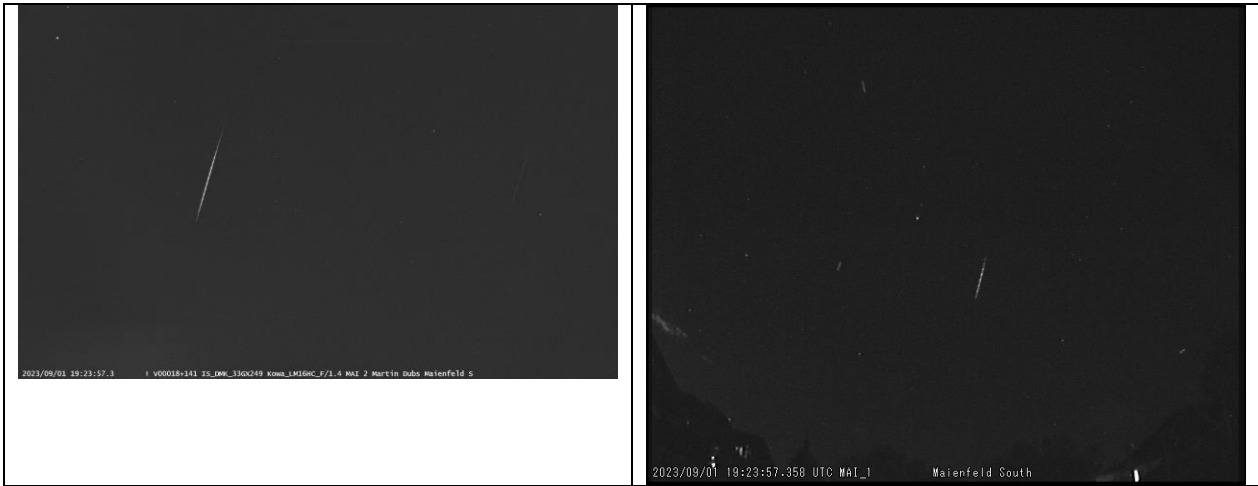
rms\_x = 0.7410

spectrum 230821\r\_add10cal.dat saved





M20230901\_192357\_MAI\_2, spo, -0.9m

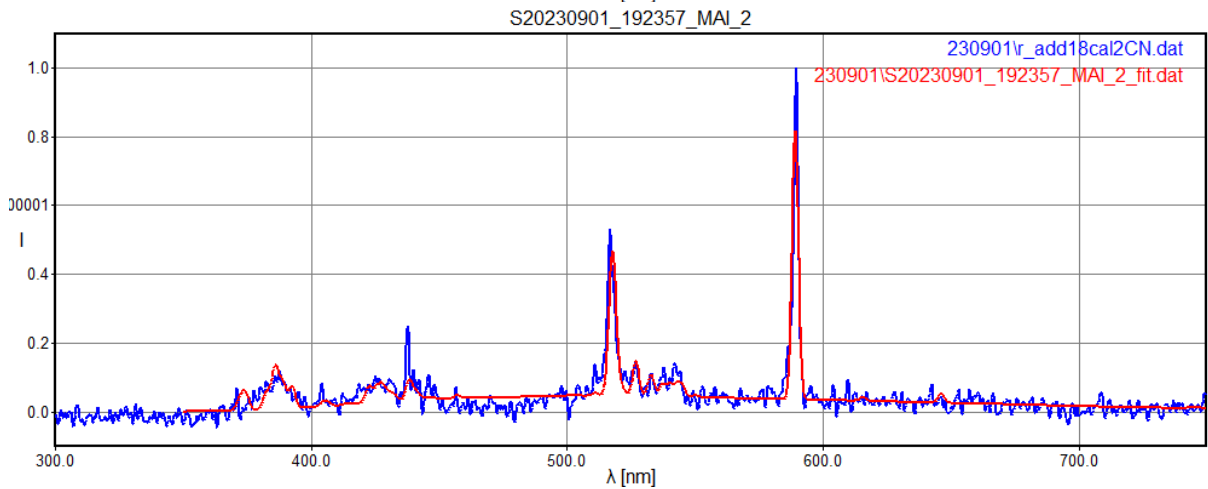
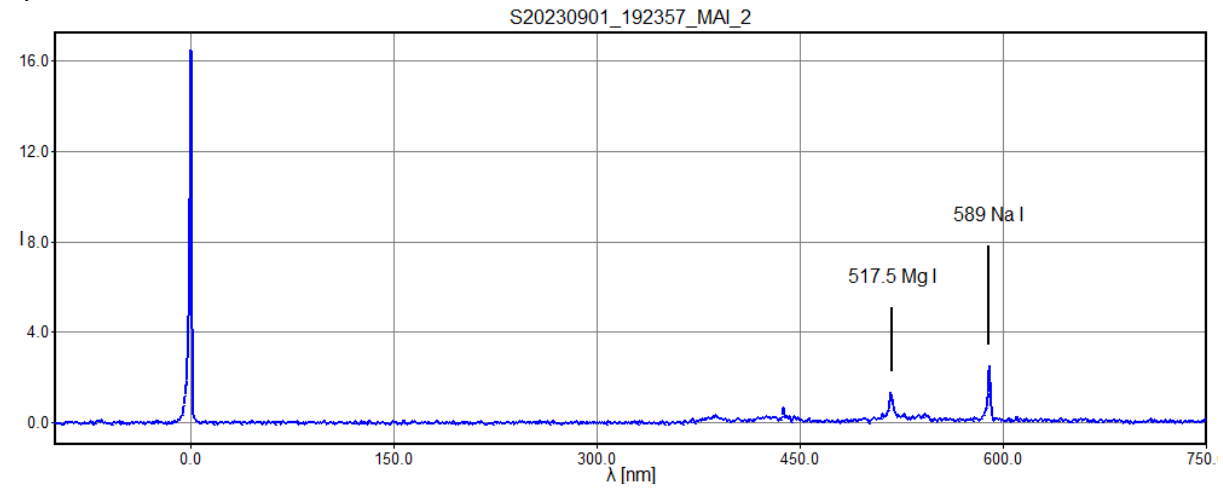


polynom for fit lambda c: [ 0.5981 -389.208 ]

pixel	lambda	fit	error
650.85,	0.00,	0.06,	0.0620
1515.15,	517.50,	517.00,	-0.5046
1636.28,	589.00,	589.44,	0.4426

rms\_x = 0.3892

spectrum 230901\r\_add18cal.dat saved



M20230906\_184200\_MAI\_2, spo, -3.7m

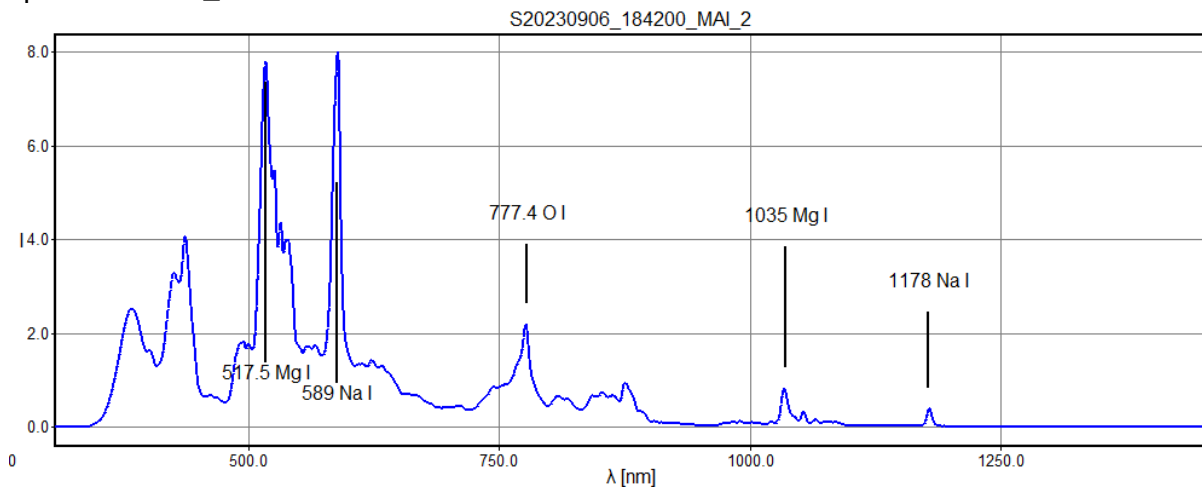


polynom for fit lambda c: [ 0.5988 307.7832]

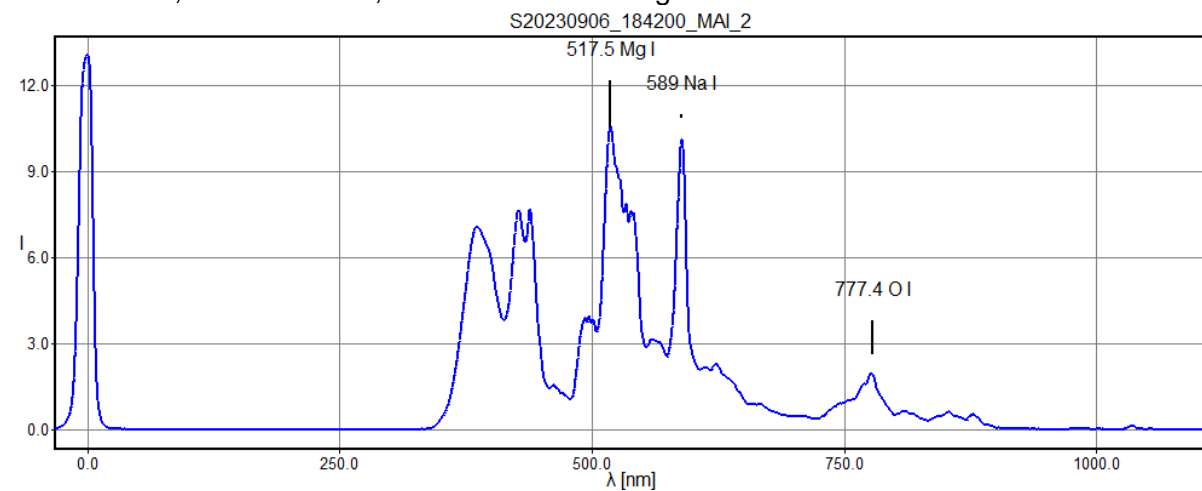
pixel	lambda	fit	error
350.53,	517.50,	517.66,	0.1649
470.35,	589.00,	589.41,	0.4077
783.37,	777.40,	776.83,	-0.5699
1213.16,	1035.00,	1034.17,	-0.8309
1454.76,	1178.00,	1178.83,	0.8283

rms\_x = 0.6156

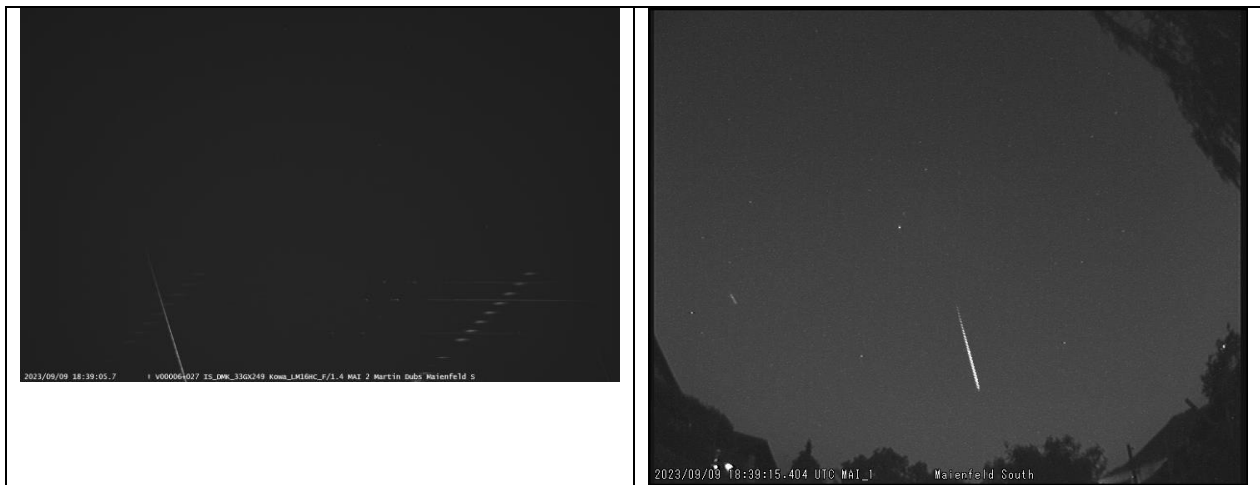
spectrum test\r\_add50cal.dat saved



Later frames, with first order, meteor started to fragment:



M20230909\_183905\_MAI\_2, spo, -2.0m

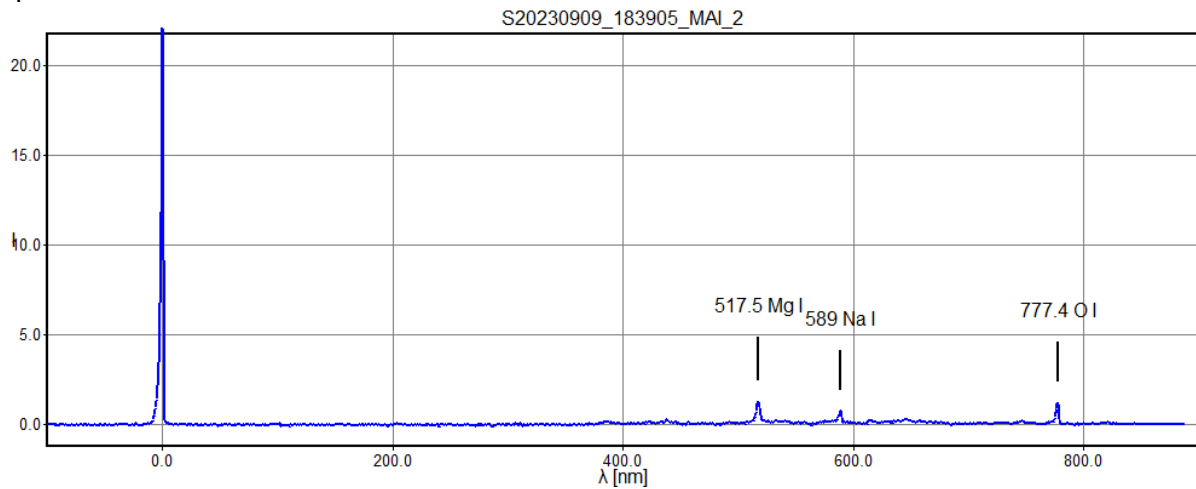


polynom for fit lambda c: [-5.2860e-06 6.0648e-01 -2.5520e+02]

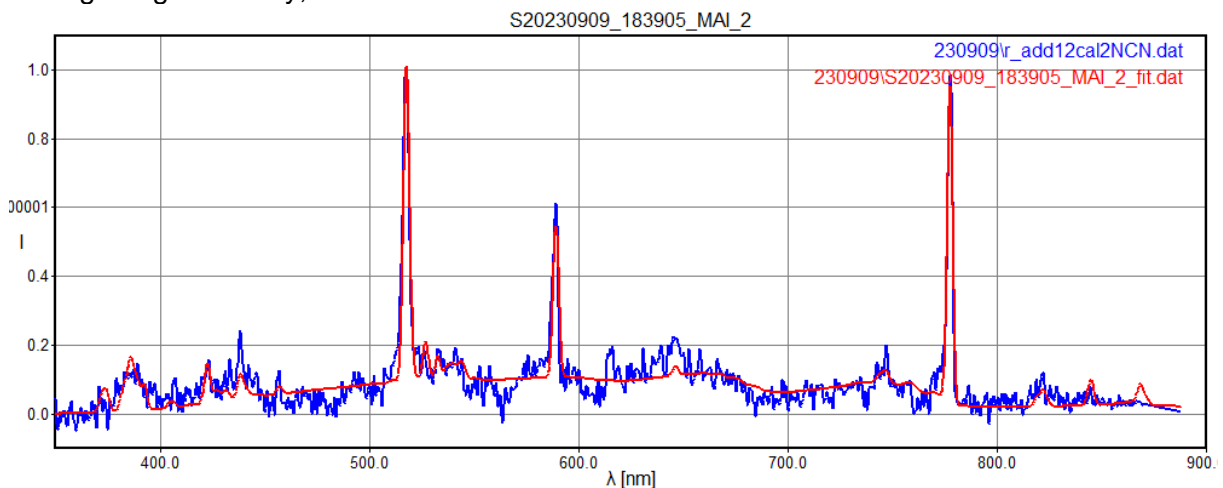
pixel	lambda	fit	error
422.34,	0.00,	0.00,	0.0006
1288.51,	517.50,	517.48,	-0.0156
1409.30,	589.00,	589.02,	0.0189
1728.64,	777.40,	777.40,	-0.0039

rms\_x = 0.0124

spectrum 230909\r\_add12cal.dat saved

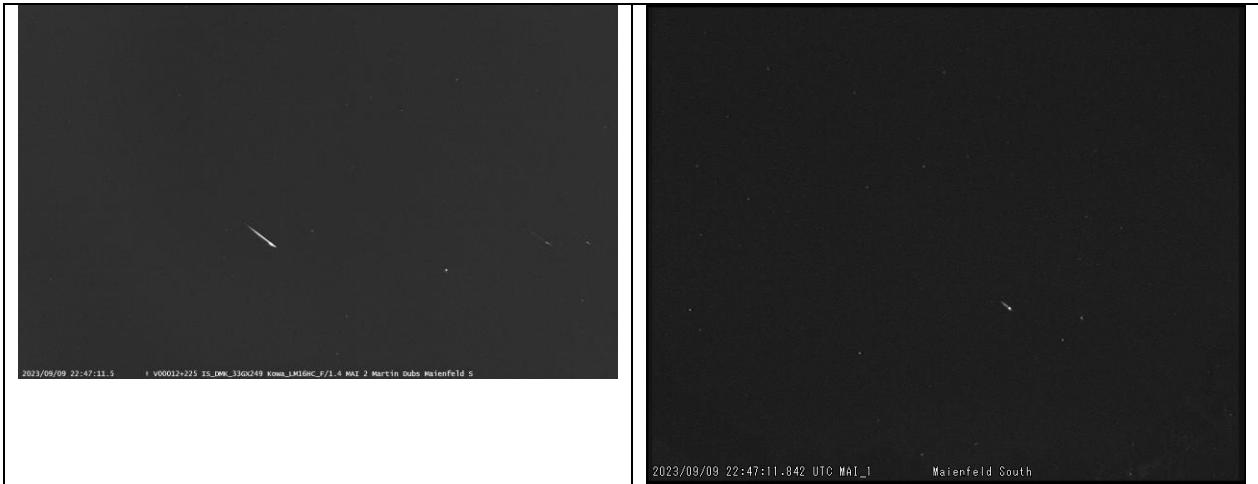


Poor grating efficiency, end of lifetime



video saved: [M20230909\\_183905\\_MAI\\_2part230-300.avi](#) from frame 230, meteor 260

M20230909\_224711\_MAI\_2, spo, -1.3m

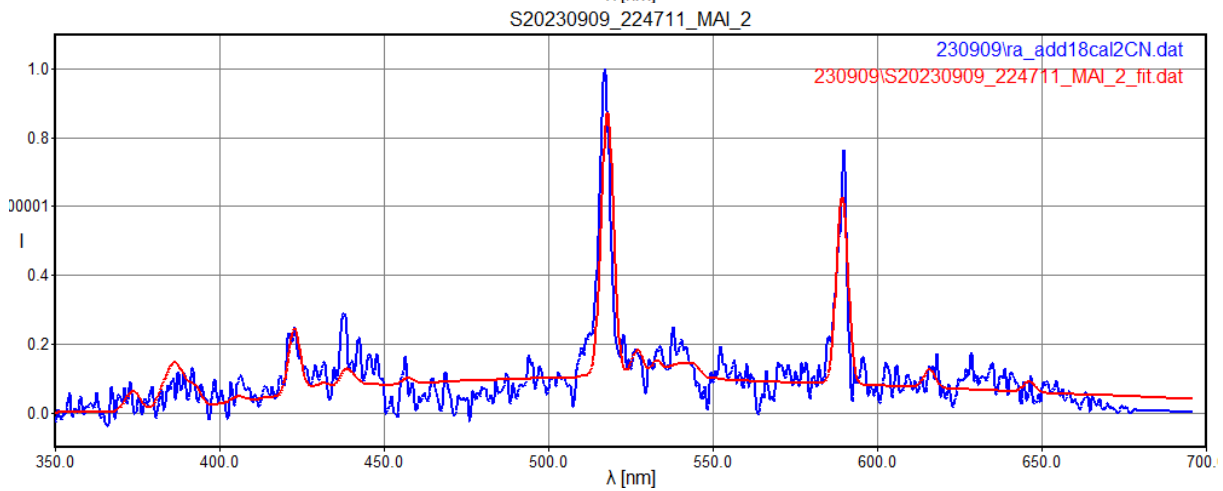
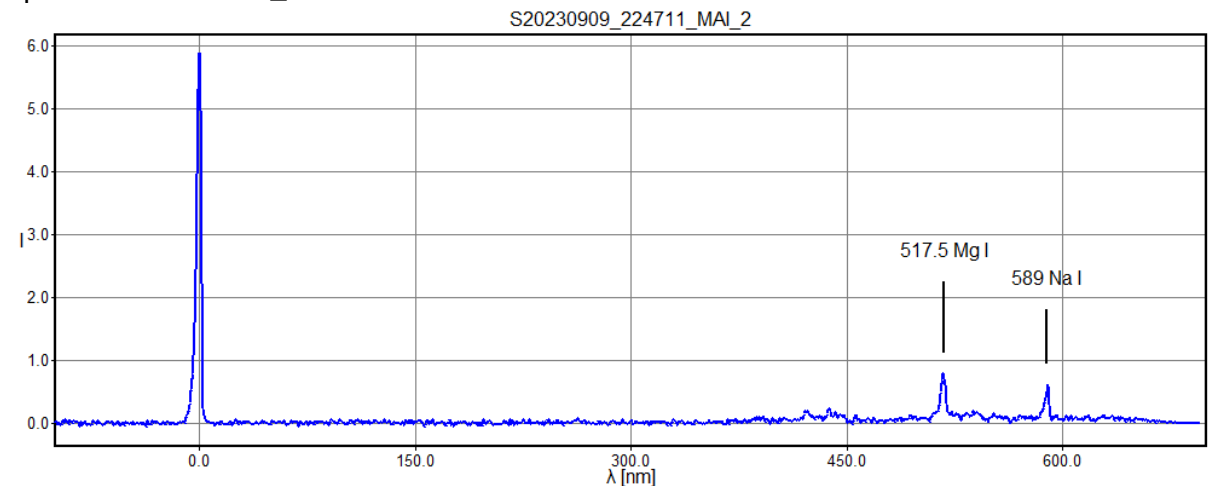


polynom for fit lambda c: [ 0.5964 -446.5888]

pixel	lambda	fit	error
748.91,	0.00,	0.05,	0.0547
1615.79,	517.50,	517.05,	-0.4455
1737.08,	589.00,	589.39,	0.3908

rms\_x = 0.3436

spectrum 230909\ra\_add18cal.dat saved



M20231007\_180324\_MAI\_2, spo, -3m

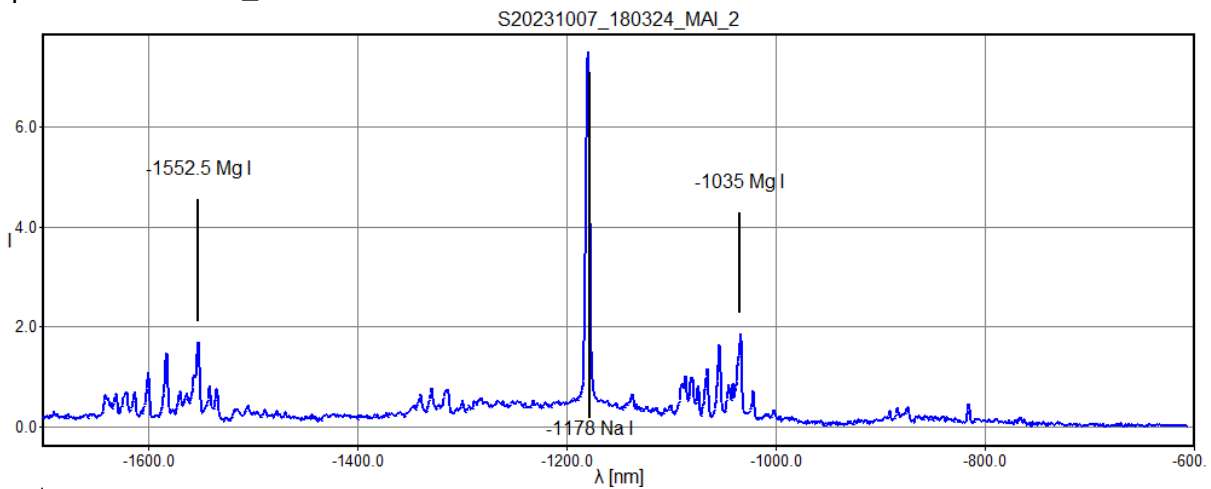


polynomial for fit lambda c: [ 6.0132e-01 -1.7590e+03]

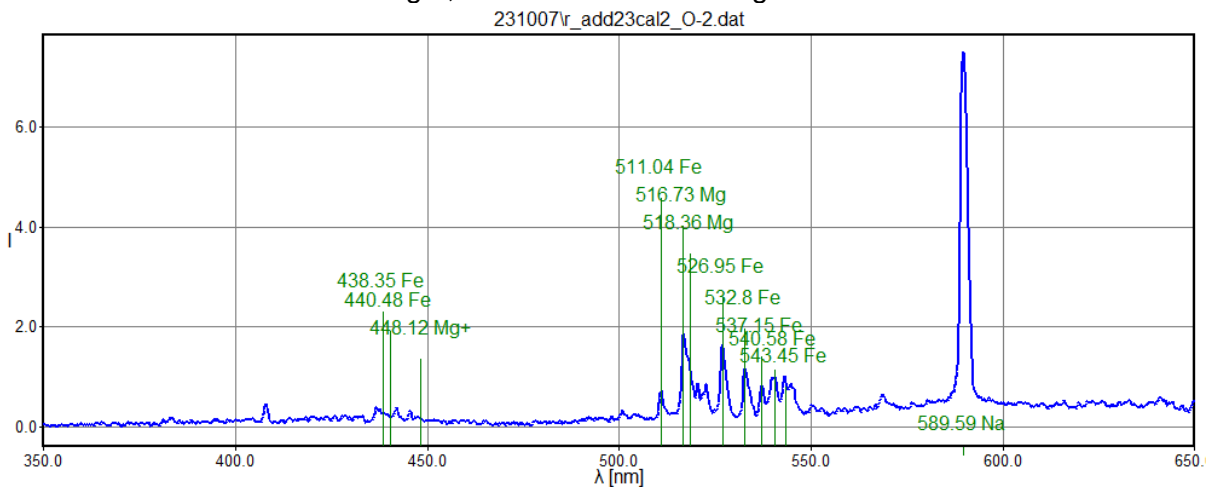
pixel	lambda	fit	error
963.77	-1178.00	-1179.48	-1.4828
1205.82	-1035.00	-1033.93	1.0663
344.13	-1552.50	-1552.08	0.4165

rms\_x = 1.0815

spectrum 231007\r\_add23cal.dat saved



-2<sup>nd</sup> order converted to wavelength, nice resolved Fe and Mg lines:



M20231008\_175719\_MAI\_2, spo, -0.8m

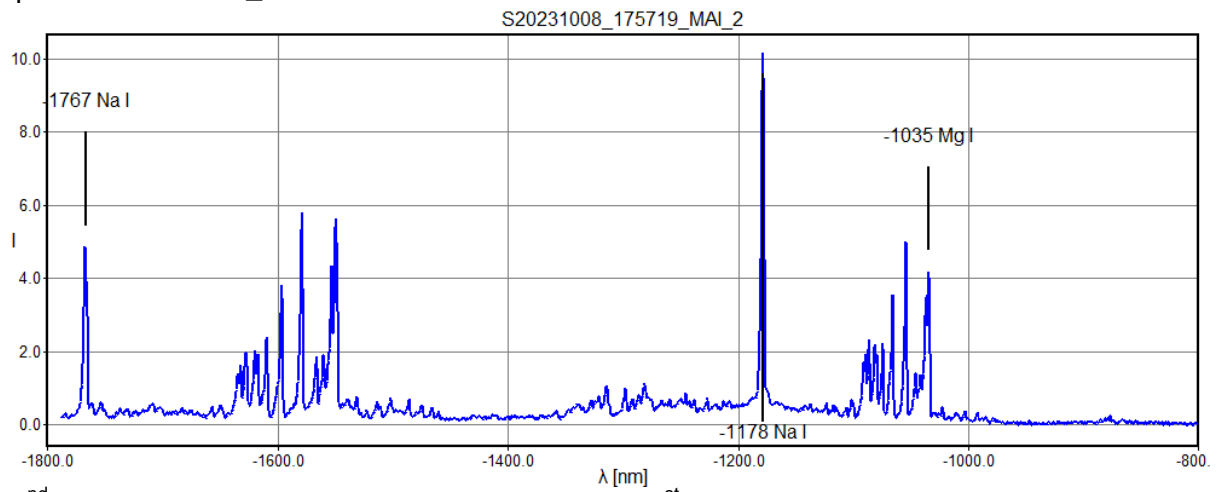


2023/10/08 17:57:19.6 | V00004+115 IS\_DMK\_33GX249 Kowa\_LM16HC\_F/1.4 MAI 2 Martin Dubs Maierfeld S  
 polynomial for fit lambda c: [ 5.9734e-01 -1.7890e+03]

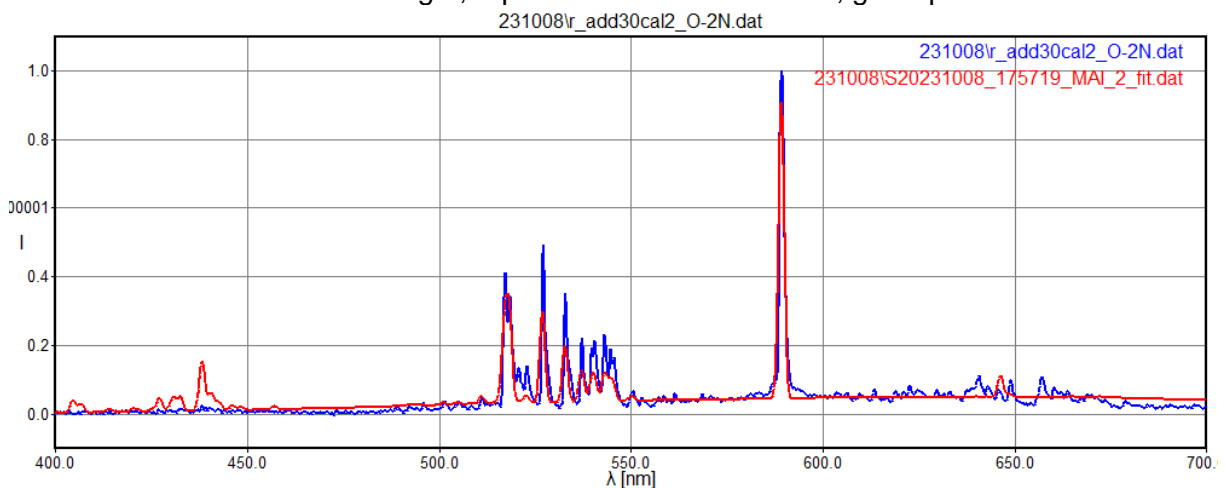
pixel	lambda	fit	error
37.05	-1767.00	-1766.90	0.0973
1022.10	-1178.00	-1178.50	-0.4950
1262.99	-1035.00	-1034.60	0.3977

rms\_x = 0.3709

spectrum 231008\r\_add30cal.dat saved



-2<sup>nd</sup> order converted to wavelength, reponse from 1<sup>st</sup> order used, gives poor fit:



M20231009\_033510\_MAI\_2, spo, -3.2m

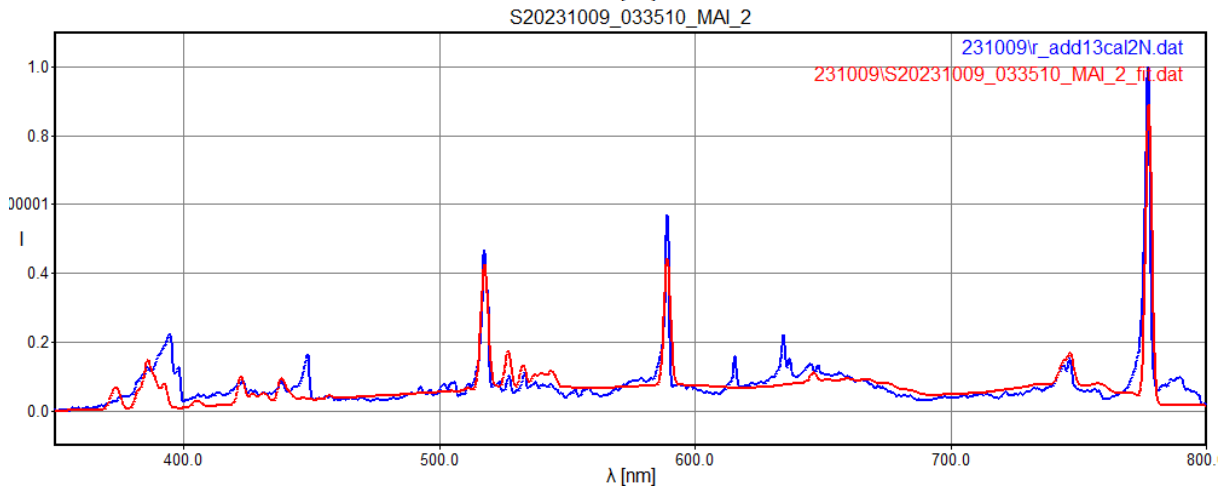
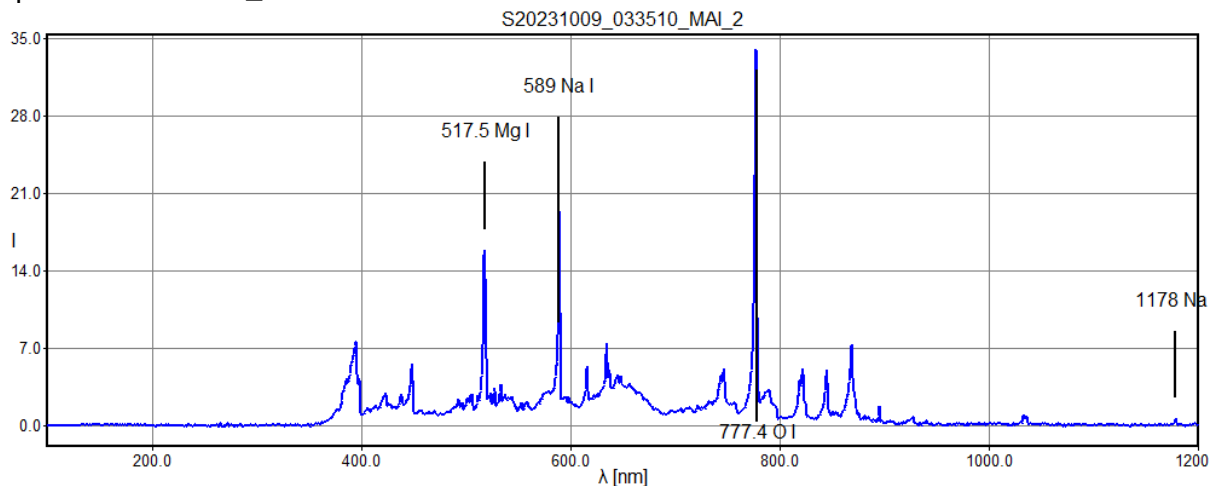


polynom for fit lambda c: [ 0.5966 92.0475]

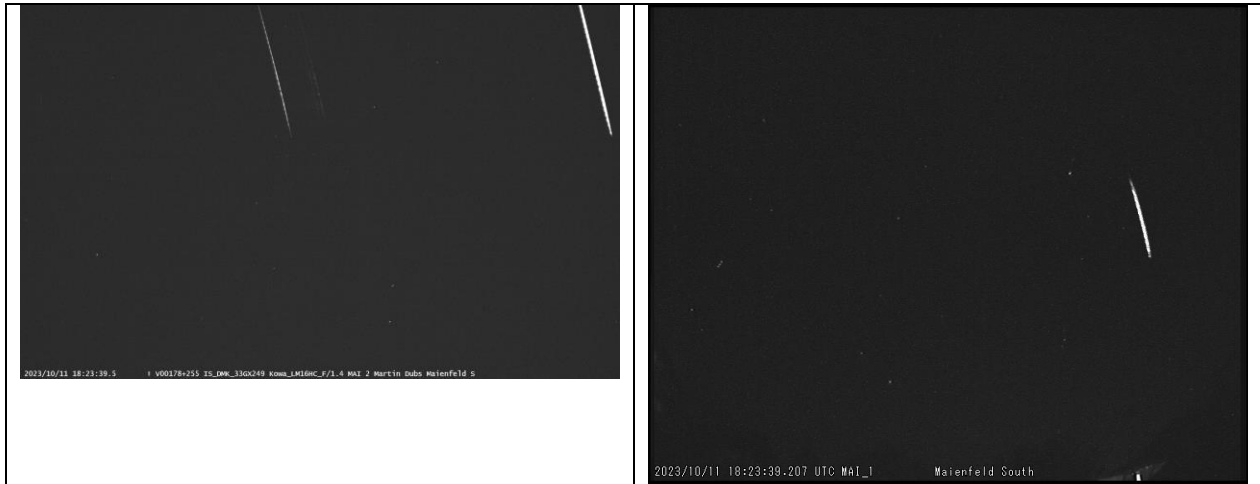
pixel	lambda	fit	error
713.62,	517.50,	517.78,	0.2793
833.05,	589.00,	589.03,	0.0289
1147.96,	777.40,	776.90,	-0.5020
1820.62,	1178.00,	1178.19,	0.1938

rms\_x = 0.3035

spectrum 231009\r\_add13cal.dat saved



M20231011\_182339\_MAI\_2, spo, -2.4m



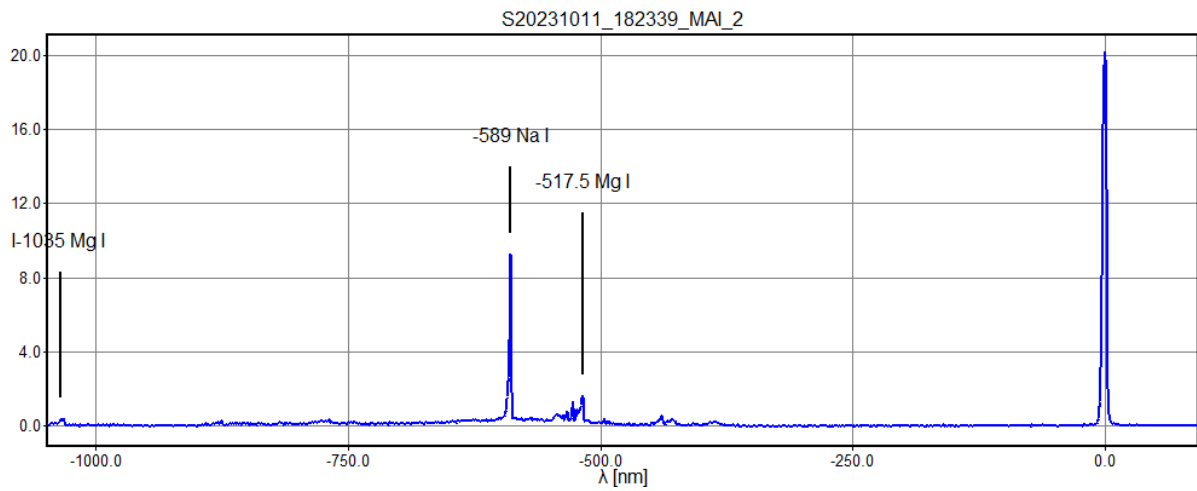
polynom for fit lambda c: [ 5.9619e-01 -1.0496e+03]

pixel	lambda	fit	error
1760.49,	0.00,	0.01,	0.0115
892.30,	-517.50,	-517.59,	-0.0946
772.67,	-589.00,	-588.92,	0.0832

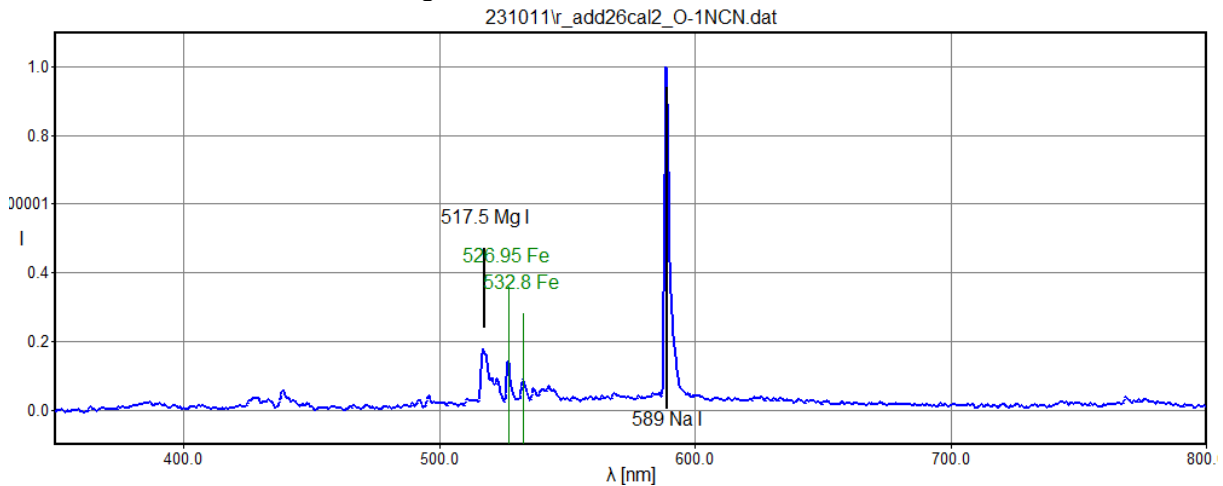
rms\_x = 0.0730

spectrum 231011\r\_add26cal.dat

saved



-1st order converted to wavelength:





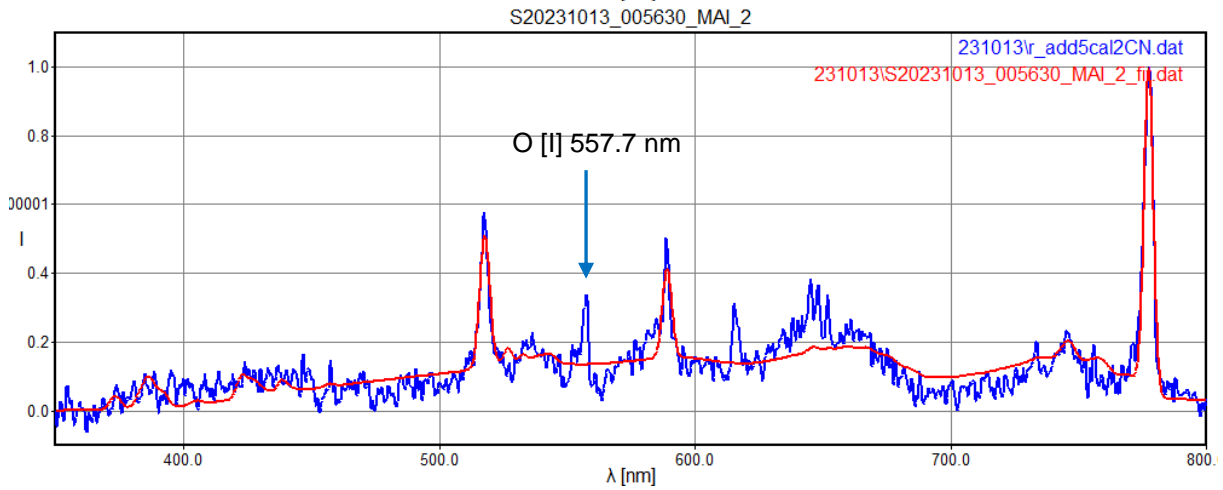
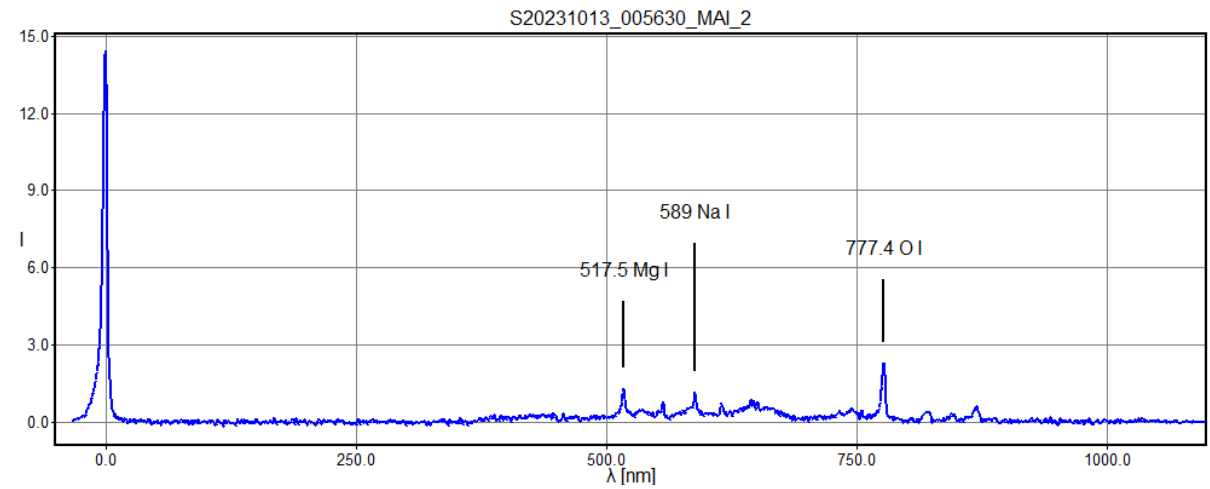
M20231013\_005630\_MAI\_2, spo, -2.4m



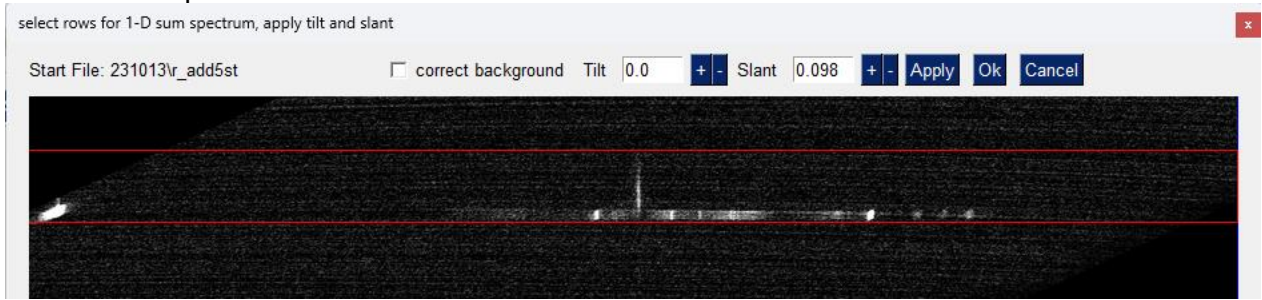
polynom for fit lambda c: [-6.9468e-06 6.1249e-01 -3.3113e+01]

pixel	lambda	fit	error
54.09,	0.00,	-0.00,	-0.0038
908.48,	517.50,	517.59,	0.0914
1027.50,	589.00,	588.89,	-0.1104
1343.82,	777.40,	777.42,	0.0228

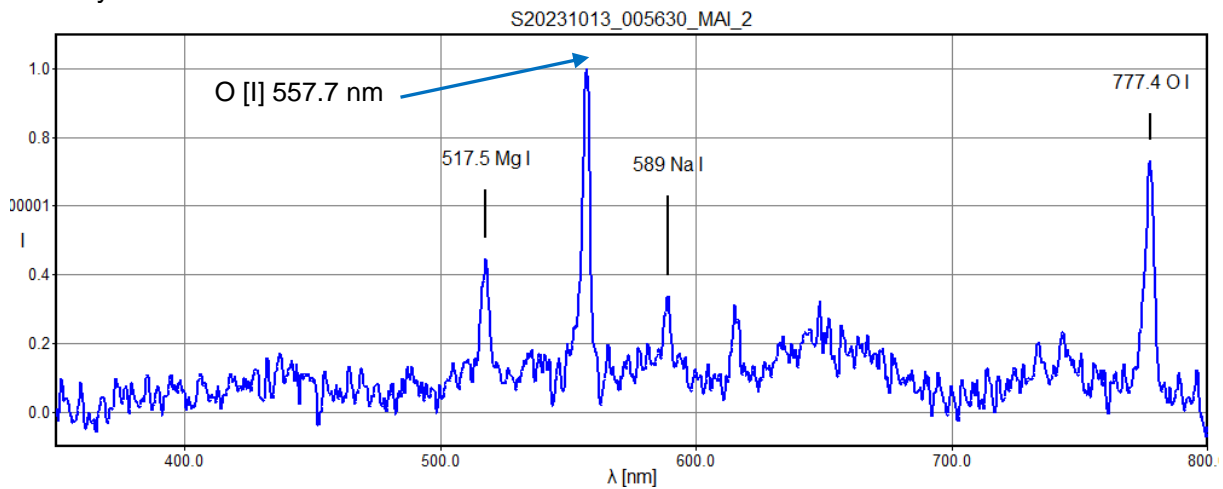
rms\_x =  
0.0726



Not fitted is the telluric train line of forbidden oxygen O[I] at 557.7 nm, well visible in the stacked raw spectrum:



Adjusting the slant of the train and adding over the rows containing the train increases its visibility:



The forbidden line is actually the most intense line of the meteor spectrum!

M20231013\_222548\_MAI\_2, spo, -3.0m

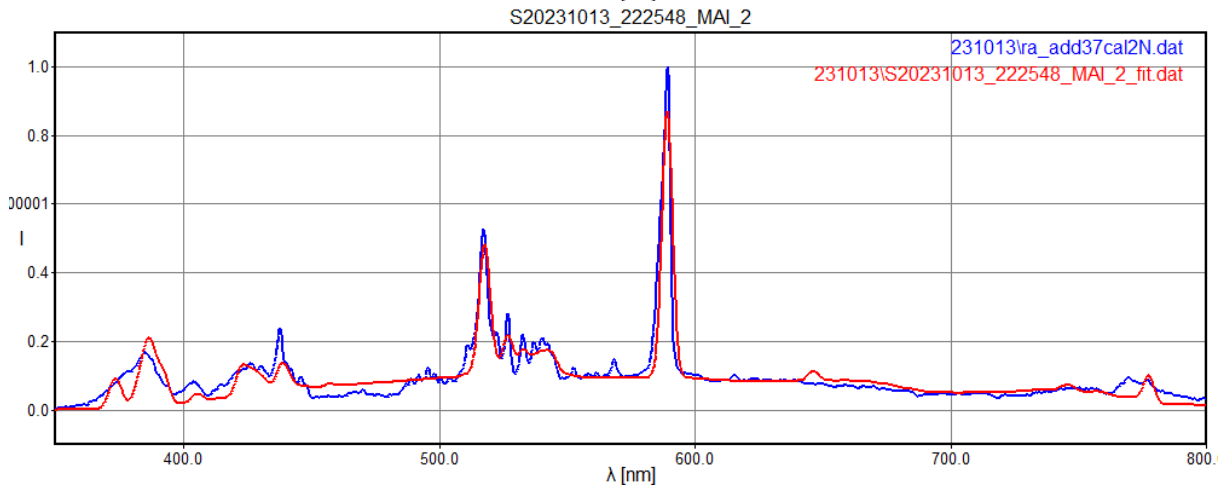
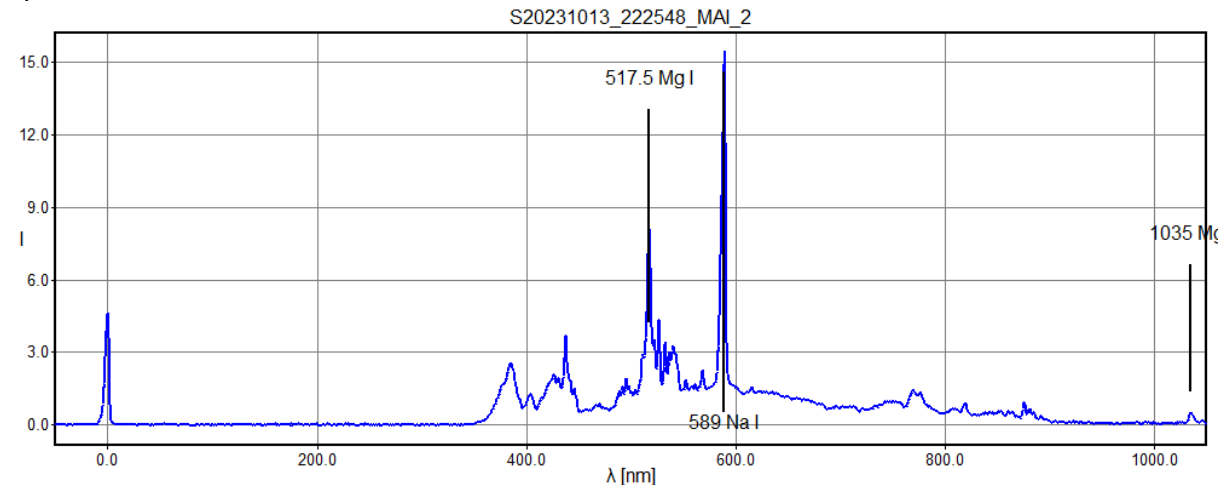


polynom for fit lambda c: [ 2.3833e-06 5.9319e-01 -8.2128e+01]

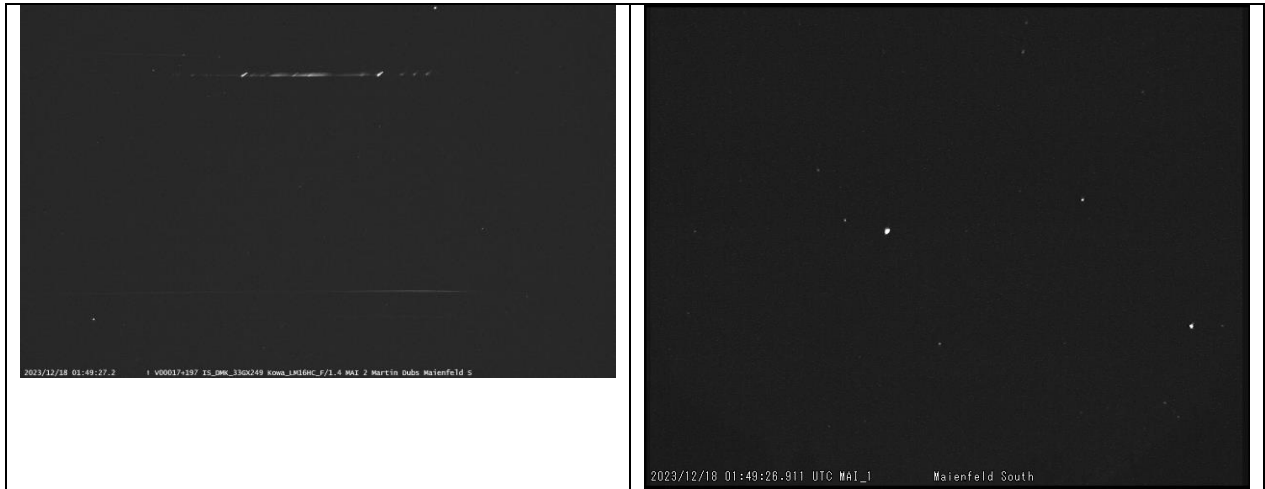
pixel	lambda	fit	error
138.39,	0.00,	0.01,	0.0093
1006.52,	517.50,	517.35,	-0.1539
1126.55,	589.00,	589.16,	0.1571
1869.19,	1035.00,	1034.99,	-0.0125

rms\_x = 0.1103

spectrum 231013\ra\_add37cal.dat saved



M20231218\_014927\_MAI\_2, spo, -1.5m

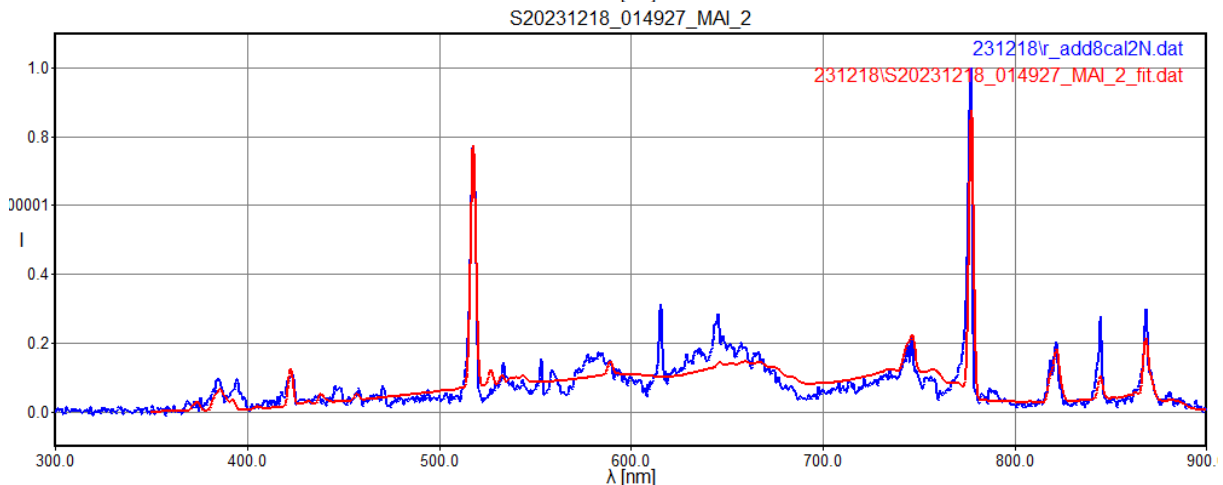
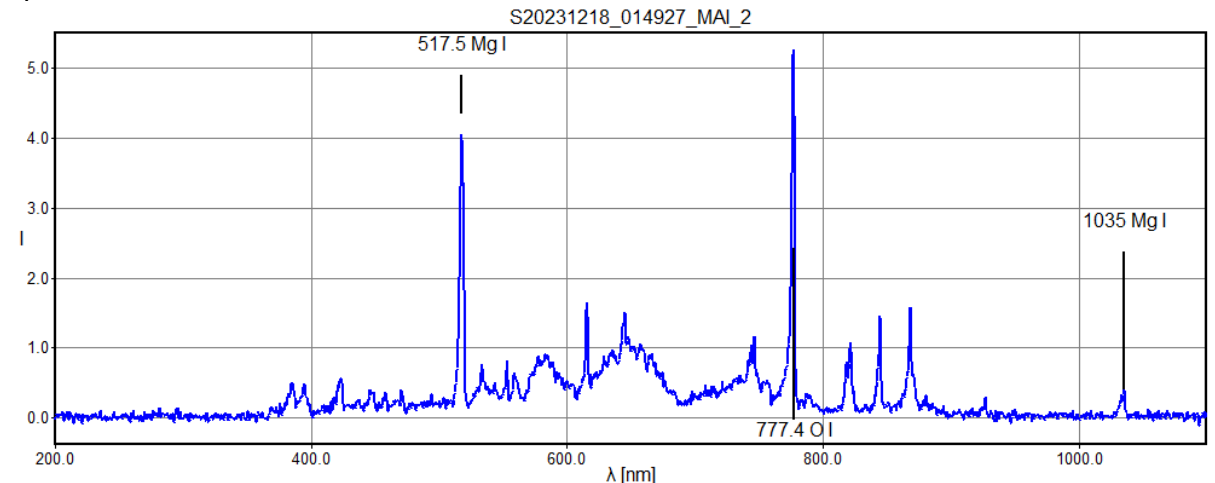


polynom for fit lambda c: [ 0.5962 81.0876]

pixel	lambda	fit	error
732.45,	517.50,	517.80,	0.2986
1166.85,	777.40,	776.80,	-0.5977
1600.40,	1035.00,	1035.30,	0.2992

rms\_x = 0.4227

spectrum 231218\r\_add8cal.dat saved



M20231228\_034607\_MAI\_2, QUA, -1.9m



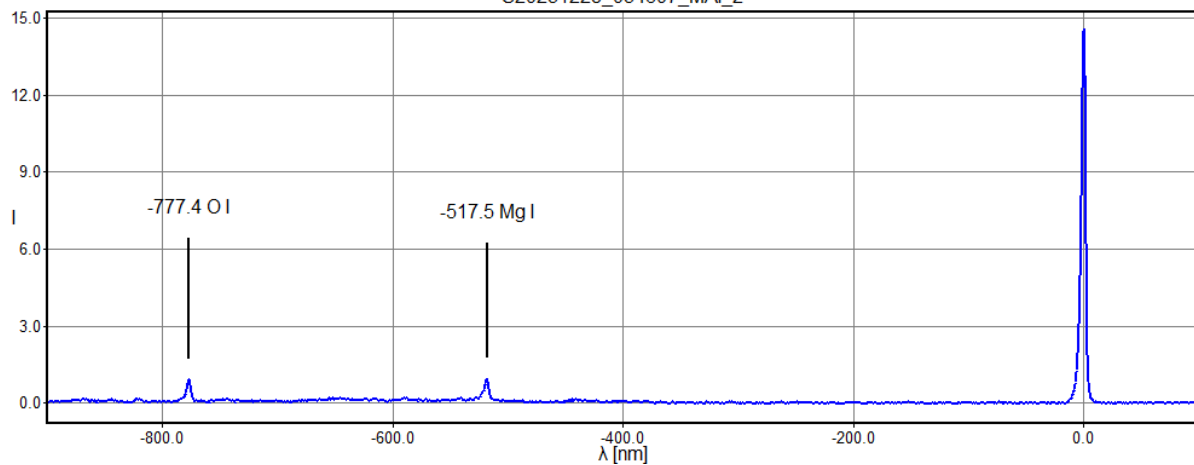
polynom for fit lambda c: [ 5.9530e-01 -9.0042e+02]

pixel	lambda	fit	error
1512.97,	0.00,	0.24,	0.2413
642.03,	-517.50,	-518.22,	-0.7250
207.47,	-777.40,	-776.92,	0.4836

rms\_x = 0.5221

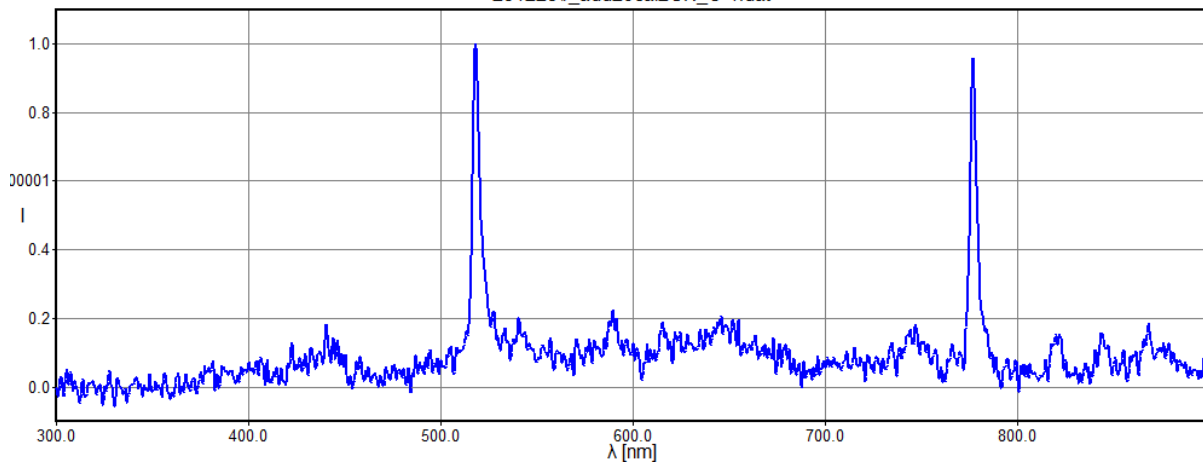
spectrum 231228\r\_add20cal.dat saved

S20231228\_034607\_MAI\_2



-1<sup>st</sup> order converted to wavelength:

231228\r\_add20cal2CN\_O-1.dat



## Meteor spectral lines

**Table 3-7:** List of spectral lines frequently found in meteor spectra and their relative intensities. The identification of the lines (numbers) in our example is also given. Lines marked with an asterisk appear in spectra of fast meteors, such as the Perseids, but much fainter in spectra of slow meteors.

Laboratory data			ident. number	Laboratory data			ident. number
$\lambda_{\text{lab}}$ , [Å]	atom/ion	intensity		$\lambda_{\text{lab}}$ , [Å]	atom/ion	intensity	
3719.9	Fe	10	2	4923.9	Fe <sup>+</sup>	2*	
3734.9	Fe	8		4957.6	Fe	4	
3737.1	Fe	9	3	5012.1	Fe	1	
3745.6	Fe	8		5018.4	Fe <sup>+</sup>	3*	
3749.5	Fe	8		5110.4	Fe	1	
3820.4	Fe	9		5167.3	Mg	17	
3825.9	Fe	8		5172.7	Mg	25	
3829.4	Mg	10		5183.6	Mg	28	
3832.3	Mg	11		5208.4	Cr	10	
3838.3	Mg	12		5227.2	Fe	5	
3859.9	Fe	11		5269.5	Fe	14	
3886.3	Fe	9		5328.0	Fe	12	
3933.7	Ca <sup>+</sup>	40*	8	5371.5	Fe	9	
3968.5	Ca <sup>+</sup>	35*	9	5397.1	Fe	5	
4030.8	Mn	10		5405.8	Fe	6	
4045.8	Fe	10		5429.7	Fe	6	
4063.6	Fe	9		5434.5	Fe	4	
4131.0	Si <sup>+</sup>	1*		5446.9	Fe	4	
4226.7	Ca	11	12	5455.6	Fe	4	
4254.4	Cr	9		5528.4	Mg	2	
4271.8	Fe	10		5615.7	Fe	1	
4274.8	Cr	8		5890.0	Na	40	
4289.7	Cr	7		5895.9	Na	35	
4307.9	Fe	10		6156.8	O	1*	
4325.8	Fe	10		6162.2	Ca	1	
4383.5	Fe	14	15	6347.1	Si <sup>+</sup>	6*	
4404.8	Fe	11		6371.4	Si <sup>+</sup>	3*	
4481.2	Mg <sup>+</sup>	15*		6495.0	Fe	1	
4920.5	Fe	3		6562.9	H	2*	

From: Spectral lines, (IMO Photographic Handbook 03 Spectra, p 47)

<http://www.imo.net/docs/03spectra.pdf>

Another list from Borovicka, 2005

<https://ui.adsabs.harvard.edu/abs/2005Icar..174...15B/abstract>

Free access from:

<https://sci-hub.st/https://doi.org/10.1016/j.icarus.2004.09.011>

Table 1

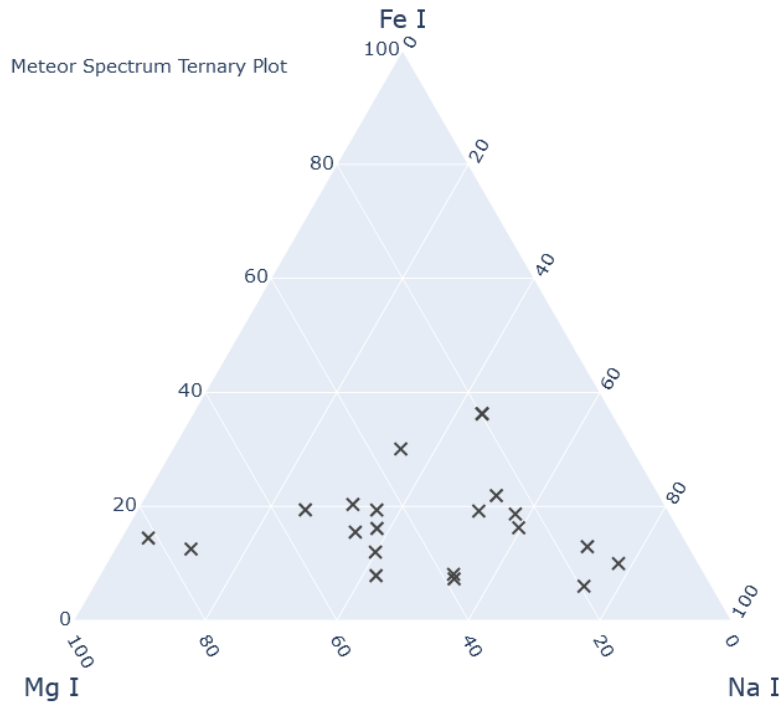
List of the most important atomic lines used to fit the spectra in the 4200–8500 Å range, ordered according to line groups

$\lambda$ (Å)	Atom & multiplet	Typical intensity	$\lambda$ (Å)	Atom & multiplet	Typical intensity
<i>Low temperature lines</i>			<i>Wake lines<sup>a</sup></i>		
4226	Ca I 2	80	4216	Fe I 3	16
4273	Fe I 42	30	4376	Fe I 2	26
4308	Fe I 42	25	4427	Fe I 2	21
4326	Fe I 42	25	4462	Fe I 2	12
4384	Fe I 41	45	4482	Fe I 2	7
4405	Fe I 41	25	4571	Mg I 1	17
4920	Fe I 318	11	5110	Fe I 1	9
4957	Fe I 318	16	5169	Fe I 1	8
5047	Fe I 114	13	5205	Fe I 1	5
5182	Mg I 2	200	<i>Atmospheric lines</i>		
5269	Fe I 15	23	5330	O I 12	47
5328	Fe I 15	19	5436	O I 11	34
5371	Fe I 15	17	6157	O I 10	150
5404	Fe I 15	15	6455	O I 9	17
5431	Fe I 15	13	6484	N I 21	27
5449	Fe I 15	11	7424	N I 3	60
5528	Mg I 9	22	7442	N I 3	120
5589	Ca I 21	5	7468	N I 3	150
5892	Na I 1	150	7774	O I 1	1400
6163	Ca I 3	4	8186	N I 2	400
6439	Ca I 18	3	8218	N I 2	700
6463	Ca I 18	2	8243	N I 2	280
8194	Na I 4	3	8446	O I 4	800
<i>High temperature line</i>			<i>Train line</i>		
4481	Mg II 4	36	5577	[O I] 3F	31

<sup>a</sup> Wake lines are low excitation intercombination lines with a small transition probability. They are so named because they are prominent in meteor wakes, i.e., in the radiation forming a “tail” just behind the meteor head. They may be, nevertheless, present also in meteor heads, in particular when the collisional deexcitation rate is low.

## Ternary plot 2023

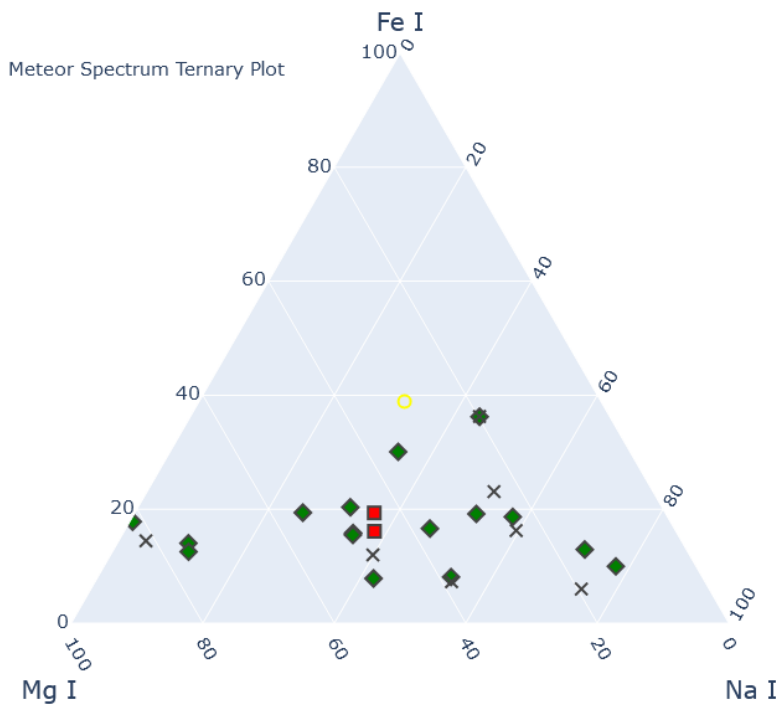
All analyzed spectra



[ternary Plot 2023 raw.htm](#),

created from all logfiles or 2023log.log

Annotated and added missing spectra:



SPO: Green diamond  
PER: red square  
Other meteors: yellow circle  
Other spectra: x  
[ternary Plot 2023 annotated.htm](#)



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