
Subject: Common or not common

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Helo,

I read already lot of times David (and others) speaking about "never use common" (except to save values used in multiple call of the `_same_` routine). I cannot understand how I could develop my codes without any common. I have a lot of routines that have to deal with a lot of variables (of various type).

I can't imagine passing 25 or more parameters to the routines. And with the previous version of IDL, the parameters where limited in number.

And what happens when I decide to add one other parameter to one routine? I have to check all the call to the routine to be sure that the new parameter is passed (I can't wait for IDL to do it itself ;-) ?

I use parameters when I want to deal with procedure or function I want to apply to different variables. But when in every routines/functions of the program the spectrum, lambdas, corrections of different types and a lot of other things, have always the same name, it's easier and safer to pass them via a common, no?

Can somebody explain me what I miss?

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