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Subject: Re: the problem of PERROR in MPFITFUN  
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"duxiyu@gmail.com" <duxiyu@gmail.com> writes:

> In my work, independent variable X is time and measured dependent  
> variable Y is magnetic field. The instrument do not give the measured  
> error.

Adding to what Kuyper said... do you have no uncertainty estimate of the magnetic field? I would guess that your instrument has been calibrated, and the calibration information should provide an estimate of the uncertainties.

The  $\chi^2$  value (i.e. BESTNORM) provides a measure of goodness of fit, \*if\* you have estimated the measurement uncertainties properly.

OR, \*if\* the fit is known to be good, then the chi-square provides an estimate of the measurement uncertainties.

Good luck,  
Craig

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