Subject: Re: One title to rule them all...
Posted by ben.bighair on Thu, 13 Dec 2007 12:40:12 GMT
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Hi,

That is the best post title we have seen in a long time!

I wonder if David Fanning's Str_Size( ) would be helpful? Check out
http://dfanning.com/tips/stringsize.html Knowing the string size and
the normalized bounding coordinates of the plots (check out the !X
and !Y variables) should give you pretty darn good control of the text
location.

Cheers,
Ben

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Posted by David Fanning on Thu, 13 Dec 2007 14:34:12 GMT
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Subject: Re: One title to rule them all...
Posted by lasse on Thu, 13 Dec 2007 15:16:28 GMT
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The ALIGNMENT argument! Love it! Exactly what I wanted, let IDL do all
the string length calculations and whatnot.

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Lasse

PS: Wouldn't be too sure about the "No one is more anal about these
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and X title for the entire matrix of plots (along with keywords like
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erase & multiplot, [1,4], mXtitle='R', mYtitle='Compressional
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There are other keywords to control the size of the gaps between the
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Subject: Re: One title to rule them all...
Posted by lasse on Thu, 13 Dec 2007 15:25:53 GMT

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Fogive me for this, but it was too obvious and I have just hit
puberty:

mxTitSize, mxTitOffset, chichichichi
[snigger]

Cheers for the link, though, I will have a look
Lasse