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Subject: Re: Matching data in different time resolution  
Posted by [Craig Markwardt](#) on Wed, 26 May 2010 00:38:54 GMT  
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- > one containing the timestamps, the other containing the measured data.
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Craig

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Posted by [Jeremy Bailin](#) on Wed, 26 May 2010 12:42:22 GMT  
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Yeah, I would just throw it into INTERPOL. You'll need to think about what you want to do at the boundaries, though - interpolation schemes will often happily give you wild extrapolations if you ask them to.

-Jeremy.

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