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Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Fri, 18 Jun 2010 19:49:37 GMT

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Posted by [Ally](#) on Fri, 18 Jun 2010 20:11:26 GMT

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Subject: Re: 2D Plot in IDL with shading?
Posted by [penteado](#) on Fri, 18 Jun 2010 20:16:05 GMT
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Posted by [Ally](#) on Fri, 18 Jun 2010 20:30:08 GMT

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rows = 5273670
OPENR, lun1, 'ss_raw_06.dat', /GET_LUN
data = DBLARR(2,rows)
READF, lun1, data
response= data(1,*)
```

```
OPENR, lun2, 'az.dat', /GET_LUN
data2=DBLARR(2, rows)
READF, lun2, data2
```

```
az_g= data2(1,*)

OPENR, lun3, 'sun_el_and_az.dat', /GET_LUN
data3=DBLARR(2,rows)
READF, lun3, data3
az_s=data3(1,*)
elevation=data3(0,*)

azimuth=(az_s)-(az_g)
```

```
isurface, response, elevation, azimuth
```

It runs fine and the iSurface tool opens, there's just nothing graphed.

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Have you checked that the data look right? You can check the dimensions with

```
help,response,elevation,azimuth
```

And maybe `min()/max()` may be useful to tell if the values seem to make sense.

You are reading all 3 arrays as 1D. You indicated above that you have one response for each elevation and azimuth, which indicates that response should be reformed to 2D, with the proper dimensions:

```
response_2D=reform(response,nx,ny)
```

Where `nx` is the length of the fastest-varying dimension (leftmost), and `ny` is the other dimension. For this to be consistent with the way you called `isurface`, the fastest-varying dimension in the file where you read `response` from would have to be elevation, and the other would be the azimuth.

If you do not provide `response` as a 2D array, the `itools` will not know the connectivity of your points, and thus will start the gridding wizard, to interpolate them, guessing they were not on a regular grid, which is not your case.
