
Subject: interpolation of two different model
Posted by [abc](#) on Mon, 07 Jan 2013 20:49:32 GMT
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(Where 2900 is Temperature, 4.0 is gravity and -0.5 and -0.0 is the metallicity)

2900-4.0-0.5		2900-4.0-0.0	
wave	flux	wave	flux
1	0.3	1.0	0.5
2	0.4	1.4	0.1
3	0.1	3.1	0.4
4	0.5	4.0	0.3
5	0.4	5.1	0.2
6	0.6		

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thanks in advance

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Posted by [wlandsman](#) on Mon, 07 Jan 2013 21:49:38 GMT
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IDL> finterp = f1_w2*frac + f2*(1-frac) ;interpolated function
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where m is the metallicity between 0 and -0.5

--Wayne

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Posted by [abc](#) on Mon, 07 Jan 2013 22:50:38 GMT
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Thanks Wayne,

Yes, the data is fake as the files are so big that I can't upload them. Your method work fine. But just a small confusion. What if I have grid of model then how can I proceed for example

2900-4.0-0.5.txt
2900-4.0-0.0.txt
3000-4.0-0.0.txt
3000-4.0-0.0.txt
3100-4.0-0.0.txt
3100-4.0-0.0.txt

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