
Subject: MPFITFUN error -- only reading the first data value

Posted by [graham kerr](#) on Tue, 31 Mar 2015 22:45:02 GMT

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Subject: Re: MPFITFUN error -- only reading the first data value
 Posted by [Jeremy Bailin](#) on Wed, 01 Apr 2015 18:14:04 GMT
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On Tuesday, March 31, 2015 at 5:45:03 PM UTC-5, graham kerr wrote:

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 Posted by [graham kerr](#) on Thu, 02 Apr 2015 09:16:50 GMT
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planck_fit_sot, x, p

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Subject: Re: MPFITFUN error -- only reading the first data value
Posted by [Craig Markwardt](#) on Wed, 08 Apr 2015 22:55:41 GMT
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On Thursday, April 2, 2015 at 6:02:07 AM UTC-4, graham kerr wrote:

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Subject: Re: MPFITFUN error -- only reading the first data value

Posted by [graham kerr](#) on Thu, 09 Apr 2015 08:28:29 GMT

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On Wednesday, April 8, 2015 at 11:55:44 PM UTC+1, Craig Markwardt wrote:

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Subject: Re: MPFITFUN error -- only reading the first data value

Posted by on Thu, 09 Apr 2015 09:32:54 GMT

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Den torsdag 9 april 2015 kl. 10:28:30 UTC+2 skrev graham kerr:

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Subject: Re: MPFITFUN error -- only reading the first data value

Posted by [graham kerr](#) on Thu, 09 Apr 2015 09:42:50 GMT

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Posted by [Craig Markwardt](#) on Thu, 09 Apr 2015 18:17:51 GMT
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Yep that's surely it.
