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Subject: Re: defficiency of IDL on front page of Physics Today

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> And what do we see? That the skirt of the surface plot is  
> hiding some of the data. Not very commendable for software that  
> is suppose to show us the data.

Hmm - doesn't look like a skirt to me. It's simply the data that's  
plain, flat zero around the edges of the distribution.

As to how you would get \*that\* to disappear.. well, consider  
the following:

```
d = shift(dist(400),200,200)
im = (d-50)*exp(-d^2/50.0^2)
ix = where(d gt 100)
im(ix) = 1000
shade_surf,im,max=100
```

Hmm.. nice hat for halloween? In other words - don't blame RSI,  
but maybe Wayne Itano, who made the picture?

Personally, I don't mind the way it's made, though.

Regards,

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