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Subject: Re: XROI in IDL5.6 on MAC OS 10.2?

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Richard G. French (rfrench@wellesley.edu) writes:

> Now I have a new problem. How can I configure the printer tool for LIVE\_PLOT  
> on a Unix box so it does more than print a blank page? I'm trying to send it  
> to an HP laserwriter that accepts PS. When I try to save the plot to a file,  
> instead (as an eps file) the plot is incomplete when I use Ghostview to view  
> it. Any hints would be welcome

Well, it certainly *\*looks\** incomplete in Ghostview,  
I'll give you that. But it looks incomplete in an odd  
way. Have you tried actually printing it?

One of the problems with object graphics is that  
you get what you ask for rather than what you wanted.  
(This is, of course one of the main problems in  
life, too, but never mind that.) I'm thinking that  
the lines are so thin they don't show up well in  
Ghostview, but they might, in fact, show up if you  
print the page. (My only PostScript printer is off-line  
at the moment, so I can't test this.) But I do know that  
I generally make my lines "fatter" when I want to send  
object graphics output to a printer for exactly this  
reason.

> I assume that LivePlot is not able to make a vectorized PS file of a plot -  
> is this still the case, or is there a way to make real PS plots using  
> LIVE\_PLOT?

No one knows *\*what\** LivePlot is capable of. RSI, in their  
wisdom, doesn't allow us to see the code. :-)

Cheers,

David

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