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Subject: Getting mean from HDF SD files - stack in envi or read into IDL array?

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Hi

I am extremely new to IDL (2 weeks!) and have previously only used envi on a small scale.

I want to read one SD dataset from from a each of a huge number of MODIS files and having looked at IDL and envi batch routines can't decide which is the best way. Bear in mind my limited knowledge and a very short timeframe.... Should I write an envi batch programme and create a big (3000bands +) envi file or should I put straight into the an IDL array. I need to get a mean value (one image or array) and even if it is easier in envi batch mode, would the routine ENVI\_SUM\_DATA\_DOIT with the Mean option deal with the missing values???

Looking at IDL I have managed to open HDF file from command line, read in appropriate data set to an array but how then could I build 3D array from absolutely loads of 2D arrays.

Big questions I know - I am desperate to do this in a short time.

Any help on any aspect much appreciated.

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