
Subject: Re: Make the plots invisible

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Mark Piper writes:

> In fact, NG work very well for me, and for most of the people I talk to. We continue to improve them with every IDL release. The biggest issue I've had is that plots with large numbers of points (roughly 1e6) are slow to render, but we've greatly improved this for 8.2.2, due in January.

I agree they continue to improve with every release, but I am still too gun-shy to adopt them for serious work. Sounds like we talk to different people about function graphics. I run into few people who use them, and those that do almost uniformly complain about how slow they are.

But, I hear fewer complaints about how they appear on the display. Most of the problems now appear to be in creating file output from them. Lines that suddenly grow to 10 times their normal size, and that kind of thing.

I should probably spend some time updating this page on contour plots for IDL 8.2.1. I'd be curious to see how much things have improved in both functionality and speed:

http://www.idlcoyote.com/cg_tips/compcont.php

Cheers,

David
