
Subject: volume slicing

Posted by [Herb Mullens](#) on Mon, 18 Jun 2001 21:24:24 GMT

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I have only been working with IDL for a few weeks and have run into a problem I could use some help on. We are trying to get different cross sections from a volume, and would like to be able to specify our slicing plane with Miller indices. I was wondering if there is a function similar to `extract_slice` that we could use to do this, or if anyone knows where I could find some code that would convert our input into the proper form and call `extract_slice` internally.

Thank You,

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Posted by [Jaco van Gorkom](#) on Fri, 29 Jun 2001 13:39:18 GMT

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What I vaguely remember from a solid state physics course long ago is that the Miller indices of a plane, for all but non-cubic lattices, are just vector coefficients of the normal to the plane. So couldn't the Miller indices be input directly into the `PlaneNormal` argument of `EXTRACT_SLICE`? I haven't tried, but it would seem that the other input needed is `Xvec`, indicating something like the X direction of the plane grid, I think.

I'm no expert at all, but the thread seemed so silent...

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