Thanks to Lou Wicker at NSSL I have some IDL benchmarks for a 3 GHz Mac Pro.
You can see the details at http://idl.tamu.edu/mac_bench.php.

It looks like the Mac Pro is consistently about twice as fast as the 2.5 GHz
PowerMac G5.

I'm always happy to have the opportunity to make mistakes faster. :-)

Cheers, Ken

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Ciao,
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