
Subject: Re: unpacking HRPT in IDL/ENVI
Posted by [Liam Gumley](#) on Fri, 28 Jun 1996 07:00:00 GMT
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Paul Tildesley wrote:

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> unpacking of the raw bit stream with IDL (we use a C program for that). From
> the little I have used IDL for bit manipulation, I believe it is quite slow
> at that.

I would have to disagree. If you code your bit manipulation algorithm the same ways as you would in FORTRAN, then it *will* be slow in IDL. But like any other programming task, you can speed it up by using IDL array processing. You just have to think in IDL, *not* FORTRAN.

Cheers,
Liam.
