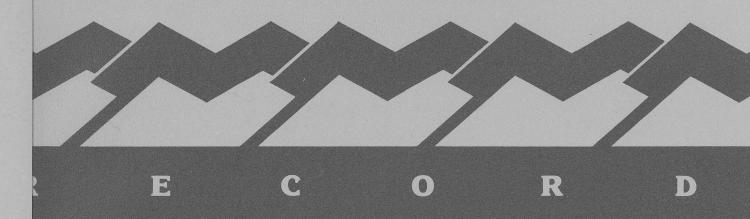
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ABSTRACT

There is a strong case for the development of a PC-based low-end image processing capability in BMR such as could be provided by RTI-CAD. This distributed image processing capability would be **an adjunct** to the existing state of the art image processing capabilities of the Image Processing Centre (IPC). Such a system would help in particular to cater for low-level and novice users of image processing in BMR. In this way these users would be saved from undertaking more training than they need. The system would also provide a logical path for such users to progress in time to the power (and complexity) of the I²S system. The use of RTI-CAD by low level users would also mean that specialist users could be guaranteed more access to the four available I²S workstations.

RTI-CAD is a powerful PC image processing package which offers an easy to use mouse-driven interface and a very comprehensive vector overlay capability. It provides excellent support for a range of colour and monochrome PC printers and includes an extremely powerful false sun angle capability which is much better than that provided by the I²S system 600 software. On the negative side, RTI-CAD is hampered by the generally poor performance of PC graphics cards and as a result it is only capable of displaying 8-bits of information rather than the 24-bits used by expensive dedicated image processing systems such as I²S. Some degradation in spatial resolution results when RTI-CAD displays two or more bands of an image simultaneously, but in many instances this doesn't limit RTI-CAD's utility.

The cost of the RTI-CAD image processing package when used on an existing 80286, 80386 or 80486 PC which already includes a suitable monitor, maths coprocessor and ethernet connections as most BMR PCs will soon do, would be \$2630. This figure compares very favourably with the cost of purchasing an additional IVAS workstation for the IPC of around \$36000. Thus the use of distributed image processing on existing BMR PCs is very cost effective when compared with further investment in proprietary I²S workstations.

An easy to use routine, Getimage.bat, has been developed to allow users to transparently down-load images from the I²S system to a PC. The routine handles all the necessary image manipulation and file conversions for the user which makes it possible for novice users to gain access to I²S images without lengthy training.

As usage of the IPC by BMR staff becomes more extensive and access to the existing I²S workstations becomes more keenly sought, there will be a considerable cost advantage in BMR developing a low-end image processing system such as could be provided by RTI-CAD.

INTRODUCTION

BMR has acquired a state of the art image processing system for a total outlay in the vicinity of \$1,000,000. This system is based on I²S hardware and software and comprises 2 SUN 4/280 mini-computers with a total of 5 Gbyte of disc storage, 3 IVAS image workstations, 1 Model 75 workstation, a BITE array processor, and associated peripherals including tape drives, a digitiser, video camera and film recorder. The vendor has provided a complex image processing software system implemented from more than of 500,000 lines of source code. Much of this source code is available on the system and expert users are able to modify modules and recompile and link them for specialist applications.

Because of the necessary complexity of a state of the art image processing system, users must undertake an extensive training course before they are able to fully exploit the capabilities of the equipment. The vendor, I²S, normally allots 2 weeks for general training of users of the system and a further 2 weeks for those users who need to program non-standard image processing procedures. Thus the very extensive facilities offered by the image processing system are not without their cost in terms of training.

Present and Future Usage of Image Processing in BMR

Many BMR scientists will ultimately require image processing facilities in the normal course of their work. This will become increasingly so in the next decade when very sophisticated satellite systems such as the American Earth Observing Satellite (EOS) system are deployed. Notwithstanding this expected long-term growth in the usage of the Image Processing Centre (IPC), there is already very considerable use of the IPC by a number of groups in BMR support of the National Geoscience Mapping Accord (NGMA).

Given the expected growth in usage of the IPC, problems with access to the 4 image processing workstations are likely to develop in the near future. It is therefore prudent to consider now how these workstations in particular, and image processing in general, should be managed.

In broad terms there are always likely to be two types of image processing carried out in BMR. Firstly, there will be a core group of specialist users who will require many of the advanced features offered by the I²S equipment. Secondly, there will be a much larger group of scientists who need "look and see" image processing capabilities. The latter group will not need much of the functionality provided by the I²S system and will often be sporadic in their use of image processing. As a result many of these users will inevitably stay at or near the bottom of the learning curve and will remain image processing novices.

Considerable advantages in terms of the efficient use of the image processing facilities can be gained if both the types of users outlined above are specifically catered for. As will be detailed below, the image processing requirements of many

low-level users could be adequately met with PC-based image processing on an efficient Local Area Network (LAN) connected to the IPC.

Low-level users would benefit from the development of such an integrated PC-based system in a number of ways: Firstly, simple image processing procedures such as pseudo-colouring, scaling and sun-angle manipulations would be almost immediately accessible with very little training. Secondly, time constraints on the use of the equipment, such as could be expected to apply in the IPC when usage becomes heavy, will not be a problem for PC users who may, at least initially, be slow and relatively unproductive. Thirdly, learning of image processing would be carried out on a computer with which many/most of the users were already familiar. Thus for example, there would be no need for users to also have to master a new operating system (UNIX).

Specialist users of the IPC would also benefit from the development of an integrated PC-based image processing system. Firstly, such a system would allow these users to store images produced by complex processing in the IPC on PC hard discs and streaming tapes. Thus these users would be able to readily store their work outside the IPC. These storage capabilities could reduce or at least delay the purchase of additional disc storage in the IPC. Secondly, the 4 workstations in the IPC would be more readily available for use by specialist users. This factor would probably reduce the need for additional expensive I²S workstations to be purchased.

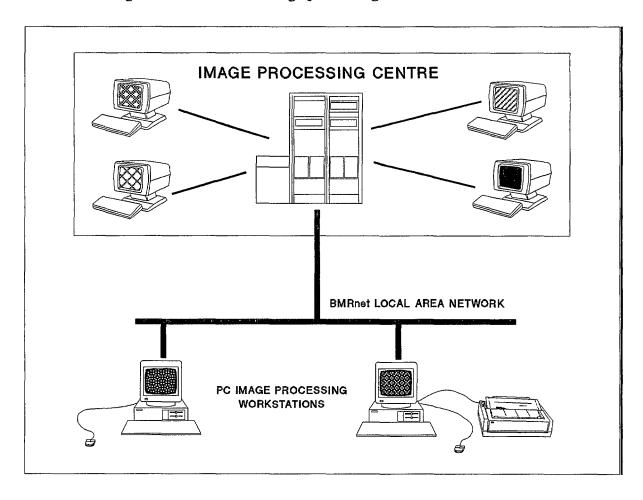
Finally, it must be emphasised that the development of a PC-based image processing system would only be tenable as an adjunct to the existing equipment in the IPC. There are a number of essential functions which only the IPC can provide to corporate image processing. Firstly, the sheer size of remotely sensed datasets requires very large disc storage capacities and tapedrives for data entry and archival. These features are rare in the PC environment. Secondly, remotely sensed data is only really useful if it can be warped into map projections to allow overplotting with ground-based and other data such as airborne geophysics. This warping capability is not provided by RTI-CAD and must be done in the IPC.

A Proposed Operating Scheme for BMR Image Processing

There is therefore a strong case to be made for the development of so-called low-end image processing workstations in BMR. These workstations would necessarily need to be physically connected to the SUN 4/280 computers in the IPC so that imagery could be down-loaded, but could be remotely located in user areas within the building. Physical connection would be provided by the Ethernet LAN. These low-end workstations would have local processing capabilities so that they would not require the processing capabilities of the SUN's for simple image manipulations. In this way the performance of the IPC is likely to be little affected and image refresh rates on the low-end workstations would not be limited by data transfer rates on the LAN. More complex processing could be carried out by remotely accessing the CPU functions of the I²S System 600 software running on the SUN's and then downloading the processed imagery to the low-end workstations.

A schematic diagram of such an integrated image processing system is illustrated in Figure 1. For simplicity, the graphics workstations in the IPC and the peripheral devices (e.g. the digitiser) have not been shown in this diagram. Also not shown explicitly in Figure 1 are the essential network bridges to allow connection of the IPC's SUN computers to the Ethernet LAN and the connections between this LAN and the DG MV20000 and the VAX computers. The sort of PC connectivity illustrated obviously also requires Ethernet cards and TCP/IP software for each PC on the LAN.

Figure 1
A schematic diagram of distributed image processing



Required Hardware

Some limitations on the type of PC hardware that can be used are imposed by the need to effectively interface the PC with the I²S equipment in the IPC. For example, the majority of image processing carried out in the IPC is likely to involve displays of 3 bands of 8-bit imagery (=24-bits) and this will typically involve image display windows with a minimum size of 512 x 512 pixels. This size represents the maximum display capability of the Model 75 workstation while that of the IVAS workstations is 1024 x 1024 pixels. (Both types of workstation are of course capable of manipulating much larger images than these).

It is possible to buy 24-bit colour PC display adaptors at the present time, but these are quite expensive (several thousand dollars each). Image processing systems on PCs therefore currently concentrate on the use of 8-bit displays. Various schemes are employed by PC software designers in order to try to cram 24-bits of information into the 8-bits supported by these displays and these strategies have varying degrees of success. In many cases the compromises inherent in these strategies still allow very useful image processing and display work to be done on the PC. Thus a PC display adaptor and monitor with a 256 colour capability at a resolution of at least 512 x 512 can, in many cases, be used to effectively down-load imagery from an image processing facility such as the IPC. The 800 x 600 extended VGA PC graphics mode with 256 colours is particularly suitable for this purpose. This display mode is available from a number of manufacturers but, as there is no agreed industry standard as yet for the super VGA modes, each manufacturer employs their own proprietary standard. One such manufacturer is the Canadian company ATI who sell a 16-bit data path super VGA card known as a VGA Wonder card.

The ATI VGA Wonder card with 512 Kbyte of memory is required for the RTI-CAD software discussed below, as is a maths co-processor, a minimum of 640 Kbyte of RAM and a multisync analog colour monitor. Approximately 1 MByte of disc storage is required for each 800x600 single band image.

Required Software

One IBM PC-based image processing software package which supports the extended VGA mode with 256 colours is RTI-CAD. This package is produced by GEOPAK Systems in Canada and is marketed in Australia by ENCOM Technologies in Sydney. The package includes the necessary software and, optionally, a VGA Wonder card which has to be installed in the PC to be used for the image processing.

In addition to the image processing software, some software is required to link the PC to the IPC over the BMR backbone ethernet. The preferred software package for this link is SUN Microsystems' PC-NFS, though any TCP/IP (Transmission Control Protocol/ Internet Protocol) compliant package which provides rcp and rsh services would be usable. The way in which these "r services" are used in the downloading of imagery from the IPC is illustrated in getimage.bat - a MS-DOS batch file used to control the link between the IPC and the PC (see Appendix A for a listing of this routine).

Relative Costs

The IPC includes 4 image processing workstations. Three of these workstations are IVAS (Image Viewing and Analysis Systems) workstations and the other, a more expensive extensively optioned Model 75 workstation. Additional IVAS workstations and their associated dedicated electronics can be installed for circa \$36,000 per unit on current prices. In total, 4 more IVAS workstations can be added to the IPC under the existing software licenses (each SUN computer can support upto 4 workstations).

The cost of the PC-based RTI-CAD image processing package when used on an existing 80286, 80386 or 80486 PC which already includes a suitable monitor and a maths co-processor, as most BMR PCs do, is detailed in Table 1.

From Table 1 it can be seen that the cost of developing a low-end image processing capability on an existing PC which already has a suitable monitor, maths co-processor and hard disc would be \$3950. This figure includes the cost of ethernet connectivity for the individual PC. In practice however, most BMR PCs will soon be provided with ethernet connections as part of the corporate information system irrespective of whether they will be used for image processing or not. Thus a more realistic figure for the installation cost of a PC image processing system using RTI-CAD would not include ethernet associated costs and would therefore fall to \$2630.

As discussed above, the cost of purchasing an additional IVAS workstation for the IPC (with its much greater functionality) in order to cope with increased demand for image processing in BMR would be approximately 7 times this amount (i.e. \$36,000).

It is clear from these cost comparisons that the use of distributed image processing on existing BMR PCs is very cost effective when compared with further investment in proprietary I²S workstations. One proviso on this conclusion is that the level of functionality provided by the PC package must be sufficiently good that the software is useful to BMR geoscientists.

<u>Table 1</u> Cost of an RTI-CAD PC Image Processing System

Item Estimated Cost

ATI VGA Wonder card	\$590.
RTI-CAD	\$2040.*
PC-NFS	\$610.
Etherlink II (3C503 ethernet card)	\$350 (est.)
TOTAL	\$3590.

^{*} this figure is for the 4th and all subsequent licences of RTI-CAD purchased by BMR. BMR currently has 2 licences and the 3rd licence will cost \$2720.

SYSTEM INSTALLATION

The installation of the RTI-CAD system on the PC for use as a distributed image processing workstation involves 3 steps: installation of the video card, the image processing software and the communications software. The user manuals for each of these products describe the installation steps to follow so only a *precis* is presented here.

VGA Card

The ATI VGA Wonder card must be installed in the PC that is going to be used to run RTI-CAD and it must be suitably configured using the VDRIVER and VSETUP utility programs provided by ATI. The steps to follow are discussed in the ATI manual. The user runs VDRIVER and is then presented with a menu-driven installation routine. This program's interface is illustrated in Figure 2. VDRIVER installs the VGA Wonder system utilities and the application drivers chosen by the user.

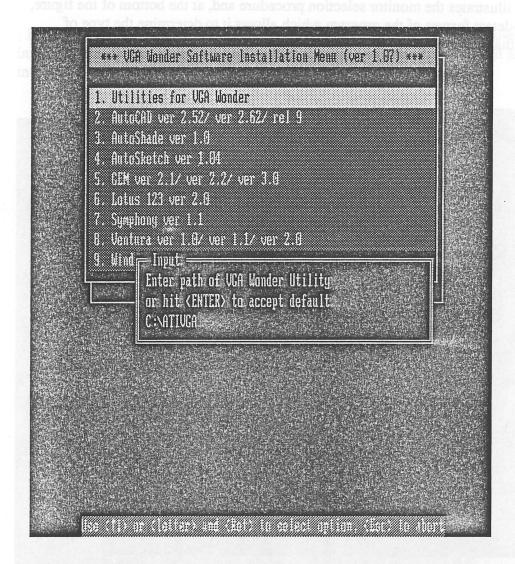


Figure 2
The VDRIVER screen.

The VDRIVER program installs the ATI utilities including VSETUP in a directory on the hard disc; usually \ATIVGA. It also installs the chosen applications drivers in this directory.

A user may modify the configuration settings of the ATI VGA Wonder card at any time by using the VSETUP program. This program is also menu driven and is very easy to use. Examples of the use of VSETUP are given in Figures 3 and 4.

Figure 3 illustrates the monitor selection procedure and, at the bottom of the figure, the auto-detect feature of the program which allows it to determine the type of monitor that is connected to the video card.

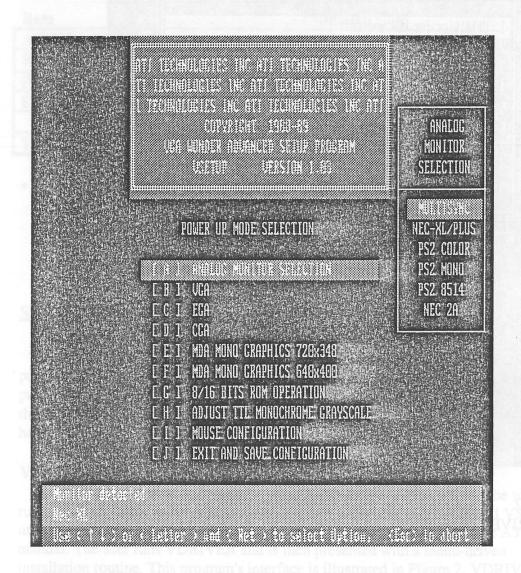


Figure 3
The VSETUP screen for monitor selection

Figure 4 illustrates the procedure to be followed to configure the bus mouse installed on the video card. In this case care must be taken in order to avoid an interrupt conflict with other devices already part of the PC system.

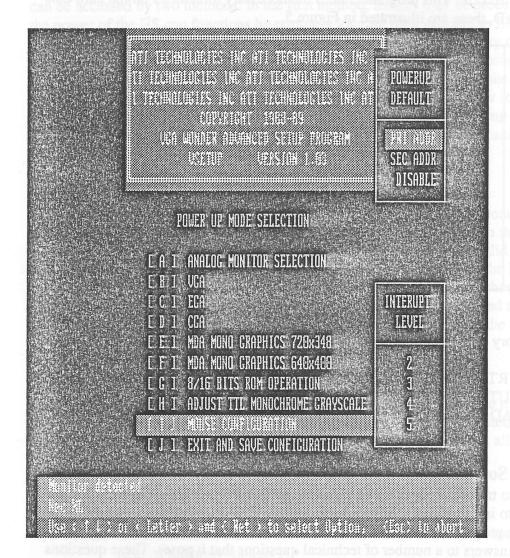


Figure 4
VSETUP screen to configure the integral bus mouse

RTI-CAD Software

The RTI-CAD software is installed on the designated hard disc of the PC by running a program on disc 1 of the set supplied by GEOPAK. The manual refers to an installation program called RSETUP, but this is an error - the actual name of the program is SETUP. This program creates the necessary directories on the hard disc for RTI-CAD, these are illustrated in Figure 5.

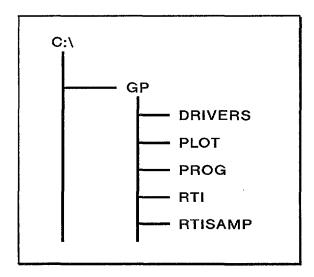


Figure 5
The directory structure for RTI-CAD

Once the RTI-CAD files have been copied to the appropriate directories on the hard disc, the AUTOEXEC.BAT and CONFIG.SYS files must be modified as detailed in the RTI-CAD manual. The software is then ready to run.

PC-NFS Software

In order to transfer images to the PC from the Image Processing Centre it is necessary to install the PC-NFS package on the PC. SUN Microsystems provide an installation program called INSTALL. In order to run this program, it is necessary to know the answers to a number of technical questions that it poses. These questions need to be answered by a system administrator and include such things as the type of ethernet card being used, the internet address assigned to the PC, the internet addresses of the 2 SUN 4/280 computers in the IPC as well as those of any other hosts that are to be connected. Details are also needed of the directory permissions on the hosts, the identity of the PC-NFS server, and a number of even more technical aspects.

Users are recommended to contact Information Systems Branch, or their computer network manager for help with the installation of PC-NFS.



ACCESSING IMAGES

Images resident on the SUN 4/280 computers in the BMR image processing centre can be accessed by two methods. In the first method, images may be processed using the power of the I²S cpu functions by remotely logging on to one of the IPC computers. This remote logon is accomplished with the TELNET facility of TCP/IP supported by the PC-NFS package. Though images may be processed through this remote session capability, the resulting images cannot be viewed using the I²S system without the user subsequently going to the BMR IPC and opening a new session on one of the workstations there. In the second method of remotely accessing images in the IPC, a user can down-load an I²S image to the PC for viewing and further image processing.

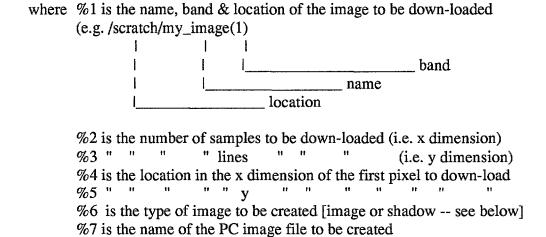
Telnet

A user may initiate an I²S session on one of the two IPC SUN 4/280 computers by running a TELNET session from the MS-DOS command prompt. To do this the user must have firstly set up PC-NFS to recognize the IPC's computers as valid remote hosts. Once this has been done, all the user needs to do is to change to the PC-NFS directory (normally :\NFS) and type "telnet RETURN". Once the user chooses the appropriate IPC host computer, a normal UNIX logon screen is presented and, provided the user has logon privileges, an I²S session can be started in the normal way.

Down-loading an Image

The procedure for down-loading an image to a PC is automated for the user by an MS-DOS batch routine I have written. This routine, Getimage.bat, is listed in Appendix A. In order to use this routine to download an image to a PC, all the user needs to do is to issue the command:

getimage %1 %2 %3 %4 %5 %6 %7



The steps that Getimage.bat uses to down-load an image using are:

- 1) calculate the start and end coordinates of the image from the supplied start address of the first pixel and the specified ranges in x and y
- 2) build a control file which contains the input parameters for the I²S commands to be executed on the SUN 4/280 computer in the IPC
- 3) convert the control file from MS-DOS format (lines terminated with CR/LF) to UNIX format (lines terminated only with LF).
- 4) send the control file to the SUN 4/280 using rcp
- 5) initiate a remote shell on the SUN 4/280 using rsh and the extract C Shell (see Appendix D). This procedure firstly inverts the image to convert it from the top-left origin used by I²S to the lower-left origin used by RTI-CAD. The inverted image is then converted from the I²S proprietary image format to a simple raster file.
- 6) copy the raster file to the PC using rcp
- 7) convert the raster file to a GEOPAK grid file using program IIS (see Appendix C)
- 8) convert the GEOPAK grid file to an image using the RTI-CAD GRIDPREP utility
- 9) run RTI-CAD for the user
- 10) delete intermediary files

The details of how Getimage.bat operates can be seen in the listing in Appendix A which includes comprehensive commenting of the routine.

IMAGE PROCESSING FUNCTIONALITY

RTI-CAD comes with a detailed 134 page reference manual and a 71 page tutorial so there is little point in trying to describe the full functionality of the package here. The reader is referred to the manual and tutorial for a complete description, I will only concentrate on what I see as the strengths and weaknesses of the package as they apply to RTI-CAD's use as a distributed image processing platform for BMR.

At the outset it needs to be pointed out that RTI-CAD is more than just an image processing package. RTI-CAD is an acronym which stands for **Real Time Imaging** and **Computer Aided Drafting**. The package has a very powerful vector drawing and overlay capability which makes it an ideal PC platform for the display, editing and plotting of scale maps of spatial data. RTI-CAD includes the ability to display data in layers and to use different data colours, line widths and font types. In these respects, RTI-CAD includes many of the capabilities of a geographical information system (GIS), though it lacks the all-important topological data structures that characterise a true GIS. RTI-CAD would make an excellent PC front-end to a GIS and could in this way provide distributed access to BMR GIS datasets in much the same way as has been suggested here for imagery.

RTI-CAD's use as an image processing platform is restricted by the limitations of the 8-bit PC graphics display card that it works with. RTI-CAD works best with single-band images where the image can be displayed truthfully on the 800x600 screen. Images may be stored at any size up to that limited by the hard disc's size and the user can zoom the 800x600 window in on any chosen subscene at any desired

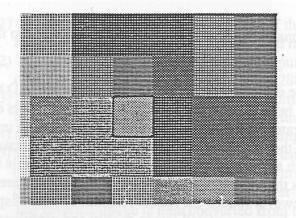
magnification. RTI-CAD's functionality in this respect is essentially similar to that of the I²S IVAS workstations.

Multiple band images can also be displayed on the PC screen with RTI-CAD but in this case, some compromise must be made in order to display more than 8-bits of information on an 8-bit graphics card. RTI-CAD can display up to 4 separate images and up to 4 files of vector data on the screen simultaneously. It does so by increasing the pixel size of each band through an averaging process (see Figure 6). In this way the total number of pixels remains the same even though two or more bands are displayed. This averaging does however reduce the spatial resolution of the displayed image. The influence of this degradation on overall image quality and usefulness will depend upon the specifics of the data being displayed. Its effect is illustrated in Figure 7 which consists of prints from RTI-CAD of part of a LANDSAT TM scene over Canberra. The fuzziness displayed by the 3-band image is particularly apparent when compared with the print of band 4 alone. The effect is less marked when comparison is made between the 3-band image and band 7.

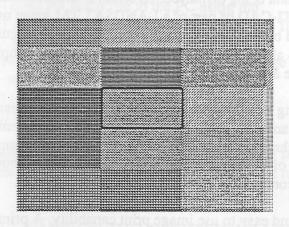
The principal means of modifying image colours in RTI-CAD is to use either a colour wheel or a colour bar to change the pallet of colours and the assignment of colour to digital number. Both techniques are thoroughly described in the manual and are easy to use. Pseudo-colouring of a single-band image with RTI-CAD is both easier to apply and more readily controllable than it is on the I²S equipment.

RTI-CAD includes a powerful and easy to use image print capability. A print box can be placed anywhere on a screen image using the mouse and the enclosed scene can then be sent to the PC's printer. Output quality depends upon the type of printer attached to the PC, but high quality outputs can be obtained on thermal transfer printers and to a lesser extent on paintjet printers. The ability to readily produce good quality hard-copy is a very useful feature when doing image processing, yet this capability is not available in the IPC.

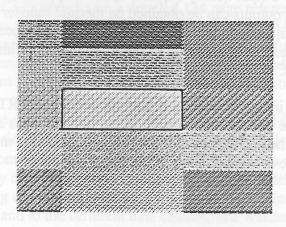
Perhaps the single most powerful image processing capability provided by RTI-CAD is the real time false sun angle processing that it provides. When images are initially created from grid files by the RTI-CAD GRIDPREP utility, the user may elect to produce either an image file or a shadow file. The latter is an image



1 band



2 bands management



3 bands

Figure 6

The change in pixel size with number of bands (see text).

In each case the pixels are imaged at a zoom factor of 30. Representative pixels are outlined in each image.

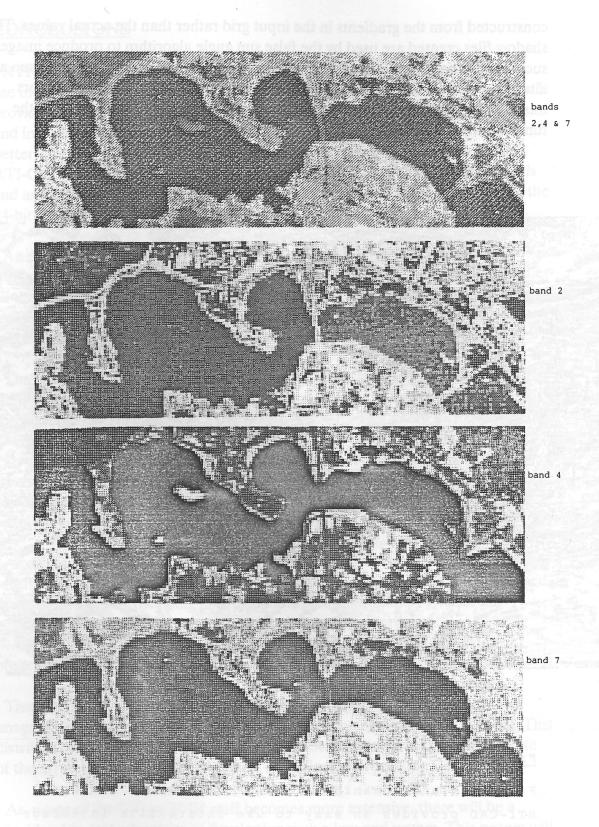


Figure 7
The effect of changing pixel size.
Four views of central Canberra from LANDSAT TM data (see text).

constructed from the gradients in the input grid rather than the actual values. The shadow files created are used by the false sun angle algorithm to produce images such as that shown in Figure 8. The inclination and declination of the false sun are altered by the user by simply moving the mouse and the whole process occurs interactively and in real time. This particular capability is far in advance of the functionality provided by the I²S equipment in the IPC.

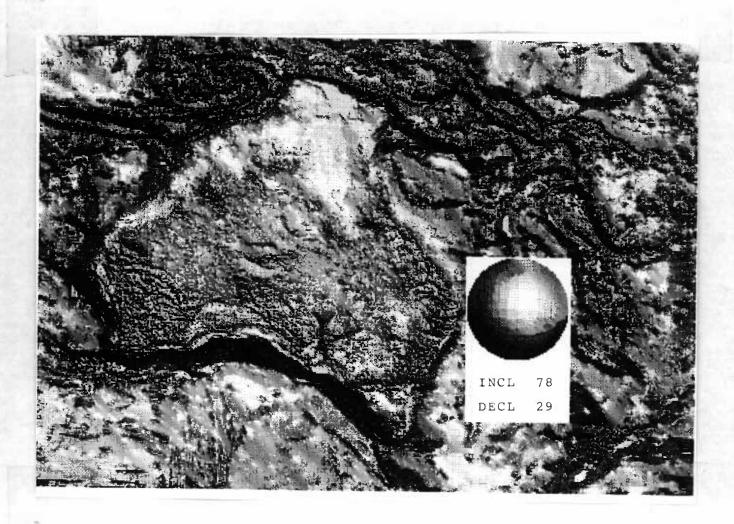


Figure 8

False sun angle manipulation of Australian DTM data. RTI-CAD provides an easy to use interactive interface for doing this type of work.

CONCLUSIONS

RTI-CAD is a powerful PC image processing package which offers an easy to use mouse-driven interface and a very comprehensive vector overlay capability. It provides excellent support for a range of colour and monochrome PC printers and includes an extremely powerful false sun angle capability which is much better than that provided by the I²S system 600 software. On the negative side, RTI-CAD is hampered by the generally poor performance of PC graphics cards and as a result it is only capable of displaying 8-bits of information rather than the 24-bits used by dedicated image processing systems such as I²S.

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APPENDIX A

```
@echo off
rem
                    Getimage.bat
                    version of 28 September 1990
rem
                    Prame Chopra
rem
rem
                    Information Systems Branch, BMR
cls
cd \gp\prog
type getimage.dat
      :Usage: GETIMAGE %1 %2 %3 %4 %5 %6 %7
      : %1 is the name of the image to be downloaded from the IIS system
      : %2 is the number of pixels in the image to be downloaded (max 800)
      : %3 is the number of lines in the image to be downloaded (max 600)
      : %4,%5 are the upper left corner bounds of the selected image:
      : \%6 is the type of image to be produced (S = shadow, I = image)
      : %7 is the DOS filename of the final image for use with RTI
      (\%4, \%5)
rem
rem
rem
                                      a
rem
        a
rem
rem
rem
        a
rem
rem
                                      а
rem
rem
rem
rem
rem
rem
      check that the correct syntax has been used
rem
      if ?\%1 == ? goto bad syntax
      if ?\%2 == ? goto bad syntax
      if ?\%3 == ? goto bad syntax
      if ?\%4 == ? goto bad syntax
      if ?\%5 == ? goto bad syntax
      if ?\%6 == ? goto bad_syntax
```

```
Syntax is OK
rem
      Build control file
rem
    echo 10:1H
      echo ***** Building control file ******
      echo
      echo usr'pixin > getimage.ctl
      echo %1 >> getimage.ctl
      echo hold.flip >> getimage.ctl
      echo cpu'disktransfer >> getimage.ctl
      echo hold.flip >> getimage.ctl
      echo hold.lin >> getimage.ctl
      echo %2 >> getimage.ctl
      echo quit >> getimage.ctl
rem
      calculate the dimensions of the selected window in the image
      echo getimage.ctl > hold
      echo %4 >> hold
      echo %5 >> hold
      echo %2 >> hold
      echo %3 >> hold
      modify < hold
      if ERRORLEVEL 4 goto no band
      if ERRORLEVEL 3 goto cant write file
      if ERRORLEVEL 2 goto bad file
      if ERRORLEVEL 1 goto no file
      converting control file to UNIX format
rem
      cd \nfs
    echo 10;1H
      echo ***** Converting control file to UNIX format *****
      echo
      dos2unix \gp\prog\getimage.ctl \gp\prog\getimage.unx
      send control file to IPCONE
rem
```

```
echo 10;1H
      echo ***** Sending control file to IIS System *****
      echo
      rcp \gp\prog\getimage.unx ipcone:/mnt/pramec/flip d/control
      start shell script on IPCONE to flip the image and convert
      it to a line-oriented format. This uses the control file.
rem
      previously copied up to IPCONE.
rem
    echo 10;1H
      echo ***** Converting IIS image on IPCONE *****
      echo_
      rsh ipcone /mnt/pramec/flip d/extract
rem
      recover the extracted image from IPCONE
cls
type \gp\prog\getimage.dat
    echo 10;1H
      echo ***** Downloading the image from IPCONE *****
      echo_
      rcp ipcone:/mnt/pramec/flip_d/hold.lin \gp\prog\rtimage
      build DOS control files for the conversion routines
rem
    echo 10;1H
      echo ***** Building DOS control files *****
      echo_
      cd \gp\prog
      echo rtimage > iis in
      echo \%2 >> iis in
      echo \%3 >> iis in
      echo iis.out > grid in
      echo 3 >> grid in
      echo %6 >> grid in
```

```
if .\%7 == . echo \%1 >> grid in
      if NOT .\%7 == echo \%7 >> grid in
      echo n >> grid in
      echo e >> grid in
      check to see if a shadow file is requested, if so then insert an
rem
      additional line in the control file for scale E-W and N-S independently?
rem
      if \%6 == S echo y >> grid in
      if \%6 == s echo y >> grid in
      convert the line oriented image to GEOPAK format
cls
    echo 10;1H
      echo ***** Converting file to GEOPAK format *****
      echo
      iis < iis in
      convert the GEOPAK file to an image or shadow file
rem
cls
type getimage.dat
    echo 10;1H
      echo **** Making image/shadow file ****
      echo
      gridprep < grid_in</pre>
rem move image files to /image directory
    copy %7.* \gp\images > nul
    del \%7.* > nul
    cd \gp\images
      start GEOPAK/RTI after printing a message
rem
type getimage.dat
    echo 9;1H
      echo The following files have been created for display with RTI.
      if NOT exist %7.* goto no7
      if NOT ?\%7 == ? if \%6 == i dir \%7.i??
```

```
if NOT ?\%7 == ? if \%6 == I dir \%7.i??
     if NOT ?\%7 == ? if \%6 == s dir \%7.s??
     if NOT ?\%7 == ? if \%6 == S dir \%7.s??
     goto next
:no7
     if \%6 == i \text{ dir } \%1.i??
     if \%6 == I \text{ dir } \%1.i??
     if \%6 =  s dir \%1.s??
     if \%6 =  S dir \%1.s??
     goto next
:next
     echo a
     echo a Use this filename (with no extension in the RTI files menu). a
     echo a
     echo +-----+
     pause
     \gp\prog\rti
   cls
     tidy up
rem
     del \gp\prog\hold
     del \gp\prog\rtimage
     del \gp\prog\getimage.ctl
     del \gp\prog\getimage.unx
     del \gp\prog\iis in
     del \gp\prog\grid in
   goto end
rem -----
:no file
     cls
echo
echo +-----+
```

```
echo a
echo a Could not open the control file HOLD a
echo a
echo_+----+
 goto screen
:bad_file
cls
echo_
echo +-----+
echo a
echo a
      Control file HOLD was empty
echo a
echo_+-----+
goto screen
:cant_write file
   cls
echo_
echo +-----+
echo a
echo a Cant write to control file HOLD a
echo a
echo_+----+
   goto screen
:no band
   cls
echo
echo +-----+
echo a
echo a You must specify the band in the image a
echo a to be used (eg. image(2) for band 2)
echo a
echo_+----+
    goto screen
```

<u>APPENDIX A</u> (continued)

Listing of Getimage.bat

```
:bad_syntax
     cls
echo_
echo +-----+
echo <sup>a</sup> That is incorrect usage of GETIMAGE.BAT
echo_ +-----+
     goto screen
:screen
echo
echo Correct Usage is: GETIMAGE %%1 %%2 %%3 %%4 %%5 %%6
%%7 Where:
echo
     %%1 is the image to be downloaded from the IIS system (eg/mnt/test(1)
)
     %%2 is the number of pixels in the image to be downloaded (max 800)
echo
     %%3 is the number of lines in the image to be downloaded (max 600)
echo
     %%4 & %%5 are the upper left corner bounds of the selected image:
echo
echo_
         a_____a
echo
echo (%%4,+----+
     %%5)a
echo
echo
         a
echo
                                a %%3
echo
         а
                                a a
echo
         +-----+ -
echo
      \%\%6 is the image type to be created (S = shadow, I = image)
echo
      %%7 is the [optional] DOS filename of the final image for use with RTI
echo
```

:end

APPENDIX A (continued) Listing of Getimage.dat

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APPENDIX B

```
C**********************************
   program modify
c This program is part of the GETIMAGE.BAT suite for transfer of IIS
c images between the SUN 4/280's and an IBM PC running GEOPAK/RTI
                                 Prame Chopra
c
c
                                 2 April 1990
   integer*2 xstart, ystart, xinc, yinc, xfin, yfin, iband, end
   integer*2 usrindex
   character*20 file name, band*1, command
   character*4 xst4, yst4, xfn4, yfn4
                                      ! for dimensions > 999
                                      1 11 11
                                                < 999
   character*3 xst3, yst3, xfn3, yfn3
   character lines(8)*50, image*50
   logical debug
   debug = .false.
   luin = 20
   luout = 21
c when changing the number of lines in the input file, also change
   the array subscript for "lines" above.
   num lines = 8
c--- get file to be modified and window dimensions -----
   if (debug)
  & write(*,*) 'What is the name of the file to be modified? ---> '
   read(*,'(a)') file name
   if (debug) write(*,*) 'Name is ... ',file name
   if (debug)
  & write(*,*) 'Enter the 4 window parameters ---> '
   read(*,*) xstart, ystart, xinc, yinc
   if (debug) write(*,*) 'Parameters are ...', xstart, ystart,
  &
                 xinc, yinc
```

```
c--- open the file to be modified -----
   open(unit = luin,
      file = file name,
      status = 'old',
  &
      err = 500)
99 format(a)
   do 100 k = 1, num lines
100 read(luin, 99, end = 520)lines(k)
   if (debug) write(*,*) (lines(ii),ii=1,num lines)
   command = 'del '//file name
   close(luin)
   call system(command)
c--- open the new output file of the same name -----
   open(unit = luout,
  & file = file name,
       status = 'new')
c---- write line 1 -----
   write(UNIT=luout,FMT='(a)',ERR =510) lines(1)
   if (debug) write(*,*) lines(1)
  get the image name; add a trailing blank for later indexing
   image = lines(2)//'
   if (debug) write(*,*) image
c---- calculate the bottom right corner's coords ------
   xfin = xstart + xinc - 1
   yfin = ystart + yinc - 1
c convert the coords to type character
c eliminate unwanted spaces for dimensions < 1000
   if (xstart .gt. 999) write(xst4,'(i4)') xstart
   if (xstart .le. 999) write(xst3,'(i3)') xstart
```

```
if (ystart .gt. 999) write(yst4,'(i4)') ystart
   if (ystart .le. 999) write(yst3,'(i3)') ystart
   if (xfin .gt. 999) write(xfn4,'(i4)') xfin
   if (xfin .le. 999) write(xfn3,'(i3)') xfin
   if (yfin .gt. 999) write(yfn4,'(i4)') yfin
   if (yfin .le. 999) write(yfn3,'(i3)') yfin
c find last alpha character in image name and image band number required
c Images are designated as for eg: canberra(;;3) or $iisimages/kili
   end = usrindex(image,'(') - 1
   if (end .eq. -1) end = index(image,'') - 1
   iband = usrindex(image,')') - 1
c get the band value as a character
   if (iband.ne. -1) then
      band = image(iband:iband+1)
   else
      band = ''
   endif
   if (debug) write(*,*) 'end = ',end,' iband = ',iband
   if (debug) write(*,*) 'last char in image name = ',
       image(end:end+1), band = ',band
c---- export the appropriate modified line -----
   if (xstart .gt. 999 .and. ystart .gt. 999 .and. xfin .gt. 999
   & .and. yfin .gt. 999) then
   write (luout,fmt='(a)')
   & image(1:end)//'('//xst4//':'//xfn4//';'//yst4//':'//yfn4//';'//ba
   &nd//')'
   else if (xstart .le. 999 .and. ystart .gt. 999 .and. xfin .gt. 999
   & .and. yfin .gt. 999) then
   write (luout,fmt='(a)')
   & image(1:end)//'('//xst3//':'//xfn4//';'//yst4//':'//yfn4//';'//ba
   &nd//')'
   else if (xstart .gt. 999 .and. ystart .le. 999 .and. xfin .gt. 999
   & .and. yfin .gt. 999) then
```

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```
write (luout,fmt='(a)')
   & image(1:end)//'('//xst4//':'//xfn4//';'//yst3//':'//yfn4//';'//ba
   &nd//')'
   else if(xstart .le. 999 .and. ystart .le. 999 .and. xfin .gt. 999
   & .and. yfin .gt. 999) then
   write (luout,fmt='(a)')
   & image(1:end)//'('//xst3//':'//xfn4//';'//yst3//':'//yfn4//';'//ba
   &nd//')'
   else if(xstart .le. 999 .and. ystart .le. 999 .and. xfin .le. 999
   & .and. yfin .gt. 999) then
   write (luout,fmt='(a)')
   & image(1:end)//'('//xst3//':'//xfn3//';'//yst3//':'//yfn4//';'//ba
   &nd//')'
   else if(xstart .le. 999 .and. ystart .le. 999 .and. xfin .gt. 999
   & .and. yfin .le. 999) then
   write (luout,fmt='(a)')
   & image(1:end)//'('//xst3//':'//xfn4//';'//yst3//':'//yfn3//';'//ba
   &nd//')'
   else if(xstart .le. 999 .and. ystart .le. 999 .and. xfin .le. 999
   & .and. yfin .le. 999) then
   write (luout,fmt='(a)')
   & image(1:end)//'('//xst3//':'//xfn3//';'//yst3//':'//yfn3//';'//ba
   &nd//')'
   endif
   if (debug)
   & write (*,*)
   & image(1:end)//'('//xst4//':'//xfn4//';'//yst4//':'//yfn4//';'//ba
   &nd//')'
c---- write the remaining lines -----
   do 4001 = 3, num lines
400 write(luout,*) lines(1)
   goto 5000
```

```
500 write(*,'(A)')'** error opening file '//file name(1:end-1)//' **'
  goto 5000
510 write(*,'(A)')'** error reading file '//file name(1:end-1)//' **'
  goto 5000
520 write(*,'(A)')'** data missing in '//file_name(1:end-1)//' **'
5000 stop
   end
integer function usrindex(c_array,look)
   character c array*(*), look*1
  logical debug
  debug = .false.
  if (debug) write(*,*) 'Inputs are --> ',c_array,' and --> ',look
  append a tilde to the end of the array to limit the search
  c_{array} = c_{array}//, \sim,
  i = 0
100 i = i + 1
  if (debug) write(*,*) 'char in column ',i,' is ',c array(i:i)
  if (c_array(i:i).eq. look) then
        usrindex = i
     if (debug) write(*,*) look,' found in column', usrindex
   elseif (c array(i:i).eq. '~') then
        usrindex = 0
     write(*,*) 'substring '//look//' not found'
     return
   endif
```

```
if ( i .gt. 100 ) then
    write(*,*) 'substring '//look//' not found in first 100 chara
&cters'
    usrindex = 0
    return
endif
goto 100
end
```

APPENDIX C

Listing of IIS.for

```
program iis
purpose: This program will read a large line-oriented image file
c
        written by the IIS cpu'disktransfer utility
             and write the contents to an unformatted sequential file
c
c
        called IIS.OUT
        NB. the input file is expected to be INTEGER
        NB. IIS MUST be compiled with Microsoft FORTRAN for the
C
          output file to be usable with GEOPAK/RTI's GRIDPREP
C
          utility.
C
                                     Prame Chopra
c
c
                                     Information Systems Branch
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                        30 March 1990
                         ****************
      real*4 header(32), xmult, csub, x origin, y origin, map scale,
  &
        grnd units in x, grnd units in y, ins per grnd unit,
  &
        old max, old min
      integer*2 ibuf2(7000), num rows, num cols, default
      integer*1 ibuf1(7000)
      character*30 in filename, out_filename1, out_filename2
      character*4 size
      logical debug
      debug = .TRUE.
      out filename1 = 'hold'
      out filename2 = 'iis.out'
      size = ''
c get the input filename and image dimensions
      write(*,'(a\)')
  &
       'Which IIS line-file do you want to read? ---->'
      read(5,'(a)') in filename
      write(*,'(a\)')
       'What is the line-length of this file? [800] --->'
```

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```
read(5,'(a)') size
     if (size .eq.') then
        use default
c
            num cols = 800
      else
            use supplied value
c
            read(size,'(i4)')num_cols
      endif
     write(*,'(a\)')
      'How many lines are there in this file? [600] --> '
      read(5,'(a)') size
     if (size .eq. '') then
        use default
c
            num_rows = 600
      else
            use supplied value
c
            read(size,'(i4)')num rows
      endif
       open (unit = 21,
  &
        file = in_filename,
  &
        status = 'OLD',
        form = 'BINARY')
  &
      open (unit = 22,
  &
        file = out filename1,
  &
        status = 'UNKNOWN')
      open (unit = 23,
        file = out filename2,
  &
  &
        status = 'UNKNOWN',
  &
        form = 'UNFORMATTED',
        access = 'SEQUENTIAL')
c Assemble a header of 32 real*4 words as follows:
```

c header(3) and header(21) = xmult : the number by which each grid value

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```
has been multiplied so as to scale
c
                       into integer*2 space
c
   header(4) and header(22) = \operatorname{csub}: the number that was subtracted from
c
c
                       each grid value before the value was
                       scaled with xmult
c
  header(5): x origin
С
c header(6): y origin
c header(9): map scale (5000 for 1:5000)
c header(10): number of ground units per cell in the x direction
c header(11): number of ground units per cell in the y direction
c header(12): number of inches per ground unit (ie 12 if ground
          units are feet, 39.37 if they are metres)
С
c header(17): number of rows in the grid
c header(18): number of columns in the grid
c header(23): the prescaled maximum of the grid
c header(24): the prescaled minimum of the grid
c header(26): the default value for no data at a grid point,
c
          normally = -32768
       xmult = 1.
       csub
               = 0.
       x \text{ origin} = 0.0
       y origin = 0.0
       map scale = 5000.
    grnd units in x = 25.
    grnd_units in y = 25.
    ins per grnd unit = 39.37
    old max = 255
    old_min = 0
    default
             = -32768
    header(3) = xmult
    header(4) = csub
    header(5) = x \text{ origin}
    header(6) = y_origin
    header(9) = map scale
    header(10) = grnd units in x
    header(11) = grnd units in y
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header(12) = ins per grnd unit

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```
header(17) = num rows
    header(18) = num cols
    header(23) = old max
    header(24) = old min
    header(26) = default
c---- write header info to screen -----
       write(*,*) 'Data from (line format) IIS image file ',in filename
       write(*,*)''
       write(*,*) 'Each grid value was first reduced by ',csub
       write(*,*) 'Each grid value was then multiplied by ',xmult
       write(*,*) 'X origin of grid is ',x origin
       write(*,*) 'Y origin of grid is ',y origin
       write(*,*) 'Map scale is 1:',map scale
       if (ins per grnd unit .eq. 12.) then
       write(*,*)'Ground units are feet'
       write(*,*) 'There are ',grnd_units_in_x,' feet per cell'
  &
              ,' in the X direction'
       write(*,*) 'There are ',grnd units in y,' feet per cell'
  &
              ,' in the Y direction'
    endif
       if (ins per grnd unit .eq. 39.37) then
       write(*,*)'Ground units are metres'
       write(*,*) 'There are ',grnd units in x,' metres per cell'
  &
              ,' in the X direction'
       write(*,*) 'There are ',grnd_units in y,' metres per cell'
              ,' in the Y direction'
  &
    endif
       write(*,*) 'There are ',num rows,' rows of data in the grid'
       write(*,*) 'There are ',num cols,' cols of data in the grid'
       write(*,*) 'The pre-scaling maximum in the grid was ',old max
       write(*,*) 'The pre-scaling minimum in the grid was ',old min
       write(*,*) 'The default value for no data at a grid point is',
  &
            default
```

```
c---- write header info to file -----
       write(22,*)'Data from (line format) IIS image file ',in filename
       write(22,*)''
       write(22,*) 'Each pixel value was first reduced by ',csub
       write(22,*) 'Each pixel value was then multiplied by ',xmult
       write(22,*) 'X origin of grid is ',x origin
       write(22,*) 'Y origin of grid is ',y origin
       write(22,*) 'Map scale is 1:',map scale
       if (ins per grnd unit .eq. 12.) then
       write(22,*)'Ground units are feet'
       write(22,*) 'There are ',grnd units in x,' feet per pixel'
  &
              ,' in the X direction'
       write(22,*) 'There are ',grnd units in y,' feet per pixel'
  &
              ,' in the Y direction'
    endif
       if (ins_per_grnd_unit.eq. 39.37) then
       write(22,*)'Ground units are metres'
       write(22,*) 'There are ',grnd_units_in_x,' metre per pixel'
  &
              ,' in the X direction'
       write(22,*) 'There are ',grnd_units_in_y,' metre per pixel'
  &
              ,' in the Y direction'
    endif
       write(22,*) 'There are ',num rows,' rows of data in the image'
       write(22,*) 'There are ',num cols,' cols of data in the image'
       write(22,*) 'The pre-scaling maximum in the image was ',old max
       write(22,*) 'The pre-scaling minimum in the image was ',old min
       write(22,*) 'The default value for no data at a pixel is',
  &
            default
c---- write header info to the new GEOPAK/RTI format file
        write(23) header
c---- read iis data and write to file ----
c---- convert input data range of -128 -> +127 to 0 -> 255
    write(*,*)''
       do 100 i = 1, num rows
```

```
read (21) (ibuf1(j),j=1,num_cols)
write(*,'(1h+,a,i4)') 'Processing line ',i
do 99 k = 1,num_cols

99 ibuf2(k) = ibuf1(k) + 128
write(23) (ibuf2(j),j=1,num_cols)

100 continue

5000 close(21)
close(22)
close(23)
stop
end
```

APPENDIX D

Listing of extract C-Shell

```
# C shell script extract

# version of 4 April 1990

# Prame Chopra

# Information Systems Branch, BMR

cd /mnt/pramec/flip_d

rm hold.*

berti < control

rm hold.flip

rm core

rm control
```

Notes: 1) The file berti is a local be (I²S batch executive) which includes a routine called usr'pixin which inverts an I²S image (i.e. turns it upside down and back the front).

- 2) control is the control file uploaded from the PC by getimage.bat
- 3) hold.flip is an I2S format file produced by usr'pixin
- 4) the output file returned to the PC is called hold.lin