
Subject: Re: scientific data format

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Vincent Fournier-Sicre <vfs@acri.fr> wrote:

- > I am still undecided whether I should use NetCDF, CDF or
- > HDF format to store data. Could somebody tell me what the
- > pros/cons are for each one of these formats? Is there a
- > document available somewhere that compares those formats?
- > By advance thanks,
- > Vincent

I asked the same question to the consultants at NERSC about 6 months ago. Their response was to go with HDF since it was a little better supported (both at NERSC and in general), a little faster evolving, and accessible by more tools (though there are a fair number of tools which can access netCDF and not HDF). There are in fact efforts under way to make HDF and netCDF interoperable, check out <http://www.unidata.ucar.edu/packages/netcdf/faq.html#hdf>

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