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Subject: Re: HDF, netCDF, etc question

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Craig Markwardt <craigmnet@cow.physics.wisc.edu> wrote:

: ronk kling <ronk@rlkling.com> writes:

: \* I advocated astronomy's FITS format. Plus: platform independent,  
: metadata is in ASCII, good support in IDL Astronomy Library. Minus:  
: seen as "archane."

I agree. Its very simple, very "sharable".

: \* Many people seem to swear by Liam Gumley's binary tools. Plus: raw  
: speed and direct access; platform neutral. Minus: low level.

I dunno about this. But before I advocated a simple, binary format  
tied to a database for metadata. These could be a help here.

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