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Subject: Re: scientific data compression

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> Benjamin Hornberger wrote:

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>> Hi all,

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>> I am trying to find out if there is a scientific data format which  
>> supports data compression and can be handled by IDL. We use netCDF so  
>> far, but that doesn't support compression yet. HDF seems to support  
>> compression as of version 4.2, but IDL supports only 4.1, is that  
>> correct? Any alternatives?

It would be surprsing if there were any major file-format  
incompatibility between HDF versions 4.1 & 4.2, though it's conceivable  
that there are minor incompatibilities (for example, new compression  
methods that were added to 4.2 and are not supported in 4.1).

It should take only a minute or two of rummaging around the HDF site to  
check this out for yourself

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