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Subject: Re: IDL to write GrADS netCDF (SDF)  
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Fri, 16 Sep 2011 14:01:28 GMT  
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Rich Bantges writes:

> Thanks again for your offer of help. Appended below is the IDL code  
> I've written that essentially restores and IDL save file and then  
> attempts to write them in a GrADS compatible netCDF file - this works  
> ok, but if I try and make "vid = NCDF\_VARDEF(id, 'MEAN\_AOD', [zid,  
> xid, yid], /FLOAT)" GrADS with the sdfopen command won't read the  
> variables (obviously making the mean\_aod a 3D array).

The COARDS standards can provide endless hours of fun as you argue with your colleagues about what they actually \*mean\*, but they do have to be followed, apparently.

One of the standards has to do with the Order of Dimensions, which apparently is Time, Latitude, Longitude. I can't test this, because I don't have the data, but it seems to me your variable dimensions are [lon,lat]. You might check to see if that is causing a problem.

Cheers,

David

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Coyote's Guide to IDL Programming: <http://www.idlcoyote.com/>  
Sepore ma de ni thui. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")

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