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Subject: Re: Reading part of a netcdf file?

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rjp23@le.ac.uk writes:

> Do you mean in reference to copying part of the file into another file or for just reading part of the file?

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> It looks like both might be possible once I get my head around your code...?

Well, I have to confess, I've never looked at a 22.5 GByte netCDF file before, but I suspect both are possible.

It *is* possible to read just a portion of a large data set from a netCDF file. See the GetVarData method in the NDCF\_File object. See the COUNT, OFFSET, and STRIDE keywords. I can't advise sensibly without knowing more about the data, but I think it is possible to do what you want to do. You certainly don't want to read that data file all at once into the variable "a". ;-)

Cheers,

David

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Sepore ma de ni thue. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")

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