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Subject: Re: Reading part of a netcdf file?

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On 9/24/13 9:26 AM, rjp23@le.ac.uk wrote:

> I have a very large (22GB) netcdf file and I was hoping there was  
> some way to read part of it at a time into IDL but I can't figure out  
> how.

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> For example, I have this variable:

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> Var            FLOAT    = Array[144, 72, 17, 32161]

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> The 4th dimension is time, i.e. there are 32161 timesteps.

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> Is it possible to read only the first X in one go, then read the next

> X, etc meaning that less is stored in memory at once?

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> Cheers

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> Rob

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You might want to try MG\_NC\_GETDATA. You can do stuff like:

```
IDL> data = mg_nc_getdata(filename, 'var[* , * , 0:9]')
```

Get it from the mglib GitHub repo:

[https://github.com/mgalloy/mglib/blob/master/src/netcdf/mg\\_nc\\_getdata.pro](https://github.com/mgalloy/mglib/blob/master/src/netcdf/mg_nc_getdata.pro)

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