NetCDF Zarr Viewer

A Tool to Explore cloud data

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Making public NetCDF/Zarr Data Accessible to Everyone

NCZarr Viewer

- III Load and explore NetCDF and Zarr datasets
- Q Browse variables and dimensions through a simple interface
- **Y Subset data** by time, space, and other dimensions visually
- Visualize results with interactive plots
- Access cloud data directly from S3 buckets
- **Work with large datasets** efficiently
- **Example 2** Containerized for easy deployment and sharing

Architecture Overview

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- Interactive UI \ Data Manager \ NetCDF/Zarr

**** Technology Stack**

- Frontend: Dash + Bootstrap Components
- **Data Processing**: Xarray + NumPy
- File Formats: NetCDF4, Zarr
- Visualization: Plotly, Matplotlib, Cartopy
- Cloud Access: S3FS, FSSpec (cloud storage access)
- Marine Data: Copernicus Marine Toolbox integration

Quick Start

```
# Option 1: Use Docker
docker run -p 8050:8050 samfooks/zarr-netcdf-viewer:latest

# Option 2: Local development (if you have Python)
git clone https://github.com/samuelfooks/nczarr-viewer
cd nczarr-viewer
pip install -r requirements.txt
python run.py
```

Access at: http://localhost:8050

Tip: Think of this as "R Shiny for NetCDF data" - but already built for you!

Supported Data Sources

- EDITO Integration: ARCO datasets from the EDITO STAC
- Personal Cloud Storage: Minio storage on EDITO
- Local Files: NetCDF, Zarr

Q Core Features

Data Exploration

- Variable Browser: See all variables, dimensions, and metadata
- **Dimension Handling**: Time, depth, latitude, longitude
- Data Subsetting: Interactive selection of regions and time periods

Visualization

- Interactive Maps: Cartopy-based geographic plots
- Time Series: Plotly charts for temporal data
- Statistical Analysis: Basic stats, and summaries

C Marine Data Examples

EDITO Integration

- **Biodiversity**: Species distribution data
- **Chemistry**: Water quality parameters
- **Geology**: Seafloor characteristics
- **STAC Access**: Browse collections and datasets

Copernicus Marine

- **Direct Access**: CMEMS credentials integration (you will need an account)
- Multiple Formats: NetCDF, Zarr (and others in future)
- Real-time Data: Latest ocean observations

Performance Features

- Chunked Processing: Handle datasets larger than memory
- Lazy Loading: Only load data when needed
- Cloud Optimization: Efficient S3 data access



Configuration & Deployment

Setup

To access CMEMS datasets you may need an account using Copernicus Marine Toolbox

```
# CMEMS credentials
CMEMS_USERNAME=your_username
CMEMS_PASSWORD=your_password
```

Docker Deployment

```
docker build -t nczarr-viewer .
docker run -p 8050:8050 nczarr-viewer
```

C Live Demo Time!

Loading a NetCDF from your Minio bucket on EDITO

C Live Demo Time!

Explore CMEMs data using a link to a zarr file, obtained from MyOceanViewer

C Live Demo Time!

Explore data on your local PC you downloaded(boring)



Future Developments

- More Interactive Visualization: More interactive global maps and plots
- Advanced Analytics: Statistical modeling tools/plugins
- New ARCO Data types: Parquet, Geoparquet
- Collaboration: Multi-user editing and sharing

C Thank You!

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GitHub: https://github.com/EDITO-Infra/nczarr-viewer

Docker Hub: samfooks/zarr-netcdf-viewer

Questions?