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Return a function which returns the point altitudes.

```
class pyart.core.grid.Grid(time, fields, metadata, origin_latitude, origin_longitude, origin_altitude, x, y, z, projection=None, radar_latitude=None, radar_longitude=None, radar_altitude=None, radar_time=None, radar_name=None)
```

Bases: `object`

A class for storing rectilinear gridded radar data in Cartesian coordinate.

Refer to the attribute section for information on the parameters.

To create a Grid object using legacy parameters present in Py-ART version 1.5 and before, use `from_legacy_parameters()`, `grid = Grid.from_legacy_parameters(fields, axes, metadata)`.

### Attributes

**time** [dict] Time of the grid.

**fields: dict of dicts** Moments from radars or other variables.

**metadata: dict** Metadata describing the grid.

**origin\_longitude, origin\_latitude, origin\_altitude** [dict] Geographic coordinate of the origin of the grid.

**x, y, z** [dict, 1D] Distance from the grid origin for each Cartesian coordinate axis in a one dimensional array. Defines the spacing along the three grid axes which is repeated throughout the grid, making a rectilinear grid.

**nx, ny, nz** [int] Number of grid points along the given Cartesian dimension.

**projection** [dic or str] Projection parameters defining the map projection used to transform from Cartesian to geographic coordinates. None will use the default dictionary with the 'proj' key set to 'pyart\_aeqd' indicating that the native Py-ART azimuthal equidistant projection is used. Other values should specify a valid pyproj.Proj projparams dictionary or string.

The special key `'_include_lon_0_lat_0'` is removed when interpreting this dictionary. If this key is present and set to `True`, which is required when `proj='pyart_aeqd'`, then the radar longitude and latitude will be added to the dictionary as `'lon_0'` and `'lat_0'`. Use the `get_projparams()` method to retrieve a copy of this attribute dictionary with this special key evaluated.

**radar\_longitude, radar\_latitude, radar\_altitude** [dict or None, optional] Geographic location of the radars which make up the grid.

**radar\_time** [dict or None, optional] Start of collection for the radar which make up the grid.

**radar\_name** [dict or None, optional] Names of the radars which make up the grid.

**nradar** [int] Number of radars whose data was used to make the grid.

**projection\_proj** [Proj] pyproj.Proj instance for the projection specified by the projection attribute. If the `'pyart_aeqd'` projection is specified accessing this attribute will raise a `ValueError`.

**point\_x, point\_y, point\_z** [LazyLoadDict] The Cartesian locations of all grid points from the origin in the three Cartesian coordinates. The three dimensional data arrays contained these attributes are calculated from the x, y, and z attributes. If these attributes are changed use `py:func: init_point_x_y_z` to reset the attributes.

**point\_longitude, point\_latitude** [LazyLoadDict] Geographic location of each grid point. The projection parameter(s) defined in the `projection` attribute are used to perform an inverse map projection from the Cartesian grid point locations relative to the grid origin. If these attributes are changed use `init_point_longitude_latitude()` to reset the attributes.

**point\_altitude** [LazyLoadDict] The altitude of each grid point as calculated from the altitude of the grid origin and the Cartesian z location of each grid point. If this attribute is changed use `init_point_altitude()` to reset the attribute.

## Methods

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| <code>add_field(field_name, field_dict[, ...])</code>      | Add a field to the object.   |
| <code>get_point_longitude_latitude([level, edges])</code>  | Return arrays of longitude and latitude for a given grid height level. |
| <code>get_projparams()</code>                              | Return a projparam dict from the projection attribute.                 |
| <code>init_point_altitude()</code>                         | Initialize the point_altitude attribute.                               |
| <code>init_point_longitude_latitude()</code>               | Initialize or reset the point_{longitude, latitudes} attributes.       |
| <code>init_point_x_y_z()</code>                            | Initialize or reset the point_{x, y, z} attributes.                    |
| <code>write(filename[, format, arm_time_variables])</code> | Write the the Grid object to a NetCDF file.                            |

`__class__`

alias of `builtins.type`

`__delattr__ ($self, name, /)`

Implement `delattr(self, name)`.

`__dict__ = mappingproxy({'__module__': 'pyart.core.grid', '__doc__': "\n A class for`

`__dir__ ($self, /)`

Default `dir()` implementation.

`__eq__ ($self, value, /)`



Return self==value.

**\_\_format\_\_** (*\$self, format\_spec, /*)  
Default object formatter.

**\_\_ge\_\_** (*\$self, value, /*)  
Return self>=value.

**\_\_getattr\_\_** (*\$self, name, /*)  
Return getattr(self, name).

**\_\_getstate\_\_** ()  
Return object's state which can be pickled.

**\_\_gt\_\_** (*\$self, value, /*)  
Return self>value.

**\_\_hash\_\_** (*\$self, /*)  
Return hash(self).

**\_\_init\_\_** (*time, fields, metadata, origin\_latitude, origin\_longitude, origin\_altitude, x, y, z, projection=None, radar\_latitude=None, radar\_longitude=None, radar\_altitude=None, radar\_time=None, radar\_name=None*)  
Initialize object.

**\_\_init\_subclass\_\_** ()  
This method is called when a class is subclassed.  
  
The default implementation does nothing. It may be overridden to extend subclasses.

**\_\_le\_\_** (*\$self, value, /*)  
Return self<=value.

**\_\_lt\_\_** (*\$self, value, /*)  
Return self<value.

**\_\_module\_\_** = `'pyart.core.grid'`

**\_\_ne\_\_** (*\$self, value, /*)  
Return self!=value.

**\_\_new\_\_** (*\$type, \*args, \*\*kwargs*)  
Create and return a new object. See help(type) for accurate signature.

**\_\_reduce\_\_** (*\$self, /*)  
Helper for pickle.

**\_\_reduce\_ex\_\_** (*\$self, protocol, /*)  
Helper for pickle.

**\_\_repr\_\_** (*\$self, /*)  
Return repr(self).

**\_\_setattr\_\_** (*\$self, name, value, /*)  
Implement setattr(self, name, value).

**\_\_setstate\_\_** (*state*)  
Restore unpicklable entries from pickled object.

**\_\_sizeof\_\_** (*\$self, /*)  
Size of object in memory, in bytes.

**\_\_str\_\_** (*\$self, /*)  
Return str(self).

**\_\_subclasshook\_\_()**

Abstract classes can override this to customize `issubclass()`.

This is invoked early on by `abc.ABCMeta.__subclasscheck__()`. It should return `True`, `False` or `NotImplemented`. If it returns `NotImplemented`, the normal algorithm is used. Otherwise, it overrides the normal algorithm (and the outcome is cached).

**\_\_weakref\_\_**

list of weak references to the object (if defined)

**\_\_find\_and\_check\_nradar()**

Return the number of radars which were used to create the grid.

Examine the radar attributes to determine the number of radars which were used to create the grid. If the size of the radar attributes are inconsistent a `ValueError` is raised by this method.

**add\_field(*field\_name*, *field\_dict*, *replace\_existing=False*)**

Add a field to the object.

#### Parameters

**field\_name** [str] Name of the field to the fields dictionary.

**field\_dict** [dict] Dictionary containing field data and metadata.

**replace\_existing** [bool, optional] True to replace the existing field with key `field_name` if it exists, overwriting the existing data. If `False`, a `ValueError` is raised if `field_name` already exists.

**get\_point\_longitude\_latitude(*level=0*, *edges=False*)**

Return arrays of longitude and latitude for a given grid height level.

#### Parameters

**level** [int, optional] Grid height level at which to determine latitudes and longitudes. This is not currently used as all height level have the same layout.

**edges** [bool, optional] True to calculate the latitude and longitudes of the edges by interpolating between Cartesian coordinates points and extrapolating at the boundaries. `False` to calculate the locations at the centers.

#### Returns

**longitude, latitude** [2D array] Arrays containing the latitude and longitudes, in degrees, of the grid points or edges between grid points for the given height.

**get\_projparams()**

Return a projparam dict from the projection attribute.

**init\_point\_altitude()**

Initialize the `point_altitude` attribute.

**init\_point\_longitude\_latitude()**

Initialize or reset the `point_{longitude, latitudes}` attributes.

**init\_point\_x\_y\_z()**

Initialize or reset the `point_{x, y, z}` attributes.

**projection\_proj**

**write(*filename*, *format='NETCDF4'*, *arm\_time\_variables=False*)**

Write the the Grid object to a NetCDF file.

#### Parameters

**filename** [str] Filename to save to.

**format** [str, optional] NetCDF format, one of 'NETCDF4', 'NETCDF4\_CLASSIC', 'NETCDF3\_CLASSIC' or 'NETCDF3\_64BIT'.

**arm\_time\_variables** [bool] True to write the ARM standard time variables `base_time` and `time_offset`. False will not write these variables.

`pyart.core.grid._point_altitude_data_factory` (*grid*)

Return a function which returns the point altitudes.

`pyart.core.grid._point_data_factory` (*grid*, *coordinate*)

Return a function which returns the locations of all points.

`pyart.core.grid._point_lon_lat_data_factory` (*grid*, *coordinate*)

Return a function which returns the geographic locations of points.



## PYART.CORE.RADAR

A general central radial scanning (or dwelling) instrument class.

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| <code>_rays_per_sweep_data_factory(radar)</code>               | Return a function which returns the number of rays per sweep.      |
| <code>_gate_data_factory(radar, coordinate)</code>             | Return a function which returns the Cartesian locations of gates.  |
| <code>_gate_lon_lat_data_factory(radar, coordinate)</code>     | Return a function which returns the geographic locations of gates. |
| <code>_gate_altitude_data_factory(radar)</code>                | Return a function which returns the gate altitudes.                |
| <code>Radar(time, _range, fields, metadata, ...[, ...])</code> | A class for storing antenna coordinate radar data.                 |

```
class pyart.core.radar.Radar(time, _range, fields, metadata, scan_type, latitude, longitude, altitude, sweep_number, sweep_mode, fixed_angle, sweep_start_ray_index, sweep_end_ray_index, azimuth, elevation, altitude_agl=None, target_scan_rate=None, rays_are_indexed=None, ray_angle_res=None, scan_rate=None, antenna_transition=None, instrument_parameters=None, radar_calibration=None, rotation=None, tilt=None, roll=None, drift=None, heading=None, pitch=None, georefs_applied=None)
```

Bases: `object`

A class for storing antenna coordinate radar data.

The structure of the Radar class is based on the CF/Radial Data file format. Global attributes and variables (section 4.1 and 4.3) are represented as a dictionary in the metadata attribute. Other required and optional variables are represented as dictionaries in a attribute with the same name as the variable in the CF/Radial standard. When a optional attribute not present the attribute has a value of None. The data for a given variable is stored in the dictionary under the 'data' key. Moment field data is stored as a dictionary of dictionaries in the fields attribute. Sub-convention variables are stored as a dictionary of dictionaries under the meta\_group attribute.

Refer to the attribute section for information on the parameters.

### Attributes

- time** [dict] Time at the center of each ray.
- range** [dict] Range to the center of each gate (bin).
- fields** [dict of dicts] Moment fields.
- metadata** [dict] Metadata describing the instrument and data.

**scan\_type** [str] Type of scan, one of 'ppi', 'rhi', 'sector' or 'other'. If the scan volume contains multiple sweep modes this should be 'other'.

**latitude** [dict] Latitude of the instrument.

**longitude** [dict] Longitude of the instrument.

**altitude** [dict] Altitude of the instrument, above sea level.

**altitude\_agl** [dict or None] Altitude of the instrument above ground level. If not provided this attribute is set to None, indicating this parameter not available.

**sweep\_number** [dict] The number of the sweep in the volume scan, 0-based.

**sweep\_mode** [dict] Sweep mode for each mode in the volume scan.

**fixed\_angle** [dict] Target angle for the sweep. Azimuth angle in RHI modes, elevation angle in all other modes.

**sweep\_start\_ray\_index** [dict] Index of the first ray in each sweep relative to the start of the volume, 0-based.

**sweep\_end\_ray\_index** [dict] Index of the last ray in each sweep relative to the start of the volume, 0-based.

**rays\_per\_sweep** [LazyLoadDict] Number of rays in each sweep. The data key of this attribute is created upon first access from the data in the `sweep_start_ray_index` and `sweep_end_ray_index` attributes. If the sweep locations need to be modified, do this prior to accessing this attribute or use `init_rays_per_sweep()` to reset the attribute.

**target\_scan\_rate** [dict or None] Intended scan rate for each sweep. If not provided this attribute is set to None, indicating this parameter is not available.

**rays\_are\_indexed** [dict or None] Indication of whether ray angles are indexed to a regular grid in each sweep. If not provided this attribute is set to None, indicating ray angle spacing is not determined.

**ray\_angle\_res** [dict or None] If `rays_are_indexed` is not None, this provides the angular resolution of the grid. If not provided or available this attribute is set to None.

**azimuth** [dict] Azimuth of antenna, relative to true North. Azimuth angles are recommended to be expressed in the range of [0, 360], but other representations are not forbidden.

**elevation** [dict] Elevation of antenna, relative to the horizontal plane. Elevation angles are recommended to be expressed in the range of [-180, 180], but other representations are not forbidden.

**gate\_x, gate\_y, gate\_z** [LazyLoadDict] Location of each gate in a Cartesian coordinate system assuming a standard atmosphere with a 4/3 Earth's radius model. The data keys of these attributes are created upon first access from the data in the `range`, `azimuth` and `elevation` attributes. If these attributes are changed use `init_gate_x_y_z()` to reset.

**gate\_longitude, gate\_latitude** [LazyLoadDict] Geographic location of each gate. The projection parameter(s) defined in the `projection` attribute are used to perform an inverse map projection from the Cartesian gate locations relative to the radar location to longitudes and latitudes. If these attributes are changed use `init_gate_longitude_latitude()` to reset the attributes.

**projection** [dict or str] Projection parameters defining the map projection used to transform from Cartesian to geographic coordinates. The default dictionary sets the 'proj' key to 'pyart\_aeqd' indicating that the native Py-ART azimuthal equidistant projection is used. This can be modified to specify a valid pyproj.Proj projparams dictionary or string. The special key '\_include\_lon\_0\_lat\_0' is removed when interpreting this dictionary. If this

key is present and set to True, which is required when `proj='pyart_aeqd'`, then the radar longitude and latitude will be added to the dictionary as `'lon_0'` and `'lat_0'`.

**gate\_altitude** [LazyLoadDict] The altitude of each radar gate as calculated from the altitude of the radar and the Cartesian z location of each gate. If this attribute is changed use `init_gate_altitude()` to reset the attribute.

**scan\_rate** [dict or None] Actual antenna scan rate. If not provided this attribute is set to None, indicating this parameter is not available.

**antenna\_transition** [dict or None] Flag indicating if the antenna is in transition, 1 = yes, 0 = no. If not provided this attribute is set to None, indicating this parameter is not available.

**rotation** [dict or None] The rotation angle of the antenna. The angle about the aircraft longitudinal axis for a vertically scanning radar.

**tilt** [dict or None] The tilt angle with respect to the plane orthogonal (Z-axis) to aircraft longitudinal axis.

**roll** [dict or None] The roll angle of platform, for aircraft right wing down is positive.

**drift** [dict or None] Drift angle of antenna, the angle between heading and track.

**heading** [dict or None] Heading (compass) angle, clockwise from north.

**pitch** [dict or None] Pitch angle of antenna, for aircraft nose up is positive.

**georefs\_applied** [dict or None] Indicates whether the variables have had georeference calculation applied. Leading to Earth-centric azimuth and elevation angles.

**instrument\_parameters** [dict of dicts or None] Instrument parameters, if not provided this attribute is set to None, indicating these parameters are not available. This dictionary also includes variables in the `radar_parameters` CF/Radial subconvention.

**radar\_calibration** [dict of dicts or None] Instrument calibration parameters. If not provided this attribute is set to None, indicating these parameters are not available

**ngates** [int] Number of gates (bins) in a ray.

**nrays** [int] Number of rays in the volume.

**nsweeps** [int] Number of sweep in the volume.

## Methods

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| <code>add_field(field_name, dic[, replace_existing])</code> | Add a field to the object.  |
| <code>add_field_like(existing_field_name, ..., ...)</code>  | Add a field to the object with metadata from a existing field.      |
| <code>check_field_exists(field_name)</code>                 | Check that a field exists in the fields dictionary.                 |
| <code>extract_sweeps(sweeps)</code>                         | Create a new radar contains only the data from select sweeps.       |
| <code>get_azimuth(sweep[, copy])</code>                     | Return an array of azimuth angles for a given sweep.                |
| <code>get_elevation(sweep[, copy])</code>                   | Return an array of elevation angles for a given sweep.              |
| <code>get_end(sweep)</code>                                 | Return the ending ray for a given sweep.                            |
| <code>get_field(sweep, field_name[, copy])</code>           | Return the field data for a given sweep.                            |
| <code>get_gate_x_y_z(sweep[, edges, ...])</code>            | Return the x, y and z gate locations in meters for a given sweep.   |
| <code>get_nyquist_vel(sweep[, check_uniform])</code>        | Return the Nyquist velocity in meters per second for a given sweep. |

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| <code>get_slice(sweep)</code>               | Return a slice for selecting rays for a given sweep.   |
| <code>get_start(sweep)</code>               | Return the starting ray index for a given sweep.   |
| <code>get_start_end(sweep)</code>           | Return the starting and ending ray for a given sweep.  |
| <code>info([level, out])</code>             | Print information on radar.  |
| <code>init_gate_altitude()</code>           | Initialize the <code>gate_altitude</code> attribute.   |
| <code>init_gate_longitude_latitude()</code> | Initialize or reset the <code>gate_longitude</code> and <code>gate_latitude</code> attributes. |
| <code>init_gate_x_y_z()</code>              | Initialize or reset the <code>gate_{x, y, z}</code> attributes.                                |
| <code>init_rays_per_sweep()</code>          | Initialize or reset the <code>rays_per_sweep</code> attribute.                                 |
| <code>iter_azimuth()</code>                 | Return an iterator which returns sweep azimuth data.   |
| <code>iter_elevation()</code>               | Return an iterator which returns sweep elevation data.   |
| <code>iter_end()</code>                     | Return an iterator over the sweep end indices.   |
| <code>iter_field(field_name)</code>         | Return an iterator which returns sweep field data.   |
| <code>iter_slice()</code>                   | Return an iterator which returns sweep slice objects.  |
| <code>iter_start()</code>                   | Return an iterator over the sweep start indices.   |
| <code>iter_start_end()</code>               | Return an iterator over the sweep start and end indices.                                       |

`__class__`

alias of `builtins.type`

`__delattr__ ($self, name, /)`

Implement `delattr(self, name)`.

`__dict__ = mappingproxy({'__module__': 'pyart.core.radar', '__doc__': "\n A class fo`

`__dir__ ($self, /)`

Default `dir()` implementation.

`__eq__ ($self, value, /)`

Return `self==value`.

`__format__ ($self, format_spec, /)`

Default object formatter.

`__ge__ ($self, value, /)`

Return `self>=value`.

`__getattr__ ($self, name, /)`

Return `getattr(self, name)`.

`__getstate__ ()`

Return object's state which can be pickled.

`__gt__ ($self, value, /)`

Return `self>value`.

`__hash__ ($self, /)`

Return `hash(self)`.

`__init__ (time, _range, fields, metadata, scan_type, latitude, longitude, altitude, sweep_number, sweep_mode, fixed_angle, sweep_start_ray_index, sweep_end_ray_index, azimuth, elevation, altitude_agl=None, target_scan_rate=None, rays_are_indexed=None, ray_angle_res=None, scan_rate=None, antenna_transition=None, instrument_parameters=None, radar_calibration=None, rotation=None, tilt=None, roll=None, drift=None, heading=None, pitch=None, georefs_applied=None)`

Initialize self. See `help(type(self))` for accurate signature.



**\_\_init\_subclass\_\_** ()

This method is called when a class is subclassed.

The default implementation does nothing. It may be overridden to extend subclasses.

**\_\_le\_\_** (\$self, value, /)

Return self<=value.

**\_\_lt\_\_** (\$self, value, /)

Return self<value.

**\_\_module\_\_** = 'pyart.core.radar'

**\_\_ne\_\_** (\$self, value, /)

Return self!=value.

**\_\_new\_\_** (\$type, \*args, \*\*kwargs)

Create and return a new object. See help(type) for accurate signature.

**\_\_reduce\_\_** (\$self, /)

Helper for pickle.

**\_\_reduce\_ex\_\_** (\$self, protocol, /)

Helper for pickle.

**\_\_repr\_\_** (\$self, /)

Return repr(self).

**\_\_setattr\_\_** (\$self, name, value, /)

Implement setattr(self, name, value).

**\_\_setstate\_\_** (state)

Restore unpicklable entries from pickled object.

**\_\_sizeof\_\_** (\$self, /)

Size of object in memory, in bytes.

**\_\_str\_\_** (\$self, /)

Return str(self).

**\_\_subclasshook\_\_** ()

Abstract classes can override this to customize issubclass().

This is invoked early on by abc.ABCMeta.\_\_subclasscheck\_\_(). It should return True, False or NotImplemented. If it returns NotImplemented, the normal algorithm is used. Otherwise, it overrides the normal algorithm (and the outcome is cached).

**\_\_weakref\_\_**

list of weak references to the object (if defined)

**\_\_check\_sweep\_in\_range** (sweep)

Check that a sweep number is in range.

**\_\_dic\_info** (attr, level, out, dic=None, ident\_level=0)

Print information on a dictionary attribute.

**add\_field** (field\_name, dic, replace\_existing=False)

Add a field to the object.

#### Parameters

**field\_name** [str] Name of the field to add to the dictionary of fields.

**dic** [dict] Dictionary contain field data and metadata.

**replace\_existing** [bool] True to replace the existing field with key field\_name if it exists, loosing any existing data. False will raise a ValueError when the field already exists.

**add\_field\_like** (*existing\_field\_name, field\_name, data, replace\_existing=False*)

Add a field to the object with metadata from a existing field.

Note that the data parameter is not copied by this method. If data refers to a 'data' array from an existing field dictionary, a copy should be made within or prior to using this method. If this is not done the 'data' key in both field dictionaries will point to the same NumPy array and modification of one will change the second. To copy NumPy arrays use the copy() method. See the Examples section for how to create a copy of the 'reflectivity' field as a field named 'reflectivity\_copy'.

#### Parameters

**existing\_field\_name** [str] Name of an existing field to take metadata from when adding the new field to the object.

**field\_name** [str] Name of the field to add to the dictionary of fields.

**data** [array] Field data. A copy of this data is not made, see the note above.

**replace\_existing** [bool] True to replace the existing field with key field\_name if it exists, loosing any existing data. False will raise a ValueError when the field already exists.

#### Examples

```
>>> radar.add_field_like('reflectivity', 'reflectivity_copy',
...                      radar.fields['reflectivity']['data'].copy())
```

**check\_field\_exists** (*field\_name*)

Check that a field exists in the fields dictionary.

If the field does not exist raise a KeyError.

#### Parameters

**field\_name** [str] Name of field to check.

**extract\_sweeps** (*sweeps*)

Create a new radar contains only the data from select sweeps.

#### Parameters

**sweeps** [array\_like] Sweeps (0-based) to include in new Radar object.

#### Returns

**radar** [Radar] Radar object which contains a copy of data from the selected sweeps.

**get\_azimuth** (*sweep, copy=False*)

Return an array of azimuth angles for a given sweep.

#### Parameters

**sweep** [int] Sweep number to retrieve data for, 0 based.

**copy** [bool, optional] True to return a copy of the azimuths. False, the default, returns a view of the azimuths (when possible), changing this data will change the data in the underlying Radar object.

#### Returns

**azimuths** [array] Array containing the azimuth angles for a given sweep.

**get\_elevation** (*sweep*, *copy=False*)

Return an array of elevation angles for a given sweep.

**Parameters**

**sweep** [int] Sweep number to retrieve data for, 0 based.

**copy** [bool, optional] True to return a copy of the elevations. False, the default, returns a view of the elevations (when possible), changing this data will change the data in the underlying Radar object.

**Returns**

**azimuths** [array] Array containing the elevation angles for a given sweep.

**get\_end** (*sweep*)

Return the ending ray for a given sweep.

**get\_field** (*sweep*, *field\_name*, *copy=False*)

Return the field data for a given sweep.

When used with `get_gate_x_y_z()` this method can be used to obtain the data needed for plotting a radar field with the correct spatial context.

**Parameters**

**sweep** [int] Sweep number to retrieve data for, 0 based.

**field\_name** [str] Name of the field from which data should be retrieved.

**copy** [bool, optional] True to return a copy of the data. False, the default, returns a view of the data (when possible), changing this data will change the data in the underlying Radar object.

**Returns**

**data** [array] Array containing data for the requested sweep and field.

**get\_gate\_x\_y\_z** (*sweep*, *edges=False*, *filter\_transitions=False*)

Return the x, y and z gate locations in meters for a given sweep.

With the default parameter this method returns the same data as contained in the `gate_x`, `gate_y` and `gate_z` attributes but this method performs the gate location calculations only for the specified sweep and therefore is more efficient than accessing this data through these attribute.

When used with `get_field()` this method can be used to obtain the data needed for plotting a radar field with the correct spatial context.

**Parameters**

**sweep** [int] Sweep number to retrieve gate locations from, 0 based.

**edges** [bool, optional] True to return the locations of the gate edges calculated by interpolating between the range, azimuths and elevations. False (the default) will return the locations of the gate centers with no interpolation.

**filter\_transitions** [bool, optional] True to remove rays where the antenna was in transition between sweeps. False will include these rays. No rays will be removed if the `antenna_transition` attribute is not available (set to None).

**Returns**

**x, y, z** [2D array] Array containing the x, y and z, distances from the radar in meters for the center (or edges) for all gates in the sweep.

**get\_nyquist\_vel** (*sweep*, *check\_uniform=True*)

Return the Nyquist velocity in meters per second for a given sweep.

Raises a LookupError if the Nyquist velocity is not available, an Exception is raised if the velocities are not uniform in the sweep unless *check\_uniform* is set to False.

#### Parameters

**sweep** [int] Sweep number to retrieve data for, 0 based.

**check\_uniform** [bool] True to check to perform a check on the Nyquist velocities that they are uniform in the sweep, False will skip this check and return the velocity of the first ray in the sweep.

#### Returns

**nyquist\_velocity** [float] Array containing the Nyquist velocity in m/s for a given sweep.

**get\_slice** (*sweep*)

Return a slice for selecting rays for a given sweep.

**get\_start** (*sweep*)

Return the starting ray index for a given sweep.

**get\_start\_end** (*sweep*)

Return the starting and ending ray for a given sweep.

**info** (*level='standard'*, *out=<\_io.TextIOWrapper name='<stdout>' mode='w' encoding='UTF-8'>*)

Print information on radar.

#### Parameters

**level** [{ 'compact', 'standard', 'full', 'c', 's', 'f' }] Level of information on radar object to print, compact is minimal information, standard more and full everything.

**out** [file-like] Stream to direct output to, default is to print information to standard out (the screen).

**init\_gate\_altitude** ()

Initialize the gate\_altitude attribute.

**init\_gate\_longitude\_latitude** ()

Initialize or reset the gate\_longitude and gate\_latitude attributes.

**init\_gate\_x\_y\_z** ()

Initialize or reset the gate\_{x, y, z} attributes.

**init\_rays\_per\_sweep** ()

Initialize or reset the rays\_per\_sweep attribute.

**iter\_azimuth** ()

Return an iterator which returns sweep azimuth data.

**iter\_elevation** ()

Return an iterator which returns sweep elevation data.

**iter\_end** ()

Return an iterator over the sweep end indices.

**iter\_field** (*field\_name*)

Return an iterator which returns sweep field data.

**iter\_slice** ()

Return an iterator which returns sweep slice objects.

**iter\_start()**

Return an iterator over the sweep start indices.

**iter\_start\_end()**

Return an iterator over the sweep start and end indices.

**pyart.core.radar.\_gate\_altitude\_data\_factory(radar)**

Return a function which returns the gate altitudes.

**pyart.core.radar.\_gate\_data\_factory(radar, coordinate)**

Return a function which returns the Cartesian locations of gates.

**pyart.core.radar.\_gate\_lon\_lat\_data\_factory(radar, coordinate)**

Return a function which returns the geographic locations of gates.

**pyart.core.radar.\_rays\_per\_sweep\_data\_factory(radar)**

Return a function which returns the number of rays per sweep.



## PYART.CORE.WIND\_PROFILE

Storage of wind profiles.

*HorizontalWindProfile*(height, speed, direction) Horizontal wind profile.

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**class** pyart.core.wind\_profile.**HorizontalWindProfile**(height, speed, direction, latitude=None, longitude=None)

Bases: `object`

Horizontal wind profile.

### Parameters

**height** [array-like, 1D] Heights in meters above sea level at which horizontal winds were sampled.

**speed** [array-like, 1D] Horizontal wind speed in meters per second at each height sampled.

**direction** [array-like, 1D] Horizontal wind direction in degrees at each height sampled.

### Other Parameters

**latitude** [array-like, 1D, optional] Latitude in degrees north at each height sampled.

**longitude** [array-like, 1D, optional] Longitude in degrees east at each height sampled.

### Attributes

**height** [array, 1D] Heights in meters above sea level at which horizontal winds were sampled.

**speed** [array, 1D] Horizontal wind speed in meters per second at each height.

**direction** [array, 1D] Horizontal wind direction in degrees at each height.

**u\_wind** [array, 1D] U component of horizontal wind in meters per second.

**v\_wind** [array, 1D] V component of horizontal wind in meters per second.

### Methods

*from\_u\_and\_v*(height, u\_wind, v\_wind) Create a HorizontalWindProfile instance from U and V components.

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**\_\_class\_\_**  
alias of `builtins.type`

**`__delattr__`** (*\$self, name, /*)  
Implement `delattr(self, name)`.

**`__dict__`** = **`mappingproxy`** ({ **`__module__`**: `'pyart.core.wind_profile'`, **`__doc__`**: `'\n Hor`

**`__dir__`** (*\$self, /*)  
Default `dir()` implementation.

**`__eq__`** (*\$self, value, /*)  
Return `self==value`.

**`__format__`** (*\$self, format\_spec, /*)  
Default object formatter.

**`__ge__`** (*\$self, value, /*)  
Return `self>=value`.

**`__getattr__`** (*\$self, name, /*)  
Return `getattr(self, name)`.

**`__gt__`** (*\$self, value, /*)  
Return `self>value`.

**`__hash__`** (*\$self, /*)  
Return `hash(self)`.

**`__init__`** (*height, speed, direction, latitude=None, longitude=None*)  
initialize

**`__init_subclass__`** ()  
This method is called when a class is subclassed.  
  
The default implementation does nothing. It may be overridden to extend subclasses.

**`__le__`** (*\$self, value, /*)  
Return `self<=value`.

**`__lt__`** (*\$self, value, /*)  
Return `self<value`.

**`__module__`** = `'pyart.core.wind_profile'`

**`__ne__`** (*\$self, value, /*)  
Return `self!=value`.

**`__new__`** (*\$type, \*args, \*\*kwargs*)  
Create and return a new object. See `help(type)` for accurate signature.

**`__reduce__`** (*\$self, /*)  
Helper for pickle.

**`__reduce_ex__`** (*\$self, protocol, /*)  
Helper for pickle.

**`__repr__`** (*\$self, /*)  
Return `repr(self)`.

**`__setattr__`** (*\$self, name, value, /*)  
Implement `setattr(self, name, value)`.

**`__sizeof__`** (*\$self, /*)  
Size of object in memory, in bytes.

**`__str__`** (*\$self, /*)  
Return `str(self)`.



**\_\_subclasshook\_\_** ()

Abstract classes can override this to customize `issubclass()`.

This is invoked early on by `abc.ABCMeta.__subclasscheck__()`. It should return `True`, `False` or `NotImplemented`. If it returns `NotImplemented`, the normal algorithm is used. Otherwise, it overrides the normal algorithm (and the outcome is cached).

**\_\_weakref\_\_**

list of weak references to the object (if defined)

**\_parse\_location\_data** (*latitude, longitude*)

Parse profile location data.

**classmethod from\_u\_and\_v** (*height, u\_wind, v\_wind*)

Create a `HorizontalWindProfile` instance from U and V components.

**Parameters**

**height** [array-like, 1D] Heights in meters above sea level at which horizontal winds were sampled.

**u\_wind** [array-like, 1D] U component of horizontal wind speed in meters per second.

**v\_wind** [array-like, 1D] V component of horizontal wind speed in meters per second.

**u\_wind**

U component of horizontal wind in meters per second.

**v\_wind**

V component of horizontal wind in meters per second.



## PYART.IO.ARM\_SONDE

Utilities for ARM sonde NetCDF files.

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| <code>read_arm_sonde(filename)</code>                   | Read a ARM sonde file returning a wind profile.                   |
| <code>read_arm_sonde_vap(filename[, radar, ...])</code> | Read a ARM interpolated or merged sonde returning a wind profile. |

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`pyart.io.arm_sonde.read_arm_sonde(filename)`  
Read a ARM sonde file returning a wind profile.

### Parameters

**filename** [str] Name of ARM sonde NetCDF file to read data from.

`pyart.io.arm_sonde.read_arm_sonde_vap(filename, radar=None, target_datetime=None)`  
Read a ARM interpolated or merged sonde returning a wind profile.

### Parameters

**filename** [str] Name of ARM interpolate or merged sonde NetCDF file to read data from.

**radar** [Radar, optional] If provided the profile returned is that which is closest in time to the first ray collected in this radar. Either radar or target\_datetime must be provided.

**target\_datetime** [datetime, optional] If specified the profile returned is that which is closest in time to this datetime.



## PYART.IO.AUTO\_READ

Automatic reading of radar files by detecting format.

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| <code>read(filename[, use_rsl])</code>    | Read a radar file and return a radar object.                          |
| <code>determine_filetype(filename)</code> | Return the filetype of a given file by examining the first few bytes. |

`pyart.io.auto_read.determine_filetype(filename)`  
Return the filetype of a given file by examining the first few bytes.

The following filetypes are detected:

- 'MDV'
- 'NETCDF3'
- 'NETCDF4'
- 'WSR88D'
- 'NEXRADL3'
- 'UF'
- 'HDF4'
- 'RSL'
- 'DORAD'
- 'SIGMET'
- 'LASSEN'
- 'BZ2'
- 'GZ'
- 'UNKNOWN'

### Parameters

**filename** [str] Name of file to examine.

### Returns

**filetype** [str] Type of file.

`pyart.io.auto_read.read(filename, use_rsl=False, **kwargs)`  
Read a radar file and return a radar object.

Additional parameters are passed to the underlying read\_\* function.

### Parameters

**filename** [str] Name of radar file to read

**use\_rsl** [bool] True will use the TRMM RSL library to read files which are supported both natively and by RSL. False will choose the native read function. RSL will always be used to read a file if it is not supported natively.

### Returns

**radar** [Radar] Radar object. A TypeError is raised if the format cannot be determined.

### Other Parameters

**field\_names** [dict, optional] Dictionary mapping file data type names to radar field names. If a data type found in the file does not appear in this dictionary or has a value of None it will not be placed in the radar.fields dictionary. A value of None, the default, will use the mapping defined in the metadata configuration file.

**additional\_metadata** [dict of dicts, optional] Dictionary of dictionaries to retrieve metadata from during this read. This metadata is not used during any successive file reads unless explicitly included. A value of None, the default, will not introduce any additional metadata and the file specific or default metadata as specified by the metadata configuration file will be used.

**file\_field\_names** [bool, optional] True to use the file data type names for the field names. If this case the field\_names parameter is ignored. The field dictionary will likely only have a 'data' key, unless the fields are defined in *additional\_metadata*.

**exclude\_fields** [list or None, optional] List of fields to exclude from the radar object. This is applied after the *file\_field\_names* and *field\_names* parameters.

**delay\_field\_loading** [bool] True to delay loading of field data from the file until the 'data' key in a particular field dictionary is accessed. In this case the field attribute of the returned Radar object will contain LazyLoadDict objects not dict objects. Not all file types support this parameter.

## PYART.IO.CFRADIAL

Utilities for reading CF/Radial files.

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| <code>_NetCDFVariableDataExtractor(ncvar)</code>              | Class facilitating on demand extraction of data from a NetCDF variable. |
| <code>read_cfradial(filename[, field_names, ...])</code>      | Read a Cfradial netCDF file.  |
| <code>write_cfradial(filename, radar[, format, ...])</code>   | Write a Radar object to a CF/Radial compliant netCDF file.              |
| <code>_find_all_meta_group_vars(ncvars, ...)</code>           | Return a list of all variables which are in a given meta_group.         |
| <code>_ncvar_to_dict(ncvar[, lazydict])</code>                | Convert a NetCDF Dataset variable to a dictionary.                      |
| <code>_unpack_variable_gate_field_dic(dic, shape, ...)</code> | Create a 2D array from a 1D field data, dic update in place             |
| <code>_create_ncvar(dic, dataset, name, dimensions)</code>    | Create and fill a Variable in a netCDF Dataset object.                  |

**class** pyart.io.cfradial.\_NetCDFVariableDataExtractor (ncvar)

Bases: object

Class facilitating on demand extraction of data from a NetCDF variable.

### Parameters

**ncvar** [netCDF4.Variable] NetCDF Variable from which data will be extracted.

### Methods

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| <code>__call__()</code> | Return an array containing data from the stored variable. |
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`__call__()`  
Return an array containing data from the stored variable.

`__class__`  
alias of builtins.type

`__delattr__ ($self, name, /)`  
Implement delattr(self, name).

`__dict__ = mappingproxy({'__module__': 'pyart.io.cfradial', '__doc__': '\n Class fac`

`__dir__ ($self, /)`

Default dir() implementation.

**\_\_eq\_\_** (*\$self, value, /*)  
Return self==value.

**\_\_format\_\_** (*\$self, format\_spec, /*)  
Default object formatter.

**\_\_ge\_\_** (*\$self, value, /*)  
Return self>=value.

**\_\_getattr\_\_** (*\$self, name, /*)  
Return getattr(self, name).

**\_\_gt\_\_** (*\$self, value, /*)  
Return self>value.

**\_\_hash\_\_** (*\$self, /*)  
Return hash(self).

**\_\_init\_\_** (*ncvar*)  
initialize the object.

**\_\_init\_subclass\_\_** ()  
This method is called when a class is subclassed.

The default implementation does nothing. It may be overridden to extend subclasses.

**\_\_le\_\_** (*\$self, value, /*)  
Return self<=value.

**\_\_lt\_\_** (*\$self, value, /*)  
Return self<value.

**\_\_module\_\_** = 'pyart.io.cfradial'

**\_\_ne\_\_** (*\$self, value, /*)  
Return self!=value.

**\_\_new\_\_** (*\$type, \*args, \*\*kwargs*)  
Create and return a new object. See help(type) for accurate signature.

**\_\_reduce\_\_** (*\$self, /*)  
Helper for pickle.

**\_\_reduce\_ex\_\_** (*\$self, protocol, /*)  
Helper for pickle.

**\_\_repr\_\_** (*\$self, /*)  
Return repr(self).

**\_\_setattr\_\_** (*\$self, name, value, /*)  
Implement setattr(self, name, value).

**\_\_sizeof\_\_** (*\$self, /*)  
Size of object in memory, in bytes.

**\_\_str\_\_** (*\$self, /*)  
Return str(self).

**\_\_subclasshook\_\_** ()  
Abstract classes can override this to customize issubclass().



This is invoked early on by `abc.ABCMeta.__subclasscheck__()`. It should return `True`, `False` or `NotImplemented`. If it returns `NotImplemented`, the normal algorithm is used. Otherwise, it overrides the normal algorithm (and the outcome is cached).

#### **`__weakref__`**

list of weak references to the object (if defined)

`pyart.io.cfradial._calculate_scale_and_offset` (*dic*, *dtype*, *minimum=None*, *maximum=None*)

Calculate appropriated 'scale\_factor' and 'add\_offset' for nc variable in dic in order to scaling to fit dtype range.

#### **Parameters**

**dic** [dict] Radar dictionary containing variable data and meta-data

**dtype** [Numpy Dtype] Integer numpy dtype to map to.

**minimum, maximum** [float] Greatest and smallest values in the data, those values will be mapped to the smallest+1 and greatest values that dtype can hold. If equal to None, `numpy.amin` and `numpy.amax` will be used on the data contained in dic to determine these values.

`pyart.io.cfradial._create_ncvar` (*dic*, *dataset*, *name*, *dimensions*, *physical=False*, *is\_field=False*)

Create and fill a Variable in a netCDF Dataset object.

#### **Parameters**

**dic** [dict] Radar dictionary containing variable data and meta-data

**dataset** [Dataset] NetCDF dataset to create variable in.

**name** [str] Name of variable to create.

**dimension** [tuple of str] Dimension of variable.

**physical** [bool] boolean specifying whether to store the data in physical dimensions or in binary. If true the data will be converted into binary using the gain and offset specified in variables 'scale\_factor' and 'add\_offset' in the field metadata or a gain and offset computed on the fly

`pyart.io.cfradial._find_all_meta_group_vars` (*ncvars*, *meta\_group\_name*)

Return a list of all variables which are in a given meta\_group.

`pyart.io.cfradial._ncvar_to_dict` (*ncvar*, *lazydict=False*)

Convert a NetCDF Dataset variable to a dictionary.

`pyart.io.cfradial._unpack_variable_gate_field_dic` (*dic*, *shape*, *ray\_n\_gates*, *ray\_start\_index*)

Create a 2D array from a 1D field data, dic update in place

`pyart.io.cfradial.read_cfradial` (*filename*, *field\_names=None*, *additional\_metadata=None*, *file\_field\_names=False*, *exclude\_fields=None*, *include\_fields=None*, *delay\_field\_loading=False*, *\*\*kwargs*)

Read a Cfradial netCDF file.

#### **Parameters**

**filename** [str] Name of CF/Radial netCDF file to read data from.

**field\_names** [dict, optional] Dictionary mapping field names in the file names to radar field names. Unlike other read functions, fields not in this dictionary or having a value of None are still included in the `radar.fields` dictionary, to exclude them use the `exclude_fields` parameter. Fields which are mapped by this dictionary will be renamed from key to value.

**additional\_metadata** [dict of dicts, optional] This parameter is not used, it is included for uniformity.

**file\_field\_names** [bool, optional] True to force the use of the field names from the file in which case the *field\_names* parameter is ignored. False will use to *field\_names* parameter to re-name fields.

**exclude\_fields** [list or None, optional] List of fields to exclude from the radar object. This is applied after the *file\_field\_names* and *field\_names* parameters. Set to None to include all fields specified by *include\_fields*.

**include\_fields** [list or None, optional] List of fields to include from the radar object. This is applied after the *file\_field\_names* and *field\_names* parameters. Set to None to include all fields not specified by *exclude\_fields*.

**delay\_field\_loading** [bool] True to delay loading of field data from the file until the ‘data’ key in a particular field dictionary is accessed. In this case the field attribute of the returned Radar object will contain LazyLoadDict objects not dict objects. Delayed field loading will not provide any speedup in file where the number of gates vary between rays (*ngates\_vary*=True) and is not recommended.

### Returns

**radar** [Radar] Radar object.

### Notes

This function has not been tested on “stream” Cfradial files.

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pyart.io.cfradial.write_cfradial(filename, radar, format='NETCDF4', time_reference=None,  
                                arm_time_variables=False, physical=True)
```

Write a Radar object to a CF/Radial compliant netCDF file.

The files produced by this routine follow the [CF/Radial standard](#). Attempts are also made to to meet many of the standards outlined in the [ARM Data File Standards](#).

To control how the netCDF variables are created, set any of the following keys in the radar attribute dictionaries.

- `_Zlib`
- `_DeflateLevel`
- `_Shuffle`
- `_Fletcher32`
- `_Contiguous`
- `_ChunkSizes`
- `_Endianness`
- `_Least_significant_digit`
- `_FillValue`

See the netCDF4 documentation for details on these settings.

### Parameters

**filename** [str] Filename to create.

**radar** [Radar] Radar object.

**format** [str, optional] NetCDF format, one of 'NETCDF4', 'NETCDF4\_CLASSIC', 'NETCDF3\_CLASSIC' or 'NETCDF3\_64BIT'. See netCDF4 documentation for details.

**time\_reference** [bool] True to include a time\_reference variable, False will not include this variable. The default, None, will include the time\_reference variable when the first time value is non-zero.

**arm\_time\_variables** [bool] True to create the ARM standard time variables base\_time and time\_offset, False will not create these variables.

**physical** [bool] True to store the radar fields as physical numbers, False will store the radar fields as binary if the keyword '\_Write\_as\_dtype' is in the field metadata. The gain and offset can be specified in the keyword 'scale\_factor' and 'add\_offset' or calculated on the fly.



## PYART.IO.CHL

Utilities for reading CSU-CHILL CHL files.

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| <code>ChlFile(filename[, ns_time, debug])</code> | A file object for CHL data. |
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| <code>read_chl(filename[, field_names, ...])</code> | Read a CSU-CHILL CHL file. |
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| <code>_unpack_structure(string, structure)</code> | Unpack a structure |
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**class** `pyart.io.chl.ChlFile` (*filename, ns\_time=True, debug=False*)

Bases: `object`

A file object for CHL data.

### Parameters

**filename** [str or file-like.] Name of CHL file to read or a file-like object pointing to the beginning of such a file.

**ns\_time** [bool] True to determine ray collection times to the nano-second, False will only determine times to the second.

**debug** [bool] True to keep packet data in the `_packets` attribute to aid in debugging.

### Attributes

**ngates** [int] Number of gates per ray.

**num\_sweeps** [int] Number of sweeps in the volume.

**gate\_spacing** [float] Spacing in meters between gates.

**first\_gate\_offset** [float] Distance in meters to the first range gate.

**time** [list of ints] Time in seconds in epoch for each ray in the volume.

**azimuth** [list of floats] Azimuth angle for each ray in the volume in degrees.

**elevation** [list of floats] Elevation angle for each ray in the volume in degrees.

**fixed\_angle** [list of floats] Fixed angles for each sweep.

**sweep\_number** [list of ints] Sweep numbers reported in file.

**scan\_types** [list of ints] Chill defined scan type for each sweep.

**rays\_per\_sweep** [list of ints] Number of rays in each sweep.

**fields** [dict] Dictionary of field data index by field number.

**radar\_info** [dict] Radar information recorded in the file.

**field\_info** [dict] Field information (limits, name, etc.) recorded in the file.

**processor\_info** [dict] Porcessor information recorded in the file.

## Methods

`close()`

Close the file.

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**\_\_class\_\_**

alias of `builtins.type`

**\_\_delattr\_\_** (*\$self, name, /*)

Implement `delattr(self, name)`.

**\_\_dict\_\_** = `mappingproxy({'__module__': 'pyart.io.ch1', '__doc__': '\n A file object`

**\_\_dir\_\_** (*\$self, /*)

Default `dir()` implementation.

**\_\_eq\_\_** (*\$self, value, /*)

Return `self==value`.

**\_\_format\_\_** (*\$self, format\_spec, /*)

Default object formatter.

**\_\_ge\_\_** (*\$self, value, /*)

Return `self>=value`.

**\_\_getattr\_\_** (*\$self, name, /*)

Return `getattr(self, name)`.

**\_\_gt\_\_** (*\$self, value, /*)

Return `self>value`.

**\_\_hash\_\_** (*\$self, /*)

Return `hash(self)`.

**\_\_init\_\_** (*filename, ns\_time=True, debug=False*)

Initialize self. See `help(type(self))` for accurate signature.

**\_\_init\_subclass\_\_** ()

This method is called when a class is subclassed.

The default implementation does nothing. It may be overridden to extend subclasses.

**\_\_le\_\_** (*\$self, value, /*)

Return `self<=value`.

**\_\_lt\_\_** (*\$self, value, /*)

Return `self<value`.

**\_\_module\_\_** = `'pyart.io.ch1'`

**\_\_ne\_\_** (*\$self, value, /*)

Return `self!=value`.

**\_\_new\_\_** (*\$type, \*args, \*\*kwargs*)

Create and return a new object. See `help(type)` for accurate signature.

**\_\_reduce\_\_** (*\$self, /*)

Helper for pickle.

**\_\_reduce\_ex\_\_** (*\$self, protocol, /*)  
Helper for pickle.

**\_\_repr\_\_** (*\$self, /*)  
Return repr(self).

**\_\_setattr\_\_** (*\$self, name, value, /*)  
Implement setattr(self, name, value).

**\_\_sizeof\_\_** (*\$self, /*)  
Size of object in memory, in bytes.

**\_\_str\_\_** (*\$self, /*)  
Return str(self).

**\_\_subclasshook\_\_** ()  
Abstract classes can override this to customize issubclass().

This is invoked early on by abc.ABCMeta.\_\_subclasscheck\_\_(). It should return True, False or NotImplemented. If it returns NotImplemented, the normal algorithm is used. Otherwise, it overrides the normal algorithm (and the outcome is cached).

**\_\_weakref\_\_**  
list of weak references to the object (if defined)

**\_extract\_fields** ()  
Extract field data from \_dstring attribute post read.

**\_parse\_field\_scale\_block** (*payload*)  
Parse a field\_scale block. Add scale to field\_info attr.

**\_parse\_file\_hdr\_block** (*payload*)  
Parse a field\_hdr block.

**\_parse\_processor\_info\_block** (*payload*)  
Parse a processor\_info block. Set dr attribute.

**\_parse\_radar\_info\_block** (*payload*)  
Parse a radar\_info block. Update metadata attribute.

**\_parse\_ray\_hdr\_block** (*payload*)  
Parse a ray\_hdr block. Update associated attributes.

**\_parse\_scan\_seg\_block** (*payload*)  
Parse a scan\_seg\_block. Update sweep attributes.

**\_parse\_sweep\_block** (*payload*)  
Parse a sweep block. Set num\_sweeps attribute.

**\_read\_block** ()  
Read a block from an open CHL file

**close** ()  
Close the file.

**pyart.io.chl.\_unpack\_structure** (*string, structure*)  
Unpack a structure

**pyart.io.chl.read\_chl** (*filename, field\_names=None, additional\_metadata=None, file\_field\_names=None, exclude\_fields=None, include\_fields=None, use\_file\_field\_attributes=True, \*\*kwargs*)  
Read a CSU-CHILL CHL file.

#### Parameters

**filename** [str] Name of CHL file.

**field\_names** [dict, optional] Dictionary mapping CHL field names to radar field names. If a data type found in the file does not appear in this dictionary or has a value of None it will not be placed in the radar.fields dictionary. A value of None, the default, will use the mapping defined in the Py-ART configuration file.

**additional\_metadata** [dict of dicts, optional] Dictionary of dictionaries to retrieve metadata from during this read. This metadata is not used during any successive file reads unless explicitly included. A value of None, the default, will not introduce any additional metadata and the file specific or default metadata as specified by the Py-ART configuration file will be used.

**file\_field\_names** [bool, optional] True to use the CHL field names for the field names in the radar object. If this case the field\_names parameter is ignored. The field dictionary will likely only have a 'data' key, unless the fields are defined in *additional\_metadata*.

**exclude\_fields** [list or None, optional] List of fields to exclude from the radar object. This is applied after the *file\_field\_names* and *field\_names* parameters.

**include\_fields** [list or None, optional] List of fields to include from the radar object. This is applied after the *file\_field\_names* and *field\_names* parameters. Set to None to include all fields not in exclude\_fields.

**use\_file\_field\_attributes** [bool, optional] True to use information provided by in the file to set the field attribute *long\_name*, *units*, *valid\_max*, and *valid\_min*. False will not set these unless they are defined in the configuration file or in *additional\_metadata*.

#### Returns

**radar** [Radar] Radar object containing data from CHL file.



## PYART.IO.COMMON

Input/output routines common to many file formats.

|  |  |
|--|--|
| <code>prepare_for_read(filename)</code>                | Return a file like object read for reading.                            |
| <code>stringarray_to_chararray(arr[, numchars])</code> | Convert an string array to a character array with one extra dimension. |
| <code>_test_arguments(dic)</code>                      | Issue a warning if receive non-empty argument dict                     |
| <code>make_time_unit_str(dtobj)</code>                 | Return a time unit string from a datetime object.                      |

`pyart.io.common._test_arguments (dic)`

Issue a warning if receive non-empty argument dict

`pyart.io.common.make_time_unit_str (dtobj)`

Return a time unit string from a datetime object.

`pyart.io.common.prepare_for_read (filename)`

Return a file like object read for reading.

Open a file for reading in binary mode with transparent decompression of Gzip and BZip2 files. The resulting file-like object should be closed.

### Parameters

**filename** [str or file-like object] Filename or file-like object which will be opened. File-like objects will not be examined for compressed data.

### Returns

**file\_like** [file-like object] File like object from which data can be read.

`pyart.io.common.stringarray_to_chararray (arr, numchars=None)`

Convert an string array to a character array with one extra dimension.

### Parameters

**arr** [array] Array with numpy dtype 'SN', where N is the number of characters in the string.

**numchars** [int] Number of characters used to represent the string. If numchar > N the results will be padded on the right with blanks. The default, None will use N.

### Returns

**chararr** [array] Array with dtype 'S1' and shape = arr.shape + (numchars, ).



## PYART.IO.GRID\_IO

Reading and writing Grid objects.

|   |   |
|---|---|
| <code>read_grid(filename[, exclude_fields, ...])</code> | Read a netCDF grid file produced by Py-ART.                           |
| <code>write_grid(filename, grid[, format, ...])</code>  | Write a Grid object to a CF-1.5 and ARM standard netCDF file          |
| <code>_make_coordinatesystem_dict(grid)</code>          | Return a dictionary containing parameters for a coordinate transform. |

`pyart.io.grid_io._make_coordinatesystem_dict(grid)`

Return a dictionary containing parameters for a coordinate transform.

Examine the grid projection attribute and other grid attributes to return a dictionary containing parameters which can be written to a netCDF variable to specify a horizontal coordinate transform recognized by Unidata's CDM. Return None when the projection defined in the grid cannot be mapped to a CDM coordinate transform.

`pyart.io.grid_io.read_grid(filename, exclude_fields=None, include_fields=None, **kwargs)`

Read a netCDF grid file produced by Py-ART.

#### Parameters

**filename** [str] Filename of netCDF grid file to read. This file must have been produced by `write_grid()` or have identical layout.

#### Returns

**grid** [Grid] Grid object containing gridded data.

#### Other Parameters

**exclude\_fields** [list or None, optional] List of fields to exclude from the radar object. This is applied after the `file_field_names` and `field_names` parameters. Set to None to include all fields specified by `include_fields`.

**include\_fields** [list or None, optional] List of fields to include from the radar object. This is applied after the `file_field_names` and `field_names` parameters. Set to None to include all fields not specified by `exclude_fields`.

`pyart.io.grid_io.write_grid(filename, grid, format='NETCDF4', write_proj_coord_sys=True, proj_coord_sys=None, arm_time_variables=False, write_point_x_y_z=False, write_point_lon_lat_alt=False)`

Write a Grid object to a CF-1.5 and ARM standard netCDF file

To control how the netCDF variables are created, set any of the following keys in the grid attribute dictionaries.

- `_Zlib`
- `_DeflateLevel`

- `_Shuffle`
- `_Fletcher32`
- `_Contiguous`
- `_ChunkSizes`
- `_Endianness`
- `_Least_significant_digit`
- `_FillValue`

See the netCDF4 documentation for details on these settings.

#### Parameters

**filename** [str] Filename to save grid to.

**grid** [Grid] Grid object to write.

**format** [str, optional] netCDF format, one of 'NETCDF4', 'NETCDF4\_CLASSIC', 'NETCDF3\_CLASSIC' or 'NETCDF3\_64BIT'. See netCDF4 documentation for details.

**write\_proj\_coord\_sys** bool, optional True to write information on the coordinate transform used in the map projection to the ProjectionCoordinateSystem variable following the CDM Object Model. The resulting file should be interpreted as containing geographic grids by tools which use the Java NetCDF library (THREDDS, toolsUI, etc).

**proj\_coord\_sys** [dict or None, optional] Dictionary of parameters which will be written to the ProjectionCoordinateSystem NetCDF variable if write\_proj\_coord\_sys is True. A value of None will attempt to generate an appropriate dictionary by examining the projection attribute of the grid object. If the projection is not understood a warnings will be issued.

**arm\_time\_variables** [bool, optional] True to write the ARM standard time variables base\_time and time\_offset. False will not write these variables.

**write\_point\_x\_y\_z** [bool, optional] True to include the point\_x, point\_y and point\_z variables in the written file, False will not write these variables.

**write\_point\_lon\_lat\_alt** [bool, optional] True to include the point\_longitude, point\_latitude and point\_altitude variables in the written file, False will not write these variables.

## PYART.IO.MDV\_COMMON

Functions and classes common between MDV grid and radar files.

|   |  |
|---|--|
| <code>MdvFile(filename[, debug, read_fields])</code>          | A file object for MDV data.                                      |
| <code>_MdvVolumeDataExtractor(mdvfile, field_num, ...)</code> | Class facilitating on demand extraction of data from a MDV file. |

**class** `pyart.io.mdv_common.MdvFile` (*filename, debug=False, read\_fields=False*)

Bases: `object`

A file object for MDV data.

A *MdvFile* object stores metadata and data from a MDV file. Metadata is stored in dictionaries as attributes of the object, field data is stored as NumPy ndarrays as attributes with the field name. By default only metadata is read initially and field data must be read using the *read\_a\_field* or *read\_all\_fields* methods. This behavior can be changed by setting the *read\_fields* parameter to True.

### Parameters

**filename** [str, file-like or None.] Name of MDV file to read or file-like object pointing to the beginning of such a file. None can be used to initialize an object which can be used for writing mdv files.

**debug** [bool] True to print out debugging information, False to suppress

**read\_fields** [bool] True to read all field during initialization, False (default) only reads metadata.

### Notes

This class is not stable enough for general purpose MDV reading/writing, nor is that the intention, but with care it can provide sufficient read/write capacity.

### Methods

|  |   |
|--|---|
| <code>close()</code>                     | Close the MDV file.                                     |
| <code>read_a_field(fnum[, debug])</code> | Read a field from the MDV file.                         |
| <code>read_all_fields()</code>           | Read all fields, storing data to field name attributes. |
| <code>write(filename[, debug])</code>    | Write object data to a MDV file.                        |

**\_\_class\_\_**  
alias of `builtins.type`

**`__delattr__`** (*\$self, name, /*)  
Implement `delattr(self, name)`.

**`__dict__`** = `mappingproxy({'__module__': 'pyart.io.mdv_common', '__doc__': '\n A file o`

**`__dir__`** (*\$self, /*)  
Default `dir()` implementation.

**`__eq__`** (*\$self, value, /*)  
Return `self==value`.

**`__format__`** (*\$self, format\_spec, /*)  
Default object formatter.

**`__ge__`** (*\$self, value, /*)  
Return `self>=value`.

**`__getattr__`** (*\$self, name, /*)  
Return `getattr(self, name)`.

**`__gt__`** (*\$self, value, /*)  
Return `self>value`.

**`__hash__`** (*\$self, /*)  
Return `hash(self)`.

**`__init__`** (*filename, debug=False, read\_fields=False*)  
initialize

**`__init_subclass__`** ()  
This method is called when a class is subclassed.  
  
The default implementation does nothing. It may be overridden to extend subclasses.

**`__le__`** (*\$self, value, /*)  
Return `self<=value`.

**`__lt__`** (*\$self, value, /*)  
Return `self<value`.

**`__module__`** = `'pyart.io.mdv_common'`

**`__ne__`** (*\$self, value, /*)  
Return `self!=value`.

**`__new__`** (*\$type, \*args, \*\*kwargs*)  
Create and return a new object. See `help(type)` for accurate signature.

**`__reduce__`** (*\$self, /*)  
Helper for pickle.

**`__reduce_ex`** (*\$self, protocol, /*)  
Helper for pickle.

**`__repr__`** (*\$self, /*)  
Return `repr(self)`.

**`__setattr__`** (*\$self, name, value, /*)  
Implement `setattr(self, name, value)`.

**`__sizeof__`** (*\$self, /*)  
Size of object in memory, in bytes.

**`__str__`** (*\$self, /*)  
Return `str(self)`.

**`__subclasshook__()`**

Abstract classes can override this to customize `issubclass()`.

This is invoked early on by `abc.ABCMeta.__subclasscheck__()`. It should return `True`, `False` or `NotImplemented`. If it returns `NotImplemented`, the normal algorithm is used. Otherwise, it overrides the normal algorithm (and the outcome is cached).

**`__weakref__`**

list of weak references to the object (if defined)

**`_calc_file_offsets()`**

Calculate file offsets.

**`_calc_geometry()`**

Calculate geometry, return `az_deg`, `range_km`, `el_deg`.

**`_get_calib()`**

Get the calibration information, return a dict.

**`_get_chunk_header()`**

Get a single chunk header, return a dict.

**`_get_chunk_headers(nchunks)`**

Get `nchunk` chunk headers, return a list of dicts.

**`_get_chunks(debug=False)`**

Get data in chunks, return `radar_info`, `elevations`, `calib_info`.

**`_get_compression_info()`**

Get compression information, return a dict.

**`_get_elevs(nbytes)`**

Return an array of elevation read from current file position.

**`_get_field_header()`**

Read a single field header, return a dict.

**`_get_field_headers(nfields)`**

Read `nfields` field headers, return a list of dicts.

**`_get_levels_info(nlevels)`**

Get `nlevel` information, return a dict.

**`_get_master_header()`**

Read the MDV master header, return a dict.

**`_get_radar_info()`**

Get the radar information, return dict.

**`_get_unknown_chunk(cnum)`**

Get raw data from chunk

**`_get_vlevel_header()`**

Read a single vlevel header, return a dict.

**`_get_vlevel_headers(nfields)`**

Read `nfields` vlevel headers, return a list of dicts.

**`_make_carts_dict()`**

Return a carts dictionary, distances in meters.

**`_make_fields_list()`**

Return a list of fields.

**`_make_time_dict()`**  
Return a time dictionary.

**`_pack_mapped(d, mapper, fmt)`**  
Create a packed string using a mapper and format.

**`_secs_since_epoch(dt)`**  
Return the number of seconds since the epoch for a datetime.

**`_time_dict_into_header()`**  
Complete time information in master\_header from the time dict

**`_unpack_mapped_tuple(l, mapper)`**  
Create a dictionary from a tuple using a mapper.

**`_write_a_field(fnum, debug=False)`**  
write field number 'fnum' to mdv file

**`_write_calib(d)`**  
Write calibration information.

**`_write_chunk_header(d)`**  
Write the a single chunk header.

**`_write_chunk_headers(nchunks)`**  
Write nchunk chunk headers.

**`_write_chunks(debug=False)`**  
write chunks data

**`_write_compression_info(d)`**  
Write compression infomation

**`_write_elevs(l)`**  
Write an array of elevation.

**`_write_field_header(d)`**  
Write the a single field header.

**`_write_field_headers(nfields)`**  
Write nfields field headers.

**`_write_levels_info(nlevels, d)`**  
write levels information, return a dict.

**`_write_master_header()`**  
Write the MDV master header.

**`_write_radar_info(d)`**  
Write radar information.

**`_write_unknown_chunk(data)`**  
Write raw data from chunk

**`_write_vlevel_header(d)`**  
Write the a single vfield header.

**`_write_vlevel_headers(nfields)`**  
Write nfields vlevel headers

**`calib_fmt = '>16s 6i 51f 14f'`**

**`calib_mapper = [('radar_name', 0, 1), ('year', 1, 2), ('month', 2, 3), ('day', 3, 4),`**

**`chunk_header_fmt = '>5i 2i 480s i'`**



```
chunk_header_mapper = [('record_len1', 0, 1), ('struct_id', 1, 2), ('chunk_id', 2, 3),
close()
    Close the MDV file.

compression_info_fmt = '>I I I I 2I'
compression_info_mapper = [('magic_cookie', 0, 1), ('nbytes_uncompressed', 1, 2), ('nb
field_header_fmt = '>17i 10i 9i 4i f f 8f 12f 4f 5f 64s 16s 16s 16s 16s i'
field_header_mapper = [('record_len1', 0, 1), ('struct_id', 1, 2), ('field_code', 2, 3
master_header_fmt = b'>28i 8i i 5i 6f 3f 12f 512s 128s 128s i'
master_header_mapper = [('record_len1', 0, 1), ('struct_id', 1, 2), ('revision_number'
radar_info_fmt = '>12i 2i 22f 4f 40s 40s'
radar_info_mapper = [('radar_id', 0, 1), ('radar_type', 1, 2), ('nfields', 2, 3), ('ng
read_a_field(fnum, debug=False)
    Read a field from the MDV file.
```

#### Parameters

**fnum** [int] Field number to read.

**debug** [bool] True to print debugging information, False to suppress.

#### Returns

**field\_data** [array] Field data. This data is also stored as a object attribute under the field name.

#### See also:

[\*read\\_all\\_fields\*](#) Read all fields in the MDV file.

```
read_all_fields()
```

Read all fields, storing data to field name attributes.

```
vlevel_header_fmt = '>i i 122i 4i 122f 5f i'
```

```
vlevel_header_mapper = [('record_len1', 0, 1), ('struct_id', 1, 2), ('type', 2, 124),
```

```
write(filename, debug=False)
```

Write object data to a MDV file.

Note that the file is not explicitly closes, use x.close() to close file object when complete.

#### Parameters

**filename** [str or file-like] Filename or open file object to which data will be written.

**debug** [bool, options] True to print out debugging information, False to suppress.

```
class pyart.io.mdv_common._MdvVolumeDataExtractor(mdvfile, field_num, fillvalue,
                                                    two_dims=True)
```

Bases: `object`

Class facilitating on demand extraction of data from a MDV file.

#### Parameters

**mdvfile** [MdvFile] Open MdvFile object to extract data from.

**field\_num** [int] Field number of data to be extracted.

**fillvalue** [int] Value used to fill masked values in the returned array.

**two\_dims** [bool.] True to combine the first and second dimension of the array when returning the data, False will return a three dimensional array.

## Methods

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|                         |   |
|-------------------------|---|
| <code>__call__()</code> | Return an array containing data from the referenced volume. |
|-------------------------|---|

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`__call__()`  
Return an array containing data from the referenced volume.

`__class__`  
alias of `builtins.type`

`__delattr__($self, name, /)`  
Implement `delattr(self, name)`.

`__dict__ = mappingproxy({'__module__': 'pyart.io.mdv_common', '__doc__': '\n Class f`

`__dir__($self, /)`  
Default `dir()` implementation.

`__eq__($self, value, /)`  
Return `self==value`.

`__format__($self, format_spec, /)`  
Default object formatter.

`__ge__($self, value, /)`  
Return `self>=value`.

`__getattr__($self, name, /)`  
Return `getattr(self, name)`.

`__gt__($self, value, /)`  
Return `self>value`.

`__hash__($self, /)`  
Return `hash(self)`.

`__init__(mdvfile, field_num, fillvalue, two_dims=True)`  
initialize the object.

`__init_subclass__()`  
This method is called when a class is subclassed.  
  
The default implementation does nothing. It may be overridden to extend subclasses.

`__le__($self, value, /)`  
Return `self<=value`.

`__lt__($self, value, /)`  
Return `self<value`.

`__module__ = 'pyart.io.mdv_common'`

`__ne__($self, value, /)`  
Return `self!=value`.

**\_\_new\_\_** (*\$type, \*args, \*\*kwargs*)

Create and return a new object. See help(type) for accurate signature.

**\_\_reduce\_\_** (*\$self, /*)

Helper for pickle.

**\_\_reduce\_ex\_\_** (*\$self, protocol, /*)

Helper for pickle.

**\_\_repr\_\_** (*\$self, /*)

Return repr(self).

**\_\_setattr\_\_** (*\$self, name, value, /*)

Implement setattr(self, name, value).

**\_\_sizeof\_\_** (*\$self, /*)

Size of object in memory, in bytes.

**\_\_str\_\_** (*\$self, /*)

Return str(self).

**\_\_subclasshook\_\_** ()

Abstract classes can override this to customize issubclass().

This is invoked early on by abc.ABCMeta.\_\_subclasscheck\_\_(). It should return True, False or NotImplemented. If it returns NotImplemented, the normal algorithm is used. Otherwise, it overrides the normal algorithm (and the outcome is cached).

**\_\_weakref\_\_**

list of weak references to the object (if defined)

`pyart.io.mdv_common._decode_rle8` (*compr\_data, key, decomp\_size*)

Decode 8-bit MDV run length encoding.



## PYART.IO.MDV\_RADAR

Utilities for reading of MDV radar files.

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`read_mdv(filename[, field_names, ...])`      Read a MDV file.

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```
pyart.io.mdv_radar.read_mdv(filename, field_names=None, additional_metadata=None,
                             file_field_names=False, exclude_fields=None, include_fields=None,
                             delay_field_loading=False, **kwargs)
```

Read a MDV file.

### Parameters

**filename** [str] Name of MDV file to read or file-like object pointing to the beginning of such a file.

**field\_names** [dict, optional] Dictionary mapping MDV data type names to radar field names. If a data type found in the file does not appear in this dictionary or has a value of None it will not be placed in the radar.fields dictionary. A value of None, the default, will use the mapping defined in the Py-ART configuration file.

**additional\_metadata** [dict of dicts, optional] Dictionary of dictionaries to retrieve metadata from during this read. This metadata is not used during any successive file reads unless explicitly included. A value of None, the default, will not introduce any additional metadata and the file specific or default metadata as specified by the Py-ART configuration file will be used.

**file\_field\_names** [bool, optional] True to use the MDV data type names for the field names. If this case the field\_names parameter is ignored. The field dictionary will likely only have a 'data' key, unless the fields are defined in *additional\_metadata*.

**exclude\_fields** [list or None, optional] List of fields to exclude from the radar object. This is applied after the *file\_field\_names* and *field\_names* parameters. Set to None to include all fields specified by include\_fields.

**include\_fields** [list or None, optional] List of fields to include from the radar object. This is applied after the *file\_field\_names* and *field\_names* parameters. Set to None to include all fields not specified by exclude\_fields.

**delay\_field\_loading** [bool] True to delay loading of field data from the file until the 'data' key in a particular field dictionary is accessed. In this case the field attribute of the returned Radar object will contain LazyLoadDict objects not dict objects. Not all file types support this parameter.

### Returns

**radar** [Radar] Radar object containing data from MDV file.

## Notes

Currently this function can only read polar MDV files with fields compressed with gzip or zlib.

## PYART.IO.MDV\_GRID

Utilities for reading and writing of MDV grid files.

|  |   |
|--|---|
| <code>write_grid_mdv(filename, grid[, ...])</code>       | Write grid object to MDV file.                                |
| <code>read_grid_mdv(filename[, field_names, ...])</code> | Read a MDV file to a Grid Object.                             |
| <code>_time_dic_to_datetime(dic)</code>                  | Return a datetime for the first element in a time dictionary. |

`pyart.io.mdv_grid._time_dic_to_datetime(dic)`

Return a datetime for the first element in a time dictionary.

`pyart.io.mdv_grid.read_grid_mdv(filename, field_names=None, additional_metadata=None, file_field_names=False, exclude_fields=None, delay_field_loading=False, **kwargs)`

Read a MDV file to a Grid Object.

### Parameters

**filename** [str] Name of MDV file to read or file-like object pointing to the beginning of such a file.

**field\_names** [dict, optional] Dictionary mapping MDV data type names to radar field names. If a data type found in the file does not appear in this dictionary or has a value of None it will not be placed in the radar.fields dictionary. A value of None, the default, will use the mapping defined in the Py-ART configuration file.

**additional\_metadata** [dict of dicts, optional] Dictionary of dictionaries to retrieve metadata from during this read. This metadata is not used during any successive file reads unless explicitly included. A value of None, the default, will not introduce any additional metadata and the file specific or default metadata as specified by the Py-ART configuration file will be used.

**file\_field\_names** [bool, optional] True to use the MDV data type names for the field names. If this case the field\_names parameter is ignored. The field dictionary will likely only have a 'data' key, unless the fields are defined in *additional\_metadata*.

**exclude\_fields** [list or None, optional] List of fields to exclude from the grid object. This is applied after the *file\_field\_names* and *field\_names* parameters.

**delay\_field\_loading** [bool] True to delay loading of field data from the file until the 'data' key in a particular field dictionary is accessed. In this case the field attribute of the returned Radar object will contain LazyLoadDict objects not dict objects.

### Returns

**grid** [Grid] Grid object containing data from MDV file.

## Notes

This function can only read cartesian MDV files with fields compressed with gzip or zlib. For polar files see `pyart.io.read_mdv()`

MDV files and Grid object are not fully interchangeable. Specific limitation include:

- All fields must have the same shape and dimensions.
- All fields must have the same projection.
- Vlevels types must not vary.
- Projection must not be PROJ\_POLAR\_RADAR (9) or PROJ\_RHI\_RADAR (13).
- Correct unit in the Z axis are just available for 'vlevel\_type' equal to VERT\_TYPE\_Z(4), VERT\_TYPE\_ELEV(9), VERT\_TYPE\_AZ(17), VERT\_TYPE\_PRESSURE(3) and VERT\_TYPE\_THETA(7).
- The behavior in cases of 2D data is unknown but most likely will not fail.

```
pyart.io.mdv_grid.write_grid_mdv(filename, grid, mdv_field_names=None,
                                field_write_order=None)
```

Write grid object to MDV file.

Create a MDV file containing data from the provided grid instance.

The MDV file will contain parameters from the 'source' key if contained in `grid.metadata`. If this key or parameters related to the radar location and name are not present in the grid a default or sentinel value. will be written in the MDV file in the place of the parameter.

Grid fields will be saved in float32 unless the `_Write_as_dtype` key is present.

### Parameters

**filename** [str or file-like object.] Filename of MDV file to create. If a file-like object is specified data will be written using the write method.

**grid** [Grid] Grid object from which to create MDV file.

**mdv\_field\_names** [dict or None, optional] Mapping between grid fields and MDV data type names. Field names mapped to None or with no mapping will be excluded from writing. If None, the same field names will be used.

**field\_write\_order** [list or None, optional] Order in which grid fields should be written out in the MDV file. None, the default, will determine a valid order automatically.

## Notes

Do to limitations of the MDV format, not all grid objects are writable. To write a grid the following conditions must be satisfied:

- XY grid must be regular (equal spacing), Z can be irregular.
- The number of Z levels must not exceed 122.
- Fields can be encoded in the file using the '`_Write_as_dtype`' key specifying one of 'uint8', 'uint16' or 'float32'. Use the 'scale\_factor' and 'add\_offset' keys to specify scaling. Field data in the Grid object should be uncompressed, that is to say it has had the scaling applied.



## PYART.IO.NEXRADL3\_READ

Functions for reading NEXRAD Level 3 products.

```
read_nexrad_level3(filename[, field_names, Read a NEXRAD Level 3 product.  
...])
```

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```
pyart.io.nexradl3_read.read_nexrad_level3(filename, field_names=None,  
additional_metadata=None,  
file_field_names=False, exclude_fields=None,  
include_fields=None, **kwargs)
```

Read a NEXRAD Level 3 product.

### Parameters

**filename** [str] Filename of NEXRAD Level 3 product file. The files hosted by at the NOAA National Climate Data Center [?] as well as on the NWS WSR-88D Level III Data Collection and Distribution Network have been tests. Other NEXRAD Level 3 files may or may not work. A file-like object pointing to the beginning of such a file is also supported.

**field\_names** [dict, optional] Dictionary mapping NEXRAD level 3 product number to radar field names. If the product number of the file does not appear in this dictionary or has a value of None it will not be placed in the radar.fields dictionary. A value of None, the default, will use the mapping defined in the metadata configuration file.

**additional\_metadata** [dict of dicts, optional] Dictionary of dictionaries to retrieve metadata from during this read. This metadata is not used during any successive file reads unless explicitly included. A value of None, the default, will not introduce any additional metadata and the file specific or default metadata as specified by the metadata configuration file will be used.

**file\_field\_names** [bool, optional] True to use the product number for the field name. In this case the field\_names parameter is ignored. The field dictionary will likely only have a 'data' key, unless the fields are defined in *additional\_metadata*.

**exclude\_fields** [list or None, optional] List of fields to exclude from the radar object. This is applied after the *file\_field\_names* and *field\_names* parameters. Set to None to include all fields specified by *include\_fields*.

**include\_fields** [list or None, optional] List of fields to include from the radar object. This is applied after the *file\_field\_names* and *field\_names* parameters. Set to None to include all fields not specified by *exclude\_fields*.

### Returns

**radar** [Radar] Radar object containing all moments and sweeps/cuts in the volume. Gates not collected are masked in the field data.

## References

[?], [?]

## PYART.IO.NEXRAD\_ARCHIVE

Functions for reading NEXRAD Level II Archive files.

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| <code>_NEXRADLevel2StagedField(nfile, moment, ...)</code>      | A class to facilitate on demand loading of field data from a Level 2 file. |
| <code>read_nexrad_archive(filename[, field_names, ...])</code> | Read a NEXRAD Level 2 Archive file.  |
| <code>_find_range_params(scan_info, filemetadata)</code>       | Return range parameters, first_gate, gate_spacing, last_gate.              |
| <code>_find_scans_to_interp(scan_info, first_gate, ...)</code> | Return a dict indicating what moments/scans need interpolation.            |
| <code>_interpolate_scan(mdata, start, end, ...[, ...])</code>  | Interpolate a single NEXRAD moment scan from 1000 m to 250 m.              |

```
class pyart.io.nexrad_archive._NEXRADLevel2StagedField(nfile, moment, max_ngates, scans)
```

Bases: `object`

A class to facilitate on demand loading of field data from a Level 2 file.

### Methods

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| <code>__call__()</code> | Return the array containing the field data. |
|-------------------------|---|

```
__call__()
    Return the array containing the field data.
```

```
__class__
    alias of builtins.type
```

```
__delattr__($self, name, /)
    Implement delattr(self, name).
```

```
__dict__ = mappingproxy({'__module__': 'pyart.io.nexrad_archive', '__doc__': '\n A c
```

```
__dir__($self, /)
    Default dir() implementation.
```

```
__eq__($self, value, /)
    Return self==value.
```

**\_\_format\_\_** (*\$self, format\_spec, /*)  
Default object formatter.

**\_\_ge\_\_** (*\$self, value, /*)  
Return self>=value.

**\_\_getattr\_\_** (*\$self, name, /*)  
Return getattr(self, name).

**\_\_gt\_\_** (*\$self, value, /*)  
Return self>value.

**\_\_hash\_\_** (*\$self, /*)  
Return hash(self).

**\_\_init\_\_** (*nfile, moment, max\_ngates, scans*)  
initialize.

**\_\_init\_subclass\_\_** ()  
This method is called when a class is subclassed.  
  
The default implementation does nothing. It may be overridden to extend subclasses.

**\_\_le\_\_** (*\$self, value, /*)  
Return self<=value.

**\_\_lt\_\_** (*\$self, value, /*)  
Return self<value.

**\_\_module\_\_** = **'pyart.io.nexrad\_archive'**

**\_\_ne\_\_** (*\$self, value, /*)  
Return self!=value.

**\_\_new\_\_** (*\$type, \*args, \*\*kwargs*)  
Create and return a new object. See help(type) for accurate signature.

**\_\_reduce\_\_** (*\$self, /*)  
Helper for pickle.

**\_\_reduce\_ex\_\_** (*\$self, protocol, /*)  
Helper for pickle.

**\_\_repr\_\_** (*\$self, /*)  
Return repr(self).

**\_\_setattr\_\_** (*\$self, name, value, /*)  
Implement setattr(self, name, value).

**\_\_sizeof\_\_** (*\$self, /*)  
Size of object in memory, in bytes.

**\_\_str\_\_** (*\$self, /*)  
Return str(self).

**\_\_subclasshook\_\_** ()  
Abstract classes can override this to customize issubclass().  
  
This is invoked early on by abc.ABCMeta.\_\_subclasscheck\_\_(). It should return True, False or NotImplemented. If it returns NotImplemented, the normal algorithm is used. Otherwise, it overrides the normal algorithm (and the outcome is cached).

**\_\_weakref\_\_**  
list of weak references to the object (if defined)

```
pyart.io.nexrad_archive._find_range_params(scan_info, filemetadata)
```

Return range parameters, first\_gate, gate\_spacing, last\_gate.

```
pyart.io.nexrad_archive._find_scans_to_interp(scan_info, first_gate, gate_spacing,
                                              filemetadata)
```

Return a dict indicating what moments/scans need interpolation.

```
pyart.io.nexrad_archive._interpolate_scan(mdata, start, end, moment_ngates, linear_interp=True)
```

Interpolate a single NEXRAD moment scan from 1000 m to 250 m.

```
pyart.io.nexrad_archive.read_nexrad_archive(filename, field_names=None,
                                             additional_metadata=None,
                                             file_field_names=False, exclude_fields=None,
                                             include_fields=None, delay_field_loading=False,
                                             station=None, scans=None, linear_interp=True,
                                             **kwargs)
```

Read a NEXRAD Level 2 Archive file.

### Parameters

**filename** [str] Filename of NEXRAD Level 2 Archive file. The files hosted by at the NOAA National Climate Data Center [?] as well as on the UCAR THREDDS Data Server [?] have been tested. Other NEXRAD Level 2 Archive files may or may not work. Message type 1 file and message type 31 files are supported.

**field\_names** [dict, optional] Dictionary mapping NEXRAD moments to radar field names. If a data type found in the file does not appear in this dictionary or has a value of None it will not be placed in the radar.fields dictionary. A value of None, the default, will use the mapping defined in the metadata configuration file.

**additional\_metadata** [dict of dicts, optional] Dictionary of dictionaries to retrieve metadata from during this read. This metadata is not used during any successive file reads unless explicitly included. A value of None, the default, will not introduct any addition metadata and the file specific or default metadata as specified by the metadata configuration file will be used.

**file\_field\_names** [bool, optional] True to use the NEXRAD field names for the field names. If this case the field\_names parameter is ignored. The field dictionary will likely only have a 'data' key, unless the fields are defined in *additional\_metadata*.

**exclude\_fields** [list or None, optional] List of fields to exclude from the radar object. This is applied after the *file\_field\_names* and *field\_names* parameters. Set to None to include all fields specified by include\_fields.

**include\_fields** [list or None, optional] List of fields to include from the radar object. This is applied after the *file\_field\_names* and *field\_names* parameters. Set to None to include all fields not specified by exclude\_fields.

**delay\_field\_loading** [bool, optional] True to delay loading of field data from the file until the 'data' key in a particular field dictionary is accessed. In this case the field attribute of the returned Radar object will contain LazyLoadDict objects not dict objects.

**station** [str or None, optional] Four letter ICAO name of the NEXRAD station used to determine the location in the returned radar object. This parameter is only used when the location is not contained in the file, which occur in older NEXRAD message 1 files.

**scans** [list or None, optional] Read only specified scans from the file. None (the default) will read all scans.

**linear\_interp** [bool, optional] True (the default) to perform linear interpolation between valid pairs of gates in low resolution rays in files mixed resolution rays. False will perform a nearest neighbor interpolation. This parameter is not used if the resolution of all rays in the file or requested sweeps is constant.

#### Returns

**radar** [Radar] Radar object containing all moments and sweeps/cuts in the volume. Gates not collected are masked in the field data.

#### References

[?], [?]

## PYART.IO.NEXRAD\_CDM

Functions for accessing Common Data Model (CDM) NEXRAD Level 2 files.

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| <code>read_nexrad_cdm(filename[, field_names, ...])</code> | Read a Common Data Model (CDM) NEXRAD Level 2 file.      |
| <code>__scan_info(dvars)</code>                            | Return a list of information on the scans in the volume. |
| <code>__populate_scan_dic(scan_dic, time_var, ...)</code>  | Populate a dictionary in the scan_info list.             |
| <code>__get_moment_data(moment_var, index, ngates)</code>  | Retrieve moment data for a given scan.                   |

`pyart.io.nexrad_cdm.__get_moment_data(moment_var, index, ngates)`  
Retrieve moment data for a given scan.

`pyart.io.nexrad_cdm.__populate_scan_dic(scan_dic, time_var, time_var_i, moment, dvars)`  
Populate a dictionary in the scan\_info list.

`pyart.io.nexrad_cdm.__scan_info(dvars)`  
Return a list of information on the scans in the volume.

`pyart.io.nexrad_cdm.read_nexrad_cdm(filename, field_names=None, additional_metadata=None, file_field_names=False, exclude_fields=None, include_fields=None, station=None, **kwargs)`  
Read a Common Data Model (CDM) NEXRAD Level 2 file.

### Parameters

**filename** [str] File name or URL of a Common Data Model (CDM) NEXRAD Level 2 file. File of in this format can be created using the NetCDF Java Library tools [?]. A URL of a OPeNDAP file on the UCAR THREDDS Data Server [?] is also accepted the netCDF4 library has been compiled with OPeNDAP support.

**field\_names** [dict, optional] Dictionary mapping NEXRAD moments to radar field names. If a data type found in the file does not appear in this dictionary or has a value of None it will not be placed in the radar.fields dictionary. A value of None, the default, will use the mapping defined in the metadata configuration file.

**additional\_metadata** [dict of dicts, optional] Dictionary of dictionaries to retrieve metadata from during this read. This metadata is not used during any successive file reads unless explicitly included. A value of None, the default, will not introduct any addition metadata and the file specific or default metadata as specified by the metadata configuration file will be used.

**file\_field\_names** [bool, optional] True to use the NEXRAD field names for the field names. If this case the field\_names parameter is ignored. The field dictionary will likely only have a 'data' key, unless the fields are defined in *additional\_metadata*.

**exclude\_fields** [list or None, optional] List of fields to exclude from the radar object. This is applied after the *file\_field\_names* and *field\_names* parameters. Set to None to include all fields specified by *include\_fields*.

**include\_fields** [list or None, optional] List of fields to include from the radar object. This is applied after the *file\_field\_names* and *field\_names* parameters. Set to None to include all fields not specified by *exclude\_fields*.

**station** [str] Four letter ICAO name of the NEXRAD station used to determine the location in the returned radar object. This parameter is only used when the location is not contained in the file, which occur in older NEXRAD files. If the location is not provided in the file and this parameter is set to None the station name will be determined from the filename.

#### Returns

**radar** [Radar] Radar object containing all moments and sweeps/cuts in the volume. Gates not collected are masked in the field data.

#### References

[?], [?]



## PYART.IO.NEXRAD\_COMMON

Data and functions common to all types of NEXRAD files.

|   |   |
|---|---|
| <code>get_nexrad_location(station)</code> | Return the latitude, longitude and altitude of a NEXRAD station |
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`pyart.io.nexrad_common.get_nexrad_location(station)`

Return the latitude, longitude and altitude of a NEXRAD station

### Parameters

**station** [str] Four letter NEXRAD station ICAO name.

### Returns

**lat, lon, alt** [float] Latitude (in degrees), longitude (in degrees), and altitude (in meters above mean sea level) of the NEXRAD station.



## PYART.IO.NEXRAD\_INTERPOLATE

Interpolation of NEXRAD moments from 1000 meter to 250 meter gate spacing.

*`_fast_interpolate_scan`*

Interpolate a single NEXRAD moment scan from 1000 m to 250 m.

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`pyart.io.nexrad_interpolate._fast_interpolate_scan()`  
Interpolate a single NEXRAD moment scan from 1000 m to 250 m.



## PYART.IO.NEXRAD\_LEVEL2

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| <code>NEXRADLevel2File(filename)</code>            | Class for accessing data in a NEXRAD (WSR-88D) Level II file.   |
| <code>_decompress_records(file_handler)</code>     | Decompressed the records from an BZ2 compressed Archive 2 file. |
| <code>_get_record_from_buf(buf, pos)</code>        | Retrieve and unpack a NEXRAD record from a buffer.              |
| <code>_get_msg31_data_block(buf, ptr)</code>       | Unpack a msg_31 data block into a dictionary.                   |
| <code>_structure_size(structure)</code>            | Find the size of a structure in bytes.                          |
| <code>_unpack_from_buf(buf, pos, structure)</code> | Unpack a structure from a buffer.                               |
| <code>_unpack_structure(string, structure)</code>  | Unpack a structure from a string                                |

**class** `pyart.io.nexrad_level2.NEXRADLevel2File` (*filename*)

Bases: `object`

Class for accessing data in a NEXRAD (WSR-88D) Level II file.

NEXRAD Level II files [?], also know as NEXRAD Archive Level II or WSR-88D Archive level 2, are available from the NOAA National Climate Data Center [?] as well as on the UCAR THREDDS Data Server [?]. Files with uncompressed messages and compressed messages are supported. This class supports reading both “message 31” and “message 1” type files.

### Parameters

**filename** [str] Filename of Archive II file to read.

### References

[?], [?], [?]

### Attributes

**radial\_records** [list] Radial (1 or 31) messages in the file.

**nscans** [int] Number of scans in the file.

**scan\_msgs** [list of arrays] Each element specifies the indices of the message in the radial\_records attribute which belong to a given scan.

**volume\_header** [dict] Volume header.

**vcp** [dict] VCP information dictionary.

**\_records** [list] A list of all records (message) in the file.

**\_fh** [file-like] File like object from which data is read.

**\_msg\_type** ['31' or '1:'] Type of radial messages in file

## Methods

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| <code>close()</code>   | Close the file.  |
| <code>get_azimuth_angles([scans])</code>                     | Retrieve the azimuth angles of all rays in the requested scans.        |
| <code>get_data(moment, max_ngates[, scans, raw_data])</code> | Retrieve moment data for a given set of scans.                         |
| <code>get_elevation_angles([scans])</code>                   | Retrieve the elevation angles of all rays in the requested scans.      |
| <code>get_nrays(scan)</code>                                 | Return the number of rays in a given scan.                             |
| <code>get_nyquist_vel([scans])</code>                        | Retrieve the Nyquist velocities of the requested scans.                |
| <code>get_range(scan_num, moment)</code>                     | Return an array of gate ranges for a given scan and moment.            |
| <code>get_target_angles([scans])</code>                      | Retrieve the target elevation angle of the requested scans.            |
| <code>get_times([scans])</code>                              | Retrieve the times at which the rays were collected.                   |
| <code>get_unambiguous_range([scans])</code>                  | Retrieve the unambiguous range of the requested scans.                 |
| <code>get_vcp_pattern()</code>                               | Return the numerical volume coverage pattern (VCP) or None if unknown. |
| <code>location()</code>                                      | Find the location of the radar.  |
| <code>scan_info([scans])</code>                              | Return a list of dictionaries with scan information.                   |

**\_\_class\_\_**

alias of `builtins.type`

**\_\_delattr\_\_** (*\$self, name, /*)

Implement `delattr(self, name)`.

**\_\_dict\_\_** = `mappingproxy({'__module__': 'pyart.io.nexrad_level2', '__doc__': '\n Clas`

**\_\_dir\_\_** (*\$self, /*)

Default `dir()` implementation.

**\_\_eq\_\_** (*\$self, value, /*)

Return `self==value`.

**\_\_format\_\_** (*\$self, format\_spec, /*)

Default object formatter.

**\_\_ge\_\_** (*\$self, value, /*)

Return `self>=value`.

**\_\_getattr\_\_** (*\$self, name, /*)

Return `getattr(self, name)`.

**\_\_gt\_\_** (*\$self, value, /*)

Return `self>value`.

**\_\_hash\_\_** (*\$self, /*)

Return `hash(self)`.

**\_\_init\_\_** (*filename*)  
initialize the object.

**\_\_init\_subclass\_\_** ()  
This method is called when a class is subclassed.  
  
The default implementation does nothing. It may be overridden to extend subclasses.

**\_\_le\_\_** (*\$self, value, /*)  
Return self<=value.

**\_\_lt\_\_** (*\$self, value, /*)  
Return self<value.

**\_\_module\_\_** = 'pyart.io.nexrad\_level2'

**\_\_ne\_\_** (*\$self, value, /*)  
Return self!=value.

**\_\_new\_\_** (*\$type, \*args, \*\*kwargs*)  
Create and return a new object. See help(type) for accurate signature.

**\_\_reduce\_\_** (*\$self, /*)  
Helper for pickle.

**\_\_reduce\_ex\_\_** (*\$self, protocol, /*)  
Helper for pickle.

**\_\_repr\_\_** (*\$self, /*)  
Return repr(self).

**\_\_setattr\_\_** (*\$self, name, value, /*)  
Implement setattr(self, name, value).

**\_\_sizeof\_\_** (*\$self, /*)  
Size of object in memory, in bytes.

**\_\_str\_\_** (*\$self, /*)  
Return str(self).

**\_\_subclasshook\_\_** ()  
Abstract classes can override this to customize issubclass().  
  
This is invoked early on by abc.ABCMeta.\_\_subclasscheck\_\_(). It should return True, False or NotImplemented. If it returns NotImplemented, the normal algorithm is used. Otherwise, it overrides the normal algorithm (and the outcome is cached).

**\_\_weakref\_\_**  
list of weak references to the object (if defined)

**\_msg\_nums** (*scans*)  
Find the all message number for a list of scans.

**\_radial\_array** (*scans, key*)  
Return an array of radial header elements for all rays in scans.

**\_radial\_sub\_array** (*scans, key*)  
Return an array of RAD or msg\_header elements for all rays in scans.

**close** ()  
Close the file.

**get\_azimuth\_angles** (*scans=None*)  
Retrieve the azimuth angles of all rays in the requested scans.

**Parameters**

**scans** [list or None] Scans (0 based) for which ray (radial) azimuth angles will be retrieved. None (the default) will return the angles for all scans in the volume.

**Returns**

**angles** [ndarray] Azimuth angles in degrees for all rays in the requested scans.

**get\_data** (*moment, max\_ngates, scans=None, raw\_data=False*)

Retrieve moment data for a given set of scans.

Masked points indicate that the data was not collected, below threshold or is range folded.

**Parameters**

**moment** ['REF', 'VEL', 'SW', 'ZDR', 'PHI', or 'RHO'] Moment for which to retrieve data.

**max\_ngates** [int] Maximum number of gates (bins) in any ray. requested.

**raw\_data** [bool] True to return the raw data, False to perform masking as well as applying the appropriate scale and offset to the data. When raw\_data is True values of 1 in the data likely indicate that the gate was not present in the sweep, in some cases it will indicate range folded data.

**scans** [list or None.] Scans to retrieve data from (0 based). None (the default) will get the data for all scans in the volume.

**Returns**

**data** [ndarray]

**get\_elevation\_angles** (*scans=None*)

Retrieve the elevation angles of all rays in the requested scans.

**Parameters**

**scans** [list or None] Scans (0 based) for which ray (radial) azimuth angles will be retrieved. None (the default) will return the angles for all scans in the volume.

**Returns**

**angles** [ndarray] Elevation angles in degrees for all rays in the requested scans.

**get\_nrays** (*scan*)

Return the number of rays in a given scan.

**Parameters**

**scan** [int] Scan of interest (0 based)

**Returns**

**nrays** [int] Number of rays (radials) in the scan.

**get\_nyquist\_vel** (*scans=None*)

Retrieve the Nyquist velocities of the requested scans.

**Parameters**

**scans** [list or None] Scans (0 based) for which the Nyquist velocities will be retrieved. None (the default) will return the velocities for all scans in the volume.

**Returns**

**velocities** [ndarray] Nyquist velocities (in m/s) for the requested scans.



**get\_range** (*scan\_num, moment*)

Return an array of gate ranges for a given scan and moment.

**Parameters**

**scan\_num** [int] Scan number (0 based).

**moment** ['REF', 'VEL', 'SW', 'ZDR', 'PHI', or 'RHO'] Moment of interest.

**Returns**

**range** [ndarray] Range in meters from the antenna to the center of gate (bin).

**get\_target\_angles** (*scans=None*)

Retrieve the target elevation angle of the requested scans.

**Parameters**

**scans** [list or None] Scans (0 based) for which the target elevation angles will be retrieved.  
None (the default) will return the angles for all scans in the volume.

**Returns**

**angles** [ndarray] Target elevation angles in degrees for the requested scans.

**get\_times** (*scans=None*)

Retrieve the times at which the rays were collected.

**Parameters**

**scans** [list or None] Scans (0-based) to retrieve ray (radial) collection times from. None (the default) will return the times for all scans in the volume.

**Returns**

**time\_start** [Datetime] Initial time.

**time** [ndarray] Offset in seconds from the initial time at which the rays in the requested scans were collected.

**get\_unambiguous\_range** (*scans=None*)

Retrieve the unambiguous range of the requested scans.

**Parameters**

**scans** [list or None] Scans (0 based) for which the unambiguous range will be retrieved.  
None (the default) will return the range for all scans in the volume.

**Returns**

**unambiguous\_range** [ndarray] Unambiguous range (in meters) for the requested scans.

**get\_vcp\_pattern** ()

Return the numerical volume coverage pattern (VCP) or None if unknown.

**location** ()

Find the location of the radar.

Returns all zeros if location is not available.

**Returns**

**latitude: float** Latitude of the radar in degrees.

**longitude: float** Longitude of the radar in degrees.

**height** [int] Height of radar and feedhorn in meters above mean sea level.

**scan\_info** (*scans=None*)

Return a list of dictionaries with scan information.

#### Parameters

**scans** [list of None] Scans (0 based) for which ray (radial) azimuth angles will be retrieved. None (the default) will return the angles for all scans in the volume.

#### Returns

**scan\_info** [list, optional] A list of the scan performed with a dictionary with keys 'moments', 'ngates', 'nrays', 'first\_gate' and 'gate\_spacing' for each scan. The 'moments', 'ngates', 'first\_gate', and 'gate\_spacing' keys are lists of the NEXRAD moments and gate information for that moment collected during the specific scan. The 'nrays' key provides the number of radials collected in the given scan.

`pyart.io.nexrad_level2._decompress_records` (*file\_handler*)

Decompressed the records from an BZ2 compressed Archive 2 file.

`pyart.io.nexrad_level2._get_msg1_from_buf` (*buf, pos, dic*)

Retrieve and unpack a MSG1 record from a buffer.

`pyart.io.nexrad_level2._get_msg31_data_block` (*buf, ptr*)

Unpack a msg\_31 data block into a dictionary.

`pyart.io.nexrad_level2._get_msg31_from_buf` (*buf, pos, dic*)

Retrieve and unpack a MSG31 record from a buffer.

`pyart.io.nexrad_level2._get_msg5_from_buf` (*buf, pos, dic*)

Retrieve and unpack a MSG1 record from a buffer.

`pyart.io.nexrad_level2._get_record_from_buf` (*buf, pos*)

Retrieve and unpack a NEXRAD record from a buffer.

`pyart.io.nexrad_level2._structure_size` (*structure*)

Find the size of a structure in bytes.

`pyart.io.nexrad_level2._unpack_from_buf` (*buf, pos, structure*)

Unpack a structure from a buffer.

`pyart.io.nexrad_level2._unpack_structure` (*string, structure*)

Unpack a structure from a string

## PYART.IO.NEXRAD\_LEVEL3

Class for reading data from NEXRAD Level 3 files.

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| <code>NEXRADLevel3File(filename)</code> | A Class for accessing data in NEXRAD Level III (3) files. |
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| <code>nexrad_level3_message_code(filename)</code> | Return the message (product) code for a NEXRAD Level 3 file. |
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| <code>_datetime_from_mdate_mtime(mdate, mtime)</code> | Returns a datetime for a given message date and time. |
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| <code>_structure_size(structure)</code> | Find the size of a structure in bytes. |
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| <code>_unpack_from_buf(buf, pos, structure)</code> | Unpack a structure from a buffer. |
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|---|----------------------------------|
| <code>_unpack_structure(string, structure)</code> | Unpack a structure from a string |
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| <code>_int16_to_float16(val)</code> | Convert a 16 bit interger into a 16 bit float. |
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**class** `pyart.io.nexrad_level3.NEXRADLevel3File` (*filename*)

Bases: `object`

A Class for accessing data in NEXRAD Level III (3) files.

### Attributes

**text\_header** [dic] File textual header.

**msg\_header** [dic] Message header.

**prod\_descr** [dic] Product description.

**symbology\_header** [dict] Symbology header.

**packet\_header** [dict] Radial data array packet header.

**radial\_headers** [list of dicts] List of radials headers

**raw\_data** [array] Raw unscaled, unmasked data.

**data** [array] Scaled, masked radial data.

**\_fh** [file-like] File like object from which data is read.

### Methods

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| <code>close()</code> | Close the file. |
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| <code>get_azimuth()</code> | Return an array of starting azimuth angles in degrees. |
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| <code>get_data()</code>                  | Return an masked array containing the field data.       |
| <code>get_elevation()</code>             | Return the sweep elevation angle in degrees.            |
| <code>get_location()</code>              | Return the latitude, longitude and height of the radar. |
| <code>get_range()</code>                 | Return an array of gate range spacing in meters.        |
| <code>get_volume_start_datetime()</code> | Return a datetime of the start of the radar volume.     |

```
__class__
    alias of builtins.type

__delattr__ ($self, name, /)
    Implement delattr(self, name).

__dict__ = mappingproxy({'__module__': 'pyart.io.nexrad_level3', '__doc__': '\n A Cl

__dir__ ($self, /)
    Default dir() implementation.

__eq__ ($self, value, /)
    Return self==value.

__format__ ($self, format_spec, /)
    Default object formatter.

__ge__ ($self, value, /)
    Return self>=value.

__getattr__ ($self, name, /)
    Return getattr(self, name).

__gt__ ($self, value, /)
    Return self>value.

__hash__ ($self, /)
    Return hash(self).

__init__ (filename)
    initialize the object.

__init_subclass__ ()
    This method is called when a class is subclassed.

    The default implementation does nothing. It may be overridden to extend subclasses.

__le__ ($self, value, /)
    Return self<=value.

__lt__ ($self, value, /)
    Return self<value.

__module__ = 'pyart.io.nexrad_level3'

__ne__ ($self, value, /)
    Return self!=value.

__new__ ($type, *args, **kwargs)
    Create and return a new object. See help(type) for accurate signature.

__reduce__ ($self, /)
    Helper for pickle.

__reduce_ex__ ($self, protocol, /)
    Helper for pickle.
```

**\_\_repr\_\_** (*\$self*, /)  
Return repr(self).

**\_\_setattr\_\_** (*\$self*, *name*, *value*, /)  
Implement setattr(self, name, value).

**\_\_sizeof\_\_** (*\$self*, /)  
Size of object in memory, in bytes.

**\_\_str\_\_** (*\$self*, /)  
Return str(self).

**\_\_subclasshook\_\_** ()  
Abstract classes can override this to customize issubclass().  
  
This is invoked early on by abc.ABCMeta.\_\_subclasscheck\_\_(). It should return True, False or NotImplemented. If it returns NotImplemented, the normal algorithm is used. Otherwise, it overrides the normal algorithm (and the outcome is cached).

**\_\_weakref\_\_**  
list of weak references to the object (if defined)

**\_get\_data\_8\_or\_16\_levels** ()  
Return a masked array for products with 8 or 16 data levels.

**\_get\_data\_msg\_134** ()  
Return a masked array for product with message code 134.

**\_read\_symbology\_block** (*buf2*)  
Read symbology block.

**close** ()  
Close the file.

**get\_azimuth** ()  
Return an array of starting azimuth angles in degrees.

**get\_data** ()  
Return an masked array containing the field data.

**get\_elevation** ()  
Return the sweep elevation angle in degrees.

**get\_location** ()  
Return the latitude, longitude and height of the radar.

**get\_range** ()  
Return an array of gate range spacing in meters.

**get\_volume\_start\_datetime** ()  
Return a datetime of the start of the radar volume.

`pyart.io.nexrad_level3._datetime_from_mdate_mtime` (*mdate*, *mtime*)  
Returns a datetime for a given message date and time.

`pyart.io.nexrad_level3._int16_to_float16` (*val*)  
Convert a 16 bit interger into a 16 bit float.

`pyart.io.nexrad_level3._structure_size` (*structure*)  
Find the size of a structure in bytes.

`pyart.io.nexrad_level3._unpack_from_buf` (*buf*, *pos*, *structure*)  
Unpack a structure from a buffer.

`pyart.io.nexrad_level3._unpack_structure` (*string, structure*)  
Unpack a structure from a string

`pyart.io.nexrad_level3.nexrad_level3_message_code` (*filename*)  
Return the message (product) code for a NEXRAD Level 3 file.

## PYART.IO.RSL

Python wrapper around the RSL library.

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| <code>_RslVolumeDataExtractor(rslfile, volume_num, ...)</code> | vol- | Class facilitating on demand extraction of data from a RSL file. |
|--|------|--|

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|   |                              |
|---|------------------------------|
| <code>read_rsl(filename[, field_names, ...])</code> | Read a file supported by RSL |
| VOLUMENUM2RSLNAME                                   |                              |
| RSLNAME2VOLUMENUM                                   |                              |

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**class** `pyart.io.rsl._RslVolumeDataExtractor` (*rslfile*, *volume\_num*, *fillvalue*)

Bases: `object`

Class facilitating on demand extraction of data from a RSL file.

### Parameters

**rslfile** [`RslFile`] Open `RslFile` object to extract data from.

**volume\_num** [`int`] Volume number of data to be extracted.

**fillvalue** [`int`] Value used to fill masked values in the returned array.

### Methods

|                         |   |
|-------------------------|---|
| <code>__call__()</code> | Return an array containing data from the referenced volume. |
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`__call__()`  
Return an array containing data from the referenced volume.

`__class__`  
alias of `builtins.type`

`__delattr__($self, name, /)`  
Implement `delattr(self, name)`.

`__dict__ = mappingproxy({'__module__': 'pyart.io.rsl', '__doc__': '\n Class facilitating on demand extraction of data from a RSL file.'})`

`__dir__($self, /)`  
Default `dir()` implementation.

`__eq__($self, value, /)`  
Return `self==value`.

**\_\_format\_\_** (*\$self, format\_spec, /*)  
Default object formatter.

**\_\_ge\_\_** (*\$self, value, /*)  
Return self>=value.

**\_\_getattr\_\_** (*\$self, name, /*)  
Return getattr(self, name).

**\_\_gt\_\_** (*\$self, value, /*)  
Return self>value.

**\_\_hash\_\_** (*\$self, /*)  
Return hash(self).

**\_\_init\_\_** (*rslfile, volume\_num, fillvalue*)  
initialize the object.

**\_\_init\_subclass\_\_** ()  
This method is called when a class is subclassed.  
  
The default implementation does nothing. It may be overridden to extend subclasses.

**\_\_le\_\_** (*\$self, value, /*)  
Return self<=value.

**\_\_lt\_\_** (*\$self, value, /*)  
Return self<value.

**\_\_module\_\_** = **'pyart.io.rsl'**

**\_\_ne\_\_** (*\$self, value, /*)  
Return self!=value.

**\_\_new\_\_** (*\$type, \*args, \*\*kwargs*)  
Create and return a new object. See help(type) for accurate signature.

**\_\_reduce\_\_** (*\$self, /*)  
Helper for pickle.

**\_\_reduce\_ex\_\_** (*\$self, protocol, /*)  
Helper for pickle.

**\_\_repr\_\_** (*\$self, /*)  
Return repr(self).

**\_\_setattr\_\_** (*\$self, name, value, /*)  
Implement setattr(self, name, value).

**\_\_sizeof\_\_** (*\$self, /*)  
Size of object in memory, in bytes.

**\_\_str\_\_** (*\$self, /*)  
Return str(self).

**\_\_subclasshook\_\_** ()  
Abstract classes can override this to customize issubclass().  
  
This is invoked early on by abc.ABCMeta.\_\_subclasscheck\_\_(). It should return True, False or NotImplemented. If it returns NotImplemented, the normal algorithm is used. Otherwise, it overrides the normal algorithm (and the outcome is cached).

**\_\_weakref\_\_**  
list of weak references to the object (if defined)



```
pyart.io.rsl._dms_to_d(dms)
```

Degrees, minutes, seconds to degrees

```
pyart.io.rsl.read_rsl(filename, field_names=None, additional_metadata=None,
                     file_field_names=False, exclude_fields=None, delay_field_loading=False,
                     include_fields=None, radar_format=None, callid=None,
                     skip_range_check=False)
```

Read a file supported by RSL

### Parameters

**filename** [str or RSL\_radar] Name of file whose format is supported by RSL.

**field\_names** [dict, optional] Dictionary mapping RSL data type names to radar field names. If a data type found in the file does not appear in this dictionary or has a value of None it will not be placed in the radar.fields dictionary. A value of None, the default, will use the mapping defined in the Py-ART configuration file.

**additional\_metadata** [dict of dicts, optional] Dictionary of dictionaries to retrieve metadata from during this read. This metadata is not used during any successive file reads unless explicitly included. A value of None, the default, will not introduce any additional metadata and the file specific or default metadata as specified by the Py-ART configuration file will be used.

**file\_field\_names** [bool, optional] True to use the RSL data type names for the field names. If this case the field\_names parameter is ignored. The field dictionary will likely only have a 'data' key, unless the fields are defined in *additional\_metadata*.

**exclude\_fields** [list or None, optional] List of fields to exclude from the radar object. This is applied after the *file\_field\_names* and *field\_names* parameters. Set to None to include all fields specified by include\_fields.

**include\_fields** [list or None, optional] List of fields to include from the radar object. This is applied after the *file\_field\_names* and *field\_names* parameters. Set to None to include all fields not specified by exclude\_fields.

**delay\_field\_loading** [bool] True to delay loading of field data from the file until the 'data' key in a particular field dictionary is accessed. In this case the field attribute of the returned Radar object will contain LazyLoadDict objects not dict objects.

**radar\_format** [str or None] Format of the radar file. Must be 'wsr88d' or None.

**callid** [str or None] Four letter NEXRAD radar Call ID, only used when radar\_format is 'wsr88d'.

**skip\_range\_check** [bool, optional] True to skip check for uniform range bin location, the reported range locations will only be verified true for the first ray. False will perform the check and raise a IOError when the locations of the gates change between rays.

### Returns

**radar** [Radar] Radar object.



## PYART.IO.SIGMET

Reading and writing of Sigmet (raw format) files

|  |  |
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| <code>read_sigmet(filename[, field_names, ...])</code>         | Read a Sigmet (IRIS) product file.   |
| <code>ynds_time_to_datetime(ynds)</code>                       | Return a datetime object from a Sigmet ynds_time dictionary.                                   |
| <code>_is_time_ordered_by_reversal(data, metadata, ...)</code> | Returns if volume can be time ordered by reversing some or all sweeps.                         |
| <code>_is_time_ordered_by_roll(data, metadata, ...)</code>     | Returns if volume can be time ordered by rolling some or all sweeps.                           |
| <code>_is_time_ordered_by_reverse_roll(data, ...)</code>       | Returns if volume can be time ordered by reversing and rolling some or all sweeps.             |
| <code>_time_order_data_and_metadata_roll(data, ...)</code>     | Put Sigmet data and metadata in time increasing order using a roll operation.                  |
| <code>_time_order_data_and_metadata_reverse(data, ...)</code>  | Put Sigmet data and metadata in time increasing order by reverse sweep in time reversed order. |
| <code>_time_order_data_and_metadata_full(data, ...)</code>     | Put Sigmet data and metadata in time increasing order by sorting the times.                    |

`pyart.io.sigmet._is_time_ordered_by_reversal (data, metadata, rays_per_sweep)`  
Returns if volume can be time ordered by reversing some or all sweeps. True if the volume can be time ordered, False if not.

`pyart.io.sigmet._is_time_ordered_by_reverse_roll (data, metadata, rays_per_sweep)`  
Returns if volume can be time ordered by reversing and rolling some or all sweeps. True if the volume can be time ordered, False if not.

`pyart.io.sigmet._is_time_ordered_by_roll (data, metadata, rays_per_sweep)`  
Returns if volume can be time ordered by rolling some or all sweeps. True if the volume can be time ordered, False if not.

`pyart.io.sigmet._time_order_data_and_metadata_full (data, metadata, rays_per_sweep)`  
Put Sigmet data and metadata in time increasing order by sorting the times.

`pyart.io.sigmet._time_order_data_and_metadata_reverse (data, metadata, rays_per_sweep)`  
Put Sigmet data and metadata in time increasing order by reverse sweep in time reversed order.

`pyart.io.sigmet._time_order_data_and_metadata_roll (data, metadata, rays_per_sweep)`  
Put Sigmet data and metadata in time increasing order using a roll operation.

```
pyart.io.sigmet.read_sigmet(filename, field_names=None, additional_metadata=None,
                             file_field_names=False, exclude_fields=None, include_fields=None,
                             time_ordered='none', full_xhdr=None, noaa_hh_hdr=None, debug=False,
                             ignore_xhdr=False, ignore_sweep_start_ms=None,
                             **kwargs)
```

Read a Sigmet (IRIS) product file.

### Parameters

**filename** [str] Name of Sigmet (IRIS) product file to read or file-like object pointing to the beginning of such a file.

**field\_names** [dict, optional] Dictionary mapping Sigmet data type names to radar field names. If a data type found in the file does not appear in this dictionary or has a value of None it will not be placed in the radar.fields dictionary. A value of None, the default, will use the mapping defined in the metadata configuration file.

**additional\_metadata** [dict of dicts, optional] Dictionary of dictionaries to retrieve metadata from during this read. This metadata is not used during any successive file reads unless explicitly included. A value of None, the default, will not introduce any additional metadata and the file specific or default metadata as specified by the metadata configuration file will be used.

**file\_field\_names** [bool, optional] True to use the Sigmet data type names for the field names. If this case the field\_names parameter is ignored. The field dictionary will likely only have a 'data' key, unless the fields are defined in *additional\_metadata*.

**exclude\_fields** [list or None, optional] List of fields to exclude from the radar object. This is applied after the *file\_field\_names* and *field\_names* parameters. Set to None to include all fields specified by include\_fields.

**include\_fields** [list or None, optional] List of fields to include from the radar object. This is applied after the *file\_field\_names* and *field\_names* parameters. Set to None to include all fields not specified by exclude\_fields.

**time\_ordered** ['none', 'sequential', 'full', ..., optional] Parameter controlling if and how the rays are re-ordered by time. The default, 'none' keeps the rays ordered in the same manner as they appear in the Sigmet file. 'sequential' will determine and apply an operation which maintains a sequential ray order in elevation or azimuth yet orders the rays according to time. If no operation can be found to accomplish this a warning is issued and the rays are returned in their original order. 'roll', 'reverse', and 'reverse\_and\_roll' will apply that operation to the rays in order to place them in time order, direct use of these is not recommended. 'full' will order the rays in strictly time increasing order, but the rays will likely become non-sequential, this option is not recommended unless strict time increasing order is required.

**full\_xhdr** [bool or None] Flag to read in all extended headers for possible decoding. None will determine if extended headers should be read in automatically by examining the extended header type.

**noaa\_hh\_hdr** [bool or None] Flag indicating if the extended header should be decoded as those used by the NOAA Hurricane Hunters aircraft radars. None will determine if the extended header is of this type automatically by examining the header. The *full\_xhdr* parameter is set to True when this parameter is True.

**ignore\_xhdr** [bool, optional] True to ignore all data in the extended headers if they exist. False, the default, extracts milliseconds precision times and other parameter from the extended headers if they exist in the file.

**ignore\_sweep\_start\_ms** [bool or None, optional] True to ignore the millisecond parameter in the start time for each sweep, False will use this parameter when determining the timing of

each ray. None, the default, will ignore the millisecond sweep start timing only when the file does not contain extended headers or when the extended header has been explicitly ignored using the *ignore\_xhdr* parameter. The TRMM RSL library ignores these times so setting this parameter to True is required to match the times determined when reading Sigmet files with `pyart.io.read_rsl()`. When there are not extended headers ignoring the millisecond sweep times provides time data which is always prior to the actual collection time with an error from 0 to 2 seconds.

**debug** [bool, optional] Print debug information during read.

### Returns

**radar** [Radar] Radar object

`pyart.io.sigmet.ymds_time_to_datetime(ymds)`

Return a datetime object from a Sigmet ymds\_time dictionary.



Reading of Universal format (UF) files

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| <code>read_uf(filename[, field_names, ...])</code>                 | Read a UF File.                                       |
| <code>_get_scan_type(ufray)</code>                                 | Return the scan type of a UF ray.                     |
| <code>_get_instrument_parameters(ufile, filemeta-<br/>data)</code> | Return a dictionary containing instrument parameters. |

`pyart.io.uf._get_instrument_parameters (ufile, filemetadata)`  
Return a dictionary containing instrument parameters.

`pyart.io.uf._get_scan_type (ufray)`  
Return the scan type of a UF ray.

`pyart.io.uf.read_uf (filename, field_names=None, additional_metadata=None,  
file_field_names=False, exclude_fields=None, include_fields=None, de-  
lay_field_loading=False, **kwargs)`  
Read a UF File.

#### Parameters

**filename** [str or file-like] Name of Universal format file to read data from.

**field\_names** [dict, optional] Dictionary mapping UF data type names to radar field names. If a data type found in the file does not appear in this dictionary or has a value of None it will not be placed in the radar.fields dictionary. A value of None, the default, will use the mapping defined in the Py-ART configuration file.

**additional\_metadata** [dict of dicts, optional] Dictionary of dictionaries to retrieve metadata from during this read. This metadata is not used during any successive file reads unless explicitly included. A value of None, the default, will not introduce any addition metadata and the file specific or default metadata as specified by the Py-ART configuration file will be used.

**file\_field\_names** [bool, optional] True to force the use of the field names from the file in which case the *field\_names* parameter is ignored. False will use to *field\_names* parameter to re-name fields.

**exclude\_fields** [list or None, optional] List of fields to exclude from the radar object. This is applied after the *file\_field\_names* and *field\_names* parameters. Set to None to include all fields specified by include\_fields.

**include\_fields** [list or None, optional] List of fields to include from the radar object. This is applied after the *file\_field\_names* and *field\_names* parameters. Set to None to include all fields not specified by exclude\_fields.

**delay\_field\_loading** [bool] This option is not implemented in the function but included for compatibility.

**Returns**

**radar** [Radar] Radar object.



## PYART.IO.UFFILE

Low level class for reading Universal Format (UF) files.

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| <code>UFFile(filename)</code>                       | A class for reading data from Universal Format (UF) files.        |
| <code>UFRay(record)</code>                          | A class for reading data from a single ray (record) in a UF file. |
| <code>__structure_size(structure)</code>            | Find the size of a structure in bytes.                            |
| <code>__unpack_from_buf(buf, pos, structure)</code> | Unpack a structure from a buffer.                                 |
| <code>__unpack_structure(string, structure)</code>  | Unpack a structure from a string                                  |

**class** `pyart.io.uffile.UFFile(filename)`

Bases: `object`

A class for reading data from Universal Format (UF) files.

### Parameters

**filename** [str or file-like] Filename or file-like object containing data in Universal format (UF).

### Attributes

**rays** [list of UFRay objects] List of rays within the UF file.

**nrays, nsweeps** [int] Number of rays and sweep in the file.

**ray\_sweep\_numbers** [array] Sweep number of each ray in the file.

**first\_ray\_in\_sweep, last\_ray\_in\_sweep** [array] Indices of the first and last ray in each sweep.

### Methods

|   |  |
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| <code>close()</code>                      | Close the file.  |
| <code>get_azimuths()</code>               | Return an array of azimuth angles for each ray in degrees.   |
| <code>get_datetimes()</code>              | Return a list of datetimes for each ray.                     |
| <code>get_elevations()</code>             | Return an array of elevation angles for each ray in degrees. |
| <code>get_field_data(field_number)</code> | Return a 2D array of scale/masked field data for the volume. |

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| <code>get_nyquists()</code>            | Return an array of nyquist velocities for each ray in m/s.  |
| <code>get_prts()</code>                | Return an array of prts for each ray in microseconds.       |
| <code>get_pulse_widths()</code>        | Return an array of pulse widths for each ray in meters.     |
| <code>get_sweep_fixed_angles()</code>  | Return an array of fixed angles for each sweep in degrees.  |
| <code>get_sweep_polarizations()</code> | Return an array of polarization modes for each sweep.       |
| <code>get_sweep_rates()</code>         | Return an array of sweep rates for each ray in degrees/sec. |

**`__class__`**

alias of `builtins.type`

**`__delattr__`** (*\$self, name, /*)

Implement `delattr(self, name)`.

**`__dict__`** = `mappingproxy({'__module__': 'pyart.io.uffile', '__doc__': '\n A class for`

**`__dir__`** (*\$self, /*)

Default `dir()` implementation.

**`__eq__`** (*\$self, value, /*)

Return `self==value`.

**`__format__`** (*\$self, format\_spec, /*)

Default object formatter.

**`__ge__`** (*\$self, value, /*)

Return `self>=value`.

**`__getattr__`** (*\$self, name, /*)

Return `getattr(self, name)`.

**`__gt__`** (*\$self, value, /*)

Return `self>value`.

**`__hash__`** (*\$self, /*)

Return `hash(self)`.

**`__init__`** (*filename*)

initialize.

**`__init_subclass__`** ()

This method is called when a class is subclassed.

The default implementation does nothing. It may be overridden to extend subclasses.

**`__le__`** (*\$self, value, /*)

Return `self<=value`.

**`__lt__`** (*\$self, value, /*)

Return `self<value`.

**`__module__`** = `'pyart.io.uffile'`

**`__ne__`** (*\$self, value, /*)

Return `self!=value`.

**\_\_new\_\_** (*\$type, \*args, \*\*kwargs*)  
Create and return a new object. See help(type) for accurate signature.

**\_\_reduce\_\_** (*\$self, /*)  
Helper for pickle.

**\_\_reduce\_ex\_\_** (*\$self, protocol, /*)  
Helper for pickle.

**\_\_repr\_\_** (*\$self, /*)  
Return repr(self).

**\_\_setattr\_\_** (*\$self, name, value, /*)  
Implement setattr(self, name, value).

**\_\_sizeof\_\_** (*\$self, /*)  
Size of object in memory, in bytes.

**\_\_str\_\_** (*\$self, /*)  
Return str(self).

**\_\_subclasshook\_\_** ()  
Abstract classes can override this to customize issubclass().  
  
This is invoked early on by abc.ABCMeta.\_\_subclasscheck\_\_(). It should return True, False or NotImplemented. If it returns NotImplemented, the normal algorithm is used. Otherwise, it overrides the normal algorithm (and the outcome is cached).

**\_\_weakref\_\_**  
list of weak references to the object (if defined)

**\_get\_ray\_sweep\_numbers** ()  
Return an array of the sweep\_number stored in each ray.

**\_get\_sweep\_limits** ()  
Return arrays of indices of first and last ray in each sweep.

**close** ()  
Close the file.

**get\_azimuths** ()  
Return an array of azimuth angles for each ray in degrees.

**get\_datetimes** ()  
Return a list of datetimes for each ray.

**get\_elevations** ()  
Return an array of elevation angles for each ray in degrees.

**get\_field\_data** (*field\_number*)  
Return a 2D array of scale/masked field data for the volume.

**get\_nyquists** ()  
Return an array of nyquist velocities for each ray in m/s.  
  
Returns None if nyquist velocities cannot be determined for all rays.

**get\_prts** ()  
Return an array of prts for each ray in microseconds.

**get\_pulse\_widths** ()  
Return an array of pulse widths for each ray in meters.

**get\_sweep\_fixed\_angles()**

Return an array of fixed angles for each sweep in degrees.

**get\_sweep\_polarizations()**

Return an array of polarization modes for each sweep.

**get\_sweep\_rates()**

Return an array of sweep rates for each ray in degrees/sec.

**class** `pyart.io.uffile.UFRay(record)`

Bases: `object`

A class for reading data from a single ray (record) in a UF file.

#### Parameters

**record** [str] Byte string containing the binary data for a UF ray.

#### Attributes

**mandatory\_header** [dic] Mandatory header.

**optional\_header** [dic or None] Optional header or None if no optional header exists in the record.

**data\_header** [dic] Data header.

**field\_positions** [list] List of dictionaries containing the data type and data position.

**field\_headers** [list] List of field header dictionaries for all fields in the ray.

**field\_raw\_data** [list] List containing array of raw field data for each field in the ray.

**\_buf** [str] Bytes which make up the record.

#### Methods

|   |   |
|---|---|
| <code>get_datetime()</code>               | Return a datetime object for the ray.                       |
| <code>get_field_data(field_number)</code> | Return array of raw data for a particular field in the ray. |
| <code>get_location()</code>               | Return the latitude, longitude and height of the ray.       |

**\_\_class\_\_**

alias of `builtins.type`

**\_\_delattr\_\_** (*\$self, name, /*)

Implement `delattr(self, name)`.

**\_\_dict\_\_** = `mappingproxy({'__module__': 'pyart.io.uffile', '__doc__': '\n A class for`

**\_\_dir\_\_** (*\$self, /*)

Default `dir()` implementation.

**\_\_eq\_\_** (*\$self, value, /*)

Return `self==value`.

**\_\_format\_\_** (*\$self, format\_spec, /*)

Default object formatter.

**\_\_ge\_\_** (*\$self, value, /*)

Return `self>=value`.

**\_\_getattr\_\_** (*\$self, name, /*)  
Return getattr(self, name).

**\_\_gt\_\_** (*\$self, value, /*)  
Return self>value.

**\_\_hash\_\_** (*\$self, /*)  
Return hash(self).

**\_\_init\_\_** (*record*)  
Initialize the object.

**\_\_init\_subclass\_\_** ()  
This method is called when a class is subclassed.  
  
The default implementation does nothing. It may be overridden to extend subclasses.

**\_\_le\_\_** (*\$self, value, /*)  
Return self<=value.

**\_\_lt\_\_** (*\$self, value, /*)  
Return self<value.

**\_\_module\_\_** = **'pyart.io.uffile'**

**\_\_ne\_\_** (*\$self, value, /*)  
Return self!=value.

**\_\_new\_\_** (*\$type, \*args, \*\*kwargs*)  
Create and return a new object. See help(type) for accurate signature.

**\_\_reduce\_\_** (*\$self, /*)  
Helper for pickle.

**\_\_reduce\_ex\_\_** (*\$self, protocol, /*)  
Helper for pickle.

**\_\_repr\_\_** (*\$self, /*)  
Return repr(self).

**\_\_setattr\_\_** (*\$self, name, value, /*)  
Implement setattr(self, name, value).

**\_\_sizeof\_\_** (*\$self, /*)  
Size of object in memory, in bytes.

**\_\_str\_\_** (*\$self, /*)  
Return str(self).

**\_\_subclasshook\_\_** ()  
Abstract classes can override this to customize issubclass().  
  
This is invoked early on by abc.ABCMeta.\_\_subclasscheck\_\_(). It should return True, False or NotImplemented. If it returns NotImplemented, the normal algorithm is used. Otherwise, it overrides the normal algorithm (and the outcome is cached).

**\_\_weakref\_\_**  
list of weak references to the object (if defined)

**get\_datetime** ()  
Return a datetime object for the ray.

**get\_field\_data** (*field\_number*)  
Return array of raw data for a particular field in the ray.

Field header is appended to the list in the `field_headers` attribute.

**`get_location()`**

Return the latitude, longitude and height of the ray.

`pyart.io.uffile._structure_size(structure)`

Find the size of a structure in bytes.

`pyart.io.uffile._unpack_from_buf(buf, pos, structure)`

Unpack a structure from a buffer.

`pyart.io.uffile._unpack_structure(string, structure)`

Unpack a structure from a string

## PYART.IO.UF\_WRITE

Functions for writing UF files.

|   |   |
|---|---|
| <code>UFRayCreator(radar, field_mapping, ...[, ...])</code>   | A class for generating UF rays for writing UF file. |
| <code>write_uf(filename, radar[, uf_field_names, ...])</code> | Write a Radar object to a UF file.                  |
| <code>_d_to_dms(in_deg)</code>                                | Degrees to degree, minutes, seconds.                |
| <code>_pack_structure(dic, structure)</code>                  | Pack a structure from a dictionary                  |

**class** `pyart.io.uf_write.UFRayCreator` (*radar, field\_mapping, field\_write\_order, volume\_start=None, templates\_extra=None*)

Bases: `object`

A class for generating UF rays for writing UF file.

### Parameters

**radar** [Radar] Radar used to create rays.

**field\_write\_order** [list] Order in which radar fields should be written out in the UF file. None, the default, will determine a valid order automatically.

**volume\_start** [datetime, optional] Start of volume used to set UF volume fields.

**templates\_extra** [dict of dict, optional] Advanced usage parameter for setting UF structure templates. Elements defined in dictionaries with keys 'mandatory\_header', 'optional\_header', and 'field\_header' will be added to the appropriate structure template.

### Methods

|   |  |
|---|--|
| <code>make_data_array(field, ray_num[, scale])</code>     | Return an array of UF field data.                              |
| <code>make_data_header()</code>                           | Return a byte string representing a UF data header.            |
| <code>make_field_header(data_offset, ray_num, ...)</code> | Return a byte string representing a field header.              |
| <code>make_field_position()</code>                        | Return a byte string representing the UF field positions.      |
| <code>make_field_position_list()</code>                   | Return a list of field position dictionaries.                  |
| <code>make_fsi_vel(ray_num, scale)</code>                 | Return a byte string representing a UF FSI velocity structure. |
| <code>make_mandatory_header(ray_num)</code>               | Return a byte string representing a UF mandatory header.       |

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|                                     |   |
|-------------------------------------|---|
| <code>make_optional_header()</code> | Return a byte string representing a UF optional header. |
| <code>make_ray(ray_num)</code>      | Return a byte string representing a complete UF ray.    |

```
__class__
    alias of builtins.type

__delattr__ ($self, name, /)
    Implement delattr(self, name).

__dict__ = mappingproxy({'__module__': 'pyart.io.uf_write', '__doc__': "\n A class f

__dir__ ($self, /)
    Default dir() implementation.

__eq__ ($self, value, /)
    Return self==value.

__format__ ($self, format_spec, /)
    Default object formatter.

__ge__ ($self, value, /)
    Return self>=value.

__getattr__ ($self, name, /)
    Return getattr(self, name).

__gt__ ($self, value, /)
    Return self>value.

__hash__ ($self, /)
    Return hash(self).

__init__ (radar, field_mapping, field_write_order, volume_start=None, templates_extra=None)
    Initialize the object.

__init_subclass__ ()
    This method is called when a class is subclassed.

    The default implementation does nothing. It may be overridden to extend subclasses.

__le__ ($self, value, /)
    Return self<=value.

__lt__ ($self, value, /)
    Return self<value.

__module__ = 'pyart.io.uf_write'

__ne__ ($self, value, /)
    Return self!=value.

__new__ ($type, *args, **kwargs)
    Create and return a new object. See help(type) for accurate signature.

__reduce__ ($self, /)
    Helper for pickle.

__reduce_ex__ ($self, protocol, /)
    Helper for pickle.

__repr__ ($self, /)
    Return repr(self).
```



**\_\_setattr\_\_** (*\$self, name, value, /*)  
Implement setattr(self, name, value).

**\_\_sizeof\_\_** (*\$self, /*)  
Size of object in memory, in bytes.

**\_\_str\_\_** (*\$self, /*)  
Return str(self).

**\_\_subclasshook\_\_** ()  
Abstract classes can override this to customize issubclass().  
  
This is invoked early on by abc.ABCMeta.\_\_subclasscheck\_\_(). It should return True, False or NotImplemented. If it returns NotImplemented, the normal algorithm is used. Otherwise, it overrides the normal algorithm (and the outcome is cached).

**\_\_weakref\_\_**  
list of weak references to the object (if defined)

**static \_calc\_ray\_num\_to\_sweep\_num** (*radar*)  
Return an array mapping ray number to sweep numbers.

**static \_calc\_record\_length** (*radar, field\_mapping, field\_write\_order*)  
Return the record length in 2-byte words.

**\_parse\_custom\_templates** (*templates\_extra*)  
Set additional template parameter using provided dictionary.

**\_set\_field\_header** ()  
Populate the field header template with radar parameters.

**\_set\_mandatory\_header\_location** ()  
Populate the mandatory header template with the location.

**\_set\_optional\_header\_time** (*volume\_start*)  
Populate the optional header template with the volume start.

**make\_data\_array** (*field, ray\_num, scale=100.0*)  
Return an array of UF field data.

**make\_data\_header** ()  
Return a byte string representing a UF data header.

**make\_field\_header** (*data\_offset, ray\_num, scale\_factor*)  
Return a byte string representing a field header.

**make\_field\_position** ()  
Return a byte string representing the UF field positions.

**make\_field\_position\_list** ()  
Return a list of field position dictionaries.

**make\_fsi\_vel** (*ray\_num, scale*)  
Return a byte string representing a UF FSI velocity structure.

**make\_mandatory\_header** (*ray\_num*)  
Return a byte string representing a UF mandatory header.

**make\_optional\_header** ()  
Return a byte string representing a UF optional header.

**make\_ray** (*ray\_num*)  
Return a byte string representing a complete UF ray.

`pyart.io.uf_write._d_to_dms` (*in\_deg*)

Degrees to degree, minutes, seconds.

`pyart.io.uf_write._find_field_mapping` (*radar*, *uf\_field\_names*, *radar\_field\_names*, *exclude\_fields*)

Return a dictionary mapping radar fields to UF data types.

`pyart.io.uf_write._pack_structure` (*dic*, *structure*)

Pack a structure from a dictionary

`pyart.io.uf_write.write_uf` (*filename*, *radar*, *uf\_field\_names=None*, *radar\_field\_names=False*, *exclude\_fields=None*, *field\_write\_order=None*, *volume\_start=None*, *templates\_extra=None*)

Write a Radar object to a UF file.

Create a UF file containing data from the provided radar instance. The UF file will contain instrument parameters from the following dictionaries if they contained in `radar.instrument_parameters`:

- `radar_beam_width_h`
- `radar_beam_width_v`
- `radar_receiver_bandwidth`
- `frequency`
- `pulse_width`
- `prt`
- `polarization_mode`
- `nyquist_velocity`

If any of these parameter are not present a default or sentinel value will be written in the UF file in the place of the parameter. This is also true for the data in the `scan_rate` attribute.

Radar fields will be scaled and rounded to integer values when writing to UF files. The scale factor for each field can be specified in the `_UF_scale_factor` key for each field dictionary. If not specified the default scaling (100) will be used.

#### Parameters

**filename** [str or file-like object.] Filename of UF file to create. If a file-like object is specified data will be written using the write method.

**radar** [Radar] Radar object from which to create UF file.

**uf\_field\_names** [dict or None, optional] Mapping between radar fields and two character UF data type names. Field names mapped to None or with no mapping will be excluded from writing. If None, the default mappings for UF files will be used.

**radar\_field\_names** [bool, optional] True to use the radar field names as the field names of the UF fields. False to use the `uf_field_names` mapping to generate UF field names. The `exclude_fields` argument can still be used to exclude fields from the UF file when this parameter is True. When reading a UF file using `file_field_names=True` set this parameter to True to write a UF file with the same field names.

**exclude\_fields** [list or None, optional] List of radar fields to exclude from writing.

**field\_write\_order** [list or None, optional] Order in which radar fields should be written out in the UF file. None, the default, will determine a valid order automatically.

**volume\_start** [datetime, optional] Start of volume used to set UF volume structure elements.

**templates\_extra** [dict of dict or None] Advanced usage parameter for setting UF structure templates. Elements defined in dictionaries with keys 'mandatory\_header', 'optional\_header', and 'field\_header' will be used to build the structure template.



## PYART.IO.WRITE\_GRID\_GEOTIFF

Write a Py-ART Grid object to a GeoTIFF file.

|   |  |
|---|--|
| <code>write_grid_geotiff(grid, filename, field[, ...])</code> | Write a Py-ART Grid object to a GeoTIFF file.  |
| <code>_get_rgb_values(data, vmin, vmax, ...)</code>           | Get RGB values for later output to GeoTIFF, given a 2D data field, display min/max and color table info. |
| <code>_create_sld(cmap, vmin, vmax, filename[, ...])</code>   | Develop a Style Layer Descriptor file given a color table and user-specified min/max files.              |

`pyart.io.output_to_geotiff._create_sld(cmap, vmin, vmax, filename, color_levels=None)`

Develop a Style Layer Descriptor file given a color table and user-specified min/max files. Output color info to that file. Only called if `sld` is `True` in `write_grid_geotiff`.

### Parameters

**cmap** [str or matplotlib.colors.Colormap object, optional] Colormap to use for RGB output or SLD file.

**vmin** [int or float] Minimum value to color for RGB output or SLD file.

**vmax** [int or float] Maximum value to color for RGB output or SLD file.

**filename** [str] Template for SLD filename. The suffix (presumably `.tif` or `.tiff`) is removed and replaced with `.sld`. Thus, if provided a filename `radar_reflectivity.tif`, the output SLD file will be called `radar_reflectivity.sld`.

### Other Parameters

**color\_levels** [int or None, optional] Number of color levels in `cmap`. Useful for categorical colormaps with steps  $\ll 255$  (e.g., hydrometeor ID).

`pyart.io.output_to_geotiff._get_rgb_values(data, vmin, vmax, color_levels, cmap)`

Get RGB values for later output to GeoTIFF, given a 2D data field, display min/max and color table info. Missing data get `numpy.nan`. Only called if `rgb` is `True` in `write_grid_geotiff`.

### Parameters

**data** [numpy.ndarray object, dtype int or float] Two-dimensional data array

**vmin** [int or float] Minimum value to color for RGB output or SLD file.

**vmax** [int or float] Maximum value to color for RGB output or SLD file.

**color\_levels** [int] Number of color levels in `cmap`. Useful for categorical colormaps with steps  $\ll 255$  (e.g., hydrometeor ID).

**cmap** [str or matplotlib.colors.Colormap object, optional] Colormap to use for RGB output or SLD file.

**Returns**

**rarr** [numpy.ndarray object, dtype int] Red channel indices (range = 0-255)

**barr** [numpy.ndarray object, dtype int] Blue channel indices (range = 0-255)

**garr** [numpy.ndarray object, dtype int] Green channel indices (range = 0-255)

```
pyart.io.output_to_geotiff.write_grid_geotiff(grid, filename, field, rgb=False,
                                              level=None, cmap='viridis', vmin=0,
                                              vmax=75, color_levels=None,
                                              warp=False, sld=False)
```

Write a Py-ART Grid object to a GeoTIFF file.

The GeoTIFF can be the standard Azimuthal Equidistant projection used in Py-ART, or a lat/lon projection on a WGS84 sphere. The latter is typically more usable in web mapping applications. The GeoTIFF can contain a single float-point raster band, or three RGB byte raster bands. The former will require an SLD file for colorful display using standard GIS or web mapping software, while the latter will show colors “out-of-the-box” but lack actual data values. The function also can output an SLD file based on the user-specified inputs. User can specify the 2D vertical level to be output. If this is not specified, a 2D composite is created. User also can specify the field to output.

This function requires GDAL Python libraries to be installed. These are available via conda; e.g., ‘conda install gdal’

**Parameters**

**grid** [pyart.core.Grid object] Grid object to write to file.

**filename** [str] Filename for the GeoTIFF.

**field** [str] Field name to output to file.

**Other Parameters**

**rbg** [bool, optional] True - Output 3-band RGB GeoTIFF

**False - Output single-channel, float-valued GeoTIFF. For display,** likely will need an SLD file to provide a color table.

**level** [int or None, optional] Index for z-axis plane to output. None gives composite values (i.e., max in each vertical column).

**cmap** [str or matplotlib.colors.Colormap object, optional] Colormap to use for RGB output or SLD file.

**vmin** [int or float, optional] Minimum value to color for RGB output or SLD file.

**vmax** [int or float, optional] Maximum value to color for RGB output or SLD file.

**color\_levels** [int or None, optional] Number of color levels in cmap. Useful for categorical colormaps with steps << 255 (e.g., hydrometeor ID).

**warp** [bool, optional]

**True - Use gdalwarp (called from command line using os.system)** to warp to a lat/lon WGS84 grid.

**False -** No warping will be performed. Output will be Az. Equidistant.

**sld** [bool, optional]

**True - Create a Style Layer Descriptor file (SLD) mapped to vmin/vmax and cmap.** File is named same as output TIFF, except for .sld extension.

**False -** Don’t do this.

## PYART.IO.\_RSL\_INTERFACE

Cython wrapper around the NASA TRMM RSL library.

|  |  |
|--|--|
| <code>copy_volume(volume)</code>                           | Return a copy of a <code>_RslVolume</code> object.                                 |
| <code>create_volume(arr, rays_per_sweep[, vol_num])</code> | Create a <code>_RslVolume</code> object from a 2D float32 array.                   |
| <code>_label_volume(volume, radar)</code>                  | Add labels for dealiasing to a <code>_RslVolume</code> object from a radar object. |
| <hr/>  |  |
| <code>RslFile(filename)</code>                             | A object for accessing Radar data and parameter using the RSL library.             |
| <code>_RslVolume</code>                                    | A object for accessing RSL Volume data and header information.                     |
| <code>_RslSweep</code>                                     | A object for accessing RSL Sweep data and header information.                      |
| <code>_RslRay</code>                                       | A object for accessing RSL Ray data and header information                         |

**class** `pyart.io._rsl_interface.RslFile` (*filename*)

Bases: `object`

A object for accessing Radar data and parameter using the RSL library.

### Parameters

**filename** [str] Radar file to read.

### Attributes

**month** [int] Date, month (1-12).

**day** [int] Date, day (1-31).

**year** [int] Date, year (eg. 1993).

**hour** [int] Time, hour (0-23).

**minute** [int] Time, minute (0-59).

**sec** [float] Time, second + fractions of second.

**nvolumes** [int] Number of volume slots in the file.

**number** [int] Arbitrary number for this radar site.

**latd, latm, lats** [int] Latitude degrees, minutes and seconds for the site.

**lond, lonm, lons** [int] Longitude degrees, minutes and seconds for the site.

**height** [int] Height of site in meters above sea level.

**spulse** [int] Length of short pulse in ns.

**lpulse** [int] Length of long pulse in ns.

**scan\_mode** [int] Scan mode, 0 for PPI, 1 for RHI.

**vcp** [int] Volume coverage pattern, WSR-88D only.

## Methods

|  |  |
|--|--|
| <code>available_moments()</code>             | Return a list of available volume moments.                     |
| <code>get_radar_header()</code>              | Return a dictionary of radar header parameters.                |
| <code>get_volume(volume_number)</code>       | Return a <code>_RslVolume</code> for a given volume number.    |
| <code>get_volume_array(volume_number)</code> | Return the three-dimensional data contained in a given volume. |

```
__class__
    alias of builtins.type

__delattr__ ($self, name, /)
    Implement delattr(self, name).

__dir__ ($self, /)
    Default dir() implementation.

__eq__ ($self, value, /)
    Return self==value.

__format__ ($self, format_spec, /)
    Default object formatter.

__ge__ ($self, value, /)
    Return self>=value.

__getattr__ ($self, name, /)
    Return getattr(self, name).

__gt__ ($self, value, /)
    Return self>value.

__hash__ ($self, /)
    Return hash(self).

__init__ ($self, /, *args, **kwargs)
    Initialize self. See help(type(self)) for accurate signature.

__init_subclass__ ()
    This method is called when a class is subclassed.

    The default implementation does nothing. It may be overridden to extend subclasses.

__le__ ($self, value, /)
    Return self<=value.

__lt__ ($self, value, /)
    Return self<value.

__ne__ ($self, value, /)
    Return self!=value.
```



**\_\_new\_\_** (*\$type, \*args, \*\*kwargs*)

Create and return a new object. See help(type) for accurate signature.

**\_\_reduce\_\_** ()

**\_\_reduce\_ex\_\_** (*\$self, protocol, /*)

Helper for pickle.

**\_\_repr\_\_** (*\$self, /*)

Return repr(self).

**\_\_setattr\_\_** (*\$self, name, value, /*)

Implement setattr(self, name, value).

**\_\_setstate\_\_** ()

**\_\_sizeof\_\_** (*\$self, /*)

Size of object in memory, in bytes.

**\_\_str\_\_** (*\$self, /*)

Return str(self).

**\_\_subclasshook\_\_** ()

Abstract classes can override this to customize issubclass().

This is invoked early on by abc.ABCMeta.\_\_subclasscheck\_\_(). It should return True, False or NotImplemented. If it returns NotImplemented, the normal algorithm is used. Otherwise, it overrides the normal algorithm (and the outcome is cached).

**available\_moments** ()

Return a list of available volume moments.

**day**

**get\_radar\_header** ()

Return a dictionary of radar header parameters.

**get\_volume** (*volume\_number*)

Return a \_RslVolume for a given volume number.

**Parameters**

**volume\_number** [int] Volume number to retrieve

**Returns**

**volume** [\_RslVolume] \_RslVolume object containing requested volume.

**get\_volume\_array** (*volume\_number*)

Return the three-dimensional data contained in a given volume.

**Parameters**

**volume\_number** [int]

**Returns**

**volume** [array (nsweep, nrays, nbins), float32] Array containing data for the given volume.

**height**

**hour**

**latd**

**latm**

**lats**  
**lond**  
**lonm**  
**lons**  
**lpulse**  
**minute**  
**month**  
**number**  
**nvolumes**  
**scan\_mode**  
**sec**  
**spulse**  
**vcp**  
**year**

**class** `pyart.io._rsl_interface._RslRay`

Bases: `object`

A object for accessing RSL Ray data and header information

This class should not be initialized from within Python. `_RslRay` object are returned from the `_RslSweep.get_ray()` method.

#### Attributes

**month** [int] Date for this ray, month (1-12).  
**day** [int] Date for this ray, day (1-31).  
**year** [int] Date for this ray, year (eg. 1993).  
**hour** [int] Time for this ray, hour (0-23).  
**minute** [int] Time for this ray, minute (0-59).  
**sec** [float] Time for this ray, second + fractor of second.  
**unam\_rng** [float] Unambiguous range in km.  
**azimuth** [float] Mean azimuth angle in degrees for the ray, must be positive. 0 for north, 90 for east, 270 for west.  
**ray\_num** [int] Ray number within a scan.  
**elev** [float] Elevation angle in degrees.  
**elev\_num** [int] Elevation number within the volume scan.  
**range\_bin1** [int] Range to first gate in meters.  
**gate\_size** [int] Gate size in meters.  
**vel\_res** [float] Doppler velocity resolution.  
**sweep\_rate** [float] Sweep rate, full sweeps / minute.  
**prf** [int] Pulse repetition frequency in Hz.

**prf2** [int] Second pulse repetition frequency for dual PRF data.

**azim\_rate** [float] Sweep rate in degrees / second.

**fix\_angle** [float] Elevation angle for the sweep in degrees.

**pitch** [float] Pitch angle.

**roll** [float] Roll angle.

**heading** [float] Heading.

**pitch\_rate** [float] Pitch rate in angle / sec.

**roll\_rate** [float] Roll rate in angle / sec.

**heading\_rate** [float] Heading rate in angle / sec.

**lat** [float] Latitude in degrees.

**lon** [float] Longitude in degrees.

**alt** [int] Altitude in meters.

**rvc** [float] Radial velocity correction in meters / second.

**vel\_east** [float] Platform velocity to the east in meters / second. Negative values for velocity to the west.

**vel\_north** [float] Platform velocity to the north in meters / second. Negative values for velocity to the south.

**vel\_up** [float] Platform velocity upward in meters / second. Negative values for velocity downward.

**pulse\_count** [int] Pulses used in a single dwell time.

**pulse\_width** [float] Pulse width in microseconds.

**beam\_width** [float] Beamwidth in degrees.

**frequency** [float] Carrier frequency in GHz.

**wavelength** [float] Wavelength in meters.

**nyq\_vel** [float] Nyquist velocity in meters / second.

**nbins** [int] Number of array elements in ray data.

## Methods

|                             |  |
|-----------------------------|--|
| <code>get_data()</code>     | Return the one-dimensional data contained in the ray.      |
| <code>get_datetime()</code> | Return a datetime describing the date and time of the ray. |

---

```
__class__  
    alias of builtins.type  
__delattr__($self, name, /)  
    Implement delattr(self, name).  
__dir__($self, /)  
    Default dir() implementation.  
__eq__($self, value, /)
```

Return self==value.

**\_\_format\_\_** (*\$self, format\_spec, /*)  
Default object formatter.

**\_\_ge\_\_** (*\$self, value, /*)  
Return self>=value.

**\_\_getattr\_\_** (*\$self, name, /*)  
Return getattr(self, name).

**\_\_gt\_\_** (*\$self, value, /*)  
Return self>value.

**\_\_hash\_\_** (*\$self, /*)  
Return hash(self).

**\_\_init\_\_** (*\$self, /, \*args, \*\*kwargs*)  
Initialize self. See help(type(self)) for accurate signature.

**\_\_init\_subclass\_\_** ()  
This method is called when a class is subclassed.

The default implementation does nothing. It may be overridden to extend subclasses.

**\_\_le\_\_** (*\$self, value, /*)  
Return self<=value.

**\_\_lt\_\_** (*\$self, value, /*)  
Return self<value.

**\_\_ne\_\_** (*\$self, value, /*)  
Return self!=value.

**\_\_new\_\_** (*\$type, \*args, \*\*kwargs*)  
Create and return a new object. See help(type) for accurate signature.

**\_\_pyx\_vtable\_\_** = <capsule object NULL>

**\_\_reduce\_\_** ()

**\_\_reduce\_ex\_\_** (*\$self, protocol, /*)  
Helper for pickle.

**\_\_repr\_\_** (*\$self, /*)  
Return repr(self).

**\_\_setattr\_\_** (*\$self, name, value, /*)  
Implement setattr(self, name, value).

**\_\_setstate\_\_** ()

**\_\_sizeof\_\_** (*\$self, /*)  
Size of object in memory, in bytes.

**\_\_str\_\_** (*\$self, /*)  
Return str(self).

**\_\_subclasshook\_\_** ()  
Abstract classes can override this to customize issubclass().

This is invoked early on by abc.ABCMeta.\_\_subclasscheck\_\_(). It should return True, False or NotImplemented. If it returns NotImplemented, the normal algorithm is used. Otherwise, it overrides the normal algorithm (and the outcome is cached).

`alt`  
`azim_rate`  
`azimuth`  
`beam_width`  
`day`  
`elev`  
`elev_num`  
`fix_angle`  
`frequency`  
`gate_size`  
`get_data()`  
Return the one-dimensional data contained in the ray.  
`get_datetime()`  
Return a datetime describing the date and time of the ray.  
`heading`  
`heading_rate`  
`hour`  
`lat`  
`lon`  
`minute`  
`month`  
`nbins`  
`nyq_vel`  
`pitch`  
`pitch_rate`  
`prf`  
`prf2`  
`pulse_count`  
`pulse_width`  
`range_bin1`  
`ray_num`  
`roll`  
`roll_rate`  
`rvc`  
`sec`  
`sweep_rate`  
`unam_rng`

**vel\_east**  
**vel\_north**  
**vel\_res**  
**vel\_up**  
**wavelength**  
**year**

**class** `pyart.io._rsl_interface._RslSweep`

Bases: `object`

A object for accessing RSL Sweep data and header information.

This class should not be initialized from within Python. `_RslSweep` objects are returned from the `_RslVolume.get_sweep()` method.

#### Attributes

**sweep\_num** [int] Interger sweep number.  
**elev** [float] Mean elevation angle for thr sweep. -999.0 for RHI sweeps.  
**azimuth** [float] Azumuth for the sweep. -999.0 for PPI scans.  
**beam\_width** [float] Beam width in degrees. Can also be found in `_RslRay` objects.  
**vert\_half\_bw** [float] Vertical beam width divided by 2.  
**horz\_half\_bw** [float] Horizontal beam width divided by 2.  
**nrays** [int] Number of rays in the sweep.

#### Methods

|                                  |   |
|----------------------------------|---|
| <code>get_data()</code>          | Return the two-dimensional data contained in the sweep. |
| <code>get_ray(ray_number)</code> | Return a <code>_RslRay</code> for a given ray.          |

**\_\_class\_\_**  
alias of `builtins.type`  
**\_\_delattr\_\_** (*\$self, name, /*)  
Implement `delattr(self, name)`.  
**\_\_dir\_\_** (*\$self, /*)  
Default `dir()` implementation.  
**\_\_eq\_\_** (*\$self, value, /*)  
Return `self==value`.  
**\_\_format\_\_** (*\$self, format\_spec, /*)  
Default object formatter.  
**\_\_ge\_\_** (*\$self, value, /*)  
Return `self>=value`.  
**\_\_getattr\_\_** (*\$self, name, /*)  
Return `getattr(self, name)`.

**\_\_gt\_\_** (*\$self, value, /*)  
Return self>value.

**\_\_hash\_\_** (*\$self, /*)  
Return hash(self).

**\_\_init\_\_** (*\$self, /, \*args, \*\*kwargs*)  
Initialize self. See help(type(self)) for accurate signature.

**\_\_init\_subclass\_\_** ()  
This method is called when a class is subclassed.

The default implementation does nothing. It may be overridden to extend subclasses.

**\_\_le\_\_** (*\$self, value, /*)  
Return self<=value.

**\_\_lt\_\_** (*\$self, value, /*)  
Return self<value.

**\_\_ne\_\_** (*\$self, value, /*)  
Return self!=value.

**\_\_new\_\_** (*\$type, \*args, \*\*kwargs*)  
Create and return a new object. See help(type) for accurate signature.

**\_\_pyx\_vtable\_\_** = <capsule object NULL>

**\_\_reduce\_\_** ()

**\_\_reduce\_ex\_\_** (*\$self, protocol, /*)  
Helper for pickle.

**\_\_repr\_\_** (*\$self, /*)  
Return repr(self).

**\_\_setattr\_\_** (*\$self, name, value, /*)  
Implement setattr(self, name, value).

**\_\_setstate\_\_** ()

**\_\_sizeof\_\_** (*\$self, /*)  
Size of object in memory, in bytes.

**\_\_str\_\_** (*\$self, /*)  
Return str(self).

**\_\_subclasshook\_\_** ()  
Abstract classes can override this to customize issubclass().

This is invoked early on by abc.ABCMeta.\_\_subclasscheck\_\_(). It should return True, False or NotImplemented. If it returns NotImplemented, the normal algorithm is used. Otherwise, it overrides the normal algorithm (and the outcome is cached).

**azimuth**

**beam\_width**

**elev**

**get\_data** ()  
Return the two-dimensional data contained in the sweep.

If a given ray has few bins than the first ray, the missing bins will be filled with 131072.0

**get\_ray** (*ray\_number*)

Return a `_RslRay` for a given ray.

**Parameters**

**ray\_number** [int] Ray number to retrieve

**Returns**

**ray** [`_RslRay`] `_RslRay` object containing the requested ray.

**horz\_half\_bw**

**nrays**

**sweep\_num**

**vert\_half\_bw**

**class** `pyart.io._rsl_interface._RslVolume`

Bases: `object`

A object for accessing RSL Volume data and header information.

This class should not be initialized from within Python. `_RslVolume` objects are returned from the `RslFile.get_volume()` and other functions/methods.

**Attributes**

**nsweeps** [int] Sweep number.

**calibr\_const** [float] Calibration constant.

**Methods**

|   |  |
|---|--|
| <code>get_azimuth_and_elev_array()</code> | Return azimuth and elevation array for each sweep and ray.   |
| <code>get_data()</code>                   | Return the two-dimensional data contained in the volume.   |
| <code>get_instr_params()</code>           | Return instrumental parameter for the volume.  |
| <code>get_nray_array()</code>             | Return an array of the number of rays for each sweep.  |
| <code>get_sweep(sweep_number)</code>      | Return a <code>_RslSweep</code> for a given sweep number.  |
| <code>get_sweep_azimuths()</code>         | Return azimuth array for each sweep.   |
| <code>get_sweep_elevs()</code>            | Return elevation array for each sweep.   |
| <code>get_sweep_fix_angles()</code>       | Return array of fix angle for each sweep.  |
| <code>is_range_bins_uniform()</code>      | Return True if the locations of the range bin are identical for all rays, False if locations change in one or more rays. |
| <code>total_rays()</code>                 | Return the total number of rays present in all sweeps of the volume.   |

**\_\_class\_\_**

alias of `builtins.type`

**\_\_delattr\_\_** (*\$self, name, /*)

Implement `delattr(self, name)`.

**\_\_dir\_\_** (*\$self, /*)

Default `dir()` implementation.



**\_\_eq\_\_** (*\$self, value, /*)  
Return self==value.

**\_\_format\_\_** (*\$self, format\_spec, /*)  
Default object formatter.

**\_\_ge\_\_** (*\$self, value, /*)  
Return self>=value.

**\_\_getattr\_\_** (*\$self, name, /*)  
Return getattr(self, name).

**\_\_gt\_\_** (*\$self, value, /*)  
Return self>value.

**\_\_hash\_\_** (*\$self, /*)  
Return hash(self).

**\_\_init\_\_** (*\$self, /, \*args, \*\*kwargs*)  
Initialize self. See help(type(self)) for accurate signature.

**\_\_init\_subclass\_\_** ()  
This method is called when a class is subclassed.  
  
The default implementation does nothing. It may be overridden to extend subclasses.

**\_\_le\_\_** (*\$self, value, /*)  
Return self<=value.

**\_\_lt\_\_** (*\$self, value, /*)  
Return self<value.

**\_\_ne\_\_** (*\$self, value, /*)  
Return self!=value.

**\_\_new\_\_** (*\$type, \*args, \*\*kwargs*)  
Create and return a new object. See help(type) for accurate signature.

**\_\_pyx\_vtable\_\_** = <capsule object NULL>

**\_\_reduce\_\_** ()

**\_\_reduce\_ex\_\_** (*\$self, protocol, /*)  
Helper for pickle.

**\_\_repr\_\_** (*\$self, /*)  
Return repr(self).

**\_\_setattr\_\_** (*\$self, name, value, /*)  
Implement setattr(self, name, value).

**\_\_setstate\_\_** ()

**\_\_sizeof\_\_** (*\$self, /*)  
Size of object in memory, in bytes.

**\_\_str\_\_** (*\$self, /*)  
Return str(self).

**\_\_subclasshook\_\_** ()  
Abstract classes can override this to customize issubclass().  
  
This is invoked early on by abc.ABCMeta.\_\_subclasscheck\_\_(). It should return True, False or NotImplemented. If it returns NotImplemented, the normal algorithm is used. Otherwise, it overrides the normal algorithm (and the outcome is cached).

**calibr\_const**

**get\_azimuth\_and\_elev\_array()**

Return azimuth and elevation array for each sweep and ray.

**get\_data()**

Return the two-dimensional data contained in the volume.

If a given ray has few bins than the first ray, the missing bins will be filled with 131072.0

**get\_instr\_params()**

Return instrumental parameter for the volume.

**Returns**

**pm\_data** [array, (nsweeps)] Array of prt modes.

**nv\_data** [array, (total\_rays)] Array of nyquist velocities.

**pr\_data** [array, (total\_rays)] Array of pulse repetition frequency in Hz.

**ur\_data** [array, (total\_rays)] Array of unambiguous ranges, in km.

**get\_nray\_array()**

Return an array of the number of rays for each sweep.

**get\_sweep(sweep\_number)**

Return a `_RslSweep` for a given sweep number.

**Parameters**

**sweep\_number** [int] Sweep number to retrieve

**Returns**

**sweep** [`_RslSweep`] `_RslSweep` object containing the requested sweep.

**get\_sweep\_azimuths()**

Return azimuth array for each sweep.

**get\_sweep\_elevs()**

Return elevation array for each sweep.

**get\_sweep\_fix\_angles()**

Return array of fix angle for each sweep.

Angles determined from the first ray in each sweep.

**is\_range\_bins\_uniform()**

Return True if the locations of the range bin are identical for all rays, False if locations change in one or more rays.

**nsweeps**

**total\_rays()**

Return the total number of rays present in all sweeps of the volume.

`pyart.io._rsl_interface._label_volume(volume, radar)`

Add labels for dealiasing to a `_RslVolume` object from a radar object.

This function does not set all parameter in the `_RslVolume` suitable for writing out the volume, rather it set those parameters which must be set prior to using `pyart.correct._fourdd_interface.fourdd_dealias()`.

**Parameters**

**volume** [\_RslVolume] Volume object to which parameters will be set as needed prior to dealiasing. Object is manipulated in-place.

**radar** [Radar] Radar object from which parameters are taken.

`pyart.io._rsl_interface.copy_volume(volume)`

Return a copy of a \_RslVolume object.

#### Parameters

**volume** [\_RslVolume] \_RslVolume object to create a copy of.

#### Returns

**nvolume** [\_RslVolume] Copy of volume.

`pyart.io._rsl_interface.create_volume(arr, rays_per_sweep, vol_num=1)`

Create a \_RslVolume object from a 2D float32 array.

No headers parameters except nsweeps, nrays and nbins are not set in the resulting \_RslVolume object.

#### Parameters

**arr** [array, 2D, float32] Two dimensional float32 array.

**rays\_per\_sweep: array, 1D, int32** Array listing number of rays in each sweep.

**vol\_num** [int] Volume number used to set f and invf in the header. The default is for velocity fields. Useful values are 0 for reflectivity and 1 for velocity.

#### Returns

**volumes** [\_RslVolume] \_RslVolume containing array data.



## PYART.IO.\_SIGMET\_NOAA\_HH

Functions needed for reading Sigmet files from the airborne radar located on NOAA's Hurricane Hunter aircraft.

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|--|--|
| <code>_decode_noaa_hh_hdr(raw_extended_headers, ...)</code>  | Extract data from Sigmet extended headers produced by NOAA Hurricane Hunter airborne radars. |
| <code>_georeference_yprime(roll, pitch, heading, ...)</code> | Compute georeferenced azimuth and elevation angles for a Y-prime radar.                      |

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`pyart.io._sigmet_noaa_hh._decode_noaa_hh_hdr` (*raw\_extended\_headers*, *filemetadata*, *azimuth*, *elevation*, *position\_source='irs'*, *heading\_source='irs'*)

Extract data from Sigmet extended headers produced by NOAA Hurricane Hunter airborne radars.

### Parameters

**raw\_extended\_headers** [ndarray] Raw Sigmet extended headers.

**filemetadata** [FileMetadata] FileMetadata class from which metadata will be derived.

**azimuth** [dict] Dictionary of azimuth angles recorded in Sigmet file.

**elevation** [dict] Dictionary of elevation angles recorded in Sigmet file.

**position\_source: {'irs', 'gps', 'aamps'}**, **optional** Instrument from which to derive position parameters.

**heading\_source: {'irs', 'aamps'}** Instrument from which to derive heading parameters.

### Returns

**latitude** [dict] Dictionary containing latitude data and metadata.

**longitude** [dict] Dictionary containing longitude data and metadata.

**altitude** [dict] Dictionary containing altitude data and metadata.

**heading\_params** [dict] Dictionary of dictionary containing aircraft heading data and metadata. Contains 'heading', 'roll', 'pitch', 'drift', 'rotation', 'tilt' and 'georefs\_applied' dictionaries.

`pyart.io._sigmet_noaa_hh._georeference_yprime` (*roll*, *pitch*, *heading*, *drift*, *rotation*, *tilt*)

Compute georeferenced azimuth and elevation angles for a Y-prime radar.

This is the georeferencing needed for the tail doppler radar on the NOAA P3 aircraft.



## PYART.IO.\_SIGMETFILE

A class and supporting functions for reading Sigmet (raw format) files.

|                                    |   |
|------------------------------------|---|
| <i>SigmetFile</i>                  | A class for accessing data from Sigmet (IRIS) product files.          |
| <i>convert_sigmet_data</i>         | Convert sigmet data.  |
| <i>bin2_to_angle</i>               | Return an angle from Sigmet bin2 encoded value (or array).            |
| <i>bin4_to_angle</i>               | Return an angle from Sigmet bin4 encoded value (or array).            |
| <i>_data_types_from_mask</i>       | Return a list of the data types from the words in the data_type mask. |
| <i>_is_bit_set</i>                 | Return True if bit is set in number.                                  |
| <i>_parse_ray_headers</i>          | Parse the metadata from Sigmet ray headers.                           |
| <i>_unpack_structure</i>           | Unpack a structure  |
| <i>_unpack_key</i>                 | Unpack a key.   |
| <i>_unpack_ingest_data_headers</i> | Unpack one or more ingest_data_header from a record.                  |
| <i>_unpack_ingest_data_header</i>  | Unpack a single ingest_data_header from record.                       |
| <i>_unpack_raw_prod_bhdr</i>       | Return a dict with the unpacked raw_prod_bhdr from a record.          |
| <i>_unpack_product_hdr</i>         | Return a dict with the unpacked product_hdr from the first record.    |
| <i>_unpack_ingest_header</i>       | Return a dict with the unpacked ingest_header from the second record. |

**class** pyart.io.\_sigmetfile.**SigmetFile**

Bases: `object`

A class for accessing data from Sigmet (IRIS) product files.

### Parameters

**filename** [str] Filename or file-like object.

### Attributes

**debug** [bool] Set True to print out debugging information, False otherwise.

**product\_hdr** [dict] Product\_hdr structure.

**ingest\_header** [dict] Ingest\_header structure.

**ingest\_data\_headers** [list of dict] Ingest\_data\_header structures for each data type. Indexed by the data type name (str). None when data has not yet been read.

**data\_types** [list] List of data types (int) in the file.

**data\_type\_names** [list] List of data type names (str) in the file.

**ndata\_types** [int] Number of data types in the file.

**\_fh** [file] Open file being read.

**\_raw\_product\_bhdrs** [list] List of raw\_product\_bhdr structure dictionaries separated by sweep. None when data has not yet been read.

## Methods

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|                        |                              |
|------------------------|------------------------------|
| <code>close</code>     | Close the file.              |
| <code>read_data</code> | Read all data from the file. |

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**\_\_class\_\_**  
alias of `builtins.type`

**\_\_delattr\_\_** (*\$self, name, /*)  
Implement `delattr(self, name)`.

**\_\_dir\_\_** (*\$self, /*)  
Default `dir()` implementation.

**\_\_eq\_\_** (*\$self, value, /*)  
Return `self==value`.

**\_\_format\_\_** (*\$self, format\_spec, /*)  
Default object formatter.

**\_\_ge\_\_** (*\$self, value, /*)  
Return `self>=value`.

**\_\_getattr\_\_** (*\$self, name, /*)  
Return `getattr(self, name)`.

**\_\_gt\_\_** (*\$self, value, /*)  
Return `self>value`.

**\_\_hash\_\_** (*\$self, /*)  
Return `hash(self)`.

**\_\_init\_\_**  
initialize the object.

**\_\_init\_subclass\_\_** ()  
This method is called when a class is subclassed.  
  
The default implementation does nothing. It may be overridden to extend subclasses.

**\_\_le\_\_** (*\$self, value, /*)  
Return `self<=value`.

**\_\_lt\_\_** (*\$self, value, /*)  
Return `self<value`.

**\_\_ne\_\_** (*\$self, value, /*)  
Return `self!=value`.

**\_\_new\_\_** (*\$type, \*args, \*\*kwargs*)  
Create and return a new object. See `help(type)` for accurate signature.



**\_\_pyx\_vtable\_\_** = <capsule object NULL>

**\_\_reduce\_\_** ()

**\_\_reduce\_ex\_\_** (\$self, protocol, /)

Helper for pickle.

**\_\_repr\_\_** (\$self, /)

Return repr(self).

**\_\_setattr\_\_** (\$self, name, value, /)

Implement setattr(self, name, value).

**\_\_setstate\_\_** ()

**\_\_sizeof\_\_** (\$self, /)

Size of object in memory, in bytes.

**\_\_str\_\_** (\$self, /)

Return str(self).

**\_\_subclasshook\_\_** ()

Abstract classes can override this to customize issubclass().

This is invoked early on by abc.ABCMeta.\_\_subclasscheck\_\_(). It should return True, False or NotImplemented. If it returns NotImplemented, the normal algorithm is used. Otherwise, it overrides the normal algorithm (and the outcome is cached).

**\_\_determine\_data\_types** ()

Determine the available data types in the file.

**\_fh**

**\_\_get\_sweep** ()

Get the data and metadata from the next sweep.

If the file ends early None is returned for all values.

#### Parameters

**full\_xhdr** [bool] True to return the full extended headers if they exist padded with ones. False will return a length 1 extended header converted to int32. This is useful when the file contains a customer specified extended header (for example aircraft radar).

**raw\_data** [bool, optional] True to return the raw\_data for the given sweep, False to convert the data to floating point representation.

#### Returns

**ingest\_data\_headers** [list of dict] List of ingest\_data\_header structures for each data type.

**sweep\_data** [list of arrays] Sweep data for each data types in the order they appear in the file.

**sweep\_metadata** [list of tuples] Sweep metadata for each data type in the same order as sweep\_data.

**\_raw\_product\_bhdrs**

**\_rbuf\_pos**

**\_record\_number**

**close** ()

Close the file.

**data\_type\_names**

**data\_types**

**debug**

**ingest\_data\_headers**

**ingest\_header**

**ndata\_types**

**product\_hdr**

**read\_data()**

Read all data from the file.

#### Parameters

**full\_xhdr** [bool] True to return the full extended headers if they exist padded with ones. False will return a length 1 extended header converted to int32. This is useful when the file contains a customer specified extended header (for example aircraft radar).

#### Returns

**data** [dict of ndarrays] Data arrays of shape=(nsweeps, nrays, nbins) for each data type. Indexed by data type name (str).

**metadata** [dict of dicts] Arrays of 'azimuth\_0', 'azimuth\_1', 'elevation\_0', 'elevation\_1', 'nbins', and 'time' for each data type. Indexed by data type name (str). Rays which were not collected are marked with a value of -1 in the 'nbins' array.

`pyart.io._sigmetfile._data_types_from_mask()`

Return a list of the data types from the words in the data\_type mask.

`pyart.io._sigmetfile._is_bit_set()`

Return True if bit is set in number.

`pyart.io._sigmetfile._parse_ray_headers()`

Parse the metadata from Sigmet ray headers.

#### Parameters

**ray\_headers** [array, shape=(..., 6)] Ray headers to parse.

#### Returns

**az0** [array] Azimuth angles (in degrees) at beginning of the rays.

**el0** [array] Elevation angles at the beginning of the rays.

**az1** [array] Azimuth angles at the end of the rays.

**el1** [array] Elevation angles at the end of the rays.

**nbins** [array] Number of bins in the rays.

**time** [array] Seconds since the start of the sweep for the rays.

**prf\_flag** [array] Numerical indication of what PRF was used, 0 for high, 1 for low. Not applicable if dual-PRF is not used during collection.

`pyart.io._sigmetfile._unpack_ingest_data_header()`

Unpack a single ingest\_data\_header from record. Return None on error.

`pyart.io._sigmetfile._unpack_ingest_data_headers()`

Unpack one or more ingest\_data\_header from a record.

Returns a list of dictionaries or None when an error occurs.

`pyart.io._sigmetfile._unpack_ingest_header()`

Return a dict with the unpacked ingest\_header from the second record.

`pyart.io._sigmetfile._unpack_key()`

Unpack a key.

`pyart.io._sigmetfile._unpack_product_hdr()`

Return a dict with the unpacked product\_hdr from the first record.

`pyart.io._sigmetfile._unpack_raw_prod_bhdr()`

Return a dict with the unpacked raw\_prod\_bhdr from a record.

`pyart.io._sigmetfile._unpack_structure()`

Unpack a structure

`pyart.io._sigmetfile.bin2_to_angle()`

Return an angle from Sigmet bin2 encoded value (or array).

`pyart.io._sigmetfile.bin4_to_angle()`

Return an angle from Sigmet bin4 encoded value (or array).

`pyart.io._sigmetfile.convert_sigmet_data()`

Convert sigmet data.

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## PYART.AUX\_IO.ARM\_VPT

Routines for reading ARM vertically-pointing radar ingest (e.g., a1) files. These files are characterized by being NetCDF files that do not fully conform to the CF/Radial convention. Nonetheless this module borrows heavily from the existing CF/Radial module.

```
pyart.aux_io.arm_vpt.read_kazr(filename, field_names=None, additional_metadata=None,  
                                file_field_names=False, exclude_fields=None, in-  
                                clude_fields=None)
```

Read K-band ARM Zenith Radar (KAZR) NetCDF ingest data.

### Parameters

**filename** [str] Name of NetCDF file to read data from.

**field\_names** [dict, optional] Dictionary mapping field names in the file names to radar field names. Unlike other read functions, fields not in this dictionary or having a value of None are still included in the radar.fields dictionary, to exclude them use the *exclude\_fields* parameter. Fields which are mapped by this dictionary will be renamed from key to value.

**additional\_metadata** [dict of dicts, optional] This parameter is not used, it is included for uniformity.

**file\_field\_names** [bool, optional] True to force the use of the field names from the file in which case the *field\_names* parameter is ignored. False will use to *field\_names* parameter to rename fields.

**exclude\_fields** [list or None, optional] List of fields to exclude from the radar object. This is applied after the *file\_field\_names* and *field\_names* parameters. Set to None to include all fields specified by *include\_fields*.

**include\_fields** [list or None, optional] List of fields to include from the radar object. This is applied after the *file\_field\_names* and *field\_names* parameters. Set to None to include all fields not specified by *exclude\_fields*.

### Returns

**radar** [Radar] Radar object.



## PYART.AUX\_IO.D3R\_GCPEX\_NC

Routines for reading GCPEX D3R files.

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|--|--|
| <code>read_d3r_gcpep_nc(filename[, field_names, ...])</code> | Read a D3R GCPEX netCDF file.                      |
| <code>_ncvar_to_dict(ncvar)</code>                           | Convert a NetCDF Dataset variable to a dictionary. |

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```
pyart.aux_io.d3r_gcpep_nc._ncvar_to_dict(ncvar)
```

Convert a NetCDF Dataset variable to a dictionary.

```
pyart.aux_io.d3r_gcpep_nc.read_d3r_gcpep_nc(filename, field_names=None,
                                             additional_metadata=None,
                                             file_field_names=False, exclude_fields=None, include_fields=None,
                                             **kwargs)
```

Read a D3R GCPEX netCDF file.

### Parameters

**filename** [str] Name of the ODIM\_H5 file to read.

**field\_names** [dict, optional] Dictionary mapping ODIM\_H5 field names to radar field names. If a data type found in the file does not appear in this dictionary or has a value of None it will not be placed in the radar.fields dictionary. A value of None, the default, will use the mapping defined in the Py-ART configuration file.

**additional\_metadata** [dict of dicts, optional] Dictionary of dictionaries to retrieve metadata from during this read. This metadata is not used during any successive file reads unless explicitly included. A value of None, the default, will not introduce any additional metadata and the file specific or default metadata as specified by the Py-ART configuration file will be used.

**file\_field\_names** [bool, optional] True to use the MDV data type names for the field names. If this case the field\_names parameter is ignored. The field dictionary will likely only have a 'data' key, unless the fields are defined in *additional\_metadata*.

**exclude\_fields** [list or None, optional] List of fields to exclude from the radar object. This is applied after the *file\_field\_names* and *field\_names* parameters. Set to None to include all fields specified by *include\_fields*.

**include\_fields** [list or None, optional] List of fields to include from the radar object. This is applied after the *file\_field\_names* and *field\_names* parameters. Set to None to include all fields not specified by *exclude\_fields*.

### Returns

**radar** [Radar] Radar object containing data from ODIM\_H5 file.





## PYART.AUX\_IO.EDGE\_NECDF

Utilities for reading EDGE NetCDF files.

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`read_edge_netcdf(filename, **kwargs)` Read a EDGE NetCDF file.

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`pyart.aux_io.edge_netcdf.read_edge_netcdf(filename, **kwargs)`  
Read a EDGE NetCDF file.

### Parameters

**filename** [str] Name of EDGE NetCDF file to read data from.

### Returns

**radar** [Radar] Radar object.



## PYART.AUX\_IO.READ\_GAMIC

Utilities for reading gamic hdf5 files.

|   |   |
|---|---|
| <code>read_gamic(filename[, field_names, ...])</code>         | Read a GAMIC hdf5 file.                                   |
| <code>_get_instrument_params(gfile, filemetadata, ...)</code> | Return a dictionary containing instrument parameters.     |
| <code>_avg_radial_angles(angle1, angle2)</code>               | Return the average angle between two radial angles.       |
| <code>_prt_mode_from_unfolding(unfolding)</code>              | Return 'fixed' or 'staggered' depending on unfolding flag |

`pyart.aux_io.gamic_hdf5._avg_radial_angles (angle1, angle2)`

Return the average angle between two radial angles.

`pyart.aux_io.gamic_hdf5._get_instrument_params (gfile, filemetadata, pulse_width)`

Return a dictionary containing instrument parameters.

`pyart.aux_io.gamic_hdf5._prt_mode_from_unfolding (unfolding)`

Return 'fixed' or 'staggered' depending on unfolding flag

`pyart.aux_io.gamic_hdf5.read_gamic (filename, field_names=None, additional_metadata=None, file_field_names=False, exclude_fields=None, include_fields=None, valid_range_from_file=True, units_from_file=True, pulse_width=None, **kwargs)`

Read a GAMIC hdf5 file.

### Parameters

**filename** [str] Name of GAMIC HDF5 file to read data from.

**field\_names** [dict, optional] Dictionary mapping field names in the file names to radar field names. Unlike other read functions, fields not in this dictionary or having a value of None are still included in the radar.fields dictionary, to exclude them use the *exclude\_fields* parameter. Fields which are mapped by this dictionary will be renamed from key to value.

**additional\_metadata** [dict of dicts, optional] This parameter is not used, it is included for uniformity.

**file\_field\_names** [bool, optional] True to force the use of the field names from the file in which case the *field\_names* parameter is ignored. False will use to *field\_names* parameter to rename fields.

**exclude\_fields** [list or None, optional] List of fields to exclude from the radar object. This is applied after the *file\_field\_names* and *field\_names* parameters. Set to None to include all fields specified by include\_fields.

**include\_fields** [list or None, optional] List of fields to include from the radar object. This is applied after the *file\_field\_names* and *field\_names* parameters. Set to None to include all fields not specified by *exclude\_fields*.

**valid\_range\_from\_file** [bool, optional] True to extract valid range (*valid\_min* and *valid\_max*) for all field from the file when they are present. False will not extract these parameters.

**units\_from\_file** [bool, optional] True to extract the units for all fields from the file when available. False will not extract units using the default units for the fields.

**pulse\_width** [list or None,] Mandatory for gamim radar processors which have pulsewidth enums. *pulse\_width* should contain the pulsewidth' in us.

#### Returns

**radar** [Radar] Radar object.

## PYART.AUX\_IO.GAMICFILE

GAMICFile class and utility functions.

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| <i>GAMICFile</i> (filename) | A class to read GAMIC files. |
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| <i>_get_gamic_sweep_data</i> (group) | Get GAMIC HDF5 sweep data from an HDF5 group. |
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**class** pyart.aux\_io.gamicfile.**GAMICFile**(filename)

Bases: `object`

A class to read GAMIC files.

### Parameters

**filename** [str] Filename of GAMIC HDF5 file.

### Attributes

**nsweeps** [int] Number of sweeps (or scans) in the file.

**rays\_per\_sweep** [array of int32] Number of rays in each sweep.

**total\_rays** [int] Total number of rays in all sweeps.

**start\_ray, end\_ray** [array of int32] Index of the first (start) and last (end) ray in each sweep, 0-based.

**\_hfile** [HDF5 file] Open HDF5 file object from which data is read.

**\_scans** [list] Name of the HDF5 group for each scan.

### Methods

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|                                       |  |
|---------------------------------------|--|
| <i>close</i> ()                       | Close the file.  |
| <i>how_attr</i> (attr, dtype)         | Return an array containing a attribute from the how group.       |
| <i>how_attrs</i> (attr, dtype)        | Return an array of an attribute for each scan's how group.       |
| <i>how_ext_attrs</i> (attr)           | Return a list of an attribute in each scan's how/extended group. |
| <i>is_attr_in_group</i> (group, attr) | True is attribute is present in the group, False otherwise.      |

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| <code>is_field_in_ray_header(field)</code>     | True if field is present in ray_header, False otherwise.       |
| <code>is_file_complete()</code>                | True if all scans in file, False otherwise.                    |
| <code>is_file_single_scan_type()</code>        | True if all scans are the same scan type, False otherwise.     |
| <code>moment_data(group, dtype)</code>         | Read in moment data from all sweeps.                           |
| <code>moment_groups()</code>                   | Return a list of groups under scan0 where moments are stored.  |
| <code>moment_names(scan0_groups)</code>        | Return a list of moment names for a list of scan0 groups.      |
| <code>raw_group_attr(group, attr)</code>       | Return an attribute from a group with no reformatting.         |
| <code>raw_scan0_group_attr(group, attr)</code> | Return an attribute from the scan0 group with no reformatting. |
| <code>ray_header(field, dtype)</code>          | Return an array containing a ray_header field for each sweep.  |
| <code>sweep_expand(arr[, dtype])</code>        | Expand an sweep indexed array to be ray indexed                |
| <code>what_attrs(attr, dtype)</code>           | Return a list of an attribute for each scan's what group.      |
| <code>where_attr(attr, dtype)</code>           | Return an array containing a attribute from the where group.   |

```
__class__
    alias of builtins.type

__delattr__ ($self, name, /)
    Implement delattr(self, name).

__dict__ = mappingproxy({'__module__': 'pyart.aux_io.gamicfile', '__doc__': '\n A cl

__dir__ ($self, /)
    Default dir() implementation.

__eq__ ($self, value, /)
    Return self==value.

__format__ ($self, format_spec, /)
    Default object formatter.

__ge__ ($self, value, /)
    Return self>=value.

__getattr__ ($self, name, /)
    Return getattr(self, name).

__gt__ ($self, value, /)
    Return self>value.

__hash__ ($self, /)
    Return hash(self).

__init__ (filename)
    initialize object.

__init_subclass__ ()
    This method is called when a class is subclassed.

    The default implementation does nothing. It may be overridden to extend subclasses.
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**\_\_le\_\_** (*\$self, value, /*)  
Return self<=value.

**\_\_lt\_\_** (*\$self, value, /*)  
Return self<value.

**\_\_module\_\_** = 'pyart.aux\_io.gamicfile'

**\_\_ne\_\_** (*\$self, value, /*)  
Return self!=value.

**\_\_new\_\_** (*\$type, \*args, \*\*kwargs*)  
Create and return a new object. See help(type) for accurate signature.

**\_\_reduce\_\_** (*\$self, /*)  
Helper for pickle.

**\_\_reduce\_ex\_\_** (*\$self, protocol, /*)  
Helper for pickle.

**\_\_repr\_\_** (*\$self, /*)  
Return repr(self).

**\_\_setattr\_\_** (*\$self, name, value, /*)  
Implement setattr(self, name, value).

**\_\_sizeof\_\_** (*\$self, /*)  
Size of object in memory, in bytes.

**\_\_str\_\_** (*\$self, /*)  
Return str(self).

**\_\_subclasshook\_\_** ()  
Abstract classes can override this to customize issubclass().  
  
This is invoked early on by abc.ABCMeta.\_\_subclasscheck\_\_(). It should return True, False or NotImplemented. If it returns NotImplemented, the normal algorithm is used. Otherwise, it overrides the normal algorithm (and the outcome is cached).

**\_\_weakref\_\_**  
list of weak references to the object (if defined)

**close** ()  
Close the file.

**how\_attr** (*attr, dtype*)  
Return an array containing a attribute from the how group.

**how\_attrs** (*attr, dtype*)  
Return an array of an attribute for each scan's how group.

**how\_ext\_attrs** (*attr*)  
Return a list of an attribute in each scan's how/extended group.

**is\_attr\_in\_group** (*group, attr*)  
True is attribute is present in the group, False otherwise.

**is\_field\_in\_ray\_header** (*field*)  
True if field is present in ray\_header, False otherwise.

**is\_file\_complete** ()  
True if all scans in file, False otherwise.

**is\_file\_single\_scan\_type** ()

True if all scans are the same scan type, False otherwise.

**moment\_data** (group, dtype)

Read in moment data from all sweeps.

**moment\_groups** ()

Return a list of groups under scan0 where moments are stored.

**moment\_names** (scan0\_groups)

Return a list of moment names for a list of scan0 groups.

**raw\_group\_attr** (group, attr)

Return an attribute from a group with no reformatting.

**raw\_scan0\_group\_attr** (group, attr)

Return an attribute from the scan0 group with no reformatting.

**ray\_header** (field, dtype)

Return an array containing a ray\_header field for each sweep.

**sweep\_expand** (arr, dtype='float32')

Expand an sweep indexed array to be ray indexed

**what\_attrs** (attr, dtype)

Return a list of an attribute for each scan's what group.

**where\_attr** (attr, dtype)

Return an array containing a attribute from the where group.

**pyart.aux\_io.gamicfile.\_get\_gamic\_sweep\_data** (group)

Get GAMIC HDF5 sweep data from an HDF5 group.



## METRANET LIBRARY

functions to read METRANET files, require external shared library `srn_idl_py_lib.<ARCH>.so`

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| <code>get_radar_site_info([verbose])</code>                | return dictionary with radar'info    |
| <code>get_library_path()</code>                            | look for valid library path          |
| <code>get_library([verbose, momentms])</code>              | return the link to C-shared library  |
| <code>read_polar(radar_file[, moment, ...])</code>         | Reads a METRANET polar data file     |
| <code>read_product(radar_file[, physic_value, ...])</code> | Reads a METRANET cartesian data file |
| <code>read_file(file[, moment, physic_value, ...])</code>  | Reads a METRANET data file           |

  

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| <code>RadarData([data, dtype, scale, dtype, ...])</code> | A class for storing radar data.                                   |
| <code>Header_struPM</code>                               | A class containing the data from the header of the polar PM files |
| <code>Header_struMS</code>                               | A class containing the data from the header of the polar MS files |
| <code>Selex_Angle([angle, radiant])</code>               | Class used to convert from digital number to angle                |

### History

V0.1 20160512 mbc first prototype V0.2 20160519 mbc changed in module V0.3 20171020 mbc changed for MS/MH/ML files V0.4 20171104 mbc fill some basic metadata in header of polar files V0.5 20171108 mbc added msheader with new info's V0.6 20171205 mbc fix for python3

**class** `pyart.aux_io.metrانet.Header_struMS`

Bases: `_ctypes.Structure`

A class containing the data from the header of the polar MS files

#### Attributes

**\_fields\_:** `dict` A dictionary containing the metadata contained in the MS file

#### C-Structure of METRANET POLAR data MS format

#### C-code from METRANET2/share/include/sweep\_file.h

#### struct sweep\_header

```
{ int8_t FileId[4]; //4:4 uint8_t Version; //1:5 uint8_t Spare1[3]; //3:8 uint32_t Length;
//4:12 int8_t RadarName[16]; //16:28 int8_t ScanName[16]; //16:44 float RadarLat;
//4:48 float RadarLon; //4:52 float RadarHeight; //4:56 uint8_t SequenceSweep; //1:57
uint8_t CurrentSweep; //1:58 uint8_t TotalSweep; //1:59 uint8_t AntMode; //1:60 uint8_t
Priority; //1:61 uint8_t Quality; //1:62 uint8_t Spare2[2]; //2:64 uint16_t RepeatTime;
//2:66 uint16_t NumMoments; //2:68 float GateWidth; //4:72 float WaveLength; //4:76
float PulseWidth; //4:80 float StartRange; //4:84 uint32_t MetaDataSize; //4:88
```

};

**AntMode**

Structure/Union member

**CurrentSweep**

Structure/Union member

**FileId**

Structure/Union member

**GateWidth**

Structure/Union member

**Length**

Structure/Union member

**MetaDataSize**

Structure/Union member

**NumMoments**

Structure/Union member

**Priority**

Structure/Union member

**PulseWidth**

Structure/Union member

**Quality**

Structure/Union member

**RadarHeight**

Structure/Union member

**RadarLat**

Structure/Union member

**RadarLon**

Structure/Union member

**RadarName**

Structure/Union member

**RepeatTime**

Structure/Union member

**ScanName**

Structure/Union member

**SequenceSweep**

Structure/Union member

**Spare1**

Structure/Union member

**Spare2**

Structure/Union member

**StartRange**

Structure/Union member

**TotalSweep**

Structure/Union member

**Version**

Structure/Union member

**WaveLength**

Structure/Union member

**\_\_class\_\_**alias of `_ctypes.PyCStructType`**\_\_ctypes\_from\_outparam\_\_()****\_\_delattr\_\_** (*\$self, name, /*)Implement `delattr(self, name)`.**\_\_dict\_\_** = `mappingproxy({'__module__': 'pyart.aux_io.metranet', '__doc__': '\n A cla`**\_\_dir\_\_** (*\$self, /*)Default `dir()` implementation.**\_\_eq\_\_** (*\$self, value, /*)Return `self==value`.**\_\_format\_\_** (*\$self, format\_spec, /*)

Default object formatter.

**\_\_ge\_\_** (*\$self, value, /*)Return `self>=value`.**\_\_getattr\_\_** (*\$self, name, /*)Return `getattr(self, name)`.**\_\_gt\_\_** (*\$self, value, /*)Return `self>value`.**\_\_hash\_\_** (*\$self, /*)Return `hash(self)`.**\_\_init\_\_** (*\$self, /, \*args, \*\*kwargs*)Initialize self. See `help(type(self))` for accurate signature.**\_\_init\_subclass\_\_** ()

This method is called when a class is subclassed.

The default implementation does nothing. It may be overridden to extend subclasses.

**\_\_le\_\_** (*\$self, value, /*)Return `self<=value`.**\_\_lt\_\_** (*\$self, value, /*)Return `self<value`.**\_\_module\_\_** = `'pyart.aux_io.metranet'`**\_\_ne\_\_** (*\$self, value, /*)Return `self!=value`.**\_\_new\_\_** (*\$type, \*args, \*\*kwargs*)Create and return a new object. See `help(type)` for accurate signature.**\_\_reduce\_\_** ()

Helper for pickle.

**\_\_reduce\_ex\_\_** (*\$self, protocol, /*)

Helper for pickle.

**\_\_repr\_\_** (\$self, /)  
Return repr(self).

**\_\_setattr\_\_** (\$self, name, value, /)  
Implement setattr(self, name, value).

**\_\_setstate\_\_** ()

**\_\_sizeof\_\_** (\$self, /)  
Size of object in memory, in bytes.

**\_\_str\_\_** (\$self, /)  
Return str(self).

**\_\_subclasshook\_\_** ()  
Abstract classes can override this to customize issubclass().

This is invoked early on by abc.ABCMeta.\_\_subclasscheck\_\_(). It should return True, False or NotImplemented. If it returns NotImplemented, the normal algorithm is used. Otherwise, it overrides the normal algorithm (and the outcome is cached).

**\_\_weakref\_\_**  
list of weak references to the object (if defined)

**\_b\_base\_**  
the base object

**\_b\_needsfree\_**  
whether the object owns the memory or not

**\_fields\_** = [('FileId', <class 'ctypes.c\_int'>), ('Version', <class 'ctypes.c\_ubyte'>),

**\_objects**  
internal objects tree (NEVER CHANGE THIS OBJECT!)

**class** pyart.aux\_io.metranet.Header\_struPM

Bases: ctypes.Structure

A class containing the data from the header of the polar PM files

#### Attributes

**\_fields\_**: dict A dictionary containing the metadata contained in the PM file

#### C-Structure of METRANET POLAR data PM format

##### struct moment\_header\_struct

{ unsigned int record\_type; data format (moment1) + moment mask unsigned int scan\_id; unsigned int host\_id; unsigned int start\_angle; unsigned int end\_angle;

unsigned char ant\_mode; unsigned char total\_sweep; unsigned char current\_sweep; 1-any number up to 99 unsigned char end\_of\_sweep; 0=not end, 1=end sweep, 2=end volume

short sequence; ray sequence number in a sweep short total\_record; total ray number in sweep short pulses; short num\_gates;

int data\_bytes; unsigned short data\_flag; short data\_time\_residue; data time residue in 0.01 sec unsigned int data\_time; data time in second short repeat\_time; char compressed; flag for compression of data char priority; for file name use

float ny\_quest; float gate\_width; float w\_ny\_quest; may be used for other variable float start\_range;

};

**`__class__`**  
alias of `_ctypes.PyCStructType`

**`__ctypes_from_outparam__`** ()

**`__delattr__`** (*\$self*, *name*, /)  
Implement `delattr(self, name)`.

**`__dict__`** = `mappingproxy({'__module__': 'pyart.aux_io.metranet', '__doc__': '\n A cla`

**`__dir__`** (*\$self*, /)  
Default `dir()` implementation.

**`__eq__`** (*\$self*, *value*, /)  
Return `self==value`.

**`__format__`** (*\$self*, *format\_spec*, /)  
Default object formatter.

**`__ge__`** (*\$self*, *value*, /)  
Return `self>=value`.

**`__getattr__`** (*\$self*, *name*, /)  
Return `getattr(self, name)`.

**`__gt__`** (*\$self*, *value*, /)  
Return `self>value`.

**`__hash__`** (*\$self*, /)  
Return `hash(self)`.

**`__init__`** (*\$self*, /, \**args*, \*\**kwargs*)  
Initialize self. See `help(type(self))` for accurate signature.

**`__init_subclass__`** ()  
This method is called when a class is subclassed.  
  
The default implementation does nothing. It may be overridden to extend subclasses.

**`__le__`** (*\$self*, *value*, /)  
Return `self<=value`.

**`__lt__`** (*\$self*, *value*, /)  
Return `self<value`.

**`__module__`** = `'pyart.aux_io.metranet'`

**`__ne__`** (*\$self*, *value*, /)  
Return `self!=value`.

**`__new__`** (*\$type*, \**args*, \*\**kwargs*)  
Create and return a new object. See `help(type)` for accurate signature.

**`__reduce__`** ()  
Helper for pickle.

**`__reduce_ex__`** (*\$self*, *protocol*, /)  
Helper for pickle.

**`__repr__`** (*\$self*, /)  
Return `repr(self)`.

**`__setattr__`** (*\$self*, *name*, *value*, /)  
Implement `setattr(self, name, value)`.

**\_\_setstate\_\_** ()

**\_\_sizeof\_\_** (\$self, /)

Size of object in memory, in bytes.

**\_\_str\_\_** (\$self, /)

Return str(self).

**\_\_subclasshook\_\_** ()

Abstract classes can override this to customize issubclass().

This is invoked early on by abc.ABCMeta.\_\_subclasscheck\_\_(). It should return True, False or NotImplemented. If it returns NotImplemented, the normal algorithm is used. Otherwise, it overrides the normal algorithm (and the outcome is cached).

**\_\_weakref\_\_**

list of weak references to the object (if defined)

**\_b\_base\_**

the base object

**\_b\_needsfree\_**

whether the object owns the memory or not

**\_fields\_** = [('record\_type', <class 'ctypes.c\_uint'>), ('scan\_id', <class 'ctypes.c\_int

**\_objects**

internal objects tree (NEVER CHANGE THIS OBJECT!)

**ant\_mode**

Structure/Union member

**compressed**

Structure/Union member

**current\_sweep**

Structure/Union member

**data\_bytes**

Structure/Union member

**data\_flag**

Structure/Union member

**data\_time**

Structure/Union member

**data\_time\_residue**

Structure/Union member

**end\_angle**

Structure/Union member

**end\_of\_sweep**

Structure/Union member

**gate\_width**

Structure/Union member

**host\_id**

Structure/Union member

**num\_gates**

Structure/Union member

**ny\_quest**  
Structure/Union member

**priority**  
Structure/Union member

**pulses**  
Structure/Union member

**record\_type**  
Structure/Union member

**repeat\_time**  
Structure/Union member

**scan\_id**  
Structure/Union member

**sequence**  
Structure/Union member

**start\_angle**  
Structure/Union member

**start\_range**  
Structure/Union member

**total\_record**  
Structure/Union member

**total\_sweep**  
Structure/Union member

**w\_ny\_quest**  
Structure/Union member

```
class pyart.aux_io.metranet.RadarData (data=array([], dtype=float64), scale=array([ 0, 1, 2,  
3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19,  
20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33,  
34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48,  
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216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226,  
227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237,  
238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248,  
249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255], dtype=uint64),  
header=(), pol_header=(), moment='ZH')
```

Bases: `object`

A class for storing radar data.

#### Attributes

**type** [str] type of data

**data** [numpy array or numpy masked array] array containing the data

**scale** [numpy array] array containing the scale used to transform the data from digital to physical units

**header** [dict] dictionary containing metadata

**pol\_header** [dict] dictionary containing metadata of the polar files

**moment** [str] moment name

```
__class__
    alias of builtins.type
__delattr__ ($self, name, /)
    Implement delattr(self, name).
__dict__ = mappingproxy({'__module__': 'pyart.aux_io.metranet', '__doc__': '\n A cla
__dir__ ($self, /)
    Default dir() implementation.
__eq__ ($self, value, /)
    Return self==value.
__format__ ($self, format_spec, /)
    Default object formatter.
__ge__ ($self, value, /)
    Return self>=value.
__getattr__ ($self, name, /)
    Return getattr(self, name).
__gt__ ($self, value, /)
    Return self>value.
__hash__ ($self, /)
    Return hash(self).
__init__ (data=array([], dtype=float64), scale=array([ 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14,
15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39,
40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64,
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236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253,
254, 255], dtype=uint64), header=(), pol_header=(), moment='ZH')
    Initialize self. See help(type(self)) for accurate signature.
```



**\_\_init\_subclass\_\_** ()

This method is called when a class is subclassed.

The default implementation does nothing. It may be overridden to extend subclasses.

**\_\_le\_\_** (\$self, value, /)

Return self<=value.

**\_\_lt\_\_** (\$self, value, /)

Return self<value.

**\_\_module\_\_** = 'pyart.aux\_io.metranel'

**\_\_ne\_\_** (\$self, value, /)

Return self!=value.

**\_\_new\_\_** (\$type, \*args, \*\*kwargs)

Create and return a new object. See help(type) for accurate signature.

**\_\_reduce\_\_** (\$self, /)

Helper for pickle.

**\_\_reduce\_ex\_\_** (\$self, protocol, /)

Helper for pickle.

**\_\_repr\_\_** (\$self, /)

Return repr(self).

**\_\_setattr\_\_** (\$self, name, value, /)

Implement setattr(self, name, value).

**\_\_sizeof\_\_** (\$self, /)

Size of object in memory, in bytes.

**\_\_str\_\_** (\$self, /)

Return str(self).

**\_\_subclasshook\_\_** ()

Abstract classes can override this to customize issubclass().

This is invoked early on by abc.ABCMeta.\_\_subclasscheck\_\_(). It should return True, False or NotImplemented. If it returns NotImplemented, the normal algorithm is used. Otherwise, it overrides the normal algorithm (and the outcome is cached).

**\_\_weakref\_\_**

list of weak references to the object (if defined)

**type** = 'RadarData'

**class** pyart.aux\_io.metranel.**Selex\_Angle** (angle=0, radiant=False)

Bases: `object`

Class used to convert from digital number to angle

#### Attributes

**az** [float] azimuth angle value (degrees or radians)

**el** [float] elevation angle value (degrees or radians)

**\_\_class\_\_**

alias of `builtins.type`

**\_\_delattr\_\_** (\$self, name, /)

Implement delattr(self, name).

```
__dict__ = mappingproxy({'__module__': 'pyart.aux_io.metranet', '__doc__': '\n Class
__dir__ ($self, /)
    Default dir() implementation.
__eq__ ($self, value, /)
    Return self==value.
__format__ ($self, format_spec, /)
    Default object formatter.
__ge__ ($self, value, /)
    Return self>=value.
__getattr__ ($self, name, /)
    Return getattr(self, name).
__gt__ ($self, value, /)
    Return self>value.
__hash__ ($self, /)
    Return hash(self).
__init__ (angle=0, radiant=False)
    Initialize self. See help(type(self)) for accurate signature.
__init_subclass__ ()
    This method is called when a class is subclassed.

    The default implementation does nothing. It may be overridden to extend subclasses.
__le__ ($self, value, /)
    Return self<=value.
__lt__ ($self, value, /)
    Return self<value.
__module__ = 'pyart.aux_io.metranet'
__ne__ ($self, value, /)
    Return self!=value.
__new__ ($type, *args, **kwargs)
    Create and return a new object. See help(type) for accurate signature.
__reduce__ ($self, /)
    Helper for pickle.
__reduce_ex__ ($self, protocol, /)
    Helper for pickle.
__repr__ ($self, /)
    Return repr(self).
__setattr__ ($self, name, value, /)
    Implement setattr(self, name, value).
__sizeof__ ($self, /)
    Size of object in memory, in bytes.
__str__ ($self, /)
    Return str(self).
```

**\_\_subclasshook\_\_()**

Abstract classes can override this to customize `issubclass()`.

This is invoked early on by `abc.ABCMeta.__subclasscheck__()`. It should return `True`, `False` or `NotImplemented`. If it returns `NotImplemented`, the normal algorithm is used. Otherwise, it overrides the normal algorithm (and the outcome is cached).

**\_\_weakref\_\_**

list of weak references to the object (if defined)

`pyart.aux_io.metranet.get_library(verbose=False, momentms=True)`

return the link to C-shared library

#### Parameters

**verbose** [Boolean] If true print out extra information

**momentms** [Boolean] If true returns the link to the MS library

#### Returns

**metranet\_lib** [link] loaded METRANET C-library

`pyart.aux_io.metranet.get_library_path()`

look for valid library path

#### Returns

**library\_metranet\_path** [str] METRANET library path

`pyart.aux_io.metranet.get_radar_site_info(verbose=False)`

return dictionary with radar's info

#### Returns

**radar\_def** [dict] dictionary containing radar site information

`pyart.aux_io.metranet.read_file(file, moment='ZH', physic_value=False, masked_array=False, verbose=False)`

Reads a METRANET data file

#### Parameters

**file** [str] file name

**moment** [str] moment name

**physic\_value** [boolean] If true returns the physical value. Otherwise the digital value

**masked\_array** [boolean] If true returns a numpy masked array with NaN values masked. Otherwise returns a regular masked array with NaN values

**verbose** [boolean] If true prints out extra information

#### Returns

**ret\_data** [RadarData object] An object containing the information read from the file

`pyart.aux_io.metranet.read_polar(radar_file, moment='ZH', physic_value=False, masked_array=False, verbose=False)`

Reads a METRANET polar data file

#### Parameters

**radar\_file** [str] file name

**moment** [str] moment name

**physic\_value** [boolean] If true returns the physical value. Otherwise the digital value

**masked\_array** [boolean] If true returns a numpy masked array with NaN values masked. Otherwise returns a regular masked array with NaN values

**verbose** [boolean] If true prints out extra information

#### Returns

**ret\_data** [RadarData object] An object containing the information read from the file. None if the file has not been properly read

`pyart.aux_io.metranet.read_product(radar_file, physic_value=False, masked_array=False, verbose=False)`

Reads a METRANET cartesian data file

#### Parameters

**radar\_file** [str] file name

**physic\_value** [boolean] If true returns the physical value. Otherwise the digital value

**masked\_array** [boolean] If true returns a numpy masked array with NaN values masked. Otherwise returns a regular masked array with NaN values

**verbose** [boolean] If true prints out extra information

#### Returns

**ret\_data** [RadarData object] An object containing the information read from the file. None if the file has not been properly read

`pyart.aux_io.metranet.xrangle(i)`

## PYART.AUX\_IO.METTRANET\_READER

Routines for putting METTRANET data files into radar object. (Used by ELDES [www.eldesradar.it](http://www.eldesradar.it))

*read\_metrانet*(filename[, field\_names, rmax, ...]) Read a METTRANET file.

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```
pyart.aux_io.metrانet_reader.read_metrانet(filename, field_names=None,
                                             rmax=0.0, additional_metadata=None,
                                             file_field_names=False, exclude_fields=None,
                                             reader='C', **kwargs)
```

Read a METTRANET file.

### Parameters

**filename** [str] Name of the METTRANET file to read.

**field\_names** [dict, optional] Dictionary mapping METTRANET field names to radar field names. If a data type found in the file does not appear in this dictionary or has a value of None it will not be placed in the radar.fields dictionary. A value of None, the default, will use the mapping defined in the Py-ART configuration file.

**rmax** [float, optional] Maximum radar range to store in the radar object [m]. If 0 all data will be stored

**additional\_metadata** [dict of dicts, optional] Dictionary of dictionaries to retrieve metadata during this read. This metadata is not used during any successive file reads unless explicitly included. A value of None, the default, will not introduce any additional metadata and the file specific or default metadata as specified by the Py-ART configuration file will be used.

**file\_field\_names** [bool, optional] True to use the MDV data type names for the field names. If this case the field\_names parameter is ignored. The field dictionary will likely only have a 'data' key, unless the fields are defined in *additional\_metadata*.

**exclude\_fields** [list or None, optional] List of fields to exclude from the radar object. This is applied after the *file\_field\_names* and *field\_names* parameters.

**reader** [str] The reader library to use. Can be either 'C' or 'python'

### Returns

**radar** [Radar] Radar object containing data from METTRANET file.

```
pyart.aux_io.metrانet_reader.read_metrانet_C(filename, field_names=None,
                                             rmax=0.0, additional_metadata=None,
                                             file_field_names=False, exclude_fields=None,
                                             **kwargs)
```

Read a METTRANET file.

### Parameters

**filename** [str] Name of the METRANET file to read.

**field\_names** [dict, optional] Dictionary mapping METRANET field names to radar field names. If a data type found in the file does not appear in this dictionary or has a value of None it will not be placed in the radar.fields dictionary. A value of None, the default, will use the mapping defined in the Py-ART configuration file.

**rmax** [float, optional] Maximum radar range to store in the radar object [m]. If 0 all data will be stored

**additional\_metadata** [dict of dicts, optional] Dictionary of dictionaries to retrieve metadata during this read. This metadata is not used during any successive file reads unless explicitly included. A value of None, the default, will not introduce any additional metadata and the file specific or default metadata as specified by the Py-ART configuration file will be used.

**file\_field\_names** [bool, optional] True to use the MDV data type names for the field names. If this case the field\_names parameter is ignored. The field dictionary will likely only have a 'data' key, unless the fields are defined in *additional\_metadata*.

**exclude\_fields** [list or None, optional] List of fields to exclude from the radar object. This is applied after the *file\_field\_names* and *field\_names* parameters.

#### Returns

**radar** [Radar] Radar object containing data from METRANET file.

```
pyart.aux_io.metrانet_reader.read_metrانet_python(filename, field_names=None,
                                                  rmax=0.0, additional_metadata=None,
                                                  file_field_names=False, exclude_fields=None, **kwargs)
```

Read a METRANET file.

#### Parameters

**filename** [str] Name of the METRANET file to read.

**field\_names** [dict, optional] Dictionary mapping METRANET field names to radar field names. If a data type found in the file does not appear in this dictionary or has a value of None it will not be placed in the radar.fields dictionary. A value of None, the default, will use the mapping defined in the Py-ART configuration file.

**rmax** [float, optional] Maximum radar range to store in the radar object [m]. If 0 all data will be stored

**additional\_metadata** [dict of dicts, optional] Dictionary of dictionaries to retrieve metadata during this read. This metadata is not used during any successive file reads unless explicitly included. A value of None, the default, will not introduce any additional metadata and the file specific or default metadata as specified by the Py-ART configuration file will be used.

**file\_field\_names** [bool, optional] True to use the MDV data type names for the field names. If this case the field\_names parameter is ignored. The field dictionary will likely only have a 'data' key, unless the fields are defined in *additional\_metadata*.

**exclude\_fields** [list or None, optional] List of fields to exclude from the radar object. This is applied after the *file\_field\_names* and *field\_names* parameters.

#### Returns

**radar** [Radar] Radar object containing data from METRANET file.

## PYART.AUX\_IO.NOXP\_IPHEX\_NC

Routines for reading IPHEX NOXP files.

*read\_noxp\_iphex\_nc*(filename[, field\_names, ...]) Read a NOXP IPHEX netCDF file.

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*\_ncvar\_to\_dict*(ncvar) Convert a NetCDF Dataset variable to a dictionary.

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`pyart.aux_io.noxp_iphex_nc._ncvar_to_dict(ncvar)`  
Convert a NetCDF Dataset variable to a dictionary.

`pyart.aux_io.noxp_iphex_nc.read_noxp_iphex_nc(filename, field_names=None, additional_metadata=None, file_field_names=False, exclude_fields=None, **kwargs)`  
Read a NOXP IPHEX netCDF file.

### Parameters

**filename** [str] Name of the netCDF file to read.

**field\_names** [dict, optional] Dictionary mapping netCDF field names to radar field names. If a data type found in the file does not appear in this dictionary or has a value of None it will not be placed in the radar.fields dictionary. A value of None, the default, will use the mapping defined in the Py-ART configuration file.

**additional\_metadata** [dict of dicts, optional] Dictionary of dictionaries to retrieve metadata from during this read. This metadata is not used during any successive file reads unless explicitly included. A value of None, the default, will not introduce any additional metadata and the file specific or default metadata as specified by the Py-ART configuration file will be used.

**file\_field\_names** [bool, optional] True to use the netCDF data type names for the field names. If this case the field\_names parameter is ignored. The field dictionary will likely only have a 'data' key, unless the fields are defined in *additional\_metadata*.

**exclude\_fields** [list or None, optional] List of fields to exclude from the radar object. This is applied after the *file\_field\_names* and *field\_names* parameters. Set to None to include all fields specified by include\_fields.

**include\_fields** [list or None, optional] List of fields to include from the radar object. This is applied after the *file\_field\_names* and *field\_names* parameters. Set to None to include all fields not specified by exclude\_fields.

### Returns

**radar** [Radar] Radar object containing data from netCDF file.





## PYART.AUX\_IO.ODIM\_H5

Routines for reading ODIM\_H5 files.

|   |  |
|---|--|
| <code>read_odim_h5(filename[, field_names, ...])</code> | Read a ODIM_H5 file.                       |
| <code>_to_str(text)</code>                              | Convert bytes to str if necessary.         |
| <code>_get_odim_h5_sweep_data(group)</code>             | Get ODIM_H5 sweep data from an HDF5 group. |

```
pyart.aux_io.odim_h5._get_odim_h5_sweep_data(group)
    Get ODIM_H5 sweep data from an HDF5 group.
```

```
pyart.aux_io.odim_h5._to_str(text)
    Convert bytes to str if necessary.
```

```
pyart.aux_io.odim_h5.read_odim_h5(filename, field_names=None, additional_metadata=None,
                                   file_field_names=False, exclude_fields=None, include_fields=None, **kwargs)
```

Read a ODIM\_H5 file.

### Parameters

**filename** [str] Name of the ODIM\_H5 file to read.

**field\_names** [dict, optional] Dictionary mapping ODIM\_H5 field names to radar field names. If a data type found in the file does not appear in this dictionary or has a value of None it will not be placed in the radar.fields dictionary. A value of None, the default, will use the mapping defined in the Py-ART configuration file.

**additional\_metadata** [dict of dicts, optional] Dictionary of dictionaries to retrieve metadata from during this read. This metadata is not used during any successive file reads unless explicitly included. A value of None, the default, will not introduce any additional metadata and the file specific or default metadata as specified by the Py-ART configuration file will be used.

**file\_field\_names** [bool, optional] True to use the MDV data type names for the field names. If this case the field\_names parameter is ignored. The field dictionary will likely only have a 'data' key, unless the fields are defined in *additional\_metadata*.

**exclude\_fields** [list or None, optional] List of fields to exclude from the radar object. This is applied after the *file\_field\_names* and *field\_names* parameters. Set to None to include all fields specified by *include\_fields*.

**include\_fields** [list or None, optional] List of fields to include from the radar object. This is applied after the *file\_field\_names* and *field\_names* parameters. Set to None to include all fields not specified by *exclude\_fields*.

### Returns

**radar** [Radar] Radar object containing data from ODIM\_H5 file.

## PYART.AUX\_IO.PATTERN

Routines for reading files from the X-band radar from the [PATTERN](#) project.

|   |   |
|---|---|
| <code>read_pattern(filename, **kwargs)</code> | Read a netCDF file from a PATTERN project X-band radar. |
|---|---|

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`pyart.aux_io.pattern.read_pattern(filename, **kwargs)`  
Read a netCDF file from a PATTERN project X-band radar.

### Parameters

**filename** [str] Name of netCDF file to read data from.

### Returns

**radar** [Radar] Radar object.



## PYART.AUX\_IO.RADX

Reading files using Radx to first convert the file to Cf.Radial format

|  |  |
|--|--|
| <code>read_radx(filename[, radx_dir])</code> | Read a file by first converting it to Cf/Radial using RadxConvert. |
|--|--|

---

`pyart.aux_io.radx.read_radx(filename, radx_dir=None, **kwargs)`  
Read a file by first converting it to Cf/Radial using RadxConvert.

### Parameters

**filename** [str] Name of file to read using RadxConvert.

**radx\_dir** [str, optional] path to the radx install

### Returns

**radar** [Radar] Radar object.



## PYART.AUX\_IO.RAINBOW

Routines for reading RAINBOW files (Used by SELEX) using the wradlib library

|   |  |
|---|--|
| <code>read_rainbow_wrl(filename[, field_names, ...])</code> | Read a RAINBOW file.                         |
| <code>_get_angle(ray_info[, angle_step, scan_type])</code>  | obtains the ray angle start, stop and center |
| <code>_get_data(rawdata, nrays, nbins)</code>               | Obtains the raw data                         |
| <code>_get_time(date_sweep, time_sweep, ...[, ...])</code>  | Computes the time at the center of each ray  |

`pyart.aux_io.rainbow_wrl._get_angle(ray_info, angle_step=None, scan_type='ppi')`  
obtains the ray angle start, stop and center

### Parameters

- ray\_info** [dictionary of dictionaries] contains the ray info
- angle\_step** [float] Optional. The angle step. Used in case there is no information of angle stop. Otherwise ignored.
- scan\_type** [str] Default ppi. scan\_type. Either ppi or rhi.

### Returns

- moving\_angle** [numpy array] the central point of the angle [Deg]
- angle\_start** : the starting point of the angle [Deg]
- angle\_stop** : the end point of the angle [Deg]

`pyart.aux_io.rainbow_wrl._get_data(rawdata, nrays, nbins)`  
Obtains the raw data

### Parameters

- rawdata** [dictionary of dictionaries] contains the raw data information
- nrays** [int] Number of rays in sweep
- nbins** [int] Number of bins in ray

### Returns

- data** [numpy array] the data

`pyart.aux_io.rainbow_wrl._get_time(date_sweep, time_sweep, first_angle_start,  
last_angle_stop, angle_step, nrays, ant_speed,  
scan_type='ppi')`

Computes the time at the center of each ray

### Parameters

**date\_sweep, time\_sweep** [str] the date and time of the sweep  
**first\_angle\_start** [float] The starting point of the first angle in the sweep  
**last\_angle\_stop** [float] The end point of the last angle in the sweep  
**nrays** [int] Number of rays in sweep  
**ant\_speed** [float] antenna speed [deg/s]  
**scan\_type** [str] Default ppi. scan\_type. Either ppi or rhi.

#### Returns

**time\_data** [numpy array] the time of each ray  
**sweep\_start\_epoch** [float] sweep start time in seconds since 1.1.1970

```
pyart.aux_io.rainbow_wrl.read_rainbow_wrl(filename, field_names=None,
                                          additional_metadata=None,
                                          file_field_names=False, exclude_fields=None,
                                          include_fields=None, **kwargs)
```

Read a RAINBOW file. This routine has been tested to read rainbow5 files version 5.22.3, 5.34.16 and 5.35.1. Since the rainbow file format is evolving constantly there is no guaranty that it can work with other versions. If necessary, the user should adapt to code according to its own file version and raise an issue upstream.

Data types read by this routine: Reflectivity: dBZ, dBuZ, dBZv, dBuZv Velocity: V, Vu, Vv, Vvu Spectrum width: W, Wu, Wv, Wvu Differential reflectivity: ZDR, ZDRu Co-polar correlation coefficient: RhoHV, Rho-HVu Co-polar differential phase: PhiDP, uPhiDP, uPhiDPu Specific differential phase: KDP, uKDP, uKDPu Signal quality parameters: SQI, SQIu, SQIv, SQIvu Temperature: TEMP Position of the range bin respect to the ISO0: ISO0 radar visibility according to Digital Elevation Model (DEM): VIS

#### Parameters

**filename** [str] Name of the RAINBOW file to read.

**field\_names** [dict, optional] Dictionary mapping RAINBOW field names to radar field names. If a data type found in the file does not appear in this dictionary or has a value of None it will not be placed in the radar.fields dictionary. A value of None, the default, will use the mapping defined in the Py-ART configuration file.

**additional\_metadata** [dict of dicts, optional] Dictionary of dictionaries to retrieve metadata during this read. This metadata is not used during any successive file reads unless explicitly included. A value of None, the default, will not introduce any additional metadata and the file specific or default metadata as specified by the Py-ART configuration file will be used.

**file\_field\_names** [bool, optional] True to use the MDV data type names for the field names. If this case the field\_names parameter is ignored. The field dictionary will likely only have a 'data' key, unless the fields are defined in *additional\_metadata*.

**exclude\_fields** [list or None, optional] List of fields to exclude from the radar object. This is applied after the *file\_field\_names* and *field\_names* parameters. Set to None to include all fields specified by include\_fields.

**include\_fields** [list or None, optional] List of fields to include from the radar object. This is applied after the *file\_field\_names* and *field\_names* parameters. Set to None to include all fields not specified by exclude\_fields.

#### Returns

**radar** [Radar] Radar object containing data from RAINBOW file.



## PYART.AUX\_IO.SINARAME\_H5

Routines for reading sinarame\_H5 files.

|   |   |
|---|---|
| <code>read_sinarame_h5(filename[, field_names, ...])</code> | Read a SINARAME_H5 file.  |
| <code>write_sinarame_cfradial(path)</code>                  | This function takes SINARAME_H5 files (where every file has only one field and one volume) from a folder and writes a CfRadial file for each volume including all fields. |
| <code>__to_str(text)</code>                                 | Convert bytes to str if necessary.  |
| <code>__get_SINARAME_h5_sweep_data(group)</code>            | Get SINARAME_H5 sweep data from an HDF5 group.  |

```
pyart.aux_io.sinarame_h5.__get_SINARAME_h5_sweep_data(group)
```

Get SINARAME\_H5 sweep data from an HDF5 group.

```
pyart.aux_io.sinarame_h5.__to_str(text)
```

Convert bytes to str if necessary.

```
pyart.aux_io.sinarame_h5.read_sinarame_h5(filename, field_names=None,
                                           additional_metadata=None,
                                           file_field_names=False, exclude_fields=None,
                                           include_fields=None, **kwargs)
```

Read a SINARAME\_H5 file.

### Parameters

**filename** [str] Name of the SINARAME\_H5 file to read.

**field\_names** [dict, optional] Dictionary mapping SINARAME\_H5 field names to radar field names. If a data type found in the file does not appear in this dictionary or has a value of None it will not be placed in the radar.fields dictionary. A value of None, the default, will use the mapping defined in the Py-ART configuration file.

**additional\_metadata** [dict of dicts, optional] Dictionary of dictionaries to retrieve metadata from during this read. This metadata is not used during any successive file reads unless explicitly included. A value of None, the default, will not introduce any additional metadata and the file specific or default metadata as specified by the Py-ART configuration file will be used.

**file\_field\_names** [bool, optional] True to use the MDV data type names for the field names. If this case the field\_names parameter is ignored. The field dictionary will likely only have a 'data' key, unless the fields are defined in *additional\_metadata*.

**exclude\_fields** [list or None, optional] List of fields to exclude from the radar object. This is applied after the *file\_field\_names* and *field\_names* parameters. Set to None to include all fields specified by *include\_fields*.

**include\_fields** [list or None, optional] List of fields to include from the radar object. This is applied after the *file\_field\_names* and *field\_names* parameters. Set to None to include all fields not specified by *exclude\_fields*.

**Returns**

**radar** [Radar] Radar object containing data from SINARAME\_H5 file.

`pyart.aux_io.sinarame_h5.write_sinarame_cfradial` (*path*)

This function takes SINARAME\_H5 files (where every file has only one field and one volume) from a folder and writes a CfRadial file for each volume including all fields.

**Parameters**

**path** [str] Where the SINARAME\_H5 files are.

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## PYART.CORRECT.ATTENUATION

Attenuation correction from polarimetric radars. Code adapted from method in Gu et al, JAMC 2011, 50, 39. Adapted by Scott Collis and Scott Giangrande, refactored by Jonathan Helmus. New code added by Meteo Swiss and inserted into Py-ART by Robert Jackson. .. autosummary:

```
:toctree: generated/  
calculate_attenuation_zphi  
calculate_attenuation_philinear  
get_mask_fzl  
_prepare_phidp  
_get_param_attzphi  
_param_attzphi_table  
_get_param_attphilinear  
_param_attphilinear_table  
calculate_attenuation
```

`pyart.correct.attenuation._get_param_attphilinear(freq)`  
get the parameters of attenuation estimation based on phidp for a particular frequency Parameters ——— freq  
: float

radar frequency [Hz]

**a\_coeff, beta, c, d** [floats] the coefficient and exponent of the power law

`pyart.correct.attenuation._get_param_attzphi(freq)`  
get the parameters of Z-Phi attenuation estimation for a particular frequency Parameters ——— freq : float  
radar frequency [Hz]

**a\_coeff, beta, c, d** [floats] the coefficient and exponent of the power law

`pyart.correct.attenuation._param_attphilinear_table()`  
defines the parameters of attenuation estimation based on phidp at each frequency band. Returns ———  
param\_att\_dict : dict

A dictionary with the coefficients at each band

`pyart.correct.attenuation._param_attzphi_table()`  
defines the parameters of Z-Phi attenuation estimation at each frequency band. Returns ——— param\_att\_dict :  
dict

A dictionary with the coefficients at each band

`pyart.correct.attenuation._prepare_phidp(phidp, mask_fzl)`  
Prepares phidp to be used in attenuation correction by masking values above freezing level setting negative  
values to 0 and make sure it is monotonously increasing Parameters ——— phidp : ndarray 2D

The phidp field

**mask\_fzl** [ndarray 2D] a mask of the data above freezing level height

**corr\_phidp: ndarray 2D** the corrected PhiDP field

```
pyart.correct.attenuation.calculate_attenuation(radar, z_offset, debug=False,
                                                doc=15, fzl=4000.0, rhv_min=0.8,
                                                ncp_min=0.5, a_coef=0.06, beta=0.8,
                                                refl_field=None, ncp_field=None,
                                                rhv_field=None, phidp_field=None,
                                                spec_at_field=None,
                                                corr_refl_field=None)
```

Calculate the attenuation from a polarimetric radar using Z-PHI method. Parameters ——— radar : Radar

Radar object to use for attenuation calculations. Must have copol\_coeff, norm\_coherent\_power, proc\_dp\_phase\_shift, reflectivity\_horizontal fields.

**z\_offset** [float] Horizontal reflectivity offset in dBZ.

**debug** [bool] True to print debugging information, False suppressed this printing.

**spec\_at** [dict] Field dictionary containing the specific attenuation.

**cor\_z** [dict] Field dictionary containing the corrected reflectivity.

**doc** [float] Number of gates at the end of each ray to remove from the calculation.

**fzl** [float] Freezing layer, gates above this point are not included in the correction.

**rhv\_min** [float] Minimum copol\_coeff value to consider valid.

**ncp\_min** [float] Minimum norm\_coherent\_power to consider valid.

**a\_coef** [float] A coefficient in attenuation calculation.

**beta** [float] Beta parameter in attenuation calculation.

**refl\_field, ncp\_field, rhv\_field, phidp\_field** [str] Field names within the radar object which represent the horizontal reflectivity, normal coherent power, the copolar coefficient, and the differential phase shift. A value of None for any of these parameters will use the default field name as defined in the Py-ART configuration file.

**spec\_at\_field, corr\_refl\_field** [str] Names of the specific attenuation and the corrected reflectivity fields that will be used to fill in the metadata for the returned fields. A value of None for any of these parameters will use the default field names as defined in the Py-ART configuration file.

Gu et al. Polarimetric Attenuation Correction in Heavy Rain at C Band, JAMC, 2011, 50, 39-58.

```
pyart.correct.attenuation.calculate_attenuation_philinear(radar, doc=None,
                                                         fzl=None,
                                                         pia_coef=None,
                                                         pida_coef=None,
                                                         refl_field=None,
                                                         phidp_field=None,
                                                         zdr_field=None,
                                                         temp_field=None,
                                                         iso0_field=None,
                                                         spec_at_field=None,
                                                         pia_field=None,
                                                         corr_refl_field=None,
                                                         spec_diff_at_field=None,
                                                         pida_field=None,
                                                         corr_zdr_field=None,
                                                         temp_ref='temperature')
```

Calculate the attenuation and the differential attenuation from a polarimetric radar using linear dependence with PhiDP. The attenuation is computed up to a user defined freezing level height, where temperatures in a temperature field are positive or where the height relative to the iso0 is 0. The coefficients are either user-defined or radar frequency dependent. Parameters ——— radar : Radar

Radar object to use for attenuation calculations. Must have phidp and refl fields.

**doc** [float] Number of gates at the end of each ray to to remove from the calculation.

**fzl** [float] Freezing layer, gates above this point are not included in the correction.

**pia\_coef** [float] Coefficient in path integrated attenuation calculation

**pida\_coef** [float] Coefficient in path integrated differential attenuation calculation

**refl\_field, phidp\_field, zdr\_field, temp\_field, iso0\_field** [str] Field names within the radar object which represent the horizontal reflectivity, the differential phase shift, the differential reflectivity, the temperature and the height over the iso0. A value of None for any of these parameters will use the default field name as defined in the Py-ART configuration file. The ZDR field and temperature field are going to be used only if available.

**spec\_at\_field, pia\_field, corr\_refl\_field** [str] Names of the specific attenuation, the path integrated attenuation and the corrected reflectivity fields that will be used to fill in the metadata for the returned fields. A value of None for any of these parameters will use the default field names as defined in the Py-ART configuration file.

**spec\_diff\_at\_field, pida\_field, corr\_zdr\_field** [str] Names of the specific differential attenuation, the path integrated differential attenuation and the corrected differential reflectivity fields that will be used to fill in the metadata for the returned fields. A value of None for any of these parameters will use the default field names as defined in the Py-ART configuration file. These fields will be computed only if the ZDR field is available.

**temp\_ref** [str] the field use as reference for temperature. Can be either temperature, height\_over\_iso0 or fixed\_fzl

**spec\_at** [dict] Field dictionary containing the specific attenuation.

**pia\_dict** [dict] Field dictionary containing the path integrated attenuation.

**cor\_z** [dict] Field dictionary containing the corrected reflectivity.

**spec\_diff\_at** [dict] Field dictionary containing the specific differential attenuation.

**pida\_dict** [dict] Field dictionary containing the path integrated differential attenuation.

**cor\_zdr** [dict] Field dictionary containing the corrected differential reflectivity.

```
pyart.correct.attenuation.calculate_attenuation_zphi(radar, doc=None, fzl=None,
                                                    smooth_window_len=5,
                                                    a_coef=None,      beta=None,
                                                    c=None,          d=None,
                                                    refl_field=None,
                                                    phidp_field=None,
                                                    zdr_field=None,
                                                    temp_field=None,
                                                    iso0_field=None,
                                                    spec_at_field=None,
                                                    pia_field=None,
                                                    corr_refl_field=None,
                                                    spec_diff_at_field=None,
                                                    pida_field=None,
                                                    corr_zdr_field=None,
                                                    temp_ref='temperature')
```

Calculate the attenuation and the differential attenuation from a polarimetric radar using Z-PHI method.. The attenuation is computed up to a user defined freezing level height or up to where temperatures in a temperature field are positive. The coefficients are either user-defined or radar frequency dependent.

#### Parameters

**radar** [Radar] Radar object to use for attenuation calculations. Must have phidp and refl fields.

**doc** [float] Number of gates at the end of each ray to to remove from the calculation.

**fzl** [float] Freezing layer, gates above this point are not included in the correction.

**smooth\_window\_len** [int] Size, in range bins, of the smoothing window

**a\_coef** [float] A coefficient in attenuation calculation.

**beta** [float] Beta parameter in attenuation calculation.

**c, d** [float] coefficient and exponent of the power law that relates attenuation with differential attenuation

**refl\_field, phidp\_field, zdr\_field, temp\_field, iso0\_field** [str] Field names within the radar object which represent the horizontal reflectivity, the differential phase shift, the differential reflectivity, the temperature field and the height over iso0. A value of None for any of these parameters will use the default field name as defined in the Py-ART configuration file. The ZDR field and temperature field or iso0 field are going to be used only if available.

**spec\_at\_field, pia\_field, corr\_refl\_field** [str] Names of the specific attenuation, path integrated attenuation and the corrected reflectivity fields that will be used to fill in the metadata for the returned fields. A value of None for any of these parameters will use the default field names as defined in the Py-ART configuration file.

**spec\_diff\_at\_field, pida\_field, corr\_zdr\_field** [str] Names of the specific differential attenuation, the path integrated differential attenuation and the corrected differential reflectivity fields that will be used to fill in the metadata for the returned fields. A value of None for any of these parameters will use the default field names as defined in the Py-ART configuration file. These fields will be computed only if the ZDR field is available.

**temp\_ref** [str] the field use as reference for temperature. Can be either temperature, height\_over\_iso0 or fixed\_fzl

#### Returns

**spec\_at** [dict] Field dictionary containing the specific attenuation.

**pia\_dict** [dict] Field dictionary containing the path integrated attenuation.

**cor\_z** [dict] Field dictionary containing the corrected reflectivity.

**spec\_diff\_at** [dict] Field dictionary containing the specific differential attenuation.

**pida\_dict** [dict] Field dictionary containing the path integrated differential attenuation.

**cor\_zdr** [dict] Field dictionary containing the corrected differential reflectivity.

## References

Gu et al. Polarimetric Attenuation Correction in Heavy Rain at C Band, JAMC, 2011, 50, 39-58.

Ryzhkov et al. Potential Utilization of Specific Attenuation for Rainfall Estimation, Mitigation of Partial Beam Blockage, and Radar Networking, JAOT, 2014, 31, 599-619.

```
pyart.correct.attenuation.get_mask_fzl(radar, fzl=None, doc=None, min_temp=0.0,  
                                       max_h_iso0=0.0, thickness=None,  
                                       beamwidth=None, temp_field=None,  
                                       iso0_field=None, temp_ref='temperature')
```

constructs a mask to mask data placed thickness m below data at min\_temp and beyond Parameters -----  
radar : Radar

the radar object

**doc** [float] Number of gates at the end of each ray to to remove from the calculation.

**fzl** [float] Freezing layer, gates above this point are not included in the correction.

**min\_temp** [float] minimum temperature below which the data is mask in degrees

**max\_h\_iso0** [float] maximum height relative to the iso0 below which the data is mask in m

**thickness** [float] extent of the layer below the first gate where min\_temp is reached that is going to be masked

**beamwidth** [float] the radar antenna 3 dB beamwidth

**temp\_field, iso0\_field** [str] Field names within the radar object which represent the temperature or the height over iso0 fields. A value of None will use the default field name as defined in the Py-ART configuration file. It is going to be used only if available.

**temp\_ref** [str] the field use as reference for temperature. Can be either temperature, height\_over\_iso0 or fixed\_fzl

**mask\_fzl** [2D array] the values that should be masked

**end\_gate\_arr** [1D array] the index of the last valid gate in the ray





## PYART.CORRECT.BIAS\_AND\_NOISE

Corrects polarimetric variables for noise

|  |   |
|--|---|
| <code>correct_noise_rhohv(radar[, urhohv_field, ...])</code>   | Corrects RhoHV for noise according to eq.   |
| <code>correct_bias(radar[, bias, field_name])</code>           | Corrects a radar data bias.   |
| <code>correct_visibility(radar[, vis_field, ...])</code>       | Corrects the reflectivity according to visibility.  |
| <code>get_sun_hits(radar[, elev_max, azim_max, ...])</code>    | get data from suspected sun hits  |
| <code>sun_retrieval(az_rad, az_sun, el_rad, ...[, ...])</code> | Estimates sun parameters from sun hits  |
| <code>est_rhohv_rain(radar[, ind_rmin, ind_rmax, ...])</code>  | Estimates the quantiles of RhoHV in rain for each sweep   |
| <code>est_zdr_precip(radar[, ind_rmin, ind_rmax, ...])</code>  | Filters out all undesired data to be able to estimate ZDR bias, either in moderate rain or from vertically pointing scans |
| <code>est_zdr_snow(radar[, ind_rmin, ind_rmax, ...])</code>    | Filters out all undesired data to be able to estimate ZDR bias in snow  |
| <code>selfconsistency_bias(radar, zdr_kdpzh_dict)</code>       | Estimates reflectivity bias at each ray using the self-consistency algorithm by Gourley                                   |
| <code>selfconsistency_kdp_phidp(radar, zdr_kdpzh_dict)</code>  | Estimates KDP and PhiDP in rain from Zh and ZDR using a selfconsistency relation between ZDR, Zh and KDP.                 |
| <code>get_kdp_selfcons(zdr, refl, ele_vec, ...)</code>         | Estimates KDP and PhiDP in rain from Zh and ZDR using a selfconsistency relation between ZDR, Zh and KDP                  |
| <code>_est_sun_hit_pwr(pwr, sun_hit, attg_sun, ...)</code>     | estimates sun hit power, standard deviation, and number and position of affected range bins in a ray                      |
| <code>_est_sun_hit_zdr(zdr, sun_hit_zdr, ...)</code>           | estimates sun hit ZDR, standard deviation, and number and position of affected range bins in a ray                        |
| <code>_selfconsistency_kdp_phidp(radar, refl, zdr, ...)</code> | Estimates KDP and PhiDP in rain from Zh and ZDR using a selfconsistency relation between ZDR, Zh and KDP.                 |

`pyart.correct.bias_and_noise._est_sun_hit_pwr(pwr, sun_hit, attg_sun, max_std, nbins_min, ind_rmin)`  
 estimates sun hit power, standard deviation, and number and position of affected range bins in a ray

### Parameters

- pwr** [1D float array] the power at each range bin in a ray
- sun\_hit** [1D float array] array used to flag sun hit range bins
- attg\_sun** [float] attenuation suffered by the sun signal from the top of the atmosphere to the radar position
- max\_std** [float] maximum standard deviation to consider the sun hit valid

**nbins\_min** [int] minimum number of range gates with valid signal in the ray to consider the ray affected by a noise-like signal

**ind\_rmin** [int] minimum range from which we can look for noise

#### Returns

**sunpwr\_dBm** [float] the estimated sun power

**sunpwr\_std** [float] the standard deviation of the estimation in dB

**sunpwr\_npoints** [int] the number of range gates affected by the sun hit

**sun\_hit** [1D array] array with flagged range bins

`pyart.correct.bias_and_noise._est_sun_hit_zdr(zdr, sun_hit_zdr, sun_hit_h, sun_hit_v, max_std, nbins_min, ind_rmin)`  
estimates sun hit ZDR, standard deviation, and number and position of affected range bins in a ray

#### Parameters

**zdr** [1D float array] the ZDR at each range bin in a ray

**sun\_hit\_zdr** [1D float array] array used to flag sun hit range bins

**sun\_hit\_h, sun\_hit\_v** [1D float array] The position of sun hit range bins in each channel

**max\_std** [float] maximum standard deviation

**nbins\_min** [int] minimum number of range gates with valid signal in the ray to consider the ray affected by a noise-like signal

**ind\_rmin** [int] minimum range from which we can look for noise

#### Returns

**sunzdr** [float] the estimated sun power

**sunzdr\_std** [float] the standard deviation of the estimation in dB

**sunzdr\_npoints** [int] the number of range gates affected by the sun hit

**sun\_hit\_zdr** [1D array] array with flagged range bins

`pyart.correct.bias_and_noise._selfconsistency_kdp_phidp(radar, refl, zdr, phidp, zdr_kdpzh_dict, max_phidp=20.0, smooth_wind_len=5, rhohv=None, min_rhohv=None, doc=None, fzl=None, thickness=700.0, temp_field=None, iso0_field=None, temp_ref='temperature')`

Estimates KDP and PhiDP in rain from Zh and ZDR using a selfconsistency relation between ZDR, Zh and KDP. Private method

#### Parameters

**radar** [Radar] radar object

**refl, zdr, phidp** [ndarray 2D] reflectivity field, differential reflectivity field and differential phase field. They must exist

**zdr\_kdpzh\_dict** [dict] dictionary containing a look up table relating ZDR with KDP/Zh for different elevations

**rhohv** [ndarray 2D] copolar correlation field used for masking data. Optional

**max\_phidp** [float] maximum PhiDP value to consider the data valid

**smooth\_wind\_len** [int] length of the smoothing window for Zh and ZDR data

**min\_rhohv** [float] minimum RhoHV value to consider the data valid

**doc** [float] Number of gates at the end of each ray to to remove from the calculation.

**fzl** [float] Freezing layer, gates above this point are not included in the correction.

**thickness** [float] Assumed thickness of the melting layer [m]

**temp\_field** [str] Field name within the radar object which represent the temperature field. A value of None will use the default field name as defined in the Py-ART configuration file. It is going to be used only if available.

### Returns

**kdp\_sim, phidp\_sim** [ndarray 2D] the KDP and PhiDP estimated fields

`pyart.correct.bias_and_noise.correct_bias(radar, bias=0.0, field_name=None)`

Corrects a radar data bias. If field name is none the correction is applied to horizontal reflectivity by default

### Parameters

**radar** [Radar] radar object

**bias** [float] the bias magnitude

**field\_name: str** names of the field to be corrected

### Returns

**corrected\_field** [dict] The corrected field

`pyart.correct.bias_and_noise.correct_noise_rhohv(radar, urhohv_field=None, snr_field=None, zdr_field=None, nh_field=None, nv_field=None, rhohv_field=None)`

Corrects RhoHV for noise according to eq. 6 in Gourley et al. 2006. This correction should only be performed if noise has not been subtracted from the signal during the moments computation.

### Parameters

**radar** [Radar] radar object

**urhohv\_field** [str] name of the RhoHV uncorrected for noise field

**snr\_field, zdr\_field, nh\_field, nv\_field: str** names of the SNR, ZDR, horizontal channel noise in dBZ and vertical channel noise in dBZ used to correct RhoHV

**rhohv\_field: str** name of the rhohv field to output

### Returns

**rhohv** [dict] noise corrected RhoHV field

## References

Gourley et al. Data Quality of the Meteo-France C-Band Polarimetric Radar, JAOT, 23, 1340-1356

```
pyart.correct.bias_and_noise.correct_visibility(radar, vis_field=None,
                                              field_name=None)
```

Corrects the reflectivity according to visibility. Applied to horizontal reflectivity by default

#### Parameters

**radar** [Radar] radar object

**vis\_field** [str] the name of the visibility field

**field\_name: str** names of the field to be corrected

#### Returns

**corrected\_field** [dict] The corrected field

```
pyart.correct.bias_and_noise.est_rhohv_rain(radar, ind_rmin=10, ind_rmax=500,
                                           zmin=20.0, zmax=40.0, thickness=700.0,
                                           doc=None, fzl=None, rhohv_field=None,
                                           temp_field=None, iso0_field=None,
                                           refl_field=None, temp_ref='temperature')
```

Estimates the quantiles of RhoHV in rain for each sweep

#### Parameters

**radar** [Radar] radar object

**ind\_rmin, ind\_rmax** [int] Min and max range index where to look for rain

**zmin, zmax** [float] The minimum and maximum reflectivity to consider the radar bin suitable rain

**thickness** [float] Assumed thickness of the melting layer

**doc** [float] Number of gates at the end of each ray to to remove from the calculation.

**fzl** [float] Freezing layer, gates above this point are not included in the correction.

**temp\_field, iso0\_field, rhohv\_field, refl\_field** [str] Field names within the radar object which represent the temperature, the height over the iso0, co-polar correlation and reflectivity fields. A value of None will use the default field name as defined in the Py-ART configuration file.

**temp\_ref** [str] the field use as reference for temperature. Can be either temperature or height\_over\_iso0

#### Returns

**rhohv\_rain\_dict** [dict] The estimated RhoHV in rain for each sweep and metadata

```
pyart.correct.bias_and_noise.est_zdr_precip(radar, ind_rmin=10, ind_rmax=500,
                                           zmin=20.0, zmax=22.0, rhohvmin=0.97,
                                           phidpmax=10.0, elmax=None, thick-
                                           ness=700.0, doc=None, fzl=None,
                                           zdr_field=None, rhohv_field=None,
                                           phidp_field=None, temp_field=None,
                                           iso0_field=None, refl_field=None,
                                           temp_ref='temperature')
```

Filters out all undesired data to be able to estimate ZDR bias, either in moderate rain or from vertically pointing scans

#### Parameters

**radar** [Radar] radar object

**ind\_rmin, ind\_rmax** [int] Min and max range index where to look for rain

**zmin, zmax** [float] The minimum and maximum reflectivity to consider the radar bin suitable rain

**rhohvmin** [float] Minimum RhoHV to consider the radar bin suitable rain

**phidpmax** [float] Maximum PhiDP to consider the radar bin suitable rain

**elmax** [float] Maximum elevation

**thickness** [float] Assumed thickness of the melting layer

**doc** [float] Number of gates at the end of each ray to to remove from the calculation.

**fzl** [float] Freezing layer, gates above this point are not included in the correction.

**zdr\_field, rhohv\_field, refl\_field, phidp\_field, temp\_field, iso0\_field** : str Field names within the radar object which represent the differential reflectivity, co-polar correlation, reflectivity, differential phase, temperature and height relative to the iso0 fields. A value of None will use the default field name as defined in the Py-ART configuration file.

**temp\_ref** [str] the field use as reference for temperature. Can be either temperature, height\_over\_iso0, fixed\_fzl or None

### Returns

**zdr\_prec\_dict** [dict] The ZDR data complying with specifications and metadata

```
pyart.correct.bias_and_noise.est_zdr_snow(radar, ind_rmin=10, ind_rmax=500, zmin=0.0,
                                         zmax=30.0, snrmin=10.0, snrmax=50.0,
                                         rhohvmin=0.97, kept_values=[2], phidp-
                                         max=10.0, kdpmax=None, tempmin=None,
                                         tempmax=None, elmax=None, zdr_field=None,
                                         rhohv_field=None, phidp_field=None,
                                         temp_field=None, snr_field=None,
                                         hydro_field=None, kdp_field=None,
                                         refl_field=None)
```

Filters out all undesired data to be able to estimate ZDR bias in snow

### Parameters

**radar** [Radar] radar object

**ind\_rmin, ind\_rmax** [int] Min and max range index where to look for snow

**zmin, zmax** [float] The minimum and maximum reflectivity to consider the radar bin suitable snow

**snrmin, snrmax** [float] The minimum and maximum SNR to consider the radar bin suitable snow

**rhohvmin** [float] Minimum RhoHV to consider the radar bin suitable snow

**kept\_values** [list of int] The hydrometeor classification values to keep

**phidpmax** [float] Maximum PhiDP to consider the radar bin suitable snow

**kdpmax** [float or None] Maximum KDP. If not none this is the maximum KDP value to consider the radar bin suitable snow

**tempmin, tempmax** [float or None] If not None, the minimum and maximum temperature to consider the radar bin suitable snow

**elmax** [float] Maximum elevation

**zdr\_field, rhohv\_field, refl\_field, phidp\_field, kdp\_field, temp\_field,**

**snr\_field, hydro\_field** [str] Field names within the radar object which represent the differential reflectivity, co-polar correlation, reflectivity, differential phase, specific differential phase, signal to noise ratio, hydrometeor classification and temperature fields. A value of None will use the default field name as defined in the Py-ART configuration file.

#### Returns

**zdr\_snow\_dict** [dict] The ZDR data complying with specifications and metadata

`pyart.correct.bias_and_noise.get_kdp_selfcons(zdr, refl, ele_vec, zdr_kdpzh_dict)`

Estimates KDP and PhiDP in rain from Zh and ZDR using a selfconsistency relation between ZDR, Zh and KDP

#### Parameters

**zdr, refl** [ndarray 2D] reflectivity and differential reflectivity fields

**ele\_vec** [ndarray 1D] vector containing the elevation angles of each ray

**zdr\_kdpzh\_dict** [dict] dictionary containing a look up table relating ZDR with KDP/Zh for different elevations

#### Returns

**kdp\_sim** [ndarray 2D] the KDP estimated from zdr and refl

`pyart.correct.bias_and_noise.get_sun_hits(radar, delev_max=2.0, dazim_max=2.0, elmin=1.0, rmin=50000.0, hmin=10000.0, nbins_min=20, attg=None, max_std_pwr=1.0, max_std_zdr=1.5, pwrh_field=None, pwrv_field=None, zdr_field=None)`

get data from suspected sun hits

#### Parameters

**radar** [Radar] radar object

**delev\_max, dazim\_max** [float] maximum difference in elevation and azimuth between sun position and antenna pointing

**elmin** [float] minimum radar elevation angle

**rmin** [float] minimum range from which we can look for noise [m]

**hmin** [float] minimum altitude from which we can look for noise [m]. The actual range min will be the minimum between rmin and the range bin higher than hmin.

**nbins\_min** [int] Minimum number of bins with valid data to consider a ray as potentially sun hit

**attg** [float] gas attenuation coefficient (1-way)

**max\_std\_pwr** [float] Maximum standard deviation of the estimated sun power to consider the sun signal valid [dB]

**max\_std\_zdr** [float] Maximum standard deviation of the estimated sun ZDR to consider the sun signal valid [dB]

**pwrh\_field, pwrv\_field, zdr\_field** [str] names of the signal power in dBm for the H and V polarizations and the differential reflectivity

#### Returns

**sun\_hits** [dict] a dictionary containing information of the sun hits

**new\_radar** [radar object] radar object containing sweeps that contain sun hits

```
pyart.correct.bias_and_noise.selfconsistency_bias (radar, zdr_kdpzh_dict,
                                                    min_rhohv=0.92, max_phidp=20.0,
                                                    smooth_wind_len=5, doc=None,
                                                    fzl=None, thickness=700.0,
                                                    min_rcons=20, dphidp_min=2,
                                                    dphidp_max=16, refl_field=None,
                                                    phidp_field=None, zdr_field=None,
                                                    temp_field=None, iso0_field=None,
                                                    rhohv_field=None,
                                                    temp_ref='temperature')
```

Estimates reflectivity bias at each ray using the self-consistency algorithm by Gourley

### Parameters

**radar** [Radar] radar object

**zdr\_kdpzh\_dict** [dict] dictionary containing a look up table relating ZDR with KDP/Zh for different elevations

**min\_rhohv** [float] minimum RhoHV value to consider the data valid

**max\_phidp** [float] maximum PhiDP value to consider the data valid

**smooth\_wind\_len** [int] length of the smoothing window

**doc** [float] Number of gates at the end of each ray to to remove from the calculation.

**fzl** [float] Freezing layer, gates above this point are not included in the correction.

**min\_rcons** [int] minimum number of consecutive gates to consider a valid segment of PhiDP

**dphidp\_min** [float] minimum differential phase shift in a segment

**dphidp\_max** [float] maximum differential phase shift in a segment

**refl\_field, phidp\_field, zdr\_field** [str] Field names within the radar object which represent the reflectivity, differential phase and differential reflectivity fields. A value of None will use the default field name as defined in the Py-ART configuration file.

**temp\_field, iso0\_field, rhohv\_field** [str] Field names within the radar object which represent the temperature, the height relative to the iso0 and the co-polar correlation fields. A value of None will use the default field name as defined in the Py-ART configuration file. They are going to be used only if available.

**kdpsim\_field, phidpsim\_field** [str] Field names which represent the estimated specific differential phase and differential phase. A value of None will use the default field name as defined in the Py-ART configuration file.

**temp\_ref** [str] the field use as reference for temperature. Can be either temperature, height\_over\_iso0 or fixed\_fzl

### Returns

**refl\_bias\_dict** [dict] the bias at each ray field and metadata

```
pyart.correct.bias_and_noise.selfconsistency_kdp_phidp(radar,          zdr_kdpzh_dict,
                                                       min_rhohv=0.92,
                                                       max_phidp=20.0,
                                                       smooth_wind_len=5,
                                                       doc=None,          fzl=None,
                                                       thickness=700.0,
                                                       refl_field=None,
                                                       phidp_field=None,
                                                       zdr_field=None,
                                                       temp_field=None,
                                                       iso0_field=None,
                                                       rhohv_field=None,
                                                       kdpsim_field=None,
                                                       phidpsim_field=None,
                                                       temp_ref='temperature')
```

Estimates KDP and PhiDP in rain from Zh and ZDR using a selfconsistency relation between ZDR, Zh and KDP. Private method

#### Parameters

- radar** [Radar] radar object
- zdr\_kdpzh\_dict** [dict] dictionary containing a look up table relating ZDR with KDP/Zh for different elevations
- min\_rhohv** [float] minimum RhoHV value to consider the data valid
- max\_phidp** [float] maximum PhiDP value to consider the data valid
- smooth\_wind\_len** [int] length of the smoothing window
- doc** [float] Number of gates at the end of each ray to to remove from the calculation.
- fzl** [float] Freezing layer, gates above this point are not included in the correction.
- thickness** [float] assumed melting layer thickness [m]
- refl\_field, phidp\_field, zdr\_field** [str] Field names within the radar object which represent the reflectivity, differential phase and differential reflectivity fields. A value of None will use the default field name as defined in the Py-ART configuration file.
- temp\_field, iso0\_field, rhohv\_field** [str] Field names within the radar object which represent the temperature, the height relative to the iso0 and the co-polar correlation fields. A value of None will use the default field name as defined in the Py-ART configuration file. They are going to be used only if available.
- kdpsim\_field, phidpsim\_field** [str] Field names which represent the estimated specific differential phase and differential phase. A value of None will use the default field name as defined in the Py-ART configuration file.
- temp\_ref** [str] the field use as reference for temperature. Can be either temperature, height\_over\_iso0 or fixed\_fzl

#### Returns

**kdp\_sim\_dict, phidp\_sim\_dict** [dict] the KDP and PhiDP estimated fields and metadata

```
pyart.correct.bias_and_noise.sun_retrieval(az_rad, az_sun, el_rad, el_sun, sun_hit,
                                           sun_hit_std,          az_width_co=None,
                                           el_width_co=None,      az_width_cross=None,
                                           el_width_cross=None, is_zdr=False)
```

Estimates sun parameters from sun hits



### Parameters

**az\_rad, az\_sun, el\_rad, el\_sun** [float array] azimuth and elevation values of the sun and the radar

**sun\_hit** [float array] sun hit value. Either power in dBm or ZDR in dB

**sun\_hit\_std** [float array] standard deviation of the sun hit value in dB

**az\_width\_co, el\_width\_co, az\_width\_cross, el\_width\_cross** [float] azimuth and elevation antenna width for each channel

**is\_zdr** [boolean] boolean to signal that is ZDR data

### Returns

**val, val\_std** [float] retrieved value and its standard deviation

**az\_bias, el\_bias** [float] retrieved azimuth and elevation antenna bias respect to the sun position

**az\_width, el\_width** [float] retrieved azimuth and elevation antenna widths

**nhits** [int] number of sun hits used in the retrieval

**par** [float array] and array with the 5 parameters of the Gaussian fit



## PYART.CORRECT.DEALIAS

Front end to the University of Washington 4DD code for Doppler dealiasing.

|  |   |
|--|---|
| <code>dealias_fourdd(radar[, last_radar, ...])</code>                  | Dealias Doppler velocities using the 4DD algorithm.       |
| <code>_create_rsl_volume(radar, field_name, ..., excluded=None)</code> | Create a RSLVolume containing data from a field in radar. |

```
pyart.correct.dealias._create_rsl_volume(radar, field_name, vol_num, rsl_badval, excluded=None)
```

Create a RSLVolume containing data from a field in radar.

```
pyart.correct.dealias.dealias_fourdd(radar, last_radar=None, sonde_profile=None, gatefilter=False, filt=1, rsl_badval=131072.0, keep_original=False, set_limits=True, vel_field=None, corr_vel_field=None, last_vel_field=None, debug=False, max_shear=0.05, sign=1, **kwargs)
```

Dealias Doppler velocities using the 4DD algorithm.

Dealias the Doppler velocities field using the University of Washington 4DD algorithm utilizing information from a previous volume scan and/or sounding data. Either `last_radar` or `sonde_profile` must be provided. For best results provide both a previous volume scan and sounding data. Radar and `last_radar` must contain the same number of rays per sweep.

Additional arguments are passed to `_fourdd_interface.fourdd_dealias()`. These can be used to fine tune the behavior of the FourDD algorithm. See the documentation of Other Parameters for details. For the default values of these parameters see the documentation of `_fourdd_interface.fourdd_dealias()`.

### Parameters

**radar** [Radar] Radar object to use for dealiasing. Must have a `Nyquist` defined in the `instrument_parameters` attribute and have a `reflectivity_horizontal` and `mean_doppler_velocity` fields.

**last\_radar** [Radar, optional] The previous radar volume, which has been successfully dealiased. Using a previous volume as an initial condition can greatly improve the dealiasing, and represents the final dimension in the 4DD algorithm.

**sonde\_profile** [HorizontalWindProfile] Profile of horizontal winds from a sounding used for the initial condition of the dealiasing.

### Returns

**vr\_corr** [dict] Field dictionary containing dealiased Doppler velocities. Dealiased array is stored under the 'data' key.

### Other Parameters

- gatefilter** [GateFilter, optional.] A GateFilter instance which specifies which gates should be ignored when performing velocity dealiasing. A value of None will create this filter from the radar moments using any additional arguments by passing them to `moment_based_gate_filter()`. The default value assumes all gates are valid.
- filt** [int, optional] Flag controlling Bergen and Albers filter, 1 = yes, 0 = no.
- rsl\_badval** [float, optional] Value which represents a bad value in RSL.
- keep\_original** [bool, optional] True to keep original doppler velocity values when the dealiasing procedure fails, otherwise these gates will be masked. NaN values are still masked.
- set\_limits** [bool, optional] True to set `valid_min` and `valid_max` elements in the returned dictionary. False will not set these dictionary elements.
- vel\_field** [str, optional] Field in radar to use as the Doppler velocities during dealiasing. None will use the default field name from the Py-ART configuration file.
- corr\_vel\_field** [str, optional] Name to use for the dealiased Doppler velocity field metadata. None will use the default field name from the Py-ART configuration file.
- last\_vel\_field** [str, optional] Name to use for the dealiased Doppler velocity field metadata in `last_radar`. None will use the `corr_vel_field` name.
- maxshear** [float, optional] Maximum vertical shear which will be incorporated into the created volume from the sounding data. Parameter not used when no sounding data is provided.
- sign** [int, optional] Sign convention which the radial velocities in the volume created from the sounding data will will. This should match the convention used in the radar data. A value of 1 represents when positive values velocities are towards the radar, -1 represents when negative velocities are towards the radar.
- compthresh** [float, optional] Fraction of the Nyquist velocity to use as a threshold when performing continuity (initial) dealiasing. Velocities differences above this threshold will not be marked as gate from which to begin unfolding during spatial dealiasing.
- compthresh2** [float, optional] The same as `compthresh` but the value used during the second pass of dealiasing. This second pass is only performed in both a sounding and last volume are provided.
- thresh** [float, optional] Fraction of the Nyquist velocity to use as a threshold when performing spatial dealiasing. Horizontally adjacent gates with velocities above this threshold will count against assigning the gate in question the velocity value being tested.
- ckval** [float, optional] When the absolute value of the velocities are below this value they will not be marked as gates from which to begin unfolding during spatial dealiasing.
- stdthresh** [float, optional] Fraction of the Nyquist velocity to use as a standard deviation threshold in the window dealiasing portion of the algorithm.
- epsilon** [float, optional] Difference used when comparing a value to missing value, changing this from the default is not recommended.
- maxcount** [int, optional] Maximum allowed number of fold allowed when unfolding velocities.
- pass2** [int, optional] Controls whether unfolded gates should be removed (a value of 0) or retained for unfolding during the second pass (a value of 1) when both a sounding volume and last volume are provided.
- rm** [int, optional] Determines what should be done with gates that are left unfolded after the first pass of dealiasing. A value of 1 will remove these gates, a value of 0 sets these gates to their initial velocity. If both a sounding volume and last volume are provided this parameter is ignored.

**proximity** [int, optional] Number of gates and rays to include of either side of the current gate during window dealiasing. This value may be doubled in cases where a standard sized window does not capture a sufficient number of good valued gates.

**mingood** [int, optional] Number of good valued gates required within the window before the current gate will be unfolded.

**ba\_mincount** [int, optional] Number of neighbors required during Bergen and Albers filter for a given gate to be included, must be between 1 and 8, 5 recommended.

**ba\_edgecount** [int, optional] Same as ba\_mincount but used at ray edges, must be between 1 and 5, 3 recommended.

**debug** [bool, optional] Set True to return RSL Volume objects for debugging: usuccess, radialVelVolume, lastVelVolume, unfoldedVolume, sondVolume

## Notes

Due to limitations in the C code do not call with sounding arrays over 999 elements long.

## References

C. N. James and R. A. Houze Jr, A Real-Time Four-Dimensional Doppler Dealising Scheme, Journal of Atmospheric and Oceanic Technology, 2001, 18, 1674.



## PYART.CORRECT.DESPECKLE

Find contiguous objects in scans and despeckle away ones that are too small.

|   |  |
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| <code>despeckle_field(radar, field[, label_dict, ...])</code> | Despeckle a radar volume by identifying small objects in each scan and masking them out.               |
| <code>find_objects(radar, field, threshold[, ...])</code>     | Find objects (i.e., contiguous gates) in one or more sweeps that match thresholds.                     |
| <code>_adjust_for_periodic_boundary(data)</code>              | Identify all the contiguous objects in a sweep, accounting for the periodic boundary in a 360-deg PPI. |
| <code>_append_labels(labels, label_storage)</code>            | Appends consecutive sweeps of labels, creating a multi-sweep 2D array.                                 |
| <code>_check_for_360(az, delta)</code>                        | Check if an array of azimuths indicates the sweep is a full 360 PPI.                                   |
| <code>_check_sweeps(sweeps, radar)</code>                     | Parse the sweeps keyword and convert it to a list of ints.   |
| <code>_check_threshold(threshold)</code>                      | Parse the threshold keyword and return the lower and upper boundaries for the object search.           |
| <code>_generate_dict(label_storage)</code>                    | Build the dictionary that includes all the object label information.                                   |
| <code>_get_data(radar, iswp, field, tlo, thi, window)</code>  | Get data for a field from a given sweep in a Radar object.   |
| <code>_get_labels(data)</code>                                | Identify all the contiguous objects in a sweep.  |
| <code>_smooth_data(data, window)</code>                       | Perform box filtering along each ray of a sweep, and return the smoothed field.                        |

`pyart.correct.despeckle._adjust_for_periodic_boundary(data)`

Identify all the contiguous objects in a sweep, accounting for the periodic boundary in a 360-deg PPI. Contiguous means corners or sides of gates touch. The algorithm appends the sweep to itself, then looks for contiguous objects near the original PPI edges and relabels them. Then, the extra sweep is discarded before returning all the labels.

### Parameters

**data** [2D array of ints] Sweep that will be checked for objects. Sweep has already been converted to binary 0s/1s based on user-supplied thresholds.

### Returns

**labels** [2D array of ints] Numeric object labels, corrected for the periodic boundary. Zero values mean no object at that location.

**nobj** [int] Number of distinct objects identified in sweep.

`pyart.correct.despeckle._append_labels(labels, label_storage)`

Appends consecutive sweeps of labels, creating a multi-sweep 2D array. Typically called iteratively.

### Parameters

**labels** [2D array of ints] Sweep containing object labels.

**label\_storage** [Empty list or 2D array of ints] Array to append new sweep of labels to.

**Returns**

**label\_storage** [2D array of ints] Updated array of object labels

`pyart.correct.despeckle._check_for_360` (*az*, *delta*)

Check if an array of azimuths indicates the sweep is a full 360 PPI. This should also spot RHIs (effectively, a narrow azimuth sector sweep).

**Parameters**

**az** [array of int or float] Azimuths in the sweep

**delta** [int or float] Size of allowable gap near PPI edges, in deg, to consider it full 360.

**Returns**

**Flag** [bool] True - Sweep is a 360 PPI

False - Sweep is not a 360 PPI.

`pyart.correct.despeckle._check_sweeps` (*sweeps*, *radar*)

Parse the sweeps keyword and convert it to a list of ints. The output will be iterated over.

**Parameters**

**sweeps** [int or list of ints or None] Sweep numbers to put into an iterable list. If None, all sweeps in the radar object will be examined.

**radar** [pyart.core.Radar object] Radar object to query.

**Returns**

**sweeps** [list of ints] Sweep numbers as an iterable list

`pyart.correct.despeckle._check_threshold` (*threshold*)

Parse the threshold keyword and return the lower and upper boundaries for the object search.

**Parameters**

**threshold** [int or float, or 2-element tuple of ints or floats] Threshold values above (if single value) or between (if tuple) for objects to be identified.

**Returns**

**tlo** [int or float] Lower bound for the threshold. Values below this will not be included in the hunt for objects.

**thi** [int or float or None] Upper bound for the threshold. Values above this will not be included in the hunt for objects. None means no upper bound.

`pyart.correct.despeckle._generate_dict` (*label\_storage*)

Build the dictionary that includes all the object label information. If the entire Radar object was searched, the dictionary is ready to be added as a new field.

**Parameters**

**label\_storage** [2D array of ints] Object labels as a 2D array

**Returns**

**label\_dict** [dict] Dictionary containing object labels and associated metadata



`pyart.correct.despeckle._get_data(radar, iswp, field, tlo, thi, window, gatefilter=None)`

Get data for a field from a given sweep in a Radar object. Data are smoothed if desired, then converted to binary 0s/1s based on whether valid values are present.

#### Parameters

**radar** [pyart.core.Radar object] Radar object to query.

**iswp** [int] Sweep number to query.

**field** [str] Name of field to investigate for speckles.

**tlo** [int or float] Lower bound for the threshold. Values below this will not be included in the hunt for objects.

**thi** [int or float or None] Upper bound for the threshold. Values above this will not be included in the hunt for objects. None means no upper bound.

**window** [int or None] Number of gates included in a smoothing box filter along a ray. If None, no smoothing is done.

#### Returns

**data** [2D array of ints] Sweep as array of binary 0s/1s based on whether valid values exist.

#### Other Parameters

**gatefilter** [None or pyart.filters.GateFilter object] Py-ART GateFilter object to apply before labeling objects. If None, no filtering will be performed.

`pyart.correct.despeckle._get_labels(data)`

Identify all the contiguous objects in a sweep. Contiguous means corners or sides of gates touch. Uses `scipy.ndimage.label`.

#### Parameters

**data** [2D array of ints] Sweep that will be checked for objects. Sweep has already been converted to binary 0s/1s based on user-supplied thresholds.

#### Returns

**labels** [2D array of ints] Numeric object labels. Zero values mean no object at that location.

**nobj** [int] Number of distinct objects identified in sweep.

`pyart.correct.despeckle._smooth_data(data, window)`

Perform box filtering along each ray of a sweep, and return the smoothed field. Uses `scipy.signal.convolve2d` which provides excellent performance.

#### Parameters

**data** [2D array of ints or floats] Sweep of data for a specific field. Will be masked.

**window** [int or None] Number of gates included in a smoothing box filter along a ray. If None, no smoothing is done.

#### Returns

**data** [2D array of ints or floats] Smoothed sweep of data.

`pyart.correct.despeckle.despeckle_field(radar, field, label_dict=None, threshold=-100, size=10, gatefilter=None, delta=5.0)`

Despeckle a radar volume by identifying small objects in each scan and masking them out. User can define which field to investigate, as well as various thresholds to use on that field and any objects found within. Requires `scipy` to be installed, and returns a GateFilter object.

#### Parameters

**radar** [pyart.core.Radar object] Radar object to query.

**field** [str] Name of field to investigate for speckles.

#### Returns

**gatefilter** [pyart.filters.GateFilter object] Py-ART GateFilter object that includes the despeckling mask

#### Other Parameters

**label\_dict** [dict or None, optional] Dictionary that is produced by find\_objects. If None, find\_objects will be called to produce it.

**threshold** [int or float, or 2-element tuple of ints or floats] Threshold values above (if single value) or between (if tuple) for objects to be identified. Default value assumes reflectivity.

**size** [int, optional] Number of contiguous gates in an object, below which it is a speckle.

**gatefilter** [None or pyart.filters.GateFilter object] Py-ART GateFilter object to which to add the despeckling mask. The GateFilter object will be permanently modified with the new filtering. If None, creates a new GateFilter.

**delta** [int or float, optional] Size of allowable gap near PPI edges, in deg, to consider it full 360. If gap is small, then PPI edges will be checked for matching objects.

`pyart.correct.despeckle.find_objects(radar, field, threshold, sweeps=None, smooth=None, gatefilter=None, delta=5.0)`

Find objects (i.e., contiguous gates) in one or more sweeps that match thresholds. Filtering & smoothing are available prior to labeling objects. In addition, periodic boundaries are accounted for if they exist (e.g., 360-deg PPIs). Requires scipy to be installed.

#### Parameters

**radar** [pyart.core.Radar object] Radar object to query.

**field** [str] Name of field to investigate for objects.

**threshold** [int or float, or 2-element tuple of ints or floats] Threshold values above (if single value) or between (if tuple) for objects to be identified.

#### Returns

**label\_dict** [dict] Dictionary that contains all the labeled objects. If this function is performed on the full Radar object, then the dict is ready to be added as a field.

#### Other Parameters

**sweeps** [int or array of ints or None, optional] Sweep numbers to examine. If None, all sweeps are examined.

**smooth** [int or None, optional] Number of gates included in a smoothing box filter along a ray. If None, no smoothing is done prior to labeling objects.

**gatefilter** [None or pyart.filters.GateFilter object] Py-ART GateFilter object to apply before labeling objects. If None, no filtering will be performed. Note: Filtering always occurs before smoothing.

**delta** [int or float, optional] Size of allowable gap near PPI edges, in deg, to consider it full 360. If gap is small, then PPI edges will be checked for matching objects along the periodic boundary.

## PYART.CORRECT.PHASE\_PROC

Utilities for working with phase data.

Code based upon algorithm described in: S. E. Giangrande et al, J. of Atmos. and Ocean. Tech., 2013, 30, 1716.

Adapted by Scott Collis and Scott Giangrande, refactored by Jonathan Helmus

|   |  |
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| <i>det_sys_phase</i> (radar[, ncp_lev, rhohv_lev, ...]) | Determine the system phase.  |
| <i>det_sys_phase_ray</i> (radar[, ind_rmin, ...])       | Public method Alternative determination of the system phase.   |
| <i>correct_sys_phase</i> (radar[, ind_rmin, ...])       | correction of the system offset.   |
| <i>smooth_phidp_single_window</i> (radar[, ...])        | correction of the system offset and smoothing using one window   |
| <i>smooth_phidp_double_window</i> (radar[, ...])        | correction of the system offset and smoothing using two window   |
| <i>smooth_masked_scan</i> (raw_data[, wind_len, ...])   | smoothes the data using a rolling window.  |
| <i>smooth_masked</i> (raw_data[, wind_len, ...])        | smoothes the data using a rolling window.  |
| <i>fz1_index</i> (fzl, ranges, elevation, radar_height) | Return the index of the last gate below a given altitude.  |
| <i>det_process_range</i> (radar, sweep, fzl[, doc])     | Determine the processing range for a given sweep.  |
| <i>snr</i> (line[, wl])                                 | Return the signal to noise ratio after smoothing.  |
| <i>unwrap_masked</i> (lon[, centered, copy])            | Unwrap a sequence of longitudes or headings in degrees.  |
| <i>smooth_and_trim</i> (x[, window_len, window])        | Smooth data using a window with requested size.  |
| <i>smooth_and_trim_scan</i> (x[, window_len, window])   | Smooth data using a window with requested size.  |
| <i>noise</i> (line[, wl])                               | Return the noise after smoothing.  |
| <i>get_phidp_unf</i> (radar[, ncp_lev, rhohv_lev, ...]) | Get Unfolded Phi differential phase  |
| <i>construct_A_matrix</i> (n_gates, filt)               | Construct a row-augmented A matrix.  |
| <i>construct_B_vectors</i> (phidp_mod, z_mod, filt)     | Construct B vectors.   |
| <i>LP_solver_cvxopt</i> (A_Matrix, B_vectors, weights)  | Solve the Linear Programming problem given in Giangrande et al, 2012 using the CVXOPT module.                        |
| <i>LP_solver_pyglpk</i> (A_Matrix, B_vectors, weights)  | Solve the Linear Programming problem given in Giangrande et al, 2012 using the PyGLPK module.                        |
| <i>solve_cylp</i> (model, B_vectors, weights, ray, ...) | Worker process for LP_solver_cylp_mp.  |
| <i>LP_solver_cylp_mp</i> (A_Matrix, B_vectors, weights) | Solve the Linear Programming problem given in Giangrande et al, 2012 using the CyLP module using multiple processes. |
| <i>LP_solver_cylp</i> (A_Matrix, B_vectors, weights)    | Solve the Linear Programming problem given in Giangrande et al, 2012 using the CyLP module.                          |
| <i>phase_proc_lp</i> (radar, offset[, debug, ...])      | Phase process using a LP method [1].   |

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| <code>_det_sys_phase(ncp, rhv, phidp, last_ray_idx)</code>     | Determine the system phase, see <code>det_sys_phase()</code> .   |
| <code>_det_sys_phase_ray(phidp, refl, nrays, ngates)</code>    | Private method Alternative determination of the system phase.  |
| <code>_correct_sys_phase(phidp, refl, nsweeps, ...)</code>     | correction of the system offset.   |
| <code>phase_proc_lp_gf(radar[, gatefilter, debug, ...])</code> | Phase process using a LP method [1] using Py-ART's Gatefilter.   |
| <code>get_phidp_unf_gf(radar, gatefilter[, debug, ...])</code> | Get Unfolded Phi differential phase in areas not gate-filtered Parameters ——— radar : Radar The input radar. |
| <code>det_sys_phase_gf(radar, gatefilter[, ...])</code>        | Determine the system phase.  |
| <code>_det_sys_phase_gf(phidp, last_ray_idx, ...)</code>       | Determine the system phase, see <code>det_sys_phase()</code> .   |

`pyart.correct.phase_proc.LP_solver_cvxopt` (*A\_Matrix*, *B\_vectors*, *weights*, *solver='glpk'*)  
Solve the Linear Programming problem given in Giangrande et al, 2012 using the CVXOPT module.

#### Parameters

**A\_Matrix** [matrix] Row augmented A matrix, see `construct_A_matrix()`

**B\_vectors** [matrix] Matrix containing B vectors, see `construct_B_vectors()`

**weights** [array] Weights.

**solver** [str or None] LP solver backend to use, choices are 'glpk', 'mosek' or None to use the conelp function in CVXOPT. 'glpk' and 'mosek' are only available if they are installed and CVXOPT was build with the correct bindings.

#### Returns

**soln** [array] Solution to LP problem.

See also:

`LP_solver_pyglpk` Solve LP problem using the PyGLPK module.

`LP_solver_cylp` Solve LP problem using the cylp module.

`LP_solver_cylp_mp` Solve LP problem using the cylp module using multi processes.

`pyart.correct.phase_proc.LP_solver_cylp` (*A\_Matrix*, *B\_vectors*, *weights*, *really\_verbose=False*)

Solve the Linear Programming problem given in Giangrande et al, 2012 using the CyLP module.

#### Parameters

**A\_Matrix** [matrix] Row augmented A matrix, see `construct_A_matrix()`

**B\_vectors** [matrix] Matrix containing B vectors, see `construct_B_vectors()`

**weights** [array] Weights.

**really\_verbose** [bool] True to print CLP messaging. False to suppress.

#### Returns

**soln** [array] Solution to LP problem.

See also:

`LP_solver_cvxopt` Solve LP problem using the CVXOPT module.

***LP\_solver\_pyglpk*** Solve LP problem using the PyGLPK module.

```
pyart.correct.phase_proc.LP_solver_cylp_mp(A_Matrix, B_vectors, weights, really_verbose=False, proc=1)
```

Solve the Linear Programming problem given in Giangrande et al, 2012 using the CyLP module using multiple processes.

#### Parameters

**A\_Matrix** [matrix] Row augmented A matrix, see [\*construct\\_A\\_matrix\(\)\*](#)

**B\_vectors** [matrix] Matrix containing B vectors, see [\*construct\\_B\\_vectors\(\)\*](#)

**weights** [array] Weights.

**really\_verbose** [bool] True to print CLP messaging. False to suppress.

**proc** [int] Number of worker processes.

#### Returns

**soln** [array] Solution to LP problem.

See also:

***LP\_solver\_cvxopt*** Solve LP problem using the CVXOPT module.

***LP\_solver\_pyglpk*** Solve LP problem using the PyGLPK module.

***LP\_solver\_cylp*** Solve LP problem using the CyLP module using single process.

```
pyart.correct.phase_proc.LP_solver_pyglpk(A_Matrix, B_vectors, weights, it_lim=7000, presolve=True, really_verbose=False)
```

Solve the Linear Programming problem given in Giangrande et al, 2012 using the PyGLPK module.

#### Parameters

**A\_Matrix** [matrix] Row augmented A matrix, see [\*construct\\_A\\_matrix\(\)\*](#)

**B\_vectors** [matrix] Matrix containing B vectors, see [\*construct\\_B\\_vectors\(\)\*](#)

**weights** [array] Weights.

**it\_lim** [int] Simplex iteration limit.

**presolve** [bool] True to use the LP presolver.

**really\_verbose** [bool] True to print LPX messaging. False to suppress.

#### Returns

**soln** [array] Solution to LP problem.

See also:

***LP\_solver\_cvxopt*** Solve LP problem using the CVXOPT module.

***LP\_solver\_cylp*** Solve LP problem using the cylp module.

***LP\_solver\_cylp\_mp*** Solve LP problem using the cylp module using multi processes.

```
pyart.correct.phase_proc._correct_sys_phase(phidp, refl, nsweeps, nrays, ngates, start_sweep, end_sweep, ind_rmin=10, ind_rmax=500, min_rcons=11, zmin=20.0, zmax=40.0)
```

correction of the system offset. Private method

**Parameters**

**phidp** [masked array] the phidp field to correct  
**refl** [masked array] the reflectivity field  
**nsweeps, nrays, ngates** [int] number of sweeps, total rays and gates per ray  
**start\_sweep, end\_sweep** [int array] index of the starting and ending ray of each sweep  
**ind\_rmin, ind\_rmax** [int] the minimum and maximum range indexes to use in the estimation  
**min\_rcons** [int] the number of consecutive range bins to consider a precipitation cell valid

**Returns**

**corr\_phidp** [masked array] The corrected phidp field

`pyart.correct.phase_proc._det_sys_phase(ncp, rhv, phidp, last_ray_idx, ncp_lev=0.4, rhv_lev=0.6)`

Determine the system phase, see `det_sys_phase()`.

`pyart.correct.phase_proc._det_sys_phase_gf(phidp, last_ray_idx, radar_meteo)`

Determine the system phase, see `det_sys_phase()`.

`pyart.correct.phase_proc._det_sys_phase_ray(phidp, refl, nrays, ngates, ind_rmin=10, ind_rmax=500, min_rcons=11, zmin=20.0, zmax=40.0)`

Private method Alternative determination of the system phase. Assumes that the valid gates of phidp are only precipitation. A system phase value is found for each ray.

**Parameters**

**phidp** [masked array] the phidp data  
**refl** [masked array] the reflectivity data  
**nrays** [int] number of rays in phidp  
**ngates** [int] number of gates per ray  
**ind\_rmin, ind\_rmax** [int] Min and max range index where to look for continuous precipitation  
**min\_rcons** [int] The minimum number of consecutive gates to consider it a rain cell.  
**zmin, zmax** [float]

**Returns**

**phidp0** [array of floats] Estimate of the system phase at each ray

**first\_gates** [array of ints] The first gate where PhiDP is valid

`pyart.correct.phase_proc.construct_A_matrix(n_gates,flt)`

Construct a row-augmented A matrix. Equation 5 in Giangrande et al, 2012.

A is a block matrix given by:

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{I} & -\mathbf{I} \\ -\mathbf{I} & \mathbf{I} \\ \mathbf{Z} & \mathbf{M} \end{bmatrix}$$

where **I** is the identity matrix **Z** is a matrix of zeros **M** contains our differential constraints.

Each block is of shape `n_gates` by `n_gates` making  $\text{shape}(\mathbf{A}) = (3 * n, 2 * n)$ .

Note that `M` contains some side padding to deal with edge issues

#### Parameters

**n\_gates** [int] Number of gates, determines size of identity matrix

**filt** [array] Input filter.

#### Returns

**a** [matrix] Row-augmented `A` matrix.

`pyart.correct.phase_proc.construct_B_vectors` (*phidp\_mod*, *z\_mod*, *filt*, *coef*=0.914,  
*dweight*=60000.0)

Construct `B` vectors. See Giangrande et al, 2012.

#### Parameters

**phidp\_mod** [2D array] Phi differential phases.

**z\_mod** [2D array.] Reflectivity, modified as needed.

**filt** [array] Input filter.

**coef** [float, optional.] Cost coefficients.

**dweight** [float, optional.] Weights.

#### Returns

**b** [matrix] Matrix containing `B` vectors.

`pyart.correct.phase_proc.correct_sys_phase` (*radar*, *ind\_rmin*=10, *ind\_rmax*=500,  
*min\_rcons*=11, *zmin*=20.0, *zmax*=40.0,  
*psidp\_field*=None, *refl\_field*=None,  
*phidp\_field*=None)

correction of the system offset. Public method

#### Parameters

**radar** [Radar] Radar object for which to determine the system phase.

**ind\_rmin, ind\_rmax** [int] Min and max range index where to look for continuous precipitation

**min\_rcons** [int] The minimum number of consecutive gates to consider it a rain cell.

**zmin, zmax** [float] Minimum and maximum reflectivity to consider it a rain cell

**psidp\_field** [str] Field name within the radar object which represent the differential phase shift.  
A value of `None` will use the default field name as defined in the Py-ART configuration file.

**refl\_field** [str] Field name within the radar object which represent the reflectivity. A value of  
`None` will use the default field name as defined in the Py-ART configuration file.

**phidp\_field** [str] Field name within the radar object which represent the corrected differential  
phase shift. A value of `None` will use the default field name as defined in the Py-ART  
configuration file.

#### Returns

**phidp\_dict** [dict] The corrected `phidp` field

`pyart.correct.phase_proc.det_process_range` (*radar*, *sweep*, *fzl*, *doc*=10)

Determine the processing range for a given sweep.

Queues the radar and returns the indices which can be used to slice the radar fields and select the desired sweep with gates which are below a given altitude.

#### Parameters

**radar** [Radar] Radar object from which ranges will be determined.

**sweep** [int] Sweep (0 indexed) for which to determine processing ranges.

**fz1** [float] Maximum altitude in meters. The determined range will not include gates which are above this limit.

**doc** [int] Minimum number of gates which will be excluded from the determined range.

#### Returns

**gate\_end** [int] Index of last gate below *fz1* and satisfying the *doc* parameter. -1 if the entire volume is above the freezing level

**ray\_start** [int] Ray index which defines the start of the region.

**ray\_end** [int] Ray index which defined the end of the region.

```
pyart.correct.phase_proc.det_sys_phase (radar,          ncp_lev=0.4,          rhohv_lev=0.6,
                                         ncp_field=None,          rhv_field=None,
                                         phidp_field=None)
```

Determine the system phase.

#### Parameters

**radar** [Radar] Radar object for which to determine the system phase.

**ncp\_lev** : Minimum normal coherent power level. Regions below this value will not be included in the phase calculation.

**rhohv\_lev** : Minimum copolar coefficient level. Regions below this value will not be included in the phase calculation.

**ncp\_field, rhv\_field, phidp\_field** [str] Field names within the radar object which represent the normal coherent power, the copolar coefficient, and the differential phase shift. A value of None for any of these parameters will use the default field name as defined in the Py-ART configuration file.

#### Returns

**sys\_phase** [float or None] Estimate of the system phase. None is not estimate can be made.

```
pyart.correct.phase_proc.det_sys_phase_gf (radar,          gatefilter,          phidp_field=None,
                                           first_gate=30.0)
```

Determine the system phase. Parameters ——— radar : Radar

Radar object for which to determine the system phase.

**gatefilter** [Gatefilter] Gatefilter object highlighting valid gates

**sys\_phase** [float or None] Estimate of the system phase. None is not estimate can be made.

```
pyart.correct.phase_proc.det_sys_phase_ray (radar,          ind_rmin=10,          ind_rmax=500,
                                           min_rcons=11,          zmin=20.0,          zmax=40.0,
                                           phidp_field=None, refl_field=None)
```

Public method Alternative determination of the system phase. Assumes that the valid gates of phidp are only precipitation. A system phase value is found for each ray.

#### Parameters



**radar** [Radar] Radar object for which to determine the system phase.

**ind\_rmin, ind\_rmax** [int] Min and max range index where to look for continuous precipitation

**min\_rcons** [int] The minimum number of consecutive gates to consider it a rain cell.

**zmin, zmax** [float] The minimum and maximum reflectivity to consider the radar bin suitable precipitation

**phidp\_field** [str] Field name within the radar object which represent the differential phase shift. A value of None will use the default field name as defined in the Py-ART configuration file.

**refl\_field** [str] Field name within the radar object which represent the reflectivity. A value of None will use the default field name as defined in the Py-ART configuration file.

### Returns

**phidp0\_dict** [dict] Estimate of the system phase at each ray and metadata

**first\_gates\_dict** [dict] The first gate where PhiDP is valid and metadata

`pyart.correct.phase_proc.fz1_index(fzl, ranges, elevation, radar_height)`

Return the index of the last gate below a given altitude.

### Parameters

**fzl** [float] Maximum altitude.

**ranges** [array] Range to measurement volume/gate in meters.

**elevation** [float] Elevation of antenna in degrees.

**radar\_height** : Altitude of radar in meters.

### Returns

**idx** [int] Index of last gate which has an altitude below *fzl*. -1 if all data is above the freezing level

## Notes

Standard atmosphere is assumed,  $R = 4 / 3 * R_e$

```
pyart.correct.phase_proc.get_phidp_unf(radar,          ncp_lev=0.4,          rhohv_lev=0.6,
                                       debug=False,      ncpts=20,          doc=-10,
                                       override_sys_phase=False, sys_phase=-135,
                                       nowrap=None,    refl_field=None,    ncp_field=None,
                                       rhv_field=None, phidp_field=None)
```

Get Unfolded Phi differential phase

### Parameters

**radar** [Radar] The input radar.

**ncp\_lev** : Minimum normal coherent power level. Regions below this value will not be included in the calculation.

**rhohv\_lev** : Minimum copolar coefficient level. Regions below this value will not be included in the calculation.

**debug** [bool, optionl] True to print debugging information, False to suppress printing.

**ncpts** [int] Minimum number of points in a ray. Regions within a ray smaller than this or beginning before this gate number are excluded from calculations.

**doc** [int or None.] Index of first gate not to include in field data, None include all.

**override\_sys\_phase** [bool, optional] True to use *sys\_phase* as the system phase. False will determine a value automatically.

**sys\_phase** [float, optional] System phase, not used if *override\_sys\_phase* is False.

**nowrap** [or None] Gate number where unwrapping should begin. *None* will unwrap all gates.

**refl\_field ncp\_field, rhv\_field, phidp\_field** [str] Field names within the radar object which represent the horizontal reflectivity, normal coherent power, the copolar coefficient, and the differential phase shift. A value of *None* for any of these parameters will use the default field name as defined in the Py-ART configuration file.

#### Returns

**cordata** [array] Unwrapped phi differential phase.

```
pyart.correct.phase_proc.get_phidp_unf_gf(radar, gatefilter, debug=False, ncpts=2,
                                          sys_phase=None, nowrap=None,
                                          phidp_field=None, first_gate_sysp=None)
```

Get Unfolded Phi differential phase in areas not gatefiltered Parameters ——— radar : Radar

The input radar.

**gatefilter** [GateFilter] only apply on areas included in the gatefilter

**debug** [bool, optional] True to print debugging information, False to suppress printing.

**ncpts** [int] Minimum number of points in a ray. Regions within a ray smaller than this or beginning before this gate number are excluded from calculations.

**doc** [int or None.] Index of first gate not to include in field data, None include all.

**sys\_phase** [float, optional] System phase override.

**nowrap** [or None] Gate number where unwrapping should begin. *None* will unwrap all gates.

**refl\_field ncp\_field, rhv\_field, phidp\_field** [str] Field names within the radar object which represent the horizontal reflectivity, normal coherent power, the copolar coefficient, and the differential phase shift. A value of *None* for any of these parameters will use the default field name as defined in the Py-ART configuration file.

**cordata** [array] Unwrapped phi differential phase.

```
pyart.correct.phase_proc.noise(line, wl=11)
```

Return the noise after smoothing.

```
pyart.correct.phase_proc.phase_proc_lp(radar, offset, debug=False, self_const=60000.0,
                                       low_z=10.0, high_z=53.0, min_phidp=0.01,
                                       min_ncp=0.5, min_rhv=0.8, fzl=4000.0,
                                       sys_phase=0.0, override_sys_phase=False,
                                       nowrap=None, really_verbose=False,
                                       LP_solver='cylp', refl_field=None, ncp_field=None,
                                       rhv_field=None, phidp_field=None,
                                       kdp_field=None, unf_field=None, window_len=35,
                                       proc=1, coef=0.914)
```

Phase process using a LP method [1].

#### Parameters

**radar** [Radar] Input radar.

**offset** [float] Reflectivity offset in dBz.

**debug** [bool, optional] True to print debugging information.

**self\_const** [float, optional] Self consistency factor.

**low\_z** [float] Low limit for reflectivity. Reflectivity below this value is set to this limit.

**high\_z** [float] High limit for reflectivity. Reflectivity above this value is set to this limit.

**min\_phidp** [float] Minimum Phi differential phase.

**min\_ncp** [float] Minimum normal coherent power.

**min\_rhv** [float] Minimum copolar coefficient.

**fzl** : Maximum altitude.

**sys\_phase** [float] System phase in degrees.

**override\_sys\_phase: bool.** True to use *sys\_phase* as the system phase. False will calculate a value automatically.

**nowrap** [int or None.] Gate number to begin phase unwrapping. None will unwrap all phases.

**really\_verbose** [bool] True to print LPX messaging. False to suppress.

**LP\_solver** ['pyglpk' or 'cvxopt', 'cylp', or 'cylp\_mp'] Module to use to solve LP problem.

**refl\_field, ncp\_field, rhv\_field, phidp\_field, kdp\_field: str** Name of field in radar which contains the horizontal reflectivity, normal coherent power, copolar coefficient, differential phase shift, and differential phase. A value of None for any of these parameters will use the default field name as defined in the Py-ART configuration file.

**unf\_field** [str] Name of field which will be added to the radar object which will contain the unfolded differential phase. Metadata for this field will be taken from the *phidp\_field*. A value of None will use the default field name as defined in the Py-ART configuration file.

**window\_len** [int] Length of Sobel window applied to *PhiDP* field when prior to calculating KDP.

**proc** [int] Number of worker processes, only used when *LP\_solver* is 'cylp\_mp'.

**coef** [float] Exponent linking Z to KDP in self consistency.  $kdp=(10^{**}(0.1z))^{*coef}$

## Returns

**reproc\_phase** [dict] Field dictionary containing processed differential phase shifts.

**sob\_kdp** [dict] Field dictionary containing recalculated differential phases.

## References

[1] Giangrande, S.E., R. McGraw, and L. Lei. An Application of Linear Programming to Polarimetric Radar Differential Phase Processing. J. Atmos. and Oceanic Tech, 2013, 30, 1716.

```
pyart.correct.phase_proc.phase_proc_lp_gf (radar, gatefilter=None, debug=False,
self_const=60000.0, low_z=10.0, high_z=53.0,
min_phidp=0.01, fzl=4000.0, system_phase=None, nowrap=None, really_verbose=False,
LP_solver='cylp', refl_field=None, phidp_field=None,
kdp_field=None, unf_field=None, window_len=35, proc=1, coef=0.914, ncpts=None,
first_gate_syp=None, offset=0.0, doc=0)
```

Phase process using a LP method [1] using Py-ART's Gatefilter. Parameters ——— radar : Radar

Input radar.

**gatefilter** [Gatefilter, optional] Py-ART gatefilter object indicating where processing should be carried out

**debug** [bool, optional] True to print debugging information.

**self\_const** [float, optional] Self consistency factor.

**low\_z** [float] Low limit for reflectivity. Reflectivity below this value is set to this limit.

**high\_z** [float] High limit for reflectivity. Reflectivity above this value is set to this limit.

**fzl** [float] Maximum altitude.

**system\_phase** [float] System phase in degrees.

**nowrap** [int or None.] Gate number to begin phase unwrapping. None will unwrap all phases.

**really\_verbose** [bool] True to print LPX messaging. False to suppress.

**LP\_solver** ['pyglpk' or 'cvxopt', 'cylp', or 'cylp\_mp'] Module to use to solve LP problem.

**refl\_field, ncp\_field, rhv\_field, phidp\_field, kdp\_field:** str Name of field in radar which contains the horizontal reflectivity, normal coherent power, copolar coefficient, differential phase shift, and differential phase. A value of None for any of these parameters will use the default field name as defined in the Py-ART configuration file.

**unf\_field** [str] Name of field which will be added to the radar object which will contain the unfolded differential phase. Metadata for this field will be taken from the phidp\_field. A value of None will use the default field name as defined in the Py-ART configuration file.

**window\_len** [int] Length of Sobel window applied to PhiDP field when prior to calculating KDP.

**proc** [int] Number of worker processes, only used when *LP\_solver* is 'cylp\_mp'.

**coef** [float] Exponent linking Z to KDP in self consistency.  $kdp=(10^{**}(0.1z))*coef$

**ncpts** [int] Minimum number of points in a ray. Regions within a ray smaller than this or beginning before this gate number are excluded from unfolding.

**offset** [float] Reflectivity offset to add in dBz.

**doc** [int] Number of gates to "doc" off the end of a ray

### Returns

**reproc\_phase** [dict] Field dictionary containing processed differential phase shifts.

**sob\_kdp** [dict] Field dictionary containing recalculated differential phases.

### References

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[1] Giangrande, S.E., R. McGraw, and L. Lei. An Application of

**Linear Programming to Polarimetric Radar Differential Phase Processing.****J. Atmos. and Oceanic Tech, 2013, 30, 1716.**

```
pyart.correct.phase_proc.smooth_and_trim(x, window_len=11, window='hanning')
```

Smooth data using a window with requested size.

This method is based on the convolution of a scaled window with the signal. The signal is prepared by introducing reflected copies of the signal (with the window size) in both ends so that transient parts are minimized in the beginning and end part of the output signal.

**Parameters**

**x** [array] The input signal

**window\_len: int** The dimension of the smoothing window; should be an odd integer.

**window** [str] The type of window from 'flat', 'hanning', 'hamming', 'bartlett', 'blackman', 'median' or 'sg\_smooth'. A flat window will produce a moving average smoothing.

**Returns**

**y** [array] The smoothed signal with length equal to the input signal.

```
pyart.correct.phase_proc.smooth_and_trim_scan(x, window_len=11, window='hanning')
```

Smooth data using a window with requested size.

This method is based on the convolution of a scaled window with the signal. The signal is prepared by introducing reflected copies of the signal (with the window size) in both ends so that transient parts are minimized in the beginning and end part of the output signal.

**Parameters**

**x** [ndarray] The input signal

**window\_len: int** The dimension of the smoothing window; should be an odd integer.

**window** [str] The type of window from 'flat', 'hanning', 'hamming', 'bartlett', 'blackman', 'median' or 'sg\_smooth'. A flat window will produce a moving average smoothing.

**Returns**

**y** [ndarray] The smoothed signal with length equal to the input signal.

```
pyart.correct.phase_proc.smooth_masked(raw_data, wind_len=11, min_valid=6,
                                       wind_type='median')
```

smooths the data using a rolling window. data with less than n valid points is masked.

**Parameters**

**raw\_data** [float masked array] The data to smooth.

**window\_len** [float] Length of the moving window

**min\_valid** [float] Minimum number of valid points for the smoothing to be valid

**wind\_type** [str] type of window. Can be median or mean

**Returns**

**data\_smooth** [float masked array] smoothed data

```
pyart.correct.phase_proc.smooth_masked_scan(raw_data, wind_len=11, min_valid=6,
                                             wind_type='median')
```

smooths the data using a rolling window. data with less than n valid points is masked. Processess the entire scan at once

**Parameters**

**raw\_data** [float masked array] The data to smooth.  
**window\_len** [float] Length of the moving window  
**min\_valid** [float] Minimum number of valid points for the smoothing to be valid  
**wind\_type** [str] type of window. Can be median or mean

**Returns**

**data\_smooth** [float masked array] smoothed data

```
pyart.correct.phase_proc.smooth_phidp_double_window(radar, ind_rmin=10,
                                                    ind_rmax=500, min_rcons=11,
                                                    zmin=20.0,    zmax=40,
                                                    swind_len=11,  smin_valid=6,
                                                    lwind_len=31,  lmin_valid=16,
                                                    zthr=40.0,    psidp_field=None,
                                                    refl_field=None,
                                                    phidp_field=None)
```

correction of the system offset and smoothing using two window

**Parameters**

**radar** [Radar] Radar object for which to determine the system phase.  
**ind\_rmin, ind\_rmax** [int] Min and max range index where to look for continuous precipitation  
**min\_rcons** [int] The minimum number of consecutive gates to consider it a rain cell.  
**zmin, zmax** [float] Minimum and maximum reflectivity to consider it a rain cell  
**swind\_len** [int] Length of the short moving window used to smooth  
**smin\_valid** [int] Minimum number of valid bins to consider the short window smooth data valid  
**lwind\_len** [int] Length of the long moving window used to smooth  
**lmin\_valid** [int] Minimum number of valid bins to consider the long window smooth data valid  
**zthr** [float] reflectivity value above which the short window is used  
**psidp\_field** [str] Field name within the radar object which represent the differential phase shift.  
A value of None will use the default field name as defined in the Py-ART configuration file.  
**refl\_field** [str] Field name within the radar object which represent the reflectivity. A value of  
None will use the default field name as defined in the Py-ART configuration file.  
**phidp\_field** [str] Field name within the radar object which represent the corrected differential  
phase shift. A value of None will use the default field name as defined in the Py-ART  
configuration file.

**Returns**

**phidp\_dict** [dict] The corrected phidp field

```
pyart.correct.phase_proc.smooth_phidp_single_window(radar, ind_rmin=10,
                                                    ind_rmax=500, min_rcons=11,
                                                    zmin=20.0,    zmax=40,
                                                    wind_len=11,   min_valid=6,
                                                    psidp_field=None,
                                                    refl_field=None,
                                                    phidp_field=None)
```

correction of the system offset and smoothing using one window

### Parameters

- radar** [Radar] Radar object for which to determine the system phase.
- ind\_rmin, ind\_rmax** [int] Min and max range index where to look for continuous precipitation
- min\_rcons** [int] The minimum number of consecutive gates to consider it a rain cell.
- zmin, zmax** [float] Minimum and maximum reflectivity to consider it a rain cell
- wind\_len** [int] Length of the moving window used to smooth
- min\_valid** [int] Minimum number of valid bins to consider the smooth data valid
- psidp\_field** [str] Field name within the radar object which represent the differential phase shift.  
A value of None will use the default field name as defined in the Py-ART configuration file.
- refl\_field** [str] Field name within the radar object which represent the reflectivity. A value of None will use the default field name as defined in the Py-ART configuration file.
- phidp\_field** [str] Field name within the radar object which represent the corrected differential phase shift. A value of None will use the default field name as defined in the Py-ART configuration file.

### Returns

- phidp\_dict** [dict] The corrected phidp field

`pyart.correct.phase_proc.snr(line, wl=11)`

Return the signal to noise ratio after smoothing.

`pyart.correct.phase_proc.solve_cylp(model, B_vectors, weights, ray, chunksize)`

Worker process for LP\_solver\_cylp\_mp.

### Parameters

- model** [CyClpModel] Model of the LP Problem, see [LP\\_solver\\_cylp\\_mp\(\)](#)
- B\_vectors** [matrix] Matrix containing B vectors, see [construct\\_B\\_vectors\(\)](#)
- weights** [array] Weights.
- ray** [int] Starting ray.
- chunksize** [int] Number of rays to process.

### Returns

- soln** [array] Solution to LP problem.

See also:

[LP\\_solver\\_cylp\\_mp](#) Parent function.

[LP\\_solver\\_cylp](#) Single Process Solver.

`pyart.correct.phase_proc.unwrap_masked(lon, centered=False, copy=True)`

Unwrap a sequence of longitudes or headings in degrees.

### Parameters

- lon** [array] Longitudes or heading in degrees. If masked output will also be masked.
- centered** [bool, optional] Center the unwrapping as close to zero as possible.
- copy** [bool, optional.] True to return a copy, False will avoid a copy when possible.

### Returns

**unwrap** [array] Array of unwrapped longitudes or headings, in degrees.



## PYART.CORRECT.REGION\_DEALIAS

Region based dealiasing using a dynamic network reduction for region joining.

|  |   |
|--|---|
| <code>dealias_region_based(radar[, ref_vel_field, ...])</code> | Dealias Doppler velocities using a region based algorithm.                                    |
| <code>_find_regions(vel, gfilter, limits)</code>               | Find regions of similar velocity.   |
| <code>_find_sweep_interval_splits(nyquist, ...)</code>         | Return the interval limits for a given sweep.   |
| <code>_combine_regions(region_tracker, edge_tracker)</code>    | Returns True when done.   |
| <code>_edge_sum_and_count(labels, ...)</code>                  | Find all edges between labels regions.  |
| <code>_RegionTracker(region_sizes)</code>                      | Tracks the location of radar volume regions contained in each node as the network is reduced. |
| <code>_EdgeTracker(indices, edge_count, ...)</code>            | A class for tracking edges in a dynamic network.  |

**class** `pyart.correct.region_dealias._EdgeTracker` (*indices, edge\_count, velocities, nyquist\_interval, nnodes*)

Bases: `object`

A class for tracking edges in a dynamic network.

### Methods

|   |                               |
|---|-------------------------------|
| <code>merge_nodes(base_node, merge_node, foo_edge)</code> | Merge nodes.                  |
| <code>pop_edge()</code>                                   | Pop edge with largest weight. |
| <code>unwrap_node(node, nwrap)</code>                     | Unwrap a node.                |

```
__class__
    alias of builtins.type
__delattr__ ($self, name, /)
    Implement delattr(self, name).
__dict__ = mappingproxy({'__module__': 'pyart.correct.region_dealias', '__doc__': '
__dir__ ($self, /)
    Default dir() implementation.
__eq__ ($self, value, /)
    Return self==value.
```

**\_\_format\_\_** (*\$self, format\_spec, /*)  
Default object formatter.

**\_\_ge\_\_** (*\$self, value, /*)  
Return self>=value.

**\_\_getattr\_\_** (*\$self, name, /*)  
Return getattr(self, name).

**\_\_gt\_\_** (*\$self, value, /*)  
Return self>value.

**\_\_hash\_\_** (*\$self, /*)  
Return hash(self).

**\_\_init\_\_** (*indices, edge\_count, velocities, nyquist\_interval, nnodes*)  
initialize

**\_\_init\_subclass\_\_** ()  
This method is called when a class is subclassed.  
  
The default implementation does nothing. It may be overridden to extend subclasses.

**\_\_le\_\_** (*\$self, value, /*)  
Return self<=value.

**\_\_lt\_\_** (*\$self, value, /*)  
Return self<value.

**\_\_module\_\_** = **'pyart.correct.region\_dealias'**

**\_\_ne\_\_** (*\$self, value, /*)  
Return self!=value.

**\_\_new\_\_** (*\$type, \*args, \*\*kwargs*)  
Create and return a new object. See help(type) for accurate signature.

**\_\_reduce\_\_** (*\$self, /*)  
Helper for pickle.

**\_\_reduce\_ex\_\_** (*\$self, protocol, /*)  
Helper for pickle.

**\_\_repr\_\_** (*\$self, /*)  
Return repr(self).

**\_\_setattr\_\_** (*\$self, name, value, /*)  
Implement setattr(self, name, value).

**\_\_sizeof\_\_** (*\$self, /*)  
Size of object in memory, in bytes.

**\_\_str\_\_** (*\$self, /*)  
Return str(self).

**\_\_subclasshook\_\_** ()  
Abstract classes can override this to customize issubclass().  
  
This is invoked early on by abc.ABCMeta.\_\_subclasscheck\_\_(). It should return True, False or NotImplemented. If it returns NotImplemented, the normal algorithm is used. Otherwise, it overrides the normal algorithm (and the outcome is cached).

**\_\_weakref\_\_**  
list of weak references to the object (if defined)

**`_combine_edges`** (*base\_edge, merge\_edge, merge\_node, neighbor\_node*)

Combine edges into a single edge.

**`_reverse_edge_direction`** (*edge*)

Reverse an edges direction, change alpha and beta.

**`merge_nodes`** (*base\_node, merge\_node, foo\_edge*)

Merge nodes.

**`pop_edge`** ()

Pop edge with largest weight. Return node numbers and diff

**`unwrap_node`** (*node, nwrap*)

Unwrap a node.

**`class`** `pyart.correct.region_dealias._RegionTracker` (*region\_sizes*)

Bases: `object`

Tracks the location of radar volume regions contained in each node as the network is reduced.

## Methods

|  |                                       |
|--|---------------------------------------|
| <code>get_node_size</code> ( <i>node</i> ) | Return the number of gates in a node. |
|--|---------------------------------------|

|  |                           |
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| <code>merge_nodes</code> ( <i>node_a, node_b</i> ) | Merge node b into node a. |
|--|---------------------------|

|   |                                    |
|---|------------------------------------|
| <code>unwrap_node</code> ( <i>node, nwrap</i> ) | Unwrap all gates contained a node. |
|---|------------------------------------|

**`__class__`**

alias of `builtins.type`

**`__delattr__`** (*\$self, name, /*)

Implement `delattr`(*self, name*).

**`__dict__`** = `mappingproxy`({'`__module__`': '`pyart.correct.region_dealias`', '`__doc__`': '\n

**`__dir__`** (*\$self, /*)

Default `dir`() implementation.

**`__eq__`** (*\$self, value, /*)

Return `self==value`.

**`__format__`** (*\$self, format\_spec, /*)

Default object formatter.

**`__ge__`** (*\$self, value, /*)

Return `self>=value`.

**`__getattr__`** (*\$self, name, /*)

Return `getattr`(*self, name*).

**`__gt__`** (*\$self, value, /*)

Return `self>value`.

**`__hash__`** (*\$self, /*)

Return `hash`(*self*).

**`__init__`** (*region\_sizes*)

italize.

**`__init_subclass__`** ()

This method is called when a class is subclassed.

The default implementation does nothing. It may be overridden to extend subclasses.

**\_\_le\_\_** (*\$self, value, /*)  
Return self<=value.

**\_\_lt\_\_** (*\$self, value, /*)  
Return self<value.

**\_\_module\_\_** = 'pyart.correct.region\_dealias'

**\_\_ne\_\_** (*\$self, value, /*)  
Return self!=value.

**\_\_new\_\_** (*\$type, \*args, \*\*kwargs*)  
Create and return a new object. See help(type) for accurate signature.

**\_\_reduce\_\_** (*\$self, /*)  
Helper for pickle.

**\_\_reduce\_ex\_\_** (*\$self, protocol, /*)  
Helper for pickle.

**\_\_repr\_\_** (*\$self, /*)  
Return repr(self).

**\_\_setattr\_\_** (*\$self, name, value, /*)  
Implement setattr(self, name, value).

**\_\_sizeof\_\_** (*\$self, /*)  
Size of object in memory, in bytes.

**\_\_str\_\_** (*\$self, /*)  
Return str(self).

**\_\_subclasshook\_\_** ()  
Abstract classes can override this to customize issubclass().

This is invoked early on by abc.ABCMeta.\_\_subclasscheck\_\_(). It should return True, False or NotImplemented. If it returns NotImplemented, the normal algorithm is used. Otherwise, it overrides the normal algorithm (and the outcome is cached).

**\_\_weakref\_\_**  
list of weak references to the object (if defined)

**get\_node\_size** (*node*)  
Return the number of gates in a node.

**merge\_nodes** (*node\_a, node\_b*)  
Merge node b into node a.

**unwrap\_node** (*node, nwrap*)  
Unwrap all gates contained a node.

pyart.correct.region\_dealias.**\_\_combine\_regions** (*region\_tracker, edge\_tracker*)  
Returns True when done.

pyart.correct.region\_dealias.**\_\_cost\_function** (*nyq\_vector, vels\_slice\_means, svels\_slice\_means, v\_nyq\_vel, nfeatures*)  
Cost function for minimization in region based algorithm

pyart.correct.region\_dealias.**\_\_edge\_sum\_and\_count** (*labels, num\_masked\_gates, data, rays\_wrap\_around, max\_gap\_x, max\_gap\_y*)  
Find all edges between labels regions.

Returns the indices, count and velocities of all edges.

`pyart.correct.region_dealias._find_regions(vel, gfilter, limits)`

Find regions of similar velocity.

For each pair of values in the limits array (or list) find all connected velocity regions within these limits.

#### Parameters

**vel** [2D ndarray] Array containing velocity data for a single sweep.

**gfilter** [2D ndarray] Filter indicating if a particular gate should be masked. True indicates the gate should be masked (excluded).

**limits** [array like] Velocity limits for region finding. For each pair of limits, taken from elements *i* and *i*+1 of the array, all connected regions with velocities within these limits will be found.

#### Returns

**label** [ndarray] Integer array with each region labeled by a value. The array ranges from 0 to *nfeatures*, inclusive, where a value of 0 indicates masked gates and non-zero indicates a region of connected gates.

**nfeatures** [int] Number of regions found.

`pyart.correct.region_dealias._find_sweep_interval_splits(nyquist, interval_splits, velocities, nsweep)`

Return the interval limits for a given sweep.

`pyart.correct.region_dealias._gradient(nyq_vector, vels_slice_means, svels_slice_means, v_nyq_vel, nfeatures)`

Gradient of cost function for minimization in region based algorithm

`pyart.correct.region_dealias.dealias_region_based(radar, ref_vel_field=None, interval_splits=3, interval_limits=None, skip_between_rays=100, skip_along_ray=100, centered=True, nyquist_vel=None, check_nyquist_uniform=True, gatefilter=False, rays_wrap_around=None, keep_original=False, set_limits=True, vel_field=None, corr_vel_field=None, **kwargs)`

Dealias Doppler velocities using a region based algorithm.

Performs Doppler velocity dealiasing by finding regions of similar velocities and unfolding and merging pairs of regions until all regions are unfolded. Unfolding and merging regions is accomplished by modeling the problem as a dynamic network reduction.

#### Parameters

**radar** [Radar] Radar object containing Doppler velocities to dealias.

**ref\_vel\_field** [str or None, optional] Field in radar containing a reference velocity field used to anchor the unfolded velocities once the algorithm completes. Typically this field is created by simulating the radial velocities from wind data from an atmospheric sounding using `pyart.util.simulated_vel_from_profile()`.

**interval\_splits** [int, optional] Number of segments to split the nyquist interval into when finding regions of similar velocity. More splits creates a larger number of initial regions which takes longer to process but may result in better dealiasing. The default value of 3 seems to be a

good compromise between performance and artifact free dealiasing. This value is not used if the `interval_limits` parameter is not `None`.

**interval\_limits** [array like or `None`, optional] Velocity limits used for finding regions of similar velocity. Should cover the entire nyquist interval. `None`, the default value, will split the Nyquist interval into `interval_splits` equal sized intervals.

**skip\_between\_rays, skip\_along\_ray** [int, optional] Maximum number of filtered gates to skip over when joining regions, gaps between region larger than this will not be connected. Parameters specify the maximum number of filtered gates between and along a ray. Set these parameters to 0 to disable unfolding across filtered gates.

**centered** [bool, optional] True to apply centering to each sweep after the dealiasing algorithm so that the average number of unfolding is near 0. False does not apply centering which may results in individual sweeps under or over folded by the nyquist interval.

**nyquist\_velocity** [array like or float, optional] Nyquist velocity in unit identical to those stored in the radar's velocity field, either for each sweep or a single value which will be used for all sweeps. `None` will attempt to determine this value from the Radar object.

**check\_nyquist\_uniform** [bool, optional] True to check if the Nyquist velocities are uniform for all rays within a sweep, False will skip this check. This parameter is ignored when the `nyquist_velocity` parameter is not `None`.

**gatefilter** [GateFilter, `None` or `False`, optional.] A GateFilter instance which specified which gates should be ignored when performing de-aliasing. A value of `None` created this filter from the radar moments using any additional arguments by passing them to `moment_based_gate_filter()`. `False`, the default, disables filtering including all gates in the dealiasing.

**rays\_wrap\_around** [bool or `None`, optional] True when the rays at the beginning of the sweep and end of the sweep should be interpreted as connected when de-aliasing (PPI scans). False if they edges should not be interpreted as connected (other scan types). `None` will determine the correct value from the radar scan type.

**keep\_original** [bool, optional] True to retain the original Doppler velocity values at gates where the dealiasing procedure fails or was not applied. False does not replacement and these gates will be masked in the corrected velocity field.

**set\_limits** [bool, optional] True to set `valid_min` and `valid_max` elements in the returned dictionary. False will not set these dictionary elements.

**vel\_field** [str, optional] Field in radar to use as the Doppler velocities during dealiasing. `None` will use the default field name from the Py-ART configuration file.

**corr\_vel\_field** [str, optional] Name to use for the dealiased Doppler velocity field metadata. `None` will use the default field name from the Py-ART configuration file.

## Returns

**corr\_vel** [dict] Field dictionary containing dealiased Doppler velocities. Dealiased array is stored under the 'data' key.

## PYRAD.CORRECT.SUNLIB

Library to deal with sun measurements

|  |   |
|--|---|
| <code>sun_position_pysolar(dt, lat, lon[, refraction])</code>  | obtains the sun position in antenna coordinates using the pysolar library.  |
| <code>sun_position_mfr(dt, lat_deg, lon_deg[, ...])</code>     | Calculate the sun position for the given time (dt) at the given position (lat, lon).  |
| <code>equation_of_time(dayjul)</code>                          | Computes the solar hour for a given julian day.   |
| <code>hour_angle(htime, lon, eqt)</code>                       | Computes the solar angle at a particular time.  |
| <code>solar_declination(dayjul, htime)</code>                  | Computes the solar declination.   |
| <code>refraction_correction(es_deg)</code>                     | Computes the correction that has to be applied to the sun elevation angle to account for refraction   |
| <code>gas_att_sun(es_deg, attg)</code>                         | Computes the attenuation suffered by the sun signal through the atmosphere  |
| <code>gauss_fit(az_data, az_ref, el_data, el_ref, ...)</code>  | estimates a gaussian fit of sun hits data   |
| <code>retrieval_result(sunhits, alpha, beta, par, npar)</code> | computes the physical parameters of the sun retrieval from the results of a Gaussian fit.   |
| <code>sun_power(solar_flux, pulse_width, wavelen, ...)</code>  | computes the theoretical sun power detected at the antenna [dBm] as it would be without atmospheric attenuation (sun power at top of the atmosphere) for a given solar flux and radar characteristics |
| <code>ptoa_to_sf(ptoa, pulse_width, wavelen, ...)</code>       | Converts the sun power at the top of the atmosphere (in dBm) into solar flux.   |
| <code>solar_flux_lookup(solar_flux, wavelen)</code>            | Given the observed solar flux at 10.7 cm wavelength, returns the solar flux at the given radar wavelength   |
| <code>scanning_losses(angle_step, beamwidth)</code>            | Given the antenna beam width and the integration angle, compute the losses due to the fact that the sun is not a point target and the antenna is scanning   |

`pyart.correct.sunlib.equation_of_time (dayjul)`

Computes the solar hour for a given julian day.

### Parameters

**dayjul** [double] julian date

### Returns

**eqt** [float] hour

`pyart.correct.sunlib.gas_att_sun (es_deg, attg)`

Computes the attenuation suffered by the sun signal through the atmosphere

### Parameters

**es\_deg** [float] sun elevation in degrees

**attg** [float] 1-way gas attenuation in dB/km

#### Returns

**gas\_att\_sun** [float] the sun attenuation in dB

`pyart.correct.sunlib.gauss_fit` (*az\_data, az\_ref, el\_data, el\_ref, sunhits, npar, degree=True, do\_elcorr=True*)  
estimates a gaussian fit of sun hits data

#### Parameters

**az\_data, el\_data** [float array] azimuth and elevation radar data

**az\_ref, el\_ref** [float array] azimuth and elevation sun data

**sunhits** [float array] sun hits data

**npar** [int] number of parameters of the fit

**degree** [boolean] boolean indicating whether the data is in degree or radians

**do\_elcorr** [boolean] indicates whether azimuth data is corrected so that azimuth differences are invalid with elevation

#### Returns

**par** [1D float array] the fit parameters

**alpha: 2D float array** the matrix used in the fit

**beta: 1D float array** the vector used in the fit

`pyart.correct.sunlib.hour_angle` (*htime, lon, eqt*)  
Computes the solar angle at a particular time.

#### Parameters

**htime** [double] time in seconds since midnight

**lon** [float] longitude in degrees

**eqt** [float] solar time

#### Returns

**angle** [float] the solar angle in radians

`pyart.correct.sunlib.ptoa_to_sf` (*ptoa, pulse\_width, wavelen, antenna\_gain, coeff\_band=1.2*)  
Converts the sun power at the top of the atmosphere (in dBm) into solar flux.

#### Parameters

**ptoa** [float] sun power at the top of the atmosphere. It already takes into account the correction for antenna polarization

**pulse\_width** [float] pulse width [s]

**wavelen** [float] radar wavelength [m]

**antenna\_gain** [float] the antenna gain [dB]

**coeff\_band** [float] multiplicative coefficient applied to the inverse of the pulse width to get the effective bandwidth

#### Returns

**s0** [float] solar flux [10e-22 W/(m<sup>2</sup> Hz)]



## References

Altube P., J. Bech, O. Argemi, T. Rigo, 2015: Quality Control of Antenna Alignment and Receiver Calibration Using the Sun: Adaptation to Midrange Weather Radar Observations at Low Elevation Angles

`pyart.correct.sunlib.refraction_correction` (*es\_deg*)

Computes the correction that has to be applied to the sun elevation angle to account for refraction

### Parameters

**es\_deg** [float] sun elevation in degrees

### Returns

**refr** [float] the correction due to refraction in degrees

## References

Holleman & Huuskonen, 2013: analytical formulas for refraction of radiowaves from exoatmospheric sources, radio science, vol. 48, 226-231

`pyart.correct.sunlib.retrieval_result` (*sunhits, alpha, beta, par, npar*)

computes the physical parameters of the sun retrieval from the results of a Gaussian fit.

### Parameters

**sunhits** [float array] sun hits data

**alpha: 2D float array** the matrix used in the fit

**beta: 1D float array** the vector used in the fit

**par** [1D float array] the fit parameters

**npar** [int] number of parameters of the fit

### Returns

**val, val\_std** [float] retrieved value and its standard deviation

**az\_bias, el\_bias** [float] retrieved azimuth and elevation antenna bias respect to the sun position

**az\_width, el\_width** [float] retrieved azimuth and elevation antenna widths

`pyart.correct.sunlib.scanning_losses` (*angle\_step, beamwidth*)

Given the antenna beam width and the integration angle, compute the losses due to the fact that the sun is not a point target and the antenna is scanning

### Parameters

**angle\_step** [float] integration angle [deg]

**beamwidth** [float] 3 dB-beamwidth [deg]

### Returns

**la** [float] The losses due to the scanning of the antenna [dB positive]

## References

Altube P., J. Bech, O. Argemi, T. Rigo, 2015: Quality Control of Antenna Alignment and Receiver Calibration Using the Sun: Adaptation to Midrange Weather Radar Observations at Low Elevation Angles

`pyart.correct.sunlib.solar_declination(dayjul, htime)`

Computes the solar declination.

**Parameters**

**dayjul** [double] julian date

**htime** [double] time in seconds since midnight

**Returns**

**angle** [float] the solar declination in radians

`pyart.correct.sunlib.solar_flux_lookup(solar_flux, wavelen)`

Given the observed solar flux at 10.7 cm wavelength, returns the solar flux at the given radar wavelength

**Parameters**

**solar\_flux** [float array] the solar fluxes measured at 10.7 cm wavelength [10e-22 W/(m<sup>2</sup> Hz)]

**wavelen** [float] radar wavelength [m]

**Returns**

**s0** [float] the radar flux at the radar wavelength [10e-22 W/(m<sup>2</sup> Hz)]

**References**

Altube P., J. Bech, O. Argemi, T. Rigo, 2015: Quality Control of Antenna Alignment and Receiver Calibration Using the Sun: Adaptation to Midrange Weather Radar Observations at Low Elevation Angles

`pyart.correct.sunlib.sun_position_mfr(dt, lat_deg, lon_deg, refraction=True)`

Calculate the sun position for the given time (dt) at the given position (lat, lon).

**Parameters**

**dt** [datetime object] the time when to look for the sun

**lat\_deg, lon\_deg: floats** latitude and longitude in degrees

**refraction** [boolean] whether to correct for refraction or not

**Returns**

**elev\_sun, azim\_sun** [floats] elevation and azimuth angles of the sun respect to the sensor in degrees

`pyart.correct.sunlib.sun_position_pysolar(dt, lat, lon, refraction=True)`

obtains the sun position in antenna coordinates using the pysolar library.

**Parameters**

**dt** [datetime object] the time when to look for the sun

**lat, lon** [float] latitude and longitude of the sensor in degrees

**refraction** [boolean] whether to correct for refraction or not

**Returns**

**el, az** [float] elevation and azimuth angles of the sun respect to the sensor in degrees

`pyart.correct.sunlib.sun_power(solar_flux, pulse_width, wavelen, antenna_gain, angle_step, beamwidth, coeff_band=1.2)`

computes the theoretical sun power detected at the antenna [dBm] as it would be without atmospheric attenuation (sun power at top of the atmosphere) for a given solar flux and radar characteristics

### Parameters

**solar\_flux** [float array] the solar fluxes measured at 10.7 cm wavelength [10e-22 W/(m<sup>2</sup> Hz)]

**pulse\_width** [float] pulse width [s]

**wavelen** [float] radar wavelength [m]

**antenna\_gain** [float] the antenna gain [dB]

**angle\_step** [float] integration angle [deg]

**beamwidth** [float] 3 dB-beamwidth [deg]

**coeff\_band** [float] multiplicative coefficient applied to the inverse of the pulse width to get the effective bandwidth

### Returns

**pwr\_det** [float array] the detected power

### References

Altube P., J. Bech, O. Argemi, T. Rigo, 2015: Quality Control of Antenna Alignment and Receiver Calibration Using the Sun: Adaptation to Midrange Weather Radar Observations at Low Elevation Angles



## PYART.CORRECT.UNWRAP

Dealias using multidimensional phase unwrapping algorithms.

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| <code>dealias_unwrap_phase(radar[, unwrap_unit, ...])</code> | Dealias Doppler velocities using multi-dimensional phase unwrapping. |
| <code>_dealias_unwrap_3d(radar, vdata, ...)</code>           | Dealias using 3D phase unwrapping (full volume at once).             |
| <code>_dealias_unwrap_2d(radar, vdata, ...)</code>           | Dealias using 2D phase unwrapping (sweep-by-sweep).                  |
| <code>_dealias_unwrap_1d(vdata, nyquist_vel)</code>          | Dealias using 1D phase unwrapping (ray-by-ray)                       |
| <code>_verify_unwrap_unit(radar, unwrap_unit)</code>         | Verify that the radar supports the requested unwrap unit             |
| <code>_is_radar_cubic(radar)</code>                          | Test if a radar is cubic (sweeps have the same number of rays).      |
| <code>_is_radar_sweep_aligned(radar[, diff])</code>          | Test that all sweeps in the radar sample nearly the same angles.     |
| <code>_is_radar_sequential(radar)</code>                     | Test if all sweeps in radar are sequentially ordered.                |
| <code>_is_sweep_sequential(radar, sweep_number)</code>       | Test if a specific sweep is sequentially ordered.                    |

`pyart.correct.unwrap._dealias_unwrap_1d(vdata, nyquist_vel)`  
Dealias using 1D phase unwrapping (ray-by-ray)

`pyart.correct.unwrap._dealias_unwrap_2d(radar, vdata, nyquist_vel, gfilter, rays_wrap_around)`  
Dealias using 2D phase unwrapping (sweep-by-sweep).

`pyart.correct.unwrap._dealias_unwrap_3d(radar, vdata, nyquist_vel, gfilter, rays_wrap_around)`  
Dealias using 3D phase unwrapping (full volume at once).

`pyart.correct.unwrap._is_radar_cubic(radar)`  
Test if a radar is cubic (sweeps have the same number of rays).

`pyart.correct.unwrap._is_radar_sequential(radar)`  
Test if all sweeps in radar are sequentially ordered.

`pyart.correct.unwrap._is_radar_sweep_aligned(radar, diff=0.1)`  
Test that all sweeps in the radar sample nearly the same angles.

Test that the maximum difference in sweep sampled angles is below *diff* degrees. The radar should first be tested to verify that is cubic before calling this function using the `_is_radar_cubic` function.

`pyart.correct.unwrap._is_sweep_sequential(radar, sweep_number)`  
Test if a specific sweep is sequentially ordered.

`pyart.correct.unwrap._verify_unwrap_unit(radar, unwrap_unit)`  
Verify that the radar supports the requested unwrap unit

raises a `ValueError` if the `unwrap_unit` is not supported.

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pyart.correct.unwrap.dealias_unwrap_phase(radar,                      unwrap_unit='sweep',
                                           nyquist_vel=None,
                                           check_nyquist_uniform=True,      gate-
                                           filter=False,          rays_wrap_around=None,
                                           keep_original=False,      set_limits=True,
                                           vel_field=None,          corr_vel_field=None,
                                           skip_checks=False, **kwargs)
```

Dealias Doppler velocities using multi-dimensional phase unwrapping.

### Parameters

**radar** [Radar] Radar object containing Doppler velocities to dealias.

**unwrap\_unit** [{ 'ray', 'sweep', 'volume' }, optional] Unit to unwrap independently. 'ray' will unwrap each ray individually, 'sweep' each sweep, and 'volume' will unwrap the entire volume in a single pass. 'sweep', the default, often gives superior results when the lower sweeps of the radar volume are contaminated by clutter. 'ray' does not use the `gatefilter` parameter and rays where gates are masked will result in poor dealiasing for that ray.

**nyquist\_velocity** [array like or float, optional] Nyquist velocity in unit identical to those stored in the radar's velocity field, either for each sweep or a single value which will be used for all sweeps. None will attempt to determine this value from the Radar object. The Nyquist velocity of the first sweep is used for all dealiasing unless the `unwrap_unit` is 'sweep' when the velocities of each sweep are used.

**check\_nyquist\_uniform** [bool, optional] True to check if the Nyquist velocities are uniform for all rays within a sweep, False will skip this check. This parameter is ignored when the `nyquist_velocity` parameter is not None.

**gatefilter** [GateFilter, None or False, optional.] A `GateFilter` instance which specified which gates should be ignored when performing de-aliasing. A value of None created this filter from the radar moments using any additional arguments by passing them to `moment_based_gate_filter()`. False, the default, disables filtering including all gates in the dealiasing.

**rays\_wrap\_around** [bool or None, optional] True when the rays at the beginning of the sweep and end of the sweep should be interpreted as connected when de-aliasing (PPI scans). False if they edges should not be interpreted as connected (other scan types). None will determine the correct value from the radar scan type.

**keep\_original** [bool, optional] True to retain the original Doppler velocity values at gates where the dealiasing procedure fails or was not applied. False does not replacement and these gates will be masked in the corrected velocity field.

**set\_limits** [bool, optional] True to set `valid_min` and `valid_max` elements in the returned dictionary. False will not set these dictionary elements.

**vel\_field** [str, optional] Field in radar to use as the Doppler velocities during dealiasing. None will use the default field name from the Py-ART configuration file.

**corr\_vel\_field** [str, optional] Name to use for the dealiased Doppler velocity field metadata. None will use the default field name from the Py-ART configuration file.

**skip\_checks** [bool] True to skip checks verifying that an appropriate `unwrap_unit` is selected, False retains these checked. Setting this parameter to True is not recommended and is only offered as an option for extreme cases.

### Returns

**corr\_vel** [dict] Field dictionary containing dealiased Doppler velocities. Dealiased array is stored under the 'data' key.

## References

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## PYART.CORRECT.\_COMMON\_DEALIAS

Routines used by multiple dealiasing functions.

|   |  |
|---|--|
| <code>_parse_fields(vel_field, corr_vel_field)</code>         | Parse and return the radar fields for dealiasing.                  |
| <code>_parse_nyquist_vel(nyquist_vel, radar, ...)</code>      | Parse the nyquist_vel parameter, extract from the radar if needed. |
| <code>_parse_gatefilter(gatefilter, radar, **kwargs)</code>   | Parse the gatefilter, return a valid GateFilter object.            |
| <code>_parse_rays_wrap_around(rays_wrap_around, radar)</code> | Parse the rays_wrap_around parameter.                              |
| <code>_set_limits(data, nyquist_vel, dic)</code>              | Set the valid_min and valid_max keys in dic from dealiased data.   |

`pyart.correct._common_dealias._parse_fields(vel_field, corr_vel_field)`  
Parse and return the radar fields for dealiasing.

`pyart.correct._common_dealias._parse_gatefilter(gatefilter, radar, **kwargs)`  
Parse the gatefilter, return a valid GateFilter object.

`pyart.correct._common_dealias._parse_nyquist_vel(nyquist_vel, radar, check_uniform)`  
Parse the nyquist\_vel parameter, extract from the radar if needed.

`pyart.correct._common_dealias._parse_rays_wrap_around(rays_wrap_around, radar)`  
Parse the rays\_wrap\_around parameter.

`pyart.correct._common_dealias._set_limits(data, nyquist_vel, dic)`  
Set the valid\_min and valid\_max keys in dic from dealiased data.



## PYART.CORRECT.\_FAST\_EDGE\_FINDER

Cython routine for quickly finding edges between connected regions.

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| <code>_fast_edge_finder</code> | Return the gate indices and velocities of all edges between regions. |
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**class** `pyart.correct._fast_edge_finder._EdgeCollector`

Bases: `object`

Class for collecting edges, used by `_edge_sum_and_count` function.

### Methods

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|---|---|
| <code>get_indices_and_velocities</code> | Return the edge indices and velocities. |
|---|---|

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```
__class__
    alias of builtins.type

__delattr__ ($self, name, /)
    Implement delattr(self, name).

__dir__ ($self, /)
    Default dir() implementation.

__eq__ ($self, value, /)
    Return self==value.

__format__ ($self, format_spec, /)
    Default object formatter.

__ge__ ($self, value, /)
    Return self>=value.

__getattr__ ($self, name, /)
    Return getattr(self, name).

__gt__ ($self, value, /)
    Return self>value.

__hash__ ($self, /)
    Return hash(self).

__init__
    initialize.
```

**\_\_init\_subclass\_\_()**

This method is called when a class is subclassed.

The default implementation does nothing. It may be overridden to extend subclasses.

**\_\_le\_\_(\$self, value, /)**

Return self<=value.

**\_\_lt\_\_(\$self, value, /)**

Return self<value.

**\_\_ne\_\_(\$self, value, /)**

Return self!=value.

**\_\_new\_\_(\$type, \*args, \*\*kwargs)**

Create and return a new object. See help(type) for accurate signature.

**\_\_pyx\_vtable\_\_ = <capsule object NULL>**

**\_\_reduce\_\_()**

**\_\_reduce\_ex\_\_(\$self, protocol, /)**

Helper for pickle.

**\_\_repr\_\_(\$self, /)**

Return repr(self).

**\_\_setattr\_\_(\$self, name, value, /)**

Implement setattr(self, name, value).

**\_\_setstate\_\_()**

**\_\_sizeof\_\_(\$self, /)**

Size of object in memory, in bytes.

**\_\_str\_\_(\$self, /)**

Return str(self).

**\_\_subclasshook\_\_()**

Abstract classes can override this to customize issubclass().

This is invoked early on by abc.ABCMeta.\_\_subclasscheck\_\_(). It should return True, False or NotImplemented. If it returns NotImplemented, the normal algorithm is used. Otherwise, it overrides the normal algorithm (and the outcome is cached).

**get\_indices\_and\_velocities()**

Return the edge indices and velocities.

**pyart.correct.\_fast\_edge\_finder.\_fast\_edge\_finder()**

Return the gate indices and velocities of all edges between regions.

## PYART.CORRECT.\_FOURDD\_INTERFACE

Cython wrapper around the University of Washington FourDD algorithm.

|   |   |
|---|---|
| <i>create_soundvolume</i>                           | Create a RSL Volume containing sounding data. |
| <i>fourdd_dealias</i> (radialVelVolume, ...[, ...]) | Dealias using the FourDD algorithm.           |

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`pyart.correct._fourdd_interface.create_soundvolume()`

Create a RSL Volume containing sounding data.

### Parameters

**radialVelVolume** [`_RslVolume`] Radial velocities which will be dealiased, shape used to create soundvolume.

**hc** [`ndarray`] Sounding heights in meters. Must be a contiguous one-dimensional float32 array.

**sc** [`ndarray`] Sounding wind speed in m/s. Must be a contiguous one-dimensional float32 array.

**dc** [`ndarray`] Sounding wind direction in degrees. Must be a contiguous one-dimensional float32 array.

**maxshear** [`float`] Maximum vertical shear which will be incorporated into the created volume.

**sign** [`int`] Sign convention which the radial velocities in the created volume will follow. A value of 1 represents when positive values velocities are towards the radar, -1 represents when negative velocities are towards the radar.

### Returns

**usuccess** [`int`] Flag indicating if loading of data was successful, 1 = yes, 0 = no.

**soundvolume** [`_RslVolume`] `RslVolume` containing sounding data.

`pyart.correct._fourdd_interface.fourdd_dealias` (*radialVelVolume*, *lastVelVolume*, *sound-*  
*Volume*, *filt*, *compthresh*=0.25,  
*compthresh2*=0.49, *thresh*=0.4,  
*epsilon*=0.00001, *ckval*=1.0,  
*stdthresh*=0.8, *maxcount*=10, *pass2*=1,  
*rm*=0, *proximity*=5, *mingood*=5,  
*ba\_mincount*=5, *ba\_edgecount*=3,  
*debug*=False)

Dealias using the FourDD algorithm.

### Parameters

**radialVelVolume** [`_RslVolume`] Radial velocities which will be dealiased.

**lastVelVolume** [\_RslVolume or None] Radial velocities from a previously dealiased radar volume. For best results, this radar should represent the previous volume scan in time. If the last velocity volume is unavailable, set this to None.

**soundVolume** [\_RslVolume or None] Volume created from sounding data. If unavailable, set this to None. soundVolume and lastVelVolume cannot both be None.

**filt** [int] Flag controlling Bergen and Albers filter, 1 = yes, 0 = no.

#### Returns

**usuccess** [int] Flag indicating if the unfolding was successful, 1 = yes, 0 = no.

**data** [np.ndarray] Array of unfolded velocities.

#### Other Parameters

**compthresh** [float] Fraction of the Nyquist velocity to use as a threshold when performing continuity (initial) dealiasing. Velocities differences above this threshold will not be marked as gate from which to begin unfolding during spatial dealiasing.

**compthresh2** [float] The same as compthresh but the value used during the second pass of dealiasing. This second pass is only performed in both a sounding and last volume are provided.

**thresh** [float] Fraction of the Nyquist velocity to use as a threshold when performing spatial dealiasing. Horizontally adjacent gates with velocities above this threshold will count against assigning the gate in question the velocity value being tested.

**ckval** [float] When the absolute value of the velocities are below this value they will not be marked as gates from which to begin unfolding during spatial dealiasing.

**stdthresh** [float] Fraction of the Nyquist velocity to use as a standard deviation threshold in the window dealiasing portion of the algorithm.

**epsilon** [float] Difference used when comparing a value to missing value, changing this from the default is not recommended.

**maxcount** [int] Maximum allowed number of fold allowed when unfolding velocities.

**pass2** [int] Controls whether unfolded gates should be removed (a value of 0) or retained for unfolding during the second pass (a value of 1) when both a sounding volume and last volume are provided.

**rm** [int] Determines what should be done with gates that are left unfolded after the first pass of dealiasing. A value of 1 will remove these gates, a value of 0 sets these gates to their initial velocity. If both a sounding volume and last volume are provided this parameter is ignored.

**proximity** [int] Number of gates and rays to include of either side of the current gate during window dealiasing. This value may be doubled in cases where a standard sized window does not capture a sufficient number of good valued gates.

**mingood** [int] Number of good valued gates required within the window before the current gate will be unfolded.

**ba\_mincount** [int] Number of neighbors required during Bergen and Albers filter for a given gate to be included, must be between 1 and 8, 5 recommended.

**ba\_edgecount** [int] Same as ba\_mincount but used at ray edges, must be between 1 and 5, 3 recommended.

**debug** [bool] True to return RSL Volume objects for debugging: usuccess, radialVelVolume, lastVelVolume, soundVolume, unfoldedVolume

## References

C. N. James and R. A. Houze Jr, A Real-Time Four-Dimensional Doppler Dealising Scheme, *Journal of Atmospheric and Oceanic Technology*, 2001, 18, 1674.





## PYART.CORRECT.\_UNWRAP\_1D

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*unwrap\_1d*

Phase unwrapping using the naive approach.

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```
pyart.correct._unwrap_1d.unwrap_1d()  
    Phase unwrapping using the naive approach.
```



## PYART.CORRECT.\_UNWRAP\_2D

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*unwrap\_2d*

2D phase unwrapping.

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`pyart.correct._unwrap_2d.unwrap_2d()`  
2D phase unwrapping.



## PYART.CORRECT.\_UNWRAP\_3D

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*unwrap\_3d*

3D phase unwrapping.

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`pyart.correct._unwrap_3d.unwrap_3d()`  
3D phase unwrapping.

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## PYART.RETRIEVE.ECHO\_CLASS

Functions for echo classification

|   |   |
|---|---|
| <code>steiner_conv_strat(grid[, dx, dy, intense, ...])</code> | Partition reflectivity into convective-stratiform using the Steiner et al.  |
| <code>hydroclass_semisupervised(radar[, ...])</code>          | Classifies precipitation echoes following the approach by Besic et al (2016)  |
| <code>_standardize(data, field_name[, mx, mn])</code>         | Stretches the radar data to -1 to 1 interval  |
| <code>_assign_to_class(zh, zdr, kdp, rhohv, relh, ...)</code> | assigns an hydrometeor class to a radar range bin computing the distance between the radar variables an a centroid  |
| <code>_assign_to_class_scan(zh, zdr, kdp, rhohv, ...)</code>  | assigns an hydrometeor class to a radar range bin computing the distance between the radar variables an a centroid. |
| <code>_compute_coeff_transform(mass_centers[, ...])</code>    | get the transformation coefficients   |
| <code>_get_mass_centers(freq)</code>                          | get mass centers for a particular frequency   |
| <code>_mass_centers_table()</code>                            | defines the mass centers look up table for each frequency band.   |
| <code>_data_limits_table()</code>                             | defines the data limits used in the standardization.  |
| <code>get_freq_band(freq)</code>                              | returns the frequency band name (S, C, X, ...)  |

`pyart.retrieve.echo_class._assign_to_class(zh, zdr, kdp, rhohv, relh, mass_centers, weights=array([1., 1., 1., 0.75, 0.5 ]), t_vals=None)`

assigns an hydrometeor class to a radar range bin computing the distance between the radar variables an a centroid

### Parameters

**zh,zdr,kdp,rhohv,relh** [radar field] variables used for assignment normalized to [-1, 1] values

**mass\_centers** [matrix] centroids normalized to [-1, 1] values (nclasses, nvariables)

**weights** [array] optional. The weight given to each variable (nvariables)

**t\_vals** [array] transformation values for the distance to centroids (nclasses)

### Returns

**hydroclass** [int array] the index corresponding to the assigned class

**entropy** [float array] the entropy

**t\_dist** [float matrix] if entropy is computed, the transformed distances of each class (proxy for proportions of each hydrometeor) (nrays, nbins, nclasses)

```
pyart.retrieve.echo_class._assign_to_class_scan(zh, zdr, kdp, rhohv, relh, mass_centers,
                                                weights=array([1., 1., 1., 0.75, 0.5 ]),
                                                t_vals=None)
```

assigns an hydrometeor class to a radar range bin computing the distance between the radar variables an a centroid. Computes the entire radar volume at once

#### Parameters

**zh,zdr,kdp,rhohv,relh** [radar field] variables used for assignment normalized to [-1, 1] values  
**mass\_centers** [matrix] centroids normalized to [-1, 1] values  
**weights** [array] optional. The weight given to each variable  
**t\_vals** [matrix] transformation values for the distance to centroids (nclasses, nvariables)

#### Returns

**hydroclass** [int array] the index corresponding to the assigned class  
**entropy** [float array] the entropy  
**t\_dist** [float matrix] if entropy is computed, the transformed distances of each class (proxy for proportions of each hydrometeor) (nrays, nbins, nclasses)

```
pyart.retrieve.echo_class._compute_coeff_transform(mass_centers, weights=array([1.,
                                                                                   1., 1., 0.75, 0.5 ]), value=50.0)
```

get the transformation coefficients

#### Parameters

**mass\_centers** [ndarray 2D] The centroids for each class and variable (nclasses, nvariables)  
**weights** [array] optional. The weight given to each variable (nvariables)  
**value** [float] parameter controlling the rate of decay of the distance transformation

#### Returns

**t\_vals** [ndarray 1D] The coefficients used to transform the distances to each centroid for each class (nclasses)

```
pyart.retrieve.echo_class._data_limits_table()
```

defines the data limits used in the standardization.

#### Returns

**dlimits\_dict** [dict] A dictionary with the limits for each variable

```
pyart.retrieve.echo_class._get_mass_centers(freq)
```

get mass centers for a particular frequency

#### Parameters

**freq** [float] radar frequency [Hz]

#### Returns

**mass\_centers** [ndarray 2D] The centroids for each variable and hydrometeor class in (nclasses, nvariables)

```
pyart.retrieve.echo_class._mass_centers_table()
```

defines the mass centers look up table for each frequency band.

#### Returns

**mass\_centers\_dict** [dict] A dictionary with the mass centers for each frequency band



`pyart.retrieve.echo_class._standardize(data, field_name, mx=None, mn=None)`

Stretches the radar data to -1 to 1 interval

#### Parameters

**data** [array] radar field

**field\_name** [str] type of field (relH, Zh, ZDR, KDP or RhoHV)

#### Returns

**field\_std** [dict] standardized radar data

`pyart.retrieve.echo_class.get_freq_band(freq)`

returns the frequency band name (S, C, X, ...)

#### Parameters

**freq** [float] radar frequency [Hz]

#### Returns

**freq\_band** [str] frequency band name

`pyart.retrieve.echo_class.hydroclass_semisupervised(radar, mass_centers=None, weights=array([1., 1., 0.75, 0.5 ]), value=50.0, refl_field=None, zdr_field=None, rhv_field=None, kdp_field=None, temp_field=None, iso0_field=None, hydro_field=None, entropy_field=None, temp_ref='temperature', compute_entropy=False, output_distances=False, vectorize=False)`

Classifies precipitation echoes following the approach by Besic et al (2016)

#### Parameters

**radar** [radar] radar object

#### Returns

**fields\_dict** [dict] Dictionary containing the retrieved fields

#### Other Parameters

**mass\_centers** [ndarray 2D] The centroids for each variable and hydrometeor class in (nclasses, nvariables)

**weights** [ndarray 1D] The weight given to each variable.

**value** [float] The value controlling the rate of decay in the distance transformation

**refl\_field, zdr\_field, rhv\_field, kdp\_field, temp\_field, iso0\_field** [str] Inputs. Field names within the radar object which represent the horizontal reflectivity, the differential reflectivity, the copolar correlation coefficient, the specific differential phase, the temperature and the height respect to the iso0 fields. A value of None for any of these parameters will use the default field name as defined in the Py-ART configuration file.

**hydro\_field** [str] Output. Field name which represents the hydrometeor class field. A value of None will use the default field name as defined in the Py-ART configuration file.

**temp\_ref** [str] the field use as reference for temperature. Can be either temperature or height\_over\_iso0

**compute\_entropy** [bool] If true, the entropy is computed

**output\_distances** [bool] If true, the normalized distances to the centroids for each hydrometeor are provided as output

**vectorize** [bool] If true, a vectorized version of the class assignation is going to be used

## References

Besic, N., Figueras i Ventura, J., Grazioli, J., Gabella, M., Germann, U., and Berne, A.: Hydrometeor classification through statistical clustering of polarimetric radar measurements: a semi-supervised approach, Atmos. Meas. Tech., 9, 4425-4445, doi:10.5194/amt-9-4425-2016, 2016

```
pyart.retrieve.echo_class.steiner_conv_strat (grid,      dx=None,      dy=None,      in-
                                             tense=42.0,      work_level=3000.0,
                                             peak_relation='default',
                                             area_relation='medium',
                                             bkg_rad=11000.0,      use_intense=True,
                                             fill_value=None, refl_field=None)
```

Partition reflectivity into convective-stratiform using the Steiner et al. (1995) algorithm.

### Parameters

**grid** [Grid] Grid containing reflectivity field to partition.

### Returns

**eclass** [dict] Steiner convective-stratiform classification dictionary.

### Other Parameters

**dx, dy** [float] The x- and y-dimension resolutions in meters, respectively. If None the resolution is determined from the first two axes values.

**intense** [float] The intensity value in dBZ. Grid points with a reflectivity value greater or equal to the intensity are automatically flagged as convective. See reference for more information.

**work\_level** [float] The working level (separation altitude) in meters. This is the height at which the partitioning will be done, and should minimize bright band contamination. See reference for more information.

**peak\_relation** ['default' or 'sgp'] The peakedness relation. See reference for more information.

**area\_relation** ['small', 'medium', 'large', or 'sgp'] The convective area relation. See reference for more information.

**bkg\_rad** [float] The background radius in meters. See reference for more information.

**use\_intense** [bool] True to use the intensity criteria.

**fill\_value** [float] Missing value used to signify bad data points. A value of None will use the default fill value as defined in the Py-ART configuration file.

**refl\_field** [str] Field in grid to use as the reflectivity during partitioning. None will use the default reflectivity field name from the Py-ART configuration file.

## References

Steiner, M. R., R. A. Houze Jr., and S. E. Yuter, 1995: Climatological Characterization of Three-Dimensional Storm Structure from Operational Radar and Rain Gauge Data. *J. Appl. Meteor.*, 34, 1978-2007.



## PYART.RETRIEVE.GATE\_ID

|  |  |
|--|--|
| <code>map_profile_to_gates(profile, heights, radar)</code> | Given a profile of a variable map it to the gates of radar assuming 4/3Re. |
| <code>fetch_radar_time_profile(sonde_dset, radar)</code>   | Extract the correct profile from a interpolated sonde.                     |

```
pyart.retrieve.gate_id.fetch_radar_time_profile(sonde_dset, radar, time_key='time',  
                                                height_key='height', nvars=None)
```

Extract the correct profile from a interpolated sonde.

This is an ARM specific method which extract the correct profile out of netCDF Variables from a Interpolated Sonde VAP for the volume start time of a radar object.

### Parameters

**sonde\_dset** [Dataset] Interpolate sonde Dataset.

**radar** [Radar] Radar object from which the nearest profile will be found.

**time\_key** [string, optional] Key to find a CF startard time variable

**height\_key** [string, optional] Key to find profile height data

**nvars** [list, optional] NetCDF variable to generated profiles for. If None (the default) all variables with dimension of time, height will be found in nvars.

### Returns

**return\_dic** [dict] Profiles at the start time of the radar

```
pyart.retrieve.gate_id.map_profile_to_gates(profile, heights, radar, toa=None, profile_field=None, height_field=None)
```

Given a profile of a variable map it to the gates of radar assuming 4/3Re.

### Parameters

**profile** [array] Profile array to map.

**heights** [array] Monotonically increasing heights in meters with same shape as profile.

**radar** [Radar] Radar to map to

**toa: float, optional** Top of atmosphere, where to use profile up to. If None check for mask and use lowest element, if no mask uses whole profile.

**height\_field** [str] Name to use for height field metadata. None will use the default field name from the Py-ART configuration file.

**profile\_field** [str] Name to use for interpolate profile field metadata. None will use the default field name from the Py-ART configuration file.

### Returns

**height\_dict, profile\_dict** [dict] Field dictionaries containing the height of the gates and the profile interpolated onto the radar gates.

## PYART.RETRIEVE.KDP\_PROC

Module for retrieving specific differential phase (KDP) from radar total differential phase (PSIDP) measurements. Total differential phase is a function of propagation differential phase (PHIDP), backscatter differential phase (DELTAHV), and the system phase offset.

|  |  |
|--|--|
| <code>kdp_schneebeli(radar[, gatefilter, ...])</code>          | Estimates Kdp with the Kalman filter method by Schneebeli and al.  |
| <code>kdp_vulpiani(radar[, gatefilter, ...])</code>            | Estimates Kdp with the Vulpiani method for a 2D array of psidp measurements with the first dimension being the distance from radar and the second dimension being the angles (azimuths for PPI, elev for RHI).The input psidp is assumed to be pre-filtered (for ex. |
| <code>kdp_maesaka(radar[, gatefilter, method, ...])</code>     | Compute the specific differential phase (KDP) from corrected (e.g., unfolded) total differential phase data based on the variational method outlined in Maesaka et al.   |
| <code>filter_psidp(radar[, psidp_field, ...])</code>           | Filter measured psidp to remove spurious data in four steps:   |
| <code>boundary_conditions_maesaka(radar[, ...])</code>         | Determine near range gate and far range gate propagation differential phase boundary conditions.   |
| <code>_kdp_estimation_backward_fixed(psidp_in, ...)</code>     | Processing one profile of Psidp and estimating Kdp and Phidp with the KFE algorithm described in Schneebeli et al, 2014 IEEE_TGRS.   |
| <code>_kdp_kalman_profile(psidp_in, dr[, band, ...])</code>    | Estimates Kdp with the Kalman filter method by Schneebeli and al.  |
| <code>_kdp_vulpiani_profile(psidp_in, dr[, ...])</code>        | Estimates Kdp with the Vulpiani method for a single profile of psidp measurements  |
| <code>_cost_maesaka(x, psidp_o, bcs, dhv, dr, ...)</code>      | Compute the value of the cost functional similar to equations (12)-(15) in Maesaka et al.  |
| <code>_jac_maesaka(x, psidp_o, bcs, dhv, dr, Cobs, ...)</code> | Compute the Jacobian (gradient) of the cost functional similar to equations (16)-(18) in Maesaka et al.  |
| <code>_forward_reverse_phidp(k, bcs[, verbose])</code>         | Compute the forward and reverse direction propagation differential phases from the control variable k and boundary conditions following equations (1) and (7) in Maesaka et al.  |
| <code>_parse_range_resolution(radar[, ...])</code>             | Parse the radar range gate resolution.   |
| <code>kdp_leastsquare_single_window(radar[, ...])</code>       | Compute the specific differential phase (KDP) from differential phase data using a piecewise least square method.  |

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|--|---|
| <code>kdp_leastsquare_double_window(radar[, ...])</code>       | Compute the specific differential phase (KDP) from differential phase data using a piecewise least square method. |
| <code>leastsquare_method(phidp, rng_m[, wind_len, ...])</code> | Compute the specific differential phase (KDP) from differential phase data using a piecewise least square method. |
| <code>leastsquare_method_scan(phidp, rng_m[, ...])</code>      | Compute the specific differential phase (KDP) from differential phase data using a piecewise least square method. |

`pyart.retrieve.kdp_proc._cost_maesaka(x, psidp_o, bcs, dhv, dr, Cobs, Clpf, finite_order, fill_value, proc, debug=False, verbose=False)`  
 Compute the value of the cost functional similar to equations (12)-(15) in Maesaka et al. (2012).

#### Parameters

- x** [ndarray] Analysis vector containing control variable  $k$ .
- psidp\_o** [ndarray] Total differential phase measurements.
- bcs** [array\_like] The near and far range gate propagation differential phase boundary conditions.
- dhv** [ndarray] Backscatter differential phase.
- dr** [float] Range resolution in meters.
- Cobs** [ndarray] The differential phase measurement constraint weights. The weight should vanish where no differential phase measurements are available.
- Clpf** [float] The low-pass filter (radial smoothness) constraint weight as in equation (15) of Maesaka et al. (2012).
- finite\_order** ['low' or 'high'] The finite difference accuracy to use when computing derivatives.
- fill\_value** [float] Value indicating missing or bad data in radar field data.
- proc** [int] The number of parallel threads (CPUs) to use.
- debug** [bool, optional] True to print debugging information, False to suppress.
- verbose** [bool, optional] True to print progress information, False to suppress.

#### Returns

- J** [float] Value of total cost functional.

`pyart.retrieve.kdp_proc._forward_reverse_phidp(k, bcs, verbose=False)`

Compute the forward and reverse direction propagation differential phases from the control variable  $k$  and boundary conditions following equations (1) and (7) in Maesaka et al. (2012).

#### Parameters

- k** [ndarray] Control variable  $k$  of the Maesaka et al. (2012) method. The control variable  $k$  is proportional to the square root of specific differential phase.
- bcs** [array\_like] The near and far range gate boundary conditions.
- verbose** [bool, optional] True to print relevant information, False to suppress.

#### Returns

- phidp\_f** [ndarray] Forward direction propagation differential phase.
- phidp\_r** [ndarray] Reverse direction propagation differential phase.



`pyart.retrieve.kdp_proc._jac_maesaka(x, psidp_o, bcs, dhv, dr, Cobs, Clpf, finite_order, fill_value, proc, debug=False, verbose=False)`

Compute the Jacobian (gradient) of the cost functional similar to equations (16)-(18) in Maesaka et al. (2012).

#### Parameters

- x** [ndarray] Analysis vector containing control variable  $k$ .
- psidp\_o** [ndarray] Total differential phase measurements.
- bcs** [array\_like] The near and far range gate propagation differential phase boundary conditions.
- dhv** [ndarray] Backscatter differential phase.
- dr** [float] Range resolution in meters.
- Cobs** [ndarray] The differential phase measurement constraint weights. The weight should vanish where no differential phase measurements are available.
- Clpf** [float] The low-pass filter (radial smoothness) constraint weight as in equation (15) of Maesaka et al. (2012).
- finite\_order** ['low' or 'high'] The finite difference accuracy to use when computing derivatives.
- fill\_value** [float] Value indicating missing or bad data in radar field data.
- proc** [int] The number of parallel threads (CPUs) to use.
- debug** [bool, optional] True to print debugging information, False to suppress.
- verbose** [bool, optional] True to print progress information, False to suppress.

#### Returns

- jac** [ndarray] Jacobian of the cost functional.

`pyart.retrieve.kdp_proc._kdp_estimation_backward_fixed(psidp_in, rcov, pcov_scale, f, f_transposed, h_plus, c1, c2, b1, b2, kdp_th, mpsidp)`

Processing one profile of Psidp and estimating Kdp and Phidp with the KFE algorithm described in Schneebeli et al, 2014 IEEE\_TGRS. This routine estimates Kdp in the backward direction given a set of matrices that define the Kalman filter.

#### Parameters

- psidp\_in** [ndarray] one-dimensional vector of length -nrg- containing the input psidp [degrees]
- rcov** [3x3 float array##] Measurement error covariance matrix
- pcov\_scale** [4x4 float array] Scaled state transition error covariance matrix
- f** [4x4 float array] Forward state prediction matrix [4x4]
- f\_transposed: 4x4 float array** Transpose of F
- h\_plus** [4x3 float array] Measurement prediction matrix [4x3]
- c1, c2, b1, b2: floats** the values of the intercept of the relation  $c = b * Kdp - \delta$ . This relation uses b1, c1 IF kdp is lower than a kdp\_th and b2, c2 otherwise kdp\_th
- kdp\_th: float** the kdp threshold which separates the two Kdp - delta regime i.e. the power law relating delta to Kdp will be different if Kdp is larger or smaller than kdp\_th
- mpsidp: float** final observed value of psidp along the radial (usually also the max value), needed for inverting the psidp vector

#### Returns

**kdp: ndarray** filtered Kdp [degrees/km]. Same length as Psidp

**error\_kdp: ndarray** estimated error on Kdp values

`pyart.retrieve.kdp_proc._kdp_estimation_forward_fixed` (*psidp\_in*, *rcov*, *pcov\_scale*, *f*,  
*f\_transposed*, *h\_plus*, *c1*, *c2*,  
*b1*, *b2*, *kdp\_th*)

Processing one profile of Psidp and estimating Kdp and Phidp with the KFE algorithm described in Schneebeli et al, 2014 IEEE\_TGRS. This routine estimates Kdp in the forward direction given a set of matrices that define the Kalman filter.

#### Parameters

**psidp\_in** [ndarray] one-dimensional vector of length -nrg- containing the input psidp [degrees]

**rcov** [3x3 float array] Measurement error covariance matrix

**pcov\_scale** [4x4 float array] Scaled state transition error covariance matrix

**f** [4x4 float array] Forward state prediction matrix [4x4]

**f\_transposed: 4x4 float array** Transpose of F

**h\_plus** [4x3 float array\*`np.nan`] Measurement prediction matrix [4x3]

**c1, c2, b1, b2: floats** the values of the intercept of the relation  $c = b * Kdp - \delta$ . This relation uses b1, c1 IF kdp is lower than a kdp\_th and b2, c2 otherwise kdp\_th.

#### Returns

**kdp: ndarray** filtered Kdp [degrees/km]. Same length as Psidp

**phidp: ndarray** estimated phidp (smooth psidp)

**error\_kdp: ndarray** estimated error on Kdp values

`pyart.retrieve.kdp_proc._kdp_kalman_profile` (*psidp\_in*, *dr*, *band='X'*, *rcov=0*, *pcov=0*)

Estimates Kdp with the Kalman filter method by Schneebeli and al. (2014) for a set of psidp measurements.

#### Parameters

**psidp\_in** [ndarray] one-dimensional vector of length -nrg- containing the input psidp [degrees]

**dr** [float] Range resolution in meters.

**band** [char, optional] Radar frequency band string. Accepted "X", "C", "S" (capital or not). The band is used to compute intercepts -c and slope b of the  $\delta = b * Kdp + c$  relation

**rcov** [3x3 float array, optional] Measurement error covariance matrix

**pcov** [4x4 float array, optional] Scaled state transition error covariance matrix

#### Returns

**kdp\_dict** [ndarray] Retrieved specific differential phase data

**kdp\_std\_dict** [ndarray] Estimated specific differential phase standard dev. data

**phidpr\_dict,; ndarray** Retrieved differential phase data

## References

Schneebeli, M., Grazioli, J., and Berne, A.: Improved Estimation of the Specific Differential Phase Shift Using a Compilation of Kalman Filter Ensembles, IEEE T. Geosci. Remote Sens., 52, 5137-5149, doi:10.1109/TGRS.2013.2287017, 2014.

```
pyart.retrieve.kdp_proc._kdp_vulpiani_profile(psidp_in, dr, windsize=10, band='X',  
                                              n_iter=10, interp=False)
```

Estimates Kdp with the Vulpiani method for a single profile of psidp measurements

### Parameters

**psidp\_in** [ndarray] Total differential phase measurements.

**dr** [float] Range resolution in meters.

**windsize** [int, optional] Size in # of gates of the range derivative window.

**band** [char, optional] Radar frequency band string. Accepted “X”, “C”, “S” (capital or not). It is used to set default boundaries for expected values of Kdp

**n\_iter** [int, optional] Number of iterations of the method. Default is 10.

**interp** [bool, optional] If set all the nans are interpolated. The advantage is that less data are lost (the iterations in fact are “eating the edges”) but some non-linear errors may be introduced

### Returns

**kdp\_calc** [ndarray] Retrieved specific differential profile

**phidp\_rec,;** ndarray Retrieved differential phase profile

```
pyart.retrieve.kdp_proc._parse_range_resolution(radar, check_uniform=True, atol=1.0,  
                                              verbose=False)
```

Parse the radar range gate resolution.

### Parameters

**radar** [Radar] Radar containing range data.

**check\_uniform** [bool, optional] True to check if all range gates are equally spaced, and if so return a scalar value for range resolution. If False, the resolution between each range gate is returned.

**atol** [float, optional] The absolute tolerance in meters allowed for discrepancies in range gate spacings. Only applicable when check\_uniform is True. This parameter may be necessary to catch instances where range gate spacings differ by a few meters or so.

**verbose** [bool, optional] True to print the range gate resolution. Only valid if check\_uniform is True.

### Returns

**dr** [float or ndarray] The radar range gate spacing in meters.

```
pyart.retrieve.kdp_proc.boundary_conditions_maesaka(radar, gatefilter=None, n=20,  
                                                  psidp_field=None, debug=False,  
                                                  verbose=False, **kwargs)
```

Determine near range gate and far range gate propagation differential phase boundary conditions. This follows the method outlined in Maesaka et al. (2012), except instead of using the mean we use the median which is less susceptible to outliers. This function can also be used to estimate the system phase offset.

### Parameters

**radar** [Radar] Radar containing total differential phase measurements.

**gatefilter** [GateFilter] A GateFilter indicating radar gates that should be excluded when analysing differential phase measurements.

**n** [int, optional] The number of range gates necessary to define the near and far range gate boundary conditions. Maesaka et al. (2012) uses a value of 30. If this value is too small then a spurious spike in specific differential phase close to the radar may be retrieved.

**check\_outliers** [bool, optional] True to check for near range gate boundary condition outliers. Outliers near the radar are primarily the result of ground clutter returns.

**psidp\_field** [str, optional] Field name of total differential phase. If None, the default field name must be specified in the Py-ART configuration file.

**debug** [bool, optional] True to print debugging information, False to suppress.

**verbose** [bool, optional] True to print relevant information, False to suppress.

### Returns

**phi\_near** [ndarray] The near range differential phase boundary condition for each ray.

**phi\_far** [ndarray] The far range differential phase boundary condition for each ray.

**range\_near** [ndarray] The near range gate in meters for each ray.

**range\_far** [ndarray] The far range gate in meters for each ray.

**idx\_near** [ndarray] Index of nearest range gate for each ray.

**idx\_far** [ndarray] Index of furthest range gate for each ray.

```
pyart.retrieve.kdp_proc.filter_psidp(radar, psidp_field=None, rhohv_field=None, min-  
size_seq=5, median_filter_size=7, thresh_rhohv=0.65,  
max_discont=90)
```

### Filter measured psidp to remove spurious data in four steps:

1. Censor it where Rhohv is lower than threshold
2. Unravel angles when strong discontinuities are detected
3. Remove very short sequences of valid data
4. Apply a median filter on every profile

### Parameters

**radar** [Radar] Radar containing differential phase field.

**psidp\_field** [str, optional] Total differential phase field. If None, the default field name must be specified in the Py-ART configuration file.

**rhohv\_field** [str, optional] Cross correlation ratio field. If None, the default field name must be specified in the Py-ART configuration file.

**minsize\_seq** [integer, optional] Minimal len (in radar gates) of sequences of valid data to be accepted

**median\_filter\_size** [integer, optional] Size (in radar gates) of the median filter to be applied on psidp

**thresh\_rhohv** [float, optional] Censoring threshold in rhohv (gates with rhohv < thresh\_rhohv) will be rejected

**max\_discont** [int, optional] Maximum discontinuity between psidp values, default is 90 deg

### Returns

**psidp\_filt** [ndarray] Filtered psidp field

```
pyart.retrieve.kdp_proc.kdp_leastsquare_double_window(radar,          swind_len=11,
                                                         smin_valid=6, lwind_len=31,
                                                         lmin_valid=16,  zthr=40.0,
                                                         phidp_field=None,
                                                         refl_field=None,
                                                         kdp_field=None,    vector-
                                                         ize=False)
```

Compute the specific differential phase (KDP) from differential phase data using a piecewise least square method. For optimal results PhiDP should be already smoothed and clutter filtered out.

#### Parameters

**radar** [Radar] Radar object.

**swind\_len** [int] The lenght of the short moving window.

**smin\_valid** [int] Minimum number of valid bins to consider the retrieval valid when using the short moving window

**lwind\_len** [int] The lenght of the long moving window.

**lmin\_valid** [int] Minimum number of valid bins to consider the retrieval valid when using the long moving window

**zthr** [float] reflectivity value above which the short window is used

**phidp\_field** [str] Field name within the radar object which represent the differential phase shift. A value of None will use the default field name as defined in the Py-ART configuration file.

**refl\_field** [str] Field name within the radar object which represent the reflectivity. A value of None will use the default field name as defined in the Py-ART configuration file.

**kdp\_field** [str] Field name within the radar object which represent the specific differential phase shift. A value of None will use the default field name as defined in the Py-ART configuration file.

**vectorize** [bool] whether to use a vectorized version of the least square method

#### Returns

**kdp\_dict** [dict] Retrieved specific differential phase data and metadata.

```
pyart.retrieve.kdp_proc.kdp_leastsquare_single_window(radar,          wind_len=11,
                                                         min_valid=6,
                                                         phidp_field=None,
                                                         kdp_field=None,    vector-
                                                         ize=False)
```

Compute the specific differential phase (KDP) from differential phase data using a piecewise least square method. For optimal results PhiDP should be already smoothed and clutter filtered out.

#### Parameters

**radar** [Radar] Radar object.

**wind\_len** [int] The lenght of the moving window.

**min\_valid** [int] Minimum number of valid bins to consider the retrieval valid

**phidp\_field** [str] Field name within the radar object which represent the differential phase shift. A value of None will use the default field name as defined in the Py-ART configuration file.

**kdp\_field** [str] Field name within the radar object which represent the specific differential phase shift. A value of None will use the default field name as defined in the Py-ART configuration file.

**vectorize** [bool] whether to use a vectorized version of the least square method

### Returns

**kdp\_dict** [dict] Retrieved specific differential phase data and metadata.

```
pyart.retrieve.kdp_proc.kdp_maesaka (radar, gatefilter=None, method='cg', backscatter=None,
                                     Clpf=1.0, length_scale=None, first_guess=0.01,
                                     finite_order='low', fill_value=None, proc=1,
                                     psidp_field=None, kdp_field=None, phidp_field=None,
                                     debug=False, verbose=False, **kwargs)
```

Compute the specific differential phase (KDP) from corrected (e.g., unfolded) total differential phase data based on the variational method outlined in Maesaka et al. (2012). This method assumes a monotonically increasing propagation differential phase (PHIDP) with increasing range from the radar, and therefore is limited to rainfall below the melting layer and/or warm clouds at weather radar frequencies (e.g., S-, C-, and X-band). This method currently only supports radar data with constant range resolution.

Following the notation of Maesaka et al. (2012), the primary control variable  $k$  is proportional to KDP,

$$k^2 = 2 * KDP * dr$$

which, because of the square, assumes that KDP always takes a positive value.

### Parameters

**radar** [Radar] Radar containing differential phase field.

**gatefilter** [GateFilter] A GateFilter indicating radar gates that should be excluded when analysing differential phase measurements.

**method** [str, optional] Type of scipy.optimize method to use when minimizing the cost functional. The default method uses a nonlinear conjugate gradient algorithm. In Maesaka et al. (2012) they use the Broyden-Fletcher-Goldfarb-Shanno (BFGS) algorithm, however for large functional size (e.g., 100K+ variables) this algorithm is considerably slower than a conjugate gradient algorithm.

**backscatter** [optional] Define the backscatter differential phase. If None, the backscatter differential phase is set to zero for all range gates. Note that backscatter differential phase can be parameterized using attenuation corrected differential reflectivity.

**Clpf** [float, optional] The low-pass filter (radial smoothness) constraint weight as in equation (15) of Maesaka et al. (2012).

**length\_scale** [float, optional] Length scale in meters used to bring the dimension and magnitude of the low-pass filter cost functional in line with the observation cost functional. If None, the length scale is set to the range resolution.

**first\_guess** [float, optional] First guess for control variable  $k$ . Since  $k$  is proportional to the square root of KDP, the first guess should be close to zero to signify a KDP field close to 0 deg/km everywhere. However, the first guess should not be exactly zero in order to avoid convergence criteria after the first iteration. In fact it is recommended to use a value closer to one than zero.

**finite\_order** ['low' or 'high', optional] The finite difference accuracy to use when computing derivatives.

**maxiter** [int, optional] Maximum number of iterations to perform during cost functional minimization. The maximum number of iterations are only performed if convergence criteria are not met. For variational schemes such as this one, it is generally not recommended to try

and achieve convergence criteria since the values of the cost functional and/or its gradient norm are somewhat arbitrary.

**fill\_value** [float, optional] Value indicating missing or bad data in differential phase field.

**proc** [int, optional] The number of parallel threads (CPUs) to use. Currently no multiprocessing capability exists.

**psidp\_field** [str, optional] Total differential phase field. If None, the default field name must be specified in the Py-ART configuration file.

**kdp\_field** [str, optional] Specific differential phase field. If None, the default field name must be specified in the Py-ART configuration file.

**phidp\_field** [str, optional] Propagation differential phase field. If None, the default field name must be specified in the Py-ART configuration file.

**debug** [bool, optional] True to print debugging information, False to suppress.

**verbose** [bool, optional] True to print relevant information, False to suppress.

### Returns

**kdp\_dict** [dict] Retrieved specific differential phase data and metadata.

**phidpf\_dict, phidpr\_dict** [dict] Retrieved forward and reverse direction propagation differential phase data and metadata.

### References

Maesaka, T., Iwanami, K. and Maki, M., 2012: “Non-negative KDP Estimation by Monotone Increasing PHIDP Assumption below Melting Layer”. The Seventh European Conference on Radar in Meteorology and Hydrology.

```
pyart.retrieve.kdp_proc.kdp_schneebeli (radar,          gatefilter=None,          fill_value=None,
                                         psidp_field=None,          kdp_field=None,
                                         phidp_field=None, band='C', rcov=0, pcov=0,
                                         prefilter_psidp=False, filter_opt=None, parallel=True)
```

Estimates Kdp with the Kalman filter method by Schneebeli and al. (2014) for a set of psidp measurements.

### Parameters

**radar** [Radar] Radar containing differential phase field.

**gatefilter** [GateFilter, optional] A GateFilter indicating radar gates that should be excluded when analysing differential phase measurements.

**fill\_value** [float, optional] Value indicating missing or bad data in differential phase field, if not specified, the default in the Py-ART configuration file will be used

**psidp\_field** [str, optional] Total differential phase field. If None, the default field name must be specified in the Py-ART configuration file.

**kdp\_field** [str, optional] Specific differential phase field. If None, the default field name must be specified in the Py-ART configuration file.

**phidp\_field** [str, optional] Propagation differential phase field. If None, the default field name must be specified in the Py-ART configuration file.

**band** [char, optional] Radar frequency band string. Accepted “X”, “C”, “S” (capital or not). The band is used to compute intercepts -c and slope b of the  $\delta = b \cdot \text{Kdp} + c$  relation

**rcov** [3x3 float array, optional] Measurement error covariance matrix

**pcov** [4x4 float array, optional] Scaled state transition error covariance matrix

**prefilter\_psidp** [bool, optional] If set, the psidp measurements will first be filtered with the `filter_psidp` method, which can improve the quality of the final Kdp

**filter\_opt** [dict, optional] The arguments for the `prefilter_psidp` method, if empty, the defaults arguments of this method will be used

**parallel** [bool, optional] Flag to enable parallel computation (one core for every psidp profile)

#### Returns

**kdp\_dict** [dict] Retrieved specific differential phase data and metadata.

**kdp\_std\_dict** [dict] Estimated specific differential phase standard dev. data and metadata.

**phidpr\_dict,; dict** Retrieved differential phase data and metadata.

#### References

Schneebeli, M., Grazioli, J., and Berne, A.: Improved Estimation of the Specific Differential Phase SHIFT Using a Compilation of Kalman Filter Ensembles, *IEEE T. Geosci. Remote Sens.*, 52, 5137-5149, doi:10.1109/TGRS.2013.2287017, 2014.

```
pyart.retrieve.kdp_proc.kdp_vulpiani(radar,          gatefilter=None,          fill_value=None,
                                     psidp_field=None, kdp_field=None, phidp_field=None,
                                     band='C', windsize=10, n_iter=10, interp=False, pre-
                                     filter_psidp=False, filter_opt=None, parallel=False)
```

Estimates Kdp with the Vulpiani method for a 2D array of psidp measurements with the first dimension being the distance from radar and the second dimension being the angles (azimuths for PPI, elev for RHI). The input psidp is assumed to be pre-filtered (for ex. with the `filter_psidp` function)

#### Parameters

**radar** [Radar] Radar containing differential phase field.

**gatefilter** [GateFilter, optional] A GateFilter indicating radar gates that should be excluded when analysing differential phase measurements.

**fill\_value** [float, optional] Value indicating missing or bad data in differential phase field, if not specified, the default in the Py-ART configuration file will be used

**psidp\_field** [str, optional] Total differential phase field. If None, the default field name must be specified in the Py-ART configuration file.

**kdp\_field** [str, optional] Specific differential phase field. If None, the default field name must be specified in the Py-ART configuration file.

**phidp\_field** [str, optional] Propagation differential phase field. If None, the default field name must be specified in the Py-ART configuration file.

**band** [char, optional] Radar frequency band string. Accepted "X", "C", "S" (capital or not). It is used to set default boundaries for expected values of Kdp.

**windsize** [int, optional] Size in # of gates of the range derivative window. Should be even.

**n\_iter** [int, optional] Number of iterations of the method. Default is 10.

**interp** [bool, optional] If True, all the nans are interpolated. The advantage is that less data are lost (the iterations in fact are "eating the edges") but some non-linear errors may be introduced.



**prefilter\_psidp** [bool, optional] If set, the psidp measurements will first be filtered with the `filter_psidp` method, which can improve the quality of the final Kdp.

**filter\_opt** [dict, optional] The arguments for the `prefilter_psidp` method, if empty, the defaults arguments of this method will be used.

**parallel** [bool, optional] Flag to enable parallel computation (one core for every psidp profile).

#### Returns

**kdp\_dict** [dict] Retrieved specific differential phase data and metadata.

**phidpr\_dict,; dict** Retrieved differential phase data and metadata.

## References

Gianfranco Vulpiani, Mario Montopoli, Luca Delli Passeri, Antonio G. Gioia, Pietro Giordano, and Frank S. Marzano, 2012: On the Use of Dual-Polarized C-Band Radar for Operational Rainfall Retrieval in Mountainous Areas. J. Appl. Meteor. Climatol., 51, 405-425, doi: 10.1175/JAMC-D-10-05024.1.

`pyart.retrieve.kdp_proc.leastsquare_method` (*phidp*, *rng\_m*, *wind\_len=11*, *min\_valid=6*)

Compute the specific differential phase (KDP) from differential phase data using a piecewise least square method. For optimal results PhiDP should be already smoothed and clutter filtered out.

#### Parameters

**phidp** [masked array] phidp field

**rng\_m** [array] radar range in meters

**wind\_len** [int] the window length

**min\_valid** [int] Minimum number of valid bins to consider the retrieval valid

#### Returns

**kdp** [masked array] Retrieved specific differential phase field

`pyart.retrieve.kdp_proc.leastsquare_method_scan` (*phidp*, *rng\_m*, *wind\_len=11*,  
*min\_valid=6*)

Compute the specific differential phase (KDP) from differential phase data using a piecewise least square method. For optimal results PhiDP should be already smoothed and clutter filtered out. This function computes the whole radar volume at once

#### Parameters

**phidp** [masked array] phidp field

**rng\_m** [array] radar range in meters

**wind\_len** [int] the window length

**min\_valid** [int] Minimum number of valid bins to consider the retrieval valid

#### Returns

**kdp** [masked array] Retrieved specific differential phase field



## PYART.RETRIEVE.QPE

Functions for rainfall rate estimation

|  |  |
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| <code>est_rain_rate_zpoly(radar[, refl_field, ...])</code>   | Estimates rainfall rate from reflectivity using a polynomial Z-R relation developed at McGill University                     |
| <code>est_rain_rate_z(radar[, alpha, beta, ...])</code>      | Estimates rainfall rate from reflectivity using a power law  |
| <code>est_rain_rate_kdp(radar[, alpha, beta, ...])</code>    | Estimates rainfall rate from kdp using alpha power law   |
| <code>est_rain_rate_a(radar[, alpha, beta, ...])</code>      | Estimates rainfall rate from specific attenuation using alpha power law  |
| <code>est_rain_rate_zkdp(radar[, alphaz, betaz, ...])</code> | Estimates rainfall rate from a blending of power law r-kdp and r-z relations.  |
| <code>est_rain_rate_za(radar[, alphaz, betaz, ...])</code>   | Estimates rainfall rate from a blending of power law r-alpha and r-z relations.  |
| <code>est_rain_rate_hydro(radar[, alphazr, ...])</code>      | Estimates rainfall rate using different relations between R and the polarimetric variables depending on the hydrometeor type |
| <code>_get_coeff_rkdp(freq)</code>                           | get the R(kdp) power law coefficients for a particular frequency   |
| <code>_coeff_rkdp_table()</code>                             | defines the R(kdp) power law coefficients for each frequency band.   |
| <code>_get_coeff_ra(freq)</code>                             | get the R(A) power law coefficients for a particular frequency   |
| <code>_coeff_ra_table()</code>                               | defines the R(A) power law coefficients for each frequency band.   |

`pyart.retrieve.qpe._coeff_ra_table()`  
defines the R(A) power law coefficients for each frequency band.

**Returns**

**coeff\_ra\_dict** [dict] A dictionary with the coefficients at each band

`pyart.retrieve.qpe._coeff_rkdp_table()`  
defines the R(kdp) power law coefficients for each frequency band.

**Returns**

**coeff\_rkdp\_dict** [dict] A dictionary with the coefficients at each band

`pyart.retrieve.qpe._get_coeff_ra(freq)`  
get the R(A) power law coefficients for a particular frequency

**Parameters**

**freq** [float] radar frequency [Hz]

#### Returns

**alpha, beta** [floats] the coefficient and exponent of the power law

`pyart.retrieve.qpe._get_coeff_rkdp(freq)`  
get the R(kdp) power law coefficients for a particular frequency

#### Parameters

**freq** [float] radar frequency [Hz]

#### Returns

**alpha, beta** [floats] the coefficient and exponent of the power law

`pyart.retrieve.qpe.est_rain_rate_a(radar, alpha=None, beta=None, a_field=None, rr_field=None)`

Estimates rainfall rate from specific attenuation using alpha power law

#### Parameters

**radar** [Radar] Radar object

**alpha, beta** [floats] Optional. factor (alpha) and exponent (beta) of the power law. If not set the factors are going to be determined according to the radar frequency

**a\_field** [str] name of the specific attenuation field to use

**rr\_field** [str] name of the rainfall rate field

#### Returns

**rain** [dict] Field dictionary containing the rainfall rate.

## References

Diederich M., Ryzhkov A., Simmer C., Zhang P. and Tromel S., 2015: Use of Specific Attenuation for Rainfall Measurement at X-Band Radar Wavelengths. Part I: Radar Calibration and Partial Beam Blockage Estimation. Journal of Hydrometeorology, 16, 487-502.

Ryzhkov A., Diederich M., Zhang P. and Simmer C., 2014: Potential Utilization of Specific Attenuation for Rainfall Estimation, Mitigation of Partial Beam Blockage, and Radar Networking. Journal of Atmospheric and Oceanic Technology, 31, 599-619.

`pyart.retrieve.qpe.est_rain_rate_hydro(radar, alphazr=0.0376, betazr=0.6112, alphazs=0.1, betazs=0.5, alphaa=None, betaa=None, mp_factor=0.6, refl_field=None, a_field=None, hydro_field=None, rr_field=None, master_field=None, thresh=None, thresh_max=False)`

Estimates rainfall rate using different relations between R and the polarimetric variables depending on the hydrometeor type

#### Parameters

**radar** [Radar] Radar object

**alphazr, betazr** [floats] factor (alpha) and exponent (beta) of the z-r power law for rain.

**alphazs, betazs** [floats] factor (alpha) and exponent (beta) of the z-s power law for snow.

**alphaa, betaa** [floats] Optional. factor (alpha) and exponent (beta) of the a-r power law. If not set the factors are going to be determined according to the radar frequency

**mp\_factor** [float] factor applied to z-r relation in the melting layer

**refl\_field** [str] name of the reflectivity field to use

**a\_field** [str] name of the specific attenuation field to use

**hydro\_field** [str] name of the hydrometeor classification field to use

**rr\_field** [str] name of the rainfall rate field

**master\_field** [str] name of the field that is going to act as master. Has to be either `refl_field` or `a_field`. Default is `a_field`

**thresh** [float] value of the threshold that determines when to use the slave field. The default will depend on the master field

**thresh\_max** [Boolean] If true the master field is used up to the `thresh` value maximum. Otherwise the master field is not used below `thresh` value.

### Returns

**rain** [dict] Field dictionary containing the rainfall rate.

```
pyart.retrieve.qpe.est_rain_rate_kdp(radar, alpha=None, beta=None, kdp_field=None,
                                     rr_field=None)
```

Estimates rainfall rate from kdp using alpha power law

### Parameters

**radar** [Radar] Radar object

**alpha,beta** [floats] Optional. factor (alpha) and exponent (beta) of the power law. If not set the factors are going to be determined according to the radar frequency

**kdp\_field** [str] name of the specific differential phase field to use

**rr\_field** [str] name of the rainfall rate field

### Returns

**rain** [dict] Field dictionary containing the rainfall rate.

```
pyart.retrieve.qpe.est_rain_rate_z(radar, alpha=0.0376, beta=0.6112, refl_field=None,
                                   rr_field=None)
```

Estimates rainfall rate from reflectivity using a power law

### Parameters

**radar** [Radar] Radar object

**alpha,beta** [floats] factor (alpha) and exponent (beta) of the power law

**refl\_field** [str] name of the reflectivity field to use

**rr\_field** [str] name of the rainfall rate field

### Returns

**rain** [dict] Field dictionary containing the rainfall rate.

```
pyart.retrieve.qpe.est_rain_rate_za(radar, alphaz=0.0376, betaz=0.6112, alphaa=None,
                                   betaa=None, refl_field=None, a_field=None,
                                   rr_field=None, master_field=None, thresh=None,
                                   thresh_max=True)
```

Estimates rainfall rate from a blending of power law r-alpha and r-z relations.

### Parameters

**radar** [Radar] Radar object

**alphaz,betaz** [floats] factor (alpha) and exponent (beta) of the z-r power law.

**alphaa,betaa** [floats] Optional. factor (alpha) and exponent (beta) of the a-r power law. If not set the factors are going to be determined according to the radar frequency

**refl\_field** [str] name of the reflectivity field to use

**a\_field** [str] name of the specific attenuation field to use

**rr\_field** [str] name of the rainfall rate field

**master\_field** [str] name of the field that is going to act as master. Has to be either `refl_field` or `kdp_field`. Default is `refl_field`

**thresh** [float] value of the threshold that determines when to use the slave field.

**thresh\_max** [Boolean] If true the master field is used up to the thresh value maximum. Otherwise the master field is not used below thresh value.

#### Returns

**rain\_master** [dict] Field dictionary containing the rainfall rate.

```
pyart.retrieve.qpe.estimate_rain_rate_zkdp(radar, alphaz=0.0376, betaz=0.6112,
                                           alphakdp=None, betakdp=None, refl_field=None,
                                           kdp_field=None, rr_field=None, master_field=None,
                                           thresh=None, thresh_max=True)
```

Estimates rainfall rate from a blending of power law r-kdp and r-z relations.

#### Parameters

**radar** [Radar] Radar object

**alphaz,betaz** [floats] factor (alpha) and exponent (beta) of the z-r power law.

**alphakdp, betakdp** [floats] Optional. factor (alpha) and exponent (beta) of the kdp-r power law. If not set the factors are going to be determined according to the radar frequency

**refl\_field** [str] name of the reflectivity field to use

**kdp\_field** [str] name of the specific differential phase field to use

**rr\_field** [str] name of the rainfall rate field

**master\_field** [str] name of the field that is going to act as master. Has to be either `refl_field` or `kdp_field`. Default is `refl_field`

**thresh** [float] value of the threshold that determines when to use the slave field [mm/h].

**thresh\_max** [Boolean] If true the master field is used up to the thresh value maximum. Otherwise the master field is not used below thresh value.

#### Returns

**rain\_master** [dict] Field dictionary containing the rainfall rate.

```
pyart.retrieve.qpe.estimate_rain_rate_zpoly(radar, refl_field=None, rr_field=None)
```

Estimates rainfall rate from reflectivity using a polynomial Z-R relation developed at McGill University

#### Parameters

**radar** [Radar] Radar object

**refl\_field** [str] name of the reflectivity field to use

**rr\_field** [str] name of the rainfall rate field

### Returns

**rain** [dict] Field dictionary containing the rainfall rate.





## PYART.RETRIEVE.ML

Routines to detect the ML from polarimetric RHI scans.

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| <code>detect_ml(radar[, gatefilter, fill_value, ...])</code>   | Detects the melting layer (ML) using the reflectivity and copolar correlation coefficient.   |
| <code>melting_layer_giangrande(radar[, nVol, ...])</code>      | Detects the melting layer following the approach by Giangrande et al (2008)  |
| <code>melting_layer_hydroclass(radar[, ...])</code>            | Using the results of the hydrometeor classification by Besic et al.  |
| <code>get_flag_ml(radar[, hydro_field, ml_field, ...])</code>  | Using the results of the hydrometeor classification by Besic et al.  |
| <code>get_pos_ml(radar, ml_data[, ml_pos_field])</code>        | Estimates the height of the top and bottom of the melting layer from a field containing the position of each range gate respect to the melting layer.  |
| <code>compute_iso0(radar, ml_top[, iso0_field])</code>         | Estimates the distance respect to the freezing level of each range gate using the melting layer top as a proxy   |
| <code>find_ml_field(radar_in, ml_obj[, ...])</code>            | Obtains the field of position respect to the melting layer from the top and bottom height of the melting layer   |
| <code>interpol_field(radar_dest, radar_orig, ...)</code>       | interpolates field field_name contained in radar_orig to the grid in radar_dest  |
| <code>_create_ml_obj(radar[, ml_pos_field])</code>             | Creates a radar-like object that will be used to contain the melting layer top and bottom  |
| <code>_prepare_radar(radar, field_list[, ...])</code>          | Select radar fields to use.  |
| <code>_get_ml_global(radar_in[, ml_global, nVol, ...])</code>  | Gets global data to be used in melting layer detection   |
| <code>_get_target_azimuths(radar_in)</code>                    | Gets RHI target azimuths   |
| <code>_find_ml_gates(ml_global[, refl_field, ...])</code>      | Find gates suspected to be melting layer contaminated  |
| <code>_insert_ml_points(ml_global, ml_points, ...)</code>      | Insert the current suspected melting layer points in the memory array  |
| <code>_find_ml_limits(ml_global[, nml_points_min, ...])</code> | Find melting layer limits  |
| <code>_interpol_ml_limits(radar_in, ml_top, ...[, ...])</code> | Interpolate melting layer limits to obtain a value at each ray of the current radar object   |
| <code>_get_res_vol_sides(radar)</code>                         | Computes the height of the lower left and upper right points of the range resolution volume.   |
| <code>_detect_ml_sweep(radar_sweep, fill_value, ...)</code>    | Detects the melting layer (ML) on an RHI scan of reflectivity and copolar correlation coefficient and returns its properties both in the original polar radar coordinates and in projected Cartesian coordinates |
| <code>_process_map_ml(gradient_z, rhohv, threshold)</code>     |  |
| <code>_process_map_ml_only_zh(gradientZ)</code>                |  |

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| <code>_r_to_h(earth_radius, gate_range, gate_theta)</code>   | Computes the height of radar gates knowing the earth radius at the given latitude and the range and elevation angle of the radar gate.   |
| <code>_remap_to_polar(radar_sweep, x, bottom_ml, ...)</code> | This routine converts the ML in Cartesian coordinates back to polar coordinates.   |
| <code>_normalize_image(im, min_val, max_val)</code>          | Uniformly normalizes a radar field to the [0-1] range  |
| <code>_gradient_2D(im)</code>                                | Computes the 2D gradient of a radar image  |
| <code>_convolve_with_nan(input_array, kernel[, ...])</code>  | Convolves an image with a kernel while ignoring missing values   |
| <code>_mean_filter(input_array[, shape, boundary])</code>    | Local averaging (smoothing) while ignoring missing values  |
| <code>_calc_sub_ind(inputVec)</code>                         | The code belows finds continuous subsequences of missing values, it fills a vector values containing 1 for values and 0 for missing values starting a new subsequence, a vector idx containing the index of the first value of the subsequence and a vector length containing the length of the subsequence. |

`pyart.retrieve.ml._calc_sub_ind(inputVec)`

The code belows finds continuous subsequences of missing values, it fills a vector values containing 1 for values and 0 for missing values starting a new subsequence, a vector idx containing the index of the first value of the subsequence and a vector length containing the length of the subsequence.

**Inputs:** inputVec : a binary input vector

**Outputs:**

**sub: a dictionary with the keys:**

**values** [an array containing 1 for sequences of valid values] and 0 for sequences of missing values

**idx** : an array containing the first index of the sequences **length** : an array containing the length of every sequence

`pyart.retrieve.ml._convolve_with_nan(input_array, kernel, boundary='mirror')`

Convolves an image with a kernel while ignoring missing values

**Inputs:** input\_array : the input array can be 1D or 2D

**kernel** : the kernel (filter) with which to convolve the input array

**boundary: how to treat the boundaries, see arguments of scipy's** convolve function.

**Outputs:** conv: the convolved signal

`pyart.retrieve.ml._create_ml_obj(radar, ml_pos_field='melting_layer_height')`

Creates a radar-like object that will be used to contain the melting layer top and bottom

**Parameters**

**radar** [Radar] Radar object

**ml\_pos\_field** [str] Name of the melting layer height field

**Returns**

**ml\_obj** [radar-like object] A radar-like object containing the field melting layer height with the bottom (at range position 0) and top (at range position one) of the melting layer at each ray

```
pyart.retrieve.ml._detect_ml_sweep(radar_sweep, fill_value, refl_field, rhohv_field, melting_layer_field, max_range, detect_threshold, interp_holes, max_length_holes, check_min_length)
```

Detects the melting layer (ML) on an RHI scan of reflectivity and copolar correlation coefficient and returns its properties both in the original polar radar coordinates and in projected Cartesian coordinates

### Parameters

**radar\_sweep** [Radar]

A Radar class instance of a single sweep

**fill\_value** [float] Value indicating missing or bad data in differential phase

**refl\_field** [str] Reflectivity field. If None, the default field name must be specified in the Py-ART configuration file.

**rhohv\_field** [str] Copolar correlation coefficient field.

**melting\_layer\_field** [str] Melting layer field.

**max\_range** [float] the max. range from the radar to be used in the ML determination

**detect\_threshold** [float] the detection threshold (see paper), you can play around and see how it affects the output. Lowering the value makes the algorithm more sensitive but increases the number of erroneous detections.

**interp\_holes** [bool] Flag to allow for interpolation of small holes in the detected ML

**max\_length\_holes** [float] The maximum size of holes in the ML for them to be interpolated

**check\_min\_length** [bool] If true, the length of the detected ML will be compared with the length of the valid data and the ML will be kept only if sufficiently long

### Returns

**ml** [dict] ml is a dictionary with the following fields:: ml\_pol a dict with the following keys:

theta (list of elevation angles) range (list of ranges) data (2D map with 1 where detected ML and 0 otherwise) bottom\_ml (the height above the radar of the ML bottom for every angle theta)

**top\_ml (the height above the radar of the ML top for every angle theta)**

**ml\_cart a dict with the following keys:** x : x-coordinates of the Cartesian system (distance at ground) z : z-coordinates of the Cartesian system (height above surface) data (2D map with 1 where detected ML and 0 otherwise) bottom\_ml (the height above the radar of the ML bottom for every

distance x)

**top\_ml (the height above the radar of the ML top for every distance x)**

ml\_exists a boolean flag = 1 if a ML was detected

```
pyart.retrieve.ml._find_ml_gates(ml_global,                                refl_field='reflectivity',
                                zdr_field='differential_reflectivity',
                                rhv_field='cross_correlation_ratio',
                                iso0_field='height_over_iso0', rmin=1000.0, elmin=4.0,
                                elmax=10.0, rhomin=0.75, rhomax=0.94, zh-
                                min=20.0, htol=500.0, hwindow=500.0, mlzh-
                                min=30.0, mlzhmax=50.0, mlzdrmin=1.0, mlzdrmax=5.0,
                                ml_bottom_diff_max=1000.0)
```

Find gates suspected to be melting layer contaminated

#### Parameters

**ml\_global** [dict] Dictionary containing global melting layer data

**refl\_field, zdr\_field, rhv\_field, iso0\_field** [str] Name of fields used to find melting layer

**rmin** [float] Minimum range from radar where to start looking for melting layer gates

**elmin, elmax** [float] Minimum and maximum elevation angles to use

**rhomin, rhomax** [float] Minimum and maximum values of RhoHV to consider a range gate potentially melting layer contaminated

**zhmin** [float] Minimum value of reflectivity to consider a range gate potentially melting layer contaminated

**htol** [float] Maximum height above the iso-0 where to look for melting layer contaminated gates

**hwindow** [float] Maximum range above the suspected melting layer contaminated gate to look for a peak

**mlzhmin, mlzhmax** [float] Minimum and maximum values of the peak reflectivity above the melting layer contaminated range gate to consider it valid

**mlzdrmin, mlzdrmax** [float] Minimum and maximum values of the peak differential reflectivity above the melting layer contaminated range gate to consider it valid

**ml\_bottom\_diff\_max** [float] The maximum difference in altitude between the current suspected melting layer gate and the previously retrieved melting layer [m]

#### Returns

**ml\_points** [2D-array] A 2D-array (nAzimuth, nHeight) with the number of points found

**nml\_total** [int] Number of range gates identified as suspected melting layer contamination

```
pyart.retrieve.ml._find_ml_limits(ml_global, nml_points_min=None, wlength=20.0, per-
                                centile_bottom=0.3, percentile_top=0.9, interpol=True)
```

Find melting layer limits

#### Parameters

**ml\_global** [dict] Dictionary containing global melting layer data

**nml\_points\_min** [int or None] Minimum number of suspected melting layer contaminated range gates to obtain limits. If none it will be defined as a function of the number of azimuths

**wlength** [int or None] Size of the window in azimuth to use when identifying melting layer points [degree]

**percentile\_bottom, percentile\_top** [float] Percentile of range gates suspected of being melting layer contaminated that has to be reached to estimate the bottom and top of the melting layer

**interpol** [bool] Whether to interpolate or not across the azimuths

#### Returns

**ml\_top, ml\_bottom** [1D-array] The top and bottom melting layer height at each azimuth

`pyart.retrieve.ml._get_ml_global(radar_in, ml_global=None, nVol=3, maxh=6000.0, hres=50.0)`

Gets global data to be used in melting layer detection

#### Parameters

**radar\_in** [Radar object] current radar object

**nVol** [int] Number of consecutive volumes to use to obtain the melting layer

**maxh** [float] Maximum possible height of the melting layer [m MSL]

**hres** [float] Resolution of the height vector

#### Returns

**ml\_global** [dict or None] A dictionary with the data necessary to estimate the melting layer. It has the following keys:

```
iVol: int
    index of current radar volume (Maximum nVol)
time_nodata_start : datetime object
    The date and time where the first radar volume with no data
    was found
ml_points : 3D-array
    an array (nAzimuth, nHeight, nVol) to store the number of
    suspected melting layer points
ml_top, ml_bottom: 1D-array
    an array (nAzimuth) to store the top and bottom height of the
    melting layer
azi_vec : 1D-array
    The azimuth values
alt_vec : 1D-array
    The altitude values
radar_ref : radar object
    The rhi volume radar used as reference
```

**is\_valid** [Bool] Indicates whether the current radar volume can be processed

`pyart.retrieve.ml._get_res_vol_sides(radar)`

Computes the height of the lower left and upper right points of the range resolution volume.

#### Parameters

**radar** [radar object] The current radar

#### Returns

**hlowerleft, hupperright** [2D-arrays] The matrix (rays, range) with the lower left and upper right height of the resolution volume

`pyart.retrieve.ml._get_target_azimuths(radar_in)`

Gets RHI target azimuths

#### Parameters

**radar\_in** [Radar object] current radar object

#### Returns

**target\_azimuths** [1D-array] Azimuth angles

**az\_tol** [float] azimuth tolerance

`pyart.retrieve.ml._gradient_2D(im)`

Computes the 2D gradient of a radar image

**Inputs:**

**im** [array] A radar image in Cartesian coordinates

**Outputs:**

**out** [a gradient dictionary containing a field 'Gx' for the gradient] in the horizontal and a field 'Gy' for the gradient in the vertical

`pyart.retrieve.ml._insert_ml_points(ml_global, ml_points, time_current, time_accu_max=1800.0)`

Insert the current suspected melting layer points in the memory array

**Parameters**

**ml\_global** [dict] Dictionary containing global melting layer data

**ml\_points** [2D-array] A 2D-array (nAzimuth, nHeight) with the current number of points found

**time\_current** [datetime object] The current time

**time\_accu\_max** [float] Maximum accumulation time [s]

**Returns**

**ml\_global** [dict] The global melting layer data with the points updated

`pyart.retrieve.ml._interpol_ml_limits(radar_in, ml_top, ml_bottom, ml_azi_angl, ml_pos_field='melting_layer_height')`

Interpolate melting layer limits to obtain a value at each ray of the current radar object

**Parameters**

**radar\_in** [radar object] The current radar

**ml\_top, ml\_bottom** [1D-array] The top and bottom of the melting layer at each reference azimuth angle

**ml\_azi\_angl** [1D-array] The reference azimuth angle

**ml\_pos\_field** [str] The name of the melting layer height field

**Returns**

**ml\_obj** [radar-like object] A radar-like object containing the field melting layer height with the bottom (at range position 0) and top (at range position one) of the melting layer at each ray

`pyart.retrieve.ml._mean_filter(input_array, shape=(3, 3), boundary='mirror')`

Local averaging (smoothing) while ignoring missing values

**Inputs:** `input_array` : the input array can be 1D or 2D

`shape` : the shape of the averaging (smoothing) filter

**boundary:** how to treat the boundaries, see arguments of `scipy's` `convolve` function.

**Outputs:** `out`: the smoothed signal

`pyart.retrieve.ml._normalize_image(im, min_val, max_val)`

Uniformly normalizes a radar field to the [0-1] range

**Inputs:**

**im** [array] A radar image in native units, ex. dBZ

**min\_val** [float] All values smaller or equal to `min_val` in the original image will be set to zero

**max\_val** : All values larger or equal to min\_val in the original image will be set to zero

**Outputs:** out : the normalized radar image, with all values in [0,1]

```
pyart.retrieve.ml._prepare_radar(radar, field_list, temp_ref='temperature',
                                iso0_field='height_over_iso0', temp_field='temperature',
                                lapse_rate=-6.5)
```

Select radar fields to use. Prepare the field height over the iso0 as according to the temperature reference

#### Parameters

**radar** [Radar object] current radar object

**field\_list** [str] List of fields that will be used to get the melting layer

**temp\_ref** [str] the field used as reference for temperature. Can be temperature height\_over\_iso0, no\_field. If None, Outputs a dummy height\_over\_iso0 field

**iso0\_field, temp\_field** [str] Name of the fields height over iso0 and temperature

**lapse\_rate** [float] lapse rate to convert temperature into height with respect to the iso0

#### Returns

**radar\_in** [Radar object or None] The radar object containing only relevant fields

```
pyart.retrieve.ml._process_map_ml(gradient_z, rhohv, threshold, threshold_min_rhohv=0,
                                threshold_max_rhohv=inf)
```

```
pyart.retrieve.ml._process_map_ml_only_zh(gradientZ)
```

```
pyart.retrieve.ml._r_to_h(earth_radius, gate_range, gate_theta)
```

Computes the height of radar gates knowing the earth radius at the given latitude and the range and elevation angle of the radar gate.

**Inputs:** earth\_radius : the radius of the earth for a given latitude in m.

gate\_range : the range of the gate(s) in m.

gate\_theta : elevation angle of the gate(s) in degrees.

**Outputs:** height : the height above ground of all specified radar gates

```
pyart.retrieve.ml._remap_to_polar(radar_sweep, x, bottom_ml, top_ml, tol=1.5, interp=True)
```

This routine converts the ML in Cartesian coordinates back to polar coordinates.

#### Inputs:

**radar\_sweep** [Radar] A pyart radar instance containing the radar data in polar coordinates for a single sweep

**x: array of floats** The horizontal distance in Cartesian coordinates.

**bottom\_ml: array of floats** Bottom of the ML detected in Cartesian coordinates.

**top\_ml: array of floats** Top of the ML detected on Cartesian coordinates.

**tol** [float, optional] Angular tolerance in degrees that is used when mapping elevation angles computed on the Cartesian image to the original angles in the polar data.

**interp** [bool, optional] Whether or not to interpolate the ML in polar coordinates (fill holes)

#### Outputs:

**(theta, r)** [tuple of elevation angle and range corresponding to the] polar coordinates

**(bottom\_ml, top\_ml)** [tuple of ml bottom and top ranges for every] elevation angle theta

map\_ml\_pol : a binary map of the ML in polar coordinates

`pyart.retrieve.ml.compute_iso0 (radar, ml_top, iso0_field='height_over_iso0')`

Estimates the distance respect to the freezing level of each range gate using the melting layer top as a proxy

#### Parameters

**radar** [Radar] Radar object

**ml\_top** [1D array] The height of the melting layer at each ray

**iso0\_field** [str] Name of the iso0 field.

#### Returns

**iso0\_dict** [dict] A dictionary containing the distance respect to the melting layer and metadata

`pyart.retrieve.ml.detect_ml (radar, gatefilter=None, fill_value=None, refl_field=None, rhohv_field=None, ml_field=None, ml_pos_field=None, iso0_field=None, max_range=20000, detect_threshold=0.02, interp_holes=False, max_length_holes=250, check_min_length=True, get_iso0=False)`

Detects the melting layer (ML) using the reflectivity and copolar correlation coefficient. Internally it uses RHIs

#### Returns

**ml\_obj** [radar-like object] A radar-like object containing the field melting layer height with the bottom (at range position 0) and top (at range position one) of the melting layer at each ray

**ml\_dict** [dict] A dictionary containing the position of the range gate respect to the melting layer and metadata

**iso0\_dict** [dict or None] A dictionary containing the distance respect to the melting layer and metadata

**all\_ml** [dict] Dictionary containing internal parameters in polar and cartesian coordinates

`pyart.retrieve.ml.find_ml_field (radar_in, ml_obj, ml_pos_field='melting_layer_height', ml_field='melting_layer')`

Obtains the field of position respect to the melting layer from the top and bottom height of the melting layer

#### Parameters

**radar\_in** [radar object] The current radar

**ml\_obj** [radar-like object] A radar-like object containing the field melting layer height with the bottom (at range position 0) and top (at range position one) of the melting layer at each ray

**ml\_pos\_field** [1D-array] The reference azimuth angle

**ml\_pos\_field** [str] The name of the melting layer height field

**ml\_field** [str] The name of the melting layer field

#### Returns

**ml\_dict** [dict] A dictionary containing the position of the range gate respect to the melting layer and metadata

`pyart.retrieve.ml.get_flag_ml (radar, hydro_field='radar_echo_classification', ml_field='melting_layer', force_continuity=False, dist_max=350.0)`

Using the results of the hydrometeor classification by Besic et al. estimates the position of the range gates respect to the melting layer.

#### Parameters

**radar** [Radar] Radar object. Must have and hydrometeor classification field



**hydro\_field** [str] Name of the hydrometeor classification field.

**ml\_field** [str] Name of the melting layer field.

**force\_continuity** [Bool] If True, the melting layer is forced to be continuous in range

**dist\_max** [float] The maximum distance between range gates flagged as inside the melting layer to consider them as gates in the melting layer.

#### Returns

**ml\_dict** [dict] A dictionary containing the position of the range gate respect to the melting layer and metadata

`pyart.retrieve.ml.get_pos_ml(radar, ml_data, ml_pos_field='melting_layer_height')`

Estimates the height of the top and bottom of the melting layer from a field containing the position of each range gate respect to the melting layer.

#### Parameters

**radar** [Radar] Radar object

**ml\_data** [2D array] field containing the position of each range gate respect to the melting layer.

**ml\_pos\_field** [str] Name of the melting layer height field.

#### Returns

**ml\_obj** [radar-like object] A radar-like object containing the field melting layer height with the bottom (at range position 0) and top (at range position one) of the melting layer at each ray

`pyart.retrieve.ml.interpolate_field(radar_dest, radar_orig, field_name, fill_value=None)`

interpolates field field\_name contained in radar\_orig to the grid in radar\_dest

#### Parameters

**radar\_dest** [radar object] the destination radar

**radar\_orig** [radar object] the radar object containing the original field

**field\_name: str** name of the field to interpolate

#### Returns

**field\_dest** [dict] interpolated field and metadata

`pyart.retrieve.ml.melting_layer_giangrande(radar, nVol=3, maxh=6000.0, hres=50.0, rmin=1000.0, elmin=4.0, elmax=10.0, rhomin=0.75, rhomax=0.94, zhmin=20.0, hwindow=500.0, mlzhmin=30.0, mlzhmax=50.0, mlzdrmin=1.0, mlzdrmax=5.0, htol=500.0, ml_bottom_diff_max=1000.0, time_accu_max=1800.0, nml_points_min=None, wlength=20.0, percentile_bottom=0.3, percentile_top=0.9, interpol=True, time_nodata_allowed=3600.0, refl_field=None, zdr_field=None, rhv_field=None, temp_field=None, iso0_field=None, ml_field=None, ml_pos_field=None, temp_ref=None, get_iso0=False, ml_global=None)`

Detects the melting layer following the approach by Giangrande et al (2008)

#### Parameters

**radar** [radar] radar object

#### Returns

**ml\_obj** [radar-like object] A radar-like object containing the field melting layer height with the bottom (at range position 0) and top (at range position one) of the melting layer at each ray

**ml\_dict** [dict] A dictionary containing the position of the range gate respect to the melting layer and metadata

**iso0\_dict** [dict or None] A dictionary containing the distance respect to the melting layer and metadata

**ml\_global** [dict or None] stack of previous volume data to introduce some time dependency. Its max size is controlled by the nVol parameter. It is always in (pseudo-)RHI mode.

#### Other Parameters

**nVol** [int] Number of volume scans to aggregate

**maxh** [float] Maximum possible height of the melting layer [m MSL]

**hres** [float] Step of the height of the melting layer [m]

**rmin** [float] Minimum range from radar where to look for melting layer contaminated range gates [m]

**elmin, elmax** [float] Minimum and maximum elevation angles where to look for melting layer contaminated range gates [degree]

**rhomin, rhomax** [float] min and max rhohv to consider pixel potential melting layer pixel

**zhmin** [float] Minimum reflectivity level of a range gate to consider it a potential melting layer gate [dBZ]

**hwindow** [float] Maximum distance (in range) from potential melting layer gate where to look for a maximum [m]

**mlzhmin, mlzhmax** [float] Minimum and maximum values that a peak in reflectivity within the melting layer may have to consider the range gate melting layer contaminated [dBZ]

**mlzdrmin, mlzdrmax** [float] Minimum and maximum values that a peak in differential reflectivity within the melting layer may have to consider the range gate melting layer contaminated [dB]

**htol** [float] maximum distance from the iso0 coming from model allowed to consider the range gate melting layer contaminated [m]

**ml\_bottom\_dif\_max** [float] Maximum distance from the bottom of the melting layer computed in the previous time step to consider a range gate melting layer contaminated [m]

**time\_accu\_max** [float] Maximum time allowed to accumulate data from consecutive scans [s]

**nml\_points\_min** [int] minimum number of melting layer points to consider valid melting layer detection

**wlength** [float] length of the window to select the azimuth angles used to compute the melting layer limits at a particular azimuth [degree]

**percentile\_bottom, percentile\_top** [float [0,1]] percentile of ml points above which is considered that the bottom of the melting layer starts and the top ends

**interpol** [bool] Whether to interpolate the obtained results in order to get a value for each azimuth

**time\_nodata\_allowed** [float] The maximum time allowed for no data before considering the melting layer not valid [s]

**refl\_field, zdr\_field, rhv\_field, temp\_field, iso0\_field** [str] Inputs. Field names within the radar object which represent the horizontal reflectivity, the differential reflectivity, the copolar correlation coefficient, the temperature and the height respect to the iso0 fields. A value of None for any of these parameters will use the default field name as defined in the Py-ART configuration file.

**ml\_field** [str] Output. Field name which represents the melting layer field. A value of None will use the default field name as defined in the Py-ART configuration file.

**ml\_pos\_field** [str] Output. Field name which represents the melting layer top and bottom height field. A value of None will use the default field name as defined in the Py-ART configuration file.

**temp\_ref** [str] the field use as reference for temperature. Can be temperature or height\_over\_iso0. If None, it excludes model data from the algorithm.

**get\_iso0** [bool] returns height w.r.t. freezing level top for each gate in the radar volume.

**ml\_global** : stack of previous volume data to introduce some time dependency. Its max size is controlled by the nVol parameter. It is always in (pseudo-)RHI mode.

## References

Giangrande, S.E., Krause, J.M., Ryzhkov, A.V.: Automatic Designation of the Melting Layer with a Polarimetric Prototype of the WSR-88D Radar, J. of Applied Meteo. and Clim., 47, 1354-1364, doi:10.1175/2007JAMC1634.1, 2008

```
pyart.retrieve.ml.melting_layer_hydroclass (radar, hydro_field=None, ml_field=None,
                                             ml_pos_field=None, iso0_field=None,
                                             force_continuity=True, dist_max=350.0,
                                             get_iso0=False)
```

Using the results of the hydrometeor classification by Besic et al. estimates the position of the range gates respect to the melting layer, the melting layer top and bottom height and the distance of the range gate with respect to the freezing level.

## Parameters

**radar** [Radar] Radar object. Must have and hydrometeor classification field

**hydro\_field** [str] Name of the hydrometeor classification field. A value of None will use the default field name as defined in the Py-ART configuration file.

**ml\_field, ml\_pos\_field, iso0\_field** [str] Name of the melting layer, melting layer height and iso0 field. A value of None for any of these parameters will use the default field names as defined in the Py-ART configuration file.

**force\_continuity** [Bool] If True, the melting layer is forced to be continuous in range

**dist\_max** [float] The maximum distance between range gates flagged as inside the melting layer to consider them as gates in the melting layer.

## Returns

**ml\_obj** [radar-like object] A radar-like object containing the field melting layer height with the bottom (at range position 0) and top (at range position one) of the melting layer at each ray

**ml\_dict** [dict] A dictionary containing the position of the range gate respect to the melting layer and metadata

**iso0\_dict** [dict or None] A dictionary containing the distance respect to the melting layer and metadata

## PYART.RETRIEVE.SIMPLE\_MOMENT\_CALCULATIONS

Simple moment calculations.

|  |  |
|--|--|
| <code>calculate_snr_from_reflectivity(radar[, ...])</code>     | Calculate the signal to noise ratio, in dB, from the reflectivity field.   |
| <code>compute_noisedBZ(nrays, noisedBZ_val, rng, ...)</code>   | Computes noise in dBZ from reference noise value.  |
| <code>compute_vol_refl(radar[, kw, freq, ...])</code>          | Computes the volumetric reflectivity from the effective reflectivity factor  |
| <code>compute_signal_power(radar[, lmf, attg, ...])</code>     | Computes received signal power OUTSIDE THE RADOME in dBm from a reflectivity field.  |
| <code>compute_rcs_from_pr(radar[, lmf, attg, ...])</code>      | Computes the radar cross-section (assuming a point target) from radar reflectivity by first computing the received power and then the RCS from it. |
| <code>compute_rcs(radar[, kw2, pulse_width, ...])</code>       | Computes the radar cross-section (assuming a point target) from radar reflectivity.  |
| <code>compute_snr(radar[, refl_field, ...])</code>             | Computes SNR from a reflectivity field and the noise in dBZ.   |
| <code>compute_l(radar[, rhohv_field, l_field])</code>          | Computes Rhohv in logarithmic scale according to $L = -\log_{10}(1 - \text{RhoHV})$  |
| <code>compute_cdr(radar[, rhohv_field, zdr_field, ...])</code> | Computes the Circular Depolarization Ratio   |
| <code>compute_bird_density(radar[, sigma_bird, ...])</code>    | Computes the bird density from the volumetric reflectivity   |
| <code>calculate_velocity_texture(radar[, ...])</code>          | Derive the texture of the velocity field   |
| <code>atmospheric_gas_att(freq, elev, rng)</code>              | Computes the one-way atmospheric gas attenuation [dB] according to the empirical formula in Doviak and Zrnic (1993) pp 44.                         |
| <code>get_coeff_attg(freq)</code>                              | get the 1-way gas attenuation for a particular frequency   |
| <code>_coeff_attg_table()</code>                               | defines the 1-way gas attenuation for each frequency band.   |

`pyart.retrieve.simple_moment_calculations._coeff_attg_table()`  
defines the 1-way gas attenuation for each frequency band.

### Returns

**coeff\_attg\_dict** [dict] A dictionary with the coefficients at each band

`pyart.retrieve.simple_moment_calculations.atmospheric_gas_att(freq, elev, rng)`

Computes the one-way atmospheric gas attenuation [dB] according to the empirical formula in Doviak and Zrnic (1993) pp 44. This formula is valid for elev < 10 deg and rng < 200 km so values above these will be saturated to 10 deg and 200 km respectively

### Parameters

**freq** [float] radar frequency [Hz]

**elev** [float or array of floats] elevation angle [deg]

**rng** [float or array of floats. If array must have the same size as elev] range [km]

#### Returns

**latm** [float or array of floats] 1-way gas attenuation [dB]

```
pyart.retrieve.simple_moment_calculations.calculate_snr_from_reflectivity(radar,  
                                                                           refl_field=None,  
                                                                           snr_field=None,  
                                                                           toa=25000.0)
```

Calculate the signal to noise ratio, in dB, from the reflectivity field.

#### Parameters

**radar** [Radar] Radar object from which to retrieve reflectivity field.

**refl\_field** [str, optional] Name of field in radar which contains the reflectivity. None will use the default field name in the Py-ART configuration file.

**snr\_field** [str, optional] Name to use for snr metadata. None will use the default field name in the Py-ART configuration file.

**toa** [float, optional] Height above which to take noise floor measurements, in meters.

#### Returns

**snr** [field dictionary] Field dictionary containing the signal to noise ratio.

```
pyart.retrieve.simple_moment_calculations.calculate_velocity_texture(radar,  
                                                                      vel_field=None,  
                                                                      wind_size=4,  
                                                                      nyq=None,  
                                                                      check_nyq_uniform=True)
```

Derive the texture of the velocity field

#### Parameters

**radar: Radar** Radar object from which velocity texture field will be made.

**vel\_field\_name** [str] Name of the velocity field. A value of None will force Py-ART to automatically determine the name of the velocity field.

**wind\_size** [int] The size of the window to calculate texture from. The window is defined to be a square of size `wind_size` by `wind_size`.

**nyq** [float] The nyquist velocity of the radar. A value of None will force Py-ART to try and determine this automatically.

**check\_nyquist\_uniform** [bool, optional] True to check if the Nyquist velocities are uniform for all rays within a sweep, False will skip this check. This parameter is ignored when the `nyq` parameter is not None.

#### Returns

**vel\_dict: dict** A dictionary containing the field entries for the radial velocity texture.

```
pyart.retrieve.simple_moment_calculations.compute_bird_density(radar,  
                                                                sigma_bird=11,  
                                                                vol_refl_field=None,  
                                                                bird_density_field=None)
```

Computes the bird density from the volumetric reflectivity

**Parameters**

**radar** [Radar] radar object  
**sigma\_bird** [float] Estimated bird radar cross-section  
**vol\_refl\_field** [str] name of the volumetric reflectivity used for the calculations  
**bird\_density\_field** [str] name of the bird density field

**Returns**

**bird\_density\_dict** [dict] bird density data and metadata [birds/km<sup>3</sup>]

```
pyart.retrieve.simple_moment_calculations.compute_cdr(radar, rhohv_field=None,  
                                                    zdr_field=None,  
                                                    cdr_field=None)
```

Computes the Circular Depolarization Ratio

**Parameters**

**radar** [Radar] radar object  
**rhohv\_field, zdr\_field** [str] name of the input RhoHV and ZDR fields  
**cdr\_field** [str] name of the CDR field

**Returns**

**cdr** [dict] CDR field

```
pyart.retrieve.simple_moment_calculations.compute_l(radar, rhohv_field=None,  
                                                    l_field=None)
```

Computes Rhohv in logarithmic scale according to  $L = -\log_{10}(1 - \text{RhoHV})$

**Parameters**

**radar** [Radar] radar object  
**rhohv\_field** [str] name of the RhoHV field used for the calculation  
**l\_field** [str] name of the L field

**Returns**

**l** [dict] L field

```
pyart.retrieve.simple_moment_calculations.compute_noisedBZ(nrays, noisedBZ_val,  
                                                           rng, ref_dist,  
                                                           noise_field=None)
```

Computes noise in dBZ from reference noise value.

**Parameters**

**nrays: int** number of rays in the reflectivity field  
**noisedBZ\_val: float** Estimated noise value in dBZ at reference distance  
**rng: np array of floats** range vector in m  
**ref\_dist: float** reference distance in Km  
**noise\_field: str** name of the noise field to use

**Returns**

**noisedBZ** [dict] the noise field

```
pyart.retrieve.simple_moment_calculations.compute_rcs(radar, kw2=0.93,
                                                       pulse_width=None,
                                                       beamwidth=None,
                                                       freq=None, refl_field=None,
                                                       rcs_field=None)
```

Computes the radar cross-section (assuming a point target) from radar reflectivity.

#### Parameters

**radar** [Radar] radar object  
**kw2** [float] water constant  
**pulse\_width** [float] pulse width [s]  
**beamwidth** [float] beamwidth [degree]  
**freq** [float] radar frequency [Hz]. If none it will be obtained from the radar metadata  
**refl\_field** [str] name of the reflectivity used for the calculations  
**rcs\_field** [str] name of the RCS field

#### Returns

**rcs\_dict** [dict] RCS field and metadata

```
pyart.retrieve.simple_moment_calculations.compute_rcs_from_pr(radar, lmf=None,
                                                              attg=None, rad-
                                                              const=None,
                                                              tx_pwr=None,
                                                              an-
                                                              tenna_gain=None,
                                                              lrx=0.0, ltx=0.0,
                                                              lradome=0.0,
                                                              freq=None,
                                                              refl_field=None,
                                                              rcs_field=None,
                                                              ne-
                                                              glect_gas_att=False)
```

Computes the radar cross-section (assuming a point target) from radar reflectivity by first computing the received power and then the RCS from it.

#### Parameters

**radar** [Radar] radar object  
**lmf** [float] matched filter losses  
**attg** [float] 1-way gas attenuation  
**radconst** [float] radar constant  
**tx\_pwr** [float] radar transmitted power [dBm]  
**antenna\_gain** [float] antenna gain [dB]  
**lrx** [float] receiver losses from the antenna feed to the reference point (positive value) [dB]  
**lradome** [float] 1-way losses due to the radome (positive value) [dB]  
**freq** [float] radar frequency [Hz]. If none it will be obtained from the radar metadata  
**refl\_field** [str] name of the reflectivity used for the calculations  
**rcs\_field** [str] name of the RCS field



**neglect\_gas\_att** [bool] Whether to neglect or not gas attenuation in the estimation of the RCS

#### Returns

**rcs\_dict** [dict] RCS field and metadata

```
pyart.retrieve.simple_moment_calculations.compute_signal_power(radar,  
                                                                lmf=None,  
                                                                attg=None, rad-  
                                                                const=None,  
                                                                lrx=0.0,  
                                                                lradome=0.0,  
                                                                refl_field=None,  
                                                                pwr_field=None)
```

Computes received signal power OUTSIDE THE RADOME in dBm from a reflectivity field.

#### Parameters

**radar** [Radar] radar object

**lmf** [float] matched filter losses

**attg** [float] 1-way gas attenuation

**radconst** [float] radar constant

**lrx** [float] receiver losses from the antenna feed to the reference point (positive value) [dB]

**lradome** [float] 1-way losses due to the radome (positive value) [dB]

**refl\_field** [str] name of the reflectivity used for the calculations

**pwr\_field** [str] name of the signal power field

#### Returns

**s\_pwr\_dict** [dict] power field and metadata

```
pyart.retrieve.simple_moment_calculations.compute_snr(radar,          refl_field=None,  
                                                       noise_field=None,  
                                                       snr_field=None)
```

Computes SNR from a reflectivity field and the noise in dBZ.

#### Parameters

**radar** [Radar] radar object

**refl\_field, noise\_field** [str] name of the reflectivity and noise field used for the calculations

**snr\_field** [str] name of the SNR field

#### Returns

**snr** [dict] the SNR field

```
pyart.retrieve.simple_moment_calculations.compute_vol_refl(radar,      kw=0.93,  
                                                            freq=None,  
                                                            refl_field=None,  
                                                            vol_refl_field=None)
```

Computes the volumetric reflectivity from the effective reflectivity factor

#### Parameters

**radar** [Radar] radar object

**kw** [float] water constant

**freq** [None or float] radar frequency

**refl\_field** [str] name of the reflectivity used for the calculations

**vol\_refl\_field** [str] name of the volumetric reflectivity

**Returns**

**vol\_refl\_dict** [dict] volumetric reflectivity and metadata in  $10\log_{10}(\text{cm}^2 \text{ km}^{-3})$

`pyart.retrieve.simple_moment_calculations.get_coeff_attg(freq)`  
get the 1-way gas attenuation for a particular frequency

**Parameters**

**freq** [float] radar frequency [Hz]

**Returns**

**attg** [float] 1-way gas attenuation

## PYART.RETRIEVE.WIND

Functions for wind estimation

|   |   |
|---|---|
| <code>est_wind_vel(radar[, vert_proj, vel_field, ...])</code> | Estimates wind velocity.  |
| <code>est_vertical_windshear(radar[, az_tol, ...])</code>     | Estimates wind shear.   |
| <code>est_wind_profile(radar[, npoints_min, ...])</code>      | Estimates the vertical wind profile using VAD techniques  |
| <code>_wind_coeff(radar)</code>                               | Computes the coefficients to transform 3-D wind vectors into radial velocity at each range gate |
| <code>_vad(radar, u_coeff, v_coeff, w_coeff, vel)</code>      | Estimates wind components using VAD techniques  |
| <code>_vel_variance</code>                                    |   |

`pyart.retrieve.wind._vad(radar, u_coeff, v_coeff, w_coeff, vel, npoints_min=6, azi_spacing_max=45.0, sign=1)`  
Estimates wind components using VAD techniques

### Parameters

- radar** [Radar] Radar object
- u\_coeff, v\_coeff, w\_coeff** [2D float arrays] the coefficients to transform 3D winds into radial velocity
- vel** [2D float array] The measured radial velocity field
- npoints\_min** [int] Minimum number of points in the VAD to retrieve wind components. 0 will retrieve them regardless
- azi\_spacing\_max** [float] Maximum spacing between valid gates in the VAD to retrieve wind components. 0 will retrieve them regardless.
- sign** [int, optional] Sign convention which the radial velocities in the volume created from the sounding data will will. This should match the convention used in the radar data. A value of 1 represents when positive values velocities are towards the radar, -1 represents when negative velocities are towards the radar.

### Returns

- u\_vel, v\_vel, w\_vel** [2D float arrays] The 3 estimated wind components at each range gate
- vel\_est** [2D float array] The estimated radial velocity at each range gate

`pyart.retrieve.wind._vel_std(radar, vel, vel_est)`  
Computes the variance of the retrieved wind velocity

### Parameters

- radar** [Radar] Radar object

**vel** [2D float array] The measured radial velocity field

**vel\_est** [2D float array] The estimated radial velocity field

#### Returns

**vel\_std** [2D float arrays] The estimated standard deviation at each range gate (one for VAD)

**vel\_diff** [2D float array] The actual velocity difference between estimated and measured radial velocities

`pyart.retrieve.wind._wind_coeff(radar)`

Computes the coefficients to transform 3-D wind vectors into radial velocity at each range gate

#### Parameters

**radar** [Radar] Radar object

#### Returns

**u\_coeff, v\_coeff, w\_coeff** [2D float arrays] The coefficients for each wind component

`pyart.retrieve.wind.est_vertical_windshear(radar, az_tol=0.5, wind_field=None, windshear_field=None)`

Estimates wind shear.

#### Parameters

**radar** [Radar] Radar object

**az\_tol** [float] azimuth tolerance to consider gate on top of selected one

**wind\_field** [str] name of the horizontal wind velocity field

**windshear\_field** [str] name of the vertical wind shear field

#### Returns

**windshear** [dict] Field dictionary containing the wind shear field

`pyart.retrieve.wind.est_wind_profile(radar, npoints_min=6, azi_spacing_max=45.0, vel_diff_max=10.0, sign=1, rad_vel_field=None, u_vel_field=None, v_vel_field=None, w_vel_field=None, vel_est_field=None, vel_std_field=None, vel_diff_field=None)`

Estimates the vertical wind profile using VAD techniques

#### Parameters

**radar** [Radar] Radar object

**npoints\_min** [int] Minimum number of points in the VAD to retrieve wind components. 0 will retrieve them regardless

**azi\_spacing\_max** [float] Maximum spacing between valid gates in the VAD to retrieve wind components. 0 will retrieve them regardless.

**vel\_diff\_max** [float] Maximum velocity difference allowed between retrieved and measured radial velocity at each range gate. Gates exceeding this threshold will be removed and VAD will be recomputed. If -1 there will not be a second pass.

**sign** [int, optional] Sign convention which the radial velocities in the volume created from the sounding data will will. This should match the convention used in the radar data. A value of 1 represents when positive values velocities are towards the radar, -1 represents when negative velocities are towards the radar.

**rad\_vel\_field** [str] name of the measured radial velocity field

**u\_vel\_field, v\_vel\_field, w\_vel\_field** [str] names of the 3 wind components fields  
**vel\_est\_field** [str] name of the retrieved radial Doppler velocity field  
**vel\_std\_field** [str] name of the standard deviation of the velocity retrieval field  
**vel\_diff\_field** [str] name of the difference between retrieved and measured radial velocity field

#### Returns

**wind** [dict] Field dictionary containing the estimated wind velocity

`pyart.retrieve.wind.est_wind_vel(radar, vert_proj=False, vel_field=None, wind_field=None)`

Estimates wind velocity. Projects the radial wind component to the horizontal or vertical of the azimuth plane. It assumes that the orthogonal component is negligible.

**The horizontal wind component is given by:**  $v = v_r \cos(\text{el}) - v_{el} \sin(\text{el}) + v_{az}$

**where:**  $v_r$  is the radial wind component (measured by the radar)  $v_{el}$  is the perpendicular wind component in the azimuth plane.  $v_{az}$  is the horizontal component perpendicular to the radial direction and the azimuth plane  $\text{el}$  is the elevation

**The horizontal wind component in the azimuth plane is given by:**  $v_h = v_r \cos(\text{el}) - v_{el} \sin(\text{el})$

**which since we do not know  $v_{el}$  we assume:**  $v_h \sim v_r \cos(\text{el})$

This assumption holds for small elevation angles

**The vertical wind component in the azimuth plane is given by:**  $v_v = v_r \sin(\text{el}) - v_{el} \cos(\text{el})$

**which since we do not know  $v_{el}$  we assume:**  $v_v \sim v_r \sin(\text{el})$

This assumption holds for angles close to 90 deg

#### Parameters

**radar** [Radar] Radar object  
**vert\_proj** [Boolean] If true estimates the vertical projection, otherwise the horizontal  
**vel\_field** [str] name of the velocity field  
**wind\_field** [str] name of the velocity field

#### Returns

**wind** [dict] Field dictionary containing the estimated wind velocity



## PYART.RETRIEVE.\_KDP\_PROC

Cython routines for specific differential phase retrievals.

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|                             |   |
|-----------------------------|---|
| <i>lowpass_maesaka_term</i> | Compute the filter term.                            |
| <i>lowpass_maesaka_jac</i>  | Compute the Jacobian of the filter cost functional. |

---

`pyart.retrieve._kdp_proc.lowpass_maesaka_jac()`

Compute the Jacobian of the filter cost functional.

Compute the Jacobian of the low-pass filter cost functional similar to equation (18) in Maesaka et al. (2012). This function does not currently support radars with variable range resolution.

### Parameters

- d2kdr2** [2D array of float64] Second-order derivative of the control variable  $k$  with respect to range. The control variable  $k$  is proportional to the square root of specific differential phase.
- dr** [float] The range resolution in meters.
- Clpf** [float] The low-pass filter (radial smoothness) constraint weight.
- finite\_order** [str, 'low' or 'high'] The finite difference accuracy used to compute the second-order range derivative of the control variable  $k$ .
- dJlpfdk** [2D array of float64] The Jacobian of the low-pass filter cost functional with respect to the control variable  $k$ . Updated in place.

`pyart.retrieve._kdp_proc.lowpass_maesaka_term()`

Compute the filter term.

Compute the low-pass filter term found in Maesaka et al. (2012). This term represents the second-order derivative of the control variable  $k$  with respect to range. This subroutine does not currently support radars with variable range resolution.

### Parameters

- k** [2D array of float64] Control variable  $k$  defined in Maesaka et al. (2012). This variable is proportional to the square root of specific differential phase.
- dr** [float] The range resolution in meters.
- finite\_order** [str, 'low' or 'high'] The finite difference accuracy to use when computing the second-order range derivative of the control variable  $k$ .
- d2kdr2** [2D array of float64] Second-order derivative of  $k$  with respect to range. Updated in place.





## PYART.GRAPH.CM

Radar related colormaps.

|   |  |
|---|--|
| <code>revcmap(data)</code>                  | Can only handle specification <i>data</i> in dictionary format.                      |
| <code>_reverser(f)</code>                   | perform reversal.  |
| <code>_reverse_cmap_spec(spec)</code>       | Reverses cmap specification <i>spec</i> , can handle both dict and tuple type specs. |
| <code>_generate_cmap(name, lutsizes)</code> | Generates the requested cmap from it's name <i>name</i> .                            |

Available colormaps, reversed versions (`_r`) are also provided, these colormaps are available within matplotlib with names 'pyart\_COLORMAP':

- BlueBrown10
- BlueBrown11
- BrBu10
- BrBu12
- Bu10
- Bu7
- BuDOr12
- BuDOr18
- BuDRd12
- BuDRd18
- BuGr14
- BuGy8
- BuOr10
- BuOr12
- BuOr8
- BuOrR14
- Carbone11
- Carbone17
- Carbone42
- Cat12

- EWilson17
- GrMg16
- Gray5
- Gray9
- NWSRef
- NWSVel
- NWS\_SPW
- PD17
- RRate11
- RdYlBu11b
- RefDiff
- SCook18
- StepSeq25
- SymGray12
- Theodore16
- Wild25
- LangRainbow12

`pyart.graph.cm.__generate_cmap` (*name*, *lutsize*)

Generates the requested cmap from it's name *name*. The lut size is *lutsize*.

`pyart.graph.cm.__reverse_cmap_spec` (*spec*)

Reverses cmap specification *spec*, can handle both dict and tuple type specs.

`pyart.graph.cm.__reverser` (*f*)

perform reversal.

`pyart.graph.cm.revcmmap` (*data*)

Can only handle specification *data* in dictionary format.

## PYART.GRAPH.CM\_COLORBLIND

Colorblind friendly radar colormaps

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`__generate_cmap(name, lutsizes)` Generates the requested cmap from it's name *name*.

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Available colormaps, reversed versions are also provided, these colormaps are available within matplotlib with names `pyart.COLORMAP`:

- HomeyerRainbow

`pyart.graph.cm_colorblind.__generate_cmap(name, lutsizes)`  
Generates the requested cmap from it's name *name*. The lut size is *lutsizes*.



## PYART.GRAPH.COMMON

Common graphing routines.

|  |   |
|--|---|
| <code>parse_ax(ax)</code>                                      | Parse and return ax parameter.                                  |
| <code>parse_ax_fig(ax, fig)</code>                             | Parse and return ax and fig parameters.                         |
| <code>parse_cmap(cmap[, field])</code>                         | Parse and return the cmap parameter.                            |
| <code>parse_vmin_vmax(container, field, vmin, vmax)</code>     | Parse and return vmin and vmax parameters.                      |
| <code>parse_lon_lat(grid, lon, lat)</code>                     | Parse lat and lon parameters                                    |
| <code>generate_colorbar_label(standard_name, units)</code>     | Generate and return a label for a colorbar.                     |
| <code>generate_field_name(container, field)</code>             | Return a nice field name for a particular field.                |
| <code>generate_radar_name(radar)</code>                        | Return radar name.  |
| <code>generate_grid_name(grid)</code>                          | Return grid name.   |
| <code>generate_radar_time_begin(radar)</code>                  | Return time begin in datetime instance.                         |
| <code>generate_radar_time_sweep(radar, sweep)</code>           | Return time that a specific sweep began in a datetime instance. |
| <code>generate_grid_time_begin(grid)</code>                    | Return time begin in datetime instance.                         |
| <code>generate_filename(radar, field, sweep[, ...])</code>     | Generate a filename for a plot.                                 |
| <code>generate_grid_filename(grid, field, level[, ext])</code> | Generate a filename for a plot.                                 |
| <code>generate_title(radar, field, sweep[, ...])</code>        | Generate a title for a plot.                                    |
| <code>generate_grid_title(grid, field, level)</code>           | Generate a title for a plot.                                    |
| <code>generate_longitudinal_level_title(grid, ...)</code>      | Generate a title for a plot.                                    |
| <code>generate_latitudinal_level_title(grid, ...)</code>       | Generate a title for a plot.                                    |
| <code>generate_latlon_level_title(grid, field)</code>          | Generate a title for a plot.                                    |
| <code>generate_vpt_title(radar, field)</code>                  | Generate a title for a VPT plot.                                |
| <code>generate_ray_title(radar, field, ray)</code>             | Generate a title for a ray plot.                                |
| <code>set_limits([xlim, ylim, ax])</code>                      | Set the display limits.   |

`pyart.graph.common.generate_az_rhi_title(radar, field, azimuth)`

Generate a title for a pseudo-RHI from PPI azimuth plot.

### Parameters

- radar** [Radar] Radar structure.
- field** [str] Field plotted.
- azimuth** [float] Azimuth plotted.

### Returns

**title** [str] Plot title.

`pyart.graph.common.generate_colorbar_label` (*standard\_name, units*)  
Generate and return a label for a colorbar.

`pyart.graph.common.generate_field_name` (*container, field*)  
Return a nice field name for a particular field.

`pyart.graph.common.generate_filename` (*radar, field, sweep, ext='png', date-  
time\_format='%Y%m%d%H%M%S',  
use\_sweep\_time=False*)

Generate a filename for a plot.

**Generated filename has form:** radar\_name\_field\_sweep\_time.ext

#### Parameters

**radar** [Radar] Radar structure.

**field** [str] Field plotted.

**sweep** [int] Sweep plotted.

**ext** [str] Filename extension.

**datetime\_format** [str] Format of datetime (using strftime format).

**use\_sweep\_time** [bool] If true, the current sweep's beginning time is used.

#### Returns

**filename** [str] Filename suitable for saving a plot.

`pyart.graph.common.generate_grid_filename` (*grid, field, level, ext='png'*)  
Generate a filename for a plot.

**Generated filename has form:** grid\_name\_field\_level\_time.ext

#### Parameters

**grid** [Grid] Grid structure.

**field** [str] Field plotted.

**level** [int] Level plotted.

**ext** [str] Filename extension.

#### Returns

**filename** [str] Filename suitable for saving a plot.

`pyart.graph.common.generate_grid_name` (*grid*)  
Return grid name.

`pyart.graph.common.generate_grid_time_begin` (*grid*)  
Return time begin in datetime instance.

`pyart.graph.common.generate_grid_title` (*grid, field, level*)  
Generate a title for a plot.

#### Parameters

**grid** [Grid] Radar structure.

**field** [str] Field plotted.

**level** [int] Verical level plotted.

**Returns**

**title** [str] Plot title.

`pyart.graph.common.generate_latitudinal_level_title(grid, field, level)`

Generate a title for a plot.

**Parameters**

**grid** [Grid] Radar structure.

**field** [str] Field plotted.

**level** [int] Latitudinal level plotted.

**Returns**

**title** [str] Plot title.

`pyart.graph.common.generate_latlon_level_title(grid, field)`

Generate a title for a plot.

**Parameters**

**grid** [Grid] Radar structure.

**field** [str] Field plotted.

**Returns**

**title** [str] Plot title.

`pyart.graph.common.generate_longitudinal_level_title(grid, field, level)`

Generate a title for a plot.

**Parameters**

**grid** [Grid] Radar structure.

**field** [str] Field plotted.

**level** [int] Longitudinal level plotted.

**Returns**

**title** [str] Plot title.

`pyart.graph.common.generate_radar_name(radar)`

Return radar name.

`pyart.graph.common.generate_radar_time_begin(radar)`

Return time begin in datetime instance.

`pyart.graph.common.generate_radar_time_sweep(radar, sweep)`

Return time that a specific sweep began in a datetime instance.

`pyart.graph.common.generate_ray_title(radar, field, ray)`

Generate a title for a ray plot.

**Parameters**

**radar** [Radar] Radar structure.

**field** [str] Field plotted.

**ray** [int] Ray plotted.

**Returns**

**title** [str] Plot title.

```
pyart.graph.common.generate_title(radar, field, sweep, datetime_format=None,
                                  use_sweep_time=True)
```

Generate a title for a plot.

**Parameters**

**radar** [Radar] Radar structure.

**field** [str] Field plotted.

**sweep** [int] Sweep plotted.

**datetime\_format** [str] Format of datetime (using strftime format).

**use\_sweep\_time** [bool] If true, the current sweep's beginning time is used.

**Returns**

**title** [str] Plot title.

```
pyart.graph.common.generate_vpt_title(radar, field)
```

Generate a title for a VPT plot.

**Parameters**

**radar** [Radar] Radar structure.

**field** [str] Field plotted.

**Returns**

**title** [str] Plot title.

```
pyart.graph.common.parse_ax(ax)
```

Parse and return ax parameter.

```
pyart.graph.common.parse_ax_fig(ax, fig)
```

Parse and return ax and fig parameters.

```
pyart.graph.common.parse_cmap(cmap, field=None)
```

Parse and return the cmap parameter.

```
pyart.graph.common.parse_lon_lat(grid, lon, lat)
```

Parse lat and lon parameters

```
pyart.graph.common.parse_vmin_vmax(container, field, vmin, vmax)
```

Parse and return vmin and vmax parameters.

```
pyart.graph.common.set_limits(xlim=None, ylim=None, ax=None)
```

Set the display limits.

**Parameters**

**xlim** [tuple, optional] 2-Tuple containing y-axis limits in km. None uses default limits.

**ylim** [tuple, optional] 2-Tuple containing x-axis limits in km. None uses default limits.

**ax** [Axis] Axis to adjust. None will adjust the current axis.



## PYART.GRAPH.GRIDMAPDISPLAY

A class for plotting grid objects with a basemap.

*GridMapDisplay*(grid[, debug])

A class for creating plots from a grid object on top of a Basemap.

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**class** pyart.graph.gridmapdisplay.**GridMapDisplay**(grid, debug=False)

Bases: *object*

A class for creating plots from a grid object on top of a Basemap.

### Parameters

**grid** [Grid] Grid with data which will be used to create plots.

**debug** [bool] True to print debugging messages, False to suppress them.

### Attributes

**grid** [Grid] Grid object.

**debug** [bool] True to print debugging messages, False to suppress them.

**basemap** [Basemap] Last plotted basemap, None when no basemap has been plotted.

**mappables** [list] List of ContourSet, etc. which have been plotted, useful when adding colorbars.

**fields** [list] List of fields which have been plotted.

### Methods

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| <i>generate_filename</i> (field, level[, ext])           | Generate a filename for a grid plot.               |
| <i>generate_grid_title</i> (field, level)                | Generate a title for a plot.                       |
| <i>generate_latitudinal_level_title</i> (field, level)   | Generate a title for a plot.                       |
| <i>generate_longitudinal_level_title</i> (field, level)  | Generate a title for a plot.                       |
| <i>get_basemap</i> ()                                    | get basemap of the plot                            |
| <i>plot_basemap</i> ([lat_lines, lon_lines, ...])        | Plot a basemap.                                    |
| <i>plot_colorbar</i> ([mappable, orientation, ...])      | Plot a colorbar.                                   |
| <i>plot_crosshairs</i> ([lon, lat, line_style, ...])     | Plot crosshairs at a given longitude and latitude. |
| <i>plot_grid</i> (field[, level, vmin, vmax, norm, ...]) | Plot the grid onto the current basemap.            |
| <i>plot_latitude_slice</i> (field[, lon, lat])           | Plot a slice along a given latitude.               |

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| <code>plot_latitudinal_level</code> (field, y_index[, ...])  | Plot a slice along a given latitude.                |
| <code>plot_latlon_level</code> (field, ind_1, ind_2[, ...])  | Plot a slice along two points given by its lat, lon |
| <code>plot_latlon_slice</code> (field[, coord1, coord2])     | Plot a slice along a given longitude.               |
| <code>plot_longitude_slice</code> (field[, lon, lat])        | Plot a slice along a given longitude.               |
| <code>plot_longitudinal_level</code> (field, x_index[, ...]) | Plot a slice along a given longitude.               |

```

__class__
    alias of builtins.type

__delattr__ ($self, name, /)
    Implement delattr(self, name).

__dict__ = mappingproxy({'__module__': 'pyart.graph.gridmapdisplay', '__doc__': '\n
__dir__ ($self, /)
    Default dir() implementation.

__eq__ ($self, value, /)
    Return self==value.

__format__ ($self, format_spec, /)
    Default object formatter.

__ge__ ($self, value, /)
    Return self>=value.

__getattr__ ($self, name, /)
    Return getattr(self, name).

__gt__ ($self, value, /)
    Return self>value.

__hash__ ($self, /)
    Return hash(self).

__init__ (grid, debug=False)
    initialize the object.

__init_subclass__ ()
    This method is called when a class is subclassed.

    The default implementation does nothing. It may be overridden to extend subclasses.

__le__ ($self, value, /)
    Return self<=value.

__lt__ ($self, value, /)
    Return self<value.

__module__ = 'pyart.graph.gridmapdisplay'

__ne__ ($self, value, /)
    Return self!=value.

__new__ ($type, *args, **kwargs)
    Create and return a new object. See help(type) for accurate signature.

__reduce__ ($self, /)
    Helper for pickle.

```

**\_\_reduce\_ex\_\_** (*\$self, protocol, /*)

Helper for pickle.

**\_\_repr\_\_** (*\$self, /*)

Return repr(self).

**\_\_setattr\_\_** (*\$self, name, value, /*)

Implement setattr(self, name, value).

**\_\_sizeof\_\_** (*\$self, /*)

Size of object in memory, in bytes.

**\_\_str\_\_** (*\$self, /*)

Return str(self).

**\_\_subclasshook\_\_** ()

Abstract classes can override this to customize issubclass().

This is invoked early on by abc.ABCMeta.\_\_subclasscheck\_\_(). It should return True, False or NotImplemented. If it returns NotImplemented, the normal algorithm is used. Otherwise, it overrides the normal algorithm (and the outcome is cached).

**\_\_weakref\_\_**

list of weak references to the object (if defined)

**\_find\_nearest\_grid\_indices** (*lon, lat*)

Find the nearest x, y grid indices for a given latitude and longitude.

**\_get\_label\_x** ()

Get default label for x units.

**\_get\_label\_y** ()

Get default label for y units.

**\_get\_label\_z** ()

Get default label for z units.

**\_label\_axes\_grid** (*axis\_labels, ax*)

Set the x and y axis labels for a grid plot.

**\_label\_axes\_latitude** (*axis\_labels, ax*)

Set the x and y axis labels for a latitude slice.

**\_label\_axes\_latlon** (*axis\_labels, ax*)

Set the x and y axis labels for a lat-lon slice.

**\_label\_axes\_longitude** (*axis\_labels, ax*)

Set the x and y axis labels for a longitude slice.

**\_make\_basemap** (*resolution='l', area\_thresh=10000, auto\_range=True, min\_lon=-92, max\_lon=-86, min\_lat=40, max\_lat=44, ax=None, \*\*kwargs*)

Make a basemap.

#### Parameters

**auto\_range** [bool] True to determine map ranges from the latitude and longitude limits of the grid. False will use the min\_lon, max\_lon, min\_lat, and max\_lat parameters for the map range.

**min\_lat, max\_lat, min\_lon, max\_lon** [float] Latitude and longitude ranges for the map projection region in degrees. These parameter are not used if auto\_range is True.

**resolution** ['c', 'l', 'i', 'h', or 'f'.] Resolution of boundary database to use. See Basemap documentation for details.

**area\_thresh** [int] Basemap area\_thresh parameter. See Basemap documentation.

**ax** [axes or None.] Axis to add the basemap to, if None the current axis is used.

**kwargs: Basemap options** Options to be passed to Basemap. If projection is not specified here it uses proj='merc' (mercator).

**generate\_filename** (*field, level, ext='png'*)

Generate a filename for a grid plot.

**Generated filename has form:** grid\_name\_field\_level\_time.ext

#### Parameters

**field** [str] Field plotted.

**level** [int] Level plotted.

**ext** [str] Filename extension.

#### Returns

**filename** [str] Filename suitable for saving a plot.

**generate\_grid\_title** (*field, level*)

Generate a title for a plot.

#### Parameters

**field** [str] Field plotted.

**level** [int] Vertical level plotted.

#### Returns

**title** [str] Plot title.

**generate\_latitudinal\_level\_title** (*field, level*)

Generate a title for a plot.

#### Parameters

**field** [str] Field plotted.

**level** [int] Longitudinal level plotted.

#### Returns

**title** [str] Plot title.

**generate\_longitudinal\_level\_title** (*field, level*)

Generate a title for a plot.

#### Parameters

**field** [str] Field plotted.

**level** [int] Longitudinal level plotted.

#### Returns

**title** [str] Plot title.

**get\_basemap** ()

get basemap of the plot

```
plot_basemap (lat_lines=None, lon_lines=None, resolution='l', area_thresh=10000,  
               auto_range=True, min_lon=-92, max_lon=-86, min_lat=40, max_lat=44, ax=None,  
               **kwargs)
```

Plot a basemap.

#### Parameters

**lat\_lines, lon\_lines** [array or None] Locations at which to draw latitude and longitude lines. None will use default values which are resonable for maps of North America.

**auto\_range** [bool] True to determine map ranges from the latitude and longitude limits of the grid. False will use the min\_lon, max\_lon, min\_lat, and max\_lat parameters for the map range.

**min\_lat, max\_lat, min\_lon, max\_lon** [float] Latitude and longitude ranges for the map projection region in degrees. These parameter are not used if auto\_range is True.

**resolution** ['c', 'l', 'i', 'h', or 'f'.] Resolution of boundary database to use. See Basemap documentation for details.

**area\_thresh** [int] Basemap area\_thresh parameter. See Basemap documentation.

**ax** [axes or None.] Axis to add the basemap to, if None the current axis is used.

**kwargs: Basemap options** Options to be passed to Basemap. If projection is not specified here it uses proj='merc' (mercator).

```
plot_colorbar (mappable=None, orientation='horizontal', label=None, cax=None, ax=None,  
               fig=None, field=None, ticks=None, ticklabs=None)
```

Plot a colorbar.

#### Parameters

**mappable** [Image, ContourSet, etc.] Image, ContourSet, etc to which the colorbar applied. If None the last mappable object will be used.

**field** [str] Field to label colorbar with.

**label** [str] Colorbar label. None will use a default value from the last field plotted.

**orient** [str] Colorbar orientation, either 'vertical' [default] or 'horizontal'.

**cax** [Axis] Axis onto which the colorbar will be drawn. None is also valid.

**ax** [Axes] Axis onto which the colorbar will be drawn. None is also valid.

**fig** [Figure] Figure to place colorbar on. None will use the current figure.

**ticks** [array] Colorbar custom tick label locations.

**ticklabs** [array] Colorbar custom tick labels.

```
plot_crosshairs (lon=None, lat=None, line_style='r-', linewidth=2, ax=None)
```

Plot crosshairs at a given longitude and latitude.

#### Parameters

**lon, lat** [float] Longitude and latitude (in degrees) where the crosshairs should be placed. If None the center of the grid is used.

**line\_style** [str] Matplotlib string describing the line style.

**linewidth** [float] Width of markers in points.

**ax** [axes or None.] Axis to add the crosshairs to, if None the current axis is used.

**plot\_grid** (*field*, *level*=0, *vmin*=None, *vmax*=None, *norm*=None, *cmap*=None, *mask\_outside*=False, *title*=None, *title\_flag*=True, *axislabels*=(None, None), *axislabels\_flag*=False, *colorbar\_flag*=True, *colorbar\_label*=None, *colorbar\_orient*='vertical', *edges*=True, *ax*=None, *fig*=None, *ticks*=None, *ticklabs*=None, *\*\*kwargs*)

Plot the grid onto the current basemap.

Additional arguments are passed to Basemaps's pcolormesh function.

#### Parameters

**field** [str] Field to be plotted.

**level** [int] Index corresponding to the height level to be plotted.

**vmin, vmax** [float] Lower and upper range for the colormesh. If either parameter is None, a value will be determined from the field attributes (if available) or the default values of -8, 64 will be used. Parameters are ignored if norm is not None.

**norm** [Normalize or None, optional] matplotlib Normalize instance used to scale luminance data. If not None the vmax and vmin parameters are ignored. If None, vmin and vmax are used for luminance scaling.

**cmap** [str or None] Matplotlib colormap name. None will use the default colormap for the field being plotted as specified by the Py-ART configuration.

**mask\_outside** [bool] True to mask data outside of vmin, vmax. False performs no masking.

**title** [str] Title to label plot with, None to use default title generated from the field and level parameters. Parameter is ignored if title\_flag is False.

**title\_flag** [bool] True to add a title to the plot, False does not add a title.

**axislabels** [(str, str)] 2-tuple of x-axis, y-axis labels. None for either label will use the default axis label. Parameter is ignored if axislabels\_flag is False.

**axislabels\_flag** [bool] True to add label the axes, False does not label the axes.

**colorbar\_flag** [bool] True to add a colorbar with label to the axis. False leaves off the colorbar.

**colorbar\_label** [str] Colorbar label, None will use a default label generated from the field information.

**colorbar\_orient** ['vertical' or 'horizontal'] Colorbar orientation.

**ticks** [array] Colorbar custom tick label locations.

**ticklabs** [array] Colorbar custom tick labels.

**edges** [bool] True will interpolate and extrapolate the gate edges from the range, azimuth and elevations in the radar, treating these as specifying the center of each gate. False treats these coordinates themselves as the gate edges, resulting in a plot in which the last gate in each ray and the entire last ray are not plotted.

**ax** [Axis] Axis to plot on. None will use the current axis.

**fig** [Figure] Figure to add the colorbar to. None will use the current figure.

**plot\_latitude\_slice** (*field*, *lon*=None, *lat*=None, *\*\*kwargs*)

Plot a slice along a given latitude.

For documentation of additional arguments see [`plot\_latitudinal\_level\(\)`](#).

#### Parameters

**field** [str] Field to be plotted.

**lon, lat** [float] Longitude and latitude (in degrees) specifying the slice. If None the center of the grid is used.

**plot\_latitudinal\_level** (*field, y\_index, vmin=None, vmax=None, norm=None, cmap=None, mask\_outside=False, title=None, title\_flag=True, axislabels=(None, None), axislabels\_flag=True, colorbar\_flag=True, colorbar\_label=None, colorbar\_orient='vertical', edges=True, ax=None, fig=None, ticks=None, ticklabs=None, \*\*kwargs*)

Plot a slice along a given latitude.

Additional arguments are passed to Basemaps's pcolormesh function.

### Parameters

**field** [str] Field to be plotted.

**y\_index** [float] Index of the latitudinal level to plot.

**vmin, vmax** [float] Lower and upper range for the colormesh. If either parameter is None, a value will be determined from the field attributes (if available) or the default values of -8, 64 will be used. Parameters are ignored if norm is not None.

**norm** [Normalize or None, optional] matplotlib Normalize instance used to scale luminance data. If not None the vmax and vmin parameters are ignored. If None, vmin and vmax are used for luminance scaling.

**cmap** [str or None] Matplotlib colormap name. None will use the default colormap for the field being plotted as specified by the Py-ART configuration.

**mask\_outside** [bool] True to mask data outside of vmin, vmax. False performs no masking.

**title** [str] Title to label plot with, None to use default title generated from the field and lat,lon parameters. Parameter is ignored if title\_flag is False.

**title\_flag** [bool] True to add a title to the plot, False does not add a title.

**axislabels** [(str, str)] 2-tuple of x-axis, y-axis labels. None for either label will use the default axis label. Parameter is ignored if axislabels\_flag is False.

**axislabels\_flag** [bool] True to add label the axes, False does not label the axes.

**colorbar\_flag** [bool] True to add a colorbar with label to the axis. False leaves off the colorbar.

**colorbar\_label** [str] Colorbar label, None will use a default label generated from the field information.

**ticks** [array] Colorbar custom tick label locations.

**ticklabs** [array] Colorbar custom tick labels.

**colorbar\_orient** ['vertical' or 'horizontal'] Colorbar orientation.

**edges** [bool] True will interpolate and extrapolate the gate edges from the range, azimuth and elevations in the radar, treating these as specifying the center of each gate. False treats these coordinates themselves as the gate edges, resulting in a plot in which the last gate in each ray and the entire last ray are not plotted.

**ax** [Axis] Axis to plot on. None will use the current axis.

**fig** [Figure] Figure to add the colorbar to. None will use the current figure.

**plot\_latlon\_level** (*field, ind\_1, ind\_2, vmin=None, vmax=None, norm=None, cmap=None, mask\_outside=False, title=None, title\_flag=True, axislabels=(None, None), axislabels\_flag=True, colorbar\_flag=True, colorbar\_label=None, colorbar\_orient='vertical', edges=True, ax=None, fig=None, ticks=None, ticklabs=None, \*\*kwargs*)

Plot a slice along two points given by its lat, lon

Additional arguments are passed to Basemaps's pcolormesh function.

#### Parameters

**field** [str] Field to be plotted.

**ind\_1, ind\_2** [float] x,y indices of the two points crossed by the slice.

**vmin, vmax** [float] Lower and upper range for the colormesh. If either parameter is None, a value will be determined from the field attributes (if available) or the default values of -8, 64 will be used. Parameters are ignored if norm is not None.

**norm** [Normalize or None, optional] matplotlib Normalize instance used to scale luminance data. If not None the vmax and vmin parameters are ignored. If None, vmin and vmax are used for luminance scaling.

**cmap** [str or None] Matplotlib colormap name. None will use the default colormap for the field being plotted as specified by the Py-ART configuration.

**mask\_outside** [bool] True to mask data outside of vmin, vmax. False performs no masking.

**title** [str] Title to label plot with, None to use default title generated from the field and lat,lon parameters. Parameter is ignored if title\_flag is False.

**title\_flag** [bool] True to add a title to the plot, False does not add a title.

**axislabels** [(str, str)] 2-tuple of x-axis, y-axis labels. None for either label will use the default axis label. Parameter is ignored if axislabels\_flag is False.

**axislabels\_flag** [bool] True to add label the axes, False does not label the axes.

**colorbar\_flag** [bool] True to add a colorbar with label to the axis. False leaves off the colorbar.

**colorbar\_label** [str] Colorbar label, None will use a default label generated from the field information.

**colorbar\_orient** ['vertical' or 'horizontal'] Colorbar orientation.

**ticks** [array] Colorbar custom tick label locations.

**ticklabs** [array] Colorbar custom tick labels.

**edges** [bool] True will interpolate and extrapolate the gate edges from the range, azimuth and elevations in the radar, treating these as specifying the center of each gate. False treats these coordinates themselves as the gate edges, resulting in a plot in which the last gate in each ray and the entire last ray are not plotted.

**ax** [Axis] Axis to plot on. None will use the current axis.

**fig** [Figure] Figure to add the colorbar to. None will use the current figure.

**plot\_latlon\_slice** (*field, coord1=None, coord2=None, \*\*kwargs*)

Plot a slice along a given longitude.

For documentation of additional arguments see [`plot\_longitudinal\_level\(\)`](#).

#### Parameters



**field** [str] Field to be plotted.

**coord1, coord2** [tuple of floats] tuple of floats containing the longitude and latitude (in degrees) specifying the two points crossed by the slice. If none two extremes of the grid is used

**plot\_longitude\_slice** (*field, lon=None, lat=None, \*\*kwargs*)

Plot a slice along a given longitude.

For documentation of additional arguments see [`plot\_longitudinal\_level\(\)`](#).

#### Parameters

**field** [str] Field to be plotted.

**lon, lat** [float] Longitude and latitude (in degrees) specifying the slice. If None the center of the grid is used.

**plot\_longitudinal\_level** (*field, x\_index, vmin=None, vmax=None, norm=None, cmap=None, mask\_outside=False, title=None, title\_flag=True, axislabels=(None, None), axislabels\_flag=True, colorbar\_flag=True, colorbar\_label=None, colorbar\_orient='vertical', edges=True, ax=None, fig=None, ticks=None, ticklabs=None, \*\*kwargs*)

Plot a slice along a given longitude.

Additional arguments are passed to Basemaps's pcolormesh function.

#### Parameters

**field** [str] Field to be plotted.

**x\_index** [float] Index of the longitudinal level to plot.

**vmin, vmax** [float] Lower and upper range for the colormesh. If either parameter is None, a value will be determined from the field attributes (if available) or the default values of -8, 64 will be used. Parameters are ignored if norm is not None.

**norm** [Normalize or None, optional] matplotlib Normalize instance used to scale luminance data. If not None the vmax and vmin parameters are ignored. If None, vmin and vmax are used for luminance scaling.

**cmap** [str or None] Matplotlib colormap name. None will use the default colormap for the field being plotted as specified by the Py-ART configuration.

**mask\_outside** [bool] True to mask data outside of vmin, vmax. False performs no masking.

**title** [str] Title to label plot with, None to use default title generated from the field and lat,lon parameters. Parameter is ignored if title\_flag is False.

**title\_flag** [bool] True to add a title to the plot, False does not add a title.

**axislabels** [(str, str)] 2-tuple of x-axis, y-axis labels. None for either label will use the default axis label. Parameter is ignored if axislabels\_flag is False.

**axislabels\_flag** [bool] True to add label the axes, False does not label the axes.

**colorbar\_flag** [bool] True to add a colorbar with label to the axis. False leaves off the colorbar.

**colorbar\_label** [str] Colorbar label, None will use a default label generated from the field information.

**colorbar\_orient** ['vertical' or 'horizontal'] Colorbar orientation.

**ticks** [array] Colorbar custom tick label locations.

**ticklabs** [array] Colorbar custom tick labels.

**edges** [bool] True will interpolate and extrapolate the gate edges from the range, azimuth and elevations in the radar, treating these as specifying the center of each gate. False treats these coordinates themselves as the gate edges, resulting in a plot in which the last gate in each ray and the entire last ray are not not plotted.

**ax** [Axis] Axis to plot on. None will use the current axis.

**fig** [Figure] Figure to add the colorbar to. None will use the current figure.

## PYART.GRAPH.RADARDISPLAY

Class for creating plots from Radar objects.

*RadarDisplay*(radar[, shift])

A display object for creating plots from data in a radar object.

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**class** pyart.graph.radardisplay.**RadarDisplay**(radar, shift=(0.0, 0.0))

Bases: `object`

A display object for creating plots from data in a radar object.

### Parameters

**radar** [Radar] Radar object to use for creating plots.

**shift** [(float, float)] Shifts in km to offset the calculated x and y locations.

### Attributes

**plots** [list] List of plots created.

**plot\_vars** [list] List of fields plotted, order matches plot list.

**cbs** [list] List of colorbars created.

**origin** [str] 'Origin' or 'Radar'.

**shift** [(float, float)] Shift in meters.

**loc** [(float, float)] Latitude and Longitude of radar in degrees.

**fields** [dict] Radar fields.

**scan\_type** [str] Scan type.

**ranges** [array] Gate ranges in meters.

**azimuths** [array] Azimuth angle in degrees.

**elevations** [array] Elevations in degrees.

**fixed\_angle** [array] Scan angle in degrees.

**antenna\_transition** [array or None] Antenna transition flag (1 in transition, 0 in transition) or None if no antenna transition.

### Methods

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| <code>generate_az_rhi_title(field, azimuth)</code>             | Generate a title for a ray plot.   |
| <code>generate_filename(field, sweep[, ext, ...])</code>       | Generate a filename for a plot.  |
| <code>generate_ray_title(field, ray)</code>                    | Generate a title for a ray plot.   |
| <code>generate_title(field, sweep[, ...])</code>               | Generate a title for a plot.   |
| <code>generate_vpt_title(field)</code>                         | Generate a title for a VPT plot.   |
| <code>label_xaxis_r([ax])</code>                               | Label the xaxis with the default label for r units.                                      |
| <code>label_xaxis_rays([ax])</code>                            | Label the yaxis with the default label for rays.   |
| <code>label_xaxis_time([ax])</code>                            | Label the yaxis with the default label for rays.   |
| <code>label_xaxis_x([ax])</code>                               | Label the xaxis with the default label for x units.                                      |
| <code>label_yaxis_field(field[, ax])</code>                    | Label the yaxis with the default label for a field units.                                |
| <code>label_yaxis_y([ax])</code>                               | Label the yaxis with the default label for y units.                                      |
| <code>label_yaxis_z([ax])</code>                               | Label the yaxis with the default label for z units.                                      |
| <code>plot(field[, sweep])</code>                              | Create a plot appropriate for the radar.   |
| <code>plot_azimuth_to_rhi(field, target_azimuth[, ...])</code> | Plot pseudo-RHI scan by extracting the vertical field associated with the given azimuth. |
| <code>plot_colorbar([mappable, field, label, ...])</code>      | Plot a colorbar.   |
| <code>plot_cross_hair(size[, npts, ax])</code>                 | Plot a cross-hair on a ppi plot.   |
| <code>plot_grid_lines([ax, col, ls])</code>                    | Plot grid lines.   |
| <code>plot_label(label, location[, symbol, ...])</code>        | Plot a single symbol and label at a given location.                                      |
| <code>plot_labels(labels, locations[, symbols, ...])</code>    | Plot symbols and labels at given locations.  |
| <code>plot_ppi(field[, sweep, mask_tuple, vmin, ...])</code>   | Plot a PPI.  |
| <code>plot_range_ring(range_ring_location_km[, ...])</code>    | Plot a single range ring.  |
| <code>plot_range_rings(range_rings[, ax, col, ls, lw])</code>  | Plot a series of range rings.  |
| <code>plot_ray(field, ray[, format_str, ...])</code>           | Plot a single ray.   |
| <code>plot_rhi(field[, sweep, mask_tuple, vmin, ...])</code>   | Plot a RHI.  |
| <code>plot_vpt(field[, mask_tuple, vmin, vmax, ...])</code>    | Plot a VPT scan.   |
| <code>set_aspect_ratio([aspect_ratio, ax])</code>              | Set the aspect ratio for plot area.  |
| <code>set_limits([xlim, ylim, ax])</code>                      | Set the display limits.  |

`__class__`

alias of `builtins.type`

`__delattr__ ($self, name, /)`

Implement `delattr(self, name)`.

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`__dir__ ($self, /)`

Default `dir()` implementation.

`__eq__ ($self, value, /)`

Return `self==value`.

`__format__ ($self, format_spec, /)`

Default object formatter.

`__ge__ ($self, value, /)`

Return `self>=value`.

`__getattr__ ($self, name, /)`

Return `getattr(self, name)`.

`__gt__ ($self, value, /)`

Return `self>value`.

**\_\_hash\_\_** (*\$self*, /)  
Return hash(self).

**\_\_init\_\_** (*radar*, *shift*=(0.0, 0.0))  
Initialize the object.

**\_\_init\_subclass\_\_** ()  
This method is called when a class is subclassed.  
  
The default implementation does nothing. It may be overridden to extend subclasses.

**\_\_le\_\_** (*\$self*, *value*, /)  
Return self<=value.

**\_\_lt\_\_** (*\$self*, *value*, /)  
Return self<value.

**\_\_module\_\_** = 'pyart.graph.radardisplay'

**\_\_ne\_\_** (*\$self*, *value*, /)  
Return self!=value.

**\_\_new\_\_** (*\$type*, \**args*, \*\**kwargs*)  
Create and return a new object. See help(type) for accurate signature.

**\_\_reduce\_\_** (*\$self*, /)  
Helper for pickle.

**\_\_reduce\_ex\_\_** (*\$self*, *protocol*, /)  
Helper for pickle.

**\_\_repr\_\_** (*\$self*, /)  
Return repr(self).

**\_\_setattr\_\_** (*\$self*, *name*, *value*, /)  
Implement setattr(self, name, value).

**\_\_sizeof\_\_** (*\$self*, /)  
Size of object in memory, in bytes.

**\_\_str\_\_** (*\$self*, /)  
Return str(self).

**\_\_subclasshook\_\_** ()  
Abstract classes can override this to customize issubclass().  
  
This is invoked early on by abc.ABCMeta.\_\_subclasscheck\_\_(). It should return True, False or NotImplemented. If it returns NotImplemented, the normal algorithm is used. Otherwise, it overrides the normal algorithm (and the outcome is cached).

**\_\_weakref\_\_**  
list of weak references to the object (if defined)

**\_\_get\_azimuth\_rhi\_data\_x\_y\_z** (*field*, *target\_azimuth*, *edges*, *mask\_tuple*, *filter\_transitions*,  
*gatefilter*)  
Retrieve and return pseudo-RHI data from a plot function.

**\_\_get\_colorbar\_label** (*field*)  
Return a colorbar label for a given field.

**\_\_get\_data** (*field*, *sweep*, *mask\_tuple*, *filter\_transitions*, *gatefilter*)  
Retrieve and return data from a plot function.

**\_\_get\_ray\_data** (*field*, *ray*, *mask\_tuple*, *gatefilter*)  
Retrieve and return ray data from a plot function.

**`_get_vpt_data`** (*field, mask\_tuple, filter\_transitions, gatefilter*)  
Retrieve and return vpt data from a plot function.

**`_get_x_y`** (*sweep, edges, filter\_transitions*)  
Retrieve and return x and y coordinate in km.

**`_get_x_y_z`** (*sweep, edges, filter\_transitions*)  
Retrieve and return x, y, and z coordinate in km.

**`_get_x_z`** (*sweep, edges, filter\_transitions*)  
Retrieve and return x and z coordinate in km.

**`_label_axes_ppi`** (*axis\_labels, ax*)  
Set the x and y axis labels for a PPI plot.

**`_label_axes_ray`** (*axis\_labels, field, ax*)  
Set the x and y axis labels for a ray plot.

**`_label_axes_rhi`** (*axis\_labels, ax*)  
Set the x and y axis labels for a RHI plot.

**`_label_axes_vpt`** (*axis\_labels, time\_axis\_flag, ax*)  
Set the x and y axis labels for a PPI plot.

**`_set_az_rhi_title`** (*field, azimuth, title, ax*)  
Set the figure title for a ray plot using a default title.

**`_set_ray_title`** (*field, ray, title, ax*)  
Set the figure title for a ray plot using a default title.

**`_set_title`** (*field, sweep, title, ax, datetime\_format=None, use\_sweep\_time=True*)  
Set the figure title using a default title.

**`static _set_vpt_time_axis`** (*ax, date\_time\_form=None, tz=None*)  
Set the x axis as a time formatted axis.

#### Parameters

**`ax`** [Matplotlib axis instance] Axis to plot. None will use the current axis.

**`date_time_form`** [str] Format of the time string for x-axis labels.

**`tz`** [str] Time zone info to use when creating axis labels (see `datetime`).

**`_set_vpt_title`** (*field, title, ax*)  
Set the figure title using a default title.

**`generate_az_rhi_title`** (*field, azimuth*)  
Generate a title for a ray plot.

#### Parameters

**`field`** [str] Field plotted.

**`azimuth`** [float] Azimuth plotted.

#### Returns

**`title`** [str] Plot title.

**`generate_filename`** (*field, sweep, ext='png', datetime\_format='%Y%m%d%H%M%S', use\_sweep\_time=False*)  
Generate a filename for a plot.

**Generated filename has form:** radar\_name\_field\_sweep\_time.ext

**Parameters**

**field** [str] Field plotted.

**sweep** [int] Sweep plotted.

**ext** [str] Filename extension.

**datetime\_format** [str] Format of datetime (using strftime format).

**use\_sweep\_time** [bool] If true, the current sweep's beginning time is used.

**Returns**

**filename** [str] Filename suitable for saving a plot.

**generate\_ray\_title** (*field, ray*)

Generate a title for a ray plot.

**Parameters**

**field** [str] Field plotted.

**ray** [int] Ray plotted.

**Returns**

**title** [str] Plot title.

**generate\_title** (*field, sweep, datetime\_format=None, use\_sweep\_time=True*)

Generate a title for a plot.

**Parameters**

**field** [str] Field plotted.

**sweep** [int] Sweep plotted.

**datetime\_format** [str] Format of datetime (using strftime format).

**use\_sweep\_time** [bool] If true, the current sweep's beginning time is used.

**Returns**

**title** [str] Plot title.

**generate\_vpt\_title** (*field*)

Generate a title for a VPT plot.

**Parameters**

**field** [str] Field plotted.

**Returns**

**title** [str] Plot title.

**label\_xaxis\_r** (*ax=None*)

Label the xaxis with the default label for r units.

**static label\_xaxis\_rays** (*ax=None*)

Label the yaxis with the default label for rays.

**static label\_xaxis\_time** (*ax=None*)

Label the yaxis with the default label for rays.

**label\_xaxis\_x** (*ax=None*)

Label the xaxis with the default label for x units.

**label\_yaxis\_field** (*field*, *ax=None*)

Label the yaxis with the default label for a field units.

**label\_yaxis\_y** (*ax=None*)

Label the yaxis with the default label for y units.

**label\_yaxis\_z** (*ax=None*)

Label the yaxis with the default label for z units.

**plot** (*field*, *sweep=0*, *\*\*kwargs*)

Create a plot appropriate for the radar.

This function calls the plotting function corresponding to the *scan\_type* of the radar. Additional keywords can be passed to customize the plot, see the appropriate plot function for the allowed keywords.

#### Parameters

**field** [str] Field to plot.

**sweep** [int] Sweep number to plot, not used for VPT scans.

See also:

[\*plot\\_ppi\*](#) Plot a PPI scan

[\*plot\\_rhi\*](#) Plot a RHI scan

[\*plot\\_vpt\*](#) Plot a VPT scan

**plot\_azimuth\_to\_rhi** (*field*, *target\_azimuth*, *mask\_tuple=None*, *vmin=None*, *vmax=None*, *norm=None*, *cmap=None*, *mask\_outside=False*, *title=None*, *title\_flag=True*, *axislabels=(None, None)*, *axislabels\_flag=True*, *colorbar\_flag=True*, *colorbar\_label=None*, *colorbar\_orient='vertical'*, *edges=True*, *gatefilter=None*, *reverse\_xaxis=None*, *filter\_transitions=True*, *ax=None*, *fig=None*, *ticks=None*, *ticklabs=None*, *raster=False*, *\*\*kwargs*)

Plot pseudo-RHI scan by extracting the vertical field associated with the given azimuth.

Additional arguments are passed to Matplotlib's *pcolormesh* function.

#### Parameters

**field** [str] Field to plot.

**target\_azimuth** [integer] Azimuthal angle in degrees where cross section will be taken.

#### Other Parameters

**mask\_tuple** [(str, float)] 2-Tuple containing the field name and value below which to mask field prior to plotting, for example to mask all data where  $NCP < 0.5$  set mask to ['NCP', 0.5]. None performs no masking.

**vmin** [float] Luminance minimum value, None for default value. Parameter is ignored if norm is not None.

**vmax** [float] Luminance maximum value, None for default value. Parameter is ignored if norm is not None.

**norm** [Normalize or None, optional] matplotlib Normalize instance used to scale luminance data. If not None the *vmax* and *vmin* parameters are ignored. If None, *vmin* and *vmax* are used for luminance scaling.

**cmap** [str or None] Matplotlib colormap name. None will use the default colormap for the field being plotted as specified by the Py-ART configuration.



**title** [str] Title to label plot with, None to use default title generated from the field and sweep parameters. Parameter is ignored if title\_flag is False.

**title\_flag** [bool] True to add a title to the plot, False does not add a title.

**axislabels** [(str, str)] 2-tuple of x-axis, y-axis labels. None for either label will use the default axis label. Parameter is ignored if axislabels\_flag is False.

**axislabels\_flag** [bool] True to add label the axes, False does not label the axes.

**reverse\_xaxis** [bool or None] True to reverse the x-axis so the plot reads east to west, False to have east to west. None (the default) will reverse the axis only when all the distances are negative.

**colorbar\_flag** [bool] True to add a colorbar with label to the axis. False leaves off the colorbar.

**colorbar\_label** [str] Colorbar label, None will use a default label generated from the field information.

**ticks** [array] Colorbar custom tick label locations.

**ticklabs** [array] Colorbar custom tick labels.

**colorbar\_orient** ['vertical' or 'horizontal'] Colorbar orientation.

**edges** [bool] True will interpolate and extrapolate the gate edges from the range, azimuth and elevations in the radar, treating these as specifying the center of each gate. False treats these coordinates themselves as the gate edges, resulting in a plot in which the last gate in each ray and the entire last ray are not plotted.

**gatefilter** [GateFilter] GateFilter instance. None will result in no gatefilter mask being applied to data.

**filter\_transitions** [bool] True to remove rays where the antenna was in transition between sweeps from the plot. False will include these rays in the plot. No rays are filtered when the antenna\_transition attribute of the underlying radar is not present.

**ax** [Axis] Axis to plot on. None will use the current axis.

**fig** [Figure] Figure to add the colorbar to. None will use the current figure.

**raster** [bool] False by default. Set to True to render the display as a raster rather than a vector in call to pcolormesh. Saves time in plotting high resolution data over large areas. Be sure to set the dpi of the plot for your application if you save it as a vector format (i.e., pdf, eps, svg).

**plot\_colorbar** (*mappable=None, field=None, label=None, orient='vertical', cax=None, ax=None, fig=None, ticks=None, ticklabs=None*)

Plot a colorbar.

#### Parameters

**mappable** [Image, ContourSet, etc.] Image, ContourSet, etc to which the colorbar applied. If None the last mappable object will be used.

**field** [str] Field to label colorbar with.

**label** [str] Colorbar label. None will use a default value from the last field plotted.

**orient** [str] Colorbar orientation, either 'vertical' [default] or 'horizontal'.

**cax** [Axis] Axis onto which the colorbar will be drawn. None is also valid.

**ax** [Axes] Axis onto which the colorbar will be drawn. None is also valid.

**fig** [Figure] Figure to place colorbar on. None will use the current figure.

**ticks** [array] Colorbar custom tick label locations.

**ticklabs** [array] Colorbar custom tick labels.

**static plot\_cross\_hair** (*size, npts=100, ax=None*)

Plot a cross-hair on a ppi plot.

#### Parameters

**size** [float] Size of cross-hair in km.

**npts: int** Number of points in the cross-hair, higher for better resolution.

**ax** [Axis] Axis to plot on. None will use the current axis.

**static plot\_grid\_lines** (*ax=None, col='k', ls=':'*)

Plot grid lines.

#### Parameters

**ax** [Axis] Axis to plot on. None will use the current axis.

**col** [str or value] Color to use for grid lines.

**ls** [str] Linestyle to use for grid lines.

**plot\_label** (*label, location, symbol='r+', text\_color='k', ax=None*)

Plot a single symbol and label at a given location.

Transforms of the symbol location in latitude and longitude units to x and y plot units is performed using an azimuthal equidistance map projection centered at the radar.

#### Parameters

**label** [str] Label text to place just above symbol.

**location** [2-tuples] Tuple of latitude, longitude (in degrees) at which the symbol will be place. The label is placed just above the symbol.

**symbol** [str] Matplotlib color+marker strings defining the symbol to place at the given location.

**text\_color** [str] Matplotlib color defining the color of the label text.

**ax** [Axis] Axis to plot on. None will use the current axis.

**plot\_labels** (*labels, locations, symbols='r+', text\_color='k', ax=None*)

Plot symbols and labels at given locations.

#### Parameters

**labels** [list of str] List of labels to place just above symbols.

**locations** [list of 2-tuples] List of latitude, longitude (in degrees) tuples at which symbols will be place. Labels are placed just above the symbols.

**symbols** [list of str or str] List of matplotlib color+marker strings defining symbols to place at given locations. If a single string is provided, that symbol will be placed at all locations.

**text\_color** [str] Matplotlib color defining the color of the label text.

**ax** [Axis] Axis to plot on. None will use the current axis.

**plot\_ppi** (*field*, *sweep*=0, *mask\_tuple*=None, *vmin*=None, *vmax*=None, *norm*=None, *cmap*=None, *mask\_outside*=False, *title*=None, *title\_flag*=True, *axislabels*=(None, None), *axislabels\_flag*=True, *colorbar\_flag*=True, *colorbar\_label*=None, *colorbar\_orient*='vertical', *edges*=True, *gatefilter*=None, *filter\_transitions*=True, *ax*=None, *fig*=None, *ticks*=None, *ticklabs*=None, *raster*=False, *title\_datetime\_format*=None, *title\_use\_sweep\_time*=True, *\*\*kwargs*)

Plot a PPI.

Additional arguments are passed to Matplotlib's `pcolormesh` function.

#### Parameters

**field** [str] Field to plot.

**sweep** [int, optional] Sweep number to plot.

#### Other Parameters

**mask\_tuple** [(str, float)] Tuple containing the field name and value below which to mask field prior to plotting, for example to mask all data where NCP < 0.5 set `mask_tuple` to ['NCP', 0.5]. None performs no masking.

**vmin** [float] Luminance minimum value, None for default value. Parameter is ignored if `norm` is not None.

**vmax** [float] Luminance maximum value, None for default value. Parameter is ignored if `norm` is not None.

**norm** [Normalize or None, optional] matplotlib Normalize instance used to scale luminance data. If not None the `vmax` and `vmin` parameters are ignored. If None, `vmin` and `vmax` are used for luminance scaling.

**cmap** [str or None] Matplotlib colormap name. None will use the default colormap for the field being plotted as specified by the Py-ART configuration.

**mask\_outside** [bool] True to mask data outside of `vmin`, `vmax`. False performs no masking.

**title** [str] Title to label plot with, None to use default title generated from the field and sweep parameters. Parameter is ignored if `title_flag` is False.

**title\_datetime\_format** [str] Format of datetime in the title (using strftime format).

**title\_use\_sweep\_time** [bool] True for the current sweep's beginning time to be used for the title. False for the radar's beginning time.

**title\_flag** [bool] True to add a title to the plot, False does not add a title.

**axislabels** [(str, str)] 2-tuple of x-axis, y-axis labels. None for either label will use the default axis label. Parameter is ignored if `axislabels_flag` is False.

**axislabels\_flag** [bool] True to add label the axes, False does not label the axes.

**colorbar\_flag** [bool] True to add a colorbar with label to the axis. False leaves off the colorbar.

**colorbar\_label** [str] Colorbar label, None will use a default label generated from the field information.

**colorbar\_orient** ['vertical' or 'horizontal'] Colorbar orientation.

**ticks** [array] Colorbar custom tick label locations.

**ticklabs** [array] Colorbar custom tick labels.

**edges** [bool] True will interpolate and extrapolate the gate edges from the range, azimuth and elevations in the radar, treating these as specifying the center of each gate. False treats these coordinates themselves as the gate edges, resulting in a plot in which the last gate in each ray and the entire last ray are not plotted.

**gatefilter** [GateFilter] GateFilter instance. None will result in no gatefilter mask being applied to data.

**filter\_transitions** [bool] True to remove rays where the antenna was in transition between sweeps from the plot. False will include these rays in the plot. No rays are filtered when the antenna\_transition attribute of the underlying radar is not present.

**ax** [Axis] Axis to plot on. None will use the current axis.

**fig** [Figure] Figure to add the colorbar to. None will use the current figure.

**raster** [bool] False by default. Set to true to render the display as a raster rather than a vector in call to pcolormesh. Saves time in plotting high resolution data over large areas. Be sure to set the dpi of the plot for your application if you save it as a vector format (i.e., pdf, eps, svg).

**static plot\_range\_ring** (*range\_ring\_location\_km*, *npts=100*, *ax=None*, *col='k'*, *ls='-'*, *lw=2*)  
Plot a single range ring.

#### Parameters

**range\_ring\_location\_km** [float] Location of range ring in km.

**npts: int** Number of points in the ring, higher for better resolution.

**ax** [Axis] Axis to plot on. None will use the current axis.

**col** [str or value] Color to use for range rings.

**ls** [str] Linestyle to use for range rings.

**plot\_range\_rings** (*range\_rings*, *ax=None*, *col='k'*, *ls='-'*, *lw=2*)  
Plot a series of range rings.

#### Parameters

**range\_rings** [list] List of locations in km to draw range rings.

**ax** [Axis] Axis to plot on. None will use the current axis.

**col** [str or value] Color to use for range rings.

**ls** [str] Linestyle to use for range rings.

**plot\_ray** (*field*, *ray*, *format\_str='k-'*, *mask\_tuple=None*, *ray\_min=None*, *ray\_max=None*, *mask\_outside=False*, *title=None*, *title\_flag=True*, *axislabels=(None, None)*, *gatefilter=None*, *axislabels\_flag=True*, *ax=None*, *fig=None*)  
Plot a single ray.

#### Parameters

**field** [str] Field to plot.

**ray** [int] Ray number to plot.

#### Other Parameters

**format\_str** [str] Format string defining the line style and marker.

**mask\_tuple** [(str, float)] Tuple containing the field name and value below which to mask field prior to plotting, for example to mask all data where NCP < 0.5 set mask\_tuple to ['NCP', 0.5]. None performs no masking.

**ray\_min** [float] Minimum ray value, None for default value, ignored if mask\_outside is False.

**ray\_max** [float] Maximum ray value, None for default value, ignored if mask\_outside is False.

**mask\_outside** [bool] True to mask data outside of vmin, vmax. False performs no masking.

**title** [str] Title to label plot with, None to use default title generated from the field and ray parameters. Parameter is ignored if title\_flag is False.

**title\_flag** [bool] True to add a title to the plot, False does not add a title.

**gatefilter** [GateFilter] GateFilter instance. None will result in no gatefilter mask being applied to data.

**axislabels** [(str, str)] 2-tuple of x-axis, y-axis labels. None for either label will use the default axis label. Parameter is ignored if axislabels\_flag is False.

**axislabels\_flag** [bool] True to add label the axes, False does not label the axes.

**ax** [Axis] Axis to plot on. None will use the current axis.

**fig** [Figure] Figure to add the colorbar to. None will use the current figure.

**plot\_rhi** (*field, sweep=0, mask\_tuple=None, vmin=None, vmax=None, norm=None, cmap=None, mask\_outside=False, title=None, title\_flag=True, axislabels=(None, None), axislabels\_flag=True, reverse\_xaxis=None, colorbar\_flag=True, colorbar\_label=None, colorbar\_orient='vertical', edges=True, gatefilter=None, filter\_transitions=True, ax=None, fig=None, ticks=None, ticklabs=None, raster=False, title\_datetime\_format=None, title\_use\_sweep\_time=True, \*\*kwargs*)

Plot a RHI.

Additional arguments are passed to Matplotlib's pcolormesh function.

#### Parameters

**field** [str] Field to plot.

**sweep** [int,] Sweep number to plot.

#### Other Parameters

**mask\_tuple** [(str, float)] 2-Tuple containing the field name and value below which to mask field prior to plotting, for example to mask all data where NCP < 0.5 set mask to ['NCP', 0.5]. None performs no masking.

**vmin** [float] Luminance minimum value, None for default value. Parameter is ignored is norm is not None.

**vmax** [float] Luminance maximum value, None for default value. Parameter is ignored is norm is not None.

**norm** [Normalize or None, optional] matplotlib Normalize instance used to scale luminance data. If not None the vmax and vmin parameters are ignored. If None, vmin and vmax are used for luminance scaling.

**cmap** [str or None] Matplotlib colormap name. None will use the default colormap for the field being plotted as specified by the Py-ART configuration.

**title** [str] Title to label plot with, None to use default title generated from the field and sweep parameters. Parameter is ignored if title\_flag is False.

**title\_datetime\_format** [str] Format of datetime in the title (using strftime format).

**title\_use\_sweep\_time** [bool] True for the current sweep's beginning time to be used for the title. False for the radar's beginning time.

**title\_flag** [bool] True to add a title to the plot, False does not add a title.

**axislabels** [(str, str)] 2-tuple of x-axis, y-axis labels. None for either label will use the default axis label. Parameter is ignored if axislabels\_flag is False.

**axislabels\_flag** [bool] True to add label the axes, False does not label the axes.

**reverse\_xaxis** [bool or None] True to reverse the x-axis so the plot reads west to east, False to have east to west. None (the default) will reverse the axis only when all the distances are negative. (i.e) axis will be absolute distance without taking into consideration the orientation

**colorbar\_flag** [bool] True to add a colorbar with label to the axis. False leaves off the colorbar.

**colorbar\_label** [str] Colorbar label, None will use a default label generated from the field information.

**colorbar\_orient** ['vertical' or 'horizontal'] Colorbar orientation.

**ticks** [array] Colorbar custom tick label locations.

**ticklabs** [array] Colorbar custom tick labels.

**edges** [bool] True will interpolate and extrapolate the gate edges from the range, azimuth and elevations in the radar, treating these as specifying the center of each gate. False treats these coordinates themselves as the gate edges, resulting in a plot in which the last gate in each ray and the entire last ray are not not plotted.

**gatefilter** [GateFilter] GateFilter instance. None will result in no gatefilter mask being applied to data.

**filter\_transitions** [bool] True to remove rays where the antenna was in transition between sweeps from the plot. False will include these rays in the plot. No rays are filtered when the antenna\_transition attribute of the underlying radar is not present.

**ax** [Axis] Axis to plot on. None will use the current axis.

**fig** [Figure] Figure to add the colorbar to. None will use the current figure.

**raster** [bool] False by default. Set to true to render the display as a raster rather than a vector in call to pcolormesh. Saves time in plotting high resolution data over large areas. Be sure to set the dpi of the plot for your application if you save it as a vector format (i.e., pdf, eps, svg).

**plot\_vpt** (*field*, *mask\_tuple=None*, *vmin=None*, *vmax=None*, *norm=None*, *cmap=None*, *mask\_outside=False*, *title=None*, *title\_flag=True*, *axislabels=(None, None)*, *axislabels\_flag=True*, *colorbar\_flag=True*, *colorbar\_label=None*, *colorbar\_orient='vertical'*, *edges=True*, *gatefilter=None*, *filter\_transitions=True*, *time\_axis\_flag=False*, *date\_time\_form=None*, *tz=None*, *ax=None*, *fig=None*, *ticks=None*, *ticklabs=None*, *raster=False*, *\*\*kwargs*)

Plot a VPT scan.

Additional arguments are passed to Matplotlib's pcolormesh function.

### Parameters

**field** [str] Field to plot.

### Other Parameters

**mask\_tuple** [(str, float)] Tuple containing the field name and value below which to mask field prior to plotting, for example to mask all data where NCP < 0.5 set mask\_tuple to ['NCP', 0.5]. None performs no masking.

**vmin** [float] Luminance minimum value, None for default value. Parameter is ignored is norm is not None.

**vmax** [float] Luminance maximum value, None for default value. Parameter is ignored is norm is not None.

**norm** [Normalize or None, optional] matplotlib Normalize instance used to scale luminance data. If not None the vmax and vmin parameters are ignored. If None, vmin and vmax are used for luminance scaling.

**cmap** [str or None] Matplotlib colormap name. None will use the default colormap for the field being plotted as specified by the Py-ART configuration.

**mask\_outside** [bool] True to mask data outside of vmin, vmax. False performs no masking.

**title** [str] Title to label plot with, None to use default title generated from the field and sweep parameters. Parameter is ignored if title\_flag is False.

**title\_flag** [bool] True to add a title to the plot, False does not add a title.

**axislabels** [(str, str)] 2-tuple of x-axis, y-axis labels. None for either label will use the default axis label. Parameter is ignored if axislabels\_flag is False.

**axislabels\_flag** [bool] True to add label the axes, False does not label the axes.

**colorbar\_flag** [bool] True to add a colorbar with label to the axis. False leaves off the colorbar.

**colorbar\_label** [str] Colorbar label, None will use a default label generated from the field information.

**ticks** [array] Colorbar custom tick label locations.

**ticklabs** [array] Colorbar custom tick labels.

**colorbar\_orient** ['vertical' or 'horizontal'] Colorbar orientation.

**edges** [bool] True will interpolate and extrapolate the gate edges from the range, azimuth and elevations in the radar, treating these as specifying the center of each gate. False treats these coordinates themselves as the gate edges, resulting in a plot in which the last gate in each ray and the entire last ray are not not plotted.

**gatefilter** [GateFilter] GateFilter instance. None will result in no gatefilter mask being applied to data.

**filter\_transitions** [bool] True to remove rays where the antenna was in transition between sweeps from the plot. False will include these rays in the plot. No rays are filtered when the antenna\_transition attribute of the underlying radar is not present.

**time\_axis\_flag** [bool] True to plot the x-axis as time. False uses the index number. Default is False - index-based.

**date\_time\_form** [str, optional] Format of the time string for x-axis labels. Parameter is ignored if time\_axis\_flag is set to False.

**tz** [str, optional] Time zone info to use when creating axis labels (see datetime). Parameter is ignored if time\_axis\_flag is set to False.

**ax** [Axis] Axis to plot on. None will use the current axis.

**fig** [Figure] Figure to add the colorbar to. None will use the current figure.

**raster** [bool] False by default. Set to true to render the display as a raster rather than a vector in call to `pcolormesh`. Saves time in plotting high resolution data over large areas. Be sure to set the dpi of the plot for your application if you save it as a vector format (i.e., pdf, eps, svg).

**static set\_aspect\_ratio** (*aspect\_ratio=0.75, ax=None*)

Set the aspect ratio for plot area.

**static set\_limits** (*xlim=None, ylim=None, ax=None*)

Set the display limits.

#### Parameters

**xlim** [tuple, optional] 2-Tuple containing y-axis limits in km. None uses default limits.

**ylim** [tuple, optional] 2-Tuple containing x-axis limits in km. None uses default limits.

**ax** [Axis] Axis to adjust. None will adjust the current axis.

`pyart.graph.radardisplay._mask_outside` (*flag, data, v1, v2*)

Return the data masked outside of `v1` and `v2` when `flag` is True.



## PYART.GRAPH.RADARDISPLAY\_AIRBORNE

Class for creating plots from Airborne Radar objects.

*AirborneRadarDisplay*(radar[, shift])

A display object for creating plots from data in a airborne radar object.

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```
class pyart.graph.radardisplay_airborne.AirborneRadarDisplay (radar,  shift=(0.0, 0.0))
```

Bases: *pyart.graph.radardisplay.RadarDisplay*

A display object for creating plots from data in a airborne radar object.

### Parameters

**radar** [Radar] Radar object to use for creating plots, should be an airborne radar.

**shift** [(float, float)] Shifts in km to offset the calculated x and y locations.

### Attributes

**plots** [list] List of plots created.

**plot\_vars** [list] List of fields plotted, order matches plot list.

**cbs** [list] List of colorbars created.

**origin** [str] 'Origin' or 'Radar'.

**shift** [(float, float)] Shift in meters.

**loc** [(float, float)] Latitude and Longitude of radar in degrees.

**fields** [dict] Radar fields.

**scan\_type** [str] Scan type.

**ranges** [array] Gate ranges in meters.

**azimuths** [array] Azimuth angle in degrees.

**elevations** [array] Elevations in degrees.

**fixed\_angle** [array] Scan angle in degrees.

**rotation** [array] Rotation angle in degrees.

**roll** [array] Roll angle in degrees.

**drift** [array] Drift angle in degrees.

**tilt** [array] Tilt angle in degrees.

**heading** [array] Heading angle in degrees.

**pitch** [array] Pitch angle in degrees.

**altitude** [array] Altitude angle in meters.

## Methods

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| <i>generate_az_rhi_title</i> (field, azimuth)             | Generate a title for a ray plot.   |
| <i>generate_filename</i> (field, sweep[, ext, ...])       | Generate a filename for a plot.  |
| <i>generate_ray_title</i> (field, ray)                    | Generate a title for a ray plot.   |
| <i>generate_title</i> (field, sweep[, ...])               | Generate a title for a plot.   |
| <i>generate_vpt_title</i> (field)                         | Generate a title for a VPT plot.   |
| <i>label_xaxis_r</i> ([ax])                               | Label the xaxis with the default label for r units.                                      |
| <i>label_xaxis_rays</i> ([ax])                            | Label the yaxis with the default label for rays.   |
| <i>label_xaxis_time</i> ([ax])                            | Label the yaxis with the default label for rays.   |
| <i>label_xaxis_x</i> ([ax])                               | Label the xaxis with the default label for x units.                                      |
| <i>label_yaxis_field</i> (field[, ax])                    | Label the yaxis with the default label for a field units.                                |
| <i>label_yaxis_y</i> ([ax])                               | Label the yaxis with the default label for y units.                                      |
| <i>label_yaxis_z</i> ([ax])                               | Label the yaxis with the default label for z units.                                      |
| <i>plot</i> (field[, sweep])                              | Create a plot appropriate for the radar.   |
| <i>plot_azimuth_to_rhi</i> (field, target_azimuth[, ...]) | Plot pseudo-RHI scan by extracting the vertical field associated with the given azimuth. |
| <i>plot_colorbar</i> ([mappable, field, label, ...])      | Plot a colorbar.   |
| <i>plot_cross_hair</i> (size[, npts, ax])                 | Plot a cross-hair on a ppi plot.   |
| <i>plot_grid_lines</i> ([ax, col, ls])                    | Plot grid lines.   |
| <i>plot_label</i> (label, location[, symbol, ...])        | Plot a single symbol and label at a given location.                                      |
| <i>plot_labels</i> (labels, locations[, symbols, ...])    | Plot symbols and labels at given locations.  |
| <i>plot_ppi</i> (field[, sweep, mask_tuple, vmin, ...])   | Plot a PPI.  |
| <i>plot_range_ring</i> (range_ring_location_km[, ...])    | Plot a single range ring.  |
| <i>plot_range_rings</i> (range_rings[, ax, col, ls, lw])  | Plot a series of range rings.  |
| <i>plot_ray</i> (field, ray[, format_str, ...])           | Plot a single ray.   |
| <i>plot_rhi</i> (field[, sweep, mask_tuple, vmin, ...])   | Plot a RHI.  |
| <i>plot_sweep_grid</i> (field[, sweep, mask_tuple, ...])  | Plot a sweep as a grid.  |
| <i>plot_vpt</i> (field[, mask_tuple, vmin, vmax, ...])    | Plot a VPT scan.   |
| <i>set_aspect_ratio</i> (aspect_ratio, ax)                | Set the aspect ratio for plot area.  |
| <i>set_limits</i> (xlim, ylim, ax)                        | Set the display limits.  |

**\_\_class\_\_**

alias of `builtins.type`

**\_\_delattr\_\_** (*\$self, name, /*)

Implement `delattr(self, name)`.

**\_\_dict\_\_** = `mappingproxy({'__module__': 'pyart.graph.radardisplay_airborne', '__doc__'`

**\_\_dir\_\_** (*\$self, /*)

Default `dir()` implementation.

**\_\_eq\_\_** (*\$self, value, /*)

Return `self==value`.

**\_\_format\_\_** (*\$self, format\_spec, /*)  
Default object formatter.

**\_\_ge\_\_** (*\$self, value, /*)  
Return self>=value.

**\_\_getattr\_\_** (*\$self, name, /*)  
Return getattr(self, name).

**\_\_gt\_\_** (*\$self, value, /*)  
Return self>value.

**\_\_hash\_\_** (*\$self, /*)  
Return hash(self).

**\_\_init\_\_** (*radar, shift=(0.0, 0.0)*)  
Initialize the object.

**\_\_init\_subclass\_\_** ()  
This method is called when a class is subclassed.  
  
The default implementation does nothing. It may be overridden to extend subclasses.

**\_\_le\_\_** (*\$self, value, /*)  
Return self<=value.

**\_\_lt\_\_** (*\$self, value, /*)  
Return self<value.

**\_\_module\_\_** = **'pyart.graph.radardisplay\_airborne'**

**\_\_ne\_\_** (*\$self, value, /*)  
Return self!=value.

**\_\_new\_\_** (*\$type, \*args, \*\*kwargs*)  
Create and return a new object. See help(type) for accurate signature.

**\_\_reduce\_\_** (*\$self, /*)  
Helper for pickle.

**\_\_reduce\_ex\_\_** (*\$self, protocol, /*)  
Helper for pickle.

**\_\_repr\_\_** (*\$self, /*)  
Return repr(self).

**\_\_setattr\_\_** (*\$self, name, value, /*)  
Implement setattr(self, name, value).

**\_\_sizeof\_\_** (*\$self, /*)  
Size of object in memory, in bytes.

**\_\_str\_\_** (*\$self, /*)  
Return str(self).

**\_\_subclasshook\_\_** ()  
Abstract classes can override this to customize issubclass().  
  
This is invoked early on by abc.ABCMeta.\_\_subclasscheck\_\_(). It should return True, False or NotImplemented. If it returns NotImplemented, the normal algorithm is used. Otherwise, it overrides the normal algorithm (and the outcome is cached).

**\_\_weakref\_\_**  
list of weak references to the object (if defined)

**`_get_azimuth_rhi_data_x_y_z`** (*field, target\_azimuth, edges, mask\_tuple, filter\_transitions, gatefilter*)

Retrieve and return pseudo-RHI data from a plot function.

**`_get_colorbar_label`** (*field*)

Return a colorbar label for a given field.

**`_get_data`** (*field, sweep, mask\_tuple, filter\_transitions, gatefilter*)

Retrieve and return data from a plot function.

**`_get_ray_data`** (*field, ray, mask\_tuple, gatefilter*)

Retrieve and return ray data from a plot function.

**`_get_vpt_data`** (*field, mask\_tuple, filter\_transitions, gatefilter*)

Retrieve and return vpt data from a plot function.

**`_get_x_y`** (*sweep, edges, filter\_transitions*)

Retrieve and return x and y coordinate in km.

**`_get_x_y_z`** (*sweep, edges, filter\_transitions*)

Retrieve and return x, y, and z coordinate in km.

**`_get_x_z`** (*sweep, edges, filter\_transitions*)

Retrieve and return x and z coordinate in km.

**`_label_axes_ppi`** (*axis\_labels, ax*)

Set the x and y axis labels for a PPI plot.

**`_label_axes_ray`** (*axis\_labels, field, ax*)

Set the x and y axis labels for a ray plot.

**`_label_axes_rhi`** (*axis\_labels, ax*)

Set the x and y axis labels for a RHI plot.

**`_label_axes_vpt`** (*axis\_labels, time\_axis\_flag, ax*)

Set the x and y axis labels for a PPI plot.

**`_set_az_rhi_title`** (*field, azimuth, title, ax*)

Set the figure title for a ray plot using a default title.

**`_set_ray_title`** (*field, ray, title, ax*)

Set the figure title for a ray plot using a default title.

**`_set_title`** (*field, sweep, title, ax, datetime\_format=None, use\_sweep\_time=True*)

Set the figure title using a default title.

**`static _set_vpt_time_axis`** (*ax, date\_time\_form=None, tz=None*)

Set the x axis as a time formatted axis.

#### Parameters

**`ax`** [Matplotlib axis instance] Axis to plot. None will use the current axis.

**`date_time_form`** [str] Format of the time string for x-axis labels.

**`tz`** [str] Time zone info to use when creating axis labels (see datetime).

**`_set_vpt_title`** (*field, title, ax*)

Set the figure title using a default title.

**`generate_az_rhi_title`** (*field, azimuth*)

Generate a title for a ray plot.

#### Parameters

**`field`** [str] Field plotted.

**azimuth** [float] Azimuth plotted.

#### Returns

**title** [str] Plot title.

**generate\_filename** (*field*, *sweep*, *ext*='png', *datetime\_format*='%Y%m%d%H%M%S',  
*use\_sweep\_time*=False)

Generate a filename for a plot.

**Generated filename has form:** radar\_name\_field\_sweep\_time.ext

#### Parameters

**field** [str] Field plotted.

**sweep** [int] Sweep plotted.

**ext** [str] Filename extension.

**datetime\_format** [str] Format of datetime (using strftime format).

**use\_sweep\_time** [bool] If true, the current sweep's beginning time is used.

#### Returns

**filename** [str] Filename suitable for saving a plot.

**generate\_ray\_title** (*field*, *ray*)

Generate a title for a ray plot.

#### Parameters

**field** [str] Field plotted.

**ray** [int] Ray plotted.

#### Returns

**title** [str] Plot title.

**generate\_title** (*field*, *sweep*, *datetime\_format*=None, *use\_sweep\_time*=True)

Generate a title for a plot.

#### Parameters

**field** [str] Field plotted.

**sweep** [int] Sweep plotted.

**datetime\_format** [str] Format of datetime (using strftime format).

**use\_sweep\_time** [bool] If true, the current sweep's beginning time is used.

#### Returns

**title** [str] Plot title.

**generate\_vpt\_title** (*field*)

Generate a title for a VPT plot.

#### Parameters

**field** [str] Field plotted.

#### Returns

**title** [str] Plot title.

**label\_xaxis\_r** (*ax=None*)

Label the xaxis with the default label for r units.

**static label\_xaxis\_rays** (*ax=None*)

Label the yaxis with the default label for rays.

**static label\_xaxis\_time** (*ax=None*)

Label the yaxis with the default label for rays.

**label\_xaxis\_x** (*ax=None*)

Label the xaxis with the default label for x units.

**label\_yaxis\_field** (*field, ax=None*)

Label the yaxis with the default label for a field units.

**label\_yaxis\_y** (*ax=None*)

Label the yaxis with the default label for y units.

**label\_yaxis\_z** (*ax=None*)

Label the yaxis with the default label for z units.

**plot** (*field, sweep=0, \*\*kwargs*)

Create a plot appropriate for the radar.

This function calls the plotting function corresponding to the `scan_type` of the radar. Additional keywords can be passed to customize the plot, see the appropriate plot function for the allowed keywords.

#### Parameters

**field** [str] Field to plot.

**sweep** [int] Sweep number to plot, not used for VPT scans.

See also:

[`plot\_ppi`](#) Plot a PPI scan

[`plot\_sweep\_grid`](#) Plot a RHI or VPT scan

**plot\_azimuth\_to\_rhi** (*field, target\_azimuth, mask\_tuple=None, vmin=None, vmax=None, norm=None, cmap=None, mask\_outside=False, title=None, title\_flag=True, axislabels=(None, None), axislabels\_flag=True, colorbar\_flag=True, colorbar\_label=None, colorbar\_orient='vertical', edges=True, gatefilter=None, reverse\_xaxis=None, filter\_transitions=True, ax=None, fig=None, ticks=None, ticklabs=None, raster=False, \*\*kwargs*)

Plot pseudo-RHI scan by extracting the vertical field associated with the given azimuth.

Additional arguments are passed to Matplotlib's `pcolormesh` function.

#### Parameters

**field** [str] Field to plot.

**target\_azimuth** [integer] Azimuthal angle in degrees where cross section will be taken.

#### Other Parameters

**mask\_tuple** [(str, float)] 2-Tuple containing the field name and value below which to mask field prior to plotting, for example to mask all data where `NCP < 0.5` set mask to `['NCP', 0.5]`. None performs no masking.

**vmin** [float] Luminance minimum value, None for default value. Parameter is ignored if norm is not None.

**vmax** [float] Luminance maximum value, None for default value. Parameter is ignored if norm is not None.

**norm** [Normalize or None, optional] matplotlib Normalize instance used to scale luminance data. If not None the vmax and vmin parameters are ignored. If None, vmin and vmax are used for luminance scaling.

**cmap** [str or None] Matplotlib colormap name. None will use the default colormap for the field being plotted as specified by the Py-ART configuration.

**title** [str] Title to label plot with, None to use default title generated from the field and sweep parameters. Parameter is ignored if title\_flag is False.

**title\_flag** [bool] True to add a title to the plot, False does not add a title.

**axislabels** [(str, str)] 2-tuple of x-axis, y-axis labels. None for either label will use the default axis label. Parameter is ignored if axislabels\_flag is False.

**axislabels\_flag** [bool] True to add label the axes, False does not label the axes.

**reverse\_xaxis** [bool or None] True to reverse the x-axis so the plot reads east to west, False to have east to west. None (the default) will reverse the axis only when all the distances are negative.

**colorbar\_flag** [bool] True to add a colorbar with label to the axis. False leaves off the colorbar.

**colorbar\_label** [str] Colorbar label, None will use a default label generated from the field information.

**ticks** [array] Colorbar custom tick label locations.

**ticklabs** [array] Colorbar custom tick labels.

**colorbar\_orient** ['vertical' or 'horizontal'] Colorbar orientation.

**edges** [bool] True will interpolate and extrapolate the gate edges from the range, azimuth and elevations in the radar, treating these as specifying the center of each gate. False treats these coordinates themselves as the gate edges, resulting in a plot in which the last gate in each ray and the entire last ray are not plotted.

**gatefilter** [GateFilter] GateFilter instance. None will result in no gatefilter mask being applied to data.

**filter\_transitions** [bool] True to remove rays where the antenna was in transition between sweeps from the plot. False will include these rays in the plot. No rays are filtered when the antenna\_transition attribute of the underlying radar is not present.

**ax** [Axis] Axis to plot on. None will use the current axis.

**fig** [Figure] Figure to add the colorbar to. None will use the current figure.

**raster** [bool] False by default. Set to True to render the display as a raster rather than a vector in call to pcolormesh. Saves time in plotting high resolution data over large areas. Be sure to set the dpi of the plot for your application if you save it as a vector format (i.e., pdf, eps, svg).

**plot\_colorbar** (*mappable=None, field=None, label=None, orient='vertical', cax=None, ax=None, fig=None, ticks=None, ticklabs=None*)

Plot a colorbar.

#### Parameters

**mappable** [Image, ContourSet, etc.] Image, ContourSet, etc to which the colorbar applied. If None the last mappable object will be used.

**field** [str] Field to label colorbar with.

**label** [str] Colorbar label. None will use a default value from the last field plotted.

**orient** [str] Colorbar orientation, either 'vertical' [default] or 'horizontal'.

**cax** [Axis] Axis onto which the colorbar will be drawn. None is also valid.

**ax** [Axes] Axis onto which the colorbar will be drawn. None is also valid.

**fig** [Figure] Figure to place colorbar on. None will use the current figure.

**ticks** [array] Colorbar custom tick label locations.

**ticklabs** [array] Colorbar custom tick labels.

**static plot\_cross\_hair** (*size, npts=100, ax=None*)

Plot a cross-hair on a ppi plot.

#### Parameters

**size** [float] Size of cross-hair in km.

**npts: int** Number of points in the cross-hair, higher for better resolution.

**ax** [Axis] Axis to plot on. None will use the current axis.

**static plot\_grid\_lines** (*ax=None, col='k', ls=':'*)

Plot grid lines.

#### Parameters

**ax** [Axis] Axis to plot on. None will use the current axis.

**col** [str or value] Color to use for grid lines.

**ls** [str] Linestyle to use for grid lines.

**plot\_label** (*label, location, symbol='r+', text\_color='k', ax=None*)

Plot a single symbol and label at a given location.

Transforms of the symbol location in latitude and longitude units to x and y plot units is performed using an azimuthal equidistance map projection centered at the radar.

#### Parameters

**label** [str] Label text to place just above symbol.

**location** [2-tuples] Tuple of latitude, longitude (in degrees) at which the symbol will be place. The label is placed just above the symbol.

**symbol** [str] Matplotlib color+marker strings defining the symbol to place at the given location.

**text\_color** [str] Matplotlib color defining the color of the label text.

**ax** [Axis] Axis to plot on. None will use the current axis.

**plot\_labels** (*labels, locations, symbols='r+', text\_color='k', ax=None*)

Plot symbols and labels at given locations.

#### Parameters

**labels** [list of str] List of labels to place just above symbols.

**locations** [list of 2-tuples] List of latitude, longitude (in degrees) tuples at which symbols will be place. Labels are placed just above the symbols.



**symbols** [list of str or str] List of matplotlib color+marker strings defining symbols to place at given locations. If a single string is provided, that symbol will be placed at all locations.

**text\_color** [str] Matplotlib color defining the color of the label text.

**ax** [Axis] Axis to plot on. None will use the current axis.

**plot\_ppi** (*field*, *sweep*=0, *mask\_tuple*=None, *vmin*=None, *vmax*=None, *norm*=None, *cmap*=None, *mask\_outside*=False, *title*=None, *title\_flag*=True, *axislabels*=(None, None), *axislabels\_flag*=True, *colorbar\_flag*=True, *colorbar\_label*=None, *colorbar\_orient*='vertical', *edges*=True, *gatefilter*=None, *filter\_transitions*=True, *ax*=None, *fig*=None, *ticks*=None, *ticklabs*=None, *raster*=False, *title\_datetime\_format*=None, *title\_use\_sweep\_time*=True, *\*\*kwargs*)

Plot a PPI.

Additional arguments are passed to Matplotlib's pcolormesh function.

### Parameters

**field** [str] Field to plot.

**sweep** [int, optional] Sweep number to plot.

### Other Parameters

**mask\_tuple** [(str, float)] Tuple containing the field name and value below which to mask field prior to plotting, for example to mask all data where NCP < 0.5 set mask\_tuple to ['NCP', 0.5]. None performs no masking.

**vmin** [float] Luminance minimum value, None for default value. Parameter is ignored if norm is not None.

**vmax** [float] Luminance maximum value, None for default value. Parameter is ignored if norm is not None.

**norm** [Normalize or None, optional] matplotlib Normalize instance used to scale luminance data. If not None the vmax and vmin parameters are ignored. If None, vmin and vmax are used for luminance scaling.

**cmap** [str or None] Matplotlib colormap name. None will use the default colormap for the field being plotted as specified by the Py-ART configuration.

**mask\_outside** [bool] True to mask data outside of vmin, vmax. False performs no masking.

**title** [str] Title to label plot with, None to use default title generated from the field and sweep parameters. Parameter is ignored if title\_flag is False.

**title\_datetime\_format** [str] Format of datetime in the title (using strftime format).

**title\_use\_sweep\_time** [bool] True for the current sweep's beginning time to be used for the title. False for the radar's beginning time.

**title\_flag** [bool] True to add a title to the plot, False does not add a title.

**axislabels** [(str, str)] 2-tuple of x-axis, y-axis labels. None for either label will use the default axis label. Parameter is ignored if axislabels\_flag is False.

**axislabels\_flag** [bool] True to add label the axes, False does not label the axes.

**colorbar\_flag** [bool] True to add a colorbar with label to the axis. False leaves off the colorbar.

**colorbar\_label** [str] Colorbar label, None will use a default label generated from the field information.

**colorbar\_orient** ['vertical' or 'horizontal'] Colorbar orientation.

**ticks** [array] Colorbar custom tick label locations.

**ticklabs** [array] Colorbar custom tick labels.

**edges** [bool] True will interpolate and extrapolate the gate edges from the range, azimuth and elevations in the radar, treating these as specifying the center of each gate. False treats these coordinates themselves as the gate edges, resulting in a plot in which the last gate in each ray and the entire last ray are not plotted.

**gatefilter** [GateFilter] GateFilter instance. None will result in no gatefilter mask being applied to data.

**filter\_transitions** [bool] True to remove rays where the antenna was in transition between sweeps from the plot. False will include these rays in the plot. No rays are filtered when the antenna\_transition attribute of the underlying radar is not present.

**ax** [Axis] Axis to plot on. None will use the current axis.

**fig** [Figure] Figure to add the colorbar to. None will use the current figure.

**raster** [bool] False by default. Set to true to render the display as a raster rather than a vector in call to pcolormesh. Saves time in plotting high resolution data over large areas. Be sure to set the dpi of the plot for your application if you save it as a vector format (i.e., pdf, eps, svg).

**static plot\_range\_ring** (*range\_ring\_location\_km*, *npts=100*, *ax=None*, *col='k'*, *ls='-'*, *lw=2*)  
Plot a single range ring.

#### Parameters

**range\_ring\_location\_km** [float] Location of range ring in km.

**npts: int** Number of points in the ring, higher for better resolution.

**ax** [Axis] Axis to plot on. None will use the current axis.

**col** [str or value] Color to use for range rings.

**ls** [str] Linestyle to use for range rings.

**plot\_range\_rings** (*range\_rings*, *ax=None*, *col='k'*, *ls='-'*, *lw=2*)  
Plot a series of range rings.

#### Parameters

**range\_rings** [list] List of locations in km to draw range rings.

**ax** [Axis] Axis to plot on. None will use the current axis.

**col** [str or value] Color to use for range rings.

**ls** [str] Linestyle to use for range rings.

**plot\_ray** (*field*, *ray*, *format\_str='k-'*, *mask\_tuple=None*, *ray\_min=None*, *ray\_max=None*, *mask\_outside=False*, *title=None*, *title\_flag=True*, *axislabels=(None, None)*, *gatefilter=None*, *axislabels\_flag=True*, *ax=None*, *fig=None*)  
Plot a single ray.

#### Parameters

**field** [str] Field to plot.

**ray** [int] Ray number to plot.

#### Other Parameters

**format\_str** [str] Format string defining the line style and marker.

**mask\_tuple** [(str, float)] Tuple containing the field name and value below which to mask field prior to plotting, for example to mask all data where NCP < 0.5 set mask\_tuple to ['NCP', 0.5]. None performs no masking.

**ray\_min** [float] Minimum ray value, None for default value, ignored if mask\_outside is False.

**ray\_max** [float] Maximum ray value, None for default value, ignored if mask\_outside is False.

**mask\_outside** [bool] True to mask data outside of vmin, vmax. False performs no masking.

**title** [str] Title to label plot with, None to use default title generated from the field and ray parameters. Parameter is ignored if title\_flag is False.

**title\_flag** [bool] True to add a title to the plot, False does not add a title.

**gatefilter** [GateFilter] GateFilter instance. None will result in no gatefilter mask being applied to data.

**axislabels** [(str, str)] 2-tuple of x-axis, y-axis labels. None for either label will use the default axis label. Parameter is ignored if axislabels\_flag is False.

**axislabels\_flag** [bool] True to add label the axes, False does not label the axes.

**ax** [Axis] Axis to plot on. None will use the current axis.

**fig** [Figure] Figure to add the colorbar to. None will use the current figure.

**plot\_rhi** (*field, sweep=0, mask\_tuple=None, vmin=None, vmax=None, norm=None, cmap=None, mask\_outside=False, title=None, title\_flag=True, axislabels=(None, None), axislabels\_flag=True, reverse\_axis=None, colorbar\_flag=True, colorbar\_label=None, colorbar\_orient='vertical', edges=True, gatefilter=None, filter\_transitions=True, ax=None, fig=None, ticks=None, ticklabs=None, raster=False, title\_datetime\_format=None, title\_use\_sweep\_time=True, \*\*kwargs*)

Plot a RHI.

Additional arguments are passed to Matplotlib's pcolormesh function.

#### Parameters

**field** [str] Field to plot.

**sweep** [int,] Sweep number to plot.

#### Other Parameters

**mask\_tuple** [(str, float)] 2-Tuple containing the field name and value below which to mask field prior to plotting, for example to mask all data where NCP < 0.5 set mask to ['NCP', 0.5]. None performs no masking.

**vmin** [float] Luminance minimum value, None for default value. Parameter is ignored is norm is not None.

**vmax** [float] Luminance maximum value, None for default value. Parameter is ignored is norm is not None.

**norm** [Normalize or None, optional] matplotlib Normalize instance used to scale luminance data. If not None the vmax and vmin parameters are ignored. If None, vmin and vmax are used for luminance scaling.

**cmap** [str or None] Matplotlib colormap name. None will use the default colormap for the field being plotted as specified by the Py-ART configuration.

**title** [str] Title to label plot with, None to use default title generated from the field and sweep parameters. Parameter is ignored if title\_flag is False.

**title\_datetime\_format** [str] Format of datetime in the title (using strftime format).

**title\_use\_sweep\_time** [bool] True for the current sweep's beginning time to be used for the title. False for the radar's beginning time.

**title\_flag** [bool] True to add a title to the plot, False does not add a title.

**axislabels** [(str, str)] 2-tuple of x-axis, y-axis labels. None for either label will use the default axis label. Parameter is ignored if axislabels\_flag is False.

**axislabels\_flag** [bool] True to add label the axes, False does not label the axes.

**reverse\_xaxis** [bool or None] True to reverse the x-axis so the plot reads west to east, False to have east to west. None (the default) will reverse the axis only when all the distances are negative. (i.e) axis will be absolute distance without taking into consideration the orientation

**colorbar\_flag** [bool] True to add a colorbar with label to the axis. False leaves off the colorbar.

**colorbar\_label** [str] Colorbar label, None will use a default label generated from the field information.

**colorbar\_orient** ['vertical' or 'horizontal'] Colorbar orientation.

**ticks** [array] Colorbar custom tick label locations.

**ticklabs** [array] Colorbar custom tick labels.

**edges** [bool] True will interpolate and extrapolate the gate edges from the range, azimuth and elevations in the radar, treating these as specifying the center of each gate. False treats these coordinates themselves as the gate edges, resulting in a plot in which the last gate in each ray and the entire last ray are not not plotted.

**gatefilter** [GateFilter] GateFilter instance. None will result in no gatefilter mask being applied to data.

**filter\_transitions** [bool] True to remove rays where the antenna was in transition between sweeps from the plot. False will include these rays in the plot. No rays are filtered when the antenna\_transition attribute of the underlying radar is not present.

**ax** [Axis] Axis to plot on. None will use the current axis.

**fig** [Figure] Figure to add the colorbar to. None will use the current figure.

**raster** [bool] False by default. Set to true to render the display as a raster rather than a vector in call to pcolormesh. Saves time in plotting high resolution data over large areas. Be sure to set the dpi of the plot for your application if you save it as a vector format (i.e., pdf, eps, svg).

**plot\_sweep\_grid** (*field*, *sweep*=0, *mask\_tuple*=None, *vmin*=None, *vmax*=None, *cmap*=None, *norm*=None, *mask\_outside*=False, *title*=None, *title\_flag*=True, *axislabels*=(None, None), *axislabels\_flag*=True, *colorbar\_flag*=True, *colorbar\_label*=None, *colorbar\_orient*='vertical', *edges*=True, *filter\_transitions*=True, *ax*=None, *fig*=None, *gatefilter*=None, *raster*=False, *\*\*kwargs*)

Plot a sweep as a grid.

Additional arguments are passed to Matplotlib's pcolormesh function.

#### Parameters

**field** [str] Field to plot.

**sweep** [int, optional] Sweep number to plot.

#### Other Parameters

**mask\_tuple** [(str, float)] Tuple containing the field name and value below which to mask field prior to plotting, for example to mask all data where NCP < 0.5 set mask\_tuple to ['NCP', 0.5]. None performs no masking.

**vmin** [float] Luminance minimum value, None for default value. Parameter is ignored if norm is not None.

**vmax** [float] Luminance maximum value, None for default value. Parameter is ignored if norm is not None.

**norm** [Normalize or None, optional] matplotlib Normalize instance used to scale luminance data. If not None the vmax and vmin parameters are ignored. If None, vmin and vmax are used for luminance scaling.

**cmap** [str or None] Matplotlib colormap name. None will use the default colormap for the field being plotted as specified by the Py-ART configuration.

**mask\_outside** [bool] True to mask data outside of vmin, vmax. False performs no masking.

**title** [str] Title to label plot with, None to use default title generated from the field and sweep parameters. Parameter is ignored if title\_flag is False.

**title\_flag** [bool] True to add a title to the plot, False does not add a title.

**axislabels** [(str, str)] 2-tuple of x-axis, y-axis labels. None for either label will use the default axis label. Parameter is ignored if axislabels\_flag is False.

**axislabels\_flag** [bool] True to add label the axes, False does not label the axes.

**colorbar\_flag** [bool] True to add a colorbar with label to the axis. False leaves off the colorbar.

**colorbar\_label** [str] Colorbar label, None will use a default label generated from the field information.

**colorbar\_orient** ['vertical' or 'horizontal'] Colorbar orientation.

**edges** [bool] True will interpolate and extrapolate the gate edges from the range, azimuth and elevations in the radar, treating these as specifying the center of each gate. False treats these coordinates themselves as the gate edges, resulting in a plot in which the last gate in each ray and the entire last ray are not plotted.

**gatefilter** [GateFilter] GateFilter instance. None will result in no gatefilter mask being applied to data.

**filter\_transitions** [bool] True to remove rays where the antenna was in transition between sweeps from the plot. False will include these rays in the plot. No rays are filtered when the antenna\_transition attribute of the underlying radar is not present.

**ax** [Axis] Axis to plot on. None will use the current axis.

**fig** [Figure] Figure to add the colorbar to. None will use the current figure.

**raster** [bool] False by default. Set to true to render the display as a raster rather than a vector in call to pcolormesh. Saves time in plotting high resolution data over large areas. Be sure to set the dpi of the plot for your application if you save it as a vector format (i.e., pdf, eps, svg).

**plot\_vpt** (*field*, *mask\_tuple*=None, *vmin*=None, *vmax*=None, *norm*=None, *cmap*=None, *mask\_outside*=False, *title*=None, *title\_flag*=True, *axislabels*=(None, None), *axislabels\_flag*=True, *colorbar\_flag*=True, *colorbar\_label*=None, *colorbar\_orient*='vertical', *edges*=True, *gatefilter*=None, *filter\_transitions*=True, *time\_axis\_flag*=False, *date\_time\_form*=None, *tz*=None, *ax*=None, *fig*=None, *ticks*=None, *ticklabs*=None, *raster*=False, *\*\*kwargs*)

Plot a VPT scan.

Additional arguments are passed to Matplotlib's `pcolormesh` function.

#### Parameters

**field** [str] Field to plot.

#### Other Parameters

**mask\_tuple** [(str, float)] Tuple containing the field name and value below which to mask field prior to plotting, for example to mask all data where NCP < 0.5 set `mask_tuple` to ['NCP', 0.5]. None performs no masking.

**vmin** [float] Luminance minimum value, None for default value. Parameter is ignored if `norm` is not None.

**vmax** [float] Luminance maximum value, None for default value. Parameter is ignored if `norm` is not None.

**norm** [Normalize or None, optional] matplotlib Normalize instance used to scale luminance data. If not None the `vmax` and `vmin` parameters are ignored. If None, `vmin` and `vmax` are used for luminance scaling.

**cmap** [str or None] Matplotlib colormap name. None will use the default colormap for the field being plotted as specified by the Py-ART configuration.

**mask\_outside** [bool] True to mask data outside of `vmin`, `vmax`. False performs no masking.

**title** [str] Title to label plot with, None to use default title generated from the field and sweep parameters. Parameter is ignored if `title_flag` is False.

**title\_flag** [bool] True to add a title to the plot, False does not add a title.

**axislabels** [(str, str)] 2-tuple of x-axis, y-axis labels. None for either label will use the default axis label. Parameter is ignored if `axislabels_flag` is False.

**axislabels\_flag** [bool] True to add label the axes, False does not label the axes.

**colorbar\_flag** [bool] True to add a colorbar with label to the axis. False leaves off the colorbar.

**colorbar\_label** [str] Colorbar label, None will use a default label generated from the field information.

**ticks** [array] Colorbar custom tick label locations.

**ticklabs** [array] Colorbar custom tick labels.

**colorbar\_orient** ['vertical' or 'horizontal'] Colorbar orientation.

**edges** [bool] True will interpolate and extrapolate the gate edges from the range, azimuth and elevations in the radar, treating these as specifying the center of each gate. False treats these coordinates themselves as the gate edges, resulting in a plot in which the last gate in each ray and the entire last ray are not plotted.

**gatefilter** [GateFilter] GateFilter instance. None will result in no gatefilter mask being applied to data.

**filter\_transitions** [bool] True to remove rays where the antenna was in transition between sweeps from the plot. False will include these rays in the plot. No rays are filtered when the `antenna_transition` attribute of the underlying radar is not present.

**time\_axis\_flag** [bool] True to plot the x-axis as time. False uses the index number. Default is False - index-based.

**date\_time\_form** [str, optional] Format of the time string for x-axis labels. Parameter is ignored if `time_axis_flag` is set to False.

**tz** [str, optional] Time zone info to use when creating axis labels (see `datetime`). Parameter is ignored if `time_axis_flag` is set to False.

**ax** [Axis] Axis to plot on. None will use the current axis.

**fig** [Figure] Figure to add the colorbar to. None will use the current figure.

**raster** [bool] False by default. Set to true to render the display as a raster rather than a vector in call to `pcolormesh`. Saves time in plotting high resolution data over large areas. Be sure to set the dpi of the plot for your application if you save it as a vector format (i.e., pdf, eps, svg).

**static set\_aspect\_ratio** (*aspect\_ratio=0.75, ax=None*)

Set the aspect ratio for plot area.

**static set\_limits** (*xlim=None, ylim=None, ax=None*)

Set the display limits.

#### Parameters

**xlim** [tuple, optional] 2-Tuple containing y-axis limits in km. None uses default limits.

**ylim** [tuple, optional] 2-Tuple containing x-axis limits in km. None uses default limits.

**ax** [Axis] Axis to adjust. None will adjust the current axis.





## PYART.GRAPH.RADARMAPDISPLAY

Class for creating plots on a geographic map using a Radar object using Cartopy for drawing maps.

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*RadarMapDisplay*(radar[, shift, grid\_projection])      A display object for creating plots on a geographic map from data in a Radar object.

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class pyart.graph.radarmapdisplay.RadarMapDisplay (radar,          shift=(0.0,      0.0),
                                                    grid_projection=None)
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Bases: *pyart.graph.radardisplay.RadarDisplay*

A display object for creating plots on a geographic map from data in a Radar object.

This class is still a work in progress. Some functionality may not work correctly. Please report any problems to the Py-ART GitHub Issue Tracker.

### Parameters

**radar** [Radar] Radar object to use for creating plots.

**shift** [(float, float)] Shifts in km to offset the calculated x and y locations.

### Attributes

**plots** [list] List of plots created.

**plot\_vars** [list] List of fields plotted, order matches plot list.

**cbs** [list] List of colorbars created.

**origin** [str] 'Origin' or 'Radar'.

**shift** [(float, float)] Shift in meters.

**loc** [(float, float)] Latitude and Longitude of radar in degrees.

**fields** [dict] Radar fields.

**scan\_type** [str] Scan type.

**ranges** [array] Gate ranges in meters.

**azimuths** [array] Azimuth angle in degrees.

**elevations** [array] Elevations in degrees.

**fixed\_angle** [array] Scan angle in degrees.

**grid\_projection** [cartopy.crs] AzimuthalEquidistant cartopy projection centered on radar. Used to transform points into map projection

## Methods

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| <code>generate_az_rhi_title(field, azimuth)</code>             | Generate a title for a ray plot.   |
| <code>generate_filename(field, sweep[, ext, ...])</code>       | Generate a filename for a plot.  |
| <code>generate_ray_title(field, ray)</code>                    | Generate a title for a ray plot.   |
| <code>generate_title(field, sweep[, ...])</code>               | Generate a title for a plot.   |
| <code>generate_vpt_title(field)</code>                         | Generate a title for a VPT plot.   |
| <code>label_xaxis_r([ax])</code>                               | Label the xaxis with the default label for r units.                                      |
| <code>label_xaxis_rays([ax])</code>                            | Label the yaxis with the default label for rays.   |
| <code>label_xaxis_time([ax])</code>                            | Label the yaxis with the default label for rays.   |
| <code>label_xaxis_x([ax])</code>                               | Label the xaxis with the default label for x units.                                      |
| <code>label_yaxis_field(field[, ax])</code>                    | Label the yaxis with the default label for a field units.                                |
| <code>label_yaxis_y([ax])</code>                               | Label the yaxis with the default label for y units.                                      |
| <code>label_yaxis_z([ax])</code>                               | Label the yaxis with the default label for z units.                                      |
| <code>plot(field[, sweep])</code>                              | Create a plot appropriate for the radar.   |
| <code>plot_azimuth_to_rhi(field, target_azimuth[, ...])</code> | Plot pseudo-RHI scan by extracting the vertical field associated with the given azimuth. |
| <code>plot_colorbar([mappable, field, label, ...])</code>      | Plot a colorbar.   |
| <code>plot_cross_hair(size[, npts, ax])</code>                 | Plot a cross-hair on a ppi plot.   |
| <code>plot_grid_lines([ax, col, ls])</code>                    | Plot grid lines.   |
| <code>plot_label(label, location[, symbol, ...])</code>        | Plot a single symbol and label at a given location.                                      |
| <code>plot_labels(labels, locations[, symbols, ...])</code>    | Plot symbols and labels at given locations.  |
| <code>plot_line_geo(line_lons, line_lats[, line_style])</code> | Plot a line segments on the current map given values in lat and lon.                     |
| <code>plot_line_xy(line_x, line_y[, line_style])</code>        | Plot a line segments on the current map given radar x, y values.                         |
| <code>plot_point(lon, lat[, symbol, label_text, ...])</code>   | Plot a point on the current map.   |
| <code>plot_ppi(field[, sweep, mask_tuple, vmin, ...])</code>   | Plot a PPI.  |
| <code>plot_ppi_map(field[, sweep, mask_tuple, ...])</code>     | Plot a PPI volume sweep onto a geographic map.   |
| <code>plot_range_ring(range_ring_location_km[, ...])</code>    | Plot a single range ring on the map.   |
| <code>plot_range_rings(range_rings[, ax, col, ls, lw])</code>  | Plot a series of range rings.  |
| <code>plot_ray(field, ray[, format_str, ...])</code>           | Plot a single ray.   |
| <code>plot_rhi(field[, sweep, mask_tuple, vmin, ...])</code>   | Plot a RHI.  |
| <code>plot_vpt(field[, mask_tuple, vmin, vmax, ...])</code>    | Plot a VPT scan.   |
| <code>set_aspect_ratio([aspect_ratio, ax])</code>              | Set the aspect ratio for plot area.  |
| <code>set_limits([xlim, ylim, ax])</code>                      | Set the display limits.  |

`__class__`

alias of `builtins.type`

`__delattr__ ($self, name, /)`

Implement `delattr(self, name)`.

`__dict__ = mappingproxy({'__module__': 'pyart.graph.radarmapdisplay', '__doc__': '\n`

`__dir__ ($self, /)`

Default `dir()` implementation.

`__eq__ ($self, value, /)`

Return `self==value`.

`__format__ ($self, format_spec, /)`

Default object formatter.

**\_\_ge\_\_** (*\$self, value, /*)  
Return self>=value.

**\_\_getattr\_\_** (*\$self, name, /*)  
Return getattr(self, name).

**\_\_gt\_\_** (*\$self, value, /*)  
Return self>value.

**\_\_hash\_\_** (*\$self, /*)  
Return hash(self).

**\_\_init\_\_** (*radar, shift=(0.0, 0.0), grid\_projection=None*)  
Initialize the object.

**\_\_init\_subclass\_\_** ()  
This method is called when a class is subclassed.

The default implementation does nothing. It may be overridden to extend subclasses.

**\_\_le\_\_** (*\$self, value, /*)  
Return self<=value.

**\_\_lt\_\_** (*\$self, value, /*)  
Return self<value.

**\_\_module\_\_** = **'pyart.graph.radarmapdisplay'**

**\_\_ne\_\_** (*\$self, value, /*)  
Return self!=value.

**\_\_new\_\_** (*\$type, \*args, \*\*kwargs*)  
Create and return a new object. See help(type) for accurate signature.

**\_\_reduce\_\_** (*\$self, /*)  
Helper for pickle.

**\_\_reduce\_ex\_\_** (*\$self, protocol, /*)  
Helper for pickle.

**\_\_repr\_\_** (*\$self, /*)  
Return repr(self).

**\_\_setattr\_\_** (*\$self, name, value, /*)  
Implement setattr(self, name, value).

**\_\_sizeof\_\_** (*\$self, /*)  
Size of object in memory, in bytes.

**\_\_str\_\_** (*\$self, /*)  
Return str(self).

**\_\_subclasshook\_\_** ()  
Abstract classes can override this to customize issubclass().

This is invoked early on by abc.ABCMeta.\_\_subclasscheck\_\_(). It should return True, False or NotImplemented. If it returns NotImplemented, the normal algorithm is used. Otherwise, it overrides the normal algorithm (and the outcome is cached).

**\_\_weakref\_\_**  
list of weak references to the object (if defined)

**`_check_ax()`**  
Check that a GeoAxes object exists, raise ValueError if not

**`_get_azimuth_rhi_data_x_y_z`** (*field*, *target\_azimuth*, *edges*, *mask\_tuple*, *filter\_transitions*, *gatefilter*)  
Retrieve and return pseudo-RHI data from a plot function.

**`_get_colorbar_label`** (*field*)  
Return a colorbar label for a given field.

**`_get_data`** (*field*, *sweep*, *mask\_tuple*, *filter\_transitions*, *gatefilter*)  
Retrieve and return data from a plot function.

**`_get_ray_data`** (*field*, *ray*, *mask\_tuple*, *gatefilter*)  
Retrieve and return ray data from a plot function.

**`_get_vpt_data`** (*field*, *mask\_tuple*, *filter\_transitions*, *gatefilter*)  
Retrieve and return vpt data from a plot function.

**`_get_x_y`** (*sweep*, *edges*, *filter\_transitions*)  
Retrieve and return x and y coordinate in km.

**`_get_x_y_z`** (*sweep*, *edges*, *filter\_transitions*)  
Retrieve and return x, y, and z coordinate in km.

**`_get_x_z`** (*sweep*, *edges*, *filter\_transitions*)  
Retrieve and return x and z coordinate in km.

**`_label_axes_ppi`** (*axis\_labels*, *ax*)  
Set the x and y axis labels for a PPI plot.

**`_label_axes_ray`** (*axis\_labels*, *field*, *ax*)  
Set the x and y axis labels for a ray plot.

**`_label_axes_rhi`** (*axis\_labels*, *ax*)  
Set the x and y axis labels for a RHI plot.

**`_label_axes_vpt`** (*axis\_labels*, *time\_axis\_flag*, *ax*)  
Set the x and y axis labels for a PPI plot.

**`_set_az_rhi_title`** (*field*, *azimuth*, *title*, *ax*)  
Set the figure title for a ray plot using a default title.

**`_set_ray_title`** (*field*, *ray*, *title*, *ax*)  
Set the figure title for a ray plot using a default title.

**`_set_title`** (*field*, *sweep*, *title*, *ax*, *datetime\_format=None*, *use\_sweep\_time=True*)  
Set the figure title using a default title.

**`static _set_vpt_time_axis`** (*ax*, *date\_time\_form=None*, *tz=None*)  
Set the x axis as a time formatted axis.

#### Parameters

**`ax`** [Matplotlib axis instance] Axis to plot. None will use the current axis.

**`date_time_form`** [str] Format of the time string for x-axis labels.

**`tz`** [str] Time zone info to use when creating axis labels (see datetime).

**`_set_vpt_title`** (*field*, *title*, *ax*)  
Set the figure title using a default title.

**`generate_az_rhi_title`** (*field*, *azimuth*)  
Generate a title for a ray plot.

**Parameters**

**field** [str] Field plotted.

**azimuth** [float] Azimuth plotted.

**Returns**

**title** [str] Plot title.

**generate\_filename** (*field*, *sweep*, *ext*='png', *datetime\_format*='%Y%m%d%H%M%S',  
*use\_sweep\_time*=False)

Generate a filename for a plot.

**Generated filename has form:** radar\_name\_field\_sweep\_time.ext

**Parameters**

**field** [str] Field plotted.

**sweep** [int] Sweep plotted.

**ext** [str] Filename extension.

**datetime\_format** [str] Format of datetime (using strftime format).

**use\_sweep\_time** [bool] If true, the current sweep's beginning time is used.

**Returns**

**filename** [str] Filename suitable for saving a plot.

**generate\_ray\_title** (*field*, *ray*)

Generate a title for a ray plot.

**Parameters**

**field** [str] Field plotted.

**ray** [int] Ray plotted.

**Returns**

**title** [str] Plot title.

**generate\_title** (*field*, *sweep*, *datetime\_format*=None, *use\_sweep\_time*=True)

Generate a title for a plot.

**Parameters**

**field** [str] Field plotted.

**sweep** [int] Sweep plotted.

**datetime\_format** [str] Format of datetime (using strftime format).

**use\_sweep\_time** [bool] If true, the current sweep's beginning time is used.

**Returns**

**title** [str] Plot title.

**generate\_vpt\_title** (*field*)

Generate a title for a VPT plot.

**Parameters**

**field** [str] Field plotted.

### Returns

**title** [str] Plot title.

**label\_xaxis\_r** (*ax=None*)

Label the xaxis with the default label for r units.

**static label\_xaxis\_rays** (*ax=None*)

Label the yaxis with the default label for rays.

**static label\_xaxis\_time** (*ax=None*)

Label the yaxis with the default label for rays.

**label\_xaxis\_x** (*ax=None*)

Label the xaxis with the default label for x units.

**label\_yaxis\_field** (*field, ax=None*)

Label the yaxis with the default label for a field units.

**label\_yaxis\_y** (*ax=None*)

Label the yaxis with the default label for y units.

**label\_yaxis\_z** (*ax=None*)

Label the yaxis with the default label for z units.

**plot** (*field, sweep=0, \*\*kwargs*)

Create a plot appropriate for the radar.

This function calls the plotting function corresponding to the `scan_type` of the radar. Additional keywords can be passed to customize the plot, see the appropriate plot function for the allowed keywords.

### Parameters

**field** [str] Field to plot.

**sweep** [int] Sweep number to plot, not used for VPT scans.

**See also:**

[`plot\_ppi`](#) Plot a PPI scan

[`plot\_rhi`](#) Plot a RHI scan

[`plot\_vpt`](#) Plot a VPT scan

**plot\_azimuth\_to\_rhi** (*field, target\_azimuth, mask\_tuple=None, vmin=None, vmax=None, norm=None, cmap=None, mask\_outside=False, title=None, title\_flag=True, axislabels=(None, None), axislabels\_flag=True, colorbar\_flag=True, colorbar\_label=None, colorbar\_orient='vertical', edges=True, gatefilter=None, reverse\_xaxis=None, filter\_transitions=True, ax=None, fig=None, ticks=None, ticklabs=None, raster=False, \*\*kwargs*)

Plot pseudo-RHI scan by extracting the vertical field associated with the given azimuth.

Additional arguments are passed to Matplotlib's `pcolormesh` function.

### Parameters

**field** [str] Field to plot.

**target\_azimuth** [integer] Azimuthal angle in degrees where cross section will be taken.

### Other Parameters

**mask\_tuple** [(str, float)] 2-Tuple containing the field name and value below which to mask field prior to plotting, for example to mask all data where NCP < 0.5 set mask to ['NCP', 0.5]. None performs no masking.

**vmin** [float] Luminance minimum value, None for default value. Parameter is ignored is norm is not None.

**vmax** [float] Luminance maximum value, None for default value. Parameter is ignored is norm is not None.

**norm** [Normalize or None, optional] matplotlib Normalize instance used to scale luminance data. If not None the vmax and vmin parameters are ignored. If None, vmin and vmax are used for luminance scaling.

**cmap** [str or None] Matplotlib colormap name. None will use the default colormap for the field being plotted as specified by the Py-ART configuration.

**title** [str] Title to label plot with, None to use default title generated from the field and sweep parameters. Parameter is ignored if title\_flag is False.

**title\_flag** [bool] True to add a title to the plot, False does not add a title.

**axislabels** [(str, str)] 2-tuple of x-axis, y-axis labels. None for either label will use the default axis label. Parameter is ignored if axislabels\_flag is False.

**axislabels\_flag** [bool] True to add label the axes, False does not label the axes.

**reverse\_xaxis** [bool or None] True to reverse the x-axis so the plot reads east to west, False to have east to west. None (the default) will reverse the axis only when all the distances are negative.

**colorbar\_flag** [bool] True to add a colorbar with label to the axis. False leaves off the colorbar.

**colorbar\_label** [str] Colorbar label, None will use a default label generated from the field information.

**ticks** [array] Colorbar custom tick label locations.

**ticklabs** [array] Colorbar custom tick labels.

**colorbar\_orient** ['vertical' or 'horizontal'] Colorbar orientation.

**edges** [bool] True will interpolate and extrapolate the gate edges from the range, azimuth and elevations in the radar, treating these as specifying the center of each gate. False treats these coordinates themselves as the gate edges, resulting in a plot in which the last gate in each ray and the entire last ray are not not plotted.

**gatefilter** [GateFilter] GateFilter instance. None will result in no gatefilter mask being applied to data.

**filter\_transitions** [bool] True to remove rays where the antenna was in transition between sweeps from the plot. False will include these rays in the plot. No rays are filtered when the antenna\_transition attribute of the underlying radar is not present.

**ax** [Axis] Axis to plot on. None will use the current axis.

**fig** [Figure] Figure to add the colorbar to. None will use the current figure.

**raster** [bool] False by default. Set to True to render the display as a raster rather than a vector in call to pcolormesh. Saves time in plotting high resolution data over large areas. Be sure to set the dpi of the plot for your application if you save it as a vector format (i.e., pdf, eps, svg).

**plot\_colorbar** (*mappable=None, field=None, label=None, orient='vertical', cax=None, ax=None, fig=None, ticks=None, ticklabs=None*)

Plot a colorbar.

#### Parameters

**mappable** [Image, ContourSet, etc.] Image, ContourSet, etc to which the colorbar applied. If None the last mappable object will be used.

**field** [str] Field to label colorbar with.

**label** [str] Colorbar label. None will use a default value from the last field plotted.

**orient** [str] Colorbar orientation, either 'vertical' [default] or 'horizontal'.

**cax** [Axis] Axis onto which the colorbar will be drawn. None is also valid.

**ax** [Axes] Axis onto which the colorbar will be drawn. None is also valid.

**fig** [Figure] Figure to place colorbar on. None will use the current figure.

**ticks** [array] Colorbar custom tick label locations.

**ticklabs** [array] Colorbar custom tick labels.

**static plot\_cross\_hair** (*size, npts=100, ax=None*)

Plot a cross-hair on a ppi plot.

#### Parameters

**size** [float] Size of cross-hair in km.

**npts: int** Number of points in the cross-hair, higher for better resolution.

**ax** [Axis] Axis to plot on. None will use the current axis.

**static plot\_grid\_lines** (*ax=None, col='k', ls=':'*)

Plot grid lines.

#### Parameters

**ax** [Axis] Axis to plot on. None will use the current axis.

**col** [str or value] Color to use for grid lines.

**ls** [str] Linestyle to use for grid lines.

**plot\_label** (*label, location, symbol='r+', text\_color='k', ax=None*)

Plot a single symbol and label at a given location.

Transforms of the symbol location in latitude and longitude units to x and y plot units is performed using an azimuthal equidistance map projection centered at the radar.

#### Parameters

**label** [str] Label text to place just above symbol.

**location** [2-tuples] Tuple of latitude, longitude (in degrees) at which the symbol will be place. The label is placed just above the symbol.

**symbol** [str] Matplotlib color+marker strings defining the symbol to place at the given location.

**text\_color** [str] Matplotlib color defining the color of the label text.

**ax** [Axis] Axis to plot on. None will use the current axis.

**plot\_labels** (*labels, locations, symbols='r+', text\_color='k', ax=None*)

Plot symbols and labels at given locations.



**Parameters**

**labels** [list of str] List of labels to place just above symbols.

**locations** [list of 2-tuples] List of latitude, longitude (in degrees) tuples at which symbols will be place. Labels are placed just above the symbols.

**symbols** [list of str or str] List of matplotlib color+marker strings defining symbols to place at given locations. If a single string is provided, that symbol will be placed at all locations.

**text\_color** [str] Matplotlib color defining the color of the label text.

**ax** [Axis] Axis to plot on. None will use the current axis.

**plot\_line\_geo** (*line\_lons, line\_lats, line\_style='r-', \*\*kwargs*)

Plot a line segments on the current map given values in lat and lon.

Additional arguments are passed to ax.plot.

**Parameters**

**line\_lons** [array] Longitude of line segment to plot.

**line\_lats** [array] Latitude of line segment to plot.

**line\_style** [str] Matplotlib compatible string which specifies the line style.

**plot\_line\_xy** (*line\_x, line\_y, line\_style='r-', \*\*kwargs*)

Plot a line segments on the current map given radar x, y values.

Additional arguments are passed to ax.plot.

**Parameters**

**line\_x** [array] X location of points to plot in meters from the radar.

**line\_y** [array] Y location of points to plot in meters from the radar.

**line\_style** [str, optional] Matplotlib compatible string which specifies the line style.

**plot\_point** (*lon, lat, symbol='ro', label\_text=None, label\_offset=(None, None), \*\*kwargs*)

Plot a point on the current map.

Additional arguments are passed to ax.plot.

**Parameters**

**lon** [float] Longitude of point to plot.

**lat** [float] Latitude of point to plot.

**symbol** [str] Matplotlib compatible string which specified the symbol of the point.

**label\_text** [str, optional.] Text to label symbol with. If None no label will be added.

**label\_offset** [[float, float]] Offset in lon, lat degrees for the bottom left corner of the label text relative to the point. A value of None will use 0.01.

**plot\_ppi** (*field, sweep=0, mask\_tuple=None, vmin=None, vmax=None, norm=None, cmap=None, mask\_outside=False, title=None, title\_flag=True, axislabels=(None, None), axislabels\_flag=True, colorbar\_flag=True, colorbar\_label=None, colorbar\_orient='vertical', edges=True, gatefilter=None, filter\_transitions=True, ax=None, fig=None, ticks=None, ticklabs=None, raster=False, title\_datetime\_format=None, title\_use\_sweep\_time=True, \*\*kwargs*)

Plot a PPI.

Additional arguments are passed to Matplotlib's pcolormesh function.

**Parameters**

**field** [str] Field to plot.

**sweep** [int, optional] Sweep number to plot.

**Other Parameters**

**mask\_tuple** [(str, float)] Tuple containing the field name and value below which to mask field prior to plotting, for example to mask all data where NCP < 0.5 set mask\_tuple to ['NCP', 0.5]. None performs no masking.

**vmin** [float] Luminance minimum value, None for default value. Parameter is ignored if norm is not None.

**vmax** [float] Luminance maximum value, None for default value. Parameter is ignored if norm is not None.

**norm** [Normalize or None, optional] matplotlib Normalize instance used to scale luminance data. If not None the vmax and vmin parameters are ignored. If None, vmin and vmax are used for luminance scaling.

**cmap** [str or None] Matplotlib colormap name. None will use the default colormap for the field being plotted as specified by the Py-ART configuration.

**mask\_outside** [bool] True to mask data outside of vmin, vmax. False performs no masking.

**title** [str] Title to label plot with, None to use default title generated from the field and sweep parameters. Parameter is ignored if title\_flag is False.

**title\_datetime\_format** [str] Format of datetime in the title (using strftime format).

**title\_use\_sweep\_time** [bool] True for the current sweep's beginning time to be used for the title. False for the radar's beginning time.

**title\_flag** [bool] True to add a title to the plot, False does not add a title.

**axislabels** [(str, str)] 2-tuple of x-axis, y-axis labels. None for either label will use the default axis label. Parameter is ignored if axislabels\_flag is False.

**axislabels\_flag** [bool] True to add label the axes, False does not label the axes.

**colorbar\_flag** [bool] True to add a colorbar with label to the axis. False leaves off the colorbar.

**colorbar\_label** [str] Colorbar label, None will use a default label generated from the field information.

**colorbar\_orient** ['vertical' or 'horizontal'] Colorbar orientation.

**ticks** [array] Colorbar custom tick label locations.

**ticklabs** [array] Colorbar custom tick labels.

**edges** [bool] True will interpolate and extrapolate the gate edges from the range, azimuth and elevations in the radar, treating these as specifying the center of each gate. False treats these coordinates themselves as the gate edges, resulting in a plot in which the last gate in each ray and the entire last ray are not plotted.

**gatefilter** [GateFilter] GateFilter instance. None will result in no gatefilter mask being applied to data.

**filter\_transitions** [bool] True to remove rays where the antenna was in transition between sweeps from the plot. False will include these rays in the plot. No rays are filtered when the antenna\_transition attribute of the underlying radar is not present.

**ax** [Axis] Axis to plot on. None will use the current axis.

**fig** [Figure] Figure to add the colorbar to. None will use the current figure.

**raster** [bool] False by default. Set to true to render the display as a raster rather than a vector in call to pcolormesh. Saves time in plotting high resolution data over large areas. Be sure to set the dpi of the plot for your application if you save it as a vector format (i.e., pdf, eps, svg).

```
plot_ppi_map(field, sweep=0, mask_tuple=None, vmin=None, vmax=None, cmap=None,
               norm=None, mask_outside=False, title=None, title_flag=True, colorbar_flag=True,
               colorbar_label=None, ax=None, fig=None, lat_lines=None, lon_lines=None, pro-
               jection=None, min_lon=None, max_lon=None, min_lat=None, max_lat=None,
               width=None, height=None, lon_0=None, lat_0=None, resolution='110m',
               shapefile=None, shapefile_kwargs=None, edges=True, gatefilter=None, fil-
               ter_transitions=True, embellish=True, maps_list=['countries', 'coastlines'],
               raster=False, ticks=None, ticklabs=None, alpha=None)
```

Plot a PPI volume sweep onto a geographic map.

### Parameters

**field** [str] Field to plot.

**sweep** [int, optional] Sweep number to plot.

### Other Parameters

**mask\_tuple** [(str, float)] Tuple containing the field name and value below which to mask field prior to plotting, for example to mask all data where NCP < 0.5 set mask\_tuple to ['NCP', 0.5]. None performs no masking.

**vmin** [float] Luminance minimum value, None for default value. Parameter is ignored if norm is not None.

**vmax** [float] Luminance maximum value, None for default value. Parameter is ignored if norm is not None.

**norm** [Normalize or None, optional] matplotlib Normalize instance used to scale luminance data. If not None the vmax and vmin parameters are ignored. If None, vmin and vmax are used for luminance scaling.

**cmap** [str or None] Matplotlib colormap name. None will use the default colormap for the field being plotted as specified by the Py-ART configuration.

**mask\_outside** [bool] True to mask data outside of vmin, vmax. False performs no masking.

**title** [str] Title to label plot with, None to use default title generated from the field and tilt parameters. Parameter is ignored if title\_flag is False.

**title\_flag** [bool] True to add a title to the plot, False does not add a title.

**colorbar\_flag** [bool] True to add a colorbar with label to the axis. False leaves off the colorbar.

**ticks** [array] Colorbar custom tick label locations.

**ticklabs** [array] Colorbar custom tick labels.

**colorbar\_label** [str] Colorbar label, None will use a default label generated from the field information.

**ax** [Cartopy GeoAxes instance] If None, create GeoAxes instance using other keyword info. If provided, ax must have a Cartopy crs projection and projection kwarg below is ignored.

**fig** [Figure] Figure to add the colorbar to. None will use the current figure.

**lat\_lines, lon\_lines** [array or None] Locations at which to draw latitude and longitude lines. None will use default values which are resonable for maps of North America.

**projection** [cartopy.crs class] Map projection supported by cartopy. Used for all subsequent calls to the GeoAxes object generated. Defaults to LambertConformal centered on radar.

**min\_lat, max\_lat, min\_lon, max\_lon** [float] Latitude and longitude ranges for the map projection region in degrees.

**width, height** [float] Width and height of map domain in meters. Only this set of parameters or the previous set of parameters (min\_lat, max\_lat, min\_lon, max\_lon) should be specified. If neither set is specified then the map domain will be determined from the extend of the radar gate locations.

**shapefile** [str] Filename for a shapefile to add to map.

**shapefile\_kwargs** [dict] Key word arguments used to format shapefile. Projection defaults to lat lon (cartopy.crs.PlateCarree())

**resolution** ['10m', '50m', '110m'.] Resolution of NaturalEarthFeatures to use. See Cartopy documentation for details.

**gatefilter** [GateFilter] GateFilter instance. None will result in no gatefilter mask being applied to data.

**filter\_transitions** [bool] True to remove rays where the antenna was in transition between sweeps from the plot. False will include these rays in the plot. No rays are filtered when the antenna\_transition attribute of the underlying radar is not present.

**edges** [bool] True will interpolate and extrapolate the gate edges from the range, azimuth and elevations in the radar, treating these as specifying the center of each gate. False treats these coordinates themselves as the gate edges, resulting in a plot in which the last gate in each ray and the entire last ray are not not plotted.

**embelish: bool** True by default. Set to False to supress drawing of coastlines etc.. Use for speedup when specifying shapefiles. Note that lat lon labels only work with certain projections.

**maps\_dict: list of strings** if embelish is true the list of maps to use. default countries, coastlines

**raster** [bool] False by default. Set to true to render the display as a raster rather than a vector in call to pcolormesh. Saves time in plotting high resolution data over large areas. Be sure to set the dpi of the plot for your application if you save it as a vector format (i.e., pdf, eps, svg).

**alpha** [float or None] Set the alpha tranparency of the radar plot. Useful for overplotting radar over other datasets.

**plot\_range\_ring** (*range\_ring\_location\_km, npts=360, line\_style='k-', \*\*kwargs*)

Plot a single range ring on the map.

Additional arguments are passed to ax.plot.

#### Parameters

**range\_ring\_location\_km** [float] Location of range ring in km.

**npts: int** Number of points in the ring, higher for better resolution.

**line\_style** [str] Matplotlib compatible string which specified the line style of the ring.

**plot\_range\_rings** (*range\_rings, ax=None, col='k', ls='-', lw=2*)

Plot a series of range rings.

**Parameters**

**range\_rings** [list] List of locations in km to draw range rings.

**ax** [Axis] Axis to plot on. None will use the current axis.

**col** [str or value] Color to use for range rings.

**ls** [str] Linestyle to use for range rings.

**plot\_ray** (*field, ray, format\_str='k-', mask\_tuple=None, ray\_min=None, ray\_max=None, mask\_outside=False, title=None, title\_flag=True, axislabels=(None, None), gatefilter=None, axislabels\_flag=True, ax=None, fig=None*)

Plot a single ray.

**Parameters**

**field** [str] Field to plot.

**ray** [int] Ray number to plot.

**Other Parameters**

**format\_str** [str] Format string defining the line style and marker.

**mask\_tuple** [(str, float)] Tuple containing the field name and value below which to mask field prior to plotting, for example to mask all data where NCP < 0.5 set mask\_tuple to ['NCP', 0.5]. None performs no masking.

**ray\_min** [float] Minimum ray value, None for default value, ignored if mask\_outside is False.

**ray\_max** [float] Maximum ray value, None for default value, ignored if mask\_outside is False.

**mask\_outside** [bool] True to mask data outside of vmin, vmax. False performs no masking.

**title** [str] Title to label plot with, None to use default title generated from the field and ray parameters. Parameter is ignored if title\_flag is False.

**title\_flag** [bool] True to add a title to the plot, False does not add a title.

**gatefilter** [GateFilter] GateFilter instance. None will result in no gatefilter mask being applied to data.

**axislabels** [(str, str)] 2-tuple of x-axis, y-axis labels. None for either label will use the default axis label. Parameter is ignored if axislabels\_flag is False.

**axislabels\_flag** [bool] True to add label the axes, False does not label the axes.

**ax** [Axis] Axis to plot on. None will use the current axis.

**fig** [Figure] Figure to add the colorbar to. None will use the current figure.

**plot\_rhi** (*field, sweep=0, mask\_tuple=None, vmin=None, vmax=None, norm=None, cmap=None, mask\_outside=False, title=None, title\_flag=True, axislabels=(None, None), axislabels\_flag=True, reverse\_axis=None, colorbar\_flag=True, colorbar\_label=None, colorbar\_orient='vertical', edges=True, gatefilter=None, filter\_transitions=True, ax=None, fig=None, ticks=None, ticklabs=None, raster=False, title\_datetime\_format=None, title\_use\_sweep\_time=True, \*\*kwargs*)

Plot a RHI.

Additional arguments are passed to Matplotlib's pcolormesh function.

**Parameters**

**field** [str] Field to plot.

**sweep** [int,] Sweep number to plot.

#### Other Parameters

**mask\_tuple** [(str, float)] 2-Tuple containing the field name and value below which to mask field prior to plotting, for example to mask all data where NCP < 0.5 set mask to ['NCP', 0.5]. None performs no masking.

**vmin** [float] Luminance minimum value, None for default value. Parameter is ignored is norm is not None.

**vmax** [float] Luminance maximum value, None for default value. Parameter is ignored is norm is not None.

**norm** [Normalize or None, optional] matplotlib Normalize instance used to scale luminance data. If not None the vmax and vmin parameters are ignored. If None, vmin and vmax are used for luminance scaling.

**cmap** [str or None] Matplotlib colormap name. None will use the default colormap for the field being plotted as specified by the Py-ART configuration.

**title** [str] Title to label plot with, None to use default title generated from the field and sweep parameters. Parameter is ignored if title\_flag is False.

**title\_datetime\_format** [str] Format of datetime in the title (using strftime format).

**title\_use\_sweep\_time** [bool] True for the current sweep's beginning time to be used for the title. False for the radar's beginning time.

**title\_flag** [bool] True to add a title to the plot, False does not add a title.

**axislabels** [(str, str)] 2-tuple of x-axis, y-axis labels. None for either label will use the default axis label. Parameter is ignored if axislabels\_flag is False.

**axislabels\_flag** [bool] True to add label the axes, False does not label the axes.

**reverse\_xaxis** [bool or None] True to reverse the x-axis so the plot reads west to east, False to have east to west. None (the default) will reverse the axis only when all the distances are negative. (i.e) axis will be absolute distance without taking into consideration the orientation

**colorbar\_flag** [bool] True to add a colorbar with label to the axis. False leaves off the colorbar.

**colorbar\_label** [str] Colorbar label, None will use a default label generated from the field information.

**colorbar\_orient** ['vertical' or 'horizontal'] Colorbar orientation.

**ticks** [array] Colorbar custom tick label locations.

**ticklabs** [array] Colorbar custom tick labels.

**edges** [bool] True will interpolate and extrapolate the gate edges from the range, azimuth and elevations in the radar, treating these as specifying the center of each gate. False treats these coordinates themselves as the gate edges, resulting in a plot in which the last gate in each ray and the entire last ray are not not plotted.

**gatefilter** [GateFilter] GateFilter instance. None will result in no gatefilter mask being applied to data.

**filter\_transitions** [bool] True to remove rays where the antenna was in transition between sweeps from the plot. False will include these rays in the plot. No rays are filtered when the antenna\_transition attribute of the underlying radar is not present.

**ax** [Axis] Axis to plot on. None will use the current axis.

**fig** [Figure] Figure to add the colorbar to. None will use the current figure.

**raster** [bool] False by default. Set to true to render the display as a raster rather than a vector in call to pcolormesh. Saves time in plotting high resolution data over large areas. Be sure to set the dpi of the plot for your application if you save it as a vector format (i.e., pdf, eps, svg).

**plot\_vpt** (*field*, *mask\_tuple=None*, *vmin=None*, *vmax=None*, *norm=None*, *cmap=None*, *mask\_outside=False*, *title=None*, *title\_flag=True*, *axislabels=(None, None)*, *axislabels\_flag=True*, *colorbar\_flag=True*, *colorbar\_label=None*, *colorbar\_orient='vertical'*, *edges=True*, *gatefilter=None*, *filter\_transitions=True*, *time\_axis\_flag=False*, *date\_time\_form=None*, *tz=None*, *ax=None*, *fig=None*, *ticks=None*, *ticklabs=None*, *raster=False*, *\*\*kwargs*)

Plot a VPT scan.

Additional arguments are passed to Matplotlib's pcolormesh function.

### Parameters

**field** [str] Field to plot.

### Other Parameters

**mask\_tuple** [(str, float)] Tuple containing the field name and value below which to mask field prior to plotting, for example to mask all data where NCP < 0.5 set mask\_tuple to ['NCP', 0.5]. None performs no masking.

**vmin** [float] Luminance minimum value, None for default value. Parameter is ignored if norm is not None.

**vmax** [float] Luminance maximum value, None for default value. Parameter is ignored if norm is not None.

**norm** [Normalize or None, optional] matplotlib Normalize instance used to scale luminance data. If not None the vmax and vmin parameters are ignored. If None, vmin and vmax are used for luminance scaling.

**cmap** [str or None] Matplotlib colormap name. None will use the default colormap for the field being plotted as specified by the Py-ART configuration.

**mask\_outside** [bool] True to mask data outside of vmin, vmax. False performs no masking.

**title** [str] Title to label plot with, None to use default title generated from the field and sweep parameters. Parameter is ignored if title\_flag is False.

**title\_flag** [bool] True to add a title to the plot, False does not add a title.

**axislabels** [(str, str)] 2-tuple of x-axis, y-axis labels. None for either label will use the default axis label. Parameter is ignored if axislabels\_flag is False.

**axislabels\_flag** [bool] True to add label the axes, False does not label the axes.

**colorbar\_flag** [bool] True to add a colorbar with label to the axis. False leaves off the colorbar.

**colorbar\_label** [str] Colorbar label, None will use a default label generated from the field information.

**ticks** [array] Colorbar custom tick label locations.

**ticklabs** [array] Colorbar custom tick labels.

**colorbar\_orient** ['vertical' or 'horizontal'] Colorbar orientation.

**edges** [bool] True will interpolate and extrapolate the gate edges from the range, azimuth and elevations in the radar, treating these as specifying the center of each gate. False treats these coordinates themselves as the gate edges, resulting in a plot in which the last gate in each ray and the entire last ray are not plotted.

**gatefilter** [GateFilter] GateFilter instance. None will result in no gatefilter mask being applied to data.

**filter\_transitions** [bool] True to remove rays where the antenna was in transition between sweeps from the plot. False will include these rays in the plot. No rays are filtered when the antenna\_transition attribute of the underlying radar is not present.

**time\_axis\_flag** [bool] True to plot the x-axis as time. False uses the index number. Default is False - index-based.

**date\_time\_form** [str, optional] Format of the time string for x-axis labels. Parameter is ignored if time\_axis\_flag is set to False.

**tz** [str, optional] Time zone info to use when creating axis labels (see datetime). Parameter is ignored if time\_axis\_flag is set to False.

**ax** [Axis] Axis to plot on. None will use the current axis.

**fig** [Figure] Figure to add the colorbar to. None will use the current figure.

**raster** [bool] False by default. Set to true to render the display as a raster rather than a vector in call to pcolormesh. Saves time in plotting high resolution data over large areas. Be sure to set the dpi of the plot for your application if you save it as a vector format (i.e., pdf, eps, svg).

**static set\_aspect\_ratio** (*aspect\_ratio=0.75, ax=None*)

Set the aspect ratio for plot area.

**static set\_limits** (*xlim=None, ylim=None, ax=None*)

Set the display limits.

#### Parameters

**xlim** [tuple, optional] 2-Tuple containing y-axis limits in km. None uses default limits.

**ylim** [tuple, optional] 2-Tuple containing x-axis limits in km. None uses default limits.

**ax** [Axis] Axis to adjust. None will adjust the current axis.

`pyart.graph.radarmapdisplay._lambert_ticks` (*ax, ticks, tick\_location, line\_constructor, tick\_extractor*)

Get the tick locations and labels for a Lambert Conformal projection.

`pyart.graph.radarmapdisplay.find_side` (*ls, side*)

Given a shapely LineString which is assumed to be rectangular, return the line corresponding to a given side of the rectangle.

`pyart.graph.radarmapdisplay.lambert_xticks` (*ax, ticks*)

Draw ticks on the bottom x-axis of a Lambert Conformal projection.

`pyart.graph.radarmapdisplay.lambert_yticks` (*ax, ticks*)

Draw ticks on the left y-axis of a Lambert Conformal projection.



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Data for radar related colormaps.

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## PYART.CORRECT.FILTERS

Functions for creating gate filters (masks) which can be used it various corrections routines in Py-ART.

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| <code>moment_based_gate_filter(radar[, ncp_field, ...])</code>             | Create a filter which removes undesired gates based on moments.  |
| <code>moment_and_texture_based_gate_filter(radar[, ncp_field, ...])</code> | Create a filter which removes undesired gates based on texture of moments.   |
| <code>birds_gate_filter(radar[, zdr_field, ...])</code>                    | Create a filter which removes data not suspected of being birds  |
| <code>snr_based_gate_filter(radar[, snr_field, ...])</code>                | Create a filter which removes undesired gates based on SNR.  |
| <code>class_based_gate_filter(radar[, field, ...])</code>                  | Create a filter which removes undesired gates based on class values  |
| <code>visibility_based_gate_filter(radar[, ...])</code>                    | Create a filter which removes undesired gates based on visibility.   |
| <code>temp_based_gate_filter(radar[, temp_field, ...])</code>              | Create a filter which removes undesired gates based on temperature.  |
| <code>iso0_based_gate_filter(radar[, iso0_field, ...])</code>              | Create a filter which removes undesired gates based height over the iso0.  |
| <code>GateFilter(radar[, exclude_based])</code>                            | A class for building a boolean arrays for filtering gates based on a set of condition typically based on the values in the radar fields. |

**class** `pyart.filters.gatefilter.GateFilter(radar, exclude_based=True)`

Bases: `object`

A class for building a boolean arrays for filtering gates based on a set of condition typically based on the values in the radar fields. These filter can be used in various algorithms and calculations within Py-ART.

See `pyart.correct.GateFilter.exclude_below()` for method parameter details.

### Parameters

**radar** [Radar] Radar object from which gate filter will be build.

**exclude\_based** [bool, optional] True, the default and suggested method, will begin with all gates included and then use the exclude methods to exclude gates based on conditions. False will begin with all gates excluded from which a set of gates to include should be set using the include methods.

## Examples

```
>>> import pyart
>>> radar = pyart.io.read('radar_file.nc')
>>> gatefilter = pyart.correct.GateFilter(radar)
>>> gatefilter.exclude_below('reflectivity', 10)
>>> gatefilter.exclude_below('normalized_coherent_power', 0.75)
```

## Attributes

***gate\_excluded*** [array, dtype=bool] Return a copy of the excluded gates.

***gate\_included*** [array, dtype=bool] Return a copy of the included gates.

## Methods

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| <i>copy()</i>   | Return a copy of the gatefilter.                                       |
| <i>exclude_above</i> (field, value[, ...])                | Exclude gates where a given field is above a given value.              |
| <i>exclude_all()</i>                                      | Exclude all gates.   |
| <i>exclude_below</i> (field, value[, ...])                | Exclude gates where a given field is below a given value.              |
| <i>exclude_equal</i> (field, value[, exclude_masked, op]) | Exclude gates where a given field is equal to a value.                 |
| <i>exclude_gates</i> (mask[, exclude_masked, op])         | Exclude gates where a given mask is equal True.                        |
| <i>exclude_inside</i> (field, v1, v2[, ...])              | Exclude gates where a given field is inside a given interval.          |
| <i>exclude_invalid</i> (field[, exclude_masked, op])      | Exclude gates where an invalid value occurs in a field (NaNs or infs). |
| <i>exclude_masked</i> (field[, exclude_masked, op])       | Exclude gates where a given field is masked.                           |
| <i>exclude_none()</i>                                     | Exclude no gates, include all gates.                                   |
| <i>exclude_not_equal</i> (field, value[, ...])            | Exclude gates where a given field is not equal to a value.             |
| <i>exclude_outside</i> (field, v1, v2[, ...])             | Exclude gates where a given field is outside a given interval.         |
| <i>exclude_transition</i> ([trans_value, ...])            | Exclude all gates in rays marked as in transition between sweeps.      |
| <i>include_above</i> (field, value[, ...])                | Include gates where a given field is above a given value.              |
| <i>include_all()</i>                                      | Include all gates.   |
| <i>include_below</i> (field, value[, ...])                | Include gates where a given field is below a given value.              |
| <i>include_equal</i> (field, value[, exclude_masked, op]) | Include gates where a given field is equal to a value.                 |
| <i>include_gates</i> (mask[, exclude_masked, op])         | Include gates where a given mask is equal True.                        |
| <i>include_inside</i> (field, v1, v2[, ...])              | Include gates where a given field is inside a given interval.          |
| <i>include_none()</i>                                     | Include no gates, exclude all gates.                                   |
| <i>include_not_equal</i> (field, value[, ...])            | Include gates where a given field is not equal to a value.             |

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| <code>include_not_masked</code> (field[, exclude_masked, op]) | Include gates where a given field is not masked.                      |
| <code>include_not_transition</code> ([trans_value, ...])      | Include all gates in rays not marked as in transition between sweeps. |
| <code>include_outside</code> (field, v1, v2[, ...])           | Include gates where a given field is outside a given interval.        |
| <code>include_valid</code> (field[, exclude_masked, op])      | Include gates where a valid value occurs in a field (not NaN or inf). |

```

__class__
    alias of builtins.type

__delattr__ ($self, name, /)
    Implement delattr(self, name).

__dict__ = mappingproxy({'__module__': 'pyart.filters.gatefilter', '__doc__': "\n A
__dir__ ($self, /)
    Default dir() implementation.

__eq__ ($self, value, /)
    Return self==value.

__format__ ($self, format_spec, /)
    Default object formatter.

__ge__ ($self, value, /)
    Return self>=value.

__getattr__ ($self, name, /)
    Return getattr(self, name).

__gt__ ($self, value, /)
    Return self>value.

__hash__ ($self, /)
    Return hash(self).

__init__ (radar, exclude_based=True)
    initialize

__init_subclass__ ()
    This method is called when a class is subclassed.

    The default implementation does nothing. It may be overridden to extend subclasses.

__le__ ($self, value, /)
    Return self<=value.

__lt__ ($self, value, /)
    Return self<value.

__module__ = 'pyart.filters.gatefilter'

__ne__ ($self, value, /)
    Return self!=value.

__new__ ($type, *args, **kwargs)
    Create and return a new object. See help(type) for accurate signature.

__reduce__ ($self, /)
    Helper for pickle.

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**\_\_reduce\_ex\_\_** (*\$self, protocol, /*)  
Helper for pickle.

**\_\_repr\_\_** (*\$self, /*)  
Return repr(self).

**\_\_setattr\_\_** (*\$self, name, value, /*)  
Implement setattr(self, name, value).

**\_\_sizeof\_\_** (*\$self, /*)  
Size of object in memory, in bytes.

**\_\_str\_\_** (*\$self, /*)  
Return str(self).

**\_\_subclasshook\_\_** ()  
Abstract classes can override this to customize issubclass().  
  
This is invoked early on by abc.ABCMeta.\_\_subclasscheck\_\_(). It should return True, False or NotImplemented. If it returns NotImplemented, the normal algorithm is used. Otherwise, it overrides the normal algorithm (and the outcome is cached).

**\_\_weakref\_\_**  
list of weak references to the object (if defined)

**\_get\_fdata** (*field*)  
Check that the field exists and retrieve field data.

**\_merge** (*marked, op, exclude\_masked*)  
Merge an array of marked gates with the exclude array.

**copy** ()  
Return a copy of the gatefilter.

**exclude\_above** (*field, value, exclude\_masked=True, op='or', inclusive=False*)  
Exclude gates where a given field is above a given value.

**exclude\_all** ()  
Exclude all gates.

**exclude\_below** (*field, value, exclude\_masked=True, op='or', inclusive=False*)  
Exclude gates where a given field is below a given value.

#### Parameters

**field** [str] Name of field compared against the value.

**value** [float] Gates with a value below this value in the specified field will be marked for exclusion in the filter.

**exclude\_masked** [bool, optional] True to filter masked values in the specified field if the data is a masked array, False to include any masked values.

**op** [{ 'and', 'or', 'new' }] Operation to perform when merging the existing set of excluded gates with the excluded gates from the current operation. 'and' will perform a logical AND operation, 'or' a logical OR, and 'new' will replace the existing excluded gates with the one generated here. 'or', the default for exclude methods, is typically desired when building up a set of conditions for excluding gates where the desired effect is to exclude gates which meet any of the conditions. 'and', the default for include methods, is typically desired when building up a set of conditions where the desired effect is to include gates which meet any of the conditions. Note that the 'and' method MAY results in including gates which have previously been excluded because they were masked or invalid.

**inclusive** [bool] Indicates whether the specified value should also be excluded.

**exclude\_equal** (*field, value, exclude\_masked=True, op='or'*)

Exclude gates where a given field is equal to a value.

**exclude\_gates** (*mask, exclude\_masked=True, op='or'*)

Exclude gates where a given mask is equal True.

#### Parameters

**mask** [numpy array] Boolean numpy array with same shape as a field array.

**exclude\_masked** [bool, optional] True to filter masked values in the specified mask if it is a masked array, False to include any masked values.

**op** [{ 'and', 'or', 'new' }] Operation to perform when merging the existing set of excluded gates with the excluded gates from the current operation. 'and' will perform a logical AND operation, 'or' a logical OR, and 'new' will replace the existing excluded gates with the one generated here. 'or', the default for exclude methods, is typically desired when building up a set of conditions for excluding gates where the desired effect is to exclude gates which meet any of the conditions. 'and', the default for include methods, is typically desired when building up a set of conditions where the desired effect is to include gates which meet any of the conditions. Note that the 'and' method MAY results in including gates which have previously been excluded because they were masked or invalid.

**exclude\_inside** (*field, v1, v2, exclude\_masked=True, op='or', inclusive=True*)

Exclude gates where a given field is inside a given interval.

**exclude\_invalid** (*field, exclude\_masked=True, op='or'*)

Exclude gates where an invalid value occurs in a field (NaNs or infs).

**exclude\_masked** (*field, exclude\_masked=True, op='or'*)

Exclude gates where a given field is masked.

**exclude\_none** ()

Exclude no gates, include all gates.

**exclude\_not\_equal** (*field, value, exclude\_masked=True, op='or'*)

Exclude gates where a given field is not equal to a value.

**exclude\_outside** (*field, v1, v2, exclude\_masked=True, op='or', inclusive=False*)

Exclude gates where a given field is outside a given interval.

**exclude\_transition** (*trans\_value=1, exclude\_masked=True, op='or'*)

Exclude all gates in rays marked as in transition between sweeps.

Exclude all gates in rays marked as "in transition" by the antenna\_transition attribute of the radar used to construct the filter. If no antenna transition information is available no gates are excluded.

#### Parameters

**trans\_value** [int, optional] Value used in the antenna transition data to indicate that the instrument was between sweeps (in transition) during the collection of a specific ray. Typically a value of 1 is used to indicate this transition and the default can be used in these cases.

**exclude\_masked** [bool, optional] True to filter masked values in antenna\_transition if the data is a masked array, False to include any masked values.

**op** [{ 'and', 'or', 'new' }] Operation to perform when merging the existing set of excluded gates with the excluded gates from the current operation. 'and' will perform a logical AND operation, 'or' a logical OR, and 'new' will replace the existing excluded gates with the one generated here. 'or', the default for exclude methods, is typically desired when

building up a set of conditions for excluding gates where the desired effect is to exclude gates which meet any of the conditions. 'and', the default for include methods, is typically desired when building up a set of conditions where the desired effect is to include gates which meet any of the conditions. Note that the 'and' method MAY results in including gates which have previously been excluded because they were masked or invalid.

**gate\_excluded**

Return a copy of the excluded gates.

**gate\_included**

Return a copy of the included gates.

**include\_above** (*field, value, exclude\_masked=True, op='and', inclusive=False*)

Include gates where a given field is above a given value.

**include\_all** ()

Include all gates.

**include\_below** (*field, value, exclude\_masked=True, op='and', inclusive=False*)

Include gates where a given field is below a given value.

**include\_equal** (*field, value, exclude\_masked=True, op='and'*)

Include gates where a given field is equal to a value.

**include\_gates** (*mask, exclude\_masked=True, op='and'*)

Include gates where a given mask is equal True.

**Parameters**

**mask** [numpy array] Boolean numpy array with same shape as a field array.

**exclude\_masked** [bool, optional] True to filter masked values in the specified mask if it is a masked array, False to include any masked values.

**op** [{ 'and', 'or', 'new' }] Operation to perform when merging the existing set of excluded gates with the excluded gates from the current operation. 'and' will perform a logical AND operation, 'or' a logical OR, and 'new' will replace the existing excluded gates with the one generated here. 'or', the default for exclude methods, is typically desired when building up a set of conditions for excluding gates where the desired effect is to exclude gates which meet any of the conditions. 'and', the default for include methods, is typically desired when building up a set of conditions where the desired effect is to include gates which meet any of the conditions. Note that the 'or' method MAY results in excluding gates which have previously been included.

**include\_inside** (*field, v1, v2, exclude\_masked=True, op='and', inclusive=True*)

Include gates where a given field is inside a given interval.

**include\_none** ()

Include no gates, exclude all gates.

**include\_not\_equal** (*field, value, exclude\_masked=True, op='and'*)

Include gates where a given field is not equal to a value.

**include\_not\_masked** (*field, exclude\_masked=True, op='and'*)

Include gates where a given field in not masked.

**include\_not\_transition** (*trans\_value=0, exclude\_masked=True, op='and'*)

Include all gates in rays not marked as in transition between sweeps.

Include all gates in rays not marked as "in transition" by the antenna\_transition attribute of the radar used to construct the filter. If no antenna transition information is available all gates are included.

**Parameters**



**trans\_value** [int, optional] Value used in the antenna transition data to indicate that the instrument is not between sweeps (in transition) during the collection of a specific ray. Typically a value of 0 is used to indicate no transition and the default can be used in these cases.

**exclude\_masked** [bool, optional] True to filter masked values in antenna\_transition if the data is a masked array, False to include any masked values.

**op** [{‘and’, ‘or’, ‘new’}] Operation to perform when merging the existing set of excluded gates with the excluded gates from the current operation. ‘and’ will perform a logical AND operation, ‘or’ a logical OR, and ‘new’ will replace the existing excluded gates with the one generated here. ‘or’, the default for exclude methods, is typically desired when building up a set of conditions for excluding gates where the desired effect is to exclude gates which meet any of the conditions. ‘and’, the default for include methods, is typically desired when building up a set of conditions where the desired effect is to include gates which meet any of the conditions. Note that the ‘or’ method MAY results in excluding gates which have previously been included.

**include\_outside** (*field*, *v1*, *v2*, *exclude\_masked=True*, *op='and'*, *inclusive=False*)

Include gates where a given field is outside a given interval.

**include\_valid** (*field*, *exclude\_masked=True*, *op='and'*)

Include gates where a valid value occurs in a field (not NaN or inf).

```
pyart.filters.gatefilter.birds_gate_filter(radar, zdr_field=None, rhv_field=None,
                                           refl_field=None, vel_field=None,
                                           max_zdr=3.0, max_rhv=0.9, min_refl=0.0,
                                           max_refl=20.0, vel_lim=1.0, rmin=2000.0,
                                           rmax=25000.0, elmin=1.0, elmax=85.0)
```

Create a filter which removes data not suspected of being birds

Creates a gate filter in which the following gates are excluded:

- Gates where the instrument is transitioning between sweeps.
- Gates where the reflectivity is beyond min\_refl and max\_refl
- Gates where the co-polar correlation coefficient is above max\_rhv
- Gates where the differential reflectivity is above max\_zdr
- Gates where the Doppler velocity is within the interval given by +-vel\_lim
- Gates where any of the above fields are masked or contain invalid values (NaNs or infs).
- Gates outside the range given by range min and range max
- If any of these three fields do not exist in the radar that fields filter criteria is not applied.

### Parameters

**radar** [Radar] Radar object from which the gate filter will be built.

**refl\_field, zdr\_field, rhv\_field, vel\_field** [str] Names of the radar fields which contain the reflectivity, differential reflectivity, co-polar correlation coefficient, and Doppler velocity from which the gate filter will be created using the above criteria. A value of None for any of these parameters will use the default field name as defined in the Py-ART configuration file.

**max\_zdr, max\_rhv** [float] Maximum values for the differential reflectivity and co-polar correlation coefficient. Gates in these fields above these limits as well as gates which are masked or contain invalid values will be excluded and not used in calculation which use the filter. A value of None will disable filtering based upon the given field including removing masked

or gates with an invalid value. To disable the thresholding but retain the masked and invalid filter set the parameter to a value above the highest value in the field.

**min\_refl, max\_refl** [float] Minimum and maximum values for the reflectivity. Gates outside of this interval as well as gates which are masked or contain invalid values will be excluded and not used in calculation which use this filter. A value or None for one of these parameters will disable the minimum or maximum filtering but retain the other. A value of None for both of these values will disable all filtering based upon the reflectivity including removing masked or gates with an invalid value. To disable the interval filtering but retain the masked and invalid filter set the parameters to values above and below the lowest and greatest values in the reflectivity field.

**rmin, rmax** [float] Minimum and maximum ranges [m]

**elmin, elmax** [float] Minimum and maximum elevations [deg]

#### Returns

**gatefilter** [*GateFilter*] A gate filter based upon the described criteria. This can be used as a gatefilter parameter to various functions in pyart.correct.

```
pyart.filters.gatefilter.class_based_gate_filter(radar, field=None,
                                                  kept_values=None)
```

Create a filter which removes undesired gates based on class values

#### Parameters

**radar** [Radar] Radar object from which the gate filter will be built.

**field** [str] Name of the radar field which contains the classification. A value of None for will use the default field name for the hydrometeor classification as defined in the Py-ART configuration file.

**kept\_values** [list of ints or none] The class values to keep

#### Returns

**gatefilter** [*GateFilter*] A gate filter based upon the described criteria. This can be used as a gatefilter parameter to various functions in pyart.correct.

```
pyart.filters.gatefilter.iso0_based_gate_filter(radar, iso0_field=None,
                                                  max_h_iso0=0.0, thickness=400.0,
                                                  beamwidth=None)
```

Create a filter which removes undesired gates based height over the iso0. Used primarily to filter out the melting layer and gates above it.

#### Parameters

**radar** [Radar] Radar object from which the gate filter will be built.

**iso0\_field** [str] Name of the radar field which contains the height relative to the iso0. A value of None for will use the default field name as defined in the Py-ART configuration file.

**max\_h\_iso0** [float] Maximum height relative to the iso0 in m. Gates below this limits as well as gates which are masked or contain invalid values will be excluded and not used in calculation which use the filter. A value of None will disable filtering based upon the field including removing masked or gates with an invalid value. To disable the thresholding but retain the masked and invalid filter set the parameter to a value below the lowest value in the field.

**thickness** [float] The estimated thickness of the melting layer in m

**beamwidth** [float] The radar antenna 3 dB beamwidth [deg]

#### Returns

**gatefilter** [*GateFilter*] A gate filter based upon the described criteria. This can be used as a `gatefilter` parameter to various functions in `pyart.correct`.

```
pyart.filters.gatefilter.moment_and_texture_based_gate_filter(radar,
                                                              zdr_field=None,
                                                              rhv_field=None,
                                                              phi_field=None,
                                                              refl_field=None,
                                                              textzdr_field=None,
                                                              tex-
                                                              trhv_field=None,
                                                              textphi_field=None,
                                                              tex-
                                                              trefl_field=None,
                                                              wind_size=7,
                                                              max_textphi=20.0,
                                                              max_textrhv=0.3,
                                                              max_textzdr=2.85,
                                                              max_textrefl=8.0,
                                                              min_rhv=0.6)
```

Create a filter which removes undesired gates based on texture of moments.

Creates a gate filter in which the following gates are excluded: \* Gates where the instrument is transitioning between sweeps. \* Gates where RhoHV is below `min_rhv` \* Gates where the PhiDP texture is above `max_textphi`. \* Gates where the RhoHV texture is above `max_textrhv`. \* Gates where the ZDR texture is above `max_textzdr` \* Gates where the reflectivity texture is above `max_textrefl` \* If any of the thresholds is not set or the field (RhoHV, ZDR, PhiDP, reflectivity) do not exist in the radar the filter is not applied.

### Parameters

**radar** [Radar] Radar object from which the gate filter will be built.

**zdr\_field, rhv\_field, phi\_field, refl\_field** [str] Names of the radar fields which contain the differential reflectivity, cross correlation ratio, differential phase and reflectivity from which the textures will be computed. A value of `None` for any of these parameters will use the default field name as defined in the Py-ART configuration file.

**textzdr\_field, textrhv\_field, textphi\_field, textrefl\_field** [str] Names of the radar fields given to the texture of the differential reflectivity, texture of the cross correlation ratio, texture of differential phase and texture of reflectivity. A value of `None` for any of these parameters will use the default field name as defined in the Py-ART configuration file

**wind\_size** [int] Size of the moving window used to compute the ray texture.

**max\_textphi, max\_textrhv, max\_textzdr, max\_textrefl** [float] Maximum value for the texture of the differential phase, texture of RhoHV, texture of Zdr and texture of reflectivity. Gates in these fields above these limits as well as gates which are masked or contain invalid values will be excluded and not used in calculation which use the filter. A value of `None` will disable filtering based upon the given field including removing masked or gates with an invalid value. To disable the thresholding but retain the masked and invalid filter set the parameter to a value above the highest value in the field.

**min\_rhv** [float] Minimum value for the RhoHV. Gates below this limits as well as gates which are masked or contain invalid values will be excluded and not used in calculation which use the filter. A value of `None` will disable filtering based upon the given field including removing masked or gates with an invalid value. To disable the thresholding but retain the masked and invalid filter set the parameter to a value below the lowest value in the field.

### Returns

**gatefilter** [*GateFilter*] A gate filter based upon the described criteria. This can be used as a gatefilter parameter to various functions in pyart.correct.

```
pyart.filters.gatefilter.moment_based_gate_filter(radar, ncp_field=None,
                                                    rhv_field=None, refl_field=None,
                                                    min_ncp=0.5, min_rhv=None,
                                                    min_refl=-20.0, max_refl=100.0)
```

Create a filter which removes undesired gates based on moments.

Creates a gate filter in which the following gates are excluded:

- Gates where the instrument is transitioning between sweeps.
- Gates where the reflectivity is outside the interval min\_refl, max\_refl.
- Gates where the normalized coherent power is below min\_ncp.
- Gates where the cross correlation ratio is below min\_rhi. Using the default parameter this filtering is disabled.
- Gates where any of the above three fields are masked or contain invalid values (NaNs or infs).
- If any of these three fields do not exist in the radar that fields filter criteria is not applied.

#### Parameters

**radar** [Radar] Radar object from which the gate filter will be built.

**refl\_field, ncp\_field, rhv\_field** [str] Names of the radar fields which contain the reflectivity, normalized coherent power (signal quality index) and cross correlation ratio (RhoHV) from which the gate filter will be created using the above criteria. A value of None for any of these parameters will use the default field name as defined in the Py-ART configuration file.

**min\_ncp, min\_rhv** [float] Minimum values for the normalized coherence power and cross correlation ratio. Gates in these fields below these limits as well as gates which are masked or contain invalid values will be excluded and not used in calculation which use the filter. A value of None will disable filtering based upon the given field including removing masked or gates with an invalid value. To disable the thresholding but retain the masked and invalid filter set the parameter to a value below the lowest value in the field.

**min\_refl, max\_refl** [float] Minimum and maximum values for the reflectivity. Gates outside of this interval as well as gates which are masked or contain invalid values will be excluded and not used in calculation which use this filter. A value or None for one of these parameters will disable the minimum or maximum filtering but retain the other. A value of None for both of these values will disable all filtering based upon the reflectivity including removing masked or gates with an invalid value. To disable the interval filtering but retain the masked and invalid filter set the parameters to values above and below the lowest and greatest values in the reflectivity field.

#### Returns

**gatefilter** [*GateFilter*] A gate filter based upon the described criteria. This can be used as a gatefilter parameter to various functions in pyart.correct.

```
pyart.filters.gatefilter.snr_based_gate_filter(radar, snr_field=None, min_snr=10.0,
                                                max_snr=None)
```

Create a filter which removes undesired gates based on SNR.

#### Parameters

**radar** [Radar] Radar object from which the gate filter will be built.

**snr\_field** [str] Name of the radar field which contains the signal to noise ratio. A value of None for will use the default field name as defined in the Py-ART configuration file.

**min\_snr** [float] Minimum value for the SNR. Gates below this limits as well as gates which are masked or contain invalid values will be excluded and not used in calculation which use the filter. A value of None will disable filtering based upon the field including removing masked or gates with an invalid value. To disable the thresholding but retain the masked and invalid filter set the parameter to a value below the lowest value in the field.

**max\_snr** [float] Maximum value for the SNR

### Returns

**gatefilter** [*GateFilter*] A gate filter based upon the described criteria. This can be used as a gatefilter parameter to various functions in pyart.correct.

```
pyart.filters.gatefilter.temp_based_gate_filter(radar, temp_field=None,
                                                min_temp=0.0, thickness=400.0,
                                                beamwidth=None)
```

Create a filter which removes undesired gates based on temperature. Used primarily to filter out the melting layer and gates above it.

### Parameters

**radar** [Radar] Radar object from which the gate filter will be built.

**temp\_field** [str] Name of the radar field which contains the temperature. A value of None for will use the default field name as defined in the Py-ART configuration file.

**min\_temp** [float] Minimum value for the temperature in degrees. Gates below this limits as well as gates which are masked or contain invalid values will be excluded and not used in calculation which use the filter. A value of None will disable filtering based upon the field including removing masked or gates with an invalid value. To disable the thresholding but retain the masked and invalid filter set the parameter to a value below the lowest value in the field.

**thickness** [float] The estimated thickness of the melting layer in m

**beamwidth** [float] The radar antenna 3 dB beamwidth [deg]

### Returns

**gatefilter** [*GateFilter*] A gate filter based upon the described criteria. This can be used as a gatefilter parameter to various functions in pyart.correct.

```
pyart.filters.gatefilter.visibility_based_gate_filter(radar, vis_field=None,
                                                      min_vis=10.0)
```

Create a filter which removes undesired gates based on visibility.

### Parameters

**radar** [Radar] Radar object from which the gate filter will be built.

**vis\_field** [str] Name of the radar field which contains the visibility. A value of None for will use the default field name as defined in the Py-ART configuration file.

**min\_vis** [float] Minimum value for the visibility. Gates below this limits as well as gates which are masked or contain invalid values will be excluded and not used in calculation which use the filter. A value of None will disable filtering based upon the field including removing masked or gates with an invalid value. To disable the thresholding but retain the masked and invalid filter set the parameter to a value below the lowest value in the field.

### Returns

**gatefilter** [*GateFilter*] A gate filter based upon the described criteria. This can be used as a gatefilter parameter to various functions in pyart.correct.

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## PYART.MAP.GATES\_TO\_GRID

Generate a Cartesian grid by mapping from radar gates onto the grid.

|  |  |
|--|--|
| <code>map_gates_to_grid(radars, grid_shape, ...[, ...])</code> | Map gates from one or more radars to a Cartesian grid. |
| <code>_determine_cy_weighting_func(weighting_function)</code>  | Determine cython weight function value.                |
| <code>_find_projparams(grid_origin, radars, ...)</code>        | Determine the projection parameter.                    |
| <code>_parse_gatefilters(gatefilters, radars)</code>           | Parse the gatefilters parameter.                       |
| <code>_determine_fields(fields, radars)</code>                 | Determine which field should be mapped to the grid.    |
| <code>_find_offsets(radars, projparams, ...)</code>            | Find offset between radars and grid origin.            |
| <code>_find_grid_params(grid_shape, grid_limits)</code>        | Find the starting points and step size of the grid.    |
| <code>_parse_roi_func(roi_func, constant_roi, ...)</code>      | Return the Radius of influence object.                 |

`pyart.map.gates_to_grid._determine_cy_weighting_func (weighting_function)`  
Determine cython weight function value.

`pyart.map.gates_to_grid._determine_fields (fields, radars)`  
Determine which field should be mapped to the grid.

`pyart.map.gates_to_grid._find_grid_params (grid_shape, grid_limits)`  
Find the starting points and step size of the grid.

`pyart.map.gates_to_grid._find_offsets (radars, projparams, grid_origin_alt)`  
Find offset between radars and grid origin.

`pyart.map.gates_to_grid._find_projparams (grid_origin, radars, grid_projection)`  
Determine the projection parameter.

`pyart.map.gates_to_grid._parse_gatefilters (gatefilters, radars)`  
Parse the gatefilters parameter.

`pyart.map.gates_to_grid._parse_roi_func (roi_func, constant_roi, z_factor, xy_factor,  
min_radius, h_factor, nb, bsp, offsets)`  
Return the Radius of influence object.

`pyart.map.gates_to_grid.map_gates_to_grid (radars, grid_shape, grid_limits,  
grid_origin=None, grid_origin_alt=None,  
grid_projection=None, fields=None, gate-  
filters=False, map_roi=True, weight-  
ing_function='Barnes', toa=17000.0,  
roi_func='dist_beam', constant_roi=500.0,  
z_factor=0.05, xy_factor=0.02,  
min_radius=500.0, h_factor=1.0, nb=1.5,  
bsp=1.0, **kwargs)`

Map gates from one or more radars to a Cartesian grid.

Generate a Cartesian grid of points for the requested fields from the collected points from one or more radars. For each radar gate that is not filtered a radius of influence is calculated. The weighted field values for that gate are added to all grid points within that radius. This routine scaled linearly with the number of radar gates and the effective grid size.

Parameters not defined below are identical to those in `map_to_grid()`.

#### Parameters

**roi\_func** [str or RoIFunction] Radius of influence function. A functions which takes an z, y, x grid location, in meters, and returns a radius (in meters) within which all collected points will be included in the weighting for that grid points. Examples can be found in the Typically following strings can use to specify a built in radius of influence function:

- constant: constant radius of influence.
- dist: radius grows with the distance from each radar.
- dist\_beam: radius grows with the distance from each radar and parameter are based of virtual beam sizes.

A custom RoIFunction can be defined using the RoIFunction class and defining a `get_roi` method which returns the radius. For efficient mapping this class should be implemented in Cython.

#### Returns

**grids** [dict] Dictionary of mapped fields. The keys of the dictionary are given by parameter fields. Each elements is a *grid\_size* float64 array containing the interpolated grid for that field.

See also:

**grid\_from\_radars** Map to a grid and return a Grid object

**map\_to\_grid** Create grid by finding the radius of influence around each grid point.



## PYART.MAP.GRID\_MAPPER

Utilities for mapping radar objects to Cartesian grids.

|  |   |
|--|---|
| <code>grid_from_radars(radars, grid_shape, grid_limits)</code> | Map one or more radars to a Cartesian grid returning a Grid object.   |
| <code>map_to_grid(radars, grid_shape, grid_limits)</code>      | Map one or more radars to a Cartesian grid.   |
| <code>example_roi_func_constant(zg, yg, xg)</code>             | Example RoI function which returns a constant radius.   |
| <code>example_roi_func_dist(zg, yg, xg)</code>                 | Example RoI function which returns a radius which grows with distance.  |
| <code>_unify_times_for_radars(radars)</code>                   | Return unified start times and units for a number of radars.  |
| <code>_load_nn_field_data(data, nfields, npoints, ...)</code>  | Load the nearest neighbor field data into sdata   |
| <code>_gen_roi_func_constant(constant_roi)</code>              | Return a RoI function which returns a constant radius.  |
| <code>_gen_roi_func_dist(z_factor, xy_factor, ...)</code>      | Return a RoI function whose radius grows with distance.   |
| <code>_gen_roi_func_dist_beam(h_factor, nb, bsp, ...)</code>   | Return a RoI function whose radius which grows with distance and whose parameters are based on virtual beam size. |

  

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|---|---------------------------|
| <code>NNLocator(data[, leafsize, algorithm])</code> | Nearest neighbor locator. |
|---|---------------------------|

**class** `pyart.map.grid_mapper.NNLocator` (*data*, *leafsize*=10, *algorithm*='kd\_tree')

Bases: `object`

Nearest neighbor locator.

Class for finding the neighbors of a points within a given distance.

### Parameters

**data** [array\_like, (n\_sample, n\_dimensions)] Locations of points to be indexed. Note that if data is a C-contiguous array of dtype float64 the data will not be copied. Othersize and internal copy will be made.

**leafsize** [int] The number of points at which the algorithm switches over to brute-force. This can significantly impact the speed of the contruction and query of the tree.

**algorithm** ['kd\_tree', optional.] Algorithm used to compute the nearest neighbors. 'kd\_tree' uses a k-d tree.

### Methods

*find\_neighbors\_and\_dists*(q, r)

Find all neighbors and distances within a given distance.

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```
__class__
    alias of builtins.type
__delattr__ ($self, name, /)
    Implement delattr(self, name).
__dict__ = mappingproxy({'__module__': 'pyart.map.grid_mapper', '__doc__': "\n Neare
__dir__ ($self, /)
    Default dir() implementation.
__eq__ ($self, value, /)
    Return self==value.
__format__ ($self, format_spec, /)
    Default object formatter.
__ge__ ($self, value, /)
    Return self>=value.
__getattr__ ($self, name, /)
    Return getattr(self, name).
__gt__ ($self, value, /)
    Return self>value.
__hash__ ($self, /)
    Return hash(self).
__init__ (data, leafsize=10, algorithm='kd_tree')
    initialize.
__init_subclass__ ()
    This method is called when a class is subclassed.

    The default implementation does nothing. It may be overridden to extend subclasses.
__le__ ($self, value, /)
    Return self<=value.
__lt__ ($self, value, /)
    Return self<value.
__module__ = 'pyart.map.grid_mapper'
__ne__ ($self, value, /)
    Return self!=value.
__new__ ($type, *args, **kwargs)
    Create and return a new object. See help(type) for accurate signature.
__reduce__ ($self, /)
    Helper for pickle.
__reduce_ex__ ($self, protocol, /)
    Helper for pickle.
__repr__ ($self, /)
    Return repr(self).
```

**\_\_setattr\_\_** (*\$self, name, value, /*)  
Implement setattr(self, name, value).

**\_\_sizeof\_\_** (*\$self, /*)  
Size of object in memory, in bytes.

**\_\_str\_\_** (*\$self, /*)  
Return str(self).

**\_\_subclasshook\_\_** ()  
Abstract classes can override this to customize issubclass().  
  
This is invoked early on by abc.ABCMeta.\_\_subclasscheck\_\_(). It should return True, False or NotImplemented. If it returns NotImplemented, the normal algorithm is used. Otherwise, it overrides the normal algorithm (and the outcome is cached).

**\_\_weakref\_\_**  
list of weak references to the object (if defined)

**find\_neighbors\_and\_dists** (*q, r*)  
Find all neighbors and distances within a given distance.

#### Parameters

**q** [n\_dimensional tuple] Point to query  
**r** [float] Distance within which neighbors are returned.

#### Returns

**ind** [array of intergers] Indices of the neighbors.  
**dist** [array of floats] Distances to the neighbors.

`pyart.map.grid_mapper._gen_roi_func_constant` (*constant\_roi*)  
Return a RoI function which returns a constant radius.

See `map_to_grid()` for a description of the parameters.

`pyart.map.grid_mapper._gen_roi_func_dist` (*z\_factor, xy\_factor, min\_radius, offsets*)  
Return a RoI function whose radius grows with distance.

See `map_to_grid()` for a description of the parameters.

`pyart.map.grid_mapper._gen_roi_func_dist_beam` (*h\_factor, nb, bsp, min\_radius, offsets*)  
Return a RoI function whose radius which grows with distance and whose parameters are based on virtual beam size.

See `map_to_grid()` for a description of the parameters.

`pyart.map.grid_mapper._unify_times_for_radars` (*radars*)  
Return unified start times and units for a number of radars.

`pyart.map.grid_mapper.example_roi_func_constant` (*zg, yg, xg*)  
Example RoI function which returns a constant radius.

#### Parameters

**zg, yg, xg** [float] Distance from the grid center in meters for the x, y and z axes.

#### Returns

**roi** [float] Radius of influence in meters

`pyart.map.grid_mapper.example_roi_func_dist` (*zg, yg, xg*)  
Example RoI function which returns a radius which grows with distance.

**Parameters**

**zg, yg, xg** [float] Distance from the grid center in meters for the x, y and z axes.

**Returns**

**roi** [float]

```
pyart.map.grid_mapper.example_roi_func_dist_beam(zg, yg, xg)
```

Example RoI function which returns a radius which grows with distance and whose parameters are based on virtual beam size.

**Parameters**

**zg, yg, xg** [float] Distance from the grid center in meters for the x, y and z axes.

**Returns**

**roi** [float]

```
pyart.map.grid_mapper.grid_from_radars(radars, grid_shape, grid_limits, grid-  
ding_algo='map_gates_to_grid', **kwargs)
```

Map one or more radars to a Cartesian grid returning a Grid object.

Additional arguments are passed to `map_to_grid()` or `map_gates_to_grid()`.

**Parameters**

**radars** [Radar or tuple of Radar objects.] Radar objects which will be mapped to the Cartesian grid.

**grid\_shape** [3-tuple of floats] Number of points in the grid (z, y, x).

**grid\_limits** [3-tuple of 2-tuples] Minimum and maximum grid location (inclusive) in meters for the z, y, x coordinates.

**gridding\_algo** ['map\_to\_grid' or 'map\_gates\_to\_grid'] Algorithm to use for gridding. 'map\_to\_grid' finds all gates within a radius of influence for each grid point, 'map\_gates\_to\_grid' maps each radar gate onto the grid using a radius of influence and is typically significantly faster.

**Returns**

**grid** [Grid] A `pyart.io.Grid` object containing the gridded radar data.

**See also:**

**map\_to\_grid** Map to grid and return a dictionary of radar fields.

**map\_gates\_to\_grid** Map each gate onto a grid returning a dictionary of radar fields.

```
pyart.map.grid_mapper.map_to_grid(radars, grid_shape, grid_limits, grid_origin=None,  
grid_origin_alt=None, grid_projection=None,  
fields=None, gatefilters=False, map_roi=True,  
weighting_function='Barnes', toa=17000.0,  
copy_field_data=True, algorithm='kd_tree', leafsize=10.0,  
roi_func='dist_beam', constant_roi=500.0, z_factor=0.05,  
xy_factor=0.02, min_radius=500.0, h_factor=1.0, nb=1.5,  
bsp=1.0, **kwargs)
```

Map one or more radars to a Cartesian grid.

Generate a Cartesian grid of points for the requested fields from the collected points from one or more radars. The field value for a grid point is found by interpolating from the collected points within a given radius of

influence and weighting these nearby points according to their distance from the grid points. Collected points are filtered according to a number of criteria so that undesired points are not included in the interpolation.

### Parameters

**radars** [Radar or tuple of Radar objects.] Radar objects which will be mapped to the Cartesian grid.

**grid\_shape** [3-tuple of floats] Number of points in the grid (z, y, x).

**grid\_limits** [3-tuple of 2-tuples] Minimum and maximum grid location (inclusive) in meters for the z, y, x coordinates.

**grid\_origin** [(float, float) or None] Latitude and longitude of grid origin. None sets the origin to the location of the first radar.

**grid\_origin\_alt: float or None** Altitude of grid origin, in meters. None sets the origin to the location of the first radar.

**grid\_projection** [dic or str] Projection parameters defining the map projection used to transform the locations of the radar gates in geographic coordinate to Cartesian coordinates. None will use the default dictionary which uses a native azimuthal equidistance projection. See `pyart.core.Grid()` for additional details on this parameter. The geographic coordinates of the radar gates are calculated using the projection defined for each radar. No transformation is used if a `grid_origin` and `grid_origin_alt` are None and a single radar is specified.

**fields** [list or None] List of fields within the radar objects which will be mapped to the cartesian grid. None, the default, will map the fields which are present in all the radar objects.

**gatefilters** [GateFilter, tuple of GateFilter objects, optional] Specify what gates from each radar will be included in the interpolation onto the grid. Only gates specified in each gatefilters will be included in the mapping to the grid. A single GateFilter can be used if a single Radar is being mapped. A value of False for a specific element or the entire parameter will apply no filtering of gates for a specific radar or all radars (the default). Similarly a value of None will create a GateFilter from the radar moments using any additional arguments by passing them to `moment_based_gate_filter()`.

**roi\_func** [str or function] Radius of influence function. A functions which takes an z, y, x grid location, in meters, and returns a radius (in meters) within which all collected points will be included in the weighting for that grid points. Examples can be found in the `example_roi_func_constant()`, `example_roi_func_dist()`, and `example_roi_func_dist_beam()`. Alternatively the following strings can use to specify a built in radius of influence function:

- constant: constant radius of influence.
- dist: radius grows with the distance from each radar.
- dist\_beam: radius grows with the distance from each radar and parameter are based of virtual beam sizes.

The parameters which control these functions are listed in the *Other Parameters* section below.

**map\_roi** [bool] True to include a radius of influence field in the returned dictionary under the 'ROI' key. This is the value of `roi_func` at all grid points.

**weighting\_function** ['Barnes' or 'Cressman' or 'Nearest'] Functions used to weight nearby collected points when interpolating a grid point.

**toa** [float] Top of atmosphere in meters. Collected points above this height are not included in the interpolation.

#### Returns

**grids** [dict] Dictionary of mapped fields. The keys of the dictionary are given by parameter fields. Each element is a *grid\_size* float64 array containing the interpolated grid for that field.

#### Other Parameters

**constant\_roi** [float] Radius of influence parameter for the built in 'constant' function. This parameter is the constant radius in meter for all grid points. This parameter is only used when *roi\_func* is *constant*.

**z\_factor, xy\_factor, min\_radius** [float] Radius of influence parameters for the built in 'dist' function. The parameters correspond to the radius size increase, in meters, per meter increase in the z-dimension from the nearest radar, the same for each meter in the xy-distance from the nearest radar, and the minimum radius of influence in meters. These parameters are only used when *roi\_func* is 'dist'.

**h\_factor, nb, bsp, min\_radius** [float] Radius of influence parameters for the built in 'dist\_beam' function. The parameters correspond to the height scaling, virtual beam width, virtual beam spacing, and minimum radius of influence. These parameters are only used when *roi\_func* is 'dist\_mean'.

**copy\_field\_data** [bool] True to copy the data within the radar fields for faster gridding, the dtype for all fields in the grid will be float64. False will not copy the data which preserves the dtype of the fields in the grid, may use less memory but results in significantly slower gridding times. When False gates which are masked in a particular field but are not masked in the *refl\_field* field will still be included in the interpolation. This can be prevented by setting this parameter to True or by gridding each field individually setting the *refl\_field* parameter and the *fields* parameter to the field in question. It is recommended to set this parameter to True.

**algorithm** ['kd\_tree'.] Algorithms to use for finding the nearest neighbors. 'kd\_tree' is the only valid option.

**leafsize** [int] Leaf size passed to the neighbor lookup tree. This can affect the speed of the construction and query, as well as the memory required to store the tree. The optimal value depends on the nature of the problem. This value should only effect the speed of the gridding, not the results.

#### See also:

[\*grid\\_from\\_radars\*](#) Map to grid and return a Grid object.

## PYART.MAP.POLAR\_TO\_CARTESIAN

Routines to project polar radar data to Cartesian coordinates

|  |   |
|--|---|
| <code>polar_to_cartesian(radar_sweep, field_name)</code> | Interpolates a PPI or RHI scan in polar coordinates to a regular cartesian grid of South-North and West-East coordinates (for PPI) or distance at ground and altitude coordinates (for RHI) |
| <code>get_earth_radius(latitude)</code>                  | Computes the earth radius for a given latitude  |

`pyart.map.polar_to_cartesian.get_earth_radius(latitude)`  
Computes the earth radius for a given latitude

### Parameters

**latitude:** latitude in degrees (WGS84)

### Returns

**earth\_radius** [the radius of the earth at the given latitude]

`pyart.map.polar_to_cartesian.polar_to_cartesian(radar_sweep, field_name, cart_res=75, max_range=None, mapping=None)`

Interpolates a PPI or RHI scan in polar coordinates to a regular cartesian grid of South-North and West-East coordinates (for PPI) or distance at ground and altitude coordinates (for RHI)

### Parameters

**radar** [Radar] Radar instance as generated by pyart

**sweep** [int] Sweep number to project to cartesian coordinates.

**field\_name** [str] Name of the radar field to be interpolated

**cart\_res** [int, optional] Resolution (in m.) of the cartesian grid to which polar data is interpolated

**max\_range** [int, optional] Maximal allowed range (in m.) from radar for gates to be interpolated

**mapping** [dict, optional] Dictionary of mapping indexes (from polar to cartesian), gets returned by the function (see below). Can be used as input when interpolating sequentially several variables for the same scan, to save significant time

### Returns

**coords** [tuple of 2 arrays] 2D coordinates of the cartesian grid

**cart\_data** [2D array] Interpolated radar measurements (on the cartesian grid)

**mapping,:** **dict** Dictionary of mapping indexes (from polar to cartesian), which contains the indexes mapping the polar grid to the cartesian grid as well as some metadata.



## PYART.MAP.\_GATE\_TO\_GRID\_MAP

Cython classes and functions for efficient mapping of radar gates to a uniform grid.

|                         |   |
|-------------------------|---|
| <i>GateToGridMapper</i> | A class for efficient mapping of radar gates to a regular grid by weighting all gates within a specified radius of influence by distance. |
| <i>RoIFunction</i>      | A class for storing radius of interest calculations.  |
| <i>ConstantRoI</i>      | Constant radius of influence class.   |
| <i>DistRoI</i>          | Radius of influence which expands with distance from the radar.   |
| <i>DistBeamRoI</i>      | Radius of influence which expands with distance from multiple radars.   |

**class** `pyart.map._gate_to_grid_map.ConstantRoI`  
Bases: `pyart.map._gate_to_grid_map.RoIFunction`  
Constant radius of influence class.

### Methods

|                      |                                      |
|----------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <code>get_roi</code> | Return constant radius of influence. |
|----------------------|--------------------------------------|

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```
__class__
    alias of builtins.type
__delattr__ ($self, name, /)
    Implement delattr(self, name).
__dir__ ($self, /)
    Default dir() implementation.
__eq__ ($self, value, /)
    Return self==value.
__format__ ($self, format_spec, /)
    Default object formatter.
__ge__ ($self, value, /)
    Return self>=value.
__getattr__ ($self, name, /)
    Return getattr(self, name).
```

**\_\_gt\_\_** (*\$self, value, /*)  
Return self>value.

**\_\_hash\_\_** (*\$self, /*)  
Return hash(self).

**\_\_init\_\_**  
intialize.

**\_\_init\_subclass\_\_** ()  
This method is called when a class is subclassed.

The default implementation does nothing. It may be overridden to extend subclasses.

**\_\_le\_\_** (*\$self, value, /*)  
Return self<=value.

**\_\_lt\_\_** (*\$self, value, /*)  
Return self<value.

**\_\_ne\_\_** (*\$self, value, /*)  
Return self!=value.

**\_\_new\_\_** (*\$type, \*args, \*\*kwargs*)  
Create and return a new object. See help(type) for accurate signature.

**\_\_pyx\_vtable\_\_** = <capsule object NULL>

**\_\_reduce\_\_** ()

**\_\_reduce\_ex\_\_** (*\$self, protocol, /*)  
Helper for pickle.

**\_\_repr\_\_** (*\$self, /*)  
Return repr(self).

**\_\_setattr\_\_** (*\$self, name, value, /*)  
Implement setattr(self, name, value).

**\_\_setstate\_\_** ()

**\_\_sizeof\_\_** (*\$self, /*)  
Size of object in memory, in bytes.

**\_\_str\_\_** (*\$self, /*)  
Return str(self).

**\_\_subclasshook\_\_** ()  
Abstract classes can override this to customize issubclass().

This is invoked early on by abc.ABCMeta.\_\_subclasscheck\_\_(). It should return True, False or NotImplemented. If it returns NotImplemented, the normal algorithm is used. Otherwise, it overrides the normal algorithm (and the outcome is cached).

**get\_roi** ()  
Return constant radius of influence.

**class** pyart.map.\_gate\_to\_grid\_map.**DistBeamRoI**  
Bases: *pyart.map.\_gate\_to\_grid\_map.RoIFunction*

Radius of influence which expands with distance from multiple radars.

## Methods

*get\_roi*

Return the radius of influence for coordinates in meters.

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```

__class__
    alias of builtins.type

__delattr__ ($self, name, /)
    Implement delattr(self, name).

__dir__ ($self, /)
    Default dir() implementation.

__eq__ ($self, value, /)
    Return self==value.

__format__ ($self, format_spec, /)
    Default object formatter.

__ge__ ($self, value, /)
    Return self>=value.

__getattr__ ($self, name, /)
    Return getattr(self, name).

__gt__ ($self, value, /)
    Return self>value.

__hash__ ($self, /)
    Return hash(self).

__init__
    initialize.

__init_subclass__ ()
    This method is called when a class is subclassed.

    The default implementation does nothing. It may be overridden to extend subclasses.

__le__ ($self, value, /)
    Return self<=value.

__lt__ ($self, value, /)
    Return self<value.

__ne__ ($self, value, /)
    Return self!=value.

__new__ ($type, *args, **kwargs)
    Create and return a new object. See help(type) for accurate signature.

__pyx_vtable__ = <capsule object NULL>

__reduce__ ()

__reduce_ex__ ($self, protocol, /)
    Helper for pickle.

__repr__ ($self, /)
    Return repr(self).

```

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`__setattr__` (*\$self, name, value, /*)  
Implement setattr(self, name, value).

`__setstate__` ()

`__sizeof__` (*\$self, /*)  
Size of object in memory, in bytes.

`__str__` (*\$self, /*)  
Return str(self).

`__subclasshook__` ()  
Abstract classes can override this to customize issubclass().

This is invoked early on by abc.ABCMeta.\_\_subclasscheck\_\_(). It should return True, False or NotImplemented. If it returns NotImplemented, the normal algorithm is used. Otherwise, it overrides the normal algorithm (and the outcome is cached).

`get_roi` ()  
Return the radius of influence for coordinates in meters.

**class** `pyart.map._gate_to_grid_map.DistRoI`  
Bases: `pyart.map._gate_to_grid_map.RoIFunction`

Radius of influence which expands with distance from the radar.

## Methods

|                      |   |
|----------------------|---|
| <code>get_roi</code> | Return the radius of influence for coordinates in meters. |
|----------------------|---|

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`__class__`  
alias of `builtins.type`

`__delattr__` (*\$self, name, /*)  
Implement delattr(self, name).

`__dir__` (*\$self, /*)  
Default dir() implementation.

`__eq__` (*\$self, value, /*)  
Return self==value.

`__format__` (*\$self, format\_spec, /*)  
Default object formatter.

`__ge__` (*\$self, value, /*)  
Return self>=value.

`__getattr__` (*\$self, name, /*)  
Return getattr(self, name).

`__gt__` (*\$self, value, /*)  
Return self>value.

`__hash__` (*\$self, /*)  
Return hash(self).

`__init__`  
italize.

`__init_subclass__()`

This method is called when a class is subclassed.

The default implementation does nothing. It may be overridden to extend subclasses.

`__le__($self, value, /)`

Return self<=value.

`__lt__($self, value, /)`

Return self<value.

`__ne__($self, value, /)`

Return self!=value.

`__new__($type, *args, **kwargs)`

Create and return a new object. See help(type) for accurate signature.

`__pyx_vtable__ = <capsule object NULL>`

`__reduce__()`

`__reduce_ex__($self, protocol, /)`

Helper for pickle.

`__repr__($self, /)`

Return repr(self).

`__setattr__($self, name, value, /)`

Implement setattr(self, name, value).

`__setstate__()`

`__sizeof__($self, /)`

Size of object in memory, in bytes.

`__str__($self, /)`

Return str(self).

`__subclasshook__()`

Abstract classes can override this to customize issubclass().

This is invoked early on by abc.ABCMeta.\_\_subclasscheck\_\_(). It should return True, False or NotImplemented. If it returns NotImplemented, the normal algorithm is used. Otherwise, it overrides the normal algorithm (and the outcome is cached).

`get_roi()`

Return the radius of influence for coordinates in meters.

**class** `pyart.map._gate_to_grid_map.GateToGridMapper`

Bases: `object`

A class for efficient mapping of radar gates to a regular grid by weighting all gates within a specified radius of influence by distance.

#### Parameters

**grid\_shape**, [tuple of ints] Shape of the grid along the z, y, and x dimensions.

**grid\_starts, grid\_steps** [tuple of ints] Starting points and step sizes in meters of the grid along the z, y and x dimensions.

**grid\_sum, grid\_wsum** [4D float32 array] Array for collecting grid weighted values and weights for each grid point and field. Dimension are order z, y, x, and fields. These array are modified in place when mapping gates unto the grid.

## Methods

|                          |   |
|--------------------------|---|
| <i>find_roi_for_grid</i> | Fill in the radius of influence for each point in the grid. |
| <i>map_gates_to_grid</i> | Map radar gates unto the regular grid.                      |

---

**\_\_class\_\_**  
alias of `builtins.type`

**\_\_delattr\_\_** (*\$self, name, /*)  
Implement `delattr(self, name)`.

**\_\_dir\_\_** (*\$self, /*)  
Default `dir()` implementation.

**\_\_eq\_\_** (*\$self, value, /*)  
Return `self==value`.

**\_\_format\_\_** (*\$self, format\_spec, /*)  
Default object formatter.

**\_\_ge\_\_** (*\$self, value, /*)  
Return `self>=value`.

**\_\_getattr\_\_** (*\$self, name, /*)  
Return `getattr(self, name)`.

**\_\_gt\_\_** (*\$self, value, /*)  
Return `self>value`.

**\_\_hash\_\_** (*\$self, /*)  
Return `hash(self)`.

**\_\_init\_\_**  
initialize.

**\_\_init\_subclass\_\_** ()  
This method is called when a class is subclassed.  
  
The default implementation does nothing. It may be overridden to extend subclasses.

**\_\_le\_\_** (*\$self, value, /*)  
Return `self<=value`.

**\_\_lt\_\_** (*\$self, value, /*)  
Return `self<value`.

**\_\_ne\_\_** (*\$self, value, /*)  
Return `self!=value`.

**\_\_new\_\_** (*\$type, \*args, \*\*kwargs*)  
Create and return a new object. See `help(type)` for accurate signature.

**\_\_pyx\_vtable\_\_** = `<capsule object NULL>`

**\_\_reduce\_\_** ()

**\_\_reduce\_ex\_\_** (*\$self, protocol, /*)  
Helper for pickle.

**\_\_repr\_\_** (*\$self, /*)  
Return `repr(self)`.

**\_\_setattr\_\_** (*\$self, name, value, /*)  
Implement setattr(self, name, value).

**\_\_setstate\_\_** ()

**\_\_sizeof\_\_** (*\$self, /*)  
Size of object in memory, in bytes.

**\_\_str\_\_** (*\$self, /*)  
Return str(self).

**\_\_subclasshook\_\_** ()  
Abstract classes can override this to customize issubclass().

This is invoked early on by abc.ABCMeta.\_\_subclasscheck\_\_(). It should return True, False or NotImplemented. If it returns NotImplemented, the normal algorithm is used. Otherwise, it overrides the normal algorithm (and the outcome is cached).

**find\_roi\_for\_grid** ()  
Fill in the radius of influence for each point in the grid.

#### Parameters

**roi\_array** [3D float32 array] Array which will be filled by the radius of influence for each point in the grid.

**roi\_func** [RoIFunction] Object whose get\_roi method returns the radius of influence.

**map\_gates\_to\_grid** ()  
Map radar gates unto the regular grid.

The grid\_sum and grid\_wsum arrays used to initialize the class are update with the mapped gate data.

#### Parameters

**ngates, nrays** [int] Number of gates and rays in the radar volume.

**gate\_z, gate\_y, gate\_x** [2D float32 array] Cartesian locations of the gates in meters.

**field\_data** [3D float32 array] Array containing field data for the radar, dimension are ordered as nrays, ngates, nfields.

**field\_mask** [3D uint8 array] Array containing masking of the field data for the radar, dimension are ordered as nrays, ngates, nfields.

**excluded\_gates** [2D uint8 array] Array containing gate masking information. Gates with non-zero values will not be included in the mapping.

**offset** [tuple of floats] Offset of the radar from the grid origin. Dimension are ordered as z, y, x. Top of atmosphere. Gates above this level are considered.

**roi\_func** [RoIFunction] Object whose get\_roi method returns the radius of influence.

**weighting\_function** [int] Function to use for weighting gates based upon distance. 0 for Barnes, 1 for Cressman and 2 for Nearest neighbor weighting.

**class** pyart.map.\_gate\_to\_grid\_map.**RoIFunction**  
Bases: `object`

A class for storing radius of interest calculations.

#### Methods

`get_roi`Return the radius of influence for coordinates in meters.

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```
__class__
    alias of builtins.type

__delattr__ ($self, name, /)
    Implement delattr(self, name).

__dir__ ($self, /)
    Default dir() implementation.

__eq__ ($self, value, /)
    Return self==value.

__format__ ($self, format_spec, /)
    Default object formatter.

__ge__ ($self, value, /)
    Return self>=value.

__getattr__ ($self, name, /)
    Return getattr(self, name).

__gt__ ($self, value, /)
    Return self>value.

__hash__ ($self, /)
    Return hash(self).

__init__ ($self, /, *args, **kwargs)
    Initialize self. See help(type(self)) for accurate signature.

__init_subclass__ ()
    This method is called when a class is subclassed.

    The default implementation does nothing. It may be overridden to extend subclasses.

__le__ ($self, value, /)
    Return self<=value.

__lt__ ($self, value, /)
    Return self<value.

__ne__ ($self, value, /)
    Return self!=value.

__new__ ($type, *args, **kwargs)
    Create and return a new object. See help(type) for accurate signature.

__pyx_vtable__ = <capsule object NULL>

__reduce__ ()

__reduce_ex__ ($self, protocol, /)
    Helper for pickle.

__repr__ ($self, /)
    Return repr(self).

__setattr__ ($self, name, value, /)
    Implement setattr(self, name, value).
```



**\_\_setstate\_\_()**

**\_\_sizeof\_\_**(\$self, /)

Size of object in memory, in bytes.

**\_\_str\_\_**(\$self, /)

Return str(self).

**\_\_subclasshook\_\_**()

Abstract classes can override this to customize issubclass().

This is invoked early on by abc.ABCMeta.\_\_subclasscheck\_\_(). It should return True, False or NotImplemented. If it returns NotImplemented, the normal algorithm is used. Otherwise, it overrides the normal algorithm (and the outcome is cached).

**get\_roi**()

Return the radius of influence for coordinates in meters.

pyart.map.\_gate\_to\_grid\_map.\_\_pyx\_unpickle\_ConstantRoI()

pyart.map.\_gate\_to\_grid\_map.\_\_pyx\_unpickle\_DistBeamRoI()

pyart.map.\_gate\_to\_grid\_map.\_\_pyx\_unpickle\_DistRoI()

pyart.map.\_gate\_to\_grid\_map.\_\_pyx\_unpickle\_GateToGridMapper()

pyart.map.\_gate\_to\_grid\_map.\_\_pyx\_unpickle\_RoIFunction()

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## PYART.UTIL.CIRCULAR\_STATS

Functions for computing statistics on circular (directional) distributions.

|   |  |
|---|--|
| <i>angular_mean</i> (angles)                            | Compute the mean of a distribution of angles in radians.               |
| <i>angular_std</i> (angles)                             | Compute the standard deviation of a distribution of angles in radians. |
| <i>angular_mean_deg</i> (angles)                        | Compute the mean of a distribution of angles in degrees.               |
| <i>angular_std_deg</i> (angles)                         | Compute the standard deviation of a distribution of angles in degrees. |
| <i>interval_mean</i> (dist, interval_min, interval_max) | Compute the mean of a distribution within an interval.                 |
| <i>interval_std</i> (dist, interval_min, interval_max)  | Compute the standard deviation of a distribution within an interval.   |
| <i>mean_of_two_angles</i> (angles1, angles2)            | Compute the element by element mean of two sets of angles.             |
| <i>mean_of_two_angles_deg</i> (angle1, angle2)          | Compute the element by element mean of two sets of angles in degrees.  |

`pyart.util.circular_stats.angular_mean (angles)`

Compute the mean of a distribution of angles in radians.

**Parameters**

**angles** [array like] Distribution of angles in radians.

**Returns**

**mean** [float] The mean angle of the distribution in radians.

`pyart.util.circular_stats.angular_mean_deg (angles)`

Compute the mean of a distribution of angles in degrees.

**Parameters**

**angles** [array like] Distribution of angles in degrees.

**Returns**

**mean** [float] The mean angle of the distribution in degrees.

`pyart.util.circular_stats.angular_std (angles)`

Compute the standard deviation of a distribution of angles in radians.

**Parameters**

**angles** [array like] Distribution of angles in radians.

**Returns**

**std** [float] Standard deviation of the distribution.

`pyart.util.circular_stats.angular_std_deg(angles)`

Compute the standard deviation of a distribution of angles in degrees.

**Parameters**

**angles** [array like] Distribution of angles in degrees.

**Returns**

**std** [float] Standard deviation of the distribution.

`pyart.util.circular_stats.interval_mean(dist, interval_min, interval_max)`

Compute the mean of a distribution within an interval.

Return the average of the array elements which are interpreted as being taken from a circular interval with endpoints given by `interval_min` and `interval_max`.

**Parameters**

**dist** [array like] Distribution of values within an interval.

**interval\_min, interval\_max** [float] The endpoints of the interval.

**Returns**

**mean** [float] The mean value of the distribution

`pyart.util.circular_stats.interval_std(dist, interval_min, interval_max)`

Compute the standard deviation of a distribution within an interval.

Return the standard deviation of the array elements which are interpreted as being taken from a circular interval with endpoints given by `interval_min` and `interval_max`.

**Parameters**

**dist** [array like] Distribution of values within an interval.

**interval\_min, interval\_max** [float] The endpoints of the interval.

**Returns**

**std** [float] The standard deviation of the distribution.

`pyart.util.circular_stats.mean_of_two_angles(angles1, angles2)`

Compute the element by element mean of two sets of angles.

**Parameters**

**angles1** [array] First set of angles in radians.

**angles2** [array] Second set of angles in radians.

**Returns**

**mean** [array] Elements by element angular mean of the two sets of angles in radians.

`pyart.util.circular_stats.mean_of_two_angles_deg(angle1, angle2)`

Compute the element by element mean of two sets of angles in degrees.

**Parameters**

**angle1** [array] First set of angles in degrees.

**angle2** [array] Second set of angles in degrees.

**Returns**

**mean** [array] Elements by element angular mean of the two sets of angles in degrees.



## PYART.UTIL.HILDEBRAND\_SEKHON

Estimation of noise in Doppler spectra using the Hildebrand Sekhon method.

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`estimate_noise_hs74(spectrum[, navg])` Estimate noise parameters of a Doppler spectrum.

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`pyart.util.hildebrand_sekhon.estimate_noise_hs74(spectrum, navg=1)`

Estimate noise parameters of a Doppler spectrum.

Use the method of estimating the noise level in Doppler spectra outlined by Hildebrand and Sekhon, 1974.

### Parameters

**spectrum** [array like] Doppler spectrum in linear units.

**navg** [int, optional] The number of spectral bins over which a moving average has been taken. Corresponds to the **p** variable from equation 9 of the article. The default value of 1 is appropriate when no moving average has been applied to the spectrum.

### Returns

**mean** [float-like] Mean of points in the spectrum identified as noise.

**threshold** [float-like] Threshold separating noise from signal. The point in the spectrum with this value or below should be considered as noise, above this value signal. It is possible that all points in the spectrum are identified as noise. If a peak is required for moment calculation then the point with this value should be considered as signal.

**var** [float-like] Variance of the points in the spectrum identified as noise.

**nnoise** [int] Number of noise points in the spectrum.

### References

P. H. Hildebrand and R. S. Sekhon, Objective Determination of the Noise Level in Doppler Spectra. Journal of Applied Meteorology, 1974, 13, 808-811.





## PYART.UTIL.RADAR\_UTILS

Functions for working radar instances.

|   |   |
|---|---|
| <code>is_vpt(radar[, offset])</code>      | Determine if a Radar appears to be a vertical pointing scan.            |
| <code>to_vpt(radar[, single_scan])</code> | Convert an existing Radar object to represent a vertical pointing scan. |
| <code>join_radar(radar1, radar2)</code>   | Combine two radar instances into one.                                   |

`pyart.util.radar_utils.is_vpt (radar, offset=0.5)`  
Determine if a Radar appears to be a vertical pointing scan.

This function only verifies that the object is a vertical pointing scan, use the `to_vpt ()` function to convert the radar to a vpt scan if this function returns True.

### Parameters

**radar** [Radar] Radar object to determine if  
**offset** [float] Maximum offset of the elevation from 90 degrees to still consider to be vertically pointing.

### Returns

**flag** [bool] True if the radar appear to be verticle pointing, False if not.

`pyart.util.radar_utils.join_radar (radar1, radar2)`  
Combine two radar instances into one.

### Parameters

**radar1** [Radar] Radar object.  
**radar2** [Radar] Radar object.

`pyart.util.radar_utils.to_vpt (radar, single_scan=True)`  
Convert an existing Radar object to represent a vertical pointing scan.

This function does not verify that the Radar object contains a vertical pointing scan. To perform such a check use `is_vpt ()`.

### Parameters

**radar** [Radar] Mislabeled vertical pointing scan Radar object to convert to be properly labeled. This object is converted in place, no copy of the existing data is made.  
**single\_scan** [bool, optional] True to convert the volume to a single scan, any azimuth angle data is lost. False will convert the scan to contain the same number of scans as rays, azimuth angles are retained.

Mathematical, signal processing and numerical routines

TODO

Put more stuff in here

```
pyart.util.sigmath.angular_texture_2d(image, N, interval)
```

Compute the angular texture of an image. Uses convolutions in order to speed up texture calculation by a factor of ~50 compared to using `ndimage.generic_filter`

**Parameters**

**image** [2D array of floats] The array containing the velocities in which to calculate texture from.

**N** [int] This is the window size for calculating texture. The texture will be calculated from an N by N window centered around the gate.

**interval** [float] The absolute value of the maximum velocity. In conversion to radial coordinates,  $\pi$  will be defined to be interval and  $-\pi$  will be  $-\text{interval}$ . It is recommended that interval be set to the Nyquist velocity.

**Returns**

**std\_dev** [float array] Texture of the radial velocity field.

```
pyart.util.sigmath.rolling_window(a, window)
```

create a rolling window object for application of functions eg: `result=np.ma.std(array, 11), 1)`

```
pyart.util.sigmath.texture(pyradarobj, field)
```

```
pyart.util.sigmath.texture_along_ray(myradar, var, wind_size=7)
```

Compute field texture along ray using a user specified window size.

**Parameters**

**myradar** [radar object] The radar object where the field is

**var** [str] Name of the field which texture has to be computed

**wind\_size** [int] Optional. Size of the rolling window used

**Returns**

**tex** [radar field] the texture of the specified field



## PYART.UTIL.SIMULATED\_VEL

Function for creating simulated velocity fields.

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*simulated\_vel\_from\_profile*(*radar*, *profile*[, ...]) Create simulated radial velocities from a profile of horizontal winds.

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`pyart.util.simulated_vel.simulated_vel_from_profile(radar, profile, interp_kind='linear', sim_vel_field=None)`

Create simulated radial velocities from a profile of horizontal winds.

### Parameters

**radar** [Radar] Radar instance which provides the scanning parameters for the simulated radial velocities.

**profile** [HorizontalWindProfile] Profile of horizontal winds.

**interp\_kind** [str, optional] Specifies the kind of interpolation used to determine the winds at a given height. Must be one of 'linear', 'nearest', 'zero', 'slinear', 'quadratic', or 'cubic'. The the documentation for the SciPy `scipy.interpolate.interp1d` function for descriptions.

**sim\_vel\_field** [str, optional] Name to use for the simulated velocity field metadata. None will use the default field name from the Py-ART configuration file.

### Returns

**sim\_vel** [dict] Dictionary containing a radar field of simulated radial velocities.



## PYART.UTIL.XSECT

Function for extracting cross sections from radar volumes.

|   |   |
|---|---|
| <code>cross_section_ppi(radar, target_azimuths[, ...])</code> | Extract cross sections from a PPI volume along one or more azimuth angles.  |
| <code>cross_section_rhi(radar, target_elevations)</code>      | Extract cross sections from an RHI volume along one or more elevation angles.   |
| <code>colocated_gates(radar1, radar2[, h_tol, ...])</code>    | Flags radar gates of radar1 colocated with radar2   |
| <code>intersection(radar1, radar2[, h_tol, ...])</code>       | Flags region of radar1 that is intersecting with radar2 and complies with criteria regarding visibility, altitude, range, elevation angle and azimuth angle |
| <code>find_intersection_volume(radar1, radar2[, ...])</code>  | Flags region of radar1 that is intersecting with radar2   |
| <code>find_intersection_limits(lat1, lon1, alt1, ...)</code>  | Find the limits of the intersection between two volumes   |
| <code>find_equal_vol_region(radar1, radar2[, ...])</code>     | Flags regions of radar1 that are equivolumetric (similar pulse volume diameter) with radar2   |
| <code>get_ground_distance(lat_array, lon_array, ...)</code>   | Computes the ground distance to a fixed point   |
| <code>get_range(rng_ground, alt_array, alt0)</code>           | Computes the range to a fixed point from the ground distance and the altitudes  |
| <code>get_vol_diameter(beamwidth, rng)</code>                 | Computes the pulse volume diameter from the antenna beamwidth and the range from the radar  |
| <code>_construct_xsect_radar(radar, scan_type, ...)</code>    | Constructs a new radar object that contains cross-sections at fixed angles of a PPI or RHI volume scan.   |
| <code>_copy_dic(orig_dic[, excluded_keys])</code>             | Return a copy of the original dictionary copying each element.  |

`pyart.util.xsect._construct_xsect_radar` (*radar*, *scan\_type*, *pxsect\_rays*,  
*xsect\_sweep\_start\_ray\_index*,  
*xsect\_sweep\_end\_ray\_index*, *target\_angles*)

Constructs a new radar object that contains cross-sections at fixed angles of a PPI or RHI volume scan.

### Parameters

- radar** [Radar] Radar volume containing RHI/PPI sweeps from which a cross sections will be extracted.
- scan\_type** [str] Type of cross section scan (ppi or rhi)
- pxsect\_rays** [list] list of rays from the radar volume to be copied in the cross-sections radar object
- xsect\_sweep\_start\_ray\_index, xsect\_sweep\_end\_ray\_index** [array of ints] start and end sweep ray index of each cross-section scan

**target\_angles** [array] the target fixed angles

#### Returns

**radar\_xsect** [Radar] Radar volume containing sweeps which contain cross sections from the original volume.

`pyart.util.xsect._copy_dic(orig_dic, excluded_keys=None)`

Return a copy of the original dictionary copying each element.

`pyart.util.xsect.colocated_gates(radar1, radar2, h_tol=0.0, latlon_tol=0.0, coloc_gates_field=None)`

Flags radar gates of radar1 colocated with radar2

#### Parameters

**radar1** [Radar] radar object that is going to be flagged

**radar2** [Radar] radar object

**h\_tol** [float] tolerance in altitude [m]

**latlon\_tol** [float] tolerance in latitude/longitude [deg]

**coloc\_gates\_field** [string] Name of the field to retrieve the data

#### Returns

**coloc\_dict** [dict] a dictionary containing the colocated positions of radar 1 (ele, azi, rng) and radar 2

**coloc\_rad1** : field with the colocated gates of radar1 flagged

`pyart.util.xsect.cross_section_ppi(radar, target_azimuths, az_tol=None)`

Extract cross sections from a PPI volume along one or more azimuth angles.

#### Parameters

**radar** [Radar] Radar volume containing PPI sweeps from which azimuthal cross sections will be extracted.

**target\_azimuth** [list] Azimuthal angles in degrees where cross sections will be taken.

**az\_tol** [float] Azimuth angle tolerance in degrees. If none the nearest angle is used. If valid only angles within the tolerance distance are considered.

#### Returns

**radar\_rhi** [Radar] Radar volume containing RHI sweeps which contain azimuthal cross sections from the original PPI volume.

`pyart.util.xsect.cross_section_rhi(radar, target_elevations, el_tol=None)`

Extract cross sections from an RHI volume along one or more elevation angles.

#### Parameters

**radar** [Radar] Radar volume containing RHI sweeps from which azimuthal cross sections will be extracted.

**target\_elevations** [list] Elevation angles in degrees where cross sections will be taken.

**el\_tol** [float] Elevation angle tolerance in degrees. If none the nearest angle is used. If valid only angles within the tolerance distance are considered.

#### Returns

**radar\_ppi** [Radar] Radar volume containing PPI sweeps which contain azimuthal cross sections from the original RHI volume.



`pyart.util.xsect.find_equal_vol_region(radar1, radar2, vol_d_tol=0)`

Flags regions of radar1 that are equivolumetric (similar pulse volume diameter) with radar2

#### Parameters

**radar1** [Radar] radar object that is going to be flagged

**radar2** [Radar] radar object

**vol\_d\_tol** [float] pulse volume diameter tolerance

#### Returns

**equal\_vol** [2D boolean array] field with true where both radars have a similar pulse volume diameter

`pyart.util.xsect.find_intersection_limits(lat1, lon1, alt1, lat2, lon2, alt2, h_tol=0.0, latlon_tol=0.0)`

Find the limits of the intersection between two volumes

#### Parameters

**lat1, lon1, alt1** [float array] array with the positions of first volume. lat, lon in decimal degrees, alt in m MSL.

**lat2, lon2, alt2** [float array] array with the positions of second volume. lat, lon in decimal degrees, alt in m MSL.

**h\_tol: float** altitude tolerance [m MSL]

**latlon\_tol: float** latitude and longitude tolerance [decimal deg]

#### Returns

**min\_lat, max\_lat, min\_lon, max\_lon, min\_alt, max\_alt** [floats] the limits of the intersecting region

`pyart.util.xsect.find_intersection_volume(radar1, radar2, h_tol=0.0, latlon_tol=0.0)`

Flags region of radar1 that is intersecting with radar2

#### Parameters

**radar1** [Radar] radar object that is going to be flagged

**radar2** [Radar] radar object checked for intersecting region

**h\_tol** [float] tolerance in altitude [m]

**latlon\_tol** [float] latitude and longitude tolerance [decimal deg]

#### Returns

**intersec** [2d array] the field with gates within the common volume flagged

`pyart.util.xsect.get_ground_distance(lat_array, lon_array, lat0, lon0)`

Computes the ground distance to a fixed point

#### Parameters

**lat\_array** [float array] array of latitudes [decimal deg]

**lon\_array** [float array] array of longitudes [decimal deg]

**lat0: float** latitude of fix point

**lon0: float** longitude of fix point

#### Returns

**rng\_ground** [float array] the ground range [m]

`pyart.util.xsect.get_range(rng_ground, alt_array, alt0)`

Computes the range to a fixed point from the ground distance and the altitudes

#### Parameters

**rng\_ground** [float array] array of ground distances [m]

**alt\_array** [float array] array of altitudes [m MSL]

**alt0: float** altitude of fixed point [m MSL]

#### Returns

**rng** [float array] the range [m]

`pyart.util.xsect.get_vol_diameter(beamwidth, rng)`

Computes the pulse volume diameter from the antenna beamwidth and the range from the radar

#### Parameters

**beamwidth** [float] the radar beamwidth [deg]

**rng** [float array] the range from the radar [m]

#### Returns

**vol\_d** [float array] the pulse volume diameter

`pyart.util.xsect.intersection(radar1, radar2, h_tol=0.0, latlon_tol=0.0, vol_d_tol=None, vismin=None, hmin=None, hmax=None, rmin=None, rmax=None, elmin=None, elmax=None, azmin=None, azmax=None, visib_field=None, intersec_field=None)`

Flags region of radar1 that is intersecting with radar2 and complies with criteria regarding visibility, altitude, range, elevation angle and azimuth angle

#### Parameters

**radar1** [Radar] radar object that is going to be flagged

**radar2** [Radar] radar object checked for intersecting region

**h\_tol** [float] tolerance in altitude [m]

**latlon\_tol** [float] latitude and longitude tolerance [decimal deg]

**vol\_d\_tol** [float] pulse volume diameter tolerance [m]

**vismin** [float] minimum visibility [percentage]

**hmin, hmax** [floats] min and max altitude [m MSL]

**rmin, rmax** [floats] min and max range from radar [m]

**elmin, elmax** [floats] min and max elevation angle [deg]

**azmin, azmax** [floats] min and max azimuth angle [deg]

#### Returns

**intersec\_rad1\_dict** [dict] the field with the gates of radar1 in the same region as radar2 flagged

## PYART.BRIDGE.WRADLIB

Py-ART methods linking to wradlib functions, <http://wradlib.org/>

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`texture_of_complex_phase(radar[, ...])` Calculate the texture of the differential phase field.

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`pyart.bridge.wradlib_bridge.texture_of_complex_phase(radar, phidp_field=None, phidp_texture_field=None)`

Calculate the texture of the differential phase field.

Calculate the texture of the real part of the complex differential phase field

### Parameters

**radar** [Radar] Radar object from which to .

**phidp\_field** [str, optional] Name of field in radar which contains the differential phase shift.  
None will use the default field name in the Py-ART configuration file.

**phidp\_texture\_field** [str, optional] Name to use for the differential phase texture field metadata.  
None will use the default field name in the Py-ART configuration file.

### Returns

**texture\_field** [dict] Field dictionary containing the texture of the real part of the complex differential phase.

### References

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## PYART.TESTING.SAMPLE\_FILES

Sample radar files in a number of formats. Many of these files are incomplete, they should only be used for testing, not production.

|                                      |   |
|--------------------------------------|---|
| MDV_PPI_FILE                         | str(object='') -> str str(bytes_or_buffer[, encoding[, errors]]) -> str |
| MDV_RHI_FILE                         | str(object='') -> str str(bytes_or_buffer[, encoding[, errors]]) -> str |
| CFRADIAL_PPI_FILE                    | str(object='') -> str str(bytes_or_buffer[, encoding[, errors]]) -> str |
| CFRADIAL_RHI_FILE                    | str(object='') -> str str(bytes_or_buffer[, encoding[, errors]]) -> str |
| CHL_RHI_FILE                         | str(object='') -> str str(bytes_or_buffer[, encoding[, errors]]) -> str |
| SIGMET_PPI_FILE                      | str(object='') -> str str(bytes_or_buffer[, encoding[, errors]]) -> str |
| SIGMET_RHI_FILE                      | str(object='') -> str str(bytes_or_buffer[, encoding[, errors]]) -> str |
| NEXRAD_ARCHIVE_MSG31_FILE            | str(object='') -> str str(bytes_or_buffer[, encoding[, errors]]) -> str |
| NEXRAD_ARCHIVE_MSG31_COMPRESSED_FILE | str(object='') -> str str(bytes_or_buffer[, encoding[, errors]]) -> str |
| NEXRAD_ARCHIVE_MSG1_FILE             | str(object='') -> str str(bytes_or_buffer[, encoding[, errors]]) -> str |
| NEXRAD_LEVEL3_MSG19                  | str(object='') -> str str(bytes_or_buffer[, encoding[, errors]]) -> str |
| NEXRAD_LEVEL3_MSG163                 | str(object='') -> str str(bytes_or_buffer[, encoding[, errors]]) -> str |
| NEXRAD_CDM_FILE                      | str(object='') -> str str(bytes_or_buffer[, encoding[, errors]]) -> str |
| UF_FILE                              | str(object='') -> str str(bytes_or_buffer[, encoding[, errors]]) -> str |
| INTERP_SOUNDE_FILE                   | str(object='') -> str str(bytes_or_buffer[, encoding[, errors]]) -> str |



## PYART.TESTING.SAMPLE\_OBJECTS

Functions for creating sample Radar and Grid objects.

|   |  |
|---|--|
| <i>make_empty_ppi_radar</i> (ngates, rays_per_sweep, ...) | Return an Radar object, representing a PPI scan.                   |
| <i>make_target_radar</i> ()                               | Return a PPI radar with a target like reflectivity field.          |
| <i>make_velocity_aliased_radar</i> ([alias])              | Return a PPI radar with a target like reflectivity field.          |
| <i>make_single_ray_radar</i> ()                           | Return a PPI radar with a single ray taken from a ARM C-SAPR Radar |
| <i>make_empty_grid</i> (grid_shape, grid_limits)          | Make an empty grid object without any fields or metadata.          |
| <i>make_target_grid</i> ()                                | Make a sample Grid with a rectangular target.                      |
| <i>make_normal_storm</i> (sigma, mu)                      | Make a sample Grid with a gaussian storm target.                   |

`pyart.testing.sample_objects.make_empty_grid(grid_shape, grid_limits)`  
Make an empty grid object without any fields or metadata.

### Parameters

**grid\_shape** [3-tuple of floats] Number of points in the grid (z, y, x).

**grid\_limits** [3-tuple of 2-tuples] Minimum and maximum grid location (inclusive) in meters for the z, y, x coordinates.

### Returns

**grid** [Grid] Empty Grid object, centered near the ARM SGP site (Oklahoma).

`pyart.testing.sample_objects.make_empty_ppi_radar(ngates, rays_per_sweep, nsweeps)`  
Return an Radar object, representing a PPI scan.

### Parameters

**ngates** [int] Number of gates per ray.

**rays\_per\_sweep** [int] Number of rays in each PPI sweep.

**nsweeps** [int] Number of sweeps.

### Returns

**radar** [Radar] Radar object with no fields, other parameters are set to default values.

`pyart.testing.sample_objects.make_empty_rhi_radar(ngates, rays_per_sweep, nsweeps)`  
Return an Radar object, representing a RHI scan.

### Parameters

**ngates** [int] Number of gates per ray.

**rays\_per\_sweep** [int] Number of rays in each PPI sweep.

**nsweeps** [int] Number of sweeps.

#### Returns

**radar** [Radar] Radar object with no fields, other parameters are set to default values.

`pyart.testing.sample_objects.make_normal_storm(sigma, mu)`

Make a sample Grid with a gaussian storm target.

`pyart.testing.sample_objects.make_single_ray_radar()`

Return a PPI radar with a single ray taken from a ARM C-SAPR Radar

Radar object returned has 'reflectivity\_horizontal', 'norm\_coherent\_power', 'copol\_coeff', 'dp\_phase\_shift', 'diff\_phase', and 'differential\_reflectivity' fields with no metadata but a 'data' key. This radar is used for unit tests in correct modules.

`pyart.testing.sample_objects.make_storm_grid()`

Make a sample Grid with a rectangular storm target.

`pyart.testing.sample_objects.make_target_grid()`

Make a sample Grid with a rectangular target.

`pyart.testing.sample_objects.make_target_radar()`

Return a PPI radar with a target like reflectivity field.

`pyart.testing.sample_objects.make_velocity_aliased_radar(alias=True)`

Return a PPI radar with a target like reflectivity field.

Set alias to False to return a de-aliased radar.

`pyart.testing.sample_objects.make_velocity_aliased_rhi_radar(alias=True)`

Return a RHI radar with a target like reflectivity field.

Set alias to False to return a de-aliased radar.



## PYART.TESTING.TMPDIRS

Classes for creating and cleaning temporary directories in unit tests.

|  |  |
|--|--|
| <code>TemporaryDirectory([suffix, prefix, dir])</code>   | Create and return a temporary directory.                       |
| <code>InTemporaryDirectory([suffix, prefix, dir])</code> | Create, return, and change directory to a temporary directory  |
| <code>InGivenDirectory([path])</code>                    | Change directory to given directory for duration of with block |

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**class** pyart.testing.tmpdirs.**InGivenDirectory** (*path=None*)

Bases: `object`

Change directory to given directory for duration of with block

Useful when you want to use *InTemporaryDirectory* for the final test, but you are still debugging. For example, you may want to do this in the end:

```
>>> with InTemporaryDirectory() as tmpdir:
...     # do something complicated which might break
...     pass
```

But indeed the complicated thing does break, and meanwhile the `InTemporaryDirectory` context manager wiped out the directory with the temporary files that you wanted for debugging. So, while debugging, you replace with something like:

```
>>> with InGivenDirectory() as tmpdir: # Use working directory by default
...     # do something complicated which might break
...     pass
```

You can then look at the temporary file outputs to debug what is happening, fix, and finally replace `InGivenDirectory` with `InTemporaryDirectory` again.

```
__class__
    alias of builtins.type

__delattr__ ($self, name, /)
    Implement delattr(self, name).

__dict__ = mappingproxy({'__module__': 'pyart.testing.tmpdirs', '__doc__': '    Change

__dir__ ($self, /)
    Default dir() implementation.

__enter__ ()

__eq__ ($self, value, /)
    Return self==value.

__exit__ (exc, value, tb)

__format__ ($self, format_spec, /)
    Default object formatter.

__ge__ ($self, value, /)
    Return self>=value.

__getattr__ ($self, name, /)
    Return getattr(self, name).

__gt__ ($self, value, /)
    Return self>value.

__hash__ ($self, /)
    Return hash(self).

__init__ (path=None)
    Initialize directory context manager

    Parameters
        path [None or str, optional] path to change directory to, for duration of with block. De-
            faults to os.getcwd() if None

__init_subclass__ ()
    This method is called when a class is subclassed.

    The default implementation does nothing. It may be overridden to extend subclasses.

__le__ ($self, value, /)
    Return self<=value.
```

**\_\_lt\_\_** (\$self, value, /)  
Return self<value.

**\_\_module\_\_** = 'pyart.testing.tmpdirs'

**\_\_ne\_\_** (\$self, value, /)  
Return self!=value.

**\_\_new\_\_** (\$type, \*args, \*\*kwargs)  
Create and return a new object. See help(type) for accurate signature.

**\_\_reduce\_\_** (\$self, /)  
Helper for pickle.

**\_\_reduce\_ex\_\_** (\$self, protocol, /)  
Helper for pickle.

**\_\_repr\_\_** (\$self, /)  
Return repr(self).

**\_\_setattr\_\_** (\$self, name, value, /)  
Implement setattr(self, name, value).

**\_\_sizeof\_\_** (\$self, /)  
Size of object in memory, in bytes.

**\_\_str\_\_** (\$self, /)  
Return str(self).

**\_\_subclasshook\_\_** ()  
Abstract classes can override this to customize issubclass().

This is invoked early on by abc.ABCMeta.\_\_subclasscheck\_\_(). It should return True, False or NotImplemented. If it returns NotImplemented, the normal algorithm is used. Otherwise, it overrides the normal algorithm (and the outcome is cached).

**\_\_weakref\_\_**  
list of weak references to the object (if defined)

**class** pyart.testing.tmpdirs.**InTemporaryDirectory** (suffix="", prefix='tmp', dir=None)  
Bases: [pyart.testing.tmpdirs.TemporaryDirectory](#)  
Create, return, and change directory to a temporary directory

## Examples

```
>>> import os
>>> my_cwd = os.getcwd()
>>> with InTemporaryDirectory() as tmpdir:
...     _ = open('test.txt', 'wt').write('some text')
...     assert os.path.isfile('test.txt')
...     assert os.path.isfile(os.path.join(tmpdir, 'test.txt'))
>>> os.path.exists(tmpdir)
False
>>> os.getcwd() == my_cwd
True
```

## Methods

|         |  |
|---------|--|
| cleanup |  |
|---------|--|

```
__class__
    alias of builtins.type

__delattr__ ($self, name, /)
    Implement delattr(self, name).

__dict__ = mappingproxy({'__module__': 'pyart.testing.tmpdirs', '__doc__': " Create,
__dir__ ($self, /)
    Default dir() implementation.

__enter__ ()

__eq__ ($self, value, /)
    Return self==value.

__exit__ (exc, value, tb)

__format__ ($self, format_spec, /)
    Default object formatter.

__ge__ ($self, value, /)
    Return self>=value.

__getattr__ ($self, name, /)
    Return getattr(self, name).

__gt__ ($self, value, /)
    Return self>value.

__hash__ ($self, /)
    Return hash(self).

__init__ (suffix="", prefix='tmp', dir=None)
    Initialize self. See help(type(self)) for accurate signature.

__init_subclass__ ()
    This method is called when a class is subclassed.

    The default implementation does nothing. It may be overridden to extend subclasses.

__le__ ($self, value, /)
    Return self<=value.

__lt__ ($self, value, /)
    Return self<value.

__module__ = 'pyart.testing.tmpdirs'

__ne__ ($self, value, /)
    Return self!=value.

__new__ ($type, *args, **kwargs)
    Create and return a new object. See help(type) for accurate signature.

__reduce__ ($self, /)
    Helper for pickle.
```

**\_\_reduce\_ex\_\_** (\$self, protocol, /)  
Helper for pickle.

**\_\_repr\_\_** (\$self, /)  
Return repr(self).

**\_\_setattr\_\_** (\$self, name, value, /)  
Implement setattr(self, name, value).

**\_\_sizeof\_\_** (\$self, /)  
Size of object in memory, in bytes.

**\_\_str\_\_** (\$self, /)  
Return str(self).

**\_\_subclasshook\_\_** ()  
Abstract classes can override this to customize issubclass().

This is invoked early on by abc.ABCMeta.\_\_subclasscheck\_\_(). It should return True, False or NotImplemented. If it returns NotImplemented, the normal algorithm is used. Otherwise, it overrides the normal algorithm (and the outcome is cached).

**\_\_weakref\_\_**  
list of weak references to the object (if defined)

**cleanup** ()

**class** pyart.testing.tmpdirs.**TemporaryDirectory** (suffix="", prefix='tmp', dir=None)  
Bases: `object`

Create and return a temporary directory. This has the same behavior as mkdtemp but can be used as a context manager.

Upon exiting the context, the directory and everthing contained in it are removed.

## Examples

```
>>> import os
>>> with TemporaryDirectory() as tmpdir:
...     fname = os.path.join(tmpdir, 'example_file.txt')
...     with open(fname, 'wt') as fobj:
...         _ = fobj.write('a string\n')
>>> os.path.exists(tmpdir)
False
```

## Methods

|         |  |
|---------|--|
| cleanup |  |
|---------|--|

**\_\_class\_\_**  
alias of builtins.type

**\_\_delattr\_\_** (\$self, name, /)  
Implement delattr(self, name).

**\_\_dict\_\_** = `mappingproxy({'__module__': 'pyart.testing.tmpdirs', '__doc__': "Create a`

**\_\_dir\_\_** (*\$self*, /)  
Default dir() implementation.

**\_\_enter\_\_** ()

**\_\_eq\_\_** (*\$self*, *value*, /)  
Return self==value.

**\_\_exit\_\_** (*exc*, *value*, *tb*)

**\_\_format\_\_** (*\$self*, *format\_spec*, /)  
Default object formatter.

**\_\_ge\_\_** (*\$self*, *value*, /)  
Return self>=value.

**\_\_getattr\_\_** (*\$self*, *name*, /)  
Return getattr(self, name).

**\_\_gt\_\_** (*\$self*, *value*, /)  
Return self>value.

**\_\_hash\_\_** (*\$self*, /)  
Return hash(self).

**\_\_init\_\_** (*suffix*=", *prefix*='tmp', *dir*=None)  
Initialize self. See help(type(self)) for accurate signature.

**\_\_init\_subclass\_\_** ()  
This method is called when a class is subclassed.  
  
The default implementation does nothing. It may be overridden to extend subclasses.

**\_\_le\_\_** (*\$self*, *value*, /)  
Return self<=value.

**\_\_lt\_\_** (*\$self*, *value*, /)  
Return self<value.

**\_\_module\_\_** = 'pyart.testing.tmpdirs'

**\_\_ne\_\_** (*\$self*, *value*, /)  
Return self!=value.

**\_\_new\_\_** (*\$type*, \**args*, \*\**kwargs*)  
Create and return a new object. See help(type) for accurate signature.

**\_\_reduce\_\_** (*\$self*, /)  
Helper for pickle.

**\_\_reduce\_ex\_\_** (*\$self*, *protocol*, /)  
Helper for pickle.

**\_\_repr\_\_** (*\$self*, /)  
Return repr(self).

**\_\_setattr\_\_** (*\$self*, *name*, *value*, /)  
Implement setattr(self, name, value).

**\_\_sizeof\_\_** (*\$self*, /)  
Size of object in memory, in bytes.

**\_\_str\_\_** (*\$self*, /)  
Return str(self).

**\_\_subclasshook\_\_()**

Abstract classes can override this to customize `issubclass()`.

This is invoked early on by `abc.ABCMeta.__subclasscheck__()`. It should return `True`, `False` or `NotImplemented`. If it returns `NotImplemented`, the normal algorithm is used. Otherwise, it overrides the normal algorithm (and the outcome is cached).

**\_\_weakref\_\_**

list of weak references to the object (if defined)

**cleanup()**





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