

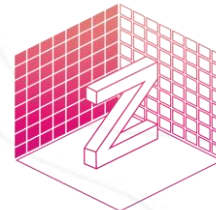
Accessing NWC SAF buckets with kerchunk, virtualizarr & icechunk

Applied to NWC SAF EWC buckets



Accessing NWC SAF CF buckets with kerchunk, virtualizarr & icechunk.

Short guide for: <https://gitlab.aemet.es/jllisov/vzarr.git>



The project is a set of notebooks teaching how to build virtual data cubes from NWC SAF CF buckets.

Virtual access implies do not duplicating the files to build the datacube.

The lessons use the buckets containing NWC SAF GEO reformatted outputs on EWC.

The format of the files is the precursor for MTG format of the NWC SAF.

This bucket is public inside the EWC ("*nwc-saf.0-degree.level-2-cf*")

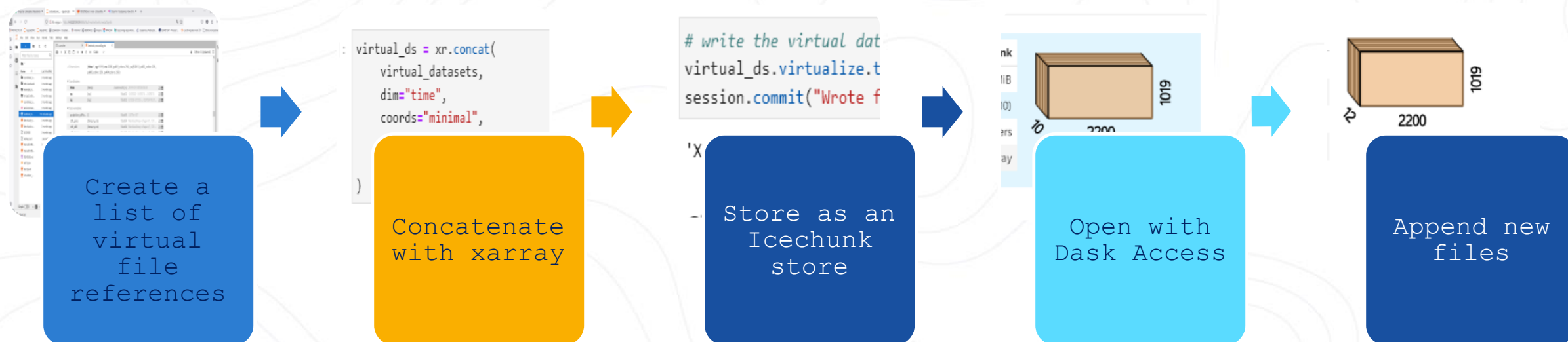
The full lessons can be executed only on EWC.

Once cloned the project and created the **Vzarr** conda environment you should activate the environment and launch the jupyter lab session with:

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jupyter lab --ip 0.0.0.0 --port 8888
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Workflow:



Features

Using Virtualizarr implies do not duplicating the files to build the datacube.

The file collection is accessed via xarray.

Data Access:
xarray datasets

- *Dask arrays*
- *Lazy/graph/memory*

The files are not duplicated.
An index file is build (json/parquet)



Lessons learned

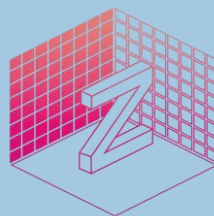
The time dimension to stack the files is needed. Use CF time dimension

The spatial dimensions should match, this should be checked/forced

icechunch offers the best performance & is more pythonic

Use parquet for big collections





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