

SAR Doppler User Guide

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This jupyter-book is to serve as a user manual on how to access, open, interact, visualize and plot SAR data. This refers to the calibrated geophysical range Doppler frequency shift retrievals from the ENVISAT ASAR wide-swath acquisitions obtained between 2002 and 2012.

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SAR Dataset Accessibility

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Work in progress notebook

There are several ways to find and access the SAR datasets. These are the datasets which contain the calibrated geophysical range Doppler frequency shift retrievals from the ENVISAT ASAR wide-swath acquisitions obtained between 2002 and 2012. In the following a description of some selected methods for finding and extracting these datasets are presented.

Find Data Through Web Search

All data is freely available and can be found in the MET Norway thredds catalog: <https://thredds.met.no/thredds/catalog.html>

Dataset

-  [ArcticDataCentre/](#)
-  [Weather forecasts/](#)
-  [Climate Modelling and Air Pollution/](#)
-  [Observations/](#)
-  [Ocean and Ice/](#)
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The ENVISAT ASAR datasets are located at: <https://thredds.met.no/thredds/catalog/remotesensingenvisat/asar-doppler/catalog.html>

Or just following this folder structure: Observations/Remotesensing_archive/ENVISAT_ASAR_Doppler:

Dataset

-  [ENVISAT ASAR Doppler](#)
-  [2012/](#)

Entering the subfolder, each individual netCDF-file is found under separate pathways depending on their respective dates. Wanting to access the files for a specific date, the datasets are listed with the following structure: YEAR/MONTH/DAY

Underneath the path to 2012/01/27 is shown:

Dataset

-  [2012](#)
 -  [04/](#)
 -  [03/](#)
 -  [02/](#)
 -  [01/](#)

Dataset



[01](#)



[31/](#)



[30/](#)



[29/](#)



[28/](#)



[27/](#)

Dataset



[27](#)

[ASA_WSDV2PRNMI20120127_215005_000614583111_00101_51839_0000.nc](#)

[ASA_WSDV2PRNMI20120127_215005_000614473111_00101_51839_0000.nc](#)

[ASA_WSDV2PRNMI20120127_214952_000597273111_00101_51839_0000.nc](#)

[ASA_WSDV2PRNMI20120127_214952_000597163111_00101_51839_0000.nc](#)

[ASA_WSDV2PRNMI20120127_205740_000624723111_00100_51838_0000.nc](#)

[ASA_WSDV2PRNMI20120127_205740_000624603111_00100_51838_0000.nc](#)

[ASA_WSDV2PRNMI20120127_205639_000624723111_00100_51838_0000.nc](#)

[ASA_WSDV2PRNMI20120127_205639_000624603111_00100_51838_0000.nc](#)

[ASA_WSDV2PRNMI20120127_205539_000624723111_00100_51838_0000.nc](#)

[ASA_WSDV2PRNMI20120127_205539_000624603111_00100_51838_0000.nc](#)

[ASA_WSDV2PRNMI20120127_205457_000598263111_00100_51838_0000.nc](#)

[ASA_WSDV2PRNMI20120127_205457_000598163111_00100_51838_0000.nc](#)

[ASA_WSDV2PRNMI20120127_200143_000616353111_00100_51838_0000.nc](#)

[ASA_WSDV2PRNMI20120127_200143_000616233111_00100_51838_0000.nc](#)

[ASA_WSDV2PRNMI20120127_200132_000624723111_00100_51838_0000.nc](#)

[ASA_WSDV2PRNMI20120127_200132_000624603111_00100_51838_0000.nc](#)

[ASA_WSDV2PRNMI20120127_200032_000624723111_00100_51838_0000.nc](#)

[ASA_WSDV2PRNMI20120127_200032_000624603111_00100_51838_0000.nc](#)

[ASA_WSDV2PRNMI20120127_195957_000598263111_00100_51838_0000.nc](#)

[ASA_WSDV2PRNMI20120127_195957_000598163111_00100_51838_0000.nc](#)

[ASA_WSDV2PRNMI20120127_182343_000611603111_00099_51837_0000.nc](#)

[ASA_WSDV2PRNMI20120127_182343_000611483111_00099_51837_0000.nc](#)

The entire list of files from the specified date are then accessible (the list goes on).

Access Data

Upon accessing a specific netCDF-file four different “Access”-options are available. These are “OPENDAP”, “HTTPServer”, “WCS” and “WMS”.



Catalog <https://thredds.met.no/thredds/catalog/remotesensingenvisat/asar-doppler/2012/01/27/catalog.html>

Dataset: [27/ASA_WSDV2PRNMI20120127_215005_000614583111_00101_51839_0000.nc](https://thredds.met.no/thredds/dodsC/remotesensingenvisat/asar-doppler/2012/01/27/ASA_WSDV2PRNMI20120127_215005_000614583111_00101_51839_0000.nc)

- Data size: 36.12 Mbytes
- ID: remotesensingenvisat/asar-doppler/2012/01/27/ASA_WSDV2PRNMI20120127_215005_000614583111_00101_51839_0000.nc

Access:

1. OPENDAP: [/thredds/dodsC/remotesensingenvisat/asar-doppler/2012/01/27/ASA_WSDV2PRNMI20120127_215005_000614583111_00101_51839_0000.nc](https://thredds.dodsC/remotesensingenvisat/asar-doppler/2012/01/27/ASA_WSDV2PRNMI20120127_215005_000614583111_00101_51839_0000.nc)
2. HTTPServer: [/thredds/fileServer/remotesensingenvisat/asar-doppler/2012/01/27/ASA_WSDV2PRNMI20120127_215005_000614583111_00101_51839_0000.nc](https://thredds/fileServer/remotesensingenvisat/asar-doppler/2012/01/27/ASA_WSDV2PRNMI20120127_215005_000614583111_00101_51839_0000.nc)
3. WCS: [/thredds/wcs/remotesensingenvisat/asar-doppler/2012/01/27/ASA_WSDV2PRNMI20120127_215005_000614583111_00101_51839_0000.nc](https://thredds/wcs/remotesensingenvisat/asar-doppler/2012/01/27/ASA_WSDV2PRNMI20120127_215005_000614583111_00101_51839_0000.nc)
4. WMS: [/thredds/wms/remotesensingenvisat/asar-doppler/2012/01/27/ASA_WSDV2PRNMI20120127_215005_000614583111_00101_51839_0000.nc](https://thredds/wms/remotesensingenvisat/asar-doppler/2012/01/27/ASA_WSDV2PRNMI20120127_215005_000614583111_00101_51839_0000.nc)

Dates:

- 2024-07-02T12:36:06Z (modified)

Viewers:

- Godiva2 (browser-based)
 - NetCDF-Java ToolsUI (webstart)
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In the following the use of “OPENDAP” is explained closer. This is an easy and efficient way of accessing data. In the examples below the netCDF file

“ASA_WSDV2PRNMI20120127_215005_000614583111_00101_51839_0000.nc” (the uppermost file under 2012/01/27) is used as an example.

OPENDAP - Using xarray:

The data is easily accessed through OPENDAP by the use of the xarray python package. Below is an example on how to use xarray to open and investigate a desired dataset. This procedure makes it easy to inspect the Dimensions, Coordinates, Data Variables, Indexes and Attributes of the dataset in question.

```

# Import the required package: xarray
import xarray as xr

# Providing the OPENDAP-url
OPENDAP_url = '''https://thredds.met.no/thredds/dodsC
/remotesensingenvisat/asar-doppler/2012/01/27/
ASA_WSDV2PRNMI20120127_215005_000612433111_00101
_51839_0000.nc'''

# Using xarray to open the dataset using the OPENDAP-url
ds = xr.open_dataset(OPENDAP_url)

# Investigating the metadata as an xarray.Dataset
ds

```

xarray.Dataset

- ▶ Dimensions: (y: 602, x: 851)
- ▶ Coordinates: (0)
- ▶ Data variables:
(23)
- ▶ Indexes: (0)
- ▶ Attributes: (73)

Find Data Through CSW (Catalog Service on the Web)

Data can also be found through CSW (Catalog Service on the Web), and a practical and efficient function to extract data which satisfies certain condition is to be found here metno/esa-coscaw-data-search. An example on how to import the required function from its folder, and how to use it is included below. The SearchCSW function takes the following arguments:

- time - This is a specific datetime.datetime to set as a starting point. Default is “now” (time = datetime.datetime.now(timezone(“utc”))), i.e. the time at each individual

execution of the function.

- dt - The time intervall to search within. Depending on what “time” is selected, the search will higlight datasets which spans from (time - dt/2) and up to (time + dt/2). Default is dt = 24.
- text - A certain part of the desired file name of the dataset to be served as a string. Default is text = None.
- boundary_box - Just what it sounds like; a geographically bounded box for which the desired datasets only need to intersect. It is structured as follows: [Westernmost Longitude, Southernmost Latitude, Easternmost Longitude, Northernmost Latitude]. Values are in degrees east and degrees north. Default spans the entire globe [-180, -90, 180, 90].
- endpoint - The endpoint for which to search through.

NEED TO CHANGE THE ENDPOINT WHEN DATA IS MADE AVAILABLE

```

from fadg.find_and_collocate import SearchCSW
from datetime import datetime, timedelta

##### Time and dt #####
time_str = '2012-02-15 00:00:00'
''' Valid datetime string for the SearchCSW function.
Default is the time right now; now = datetime.now() '''

time = datetime.strptime(time_str, '%Y-%m-%d %H:%M:%S')

dt = 24          # dt : float (default 24)
                 # Total time interval in hours before and after the given
                 # (dt is centered around the selected time).

print(f'''Finding data within the timespan of:
    {time - timedelta(hours=dt/2)} and
    {time + timedelta(hours=dt/2)}.''')
print('\n')

##### Text #####
Text = "Doppler"
''' This text string needs to be a part of
the filename of the files to be found.''''

print(f'Finding data with file names containing "{Text}".')
print('\n')

##### bbox #####
Boundary_Box = [34.9, 80.9, 35.1, 81]
''' This boundary box only have to be intersected by
the geographical extent of the desired datasets.
Default : [-180, -90, 180, 90] '''

print(f'''Finding data intersected by the this specified boundary box:
    {Boundary_Box}.''')
print('\n')

##### endpoint #####
# Endpoint = "https://data.csw.met.no"
Endpoint = "https://csw.s-enda-staging.k8s.met.no"
''' The site at which the data is located '''

print(f"Searching for data with endpoint set to: {Endpoint}.")
print('\n')

##### Finding the Corresponding datasets #####
sar = SearchCSW(time = time,
                 dt = dt,
                 text = Text,
                 bbox = Boundary_Box,
                 endpoint = Endpoint)

```

```

### How many files are found
if len(sar.urls) == 0:
    print('No data match the chosen credentials...')
elif len(sar.urls) == 1:
    print(f'''There is {len(sar.urls)} file which match the chosen credentials!''')
else:
    print(f'''There are {len(sar.urls)} files which match the chosen credentials!''')

print('\n')

### Provide the found URLs
sar.urls.sort() # Gives me none, but still appears to sort the list
print('''These are the Opendap-URLs of the datasets
which match the chosen credentials:''')
sar.urls

```

Finding data within the timespan of:
 2012-02-14 12:00:00 and
 2012-02-15 12:00:00.

Finding data with file names containing "Doppler".

Finding data intersected by the this specified boundary box:
 [34.9, 80.9, 35.1, 81].

Searching for data with endpoint set to: <https://csw.s-enda-staging.k8s.me>

There are 4 files which match the chosen credentials!

These are the Opendap-URLs of the datasets
 which match the chosen credentials:

```

['https://thredds.met.no/thredds/dodsC/remotesensingvisat/asar-doppler/2',
 'https://thredds.met.no/thredds/dodsC/remotesensingvisat/asar-doppler/2',
 'https://thredds.met.no/thredds/dodsC/remotesensingvisat/asar-doppler/2',
 'https://thredds.met.no/thredds/dodsC/remotesensingvisat/asar-doppler/2']

```

Get Parent Datasets and their Children (or Dataset Series in ISO 19115) with OGC CSW - Change identifier when no longer on staging site - 3

ALTERATIONS REQUIRED! Change endpoint (in all links) when data is available on data.met.no:
<https://csw.s-enda-staging.k8s.met.no> → <https://data.csw.met.no>.

MET Norway organises datasets in parent-child relationships. A parent can be a given model simulation like [Calibrated geophysical ENVISAT ASAR wide-swath range Doppler frequency shift retrievals](#), where the link provides the OGC CSW result of a search for "ASAR".

The same search but with results provided in ISO format: <https://csw.s-enda-staging.k8s.met.no/csw?SERVICE=CSW&VERSION=2.0.2&REQUEST=GetRecords&RESULTTYPE=results&TYPENAMES=csw:Record&ElementSetName=full&q=ASAR&outputschema=http://www.isotc211.org/2005/gmd>

Here, a field gmd:parentIdentifier provides the metadata identification of the parent dataset, i.e., no.met.staging:e19b9c36-a9dc-4e13-8827-c998b9045b54. CHANGE HERE

Note: To see full links below open the page as a HTML, jupyter notebook or jupyter book.

Get the parent dataset:

```
https://csw.s-enda-staging.k8s.met.no/csw?service=CSW&version=2.0.2&request=GetRecords&resultType=results&typeNames=csw:Record&elementSetName=full&q=ASAR&outputSchema=http://www.isotc211.org/2005/gmd
```

Get all its children:

```
https://csw.s-enda-staging.k8s.met.no/csw?service=CSW&version=2.0.2&request=GetRecords&resultType=results&typeNames=csw:Record&elementSetName=full&q=ASAR&outputSchema=http://www.isotc211.org/2005/gmd
```

To find all parent datasets:

```
https://csw.s-enda-staging.k8s.met.no/csw?service=CSW&version=2.0.2&request=GetRecords&resultType=results&typeNames=csw:Record&elementSetName=full&q=ASAR&outputSchema=http://www.isotc211.org/2005/gmd
```


Find Data with OpenSearch - Need to change the endpoint of all after data become available at
[data.met.no: https://csw.s-enda-staging.k8s.met.no](https://csw.s-enda-staging.k8s.met.no)
→ <https://data.csw.met.no>.

[OpenSearch](#) is a way for websites and search engines to publish search results in a standard and accessible format.

To find all datasets in the catalogue (Note: To see full links below open the page as a HTML, jupyter notebook or jupyter book):

```
https://csw.s-enda-staging.k8s.met.no/?mode=opensearch&service=CSW&version=1.0.0
```

Or datasets within a given time span (for instance: from 2012-02-01 to 2012-02-05):

```
https://csw.s-enda-staging.k8s.met.no/?mode=opensearch&service=CSW&version=1.0.0&fromDate=2012-02-01T00:00:00Z&toDate=2012-02-05T23:59:59Z
```

Or datasets within a geographical domain (defined as a box with parameters min_longitude, min_latitude, max_longitude, max_latitude - for instance [0, 70, 10, 80]):

```
https://csw.s-enda-staging.k8s.met.no/?mode=opensearch&service=CSW&version=1.0.0&minLongitude=0&minLatitude=70&maxLongitude=10&maxLatitude=80
```

Or datasets with “ENVISAT ASAR wide-swath range Doppler frequency shift” in the title:

```
https://csw.s-enda-staging.k8s.met.no/?mode=opensearch&service=CSW&version=1.0.0&title=ENVISAT%20ASAR%20wide-swath%20range%20Doppler%20frequency%20shift
```

Or datasets with all the three specifications above:

```
https://csw.s-enda-staging.k8s.met.no/?mode=opensearch&service=CSW&version=1.0.0&fromDate=2012-02-01T00:00:00Z&toDate=2012-02-05T23:59:59Z&minLongitude=0&minLatitude=70&maxLongitude=10&maxLatitude=80&title=ENVISAT%20ASAR%20wide-swath%20range%20Doppler%20frequency%20shift
```

More Advanced Geographical Search with OGC CSW

PyCSW opensearch only supports geographical searches querying for a box. For more advanced geographical searches, one must write specific XML files.

The XML-files listed below are also available in the notebooks-folder. Also, they are visible in their entirety if page is open as a HTML, jupyter note book or jupyter book.

Here are some examples:

- To find all datasets containing a point:
 - XML-file name: my_xml_requestContaining_a_point.xml
 - Here the coordinates of the point is 59.0 degrees north and 4.0 degrees east.

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="ISO-8859-1" standalone="no"?>
<csw:GetRecords
    xmlns:csw="http://www.opengis.net/cat/csw/2.0.2"
    xmlns:ogc="http://www.opengis.net/ogc"
    xmlns:gml="http://www.opengis.net/gml"
    xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
    service="CSW"
    version="2.0.2"
    resultType="results"
    maxRecords="10"
    outputFormat="application/xml"
    outputSchema="http://www.opengis.net/cat/csw/2.0.2"
    xsi:schemaLocation="http://www.opengis.net/cat/csw/2.0.2 http://schemas.opengis.net/cat/csw/2.0.2/csw.xsd">
<csw:Query typeNames="csw:Record">
    <csw:ElementSetName>full</csw:ElementSetName>
    <csw:Constraint version="1.1.0">
        <ogc:Filter>
            <ogc:Contains>
                <ogc:PropertyName>ows:BoundingBox</ogc:PropertyName>
                <gml:Point>
                    <gml:pos srsDimension="2">59.0 4.0</gml:pos>
                </gml:Point>
            </ogc:Contains>
        </ogc:Filter>
    </csw:Constraint>
</csw:Query>
</csw:GetRecords>
```

- To find all datasets intersecting a polygon:
 - XML-file name: my_xml_requestIntersecting_a_polygon.xml
 - Here the polygon is [westernmost lon, southernmost lat, easternmost lon,

northernmost lat] = [-5.00, -47.00, 20.00, 55.00]. The first and last coupled coordinate is the same to close the polygon.

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="ISO-8859-1" standalone="no"?>
<csw:GetRecords
    xmlns:csw="http://www.opengis.net/cat/csw/2.0.2"
    xmlns:gml="http://www.opengis.net/gml"
    xmlns:ogc="http://www.opengis.net/ogc"
    xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
    service="CSW"
    version="2.0.2"
    resultType="results"
    maxRecords="10"
    outputFormat="application/xml"
    outputSchema="http://www.opengis.net/cat/csw/2.0.2"
    xsi:schemaLocation="http://www.opengis.net/cat/csw/2.0.2 http://schema
<csw:Query typeNames="csw:Record">
    <csw:ElementSetName>full</csw:ElementSetName>
    <csw:Constraint version="1.1.0">
        <ogc:Filter>
            <ogc:Intersects>
                <ogc:PropertyName>ows:BoundingBox</ogc:PropertyName>
                <gml:Polygon>
                    <gml:exterior>
                        <gml:LinearRing>
                            <gml:posList>
                                47.00 -5.00 55.00 -5.00 55.00 20.00 47.00 20.00 47.00 -5
                            </gml:posList>
                        </gml:LinearRing>
                    </gml:exterior>
                </gml:Polygon>
            </ogc:Intersects>
        </ogc:Filter>
    </csw:Constraint>
</csw:Query>
</csw:GetRecords>
```

- To find all datasets intersecting a polygon within a given time span:
 - XML-file name:
my_xml_request_intersecting_a_polygon_within_a_given_time_span.xml
 - Here the polygon is [westernmost lon, southernmost lat, easternmost lon, northernmost lat] = [-10.00, 70.00, 10.00, 80.00]. The first and last coupled coordinate is the same to close the polygon.
 - Here the start time is 2018-01-01 00:00.
 - Here the end tim is 2022-01-01 00:00.

```

<?xml version="1.0" encoding="ISO-8859-1" standalone="no"?>
<csw:GetRecords
    xmlns:csw="http://www.opengis.net/cat/csw/2.0.2"
    xmlns:gml="http://www.opengis.net/gml"
    xmlns:ogc="http://www.opengis.net/ogc"
    xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
    service="CSW"
    version="2.0.2"
    resultType="results"
    maxRecords="100"
    outputFormat="application/xml"
    outputSchema="http://www.opengis.net/cat/csw/2.0.2"
    xsi:schemaLocation="http://www.opengis.net/cat/csw/2.0.2 http://schemas.opengis.net/cat/csw/2.0.2/csw.xsd">
<csw:Query typeNames="csw:Record">
    <csw:ElementSetName>summary</csw:ElementSetName>
    <csw:Constraint version="1.1.0">
        <ogc:Filter>
            <ogc:And>
                <ogc:Intersects>
                    <ogc:PropertyName>ows:BoundingBox</ogc:PropertyName>
                    <gml:Polygon>
                        <gml:exterior>
                            <gml:LinearRing>
                                <gml:posList>
                                    70.00 -10.00 80.00 -10.00 80.00 10.00 70.00 10.00 70.00
                                </gml:posList>
                            </gml:LinearRing>
                        </gml:exterior>
                    </gml:Polygon>
                </ogc:Intersects>
                <ogc:PropertyIsGreaterThanOrEqualTo>
                    <ogc:PropertyName>apiso:TempExtent_begin</ogc:PropertyName>
                    <ogc:Literal>2018-01-01 00:00</ogc:Literal>
                </ogc:PropertyIsGreaterThanOrEqualTo>
                <ogc:PropertyIsLessThanOrEqualTo>
                    <ogc:PropertyName>apiso:TempExtent_end</ogc:PropertyName>
                    <ogc:Literal>2022-01-01 00:00</ogc:Literal>
                </ogc:PropertyIsLessThanOrEqualTo>
            </ogc:And>
        </ogc:Filter>
    </csw:Constraint>
</csw:Query>
</csw:GetRecords>

```

- To find all datasets intersecting a polygon within a given time span and with a certain text string:
 - XML-file name:
my_xml_request_intersecting_a_polygon_within_a_given_time_span_and_certain_text_string
 - Here the polygon is [westernmost lon, southernmost lat, easternmost lon, northernmost lat] = [-10.00, 70.00, 10.00, 80.00]. The first and last coupled coordinate is the same to close the polygon.

- Here the start time is 2012-02-01 00:00.
- Here the end tim is 2012-02-03 00:00.
- The recognizable string is “ENVISAT ASAR”.

```

<?xml version="1.0" encoding="ISO-8859-1" standalone="no"?>
<csw:GetRecords
    xmlns:csw="http://www.opengis.net/cat/csw/2.0.2"
    xmlns:gml="http://www.opengis.net/gml"
    xmlns:ogc="http://www.opengis.net/ogc"
    xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
    service="CSW"
    version="2.0.2"
    resultType="results"
    maxRecords="100"
    outputFormat="application/xml"
    outputSchema="http://www.opengis.net/cat/csw/2.0.2"
    xsi:schemaLocation="http://www.opengis.net/cat/csw/2.0.2 http://schemas.opengis.net/cat/csw/2.0.2/cswGetRecords.xsd">
<csw:Query typeNames="csw:Record">
    <csw:ElementSetName>summary</csw:ElementSetName>
    <csw:Constraint version="1.1.0">
        <ogc:Filter>
            <ogc:And>
                <ogc:Intersects>
                    <ogc:PropertyName>ows:BoundingBox</ogc:PropertyName>
                    <gml:Polygon>
                        <gml:exterior>
                            <gml:LinearRing>
                                <gml:posList>
                                    70.00 -10.00 80.00 -10.00 80.00 10.00 70.00 10.00 70.00
                                </gml:posList>
                            </gml:LinearRing>
                        </gml:exterior>
                    </gml:Polygon>
                </ogc:Intersects>
                <ogc:PropertyIsGreaterThanOrEqualTo>
                    <ogc:PropertyName>apiso:TempExtent_begin</ogc:PropertyName>
                    <ogc:Literal>2012-02-01 00:00</ogc:Literal>
                </ogc:PropertyIsGreaterThanOrEqualTo>
                <ogc:PropertyIsLessThanOrEqualTo>
                    <ogc:PropertyName>apiso:TempExtent_end</ogc:PropertyName>
                    <ogc:Literal>2012-02-03 00:00</ogc:Literal>
                </ogc:PropertyIsLessThanOrEqualTo>
                <ogc:PropertyIsLike wildCard="#" singleChar="_" escapeChar="\\">
                    <ogc:PropertyName>dc:title</ogc:PropertyName>
                    <ogc:Literal>%ENVISAT ASAR%</ogc:Literal>
                </ogc:PropertyIsLike>
            </ogc:And>
        </ogc:Filter>
    </csw:Constraint>
</csw:Query>
</csw:GetRecords>

```

Query CSW Endpoint by the Use of Python

- Then, you can query the CSW endpoint and print the response text using, e.g.,
python:

```
import requests
import xarray as xr
import re
import sys

### Define the headers
headers = {'Content-Type': 'application/xml'}

### Specify the xml-file that should be used for the search
# - As mentioned all the XML-files listed above can be found
#   in the notebooks folder.

# my_xml_request = 'my_xml_request_containing_a_point.xml'
# my_xml_request = 'my_xml_request_intersecting_a_polygon.xml'
# my_xml_request = 'my_xml_request_intersecting_a_polygon_within_a_given_'
my_xml_request = 'my_xml_request_intersecting_a_polygon_within_a_given_tir'

# Open and read the XML file
with open(my_xml_request, 'r') as file:
    xml_data = file.read()

### Send the POST request MUST ALTER ENDPOINT
# response = requests.post('https://data.csw.met.no',
#                           data=xml_data,
#                           headers=headers)

response = requests.post('https://csw.s-enda-staging.k8s.met.no',
                           data=xml_data,
                           headers=headers)

# The response text
print(response.text)
print('\n')
```

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8" standalone="no"?>
<!-- pycsw 2.7.dev0 -->
<csw:GetRecordsResponse xmlns:csw="http://www.opengis.net/cat/csw/2.0.2" >
```

```

### Extract the OPENDAP urls

''' The pattern 'https.*?\.nc(?:ml)?' is
"https://thredds.met.no/thredds/dodsC/{regardless_of_what_is_in_between}.".
where the "ml" ending is inculded only if found. '''

### Opendap url format
my_pattern= r'https://thredds.met.no/thredds/dodsC/.*?\.nc(?:ml)?'

###.findall() function returns all non-overlapping matches of
# my_pattern in string, as a list of strings
opendap_urls = re.findall(my_pattern, response.text)

# List of OPENDAP urls
print(f'List contains {len(opendap_urls)} urls:')
for url in opendap_urls:
    print(url)

# Check if there are any files - Statement if not
if len(opendap_urls) > 0:

    # Open the first dataset in the list of urls
    print('\n')
    print("Opening the first dataset with xarray:")
    ds = xr.open_dataset(opendap_urls[0])

else:
    ds = "No file(s) match the search criterias."


ds

```

List contains 10 urls:

https://thredds.met.no/thredds/dodsC/remotesensingenvisat/asar-doppler/201
 https://thredds.met.no/thredds/dodsC/remotesensingenvisat/asar-doppler/201
 https://thredds.met.no/thredds/dodsC/remotesensingenvisat/asar-doppler/201
 https://thredds.met.no/thredds/dodsC/remotesensingenvisat/asar-doppler/201
 https://thredds.met.no/thredds/dodsC/remotesensingenvisat/asar-doppler/201
 https://thredds.met.no/thredds/dodsC/remotesensingenvisat/asar-doppler/201
 https://thredds.met.no/thredds/dodsC/remotesensingenvisat/asar-doppler/201
 https://thredds.met.no/thredds/dodsC/remotesensingenvisat/asar-doppler/201
 https://thredds.met.no/thredds/dodsC/remotesensingenvisat/asar-doppler/201
 https://thredds.met.no/thredds/dodsC/remotesensingenvisat/asar-doppler/201

Opening the first dataset with xarray:

xarray.Dataset

► Dimensions: (y: 591, x: 847)

► Coordinates: (0)

► Data variables:

(22)

► Indexes: (0)

► Attributes: (75)

NOTE: There seems to be a server-side limit on the number of records returned in a single response, regardless of the “maxRecords” value in the request. It’s not uncommon for servers to have such limits to prevent excessively large responses. Here this limit appears to be 10 records for every request.

To retrieve the rest of the records, you can make use of the startPosition attribute. By setting startPosition=”11”, you can retrieve the next set of records starting from the 11th record.

Here’s how you would add it to one of the XML files listed above:

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="ISO-8859-1" standalone="no"?>
<csw:GetRecords
    xmlns:csw="http://www.opengis.net/cat/csw/2.0.2"
    xmlns:gml="http://www.opengis.net/gml"
    xmlns:ogc="http://www.opengis.net/ogc"
    xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
    service="CSW"
    version="2.0.2"
    resultType="results"
    maxRecords="100"
    startPosition="11"
    outputFormat="application/xml"
    outputSchema="http://www.opengis.net/cat/csw/2.0.2"
    xsi:schemaLocation="http://www.opengis.net/cat/csw/2.0.2 http://schema
    <!-- rest of the XML file -->
/>
```

This way, you can “paginate” through the records by making multiple requests and incrementing startPosition each time.

Query CSW Endpoint by the Use an HTTP POST (From the Terminal)

- Alternatively, one can also use an HTTP POST request to query to the PyCSW server directly from the terminal. The steps are as follows:
 1. Make sure that you have one of the listed XML-files above, or one that have been composed for the search saved.
 2. Then, use curl (a command-line tool for making HTTP requests) to send a POST request to the PyCSW server. Here's an example:

```
%%bash
# curl -X POST -H "Content-Type: application/xml" -d \
# @my_xml_request_intersecting_a_polygon_within_a_given_time_span_and_certai...
# https://data.csw.met.no

curl -X POST -H "Content-Type: application/xml" -d \
@my_xml_request_intersecting_a_polygon_within_a_given_time_span_and_certai...
https://csw.s-enda-staging.k8s.met.no
```

```
% Total    % Received % Xferd  Average Speed   Time      Time      Time  Cn
```

```
          Dload  Upload   Total  Spent   Left  Sp
```

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8" standalone="no"?>
```

```
<!-- pyCSW 2.7.dev0 -->
```

```
 0       0       0       0       0       0       0       0       0
100  25208   100  23326   100   1882   89335   7207  --:--:-- --:--:-- --:--:-- 9
```

```
<csw:GetRecordsResponse xmlns:csw="http://www.opengis.net/cat/csw/2.0.2" >
```

- In this example, <https://csw.s-enda-staging.k8s.met.no> (<https://data.csw.met.no>) is the URL of the PyCSW server. The -X POST option specifies that this is a POST request, the -H “Content-Type: application/xml” option sets the content type of the request to XML, and the -d @my_xml_request_intersecting_a_polygon_within_a_given_time_span_and_certain_te option attaches the contents of the querying XML file to the request.

3. The server will respond with an XML document containing the search results.

You can save this document to a file using the -o option with curl:

```
%%bash
# curl -X POST -H "Content-Type: application/xml" -d \
# @my_xml_request_intersecting_a_polygon_within_a_given_time_span_and_cer-
# -o \
# query_results.xml https://data.csw.met.no

curl -X POST -H "Content-Type: application/xml" -d \
@my_xml_request_intersecting_a_polygon_within_a_given_time_span_and_certa-
-o \
query_results.xml https://csw.s-enda-staging.k8s.met.no
```

% Total	% Received	% Xferd	Average Speed	Time	Time	Time	Cl	
			Dload	Upload	Total	Spent	Left	Sp
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	--:--:--	--:--:--
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	--:--:--	--:--:--
100	25208	100	23326	100	1882	97793	7890	--:--:--

In this example, the search results are saved to query_results.xml.

How to Visualize Data with WMS (Web Map Service)

By the Use of data.met.no

By using [data.met.no](https://data.met.no/metsis/search) it is possible to both find and visualise datasets. The web search interface can be accessed from the “Data Catalog” menu item, or directly at <https://data.met.no/metsis/search> (BUT I CANT FIND THE ENVISAT ASAR DATA HERE...). Assuming that these are not available here as of yet (only on staging page?). As seen below the search interface consists of a map and a series of filters.

The screenshot shows the Data Catalog search interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Home, Data Catalog, Documentation, and About. A warning message in red text states: "Warning! This is a staging site and should not be used to search or download data, nor as reference for information and updates." Below the navigation bar, the URL "Home / Metadata Search" is displayed.

The main search area includes a "Search" section with a dropdown menu set to "Contains any of these words" and a text input field containing "asar". There is also a checkbox for "Has children" and a note explaining it. Below this are "Start Date" and "End Date" fields, and a link to "Advanced options". At the bottom of the search section are "Search" and "Reset" buttons.

To the right of the search section is a "Select projection" dropdown with "EPSG:4326" selected, and checkboxes for "UPS North", "UPS South", "Select spatial filter", "Within", and "Intersects". Below this are buttons for "Create bounding box filter", "Reset search", and "Reset map".

The central part of the interface is a world map with a blue rectangle highlighting a specific region. A scale bar indicates "5000 km". At the bottom of the map, there is a copyright notice: "© OpenStreetMap contributors."

Below the map, a message states: "1 datasets found. Showing datasets 1 - 1 on page 1 of 1 pages." A dataset card is displayed:

Calibrated geophysical ENVISAT ASAR wide-swath range Doppler frequency shift retrievals

Norwegian Space Agency project JOP.06.20.2: Reprocessing and analysis of historical data for future operationalization of Doppler shifts from SAR, NMI/ESA-NoR Envisat ASAR Doppler centroid shift processing ID220131, ESA Prodex: Improved knowledge of high latitude ocean circulation with Synthetic Aperture Radar, ESA Prodex: Drift estimation of sea ice in the Arctic Ocean and sub-Arctic Seas (ISAR, DESIce)

Institutions: Norwegian Meteorological Institute (MET Norway), Korea Polar Research Institute (KOPRI), NORCE, NORCE

Last metadata update: 2024-06-28T13:42:07Z
<https://doi.org/10.57780/esa-56fb232>

Temporal Extent

Start date: 2002-10-28T08:04:52Z
End date: 2012-04-08T11:04:43Z

... geophysical range Doppler frequency shift retrievals from the ENVISAT ASAR wide-swath acquisitions obtained between 2002 and 2012. The geophysical ... future operationalization of Doppler shifts from SAR ... NMI/ESA-NoR Envisat ASAR Doppler centroid shift processing ID220131 ... ESA Prodex: Improved ... in the Arctic Ocean and sub-Arctic Seas ... Calibrated geophysical ENVISAT ASAR wide-swath range Doppler frequency shift retrievals ...

Show more...

Dataset Landing Page

Data access:

Show extended metadata Child data (1398) Export Metadata

License : <https://earth.esa.int/eogateway/documents/20142/1584628/ESA-Data-Policy-ESA-PB-EO-2010-54.pdf> [ESA earth observation data policy]

Iso Topic Category

- oceans [1]

Keywords

- Oceanographic geographical features [1]
- RADAR BACKSCATTER [1]
- RADAR IMAGERY [1]
- RADIAL VELOCITY [1]
- Weather and climate [1]

Activity type

Space Borne Instrument

Project

DESiCe [1]
ISAR [1]

The map provides a pagination of available datasets in the metadata catalog [max/min longitude/latitude rectangle], sorted to showcase the latest additions first. One can also interact with the map to better display the results, and to perform data search.

- “Select Projection” located just above the map can be altered to change the map

projection. “Spatial filter” can be set to both “Within” and “Intersects”.

- The “Create bounding box”-button enables to set a bounding box directly on the map and works as a filter on the results.
- The “Reset Search”-button clears the filters and starts a new search.
- The “Reset Map”-button resets the map.

Map widgets allows direct interaction with the map:

- +/-: Zoom in/out.
- E: Zooms to the extent of the displayed datasets.
- Menu tag: Opens side panel where WMS Layers, Features and Base Layers can be altered.
- Magnifying glass: Enables searching for location names.
- ‘>>’: Showing the location in an overview world map.
- Upper right hand widget: Full screen mode

Search filters can also be used to find the desired datasets. The results are updated dynamically when filters are selected. These allows:

- A full text search block where the options “Contains all of these words” and “Contains any of these words” are eligible.
- Start and end date of the desired datasets.
- An option named “Has children” to determine whether datasets are parents with children (i.e. records of the same type).
- The desired sorting mechanism.
- Isotopic categories: The general subjects for which the geospatial data may be relevant, as defined by the ISO standard.
- Keywords: Keywords from a controlled vocabulary.
- Activity type: The nature of the dataset(s) generation process (Numerical Simulation, Climate Indicator, In Situ Land-based station, Space Borne Instrument).
- Project: Datsets related to a certain project.

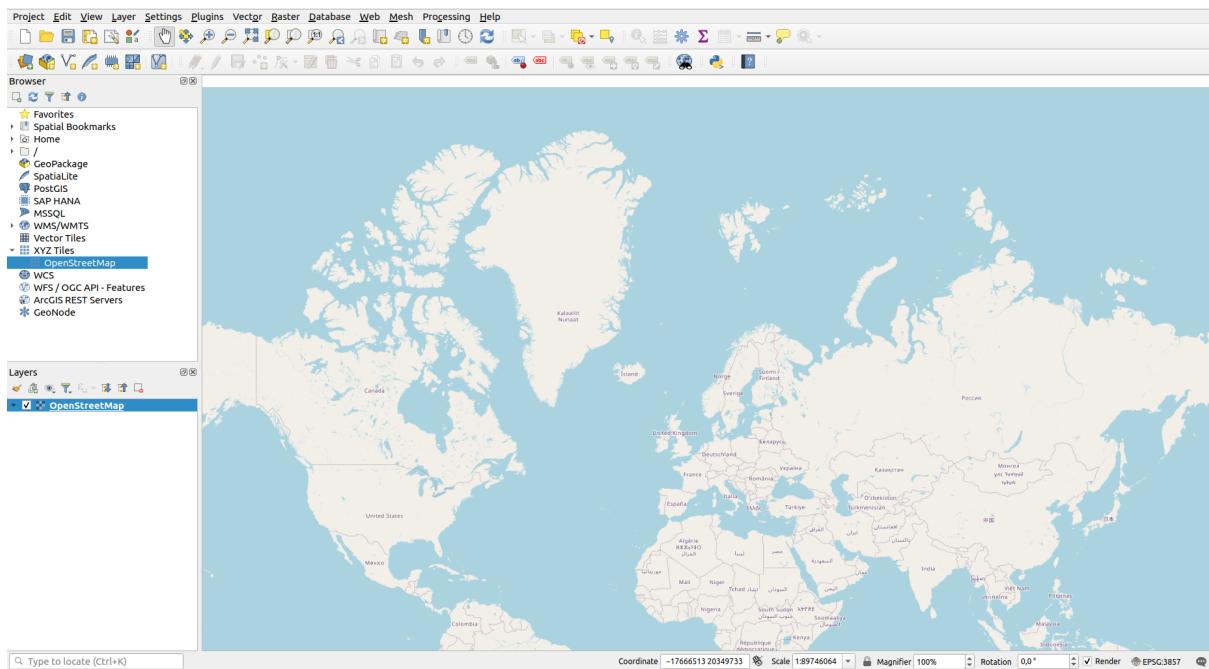
By clicking the “Reset”-button all filters are removed and a new search can be initiated.

By the Use of QGIS

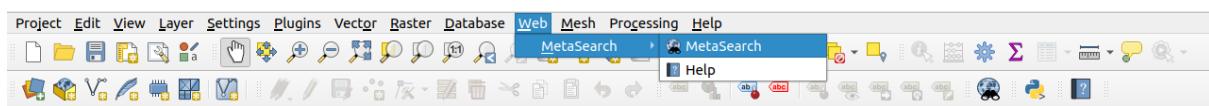
As the MET Norway’s S-ENDA CSW catalog service is also available through QGIS,

series/datasets can be found and inspected as follows:

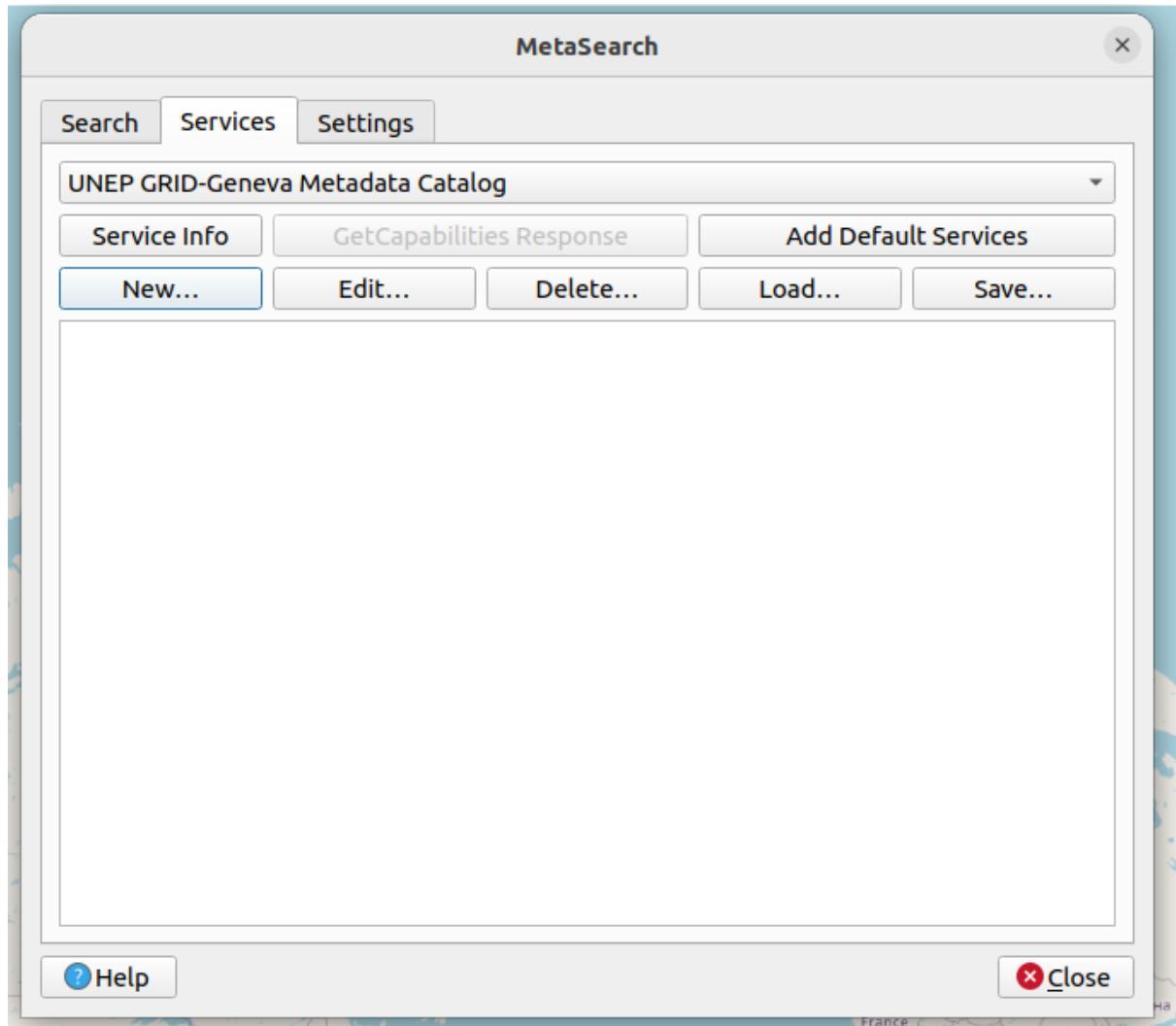
1. First open Qgis and select a map, i.e. the OpenStreetMap:



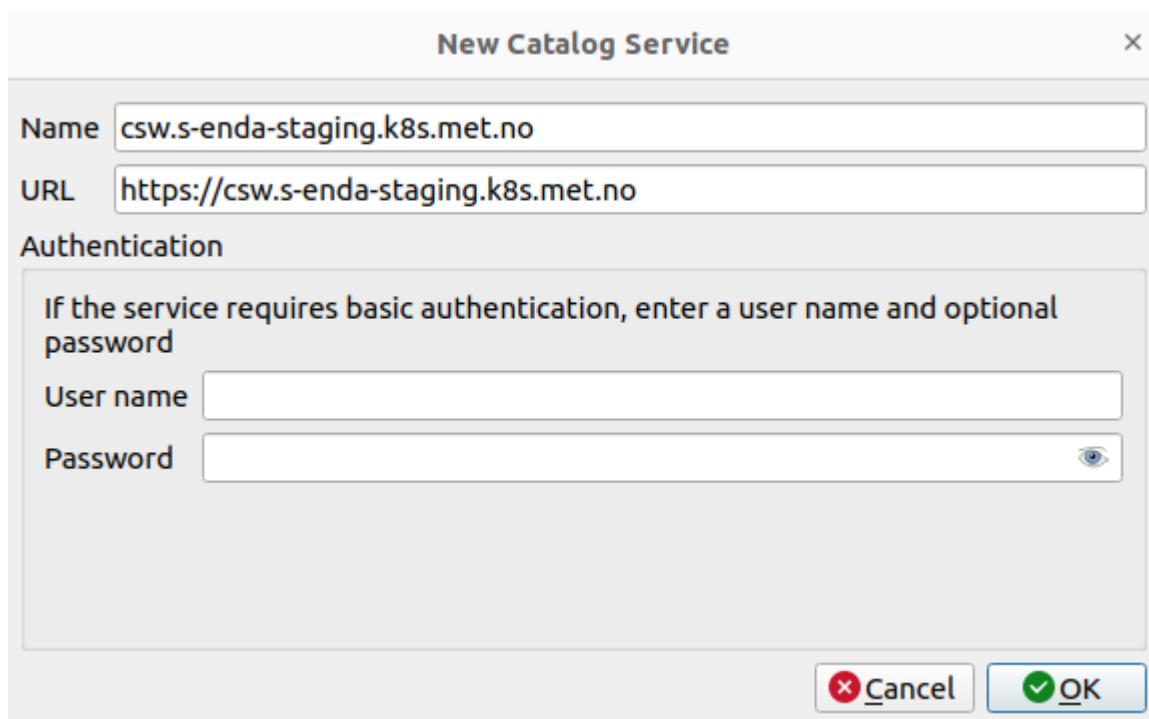
2. From the menu select “Web > MetaSearch > MetaSearch”.



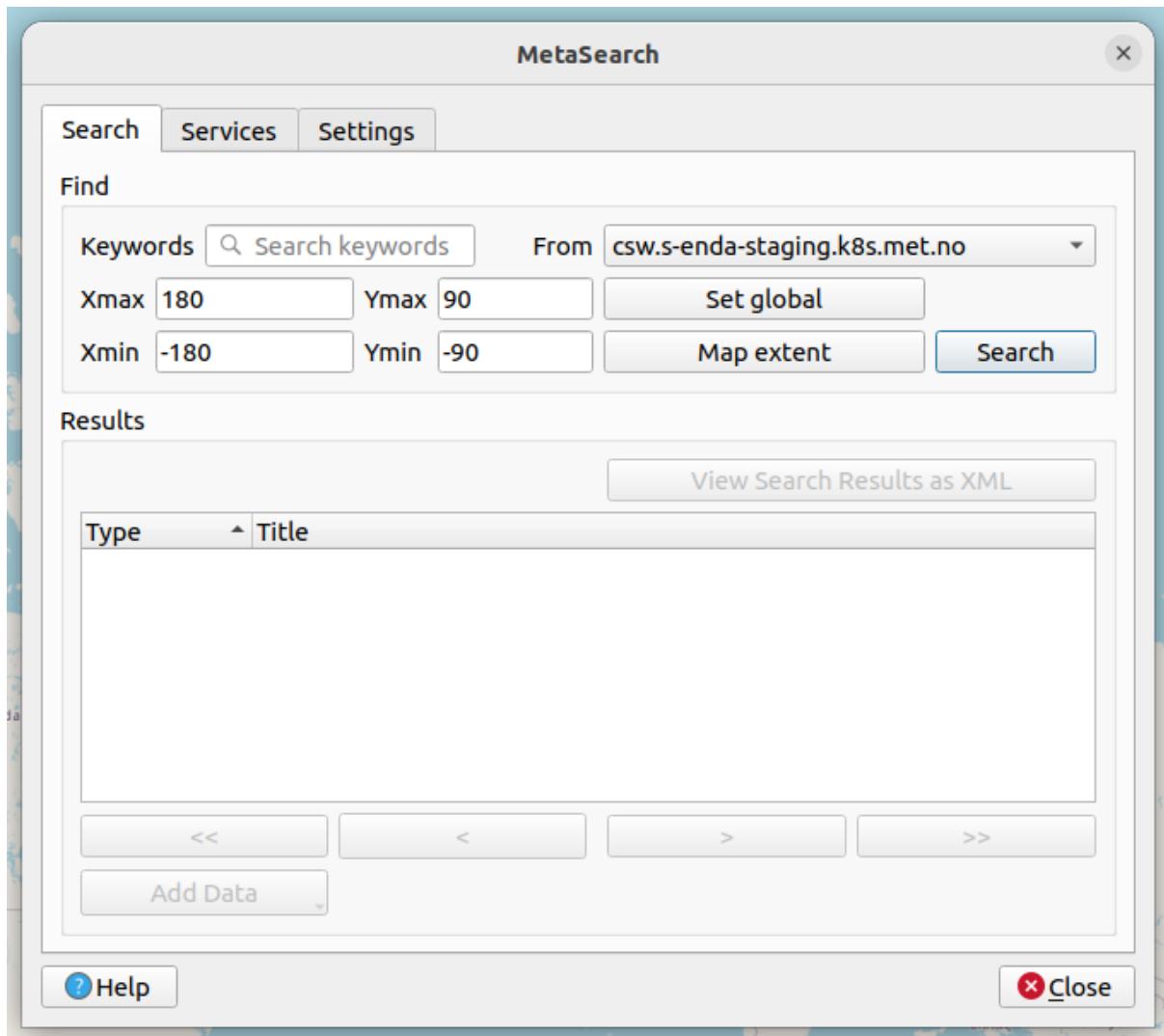
3. Select “Services > New” to open the “New Catalog Service”.



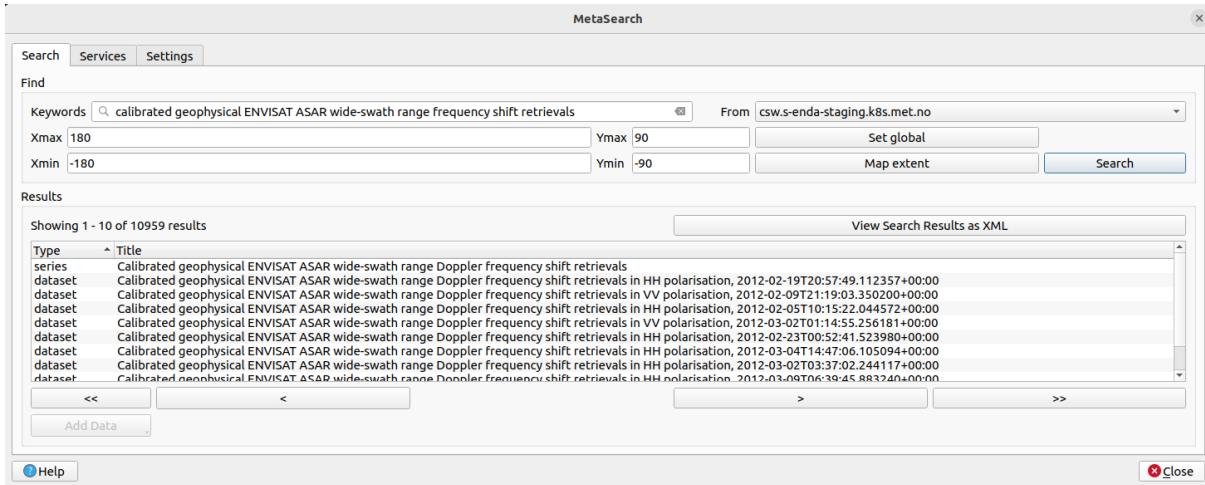
4. For the “Name” type “[csw.s-enda-staging.k8s.met.no](#)”. As for the “URL”, type “<https://csw.s-enda-staging.k8s.met.no>”. By then clicking “Ok” the required server is added.



5. Without exiting “MetaSearch”, move back to the “Search” tab. Now the server that was just added is selected in the “From”-menu.



6. To get a list of the available series/datasets there is the option to add different search parameters under the “Search” tab. Adding keywords will single out the series and datasets with these as part of their “Title”. To find the “*calibrated geophysical ENVISAT ASAR wide-swath range frequency shift retrievals*” series/datasets the sequence in italics can be provided into the “Keywords” search tab, but “ENVISAT ASAR” or “Doppler” will also suffice. To actually search for datasets klick the “Search” option. The series/datasets will then show up in the “Results” section.



7. When a search is made, the results can alternatively be displayed as a scrollable list of XMLs. This is easily done by clicking “View Search Results as XML” in the “MetaSearch” window. This will open a new window, namely “XML Request / Response”. Here the resulting series/datasets from the search are displayed as XML.

XML Request / Response

Request

```
<?xml version="1.0" ?>
<csw:GetRecords xmlns:csw="http://www.opengis.net/cat/csw/2.0.2" xmlns:ogc="http://www.opengis.net/ogc" typeNames="csw:Record">
    <csw:Query typeNames="csw:Record">
        <csw:ElementSetName>full</csw:ElementSetName>
        <csw:Constraint version="1.1.0">
            <ogc:Filter>
                <ogc:PropertyIsLike wildCard "%" singleChar "_" escape="\">
                    <ogc:PropertyName>csw:AnyText</ogc:PropertyName>
                    <ogc:Literal>calibrated geophysical ENVISAT ASAR wide-swath radar imagery</ogc:Literal>
                </ogc:PropertyIsLike>
            </ogc:Filter>
        </csw:Constraint>
    </csw:Query>
</csw:GetRecords>
```

Response

```
<?xml version="1.0" ?>
<!-- pycsw 2.7.dev0 -->
<csw:GetRecordsResponse xmlns:csw="http://www.opengis.net/cat/csw/2.0.2" xmlns:dc="http://purl.org/dc/terms/" timestamp="2024-10-02T08:41:18Z">
    <csw:SearchStatus>ok</csw:SearchStatus>
    <csw:SearchResults numberOfRecordsMatched="10959" numberofRecordsReturned="10959" offset="0">
        <csw:Record>
            <dc:identifier>no.met.staging:bb1cdfbb-bc7b-4037-a5a4-6e38e7333333</dc:identifier>
            <dc:title>Calibrated geophysical ENVISAT ASAR wide-swath radar imagery</dc:title>
            <dc:type>dataset</dc:type>
            <dc:subject>RADAR BACKSCATTER</dc:subject>
            <dc:subject>RADAR IMAGERY</dc:subject>
            <dc:subject>RADIAL VELOCITY</dc:subject>
            <dc:subject>Oceanographic geographical features</dc:subject>
            <dc:subject>Weather and climate</dc:subject>
        </csw:Record>
    </csw:SearchResults>
</csw:GetRecordsResponse>
```

Close

8. Moving back to the MetaSearch window the possibility to quickly display the geographical extent of selected series/dataset is available. By clicking one of series/datasets a red bounding box will pop up on the map highlighting the geographical extent of said dataset.

MetaSearch

Search Services Settings

Find

Keywords: calibrated geophysical ENVISAT ASAR wide-swath range frequency shift retrievals
 From: csw.s-enda-staging.k8s.met.no

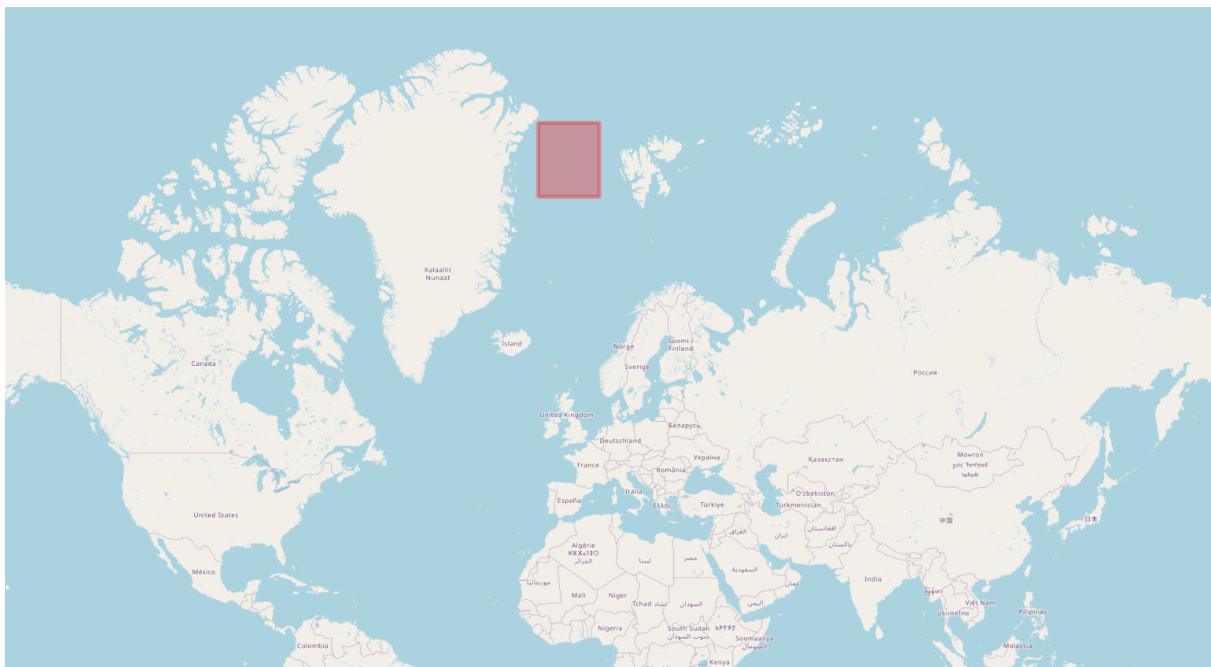
Xmax: 180 Ymax: 90 Set global
 Xmin: -180 Ymin: -90 Map extent Search

Results

Showing 11 - 20 of 10959 results View Search Results as XML

Type	Title
dataset	Calibrated geophysical ENVISAT ASAR wide-swath range Doppler frequency shift retrievals in HH polarisation, 2012-02-23T21:38:45.860457+00:00
dataset	Calibrated geophysical ENVISAT ASAR wide-swath range Doppler frequency shift retrievals in HH polarisation, 2012-03-07T22:13:15.060629+00:00
dataset	Calibrated geophysical ENVISAT ASAR wide-swath range Doppler frequency shift retrievals in HH polarisation, 2012-01-28T12:36:50.051288+00:00
dataset	Calibrated geophysical ENVISAT ASAR wide-swath range Doppler frequency shift retrievals in HH polarisation, 2012-03-06T21:10:54.306502+00:00
dataset	Calibrated geophysical ENVISAT ASAR wide-swath range Doppler frequency shift retrievals in HH polarisation, 2012-03-02T22:43:37.053746+00:00
dataset	Calibrated geophysical ENVISAT ASAR wide-swath range Doppler frequency shift retrievals in VV polarisation, 2012-03-03T05:58:37.723465+00:00
dataset	Calibrated geophysical ENVISAT ASAR wide-swath range Doppler frequency shift retrievals in HH polarisation, 2012-02-24T22:41:14.752980+00:00
dataset	Calibrated geophysical ENVISAT ASAR wide-swath range Doppler frequency shift retrievals in HH polarisation, 2012-02-28T20:08:14.830513+00:00
dataset	Calibrated geophysical ENVISAT ASAR wide-swath range Doppler frequency shift retrievals in HH polarisation, 2012-03-16T18:13:48.564043+00:00

<< < > >> Add Data Close



9. To further display the full record information alongside adherent links, double click the selected series/dataset. A new window named “Record Metadata” will then be opened. Here the Record Metadata and the adherent links of the selected series/dataset are then displayed.

MetaSearch

Search Services Settings

Find

Keywords: calibrated geophysical ENVISAT ASAR wide-swath range frequency shift retrievals
 From: csw.s-enda-staging.k8s.met.no

Xmax: 180 Ymax: 90 Set global
 Xmin: -180 Ymin: -90 Map extent Search

Results

Showing 11 - 20 of 10959 results

Type	Title
dataset	Calibrated geophysical ENVISAT ASAR wide-swath range Doppler Frequency shift retrievals in HH polarisation, 2012-03-16T18:13:48.564043+00:00
dataset	Calibrated geophysical ENVISAT ASAR wide-swath range Doppler Frequency shift retrievals in HH polarisation, 2012-03-07T22:13:15.060629+00:00
dataset	Calibrated geophysical ENVISAT ASAR wide-swath range Doppler Frequency shift retrievals in HH polarisation, 2012-03-06T21:10:54.306502+00:00
dataset	Calibrated geophysical ENVISAT ASAR wide-swath range Doppler Frequency shift retrievals in HH polarisation, 2012-03-02T22:43:37.053746+00:00
dataset	Calibrated geophysical ENVISAT ASAR wide-swath range Doppler Frequency shift retrievals in HH polarisation, 2012-02-28T20:08:14.830513+00:00
dataset	Calibrated geophysical ENVISAT ASAR wide-swath range Doppler Frequency shift retrievals in HH polarisation, 2012-02-24T22:41:14.752980+00:00
dataset	Calibrated geophysical ENVISAT ASAR wide-swath range Doppler Frequency shift retrievals in HH polarisation, 2012-02-23T21:38:45.860457+00:00
dataset	Calibrated geophysical ENVISAT ASAR wide-swath range Doppler frequency shift retrievals in HH polarisation, 2012-01-28T12:36:50.051288+00:00

<< < > >> Double-click to see full record information Add Data

Help Close

Record Metadata (View XML)

Identifier: no.met.staging:csw:dataset-8f44aa-94e1-45d1-9fb3-3b

Title: Calibrated geophysical ENVISAT ASAR wide-swath range Doppler frequency shift retrievals in HH polarisation, 2012-01-28T12:36:50.051288+00:00

Abstract: Calibrated geophysical ENVISAT ASAR wide-swath range Doppler frequency shift retrievals from an ENVISAT ASAR wide-swath acquisition obtained on 2012-01-28T12:36:50.051288+00:00. The geophysical Doppler shift depends on the ocean wave-state and the sea surface current. In the absence of current, the geophysical Doppler shift is mostly related to the local wind speed and direction. The present dataset is in HH polarization.

Subject: BACKSCATTER,RADAR,IMAGER,RADIAL,VELOCITY,Oceanographic,geographical features,Weather and climate,sensor_view_angle,angle_of_incidence,sensor_azimuth_angle,surface_backwards_scattering_coefficient_of_radar_wave,wave_speed,coast

Creator: None

Contributor: None

Publisher: None

Identifier URI: http://11.68.77.14.92.81.03

Language: None

Format: NetCDF-CF

Right: None

Other Restrictions: None

Bounding Box: 11.68.77.14.92.81.03

Links:

- OPENDATAPORT
- PDF, WMS
- WWW DOWNLOAD Link http://download

Close

10. If the exact date and time of the desired dataset is known, this can be also added alongside keywords as “ENVISAT ASAR” or “Doppler” in the MetaSearch. This will single out this specific dataset.

MetaSearch

Search Services Settings

Find

Keywords: Doppler 2012-03-18T10:22:47.961589+00:00
 From: csw.s-enda-staging.k8s.met.no

Xmax: 180 Ymax: 90 Set global
 Xmin: -180 Ymin: -90 Map extent Search

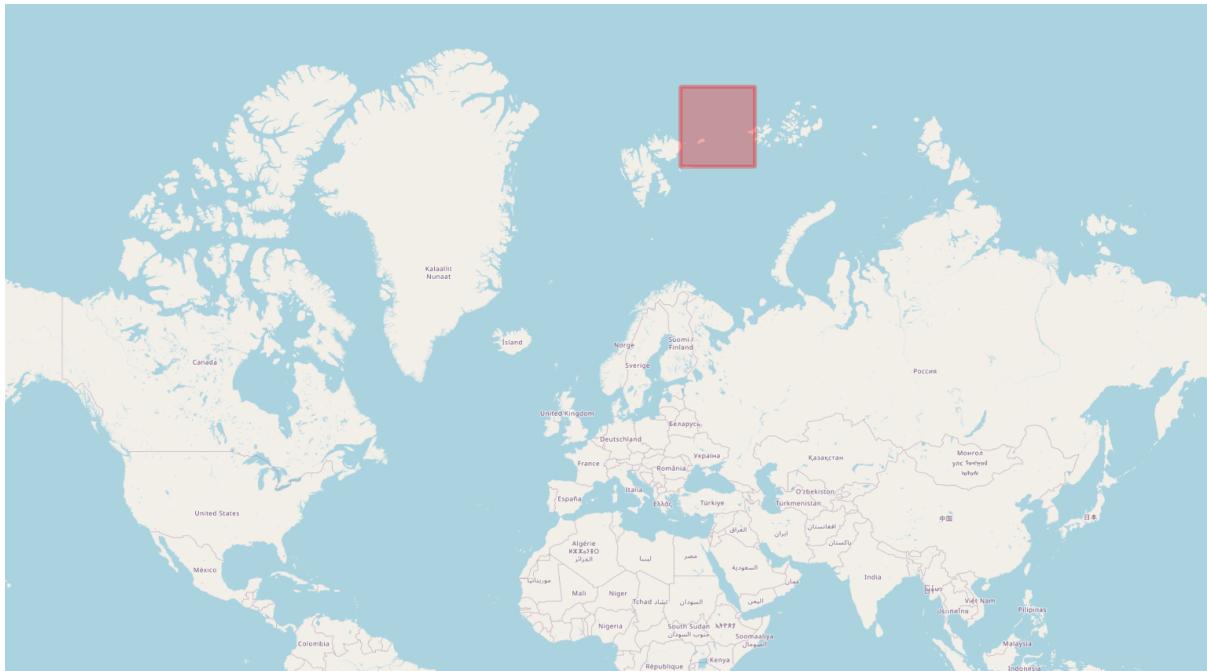
Results

Showing 1 - 1 of 1 result

Type	Title
dataset	Calibrated geophysical ENVISAT ASAR wide-swath range Doppler frequency shift retrievals in HH polarisation, 2012-03-18T10:22:47.961589+00:00

<< < > >> Add Data

Help Close



11. There is also the possibility to alter the bounding box of the desired datasets. This box is altered by altering the latitude and longitude values found within the “Ymax/min” and “Xmax/min” search tabs, respectively. To reset these quickly to global default settings click “Set Global”. Clicking “Map Extent” will limit the bounding box to the extent of the map.

MetaSearch

Search Services Settings

Find

Keywords <input type="text" value="Doppler"/>	From <input type="text" value="csw.s-enda-staging.k8s.met.no"/>	
Xmax <input type="text" value="30"/>	Ymax <input type="text" value="90"/>	Set global
Xmin <input type="text" value="-30"/>	Ymin <input type="text" value="60"/>	Map extent
<input type="button" value="Search"/>		

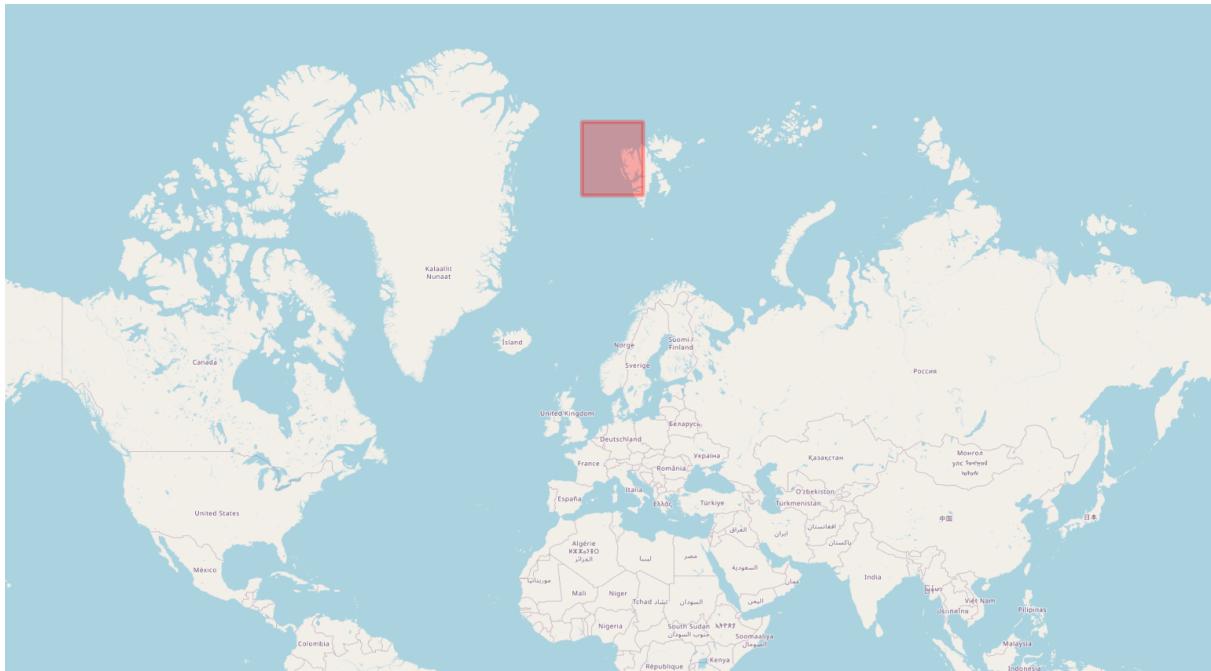
Results

Showing 1 - 10 of 1752 results

Type	Title
dataset	Calibrated geophysical ENVISAT ASAR wide-swath range Doppler frequency shift retrievals in HH polarisation, 2012-02-01T11:50:02.379539+00:00
dataset	Calibrated geophysical ENVISAT ASAR wide-swath range Doppler frequency shift retrievals in HH polarisation, 2012-02-07T14:50:28.971776+00:00
dataset	Calibrated geophysical ENVISAT ASAR wide-swath range Doppler frequency shift retrievals in HH polarisation, 2012-02-23T21:38:45.860457+00:00
dataset	Calibrated geophysical ENVISAT ASAR wide-swath range Doppler frequency shift retrievals in HH polarisation, 2012-02-24T22:41:14.752980+00:00
dataset	Calibrated geophysical ENVISAT ASAR wide-swath range Doppler frequency shift retrievals in HH polarisation, 2012-02-25T23:52:44.961301+00:00
dataset	Calibrated geophysical ENVISAT ASAR wide-swath range Doppler frequency shift retrievals in HH polarisation, 2012-03-16T18:13:48.564043+00:00
dataset	Calibrated geophysical ENVISAT ASAR wide-swath range Doppler frequency shift retrievals in HH polarisation, 2012-03-19T14:47:14.985186+00:00
dataset	Calibrated geophysical ENVISAT ASAR wide-swath range Doppler frequency shift retrievals in HH polarisation, 2012-03-26T10:31:40.062344+00:00

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Add Data



Following the points above should provide an easy and efficient way of displaying and finding desired series/datasets.

Parameter descriptions

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Work in progress notebook

Below is a list of variables available in the SAR datasets with some adherent descriptions.

List of Variables

sensor_view_angle

The angle between a sensor's line of sight and the vertical downward direction. A zero angle indicates the sensor is looking directly downward.

sigmaO

The normalized radar cross section.

The radar cross section is a measure of the detectability of an object. It's the ratio of the power scattered by the object in a specific direction to the power that would be scattered by an ideal reflector.

The scattering/absorption/attenuation coefficient is assumed to cover all wavelengths, unless specified by the the radiation_wavelength coordinate. It pertains to the radiation's deflection without energy loss. Backwards scattering involves scattering into all backward angles, i.e. those exceeding $\pi/2$ radians. This quantity should not specify a scattering_angle.

subswaths

Per pixel subswath number.

The full swath is often divided into several smaller sections or “subswaths” to improve the quality of the imagery by focusing the radar energy on a smaller area. This division allows for more detailed and higher resolution images.

incidence_angle

The angle between the radar beam center and the normal to the local topography is the incidence angle.

sensor_azimuth

The horizontal angle measured clockwise from north to the direction the azimuth sensor is pointing.

dc

The Doppler Centroid frequency shift.

dc_std

The standard deviation of Doppler Centroid frequency shift.

topographic_height

The vertical distance or height of a point above sea level.

valid_land_doppler

Valid land pixels (pixels near water boundaries have been masked).

valid_sea_doppler

Valid water covering pixels (near land boundaries have been masked).

valid_doppler

Valid Doppler pixels (0 for invalid, 1 for land, 2 for ocean).

electronic_mispointing

The Doppler frequency shift due to electronic mispointing.

geometric_doppler

The Doppler frequency shift due to orbit geometry.

wind_waves_doppler

The Radar Doppler frequency shift due to wind waves.

std_wind_waves_doppler

The standard deviation of radar Doppler frequency shift due to wind waves.

wind_direction

SAR look relative ERA5 reanalysis wind-from direction used in CDOP calculation.

wind_speed

ERA5 reanalysis wind speed used in CDOP calculation.

geophysical_doppler

The radar Doppler frequency shift due to surface velocity.

ground_range_current

The sea surface current velocity in ground range direction.

By subtracting wind_waves_doppler from geophysical_doppler (geophysical_doppler - wind_waves_doppler) you are left with the Doppler shift caused by the sea surface current. This is then transformed to a measure of the current in the ground range direction, namely “ground_range_current”.

std_ground_range_current

The standard deviation of the sea surface current velocity in the ground range direction.

longitude

Longitude as degrees east.

latitude

Latitude as degrees north.

Example Overview of Variables

```
import xarray as xr

ds = xr.open_dataset(''https://thredds.met.no/thredds/dodsC/
remotesensingenvisat/asar-doppler/2012/01/27/
ASA_WSDV2PRNMI20120127_215005_000612433111_00101_51839_0000.nc'''')
```

Printed Overview of Variables

```
ds.data_vars
```

```
Data variables:
  sensor_view_angle      (y, x) float32 2MB ...
  sigma0                  (y, x) float32 2MB ...
  subswaths                (y, x) float32 2MB ...
  incidence_angle          (y, x) float32 2MB ...
  sensor_azimuth           (y, x) float32 2MB ...
  dc                       (y, x) float32 2MB ...
  dc_std                    (y, x) float32 2MB ...
  topographic_height        (y, x) float32 2MB ...
  valid_land_doppler        (y, x) float32 2MB ...
  valid_sea_doppler         (y, x) float32 2MB ...
  valid_doppler              (y, x) float32 2MB ...
  electronic_mispointing    (y, x) float32 2MB ...
  geometric_doppler          (y, x) float32 2MB ...
  wind_waves_doppler         (y, x) float32 2MB ...
  std_wind_waves_doppler     (y, x) float32 2MB ...
  wind_direction             (y, x) float32 2MB ...
  wind_speed                 (y, x) float32 2MB ...
  geophysical_doppler        (y, x) float32 2MB ...
  ground_range_current       (y, x) float32 2MB ...
  std_ground_range_current   (y, x) float32 2MB ...
  longitude                  (y, x) float32 2MB ...
  latitude                   (y, x) float32 2MB ...
  crs                      int32 4B ...
```

Interactive Overview of Dataset

```
# Interactive if opened as a HTML, jupyter notebook or jupyter-book
ds
```

xarray.Dataset

► Dimensions: (y: 602, x: 851)

► Coordinates: (0)

► Data variables:

(23)

► Indexes: (0)

► Attributes: (73)

Plot Data on a Map

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- Work in progress notebook
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Work in progress notebook

First thing to do is to makes sure that the required packages are imported:

```
# Import the required packages:  
  
import os  
import glob  
import xarray as xr  
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt  
import numpy as np  
import cartopy.crs as ccrs  
import cartopy.feature as cfeature  
  
from matplotlib.colors import TwoSlopeNorm  
import matplotlib as mpl  
from mpl_toolkits.axes_grid1.inset_locator import inset_axes
```

Next up is to select the dataset which contain the data that is to be plotted:

```
# Open a dataset using its OPENDAP-url  
# (file from 2012-01-27T21:50:05.161103+00:00)  
  
ds = xr.open_dataset('''https://thredds.met.no/thredds/dodsC/  
remotesensingenvisat/asar-doppler/2012/01/27/  
ASA_WSDV2PRNMI20120127_215005_000612433111_00101_51839_0000.nc'''')  
  
ds
```

xarray.Dataset

► Dimensions: (y: 602, x: 851)

► Coordinates: (0)

► Data variables:

(23)

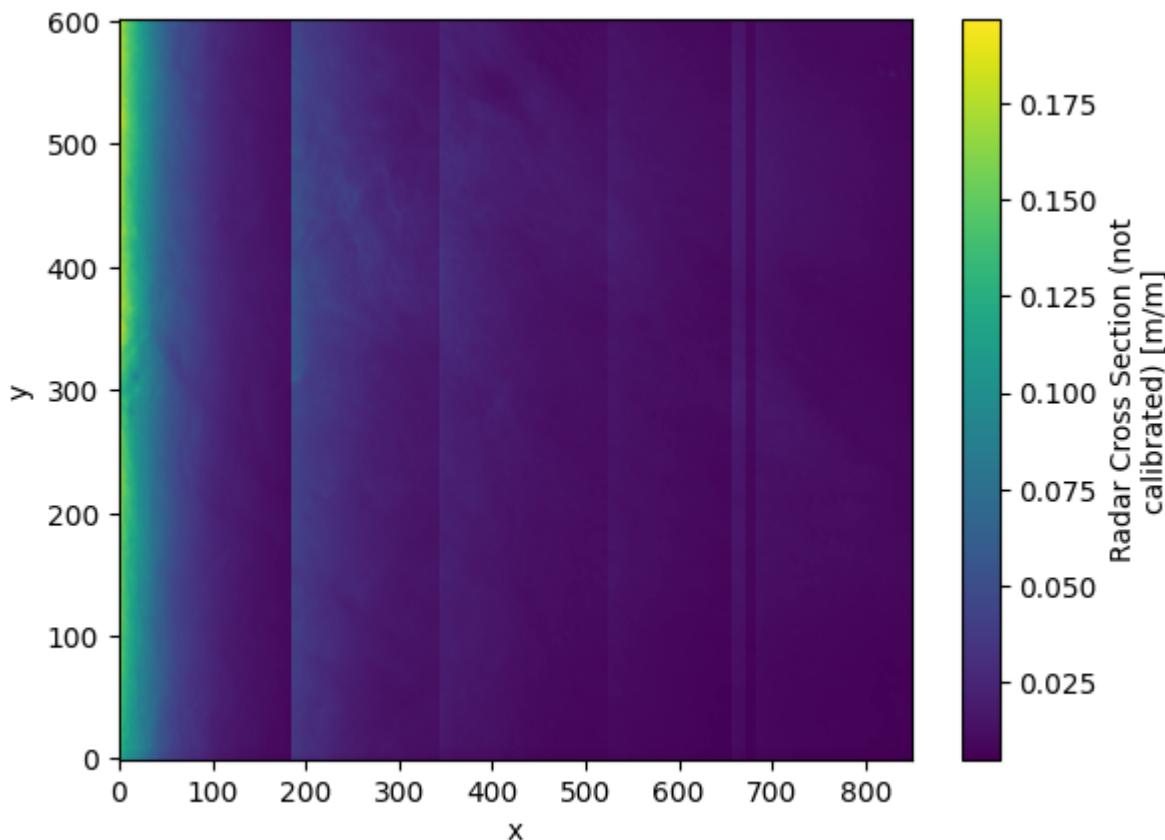
► Indexes: (0)

► Attributes: (73)

The netCDF file format combined with the xarray python library makes it easy to plot different variables. The example below is arguably the easiest and most efficient way of plotting a variable from an opened xarray.Dataset. The metadata of the dataset in question is used to provide axis and colorbar labels.

In the following example the variable “sigma0” from the xarray.Dataset defined as ds is plotted by simply using .plot(). Here the axis labels are automatically named “x” and “y” as these are the dimensions of “sigma0”. From the “Data variables” of the xarray.Dataset (see the interactive menu above), the “standard_name”, followed by the “units” in square brackets, of the plotted variable “sigma0” are also automatically added as the colorbar label.

```
# Plotting a selected variable from the dataset opened above:  
ds.sigma0.plot()  
plt.show()
```



Below is a code snippet which easily extracts the wanted files from “Downloads” (given a recognizable part of the filenames) meant for extracting files which have been downloaded. This can be used when files have been dowloaded from i.e. [data.met.no](#), see the [Visualize Data with WMS](#) section ont the [Sar Dataset Accessibility](#) page.

```

### Get the path of the home directory
home_dir = os.path.expanduser("~/")

##### Use os.path.join to combine paths
path2files = os.path.join(home_dir, "Downloads")
''' "Downloads" --> alternatively just change to
the path of the downloaded files from the home directory'''

### Specify something to recognice the desired nc-files,
# extract them and put them in a list
desired_files_paths = glob.glob(os.path.join(path2files, "ASA_*.nc"))
''' Where "ASA_*.nc" is
"filename_starts_with_str*filename_ends_with" '''


# Open the first dataset
ds = xr.open_dataset(desired_files_paths[0])

# Interactive overview of the dataset
# - when opened as a jupyter notebook or a jupyter book
ds

```

xarray.Dataset

- ▶ Dimensions: (y: 602, x: 851)
- ▶ Coordinates: (0)
- ▶ Data variables:
(22)
- ▶ Indexes: (0)
- ▶ Attributes: (75)

Plotting Function

Below is an easy to use plotting function which visualize your desired data variable on a map. This function relies heavily on the python library cartopy, along several other packages that are imported on the very begining of this [Plot Data on a Map](#) section. There is also possible to set the spatial extent of the plot yourself - default is just plotting the spatial extent of the variable itself as defined in the metadata.

```

def plotting_variables_on_a_map(
variable,
number_of_colorbar_intervals = 100,
lat_min = ds.geospatial_lat_min, lat_max = ds.geospatial_lat_max,
lon_min = ds.geospatial_lon_min, lon_max = ds.geospatial_lon_max,
fractional_title_spacing = 0.05,
title_fontsize = 15,
cbar_label_fontsize = 12):

    ### Create a linear space for latitude and longitude
    lat = np.linspace(ds.geospatial_lat_min,
                      ds.geospatial_lat_max,
                      ds.sizes['y'])

    lon = np.linspace(ds.geospatial_lon_min,
                      ds.geospatial_lon_max,
                      ds.sizes['x'])

    ### Create a new xarray DataArray with latitude and longitude
    # as coordinates
    variable_with_coords = xr.DataArray(
        variable.values,
        coords=[('lat', lat), ('lon', lon)],
        dims=['y', 'x'])

    ### Assign variable attributes from the original DataArray
    variable_with_coords.attrs = variable.attrs

    ### Now select your slice - defined by the latitudinal
    # and longitudinal extent of the data
    plotable_variable = variable_with_coords.sel(
        x=slice(ds.geospatial_lon_min, ds.geospatial_lon_max),
        y=slice(ds.geospatial_lat_min, ds.geospatial_lat_max))

    ##### Ready to plot the variable on a map using subplot package
    # of matplotlib.pyplot
    # Create the main plot and set the projection
    fig, ax = plt.subplots(
        1,
        figsize=(18, 8),
        subplot_kw={'projection': ccrs.PlateCarree()})

    ax.axis('off')    # Turn off axes
    ax.coastlines()  # Add coastlines

    ### Create the gridlines and configure the labels
    gl = ax.gridlines(draw_labels=True)
    gl.bottom_labels = True # Default      - Include bottom labels
    gl.left_labels = True # Default      - Include LH side labels
    gl.top_labels = True # Default      - Include top labels
    gl.right_labels = False # Not default - Exclude RH side labels

    ### Defining var_min, var_max and var_step
    # using the variable attribute minmax
    # to extract var_min and var_max

```

```

var_min = int(plotable_variable.minmax.split(' ')[0])
var_max = int(plotable_variable.minmax.split(' ')[1])

### Defining the colorbar intervals based on desired
# number of colorbars
var_step = ((var_max - var_min)/number_of_colorbar_intervals)

### Redefining the max val to improve visuals of colorbar
# around center
var_max=int(plotable_variable.minmax.split(' ')[1])+var_step

### Add features for land and ocean
ax.add_feature(cfeature.LAND, facecolor='tan', zorder=2)
''' Tan color for land
    - Placed third in line for plotting '''

ax.add_feature(cfeature.OCEAN, facecolor='grey', zorder=0)
''' Grey color for ocean
    - Placed first in line for plotting '''

### Plot the data
cax = plotable_variable.plot.contourf(
    ax=ax, x='x', y='y',
    extend='neither',
    norm=TwoSlopeNorm(vmin=var_min,
                      vcenter=0,
                      vmax=var_max),
    levels=np.arange(var_min, var_max, var_step),
    add_colorbar=False, # Do not automatically add colorbar
    zorder = 1
)

### Create and inset axes for the colorbar
cbar_ax = inset_axes(
    ax,
    width="5%", # width = 5% of parent_bbox width
    height="100%", # height : 100% of parent_bbox height
    loc='lower left',
    bbox_to_anchor=(1.05, 0., 1, 1),
    bbox_transform=ax.transAxes,
    borderpad=0
)

### Create colorbar
cbar = fig.colorbar(cax,
                    cax=cbar_ax,
                    orientation='vertical')

### Extract units from the plotted variable to use as
# label for colorbar
cbar.set_label(f'{plotable_variable.units}', fontsize = cbar_label_fontsize)

# Set and adjust title
mid_lat = (lat_min + lat_max) / 2
mid_lon = (lon_min + lon_max) / 2
ax.text(
    mid_lon,

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        lat_max+((lat_max - lat_min)*fractional_title_spacing),
        f'{plotable_variable.long_name}',
        fontsize=title_fontsize,
        ha='center')

# Setting the extent on the map that is plotted
ax.set_ylimits(lat_min, lat_max)
ax.set_xlim(lon_min, lon_max)

plt.show()

return

```

Plotting Examples

In the following, some examples on how to utilize the plotting function above (and their results) is shown.

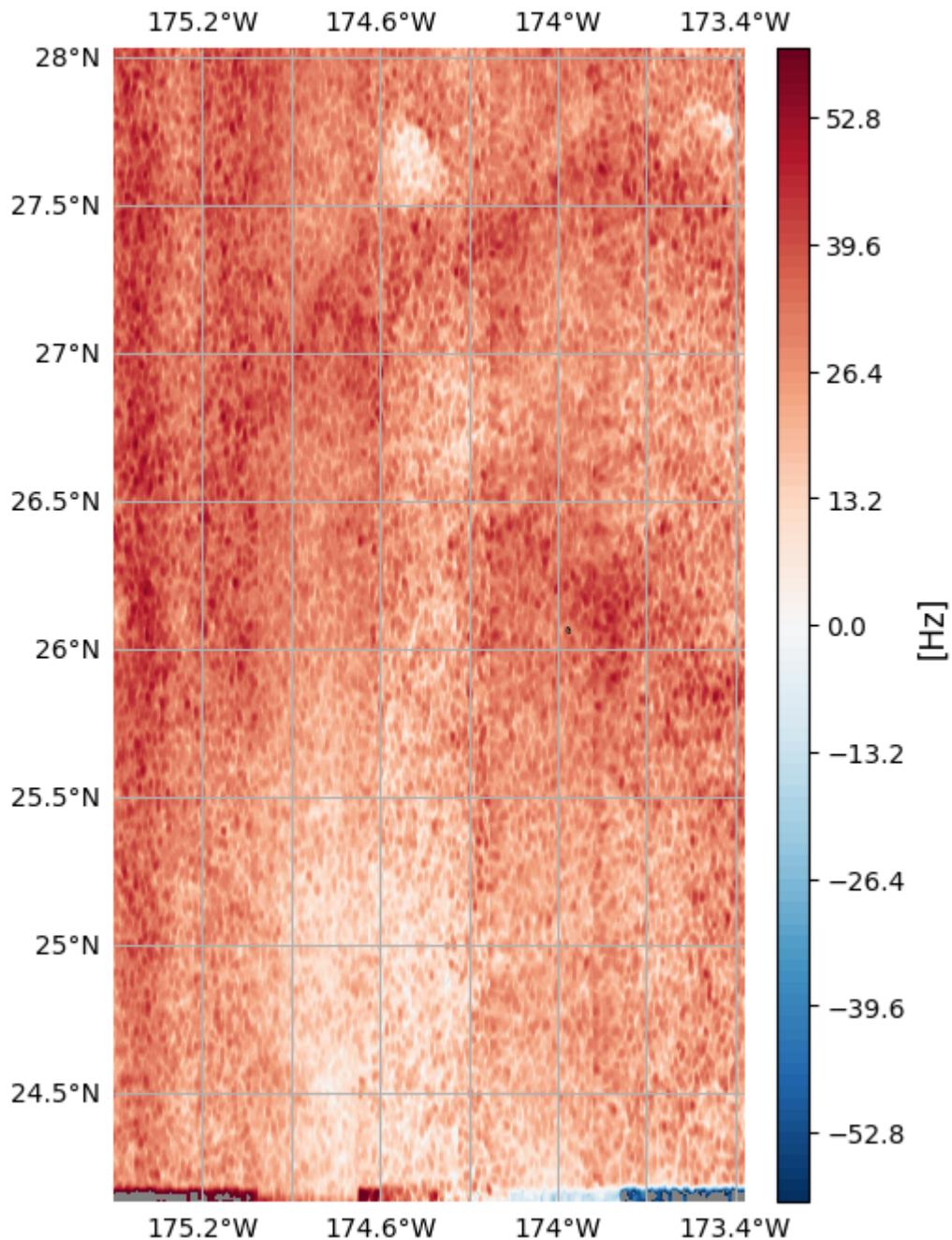
```

### Plotting the desired variable within its geographical extent
# - By default using the metadata for the geographical extent
# as lat/lon min/max values.

### Plotting geophysical_doppler
plotting_variables_on_a_map(
    variable = ds.geophysical_doppler,
    number_of_colorbar_intervals = 100, # Default value
    title_fontsize = 15, # Default value
    cbar_label_fontsize = 12 # Default value
)

```

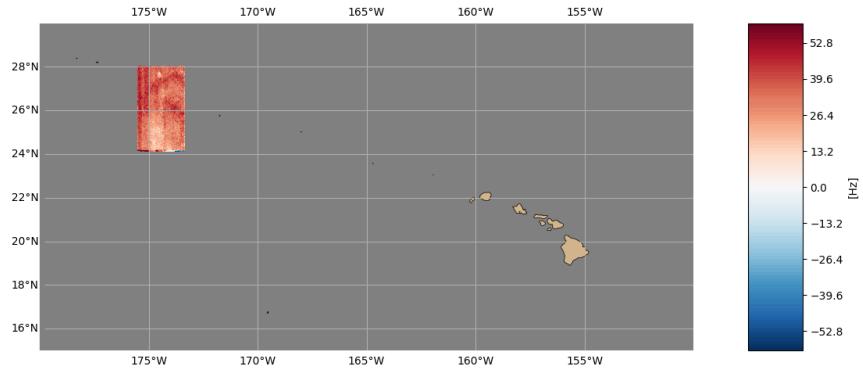
Radar Doppler frequency shift due to surface velocity



Then, some examples on how to alter the spatial extent of the map at which the selected variable is plotted on (three examples showing Hawaii in the middle of the Pacific Ocean):

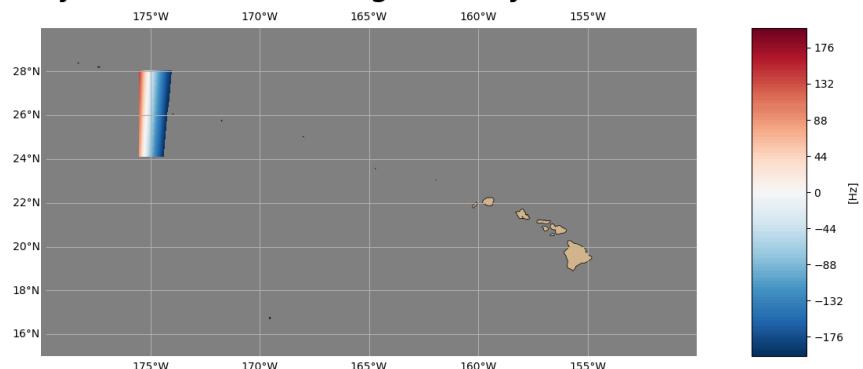
```
### Plotting geophysical_doppler
plotting_variables_on_a_map(
    variable = ds.geophysical_doppler,
    lat_min = 15, lat_max = 30,
    lon_min = -200, lon_max = -150,
    number_of_colorbar_intervals = 100, # Default value
    fractional_title_spacing = 0.10, # Default 0.05
    title_fontsize = 30, # Default value
    cbar_label_fontsize = 10 # Default 12
)
```

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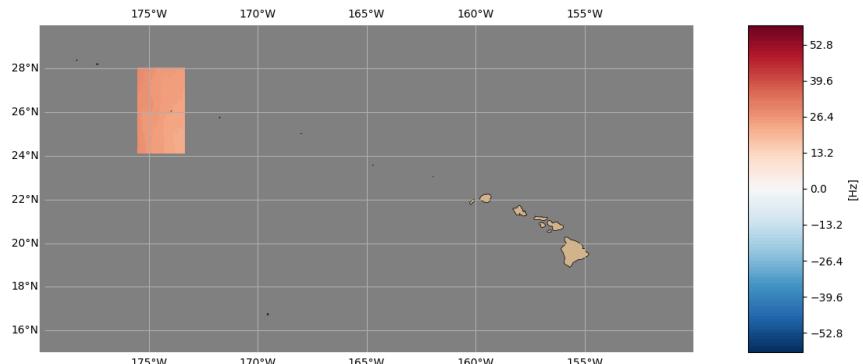
```
### Plotting geometric_doppler
plotting_variables_on_a_map(
    variable = ds.geometric_doppler,
    # lat_min = 20, lat_max = 50,
    # lon_min = -85, lon_max = -65
    lat_min = 15, lat_max = 30,
    lon_min = -200, lon_max = -150,
    number_of_colorbar_intervals = 100, # Default value
    fractional_title_spacing = 0.10, # Default 0.05
    title_fontsize = 30, # Default value
    cbar_label_fontsize = 10 # Default 12
)
```

Doppler frequency shift due to orbit geometry



```
### Plotting wind_waves_doppler
plotting_variables_on_a_map(
    variable = ds.wind_waves_doppler,
    lat_min = 15, lat_max = 30,
    lon_min = -200, lon_max = -150,
    number_of_colorbar_intervals = 100, # Default value
    fractional_title_spacing = 0.20, # Default 0.05
    title_fontsize = 30, # Default value
    cbar_label_fontsize = 10 # Default 12
)
```

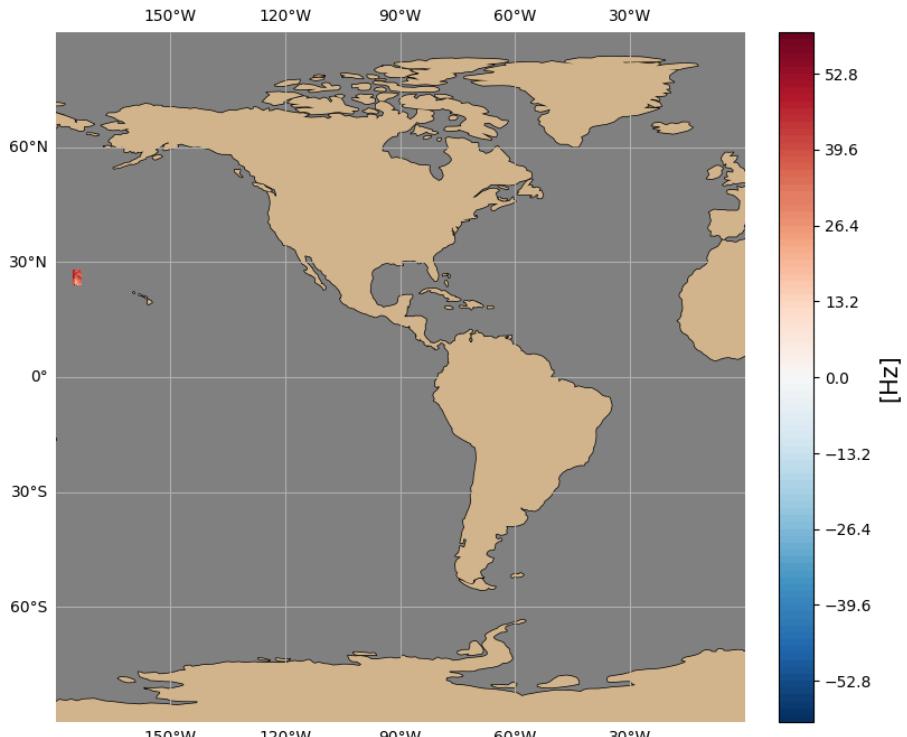
Radar Doppler frequency shift due to wind waves



And finally, the some data variable plotted on (half of) the world map:

```
### Plotting geophysical_doppler
plotting_variables_on_a_map(
    variable = ds.geophysical_doppler,
    lat_min = -90, lat_max = 90,
    lon_min = -180, lon_max = 0,
    number_of_colorbar_intervals = 100, # Default value
    fractional_title_spacing = 0.08, # Default 0.05
    title_fontsize = 30, # Default 15
    cbar_label_fontsize = 15 # Default 12
)
```

Radar Doppler frequency shift due to surface velocity



Plotting with a Polar Projection

As the SAR Doppler data is a great asset when researching areas at high latitudes, below there is also provided an additional example function which extracts and plots desired variables on a map with an Arctic projection. Again the python library cartopy is utilized.

```

def ArcticPlot_variables_on_a_map(dataset,
                                   variable,
                                   map_color,
                                   map_start_longitude = -180,
                                   map_end_longitude = 180,
                                   map_edge_latitude = 60,
                                   map_center_latitude = 90,
                                   fractional_title_spacing = 0.05,
                                   title_fontsize = 15,
                                   log_scale_option = False):

    # Create a linear space for latitude and longitude
    lat = np.linspace(dataset.geospatial_lat_min,
                      dataset.geospatial_lat_max,
                      dataset.sizes['y'])

    lon = np.linspace(dataset.geospatial_lon_min,
                      dataset.geospatial_lon_max,
                      dataset.sizes['x'])

    ### Create a new xarray DataArray with
    # latitude and longitude as coordinates
    if log_scale_option == True:
        variable_with_coords = xr.DataArray(
            np.log10(variable.values)*10,
            coords=[('lat', lat), ('lon', lon)],
            dims=['y', 'x'])
        '''converting the linear backscatter values to dB (decibel)'''

    else:
        variable_with_coords = xr.DataArray(
            variable.values,
            coords=[('lat', lat), ('lon', lon)],
            dims=['y', 'x'])

    # Assign variable attributes from the original variable DataArray
    variable_with_coords.attrs = variable.attrs

    ### Now select your slice - defined by the latitudinal
    # and longitudinal extent of the data
    plotable_variable = variable_with_coords.sel(
        x=slice(dataset.geospatial_lon_min,
                 dataset.geospatial_lon_max),
        y=slice(dataset.geospatial_lat_min,
                 dataset.geospatial_lat_max))

    fig, ax = plt.subplots(1, figsize=(10, 6))
    fig.suptitle(f'{variable.long_name}', fontsize = title_fontsize)
    ax.axis('off')    # Turn off axis

    # Set the projection - NorthPolarStereo
    ax = plt.axes(projection=ccrs.NorthPolarStereo())
    ax.coastlines()    # Adding coastlines
    ax.set_extent([map_start_longitude,
                  map_end_longitude,
                  map_edge_latitude,

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        map_center_latitude],
        crs=ccrs.PlateCarree()))

# Add features for land and ocean
ax.add_feature(cfeature.LAND,
               facecolor='tan',
               zorder=2)
''' Tan color for land - Placed third in line for plotting '''

ax.add_feature(cfeature.OCEAN,
               facecolor='grey',
               zorder=0)
''' Grey color for ocean - Placed first in line for plotting'''

if log_scale_option == True:
    plotable_variable.plot.pcolormesh(
        ax=ax, x='x', y='y',
        transform=ccrs.PlateCarree(), # added transform argument
        extend='neither',
        cbar_kwargs = {'label':'Decibel [dB]'},
        cmap=map_color,
        zorder = 1 # Placed second in line for plotting
    )

else:
    plotable_variable.plot.pcolormesh(
        ax=ax, x='x', y='y',
        transform=ccrs.PlateCarree(), # added transform argument
        extend='neither',
        cbar_kwargs = {'label': f'[{variable.units}]'},
        cmap=map_color,
        zorder = 1 # Placed second in line for plotting
    )

# Draw gridlines on the map
gl = ax.gridlines(draw_labels=True)

plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()

return

```

By getting hold of a dataset from somewhere close to the Arctic, the plotting of different variables can be done as follows:

```
### Opens Downloaded file
# ds_arctic = xr.open_dataset(''ASA_WSDH2PRNMI20120322_111545
# _000623843113_00023_52623_0000
# .nc''')
''' Downloaded file found in the notebook folder '''

# Opens dataset through the associated OPENDAP-link
ds_arctic = xr.open_dataset('''https://thredds.met.no/thredds/dodsC/
remotesensingenvisat/asar-doppler/2012/03/22/
ASA_WSDH2PRNMI20120322_111545_000623843113_00023_52623_0000.nc''')

ds_arctic
```

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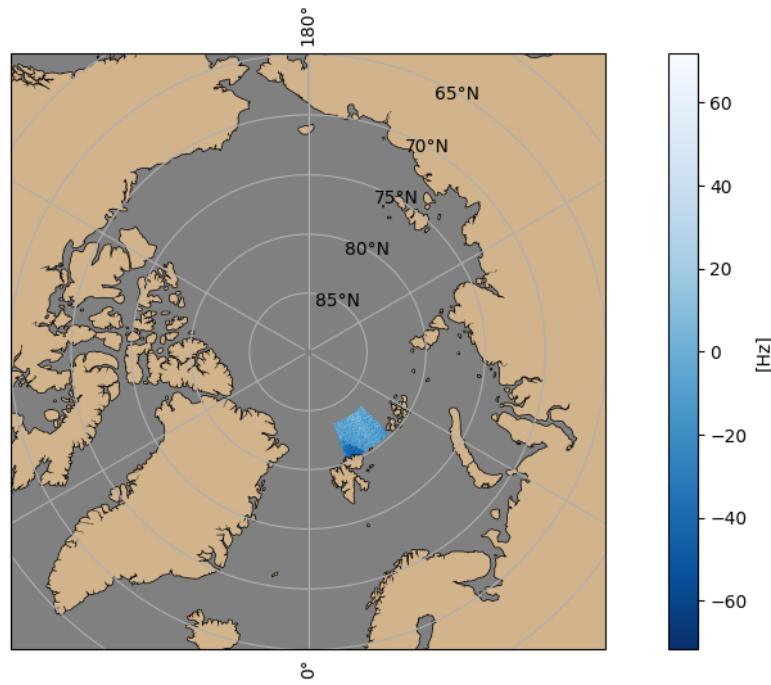
- ▶ Dimensions: (y: 611, x: 847)
- ▶ Coordinates: (0)
- ▶ Data variables:
(22)
- ▶ Indexes: (0)
- ▶ Attributes: (75)

Underneath there are again some examples on how to plot a specified variable on the Arctic map. For each example the map is more and more zoomed in on the data that is plotted.

```
# The entire Arctic

ArcticPlot_variables_on_a_map(dataset = ds_arctic,
                               variable = ds_arctic.geophysical_doppler,
                               map_color = 'Blues_r',
                               map_start_longitude = -180,
                               map_end_longitude = 180,
                               map_edge_latitude = 65,      # Default 60
                               map_center_latitude = 90,    # Default 90
                               title_fontsize = 20          # Default 15
                             )
```

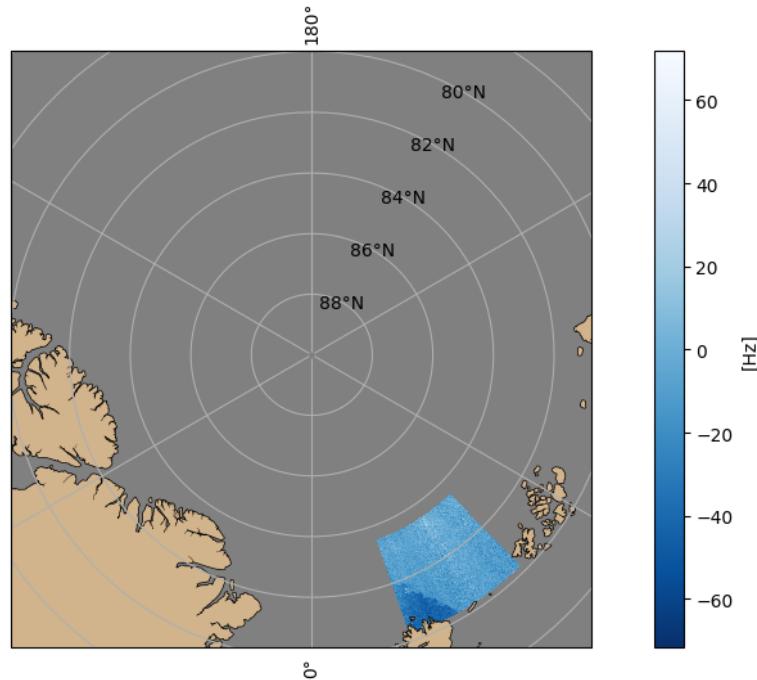
Radar Doppler frequency shift due to surface velocity



```
# Zooming in on the Arctic Ocean

ArcticPlot_variables_on_a_map(dataset = ds_arctic,
                                variable = ds_arctic.geophysical_doppler,
                                map_color = 'Blues_r',
                                map_start_longitude = -180,
                                map_end_longitude = 180,
                                map_edge_latitude = 80,      # Default 60
                                map_center_latitude = 90,    # Default 90
                                title_fontsize = 20          # Default 15
                                )
```

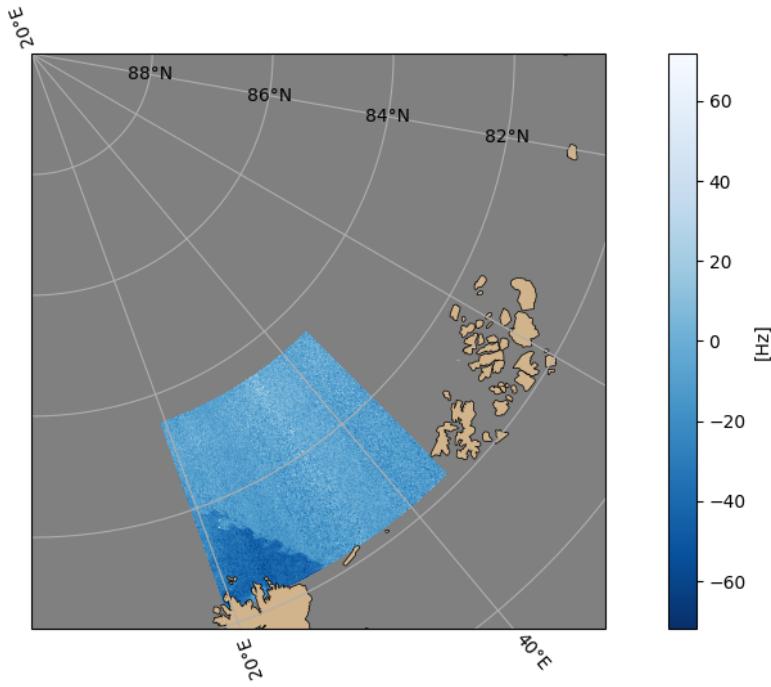
Radar Doppler frequency shift due to surface velocity



```
# A quarter of the sphere covering the Arctic Ocean

ArcticPlot_variables_on_a_map(dataset = ds_arctic,
                               variable = ds_arctic.geophysical_doppler,
                               map_color = 'Blues_r',
                               map_start_longitude = 0,
                               map_end_longitude = 90,
                               map_center_latitude = 90, # Default 90
                               map_edge_latitude = 80.5, # Default 60
                               title_fontsize = 20 # Default 15
                             )
```

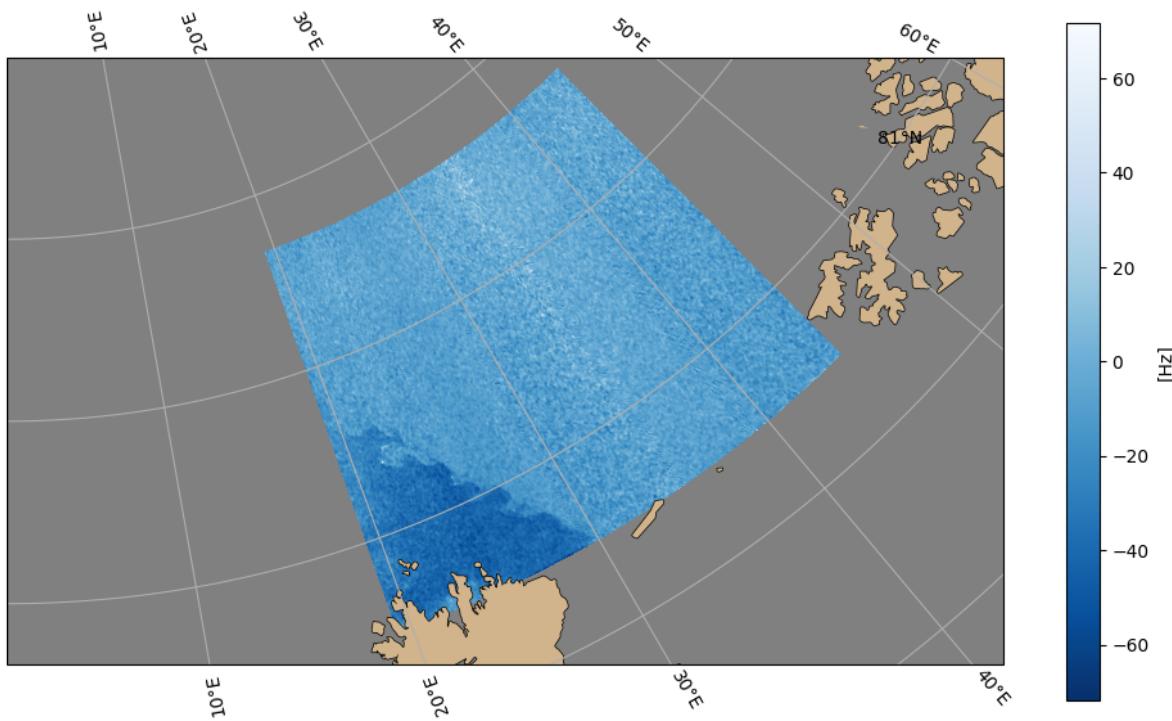
Radar Doppler frequency shift due to surface velocity



```
# Close up of the plotted variable

ArcticPlot_variables_on_a_map(dataset = ds_arctic,
                               variable = ds_arctic.geophysical_doppler,
                               map_color = 'Blues_r',
                               map_start_longitude = 0,
                               map_end_longitude = 60,
                               map_center_latitude = 81, # Default 90
                               map_edge_latitude = 80.5, # Default 60
                               title_fontsize = 20 # Default 15
                             )
```

Radar Doppler frequency shift due to surface velocity



As an additional option, the plot below show that the selected variable, in this instance backscatter (`sigma0`), is attainable to plot on a log scale [dB] through setting the `log_scale_option` as True.

```
ArcticPlot_variables_on_a_map(dataset = ds_arctic,
                               variable = ds_arctic.sigma0,
                               map_color = 'gray_r',
                               map_start_longitude = 0,
                               map_end_longitude = 60,
                               map_center_latitude = 81, # Default 90
                               map_edge_latitude = 80.5, # Default 60
                               title_fontsize = 20,      # Default 15
                               log_scale_option = True
                             )
```

Normalized Radar Cross Section

