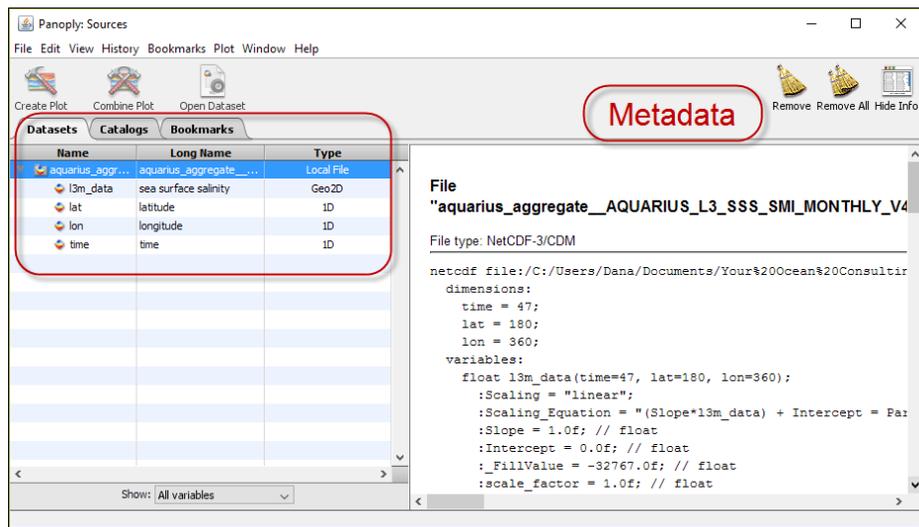# How to Open a .netcdf File in Panoply

Launch Panoply.

This will launch your file Explorer (Windows) or Finder (Mac) window.

Navigate to where your .netcdf files are stored.

Click to open the .netcdf file(s) you will be making into a Plot.

Note: Use Shift + click *or* Control (Windows)/Command (Mac) + click *to select additional .netcdf files to open.*

The file you have opened should be visibile within the Panoply window.

The Panoply Sources Browser has two sections:

- Data elements are listed on the left.
- Metadata is displayed on the right.