Using psyplot for visualizing unstructured data and vertical transects

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So let's import some libraries for the execution

In [1]:
```
%matplotlib widget

import psyplot.project as psy

import numpy as np
import xarray as xr
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import cartopy.crs as ccrs
from IPython.display import display, Video

from ipympl.backend_nbagg import Canvas
Canvas.header_visible.default_value = False

import warnings
```

Outline

Overview on psyplot

Main features of psyplot

Unstructured Grids

Vertical Transects

psyplot in one slide

> ***An interactive netCDF data visualization and analysis library, based upon `matplotlib` and `xarray`***

- the `psyplot` package is the core of the framework, visualization methods are implemented in plugins
- `formatoption`s control the appearance of the plot or the data that is shown
- multiple `formatoption` together make up a plotter for a specific type of visualization
    - one plotter for line plots
    - one plotter for scalar 2D plots
    - one plotter for scalar 2D plots on a map
    - one plotter for vector data (i.e. data with u and v component)
    - ...
- object-oriented approach
    - each formatoption and each plotter represents one class
    - formatoption can be combined to handle more complex configuration tasks
- `psyplot` API can be used
    - from the command-line
    - in python scripts (or jupyter notebooks)
    - in a desktop application

Main features of psyplot

Using psyplot from Python

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```
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ds
```

```
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elat	(edge)	float32	...
elat_bnds	(edge, no)	float32	...
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In [5]:
```
sp.update(cmap="Reds")
```

In [6]:
```
sp.update(title="%(time)s")
```

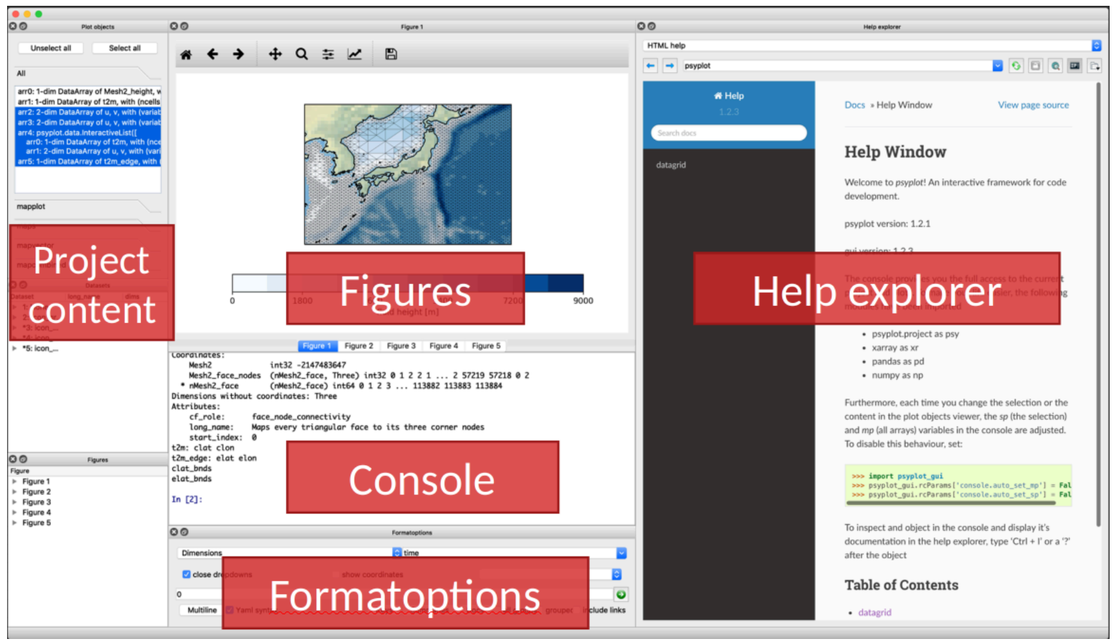
In [7]:
```
sp.update(time=3)
```

In [8]:
```
sp.update(lonlatbox="Europe")
```

In [9]:
```
psy.close("all")
```

Using the GUI

psyplot comes with a flexible graphical user interface (GUI).



- On mybinder: click here.
- On mistral:
  - either via X11

```
ssh -X mistral
module load python3
psyplot
```

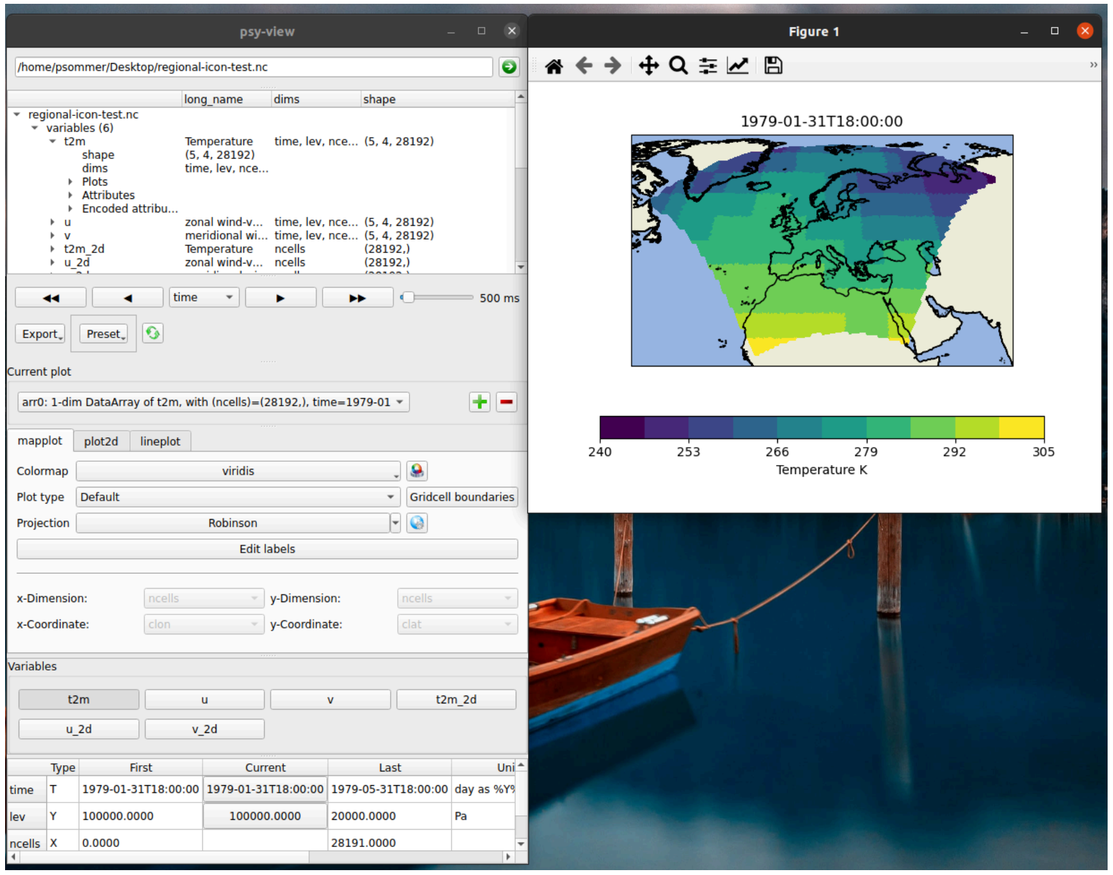
- On your on own working station: Install it via `conda install -c conda-forge psy-view`

psy-view

An ncview-like interface, but with psyplot

- quick access to netcdf-variables via buttons
- switch between projections
- modify basemap
- change labels, colormaps, etc.
- display time-series when clicking on the map
- load presets for your plots
- animate through time, z, etc.

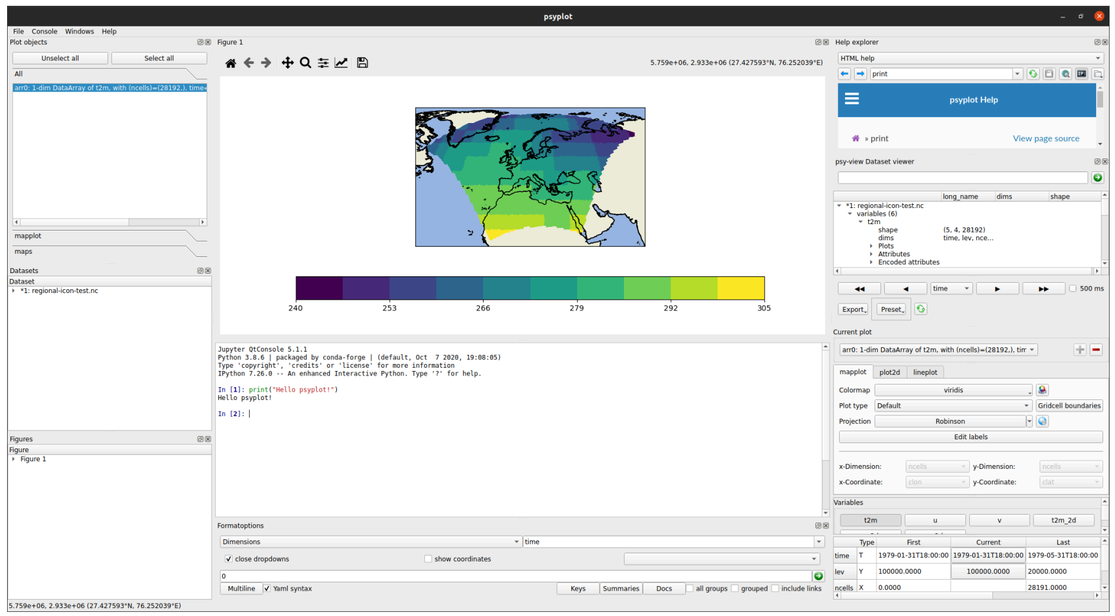
https://psyplot.github.io/psy-view



The psyplot GUI

Flexible GUI for coding and clicking

- integrated IPython console for interactive use of the command line
- connected help window that renders help and python object documentation
- integrated psy-view window
- shortcut widgets for individual formatoptions



https://psyplot.github.io/psyplot-gui

Plugins for visualization

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```
In [10]: psy.plot.show_plot_methods()

barplot
    Make a bar plot of one-dimensional data
combined
    Plot a 2D scalar field with an overlying vector field
density
    Make a density plot of point data
fldmean
    Calculate and plot the mean over x- and y-dimensions
horizontal_mapcombinedtransect
    Open and plot data via :class:`psy_transect.maps.Horiz
ontalTransectCombinedPlotter` plotters
horizontal_maptransect
    Open and plot data via :class:`psy_transect.maps.Horiz
ontalTransectFieldPlotter` plotters
horizontal_mapvectortransect
    Open and plot data via :class:`psy_transect.maps.Horiz
ontalTransectVectorPlotter` plotters
lineplot
    Make a line plot of one-dimensional data
mapcombined
    Plot a 2D scalar field with an overlying vector field
on a map
mapplot
    Plot a 2D scalar field on a map
mapvector
    Plot a 2D vector field on a map
plot2d
    Make a simple plot of a 2D scalar field
vector
    Make a simple plot of a 2D vector field
vertical_maptransect
    Open and plot data via :class:`psy_transect.plotters.V
erticalMapTransectPlotter` plotters
vertical_transect
    Open and plot data via :class:`psy_transect.plotters.V
erticalTransectPlotter` plotters
violinplot
    Make a violin plot of your data
```

They already have a lot of formatoptions available

In [11]:
```
psy.plot.mapplot.keys(grouped=True)
```

```
******************
Axes formatoptions
******************
+------------+------------+------------+
| background | tight      | transpose  |
+------------+------------+------------+

*************************
Color coding formatoptions
*************************
+-------------+-------------+-------------+-------------+
| bounds      | cbar        | cbarspacing | cmap        |
+-------------+-------------+-------------+-------------+
| ctickprops  | cticksize   | ctickweight | extend      |
+-------------+-------------+-------------+-------------+
| levels      | miss_color  |             |             |
+-------------+-------------+-------------+-------------+

*******************
Label formatoptions
*******************
+----------------+----------------+----------------+----------------+
| clabel         | clabelprops    | clabelsize     | clabelweight   |
+----------------+----------------+----------------+----------------+
| figtitle       | figtitleprops  | figtitlesize   | figtitleweight |
+----------------+----------------+----------------+----------------+
| text           | title          | titleprops     | titlesize      |
+----------------+----------------+----------------+----------------+
| titleweight    |                |                |                |
+----------------+----------------+----------------+----------------+

**************************
Miscallaneous formatoptions
**************************
+-------------------+-------------------+-------------------+-------------------+
| clat              | clip              | clon              | datagrid          |
+-------------------+-------------------+-------------------+-------------------+
| google_map_detail | grid_color        | grid_labels       | grid_labelsize    |
+-------------------+-------------------+-------------------+-------------------+
| grid_settings     | interp_bounds     | lonlatbox         | lsm               |
+-------------------+-------------------+-------------------+-------------------+
| map_extent        | mask_datagrid     | projection        | stock_img         |
+-------------------+-------------------+-------------------+-------------------+
| transform         | xgrid             | ygrid             |                   |
+-------------------+-------------------+-------------------+-------------------+

***********************
Axis tick formatoptions
***********************
```

Unstructured Grids

The basics about the ICON Grid

- 1D variables
- 1D coordinates

- 2D bounds variable

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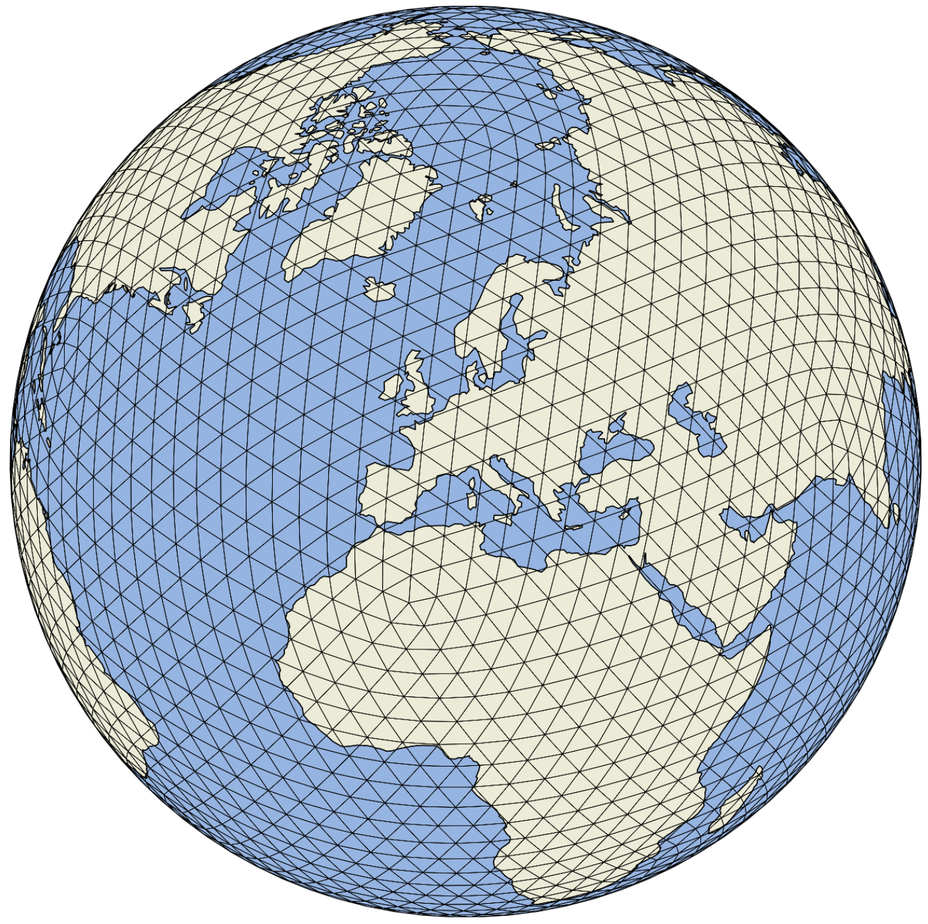
not supported by standard matplotlib and cartopy approach



Edges and Faces

triangular	edge grid

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    display(ds)
```

xarray.Dataset

▸ Dimensions:

(ncells: 5120, vertices: 3)

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edge grid

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```
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with psy.open_dataset("data/icon-edge.nc") as ds:
    display(ds)
```

xarray.Dataset

▸ Dimensions:

(edge: 480, no: 4)

▾ Coordinates:

elon_bnds (edge, no) float32 ...
elat_bnds (edge, no) float32 ...
elon (edge) float32 ...
elat (edge) float32 ...

▾ Data variables:

t2m_edge (edge) float32 ...

▸ Indexes: (0)

▸ Attributes: (0)

Decoding unstructured information

In [14]:
```
!psyplot data/icon.nc -n t2m -i
```

```
t2m:
  Attributes:
    CDI_grid_type: unstructured
    code: '130'
    long_name: Temperature
    number_of_grid_in_reference: '1'
    table: '128'
    units: K
  Grid type info:
    curvilinear: false
    unstructured: true
  X-Coordinate information:
    Boundary variable: clon_bnds
    Boundary variable shape: ('ncells', 'vertices') -> (51
20, 3)
    Coordinate: clon
    Dimension name: ncells
    Shape: ('ncells',) -> (5120,)
  Y-Coordinate information:
    Boundary variable: clat_bnds
    Boundary variable shape: ('ncells', 'vertices') -> (51
20, 3)
    Coordinate: clat
    Dimension name: ncells
    Shape: ('ncells',) -> (5120,)
```

In [15]:
```
!psyplot ../ugrid-testfiles/schout_181_fixed.nc -n temp -i
```

```
temp:
  Attributes:
    data_horizontal_center: node
    data_vertical_center: full
    grid_mapping: transverse_mercator
    i23d: '2'
    ivs: '1'
    mesh: SCHISM_hgrid
  Grid type info:
    curvilinear: false
    unstructured: true
  Mesh information:
    cf_role: mesh_topology
    edge_coordinates: SCHISM_hgrid_edge_x SCHISM_hgrid_edg
e_y
    edge_node_connectivity: SCHISM_hgrid_edge_nodes
    face_coordinates: SCHISM_hgrid_face_x SCHISM_hgrid_fac
e_y
    face_node_connectivity: SCHISM_hgrid_face_nodes
    long_name: Topology data of 2d unstructured mesh
    node_coordinates: SCHISM_hgrid_node_x SCHISM_hgrid_nod
e_y
```

Visualization with psyplot

In [16]:
```
sp = psy.plot.mapplot(
    "data/icon_grid_demo.nc", # the input
    name="t2m", t=1,  # what shall be plotted
    cmap="Reds",      # formatoptions
)
```

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In [17]:
```
# update the projection
# this can take any cartopy projection, but we
# have a couple of shortcuts
sp.update(projection="ortho")
```

In [18]:
```
# change the lonlatbox
sp.update(lonlatbox="Europe")
sp.draw()
```

In [19]:
```
# mask certain values
sp.update(maskleq=280)
```

In [20]:
```
# set a title
sp.update(title="Month: %B %Y")
```

In [21]:
```
sp.update(google_map_detail=4)
```

In [22]:
```
psy.close('all')
```

UGRID conventions

ICON files contain the grid information as grid cell boundaries, UGRID stores the mesh connectivity

Mesh

```
        int Mesh2 ;
            Mesh2:cf_role = "mesh_topology" ;
            Mesh2:long_name = "Topology data o
    2D unstructured mesh" ;
            Mesh2:topology_dimension = 2 ;
            Mesh2:node_coordinates = "Mesh2_no
    e_x Mesh2_node_y" ;
            Mesh2:face_node_connectivity = "Me
    h2_face_nodes" ;
```

In [23]:
```
!ncdump -h data/simple_triangular_grid_si0.nc
```

```
netcdf simple_triangular_grid_si0 {
dimensions:
        nMesh2_node = 4 ;
        nMesh2_face = 2 ;
        Two = 2 ;
        Three = 3 ;
        time = UNLIMITED ; // (1 currently)
variables:
        int Mesh2 ;
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tructured mesh" ;
                Mesh2:topology_dimension = 2 ;
                Mesh2:node_coordinates = "Mesh2_node_x Mes
h2_node_y" ;
                Mesh2:face_node_connectivity = "Mesh2_face
_nodes" ;
        float Mesh2_node_x(nMesh2_node) ;
                Mesh2_node_x:standard_name = "longitude" ;
                Mesh2_node_x:long_name = "Longitude of 2D
mesh nodes" ;
                Mesh2_node_x:units = "degrees_east" ;
```

psy-ugrid: Visualizing triangular and flexible grids

- new repository open-source on GitLab: https://codebase.helmholtz.cloud/psyplot/psy-ugrid/
- efficient computation of the dual node or edge mesh solely
- integrated into psyplots decoding framework

```
In [24]: ds = psy.open_dataset("data/simple_triangular_grid_si0.nc")
         ds.Mesh2_fcvar.psy.decoder

Out[24]: <psy_ugrid.decoder.UGridDecoder at 0x7840c3968ad0>
```

```
In [25]: ds.psy.plot.mapplot(name="Mesh2_fcvar")

Out[25]: psyplot.project.Project([    arr0: 1-dim DataArray of Mesh
         2_fcvar, with (nMesh2_face)=(2,), Mesh2=-2147483647, time=
         1951-01-01])
```

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```
In [26]: ds.psy.plot.mapplot(name="Mesh2_ndvar")

Out[26]: psyplot.project.Project([    arr1: 1-dim DataArray of Mesh
         2_ndvar, with (nMesh2_node)=(4,), Mesh2=-2147483647, time=
         1951-01-01])
```

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Visualizing flexible grids

The UGRID conventions support flexible meshes, i.e. mixes of triangles, rectangles, hexagonals, etc.

In [27]:
```
ds = psy.open_dataset("data/simple_flexible_grid_si0.nc")
```

In [28]:
```
ds.psy.plot.mapplot(name="Mesh2_fcvar")
```

Out[28]:
```
psyplot.project.Project([    arr2: 1-dim DataArray of Mesh
2_fcvar, with (nMesh2_face)=(2,), Mesh2=-2147483647, time=
1951-01-01])
```

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In [29]:
```
ds.psy.plot.mapplot(name="Mesh2_ndvar")
```

Out[29]:
```
psyplot.project.Project([    arr3: 1-dim DataArray of Mesh
2_ndvar, with (nMesh2_node)=(5,), Mesh2=-2147483647, time=
1951-01-01])
```

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This works efficiently for all unstructured grids

In [30]:
```
ds = psy.open_dataset("../ugrid-testfiles/schout_181_fixed.nc")
ds.psy.plot.mapplot(name="temp", lsm="10m", z=-1)
```

Out[30]:
```
psyplot.project.Project([    arr4: 1-dim DataArray of temp, with (nSCHISM_hgrid_node)=(32432,), time=2012-06-29T01:00:00, transverse
_mercator=b'', nSCHISM_vgrid_layers=20])
```

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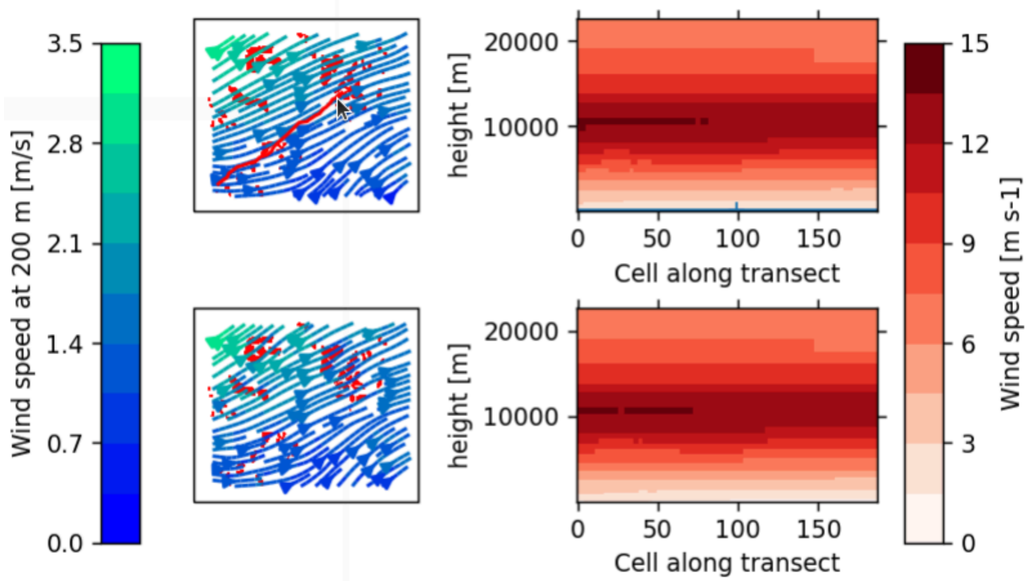
In [31]:
```
psy.close("all")
```

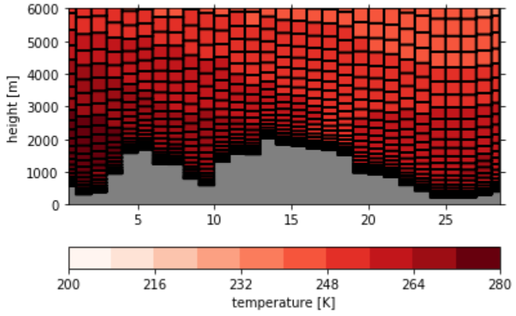
Transects

Analysing horizontal and vertical transects

psy-transect

- interpolate rastered (or unstructured) data on to a path.
- display vertical profiles (with respect to orography, if available)
- supports vector (wind) or scalar fields (temperature)
- made for interactive usage





COSMO-CLM data (standard case)

In [32]:
```
temperature_ds = psy.open_dataset("data/T.nc")
temperature_ds.psy.plot.horizontal_maptransect(
    name="T",
    transect=0,
    cmap="Reds",
    title="Layer at height %(transect)1.2f m",
)
```

Out[32]:
```
psyplot.project.Project([    arr0: 3-dim DataArray of T, w
ith (level, rlat, rlon)=(40, 111, 101), rotated_pole=b'',
time=1983-12-01T21:00:00])
```

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In [33]:
```
sp = temperature_ds.psy.plot.vertical_maptransect(
    name="T",
    plot="poly",
    background="0.5",
    datagrid="k-",
    transform="cyl",
)
p1, p2 = psy.gcp(True).plotters
p1.connect_ax(p2)
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```

Out[33]:
```
<matplotlib.widgets.LassoSelector at 0x7841e18c67d0>
```

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In [34]:
```
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```

COSMO-CLM with vertical level information

In [35]:
```
from psy_transect import utils

temperature_ds = psy.open_dataset("data/T.nc")
orography = psy.open_dataset("data/lffd1980010100c.nc").psy

new_ds = utils.mesh_to_cf_bounds(orography, "level1", "leve
new_ds.psy.plot.horizontal_maptransect(
    name="T",
    transect=0,
    cmap="Reds",
    title="Layer at height %(transect)1.2f m",
)
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    transform="cyl",
    xlim="minmax",
    ylim=(0, 6000),
    yticks=np.linspace(0, 6000, 7),
)

p1, p2 = psy.gcp(True).plotters
slider = p1.connect_ax(p2)
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```

In [37]:
```
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ICON-CLM extraction

In [38]:
```
icon_ds = psy.open_dataset("data/icon_19790101T000000Z.nc")
orography = psy.open_dataset("data/icon_19790101T000000Zc.n

new_ds = utils.mesh_to_cf_bounds(orography, "height", "heig

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encodings = {v: var.encoding for v, var in new_ds.variables
attrs = {v: var.attrs for v, var in new_ds.variables.items(
new_ds = new_ds.where(new_ds.HHL.notnull().any("height_2"),
for v, enc in encodings.items():
    new_ds[v].encoding.update(enc)

for v, att in attrs.items():
    new_ds[v].attrs.update(att)
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    cmap="Reds",
    decoder={"z": {"HHL"}},
    title="Layer at height %(transect)1.2f m",
)
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In [39]:
```
sp = new_ds.psy.plot.vertical_maptransect(
    name="temp",
    background="0.5",
    datagrid="k-",
    transect_resolution=0.1,
    decoder={"z": {"HHL"}},
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)

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In [40]:
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```

Vertical transect of SCHISM output

In [41]:
```
ds = psy.open_dataset("../ugrid-testfiles/schout_181_fixed.
sp = ds.psy.plot.horizontal_maptransect(
    name="salt",
    transect=0,
    cmap="viridis",
    title="Layer at depth %(transect)s",
    decoder={
        "x": {"SCHISM_hgrid_node_x"},
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        "z": {"nSCHISM_vgrid_layers"},
    },
    lsm="10m",
    lonlatbox=list(
        (
            9.395659165921904,
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In [42]:
```
ds.psy.plot.vertical_maptransect(
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    decoder={
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