

# epygram

Enhanced PYthon for GRaphics and Analysis of Meteorological fields

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## Meta-data handling

- geometry : 3D localization of gridpoints
- time validity, incl. start/term and cumulative processes
- nature of data

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## Context in research dept. at MF

- many different tools, uses and tips, from one person to another
- large heterogeneity in languages, graphical tools and so on...
- redundancy, cleanliness of code, modularity? and *maintenance*...

→ by the end of 2013, will converge to a common tool/library

⇒ **epygram**

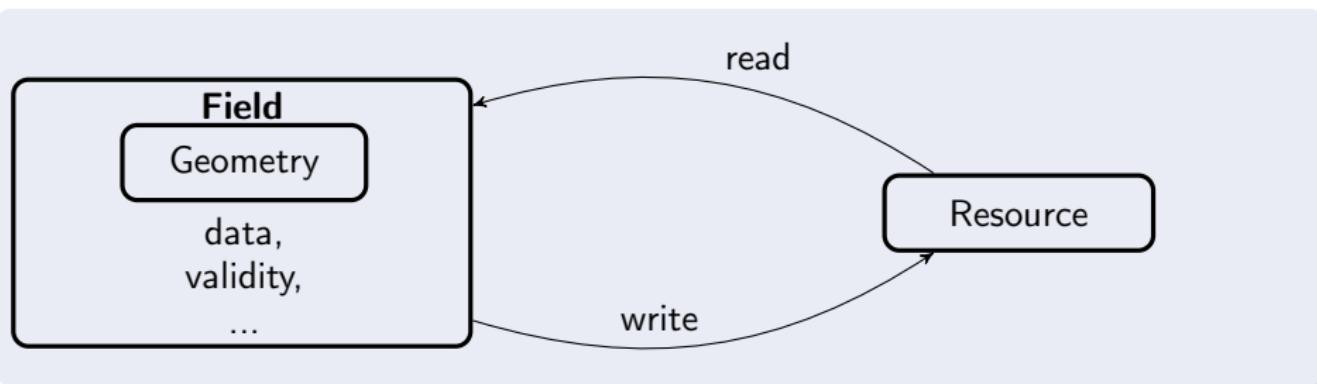
Target language : Python

## Python : not only a fashion victim ?

- hundreds of applicative libraries available (graphical, scientific, system, interfacing with Fortran/C, IO & data formats...)
- object-oriented : mandatory for file/data/metadata interactions
- free, with an expanding community
- interactive/script duality
- interoperability with the *Vortex* at Meteo France (scripting system for operational & research model-running)
- *simplicity* (...)

## 3 main concepts

- **Resource** : container of *fields* encoded in a *format*, possibly ± compressed. Generally, a *file*.
- **Field** : collection of values along a given *geometry*, with a given temporal validity. Superstar field = horizontal 2D field. (but also : vertical profile or section, transect, 3D field, local point(s)...)
- **Geometry** : collection of spatial positions in 3D (a "grid") on which is colocalized a *field*



## (In-)dependances

Each object is self-sufficient :

- Fields and Resources are *independant*  $\neq$  *incoherent* : no need of each other to fully exist, but ability to interact with each other !
- A field has a geometry, that can exist without reference to a field !
- *What about* field nature identification ? (each *Resource* format having often its own physical parameter designation...).

## one exemple

ex : U-component of wind at (hybrid-pressure) level 58

- FA : S058WIND.U.PHYS
- GRIB (GRIB\_API syntax) :

- GRIB1 :

```
indicatorOfParameter=33, # U-wind  
indicatorOfTypeOfLevel=109, # hybrid-pressure levels  
level=58, # level 58  
table2Version=1, # necessary for local tables
```

- GRIB2 :

```
discipline=0, # meteorological products  
parameterCategory=3, # momentum  
parameterNumber=2, # U-component of wind  
typeOfFirstFixedSurface=119, # hybrid-pressure levels  
level=58, # level 58
```

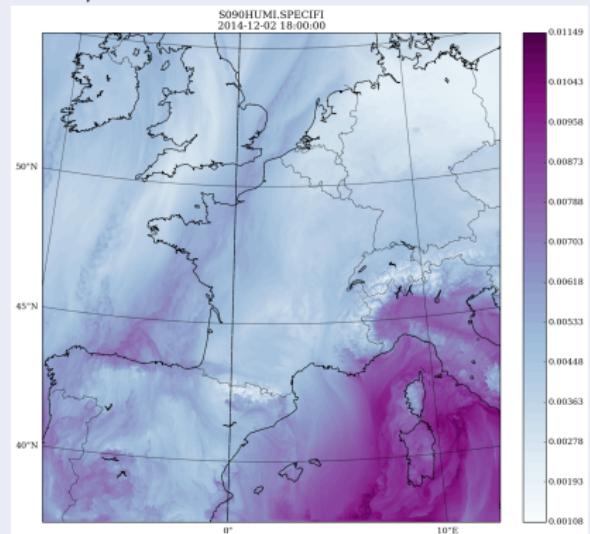
## Field identifier (*fid*)

- reference to a format
- may be multiple in one single object
- often a reference to vertical position of a horizontal field (e.g. Z500, SST, ...)
- GRIB2 is potentially the most complete  
⇒ `fid["generic"] = fid["GRIB2"]`

```
a_fid = {"FA":"L***PARAMETER",
          "LFI":(level, PARAMETER),
          "generic":{..., ...},
          ...}
```

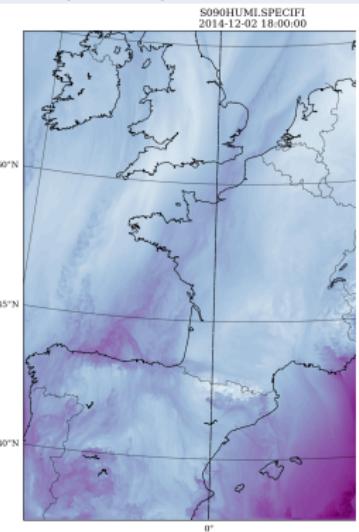
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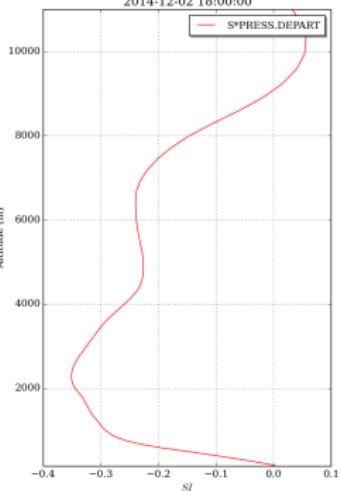


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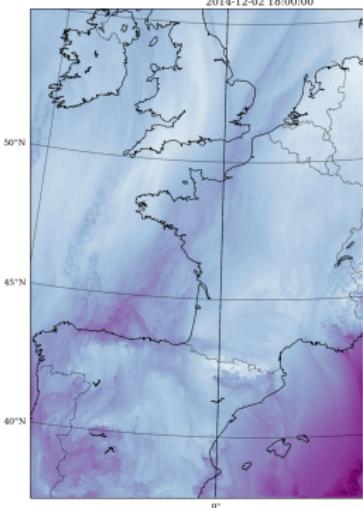
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2014-12-02 18:00:00



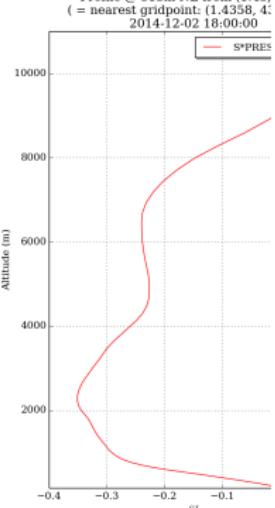
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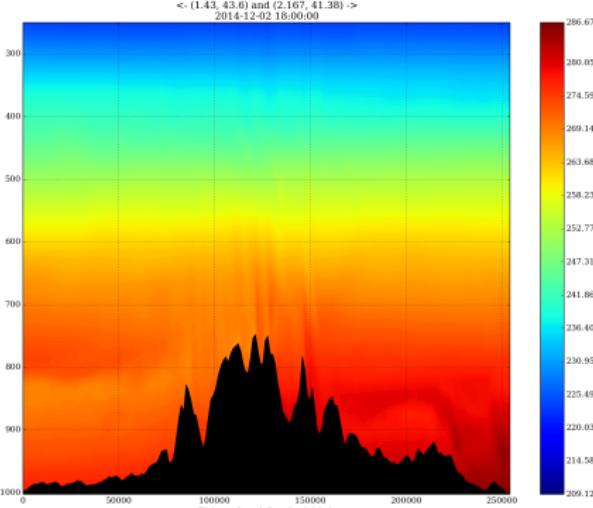
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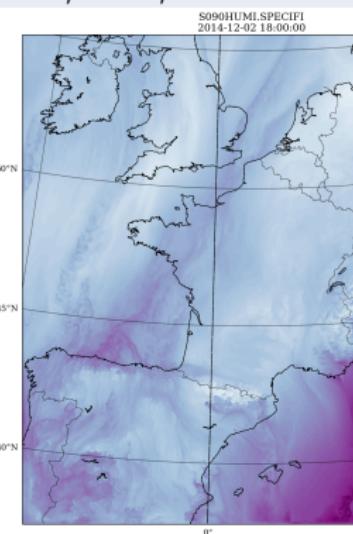


Section of ('PA', 'STTEMPERATURE') between  
<-(1.43, 43.6) and (2.167, 41.38)->  
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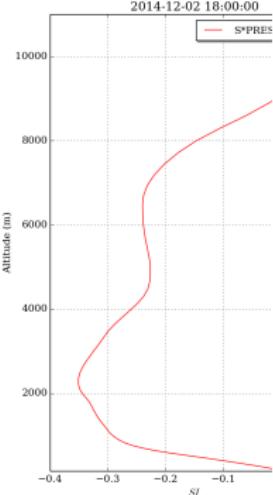


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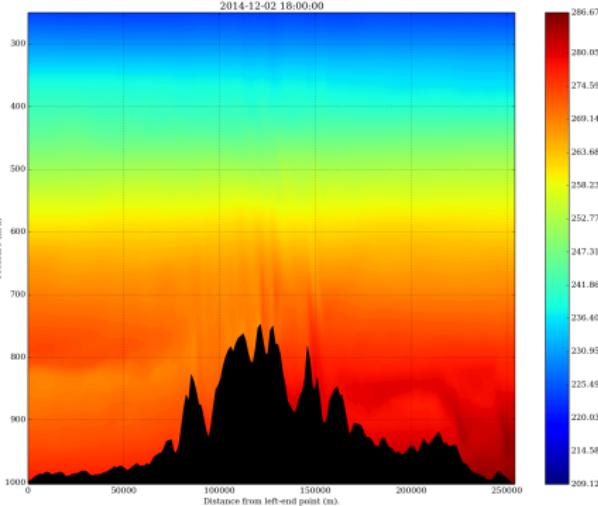
H2D, V1D, V2D... H1D, 3D, 0D.



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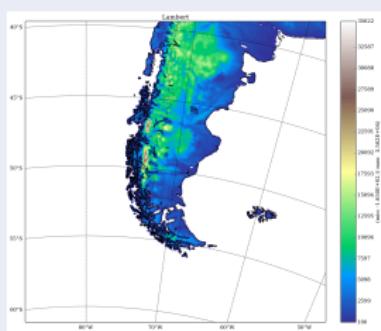
## A certain level of service

- ease access to data/metadata, *avoid user to need to know how it works internally*
- integration of useful methods : may be useful to somebody else
- ex :
  - `a2Dfield.sp2gp()` ⇒ spectral → gridpoint transformation
  - `a2Dfield.getvalue_ll(1.44, 43.6)` ⇒ field value in Toulouse
  - `a2Dfield.plotfield(**kwargs)` ⇒ plot of the field, many options available in `kwargs` arguments
  - `a3Dfield.extract_subdomain(another_geometry, ...)` ⇒ extract a field in another geometry (e.g. a vertical profile)

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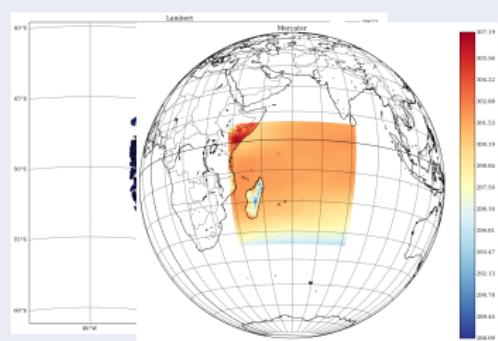
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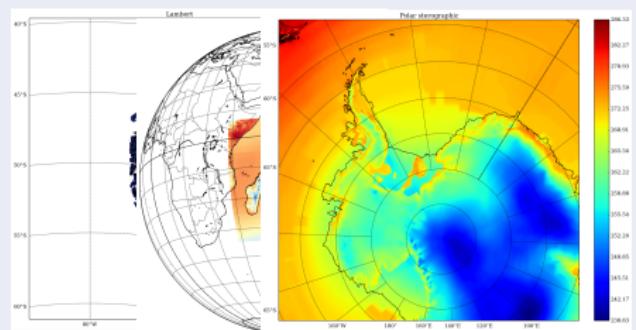
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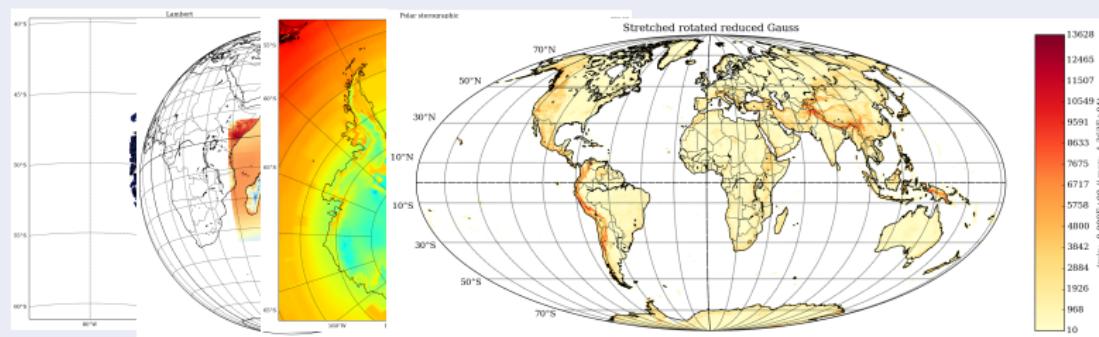
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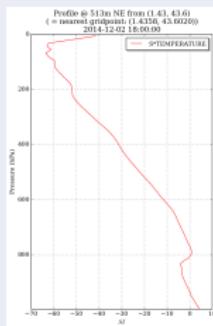
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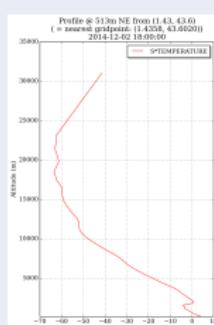
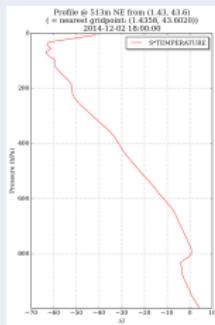
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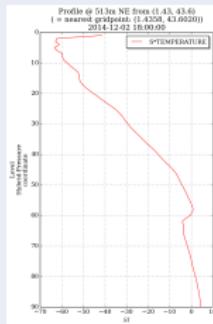
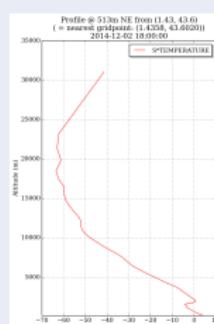
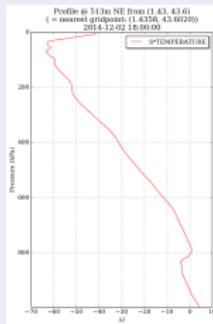
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coordinates



## A certain level of service

- lon/lat  $\leftrightarrow$  gridpoint index :  
`aH2Dgeom.ij2ll(i, j) // aH2Dgeom.ll2ij(lon, lat)`
- LAM models : handling of C+I+E zones
- get the whole model grid `aH2Dgeom.get_lonlat_grid()`
- towards **matplotlib** : `aH2Dgeom.make_basemap(...)`
- vertical coordinate conversion functions, e.g. :  
`epygram.geometries.Vgeometry.hybridP2pressure(hybridP_geometry,  
Psurf=101500, vertical_mean="geometric")`
- others : `aH2Dgeom.distance(pt1, pt2), ...`

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## Various other useful classes and functions :

- classes FieldValidity, Angle, Spectrum
- various functions : epygram.util
- default values & options ⇒ epygram.config  
“customizable” (userconfig)
- arguments catalog for argparse : epygram.args\_catalog
- externalisable sub-modules : epygram.untied
  - Python interfaces to subroutines from IFS-ARPEGE-AROME code (FA, LFI, LFA, spectral transforms : arpifs4py),
  - *framework* for parallelisation of tasks on several cores (“threads”) : taylorism
- ! underlying mechanics : package footprints

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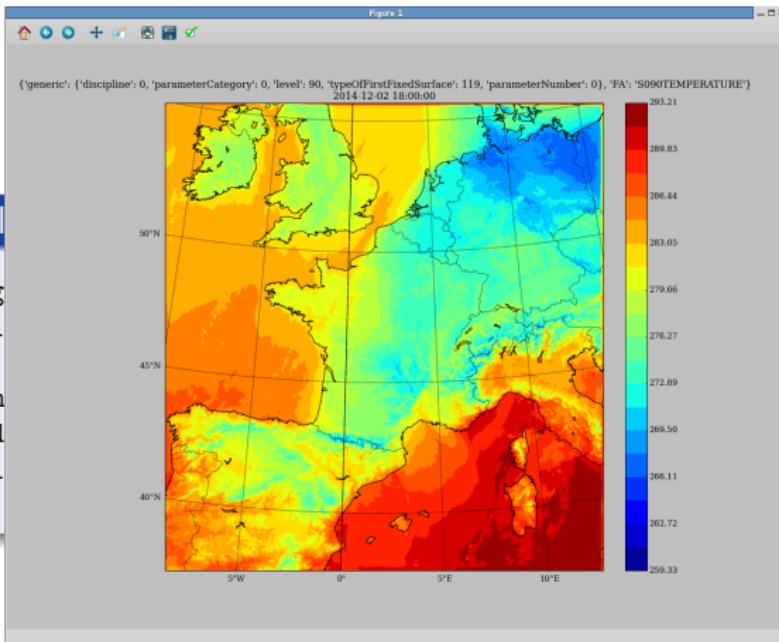
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> fig = ts.plotfield(... many plot options possible ...)
```

## simplicity : pl

```
> import epyg  
> epygram.ini  
  
> f = epygram  
> ts = f.read  
> fig = ts.pl  
> fig.show()
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> g24 = epygram.formats.resource("GRIDFRANGP0025r0_0024", "r")
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> t2md = g24.readfield({"shortName":"2t"}) - g22.readfield({"shortName":"2t"})
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## plot a composition of fields from a GRIB file

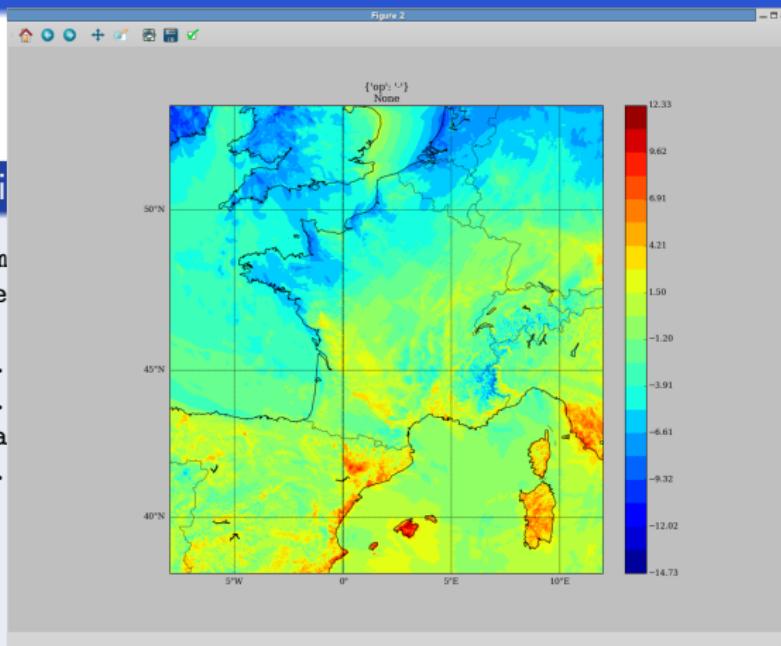
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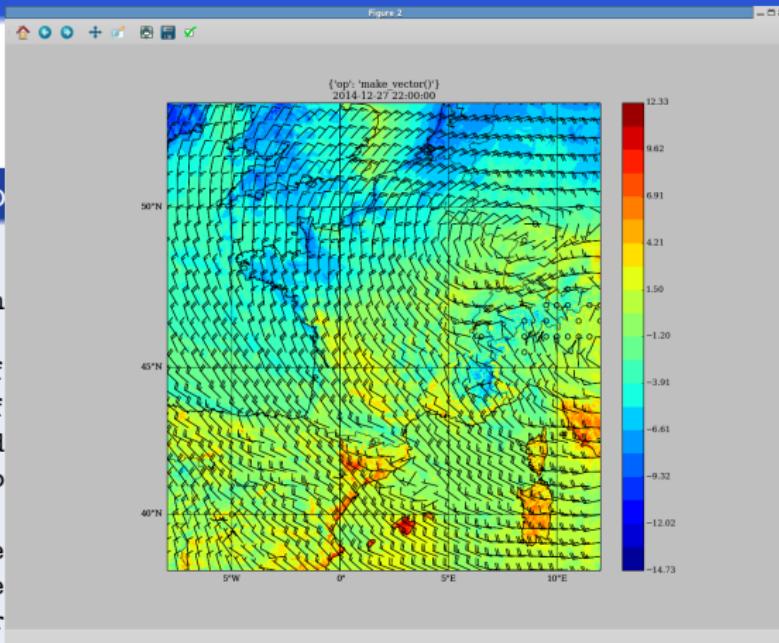
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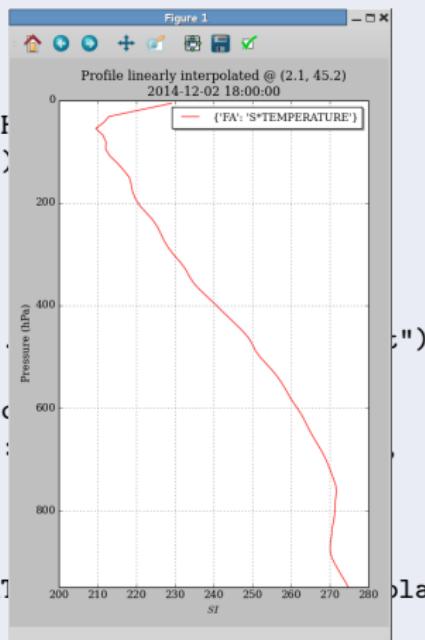
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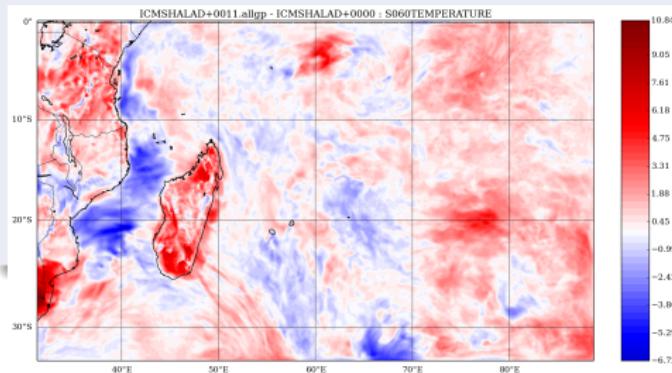
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epy_stats.py ICMshalad+0011.allgp -d ICMshalad+0000 -f "*FTEMP*" -o
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# PROFTEMPERATURE	min	max	mean	std	bias	rmsd	nonzero
ICMshalad+0011.allgp	2.764161E+02	3.104771E+02	2.980260E+02	3.431848E+00	-	-	3.907110E+05
ICMshalad+0000	2.762592E+02	3.104822E+02	2.981174E+02	3.398140E+00	-	-	3.907110E+05
-diff-	-4.261960E+00	3.791870E+00	-	-	-9.148226E-02	3.781067E-01	3.907110E+05
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- designed for Python 2.7
- other (Python) dependances : numpy, scipy, matplotlib, pyproj, argparse, gribapi, netCDF4

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## And tomorrow ?

- more advanced support for netCDF
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- ***collaborative library : any contribution is welcome !***

Thanks for your attention