
cubedsphere

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Library for post processing of MITgcm cubed sphere data

CAPABILITIES

- regrid cubed sphere datasets using `xESMF` and `xgcm`
- open datasets created by the `mnc` package (deprecated)
- open datasets using `xmitgcm` (needs latest version)
- plot original cubed sphere data
- some more small utilities
- more to come...

1.1 Installation

Warning: You need OSX or Linux to use this package. `ESMPy` (the dependency that handles the regridding) does not work with Windows.

Note: Currently `xgcm==0.5.2` is required. You will get errors if you use a different version``

1.1.1 Preparation

Create conda environment:

```
conda create -n mitgcm
```

Activate environment:

```
conda activate mitgcm
```

1.1.2 prepackaged installation

Install cubedsphere:

```
conda install -c conda-forge cubedsphere
```

Update xmitgcm (needs latest version from github repo):

```
pip install git+https://github.com/MITgcm/xmitgcm.git
```

1.1.3 Alternative: Installation of development version

Clone the repository:

```
git clone https://github.com/AaronDavidSchneider/cubedsphere.git
cd cubedsphere
```

Install dependencies:

```
conda install -c conda-forge xesmf esmpy xgcm xmitgcm matplotlib-base xarray
```

Update xmitgcm (needs latest version from github repo):

```
pip install git+https://github.com/MITgcm/xmitgcm.git
```

Install cubedsphere:

```
pip install -e .
```

You can now import the cubedsphere package from everywhere on your system

1.2 Usage

1.2.1 Reading Data

We can either read mds data using

`cubedsphere.open_ascii_dataset(outdir, return_grid=True, **kwargs)`

Wrapper that opens simulation outputs from standard mitgcm outputs.

Parameters

outdir: string Output directory

return_grid: Boolean Return a grid generated with `xmitgcm.get_grid_from_input`

****kwargs** everything else that is passed to `xmitgcm`

Returns

ds: xarray Dataset Dataset of simulation output

grid: xarray Dataset Only if `return_grid` is `True` Grid generated with `xmitgcm.get_grid_from_input`.

Warning: You need to use `useSingleCpuIO=.TRUE.` if you want to use ascii files (the default MITgcm output)

We can also read NETCDF data which has been outputted from the mnc package (deprecated).

`cubedsphere.open_mnc_dataset(outdir, iternumber, fname_list=['state'])`

Wrapper that opens simulation outputs from mnc outputs. NOT TESTED.

Parameters

outdir: `string` Output directory

iternumber: `integer` iteration number of output file

fname_list: `list` List of NetCDF file prefixes to read (no need to specify grid files here)

Returns

ds: `xarray Dataset` Dataset of simulation output

1.2.2 Regridding

`class cubedsphere.Regridder(ds, cs_grid, input_type='cs', d_lon=5, d_lat=4, concat_mode=False, filename='weights', method='conservative', **kwargs)`

Class that wraps the xESMF regridder for cs geometry.

Only two methods are possible with the cs geometry: conservative when using `concat_mode=False` (requires `lon_b` to have different shape from `lon` and `lat_b` from `lat`) or `nearest_s2d` when using `concat_mode=True`. Conservative regridding should be used if possible!

Notes

You can find more examples in the examples directory

Examples

```
>>> import cubedsphere as cs # import cubedsphere
>>> outdir = "../run" # specify output directory
>>> # open Dataset
>>> ds_ascii, grid = cs.open_ascii_dataset(outdir_ascii, iters='all', prefix = ["T",
↳ "U", "V", "W"])
>>> # regrid dataset
>>> regrid = cs.Regridder(ds_ascii, grid)
>>> ds_reg = regrid()
```

Attributes

regridder: `list or xESMF regrid object` (contains) the initialized xESMF regridder

grid: `dict` output grid

`__init__` (`ds`, `cs_grid`, `input_type='cs'`, `d_lon=5`, `d_lat=4`, `concat_mode=False`, `filename='weights'`, `method='conservative'`, `**kwargs`)

Build the regridder. This step will create the output grid and weight files which will then be used to regrid the dataset.

Parameters

ds: xarray DataSet Dataset to be regridded. Dataset must contain input grid information.

cs_grid: xarray DataSet Dataset containing cubedsphere grid information. If `input_type=="cs"`: Input grid. Required! If `input_type=="ll"`: Output cs grid. Required!

input_type: string Needs to be "cs" or "ll". Will result in an error if something else is used here. If "cs": `input=cs grid -> regrid to longitude latitude (ll)` If "ll": `input=ll grid -> regrid to cs grid`

d_lon: integer Longitude step size, i.e. grid resolution. Only used if `input_type=="cs"`.

d_lat: integer Latitude step size, i.e. grid resolution. Only used if `input_type=="cs"`.

concat_mode: boolean use one regridding instance instead of one regridder for each face. Only used if `input_type=="cs"`.

filename: string filename for weights (weights will be name `filename(+ _tile{i}).nc`)

method: string Regridding method. See `xe.Regridder` for options.

kwargs Optional parameters that are passed to `xe.Regridder` (see `xe.Regridder` for options).

`__call__`(*kwargs)

Wrapper that carries out the regridding from cubedsphere to latlon.

Parameters**Returns**

ds: xarray DataSet regridded Dataset

1.2.3 Create XGCM grids

`cubedsphere.init_grid_CS(ds=None, grid_dir=None, **kwargs)`

Init a xgcm grid for a cubedsphere dataset. Useful for raw datasets.

Parameters

grid_dir: string direction where the grid can be found (optional)

ds: xarray DataSet dataset that contains the grid (optional)

Returns

grid: xgcm.grid xgcm grid

`cubedsphere.init_grid_LL(ds=None, grid_dir=None, **kwargs)`

Init a xgcm grid for a latlon dataset. Useful for regridded datasets

Parameters

grid_dir: string direction where the grid can be found (optional)

ds: xarray DataSet dataset that contains the grid (optional)

Returns

grid: xgcm.grid xgcm grid

1.2.4 Plotting

`cubedsphere.plotCS(dr, ds, mask_size=None, **kwargs)`

A quick way to plot cubed-sphere data of resolution $6*N*N$. Wrapping `plotCS_quick_raw` to work with xarray objects

Parameters

dr: xarray DataArray The dimensions must be (y,x)

ds: xarray DataSet (the parent DataSet of dr) Must contain XC, YC as coordinate variables.

mask_size: None or int The overlap size of individual tiles. If None is chosen one might likely experience issues

****kwargs** Other keyword arguments such as `cmap` will be passed to `plotCS_quick_raw()` and subsequently to `plt.pcolormesh()`

Returns

ph: list List of mappabales

`cubedsphere.overplot_wind(ds_reg, U, V, stepsize=1, **kwargs)`

Quick and dirty function for overplotting wind of a regridded dataset

Parameters

ds_reg: xarray DataSet regridded dataset

stepsize: integer specify the stepsize for which wind arrows should be plotted

1.3 Examples

import cubedsphere and other helper packages

```
[1]: import numpy as np
import cubedsphere as cs

import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import matplotlib.colors as mcolors
import cartopy.crs as ccrs # optional, only needed for nicer projections
```

Specify folder of simulationdata

```
[2]: outdir_ascii = "/Volumes/EXTERN/Simulations/exorad/new_run/paper_runs/WASP-43b/run/"
```

1.3.1 Standard conservative regridding

Load data and regrid data

```
[3]: # open Dataset using xmitgcm (see docs for xmitgcm.open_mdsdataset for more details)
ds_ascii, grid = cs.open_ascii_dataset(outdir_ascii, iters=[41472000], prefix = ["T", "U",
↪ "V", "W"])
# regrid dataset
regrid = cs.Regridder(ds_ascii, grid)
ds = regrid()
```

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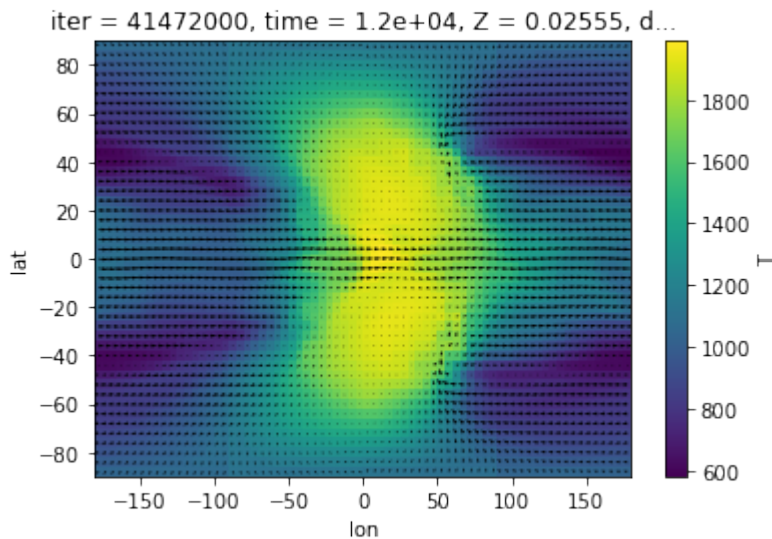
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```
# (optional) converts wind, temperature and stuff
ds = cs.exorad_postprocessing(ds, outdir=outdir_ascii)

time needed to build regridded: 0.9600319862365723
Regridded will use conservative method
```

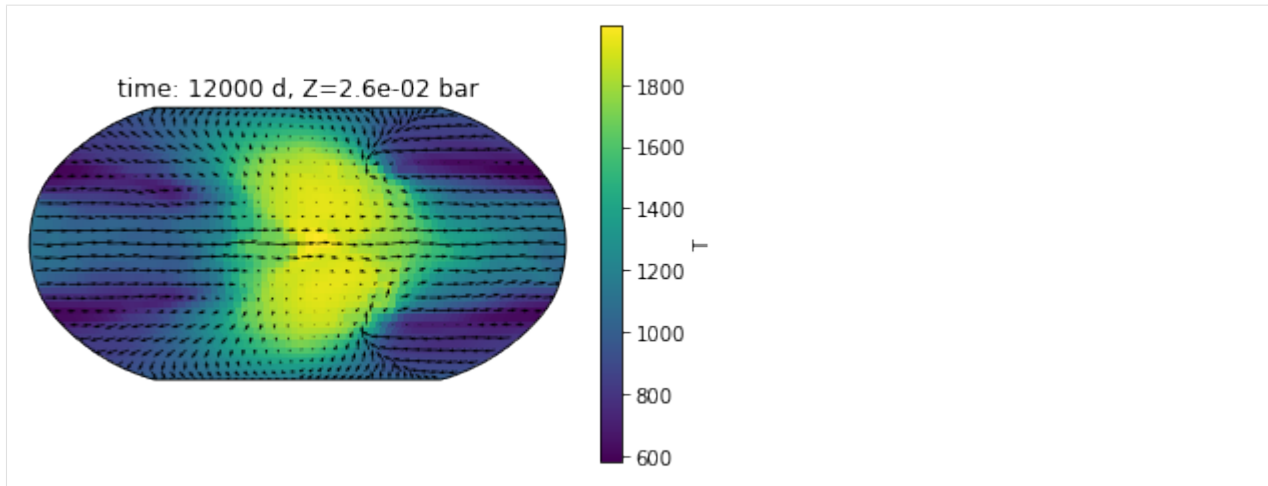
Minimal working example of a plot:

```
[4]: plt.figure()
# Select horizontal slice at latest time:
data = ds.isel(time=-1, Z=-20)
# Plot temperature:
data.T.plot()
# Overplot winds:
cs.overplot_wind(ds, data.U.values, data.V.values)
plt.show()
```



A littlebit nicer with cartopy:

```
[5]: plt.figure()
ax = plt.axes(projection=ccrs.Robinson())
# Plot temperature:
data.T.plot(transform = ccrs.PlateCarree(), ax=ax)
# Overplot winds:
cs.overplot_wind(ds, data.U.values, data.V.values, ax=ax, transform=ccrs.PlateCarree(),
↳ stepsize=2)
ax.set_title('time: {:.0f} d, Z={:.1e} bar'.format(data.time.values, data.Z.values))
plt.show()
```



Utilizing the cubedsphere plot to do a comparison with the original (not regridded) data:

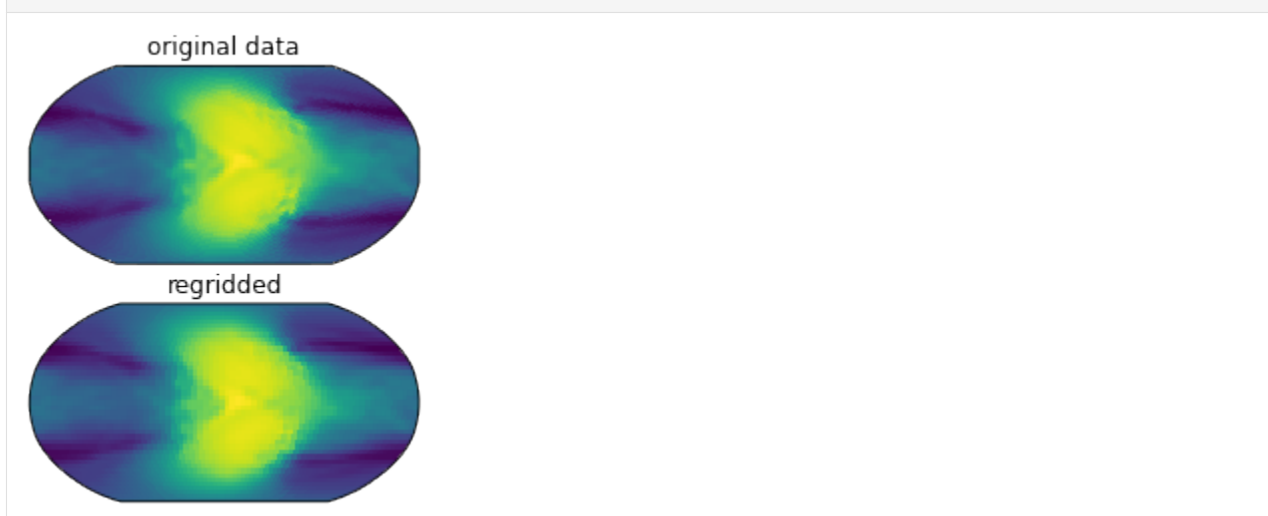
```
[6]: data_orig = ds_ascii.isel(time=-1,Z=-20)

fig, ax = plt.subplots(2,1, subplot_kw={"projection":ccrs.Robinson()})

# Do the plots
cs.plotCS(data_orig.T, data_orig, transform=ccrs.PlateCarree(), ax = ax[0])
ax[1].pcolormesh(data.lon, data.lat, data.T, transform = ccrs.PlateCarree())

ax[0].set_title('original data')
ax[1].set_title('regridded')

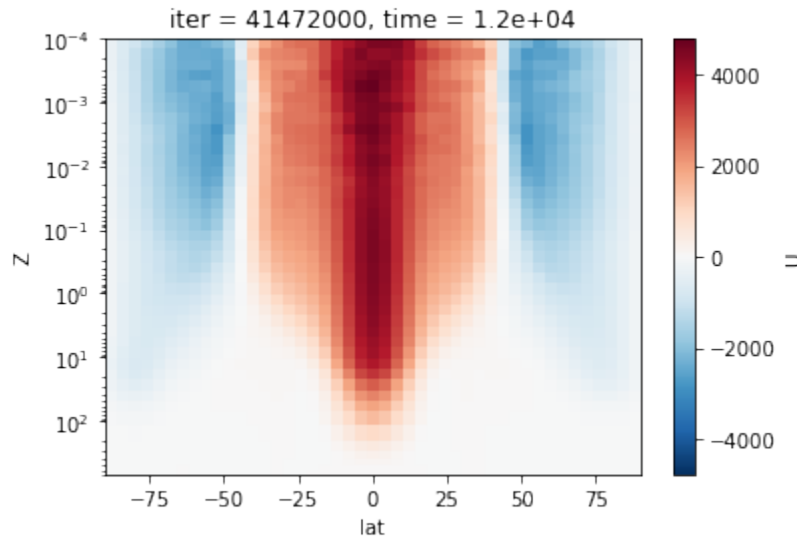
plt.show()
```



1.3.2 Zonal mean plots

For convenience, we will show an easy way on how to create a zonal mean wind plot

```
[7]: plt.figure()
zmean = ds.U.isel(time=-1).mean(dim='lon')
zmean.plot()
plt.yscale('log')
plt.ylim([700, 1e-4])
plt.show()
```



1.3.3 From lon,lat to cubedsphere

We are now going to perform a second regridding (from already regridded original to cubedsphere)

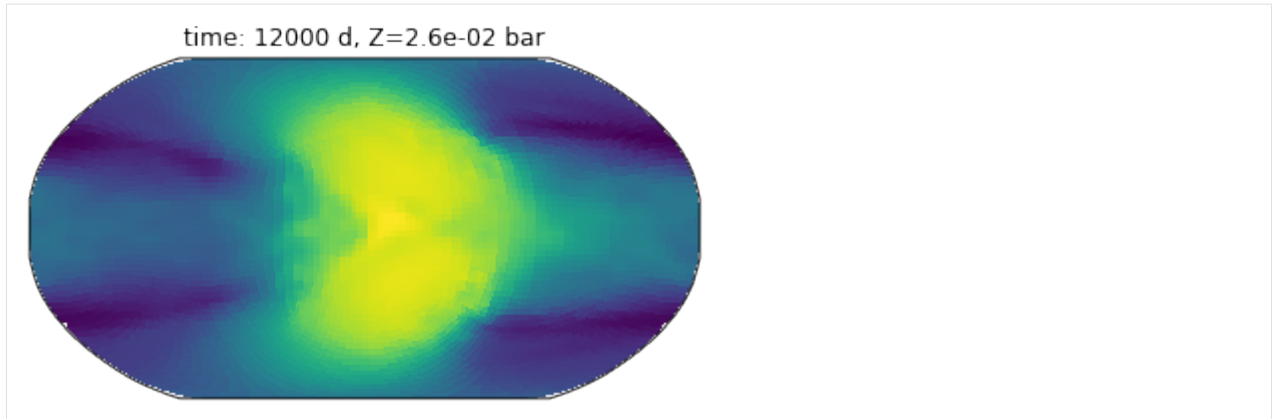
```
[8]: # Add some info to the regridded dataset
reg_grid = regrid._build_output_grid(5, 4)
ds["lon_b"] = reg_grid["lon_b"]
ds["lat_b"] = reg_grid["lat_b"]

# Perform back regridding
regrid = cs.Regridder(ds, grid, input_type='ll')
ds_regback = regrid()

time needed to build regrider: 0.9572968482971191
Regrider will use conservative method
```

Congratulations! ds_regback is now again in cubedsphere coordinates!

```
[9]: plt.figure()
data_reg_back = ds_regback.isel(time=-1, Z=-20)
ax = plt.axes(projection=ccrs.Robinson())
ax.set_title('time: {:.0f} d, Z={:.1e} bar'.format(data.time.values, data.Z.values))
cs.plotCS(data_reg_back.T, data_reg_back, transform=ccrs.PlateCarree(), ax = ax)
plt.show()
```



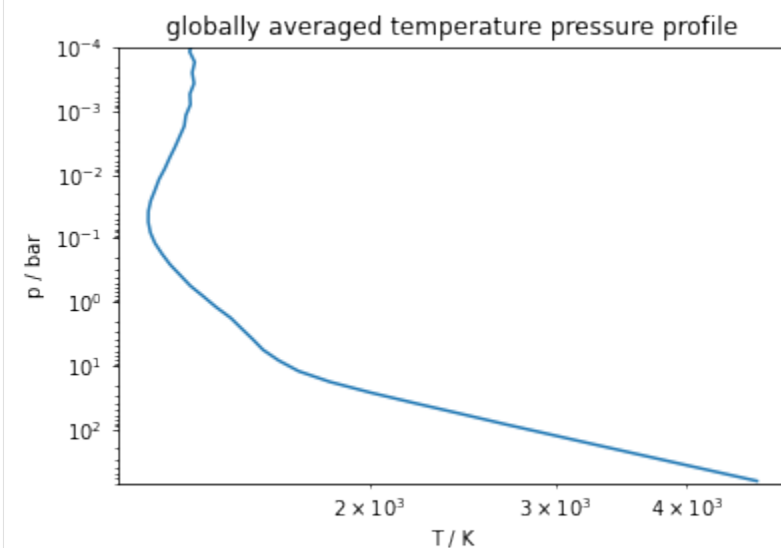
1.3.4 Calculate global averages

a globally averaged quantity \bar{T} can be calculated by

$$\bar{T} = \frac{\sum T \cdot \Delta A}{\sum \Delta A},$$

where ΔA is the area of the grid cell.

```
[10]: plt.figure()
T_global = (ds.T.isel(time=-1)*ds.area_c).sum(dim=['lon', 'lat'])/ds.area_c.sum(dim=['lon', 'lat'])
plt.loglog(T_global, ds.Z)
plt.ylim(700, 1e-4)
plt.title('globally averaged temperature pressure profile')
plt.ylabel('p / bar')
plt.xlabel('T / K')
plt.show()
```



1.3.5 Open userspecific files

Some packages (e.g., SPARC/MITgcm and exPERT/MITgcm) are not opensource and we therefore need to specify how we have to read the extra output generated by those codes.

This can be easily done using the `extra_variables` keyword, passed to `open_mdsmataset` from `cs.open_ascii_dataset`.

Extra variables can also be added to the codebase of the cubedsphere package. You can find already added exPERT/MITgcm variables [here](#).

Note: Click [here](#) to see the options for all kwargs used to open datasets with `xmitgcm`.

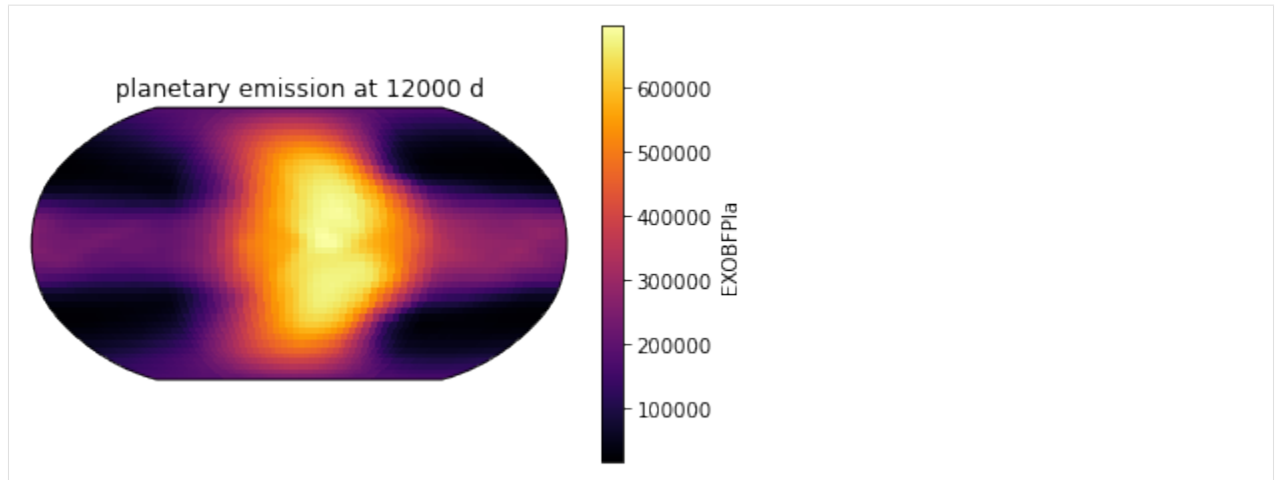
We will now show an example of how we can load and plot the bolometric emission fluxes generated from the exPERT/MITgcm output.

```
[11]: # Note: Not needed, since already part of cubedsphere package, this is shown only to
      ↪ demonstrate how it works
extra_variables = dict(EXOBFP1a=dict(dims=['k_p1', 'j', 'i'],
                                   attrs=dict(standard_name='EXOBFP1a', long_
      ↪ name='Bolometric Planetary Flux',
                                   units='W/m2'))))

[12]: # open Dataset using xmitgcm (see docs for xmitgcm.open_mdsmataset for more details)
ds_ascii, grid = cs.open_ascii_dataset(outdir_ascii, iters=[41472000], prefix = [
      ↪ "EXOBFP1a"], extra_variables=extra_variables)
# regrid dataset
regrid = cs.Regridder(ds_ascii, grid)
ds = regrid()
# (optional) converts wind, temperature and stuff
ds = cs.exorad_postprocessing(ds, outdir=outdir_ascii)

could not rename, got error: cannot rename 'T' because it is not a variable or dimension
      ↪ in this dataset
time needed to build regridder: 0.9598851203918457
Regridder will use conservative method

[13]: # Plot planetary emission:
plt.figure()
ax = plt.axes(projection=ccrs.Robinson())
ds.EXOBFP1a.isel(time=-1, Zp1=-1).plot(transform = ccrs.PlateCarree(), ax=ax, cmap=plt.
      ↪ get_cmap('inferno'))
ax.set_title('planetary emission at {:.0f} d'.format(data.time.values))
plt.show()
```

1.4 Exorad

1.4.1 Convert data

We can convert exorad outputs using

```
cubedsphere.exorad.exorad_postprocessing(ds, outdir=None, datafile=None, convert_to_bar=True,
                                          convert_to_days=True)
```

Preliminary postprocessing on exorad dataset. This function converts the vertical windspeed from Pa into meters and saves attributes to the dataset.

Parameters

- ds: Dataset** dataset to be extended
- outdir: string** directory in which to find the data file (following the convention f'{outdir}/data')
- datafile: string** alternatively specify datafile directly
- convert_to_bar: (Optional) bool** convert vertical pressure dimension to bar
- convert_to_days: (Optional) bool** convert time dimension to days

Returns

- ds:** Dataset to be returned

CHAPTER TWO

CREDITS

Many of the methods come from: <https://github.com/JiaweiZhuang/cubedsphere>

I would especially like to thank @rabernat for providing `xgcm` and @JiaweiZhuang for providing `xESMF`.

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