Hi,
thanks for the counter-testing. This is the answer I feared the most, because I don't know where to start looking.
So, I removed all paths from my IDL. I closed and restarted IDL. And typed in the code above and get a window that is simply black.

Anybody any idea what to look for?

(... yes uninstall/reinstall would be an option... but I don't like it at the moment)

Thanks,
Helder

PS: The only NG files I have ever modified (or even looked at) are the ones that Mark Piper and Chris Torrence suggested replacing in an old post to avoid getting plots outside the plot region (axis). After that the out-of-region plotting was working again as one would want it to.