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Posted by [at913](#) on Tue, 12 Jan 1993 14:39:19 GMT

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Posted by [pat](#) on Tue, 12 Jan 1993 16:52:04 GMT

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pat

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"I have a cunning plan." -- Baldric

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Posted by [peba1231](#) on Tue, 12 Jan 1993 17:54:43 GMT

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|> pat  
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Could you please send me your routine as soon as you wrote it :-)

Peter

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What I've done is use Map\_Set using a polar stereographic projection and then contouring some data on top of it. In the following example `matrix1' is a 380 x 15 floating array consisting of monthly measured heat fluxes at latitudes 50 to 85 deg. N. (see Oort). My data is available on request. If you just want to try this out, create an array that varies from about -400 to +400 or so:

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restore,'fwall_matrix.dat'
x = seqa(-180,30,13)
y = seqa(50.,2.5,15)
xx = [min(x),x,max(x)]
yy = [min(y),y,max(y)]
mostr = ['JAN','FEB','MAR','APR','MAY','JUN','$
[A'JUL','AUG','SEP','OCT','NOV','DEC']
lat = 50.5 lon = seqa(-180,30,12)
latstr = ['55','60','65','70','75','80','85']
lev = seqa(-400,50,19)
for iyr=0,25 do begin
  yrstr = '19'+strtrim(iyr+64,2)
  m1 = fltarr(13,15)
  m1(0,0) = matrix1(iyr*12:iyr*12+11,*)
  m1(12,*) = m1(0,*)
  m2 = make_array(15,17,/float,value=min(m1))
  m2(1,1) = m1
  map_set,/stere,90,-180,lim=[50,-180,85,180]
  xyouts,.5,.98,/norm,align=.5,'F!IWALL!N ('+yrstr+') -Wm!E-2!N',chars=1.3
  contour,m2,xx,yy,/follow,lev=lev,/overplot,path='path.dat'
  polycontour,'path.dat'
  contour,m1,x,y,/follow,lev=lev,/overplot
  map_grid,latdel=5,londel=30
  for i=0,11 do xyouts,lon(i),lat,/data,mostr(i),align=.5,$

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orient=i*30,chars=1.3
  for i=0,6 do xyouts,-180,i*5+55,/data,latstr(i)+'!9%!3N'
endfor
end
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Good Luck

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