



Analysis and Display Meteorological Data using Meteoinfo

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MeteoInfo software package

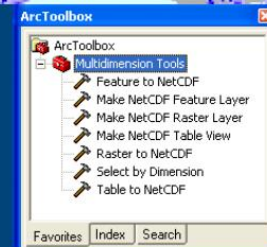
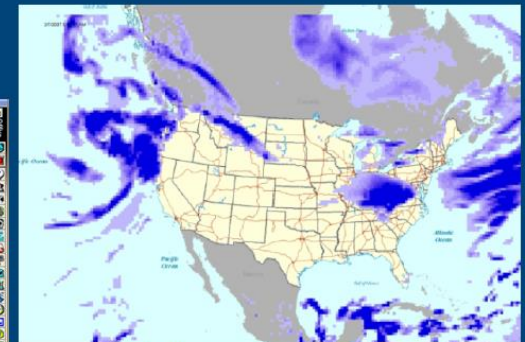
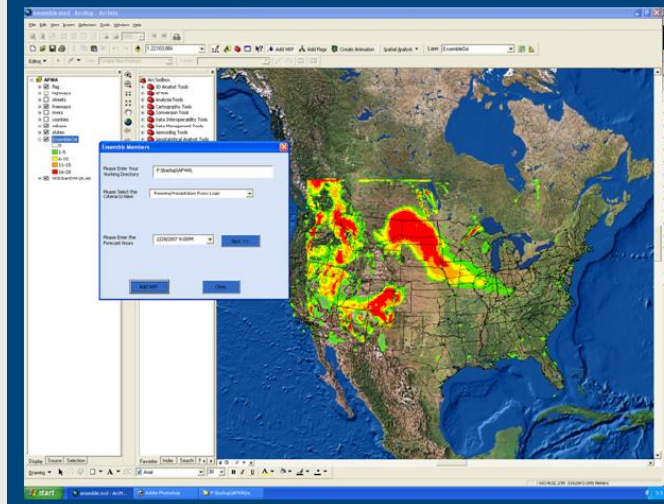
- Motivation: Scientific data analysis and visualization – especially for meteorological community
- MeteoInfo library: Java and C# version
- MeteoInfo GIS desktop: Java and C# version
- MeteoInfoLab: Java and Jython

Commercial GIS software

- Very expensive
- Complex in operation
- Not support popular meteorological data formats conveniently

NetCDF in ArcGIS

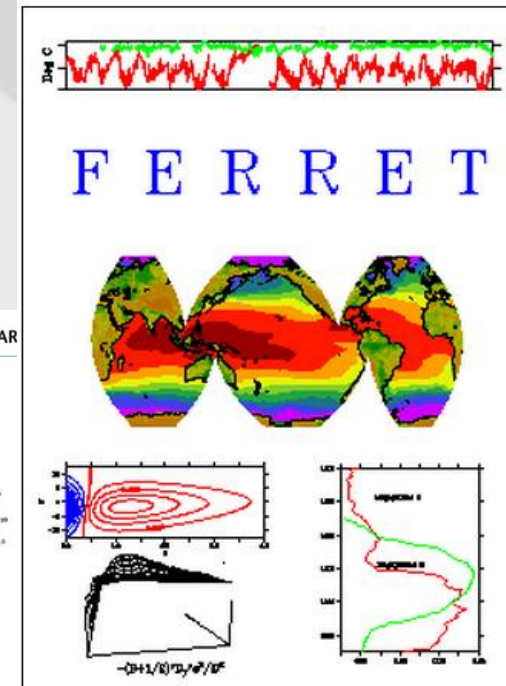
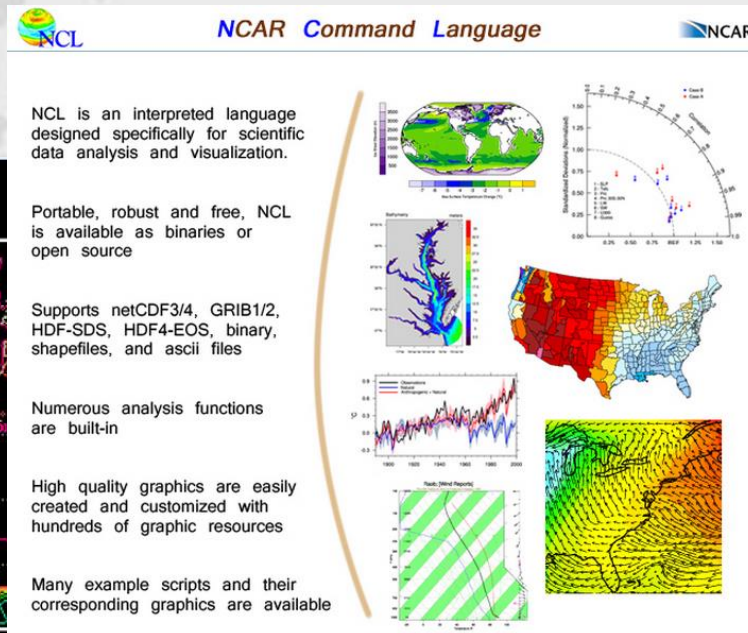
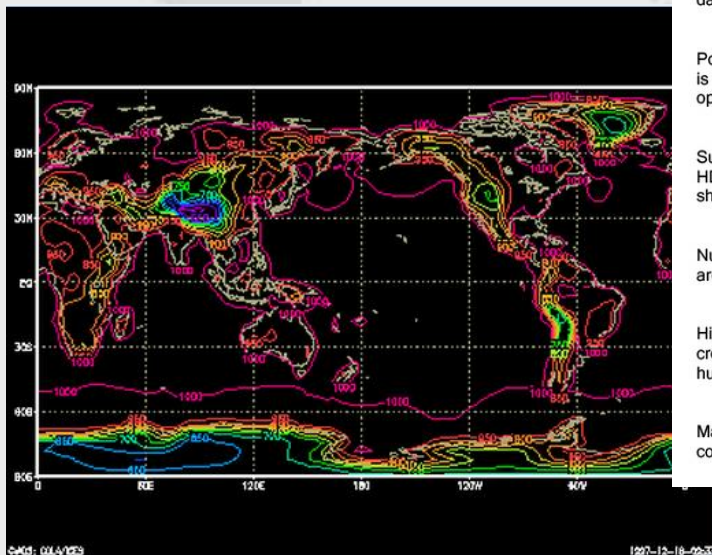
- ❖ Atmospheric community – ESRI collaboration
- ❖ Since 2006 release of ArcGIS 9.2 NetCDF CF format can be read in GIS



Visualization tools in atmospheric science community

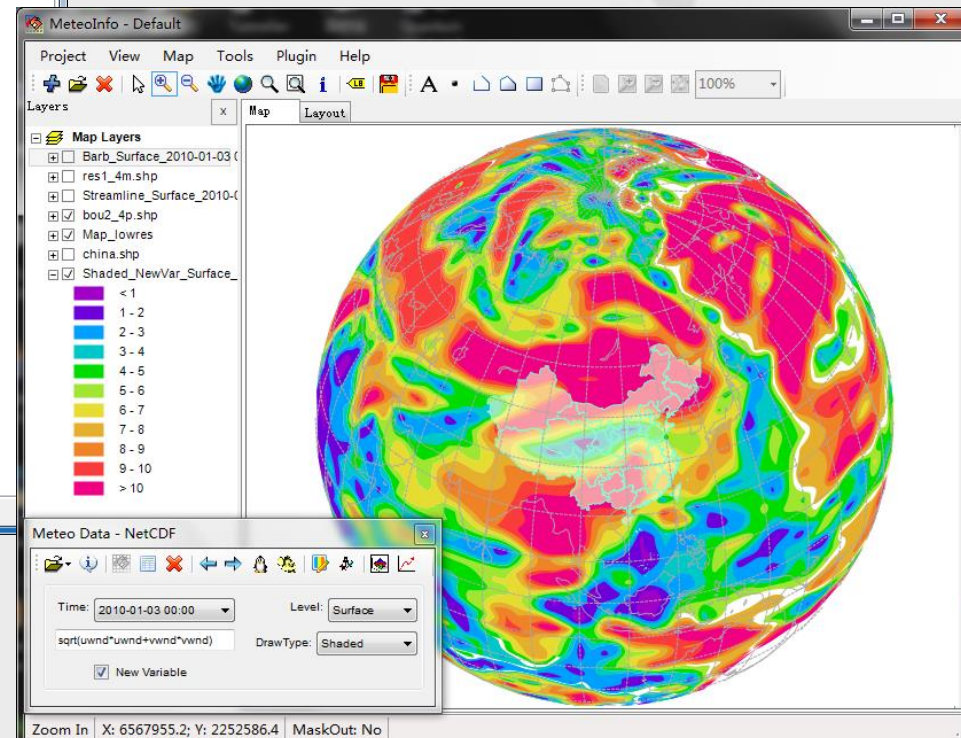
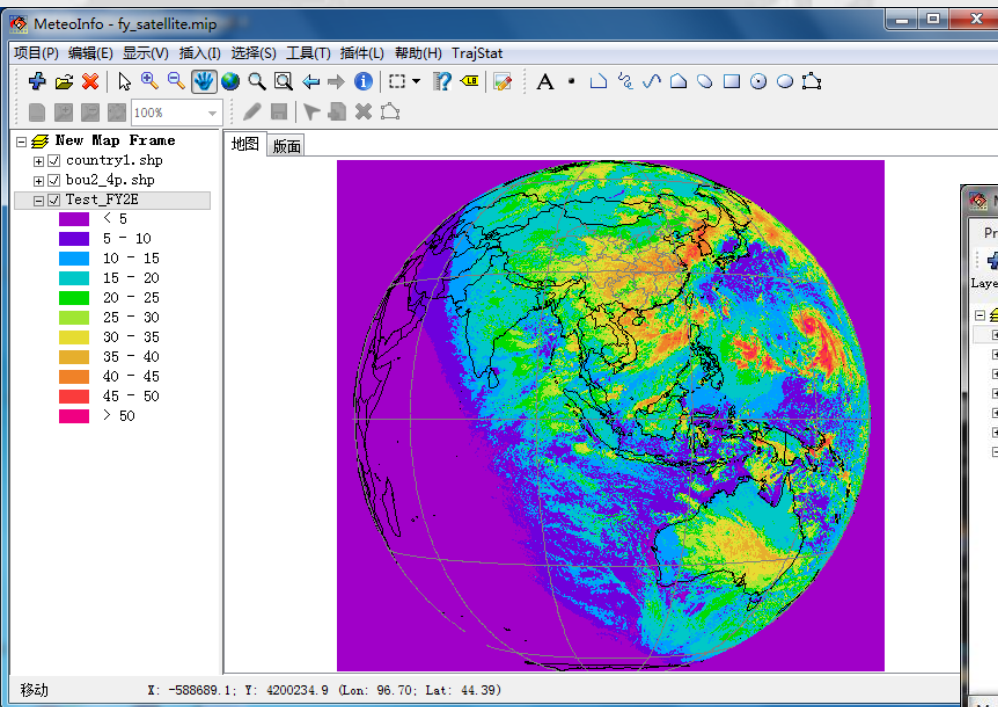
GrADS, NCL, Ferret...

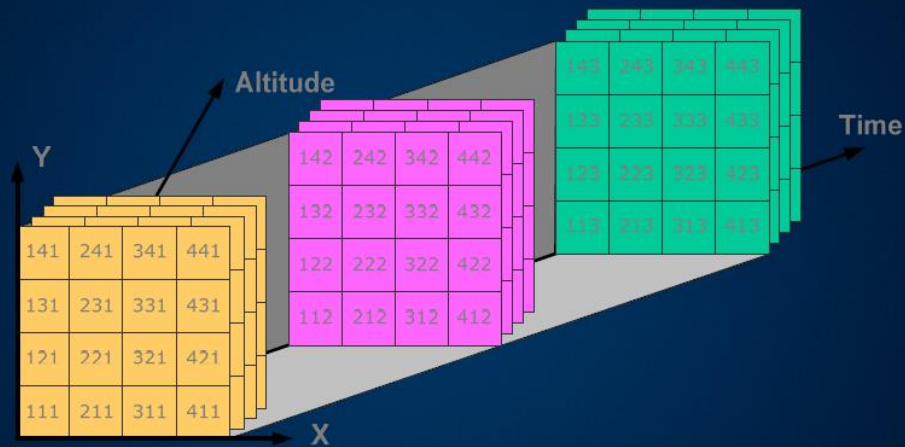
- Command-line interface
- Not closely linked with GIS community



MeteoInfo Development

- GIS functions were developed from ground level.
- Two editions: Java and C#.
- MeteoInfo could be downloaded freely from the website <http://www.meteothinker.com>
- Cross-platform: Windows, Unix, Linux, Mac OS.
- Export as EPS, PDF, EMF, PNG, GIF, JPEG ...





Data model

4D(meteorology) -> 2D, 2.5D (GIS)

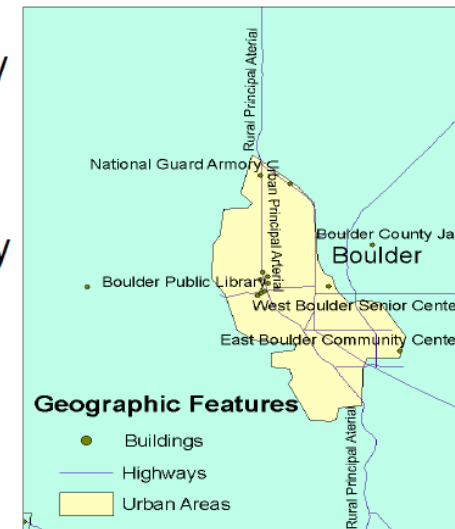
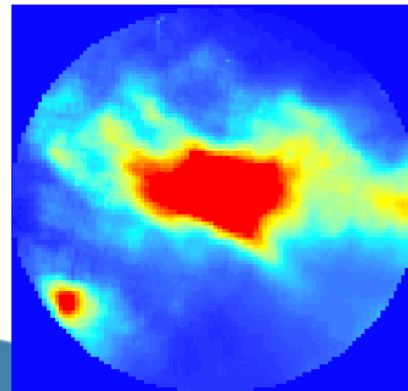
To develop a comprehensive software tool which has the ability to handle both 4D meteorological data and traditional vector and raster GIS data.

● Vector formats

- Discrete representation of reality (points, lines, polygons)

● Raster formats

- Use square cells to model reality

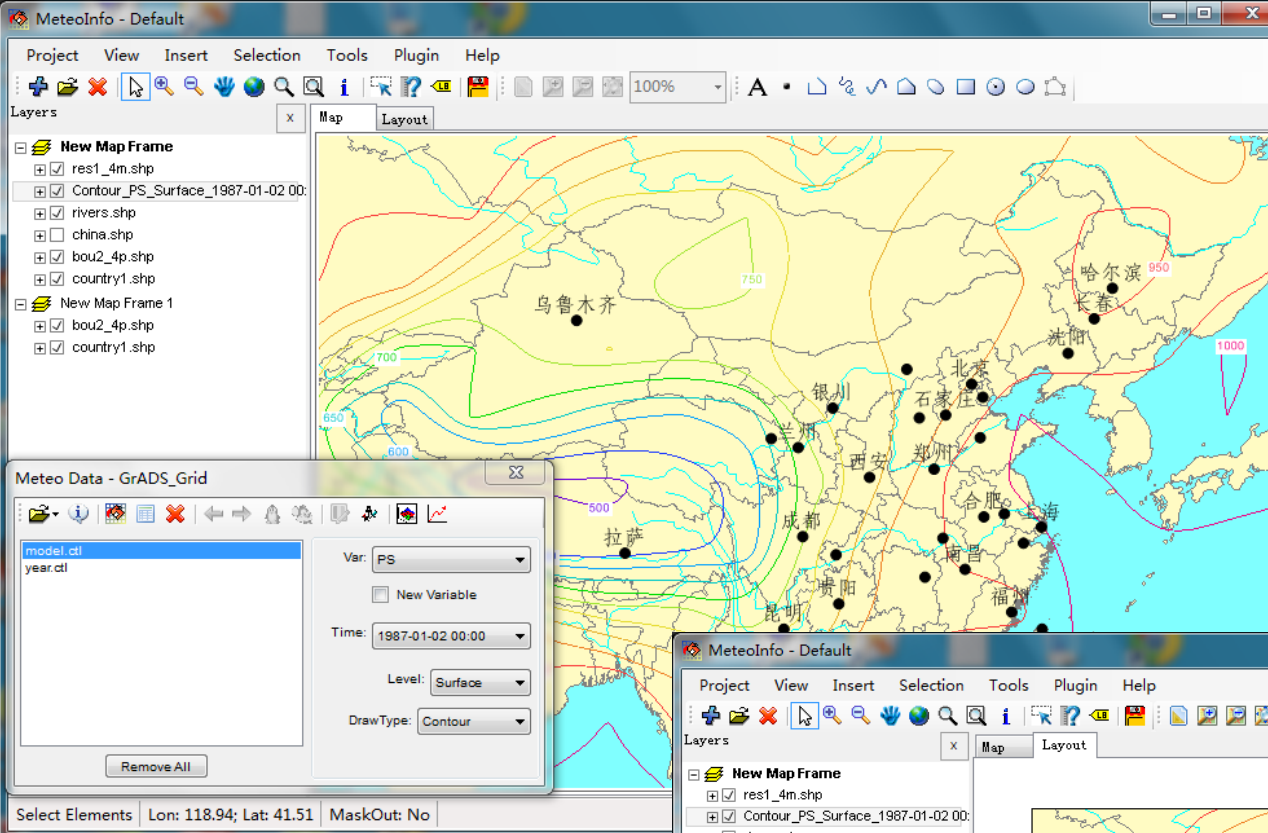


Supported data formats

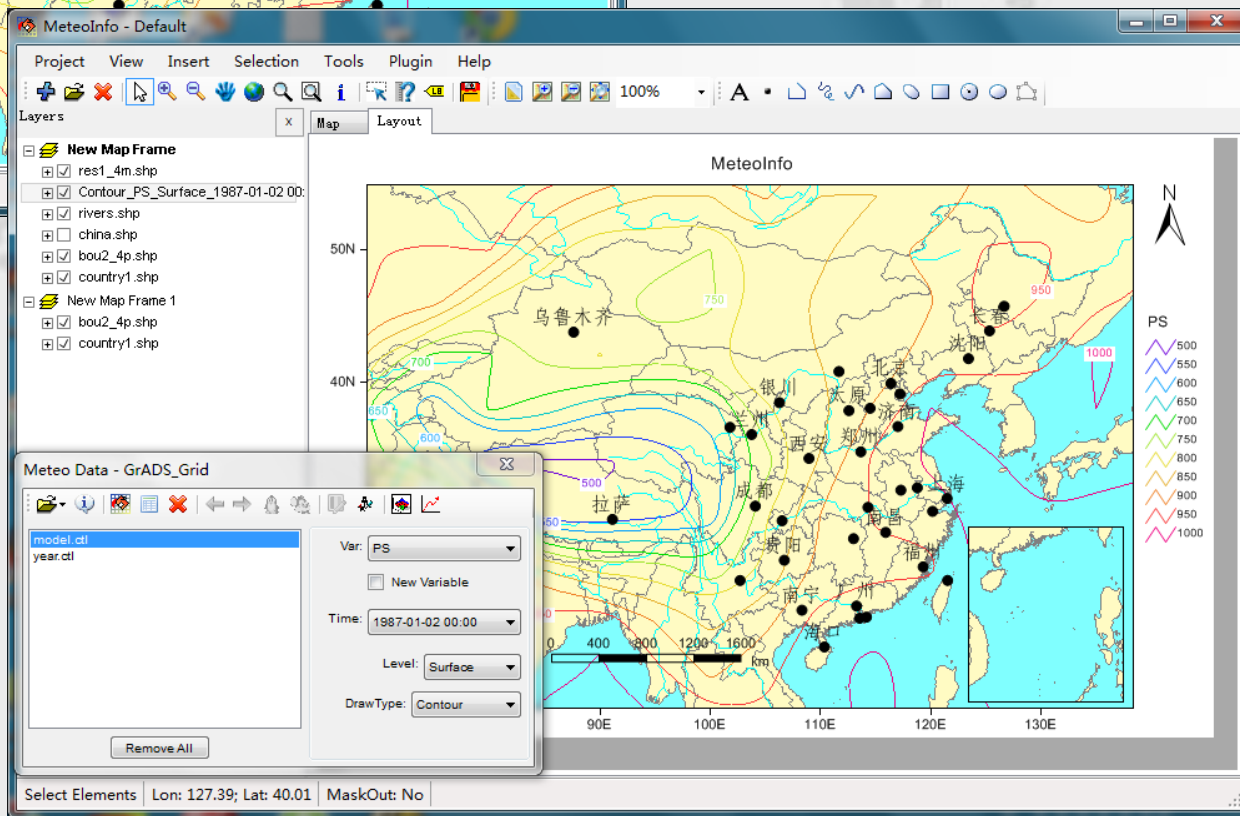
Data format	Data type	File type	Decoding difficulty level	Development by	Users
NetCDF	Grid	Binary	Difficult, need API library	Unidata	Widely used, some conventions are used by atmospheric community
GRIB 1 and 2	Grid	Binary	Difficult	WMO	Atmospheric community
GrADS binary	Grid and station	Binary	Moderate	IGES	Atmospheric community
HDF EOS5	Grid and swath	Binary	Difficult, need API library	HDF group and NASA	Satellite community
ARL packed	Grid	Binary	Moderate	NOAA ARL	ARL model users
HYSPLIT output	Grid, station and trajectory	Binary (grid and station) or text (trajectory)	Easy	NOAA ARL	HYSPLIT model users
MICAPS	Grid, station and trajectory	Most are text	Easy	CMA	Atmospheric community in China
SYNOP	Station	Text	Moderate	WMO	Atmospheric community
METAR	Station	Text	Moderate	ICAO	Aviation and atmospheric communities
NOAA ISH	Station	Text	Moderate	NOAA	Atmospheric community
Longitude/latitude station	Station	Text	Easy	MeteoInfo	MeteoInfo users
ESRI ASCII grid	Grid	Text	Easy	ESRI	ArcGIS users
Surfer ASCII grid	Grid	Text	Easy	Golden Software	Surfer users

A light gray world map is centered in the background of the slide, showing the outlines of the continents.

MeteoInfo GIS Desktop Application



Main Form



Supported Map and Image Data

- ESRI shape file with point, polyline or polygon shape type. Projected shape file was not supported at present.
- Geographic map data of GrADS.
- Geographic map data of MICAPS.
- wmf map data. (Can be created by 'Output Map Data' function in MeteorInfo)
- Normal Image data: Bmp, Jpg, Gif, Tiff, Png

Layers and Project file

- All data were viewed as layers
- Vector layer (Point, Polyline, Polygon), has attribute data
- Image layer (geo-location setting, world file)
- Raster layer (Grid data)
- All layers saved as files and the setting of MapView and Layout could be saved as a **project file (.mip)**.
- The layer created from meteorological data is only exist in memory. It can be saved as a shape file and then could be saved as a layer in the project file.

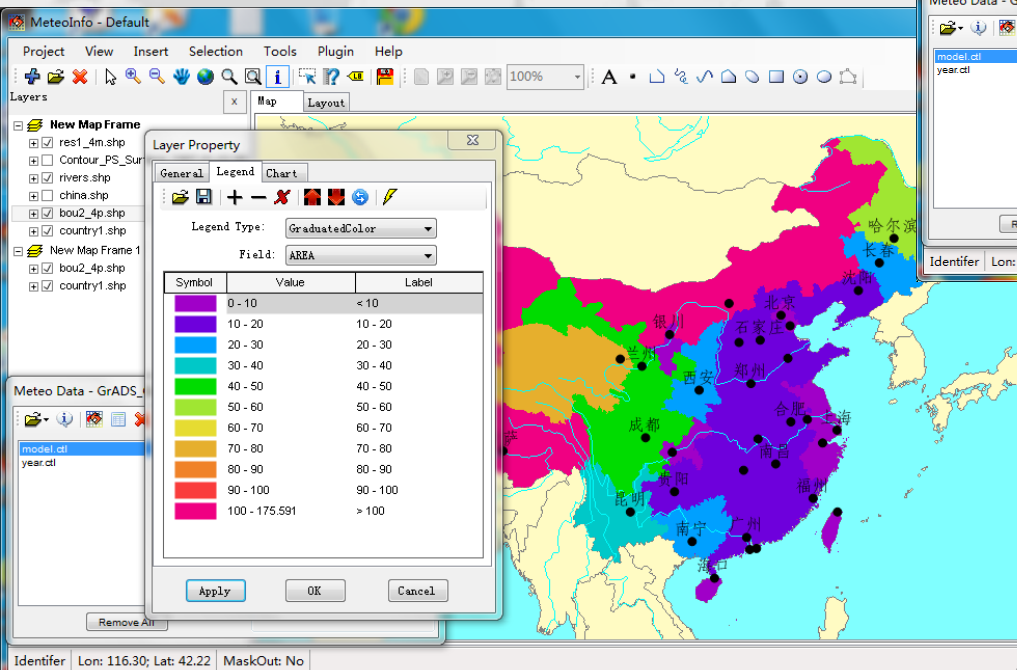
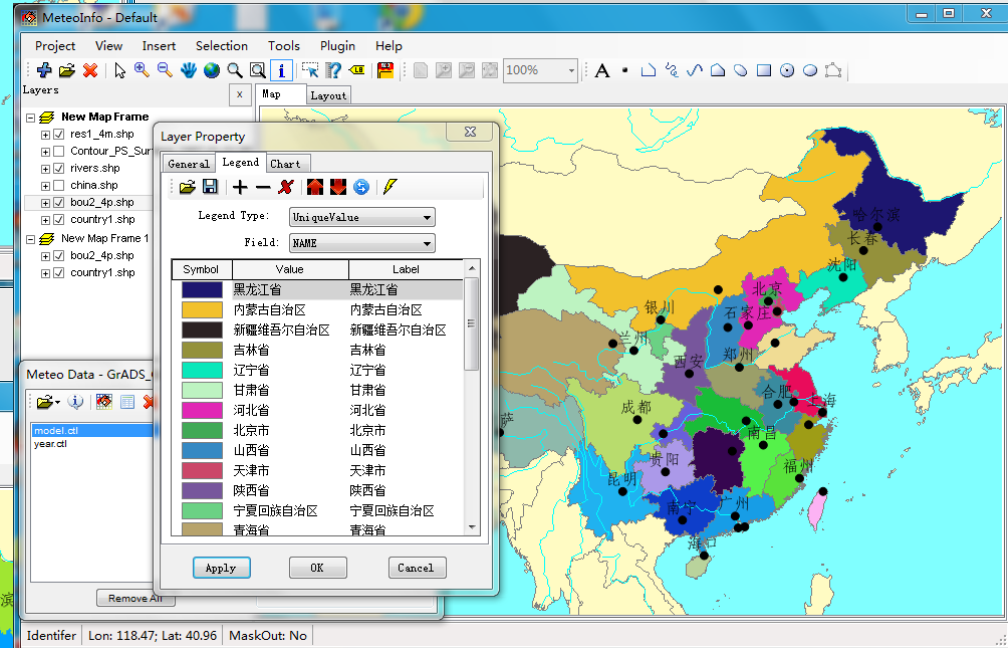
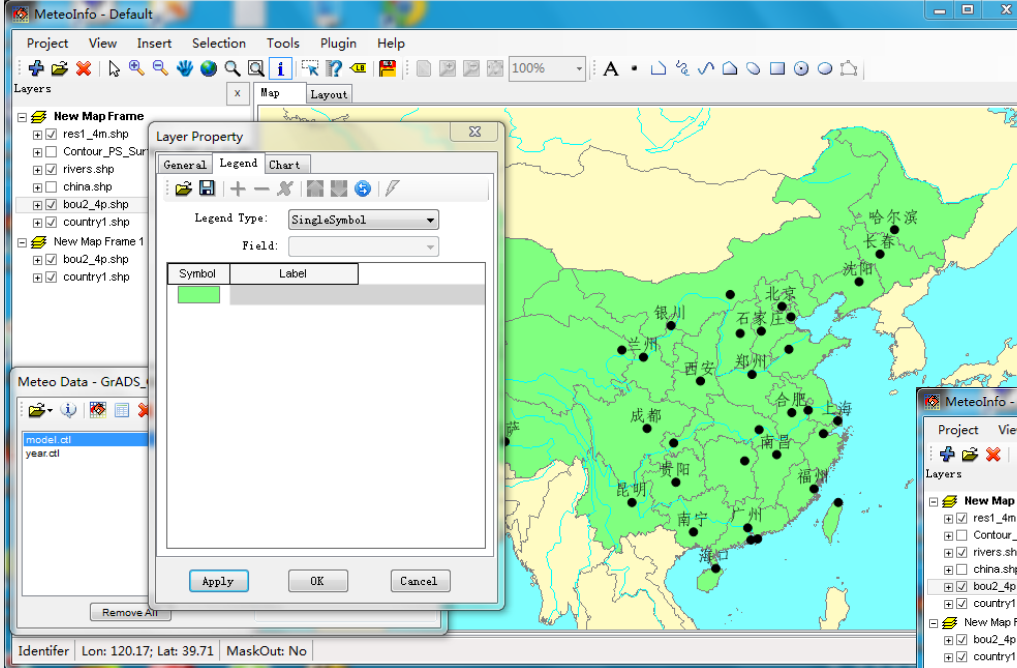
The screenshot displays the QGIS interface with a project named 'MeteorInfo - Default'. The 'Layers' panel on the left lists several layers: 'res1_4m.shp', 'Contour_PS_Surface_1987-01-02 00', 'rivers.shp', 'china.shp', 'bou2_4p.shp', and 'country1.shp'. The 'Map' view shows a map of China with a red-shaded region in the north. An 'Identifier' dialog box is open, showing the following data:

Field	Value
Index	1
AREA	129.113
PERIMETER	129.933
BOU2_4M_	3
BOU2_4M_ID	15
ADCODE93	
ADCODE99	
NAME	内蒙古自治区

The 'Meteo Data - GrADS_Grid' panel is also visible, showing the 'model.cti' file and the 'year.cti' file. The 'Var' dropdown is set to 'PS', and the 'Time' is set to '1987-01-02 00:00'. The 'Level' is set to 'Surface', and the 'DrawType' is set to 'Contour'. The status bar at the bottom shows the coordinates 'Lon: 118.94; Lat: 44.89' and 'MaskOut: No'.

FIPS_CNTRY	GMI_CNTRY	CNTRY_NAME	SOVEREIGN	POP_CNTRY
AA	ABW	Aruba	Netherlands	67074
AC	ATG	Antigua ...	Antigua ...	65212
AF	AFG	Afghanistan	Afghanistan	17250390
AG	DZA	Algeria	Algeria	27459230
AJ	AZE	Azerbaijan	Azerbaijan	5487866
AL	ALB	Albania	Albania	3416945
AM	ARM	Armenia	Armenia	3377228
AN	AND	Andorra	Andorra	55335
AO	AGO	Angola	Angola	11527260
AQ	ASM	American...	United S...	53000
AR	ARG	Argentina	Argentina	33796870

Legend scheme



GeneralLegendChart

Chart Type: PieChart

☐ LON
☐ LAT
☐ ALT
☒ PM10
☒ PM2.5
☒ PM1
☐ PM2.5/PM10
☐ PM1/PM10
☐ PM1/PM2.5

Size

Minimum: 10

Maximum: 50

BarWidth: 8

X Shift: 0

Y Shift: 0

Symbol	Label
<div></div>	PM10
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☒ Collision Avoidance

Align: Center

3D

☐ Display in 3-D

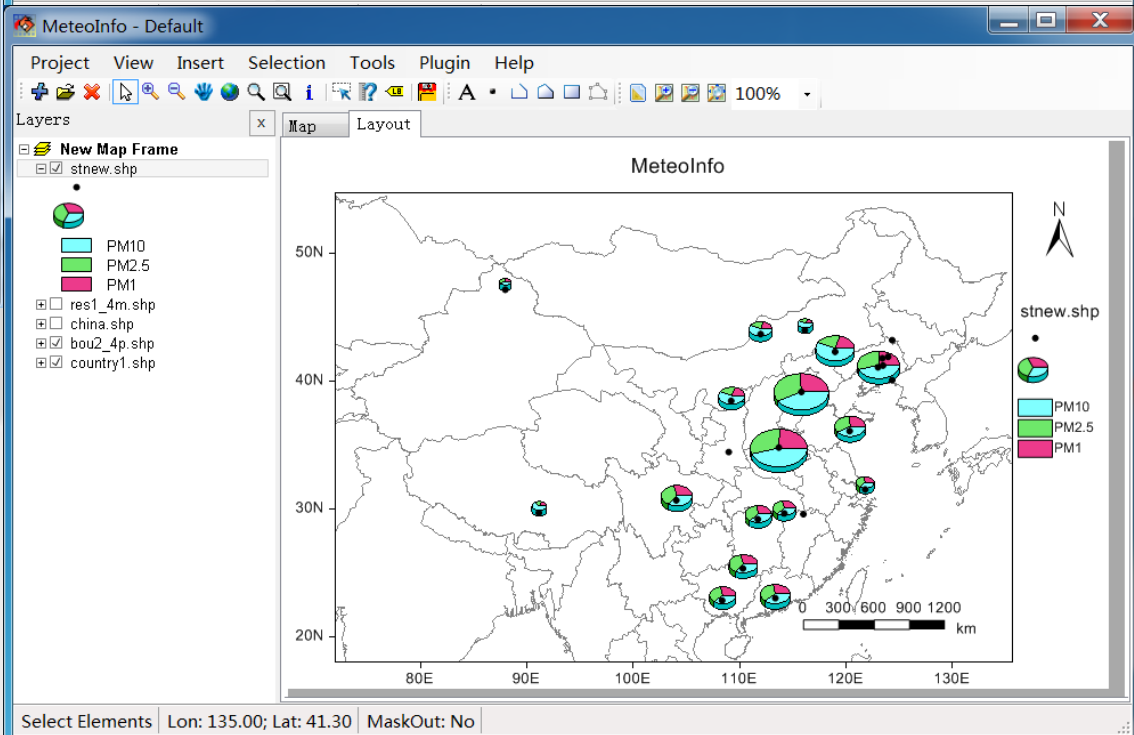
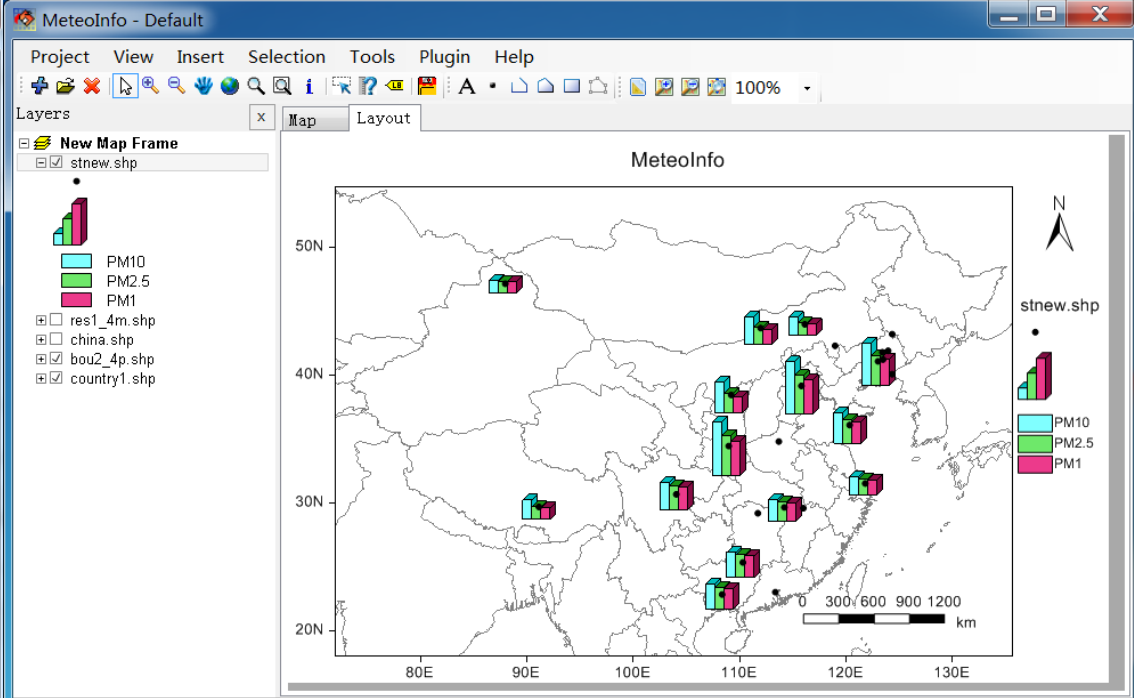
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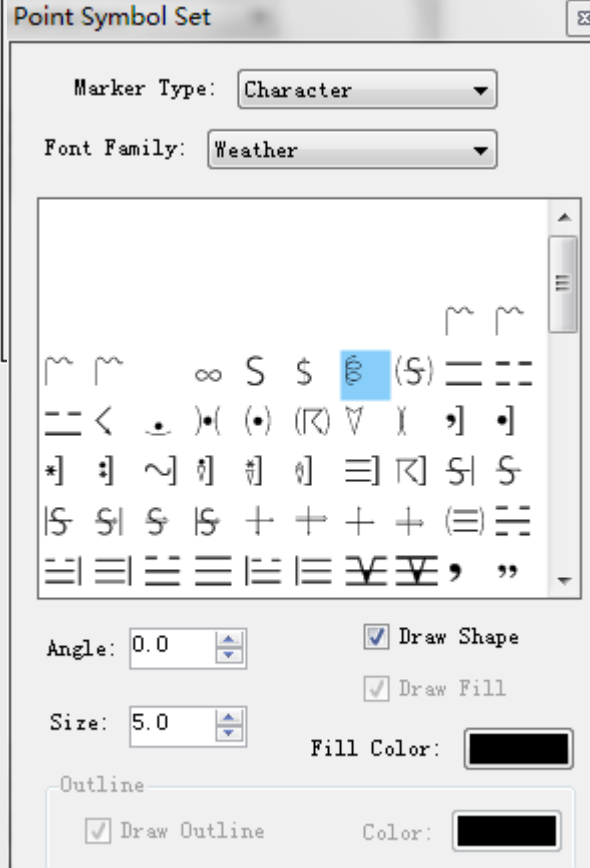
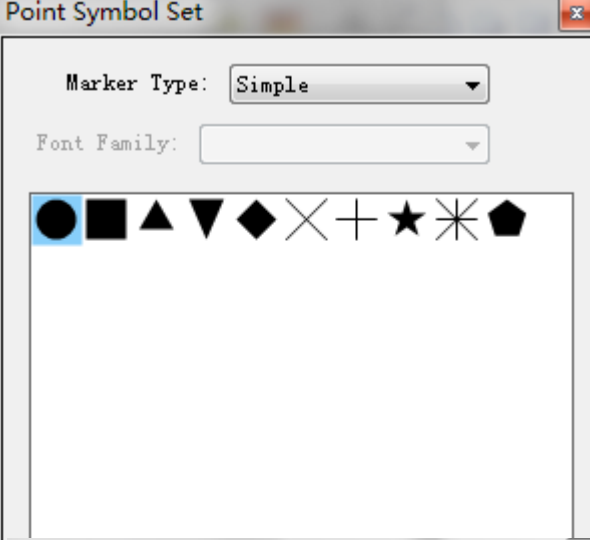
Apply

OK

Clear

Chart





Symbol Set

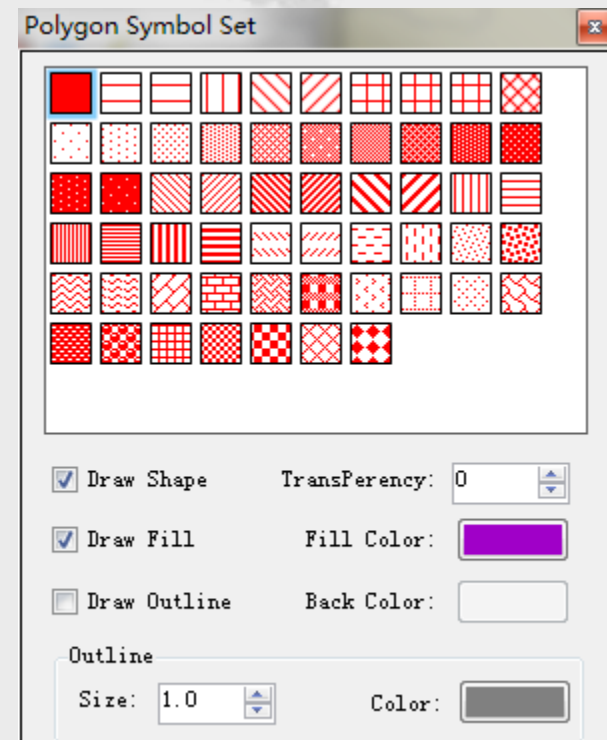
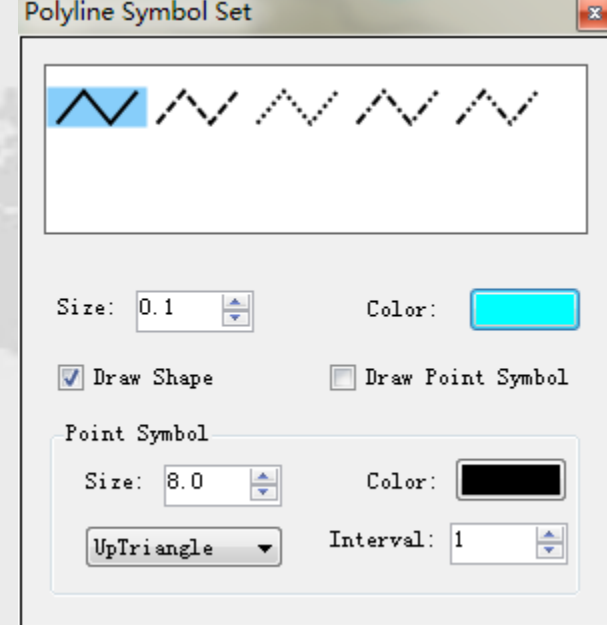
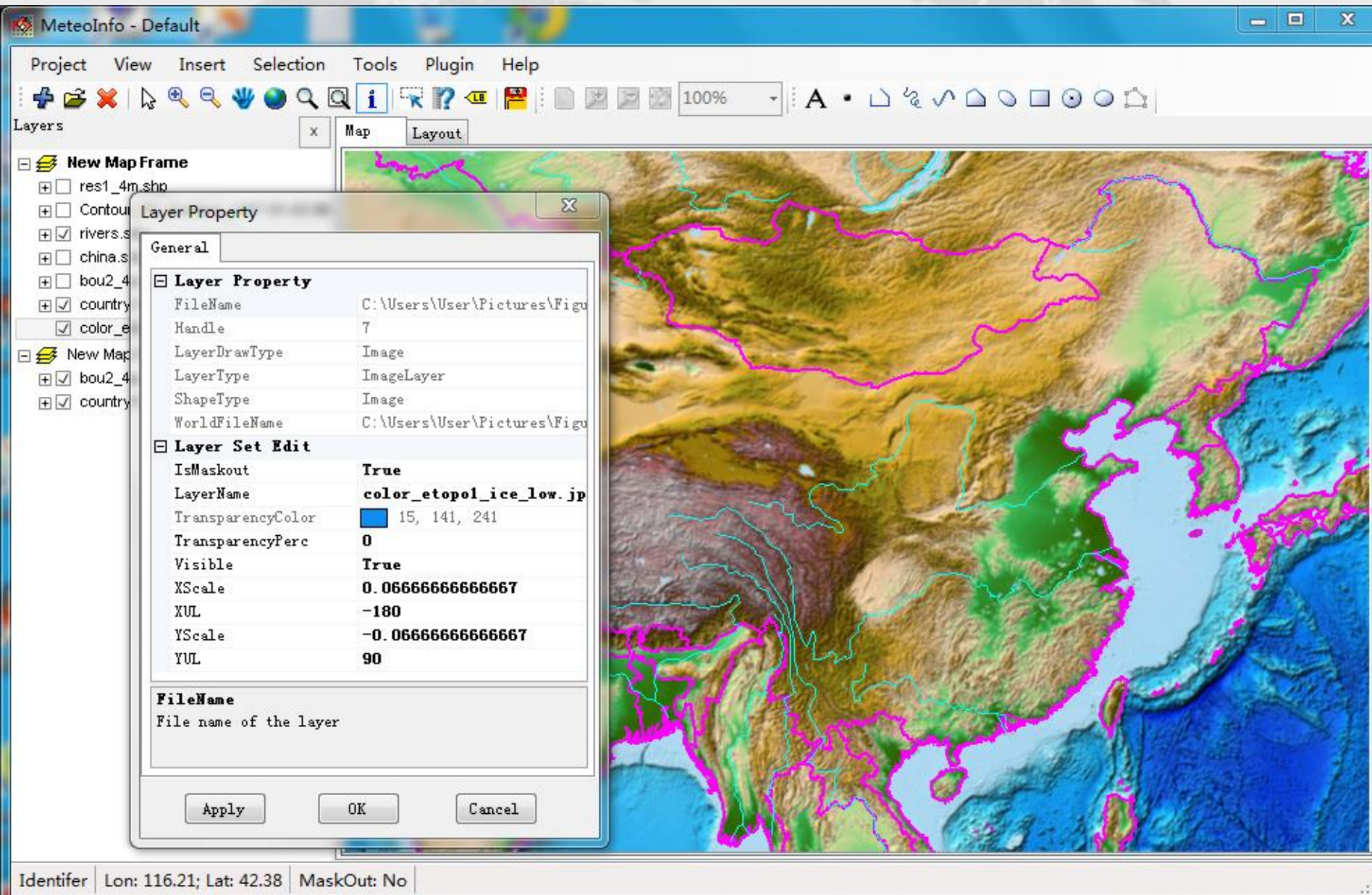


Image layer – after geo-located



Create meteorological data layers

Grid Data

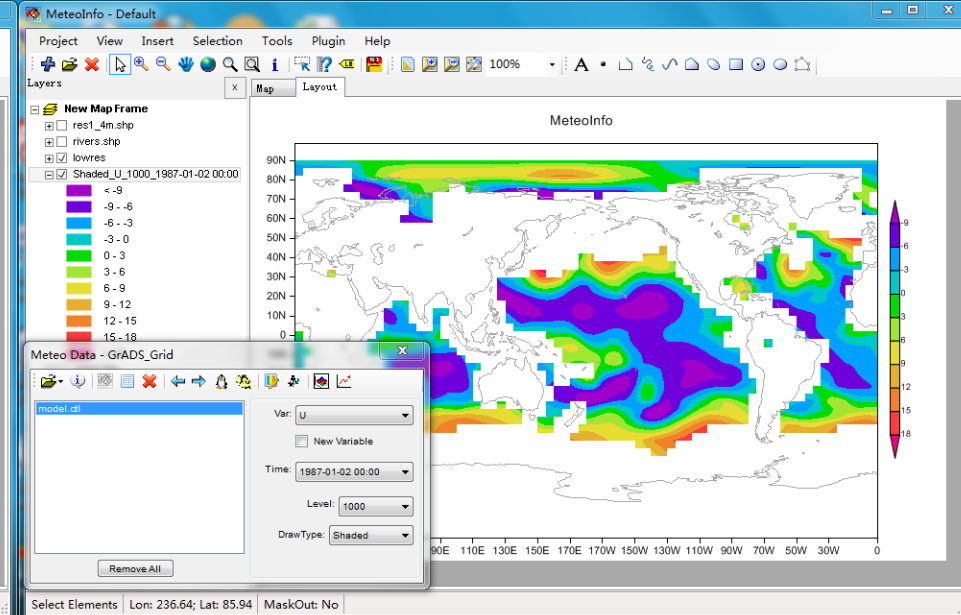
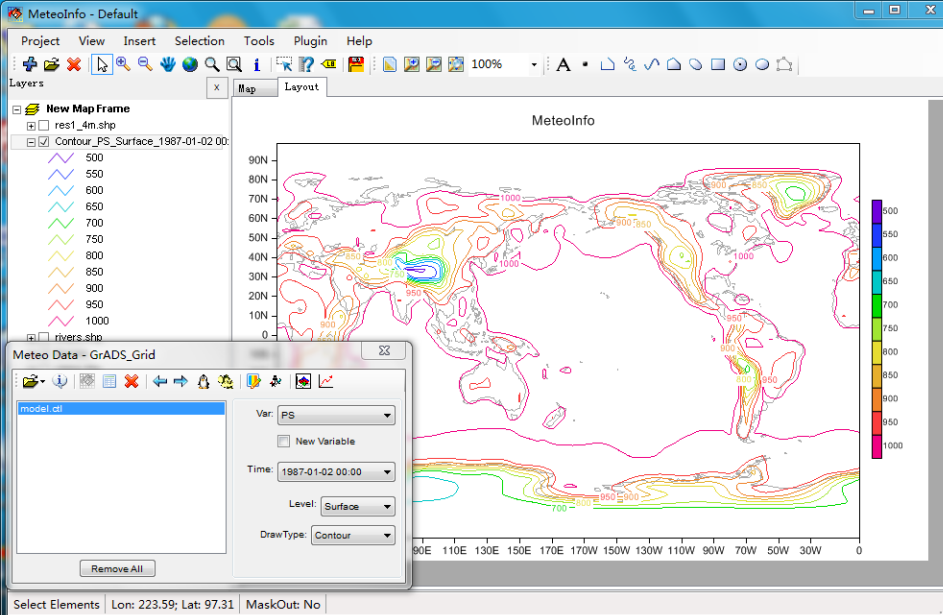
- Contour
- Shaded
- Grid Fill
- Grid Point
- Vector
- Barb
- Raster

Station Data

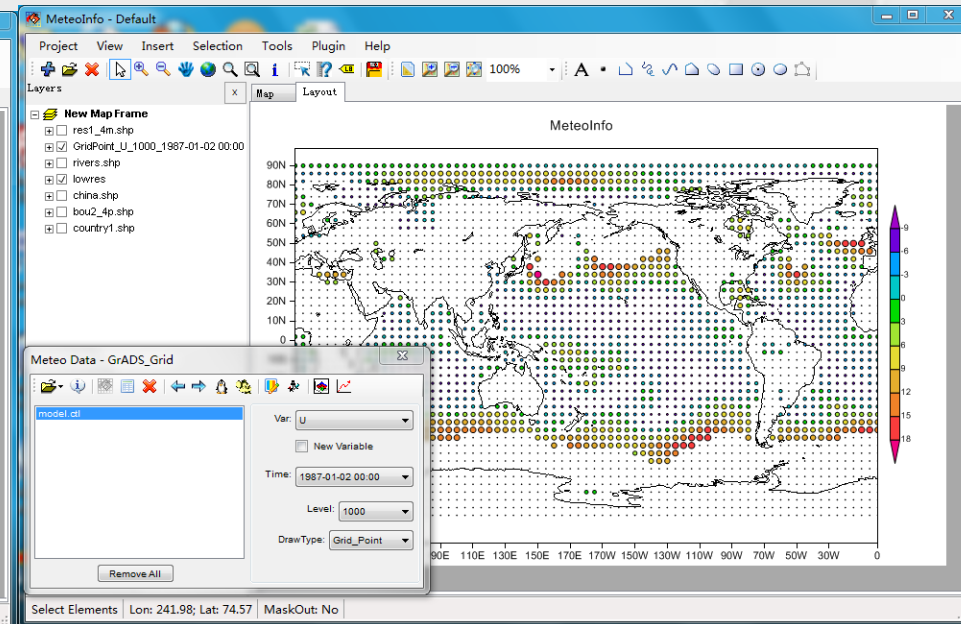
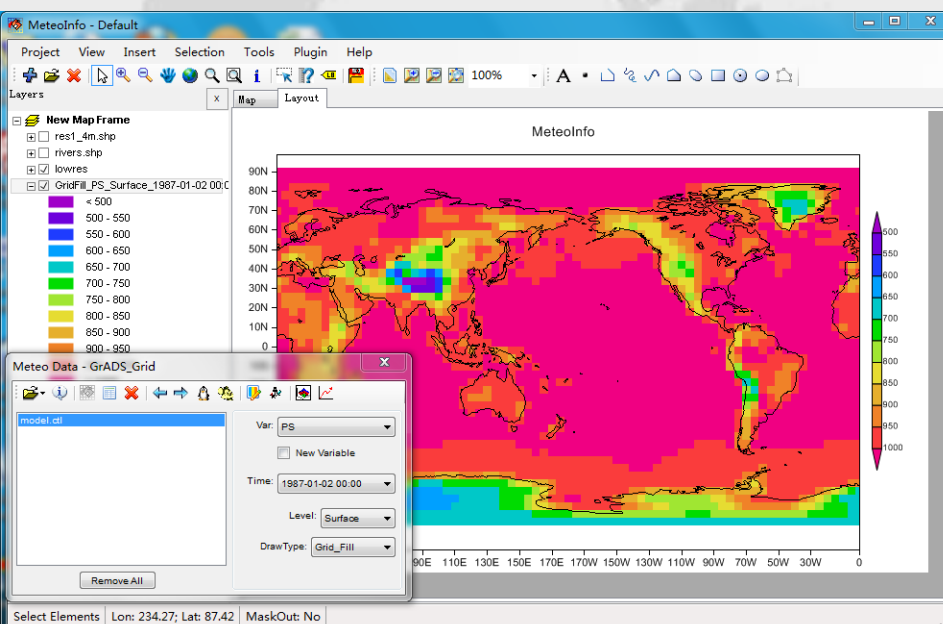
- Station Point
- Contour
- Shaded
- Barb
- Weather Symbol
- Station Model
- Station Info

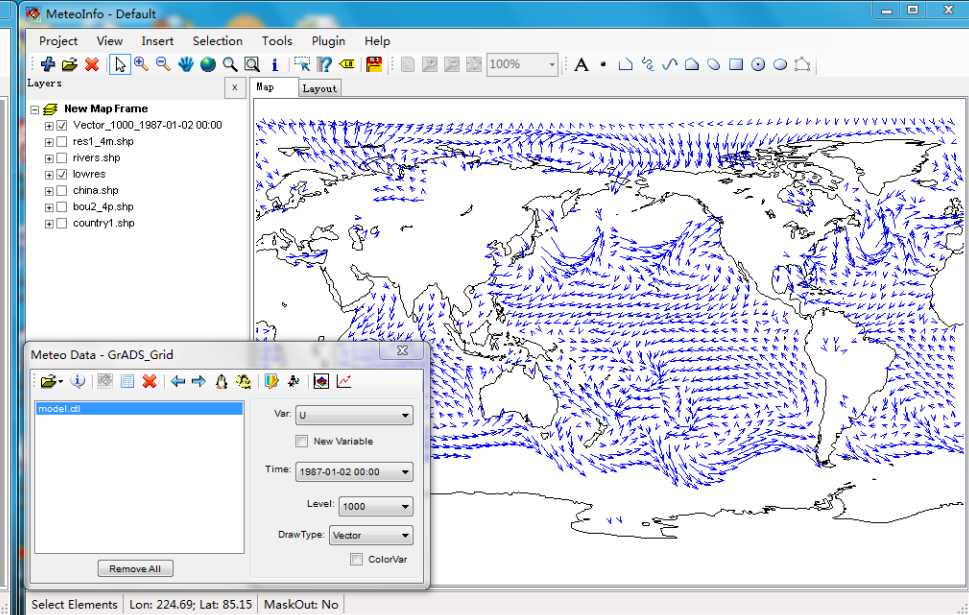
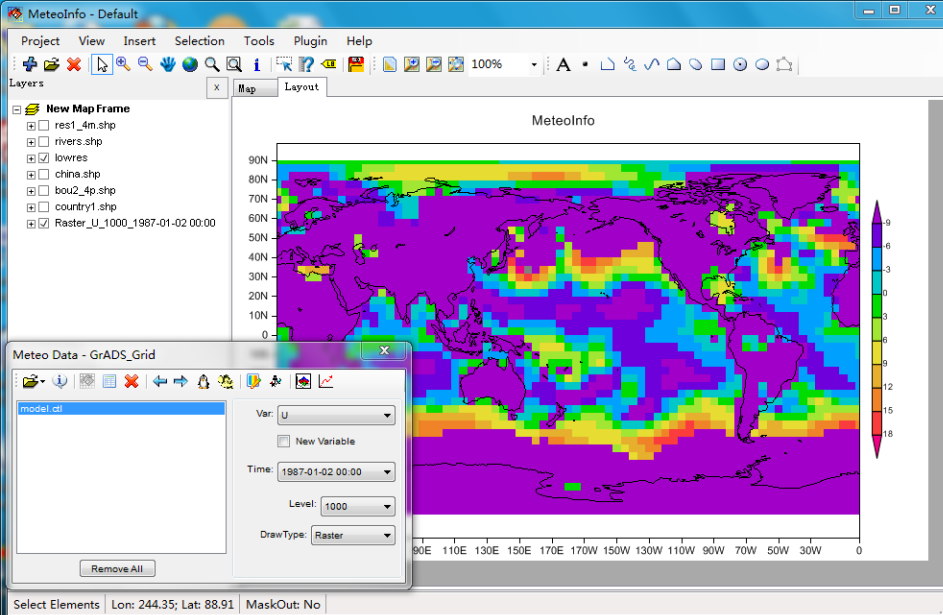
Line Data

- TrajLine
- TrajStartPoint
- TrajPoint

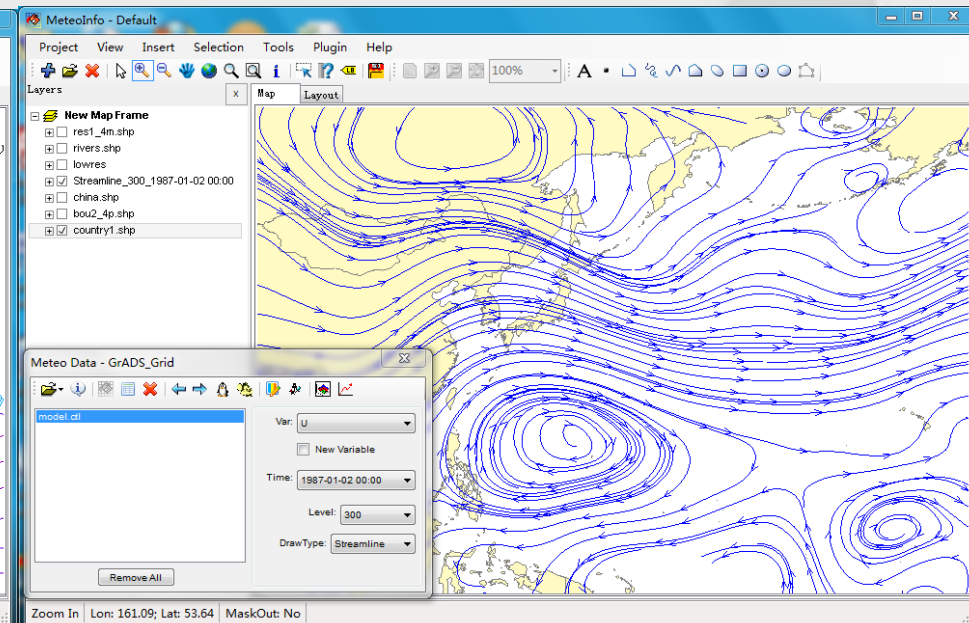
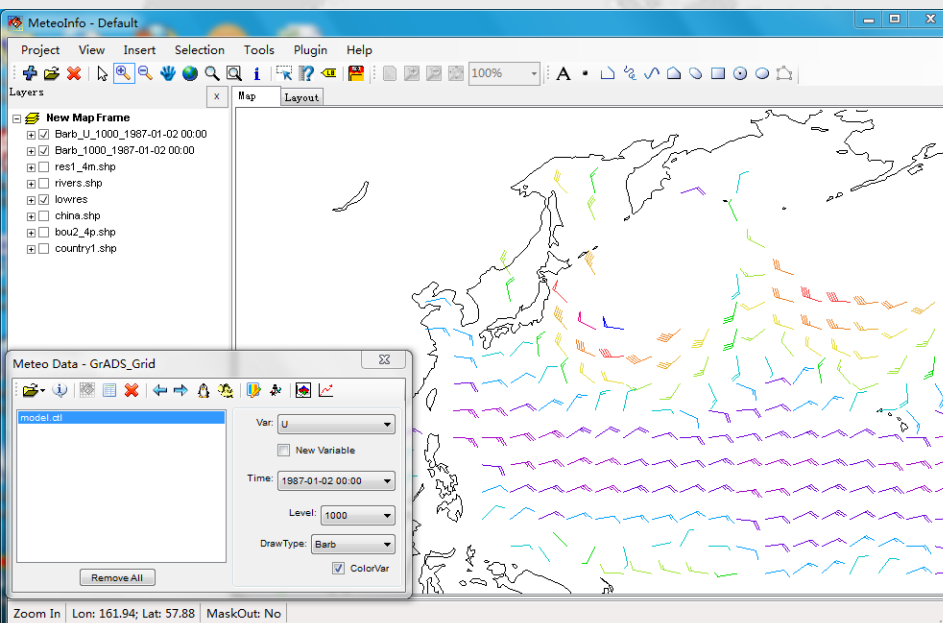


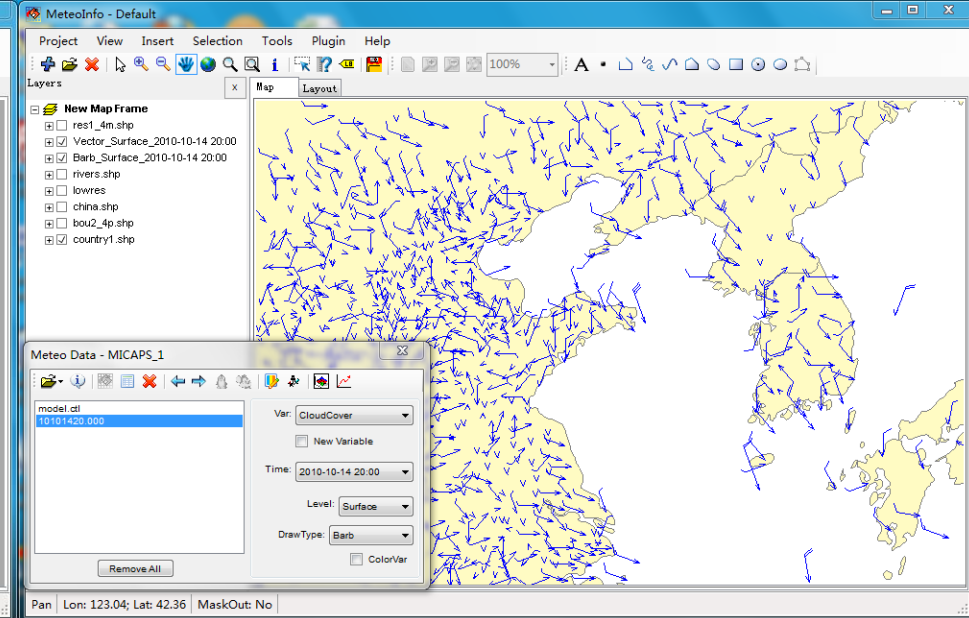
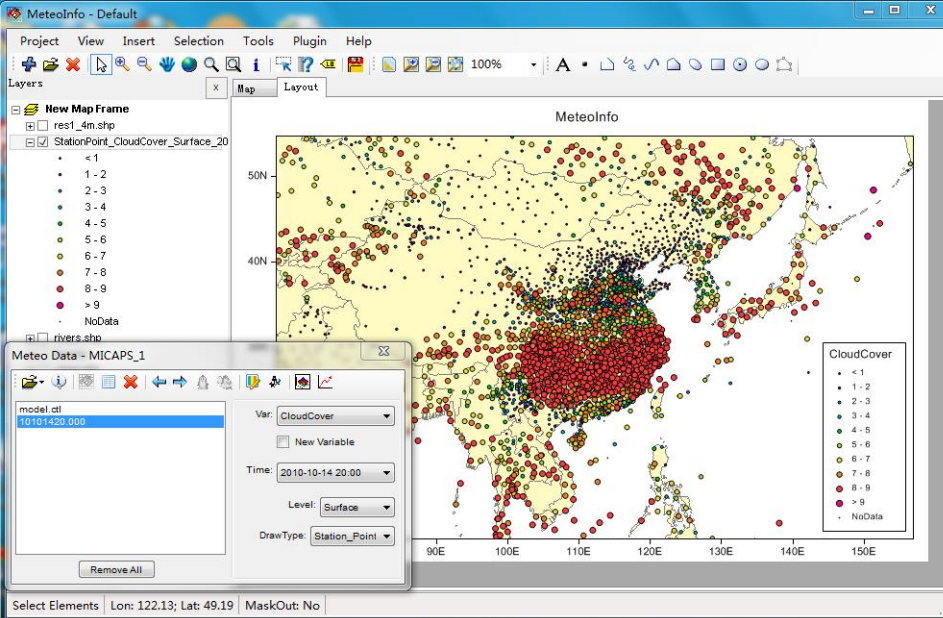
The layers created from grid data



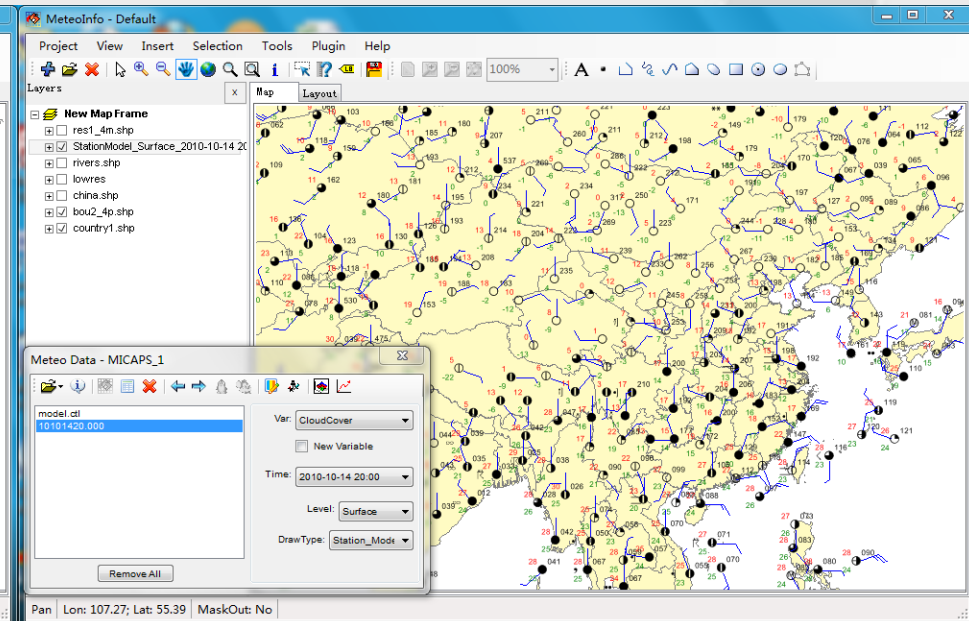
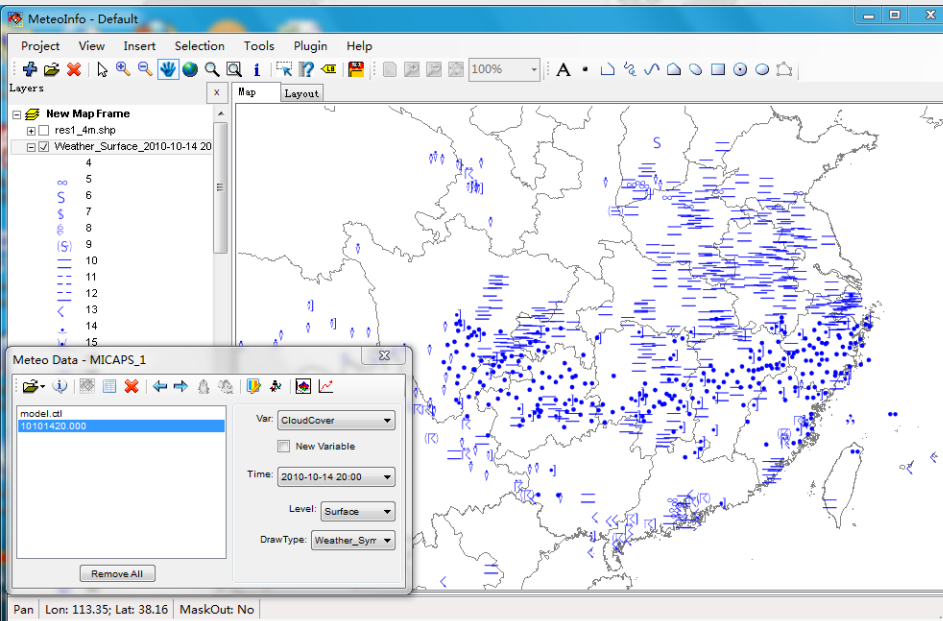


The layers created from grid data





The layers created from station data



Interpolate

Output Grid Set

minX: 75 maxX: 135
 minY: 18 maxY: 55
 XSize: 0.6060606 YSize: 0.3737374
 XNum: 100 YNum: 100

Method Set

Method: IDW_Radius

Radius: 3

MinNum: 1 Undefine: -9999

OK

Cancel

Interpolate

Output Grid Set

minX: 75 maxX: 135
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Method Set

Method: Cressman

Radius: 10;8;6;4

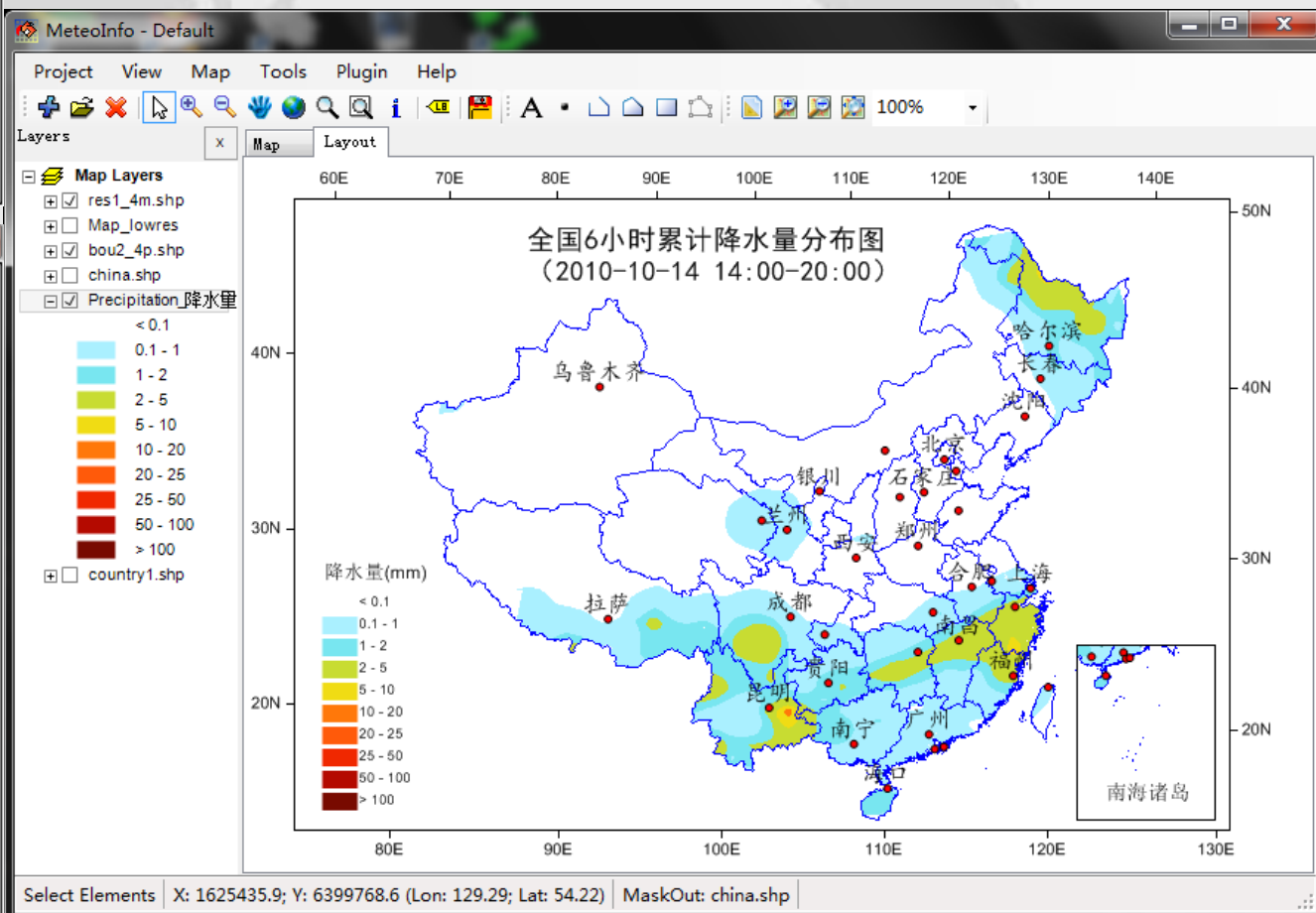
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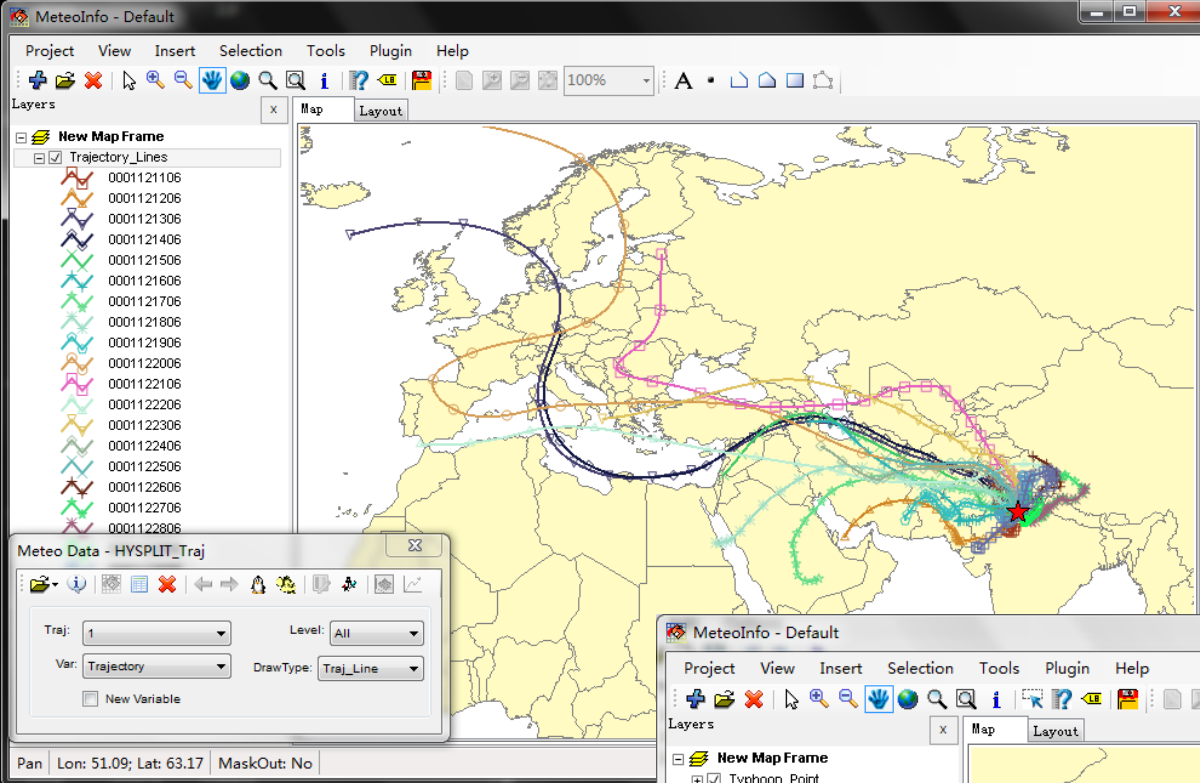
OK

Cancel

Interpolate station data to grid data,
 then create contour or shaded layer

Cressman
 IDW_Radius
 IDW_Neighbors

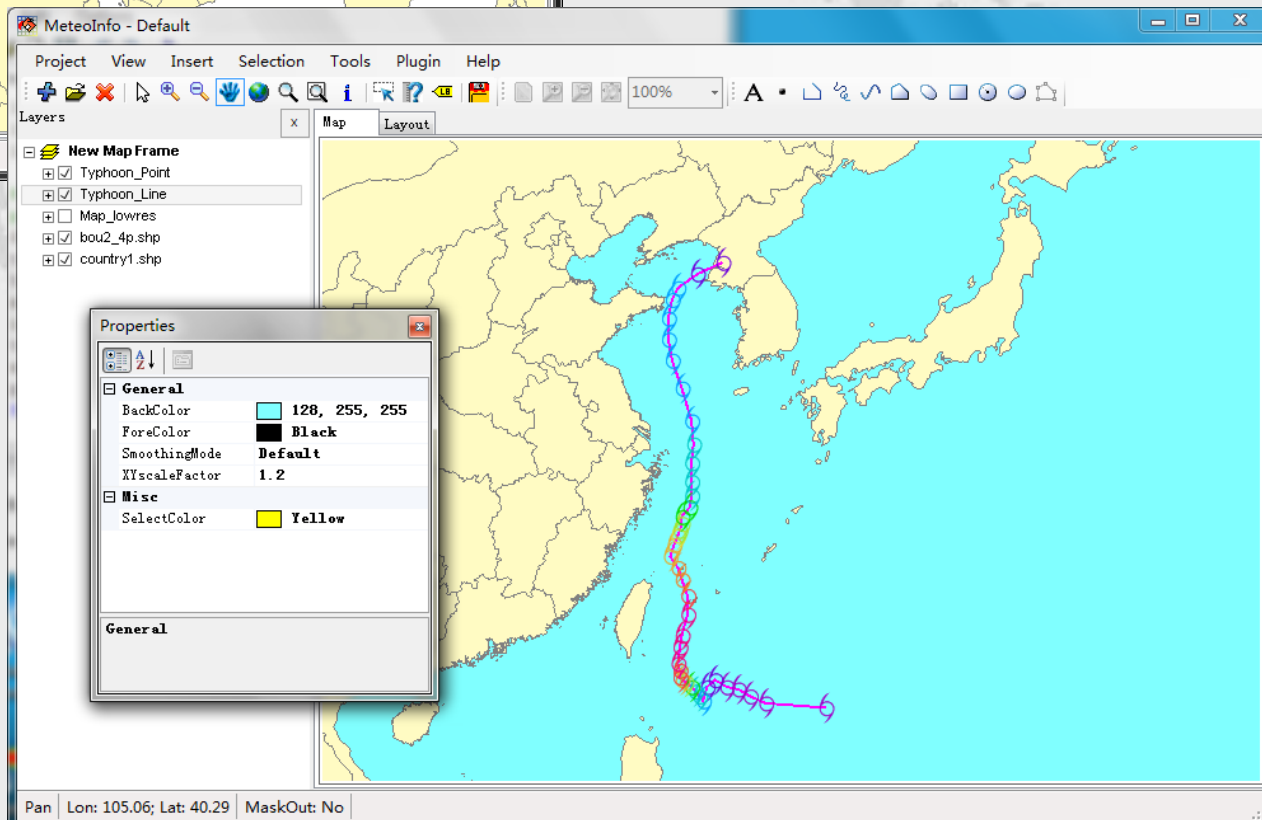




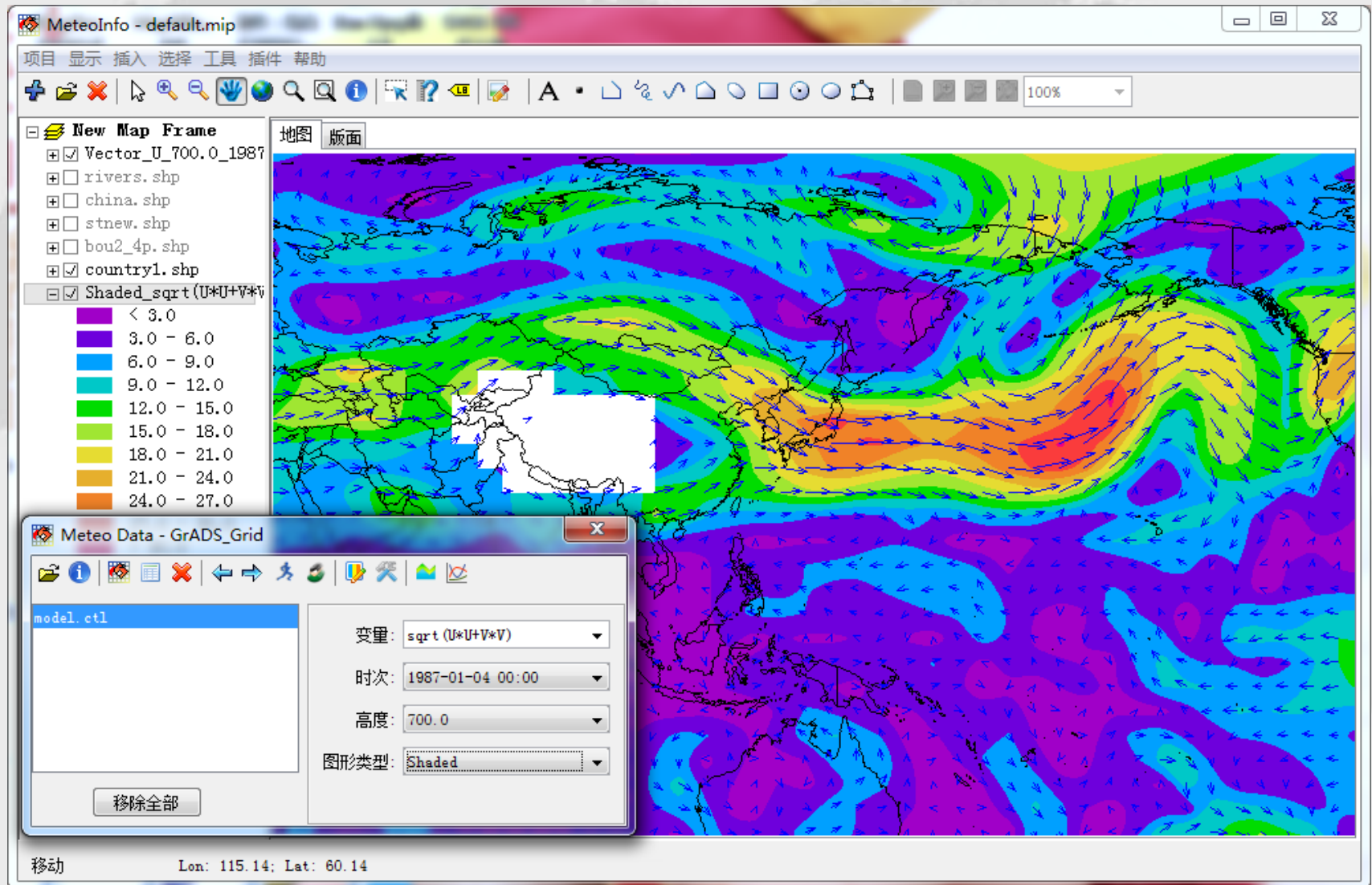
Line data

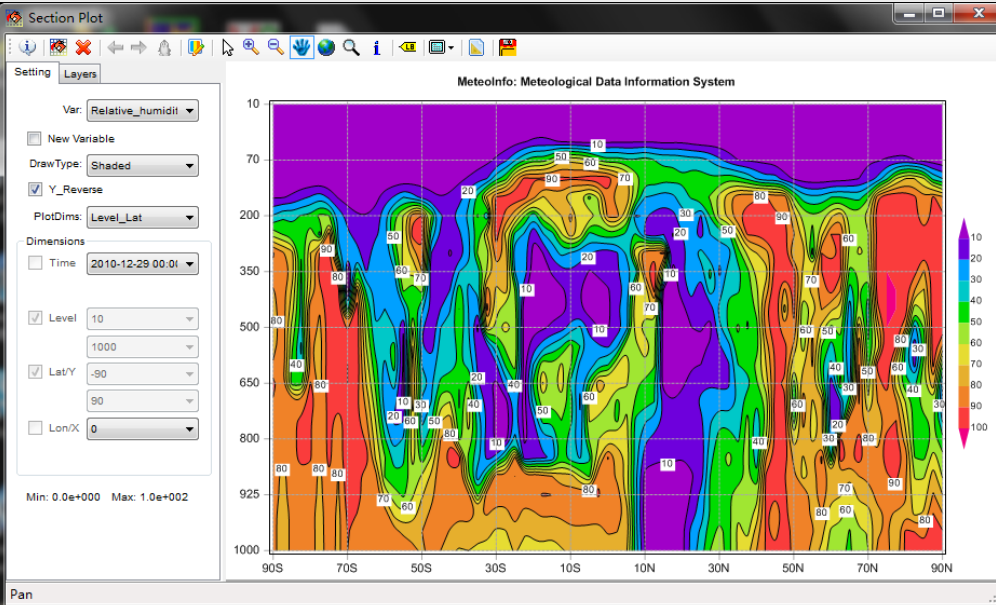
Trajectory

Typhoon

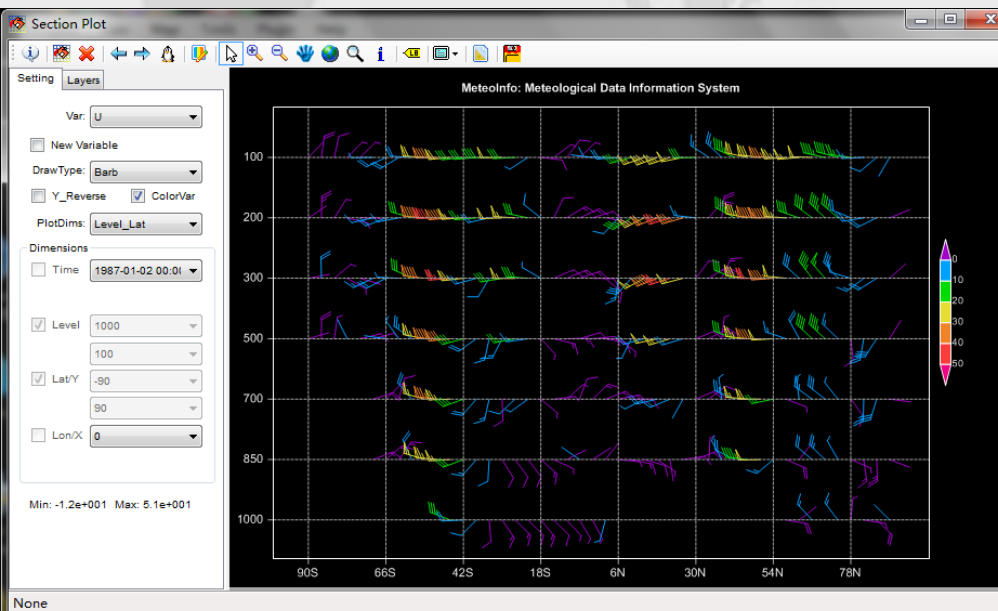


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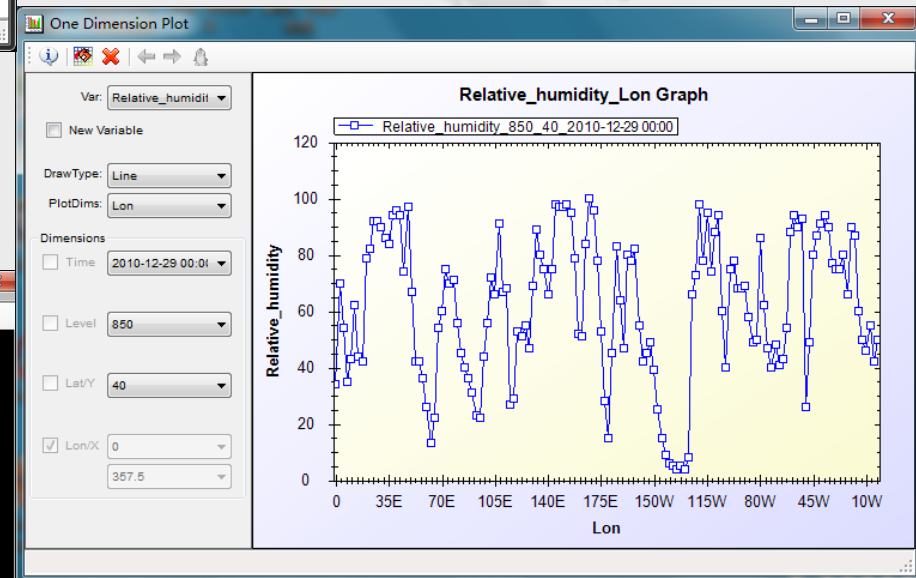


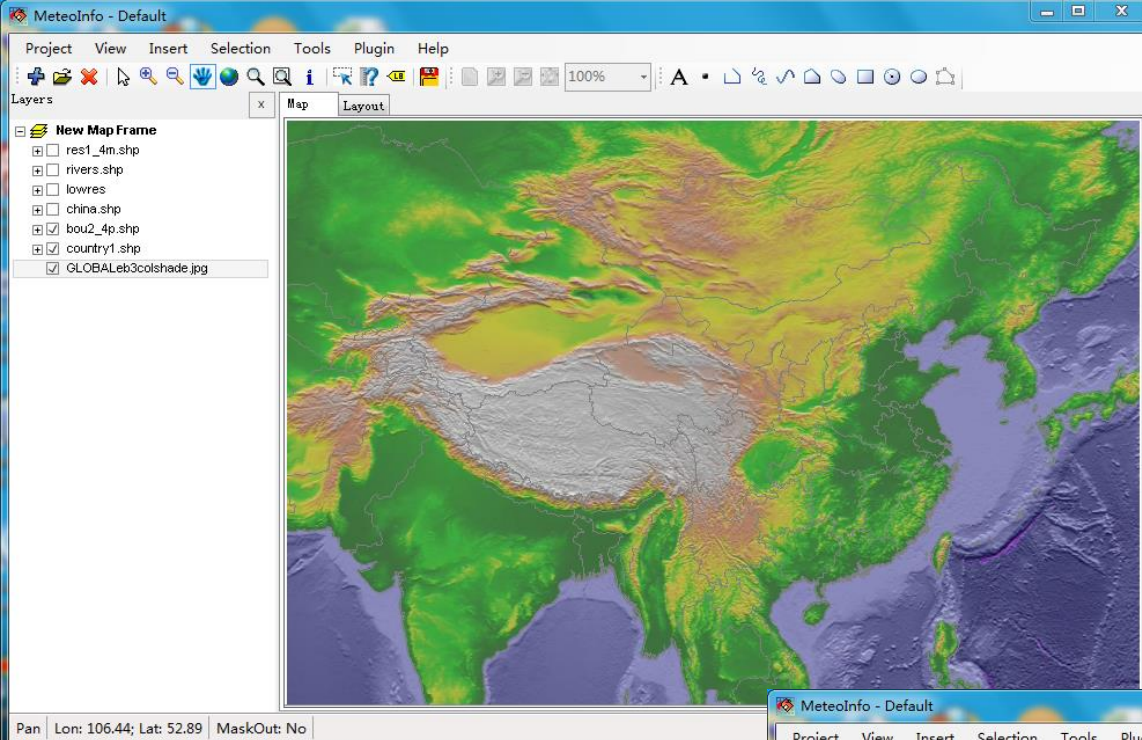


Section plot



One dimension plot

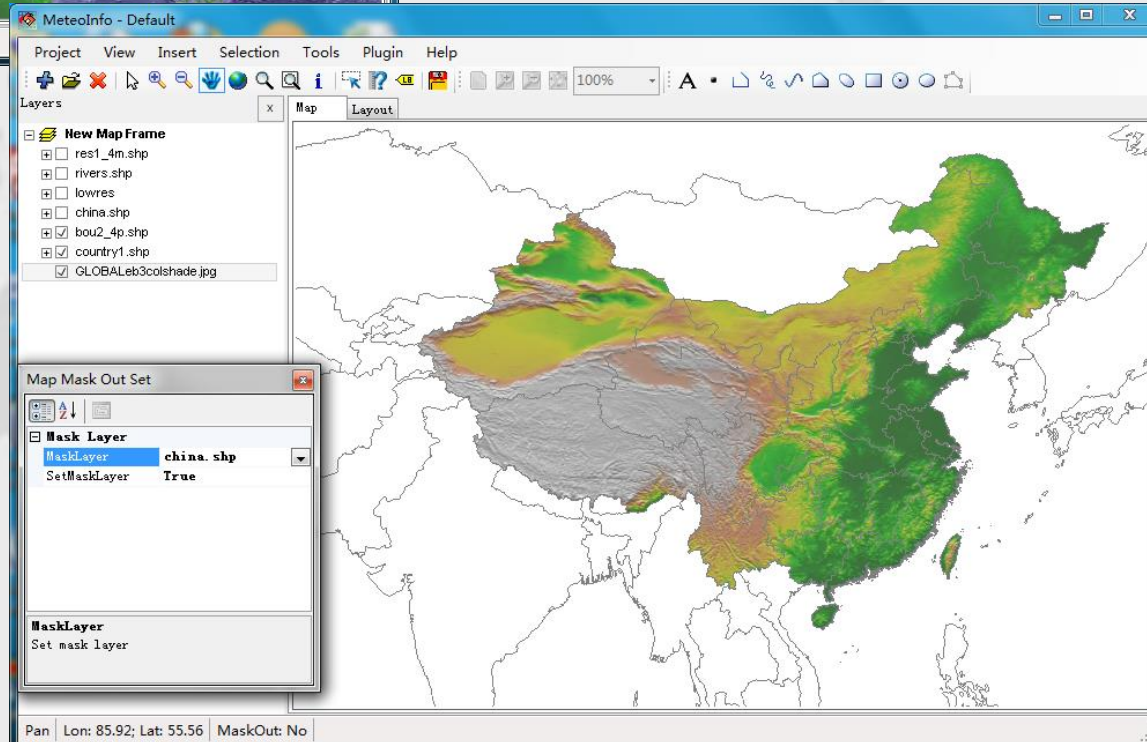




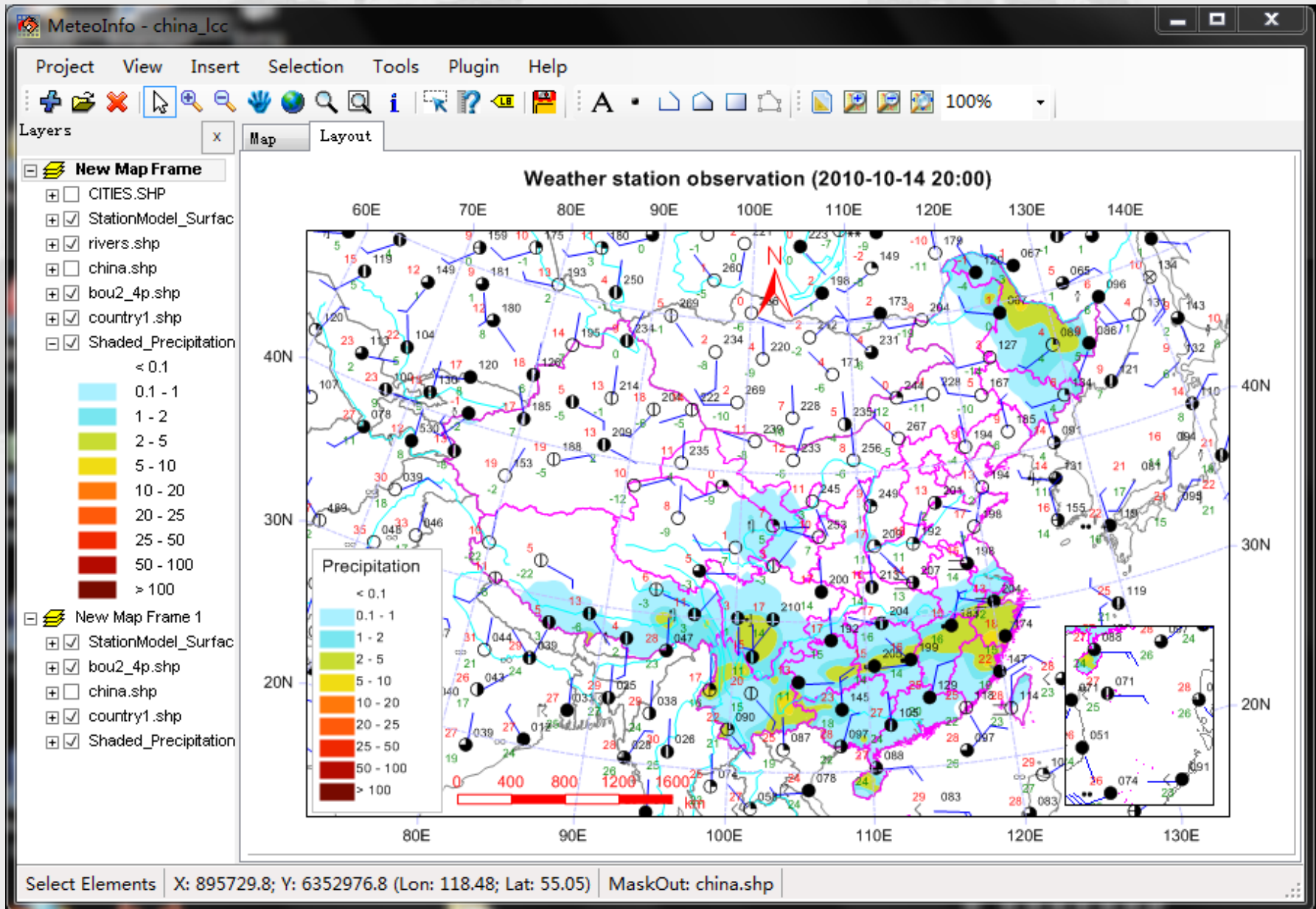
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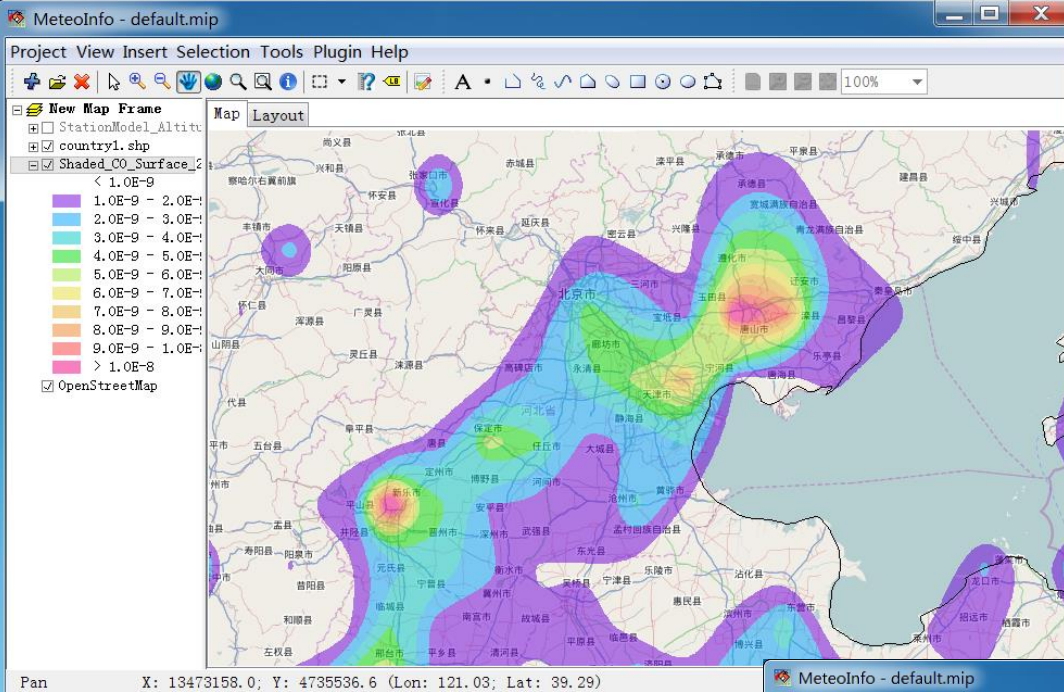
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MeteoInfo Layout

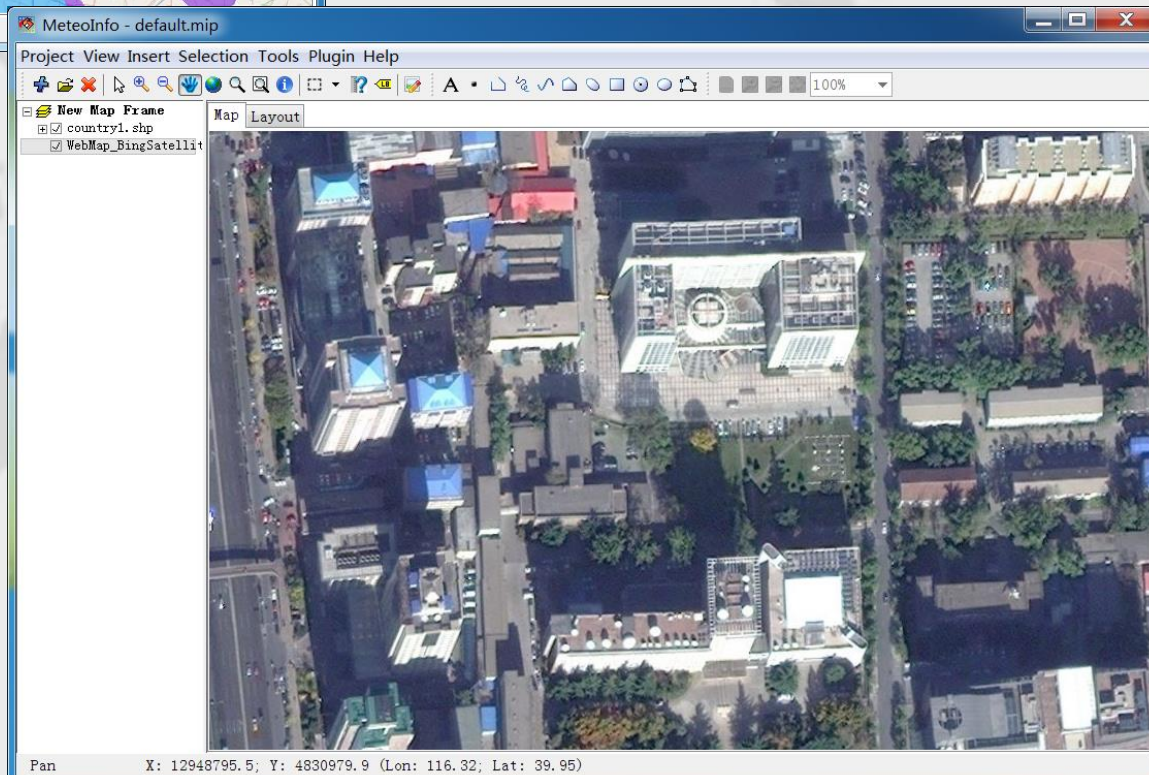




Add web map layer

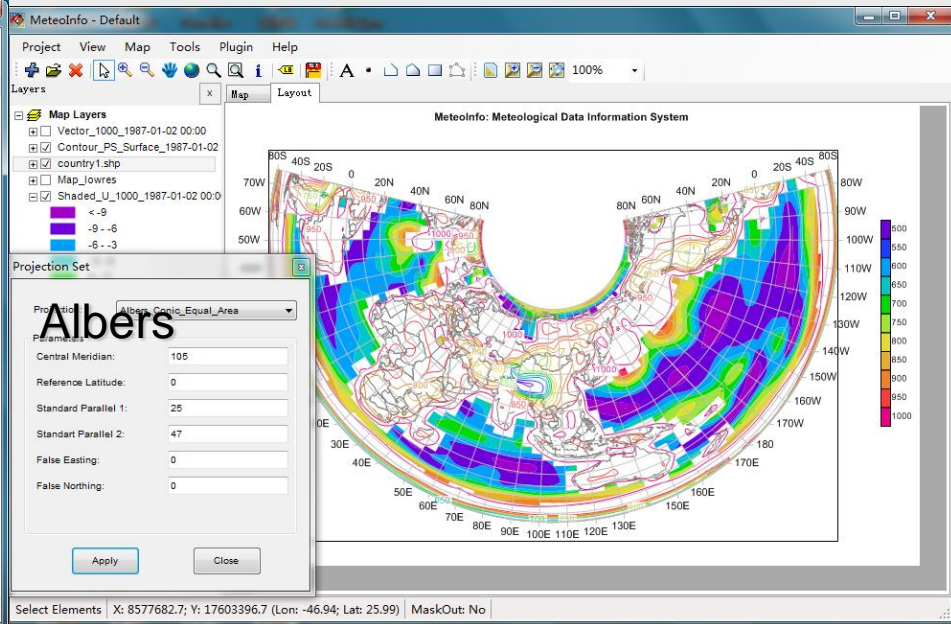
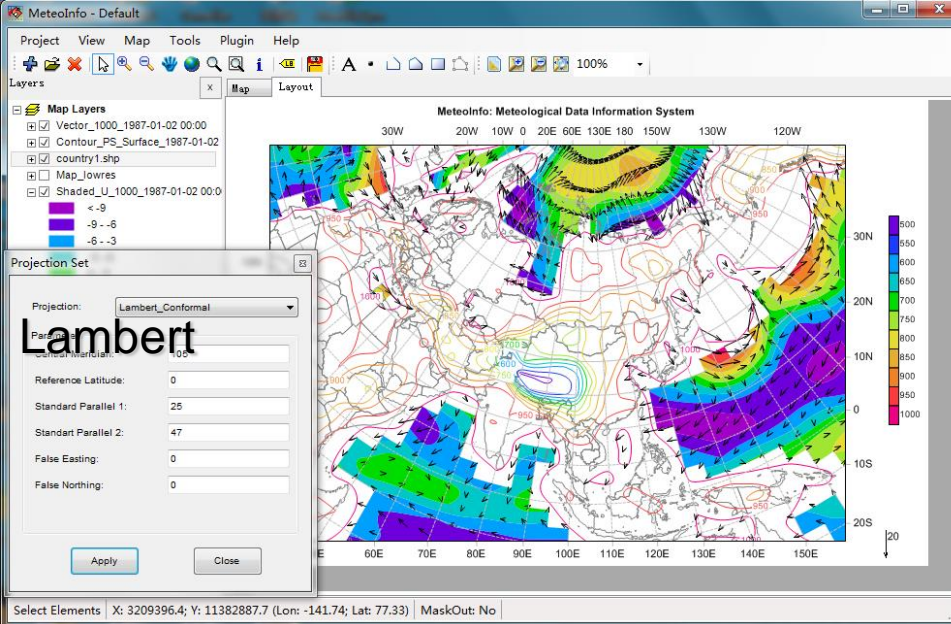
Mercator projection

- OpenStreetMap
- OpenStreetMapQuestSatellite
- BingMap
- BingSatelliteMap
- BingHybridMap
- OviMap
- OviSatelliteMap
- OviTerrainMap
- OviHybridMap
- YahooMap
- YahooSatelliteMap
- YahooHybridMap

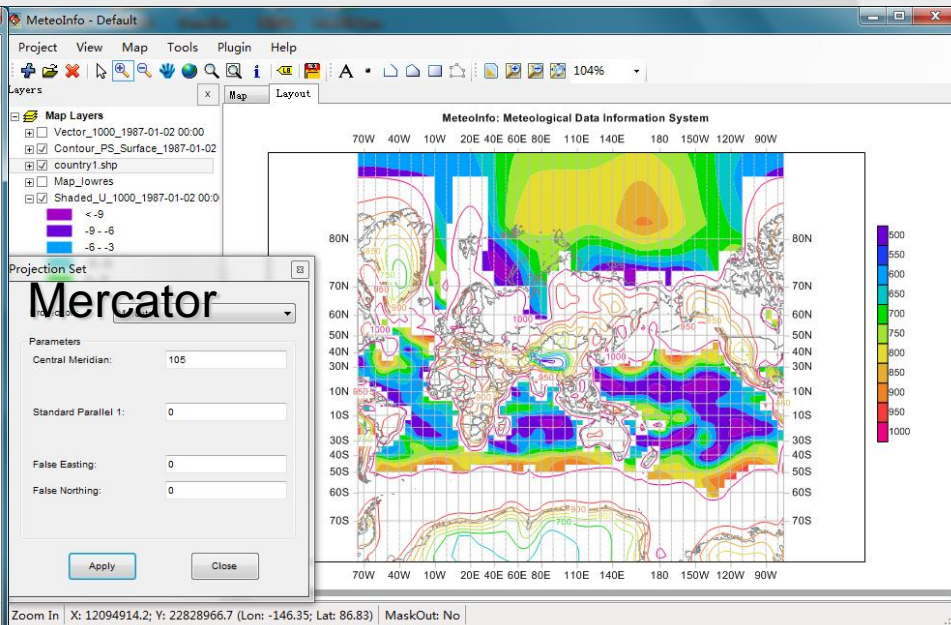
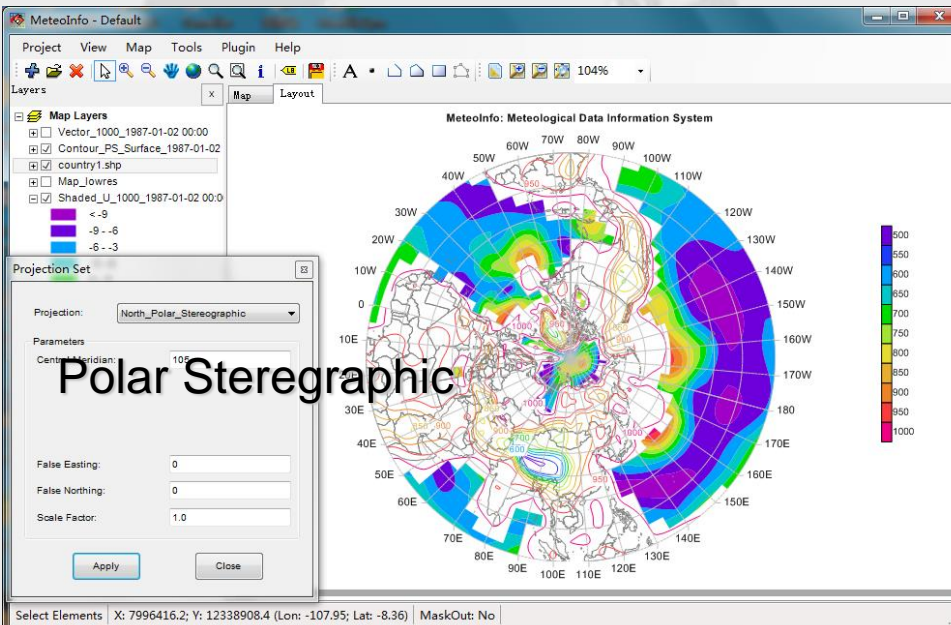


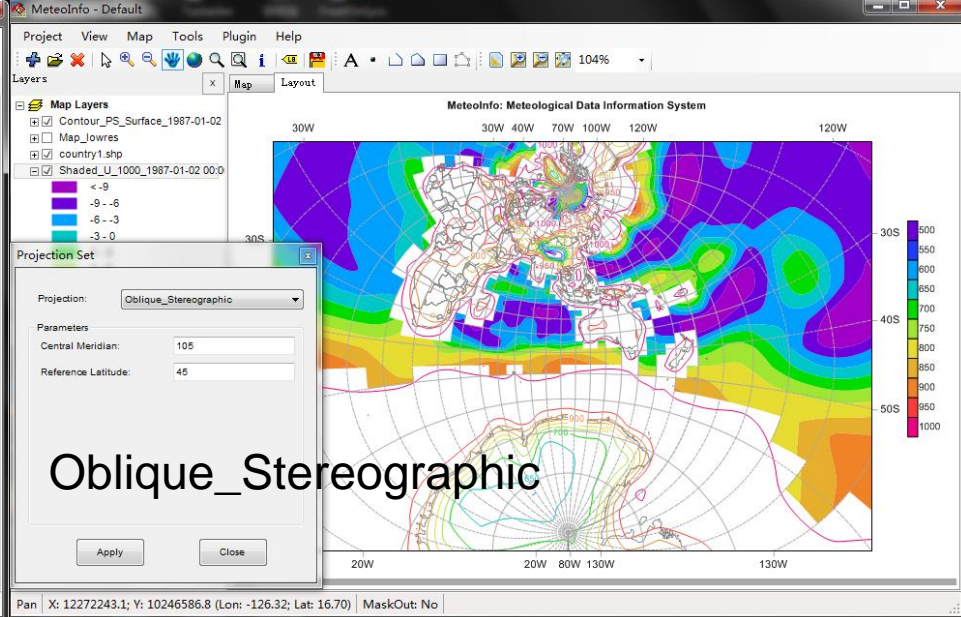
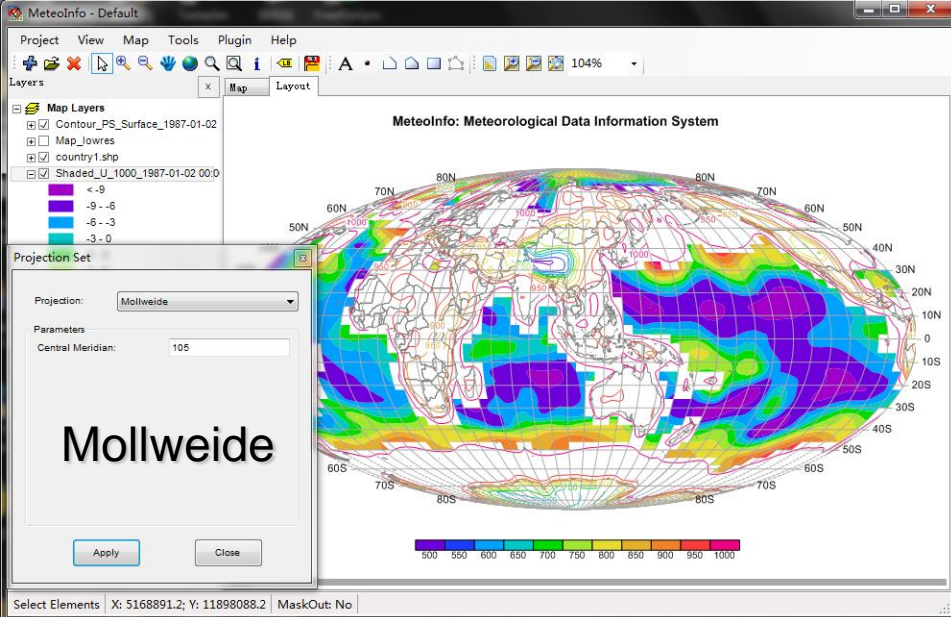
Map projection

- Lambert_Conformal
- Albers_Conic_Equal_Area
- North_Polar_Stereographic
- South_Polar_Stereographic
- Mercator
- Robinson
- Mollweide
- Orthographic
- Oblique_Stereographic
- Transverse_Mercator

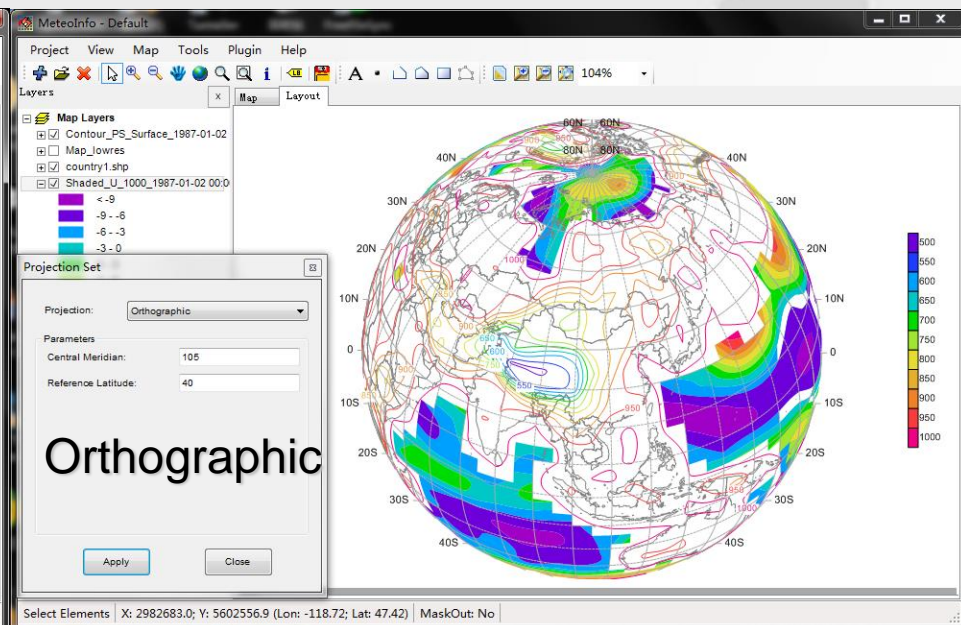
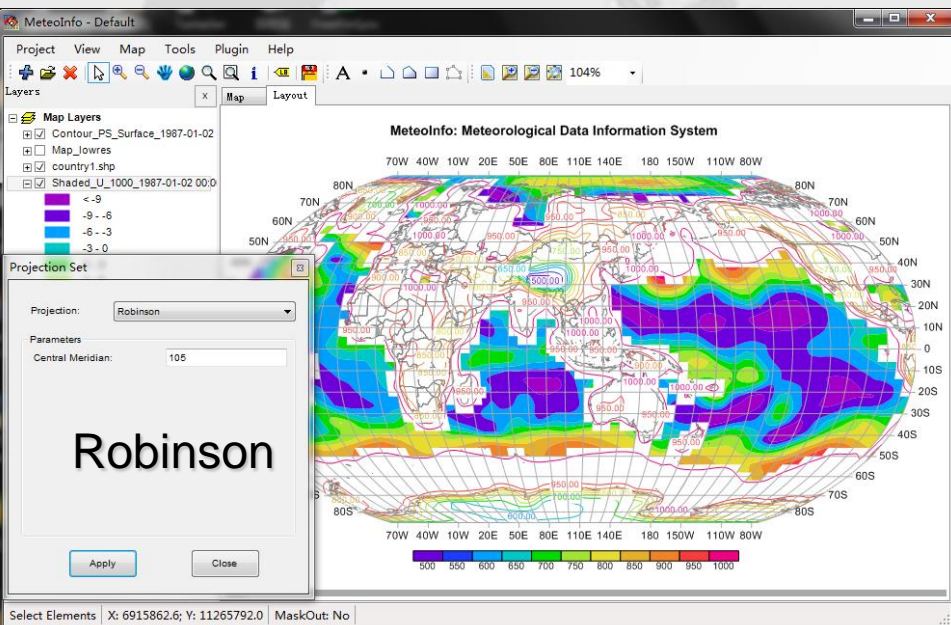


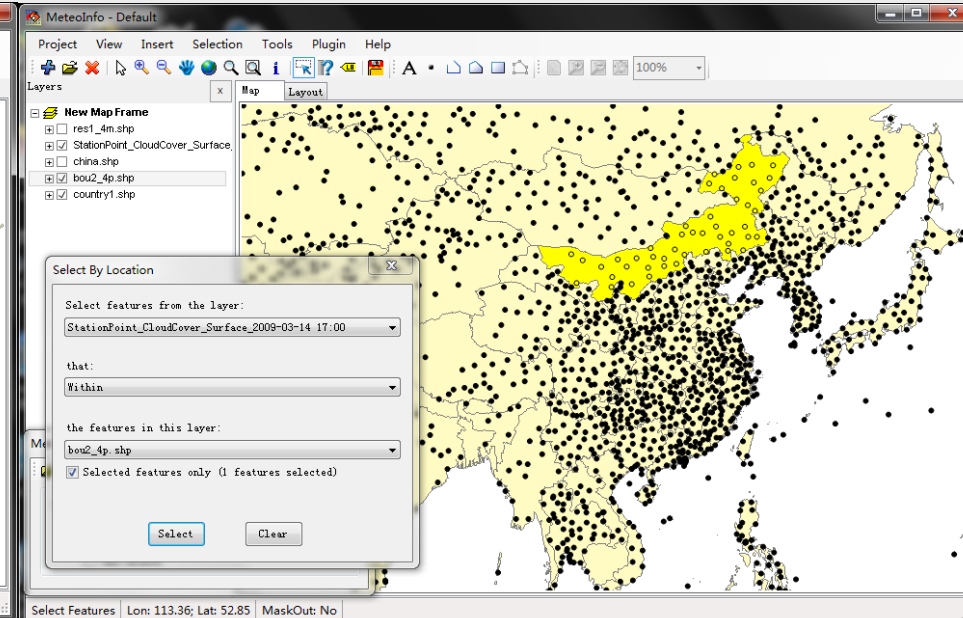
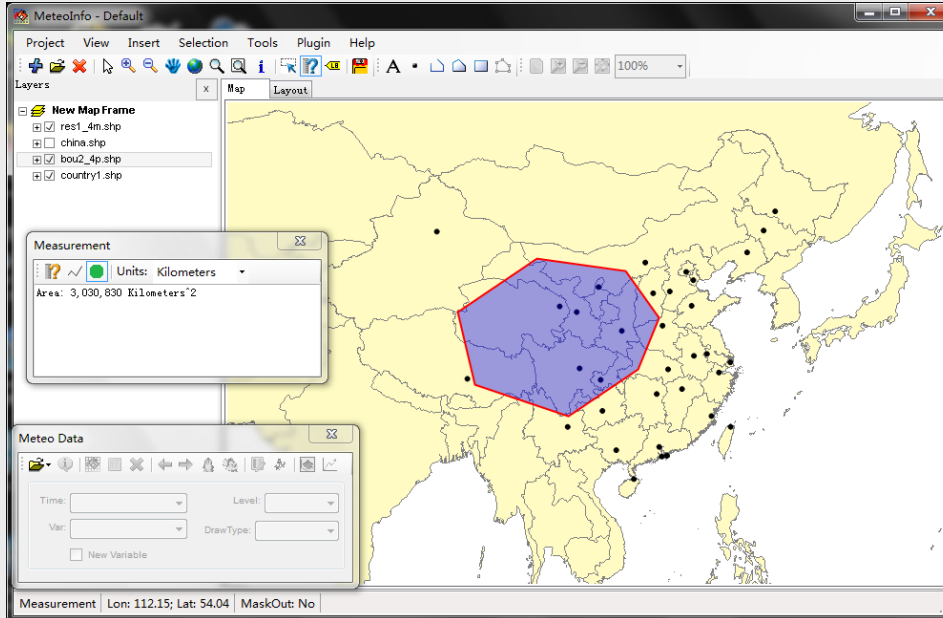
Map projection example



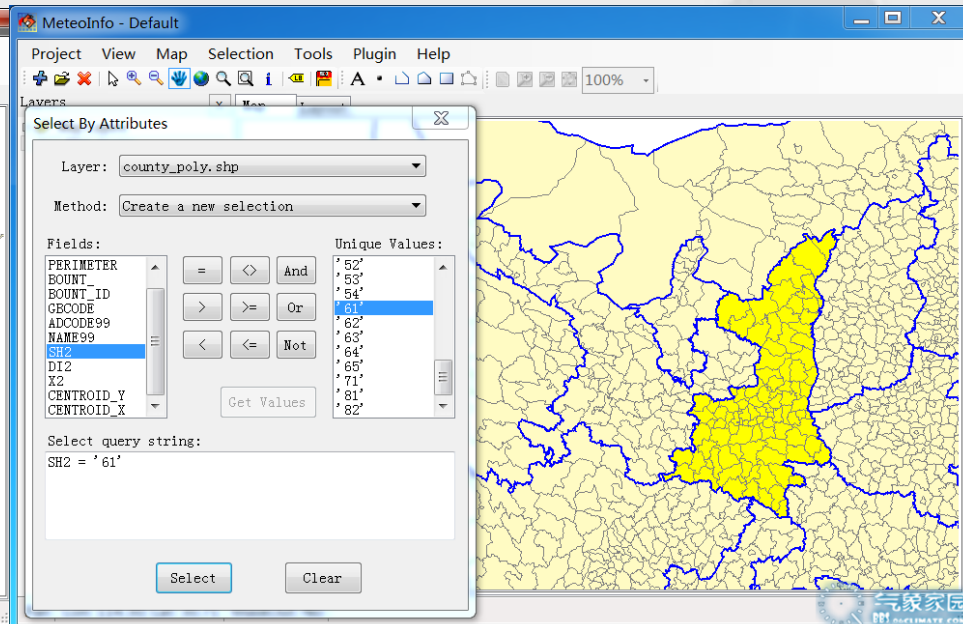
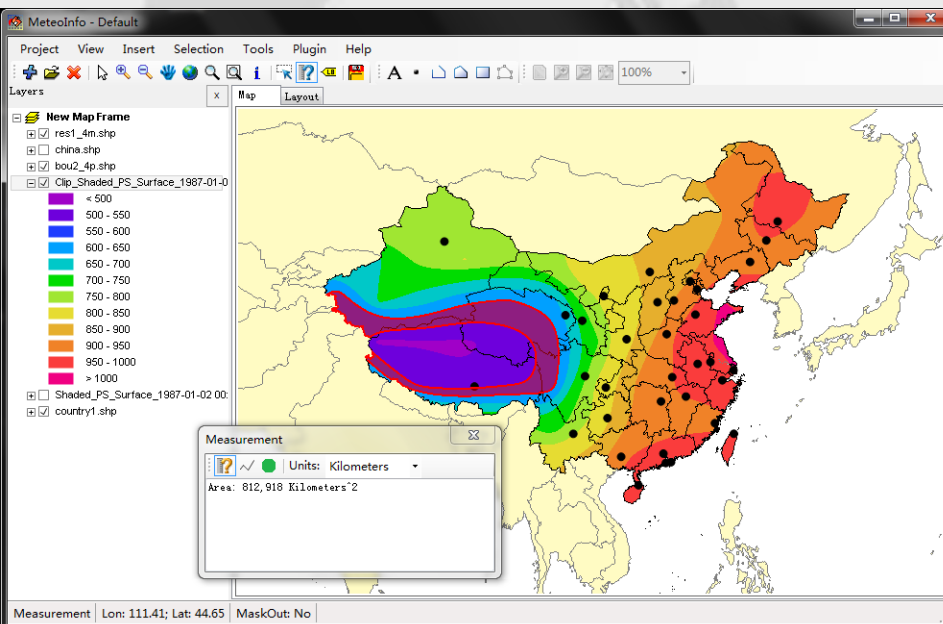


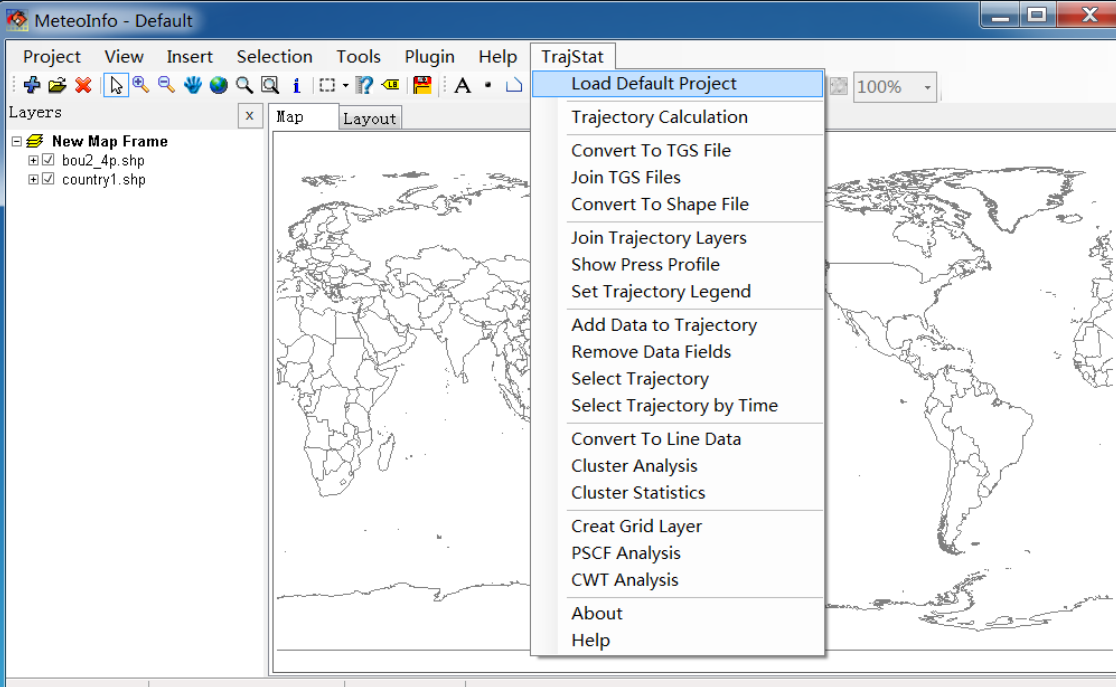
Map projection example





Analysis functions

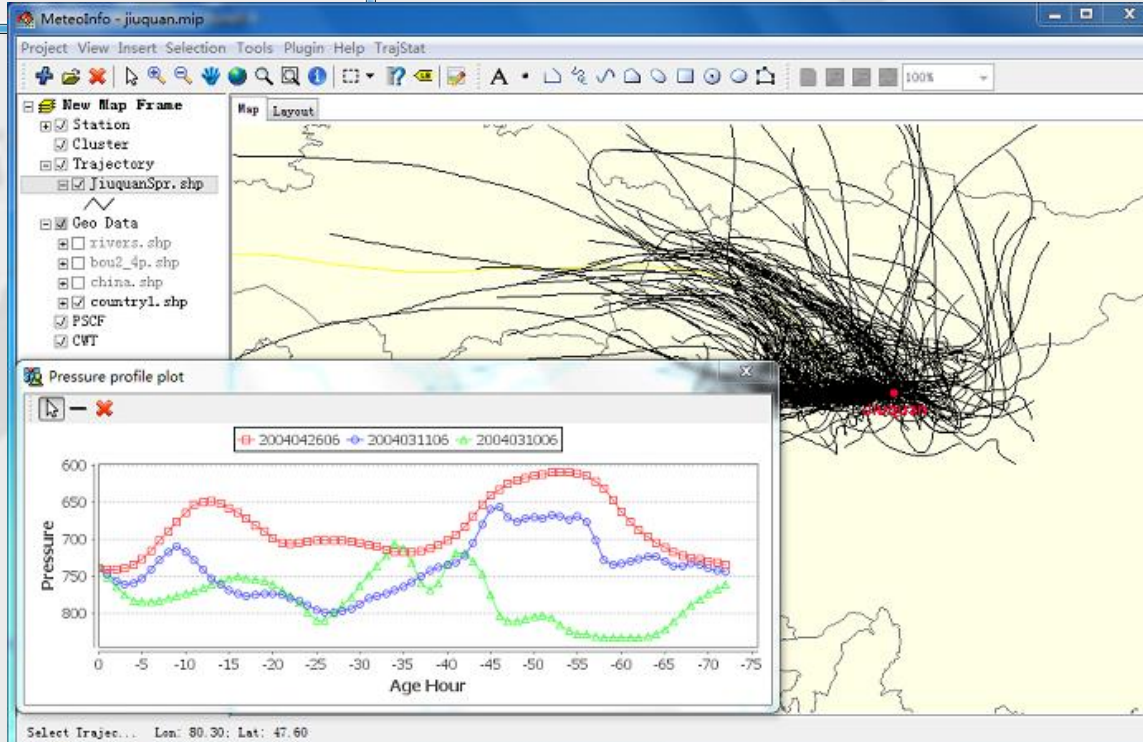
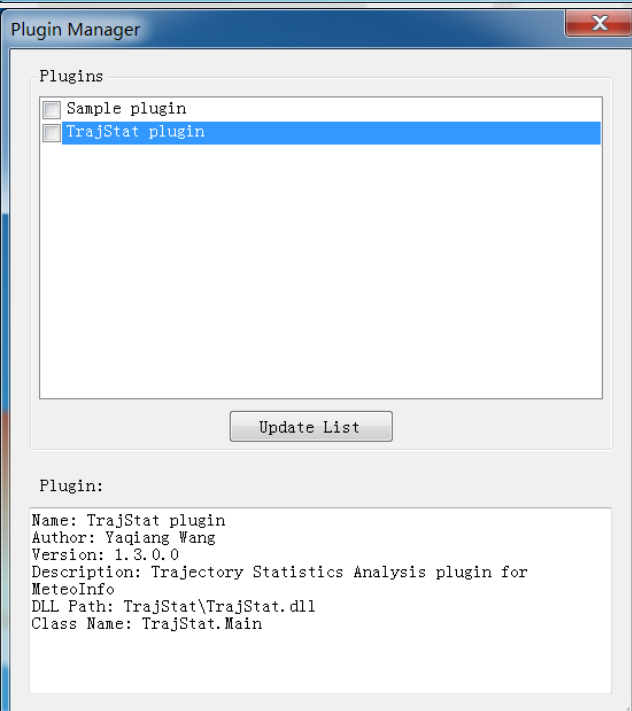




Plugin: Extend MeteoInfo functions

TrajStat (Wang 2009 EMS)

Select Elements Lon: 205.78; Lat: 94.42 MaskOut: No ...



MeteoInfoLab (MeteoInfo Laboratory)

- Scientific data analysis and visualization for interactive command line and script.
- Developed using Java and Jython (Python branch) based on MeteoInfo library.
- Similar commands with MatLab (Matplotlib and numpy for Python) and NCL.
- Powered by Unidata Java netCDF library.
- Still in developing...

MeteoInfoLab

MeteoInfoLab

File Edit Options Help

Current Folder: D:\Working\MIScript\Jython\mis

Editor

map_1.py x

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1 f = addfile('D:/Temp/GrADS/model.ct1')
2 ps = f['PS'][0, [10, 60], [60, 140]]
3 worldmap()
4 mlayer = shaperead('D:/Temp/map/country1.shp')
5 geoshow(mlayer, linecolor=(0, 0, 255))
6 layer = contourfm(ps, 20)
7 title('Pressure')
8 ylabel('Latitude')
9 xlabel('Longitude')
10 colorbar(layer)
11 show()
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File explorer

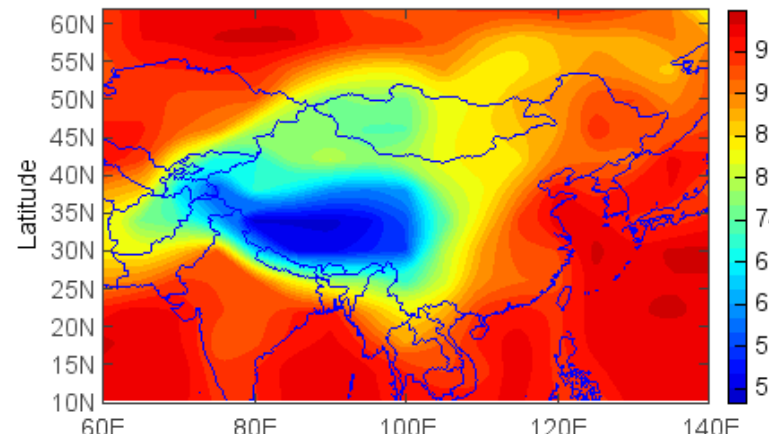
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Variable explorer File explorer

Figures

Figure 1 x

Pressure



Latitude

Longitude

Console

Jython

Jython 2.7.0 (default:9987c746f838, Apr 29 2015, 02:25:11)
[Java HotSpot(TM) 64-Bit Server VM (Oracle Corporation)] on
java1.7.0_67
>>> run script...
PS
>>>

Sample for netCDF data

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contour_2.py x
1 ncf = addfile('D:/Temp/nc/cone.nc')
2 var = ncf['u']
3 udata = var[4, :, :]
4 levs = arange(0, 10, 1)
5 print levs
6 layer = contourf(udata, levs, cmap='BlAqGrYeOrRe')
7 title('Cone amplitude')
8 ylabel('Y')
9 xlabel('X')
10 colorbar(layer)
11 show()
12 print 'Finish.'
```

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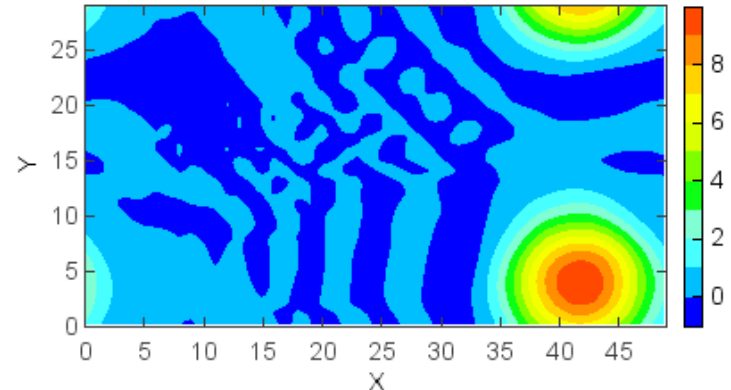
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FY2E.py	537	py	2015/6/7 10:47
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Cone amplitude



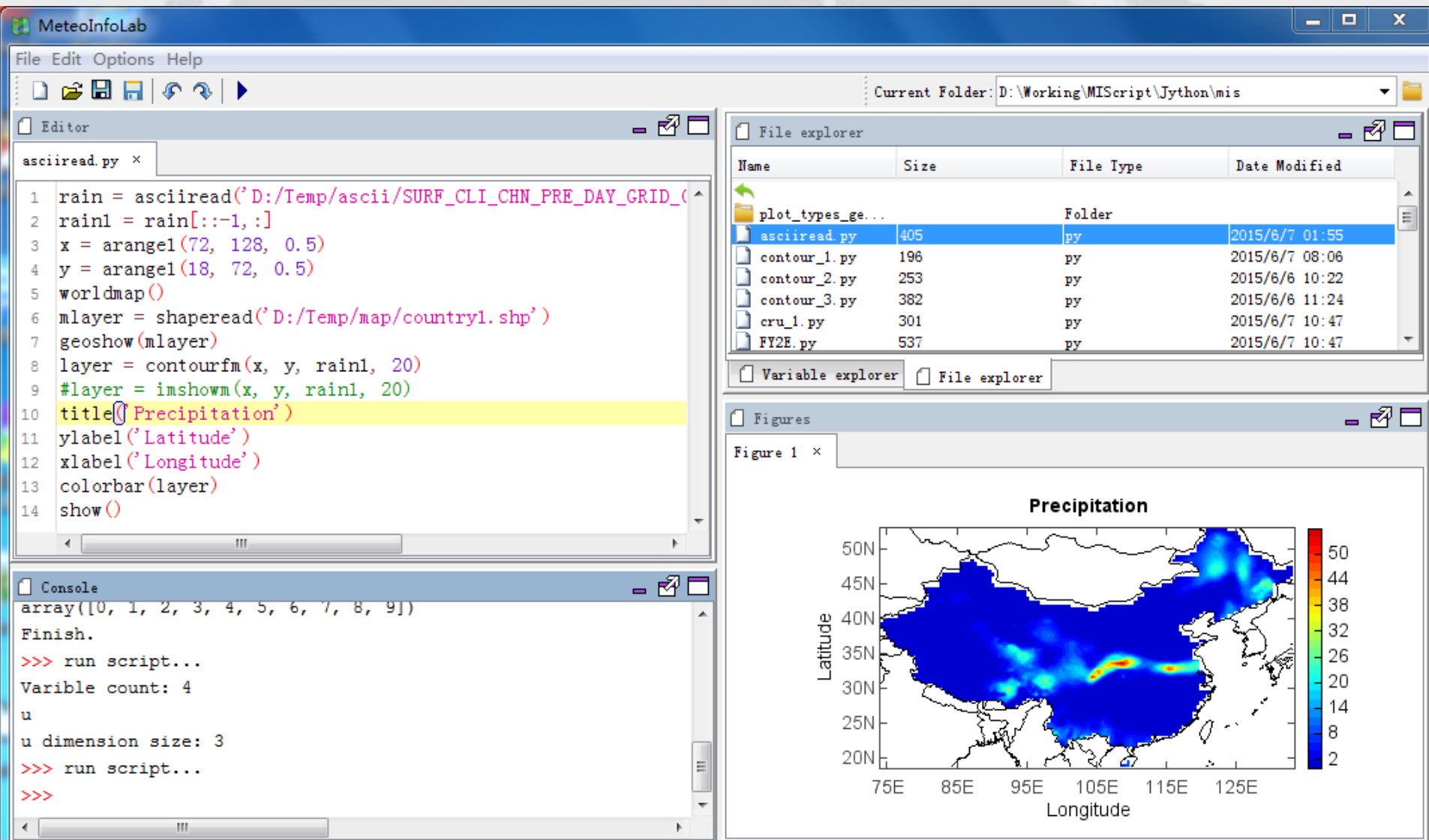
A contour plot titled 'Cone amplitude' showing the spatial distribution of cone amplitude. The x-axis is labeled 'X' and ranges from 0 to 45. The y-axis is labeled 'Y' and ranges from 0 to 25. The plot uses a color scale from 0 (blue) to 8 (red). The data shows a complex pattern with a prominent high-amplitude region (red/orange) in the bottom right corner, reaching a value of approximately 8. Other regions of moderate amplitude (yellow/green) are scattered throughout the plot, while most of the area is blue, indicating low amplitude values near 0.

Console

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[jar:file:/D:/MyProgram/Distribution/Java/Library/log4j-slf4j-impl.jar:SLF4J: Found binding in
[jar:file:/D:/MyProgram/java/MeteoInfoDev/MeteoInfoLib/dist/libSLF4J.jar:SLF4J: See http://www.slf4j.org/codes.html#multiple_bindings forSLF4J: Actual binding is of type [org.slf4j.helpers.Log4jLoggerFactory]
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>>> run script...
u
array([0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9])
Finish.
```

Sample for ASCII data

<http://cdc.nmic.cn/sksj.do?method=ssrjscp>



Sample for geotiff data

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geotiff.py ×

```
1 #Add data file
2 fn = 'D:/Temp/test/sample/ma040831.tif'
3 f = addfile(fn)
4 #Get data variable
5 v = f['var']
6 #Get data array
7 tbb = v[:, :]
8 #Plot
9 ax = worldmap()
10 proj = axesm(projinfo=f.proj, gridlabel=False)
11 clayer = shaperead('D:/Temp/map/bou2_4p.shp')
12 wlayer = shaperead('D:/Temp/map/country1.shp')
13 geoshow(clayer, linecolor=(0, 0, 255))
14 geoshow(wlayer)
15 layer = imshowm(tbb, proj=proj)
16 colorbar(layer)
17 show()
```

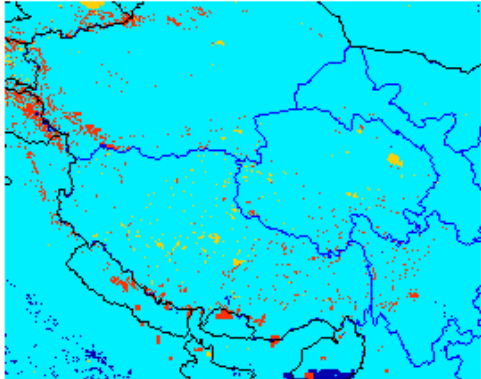
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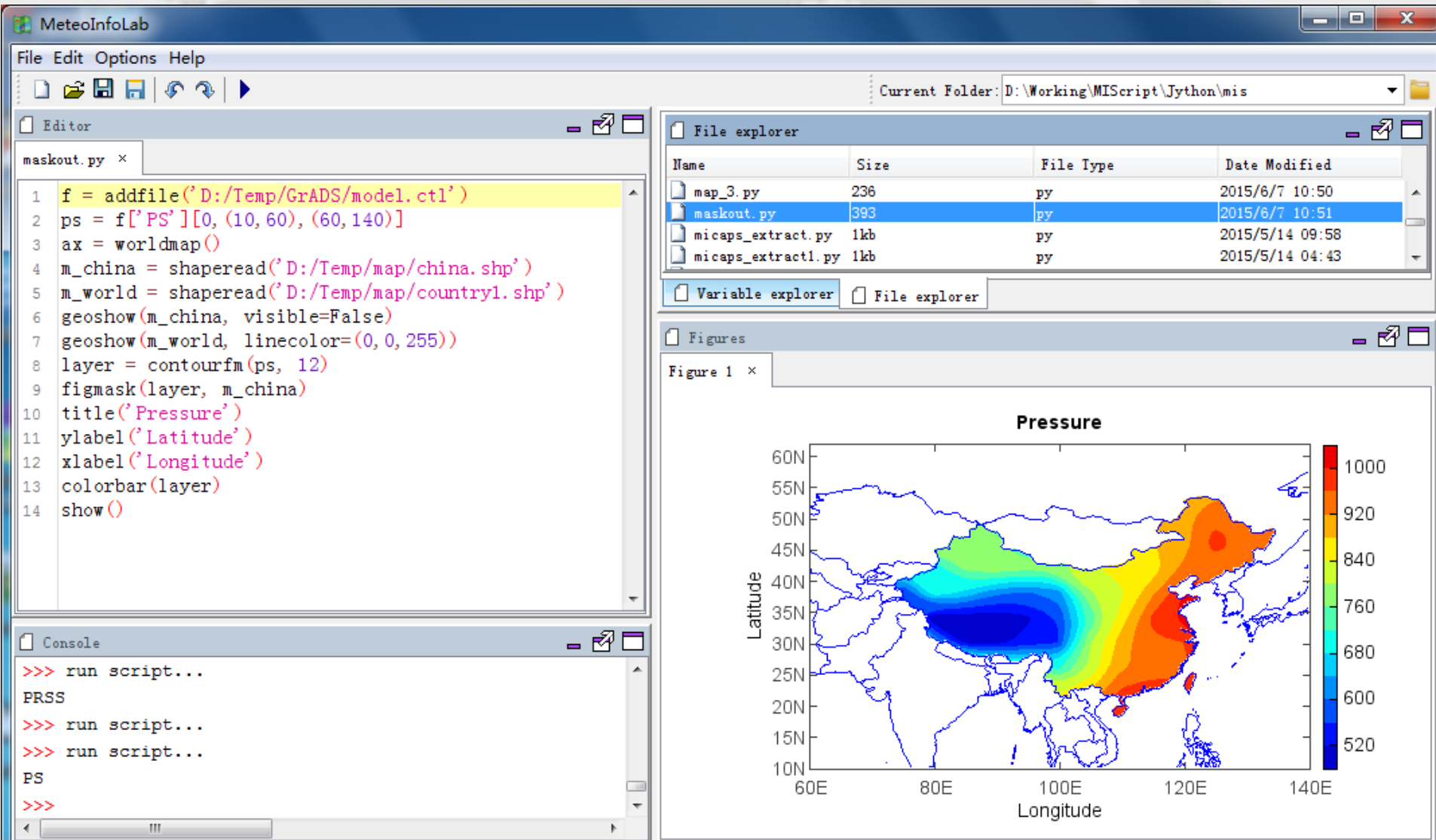


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0.0
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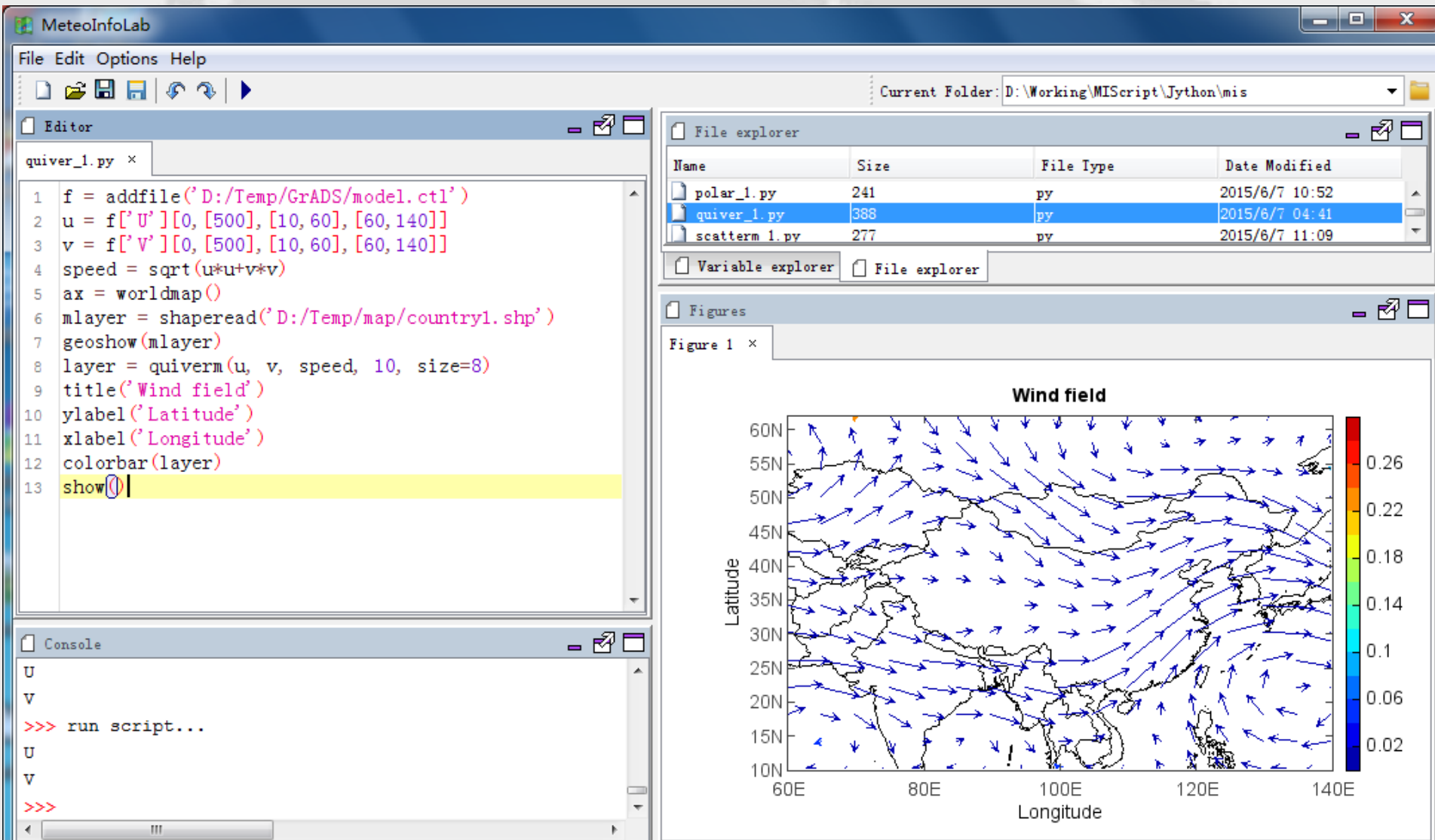
Console

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The file does not exist: D:/Temp/Hdf/FY2E_TBB_IR1_NOM_20150126_
Traceback (most recent call last):
  File "<iostream>", line 5, in <module>
TypeError: 'NoneType' object is unsubscriptable
>>> run script...
var
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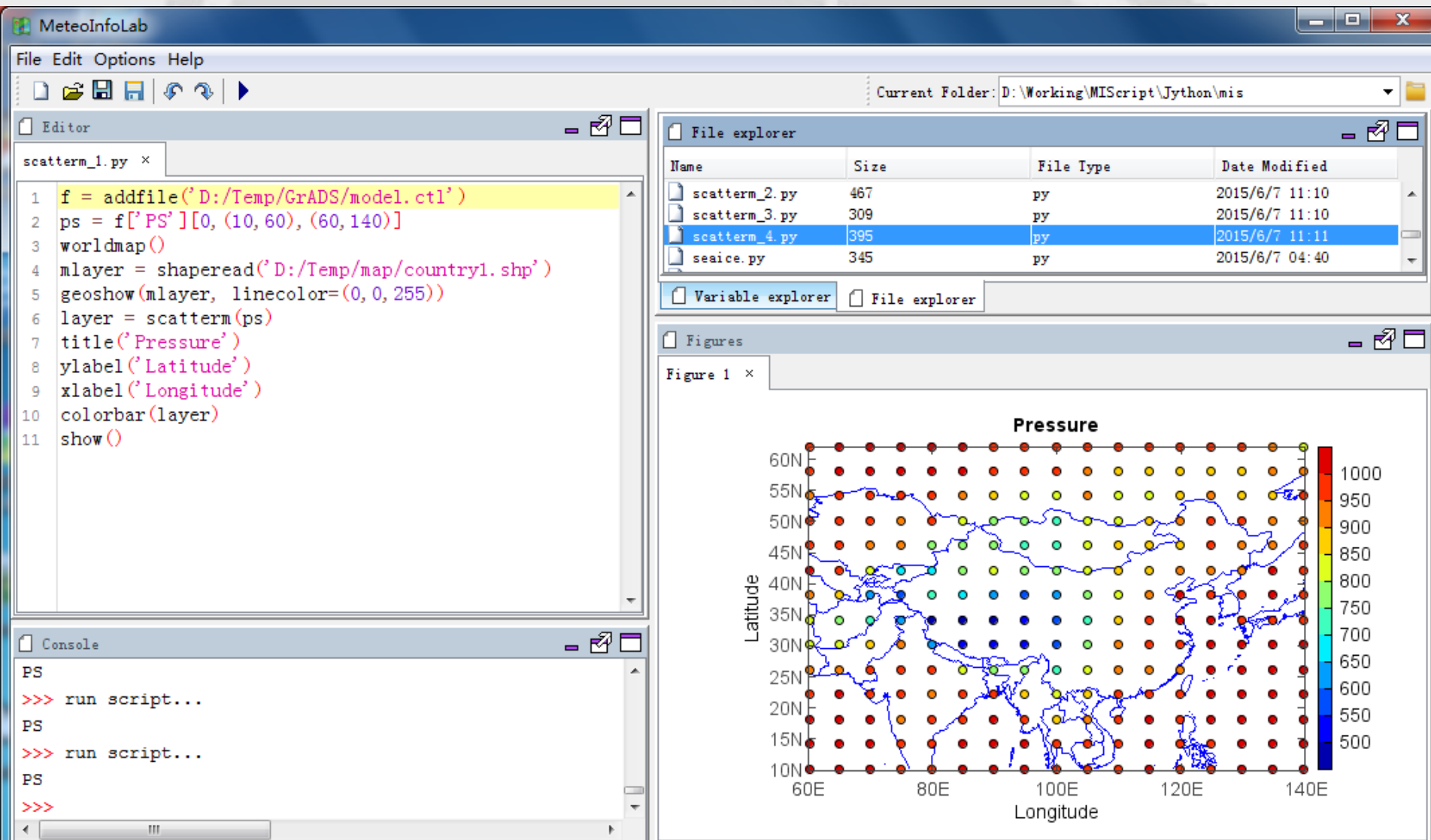
Sample for maskout



Sample for wind field



Sample for scatter



Sample for LaTeX

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latex_1.py ×

```
1 def f(x, c):
2     m1 = sin(2*pi*x)
3     m2 = exp(-c*x)
4     return m1 * m2
5
6 x = linspace(0, 4, 100)
7 sigma = 0.5
8 plot(x, f(x, sigma), 'r', linewidth=2)
9 xlabel(r'$\rm{time}$ \ t$', fontsize=16)
10 ylabel(r'$\rm{Amplitude}$ \ f(x)$', fontsize=16)
11 title(r'$f(x)$ \ \rm{is \ damping \ with} \ x$', fontsize=16)
12 text(2.0, 0.5, r'$f(x) = \rm{sin}(2 \pi x^2) e^{\sigma x}$',
13 show())
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$f(x)$ is damping with x

$f(x) = \sin(2\pi x^2)e^{\sigma x}$

Amplitude $f(x)$

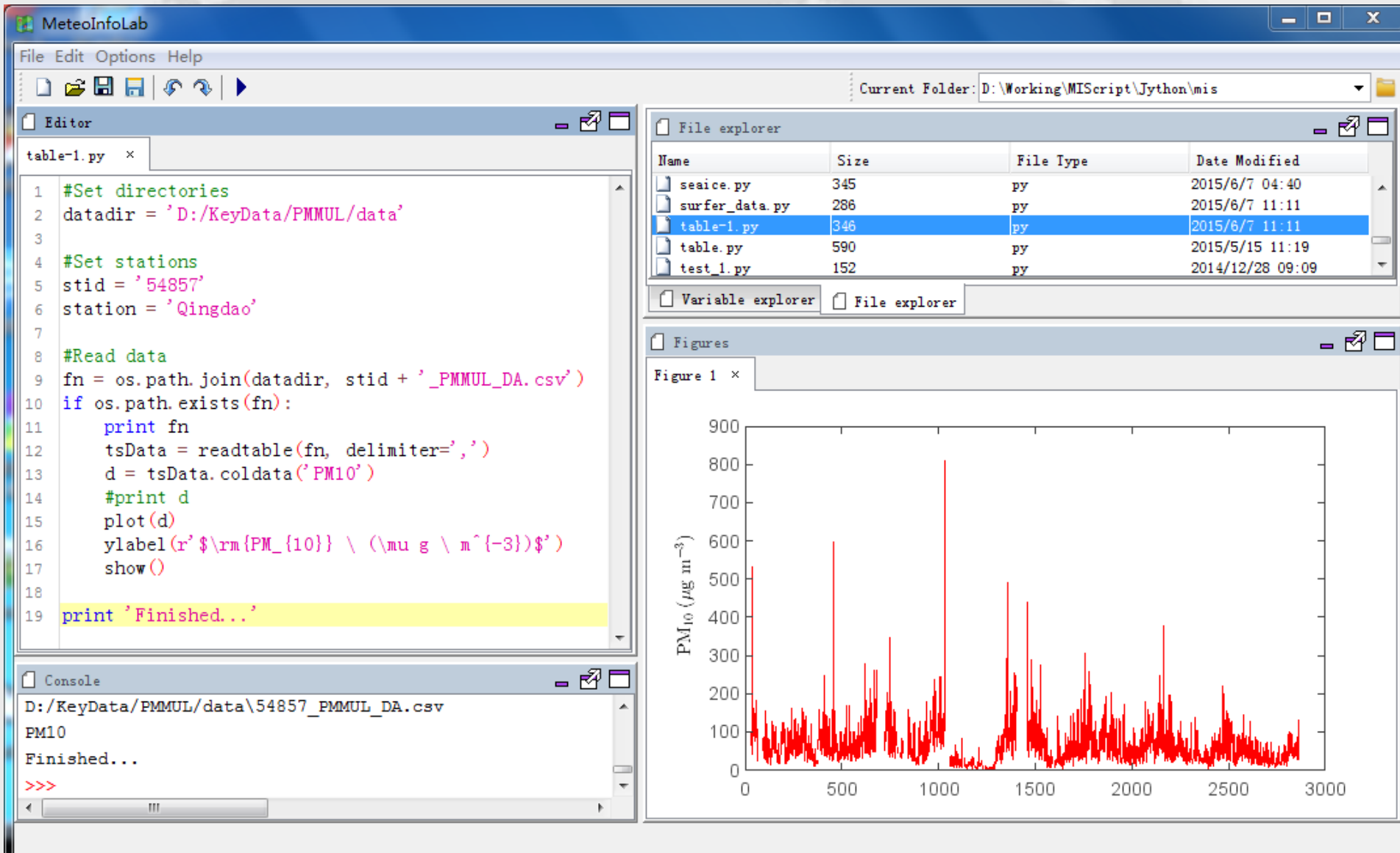
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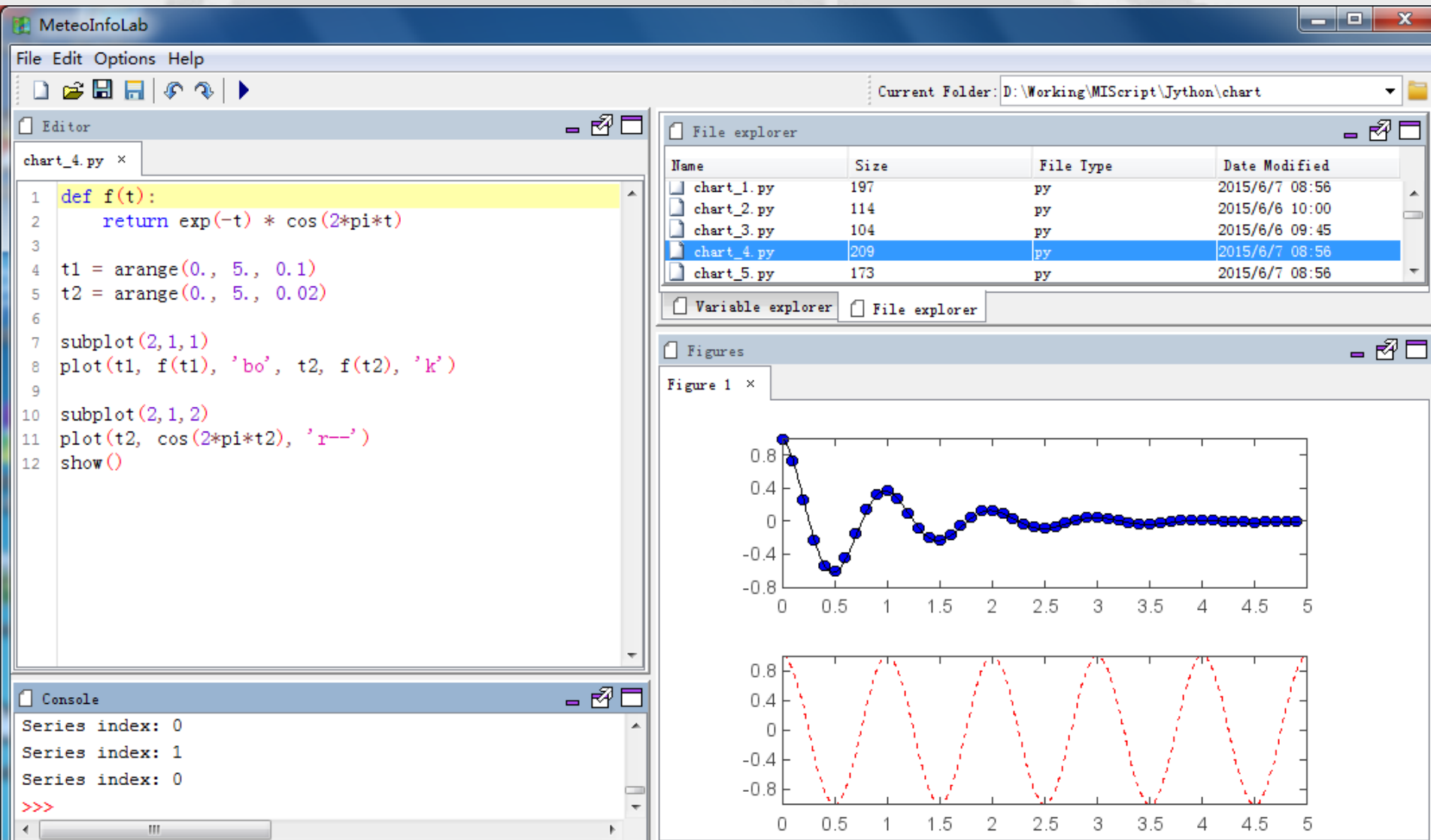
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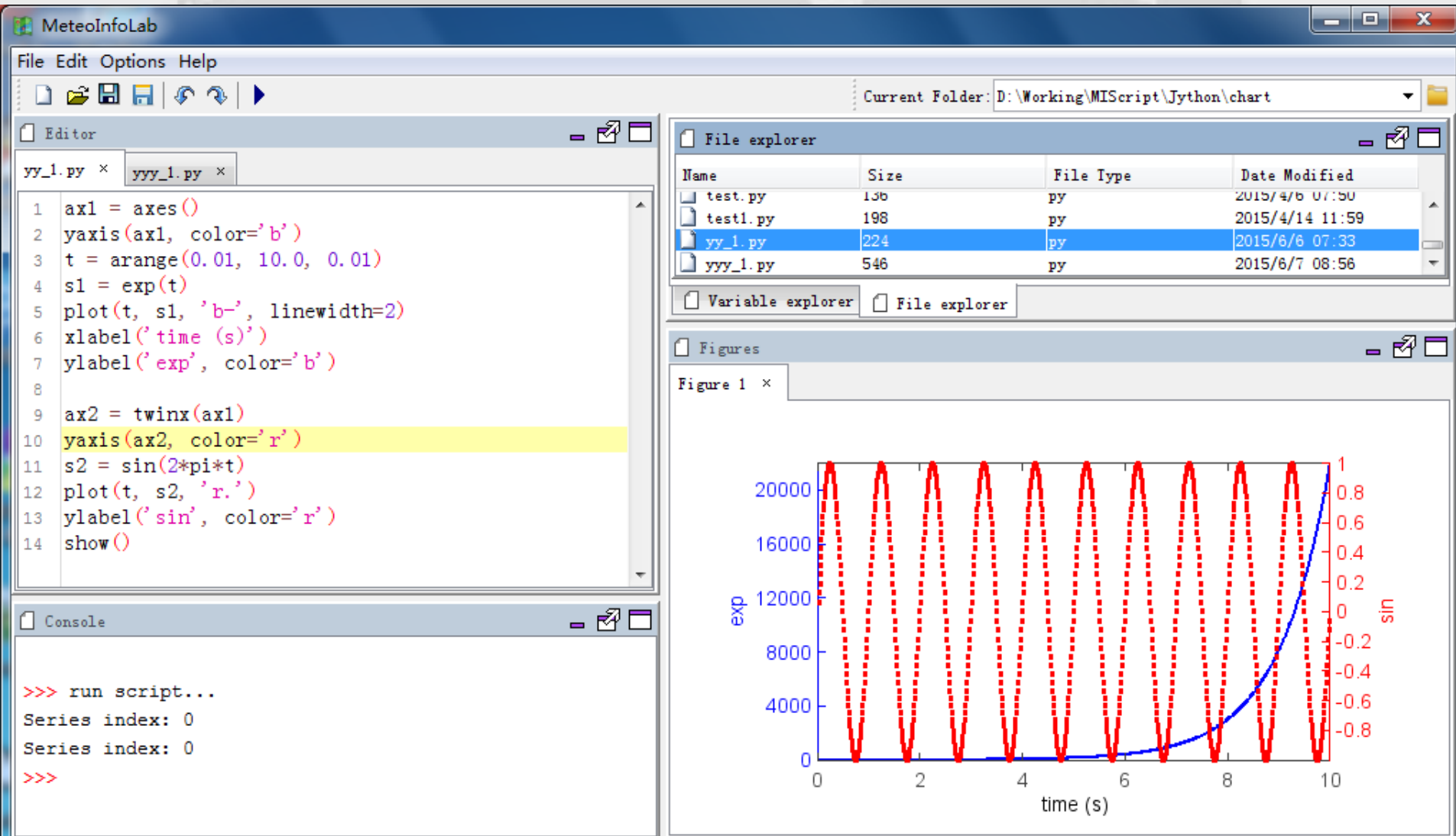
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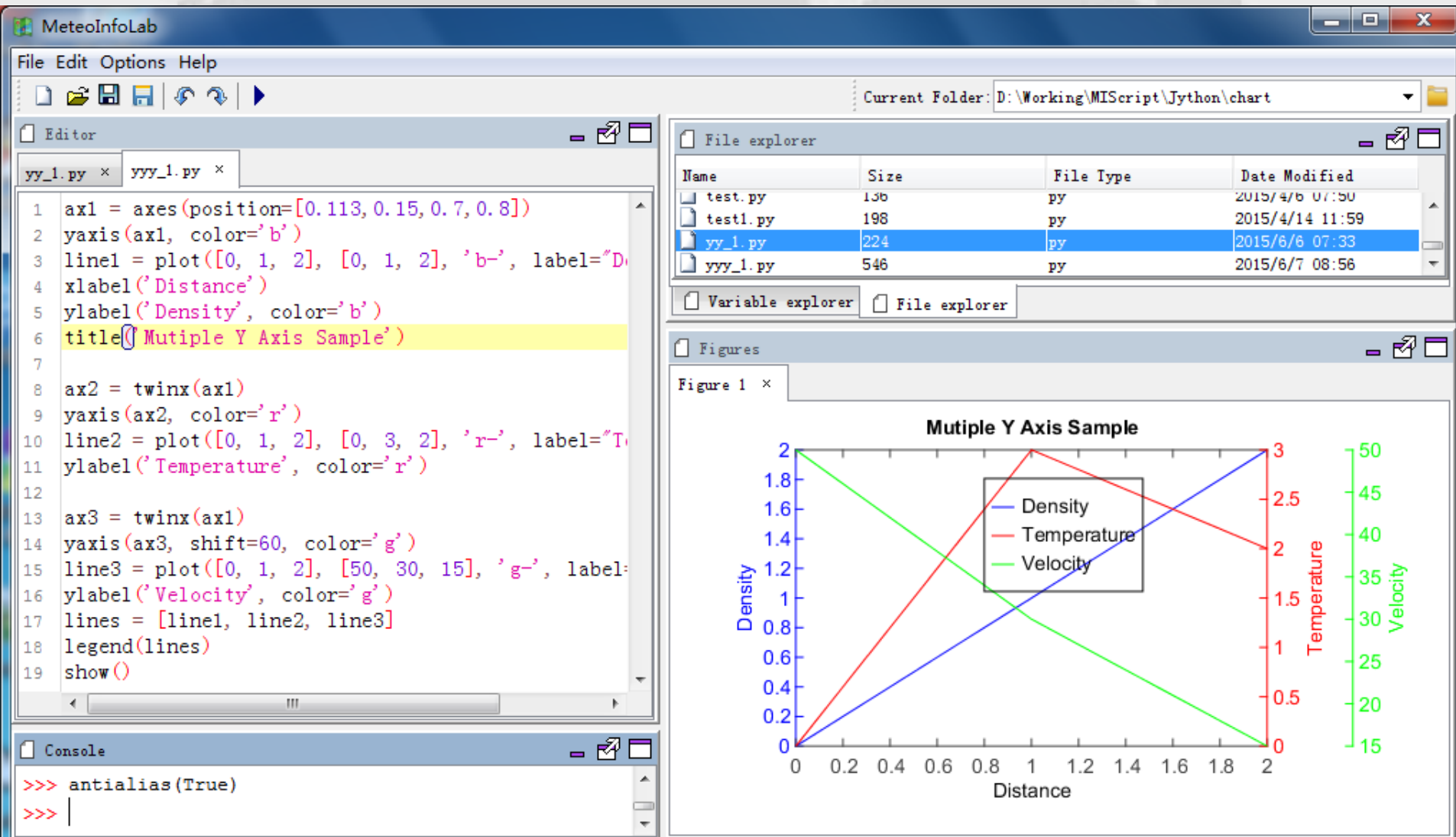
Sample for sub plot



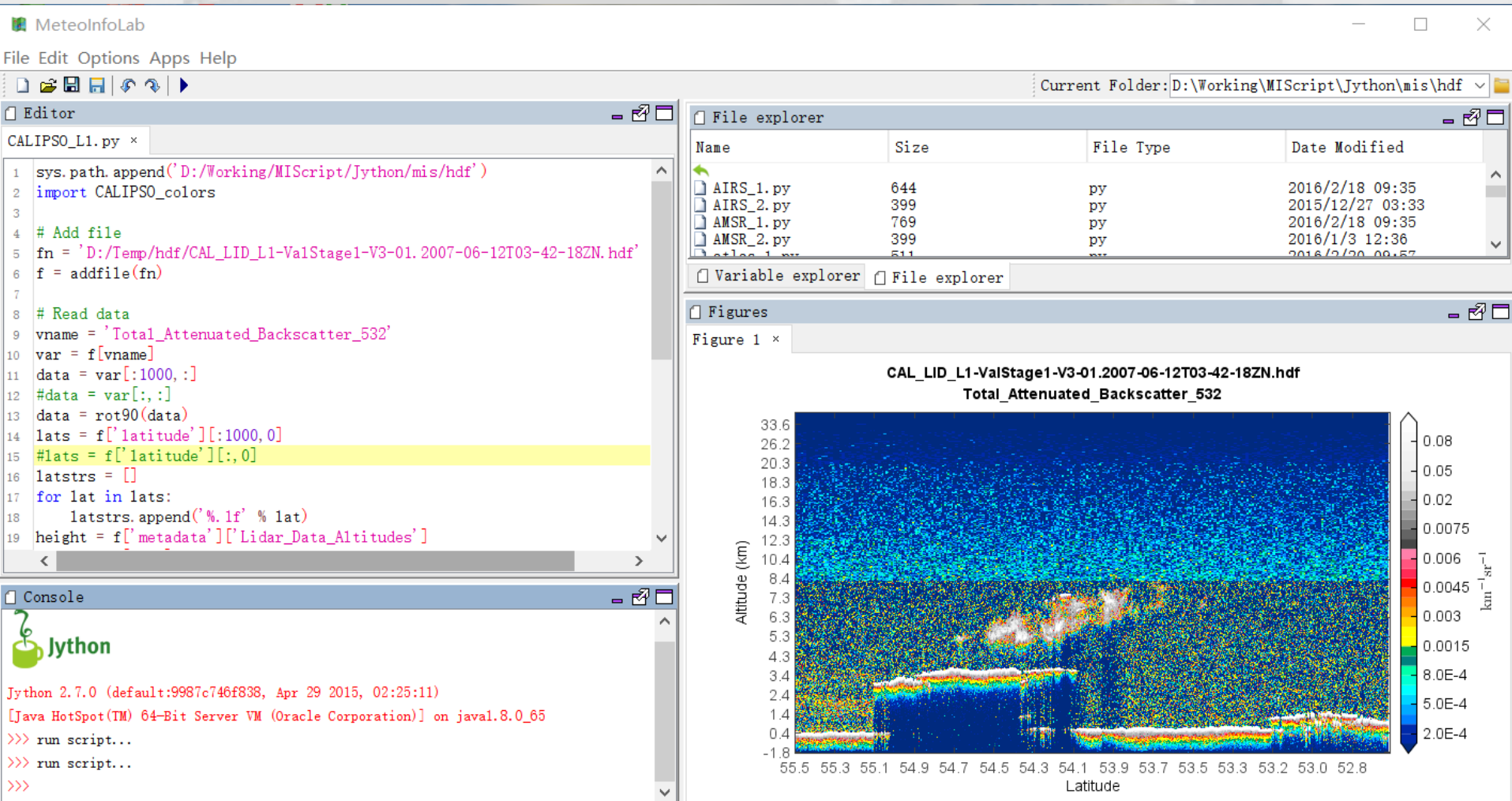
Sample for double y axis



Sample for multiple y axis




Sample for CALIPSO data plot



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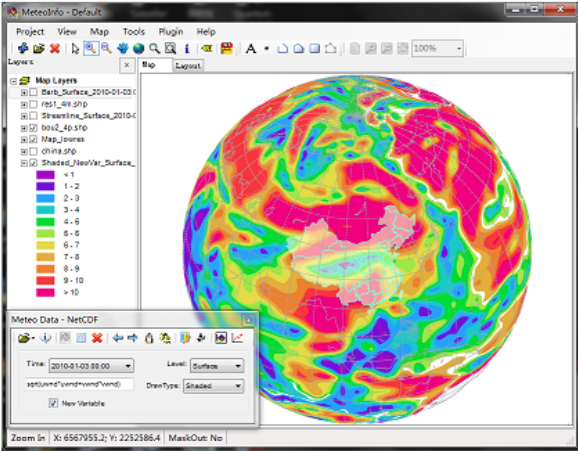
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MeteoInfo is a freely available software designed to view and analyze meteorological and spatial data interactively. Some GIS functions were developed from ground level. It has two editions: Java and C#. Meteoinfo may be run in Windows, Mac OS, Linux and Unix. Meteoinfo can also be run automatically using Meteoinfo scripting with the IronPython language (C# edition) or Jython language (Java edition). The main functions are packed in the Meteoinfo class library, which could be used to conveniently develop the software.



MeteoinfoLab is a free software product developed using Java and Jython based on Meteoinfo Java library (Unidata netCDF Java library is used). The purpose is to provide an optional scientific computation and visualization tool similar with MatLab and/or NCL.

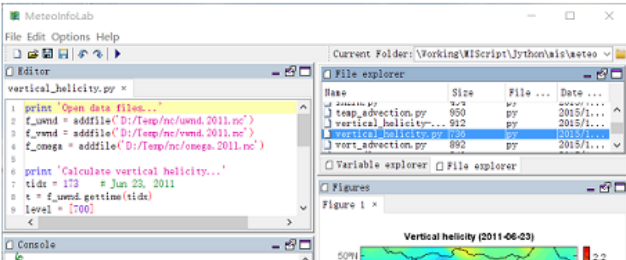


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