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Lightning in NE Italy and their weekly cycle

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The climatology of lightning in north-eastern Italy is presented, together with the climatology of some instability indices derived from the Udine radiosoundings and from ECMWF-derived pseudo-soundings.

Analogies between lightning and instability trends are analyzed. In particular it is found that potential instability and mean-domain lightning density show similar weekly cycles. Test are done to assess if that variability is anthropogenic or natural.