



Intensity of Lightning Associated with TGFs

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Based on satellite observations and detailed modeling, it is currently believed that all terrestrial gamma-ray flashes (TGFs) observed in space are produced by cloud-to-cloud (CC) lightning. These lightning discharges are more frequent, yet generally less intense, than cloud-to-ground (CG) lightning. The World Wide Lightning Location Network (WWLLN) has recently developed the capacity to estimate the energy yield from a lightning discharge. Using an extended catalog of RHESSI TGFs, we examine the energy of lightning discharges associated with TGFs relative to the population of other nearby lightning discharges.