



ALDIS/BLIDS POLICY ON RESEARCH-RELATED DISCOUNTS FOR LIGHTNING DATA

Overview: ALDIS/BLIDS is pleased to receive requests for free or discounted lightning data for research use. The following policy must be followed and adhered to for all requests in order to ensure proper use of our lightning data. This policy is subject to change. This revision is effective as of October, 2023.

Basic Objectives: ALDIS/BLIDS desires to support research that will lead directly to new applications of lightning data. We support research aimed at improving scientific understanding of lightning and meteorological uses of lightning information, although ALDIS/BLIDS's research support is not limited to these areas.

Requirements for free data:

- Usage of the data for Bachelor, Master or PhD Thesis.
- Long term flash data will be provided as gridded data.
- Data of several days can be provided as individual event data

The investigator is urged to include the cost of lightning data (at the research price) in any future grant proposals.

Criteria for data discount: Research use can be short-term or long-term projects involving data requests of any size.

Conditions of the Offer:

1. The investigator(s) must write a short letter/abstract describing their use of data, and the applicability of their results. ALDIS/BLIDS must approve the scientific objectives.
2. The abstract will be reviewed and approved or declined by ALDIS/BLIDS within two weeks. Delivery of data depends on the scope of the project and the current workload of the involved ALDIS/BLIDS employees.
3. Lightning data supplied by ALDIS/BLIDS may not be used for direct comparisons with other lightning detection networks, unless approved by ALDIS/BLIDS. This is to ensure proper lightning data interpretation, proper analysis techniques and the appropriateness of the lightning data set to be used in comparisons.
4. Prior to submission of any publication employing data provided under this policy, ALDIS/BLIDS must be given the opportunity to look over elements of the manuscript related to ALDIS/BLIDS data for technical accuracy. ALDIS/BLIDS

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will also be open to assisting the authors by providing additional technical details if so desired by both ALDIS/BLIDS and the authors. ALDIS/BLIDS must be acknowledged as the source of the information and data.

5. Open Data Policy: If the data has to be made openly accessible for reproducibility of the research results, or is required to be provided in an openly accessible repository due to a journal publication policy, the data must be made unassignable. Before publishing the data, ALDIS/BLIDS must give their consent of the appropriateness of the applied data obfuscation.
6. There can be no proprietary or commercial restrictions on the research results, and the investigator(s) must be directly associated with an academic or research organization.
7. Archival of data is allowed, but the data will not be shared with or sold to another party without ALDIS/BLIDS's expressed permission.

I have read and understand ALDIS/BLIDS's research lightning data policy and agree to its terms and conditions:

Date: _____
Investigator: _____
Company/Org. _____
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Please print and sign two copies and mail to aldis@ove.at.

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