

# Overview of GHRC Lightning Activities

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# Congratulations to the ISS LIS Team



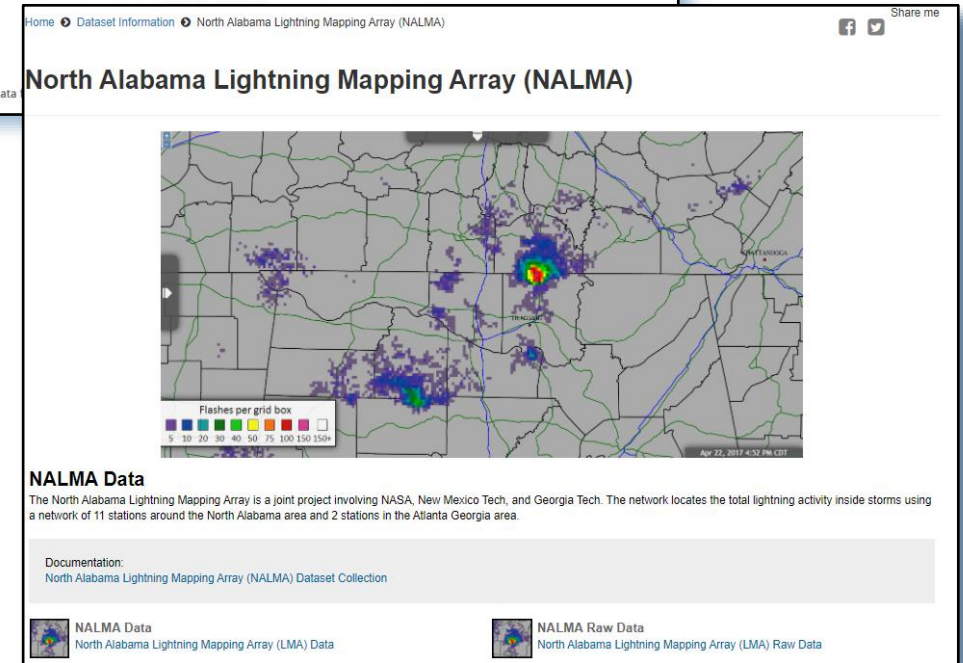
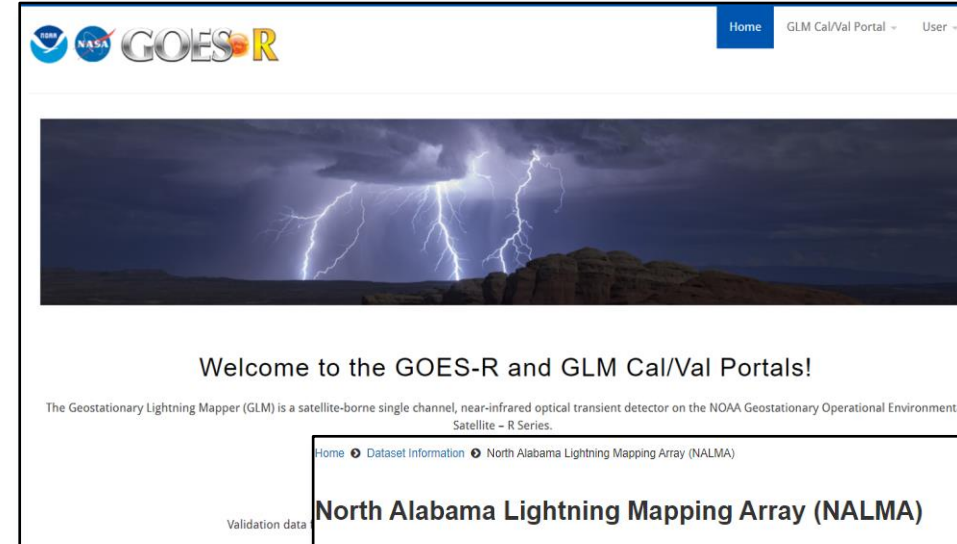
International Space Station Lightning Imaging Sensor team has earned a NASA Group Honor Award

- Combination of multiple individuals
  - Marshall Space Flight Center
  - University of Alabama in Huntsville with GHRC
  - Many others
- Recognition for:
  - 2020 senior review proposal
  - Ultimately led to mission extension for the ISS LIS instrument

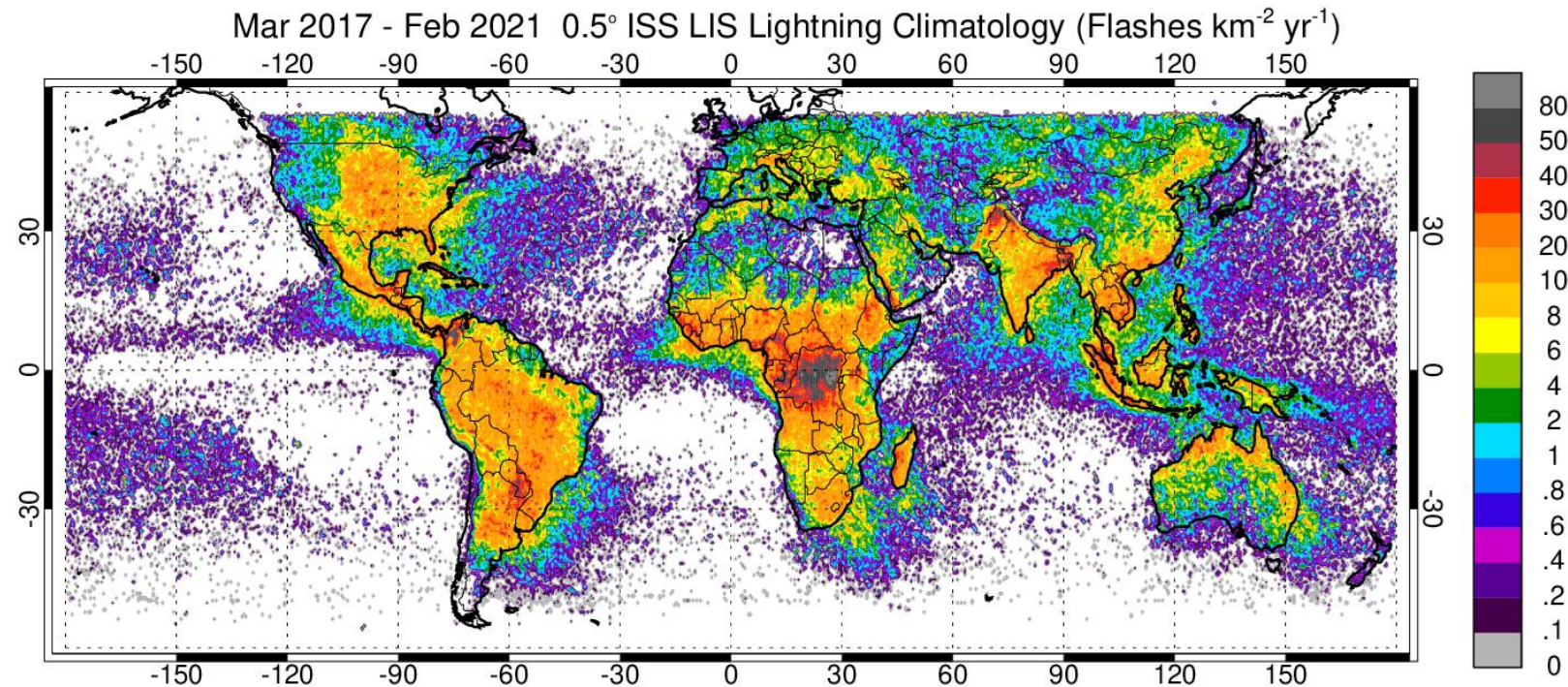
# Web Page Updates



- GLM Portal remains supported
- <https://goes-r.nsstc.nasa.gov/home/>
- Built for GOES-R Post Launch Test (PLT) field campaign
- Contains lightning data cleared for use by the MSFC lightning science team
  - National Lightning Detection Network
  - Earth Networks Total Lightning Network
- GLM Science meeting presentations
- North Alabama Lightning Mapping Array (NALMA) page has been updated to coincide with new publications
- [https://ghrc.nsstc.nasa.gov/lightning/data/data\\_nalma.html](https://ghrc.nsstc.nasa.gov/lightning/data/data_nalma.html)



- 4 years on orbit – extending long-term TRMM LIS climatology
  - Middle and higher latitudes of special interest
    - Have not been sampled (outside of GLM) since the Optical Transient Detector (OTD) from 1995-2000
- ISS LIS being incorporated into the 20+ year combined TRMM LIS / OTD climatology
- Likely relocated on ISS in early 2022 – Continued operations through at least late 2023



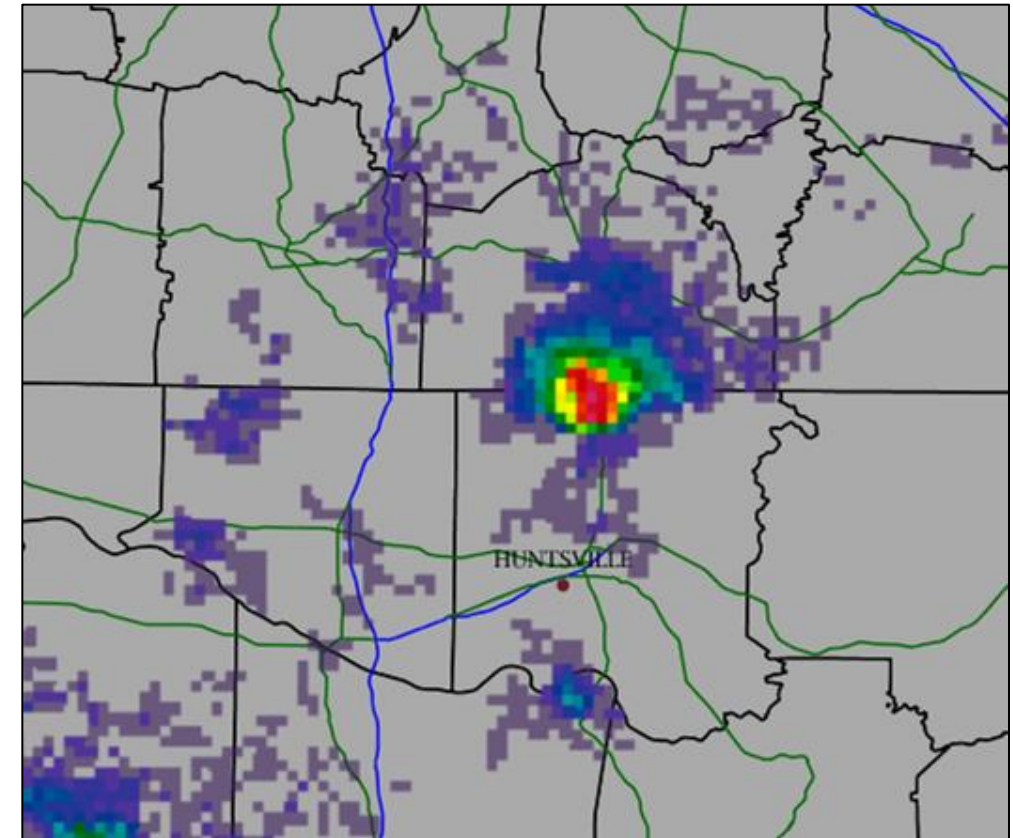
*ISS LIS climatology March 2017 – February 2021.  
Image courtesy of Timothy Lang and Dennis  
Buechler*

- ISS-LIS Code for Version 2.0 now operational
  - Viewtime correction for solar panels
  - Viewtime correction for 1 second dropout
  - Corrected initialized event alert summary variable
  - Improved the way data at the end of the 24 hour period is handled
  - Changed the orbit designation from simple increasing index to one based on the day/time of orbit
  - 15 March to 9 May 2021: Timing anomaly that changed offset from reference datasets
    - Normally  $< 1$  ms with  $< 1$  ms standard error – Increased to  $\sim 32$  and  $10$  ms, respectively
    - V2 data subtracted off a 32 ms offset, but standard error not corrected
    - Issue resolved May 9 and remains under investigation

# North Alabama Lightning Mapping Array (NALMA)



- Operations have resumed, including earlier data
  - Start date: December 17, 2018
  - Number of stations: 12
- Processing transitioned to Huntsville
  - Local processing is a collaboration between GHRC and the Marshall Space Flight Center Lightning Team
- GHRC will host full-rate and raw NALMA data
  - Full rate:  
<http://dx.doi.org/10.5067/NALMA/DATA101>
  - Raw:  
<http://dx.doi.org/10.5067/NALMA/DATA301>
- Preparing for the near real-time NALMA data
- Future plans include publishing the entire period of record back to 2002

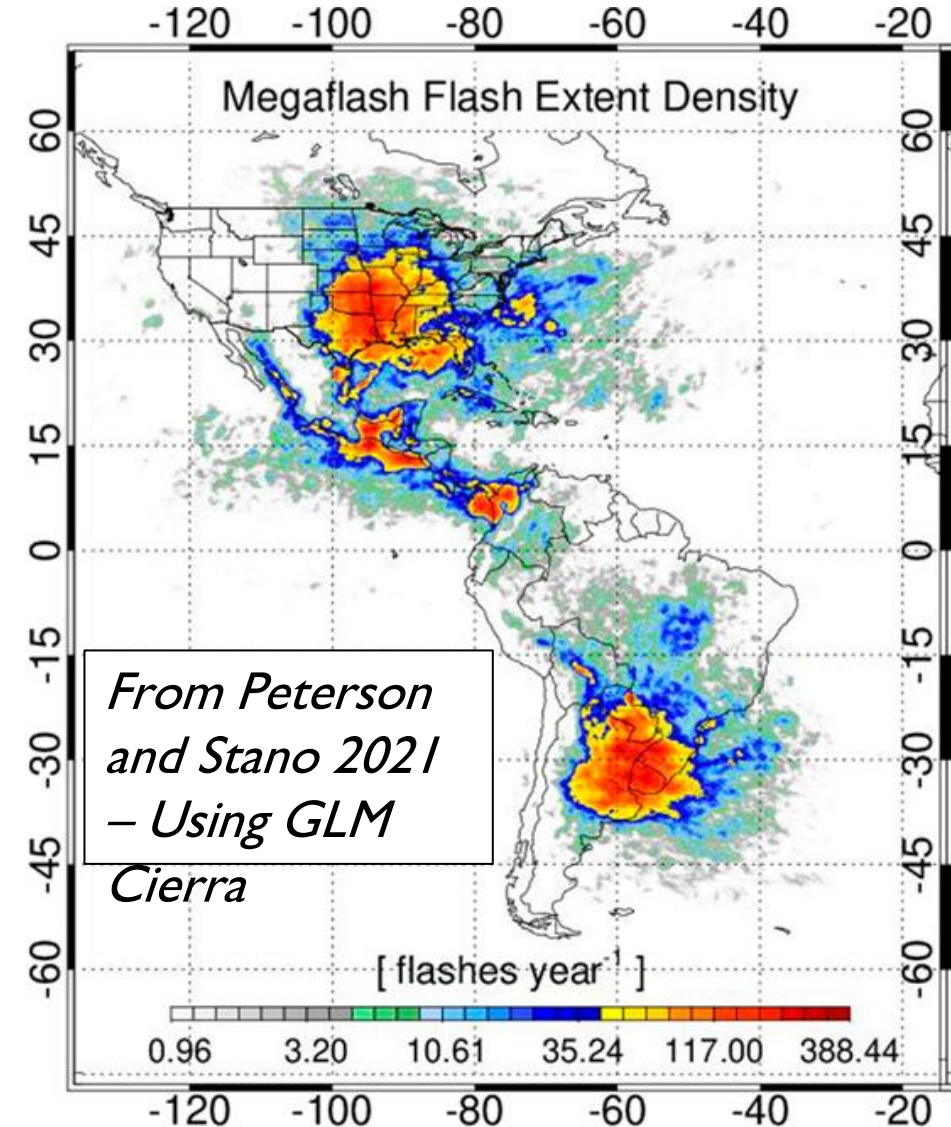


*NALMA Flash Extent Density example*

# Geostationary Lightning Mapper

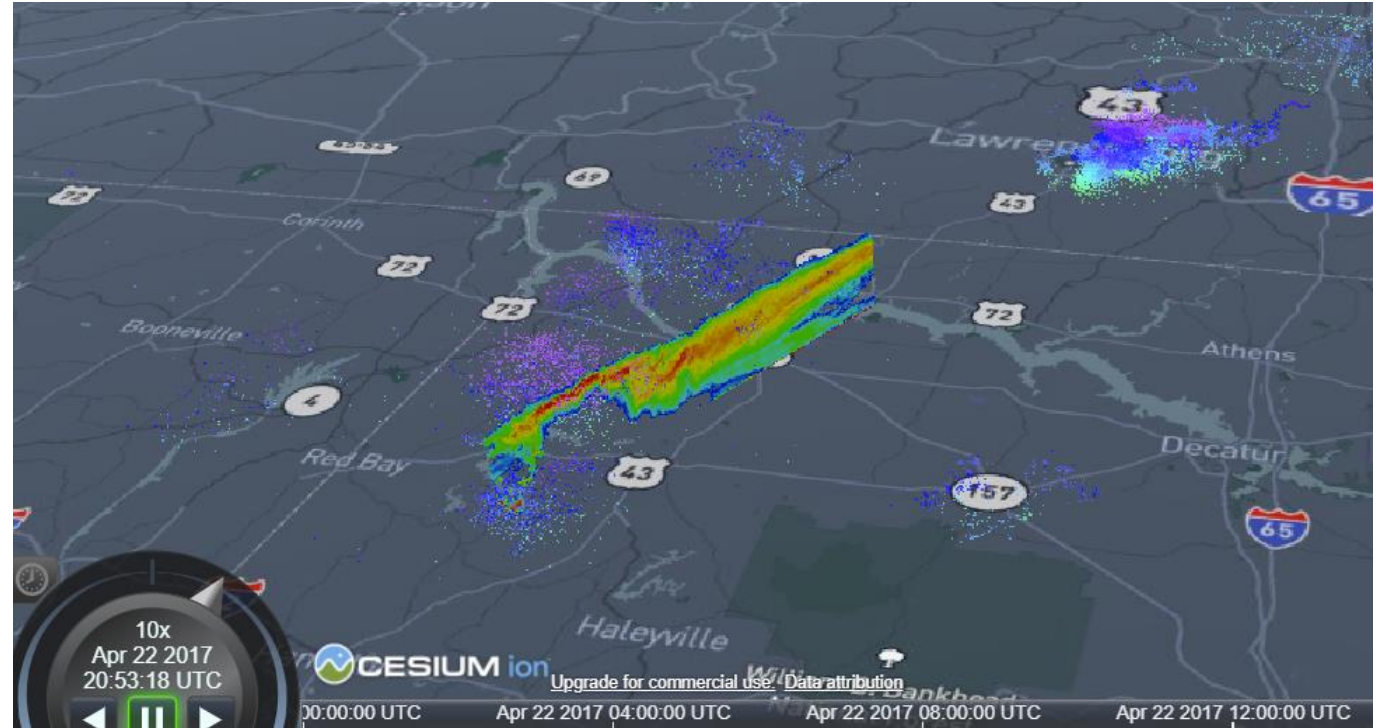


- Two GLM products in preparation for publication in FY2022
  - Full disk, gridded GLM products
    - <http://dx.doi.org/10.5067/GLM/GOES/DATA101>
  - GLM-CIERRA – Cluster Integrity
    - <http://dx.doi.org/10.5067/GLM/CIERRA/DATA101>
- Primary delay was with GHRC’s cloud transition
  - “Ongoing” datasets (i.e., those with regular observations) needed a cloud-based processing solution
  - GHRC is working with the PIs to begin publishing
    - GLM CIERRA has provided two years of data to start
- Journal Publication
  - The Hazards Posed by Mesoscale Lightning Megaflashes
  - <https://doi.org/10.1175/EI-D-20-0016.1>



- Basic 3D viewing of Lightning Mapping Array “sources” available in FCX
- Basic plot of ISS LIS and GLM “events” available in FCX
- Goal: Update displays to use more familiar products, such as flash density
  - Soon to be published GLM gridded data offer a number of products
- Goal: Use this for dynamic browsing of GHRC holdings as part of the website refresh

<https://ghrc.earthdata.nasa.gov/fcx/index.html>

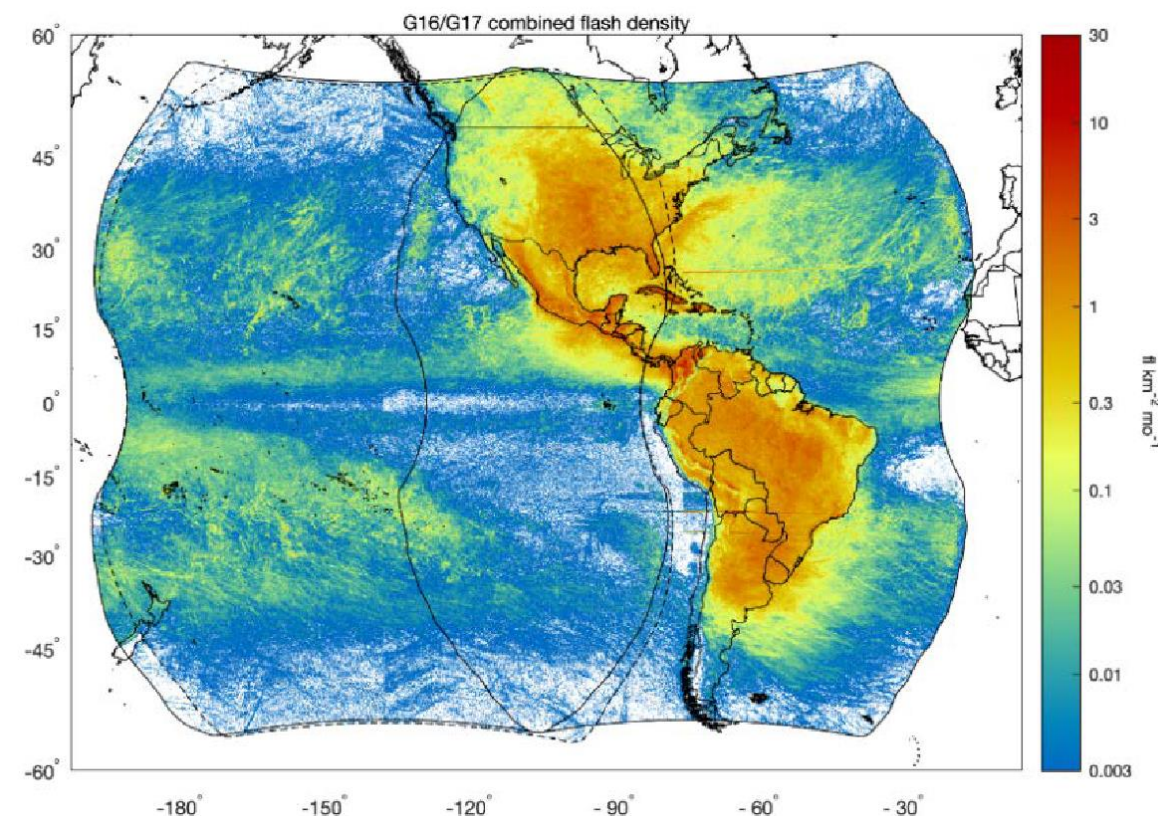


*NALMA raw source observations along with the Cloud Radar System on the ER-2 during the GOES-R Post Launch Test field campaign. (April 22, 2017 at 2053 UTC)*

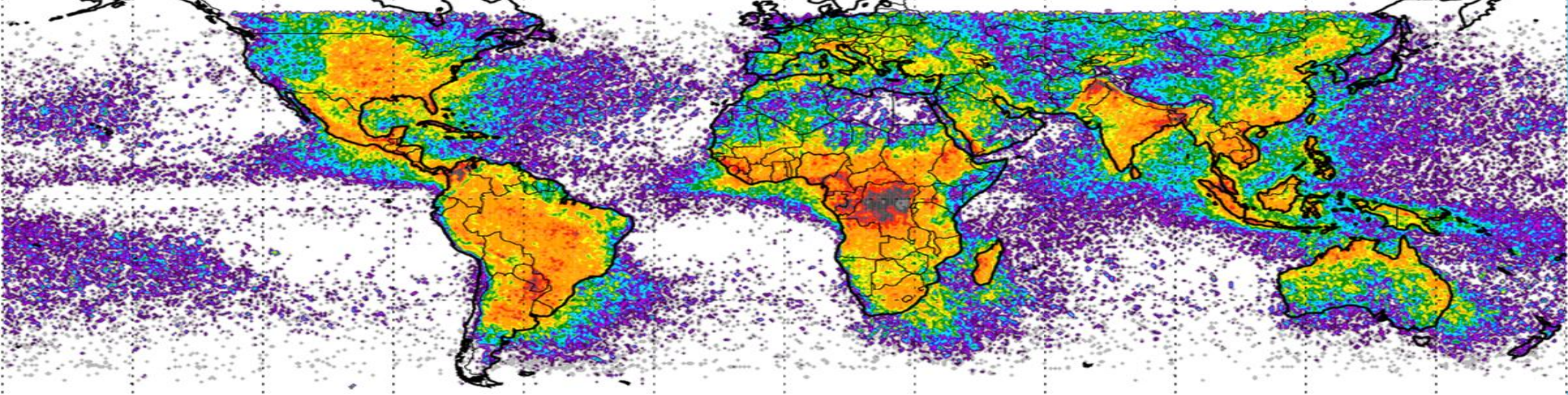


# Looking Ahead for FY2022

- Primary focus is to complete dataset publications
  - GLM gridded, GLM CIERRA, and NALMA
- Expand Field Campaign Explorer tie-ins
- Incorporate other LMA networks
  - Focus will shift to the DC and Wallops networks
- WMO global dataset
  - More details this fall
  - Incorporate all available lightning data into a gridded, global dataset
- Several potential field campaigns in the next 1-3 years that could come to GHRC
- Explore a lightning dashboard
- Provide ISS LIS data to Aviation Weather Center



*Flash densities of both GOES-16 and GOES-17 from December 1, 2018 – May 31, 2020 (GLM full disk gridded products quick guide)*



# THANK YOU!

QUESTIONS?

