HELIOLATUTUDE ASYMMETRY OF COSMIC RAYS AND GENERAL MAGNETIC FIELD

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The annual variation in the periods of minimum solar activity caused by helilatitude asymmetry of comic rays has been investigated by using neutron monitor world net data. A sign of this asymmetry is related to the general magnetic field of the Sun in such a way that the cosmic ray intensity is higher in the positive magnetic field sectors. Possible reasons of this effect are discussed.