

Relationships among cosmic ray intensity, the photospheric magnetic field, and solar wind speed

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We visualize three-dimensional structure of the coronal magnetic field by using the Radial-Field model for the coronal magnetic field devised by Hakamada with synoptic maps of photospheric magnetic field observed by the NSO/Kitt Peak, USA. As the results, we obtained the radial component of the photospheric magnetic field (Br_{pho}) and the one of the coronal magnetic field (Br_{sou}) on the source surface on the same field line in the coronal magnetic field. We estimate the solar wind speed (SWS) by using IPS technique devised by STE Lab, Nagoya University. According to our previous analysis on the Carrington rotation bases, $\text{Log}_{10}|Br_{\text{pho}}|$, $\text{Log}_{10}|Br_{\text{sou}}|$ show good correlations with the SWS for the data of [$-1.0 \leq \text{Log}_{10}|Br_{\text{pho}}| \leq 1.5$, $(0.1 \text{ G} \leq |Br_{\text{pho}}| \leq 31.6 \text{ G})$, $-1.5 \leq \text{Log}_{10}|Br_{\text{sou}}| \leq 0.0$, $(0.0316 \text{ G} \leq |Br_{\text{sou}}| \leq 1.0 \text{ G})$]. In this study, we add the intensity of Oulu neutron monitor (NM), and study relations among rotation averages of these NM, SWS, and $\text{Log}_{10}|Br_{\text{pho}}|$. We found good simple correlations coefficients between $\text{Log}_{10}|Br_{\text{pho}}|$ -NM ($r=-0.773$), and SWS-NM ($r=0.703$), as well as, a good multiple correlation ($r = 0.785$) among them by using the regression equation in the form of $\text{NM} = a + b * \text{SWS} + c * \text{log}_{10}|Br_{\text{pho}}|$ with $a = 6363$, $b = 1.186$, and $c = -1400.0$. However, $\text{Log}_{10}|Br_{\text{pho}}|$ -SWS also shows good simple correlation ($r=-0.802$). We calculated partial correlation coefficients between (a) $\text{Log}_{10}|Br_{\text{pho}}|$ -NM, (b) SWS-NM, (c) $\text{Log}_{10}|Br_{\text{pho}}|$ -SWS and obtained (a) $r=-0.294$, (b) $r=0.130$, (c) $r=-0.364$. These results suggest that, although the cosmic ray intensities shown by NM is determined by the intensity of photospheric magnetic fields on the open field lines and the solar wind speed occupied by these field lines, the dependence of magnetic field is stronger than the one of wind speed.

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