

GEOMAGNETIC FIELD VARIATIONS AT MIDDLE LATITUDE FROM MAGNETOSPHERIC AND IONOSPHERIC SOURCES DURING STRONG MAGNETIC STORMS

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At middle latitudes geomagnetic variations are generated by magnetospheric sources, such as, magnetopause currents (DCF), magnetospheric ring current (DR), tail currents (DT) and also auroral ionospheric currents (DP) and ionospheric S_q - current system. Powerful magnetic storms recorded at magnetic observatory “Lviv” were investigated. As zero level we used mean per correspondent month five international quiet days variations. DCF- variations were calculated by means of Mead model. Variations due magnetospheric ring and tail currents were calculated as $(D_{st}-DCF) \cdot \cos\Phi$, where Φ is geomagnetic latitudes of the observatory. We believed that differences between absolute values of horizontal component and $(S_q+(D_{st}-DCF) \cdot \cos\Phi)$ presents the variations generated by return current from auroral electrojets into middle latitudes when $D_{st} > -150$ nT and by auroral electrojets, when $D_{st} < -150$ nT. Interpretation of remainders and comparison to the changes of corrected AU and AL indices fulfilled..

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