

LONG-TERM CUTOFF CHANGES AND L PARAMETER AT LARC NEUTRON MONITOR LOCATION

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Storini et al. [1] found a significant change of the effective, lower and upper cutoff rigidities at LARC station ($62^{\circ} 12' 09''$ S , $-58^{\circ} 57' 42''$ W) over the past 40 years. Being the vertical cutoff rigidities well approached by the L parameter [2], we computed the L values using the Galperin and Zinin code [3]. Results show relatively strong variation, from 2.107 in 1965 to 2.240 in 1995. Moreover, the comparison between predicted cutoffs, as derived from [2], and the long term L evolution at LARC position is made. The cutoffs are well organized according to L and are indicating a dependence even steeper than L^{-2} .

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