

COSMIC RAYS, TOTAL CLOUD COVER AND TERRESTRIAL TEMPERATURE

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We use a climatic model to estimate the effect of the change of the total cloud cover on the global terrestrial temperature. We assume that the changes of total cloud cover follow the variations of the cosmic ray flux along the same period. Our findings show that the continental temperature in the Northern Hemisphere has a significant response to the cloud variations by an amount of 0.3°C .