Statistical study of the Dst response to variations in the solar wind dynamic pressure

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Hourly data for 27 years have been used for examining of the *Dst* response to variations in the solar wind dynamic pressure *P*. The behavior of the coefficient *a* in the expression $\Delta Dst = a \Delta P^{1/2} + b$ is studied under various geophysical conditions. It is shown that the coefficient *a* does not depend practically on the solar wind velocity and density, its average value being ~8 nT/nPa^{1/2}. When the geomagnetic activity is weak the coefficient *a* does not almost depend on the IMF *z* component. During storms with *Dst* = -(50-100) nT the coefficient *a* decreases with the growth of the southward IMF and falls down to ~4 HTJ/HTa^{1/2} under *B_z*IMF = -5 nT.