Characteristics of Magnetic Field Variations Observed by ETS-VIII during Magnetospheric Substorms

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In this study, we analyzed magnetic field variations observed by the geostationary satellite ETS-VIII (Engineering Test Satellite-VIII) during magnetospheric substorms. The field configuration quickly changes from tail-like to dipole-like after the explosive growth phase of magnetospheric substorms. The magnetic data from MAGDAS (MAGnetic Data Acquisition System) low-latitude station were used to identify the onset of magnetospheric substorms. At the onset of the magnetospheric substorms, Pi 2 magnetic pulsations occur globally in the magnetosphere. The analysis period covered over the entire 2008.

The following results are obtained;

- (1) In the pre-midnight region (21 22 LT), the number of the dipolarization during the explosive growth phase of substorm could be identified. The time lags from Pi 2 onsets to the beginnings and endings of the explosive growth phase at the synchronous orbit (T (Pi 2) T (beginnings) and T (Pi 2) T (endings)) are found to be shortest in this region.
- (2) Around 23 LT, it is found that the magnetic polarity of D-component variations observed by ETS-VIII changed from negative to positive (Westward is positive sense.).

In the present paper, we will show the results comparing the magnetic field variations at ETS-VIII and MAGDAS low-latitude station with auroral images of Polar.