[P14]

RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN AMPLITUDE OF GEOMAGNETIC SUDDEN COMMENCEMENT (SC) AND THE CORRESPONDING DYNAMIC PRESSURE VARIATION OF THE SOLAR WIND

T. Araki^{*1} and A. Shinbori^{*2}

- *1 Formerly Department of Geophysics, Kyoto University Tohru.araki.24m@st.kyoto-u.ac.jp
- *2 RISH, Kyoto University shinbori@rish.kyoto-u.ac.jp

Araki [2014] confirmed that SC occurred on March 24, 1940 was largest since 1868. The amplitude is 310nT at Alibag and more than 273nT at Kakioka. Using the experimental relationship between SC amplitude d H and dynamic pressure Pd associated with interplanetary shock (IPS) [Siscoe et al.; 1968], $d H = A d (Pd^{0.5})$ where A is proportionality constant, the corresponding Pd increase was estimated as 400-500nPa.

When the magnetosphere is compressed by IPS, field aligned currents (FACs) and ionospheric currents (ICs) are induced in addition to the primary magnetopause current (MPC). The SC amplitude is determined as the magnetic field produced by these currents. Although it shows a clear LT variation, it is not taken into account in the Siscoe's relationship.

The calculation of geomagnetic fields due to the FAC and IC [Araki et al., 2009] show that the resultant field becomes almost zero around 6h LT. Thus the SC amplitude around 6h LT expresses the geomagnetic field caused by MPC which is directly connected with dynamic pressure of the solar wind.

REFERENCES

Araki, T., S. Tsunomura and T. Kikuchi, Local time variation of the amplitude of geomagnetic sudden commencements (SC) and SC-associated polar cap potential. Earth Planets Space, 61, e13–e16, 2009

Araki, T, Historically largest geomagnetic sudden commencement (SC) since 1868. Earth, Planets and Space, 66,164, 2014.

Siscoe GL, Formisano V, Lazarus AJ (1968) Relation between geomagnetic sudden impulses and solar wind pressure changes: an experimental investigation. J Geophys Res 73:4869–4874.