



Case Study: Substorm External Triggering Associated with Northward and Southward IMF orientation

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For better understanding the magnetospheric substorm triggering processes in solar wind plasma it is necessary to determine whether substorm onset is always externally triggered by conditions in the interplanetary magnetic field and solar wind plasma or there is set of processes which together also can lead to substorm onsets as alternative mechanism. Such comparisons can be done under different conditions e.g. associated with special northward or southward oriented interplanetary magnetic field conditions. In such cases differences in trigger mechanism can be analysed. We use WIND data for solar wind, POLAR and groundbased data for monitoring polar area processes and GEOTAIL data for analysing distant tail responses to the processes in the solar wind.