



## The Forced Resonance Model of Magnetospheric Substorm

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## — ABSTRACT —

On the basis of a new equivalent circuit of the magnetotail, the substorm sequence is studied. It is shown that the growing time depends on the neutral-sheet resistance  $R_N$  and the auroral oval resistance  $R_I$ . The effective amplitude of the perturbed voltage across the plasma sheet reaches maximum, if the perturbed frequency of IMF approaches the resonance frequency of the tail circuit. When  $R_N \geq R_I > R_c$  (critical resistance), the expansive phase occurs. Sudden brightening of an auroral arc in the midnight sector is manifested. It is quite possible that the auroral particles are accelerated due to the forced resonance. During the late stage of the expansive phase,  $R_I$  and  $R_N$  decrease. The recovery phase begins when  $R_N$  is far less than  $R_I$ . The energy transferred from tail to oval is ceased. It is pointed out that the substorm activity strongly depends on  $R_N$  and  $R_I$ . The forced resonance will enhance  $R_N$ . It is also shown that if  $R_I < R_c$  the growing time is very short, and successive substorms will occur during the time of high magnetic activity; this will form a magnetic storm though there is no resonance. A single substorm is suggested to be accompanied by forced resonance easily.