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		Colin Clements (23.4kHz/22.1kHz)	Peter King (18.3kHz)	Richard Kaye(19.6/23.4/20.9kHz)	John Wardle (19.6/23.4kHz)	Steve Parkinson (Various)
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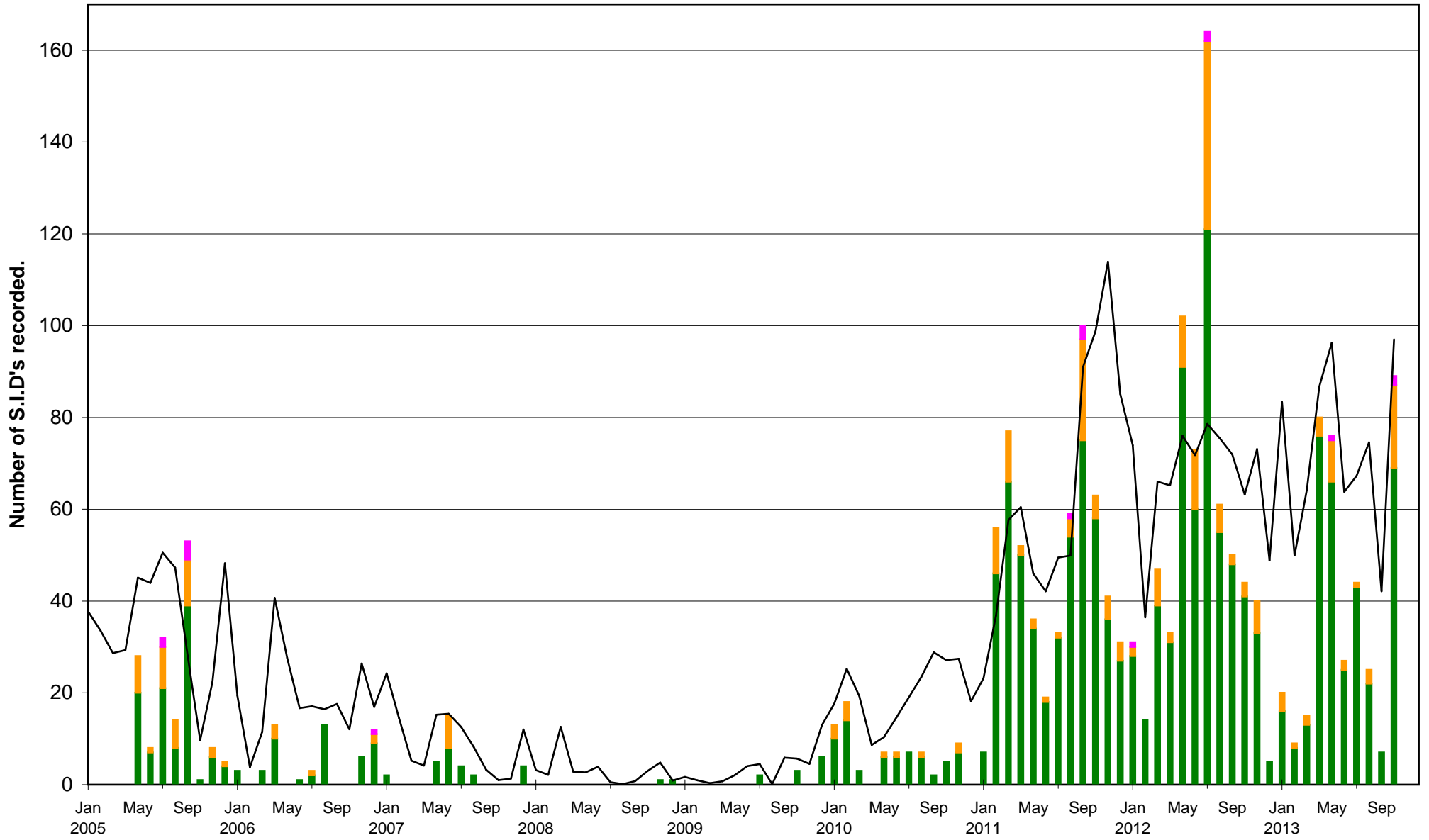
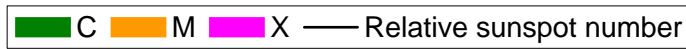
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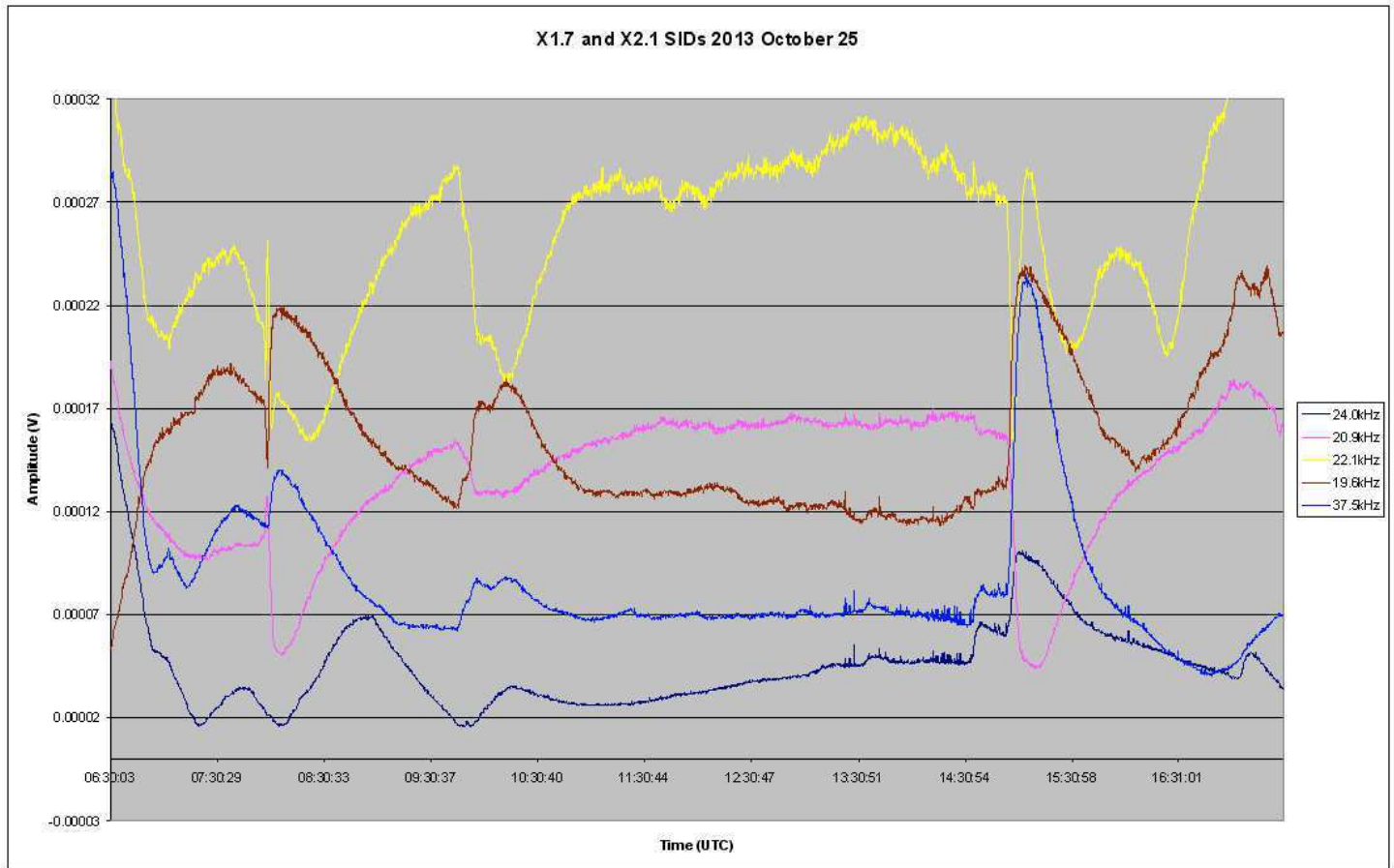
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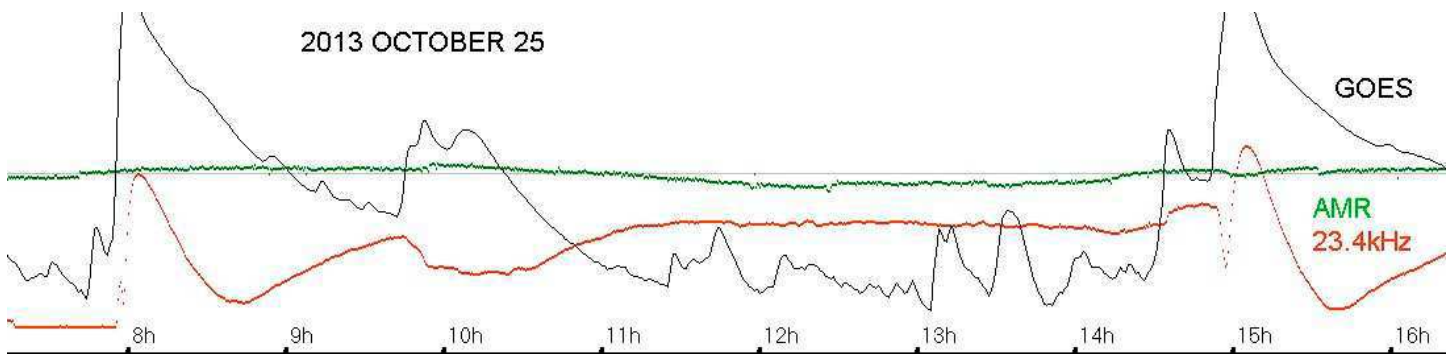
VLF flare activity 2005/13.



Solar activity increased dramatically through October giving a fifth peak to the activity in cycle 24. The background X-ray flux was at about B2 levels at the start of the month, increasing from the 10th to reach C2 levels on the 25th and 26th. This did make some of the smaller C-class flares rather difficult to detect as SIDs. Notable were four X-class flares, an X2.3 peaking at 21:54UT on the 29th was the most energetic, but sadly too late in the day to record as a SID. We did have the bonus however of recording two X-class flares on the 25th. Mark Edwards has them both on his chart, together with the rest of the day's activity.

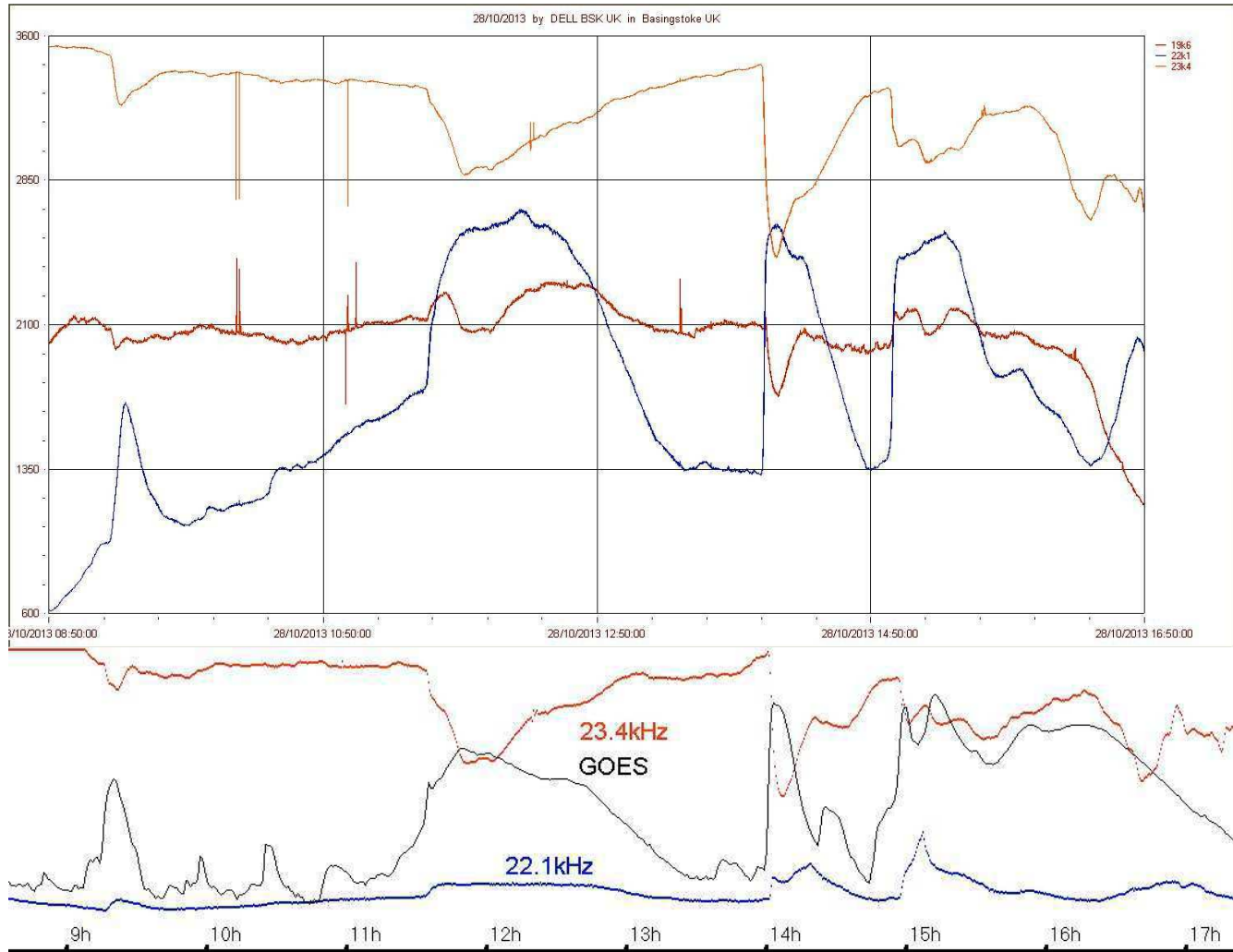


Both the X1.7 (08:05) and the X2.1 (15:05) have very short rise times compared to the M1.0 at 10:12. Just visible is the M1.3 flare at 17:11UT in the 24kHz signal from NAA. The M1.3 flare has also produced a good variety of SID shapes, mostly double-peaked. I have added the GOES X-ray data to my own recording:



Active region 1882 was responsible for both of the X-class and the M1.3 flare as well as the many peaks in between, giving quite a complex overall structure.

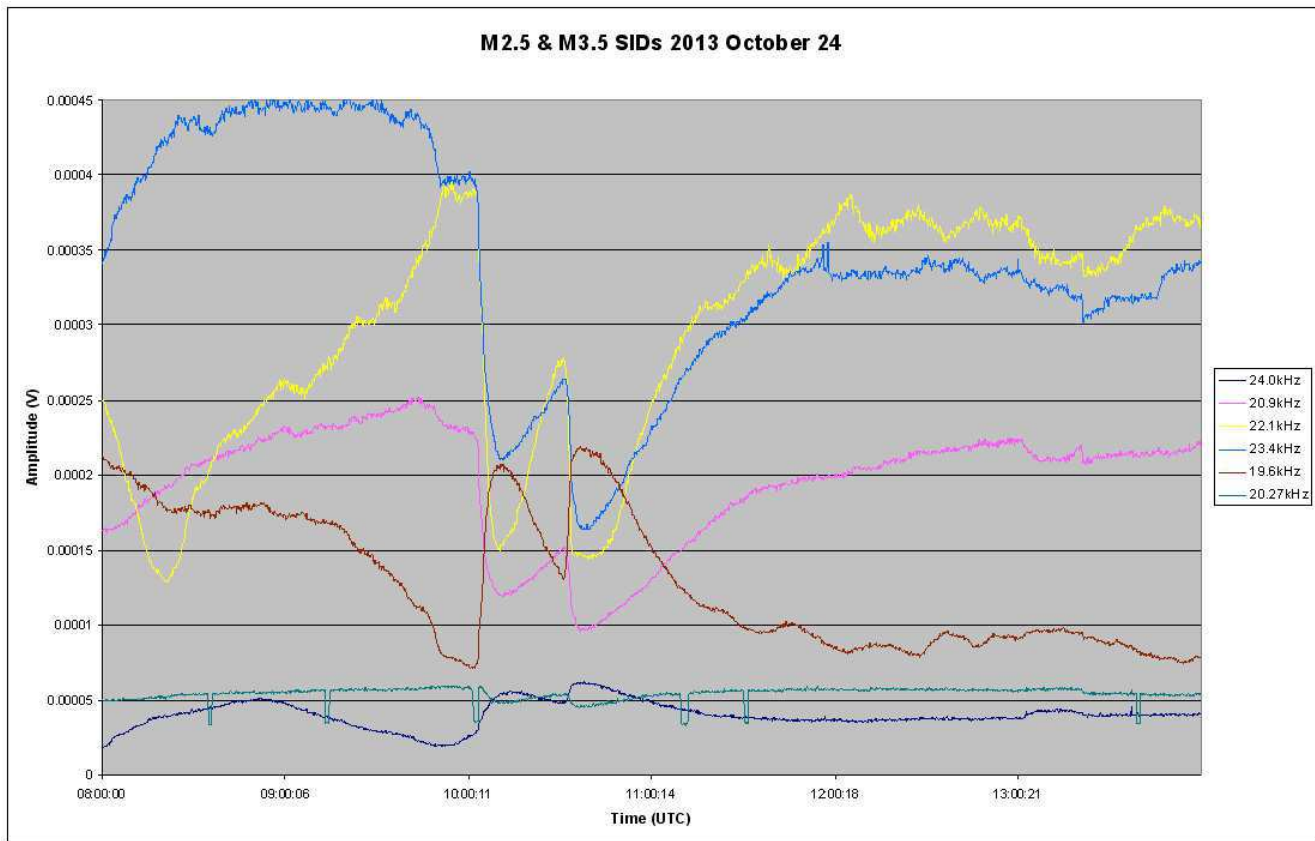
Many of the flares in October were multiple-peaked. Some observers have recorded these as single SIDs, while others have recorded several SIDs for each flare. As far as possible I have recorded all of the times in the tables, showing '?' in the classification for the extra peaks. Those shown as '*' are listed by the SWPC as separate flares, but without giving any X-ray class. Conversely, some flares occurring in rapid succession have become merged into a single SID.



The top chart is from Paul Hyde, showing the M-class flares on the 28th. The top trace (yellow) is at 23.4kHz, and clearly shows the M2.7 and M4.4 flares as separate SIDs, whilst the blue trace at 22.1kHz shows them merged into a single SID. I have added the GOES data to my own recording (lower chart) to show how these two events are almost as one in X-rays too. They were both produced by active region 1882.

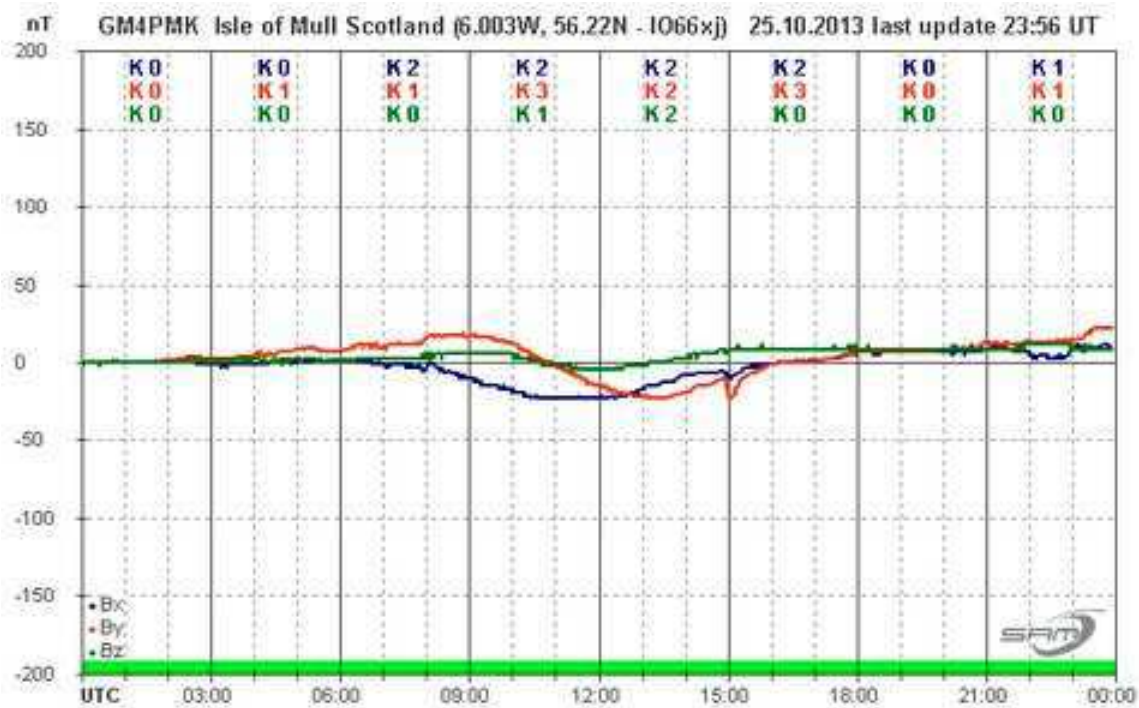
Two flares on the 27th have also become merged into a single SID for some observers. The M3.5 flare peaked at 12:38UT, its decay lasting nearly two hours. This was produced by active region 1875. While the decay was still in progress, region 1877 produced a C4.0 flare peaking at 13:47. Being of much lower amplitude, its effect on the ionosphere was much diluted by the earlier M-class event.

Most of the flares recorded this month have had quite fast rise-times compared to those in recent months. The X1.7 on the 25th is listed by the SWPC at 8 minutes, and the X2.1 at 12 minutes. The M2.5 on the 24th is listed at 10 minutes, while the following M3.5 is listed at just 3 minutes. Mark Edwards' chart on the next page shows these two SIDs.



Both of these flares were produced by active region 1875.

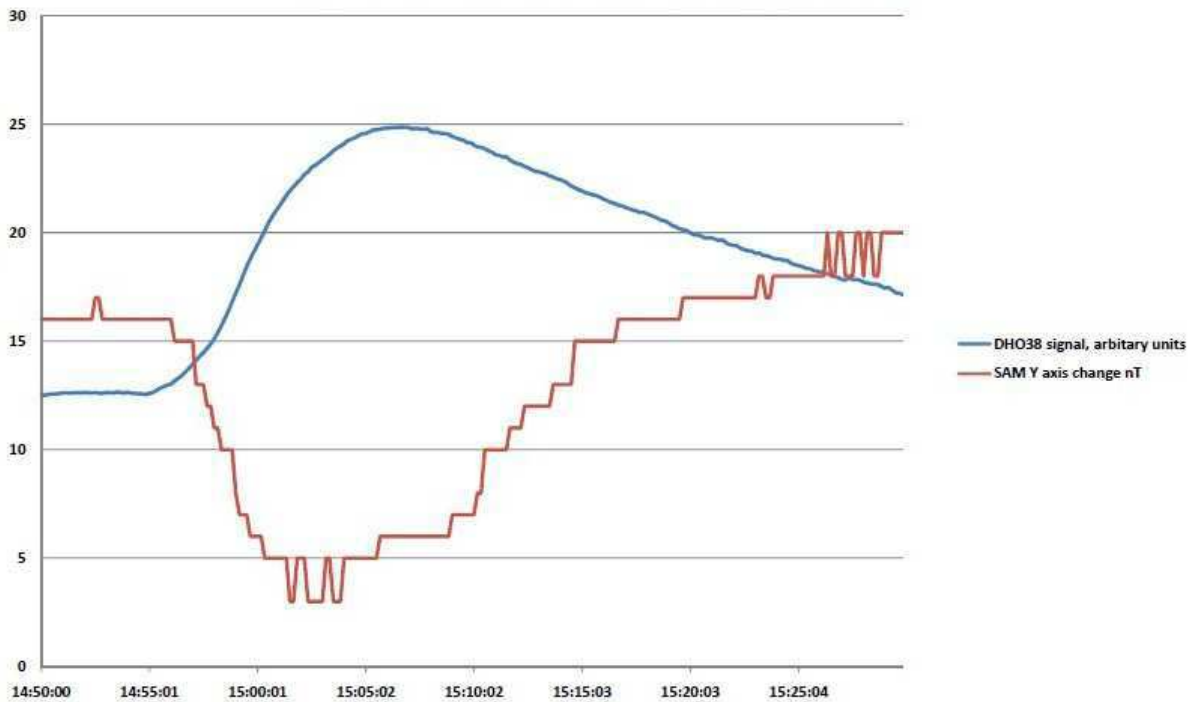
MAGNETIC OBSERVATIONS.



A short rise-time in the X-ray flux is often related to subsequent magnetic disturbances, and this month we have another SFE to add to the Bartels diagram. As already mentioned, the X2.1 flare on the 25th had a fairly rapid onset, and was accompanied by a short magnetic crotchet. The magnetogram above by Roger Blackwell shows the SFE as a sharp dip in the By (red) trace, timed at 15:03UT.

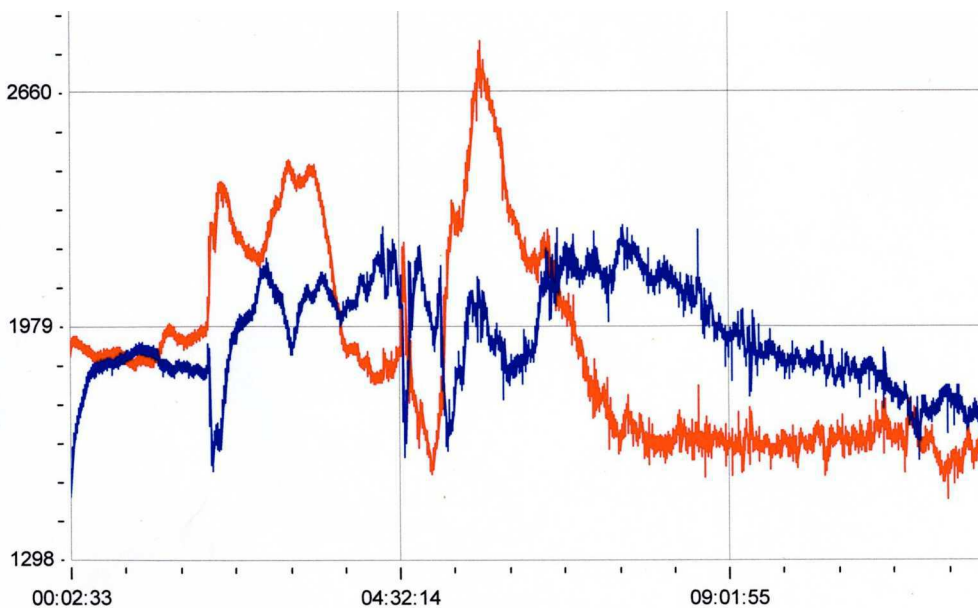
This close-up view by Roger shows both the SFE and SID together:

SID and magnetometer event resulting from X2.1 flare 25 October 2013
as recorded at Willowbank Observatory, Isle of Mull



It can also be seen as small fall in the green AMR trace in my earlier SID chart, just after the rise in X-ray flux. The BGS lists two more SFEs, but we have not recorded them.

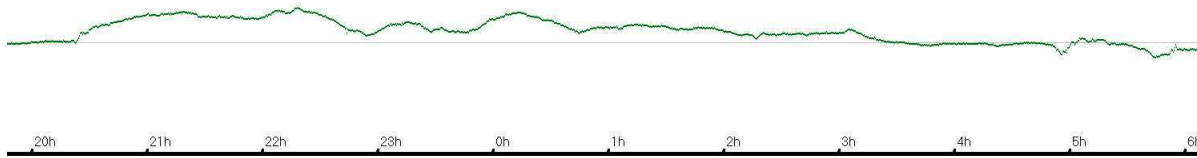
With the large number of energetic flares in October, the amount of magnetic activity has not been that high. There were plenty of CMEs produced, but mostly aimed away from the Earth and so not having much effect. The best SSC was observed at 01:55UT on the 2nd, shown here recorded by Colin Clements:



Bx is red, and By is blue in this chart. My own recording shows an initial impulse of about 47nT, with a total disturbance of 100nT. The source of the SSC is not clear in the SWPC bulletin, but appears to be from a filament eruption associated with a long duration C1 flare at 23:37UT on September 29th.

Another SSC was recorded at 20:23UT on the 8th.

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Although much less dramatic than the earlier SSC, a total disturbance of about 100nT was recorded, the effects lasting nearly until midday on the 9th. The SWPC list this as being due to an Interplanetary magnetic shock, although its source is again not clear.

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ROTATION	KEY:	DISTURBED.	ACTIVE	SFE	B, C, M, X = FLARE MAGNITUDE.							Synodic rotation start (carrington's).																			
2407	F	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	2010 January	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13		
2408	F	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	2010 February	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9		
2409	F	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	2010 March	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8			
2410	F	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	2010 April	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8			
2411	F	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	2010 May	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8			
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2419	F	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	1	2	3	4			
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2427	F	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8		

