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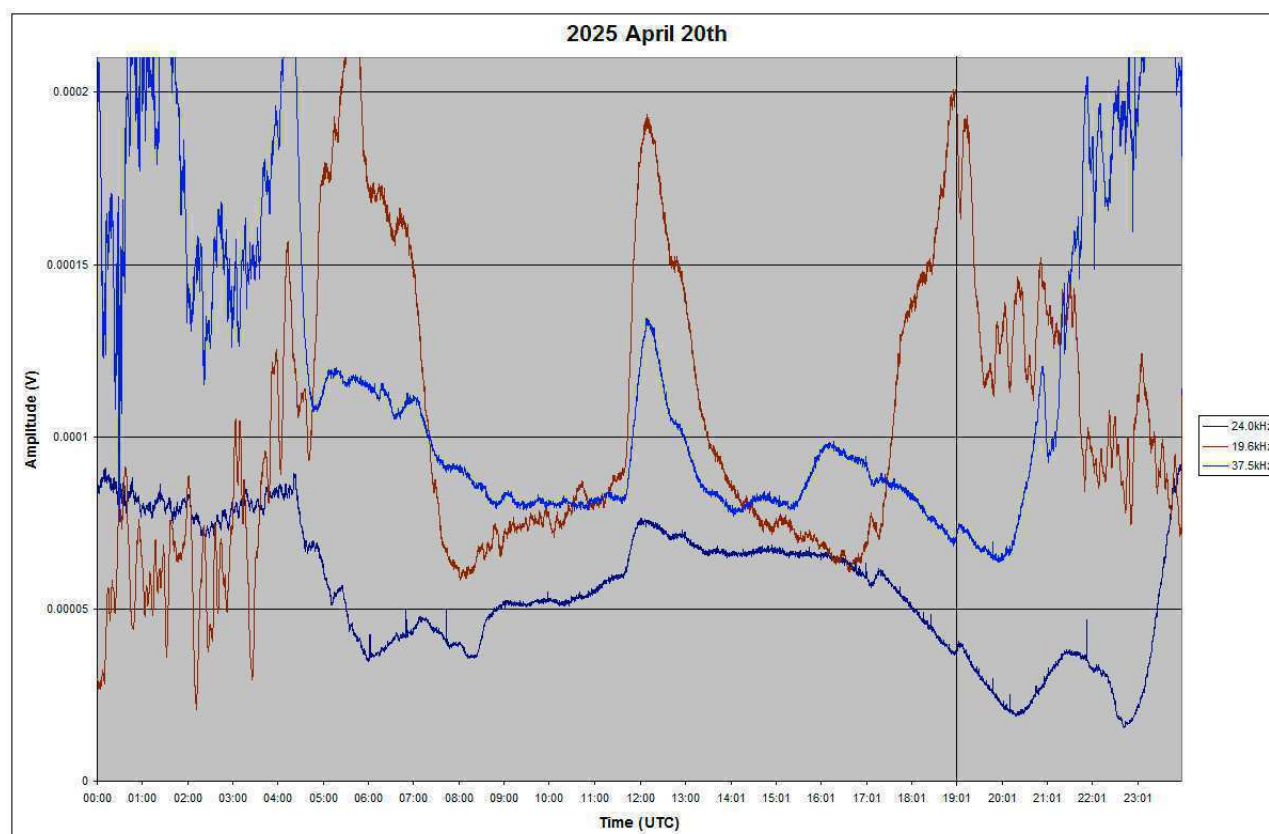
Director Paul Hearn.

## RADIO SKY NEWS

## 2025 APRIL.

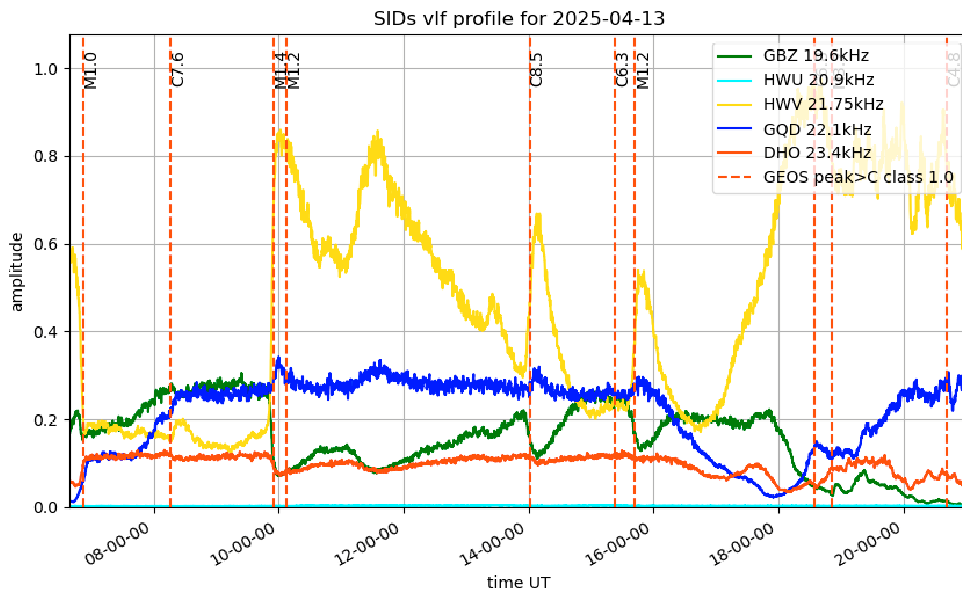
### VLF SID OBSERVATIONS.

Solar flaring activity increased slightly in April, with 88 SIDs recorded. The flare strength was however much greater, 27% being M-class compared with 11% in March. There were no X-class flares shown in the SWPC satellite data. We often record a few unlisted SIDs, but three observers noted an unusual SID at 19:00UT on the 20<sup>th</sup>.

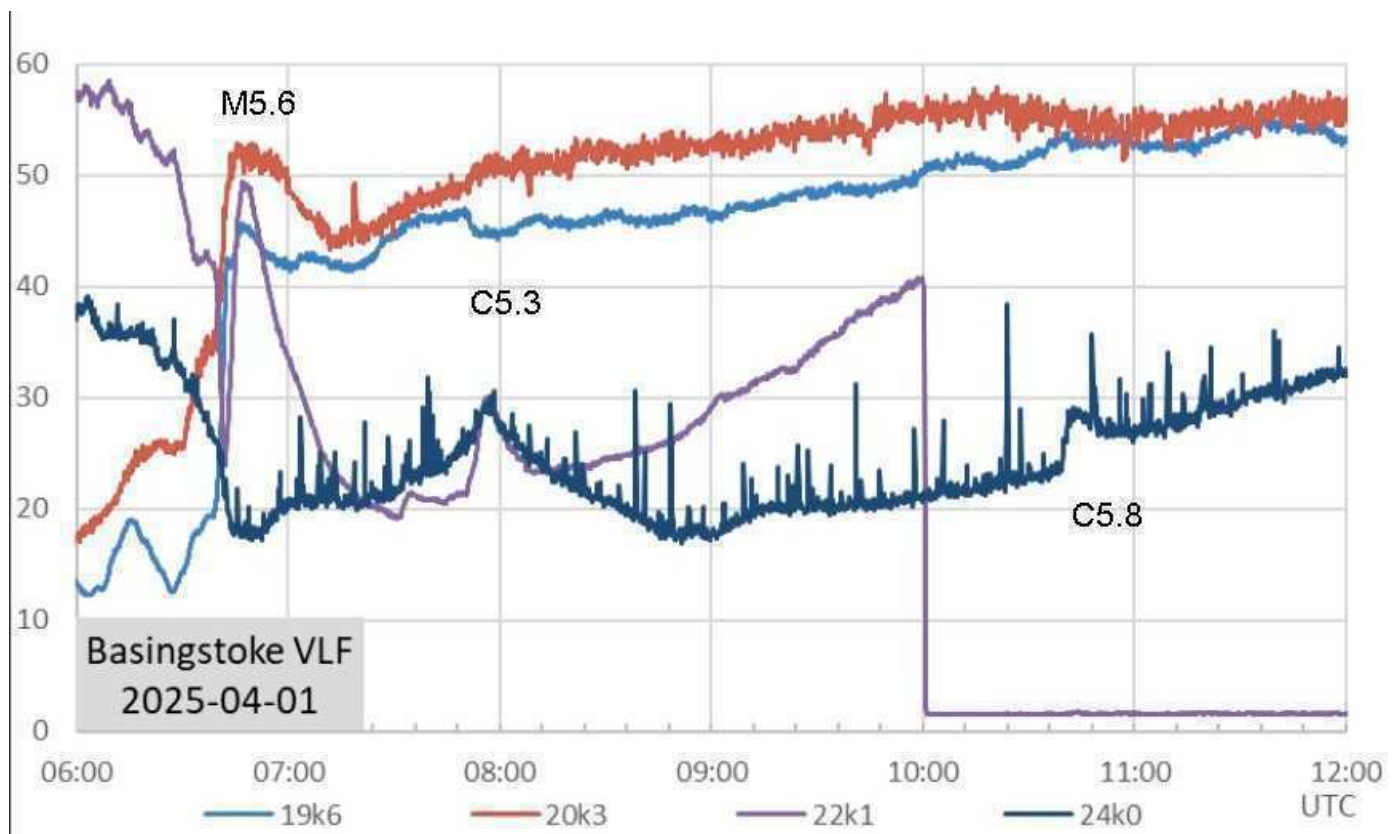


Mark Edwards has added a vertical black line onto his chart to show the alignment of all three signals peaking at 19:07UT. The source is unknown as it does not show in any of the X-ray lists. The strong M1.0 flare at midday also shows well on all of the signals, as does the smaller C4.3 flare at 17:18.

There was also a series of unlisted flares on the 13<sup>th</sup>, although these did have a solar origin. Mark Prescott's recording shows a strong SID at 11:32UT:

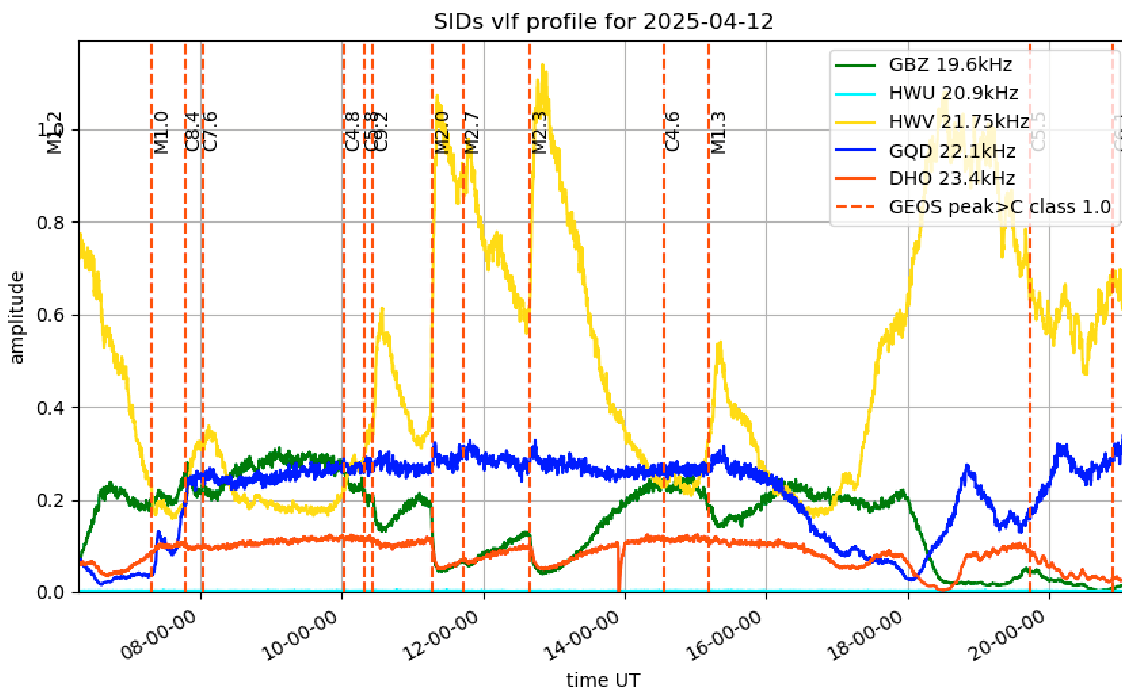


Comparing with the other SIDs shown, it could easily be a large C-class or small M-class flare. Smaller SIDs can also be seen either side on the 21.75kHz signal, with less clear effect at 19.6kHz.

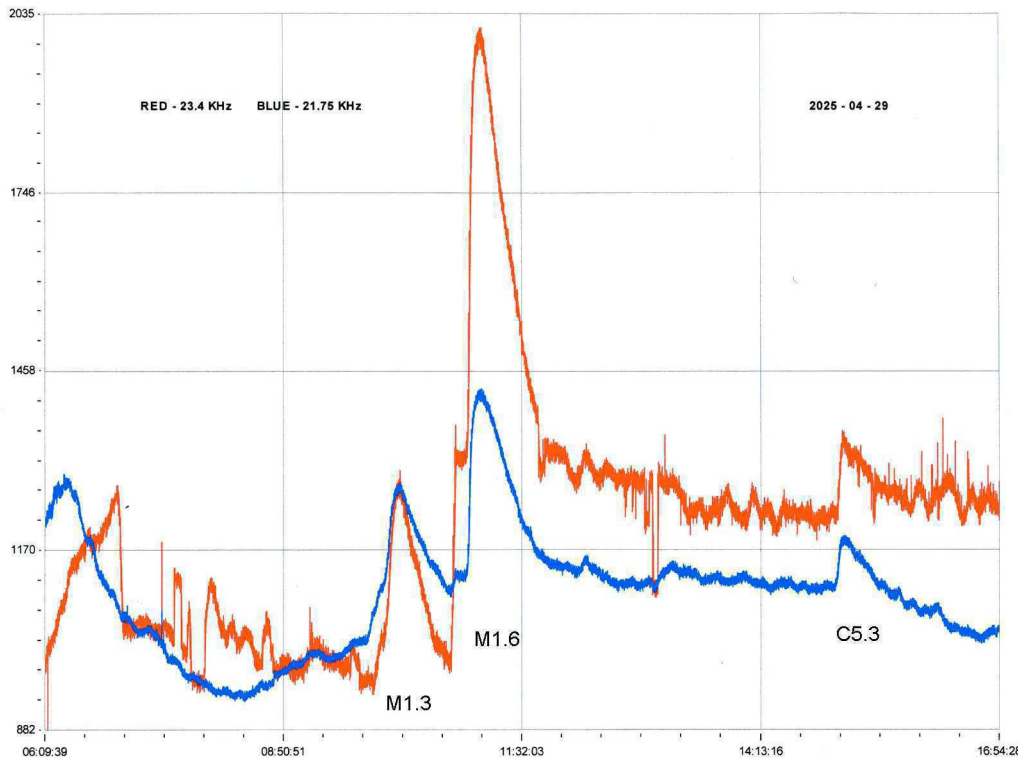


The strongest flare in April was the M5.6, peaking at 06:47UT on the 1<sup>st</sup>. Paul Hyde's recording shows a strong response on most of the signals, although it was rather early for the 24kHz Trans-Atlantic signal. The small dip shown is mostly from the sunrise at its reflection point. The two C-flares do show at 24kHz, although the C5.3 at 08:00 has produced an unusual shape. The later C5.8 is more typical. Following this burst of activity at the start of the month, we recorded mostly much weaker flares over the next week, and then the 8<sup>th</sup> showed no flaring at all.

Activity increased again on the 12<sup>th</sup>, shown in this recording by Mark Prescott:

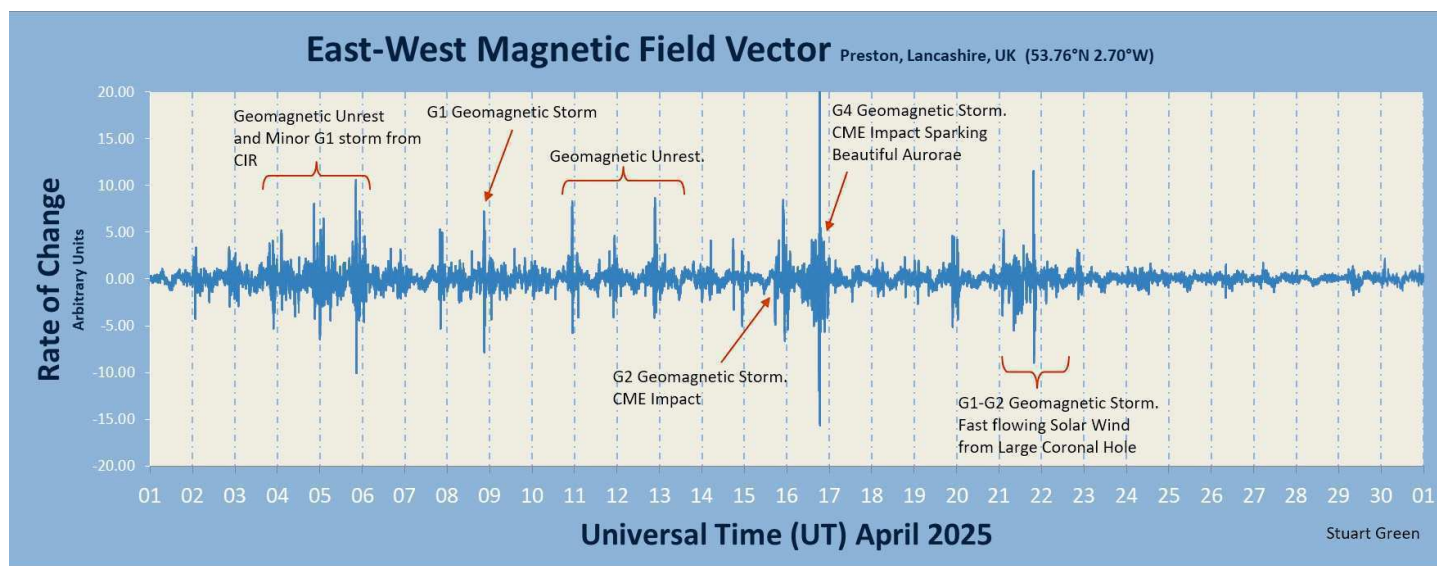


Three strong M-flares have produced overlapping SIDs around midday, with a small unclassified flare clearly seen at 12:05UT on the 21.75kHz signal. The 23.4kHz signal shows a very sharp drop-out just before 14:00, an effect that seems to occur frequently on this signal. Mark Edwards noticed that from 12 to 16UT the 24kHz signal precisely matched the GOES short wavelength X-ray data, something not often seen.

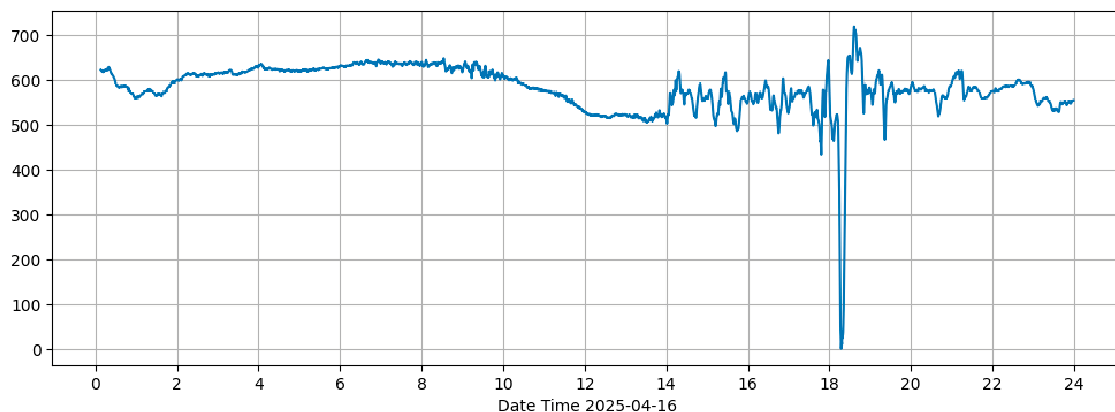
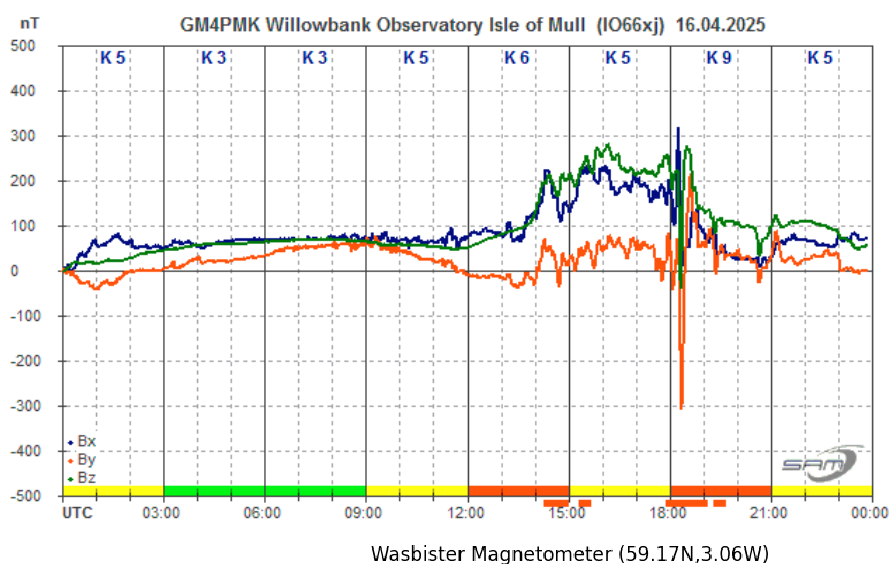


This recording from Colin Clements shows another burst of stronger flaring on the 29<sup>th</sup>. The SID from the M1.6 flare shows an unusual rise on both signals, an effect not seen on other recordings, and so may be from local interference.

## MAGNETIC OBSERVATIONS.



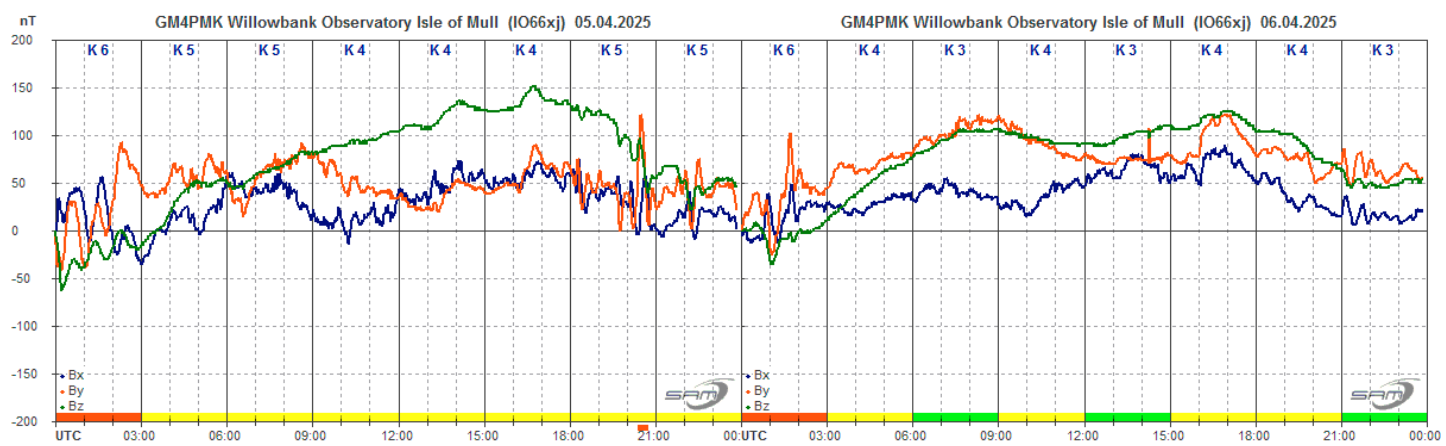
Stuart Green's chart of the month's magnetic activity shows plenty of disturbance during most of April, with a very flat period in the last week.



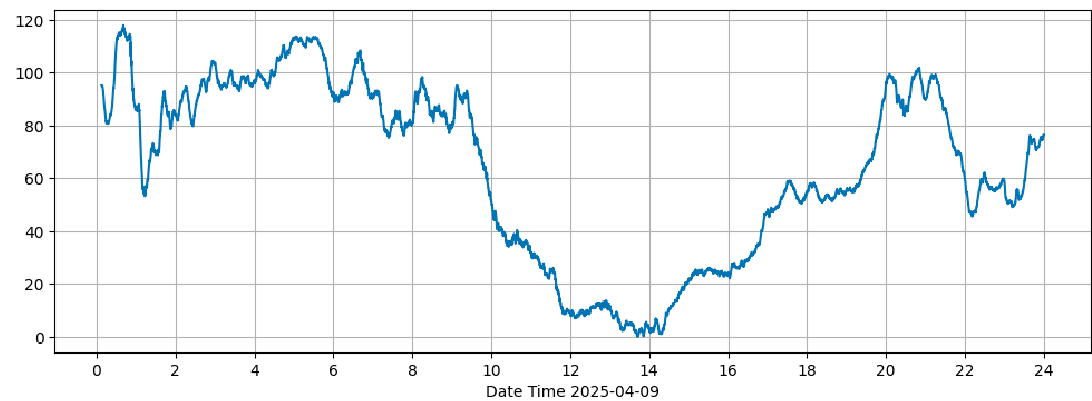
Recordings by Roger Blackwell and Callum Potter on the 16<sup>th</sup> both show a strong spike at about 18:15UT, with a magnitude of about 500nT. Callum Potter's shows a more distinct impulse at 14:00, marking the start of the disturbance.

There was a series of filament eruptions on the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> with CMEs shown in the satellite data. This disturbance appears to be related to these CMEs, as they were the only ones Earth-directed at this time. The disturbance was quite strong, Stuart Green indicating that aurora were seen.

There were disturbances through most of the month, the first three weeks being the most active. Roger Blackwell's recording over the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> shows some of this:

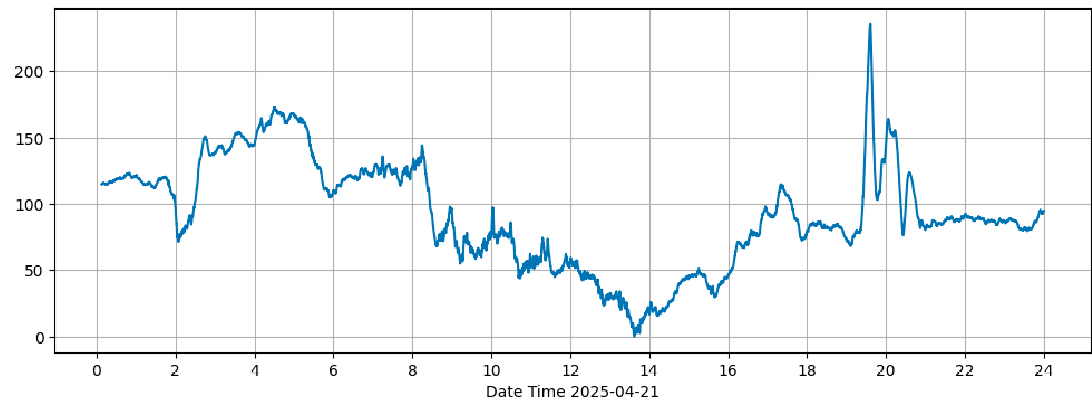


The 9<sup>th</sup> was also quite active, shown in Callum Potter's recording:  
Wasbister Magnetometer (59.17N,3.06W)



A final active period was recorded on the 21<sup>st</sup> from a coronal hole high speed wind. Coronal holes usually appear mostly during periods of lower solar activity, perhaps indicating that solar cycle 25 is now on the decline.

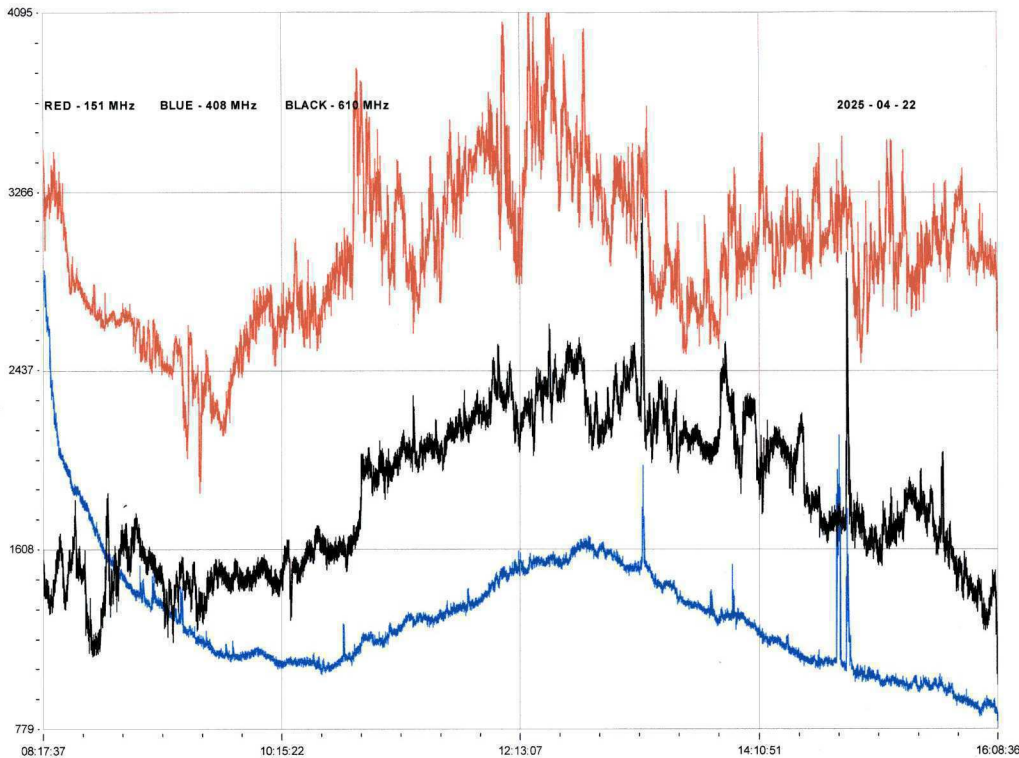
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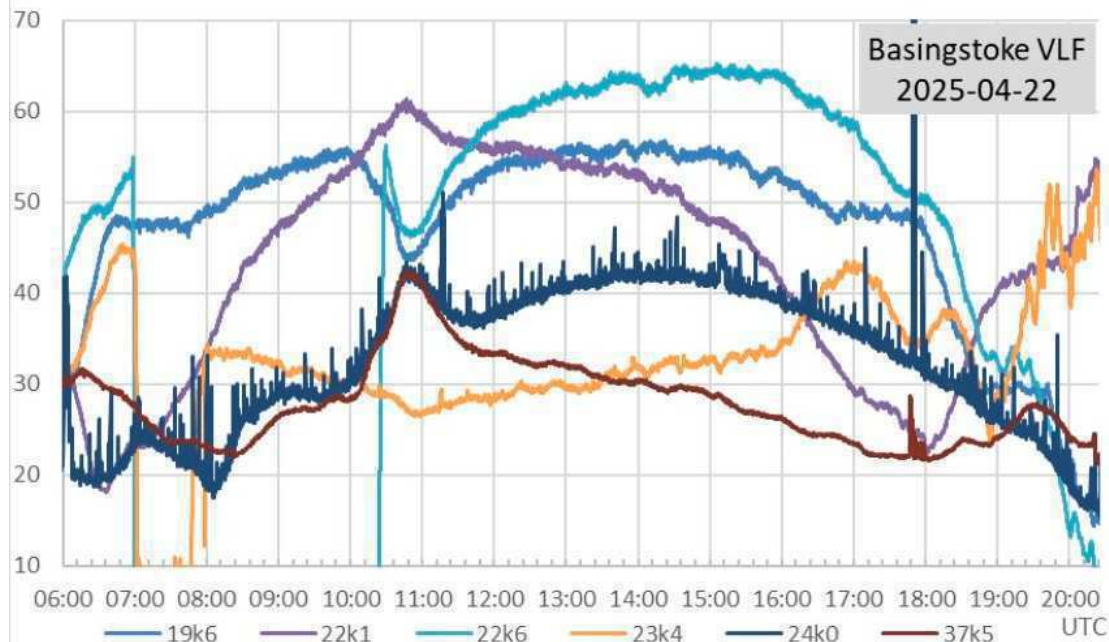
Magnetic observations received from Roger Blackwell, Stuart Green, Callum Potter, and John Cook.

## SOLAR EMISSIONS

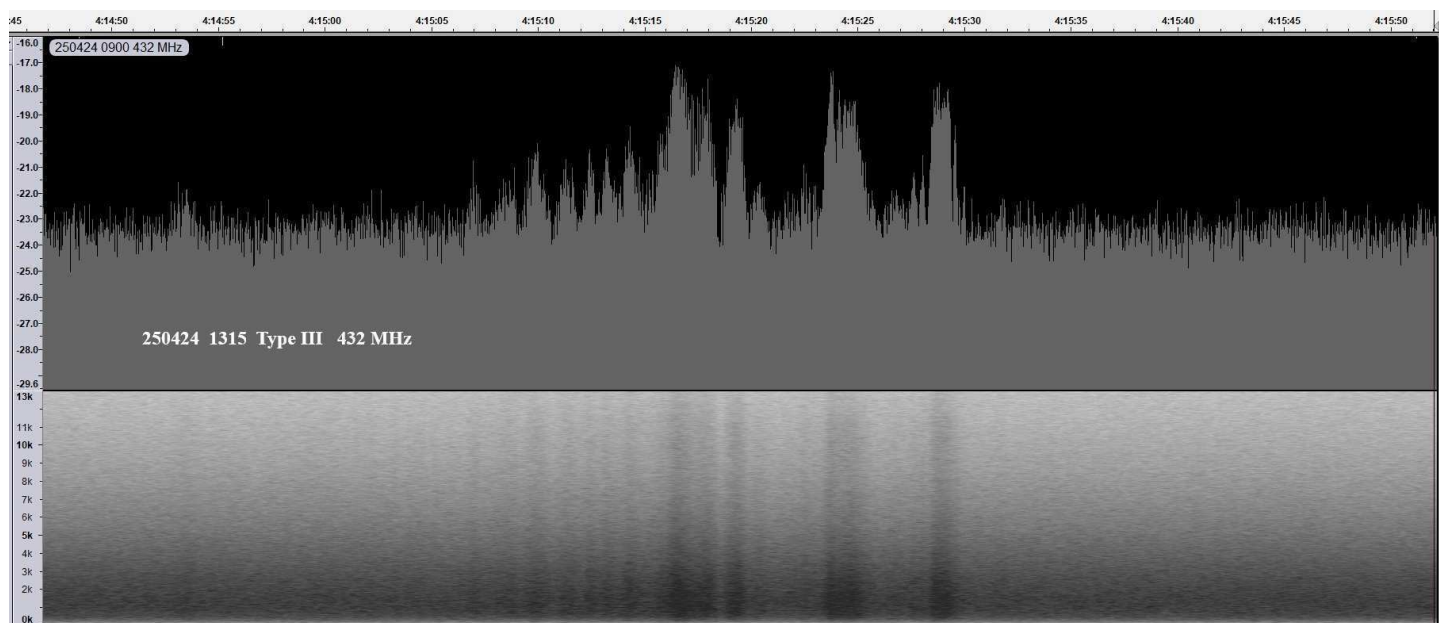
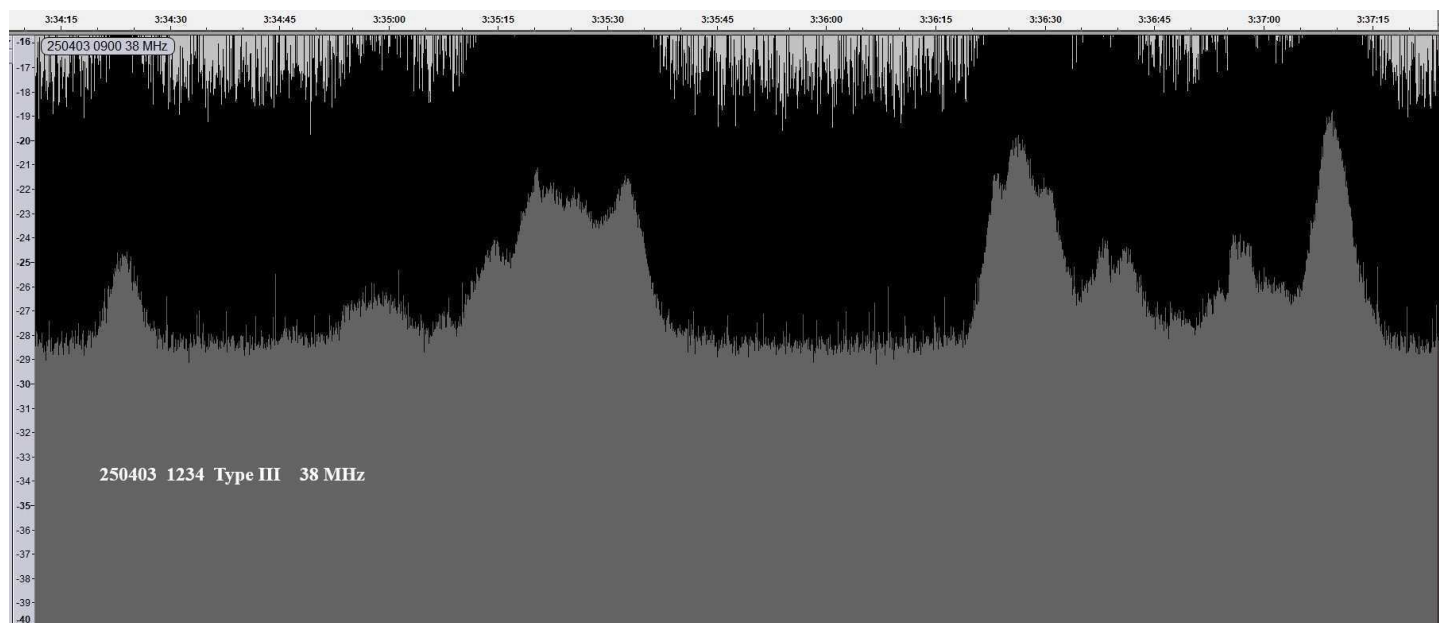
The M1.3 flare on the 22<sup>nd</sup> was widely observed as a SID, with a peak timing at 10:45UT. Colin Clements also recorded significant VHF / UHF noise over an extended period around this peak, shown in his recording:



This timing does not match the X-ray peak of 08:29UT in the SWPC satellite listing. Paul Hyde's VLF recording shows an unusual SID shape on the 22.1kHz signal:



It is not at all clear whether this is related. Most of the other signals have a rather symmetrical shape around the peak, while 23.4kHz appears to show a double minimum within a long dip. There are just a few unclassified events in the X-ray data following its entry at 08:29. Colin also recorded smaller noise associated with the C3.2 and C4.9 flares on the 14<sup>th</sup>.

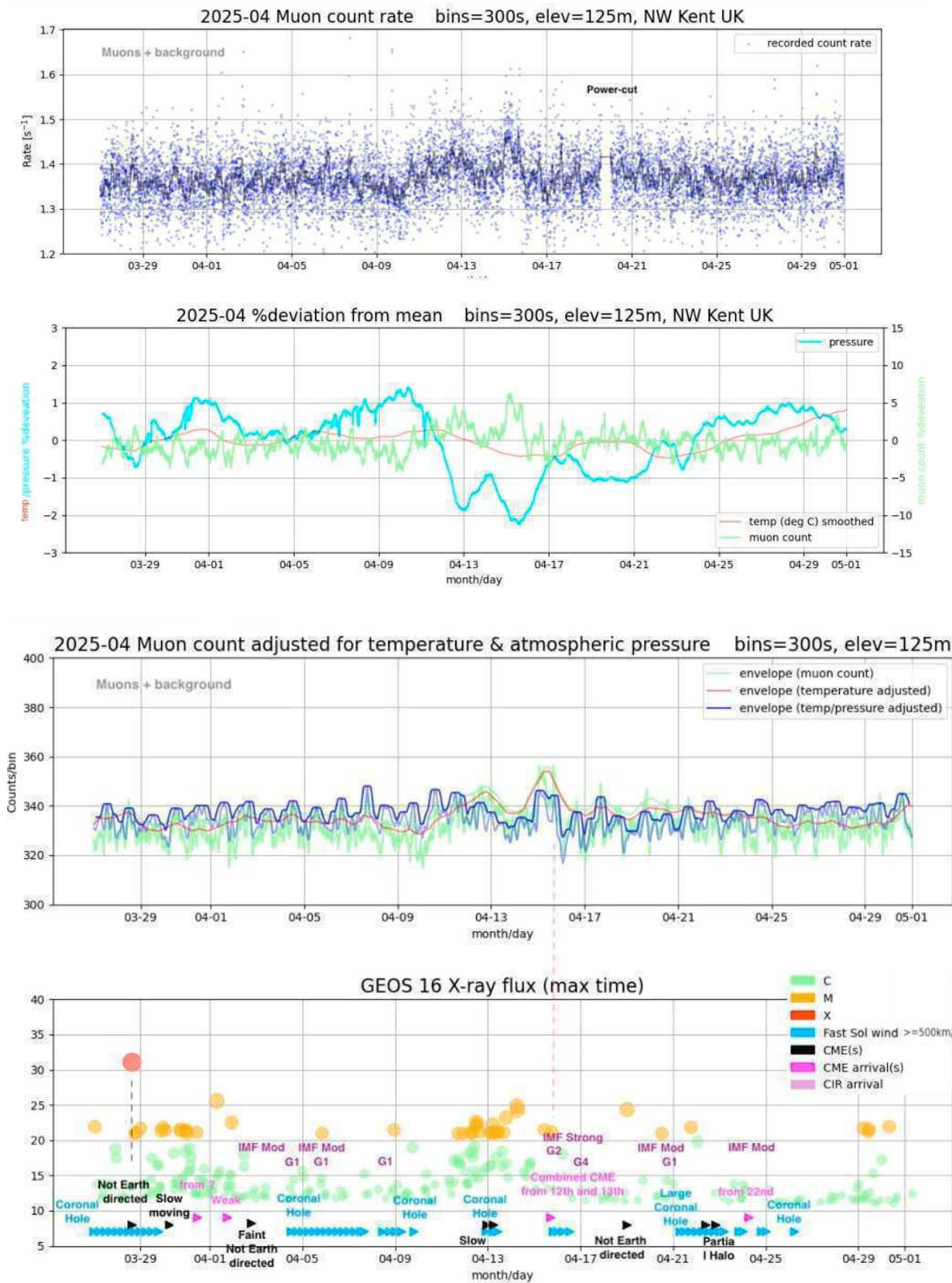


Colin Briden made a 38MHz recording of a type III noise burst at 12:34 on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, shown in the top recording. The chart runs for 3.5 minutes, the noise peaks being 6 to 8dB above the noise floor. The second recording starts at 13:15UT on the 24<sup>th</sup>, and was made at 432MHz, at the lower end of the amateur 70cm band. It also shows a type III noise burst, but this recording only lasts for about 45 seconds. It also has an amplitude of about 6 to 8dB. The lower part of the chart covers a bandwidth of 13kHz. Neither of these match with events that we have recorded as SIDs.

## MUONS

Mark Prescott's muon recordings show a fairly flat count for most of April, with a noticeable increase from the 10<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup>. There was a large drop in atmospheric pressure over this period, along with an increase in the solar flaring on the 11<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup>. The temperature / pressure corrected chart shows a small increase in muon flux from the 10<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> and on the 15<sup>th</sup>, followed by a distinct drop on the 16<sup>th</sup> matching the CME

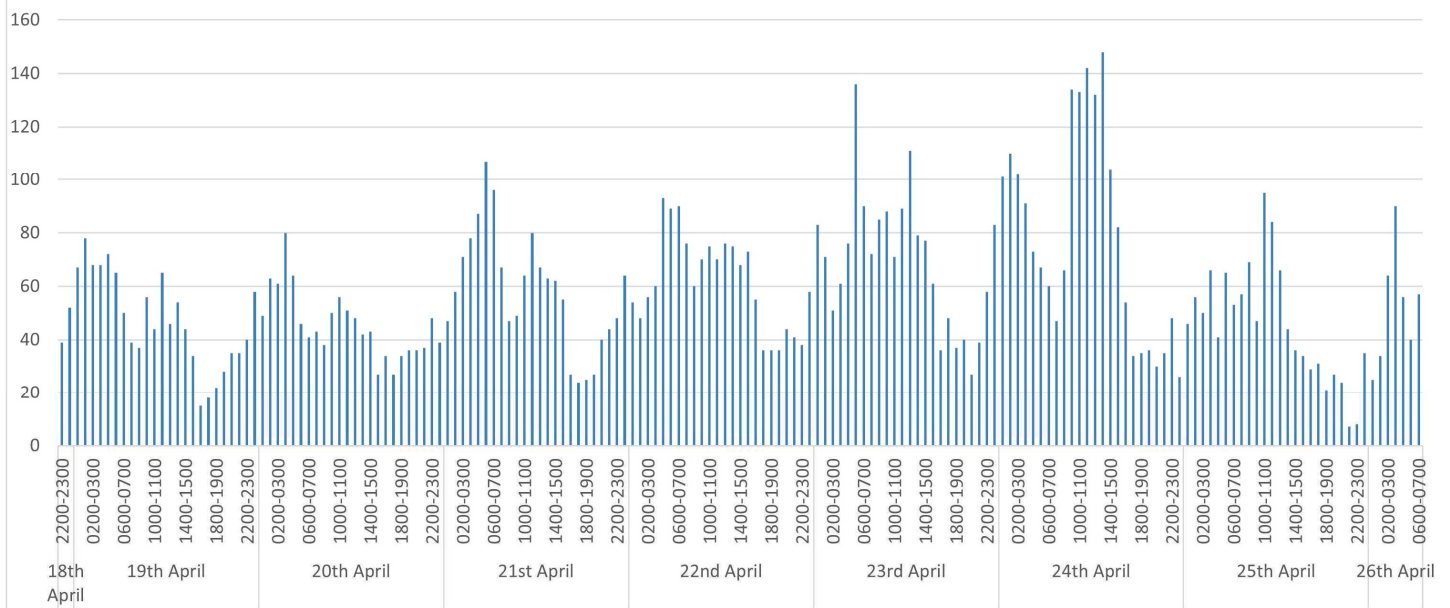
impacts. The corrected chart then shows a flat count for the rest of the month. There is a small gap during a power cut on the 20<sup>th</sup>.



## METEORS

LYRIDS METEOR SHOWER 2025

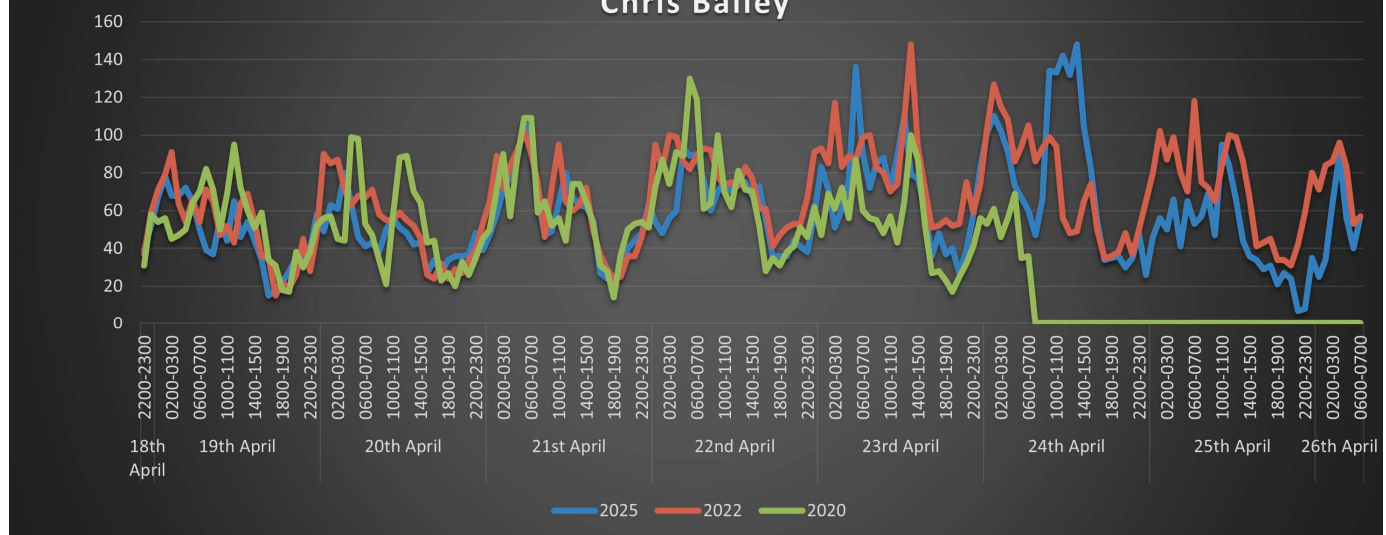
Chris Bailey



Chris Bailey monitored the April Lyrid meteors using the GRAVES signal. His recording shows slowly increasing counts from the 18<sup>th</sup> reaching a peak on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. There seems to be two activity peaks on each day, the first in the early morning followed by the second in the early afternoon. This may be due to the geometry of the activity and the signal source.

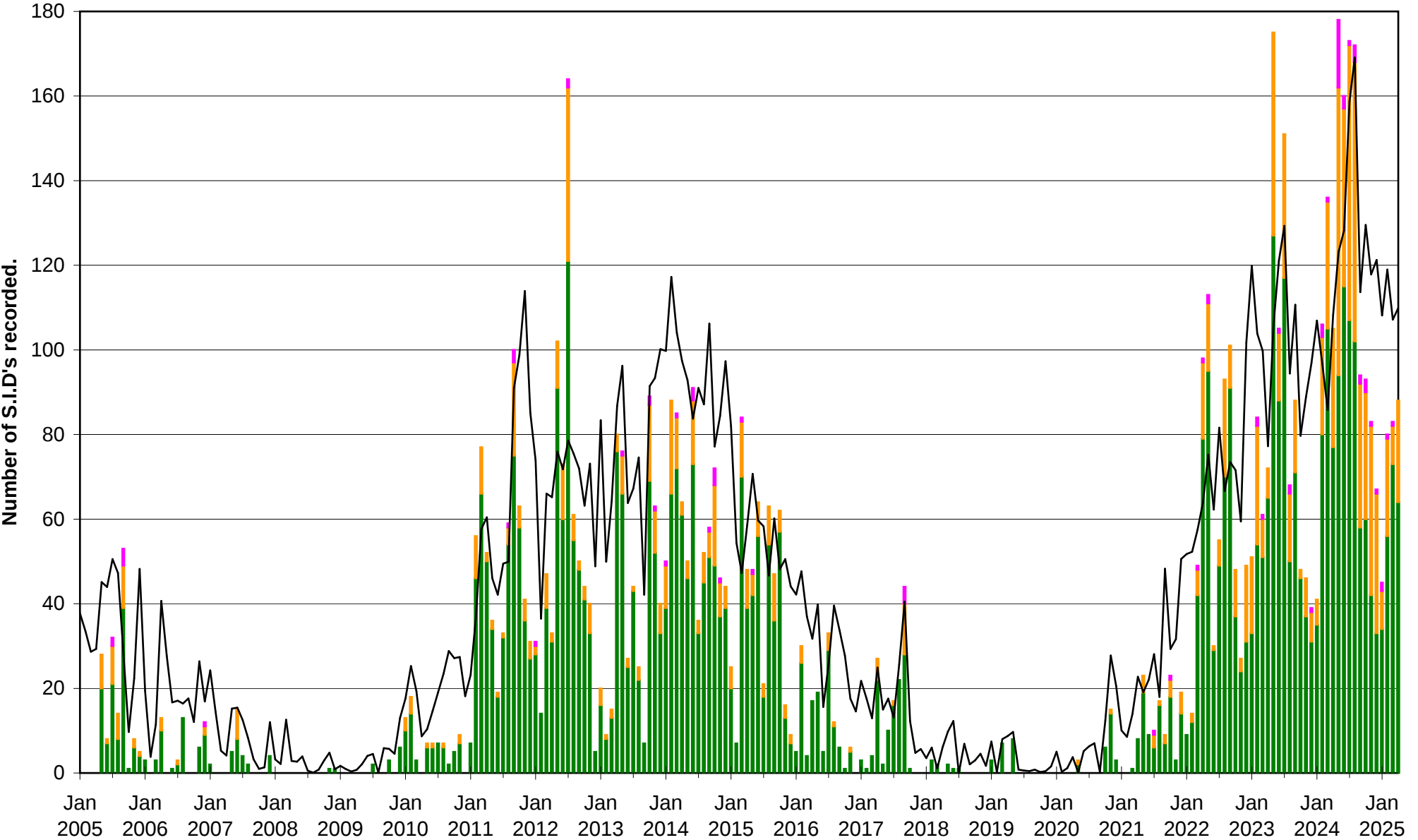
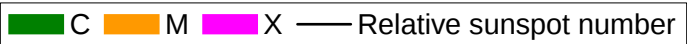
Lyrids Meteor Shower 2020,2022 & 2025

Chris Bailey



Comparing activity in 2020, 2022 and 2025 shows similar rates, although the 2020 data stops on the 24<sup>th</sup>. The 2020 peak also seems to be a day earlier, on the 22<sup>nd</sup> compared to the 23<sup>rd</sup> in 2022. 2022 shows less of the morning / afternoon split in activity compared to 2020 and 2025.

VLF flare activity 2005/25



## BARTELS DIAGRAM

| ROTATION | KEY: | DISTURBED. | ACTIVE     | SFE        | B, C, M, X = FLARE MAGNITUDE. |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            | Synodic rotation start (carrington's). |        |            |            |            |            |            |            |         |           |            |            |            |           |        |
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| 2606     | F    | 5<br>MCCC  | 6<br>CCCC  | 7<br>MCCC  | 8<br>M                        | 9<br>MCCC  | 10<br>MCCC | 11<br>MCCC | 12<br>MCCC | 13<br>MCCC | 14<br>MCCC | 15<br>MCCC | 16<br>MCCC | 17<br>MCCC | 18                                     | 19     | 20         | 21         | 22         | 23         | 24         | 25         | 26      | 27        | 28         | 29         | 30         | 1         |        |
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| 2608     | F    | 29<br>CM   | 30<br>CC   | 31<br>CMMM | 1<br>MCM                      | 2<br>MM    | 3<br>MCM   | 4<br>MCM   | 5<br>MCM   | 6<br>MCM   | 7<br>MCM   | 8          | 9          | 10         | 11                                     | 12     | 13         | 14         | 15         | 16         | 17         | 18         | 19      | 20        | 21         | 22         | 23         | 24        |        |
| 2609     | F    | 25<br>MC   | 26<br>CC   | 27<br>CCCM | 28                            | 29         | 30         | 31         | 1          | 2          | 3          | 4          | 5          | 6          | 7                                      | 8      | 9          | 10         | 11         | 12         | 13         | 14         | 15      | 16        | 17         | 18         | 19         | 20        | 21     |
| 2610     | F    | 22<br>CM   | 23<br>M    | 24<br>MCM  | 25                            | 26         | 27         | 28         | 29         | 30         | 31         | 1          | 2          | 3          | 4                                      | 5      | 6          | 7          | 8          | 9          | 10         | 11         | 12      | 13        | 14         | 15         | 16         | 17        |        |
| 2611     | F    | 18<br>CCCC | 19<br>CC   | 20<br>CC   | 21<br>M                       | 22<br>CC   | 23         | 24         | 25         | 26         | 27         | 28         | 29         | 30         | 31                                     | 1      | 2          | 3          | 4          | 5          | 6          | 7          | 8       | 9         | 10         | 11         | 12         | 13        |        |
| 2612     | F    | 14<br>MC   | 15<br>C    | 16<br>C    | 17<br>CCMC                    | 18<br>CC   | 19<br>C    | 20<br>CMMM | 21<br>C    | 22<br>C    | 23<br>MCM  | 24         | 25         | 26         | 27                                     | 28     | 29         | 30         | 31         | 1          | 2          | 3          | 4       | 5         | 6          | 7          | 8          | 9         |        |
| 2613     | F    | 13<br>CC   | 14<br>CCCC | 15<br>CC   | 16<br>C                       | 17<br>CCCC | 18<br>CC   | 19         | 20         | 21         | 22         | 23         | 24         | 25         | 26                                     | 27     | 28         | 29         | 30         | 31         | 1          | 2          | 3       | 4         | 5          | 6          | 7          | 8         |        |
| 2614     | F    | 9<br>CCC   | 10<br>CCC  | 11<br>CCCM | 12<br>MMMM                    | 13<br>MMMM | 14<br>MMMM | 15<br>MMMM | 16<br>MMMM | 17         | 18         | 19         | 20         | 21         | 22                                     | 23     | 24         | 25         | 26         | 27         | 28         | 29         | 30      | 31        | 1          | 2          | 3          | 4         | 5      |



