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## Summary

During 2007, Geoscience Australia operated nine geomagnetic observatories in Australia, the sub-Antarctic, and Australian Antarctic Territory. The observatories were at Kakadu and Alice Springs in the Northern Territory, Charters Towers in Queensland, Learmonth and Gngangara in Western Australia, Canberra in the Australian Capital Territory, Macquarie Island, Tasmania, in the sub-Antarctic, and Casey and Mawson in the Australian Antarctic Territory. At Macquarie Island, Casey and Mawson observatory operations were a joint responsibility of Geoscience Australia and the Australian Antarctic Division.

The absolute magnetometers in routine service at Canberra magnetic observatory also served as the Australian reference magnetometers. The calibration of these instruments can be traced to international standards and reference instruments. Absolute magnetometers at all Australian observatories are referenced against those at Canberra through regular instrument comparisons.

Geomagnetic time-series data with a range of temporal resolutions were provided to collaborators and data repositories in Australia, Japan, France, Germany, UK and USA. K indices were scaled with computer assistance for Canberra, Gngangara and Mawson observatories. Principal magnetic storms and rapid variations were scaled for Canberra and Gngangara. Magnetic-activity data were provided to agencies in Australia, Japan, France, Germany, Spain, Belgium, UK and USA.

K indices from Canberra contributed to the southern hemisphere Ks index and the global Kp, am and aa indices, and those from Gngangara contributed to the global am index.

During May and June 2007 the magnetic repeat stations at Vanimo and Kavieng, Papua New Guinea, and Noumea, New Caledonia, were re-occupied and data collected to monitor the secular variation at those stations.

The Indonesian observatories at Tangerang and Tondano were upgraded by Geoscience Australia under an AusAID grant in 2001. The project included the purchase of instrumentation and the training of staff from Indonesia's national meteorological and geophysical organisation, Badan Meteorologi and Geofisika (BMG). Some data were received at Geoscience Australia from the Tondano observatory in 2007; however, no data were received from Tangerang observatory.

This report describes instrumentation and activities, and presents annual mean magnetic values, plots of hourly mean magnetic values and K indices, at the magnetic observatories and repeat stations operated by Geoscience Australia during the 2007 calendar year.

**Acronyms and abbreviations**

|              |  |       |  |
|--------------|--|-------|--|
| AAD          | Australian Antarctic Division  | IPGP  | Institut de Physique du Globe de Paris, France                                   |
| ACRES        | Australian Centre for Remote Sensing                                 | IPS   | IPS Radio and Space Services   |
| ACT          | Australian Capital Territory   | ISGI  | International Service of Geomagnetic Indices, France                             |
| A/D          | analogue to digital  | K     | kennziffer (German: logarithmic index; code no.) – index of geomagnetic activity |
| ADAS         | analogue data acquisition system                                     | KDU   | Kakadu magnetic observatory  |
| AGR          | Australian Geomagnetism Report                                       | LRM   | Learmonth magnetic observatory   |
| AGRF         | Australian Geomagnetic Reference Field                               | LSO   | Learmonth Solar Observatory  |
| AGSO         | Australian Geological Survey Organisation                            | MAW   | Mawson magnetic observatory  |
| AMSL         | above mean sea level   | MCQ   | Macquarie Island magnetic observatory  |
| ANARE        | Australian National Antarctic Research Expedition                    | NGDC  | National Geophysical Data Center, USA  |
| ANARESAT     | ANARE satellite  | NOAA  | National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, USA                             |
| ASP          | Alice Springs magnetic observatory                                   | nT    | nanoTesla  |
| AusAID       | Australian Agency for International Development                      | ntpd  | Network Time Protocol daemon   |
| BGS          | British Geological Survey  | OS    | operating system   |
| BMR          | Bureau of Mineral Resources, Geology and Geophysics                  | PPM   | proton precession magnetometer   |
| BMG          | Badan Meteorologi dan Geofisika, Indonesia                           | QHM   | quartz horizontal magnetometer   |
| BoM          | Bureau of Meteorology  | RAAF  | Royal Australian Air Force   |
| CLS          | Collecte Localisation Satellites, France                             | RCF   | ring-core fluxgate   |
| CNB          | Canberra magnetic observatory  | SC    | sudden commencement  |
| CNES         | Centre National d'Etudes Spatiales, France                           | sfe   | solar flare effect   |
| CODATA       | Committee on Data for Science and Technology                         | ssc   | sudden storm commencement  |
| CSIRO        | Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation         | UPS   | uninterruptible power supply   |
| CSY          | Casey magnetic observatory   | UT[C] | Universal Time [Coordinated]   |
| CTA          | Charters Towers magnetic observatory                                 | VSAT  | Very Small Aperture Terminal   |
| D            | Magnetic Declination (variation)                                     | WDC   | World Data Centre  |
| DIM          | Declination and Inclination Magnetometer (D,I-fluxgate magnetometer) | X     | North magnetic intensity   |
| DMI          | Danish Meteorological Institute                                      | Y     | East magnetic intensity  |
| EDA          | EDA Instruments Inc., Canada   | Z     | Vertical magnetic intensity  |
| F            | Total magnetic intensity   |       |  |
| ftp          | file transfer protocol   |       |  |
| GA           | Geoscience Australia   |       |  |
| GDAP         | Geophysical Data Acquisition Platform                                |       |  |
| GIN          | Geomagnetic Information Node   |       |  |
| GNA          | Gnangara magnetic observatory  |       |  |
| GPS          | Global Positioning System  |       |  |
| H            | Horizontal magnetic intensity  |       |  |
| I            | Magnetic Inclination (dip)   |       |  |
| INTER-MAGNET | International Real-time Magnetic observatory Network                 |       |  |
| IAGA         | International Association of Geomagnetism and Aeronomy               |       |  |
| IGRF         | International Geomagnetic Reference Field                            |       |  |
| IGY          | International Geophysical Year (1957-58)                             |       |  |

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## Activities and services

### Geomagnetic observatories

Geoscience Australia operates nine permanent geomagnetic observatories in Australia and the Australian Antarctic Territory (Figure 1), located at:

- Kakadu (KDU), Northern Territory;
- Charters Towers (CTA), Queensland;
- Learmonth (LRM), Western Australia;
- Alice Springs (ASP), Northern Territory;
- Gnangara (GNA), Western Australia;
- Canberra (CNB), Australian Capital Territory;
- Macquarie Island (MCQ), Tasmania (sub-Antarctic);
- Casey (CSY), Australian Antarctic Territory, and;
- Mawson (MAW), Australian Antarctic Territory.



**Figure 1.** The Geoscience Australia geomagnetic observatory network.

### Antarctic operations

Geoscience Australia supports the Australian National Antarctic Research Expedition through its magnetic observatories at Macquarie Island, Casey and Mawson. Operations at these observatories are supervised and managed from Geoscience Australia headquarters in Canberra with logistic and operational support provided by the Australian Antarctic Division.

### Repeat stations

Geoscience Australia maintains a network of magnetic repeat stations throughout continental Australia, its offshore islands, Papua New Guinea, the Solomon Islands and New Caledonia. Stations are occupied every two to four years to provide secular variation data.

### Regional observatories

Between 1998 and 2001, Geoscience Australia contributed to an AusAID project to upgrade geomagnetic observatories at Tangerang (TNG) near Jakarta on Java and Tondano (TND) near Manado on Sulawesi operated by Indonesia's Badan Meteorologi dan Geofisika (BMG). The project included the cost of

instrumentation and the training of BMG staff at Geoscience Australia.

As a result of this project it is possible to transmit absolute observation and variometer data to Geoscience Australia from these observatories for routine processing. Some data were received in this way from Tondano observatory in 2007, however no data were received from Tangerang.

The Indonesian data complement data gained during repeat station occupations to enhance Australian Geomagnetic Reference Field (AGRF) models.

### Magnetometer calibration

Canberra magnetic observatory hosts the Geoscience Australia Magnetometer Calibration Facility. Built in 1999, in collaboration with the Department of Defence, it consists of a Finnish/Ukrainian-designed 3-axis coil system which is used to calibrate observatory variometers and clients' instrumentation on a cost recovery basis.

### Compass calibration

Geoscience Australia provides a service for calibrating and testing direction finding and other instrumentation at cost recovery rates. This service is used by civilian and military agencies requiring the calibration of compasses and compass theodolites as well as the determination of magnetic signatures of other equipment.

### Data distribution

Geomagnetic time series recorded by the observatory network are transmitted to Geoscience Australia in near real-time. They are then automatically processed and analysed to derive a range of products distributed to Australian and international clients.

### Time series

Preliminary 1-second time series are provided in near real-time to IPS Radio and Space Services, Sydney, where they are used for space weather analysis and forecasting. Preliminary 1-minute time series are available in near real-time on the Geoscience Australia website. They are also sent to the Edinburgh INTERMAGNET geomagnetic information node (GIN) and made available on the INTERMAGNET website.

Definitive 1-minute mean values in X, Y, Z and F, and hourly mean values in all geomagnetic elements for all Geoscience Australia observatories except Casey, are submitted annually to the Paris INTERMAGNET GIN. Under agreement with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), USA, these data are then obtained directly from INTERMAGNET by the National Geophysical Data Center (NGDC), Boulder, and ingested into World Data Center A (WDC-A).

Australian magnetic observatory data have been contributed to the INTERMAGNET project since the first CD of definitive data was produced (St-Louis, 2008). Table 1 summarises Australian data that have been distributed on INTERMAGNET CDs. The commencement of regular transmission (by e-mail) of preliminary near real-time 1-minute data to the Edinburgh INTERMAGNET GIN and the frequency of data transmission are also shown in the table.

Preliminary monthly mean values from all Australian observatories are provided in support of the Ørsted satellite project. Data are also provided in response to direct requests from government, educational institutions, industry and individuals.

| Observatory | Data first on CD | Data first transmitted | Data transmission frequency |
|-------------|------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|
| KDU         | 2000             | Aug 2001               | real-time                   |
| CTA         | 2000             | Aug 2001               | real-time                   |
| LRM         | 2005             | 23 Aug 2005            | real-time                   |
| ASP         | 1999             | Dec 1999               | real-time                   |
| GNA         | 1994             | early 1995             | real-time                   |
| CNB         | 1991             | Oct 1994               | real-time                   |
| MCQ         | 2001             | Jun 2002               | real-time                   |
| MAW         | 2005             | 24 Nov 2005            | real-time                   |

**Table 1.** Data distribution from Australian geomagnetic observatories to INTERMAGNET.

### Magnetic activity indices

Canberra (and its predecessors Toolangi and Melbourne) and Hartland (and its predecessors Abinger and Greenwich) in the UK are the two observatories used to determine the 'antipodal' aa index.

Canberra is also one of thirteen mid-latitude observatories used in the derivation of the planetary three-hourly Kp range index. (Of these, only Canberra and Eyrewell (NZ) are in the southern hemisphere.) Gngangara and Canberra are two of the twenty-one observatories in the sub-auroral zones used in the derivation of the 'mondial' am index.

K indices from Canberra are provided semi-monthly to the GeoForschungsZentrum, Potsdam, Germany, for the derivation of global geomagnetic activity indicators such as the 'planetary' Kp index.

K indices from Canberra are also provided to:

- University of Newcastle, Australia;
- CLS, CNES (French Space Agency), Toulouse, France;
- Royal Observatory of Belgium, Brussels, and;
- Geomagnetism Research Group of the British Geological Survey.

K indices from Canberra and Gngangara are provided to:

- IPS Radio and Space Services, Sydney, from where they are further distributed to recipients of IPS bulletins and reports, and;
- the International Service of Geomagnetic Indices (ISGI), France, for the compilation of the 'antipodal' aa index and the world-wide 'mondial' am index.

All routine K index information is transmitted by e-mail.

K indices from Canberra, Gngangara, and Mawson, are derived using a computer-assisted method developed at Geoscience Australia. The method uses the linear-phase, robust, non-linear smoothing (LRNS) algorithm (Hattingh *et al.*, 1989) to estimate the quiet or 'non-K' daily variation. This initial estimate can be adjusted on-screen using a spline fitting technique. The estimated non-K variation for the day is then automatically subtracted from the magnetic variations and the residual scaled for K indices.

### Storms and rapid variations

Details of storms and rapid variations at Canberra and Gngangara are provided monthly to:

- WDC-A, Boulder, USA;
- WDC-C2, Kyoto, Japan, and;
- Observatori de l'Ebre, Spain.

### Australian Geomagnetism Reports

The Australian Geomagnetism Report was first published as the monthly *Observatory Report* in September 1952. The series was

renamed the *Geophysical Observatory Report* in January 1953 (Vol. 1, No. 1) and became the *Australian Geomagnetism Report* in January 1990 (Vol. 38, No. 1). The monthly series was replaced by an annual report in 1993 (Vol. 41). Details of other reports containing Australian geomagnetic data are given in Hopgood (1999 and 2000).

The current annual report series includes data from the magnetic observatories and repeat stations operated by Geoscience Australia, or in which Geoscience Australia had significant involvement. Detailed information about the instrumentation and the observatories is included in McEwin and Hopgood (1994) and Hopgood and McEwin (1997).

From 1999, the Australian Geomagnetism Report has been produced in digital form only. It may be viewed or downloaded at Geoscience Australia's website.

### World Wide Web

Australian geomagnetic information, including regularly updated data and indices from Australian observatories, the current AGRF model, and information about Earth's magnetic field, is available on the Geoscience Australia website ([www.ga.gov.au/geomag](http://www.ga.gov.au/geomag)).

### Instrumentation

The basic system used at Australian geomagnetic observatories to monitor magnetic fluctuations comprises a 3-component vector variometer and a total-field scalar variometer. Time-series data are recorded digitally and transmitted to Geoscience Australia by telephone line or network connection.

### Recording intervals and mean values

The standard sample intervals at Australian observatories are 1 second for vector data and 10 seconds for scalar data. One-minute values are generated from the 1-second data using the INTERMAGNET filter (St-Louis, 2008). Hourly mean values are computed from minutes 00<sup>m</sup> to 59<sup>m</sup>, e.g. the hourly mean value labelled 01<sup>h</sup>, is the mean of the 1-minute values from 01<sup>h</sup>00<sup>m</sup> to 01<sup>h</sup>59<sup>m</sup> inclusive. Daily means are the average of hourly mean values 00<sup>h</sup> to 23<sup>h</sup> when all hourly means in the day exist.

Monthly means are computed for the 5 International Quiet Days, the 5 International Disturbed Days and all days in the month over as many days that exist in each of the subsets. Annual means are computed from the monthly means for a Quiet Day mean, a Disturbed Day mean and an all day mean, over as many months for which Quiet, Disturbed or all day means exist.

### Variometers

Vector variometer sensors at Australian observatories are orientated so the 2 horizontal components have similar magnitude. In the typical configuration the horizontal sensors are aligned at 45° to the magnetic meridian (i.e. magnetic NW and NE) and the third sensor is vertical. However, at Macquarie Island each sensor makes an angle of approximately 55° with the magnetic vector so that all 3 components have similar magnitude.

One of the benefits of these alignments is that quality control using the FCheck test, which calculates the difference between F determined using the vector variometer (final data model with drifts applied) and F obtained from the scalar variometer, is optimised. Another is that, should one of the vector channels become unserviceable, vector data may be recovered using the remaining two channels and the scalar variometer data (Crosthwaite, 1992, 1994).

### Data reduction

Using regular absolute observations, parameters are obtained that enable the calculation of the X, Y and Z (and so H, D, I and F) components of the magnetic field using an equation of the form:



$$\begin{pmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} S_{XA} & S_{XB} & S_{XC} \\ S_{YA} & S_{YB} & S_{YC} \\ S_{ZA} & S_{ZB} & S_{ZC} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} A \\ B \\ C \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} B_X \\ B_Y \\ B_Z \end{pmatrix} \\ + \begin{pmatrix} Q_X \\ Q_Y \\ Q_Z \end{pmatrix} (T - T_S) + \begin{pmatrix} q_X \\ q_Y \\ q_Z \end{pmatrix} (t - t_S) + \begin{pmatrix} D_X \\ D_Y \\ D_Z \end{pmatrix} (\tau - \tau_0)$$

where:

- A, B and C are the near-orthogonal, arbitrarily orientated variometer ordinates;
- matrix [S] combines scale values and orientation parameters;
- vector [B] contains baseline values;
- vectors [Q] and [q] contain temperature coefficients for sensors and electronics;
- T and t are the temperatures of the sensors and electronics;
- Ts and ts are their standard temperatures;
- vector [D] contains drift-rates with a time origin at  $\tau_0$ , where  $\tau$  is the time.

The parameters in [S], [Q] and [q] are determined using the calibration coils at the Geoscience Australia Magnetometer Calibration Facility while those in [B] and [D] that best fit the absolute observations are determined by visual observation.

### Absolute magnetometers

The principal absolute magnetometers used to calibrate variometers at Australian magnetic observatories are DI-fluxgate magnetometers (or Declination and Inclination Magnetometers – DIM) to measure the magnetic field direction, and proton-precession or Overhauser-effect magnetometers to measure its total intensity.

DIMs at Australian observatories use Bartington MAG-01H and DMI Model G fluxgate sensors and electronics, mounted on Zeiss-Jena 020B and 010B non-magnetic theodolites.

DIM observations at most observatories are performed using the *offset* method. In this method, the theodolite is set to the whole number of minutes nearest a null fluxgate output, resulting in a small non-zero output. The theodolite reading and a series of eight fluxgate – time readings are then recorded in each position. At some observatories the *null* method continues to be used. In this method, the theodolite is set to achieve a null fluxgate output and a single theodolite – time reading is recorded in each position.

### Reference magnetometers

Geoscience Australia maintains reference magnetometers for declination, inclination and total intensity at Canberra magnetic observatory where they are in routine use to calibrate the variometers. A DIM is used as both the declination and inclination reference and an Overhauser-effect magnetometer is used as the total-field reference.

Regular inter-comparisons performed at IAGA workshops on *Geomagnetic Observatory Instruments, Data Acquisition and Processing* relate the Australian reference magnetometers to international standards. Absolute instruments used at Australian observatories are periodically compared with the reference magnetometers, sometimes through subsidiary travelling reference instruments.

Results identified as *final* in this report indicate that absolute magnetometers used to determine baselines have been corrected to international standards.

### Data acquisition

Data-acquisition computers at Australian observatories use software built around the QNX operating system. Timing is governed by the operating system clock which is maintained to within 1 ms of UTC using an external GPS clock. The Network Time Protocol daemon (ntpd), which can maintain the system clock to within 10 ms of UTC, is also available as a backup. All observatories except Canberra used an external GPS clock to maintain timing accuracy throughout 2007. Canberra observatory changed from ntpd to GPS-based timing in August 2007.

ADAM A/D converters are used to convert analogue data from the DMI FGE and EDA 3-component variometers to digital data for recording on data-acquisition computers. The Narod ring-core fluxgate magnetometers have built-in A/D converters that provide digital data direct to the acquisition computers.

During 2007, a Geoscience Australia QNX-based data-acquisition system was installed at Casey magnetic observatory. It operated in parallel with the Australian Antarctic Division's EDA FM105B variometer which acquires data using the AAD Analogue Data Acquisition System (ADAS).

Observatory data are retrieved to Canberra automatically via telephone and network links within Australia and via the ANARESAT satellite link from Antarctica.

Uninterruptible Power Supplies (UPS) or DC-battery power supplies are installed at all observatories. Lightning surge filters are installed where required.

## 1. Kakadu

Kakadu Geophysical Observatory is located in the Northern Territory, 210 km east of Darwin and 40 km west of Jabiru on the Arnhem Highway, near the South Alligator Ranger Station, Kakadu National Park. It comprises magnetic and seismological observatories and a gravity station. Kakadu magnetic observatory is situated on unconsolidated ferruginous and clayey sand. Continuous magnetic-field recording began there in March 1995.

The magnetic observatory comprises:

- a 3x3 m air-conditioned concrete-brick Control House, with concrete ceiling and aluminium cladding and roof, where recording instrumentation and control equipment are housed;
- a 3x3 m roofed Absolute Shelter, 50 m NW of the Control House, that houses a 380 mm square fibre-mesh-concrete observation pier (Pier A), the top of which is 1200mm from its concrete floor;
- two 300 mm diameter azimuth pillars, both about 100 m from Pier A and with approximate true bearings of 27° and 238°;
- two 600 mm square underground vaults that house the variometer sensors, both located 50-60 m from the Control House, one to its SSW and one to its WSW (cables between the sensor vaults and the Control House are routed via underground conduits), and;
- a concrete slab, with tripod foot placements and a marker plate, used as an external reference site E (at a standard height of 1.6 m above the marker plate). The marker plate is 60 m, at a bearing of 331°, from the principal observation pier A.

Key data for the observatory are given in Table 1.1.

### Variometers

The variometers used during 2007 are described in Table 1.2.

Analogue outputs from the three fluxgate sensors, and the sensor and electronics temperatures, were converted to digital data using an ADAM 4017 analogue-to-digital converter mounted inside the fluxgate electronics unit. These data and the digital PPM data were recorded on the data acquisition computer located in the Control House.

The magnetic sensors were located in the concrete underground vaults: the fluxgate sensor in the northern vault (the one nearer the Absolute Shelter); and the PPM sensor in the southern vault. Both vaults were completely buried in soil to minimise temperature fluctuations.

The GSM-90 variometer electronics was located in the covered vault with its sensor. DC power and data cables ran between the GSM-90 vault and the Control House.

The fluxgate electronics console was placed in its own partially insulated plastic box, resting on the concrete floor in the Control Hut, with some bricks for heat-sinks to minimise temperature fluctuations. This proved to be effective in reducing the amplitude of temperature fluctuations with periods of the order of hours.

The equipment was protected from power blackouts, surges and lightning strikes by a mains filter, an uninterruptible power supply and a surge absorber. The data connections between the acquisition computer and both the ADAM A/D and the PPM variometer were via fibre-optic modems and several metres of fibre-optic cable to isolate any damage from lightning entering the system through any one piece of equipment. The fibre-cable connecting the ADAM A/D to the computer was removed in March while investigating a data-link failure. The fibre-cable connecting the PPM to the computer was transferred to the

ADAM A/D in December, leaving no fibre in the PPM data-link thereafter.

|                           |                  |
|---------------------------|------------------|
| AGA code:                 | KDU              |
| Commenced operation:      | 05 March 1995    |
| Geographic latitude:      | 12° 41' 10.9" S  |
| Geographic longitude:     | 132° 28' 20.5" E |
| Geomagnetic latitude:     | -21.81°          |
| Geomagnetic longitude:    | 205.69°          |
| K 9 index lower limit:    | 300 nT           |
| Principal pier:           | Pier A           |
| Pier elevation (top):     | 14.6 m AMSL      |
| Principal reference mark: | Pillar AW        |
| Reference mark azimuth:   | 237° 52.8'       |
| Reference mark distance:  | 99.6 m           |
| Observer:                 | A. Ralph         |

**Table 1.1** Key observatory data.

|                          |                               |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 3-component variometer:  | DMI FGE                       |
| Serial number:           | E0198/S0183                   |
| Type:                    | suspended; linear fluxgate    |
| Orientation:             | NW, NE, Z                     |
| Acquisition interval:    | 1 s                           |
| Resolution:              | 0.1 nT                        |
| A/D converter:           | ADAM 4017 module ( $\pm 5V$ ) |
| Total-field variometer:  | GEM Systems GSM-90            |
| Serial number:           | 4071413/42185                 |
| Type:                    | Overhauser effect             |
| Acquisition interval:    | 10 s                          |
| Resolution:              | 0.01 nT                       |
| Data acquisition system: | GDAP: PC-104 computer, QNX OS |
| Timing:                  | Trimble Acutime GPS clock     |
| Communications:          | 2400b TCP/IP                  |

**Table 1.2.** Magnetic variometers used in 2007. See [Appendix C](#) for a schematic of their configuration.

|                           |                    |
|---------------------------|--------------------|
| DI fluxgate:              | Bartington MAG-01H |
| Serial number:            | B0622H             |
| Theodolite:               | Zeiss 020B         |
| Serial number:            | 359142             |
| Resolution:               | 0.1'               |
| D correction:             | 0.05'              |
| I correction:             | -0.05'             |
| Total-field magnetometer: | GEM Systems GSM-90 |
| Serial number:            | 4081421/42186      |
| Type:                     | Overhauser effect  |
| Resolution:               | 0.01 nT            |
| Correction:               | 0.0 nT             |

**Table 1.3.** Absolute magnetometers and their adopted corrections for 2007. Corrections are applied in the sense Standard = Instrument + correction.

Although some lightning protection measures were incorporated in its original construction, Kakadu Observatory has suffered frequent lightning damage since its installation in 1995. Additional protection measures were taken in December 1998 and October 1999, including the installation of an ERICO system. Since then, although power and communications have frequently been interrupted, the observatory has survived serious damage from electrical storms.

The ERICO System 3000 (Advanced Integrated Lightning Protection), comprising a Dynasphere Air Termination unit, mast, and copper-coated-steel earthing rod, was designed to protect an area of 80 m radius. Lengths of copper ribbon and aluminium power cables buried in shallow trenches towards the Absolute Shelter, in the opposite direction, and from the Control House to and around both variometer sensor vaults, and a conducting loop around the Control House, were connected to the ERICO system.

The DMI FGE variometer scale-value, alignment, and temperature sensitivity parameters were measured at the magnetometer calibration facility at Canberra observatory before installation at Kakadu. The sensor assembly was aligned with the two horizontal fluxgate sensors at 45° to the declination at the time of installation and the Z fluxgate sensor vertical. This alignment was achieved by setting the X and Y offsets equal and rotating the instrument until the X and Y ordinates were equal. This method has been found to be accurate using tests performed at the calibration facility.

The Control House, which housed the variometer electronics, was maintained at about 23°C using a temperature control unit with both heating and cooling capability. The temperature of the DMI FGE magnetometer electronics ranged from 25.7°C to 30.2°C during the year, at an average of 27.7°C±0.7°C. The typical daily range of the DMI fluxgate electronics temperature varied from less than 0.25°C in April to 1.5°C in December.

The DMI sensor temperature ranged from 25.9°C to 33.9°C during the year, with an average of 30.2°C±1.9°C. Although buried underground, it varied during the year in accordance with the seasons at long periods, and probably with barometric pressure systems at short periods. The average daily temperature variations of the sensor were about 0.25°C.

The meteorological temperature at nearby Jabiru in 2007 varied from a minimum temperature of 11°C in June to a maximum temperature of 40°C in November. The average daily minimum temperature was 23°C and the average daily maximum temperature 35°C. The daily temperature range was 12±3°C, and the least and greatest daily temperature ranges were 2°C and 21°C.

The correlation between temperature and FCheck behaviour was not as apparent as in previous years. (See the discussion in Baselines below).

Variometer data timing was controlled by the QNX data-acquisition computer clock which was maintained using both the 1 PPS and data stream output of a GPS clock. A small error occasionally occurred just after computer resets which was corrected within a few minutes. The time corrections were logged automatically. The logged time corrections in excess of 1 ms during 2007 were:

|            |          |        |                               |
|------------|----------|--------|-------------------------------|
| 2007-02-20 | 00:51:53 | 6.689s | computer installed            |
| 2007-02-20 | 00:56:32 | 6.686s | computer installed/restart    |
| 2007-02-22 | 00:50:28 | 0.715s | System restart/reconfigured   |
| 2007-03-14 | 05:24:40 | 0.555s | System restart                |
| 2007-03-19 | 00:49:59 | 1.341s | power failed? /System restart |

(Various logged corrections from 2007-11-09 to 2007-12-04 were to a computer in preparation or during installation, but not collecting data.)

|            |          |        |                    |
|------------|----------|--------|--------------------|
| 2007-12-04 | 01:33:22 | 0.101s | System maintenance |
| 2007-12-04 | 04:14:58 | 1.156s | System restart     |
| 2007-12-04 | 04:34:36 | 0.102s | System maintenance |

One-second variometer data sometimes contained signatures from monsoonal electrical storms and there was some data corruption due to oscillations of the suspended fluxgate sensor caused by waves from significant regional earthquakes.

Spikes caused by monsoonal electrical storms (mainly October-February) were not removed from the 1-second definitive data. The effects of earthquakes on days-of-year:

023, 028, 068, 091, 125, 157, 167, 182, 232, 349(2)

were not removed from the 1-second definitive data.

These artefacts should have little effect on the filtered 1-minute data.

### Absolute instruments

The principal absolute magnetometers used at Kakadu and their adopted corrections for 2007 are described in Table 1.3.

The best way to use the Kakadu DIM is to take all readings on the x10 scale and to switch to the x1 scale while rotating the theodolite. Additionally, the theodolite should be rotated so that the objective lens passes exclusively through positive field values (or alternatively exclusively through negative field values). These measures reduce the effects of hysteresis in the fluxgate sensor. This method was used at Kakadu throughout the year.

DIM observations at Kakadu were performed using the *offset* method. All DIM and PPM measurements were made on the principal pier at the standard height.

Table 1.3 describes the corrections applied to the absolute magnetometers to align them with the Australian reference instruments held in Canberra. The D and I corrections applied in 2007 were determined through instrument comparisons performed during maintenance and calibration visits in November 2004, May 2006, September 2006, and December 2007, and can be traced through comparisons to B0806H/100856, B0610H/160459, and comparisons at the 2004 IAGA Workshop at Kakioka. The F correction was measured by instrument comparisons and frequency comparisons at Canberra before the instrument was deployed, and during the December 2007 visit. These corrections were applied during the determination of baselines.

At the 2007 mean magnetic field values at Kakadu the D, I, and F corrections translate to corrections of:

$\Delta X = -0.5 \text{ nT}$        $\Delta Y = +0.5 \text{ nT}$        $\Delta Z = -0.5 \text{ nT}$

These instrument corrections have been applied to the data described in this report and to other published definitive data.

### Baselines

The standard deviations in the weekly absolute observations from the final adopted variometer model and data were:

|   | $\sigma$ |   | $\sigma$ |
|---|----------|---|----------|
| X | 0.7 nT   | D | 5"       |
| Y | 0.8 nT   | I | 4"       |
| Z | 0.8 nT   | F | 0.5 nT   |

The baselines aligned with the 2006 baselines to within:

-0.8 nT for X      -1.0 nT for Y      -0.3 nT for Z.

It was not necessary to apply drifts to any channel in 2007.

Observations made between 23 May and 22 July, and also on 27 November, were excluded from baseline determinations. The observer appeared to have magnetically contaminated the results with a can of insect repellent to protect himself from wasps.

The DMI FGE magnetometer maintained stable baselines throughout the year, except for the frequent transitions between two metastable states. It is suspected that observation errors, and insufficient training, may be responsible for some decline in baseline stability compared to previous years.

From late in 2004, the DMI FGE variometer has shown frequent shifts amounting to 1 nT in F, sometimes several times per day. The shift always had the same character: a slow onset and decay of about 5 minutes; always of the same magnitude and sign, and was semi-stable in either the shifted or un-shifted state. It has previously been deduced from occasional sets of absolute observations in early 2005 that straddled a shift, that no component was shifted by more than 1 nT, indicating that the problem was not serious. The shifts began when the GSM-90 variometer and new computer were installed during the November 2004 maintenance visit. Although the pre-GSM-90 data (Geometrics 856) was noisier and such shifts not so obvious, no similar shifts were apparent before the visit. The source of this problem has not yet been resolved.

FCheck had two meta-stable states differing by about 1 nT as a result of this problem. There were two phases during the year:

- January to August, there was no dominant state, although the low state was somewhat preferred in January and the high state somewhat preferred was preferred in March and June;
- September to December, the low state was dominant and FCheck was much more stable.

During 2007 the difference between the KDU absolute and variometer GSM-90 magnetometers was consistent to within  $\pm 0.5$  nT. No seasonal variation was noticeable during the year.

Observed and adopted baseline values in X, Y and Z are shown in [Figure 1.1](#).

## Operations

When possible, absolute observations were performed weekly by Andy Ralph, the local observer. On these visits the operation of the observatory was also checked. Completed absolute observation forms were posted to Geoscience Australia where they were reduced and used to calibrate the variometer data.

The local observer was trained at Kakadu Observatory in September 2006. Due to other commitments, he was unable to make as many observations as is customary at geomagnetic observatories, particularly during the tourist season. Fortunately the DMI FGE magnetometer baselines appear to have been exceptionally stable throughout 2007, as they have been in previous years, and the fewer than normal number of observations did not seem to affect the quality of the final data.

There were many problems encountered processing the absolute observations during 2007 and some observations were disregarded. Although the observer demonstrated competence performing observations, he appeared to be insufficiently trained particularly in the observance of personal magnetic decontamination. This training deficiency was addressed during the December maintenance visit.

A computer power-supply failure on 9 February caused loss of data for more than 10 days. The data-acquisition computer was replaced on 20 February. Due to a configuration error the vector variometer then operated in low-resolution (10V) mode for about 2 days. On 22 February at 00:53UT it was remotely reconfigured and thereafter operated in normal resolution (5V) mode.

There was extensive monsoonal flooding in the district in March which prevented physical access and damaged all landline data communications to the observatory from 3 until 13 March. Data from this period were recovered when communications were restored on 14 March. It appears that during an inspection on 13 March some cables were dislodged and vector variometer data were lost until the problem was rectified on 21 March.

Andrew Lewis and Jim Whatman from GA visited the observatory from 3 to 7 December to:

- Check the condition of the observatory, and tidy equipment and the Control House in general;
- check reference mark azimuths;
- confirm variometer baselines;
- re-measure the pier difference between the primary and external observation piers A and E;
- install a 12V battery power-supply box and use it to power as much of the variometer system as possible;
- replace the data acquisition computer;
- replace batteries in UPS, absolute battery box and Bartington DIM;
- undertake absolute instrument comparisons and tests, and;
- provide refresher training for the local observer.

The instrument correction to the KDU absolute instrument B0622H/359142 agreed within 0.05' of the adopted correction.

The pier difference between Pier A and E was consistent with measurements in 2003, 2004, and 2006.

A round of angles was not possible at Pier E due to heavy vegetation. A round of angles at Pier A indicated the possibility of a shift of 0.1' in the azimuth of the primary mark AW relative to Pier E and other reference marks. Any shift has not been accounted for in data in this report.

Data were retrieved from the data-acquisition system at least every 10 minutes using *rsync over ssh* in near real-time using the network connection.

Data losses at Kakadu in 2007 are identified in [Table A.1](#).

## Significant events

- 2007-02-09 23:40 Acquisition system failed
- 2007-02-12 No response from acquisition computer, although router is O.K. Inspection by Andy Ralph indicates computer failed (See 2007-03-?? Below for details.)
- 2007-02-15 Despatch replacement computer via Australia Post from GA to KDU
- 2007-02-20 00:50 Andy Ralph installed replacement computer  
00:55 accidental reboot  
Magnetometers and GPS are working O.K.  
modem tested O.K. and left unplugged  
Did not notice that ADAM was incorrectly configured in 10V mode rather than 5V mode
- 2007-02-22 00:49 AML remotely reconfigured ADAM to 5V mode and restarted the computer
- 2007-03-03 No real-time data from 16:40 UT due to flooding and communications outage.
- 2007-03 The computer that failed on 2007-02-09 arrived at GA for inspection. The computer was undamaged, but its external power supply had failed.
- 2007-03-13 Receding floodwaters allow Andy Ralph access to KDU to check system.  
PPP modem connected to system

modem connection is unreliable (probably due to noisy water-damaged telephone line).  
DDS modem and router re-set, but DDS line still not working. Fault lodged with Telstra

- 2007-03-14 Data connection ok again.  
Earlier modem tests probably failed when Telstra was using or repairing the phone lines.  
However the Adam is not reachable since 2007-03-13T01:00, and cannot revive it by restarting the driver or restarting the system (shutdown at 05:23).  
Andy is not available to trouble shoot.  
Suspect plug may have been dislodged when Andy checked system yesterday 2007-03-13
- 2007-03-21 Andy Ralph visited KDU and connected DMI variometer direct to ser8 bypassing fibre optic (lightning protection) interface, and seemed ok.  
The removed equipment will be returned for testing.  
PPP MODEM DISCONNECTED.
- 2007-08-01 Owen McConnel visited KDU.  
Investigated potential absolute observation pier contamination and found
- plastic chair/table/umbrella outside Absolute Shelter apparently non-magnetic, umbrella ok > 1m, and
  - metal broom inside shelter (20nT on DIM in D mode at its stored location) and
  - a metal can fly-spray inside shelter!
- Will inform Andy Ralph of the results.
- 2007-09-16 Andy Ralph attended KDU to reboot seismic computer for Terry Smith.
- 2007-09-19 Andy Ralph attended KDU to reattach communications link to phone line - apparently disconnected on 2007-09-16 by mistake.
- 2007-12-04 Andrew Lewis and Jim Whatman at KDU installed 12V battery box  
~2007-12-03T23:40 replaced 240V computer with 12V computer previously removed from KDU after 2007-02-09  
replaced GPS pulse stretcher, and attached to new computer  
~01:00 swapped over GSM90 then DMI to new computer  
disconnected GSM90 fibre-optic (lightning protection) cable, and connecting that fibre-optic cable to the DMI, with DMI/ADAM485-232 end fibre-optic modem to UPS, computer-end fibre-optic modem to 12V battery box.  
Some DMI data loss (30-60m) when power supply failed during power rearrangements.
- 2007-12-06 Some contamination to data ~05:00 during maintenance on instrument sensor vaults.

### Annual mean values

The annual mean values for Kakadu are set out in [Table 1.5](#) and displayed with the secular variation in [Figure 1.2](#).

### Hourly mean values

Plots of the hourly mean values for Kakadu 2007 data are shown in [Figure 1.3](#).

### Data distribution

| Recipient                    | Status      | Sent      |
|------------------------------|-------------|-----------|
| <i>1-second values</i>       |             |           |
| IPS Radio and Space Services | preliminary | real time |
| <i>1-minute values</i>       |             |           |
| INTERMAGNET                  | preliminary | real time |
| INTERMAGNET                  | definitive  | 2008      |
| <i>Monthly mean values</i>   |             |           |
| Ørsted Satellite Project     | preliminary | monthly   |

**Table 1.4.** Distribution of 2007 data.

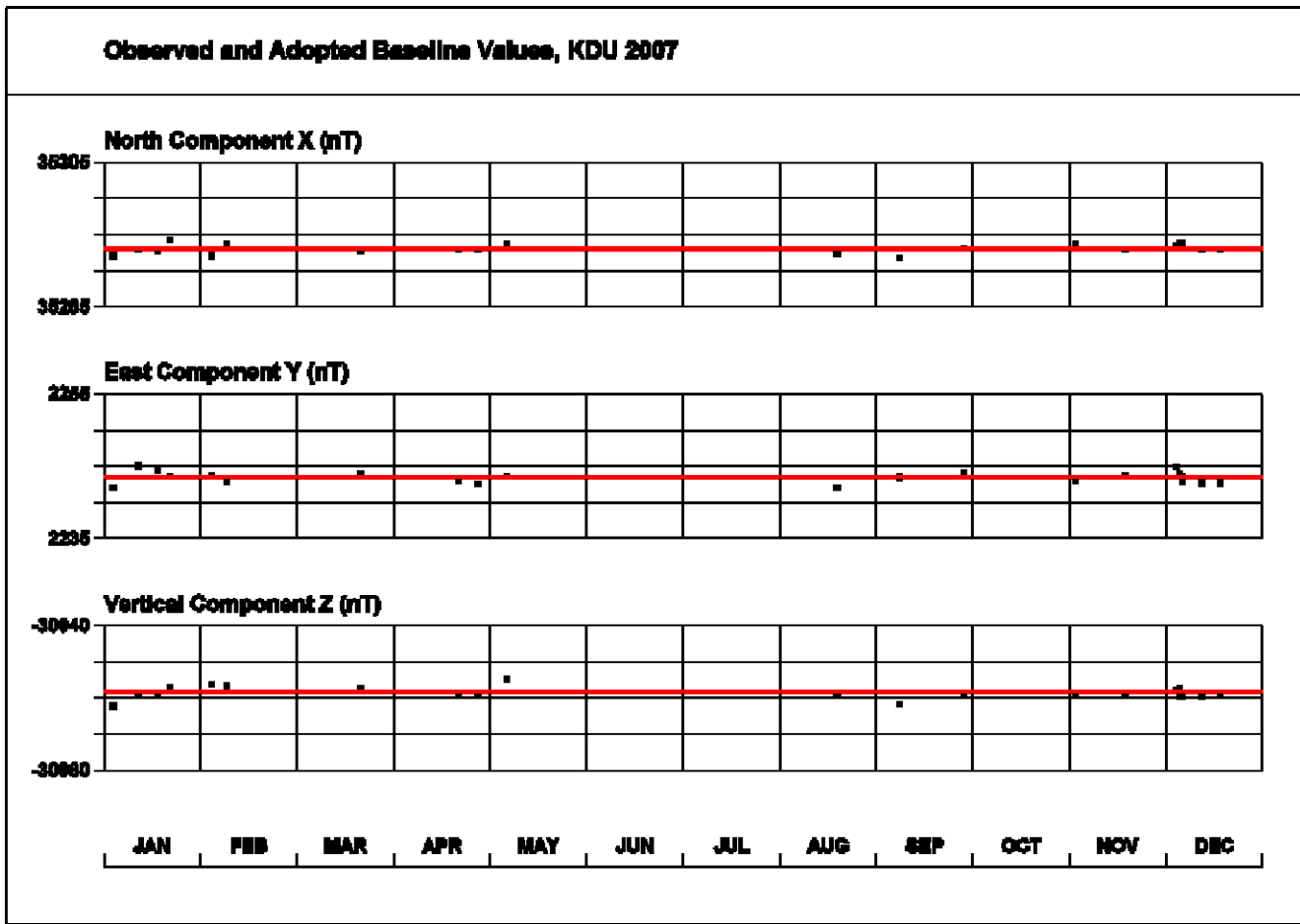


Figure 1.1. Kakadu baseline plots.

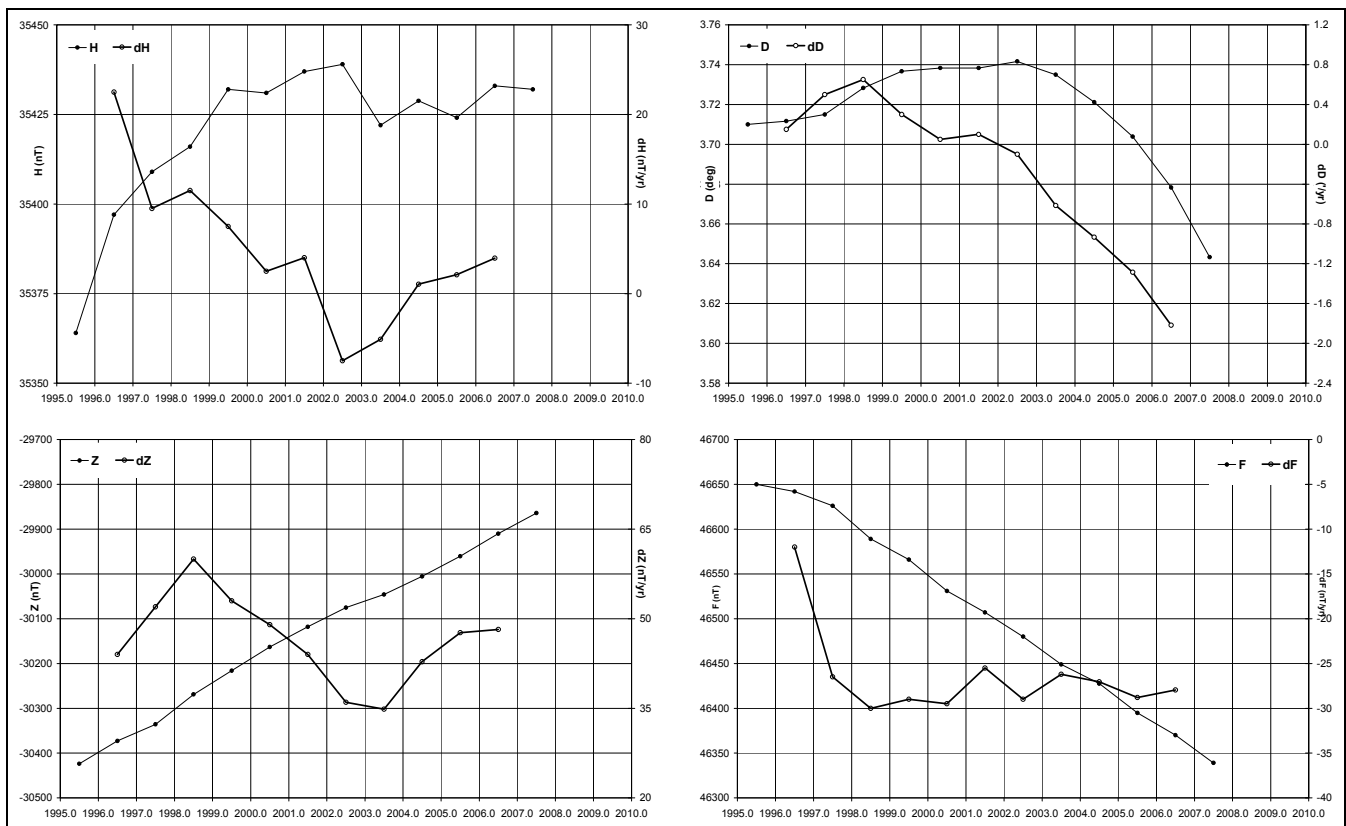


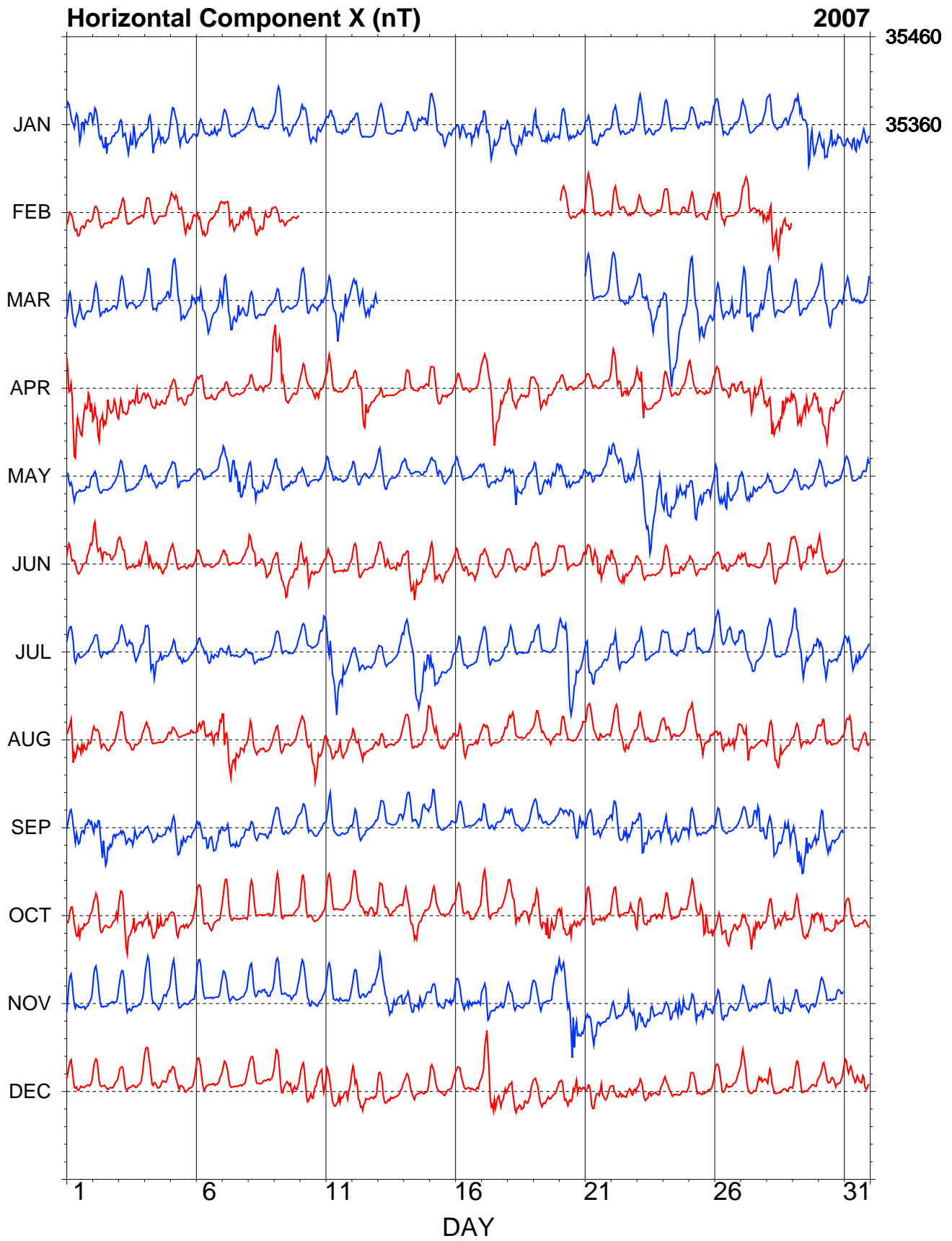
Figure 1.2. Annual mean values and secular variation (all days) for H, D, Z and F measured at Kakadu.



| Year     | Days | D   |      | I   |      | H     | X     | Y    | Z      | F     | Elements |
|----------|------|-----|------|-----|------|-------|-------|------|--------|-------|----------|
|          |      | (°) | (')  | (°) | (')  | (nT)  | (nT)  | (nT) | (nT)   | (nT)  |          |
| 1995.583 | A    | 3   | 42.6 | -40 | 42.4 | 35364 | 35290 | 2288 | -30424 | 46650 | ABZ      |
| 1996.728 | A    | 3   | 42.7 | -40 | 37.9 | 35397 | 35323 | 2292 | -30373 | 46642 | ABZ      |
| 1997.455 | A    | 3   | 42.9 | -40 | 35.3 | 35409 | 35334 | 2294 | -30336 | 46626 | ABZ      |
| 1998.5   | A    | 3   | 43.7 | -40 | 31.2 | 35416 | 35341 | 2303 | -30269 | 46589 | ABZ      |
| 1999.5   | A    | 3   | 44.2 | -40 | 27.4 | 35432 | 35357 | 2309 | -30216 | 46566 | ABZ      |
| 2000.5   | A    | 3   | 44.3 | -40 | 24.5 | 35431 | 35356 | 2310 | -30163 | 46531 | ABZ      |
| 2001.5   | A    | 3   | 44.3 | -40 | 21.7 | 35437 | 35362 | 2310 | -30118 | 46507 | ABZ      |
| 2002.5   | A    | 3   | 44.5 | -40 | 19.1 | 35439 | 35364 | 2312 | -30075 | 46480 | ABZ      |
| 2003.5   | A    | 3   | 44.1 | -40 | 18.3 | 35422 | 35347 | 2308 | -30046 | 46449 | ABZ      |
| 2004.5   | A    | 3   | 43.3 | -40 | 15.7 | 35429 | 35354 | 2299 | -30005 | 46428 | ABZ      |
| 2005.5   | A    | 3   | 42.2 | -40 | 13.4 | 35424 | 35350 | 2288 | -29960 | 46395 | ABZ      |
| 2006.5   | A    | 3   | 40.7 | -40 | 10.1 | 35433 | 35360 | 2273 | -29910 | 46370 | ABZ      |
| 2007.5   | A    | 3   | 38.6 | -40 | 7.6  | 35432 | 35361 | 2252 | -29864 | 46339 | ABZ      |
| 1995.583 | Q    | 3   | 42.7 | -40 | 41.8 | 35376 | 35302 | 2290 | -30425 | 46660 | ABZ      |
| 1996.728 | Q    | 3   | 42.8 | -40 | 37.6 | 35403 | 35328 | 2292 | -30372 | 46646 | ABZ      |
| 1997.455 | Q    | 3   | 42.9 | -40 | 34.7 | 35419 | 35345 | 2295 | -30335 | 46634 | ABZ      |
| 1998.5   | Q    | 3   | 43.6 | -40 | 30.7 | 35426 | 35351 | 2303 | -30269 | 46596 | ABZ      |
| 1999.5   | Q    | 3   | 44.2 | -40 | 26.9 | 35442 | 35367 | 2310 | -30215 | 46573 | ABZ      |
| 2000.5   | Q    | 3   | 44.3 | -40 | 23.7 | 35446 | 35370 | 2312 | -30161 | 46541 | ABZ      |
| 2001.5   | Q    | 3   | 44.4 | -40 | 20.9 | 35452 | 35376 | 2312 | -30116 | 46517 | ABZ      |
| 2002.5   | Q    | 3   | 44.5 | -40 | 18.4 | 35454 | 35378 | 2313 | -30074 | 46491 | ABZ      |
| 2003.5   | Q    | 3   | 44.2 | -40 | 17.4 | 35439 | 35363 | 2309 | -30043 | 46459 | ABZ      |
| 2004.5   | Q    | 3   | 43.3 | -40 | 15.0 | 35441 | 35366 | 2301 | -30003 | 46435 | ABZ      |
| 2005.5   | Q    | 3   | 42.3 | -40 | 12.7 | 35436 | 35362 | 2290 | -29959 | 46403 | ABZ      |
| 2006.5   | Q    | 3   | 40.7 | -40 | 09.6 | 35442 | 35369 | 2274 | -29909 | 46376 | ABZ      |
| 2007.5   | Q    | 3   | 38.7 | -40 | 7.3  | 35438 | 35367 | 2253 | -29864 | 46344 | ABZ      |
| 1995.583 | D    | 3   | 42.4 | -40 | 43.1 | 35350 | 35276 | 2286 | -30426 | 46641 | ABZ      |
| 1996.728 | D    | 3   | 42.7 | -40 | 38.3 | 35389 | 35315 | 2291 | -30373 | 46636 | ABZ      |
| 1997.455 | D    | 3   | 42.8 | -40 | 36.1 | 35393 | 35319 | 2292 | -30337 | 46615 | ABZ      |
| 1998.5   | D    | 3   | 43.6 | -40 | 32.8 | 35385 | 35310 | 2300 | -30273 | 46568 | ABZ      |
| 1999.5   | D    | 3   | 44.2 | -40 | 28.5 | 35411 | 35336 | 2308 | -30218 | 46552 | ABZ      |
| 2000.5   | D    | 3   | 44.2 | -40 | 26.0 | 35403 | 35328 | 2307 | -30166 | 46512 | ABZ      |
| 2001.5   | D    | 3   | 44.2 | -40 | 23.1 | 35410 | 35335 | 2307 | -30121 | 46488 | ABZ      |
| 2002.5   | D    | 3   | 44.5 | -40 | 20.4 | 35416 | 35341 | 2311 | -30077 | 46464 | ABZ      |
| 2003.5   | D    | 3   | 44.0 | -40 | 19.8 | 35396 | 35321 | 2305 | -30050 | 46431 | ABZ      |
| 2004.5   | D    | 3   | 43.2 | -40 | 16.9 | 35407 | 35332 | 2297 | -30008 | 46412 | ABZ      |
| 2005.5   | D    | 3   | 42.2 | -40 | 14.5 | 35404 | 35330 | 2286 | -29963 | 46381 | ABZ      |
| 2006.5   | D    | 3   | 40.8 | -40 | 10.9 | 35419 | 35346 | 2273 | -29911 | 46359 | ABZ      |
| 2007.5   | D    | 3   | 38.6 | -40 | 8.0  | 35423 | 35351 | 2251 | -29865 | 46332 | ABZ      |

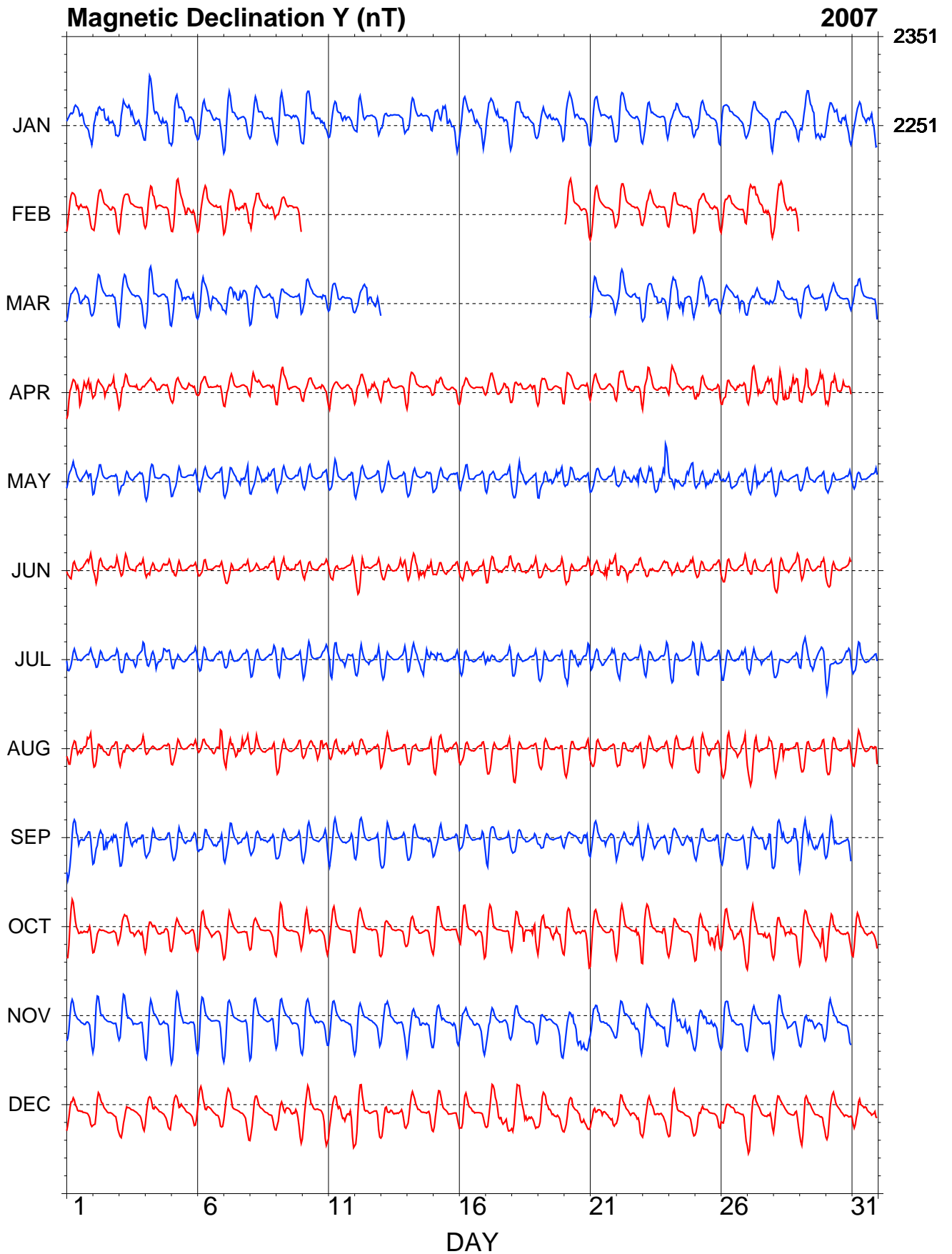
**Table 1.5.** Annual mean values calculated using the monthly mean values over **All** days, the 5 International **Quiet** days and the 5 International **Disturbed** days in each month. Plots of these data with secular variation in H, D, Z and F are shown in [Figure 1.2](#).

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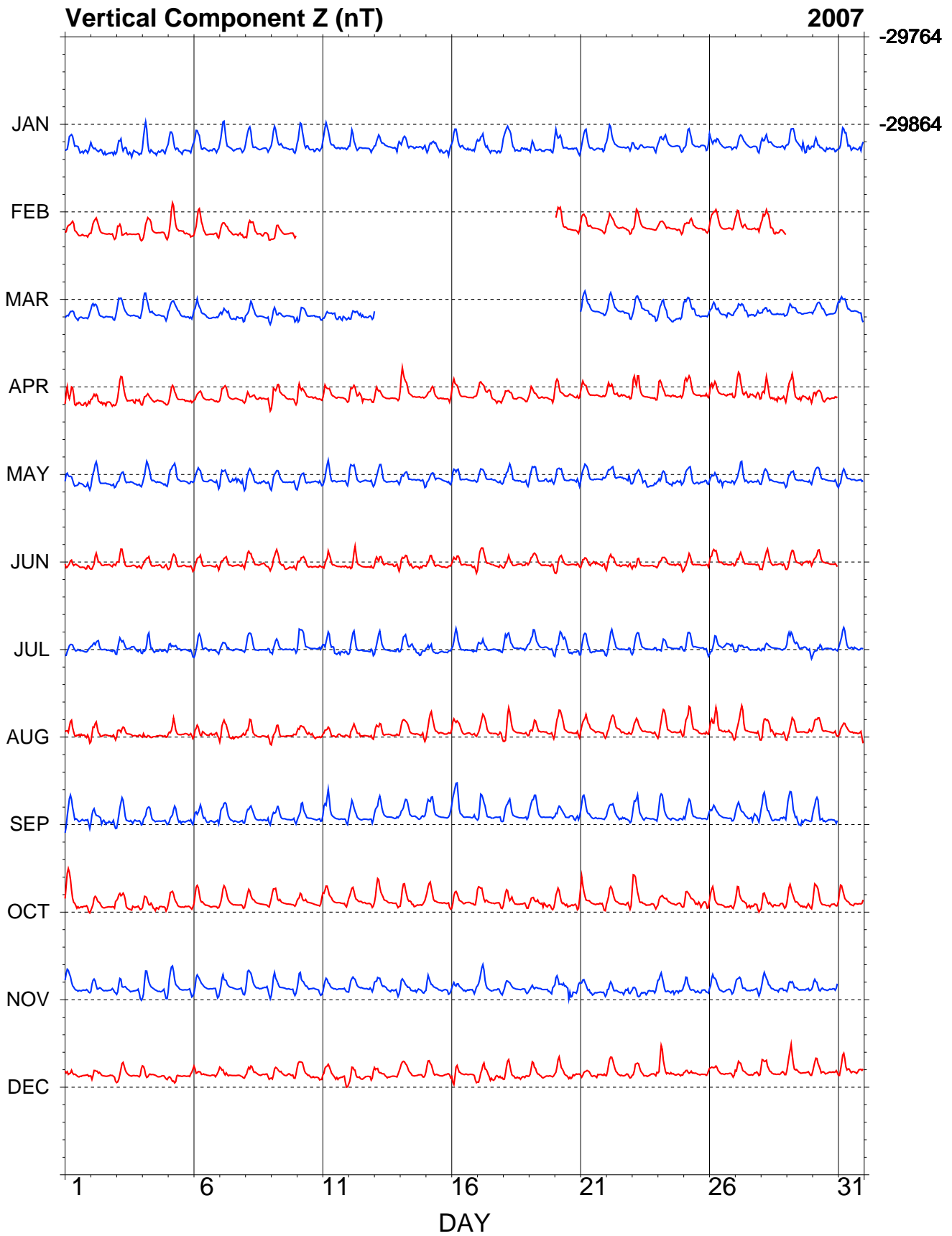




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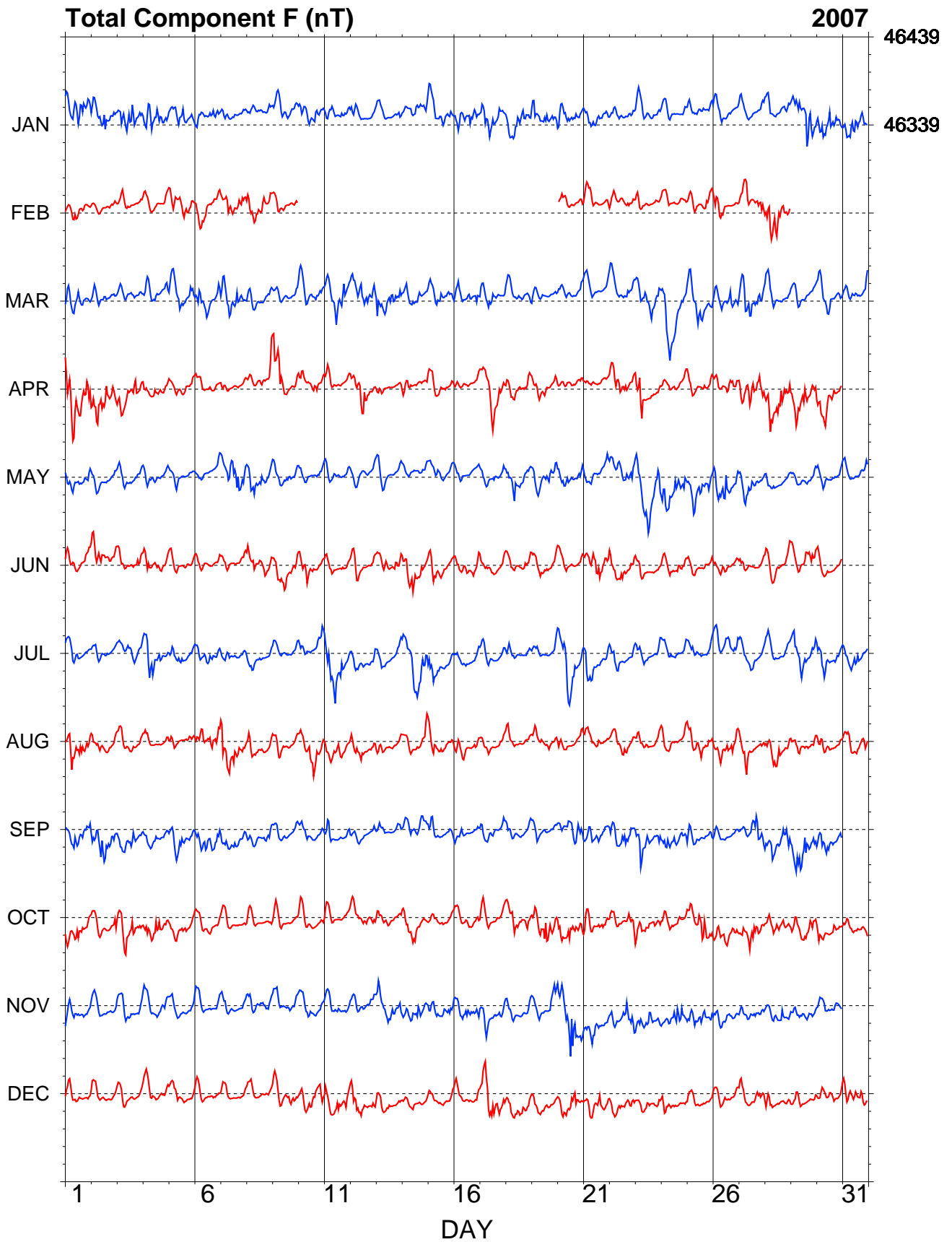


Figure 1.3. Hourly mean values in X, Y, Z and F measured at Kakadu.

## 2. Charters Towers

Charters Towers is 120 km southwest of Townsville in north Queensland. The Charters Towers magnetic observatory is located at Towers Hill, 1.7 km southwest of the town centre, in an area leased to Geoscience Australia by the city council.

The observatory comprises:

- a disused gold mine tunnel approximately 100 m into the northern side of Towers Hill, which houses the variometers;
- a VSAT communications dish outside the tunnel, and;
- an Absolute Shelter on a hillside approximately 250 m to the west of the tunnel.

Continuous magnetic-field recording commenced at the observatory in June 1983 (Hopgood and McEwin, 1997).

### Variometers

The variometers used during 2007 are described in Table 2.2. The DMI FGE fluxgate sensor was installed on a marble plate which rests on concrete blocks in the mine tunnel. Before installation its scale-values, relative sensor alignments and temperature sensitivities were determined at the Canberra magnetometer calibration facility. Analogue outputs from the three magnetic channels, and the temperature of the fluxgate sensor and electronics, were digitized at 1-second intervals using an ADAM 4017 A/D converter mounted inside the electronics console and recorded on an acquisition computer.

The total-field variometer sensor was suspended from the ceiling of the tunnel. It cycled at 10-second intervals and its digital output was input directly to the acquisition computer.

Although not actively controlled, the temperature within the tunnel housing the variometers varied within 2°C over the year – from about 27° in winter to 29° in summer. There was no discernible diurnal temperature variation in the tunnel. The control electronics associated with the variometers (except the DMI fluxgate magnetometer electronics) were housed in an air-conditioned (for cooling) room in an adjacent arm of the tunnel.

Timing was derived from a Garmin GPS 16 clock. This clock was installed on 3 May 2006 and superseded timing based on the data-acquisition computer clock. Although noted in the Charters Towers *Significant events* in the 2006 Australian Geomagnetism Report (Hitchman *et al.*, 2008), this change was not reported in Table 2.2 of that report.

Data files were telemetered from Charters Towers to Geoscience Australia through a network with a maximum delay of 10 minutes. The variometer and recording systems were powered by 240VAC mains, backed up by a PowerTech UPS with sufficient capacity to power the system for up to four hours.

### Absolute instruments

Variometers were calibrated by weekly absolute observations using a DIM and PPM on Pier C in the Absolute Shelter. The principal absolute magnetometers used and their adopted corrections for 2007 are described in Table 2.3.

Before 31 December 2006, the absolute instruments were corrected to the Canberra Observatory reference, with corrections for D, I, and F of zero. From 00:00 on 01 January 2007, they were corrected to the international reference. At the 2007 mean magnetic-field values at Charters Towers the D, I, and F corrections in Table 2.3 translate to corrections of:

$$\Delta X = -2.17 \text{ nT} \quad \Delta Y = -0.29 \text{ nT} \quad \Delta Z = -1.85 \text{ nT} \quad \Delta H = -2.19 \text{ nT}$$

Consequently, there is a shift equal to the new instrument corrections in the 1-second data between 23:59:59 2006-12-31 and

00:00:00 2007-01-01. In the 1-minute data, this shift is not apparent as these data were derived from the 1-second data using the INTERMAGNET filter.

These instrument corrections have been applied to the data described in this report.

|                           |                   |
|---------------------------|-------------------|
| IAGA code:                | CTA               |
| Commenced operation:      | June 1983         |
| Geographic latitude:      | 20° 05' 25" S     |
| Geographic longitude:     | 146° 15' 51" E    |
| Geomagnetic latitude:     | -27.80°           |
| Geomagnetic longitude:    | 221.02°           |
| K 9 index lower limit:    | 300 nT            |
| Principal pier:           | Pier C            |
| Pier elevation (top):     | 370 m AMSL        |
| Principal reference mark: | Post Office spire |
| Reference mark azimuth:   | 34° 40' 45"       |
| Reference mark distance:  | 1.75 km           |
| Observer:                 | J.M. Millican     |

**Table 2.1.** Key observatory data.

|                          |                                |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 3-component variometer:  | DMI FGE (Version G)            |
| Serial number:           | E0227/S0210                    |
| Type:                    | non-suspended; linear fluxgate |
| Orientation:             | NW, NE, Z                      |
| Acquisition interval:    | 1 s                            |
| Resolution:              | 0.1 nT                         |
| A/D converter:           | ADAM 4017 module ( $\pm 5V$ )  |
| Total-field variometer:  | GEM Systems GSM-90             |
| Serial number:           | 4081420/42178                  |
| Type:                    | Overhauser effect              |
| Acquisition interval:    | 10 s                           |
| Resolution:              | 0.01 nT                        |
| Data acquisition system: | GDAP: PC-104 computer, QNX OS  |
| Timing:                  | Garmin GPS 16 clock            |
| Communications:          | VSAT                           |

**Table 2.2.** Magnetic variometers used in 2007. See [Appendix C](#) for a schematic of their configuration.

|                           |                    |
|---------------------------|--------------------|
| DI fluxgate:              | DMI                |
| Serial number:            | DI0036             |
| Theodolite:               | Zeiss 020B         |
| Serial number:            | 394050             |
| Resolution:               | 0.1'               |
| D correction:             | 0.0'               |
| I correction:             | -0.2'              |
| Total-field magnetometer: | GEM Systems GSM-90 |
| Serial number:            | 3091318/91472      |
| Type:                     | Overhauser effect  |
| Resolution:               | 0.01 nT            |
| Correction:               | 0.0 nT             |

**Table 2.3.** Absolute magnetometers and their adopted corrections for 2007. Corrections are applied in the sense Standard = Instrument + correction.

## Baselines

During 2007 the X, Y and Z fluxgate variometer baseline drifts were within a 6, 9 and 6 nT range, respectively.

On 10 March, the variometer baselines jumped suddenly between 04:11:28 and 04:11:29. The offsets for X, Y and Z were:

$$dX = -1.48 \text{ nT}, \quad dY = -0.64 \text{ nT}, \quad dZ = 0.0 \text{ nT}.$$

A second sudden baseline jump occurred on 01 October, between 01:16:09 and 10:16:10. The offsets for X, Y and Z were:

$$dX = -3.71 \text{ nT}, \quad dY = 9.24 \text{ nT}, \quad dZ = -1.92 \text{ nT}.$$

With drift corrections applied to the baselines, the standard deviations in the difference between absolute observations and the adopted final variometer model were:

|   | $\sigma$ |   | $\sigma$ |
|---|----------|---|----------|
| X | 0.8 nT   | D | 11"      |
| Y | 1.7 nT   | I | 4"       |
| Z | 0.6 nT   | F | 0.3 nT   |

With drift corrections applied, FCheck varied within a 2 nT envelope. This is not unreasonably high as the baseline was calibrated against the absolute PPM and DIM, where the absolute PPM may have had 2 nT variations throughout 2007 (as the difference between the absolute PPM and variometer PPM varied within about 2 nT).

Observed and adopted baseline values in X, Y and Z are shown in Figure 2.1.

## Operations

The local observer performed most routine operations during the year, including:

- weekly absolute observations;
- weekly temperature measurements in tunnel;
- mailing the observation sheet and log sheet to GA.

Data losses at Charters Towers in 2007 are identified in Table A.2.

## Significant events

- 2007-02-15 Second set of absolute PPM readings failed - possibly absolute battery box battery problems
- 2007-02-17 Variometer PPM stops operating 12:02:13 (there were storms in CTA at this time)
- 2007-02-19 04:30 Jack in tunnel investigating variometer PPM problem  
04:50 Jack in tunnel again, try absolute PPM, try PPM in ser5 - O.K.  
Reboot system ~05:04 - all O.K. (PC had temporarily lost the use of ser7)
- 2007-03-01 First obs with new batteries in absolute battery box.
- 2007-04-22 Lost communications with GPS Clock 15:40
- 2007-04-23 restart GdapClock at 05:51 LJW and Jonathon Griffin at CTA for maintenance visit 23 - 27 Apr
- 2007-04-24 restart GdapClock at 01:17 again but still not working  
- called and left message for LJW at CTA to restart computer  
- ntpdate -q time gave 14ms correction (192.55.112.40) at 01:17  
- LJW calls in - requests a remote reboot.  
Reboot at 02:19
- 2007-05-22 last good GdapClock time correction at 06:01 shutdown to enable GdapClock at 01:26:40; prior to shutdown pips seemed to show reasonably good timing (line delay prevented accurate appraisal but

seemed good to a few tenths of a second) After startup, 01:28:12 correction was 1.011s (included CMOS 1s variability). Tried GdapClockTest2 to see if anything was happening, and there seemed to be some ticking - but didn't test the system correctly and no resolution of this problem at this stage. PGC

2007-07-23 01:46 baseline updated

2007-09-05 19:00-24:00 Head temperature anomaly

2007-09-27 Cor Var X = -2.85 # Xvar = 31512.45  
Cor Var Y = -1.22 # Yvar = 4201.15  
Cor Var Z = -4.79 # Zvar = -37572.30

2007-10-04 absolute obs indicated a large base line shift, in comparison to the 27 Sep observations above. waiting for next obs for confirmation  
Cor Var X = -5.35 # Xvar = 31515.59  
Cor Var Y = 10.87 # Yvar = 4213.15  
Cor Var Z = -6.11 # Zvar = -37569.97  
Found out baseline jumped during 01:16:09 to 01:16:10. unknown reason.

## Data distribution

| Recipient                    | Status      | Sent      |
|------------------------------|-------------|-----------|
| <i>1-second values</i>       |             |           |
| IPS Radio and Space Services | preliminary | real time |
| <i>1-minute values</i>       |             |           |
| INTERMAGNET                  | preliminary | real time |
| INTERMAGNET                  | definitive  | 2008      |
| <i>Monthly mean values</i>   |             |           |
| Ørsted Satellite Project     | preliminary | monthly   |

**Table 2.4.** Distribution of 2007 data.

## Annual mean values

The annual mean values for Charters Towers are set out in Table 2.5 and displayed with the secular variation in Figure 2.2.

## Hourly mean values

Plots of the hourly mean values for Charters Towers 2007 data are shown in Figure 2.3.

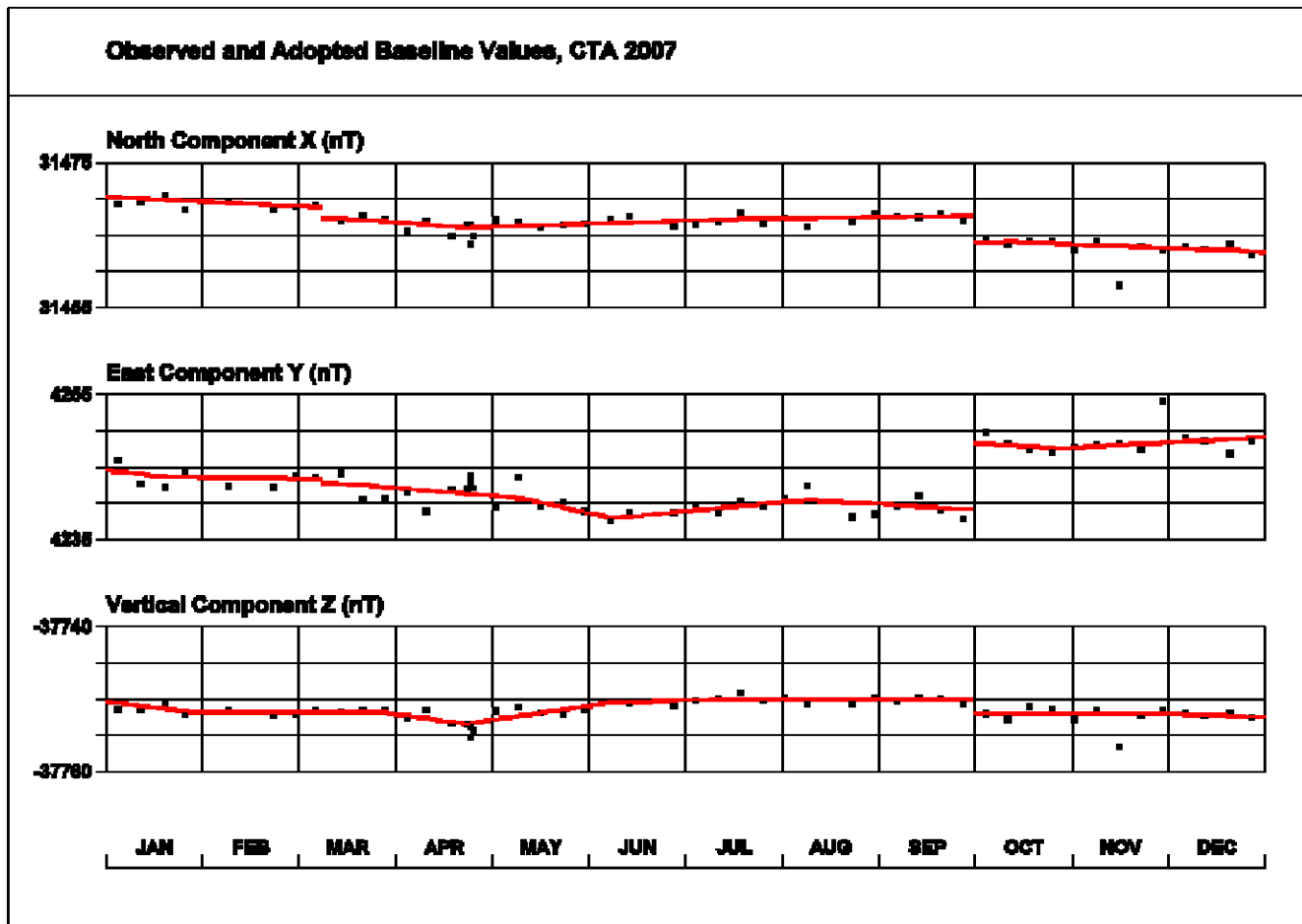


Figure 2.1. Charters Towers baseline plots.

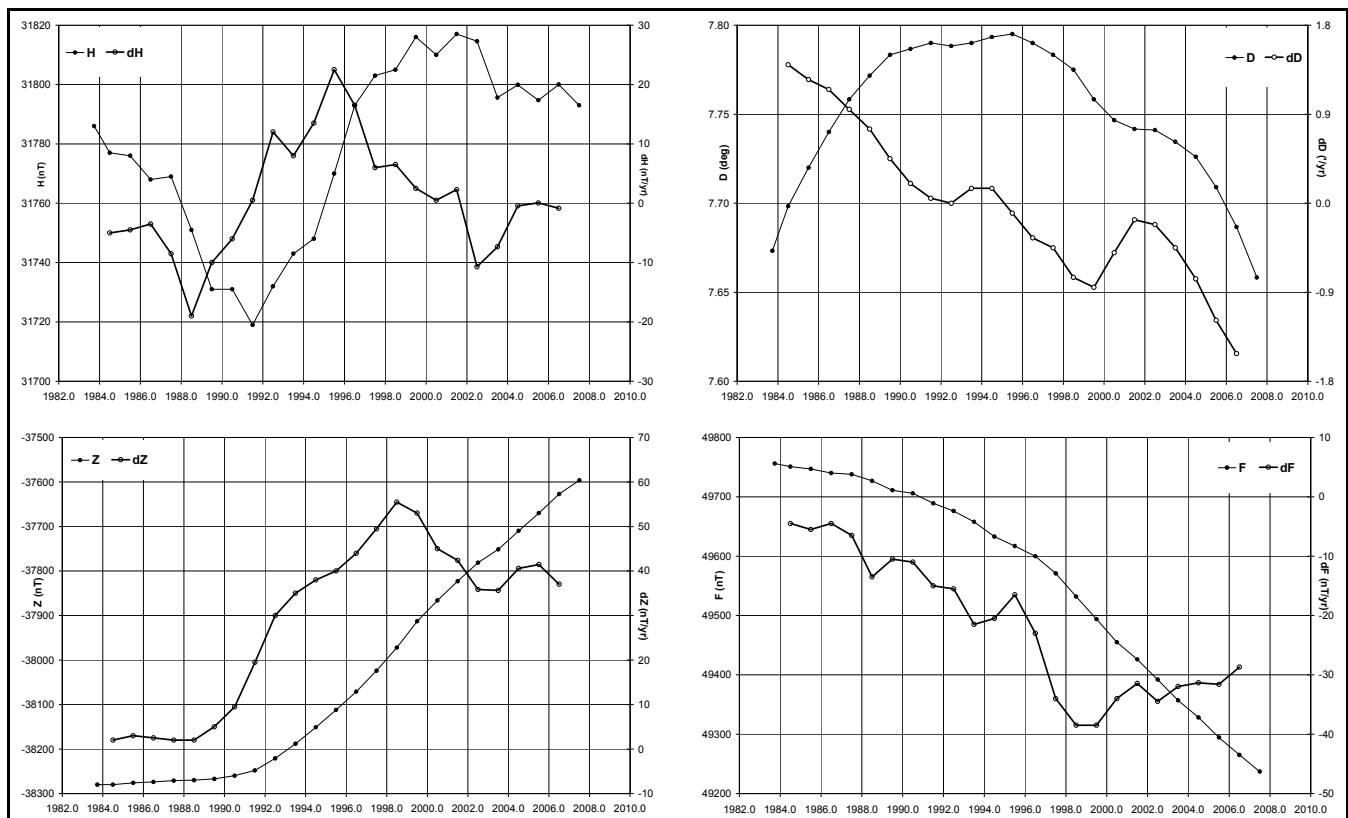


Figure 2.2. Annual mean values and secular variation (all days) for H, D, Z and F measured at Charters Towers.

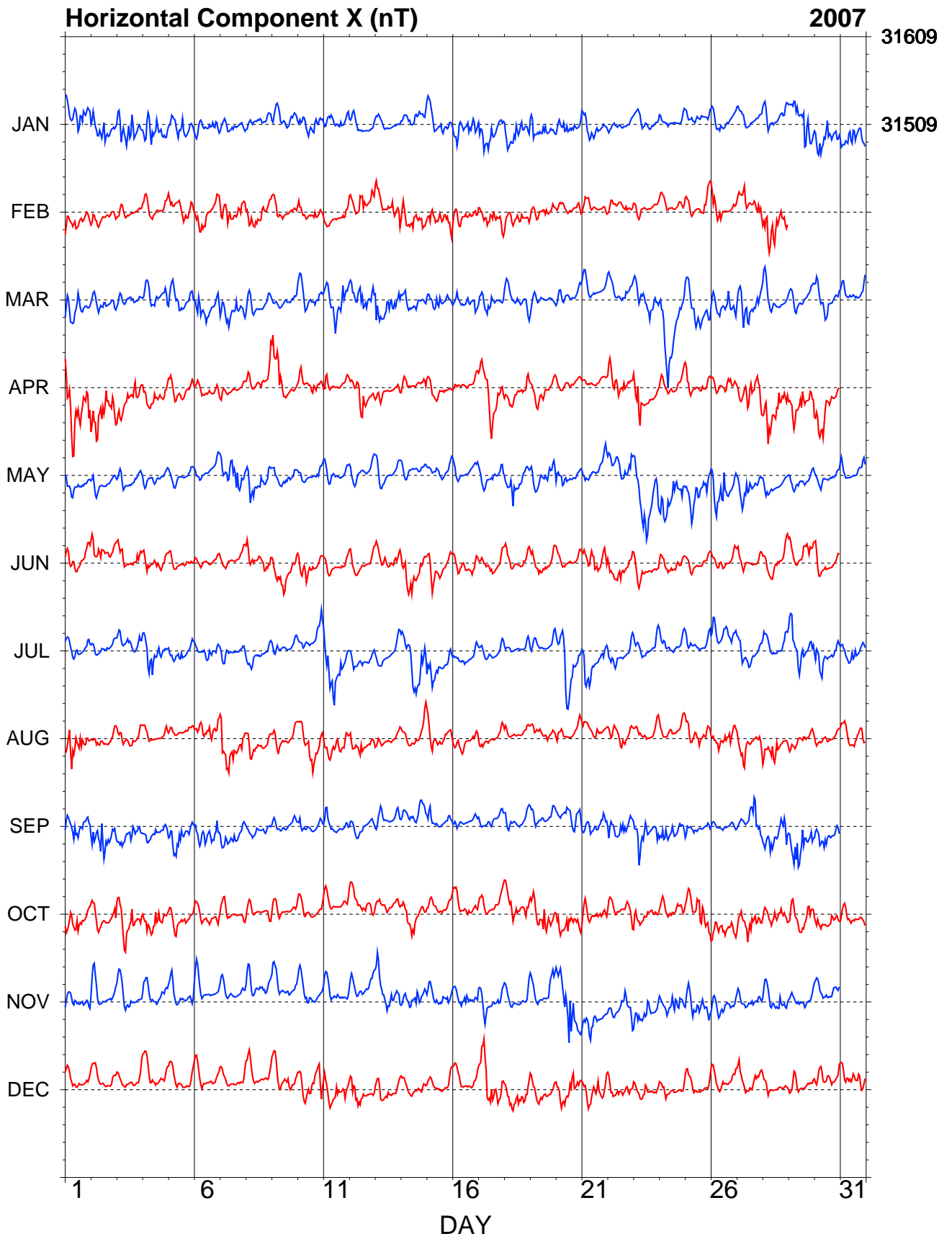
| Year     | Days | D   |      | I   |      | H     | X     | Y    | Z      | F     | Elements |
|----------|------|-----|------|-----|------|-------|-------|------|--------|-------|----------|
|          |      | (°) | (')  | (°) | (')  | (nT)  | (nT)  | (nT) | (nT)   | (nT)  |          |
| 1983.729 | A    | 7   | 40.4 | -50 | 17.7 | 31786 | 31501 | 4244 | -38280 | 49756 | XYZ      |
| 1984.5   | A    | 7   | 41.9 | -50 | 18.2 | 31777 | 31491 | 4256 | -38280 | 49751 | XYZ      |
| 1985.5   | A    | 7   | 43.2 | -50 | 18.0 | 31776 | 31488 | 4268 | -38276 | 49747 | XYZ      |
| 1986.5   | A    | 7   | 44.4 | -50 | 18.4 | 31768 | 31479 | 4278 | -38274 | 49740 | XYZ      |
| 1987.5   | A    | 7   | 45.5 | -50 | 18.2 | 31769 | 31478 | 4288 | -38271 | 49738 | XYZ      |
| 1988.5   | A    | 7   | 46.3 | -50 | 19.2 | 31751 | 31459 | 4294 | -38270 | 49727 | XYZ      |
| 1989.5   | A    | 7   | 47.0 | -50 | 20.1 | 31731 | 31439 | 4297 | -38267 | 49711 | XYZ      |
| 1990.5   | A    | 7   | 47.2 | -50 | 19.8 | 31731 | 31438 | 4299 | -38260 | 49706 | XYZ      |
| 1991.5   | A    | 7   | 47.4 | -50 | 19.8 | 31719 | 31427 | 4299 | -38248 | 49689 | XYZ      |
| 1992.5   | A    | 7   | 47.3 | -50 | 18.0 | 31732 | 31439 | 4300 | -38221 | 49676 | XYZ      |
| 1993.5   | A    | 7   | 47.4 | -50 | 15.9 | 31743 | 31450 | 4303 | -38188 | 49658 | XYZ      |
| 1994.5   | A    | 7   | 47.6 | -50 | 14.1 | 31748 | 31455 | 4305 | -38151 | 49633 | XYZ      |
| 1995.5   | A    | 7   | 47.7 | -50 | 11.1 | 31770 | 31476 | 4309 | -38112 | 49617 | XYZ      |
| 1996.5   | A    | 7   | 47.4 | -50 | 8.1  | 31793 | 31500 | 4309 | -38071 | 49600 | XYZ      |
| 1997.5   | A    | 7   | 47.0 | -50 | 5.5  | 31803 | 31510 | 4307 | -38024 | 49571 | XYZ      |
| 1998.5   | A    | 7   | 46.5 | -50 | 3.0  | 31805 | 31513 | 4302 | -37972 | 49532 | XYZ      |
| 1999.5   | A    | 7   | 45.5 | -49 | 59.8 | 31816 | 31525 | 4295 | -37913 | 49494 | XYZ      |
| 2000.5   | A    | 7   | 44.8 | -49 | 58.0 | 31810 | 31520 | 4288 | -37866 | 49455 | ABZ      |
| 2001.5   | A    | 7   | 44.5 | -49 | 55.8 | 31817 | 31527 | 4286 | -37823 | 49426 | ABZ      |
| 2002.5   | A    | 7   | 44.5 | -49 | 54.0 | 31815 | 31525 | 4285 | -37781 | 49392 | ABZ      |
| 2003.5   | A    | 7   | 44.1 | -49 | 53.7 | 31796 | 31506 | 4279 | -37751 | 49357 | ABZ      |
| 2004.5   | A    | 7   | 43.6 | -49 | 51.6 | 31800 | 31511 | 4275 | -37710 | 49328 | ABZ      |
| 2005.5   | A    | 7   | 42.5 | -49 | 50.1 | 31795 | 31507 | 4265 | -37670 | 49294 | ABZ      |
| 2006.5   | A    | 7   | 41.2 | -49 | 47.9 | 31800 | 31514 | 4253 | -37627 | 49265 | ABZ      |
| 2007.5   | A    | 7   | 39.5 | -49 | 46.8 | 31793 | 31510 | 4237 | -37596 | 49237 | ABZ      |
| 1983.729 | Q    | 7   | 40.7 | -50 | 17.0 | 31797 | 31512 | 4249 | -38278 | 49761 | XYZ      |
| 1985.5   | Q    | 7   | 43.2 | -50 | 17.4 | 31787 | 31499 | 4270 | -38274 | 49752 | XYZ      |
| 1986.5   | Q    | 7   | 44.4 | -50 | 17.8 | 31778 | 31489 | 4280 | -38272 | 49745 | XYZ      |
| 1987.5   | Q    | 7   | 45.5 | -50 | 17.7 | 31776 | 31486 | 4289 | -38269 | 49742 | XYZ      |
| 1988.5   | Q    | 7   | 46.4 | -50 | 18.3 | 31764 | 31472 | 4296 | -38268 | 49733 | XYZ      |
| 1989.5   | Q    | 7   | 47.0 | -50 | 19.1 | 31746 | 31454 | 4299 | -38265 | 49719 | XYZ      |
| 1990.5   | Q    | 7   | 47.3 | -50 | 18.8 | 31746 | 31454 | 4302 | -38257 | 49714 | XYZ      |
| 1991.5   | Q    | 7   | 47.3 | -50 | 18.6 | 31739 | 31446 | 4301 | -38244 | 49698 | XYZ      |
| 1992.5   | Q    | 7   | 47.4 | -50 | 17.1 | 31746 | 31453 | 4303 | -38218 | 49683 | XYZ      |
| 1993.5   | Q    | 7   | 47.4 | -50 | 15.3 | 31754 | 31461 | 4304 | -38185 | 49663 | XYZ      |
| 1994.5   | Q    | 7   | 47.6 | -50 | 13.2 | 31762 | 31469 | 4307 | -38148 | 49640 | XYZ      |
| 1995.5   | Q    | 7   | 47.7 | -50 | 10.4 | 31781 | 31488 | 4310 | -38109 | 49622 | XYZ      |
| 1996.5   | Q    | 7   | 47.4 | -50 | 7.7  | 31799 | 31506 | 4310 | -38070 | 49603 | XYZ      |
| 1997.5   | Q    | 7   | 46.9 | -50 | 4.9  | 31812 | 31519 | 4308 | -38023 | 49576 | XYZ      |
| 1998.5   | Q    | 7   | 46.4 | -50 | 2.5  | 31815 | 31522 | 4303 | -37971 | 49537 | XYZ      |
| 1999.5   | Q    | 7   | 45.5 | -49 | 59.3 | 31825 | 31534 | 4296 | -37911 | 49499 | XYZ      |
| 2000.5   | Q    | 7   | 44.8 | -49 | 57.2 | 31823 | 31533 | 4290 | -37864 | 49461 | ABZ      |
| 2001.5   | Q    | 7   | 44.6 | -49 | 54.9 | 31831 | 31540 | 4289 | -37821 | 49433 | ABZ      |
| 2002.5   | Q    | 7   | 44.5 | -49 | 53.2 | 31828 | 31538 | 4287 | -37780 | 49400 | ABZ      |
| 2003.5   | Q    | 7   | 44.2 | -49 | 52.7 | 31811 | 31521 | 4282 | -37749 | 49365 | ABZ      |
| 2004.5   | Q    | 7   | 43.6 | -49 | 50.9 | 31810 | 31522 | 4277 | -37708 | 49334 | ABZ      |
| 2005.5   | Q    | 7   | 42.6 | -49 | 49.4 | 31806 | 31519 | 4267 | -37668 | 49300 | ABZ      |
| 2006.5   | Q    | 7   | 41.2 | -49 | 47.4 | 31808 | 31522 | 4255 | -37625 | 49269 | ABZ      |
| 2007.5   | Q    | 7   | 39.6 | -49 | 46.5 | 31799 | 31515 | 4238 | -37595 | 49240 | ABZ      |
| 1983.729 | D    | 7   | 39.9 | -50 | 18.7 | 31769 | 31485 | 4237 | -38281 | 49746 | XYZ      |
| 1984.5   | D    | 7   | 41.8 | -50 | 19.4 | 31756 | 31470 | 4253 | -38283 | 49740 | XYZ      |
| 1985.5   | D    | 7   | 43.1 | -50 | 18.9 | 31761 | 31474 | 4266 | -38277 | 49739 | XYZ      |
| 1986.5   | D    | 7   | 44.4 | -50 | 19.3 | 31752 | 31463 | 4276 | -38276 | 49732 | XYZ      |
| 1987.5   | D    | 7   | 45.4 | -50 | 18.9 | 31757 | 31467 | 4286 | -38272 | 49732 | XYZ      |
| 1988.5   | D    | 7   | 46.3 | -50 | 20.4 | 31731 | 31439 | 4291 | -38274 | 49716 | XYZ      |
| 1989.5   | D    | 7   | 46.9 | -50 | 22.2 | 31696 | 31404 | 4292 | -38272 | 49693 | XYZ      |
| 1990.5   | D    | 7   | 47.1 | -50 | 21.1 | 31707 | 31415 | 4295 | -38263 | 49693 | XYZ      |
| 1991.5   | D    | 7   | 47.4 | -50 | 21.8 | 31687 | 31394 | 4295 | -38253 | 49672 | XYZ      |
| 1992.5   | D    | 7   | 47.3 | -50 | 19.5 | 31706 | 31414 | 4297 | -38225 | 49663 | XYZ      |
| 1993.5   | D    | 7   | 47.4 | -50 | 17.2 | 31723 | 31430 | 4299 | -38191 | 49648 | XYZ      |
| 1994.5   | D    | 7   | 47.6 | -50 | 15.1 | 31730 | 31437 | 4302 | -38154 | 49624 | XYZ      |
| 1995.5   | D    | 7   | 47.7 | -50 | 12.0 | 31755 | 31462 | 4307 | -38114 | 49609 | XYZ      |
| 1996.5   | D    | 7   | 47.4 | -50 | 8.6  | 31784 | 31491 | 4308 | -38072 | 49595 | XYZ      |
| 1997.5   | D    | 7   | 47.0 | -50 | 6.4  | 31788 | 31495 | 4305 | -38026 | 49563 | XYZ      |
| 1998.5   | D    | 7   | 46.5 | -50 | 4.4  | 31782 | 31490 | 4299 | -37976 | 49520 | XYZ      |

|        |   |   |      |     |      |       |       |      |        |       |     |
|--------|---|---|------|-----|------|-------|-------|------|--------|-------|-----|
| 1999.5 | D | 7 | 45.5 | -50 | 1.0  | 31797 | 31506 | 4293 | -37916 | 49484 | XYZ |
| 2000.5 | D | 7 | 44.8 | -49 | 59.7 | 31783 | 31493 | 4284 | -37870 | 49440 | ABZ |
| 2001.5 | D | 7 | 44.3 | -49 | 57.2 | 31792 | 31502 | 4281 | -37826 | 49412 | ABZ |
| 2002.5 | D | 7 | 44.5 | -49 | 55.3 | 31793 | 31503 | 4283 | -37784 | 49380 | ABZ |
| 2003.5 | D | 7 | 43.9 | -49 | 55.1 | 31772 | 31483 | 4275 | -37755 | 49345 | ABZ |
| 2004.5 | D | 7 | 43.4 | -49 | 52.8 | 31780 | 31491 | 4271 | -37713 | 49318 | ABZ |
| 2005.5 | D | 7 | 42.4 | -49 | 51.3 | 31774 | 31487 | 4261 | -37673 | 49283 | ABZ |
| 2006.5 | D | 7 | 41.2 | -49 | 48.6 | 31787 | 31501 | 4252 | -37629 | 49258 | ABZ |
| 2007.5 | D | 7 | 39.5 | -49 | 47.3 | 31785 | 31502 | 4236 | -37597 | 49233 | ABZ |

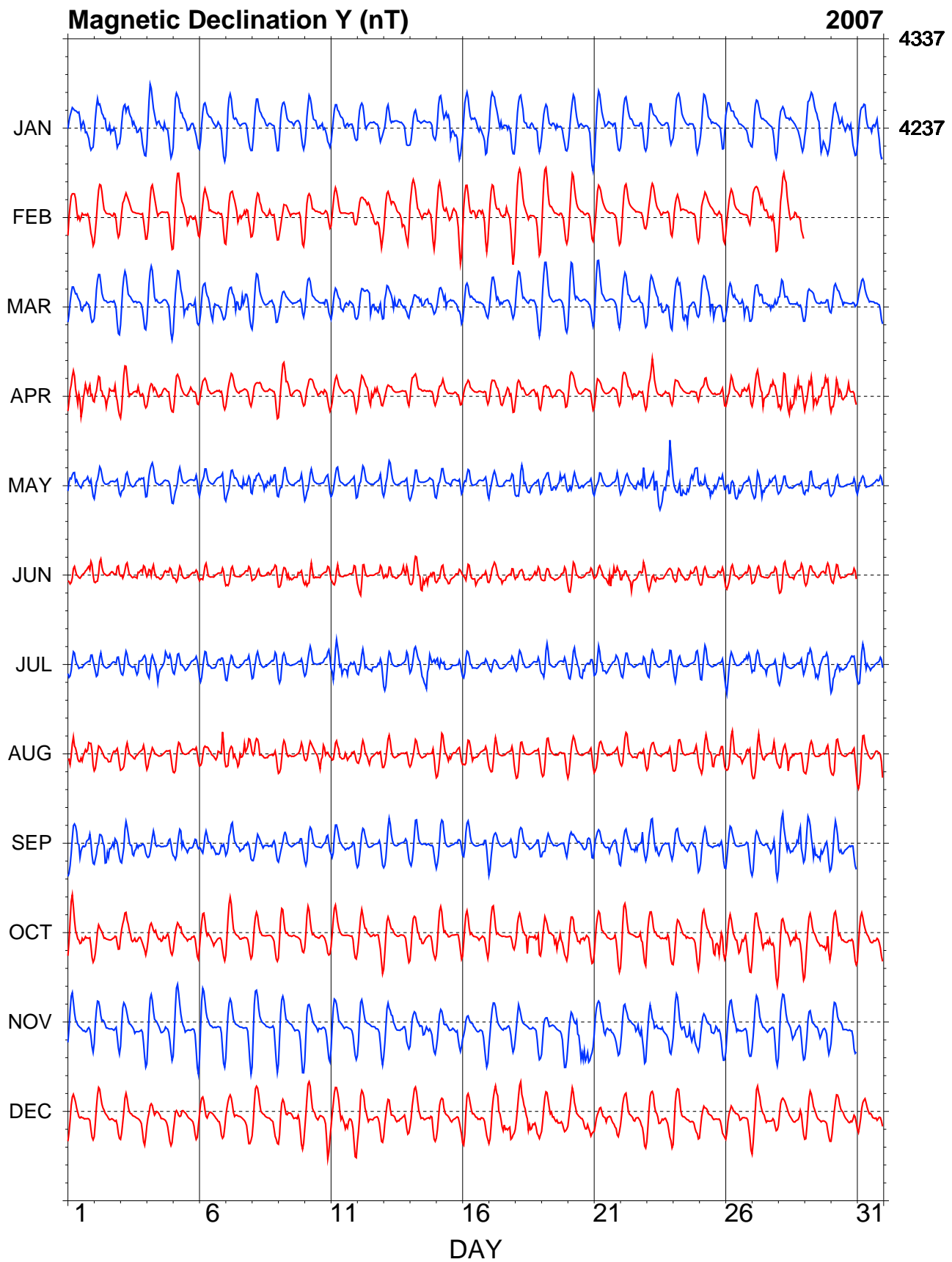
**Table 2.5.** Annual mean values calculated using the monthly mean values over **All** days, the 5 International **Quiet** days and the 5 International **Disturbed** days in each month. Plots of these data with secular variation in H, D, Z and F are shown in [Figure 2.2](#). Note that before 31 December 2006 the Charters Towers absolute instruments were corrected to the Canberra reference instruments using corrections of zero for D, I and F. From 00:00 on 1 January 2007, the absolute instruments were corrected to international reference instruments using corrections of D: 0.0', I: -0.2', F: 0.0 nT, H: -2.19 nT, X: -2.17 nT, Y: -0.29 nT and Z: -1.85 nT, as described in the text.



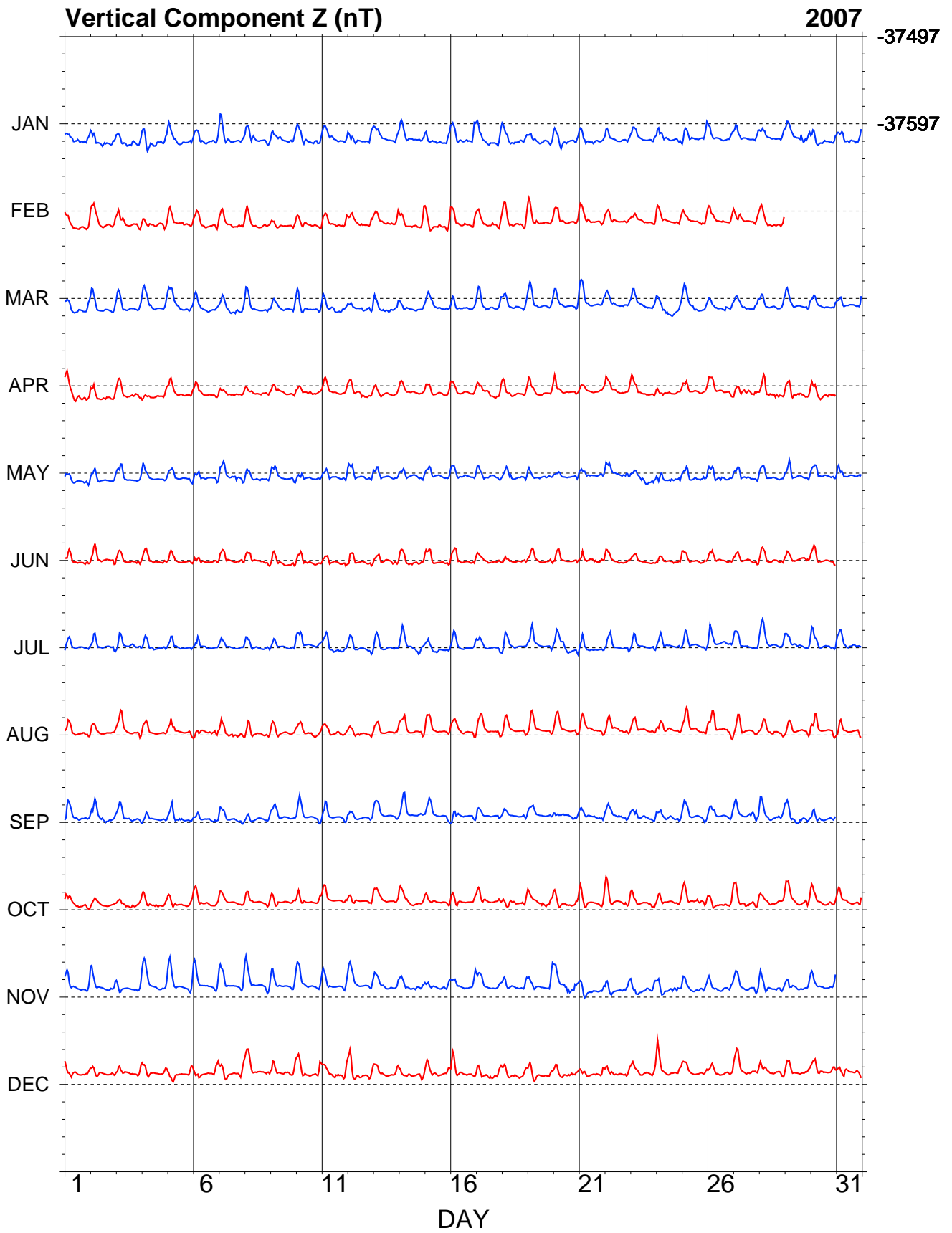
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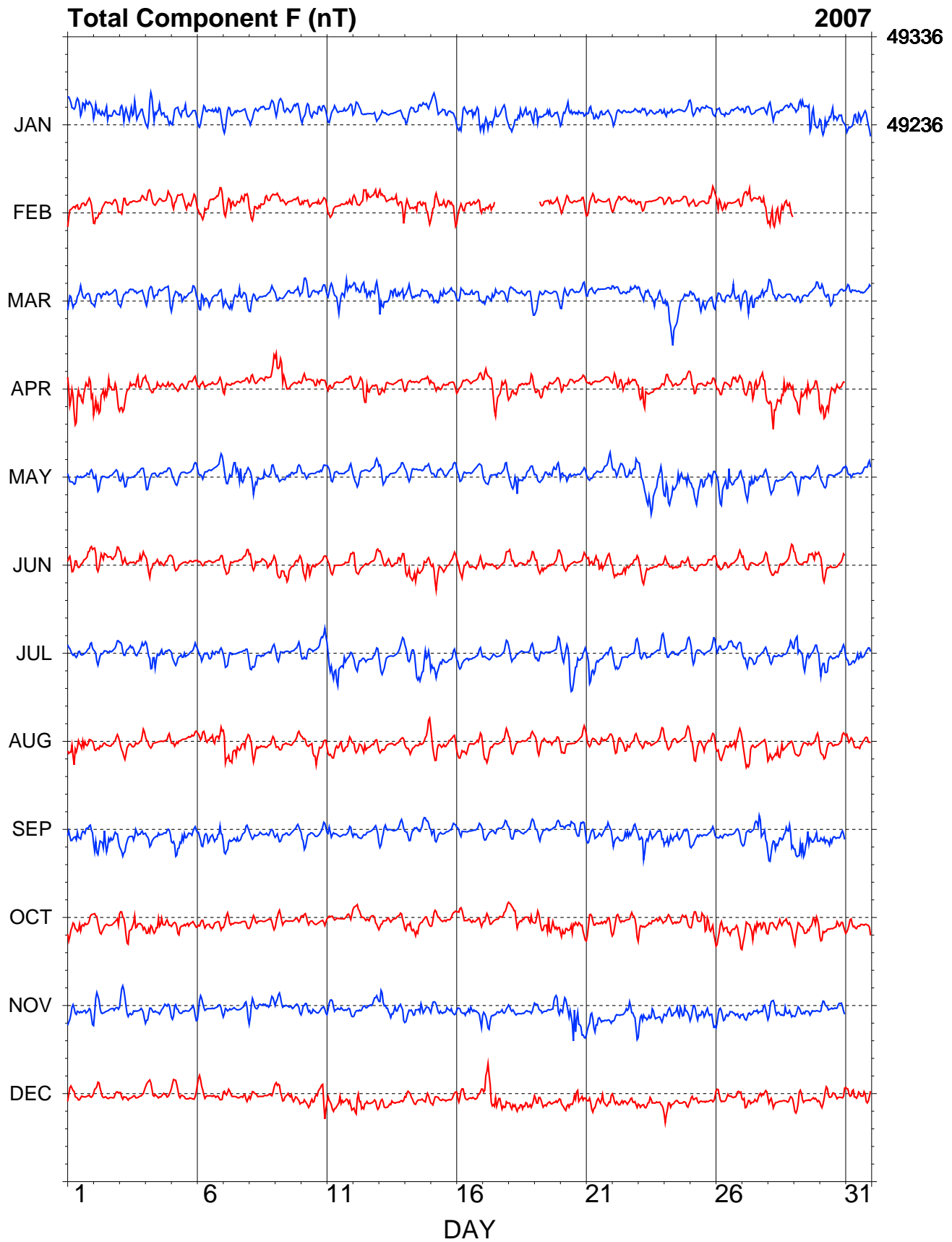


Figure 2.3. Hourly mean values in X, Y, Z and F measured at Charters Towers.

### 3. Learmonth

The Learmonth magnetic observatory is located on North West Cape, about 1100 km north of Perth and 35 km from Exmouth in Western Australia. The magnetic observatory is collocated with the Learmonth Solar Observatory, which is jointly staffed by IPS Radio and Space Services and the US Air Force. The observatory complex is situated on coastal sand dunes bordering the Exmouth Gulf.

The magnetic observatory consists of:

- three underground vaults located on IPS land, housing variometer sensors and control equipment;
- an Absolute Shelter, located on land belonging to the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) 200 m from the solar observatory, enclosing a concrete observation pier (Pier A), the top of which is 1200 mm above the concrete floor, and;
- an external station on RAAF land.

#### Variometers

The variometers used during 2007 are described in Table 3.2.

The recording equipment, some of the variometer electronic control equipment, and back-up power were housed in the Radio Solar Telescope Network (RSTN) building of the Solar Observatory. The magnetometers and control electronics were housed in three semi-underground concrete vaults, each 800×800×800 mm, lying in a north-south line about 110 m from the RSTN building. The vaults are about 7 m apart and covered in local sand. The fluxgate sensor was in the northernmost vault with the control electronics in the central vault. A GSM-90 total-field sensor was in the southernmost vault with its electronics in the central vault.

An underground cable conduit carried analogue data from the magnetometer sensors to the central vault, and 12 V power and digital data from the central vault to the RSTN building. The variometer and recording system were powered by 240 VAC mains power. The equipment was protected from power outages and surges by an uninterruptible power supply.

Throughout 2007, the variometer PPM was unstable. The problems were manifested in the data as sudden jumps with magnitudes of up to several nanoTesla. Some of the jumps are reported in the "Significant Events" section below. There were also several short periods of rapid drift evident in the FCheck data; most, but not all, of these were also probably caused by PPM instabilities. The problems with the variometer PPM remain in the final PPM data. The variometer PPM failed completely in early 2008 and was replaced in April 2008.

#### Absolute instruments

The principal absolute magnetometers used at Learmonth and their adopted corrections for 2007 are described in Table 3.3.

No absolute instrument comparisons were made at LRM during 2007. Comparisons were last made on 10 and 11 April 2006 using travelling reference instruments B0610H/160459 and GSM90\_003985/11690. Instrument differences were measured as 0.0', -0.1', 0.3 nT in D, I and F respectively in the sense (Travelling reference instruments) - (Learmonth instruments). The adopted differences between the LRM instruments and the International average (as defined by observations at IAGA instrument workshops) are given in Table 3.3. At the 2007 mean magnetic field values at Learmonth these D, I, and F corrections translate to corrections of:

$$\Delta X = -2.6 \text{ nT} \quad \Delta Y = 0.0 \text{ nT} \quad \Delta Z = -1.7 \text{ nT}$$

These corrections have been applied to all LRM 2007 final data.

|                           |  |
|---------------------------|--|
| IAGA code:                | LRM  |
| Commenced operation:      | November 1986  |
| Geographic latitude:      | 22° 13' 19" S  |
| Geographic longitude:     | 114° 06' 03" E   |
| Geomagnetic latitude:     | -32.18°  |
| Geomagnetic longitude:    | 186.55°  |
| K 9 index lower limit:    | 300 nT   |
| Principal pier:           | Pier A   |
| Pier elevation (top):     | 4 m AMSL   |
| Principal reference mark: | West windsock  |
| Reference mark azimuth:   | 283° 02' 18"   |
| Reference mark distance:  | not recorded   |
| Observers:                | A. Brockman (until 28 January)<br>O. Giersch (from 29 January) |

**Table 3.1.** Key observatory data.

|                          |   |
|--------------------------|---|
| 3-component variometer:  | DMI FGE   |
| Serial number:           | E0271/S0237   |
| Type:                    | suspended; linear fluxgate  |
| Orientation:             | NW, NE, Z   |
| Acquisition interval:    | 1 s   |
| Resolution:              | 0.03 nT   |
| A/D converter:           | ADAM 4017 module (±5V)  |
| Total-field variometer:  | GEM Systems GSM-90  |
| Serial number:           | 708729/21889  |
| Type:                    | Overhauser effect   |
| Acquisition interval:    | 10 s  |
| Resolution:              | 0.01 nT   |
| Data acquisition system: | GDAP: PC-104 computer, QNX OS                                       |
| Timing:                  | Trimble Acutime GPS clock   |
| Communications:          | IPS dedicated data line to Sydney then via the Internet to Canberra |

**Table 3.2.** Magnetic variometers used in 2007. See [Appendix C](#) for a schematic of their configuration.

|                           |                    |
|---------------------------|--------------------|
| DI fluxgate:              | Bartington MAG-01H |
| Serial number:            | B0702H             |
| Theodolite:               | Zeiss 020B         |
| Serial number:            | 312714             |
| Resolution:               | 0.1'               |
| D correction:             | 0.0'               |
| I correction:             | -0.2'              |
| Total-field magnetometer: | GEM Systems GSM-90 |
| Serial number:            | 3091316/761100     |
| Type:                     | Overhauser effect  |
| Resolution:               | 0.01 nT            |
| Correction:               | 0.0 nT             |

**Table 3.3.** Absolute magnetometers and their adopted corrections for 2007. Corrections are applied in the sense Standard = Instrument + correction.

## Baselines

The standard deviations of the differences between the weekly absolute observations and the final adopted variometer model and data were:

|   | $\sigma$ |   | $\sigma$ |
|---|----------|---|----------|
| X | 1.3 nT   | D | 11"      |
| Y | 1.6 nT   | I | 5"       |
| Z | 0.9 nT   | F | 0.6 nT   |

On 10 March, the solar and magnetic observatories were shut down to mitigate possible damage associated with an approaching tropical cyclone. On 12 March, after the cyclone had passed, observatory operations recommenced. On restarting the vector variometer, a baseline jump was evident and, for a period of about 20 days, rapid baseline drift occurred, particularly in the X component. Throughout the year there was a range of about 6 nT in the difference between F derived from the fluxgate data (final data model with drifts applied) and the variometer PPM.

Observed and adopted baseline values in X, Y and Z are shown in [Figure 3.1](#).

## Operations

Absolute observations were performed weekly by Dr Alan Brockman (until 28 January) and Mr Owen Giersch (from 29 January). Observational data were sent via the postal service to Geoscience Australia, where they were processed. Both observers were officers of IPS Radio and Space Service.

Variometer data were downloaded about every 3-10 minutes through a TCP/IP network connection. One-minute data were then automatically processed to reported status, made available on the Geoscience Australia website, and sent to the Edinburgh INTERMAGNET GIN via e-mail.

Raw data were also provided to IPS Radio and Space Services via a direct serial link from the acquisition computer in the RSTN building. IPS applied nominal scale values and rotation parameters.

Data losses at Learmonth in 2007 are identified in [Table A.3](#).

## Significant events

- 2007-01-08 Crane work on IPS 28ft dish 23:30 - 24:00
- 2007-01-09 Crane work on IPS 28 ft dish 00:00 - 00:30
- 2007-01-21 Variometer PPM steps up and back several times ~20:00 causing FCheck anomalies
- 2007-01-29 Owen Giersch assumes role of observer-in-charge
- 2007-02-02 (or earlier) Alan Brockman now IPS Officer-in-Charge (since John Kennewell retired). Alan had been doing obs for 6 months prior to Owen Giersch taking over.
- 2007-03-10 23:00 mains power stopped for at least 48 hours while Cyclone Jacob passes near Exmouth
- 2007-03-12 Alan Brockman restarted system - battery box charger was getting very hot. No telemetry or telephone communications yet. There were no flooding or structural problems caused by the cyclone. Variometer has baseline jump and rapid drifts on re-start.
- 2007-03-13 No GPS clock - since 04:40 11 Mar 2007. Current time was a bit fast (<1s) at 2007-03-13 23:28. Could not get GPS to work and parameters for ser2 port on acquisition PC seem incorrect reset ser2 port parameters but still could not get GPS to work. Shut

down GdapClock and "ntpd time" about 23:50 - correction -0.487s. Started ntpd about 23:50.

- 2007-03-14 ntpd offset < 1ms by 00:51. Owen checked GPS and replaced the battery - GPS started working and at 04:40 there was a correction of -426ms. ntpd was only shut down a minute or two before GdapClock started corrections.
- 2007-03-16 Owen bypassed GPS battery-charger and connected the GPS direct to computer power outlet. Short period of data loss ~06:10 to make connection and re-power the computer.
- 2007-03-18 FCheck problems
- 2007-03-21 FCheck problems
- 2007-03-23 Absolute PPM sensor cable failure - no observation done this week. Small jump in FCheck 08:20, unknown reason
- 2007-03-24 3nT FCheck drift over 12 hrs, unknown cause
- 2007-03-25 Small jump in FCheck 20:40, unknown reason
- 2007-04-02 replacement 5m absolute PPM cable arrives
- 2007-04-03 First observation with new PPM cable
- 2007-04-05 to 15 Owen Giersch away, Alan may do observation
- 2007-04-25 No data from 05:03 UT onwards
- 2007-04-26 Data telemetry re-starts about 05UT - no data loss. Caused by system problem at LRM.
- 2007-05-18 06:50 Update preliminary baselines (XYZ drift)
- 2007-06-28 11:50 FCheck step
- 2007-07-10 05:30 - update preliminary baseline (XYZ drift)
- 2007-08 Problems with power and absolute PPM mean several absolute observations were missed.
- 2007-08-27 Absolute PPM problems resolved
- 2007-08-29 06:34 Update preliminary baseline parameters (XYZ drift)
- 2007-09-18 21:07 F channel changed by ~1.25nT No obvious reason.
- 2007-09-21 No observers on site until 05 October.
- 2007-11-08 18:24:20 variometer PPM jump
- 2007-11-30 Update preliminary baselines (FV parameter changed from 24 to 19 (approx 03:20UT)
- 2007-12-13 00:12 Update preliminary baselines (XYZ drifts)
- 2007-12-17 Absolute PDA battery failure. Prepare a replacement battery. Owen away from observatory until mid January.

## Data distribution

| Recipient                    | Status      | Sent      |
|------------------------------|-------------|-----------|
| <i>1-second values</i>       |             |           |
| IPS Radio and Space Services | preliminary | real time |
| <i>1-minute values</i>       |             |           |
| INTERMAGNET                  | preliminary | real time |
| INTERMAGNET                  | definitive  | 2008      |
| <i>Monthly mean values</i>   |             |           |
| Ørsted Satellite Project     | preliminary | monthly   |

**Table 3.4.** Distribution of 2007 data.

**Annual mean values**

The annual mean values for Learmonth are set out in [Table 3.5](#) and displayed with the secular variation in [Figure 3.2](#).

**Hourly mean values**

Plots of the hourly mean values for Learmonth 2007 data are shown in [Figure 3.3](#).

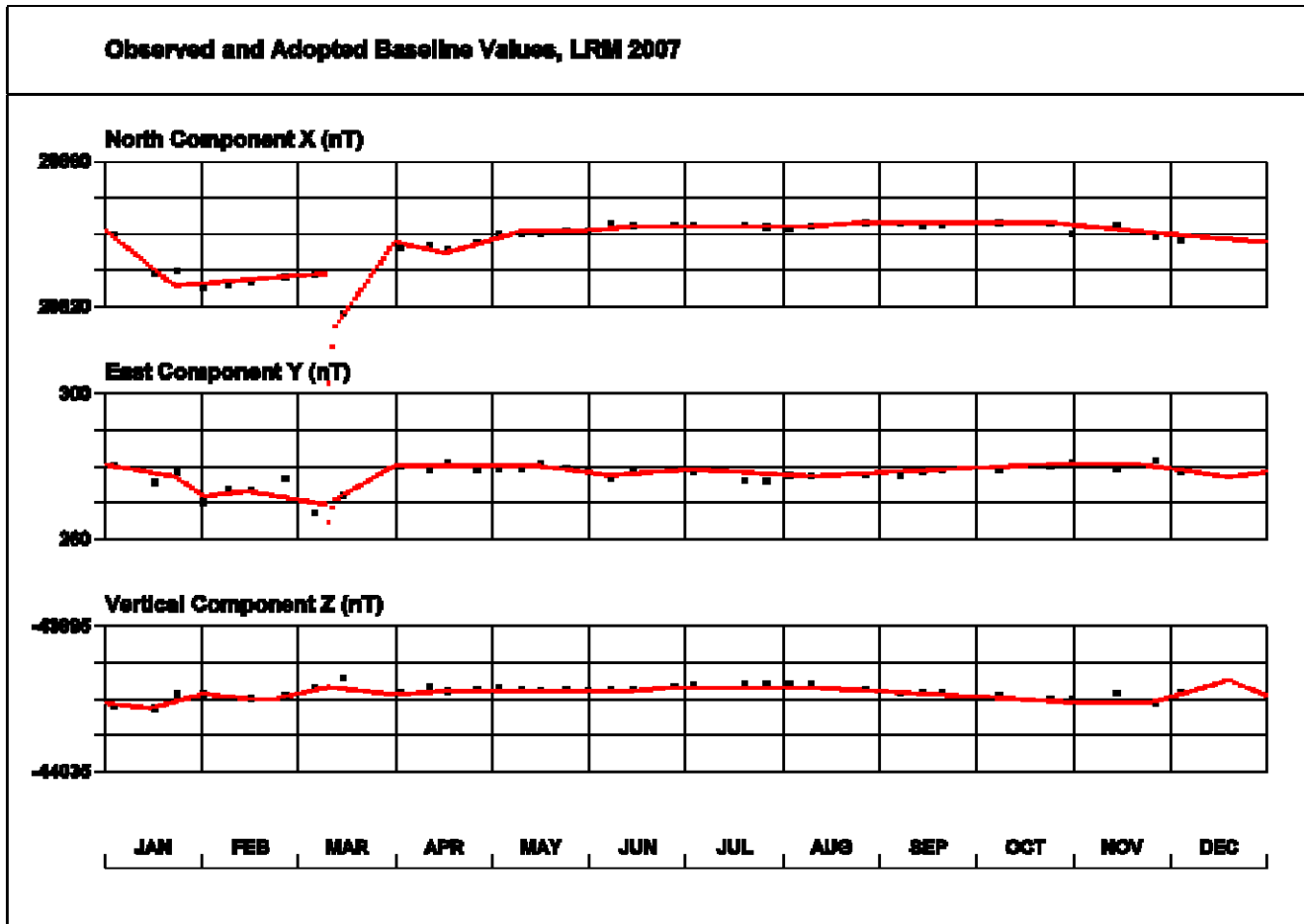


Figure 3.1. Learmonth baseline plots.

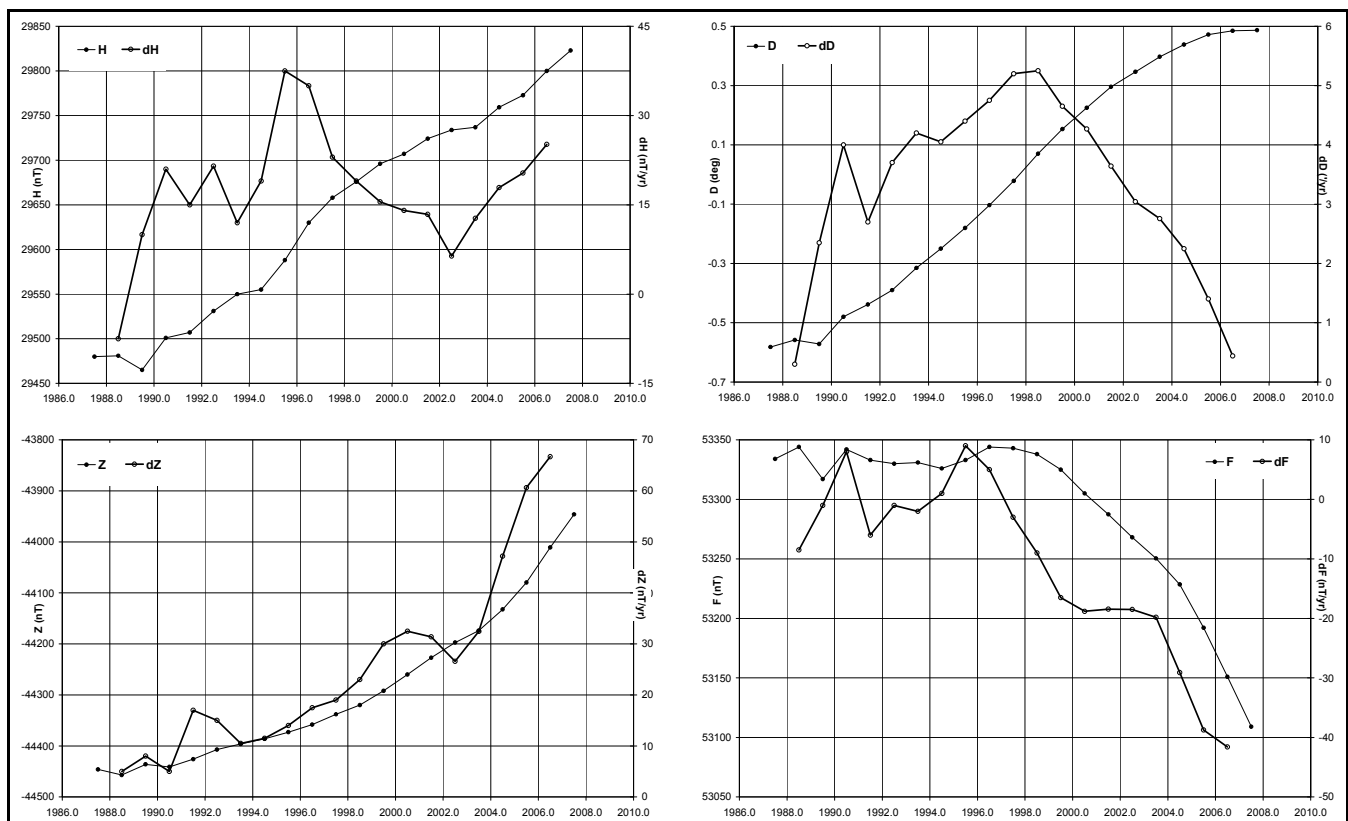


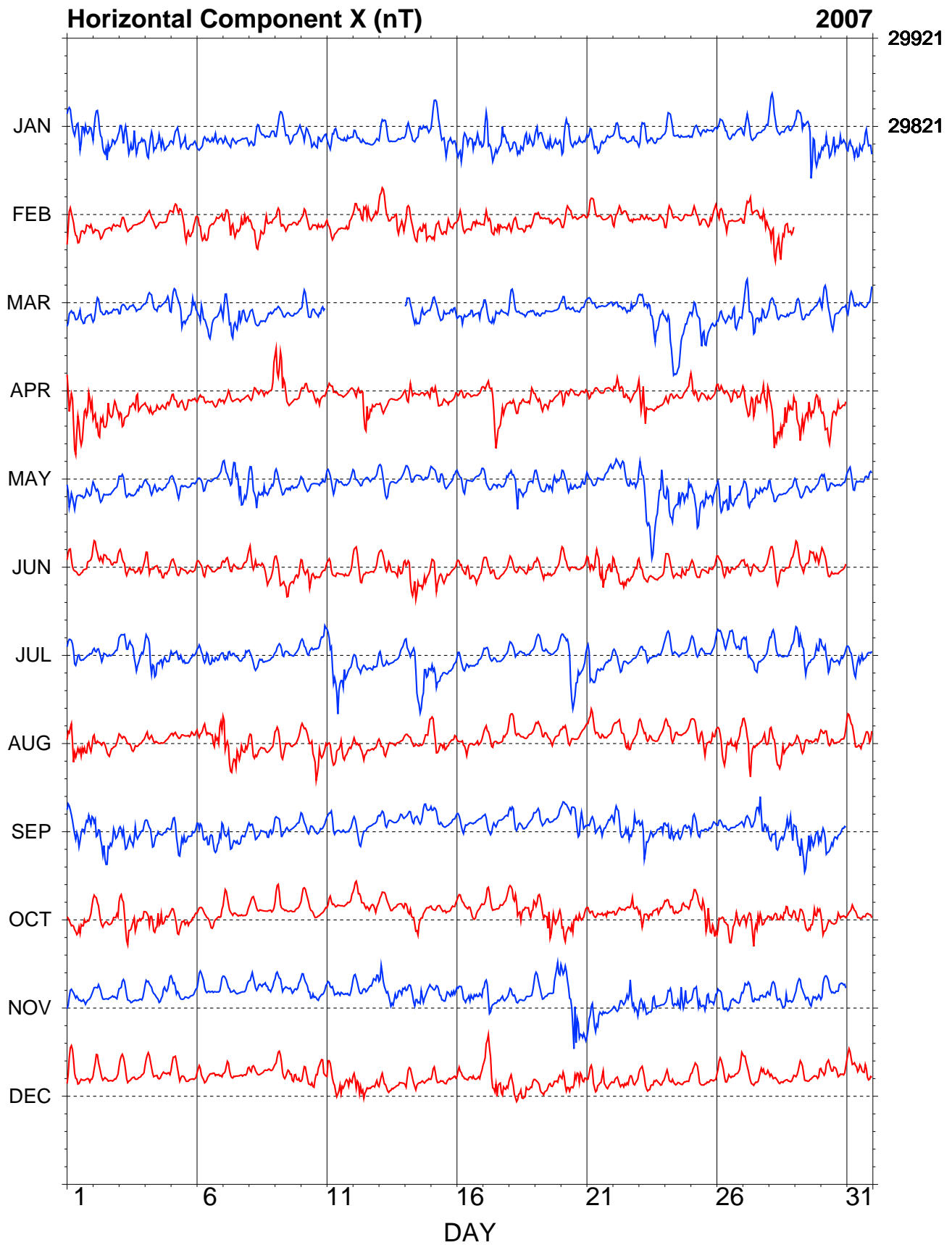
Figure 3.2. Annual mean values and secular variation (all days) for H, D, Z and F measured at Learmonth.



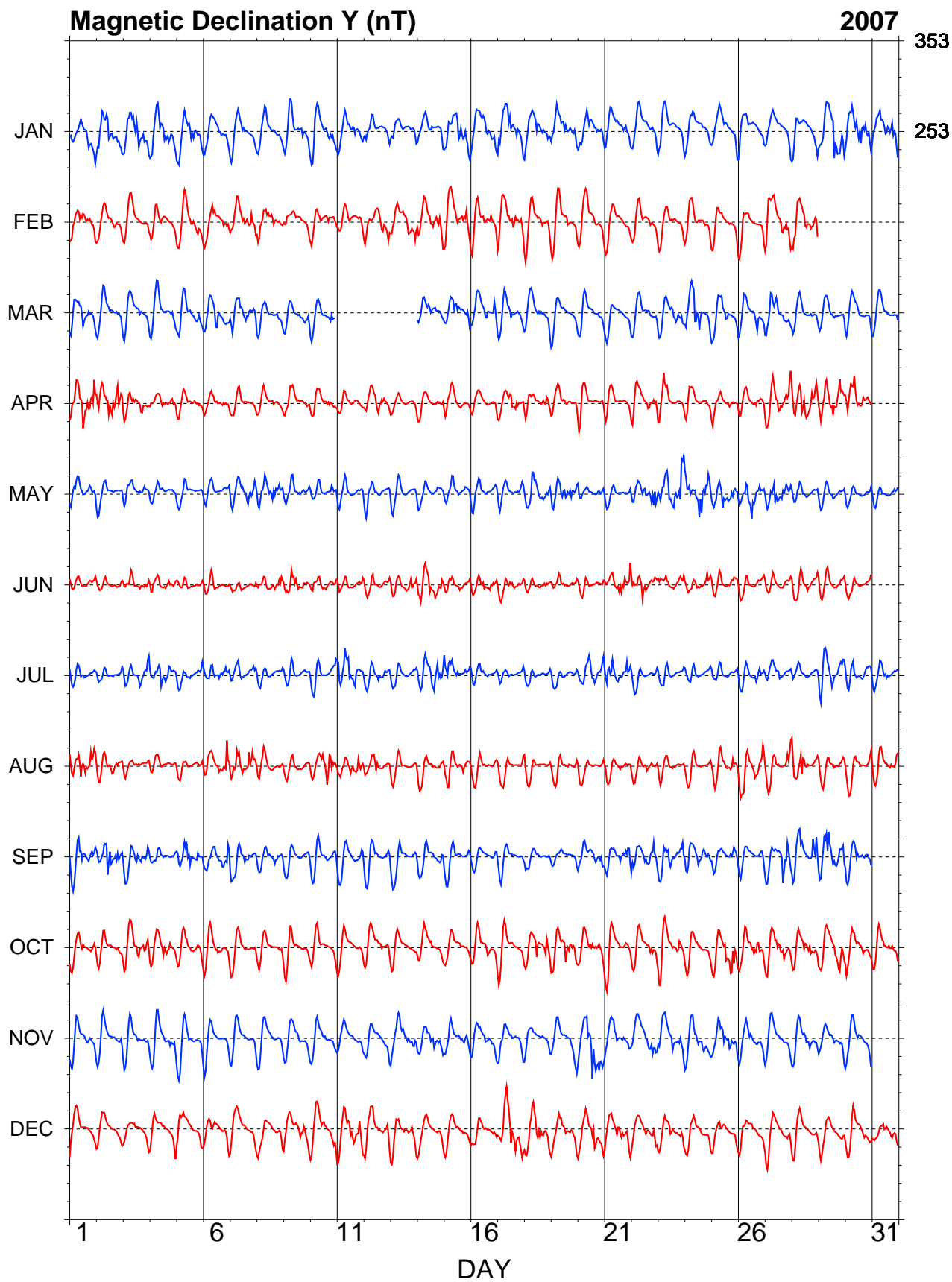
| Year   | Days | D   |      | I   |      | H     | X     | Y    | Z      | F     | Elements |
|--------|------|-----|------|-----|------|-------|-------|------|--------|-------|----------|
|        |      | (°) | (')  | (°) | (')  | (nT)  | (nT)  | (nT) | (nT)   | (nT)  |          |
| 1987.5 | A    | -0  | 34.9 | -56 | 26.7 | 29480 | 29478 | -299 | -44446 | 53334 | DHZ      |
| 1988.5 | A    | -0  | 33.5 | -56 | 27.0 | 29481 | 29479 | -288 | -44457 | 53344 | DHZ      |
| 1989.5 | A    | -0  | 34.3 | -56 | 27.1 | 29465 | 29464 | -294 | -44436 | 53317 | DHZ      |
| 1990.5 | A    | -0  | 28.8 | -56 | 25.4 | 29501 | 29500 | -247 | -44441 | 53342 | DHZ      |
| 1991.5 | A    | -0  | 26.3 | -56 | 24.5 | 29507 | 29506 | -226 | -44426 | 53333 | DHZ      |
| 1992.5 | A    | -0  | 23.4 | -56 | 22.6 | 29531 | 29530 | -201 | -44407 | 53330 | DHZ      |
| 1993.5 | A    | -0  | 18.9 | -56 | 21.2 | 29550 | 29549 | -162 | -44396 | 53331 | DHZ      |
| 1994.5 | A    | -0  | 15.0 | -56 | 20.5 | 29555 | 29555 | -129 | -44386 | 53326 | DHZ      |
| 1995.5 | A    | -0  | 10.8 | -56 | 18.2 | 29588 | 29588 | -93  | -44373 | 53333 | DHZ      |
| 1996.5 | A    | -0  | 06.2 | -56 | 15.5 | 29630 | 29630 | -54  | -44358 | 53344 | DHZ      |
| 1997.5 | A    | -0  | 01.3 | -56 | 13.3 | 29658 | 29658 | -11  | -44338 | 53343 | DHZ      |
| 1998.5 | A    | 0   | 04.2 | -56 | 11.6 | 29676 | 29676 | 36   | -44320 | 53338 | DHZ      |
| 1999.5 | A    | 0   | 09.2 | -56 | 09.6 | 29696 | 29696 | 80   | -44292 | 53325 | ABZ      |
| 2000.5 | A    | 0   | 13.5 | -56 | 07.9 | 29707 | 29706 | 116  | -44260 | 53305 | ABZ      |
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| 2003.5 | A    | 0   | 23.8 | -56 | 03.1 | 29737 | 29736 | 206  | -44174 | 53250 | ABZ      |
| 2004.5 | A    | 0   | 26.3 | -56 | 00.4 | 29759 | 29758 | 228  | -44132 | 53229 | ABZ      |
| 2005.5 | A    | 0   | 28.3 | -55 | 57.8 | 29773 | 29772 | 245  | -44079 | 53192 | ABZ      |
| 2006.5 | A    | 0   | 29.1 | -55 | 53.9 | 29800 | 29799 | 253  | -44011 | 53151 | ABZ      |
| 2007.5 | A    | 0   | 29.2 | -55 | 50.3 | 29823 | 29822 | 254  | -43946 | 53109 | ABZ      |
| 1987.5 | Q    | -0  | 34.8 | -56 | 26.3 | 29486 | 29484 | -299 | -44445 | 53336 | DHZ      |
| 1988.5 | Q    | -0  | 33.5 | -56 | 26.3 | 29494 | 29492 | -288 | -44455 | 53349 | DHZ      |
| 1989.5 | Q    | -0  | 34.3 | -56 | 26.2 | 29481 | 29479 | -294 | -44433 | 53324 | DHZ      |
| 1990.5 | Q    | -0  | 28.7 | -56 | 24.5 | 29516 | 29515 | -246 | -44439 | 53348 | DHZ      |
| 1991.5 | Q    | -0  | 26.2 | -56 | 23.4 | 29527 | 29526 | -225 | -44423 | 53341 | DHZ      |
| 1992.5 | Q    | -0  | 23.3 | -56 | 21.7 | 29545 | 29544 | -200 | -44405 | 53336 | DHZ      |
| 1993.5 | Q    | -0  | 18.8 | -56 | 20.5 | 29561 | 29560 | -162 | -44394 | 53336 | DHZ      |
| 1994.5 | Q    | -0  | 15.0 | -56 | 19.7 | 29569 | 29569 | -129 | -44384 | 53332 | DHZ      |
| 1995.5 | Q    | -0  | 10.8 | -56 | 17.5 | 29600 | 29600 | -93  | -44371 | 53338 | DHZ      |
| 1996.5 | Q    | -0  | 06.3 | -56 | 15.2 | 29636 | 29635 | -54  | -44357 | 53346 | DHZ      |
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| 1998.5 | Q    | 0   | 04.1 | -56 | 11.1 | 29686 | 29686 | 35   | -44318 | 53342 | DHZ      |
| 1999.5 | Q    | 0   | 09.2 | -56 | 09.0 | 29705 | 29705 | 80   | -44290 | 53329 | ABZ      |
| 2000.5 | Q    | 0   | 13.5 | -56 | 07.1 | 29719 | 29719 | 117  | -44258 | 53311 | ABZ      |
| 2001.5 | Q    | 0   | 17.8 | -56 | 05.0 | 29736 | 29736 | 154  | -44225 | 53293 | ABZ      |
| 2002.5 | Q    | 0   | 20.8 | -56 | 03.3 | 29748 | 29747 | 180  | -44195 | 53274 | ABZ      |
| 2003.5 | Q    | 0   | 23.8 | -56 | 02.2 | 29752 | 29751 | 206  | -44171 | 53256 | ABZ      |
| 2004.5 | Q    | 0   | 26.3 | -55 | 59.8 | 29770 | 29769 | 228  | -44130 | 53233 | ABZ      |
| 2005.5 | Q    | 0   | 28.3 | -55 | 57.2 | 29784 | 29783 | 245  | -44078 | 53197 | ABZ      |
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| 2007.5 | Q    | 0   | 29.2 | -55 | 50.0 | 29827 | 29826 | 254  | -43945 | 53112 | ABZ      |
| 1987.5 | D    | -0  | 34.9 | -56 | 27.3 | 29469 | 29467 | -299 | -44448 | 53329 | DHZ      |
| 1988.5 | D    | -0  | 33.6 | -56 | 28.2 | 29461 | 29459 | -288 | -44460 | 53335 | DHZ      |
| 1989.5 | D    | -0  | 34.4 | -56 | 29.0 | 29433 | 29431 | -295 | -44441 | 53303 | DHZ      |
| 1990.5 | D    | -0  | 29.0 | -56 | 26.7 | 29478 | 29477 | -249 | -44445 | 53332 | DHZ      |
| 1991.5 | D    | -0  | 26.5 | -56 | 26.5 | 29473 | 29472 | -227 | -44431 | 53318 | DHZ      |
| 1992.5 | D    | -0  | 23.5 | -56 | 24.1 | 29506 | 29505 | -201 | -44412 | 53320 | DHZ      |
| 1993.5 | D    | -0  | 18.9 | -56 | 22.3 | 29530 | 29529 | -163 | -44398 | 53322 | DHZ      |
| 1994.5 | D    | -0  | 14.9 | -56 | 21.6 | 29537 | 29537 | -128 | -44389 | 53318 | DHZ      |
| 1995.5 | D    | -0  | 10.9 | -56 | 19.1 | 29574 | 29574 | -94  | -44374 | 53326 | DHZ      |
| 1996.5 | D    | -0  | 06.2 | -56 | 16.0 | 29622 | 29622 | -53  | -44359 | 53340 | DHZ      |
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| 1998.5 | D    | 0   | 04.2 | -56 | 13.0 | 29652 | 29652 | 36   | -44322 | 53326 | DHZ      |
| 1999.5 | D    | 0   | 09.3 | -56 | 10.7 | 29677 | 29677 | 81   | -44295 | 53317 | ABZ      |
| 2000.5 | D    | 0   | 13.4 | -56 | 09.5 | 29679 | 29679 | 116  | -44264 | 53294 | ABZ      |
| 2001.5 | D    | 0   | 17.6 | -56 | 07.2 | 29699 | 29699 | 152  | -44230 | 53276 | ABZ      |
| 2002.5 | D    | 0   | 20.8 | -56 | 05.4 | 29712 | 29712 | 179  | -44200 | 53259 | ABZ      |
| 2003.5 | D    | 0   | 23.8 | -56 | 04.5 | 29713 | 29713 | 206  | -44177 | 53240 | ABZ      |
| 2004.5 | D    | 0   | 26.3 | -56 | 01.6 | 29739 | 29738 | 227  | -44135 | 53219 | ABZ      |
| 2005.5 | D    | 0   | 28.3 | -55 | 58.9 | 29754 | 29753 | 245  | -44082 | 53184 | ABZ      |
| 2006.5 | D    | 0   | 29.3 | -55 | 54.6 | 29787 | 29786 | 253  | -44012 | 53145 | ABZ      |
| 2007.5 | D    | 0   | 29.3 | -55 | 50.7 | 29816 | 29814 | 254  | -43946 | 53106 | ABZ      |

**Table 3.5.** Annual mean values calculated using the monthly mean values over **All** days, the 5 International **Quiet** days and the 5 International **Disturbed** days in each month. Plots of these data with secular variation in H, D, Z and F are shown in [Figure 3.2](#).

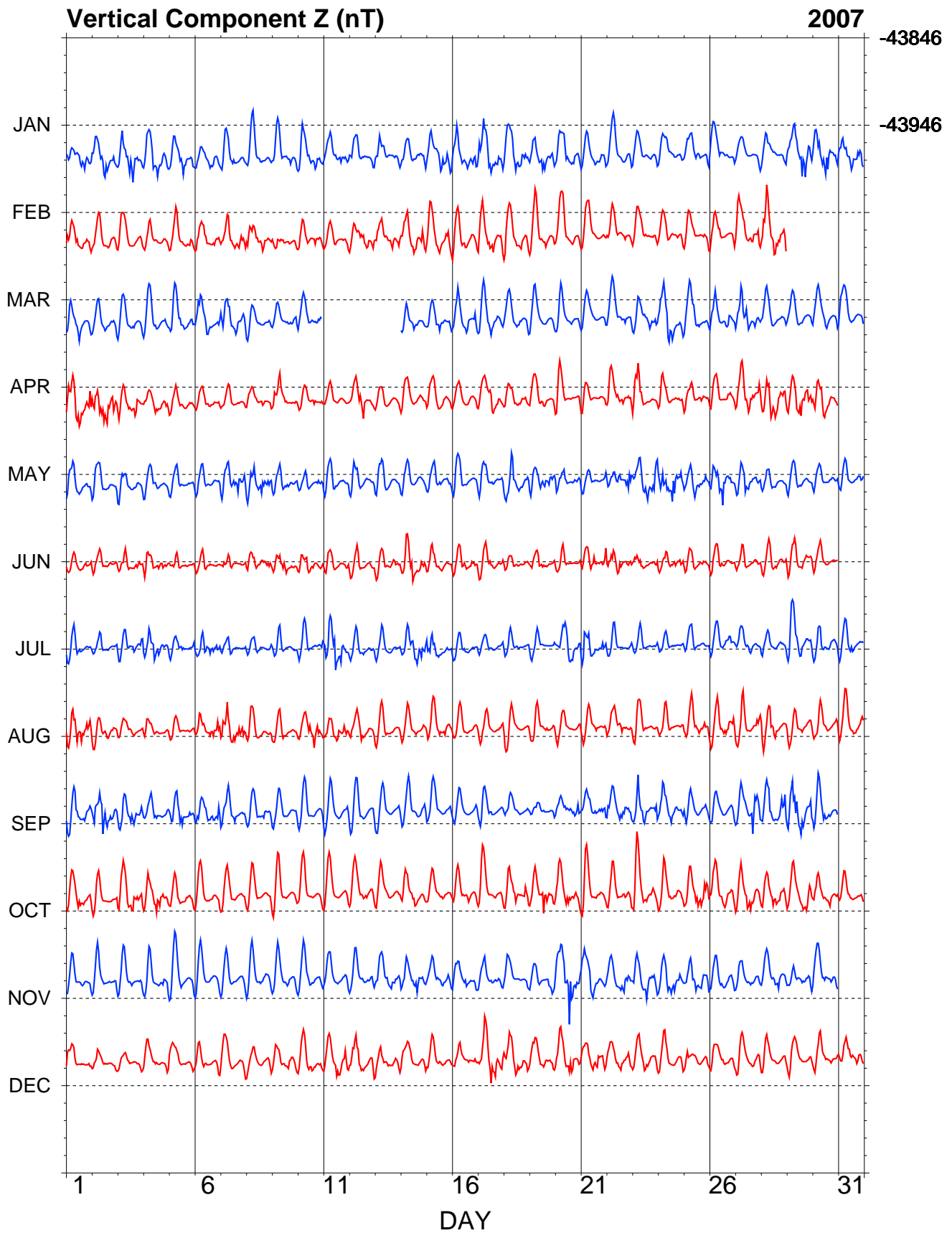
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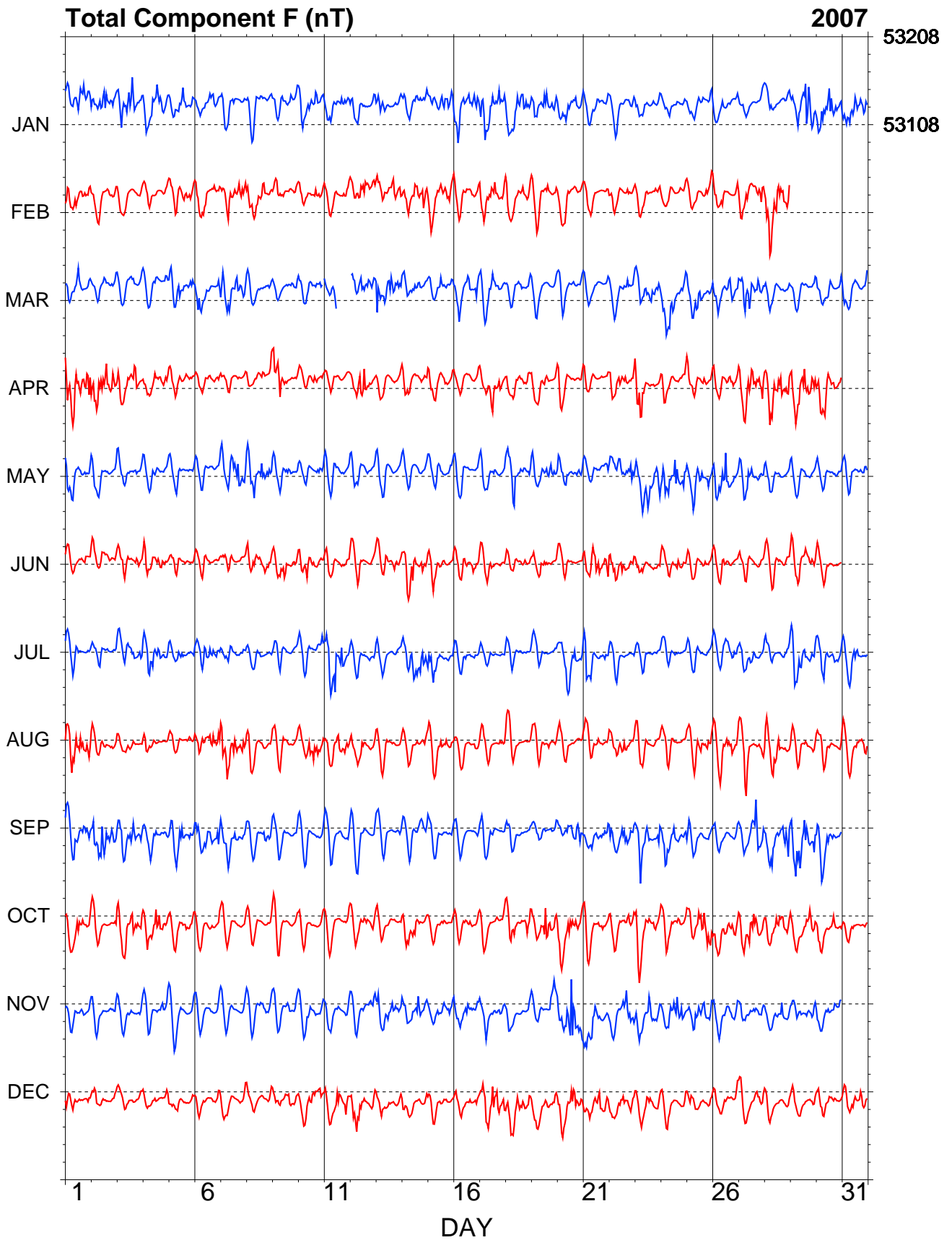


Figure 3.3. Hourly mean values in X, Y, Z and F measured at Learmonth.

## 4. Alice Springs

The Alice Springs magnetic observatory is located approximately 10 km south of Alice Springs in the Northern Territory, on the Sustainable Ecosystems Centre for Arid Zone Research operated by the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO). The observatory is situated on an alluvial plain over tertiary sediments, overlying late Proterozoic carbonates and quartzites.

The observatory comprises:

- a 3×3m insulated air-conditioned concrete-brick Control House where recording instrumentation and control equipment are housed;
- a VSAT communications dish to the east of the Control House;
- a 3×3m roofed Absolute Shelter, 80 m southeast of the Control House, which encloses a concrete observation pier (Pier G), the top of which is 1277 mm above the concrete floor;
- two 300 mm diameter azimuth pillars about 85 m from the absolute shelter at approximate true bearings of 130° and 255°, and;
- two small (1 m<sup>3</sup>) underground vaults located approximately 50 m north and 50 m east of the Control House in which the variometer sensors are housed.

### Variometers

The variometers used during 2007 are described in Table 4.2.

The recording and variometer electronic control equipment were housed in the Control House. The DMI fluxgate sensor was housed in the eastern underground vault and the PPM sensor in the northern vault. The fluxgate vault was insulated inside with foam. Both vaults were covered with soil to minimize diurnal temperature fluctuations.

### Absolute instruments

The principal absolute magnetometers used at Alice Springs and their adopted corrections for 2007 are described in Table 4.3. A Hewlett Packard H4300 hand-held computer was used to communicate via the serial data port of the PPM.

Instrument comparisons, using the reference absolute instruments B0610H/160459 and GSM90\_003985/11690, were performed at the Alice Springs observatory during May 2005. No comparisons were carried out in 2007. The adopted difference between the Alice Springs instruments and the International average (as defined by observations at IAGA instrument workshops) is given in Table 4.3. At the 2007 mean magnetic field values at Alice Springs these D, I, and F corrections translate to corrections of:

$$\Delta X = -1.4 \text{ nT} \quad \Delta Y = 0.8 \text{ nT} \quad \Delta Z = -0.9 \text{ nT}$$

These corrections have been applied to all Alice Springs 2007 final data.

### Baselines

The standard deviations in the 2007 weekly absolute observations from the final adopted variometer model and data were:

|   | $\sigma$ |   | $\sigma$ |
|---|----------|---|----------|
| X | 0.9 nT   | D | 9"       |
| Y | 1.3 nT   | I | 3"       |
| Z | 0.6 nT   | F | 0.9 nT   |

During 2007, the daily average FCheck fell within the range -2.2 nT to 2.3 nT. Observed and adopted baseline values in X, Y and Z are shown in Figure 4.1.

|                           |                       |         |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|---------|
| IAGA code:                | ASP                   |         |
| Commenced operation:      | June 1992             |         |
| Geographic latitude:      | 23° 45'               | 39.6" S |
| Geographic longitude:     | 133° 53'              | 00.0" E |
| Geomagnetic latitude:     | -32.67°               |         |
| Geomagnetic longitude:    | 208.24°               |         |
| K 9 index lower limit:    | 350 nT                |         |
| Principal pier:           | Pier G                |         |
| Pier elevation (top):     | 557 m AMSL            |         |
| Principal reference mark: | Pillar B              |         |
| Reference mark azimuth:   | 255° 00'              | 50"     |
| Reference mark distance:  | 85 m                  |         |
| Observers:                | W. Serone<br>S. Evans |         |

**Table 4.1.** Key observatory data.

|                          |                               |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 3-component variometer:  | DMI FGE                       |
| Serial number:           | E0306/S0261                   |
| Type:                    | suspended; linear fluxgate    |
| Orientation:             | NW, NE, Z                     |
| Acquisition interval:    | 1 s                           |
| Resolution:              | 0.03 nT                       |
| A/D converter:           | ADAM 4017 module ( $\pm 5V$ ) |
| Total-field variometer:  | GEM Systems GSM-90            |
| Serial number:           | 4081419/42177                 |
| Type:                    | Overhauser effect             |
| Acquisition interval:    | 10 s                          |
| Resolution:              | 0.01 nT                       |
| Data acquisition system: | GDAP: PC-104 computer, QNX OS |
| Timing:                  | Trimble Acutime GPS clock     |
| Communications:          | VSAT                          |

**Table 4.2.** Magnetic variometers used in 2007. See Appendix C for a schematic of their configuration.

|                           |                    |
|---------------------------|--------------------|
| DI fluxgate:              | DMI                |
| Serial number:            | DI0052             |
| Theodolite:               | Zeiss 020B         |
| Serial number:            | 313887             |
| Resolution:               | 0.1'               |
| D correction:             | +0.1'              |
| I correction:             | -0.1'              |
| Total-field magnetometer: | GEM Systems GSM-90 |
| Serial number:            | 2101216/306403     |
| Type:                     | Overhauser effect  |
| Resolution:               | 0.01 nT            |
| Correction:               | 0.5 nT             |
| Period in use:            | until 22 November  |
| Total-field magnetometer: | GEM Systems GSM-90 |
| Serial number:            | 4081422/01504      |
| Type:                     | Overhauser effect  |
| Resolution:               | 0.01 nT            |
| Correction:               | 0.0 nT             |
| Period in use:            | from 5 December    |

**Table 4.3.** Absolute magnetometers and their adopted corrections for 2007. Corrections are applied in the sense Standard = Instrument + correction.

## Operations

In 2007, absolute observations were performed weekly by Warren Serone and Shaun Evans. Both the observers were Alice Springs-based officers of the Australian Centre for Remote Sensing (ACRES) of Geoscience Australia. ACRES has an office approximately 500 m from the observatory site. The operation of the observatory is checked twice weekly by Mr Serone. In 2007, magnetic data were downloaded to Geoscience Australia head office in Canberra by VSAT connection every 5 minutes.

Data losses at Alice Springs in 2007 are identified in [Table A.4](#).

## Significant events

- 2007-01-18 System failure ~05UT. Shaun checks hut ~23UT - Acquisition PC not responding to reboot. Cannot communicate with satellite modem either.
- 2007-01-24 New computer connected ~04:00 and functioning - data retrieved via PPP Sat Modem still not accessible, normal network not available. XgetObsGNA now gets both GNA and ASP via ga-cnb-mag1 (Control Hut) computer.
- 2007-01-25 Data stops at 04:10, probably caused by installation of a surge filter on the telephone line
- 2007-01-29 Surge filter removed from telephone line
- 2007-02-19 Satellite router re-installed, telemetry switched back to 5 minutes via satellite (from 1 hour via PPP modem)
- 2007-02-19 PPM data loss is slowly getting worse.
- 2007-03-15 00:24. BLV adjusted.
- 2007-05-04 Updated blv file with new drifts.
- 2007-08-23 AML at observatory - remove redundant modem, check and clean up control and absolute hut. Check vaults and azimuth marks, re-scribe azimuth mark B.
- 2007-09-20 09:33 Update baseline parameters
- 2007-10-08 00:40 Update blv file with new drifts (X) - taking effect from DOY 208.08
- 2007-11-22 Absolute GSM90\_2101216 fails during observations by SDE. Instrument returned to GA for testing - faulty sensor 306403
- 2007-11-29 GSM90\_4081422/01504 freighted to ASP as replacement absolute instrument
- 2007-12-05 First absolute observation using GSM90\_4081422/01504 PPM
- 2007-12-12 Multiple reboots - reason unknown 22:22 BLV adjusted.

## Data distribution

| Recipient                    | Status      | Sent      |
|------------------------------|-------------|-----------|
| <i>1-second values</i>       |             |           |
| IPS Radio and Space Services | preliminary | real time |
| <i>1-minute values</i>       |             |           |
| INTERMAGNET                  | preliminary | real time |
| WDC-C2                       | preliminary | real time |
| WDC-C2                       | preliminary | daily     |
| INTERMAGNET                  | definitive  | 2008      |
| <i>Monthly mean values</i>   |             |           |
| Ørsted Satellite Project     | preliminary | monthly   |

**Table 4.4.** Distribution of 2007 data.

## Hourly mean values

Plots of the hourly mean values for Alice Springs 2007 data are shown in [Figure 4.3](#).

## Annual mean values

The annual mean values for Alice Springs are set out in [Table 4.5](#) and displayed with the secular variation in [Figure 4.2](#).

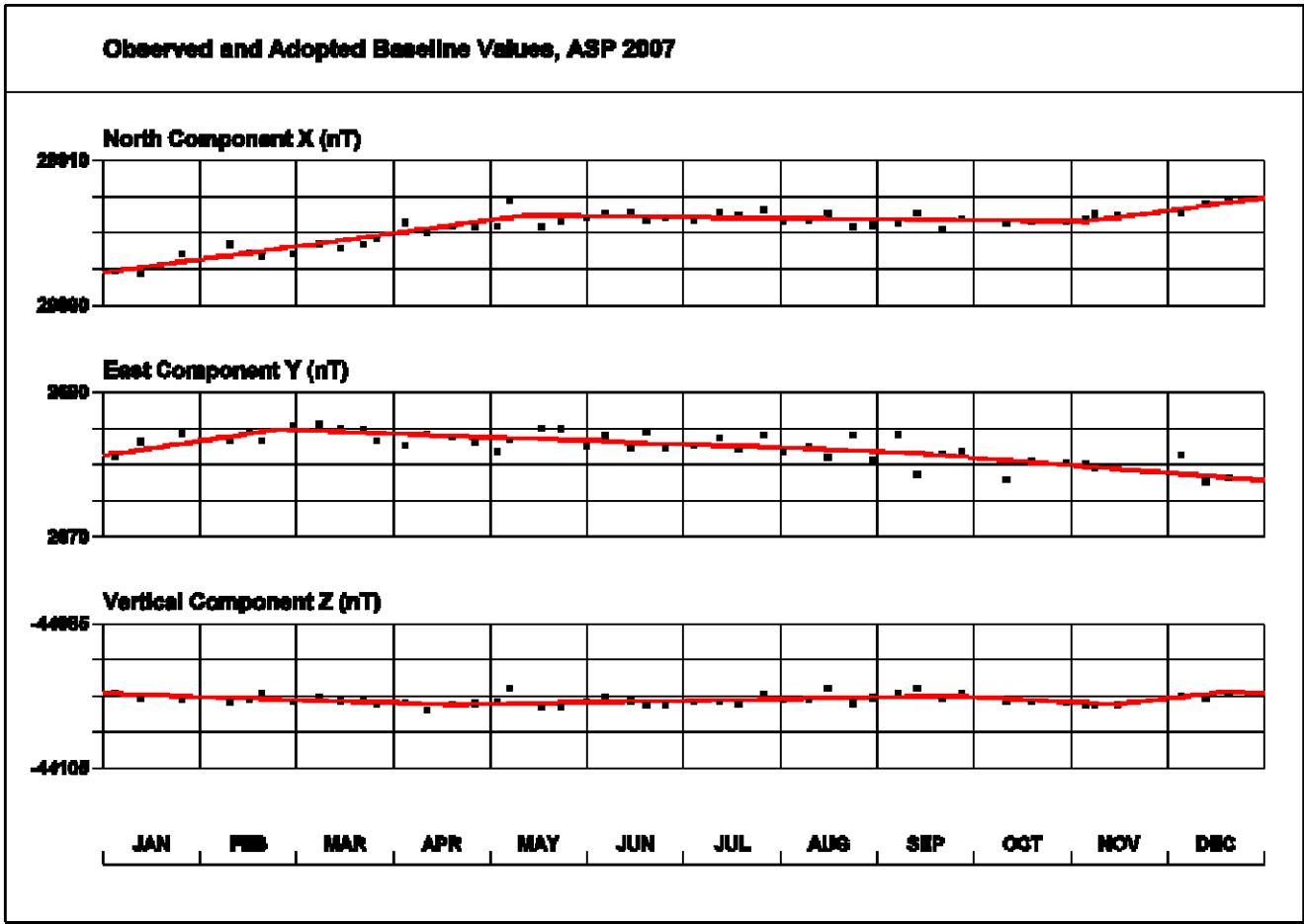


Figure 4.1. Alice Springs baseline plots.

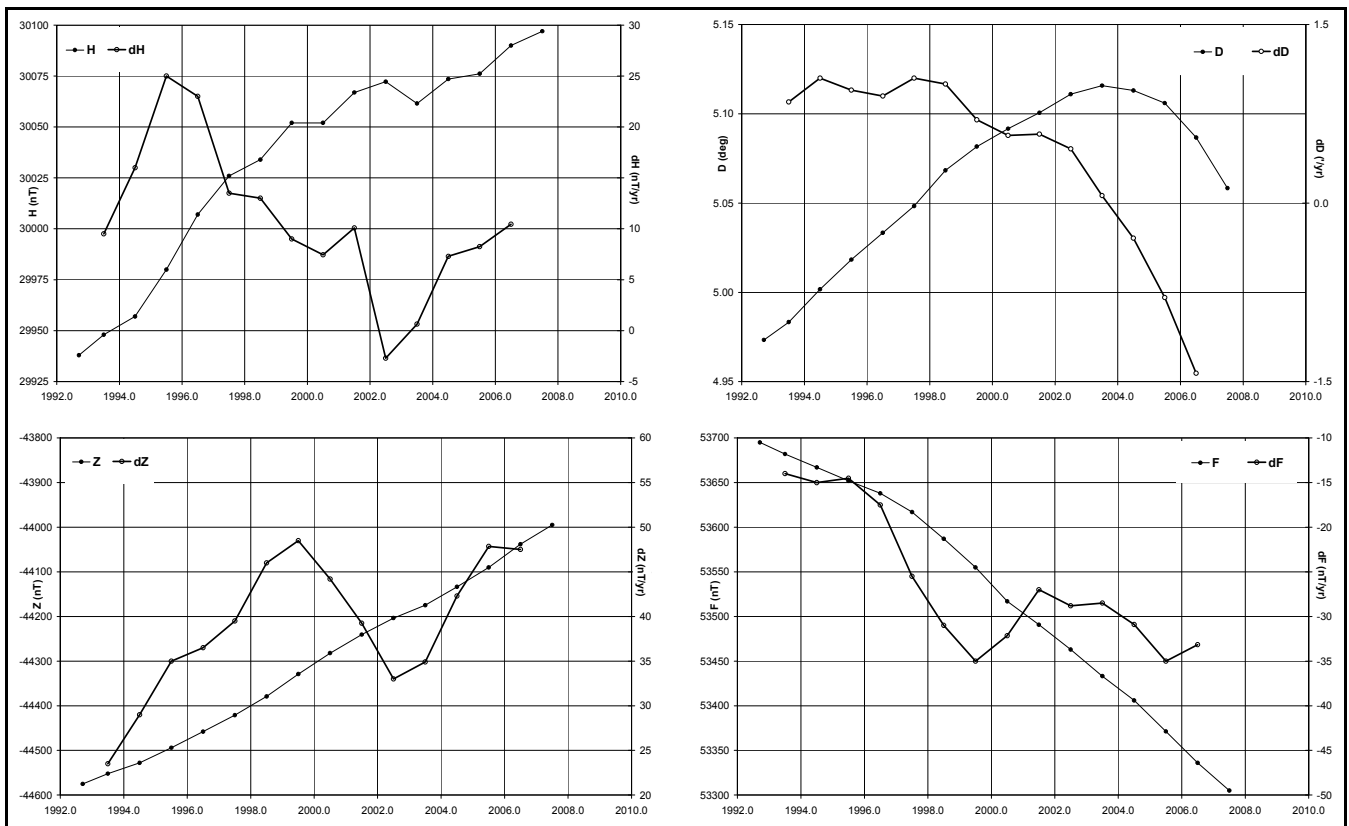


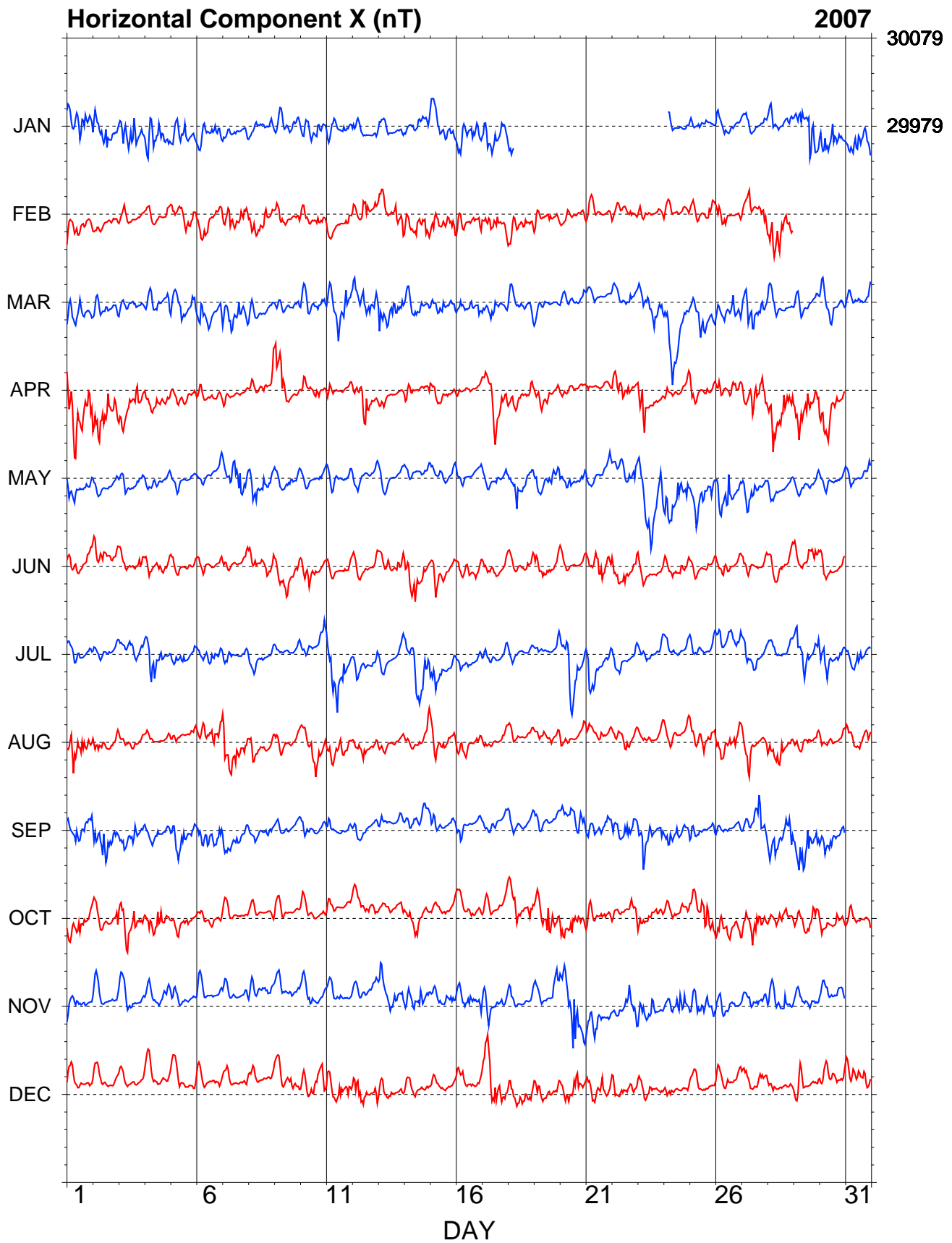
Figure 4.2. Annual mean values and secular variation (all days) for H, D, Z and F measured at Alice Springs.



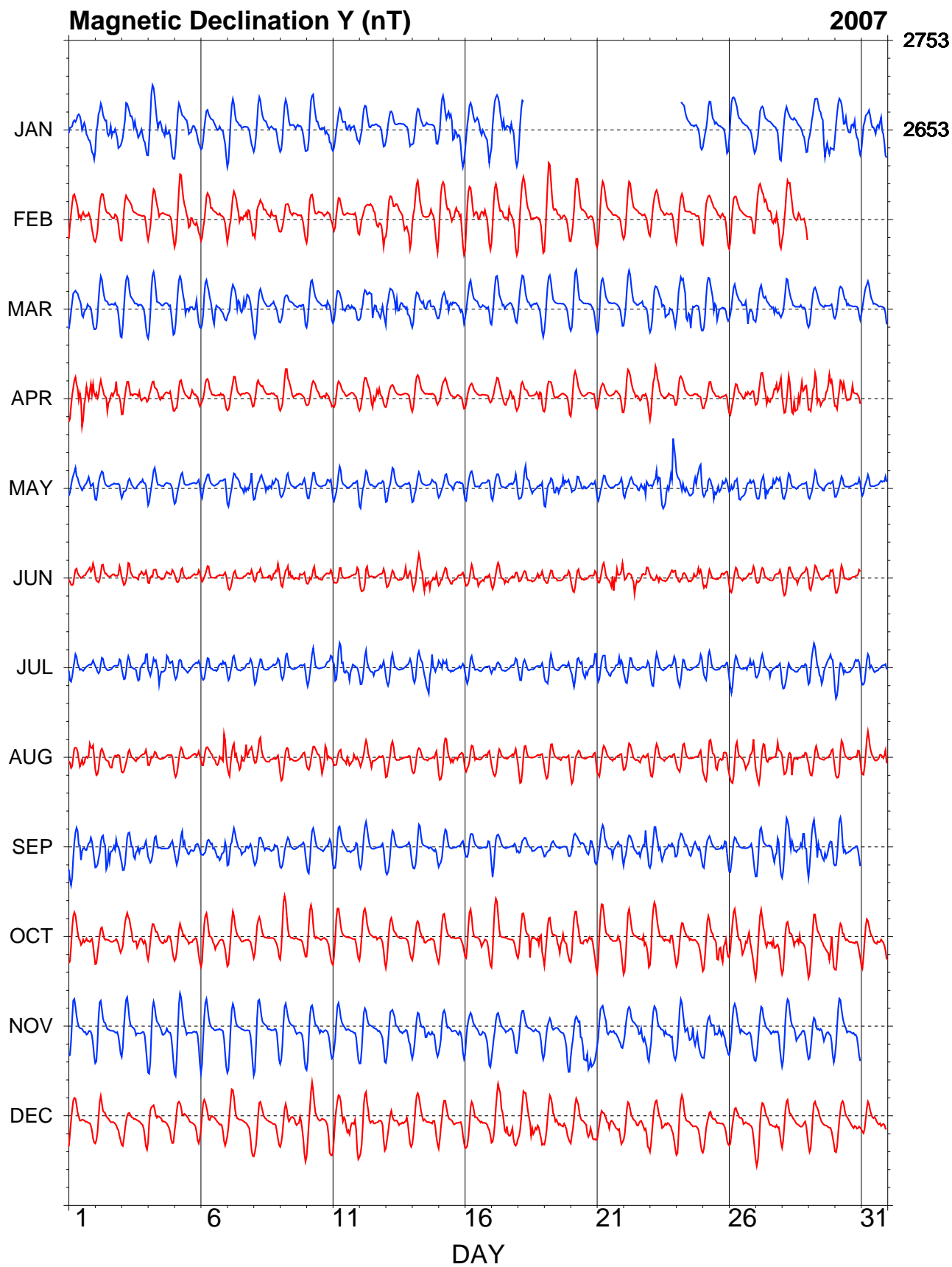
| Year     | Days | D   |      | I   |      | H     | X     | Y    | Z      | F     | Elements |
|----------|------|-----|------|-----|------|-------|-------|------|--------|-------|----------|
|          |      | (°) | (')  | (°) | (')  | (nT)  | (nT)  | (nT) | (nT)   | (nT)  |          |
| 1992.708 | A    | 4   | 58.4 | -56 | 06.8 | 29938 | 29825 | 2595 | -44575 | 53695 | XYZ      |
| 1993.5   | A    | 4   | 59.0 | -56 | 05.5 | 29948 | 29835 | 2601 | -44552 | 53682 | XYZ      |
| 1994.5   | A    | 5   | 00.1 | -56 | 04.1 | 29957 | 29843 | 2612 | -44528 | 53667 | XYZ      |
| 1995.5   | A    | 5   | 01.1 | -56 | 01.7 | 29980 | 29865 | 2623 | -44494 | 53652 | XYZ      |
| 1996.5   | A    | 5   | 02.0 | -55 | 59.0 | 30007 | 29892 | 2633 | -44458 | 53638 | XYZ      |
| 1997.5   | A    | 5   | 02.9 | -55 | 56.6 | 30026 | 29910 | 2642 | -44421 | 53617 | XYZ      |
| 1998.5   | A    | 5   | 04.1 | -55 | 54.7 | 30034 | 29917 | 2653 | -44379 | 53587 | XYZ      |
| 1999.5   | A    | 5   | 04.9 | -55 | 51.9 | 30052 | 29934 | 2662 | -44329 | 53555 | XYZ      |
| 2000.5   | A    | 5   | 05.5 | -55 | 50.2 | 30052 | 29934 | 2667 | -44282 | 53517 | XYZ      |
| 2001.5   | A    | 5   | 06.0 | -55 | 48.0 | 30067 | 29948 | 2673 | -44241 | 53491 | XYZ      |
| 2002.5   | A    | 5   | 06.7 | -55 | 46.3 | 30072 | 29953 | 2679 | -44204 | 53463 | XYZ      |
| 2003.5   | A    | 5   | 07.0 | -55 | 45.8 | 30062 | 29942 | 2681 | -44175 | 53433 | XYZ      |
| 2004.5   | A    | 5   | 06.6 | -55 | 44.9 | 30073 | 29954 | 2680 | -44134 | 53406 | XYZ      |
| 2005.5   | A    | 5   | 06.4 | -55 | 42.0 | 30076 | 29957 | 2677 | -44090 | 53371 | ABZ      |
| 2006.5   | A    | 5   | 05.2 | -55 | 39.4 | 30090 | 29971 | 2668 | -44038 | 53336 | ABZ      |
| 2007.5   | A    | 5   | 03.5 | -55 | 37.5 | 30097 | 29980 | 2653 | -43995 | 53305 | ABZ      |
| 1992.708 | Q    | 4   | 58.4 | -56 | 06.0 | 29950 | 29838 | 2596 | -44572 | 53700 | XYZ      |
| 1993.5   | Q    | 4   | 59.0 | -56 | 04.8 | 29959 | 29845 | 2603 | -44550 | 53686 | XYZ      |
| 1994.5   | Q    | 5   | 00.2 | -56 | 03.3 | 29971 | 29857 | 2614 | -44524 | 53672 | XYZ      |
| 1995.5   | Q    | 5   | 01.1 | -56 | 01.0 | 29991 | 29876 | 2623 | -44492 | 53656 | XYZ      |
| 1996.5   | Q    | 5   | 02.0 | -55 | 58.6 | 30013 | 29897 | 2633 | -44458 | 53640 | XYZ      |
| 1997.5   | Q    | 5   | 02.9 | -55 | 56.0 | 30035 | 29919 | 2643 | -44419 | 53621 | XYZ      |
| 1998.5   | Q    | 5   | 04.1 | -55 | 54.1 | 30043 | 29926 | 2654 | -44377 | 53590 | XYZ      |
| 1999.5   | Q    | 5   | 04.9 | -55 | 51.3 | 30061 | 29943 | 2663 | -44326 | 53558 | XYZ      |
| 2000.5   | Q    | 5   | 05.6 | -55 | 49.5 | 30065 | 29946 | 2669 | -44279 | 53521 | XYZ      |
| 2001.5   | Q    | 5   | 06.1 | -55 | 47.3 | 30078 | 29959 | 2675 | -44239 | 53495 | XYZ      |
| 2002.5   | Q    | 5   | 06.7 | -55 | 45.5 | 30086 | 29966 | 2680 | -44201 | 53469 | XYZ      |
| 2003.5   | Q    | 5   | 07.0 | -55 | 45.0 | 30076 | 29956 | 2682 | -44171 | 53439 | XYZ      |
| 2004.5   | Q    | 5   | 06.9 | -55 | 43.1 | 30084 | 29964 | 2682 | -44131 | 53410 | XYZ      |
| 2005.5   | Q    | 5   | 06.4 | -55 | 41.4 | 30087 | 29967 | 2678 | -44088 | 53376 | ABZ      |
| 2006.5   | Q    | 5   | 05.2 | -55 | 38.9 | 30097 | 29979 | 2668 | -44037 | 53340 | ABZ      |
| 2007.5   | Q    | 5   | 03.5 | -55 | 37.2 | 30102 | 29985 | 2654 | -43995 | 53307 | ABZ      |
| 1992.708 | D    | 4   | 58.4 | -56 | 08.1 | 29915 | 29803 | 2594 | -44579 | 53686 | XYZ      |
| 1993.5   | D    | 4   | 58.9 | -56 | 06.7 | 29928 | 29815 | 2599 | -44556 | 53674 | XYZ      |
| 1994.5   | D    | 5   | 00.0 | -56 | 05.1 | 29940 | 29826 | 2609 | -44531 | 53660 | XYZ      |
| 1995.5   | D    | 5   | 01.1 | -56 | 02.6 | 29965 | 29850 | 2621 | -44497 | 53646 | XYZ      |
| 1996.5   | D    | 5   | 02.0 | -55 | 59.5 | 29998 | 29883 | 2632 | -44460 | 53634 | XYZ      |
| 1997.5   | D    | 5   | 02.8 | -55 | 57.5 | 30011 | 29895 | 2640 | -44423 | 53611 | XYZ      |
| 1998.5   | D    | 5   | 04.0 | -55 | 55.9 | 30013 | 29896 | 2651 | -44383 | 53578 | XYZ      |
| 1999.5   | D    | 5   | 04.9 | -55 | 53.0 | 30034 | 29916 | 2660 | -44332 | 53548 | XYZ      |
| 2000.5   | D    | 5   | 05.5 | -55 | 51.8 | 30026 | 29908 | 2664 | -44287 | 53506 | XYZ      |
| 2001.5   | D    | 5   | 05.8 | -55 | 49.4 | 30043 | 29924 | 2669 | -44245 | 53480 | XYZ      |
| 2002.5   | D    | 5   | 06.6 | -55 | 47.6 | 30051 | 29931 | 2677 | -44207 | 53454 | XYZ      |
| 2003.5   | D    | 5   | 06.8 | -55 | 47.2 | 30038 | 29919 | 2677 | -44178 | 53423 | XYZ      |
| 2004.5   | D    | 5   | 06.6 | -55 | 44.9 | 30054 | 29934 | 2677 | -44137 | 53398 | XYZ      |
| 2005.5   | D    | 5   | 06.3 | -55 | 43.1 | 30058 | 29939 | 2674 | -44093 | 53364 | ABZ      |
| 2006.5   | D    | 5   | 05.3 | -55 | 40.2 | 30077 | 29958 | 2667 | -44040 | 53331 | ABZ      |
| 2007.5   | D    | 5   | 03.5 | -55 | 37.9 | 30089 | 29972 | 2653 | -43997 | 53302 | ABZ      |

**Table 4.5.** Annual mean values calculated using the monthly mean values over **All** days, the 5 International **Quiet** days and the 5 International **Disturbed** days in each month. Plots of these data with secular variation in H, D, Z and F are shown in [Figure 4.2](#).

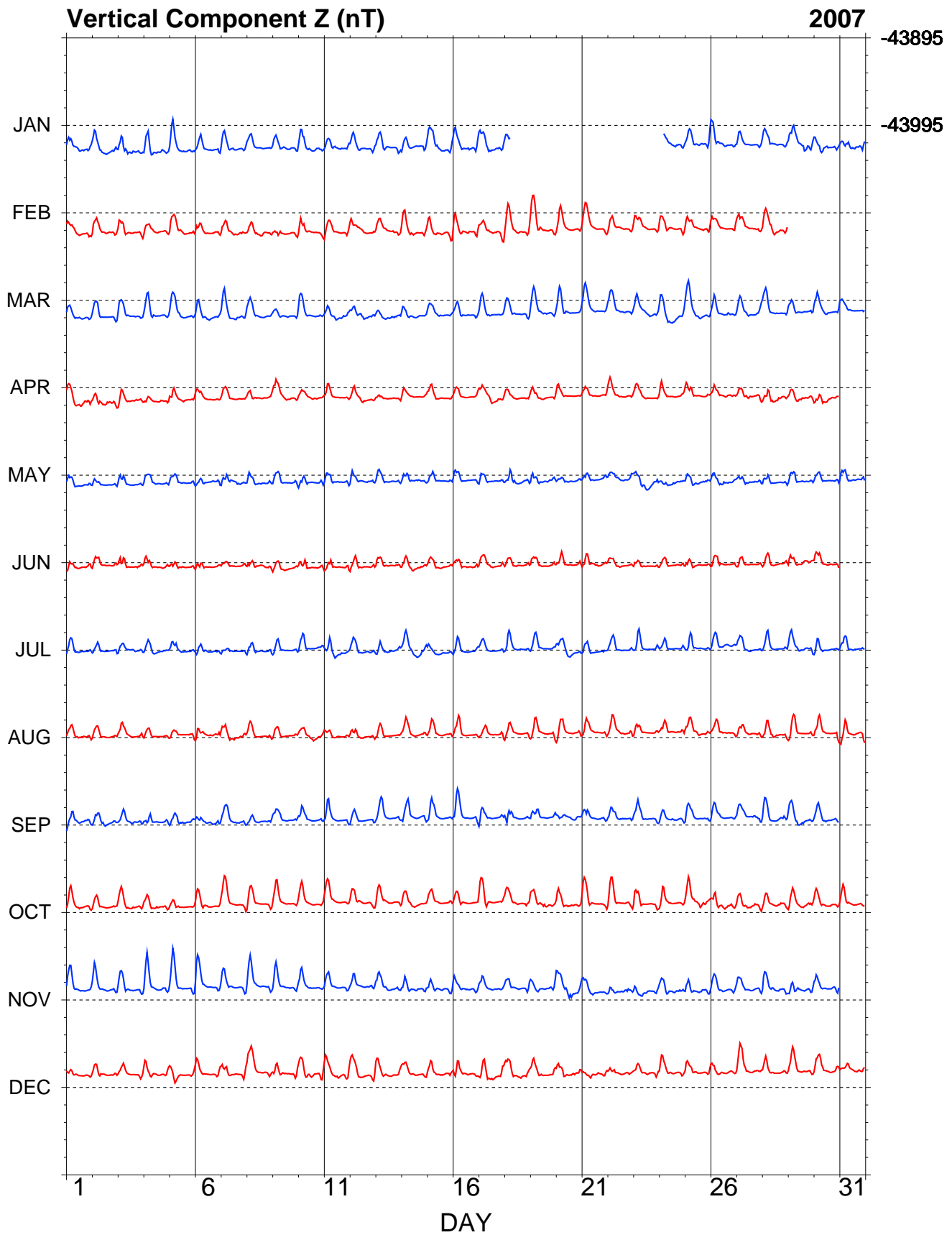
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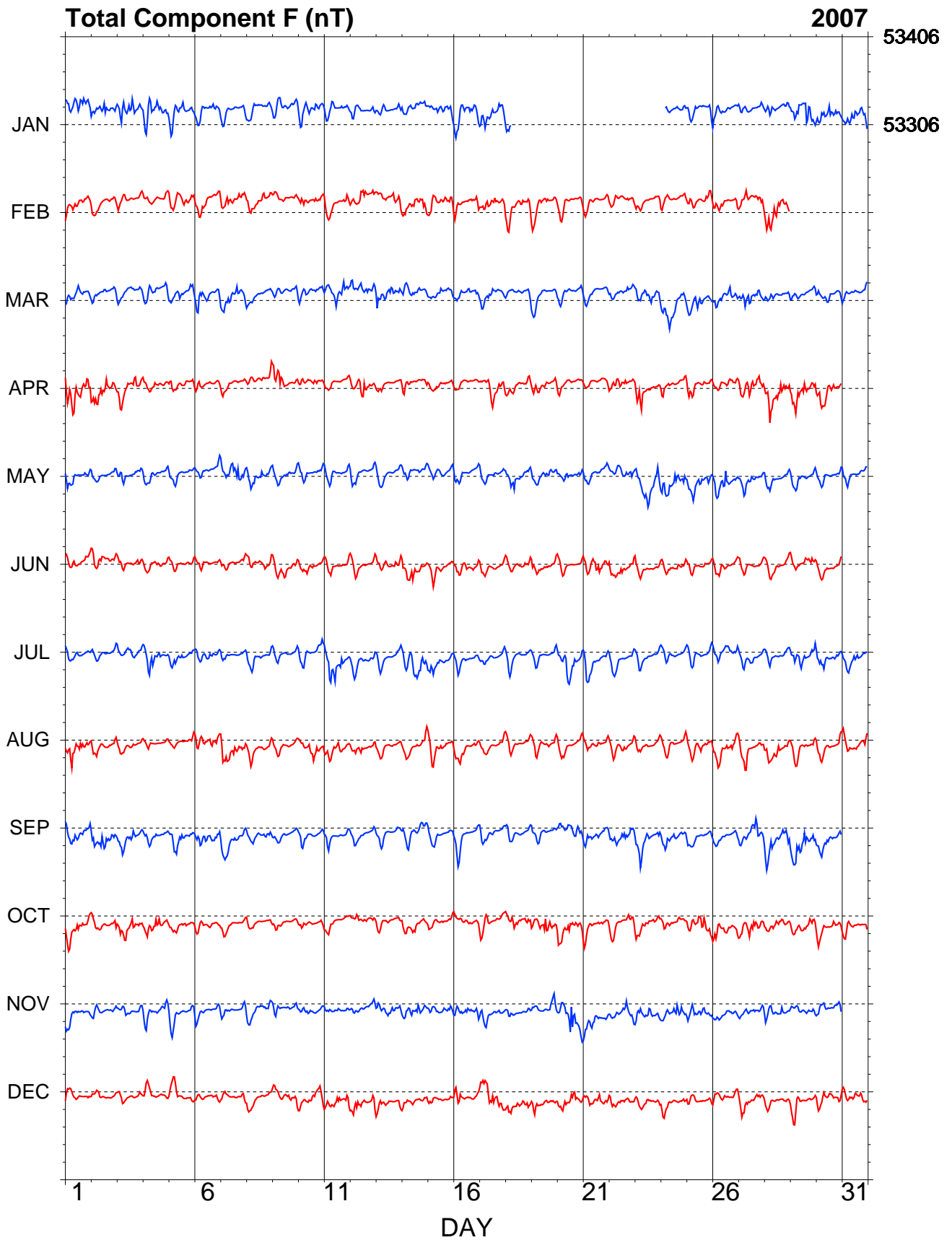


Figure 4.3. Hourly mean values in X, Y, Z and F measured at Alice Springs.

## 5. Gngangara

The Gngangara magnetic observatory is located within the Gngangara pine plantation approximately 27 km northeast of Perth in Western Australia. This places it only a few kilometres from the limits of urban development. It succeeds the observatory at Watheroo (1919-1959) which was located 180 km north of Perth. Magnetic recording began at Gngangara in 1957.

The observatory is built on the northeastern part of an approximately 260×140 m (3.6 hectare) site. It comprises:

- a 10×5 m Variometer/recorder Vault, partially underground and partially buried beneath sand, that houses the recording equipment, fluxgate variometer sensor and electronics, total field variometer electronics, GPS clock, backup power supply, telephone, and alarm system;
- an Absolute House approximately 70 m northeast of the vault;
- a small sensor vault approximately 20 m northwest of the Variometer Vault that houses the total-field variometer sensor, and;
- four azimuth reference marks.

The site is on well drained sand with magnetic gradients of less than 1 nT/m, although in places some artificial features have introduced higher gradients.

### Variometers

The variometers used during 2007 are described in Table 5.2.

The fluxgate sensor was located at the eastern end of the vault, while the electronic equipment and acquisition PC were at the western end. The variometer had in-built sensors to monitor both sensor and electronics temperatures.

The acquisition PC was accessible via a modem for remote control and data retrieval. The telephone and equipment was protected from lightning and powered through a UPS. The acquisition PC clock was synchronised to the 1-second pulse from a GPS clock, but the time code from the GPS was not used. Timing errors were normally less than 0.1 s.

As the variometers were below the ground, the diurnal temperature changes were small. The standard temperature was 20°C. Both the fluxgate sensor and electronics temperatures varied from about 15°C in winter to about 30°C in summer. The maximum rate of change of temperature was 0.15°C/day. Temperature fluctuations in the PPM sensor vault would have exceeded those in the vault housing the fluxgate variometer.

### Absolute instruments

The principal absolute magnetometers used at Gngangara and their adopted corrections for 2007 are described in Table 5.3.

At the 2007 mean magnetic field values at Gngangara the D, I, and F corrections translate to corrections of:

$$\Delta X = -2.3 \text{ nT} \quad \Delta Y = -0.3 \text{ nT} \quad \Delta Z = -1.0 \text{ nT}$$

These corrections have been applied to all Gngangara 2007 final data.

|                           |  |
|---------------------------|--|
| IAGA code:                | GNA  |
| Commenced operation:      | June 1957  |
| Geographic latitude:      | 31° 46' 48" S  |
| Geographic longitude:     | 115° 56' 48" E   |
| Geomagnetic latitude:     | -41.65°  |
| Geomagnetic longitude:    | 188.93°  |
| K 9 index lower limit:    | 450 nT   |
| Principal pier:           | Pier B   |
| Pier elevation (top):     | 60 m AMSL  |
| Principal reference mark: | Pillar N   |
| Reference mark azimuth:   | 315° 21' 42"   |
| Reference mark distance:  | 70 m   |
| Observers:                | G. van Reeken (until 30 January)<br>S. Pryde (from 30 January) |

**Table 5.1.** Key observatory data.

|                          |                               |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 3-component variometer:  | EDA FM105B                    |
| Serial number:           | 2877/2887                     |
| Type:                    | linear fluxgate               |
| Orientation:             | NW, NE, Z                     |
| Acquisition interval:    | 1 s                           |
| Resolution:              | 0.2 nT                        |
| A/D converter:           | ADAM 4017 module (±5V)        |
| Total-field variometer:  | Geometrics 856                |
| Serial number:           | 50706                         |
| Type:                    | Proton precession             |
| Acquisition interval:    | 10 s                          |
| Resolution:              | 0.1 nT                        |
| Data acquisition system: | GDAP: PC-104 computer, QNX OS |
| Timing:                  | Trimble Acutime GPS clock     |
| Communications:          | Telephone line                |

**Table 5.2.** Magnetic variometers used in 2007. See [Appendix C](#) for a schematic of their configuration.

|                           |                    |
|---------------------------|--------------------|
| DI fluxgate:              | DMI                |
| Serial number:            | DI0037             |
| Theodolite:               | Zeiss 020B         |
| Serial number:            | 390444             |
| Resolution:               | 0.1'               |
| D correction:             | -0.05'             |
| I correction:             | -0.15'             |
| Total-field magnetometer: | GEM Systems GSM-90 |
| Serial number:            | 3091317/91457      |
| Type:                     | Overhauser effect  |
| Resolution:               | 0.01 nT            |
| Correction:               | 0.0 nT             |

**Table 5.3.** Absolute magnetometers and their adopted corrections for 2007. Corrections are applied in the sense Standard = Instrument + correction.

## Baselines

There appeared to be a seasonal variation in X, Y and Z baselines; however, because it appeared to lag the seasonal temperature variation (by about 54 days), there did not seem to be a direct correlation with temperature. Consequently no temperature coefficients were applied to the vector variometer data.

The standard deviations in the 2007 weekly absolute observations from the final adopted variometer model and data were:

|   | $\sigma$ |   | $\sigma$ |
|---|----------|---|----------|
| X | 1.0 nT   | D | 13"      |
| Y | 1.5 nT   | I | 4"       |
| Z | 0.6 nT   | F | 0.6 nT   |

The daily average of the difference between F derived from the fluxgate data and F measured by the variometer PPM varied between -2.0 nT and 1.0 nT.

Observed and adopted baseline values in X, Y and Z are shown in Figure 5.1.

## Operations

The observatory was operated by contracted observers G. van Reeken (until 30 January) and S. Pryde (from 30 January), with technical assistance from O. McConnel, a Perth-based Geoscience Australia staff member.

Data were transmitted to Geoscience Australia via modem every 3 hours and were then processed, stored in a database and distributed to data repositories. Throughout 2007, K indices for Gngangara were derived using a computer-assisted method based on the IAGA-accepted LRNS algorithm. K indices were distributed weekly.

Absolute observations were performed fortnightly until 30 June and weekly thereafter. The stainless steel security door on the Absolute Hut was left open in the same position during observations.

During recent years the residential area near the observatory has grown. Although this currently poses no threat to the observatory in a technical sense, there is a growing vandalism problem. Over the years considerable amounts of data have been lost as a consequence of intruders, vandalism and break-ins. However, no data were lost for this reason in 2007.

Data losses at Gngangara in 2007 are identified in [Table A.5](#).

## Significant events

- 2007-01-28 Alarm triggered during electrical storm - Security Monitoring contacted Owen
- 2007-01-30 to 31 Visit by AML. Observer change-over from Hans Van Reeken to Stephen Pryde. Instrument comparisons, rounds of angles, instrument checks.
- 2007-02-01 Security reed switch on absolute hut door relocated by Owen McConnel to ensure it always closes when the door is shut.
- 2007-02-04 Fcheck anomaly ~19:30-20:00
- 2007-02-07 First solo observation from Stephen Pryde
- 2007-02-11 GPS Clock failure 01:40
- 2007-02-12 Slay and restart GdapClock 01:36 - no improvement. Reboot 01:48
- 2007-02-21 Stephen visits observatory for observation but aborts due to trouble levelling the theodolite (No security guard for this visit)

- 2007-02-23 Observation - first time Stephen has arranged a security guard.
- 2007-02-28 GPS clock stops working at 05:50
- 2007-03-01 Slay and restart GPS clock - no luck 01:38:40 reboot system, GPS clock now working
- 2007-04-25 00:10 Security Monitors reported alarm system power failure. Security patrol sent to investigate.
- 2007-04-26 Stephen Pryde visits to check for problems - system had stopped due to problems with power at powerpole. He gets it running again by increasing current draw by switching on all the lights in the vault. Restart computer and G856 PPM. We should get the power company to clean up insulators on the power pole. Stephen finds that the lights must be left on in the vault maintain power. AML contacts Owen and suggests he talk to Stephen before contacting power company.
- 2007-04-27 Owen visits site to inspect power problems and calls power company. System is not running
- 2007-04-30 Power company reports that they visited site on 27 Apr. System is still not running. SP visits observatory and gets the system running at 05:32. Re-start at 05:38
- 2007-05-04 Updated blv file with new drifts.
- 2007-05-13 Lost contact with GPS clock 15:45
- 2007-05-14 Stop GdapClock 05:29:32 Restart GdapClock 05:31:02, no improvement, 05:38 reboot system - all O.K.
- 2007-07-26 Signs installed at observatory (doors and boundary fence). Eastern side fence has been cut
- 2007-09-05 04:39 Update baseline parameters (Y and Z drift)
- 2007-10-02 07:45 Lost contact with GPS CLOCK
- 2007-10-03 Changed rc.acquisition to include GdapAdjustClockRate 838059307 Could not correct GPS clock easily, SHUTDOWN at 02:43. Correction +223ms at 02:45:19, Rate -325
- 2007-10-15 Data telemetry stopped 02:02. Problem with telephone line?
- 2007-10-16 SP reset modem, telemetry worked again. Seems to have been temporary change in BL while investigating. Problem with wasps and termites in vault noted.
- 2007-11-01 14:00 UT telemetry stops.
- 2007-11-02 SP resets modem during absolute observation visit. OMcC investigates problem - tried swapping modems without success. Reboot at 06:15 with original modem with success. However lost connection shortly afterwards - theory is that the Chubb security swiped the line on exit and re-arming the security system. That may be the cause of the system hanging up. Could re-visit the ppp script at GNA to put modem initialisation inside the re-try loop.
- 2007-12-12 23:00 BLV adjusted
- 2007-12-27 pest control treatment for termites around variometer vault

**Data distribution**

| Recipient   | Status      | Sent     |
|---|-------------|----------|
| <i>1-minute values</i>                                |             |          |
| INTERMAGNET   | preliminary | 3-hourly |
| INTERMAGNET   | definitive  | 2008     |
| <i>Monthly mean values</i>                            |             |          |
| Ørsted Satellite Project                              | preliminary | monthly  |
| <i>K indices</i>                                      |             |          |
| IPS Radio and Space Services                          |             | weekly   |
| ISGI, France  |             | weekly   |
| <i>Principal magnetic storms and rapid variations</i> |             |          |
| WDC-A   |             | monthly  |
| WDC-C2  |             | monthly  |
| Observatori de l'Ebre, Spain                          |             | monthly  |

**Table 5.4.** Distribution of 2007 data.**Annual mean values**

The annual mean values for Gngangara are set out in [Table 5.5](#) and displayed with the secular variation in [Figure 5.2](#).

**Hourly mean values**

Plots of the hourly mean values for Gngangara 2007 data are shown in [Figure 5.3](#).

**K indices**

K indices for Gngangara have been derived using a computer-assisted method developed at Geoscience Australia and based on the IAGA-accepted LRNS algorithm. K indices from Gngangara contribute to the global am index and its derivatives. K indices measured in 2007 are listed in [Table 5.6](#).

Principal magnetic storms observed at Gngangara are listed in [Table 5.7](#) and other rapid variation phenomena in [Table 5.8](#).



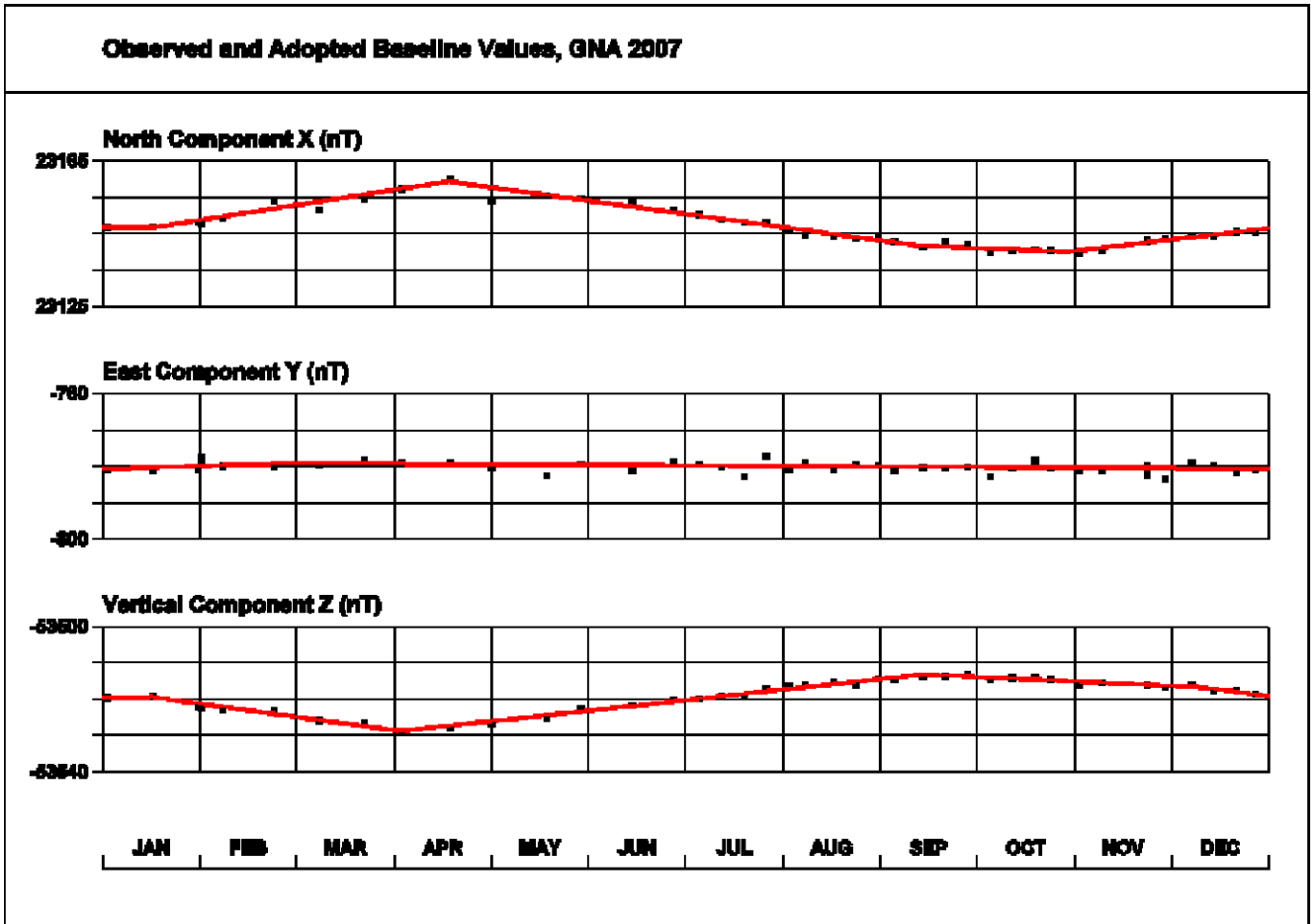


Figure 5.1. Gngangara baseline plots.

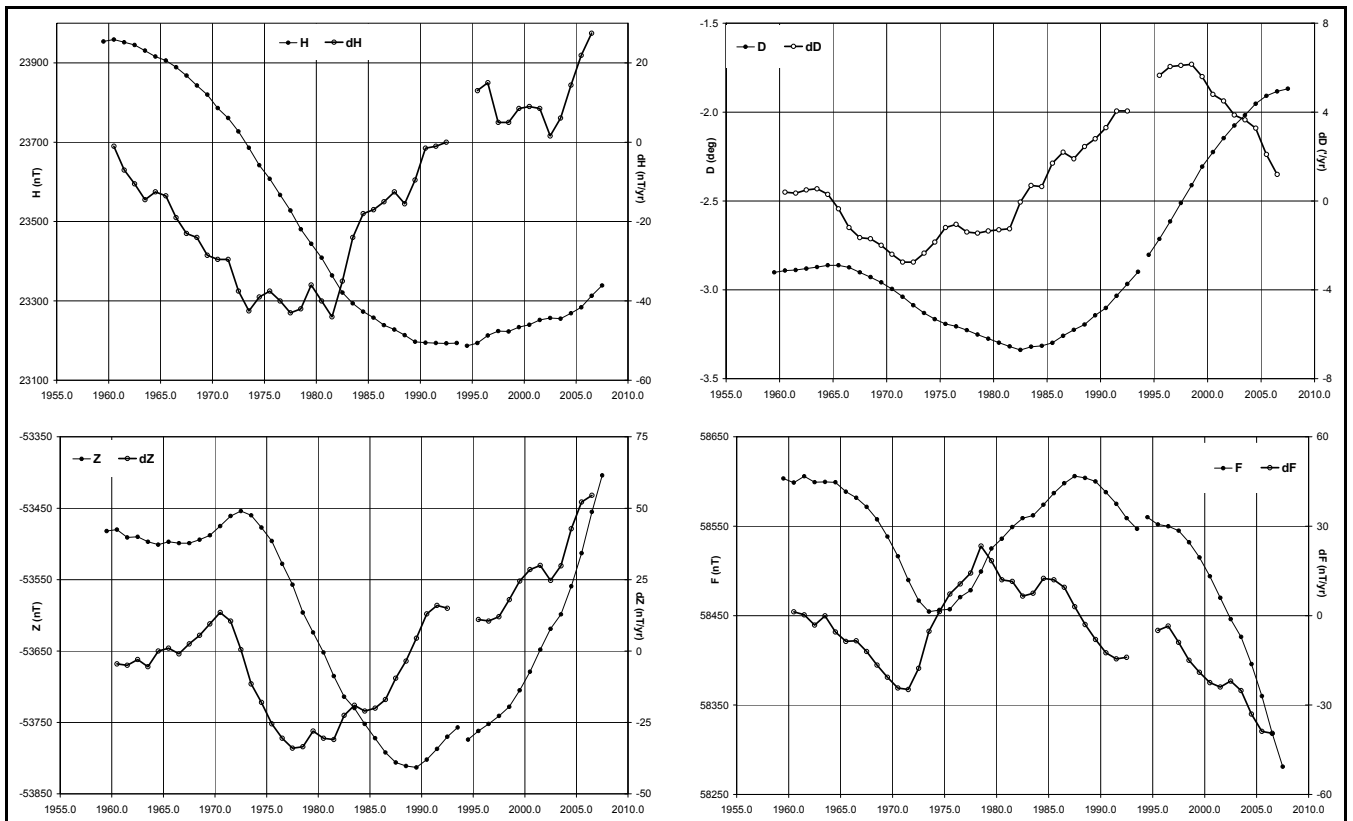


Figure 5.2. Annual mean values and secular variation (quiet days) for H, D, Z and F measured at Gngangara.

| Year   | Days | D   |      | I   |      | H<br>(nT) | X<br>(nT) | Y<br>(nT) | Z<br>(nT) | F<br>(nT) | Elements |
|--------|------|-----|------|-----|------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|
|        |      | (°) | (')  | (°) | (')  |           |           |           |           |           |          |
| 1993.5 | A    | -2  | 54.1 | -66 | 40.3 | 23184     | 23155     | -1174     | -53759    | 58546     | ABZ      |
| 1994.0 | J    |     | -1.6 |     | 1.1  | 8         | 7         | -11       | 27        | -22       | ABZ      |
| 1994.5 | A    | -2  | 48.5 | -66 | 41.2 | 23176     | 23148     | -1136     | -53777    | 58558     | ABZ      |
| 1995.5 | A    | -2  | 43.0 | -66 | 40.4 | 23184     | 23158     | -1098     | -53765    | 58550     | ABZ      |
| 1996.5 | A    | -2  | 37.0 | -66 | 38.8 | 23208     | 23184     | -1060     | -53753    | 58549     | ABZ      |
| 1997.5 | A    | -2  | 30.8 | -66 | 38.2 | 23216     | 23193     | -1018     | -53743    | 58543     | ABZ      |
| 1998.5 | A    | -2  | 24.8 | -66 | 38.0 | 23214     | 23194     | -978      | -53731    | 58531     | ABZ      |
| 1999.5 | A    | -2  | 18.5 | -66 | 36.8 | 23226     | 23207     | -936      | -53707    | 58514     | ABZ      |
| 2000.5 | A    | -2  | 13.6 | -66 | 36.0 | 23230     | 23212     | -903      | -53682    | 58493     | ABZ      |
| 2001.5 | A    | -2  | 09.0 | -66 | 34.7 | 23241     | 23225     | -872      | -53651    | 58468     | ABZ      |
| 2002.5 | A    | -2  | 04.7 | -66 | 33.8 | 23245     | 23230     | -843      | -53622    | 58444     | ABZ      |
| 2003.5 | A    | -2  | 01.1 | -66 | 33.4 | 23243     | 23229     | -819      | -53601    | 58424     | ABZ      |
| 2004.5 | A    | -1  | 57.3 | -66 | 31.6 | 23260     | 23247     | -794      | -53562    | 58395     | ABZ      |
| 2005.5 | A    | -1  | 54.6 | -66 | 29.7 | 23274     | 23262     | -776      | -53516    | 58358     | ABZ      |
| 2006.5 | A    | -1  | 53.0 | -66 | 26.7 | 23306     | 23293     | -766      | -53457    | 58317     | ABZ      |
| 2007.5 | A    | -1  | 52.1 | -66 | 23.8 | 23335     | 23323     | -761      | -53405    | 58280     | ABZ      |
| 1980.5 | Q    | -3  | 17.8 | -66 | 25.7 | 23409     | 23370     | -1345     | -53652    | 58536     | DHZ      |
| 1981.5 | Q    | -3  | 19.1 | -66 | 28.9 | 23364     | 23325     | -1352     | -53685    | 58549     | DHZ      |
| 1982.5 | Q    | -3  | 20.3 | -66 | 31.9 | 23321     | 23281     | -1358     | -53714    | 58559     | DHZ      |
| 1983.5 | Q    | -3  | 19.2 | -66 | 33.7 | 23294     | 23255     | -1349     | -53730    | 58562     | DHZ      |
| 1984.5 | Q    | -3  | 18.9 | -66 | 35.3 | 23273     | 23234     | -1346     | -53752    | 58574     | DHZ      |
| 1985.5 | Q    | -3  | 17.6 | -66 | 36.5 | 23259     | 23221     | -1336     | -53769    | 58585     | DHZ      |
| 1986.5 | Q    | -3  | 15.5 | -66 | 38.1 | 23239     | 23201     | -1321     | -53792    | 58598     | DHZ      |
| 1987.5 | Q    | -3  | 13.5 | -66 | 39.0 | 23228     | 23191     | -1307     | -53806    | 58606     | DHZ      |
| 1988.5 | Q    | -3  | 11.7 | -66 | 39.9 | 23214     | 23178     | -1294     | -53811    | 58604     | DHZ      |
| 1989.5 | Q    | -3  | 08.6 | -66 | 40.8 | 23197     | 23162     | -1272     | -53813    | 58600     | DHZ      |
| 1990.5 | Q    | -3  | 06.1 | -66 | 40.7 | 23195     | 23161     | -1255     | -53802    | 58588     | DHZ      |
| 1991.5 | Q    | -3  | 02.0 | -66 | 40.4 | 23194     | 23162     | -1227     | -53787    | 58575     | DFI      |
| 1992.5 | Q    | -2  | 58.0 | -66 | 40.0 | 23193     | 23162     | -1200     | -53770    | 58559     | DFI      |
| 1993.5 | Q    | -2  | 53.9 | -66 | 39.7 | 23194     | 23164     | -1173     | -53757    | 58547     | ABZ      |
| 1994.0 | J    |     | -1.6 |     | 1.1  | 8         | 7         | -11       | 27        | -22       | ABZ      |
| 1994.5 | Q    | -2  | 48.2 | -66 | 40.5 | 23187     | 23159     | -1134     | -53774    | 58560     | ABZ      |
| 1995.5 | Q    | -2  | 42.8 | -66 | 39.8 | 23194     | 23168     | -1098     | -53762    | 58552     | ABZ      |
| 1996.5 | Q    | -2  | 36.9 | -66 | 38.5 | 23213     | 23189     | -1059     | -53752    | 58550     | ABZ      |
| 1997.5 | Q    | -2  | 30.7 | -66 | 37.7 | 23224     | 23202     | -1018     | -53741    | 58545     | ABZ      |
| 1998.5 | Q    | -2  | 24.7 | -66 | 37.5 | 23223     | 23202     | -977      | -53728    | 58532     | ABZ      |
| 1999.5 | Q    | -2  | 18.4 | -66 | 36.3 | 23234     | 23215     | -935      | -53705    | 58515     | ABZ      |
| 2000.5 | Q    | -2  | 13.5 | -66 | 35.4 | 23240     | 23223     | -902      | -53679    | 58494     | ABZ      |
| 2001.5 | Q    | -2  | 08.8 | -66 | 34.1 | 23252     | 23235     | -871      | -53648    | 58470     | ABZ      |
| 2002.5 | Q    | -2  | 04.5 | -66 | 33.1 | 23257     | 23242     | -842      | -53619    | 58446     | ABZ      |
| 2003.5 | Q    | -2  | 01.1 | -66 | 32.7 | 23255     | 23241     | -819      | -53599    | 58426     | ABZ      |
| 2004.5 | Q    | -1  | 57.2 | -66 | 31.0 | 23269     | 23256     | -793      | -53559    | 58396     | ABZ      |
| 2005.5 | Q    | -1  | 54.5 | -66 | 29.1 | 23284     | 23271     | -775      | -53513    | 58360     | ABZ      |
| 2006.5 | Q    | -1  | 53.0 | -66 | 26.2 | 23313     | 23300     | -766      | -53455    | 58318     | ABZ      |
| 2007.5 | Q    | -1  | 52.1 | -66 | 23.6 | 23339     | 23327     | -761      | -53404    | 58281     | ABZ      |
| 1993.5 | D    | -2  | 54.4 | -66 | 41.3 | 23167     | 23138     | -1175     | -53763    | 58542     | ABZ      |
| 1994.0 | J    |     | -1.6 |     | 1.1  | 8         | 7         | -11       | 27        | -22       | ABZ      |
| 1994.5 | D    | -2  | 48.9 | -66 | 42.0 | 23162     | 23134     | -1137     | -53780    | 58556     | ABZ      |
| 1995.5 | D    | -2  | 43.3 | -66 | 41.2 | 23171     | 23144     | -1100     | -53768    | 58548     | ABZ      |
| 1996.5 | D    | -2  | 37.1 | -66 | 39.3 | 23200     | 23176     | -1060     | -53754    | 58547     | ABZ      |
| 1997.5 | D    | -2  | 31.1 | -66 | 39.0 | 23202     | 23180     | -1019     | -53746    | 58541     | ABZ      |
| 1998.5 | D    | -2  | 25.2 | -66 | 39.2 | 23194     | 23173     | -979      | -53736    | 58528     | ABZ      |
| 1999.5 | D    | -2  | 18.6 | -66 | 37.8 | 23210     | 23191     | -936      | -53711    | 58512     | ABZ      |
| 2000.5 | D    | -2  | 13.9 | -66 | 37.3 | 23208     | 23190     | -904      | -53688    | 58490     | ABZ      |
| 2001.5 | D    | -2  | 09.6 | -66 | 36.0 | 23219     | 23203     | -875      | -53656    | 58465     | ABZ      |
| 2002.5 | D    | -2  | 04.9 | -66 | 34.9 | 23227     | 23211     | -844      | -53627    | 58441     | ABZ      |
| 2003.5 | D    | -2  | 01.3 | -66 | 34.5 | 23224     | 23210     | -819      | -53605    | 58420     | ABZ      |
| 2004.5 | D    | -1  | 57.6 | -66 | 32.7 | 23242     | 23228     | -795      | -53566    | 58391     | ABZ      |
| 2005.5 | D    | -1  | 54.7 | -66 | 30.7 | 23259     | 23246     | -776      | -53520    | 58355     | ABZ      |
| 2006.5 | D    | -1  | 53.0 | -66 | 27.4 | 23294     | 23281     | -765      | -53459    | 58314     | ABZ      |
| 2007.5 | D    | -1  | 52.1 | -66 | 24.2 | 23329     | 23317     | -761      | -53405    | 58278     | ABZ      |

**Table 5.5.** Annual mean values calculated using the monthly mean values over All days, the 5 International Quiet days and the 5 International Disturbed days in each month. Plots of these data with secular variation in H, D, Z and F are shown in Figure 5.2. In the table, J identifies a jump due to a change of observation site (jump value = old site value - new site value).

| Day | January |      |    | February |      |    | March |      |    | April |      |    | May  |      |    | June |      |    |
|-----|---------|------|----|----------|------|----|-------|------|----|-------|------|----|------|------|----|------|------|----|
| 01  | 1123    | 4323 | 19 | 2222     | 2132 | 16 | 2222  | 3211 | 15 | 4333  | 5444 | 30 | 2231 | 2231 | 16 | 1111 | 1121 | 9  |
| 02  | 4325    | 5333 | 28 | 2110     | 1221 | 10 | 1011  | 1021 | 7  | 3335  | 4342 | 27 | 1000 | 0100 | 2  | 1121 | 0111 | 8  |
| 03  | 3323    | 4433 | 25 | 2001     | 0001 | 4  | 0000  | 1210 | 4  | 2222  | 1331 | 16 | 0001 | 1231 | 8  | 2110 | 0232 | 11 |
| 04  | 3233    | 3322 | 21 | 2101     | 0002 | 6  | 1111  | 1021 | 8  | 3113  | 2232 | 17 | 1001 | 1110 | 5  | 2211 | 2221 | 13 |
| 05  | 2113    | 3322 | 17 | 2211     | 2222 | 14 | 2213  | 2232 | 17 | 2011  | 1211 | 9  | 0000 | 0000 | 0  | 0000 | 0111 | 3  |
| 06  | 1110    | 2321 | 11 | 2222     | 0221 | 13 | 2324  | 4212 | 20 | 1111  | 1110 | 7  | 0000 | 0001 | 1  | 0100 | 0000 | 1  |
| 07  | 1001    | 2001 | 5  | 3233     | 3242 | 22 | 3223  | 3333 | 22 | 0000  | 1100 | 2  | 1022 | 3433 | 18 | 0000 | 0010 | 1  |
| 08  | 1011    | 1111 | 7  | 3222     | 2322 | 18 | 2111  | 0220 | 9  | 0010  | 1112 | 6  | 2222 | 3322 | 18 | 2220 | 1233 | 15 |
| 09  | 0121    | 1221 | 10 | 2221     | 0122 | 12 | 0000  | 1121 | 5  | 3342  | 1001 | 14 | 1111 | 1111 | 8  | 1222 | 2122 | 14 |
| 10  | 2223    | 2322 | 18 | 2100     | 0221 | 8  | 1210  | 0231 | 10 | 1102  | 2221 | 11 | 1000 | 0131 | 6  | 2221 | 2021 | 12 |
| 11  | 2222    | 2332 | 18 | 0110     | 0022 | 6  | 0013  | 3432 | 16 | 1211  | 1002 | 8  | 0011 | 1000 | 3  | 0000 | 0211 | 4  |
| 12  | 2111    | 0101 | 7  | 1003     | 3323 | 15 | 2112  | 4343 | 20 | 2213  | 4320 | 17 | 1100 | 0001 | 3  | 1000 | 0011 | 3  |
| 13  | 0000    | 0100 | 1  | 3211     | 1334 | 18 | 4234  | 4333 | 26 | 2000  | 0000 | 2  | 0100 | 0000 | 1  | 0001 | 2231 | 9  |
| 14  | 0000    | 2122 | 7  | 3223     | 3433 | 23 | 3212  | 3322 | 18 | 0110  | 1002 | 5  | 1000 | 0230 | 6  | 2224 | 2333 | 21 |
| 15  | 1222    | 4332 | 19 | 2222     | 2331 | 17 | 2223  | 3232 | 19 | 2111  | 2210 | 10 | 0111 | 1010 | 5  | 2222 | 2211 | 14 |
| 16  | 1311    | 3333 | 18 | 1111     | 3232 | 14 | 2201  | 3223 | 15 | 0000  | 0000 | 0  | 1101 | 0011 | 5  | 1211 | 3221 | 13 |
| 17  | 4333    | 3342 | 25 | 2212     | 4312 | 17 | 1122  | 2221 | 13 | 0113  | 3442 | 18 | 0100 | 1123 | 8  | 1212 | 3111 | 12 |
| 18  | 3233    | 3322 | 21 | 2002     | 2222 | 12 | 1001  | 2211 | 8  | 1101  | 2333 | 14 | 1233 | 3332 | 20 | 1111 | 0331 | 11 |
| 19  | 2212    | 3323 | 18 | 1000     | 1201 | 5  | 1011  | 0000 | 3  | 1111  | 2211 | 10 | 2223 | 3332 | 20 | 1111 | 1210 | 8  |
| 20  | 2213    | 1223 | 16 | 0000     | 0201 | 3  | 1000  | 1121 | 6  | 1000  | 0101 | 3  | 2212 | 1121 | 12 | 1111 | 0000 | 4  |
| 21  | 2112    | 2221 | 13 | 1000     | 0000 | 1  | 0000  | 0000 | 0  | 1000  | 0110 | 3  | 1100 | 0102 | 5  | 0113 | 4333 | 18 |
| 22  | 1111    | 1221 | 10 | 1000     | 1121 | 6  | 0000  | 0211 | 4  | 1223  | 2332 | 18 | 1123 | 3243 | 19 | 2324 | 2213 | 19 |
| 23  | 1101    | 1101 | 6  | 1000     | 1121 | 6  | 1012  | 3322 | 14 | 3431  | 0100 | 12 | 3335 | 4346 | 31 | 2231 | 1122 | 14 |
| 24  | 0001    | 0211 | 5  | 1000     | 0111 | 4  | 3335  | 4222 | 24 | 2111  | 0121 | 9  | 3333 | 4544 | 29 | 2211 | 1330 | 13 |
| 25  | 0001    | 1101 | 4  | 1100     | 0332 | 10 | 3213  | 3212 | 17 | 2110  | ---- | -  | 1224 | 3333 | 21 | 1100 | 0221 | 7  |
| 26  | 1000    | 1101 | 4  | 3321     | 0001 | 10 | 1111  | 2531 | 15 | ----  | ---- | -  | 2334 | 4421 | 23 | 1101 | 1121 | 8  |
| 27  | 1100    | 1012 | 6  | 0132     | 2433 | 18 | 2223  | 2333 | 20 | ----  | ---- | -  | 3234 | 3431 | 23 | 1100 | 0110 | 4  |
| 28  | 2100    | 1122 | 9  | 3333     | 3333 | 24 | 3112  | 1211 | 12 | ----  | ---- | -  | 2211 | 1001 | 8  | 1101 | 3111 | 9  |
| 29  | 2233    | 6654 | 31 |          |      |    | 1000  | 1001 | 3  | ----  | ---- | -  | 0100 | 2111 | 6  | 1111 | 2233 | 14 |
| 30  | 3333    | 4343 | 26 |          |      |    | 3112  | 2000 | 9  | ----  | -321 | -  | 0000 | 0001 | 1  | 1210 | 0000 | 4  |
| 31  | 2223    | 3442 | 22 |          |      |    | 0011  | 1112 | 7  |       |      |    | 1000 | 0121 | 5  |      |      |    |

| Day | July |      |    | August |      |    | September |      |    | October |      |    | November |      |     | December |      |    |
|-----|------|------|----|--------|------|----|-----------|------|----|---------|------|----|----------|------|-----|----------|------|----|
| 01  | 0012 | 1001 | 5  | 4334   | 4332 | 26 | 1124      | 2233 | 18 | 2113    | 2212 | 14 | 1100     | 0211 | 6   | 2001     | 0012 | 6  |
| 02  | 0010 | 0100 | 2  | 2121   | 3320 | 14 | 3324      | 4332 | 24 | 1010    | 1023 | 8  | 1111     | 0001 | 5   | 1111     | 1111 | 8  |
| 03  | 0101 | 3323 | 13 | 1111   | 2201 | 9  | 2223      | 4422 | 21 | 2232    | 4333 | 22 | 1001     | 2010 | 5   | 1000     | 0000 | 1  |
| 04  | 3324 | 3431 | 23 | 1000   | 0001 | 2  | 2111      | 2022 | 11 | 2223    | 3321 | 18 | 1010     | 1321 | 9   | 2010     | 1012 | 7  |
| 05  | 1210 | 3022 | 11 | 0000   | 0020 | 2  | 1233      | 3231 | 18 | 2111    | 2110 | 9  | 1011     | 1001 | 5   | 3121     | 1102 | 11 |
| 06  | 1111 | 2322 | 13 | 0022   | 2325 | 16 | 2112      | 2334 | 18 | 0012    | 2101 | 7  | 0000     | 1101 | 3   | 1001     | 1121 | 7  |
| 07  | 1100 | 0123 | 8  | 3333   | 4433 | 26 | 3122      | 3221 | 16 | 2000    | 2101 | 6  | 1000     | 0000 | 1   | 1100     | 0011 | 4  |
| 08  | 1100 | 1111 | 6  | 2210   | 1101 | 8  | 1112      | 1220 | 10 | 0000    | 0002 | 2  | (0)000   | 1112 | (5) | 0110     | 0001 | 3  |
| 09  | 0100 | 0010 | 2  | 1011   | 1010 | 5  | 0001      | 0001 | 2  | 0000    | 1001 | 2  | 1101     | 2102 | 8   | 2100     | 2232 | 12 |
| 10  | 0001 | 1013 | 6  | 1012   | 4543 | 20 | 1000      | 0220 | 5  | 0000    | 1000 | 1  | 2121     | 2101 | 10  | 1222     | 2234 | 18 |
| 11  | 3445 | 2421 | 25 | 3221   | 3331 | 18 | 0000      | 1100 | 2  | 0000    | 0011 | 2  | 1102     | 1002 | 7   | 4333     | 3343 | 26 |
| 12  | 1221 | 2121 | 12 | 1114   | 1120 | 11 | 0001      | 1000 | 2  | 0111    | 1221 | 9  | 1001     | 0133 | 9   | 3322     | 2112 | 16 |
| 13  | 0000 | 0011 | 2  | 1000   | 0100 | 2  | 0000      | 0011 | 2  | 0000    | 1002 | 3  | 3323     | 3232 | 21  | 2211     | 2221 | 13 |
| 14  | 1013 | 4553 | 22 | 0000   | 1012 | 4  | 1000      | 1222 | 8  | 2112    | 2101 | 10 | 3222     | 3322 | 19  | 1122     | 0121 | 10 |
| 15  | 3323 | 1121 | 16 | 1212   | 3211 | 13 | 3110      | 0121 | 9  | 1000    | 1201 | 5  | 3211     | 3233 | 18  | 1102     | 1112 | 9  |
| 16  | 1111 | 1120 | 8  | 1112   | 1121 | 10 | 1111      | 0021 | 7  | 1001    | 3210 | 8  | 1111     | 3222 | 13  | 1110     | 0111 | 6  |
| 17  | 1001 | 0010 | 3  | 1000   | 0022 | 5  | 0000      | 1002 | 3  | 1000    | 0001 | 2  | 2121     | 2221 | 13  | 2344     | 5333 | 27 |
| 18  | 0110 | 0000 | 2  | 1000   | 0000 | 1  | 2000      | 1000 | 3  | 1234    | 2243 | 21 | 1000     | 0201 | 4   | 3223     | 4433 | 24 |
| 19  | 0000 | 0000 | 0  | 0000   | 2211 | 6  | 1101      | 1001 | 5  | 3222    | 4332 | 21 | 1000     | 1034 | 9   | 2222     | 2122 | 15 |
| 20  | 1124 | 4323 | 20 | 1000   | 0001 | 2  | 1112      | 3332 | 16 | 3222    | 2321 | 17 | 2224     | 6532 | 26  | 3322     | 3532 | 23 |
| 21  | 3332 | 3232 | 21 | 1000   | 2101 | 5  | 2121      | 3233 | 17 | 1211    | 1132 | 12 | 3333     | 3321 | 21  | 2222     | 3331 | 18 |
| 22  | 1111 | 0000 | 4  | 0101   | 2220 | 8  | 3222      | 3342 | 21 | 2100    | 0333 | 12 | 1112     | 2453 | 19  | 2111     | 3322 | 15 |
| 23  | 0000 | 0110 | 2  | 0000   | 1010 | 2  | 2443      | 2323 | 23 | 2112    | 2231 | 14 | 3121     | 3221 | 15  | 2212     | 2212 | 14 |
| 24  | 0000 | 1000 | 1  | 0000   | 0000 | 0  | 2322      | 3322 | 19 | 1001    | 2211 | 8  | 2112     | 2432 | 17  | 2111     | 0111 | 8  |
| 25  | 0000 | 0000 | 0  | 1003   | 3231 | 13 | 2111      | 0233 | 13 | 2003    | 4553 | 22 | 2123     | 2432 | 19  | 0011     | 1000 | 3  |
| 26  | 0000 | 1332 | 9  | 1111   | 2333 | 15 | 1011      | 0010 | 4  | 3222    | 3431 | 20 | 2112     | 2112 | 12  | 0001     | 2101 | 5  |
| 27  | 1211 | 2101 | 9  | 3232   | 2152 | 20 | 0002      | 1544 | 16 | 2113    | 3423 | 19 | 1111     | 1211 | 9   | 2211     | 1122 | 12 |
| 28  | 1000 | 0001 | 2  | 2234   | 3121 | 18 | 3242      | 2344 | 24 | 2103    | 3421 | 16 | 0011     | 2311 | 9   | 2100     | 1111 | 7  |
| 29  | 2433 | 4233 | 24 | 1010   | 2121 | 8  | 3343      | 4433 | 27 | 2011    | 3354 | 19 | 0001     | 2212 | 8   | 1010     | 0012 | 5  |
| 30  | 3331 | 1231 | 17 | 1221   | 1011 | 9  | 2232      | 2231 | 17 | 2211    | 1312 | 13 | 1001     | 1221 | 8   | 2011     | 2210 | 9  |
| 31  | 1122 | 3101 | 11 | 1011   | 1233 | 12 |           |      |    | 2011    | 3221 | 12 |          |      |     | 0112     | 2222 | 12 |

Table 5.6. K indices and daily K sums measured at Gngangara in 2007.

| UT Start   |       |      | SSC amplitudes |       |       | Maximum 3hr K indices |   | Storm Ranges |       |       | UT End     |       |
|------------|-------|------|----------------|-------|-------|-----------------------|---|--------------|-------|-------|------------|-------|
| Date       | Time  | Type | D(°)           | H(nT) | Z(nT) | Day (3hr Periods)     | K | D(°)         | H(nT) | Z(nT) | Date       | Time  |
| 2007-01-01 | 09:47 | ssc  | 1.08           | 12.27 | 7.06  | 2(4,5)                | 5 | 17.2         | 56.8  | 120.3 | 2007-01-02 | 21:00 |
| 2007-01-29 | 05:00 | ...  |                |       |       | 29(5,6)               | 6 | 11.2         | 58.1  | 76.2  | 2007-01-30 | 21:00 |
| 2007-05-21 | 23:20 | ...  |                |       |       | 23(8)                 | 6 | 29.2         | 118.2 | 181.0 | 2007-05-28 | 09:58 |
| 2007-07-14 | 07:23 | ...  |                |       |       | 14(6,7)               | 5 | 13.8         | 75.6  | 86.1  | 2007-07-15 | 21:27 |
| 2007-11-19 | 18:10 | ...  |                |       |       | 20(5)                 | 6 | 20.8         | 115.9 | 126.3 | 2007-11-21 | 17:00 |

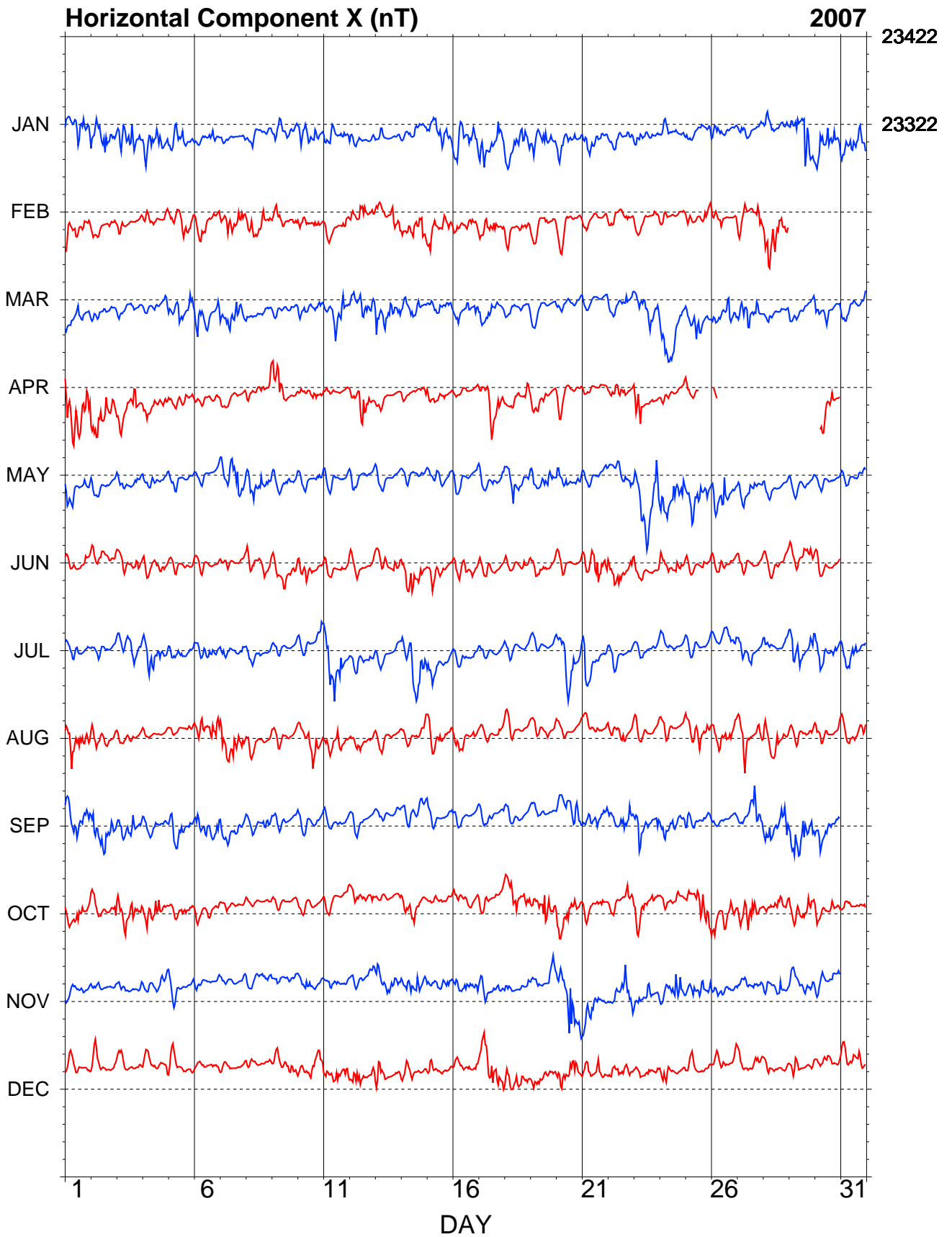
**Table 5.7.** Principal magnetic storms observed at Gngangara in 2007.

| UT         |       | Type     | Quality | Chief movement (nT) |        |       |
|------------|-------|----------|---------|---------------------|--------|-------|
| Date       | Time  | ssc/ssc* | A,B,C   | H(x)                | D(y)   | Z     |
| 2007-01-01 | 09:47 | ssc      | c       | 12.27               | 7.37   | 7.06  |
| 2007-01-14 | 12:45 | ssc*     | b       | 5.02                | 10.37* | 5.04* |
| 2007-01-14 | 20:23 | ssc      | a       | 5.3                 | 9.44   | 6.62  |
| 2007-09-27 | 11:52 | ssc      | b       | 11.35               | 2.55   | 4.53  |
| 2007-10-25 | 11:35 | ssc      | a       | 25.92               | 5.44   | 10.44 |

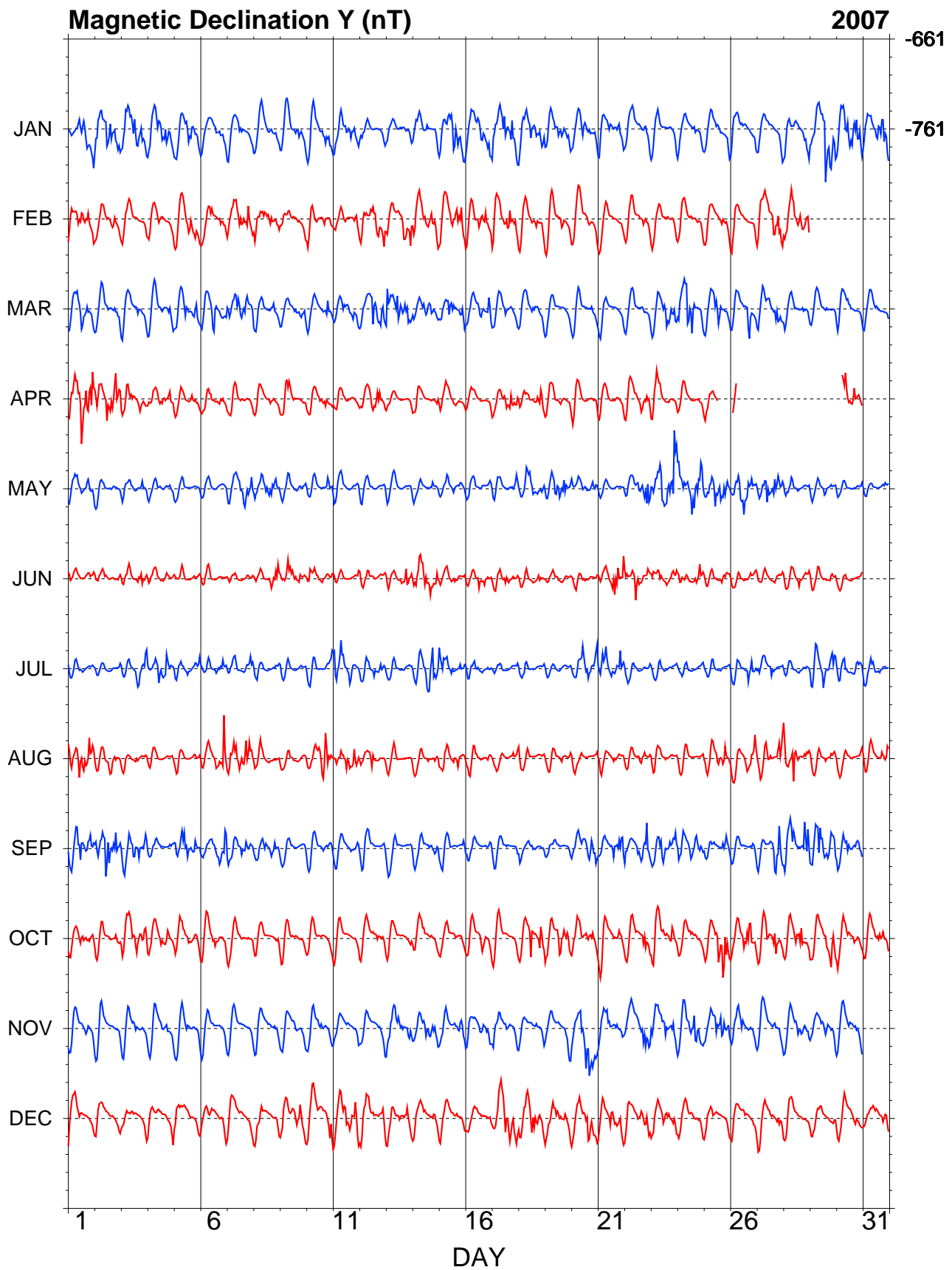
| UT   |       | Movement |     | Amplitude (nT) |      |   | Confirmation |
|------|-------|----------|-----|----------------|------|---|--------------|
| Date | Start | Max      | End | H(x)           | D(y) | Z |              |
| Nil  |       |          |     |                |      |   |              |

**Table 5.8.** Sudden storm commencements and solar flare effects observed at Gngangara in 2007.

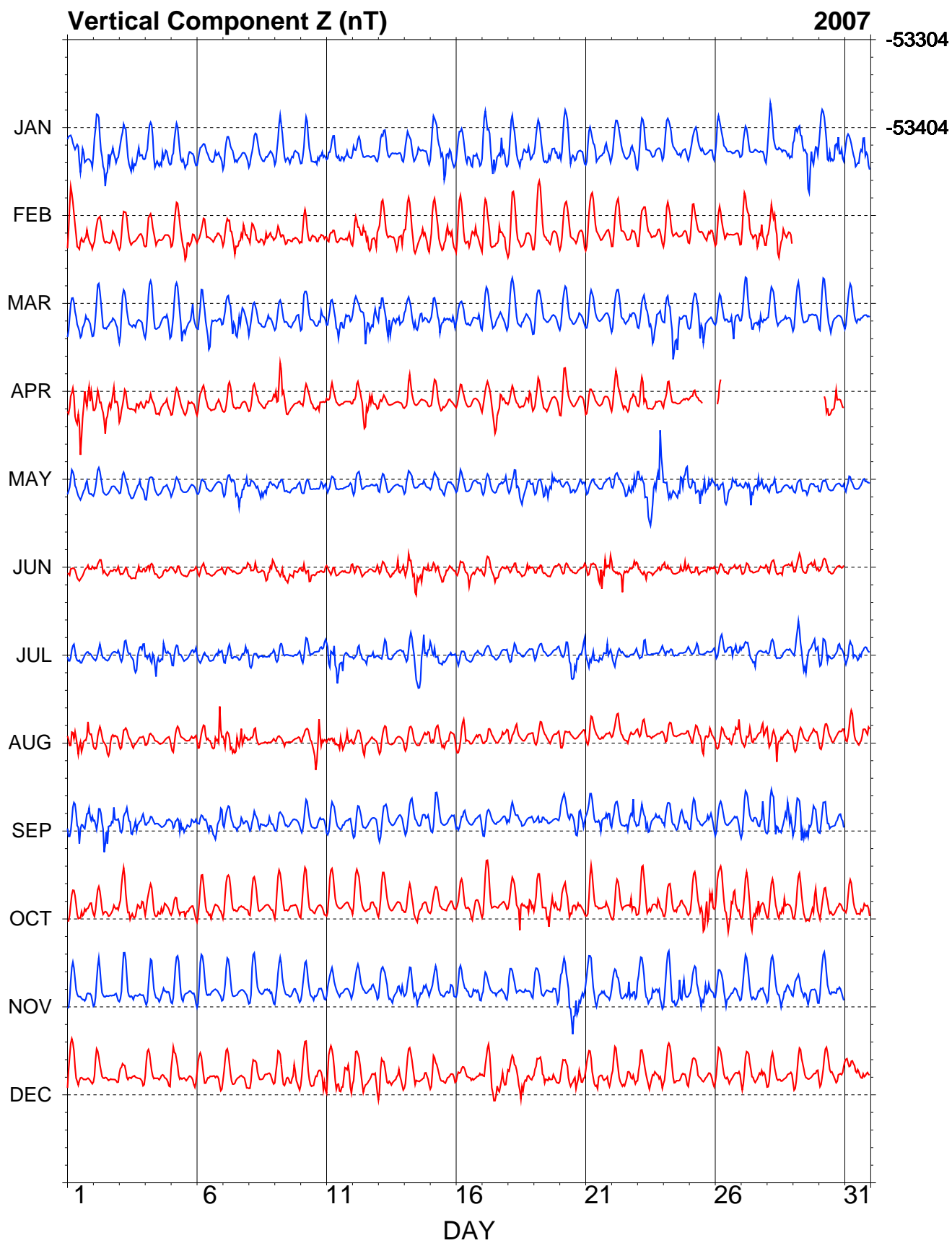
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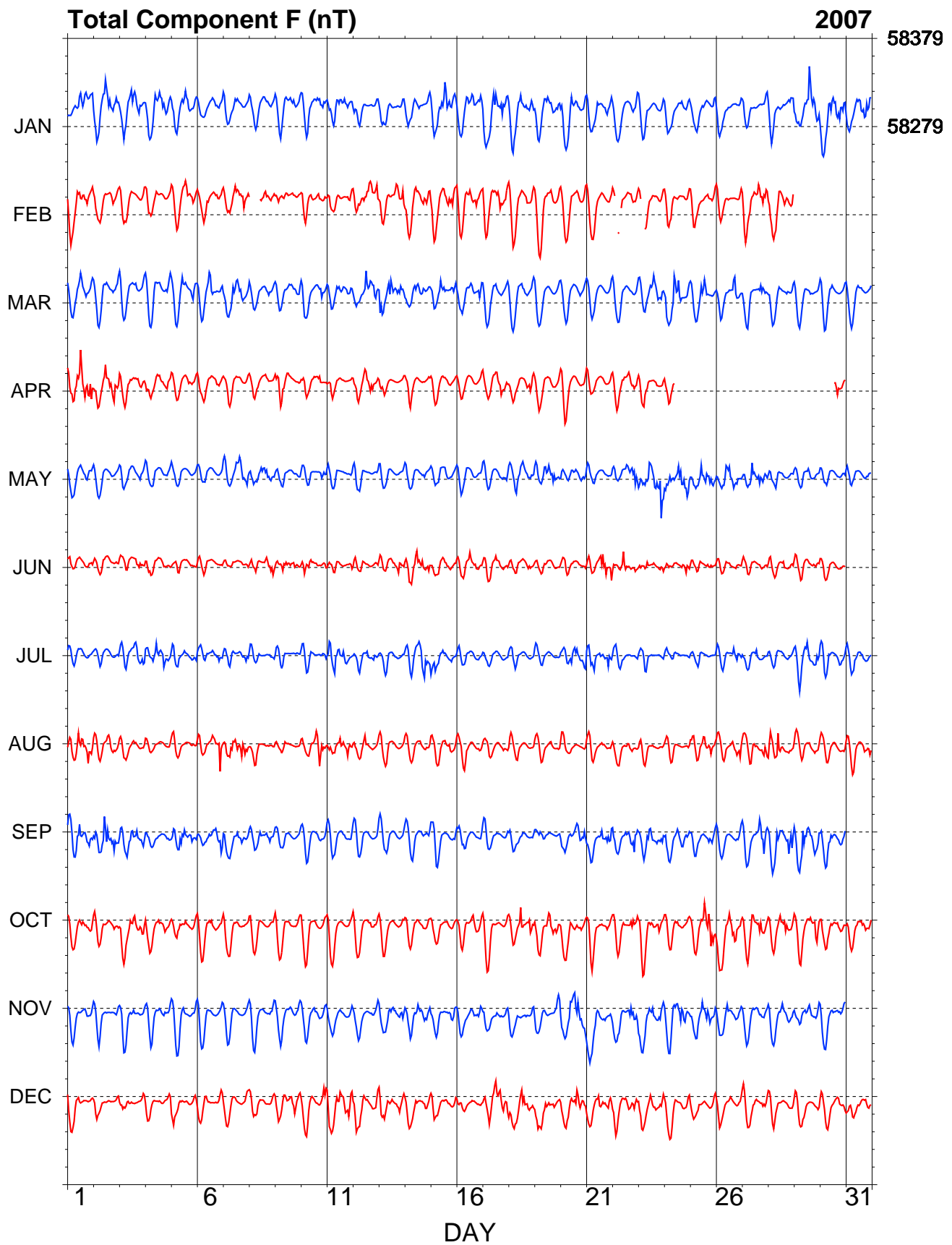


Figure 5.3. Hourly mean values in X, Y, Z and F measured at Gngangara.



## 6. Canberra

The Canberra magnetic observatory is the principal observatory in the Australian geomagnetic observatory network. It is located in the Australian Capital Territory, approximately 30 km to the east of the city of Canberra.

The observatory is on an 8 hectare site and comprises:

- a Recorder House;
- a Variometer House 85 m NW of the Recorder House;
- a Secondary Variometer House some 70 m to the west of the Recorder House;
- an Absolute House 60 m NE of the Recorder House;
- a Comparison House 12 m west of the Absolute House;
- a Test House some 210 m north of the Recorder House;
- the Geoscience Australia Magnetometer Calibration Facility some 100 m SE of the Recorder House;
- a sheltered external observation site;
- four azimuth pillars, and;
- two seismic vaults.

### Variometers

The variometers used during 2007 are described in Table 6.2.

During 2007, the principal variometer, a Narod ring-core fluxgate, operated on a pier in the eastern room of the Variometer House. Total-intensity variations were monitored in the western room of the Variometer House. A LEMI 3-component fluxgate variometer, housed in the Secondary Variometer House, served as a backup instrument.

Timing for the primary variometer data was ntpd-based until 7 August when a Trimble Acutime GPS clock began operation. The 2006 Australian Geomagnetism Report (Hitchman *et al.*, 2008) incorrectly reported that a GPS clock had provided timing during 2006 when timing had actually been by ntpd.

### Absolute instruments

The principal absolute magnetometers used at Canberra and their adopted corrections for 2007 are described in Table 6.3.

The absolute instruments used at Canberra also served as the Australian observatory reference instruments. Intercomparison of various DIMs at the 11<sup>th</sup> IAGA workshop in Kakioka, Japan, resulted in corrections to D of 0.0' and I of -0.15' for the DI0048. International comparison via a travelling reference PPM to other nations' PPMs and frequency standards has shown that no F correction is necessary.

At the 2007 mean magnetic field values at Canberra these D, I, and F corrections translate to corrections of:

$$\Delta X = -3.0 \text{ nT} \quad \Delta Y = -0.7 \text{ nT} \quad \Delta Z = -1.4 \text{ nT}$$

These corrections have been applied to Canberra 2007 final data.

### Baselines

Without any correction, the Narod baseline drifts were in the range of 9 nT, 10 nT and 3 nT in X, Y and Z during 2007. Drift patterns of three channels have very similar seasonal dependence to those of previous years.

With drift corrections applied, the standard deviation in the difference of absolute observations from a final variometer model were:

|                           |                  |
|---------------------------|------------------|
| IAGA code:                | CNB              |
| Commenced operation:      | 1978             |
| Geographic latitude:      | 35° 18' 52.6" S  |
| Geographic longitude:     | 149° 21' 45.4" E |
| Geomagnetic latitude:     | -42.44°          |
| Geomagnetic longitude:    | 226.94°          |
| K 9 index lower limit:    | 450 nT           |
| Principal pier:           | Pier AW          |
| Pier elevation (top):     | 859 m AMSL       |
| Principal reference mark: | NW pillar        |
| Reference mark azimuth:   | 328° 37' 03"     |
| Reference mark distance:  | 137.3 m          |
| Observer in charge:       | L. Wang          |

**Table 6.1.** Key observatory data.

|                          |   |
|--------------------------|---|
| 3-component variometer:  | Narod (CNB)   |
| Serial number:           | 9004-2  |
| Type:                    | ring-core fluxgate  |
| Orientation:             | NW, NE, Z   |
| Acquisition interval:    | 1 s   |
| Resolution:              | 0.025 nT  |
| 3-component variometer:  | LEMI (CN1)  |
| Serial number:           | 004_A   |
| Type:                    | linear fluxgate   |
| Orientation:             | NW, NE, Z   |
| Acquisition interval:    | 1 s   |
| Total-field variometer:  | GEM Systems GSM-90  |
| Serial number:           | 803810/81225  |
| Type:                    | Overhauser effect   |
| Acquisition interval:    | 10 s  |
| Resolution:              | 0.01 nT   |
| Data acquisition system: | GDAP: PC-104 computer, QNX OS   |
| Timing:                  | ntpd (until 7 August)<br>Trimble Acutime GPS clock<br>(from 7 August) |
| Communications:          | radio link  |

**Table 6.2.** Magnetic variometers used in 2007. See [Appendix C](#) for a schematic of their configuration.

|                           |                    |
|---------------------------|--------------------|
| DI fluxgate:              | DMI                |
| Serial number:            | DI0048             |
| Theodolite:               | Zeiss 020B         |
| Serial number:            | 353756             |
| Resolution:               | 0.1'               |
| D correction:             | 0.0'               |
| I correction:             | -0.15'             |
| Total-field magnetometer: | GEM Systems GSM-90 |
| Serial number:            | 905926/21867       |
| Type:                     | Overhauser effect  |
| Resolution:               | 0.01 nT            |
| Correction:               | 0.0 nT             |

**Table 6.3.** Absolute magnetometers and their adopted corrections for 2007. Corrections are applied in the sense Standard = Instrument + correction.

|   | $\sigma$ |   | $\sigma$ |
|---|----------|---|----------|
| X | 0.6 nT   | D | 11"      |
| Y | 1.2 nT   | I | 2"       |
| Z | 0.3 nT   | F | 0.2 nT   |

There was less than 1.0 nT variation throughout the year in the FCheck.

Observed and adopted baseline values in X, Y and Z are shown in Figure 6.1.

### Operations

Weekly absolute observations were performed by staff of the Geomagnetism Project. Other duties included computer assisted hand scaling of K indices and monitoring database and data delivery programs.

Data from the Narod RCF variometer were acquired on a computer at the observatory and were automatically retrieved to head office via a telemetry link every 10 minutes. The temperature in Variometer House varied between 24.8°C and 26.5°C throughout the year.

Data losses at Canberra in 2007 are identified in Table A.6. When required, data from the backup LEMI variometer were used to fill gaps in the primary variometer record. Data acquired from the LEMI for this purpose are identified in Table B.1.

### Significant events

2007-01-17 Network Failure - Fibre-Optic converter power supply - no data telemetry  
07:44 baseline (Z) shifted up ~ 5 nT

2007-01-18 FO Converter power supply replaced 23:00  
18:42 baseline (Z) shifted down ~ 5nT (shifted Z @ -4.47 nT from 07:46 17 Jan 2007 - 18:36 18 Jan 2008 at final dataset)

2007-02-15 Commence 3 hourly data delivery to Potsdam for Real-time Kp index calculations

2007-02-20 01:00 - 02:30 telemetry interruption, upgrades in computer room.  
Afternoon thunderstorms - spikes on data

2007-02-22 LEMI data has steps during the day in A, B, C and sensor temperature

2007-02-27 01:00 LEMI data corruption - LJW in hut re-arranging equipment

2007-03-08 Testing local NTP using LEMI ga-cnb-mag3 as server, CTL ga-cnb-mag1 as client caused clock error on LEMI computer about 02:06 - 02:31 (-1271s correction later applied). The configuration worked on computers at Symonston, and should not have effected the server computer! Further tests cannot use NGL or LEMI computers. (server 127.127.1.0 fudge 127.127.1.0 stratum 3)

2007-03-27 Attempted to install Trimble Acutime s/n 260033496 p/n 28530-01 with BNC extender cable to Narod for 1s pulse, using Powerbox PUP30-12-N 100-240VAC 0.8A 47-63Hz 11-13 VDC 2.7A 30W s/n 155959 week 9746 with Trimble cable #3, and 42 ms pulse stretcher 20070301 (battery CB1270 12V &Ah)  
Test in Control Hut were marginal. Slay ntp on ga-cnb-mag2 ~03:11, tried Clock. OK. Take out ntpd from rc.local, install Trimble in rc.acquisition (using -r -48000); ngIRW failed for unknown reasons. Then everything including clock, two pulse stretchers, ser2 seemed to fail. Disconnect clock and restart ntpd. It may be that the battery was very low,

power supply consequently blew, and low voltage explains some of the other faults!???

Reverted to previous setup but CNB variometer environment altered with old comparison hut wooden rack installed - still the installation needs to be tidied to

- 1) remove numerous 12V PS with one battery box
- 2) separate 240V power from data cables in conduits
- 3) remove unused cables cluttering conduits
- 4) replace discky 4 outlet power board if still required

2007-03-29 04:40 UT time: added "X-Protective-Marking" in email headers.

2007-04-13 ~01:40 CN1 shutdown as Adam data had multiple and invalid data records per second on several occasions, with many spikes etc. System clearly misbehaving, cause unknown (acquisition, Adam?)

2007-04-14 ACT forestry (phone number 62050204) informed about the Subaru Rally in Kowen forest on the weekend from 1 - 3 June. Gates to the forest will be locked up from 28 May to 3 June.

2007-04-28 Backward time jump in CN1 @ 13:20

2007-05-17 05UT Radio link down during ATWS installation

2007-05-31 Installed GdapAdjustClockRate, and modified clock rate from standard to 838095345; residual rate ~ 500ppb. Not installed in startup scripts at this stage.

2007-06-20 12:30 - 24:00 Radio link down due to power surge protector failure in the external radio box at CMO

2007-06-21 00:00 - 02:24 Radio link down due to power surge protector failure in the external radio box at CMO

2007-07-03 50m N-S, E-W MT system set up out from Control hut for OEMD equipment testing.

2007-07-10 Cold reboot of Narod RCF ~01:50 (causing about 1 minute data loss)

2007-07-13 Slay ntpd and restart ntpd at 02:37 to see if data improves.

2007-07-16 Radio link upgrades cause interruption to telemetry 01:15

2007-07-17 ~04:30-04:40 install Trimble GPS 260033496 Cable#3, Pulse stretcher 20070301 using power supply Powertech MP-3240 100-240V 47-63Hz 12V 4A N17413; ~08:15 slay ntpd, start (rc.clock) GdapClock using Trimble NOTE rc.clock needs to be merged into rc.acquisition instead of rc.local having ntpd. GdapClock failed at about 12:05

2007-07-18 shutdown to try and get clock working at ~00:16; shutdown ... ~00:24 Should be back to ntpd now - cannot get any response (serial or PPS) from the Trimble.

2007-08-07 During AAD training, noticed that the 240 plug to power supply of GPS wasn't making good contact at the power supply end. ~01:33, slay ntpd, change clock rate to 838054112 and start GdapClock

07/08/07 01:34:21 - CLK I 0 Correction:  
1186450461 174792012 C 0 s 6758453 R 0 s 213

07/08/07 01:35:46 - CLK I 0 Correction:  
1186450546 181394998 C 0 s 10382 R 0 s 250

GPS CLOCK back in use and NOT NTPD. Still require some changes to complete the transition GSM90 905926 Failed - no serial communication to device

2007-08-14 Absolute GSM90 failed to operate last week, and 003985 also failed this week - appears to be broken

wires in RS232 connector Connected the pps from GPS pulse stretcher to Narod. While testing, nglRW -d/dev/ser5 could not read data at 9600 properly. Some baud rates <9600 baud gave some very poor and incomplete data Reconnecting to ser8 worked ok - something is wrong, but I didn't resolve the problem...PGC.

- 2007-08-17 Timejumps in CN1 data - repeated data for F rather than erroneous data. It could be that a network connection CN1-CNB was lost during storms that were around at the time, and that MachR reopened the Resource Manager F file and started at the beginning of the buffer, so duplicationg already recorded data.
- 2007-09-05 Japanese researchers visited the observatory
- 2007-09-06 23:20 stop e-mail RT delivery to ISGI, FTP delivery continues unchanged.
- 2007-09-16 20:50 Lost contact with GPS on CN1
- 2007-09-17 Could not resurrect CN1 GPS by restarting GdapClock. shutdown CN1 at 01:46; 01:48:07 Correction CN1 48ms. Made adjustments to CN1 /etc/rc.d/ rc.ports and rc.acquisition; rc.ports now starts serial driver for ser1, ser2, and ser5-8 as 3 processes rc.acquisition now calls GdapAdjustClockRate then GdapClock -r 0
- 2007-10-22 01:26: updated baseline
- 2007-11-23 Magcal UPS stopped working due to operated Circuit Breaker. Restored CB and all OK.

K indices for Canberra have been derived using a computer-assisted method developed at Geoscience Australia and based on the IAGA-accepted LRNS algorithm. Canberra K indices contribute to the global Kp and aa indices, the southern hemisphere Ks index, and all their derivatives. K indices measured in 2007 are listed in [Table 6.6](#).

Principal magnetic storms observed at Canberra are listed in [Table 6.7](#) and other rapid variation phenomena in [Table 6.8](#).

#### Data distribution

| Recipient   | Status      | Sent         |
|---|-------------|--------------|
| <i>1-second values</i>                                |             |              |
| IPS Radio and Space Services                          | preliminary | real time    |
| <i>1-minute values</i>                                |             |              |
| INTERMAGNET   | preliminary | real time    |
| INTERMAGNET   | definitive  | 2008         |
| ISGI, France  | preliminary | real time    |
| ISGI, France  | preliminary | daily        |
| GeoForschungsZentrum, Germany                         | preliminary | 3-hourly     |
| <i>Monthly mean values</i>                            |             |              |
| Ørsted Satellite Project                              | preliminary | monthly      |
| <i>K indices</i>                                      |             |              |
| IPS Radio and Space Services                          |             | weekly       |
| University of Newcastle                               |             | weekly       |
| British Geological Survey                             |             | weekly       |
| CLS, CNES, France                                     |             | weekly       |
| ISGI, France  |             | weekly       |
| Centre de Physique du Globe, Belgium                  |             | weekly       |
| GeoForschungsZentrum, Germany                         |             | semi-monthly |
| Observatori de l'Ebre, Spain                          |             | monthly      |
| <i>Principal magnetic storms and rapid variations</i> |             |              |
| WDC-A   |             | monthly      |
| WDC-C2  |             | monthly      |

**Table 6.4.** Distribution of 2007 data.

#### Annual mean values

The annual mean values for Canberra are set out in [Table 6.5](#) and displayed with the secular variation in [Figure 6.2](#).

#### Hourly mean values

Plots of the hourly mean values for Canberra 2007 data are shown in [Figure 6.3](#).

#### K indices

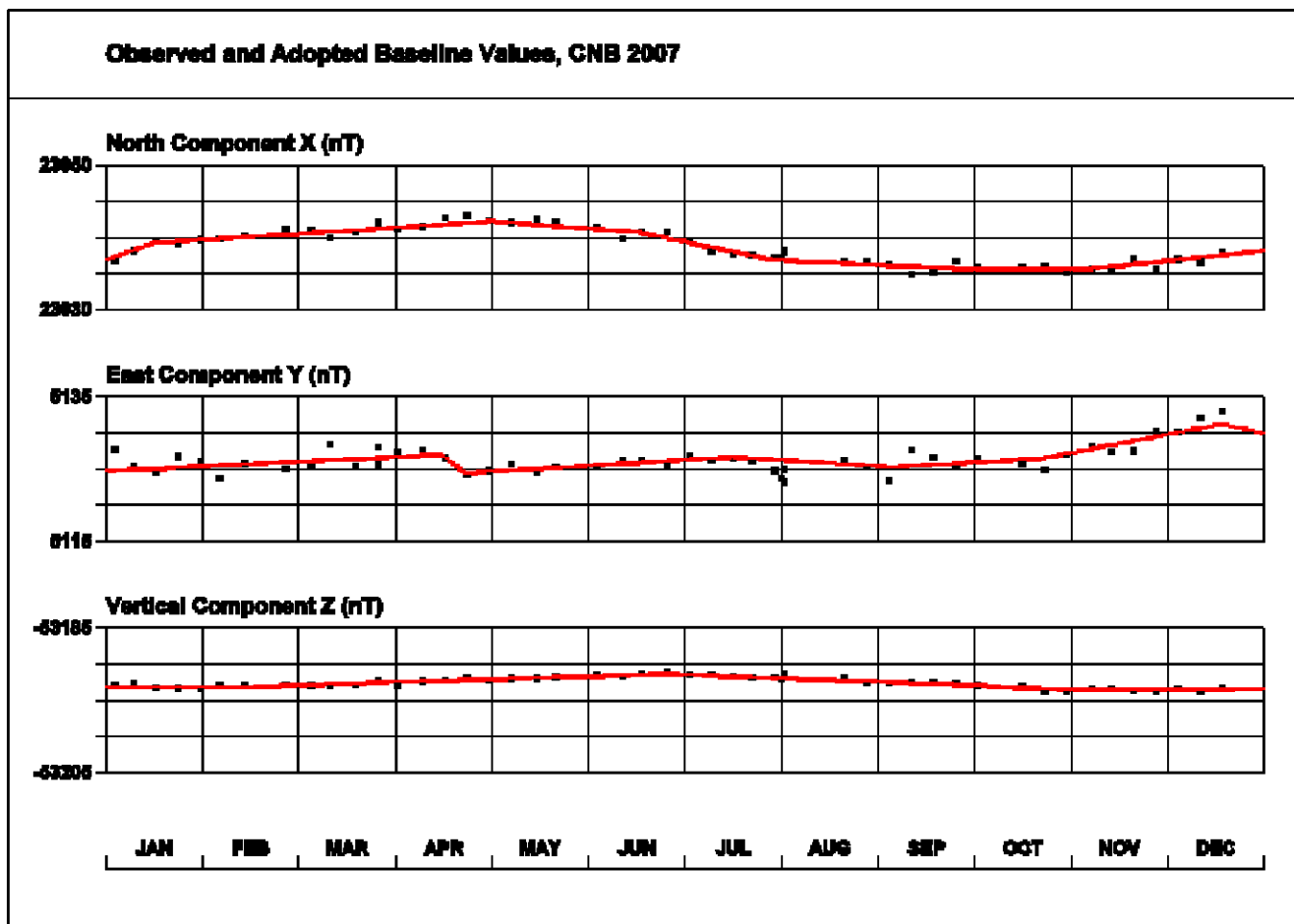


Figure 6.1. Canberra baseline plots.

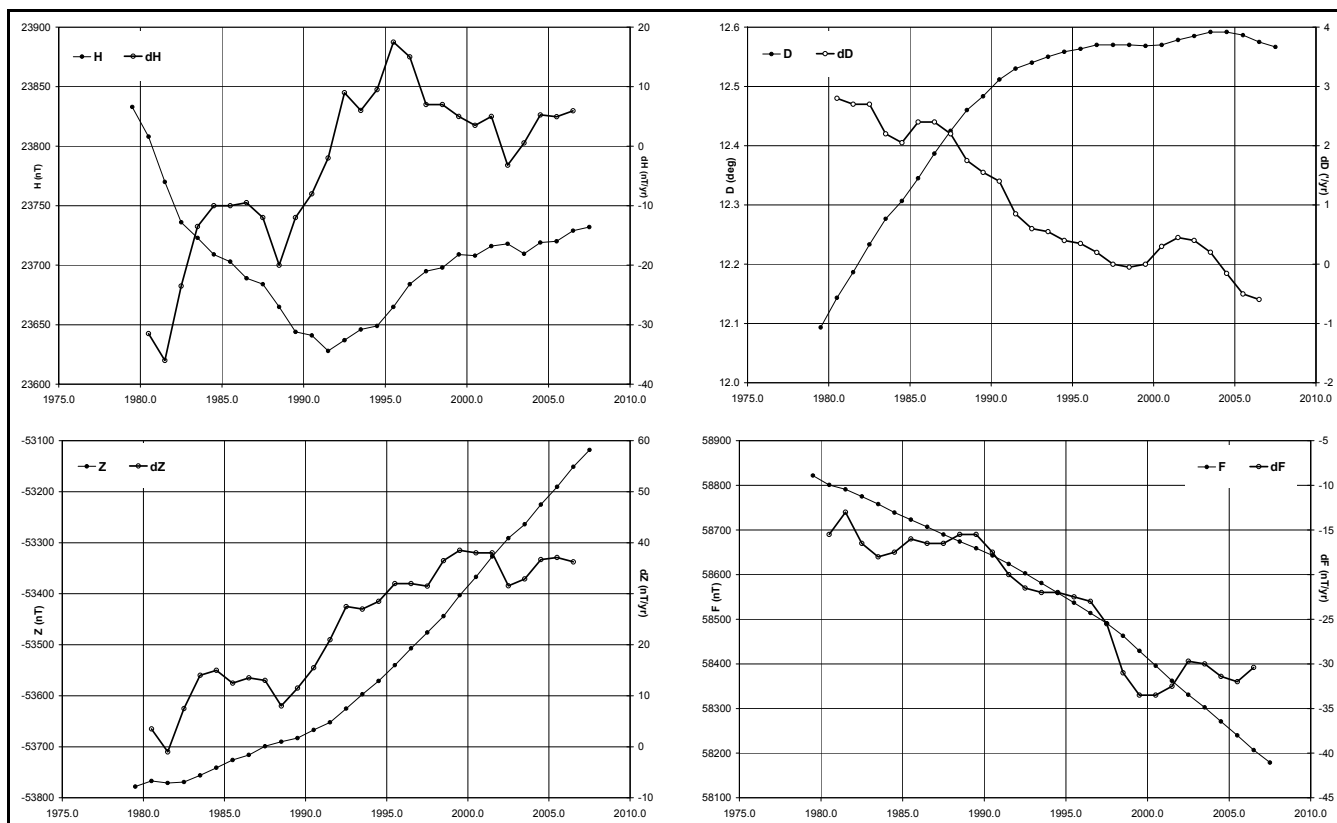


Figure 6.2. Annual mean values and secular variation (all days) for H, D, Z and F measured at Canberra.

| Year   | Days | D   |      | I   |      | H     | X     | Y    | Z      | F     | Elements |
|--------|------|-----|------|-----|------|-------|-------|------|--------|-------|----------|
|        |      | (°) | (')  | (°) | (')  | (nT)  | (nT)  | (nT) | (nT)   | (nT)  |          |
| 1979.5 | A    | 12  | 05.6 | -66 | 05.9 | 23833 | 23305 | 4993 | -53778 | 58822 | DFI      |
| 1980.5 | A    | 12  | 08.6 | -66 | 06.9 | 23808 | 23275 | 5009 | -53767 | 58801 | DFI      |
| 1981.5 | A    | 12  | 11.2 | -66 | 09.1 | 23770 | 23234 | 5018 | -53771 | 58791 | DFI      |
| 1982.5 | A    | 12  | 14.0 | -66 | 10.8 | 23736 | 23197 | 5030 | -53769 | 58775 | DFI      |
| 1983.5 | A    | 12  | 16.6 | -66 | 11.3 | 23723 | 23180 | 5044 | -53756 | 58758 | DFI      |
| 1984.5 | A    | 12  | 18.4 | -66 | 11.7 | 23709 | 23164 | 5054 | -53741 | 58739 | DFI      |
| 1985.5 | A    | 12  | 20.7 | -66 | 11.6 | 23703 | 23155 | 5067 | -53726 | 58723 | DFI      |
| 1986.5 | A    | 12  | 23.2 | -66 | 12.1 | 23689 | 23137 | 5081 | -53716 | 58707 | DFI      |
| 1987.5 | A    | 12  | 25.5 | -66 | 12.0 | 23684 | 23129 | 5096 | -53699 | 58690 | DFI      |
| 1988.5 | A    | 12  | 27.6 | -66 | 12.8 | 23665 | 23107 | 5106 | -53690 | 58674 | DFI      |
| 1989.5 | A    | 12  | 29.0 | -66 | 13.8 | 23644 | 23085 | 5111 | -53683 | 58659 | DFI      |
| 1990.5 | A    | 12  | 30.7 | -66 | 13.6 | 23641 | 23079 | 5121 | -53667 | 58643 | DFI      |
| 1991.5 | A    | 12  | 31.8 | -66 | 13.9 | 23628 | 23066 | 5126 | -53652 | 58624 | DFI      |
| 1992.5 | A    | 12  | 32.4 | -66 | 12.8 | 23637 | 23073 | 5132 | -53625 | 58603 | DFI      |
| 1993.5 | A    | 12  | 33.0 | -66 | 11.6 | 23646 | 23081 | 5138 | -53597 | 58581 | DFI      |
| 1994.5 | A    | 12  | 33.5 | -66 | 10.8 | 23649 | 23083 | 5142 | -53571 | 58559 | DFI      |
| 1995.5 | A    | 12  | 33.8 | -66 | 09.2 | 23665 | 23098 | 5148 | -53540 | 58537 | DFI      |
| 1996.5 | A    | 12  | 34.2 | -66 | 07.4 | 23684 | 23116 | 5154 | -53507 | 58514 | ABZ      |
| 1997.5 | A    | 12  | 34.2 | -66 | 06.1 | 23695 | 23127 | 5157 | -53476 | 58491 | ABZ      |
| 1998.5 | A    | 12  | 34.2 | -66 | 05.2 | 23698 | 23130 | 5157 | -53444 | 58463 | ABZ      |
| 1999.5 | A    | 12  | 34.1 | -66 | 03.7 | 23709 | 23140 | 5159 | -53403 | 58429 | ABZ      |
| 2000.5 | A    | 12  | 34.2 | -66 | 02.9 | 23708 | 23139 | 5160 | -53367 | 58396 | ABZ      |
| 2001.5 | A    | 12  | 34.7 | -66 | 01.5 | 23716 | 23146 | 5164 | -53327 | 58362 | ABZ      |
| 2002.5 | A    | 12  | 35.1 | -66 | 00.5 | 23718 | 23148 | 5168 | -53291 | 58331 | ABZ      |
| 2003.5 | A    | 12  | 35.5 | -66 | 00.3 | 23710 | 23139 | 5169 | -53264 | 58303 | ABZ      |
| 2004.5 | A    | 12  | 35.5 | -65 | 58.8 | 23719 | 23149 | 5171 | -53225 | 58271 | ABZ      |
| 2005.5 | A    | 12  | 35.2 | -65 | 57.9 | 23720 | 23150 | 5169 | -53190 | 58240 | ABZ      |
| 2006.5 | A    | 12  | 34.5 | -65 | 56.5 | 23729 | 23160 | 5166 | -53151 | 58207 | ABZ      |
| 2007.5 | A    | 12  | 34.0 | -65 | 55.5 | 23732 | 23164 | 5164 | -53118 | 58179 | ABZ      |
| 1979.5 | Q    | 12  | 05.5 | -66 | 05.3 | 23844 | 23315 | 4995 | -53775 | 58824 | DFI      |
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| 1982.5 | Q    | 12  | 14.1 | -66 | 10.1 | 23749 | 23210 | 5033 | -53766 | 58778 | DFI      |
| 1983.5 | Q    | 12  | 16.5 | -66 | 10.7 | 23734 | 23191 | 5046 | -53753 | 58760 | DFI      |
| 1984.5 | Q    | 12  | 18.5 | -66 | 11.1 | 23719 | 23174 | 5056 | -53739 | 58741 | DFI      |
| 1985.5 | Q    | 12  | 20.7 | -66 | 11.1 | 23713 | 23164 | 5070 | -53724 | 58724 | DFI      |
| 1986.5 | Q    | 12  | 23.2 | -66 | 11.6 | 23697 | 23146 | 5083 | -53714 | 58709 | DFI      |
| 1987.5 | Q    | 12  | 25.5 | -66 | 11.6 | 23690 | 23136 | 5097 | -53698 | 58691 | DFI      |
| 1988.5 | Q    | 12  | 27.7 | -66 | 12.2 | 23675 | 23118 | 5109 | -53687 | 58676 | DFI      |
| 1989.5 | Q    | 12  | 29.1 | -66 | 13.0 | 23657 | 23098 | 5114 | -53680 | 58662 | DFI      |
| 1990.5 | Q    | 12  | 30.8 | -66 | 12.8 | 23653 | 23092 | 5125 | -53663 | 58645 | DFI      |
| 1991.5 | Q    | 12  | 31.8 | -66 | 12.9 | 23645 | 23082 | 5130 | -53647 | 58627 | DFI      |
| 1992.5 | Q    | 12  | 32.5 | -66 | 12.1 | 23649 | 23085 | 5135 | -53622 | 58605 | DFI      |
| 1993.5 | Q    | 12  | 33.0 | -66 | 11.1 | 23655 | 23090 | 5140 | -53594 | 58583 | DFI      |
| 1994.5 | Q    | 12  | 33.6 | -66 | 10.2 | 23661 | 23095 | 5145 | -53568 | 58561 | DFI      |
| 1995.5 | Q    | 12  | 33.9 | -66 | 08.7 | 23675 | 23108 | 5150 | -53537 | 58538 | DFI      |
| 1996.5 | Q    | 12  | 34.2 | -66 | 07.2 | 23689 | 23121 | 5155 | -53506 | 58515 | ABZ      |
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| 2000.5 | Q    | 12  | 34.3 | -66 | 02.2 | 23718 | 23149 | 5162 | -53365 | 58398 | ABZ      |
| 2001.5 | Q    | 12  | 34.7 | -66 | 00.9 | 23726 | 23156 | 5167 | -53324 | 58364 | ABZ      |
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| 2003.5 | Q    | 12  | 35.6 | -65 | 59.5 | 23723 | 23152 | 5172 | -53261 | 58306 | ABZ      |
| 2004.5 | Q    | 12  | 35.5 | -65 | 58.3 | 23728 | 23157 | 5173 | -53223 | 58273 | ABZ      |
| 2005.5 | Q    | 12  | 35.2 | -65 | 57.4 | 23730 | 23159 | 5171 | -53188 | 58242 | ABZ      |
| 2006.5 | Q    | 12  | 34.5 | -65 | 56.1 | 23736 | 23166 | 5167 | -53149 | 58208 | ABZ      |
| 2007.5 | Q    | 12  | 34.0 | -65 | 55.3 | 23737 | 23168 | 5165 | -53117 | 58180 | ABZ      |
| 1979.5 | D    | 12  | 05.6 | -66 | 06.9 | 23816 | 23287 | 4990 | -53782 | 58819 | DFI      |
| 1980.5 | D    | 12  | 08.4 | -66 | 07.8 | 23792 | 23260 | 5004 | -53770 | 58798 | DFI      |
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| 1982.5 | D    | 12  | 13.7 | -66 | 12.4 | 23710 | 23172 | 5022 | -53773 | 58769 | DFI      |
| 1983.5 | D    | 12  | 16.6 | -66 | 12.3 | 23706 | 23163 | 5040 | -53760 | 58754 | DFI      |
| 1984.5 | D    | 12  | 18.4 | -66 | 12.7 | 23691 | 23146 | 5049 | -53745 | 58735 | DFI      |
| 1985.5 | D    | 12  | 20.5 | -66 | 12.4 | 23690 | 23142 | 5064 | -53729 | 58719 | DFI      |

|        |   |    |      |     |      |       |       |      |        |       |     |
|--------|---|----|------|-----|------|-------|-------|------|--------|-------|-----|
| 1986.5 | D | 12 | 23.3 | -66 | 12.9 | 23675 | 23123 | 5079 | -53717 | 58703 | DFI |
| 1987.5 | D | 12 | 25.5 | -66 | 12.6 | 23674 | 23120 | 5094 | -53701 | 58688 | DFI |
| 1988.5 | D | 12 | 27.5 | -66 | 13.8 | 23647 | 23091 | 5102 | -53693 | 58670 | DFI |
| 1989.5 | D | 12 | 29.0 | -66 | 15.5 | 23615 | 23057 | 5105 | -53690 | 58654 | DFI |
| 1990.5 | D | 12 | 30.5 | -66 | 14.8 | 23619 | 23059 | 5116 | -53671 | 58639 | DFI |
| 1991.5 | D | 12 | 31.6 | -66 | 15.5 | 23600 | 23038 | 5119 | -53658 | 58618 | DFI |
| 1992.5 | D | 12 | 32.3 | -66 | 14.1 | 23615 | 23052 | 5127 | -53630 | 58600 | DFI |
| 1993.5 | D | 12 | 33.0 | -66 | 12.7 | 23628 | 23064 | 5134 | -53601 | 58578 | DFI |
| 1994.5 | D | 12 | 33.4 | -66 | 11.8 | 23633 | 23068 | 5138 | -53574 | 58555 | DFI |
| 1995.5 | D | 12 | 33.8 | -66 | 10.0 | 23652 | 23086 | 5145 | -53542 | 58533 | DFI |
| 1996.5 | D | 12 | 34.2 | -66 | 07.9 | 23676 | 23108 | 5152 | -53508 | 58512 | ABZ |
| 1997.5 | D | 12 | 34.1 | -66 | 06.9 | 23683 | 23115 | 5154 | -53479 | 58488 | ABZ |
| 1998.5 | D | 12 | 34.2 | -66 | 06.4 | 23678 | 23110 | 5153 | -53450 | 58459 | ABZ |
| 1999.5 | D | 12 | 34.1 | -66 | 04.6 | 23692 | 23124 | 5156 | -53407 | 58427 | ABZ |
| 2000.5 | D | 12 | 34.2 | -66 | 04.2 | 23685 | 23117 | 5155 | -53372 | 58392 | ABZ |
| 2001.5 | D | 12 | 34.6 | -66 | 02.7 | 23695 | 23126 | 5159 | -53331 | 58358 | ABZ |
| 2002.5 | D | 12 | 35.2 | -66 | 01.6 | 23700 | 23130 | 5165 | -53296 | 58328 | ABZ |
| 2003.5 | D | 12 | 35.4 | -66 | 01.5 | 23688 | 23118 | 5163 | -53266 | 58295 | ABZ |
| 2004.5 | D | 12 | 35.3 | -65 | 59.8 | 23702 | 23132 | 5166 | -53229 | 58267 | ABZ |
| 2005.5 | D | 12 | 35.2 | -65 | 58.9 | 23704 | 23135 | 5165 | -53194 | 58236 | ABZ |
| 2006.5 | D | 12 | 34.6 | -65 | 57.2 | 23717 | 23148 | 5164 | -53153 | 58204 | ABZ |
| 2007.5 | D | 12 | 34.1 | -65 | 55.9 | 23725 | 23157 | 5162 | -53119 | 58177 | ABZ |

**Table 6.5.** Annual mean values calculated using the monthly mean values over **All** days, the 5 International **Quiet** days and the 5 International **Disturbed** days in each month. Plots of these data with secular variation in H, D, Z and F are shown in [Figure 6.2](#).

| Day | January |      |    | February |      |    | March |      |    | April |      |    | May  |      |    | June |      |    |
|-----|---------|------|----|----------|------|----|-------|------|----|-------|------|----|------|------|----|------|------|----|
| 01  | 1013    | 4323 | 17 | 2233     | 2222 | 18 | 2223  | 3211 | 16 | 3444  | 4334 | 29 | 1231 | 2221 | 14 | 1112 | 1122 | 11 |
| 02  | 4334    | 4323 | 26 | 0111     | 1201 | 7  | 0011  | 2011 | 6  | 3444  | 4333 | 28 | 0000 | 0100 | 1  | 2222 | 0111 | 11 |
| 03  | 3334    | 4423 | 26 | 1111     | 0000 | 4  | 0000  | 1100 | 2  | 2333  | 1421 | 19 | 0011 | 1110 | 5  | 1111 | 1231 | 11 |
| 04  | 2233    | 4322 | 21 | 1202     | 0002 | 7  | 0111  | 1011 | 6  | 2223  | 2123 | 17 | 0002 | 1000 | 3  | 1212 | 2211 | 12 |
| 05  | 2223    | 3111 | 15 | 2212     | 3212 | 15 | 2123  | 3121 | 15 | 1111  | 1200 | 7  | 0001 | 0000 | 1  | 0000 | 0000 | 0  |
| 06  | 2221    | 2211 | 13 | 1222     | 1111 | 11 | 2334  | 4212 | 21 | 0111  | 2110 | 7  | 0000 | 0000 | 0  | 0000 | 0000 | 0  |
| 07  | 1111    | 2001 | 7  | 2233     | 3232 | 20 | 3233  | 4422 | 23 | 1000  | 1000 | 2  | 0022 | 3422 | 15 | 0000 | 0000 | 0  |
| 08  | 1111    | 1011 | 7  | 2222     | 2311 | 15 | 1112  | 1010 | 7  | 0011  | 1102 | 6  | 2333 | 3211 | 18 | 2121 | 1222 | 13 |
| 09  | 0131    | 2221 | 12 | 2332     | 0111 | 13 | 1101  | 1121 | 8  | 4443  | 2000 | 17 | 1221 | 1101 | 9  | 0223 | 3111 | 13 |
| 10  | 1223    | 2311 | 15 | 2100     | 0211 | 7  | 1120  | 1121 | 9  | 1102  | 2211 | 10 | 0000 | 0021 | 3  | 2132 | 1010 | 10 |
| 11  | 2331    | 2222 | 17 | 1100     | 0012 | 5  | 1123  | 3332 | 18 | 1211  | 1000 | 6  | 0001 | 1000 | 2  | 0000 | 0100 | 1  |
| 12  | 2101    | 0101 | 6  | 1002     | 3213 | 12 | 2223  | 4232 | 20 | 1223  | 4220 | 16 | 1100 | 0001 | 3  | 0000 | 0000 | 0  |
| 13  | 0000    | 0000 | 0  | 2222     | 2334 | 20 | 5344  | 3333 | 28 | 0000  | 0000 | 0  | 0001 | 0000 | 1  | 0012 | 2231 | 11 |
| 14  | 0010    | 2111 | 6  | 3223     | 3222 | 19 | 2223  | 3211 | 16 | 0110  | 1001 | 4  | 1001 | 0120 | 5  | 2325 | 2332 | 22 |
| 15  | 1233    | 4322 | 20 | 1223     | 3221 | 16 | 1233  | 3222 | 18 | 1112  | 2100 | 8  | 0111 | 2000 | 5  | 2212 | 2200 | 11 |
| 16  | 1422    | 3323 | 20 | 1111     | 2212 | 11 | 2311  | 2123 | 15 | 0000  | 1000 | 1  | 0000 | 0000 | 0  | 1211 | 3110 | 10 |
| 17  | 3233    | 3222 | 20 | 1322     | 3302 | 16 | 2223  | 2210 | 14 | 0134  | 3341 | 19 | 0000 | 1111 | 4  | 1112 | 2110 | 9  |
| 18  | 2233    | 3313 | 20 | 2002     | 2211 | 10 | 0101  | 2101 | 6  | 1101  | 2222 | 11 | 1143 | 2222 | 17 | 0111 | 0220 | 7  |
| 19  | 2322    | 3212 | 17 | 2101     | 2201 | 9  | 0111  | 0001 | 4  | 1012  | 2100 | 7  | 2223 | 2321 | 17 | 1122 | 1100 | 8  |
| 20  | 2123    | 1212 | 14 | 0101     | 0101 | 4  | 1000  | 1101 | 4  | 1100  | 1100 | 4  | 2112 | 1111 | 10 | 1112 | 0000 | 5  |
| 21  | 1222    | 2111 | 12 | 0100     | 0000 | 1  | 0001  | 0000 | 1  | 0000  | 0000 | 0  | 1101 | 0112 | 7  | 0113 | 4333 | 18 |
| 22  | 1111    | 1111 | 8  | 0100     | 0101 | 3  | 0011  | 0211 | 6  | 2223  | 2322 | 18 | 1123 | 2233 | 17 | 2234 | 2112 | 17 |
| 23  | 1112    | 1101 | 8  | 1000     | 1000 | 2  | 0113  | 4322 | 16 | 4441  | 0200 | 15 | 2355 | 4345 | 31 | 1131 | 1111 | 10 |
| 24  | 0010    | 0111 | 4  | 1010     | 0000 | 2  | 2354  | 4211 | 22 | 1111  | 0011 | 6  | 4332 | 4433 | 26 | 1111 | 1220 | 9  |
| 25  | 0012    | 1111 | 7  | 1100     | 1221 | 8  | 2224  | 4111 | 17 | 1211  | 2200 | 9  | 1333 | 3332 | 21 | 0000 | 0210 | 3  |
| 26  | 1011    | 1101 | 6  | 2422     | 0001 | 11 | 1222  | 2422 | 17 | 1001  | 2210 | 7  | 2335 | 4311 | 22 | 0002 | 1010 | 4  |
| 27  | 0101    | 1011 | 5  | 1133     | 2332 | 18 | 2333  | 2222 | 19 | 1113  | 3333 | 18 | 2234 | 2311 | 18 | 1010 | 0100 | 3  |
| 28  | 1321    | 1011 | 10 | 2444     | 3222 | 23 | 2212  | 1100 | 9  | 2434  | 4433 | 27 | 2201 | 0000 | 5  | 1012 | 3101 | 9  |
| 29  | 1232    | 5533 | 24 |          |      |    | 1100  | 1002 | 5  | 3344  | 4333 | 27 | 0111 | 2101 | 7  | 0011 | 2232 | 11 |
| 30  | 3333    | 4332 | 24 |          |      |    | 2213  | 3000 | 11 | 3343  | 2311 | 20 | 1111 | 1100 | 6  | 1211 | 0000 | 5  |
| 31  | 2333    | 3332 | 22 |          |      |    | 0002  | 1101 | 5  |       |      |    | 1100 | 0111 | 5  |      |      |    |

| Day | July |      |    | August |      |    | September |      |    | October |      |    | November |      |    | December |      |    |
|-----|------|------|----|--------|------|----|-----------|------|----|---------|------|----|----------|------|----|----------|------|----|
| 01  | 0012 | 0000 | 3  | 3343   | 4333 | 26 | 1124      | 2222 | 16 | 1113    | 3201 | 12 | 1211     | 0211 | 9  | 1111     | 0011 | 6  |
| 02  | 0011 | 0100 | 3  | 0121   | 2210 | 9  | 2335      | 4221 | 22 | 1121    | 1012 | 9  | 0012     | 0001 | 4  | 0121     | 1011 | 7  |
| 03  | 0102 | 3412 | 13 | 0111   | 2100 | 6  | 1223      | 3212 | 16 | 1232    | 4222 | 18 | 0001     | 2000 | 3  | 0000     | 0010 | 1  |
| 04  | 2335 | 2330 | 21 | 1000   | 0000 | 1  | 1222      | 2011 | 11 | 1323    | 3221 | 17 | 1001     | 2211 | 8  | 1011     | 1012 | 7  |
| 05  | 1111 | 3010 | 8  | 0000   | 0010 | 1  | 1243      | 3121 | 17 | 1121    | 1100 | 7  | 1112     | 1001 | 7  | 2121     | 1111 | 10 |
| 06  | 0112 | 2210 | 9  | 0122   | 2324 | 16 | 1212      | 2224 | 16 | 0002    | 2110 | 6  | 0000     | 1000 | 1  | 0100     | 0111 | 4  |
| 07  | 1110 | 0111 | 6  | 4443   | 4333 | 28 | 2322      | 3211 | 16 | 1101    | 2000 | 5  | 0000     | 0001 | 1  | 1110     | 0000 | 3  |
| 08  | 1110 | 1001 | 5  | 1321   | 1100 | 9  | 1212      | 1210 | 10 | 0000    | 0000 | 0  | 1110     | 1112 | 8  | 0010     | 0001 | 2  |
| 09  | 0000 | 0000 | 0  | 1012   | 1000 | 5  | 0001      | 0100 | 2  | 0010    | 1000 | 2  | 1101     | 2201 | 8  | 1110     | 1211 | 8  |
| 10  | 0001 | 1012 | 5  | 0023   | 3331 | 15 | 0001      | 0100 | 2  | 0000    | 0000 | 0  | 2222     | 2100 | 11 | 0222     | 2224 | 16 |
| 11  | 3454 | 2410 | 23 | 2223   | 3221 | 17 | 0000      | 1100 | 2  | 0000    | 0000 | 0  | 0111     | 1001 | 5  | 3332     | 3333 | 23 |
| 12  | 1131 | 2010 | 9  | 1224   | 2110 | 13 | 0001      | 1000 | 2  | 0121    | 1221 | 10 | 0001     | 1122 | 7  | 2332     | 2012 | 15 |
| 13  | 0000 | 0001 | 1  | 1100   | 0000 | 2  | 0100      | 0010 | 2  | 0011    | 1011 | 5  | 3323     | 3223 | 21 | 1212     | 2111 | 11 |
| 14  | 1124 | 3443 | 22 | 1100   | 2001 | 5  | 0000      | 1212 | 6  | 1222    | 2101 | 11 | 2222     | 3312 | 17 | 1222     | 1111 | 11 |
| 15  | 3333 | 2111 | 17 | 2212   | 3211 | 14 | 2111      | 0101 | 7  | 0011    | 1200 | 5  | 1211     | 2211 | 11 | 1112     | 0011 | 7  |
| 16  | 0112 | 1100 | 6  | 1123   | 1010 | 9  | 0110      | 0010 | 3  | 0101    | 2200 | 6  | 1122     | 3212 | 14 | 0121     | 0101 | 6  |
| 17  | 0002 | 0000 | 2  | 1001   | 0010 | 3  | 0001      | 2001 | 4  | 0000    | 0000 | 0  | 2131     | 2101 | 11 | 3444     | 4333 | 28 |
| 18  | 1000 | 0000 | 1  | 0000   | 0000 | 0  | 1001      | 1000 | 3  | 1234    | 2134 | 20 | 1100     | 0201 | 5  | 2324     | 4323 | 23 |
| 19  | 0000 | 0000 | 0  | 0001   | 2200 | 5  | 0111      | 1000 | 4  | 2222    | 5321 | 19 | 1110     | 1023 | 9  | 2332     | 2122 | 17 |
| 20  | 0234 | 4313 | 20 | 0100   | 0000 | 1  | 1112      | 3232 | 15 | 3233    | 2210 | 16 | 2234     | 6432 | 26 | 2232     | 3433 | 22 |
| 21  | 2432 | 3121 | 18 | 0101   | 2101 | 6  | 1121      | 2223 | 14 | 1211    | 1112 | 10 | 2344     | 3221 | 21 | 2322     | 2321 | 17 |
| 22  | 0111 | 0000 | 3  | 0102   | 2210 | 8  | 2222      | 3332 | 19 | 1200    | 0222 | 9  | 0222     | 2442 | 18 | 1212     | 3222 | 15 |
| 23  | 0011 | 1110 | 5  | 0001   | 1000 | 2  | 2443      | 2113 | 20 | 2112    | 2110 | 10 | 2232     | 3221 | 17 | 1223     | 2201 | 13 |
| 24  | 0001 | 1000 | 2  | 0000   | 0000 | 0  | 2321      | 3212 | 16 | 1001    | 2201 | 7  | 2123     | 3332 | 19 | 1111     | 1001 | 6  |
| 25  | 0000 | 1000 | 1  | 1013   | 3220 | 12 | 1121      | 1122 | 11 | 1114    | 4433 | 21 | 2233     | 2322 | 19 | 0010     | 1000 | 2  |
| 26  | 0000 | 1321 | 7  | 1121   | 2233 | 15 | 1111      | 1000 | 5  | 2223    | 3321 | 18 | 2213     | 2011 | 12 | 0012     | 2101 | 7  |
| 27  | 1322 | 3100 | 12 | 2332   | 2131 | 17 | 1002      | 1544 | 17 | 1214    | 3312 | 17 | 1111     | 1101 | 7  | 1221     | 2122 | 13 |
| 28  | 1001 | 0001 | 3  | 2324   | 3121 | 18 | 2333      | 1233 | 20 | 2213    | 3311 | 16 | 0111     | 2301 | 9  | 1200     | 0100 | 4  |
| 29  | 2423 | 4123 | 21 | 1110   | 2110 | 7  | 3344      | 4323 | 26 | 1111    | 2233 | 14 | 0101     | 2211 | 8  | 0011     | 1011 | 5  |
| 30  | 3332 | 1221 | 17 | 1320   | 1001 | 8  | 2233      | 2221 | 17 | 2221    | 1202 | 12 | 0012     | 1111 | 7  | 1011     | 2100 | 6  |
| 31  | 1023 | 2101 | 10 | 1112   | 1122 | 11 |           |      |    | 1012    | 2111 | 9  |          |      |    | 0212     | 2122 | 12 |

Table 6.6. K indices and daily K sums measured at Canberra in 2007.

| UT Start   |       | SSC amplitudes |      |       | Maximum 3hr K indices |                   | Storm Ranges |      |       | UT End |            |       |
|------------|-------|----------------|------|-------|-----------------------|-------------------|--------------|------|-------|--------|------------|-------|
| Date       | Time  | Type           | D(°) | H(nT) | Z(nT)                 | Day (3hr Periods) | K            | D(°) | H(nT) | Z(nT)  | Date       | Time  |
| 2007-01-29 | 05:00 | ...            |      |       |                       | 29(5,6)           | 5            | 11.3 | 79.3  | 30.3   | 2007-01-30 | 21:00 |
| 2007-05-21 | 23:41 | ...            |      |       |                       | 23(3,4,8),26(4)   | 5            | 23.0 | 104.3 | 45.7   | 2007-05-28 | 09:30 |
| 2007-11-19 | 18:10 | ...            |      |       |                       | 20(5)             | 6            | 16.5 | 122.2 | 35.8   | 2007-11-21 | 21:00 |

**Table 6.7.** Principal magnetic storms observed at Canberra in 2007.

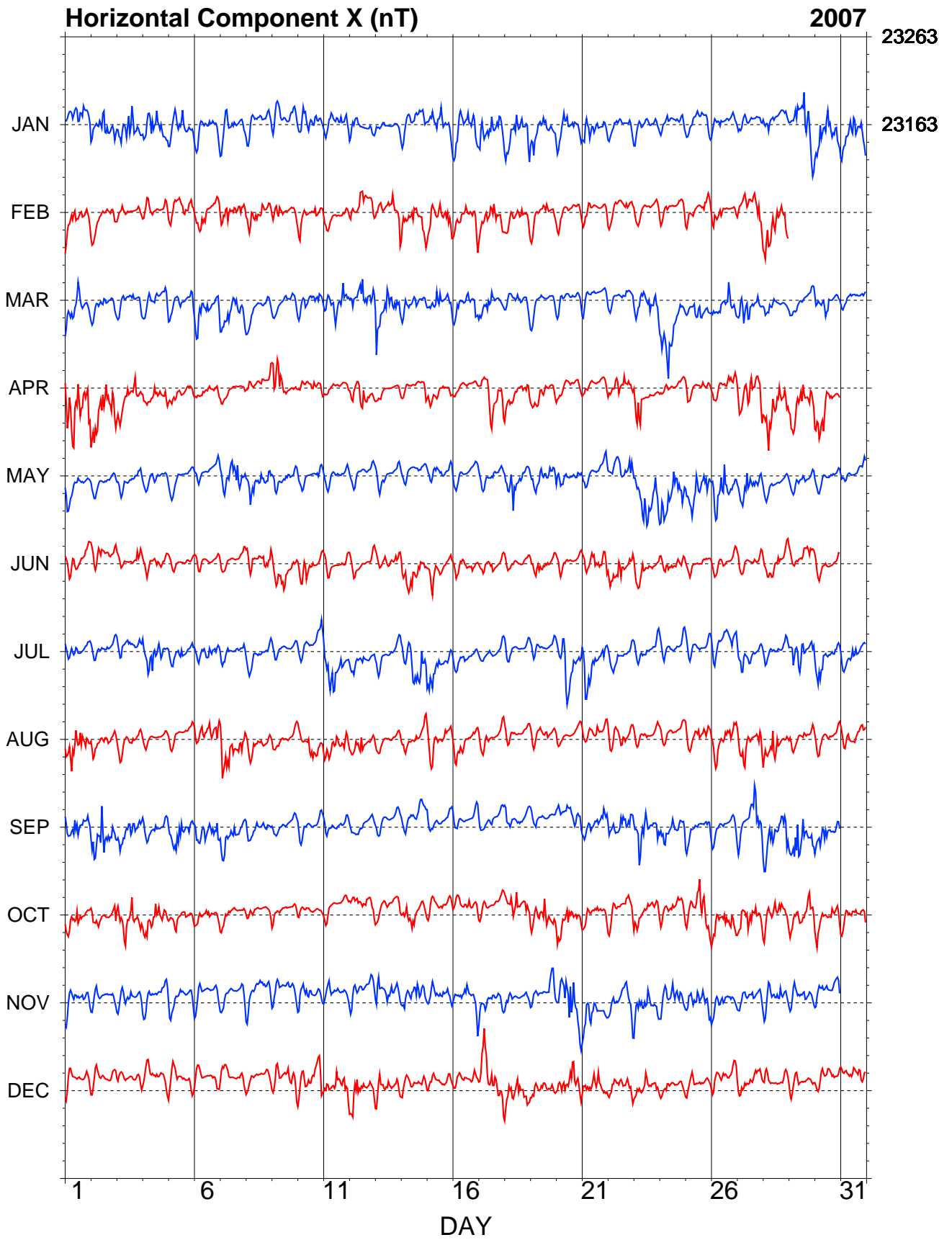
| UT         |       | Type     | Quality | Chief movement (nT) |      |      |
|------------|-------|----------|---------|---------------------|------|------|
| Date       | Time  | ssc/ssc* | A,B,C   | H(x)                | D(y) | Z    |
| 2007-09-20 | 10:11 | ssc      | b       | 16.16               | 3.44 | 2.3  |
| 2007-09-27 | 11:51 | ssc      | b       | 16.21               | 1.28 | 3.08 |
| 2007-10-25 | 11:35 | ssc      | a       | 36.42               | 4.11 | 7.71 |

| UT   |       | Movement |     |      | Amplitude (nT) |   |  | Confirmation |
|------|-------|----------|-----|------|----------------|---|--|--------------|
| Date | Start | Max      | End | H(x) | D(y)           | Z |  |              |
| Nil  |       |          |     |      |                |   |  |              |

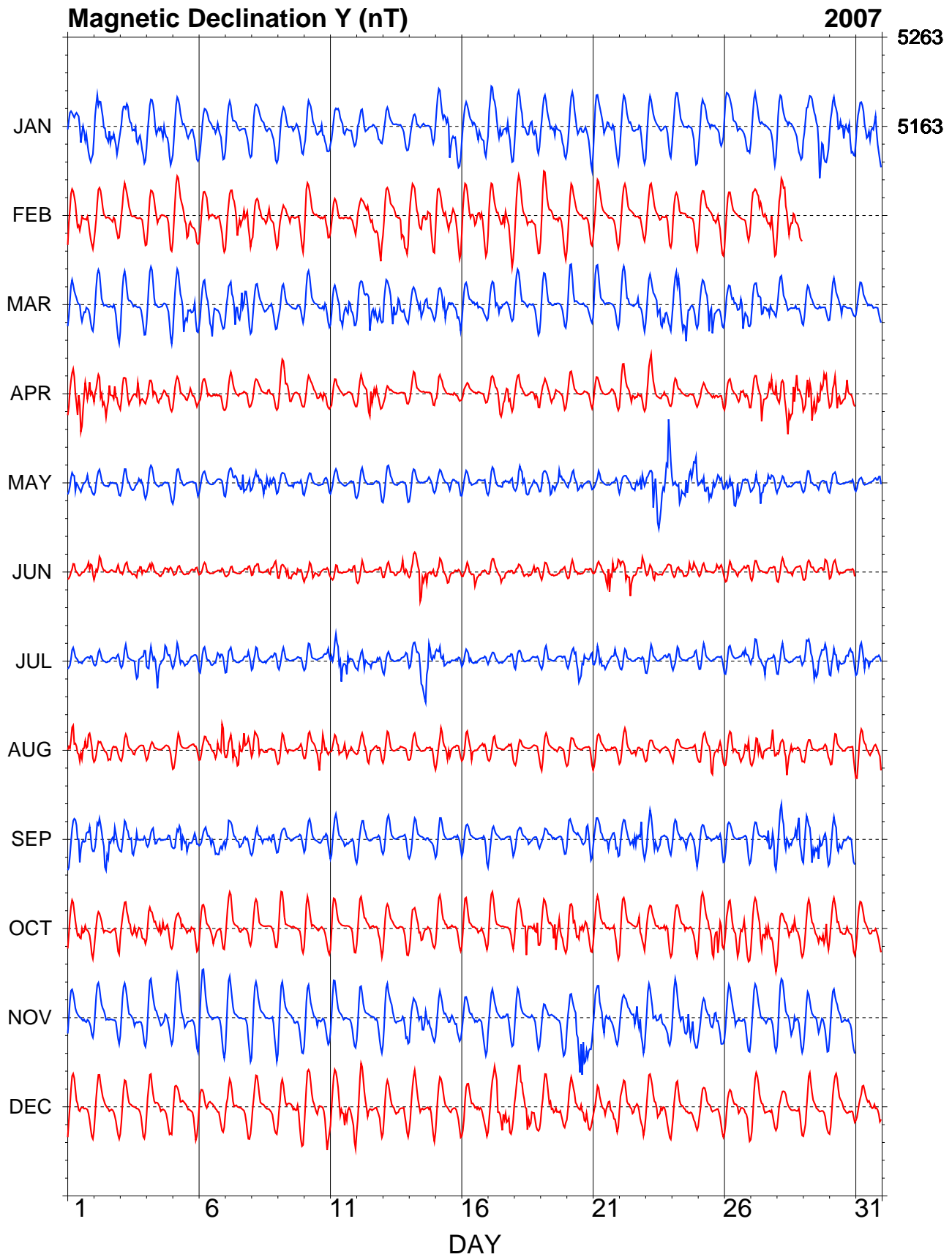
**Table 6.8.** Sudden storm commencements and solar flare effects observed at Canberra in 2007.



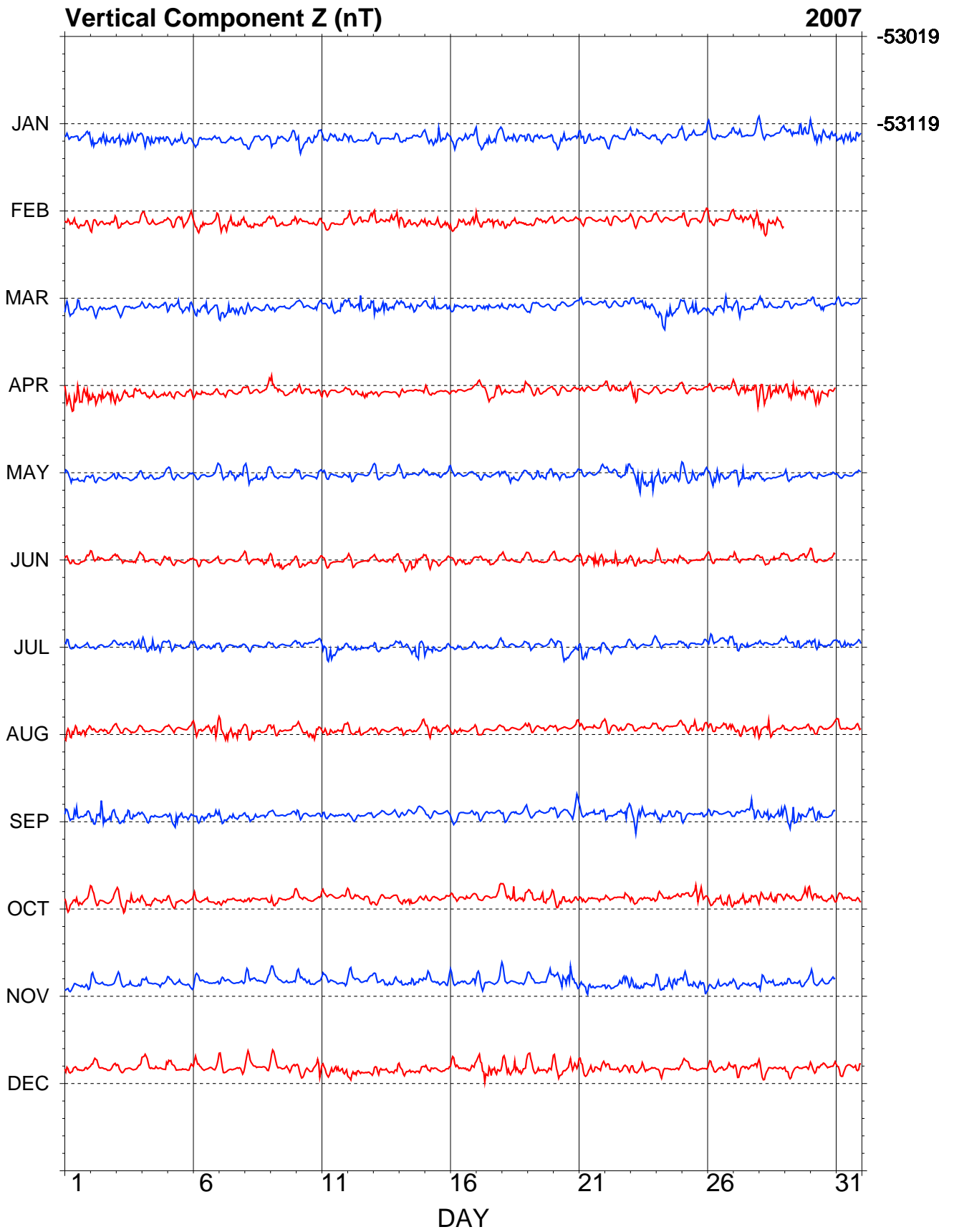
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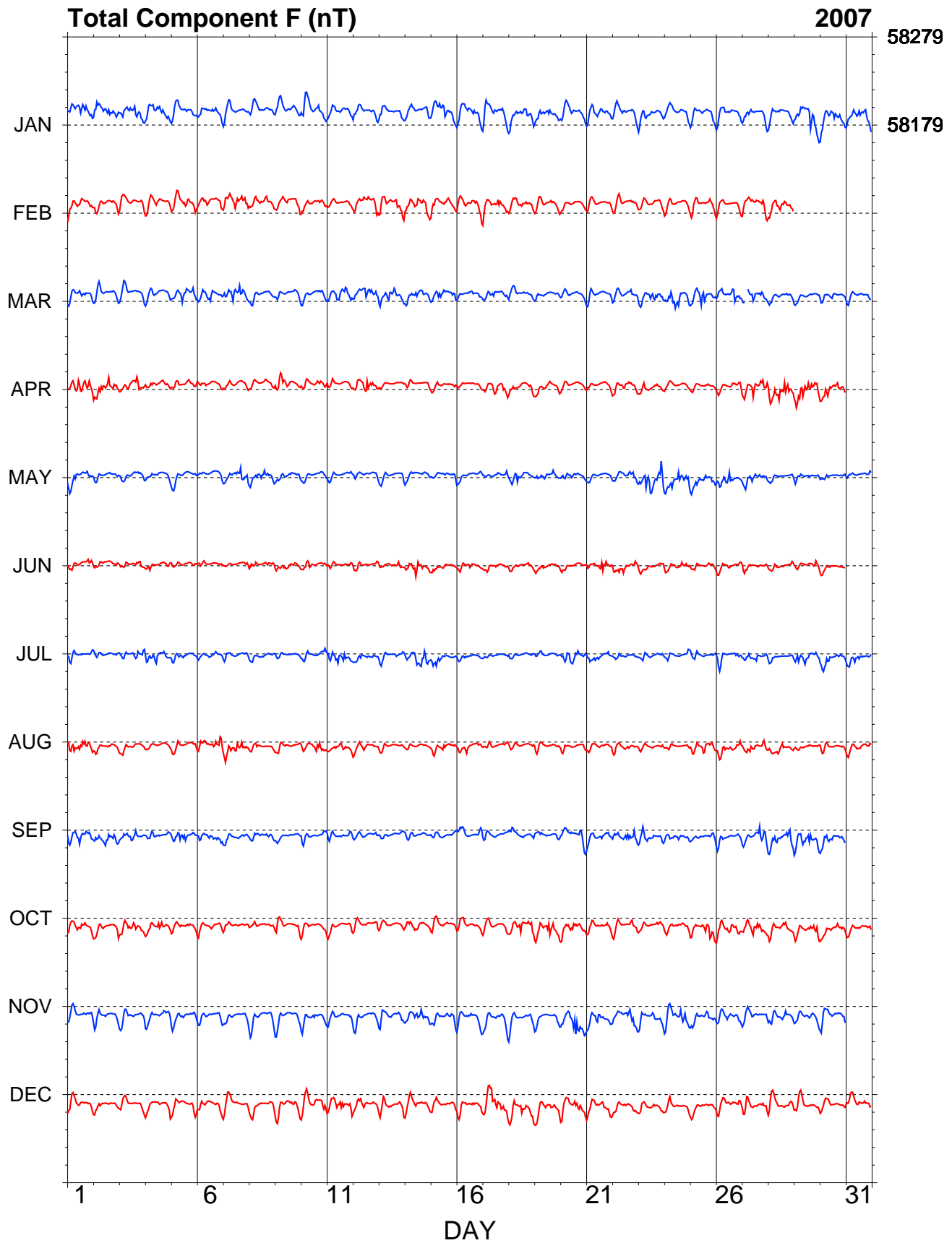


Figure 6.3. Hourly mean values in X, Y, Z and F measured at Canberra.

## 7. Macquarie Island

Macquarie Island is approximately 1500 km southeast of Tasmania and 1300 km north of the Antarctic coast. The magnetic observatory is part of the Australian Antarctic Division research station located on the isthmus at the northern end of the island.

The observatory comprises:

- an office in the station's Science Building;
- a Variometer House 100 m south of the office;
- an Absolute House about 30 m further south, and;
- a PPM House between the Variometer and Absolute Houses.

The area around the observatory is used by elephant seals and other native wildlife. Power to the huts is routed underground and data telemetry is via a wireless link to the station local area network. The Absolute and Variometer Houses are enclosed within non-magnetic protective fences.

### Variometers

The variometers used during 2007 are described in Table 7.2. Two variometer systems were in operation throughout the year, one referred to as MCQ, the other as MQ2. The MCQ system consisted of a Narod Geophysics Limited 3-component ring-core fluxgate and a GEM Systems GSM-90. The MQ2 system comprised a Danish Meteorological Institute suspended 3-axis linear-core fluxgate and an Elsec 820 proton magnetometer.

The MCQ 3-component vector variometer sensor was mounted on a marble base in the Variometer House. It was oriented so that the three mutually orthogonal components recorded were of approximately equal magnitudes. At Macquarie Island the magnetic field is approximately 11° off vertical and each of the three orthogonal sensors makes an angle of approximately 55° with the magnetic vector, this orientation is referred to as A,B,C. The electronic console of the MCQ variometer was situated in the ante-room of the Variometer House. The MCQ scalar variometer sensor and electronics were located in the sensor room of the Variometer House. The temperature of the Variometer House was controlled with a heating system.

The MQ2 3-component vector variometer was housed in the instrument room of the Variometer House and aligned magnetic NW, NE and vertical. The MQ2 total-field scalar variometer was located in the PPM House. The PPM House had no temperature control.

The data-acquisition system was situated in the ante-room of the Variometer House. A single data-acquisition computer acquired data from both the MCQ and MQ2 variometer systems.

Backup power was provided by two separated systems. An Uninterruptible Power Supply located in the office powered the MCQ vector variometer (Narod) and the MQ2 scalar variometer (Elsec PPM). A 12 V battery box situated in the ante-room of the Variometer House provided power for the acquisition computer, the GPS clock, the MQ2 vector variometer (DMI) and the MCQ scalar variometer, (GSM-90 PPM).

Comparison of 2007 data from the MCQ and MQ2 systems indicated that superior baseline stability was obtained from the MQ2 vector variometer (DMI suspended fluxgate) and the MCQ scalar variometer (GEM GSM-90). This can be explained, at least in part, by the more stable temperature regime experienced by both the MQ2 vector variometer and the MCQ scalar variometer when compared to annual temperature variations experienced by the alternative variometer equipment. Accordingly, definitive 1-minute data for 2007 were derived from the MQ2 vector variometer (DMI) and the MCQ scalar variometer (GSM-90).

|                           |  |
|---------------------------|--|
| IAGA code:                | MCQ  |
| Commenced operation:      | 1952   |
| Geographic latitude:      | 54° 30' S  |
| Geographic longitude:     | 158° 57' E   |
| Geomagnetic latitude:     | -59.82°  |
| Geomagnetic longitude:    | 244.11°  |
| K 9 index lower limit:    | 1500 nT  |
| Principal pier:           | Pier AE  |
| Pier elevation (top):     | 8 m AMSL   |
| Principal reference mark: | NMI  |
| Reference mark azimuth:   | 353° 44' 13"   |
| Reference mark distance:  | 200 m  |
| Observers:                | J. Wruck (until 17 April)<br>C. Clarke (from 18 April) |

**Table 7.1.** Key observatory data.

|                          |                               |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 3-component variometer:  | Narod (MCQ)                   |
| Serial number:           | 9305-1                        |
| Type:                    | ring-core fluxgate            |
| Orientation:             | A, B, C                       |
| Acquisition interval:    | 1 s                           |
| Resolution:              | 0.025 nT                      |
| 3-component variometer:  | DMI FGE (MQ2)                 |
| Serial number:           | E0307/S0262                   |
| Type:                    | suspended; linear fluxgate    |
| Orientation:             | NW, NE, Z                     |
| Acquisition interval:    | 1 s                           |
| Resolution:              | 0.3 nT                        |
| A/D converter:           | ADAM 4017 module (±10V)       |
| Period of use:           | from 5 April                  |
| Total-field variometer:  | GEM Systems GSM-90 (MCQ)      |
| Serial number:           | 4081418/42176                 |
| Type:                    | Overhauser effect             |
| Acquisition interval:    | 10 s                          |
| Resolution:              | 0.01 nT                       |
| Total-field variometer:  | Elsec 820 M3 (MQ2)            |
| Serial number:           | 140                           |
| Type:                    | Proton precession             |
| Acquisition interval:    | 10 s                          |
| Resolution:              | 0.1 nT                        |
| Data acquisition system: | GDAP: PC-104 computer, QNX OS |
| Timing:                  | Garmin GPS 16 clock           |
| Communications:          | real-time telemetry           |

**Table 7.2.** Magnetic variometers used in 2007. See [Appendix C](#) for a schematic of their configuration.

|                           |                              |
|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| DI fluxgate:              | DMI (Primary)                |
| Serial number:            | DI0045                       |
| Theodolite:               | Zeiss 020B                   |
| Serial number:            | 393911                       |
| Resolution:               | 0.1'                         |
| D correction:             | 0.15'                        |
| I correction:             | -0.10'                       |
| DI fluxgate:              | DMI (Secondary)              |
| Serial number:            | DI0040                       |
| Theodolite:               | Zeiss 020B                   |
| Serial number:            | 394742                       |
| Resolution:               | 0.1'                         |
| D correction:             | 0.0'                         |
| I correction:             | -0.10'                       |
| Total-field magnetometer: | GEM Systems GSM-90 (Primary) |
| Serial number:            | 5091720/52453                |
| Type:                     | Overhauser effect            |
| Resolution:               | 0.01 nT                      |
| Correction:               | 0.0 nT                       |
| Total-field magnetometer: | Austral (Secondary)          |
| Serial number:            | 525                          |
| Type:                     | Proton precession            |
| Resolution:               | 1 nT                         |

**Table 7.3.** Absolute magnetometers and their adopted corrections for 2007. Corrections are applied in the sense Standard = Instrument + correction.

### Absolute instruments

The principal absolute magnetometers used at Macquarie Island and their adopted corrections for 2007 are described in Table 7.3.

Magnetic absolute measurements were performed nominally weekly in the Absolute House. DIM observations were made on the principal pier AE. PPM observations were performed on pier AW. A Hewlett Packard H4300 hand-held computer was used to communicate with the GSM-90 magnetometers.

A pier difference of:

$$X = -2.6 \text{ nT}, \quad Y = +5.1 \text{ nT}, \quad Z = +4.2 \text{ nT} \quad (F = -4.1 \text{ nT})$$

was applied to adjust observations performed on pier AW to be equivalent to observations on the principal Pier AE.

A Declination Inclusion magnetometer and an Austral PPM were available as back-up absolute instruments and were used occasionally throughout the year, in addition to the primary instruments.

The Macquarie Island total field absolute instrument, GSM90\_5091720/52453, was compared with the Australian reference instrument, GSM90\_905926/21867, at Canberra on 21 February 2006. The Macquarie Island DIM, DI0045/393911, was compared to the Australian reference, DI0048/353756, at Canberra observatory on 13 and 27 Dec 2005. These instrument comparisons yield the corrections to international standards listed in Table 7.3. At the 2007 mean magnetic field values at Macquarie Island these D, I, and F corrections translate to corrections of:

$$\Delta X = -1.9 \text{ nT} \quad \Delta Y = -0.5 \text{ nT} \quad \Delta Z = -0.4 \text{ nT}$$

These corrections have been applied to all Macquarie Island 2007 final data.

### Baselines

The standard deviations of the differences between the weekly absolute observations and the final adopted variometer model and data using the MQ2 vector variometer were:

|   | $\sigma$ |   | $\sigma$ |
|---|----------|---|----------|
| X | 0.6 nT   | D | 11"      |
| Y | 0.7 nT   | I | 2"       |
| Z | 0.2 nT   | F | 0.2 nT   |

The drifts applied to the X, Y, and Z baselines amounted to less than 5 nT throughout 2007. Throughout the year there was about 4 nT of variation in the difference between F measured with the MQ2 vector variometer and the MCQ scalar variometer.

Observed and adopted baseline values in X, Y and Z are shown in Figure 7.1.

### Operations

The magnetic observers at Macquarie Island in 2007 were members of the Australian National Antarctic Research Expedition and were supported jointly by the Australian Government Antarctic Division and Geoscience Australia. The duties of the magnetic observer included maintaining the equipment, performing absolute observations to calibrate the variometers, maintaining the integrity of the observatory and reporting any changes to Geoscience Australia.

During 2007, the role of magnetic observer at Macquarie Island was filled by the ANARE communications technical officers: Jodi Wruck, from 6 April 2006 until 17 April 2007 and Christopher Clarke from 18 April 2007.

The MCQ (Narod) vector variometer produced 8 samples per second which were averaged and output as 1-second data. The MQ2 (DMI) vector variometer was sampled once per second. Both the MCQ and MQ2 scalar variometers produced 10-second samples. All variometer data were recorded on an acquisition PC running QNX and the Geophysical Data Acquisition Platform (GDAP) software. Data were transmitted every 5 to 10 minutes to Geoscience Australia. "Reported" quality real-time 1-minute data was provided to INTERMAGNET throughout 2007 from the MCQ variometer system. Definitive 2007 1-minute data (and derived data products such as hourly and annual mean values) were sourced from the MQ2 vector variometer and the MCQ scalar variometer. Acquisition timing control was provided by a dedicated Garmin GPS clock mounted on the variometer building.

Data losses for the MQ2 vector variometer and MCQ scalar variometer at Macquarie Island in 2007 are identified in Table A.7. When required, data from the MCQ vector variometer were used to fill gaps in the MQ2 vector variometer record. Data acquired for this purpose are identified in Table B.2.

### Significant events

- 2007-01-06 MCQ vector system data loss ~19:40 to 23:59  
Unknown cause.
- 2007-01-23 05:18 stop the third GDAP MACHR process (mq1)  
on QNX acquisition PC
- 2007-01-25 Jodi checks batteries in LINX UPS (no stoppage).  
Replace two batteries.
- 2007-02-13 22:00 AGAD communications upgrade - no  
telemetry for up to 3 hours.
- 2007-02-15 JCB forklift in magnetic quiet zone 03:00 -03:30 UT.
- 2007-03 Station resupply 18 x 12V 7AH batteries (16 for  
UPS, 2 for absolute battery box); 4 outlet non-  
magnetic heater + ceramic and bulb elements; DMI  
DIM DI0040/394742

- 2007-04-03 05:20-05:40 Japanese SERC MAGDAS system in variometer hut has memory card replaced
- 2007-04-13 03:30 Data contamination (probably during new observer training)
- 2007-04-16 04:50 Data contamination
- 2007-04-27 First observation by new observer Christopher Clarke "CRC"
- 2007-05 Lock on PPM hut door replaced with magnetic steel barrel bolt!
- 2007-05-13 22:43:11 MCQ (Narod) fluxgate and MQ2 (E820) PPM stop working.
- 2007-05-14 01:45 Narod re-started, E820 continues to malfunction. Reset GdapE820 and CRC resets E820. Functioning by about 02:50
- 2007-05-15 04:10 - 06:50 Narod and E820 stopped as LINX800 UPS batteries replaced.
- 2007-05-18 06:35 Update MCQ preliminary baselines (X and Z drift)
- 2007-05-29 02:00 - 05:00 JCB forklift working on riometer in quiet zone.
- 2007-06-05 CRC rebooted acquisition sys while resolving a network problem.
- 2007-06-27 No telemetry 07:30 - 20:15 Fibre optic cable problems
- 2007-07-11 00:52 - 01:02 motorbike in magnetic quiet zone
- 2007-08-24 Absolute hut heater faulty - removed from hut for repair
- 2007-08-29 06:26 Update preliminary MCQ baseline parameters (X drift)
- 2007-08-30 Absolute hut heater repaired and re-installed.
- 2007-09-10 CRC away from station for about 10 days from today
- 2007-11-04 15:52 lost connection to GPS Clock
- 2007-11-05 05:29 Re-start GdapClock GPS clock program
- 2007-12-01 03:35:48 Sudden change in MCQ (Narod) fluxgate baselines over a period of 1 second. Most change in B and C channels
- 2007-12-12 23:50 fix BLV jump in MCQ preliminary baseline parameters; 23:58 update MCQ Y and Z drift in preliminary baseline parameters.

#### Data distribution

| Recipient                    | Status      | Sent      |
|------------------------------|-------------|-----------|
| <i>1-second values</i>       |             |           |
| IPS Radio and Space Services | preliminary | real time |
| <i>1-minute values</i>       |             |           |
| INTERMAGNET                  | preliminary | real time |
| INTERMAGNET                  | definitive  | 2008      |
| <i>Monthly mean values</i>   |             |           |
| Ørsted Satellite Project     | preliminary | monthly   |

**Table 7.4.** Distribution of 2007 data.

#### Annual mean values

The annual mean values for Macquarie Island are set out in [Table 7.5](#) and displayed with the secular variation in [Figure 7.2](#).

#### Hourly mean values

Plots of the hourly mean values for Macquarie Island 2007 data are shown in [Figure 7.3](#).



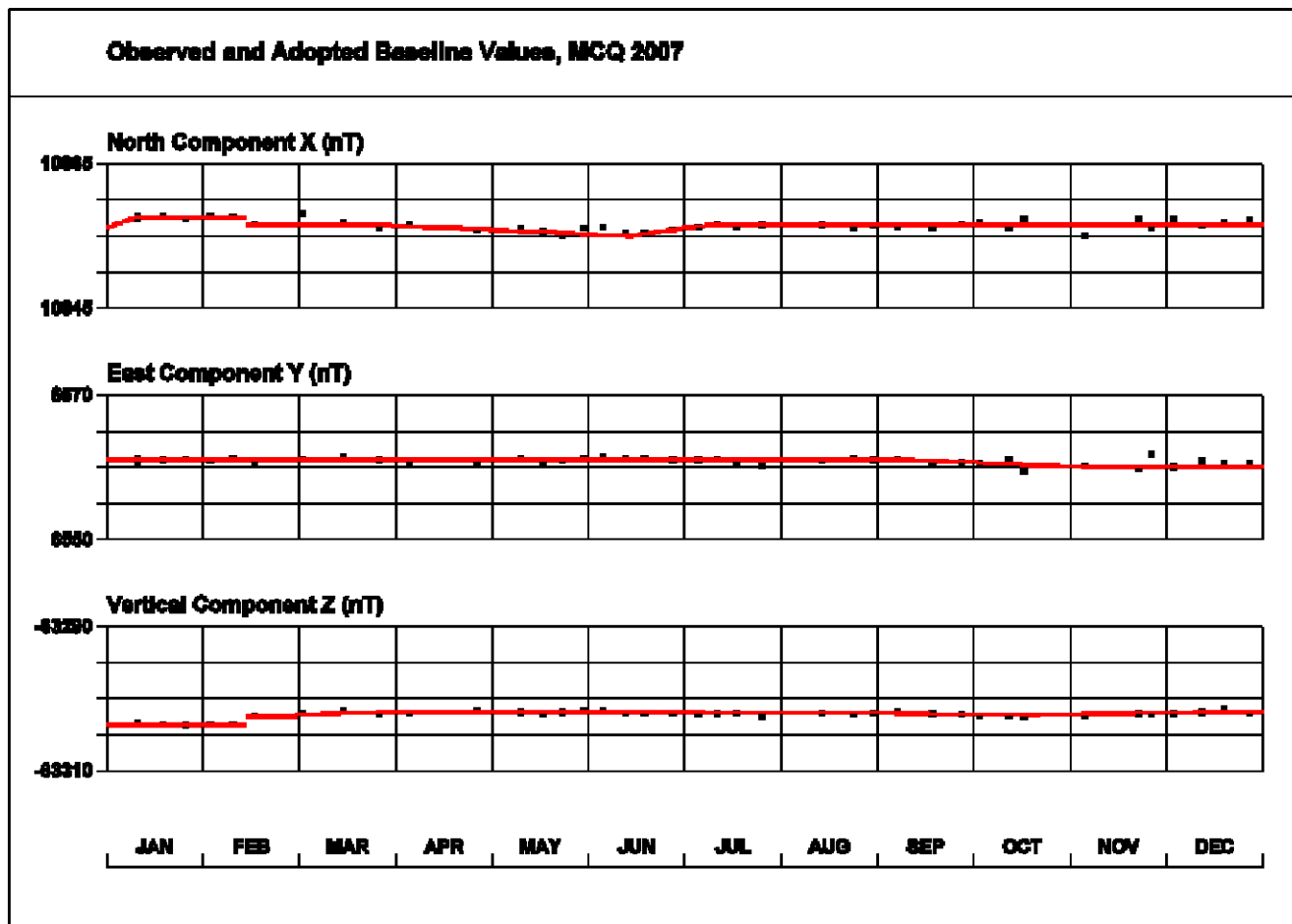


Figure 7.1. Macquarie Island baseline plots.

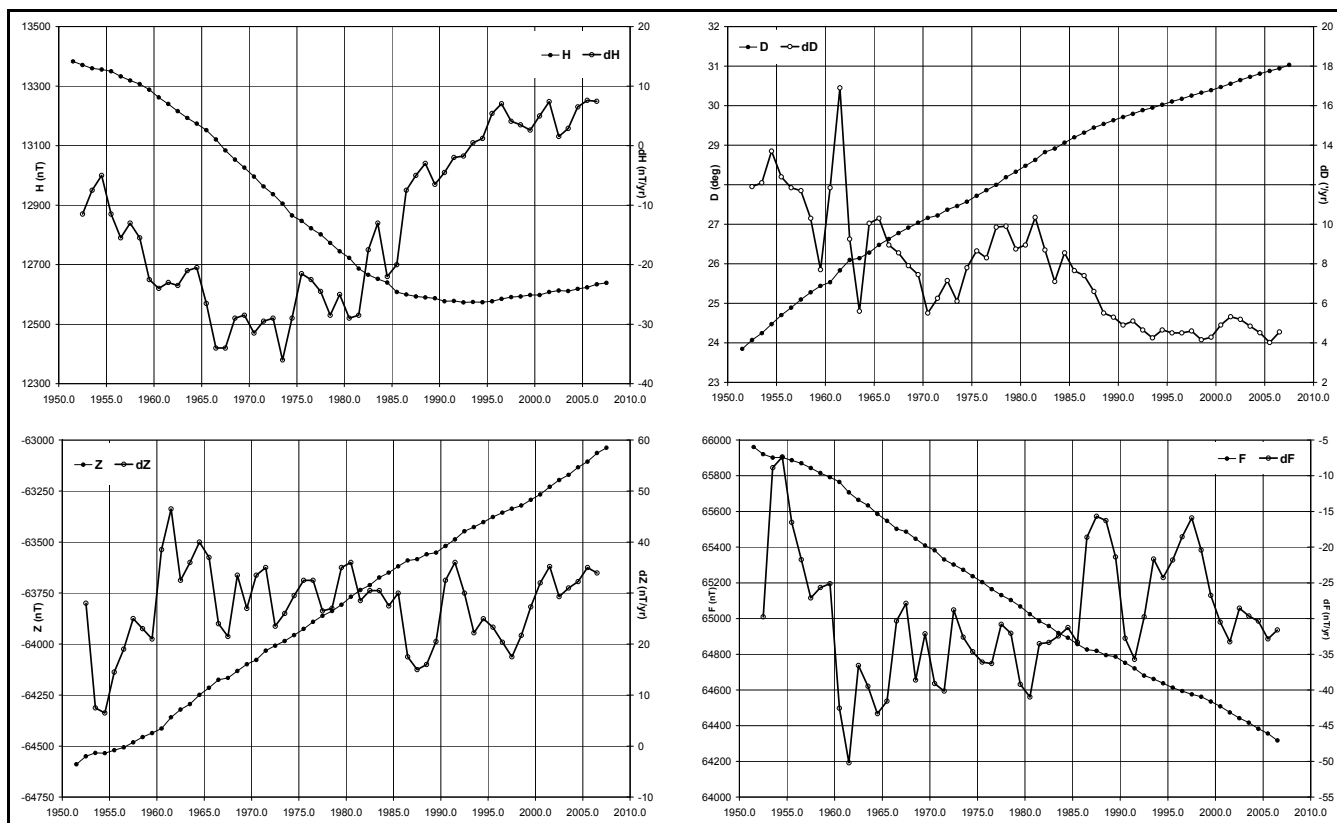


Figure 7.2. Annual mean values and secular variation (quiet days) for H, D, Z and F measured at Macquarie Island.

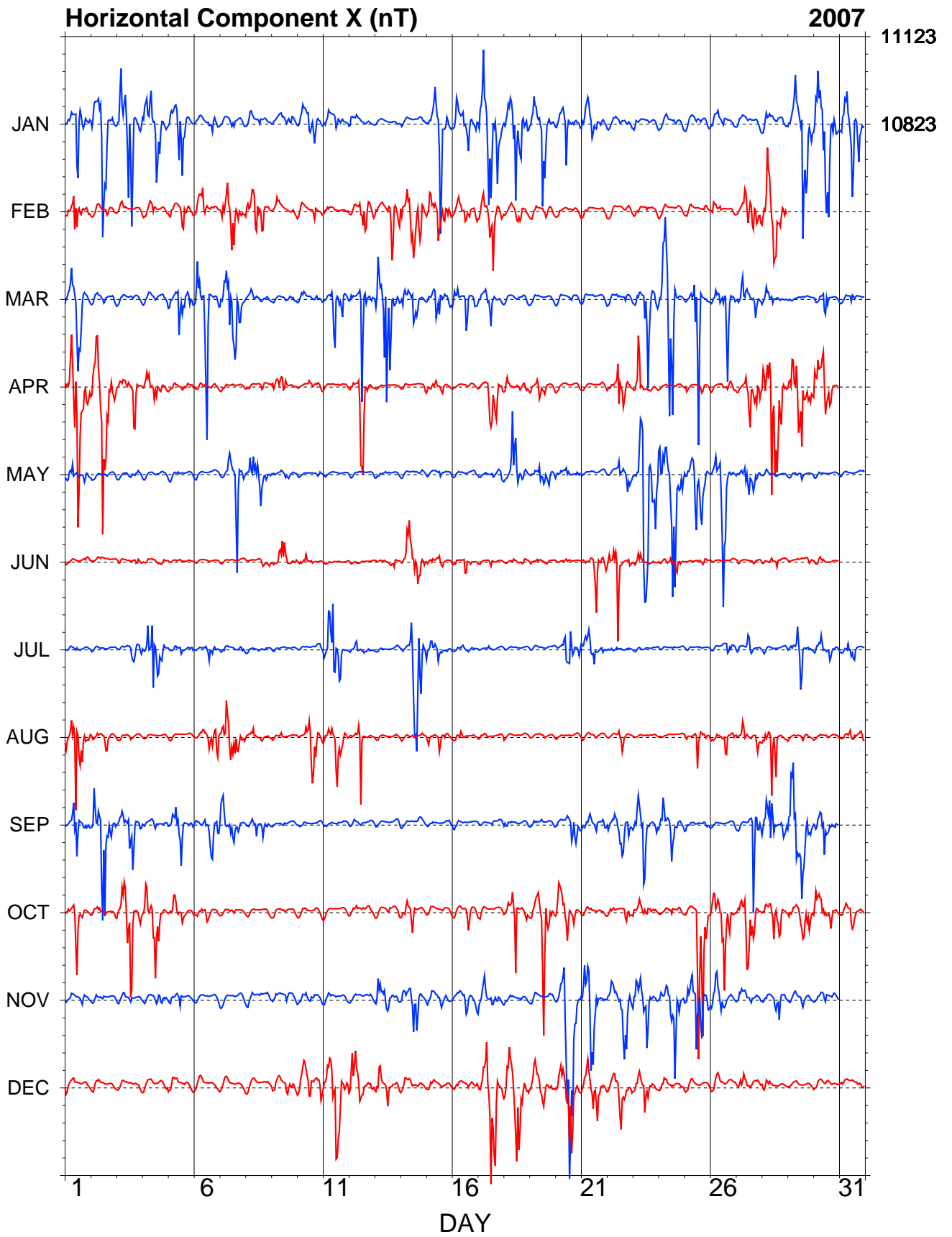


| Year   | Days | D   |      | I   |      | H     | X     | Y    | Z      | F     | Elements |
|--------|------|-----|------|-----|------|-------|-------|------|--------|-------|----------|
|        |      | (°) | (')  | (°) | (')  | (nT)  | (nT)  | (nT) | (nT)   | (nT)  |          |
| 1991.5 | A    | 29  | 47.7 | -78 | 48.9 | 12553 | 10893 | 6237 | -63482 | 64711 | XYZ      |
| 1992.5 | A    | 29  | 53.1 | -78 | 48.3 | 12557 | 10888 | 6257 | -63450 | 64681 | XYZ      |
| 1993.5 | A    | 29  | 57.2 | -78 | 48.1 | 12558 | 10880 | 6270 | -63428 | 64659 | ABC      |
| 1994.5 | A    | 30  | 02.2 | -78 | 48.3 | 12549 | 10863 | 6281 | -63404 | 64634 | ABC      |
| 1995.5 | A    | 30  | 06.6 | -78 | 47.5 | 12559 | 10864 | 6300 | -63376 | 64608 | ABC      |
| 1996.5 | A    | 30  | 11.0 | -78 | 46.4 | 12574 | 10870 | 6322 | -63353 | 64589 | ABC      |
| 1997.5 | A    | 30  | 15.4 | -78 | 45.9 | 12580 | 10866 | 6339 | -63336 | 64573 | ABC      |
| 1998.5 | A    | 30  | 20.0 | -78 | 45.8 | 12579 | 10857 | 6353 | -63320 | 64557 | ABC      |
| 1999.5 | A    | 30  | 23.6 | -78 | 45.2 | 12586 | 10856 | 6367 | -63294 | 64534 | ABC      |
| 2000.5 | A    | 30  | 28.4 | -78 | 45.0 | 12585 | 10847 | 6382 | -63268 | 64507 | ABC      |
| 2001.5 | A    | 30  | 33.5 | -78 | 44.1 | 12595 | 10846 | 6404 | -63231 | 64473 | ABC      |
| 2002.5 | A    | 30  | 39.1 | -78 | 43.5 | 12600 | 10840 | 6424 | -63198 | 64442 | ABC      |
| 2003.5 | A    | 30  | 44.6 | -78 | 44.0 | 12585 | 10817 | 6433 | -63174 | 64416 | ABC      |
| 2004.5 | A    | 30  | 49.0 | -78 | 42.7 | 12602 | 10823 | 6456 | -63134 | 64380 | ABC      |
| 2005.5 | A    | 30  | 53.3 | -78 | 42.1 | 12607 | 10819 | 6472 | -63104 | 64352 | ABC      |
| 2006.5 | A    | 30  | 57.0 | -78 | 40.8 | 12625 | 10828 | 6493 | -63063 | 64315 | ABC      |
| 2007.5 | A    | 31  | 01.9 | -78 | 40.2 | 12631 | 10823 | 6511 | -63035 | 64288 | ABZ      |
| 1951.5 |      | 23  | 50.8 | -78 | 17.6 | 13383 | 12241 | 5411 | -64589 | 65961 | HDZ      |
| 1952.5 |      | 24  | 04.2 | -78 | 17.8 | 13371 | 12208 | 5453 | -64550 | 65920 | HDZ      |
| 1953.5 |      | 24  | 14.6 | -78 | 18.2 | 13360 | 12182 | 5486 | -64533 | 65901 | HDZ      |
| 1954.5 |      | 24  | 28.4 | -78 | 18.4 | 13356 | 12156 | 5533 | -64535 | 65903 | HDZ      |
| 1955.5 |      | 24  | 42.0 | -78 | 18.6 | 13350 | 12129 | 5579 | -64520 | 65887 | HDZ      |
| 1956.5 |      | 24  | 53.2 | -78 | 19.3 | 13333 | 12095 | 5611 | -64506 | 65870 | HDZ      |
| 1957.5 |      | 25  | 05.7 | -78 | 19.8 | 13319 | 12062 | 5649 | -64482 | 65843 | HDZ      |
| 1958.5 |      | 25  | 16.6 | -78 | 20.1 | 13307 | 12033 | 5682 | -64456 | 65815 | HDZ      |
| 1959.5 |      | 25  | 26.3 | -78 | 20.9 | 13288 | 12000 | 5708 | -64436 | 65792 | HDZ      |
| 1960.5 |      | 25  | 32.0 | -78 | 22.0 | 13262 | 11967 | 5716 | -64414 | 65765 | HDZ      |
| 1961.5 |      | 25  | 50.0 | -78 | 22.5 | 13240 | 11917 | 5769 | -64359 | 65707 | HDZ      |
| 1962.5 |      | 26  | 05.8 | -78 | 23.3 | 13216 | 11869 | 5814 | -64321 | 65665 | HDZ      |
| 1963.5 |      | 26  | 08.5 | -78 | 24.2 | 13193 | 11843 | 5813 | -64294 | 65634 | HDZ      |
| 1964.5 |      | 26  | 17.0 | -78 | 24.7 | 13174 | 11812 | 5834 | -64249 | 65586 | HDZ      |
| 1965.5 |      | 26  | 28.6 | -78 | 25.5 | 13152 | 11773 | 5864 | -64214 | 65547 | HDZ      |
| 1966.5 |      | 26  | 37.6 | -78 | 26.7 | 13121 | 11729 | 5881 | -64175 | 65503 | HDZ      |
| 1967.5 |      | 26  | 46.5 | -78 | 28.5 | 13084 | 11681 | 5894 | -64166 | 65486 | HDZ      |
| 1968.5 |      | 26  | 54.7 | -78 | 29.7 | 13053 | 11639 | 5908 | -64132 | 65447 | HDZ      |
| 1969.5 |      | 27  | 02.3 | -78 | 30.8 | 13026 | 11602 | 5921 | -64099 | 65409 | HDZ      |
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| 1971.5 |      | 27  | 13.3 | -78 | 33.3 | 12963 | 11527 | 5930 | -64032 | 65331 | HDZ      |
| 1972.5 |      | 27  | 22.1 | -78 | 34.4 | 12937 | 11489 | 5947 | -64008 | 65302 | HDZ      |
| 1973.5 |      | 27  | 27.6 | -78 | 35.8 | 12905 | 11451 | 5951 | -63985 | 65273 | HDZ      |
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| 1975.5 |      | 27  | 43.2 | -78 | 38.2 | 12847 | 11373 | 5976 | -63926 | 65204 | HDZ      |
| 1976.5 |      | 27  | 51.6 | -78 | 39.1 | 12822 | 11336 | 5992 | -63891 | 65165 | HDZ      |
| 1977.5 |      | 27  | 59.8 | -78 | 39.9 | 12802 | 11304 | 6010 | -63861 | 65132 | HDZ      |
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| 1979.5 |      | 28  | 19.6 | -78 | 42.3 | 12745 | 11219 | 6047 | -63807 | 65067 | HDZ      |
| 1980.5 |      | 28  | 28.8 | -78 | 43.0 | 12723 | 11183 | 6067 | -63768 | 65025 | HDZ      |
| 1981.5 |      | 28  | 37.5 | -78 | 44.5 | 12687 | 11136 | 6078 | -63735 | 64985 | HDZ      |
| 1982.5 |      | 28  | 49.5 | -78 | 45.4 | 12666 | 11097 | 6107 | -63711 | 64958 | HDZ      |
| 1983.5 |      | 28  | 54.9 | -78 | 45.7 | 12652 | 11075 | 6117 | -63674 | 64919 | HDZ      |
| 1984.5 |      | 29  | 03.7 | -78 | 46.1 | 12640 | 11049 | 6140 | -63650 | 64893 | HDZ      |
| 1985.5 |      | 29  | 12.0 | -78 | 47.4 | 12608 | 11006 | 6151 | -63619 | 64856 | XYZ      |
| 1986.5 |      | 29  | 19.0 | -78 | 47.5 | 12600 | 10986 | 6169 | -63590 | 64826 | XYZ      |
| 1987.5 |      | 29  | 26.8 | -78 | 47.8 | 12593 | 10966 | 6191 | -63584 | 64819 | XYZ      |
| 1988.5 |      | 29  | 32.2 | -78 | 47.8 | 12590 | 10954 | 6207 | -63560 | 64795 | XYZ      |
| 1989.5 |      | 29  | 37.8 | -78 | 47.8 | 12587 | 10941 | 6223 | -63552 | 64786 | XYZ      |
| 1990.5 |      | 29  | 42.8 | -78 | 48.0 | 12577 | 10923 | 6234 | -63519 | 64752 | XYZ      |
| 1991.5 |      | 29  | 47.6 | -78 | 47.6 | 12578 | 10915 | 6250 | -63487 | 64721 | XYZ      |
| 1992.5 |      | 29  | 53.0 | -78 | 47.5 | 12573 | 10901 | 6264 | -63447 | 64681 | XYZ      |
| 1993.5 | Q    | 29  | 56.9 | -78 | 47.2 | 12575 | 10896 | 6277 | -63427 | 64661 | ABC      |
| 1994.5 | Q    | 30  | 01.5 | -78 | 47.0 | 12574 | 10887 | 6292 | -63403 | 64637 | ABC      |
| 1995.5 | Q    | 30  | 06.2 | -78 | 46.5 | 12577 | 10881 | 6308 | -63377 | 64613 | ABC      |
| 1996.5 | Q    | 30  | 10.5 | -78 | 45.9 | 12585 | 10879 | 6326 | -63356 | 64594 | ABC      |
| 1997.5 | Q    | 30  | 15.2 | -78 | 45.4 | 12591 | 10876 | 6344 | -63336 | 64576 | ABC      |
| 1998.5 | Q    | 30  | 19.7 | -78 | 45.1 | 12593 | 10870 | 6359 | -63321 | 64562 | ABC      |
| 1999.5 | Q    | 30  | 23.5 | -78 | 44.6 | 12598 | 10867 | 6373 | -63293 | 64535 | ABC      |

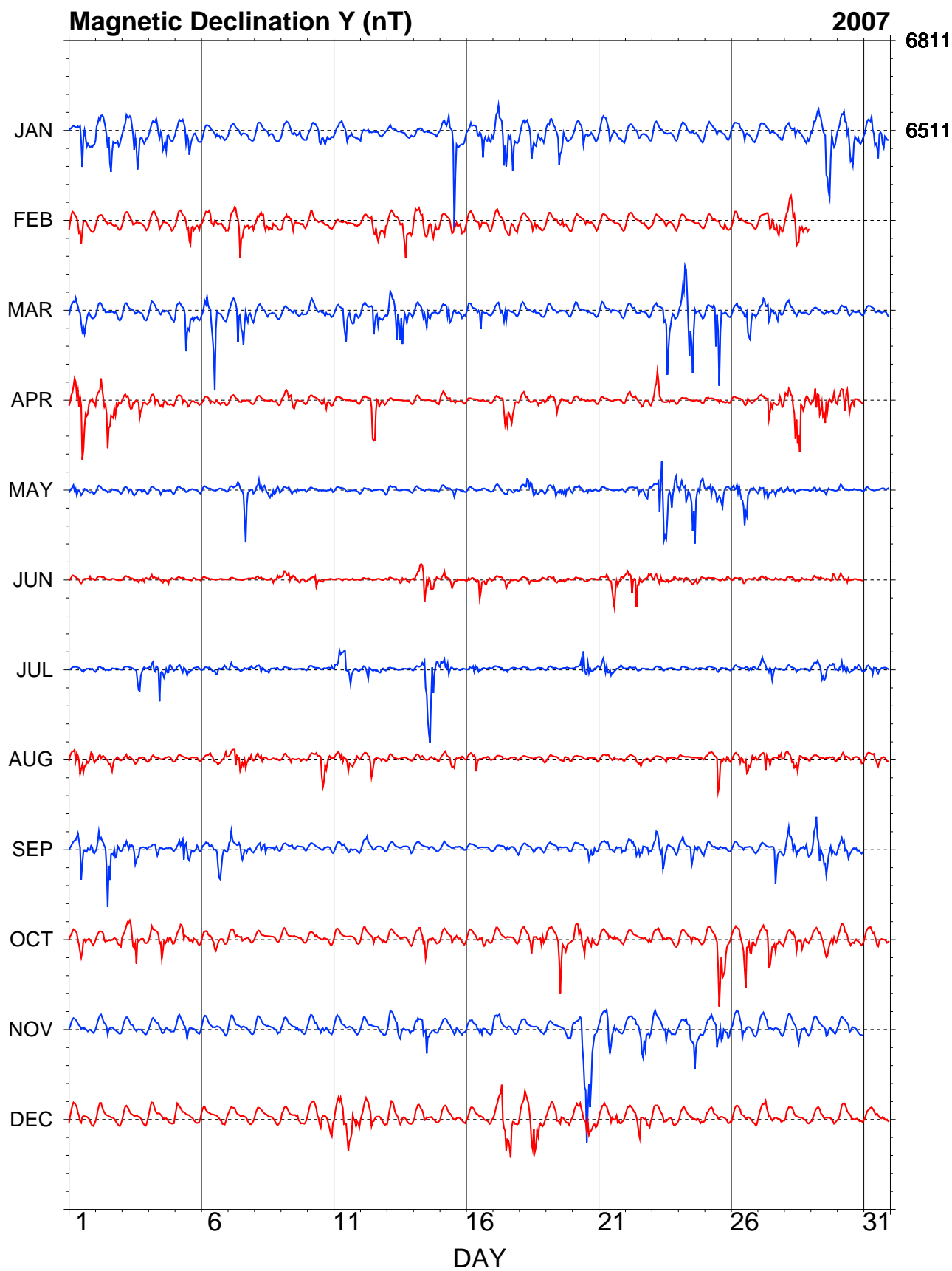
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|--------|---|----|------|-----|------|-------|-------|------|--------|-------|-----|
| 2000.5 | Q | 30 | 28.3 | -78 | 44.3 | 12598 | 10858 | 6389 | -63266 | 64509 | ABC |
| 2001.5 | Q | 30 | 33.3 | -78 | 43.4 | 12608 | 10857 | 6409 | -63229 | 64474 | ABC |
| 2002.5 | Q | 30 | 38.9 | -78 | 42.8 | 12613 | 10851 | 6429 | -63196 | 64442 | ABC |
| 2003.5 | Q | 30 | 43.7 | -78 | 42.6 | 12611 | 10841 | 6444 | -63170 | 64417 | ABC |
| 2004.5 | Q | 30 | 48.5 | -78 | 41.8 | 12619 | 10838 | 6463 | -63134 | 64383 | ABC |
| 2005.5 | Q | 30 | 52.7 | -78 | 41.3 | 12624 | 10835 | 6479 | -63106 | 64356 | ABC |
| 2006.5 | Q | 30 | 56.6 | -78 | 40.3 | 12634 | 10836 | 6496 | -63064 | 64317 | ABC |
| 2007.5 | Q | 31 | 01.8 | -78 | 39.8 | 12639 | 10830 | 6515 | -63038 | 64293 | ABZ |
| 1993.5 | D | 29 | 58.5 | -78 | 50.0 | 12521 | 10846 | 6256 | -63429 | 64654 | ABC |
| 1994.5 | D | 30 | 03.3 | -78 | 50.2 | 12514 | 10831 | 6267 | -63408 | 64632 | ABC |
| 1995.5 | D | 30 | 07.8 | -78 | 49.4 | 12522 | 10830 | 6285 | -63376 | 64601 | ABC |
| 1996.5 | D | 30 | 11.9 | -78 | 47.4 | 12556 | 10852 | 6316 | -63350 | 64583 | ABC |
| 1997.5 | D | 30 | 16.0 | -78 | 47.3 | 12555 | 10843 | 6328 | -63334 | 64566 | ABC |
| 1998.5 | D | 30 | 21.0 | -78 | 47.7 | 12543 | 10824 | 6338 | -63320 | 64550 | ABC |
| 1999.5 | D | 30 | 24.3 | -78 | 46.4 | 12564 | 10836 | 6358 | -63297 | 64532 | ABC |
| 2000.5 | D | 30 | 29.0 | -78 | 46.7 | 12554 | 10819 | 6368 | -63273 | 64507 | ABC |
| 2001.5 | D | 30 | 34.6 | -78 | 46.0 | 12560 | 10813 | 6389 | -63238 | 64473 | ABC |
| 2002.5 | D | 30 | 40.0 | -78 | 44.8 | 12574 | 10816 | 6413 | -63198 | 64437 | ABC |
| 2003.5 | D | 30 | 46.6 | -78 | 46.8 | 12534 | 10769 | 6413 | -63186 | 64418 | ABC |
| 2004.5 | D | 30 | 50.2 | -78 | 45.0 | 12559 | 10783 | 6437 | -63136 | 64374 | ABC |
| 2005.5 | D | 30 | 55.2 | -78 | 44.3 | 12565 | 10779 | 6456 | -63102 | 64341 | ABC |
| 2006.5 | D | 30 | 58.1 | -78 | 42.0 | 12601 | 10805 | 6484 | -63059 | 64305 | ABC |
| 2007.5 | D | 31 | 02.9 | -78 | 41.2 | 12610 | 10803 | 6504 | -63031 | 64280 | ABZ |

**Table 7.5.** Annual mean values calculated using the monthly mean values over **All** days, the 5 International **Quiet** days and the 5 International **Disturbed** days in each month. Plots of these data with secular variation in H, D, Z and F are shown in [Figure 7.2](#).

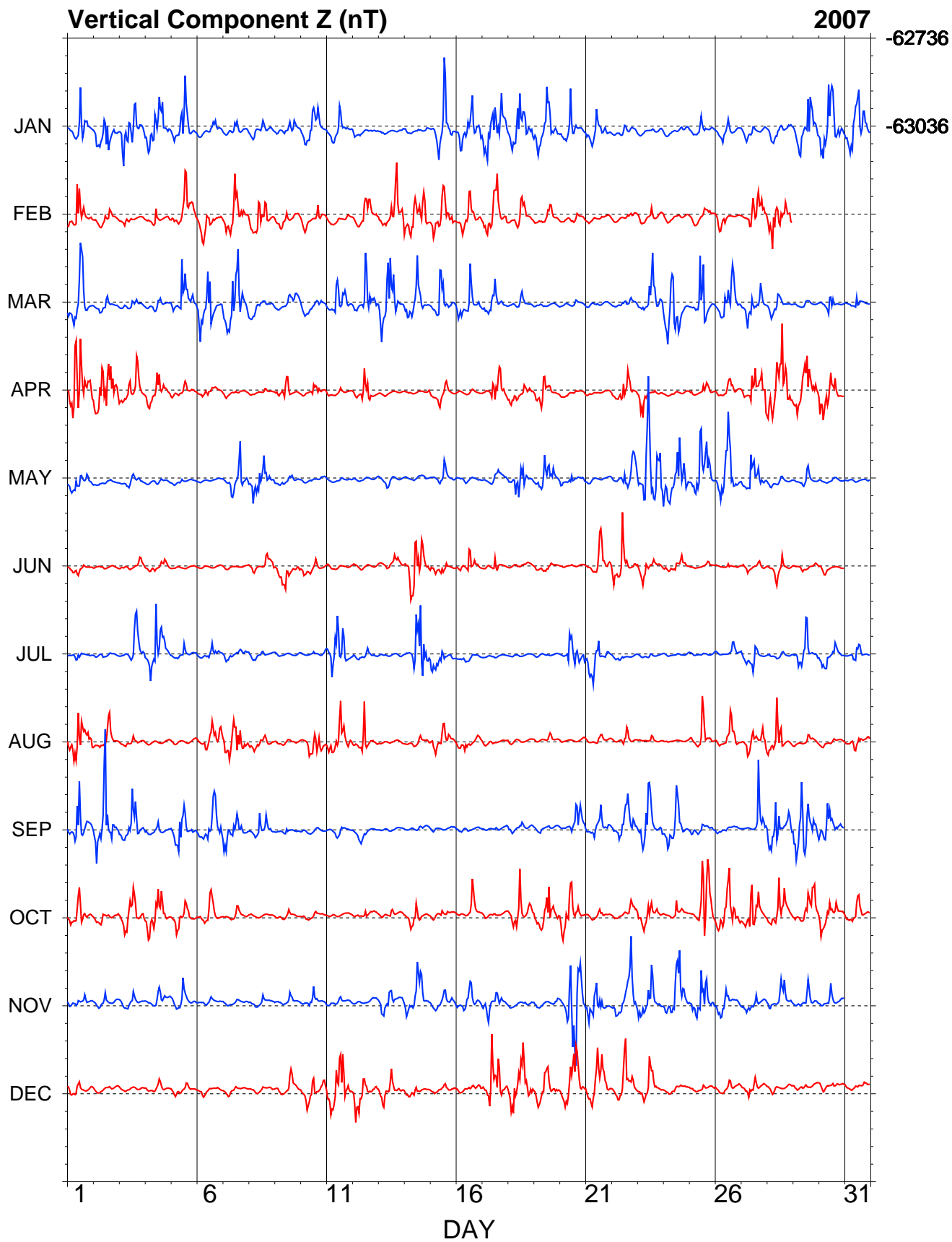
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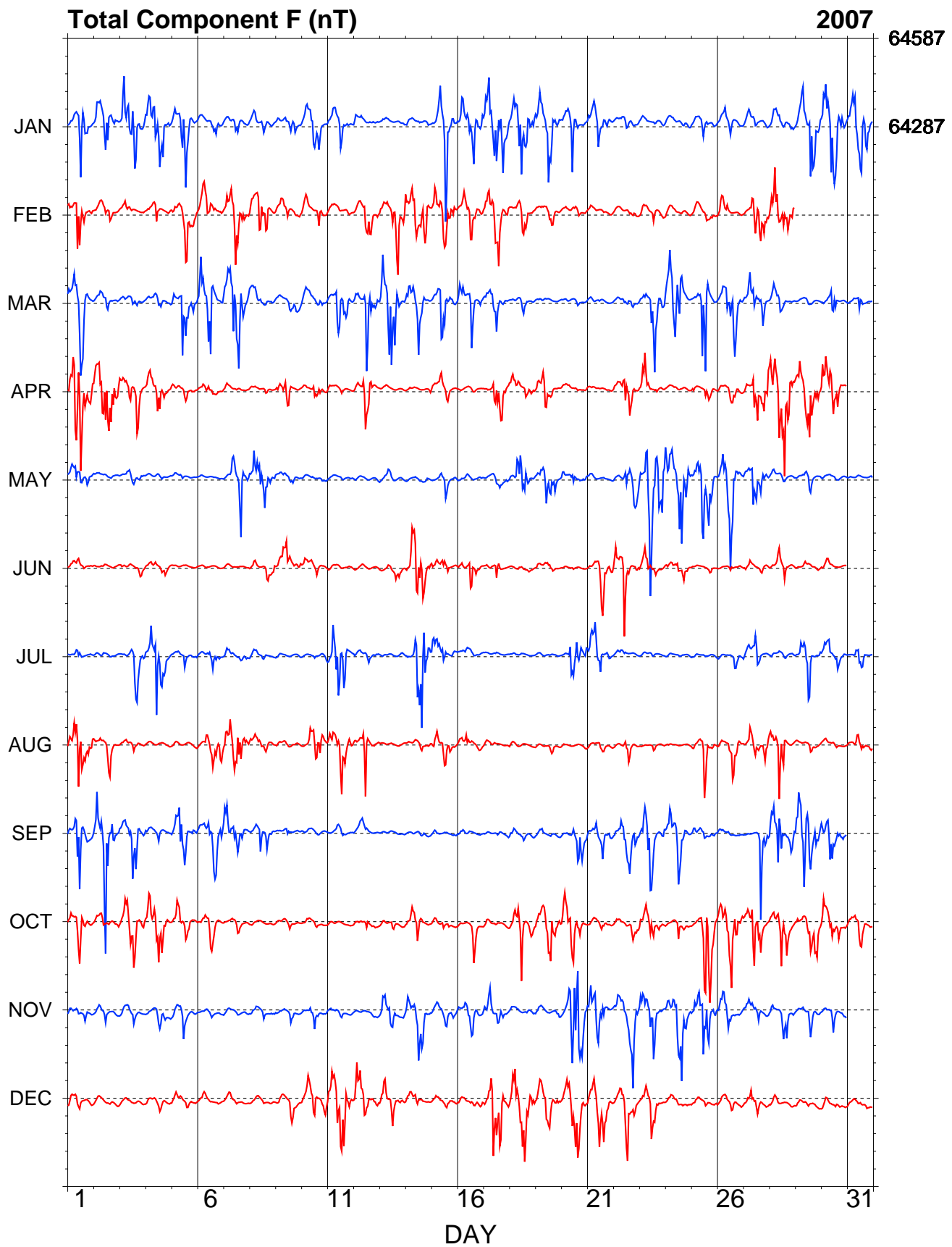


Figure 7.3. Hourly mean values in X, Y, Z and F measured at Macquarie Island.

## 8. Casey

Casey is situated 3880 km south of Perth and is the Australian Antarctic research station nearest to Australia. The magnetic Absolute Hut is about 120 m south of the tank house, the structure of the modern Casey Station nearest to it. The old Casey station, in use until the late 1980s, lies about 1 km to the northeast of the present Casey.

The crystalline rocks of Casey have unusually high concentrations of magnetic minerals producing high magnetic gradients in and around the Absolute Hut.

Regular magnetic observations began at Casey in 1975. From 1988 a variation station operated there. From 1991 to 1998 it operated as a magnetic observatory, although not to a high standard. Observatory-standard absolute control commenced in 1999. A more detailed history of the Casey (and Wilkes) observatory is given in Hopgood (2001, 2002, 2004a, 2004b).

### Variometers

The variometers used during 2007 are described in Table 8.2.

No usable magnetic-field data were obtained from Casey in 2006. During the year it became evident that a periodic signal of unknown origin was present in the total-field variations synthesized from the X, Y and Z data recorded by the ADAS system. This signal had approximately a 40 nT amplitude and 30-minute period. Absolute observations indicated it was not a natural field variation. Further investigation is necessary to ascertain the source of the signal. The ADAS system is still operational at Casey.

A new magnetic variometer installed in May 2007 provides an independent source of magnetic-field data. Analysis of the two datasets for the period in which they overlap may help to identify the problem with the ADAS data.

### Absolute instruments

The principal absolute magnetometers used at Casey in 2007 are described in Table 8.3.

### Baselines

As the new variometer system became operational midway through the year, baselines for data acquired in 2007 will be derived and reported in conjunction with the full year of 2008 data.

### Operations

The 2007 Casey observers were jointly employed by Geoscience Australia and the Australian Antarctic Division. They were members of the Australian National Antarctic Research Expedition. Casey personnel change over each summer with varying periods of overlap.

The observers were responsible for the continuous operation of the observatory and performed equipment maintenance and installation as required. In 2007, the observers performed absolute observations weekly and forwarded them by e-mail to Geoscience Australia. During the observations the variometer system was also checked. All data processing was performed at Geoscience Australia.

During 2007, data were recorded on a QNX acquisition computer which was directly connected to the station's radio network hub. Data were retrieved to Geoscience Australia using *rsync* over *ssh* at least every 10 minutes.

|                           |  |
|---------------------------|--|
| IAGA code:                | CSY  |
| Commenced operation:      | 1999   |
| Geographic latitude:      | 66° 17' S  |
| Geographic longitude:     | 110° 32' E   |
| Geomagnetic latitude:     | -76.28°  |
| Geomagnetic longitude:    | 184.12°  |
| K 9 index lower limit:    | N/A  |
| Principal pier:           | Pier A   |
| Pier elevation (top):     | 40 m AMSL  |
| Principal reference mark: | Trig station G11   |
| Reference mark azimuth:   | 307° 41' 02"   |
| Reference mark distance:  | 464 m  |
| Observers:                | I. Phillips (until late November)<br>D. Matejic (from late November) |

**Table 8.1.** Key observatory data.

|                          |                                |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 3-component variometer:  | EDA FM105B                     |
| Serial number:           | 9004-1                         |
| Type:                    | linear fluxgate                |
| Orientation:             | X, Y, Z                        |
| Acquisition interval:    | 10 s                           |
| Resolution:              | 0.2 nT                         |
| Data acquisition system: | ADAS                           |
| 3-component variometer:  | DMI FGE                        |
| Serial number:           | E0199/S0160                    |
| Type:                    | suspended; linear fluxgate     |
| Orientation:             | NW, NE, Z                      |
| Acquisition interval:    | 1 s                            |
| Resolution:              | 0.3 nT                         |
| A/D converter:           | ADAM 4017 module ( $\pm 10V$ ) |
| Period of use:           | from 14 May                    |
| Total-field variometer:  | GEM Systems GSM-90             |
| Serial number:           | 4081423/42189                  |
| Type:                    | Overhauser effect              |
| Acquisition interval:    | 10 s                           |
| Resolution:              | 0.01 nT                        |
| Period of use:           | from 14 May                    |
| Data acquisition system: | GDAP: PC-104 computer, QNX OS  |
| Timing:                  | Garmin GPS 16 clock            |
| Communications:          | ANARESAT                       |

**Table 8.2.** Magnetic variometers used in 2007. See [Appendix C](#) for a schematic of their configuration.

Real-time data were processed automatically at Geoscience Australia then distributed, usually within a 2 to 15-minute delay. The QNX acquisition computer used a GPS clock (both pulse-per-second and absolute-time-code) to set the system time. The clock was checked from Geoscience Australia regularly to ensure it was working. If not, it was reset remotely or, if necessary, the computer was re-booted.

The new variometer system installed in May supersedes the existing EDA fluxgate system. It comprises a 3-component suspended fluxgate variometer and an Overhauser total-field variometer, as described in Table 8.2.

|                           |                          |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| DI fluxgate:              | DMI                      |
| Serial number:            | DI0047                   |
| Theodolite:               | Zeiss 020B               |
| Serial number:            | 352229                   |
| Resolution:               | 0.1'                     |
| D correction:             | 0.15'                    |
| I correction:             | -0.20'                   |
| Total-field magnetometer: | GEM Systems GSM-90       |
| Serial number:            | 810881/31960             |
| Type:                     | Overhauser effect        |
| Resolution:               | 0.01 nT                  |
| Correction:               | 0.0 nT                   |
| Total-field magnetometer: | Geometrics G816 (backup) |
| Serial number:            | 766                      |
| Type:                     | Proton precession        |
| Resolution:               | 0.01 nT                  |
| Correction:               | 1.5 nT                   |

**Table 8.3.** Absolute magnetometers and their adopted corrections for 2007. Corrections are applied in the sense Standard = Instrument + correction.

### Significant events

- 2007-02-23 No data telemetry - AAD hard disk failure at Kingston
- 2007-05-03 Comms established between GA and Gdap PC in variometer hut (no magnetometers yet)
- 2007-05-11 System installed and running, fluxgate not yet aligned or unlocked.
- 2007-05-14 Fluxgate aligned and unclamped, thermostat and heater re-positioned
- 2007-05-15 00:57 Reboot to change from 5V to 10V ADAM
- 2007-05-20 14:03 - 16:40 ANARESAT outage
- 2007-06-27 No telemetry 07:30 - 20:15 Fibre problems
- 2007-07-06 Variometer hut cleared of snow and equipment checked
- 2007-07-18 New heater installed in absolute hut. Heater controller set to 10C
- 2007-08-29 GPS Clock lost contact - 11:50
- 2007-08-30 Restart GdapClock 01:08 no success. shutdown 01:25:40 01:27:13 correction +408ms
- 2007-09-17 Despatch 24V battery charger #98521A Model BVW24125 100-240VAC 50-60Hz .8-.35A 29.4VDC 1.25A EndOfCharge 27.6V Rev. D Type 00-03N

### Data losses

Data losses for 2007 will be reported in conjunction with those for 2008.

### Annual mean values

The annual mean values for Casey are set out in [Table 8.4](#) and displayed with the secular variation in [Figure 8.1](#).



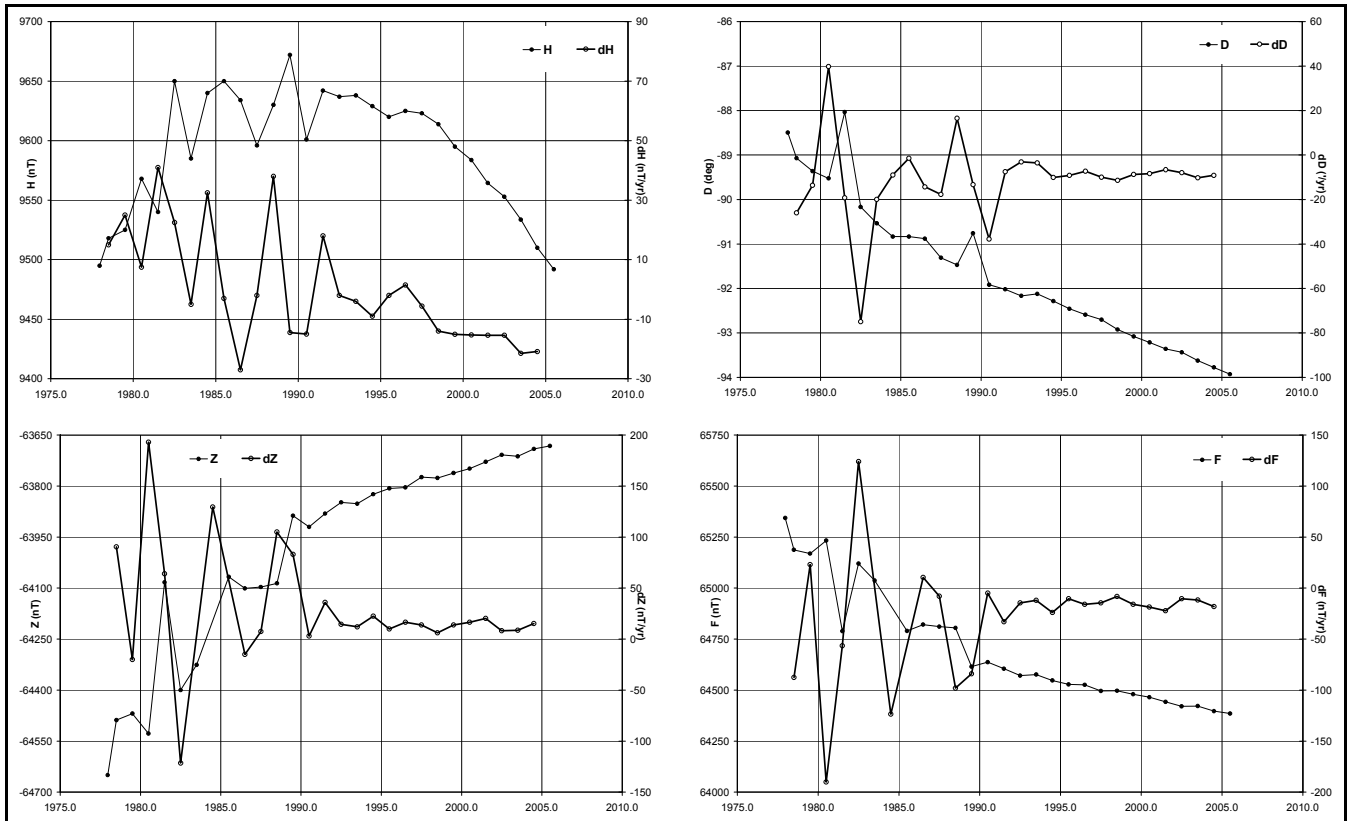


Figure 8.1. Annual mean values and secular variation for H, D, Z and F (using all days until 1992.5 and quiet days from 1993.5) measured at Casey.

| Year    | Days | D   |      | I   |      | H<br>(nT) | X<br>(nT) | Y<br>(nT) | Z<br>(nT) | F<br>(nT) | Elements |
|---------|------|-----|------|-----|------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|
|         |      | (°) | (')  | (°) | (')  |           |           |           |           |           |          |
| 1977.96 | AB   | -88 | 29.6 | -81 | 38.7 | 9495      | 250       | -9492     | -64650    | 65344     | DHZ      |
| 1978.5  | AB   | -89 | 4.3  | -81 | 36.2 | 9518      | 154       | -9516     | -64488    | 65187     | DHZ      |
| 1979.5  | AB   | -89 | 21.6 | -81 | 35.7 | 9525      | 106       | -9524     | -64469    | 65169     | DHZ      |
| 1980.5  | AB   | -89 | 31.5 | -81 | 33.9 | 9568      | 79        | -9568     | -64528    | 65233     | DHZ      |
| 1981.5  | AB   | -88 | 2.1  | -81 | 32.0 | 9540      | 327       | -9534     | -64083    | 64789     | DHZ      |
| 1982.5  | AB   | -90 | 10.0 | -81 | 28.4 | 9650      | -28       | -9650     | -64400    | 65120     | DHZ      |
| 1983.5  | AB   | -90 | 32.0 | -81 | 31.5 | 9585      | -89       | -9585     | -64326    | 65037     | DHZ      |
| 1984.5  | AB   | -90 | 50.0 |     |      | 9640      | -140      | -9639     |           |           | DHZ      |
| 1985.5  | AB   | -90 | 50.0 | -81 | 25.9 | 9650      | -140      | -9649     | -64067    | 64790     | DHZ      |
| 1986.5  | AB   | -90 | 52.9 | -81 | 27.2 | 9634      | -148      | -9633     | -64101    | 64821     | DHZ      |
| 1987.5  | AB   | -91 | 18.6 | -81 | 29.1 | 9596      | -219      | -9593     | -64097    | 64811     | DHZ      |
| 1988.5  | AB   | -91 | 28.4 | -81 | 27.2 | 9630      | -248      | -9627     | -64086    | 64805     | DHZ      |
| 1989.5  | AB   | -90 | 45.5 | -81 | 23.5 | 9672      | -128      | -9671     | -63887    | 64615     | DHZ      |
| 1990.5  | AB   | -91 | 55.0 | -81 | 27.4 | 9601      | -321      | -9596     | -63920    | 64637     | DHZ      |
| 1991.5  | QM   | -92 | 1.2  | -81 | 25.0 | 9642      | -340      | -9636     | -63881    | 64605     | XYZ      |
| 1992.5  | QM   | -92 | 10.0 | -81 | 25.0 | 9637      | -364      | -9630     | -63848    | 64571     | XYZ      |
| 1993.5  | QM   | -92 | 7.3  | -81 | 25.0 | 9638      | -357      | -9631     | -63852    | 64576     | XYZ      |
| 1994.5  | QM   | -92 | 17.1 | -81 | 25.3 | 9629      | -384      | -9621     | -63824    | 64547     | XYZ      |
| 1995.5  | QM   | -92 | 27.5 | -81 | 25.6 | 9620      | -413      | -9611     | -63807    | 64528     | XYZ      |
| 1996.5  | QM   | -92 | 35.4 | -81 | 25.3 | 9625      | -435      | -9615     | -63804    | 64526     | XYZ      |
| 1997.5  | QM   | -92 | 42.1 | -81 | 25.2 | 9623      | -454      | -9612     | -63774    | 64496     | XYZ      |
| 1998.5  | Q    | -92 | 55.4 | -81 | 25.7 | 9614      | -490      | -9601     | -63777    | 64497     | XYZ      |
| 1999.5  | Q    | -93 | 4.9  | -81 | 26.5 | 9595      | -516      | -9581     | -63762    | 64480     | XYZ      |
| 2000.5  | Q    | -93 | 12.9 | -81 | 27.0 | 9584      | -537      | -9568     | -63749    | 64465     | XYZ      |
| 2001.5  | Q    | -93 | 21.6 | -81 | 27.9 | 9564      | -561      | -9548     | -63729    | 64443     | XYZ      |
| 2002.5  | Q    | -93 | 26.1 | -81 | 28.3 | 9553      | -572      | -9536     | -63708    | 64421     | XYZ      |
| 2003.5  | Q    | -93 | 37.5 | -81 | 29.4 | 9534      | -603      | -9514     | -63713    | 64422     | XYZ      |
| 2004.5  | Q    | -93 | 46.5 | -81 | 30.5 | 9510      | -626      | -9489     | -63691    | 64397     | XYZ      |
| 2005.5  | Q    | -93 | 55.7 | -81 | 31.3 | 9492      | -650      | -9469     | -63682    | 64385     | XYZ      |
| 1998.5  | A    | -92 | 55.4 | -81 | 25.7 | 9615      | -490      | -9602     | -63785    | 64505     | XYZ      |
| 1999.5  | A    | -93 | 4.8  | -81 | 26.4 | 9599      | -516      | -9585     | -63772    | 64490     | XYZ      |
| 2000.5  | A    | -93 | 13.2 | -81 | 27.0 | 9587      | -538      | -9571     | -63759    | 64476     | XYZ      |
| 2001.5  | A    | -93 | 21.6 | -81 | 27.9 | 9566      | -561      | -9549     | -63733    | 64447     | XYZ      |
| 2002.5  | A    | -93 | 29.4 | -81 | 28.4 | 9553      | -582      | -9535     | -63719    | 64432     | XYZ      |
| 2003.5  | A    | -93 | 39.5 | -81 | 29.5 | 9535      | -608      | -9515     | -63730    | 64440     | XYZ      |
| 2004.5  | A    | -93 | 47.0 | -81 | 30.4 | 9512      | -628      | -9491     | -63701    | 64408     | XYZ      |
| 2005.5  | A    | -93 | 56.5 | -81 | 31.4 | 9492      | -652      | -9470     | -63694    | 64397     | XYZ      |
| 1998.5  | D    | -92 | 58.2 | -81 | 25.8 | 9615      | -498      | -9601     | -63805    | 64526     | XYZ      |
| 1999.5  | D    | -93 | 10.7 | -81 | 26.6 | 9599      | -532      | -9583     | -63796    | 64514     | XYZ      |
| 2000.5  | D    | -93 | 13.6 | -81 | 27.0 | 9588      | -539      | -9572     | -63771    | 64487     | XYZ      |
| 2001.5  | D    | -93 | 19.4 | -81 | 27.8 | 9570      | -555      | -9553     | -63746    | 64460     | XYZ      |
| 2002.5  | D    | -93 | 37.4 | -81 | 28.8 | 9549      | -603      | -9529     | -63747    | 64458     | XYZ      |
| 2003.5  | D    | -93 | 47.4 | -81 | 30.2 | 9525      | -629      | -9503     | -63764    | 64472     | XYZ      |
| 2004.5  | D    | -93 | 47.8 | -81 | 30.5 | 9513      | -630      | -9491     | -63719    | 64425     | XYZ      |
| 2005.5  | D    | -93 | 57.2 | -81 | 31.5 | 9494      | -654      | -9471     | -63715    | 64419     | XYZ      |

**Table 8.4.** Annual mean values. Until 1990 these were calculated using the monthly average values of regular absolute observations, denoted by AB. From 1991 they were gained using data from the AAD's fluxgate variometer that was calibrated through regular absolute observations. Until 1997 the means were calculated over the five quietest days at Mawson station, denoted QM. From 1998 monthly means were calculated over **All** days, the 5 International **Quiet** days and the 5 International **Disturbed** days in each month, denoted A, Q and D respectively. Plots of these data with secular variation in H, D, Z and F are shown in [Figure 8.1](#).

## 9. Mawson

The magnetic observatory is part of the Mawson scientific research station in MacRobertson Land, Antarctica. The station is on the edge of Horseshoe Harbour and built on bare charnockite basement rock – there is no ice or soil cover. The magnetic observatory comprises:

- the Variometer House, and;
- the Absolute House;

and is situated in a magnetic quiet zone at East Bay on the southeast extremity of the station.

In 1955 the Mawson observatory commenced recording magnetic variations with a three-component analogue magnetograph. The observatory has continuously recorded the geomagnetic field at Mawson since that time. In December 1985 the magnetic observatory was converted to digital recording. It was accepted as an INTERMAGNET observatory at the start of 2006. It is operated by Geoscience Australia as part of the Australian National Antarctic Research Expeditions.

### Variometers

The variometers used during 2007 are described in Table 9.2. The DMI sensor was located in the recording (eastern) room of the Variometer House. Two of the orthogonal sensors were horizontal and oriented so that they were each at an angle of 45° to the direction of the horizontal component of the magnetic field at the time of installation. The third sensor was aligned vertically. The Narod and total-field sensors were located within the sensor (western) room. Two of the orthogonal sensors were horizontal and oriented so that they were each at an angle of 45° to the direction of the horizontal component of the magnetic field at the time of installation. The third sensor was aligned vertically. The Narod magnetometer produced eight samples per second that were (Gaussian) filtered and output as 1-second data (on the second). The Overhauser magnetometer was configured for 10-second sampling.

The Variometer House also housed a GPS clock, a data acquisition computer, an Ethernet radio link and a standby power supply.

Sensor and the electronics temperatures of both fluxgate magnetometers were monitored by in-built dual temperature systems.

Temperature control in the variometer house appeared to fail at about 2007-02-06T19:00. There were no wild fluctuations in instrument-temperature recordings as one might expect, but rather long-period variations. The weekly room-temperature measurements were not consistent with the instrument-temperature recordings. They indicated a reduction in room temperature but not to the low levels indicated by the instrument-temperature recordings. Reports from Mawson in early 2008 indicated that the heater in the eastern (DMI sensor) room was not working and the heater in the western (NGL sensor) room was working. This situation could not be reconciled with the temperature data. If the instrument-temperature recordings and the temperature models are correct, it appears that the NGL sensor and electronics temperatures (in different rooms, one heated, one not) had almost parallel temperature traces and plummeted to below -10°C during the year. If this is true it might explain some curious instrument behaviour and data losses during the year as the equipment is not rated to below 0°C.

During normal operation, the temperature within the sensor rooms would be maintained close to 10°C by fast-cycle heaters and monitored by a Doric Trendicator digital thermometer with its sensor on a disused pier.

The meteorological temperature at Mawson during 2007 varied from a minimum -29°C in September to a maximum of +4°C in January. The smoothed daily minimum/maximum temperatures varied from -20°C /-14°C during the coldest period of September, to -2°C /+3°C during the warmest periods January and December. The average daily maximum wind gust was about 90 km/hr. The maximum wind gust was 207 km/hr in October. Almost every day was windy due to either blizzard or katabatic conditions.

The Narod variometer was used as the source of real-time data for MAW during 2007. The DMI variometer was used as the primary source of FINAL data for MAW during 2007 (with data gaps filled in using Narod data).

|                           |   |     |       |
|---------------------------|---|-----|-------|
| IGAA code:                | MAW   |     |       |
| Commenced operation:      | 1955  |     |       |
| Geographic latitude:      | 67°   | 36' | 14" S |
| Geographic longitude:     | 62°   | 52' | 45" E |
| Geomagnetic latitude:     | -73.09°   |     |       |
| Geomagnetic longitude:    | 110.69°   |     |       |
| K 9 index lower limit:    | 1500 nT   |     |       |
| Principal pier:           | Pier A  |     |       |
| Pier elevation (top):     | 12 m AMSL   |     |       |
| Principal reference mark: | BMR89/1   |     |       |
| Reference mark azimuth:   | 350° 36.9'  |     |       |
| Reference mark distance:  | 112 m   |     |       |
| Observers:                | I. McLean (until November)<br>R. Bali (from November) |     |       |

**Table 9.1.** Key observatory data.

|                          |                               |  |  |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------|--|--|
| 3-component variometer:  | Narod (MAW)                   |  |  |
| Serial number:           | 9004-1                        |  |  |
| Type:                    | ring-core fluxgate            |  |  |
| Orientation:             | NW, NE, Z                     |  |  |
| Acquisition interval:    | 1 s                           |  |  |
| Resolution:              | 0.025 nT                      |  |  |
| 3-component variometer:  | DMI FGE (MW2)                 |  |  |
| Serial number:           | E0291/S0244                   |  |  |
| Type:                    | suspended; linear fluxgate    |  |  |
| Orientation:             | NW, NE, Z                     |  |  |
| Acquisition interval:    | 1 s                           |  |  |
| Resolution:              | 0.3 nT                        |  |  |
| A/D converter:           | ADAM 4017 module (±10V)       |  |  |
| Total-field variometer:  | GEM Systems GSM-90            |  |  |
| Serial number:           | 3091319/42187                 |  |  |
| Type:                    | Overhauser effect             |  |  |
| Acquisition interval:    | 10 s                          |  |  |
| Resolution:              | 0.01 nT                       |  |  |
| Period of use:           | stable from 9 July            |  |  |
| Data acquisition system: | GDAP: PC-104 computer, QNX OS |  |  |
| Timing:                  | Garmin GPS16 clock            |  |  |
| Communications:          | ANARESAT                      |  |  |

**Table 9.2.** Magnetic variometers used in 2007. See [Appendix C](#) for a schematic of their configuration.

|                           |                    |
|---------------------------|--------------------|
| DI fluxgate:              | DMI (Primary)      |
| Serial number:            | D26035             |
| Theodolite:               | Zeiss 020B         |
| Serial number:            | 311542             |
| Resolution:               | 0.1'               |
| D correction:             | 0.0'               |
| I correction:             | 0.0'               |
| DI fluxgate:              | DMI (Secondary)    |
| Serial number:            | DI0022             |
| Theodolite:               | Zeiss 020B         |
| Serial number:            | 353758             |
| Resolution:               | 0.1'               |
| D correction:             | 0.0'               |
| I correction:             | 0.0'               |
| Total-field magnetometer: | GEM Systems GSM-90 |
| Serial number:            | 4081417/42175      |
| Type:                     | Overhauser effect  |
| Resolution:               | 0.01 nT            |
| Correction:               | 0.0 nT             |

**Table 9.3.** Absolute magnetometers and their adopted corrections for 2007. Corrections are applied in the sense Standard = Instrument + correction.

There were severe problems with temperature regulation during 2007. The Narod temperatures are digitised as 8-bit only and there were numerous transitions between 8-bit ranges because of the large temperature range. The lack of an F variometer for much of the year, the apparent large temperature effects on the data when there was an F variometer for comparison, the large variation in baselines judged by absolute measurements, and the difficulty establishing significant temperature coefficients from a variometer with similarly significant underlying baseline drifts made the Narod data less reliable than the DMI data.

The scalar variometer GSM-90 4081417 (sensor 42174) was removed as a variometer in November 2006 to replace a non-functioning absolute instrument. A replacement GSM-90 3091319 (sensor 42187, cable 3091319) was despatched as a replacement at the end of January 2007 for the final voyage of the summer to Mawson – it arrived in March. Comparisons on 30 March at Mawson indicated that there was no convincing instrument difference between these two scalar instruments. Although the plan was to return GSM-90 4081417 to the variometer and use GSM-90 3091319 as the absolute instrument, GSM-90 3091319 was mistakenly installed as a variometer on 11 April. Over the following months and many attempts, only intermittent data were acquired from the variometer GSM-90 3091319. Ian McLean eventually found a fault in the RF output transistor and replaced it with a similar 3W 2SC1947; useful variometer data were acquired from GSM-90 3091319 from 9 July onwards.

### Absolute instruments

The principal absolute magnetometers used at Mawson and their adopted corrections for 2007 are described in Table 9.3.

All absolute observations were performed on Pier A while the azimuth mark BMR89/1 was used as the declination reference.

Instrument corrections of zero have been adopted for all Mawson absolute instruments for 2007. At the 2007 mean magnetic field values at Mawson these D, I, and F corrections translate to corrections of:

$$\Delta X = 0.0 \text{ nT} \quad \Delta Y = 0.0 \text{ nT} \quad \Delta Z = 0.0 \text{ nT}$$

Instrument corrections were applied while reducing absolute observations to determine baselines and, accordingly, these corrections have been applied to all Mawson 2007 final data.

### Baselines

The standard deviations between the adopted variometer model and data, and the absolute observations, were:

|   | $\sigma$ |   | $\sigma$ |
|---|----------|---|----------|
| X | 1.0 nT   | D | 12"      |
| Y | 1.1 nT   | I | 4"       |
| Z | 0.4 nT   | F | 0.4 nT   |

Observed and adopted baseline values in X, Y and Z are shown in Figure 9.1.

### Operations

The 2007 Mawson observers were jointly employed by Geoscience Australia and the Australian Antarctic Division. They were members of the Australian National Antarctic Research Expedition. Mawson personnel change over each summer with varying periods of overlap.

The observers were responsible for the continuous operation of the observatory and performed equipment maintenance and installation as required. In 2007, the observers performed absolute observations weekly and forwarded them by e-mail to Geoscience Australia. During the observations the variometer system was also checked. All data processing was performed at Geoscience Australia.

During 2007, data were recorded on a QNX acquisition computer which was directly connected to the station's radio network hub. Data were retrieved to Geoscience Australia using *rsync* over *ssh* at least every 10 minutes.

Real-time data were processed automatically at Geoscience Australia then distributed, usually within a 2 to 15-minute delay. The QNX acquisition computer used a GPS clock (both pulse-per-second and absolute-time-code) to set the system time. The clock was checked from Geoscience Australia regularly to ensure it was working. If not, it was reset remotely or, if necessary, the computer was re-booted.

During 2007, adjustments to the acquisition timing exceeded 10 ms on the following occasions (the period of loss of time accurate time corrections is also noted):

|                      |        |  |                   |
|----------------------|--------|--|-------------------|
| 2007-01-17 02:16:53  | +22ms  | GPS failed   | 2007-01-16 14:00  |
| 2007-03-07 01:39:24  | -21ms  | GPS failed   | 2007-03-03 12:11  |
| 2007-03-20 01:51:08  | +808ms | System restart   | 2007-03-20 01:49  |
|                      |        | GPS failed   | 2007-03-19 00:10  |
| 2007-04-02 03:12:57  | +69ms  | GPS failed   | 2007-03-21 20:10  |
| 2007-04-13 05:25:32  | +118ms | System restart   |                   |
| 2007-06-14 01:10:54  | +23ms  | GPS failed   | 2007-06-10 19:31  |
| 2007-06-26 23:07     |        | reconnect to GPS clock   |                   |
|                      |        | (Lost connection 2007-06-25 12:50 - no further information available.) |                   |
| 2007-07-18 01:56:12  | +906ms | System restart   |                   |
|                      |        | GPS failed   | 2007-07-17 04:10  |
| (2007-07-25 03:42:33 | -1ms   | GPS failed   | 2007-07-24 19:30) |
| 2007-09-13 02:15:54  | +734ms | System configuration   |                   |
| 2007-09-13 03:08:08  | +161ms | System configuration   |                   |
|                      |        | GPS failed   | 2007-09-12 07:20  |
|                      |        | See Significant events   |                   |
| 2007-09-25 03:52:24  | +28ms  | GPS failed   | 2007-09-24 ??:??  |
| 2007-10-25 01:36:24  | +47ms  | GPS failed   | 2007-10-24 11:02  |

2007-10-26 01:32:19 +648ms System restart  
 2007-11-14 02:12:26 +748ms GPS fixed itself!  
 System restart 2007-11-14 01:47  
 GPS failed 2007-11-13 20:20  
 See Significant events

The recorder room also housed an uninterruptible power supply and 12V battery power supplies.

In earlier years static-electricity sparks (originating from very dry blown snow during the severe blizzards that are common at Mawson) occasionally halted the acquisition computer. There were no losses attributed to blizzards in 2007.

Daily data plots were examined at Geoscience Australia for possible problems, which were usually rectified quickly by the local observer. The final data for the year were reduced and analysed by Geoscience Australia staff.

During 2007, the INTERMAGNET-filter was applied to convert 1-second real-time and FINAL data to 1-minute data (except as noted below).

Some data from the DMI variometer were included in FINAL data that were not compliant with the INTERMAGNET filtering requirement. These were 2 minutes of data on each of 2007-03-20, 2007-07-18, 2007-09-13, 2007-10-26 and 2007-11-14, at system restarts. In addition, 193 minutes of (INTERMAGNET filtered) data on 2007-04-12 to 2007-04-13, and 1 minute of data on each of 2007-03-20 and 2007-09-13, were included from the Narod variometer to fill a data gap on the DMI variometer.

Data losses at Mawson in 2007 are identified in [Table A.9](#).

### Significant events

- 2007-02-09 to 2007-02-10? Baseline changes due to fire detector tests and replacement.
- 2007-03-19 Spike on Narod temperature channels.
- 2007-03-20 01:25 GPS restart did not fix timing problem.  
01:49 Reboot computer.
- 2007-03-21 to 2007-03-22 Narod temperature problems
- 2007-04-11 GSM90 driver started after replacement GSM90 variometer installed
- 2007-04-12 GSM90 variometer intermittent. Tests show that data connection is ok, 13.0V, but S and N is 108 0000. F produces only 'c' quality data e.g. 12000 c.
- 2007-04-12 22:04 DMI/Adam driver for MW2 failed
- 2007-04-13 01:13 DMI/Adam driver for MW2 restarted - MW2 data began to arrive
- 2007-04-13 05:23 Restart MAW/MW1 computer - too many problems occurring with all variometers
- 2007-04-27 04:59 GdapGSM90 restarted with 30 sec sampling - changed previously from default 10s to 20s sampling on 2007-04-24 (and probably from 2s to 3.5s mode). Last 10s 06:53, first 20s 17:07 ?
- 2007-04-30 08:25 Changes in variometer hut - probably placement of DMI sensor storage box - changed baselines
- 2007-06-18 ~03:00 restarted GSM90 driver - seems to be working at the moment!
- 2007-06-19 switched GSM90 to ser1 - no improvement
- 2007-06-27 No telemetry 07:30 - 20:15 Fibre problems
- 2007-07-09 Variometer GSM90 returned to device on ser1 - 2W RF output transistor failed/replaced with 3W 2SC1947 by Ian.McLean
- 2007-07-18 System restart 01:54 to correct timing problem  
~03:40 restarted *GdapGSM90* to run on ser1 - device was transferred to here for testing earlier, and later *stty baud=9600 < /dev/ser1. rc.acquisition* modified to use ser1 at correct baud rate.
- 2007-08-01 Noticed that the h data file had many missing periods, usually only a few seconds.  
~06:34 *slay GdapNGL, qtalk ^C* to /dev/ser5, then restart *GdapNGL* to get data at about 06:34:36 to try and fix data losses that developed today.
- 2007-08-07 Ian confirmed that "The GSM90 in the variometer building is 3091319."
- 2007-09-13 Attempted to check out GPS problem, copied across *GdapAdjustClockRate* and then ...
- 2007-09-13 RECONFIG /tmp -> /log directory!  
Accidentally mv /tmp (by inserting a space into /tmp/filename) and then the system linked a new /tmp to /dev/shmem and I couldn't get rid of it to put the original directory back again.  
This led to many problems  
shutdown 02:13, and had +734ms correction, but *GdapClock* had been stopped for a while by then at ~03:00 accidentally "rtc hw" and later when *GdapClock* started there was a +161ms correction  
However made several changes  
*rc.local* changed to record to /log/cron.log  
*rc.acquisition GdapClock ... -L/log/ ...*  
*EndDay* to delete files from /tmp and /log  
*CheckTimeCorrections* to access /log rather than /tmp  
*crontab* changed to record to /log  
*epoch getObsGPSDCN* has directory for MAW set to /log rather than /tmp  
I hope it all goes ok next reboot.  
I also removed and reinserted cron from *rc.sysinit* - it should be back to normal!  
MAY NOT BE ABLE TO *crontab -e* any more because of weird /tmp - fix is to "crontab -l > file" then "vi file" the "crontab file"
- 2007-09-16 Clean up of Absolute Hut - removed DIM carry case and many metal objects including magnetic magnifying glass etc. No change in baseline observed.
- 2007-09-24 08:42 Removed DMI transportation box from the variometer hut - significant change to MAW, smaller change to MW2 variometer
- 2007-??-?? Internal door-lock in variometer building failed to reopen when closed. It was removed.
- 2007-10-05 Replaced door-lock in variometer building.
- 2007-10-25 20:26 short (~30s) intermittent data losses from Narod and GSM90 variometers begin
- 2007-10-26 01:27 Reboot acquisition computer to resolve data losses without success. 01:41 Reset Narod magnetometer to resolve data losses without success.
- 2007-??-?? ?? tightened feet on theodolite to fix wavering mark problem.
- 2007-11-14 01:30 GPS restart did not fix timing problem.  
01:47:35 System restart. 35s data loss, did not fix timing problem.  
02:12 GPS came good by itself!
- 2007-11-20 Ian McLean departed Mawson, Roselin Bali assumes responsibility for observatory operations.

**Data distribution**

| <b>Recipient</b>             | <b>Status</b> | <b>Sent</b> |
|------------------------------|---------------|-------------|
| <i>1-second values</i>       |               |             |
| IPS Radio and Space Services | preliminary   | real time   |
| <i>1-minute values</i>       |               |             |
| INTERMAGNET                  | preliminary   | real time   |
| INTERMAGNET                  | definitive    | 2008        |
| <i>Monthly mean values</i>   |               |             |
| Ørsted Satellite Project     | preliminary   | monthly     |

**Table 9.4.** Distribution of 2007 data.**Annual mean values**

The annual mean values for Mawson are set out in [Table 9.5](#) and displayed with the secular variation in [Figure 9.2](#).

**Hourly mean values**

Plots of the hourly mean values for Mawson 2007 data are shown in [Figure 9.3](#).

**K indices**

[Table 9.6](#) shows Mawson K indices for 2007. They have been derived using a computer-assisted method developed at Geoscience Australia and based on the IAGA-accepted LRNS algorithm. K indices were scaled from preliminary data from the Narod variometer.

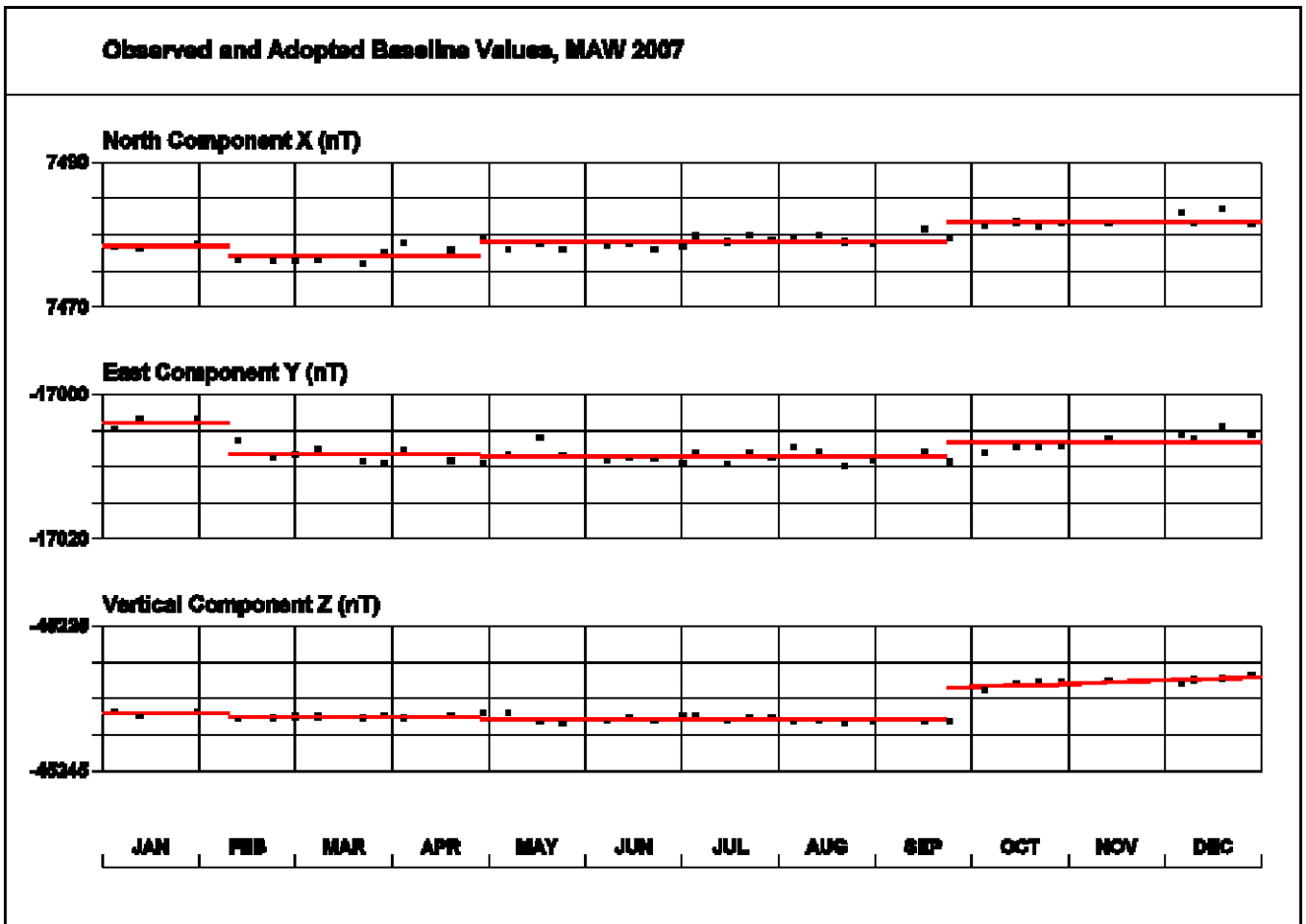


Figure 9.1. Mawson baseline plots.

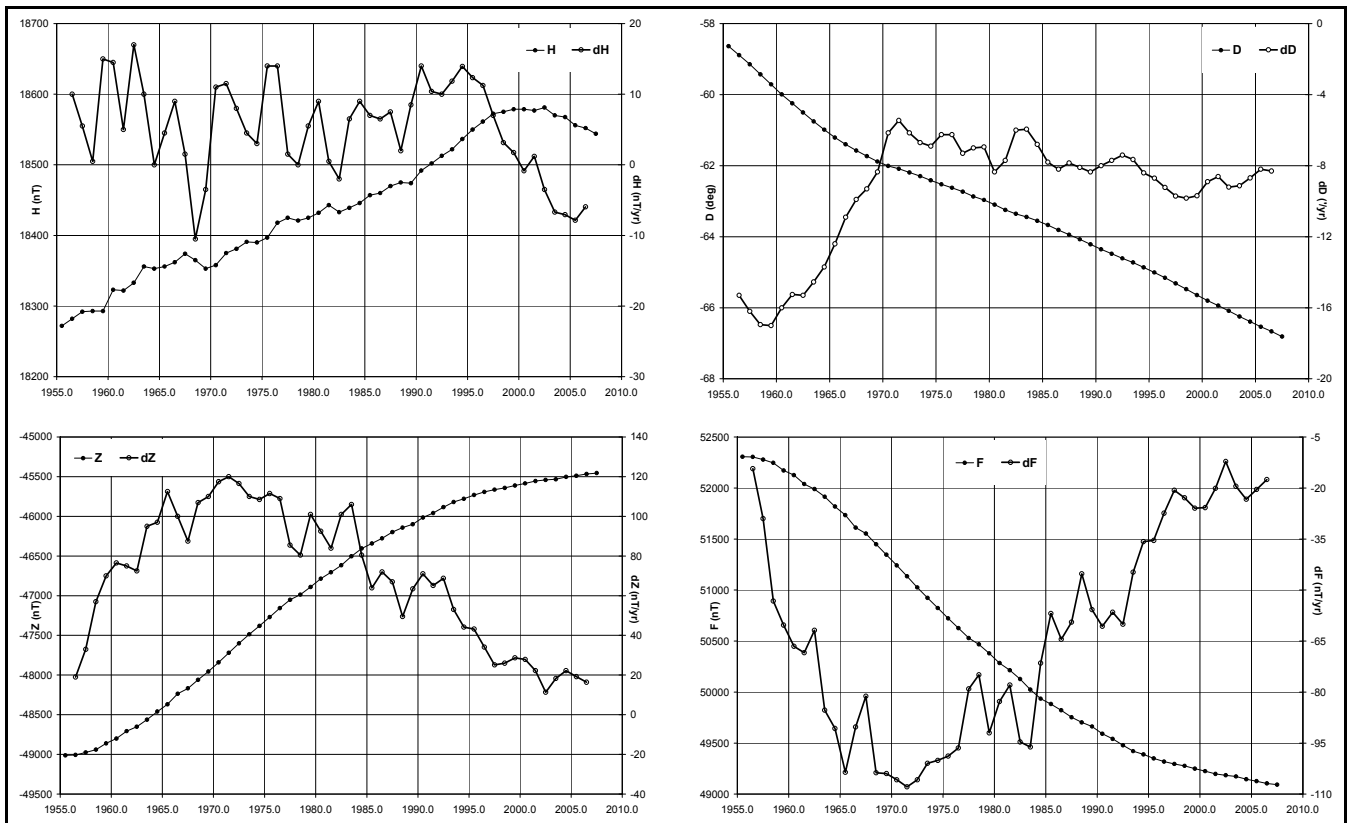


Figure 9.2. Annual mean values and secular variation (quiet days) for H, D, Z and F measured at Mawson.



| Year   | Days | D   |      | I   |      | H<br>(nT) | X<br>(nT) | Y<br>(nT) | Z<br>(nT) | F<br>(nT) | Elements |
|--------|------|-----|------|-----|------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|
|        |      | (°) | (')  | (°) | (')  |           |           |           |           |           |          |
| 1955.5 |      | -58 | 38.1 | -69 | 33.3 | 18272     | 9510      | -15602    | -49012    | 52307     | DHZ      |
| 1956.5 |      | -58 | 53.2 | -69 | 32.5 | 18282     | 9447      | -15652    | -49006    | 52305     | DHZ      |
| 1957.5 |      | -59 | 08.7 | -69 | 31.1 | 18292     | 9381      | -15703    | -48974    | 52279     | DHZ      |
| 1958.5 |      | -59 | 25.6 | -69 | 30.3 | 18293     | 9305      | -15750    | -48940    | 52247     | DHZ      |
| 1959.5 |      | -59 | 42.6 | -69 | 28.5 | 18293     | 9227      | -15796    | -48860    | 52172     | DHZ      |
| 1960.5 |      | -59 | 59.6 | -69 | 25.2 | 18323     | 9163      | -15867    | -48800    | 52127     | DHZ      |
| 1961.5 |      | -60 | 14.6 | -69 | 23.1 | 18322     | 9094      | -15906    | -48707    | 52039     | DHZ      |
| 1962.5 |      | -60 | 30.1 | -69 | 21.1 | 18333     | 9027      | -15956    | -48650    | 51990     | DHZ      |
| 1963.5 |      | -60 | 45.2 | -69 | 17.6 | 18356     | 8968      | -16016    | -48562    | 51915     | DHZ      |
| 1964.5 |      | -60 | 59.2 | -69 | 15.4 | 18353     | 8901      | -16050    | -48460    | 51819     | DHZ      |
| 1965.5 |      | -61 | 12.6 | -69 | 13.1 | 18356     | 8840      | -16087    | -48368    | 51734     | DHZ      |
| 1966.5 |      | -61 | 24.0 | -69 | 09.6 | 18362     | 8790      | -16122    | -48235    | 51612     | DHZ      |
| 1967.5 |      | -61 | 34.4 | -69 | 07.2 | 18374     | 8747      | -16159    | -48168    | 51553     | DHZ      |
| 1968.5 |      | -61 | 43.8 | -69 | 05.2 | 18365     | 8698      | -16175    | -48060    | 51449     | DHZ      |
| 1969.5 |      | -61 | 53.0 | -69 | 03.4 | 18353     | 8649      | -16187    | -47954    | 51346     | DHZ      |
| 1970.5 |      | -62 | 00.5 | -69 | 00.4 | 18358     | 8616      | -16210    | -47840    | 51241     | DHZ      |
| 1971.5 |      | -62 | 05.3 | -68 | 56.4 | 18375     | 8602      | -16237    | -47719    | 51135     | DHZ      |
| 1972.5 |      | -62 | 11.4 | -68 | 53.1 | 18381     | 8575      | -16258    | -47600    | 51026     | DHZ      |
| 1973.5 |      | -62 | 17.6 | -68 | 49.7 | 18391     | 8551      | -16282    | -47486    | 50923     | DHZ      |
| 1974.5 |      | -62 | 24.8 | -68 | 47.2 | 18390     | 8516      | -16299    | -47380    | 50824     | DHZ      |
| 1975.5 |      | -62 | 31.4 | -68 | 44.0 | 18397     | 8488      | -16322    | -47269    | 50723     | DHZ      |
| 1976.5 |      | -62 | 37.3 | -68 | 40.0 | 18418     | 8470      | -16355    | -47157    | 50626     | DHZ      |
| 1977.5 |      | -62 | 43.9 | -68 | 36.9 | 18425     | 8442      | -16377    | -47051    | 50530     | DHZ      |
| 1978.5 |      | -62 | 51.9 | -68 | 35.5 | 18421     | 8402      | -16393    | -46986    | 50468     | DHZ      |
| 1979.5 |      | -62 | 57.9 | -68 | 32.9 | 18425     | 8375      | -16412    | -46890    | 50380     | DHZ      |
| 1980.5 |      | -63 | 05.8 | -68 | 29.8 | 18432     | 8340      | -16437    | -46784    | 50284     | DHZ      |
| 1981.5 |      | -63 | 14.6 | -68 | 27.1 | 18443     | 8303      | -16468    | -46705    | 50215     | DHZ      |
| 1982.5 |      | -63 | 21.2 | -68 | 25.5 | 18433     | 8267      | -16475    | -46616    | 50128     | DHZ      |
| 1983.5 |      | -63 | 26.6 | -68 | 22.3 | 18439     | 8244      | -16494    | -46503    | 50025     | DHZ      |
| 1984.5 |      | -63 | 33.1 | -68 | 19.3 | 18446     | 8216      | -16515    | -46404    | 49936     | DHZ      |
| 1985.5 |      | -63 | 40.2 | -68 | 17.0 | 18457     | 8186      | -16542    | -46342    | 49882     | DHZ      |
| 1986.5 |      | -63 | 48.7 | -68 | 15.1 | 18460     | 8147      | -16565    | -46276    | 49822     | XYZ      |
| 1987.5 |      | -63 | 56.6 | -68 | 12.5 | 18470     | 8113      | -16593    | -46198    | 49753     | XYZ      |
| 1988.5 |      | -64 | 04.4 | -68 | 10.7 | 18475     | 8078      | -16616    | -46142    | 49703     | XYZ      |
| 1989.5 |      | -64 | 12.8 | -68 | 09.7 | 18474     | 8037      | -16634    | -46099    | 49663     | XYZ      |
| 1990.5 |      | -64 | 21.1 | -68 | 06.4 | 18492     | 8004      | -16670    | -46015    | 49592     | XYZ      |
| 1991.5 |      | -64 | 28.8 | -68 | 04.2 | 18502     | 7971      | -16697    | -45957    | 49542     | XYZ      |
| 1992.5 | A    | -64 | 36.9 | -68 | 02.8 | 18499     | 7930      | -16712    | -45894    | 49482     | XYZ      |
| 1993.5 | A    | -64 | 44.2 | -68 | 00.7 | 18506     | 7898      | -16736    | -45830    | 49426     | XYZ      |
| 1994.5 | A    | -64 | 52.9 | -67 | 59.4 | 18511     | 7858      | -16760    | -45794    | 49394     | XYZ      |
| 1995.5 | A    | -65 | 00.9 | -67 | 56.7 | 18532     | 7828      | -16798    | -45741    | 49352     | XYZ      |
| 1996.5 | A    | -65 | 09.8 | -67 | 54.5 | 18548     | 7791      | -16833    | -45698    | 49319     | XYZ      |
| 1997.5 | A    | -65 | 19.4 | -67 | 53.0 | 18560     | 7749      | -16865    | -45670    | 49297     | XYZ      |
| 1998.5 | A    | -65 | 29.1 | -67 | 52.4 | 18561     | 7702      | -16887    | -45648    | 49278     | XYZ      |
| 1999.5 | A    | -65 | 39.0 | -67 | 51.5 | 18561     | 7653      | -16910    | -45618    | 49250     | XYZ      |
| 2000.5 | A    | -65 | 48.2 | -67 | 50.6 | 18566     | 7610      | -16935    | -45594    | 49230     | XYZ      |
| 2001.5 | A    | -65 | 56.2 | -67 | 49.8 | 18567     | 7571      | -16953    | -45565    | 49203     | XYZ      |
| 2002.5 | A    | -66 | 05.8 | -67 | 49.3 | 18568     | 7524      | -16975    | -45546    | 49185     | ABZ      |
| 2003.5 | A    | -66 | 15.6 | -67 | 50.7 | 18546     | 7466      | -16976    | -45546    | 49177     | ABZ      |
| 2004.5 | A    | -66 | 24.1 | -67 | 49.6 | 18549     | 7426      | -16998    | -45514    | 49149     | ABZ      |
| 2005.5 | A    | -66 | 33.0 | -67 | 50.1 | 18535     | 7376      | -17004    | -45499    | 49129     | ABZ      |
| 2006.5 | A    | -66 | 40.8 | -67 | 49.3 | 18536     | 7338      | -17022    | -45472    | 49105     | ABZ      |
| 2007.5 | A    | -66 | 49.2 | -67 | 49.2 | 18533     | 7295      | -17037    | -45460    | 49093     | ABZ      |
| 1992.5 | Q    | -64 | 36.5 | -68 | 01.7 | 18513     | 7938      | -16724    | -45885    | 49479     | XYZ      |
| 1993.5 | Q    | -64 | 43.6 | -67 | 59.4 | 18522     | 7908      | -16749    | -45819    | 49422     | XYZ      |
| 1994.5 | Q    | -64 | 51.8 | -67 | 57.4 | 18537     | 7874      | -16781    | -45779    | 49389     | XYZ      |
| 1995.5 | Q    | -65 | 00.4 | -67 | 55.3 | 18550     | 7838      | -16813    | -45731    | 49350     | XYZ      |
| 1996.5 | Q    | -65 | 09.2 | -67 | 53.5 | 18561     | 7799      | -16843    | -45692    | 49318     | XYZ      |
| 1997.5 | Q    | -65 | 18.9 | -67 | 52.0 | 18572     | 7757      | -16875    | -45663    | 49295     | XYZ      |
| 1998.5 | Q    | -65 | 28.6 | -67 | 51.3 | 18575     | 7710      | -16900    | -45642    | 49277     | XYZ      |
| 1999.5 | Q    | -65 | 38.5 | -67 | 50.2 | 18579     | 7663      | -16925    | -45611    | 49250     | XYZ      |
| 2000.5 | Q    | -65 | 48.0 | -67 | 49.6 | 18579     | 7616      | -16946    | -45585    | 49225     | XYZ      |
| 2001.5 | Q    | -65 | 56.3 | -67 | 48.9 | 18577     | 7574      | -16963    | -45555    | 49198     | XYZ      |
| 2002.5 | Q    | -66 | 05.2 | -67 | 48.2 | 18581     | 7532      | -16986    | -45540    | 49185     | ABZ      |
| 2003.5 | Q    | -66 | 14.7 | -67 | 48.7 | 18570     | 7480      | -16997    | -45532    | 49174     | ABZ      |



|        |   |     |      |     |      |       |      |        |        |       |     |
|--------|---|-----|------|-----|------|-------|------|--------|--------|-------|-----|
| 2004.5 | Q | -66 | 23.5 | -67 | 48.1 | 18568 | 7436 | -17014 | -45503 | 49146 | ABZ |
| 2005.5 | Q | -66 | 32.1 | -67 | 48.4 | 18557 | 7389 | -17022 | -45488 | 49127 | ABZ |
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| 1995.5 | D | -65 | 01.7 | -67 | 58.8 | 18504 | 7812 | -16774 | -45752 | 49353 | XYZ |
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| 2004.5 | D | -66 | 26.0 | -67 | 52.1 | 18517 | 7403 | -16972 | -45530 | 49152 | ABZ |
| 2005.5 | D | -66 | 35.4 | -67 | 53.4 | 18492 | 7347 | -16970 | -45516 | 49129 | ABZ |
| 2006.5 | D | -66 | 42.6 | -67 | 51.6 | 18504 | 7316 | -16997 | -45482 | 49102 | ABZ |
| 2007.5 | D | -66 | 50.0 | -67 | 50.7 | 18512 | 7282 | -17019 | -45463 | 49087 | ABZ |

**Table 9.5.** Annual mean values calculated using the monthly mean values over **All** days, the 5 International **Quiet** days and the 5 International **Disturbed** days in each month. Plots of these data with secular variation in H, D, Z and F are shown in [Figure 9.2](#).

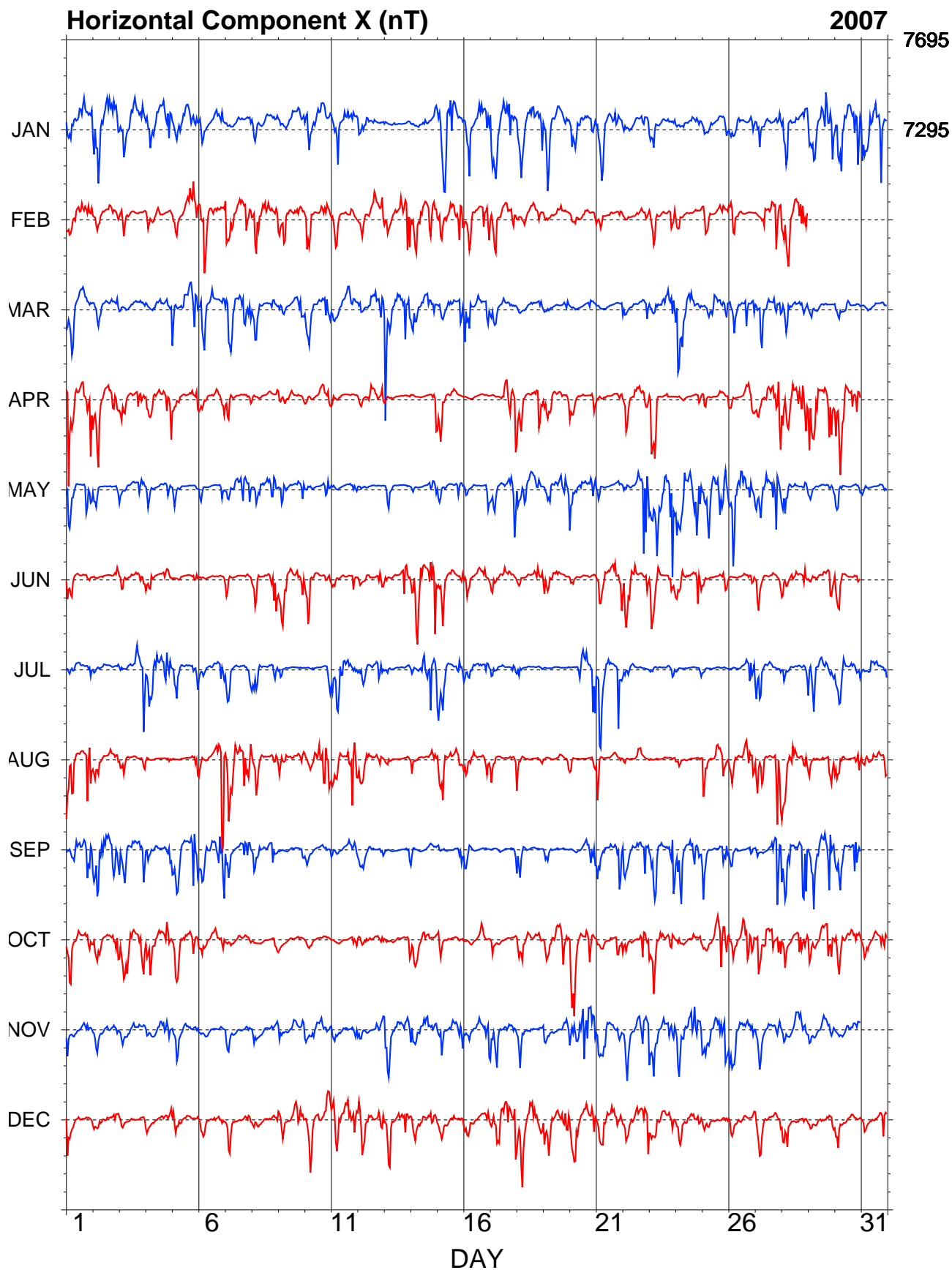
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| 01  | 4322    | 4323 | 23 | 6343     | 3235 | 29 | 6553  | 3423 | 31 | 7655  | 3467 | 43 | 6632 | 3345 | 32 | 4312 | 1133 | 18 |
| 02  | 6545    | 5455 | 39 | 3332     | 2224 | 21 | 2331  | 1125 | 18 | 6744  | 4476 | 42 | 3420 | 1104 | 15 | 2222 | 0014 | 13 |
| 03  | 4545    | 4345 | 34 | 3321     | 2000 | 11 | 2110  | 0114 | 10 | 4432  | 1433 | 24 | 4111 | 2253 | 19 | 4322 | 1235 | 22 |
| 04  | 3544    | 4566 | 37 | 4312     | 1013 | 15 | 1122  | 2135 | 17 | 4443  | 3365 | 32 | 4300 | 2133 | 16 | 4322 | 2642 | 25 |
| 05  | 3433    | 4455 | 31 | 3322     | 3344 | 24 | 6233  | 3365 | 31 | 4232  | 1235 | 22 | 4300 | 0003 | 10 | 2110 | 0144 | 13 |
| 06  | 4311    | 2353 | 22 | 3653     | 3333 | 29 | 4644  | 3214 | 28 | 4212  | 1235 | 20 | 3200 | 0024 | 11 | 1200 | 0013 | 7  |
| 07  | 2210    | 1113 | 11 | 6533     | 3365 | 34 | 5544  | 3566 | 38 | 4410  | 1123 | 16 | 3232 | 3526 | 26 | 4211 | 0012 | 11 |
| 08  | 3311    | 0244 | 18 | 4633     | 3325 | 29 | 4431  | 1232 | 20 | 2010  | 1202 | 8  | 2444 | 4464 | 32 | 3422 | 2356 | 27 |
| 09  | 1221    | 2232 | 15 | 5452     | 0244 | 26 | 2200  | 1355 | 18 | 3432  | 1115 | 20 | 2433 | 3234 | 24 | 4444 | 3234 | 28 |
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| 11  | 4553    | 4333 | 30 | 3410     | 0045 | 17 | 4323  | 3443 | 26 | 3322  | 1001 | 12 | 2101 | 2145 | 16 | 3211 | 0154 | 17 |
| 12  | 5322    | 1201 | 16 | 3312     | 3325 | 22 | 2332  | 4355 | 27 | 3222  | 3334 | 22 | 1221 | 0001 | 7  | 2211 | 1144 | 16 |
| 13  | 2000    | 0000 | 2  | 5333     | 3446 | 31 | 8554  | 4466 | 42 | 2010  | 0001 | 4  | 1311 | 0201 | 9  | 3121 | 1353 | 19 |
| 14  | 1222    | 3024 | 16 | 5454     | 3563 | 35 | 5444  | 4334 | 31 | 1210  | 1126 | 14 | 1113 | 0244 | 16 | 4564 | 3556 | 38 |
| 15  | 4554    | 5432 | 32 | 5443     | 3476 | 36 | 2343  | 3336 | 27 | 5532  | 2210 | 20 | 3212 | 1253 | 19 | 3553 | 3214 | 26 |
| 16  | 3533    | 4335 | 29 | 4443     | 3346 | 31 | 6432  | 2226 | 27 | 1000  | 0000 | 1  | 2212 | 1005 | 13 | 4432 | 3343 | 26 |
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| 20  | 4443    | 3256 | 31 | 1200     | 1114 | 10 | 1100  | 0032 | 7  | 4310  | 1015 | 15 | 6343 | 2245 | 29 | 3221 | 1112 | 13 |
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| 22  | 3122    | 2243 | 19 | 2100     | 1244 | 14 | 4110  | 1234 | 16 | 4413  | 3346 | 28 | 2222 | 4377 | 29 | 5554 | 3335 | 33 |
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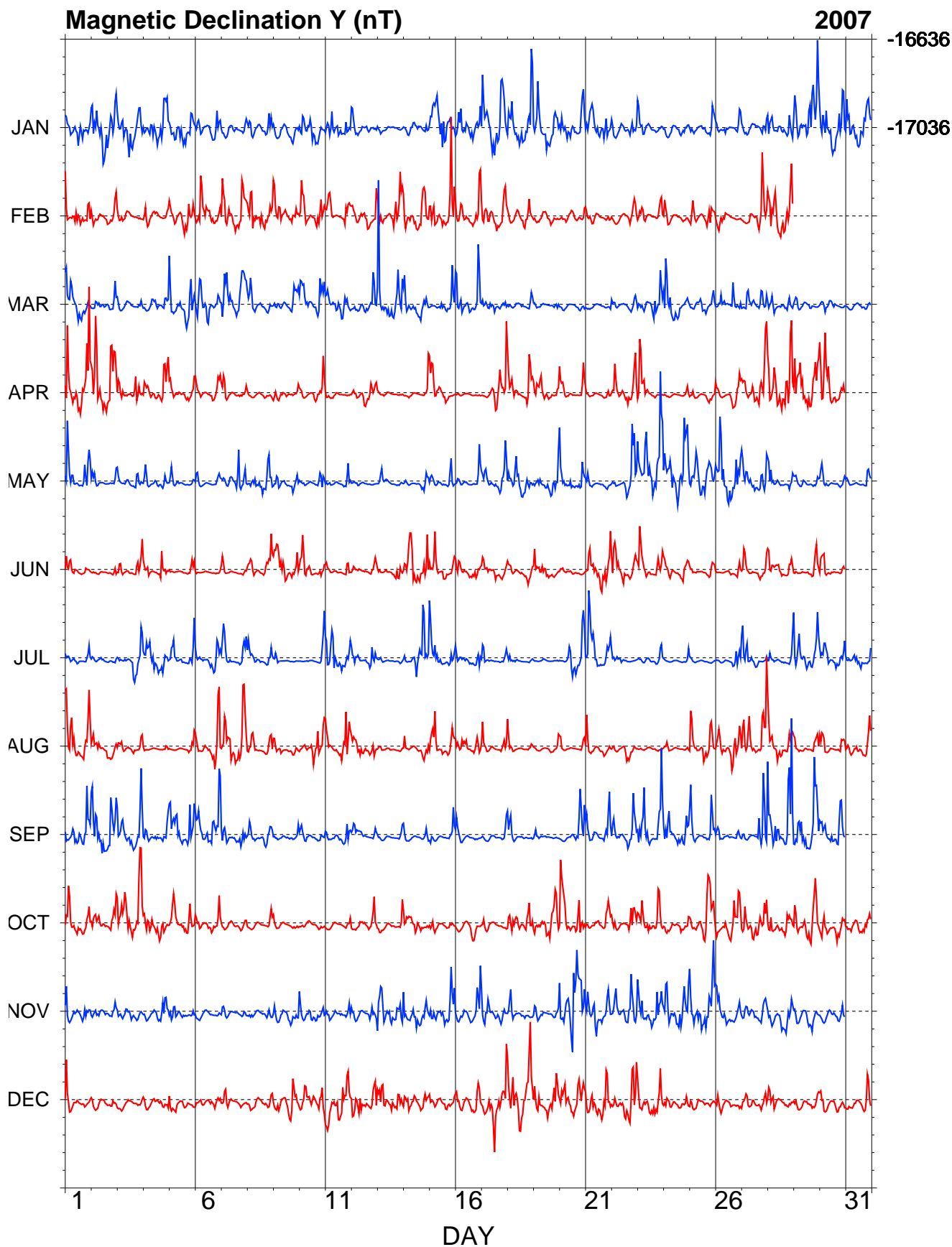
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| 01  | 3223 | 2124 | 19 | 7564   | 3266 | 39 | 4233      | 3375 | 30 | 4533    | 3345 | 30 | 5211     | 1243 | 19 | 5311     | 1113 | 16 |
| 02  | 2222 | 2003 | 13 | 4353   | 3433 | 28 | 6644      | 4465 | 39 | 3332    | 1246 | 24 | 2211     | 2024 | 14 | 2112     | 1132 | 13 |
| 03  | 2221 | 2436 | 22 | 2321   | 2204 | 16 | 5443      | 4337 | 33 | 6454    | 4366 | 38 | 3112     | 2011 | 11 | 1101     | 1002 | 6  |
| 04  | 4555 | 4454 | 36 | 2011   | 0004 | 8  | 3453      | 3235 | 28 | 5534    | 3553 | 33 | 2000     | 2354 | 16 | 2010     | 0122 | 8  |
| 05  | 3432 | 2146 | 25 | 1000   | 0015 | 7  | 5444      | 2375 | 34 | 3433    | 3253 | 26 | 3422     | 1004 | 16 | 4321     | 2101 | 14 |
| 06  | 4323 | 3365 | 29 | 4002   | 3457 | 25 | 4433      | 3657 | 35 | 3331    | 2215 | 20 | 1000     | 1113 | 7  | 2221     | 3133 | 17 |
| 07  | 5422 | 1155 | 25 | 5654   | 4576 | 42 | 4432      | 3553 | 29 | 2221    | 1123 | 14 | 3210     | 0003 | 9  | 2411     | 0032 | 13 |
| 08  | 5321 | 0144 | 20 | 3533   | 3255 | 29 | 4442      | 2355 | 29 | 1000    | 0004 | 5  | 2110     | 0033 | 10 | 2110     | 0014 | 9  |
| 09  | 3213 | 0010 | 10 | 4232   | 1114 | 18 | 1121      | 2103 | 11 | 3100    | 0021 | 7  | 4211     | 2214 | 17 | 3311     | 2354 | 22 |
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| 14  | 3123 | 4474 | 28 | 4000   | 1234 | 14 | 3001      | 0124 | 11 | 5333    | 3202 | 21 | 5433     | 3333 | 27 | 3422     | 2243 | 22 |
| 15  | 6453 | 3254 | 32 | 5542   | 1355 | 30 | 3111      | 0134 | 14 | 3301    | 1022 | 12 | 3422     | 3365 | 28 | 3222     | 2213 | 17 |
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| 22  | 4331 | 1101 | 14 | 2011   | 3232 | 14 | 5442      | 2364 | 30 | 4311    | 2454 | 24 | 3423     | 3555 | 30 | 2323     | 3366 | 28 |
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| 25  | 2110 | 1111 | 8  | 5210   | 3264 | 23 | 6322      | 1265 | 27 | 2113    | 4665 | 28 | 5444     | 3557 | 37 | 2211     | 2212 | 13 |
| 26  | 0001 | 1354 | 14 | 3432   | 3545 | 29 | 3332      | 0134 | 19 | 4343    | 3665 | 34 | 5444     | 2234 | 28 | 3211     | 2103 | 13 |
| 27  | 5432 | 2114 | 22 | 6353   | 4277 | 37 | 2102      | 1576 | 24 | 3534    | 3535 | 31 | 2422     | 2244 | 22 | 3422     | 2224 | 21 |
| 28  | 3310 | 1116 | 16 | 7535   | 3255 | 35 | 6653      | 2377 | 39 | 3412    | 3544 | 26 | 2222     | 3334 | 21 | 4421     | 2232 | 20 |
| 29  | 6543 | 3336 | 33 | 4221   | 2145 | 21 | 4654      | 4476 | 40 | 5222    | 3476 | 31 | 2212     | 2333 | 18 | 2221     | 1114 | 14 |
| 30  | 4443 | 2234 | 26 | 3422   | 0045 | 20 | 5544      | 3365 | 35 | 3432    | 2343 | 24 | 1111     | 2133 | 13 | 3312     | 2222 | 17 |
| 31  | 3234 | 3215 | 23 | 3313   | 1245 | 22 |           |      |    | 2222    | 2244 | 20 |          |      |    | 1201     | 2264 | 18 |

**Table 9.6.** K indices and daily K sums measured at Mawson in 2007.

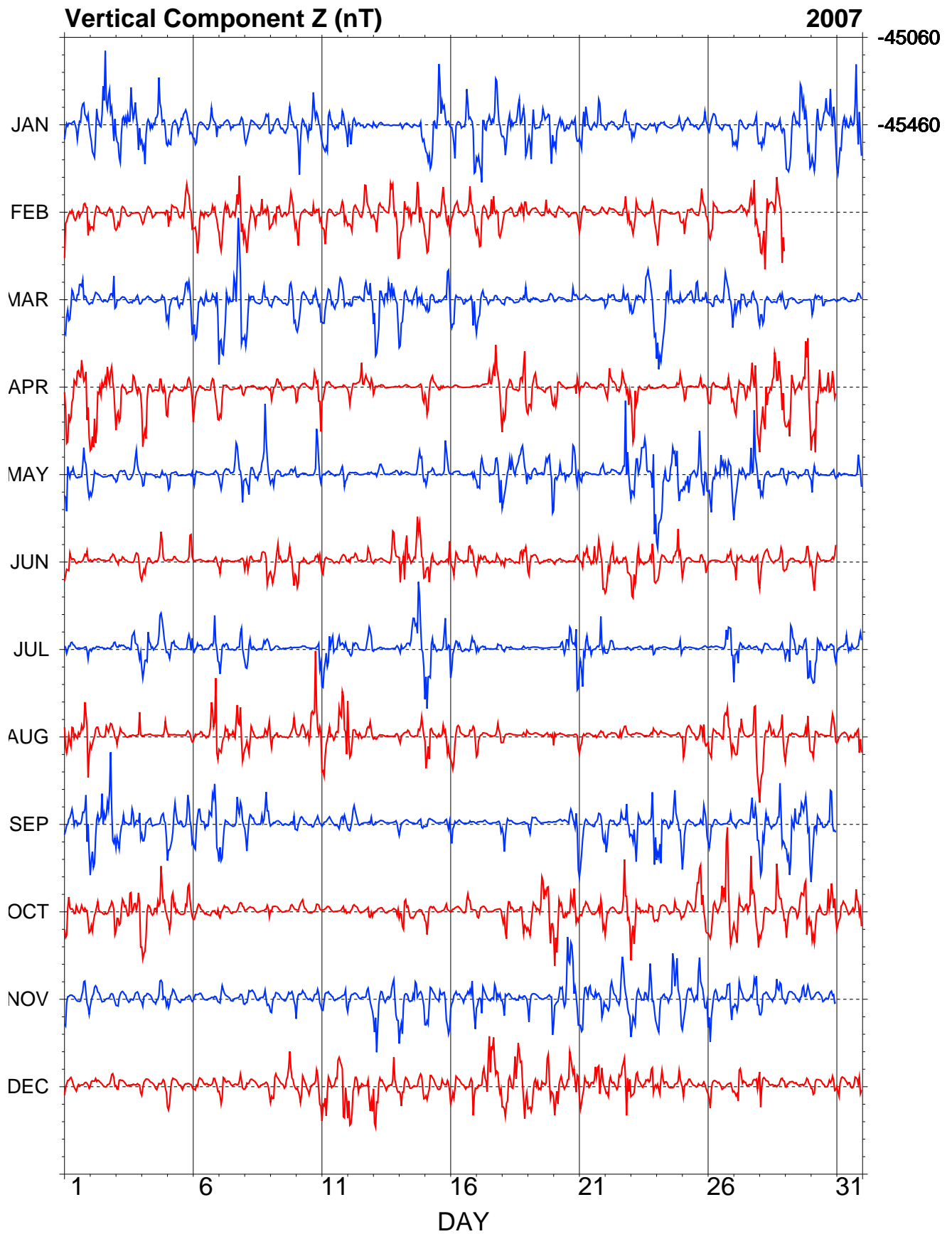
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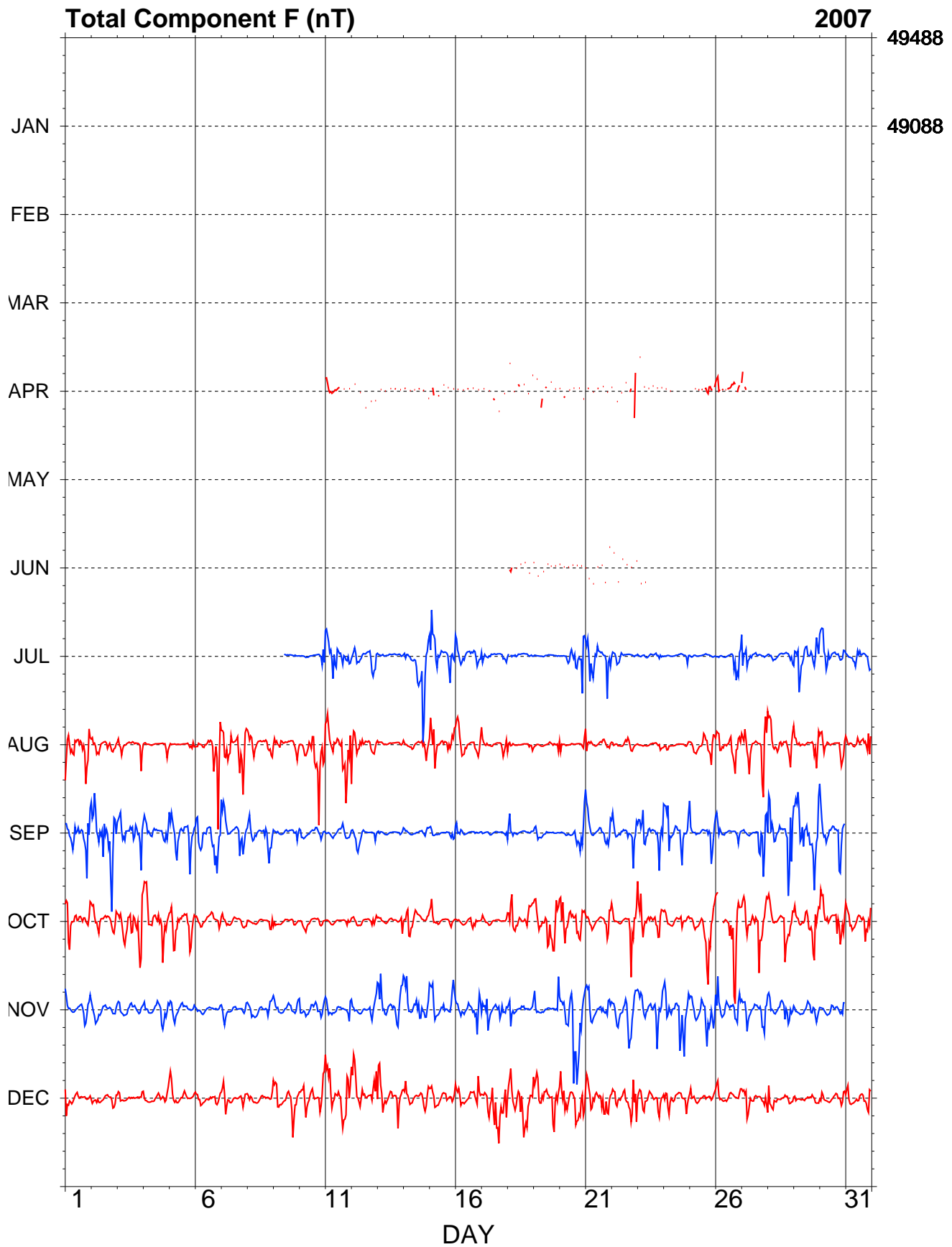


Figure 9.3. Hourly mean values in X, Y, Z and F measured at Mawson.

## 10. Repeat stations

Geoscience Australia maintains a network of fifteen repeat stations throughout Australia, its offshore islands, and the southwest Pacific region. The repeat stations are usually occupied at intervals of about two years to determine the secular variation of the magnetic field. During each three-to-four day occupation the magnetic field is monitored continuously with portable on-site three-component and total-field magnetic variometers.

### Variometers

The variometers used during 2007 are described in Table 10.1.

The magnetometers, acquisition and recording system were all powered by either 12 V DC batteries and solar panels or 240 V AC mains power, depending on the location. Preliminary data processing and analysis were done on-site using a laptop computer.

|                          |                               |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 3-component variometer:  | Narod                         |
| Serial number:           | 2506-1                        |
| Type:                    | ring-core fluxgate            |
| Orientation:             | NW, NE, Z                     |
| Acquisition interval:    | 1 s                           |
| Resolution:              | 0.01 nT                       |
| Total-field variometer:  | GEM Systems GSM-90            |
| Serial number:           | 810882/81315                  |
| Type:                    | Overhauser effect             |
| Acquisition interval:    | 10 s                          |
| Resolution:              | 0.01 nT                       |
| Data acquisition system: | GDAP: PC-104 computer, QNX OS |
| Timing:                  | Garmin GPS 16 clock           |

**Table 10.1.** Magnetic variometers used in 2007.

### Absolute instruments

The principal absolute magnetometers used at repeat stations and their adopted corrections for 2007 are described in Table 10.2. The GSM-90 was also used for total field surveys around each station.

|                           |                    |
|---------------------------|--------------------|
| DI fluxgate:              | DMI                |
| Serial number:            | DI0050             |
| Theodolite:               | Zeiss 020B         |
| Serial number:            | 308887             |
| Resolution:               | 0.1'               |
| D correction:             | -0.2'              |
| I correction:             | -0.2'              |
| Total-field magnetometer: | GEM Systems GSM-90 |
| Serial number:            | 003985/11690       |
| Type:                     | Overhauser effect  |
| Resolution:               | 0.01 nT            |
| Correction:               | 0.0 nT             |

**Table 10.2.** Absolute magnetometers and their adopted corrections for 2007. Corrections are applied in the sense Standard = Instrument + correction.

### Operations

The variometer recordings were calibrated to observatory standard using a campaign of absolute magnetic observations made during each station occupation. Usually about 24 sets of absolute observations are made on the primary repeat station during the three days of the occupations. Vector field differences between

the primary and secondary stations at each site were also measured. Azimuths to prominent features from both primary and secondary stations were checked and total-field gradient surveys around each station were undertaken.

The normal or quiet level of the magnetic field at each repeat station was determined by analysing the calibrated on-site variometer record with reference to the quiet level of the magnetic field derived from suitable observatory data.

The average annual rate of change of the field over the time between station occupations was determined by first differences between the adopted normal field values at the repeat station and the adopted normal field values from the previous occupation of the station.

### Station occupations

The repeat stations at Vanimo (VAN) and Kavieng (KAV) in Papua New Guinea, and Noumea (NOU) in New Caledonia, were re-occupied during May – June 2007. Figure 10.1 shows the location of the repeat stations and the Australian permanent magnetic observatories.

The adopted normal field values at the time of the 2007 occupations and the average secular variation over the interval between the two most recent station occupations are shown in Tables 10.3 and 10.4. All available data from the stations are plotted in Figure 10.2.



Figure 10.1. Repeat stations occupied in 2007 (blue dots) and the Australian magnetic observatory network (black squares).

| Station (site) | Date       | D   |      | I   |      | H     | X     | Y    | Z      | F     |
|----------------|------------|-----|------|-----|------|-------|-------|------|--------|-------|
|                |            | (°) | (')  | (°) | (')  | (nT)  | (nT)  | (nT) | (nT)   | (nT)  |
| Vanimo (D)     | 2007-05-25 | 04  | 06.9 | -21 | 33.8 | 37075 | 36979 | 2660 | -14651 | 39864 |
| Kavieng (C)    | 2007-05-31 | 06  | 04.5 | -20 | 00.4 | 36412 | 36205 | 3853 | -13258 | 38751 |
| Noumea (B)     | 2007-06-07 | 12  | 32.0 | -47 | 54.4 | 32056 | 31292 | 6956 | -35485 | 47820 |

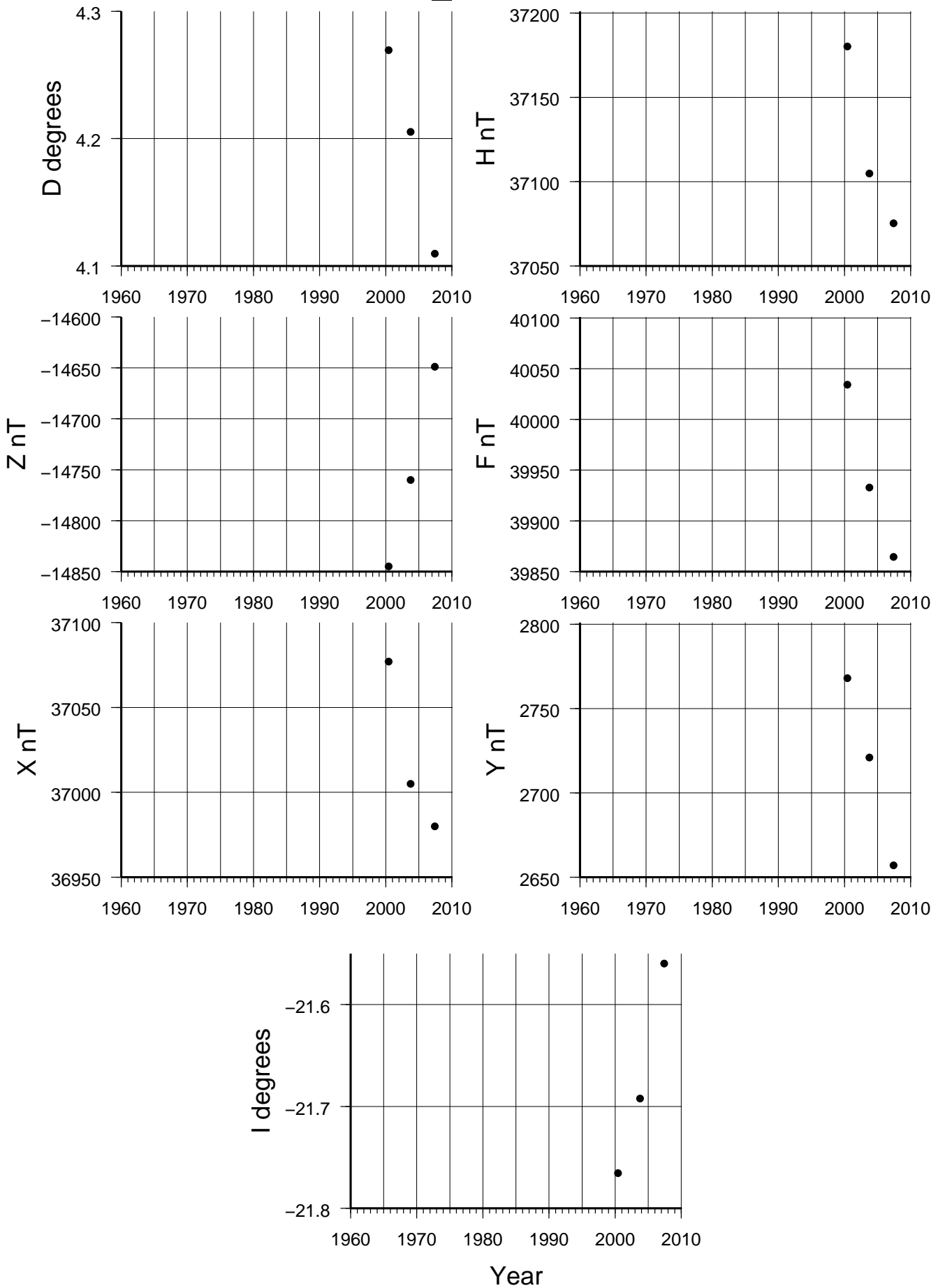
Table 10.3. Adopted main field values at the time of the 2007 station occupations.

| Station (site) | Last occupation | $\Delta D$<br>( $^{\circ}/\text{yr}$ ) | $\Delta I$<br>( $^{\circ}/\text{yr}$ ) | $\Delta H$<br>(nT/yr) | $\Delta X$<br>(nT/yr) | $\Delta Y$<br>(nT/yr) | $\Delta Z$<br>(nT/yr) | $\Delta F$<br>(nT/yr) |
|----------------|-----------------|--|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Vanimo (D)     | 2003-10-08      | -1.5                                   | 2.1                                    | -8                    | -7                    | -17                   | 30                    | -19                   |
| Kavieng (C)    | 2003-10-03      | -1.7                                   | 1.5                                    | -12                   | -10                   | -19                   | 23                    | -19                   |
| Noumea (B)     | 2003-10-14      | -1.0                                   | 0.1                                    | -21                   | -19                   | -14                   | 25                    | -33                   |

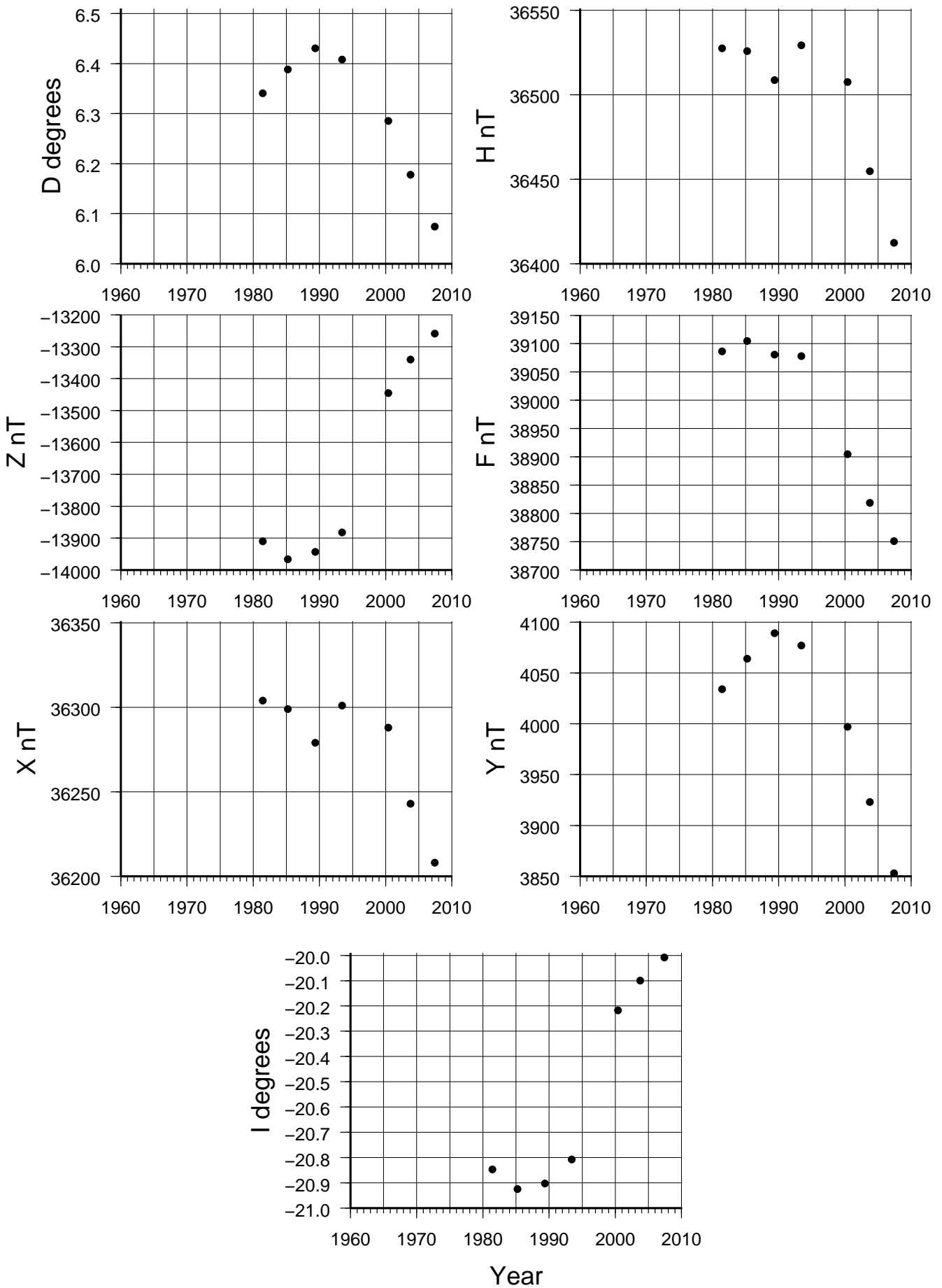
Table 10.4. Average secular variation between the two most recent occupations.



# VANIMO\_D



# KAVIENG\_C



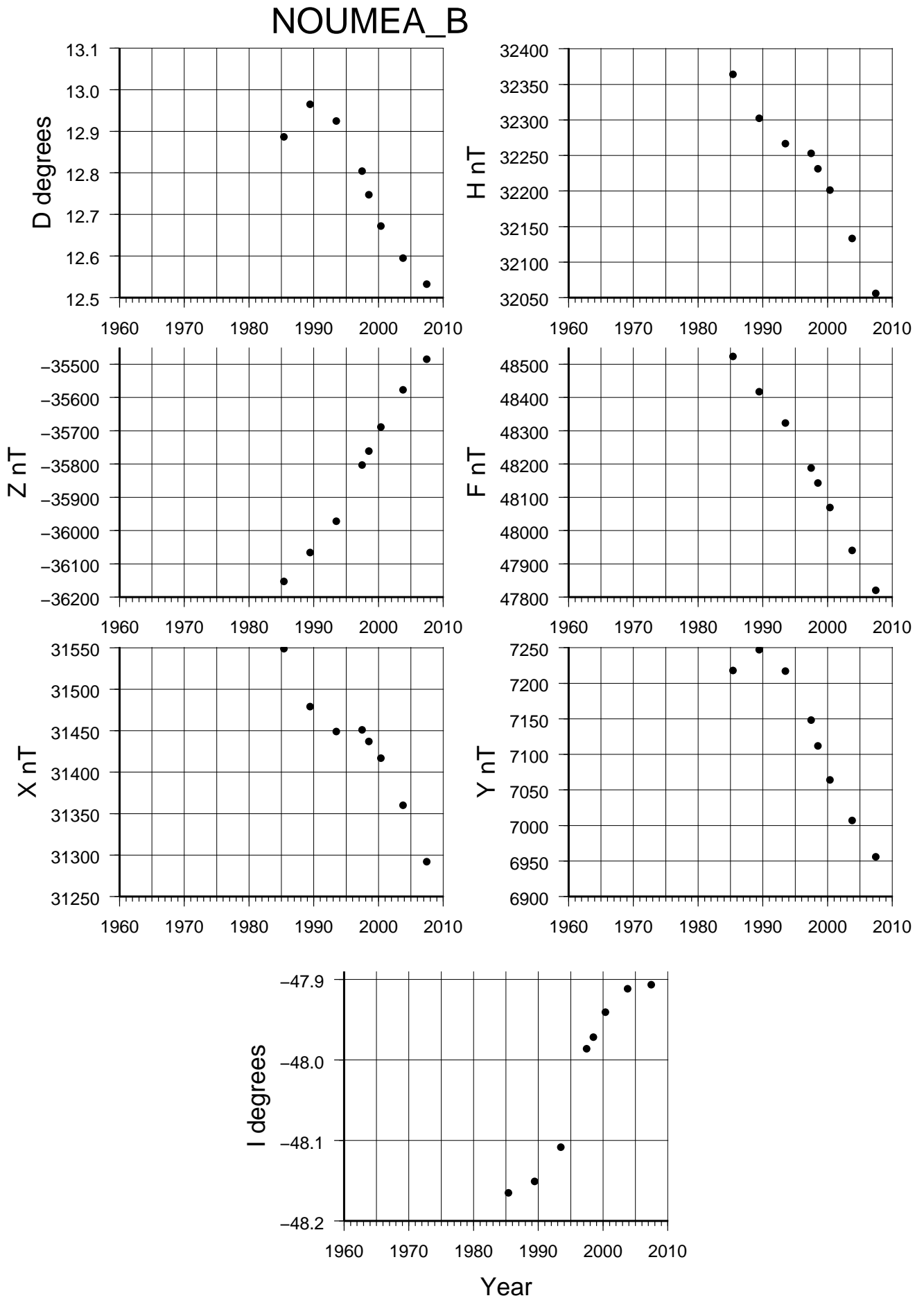


Figure 10.2. Adopted main-field values at time of repeat station occupations.

## Appendix A. Data losses

| Date       | Channel | Interval (hh:mm) | Data loss (minutes) |
|------------|---------|------------------|---------------------|
| 2007-02-09 | XYZ     | 23:50 – 00:58    | 14469               |
| 2007-02-20 | F       | 23:51 – 00:50    | 14460               |
| 2007-02-20 | F       | 00:55 – 00:55    | 1                   |
| 2007-02-22 | XYZ     | 00:48 – 00:50    | 3                   |
|            | F       | 00:49 – 00:49    | 1                   |
| 2007-03-13 | XYZ     | 01:01 – 00:20    | 11480               |
| 2007-03-21 | F       | 05:23 – 05:24    | 2                   |
| 2007-03-19 | F       | 00:47 – 00:49    | 3                   |
| 2007-12-04 | F       | 00:52 – 01:01    | 10                  |
|            | XYZ     | 01:06 – 01:06    | 1                   |
|            | F       | 01:17 – 01:17    | 1                   |
|            | XYZ     | 03:45 – 04:14    | 30                  |
|            | F       | 04:14 – 04:14    | 1                   |
| 2007-12-06 | F       | 04:54 – 05:06    | 13                  |
| 2007-12-09 | F       | 07:24 – 07:24    | 1                   |

Table A.1. Kakadu data losses.

| Date       | Channel | Interval (hh:mm) | Data loss (minutes) |
|------------|---------|------------------|---------------------|
| 2007-01-09 | XYZ     | 23:11 - 23:12    | 2                   |
| 2007-02-17 | F       | 12:03 - 23:59    | 717                 |
| 2007-02-18 | F       | 00:00 - 23:59    | 1440                |
| 2007-02-19 | F       | 00:00 - 05:06    | 307                 |
|            | XYZ     | 04:18 - 04:19    | 2                   |
|            | XYZ     | 04:26 - 04:26    | 1                   |
|            | XYZ     | 04:49 - 04:52    | 4                   |
|            | XYZ     | 05:04 - 05:07    | 4                   |
| 2007-04-13 | XYZ     | 02:11 - 02:13    | 3                   |
|            | F       | 02:11 - 02:13    | 3                   |
|            | XYZ     | 07:22 - 07:24    | 3                   |
|            | F       | 07:22 - 07:24    | 3                   |
| 2007-04-23 | F       | 07:00 - 07:01    | 2                   |
| 2007-04-24 | XYZ     | 02:18 - 02:21    | 4                   |
|            | F       | 02:19 - 02:19    | 1                   |
| 2007-05-24 | XYZ     | 01:26 - 01:27    | 2                   |
|            | F       | 01:27 - 01:27    | 1                   |
| 2007-06-07 | XYZ     | 03:26 - 03:26    | 1                   |
|            | F       | 03:26 - 03:26    | 1                   |
|            | XYZ     | 03:43 - 03:47    | 5                   |
|            | F       | 03:44 - 03:48    | 5                   |
| 2007-06-16 | F       | 04:49 - 05:06    | 18                  |
|            | F       | 05:33 - 05:44    | 12                  |

Table A.2. Charters Towers data losses.

| Date       | Channel | Interval (hh:mm) | Data loss (minutes) |
|------------|---------|------------------|---------------------|
| 2007-02-02 | XYZ     | 01:50 - 01:52    | 3                   |
|            | F       | 01:51 - 01:51    | 1                   |
| 2007-03-10 | XYZ     | 22:23 - 23:59    | 97                  |
|            | F       | 22:24 - 23:59    | 96                  |
| 2007-03-11 | XYZ     | 00:00 - 23:59    | 1440                |
|            | F       | 11:34 - 23:59    | 746                 |
| 2007-03-12 | XYZ     | 00:00 - 23:59    | 1440                |
|            | F       | 00:00 - 01:22    | 83                  |
| 2007-03-13 | XYZ     | 00:00 - 23:59    | 1440                |
| 2007-03-16 | XYZ     | 04:45 - 05:51    | 7                   |
|            | F       | 05:46 - 05:50    | 5                   |
| 2007-11-22 | F       | 22:37 - 22:37    | 1                   |

|            |     |               |   |
|------------|-----|---------------|---|
|            | F   | 22:42 - 22:42 | 1 |
| 2007-11-26 | XYZ | 06:25 - 06:30 | 6 |

Table A.3. Learmonth data losses.

| Date       | Channel | Interval (hh:mm) | Data loss (minutes) |
|------------|---------|------------------|---------------------|
| 2007-01-18 | XYZ     | 05:51 - 23:59    | 1089                |
|            | F       | 05:52 - 23:59    | 1088                |
| 2007-01-19 | XYZ     | 00:00 - 23:59    | 1440                |
|            | F       | 00:00 - 23:59    | 1440                |
| 2007-01-20 | XYZ     | 00:00 - 23:59    | 1440                |
|            | F       | 00:00 - 23:59    | 1440                |
| 2007-01-21 | XYZ     | 00:00 - 23:59    | 1440                |
|            | F       | 00:00 - 23:59    | 1440                |
| 2007-01-22 | XYZ     | 00:00 - 23:59    | 1440                |
|            | F       | 00:00 - 23:59    | 1440                |
| 2007-01-23 | XYZ     | 00:00 - 23:59    | 1440                |
|            | F       | 00:00 - 23:59    | 1440                |
| 2007-01-24 | XYZ     | 00:00 - 03:59    | 240                 |
|            | F       | 00:00 - 03:58    | 239                 |
|            | XYZ     | 04:01 - 04:02    | 2                   |
| 2007-01-28 | F       | 05:11 - 05:11    | 1                   |
| 2007-03-01 | F       | 13:52 - 13:52    | 1                   |
| 2007-03-02 | F       | 15:32 - 15:32    | 1                   |
| 2007-03-03 | F       | 00:18 - 00:20    | 3                   |
|            | F       | 00:30 - 00:32    | 3                   |
|            | F       | 11:31 - 11:31    | 1                   |
| 2007-03-15 | F       | 08:36 - 08:36    | 1                   |
| 2007-03-27 | F       | 01:00 - 01:00    | 1                   |
| 2007-06-06 | XYZ     | 11:35 - 11:39    | 5                   |
| 2007-06-15 | F       | 21:10 - 21:10    | 1                   |
|            | F       | 21:12 - 21:12    | 1                   |
|            | F       | 21:25 - 21:25    | 1                   |
|            | F       | 21:42 - 21:43    | 2                   |
|            | F       | 21:56 - 21:56    | 1                   |
|            | F       | 22:15 - 22:15    | 1                   |
|            | F       | 22:17 - 22:17    | 1                   |
|            | F       | 22:32 - 22:32    | 1                   |
|            | F       | 22:41 - 22:42    | 2                   |
|            | F       | 22:46 - 22:46    | 1                   |
|            | F       | 22:49 - 22:49    | 1                   |
| 2007-06-16 | F       | 00:15 - 00:15    | 1                   |
|            | F       | 01:34 - 01:34    | 1                   |
|            | F       | 01:40 - 01:40    | 1                   |
| 2007-07-09 | F       | 20:30 - 20:30    | 1                   |
| 2007-07-10 | F       | 00:46 - 00:46    | 1                   |
|            | F       | 00:49 - 00:49    | 1                   |
|            | F       | 21:03 - 21:04    | 2                   |
|            | F       | 21:39 - 21:39    | 1                   |
|            | F       | 22:12 - 22:12    | 1                   |
|            | F       | 22:15 - 22:15    | 1                   |
|            | F       | 22:55 - 22:55    | 1                   |
|            | F       | 23:02 - 23:02    | 1                   |
|            | F       | 23:29 - 23:29    | 1                   |
|            | F       | 23:32 - 23:32    | 1                   |
|            | F       | 23:35 - 23:35    | 1                   |
| 2007-07-11 | F       | 00:50 - 00:50    | 1                   |
|            | F       | 01:19 - 01:20    | 2                   |
|            | F       | 02:16 - 02:16    | 1                   |
|            | F       | 17:15 - 17:15    | 1                   |
| 2007-07-19 | F       | 21:15 - 21:18    | 4                   |
|            | F       | 21:22 - 21:23    | 2                   |
|            | F       | 21:26 - 21:26    | 1                   |
|            | F       | 21:49 - 21:49    | 1                   |
| 2007-07-21 | F       | 22:21 - 22:21    | 1                   |

|            |     |               |    |
|------------|-----|---------------|----|
| 2007-08-16 | F   | 22:36 - 22:36 | 1  |
|            | F   | 22:39 - 22:39 | 1  |
|            | F   | 22:42 - 22:42 | 1  |
| 2007-09-12 | XYZ | 11:18 - 11:45 | 28 |
|            | XYZ | 17:41 - 18:03 | 23 |
|            | F   | 17:42 - 17:54 | 13 |
|            | F   | 17:57 - 18:02 | 6  |
|            | XYZ | 18:05 - 18:19 | 15 |
|            | F   | 18:06 - 18:18 | 13 |
| 2007-12-15 | XYZ | 08:10 - 08:13 | 4  |
|            | XYZ | 09:44 - 09:53 | 10 |
| 2007-12-31 | F   | 17:25 - 17:25 | 1  |
|            | F   | 18:41 - 18:41 | 1  |

**Table A.4.** Alice Springs data losses.

| Date       | Channel | Interval (hh:mm) | Data loss (minutes) |
|------------|---------|------------------|---------------------|
| 2007-01-01 | XYZ     | 05:39 - 05:40    | 2                   |
| 2007-02-04 | F       | 19:25 - 19:53    | 29                  |
| 2007-02-05 | F       | 04:50 - 04:50    | 1                   |
| 2007-02-07 | F       | 15:51 - 16:06    | 16                  |
|            | F       | 16:14 - 16:16    | 3                   |
|            | F       | 16:53 - 16:53    | 1                   |
|            | F       | 20:49 - 20:49    | 1                   |
|            | F       | 21:00 - 21:01    | 2                   |
|            | F       | 21:43 - 21:45    | 3                   |
|            | F       | 21:56 - 22:01    | 6                   |
|            | F       | 22:11 - 22:26    | 16                  |
|            | F       | 23:31 - 23:37    | 7                   |
| 2007-02-08 | F       | 00:18 - 10:01    | 584                 |
| 2007-02-09 | F       | 06:58 - 07:13    | 16                  |
|            | F       | 22:33 - 22:50    | 18                  |
|            | F       | 23:02 - 23:02    | 1                   |
|            | F       | 23:04 - 23:33    | 30                  |
| 2007-02-10 | F       | 06:15 - 06:19    | 5                   |
|            | F       | 07:53 - 07:54    | 2                   |
|            | F       | 07:59 - 07:59    | 1                   |
|            | F       | 08:18 - 08:18    | 1                   |
|            | F       | 09:08 - 09:09    | 2                   |
|            | F       | 09:17 - 09:20    | 4                   |
| 2007-02-12 | XYZ     | 01:48 - 01:50    | 3                   |
|            | F       | 01:49 - 01:49    | 1                   |
| 2007-02-21 | F       | 09:16 - 09:20    | 5                   |
|            | F       | 09:26 - 09:26    | 1                   |
|            | F       | 13:44 - 13:46    | 3                   |
|            | F       | 23:47 - 23:51    | 5                   |
|            | F       | 23:55 - 23:59    | 5                   |
| 2007-02-22 | F       | 00:00 - 00:30    | 31                  |
|            | F       | 01:08 - 01:11    | 4                   |
|            | F       | 01:25 - 01:25    | 1                   |
|            | F       | 02:15 - 05:08    | 174                 |
|            | F       | 05:27 - 05:28    | 2                   |
|            | F       | 06:35 - 07:53    | 79                  |
|            | F       | 08:37 - 08:46    | 10                  |
|            | F       | 10:31 - 11:26    | 56                  |
| 2007-02-23 | F       | 02:15 - 06:20    | 246                 |
| 2007-02-24 | F       | 06:21 - 07:23    | 63                  |
|            | F       | 07:57 - 08:19    | 23                  |
|            | F       | 08:34 - 08:35    | 2                   |
|            | F       | 09:11 - 09:37    | 27                  |
| 2007-02-25 | F       | 04:39 - 05:08    | 30                  |
|            | F       | 05:19 - 05:19    | 1                   |
|            | F       | 05:24 - 05:25    | 2                   |
|            | F       | 05:27 - 05:28    | 2                   |
| 2007-02-26 | F       | 00:08 - 00:08    | 1                   |
| 2007-03-01 | XYZ     | 01:37 - 01:39    | 3                   |
|            | F       | 01:38 - 01:38    | 1                   |

|            |     |               |      |
|------------|-----|---------------|------|
| 2007-04-24 | F   | 04:33 - 04:34 | 2    |
|            | F   | 06:08 - 06:11 | 4    |
|            | F   | 06:30 - 06:30 | 1    |
|            | F   | 07:49 - 07:58 | 10   |
|            | F   | 08:09 - 08:11 | 3    |
|            | F   | 08:23 - 08:23 | 1    |
|            | F   | 08:34 - 08:34 | 1    |
|            | F   | 08:46 - 08:46 | 1    |
|            | F   | 08:48 - 08:48 | 1    |
|            | F   | 08:51 - 08:54 | 4    |
|            | F   | 09:12 - 23:59 | 888  |
| 2007-04-25 | F   | 00:00 - 23:59 | 1440 |
|            | XYZ | 13:02 - 23:59 | 658  |
| 2007-04-26 | XYZ | 00:00 - 01:59 | 120  |
|            | XYZ | 03:03 - 03:20 | 18   |
|            | XYZ | 06:02 - 23:59 | 1078 |
|            | F   | 00:00 - 23:59 | 1440 |
| 2007-04-27 | XYZ | 00:00 - 23:59 | 1440 |
|            | F   | 00:00 - 23:59 | 1440 |
| 2007-04-28 | XYZ | 00:00 - 23:59 | 1440 |
|            | F   | 00:00 - 23:59 | 1440 |
| 2007-04-29 | XYZ | 00:00 - 23:59 | 1440 |
|            | F   | 00:00 - 23:59 | 1440 |
| 2007-04-30 | XYZ | 00:00 - 05:32 | 333  |
|            | XYZ | 05:35 - 05:38 | 4    |
|            | F   | 00:00 - 13:45 | 826  |
| 2007-05-07 | XYZ | 08:23 - 08:38 | 16   |
| 2007-05-14 | XYZ | 05:37 - 05:39 | 3    |
|            | F   | 05:38 - 05:38 | 1    |
| 2007-09-09 | F   | 09:56 - 09:56 | 1    |
| 2007-10-03 | XYZ | 02:43 - 02:45 | 3    |
|            | F   | 02:44 - 02:44 | 1    |
| 2007-10-12 | XYZ | 01:58 - 02:06 | 9    |
| 2007-10-16 | XYZ | 02:05 - 02:39 | 35   |
| 2007-11-02 | XYZ | 06:14 - 06:18 | 5    |
|            | F   | 06:15 - 06:15 | 1    |
| 2007-11-07 | XYZ | 05:36 - 05:45 | 10   |
| 2007-11-08 | XYZ | 02:34 - 03:00 | 27   |
| 2007-12-27 | XYZ | 02:35 - 02:43 | 9    |
|            | XYZ | 03:01 - 03:05 | 5    |

**Table A.5.** Gngangara data losses.

| Date       | Channel | Interval (hh:mm) | Data loss (minutes) |
|------------|---------|------------------|---------------------|
| 2007-03-27 | F       | 02:35 - 05:02    | 148                 |
| 2007-04-12 | F       | 00:59 - 01:00    | 2                   |
| 2007-07-18 | F       | 00:16 - 00:16    | 1                   |
|            | F       | 00:24 - 00:24    | 1                   |
| 2007-09-05 | F       | 00:19 - 00:21    | 3                   |

**Table A.6.** Canberra data losses.

| Date       | Channel | Interval (hh:mm) | Data loss (minutes) |
|------------|---------|------------------|---------------------|
| 2007-06-05 | XYZ     | 02:39-02:41      | 3                   |
|            | F       | 02:40-02:40      | 1                   |
| 2007-07-10 | XYZ     | 00:53-00:55      | 3                   |
|            | F       | 00:54-00:54      | 1                   |

**Table A.7.** Macquarie Island data losses from the MQ2 vector variometer and MCQ scalar variometer.

| Date | Channel | Interval<br>(hh:mm) | Data loss<br>(minutes) |
|------|---------|---------------------|------------------------|
|------|---------|---------------------|------------------------|

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**Table A.8.** Casey data losses.

| Date       | Channel | Interval<br>(hh:mm) | Data loss<br>(minutes) |
|------------|---------|---------------------|------------------------|
| 2007-01-01 | F       | 00:00 - 23:59       | 1440                   |
| 2007-01-02 | F       | 00:00 - 23:59       | 1440                   |
| 2007-01-03 | F       | 00:00 - 23:59       | 1440                   |
| 2007-01-04 | F       | 00:00 - 23:59       | 1440                   |
| 2007-01-05 | F       | 00:00 - 23:59       | 1440                   |
| 2007-01-06 | F       | 00:00 - 23:59       | 1440                   |
| 2007-01-07 | F       | 00:00 - 23:59       | 1440                   |
| 2007-01-08 | F       | 00:00 - 23:59       | 1440                   |
| 2007-01-09 | F       | 00:00 - 23:59       | 1440                   |
| 2007-01-10 | F       | 00:00 - 23:59       | 1440                   |
| 2007-01-11 | F       | 00:00 - 23:59       | 1440                   |
| 2007-01-12 | F       | 00:00 - 23:59       | 1440                   |
| 2007-01-13 | F       | 00:00 - 23:59       | 1440                   |
| 2007-01-14 | F       | 00:00 - 23:59       | 1440                   |
| 2007-01-15 | F       | 00:00 - 23:59       | 1440                   |
| 2007-01-16 | F       | 00:00 - 23:59       | 1440                   |
| 2007-01-17 | F       | 00:00 - 23:59       | 1440                   |
| 2007-01-18 | F       | 00:00 - 23:59       | 1440                   |
| 2007-01-19 | F       | 00:00 - 23:59       | 1440                   |
| 2007-01-20 | F       | 00:00 - 23:59       | 1440                   |
| 2007-01-21 | F       | 00:00 - 23:59       | 1440                   |
| 2007-01-22 | F       | 00:00 - 23:59       | 1440                   |
| 2007-01-23 | F       | 00:00 - 23:59       | 1440                   |
| 2007-01-24 | F       | 00:00 - 23:59       | 1440                   |
| 2007-01-25 | F       | 00:00 - 23:59       | 1440                   |
| 2007-01-26 | F       | 00:00 - 23:59       | 1440                   |
| 2007-01-27 | F       | 00:00 - 23:59       | 1440                   |
| 2007-01-28 | F       | 00:00 - 23:59       | 1440                   |
| 2007-01-29 | F       | 00:00 - 23:59       | 1440                   |
| 2007-01-30 | F       | 00:00 - 23:59       | 1440                   |
| 2007-01-31 | F       | 00:00 - 23:59       | 1440                   |
| 2007-02-01 | F       | 00:00 - 23:59       | 1440                   |
| 2007-02-02 | F       | 00:00 - 23:59       | 1440                   |
| 2007-02-03 | F       | 00:00 - 23:59       | 1440                   |
| 2007-02-04 | F       | 00:00 - 23:59       | 1440                   |
| 2007-02-05 | F       | 00:00 - 23:59       | 1440                   |
| 2007-02-06 | F       | 00:00 - 23:59       | 1440                   |
| 2007-02-07 | F       | 00:00 - 23:59       | 1440                   |
| 2007-02-08 | F       | 00:00 - 23:59       | 1440                   |
| 2007-02-09 | F       | 00:00 - 23:59       | 1440                   |
| 2007-02-10 | F       | 00:00 - 23:59       | 1440                   |
| 2007-02-11 | F       | 00:00 - 23:59       | 1440                   |
| 2007-02-12 | F       | 00:00 - 23:59       | 1440                   |
| 2007-02-13 | F       | 00:00 - 23:59       | 1440                   |
| 2007-02-14 | F       | 00:00 - 23:59       | 1440                   |
| 2007-02-15 | F       | 00:00 - 23:59       | 1440                   |
| 2007-02-16 | F       | 00:00 - 23:59       | 1440                   |
| 2007-02-17 | F       | 00:00 - 23:59       | 1440                   |
| 2007-02-18 | F       | 00:00 - 23:59       | 1440                   |
| 2007-02-19 | F       | 00:00 - 23:59       | 1440                   |
| 2007-02-20 | F       | 00:00 - 23:59       | 1440                   |
| 2007-02-21 | F       | 00:00 - 23:59       | 1440                   |
| 2007-02-22 | F       | 00:00 - 23:59       | 1440                   |
| 2007-02-23 | F       | 00:00 - 23:59       | 1440                   |
| 2007-02-24 | F       | 00:00 - 23:59       | 1440                   |
| 2007-02-25 | F       | 00:00 - 23:59       | 1440                   |
| 2007-02-26 | F       | 00:00 - 23:59       | 1440                   |
| 2007-02-27 | F       | 00:00 - 23:59       | 1440                   |
| 2007-02-28 | F       | 00:00 - 23:59       | 1440                   |

|            |   |               |      |
|------------|---|---------------|------|
| 2007-03-01 | F | 00:00 - 23:59 | 1440 |
| 2007-03-02 | F | 00:00 - 23:59 | 1440 |
| 2007-03-03 | F | 00:00 - 23:59 | 1440 |
| 2007-03-04 | F | 00:00 - 23:59 | 1440 |
| 2007-03-05 | F | 00:00 - 23:59 | 1440 |
| 2007-03-06 | F | 00:00 - 23:59 | 1440 |
| 2007-03-07 | F | 00:00 - 23:59 | 1440 |
| 2007-03-08 | F | 00:00 - 23:59 | 1440 |
| 2007-03-09 | F | 00:00 - 23:59 | 1440 |
| 2007-03-10 | F | 00:00 - 23:59 | 1440 |
| 2007-03-11 | F | 00:00 - 23:59 | 1440 |
| 2007-03-12 | F | 00:00 - 23:59 | 1440 |
| 2007-03-13 | F | 00:00 - 23:59 | 1440 |
| 2007-03-14 | F | 00:00 - 23:59 | 1440 |
| 2007-03-15 | F | 00:00 - 23:59 | 1440 |
| 2007-03-16 | F | 00:00 - 23:59 | 1440 |
| 2007-03-17 | F | 00:00 - 23:59 | 1440 |
| 2007-03-18 | F | 00:00 - 23:59 | 1440 |
| 2007-03-19 | F | 00:00 - 23:59 | 1440 |
| 2007-03-20 | F | 00:00 - 23:59 | 1440 |
| 2007-03-21 | F | 00:00 - 23:59 | 1440 |
| 2007-03-22 | F | 00:00 - 23:59 | 1440 |
| 2007-03-23 | F | 00:00 - 23:59 | 1440 |
| 2007-03-24 | F | 00:00 - 23:59 | 1440 |
| 2007-03-25 | F | 00:00 - 23:59 | 1440 |
| 2007-03-26 | F | 00:00 - 23:59 | 1440 |
| 2007-03-27 | F | 00:00 - 23:59 | 1440 |
| 2007-03-28 | F | 00:00 - 23:59 | 1440 |
| 2007-03-29 | F | 00:00 - 23:59 | 1440 |
| 2007-03-30 | F | 00:00 - 23:59 | 1440 |
| 2007-03-31 | F | 00:00 - 23:59 | 1440 |
| 2007-04-01 | F | 00:00 - 23:59 | 1440 |
| 2007-04-02 | F | 00:00 - 23:59 | 1440 |
| 2007-04-03 | F | 00:00 - 23:59 | 1440 |
| 2007-04-04 | F | 00:00 - 23:59 | 1440 |
| 2007-04-05 | F | 00:00 - 23:59 | 1440 |
| 2007-04-06 | F | 00:00 - 23:59 | 1440 |
| 2007-04-07 | F | 00:00 - 23:59 | 1440 |
| 2007-04-08 | F | 00:00 - 23:59 | 1440 |
| 2007-04-09 | F | 00:00 - 23:59 | 1440 |
| 2007-04-10 | F | 00:00 - 23:58 | 143  |
| 2007-04-11 | F | 13:29 - 16:58 | 210  |
|            | F | 18:02 - 22:13 | 252  |
|            | F | 23:02 - 23:59 | 58   |
| 2007-04-12 | F | 00:00 - 03:13 | 194  |
|            | F | 04:04 - 08:08 | 245  |
|            | F | 08:57 - 12:55 | 239  |
|            | F | 13:39 - 17:52 | 254  |
|            | F | 18:37 - 22:14 | 218  |
|            | F | 22:22 - 22:22 | 1    |
|            | F | 22:48 - 22:48 | 1    |
|            | F | 22:52 - 23:59 | 68   |
| 2007-04-13 | F | 00:00 - 02:55 | 176  |
|            | F | 03:31 - 03:31 | 1    |
|            | F | 03:36 - 07:23 | 228  |
|            | F | 08:09 - 12:08 | 240  |
|            | F | 13:00 - 16:39 | 220  |
|            | F | 17:32 - 20:55 | 204  |
|            | F | 21:49 - 23:59 | 131  |
| 2007-04-14 | F | 00:00 - 01:33 | 94   |
|            | F | 02:25 - 05:58 | 214  |
|            | F | 06:49 - 10:18 | 210  |
|            | F | 11:09 - 14:23 | 195  |
|            | F | 15:19 - 18:46 | 208  |
|            | F | 19:38 - 23:15 | 218  |
| 2007-04-15 | F | 00:07 - 03:47 | 221  |
|            | F | 04:37 - 08:29 | 233  |
|            | F | 09:16 - 12:48 | 213  |
|            | F | 13:36 - 17:14 | 219  |

|            |   |               |     |   |               |    |
|------------|---|---------------|-----|---|---------------|----|
|            | F | 18:00 - 21:54 | 235 | F | 03:10 - 03:24 | 15 |
|            | F | 22:37 - 23:59 | 83  | F | 03:26 - 04:00 | 35 |
| 2007-04-16 | F | 00:00 - 02:25 | 146 | F | 04:05 - 04:26 | 22 |
|            | F | 03:08 - 07:09 | 242 | F | 04:28 - 04:42 | 15 |
|            | F | 07:51 - 11:34 | 224 | F | 04:44 - 04:59 | 16 |
|            | F | 12:18 - 16:29 | 252 | F | 05:01 - 05:02 | 2  |
|            | F | 17:11 - 21:25 | 255 | F | 05:08 - 05:32 | 25 |
|            | F | 22:06 - 23:59 | 114 | F | 05:38 - 05:55 | 18 |
| 2007-04-17 | F | 00:00 - 02:09 | 130 | F | 05:57 - 05:58 | 2  |
|            | F | 02:47 - 07:13 | 267 | F | 06:01 - 06:14 | 14 |
|            | F | 07:51 - 11:44 | 234 | F | 06:18 - 06:36 | 19 |
|            | F | 12:22 - 16:17 | 236 | F | 06:38 - 06:39 | 2  |
|            | F | 16:55 - 21:14 | 260 | F | 06:41 - 06:44 | 4  |
|            | F | 21:57 - 23:59 | 123 | F | 06:46 - 06:58 | 13 |
| 2007-04-18 | F | 00:00 - 01:57 | 118 | F | 07:05 - 07:29 | 25 |
|            | F | 02:37 - 06:14 | 218 | F | 07:32 - 07:48 | 17 |
|            | F | 06:52 - 10:39 | 228 | F | 07:50 - 08:00 | 11 |
|            | F | 11:25 - 14:59 | 215 | F | 08:07 - 08:23 | 17 |
|            | F | 15:43 - 19:09 | 207 | F | 08:32 - 09:01 | 30 |
|            | F | 19:54 - 23:18 | 205 | F | 09:04 - 09:16 | 13 |
| 2007-04-19 | F | 00:02 - 03:24 | 203 | F | 09:18 - 09:19 | 2  |
|            | F | 04:11 - 07:34 | 204 | F | 09:27 - 09:27 | 1  |
|            | F | 08:21 - 11:46 | 206 | F | 09:29 - 09:53 | 25 |
|            | F | 12:36 - 15:55 | 200 | F | 09:55 - 09:56 | 2  |
|            | F | 16:42 - 20:03 | 202 | F | 09:58 - 10:10 | 13 |
|            | F | 20:49 - 23:59 | 191 | F | 10:12 - 10:14 | 3  |
| 2007-04-20 | F | 00:00 - 00:13 | 14  | F | 10:17 - 10:31 | 15 |
|            | F | 00:59 - 04:33 | 215 | F | 10:33 - 10:35 | 3  |
|            | F | 05:20 - 08:49 | 210 | F | 10:41 - 10:58 | 18 |
|            | F | 09:37 - 13:18 | 222 | F | 11:01 - 11:03 | 3  |
|            | F | 14:04 - 17:51 | 228 | F | 11:06 - 11:17 | 12 |
|            | F | 18:35 - 22:20 | 226 | F | 11:20 - 11:22 | 3  |
|            | F | 23:02 - 23:59 | 58  | F | 11:26 - 11:42 | 17 |
| 2007-04-21 | F | 00:00 - 02:46 | 167 | F | 11:52 - 12:23 | 32 |
|            | F | 03:26 - 07:28 | 243 | F | 12:28 - 12:47 | 20 |
|            | F | 08:09 - 11:43 | 215 | F | 12:59 - 13:23 | 25 |
|            | F | 12:24 - 15:59 | 216 | F | 13:26 - 13:28 | 3  |
|            | F | 16:38 - 20:18 | 221 | F | 13:30 - 13:41 | 12 |
|            | F | 20:56 - 23:59 | 184 | F | 13:44 - 13:46 | 3  |
| 2007-04-22 | F | 00:00 - 00:30 | 31  | F | 13:48 - 14:02 | 15 |
|            | F | 01:09 - 05:05 | 237 | F | 14:13 - 14:39 | 27 |
|            | F | 05:46 - 09:23 | 218 | F | 14:41 - 14:43 | 3  |
|            | F | 10:02 - 13:28 | 207 | F | 14:45 - 15:11 | 27 |
|            | F | 14:08 - 17:32 | 205 | F | 15:16 - 15:17 | 2  |
|            | F | 18:14 - 21:42 | 209 | F | 15:20 - 15:34 | 15 |
|            | F | 22:23 - 23:59 | 97  | F | 15:47 - 16:13 | 27 |
| 2007-04-23 | F | 00:00 - 01:49 | 110 | F | 16:16 - 16:25 | 10 |
|            | F | 02:30 - 05:51 | 202 | F | 16:33 - 16:50 | 18 |
|            | F | 06:31 - 09:52 | 202 | F | 16:52 - 16:54 | 3  |
|            | F | 10:34 - 13:56 | 203 | F | 17:06 - 17:32 | 27 |
|            | F | 14:35 - 18:01 | 207 | F | 17:35 - 17:51 | 17 |
|            | F | 18:43 - 22:12 | 210 | F | 17:55 - 17:57 | 3  |
|            | F | 22:51 - 23:59 | 69  | F | 18:02 - 18:22 | 21 |
| 2007-04-24 | F | 00:00 - 02:17 | 138 | F | 18:34 - 18:56 | 23 |
|            | F | 02:59 - 06:22 | 204 | F | 18:58 - 18:59 | 2  |
|            | F | 06:54 - 22:49 | 956 | F | 19:02 - 19:03 | 2  |
|            | F | 22:51 - 23:07 | 17  | F | 19:06 - 19:18 | 13 |
|            | F | 23:09 - 23:23 | 15  | F | 19:23 - 19:45 | 23 |
|            | F | 23:25 - 23:59 | 35  | F | 19:59 - 20:27 | 29 |
| 2007-04-25 | F | 00:01 - 00:15 | 15  | F | 20:34 - 20:52 | 19 |
|            | F | 00:17 - 00:29 | 13  | F | 21:00 - 21:15 | 16 |
|            | F | 00:34 - 00:54 | 21  | F | 21:19 - 21:20 | 2  |
|            | F | 00:58 - 01:18 | 21  | F | 21:22 - 21:36 | 15 |
|            | F | 01:20 - 01:46 | 27  | F | 21:51 - 22:19 | 29 |
|            | F | 01:50 - 02:08 | 19  | F | 22:23 - 22:37 | 15 |
|            | F | 02:10 - 02:26 | 17  | F | 22:46 - 23:06 | 21 |
|            | F | 02:28 - 02:47 | 20  | F | 23:10 - 23:23 | 14 |
|            | F | 02:50 - 03:04 | 15  | F | 23:30 - 23:43 | 14 |
|            | F | 03:06 - 03:08 | 3   | F | 23:45 - 23:50 | 6  |

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| 2007-04-26 | F | 00:03 - 00:29 | 27 |            | F | 23:31 - 23:33 | 3    |
|            | F | 00:36 - 00:53 | 18 |            | F | 23:37 - 23:38 | 2    |
|            | F | 00:55 - 00:56 | 2  |            | F | 23:43 - 23:59 | 17   |
|            | F | 01:06 - 01:34 | 29 | 2007-04-27 | F | 00:00 - 00:02 | 3    |
|            | F | 01:36 - 01:36 | 1  |            | F | 00:04 - 00:06 | 3    |
|            | F | 01:38 - 01:47 | 10 |            | F | 00:10 - 00:22 | 13   |
|            | F | 01:55 - 02:12 | 18 |            | F | 00:35 - 01:04 | 30   |
|            | F | 02:14 - 02:15 | 2  |            | F | 01:10 - 01:28 | 19   |
|            | F | 02:27 - 02:50 | 24 |            | F | 01:30 - 01:31 | 2    |
|            | F | 02:52 - 02:53 | 2  |            | F | 01:33 - 01:34 | 2    |
|            | F | 02:57 - 03:01 | 5  |            | F | 01:37 - 01:50 | 14   |
|            | F | 03:03 - 03:15 | 13 |            | F | 02:02 - 02:22 | 21   |
|            | F | 03:22 - 03:38 | 17 |            | F | 02:26 - 02:39 | 14   |
|            | F | 03:42 - 03:44 | 3  |            | F | 02:44 - 02:46 | 3    |
|            | F | 03:53 - 04:17 | 25 |            | F | 02:48 - 02:58 | 11   |
|            | F | 04:20 - 04:22 | 3  |            | F | 03:00 - 03:03 | 4    |
|            | F | 04:24 - 04:37 | 14 |            | F | 03:16 - 03:41 | 26   |
|            | F | 04:52 - 05:22 | 31 |            | F | 03:47 - 04:02 | 16   |
|            | F | 05:30 - 05:56 | 27 |            | F | 04:04 - 04:08 | 5    |
|            | F | 05:59 - 06:18 | 20 |            | F | 04:11 - 04:30 | 20   |
|            | F | 06:31 - 06:56 | 26 |            | F | 04:44 - 23:59 | 1156 |
|            | F | 06:58 - 06:59 | 2  | 2007-04-28 | F | 00:00 - 23:59 | 1440 |
|            | F | 07:02 - 07:12 | 11 | 2007-04-29 | F | 00:00 - 23:59 | 1440 |
|            | F | 07:18 - 07:30 | 13 | 2007-04-30 | F | 00:00 - 23:59 | 1440 |
|            | F | 07:32 - 07:34 | 3  | 2007-05-01 | F | 00:00 - 23:59 | 1440 |
|            | F | 07:46 - 08:12 | 27 | 2007-05-02 | F | 00:00 - 23:59 | 1440 |
|            | F | 08:20 - 08:44 | 25 | 2007-05-03 | F | 00:00 - 23:59 | 1440 |
|            | F | 08:47 - 08:59 | 13 | 2007-05-04 | F | 00:00 - 23:59 | 1440 |
|            | F | 09:05 - 09:07 | 3  | 2007-05-05 | F | 00:00 - 23:59 | 1440 |
|            | F | 09:14 - 09:34 | 21 | 2007-05-06 | F | 00:00 - 23:59 | 1440 |
|            | F | 09:36 - 09:37 | 2  | 2007-05-07 | F | 00:00 - 23:59 | 1440 |
|            | F | 09:39 - 09:41 | 3  | 2007-05-08 | F | 00:00 - 23:59 | 1440 |
|            | F | 09:50 - 10:15 | 26 | 2007-05-09 | F | 00:00 - 23:59 | 1440 |
|            | F | 10:25 - 10:49 | 25 | 2007-05-10 | F | 00:00 - 23:59 | 1440 |
|            | F | 10:51 - 11:02 | 12 | 2007-05-11 | F | 00:00 - 23:59 | 1440 |
|            | F | 11:19 - 12:13 | 55 | 2007-05-12 | F | 00:00 - 23:59 | 1440 |
|            | F | 12:26 - 12:56 | 31 | 2007-05-13 | F | 00:00 - 23:59 | 1440 |
|            | F | 12:58 - 13:15 | 18 | 2007-05-14 | F | 00:00 - 23:59 | 1440 |
|            | F | 13:27 - 13:52 | 26 | 2007-05-15 | F | 00:00 - 23:59 | 1440 |
|            | F | 13:55 - 14:07 | 13 | 2007-05-16 | F | 00:00 - 23:59 | 1440 |
|            | F | 14:19 - 14:46 | 28 | 2007-05-17 | F | 00:00 - 23:59 | 1440 |
|            | F | 14:48 - 15:03 | 16 | 2007-05-18 | F | 00:00 - 23:59 | 1440 |
|            | F | 15:09 - 15:23 | 15 | 2007-05-19 | F | 00:00 - 23:59 | 1440 |
|            | F | 15:26 - 15:28 | 3  | 2007-05-20 | F | 00:00 - 23:59 | 1440 |
|            | F | 15:38 - 16:06 | 29 | 2007-05-21 | F | 00:00 - 23:59 | 1440 |
|            | F | 16:09 - 16:21 | 13 | 2007-05-22 | F | 00:00 - 23:59 | 1440 |
|            | F | 16:33 - 16:57 | 25 | 2007-05-23 | F | 00:00 - 23:59 | 1440 |
|            | F | 16:59 - 17:04 | 6  | 2007-05-24 | F | 00:00 - 23:59 | 1440 |
|            | F | 17:06 - 17:18 | 13 | 2007-05-25 | F | 00:00 - 23:59 | 1440 |
|            | F | 17:20 - 17:21 | 2  | 2007-05-26 | F | 00:00 - 23:59 | 1440 |
|            | F | 17:32 - 18:00 | 29 | 2007-05-27 | F | 00:00 - 23:59 | 1440 |
|            | F | 18:03 - 18:11 | 9  | 2007-05-28 | F | 00:00 - 23:59 | 1440 |
|            | F | 18:14 - 18:25 | 12 | 2007-05-29 | F | 00:00 - 23:59 | 1440 |
|            | F | 18:27 - 18:28 | 2  | 2007-05-30 | F | 00:00 - 23:59 | 1440 |
|            | F | 18:42 - 19:13 | 32 | 2007-05-31 | F | 00:00 - 23:59 | 1440 |
|            | F | 19:20 - 19:54 | 35 | 2007-06-01 | F | 00:00 - 23:59 | 1440 |
|            | F | 19:56 - 20:08 | 13 | 2007-06-02 | F | 00:00 - 23:59 | 1440 |
|            | F | 20:10 - 20:12 | 3  | 2007-06-03 | F | 00:00 - 23:59 | 1440 |
|            | F | 20:22 - 20:46 | 25 | 2007-06-04 | F | 00:00 - 23:59 | 1440 |
|            | F | 20:50 - 21:02 | 13 | 2007-06-05 | F | 00:00 - 23:59 | 1440 |
|            | F | 21:14 - 21:44 | 31 | 2007-06-06 | F | 00:00 - 23:59 | 1440 |
|            | F | 21:46 - 21:47 | 2  | 2007-06-07 | F | 00:00 - 23:59 | 1440 |
|            | F | 21:49 - 22:00 | 12 | 2007-06-08 | F | 00:00 - 23:59 | 1440 |
|            | F | 22:02 - 22:05 | 4  | 2007-06-09 | F | 00:00 - 23:59 | 1440 |
|            | F | 22:15 - 22:48 | 34 | 2007-06-10 | F | 00:00 - 23:59 | 1440 |
|            | F | 22:51 - 22:55 | 5  | 2007-06-11 | F | 00:00 - 23:59 | 1440 |
|            | F | 22:57 - 23:12 | 16 | 2007-06-12 | F | 00:00 - 23:59 | 1440 |
|            | F | 23:14 - 23:14 | 1  | 2007-06-13 | F | 00:00 - 23:59 | 1440 |
|            | F | 23:17 - 23:29 | 13 | 2007-06-14 | F | 00:00 - 23:59 | 1440 |



|            |   |               |      |            |               |               |   |
|------------|---|---------------|------|------------|---------------|---------------|---|
| 2007-06-15 | F | 00:00 - 23:59 | 1440 | F          | 22:03 - 22:18 | 16            |   |
| 2007-06-16 | F | 00:00 - 23:59 | 1440 | F          | 22:20 - 22:22 | 3             |   |
| 2007-06-17 | F | 00:00 - 23:59 | 1440 | F          | 22:25 - 22:26 | 2             |   |
| 2007-06-18 | F | 00:00 - 02:38 | 159  | F          | 22:29 - 22:29 | 1             |   |
|            | F | 04:21 - 08:04 | 224  | F          | 22:31 - 22:31 | 1             |   |
|            | F | 08:33 - 12:01 | 209  | F          | 22:33 - 22:36 | 4             |   |
|            | F | 12:29 - 16:07 | 219  | F          | 22:40 - 22:40 | 1             |   |
|            | F | 16:34 - 20:08 | 215  | F          | 22:43 - 22:43 | 1             |   |
|            | F | 20:33 - 23:59 | 207  | F          | 22:45 - 22:45 | 1             |   |
| 2007-06-19 | F | 00:00 - 00:03 | 4    | F          | 22:48 - 22:48 | 1             |   |
|            | F | 00:30 - 03:54 | 205  | F          | 22:50 - 22:51 | 2             |   |
|            | F | 04:20 - 08:58 | 279  | F          | 22:54 - 22:54 | 1             |   |
|            | F | 09:25 - 12:48 | 204  | F          | 22:56 - 22:56 | 1             |   |
|            | F | 13:16 - 16:43 | 208  | F          | 22:59 - 22:59 | 1             |   |
|            | F | 17:10 - 20:39 | 210  | F          | 23:01 - 23:01 | 1             |   |
|            | F | 21:04 - 23:59 | 176  | F          | 23:06 - 23:09 | 4             |   |
| 2007-06-20 | F | 00:00 - 00:43 | 44   | F          | 23:15 - 23:16 | 2             |   |
|            | F | 01:07 - 04:35 | 209  | F          | 23:21 - 23:21 | 1             |   |
|            | F | 04:59 - 08:22 | 204  | F          | 23:23 - 23:23 | 1             |   |
|            | F | 08:47 - 12:20 | 214  | F          | 23:30 - 23:35 | 6             |   |
|            | F | 12:44 - 16:16 | 213  | F          | 23:40 - 23:40 | 1             |   |
|            | F | 16:41 - 20:02 | 202  | F          | 23:42 - 23:43 | 2             |   |
|            | F | 20:28 - 23:49 | 202  | F          | 23:47 - 23:47 | 1             |   |
| 2007-06-21 | F | 00:14 - 03:36 | 203  | F          | 23:49 - 23:49 | 1             |   |
|            | F | 04:02 - 07:25 | 204  | F          | 23:51 - 23:52 | 2             |   |
|            | F | 07:51 - 11:11 | 201  | F          | 23:55 - 23:55 | 1             |   |
|            | F | 11:36 - 14:54 | 199  | 2007-10-26 | F             | 00:00 - 00:01 | 2 |
|            | F | 15:20 - 18:42 | 203  | F          | 00:03 - 00:07 | 5             |   |
|            | F | 19:06 - 22:24 | 199  | F          | 00:09 - 00:09 | 1             |   |
|            | F | 22:49 - 23:59 | 71   | F          | 00:11 - 00:15 | 5             |   |
| 2007-06-22 | F | 00:00 - 02:09 | 130  | F          | 00:17 - 00:20 | 4             |   |
|            | F | 02:33 - 06:07 | 215  | F          | 00:22 - 00:23 | 2             |   |
|            | F | 06:31 - 10:13 | 223  | F          | 00:25 - 00:28 | 4             |   |
|            | F | 10:36 - 14:22 | 227  | F          | 00:33 - 00:33 | 1             |   |
|            | F | 14:44 - 18:41 | 238  | F          | 00:35 - 00:36 | 2             |   |
|            | F | 19:02 - 22:54 | 233  | F          | 00:39 - 00:39 | 1             |   |
|            | F | 23:16 - 23:59 | 44   | F          | 00:41 - 00:42 | 2             |   |
| 2007-06-23 | F | 00:00 - 03:14 | 195  | F          | 00:44 - 00:44 | 1             |   |
|            | F | 03:35 - 07:30 | 236  | F          | 00:48 - 00:48 | 1             |   |
|            | F | 07:50 - 23:59 | 970  | F          | 00:51 - 01:01 | 11            |   |
| 2007-06-24 | F | 00:00 - 23:59 | 1440 | F          | 01:04 - 01:06 | 3             |   |
| 2007-06-25 | F | 00:00 - 23:59 | 1440 | F          | 01:10 - 01:11 | 2             |   |
| 2007-06-26 | F | 00:00 - 23:59 | 1440 | F          | 01:14 - 01:14 | 1             |   |
| 2007-06-27 | F | 00:00 - 23:59 | 1440 | F          | 01:17 - 01:18 | 2             |   |
| 2007-06-28 | F | 00:00 - 23:59 | 1440 | F          | 01:20 - 01:20 | 1             |   |
| 2007-06-29 | F | 00:00 - 23:59 | 1440 | F          | 01:25 - 01:27 | 3             |   |
| 2007-06-30 | F | 00:00 - 23:59 | 1440 | XYZ        | 01:27 - 01:27 | 1             |   |
| 2007-07-01 | F | 00:00 - 23:59 | 1440 | F          | 01:30 - 01:33 | 4             |   |
| 2007-07-02 | F | 00:00 - 23:59 | 1440 | F          | 01:35 - 01:38 | 4             |   |
| 2007-07-03 | F | 00:00 - 23:59 | 1440 | F          | 01:40 - 01:40 | 1             |   |
| 2007-07-04 | F | 00:00 - 23:59 | 1440 | F          | 01:42 - 01:42 | 1             |   |
| 2007-07-05 | F | 00:00 - 23:59 | 1440 | F          | 01:44 - 01:44 | 1             |   |
| 2007-07-06 | F | 00:00 - 23:59 | 1440 | F          | 01:47 - 01:51 | 5             |   |
| 2007-07-07 | F | 00:00 - 23:59 | 1440 | F          | 01:53 - 01:55 | 3             |   |
| 2007-07-08 | F | 00:00 - 23:59 | 1440 | F          | 01:59 - 01:59 | 1             |   |
| 2007-07-09 | F | 00:00 - 10:21 | 622  | F          | 02:03 - 02:03 | 1             |   |
| 2007-07-18 | F | 01:55 - 03:43 | 109  | F          | 02:07 - 02:08 | 2             |   |
| 2007-08-01 | F | 05:44 - 05:44 | 1    | F          | 02:11 - 02:13 | 3             |   |
| 2007-09-13 | F | 02:14 - 02:14 | 1    | F          | 02:16 - 02:17 | 2             |   |
| 2007-10-25 | F | 20:27 - 20:27 | 1    | F          | 02:19 - 02:19 | 1             |   |
|            | F | 20:30 - 20:31 | 2    | F          | 02:24 - 02:24 | 1             |   |
|            | F | 21:17 - 21:17 | 1    | F          | 02:28 - 02:30 | 3             |   |
|            | F | 21:19 - 21:19 | 1    | F          | 02:34 - 02:36 | 3             |   |
|            | F | 21:28 - 21:28 | 1    | F          | 02:44 - 02:48 | 5             |   |
|            | F | 21:32 - 21:32 | 1    | F          | 02:50 - 02:50 | 1             |   |
|            | F | 21:37 - 21:37 | 1    | F          | 02:52 - 02:52 | 1             |   |
|            | F | 21:54 - 21:55 | 2    | F          | 02:54 - 02:57 | 4             |   |
|            | F | 21:57 - 21:57 | 1    | F          | 03:00 - 03:02 | 3             |   |
|            | F | 21:59 - 22:00 | 2    | F          | 03:05 - 03:09 | 5             |   |

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| F          | 03:11 - 03:12 | 2             |   |
| F          | 03:14 - 03:14 | 1             |   |
| F          | 03:17 - 03:30 | 14            |   |
| F          | 03:32 - 03:33 | 2             |   |
| F          | 03:35 - 03:39 | 5             |   |
| F          | 03:42 - 04:31 | 50            |   |
| F          | 04:34 - 04:51 | 18            |   |
| F          | 04:53 - 05:12 | 20            |   |
| F          | 05:14 - 05:27 | 14            |   |
| F          | 05:29 - 05:36 | 8             |   |
| F          | 05:38 - 05:42 | 5             |   |
| F          | 05:44 - 05:49 | 6             |   |
| F          | 05:51 - 05:51 | 1             |   |
| F          | 05:55 - 06:07 | 13            |   |
| F          | 06:09 - 06:19 | 11            |   |
| F          | 06:21 - 06:25 | 5             |   |
| F          | 06:27 - 06:27 | 1             |   |
| F          | 06:30 - 06:30 | 1             |   |
| F          | 06:32 - 06:40 | 9             |   |
| F          | 06:42 - 06:43 | 2             |   |
| F          | 06:45 - 06:49 | 5             |   |
| F          | 06:51 - 06:58 | 8             |   |
| F          | 07:00 - 07:36 | 37            |   |
| F          | 07:38 - 07:40 | 3             |   |
| F          | 07:42 - 07:43 | 2             |   |
| F          | 07:50 - 07:53 | 4             |   |
| F          | 07:56 - 07:56 | 1             |   |
| F          | 08:01 - 08:01 | 1             |   |
| F          | 08:05 - 08:06 | 2             |   |
| F          | 08:08 - 08:08 | 1             |   |
| F          | 08:10 - 08:13 | 4             |   |
| F          | 08:15 - 08:18 | 4             |   |
| F          | 08:22 - 08:24 | 3             |   |
| F          | 08:30 - 08:30 | 1             |   |
| F          | 08:38 - 08:38 | 1             |   |
| F          | 08:40 - 08:40 | 1             |   |
| 2007-11-14 | F             | 01:48 - 01:48 | 1 |

**Table A.9.** Mawson data losses.

| Observatory      | XYZ          |             | F             |             |
|------------------|--------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|
|                  | (minutes)    | (%)         | (minutes)     | (%)         |
| Kakadu           | 25983        | 4.94        | 14493         | 2.76        |
| Charters Towers  | 31           | 0.01        | 2510          | 0.48        |
| Learmonth        | 4433         | 0.84        | 933           | 0.18        |
| Alice Springs    | 8616         | 1.64        | 8619          | 1.64        |
| Gnangara         | 6661         | 1.27        | 10470         | 1.99        |
| Canberra         | 0            | 0.00        | 444           | 0.03        |
| Macquarie Island | 6            | 0.00        | 2             | 0.00        |
| Mawson           | 1            | 0.00        | 267998        | 50.99       |
| <b>Total</b>     | <b>45731</b> | <b>1.09</b> | <b>305469</b> | <b>7.26</b> |

**Table A.10.** Summary of annual data losses. (Casey data loss for 2007 will be reported with the 2008 data and has been excluded from these statistics.)

## Appendix B. Backup data

| Date       | Interval (hh:mm) | Data in filled (minutes) |
|------------|------------------|--------------------------|
| 2007-01-01 | 20:18 - 20:19    | 2                        |
| 2007-01-03 | 18:50 - 18:52    | 3                        |
| 2007-01-05 | 16:00 - 16:02    | 3                        |
| 2007-01-07 | 15:35 - 15:36    | 2                        |
| 2007-01-08 | 15:25 - 15:26    | 2                        |
| 2007-01-10 | 17:11 - 17:12    | 2                        |
| 2007-01-12 | 09:11 - 09:12    | 2                        |
| 2007-01-13 | 12:41 - 12:42    | 2                        |
| 2007-01-15 | 05:46 - 05:47    | 2                        |
| 2007-01-17 | 00:04 - 00:05    | 2                        |
| 2007-01-18 | 18:36 - 18:37    | 2                        |
| 2007-01-19 | 10:17 - 10:18    | 2                        |
| 2007-01-20 | 03:57 - 03:58    | 2                        |
|            | 06:06 - 06:07    | 2                        |
|            | 08:20 - 08:21    | 2                        |
|            | 10:31 - 10:32    | 2                        |
|            | 12:43 - 12:44    | 2                        |
|            | 14:56 - 14:57    | 2                        |
|            | 16:14 - 16:15    | 2                        |
| 2007-01-21 | 09:34 - 09:35    | 2                        |
| 2007-01-22 | 05:33 - 05:34    | 2                        |
| 2007-01-23 | 07:50 - 07:51    | 2                        |
| 2007-01-24 | 10:05 - 10:06    | 2                        |
| 2007-01-25 | 14:47 - 14:48    | 2                        |
| 2007-01-26 | 20:49 - 20:50    | 2                        |
| 2007-01-28 | 04:00 - 04:02    | 3                        |
| 2007-01-29 | 10:01 - 10:02    | 2                        |
| 2007-01-30 | 17:15 - 17:17    | 3                        |
| 2007-01-31 | 17:05 - 17:06    | 2                        |
| 2007-02-01 | 10:45 - 10:46    | 2                        |
| 2007-02-02 | 19:11 - 19:12    | 2                        |
| 2007-02-03 | 16:16 - 16:17    | 2                        |
| 2007-02-04 | 16:04 - 16:05    | 2                        |
| 2007-02-05 | 14:35 - 14:36    | 2                        |
| 2007-02-06 | 19:20 - 19:22    | 3                        |
| 2007-02-08 | 02:40 - 02:41    | 2                        |
| 2007-02-09 | 02:30 - 02:31    | 2                        |
| 2007-02-10 | 06:01 - 06:02    | 2                        |
| 2007-02-11 | 04:35 - 04:36    | 2                        |
| 2007-02-12 | 03:10 - 03:11    | 2                        |
| 2007-02-13 | 11:40 - 11:42    | 3                        |
| 2007-02-14 | 16:30 - 16:31    | 2                        |
| 2007-02-15 | 10:10 - 10:12    | 3                        |
| 2007-02-16 | 17:19 - 17:20    | 2                        |
| 2007-02-18 | 03:10 - 03:12    | 3                        |
| 2007-02-19 | 01:45 - 01:46    | 2                        |
| 2007-02-20 | 05:15 - 05:17    | 3                        |
| 2007-02-21 | 08:53 - 08:54    | 2                        |
| 2007-02-22 | 14:50 - 14:52    | 3                        |
| 2007-02-23 | 11:01 - 11:02    | 2                        |
| 2007-02-24 | 15:15 - 15:16    | 2                        |
| 2007-02-26 | 02:16 - 02:17    | 2                        |
| 2007-02-27 | 10:45 - 10:47    | 3                        |
| 2007-02-28 | 14:20 - 14:22    | 3                        |
| 2007-03-01 | 12:59 - 13:00    | 2                        |
| 2007-03-02 | 21:36 - 21:37    | 2                        |
| 2007-03-03 | 20:05 - 20:07    | 3                        |
| 2007-03-04 | 13:48 - 13:49    | 2                        |
| 2007-03-05 | 22:19 - 22:20    | 2                        |
| 2007-03-07 | 03:09 - 03:10    | 2                        |
|            | 20:33 - 20:35    | 3                        |
| 2007-03-08 | 18:43 - 18:44    | 2                        |
| 2007-03-09 | 11:58 - 11:59    | 2                        |
| 2007-03-10 | 08:55 - 08:56    | 2                        |

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| 2007-03-11 | 07:08 - 07:09 | 2   |
| 2007-03-12 | 00:19 - 00:20 | 2   |
|            | 21:14 - 21:15 | 2   |
| 2007-03-13 | 19:24 - 19:25 | 2   |
| 2007-03-14 | 17:26 - 17:27 | 2   |
| 2007-03-15 | 15:29 - 15:30 | 2   |
| 2007-03-16 | 12:28 - 12:29 | 2   |
| 2007-03-17 | 11:46 - 11:47 | 2   |
| 2007-03-18 | 00:07 - 00:08 | 2   |
| 2007-03-19 | 04:18 - 04:19 | 2   |
| 2007-03-20 | 01:14 - 01:15 | 2   |
|            | 19:47 - 19:48 | 2   |
| 2007-03-21 | 15:24 - 15:25 | 2   |
| 2007-03-22 | 10:58 - 11:00 | 3   |
| 2007-03-23 | 11:24 - 11:26 | 3   |
| 2007-03-24 | 03:22 - 03:23 | 2   |
|            | 21:42 - 21:44 | 3   |
| 2007-03-25 | 17:21 - 17:22 | 2   |
| 2007-03-26 | 09:20 - 09:21 | 2   |
| 2007-03-27 | 03:30 - 04:07 | 38  |
|            | 04:12 - 04:13 | 2   |
|            | 04:15 - 04:16 | 2   |
|            | 02:35 - 05:00 | 146 |
| 2007-06-12 | 08:36 - 08:37 | 2   |
| 2007-06-20 | 09:09 - 09:10 | 2   |
| 2007-06-22 | 04:33 - 04:34 | 2   |
| 2007-06-24 | 15:09 - 15:10 | 2   |
| 2007-06-27 | 23:06 - 23:07 | 2   |
| 2007-06-29 | 14:42 - 14:43 | 2   |
| 2007-07-01 | 11:16 - 11:17 | 2   |
| 2007-07-03 | 11:33 - 11:34 | 2   |
| 2007-07-04 | 03:05 - 03:06 | 2   |
|            | 20:49 - 20:50 | 2   |
| 2007-07-06 | 00:52 - 00:52 | 1   |
| 2007-07-07 | 08:33 - 08:35 | 3   |
| 2007-07-08 | 03:52 - 03:54 | 3   |
| 2007-07-10 | 01:51 - 01:53 | 3   |
| 2007-07-11 | 00:16 - 00:19 | 4   |
| 2007-07-12 | 20:55 - 20:56 | 2   |
| 2007-07-18 | 00:15 - 00:16 | 2   |
|            | 00:23 - 00:24 | 2   |
| 2007-08-02 | 04:29 - 04:35 | 6   |
| 2007-08-14 | 04:23 - 04:52 | 30  |
| 2007-12-03 | 23:59 - 23:59 | 1   |
| 2007-12-04 | 00:00 - 00:02 | 2   |

**Table B.1.** Canberra CN1 variometer data used for in fill of CNB variometer during 2007.

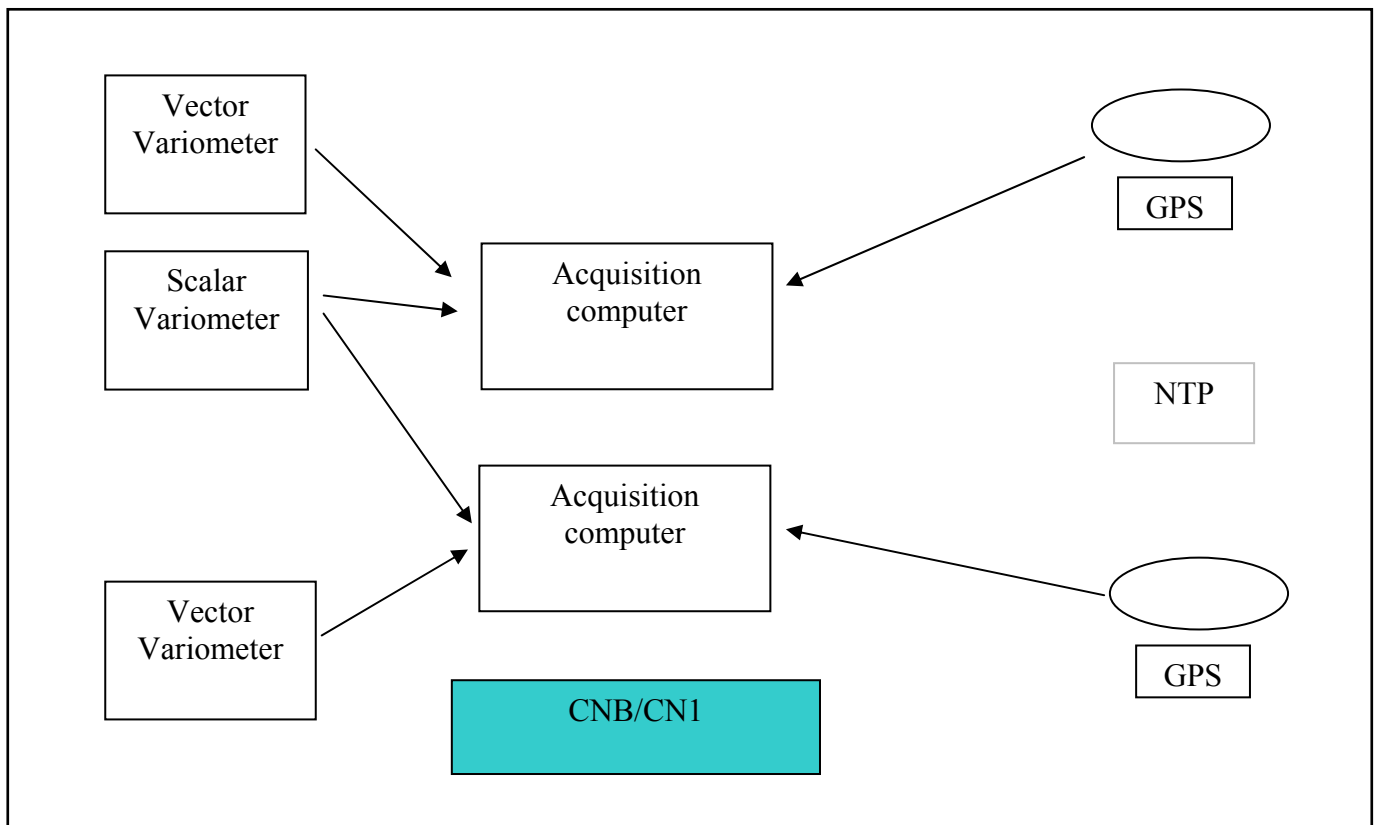
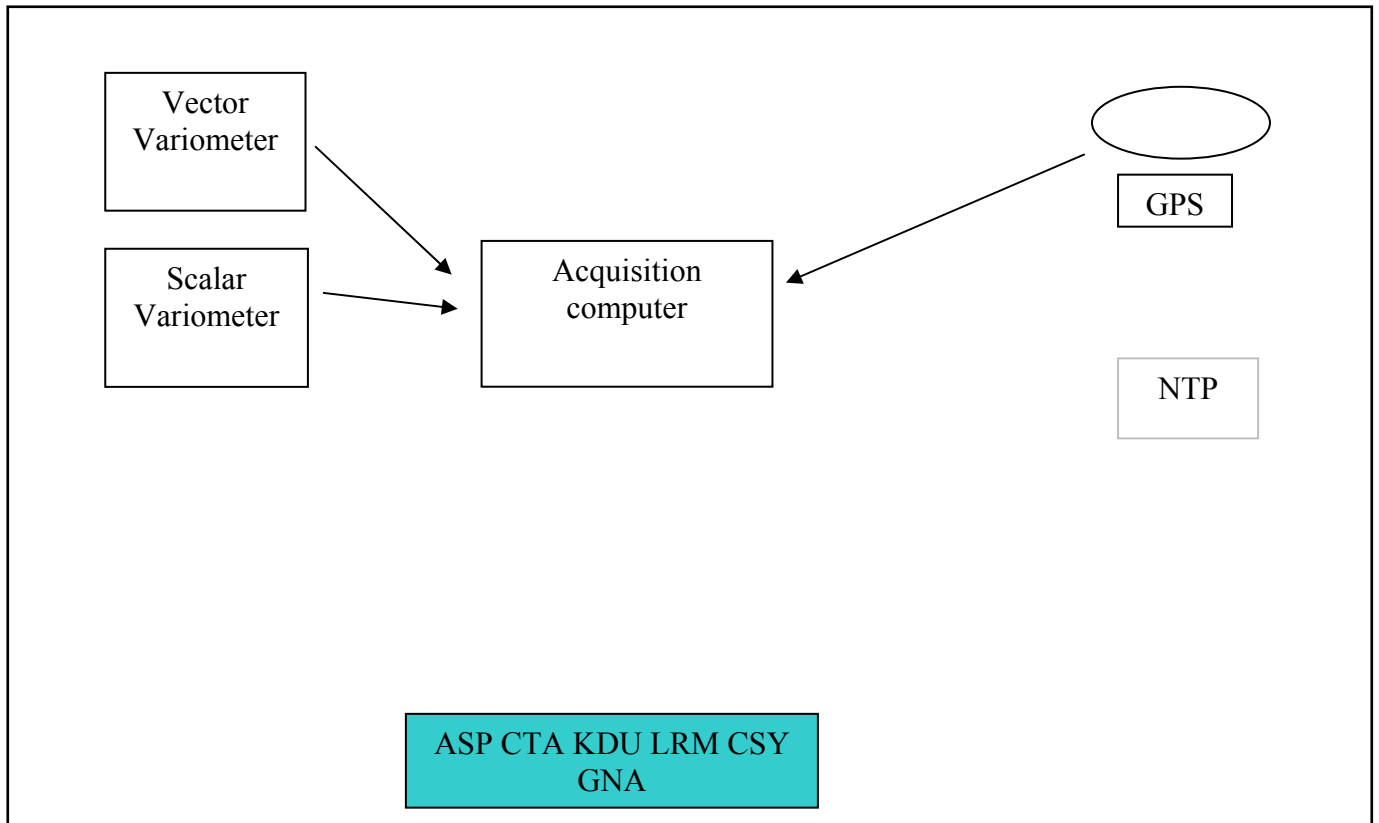
| Date       | Interval (hh:mm) | Data in filled (minutes) |
|------------|------------------|--------------------------|
| 2007-10-13 | 02:22 - 02:25    | 4                        |

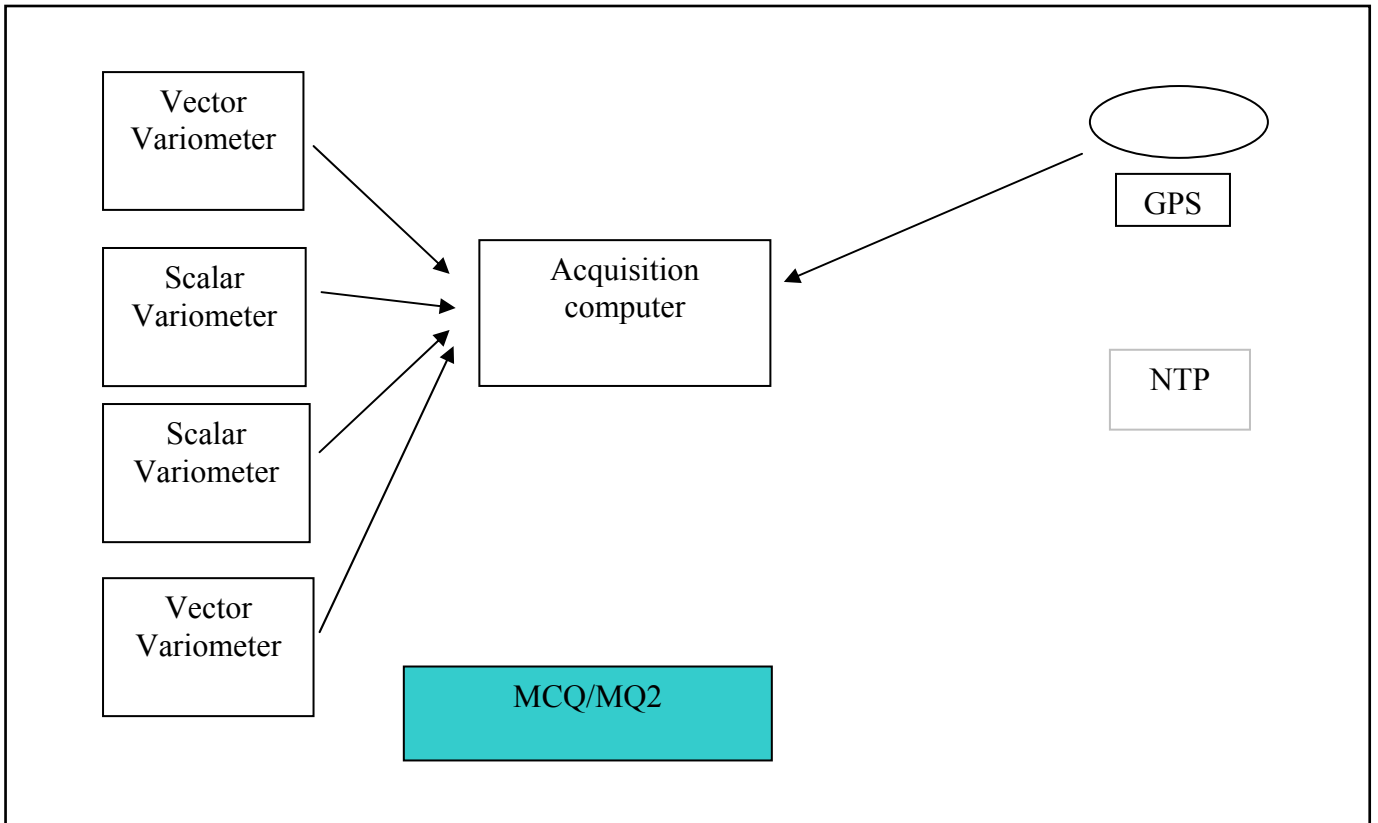
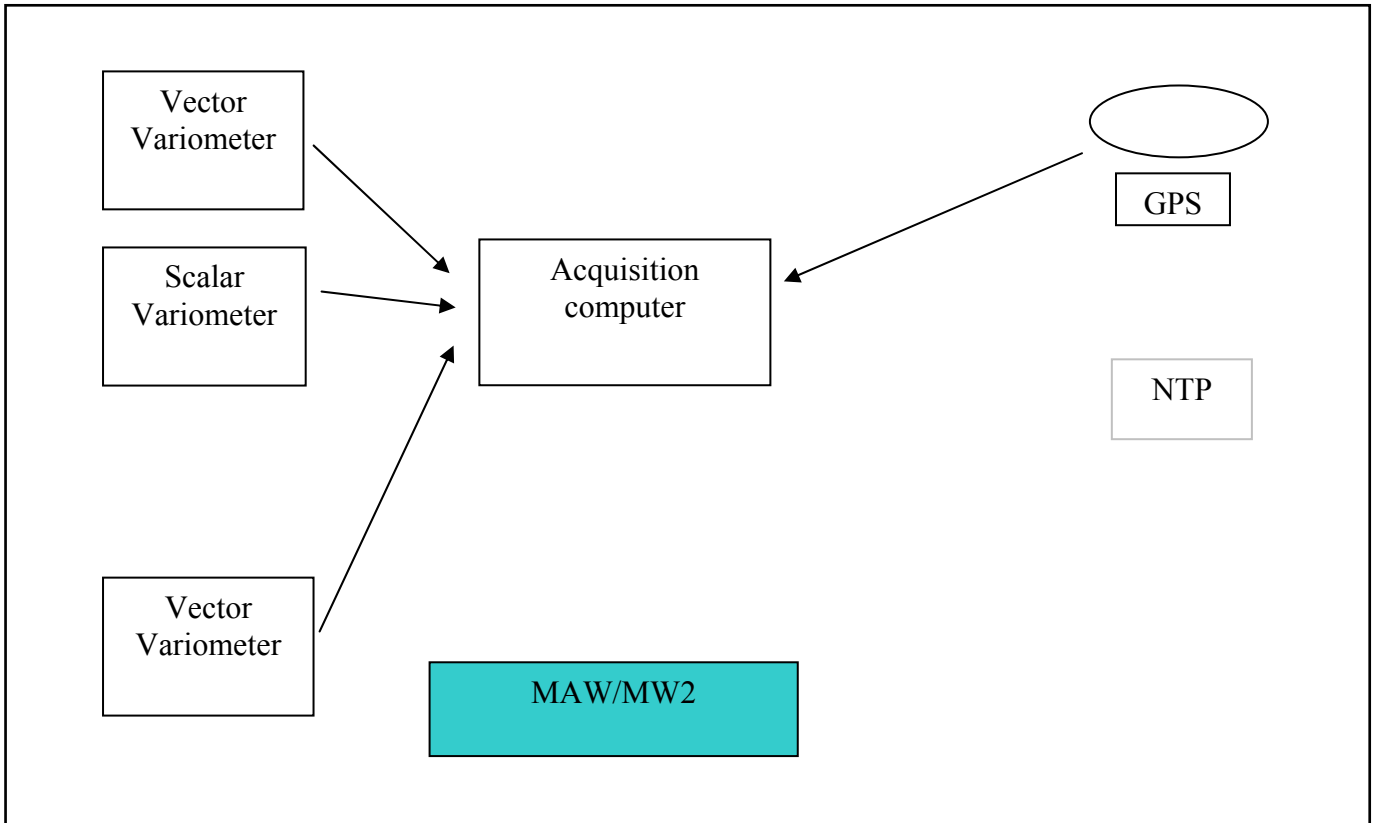
**Table B.2.** Macquarie Island MCQ vector variometer data used for in fill of MQ2 vector variometer during 2007.

| Date       | Interval (hh:mm) | Data in filled (minutes) |
|------------|------------------|--------------------------|
| 2007-03-20 | 01:48 - 01:49    | 2                        |
| 2007-04-12 | 22:04 - 23:59    | 116                      |
| 2007-04-13 | 00:00 - 01:14    | 75                       |
|            | 05:23 - 05:24    | 2                        |
| 2007-07-18 | 01:54 - 01:55    | 2                        |
| 2007-09-13 | 02:13 - 02:14    | 2                        |
| 2007-10-26 | 01:26 - 01:26    | 1                        |
|            | 01:28 - 01:28    | 1                        |
| 2007-11-14 | 01:47 - 01:48    | 2                        |

**Table B.3.** Mawson MAW vector variometer data used for in fill of MW2 vector variometer during 2007.

### Appendix C. Variometer configurations





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