P2SC-ROB-WR-147- 20130114 Weekly report #147	P2SC Weekly report	****
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# 1. Science

# Solar & Space weather events

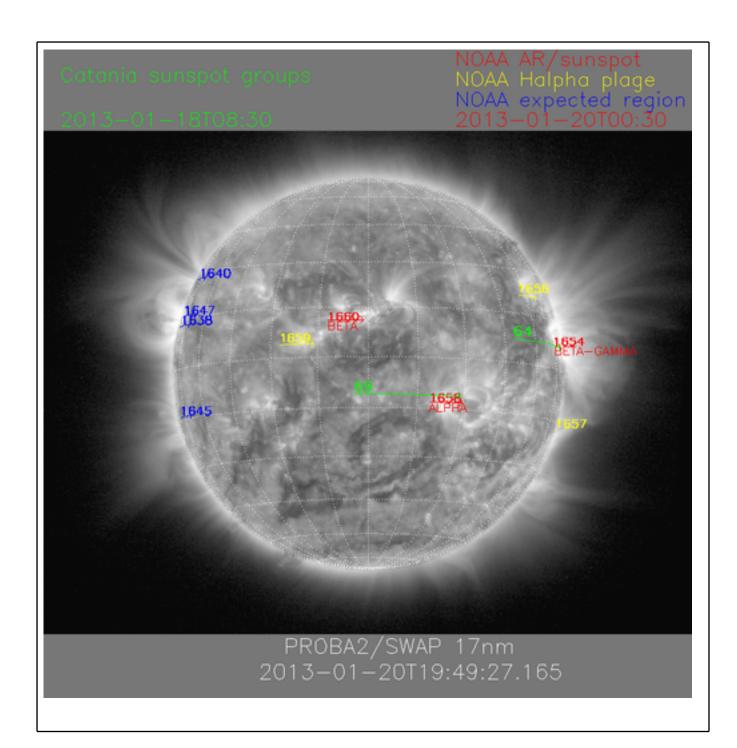
The level of solar activity<sup>1</sup> this week. Only M- and X-flares are mentioned, the most energetic one(s) are presented in **bold**:

	Monday 14 Jan	Tuesday 15 Jan	Wednesday 16 Jan	Thursday 17 Jan	Friday 18 Jan	Saturday 19 Jan	Sunday 20 Jan
Activity	low	low	low	very low	low	low	low
Flares	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See appendix. All timings are given in UT.

The SWAP images of January 14 and January 20 are shown below, with annotated active regions. PROBA2/SWAP 17nm 2013-01-14T19:58:31.973

http://sidc.be/html/CmapPage.html



## **Solar Activity**

Solar (flaring) activity was **low** during the whole week. On Wednesday it was **very low**. Back-ground EUV radiation decreased steadily during the week.

In order to view the activity of this week in more detail, we suggest to go to the following website from which all the daily (normal and difference) movies can be accessed: <a href="http://proba2.oma.be/ssa.">http://proba2.oma.be/ssa.</a>. This page also lists the recorded flaring events.

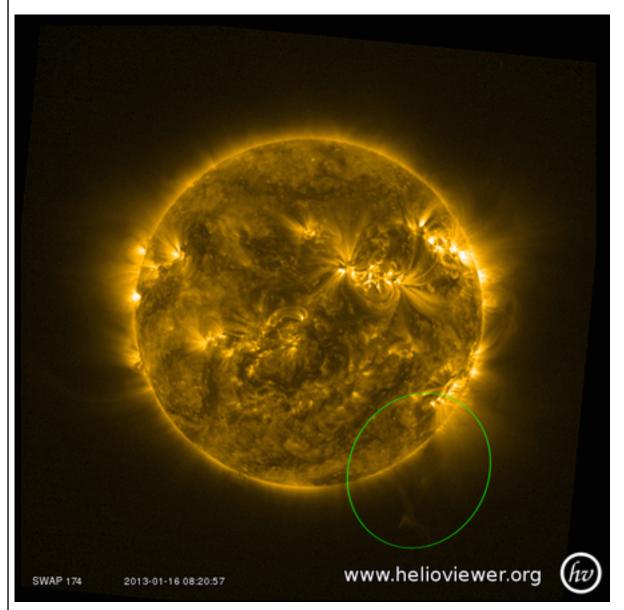
A weekly overview movie can be found <a href="here">here</a> (SWAP174/AIA304 combination; HelioViewer.org). Details about some of the events in this movie can be found further below.

- 1. Eruption in AR11657 on Monday 14th. See <a href="here">here</a> for a movie.
- 2. Prominence Eruption on Monday 15th (see also <a href="here">here</a> for a movie):



**SWAP** difference image

3. Prominence Eruption on Wed 16th (for a movie - see <a href="here">here</a>) - Note in this movie how far out the prominence is moving - it can be seen in the SWAP image, going beyond the AIA field of view.

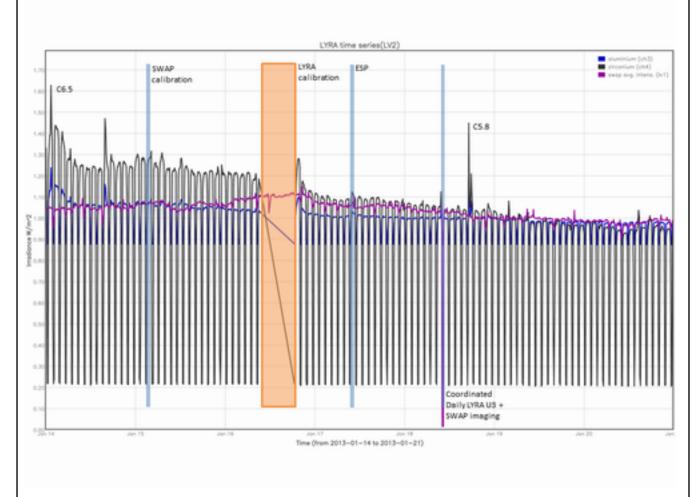


**SWAP** normal image (extracted from HelioViewer.org)

An overview of the weekly LYRA & SWAP data is provided below:

The following curves are visible:

- black: Zirconium Channel LYRA Unit 2
- blue: Aluminium Channel of LYRA Unit 2
- purple: SWAVINT (solar intensity derived from 'integrated' SWAP images)



The blue shaded periods correspond to, from left to right:

- SWAP calibration on Tuesday
- ESP experiment on Thursday
- Coordinated imaging campaign with LYRA daily U3 campaign on Friday.

The orange shaded periods correspond to, from left to right:

- LYRA calibration on Wednesday

The red shaded period corresponds to:

- None

## Outreach, papers, presentations, etc.

- The scientific part of the contents of the "Solar Activity" section above is published in this week's STCE Bulletin (see <a href="http://www.stce.be/newsletter/newsletter.php">http://www.stce.be/newsletter/newsletter.php</a>)

Please also consult <a href="http://proba2.oma.be/science/publications">http://proba2.oma.be/science/publications</a> for a list of interesting articles using SWAP & LYRA data, as well as a link to the complete article list.

## **Guest Investigator Program**

Guest Investigator Muzhou Lu arrived at P2SC on January 03, 2013. His stay will last until February 2nd, 2013. The topic of his program is 'Observations and Modeling of Solar Coronal Structures Using High-Resolution Eclipse Images and Space-based telescopes with Wide FOV'.

## 2. LYRA instrument status

## Calibration

LYRA calibration on Wednesday.

## **IOS & operations**

Monday 14 Jan	Tuesday 15 Jan	Wednesday 16 Jan	Thursday 17 Jan	Friday 18 Jan	Saturday 19 Jan	Sunday 20 Jan
Nominal acquisition + daily U3	Nominal acquisition + daily U3	Nominal acquisition + daily U3 + calibration	Nominal acquisition + daily U3	Nominal acquisition + daily U3	Nominal acquisition + daily U3	Nominal acquisition + daily U3
LYIOS00300	LYIOS00300	LYIOS00300	LYIOS00300	LYIOS00301	LYIOS00301	LYIOS00301

The following science campaigns were performed by LYRA:

- the daily U3 campaign.

## LYRA detector temperature

LYRA detector 2 temperature globally increased between 41.6 and 44.6 degrees C, including the daily U3 activation periods. The latter result in a temperature increase of about 0.4 degrees C. During calibration, temperature decreased to 40.7 degrees C.

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## 3. SWAP instrument status

#### Calibration

SWAP calibration on Tuesday.

#### **MCPM errors**

The number of MCPM recoverable errors increased from 5814 to 5956.

The number of MCPM unrecoverable errors remained at 1127.

## IOS & operations

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
14 Jan	15 Jan	16 Jan	17 Jan	18 Jan	19 Jan	20 Jan
Nominal acquisition	Nominal acquisition + calibration	Nominal acquisition	Nominal acquisition + ESP	Nominal acquisition + SWAP/LYRA coord. camp.	Nominal acquisition	Nominal acquisition
IOS00443	IOS00443	IOS00443	IOS00443	IOS00444	IOS00444	IOS00444
563 images	617 images	565 images	564 images	618 images	585 images	537 images

Special operations for SWAP, this week:

- Occultation jumps
- ESP jump
- Coordinated imaging campaign with LYRA daily U3 campaign on Friday.

#### **SWAP** detector temperature

The SWAP Cold Finger Temperature, under nominal operations, increased overall, fluctuating between -3.2 and -1.0 degrees Celsius.

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## 4. PROBA2 Science Center Status

The main operator is Koen Stegen.

The following changes were made to the P2SC:

- None

# 5. Data reception & discussions with MOC

#### **Passes**

The delivery of the passes for this week (passes 9982 to 10039) was nominal, except for:

- None

#### Data coverage HK

All HK data files (LYRA\_AD) have been received, except for:

- None

## **Data coverage SWAP**

All SWAP Science data files (BINSWAP) have been received, except for:

- None

Total number of images between 2013 Jan 14 0UT and 2013 Jan 21 0UT: 4084

Highest cadence in this period: 29 seconds Average cadence in this period: 148.09 seconds Number of image gaps larger than 300 seconds: 102

Largest data gap: 31.83 minutes

The large gap is due to the ESP experiment on Thursday.

The number of (smaller) gaps is due to the implementation of the SWAP occultation jumps.

## **Data coverage LYRA**

All LYRA Science data files (BINLYRA) have been received, except for:

- None

## 6. APPENDIX Frequently used acronyms

ADPMS Advanced Data and Power Management System

AOCS Attitude and Orbit Control System

APS Active Pixel image Sensor

ASIC Application Specific Integrated Circuit

BBE Base Band Equipment
CME Coronal Mass Ejection

COGEX Cool Gas Generator Experiment
CRC Cyclic Redundancy Check

EIT Extreme ultraviolet Imaging Telescope

ESP Experimental Solar Panel

FITS Flexible Image Transport System

FOV Field Of View FPA Focal Plane Assembly

FPGA Field Programmable Gate Arrays

GPS Global Positioning System

HK Housekeeping

IOS Instrument Operations Sheet

LED Light Emitting Diode
LYRA LYman alpha RAdiometer

LYTMR LYRA Telemetry Reformatter (software module of P2SC)
LYEDG LYRA Engineering Data Generator (software module of P2SC)

MCPM Mass Memory, Compression and Packetisation Module

MOC Mission Operation Center NDR Non Destructive Readout

OBSW On board Software
PI Principal Investigator
P2SC PROBA2 Science Center
ROB Royal Observatory of Belgium

SAA South Atlantic Anomaly
SEU Single Event Upset

SWAP Sun Watcher using APS detector and image Processing

SWAVINT | SWAP AVerage INTensity

SWBSDG | SWAP Base Science Data Generator

SWEDG SWAP Engineering Data Generator (software module of P2SC)
SWTMR SWAP Telemetry Reformatter (software module of P2SC)

TBC To Be Confirmed
TBD To Be Defined
TC Telecommand

UTC Coordinated Universal Time

UV Ultraviolet

# 7. APPENDIX Solar Activity Definitions

In the science section we use the following solar activity standards.

The standard scale for solar activity is:

- very low (almost no flares, only B)
- low (a few C flares)
- moderate (many C flares and at least an M flare)
- high (several M flares and an X flare)
- very high (continuous background of C flares, numerous M flares, more than one X flare) (+ extreme?)