


P2SC-ROB-WR-193- 20131202 Weekly report #193	<b>P2SC Weekly report</b>	
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## 1. Science

### Solar & Space weather events

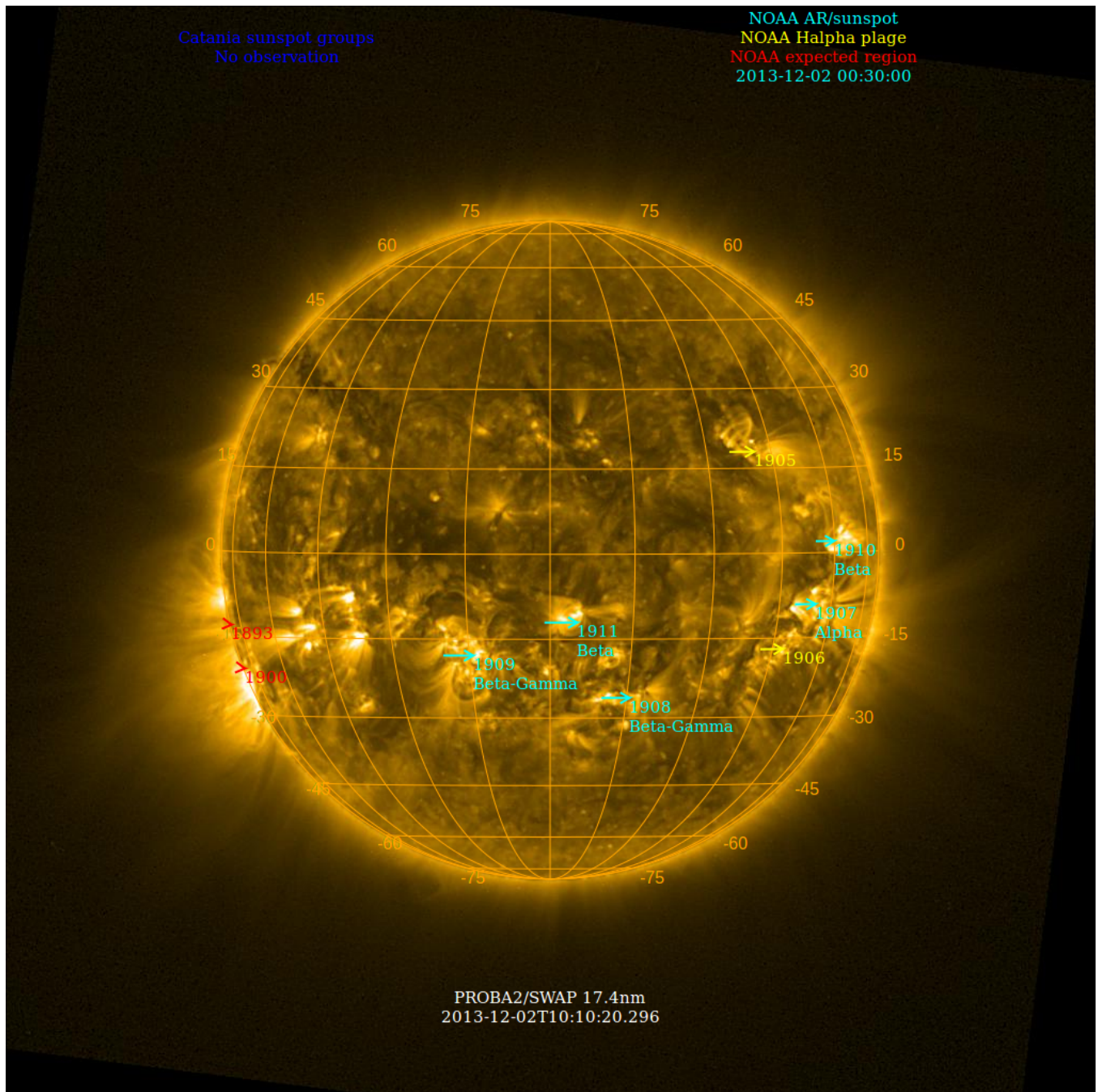
The level of solar activity<sup>1</sup> fluctuated between **low** and **moderate** this week.

Only M- and X-flares are mentioned, the most energetic one(s) per day are presented in **bold**:

	Monday 02 Dec	Tuesday 03 Dec	Wednesday 04 Dec	Thursday 05 Dec	Friday 06 Dec	Saturday 07 Dec	Sunday 08 Dec
Activity	low	low	low	low	low	moderate	low
Flares	-	-	-	-	-	<b>M1.2@07:29</b>	-

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

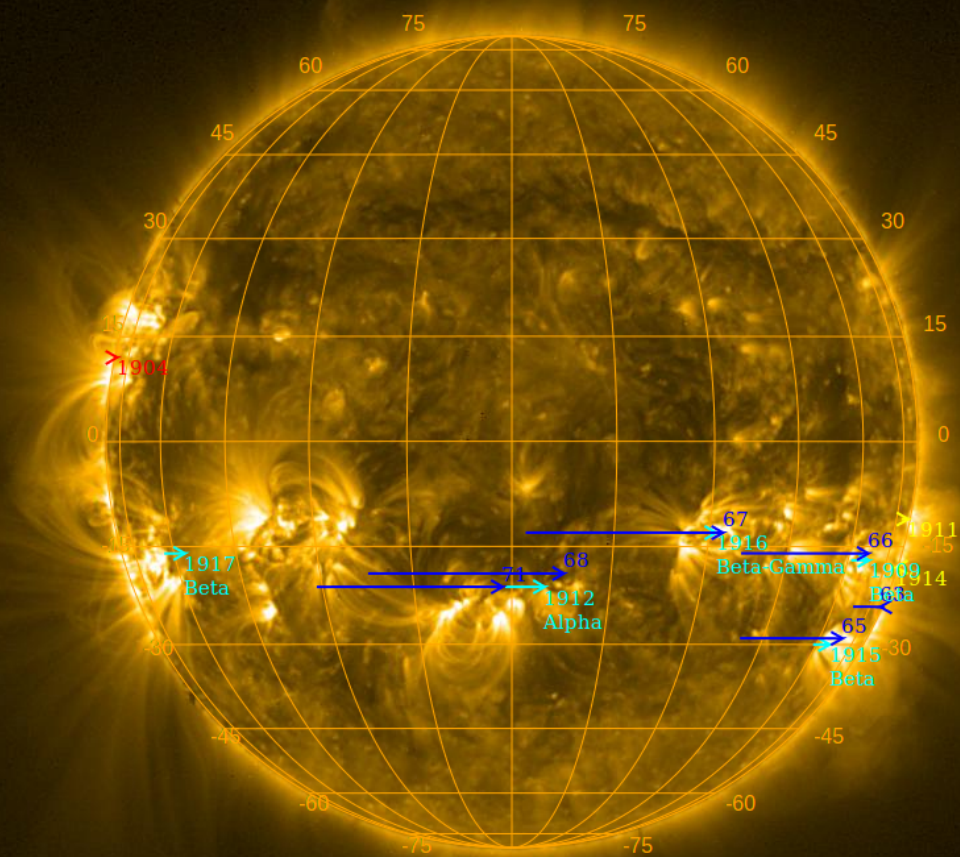
The SWAP images of Dec 02 and Dec 08 are shown below, with annotated active regions.



<http://sidc.be/soteria/soteria.php>

Catania sunspot groups  
2013-12-06 08:30:00

NOAA AR/sunspot  
NOAA Halpha plage  
NOAA expected region  
2013-12-08 00:30:00



PROBA2/SWAP 17.4nm  
2013-12-08T10:36:17.325

## **Solar Activity**

Solar flare activity fluctuated between low and moderate during the week.

In order to view the activity of this week in more detail, we suggest going to the following website from which all the daily (normal and difference) movies can be accessed: <http://proba2.oma.be/ssa>

This page also lists the recorded flaring events.

A weekly overview movie can be found [here](#) (SWAP week 193).

Details about some of this week's events, can be found further below.



Wednesday Dec 04:



**Pair of sympathetic eruptions on West Limb @ 04:35 - SWAP difference image**  
Find a movie of the events [here](#) (SWAP difference movie)

Thursday Dec 05:

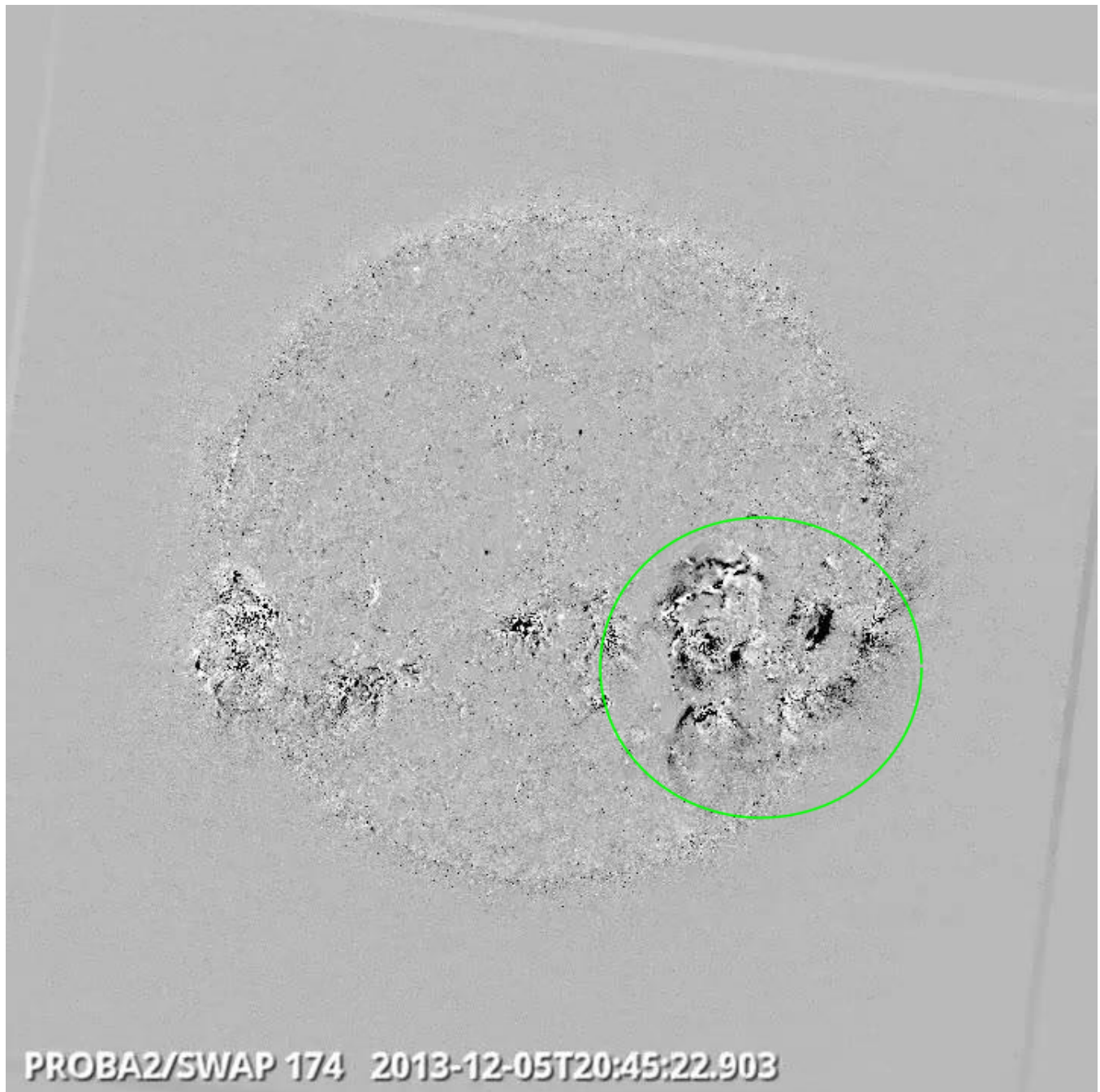


**Eruption on the East Limb @ 02:32 - SWAP difference image**  
Find a movie of the event [here](#) (SWAP difference movie)



**Jets on the East Limb @ 05:50 - SWAP difference image**  
Find a movie of the event [here](#) (SWAP difference movie)



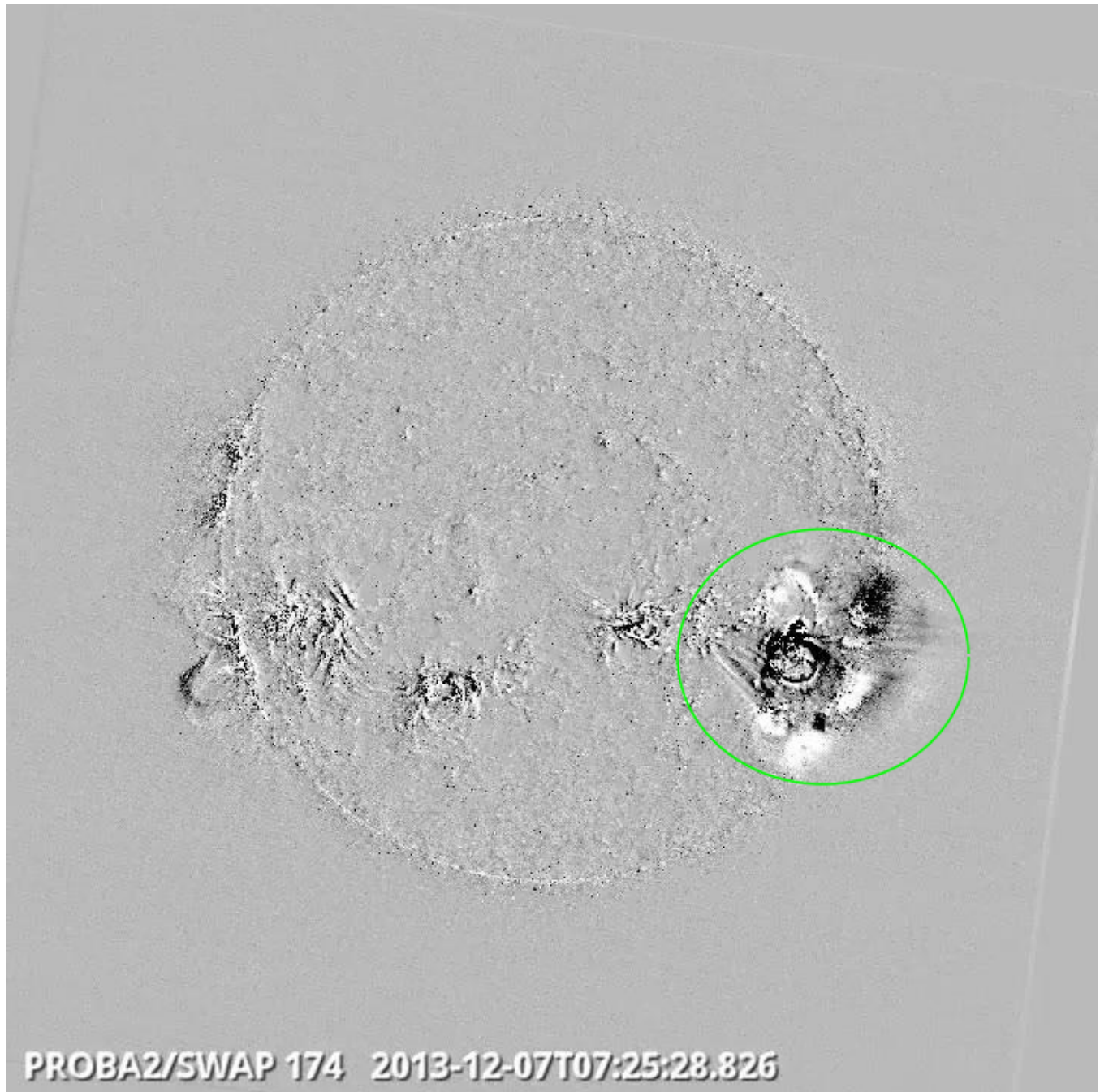


PROBA2/SWAP 174 2013-12-05T20:45:22.903

**Eruption in the South-East Quadrant @ 20:45 - SWAP difference image**  
Find a movie of the event [here](#) (SWAP difference movie)



Saturday Dec 07:

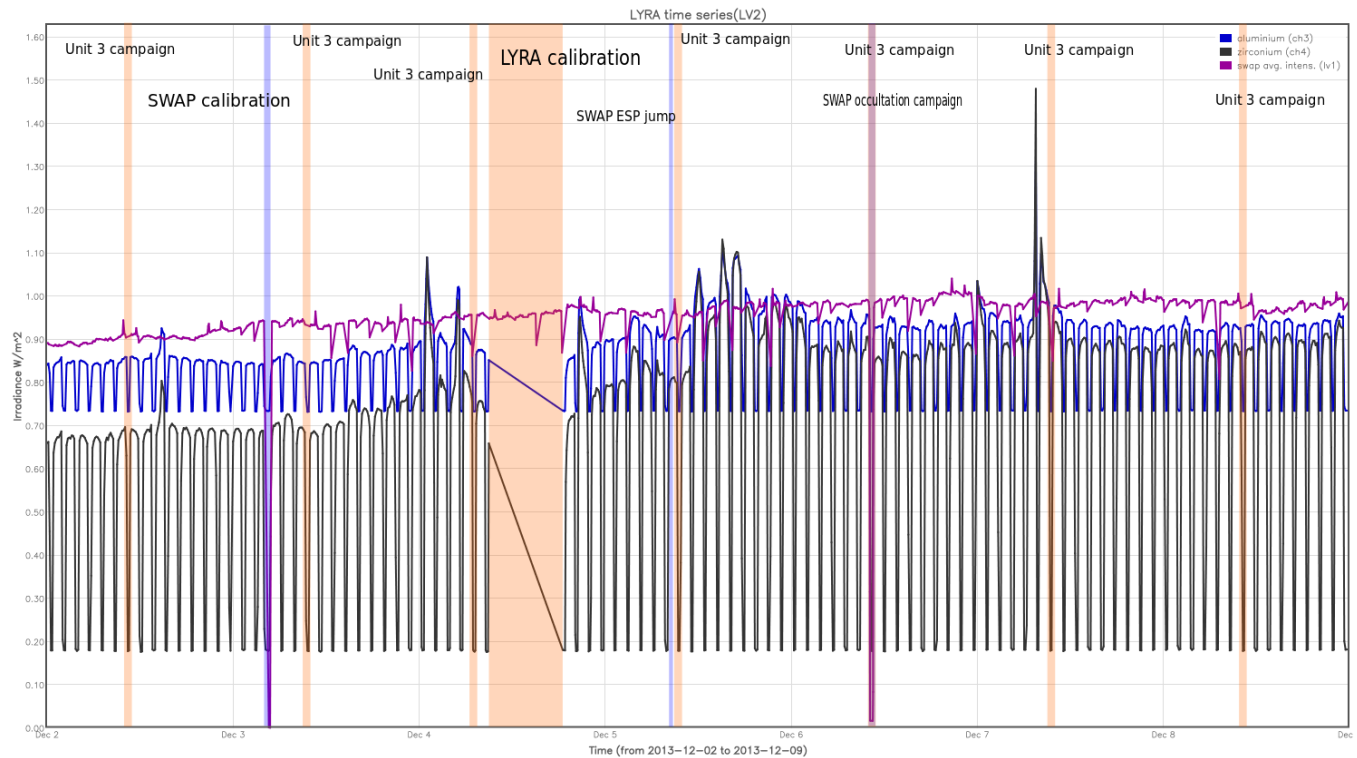


**Eruption on the South East Quad @ 07:25 - SWAP difference image**  
Find a movie of the event [here](#) (SWAP difference movie)

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 (SWAP Average Intensity; integrated solar intensity per SWAP image pixel )



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

- SWAP bi weekly calibration
- data gap due to the ESP jump
- SWAP and LYRA parallel occultation campaign

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

- Unit 3 occultation campaign, three times
- LYRA calibration
- Unit 3 occultation campaign, four times

## **Outreach, papers, presentations, etc.**

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

The science section of this weekly report is also published in the weekly STCE newsletter (<http://www.stce.be/newsletter/newsletter.php>).

- Vida Žigman gave a seminar at ROB on GI activity.
- V. Slemzin, 2013 ApJ, "Study of EUV Emission and Properties of a Coronal Streamer from PROBA2/SWAP, Hinode/EIS and Mauna Loa Mk4 Observations"  
<http://arxiv.org/abs/1312.2449>

## **Guest Investigator Program**

- Vida Žigman currently visiting on the GI program and is working with Marie Dominique. Dr. Žigman is using a model along with LYRA data to determine the ionisation increase in the Earth's ionosphere during flares.
- A. Kobelski currently visiting on the GI program and is working with Dan Seaton. Studying AR-AR Reconnection after Flux Emergence



## 2. LYRA instrument status

### Calibration

No calibration this week.

### IOS & operations

Monday 02 Dec	Tuesday 03 Dec	Wednesday 04 Dec	Thursday 05 Dec	Friday 06 Dec	Saturday 07 Dec	Sunday 08 Dec
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
LYIOS00354	LYIOS00355	LYIOS00355	LYIOS00355	LYIOS00355	LYIOS00355	LYIOS00355

The following science campaigns were performed by LYRA:

- daily U3 observations campaign
- bi weekly calibration

### LYRA detector temperature

LYRA detector 2 temperature globally varied between 38.6 and 41.7 °C, taking into account the daily U3 activation periods.

### To be explored

- None

### 3. SWAP instrument status

#### Calibration

No calibration this week.

#### MCPM errors

The number of MCPM recoverable errors increased from 14349 to 14468.

The number of MCPM unrecoverable errors remained at 1127.

#### IOS & operations

Monday 02 Dec	Tuesday 03 Dec	Wednesday 04 Dec	Thursday 05 Dec	Friday 06 Dec	Saturday 07 Dec	Sunday 08 Dec
Nominal acquisition	Nominal acquisition + calibration	Nominal acquisition	Nominal acquisition + ESP jump	Nominal acquisition + occultation campaign	Nominal acquisition	Nominal acquisition
IOS00488	IOS00489 -> IOS00490	IOS00490	IOS00490	IOS00490	IOS00490	IOS00490
550 images	605 images	550 images	549 images	599 images	565 images	548 images

Special operations for SWAP, this week:

- bi-weekly calibration
- Monthly ESP jump
- Occultation campaign

#### SWAP detector temperature

The SWAP Cold Finger Temperature globally varied between -4.6 and -2.5 °C.

#### To be explored

- None

## **4. PROBA2 Science Center Status**

The main operator is Robbe Vansintjan.

The following changes were made to the P2SC:

- Robbe Vansintjan is taking over operations from Koen Stegen until January.



## 5. Data reception & discussions with MOC

### Passes

The delivery of the passes for this week (passes 12751 to 12809) was nominal, except for:

- None.

### Data coverage HK

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

- None.

### Data coverage SWAP

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

- None.

Total number of images between 2013 Dec 02 OUT and 2013 Dec 09 OUT: 3967

Highest cadence in this period: 29 seconds

Average cadence in this period: 152.46 seconds

Number of image gaps larger than 300 seconds: 102

Largest data gap: 31.83 minutes

### Data coverage LYRA

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

- 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
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
VFC	Voltage to Frequency Converter

## **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)