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| P2SC-ROB-WR-198<br>- 20140106<br>Weekly report #198 | <b>P2SC Weekly report</b>   |  |
| Period covered:<br>Date:                            | Mon, Jan 06 to Sun Jan 12, 2014<br>15 Jan 2014  | Royal Observatory of Belgium<br>-<br>PROBA2 Science Center                          |
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## 1. Science

### Solar & Space weather events

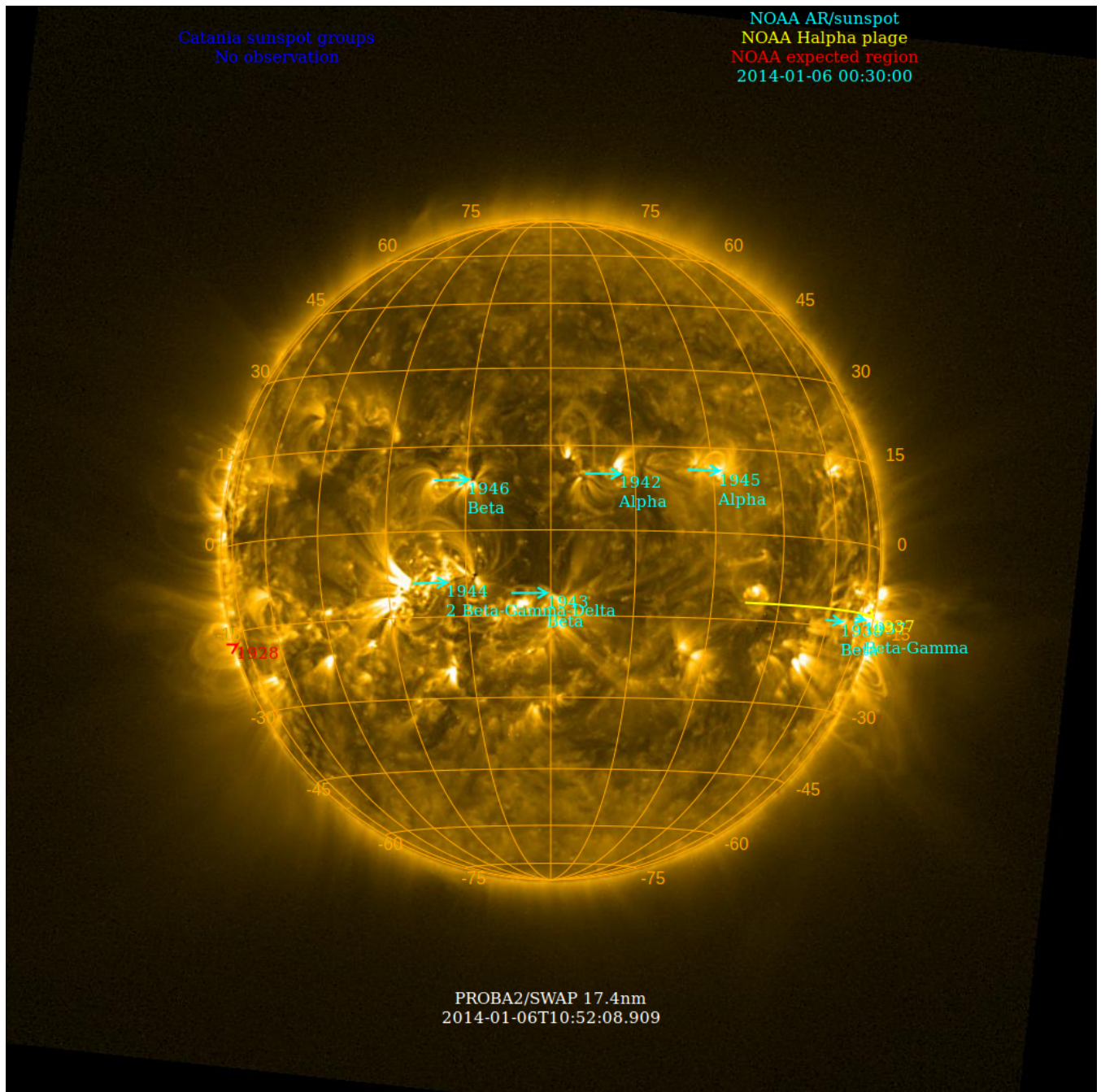
The level of solar activity<sup>1</sup> fluctuated between **low** and **high** this week.

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

|          | Monday<br>06 Jan | Tuesday<br>07 Jan   | Wednesday<br>08 Jan | Thursday<br>09 Jan | Friday<br>10 Jan | Saturday<br>11 Jan | Sunday<br>12 Jan |
|----------|------------------|---|---------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Activity | low              | high  | moderate            | low                | low              | low                | low              |
| Flares   | -                | <b>X1.2@18:32</b><br><b>M7.2@10:13</b><br><b>M1.0@03:53</b> | <b>M3.6@03:47</b>   | -                  | -                | -                  | -                |

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

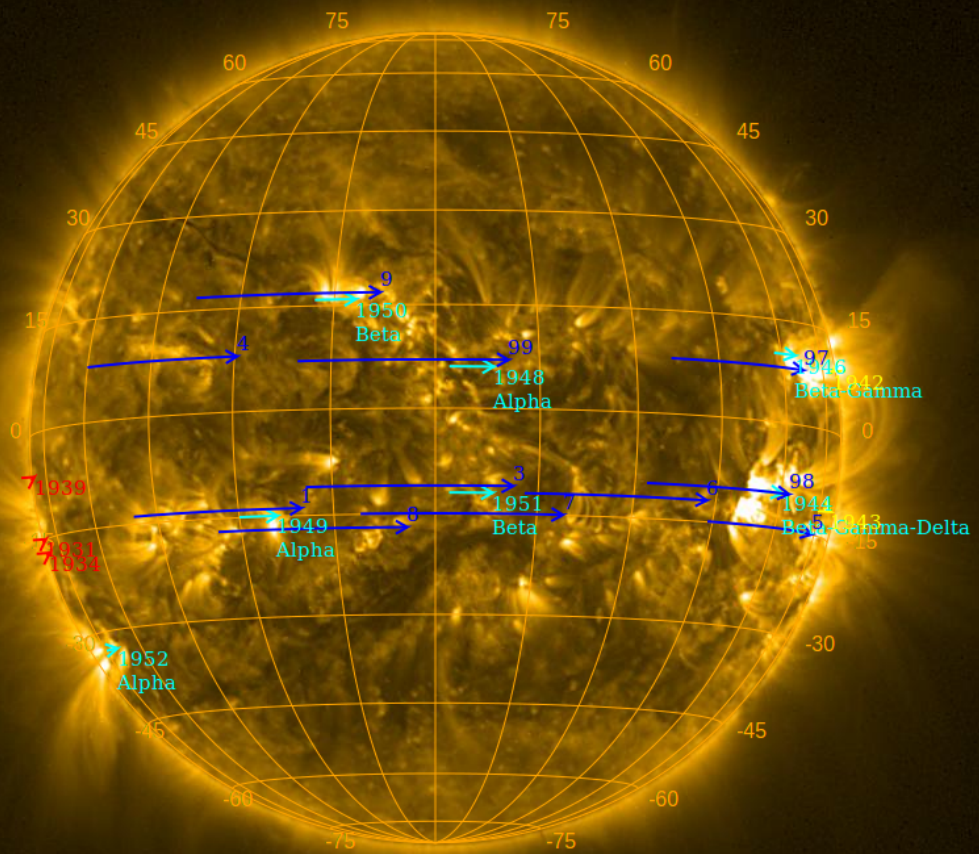
The SWAP images of Jan 06 and Jan 12 are shown below, with annotated active regions.



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

Catania sunspot groups  
2014-01-10 09:00:00

NOAA AR/sunspot  
NOAA Halpha plage  
NOAA expected region  
2014-01-12 00:30:00



PROBA2/SWAP 17.4nm  
2014-01-12T10:53:00.479

## **Solar Activity**

Solar flare activity fluctuated between low and high 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: <http://proba2.oma.be/ssa>

This page also lists the recorded flaring events.

A weekly overview movie can be found [here](#) (SWAP week 198).

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



Monday Jan 06:



**Eruption on the north east limb @ 06:23 - SWAP difference image**

Find a movie of the events [here](#) (SWAP difference movie)

Find a movie of the events [here](#) (SWAP movie)

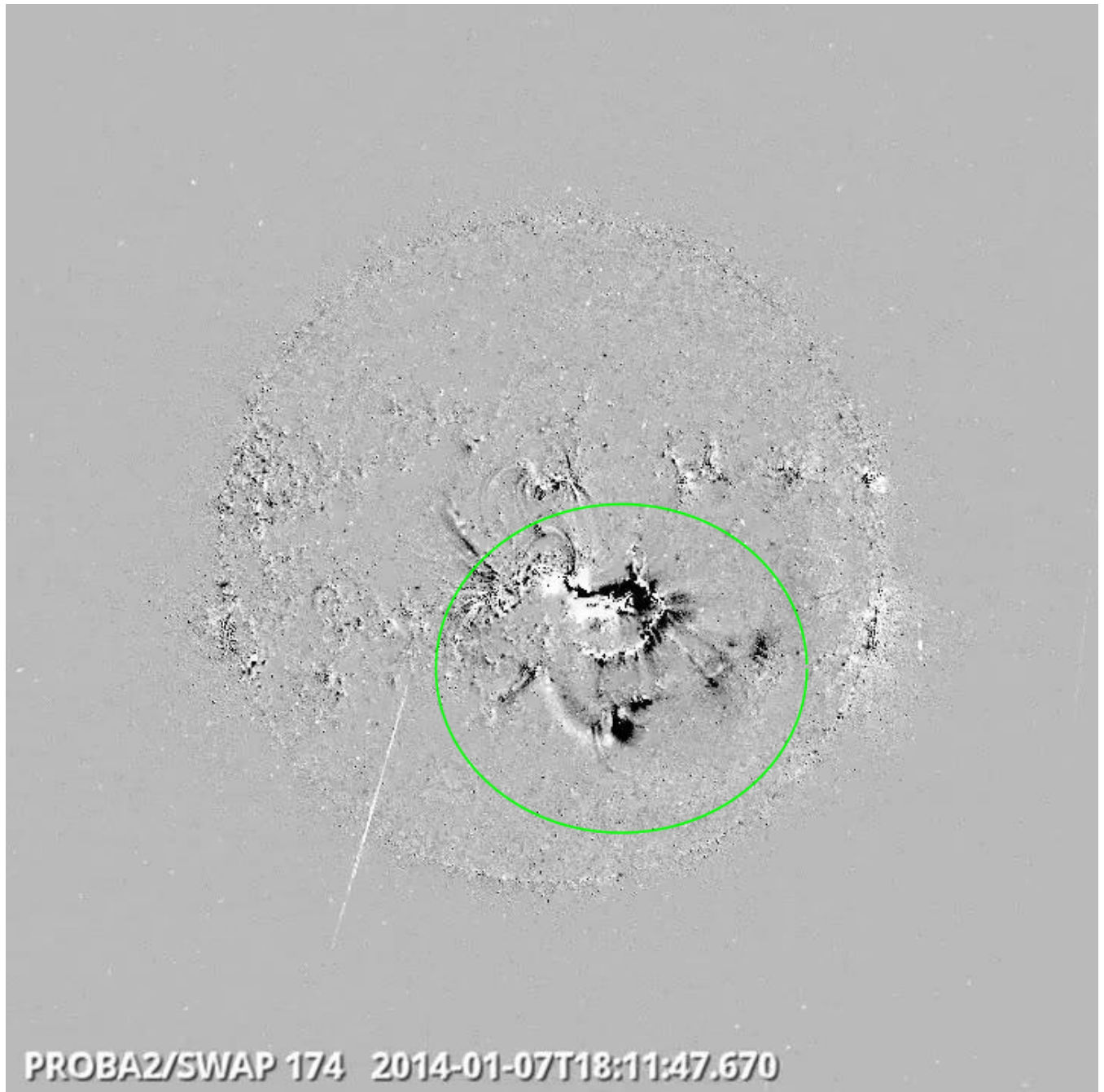


**Eruption on the west limb @ 07:52 - SWAP difference image**

Find a movie of the events [here](#) (SWAP difference movie)

Find a movie of the events [here](#) (SWAP movie)

Tuesday Jan 07:



**X-flare and eit-wave on the south half @ 18:11 - SWAP difference image**

Find a movie of the events [here](#) (SWAP difference movie)

Find a movie of the events [here](#) (SWAP movie)



Wednesday Jan 08:



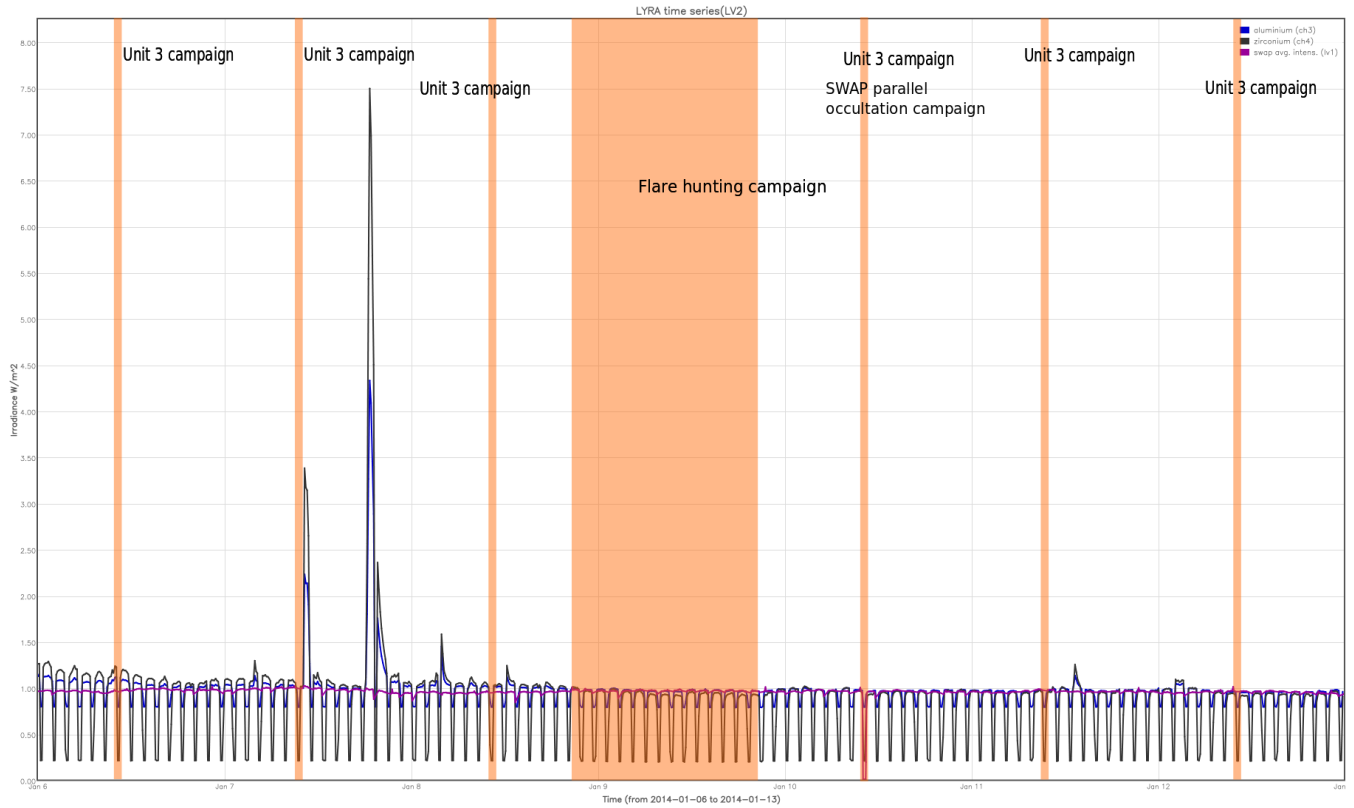
**Eruption on the southeast Limb @ 17:16 - SWAP difference image**  
Find a movie of the event [here](#) (SWAP difference movie)



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 orange shaded periods correspond to, from left to right:

- Unit 3 occultation campaign, 3 times
- 24 Hour flare hunting campaign
- Unit 3 occultation campaign in parallel with SWAP
- Unit 3 campaign, 2 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>).

Elke D'Huys and Cis Verbeeck gave four classes on space weather and proba 2 at the Catholic University of Leuven and the Catholic University of Leuven Campus Kortrijk. These were aimed towards High school students.

### **Guest Investigator Program**

- None

## 2. LYRA instrument status

### Calibration

No calibration this week.

### IOS & operations

| Monday<br>06 Jan                     | Tuesday<br>07 Jan                    | Wednesday<br>08 Jan   | Thursday<br>09 Jan                                    | Friday<br>10 Jan                     | Saturday<br>11 Jan                   | Sunday<br>12 Jan                     |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|---|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Nominal<br>acquisition +<br>daily U3 | Nominal<br>acquisition +<br>daily U3 | Nominal<br>acquisition +<br>daily U3 + flare<br>hunting<br>campaign | Nominal<br>acquisition +<br>flare hunting<br>campaign | Nominal<br>acquisition +<br>daily U3 | Nominal<br>acquisition +<br>daily U3 | Nominal<br>acquisition +<br>daily U3 |
| LYIOS00364                           | LYIOS00365                           | LYIOS00366  | LYIOS00366  | LYIOS00366                           | LYIOS00366                           | LYIOS00366                           |

The following science campaigns were performed by LYRA:

- daily U3 observations campaign
- flare hunting campaign

### LYRA detector temperature

LYRA detector 2 temperature globally varied between 40.6 and 44.9 °C, taking into account the daily U3 activation periods and the flare hunting campaign.

### To be explored

- None



### 3. SWAP instrument status

#### Calibration

No calibration this week.

#### MCPM errors

The number of MCPM recoverable errors increased from 15157 to 15328.

The number of MCPM unrecoverable errors remained at 1127.

#### IOS & operations

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|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|---|------------------------|------------------------|
| Nominal<br>acquisition | Nominal<br>acquisition | Nominal<br>acquisition | Nominal<br>acquisition | Nominal<br>acquisition +<br>parallel<br>occultation<br>campaign | Nominal<br>acquisition | Nominal<br>acquisition |
| IOS00494<br>552 images | IOS00495<br>569 images | IOS00495<br>553 images | IOS00495<br>565images  | IOS00495<br>605 images  | IOS00495<br>570 images | IOS00495<br>555 images |

Special operations for SWAP, this week:

- parallel occultation campaign with LYRA

#### SWAP detector temperature

The SWAP Cold Finger Temperature globally varied between -1.9 and -0.64 °C.

#### To be explored

- None

#### **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 13046 to 13104) was nominal

### **Data coverage HK**

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

### **Data coverage SWAP**

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

Total number of images between 2014 Jan 06 0UT and 2014 Jan 13 0UT: 3969

Highest cadence in this period: 29 seconds

Average cadence in this period: 152.39 seconds

Number of image gaps larger than 300 seconds: 102

Largest data gap: 31.57 minutes

### **Data coverage LYRA**

All LYRA Science data files (BINLYRA) have been received.



## 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)