P2SC-ROB-WR-276 - 20150706 Weekly report #274	P2SC Weekly report	**** <u>***</u>
Period covered: Date:	Mon Jul 06 to Sun Jul 12, 2015 15 Jul 2015	Royal Observatory of Belgium -
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# 1. Science

# Solar & Space weather events

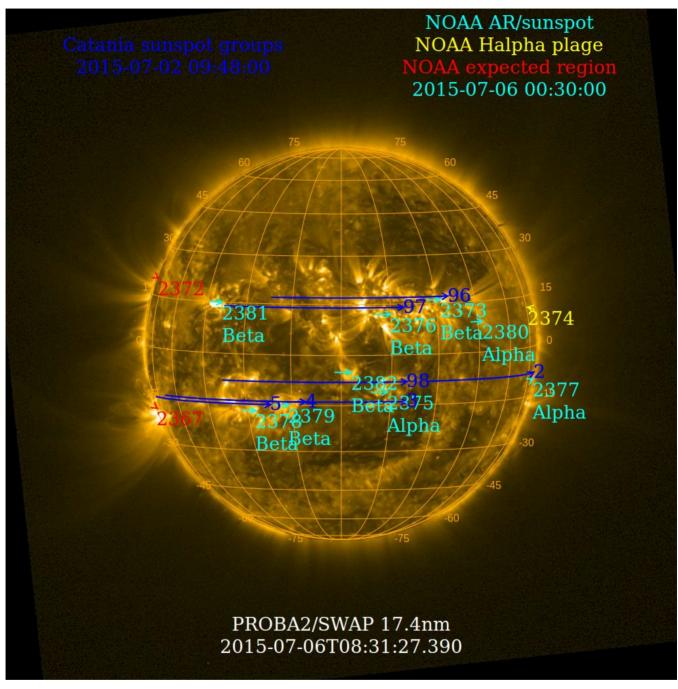
The level of solar activity¹ fluctuated between **very low** and **moderate** this week.

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

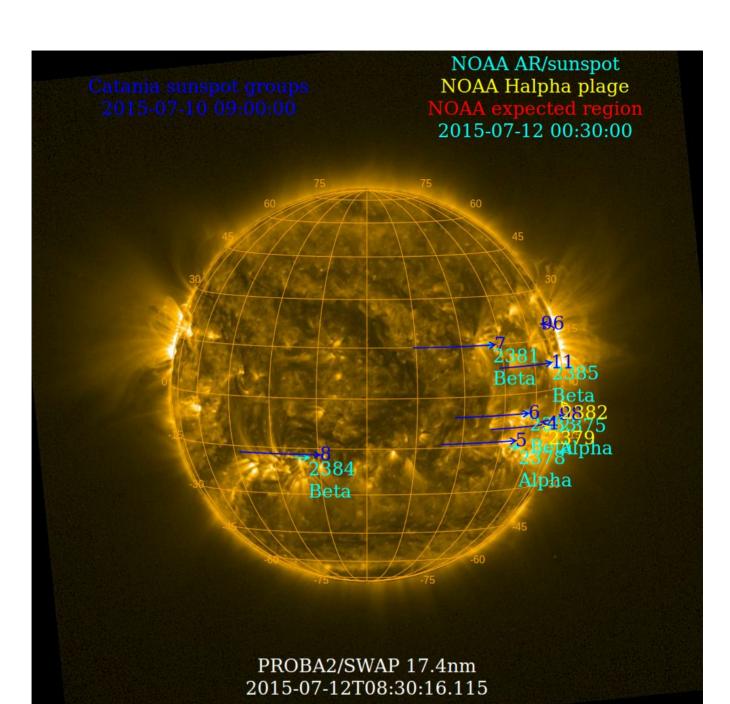
	Monday 06 Jul	Tuesday 07 Jul	Wednesday 08 Jul	Thursday 09 Jul	Friday 10 Jul	Saturday 11 Jul	Sunday 12 Jul
Activity	moderate	low	low	low	low	low	very low
Flares	M1.7@20:40 M1.0@08:44	-	-	•	-	-	-

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

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



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

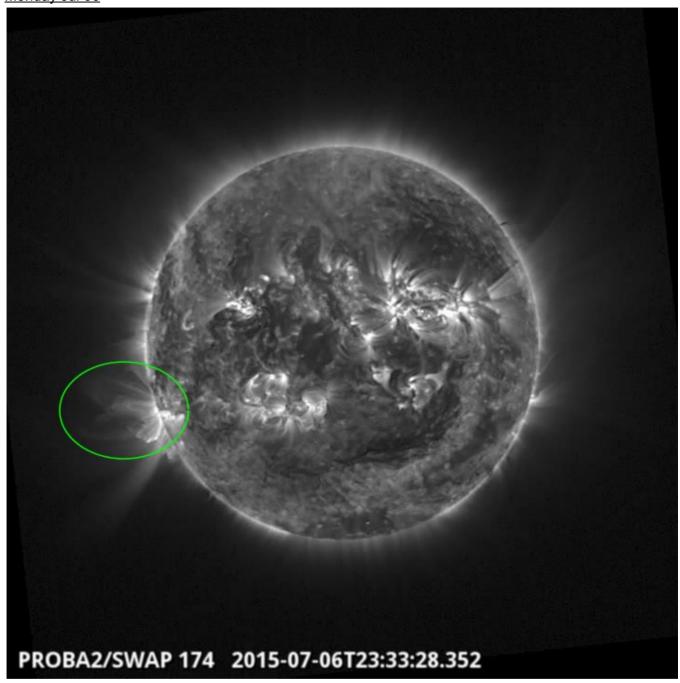


#### **Solar Activity**

Solar flare activity fluctuated between very low and moderate 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.

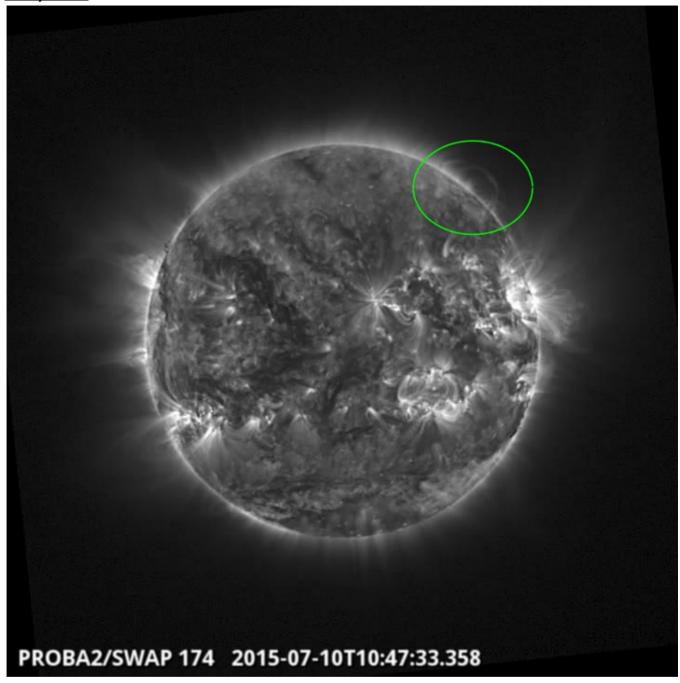
A weekly overview movie can be found here (SWAP week 276).

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



Post eruption loops growing on the east limb @ 23:33 - SWAP image Find a movie of the event <u>here</u> (SWAP movie)

Friday Jul 10

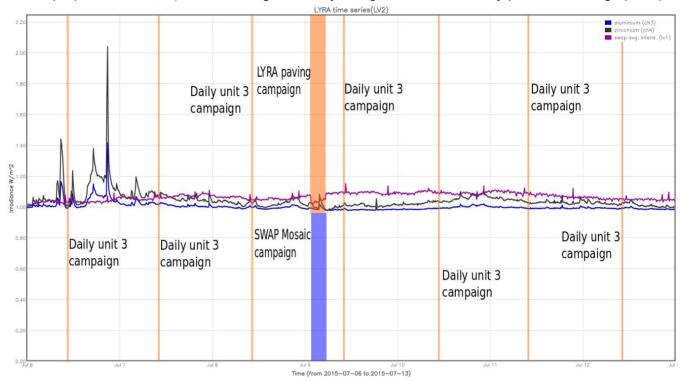


Plasma dynamics on the north west limb @ 10:47 - SWAP image Find a movie of the event <u>here</u> (SWAP movie)

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 mosaic campaign, 2015-07-19

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

- Daily unit 3 campaign, 2015-07-06
- Daily unit 3 campaign, 2015-07-07
- Daily unit 3 campaign, 2015-07-08
- LYRA paving campaign, 2015-07-09
- Daily unit 3 campaign, 2015-07-09
- Daily unit 3 campaign, 2015-07-10
- Daily unit 3 campaign, 2015-07-11
- Daily unit 3 campaign, 2015-07-12

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

Please 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.

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

- Rachmeler, L. A. presented "Southern Polar Field Reversal as revealed by a pseudostreamer" at the SHINE 2015 Workshop in Stowe, VT, USA from 2015-Jul-06-10. The work relies heavily on observations of pseudostreamers seen by PROBA2.
- Guest Investigator C. S. Arridge presented "The upstream solar wind at Venus: The accuracy of ENLIL simulations compared with data from Venus Express and PROBA-2" at the UK National Astronomy Meeting 2015 on 2015-Jul-05.

#### **Guest Investigator Program**

None

# 2. LYRA instrument status

#### Calibration

No calibration this week.

# IOS & operations

Monday 06 Jul	Tuesday 07 Jul	Wednesday 08 Jul	Thursday 09 Jul	Friday 10 Jul	Saturday 11 Jul	Sunday 12 Jul
Nominal acquisition + daily U3	Nominal acquisition + daily U3	Nominal acquisition + daily U3	Nominal acquisition + daily U3 + paving campaign	Nominal acquisition + daily U3	Nominal acquisition + daily U3	Nominal acquisition + daily U3
LYIOS00482	LYIOS00482	LYIOS00482	LYIOS00483	LYIOS00483	LYIOS00483	LYIOS00483

The following science campaigns were performed by LYRA:

- daily U3 observations campaign
- paving campaign

### LYRA detector temperature

LYRA detector 2 temperature globally varied between 47.3 and 49.7 °C.

### 3. SWAP instrument status

#### Calibration

No calibration campaigns this week.

#### **MCPM** errors

The number of MCPM recoverable errors increased from 124 to 126.

The number of MCPM unrecoverable errors remained at 0.

# IOS & operations

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
06 Jul	07 Jul	08 Jul	09 Jul	10 Jul	11 Jul	12 Jul
Nominal acquisition	Nominal acquisition	Nominal acquisition	Nominal acquisition + mosaic campaign	Nominal acquisition	Nominal acquisition	Nominal acquisition
IOS00587	IOS00587	IOS00587	IOS00588	IOS00588	IOS00588	IOS00588
668 images	672 images	674 images	658 images	656 images	583 images	558 images

Special operations for SWAP, this week:

• Mosaic campaign

### **SWAP** detector temperature

The SWAP Cold Finger Temperature globally varied between -1 and -0.23 °C.

# 4. PROBA2 Science Center Status

The main operator is Robbe Vansintjan.

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 17846 to 17908) 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 2015 Jul 06 0UT and 2015 Jul 13 0UT: 4469

Highest cadence in this period: 0 seconds

Average cadence in this period: 135.33 seconds Number of image gaps larger than 300 seconds: 172

Largest data gap: 9.17 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

SoFAST | Solar Feature Automated Search Tool

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)