P2SC-ROB-WR-288 - 20150928 Weekly report #288	P2SC Weekly report	**** <u>***</u>
Period covered: Date:	Mon Sep 28 to Sun Oct 04, 2015 07 Oct 2015	Royal Observatory of Belgium -
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# 1. Science

## Solar & Space weather events

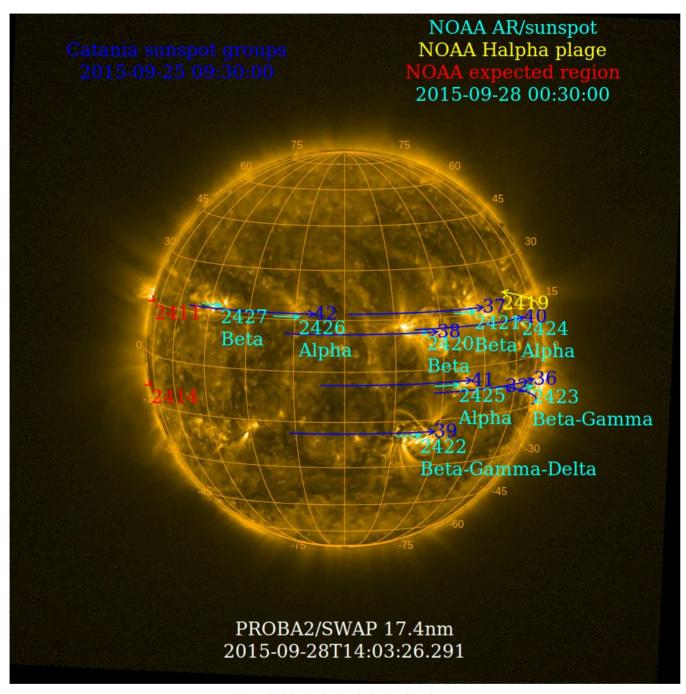
The level of solar activity<sup>1</sup> fluctuated between **low** and **moderate** this week.

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

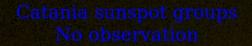
	Monday 28 Sep	Tuesday 29 Sep	Wednesday 30 Sep	Thursday 01 Oct	Friday 02 Oct	Saturday 03 Oct	Sunday 04 Oct
Activity	moderate	moderate	moderate	moderate	moderate	low	moderate
Flares	M7.6@14:58 M1.1@13:18 M1.1@07:35 M3.6@03:55	M1.1@19:24 M1.6@11:15 M1.3@08:51 M1.4@06:43 M1.0@05:56 M1.2@05:37 M2.9@05:16 M1.1@03:43 M1.2@03:16	M1.1@13:20 M1.3@10:59	M4.5@13:10	M1.0@17:18 M1.0@12:26 M5.5@00:13	-	M1.0@02:41

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

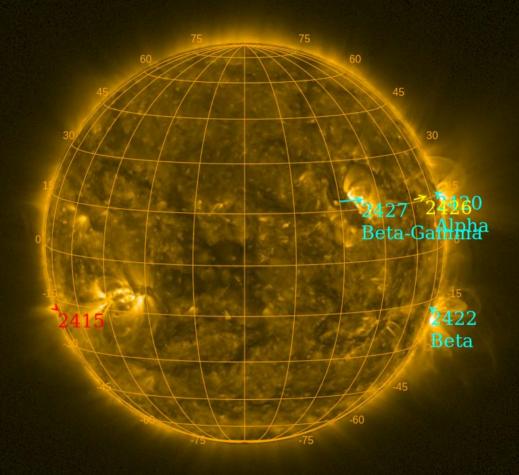
The SWAP images of Sep 28 and Oct 04 are shown below, with annotated active regions.



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



NOAA AR/sunspot NOAA Halpha plage NOAA expected region 2015-10-04 00:30:00



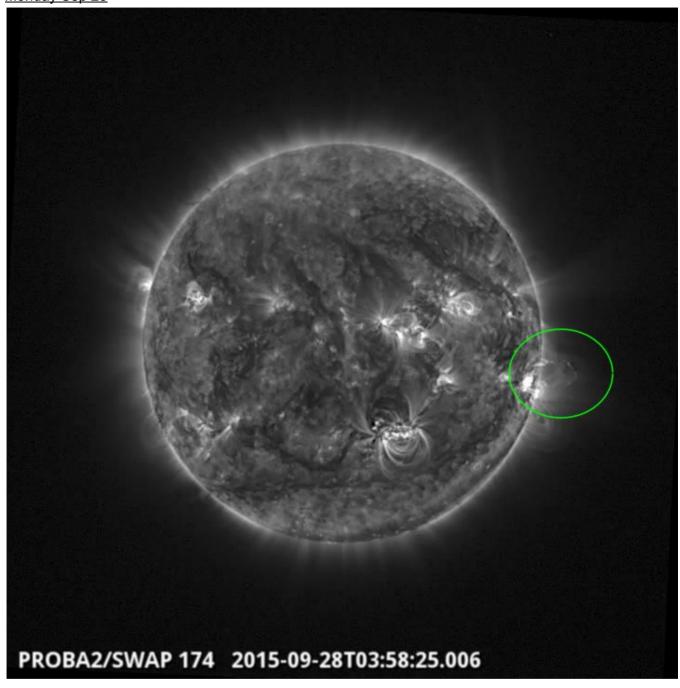
PROBA2/SWAP 17.4nm 2015-10-04T14:04:45.252

## **Solar Activity**

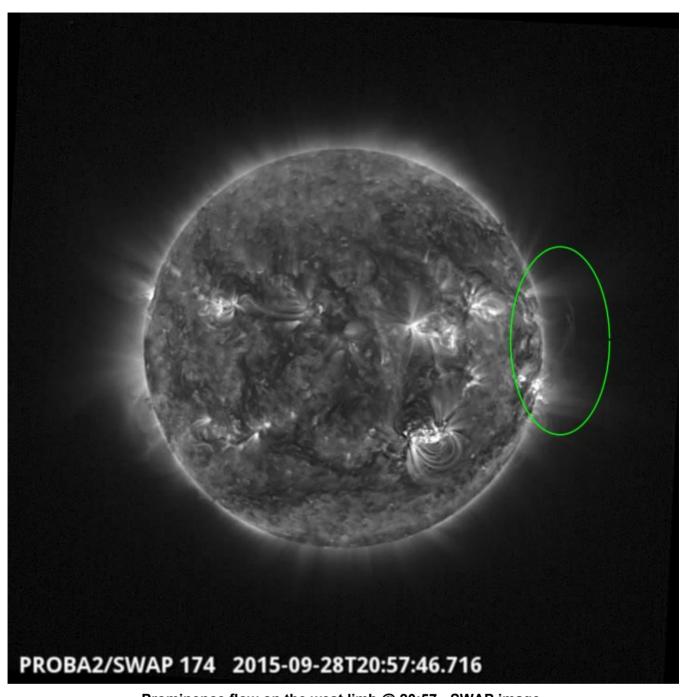
Solar flare activity fluctuated between low and moderate during the week. In order to view the activity of this week in more detail, we suggest to go to the following website from which all the daily (normal and difference) movies can be accessed: <a href="http://proba2.oma.be/ssa">http://proba2.oma.be/ssa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

A weekly overview movie can be found here (SWAP week 288).

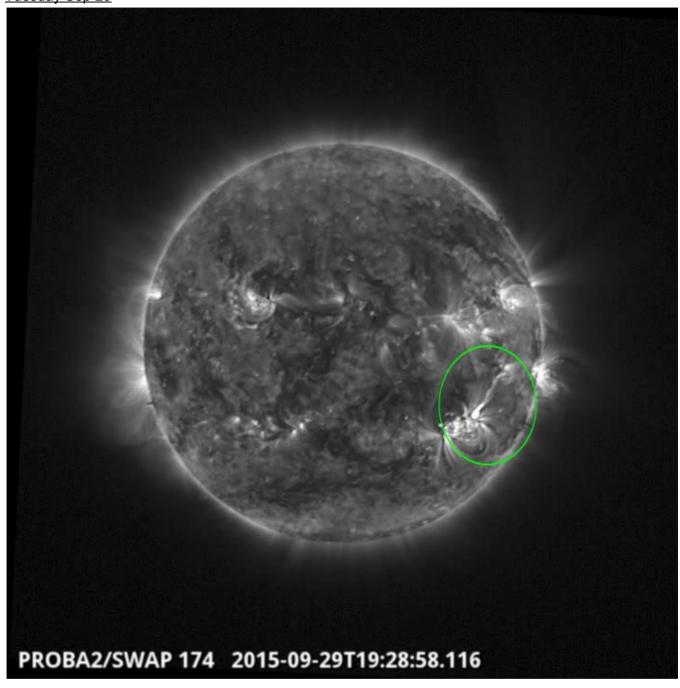
Details about some of this week's events, can be found further below.



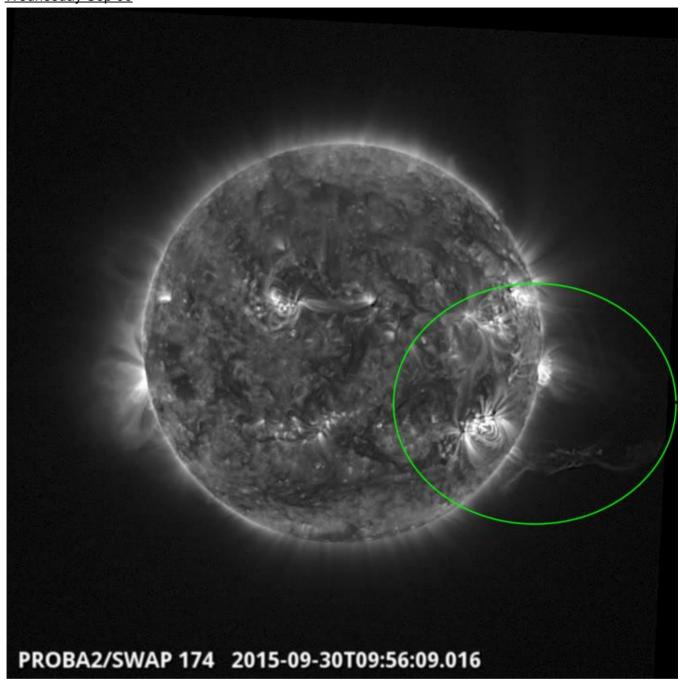
Failed eruption on the west limb @ 03:58 - SWAP image Find a movie of the events <u>here</u> (SWAP movie)



Prominence flow on the west limb @ 20:57 - SWAP image Find a movie of the events <u>here</u> (SWAP movie)



M-flare on the south west quadrant @ 19:28 - SWAP image Find a movie of the event <u>here</u> (SWAP movie)



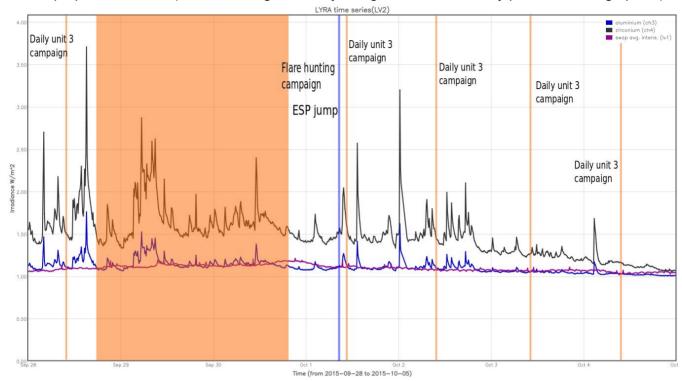
Eruptions on the west limb @ 09:56 - SWAP image Find a movie of the event <u>here</u> (SWAP movie)

The initial erupting prominence from the limb was apparently linked to a second prominence near AR 12422, which itself subsequently erupted at the end of the day.

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:

ESP jump

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

- Daily unit 3 campaign, 2015-09-28
- Flare hunting campaign, 2015-09-28
- Daily unit 3 campaign, 2015-10-01
- Daily unit 3 campaign, 2015-10-02
- Daily unit 3 campaign, 2015-10-03
- Daily unit 3 campaign, 2015-10-04

## 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 (<a href="http://www.stce.be/newsletter/newsletter.php">http://www.stce.be/newsletter/newsletter.php</a>).

## **Guest Investigator Program**

None

## 2. LYRA instrument status

#### Calibration

No calibration this week.

## IOS & operations

Monday 28 Sep	Tuesday 29 Sep	Wednesday 30 Sep	Thursday 01 Oct	Friday 02 Oct	Saturday 03 Oct	Sunday 04 Oct
Nominal acquisition + daily U3 + flare hunting	Nominal acquisition + flare hunting	Nominal acquisition + flare hunting	Nominal acquisition + daily U3	Nominal acquisition + daily U3	Nominal acquisition + daily U3	Nominal acquisition + daily U3
LYIOS00497 -> LYIOS00498	LYIOS00498	LYIOS00499	LYIOS00499	LYIOS00500	LYIOS00500	LYIOS00500

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 49.1 and 51.9 °C.

## 3. SWAP instrument status

#### Calibration

No calibration this week.

#### **MCPM** errors

The number of MCPM recoverable errors increased from 137 to 138.

The number of MCPM unrecoverable errors remained at 0.

## IOS & operations

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
28 Sep	29 Sep	30 Sep	01 Oct	02 Oct	03 Oct	04 Oct
Nominal acquisition	Nominal acquisition	Nominal acquisition	Nominal acquisition + ESP jump	Nominal acquisition	Nominal acquisition	Nominal acquisition
IOS00599	IOS00599	IOS00599	IOS00599	IOS00600	IOS00600	IOS00600
584 images	576 images	614 images	594 images	607 images	521 images	570 images

Special operations for SWAP, this week:

• ESP jump

# **SWAP** detector temperature

The SWAP Cold Finger Temperature globally varied between 0.32 and 1.28 °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 18583 to 18640) 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 Sep 28 00 UT and 2015 Oct 05 00 UT: 4066

Highest cadence in this period: 110 seconds Average cadence in this period: 148.73 seconds Number of image gaps larger than 300 seconds: 235

Largest data gap: 33.67 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)