P2SC-ROB-WR-596 - 20210823	**P2SC Weekly report**	
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1. Science

Solar & Space weather events

The level of solar activity[1] 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 23 Aug	Tuesday 24 Aug	Wednesday 25 Aug	Thursday 26 Aug	Friday 27 Aug	Saturday 28 Aug	Sunday 29 Aug
Activity	very low	low	low	low	low	moderate	low
Flares	-	-	-	-	-	**M4.7**	-

[1] See appendix. All timings are given in UT.

Solar Activity

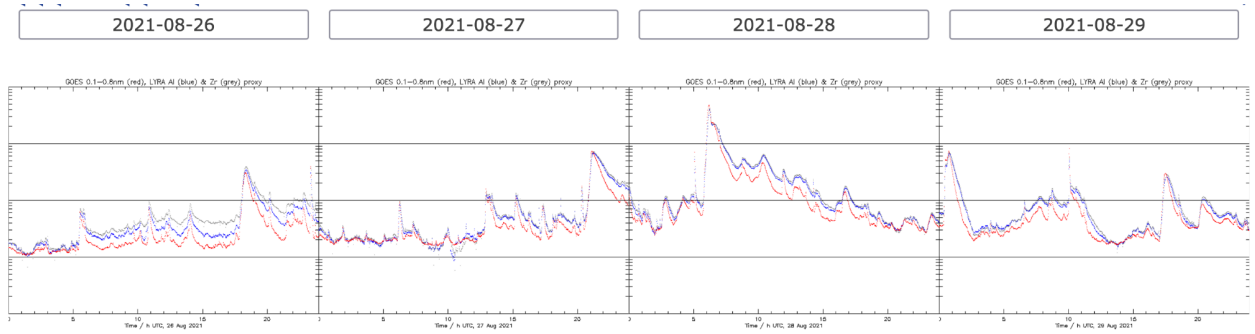
Solar flare activity fluctuated from very low to moderate during the week.
In order to view the activity of this week in more detail, we suggest to go to the following website from which all the daily (normal and difference) movies can be accessed: https://proba2.oma.be/ssa
This page also lists the recorded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

A weekly overview movie can be found here (SWAP week 596).

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

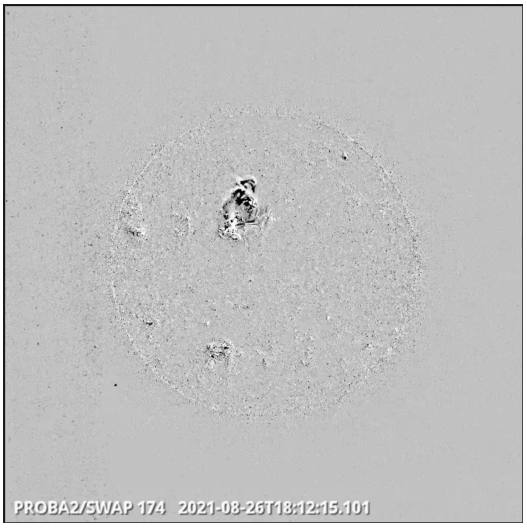
If any of the linked movies are unavailable they can be found in the P2SC movie repository here

From August 24 on, two active regions awakened and produced several C flares, with even an M flare on August 28, most often associated with CMEs and EUV waves. A selection of the most noticeable of these events is presented below.



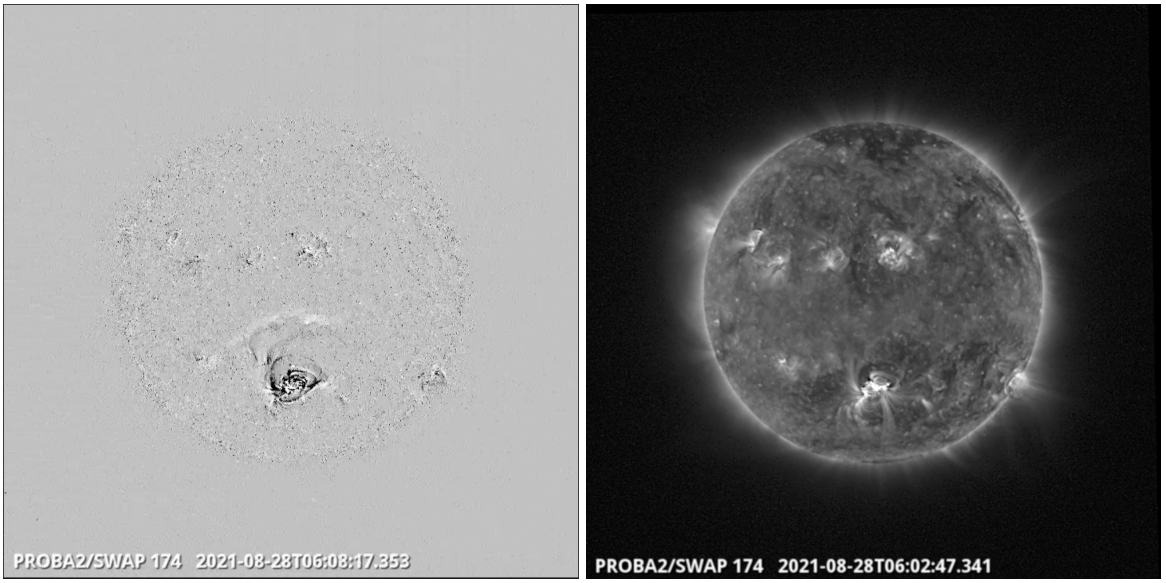
Flares occurring during the August 26 to 29 period - LYRA and GOES timeseries

Thursday Aug 26



An eruption associated with a C3.0 flare close to the central meridian that peaked at 18:18 UT on 2021-Aug-26 can be seen in the above SWAP difference image.
Find a movie of the event **here** (SWAP difference movie)

Saturday Aug 28



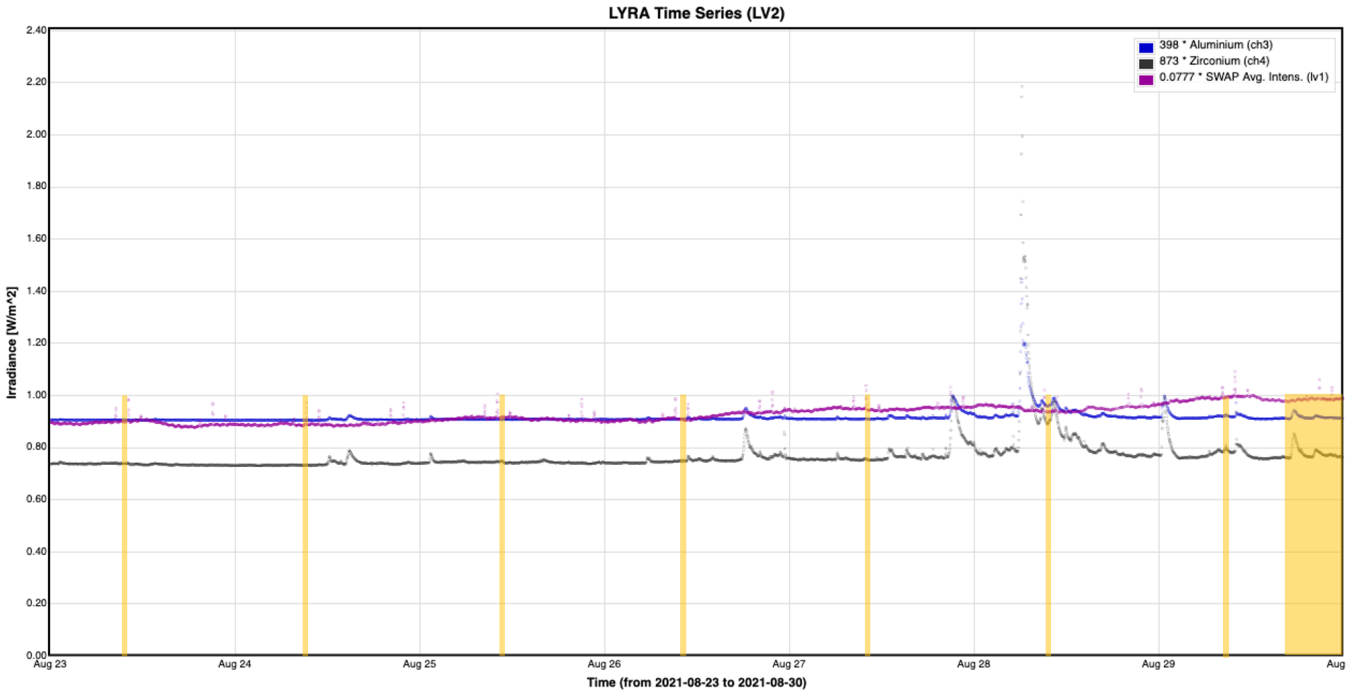
SWAP difference image (left) and direct observation (right) illustrating the eruption associated with the strongest flare of the period (M4.7, peaking at 06:11 UT). An EUV wave was also visible.
Find the movies for that day **here** (SWAP difference movie) and **here** (SWAP movie)

Sunday Aug 29

A coronal mass ejection was observed at the South West Limb around 20:05 UT on 2021-Aug-29, as illustrated in the above SWAP difference image. It was associated with a B8.6 flare.
Find a movie of the day **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)



Operations and Calibrations:

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

- None

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

- Unit 3 Campaign, 2021-Aug-23
- Unit 3 Campaign, 2021-Aug-24
- Unit 3 Campaign, 2021-Aug-25
- Unit 3 Campaign, 2021-Aug-26
- Unit 3 Campaign, 2021-Aug-27
- Unit 3 Campaign, 2021-Aug-28
- Unit 3 Campaign, 2021-Aug-29
- Unit 1 Flare Campaign, 2021-Aug-29

The red shaded periods related to other issues corresponds to:

- None

2. LYRA instrument status

IOS

Start IOS	Mon Aug 23 2021	LYIOS00902
End IOS	Sun Aug 29 2021	LYIOS00904

LYRA detector temperature

LYRA detector 2 temperature globally varied between 48.88 and 51.59 °C.

3. SWAP instrument status

MCPM errors
The number of MCPM recoverable errors increased from 20658 to 20756.
The number of MCPM unrecoverable errors remained at 3135.

IOS

Start IOS	Mon Aug 23 2021	IOS00987
End IOS	Sun Aug 29 2021	IOS00988

SWAP detector temperature

The SWAP Cold Finger Temperature globally varied between -1.21 and -0.49 °C.

4. PROBA2 Science Center Status

The following changes were made to the P2SC:

- Deletion of old SWAP processing temporary files.

A large number of errors caused by the fact that there were too many files in the /p2sc/data/DDA/swap subdirectory resulted in the processing of a lot of SWAP data to fail on August 28 and 29. After cleaning this directory on August 30, the SWAP data was reprocessed.

5. Data reception & discussions with MOC

Passes

The delivery of the passes for this week (passes 38512 to 38572) 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 2021 Aug 23 0UT and 2021 Aug 30 0UT: 4602
Highest cadence in this period: 110 seconds
Average cadence in this period: 131.42 seconds
Number of image gaps larger than 300 seconds: 160
Largest data gap: 11.00 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
DAC	Data Acquisition Controller
DBR	Deployment, backup & recovery
DDA	Decommutated data archive
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)