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| P2SC-ROB-WR-232<br>- 20140901<br>Weekly report #232 | <b>P2SC Weekly report</b>   |  |
| Period covered:<br>Date:                            | Mon Sep 01 to Sun Sep 07, 2014<br>19 Sep 2014   | Royal Observatory of Belgium<br>-<br>PROBA2 Science Center                          |
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## 1. Science

### Solar & Space weather events

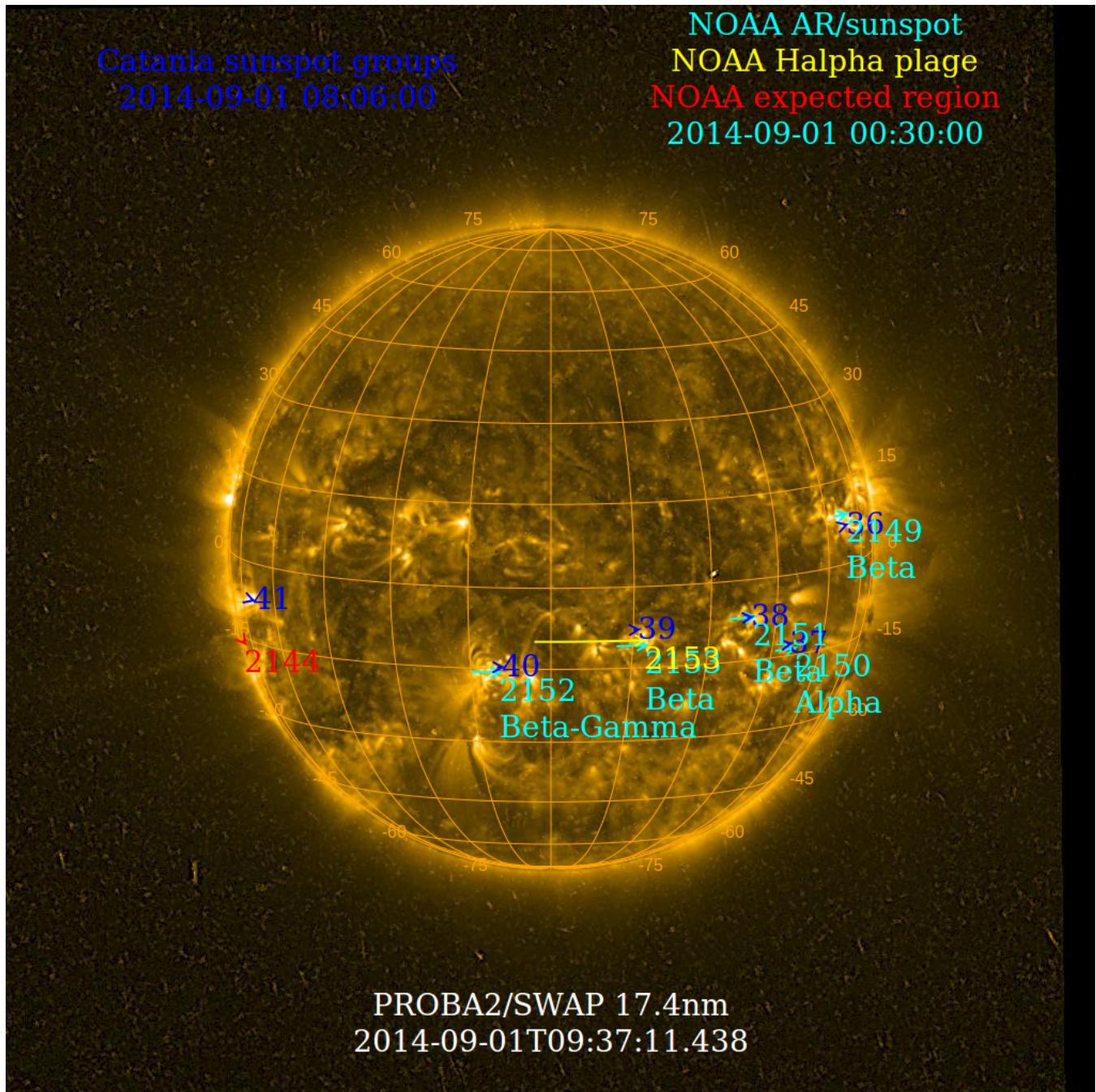
The level of solar activity<sup>1</sup> fluctuated between **low** and **moderate** this week.

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

|          | Monday<br>01 Sep | Tuesday<br>02 Sep | Wednesday<br>03 Sep | Thursday<br>04 Sep | Friday<br>05 Sep | Saturday<br>06 Sep | Sunday<br>07 Sep |
|----------|------------------|-------------------|---------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Activity | low              | low               | moderate            | low                | low              | moderate           | low              |
| Flares   | -                | -                 | <b>M2.5@13:54</b>   | -                  | -                | <b>M1.1@17:09</b>  | -                |

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

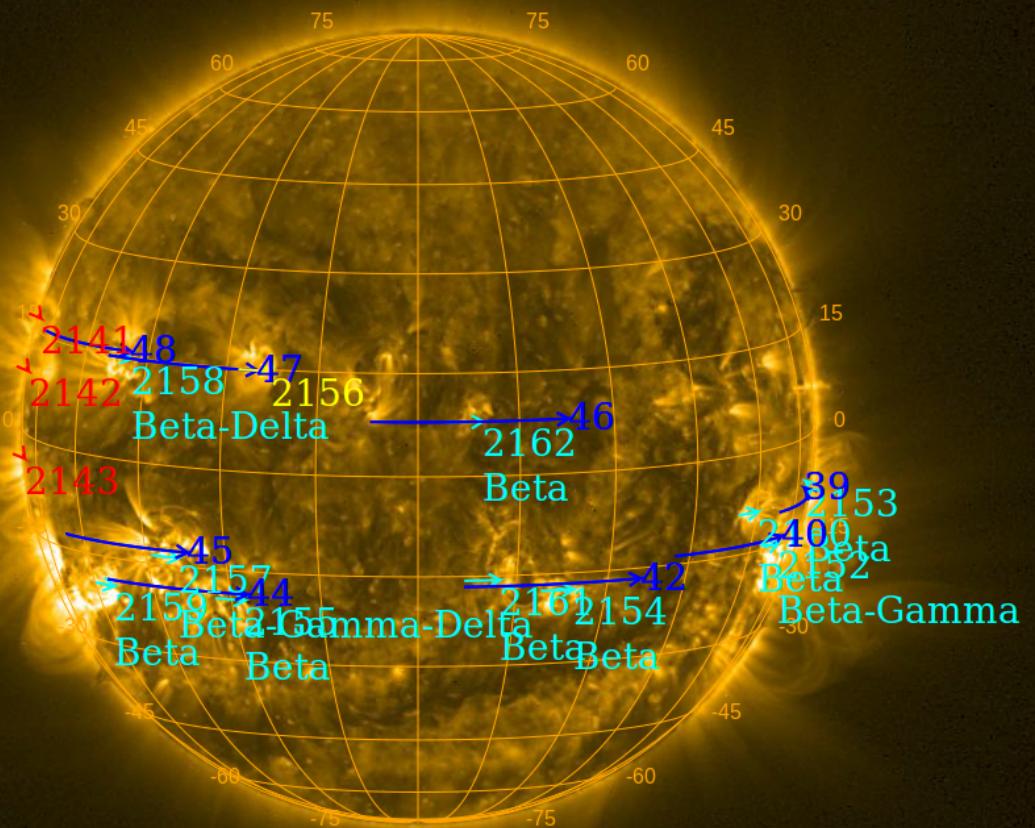
The SWAP images of Sep 01 and Sep 07 are shown below, with annotated active regions.



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

Catania sunspot groups  
2014-09-05 09:06:00

NOAA AR/sunspot  
NOAA Halpha plage  
NOAA expected region  
2014-09-07 00:30:00



PROBA2/SWAP 17.4nm  
2014-09-07T09:35:30.099

## **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: <http://proba2.oma.be/ssa>  
This page also lists the recorded flaring events.

A weekly overview movie can be found [here](#) (SWAP week 232).

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

Monday Sep 01



**PROBA2/SWAP 174 2014-09-01T11:27:41.549**

**EIT wave on the north east limb @ 11:27 - SWAP difference image**

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



**PROBA2/SWAP 174 2014-09-01T15:26:01.823**

**Loop expansion on the east limb @ 15:26 - SWAP difference image**

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



**PROBA2/SWAP 174 2014-09-01T22:04:42.232**

**Loop expansion on the east limb @ 22:04 - SWAP difference image**

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

Tuesday Sep 02



**PROBA2/SWAP 174 2014-09-02T16:12:23.281**

**Filament eruption on the northern half of the Sun @ 16:12 - SWAP difference image**

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

Thursday Sep 04



**PROBA2/SWAP 174 2014-09-04T02:32:55.343**

**Eruption on the west limb @ 02:32 - SWAP difference image**

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

Friday Sep 05



**PROBA2/SWAP 174 2014-09-05T06:31:47.024**

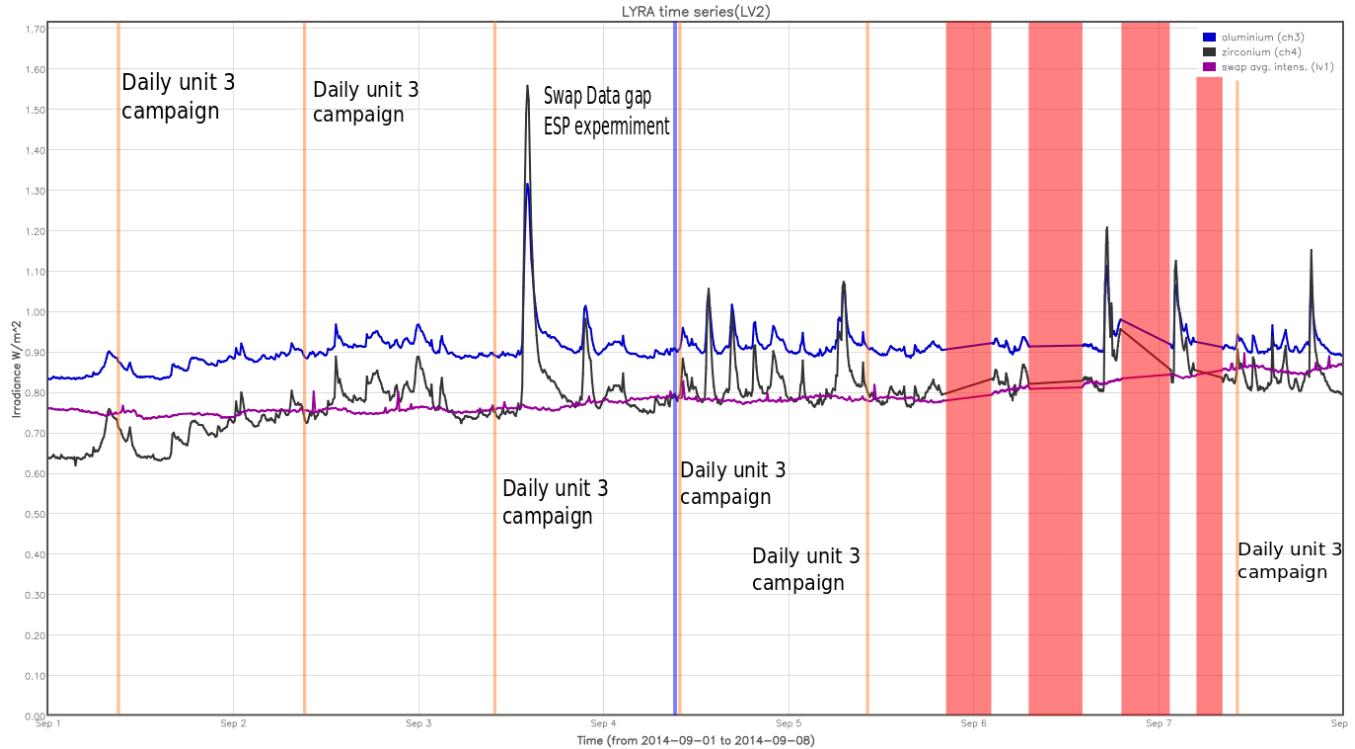
**Eruption on the east limb @ 06:31 - SWAP difference image**

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:

- A data gap in SWAP due to the ESP jump. (SWAP stops taking images to allocate CPU power to the ESP experiment)

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

- Daily unit 3 campaign, six times (The unit 3 campaign on the 6th of September was lost)

The red shaded period corresponds to:

- Data gaps in the LYRA and the auxiliary data

LYRA and auxiliary data gaps (red) were caused because KSAT didn't start recording on BBE5 during the following Svalbard downlink passes 15155, 15156, 15160, 15161, 15164, 15165, 15167, 15168, 15169. SWAP also had a reduced cadence. However, because of the priority allocation of the images there was no data gap. Separately, SWAP image download blocked during the pass 15164. An unblocking procedure was performed during the pass 15170 on 2014 - Sep -07 at 18:20:05

## **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>).

## **Guest Investigator Program**

- Jason Byrne visited the P2SC to work on “SWAP Studying the Low-Corona Initiation Phase of CMEs”

## 2. LYRA instrument status

### Calibration

No calibration this week.

### IOS & operations

| Monday<br>01 Sep                                    | Tuesday<br>02 Sep                                   | Wednesday<br>03 Sep                                 | Thursday<br>04 Sep                                  | Friday<br>05 Sep                                    | Saturday<br>06 Sep                                  | Sunday<br>07 Sep                                    |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Nominal acquisition +<br>daily U3<br><br>LYIOS00415 | Nominal acquisition +<br>daily U3<br><br>LYIOS00416 | Nominal acquisition +<br>daily U3<br><br>LYIOS00417 | Nominal acquisition +<br>daily U3<br><br>LYIOS00417 |

The following science campaigns were performed by LYRA:

- daily U3 observations campaign

### LYRA detector temperature

LYRA detector 2 temperature globally varied between 47.4 and 48.2 °C, taking into account the daily U3 activation periods.

### 3. SWAP instrument status

#### Calibration

No calibration this week.

#### MCPM errors

The number of MCPM recoverable errors increased from 21560 to 21739.

The number of MCPM unrecoverable errors remained at 1657.

#### IOS & operations

| Monday<br>01 Sep                              | Tuesday<br>02 Sep                             | Wednesday<br>03 Sep                           | Thursday<br>04 Sep  | Friday<br>05 Sep                              | Saturday<br>06 Sep                            | Sunday<br>07 Sep                              |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Nominal acquisition<br>IOS00535<br>659 images | Nominal acquisition<br>IOS00535<br>637 images | Nominal acquisition<br>IOS00535<br>666 images | Nominal acquisition +<br>ESP jump<br>IOS00535<br>647 images | Nominal acquisition<br>IOS00535<br>496 images | Nominal acquisition<br>IOS00536<br>227 images | Nominal acquisition<br>IOS00536<br>373 images |

Special operations for SWAP, this week:

- ESP jump

#### SWAP detector temperature

The SWAP Cold Finger Temperature globally varied between -1.3 and -0.6 °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 15113 to 15172) was nominal, except for:

- 15155, 15156, 15160, 15161, 15164, 15165, 15167, 15168, 15169.

### Data coverage HK

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

- 15155, 15156, 15160, 15161, 15164, 15165, 15167, 15168, 15169.

### Data coverage SWAP

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

- 15155, 15156, 15160, 15161, 15164, 15165, 15167, 15168, 15169.

The SWAP images download blocked during the pass 15164.

The unblocking procedure has been performed during the pass 15170 at 2014-09-07T18:20:05

Total number of images between 2014 Sep 01 0UT and 2014 Sep 08 0UT: 3705

Highest cadence in this period: 0 seconds

Average cadence in this period: 163.26 seconds

Number of image gaps larger than 300 seconds: 150

Largest data gap: 390.00 minutes

This data gap is from the 7th of September and is caused by the data downlinks missed at Svalbard and the SWAP images download blocking.

### Data coverage LYRA

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

- 15155, 15156, 15160, 15161, 15164, 15165, 15167, 15168, 15169.

## 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)