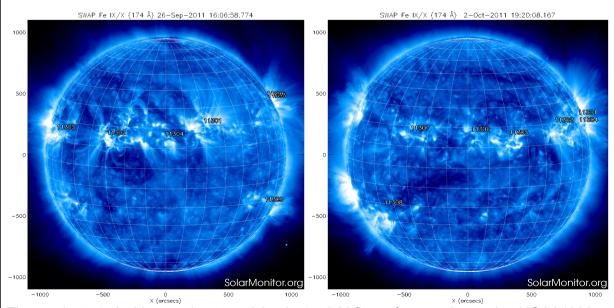
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# 1. Science

# Solar & Space weather events

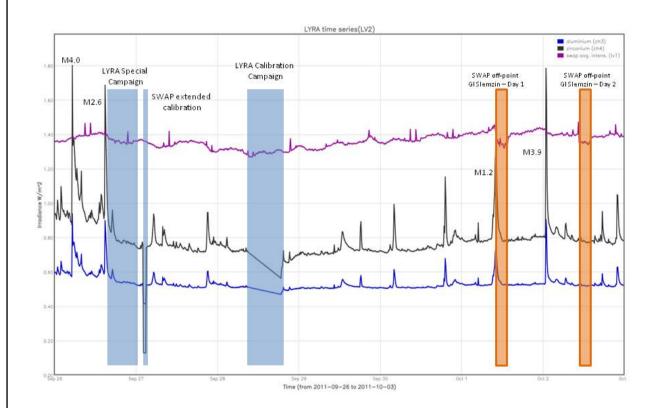
# **Overview**

The SWAP images of September 26 and October 02 are shown below, with annotated active regions:



The week started with a moderate activity due to 2 M flares from active region NOAA1302 on Sept.26. This active region, which featured a naked-eye sunspot, was the dominant one early in

the week. It was stable and then decayed slowly as it rotated across the disk, producing only one weak M flare and C flares for the rest of the week. Starting on Sept.29, active region NOAA1305, an H-type group, started to grow and took a Beta-gamma-delta configuration. It produced a succession of 3 M flares on Sept.30, Oct.1 and 2. The strongest one was an M3.9 flare at 00:40UT Oct.2. Those events occurred near disk center and were associated with rather slow Earth-directed CMEs.



Above we show the weekly overview of LYRA Al/Zr signals and SWAP average intensity (SWAVINT in purple). A LYRA flare hunting campaign was initiated on Monday 13:00, in view of the activity on the Sun, in the week-end before.

The orange indicators show SWAP - east pointed - off-point periods, commanded for a Guest Investigator campaign (Vladimir Slemzin) - see below for more details.

Solar activity evolved from High early in the week, to Medium for the rest of the week. Four M-flares were observed, 2 early and 2 late in the week.

# Scientific campaigns

A Guest Investigator campaign was started this week (Oct 1; Vladimiar Slemzin). For this campaign, we follow a specific AR during its passage on the solar surface, i.e. during 14 days. The first two days of this campaign (day 1 & 2) are indicated. The next 10 days of this campaign are covered by nominal SWAP operation sequences. The last 2 days (day 13 & 14) will be covered by 2 - west

pointed - off-point periods.

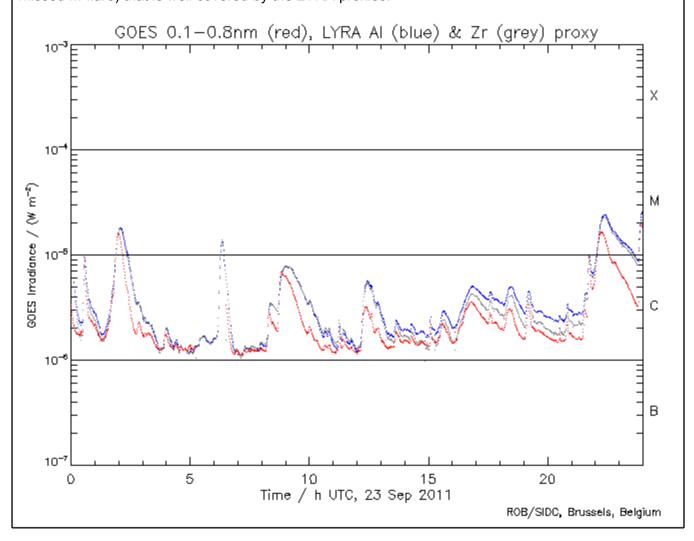
## Outreach, papers, presentations, etc.

Guest Investigator Nandita Srivastava and a student from the University of Liege (Maxime Devogele) visited the P2SC. The latter will do his master thesis on space weather events observed by SWAP.

### To be explored

New flare figures are produced that use LYRA short wavelength timelines as a proxy for the GOES X-ray flare monitoring. These figures are available at

http://solwww.oma.be/users/dammasch/GoesVsLyra.html and an example (from the previous week) is shown below. Note in particular the GOES data gap (Earth occultation) around 06:00 (with a missed M-flare) that is well covered by the LYRA proxies.



## 2. LYRA instrument status

Calibration

LYRA calibration campaigns occurred on Wednesday at 09:00, followed by a back-up acquisition campaign on 19:20.

## **IOS & operations**

Monday 26 Sep	Tuesday 27 Sep	Wednesday 28 Sep	Thursday 29 Sep	Friday 30 Sep	Saturday 01 Oct	Sunday 02 Oct
Nominal acquisition + LYRA flare hunting campaign	Nominal acquisition	Nominal acquisition + LYRA calibration campaign & b/ u acquisition	Nominal acquisition	Nominal acquisition	Nominal acquisition	Nominal acquisition
LYIOS00193	LYIOS00193	LYIOS00193	LYIOS00193	LYIOS00193	LYIOS00193	LYIOS00193

## LYRA detector temperature

The LYRA detector 2 temperature (nominal unit) fluctuated between 45.6 and 47.1 degrees Celsius during nominal operations. During the special LYRA campaign, the temperature reached 48.5 degrees.

The overall evolution is normal.

## To be explored

3. SWAP instrument status

#### Calibration

The weekly 'extended' SWAP calibration campaigns was executed on Tuesday.

### **MCPM** recoverable errors

Increased from 442 to 476 this week.

The number of MCPM unrecoverable errors is still 0.

## **IOS & operations**

Monday Tuesday Wednesday 26 Sep 27 Sep 28 Sep	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	29 Sep	30 Sep	01 Oct	02 Oct

Nominal acquisition 110s cadence	Nominal acquisition + calibration campaign, including extra darks acquisition	Nominal acquisition	Nominal acquisition + ESP campaign	Nominal acquisition	Nominal acquisition + Day 1 of GI campaign (Vladimir Slemzin)	Nominal acquisition + Day 2 of GI campaign (Vladimir Slemzin)
IOS00333	IOS00332	IOS00332	IOS00332	IOS00333	IOS00334	IOS00334
761 images	708 images	719 images	661 images	637 images	615 images	646 images

## **SWAP** detector temperature

The SWAP Cold Finger Temperature fluctuated between -1,27 and -0,11 degrees Celsius. Temperature evolution is normal.

## To be explored

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# 4. PROBA2 Science Center Status

Erik Pylyser, supported by David Berghmans & Joe Zender, was operator during this week.

No tools were updated on the operational server.

# 5. Data reception & discussions with MOC

#### **Passes**

All passes, except pass 5813 (see below) were received nominally.

#### Data coverage HK

The HK data were complete this week.

#### **Data coverage SWAP**

BINSWAP\_5813 was not processed successfully at P2SC. This did not result in significant data loss.

Statistics for complete week:

Total number of images between 2011 Sep 26 0UT and 2011 Oct 03 0UT: 4802

Highest cadence in this period: 29 seconds Average cadence in this period: 125.92 seconds Number of image gaps larger than 300 seconds: 3

Largest data gap: 29.00 minutes

The one large data gap of 29 min was commanded to allow for an ESP test.

## **Data coverage LYRA**

The HK data were complete this week.

# 6. APPENDIX Frequently used acronyms

ADP Ancillary Data Processor

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
DR Destructive Readout

DSLP Dual Segmented Langmuir Probe
EIT Extreme ultraviolet Imaging Telescope
FITS Flexible Image Transport System

FOV Field Of View FPA Focal Plane Assembly

FPGA Field Programmable Gate Arrays
GPS Global Positioning System
HAS High Accuracy Star tracker

HK Housekeeping

ICD Interface Control Document
IIU Instrument Interface Unit
IOS Instrument Operations Sheet

LED Light Emitting Diode LEO Low Earth Orbit

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
NDR
OBET
OBSW
PE
Mission Operation Center
Non Destructive Readout
On board Elapsed Time
On board Software
Proximity Electronics

PGA Programmable Gain Amplifier

PI Principal Investigator
P2SC PROBA2 Science Center

PPT Pointing, Positioning and Time (software module of P2SC)

ROB Royal Observatory of Belgium

SAA South Atlantic Anomaly SCOS Spacecraft Operation System

SEU | Single Event Upset

SOHO Solar and Heliospheric Observatory

SWAP Sun Watcher using APS detector and image Processing

SWAVINT | SWAP AVerage INTensity

SWBSDG | SWAP Base Science Data Generator

SWEDG SWTMR	SWAP Engineering Data Generator (software module of P2SC) SWAP Telemetry Reformatter (software module of P2SC)
TBC	To Be Confirmed
TBD	To Be Defined
TBW	To Be Written
TC	Telecommand
TPMU	Thermal Plasma Measurement Unit
UTC	Coordinated Universal Time
UV	Ultraviolet