P2SC-ROB-WR- 223- 20140630 Weekly report #223	P2SC Weekly report	* **** ****
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# 1. Science

# Solar & Space weather events

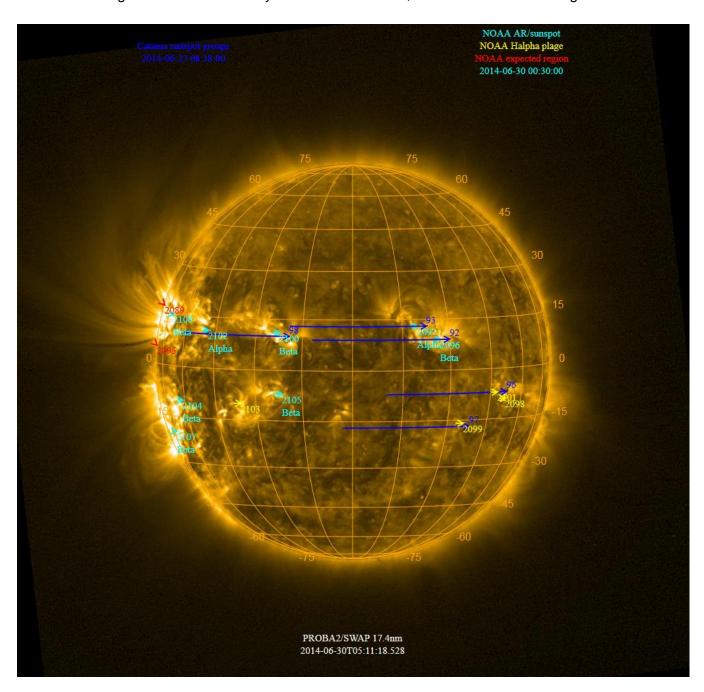
The level of solar activity<sup>1</sup> was mostly **low** during this week, **moderate** on Tuesday (M1.4 flare).

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

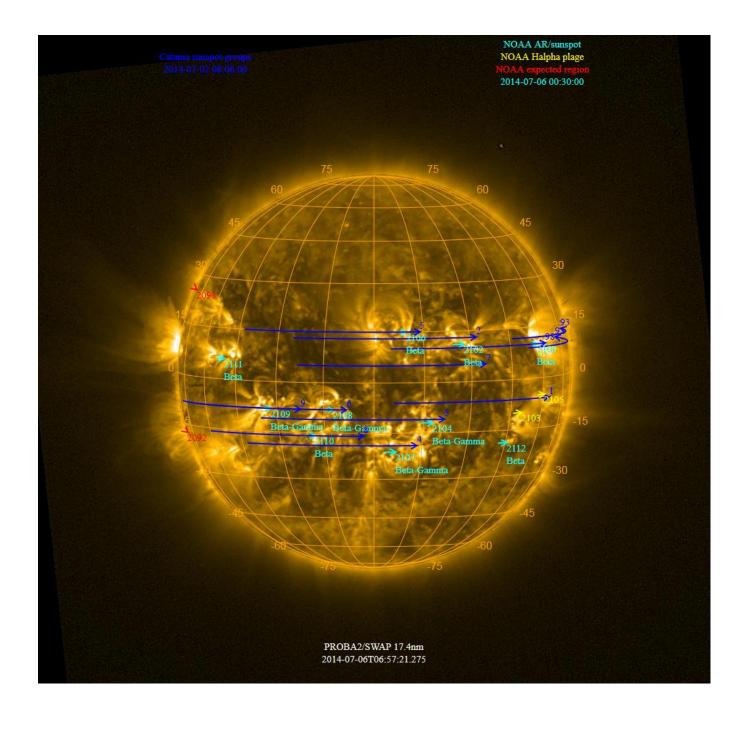
	Monday 30 Jun	Tuesday 01 Jul	Wednesday 02 Jul	Thursday 03 Jul	Friday 04 Jul	Saturday 05 Jul	Sunday 06 Jul
Activity	low	moderate	low	low	low	low	low
Flares	-	M1.4@11:23	-	-	-	-	-

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

The SWAP images of June 30 and July 06 are shown below, with annotated active regions.



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



# **Solar Activity**

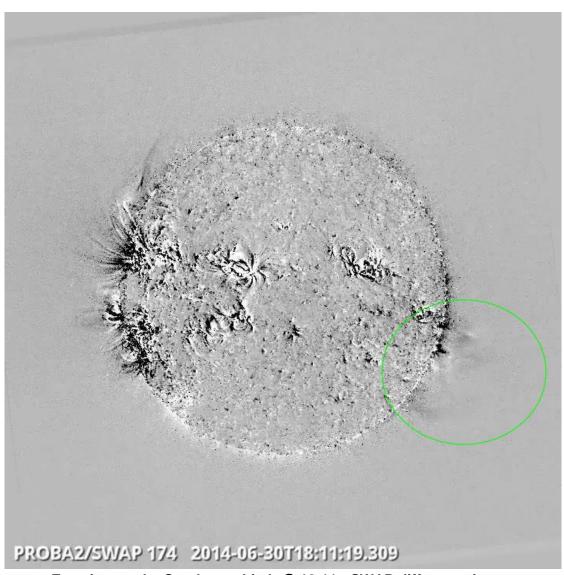
The level of solar activity was mostly low during this week, moderate on Tuesday (M1.4 flare).

In order to view the activity of this week in more detail, we suggest going 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 223).

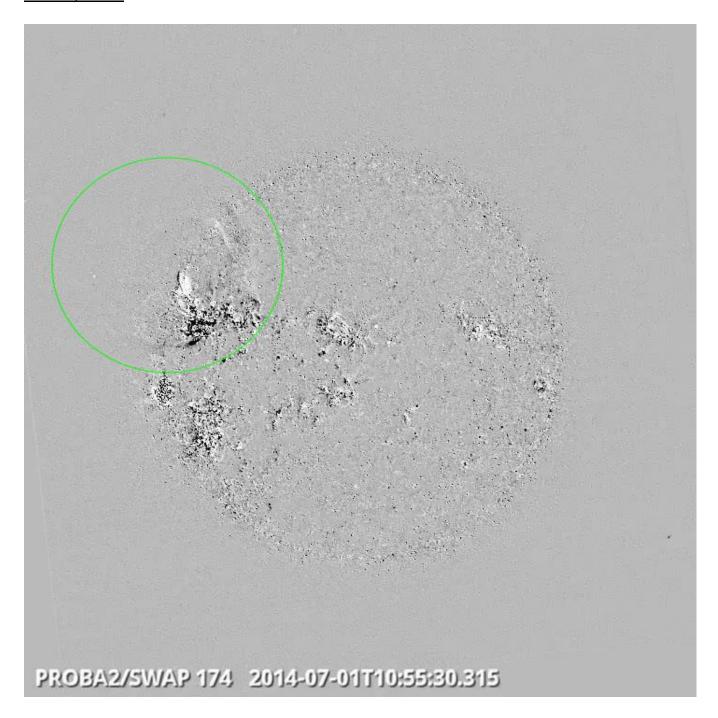
Details about some of this week's events can be found further below.

## Monday Jun 30



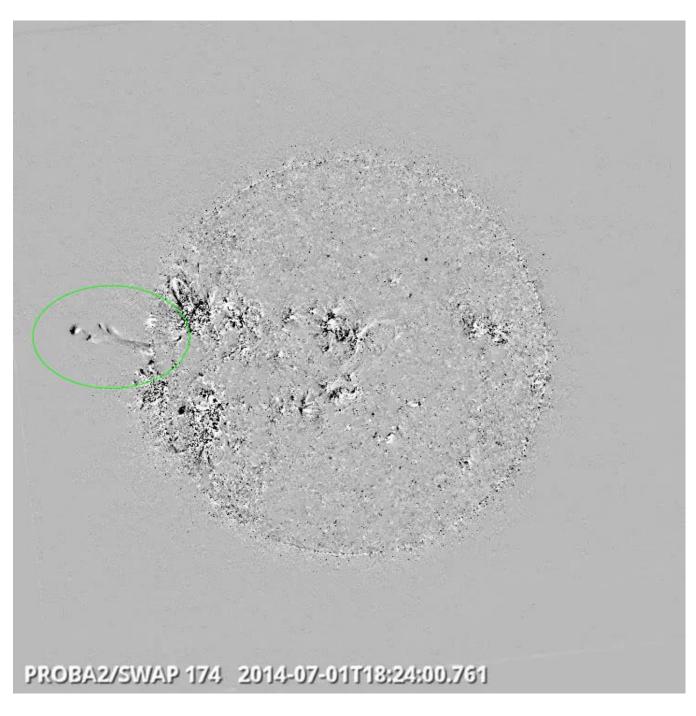
Eruption on the Southwest Limb @ 18:11 - SWAP difference image

# Tuesday Jul 01



M1.4 flare in the Northeast Quadrant @ 10:55 - SWAP difference image

A movie of this occurrence can be viewed **here**.



Jet-like Eruption on the East limb @ 18:24 - SWAP difference image (several of such eruptions occurred during a period of about 2 days)

# Sunday Jul 06

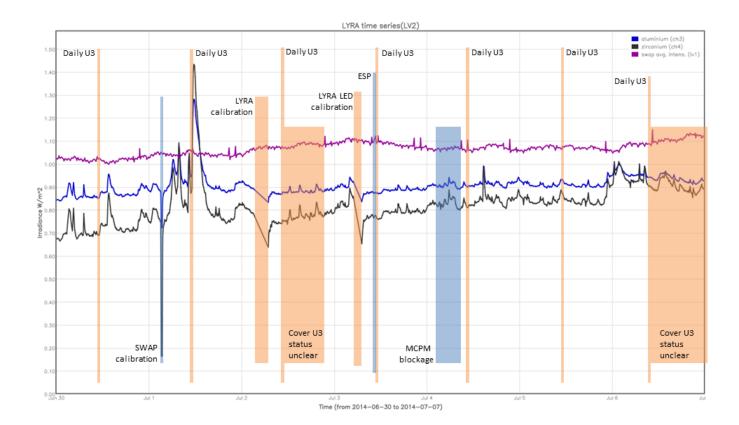


Prominence Eruption, Northern Hemisphere @ 19:31 - SWAP difference image

An overview of the weekly LYRA & SWAP data is provided below:

The following curves are visible:

- black: Zirconium Channel LYRA Unit 2
- blue: Aluminum Channel of LYRA Unit 2
- purple: SWAVINT (SWAP Average Intensity; integrated solar intensity per SWAP image pixel)



The (LYRA related) orange shaded periods correspond to, from left to right (see also section 2):

- Daily LYRA unit 3 campaign (2 consecutive days)
- Bi-weekly LYRA calibration campaign on Wednesday
- Daily LYRA unit 3 campaign (once)
- Period of unclear Unit 3 cover status (Wednesday)
- Special LYRA LED calibration campaign (Thursday)
- Daily LYRA unit 3 campaign (4 times)
- Period of unclear Unit 3 cover status (from Sunday to Monday)

The (SWAP related) blue shaded periods correspond to, from left to right (see also section 3)

- bi-weekly SWAP calibration campaign on Tuesday.
- SWAP support to monthly ESP campaign ('ESP jump')
- MCPM blockage (no image downloads)

### 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).

SWAP & LYRA data is being provided to the VENUS EXPRESS mission, in support of their upcoming operations to aerobrake the orbiter into Venus' atmosphere (see also this ESA <u>link</u>). This type of information is provided on a daily basis and can be found on this <u>website</u>.

### **Guest Investigator Program**

None

#### **Other Visitors**

None

# 2. LYRA instrument status

#### Calibration

Normal bi-weekly LYRA calibration on Tuesday. An additional specific LYRA LED calibration campaign was performed on Thursday, 05:00.

## **IOS & operations**

Monday 30 Jun	Tuesday 01 Jul	Wednesday 02 Jul	Thursday 03 Jul	Friday 04 Jul	Saturday 05 Jul	Sunday 06 Jul
Nominal acquisition + daily U3	Nominal acquisition + daily U3	Nominal acquisition + daily U3 + calibration	Nominal acquisition + daily U3 + special calibration	Nominal acquisition + daily U3	Nominal acquisition + daily U3	Nominal acquisition + daily U3
LYIOS00404	LYIOS00405	LYIOS00407	LYIOS00407	LYIOS00407	LYIOS00407	LYIOS00407

The following science campaigns were performed by LYRA:

• Daily LYRA unit 3 campaign (7 consecutive days)

LYRA encountered two periods of unclear status for the U3 cover, occurring after the daily U3 campaign:

- Wednesday 02/07 from 10:07 to 19:35 (status restored after sending IOS 407)
- Sunday 06/07 from 09:41 until the next daily campaign of Monday 07/07

### LYRA detector temperature

During normal operations, the LYRA detector 2 temperature varied between 47.6 and 46.6 °C, taking into account the small daily U3 activation temperature peaks. During the bi-weekly calibration campaign, temperature dropped to 45.4 °C.

# 3. SWAP instrument status

#### Calibration

SWAP calibration on Wednesday.

#### **MCPM** errors

The number of MCPM recoverable errors increased from 19772 to 19950.

The number of MCPM unrecoverable errors remained at 1657.

### **IOS & operations**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
30 Jun	01 Jul	02 Jul	03 Jul	04 Jul	05 Jul	06 Jul
Nominal acquisition	Nominal acquisition + calibration	Nominal acquisition	Nominal acquisition + ESP 'jump'	Nominal acquisition	Nominal acquisition	Nominal acquisition
IOS00524	IOS00525	IOS00525	IOS00525	IOS00525	IOS00525	IOS00525
525 images	656 images	636 images	563 images	661 images	589 images	574 images

Special SWAP operations this week

• SWAP support to ESP campaign on Thursday

SWAP data was not downlinked, due to a period of MCPM blockage on Friday 4th:

• between 02:48 (pass 14601) and 09:18 (pass 14603, unblocking procedure by REDU)

# **SWAP** detector temperature

The SWAP Cold Finger Temperature varied between -0.40 °C and -1.36 °C.

# 4. PROBA2 Science Center Status

The main operator is Erik Pylyser, supported by 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 14568 and 14625) was nominal, except for:

• passes 14568, 14569 and (part of) 14570

### Data coverage HK

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

None

### **Data coverage SWAP**

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

- 14568, 14569 and (part of) 14570
- 14602 (MCPM blockage)

Total number of images between 2014 Jun 30 0UT and 2014 Jul 07 0UT: 4204

Highest cadence in this period: 30 seconds Average cadence in this period: 143.84 seconds Number of image gaps larger than 300 seconds: 1

Largest data gap: 34.33 minutes

The large data gap is due to the SWAP support for the monthly ESP campaign. During that period, no images are taken.

# **Data coverage LYRA**

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

• pass 14568

# 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
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)