


| | | |
|---|---|---|
| P2SC-ROB-WR-279 - 20150727 Weekly report #279 | P2SC Weekly report |  |
| Period covered: Date: Written by: Approved by: | Mon Jul 27 to Aug 02, 2015 05 Aug 2015 Robbe Vansintjan D.B. Seaton | Royal Observatory of Belgium - PROBA2 Science Center |
| To: | LYRA PI, marie.dominique@sidc.be SWAP PI, dseaton@sidc.be | http://proba2.sidc.be ++ 32 (0) 2 3730559 |
| cc: | ROB DIR, ronald@oma.be ESA Redu, Etienne.Tilmans@esa.int ESA D/SRE, Joe.Zender@esa.int ESA D/TEC, Juha-Pekka.Luntama@esa.int | |

1. Science

Solar & Space weather events

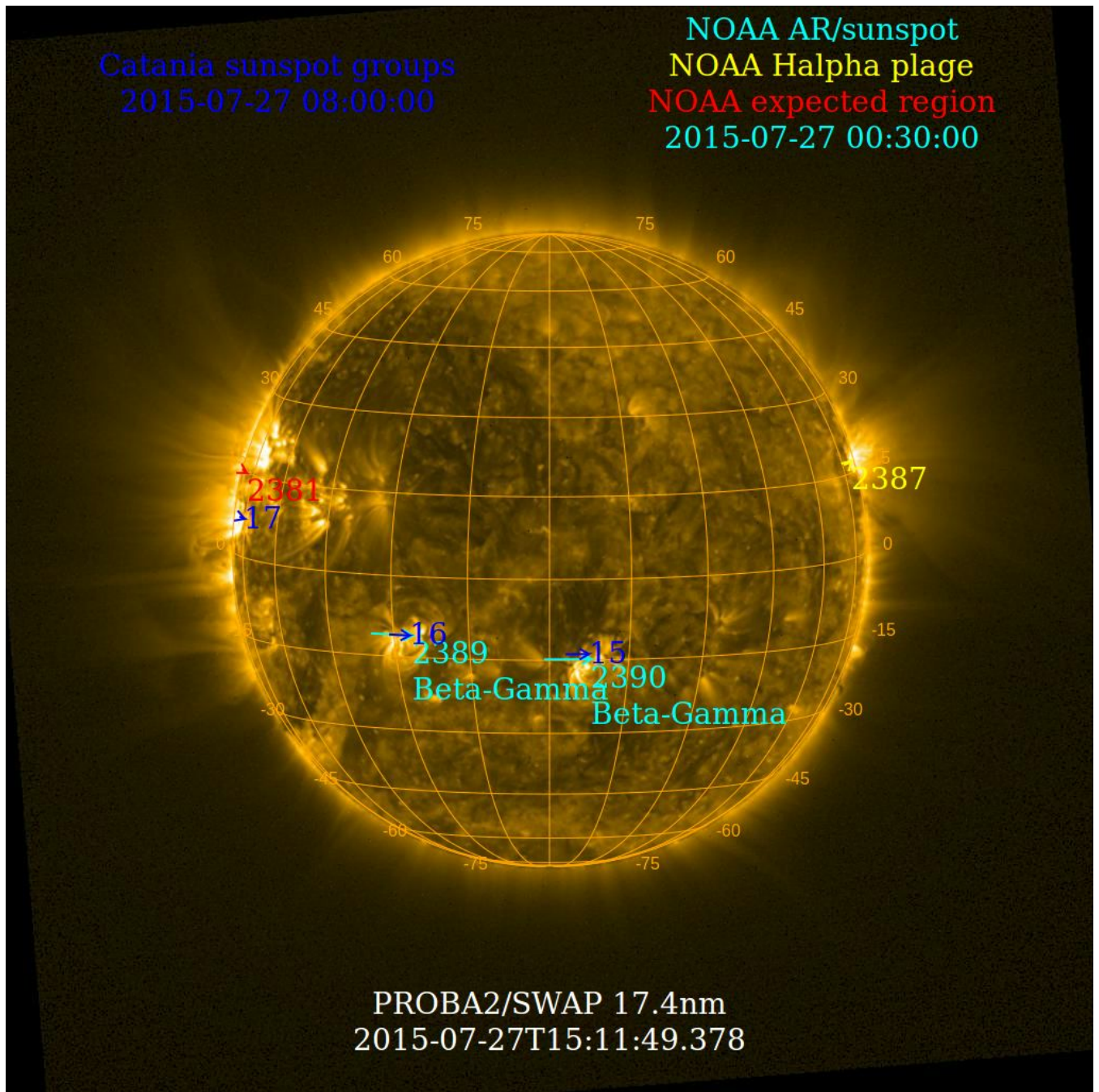
The level of solar activity¹ fluctuated between **very low** and **low** this week.

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

| | Monday 27 Jul | Tuesday 28 Jul | Wednesday 29 Jul | Thursday 30 Jul | Friday 31 Jul | Saturday 01 Aug | Sunday 02 Aug |
|----------|------------------|-------------------|---------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Activity | very low | very low | very low | very low | very low | low | very low |
| Flares | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |

¹ See appendix. All timings are given in UT.

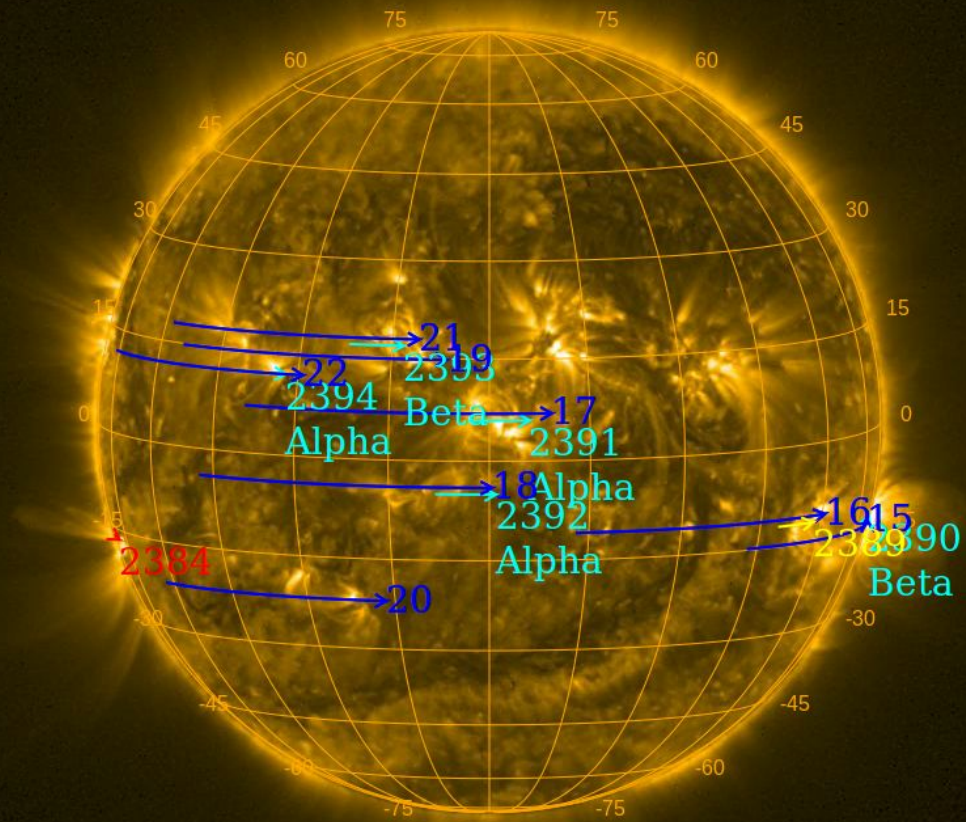
The SWAP images of Jul 27 and Aug 02 are shown below, with annotated active regions.



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

Catania sunspot groups
2015-07-30 08:06:00

NOAA AR/sunspot
NOAA Halpha plage
NOAA expected region
2015-08-02 00:30:00



PROBA2/SWAP 17.4nm
2015-08-02T15:09:08.472

Solar Activity

Solar flare activity fluctuated between very low and low during the week.

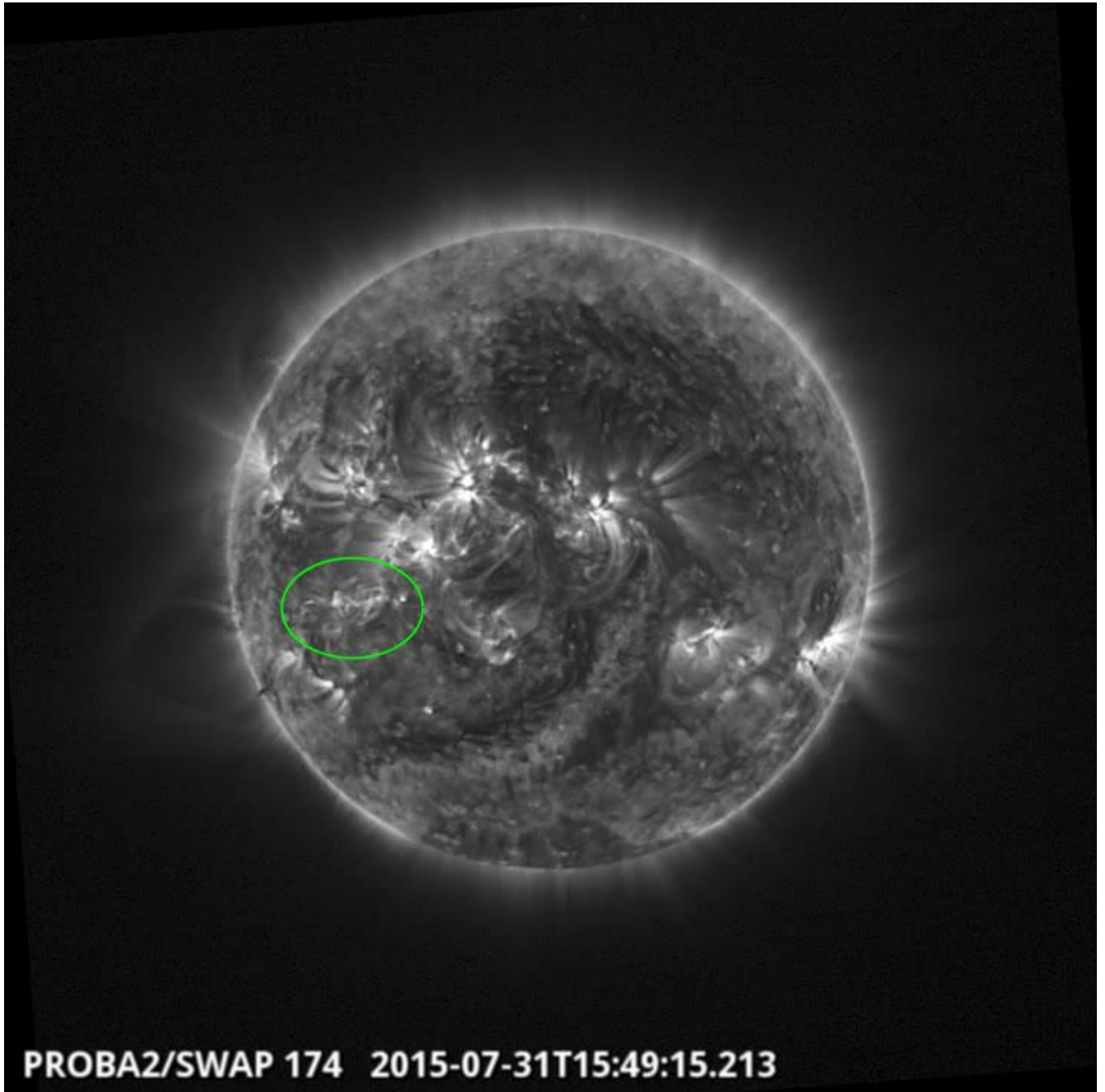
In order to view the activity of this week in more detail, we suggest to go to the following website from which all the daily (normal and difference) movies can be accessed: <http://proba2.oma.be/ssa>

This page also lists the recorded flaring events.

A weekly overview movie can be found [here](#) (SWAP week 279).

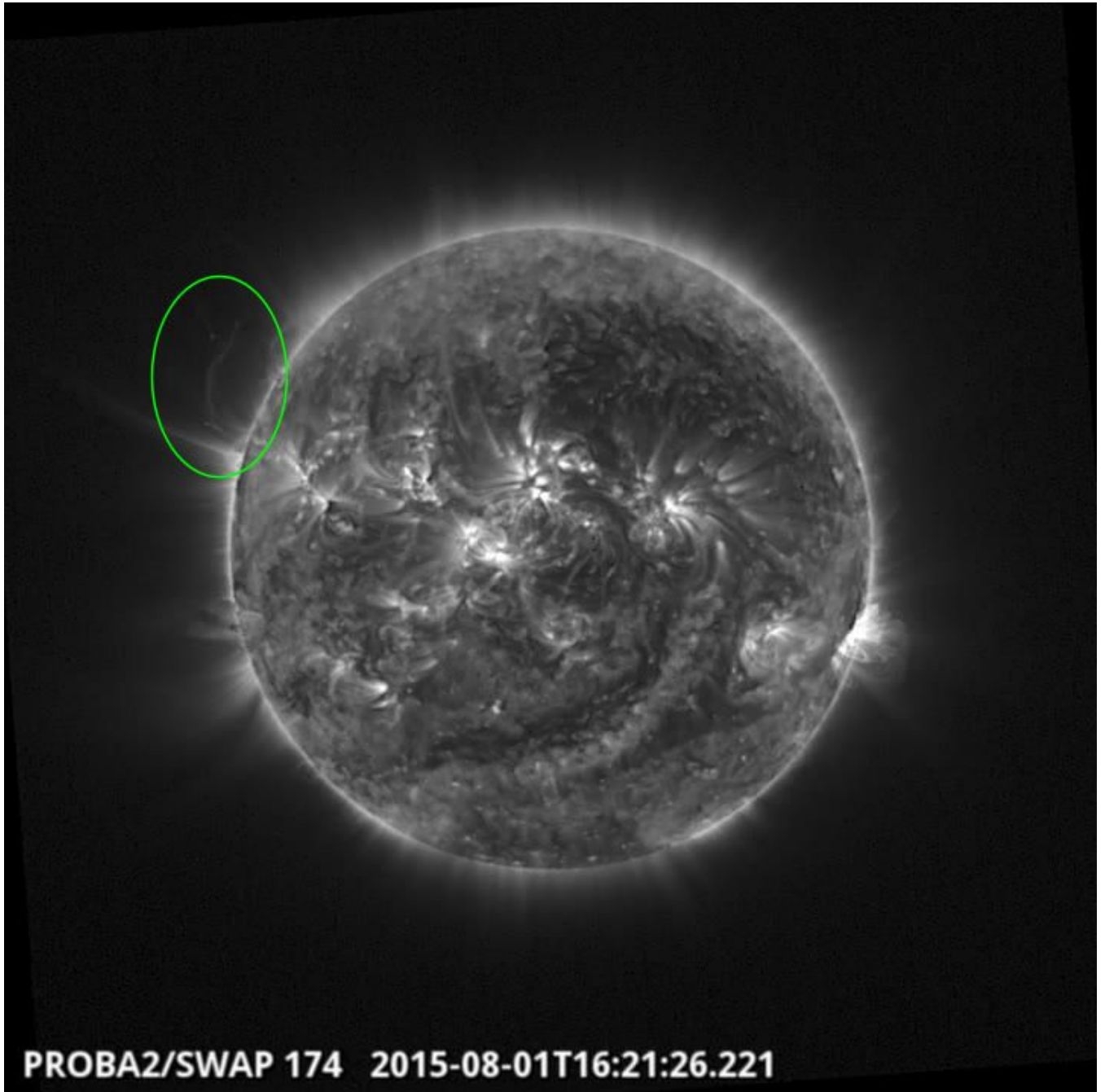
Details about some of this week's events, can be found further below.

Friday Jul 31



Jet the south east quad @ 15:49 - SWAP image
Find a movie of the event [here](#) (SWAP movie)

Saturday Aug 01

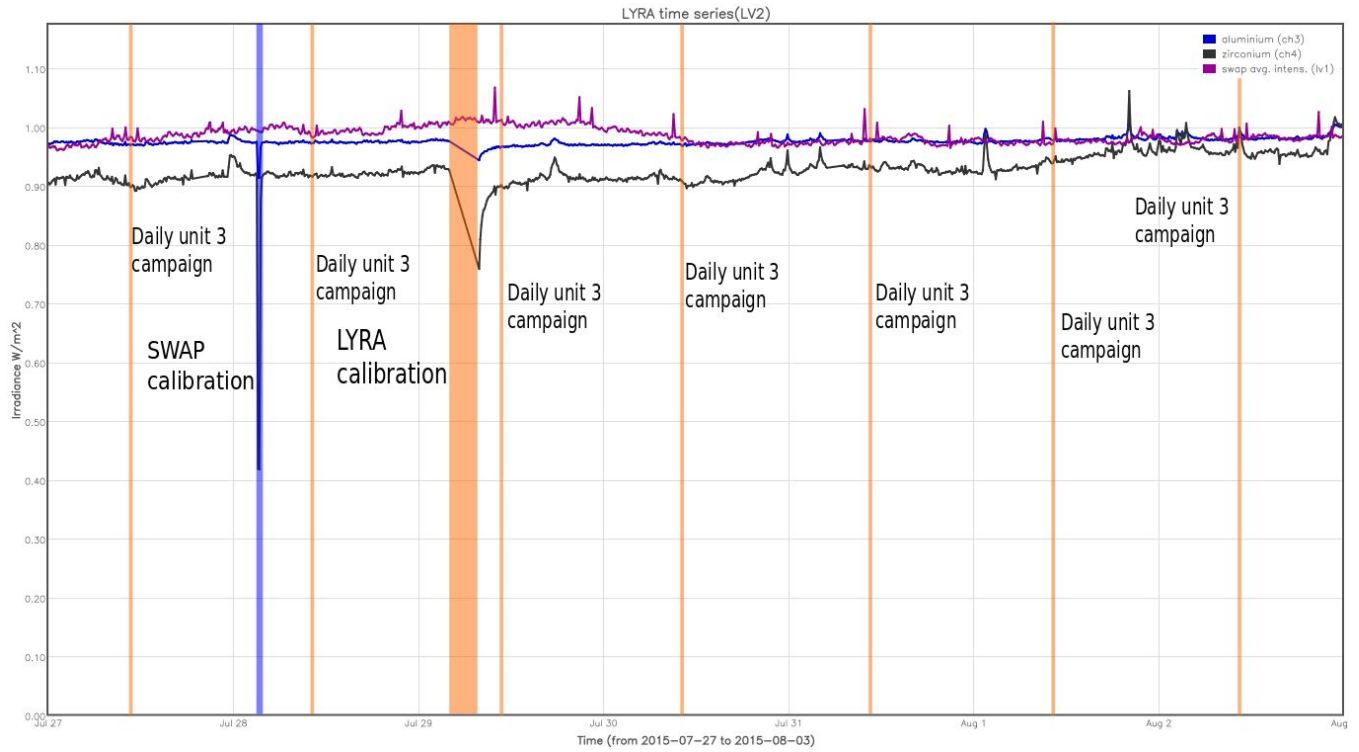


Plasma dynamics on the east limb @ 16:21 - SWAP image
Find a movie of the event [here](#) (SWAP movie)

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:

- bi-weekly SWAP calibration campaign, 2015-07-27

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

- Daily unit 3 campaign, 2015-07-27
- Daily unit 3 campaign, 2015-07-28
- LYRA calibration campaign, 2015-07-29
- Daily unit 3 campaign, 2015-07-29
- Daily unit 3 campaign, 2015-07-30
- Daily unit 3 campaign, 2015-07-31
- Daily unit 3 campaign, 2015-08-01
- Daily unit 3 campaign, 2015-08-02

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

- C. Arridge LYRA “Solar EUV & solar wind effects on the ionosphere of Venus.”

2. LYRA instrument status

Calibration

Calibration campaign on Wednesday this week.

IOS & operations

| Monday 27 Jul | Tuesday 28 Jul | Wednesday 29 Jul | Thursday 30 Jul | Friday 31 Jul | Saturday 01 Aug | Sunday 02 Aug |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Nominal acquisition + daily U3 | Nominal acquisition + daily U3 | Nominal acquisition + daily U3 + calibration | Nominal acquisition + daily U3 | Nominal acquisition + daily U3 | Nominal acquisition + daily U3 | Nominal acquisition + daily U3 |
| LYIOS00484 | LYIOS00484 | LYIOS00484 | LYIOS00484 | LYIOS00485 | LYIOS00485 | LYIOS00485 |

The following science campaigns were performed by LYRA:

- daily U3 observations campaign
- bi-weekly LYRA calibration

LYRA detector temperature

LYRA detector 2 temperature globally varied between 45.8 and 48 °C.

3. SWAP instrument status

Calibration

Calibration campaign on Tuesday this week.

MCPM errors

The number of MCPM recoverable errors remained at 128.

The number of MCPM unrecoverable errors remained at 0.

IOS & operations

| Monday 27 Jul | Tuesday 28 Jul | Wednesday 29 Jul | Thursday 30 Jul | Friday 31 Jul | Saturday 01 Aug | Sunday 02 Aug |
|------------------------|---|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Nominal acquisition | Nominal acquisition + calibration | Nominal acquisition | Nominal acquisition | Nominal acquisition | Nominal acquisition | Nominal acquisition |
| IOS00589 634 images | IOS00589 708 images | IOS00589 686 images | IOS00589 695 images | IOS00590 688 images | IOS00590 700 images | IOS00590 675 images |

Special operations for SWAP, this week:

- bi-weekly calibration

SWAP detector temperature

The SWAP Cold Finger Temperature globally varied between -1.29 and -0.56 °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 18033 to 18095) 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 Jul 27 0UT and 2015 Aug 03 0UT: 4786

Highest cadence in this period: 30 seconds

Average cadence in this period: 126.37 seconds

Number of image gaps larger than 300 seconds: 127

Largest data gap: 9.17 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)