


P2SC-ROB-WR-395 - 20171016 Weekly report #395	<b>P2SC Weekly report</b>	
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## 1. Science

### Solar & Space weather events

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

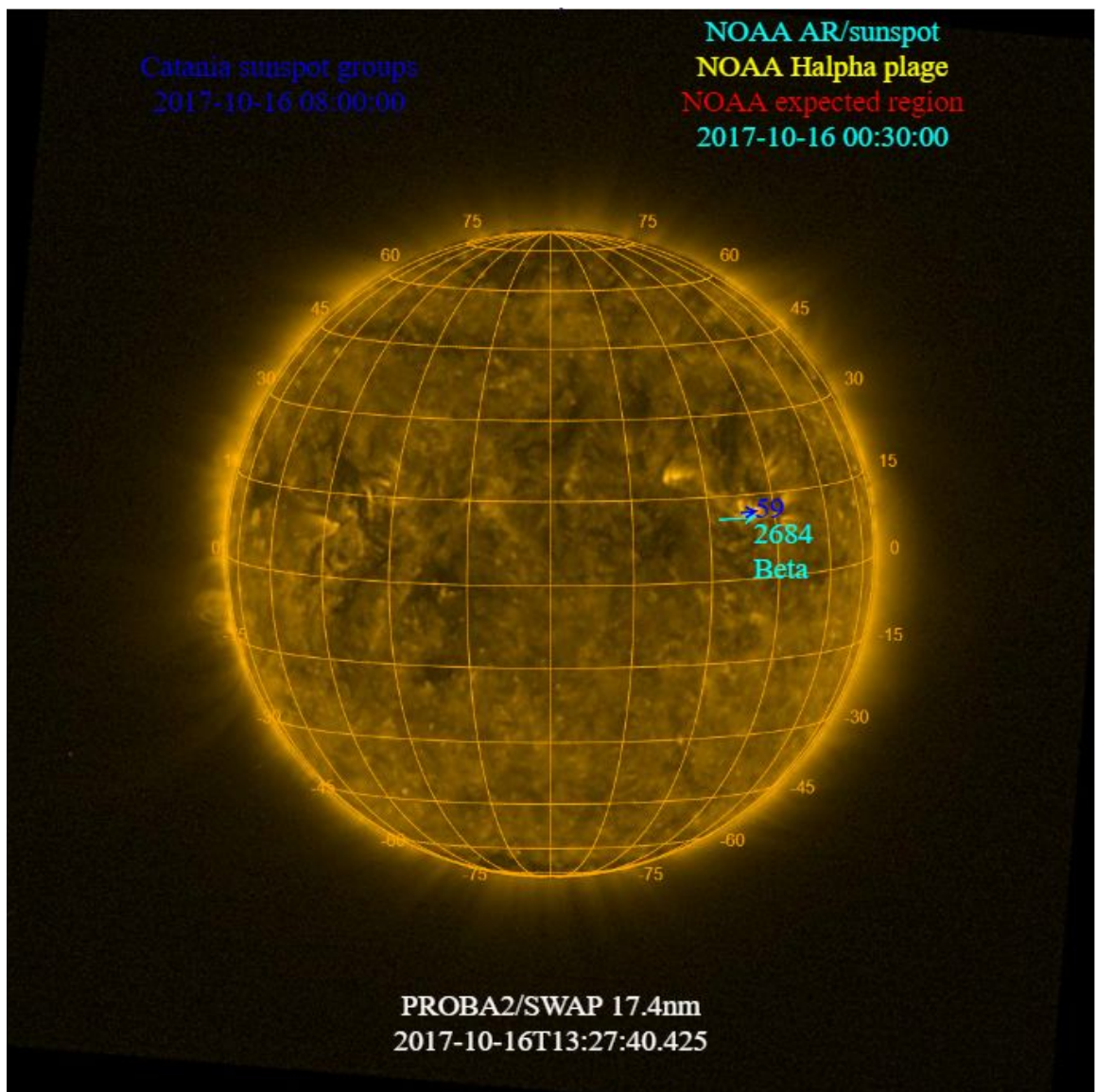
Only M- and X-flares are mentioned, the most energetic one(s) per day are presented in **bold**:

	Monday 16 Oct	Tuesday 17 Oct	Wednesday 18 Oct	Thursday 19 Oct	Friday 20 Oct	Saturday 21 Oct	Sunday 22 Oct
Activity	very low	very low	very low	very low	moderate	very low	very low
Flares	-	-	-	-	<b>M1.1@23:10</b>	-	-

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

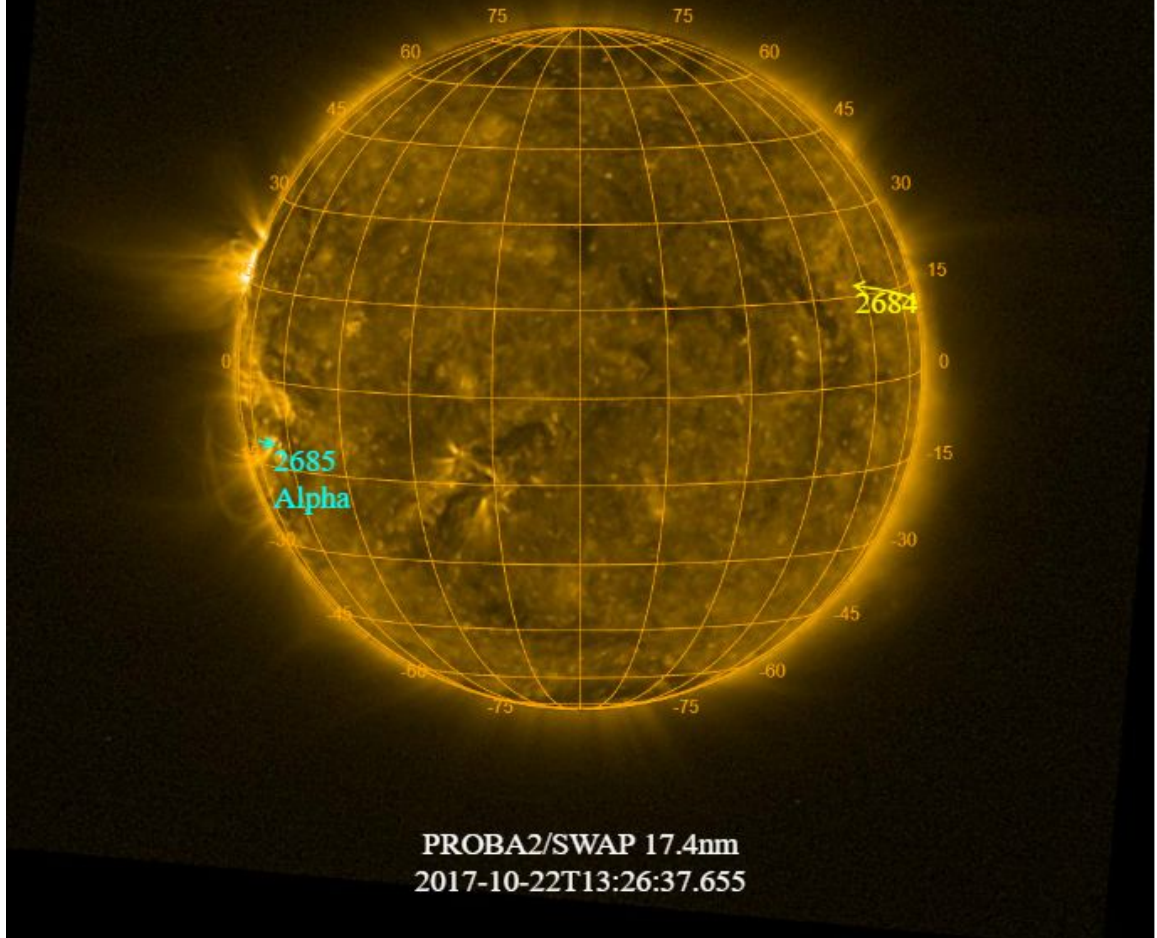
The SWAP images of Oct 16 and Oct 22 are shown below, with annotated active regions.



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

Catania sunspot groups  
No observation

NOAA AR/sunspot  
NOAA Halpha plage  
NOAA expected region  
2017-10-22 00:30:00



## **Solar Activity**

Solar flare activity fluctuated between very 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 395).

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](#)

Friday Oct 20



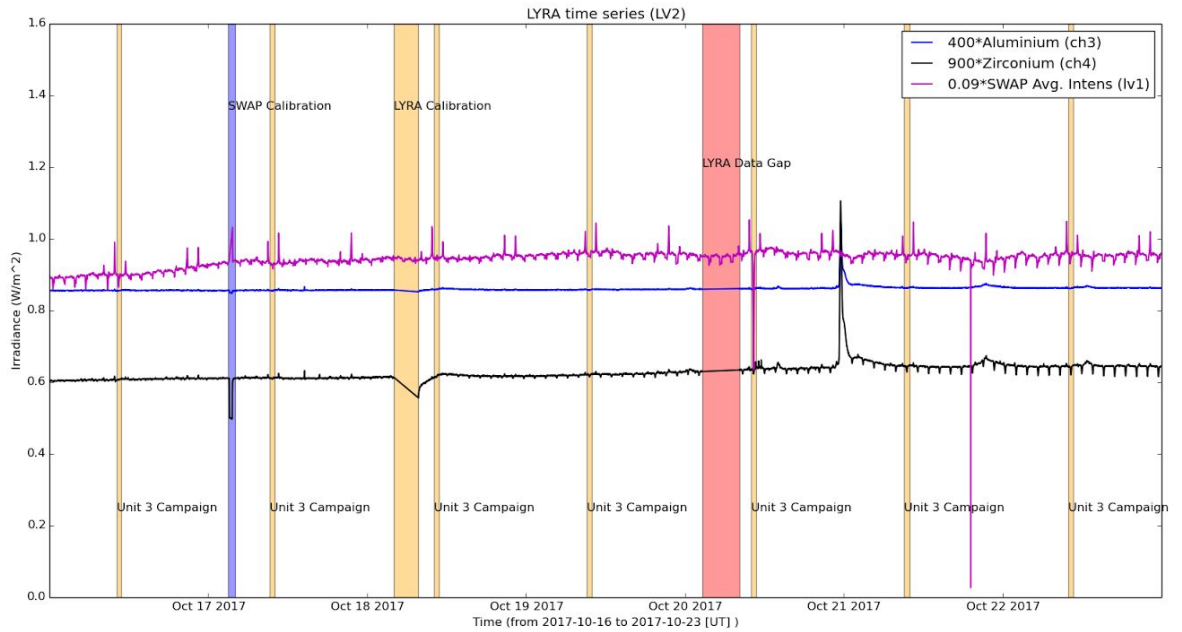
The largest flare of the week was an M-class (M1.1) flare and was observed by SWAP on 2017-Oct-20. The flare and corresponding eruption is visible on the eastern limb of the Sun in the SWAP image above at 23:21 UT.

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 related to SWAP, correspond to, from left to right:

- Bi-weekly calibration, 2017-Oct-17

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

- Daily unit 3 campaign, 2017-Oct-16
- Daily unit 3 campaign, 2017-Oct-17
- Bi-weekly short calibration, 2017-Oct-18
- Daily unit 3 campaign, 2017-Oct-18
- Daily unit 3 campaign, 2017-Oct-19
- Daily unit 3 campaign, 2017-Oct-20
- Daily unit 3 campaign, 2017-Oct-21
- Daily unit 3 campaign, 2017-Oct-22

The red shaded periods related to other issues corresponds to:

- LYRA data gap 02:39:00 UT to 08:12:31 UT due to data not being recorded with unit 2

**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**

- None

## 2. LYRA instrument status

### Calibration

Calibration campaign on Wednesday this week.

### IOS & operations

Monday 16 Oct	Tuesday 17 Oct	Wednesday 18 Oct	Thursday 19 Oct	Friday 20 Oct	Saturday 21 Oct	Sunday 22 Oct
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
LYIOS00652	LYIOS00652	LYIOS00652	LYIOS00652	LYIOS00652	LYIOS00653	LYIOS00653

The following science campaigns were performed by LYRA:

- daily U3 observations campaign

On 2017-Oct-18

- Bi-weekly short calibration

On 2017-Oct-20

- A LYRA data gap was experienced from 02:39:00 UT to 08:12:31 UT due to data not being recorded with unit 2. This is due to a suspected particle event

### LYRA detector temperature

LYRA detector 2 temperature globally varied between 49.98 and 52.54 °C.



### 3. SWAP instrument status

#### Calibration

Calibration campaign on Tuesday this week.

#### MCPM errors

The number of MCPM recoverable errors increased from 12171 to 12389.

The number of MCPM unrecoverable errors remained at 45.

#### IOS & operations

Monday 16 Oct	Tuesday 17 Oct	Wednesday 18 Oct	Thursday 19 Oct	Friday 20 Oct	Saturday 21 Oct	Sunday 22 Oct
Nominal acquisition	Nominal acquisition + calibration	Nominal acquisition	Nominal acquisition	Nominal acquisition	Nominal acquisition	Nominal acquisition
IOS00717 595 images	IOS00717 685 images	IOS00718 653 images	IOS00718 747 images	IOS00718 767 images	IOS00719 675 images	IOS00719 641 images

Special operations for SWAP, this week:

On 2017-Oct-17:

- Bi-weekly calibration

#### SWAP detector temperature

The SWAP Cold Finger Temperature globally varied between 1.43 and 2.63 °C.

#### **4. PROBA2 Science Center Status**

The main operator is Laurence Wauters.

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 25472 to 25538) 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 2017 Oct 16 00:00 UT and 2017 Oct 23 00:00 UT: 4908

Highest cadence in this period: 29 seconds

Average cadence in this period: 123.22 seconds

Number of image gaps larger than 300 seconds: 106

Largest data gap: 18.45 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)