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| P2SC-ROB-WR-708<br>- 20231016                               | <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 low** this week.

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

|          | Monday<br>16 Oct | Tuesday<br>17 Oct | Wednesday<br>18 Oct | Thursday<br>19 Oct | Friday<br>20 Oct | Saturday<br>21 Oct | Sunday<br>22 Oct |
|----------|------------------|-------------------|---------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Activity | low              | low               | very low            | low                | low              | low                | very low         |
| Flares   | -                | -                 | -                   | -                  | -                | -                  | -                |

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

## **Solar Activity**

Solar flare activity fluctuated from very low to 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: <https://proba2.oma.be/ssa>

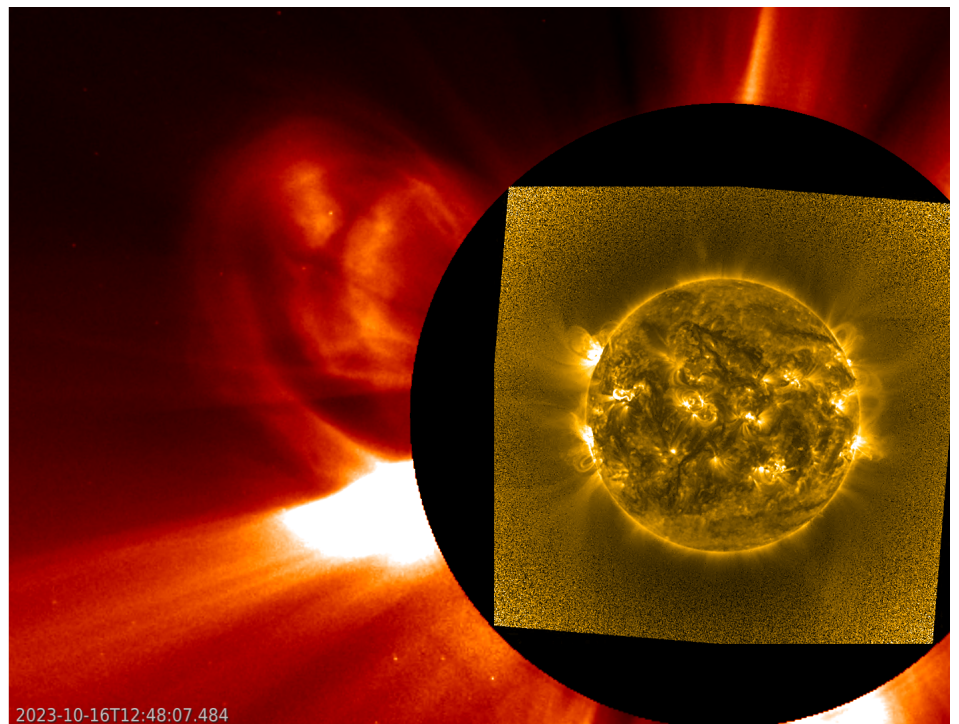
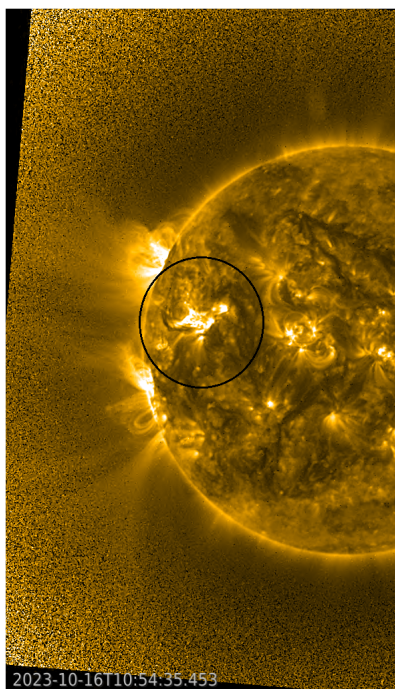
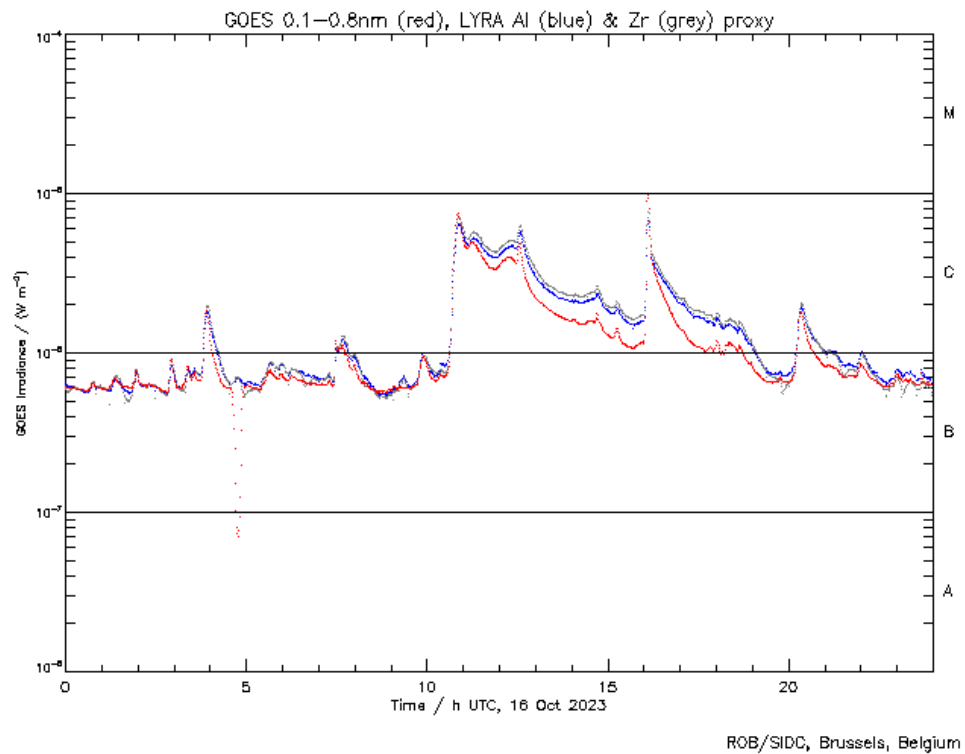
This page also lists the recorded flaring events.

A weekly overview movie can be found [here](#) (SWAP week 708).

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](#)

Monday Oct 16



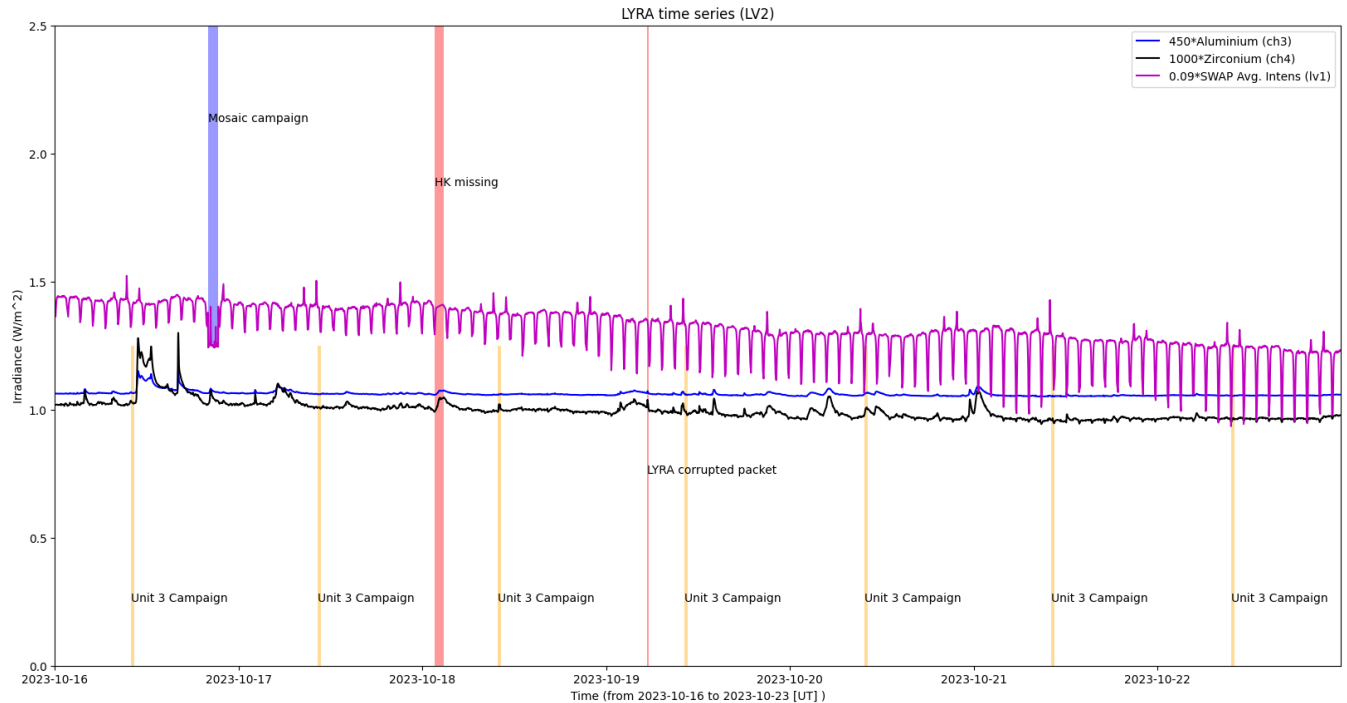
A filament eruption occurred on 2023-Oct-16 and originated from NOAA AR3467 located on the eastern hemisphere. The filament can be seen encircled in black in the SWAP image in the bottom left figure. The eruption was associated with a C7.5 flare, which peaked at 10:51 UT and can be seen in the LYRA curve in the top panel. The event was also correlated with an eastward CME which was captured by SOHO/LASCO C2 (entered the field of view at 11:48 UT) and can be seen in the bottom right composite image with SWAP in the center.

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

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 )



## Operations and Calibrations:

The blue shaded periods related to SWAP, correspond to, from left to right:

- Mosaic campaign, 2023-Oct-16

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

- Daily Unit 3 campaign, 2023-Oct-16
- Daily Unit 3 campaign, 2023-Oct-17
- Daily Unit 3 campaign, 2023-Oct-18
- Daily Unit 3 campaign, 2023-Oct-19
- Daily Unit 3 campaign, 2023-Oct-20
- Daily Unit 3 campaign, 2023-Oct-21
- Daily Unit 3 campaign, 2023-Oct-22

The red shaded periods related to other issues corresponds to:

- HK data gap on 2023-Oct-18, between 01:37-02:47 UT
- corrupted LYRA data on 2023-Oct-19, between 05:21-05:32 UT

**2. LYRA instrument status**

**IOS**

|           |                 |            |
|-----------|-----------------|------------|
| Start IOS | Mon Oct 16 2023 | LYIOS01037 |
| End IOS   | Sun Oct 22 2023 | LYIOS01037 |

**LYRA detector temperature**

LYRA detector 2 temperature globally varied between 52.25 and 53.39 °C.

### 3. SWAP instrument status

**MCPM errors**

The number of MCPM recoverable errors increased from 49016 to 49384.  
The number of MCPM unrecoverable errors remained at 3135.

**IOS**

|           |                 |          |
|-----------|-----------------|----------|
| Start IOS | Mon Oct 16 2023 | IOS01144 |
| End IOS   | Sun Oct 22 2023 | IOS01144 |

**SWAP detector temperature**

The SWAP Cold Finger Temperature globally varied between 1.59 and 2.87 °C.

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

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 45384 to 45441) was nominal, except for:

- Small LYRA\_AD for pass 45402
- Small BINSWAP for pass 45421

### Data coverage HK

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

- None
- HK data gap on 2023-Oct-18 between 01:37-02:47 UT; initially too small LYRA\_AD for pass 45402; data was re-extracted during pass 45411, but the re-processing did not fill in the gap completely.

### Data coverage SWAP

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

- None.
- BINSWAP file for pass 45421 was too small (740KB), but the data exists, so it was probably sent with passes 45422 and 45423

Total number of images between 2023 Oct 16 00:00 UT and 2023 Oct 23 00:00 UT: 3852

Highest cadence in this period: 0 seconds

Average cadence in this period: 156.95 seconds

Number of image gaps larger than 300 seconds: 283

Largest data gap: 11.00 minutes

### Data coverage LYRA

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

- None
- Corrupted LYRA data on 2023-Oct-19 between 05:21-05:32 UT (during pass 45411); data seems oversampled and overlapping



## 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)