


P2SC-ROB-WR-716 - 20231211	P2SC Weekly report	
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1. Science

Solar & Space weather events

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

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

	Monday 11 Dec	Tuesday 12 Dec	Wednesday 13 Dec	Thursday 14 Dec	Friday 15 Dec	Saturday 16 Dec	Sunday 17 Dec
Activity	low	low	low	high	moderate	low	moderate
Flares	-	-	-	X2.8, M2.3, M5.8	M6.9, M6.3	-	M1.1

¹ See appendix. All timings are given in UT.

Solar Activity

Solar flare activity fluctuated from low to high 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>

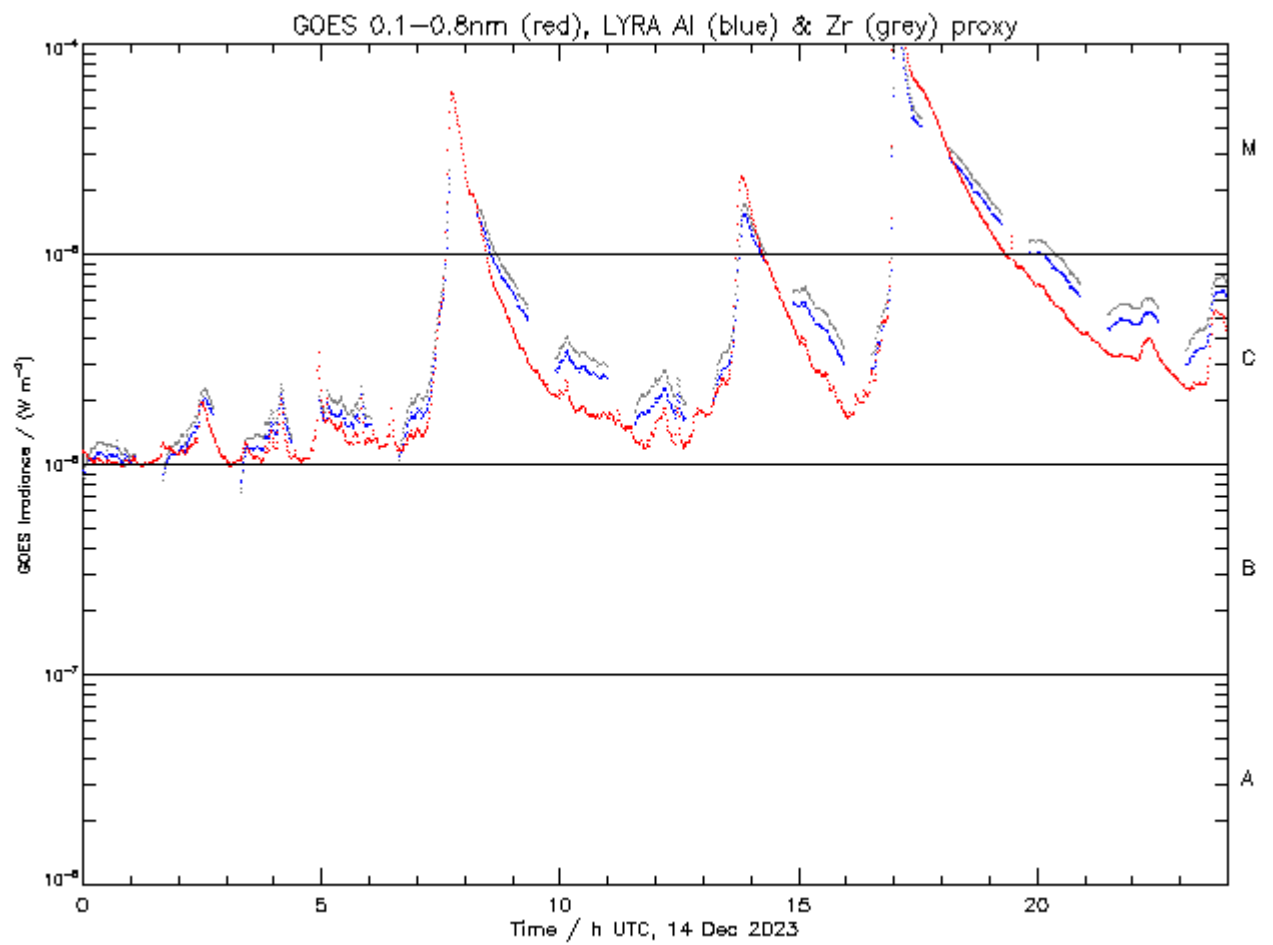
This page also lists the recorded flaring events.

A weekly overview movie can be found [here](#) (SWAP week 716).

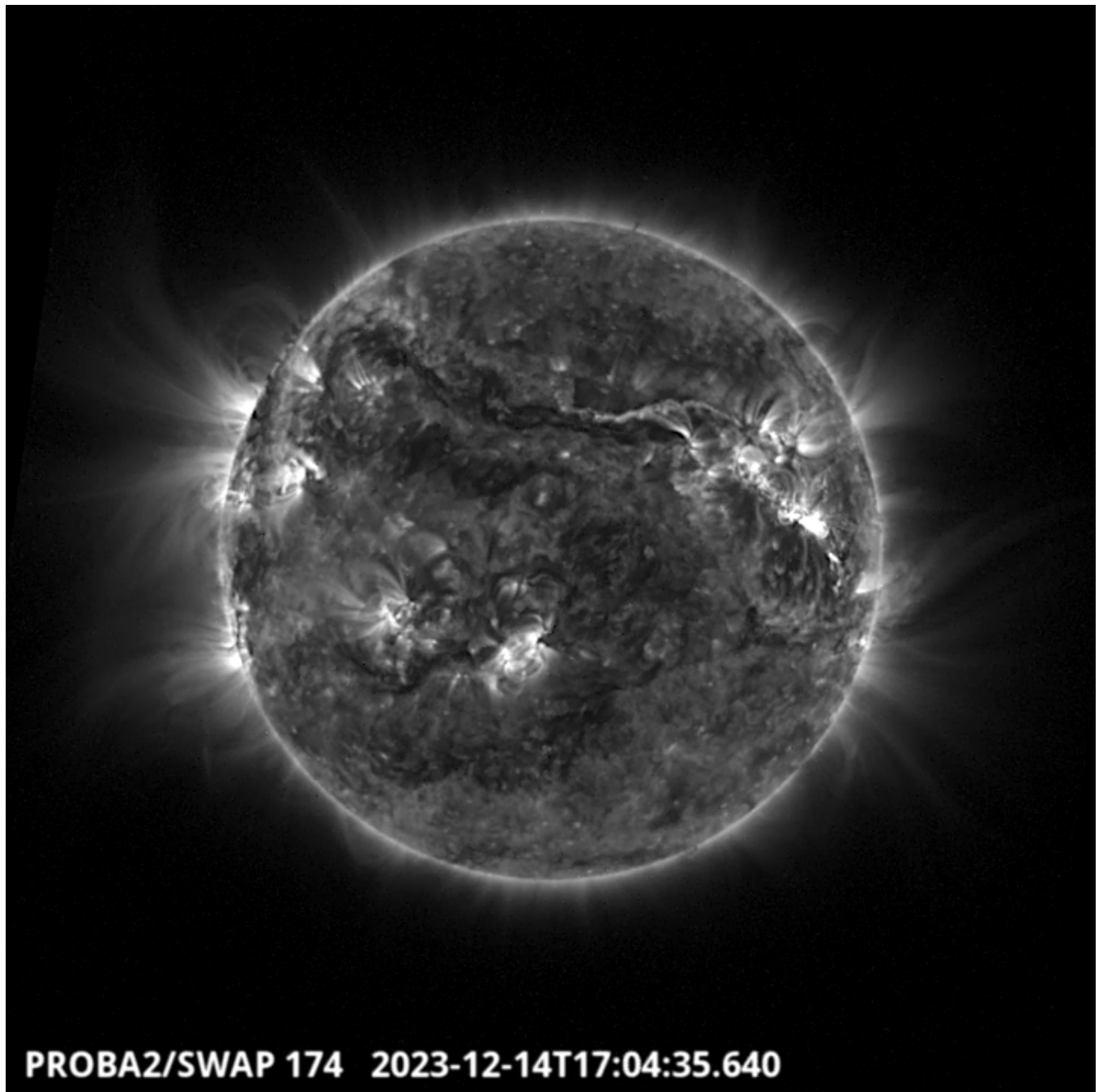
Details about some of this week's events can be found further below.

If any of the linked movies are unavailable they can be found in the P2SC movie repository [here](#)

Thursday Dec 14



ROB/SIDC, Brussels, Belgium

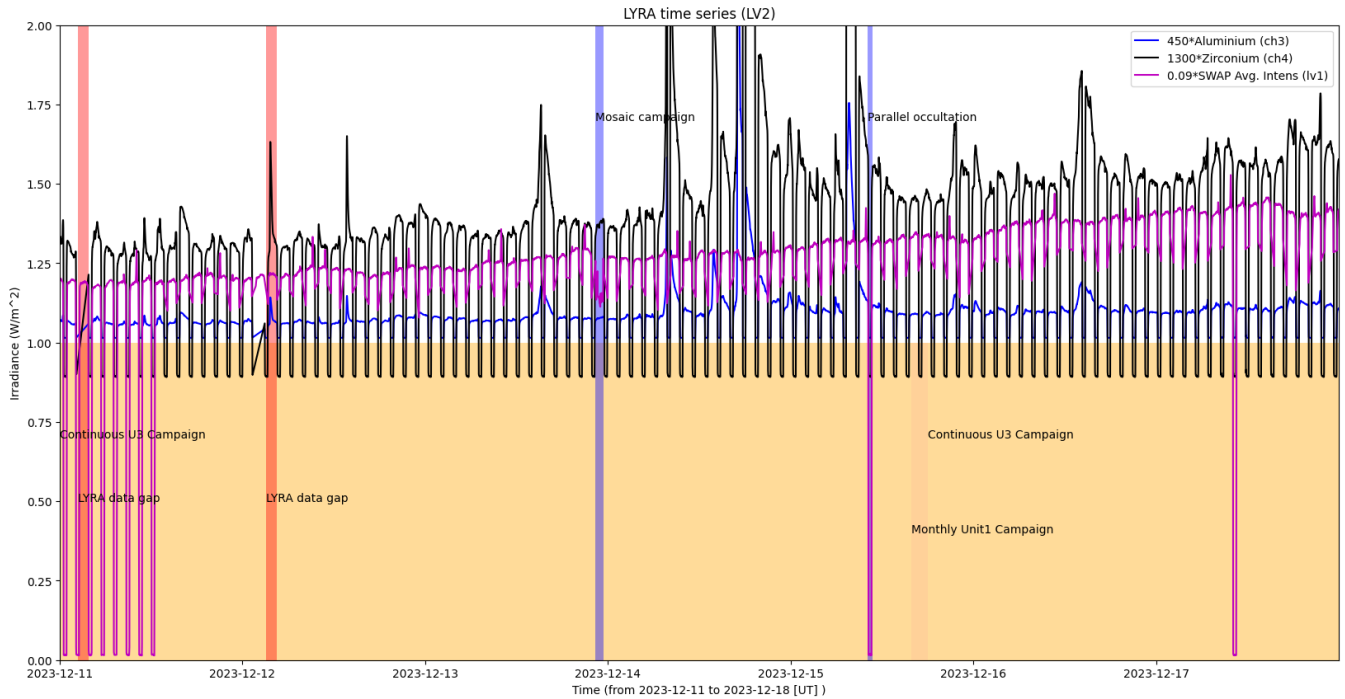


A X2.8 flare, the largest flare of the current solar cycle so far, occurred on December 14 around 17:04 UT in the North West part of the solar disk (see the above LYRA curves and SWAP image). It was produced by the NOAA AR 3514 (N05W50). It was followed by a CME.

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:

- SWAP mosaic, 2023-Dec-13
- SWAP Parallel occultation campaign with LYRA, 2023-Dec-15

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

- Continuous Unit3 campaign
- Monthly Unit 1 campaign, 2023-Dec-15

The red shaded periods related to other issues corresponds to:

- LYRA data for pass 45859 seems corrupted on-board, (2023-Dec-11)
- LYRA data for pass 45868 seems corrupted on-board (2023-Dec-12)

2. LYRA instrument status

IOS

Start IOS	Mon Dec 11 2023	LYIOS01045
End IOS	Sun Dec 17 2023	LYIOS01045

LYRA detector temperature

LYRA detector 2 temperature globally varied between 44.27 and 46.60 °C.

3. SWAP instrument status

MCPM errors

The number of MCPM recoverable errors increased from 51431 to 51457.

The number of MCPM unrecoverable errors remained at 3135.

IOS

Start IOS	Mon Dec 11 2023	IOS01159
End IOS	Sun Dec 17 2023	IOS01162

SWAP detector temperature

The SWAP Cold Finger Temperature globally varied between -3.61 and -1.61°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 45858 to 45916) 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 2023 Dec 11 00:00 UT and 2023 Dec 18 00:00 UT: 4412

Highest cadence in this period: 17 seconds

Average cadence in this period: 137.08 seconds

Number of image gaps larger than 300 seconds: 192

Largest data gap: 31.22 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)