

P2SC-ROB-WR-830 - 20260216	<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 Feb	Tuesday 17 Feb	Wednesday 18 Feb	Thursday 19 Feb	Friday 20 Feb	Saturday 21 Feb	Sunday 22 Feb
Activity	moderate	low	low	low	low	very low	low
Flares	<b>M2.4</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-

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

## **Solar Activity**

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

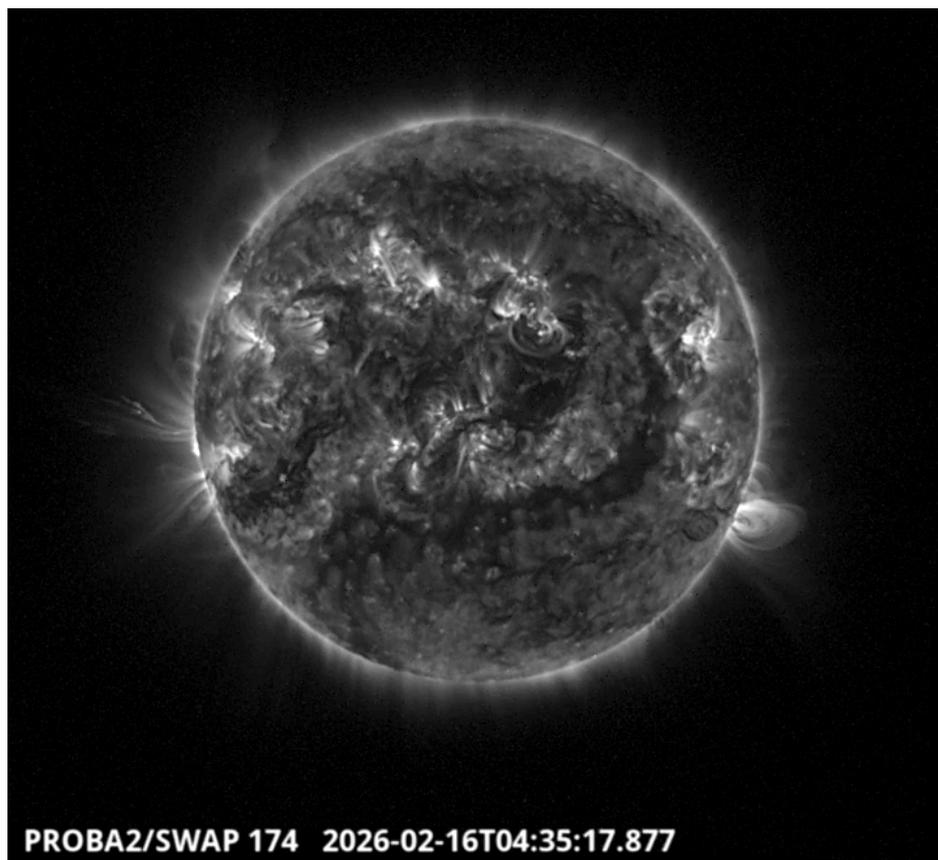
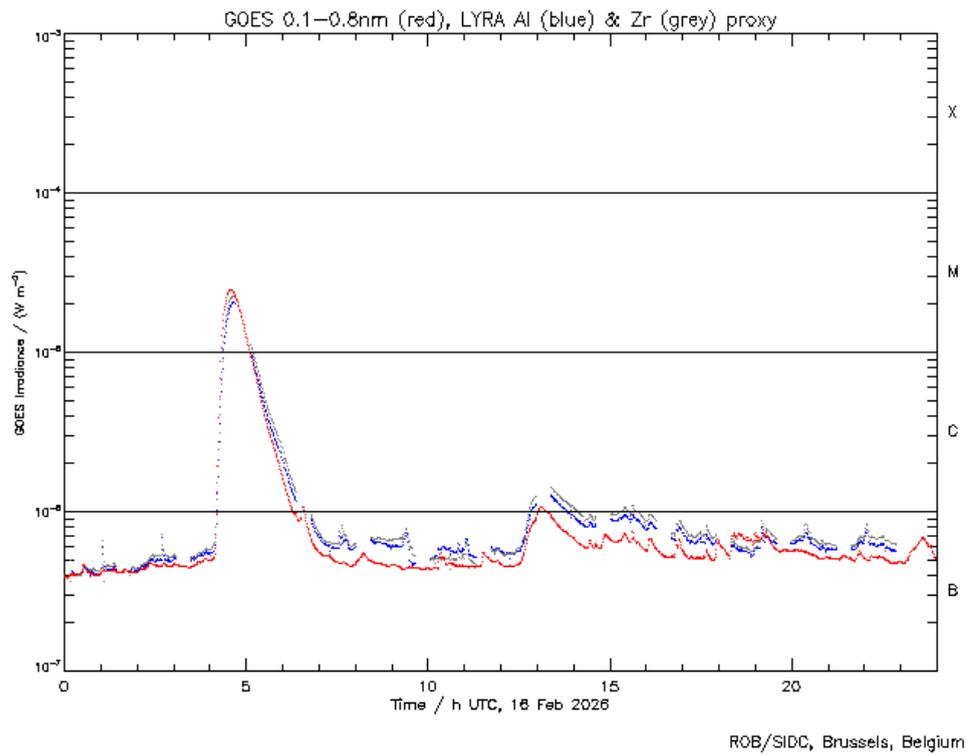
This page also lists the recorded flaring events.

A weekly overview movie can be found [here](#) (SWAP week 830).

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

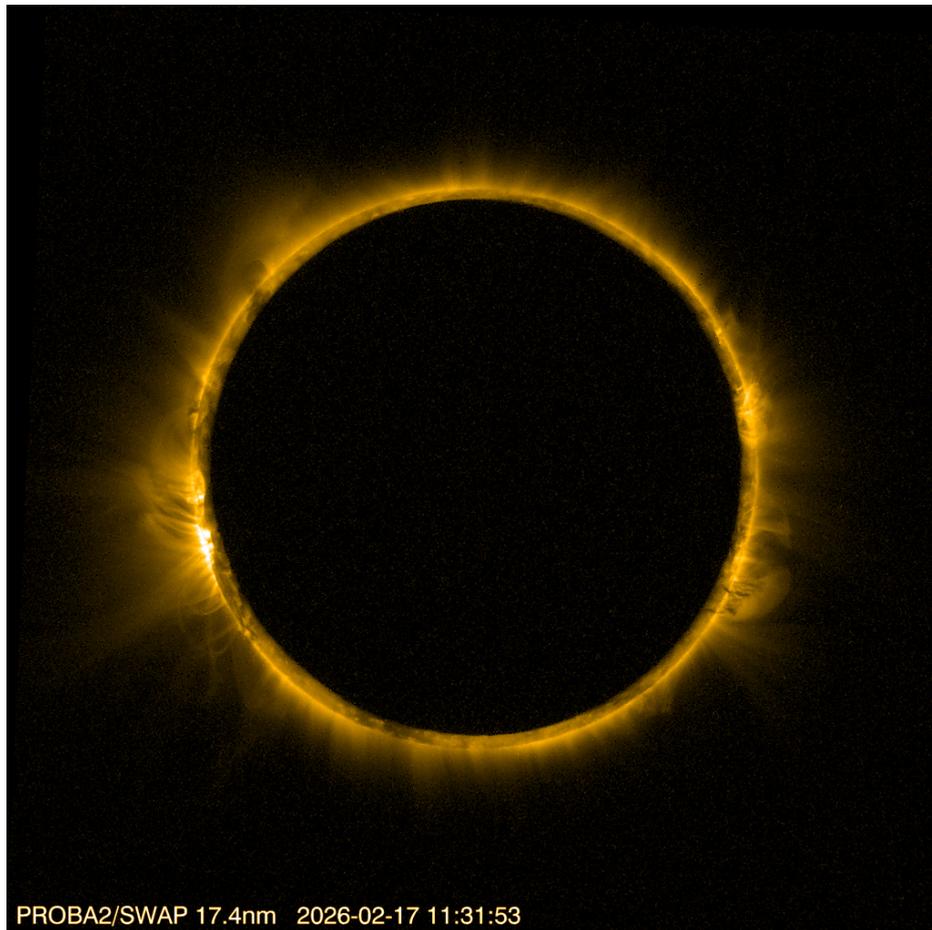
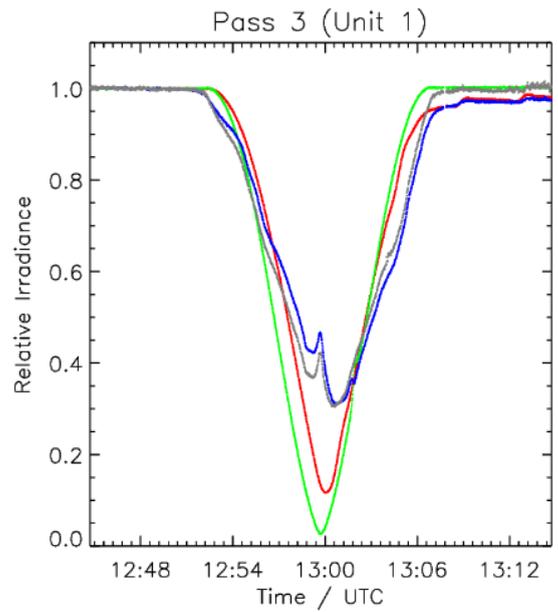
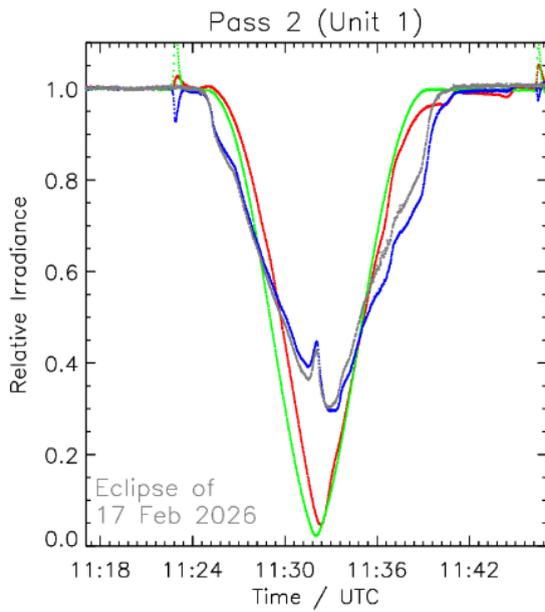
If any of the linked movies are unavailable they can be found in the P2SC movie repository [here](#)

Monday Feb 16



The largest and only M-flare of this week was an M2.4, and it was observed by LYRA (top panel) and SWAP (bottom panel). The flare peaked on 2026-Feb-16 at 04:35 UT and occurred just behind the eastern limb of the Sun. Find a SWAP movie of the event [here](#).

Tuesday Feb 17

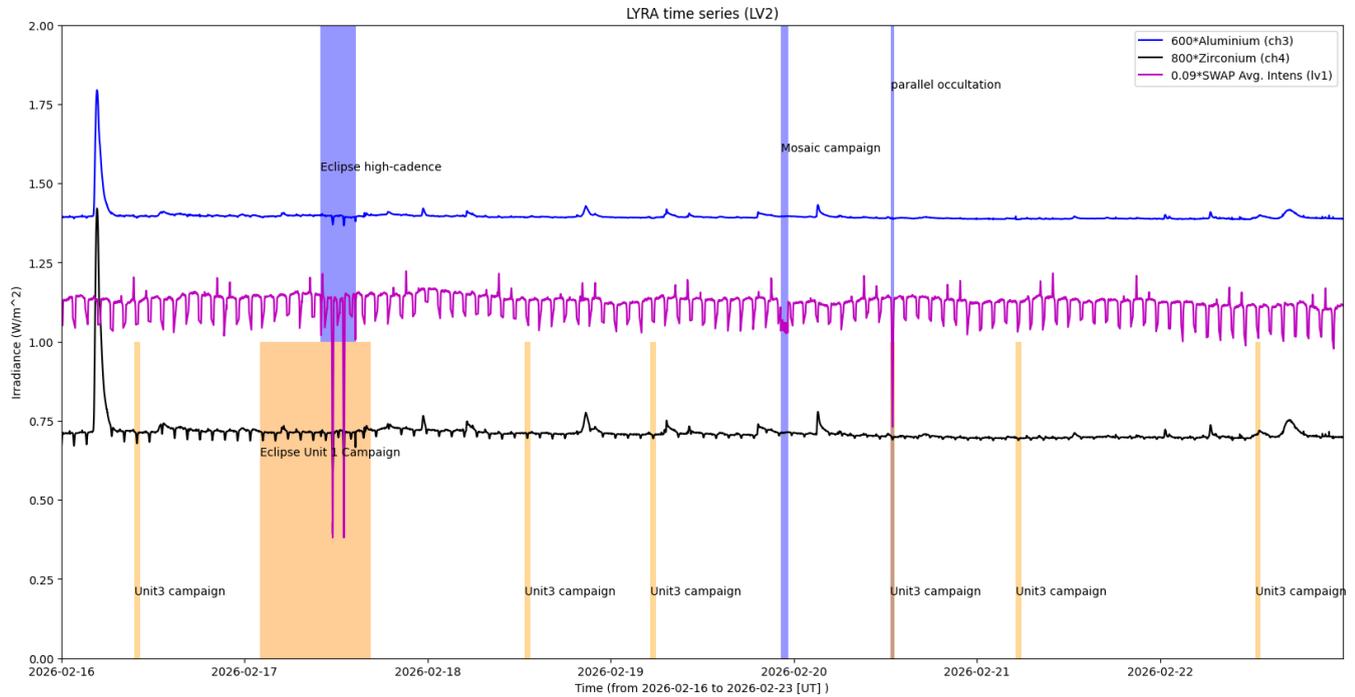


The annular solar eclipse of February 17 was observed and recorded by LYRA (top) and SWAP (bottom). The irradiance plots above, corresponding to the two primary transits (out of a total of 4 passes) of PROBA2 through the eclipse zone, illustrate the gradual reduction in irradiance across the four channels of LYRA's backup unit as the Moon passed in front of the Sun. The SWAP image captures the moment when the eclipse reached its maximum phase. More detailed explanations can be found on the [PROBA2](#) website. 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:

- Eclipse high-cadence campaign, 2026-Feb-17
- SWAP weekly mosaic, 2026-Feb-19
- SWAP and LYRA parallel occultation, 2026-Feb-20

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

- Unit 3 campaign during occultation, 2026-Feb-16
- Unit 1 eclipse campaign, 2026-Feb-17
- Unit 3 campaign during occultation, 2026-Feb-18
- Unit 3 campaign during occultation, 2026-Feb-19
- Unit 3 campaign during occultation, 2026-Feb-20
- Unit 3 campaign during occultation, 2026-Feb-21
- Unit 3 campaign during occultation, 2026-Feb-22

The red shaded periods related to other issues corresponds to:

- None

## 2. LYRA instrument status

### IOS

Start IOS	Mon Feb 16 2026	LYIOS01226
End IOS	Sun Feb 22 2026	LYIOS01227

### LYRA detector temperature

LYRA detector 2 temperature globally varied between 52.42 and 55.83 °C.

### 3. SWAP instrument status

#### MCPM errors

The number of MCPM recoverable errors increased from 15456 to 15901.

The number of MCPM unrecoverable errors remained at 0.

#### IOS

Start IOS	Mon Feb 16 2026	IOS01362
End IOS	Sun Feb 22 2026	IOS01366

#### SWAP detector temperature

The SWAP Cold Finger Temperature globally varied between 1.27 and 3.11 °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 52806 to 52871) 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 2026 Feb 16 00:00 UT and 2026 Feb 23 00:00 UT: 4846

Highest cadence in this period: 18 seconds

Average cadence in this period: 124.71 seconds

Number of image gaps larger than 300 seconds: 119

Largest data gap: 19.80 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)