



the Large-Yield Radiometer onboard PROBA2

Correlation between sunspot numbers and EUV irradiance as observed by LYRA on PROBA2

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PROBA₂



- ESA's "PRoject for On-Board Autonomy"
- Belgian microsatellite in Sun-synchronous orbit
- 725 km altitude
- Launched 02 Nov 2009
- Nominal operations since March 2010
- Technology and science mission
- 4 innovative instruments and 17 technological experiments for in-orbit demonstration
- Among them the EUV imager SWAP and the radiometer LYRA

LYRA



- "Large-Yield RAdiometer"
- 3 instrument units (redundancy)
- 4 spectral channels per head
- 3 types of detectors, Silicon + 2 types of diamond detectors (MSM, PIN): radiation resistant, insensitive to visible light as compared to Si detectors

LYRA Channels



- Redundancy with different types of detectors:
- Channel 1 (Lyman-alpha)
- Channel 2 (Herzberg)
- Channel 3 (Aluminium)
- Channel 4 (Zirconium)

120-123nm 190-222nm

- 17-80nm + <5nm
- 6-20nm + <2nm

Instrument Artefacts



- Data gaps
- Satellite rotations
- Occultations by Earth atmosphere
- Off-pointings
- Temperature variations
- Switch on/off

GOES vs. LYRA Proxies



- Manually select significant minimum per day
- Calculate proxy with simple linear formula

3 ¹/₂ Years of Solar Development



(initially a by-product of the daily significant minimum)

... also observed by SWAP and SDO/EVE





Another Instrument Artefact



- Spectral degradation (drastic above 19nm):
- Channel 2-3 lost 93% of its initial response
- Channel 2-4 lost 44% of its initial response



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- LYRA channel 2-4
- GOES 0.1-0.8nm
- Daily sunspot number



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- Another idea:
- Compare these...
- LYRA channel 2-3
- LYRA channel 2-4
- GOES 0.1-0.8nm
- Daily sunspot number
- ... to flare indices



- Example:
- Maximum flare strength and ...
- LYRA channel 2-3
- LYRA channel 2-4
- GOES 0.1-0.8nm
- Daily sunspot number

...now for Laure's part...

GOES

- F10.7 (Penticton)
- CallK (SFO)
- Lyra4
- Lyra3
- TSI (Virgo / PMOD)
- Facular Area (SFO)
- Sunspot Area (SFO)
- Sunspot Numbers (from SIDC)

Cross Correlations ISSN VS. all



Cross correlation Lyra3 vs. ISSN



Cross correlation Lyra4 vs. ISSN





Similarity map





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WHERE DOES WHAT COME FROM ?



Vernazza et al., 1981

Now what does this mean ?





Shorter timescales (< 81 days)





Longer timescales (> 81 days)



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THE BEGINNING





Singular Value Decomposition : How does it work ?

