

Launch Campaign Newsletter #12 – Friday, 13. July 2018



MPO MLI integration around the Antenna Pointing Mechanism (APM) for the High Gain Antenna (HGA) and Medium Gain Antenna (MGA) was started. Low temperature MLI integration on +Y panel has been completed. Glow test of the MPO Solar Array (SA) Thermal Knife (THK) was successfully performed. Periodic environment radiation measurements close to SIXS/MIXS performed, no anomaly found.

MTM activities were dominated by the preparation of the +X SA for integration. The SA has been installed and aligned within the deployment rig, blocking and protection diodes have been successfully tested.



MMO and the MOSIF frame had a relaxing week, just waiting inside the JAXA clean tent for the forthcoming electrical stack test. Only activities were daily verification of the purging and other maintenance tasks.



ESA and ArianeSpace have confirmed the targeted launch date for 18. October 2018. The launch window opens at: 22:45 local time in Kourou (UTC – 3 hours).

This correspond to 03:45 a.m. CEST on 19. October 2018.

