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## Session 3: DART

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# Overview of the DART Mission Seven Months to Launch

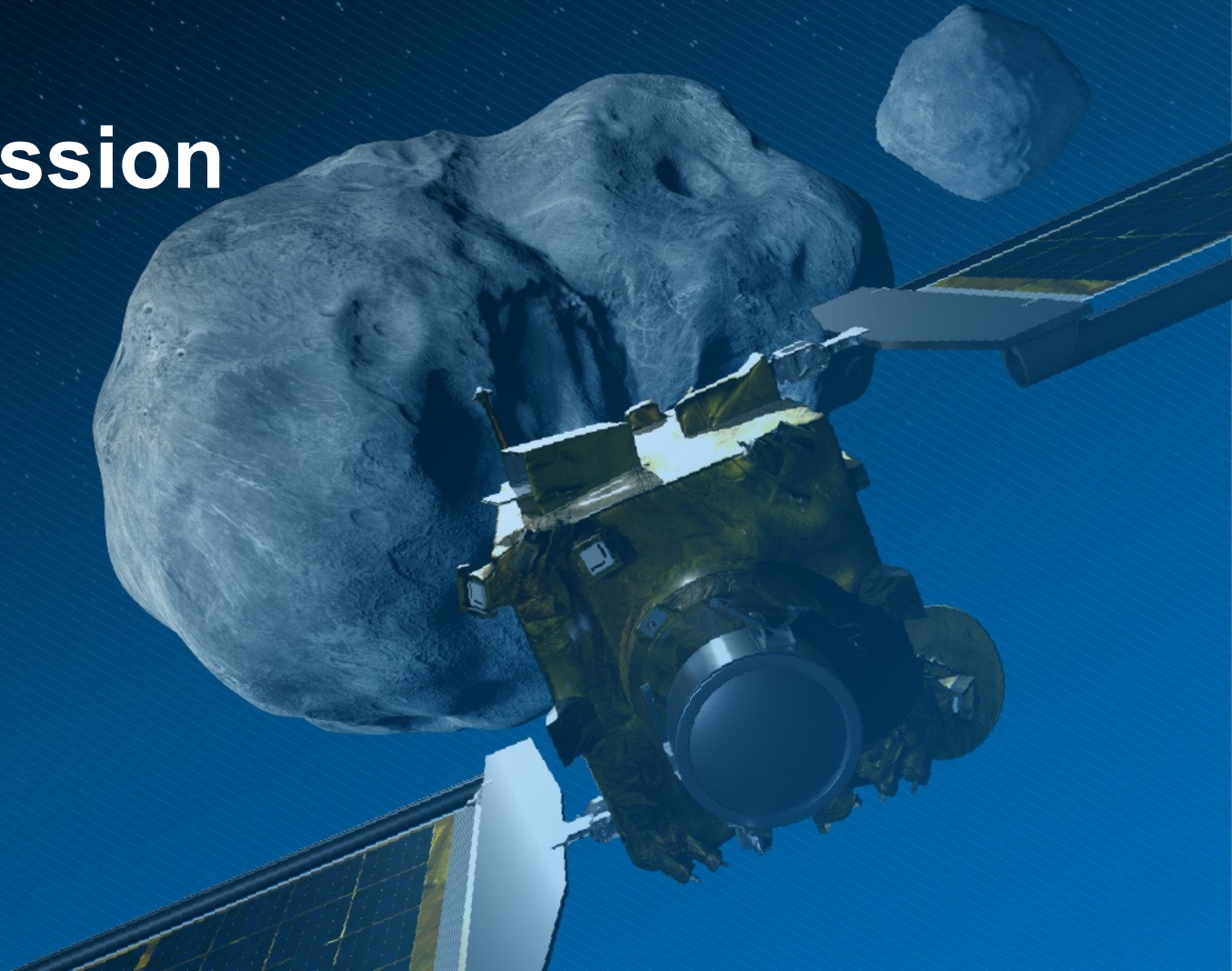
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DART Program Scientist

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# NASA's Planetary Defense Coordination Office (PDCO)



- Established January 2016 at NASA HQ
- Manages planetary defense related activities across NASA
- Coordinates with U.S. interagency and international efforts in planetary defense

## Mission Statement

- Lead national and international efforts to:
- Detect any potential for significant impact of planet Earth by natural objects
- Appraise the range of potential effects by any possible impact
- Develop strategies to mitigate impact effects on human welfare







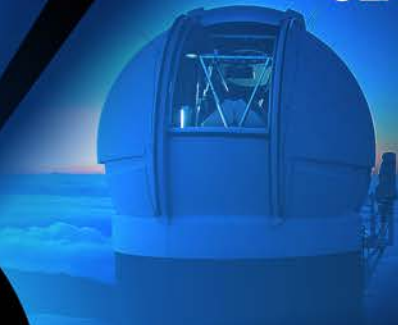
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[CENTER FOR NEAR EARTH OBJECT STUDIES]



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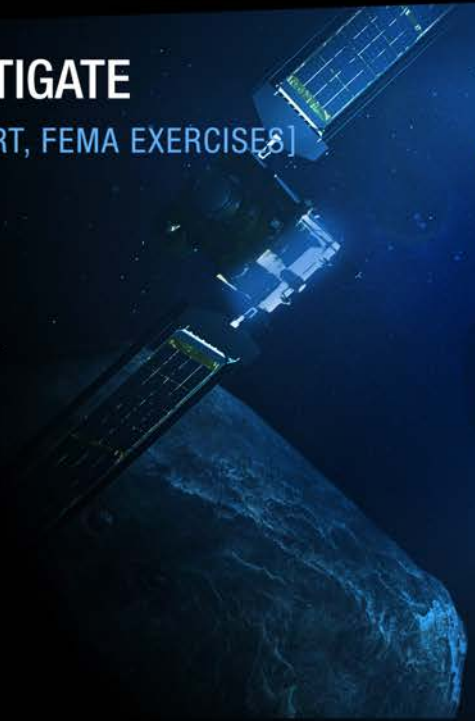
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# PLANETARY DEFENSE

## MITIGATE

[DART, FEMA EXERCISES]



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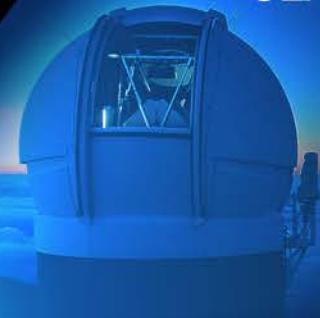


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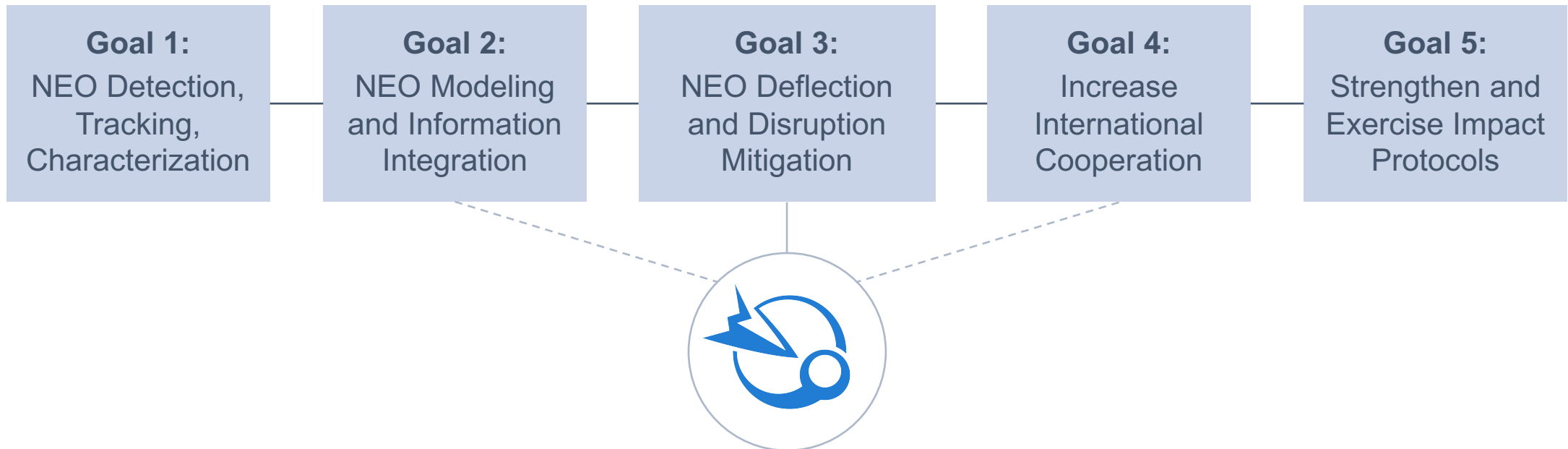
**DART is the first full-scale flight demonstration of an asteroid deflection technology: kinetic impact**



# Part of a Larger Strategy

## National Near-Earth Object Preparedness Strategy and Action Plan

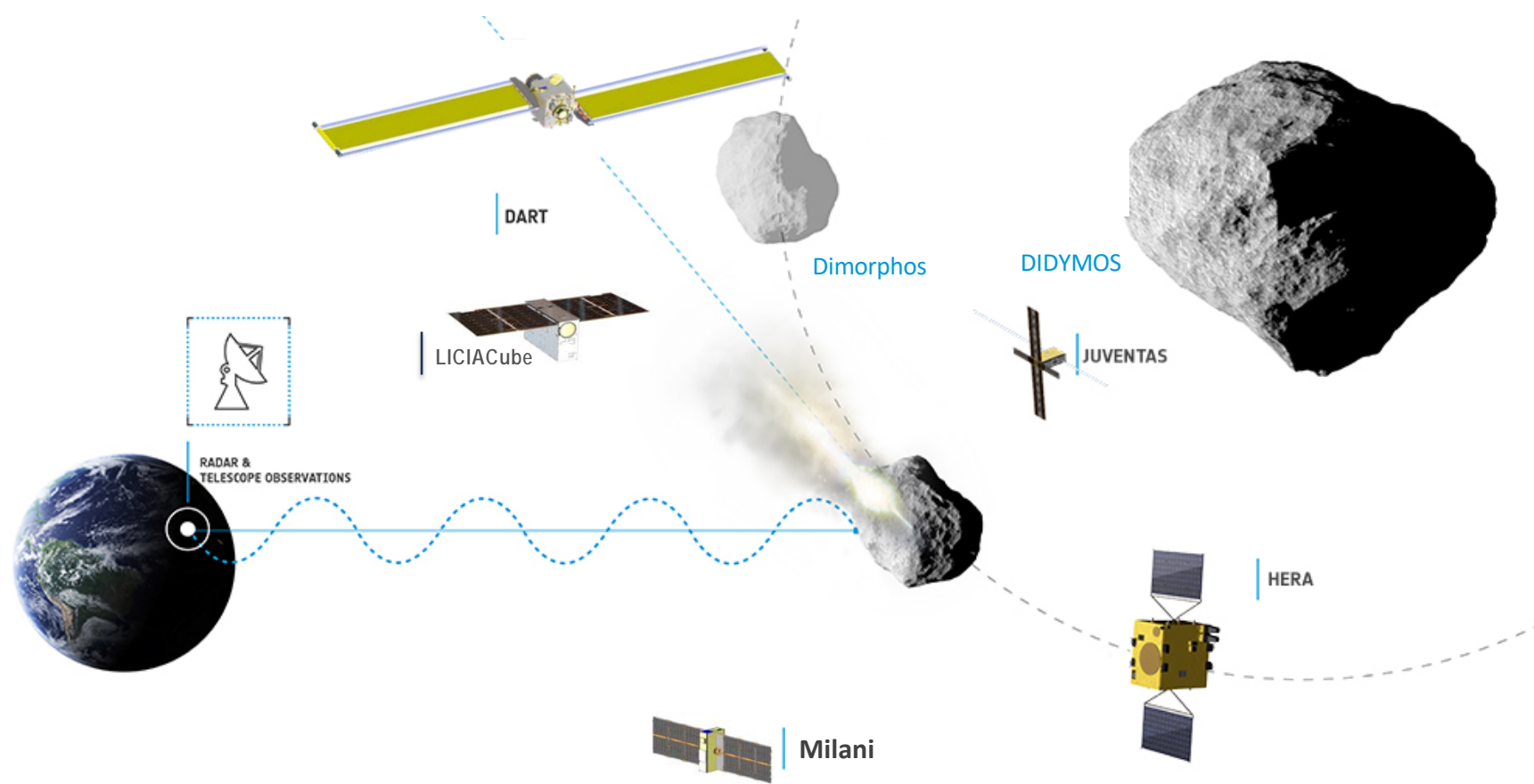
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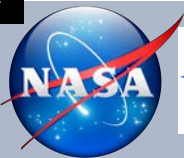
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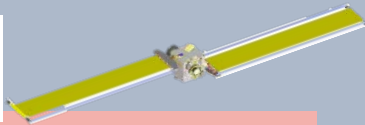
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AIDA



**DART**



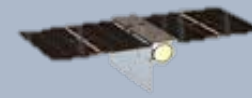
Synergy from

First demonstration of asteroid deflection by kinetic impact on Dimorphos, to change its orbit

with

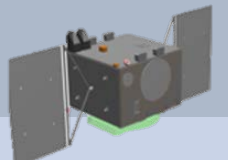


**LICIACube**



First prompt imaging of the impacted surface, ejecta plume evolution and of the non-impacted hemisphere of Dimorphos

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Mass of Dimorphos  
Detailed dynamical characterization  
Detailed investigation of final crater  
Overall characterization of the asteroids

# DART = Double Asteroid Redirection Test



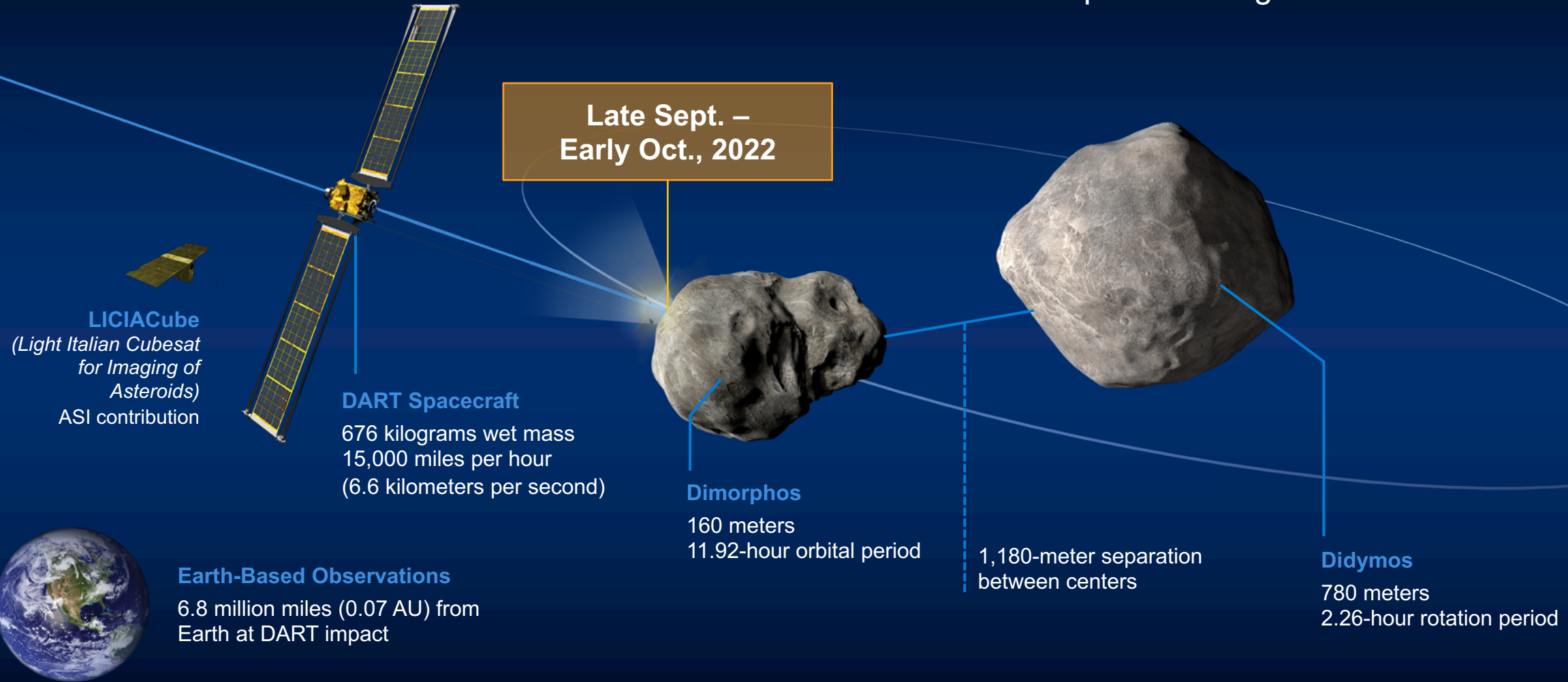
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- **There is no known asteroid that poses an actual impact risk to Earth.**
- The current impact hazard comes from asteroids not yet discovered.
- The test is being conducted to develop a deflection capability, in case one is needed in the future.

# Launch Window

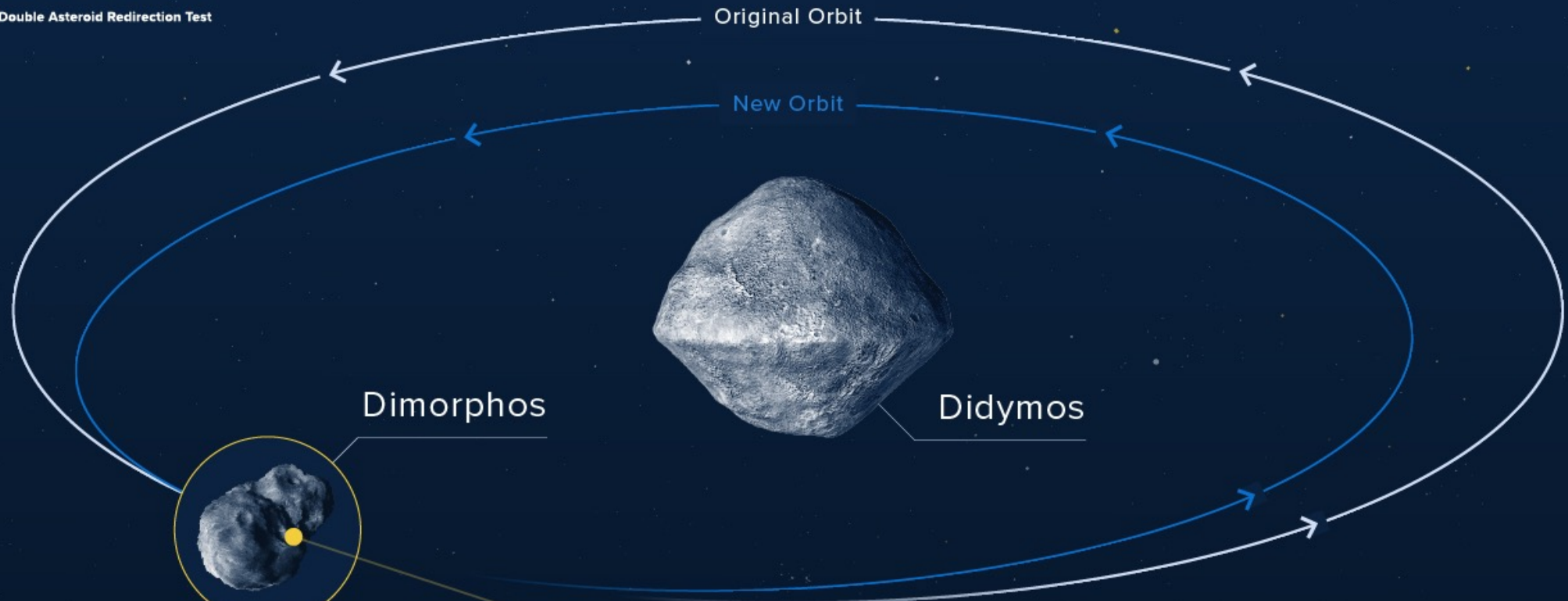
Nov. 18, 2021 – Feb. 15, 2022

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# The Ideal Target: A Natural Laboratory



Dimorphos

IMPACT

Didymos

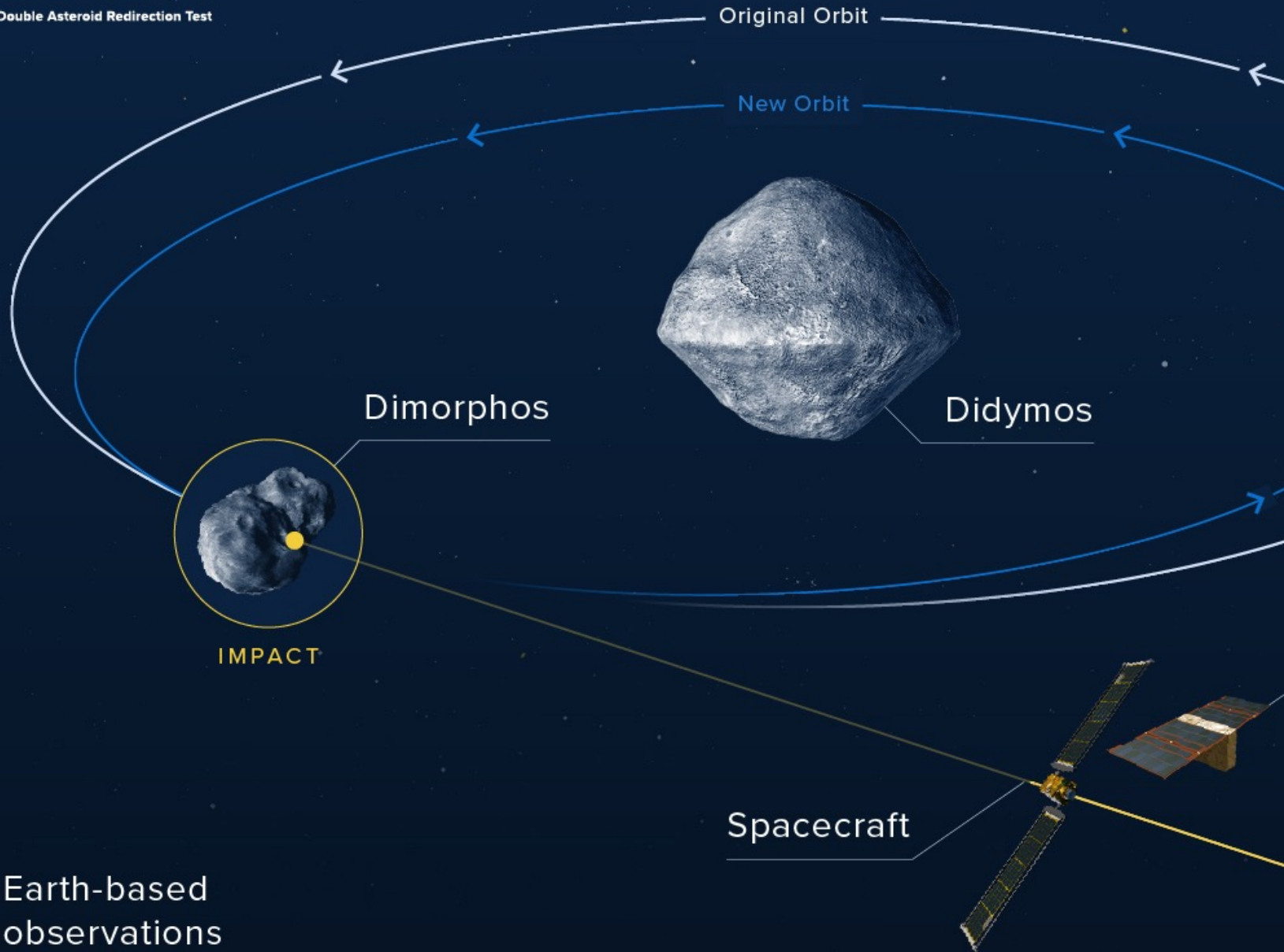
Spacecraft

LICIACube



Earth-based observations

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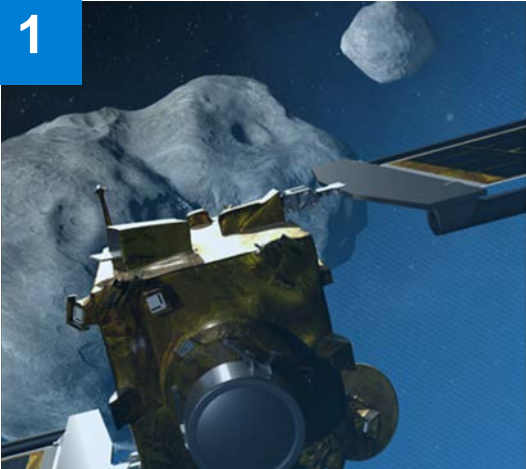
- A binary asteroid allows a **detectable deflection** of an asteroid of **relevant size**.
- DART's kinetic impact will change the orbital period **about the larger asteroid** by  $\sim 1\%$ .
  - Detectable in **weeks to months**.
- Same kinetic impact on a non-binary asteroid would change the orbital period **about the Sun** by  $\sim 0.000006\%$ .
  - Would take **many years** to detect.



# DART's Level 1 Requirements

## Defining the Mission's Planetary Defense Investigation

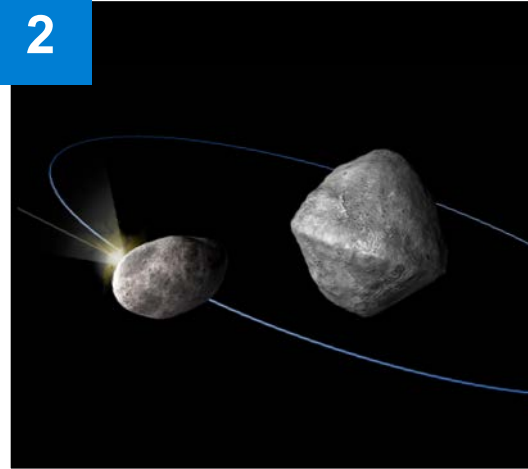
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### Impact Dimorphos

During its Sept/Oct 2022 close approach to Earth

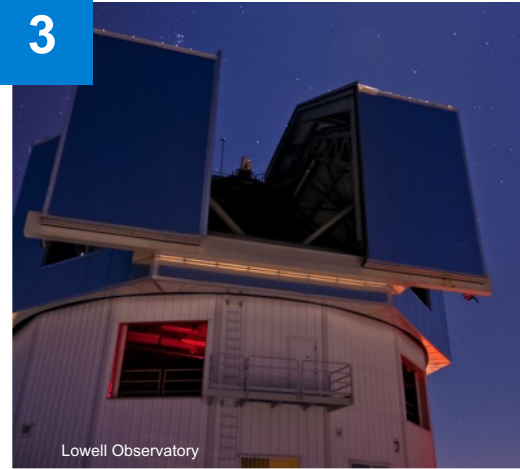
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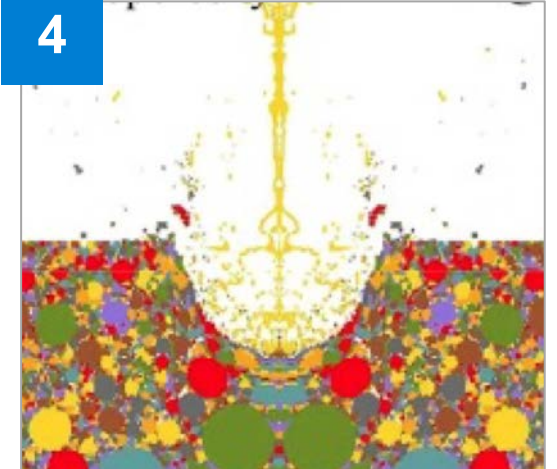
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### Measure the period change

To within 7.3 seconds, from ground-based observations before and after impact

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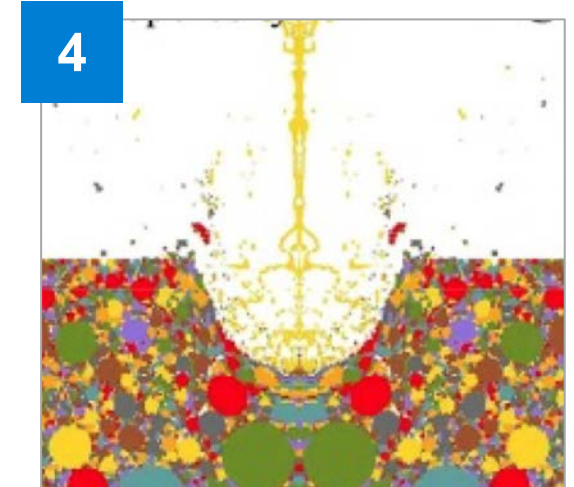
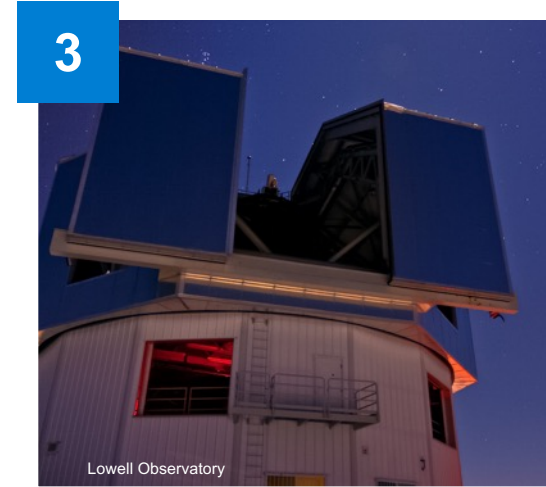
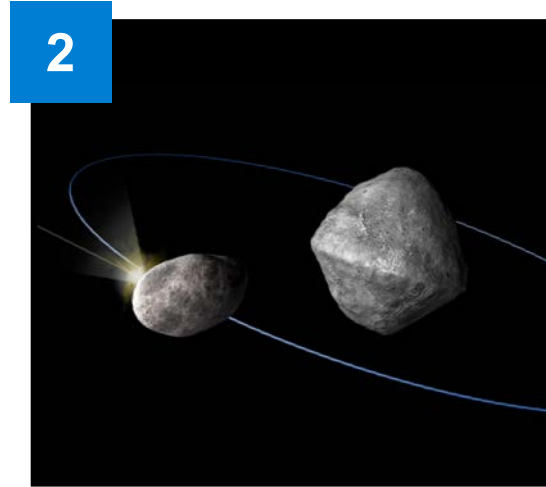


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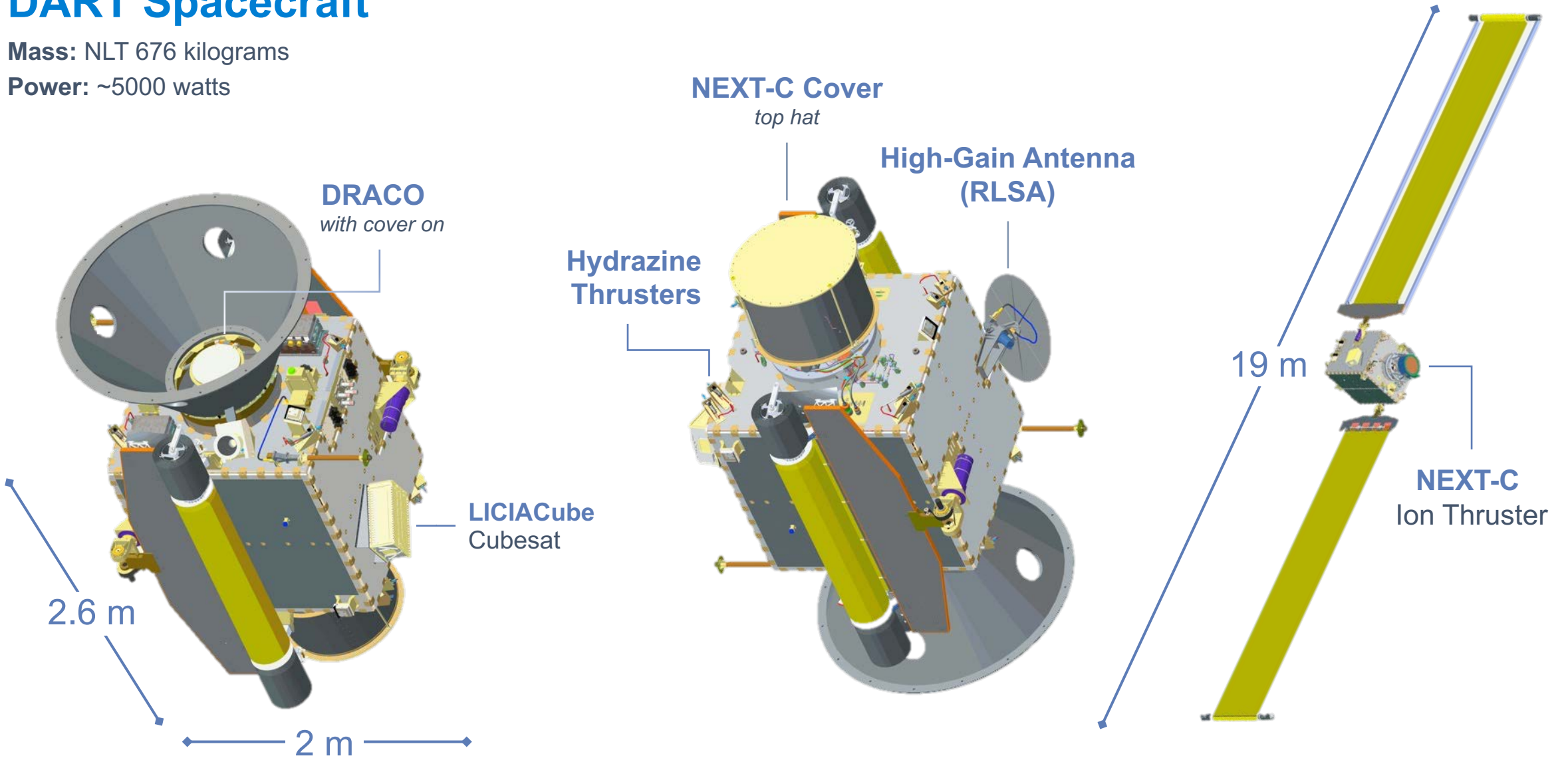
- 1. Test the ability to achieve a kinetic impact on a real asteroid**
- 2. Test how a real asteroid responds to a kinetic impact**

Test 1 ends, and Test 2 begins, at the moment of impact.

# DART Spacecraft

Mass: NLT 676 kilograms

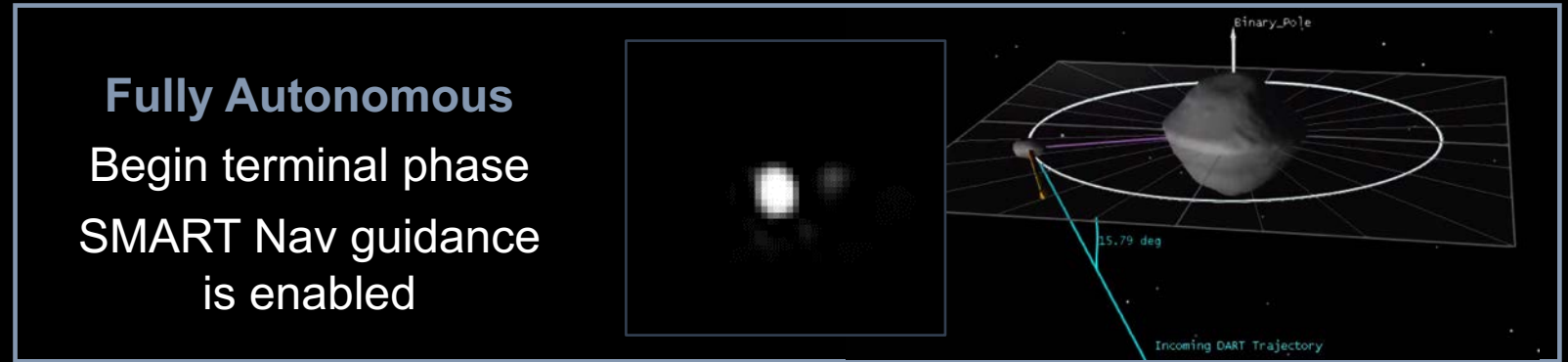
Power: ~5000 watts





# DART Operations

How DART targets Dimorphos



Camera detects  
Didymos system

Continuous ground  
antenna coverage

Begin  
pre-terminal phase

30 days

10 days

8 hours

4 hours

30 days

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60 minutes

4 minutes

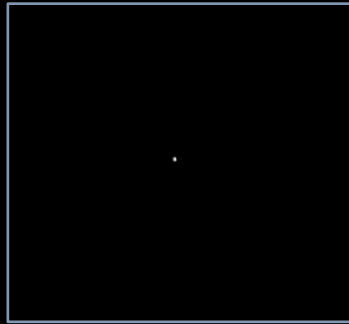
2 minutes

20 seconds



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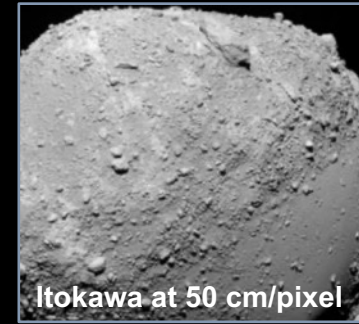
**24,000 kilometers**  
Didymos – 6.5 pixel  
Dimorphos – 1.4 pixel  
Secondary becomes observable



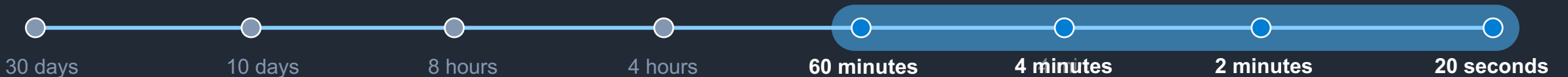
**1600 kilometers**  
Didymos – 99 pixel  
Dimorphos – 21 pixel  
Final divert maneuver corrections



**800 kilometers**  
Didymos – 197 pixel  
Dimorphos – 41 pixel  
Divert maneuvers complete, drift to impact



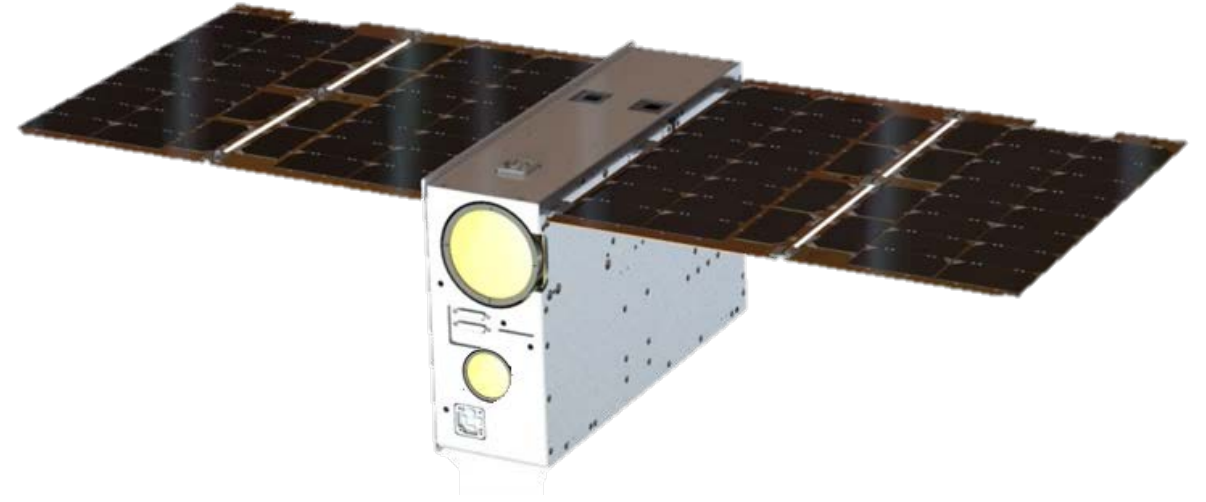
**130 kilometers**  
Didymos – N/A  
Dimorphos – ~300 pixel  
Pixel-scale requirements met



# Light Italian CubeSat for Imaging of Asteroids

## LICIACube Goals

1. Obtain multiple (at least three) images of the DART impact ejecta plume over a span of times and phase angles, to allow estimation of plume density structure
2. Obtain multiple (more than three) images of the DART impact site with sufficient resolution to allow measurements of impact crater size and morphology
3. Obtain multiple (at least three) images of the non-impact hemisphere of Dimorphos
4. Obtain images of the ejecta plume and of the asteroid target to characterize color and spectral variations



Capable 6U CubeSat provided by Agenzia Spaziale Italiana (ASI)

Based on Argomoon CubeSat that will be flying on EM-1 mission (first flight of SLS in 2020)

Two cameras (goal of 2 m/pixel resolution imagery)

*Current concept of operations includes flyby of Didymos ~3 minutes after DART impact and downlinking data after event*



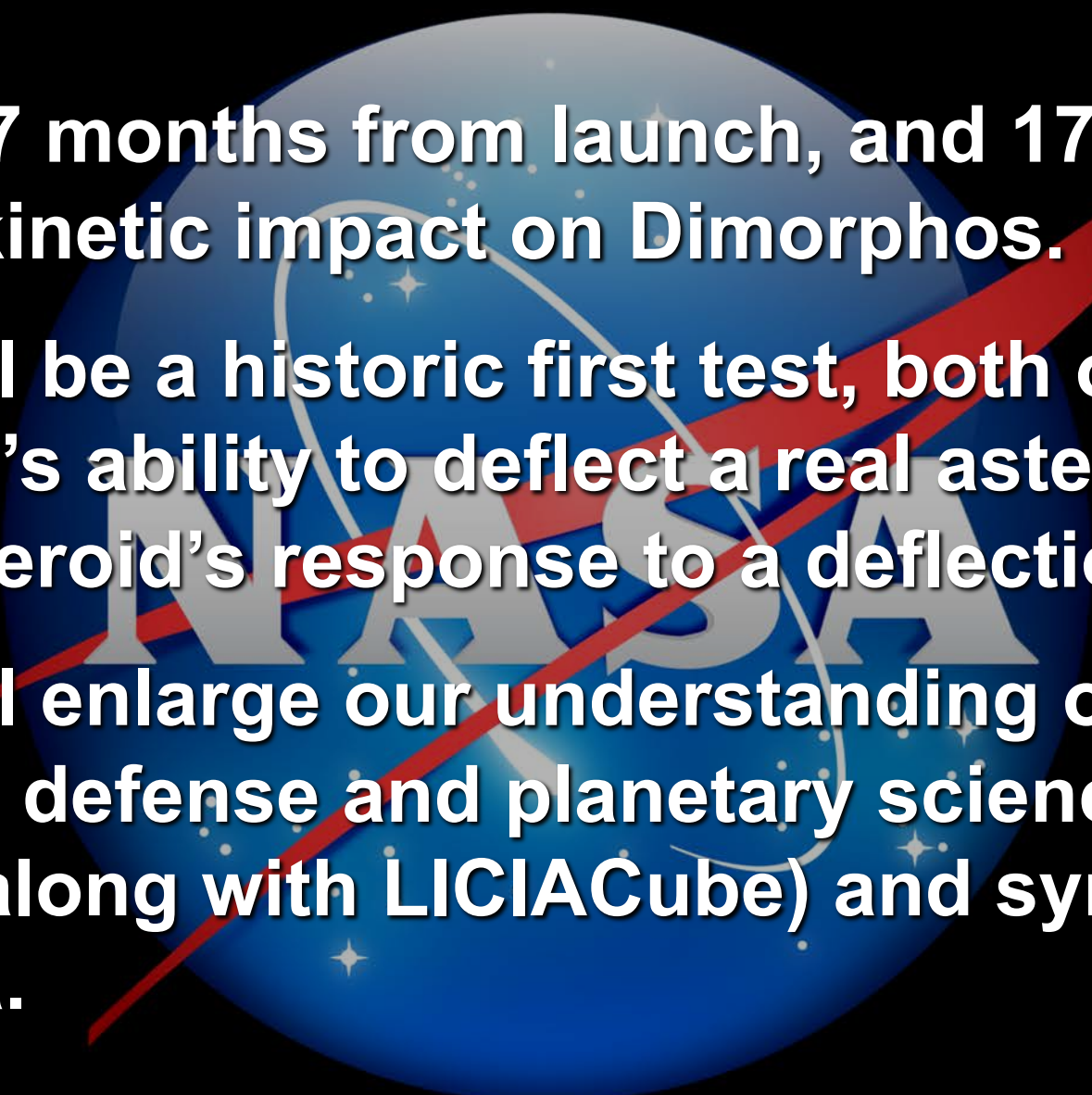
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- Determined directly from ground-based measurement of period change
- Known spacecraft & binary asteroid parameters
- Constrained by DART & LICIACube imaging of Dimorphos and impact site
- Constrained by impact simulations and LICIACube imaging of ejecta plume

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- The background features the NASA logo, which consists of a blue circular field with the word "NASA" in white, bold, sans-serif capital letters. A red swoosh, resembling a comet tail or a stylized "7", curves across the logo from the bottom left towards the top right. The text of the list is overlaid on this background.
- **DART is 7 months from launch, and 17 months from its kinetic impact on Dimorphos.**
  - **DART will be a historic first test, both of humanity's ability to deflect a real asteroid and of a real asteroid's response to a deflection.**
  - **DART will enlarge our understanding of NEOs for planetary defense and planetary science, both on its own (along with LICIAcube) and synergistically with Hera.**





# Double Asteroid Redirect Test (DART) Mission Status

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26 April, 2021





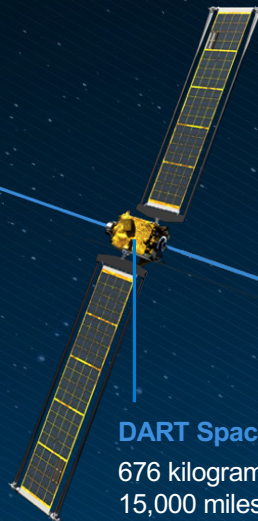
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September 25 -  
October 1, 2022

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(Light Italian Cubesat  
for Imaging of  
Asteroids)  
ASI contribution



**DART Spacecraft**  
676 kilograms wet mass  
15,000 miles per hour  
(6.6 kilometers per second)

**Dimorphos**  
160 meters  
11.92-hour orbital period

1,180-meter separation  
between centers

**Didymos**  
780 meters  
2.26-hour rotation period

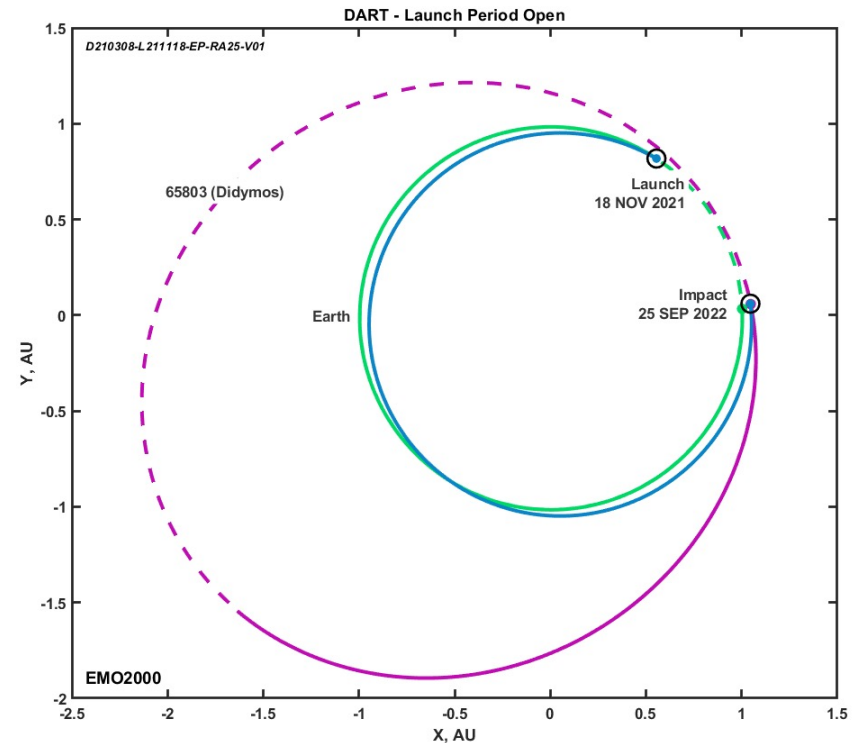


**Earth-Based Observations**  
7.1 million miles (~0.07 AU) from  
Earth at DART impact



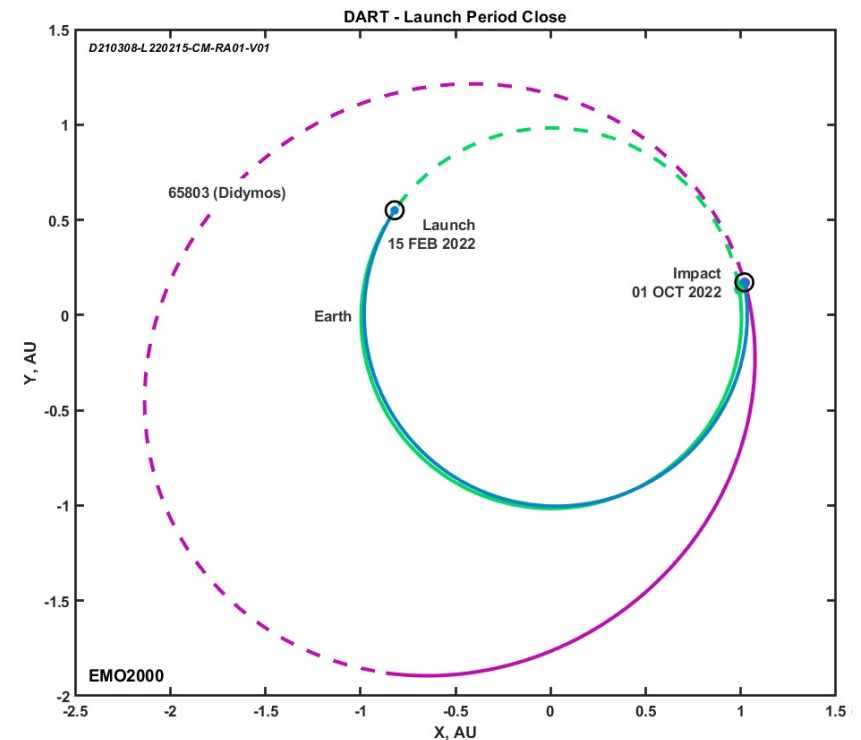
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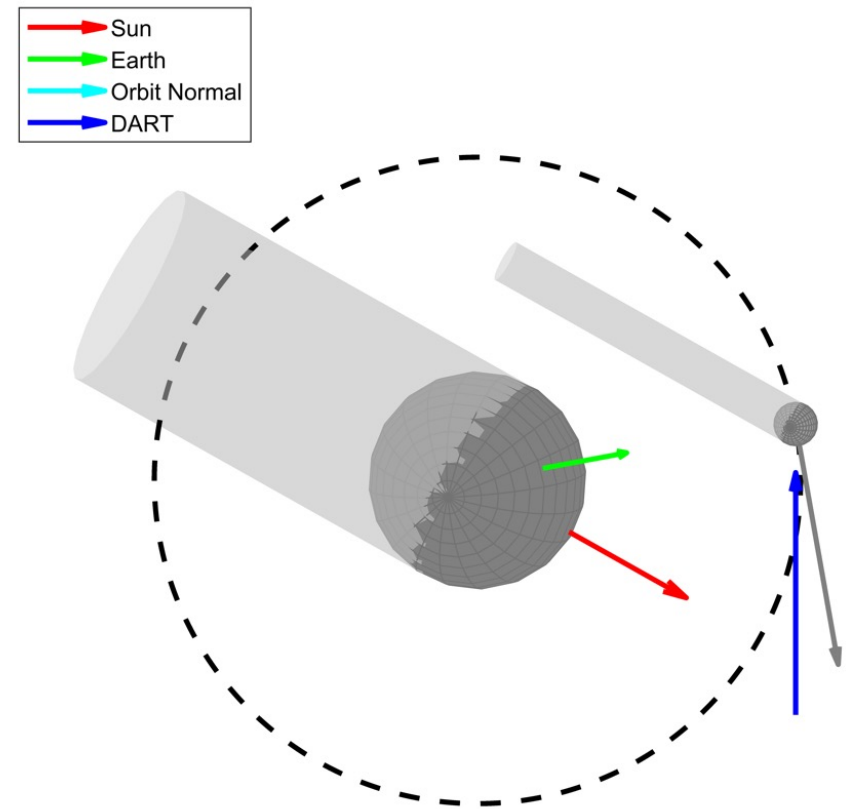
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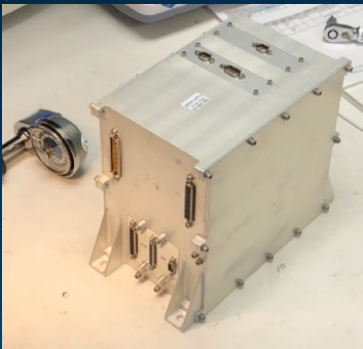


# DART: Key and New Technologies

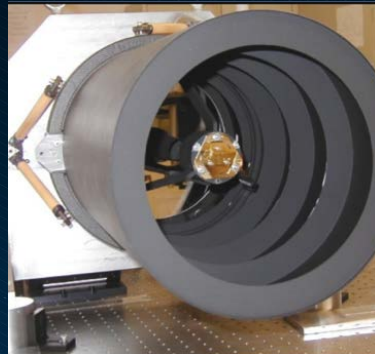
DART will mature key new technologies for future planetary missions



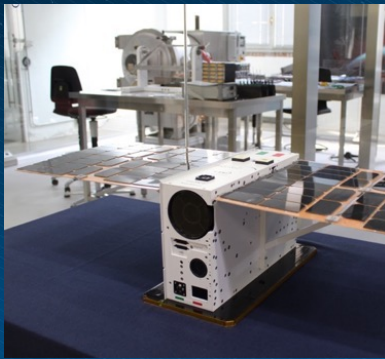
**Autonomous Navigation  
using SMART Nav**



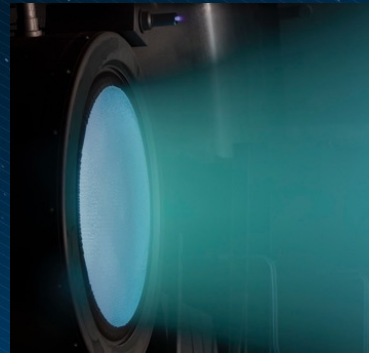
**Coresat Avionics**



**DRACO Telescope**



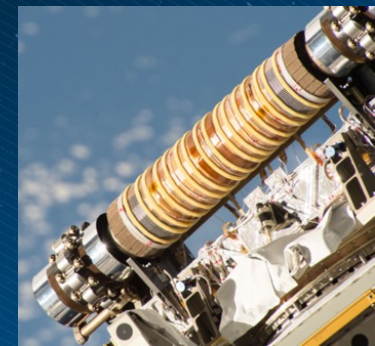
**LICIACube Cubesat**



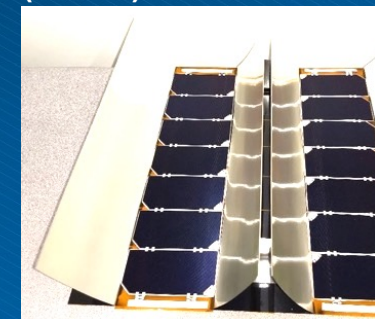
**Ion Propulsion Engine  
(NEXT-C)**



**Radio Line Slot Array**



**Roll Out Solar Arrays  
(ROSA)**

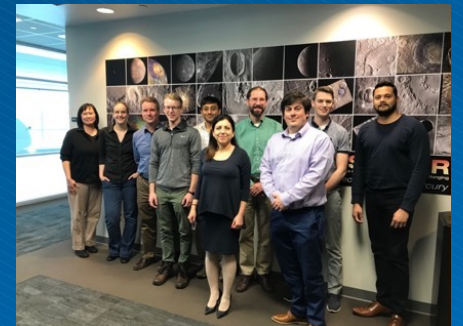


**Transformational Solar  
Array Concentrators**



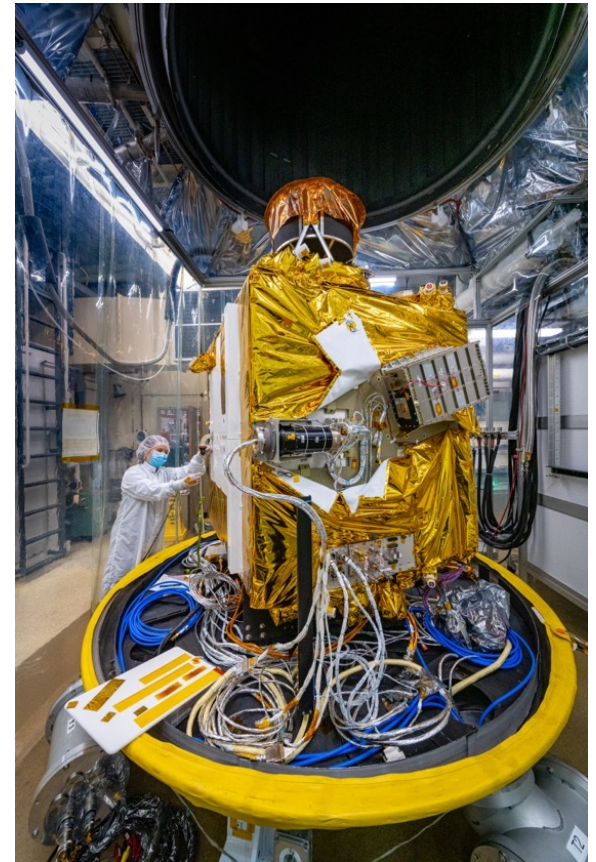


# Integrating and Testing Spacecraft Getting Ready for Launch This Year



# DART mission status overview

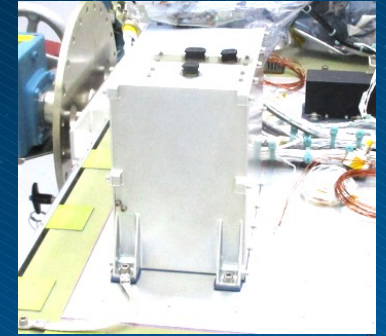
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DART in thermal chamber



# Timeline to Launch



Integration  
Readiness  
Review ✓

March 2020

NEXT-C  
Delivered ✓

April 2020

Panels/Harness  
Delivered,  
I&T began! ✓

April 2020

Spacecraft  
Core  
Delivered ✓

May 2020

Coresat Avionics  
Delivered and  
Integrated ✓

June 2020





# Timeline to Launch



**Solar Arrays  
Engineering  
Unit Deployed**  
(@ DSS) ✓  
Jul 2020

**Comprehensive  
Performance  
Test (CPT) 1** ✓  
Aug 2020

**Mission  
Simulation  
(MSIM) 1** ✓  
Aug 2020

**Closed  
S/C  
Panels** ✓  
Sept 2020

**DSN  
Compat  
Testing** ✓  
Oct 2020

**NEXT-C  
Integration** ✓  
Oct 2020

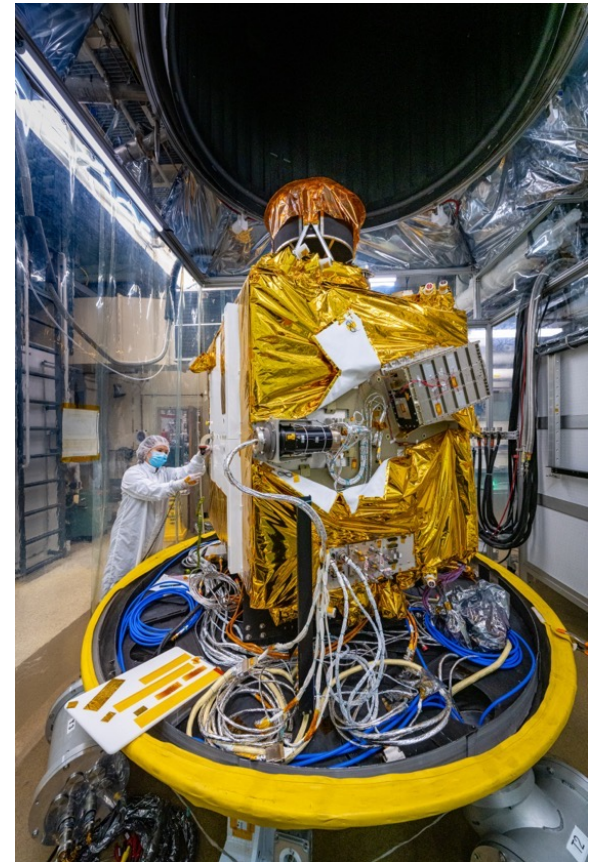
**CPT 2  
MSIM 2** ✓  
Dec 2020

**PER** ✓  
Jan 2021



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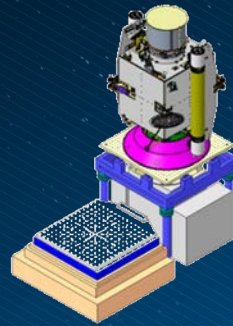
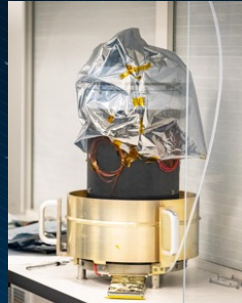
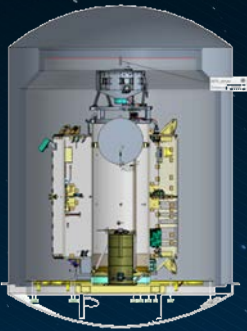
- **Spacecraft integration and test is proceeding, even in COVID-19 environment**
- Move to the secondary launch opportunity is caused by waiting on two hardware articles to be delivered to the spacecraft: the DRACO telescope and the Solar Arrays
  - Spacecraft structural testing cannot commence without them
- DRACO telescope had a mirror failure during vibration of a spare flight telescope, and the failure investigation board concluded that the flight telescope mirror mounts needed redesign to ensure that the flight telescope survives spacecraft testing and launch. Redesign was completed, and new mirror mounts manufactured. **Telescope is expected to arrive for integration in June 2021**
- **Rollout Solar Arrays (ROSA)** have experienced delays in the build due to COVID and as part of the new technology development, but now **have been received at APL for integration on the spacecraft in May 2021**




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# Timeline to Launch



Thermal   
Tests  
(CPT3, MSIM3)

Solar Array   
Delivery

DRACO  
telescope  
Delivery

Structural  
Tests  
(Vibe,  
Shock)

Pre-Ship  
Review

Ship to  
Vandenberg  
Air Force Base

Launch!

Feb-Mar 2021

Apr 2021

Jun 2021

July 2021

Sept 2021

Oct 2021

Nov 2021





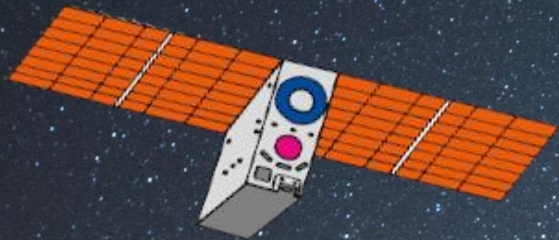


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# LICIACube

the Light Italian Cubesat for Imaging of Asteroids

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on behalf of the LICIACube Team

PDC– April 2021





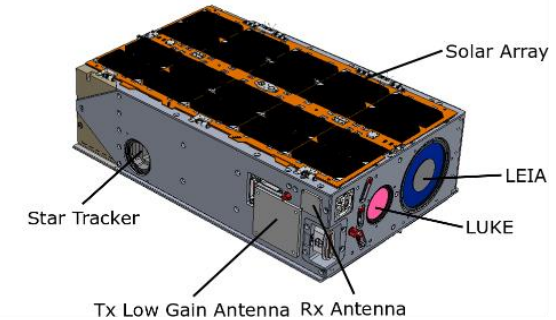
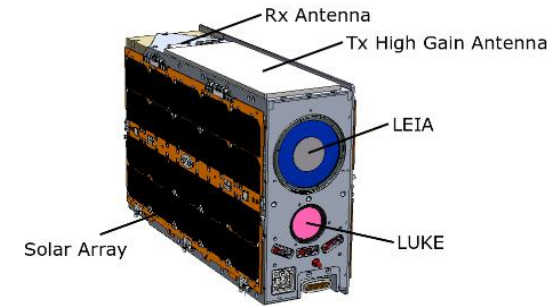
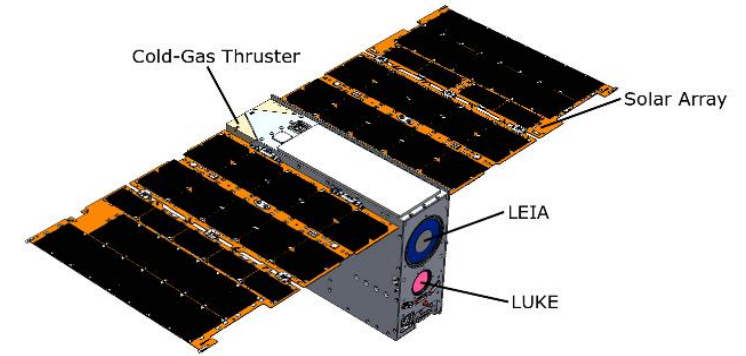
# The LICIACube team:

- INAF:** E. Dotto (*Science Team Lead*)  
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E. Mazzotta Epifani (*WP Observations Lead*), S. Ieva, D. Perna  
J.R. Brucato (*WP Laboratory experiments Lead*), A. Meneghin, G. Poggiali  
S. Ivanovski (*WP Ejecta Lead*)  
A. Lucchetti (*WP Impact Simulation Lead*), G. Cremonese, E. Simioni  
M. Pajola (*WP Proximity Lead*)
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- ASI SSCC:** A. Zinzi (*SOC Lead*)

# LICIACube



**Orbit:** Heliocentric (~10M km from the Earth)  
**Mass:** 14 kg  
**Volume:** 6U+  
 366 mm x 239 mm x 116.2 mm (stowed)  
 911.5 mm x 366 mm x 239 mm (deployed)

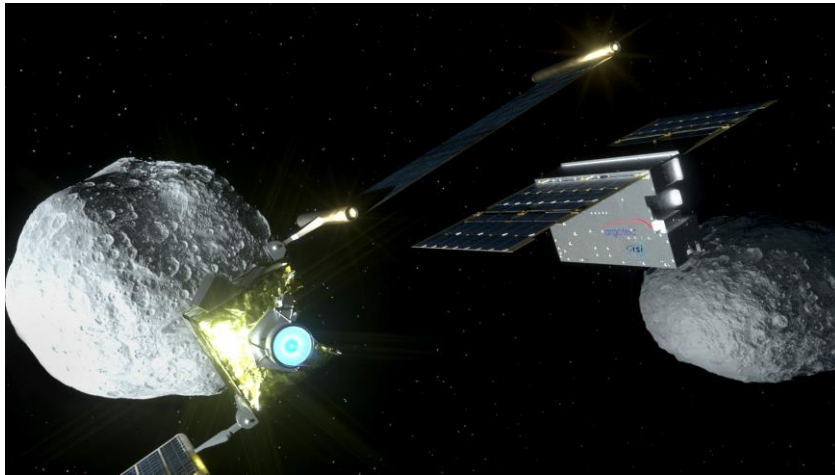


	Focal length (mm)	FoV (°)	IFoV (μrad/px)	Spat. scale at 55.2km (m/px)
<b>LEIA</b>	220	± 2.06	25	1.38
<b>LUKE</b>	70.55	±5	78	4.31

**LEIA:** a catadioptric camera  
 spatial scale at C/A (~55km) 1.38 m/px

**LUKE:** a camera with a RGB Bayer pattern filter

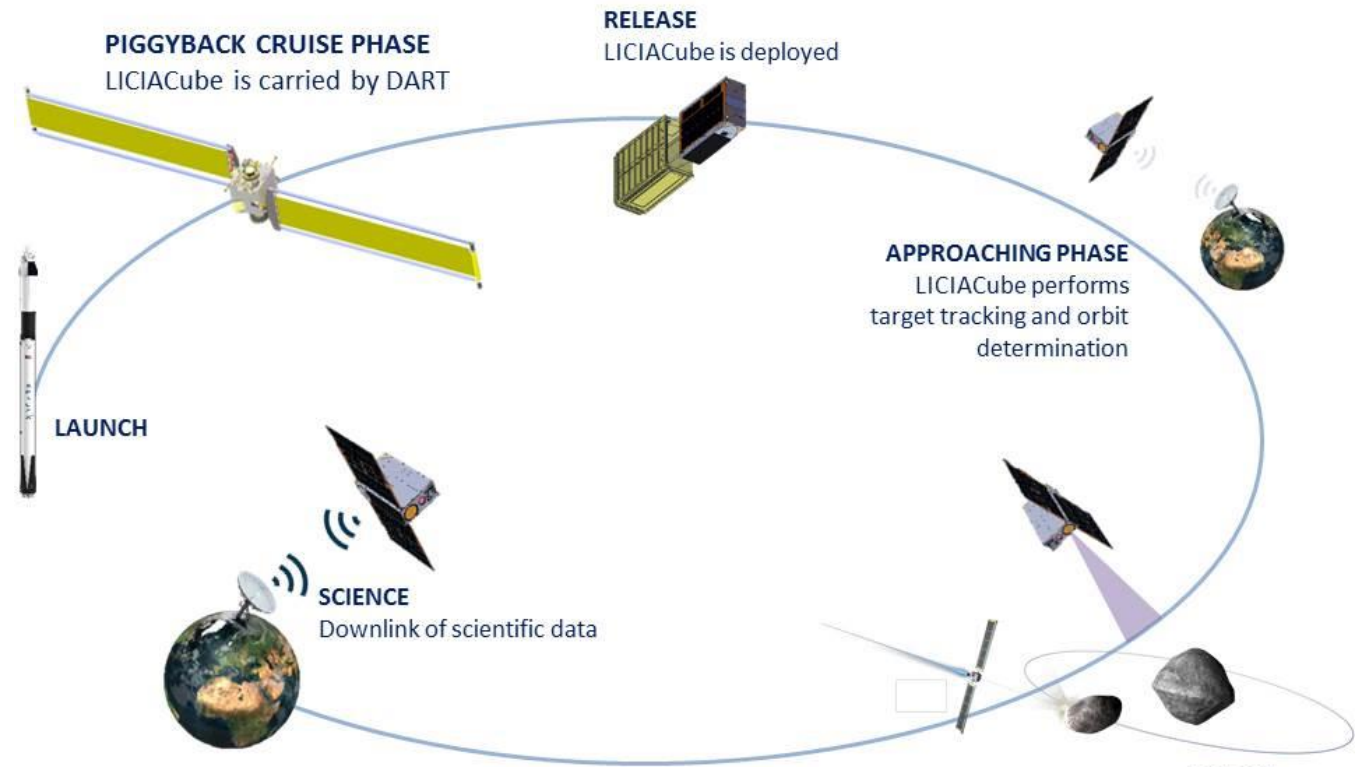
# LICIACube



LICIACube is carried by DART until close to Didymos and then released to perform a fly-by of Dimorphos after DART impact.

LICIACube downlinks images directly to Earth after the target fly-by.

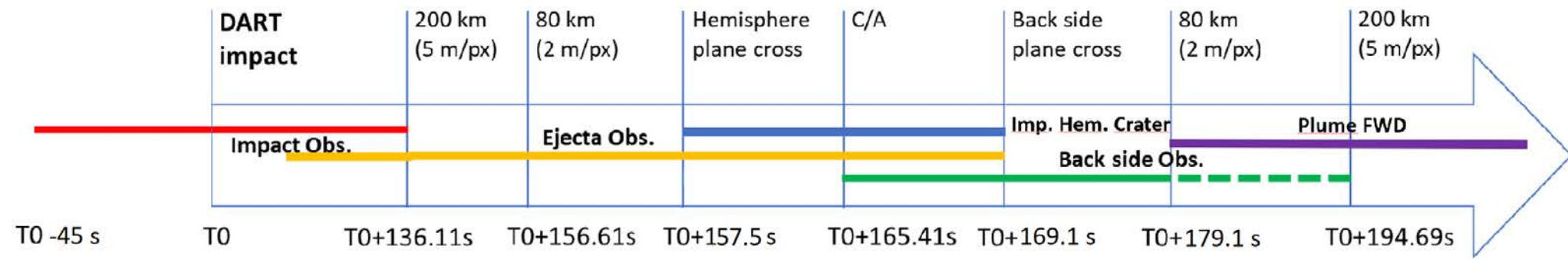
E. Dotto and the LICIACube team





# LICIACube acquisition strategy

Phase	Start	End	LEIA	LUKE
1 – DART Impact	-45 s to T0	T0+136.11 s	yes	Not operative
2 - Ejecta Observation	-25 s to T0	T0 + 169.1 s	yes	yes
3 - High resolution (surface properties/crater) observation	T0 + 157.5 s	T0 + 169.1 s	yes	yes
4 – Non-impact hemisphere observation	T0 + 165.41s	T0 + 179.1 s	yes	yes
5 – Plume evolution in forward scattering	T0 + 179.1 s	T0 + 600 s	yes	yes



# Scientific Objectives



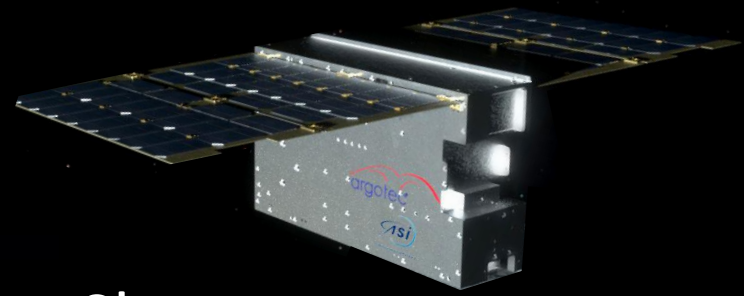
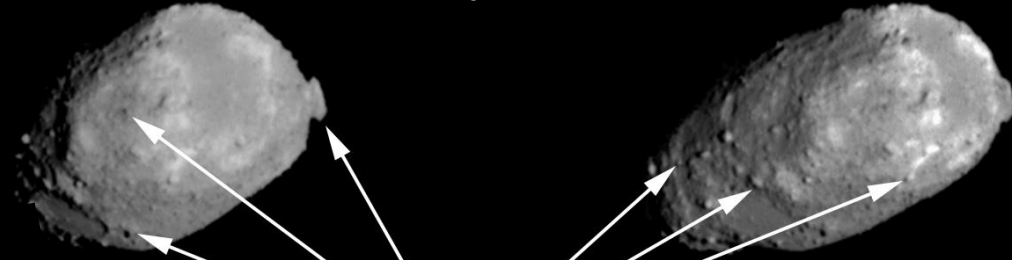
Plume



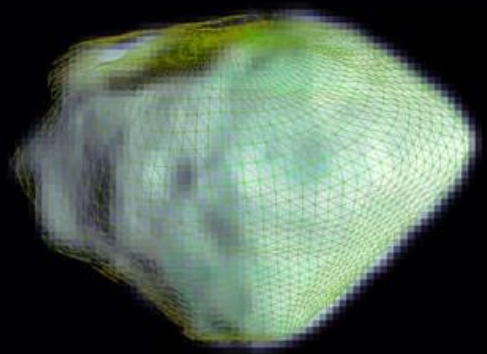
Crater

Geological and morphological analysis

Non-impact side

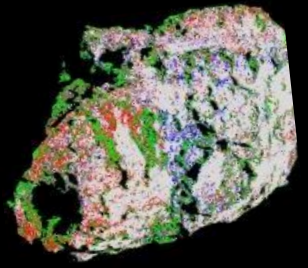


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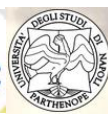


Shape and structure

Colours and composition



# Ground Segment



The mission Ground Segment architecture includes DSN antennas and the two main elements located in Italy:

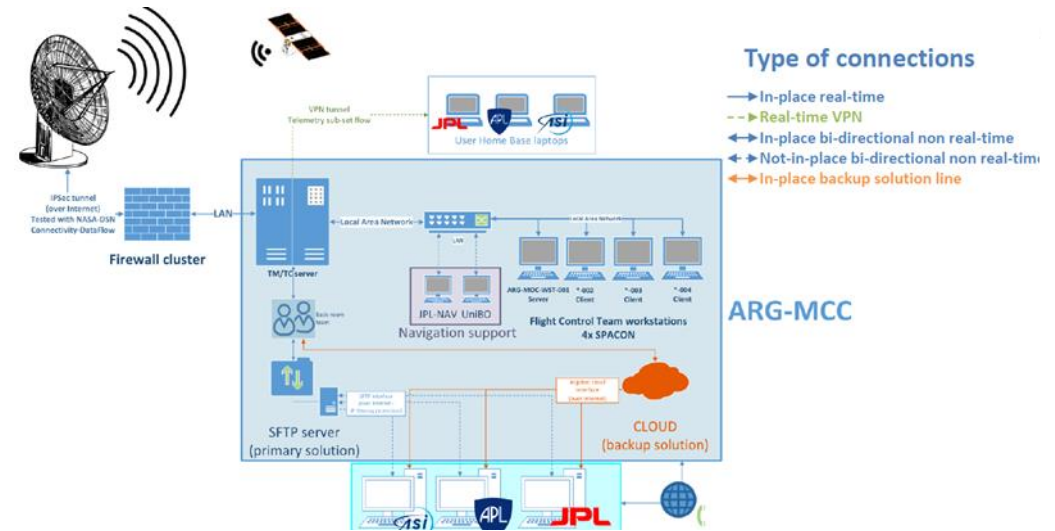
- Mission Control Center (MCC): @ Argotec (Turin)
- Science Control Center (SOC): @ ASI SSDC (Rome)

<https://www.ssdc.asi.it/liciacube/>

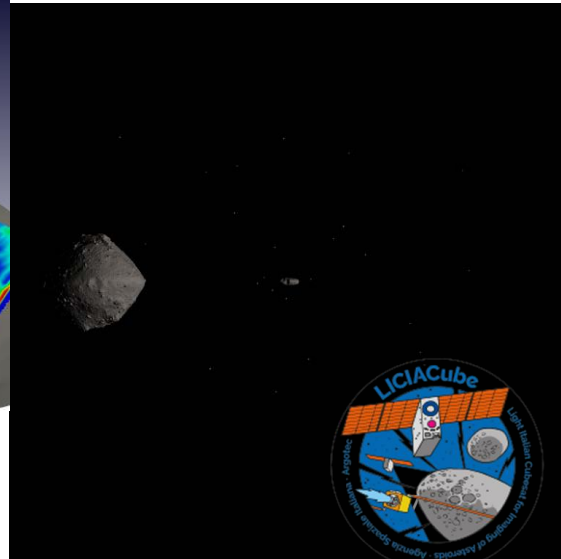
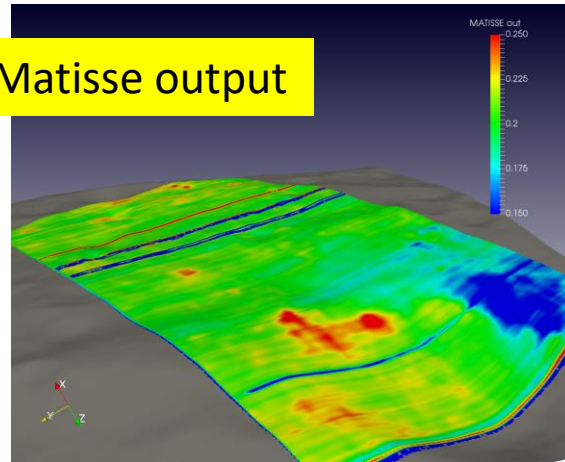
The raw data, coming from MCC, will be calibrated by SOC, using the calibration procedure provided by INAF.

A PDS4 archive will be designed, populated and released to the public after the end of the mission.

Data will also be accessible (first of all to the team and in a second time to public) by means of the SSDC MATISSE webtool (<https://tools.ssdc.asi.it/Matisse>), with advanced 2D and 3D visualization capabilities.



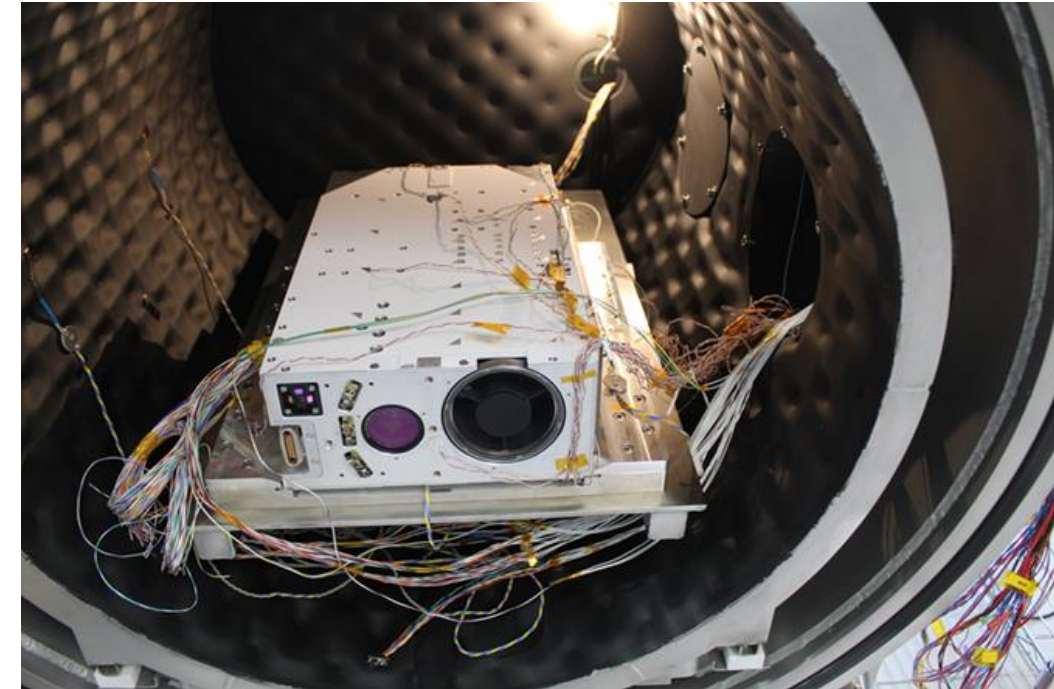
Matisse output





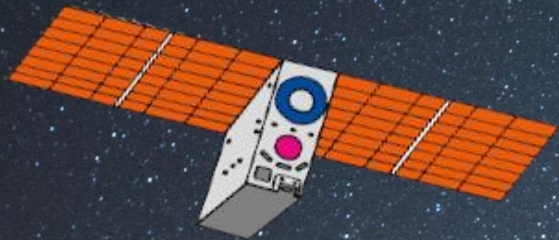
# Status of the Project

- Qualification test campaign at Cubesat level in progress:
  - Full functional test successfully completed;
  - TVAC test successfully completed;
- Integration into the dispenser, expected on 12th May
- Qualification and Acceptance test campaign at System level (cubesat + dispenser + EBC)
  - Vibrations test
  - Deployment test
  - Thermal balance test
- Readiness of the System, expected on mid June
- Reviews and logistics
- Delivery to APL in Baltimore, expected on 23rd July



**LICIA Cube spacecraft in TVAC chamber, after test**





# LICIACube

the Light Italian Cubesat for Imaging of Asteroids

Elisabetta Dotto (INAF-OAR)  
on behalf of the LICIACube Team

PDC– April 2021





# DART: How will we know what we've done?

Observations and Dynamics

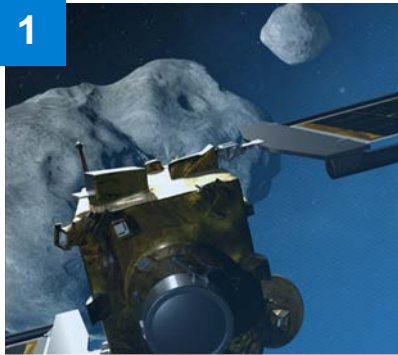
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DART Investigation Lead



# DART's Level 1 Requirements

## Defining the Mission's Planetary Defense Investigation

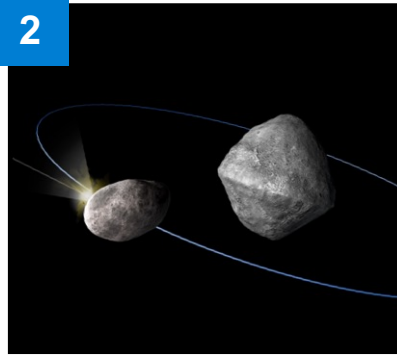
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### Impact Dimorphos

During its Sept/Oct 2022 close approach to Earth

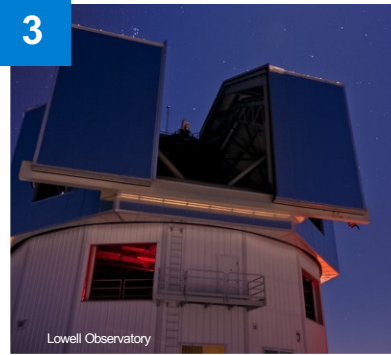
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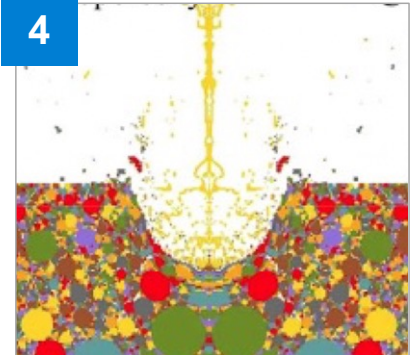
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### Measure the period change

To within 7.3 seconds, from ground-based observations before and after impact

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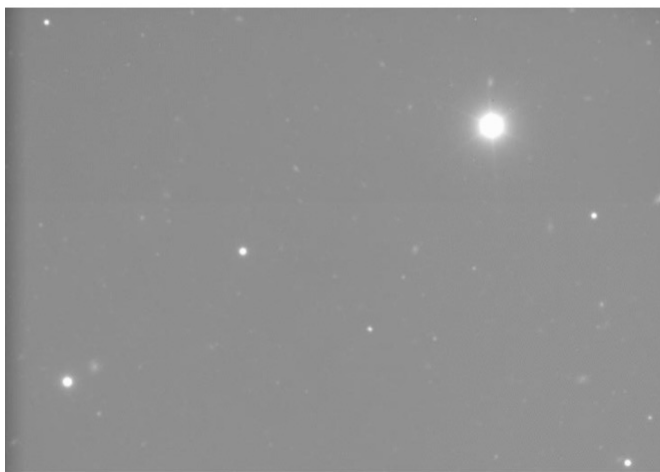
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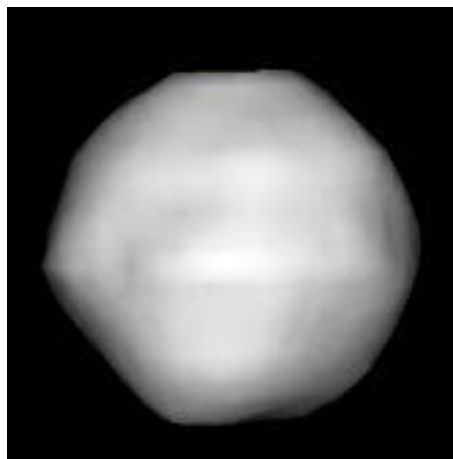
# Current Knowledge about Didymos

## Lightcurves



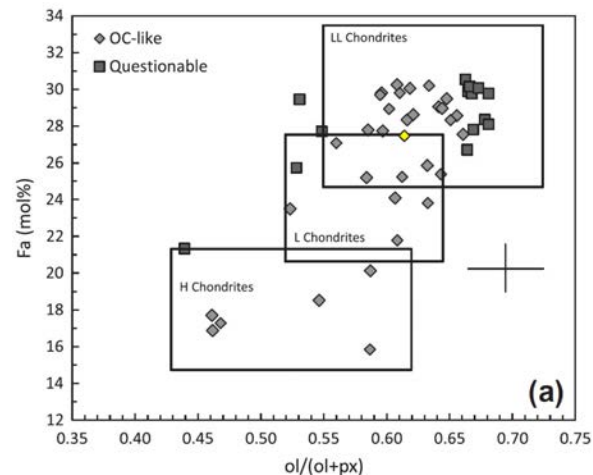
Didymos, moving through star field  
*Taken from Keck Observatory, January 2021*

## Radar Shape Model



Shape model of the Didymos primary  
asteroid from combined radar and light  
curve data (Naidu et al. 2020)

## Composition

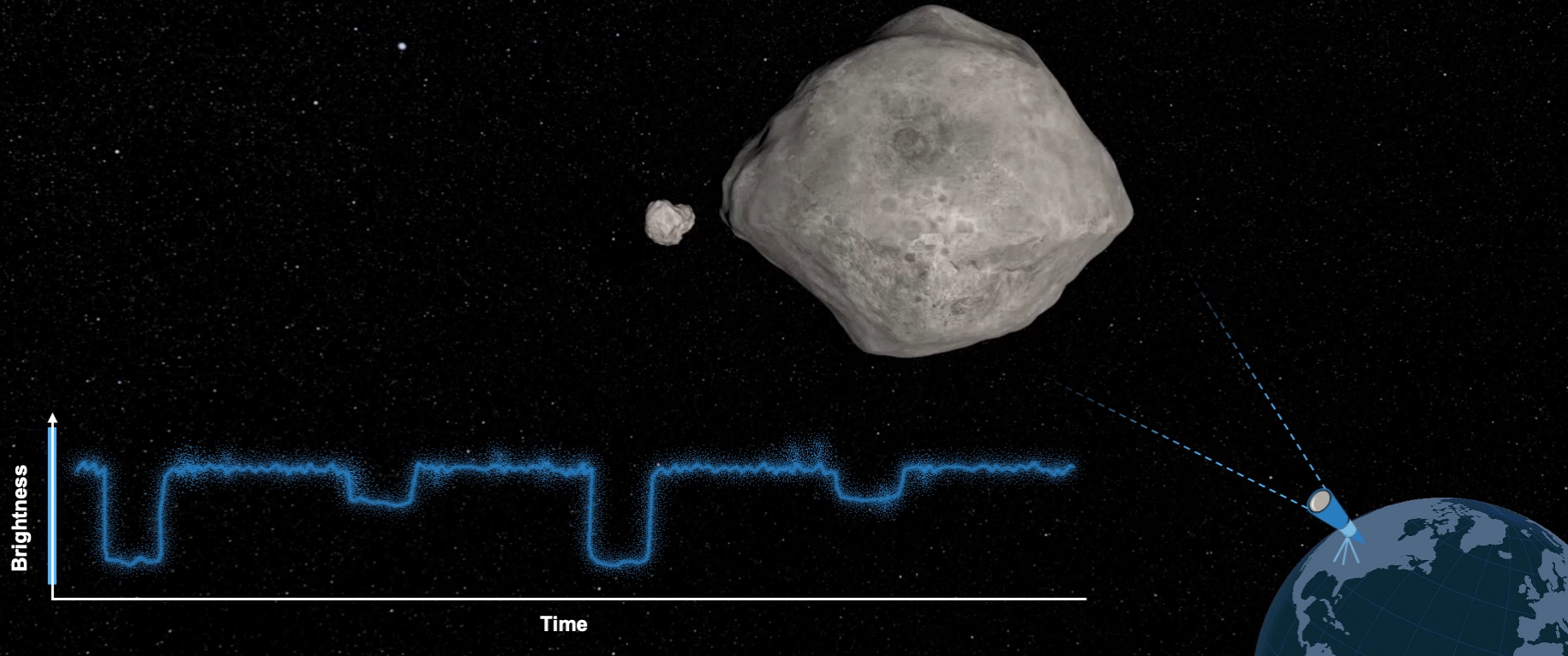


Spectral parameters from observations by  
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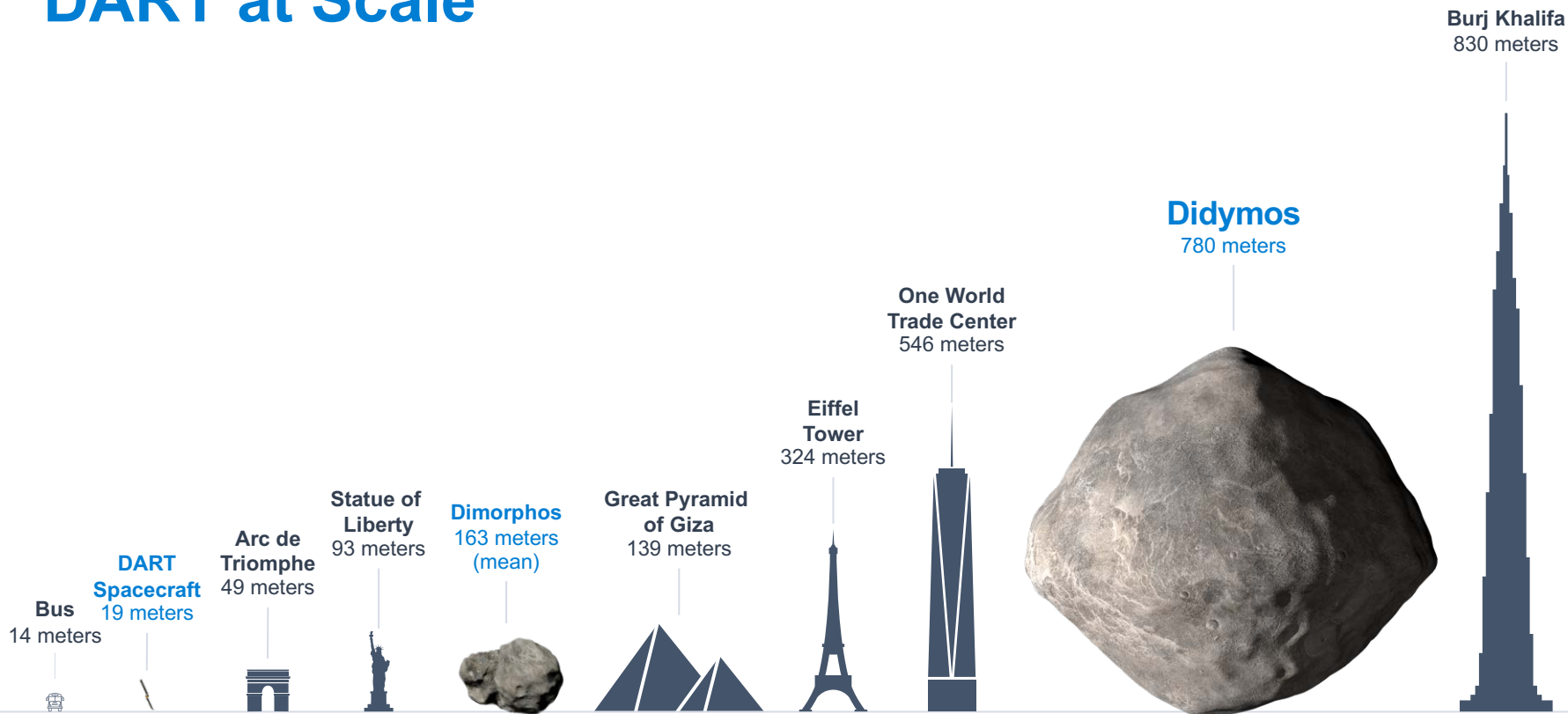


# Measuring the Binary Asteroid System from Earth

Dimorphos Orbiting about Didymos



# DART at Scale

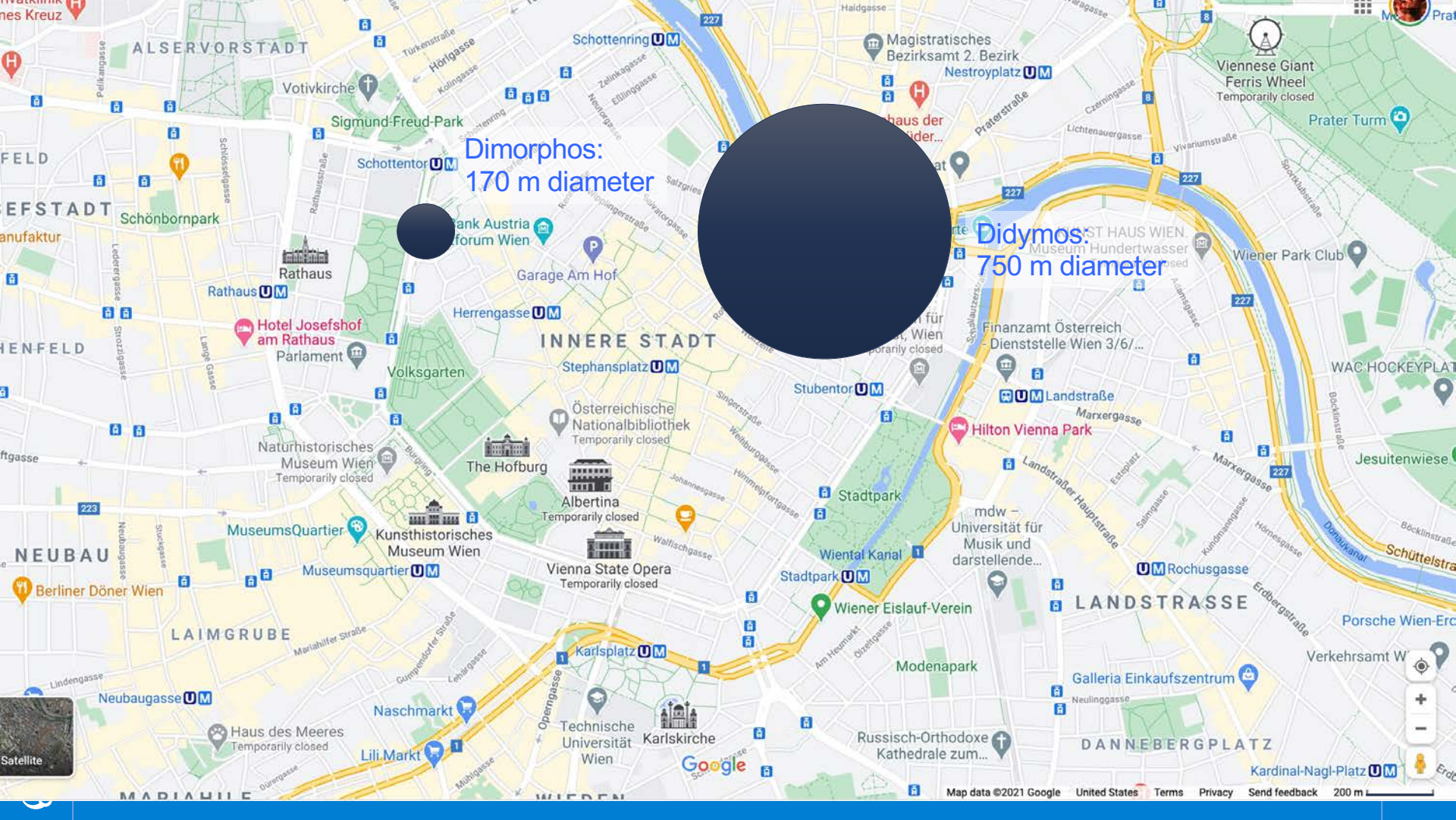




Dimorphos:  
170 m diameter



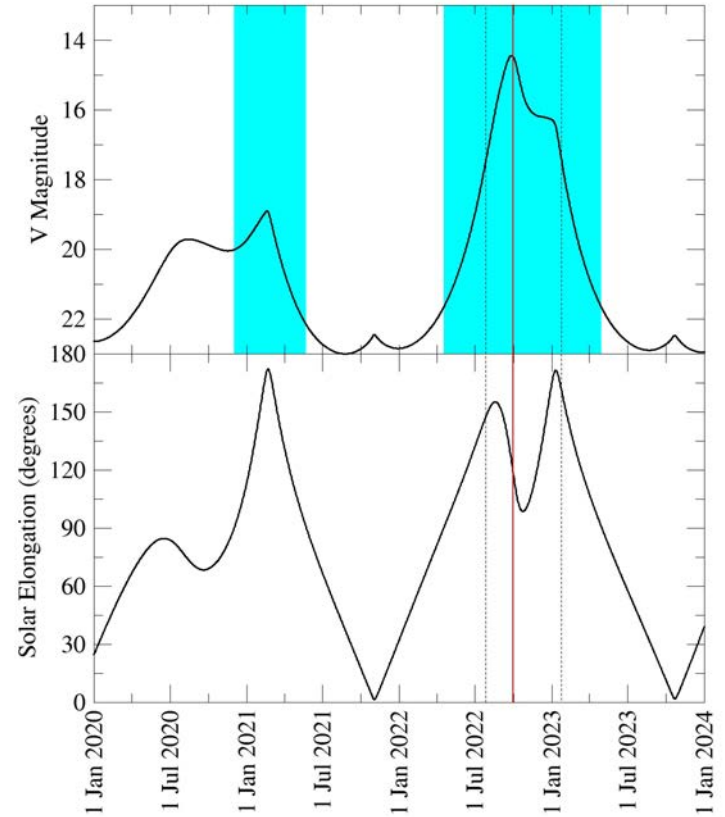
Didymos:  
750 m diameter





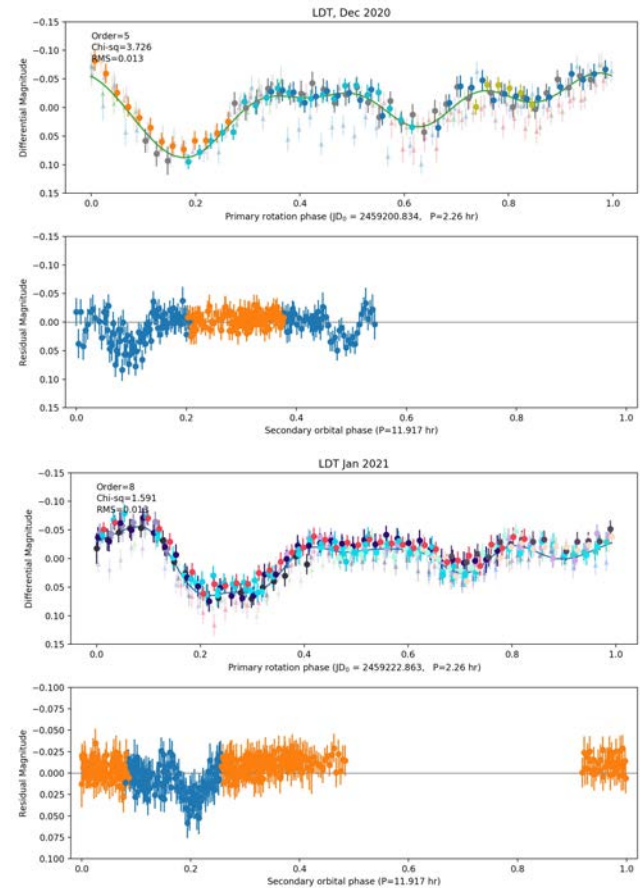
# The 2020-2021 Apparition

- Focused on improving precision of Dimorphos' orbit to allow extrapolation and targeting of a particular orbit phase at time of DART arrival
- Observing season December 2020—March 2021
  - Early observations only had short observing window per night
- Deadline-driven data analysis included observations from LDT and Keck
  - Only data reduced through mid-January included in current fits
  - Additional observations still under analysis



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- $3\text{-}\sigma$  uncertainty on Dimorphos orbit phase  $< 7^\circ$  when extrapolated to time of DART arrival
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Nick Moskovitz, Matthew Knight, Tony Farnham

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Parameter	Value	1 $\sigma$ uncertainty
$M_0$ (°)	78.9	1.9
Period (h)	11.9216287	0.0000031
$n_0$ (rad s <sup>-1</sup> )	1.46400235e-04	0.00000038e-4
$\dot{n}$ (rad s <sup>-2</sup> )	4.9e-18	1.1e-18
Epoch (TDB)	2011-08-21.5	
$\chi^2$	20.0	
$\chi^2_v$	0.42	
$(\lambda, \beta)^\circ$	(320, -79)°	
$GM_{sys}$ (m <sup>3</sup> s <sup>-2</sup> )	37.0362739237411501789	



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“Constraining the Orbital Parameters of the Didymos-Dimorphos System: Lightcurve Observations in Preparation for AIDA/DART” by Thomas et al.

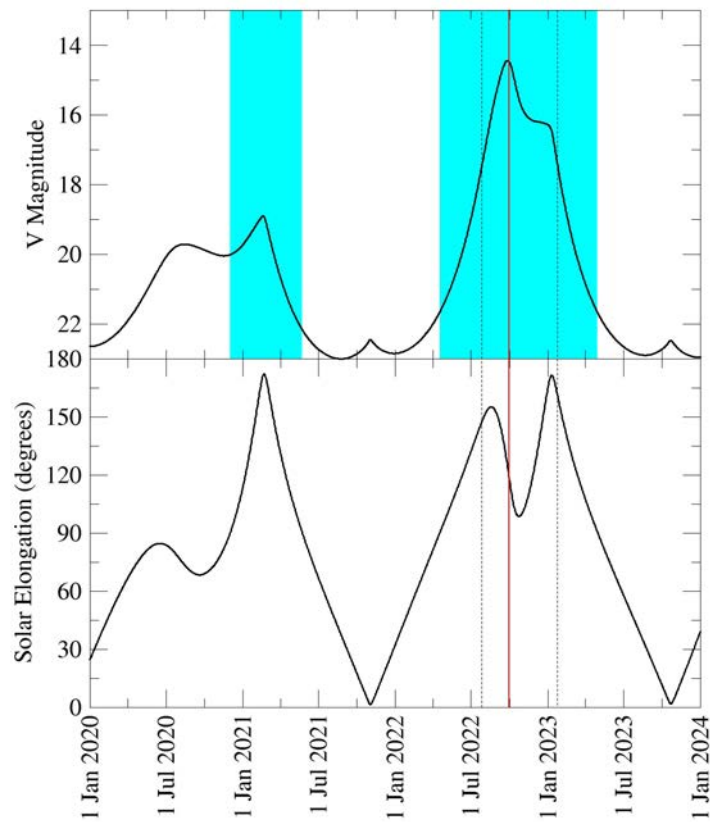
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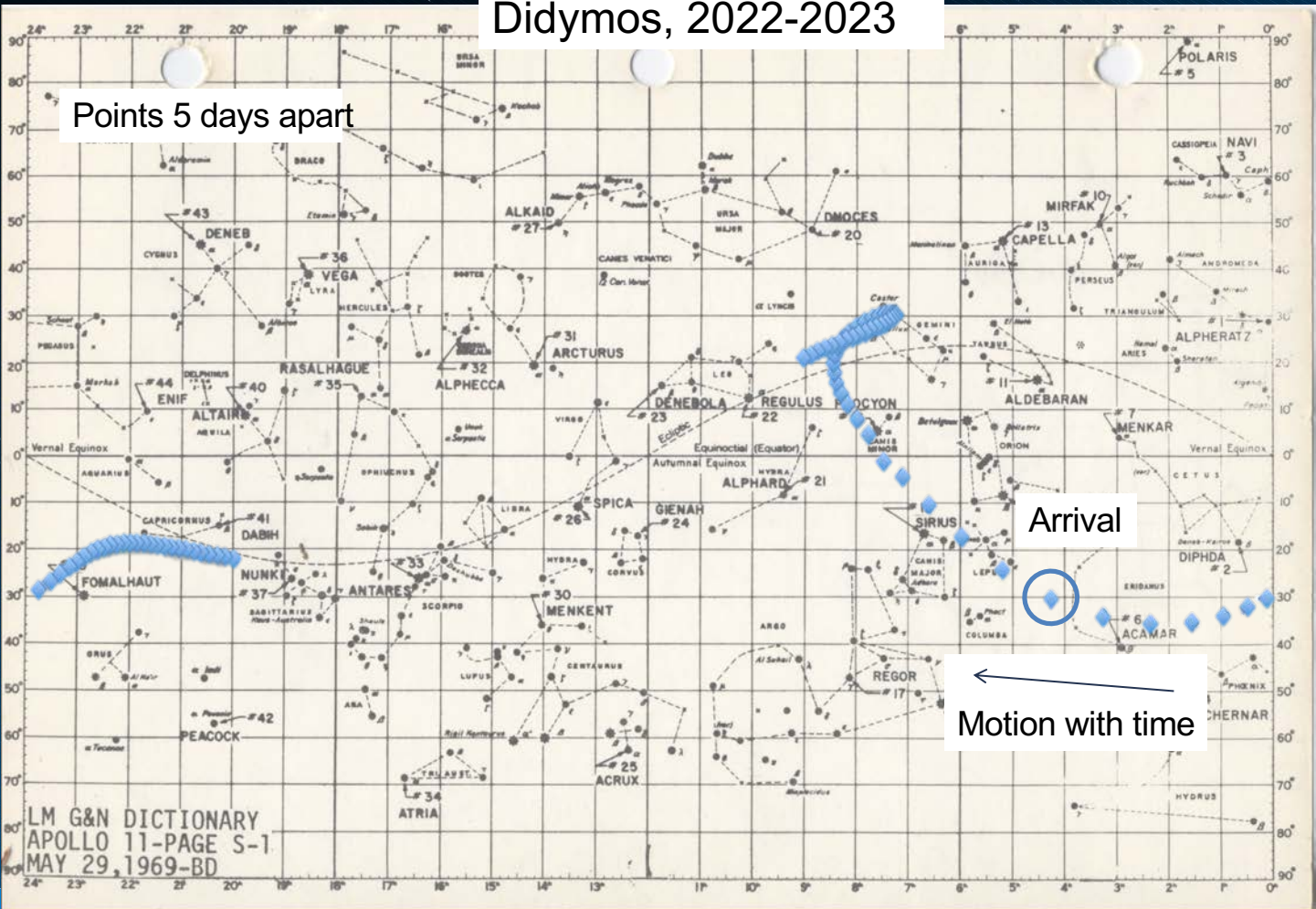
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# Didymos, 2022-2023

Points 5 days apart



Arrival

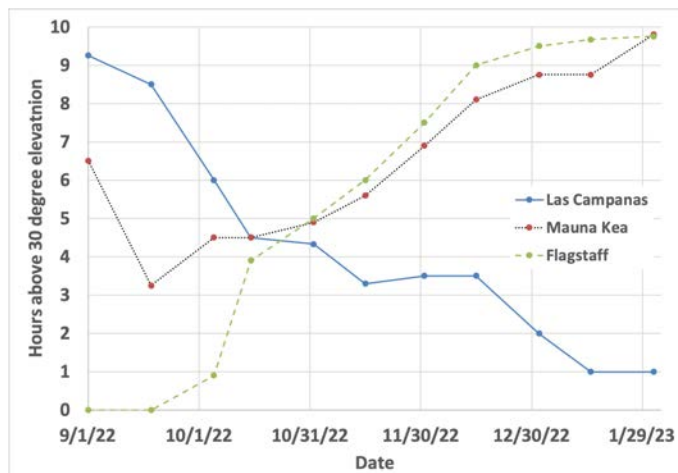
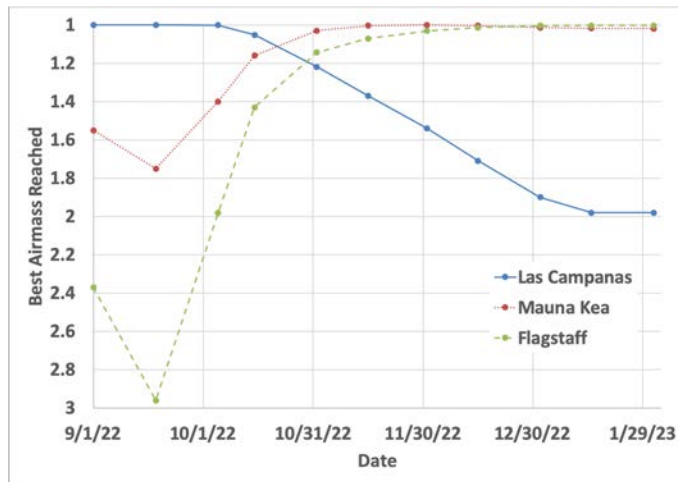
Motion with time





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# Additional measurements

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  - Can potentially measure offset between Dimorphos position and unperturbed position within a few days of DART impact
- Ejecta:
  - Visualization models still being run for LICIACube and other observing platforms
  - Expect brightening of system while ejecta is still unresolved within same pixel as Didymos (duration dependent upon imaging system used as well as ejecta model)
  - Hope to study the ejecta evolution from Earth-based systems, which will help constrain particle sizes and ejecta mass

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“Dynamics of ejecta plume after the DART impact on Dimorphos” by Ferrari et al.;

“Non-spherical dust dynamics of the ejecta plume in support of DART/LICIACube mission” by Ivanovski et al.

“Incorporating a gravity field model based on radar observations into the rebound ejecta dynamics package” by Larson et al.

**e-Lightning talks:** “Simulating planned LICIACube imagery of DART impact ejecta based on ejecta dynamics simulation output” by Fahnestock et al.;

“Influence of the body composition on the evolution of ejecta in the Didymos-Dimorphos binary system” by Rossi et al.



# Dynamical Possibilities

- The impact into Dimorphos will inevitably cause librations
  - Even if perfectly circular/perfectly tidally locked pre-arrival, DART will cause some amount of eccentricity and thus libration
- The amount of libration is dependent upon Dimorphos' shape
  - Not clear if likely amounts of libration will be observable from Earth
  - May be observable with Hera's arrival
  - If observable, will provide information about Dimorphos' interior
- Dynamics of system very sensitive to initial conditions, shape of Didymos and Dimorphos
  - Close enough to one another that they do not appear as point sources for gravitational purposes
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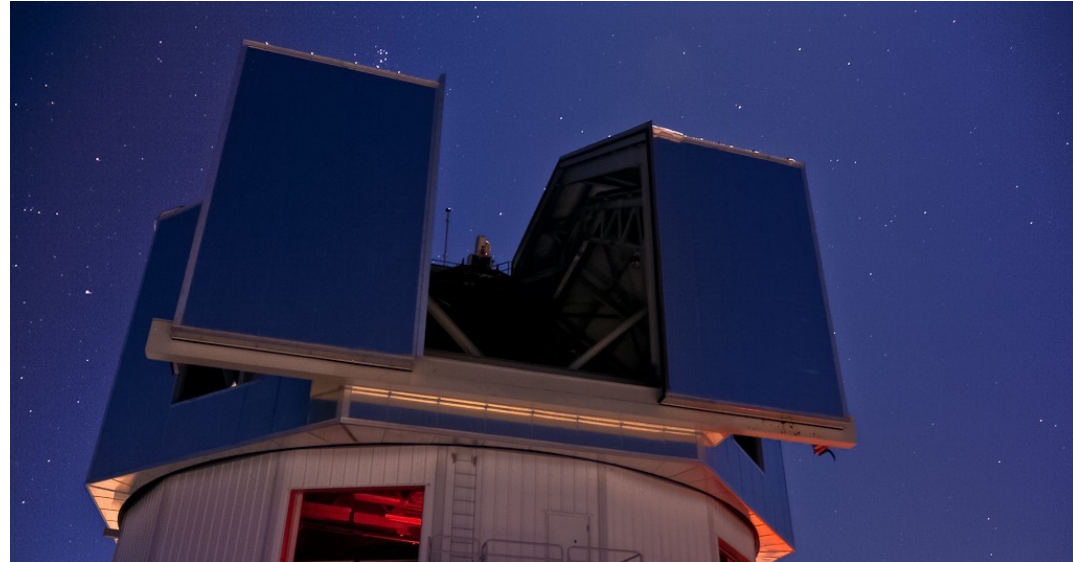
“On the post-impact spin state of the secondary component of the Didymos-Dimorphos binary asteroid system” by Agrusa et al.;

“Changing the heliocentric orbit of the Didymos system with DART” by Makadia et al.

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# Summary

- Telescopic observations of the Didymos system are integral to the DART project
- Dynamical studies have been showing what can/can't be extrapolated or determined from 1<sup>st</sup> principles, and studying the lifetime of DART effects
- Observations prior to DART's arrival are necessary to characterize its undisturbed nature and to enable targeting at a desired Dimorphos orbit phase
- Observations subsequent to DART's arrival are how the experiment will be evaluated
- Preparations for the 2022-2023 observations are beginning, with opportunity to participate



Lowell Discovery Telescope (credit: Lowell Observatory)

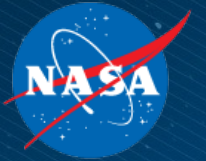




# DART

Double Asteroid Redirection Test





# DART Legacy: Determination of beta, data archive

*Kinetic Impactor Demonstration*

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# DART

*Kinetic impactor demonstration at Didymos*

- Demonstrate orbital deflection of a representative threat asteroid
- The DART target is a realistic-sized asteroid (160 m) of the most common NEO composition (S-type)
- A controlled impact experiment to increase confidence of kinetic impact predictions and improve understanding of asteroid physical properties and high-speed collisions

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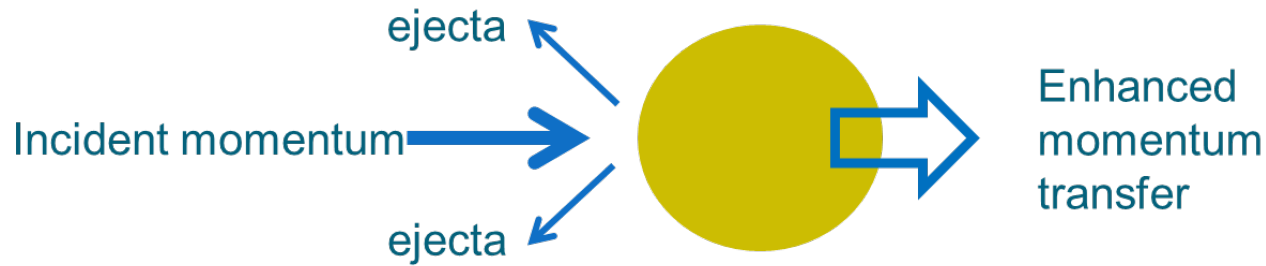
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# Beta: Momentum Transfer Efficiency



in 1D:

$$\beta = 1 + \frac{P_{\text{ejecta}}}{P_{\text{DART}}}$$

- $\beta$  is defined as momentum transfer divided by momentum input
  - If no ejecta, then  $\beta = 1$
  - Ejecta release *enhances* momentum transfer,  $\beta > 1$
- Momentum transfer from kinetic impact is enhanced by impact ejecta
- Estimation of  $\beta$  important for asteroid deflection. How large a kinetic impact is needed, or how many kinetic impacts are needed, depend on  $\beta$

For DART impact in 3D:

$$\Delta \vec{v} = \frac{m}{M} \left( \vec{u} + (\beta - 1)(\hat{n} \cdot \vec{u})\hat{n} \right)$$

$$\beta = \frac{M(\hat{n} \cdot \Delta \vec{v})}{m(\hat{n} \cdot \vec{u})}$$

$\beta$  is the transferred momentum component along  $\hat{n}$  divided by the incident momentum component along  $\hat{n}$ .

With some assumptions, the vector  $\hat{n}$  is the target surface normal

# DART Beta determination

- Measure transverse component of velocity change (from period change)
- Use full 2-body numerical modeling of Dimorphos binary dynamics to relate period change to vector velocity change and beta (using mass)
- Determine size, shape and volume of Dimorphos to infer mass (with assumed density given by bulk density of Didymos)
  - DART approach imaging of approach hemisphere
  - LICIACube imaging of approach and departure hemispheres
- Determine DART impact site location, and geology and topography of impact site, from DART approach imaging
- LICIACube plume observations to constrain plume direction  $\hat{n}$
- Use impact simulations for
  - Effects of spacecraft geometry
  - Effects of impact site topography, slopes, rubble structures
  - Estimation of uncertainty

# DART Data Archive

DART, LICIACube and Ground-based telescopic data

Data Source	Dataset	Derived data	Archive
DART DRACO	Monochrome imaging	Mosaics, light curves, image backplanes, shape models, facet data	PDS SBN
LICIACube LEIA	Monochrome imaging	Image backplanes	PDS SBN
LICIACube LUKE	3-color imaging	Image backplanes	PDS SBN
Las Cumbres	Ground-based 2m/spectral images	Light curves	PDS SBN
Las Campanas	Magellan/IMACS images	Light curves	PDS SBN
Lowell	DCT/LMI images	Light curves	PDS SBN
Magdalena Ridge	2.4m images	Light curves	PDS SBN
Radio Science	Doppler and ranging		PDS SBN
SPICE data	Ancillary data		NAIF



# Anticipating Hera science at Didymos

*AIDA: DART and Hera joint studies of kinetic impact demonstration results*

- Hera ESA mission to Didymos, arriving late 2026, will
  - Measure mass of Dimorphos
  - Measure DART impact crater
  - Study spins, search for shape changes, and measure librations excited by DART impact
- Didymos telescopic observations
  - Light curve observations of mutual events, spins and orbital period
  - Ejecta imaging from Earth to study activation of comet-like dust tails by DART impact
- Impact simulations
  - DART crater predictions
  - Modeling of spacecraft structure and target structures (rubble, boulders, topography)
  - Inference of Dimorphos target properties (like strength, porosity, friction, crush properties), with Hera data
  - Beta determination and uncertainties, with Hera data
- Didymos binary system dynamics
  - Inference of interior structures
  - Tidal interactions and BYORP

# DART Legacy

- DART demonstrates planetary defense capability
  - Showing that a kinetic impactor accomplishes asteroid deflection
  - Demonstrating kinetic impactor technology and concept of operations
- DART determines momentum transfer efficiency for a target asteroid of representative size and most common spectral type
- DART improves and validates models of kinetic impact deflection
  - More reliable predictions of kinetic impactor effects on other asteroids
- DART informs planetary defense decision and policy definition processes and reduces risks



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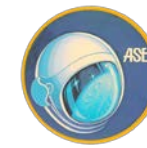
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## Q&A

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## Break

Up Next: Session 4 - OSIRIS-REx

