



# Hera Mission WG 2: Remote Observations Future plans

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## Hera mission – launch



"Orange" areas correspond to candidate launch opportunities, later dates imply increasing Earth distance

### Hera mission – WG 2

1. Baseline target: binary asteroid Didymos



Parameter	Value				
Diameter of Primary D <sub>P</sub>	0.780 km ± 10%				
Diameter of Secondary D <sub>s</sub>	0.163 ± 0.018 km				
Bulk density of the primary $\rho_{P}$	2104 kg m <sup>-3</sup> ± 30%				
Distance between the centre of primary and secondary (a <sub>orb</sub> )	1.18 km +0.04/-0.02 km				
Total mass of system	5.278 ± 0.54 x 10 <sup>11</sup> kg				
Rotation period of the primary	2.2593 ± 0.0008 h				

### 2. Potential flyby targets

	1	A		В		С	D		E	
1	Aster	roid #	Asteroi	d Name	Min	. Distance [AU]	Encou	Encounter Date		g.
2	11	26	Otero			0.0154		18/5/25		.9
3	21	21	Sevasto	opol	0.0361		2	28/8/25		.3
4	23	22	Kitt Pea	ak		0.0413 1/1			13	.2
5	25	84	Turkme	Turkmenia		0.0365		4/5/26	13	.1
6	34	56	Etienne	emarey		0.0136	1	/5/26	13	.7
7	38	3818		Gorlitsa		0.0253		/5/26	14	.1
8	49	54	Eric	Eric		0.0323		3/6/25		.6
9	6108		Glebov	Glebov		0.0362		8/7/26		.2
10	6851		Chianti	Chianti		0.0494		16/8/25		.4
11	8959		Oenant	the	0.0497		7	/7/26	14	.9
12	9514		Deinek	a		0.0154		9/7/26		.6
13	10278		1981 E	981 EW30		0.0283		17/3/26		.1
14	10858		1995 F	г	0.0346		10	10/7/25		.1
	▶ ema2024		2024	ea202	24	ea2025	eea	2025	+	

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### WG 2: Didymos

#### **Objective 1**: Establishing a synchronous secondary rotation and $a_s/b_s$

The highest quality data (rms residuals 0.008 mag) obtained during 2003-11-20 to -12-04 suggest a low secondary amplitude of ~0.02 mag outside events. But the few features might be small systematic errors in the observations.

We need to confirm it, deriving  $P_s$  and estimating  $a_s/b_s$ , with high quality observations (errors < 0.008 mag) in next apparition(s). Two full nights with a 8-10m telescope around the Didymos' opposition in March 2019 ( $V \sim 19.8$ ) or in February 2021 ( $V \sim 18.9$ ) will be needed.



Taken from Pravec's presentation at Didymos Observer Workshop, Prague 2018

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- 2.5 N @ 8.2m Keck (Hawaii). IP: Andrew Rivkin (0.5 N L1, 1 N each L2, L3). LRIS-ADC, Sloan r'
- 14.2 h @ 8m Gemini N / 10.2 h @ Gemini S (Chile) IP: Thomas (L2)
- 0.5 N @ 8.4m LBT (Arizona). IP: Howell (L2). LBC Blue, Bessel V + LBC Red, Bessel R
- 3x0.5 N @ 6.5m MMT (Arizona). IP: Howell (L2). MMTCam, Sloan r'

# WG 2: Fly-by targets

#### Main criteria:

- Binary asteroid
- Not an S-type
- Fresh asteroid surface

#### **Proposals submitted**

- 5N @ 8.2m VLT/3.6m NTT (Chile) IP: Fitzsimmons/Green (April 2019) Rotationally Resolved Spectroscopy
  - 1N with X-SHOOTER @ VLT: Didymos, (1917) Cuyo, and (25021) Nischaykumar

and discussion

- See talk by Pravec & Green (Session 3, 12:30)

- See talk by Rozitis about Cuyo (Session 5, 16:30)

- 4N with EFOSC/SOFI @ NTT: (2121) Sevastopol
- 4N @ 4.2m WHT (La Palma) IP: Fitzsimmons (March 2019) Rotationally Resolved Spectroscopy + Photometry (lightcurve)
  - Visible spectra with ACAM of **Didymos**
  - Visible spectra + light curve with ACAM (Sloan r') of (1917) Cuyo
  - Near-infrared spectra with LIRIS of (2121) Sevastopol
- 20 h @ 10.4m GTC (La Palma) IP: de León (March August 2019) Visible spectroscopy with OSIRIS of potential spacecraft targets (Band C proposal, "filler")