Asteroid Impact & Deflection Assessment (AIDA)



AIDA-DART Mission Overview

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Planetary Defense: Asteroid Mitigation, a Global Concern

Small asteroids that hit the Earth, 1994-2013



Mitigation Techniques:

- Kinetic Impactor
- Energetic Explosion
- Gravity Tractor
- Directed Energy

Chelyabinsk-sized impacts (500 kilotons TNT) every few decades Tunguska-sized impacts (5 megatons TNT) every few centuries



Regimes of Primary Applicability of the Four types of Mitigation







Radar and Telescope Observations



Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory

DART

- DART is an element of AIDA, a joint, international mission collaboration to demonstrate asteroid impact threat mitigation with a kinetic impactor spacecraft to deflect an asteroid, and assess the deflection result. AIDA consists of:
 - ESA's rendezvous and monitoring spacecraft, the Asteroid Impact Monitor (AIM) mission
 - NASA's kinetic impactor spacecraft, the Double Asteroid Redirection Test (DART) mission
- DART is a compelling opportunity: The spacecraft will intercept the secondary member of the binary Near-Earth Asteroid Didymos binary system ~October, 2022 (using autonomous guidance with proportional navigation to hit the "center" of the 160m target body).
- DART is a strategic technology demonstration.
 - DART is a full scale test of a kinetic impactor (an independent mission)
 - DART will also demonstrate SMD's NEXT Solar Electric Propulsion System
- DART leverages many other NEO Observation Program investments, space-based missile technology and APL's DoD capabilities and investments
- A comprehensive DART project includes ground-based observations
- DART is a Class D, Cat. III mission





DART Mission Design - Path To Terminal Guidance Autonomous Navigation and Targeting (SMARTNav) @2022 Intercept (~10.9M km; 6.8M miles from Earth)



DART is targeting the Didymos system in October, 2022



Preliminary shape model of the Didymos primary from
combined radar and light curve data, diameter ~780 m.
The secondary (not imaged) may be more elongated.

Cheng AF et al. (2015) Acta Astron., 115: 262 Cheng AF et al. (2016) Planet. Space Sci., 121:27 Michel P et al. (2016) Adv. Space Res., 57:2529

Primary Diameter	780 m ± 10%
Secondary Diameter	163 m ± 18 m
Total System Mass	(5.278 ± 0.54) × 10 ¹¹ kg
Component Bulk Density	2,100 kg m ⁻³ \pm 30%
Primary Rotation Period	2.2600 ± 0.0001 h
Component Separation	1180 +40/-20 m
Secondary Orbital Period	11.920 +0.004/-0.006 h
Spectral Class	S

- Didymos is a well-characterized asteroid that approaches close to Earth, enabling groundbased observations of impact demonstration
- The secondary ("Didymoon") is realistic scale
 - Small enough to deflect kinetically and measure result
 - Smaller NEOs represent a more frequent threat to Earth





First Kinetic Impact Test at Realistic Scale for Planetary Defense

DART target much smaller than the Deep Impact target

> Comet 9P/Tempel 1 Deep Impact target

> > DART target Didymos moon







DART Level 1 Requirements (Updated 09-28-16)

	ID	Requirement	Implications
Threshold	DART-1	DART shall intercept the secondary member of the binary asteroid 65803 Didymos as a kinetic impactor spacecraft during its September to October, 2022 close approach to Earth.	Autonomous navigation; optimal ground-based observing opportunities
	DART-2	The DART impact on the secondary member of the Didymos system shall cause at least a 73 s change in the binary orbital period.	Ideal impact time to maximize deflection
	DART-3	DART shall measure the change in the binary orbital period to within 7.3 s (1- σ).	Measurement of orbital period change to 10% precision corresponds to 6.7% measurement precision in orbital energy transfer.
	DART-4a	The DART project shall characterize the binary orbit with sufficient accuracy by obtaining ground-based observations of the Didymos system before and after spacecraft impact to allow determination of the velocity change imparted to the target within 10% precision, and through an independent estimate of the target mass obtain a measure of the momentum transfer enhancement parameter referred to as "Beta".	Localize and characterize impact site to support modeling and simulation reconstruction of event
Baseline	DART-4b	The DART project shall obtain data, in collaboration with ground-based observations and data from the AIM spacecraft, to constrain the location and surface characteristics of the spacecraft impact site and to allow the estimation of the dynamical changes in the Didymos system resulting from the DART impact, and in particular the coupling between the body rotation and the orbit.	Localize and characterize impact site to support modeling and simulation reconstruction of event

DART Investigation Plan documents all aspects of the DART Investigation and data management

DART First Measurement of Momentum Transfer Efficiency at an Asteroid





DART Primary Objective: Improve and Validate Impact Models with kinetic impact experiment

- DART impact on Didymos secondary is a controlled experiment
 - High-speed impact on an asteroid with known projectile and impact conditions
 - DART images the target site and geology
- DART telescopic observations determine the amount of target deflection by measuring the period change of the Didymos binary system before and after the DART impact
 - With AIM data, if AIM is present at Didymos, further measure the momentum transfer and vector velocity change of the target
- Validate and improve performance models of kinetic impact by calibrating model predictions with results of the DART experiment
 - Modeling and numerical hydrocode simulations of the DART impact predict momentum transfer and ejecta distributions
 - Benchmark numerical hydrocode simulations with each other and with laboratory experimental data
- Independent analyses at GSFC, JPL, and U. Colorado confirm that DART can determine the deflection magnitude with ground-based observations despite the complex dynamics of the Didymos system



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Impact Modeling & Simulation

- Benchmark codes and determine the sensitivity to impact models and to impact conditions.
- Initial comparisons show promising comparisons between codes. Use of similar strength models yields consistent results for different codes.
- From the magnitude of the deflection, determine the momentum transfer efficiency and beta and its relation to the target properties.
- From the impact event, investigate the ejecta mass and the predicted size of the resulting crater.
- Support mission design studies.

Dynamical & Physical Properties

- Supply and maintain jointly with AIM team a reference model for the Didymos system.
- Determine the long-term dynamics and stability of the system to assess expected changes in measured postimpact quantities. The current focus is that solar tides may cause important variation in orbital period.
- Predict physical properties based on pre-encounter modeling.
- Investigate dynamical effects of impact, including ejecta evolution. Impact may induce libration, and material exchange between components.

Remote Observation

- Refine the properties of the binary system
 Constrain the composition and spectral properties of the Didymos system
 Measure the change in the orbital period due to the DART impact and characterize the dynamical evolution of the satellite and impact ejecta
 Team of planetary astronomers obtaining telescope time for 2017 apparition, advance planning for subsequent apparitions
 DART impact during excellent apparition: Didymos at V ~ 14-15, very well placed for Chile, easily observable from other observatories
 - Complete a detailed imaging plan (including for when to downlink binned and unbinned data) for DRACO calibration and observations prior to impact
 - Develop detailed plan for SOC architecture, including tools for uplink, DRACO calibration pipeline, and implementation of scientific analyze tools.
 - Develop the interface requirements document needed between the virtual SOC/science team and MOC, for observation planning and DRACO data delivery.
 - Develop document describing the data products to be produced by the proximity observation team.



DART Spacecraft Overview



NEXT-C Project: DART Collaboration

	Performance Characteristics			
***	Thruster Power, kW	0.5 – 6.9		
	Specific Impulse, sec	2500 - 4200		
	Thrust, mN	25 - 235		
	Thrust –to-Power, mN/kW	32 - 48		
	Thruster Efficiency	0.32 - 0.7		
	Lifetime - Xenon Throughput, kg	> 600		

- NASA's Evolutionary Xenon Thruster (NEXT) began as a technology development project
- NEXT-C project's objective is to transition the NEXT technology to flight and create a commercially available product (Managed by NASA GRC)
- The NEXT-C project is producing two flight qualified thrusters and two Power Processing Units (PPUs)
- Flight project preparing to support a mission(s) with GFE flight hardware delivery in early 2019

DART is the first flight of NEXT and will fully qualify it for future deep space missions



DART: Didymos Reconnaissance and Asteroid Camera for OpNav (DRACO) Imager

Design Summary

- Heritage design based on LORRI from New Horizons mission
 - Uses of a CMOS 2k x 2k (BAE sCMOS) detector instead of LORRI CCD
 - Data Processing functions implemented in Avionics IEM instead of LORRI DPU
- Visible narrow angle camera with a large aperture (200 mm) and good optical performance
- Build to print LORRI optics, with in-progress trade of switching to AI optics from SiC

Instrument Uses

- Provides images used for distant, 30-day out, ground-based optical navigation to Didymos
- Provides images and centroids for close, autonomous guidance to Didymos (SMARTNav)
- Provides final images of the surface used for determining impact location and impact site morphology. These are used for impact modelling and understand effectiveness of impact.







DART Baseline Trajectory (Deep Space)



DART Baseline Launch Schedule (Commercial Rideshare)



- Asteroid 2001 CB21 flyby
- Impact in Oct 2022
- Backup trajectory eliminates the flyby
 - Launch window extended to 7 months
 - Spiral duration and impact date unchanged
- Additional power for the EP system can extend launch period further by shortening the spiral time



What will DART achieve?

Before DART

- Theoretical understanding of kinetic impactor mitigation
- Impact codes necessary for mitigation planning untested in relevant physical regime
- Realistic-sized hazardous asteroid response to impact mitigation poorly constrained in important ways

After DART

- "Dress Rehearsal" on appropriately-sized object of most common NEO composition (representative threat), demonstrating ability to intercept
- Impact models validated and cross-referenced, allowing confident predictions in relevant situations
- Improved understanding of important asteroidal physical parameters



DART Firsts



First mission to **measure asteroid deflection** by determining the "ejecta momentum amplification factor" of a kinetic impactor, **as well as the initial conditions** (impact conditions, target's properties)

First mission (with AIM) to study a binary asteroid, its origins and interior structure

First mission to fly **NASA's NEXT** solar electric propulsion technology.





