Status on action 5.11 – NEOtoolkit, TOOLBOX FOR A CHARACTERISATION PAYLOAD

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To reach a consensus among SMPAG members regarding the objectives of a space mission designed for a NEO characterization, and then the instruments that can be made available for achieving it. This consensual definition of a 'straw man payload' would be available on a reasonably short notice for a characterization mission targeted to NEOs that present a potential threat.

Planned sequence :

- Summarize the outcomes of a study dedicated to Apophis (done)
- Identify some short notice mission scenarios and specify the objectives of the associated characterization mission
- Specify the instruments and mission requirements for achieving these objectives
- Review available existing instruments and, in case of gaps, assess the need for the development of new instruments
- Provide with cost estimates of such instruments, if available



- Synthesis of CNES Apophis study,
- FP7 project Neoshield 1 deliverable 2.2, Requirements for mitigation precursor reconnaissance,
- FP7 project Neoshield 1 deliverable 2.3, Instrumentation design for mitigation precursor & demo mission,
- Science case for the Asteroid Impact Mission (AIM): A component of the Asteroid Impact & Deflection Assessment (AIDA) mission", published in Advances in Space research (paper based on the initial AIM configuration),
- "HERA mission to the binary asteroid Didymos characterization and interpretation of the impact of the DART mission", under revision, submited to Advances in Space research,
- Payload and Instrumentation Design for an Orbit Knowledge Improvement via Flyby Missions at Asteroids, Stephan Schuster - TUM term thesis
- Asteroid Orbit Knowledge Improvements via Spacecraft Flybys, Philipp Kollo TUM term thesis



- 1 - Minimum characterization through a cubesat performing a single fly-by of the NEO target (such as the Intrepid mission concept presented by JPL at the last LCPM).

- 2 - Basic characterization through a conventional probe (200 – 500 kg class) performing a single fly-by of the NEO target.

- 3 - Enhanced remote sensing through an orbiter achieving RV with the NEO target .

- 4 - Enhanced remote sensing through an orbiter achieving RV with the NEO target + inside structure characterization enabled by one or several landers .



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- Ian Carnelli
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- Patrick Michel
- Ozgur Karatekin
- Pascal Rosenblatt
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