

# JUVENTAS CUBESAT

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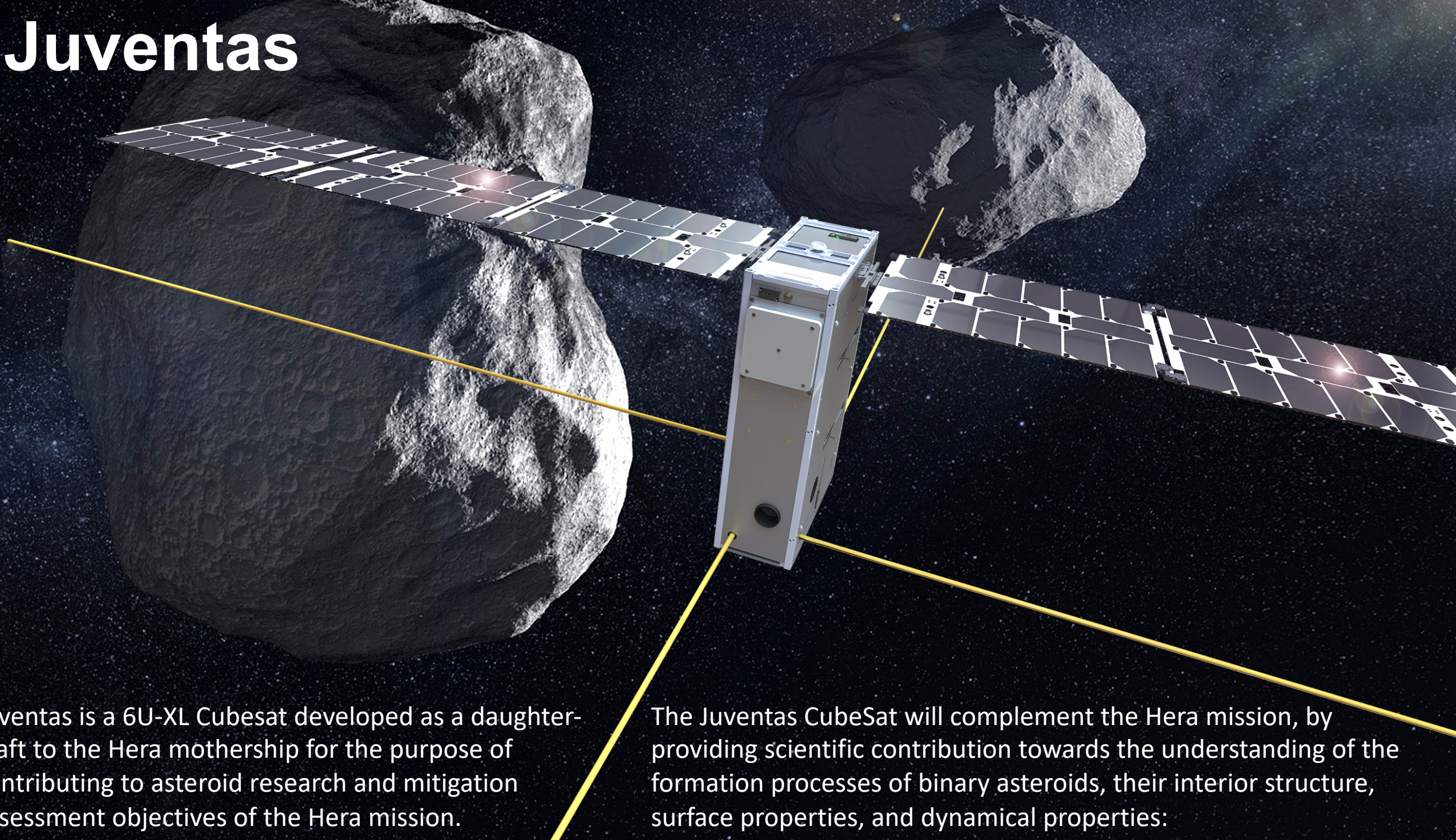
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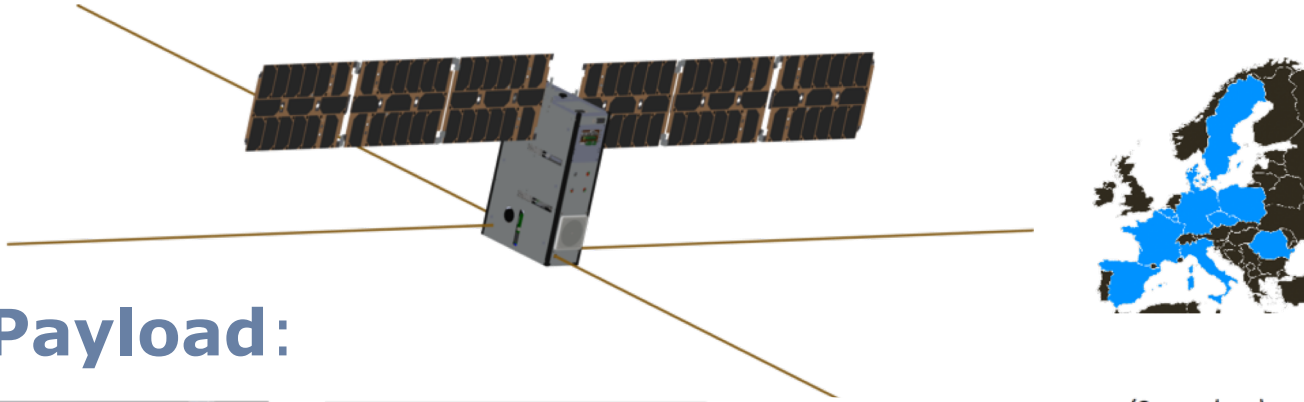
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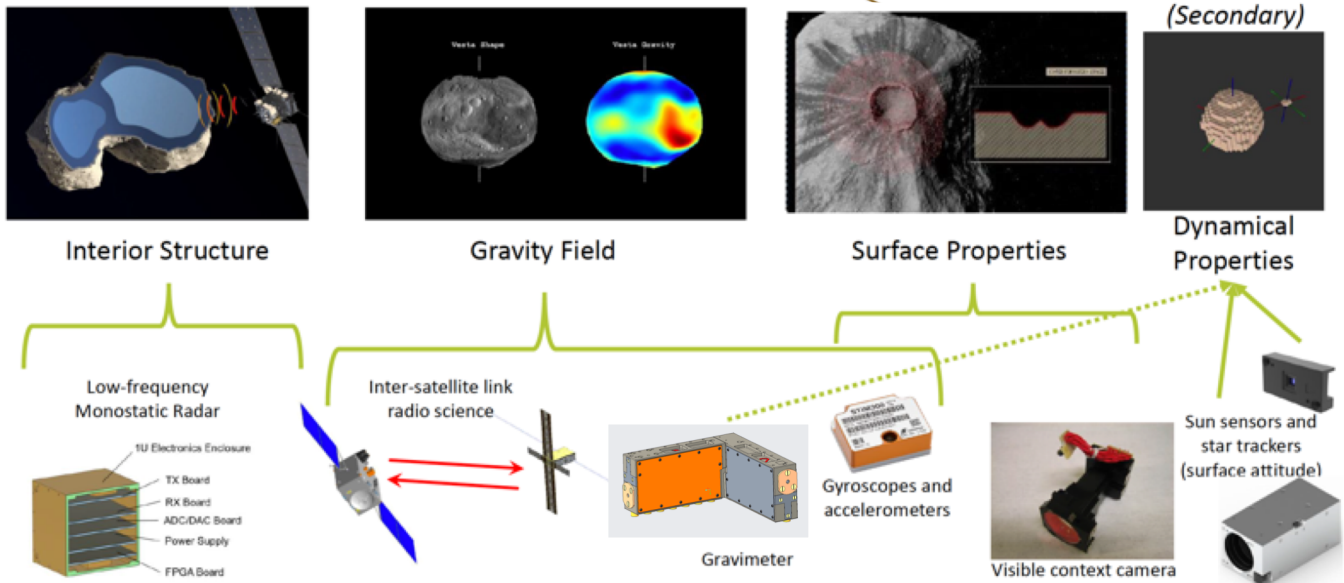
Juventas is a 6U-XL Cubesat developed as a daughter-craft to the Hera mothership for the purpose of contributing to asteroid research and mitigation assessment objectives of the Hera mission.

The Juventas CubeSat will complement the Hera mission, by providing scientific contribution towards the understanding of the formation processes of binary asteroids, their interior structure, surface properties, and dynamical properties:





## Payload:



Country	Company	Role
BE	Royal Observatory of Belgium	PI, landing science / gravimeter
BE	Spacebel	Operations partner (TBD)
CZ	Filip Zaplata	LFR digital
DK	GomSpace	Spacecraft platform subsystems
FR	Univ. Grenoble / IPAG	LFR design lead (Co-I), Rx chain
FR	CNES	Operations partner
DE	TU-Dresden	LFR Tx chain and antenna simulation
IT	U. Bologna	Radio Science (Co-I)
LU	GomSpace Luxembourg	Mission and system lead, ISL lead to OHB
LU	EmTroniX	LFR electronics
NL	ISIS	Deployer interface (procurement)
PL	Astronika	LFR antenna
RO	gmV	GNC subsystem
ES	Emxys	Gravimeter payload

See PDC presentations:

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# Juventas Science Matrix



Science Objective	Investigation	Measurements	Instruments	Mission Phase
<b>SO#1: Gravity field of Dimorphos</b>	Gravity field characterisation outside Brillouin sphere at least up to degree & order 2	Deflection during orbit measured with ranging, LoS to HERA (second CubeSat)	ISL radio link	Proximity operations
	Surface gravity	Surface acceleration	Gravimeter	Surface operations
	CubeSat descent / touchdown/bouncing	Dynamic recording of each event	GNC	Landing / Bouncing
<b>SO#2: Internal structure of Dimorphos</b>	Reconstruction of material density & largest monolithic object	Properties of (back-)reflection of transmitted signal	Low frequency radar	Proximity operations
<b>SO#3: Surface properties of Dimorphos</b>	Visible imaging	Inspection of Didymos surface features and impact crater	Visible camera	Proximity operations, Surface operations
	Surface strength measurement	Rebounds from the surface	IMU	Landing / Bouncing
<b>SO#4 (secondary) Dynamical properties of Dimorphos</b>	Orbital analysis	Orbital analysis by ranging LoS to HERA (second CubeSat)	ISL radio link	Proximity operations
	Variable surface acceleration	Surface acceleration measurements over >1 orbit	Gravimeter	Surface operations
	Attitude and Time dependent surface illumination	Attitude and time dependent surface illumination	Star tracker, sun sensors	Surface operations
<b>SO#5 (secondary) Surface/sub-Surface properties of Didymos</b>	Reconstruction of material density & largest monolithic object	Properties of (back-)reflection of transmitted signal	Low frequency radar	Proximity operations



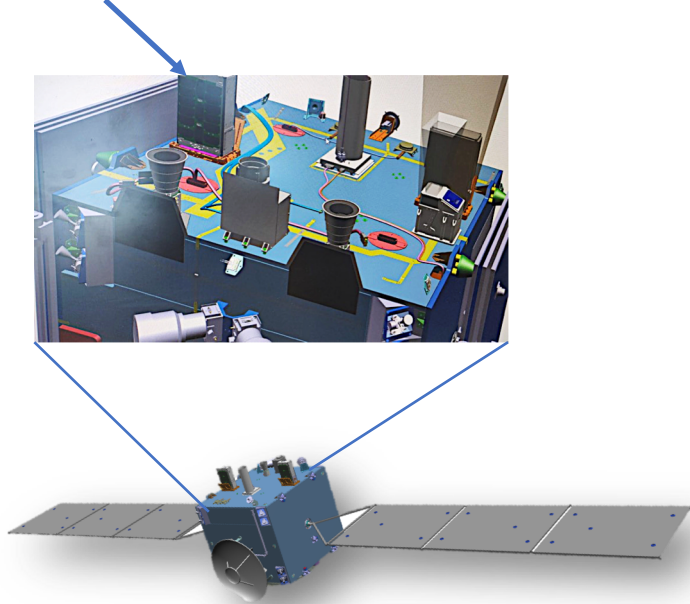
# Juventas Mission Profile



## Launch and Cruise

Juventas is transported to Didymos by Hera, stowed within a deployment canister. It is released at Didymos and undergoes a short commissioning period

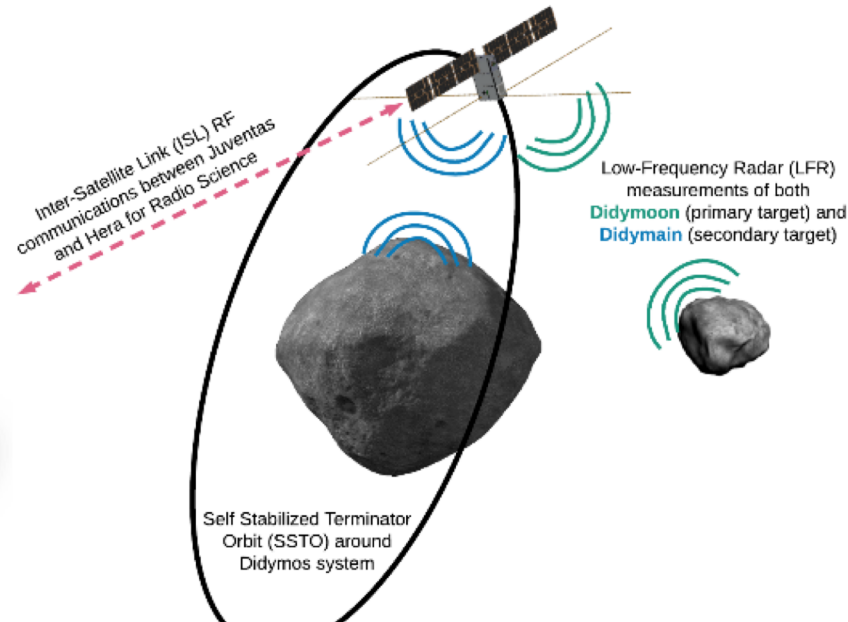
Juventas CubeSat



## Proximity Operations

### Radar & Radio Science Observations

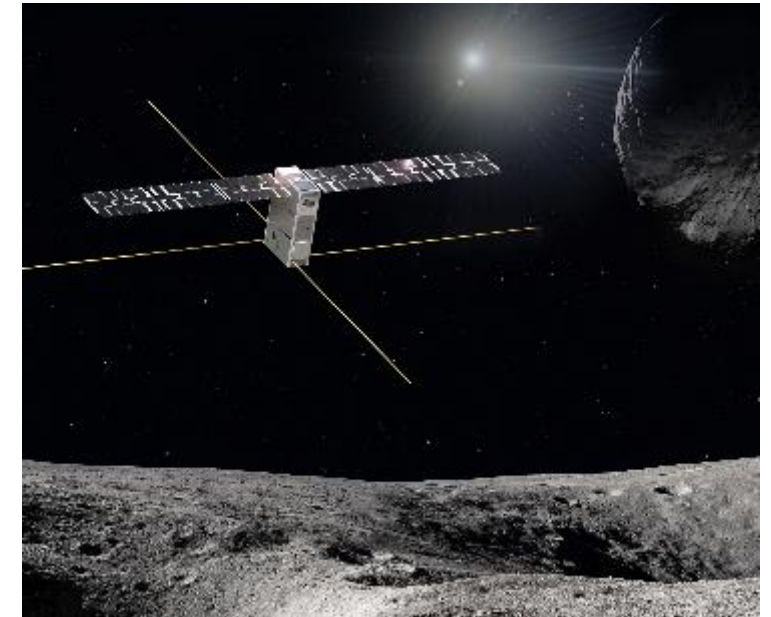
Juventas performs the main scientific observations with its low frequency radar payload to look inside the asteroid interior, and operate radio science experiments through the ISL link



## Surface Operations

### Surface Mechanical Properties & Gravity

Juventas attempts to land on the surface of Didymoon, making measurements of the impact and bouncing events and then operating its gravimeter payload from the surface to understand dynamical properties of the asteroid system

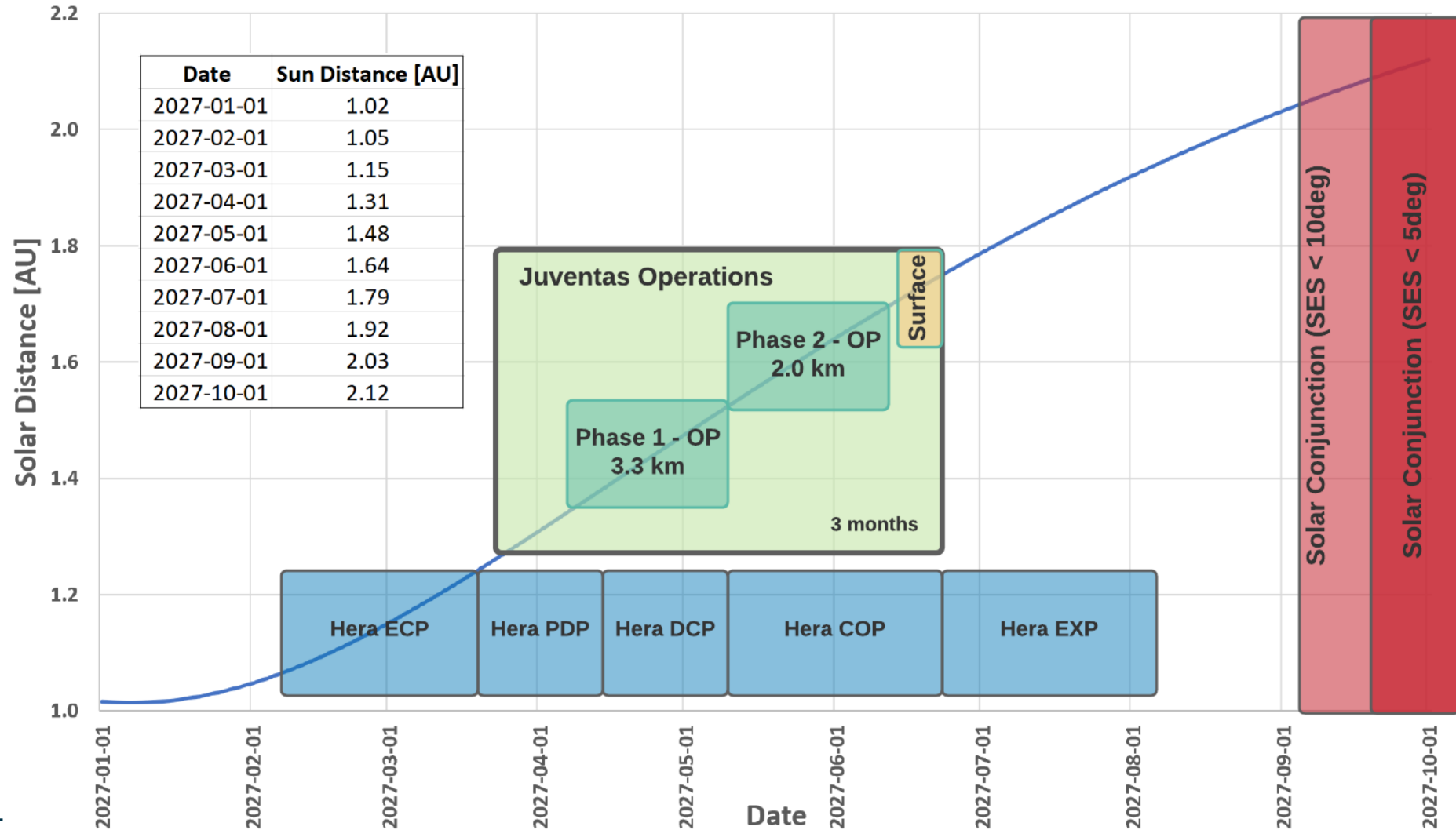




# Mission Timeline

Scenario	LPO	LPC	Arrival	Cruise Duration
Baseline 2024	Oct 8, 2024	Oct 25, 2024	Dec 28, 2026	2.17 – 2.22 years

Distance Didymos-Sun during Hera/Juventas Close Proximity Operations

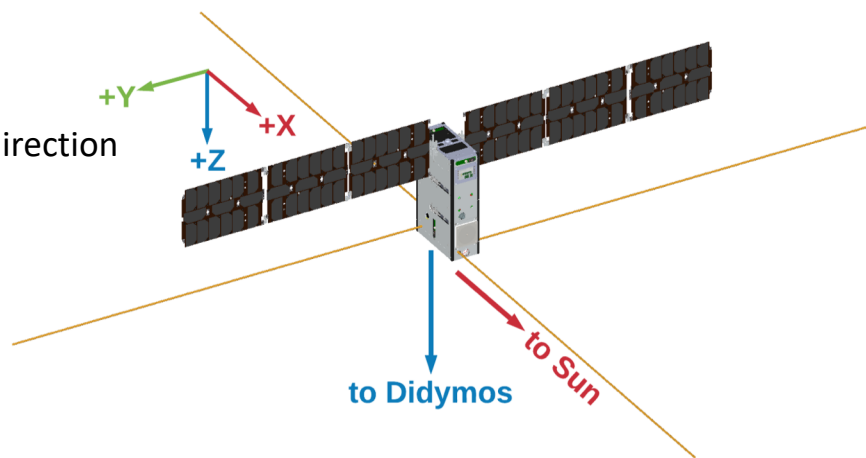


# Proximity Operations



## Self Stabilized Terminator Orbits

Equilibrium elliptical orbits perpendicular to sun direction due to high SRP perturbation



## Two phases:

- SSTO at 3.3 km
- SSTO at 2.0 km

## Attitude strategy:

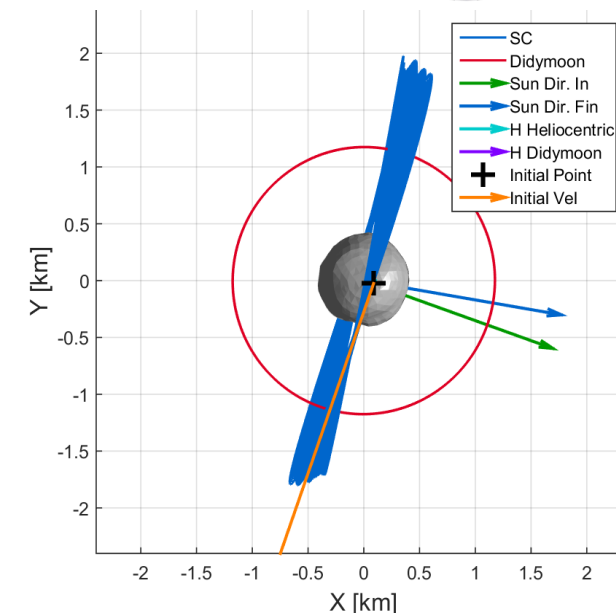
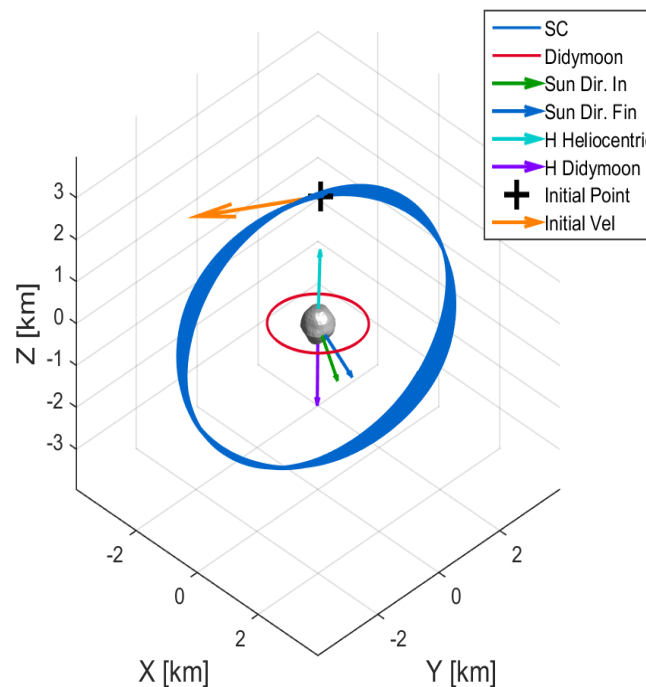
- Camera + Altimeter pointing to Didymos
- Solar panels rotated to maximize solar exposure 90°
- ISL -X mainly facing HERA

## Science Observations

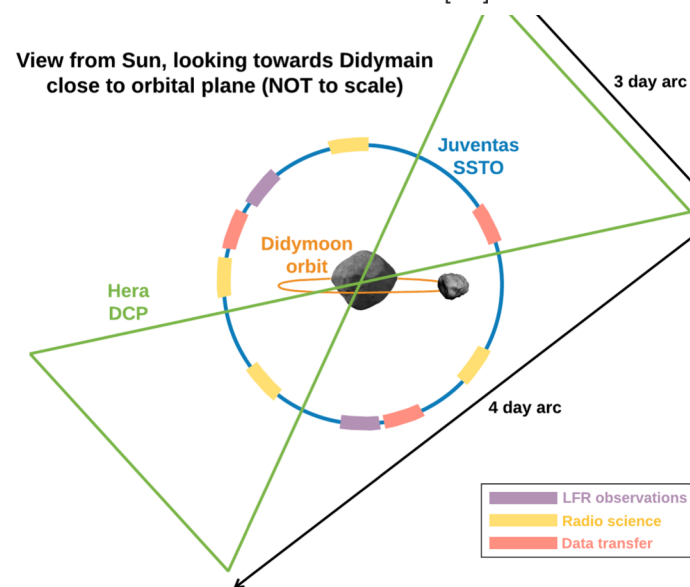
- Radar observations
- Radio science

## ISL communications

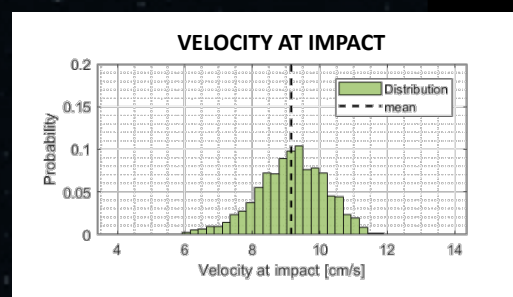
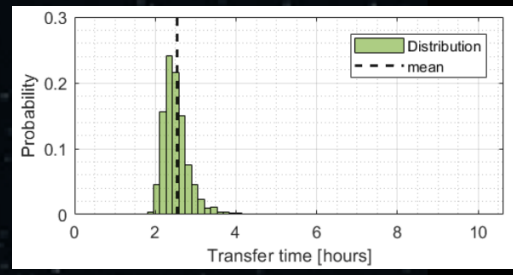
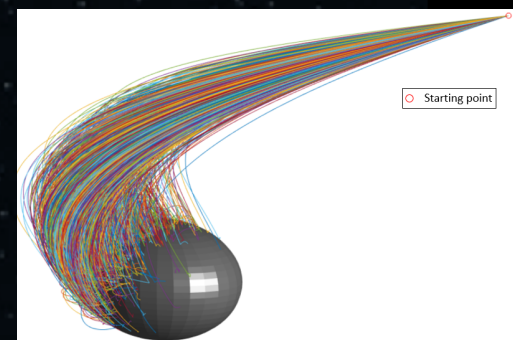
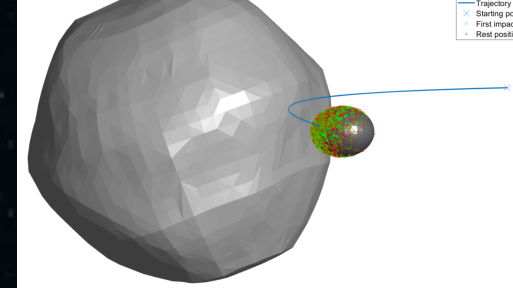
- Near-continuous link
- Scheduled data transfer with higher bit rate when favorable geometry



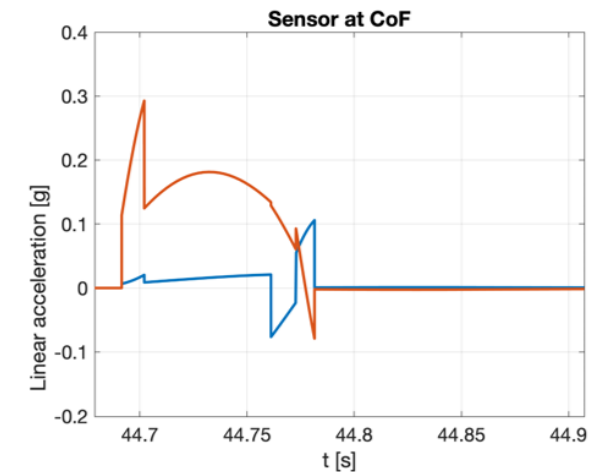
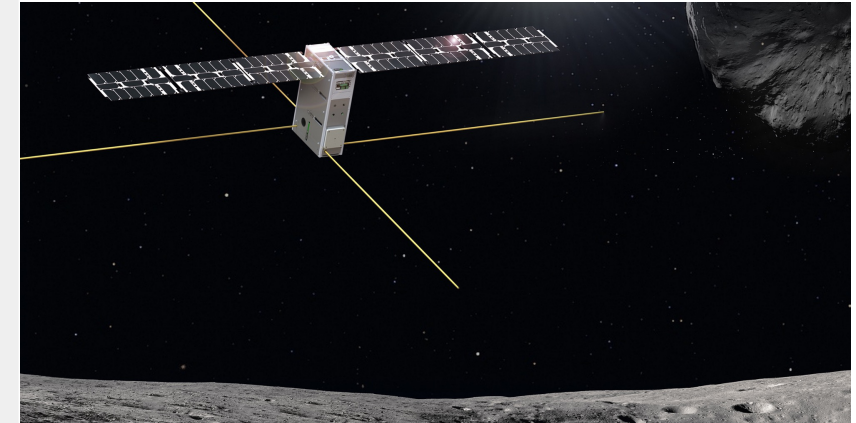
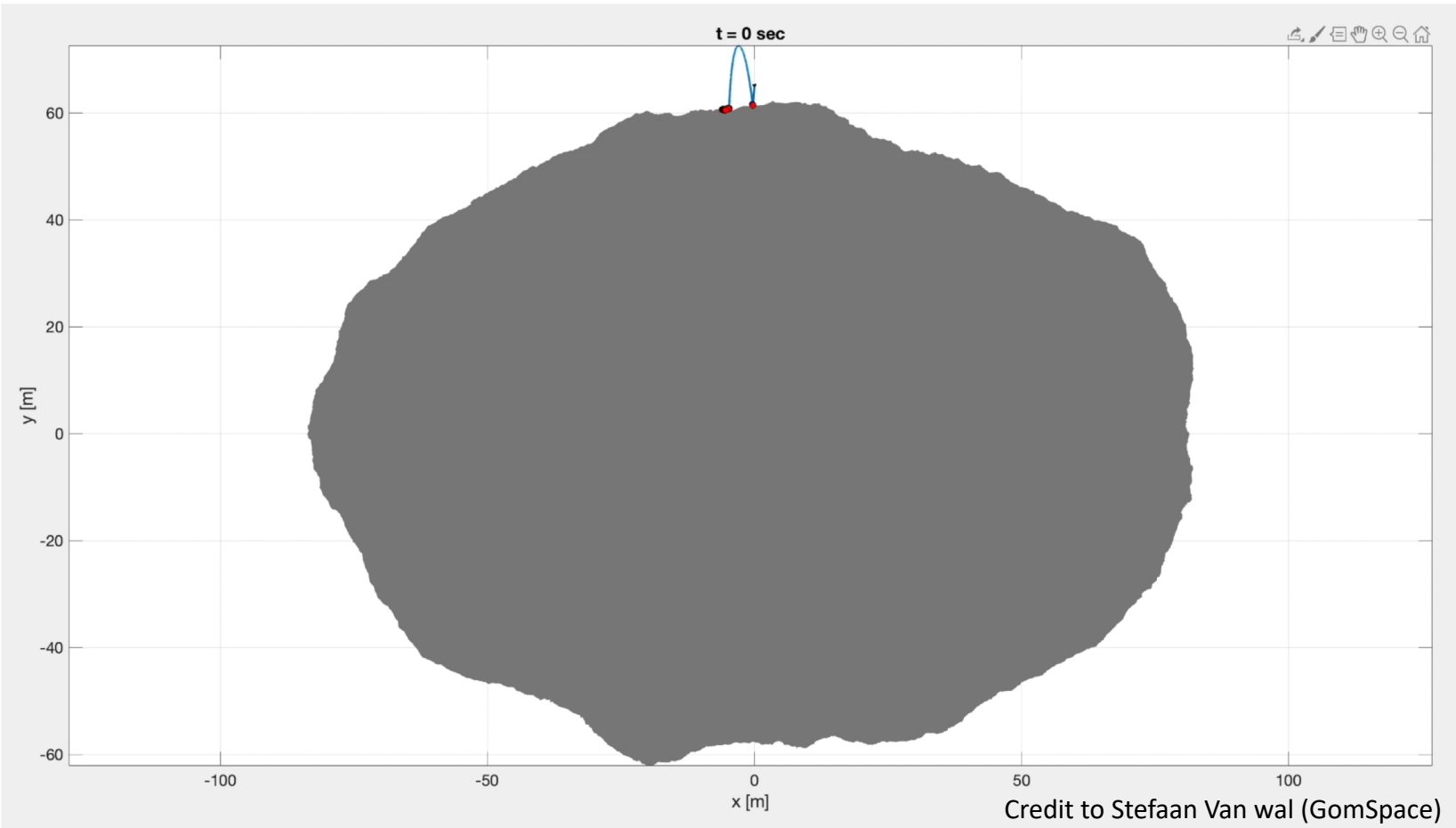
View from Sun, looking towards Didymain close to orbital plane (NOT TO SCALE)







# Surface touchdown & bounces



## Science Objective

Surface Mechanical Properties

Local (High degree) Gravity

## Investigation

Surface strength measurement

CubeSat descent /  
touchdown/bouncing

## Measurements

Rebounds from the surface

Trajectory (Radio tracking, LR), dynamic  
recording of events

## Instruments

IMU, ISL

GNC, ISL

## Mission Phase

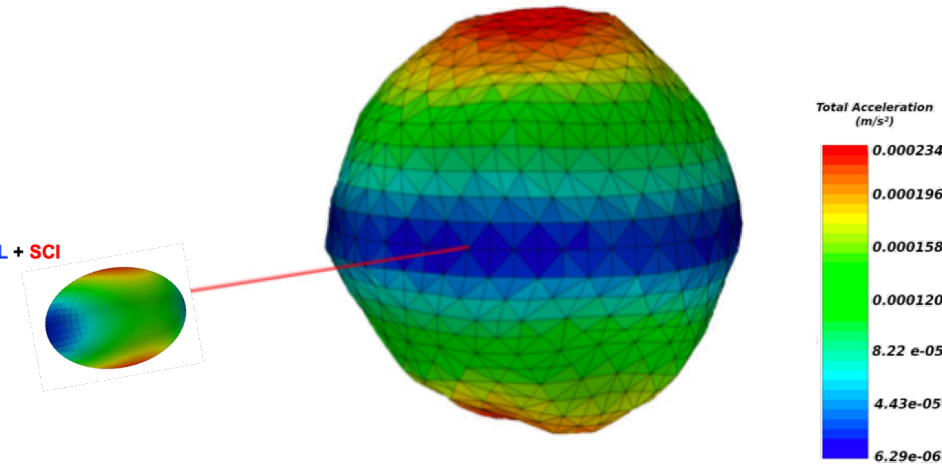
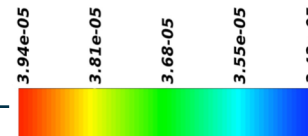
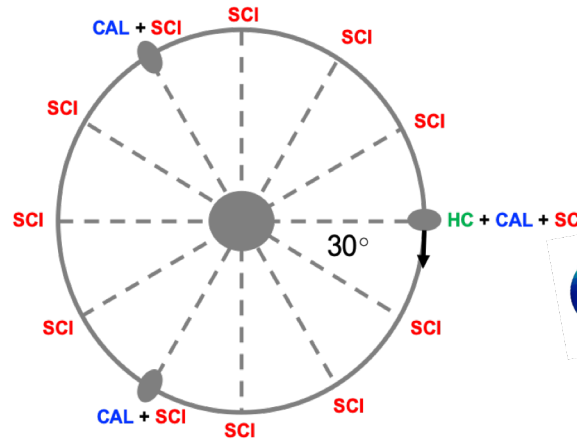
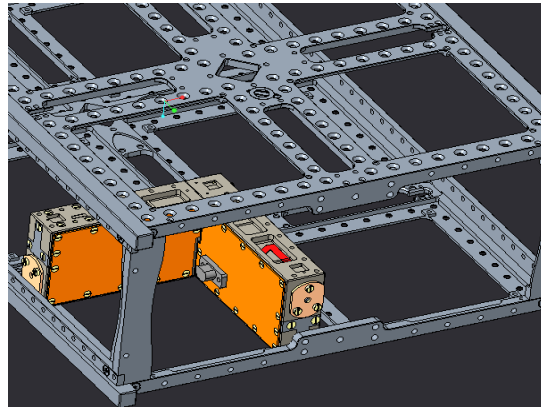
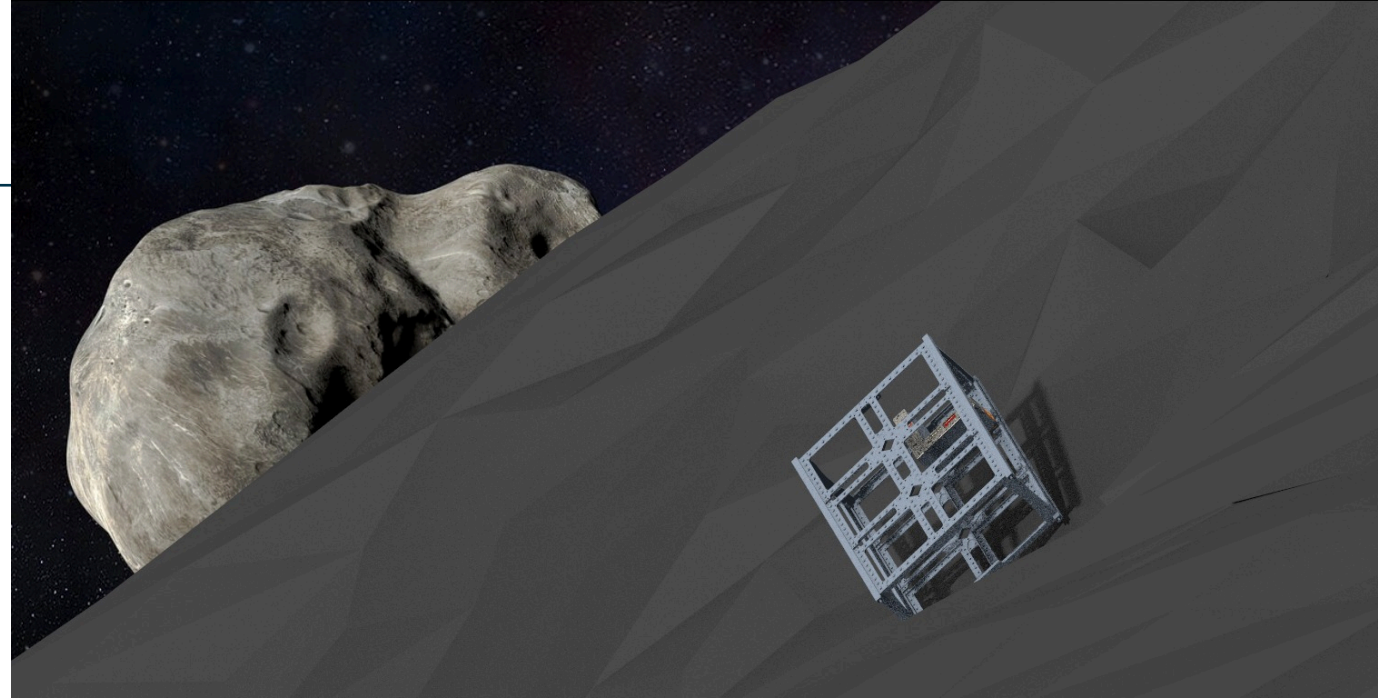
Bouncing

Descent / Bouncing



# Surface Operations

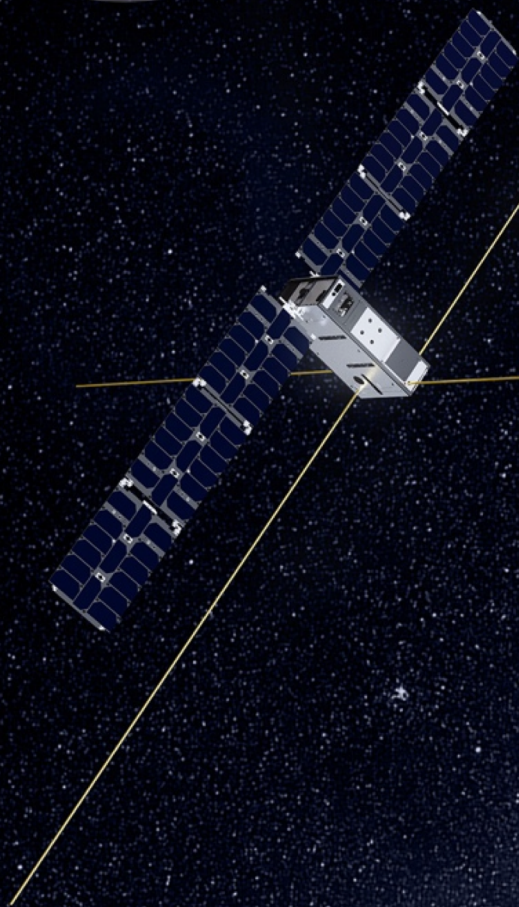
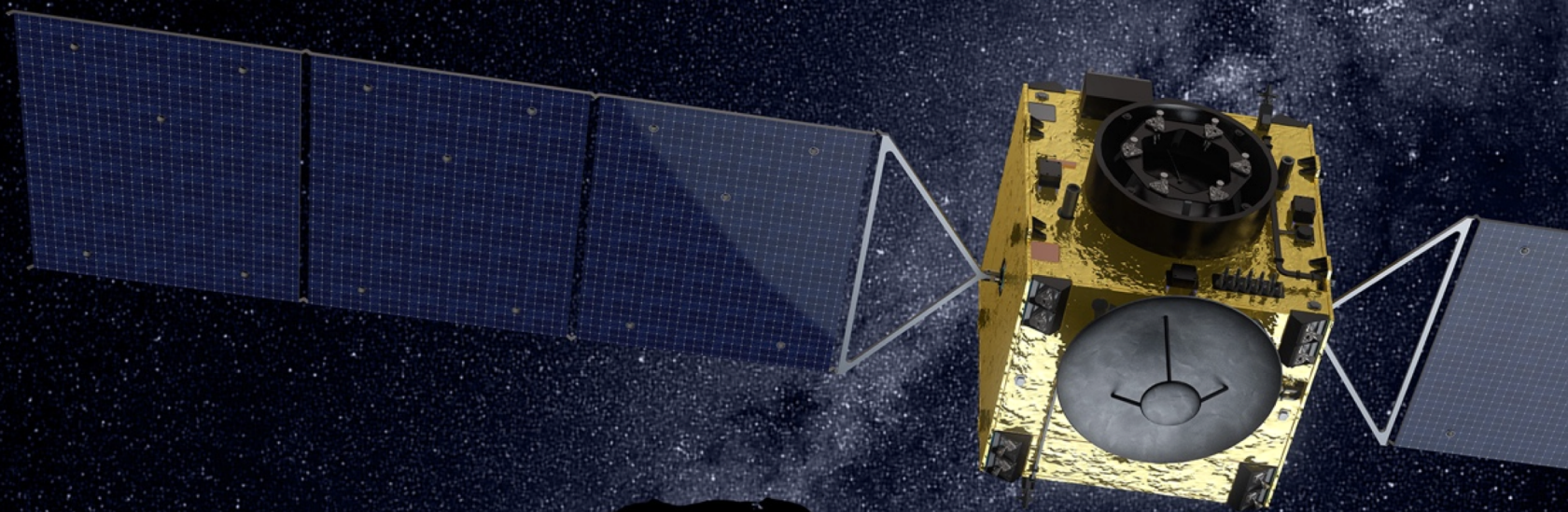
- Gravimeter starts to operate after soft-landing of Juventas on the surface
- Gravimeter measurements at equally spaced measurements over a Didymoon orbit (every 30 degrees) to get dynamic variations
- Goal: survivability of 1 day = approx. 2 Didymoon orbits
- ISL link
- Surface attitude sensors
  - Star trackers, sun sensors
  - Navigation and context camera images from surface (TBC)



# OBJECTIVES MAPPED TO HERA REQUIREMENTS

Hera ID	Hera Mission Requirement Description	Juventas Objective	Juventas Instrument/Measurement
<b>Core Requirements for Planetary Deflection</b>			
D1	Determine the mass of Dimorphos	SO1	ISL radio science Gravimeter
D2	Global properties of Dimorphos (size, global shape, volume, density, porosity)	SO1, SO2	LFR radar: density/porosity Accelerometers: porosity Gravimeter: surface gravity/density ISL radio science: gravity
D3	Size distribution of surface material	SO3	LFR radar Visible imaging (with navcam)
D4	Dynamical properties of the Didymos system	SO4	Gravimeter: Surface accelerations over a Didymoon orbit Attitude: landed attitude over Didymoon orbit using star trackers or sun sensors ISL radio science (via orbital analysis, TBC)
<b>If DART is successful:</b>			
D5	Shape and volume of the DART impact crater	SO3	Visible imaging (with navcam)
D6	Size distribution of excavated material	N/A	LFR radar (TBC)
<b>Opportunity for Planetary Defence</b>			
D7	Surface strength	SO3	Accelerometers: Surface strength from impact
D8	Interior structure of Dimorphos	SO2	LFR radar
D9	Composition of Dimorphos	SO3	LFR radar Accelerometers: Surface strength from impact
<b>If DART is successful:</b>			
D10	Transport of impact ejecta from Dimorphos to Didymos	N/A	





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