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**Reconstructing the Dimorphos ejecta plume by means of non-spherical dust simulations,  
DART and LICIACube data, and laboratory experiments**

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## ABSTRACT

On the 26<sup>th</sup> of September 2022, NASA's Double Asteroid Redirection Test (DART) mission [1] was the first space mission demonstrating the kinetic impactor method for planetary defence. ASI's Light Italian Cubesat for Imaging of Asteroids (LICIACube) [2] was the first to image it.

To reconstruct the ejecta plume, we apply a 3D+t model – LIMARDE [3, 4] - constrained with laboratory observations [5], impact simulations and near- and far- field observations such the LICIACube [6] images and HST [7] dust observations, respectively. The main tasks that have been pursuing are the following: to compute the dust velocity distribution based on the physical properties (size, mass and shape) derived from the LICIACube observations; to reconstruct the dust distribution of the plume with its filaments, spikes and large aperture; to determine the contribution of the rotation of the dust in the optical thickness of the plume; to check what is the role of the fragmentation of the particles; to constrain the dust density and shape based on the dynamical properties of the ejected dust in the near- mid- and far-environment.

LIMARDE can compute single trajectories and obtain time dependently the rotational frequency and velocity as well as the particle orientation at any time and distance. The latter will be used not only to calculate the deviation of different shapes in the ejecta evolution but also to provide insights on the optical thickness of the plume and the collision enhancement factor  $\beta$ . This can be addressed by estimating how much momentum the ejected particles had to form the observed filamentary-like ejecta.

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