

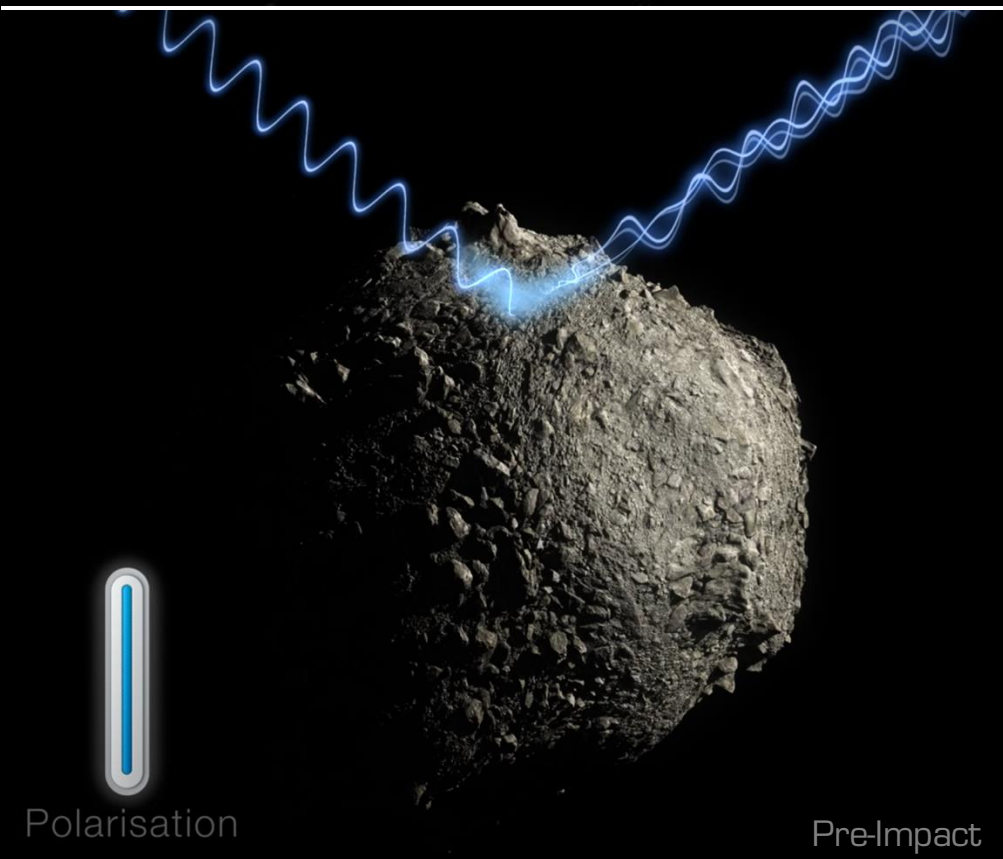


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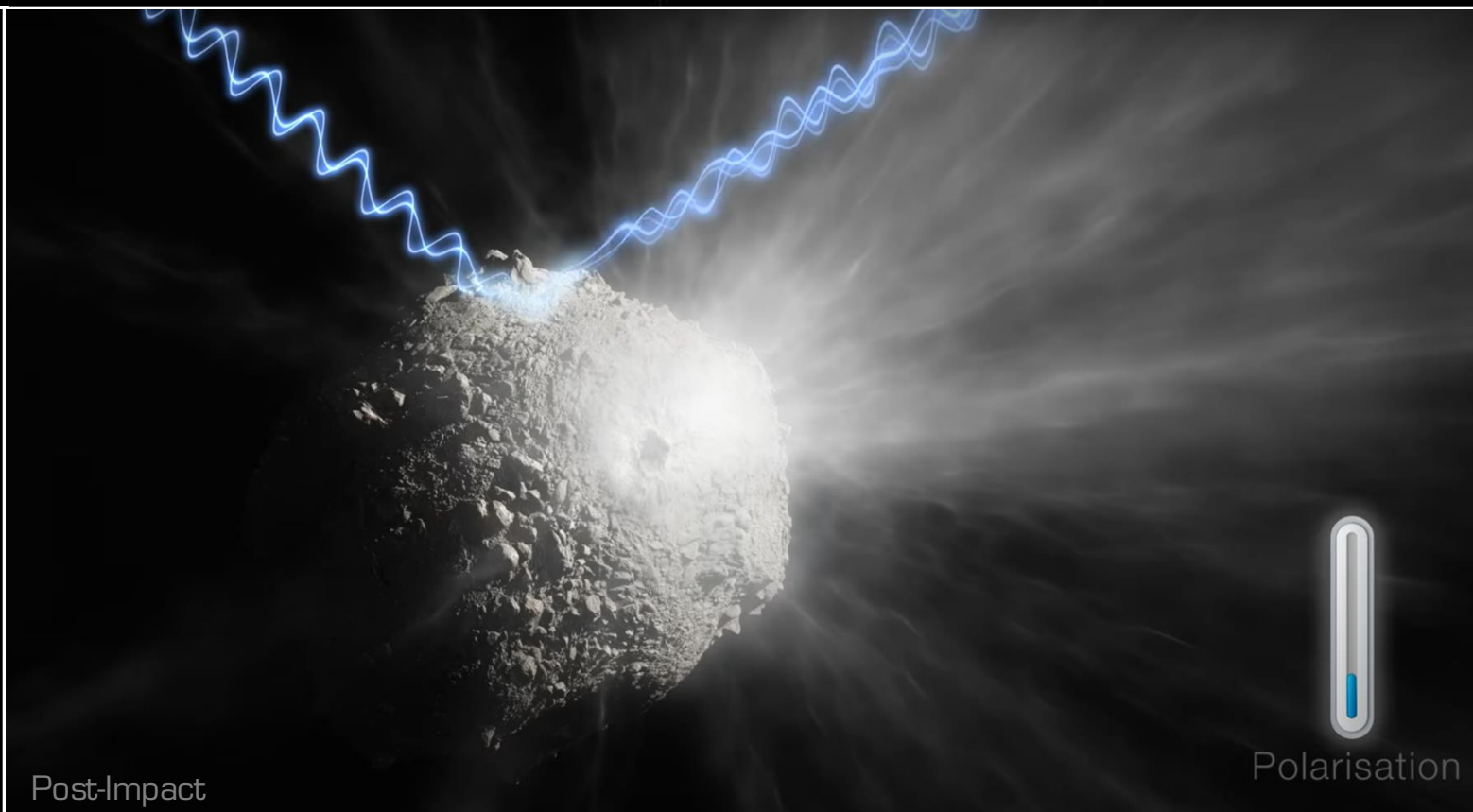
## Polarimetric Insights into the Didymos-Dimorphos post-DART Evolution

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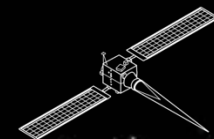


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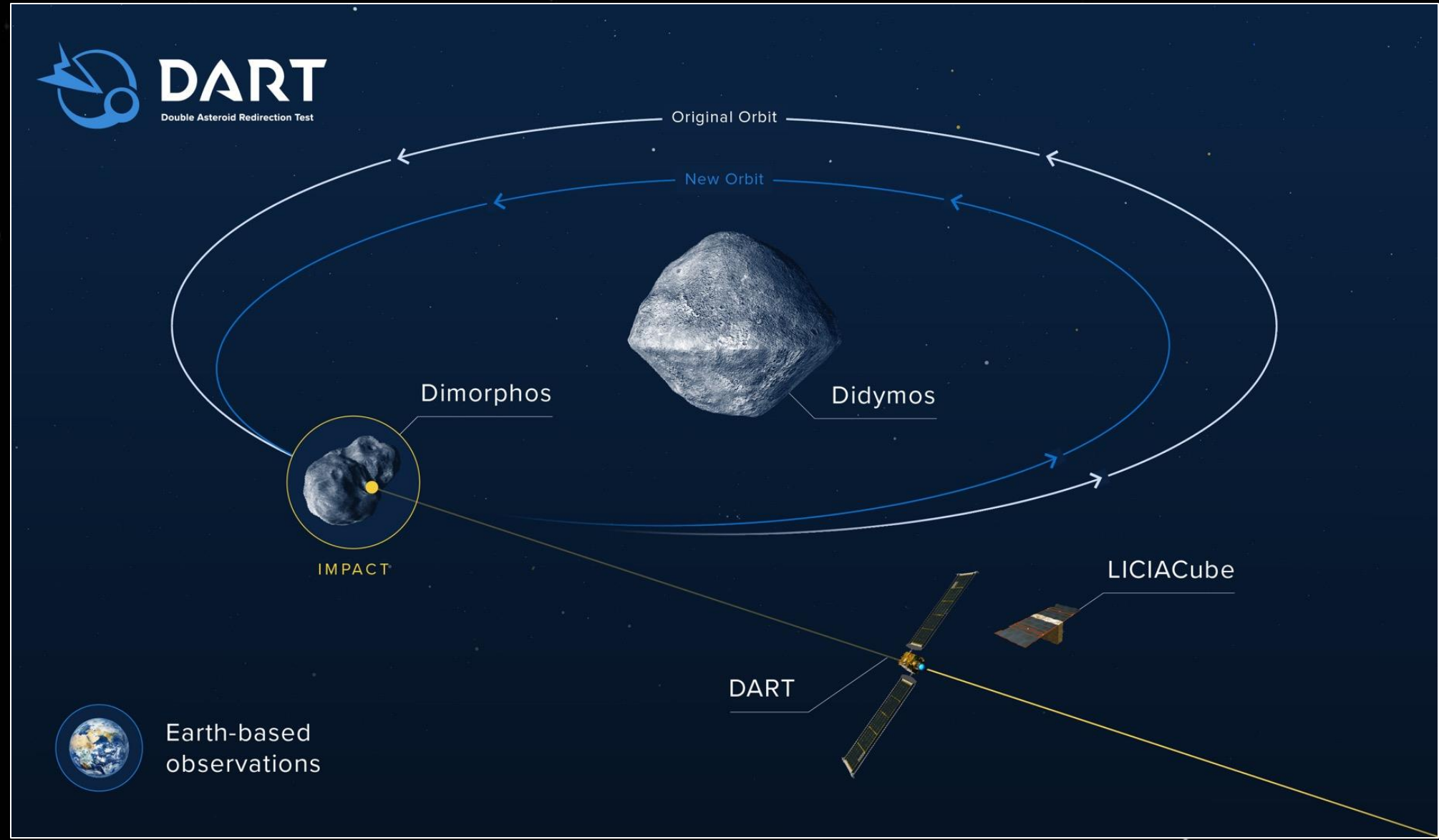


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# 1. Introduction



Dimorphos

Didymos

Original Orbit

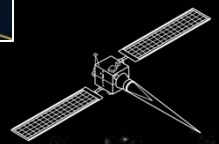
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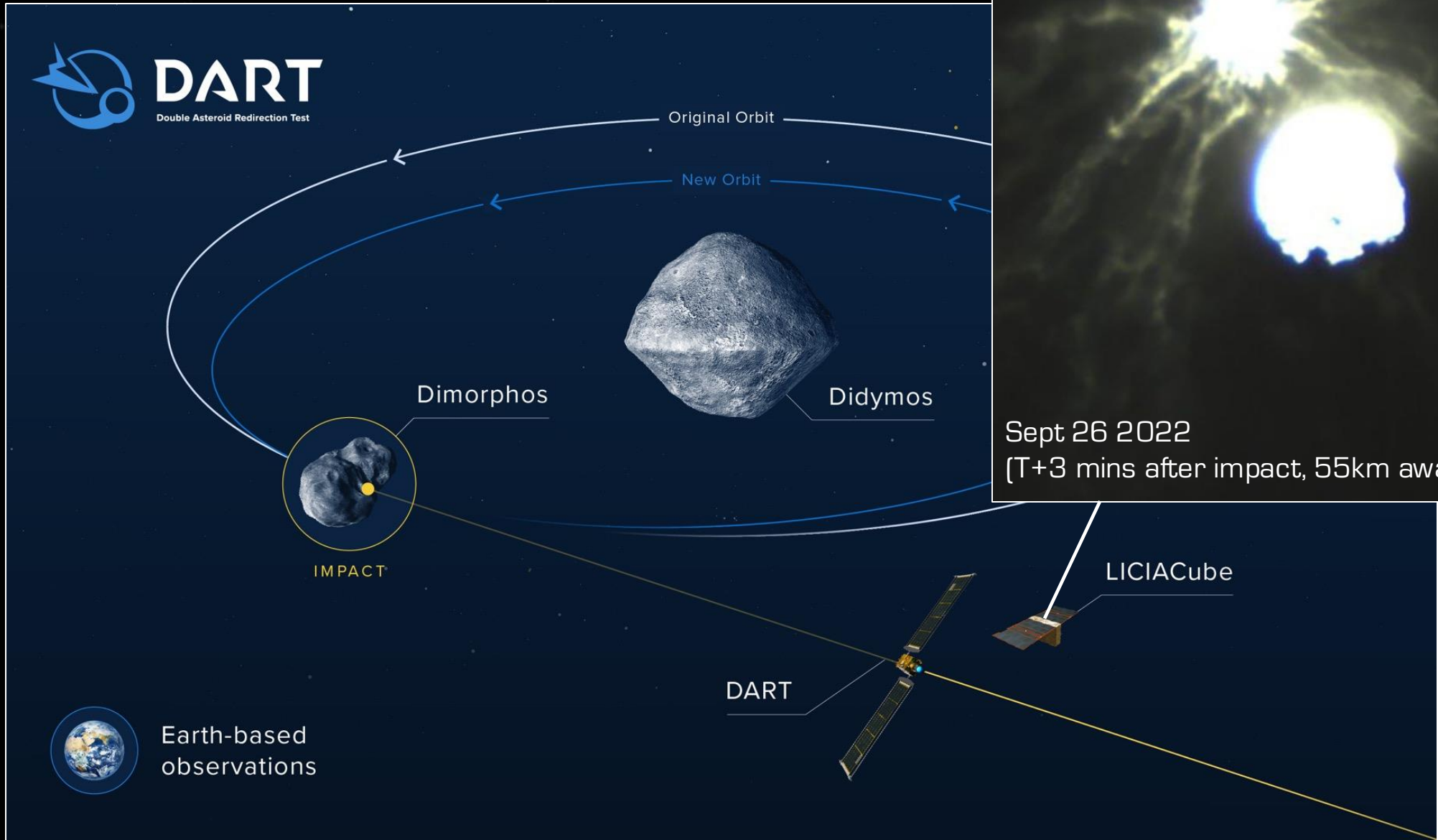
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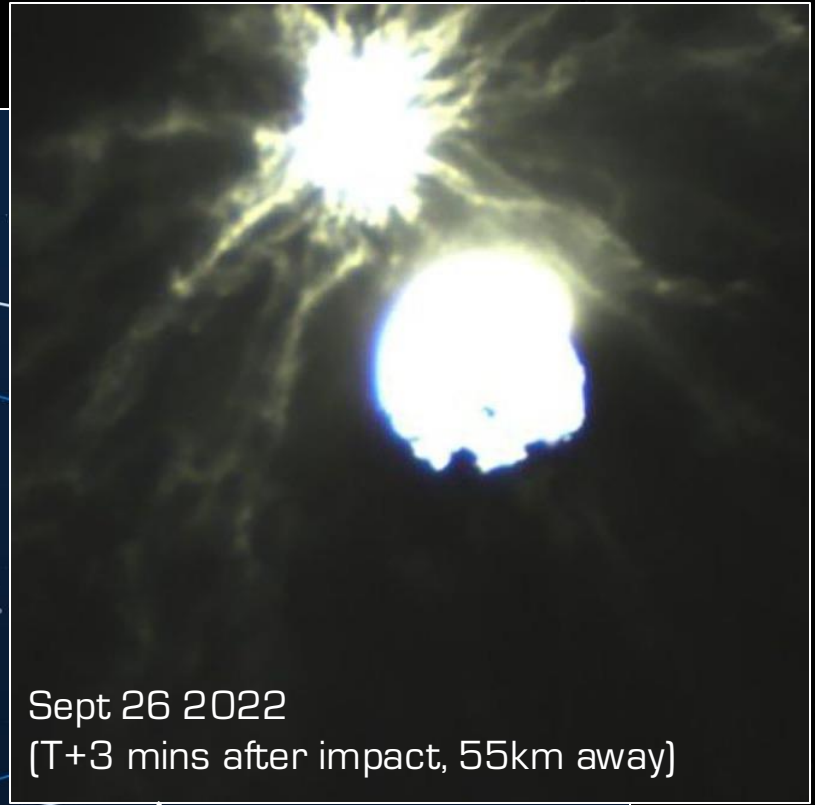
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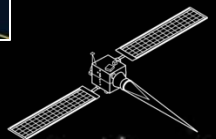


Sept 26 2022  
(T+3 mins after impact, 55km away)

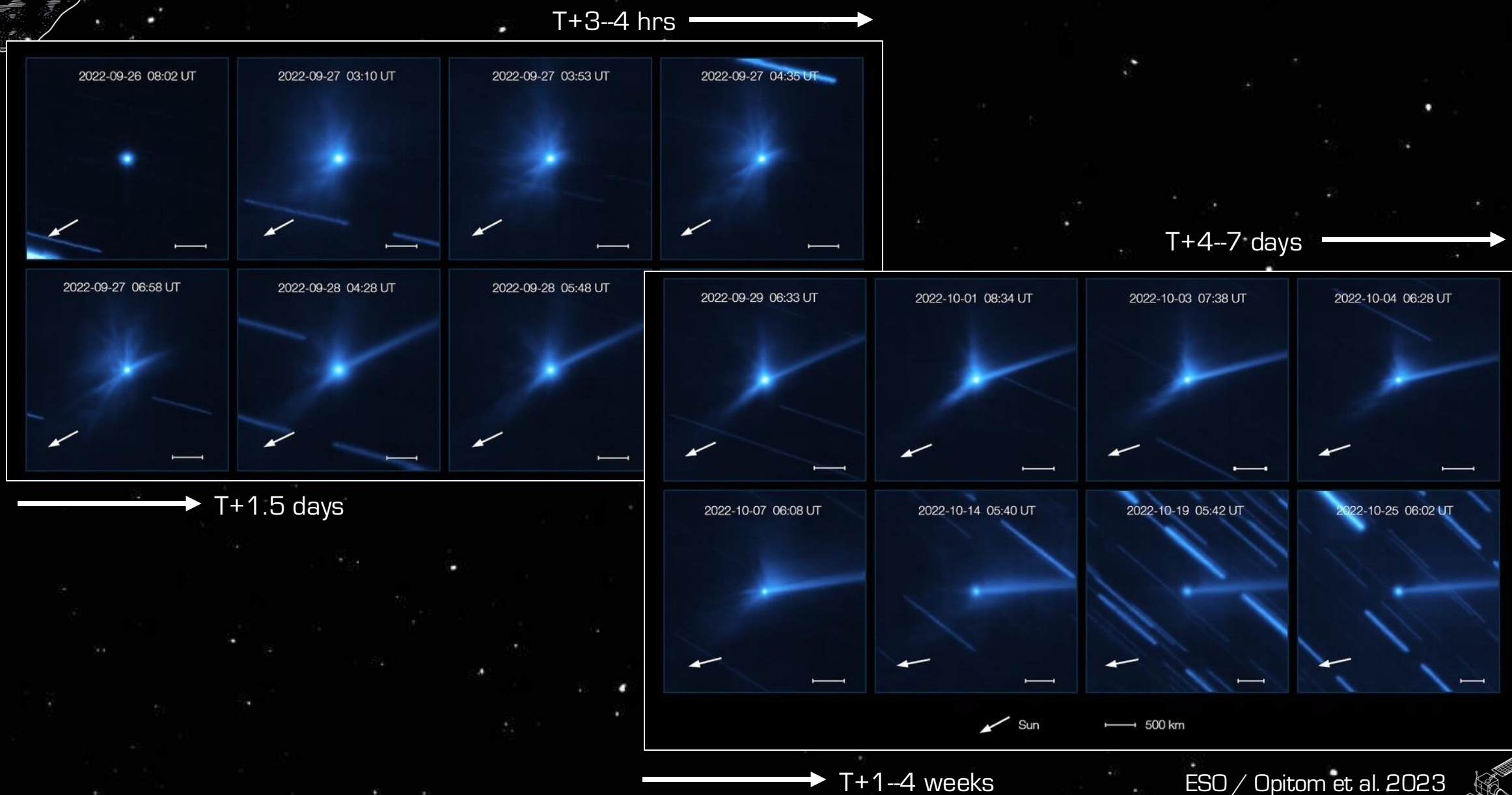


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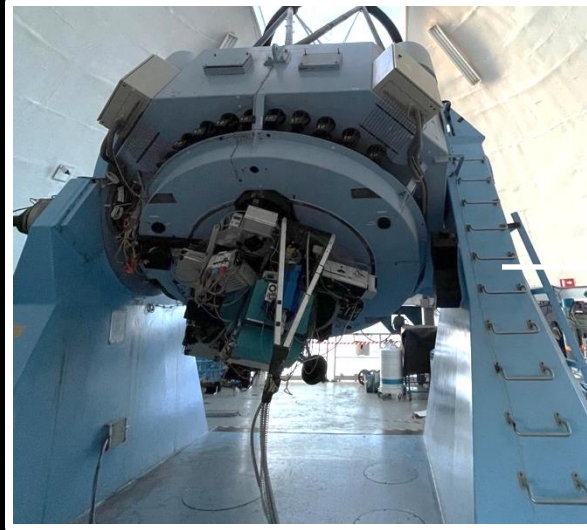
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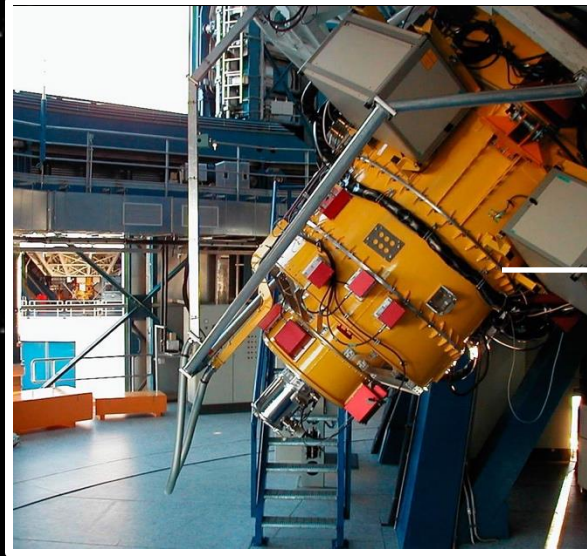
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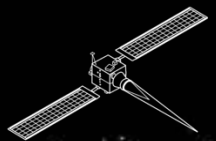
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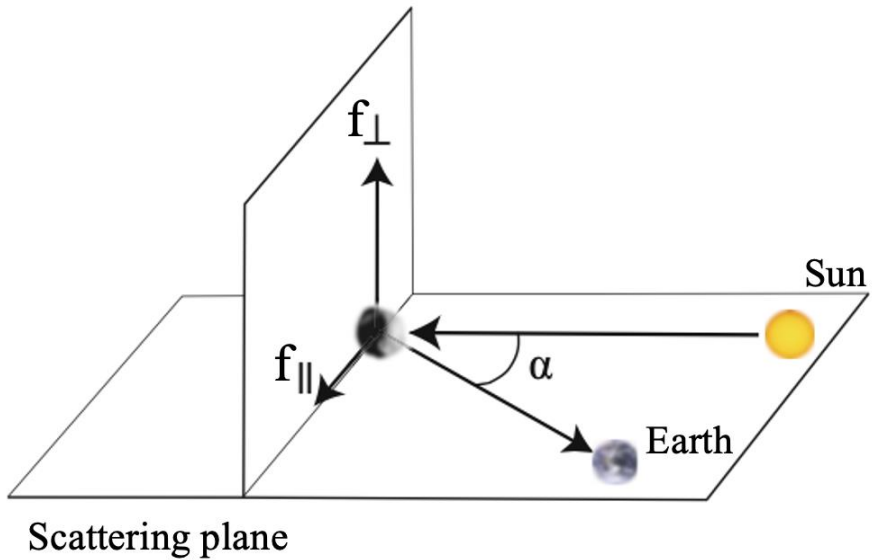
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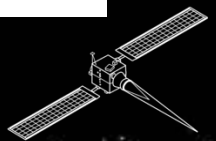
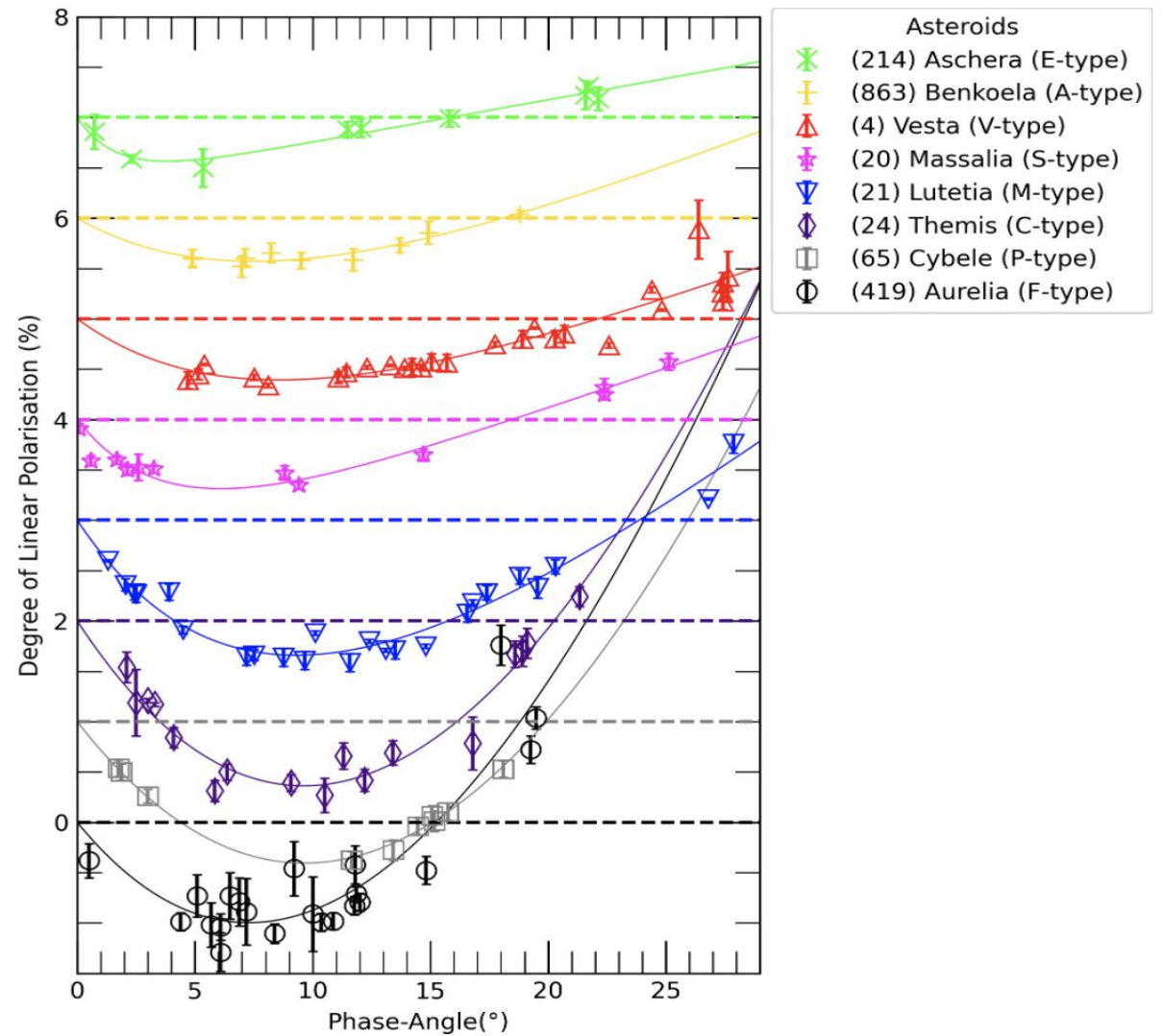
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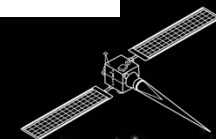
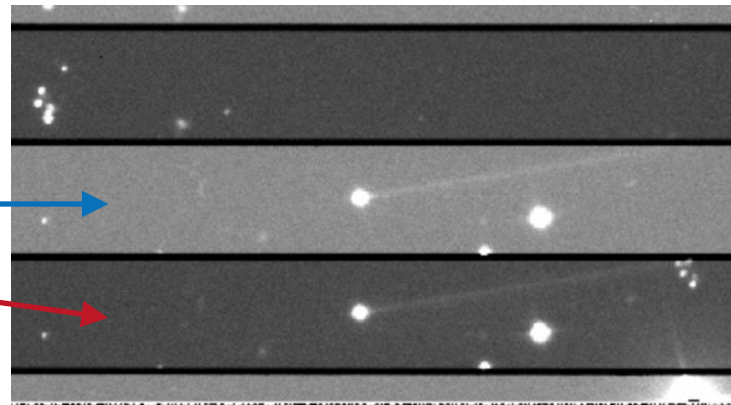
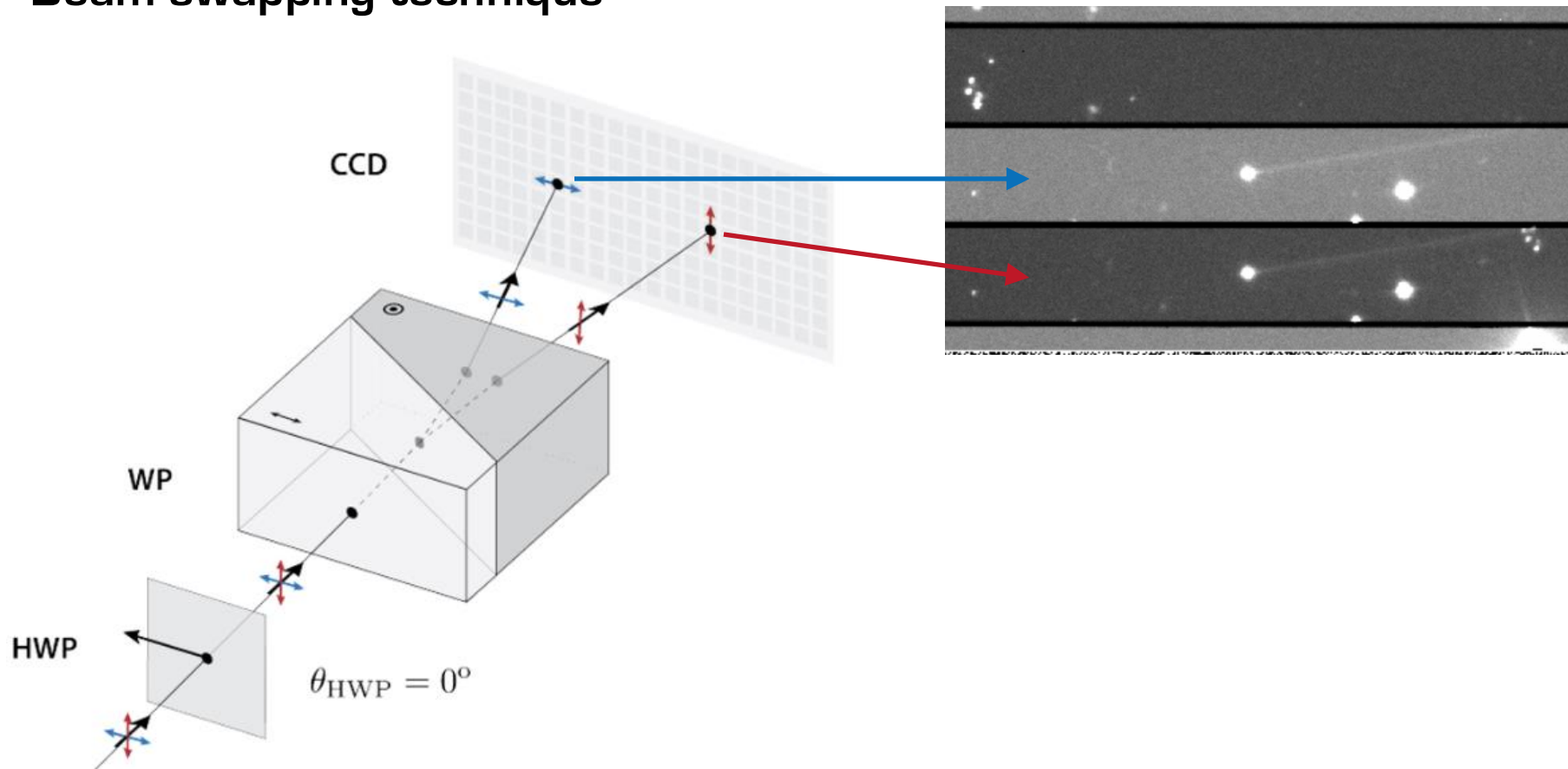


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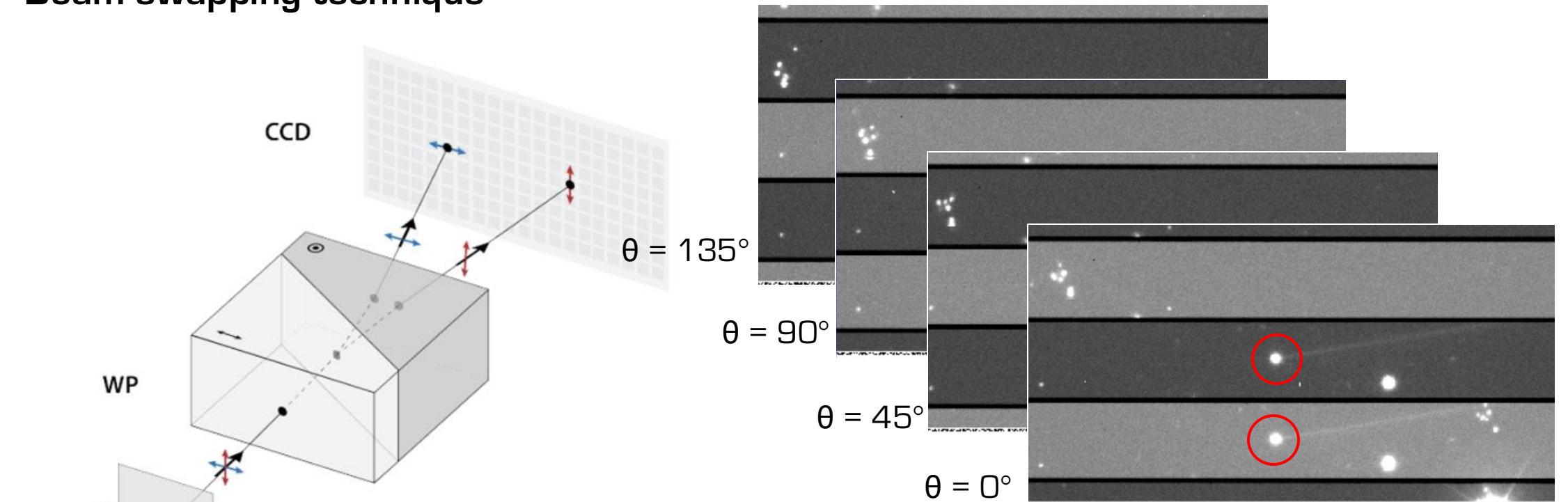
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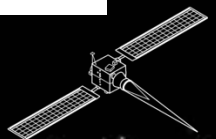


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$$P_Q = \frac{1}{2N} \sum^N \left[ \left( \frac{f^\perp - f^\parallel}{f^\perp + f^\parallel} \right)_\theta - \left( \frac{f^\perp - f^\parallel}{f^\perp + f^\parallel} \right)_{\theta+45^\circ} \right] \quad \theta = (0, 90, 180, 270)^\circ$$



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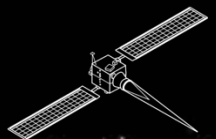
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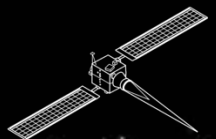
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[ T+2 years]

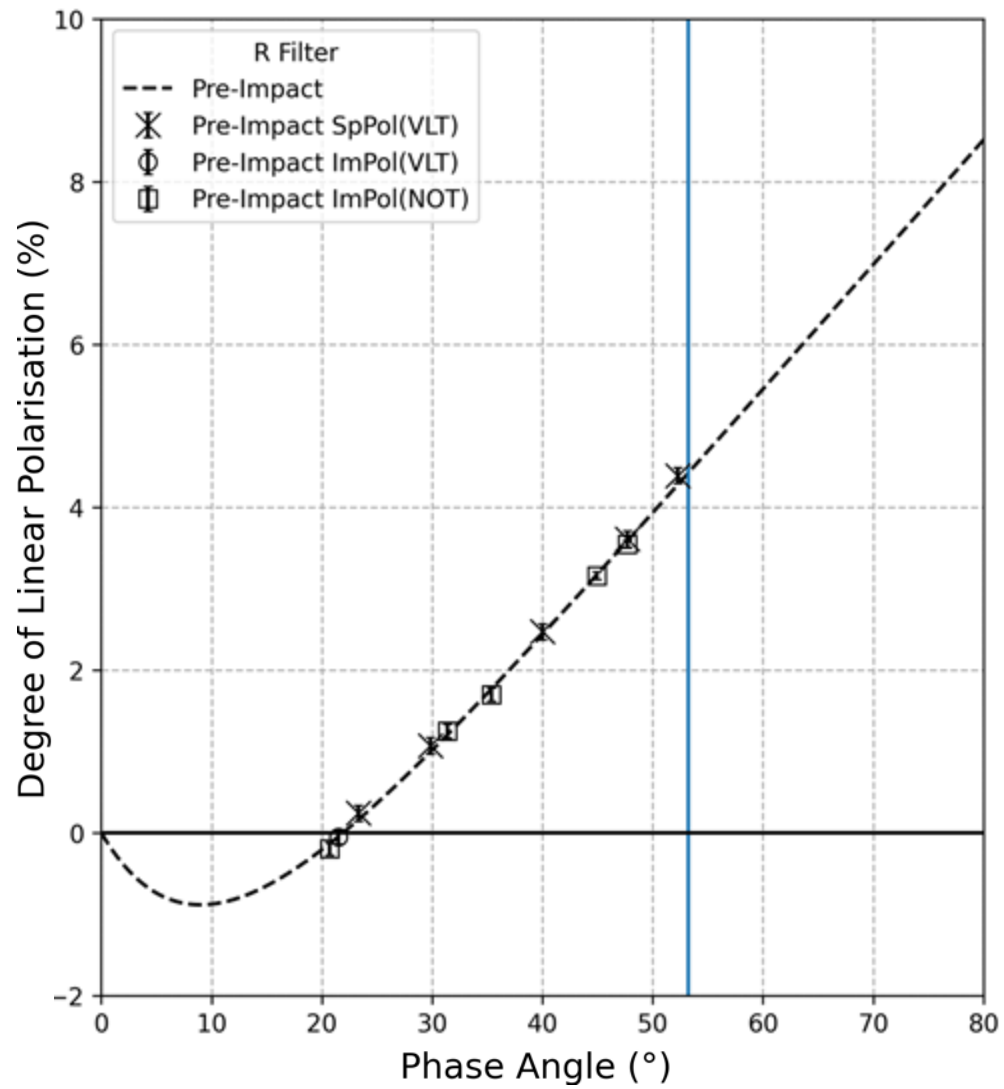


$\alpha = 4 \rightarrow 67^\circ$   
...and more to come



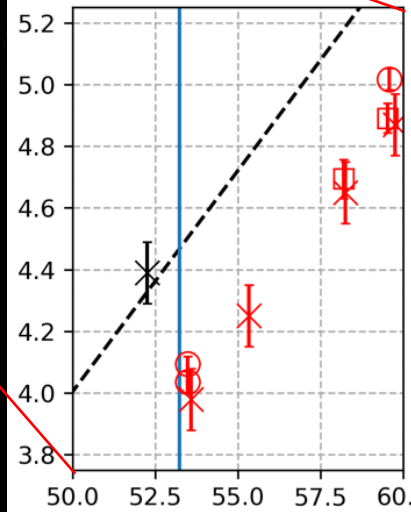
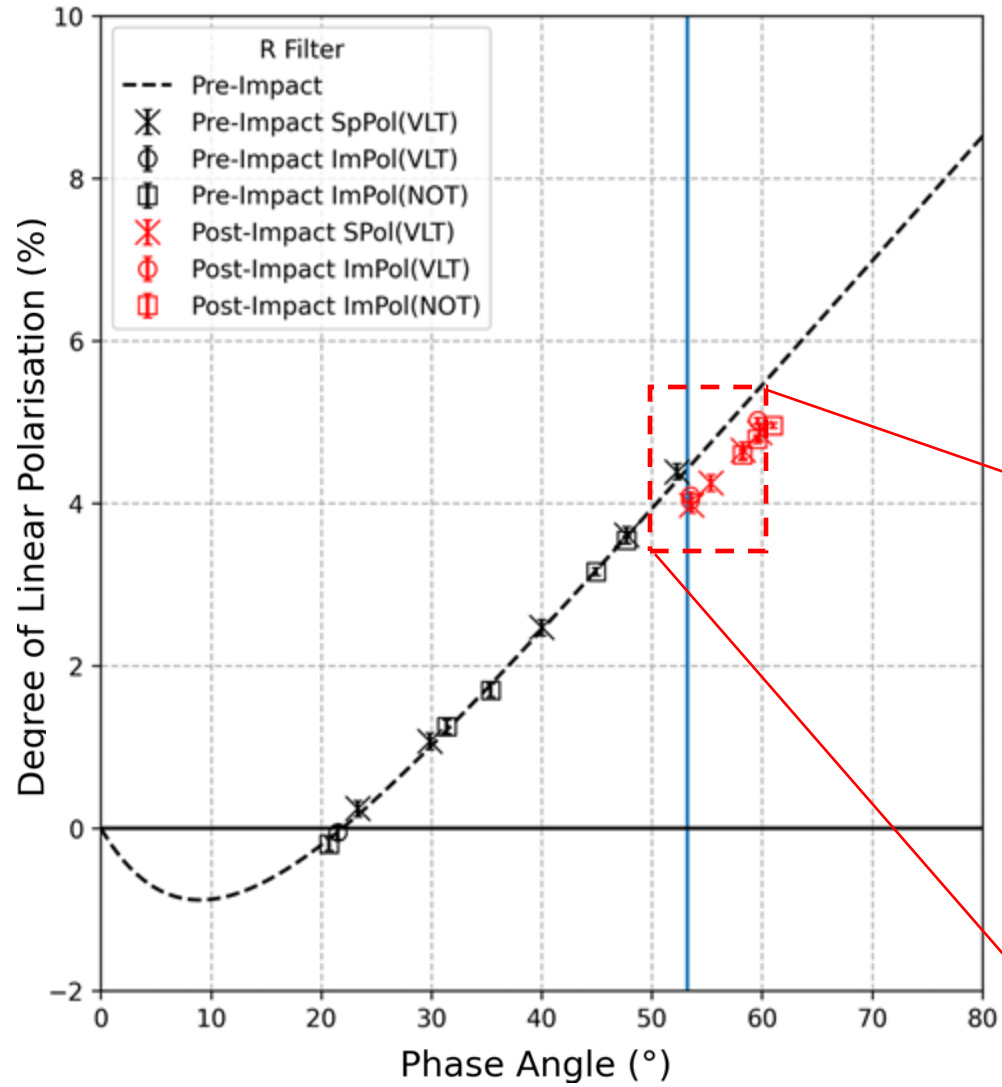
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# 3. Results II: Post-Impact

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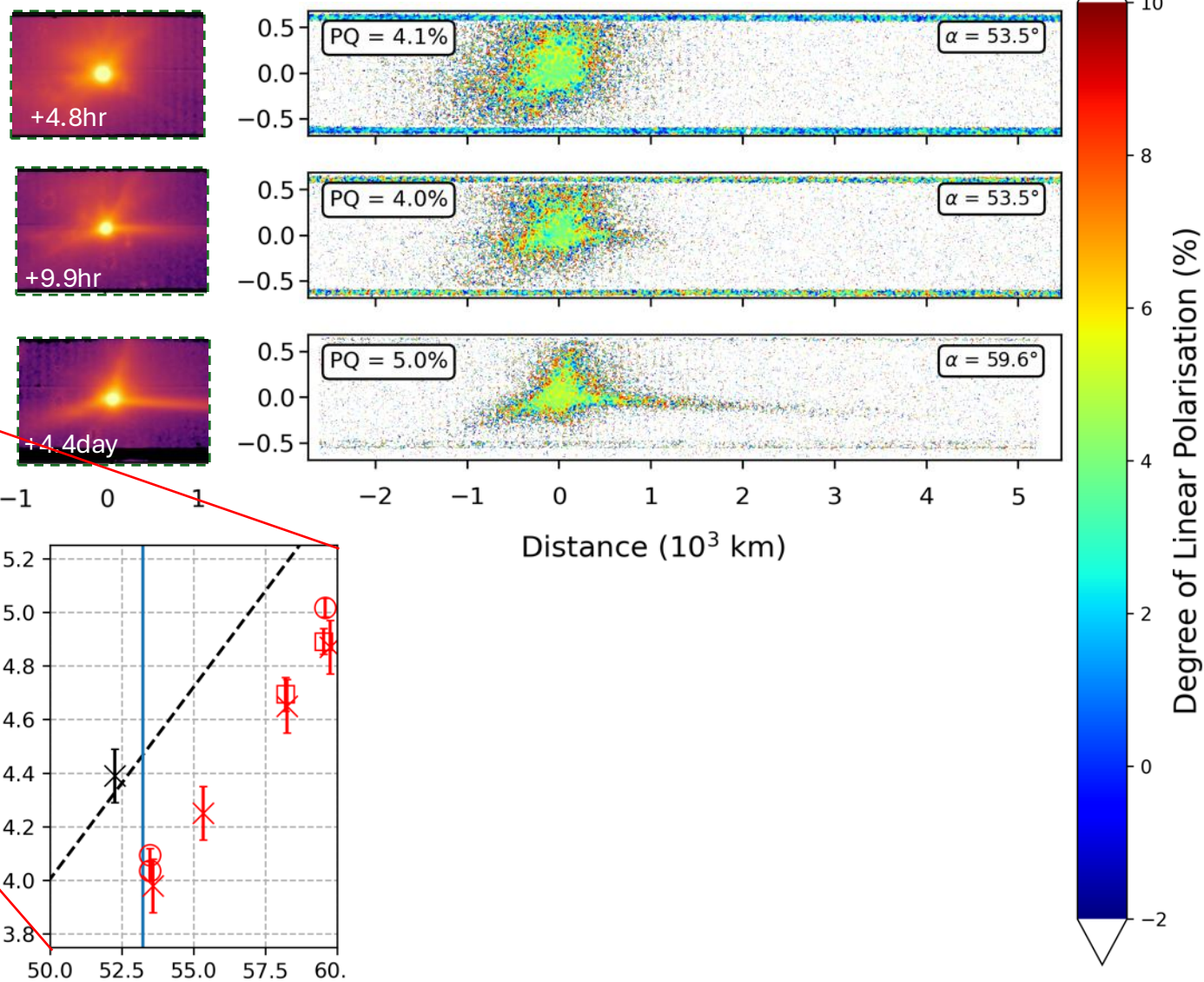
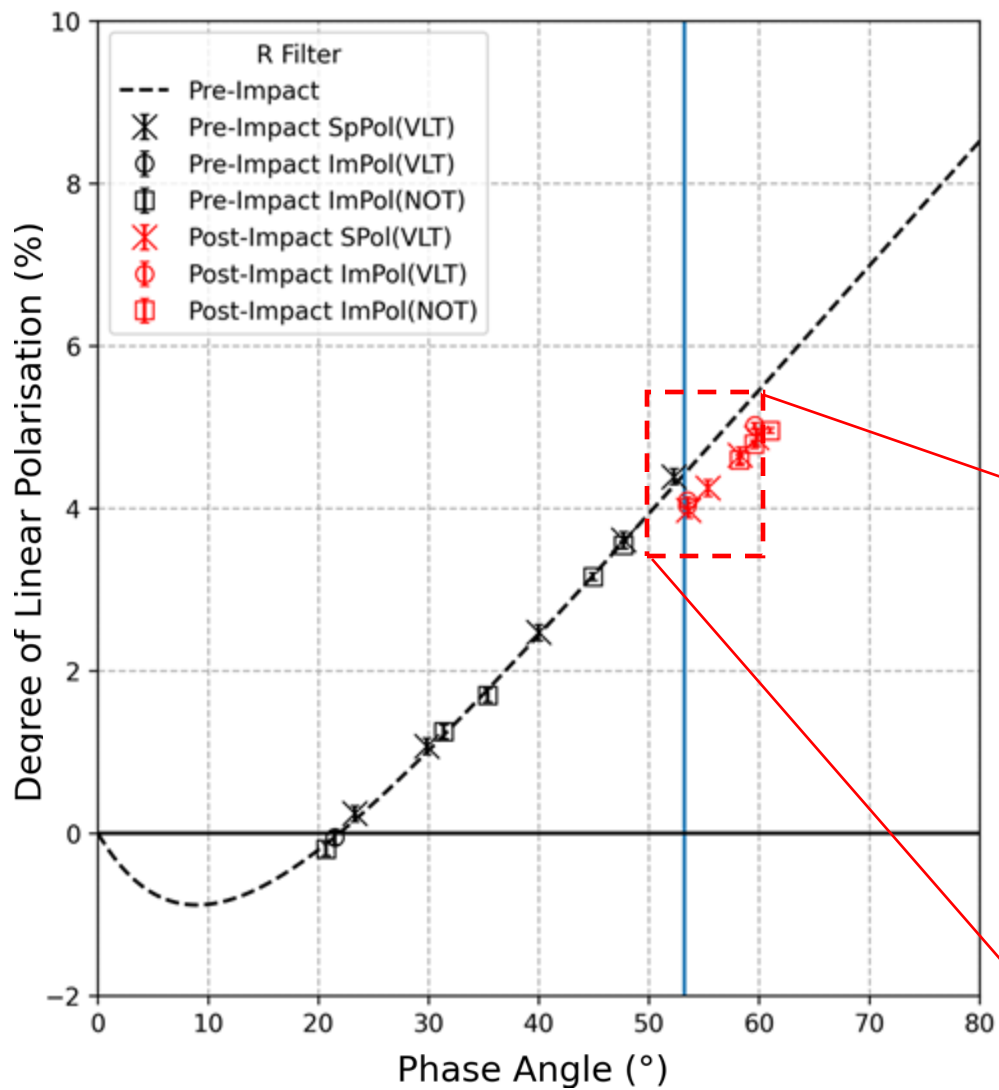


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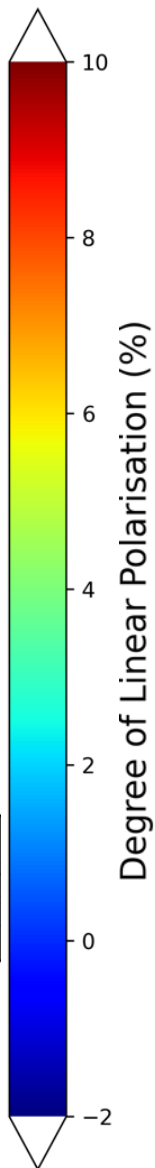
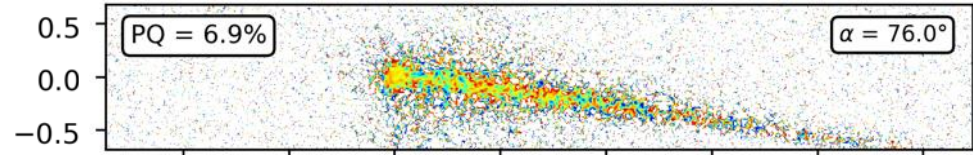
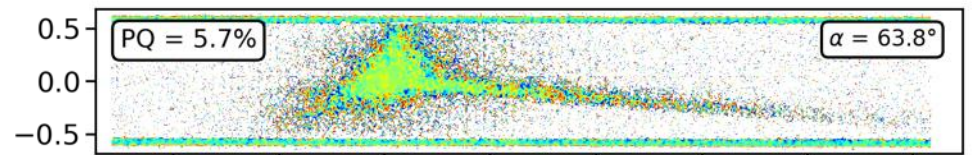
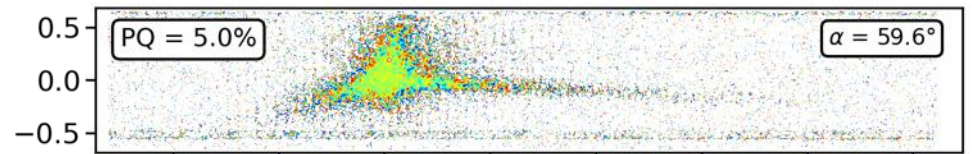
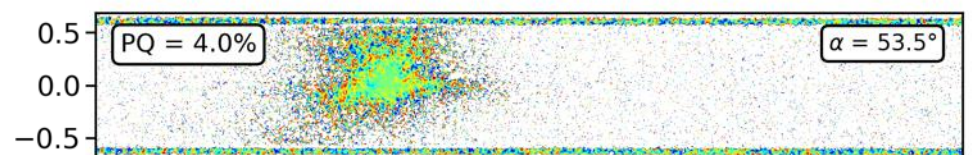
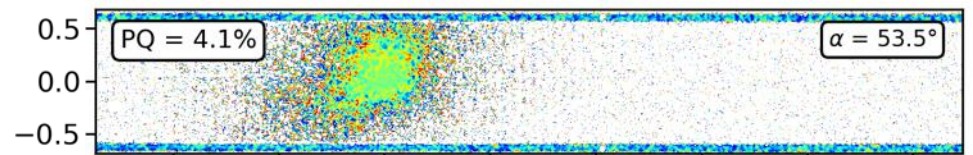
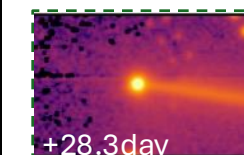
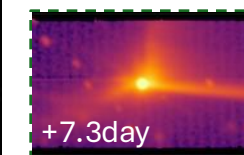
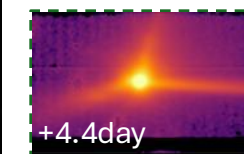
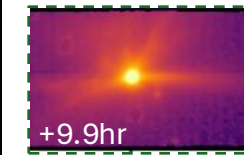
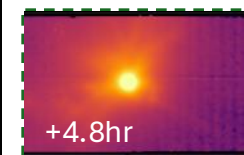
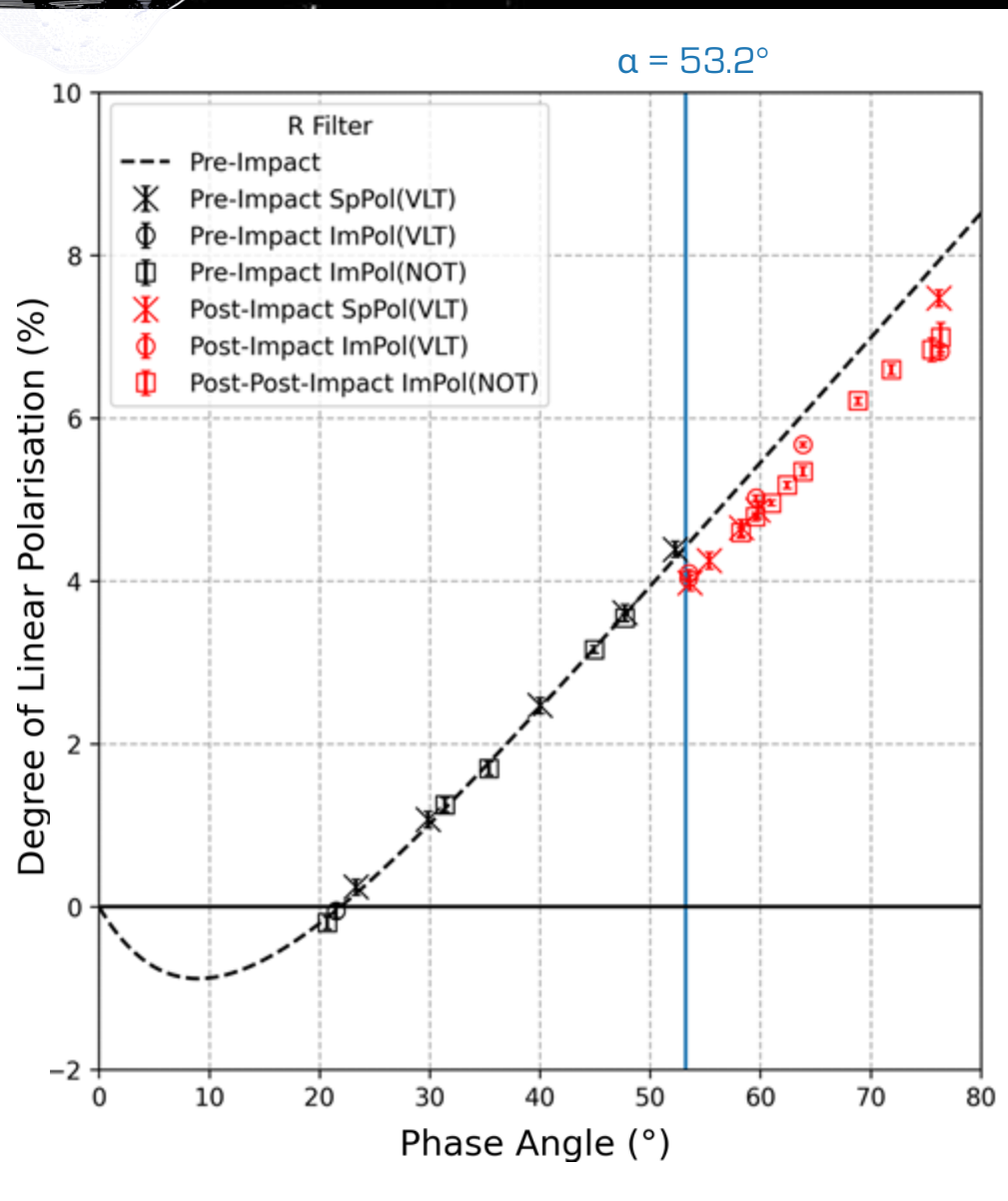
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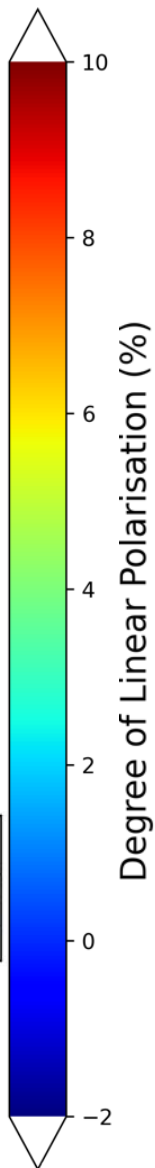
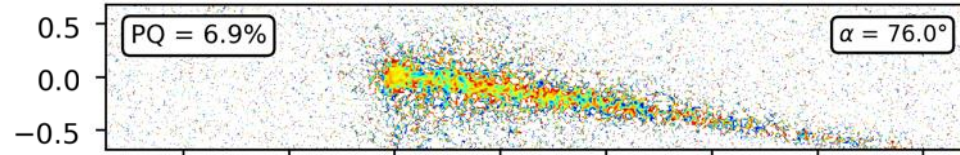
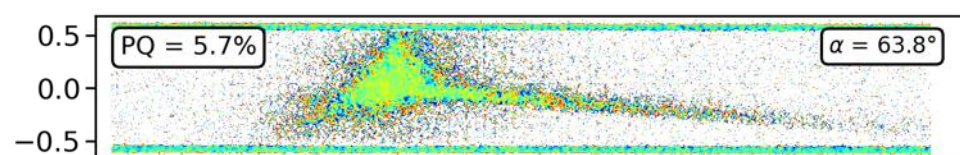
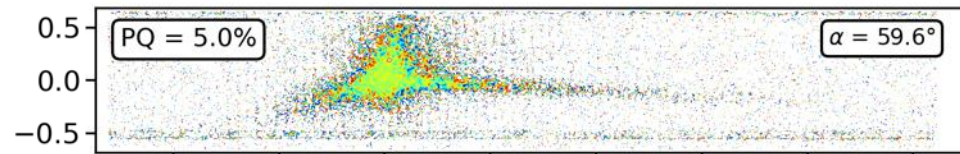
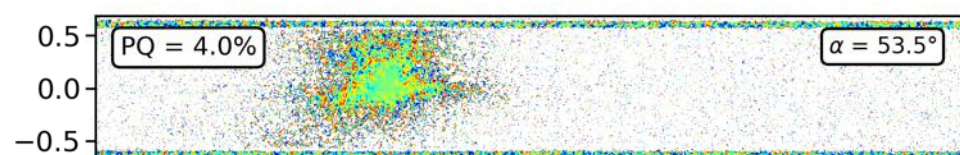
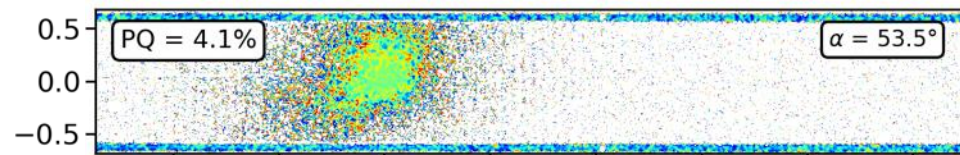
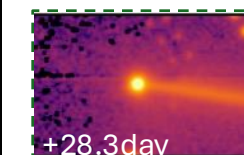
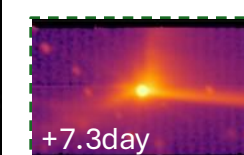
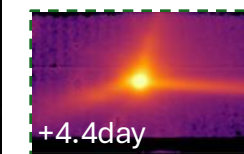
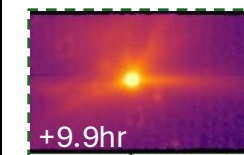
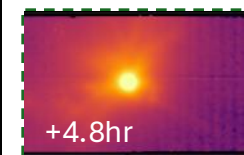
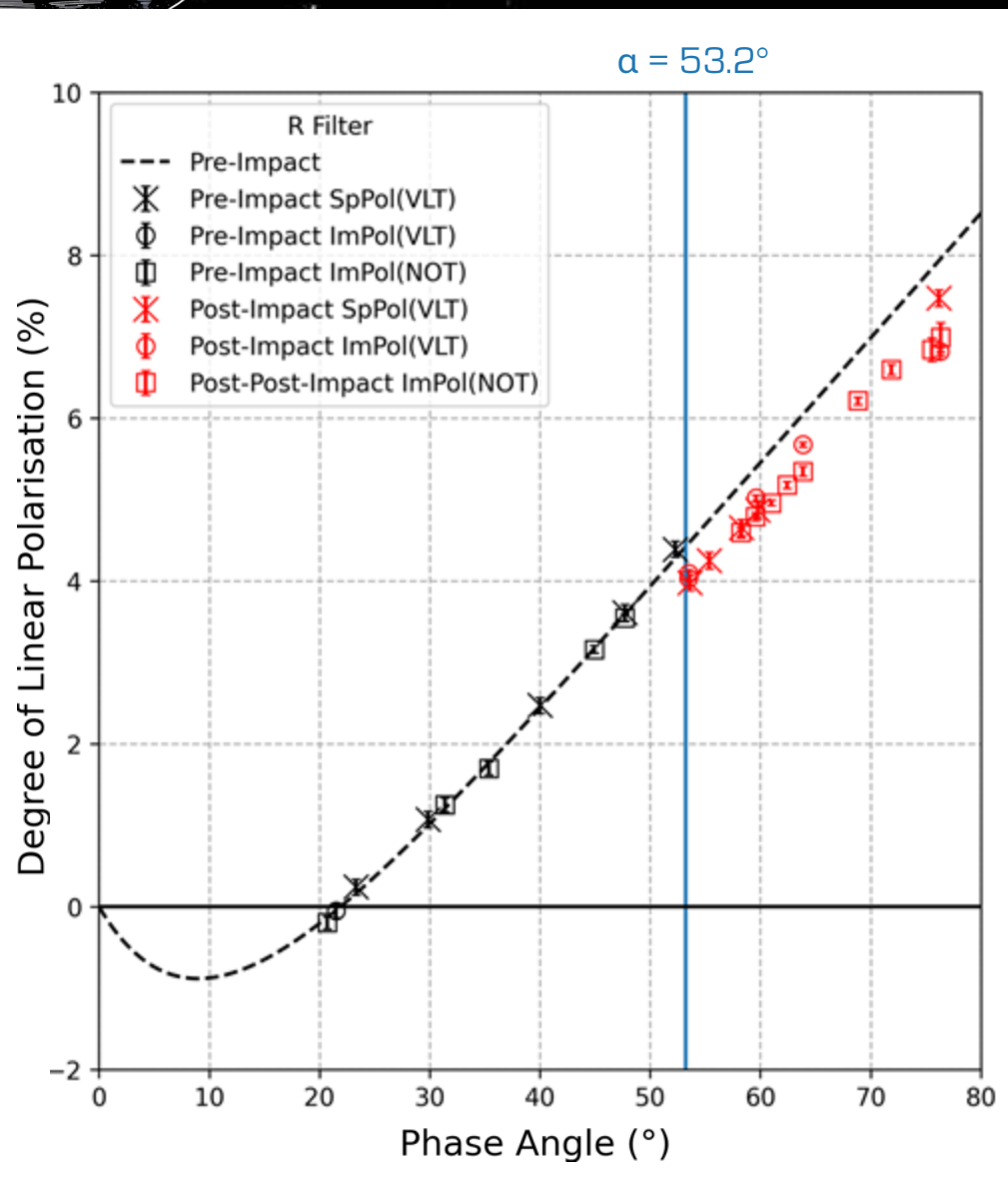


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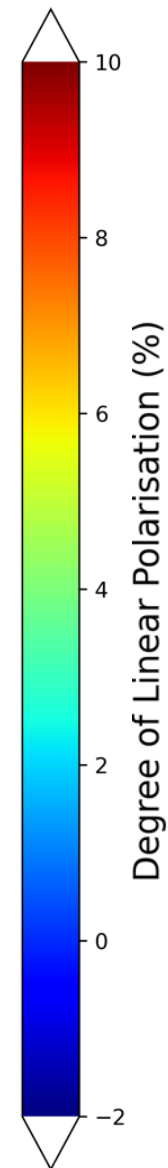
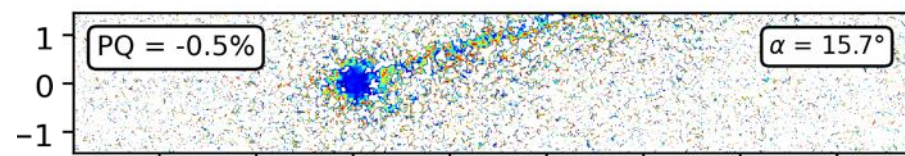
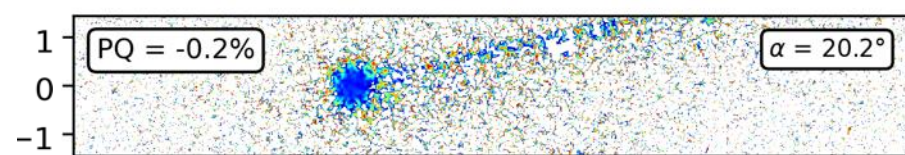
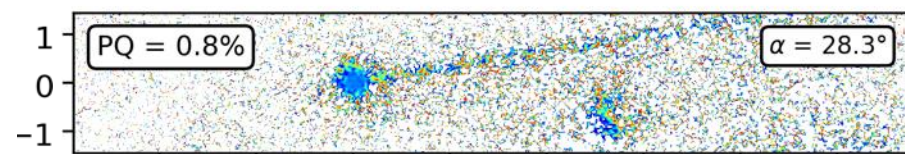
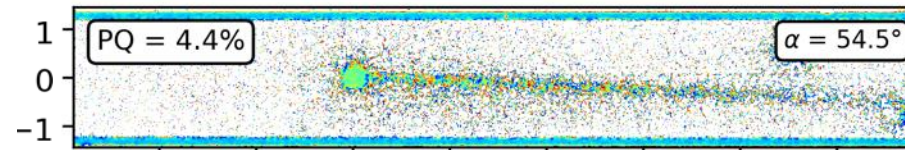
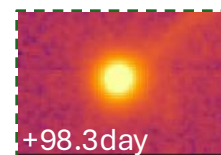
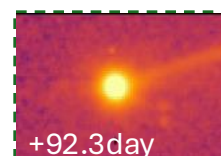
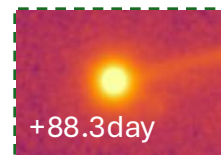
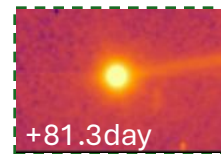
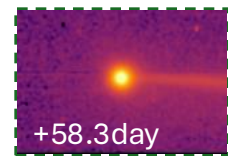
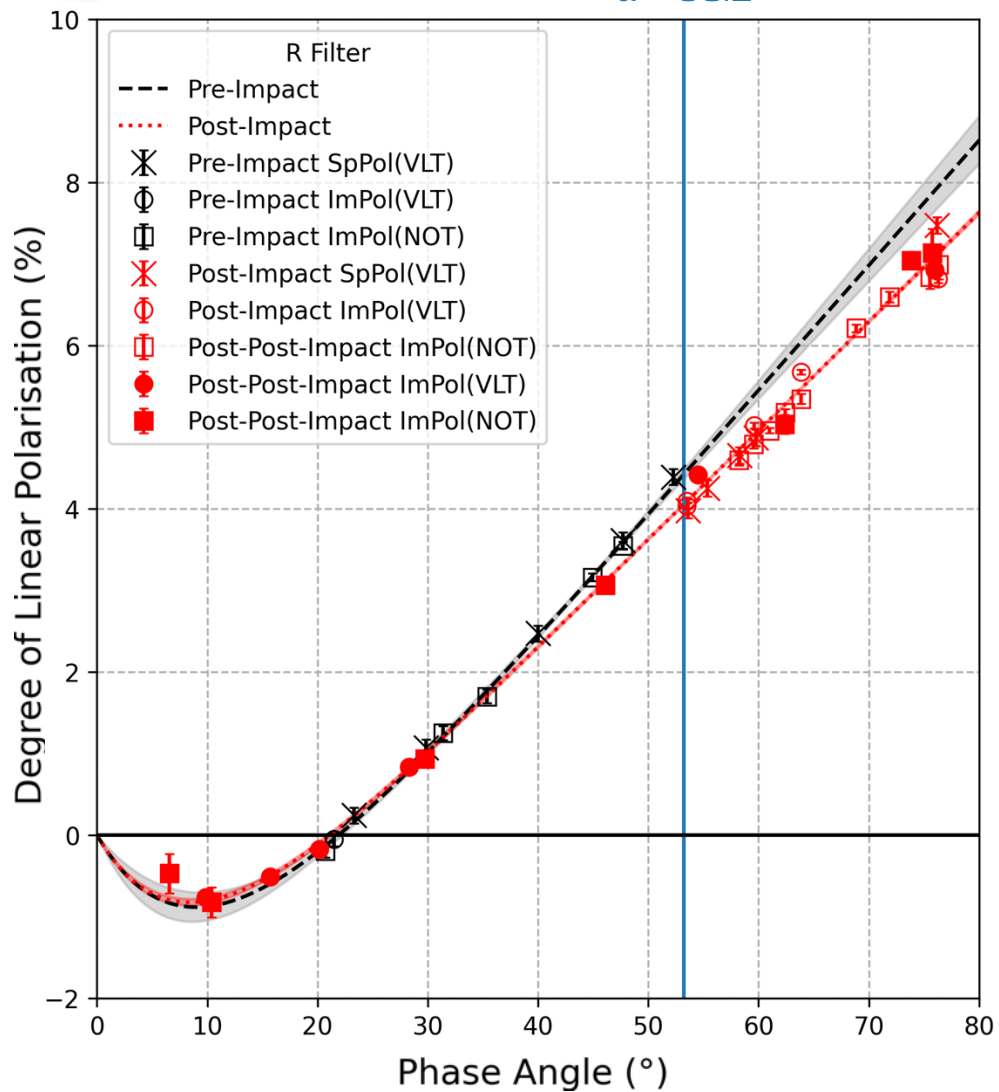


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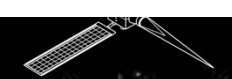
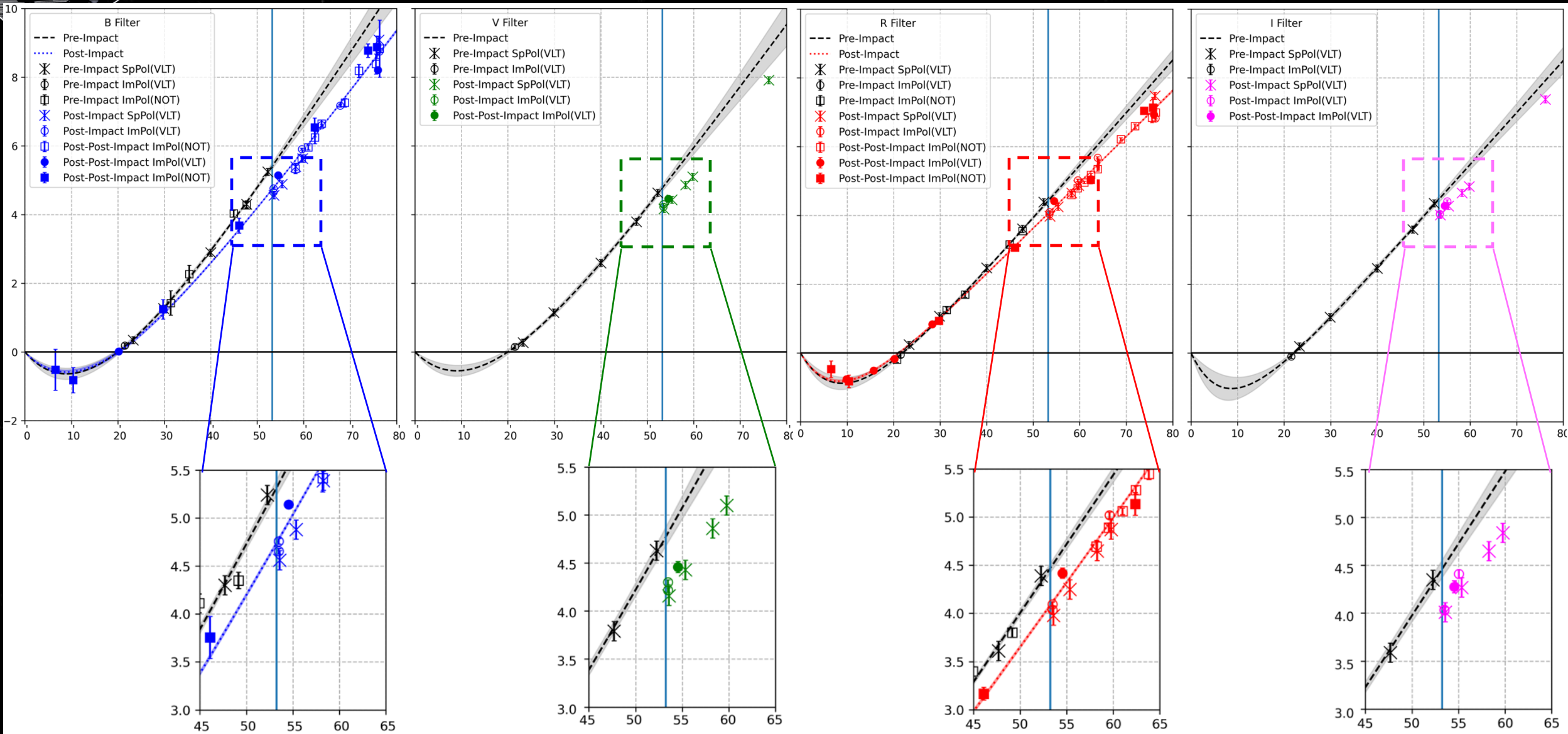
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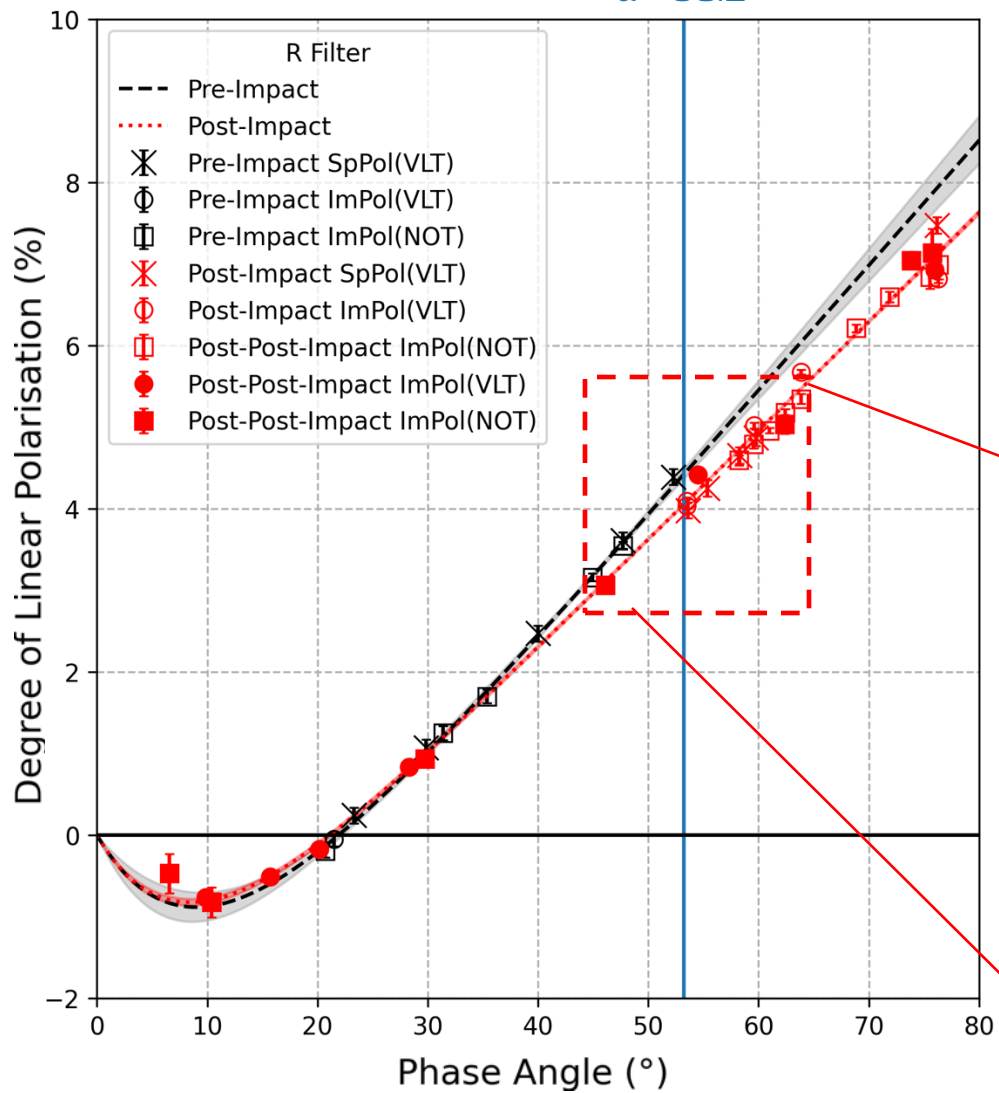


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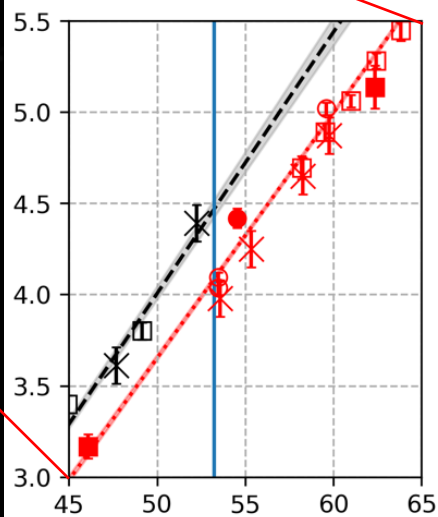
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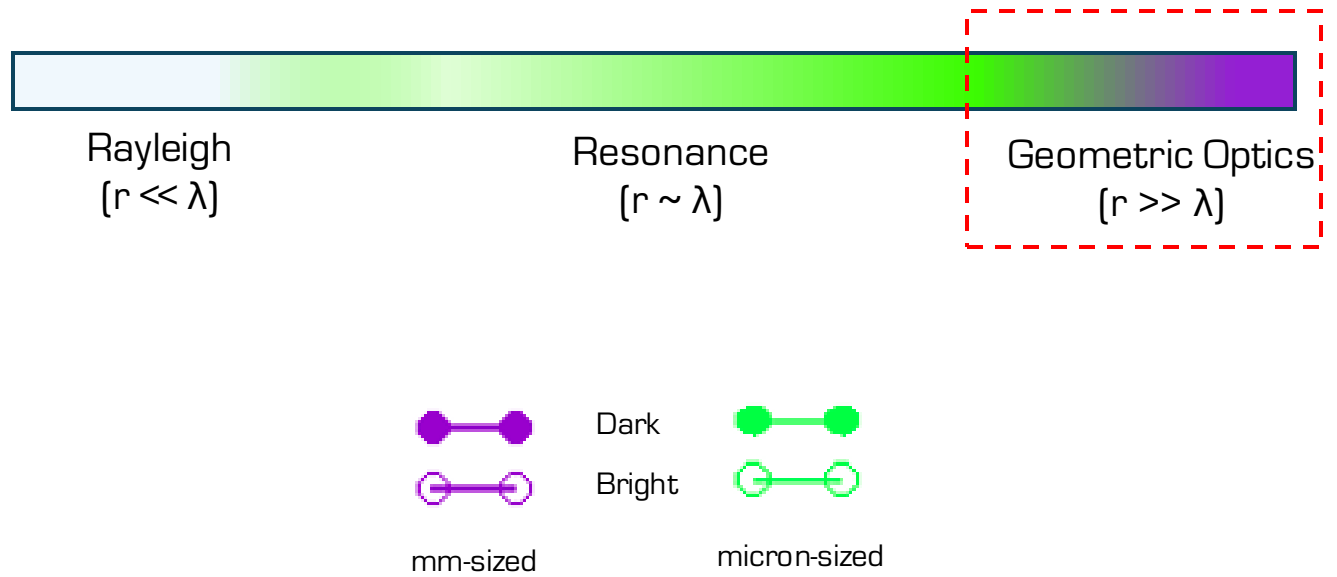
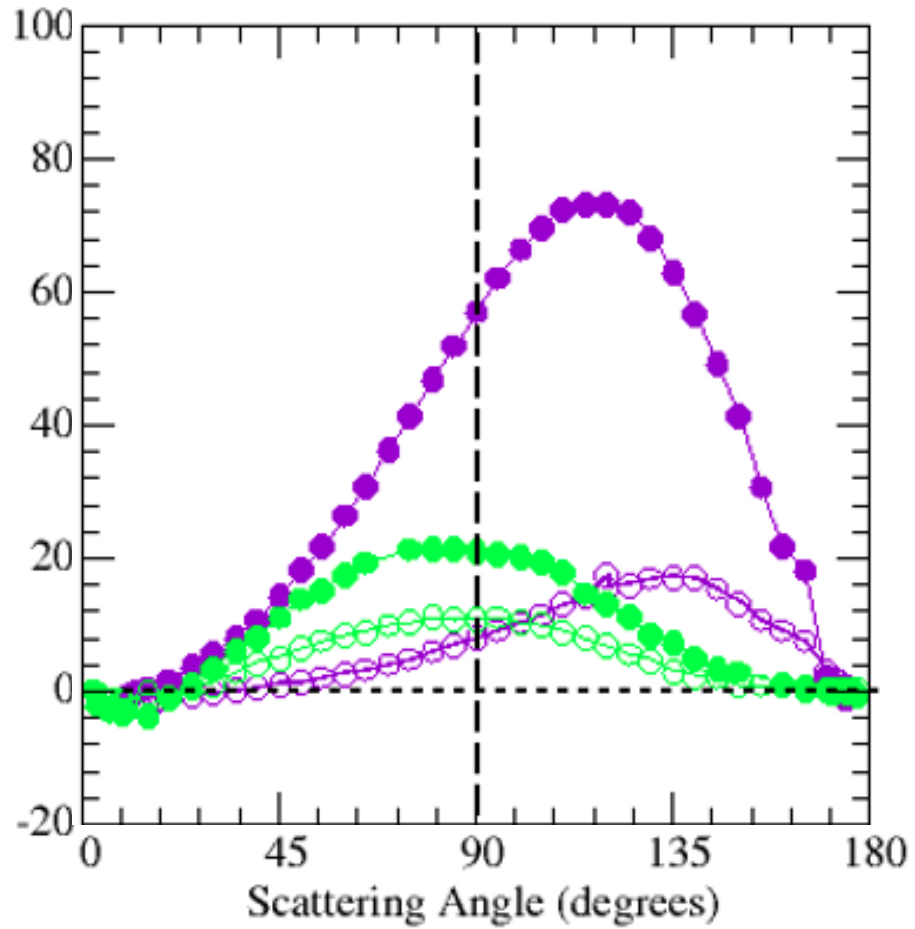


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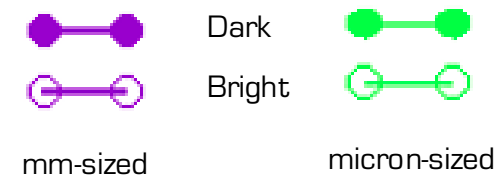
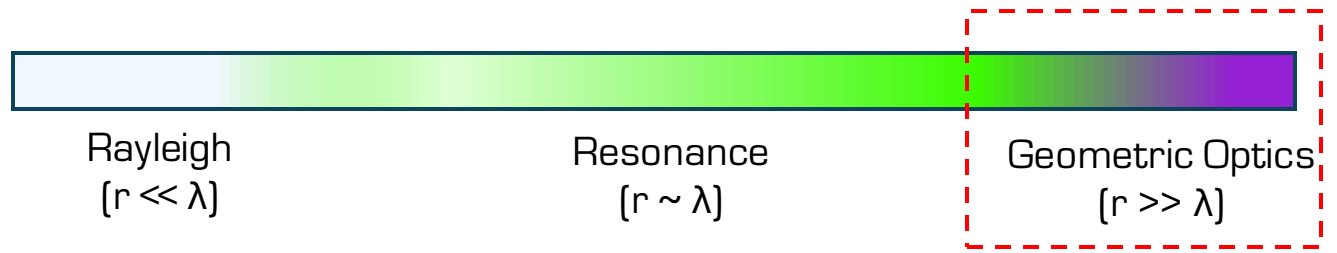
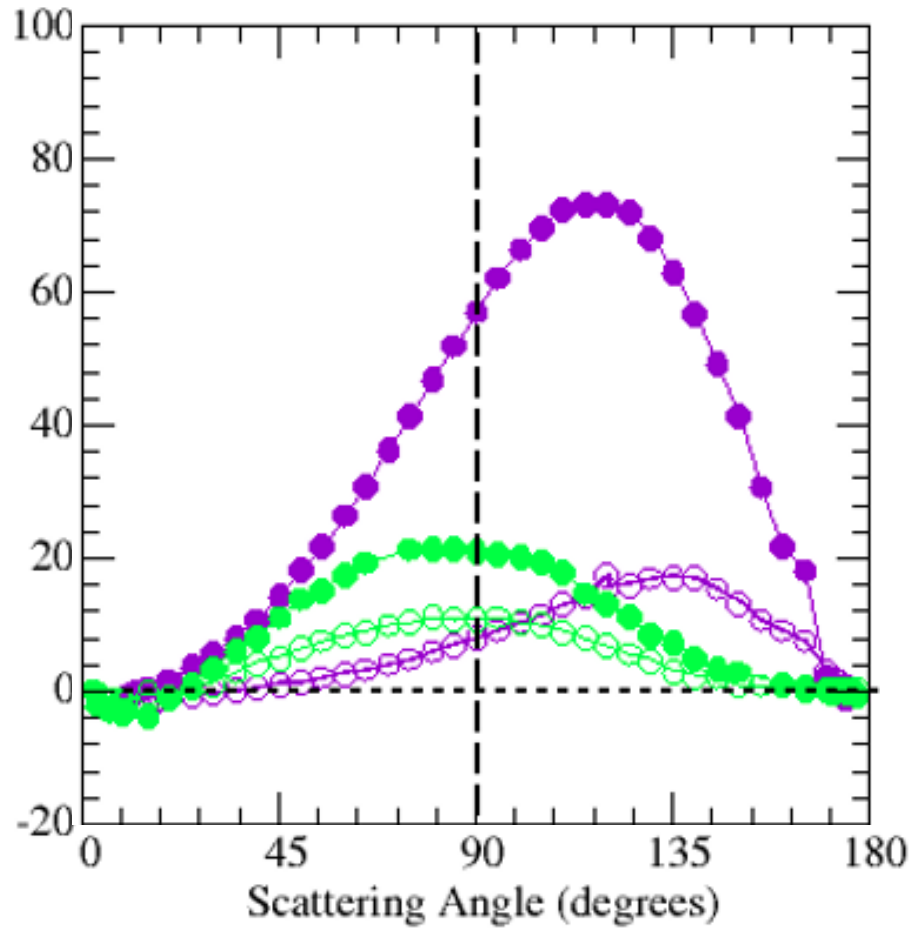
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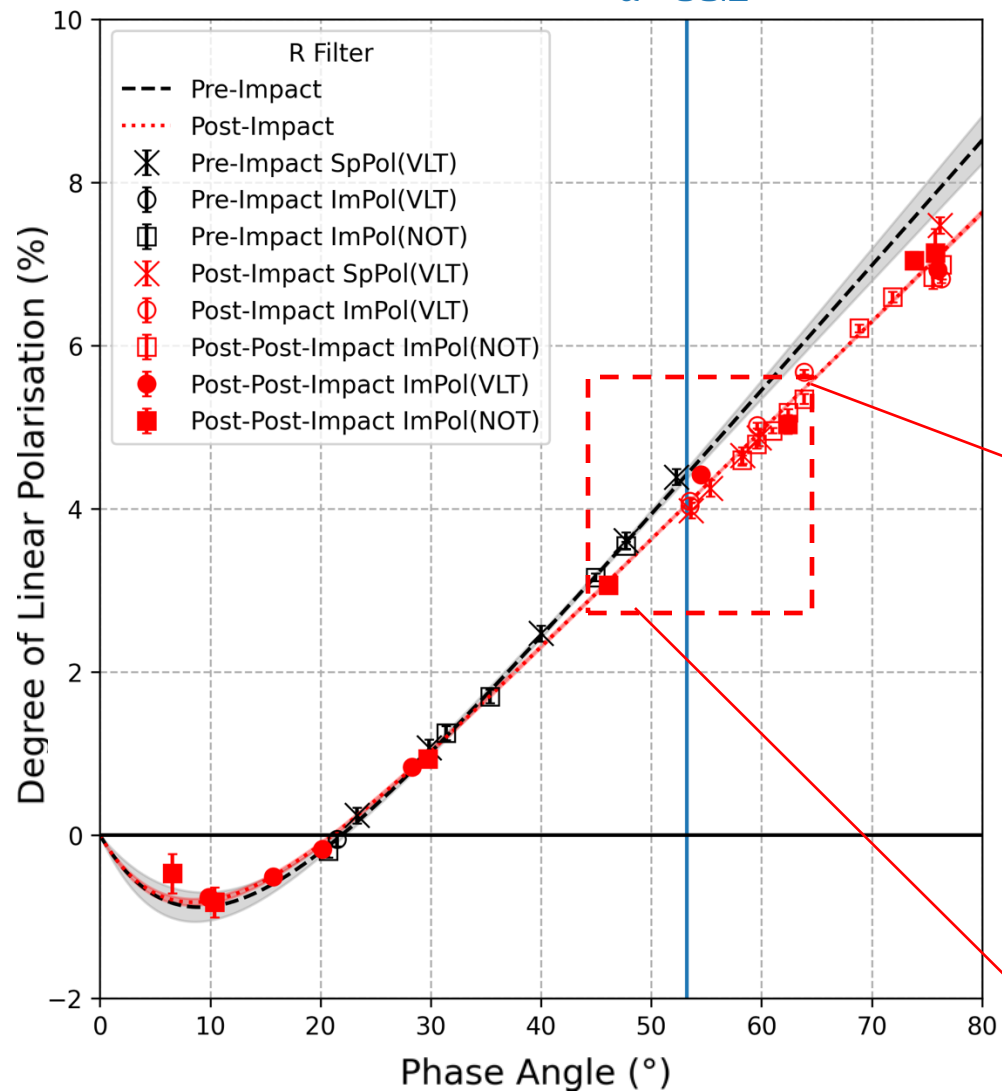


Two inequalities enclosed in a red dashed box:

$$P_{\text{Dark}} > P_{\text{Bright}}$$
$$P_{\text{Larger}} > P_{\text{Smaller}}$$

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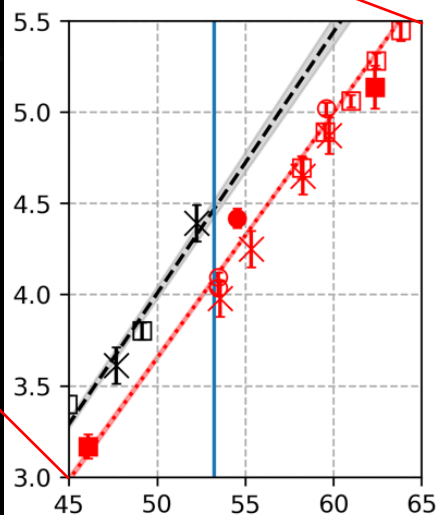
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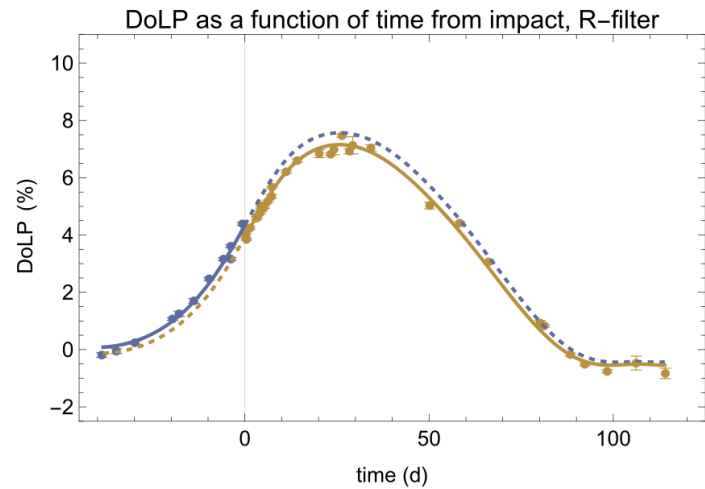
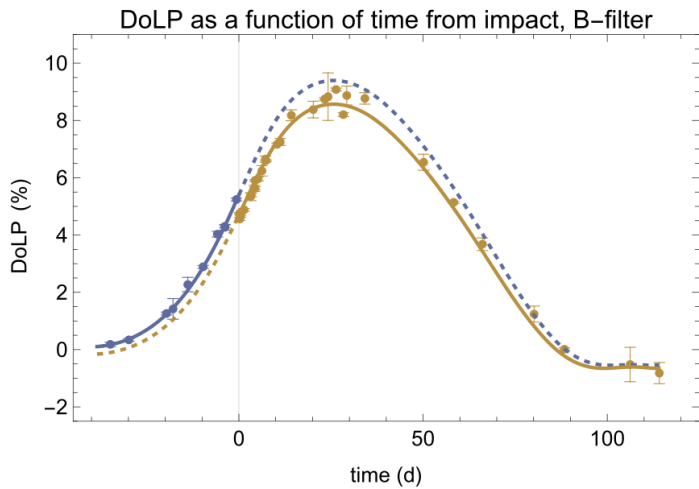
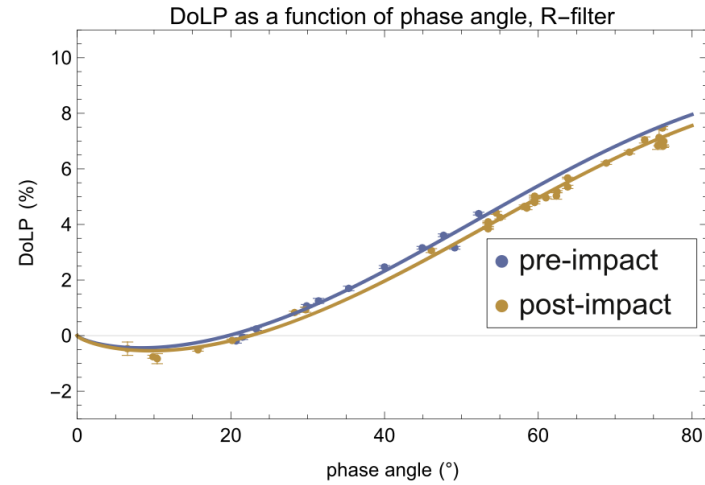
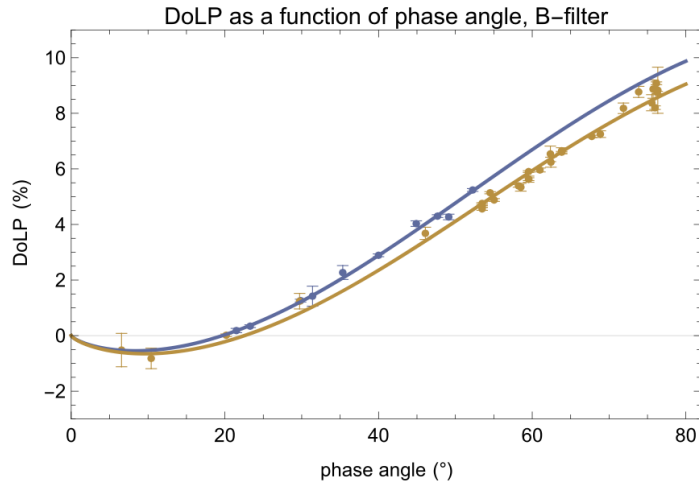
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- The ejected particles are **smaller and/or brighter** than those on the pre-impact surface.

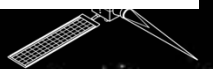


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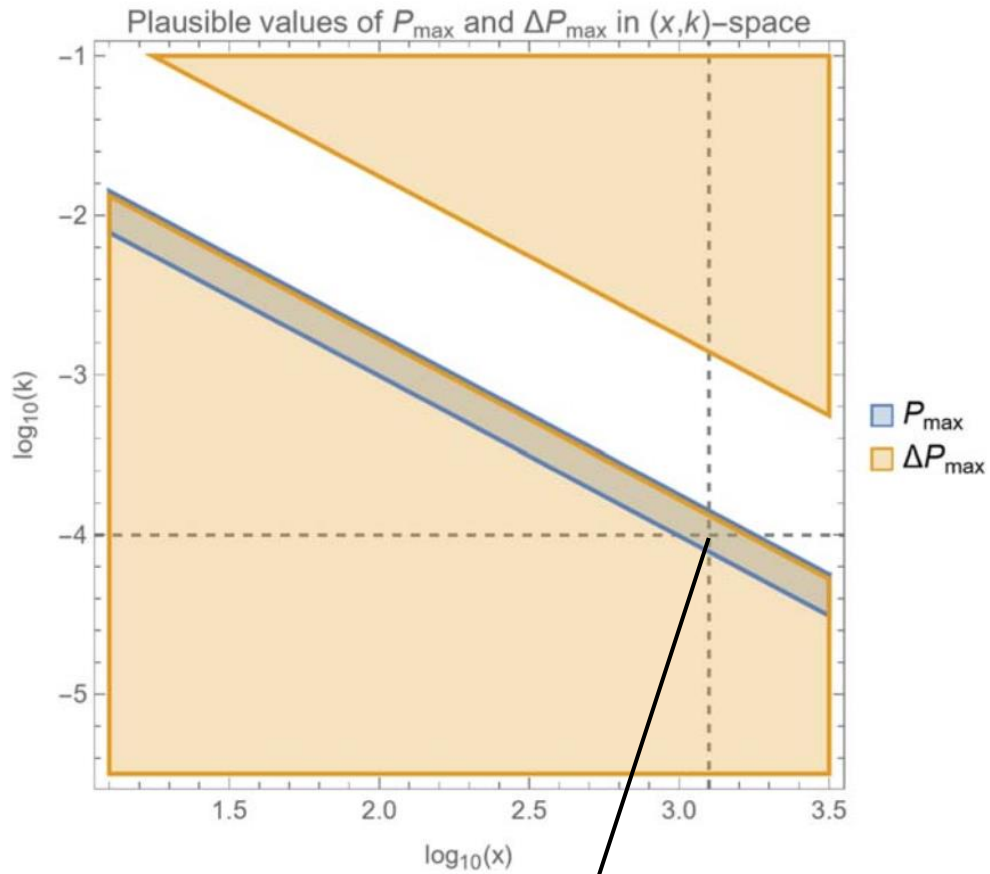


$$P_m(\alpha; b, c_1, c_2, \alpha_0) = b \sin^{c_1} \alpha \cos^{c_2} \frac{1}{2} \alpha \sin(\alpha - \alpha_0)$$



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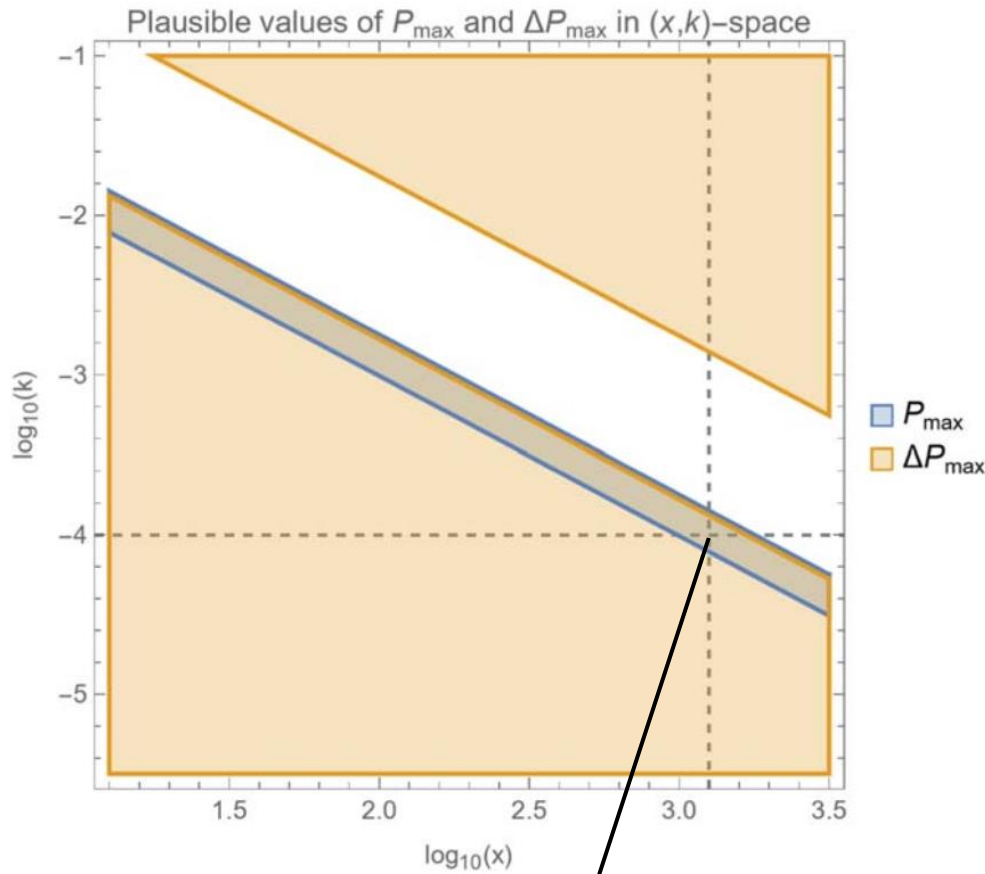


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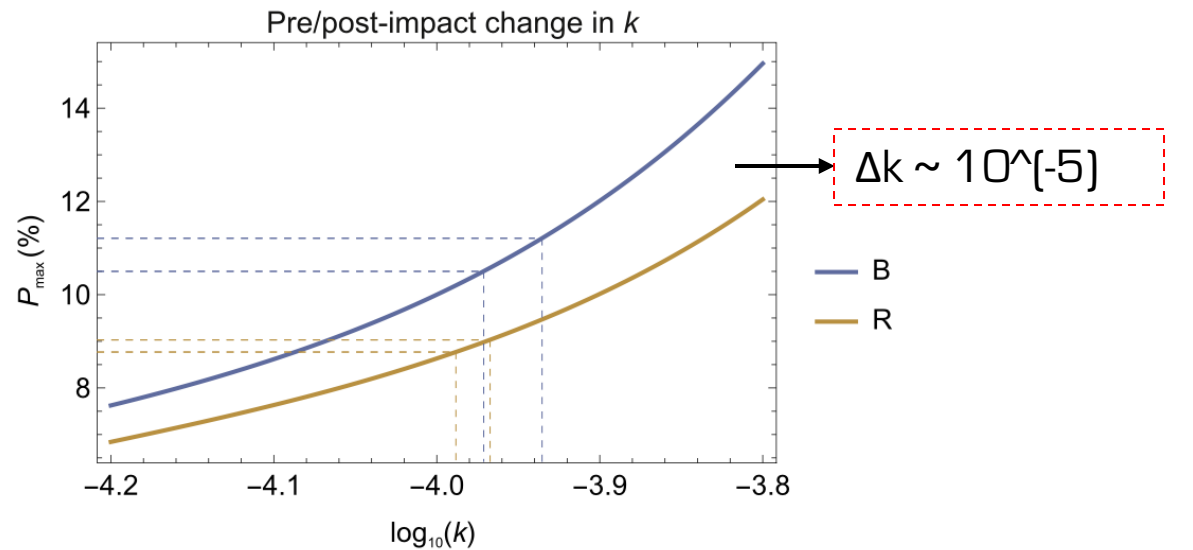
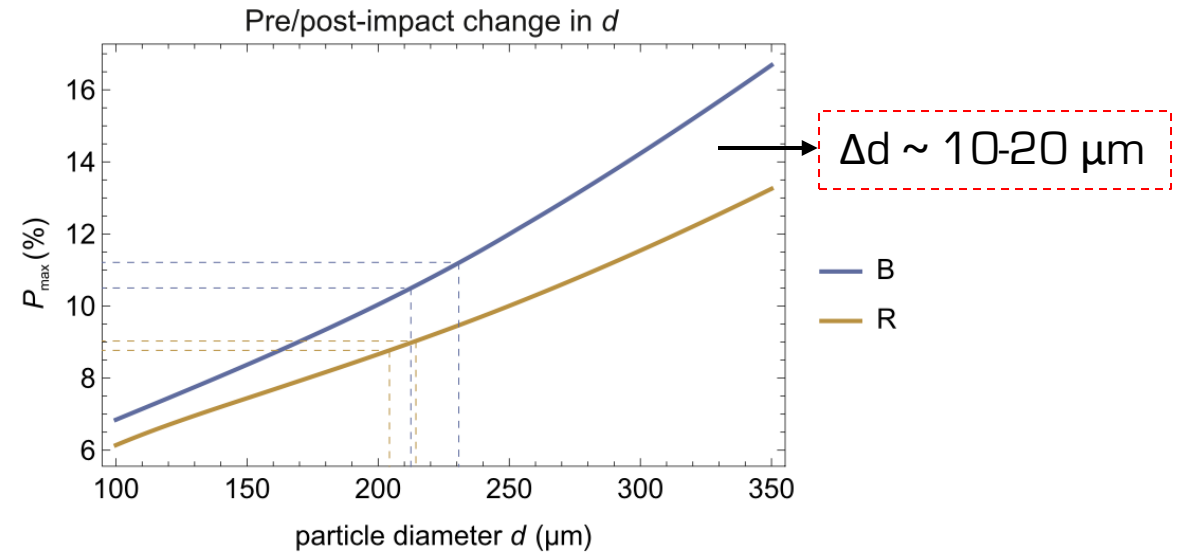
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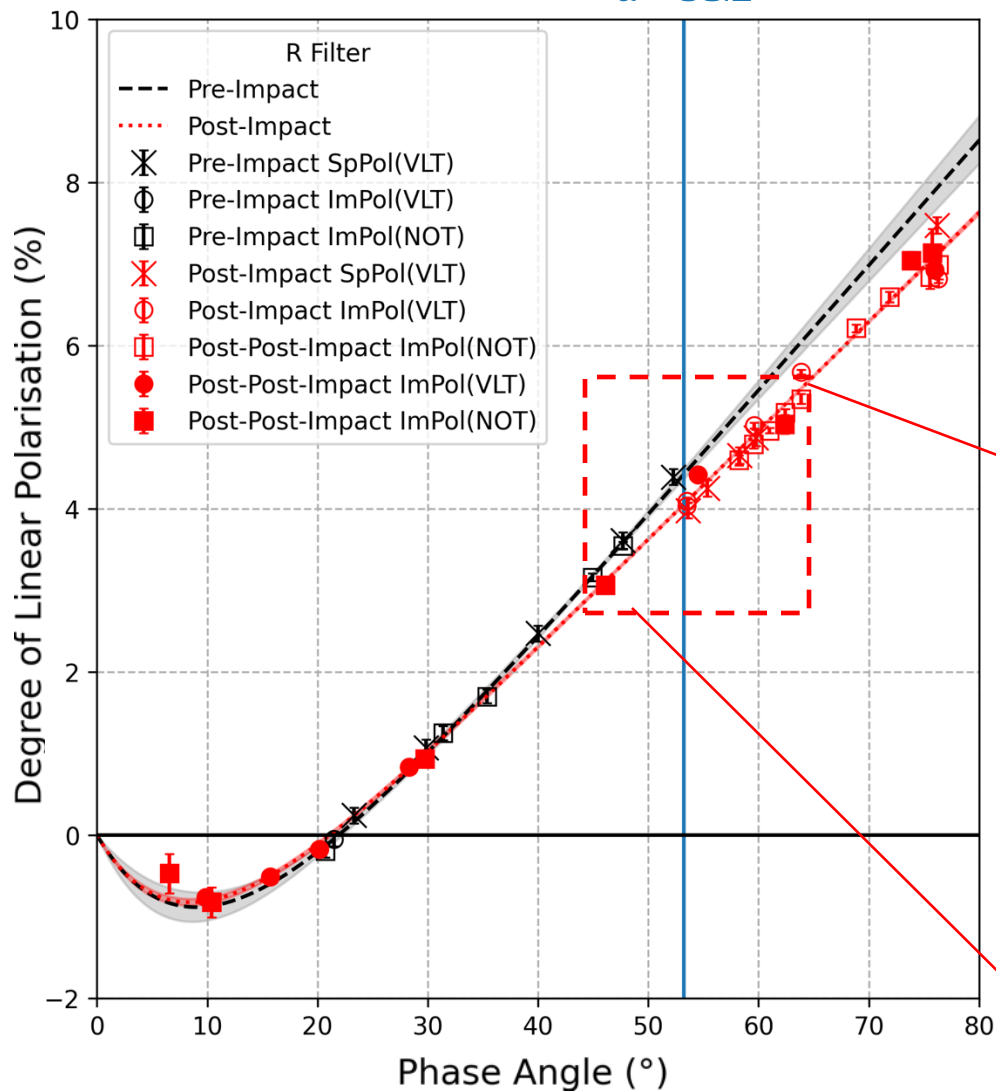
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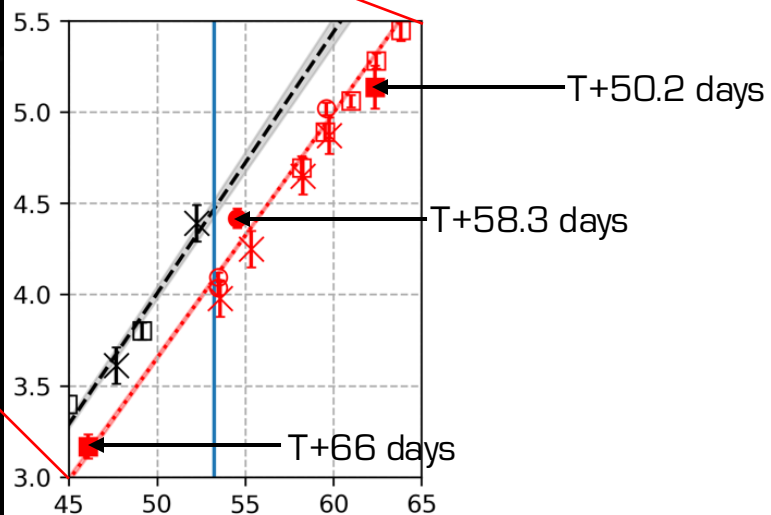


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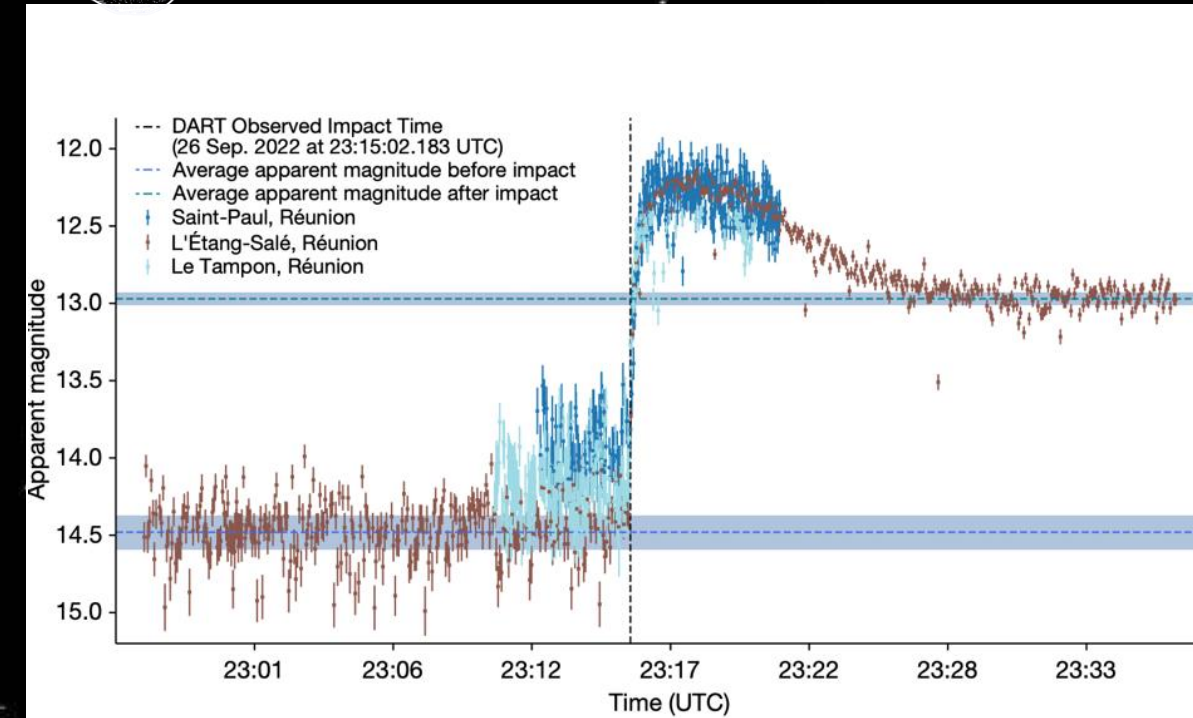
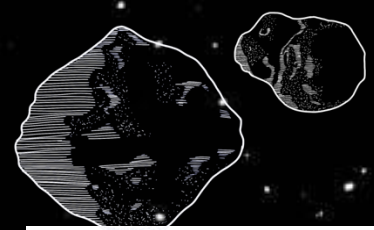
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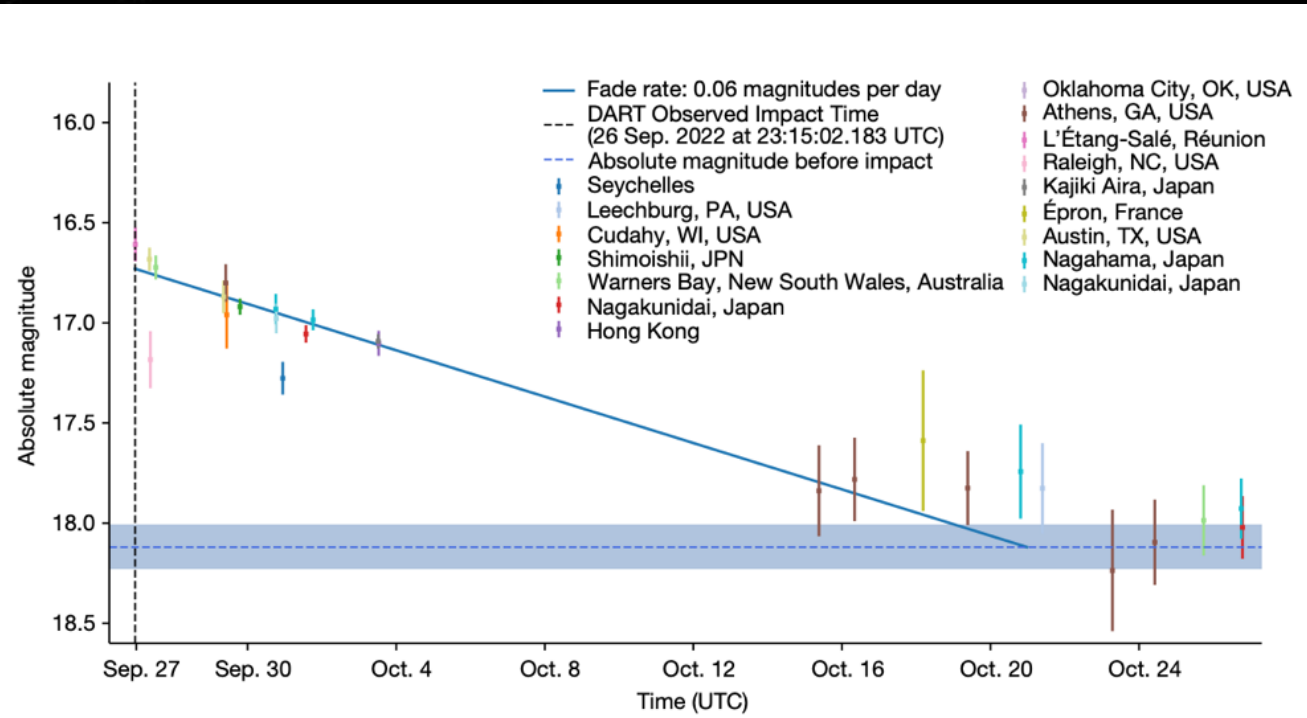
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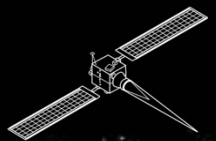
Brightening of ~ 2 magnitude



Gradually **fades** to pre-impact magnitude in ~ **24 days**

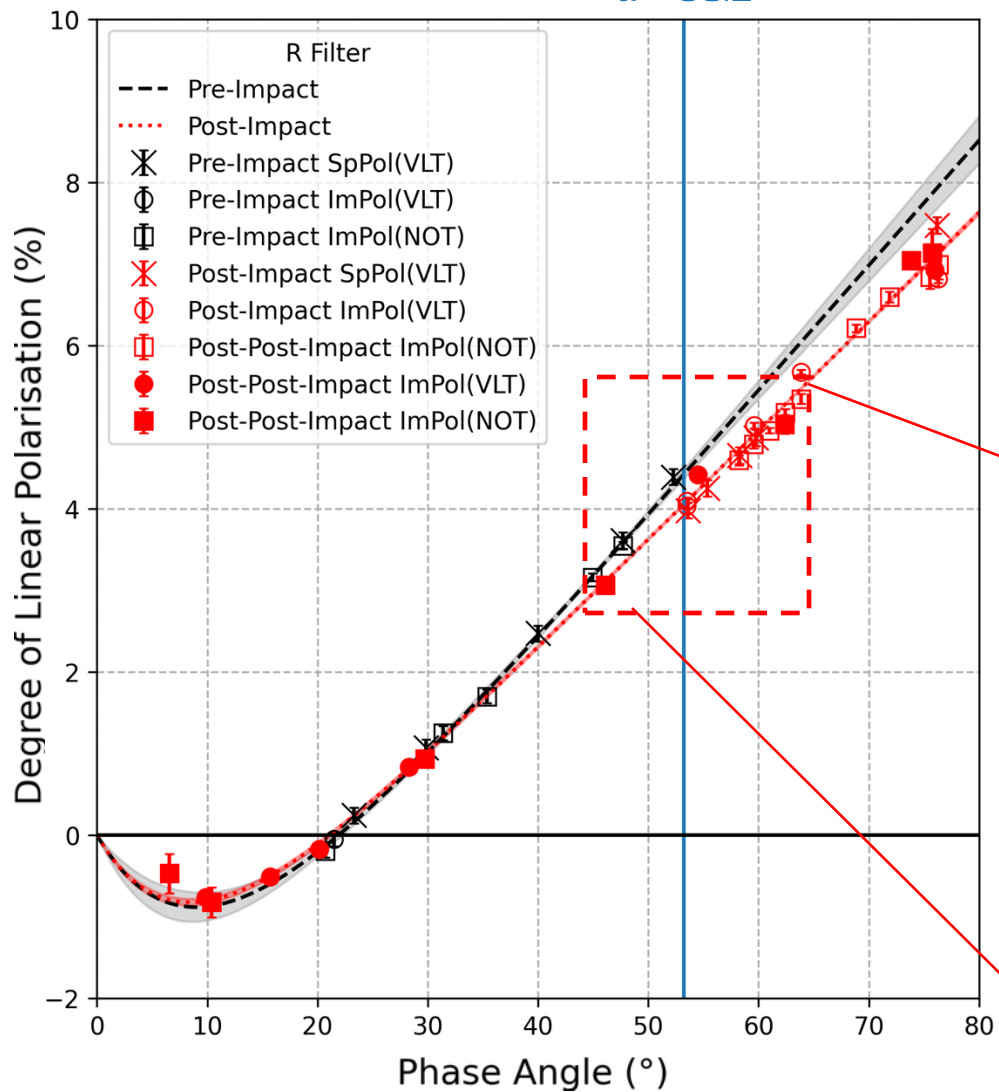
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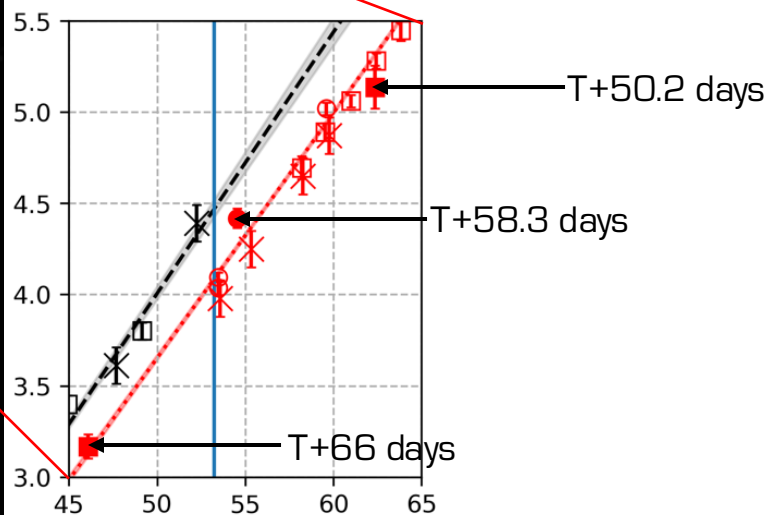
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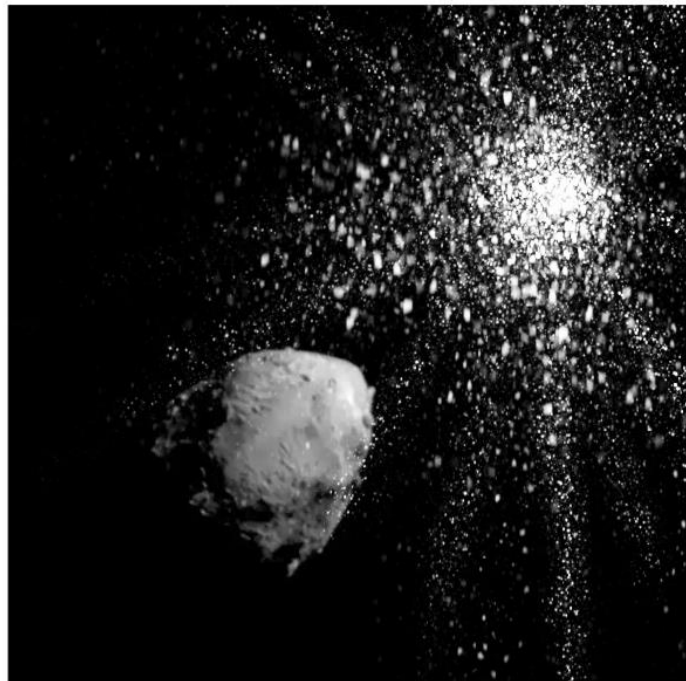
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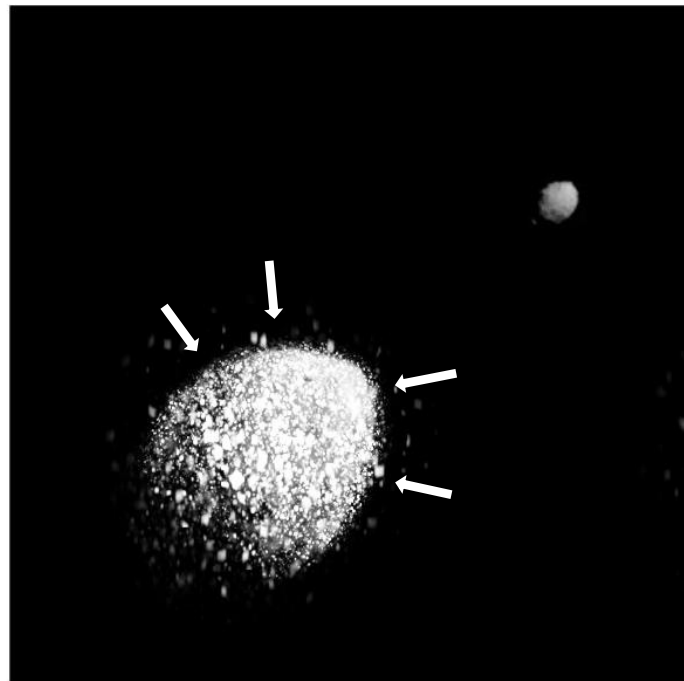


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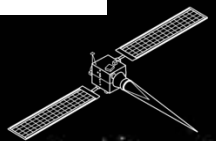
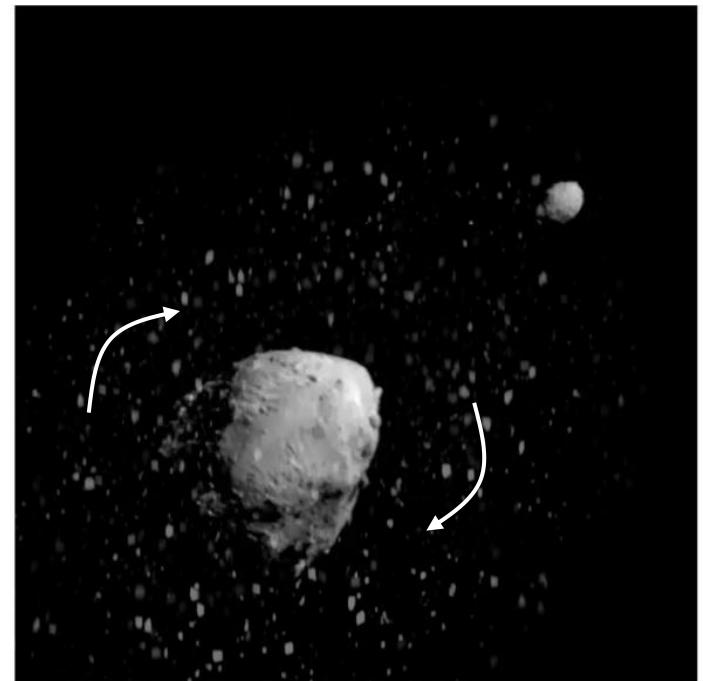
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#1 Hypothesis:  
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#2 Hypothesis:  
Lingering dust cloud



# 5. New Observations

## Pre-Impact

[T-1.3 months to T-15 hrs]



$\alpha = 20 \rightarrow 52^\circ$

The system is **unperturbed**.

## Post-Impact

[T+4 hrs to T+3 weeks]



$\alpha = 53 \rightarrow 76^\circ$

The system is characterised by a **persistent dust cloud**.

## Post-Post-Impact

[T+3 weeks to T+4 months]



$\alpha = 76 \rightarrow 7^\circ$

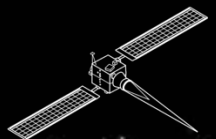
The cloud is mostly **dissipated**.

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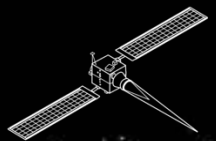
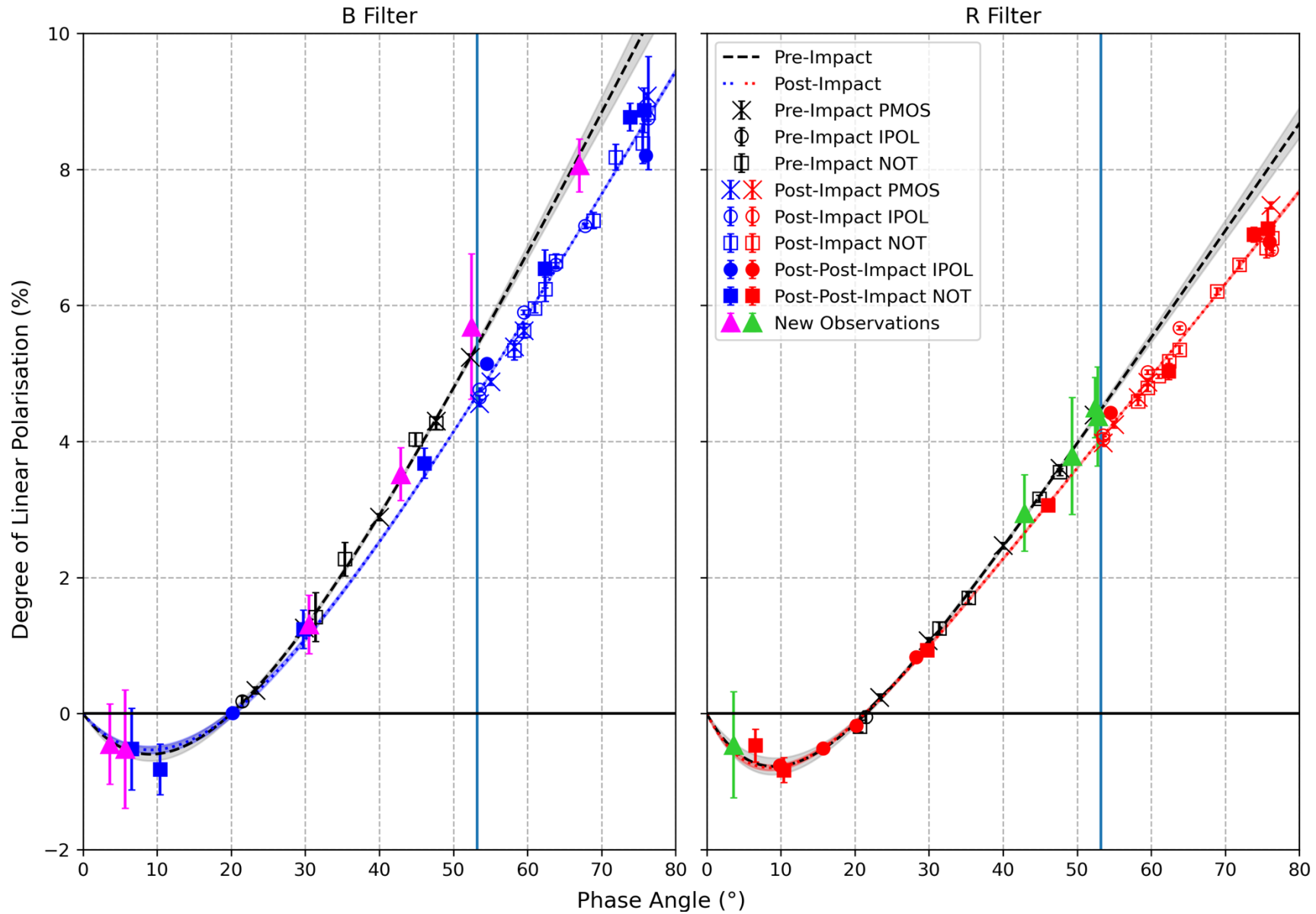
[ T+2 years]



$\alpha = 4 \rightarrow 67^\circ$   
...and more to come

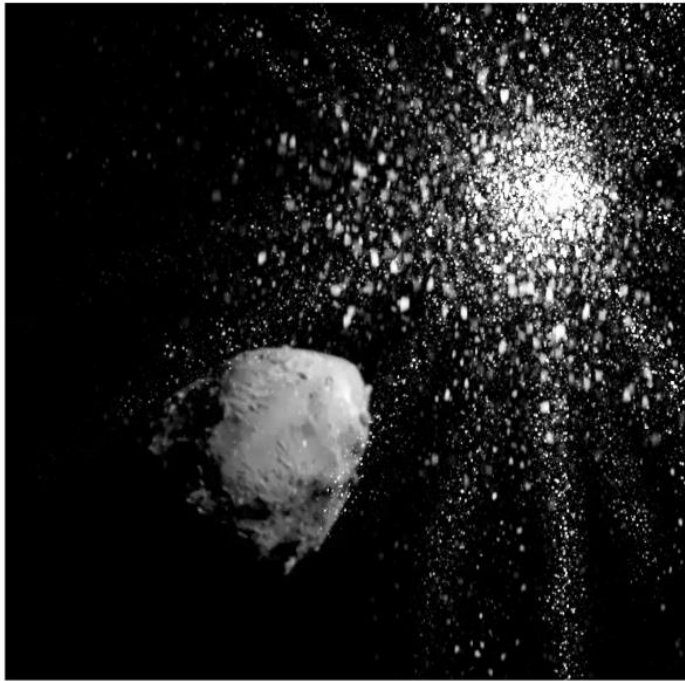


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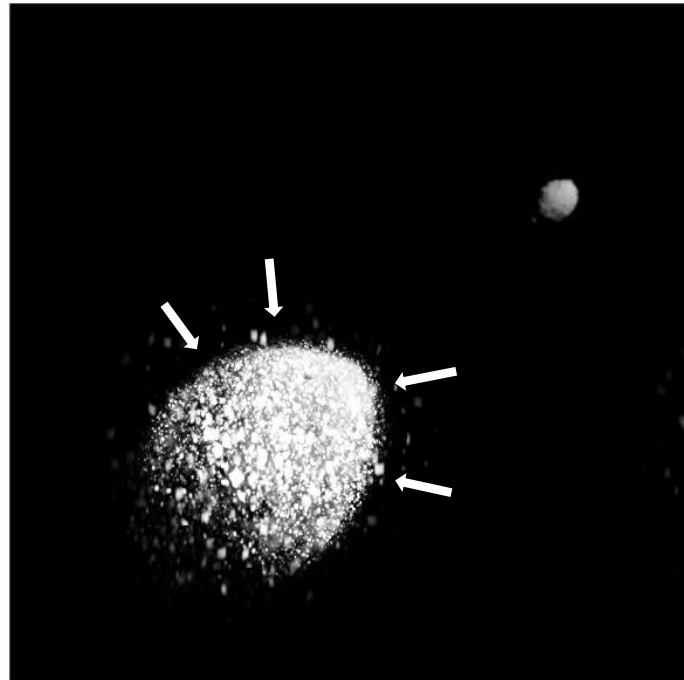


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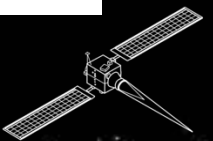
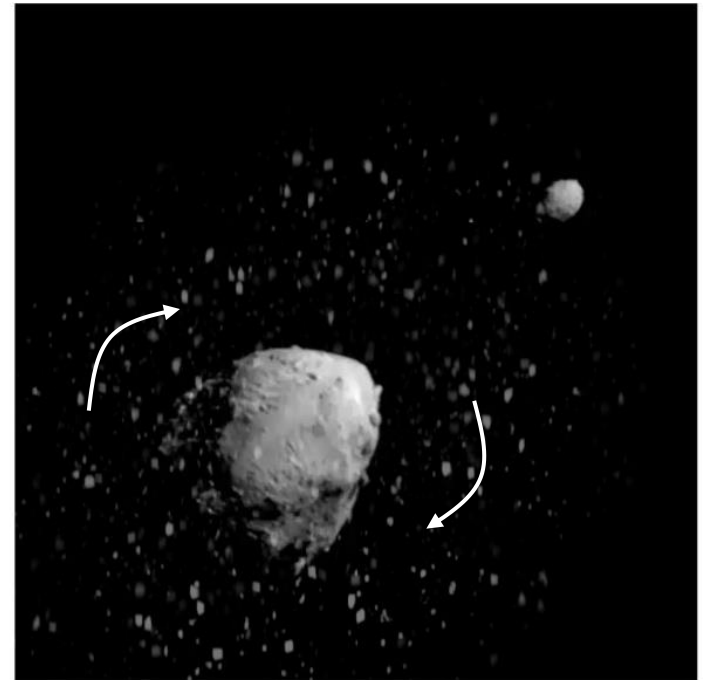
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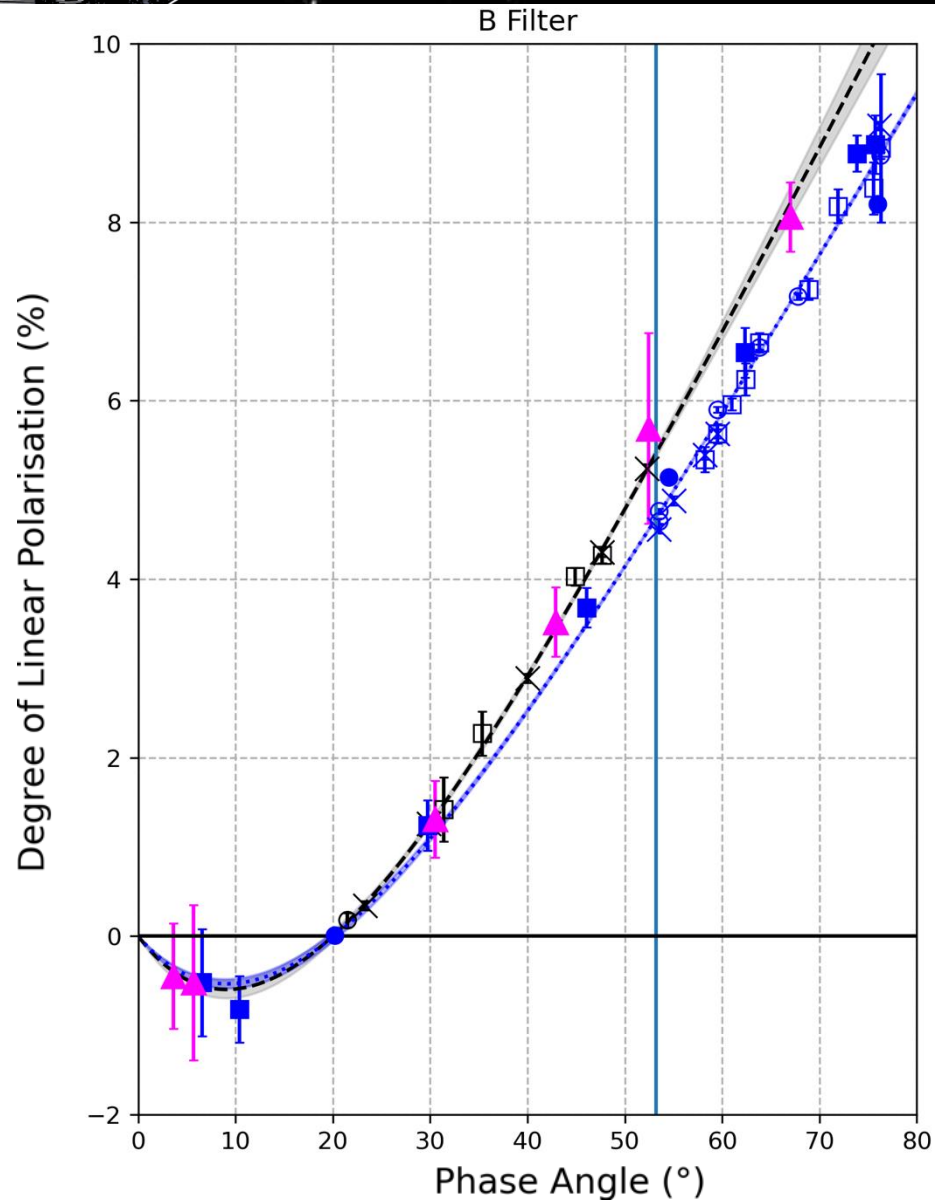


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  - More observations until end of Nov., up to phase angle 70°

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