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Spectral characterization of V-type asteroids – II. A statistical analysis

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ABSTRACT

In recent years, several small basaltic V-type asteroids have been identified all around the main belt. Most of them are members of the Vesta dynamical family, but an increasingly large number appear to have no link with it. The question that arises is whether all these basaltic objects do indeed come from Vesta. To find the answer to the above questioning, we decided to perform a statistical analysis of the spectroscopic and mineralogical properties of a large sample of V-types, with the objective to highlight similarities and differences among them, and shed light on their unique, or not, origin. The analysis was performed using 190 visible and near-infrared spectra from the literature for 117 V-type asteroids. The asteroids were grouped according to their dynamical properties and their computed spectral parameters compared. Comparison was also performed with spectral parameters of a sample of HED meteorites and data of the surface of Vesta taken by the VIR instrument on board of the Dawn spacecraft. Our analysis shows that although most of the V-type asteroids in the inner main belt do have a surface composition compatible with an origin from Vesta, this seem not to be the case for V-types in the middle and outer main belt.

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1 INTRODUCTION

4 Vesta, an asteroid of 530 km diameter orbiting at 2.36 au, is the biggest ‘small body’ to show a basaltic crust. Its basaltic nature was first inferred by McCord, Adams & Johnson (1970), who found, in the spectrum of Vesta, a deep absorption band near 0.9 μm , representative of pyroxene composition. Because of the spectroscopic similarity with basaltic achondrites, Vesta was also considered the parent body for Diogenites, Howardites and Eucrites meteorites (Drake 2001), collectively known as HED meteorites. With the increase in the number of asteroids discovered in the inner main belt, a dynamical family of ten members was first identified by Williams (1989).

A major breakthrough was the discovery that smaller bodies in orbits between Vesta and the 3:1 mean motion resonance with Jupiter have spectra similar to Vesta (Binzel & Xu 1993), confirming a genetic link between them and suggesting a suitable transport mechanism. Another was the discovery from HST images of a giant crater in the south pole of Vesta (Thomas et al. 1997). The Dawn mission recently identified not just one, but two craters in the south pole of

Vesta (Marchi et al. 2012), that with all probability are the origin of Vesta’s dynamical family. The scenario was then complete: several impacts created a swarm of basaltic fragments, some forming the dynamical family while others, due to collisions and dissipative effects, were injected into strong resonances, who pumped their eccentricities. Some were ejected from the Solar system or fell directly into the sun (Farinella et al. 1994). Others, extracted from a close encounter with a terrestrial planet, became NEAs (Cruikshank et al. 1991) or Mars-crossers (Ribeiro et al. 2014). Finally, some of them ended up colliding on Earth and were recovered as HED meteorites.

Previous dynamical and observational works confirmed the above scenario characterized by the diverse steps of the evolution of fragments from Vesta. However, the discovery of a basaltic asteroid in the outer main belt (Lazzaro et al. 2000) can be regarded as the iceberg tip on the presence and extension of differentiated material in the asteroid belt. Nowadays basaltic asteroids with no dynamical link with Vesta have been discovered all over the main belt (Nesvorný et al. 2008): some of them can be traced back to Vesta through dynamical pathways that involve non-linear secular resonances (Carruba et al. 2005); others could derive from a distinct differentiated body than Vesta. Moreover, laboratory studies on the oxygen isotopic composition of HED meteorites

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suggest that not all can be related to a unique parent body (Scott et al. 2009).

Asteroids have been classified as V-type if showing a spectrum similar to that of Vesta (Tholen & Barucci 1989; Bus & Binzel 2002; DeMeo et al. 2009) or ‘putative’ V-type if presenting compatible photometric colours (Roig & Gil-Hutton 2006; Carvano et al. 2010; DeMeo & Carry, 2013). Extensive numerical simulations of the dynamical evolution of Vesta’s ejected fragments over time-scales comparable to the family age have shown that a relatively large fraction of the original Vesta family members may have evolved out the family borders, and be considered as ‘fugitives’ (Nesvorný et al. 2008). However, from a dynamical point of view it is quite difficult to explain large V-type objects in the middle and outer main belt. According to Roig et al. (2008) the probability of an asteroid with a mean diameter larger than 5 km to evolve from the Vesta family, cross the 3:1 mean motion resonance with Jupiter, and reach a stable orbit in the middle belt is almost 1 per cent. It is noteworthy that the estimated diameters (assuming an albedo of 0.4 typical for basaltic surfaces) for the middle belt asteroids 10537 1991 RY16 and 21238 Panarea are about 7 and 5 km, respectively, while for the outer belt asteroid 1459 Magnya, thermal observation have determined a diameter of 17 km (Delbo et al. 2006). Moreover, these are the three unique V-type asteroids in the middle and outer belt whose basaltic nature has been confirmed through visible and near-infrared spectra.

In the last decade, several works have been devoted to the observation of V-type asteroids, in order to answer the question of their origin (Duffard et al. 2004; Moskovitz et al. 2008a,b; Burbine et al. 2009; Moskovitz et al. 2010; De Sanctis et al. 2011a,b). In most of these works, the focus has been to identify mineralogical differences and/or similarities between V-type asteroids belonging and not belonging to the Vesta dynamical family. No definitive conclusion has been reached by the diverse authors, with the only exception of 1459 Magnya, which mineralogy has been shown to be distinct from that of Vesta (Hardersen, Gaffey & Abell 2004). For all the basaltic material in the main belt of asteroids with no dynamical connection with Vesta it is possible to consider three plausible scenarios (Moskovitz et al. 2010) as follows.

(i) These objects were removed at the epoch of the Vesta family formation and migrated to their current position via some still unknown dynamical mechanism: in this case they should not appear spectroscopically different from Vesta family asteroids.

(ii) These objects were removed from 4 Vesta in the early phases of the Solar system formation and were scattered to their current location due to the sweeping of mean motion resonances in the region: in this case they would represent an older population of Vesta family objects and might be spectroscopically distinct.

(iii) These objects are fragments of the basaltic crust of other differentiated bodies which were disrupted in the early phases of the asteroid belt evolution: in this case they would likely be spectroscopically and mineralogically distinct.

In order to rule out which one of the above hypothesis is not supported by the observations, we performed a statistical analysis of the spectroscopic and mineralogical properties of the whole sample of V-type spectra available in literature. To highlight similarities and differences among the objects included in this sample of V-types, the largest one ever collected and analysed, and shed light on their possible Vestan origin, we computed and analysed several spectral parameters in the visible and/or near-infrared ranges (NIR). Asteroids were grouped according to their dynamical properties, and their computed spectral parameters were compared with each

other, with those of a sample of HED meteorites and with spectral parameters of the surface of Vesta as taken by VIR instrument on board the Dawn spacecraft. In the next section, we describe the selected sample, while the statistical analysis of the data is given in Section 3. The study of the mineralogy for the subsample with infrared data is given in Section 4. Finally, we conclude discussing the results we obtained and their implications on the study of V-type asteroids in the main belt.

2 THE V-TYPE SAMPLE

The selected sample is composed of 190 spectra in the visible and/or NIR for 117 asteroids classified as V-type according to the most recent taxonomy (DeMeo et al. 2009). In order to better investigate similarities between different populations, we divided our sample into six groups according to their dynamical properties. The highest concentration of V-type asteroids is found in the inner main belt (at semimajor axis $a < 2.5$ au), where we identified four dynamical groups: vestoids or Vesta family objects, fugitives, low inclination (low- i) and inner other (IOs). Outside the inner main belt two other V-type groups were defined: NEAs and Middle/Outer V-types (MOVs). Objects outside the limits of the Vesta dynamical family (fugitives, low- i , IOs and MOVs) are often grouped together in literature as non-vestoids. Therefore, we considered as follows.

(i) A vestoid is a V-type member of the Vesta dynamical family, as defined by Nesvorný¹ using the hierarchical clustering method (HCM).

(ii) A fugitive, following the definition of Nesvorný et al. (2008), is a V-type asteroid with $a < 2.3$ au and comparable e and i with the Vesta family.

(iii) Also according to Nesvorný et al. (2008) a low- i is a V-type asteroid having $i < 6^\circ$ and $2.3 < a < 2.5$ au.

(iv) The remaining V-type asteroids in the inner main belt were identified as IOs.

(v) An NEA is a V-type asteroid in the near-Earth region (with a perihelium $q < 1.3$ au).

(vi) A Middle outer V-type asteroid in the middle and outer main belt ($a > 2.5$ au).

Our final sample is composed of 44 vestoids, 15 fugitives, 23 low- i , 9 IOs, 4 MOVs and 22 NEAs. In Table A1, the orbital parameters (a , e and i) are given for each asteroid of the selected sample, as well as the solar phase at the time of the observation in the visible and/or in NIR, the reference from which the spectra were taken and the assigned dynamical group. Multiple spectral observations were used to estimate the influence of observational systematic errors. The independent analysis on the spectra of the same object taken with different telescopes and different observational conditions has excluded the possibility of systematic errors.

Since the principal aim of this analysis is to check if the different V-types across the main belt and near-Earth region share the same properties as those objects that very plausibly come from Vesta (i.e the vestoids), we considered a control sample defined by those vestoids which have both visible and near-infrared spectra obtained at solar phase angles which differs between 1° and 12° . The last condition is important to guarantee that the combination of visible and near-infrared spectrum is not affected by observational and geometrical effects. For some vestoids although (2468, 4815, 6159, 8693, 10037, 42947 and 66268) due to the large scattering in the data

¹ <http://sbn.psi.edu/pds/resource/nesvornyfam.html>

some parameters were not computed, therefore they were excluded from the control sample. The final control sample is marked with an asterisk in Table A1.

3 STATISTICAL ANALYSIS

3.1 Visible range

We performed the statistical analysis on visible spectra for our sample of 85 V-types focusing on three parameters: the reflectivity gradient in the 5000–7500 Å and 8000–9200 Å range (slopeA and slopeB, respectively), and the *apparent depth* (the ratio between the reflectivity at 7500 and 9000 Å). These parameters are chosen since they could characterize the position and the shape of the 0.9 μm absorption band for V-type asteroids having visible spectra. A

steeper slopeA could be indicative of weathered surfaces (Fulvio et al. 2012, Fulvio et al. 2015), while a deeper apparent depth could be indicative of bigger grain size (Cloutis et al. 2013) or of a fresh unweathered pyroxene. The computed spectral parameters for each asteroid with a visible spectrum are given in Table A2, together with the mean value for each dynamical group and the control sample. For some asteroids, due to the large scattering in the data, some parameters could not be computed.

In Figs 1(a) and 1(b), the whole sample of 85 V-types analysed in the visible range is grouped according to their dynamical properties. The control sample above defined, taking into account the errors bars, marks a compact region: slopeA can vary between 7.26 and 18.51 per cent/10³ Å, with an average value of 12.12 per cent/10³ Å; slopeB is found in a range between –18.41 and –35.98 per cent/10³ Å, with an average of –24.60 per cent/10³

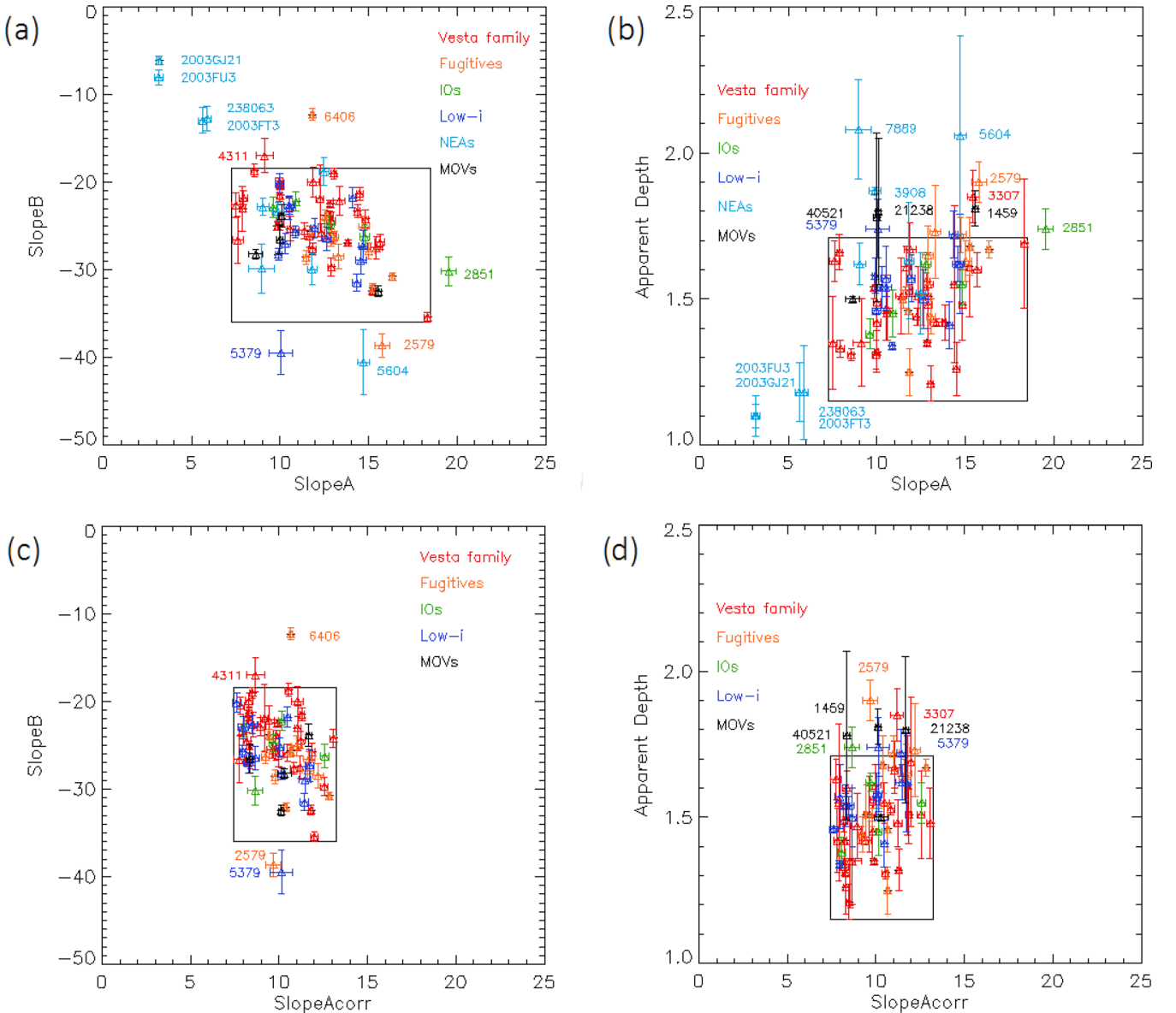


Figure 1. (a–b) SlopeA, SlopeB and apparent depth for the whole sample of V-type asteroids with visible spectra divided by dynamical groups: Vestoids, Fugitives, IOs, Low-i, NEAs and MOVs. (c–d) SlopeA after the empirical phase angle correction applied with the Reddy et al. (2012) relation, SlopeB and Apparent Depth for Vestoids, Fugitives, IOs, Low-i and MOVs. No correction was applied to NEAs, observed at phase angles >30°. The box is defined by the values of the spectral parameters belonging to the control sample: V-types observed in the visible and NIR range under similar observational conditions and belonging to the Vesta dynamical family. Outsiders are discussed in the text.

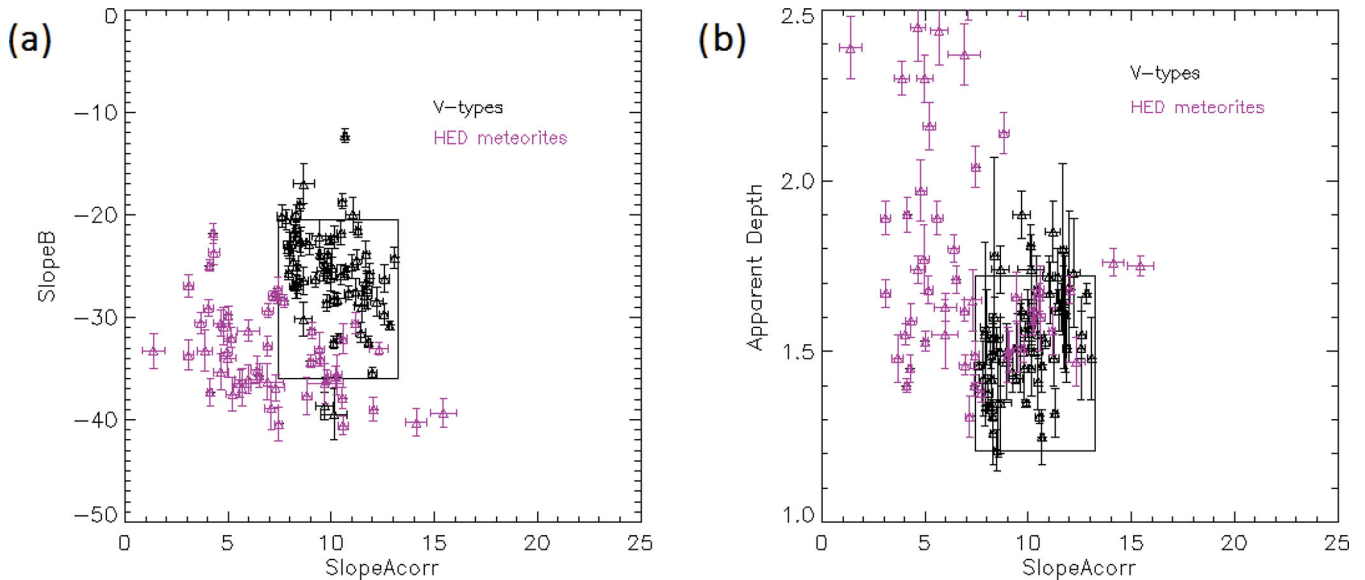


Figure 2. SlopeA versus SlopeB and SlopeA versus Depth for a sample of HED meteorites and V-type objects corrected for the phase angle effect. Note that, even after the correction, these plots show that V-types are intrinsically redder than HED suite.

Å; the average apparent depth is 1.46, and it varies between 1.15 and 1.72. In Fig. 1(a), we plotted slopeA versus slopeB. The majority of V-types cluster inside the region defined by the control sample, and there is no apparent discontinuity between the spectral parameters computed for vestoids, fugitives, low-*i* and IOs. NEAs show the lower slopeA and the greatest and lowest slopeB. In Fig. 1(b), we report slopeA versus apparent depth. Most of our data base of V-types cluster in the region defined by the control sample, while some asteroids, mostly NEAs and MOV objects, have higher apparent depth than the average. The extremely low slopeA found for four objects (238063, 2003FT3, 2003FU3 and 2003GJ21), could be indicative of unweathered surfaces or freshly regardened material, although in this region these spectra are particularly noisy.

It should be noticed however that, due to a phase angle effect, some objects could appear redder than they actually are. To correct for phase angle effect, we applied to main belt V-types (observed at $\alpha < 30^\circ$; see Table A1) a relation found by Reddy et al. (2012) for Vesta, which in principle can be used for asteroids who share the same mineralogy (e.g. the V-type asteroids). It is important to stress out that this relation was originally found for Vesta, and this correction applied to our sample is more qualitative than quantitative. For NEAs, observed between $39^\circ < \alpha < 93^\circ$, we do not apply any correction, since the Reddy et al. (2012) empiric relation works well within phase angles $\alpha < 30^\circ$, and we did not find any evident correlation between slopeA and phase angle. In Figs 1(c) and 1(d), the whole sample of main belt V-types is plotted after the empirical correction for the phase angle effect. The greater slopeA shown by some objects could be indicative of weathered surfaces. The corrected control sample has now a slopeA between 7.45 and 13.25 per cent/ 10^3 Å. Few objects are plotted above the control sample, with a lower slopeB in Fig. 1(c). Due to the absence of infrared counterpart 4311 could belong to a different taxonomic group. In fact, outside the region defined by the control sample there is also 6406, which is reported in literature as V-type, but from a careful analysis of its NIR spectrum it show shallower band depths, and could be classified as Sv-type. Objects below the region defined by the control sample show a greater slopeB, with possible

unweathered surfaces; however, it is noteworthy to say that from the comparison of its NIR spectrum 5379 also seems to belong to the S-complex. In Fig. 1(d), for two MOV objects (21238 and 40521) the experimental errors in the depth determination, due to the low S/N in this region, are too big to exclude a compatibility with the control sample zone. Other V-types outside the control sample (1459, 2579 and 3307) show an apparent depth greater than 1.80, which in principle could be due to a bigger grain size, fresh pyroxene or a different mineralogy. In particular, 1459 is an MOV object, and its position in the outer main belt could point to a different parent body and mineralogy than Vesta.

In order to verify, if V-types have experienced space weathering, we compared the whole sample of V-types corrected for the phase angle effect with a sample of HED meteorites taken from the RELAB data base² and reported in Table A3. V-type asteroids have shallower apparent depth than HED (Fig. 2), which might be attributed to space weathering. Moreover, the majority of the asteroids have SlopeA greater than the majority of the HED; thus, suggesting that V-types are intrinsically redder, having experienced a certain degree of space weathering alteration.

3.2 Near-infrared range

V-type asteroids are characterized in the NIR range by the presence of two deep absorption features, due to pyroxene minerals, at 0.9 and 1.9 μm , hereafter, BI and BII. These bands are caused by the Fe^{2+} electronic transitions in the M1 and M2 crystallographic sites of pyroxene structure (Burns 1993). According to laboratory experiments, two parameters are the most diagnostic to infer compositional properties: band minimum and band separation (BII minimum–BI minimum). Cloutis et al. (1990) discovered that both BII minimum and band separation increase with the increasing iron content. For 71 V-types of our sample having only NIR spectra, we computed BI and BII spectral parameters. For 11 objects, due to

² <http://www.planetary.brown.edu/reldata/>

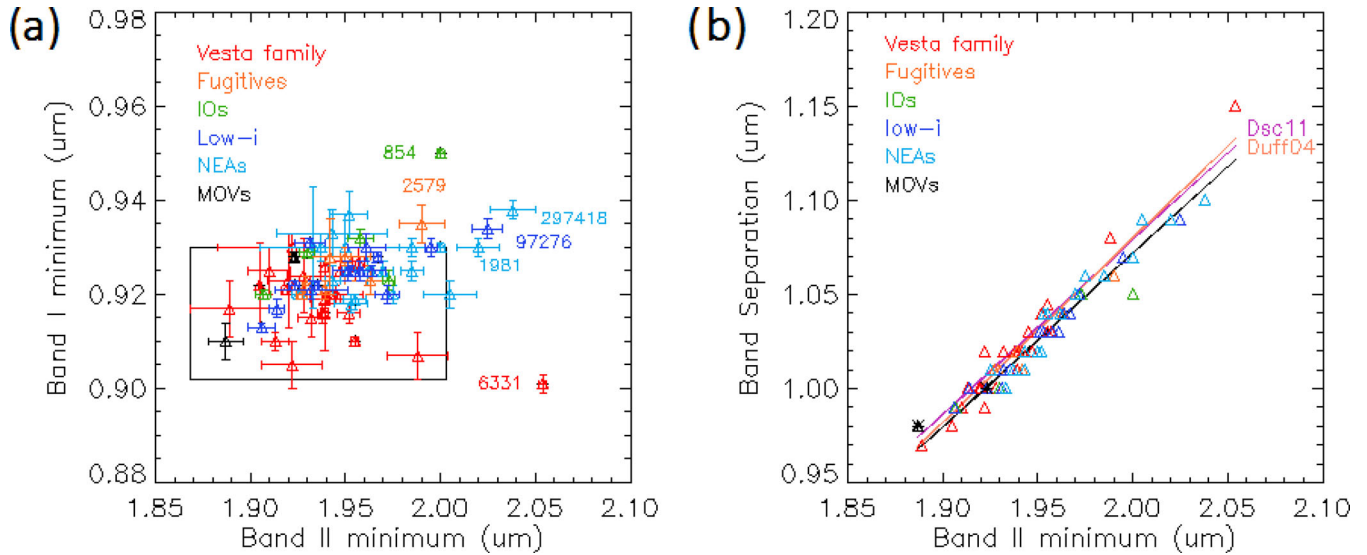


Figure 3. Analysis of near-infrared spectra of V-type asteroids. (a) BII versus BI minimum for different dynamical groups (Vestoids, Fugitives, IOs, Low-i, NEAs and MOVs); the box delimits the spectral parameters for the control sample, defined as above. (b) BII minimum versus Band separation, divided by dynamical groups. The black line represents our fit, computed from a linear regression model. We also report the linear relation found by Duffard et al. (2004) and De Sanctis et al. (2011a).

large scattering in the data in the 1–2 μm region, it was not possible to compute BI and BII minimum. We computed band minima using standard procedures, fitting each band with second-order polynomial fit. Errors were computed using a Monte Carlo simulation, randomly sampling data 100 times and taking the standard deviation as uncertainty. BI minima, BII minima and band separations are shown in Table A4.

In Fig. 3(a), we plot BII minima versus BI minima for all of the NIR data base. Vesta family members seem to regroup at shorter BI and BII minima, inside the region defined by the control sample, although 6331 shows higher BII minimum: this is probably due to the low S/N noise in the BII region for this spectrum. Fugitives and IOs are in good agreement with Vesta family members, although two objects (854 and 2579) show unusual higher BI/BII minima. Low-i asteroids seem to be compatible with the control sample region, although their distribution is slightly shifted towards longer BI/BII minima wavelengths. MOVs and NEAs seem to have a different behaviour, with one of the three MOV confirmed in the NIR range (21238) having the lowest BI/BII minima, while NEAs regroup at longer BI/BII minima respect to Vesta family. This result is also confirmed computing the weighted mean and the median absolute deviation (MAD) for each dynamical class, reported at the end of Table A4. There seems to be no difference among the BI minima values computed for the different classes, although when comparing BII minima and Band separation values NEAs and MOVs in particular show unusual values that differ from other classes.

In Fig. 3(b), we plotted BII minima versus band separations. Data show a clear linear trend, given by:

$$y = 0.926395x - 0.780845, \quad (1)$$

this correlation, based on the largest data set of V-types ever collected, confirms what found by Cloutis et al. (1990) on a sample of meteorite spectra, and it is an improvement of the linear fit found by De Sanctis et al. (2011b), Duffard et al. (2004) and De Sanctis et al. (2011a), for 18, 14 and 12 V-type asteroids, respectively. Different dynamical groups seem to range overall the general trend. Most of the Vesta family members appear to have lower band separation,

showing low amount of iron. V-type NEAs seem to range all over the linear trend, showing both low and high iron content; this could be in agreement with a balance between space weathering (Pieters et al. 2000) and regardening processes (Binzel et al. 2010) experienced by NEAs. The linear fits computed for each dynamical class all seem to agree to the general relation found for the global sample of V-types adding the error bars, computed in this case with a maximum/minimum slope method.

4 MINERALOGY

To further investigate possible differences between different dynamical groups of V-types, we conducted a mineralogical analysis using different tools. First, we used the modified Gaussian model (Sunshine, Pieters & Pratt 1990) to compare the relative percentage of orthopyroxene and clinopyroxene in basaltic assemblages. Then, we performed a comparison with meteorites in order to characterize the predominant lithology (diogenites, howardites or eucrites) among the analysed V-types. We used the band depth as a proxy to infer some constraints on the grain size of the surface of V-type asteroids. Finally, we computed the molar composition of iron and calcium content starting from the position of BI and BII centre.

4.1 Modified Gaussian model

Basaltic material appears in nature as a single component or as a mixture of two kinds of pyroxene (orthopyroxene, OPX and clinopyroxene, CPX). The two models (OPX and OPX+CPX) can be discerned throughout a careful spectral analysis, usually performed with the modified Gaussian model (Sunshine et al. 1990). This basic approach deconvolves absorption features into discrete mathematical distributions (modified Gaussians), each described by a centre, width and strength. While band centres and widths do not change, the relative strength of the two major absorption bands of OPX and CPX near 1 and 2 μm vary systematically with abundance. The component band strength ratio (CBSR), defined as the ratio of the strength of the major bands of orthopyroxene and clinopyroxene,

vary logarithmically with the OPX/CPX composition (Sunshine & Pieters 1993); therefore, it can be used to infer mineralogy properties.

We started by deconvolving the spectra of 38 V-types of the sample, with both visible and NIR spectra and high S/N in the 1 and 2 μm region, using only orthopyroxene input parameters (six absorption band centres, widths and strengths). It is important to start the initial fit with the minimum number of bands because the fit will always improve with a greater number of bands. The MGM outputs a wavelength dependent RMS error, which show characteristic features diagnostic for missing bands (e.g. the presence of an offset is typical for poorly modelled fits, for further details see fig. 8 from Sunshine & Pieters 1993). If a peak error offset from band centres was present, we considered the fit not acceptable, and we restarted the deconvolution using a mix of 75/25 OPX/CPX input parameters (eight absorption centres, widths and strengths) derived in Sunshine & Pieters (1993), and following the same procedure. Then, we computed the CBSR for the 1 and 2 μm region, and related to the CPX/OPX percentage. For six V-types (1933, 3268, 3498, 3968, 4038 and 11699), due to the large scattering of the data and the possible presence of additional bands (i.e. plagioclase, olivine...etc.) we did not find an acceptable fit with neither one of the two models, and they will be excluded from the following analysis. The obtained results are summarized in Table A5.

15 V-types were best modelled using only a single pyroxene model (Table A5.1), and they appear to have a composition of orthopyroxene. 5111 Jacliff was modelled using an additional band to account for the M1 site absorption (Burns 1993), often masked by the most prominent M2 site absorption. Other 17 V-types of our sample were modelled using both OPX and CPX absorption bands (Table A5.2), which relative strengths therefore can be used to estimate the proportion of clinopyroxene in the sample. There is no homogeneity in the V-type sample, with relative percentage CPX/(OPX+CPX) ranging from 20 (809 Lundia) to almost 68 per cent (854 Frostia and 1981 Midas). The two objects belonging to the Vesta family seem to have a similar composition, with a 38–45 per cent of CPX; on the contrary, non-vestoid objects show a wide spread of CPX percentage (from 20 to 68 per cent) with no

evident correlation with the dynamical group. The average values computed for Vesta family and non-vestoid objects are however in agreement, showing a 39 ± 8 and 41 ± 14 per cent of CPX, respectively. NEAs show instead a distribution of CPX percentage slightly shifted towards higher values, with two NEAs (1981 and 6611) having a a great CPX composition (61–68 per cent) and an average CPX percentage of 56 ± 10 per cent. Our results are also in agreement with the recent MGM analysis of Mayne et al. (2011), although for asteroid 2763 we computed a higher value for CPX percentage. It should be considered however that the estimation of CPX abundance from relative band strengths are within ± 9 per cent of their actual values (Mayne et al. 2009).

4.2 HED comparison

Among V-types with both visible and infrared spectra, we computed band centres and band depths for 38 objects. Other V-types with VNIR spectra have low S/N, generally in the 2 μm region, and no parameter was computed. Band centres were evaluated first removing the continuum between the two local maxima at 0.7 and 1.2–1.4 μm , and then fitting each band with a second-order polynomial fit: BI was fitted in the 0.8 – 1.1 μm region, while BII was fitted in the 1.6–2.3 μm region. Band depths were computed dividing the reflectance at the band centre by the reflectance of the continuum at the same wavelength, as done in De Sanctis et al. (2012). Spectral parameters were computed on V-type asteroids and on a set of spectra of HED meteorites taken from the RELAB data base, and they are shown in Tables A6 and A7.

In principle, to compare band centre positions for main belt asteroids and meteorites a temperature correction should be applied because meteorites are analysed at room temperature, while asteroids have typically lower temperatures, depending on their distance from the sun. However, we decided to not apply any corrections since several recent works (Burbine et al. 2009; Longobardo et al. 2014) has shown that on pyroxene assemblages the shift in the wavelength position due to temperature are very small.

In Fig. 4(a), we compared band centres for different dynamical groups, along with the same spectral parameters computed for the

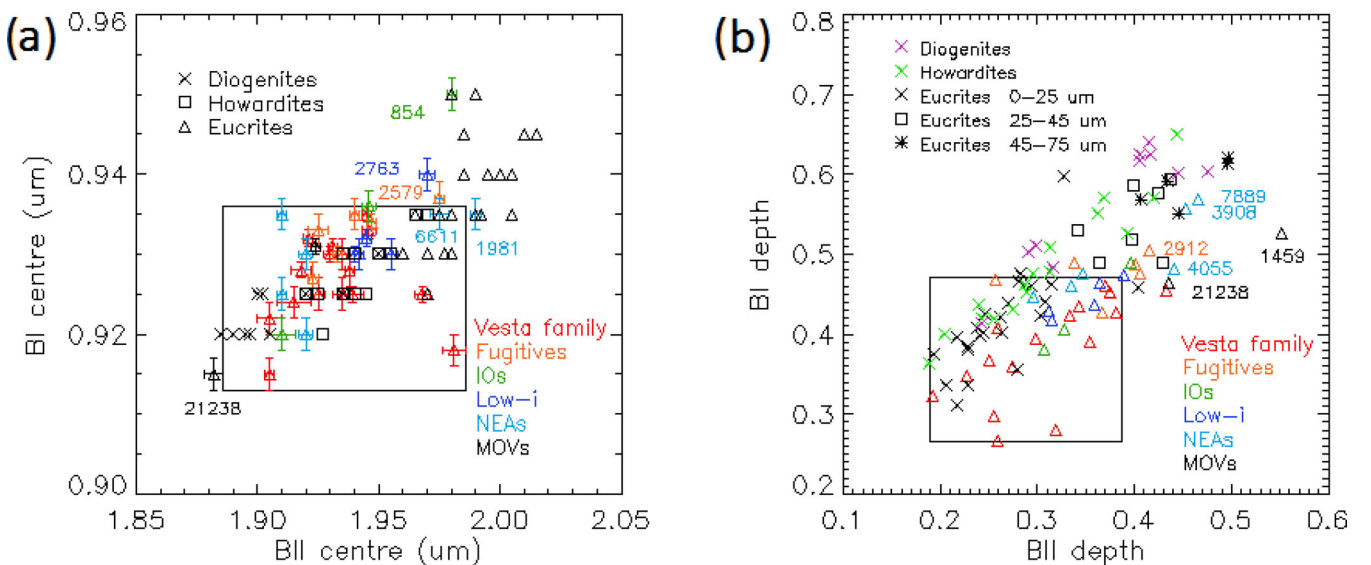


Figure 4. Analysis of VNIR spectra for V-type asteroids. (a) BII versus BI centres divided by dynamical groups, along with band parameters for a sample of diogenites, howardites and eucrites. (b) BII versus BI depths for VNIR V-types divided by dynamical groups. We also reported values for eucrites of different grain sizes, taken from the RELAB data base.

HED suite. The dynamical groups seems to range from diogenites to eucrites with no apparent clustering: among five V-types showing a probable eucritic composition, there are two NEAs (1981 and 6611), one IO (854), one fugitive (2579) and one low-*i* (2763). A few V-types have spectral parameters compatible with pure diogenite, while the majority of V-types have spectral parameters compatible with howardites. This is in good agreement with the recent findings from the Dawn spacecraft, which orbited Vesta in 2011–12 and spectroscopically mapped almost the entire surface, computing an average composition for Vesta similar to howardites (De Sanctis et al. 2012). We also confirmed the spectral analogy found with howardites for the fugitive 809 Lundia (Birlan et al. 2014).

The depth of the absorption feature around 1 and 2 μm can be used as a proxy to infer regolith properties of the surfaces of V-type asteroids (Hiroi et al. 1995). It is known that pyroxene band depths in HED meteorites increase with the increasing grain size (Cloutis et al. 2013), although laboratory experiments have shown that irradiation processes simulating space weathering can lower the band depths (Vernazza et al. 2006; Fulvio et al. 2012), while regenerating processes can uplift fresh unweathered pyroxene (Binzel et al. 2010). We compared our data base of V-types with eucrites of different grain size taken from the RELAB data base. For diogenites and howardites, we considered only meteorite samples with grain sizes $< 25 \mu\text{m}$, since for both of them only one sample of grain sizes $> 25 \mu\text{m}$ is available on RELAB data base. The majority of our V-type sample seems to be compatible with howardites and eucrites of a grain size $< 25 \mu\text{m}$ (Fig. 4b), although the fugitive 2912 and the NEA 4055 are plotted in a region compatible with eucrites of a grain size in the 25–45 μm range, while other NEAs (3908, 7889) show parameters similar to eucrites of grain size 45–75 μm . The two MOVs 1459 and, to some extent 21238, seem to differ to the general trend, which could be symptomatic to a different mineralogy. In order to verify, if the two populations here considered (the V-type sample and the eucrites $< 25 \mu\text{m}$) belong to the same class, we performed a *t*-test (Student 1908). The difference between the two population is not significant below 1 per cent, meaning that there is no evidence to suggest that these two populations have different means, and confirming Hiroi et al. (1995) results using a considerable larger data set. The *t*-test show also a significant difference between V-types and the 25–45 and 45–75 μm grain size eucrites.

4.3 Iron–calcium content

Band centres are the most accurate diagnostic spectral parameters to infer mineralogy in V-type asteroids. Over the last decades, several authors studied the relationship between these parameters and olivine and pyroxene mineralogy (Adams 1974; King & Ridley 1987; Cloutis & Gaffey 1991). It is known that the position of band centres in orthopyroxene assemblages shifts to longer wavelengths with increasing iron contents, while for clinopyroxene the same phenomenon happens for increasing calcium content (Gaffey et al. 2002). For this reason, from the position of band centres at 1 and 2 μm it is possible to infer the molar contents of calcium (wollastonite, [Wo]) and iron (ferrosilite, [Fs]) of the observed V-types, throughout equations derived on laboratory experiments. The Gaffey et al. (2002) equations work well in a wider range of pyroxene samples, with error bars of the order of 4–5 per cent. The Burbine et al. (2009) equations are empirical relations calibrated in laboratory on assemblages which reproduce the composition of typical V-types (olivine, orthopyroxene and clinopyroxene). The error bars are in this case in the range of 1–4 per cent.

Once computed BI and BII centre with a polynomial fit, following procedures similar to the ones described before, we applied the Burbine et al. (2009) equations to compute [Wo] and [Fs] contents:

$$\text{Wo}(\pm 1) = 396.13 \times \text{BI}_{\text{cen}}(\mu\text{m}) - 360.55 \quad (1)$$

$$\text{Wo}(\pm 1) = 79.905 \times \text{BII}_{\text{cen}}(\mu\text{m}) - 148.3 \quad (2)$$

$$\text{Fs}(\pm 3) = 1023.4 \times \text{BI}_{\text{cen}}(\mu\text{m}) - 913.82 \quad (3)$$

$$\text{Fs}(\pm 3) = 205.86 \times \text{BII}_{\text{cen}}(\mu\text{m}) - 364.3. \quad (4)$$

Iron and calcium contents, along with band centres and depths, are shown in Table A6.

For the majority of Vesta family members, the calcium and iron content ($5 < [\text{Wo}] < 9$ and $31 < [\text{Fs}] < 40$) are compatible with an howarditic composition, in agreement with the results of De Sanctis et al. (2011a), although two objects (3155 and 3498) show a lower [Wo] and [Fs] content, compatible with a diogenite composition. Non-vestoids show instead a wider range of variation for calcium and iron molar contents, with one of the MOV (21238 Panarea) having the lowest molar content of the whole sample ($[\text{Wo}] = 2.00$ and $[\text{Fs}] = 22.86$), while the IO 854 Frostia has the greatest iron/calcium content ($[\text{Wo}] = 12.84$ and $[\text{Fs}] = 50.86$). The average values computed for fugitives, low-*i* and NEAs (Table A6) are in agreement with an howarditic composition, although NEAs show the greatest variation, having objects with both low and high iron content, which confirms the results we obtained on the basis of the NIR spectra. No statistical conclusion was reached for IOs and MOVs, having only three and two objects in the VNIR subsample, respectively, although MOVs in particular show average values compatible with diogenites.

5 DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSIONS

We completed our statistical work over 117 V-type asteroids analysed in the visible and/or NIR in order to highlight similarities between the spectral characteristics of objects belonging to the Vesta dynamical family, V-type NEAs and several dynamical classes not connected to Vesta (fugitives, low-*i*, IOs and MOVs) called in literature ‘non-vestoids’. Our statistical analysis has shown that:

- (i) two V-types (5379 and 6406), classified as basaltic objects in literature, seem to belong to another taxonomic class;
- (ii) V-type asteroids show greater visible slopes than HED meteorites. The predominant lithology for basaltic objects is howardite, in agreement with the Dawn latest results, although some objects show an affinity with diogenites and eucrites. The analysis of band depth confirms that the majority of V-types are compatible with eucrites and howardites of a grain size $< 25 \mu\text{m}$;
- (iii) inner main belt V-type asteroids (fugitives, low-*i* and IOs) have spectral parameters compatible with the Vesta family, pointing to Vesta as a plausible parent body, although the deconvolution of their spectra with the MGM show a great variation of their OPX/CPX content;
- (iv) NEAs and MOVs show spectral parameters quite different to the Vesta family. NEAs show also the greatest spread of iron content of the data base, while the analysis on MOVs points to a different mineralogy.

Laboratory experiments (Vernazza et al. 2006; Fulvio et al. 2012, 2015) have shown that space weathering affects the surfaces of basaltic material, reddening the spectral slope and lowering the

band depths. The higher spread of spectral parameters found on NEAs could be linked to a balance between space weathering processes and ‘rejuvenation’ of surfaces caused by close encounters with planets (Binzel et al. 2010), which expose more fresh surface material (see Fulvio et al. 2015, for a detailed discussion). NEAs show also a higher spread of iron content (Fig. 3b) respect to the Vesta family. Although we cannot exclude that in some cases the apparent diversity could be due to a different grain size (Fig. 4b), our analysis strongly support the idea that this diversity is due to a balance of weathering processes and a rejuvenation of surfaces triggered by close encounters with terrestrial planets.

The MOVs show higher band depths and in some cases unusual band centres (Fig. 4). Their location in the main belt strongly points to a different origin from Vesta since, as already pointed out, the probability that a 5 km V-type asteroid ejected from Vesta crosses the 3:1 resonance with Jupiter and reaches a stable orbit in the middle/outer belt, is almost 1 per cent (Roig et al. 2008). Hardersen et al. (2004) has already claimed for Magnya a different mineralogy. In order to confirm or exclude a genetic link between Vesta and the MOV objects, we looked for spots on the surface of Vesta having a composition and a mineralogy compatible with them. The comparison was performed using Dawn spectra collected by the VIR instrument on the south pole region, near the craters which likely produced the Vesta dynamical family. Comparing the maps of BI–BII centres and depths produced by the VIR Team (Ammannito et al. 2013) and the same parameters obtained using the same procedures for the two MOV objects in our sample, we found that Magnya and Panarea have spectral parameters not compatible with the south pole region of Vesta. Moreover, the excavation of a (17 ± 1) km object like Magnya from the two deep craters around the south pole of Vesta (which have an estimated depth of 30–45 km) seems rather improbable. For these two basaltic objects, due to their peculiar spectral properties, sizes and location in the main belt, we can argue that they have an unrelated origin to Vesta.

These results were obtained for a small subsample of MOV objects. In the near future to enlarge the statistics for middle/outer V-type objects, it will be necessary to observe and spectrally confirm a large number of basaltic objects in the middle/outer main belt. The confirmation of a large clustered number of basaltic objects in a region dynamically inaccessible from Vesta would be the ironclad evidence of the existence of another basaltic parent body in the Solar system.

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APPENDIX A: TABLES

Table A1. Statistical sample: orbital elements (a, e, i), solar phase α and the author of visible and/or near-infrared observations and the dynamical group.

Object	a	e	sin i	α_v	Author	α_{NIR}	Author	Group
809 Lunda	2.28	0.14	0.12	14.4	(1)	22.4 23.9	(4) (10)	Fugitive
854 Frostia	2.37	0.16	0.11	22.9	(2)	13.1	(3)	IO
956 Elisa	2.30	0.16	0.11	26.8	(1)	20.8 16.6	(4) (10)	Fugitive
1459 Magnya	3.15	0.21	0.27	13.0	(1)	7.8	(11)	MOV
1468 Zomba	2.18	0.21	0.18			13–38.3	(10)	IO
1914 Hartbeespoortdam	2.41	0.14	0.08	12.9	(2)			Low-i
*1929 Kollaa	2.36	0.11	0.12	3.8	(3)	14.4	(10)	Vestoid
*1933 Tinchin	2.35	0.09	0.12	11.9	(3)	7.9	(12)	Vestoid
1946 Walraven	2.29	0.19	0.13	13.2	(2)			Fugitive
1981 Midas	1.78	0.65	0.63	39.4	(3)	48	(3)	NEA
*2011 Veteraniya	2.39	0.11	0.11	27.9	(3)	16.8	(12)	Vestoid
*2045 Peking	2.38	0.09	0.12	18.6	(3)	16.9–21.7 13.9	(10) (4)	Vestoid
2371 Dimitrov	2.44	0.05	0.04	14.8	(3)	19.6	(10)	Low-i
2442 Corbett	2.39	0.10	0.09	19.8	(3)	7.8	(10)	Low-i
2468 Repin	2.33	0.12	0.11	12.3 21.4	(3) (4)	21.4	(4)	Vestoid
2486 Metsahovi	2.27	0.12	0.14	12.1	(2)			Fugitive
2508 Alupka	2.37	0.09	0.11	11.5	(3)			Vestoid
*2511 Patterson	2.30	0.10	0.13	14.9	(3)	21.2	(10)	Vestoid
2547 Hubei	2.39	0.09	0.11	1.4	(3)			Vestoid
2566 Kirghizia	2.45	0.10	0.08	12.7	(3)	9.8	(10)	Low-i
2579 Spartacus	2.21	0.08	0.11	10.8	(3)	18.9	(10)	Fugitive
2640 Hallstrom	2.40	0.13	0.11	13.2	(3)			IO
2653 Principia	2.44	0.11	0.09	19.7	(3)	3.1–17.8	(10)	Low-i
2704 Julian Loewe	2.38	0.12	0.09	4.8	(3)			Low-i
2763 Jeans	2.40	0.18	0.08	5.7	(3)	17.9 12.2	(4) (10)	Low-i
2795 Lepage	2.30	0.08	0.12	20.6	(3)	4.7	(10)	Fugitive
2823 van der Laan	2.41	0.06	0.08			16.1	(10)	Low-i
2851 Harbin	2.48	0.12	0.13	5.6	(3)	22.9 8.7	(4) (10)	IO
2912 Lapalma	2.29	0.12	0.12	17.4	(3)	8.7	(10)	Fugitive
*3155 Lee	2.34	0.10	0.12	4.2–19.6	(3)	25.0 7.9–8.4	(4) (10)	Vestoid
3265 Fletcher	2.41	0.11	0.11	3.4	(3)			Vestoid
*3268 De Sanctis	2.35	0.10	0.12	3.9	(3)	10	(4)	Vestoid
3307 Athabasca	2.26	0.10	0.12	18.5	(3)			Vestoid
*3498 Belton	2.36	0.10	0.12	5.1	(3)	2.9	(4)	Vestoid
3536 Schleicher	2.34	0.08	0.12	2.6	(3)			IO
3613 Kunlun	2.37	0.12	0.12			9–18.5	(3)	Vestoid
3657 Ermolova	2.31	0.09	0.12	11.7	(3)	25.4	(10)	Vestoid
3703 Volkonskaya	2.33	0.09	0.12			9.8	(10)	Vestoid
*3782 Celle	2.42	0.11	0.11	10.6	(3)	23.2 13.3–17.1	(4) (10)	Vestoid
3849 Incidentia	2.47	0.06	0.09	3.7	(3)			Low-i
3850 Peltier	2.23	0.11	0.08	21.0	(3)			Fugitive
3900 Knezevic	2.37	0.11	0.12	10.9	(3)			IO
3908 Nyx	1.93	0.46	0.04	48.5	(3)	49.5	(13)	NEA
*3968 Koptelov	2.32	0.09	0.12	19.0	(3)	13.6	(12)	Vestoid

Table A1 – *continued*

Object	a	e	sin i	α_v	author	α_{NIR}	author	Group
*4038 Kristina	2.37	0.10	0.11	4.8	(3)	10.3	(10)	Vestoid
4055 Magellan	1.82	0.33	0.40	21.7	(1)	17.7	(13)	NEA
4147 Lennon	2.36	0.10	0.11	15.2	(3)			Vestoid
4188 Kitez	2.34	0.11	0.10	0.4	(3)			Low-i
*4215 Kamo	2.42	0.10	0.12	16.7–25.3	(3)	3.2–17.3	(10)	Vestoid
4278 Harvey	2.27	0.15	0.09	15.8	(1)			Fugitive
4311 Zguridi	2.44	0.11	0.11	5.7	(3)			Vestoid
4434 Nikulin	2.44	0.10	0.10	13.2	(3)			Low-i
				11.5	(4)	11.5	(4)	
4796 Lewis	2.36	0.14	0.05	2.2	(3)	13.9	(10)	Low-i
				7.8	(4)	7.8	(4)	
4815 Anders	2.36	0.10	0.13	3.4	(4)	3.4	(4)	Vestoid
4900 Maymelou	2.38	0.10	0.11	21.8	(3)			Vestoid
4977 Rauthgundis	2.29	0.09	0.10	17.7	(3)			Vestoid
4993 Cossard	2.37	0.09	0.11	7.1	(3)			Vestoid
*5111 Jacliff	2.35	0.08	0.12	9.5	(3)	10.5	(10)	Vestoid
5240 Kwasan	2.38	0.10	0.11	3.3	(3)			Vestoid
5379 Abehiroshi	2.40	0.07	0.06	13.1	(3)	8.9	(3)	Low-i
*5481 Kiuchi	2.34	0.09	0.11	22.5	(1)	10.5	(10)	Vestoid
5498 Gustafsson	2.25	0.10	0.05			7.8	(10)	Low-i
5604 1992 FE	0.93	0.41	0.08	93.2	(3)	28.1	(13)	NEA
6159 1991 YH	2.29	0.09	0.11	2.3	(4)	2.3	(4)	Vestoid
6331 1992 FZ1	2.36	0.10	0.12			7.2	(4)	Vestoid
6406 Vanavara	2.27	0.13	0.13	15.8	(2)	17.3	(12)	Fugitive
6611 1993 VW	1.70	0.48	0.15	66.2	(3)	27.6	(13)	NEA
7148 Reinholdbien	2.29	0.10	0.10	9.7	(2)	24.3	(12)	Fugitive
7558 Yurlov	2.29	0.11	0.09	8.5	(5)			Fugitive
7800 Zhongkeyuan	2.23	0.11	0.06			2.8	(10)	Low-i
7889 1994 LX	1.26	0.35	0.60	43.7	(3)	21.9–25.1	(3)	NEA
8693 Matsuki	2.41	0.12	0.11	7.7	(2)	13.8	(12)	Vestoid
9481 Menchu	2.29	0.14	0.04			6.1	(10)	Low-i
9553 Colas	2.20	0.11	0.04			20.3	(10)	Low-i
10037 1984 BQ	2.39	0.10	0.12	4.2	(4)	4.2	(4)	Vestoid
10285 Renemichelsen	2.35	0.10	0.12			5.8	(4)	Vestoid
10320 Reiland	2.29	0.09	0.11			6.5	(4)	Vestoid
10349 1992 LN	2.38	0.10	0.12			12.7	(4)	Vestoid
10537 1991 RY16	2.85	0.10	0.11	13.5–18.2	(5)			MOV
				18.2	(6)			
*11699 1998 FL105	2.40	0.11	0.10	1.1	(7)	2.4	(7)	Vestoid
11876 Doncarpenter	2.43	0.12	0.11	5.2	(7)			Vestoid
16416 1987 SM3	2.20	0.11	0.11			6	(10)	Fugitive
16651 1993 TS11	2.29	0.10	0.10			5.5	(7)	Vestoid
21238 Panarea	2.54	0.13	0.18	20.9	(8)	5.4	(3)	MOV
22533 Krishnan	2.43	0.16	0.11	21.4	(7)			IO
24941 1997 JM14	2.48	0.12	0.09	2.0	(5)			Low-i
26886 1994 TJ2	2.34	0.12	0.08			10.9	(10)	Low-i
27343 Deannashea	2.33	0.14	0.09			11.7	(10)	Low-i
28517 2000 DD7	2.29	0.09	0.14	11.3	(5)			Fugitive
33082 1997 WF43	2.30	0.08	0.11	13.3	(7)			Vestoid
33881 2000 JK66	2.21	0.24	0.18			23.3	(10)	IO
36412 2000 OP49	2.28	0.11	0.07			11.8	(10)	Low-i
38070 Redwine	2.14	0.14	0.06	25.5	(5)	4.1	(10)	IO
40521 1999 RL95	2.53	0.06	0.22	4.1	(8)			MOV
42947 1999 TB98	2.41	0.09	0.11	17.8	(7)	12.1	(7)	Vestoid
50098 2000 AG98	2.34	0.13	0.11			11.4	(10)	Vestoid
52750 1998 KK17	1.47	0.53	0.19			21.0	(13)	NEA
56570 2000 JA21	2.38	0.10	0.07	21.2	(5)			Low-i
60669 2000 GE4	2.21	0.13	0.12	23.6	(5)			Fugitive
66268 1999 JJ3	2.30	0.09	0.12	8.2	(7)	11.3	(7)	Vestoid
88188 2000 XH44	2.01	0.39	0.20			9.6	(13)	NEA
91290 1999 FR25	2.28	0.09	0.13	5.8	(7)			Vestoid
97276 1999 XC143	2.49	0.15	0.06			2.4	(10)	Low-i
137924 2000BD19	0.88	0.90	0.43			19.9	(3)	NEA
192563 1998WZ6	1.45	0.41	0.42			27.4	(3)	NEA

Table A1 – *continued*

Object	a	e	sin i	α_v	Author	α_{NIR}	Author	Group
238063 2003 EG	1.74	0.71	0.53	45.6	(9)			NEA
253841 2003YG118	2.29	0.64	0.14			48.2	(3)	NEA
297418 2000SP43	0.81	0.47	0.18			35.7–51.5	(3)	NEA
326290 Akhenaten	0.88	0.44	0.06			14.5	(3)	NEA
2001YE4	0.68	0.54	0.08			57.2	(3)	NEA
2003 FU3	0.86	0.39	0.23	67.6	(9)			NEA
2003 FT3	2.68	0.57	0.07	21.8	(9)	47.4	(3)	NEA
2003 GJ21	1.81	0.40	0.12	16.9	(9)			NEA
2005 WX	1.60	0.38	0.08			29.9	(13)	NEA
2008 BT18	2.22	0.59	0.14			34.4	(14)	NEA
2011YA	2.12	0.76	0.09			22.7	(3)	NEA
2013KL6	2.10	0.54	0.13			0.4	(3)	NEA

Spectra were taken from: (1) the S3OS2 survey (Lazzaro et al. 2004); (2) Alvarez-Candal et al. (2006); (3) the SMASS survey (<http://smass.mit.edu/smass.html>); (4) Duffard et al. (2004); (5) Moskovitz et al. (2008a,b); (6) Duffard & Roig (2009); (7) Jasmim et al. (2013); (8) Roig et al. (2008); (9) Marchi et al. (2005); (10) Moskovitz et al. (2010); (11) Hardersen et al. (2004); (12) De Sanctis et al. (2011b); (13) Burbine et al. (2009); (14) Reddy, Emery & Gaffey (2008). Objects belonging to the control sample are marked with an asterisk.

Table A2. Visible spectral analysis: SlopeA, apparent depth, Slope B and SlopeA after the empirical correction by Reddy et al. (2012).

Object	SlopeA (per cent/ 10^3 \AA)	Apparent depth	SlopeB (per cent/ 10^3 \AA)	SlopeAcorr (per cent/ 10^3 \AA)
809 Lundia	15.24 ± 0.09	1.68 ± 0.10	-32.07 ± 0.46	10.39
854 Frostia	–	1.41 ± 0.20	-31.26 ± 1.24	12.07
956 Elisa	16.34 ± 0.11	1.67 ± 0.03	-30.77 ± 0.40	12.84
1459 Magnya	15.55 ± 0.16	1.81 ± 0.06	-32.48 ± 0.60	10.11
1914 Hartbeespoortdam	–	1.41 ± 0.04	-20.83 ± 0.27	10.09
1929 Kollaa	9.83 ± 0.11	1.54 ± 0.04	-25.02 ± 0.52	8.29
1933 Tinchen	12.83 ± 0.16	1.35 ± 0.01	-22.44 ± 0.37	9.89
1946 Walraven	–	1.50 ± 0.03	-27.63 ± 0.30	10.15
1981 Midas	9.03 ± 0.35	1.62 ± 0.07	-22.83 ± 0.96	
2011 Veteraniya	14.82 ± 0.19	1.48 ± 0.12	-24.20 ± 1.02	13.06
2045 Peking	12.88 ± 0.24	1.48 ± 0.08	-24.42 ± 0.97	11.22
2371 Dimitrov	14.10 ± 0.18	1.41 ± 0.08	-21.81 ± 1.14	10.47
2442 Corbett	14.56 ± 0.31	1.62 ± 0.06	-28.92 ± 1.52	11.46
2468 Repin	11.65 ± 0.14	1.61 ± 0.17	-29.28 ± 0.55	9.97
2486 Metsahovi	–	1.59 ± 0.07	-19.17 ± 0.30	9.93
2508 Alupka	10.58 ± 0.21	1.45 ± 0.09	-25.31 ± 1.37	9.82
2511 Patterson	12.90 ± 0.29	1.55 ± 0.07	-25.89 ± 0.97	10.49
2547 Hubei	9.99 ± 0.22	1.42 ± 0.11	-20.46 ± 0.97	7.82
2566 Kirghizia	11.95 ± 0.20	1.57 ± 0.08	-25.24 ± 1.06	10.05
2579 Spartacus	15.76 ± 0.43	1.90 ± 0.07	-38.64 ± 1.31	9.68
2640 Hallstrom	10.89 ± 0.17	1.45 ± 0.08	-22.21 ± 1.07	10.15
2653 Principia	14.34 ± 0.25	1.72 ± 0.08	-31.48 ± 1.02	11.44
2704 Julian Loewe	10.51 ± 0.30	1.54 ± 0.03	-22.60 ± 1.00	8.49
2763 Jeans	12.63 ± 0.22	1.50 ± 0.10	-26.45 ± 1.31	8.67
2795 Lepage	15.01 ± 0.33	1.63 ± 0.07	-27.87 ± 0.90	11.62
2851 Harbin	19.53 ± 0.43	1.74 ± 0.07	-30.18 ± 1.66	8.65
2912 Lapalma	14.73 ± 0.31	1.72 ± 0.06	-25.07 ± 1.21	10.98
3155 Lee	15.65 ± 0.28	1.60 ± 0.06	-26.83 ± 0.86	8.37
3265 Fletcher	7.93 ± 0.23	1.33 ± 0.03	-21.80 ± 0.77	8.21
3268 De Sanctis	9.95 ± 0.19	1.31 ± 0.05	-19.89 ± 0.88	8.31
3307 Athabasca	15.44 ± 0.35	1.85 ± 0.09	-27.44 ± 1.28	11.20
3498 Belton	7.51 ± 0.25	1.35 ± 0.16	-22.61 ± 1.36	8.55
3536 Schleicher	9.60 ± 0.20	1.38 ± 0.05	-22.89 ± 1.15	8.05
3657 Ermolova	12.79 ± 0.18	1.56 ± 0.03	-23.80 ± 0.46	9.85
3782 Celle	11.37 ± 0.31	1.51 ± 0.13	-25.51 ± 0.93	9.64
3849 Incidentia	10.30 ± 0.27	1.54 ± 0.07	-27.03 ± 1.14	8.27
3850 Peltier	12.88 ± 0.31	1.65 ± 0.10	-26.54 ± 0.80	11.70
3900 Knezevic	12.78 ± 0.26	1.62 ± 0.03	-24.76 ± 0.92	9.70

Table A2 – *continued*

Object	SlopeA (per cent/ 10^3 \AA)	Apparent depth	SlopeB (per cent/ 10^3 \AA)	SlopeAcorr (per cent/ 10^3 \AA)
3908 Nyx	9.87 ± 0.32	1.87 ± 0.01	-23.40 ± 1.03	
3968 Koptelov	9.98 ± 0.14	1.32 ± 0.07	-21.47 ± 0.70	11.30
4038 Kristina	13.04 ± 0.14	1.21 ± 0.06	-19.00 ± 0.59	8.49
4055 Magellan	12.48 ± 0.28	1.52 ± 0.14	-18.79 ± 1.54	
4147 Lennon	8.54 ± 0.18	1.31 ± 0.02	-18.70 ± 0.72	10.55
4188 Kitezsh	9.97 ± 0.25	1.46 ± 0.01	-20.15 ± 1.11	7.62
4215 Kamo	11.84 ± 0.21	1.53 ± 0.02	-27.61 ± 0.70	10.84
4278 Harvey	11.78 ± 0.10	1.46 ± 0.08	-25.62 ± 0.67	10.67
4311 Zguridi	9.12 ± 0.50	1.35 ± 0.15	-16.96 ± 1.95	8.67
4434 Nikulin	9.91 ± 0.19	1.49 ± 0.06	-26.89 ± 0.65	10.15
4796 Lewis	10.49 ± 0.30	1.48 ± 0.11	-22.02 ± 1.27	7.97
4815 Anders	14.51 ± 0.16	1.26 ± 0.09	-21.32 ± 0.72	8.31
4900 Maymelou	12.33 ± 0.19	1.51 ± 0.10	-25.75 ± 0.94	11.85
4977 Rauthgundis	11.88 ± 0.32	1.67 ± 0.09	-19.97 ± 1.71	11.04
4993 Cossard	10.53 ± 0.33	1.47 ± 0.11	-22.88 ± 1.00	8.94
5111 Jacliff	13.35 ± 0.33	1.42 ± 0.01	-22.12 ± 1.66	9.42
5240 Kwasan	10.00 ± 0.19	1.49 ± 0.04	-24.54 ± 0.99	8.19
5379 Abehiroshi	10.04 ± 0.64	1.74 ± 0.10	-39.51 ± 2.50	10.13
5481 Kiuchi	18.32 ± 0.19	1.69 ± 0.22	-35.40 ± 0.58	11.99
5604 1992 FE	14.71 ± 0.32	2.06 ± 1.14	-40.57 ± 3.75	
6159 1991 YH	14.38 ± 0.15	1.55 ± 0.27	-23.31 ± 0.70	7.89
6406 Vanavara	11.82 ± 0.07	1.25 ± 0.08	-12.27 ± 0.63	10.67
6611 1993 VW	11.81 ± 0.29	1.63 ± 0.20	-29.95 ± 1.72	
7148 Reinholdbien	12.56 ± 0.06	1.51 ± 0.10	-23.80 ± 0.57	9.46
7558 Yurlov	13.05 ± 0.24	1.48 ± 0.06	-28.11 ± 0.73	9.22
7889 1994 LX	8.96 ± 0.71	2.08 ± 0.47	-29.85 ± 2.80	
8693 Matsuki	–	1.24 ± 0.03	-15.19 ± 0.26	9.06
10037 1984 BQ	13.83 ± 0.08	1.42 ± 0.06	-26.91 ± 0.35	8.25
10537 1991 RY16	8.79 ± 0.39	1.50 ± 0.01	-28.23 ± 0.58	10.29
11699 1998 FL105	7.59 ± 0.30	1.63 ± 0.07	-26.59 ± 2.72	7.76
11876 Doncarpenter	8.24 ± 0.17	–	–	8.57
21238 Panarea	10.09 ± 0.15	1.80 ± 0.55	-23.83 ± 1.30	11.68
22533 Krishnan	6.49 ± 0.80	–	–	11.78
24941 1997 JM14	10.86 ± 0.15	1.34 ± 0.01	-25.72 ± 0.67	7.93
28517 2000DD7	11.47 ± 0.16	1.50 ± 0.03	-28.58 ± 0.79	9.78
33082 1997 WF43	8.71 ± 0.23	–	–	10.17
38070 Redwine	14.79 ± 0.25	1.55 ± 0.07	-26.22 ± 1.36	12.59
40521 1999 RL95	9.99 ± 0.19	1.78 ± 0.59	-26.55 ± 1.66	8.35
42947 1999 TB98	7.87 ± 0.16	1.66 ± 0.06	-23.02 ± 2.59	11.06
56570 2000 JA21	14.68 ± 0.24	1.62 ± 0.17	-27.31 ± 1.86	11.74
60669 2000 GE4	13.30 ± 0.29	1.73 ± 0.16	-28.45 ± 1.43	12.21
66268 1999 JJ3	12.25 ± 0.19	1.44 ± 0.03	-21.89 ± 3.79	9.16
91290 1999 FR25	8.67 ± 0.37	–	–	8.69
238063 2003EG	5.87 ± 0.26	1.18 ± 0.18	-12.73 ± 1.38	
2003 FT3	5.62 ± 0.23	1.18 ± 0.10	-12.96 ± 1.48	
2003 FU3	3.14 ± 0.24	1.10 ± 0.07	-8.02 ± 0.88	
2003 GJ21	3.15 ± 0.1	1.10 ± 0.04	-6.11 ± 0.45	
Vestoids	11.51 ± 2.73	1.48 ± 0.13	-23.82 ± 3.51	
Fugitives	13.81 ± 1.66	1.62 ± 0.13	-27.87 ± 4.56	
IOs	12.35 ± 4.51	1.53 ± 0.14	-26.25 ± 3.75	
Low-i	12.06 ± 1.90	1.52 ± 0.10	-25.11 ± 3.40	
NEAs	8.46 ± 3.95	1.53 ± 0.38	-20.52 ± 10.94	
MOVs	11.07 ± 3.06	1.72 ± 0.15	-27.77 ± 3.62	
Control sample	12.12 ± 2.92	1.46 ± 0.13	-24.60 ± 3.92	

Table A3. Visible spectral analysis: SlopeA, apparent depth and Slope B for a HED meteorite sample.

Sample name	SubType	SlopeA (per cent/ 10^3 \AA)	Apparent depth	SlopeB (per cent/ 10^3 \AA)
A-881526	Diogenite	9.70 ± 0.86	2.58 ± 0.10	-36.46 ± 1.95
Aioun el Atrouss	Diogenite	4.65 ± 0.35	2.45 ± 0.10	-35.34 ± 1.77
EETA79002	Diogenite	3.08 ± 0.23	1.89 ± 0.05	-33.66 ± 1.43
GRO95555	Diogenite	6.90 ± 0.77	2.37 ± 0.09	-36.30 ± 1.79
Johnstown	Diogenite	4.65 ± 0.35	1.74 ± 0.04	-30.55 ± 1.31
LAP91900	Diogenite	5.67 ± 0.41	2.44 ± 0.10	-36.85 ± 1.84
Roda	Diogenite	4.98 ± 0.39	2.30 ± 0.07	-33.99 ± 1.88
Shalka	Diogenite	3.88 ± 0.35	2.30 ± 0.05	-33.27 ± 2.02
Tatahouine	Diogenite	1.39 ± 0.52	2.39 ± 0.09	-33.24 ± 1.71
Y-74013	Diogenite	5.98 ± 0.53	1.63 ± 0.04	-31.32 ± 1.04
Y-75032	Diogenite	5.59 ± 0.29	1.89 ± 0.05	-36.45 ± 1.30
Binda	Howardite	7.10 ± 0.33	2.57 ± 0.10	-38.90 ± 2.02
Bununu	Howardite	5.16 ± 0.21	1.68 ± 0.04	-31.96 ± 0.97
EET83376	Howardite	10.54 ± 0.18	1.66 ± 0.04	-37.89 ± 1.07
EET87503	Howardite	7.39 ± 0.11	1.40 ± 0.03	-28.04 ± 0.60
EET87513	Howardite	6.93 ± 0.25	1.46 ± 0.03	-29.35 ± 0.70
Frankfort	Howardite	4.13 ± 0.13	1.90 ± 0.05	-37.29 ± 1.36
GRO95535	Howardite	6.91 ± 0.21	1.62 ± 0.03	-32.75 ± 0.97
GRO95574	Howardite	5.01 ± 0.10	1.53 ± 0.03	-29.77 ± 0.82
Kapoeta	Howardite	4.05 ± 0.23	1.55 ± 0.03	-29.10 ± 0.80
Le Teilleul	Howardite	7.44 ± 0.16	2.04 ± 0.06	-40.42 ± 1.64
Pavlovka	Howardite	4.78 ± 0.27	1.97 ± 0.09	-30.86 ± 1.80
Petersburg	Howardite	8.81 ± 0.23	2.14 ± 0.06	-37.67 ± 1.86
QUE94200	Howardite	6.38 ± 0.25	1.80 ± 0.04	-35.15 ± 1.34
Y-7308	Howardite	5.20 ± 0.31	2.16 ± 0.07	-37.51 ± 1.63
Y-790727	Howardite	14.13 ± 0.51	1.76 ± 0.04	-40.26 ± 1.37
Y-791573	Howardite	15.44 ± 0.62	1.75 ± 0.03	-39.33 ± 1.39
A-881819	Eucrite	4.93 ± 0.28	1.77 ± 0.10	-33.37 ± 1.06
ALH-78132	Eucrite	10.23 ± 0.09	1.59 ± 0.04	-35.83 ± 1.06
ALHA76005	Eucrite	10.25 ± 0.28	1.62 ± 0.06	-35.59 ± 1.92
ALHA81001	Eucrite	7.15 ± 0.17	1.31 ± 0.06	-27.91 ± 0.49
Bereba	Eucrite	4.32 ± 0.25	1.59 ± 0.05	-23.66 ± 1.27
Bouvante	Eucrite	5.96 ± 0.61	1.55 ± 0.10	-36.05 ± 1.36
EETA79005	Eucrite	12.04 ± 0.20	1.68 ± 0.04	-38.98 ± 1.13
Ibitira	Eucrite	3.67 ± 0.27	1.48 ± 0.07	-30.52 ± 1.06
Juvinas	Eucrite	6.50 ± 0.14	1.71 ± 0.04	-35.69 ± 1.15
LEW85303	Eucrite	9.47 ± 0.19	1.51 ± 0.07	-34.06 ± 0.68
LEW87004	Eucrite	9.43 ± 0.27	1.66 ± 0.07	-33.08 ± 1.66
Millbillillie	Eucrite	4.11 ± 0.10	1.40 ± 0.02	-24.95 ± 0.56
Nobleborough	Eucrite	10.58 ± 0.17	1.68 ± 0.07	-32.10 ± 1.46
Pasamonte	Eucrite	11.18 ± 0.15	1.56 ± 0.07	-30.57 ± 1.07
PCA82501	Eucrite	7.72 ± 0.16	1.38 ± 0.03	-28.41 ± 0.59
PCA82502	Eucrite	10.56 ± 0.25	1.60 ± 0.10	-40.60 ± 0.92
PCA91007	Eucrite	7.31 ± 0.44	1.65 ± 0.09	-36.84 ± 1.28
Serra de Mage	Eucrite	3.09 ± 0.22	1.67 ± 0.04	-26.95 ± 1.08
Sioux County	Eucrite	4.27 ± 0.10	1.45 ± 0.04	-21.80 ± 0.99
Stannern	Eucrite	7.42 ± 0.17	1.49 ± 0.04	-27.24 ± 1.20
Y-74450	Eucrite	9.06 ± 0.12	1.50 ± 0.06	-31.28 ± 0.79
Y-792769	Eucrite	9.00 ± 0.12	1.49 ± 0.08	-34.31 ± 0.60
Y-793591	Eucrite	9.77 ± 0.10	1.51 ± 0.04	-35.86 ± 0.75
Y-82082	Eucrite	12.31 ± 0.46	1.47 ± 0.07	-33.07 ± 0.64

Table A4. Near-Infrared spectral analysis: BI minimum, BII minimum and Band separation.

Object	BI minimum (μm)	BII minimum (μm)	Band separation (μm)
809 Lundia	0.921 \pm 0.002	1.939 \pm 0.001	1.02 \pm 0.01
854 Frostia	0.950 \pm 0.001	2.000 \pm 0.002	1.05 \pm 0.01
956 Elisa	0.922 \pm 0.002	1.929 \pm 0.002	1.01 \pm 0.01
1459 Magnya	0.928 \pm 0.001	1.923 \pm 0.001	1.00 \pm 0.01
1468 Zomba	0.923 \pm 0.002	1.973 \pm 0.003	1.05 \pm 0.01
1929 Kollaa	0.927 \pm 0.003	1.957 \pm 0.003	1.03 \pm 0.01
1933 Tinchen	0.916 \pm 0.008	1.939 \pm 0.002	1.02 \pm 0.01
1981 Midas	0.930 \pm 0.002	2.020 \pm 0.011	1.09 \pm 0.01
2011 Veteraniya	0.916 \pm 0.002	1.952 \pm 0.006	1.04 \pm 0.01
2045 Peking	0.926 \pm 0.002	1.939 \pm 0.002	1.01 \pm 0.01
2371 Dimitrov	0.920 \pm 0.002	1.972 \pm 0.006	1.05 \pm 0.01
2442 Corbett	0.922 \pm 0.001	1.935 \pm 0.001	1.01 \pm 0.01
2511 Patterson	0.925 \pm 0.002	1.955 \pm 0.004	1.03 \pm 0.01
2566 Kirghizia	0.925 \pm 0.002	1.958 \pm 0.006	1.03 \pm 0.01
2579 Spartacus	0.935 \pm 0.004	1.990 \pm 0.012	1.06 \pm 0.02
2653 Principia	0.925 \pm 0.001	1.964 \pm 0.007	1.04 \pm 0.01
2763 Jeans	0.930 \pm 0.002	1.995 \pm 0.003	1.07 \pm 0.01
2795 Lepage	0.928 \pm 0.002	1.950 \pm 0.003	1.02 \pm 0.01
2823 van der Laan	0.925 \pm 0.001	1.953 \pm 0.005	1.03 \pm 0.01
2851 Harbin	0.920 \pm 0.001	1.907 \pm 0.004	0.99 \pm 0.01
2912 Lapalma	0.920 \pm 0.001	1.927 \pm 0.003	1.01 \pm 0.01
3155 Lee	0.910 \pm 0.002	1.913 \pm 0.007	1.00 \pm 0.01
3268 De Sanctis	0.907 \pm 0.005	1.988 \pm 0.016	1.08 \pm 0.02
3498 Belton	0.917 \pm 0.006	1.889 \pm 0.021	0.97 \pm 0.03
3613 Kunlun	0.960 \pm 0.004	1.943 \pm 0.006	0.98 \pm 0.01
3657 Ermolova	0.921 \pm 0.001	1.919 \pm 0.003	1.00 \pm 0.01
3703 Volkonskaya	0.915 \pm 0.004	1.932 \pm 0.007	1.02 \pm 0.01
3782 Celle	0.920 \pm 0.002	1.942 \pm 0.004	1.02 \pm 0.01
3908 Nyx	0.923 \pm 0.003	1.943 \pm 0.004	1.02 \pm 0.01
3968 Koptelov	0.922 \pm 0.009	1.905 \pm 0.001	0.98 \pm 0.01
4038 Kristina	0.910 \pm 0.001	1.955 \pm 0.002	1.05 \pm 0.01
4055 Magellan	0.920 \pm 0.001	1.925 \pm 0.003	1.01 \pm 0.01
4215 Kamo	0.920 \pm 0.002	1.945 \pm 0.014	1.03 \pm 0.02
4796 Lewis	0.925 \pm 0.002	1.951 \pm 0.008	1.03 \pm 0.01
5111 Jacliff	0.920 \pm 0.002	1.940 \pm 0.001	1.02 \pm 0.01
5481 Kiuchi	0.919 \pm 0.002	1.939 \pm 0.008	1.02 \pm 0.01
5498 Gustafsson	0.928 \pm 0.001	1.967 \pm 0.002	1.04 \pm 0.01
5604 1992 FE	0.918 \pm 0.002	1.953 \pm 0.009	1.04 \pm 0.01
6331 1992 FZ1	0.901 \pm 0.002	2.054 \pm 0.002	1.15 \pm 0.01
6611 1993 VW	0.930 \pm 0.001	2.000 \pm 0.002	1.07 \pm 0.01
7148 Reinholdbien	0.928 \pm 0.008	1.942 \pm 0.021	1.01 \pm 0.03
7800 Zhongkeyuan	0.921 \pm 0.002	1.932 \pm 0.019	1.01 \pm 0.02
7889 1994 LX	0.930 \pm 0.003	1.937 \pm 0.005	1.01 \pm 0.01
9481 Menchu	0.931 \pm 0.001	1.931 \pm 0.008	1.00 \pm 0.01
9553 Colas	0.922 \pm 0.001	1.923 \pm 0.003	1.00 \pm 0.01
10349 1992 LN	0.905 \pm 0.005	1.922 \pm 0.016	1.02 \pm 0.02
11699 1998 FL105	0.916 \pm 0.002	1.938 \pm 0.003	1.02 \pm 0.01
16416 1987 SM3	0.923 \pm 0.003	1.963 \pm 0.013	1.04 \pm 0.02
16651 1993 TS11	0.925 \pm 0.005	1.910 \pm 0.011	0.99 \pm 0.02
21238 Panarea	0.910 \pm 0.004	1.887 \pm 0.009	0.98 \pm 0.01
26886 1994 TJ2	0.913 \pm 0.001	1.906 \pm 0.007	0.99 \pm 0.01
27343 Deannashea	0.917 \pm 0.002	1.914 \pm 0.004	1.00 \pm 0.01
33881 2000 JK66	0.929 \pm 0.001	1.930 \pm 0.004	1.00 \pm 0.01

Table A4 – continued

Object	BI minimum (μm)	BII minimum (μm)	Band separation (μm)
36412 2000 OP49	0.930 ± 0.003	1.961 ± 0.010	1.03 ± 0.01
38070 Redwine	0.932 ± 0.002	1.958 ± 0.007	1.03 ± 0.01
42947 1999 TB98	0.924 ± 0.008	1.928 ± 0.009	1.00 ± 0.02
50098 2000 AG98	0.925 ± 0.002	1.947 ± 0.004	1.02 ± 0.01
52750 1998 KK17	0.925 ± 0.002	1.985 ± 0.006	1.06 ± 0.01
66268 1999 JJ3	0.923 ± 0.010	1.920 ± 0.011	1.00 ± 0.02
88188 2000 XH44	0.920 ± 0.002	1.975 ± 0.003	1.06 ± 0.01
97276 1999 XC143	0.934 ± 0.002	2.025 ± 0.008	1.09 ± 0.01
137924 2000 BD19	0.937 ± 0.005	1.952 ± 0.010	1.02 ± 0.01
192563 1998 WZ6	0.920 ± 0.003	2.005 ± 0.014	1.09 ± 0.02
253841 2003 YG118	0.925 ± 0.003	1.962 ± 0.007	1.04 ± 0.01
297418 2000 SP43	0.938 ± 0.002	2.038 ± 0.012	1.10 ± 0.01
326290 Akhenaten	0.930 ± 0.007	1.950 ± 0.045	1.02 ± 0.05
2001 YE4	0.930 ± 0.002	1.985 ± 0.007	1.06 ± 0.01
2005 WX	0.930 ± 0.013	1.933 ± 0.028	1.00 ± 0.04
2008 BT18	0.919 ± 0.001	1.955 ± 0.006	1.04 ± 0.01
2011 YA	0.925 ± 0.002	1.970 ± 0.005	1.05 ± 0.01
2013 KL6	0.933 ± 0.005	1.943 ± 0.029	1.01 ± 0.03
Vestoids	0.920 ± 0.005	1.940 ± 0.015	1.02 ± 0.02
Fugitives	0.925 ± 0.003	1.949 ± 0.013	1.02 ± 0.01
IOs	0.931 ± 0.006	1.954 ± 0.028	1.02 ± 0.02
Low-i	0.925 ± 0.004	1.952 ± 0.019	1.03 ± 0.02
NEAs	0.927 ± 0.004	1.968 ± 0.019	1.04 ± 0.02
MOVs	0.919 ± 0.009	1.905 ± 0.018	0.99 ± 0.01
Control sample	0.902–0.930	1.868–2.003	0.97–1.10

Table A6. VNIR spectral analysis: BI centre and depth, BII centre and depth, wollastonite [Wo] and ferrosilite [Fs] molar contents.

Object	BI centre (μm)	BI depth	BII centre (μm)	BII depth	[Wo](per cent mol)	[Fs](per cent mol)
809 Lundia	0.934 \pm 0.001	0.487 \pm 0.004	1.947 \pm 0.002	0.401 \pm 0.004	8.36	39.27
854 Frostia	0.950 \pm 0.002	0.381 \pm 0.001	1.980 \pm 0.002	0.307 \pm 0.008	12.84	50.86
956 Elisa	0.930 \pm 0.001	0.476 \pm 0.006	1.933 \pm 0.002	0.406 \pm 0.004	7.00	35.78
1459 Magnya	0.931 \pm 0.001	0.527 \pm 0.005	1.924 \pm 0.002	0.552 \pm 0.003	6.84	35.37
1929 Kollaa	0.935 \pm 0.001	0.453 \pm 0.002	1.945 \pm 0.002	0.375 \pm 0.003	8.47	39.58
1933 Tinchen	0.924 \pm 0.002	0.322 \pm 0.009	1.915 \pm 0.007	0.192 \pm 0.002	5.10	30.86
1981 Midas	0.935 \pm 0.002	0.460 \pm 0.003	1.990 \pm 0.010	0.335 \pm 0.006	10.27	44.21
2011 Veteraniya	0.925 \pm 0.001	0.408 \pm 0.008	1.939 \pm 0.005	0.259 \pm 0.007	6.25	33.84
2045 Peking	0.933 \pm 0.001	0.424 \pm 0.008	1.946 \pm 0.003	0.333 \pm 0.009	8.12	38.66
2371 Dimitrov	0.932 \pm 0.001	0.430 \pm 0.007	1.945 \pm 0.002	0.312 \pm 0.006	7.88	38.04
2442 Corbett	0.930 \pm 0.002	0.473 \pm 0.007	1.942 \pm 0.002	0.389 \pm 0.002	7.36	36.71
2511 Patterson	0.930 \pm 0.002	0.435 \pm 0.007	1.935 \pm 0.003	0.343 \pm 0.001	7.08	35.99
2566 Kirghizia	0.930 \pm 0.001	0.438 \pm 0.001	1.940 \pm 0.002	0.359 \pm 0.001	7.28	36.51
2579 Spartacus	0.937 \pm 0.002	0.490 \pm 0.004	1.975 \pm 0.002	0.338 \pm 0.004	10.07	43.69
2653 Principia	0.930 \pm 0.002	0.464 \pm 0.003	1.955 \pm 0.003	0.364 \pm 0.006	7.88	38.05
2763 Jeans	0.940 \pm 0.002	0.418 \pm 0.002	1.970 \pm 0.003	0.315 \pm 0.001	10.46	44.71
2795 Lepage	0.935 \pm 0.002	0.428 \pm 0.006	1.940 \pm 0.002	0.367 \pm 0.002	8.27	39.06
2851 Harbin	0.920 \pm 0.002	0.489 \pm 0.006	1.910 \pm 0.006	0.396 \pm 0.003	4.10	28.30
2912 Lapalma	0.927 \pm 0.002	0.505 \pm 0.003	1.923 \pm 0.002	0.415 \pm 0.005	6.01	33.22
3155 Lee	0.915 \pm 0.002	0.428 \pm 0.009	1.905 \pm 0.002	0.381 \pm 0.006	2.91	25.23
3268 De Sanctis	0.918 \pm 0.002	0.298 \pm 0.003	1.981 \pm 0.005	0.255 \pm 0.001	6.54	34.58
3498 Belton	0.922 \pm 0.002	0.280 \pm 0.008	1.905 \pm 0.005	0.319 \pm 0.002	4.30	28.81
3657 Ermolova	0.932 \pm 0.001	0.455 \pm 0.007	1.921 \pm 0.002	0.433 \pm 0.001	6.92	35.57
3782 Celle	0.930 \pm 0.001	0.395 \pm 0.007	1.930 \pm 0.003	0.298 \pm 0.006	6.88	35.48
3908 Nyx	0.930 \pm 0.002	0.557 \pm 0.008	1.920 \pm 0.010	0.453 \pm 0.005	6.48	34.45
3968 Koptelov	0.928 \pm 0.001	0.349 \pm 0.005	1.918 \pm 0.004	0.227 \pm 0.005	6.01	33.22
4038 Kristina	0.925 \pm 0.001	0.267 \pm 0.002	1.968 \pm 0.003	0.259 \pm 0.007	7.41	36.83
4055 Magellan	0.920 \pm 0.002	0.481 \pm 0.005	1.920 \pm 0.010	0.441 \pm 0.009	4.50	29.33
4215 Kamo	0.925 \pm 0.002	0.367 \pm 0.005	1.925 \pm 0.003	0.250 \pm 0.003	5.69	32.40
5111 Jacliff	0.925 \pm 0.002	0.360 \pm 0.007	1.935 \pm 0.004	0.274 \pm 0.006	6.09	33.43
5481 Kiuchi	0.931 \pm 0.001	0.461 \pm 0.010	1.931 \pm 0.002	0.370 \pm 0.010	7.12	36.09
5604 1992 FE	0.925 \pm 0.002	0.476 \pm 0.005	1.910 \pm 0.010	0.347 \pm 0.007	5.09	30.86
6611 1993 VW	0.935 \pm 0.002	0.446 \pm 0.006	1.975 \pm 0.010	0.296 \pm 0.003	9.67	42.67
7148 Reinholbien	0.933 \pm 0.002	0.468 \pm 0.002	1.925 \pm 0.004	0.257 \pm 0.008	7.28	36.50
7889 1994 LX	0.935 \pm 0.002	0.569 \pm 0.009	1.910 \pm 0.010	0.466 \pm 0.002	7.08	35.98
11699 1998 FL105	0.928 \pm 0.002	0.391 \pm 0.008	1.938 \pm 0.002	0.354 \pm 0.006	6.81	35.28
21238 Panarea	0.915 \pm 0.002	0.465 \pm 0.009	1.882 \pm 0.004	0.435 \pm 0.002	2.00	22.86
38070 Redwine	0.936 \pm 0.002	0.407 \pm 0.004	1.946 \pm 0.003	0.328 \pm 0.006	8.71	40.19
Vestoids	0.927 \pm 0.003	0.381 \pm 0.043	1.934 \pm 0.012	0.308 \pm 0.052	6.36	34.12
Fugitives	0.933 \pm 0.003	0.476 \pm 0.011	1.941 \pm 0.011	0.364 \pm 0.027	7.83	37.92
IOs	0.935 \pm 0.014	0.426 \pm 0.026	1.945 \pm 0.034	0.344 \pm 0.021	8.55	39.78
Low-i	0.932 \pm 0.004	0.445 \pm 0.020	1.950 \pm 0.005	0.348 \pm 0.030	8.17	38.80
NEAs	0.930 \pm 0.003	0.498 \pm 0.026	1.938 \pm 0.010	0.390 \pm 0.059	7.18	36.25
MOVs	0.923 \pm 0.008	0.496 \pm 0.031	1.903 \pm 0.021	0.494 \pm 0.059	4.42	29.11
V-types	0.929 \pm 0.005	0.432 \pm 0.035	1.937 \pm 0.013	0.347 \pm 0.048	7.03 \pm 1.03	35.85 \pm 2.66

Table A7. VNIR spectral analysis: BI centre and depth, BII centre and depth, wollastonite [Wo] and ferrosilite [Fs] molar contents for a HED sample.

Meteorite	SubType	Grainsize	BI centre (μm)	BI depth	BII centre (μm)	BII depth	[Fs] (per cent mol)	[Wo] (per cent mol)
A-881526	D	<25 μm	0.920	0.640	1.885	0.415	25.73	3.11
Aioun el Atrouss	D	<25 μm	0.925	0.625	1.900	0.416	29.83	4.69
EETA79002	D	<25 μm	0.920	0.502	1.890	0.291	26.24	3.31
GRO95555	D	<25 μm	0.920	0.618	1.905	0.406	27.79	3.9
Johnstown	D	<25 μm	0.930	0.483	1.950	0.316	37.53	7.68
LAP91900	D	<25 μm	0.920	0.729	1.890	0.653	26.24	3.31
Roda	D	<25 μm	0.925	0.602	1.902	0.445	30.04	4.77
Shalka	D	<25 μm	0.920	0.603	1.897	0.476	26.96	3.58
Tatahouine	D	<25 μm	0.920	0.625	1.895	0.406	26.76	3.5
Y-74013	D	<25 μm	0.925	0.414	1.920	0.242	31.89	5.49
Y-75032	D	<25 μm	0.925	0.511	1.935	0.299	33.43	6.09
Binda	H	<25 μm	0.925	0.650	1.935	0.444	33.43	6.09
Bununu	H	<25 μm	0.925	0.437	1.945	0.240	34.46	6.49
EET83376	H	<25 μm	0.935	0.453	1.965	0.289	41.64	9.27
EET87503	H	<25 μm	0.930	0.419	1.955	0.255	38.05	7.88
EET87513	H	<25 μm	0.935	0.364	1.965	0.188	41.64	9.27
Frankfort	H	<25 μm	0.930	0.509	1.940	0.313	36.51	7.28
GRO95535	H	<25 μm	0.930	0.420	1.950	0.243	37.53	7.68
GRO95574	H	<25 μm	0.930	0.478	1.940	0.313	36.51	7.28
Kapoeta	H	<25 μm	0.930	0.401	1.950	0.204	37.53	7.68
Le Teilleul	H	<25 μm	0.930	0.551	1.935	0.362	35.99	7.08
Pavlovka	H	<25 μm	0.920	0.527	1.927	0.393	30.05	4.78
Petersburg	H	<25 μm	0.935	0.432	1.970	0.275	42.15	9.47
QUE94200	H	<25 μm	0.925	0.475	1.920	0.296	31.89	5.49
Y-7308	H	<25 μm	0.925	0.571	1.935	0.368	33.43	6.09
Y-790727	H	<25 μm	0.930	0.484	1.950	0.316	37.53	7.68
Y-791573	H	<25 μm	0.925	0.462	1.940	0.287	33.95	6.29
A-881819	E	<25 μm	0.930	0.475	1.960	0.282	38.56	8.08
ALH-78132	E	<25 μm	0.930	0.421	1.960	0.262	38.56	8.08
ALH-78132	E	25–45 μm	0.930	0.577	1.955	0.425		
ALH-78132	E	45–75 μm	0.930	0.614	1.960	0.496		
ALHA76005	E	<25 μm	0.935	0.381	1.980	0.229	43.18	9.87
ALHA76005	E	25–45 μm	0.935	0.489	1.980	0.364		
ALHA76005	E	45–75 μm	0.940	0.551	1.975	0.446		
ALHA81001	E	<25 μm	0.935	0.311	2.005	0.218	45.75	10.87
Bereba	E	<25 μm	0.925	0.423	1.970	0.304	37.03	7.49
Bouvante	E	<45 μm	0.950	0.490	1.980	0.430	50.86	12.84
EETA79005	E	<25 μm	0.935	0.461	1.965	0.293	41.64	9.27
Ibitira	E	<25 μm	0.940	0.597	1.985	0.328	46.25	11.06
Juvinas	E	<25 μm	0.935	0.466	1.990	0.281	44.21	10.27
Juvinas	E	25–45 μm	0.940	0.593	1.980	0.438		
Juvinas	E	45–75 μm	0.940	0.620	1.975	0.497		
LEW85303	E	<25 μm	0.945	0.408	2.015	0.238	51.9	13.25
LEW87004	E	<25 μm	0.935	0.425	1.975	0.246	42.67	9.67
Millbillillie	E	<25 μm	0.940	0.336	2.005	0.206	48.31	11.86
Millbillillie	E	25–45 μm	0.935	0.586	1.995	0.399		
Millbillillie	E	45–75 μm	0.940	0.591	1.995	0.434		
Nobleborough	E	<25 μm	0.930	0.440	1.977	0.308	40.31	8.76
Pasamonte	E	<25 μm	0.935	0.402	1.992	0.264	44.42	10.35
PCA82501	E	<25 μm	0.945	0.337	1.985	0.229	48.81	12.05
PCA82502	E	<25 μm	0.940	0.462	2.005	0.314	48.31	11.86
PCA91007	E	<25 μm	0.950	0.458	1.990	0.404	51.89	13.24
Serra de Mage	E	<25 μm	0.930	0.439	1.960	0.270	38.56	8.08
Sioux County	E	<25 μm	0.930	0.356	1.970	0.279	39.59	8.48
Stannern	E	<25 μm	0.940	0.402	2.000	0.244	47.8	11.66
Stannern	E	25–45 μm	0.940	0.518	1.995	0.398		
Y-74450	E	<25 μm	0.930	0.376	1.980	0.193	40.62	8.88
Y-74450	E	25–45 μm	0.935	0.530	1.970	0.342		
Y-74450	E	45–75 μm	0.935	0.568	1.970	0.407		
Y-792769	E	<25 μm	0.940	0.397	2.005	0.217	48.31	11.86
Y-793591	E	<25 μm	0.940	0.399	1.995	0.241	47.28	11.46
Y-82082	E	<25 μm	0.945	0.384	2.010	0.228	51.39	13.05

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