The intriguing Tina asteroid family: a compositional investigation

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- Flat/solar NIR colours (2MASS)
- No physical infos about family members \rightarrow



spectroscopic (ESO/VLT, 7 targets) and photometric (TNG, 16 targets) observational campaign

Preliminary results (1/2)



- Mix of X and C spectral types
- Meteorite comparison:
 CV/CO/Iron (X-types)
 - o C1/CM2 (C-types)
- Aqueous alteration?



Preliminary results (2/2)

7 visible spectra with VLT/FORS2

+

16 targets with BVRI photometry (TNG/LRS)

Taxonomic classification:

- 14 X-complex
- 8 C-complex
- 1 C/X



Physical vs. dynamical properties



Colour-albedo plot



In summary: a very intriguing family!

- C-types are interlopers / background objects?
- C-types from a different parent body? The impactor?
- Common "Lutetia-like" and/or differentiated parent body?







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