

12011
Pigeonite Basalt
 193 grams



Figure 1: Photo of 12011. NASA # S69-64122. Sample is 5 cm.

Introduction

12011 is a porphyritic pigeonite basalt. It had an encrustation of dirt (figure 1) and numerous micrometeorite pits (figure 2).

Petrography

The petrology of 12011 is discussed in Baldrige et al. (1979). Phenocrysts of olivine (1 mm) and pyroxene (up to 4 mm long) and microphenocrysts of chromite occur in a “fine-grained, variolitic-textured groundmass of pyroxene, plagioclase, ilmenite, ulvöspinel, metallic iron and mesostasis.”

Mineralogy

Olivine: Baldrige et al. (1979) state that “olivine compositions in 12011 range from Fo₇₃₋₆₂ and some grains are zoned over almost this entire range.”

Pyroxene: The pyroxene composition of 12011 is given by Baldrige et al. (1979) (figure 3). Pigeonite cores are rimmed by augite. Some pigeonite phenocrysts are long and “hollow”.

Mineralogical Mode of 12011

	Baldrige et al. 1979	Neal et al. 1994
Olivine	7.7	7.6
Pyroxene	53	52.9
Plagioclase	31	30.6
Ilmenite	2.9	2.9
Chromite	0.5	0.6
“silica”	3.4	3.4
mesostasis	1.2	1.4

Plagioclase: The average composition of plagioclase in 12011 is An₇₈.

Ilmenite: Fine needles of ilmenite form a network in the mesostasis.

Chemistry

The chemical composition of 12011 has been determined by Rhodes et al. (1977) and Snyder et al.

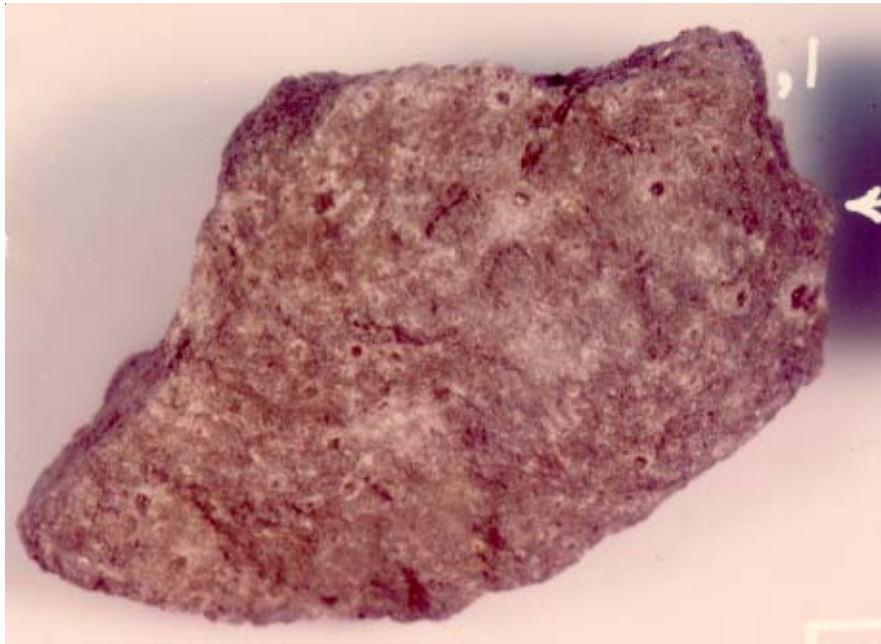


Figure 2: Closeup of 12011,1 showing “zap pits”. NASA #S76-26081. Piece is 2.2 cm across.

(1997). Nyquist et al. (1977) determined the trace elements by isotope dilution (figure 5).

Radiogenic age dating

Snyder et al. (1997) reported the isotopic composition of Sr and Nd, but the age has not been determined.

Other Studies

Bogard et al. (1971) reported the content and isotopic composition of rare gases in 12011.

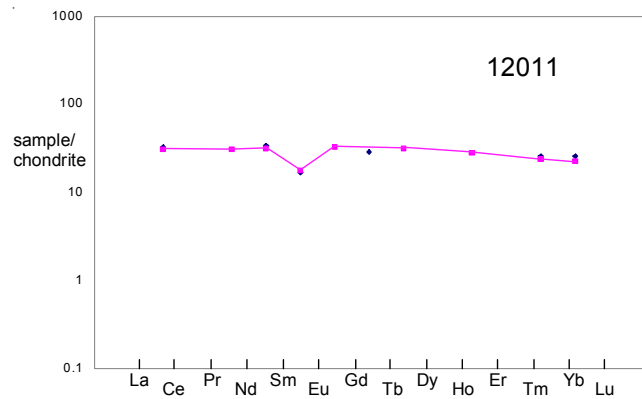


Figure 4: Normalized rare-earth-element composition diagram for 12011 (data from Rhodes et al. 1977, and Nyquist et al. 1979 (highlighted)).

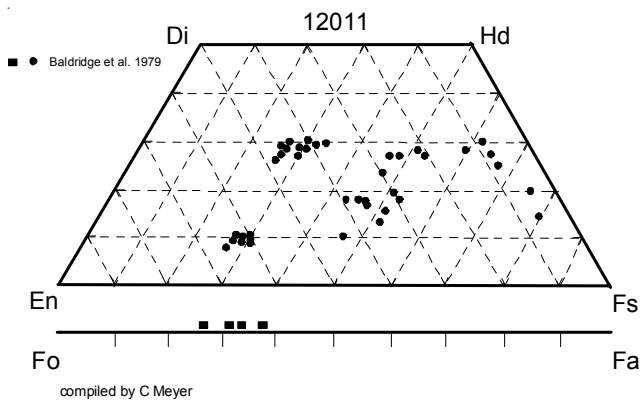


Figure 3: Pyroxene composition in 12011 (adapted from Baldrige et al 1979).

List of Photo #s for 12011

- S69-64096 – 64122
- S70-53773 – 53778 TS
- S76-26081

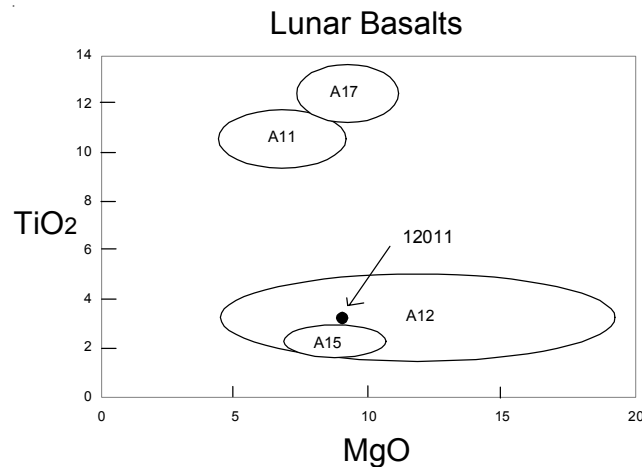
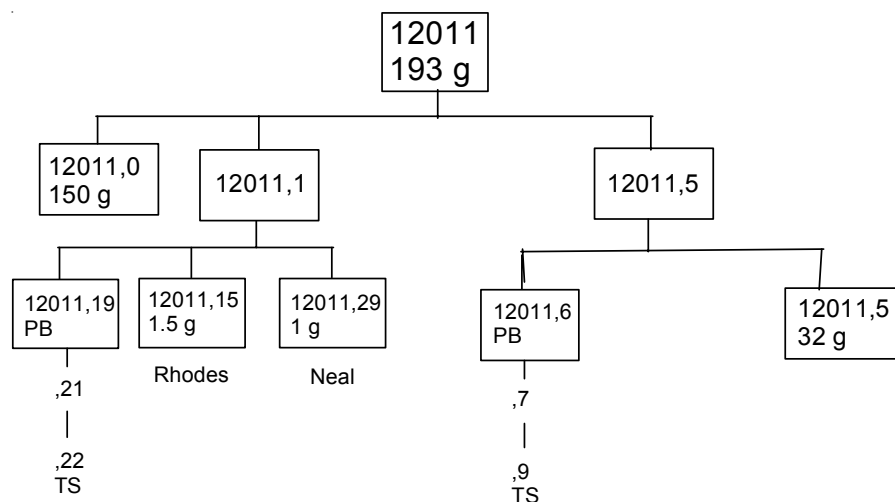


Figure 5: Composition of lunar basalts with 12011 indicated.



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Table 1. Chemical composition of 12011.

reference weight	Rhodes77	Baldrige79	Nyquist79 59 mg	Snyder97	Neal2001
SiO2 %	46.63 (c)	46.59 (d)		46.6	
TiO2	3.29 (c)	3.25 (d)		3.29	
Al2O3	9.77 (c)	10.02 (d)		9.77	
FeO	19.53 (c)	19.31 (d)		19.5	
MnO	0.29 (c)	0.28 (d)		0.29	
MgO	8.26 (c)	9.59 (d)		8.26	
CaO	10.63 (c)	10.55 (d)		10.6	
Na2O	0.25 (a)	0.33 (d)		0.25	
K2O	0.06 (c)	0.02 (d)	0.065 (b)	0.06	
P2O5	0.07 (c)	0.03 (d)		0.07	
S %	0.06 (c)				
sum					
Sc ppm	52.2 (a)				52 (e)
V					180 (e)
Cr	4050 (a)			2510 (e)	3632 (e)
Co	39 (a)			47.7 (e)	
Ni				30.9 (e)	37 (e)
Cu				14.9 (e)	12.1 (e)
Zn				13.2 (e)	6.8 (e)
Ga				4.2 (e)	3.1 (e)
Ge ppb					
As					
Se					
Rb			1.22 (b)	1.327 (e)	1.18 (e)
Sr	113 (c)		113 (b)	117.9 (e)	114.6 (e)
Y	39 (c)			38.4 (e)	39 (e)
Zr	128 (c)				120 (e)
Nb	7.4 (c)				7.5 (e)
Mo					0.1 (e)
Ru					
Rh					
Pd ppb					
Ag ppb				191 (e)	
Cd ppb					
In ppb					
Sn ppb					
Sb ppb					
Te ppb					
Cs ppm				0.072 (e)	0.06 (e)
Ba	71 (b)		70 (b)	79.1 (e)	73 (e)
La				7.77 (e)	6.84 (e)
Ce	19.9 (a)		18.5 (b)	18.5 (e)	18.5 (e)
Pr				2.79 (e)	2.9 (e)
Nd			14.1 (b)	14.2 (e)	14 (e)
Sm	5 (a)		4.78 (b)	4.8 (e)	4.9 (e)
Eu	0.95 (a)		1 (b)	1.11 (e)	1.01 (e)
Gd			6.47 (b)	5.22 (e)	7.43 (e)
Tb	1.06 (a)			0.94 (e)	1.17 (e)
Dy			7.72 (b)	5.87 (e)	7.77 (e)
Ho				1.32 (e)	1.6 (e)
Er			4.55 (b)	3.73 (e)	4.65 (e)
Tm				0.51 (e)	0.66 (e)
Yb	4.2 (a)		3.93 (b)	3.86 (e)	4.37 (e)
Lu	0.62 (a)		0.548 (b)	0.47 (e)	0.57 (e)
Hf	3.7 (a)				3.69 (e)
Ta					0.46 (e)
W ppb					200 (e)
Re ppb					
Os ppb					
Ir ppb					
Pt ppb					
Au ppb					
Th ppm				0.415 (e)	0.98 (e)
U ppm				0.291 (e)	0.24 (e)

technique (a) INAA, (b) IDMS, (c) XRF, (d) from mode, (e) ICP-MS