

71065 - 28.8 grams
71066 – 20 grams
71069 – 4.06 grams
Fine-grained Ilmenite Basalt



Figure 1: Photo of 71065. Cube is 1 cm. S73-16932.



Figure 2: Photo of 71066. Scale in mm. S73-17066.

Introduction

The basalt fragments found in soil sample 71060 were fine grained and high-Ti (figures 1 – 3). They have microporphritic texture with eroded olivine phenocrysts and abundant sawtooth ilmenite (figures 6 and 7). Early formed armalcolite is rimmed by ilmenite (Neal and Taylor 1993).

Chemistry

The composition of 71065, 66 and 69 was determined by Ma et al. (1979) and reported by Warner et al. (1979).



Figure 3: Photo of 71069 with mm scale. S73-17080

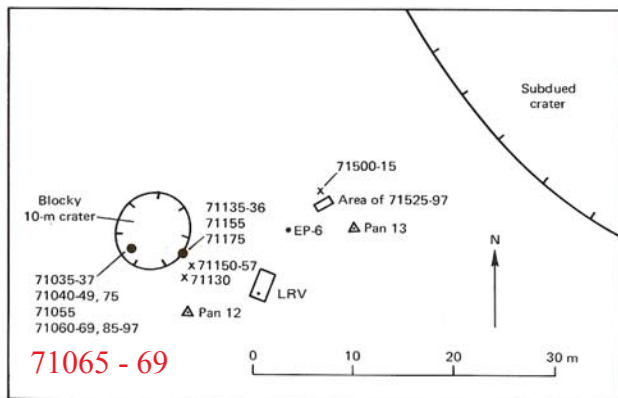


Figure 4: Map of station 1, Apollo 17 near Steno Crater.

Radiogenic age dating

Paces et al. (1991) determined the isotopic ratio of Sr and Nd which yield the initial isotopic composition of the magma (figure 5) if one assumes the age (3.72 b.y.).

Processing

71060 was collected as a soil sample. It included numerous fragments of fine grained basalt 71065 – 69, 71085 – 89 and 71095 – 97. It was returned in bag 456 in ALSRC 1.

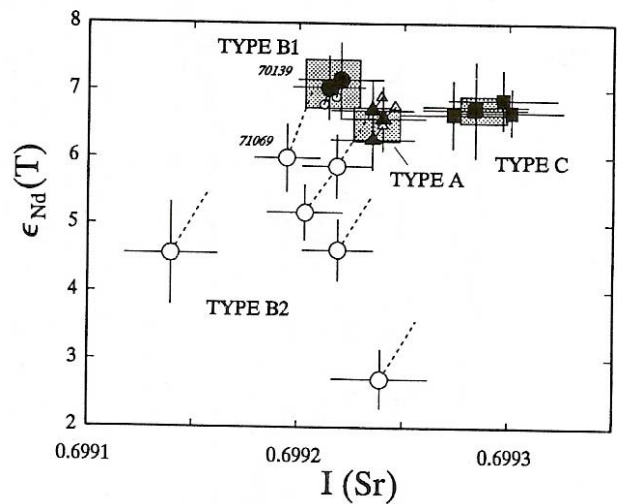


Figure 5: Isotopic diagram for Apollo 17 basalts assuming age of 3.72 b.y. (Paces et al. 1991).

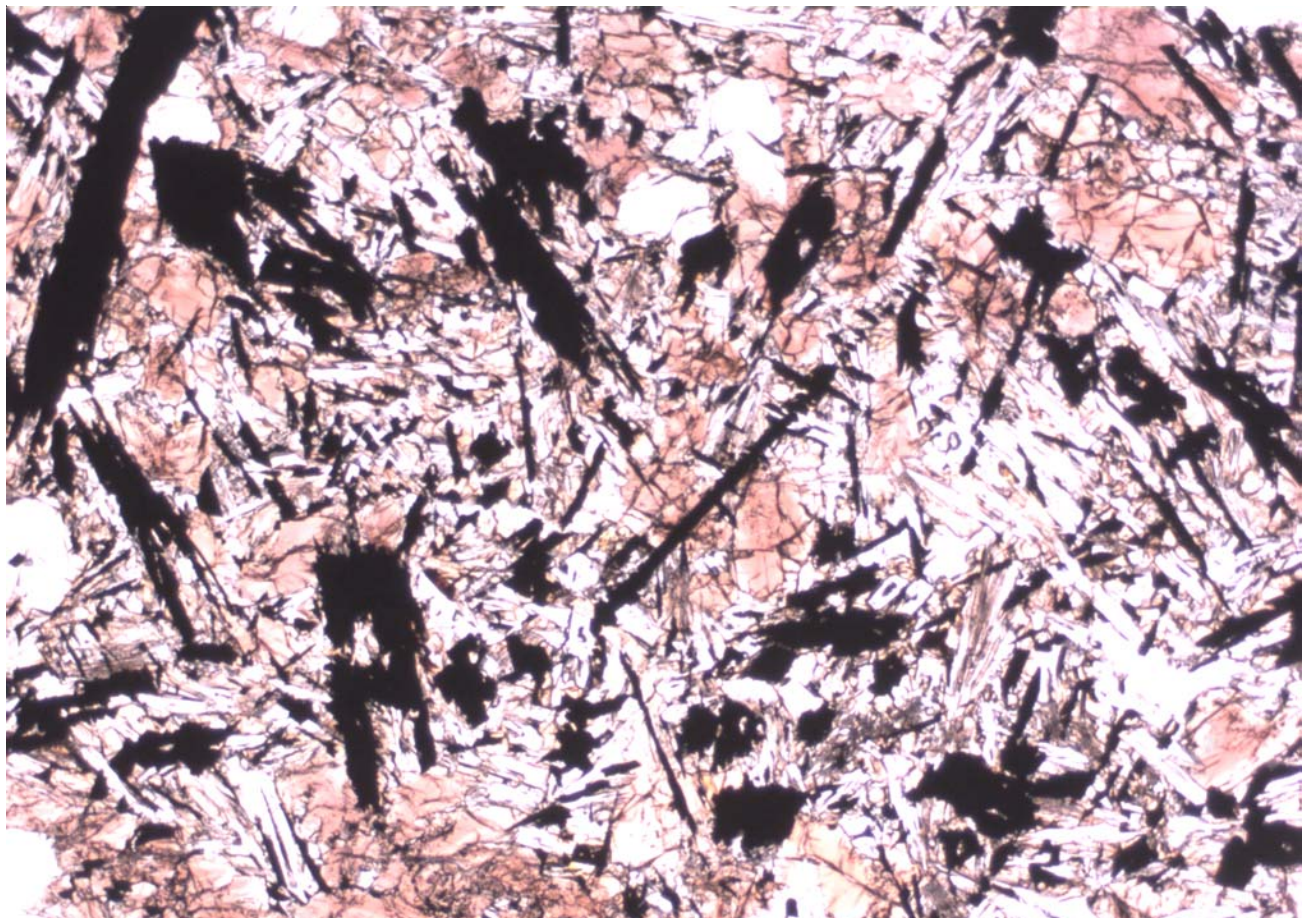
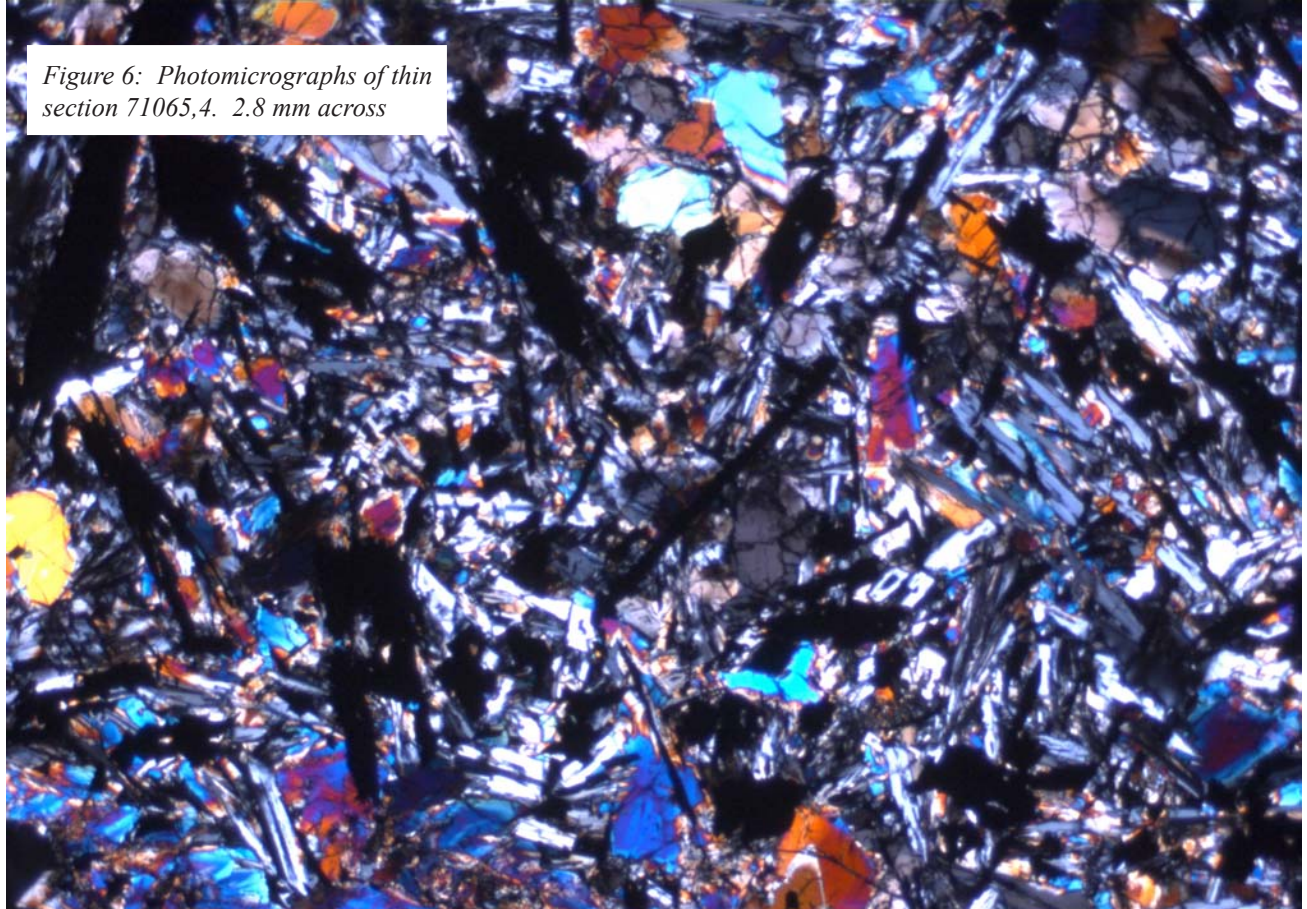


Figure 6: Photomicrographs of thin section 71065,4. 2.8 mm across



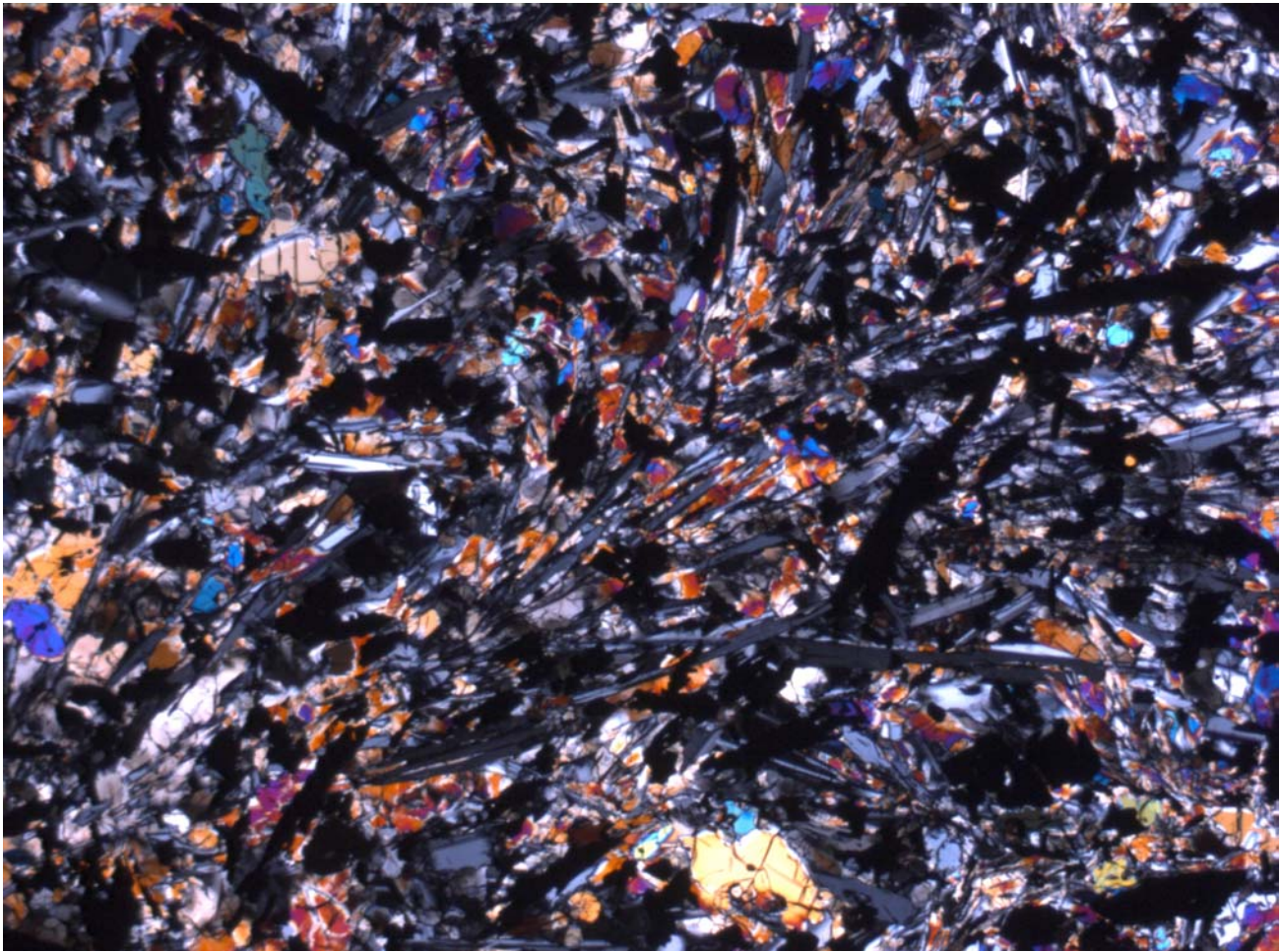
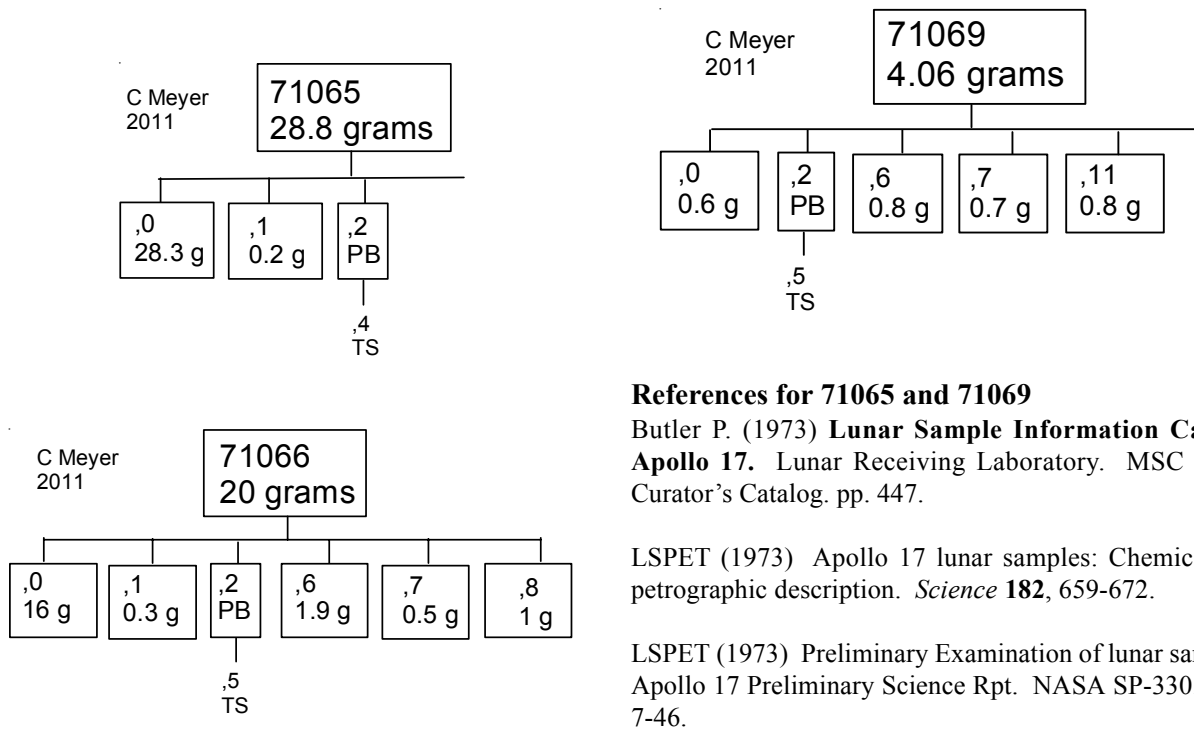


Figure 7: Photomicrograph of thin section of 71069. Crossed nicols and 2.8 mm across



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Table 1. Composition of 71065, 71066 and 71069.

reference	71065	71066	71069	71069
weight	Warner79		Warner79	Paces91
SiO ₂ %	Ma79			
TiO ₂	12.5	14.2	12.2	(a)
Al ₂ O ₃	8.9	8.9	8.6	(a)
FeO	19.8	20.5	19.1	(a)
MnO	0.26	0.26	0.246	(a)
MgO	8	9	10	(a)
CaO	10	9.4	9.8	(a)
Na ₂ O	0.39	0.406	0.312	(a)
K ₂ O	0.041	0.041	0.032	(a)
P ₂ O ₅				
S %				
sum				
Sc ppm	89	89	85	(a)
V	102	133	140	(a)
Cr	2579	3325	3243	(a)
Co	22	27	21	(a)
Ni				
Cu				
Zn				
Ga				
Ge ppb				
As				
Se				
Rb				0.315 (b)
Sr				146 (b)
Y				
Zr				
Nb				
Mo				
Ru				
Rh				
Pd ppb				
Ag ppb				
Cd ppb				
In ppb				
Sn ppb				
Sb ppb				
Te ppb				
Cs ppm				
Ba				
La	5.1	5.1	4.3	(a)
Ce	18	18	17	(a)
Pr				
Nd	19	18	20	(a) 17.3 (b)
Sm	6.9	6.5	7.4	(a) 7.35 (b)
Eu	1.34	1.33	1.55	(a)
Gd				
Tb	1.7	1.6	1.9	(a)
Dy	11	11	12	(a)
Ho				
Er				
Tm				
Yb	6.9	6.7	7.4	(a)
Lu	1.01	1.02	1.07	(a)
Hf	6.8	6.4	6.6	(a)
Ta	1.7	1.8	1.5	(a)
W ppb				
Re ppb				
Os ppb				
Ir ppb				
Pt ppb				
Au ppb				
Th ppm				
U ppm				

technique: (a) INAA, (b) IDMS

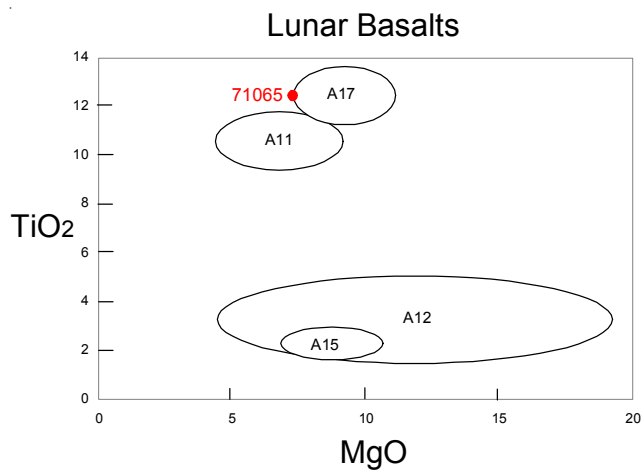


Figure 8a: Composition of 71069 compared with that of Apollo basalts.

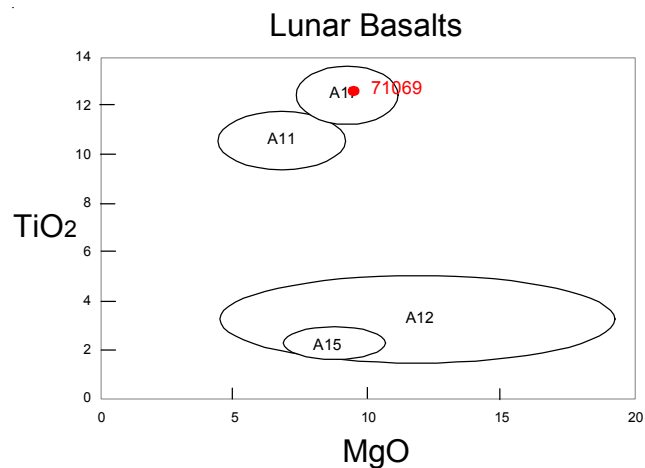


Figure 8b: Composition of 71069 compared with that of Apollo basalts.

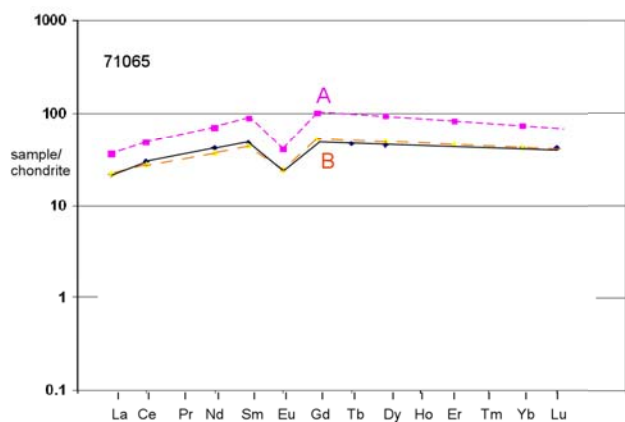


Figure 9a: Normalized rare-earth-element diagram for 71065 and type A and B basalts.

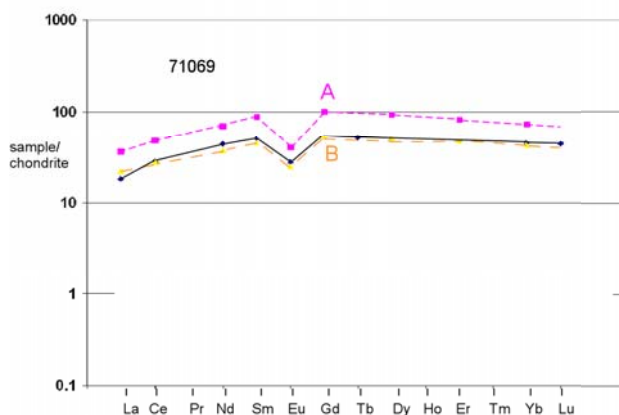


Figure 9b: Normalized rare-earth-element diagram for 71069 and type A and B basalts.

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