

71587 – 41.3 grams

71525 – 3.9 grams

Ilmenite Basalt



Figure 1: Photo of 71587. Scale in mm. S73-33431

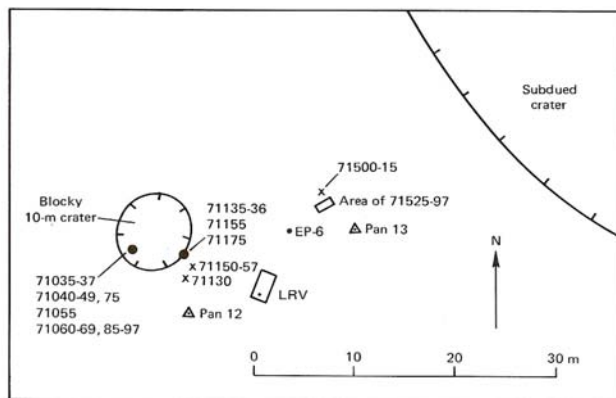


Figure 2: Map of station 1 showing location of rake samples.

Introduction

71587 is a fine grained, vesicular basalt (figure 1).

71525 - 71596 etc. are rake samples collected as part of a comprehensive sample at station 1, taken near Steno Crater, Apollo 17 (figure 2).

Mineralogical Mode

	71587	71525
Olivine	5.4	6.1
Pyroxene	44.1	43.5
Plagioclase	28.5	27.2
Opaques	18	17.7
Silica	1.7	4.6
Meostasis	1.2	0.8

Petrography

71587 is an olivine-microporphyritic ilmenite basalt similar to 71525 (Warner et al. 1978). It has small olivine and elongate ilmenite phenocrysts set in variolitic to granular groundmass of pyroxene, plagioclase and ilmenite. Armalcolite is mantled by ilmenite. Pyroxene is chemically zoned (figure 3).

Chemistry

Warner et al. (1975) determined the chemical composition of 71587 and Murali et al. (1977) determined 71525 (figures 4 and 5).

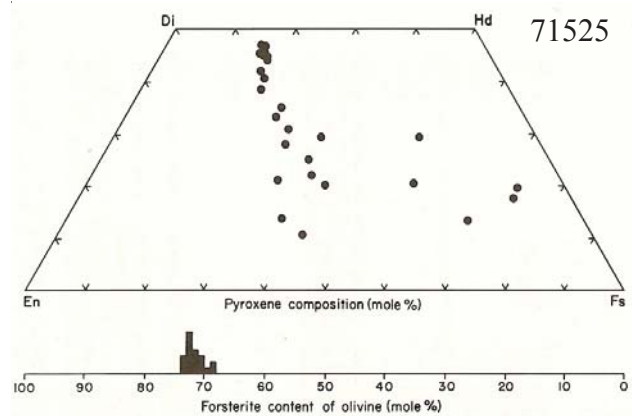
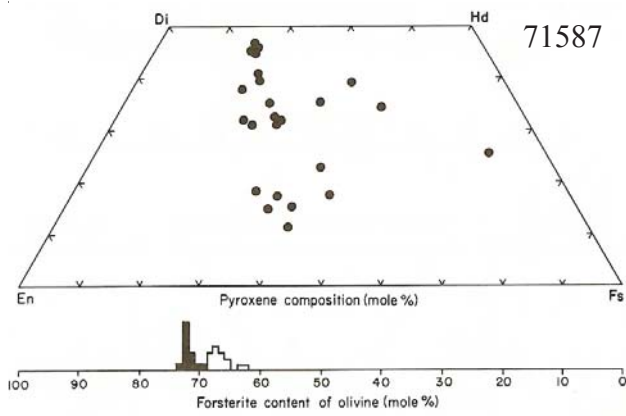


Figure 3: Pyroxene and olivine composition of 71587 and 71525 (Warner et al. 1978).

Radiogenic age dating

None

Processing

There is one thin section each.

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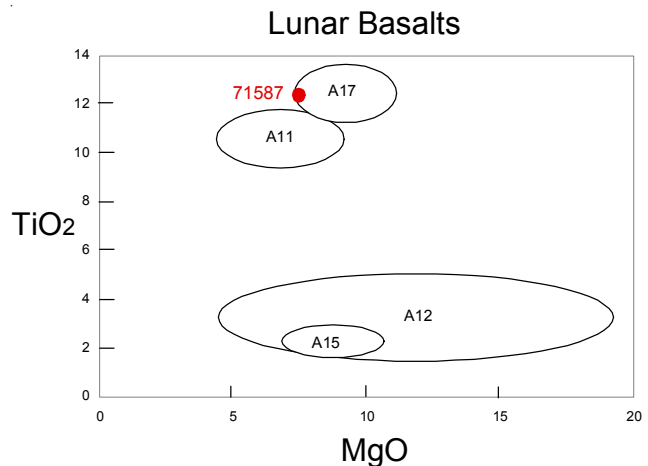


Figure 4: Composition of Apollo basalts.

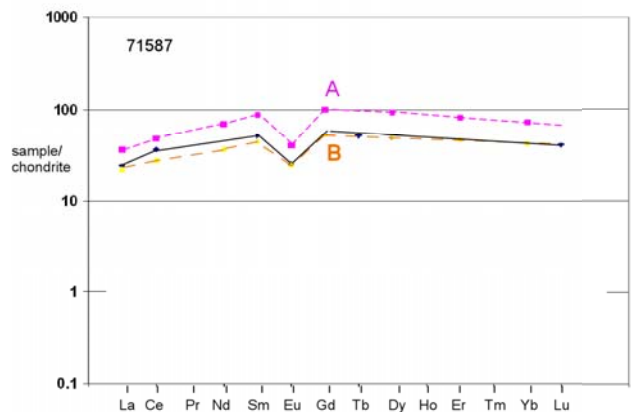
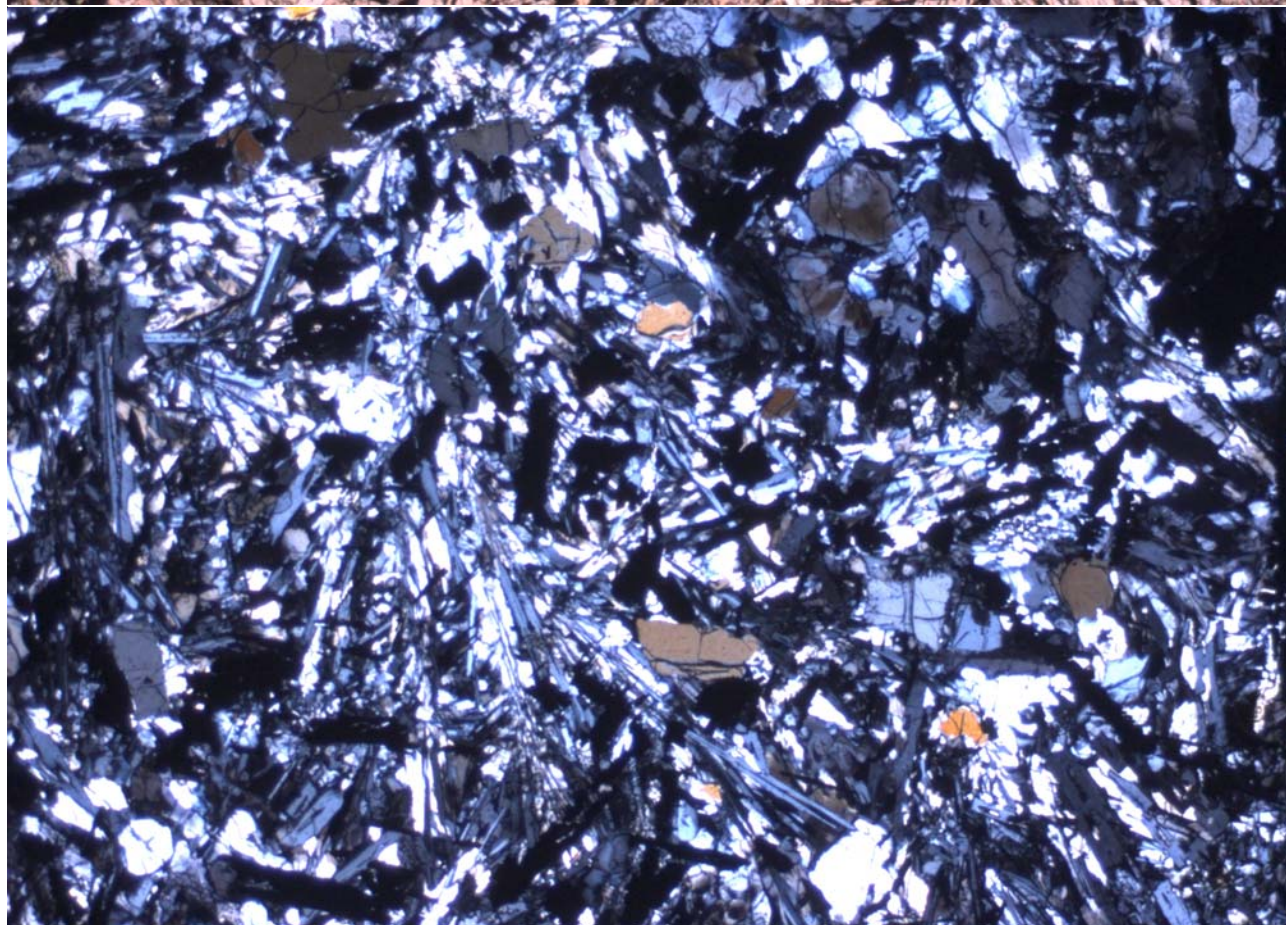
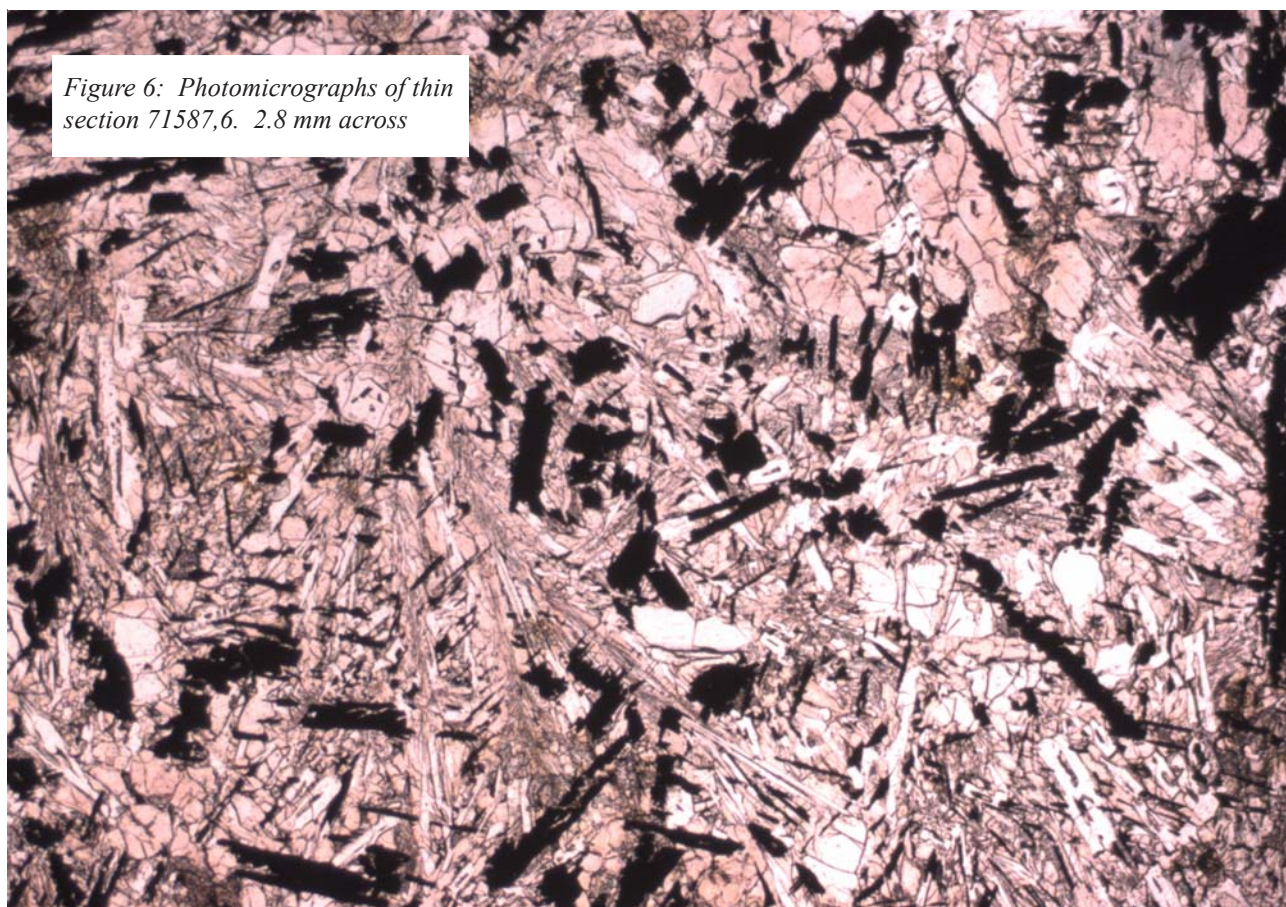


Figure 5: Normalized rare-earth-element diagram for 71587 and type A and B basalts.

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Figure 6: Photomicrographs of thin section 71587,6. 2.8 mm across



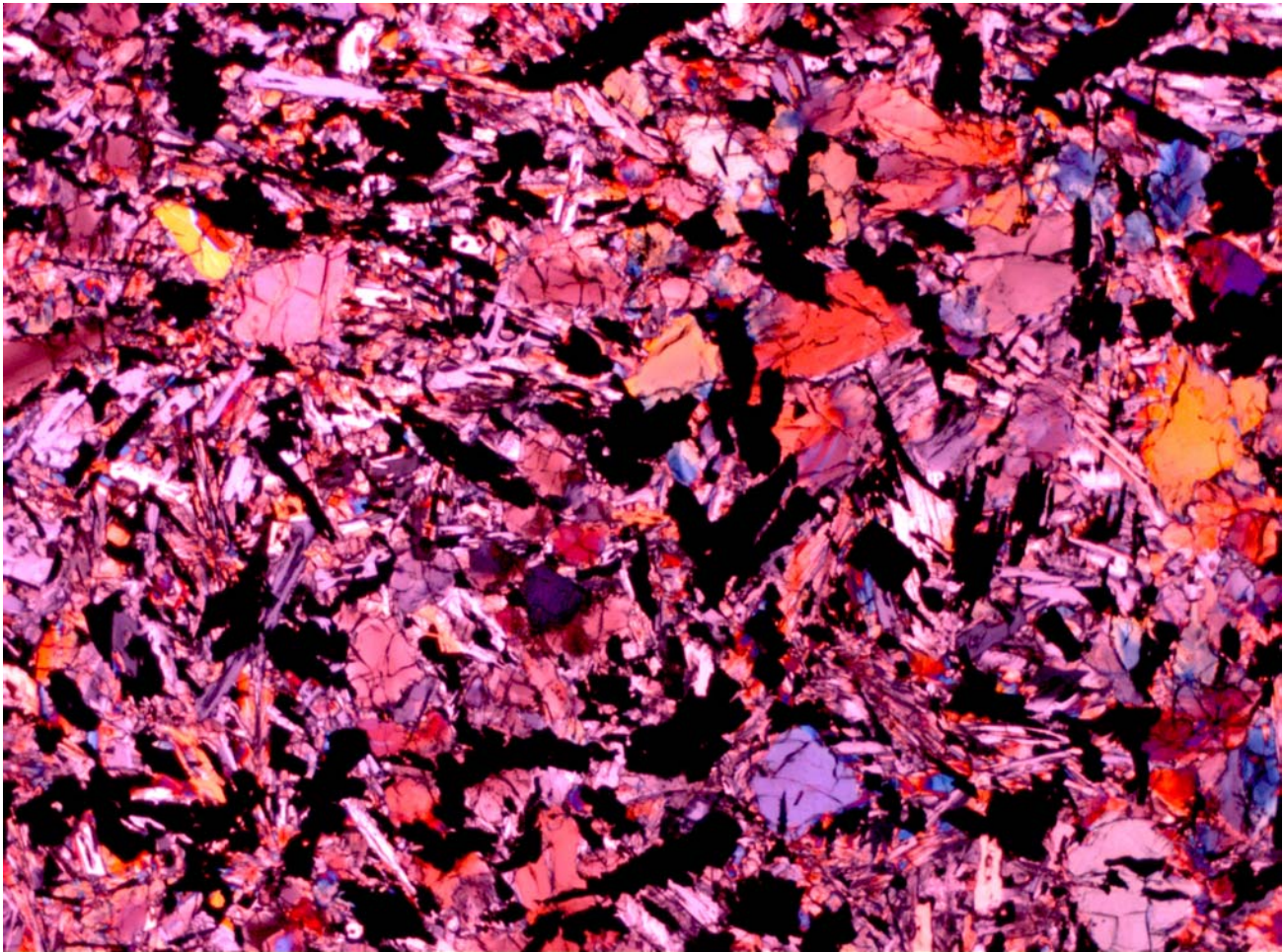
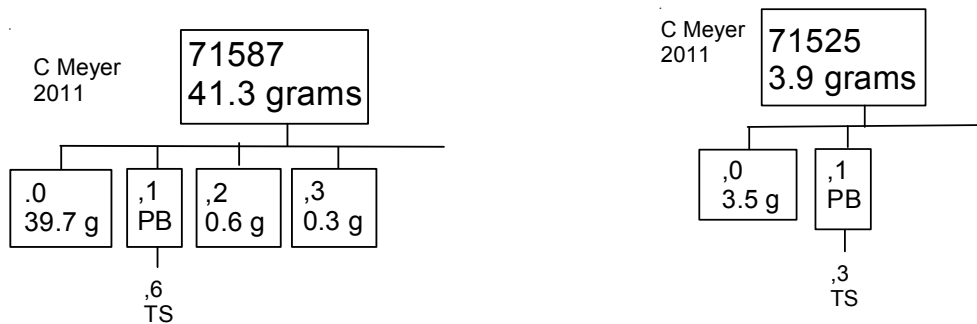


Figure 7: Photomicrograph of 71525, with partially crossed polarizers. 2.8 mm across



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Table 1. Chemical composition of 71587.

<i>reference weight</i>	Warner75	
<i>SiO2 %</i>	Warner78	
TiO2	12.7	(a)
Al2O3	8.7	(a)
FeO	19.2	(a)
MnO	0.24	(a)
MgO	7.6	(a)
CaO	10.3	(a)
Na2O	0.39	(a)
K2O	0.05	(a)
P2O5		
S %		
<i>sum</i>		
Sc ppm	80	(a)
V	100	(a)
Cr		(a)
Co	20.8	(a)
Ni		
Cu		
Zn		
Ga		
Ge ppb		
As		
Se		
Rb		
Sr		
Y		
Zr		
Nb		
Mo		
Ru		
Rh		
Pd ppb		
Ag ppb		
Cd ppb		
In ppb		
Sn ppb		
Sb ppb		
Te ppb		
Cs ppm		
Ba		
La	5.7	(a)
Ce	22	(a)
Pr		(a)
Nd		(a)
Sm	7.6	(a)
Eu	1.4	(a)
Gd		(a)
Tb	1.9	(a)
Dy	12	(a)
Ho		(a)
Er		(a)
Tm		(a)
Yb	6.9	(a)
Lu	1	(a)
Hf	6.2	(a)
Ta	1.6	(a)
W ppb		
Re ppb		
Os ppb		
Ir ppb		
Pt ppb		
Au ppb		
Th ppm		
U ppm		
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Table 2. Chemical composition of 71525.

<i>reference weight</i>	Murali77	
<i>SiO2 %</i>		
TiO2	12.9	(a)
Al2O3	8.8	(a)
FeO	20.8	(a)
MnO	0.246	(a)
MgO	8.2	(a)
CaO	11	(a)
Na2O	0.39	(a)
K2O	0.053	(a)
P2O5		
S %		
<i>sum</i>		
Sc ppm	85	(a)
V	106	(a)
Cr	2682	(a)
Co	20	(a)
Ni		
Cu		
Zn		
Ga		
Ge ppb		
As		
Se		
Rb		
Sr		
Y		
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Mo		
Ru		
Rh		
Pd ppb		
Ag ppb		
Cd ppb		
In ppb		
Sn ppb		
Sb ppb		
Te ppb		
Cs ppm		
Ba		
La	5.8	(a)
Ce	27	(a)
Pr		
Nd		
Sm	7.5	(a)
Eu	1.43	(a)
Gd		(a)
Tb	2.1	(a)
Dy	13	(a)
Ho		
Er		
Tm		
Yb	7.1	(a)
Lu	0.98	(a)
Hf	6.6	(a)
Ta	1.5	(a)
W ppb		
Re ppb		
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Pt ppb		
Au ppb	2	(a)
Th ppm		
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