

60115
Polymict Breccia
132.5 grams



Figure 1: Photo of 60115 and 1 cm cube. S72-40397.

Introduction

60015 is a complex, polymict breccias with a glass matrix and many small clasts. One side has a thick patina (figure 1).

60115 was collected near the LM. It has not been studied.

Petrography

Warner et al. (1973) termed 60115 a “black and white breccia” with light matrix. Ryder and Norman (1980) found that it was clast-rich with distinct clast boundaries: “*Relics of shocked anorthosite, grading into swirly glass, are abundant.*” Glass penetrates dark clasts, aphanitic impact melts are present, etc – it’s a real mess.

Hunter and Taylor (1981) reported trace rust and trace schreibersite.

Chemistry

The only analysis of 60115 is by Clark and Keith (1973) table 1.

Radiogenic age dating

None

Cosmogenic isotopes and exposure ages

Clark and Keith (1973) determined the cosmic-ray-induced activity of $^{22}\text{Na} = 44$ dpm/kg, $^{26}\text{Al} = 98$ dpm/kg, $^{46}\text{Sc} = 3$ dpm/kg, $^{54}\text{Mn} = 25$ dpm/kg and $^{56}\text{Co} = 11$ dpm/kg.

Processing

There are three thin sections.

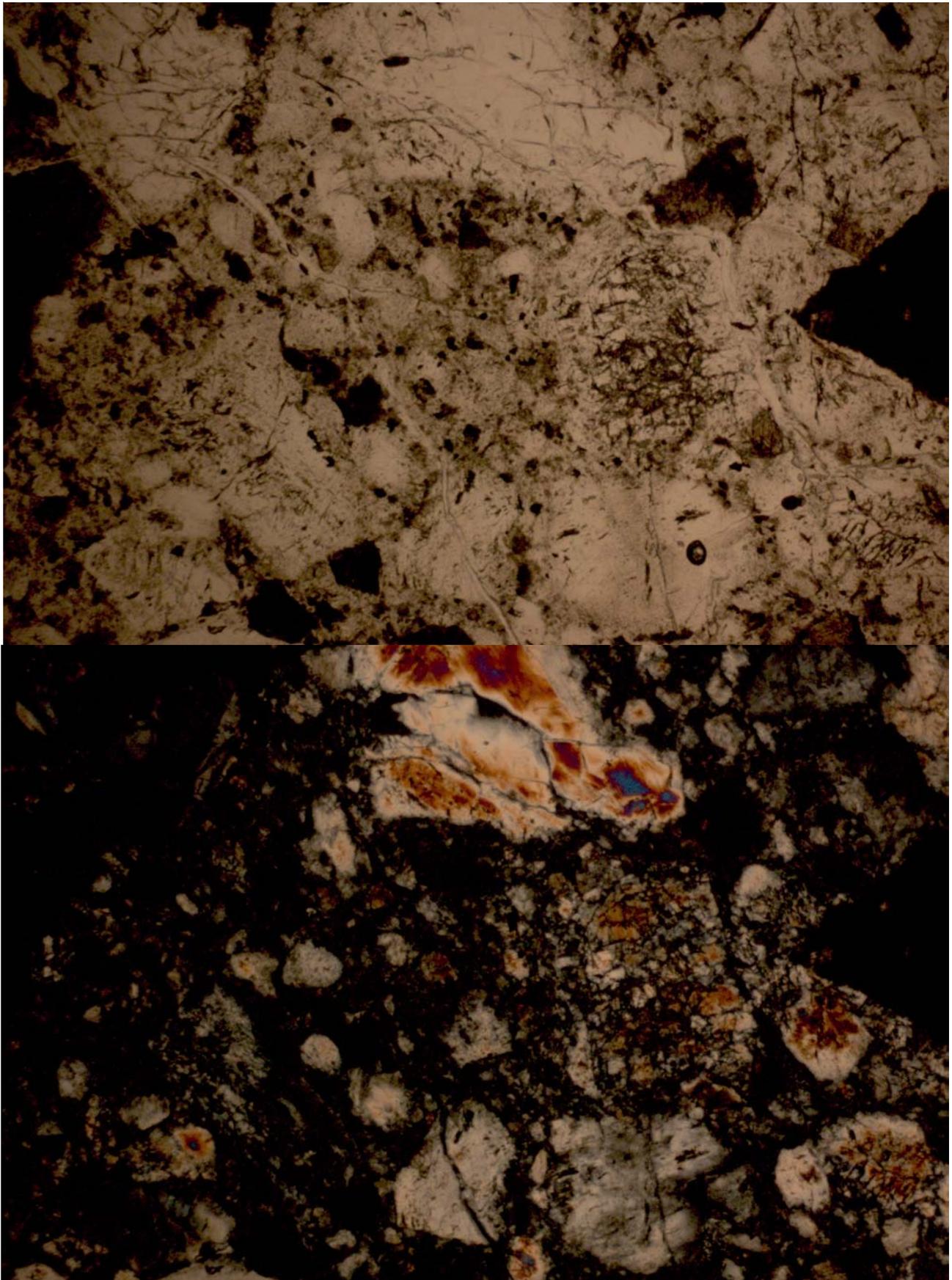


Figure 2: Photo of thin section 60115,9 by C Meyer. About 2 mm across.

Table 1. Chemical composition of 60115

reference	Clark73
weight	
SiO2 %	
TiO2	
Al2O3	
FeO	
MnO	
MgO	
CaO	
Na2O	
K2O	0.065 (a)
P2O5	
S %	
sum	

Sc ppm
V
Cr
Co
Ni
Cu
Zn
Ga
Ge ppb
As
Se
Rb
Sr
Y
Zr
Nb
Mo
Ru
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Pd ppb
Ag ppb
Cd ppb
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Sn ppb
Sb ppb
Te ppb
Cs ppm

Ba
La
Ce
Pr
Nd
Sm
Eu
Gd
Tb
Dy
Ho
Er
Tm
Yb
Lu
Hf
Ta
W ppb
Re ppb
Os ppb
Ir ppb
Pt ppb
Au ppb
Th ppm
U ppm

technique: (a) radiation counting

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