

60666
Glass-coated Impact Melt Breccia
16 grams



Figure 1: Photo of 60666. Scale is cm/mm. S73-20466

Introduction

60635 was collected as a rake sample near the LM (see section on 60600). It is a glass-coated impact-melt breccias with unusual Mg/Fe ratio. The age of the impact melt has been determined as 3.82 b.y.

Spinel: low Cr

Metallic Iron: up to 21% Ni, 1.3% Co.

Petrography

A complete description of 60666 is given in Dowty et al. (1974): it “contains only one large plagioclase relict” – which is “fractured and has fine deformation lamellae”. The interior impact melt portion of “60666 is fairly uniform, consisting of a few moderately small (0.2 mm) phenocrysts of olivine in a matrix of fine feathery olivine”.

Chemistry

Wasson et al. (1977) determined the composition of the dark glass (table 1). The interior has only been analyzed by Dowty et al. (1974). The analyses seems to have unusually high MgO. Ryder and Seymour (1982) also published preliminary data.

Radiogenic age dating

Norman et al. (2006) determined a Ar/Ar plateau age of 3.82 ± 0.02 b.y. for the interior clast (figure 3).

Mineralogy

Olivine: Fo₉₂

Pyroxene: none

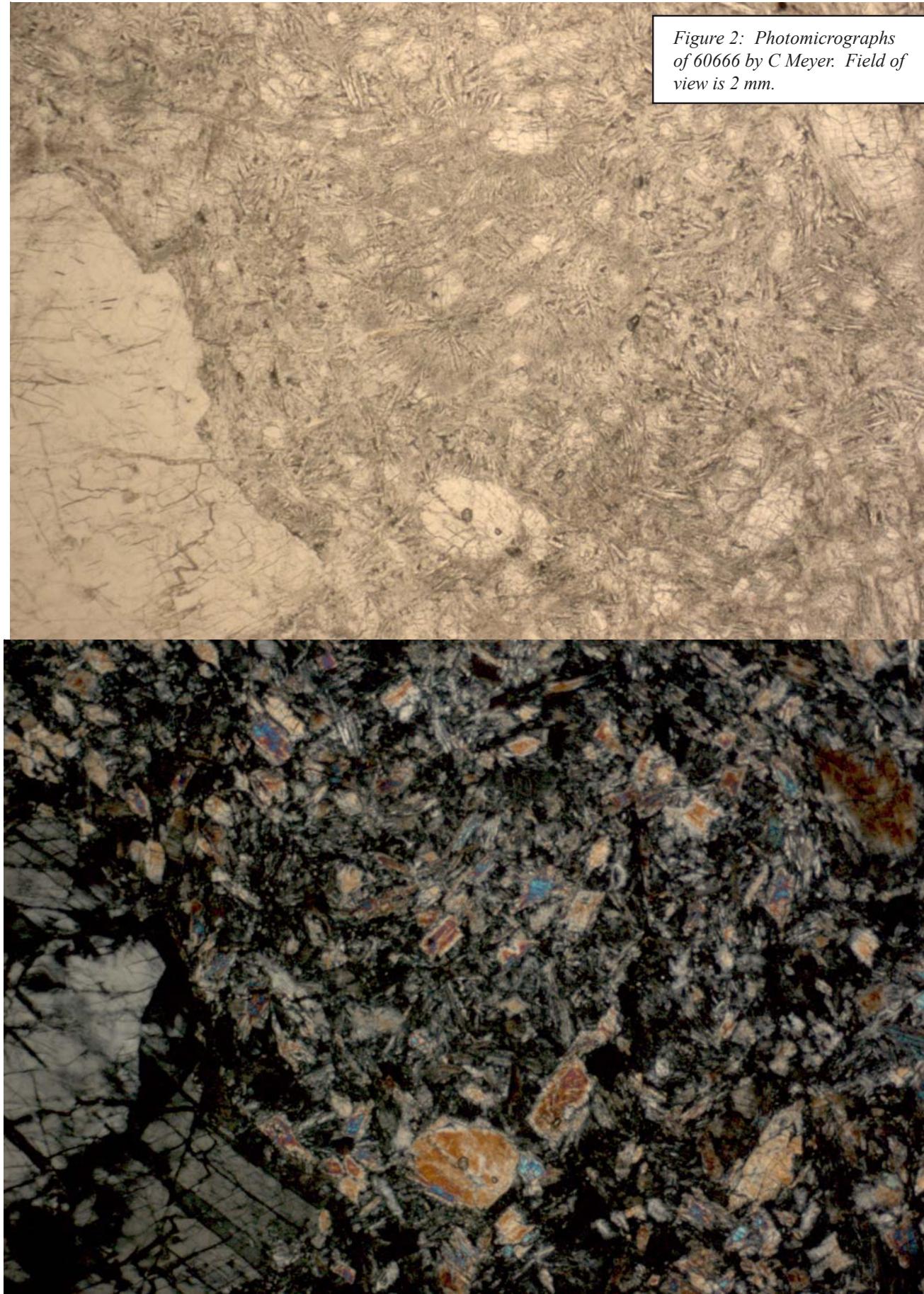
Plagioclase: An₉₆

Processing

There are 2 thin sections.

Summary of Age Data for 60666

Ar/Ar	
Norman 2006	3.82 ± 0.02 b.y.



*Figure 2: Photomicrographs
of 60666 by C Meyer. Field of
view is 2 mm.*

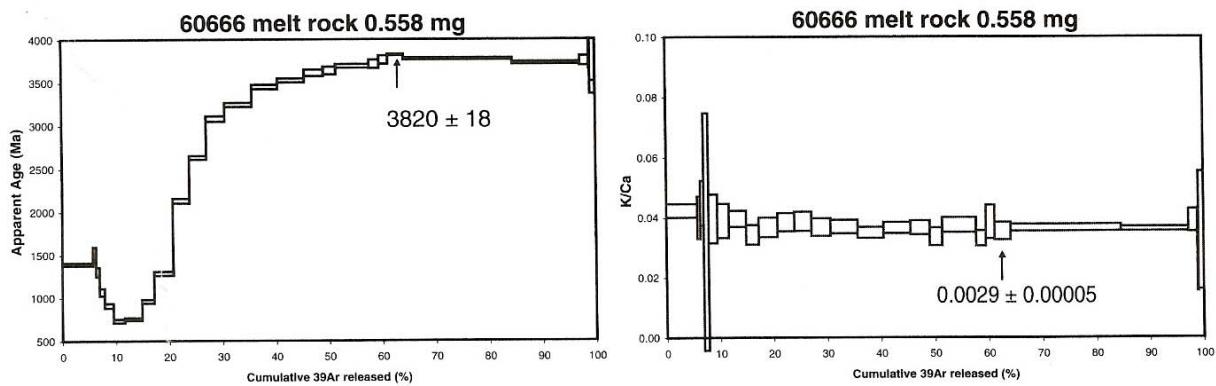


Figure 3: Age plateau for 60666 (Norman et al. 2006).



Figure 4: Processing of 60666. Scale in cm/mm. S73-20468

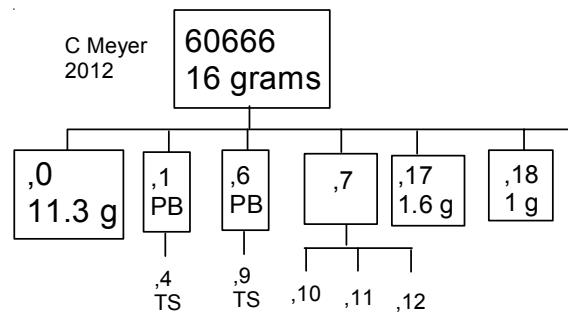


Table 1. Chemical composition of 60666

reference weight	Dowty74	Wasson77	Dowty74 glass	
SiO ₂ %	42.7	(a)	45.1	(a)
TiO ₂	0.21	(a)	0.5	(b)
Al ₂ O ₃	20.8	(a)	29.7	(b)
FeO	4.2	(a)	5.56	(b)
MnO	0.05	(a)	0.07	(b)
MgO	18.6	(a)	6.5	(b)
CaO	11.7	(a)	15.5	(b)
Na ₂ O	0.39	(a)	0.47	(b)
K ₂ O	0.1	(a)	0.08	(b)
P ₂ O ₅	0.04	(a)		0.06
S %				(a)
<i>sum</i>				
Sc ppm		6.5		(b)
V		27		(b)
Cr		820		(b)
Co		53		(b)
Ni		800		(b)
Cu				
Zn		6		(b)
Ga		3.6		(b)
Ge ppb		530		(b)
As				
Se				
Rb				
Sr				
Y				
Zr				
Nb				
Mo				
Ru	46			(b)
Rh				
Pd ppb				
Ag ppb				
Cd ppb	17			(b)
In ppb	7.6			(b)
Sn ppb				
Sb ppb				
Te ppb				
Cs ppm				
Ba	132			(b)
La	11.4			(b)
Ce	28			(b)
Pr				
Nd	19			(b)
Sm	4.9			(b)
Eu	1.2			(b)
Gd				
Tb	1.02			(b)
Dy	7.4			(b)
Ho				
Er				
Tm				
Yb	3.6			(b)
Lu	0.49			(b)
Hf	3.8			(b)
Ta	0.39			(b)
W ppb				
Re ppb				
Os ppb				
Ir ppb	28			(b)
Pt ppb				
Au ppb	9			(b)
Th ppm	1.69			(b)
U ppm	0.48			(b)
<i>technique:</i> (a) e. probe, (b) INAA				

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