

67715 – 9.4 grams
67716 – 17 grams
 Impact Melt Breccia

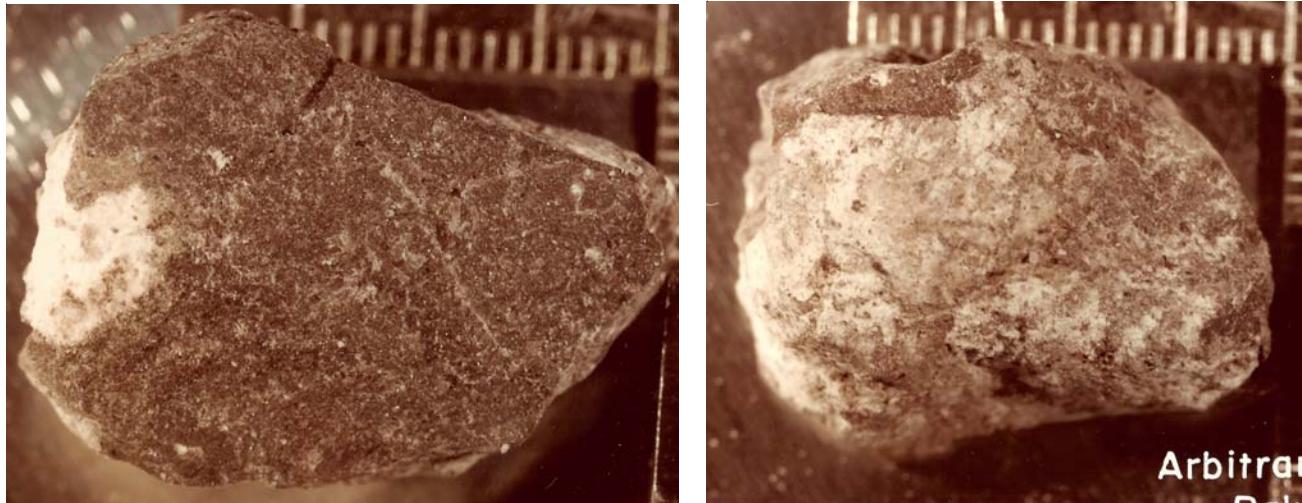


Figure 1 and 2: Photos of 67715. Scale is marked in mm. S80-35167

Introduction

Thirty-two rake samples were collected near House Rock on the rim of North Ray Crater – see section on 67701.

Petrography

67715 and 67716 are two coherent, fine-grained impact melt rocks, but there is not enough data to tell if they are alike. Both rocklets have abundant clasts of plagioclase set in an aphanitic matrix (figures 3, 4, 5 and 6). According to Reimold et al. (1985), 67715 has olivine as the major mafic mineral and may have a high proportion of opaques.

67716 is reported to have pink spinel as a large clast and is probably more aluminous.

Mineral analysis are not to be found in the literature.

Chemistry

67715 has been well analyzed for Rb, Sr, Sm and Nd. Stöffler et al. (1985) analyzed 67715.

Radiogenic age dating

Reimold et al. (1985) collected whole rock isotope data for both Rb-Sr and Sm-Nd.

Processing

There is one thin section of each rock.

Mineralogical Mode 67715

<i>Reimold et al. 1985</i>	
Plagioclase	76.5 %
Pyroxene	
Olivine	15.6
Opaque	6.5
Metal	1.2

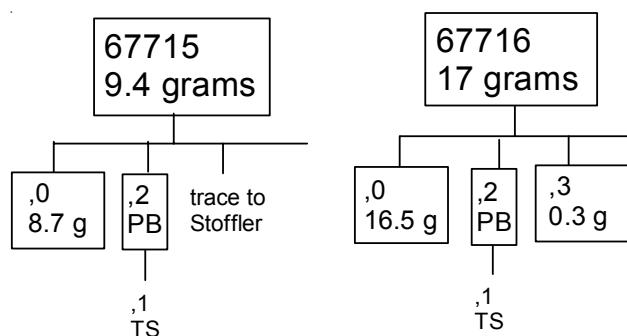


Figure 3: Photos of thin section 67715, l. 2 mm across

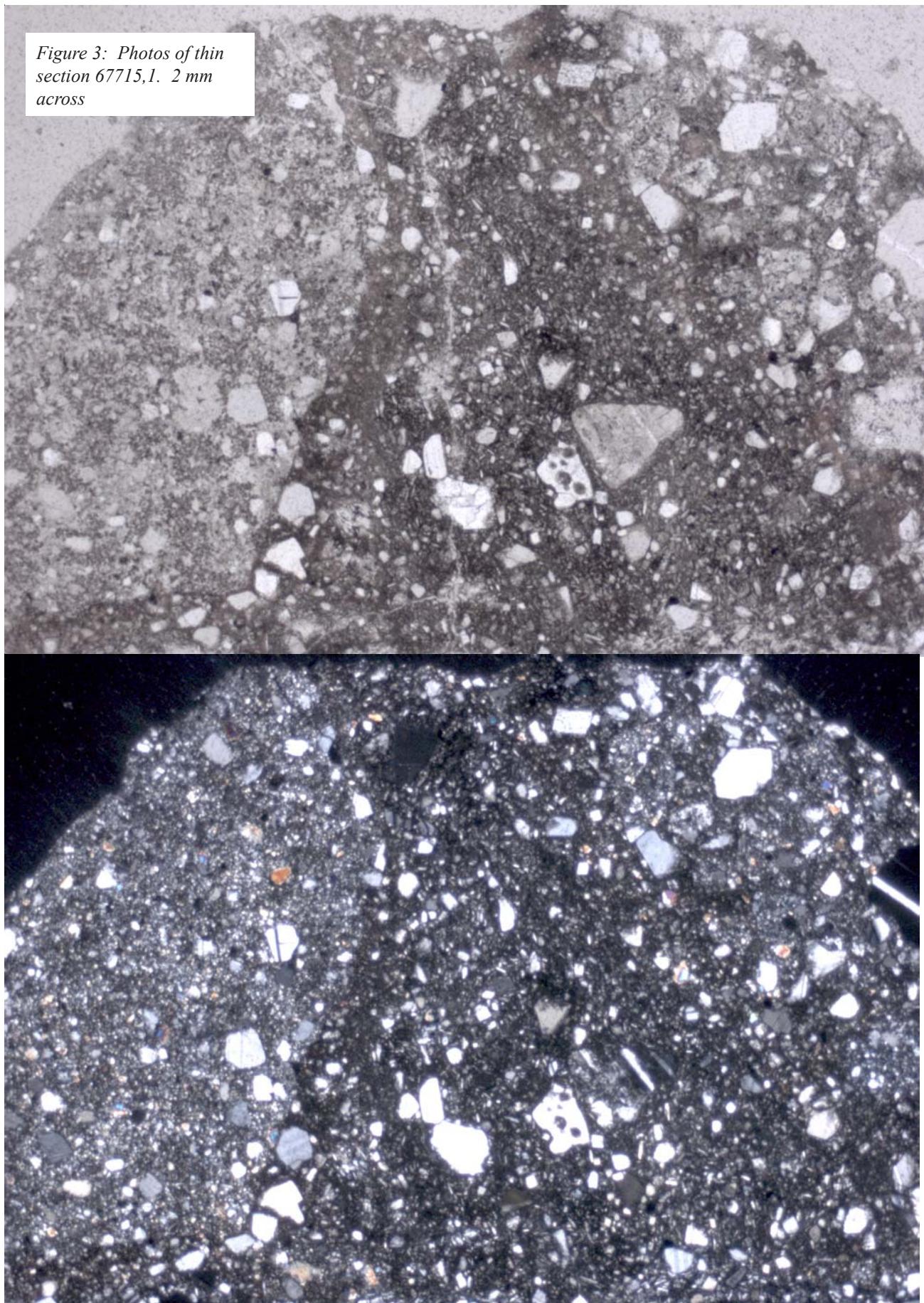


Figure 4: Photos of thin section 67716,1. 2 mm across

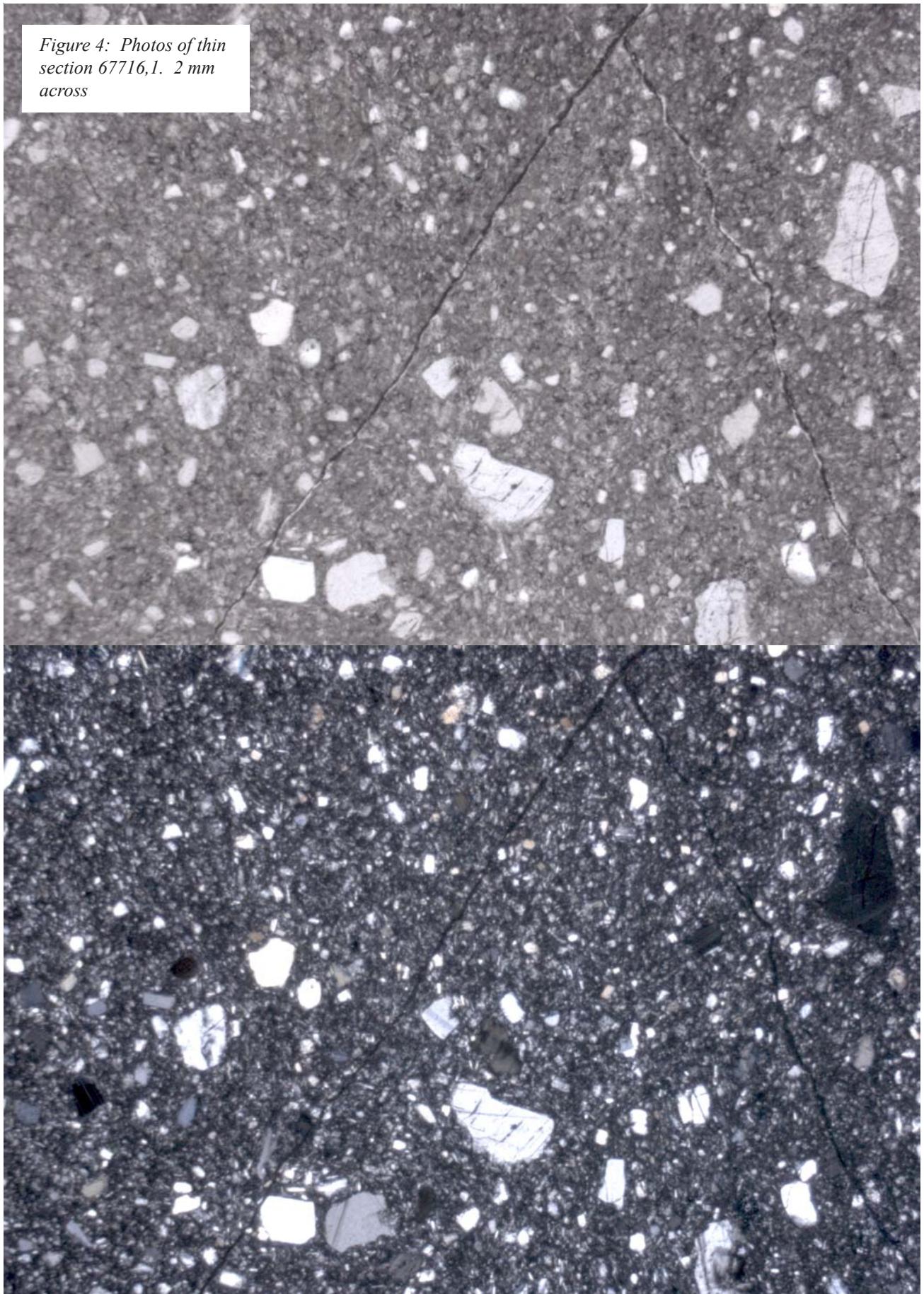


Table 1. Chemical composition of 67715

reference	Borchardt	Reimold75
weight	Stoffle85	
SiO ₂ %	45.5	(a)
TiO ₂	0.37	(a)
Al ₂ O ₃	30.2	(a)
FeO	3.2	(a)
MnO	0.01	(a)
MgO	2.88	(a)
CaO	17	(a)
Na ₂ O	0.74	(a)
K ₂ O	0.07	(a)
P ₂ O ₅	0.01	(a)
S %		
sum		
Sc ppm	3.77	(b)
V		
Cr		
Co	7.9	(b)
Ni	131	(b)
Cu		
Zn		
Ga		
Ge ppb		
As		
Se		
Rb		0.44
Sr		210
Y		
Zr		
Nb		
Mo		
Ru		
Rh		
Pd ppb		
Ag ppb		
Cd ppb		
In ppb		
Sn ppb		
Sb ppb		
Te ppb		
Cs ppm		
Ba	50	(b)
La		
Ce		
Pr		
Nd		3.03
Sm	0.99	(b) 0.86
Eu		(c)
Gd		
Tb		
Dy		
Ho		
Er		
Tm		
Yb	0.78	(b)
Lu		
Hf		
Ta		
W ppb		
Re ppb		
Os ppb		
Ir ppb		
Pt ppb		
Au ppb		
Th ppm		
U ppm		
technique:	(a) DBA, (b) INAA, (c) IDMS	

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