

65325

Cataclastic Anorthosite

67.9 grams

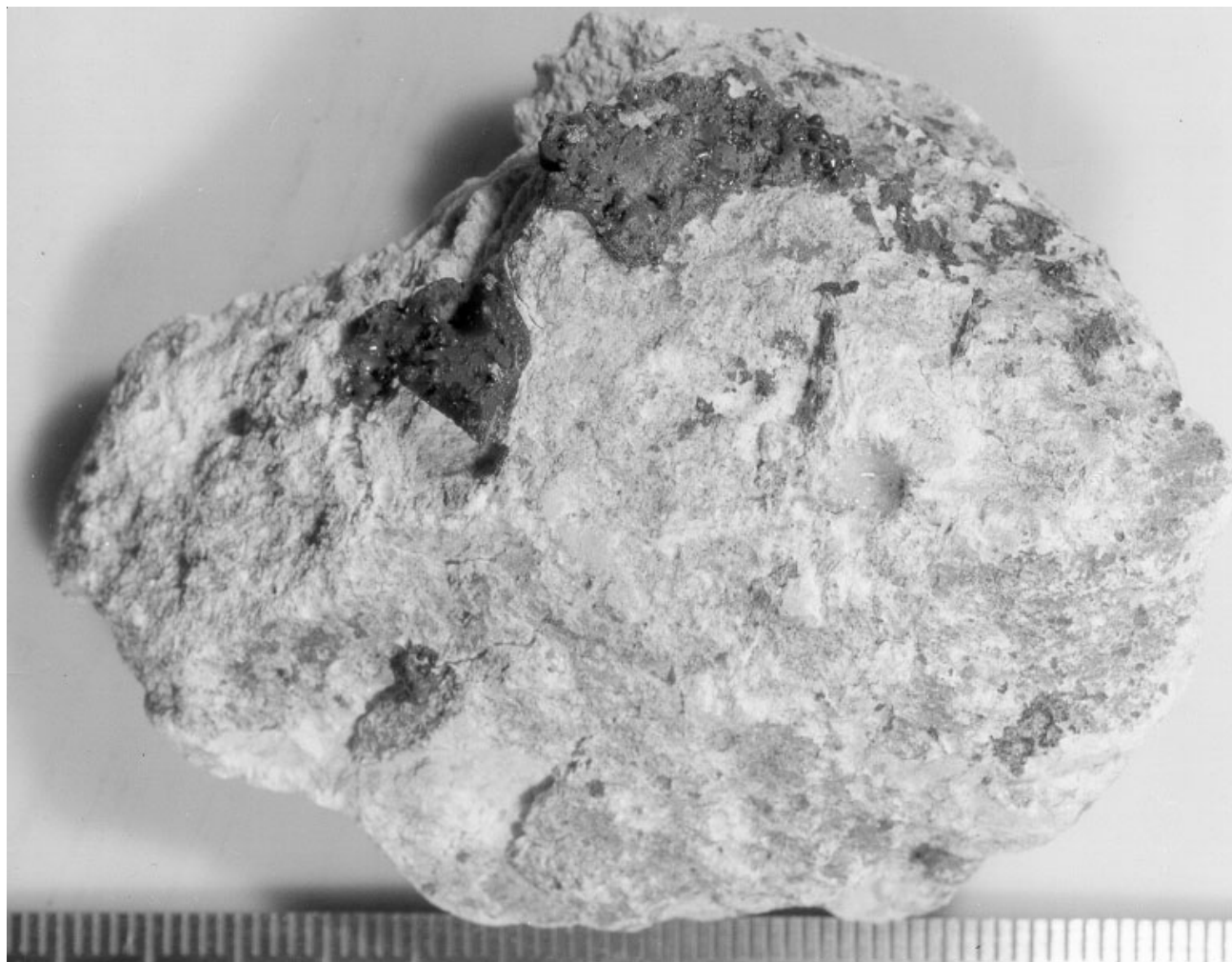


Figure 1: Photo of 65235. Scale in mm/cm. NASA S72-47662.

Introduction

Lunar sample 65325 is a friable anorthosite very like 65315 from the same sample bag (and may have been part of it). It is chemically pristine (i.e. low Ir, low KREEP).

Petrography

The interior of 65325 is ~99% plagioclase (An_{97}) with ~1% orthopyroxene (Wo_2En_{63}), trace ilmenite and rust. The texture is that of a badly crushed rock with broken fragments of plagioclase (1.0 to 0.1 mm) arranged in a jumble (figure 2). It plots in the field of ferroan anorthosite (figure 4).

The glass coating attached to this sample has higher REE content than the glass attached to 65315 (figure 5).

Mineralogy

Olivine: none

Pyroxene: Warren and Wasson (1978) determined orthopyroxene was Wo_2En_{63} . Bersch et al. (1991) presented precise pyroxene analyses (figure 3).

Plagioclase: Warren and Wasson (1978) reported plagioclase was An_{96-97} .

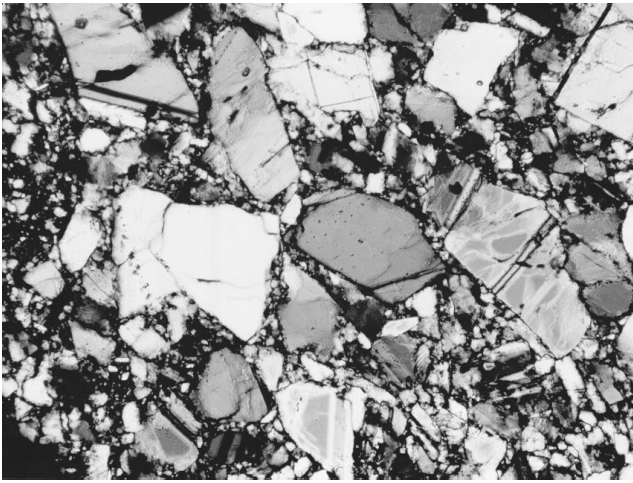


Figure 2: Photomicrograph of thin section 65325,6. Field of view is 1.3 mm. NASA S79-27681.

Ilmenite: trace

Rust: Hunter and Taylor (1981) reported “rust”.

Chemistry

Warren and Wasson (1978) and Ebihara et al. (1992) determined the composition of 65325 (table 1). Morris et al. (1986) found the glass coating was high in KREEP (figure 5). Cirlin and Housley (1981) determined Cd and Zn contents.

Other Studies

Cirlin and Housley (1981) showed that most of the Zn in 65235 was on the surface of the cracks (figure 6).

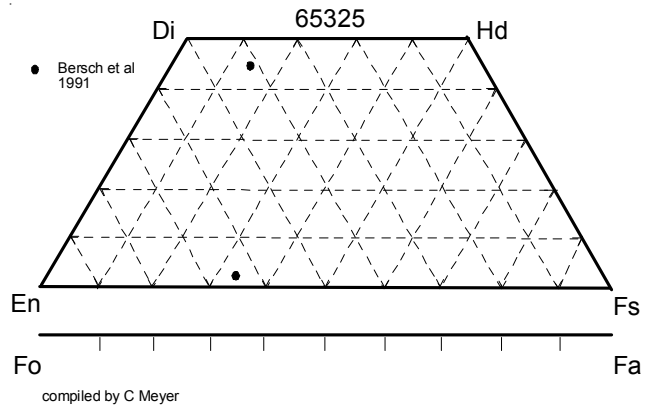


Figure 3: Pyroxene composition of 65325 (Bersch et al. 1991).

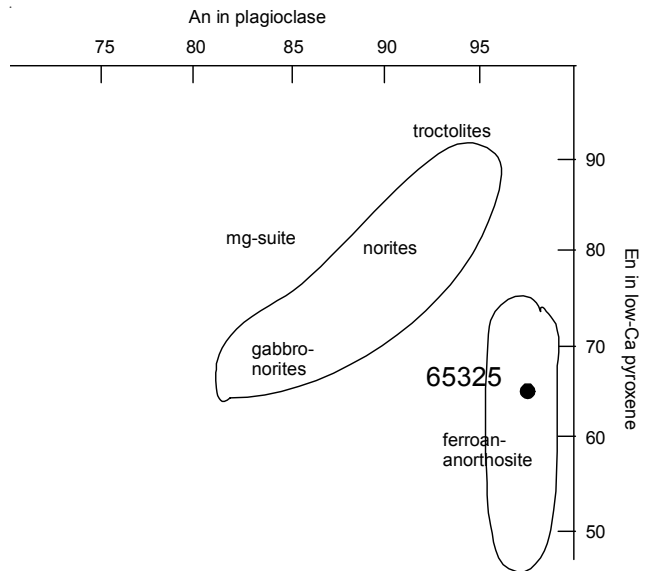


Figure 4: Plagioclase and pyroxene composition of 65325 (data from Warren and Wasson 1978).

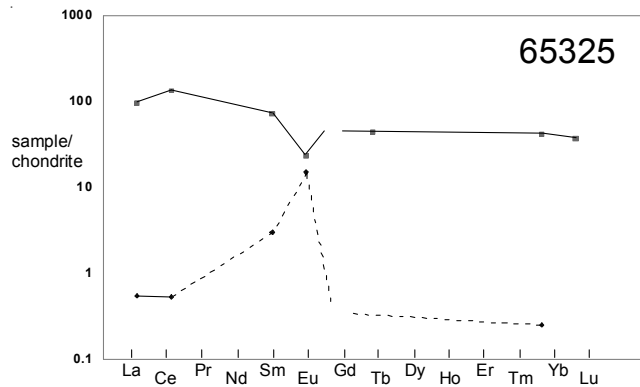


Figure 5: Normalized rare-earth-element composition diagram for 65325 and glass coating (data from Warren and Wasson 1978 and Morris et al. 1986).

Table 1. Chemical composition of 65325.

reference weight	Warren78		Ebihara92		glass Morris 86 See 86	Cirlin and Housley 1981		
SiO2 %		44.07	(b)		44.73	(c)		
TiO2					0.39	(c)		
Al2O3		35.1	(b)		26.51	(c)		
FeO	0.3	0.27	(b)		5.71	(c)		
MnO	0.008	0.008	(b)					
MgO		0.23	(b)		7.48	(c)		
CaO	19.6	19.7	(b)		14.82	(c)		
Na2O	0.39	0.38	(b)		0.35	(c)		
K2O					0.06	(c)		
P2O5								
S %								
sum								
Sc ppm	0.44	0.41	(b)		10.92	(b)		
V								
Cr	23.8	31.1	(b)		991	(b)		
Co	1.08	0.93	(b)		19	(b)		
Ni	<23	0.68	(b)	<2.22	(a) 364	(b)		
Cu								
Zn	24	20	(b)	19.7	(a)	1	1.3	<20 microns
Ga	4.49	4	(b)					
Ge ppb	16.1	39	(b)	10.8	(a)			
As								
Se				2.76	(a)			
Rb								
Sr								
Y								
Zr								
Nb								
Mo								
Ru								
Rh								
Pd ppb				<0.61	(a)			
Ag ppb				0.508	(a)			
Cd ppb	39	32	(b)	2.73	(a)	2.5		(d)
In ppb	<70	72	(b)	78	(a)			
Sn ppb								
Sb ppb				0.437	(a)			
Te ppb				1.27	(a)			
Cs ppm				0.0012	(a)			
Ba					273	(b)		
La	0.11	0.13	(b)		22.6	(b)		
Ce		0.32	(b)		81.1	(b)		
Pr								
Nd								
Sm	0.4	0.44	(b)		10.75	(b)		
Eu	0.78	0.83	(b)		1.32	(b)		
Gd								
Tb					1.61	(b)		
Dy								
Ho								
Er								
Tm								
Yb		0.04	(b)		6.78	(b)		
Lu					0.89	(b)		
Hf					6.94	(b)		
Ta					0.8	(b)		
W ppb								
Re ppb		0.015	(b)					
Os ppb								
Ir ppb	0.12	0.0076	(b)	0.017	(a)			
Pt ppb				<0.27	(a)			
Au ppb	0.052	0.021	(b)	<0.01	(a)			
Th ppm					4.09	(b)		
U ppm				0.001	(a) 1.08	(b)		

technique: (a) RNAA, (b) INAA, (c) emp, (d) FLAA

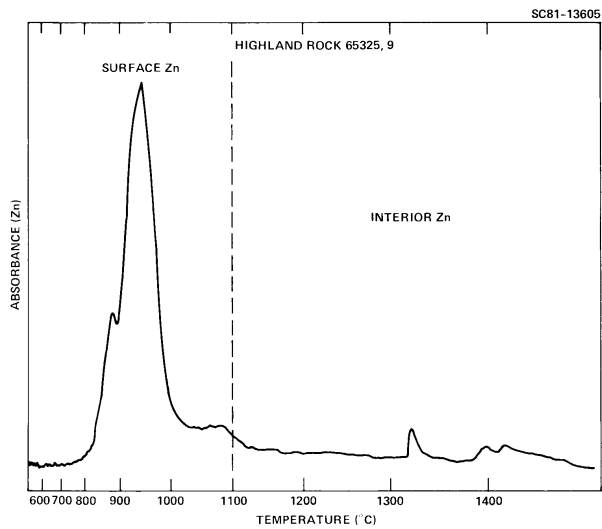


Figure 6: Thermal release profile of Zn in a pristine anorthositic 65325 showing that most of the Zn in this sample is on the surface of the cracks (from Cirlin and Hosely 1981).

