Thin sections Site U1554

THIN SECTION LABEL ID: 395C-U1554E-50X-2-W 71/74-TSB-TS 59

Observer: Tao Wu, Nicky White, Deb Eason, Gabriel Pasquet Piece no.:

Lithology: sparsely plagioclase phyric basalt

Thin section summary: (Likely DROPSTONE) Porphyritic, with <5% subhedral-euhedral plagioclase phenocrysts (up to 1.3 mm). No zone texture evident. Fine-grained (~0.1mm) holocrystalline groundmass consisting of cpx (50%), plagioclase (30%) and Fe-Ti oxides (20%). Slightly alteration to clay, but most minerals are still fresh.

Plane-polarized:



Cross-polarized:



THIN SECTION LABEL ID: 395C-U1554F-5R-3-W 54/57-TSB-TS 9

Observer: Callum Pearman, Gabriel Pasquet, Tao Wu, David McNamara Piece no.:

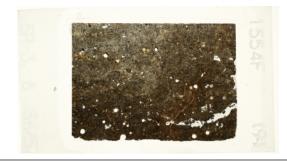
Lithology: sparsely olivine phyric basalt

Thin section summary: Intersertal texture. Bottom left-hand corner of section contains plag-enriched bands, a smaller

proportion of opaque oxides, and abundant relatively large olivine phenocrysts (up to 1 mm). Olivine crystals with spinel inclusions commonly aggregated together. Domain is likely to be an altered part of this section. Groundmass largely altered to FeO/OH and saponite. Other half of section dominated by opaque and isotropic material. Plagioclase only present as faint acicular laths. Groundmass mostly opaque with abundance of cpx mesostasis. Vesicles display

complex mineral fills and textures.

Plane-polarized:



Cross-polarized:



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Groundmass: Olivine, opaque oxides, cpx mesostasis.

Alteration: Moderate to high. Groundmass altered to FeO/OH and saponite with celadonite patches. Vesicles show complex filling textures and mineral fills of FeO/OH, saponite, calcite, celadonite, and possible zeolites.

Olivine weakly altered to saponite. Saponite/celadonite filled veinlet.

Mineral	%	Size min. (mm)	Size max. (mm)	Size ave. (mm)	Shape	Habit	Comments
Olivine	5	0.02	1	0.3	subhedral	subequant	
Plagioclase	7	0.02	0.6	0.2	subhedral	elongate	Unimodal grain distribution (no small tabular skeletal grains); plag-rich bands

THIN SECTION LABEL ID: 395C-U1554F-7R-2-W 132/135-TSB-TS 10

Observer: Callum Pearman, Gabriel Pasquet, Tao Wu, David McNamara Piece no.:

Lithology: sparsely olivine phyric basalt

Thin section summary: Intersertal texture. This section contains olivine glomerocrysts and phenocrysts. Aggregated

olivine crystals with spinel inclusions. Plagioclase crystals are small and occur in aligned flow bands of variable orientation suggestive of non-laminar flow in absence of olivine synneusis.

Groundmass weakly altered to saponite and celadonite in patches.

Plane-polarized:



Cross-polarized:



Igneous Petrology

Groundmass: Edges of section have mostly opaque groundmass. Olivine throughout. Disseminated magnetite.

Alteration: Low to moderate. Groundmass altered in patches to celadonite and saponite with very minor chlorite, also to an iddingsite material in places. Calcite vesicle fills. Olivine phenocrysts weakly altered to FeO/OH and

saponite.

Mineral	%	Size min. (mm)	Size max. (mm)	Size ave. (mm)	Shape	Habit	Comments
Olivine	5	0.03	0.55	0.2	subhedral	subequant	Glomerocrysts common
Plagioclase	10	0.04	0.6	0.3	subhedral	elongate	Small, fairly uniform needles/spindly laths; no tabular skeletal grains

THIN SECTION LABEL ID: 395C-U1554F-10R-1-W 38/41-TSB-TS 11

Observer: Callum Pearman, Gabriel Pasquet, Tao Wu, David McNamara Piece no.:

Lithology: sparsely olivine phyric basalt

Thin section summary: Small aggregated olivine phenocrysts sometimes altered to saponite. Groundmass shows

intergranular and intersertal texture. Space between plagioclases occupied by cpx

microcrystals, mesostasis, altered cpx mesostasis, opaque oxides, and altered glass. Top half of section contains significanty reduced crystal load compared to bottom half. Top half has more tabular skeletal grains and reduced amount of opaque oxides/altered glass. No obvious alignment of plagioclase. Change across section is gradational. Bottom half has relatively large plagioclase crystals, many of which are aligned. Small amount of tabular hopper

plagioclase. More interstitial cpx in bottom half of section. Weakly altered.

Plane-polarized:



Cross-polarized:



Igneous Petrology

Groundmass: Olivine, opaque oxides, cpx mesostasis, interstitial cpx at base of section.

Alteration: Low. Groundmass weakly altered to saponite, FeO/OH, and minor celadonite. Olivine phenocrysts altered to saponite and minor chlorite. Few vesicles filled with yellow to green celadonite.

Mineral	%	Size min. (mm)	Size max. (mm)	Size ave. (mm)	Shape	Habit	Comments
Olivine	7	0.03	0.21	0.12	subhedral	subequant	
Plagioclase	35	0.04	1.3	0.6	subhedral	elongate	Few areas of small tabular skeletal grains; some larger grains with undulose extinction
Clinopyroxene	2						Interstitial, mesostasis; more at bottom of section

THIN SECTION LABEL ID: 395C-U1554F-13R-1-W 133/136-TSB-TS 12

Observer: Callum Pearman, Gabriel Pasquet, Tao Wu, David McNamara Piece no.:

Lithology: sparsely olivine phyric basalt

Thin section summary: Small and sparse olivine phenocrysts, larger ones contain spinel inclusions and are altered to

saponite. Groundmass has intersertal texture. Two types of plagioclase: acicular to tabular skeletal elongated laths; small tabular skeletal grains. Acicular/elongated grains are more abundant with frequent snowflake geometries. Olivine variably replaced by celadonite and chlorite. Low alteration of groundmass to saponite and FeO/OH. Cpx mesostasis within interstitial spaces sometimes forming distinguishable cpx.

Plane-polarized:



Cross-polarized:



Igneous Petrology

Groundmass: Olivine, opaque oxides, dendritic magnetite, pyrite, cpx mesostasis, plagioclase.

Alteration: Low. Groundmass altered to saponite and FeO/OH. Olivine phenocrysts altered to saponite and chlorite. Saponite, celadonite, and FeO/OH phases fill vesicles.

Mineral	%	Size min. (mm)	Size max. (mm)	Size ave. (mm)	Shape	Habit	Comments
Olivine	3	0.04	0.3	0.2	subhedral	subequant	Some melt inclusions
Plagioclase	25	0.06	3	0.4	subhedral	elongate	Bow-tie pl-textures common; occasional larger grains with undulose extinction

THIN SECTION LABEL ID: 395C-U1554F-14R-3-W 59/62-TSB-TS 13

Observer: Callum Pearman, Gabriel Pasquet, Tao Wu, David McNamara Piece no.:

Lithology: sparsely olivine phyric basalt

Thin section summary: Small aggregated olivine phenocrysts with spinel inclusions. Groundmass has intersertal

texture. Small acicular plagioclase laths surrounded by mesostasis. Green celadonite, saponite and FeO/OH alteration of groundmass. Vesicles show complex mineral and textural

filling.

Plane-polarized:



Cross-polarized:



Igneous Petrology

Groundmass: Cpx mesostasis. Opaque oxides, disseminated magnetite. Olivine.

Alteration: Moderate. Groundmass moderately altered to saponite, FeO/OH and green celadonite. Olivine variably

altered to saponite. Layered and zoned vesicles, with FeO/OH, saponite, green to pale green celadonite, and purity. Coladonite veinlet

and pyrite. Celadonite veinlet.

Mineral	%	Size min. (mm)	Size max. (mm)	Size ave. (mm)	Shape	Habit	Comments
Olivine	5	0.04	0.5	0.2	subhedral	subequant	
Plagioclase	10	0.04	1	0.5	subhedral	elongate	Some bow-tie/star structures

THIN SECTION LABEL ID: 395C-U1554F-16R-2-W 74/77-TSB-TS 14

Observer: Callum Pearman, Gabriel Pasquet, Tao Wu, David McNamara Piece no.:

Lithology: sparsely olivine phyric basalt

Thin section summary: A single large (1.6 mm) olivine phenocryst. Olivine shows some replacement to saponite and chlorite along cracks. Groundmass is crystallized with intergranular texture, with low alteration to saponite. Abundant plagioclase laths surrounded by smaller cpx crystals that infill interstitial spaces to produce subophitic texture. Sparse opaque oxides. Lack of mesostasis implies

slower rate of cooling.

Plane-polarized:



Cross-polarized:



Igneous Petrology

Groundmass: Interstitial cpx, sparse olivine, numerous magnetite, plagioclase.

Alteration: Low. Groundmass altered to saponite in places. Olivine shows minor replacement to saponite and minor chlorite. Saponite vesicles.

Mineral	%	Size min. (mm)	Size max. (mm)	Size ave. (mm)	Shape	Habit	Comments
Olivine	6	0.08	1.6	0.5	subhedral	subequant	
Plagioclase	40	0.1	2.25	0.75	subhedral	elongate	Some large plagioclase laths; most show skeletal habit; a lot of disseminated plag; subophitic texture
Clinopyroxene	10	0.02	0.6	0.1	subhedral		Subophitic, interstitial

THIN SECTION LABEL ID: 395C-U1554F-17R-1-W 62/65-TSB-TS 15

Observer: Callum Pearman, Gabriel Pasquet, Tao Wu, David McNamara Piece no.:

Lithology: sparsely olivine phyric basalt

Thin section summary: Sparse olivine phenocrysts partially altered to saponite and chlorite. One large (~2 mm)

altered olivine phenocryst to saponite. Groundmass has intersertal texture altered to FeO/OH and saponite in places. Small plagioclase laths and olivines within groundmass surrounded by

feathery gry cpx mesostasis. Vesicles filled with saponite and some celadonite.

Plane-polarized:



Cross-polarized:



Igneous Petrology

Groundmass: Cpx mesostasis (gray, feathery mesostasis texture), Opaque oxides. Minor olivine, plagioclase.

Alteration: Moderate. Groundmass altered to FeO/OH and saponite. Vesicles with saponite and some celadonite. Olivine phenocrysts altered into saponite and minor chlorite. Pyrite in olivine relicts.

Mineral	%	Size min. (mm)	Size max. (mm)	Size ave. (mm)	Shape	Habit	Comments
Olivine	3	0.04	0.3	0.15	subhedral	subequant	
Plagioclase	20	0.04	0.8	0.3	subhedral	elongate	Local alignment of acicular plag laths

THIN SECTION LABEL ID: 395C-U1554F-18R-4-W 16/19-TSB-TS 16

Observer: Callum Pearman, Gabriel Pasquet, Tao Wu, David McNamara Piece no.:

Lithology: sparsely olivine phyric basalt

Thin section summary: Small aggregated olivine phenocrysts with spinel inclusions. Groundmass has intersertal

texture. Acicular plagioclase laths within matrix of mesostasis cpx, olivine, and plagioclase. Opaque-rich section which was probably rapidly cooled. Right-hand margin is more aphyric. Saponite, green celadonite, and FeO/OH alteration present throughout the groundmass.

Olivines partially replaced by saponite and chlorite along cracks.

Plane-polarized:



Cross-polarized:



Igneous Petrology

Groundmass: Cpx mesostasis, gray alteration material. Opaque oxides, olivine, plagioclase.

Alteration: Moderate to high. Groundmass altered moderately to saponite and green celadonite throughout. Some development of iddingsite material in goundmass. Vesicles infilled and layered with FeO/OH, saponite, and

green celadonite. Olivine altered to saponite, FeO/OH, and chlorite, often localized along cracks.

Mineral	%	Size min. (mm)	Size max. (mm)	Size ave. (mm)	Shape	Habit	Comments
Olivine	4	0.04	0.6	0.25	subhedral	subequant	
Plagioclase	25	0.04	1.2	0.4	subhedral	elongate	Conical fan-like geometry, bow ties; no overall alignment

THIN SECTION LABEL ID: 395C-U1554F-20R-2-W 87/90-TSB-TS 17

Observer: Callum Pearman, Gabriel Pasquet, Tao Wu, David McNamara Piece no.:

Lithology: sparsely olivine phyric basalt

Thin section summary: Sparse (<5%) olivine phenocrysts with occasional spinel inclusions. Groundmass has

intersertal texture and weakly altered to clay, celadonite, and FeO/OH. Small mostly acicular (but also tabular and prismatic) plagioclase crystals in groundmass matrix of poorly developed intersitial cpx and opaque/isotropic material which is probably altered glass. Reasonably

abundant interstitial cpx.

Plane-polarized:



Cross-polarized:



Igneous Petrology

Groundmass: Interstitial cpx, mesostasis, opaque oxides, olivine, plagioclase.

Alteration: Low to moderate. Olivine rims altered to saponite in places. Groundmass altered weakly to green celadonite, clays and FeO/OHs. Saponite, green celadonite, calcite and FeO/OH filled vesicles.

Mineral	%	Size min. (mm)	Size max. (mm)	Size ave. (mm)	Shape	Habit	Comments
Olivine	3	0.04	0.6	0.2	subhedral	subequant	
Plagioclase	30	0.06	0.75	0.4	subhedral	elongate	Dominantly acicular elongate crystals
Clinopyroxene	3				anhedral		Interstitial, mesostasis

THIN SECTION LABEL ID: 395C-U1554F-23R-1-W 121/124-TSB-TS 18

Observer: Callum Pearman, Gabriel Pasquet, Tao Wu, David McNamara Piece no.:

Lithology: sparsely olivine phyric basalt

Thin section summary: Relatively large plagioclases which decrease in average size from top to base of section.

Olivine phenocrysts are rare, but numerous olivine microphenocrysts within groundmass. Olivine often grouped within zones. Significant matching gradation in abundance of opaque material which is mixture of altered glass and oxide minerals. Base of section (where plagioclase laths are smaller) contains interstitial cpx, which decreases in abundance up section. Groundmass weakly altered to clay, FeO/OH and green celadonite. Green to yellow celadonite and saponite vesicles, evidence of one chloritized olivine.

Plane-polarized:



Cross-polarized:



Igneous Petrology

Groundmass: Opaque oxides, interstitial cpx, olivine, plagioclase.

Alteration: Low to moderate. Groundmass altered to clays, FeO/OHs and some green celadonite. Vesicles filled with green and yellow celadonite, FeO/OH and saponite. Chloritized olivine phenocryst.

Mineral	%	Size min. (mm)	Size max. (mm)	Size ave. (mm)	Shape	Habit	Comments
Olivine	1	0.03	0.6	0.1	subhedral	subequant	
Plagioclase	27	0.06	2.5	0.5	subhedral	elongate	Larger laths
Clinopyroxene	3				anhedral		Interstitial (more in bottom of section), mesostasis

THIN SECTION LABEL ID: 395C-U1554F-25R-1-W 125/128-TSB-TS 19

Observer: Callum Pearman, Gabriel Pasquet, Tao Wu, David McNamara Piece no.:

Lithology: sparsely olivine phyric basalt

Thin section summary: Small aggregated olivine phenocrysts with spinel inclusions. Groundmass has intersertal

texture. Very small plagioclase laths in groundmass that mostly consists of cpx mesostasis, altered glass and olivine. 5-mm-wide margin on right-hand side is aphyric. Abundant vesicles. Combination of low plagioclase phyric content, vesicularity, and opaque content (i.e. altered glass) implies rapid cooling. Moderate to high alteration to palagonite material (FeO/OH) and clay. Vesicles show layered filling by celadonite, saponite, FeO/OH and possible zeolite.

Plane-polarized:



Cross-polarized:



Igneous Petrology

Groundmass: Cpx mesostasis, opaque oxides, olivine, plagioclase.

Alteration: Moderate to high. Groundmass strongly altered to clay and FeO/OH (palagonite material). Vesicles show

linings of saponite and zeolite (phillipsite), FeO/OH, and yellow and green celadonite. Olivines partially

altered to saponite and FeO/OH.

Mineral	%	Size min. (mm)	Size max. (mm)	Size ave. (mm)	Shape	Habit	Comments
Olivine	5	0.02	1	0.25	subhedral	subequant	Several glomerocrysts; swallowtail forms common
Plagioclase	7	0.025	0.9	0.2	subhedral	elongate	

THIN SECTION LABEL ID: 395C-U1554F-27R-3-W 30/33-TSB-TS 20

Observer: Callum Pearman, Gabriel Pasquet, Tao Wu, David McNamara Piece no.:

Lithology: sparsely olivine phyric basalt

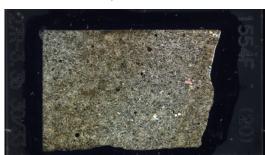
Thin section summary: Small aggregated olivine phenocrysts with spinel inclusions. Groundmass has intersertal texture. Moderately sized acicular plagioclase laths within matrix of cpx mesostasis, and altered glass/opaque oxides. Groundmass altered to celadonite and iddingsite material.

Vesicles contain a range of alteration minerals.

Plane-polarized:



Cross-polarized:



Igneous Petrology

Groundmass: Cpx mesostasis, olivine, plagioclase, opaque oxides/altered glass.

Alteration: Moderate to high. Groundmass altered to clays, caladonite, and FeO/OH. Green celadonite, saponite, calcite and FeO/OH fills in vesicles. Olivine rims altered to iddingsite material.

Mineral	%	Size min. (mm)	Size max. (mm)	Size ave. (mm)	Shape	Habit	Comments
Olivine	2	0.04	0.8	0.12	subhedral	subequant	
Plagioclase	25	0.025	0.6	0.3	subhedral	elongate	

THIN SECTION LABEL ID: 395C-U1554F-28R-3-W 23/26-TSB-TS 21

Observer: Callum Pearman, Gabriel Pasquet, Tao Wu, David McNamara Piece no.:

Lithology: sparsely olivine phyric basalt

Thin section summary: Small aggregated olivine phenocrysts with spinel inclusions. One large grain has zoned

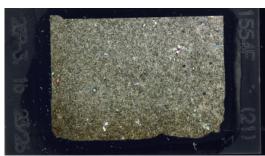
texture. Small tubular olivines within groundmass suggestive of rapid cooling. Groundmass has intersertal texture and is altered to saponite and FeO/OHs. Small skeletal plagioclase laths within mesostasis/glassy groundmass consistent with rapid cooling. No optically distinguishable cpx. Olivine phenocrysts are moderately abundant and relatively large, altered along cracks to saponite and chlorité. Plag too small to reach phenocryst size and is present in

groundmass alone. Vesicles have range of mineral fills.

Plane-polarized:



Cross-polarized:



Igneous Petrology

Groundmass: Cpx mesostasis, altered glass, olivine, opaque oxides.

Alteration: Moderate. Groundmass altered to saponite and FeO/OH. Olivine phenocrysts altered along cracks to saponite and chlorite. Vesicles filled with saponite, calcite and some green celadonite.

Mineral	%	Size min. (mm)	Size max. (mm)	Size ave. (mm)	Shape	Habit	Comments
Olivine	5	0.05	0.8	0.2	subhedral	subequant	Some grain clustering
Plagioclase	7	0.05	0.5	0.2	subhedral	elongate	

THIN SECTION LABEL ID: 395C-U1554F-31R-1-W 49/52-TSB-TS 22

Observer: Callum Pearman, Gabriel Pasquet, Tao Wu, David McNamara Piece no.:

Lithology: sparsely olivine phyric basalt

Thin section summary: Small aggregated olivine phenocrysts, locally altered to saponite and chlorite. Groundmass

has intersertal texture and is moderately to highly altered to clays and FeO/OH. Base of section contains large olivine phenocrysts altered to saponite set within glassy groundmass. Mostly isotropic groundmass contains mesostasis, altered glass, and minor olivine. Upper part of section contains greater abundance of plagioclase which occurs as small blades/acicular needles with no particular orientation. Olivine phenocrysts have spinel inclusions. Vesicles

filled with saponite, celadonite, FeO/OH, and zeolite.

Plane-polarized:



Cross-polarized:



Igneous Petrology

Groundmass: Cpx mesostasis, altered glass, olivine, opaque oxides, plagioclase.

Alteration: Moderate to high. Groundmass altered to FeO/OH, clays, and yellow celadonite. Olivine weakly altered to saponite and chlorite. Vesicles filled with saponite, FeO/OH, yellow and green celadonite, and some with radial zeolite (phillipsite). Large amount of altered glass.

Mineral	%	Size min. (mm)	Size max. (mm)	Size ave. (mm)	Shape	Habit	Comments
Olivine	4	0.04	1.6	0.25	subhedral	subequant	
Plagioclase	7	0.04	0.6	0.3	subhedral	elongate	

THIN SECTION LABEL ID: 395C-U1554F-32R-3-W 28/31-TSB-TS 23

Observer: Callum Pearman, Gabriel Pasquet, Tao Wu, David McNamara Piece no.:

Lithology: sparsely olivine phyric basalt

Thin section summary: Abundant plagioclase of variable morphology within highly altered (clay and FeO/OH)

groundmass consisting of mesostasis, minor olivine, altered glass, and oxides. Olivine phenocrysts partially or completely altered to saponite and chlorite. Goundmass contains some almost resolvable interstitial cpx. Large plagioclase crystals are quite common, with poor

habit and undulose extinction. Saponite-filled vesicles.

Plane-polarized:



Cross-polarized:



Igneous Petrology

Groundmass: Cpx mesostasis almost interstitial, olivine, opaque oxides/altered glass.

Alteration: Moderate. Groundmass altered to FeO/OH and clay with some disseminated magnetite (sometimes

deindritic). Olivine partially or completely altered to saponite and chlorite. Vesicles infilled with saponite and

minor FeO/OH and celadonite.

Mineral	%	Size min. (mm)	Size max. (mm)	Size ave. (mm)	Shape	Habit	Comments
Olivine	1	0.04	0.2	0.1	subhedral	subequant	
Plagioclase	35	0.1	1.75	0.4	subhedral	elongate	Larger grains with no clear habit, undulose extinction
Clinopyroxene	1						Some marginal interstitial cpx

Thin sections Site U1554

THIN SECTION LABEL ID: 395-U1554H-31X-1-W 6/8-TSB-TS01

Observer: SH Piece no.:

Lithology: quartzite

Thin section summary: DROPSTONE. Clean quartzite, very high quartz content, well sorted, with some mica that is probably metamorphosed clay alteration of detrital feldspar, some chert. The original grain boundaries of the quartz are largely (entirely?) obliterated by recrystallization but there are some dust rims around the (rounded) feldspar grains.

Plane-polarized:



Cross-polarized:

