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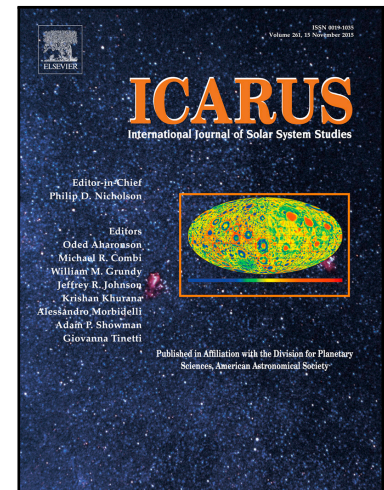
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Highlights

- Numerical modeling of the formation of Apollo basin undertaken
- Apollo likely formed by 40 km diameter object striking at 15 km/s into 20-40 km crust
- Models suggest target site was SPA ejecta deposits and collapsed crustal material
- Target plagioclase was highly shocked, matching remote sensing observations
- Comparisons to Schrödinger basin demonstrate SPA subsurface structure heterogeneity

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