



Petrology and geochemistry of D'Orbigny, geochemistry of Sahara 99555, and the origin of angrites

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Abstract—We have done a detailed petrologic study of the angrite, D'Orbigny, and geochemical study of it and Sahara 99555. D'Orbigny is an igneous-textured rock composed of Ca-rich olivine, Al-Ti-diopside-hedenbergite, subcalcic kirschsteinite, two generations of hercynitic spinel and anorthite, with the mesostasis phases ulvöspinel, Ca-phosphate, a silico-phosphate phase and Fe-sulfide. We report an unknown Fe-Ca-Al-Ti-silicate phase in the mesostasis not previously found in angrites. One hercynitic spinel is a large, rounded homogeneous grain of a different composition than the euhedral and zoned grains. We believe the former is a xenocryst, the first such described from angrites. The mafic phases are highly zoned; *mg*# of cores for olivine are ~64, and for clinopyroxene ~58, and both are zoned to Mg-free rims. The Ca content of olivine increases with decreasing *mg*#, until olivine with ~20 mol% Ca is overgrown by subcalcic kirschsteinite with about 30–35 mol% Ca. Detailed zoning sequences in olivine-subcalcic kirschsteinite and clinopyroxene show slight compositional reversals. There is no mineralogic control that can explain these reversals, and we believe they were likely caused by local additions of more primitive melt during crystallization of D'Orbigny.

D'Orbigny is the most ferroan angrite with a bulk rock *mg*# of 32. Compositionally, it is virtually identical to Sahara 99555; they are the first set of compositionally identical angrites. Comparison with the other angrites shows that there is no simple petrogenetic sequence, partial melting with or without fractional crystallization, that can explain the angrite suite. Angra dos Reis remains an anomalous angrite.

Angrites show no evidence for the brecciation, shock, impact metamorphism, or thermal metamorphism that affected the howardite, eucrite, diogenite (HED) suite and ordinary chondrites. This suggests that the angrite parent body may have followed a fundamentally different evolutionary path than did these other parent bodies.

INTRODUCTION

Angrites are an enigmatic group of mafic igneous rocks that were formed on an asteroidal parent body very early in solar system history (*e.g.*, Mittlefehldt *et al.*, 1998). They are characterized by Al-Ti-diopside-hedenbergite, Ca-rich olivine, kirschsteinite, anorthite and aluminous, Fe-rich spinels. Because they are rare, we have only a rudimentary understanding of the origin of the angrites. Thus, study of new angrites provides us with significant new information on the igneous processes that occurred on asteroids in the immediately post-natal solar system.

The first "comprehensive" study of angrites was done by Mittlefehldt and Lindstrom (1990), who presented a

geochemical study of all three angrites known at that time. They showed that Lewis Cliff (LEW) 86010 and LEW 87051 were plausibly connected *via* olivine control, and that Angra dos Reis was compositionally distinct. Further, they suggested that angrites were formed by partial melting of carbonaceous chondrite-like source regions in which olivine and aluminous spinel were residual phases. Later, a fourth angrite, Asuka (A)-881371 was recovered in Antarctica (Yanai, 1994), and showed petrologic and geochemical similarities particularly to LEW 87051 (Mikouchi *et al.*, 1996).

Recently, two new angrites have been found. Sahara 99555 is a 2.7 kg angrite from North Africa, and D'Orbigny is a 16.6 kg angrite from Argentina. Sahara 99555 is an igneous textured rock showing mineralogical and petrographic similarities to

the groundmass of A-881371 (Mikouchi *et al.*, 2000a,b). Preliminary petrologic descriptions show that D'Orbigny is a complex rock composed of two dense, crystalline fractions separated by a more porous fraction, and that it contains glass (Kurat *et al.*, 2001a,b; Varela *et al.*, 2001). The dense crystalline fraction is an igneous textured rock showing mineralogic and petrologic similarities to both A-881371 and Sahara 99555 (Kurat *et al.*, 2001a; Mikouchi and McKay, 2001; Mittlefehldt *et al.*, 2001). The advent of two new, and large, angrites indicates that the time is ripe to update the database on these rare meteorites, and reconsider the genesis of the group.

Here we report our completed petrologic and geochemical study of bulk samples of the compact portion of D'Orbigny. We have also done a comparative geochemical study of a bulk sample of Sahara 99555.

SAMPLES AND ANALYTICAL METHODS

We obtained a small chip of D'Orbigny from the finder for characterization. Several serial polished thin sections were made from this chip for petrographic observation and electron microprobe analysis (EMPA). From the remaining material, several small fragments were used to do instrumental neutron activation analysis (INAA) and fused-bead electron microprobe analysis (FB-EMPA) for major, minor and trace element characterization.

We did EMPA using the Cameca SX100 electron microprobe at NASA Johnson Space Center (JSC), and the Cameca SX50 electron microprobe at the University of Oklahoma. Analytical conditions for the SX100 probe were 20 kV, 40 nA for mafic silicates and oxides, and 15 kV 20 nA for plagioclase, all with a 1 μm beam. Analytical conditions for the SX50 probe were 20 kV, 20 nA with a 2 μm beam for mafic silicates, oxides and plagioclase. Representative and average mineral analyses are given in Tables 1–4. We also did backscattered electron and elemental mapping at JSC using 20 kV and 40 nA conditions with a focused beam.

We prepared two samples for geochemical analysis from the ~300 mg of chips used for this purpose. Some samples of D'Orbigny contain large, xenolithic olivine grains (Kurat *et al.*, 2001b; Mikouchi and McKay, 2001), but none were visible in our sample. D'Orbigny is a find, and there is some rusting of the accessory sulfides in the sample. From the chips, we handpicked those that appeared to be the least affected by the terrestrial environment. These chips, massing ~200 mg, were ground and homogenized, a 56 mg split taken for INAA, and an ~25 mg split was used for major element analysis. This latter split of the homogenized powder was fused into a glass bead in an Ar atmosphere and analyzed for major elements *via* EMPA on the JSC SX100 probe. Analytical conditions were 15 kV, 15 nA with the beam rastered over a 10 \times 10 μm area.

INAA was done using standard JSC procedures (Mittlefehldt, 1994) in two irradiations. The results of the first INAA on D'Orbigny showed slightly higher than expected K,

which we suspected might indicate terrestrial contamination. From the remaining chips of D'Orbigny, we removed potential terrestrial alteration material from the surfaces and handpicked the cleanest chips. These were further cleaned in ultra-pure water in an ultrasonic bath, dried and the entire sample was ground and used in the second irradiation. We also analyzed a small split of homogenized powder of Sahara 99555 prepared in L. Nyquist's clean laboratory. The exterior surface of this latter sample was mildly leached in 2N HCl prior to grinding. About 522 mg of Sahara 99555 was ground, homogenized and a 29 mg split was used for INAA.

Subsequent to INAA, the sample tubes for both D'Orbigny samples and the Sahara 99555 sample were broken open, the samples finely ground, and fused into glass beads as described above. These were analyzed for major elements on the JSC SX100 probe as described above, except that the sample current was set to 20 nA.

The major element data are presented in Table 5, where a single average analysis of all the D'Orbigny samples is given. The results of our INAA on the angrites are given in Table 6. An average of our analyses of U.S.G.S. standard rock BHVO-1 is also given in Table 6, along with the recommended values.

PETROGRAPHY AND MINERAL CHEMISTRY

General

Our sample of D'Orbigny is an unshocked, unmetamorphosed, vesicular rock consisting of Al-Ti-diopside-hedenbergite (formerly called fassaite), Ca-rich olivine, subcalcic kirschsteinite, anorthite, hercynitic spinel, ulvöspinel, Fe-sulfide, Ca-phosphate, a silico-phosphate phase, and an Fe-Ca-Al-Ti-silicate not previously reported from angrites. The overall texture is subophitic, with areas of graphic intergrowth of olivine + subcalcic kirschsteinite and anorthite (Fig. 1a). The Al-Ti-diopside-hedenbergite grains are up to ~3 mm long, generally subhedral with strong optical zoning. Anorthite grains are up to ~1 mm long, euhedral to subhedral, and often skeletal. Olivine grains are also up to ~1 mm long, euhedral to subhedral, and optically zoned. Hercynitic spinel occurs as ~50 μm euhedral grains enclosed in pyroxene and anorthite, but one of our thin sections also contains one ~0.8 mm rounded grain (Fig. 1b). Hercynitic spinel is surrounded by symplectic reaction boundaries. Ulvöspinel, Fe-sulfide, Ca-phosphate, silico-phosphate and Fe-Ca-Al-Ti-silicate occur in the mesostasis. Ulvöspinel grains are typically skeletal and roughly 100 μm in size. The silico-phosphate grains are euhedral to anhedral, about 10–20 μm in hexagonal cross section and ~100 μm in length. Groups of them are often poikilitically enclosed in clinopyroxene grain rims. The Fe-Ca-Al-Ti-silicate occurs as anhedral to subhedral grains ~50 μm in size. Iron sulfide occurs as irregular patches about 50–100 μm in size composed of numerous small, rounded grains.

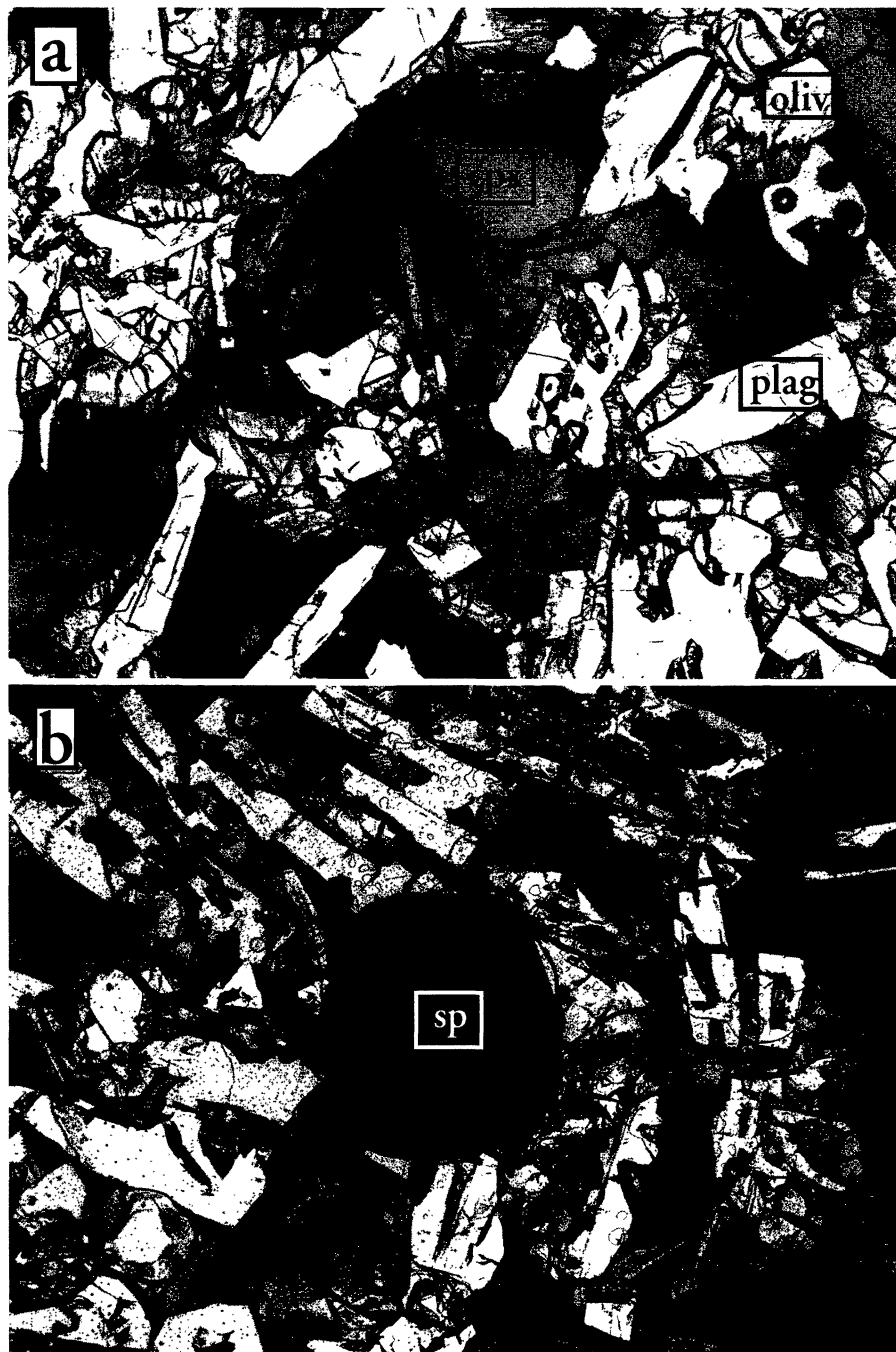


FIG. 1. Photomicrographs of general textural features of D'Orbigny. An olivine–plagioclase graphic intergrowth is just below label (a). Opaque areas are mesostasis, except for the large, rounded spinel in (b). A vesicle occurs below the labeled olivine. Plane-polarized light; fields of view are 2.3×1.7 mm.

Olivine and Subcalcic Kirschsteinite

Olivine is strongly zoned, and Ca-rich. Representative average olivine and subcalcic kirschsteinite compositions are given in Table 1. Olivine cores are homogeneous in composition; the most magnesian cores have molar $100 \times \text{MgO}/(\text{MgO} + \text{FeO})$ (*mg*%) ~ 64 , ~ 1.3 mol% Ca ($100 \times \text{Ca}/(\text{Ca} + \text{Mg} + \text{Fe})$) (Figs. 2 and 3) and contain 0.0008–0.0010 atoms per

formula unit (apfu) Cr. In general, olivine grains are zoned to about *mg*# 9 with Ca steadily increasing to ~ 20 mol%. These inner euhedral margins are overgrown by a band of subcalcic kirschsteinite (Fig. 4) with *mg*# 9 and 30–35 mol% Ca at the contact with olivine (Fig. 3). The subcalcic kirschsteinite is zoned to *mg*# ~ 0 with 33–35 mol% Ca. Olivine again appears in the margins of the composite grains at *mg*# 6–5 and about 17–20 mol% Ca, where it is intergrown with the subcalcic

TABLE 1. Representative average (ave) olivine and subcalcic kirschsteinite compositions and standard (std) deviations for D'Orbigny.

	Olivine										Subcalcic kirschsteinite									
	ave	std	ave	std	ave	std	ave	std	ave	std	ave	std	ave	std	ave	std	ave	std	ave	std
<i>n</i> *	6		5		7		6		6		4		3		3		3		3	
SiO ₂	36.3	0.1	32.2	0.3	31.4	0.3	31.3	0.4	30.6	0.1	30.4	0.1	31.7	0.1	31.64	0.04	31.46	0.04	31.0	0.4
TiO ₂	0.017	0.005	0.06	0.01	0.074	0.007	0.09	0.01	0.114	0.005	0.109	0.005	0.079	0.003	0.09	0.01	0.090	0.004	0.089	0.006
Al ₂ O ₃	0.070	0.002	0.032	0.007	0.026	0.002	0.030	0.008	0.027	0.003	0.029	0.005	0.014	0.002	0.06	0.04	0.016	0.001	0.015	0.002
Cr ₂ O ₃	0.043	0.006	0.004	0.004	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
FeO	30.9	0.2	53.8	0.6	56.7	0.5	54.8	0.8	57.9	0.2	59.3	0.4	45.7	0.1	48.0	0.3	47.8	0.1	48.8	0.6
MnO	0.326	0.005	0.71	0.01	0.80	0.02	0.809	0.008	0.802	0.007	0.73	0.04	0.679	0.005	0.72	0.01	0.70	0.01	0.58	0.03
MgO	31.0	0.2	10.2	0.3	5.3	0.2	3.06	0.09	1.0	0.1	0.09	0.02	1.85	0.05	1.93	0.04	1.17	0.02	0.04	0.02
CaO	0.89	0.01	3.5	0.4	6.0	0.3	10.4	0.5	9.6	0.2	9.2	0.4	20.63	0.07	18.2	0.4	19.3	0.2	19.3	0.2
Sum	99.546		100.506		100.301		100.491		100.044		99.859		100.654		100.641		100.537		99.825	
Molar Fe/Mn, 100 × Mg/(Mg + Fe) and mole percent Ca/(Ca + Mg + Fe), etc.																				
Fe/Mn	93.6		74.3		69.6		66.9		71.3		80.8		66.5		66.0		67.4		82.5	
mg#	64.2		25.3		14.4		9.1		3.1		0.3		6.7		6.7		4.2		0.1	
Ca	1.3		5.9		10.5		18.0		17.1		16.6		35.0		31.2		33.2		33.6	
Mg	63.3		23.8		12.9		7.4		2.5		0.2		4.4		4.6		2.8		0.1	
Fe	35.4		70.3		76.7		74.5		80.4		83.2		60.6		64.2		64.0		66.3	
Atoms per formula unit based on 4 oxygens																				
Si	0.99413		0.99866		1.00145		1.00196		1.00087		1.00342		0.99605		0.99929		0.99765		0.99725	
Ti	0.00035		0.00128		0.00177		0.00226		0.00280		0.00270		0.00187		0.00221		0.00215		0.00216	
Al	0.00221		0.00115		0.00096		0.00111		0.00102		0.00111		0.00051		0.00205		0.00059		0.00056	
Cr	0.00093		0.00010		—		—		—		—		—		—		—		—	
Fe	0.70710		1.39227		1.51098		1.46681		1.58329		1.63532		1.20310		1.26696		1.26840		1.31525	
Mn	0.00756		0.01873		0.02172		0.02192		0.02220		0.02024		0.01810		0.01919		0.01883		0.01594	
Mg	1.26546		0.47107		0.25332		0.14610		0.04983		0.00423		0.08665		0.09092		0.05521		0.00183	
Ca	0.02621		0.11619		0.20607		0.35500		0.33578		0.32628		0.69548		0.61684		0.65704		0.66730	

*Number of analyses averaged.

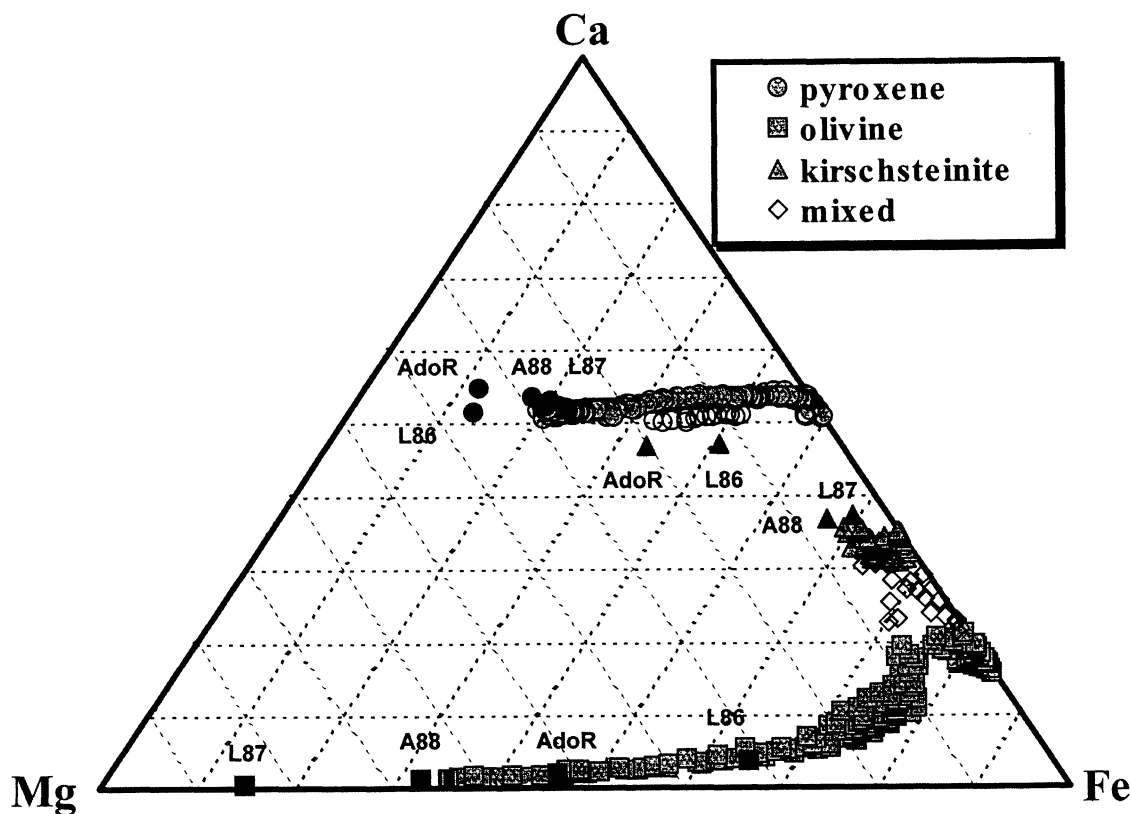


FIG. 2. Molar Ca-Mg-Fe triangular diagram of mafic silicates of D'Orbigny compared to literature data for most magnesian compositions for Asuka 881371 (A88), Angra dos Reis (AdoR), Lewis Cliff 86010 (L86) and LEW 87051 (L87). For A-881371 and LEW 87051, olivine phenocryst data are shown. Open circles are pyroxenes with distinctly low Al and Ti contents (see text and Fig. 6). Open diamonds (mixed) indicate analyses we believe overlapped both olivine and subcalcic kirschsteinite. Literature data are from Crozaz and McKay (1990); McKay, unpubl. data; Mikouchi *et al.* (1995, 1996); Prinz *et al.* (1977); Warren and Davis (1995); Yanai (1994).

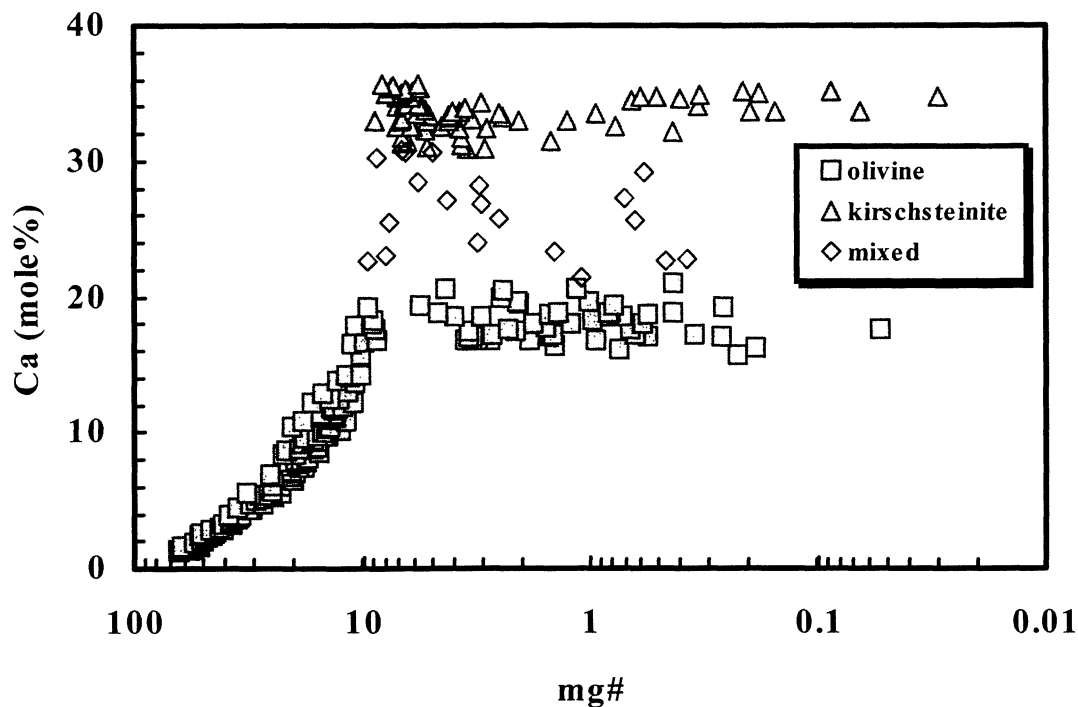


FIG. 3. Ca (mol%) vs. $mg\#$ for olivine and subcalcic kirschsteinite in D'Orbigny. Open symbols (mixed) indicate analyses we believe overlapped both phases. Note distinct gap in olivine compositions between about $mg\#$ 9 and 6.

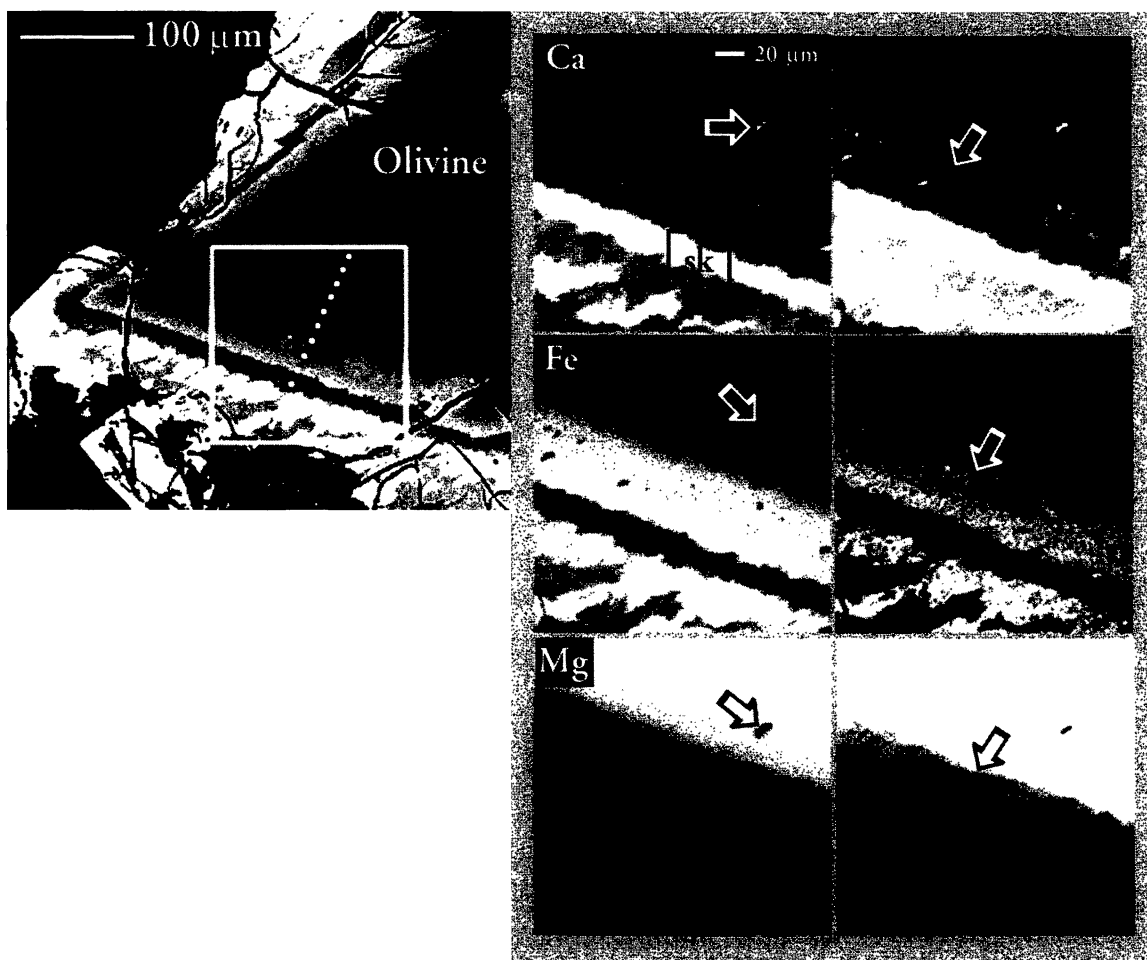


FIG. 4. Backscattered electron image and Ca, Fe and Mg x-ray maps of rim zoning in a composite olivine-subcalcic kirschsteinite grain. The dotted line shows the location of the zoning profile given in Fig. 5. The x-ray maps in the right column have been enhanced to bring out subtle details of the region between the homogeneous Mg-rich core and the first subcalcic kirschsteinite (sk) band. Arrows in right column show remnant Ca- and Fe-rich olivine enveloped by more Mg-rich overgrowths (reverse zoning in Fig. 5). Arrows in left column highlight small, Ca-rich, Fe- and Mg-free inclusions (Ca-phosphate?).

kirschsteinite. This complex intergrowth persists to the edge of the grains at *mg*# 0.

In detail, the zoning sequence can be more complex (Figs. 4 and 5). At the edge of the homogeneous olivine cores, the zoning sequence (first bright band in Fig. 4 backscattered electron image) begins with a decrease in *mg*# coupled with an abrupt increase in Ca (Fig. 5). The *mg*# decreases to ~19, while Ca increases to ~10 mol% over a distance of ~24 μm in this grain. (Because we do not know whether the plane of the section is normal to the zoning bands, the distances cited are maxima.) In this zone, Cr decreases from the homogeneous core content down to the detection limit (about 0.0001–0.0002 apfu) over a distance as short as 10–15 μm. There is then a short reversal in zoning in which the *mg*# rises and the Ca content decreases slightly, while Cr remains essentially below detection, followed by a return to normal zoning with *mg*# decreasing to ~10 and the Ca content reaching ~18 mol%. The first bright band contains numerous dark spots (in backscattered electron

imaging) of roughly micrometer size, which are not present elsewhere in the zoning profile (Fig. 4). These are rich in Ca, and are Fe- and Mg-free (Ca-phosphate?). The olivine is overgrown by a band of zoned subcalcic kirschsteinite with *mg*# decreasing from ~9 to 5, while Ca remains relatively constant at ~35 mol%. Outside the subcalcic kirschsteinite zone is a zone of mixed olivine and subcalcic kirschsteinite (Fig. 4) where *mg*# steadily decreases to ~0 while the Ca contents of olivine and subcalcic kirschsteinite remain relatively constant (Fig. 5).

Aluminum-Titanium-Diopside-Hedenbergite

The clinopyroxene is Al-Ti-diopside-hedenbergite which varies in *mg*# from ~58 to 0 with >50 mol% Ca (Fig. 2). Representative average clinopyroxene compositions are given in Table 2. The Ca and Ti contents show systematic variation with Mg (Fig. 6). At high Mg (about 0.55–0.20 apfu), the Ca

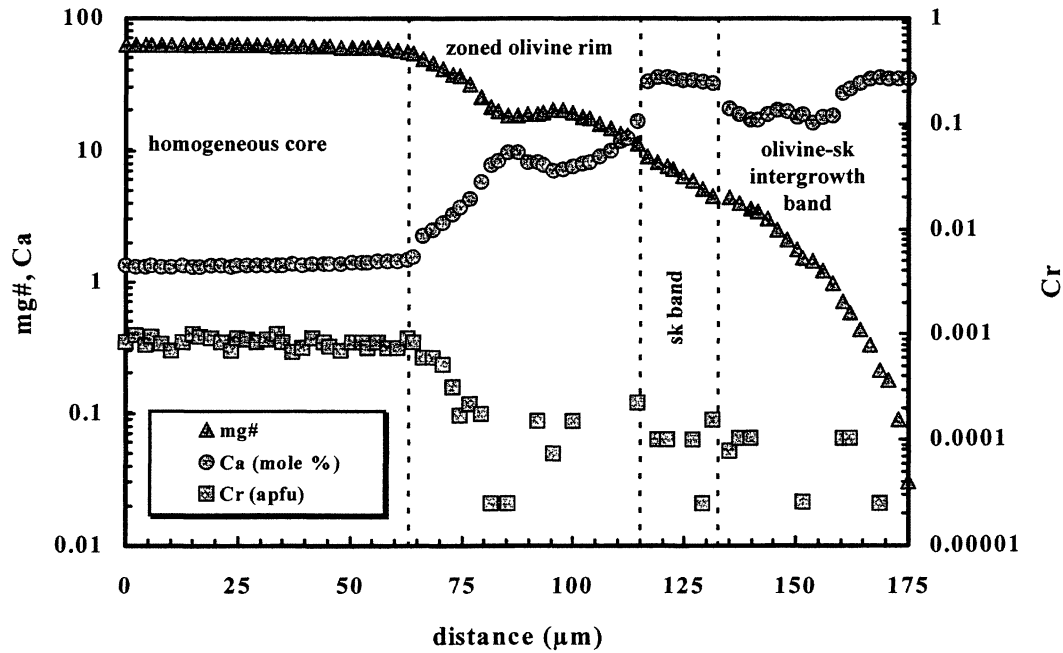


FIG. 5. Zoning profile for olivine-subcalcic kirschsteinite grain shown in Fig. 4. Vertical lines break-up the sequence into distinct regions. Note slight zoning reversal in the zoned olivine rim region at about 90–100 μm . Sk = subcalcic kirschsteinite.

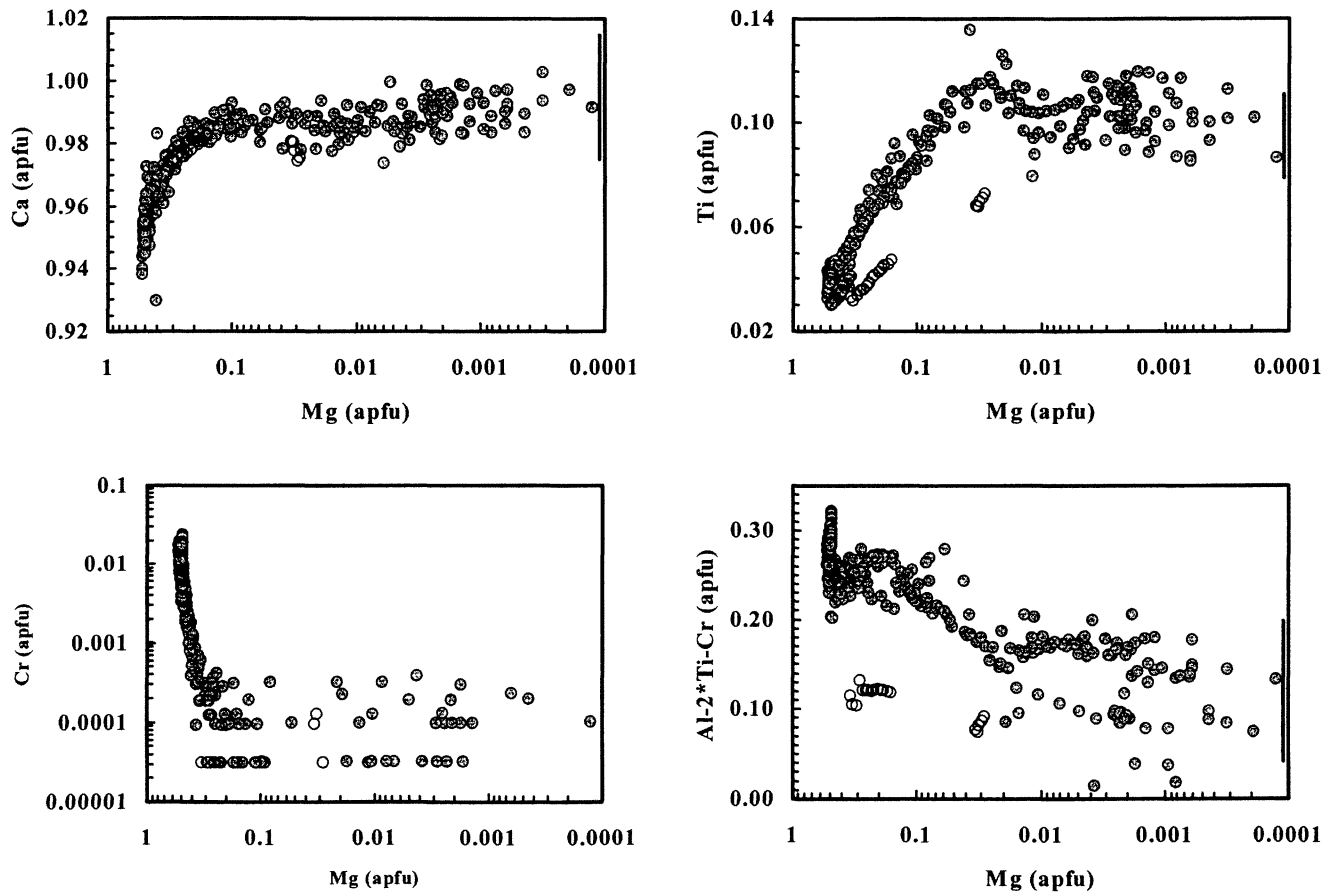


FIG. 6. Variation of Ca, Ti, Cr and Al-2*Ti-Cr with Mg—all in atoms per formula unit (apfu)—for clinopyroxene. Vertical bars show ranges in compositions for analyses with Mg of 0 apfu. The wide range in Ca at Mg ~ 0 is due to P-rich clinopyroxene in rim areas intergrown with silico-phosphate. Note that some analyses (open symbols) are distinct in both Ti and Al-2*Ti-Cr.

TABLE 2. Representative average (ave) clinopyroxene compositions and standard (std) deviations for D'Orbigny.

	ave	std	ave	std	ave	std	ave	std	ave	std	ave	std	ave	std
<i>n</i> *	7		7		6		4		4		3		10	
SiO ₂	45.9	0.1	46.4	0.3	44.8	0.6	43.0	0.2	45.9	0.2	41.1	0.4	40.5	0.2
TiO ₂	1.47	0.04	1.33	0.08	1.80	0.07	2.4	0.1	1.48	0.04	3.0	0.2	3.2	0.1
Al ₂ O ₃	9.0	0.1	7.5	0.3	8.0	0.4	8.8	0.3	4.55	0.04	9.1	0.1	7.7	0.3
Cr ₂ O ₃	0.54	0.07	0.27	0.04	0.015	0.006	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
FeO	11.7	0.1	12.67	0.08	16.7	0.3	20.2	0.2	22.7	0.4	22.9	0.5	26.0	0.1
MnO	0.133	0.002	0.148	0.008	0.173	0.008	0.188	0.006	0.237	0.002	0.19	0.01	0.174	0.006
MgO	9.01	0.06	9.0	0.1	5.9	0.1	3.3	0.1	3.2	0.2	1.34	0.02	0.006	0.008
CaO	23.51	0.05	23.1	0.2	23.3	0.3	23.20	0.09	22.95	0.07	22.7	0.3	22.4	0.1
Sum	101.263		100.418		100.688		101.089		101.017		100.333		99.980	
Molar Fe/Mn, 100 × Mg/(Mg + Fe) and mole percent Ca/(Ca + Mg + Fe), etc.														
Fe/Mn	86.5		84.5		95.2		106.0		94.6		119.7		147.6	
mg#	57.9		55.7		38.6		22.5		19.9		9.5		0.0	
Ca	52.1		50.9		52.3		53.3		50.9		53.5		52.5	
Mg	27.8		27.4		18.4		10.5		9.7		4.4		0.0	
Fe	20.2		21.7		29.3		36.2		39.3		42.1		47.5	
Atoms per formula unit based on 6 oxygens														
Si	1.73506		1.77345		1.74664		1.70062		1.83017		1.66396		1.67444	
Ti	0.04185		0.03813		0.05275		0.07285		0.04434		0.09131		0.09949	
Al	0.39227		0.33120		0.35875		0.40126		0.21010		0.42628		0.36946	
Cr	0.01618		0.00807		0.00046		—		—		—		—	
Fe	0.36866		0.40516		0.54345		0.66778		0.75843		0.77658		0.89860	
Mn	0.00426		0.00479		0.00571		0.00630		0.00801		0.00649		0.00609	
Mg	0.50786		0.51030		0.34208		0.19336		0.18785		0.08111		0.00037	
Ca	0.95273		0.94767		0.97117		0.98370		0.98154		0.98571		0.99290	

*Number of analyses averaged.

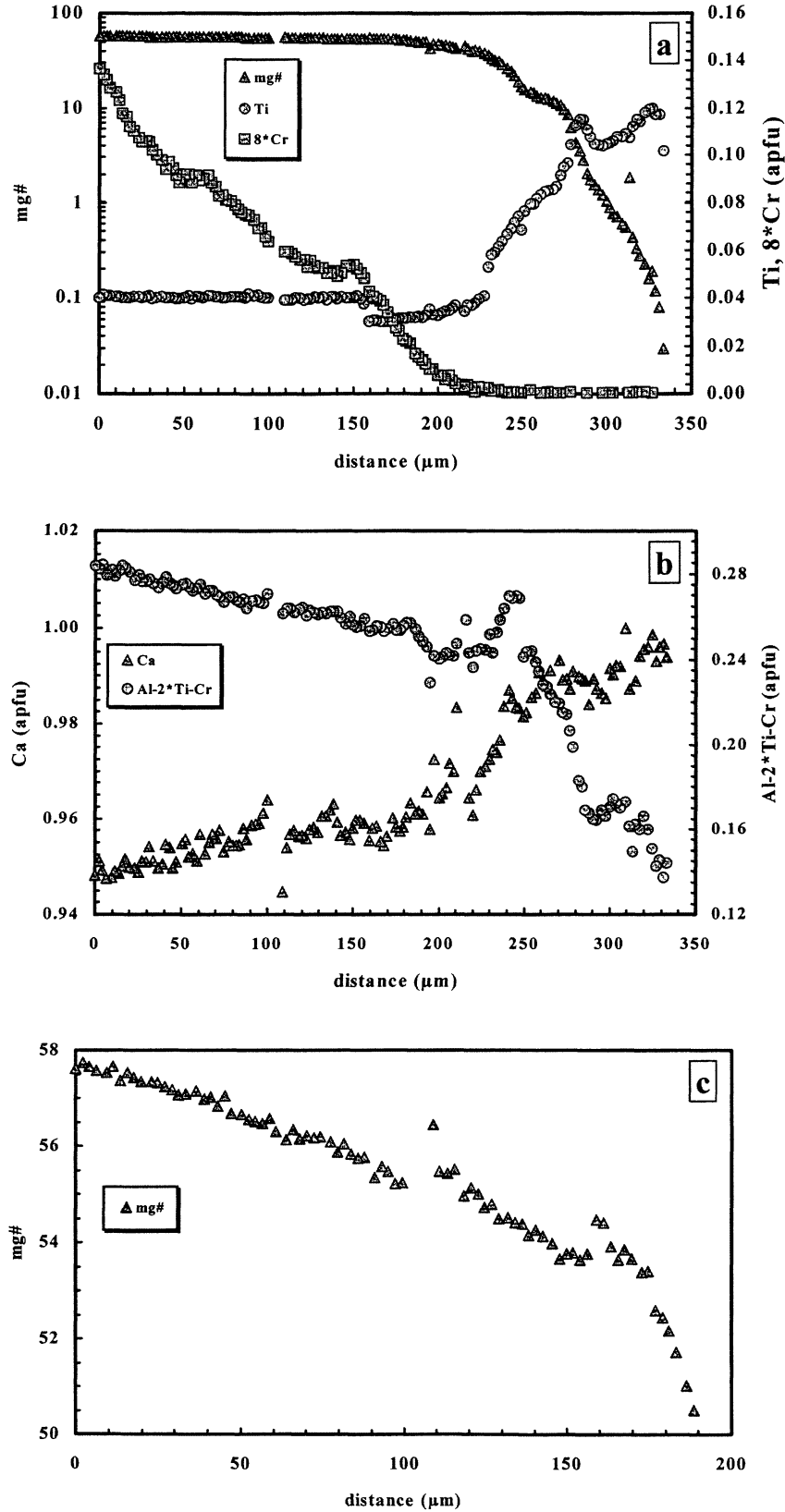


FIG. 7. Detailed zoning profile from center to rim of a large clinopyroxene grain in D'Orbigny. Note in particular slight reversals in trends for mg\# (expanded in (c)), and Cr (a), breaks in Ti (a), and variations in Al-2*Ti-Cr (b). Panel (c) shows an expanded view of mg\# variations in the central region of the grain.

content rapidly increases from ~ 0.94 to ~ 0.98 apfu, and thereafter remains relatively constant while the Mg content decreases to 0. Likewise, the Ti content increases while Mg decreases down to ~ 0.02 apfu. Titanium slightly decreases with a further slight decrease in Mg, but reaches a relatively constant, though scattered, content of ~ 0.10 apfu through the remainder of the compositional sequence. Note that there are some clinopyroxene grains with Ti contents distinct from the trend established by the majority (Fig. 6). The Cr content of clinopyroxene steeply decreases with Mg content, and reaches the detection limit when Mg is ~ 0.30 apfu (Fig. 6). Because Al is involved in coupled substitutions in clinopyroxene with Ti and Cr, we show the $\text{Al}-2*\text{Ti}-\text{Cr}$ (modified Al) content, effectively the $\text{R}^{2+}\text{Al}_2\text{SiO}_6$ component, vs. Mg in Fig. 6. This modified Al content is relatively constant for Mg of 0.55 to ~ 0.15 apfu, and then gradually decreases with decreasing Mg. Some grains at high Mg have unusually high modified Al. There are some grains with distinctly low modified Al; these are the same grains with low Ti contents.

Zoning in clinopyroxene is illustrated in Fig. 7. A $335\text{ }\mu\text{m}$ profile, taken from the grain center to the rim, shows slight decrease in *mg*# from ~ 58 to 53 over $170\text{ }\mu\text{m}$, followed by sharp decrease to ~ 0 at the rim. In detail, there are two breaks in *mg*# at ~ 110 and $\sim 160\text{ }\mu\text{m}$ where *mg*# slightly increases (Fig. 7c). The Cr content sharply decreases from the center out, with two slight reversals at ~ 60 and $150\text{ }\mu\text{m}$. Titanium is homogeneous in the central region, and there are two offsets in the Ti profile at ~ 160 and $230\text{ }\mu\text{m}$; the former coincides with the second break in the *mg*# profile. Both Ti and $\text{Al}-2*\text{Ti}-\text{Cr}$ show sharp variations in the outer $\sim 100\text{ }\mu\text{m}$. These are not correlated, however, the spike in the Ti profile immediately precedes a spike in the $\text{Al}-2*\text{Ti}-\text{Cr}$ content, and these correlate with a sharp increase in the Ca content.

Spinels

There are three distinct spinel phases: (1) a single large, rounded hercynitic spinel (Fig. 1b), (2) smaller hercynitic spinel enclosed in plagioclase and clinopyroxene, and (3) ulvöspinel in the mesostasis. The core of the large hercynitic spinel (Fig. 1b) is homogeneous over a distance of at least $300\text{ }\mu\text{m}$, with the composition $\text{Hc}_{38.0}\text{Sp}_{50.0}\text{Cm}_{3.9}\text{Mc}_{5.2}\text{Uv}_{0.5}\text{Mt}_{2.5}$ (Table 3; Fig. 8). The smaller hercynitic spinel grains are typically enclosed in clinopyroxene and plagioclase, and show ghost euhedral outlines—the grains now consist of variably rounded cores with symplectic borders that show the original euhedral outlines of the grains (Fig. 9). The small grains are distinct in composition from the large, rounded grain (Fig. 8). They contain a lower Mg content, yet higher Cr content, and are zoned showing increasing $\text{Fe}^{2+}-2*\text{Ti}-0.5*\text{Fe}^{3+}$ (Fe^{2+} excluding that in ulvöspinel and magnetite components) with decreasing Mg and Cr—that is, increasing hercynite with decreasing spinel, chromite and magnesiochromite (Table 3; Fig. 8)—over distances of $20\text{--}30\text{ }\mu\text{m}$. Both the large and small hercynitic

spinels have symplectic reaction rims containing spinels that are richer in Fe^{2+} , Fe^{3+} , Ti and sometimes Cr, and poorer in Al and Mg. The two grains shown in Fig. 9 have semi-continuous borders composed of micrometer-sized Cr-rich spinel grains. The mesostasis ulvöspinel grains are typically euhedral skeletal grains $\sim 100\text{ }\mu\text{m}$ across, with relatively uniform compositions of $\text{Hc}_{4.5\text{--}7.5}\text{Sp}_{0.0\text{--}0.4}\text{Cm}_{0.0}\text{Mc}_{0.0}\text{Uv}_{71.1\text{--}77.4}\text{Mt}_{17.6\text{--}21.4}$ (Table 3).

Mesostasis Phases and Plagioclase

Silico-phosphate is a poorly characterized phase found in some angrites (Kaneda *et al.*, 2001; Mikouchi *et al.*, 2000a; Mittlefehldt *et al.*, 2001; Prinz and Weisberg, 1995; Warren and Davis, 1995). In D'Orbigny, silico-phosphate is relatively homogeneous in composition, although we did find one grain with a distinctly different composition (Table 4). We have not done extensive study of this phase, however.

We have discovered an unidentified phase in the mesostasis not previously been reported from angrites. This phase is homogeneous in composition (Table 4) and has a cation/Si ratio of ~ 2.65 .

Plagioclase is $\sim \text{An}_{100}$, with $0.5\text{--}0.8\text{ wt}\%$ FeO and $0.1\text{--}0.3\text{ wt}\%$ MgO (Table 4).

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The major element composition and CIPW normative mineralogy of D'Orbigny, Sahara 99555 and other angrites are given in Table 5, and select major, minor and trace element contents of D'Orbigny and Sahara 99555 are given in Table 6. Like other angrites, D'Orbigny and Sahara 99555 are highly depleted in Na, with bulk rock Na_2O contents of $0.016\text{--}0.017\text{ wt}\%$, and have Ca/Al greater than the CI ratio. All angrites are critically silica-undersaturated, with normative nepheline and Ca_2SiO_4 (Cs). The FeO contents are slightly higher, while the MgO contents are slightly lower in D'Orbigny and Sahara 99555 than for any other angrite, giving them the lowest *mg*#s among angrites. D'Orbigny and Sahara 99555 have low Cr_2O_3 contents, $0.042\text{--}0.046\text{ wt}\%$, roughly three-eighths the content of the next lower angrite, LEW 86010.

Our INAA data on D'Orbigny and Sahara 99555 (Table 6) show that these two meteorites have very similar compositions. They both have the unusually low Cr contents and slightly high FeO. They have similar Co contents, which are higher than found for other angrites, except A-881371 (Mittlefehldt and Lindstrom, 1990; Warren *et al.*, 1995—Warren *et al.* give a preliminary Co content for A-881371 of $51\text{ }\mu\text{g/g}$). The rare earth elements (REE), Hf, Ta and Th in D'Orbigny and Sahara 99555 are also nearly identical; the REE in particular show a clear distinction between D'Orbigny and Sahara 99555 on the one hand, and all other angrites on the other (Fig. 10). The slight distinction between D'Orbigny and Sahara 99555 in La (Table 6; Fig. 10) plausibly reflects sample heterogeneity. Analyses of different splits of LEW 86010 and LEW 87051

TABLE 3. Representative analyses, and representative average (ave) spinel compositions and standard (std) deviations for D'Orbigny.

Grain	sp01 core		sp01 rim	sp12 core		sp12 rim	sp15		sp07		sp06		sp03		sp04	
	ave	std		ave	std		ave	std			ave	std	ave	std	ave	std
<i>n</i> *	13		2	4		1	8		1	1	1	4	7		3	
TiO ₂	0.263	0.006	1.85	0.327	0.005	0.360	0.342	0.004	0.341	0.353	0.358	1.18	26.42	0.08	24.79	0.04
SiO ₂	0.107	0.008	0.13	0.12	0.02	0.110	0.132	0.007	0.110	0.114	0.112	0.131	0.12	0.01	0.136	0.008
Cr ₂ O ₃	8.35	0.05	11.4	10.8	0.2	8.72	9.68	0.07	10.9	9.82	8.38	7.25	0.003	0.003	0.004	0.003
Al ₂ O ₃	54.4	0.1	42.6	51.9	0.1	52.2	52.0	0.1	51.3	51.8	52.8	47.2	2.88	0.02	3.35	0.07
V ₂ O ₃	0.168	0.003	0.31	0.189	0.001	0.203	0.203	0.003	0.194	0.199	0.203	0.142	—		—	
Fe ₂ O ₃	2.3	0.1	6.24	2.2	0.1	2.60	2.44	0.06	2.64	2.71	2.50	5.06	12.3	0.2	14.9	0.1
FeO	19.85	0.04	29.6	20.6	0.1	22.8	21.83	0.08	20.9	21.5	22.5	31.4	54.9	0.1	53.52	0.02
MnO	0.129	0.005	0.20	0.129	0.007	0.143	0.137	0.004	0.135	0.146	0.142	0.250	0.292	0.009	0.224	0.007
MgO	13.55	0.04	6.78	12.82	0.06	11.2	11.84	0.03	12.6	12.1	11.5	5.32	0.072	0.009	0.011	0.004
CaO	0.004	0.006	0.10	0.053	0.005	0.141	0.20	0.02	0.070	0.109	0.200	0.218	0.05	0.01	0.13	0.03
Sum	99.121		99.234	99.138		98.477	98.804		99.190	98.851	98.695	98.151	96.988		97.104	
Molar Fe/Mn and mole percent mineral end members, chromite, magnesiochromite, etc.																
Fe/Mn 152	146	158	146	158	157	157	157	153	146	156	124	187	242		229	
cm	3.91	8.93	4.98	5.42	4.98	5.24	5.54	5.54	5.19	4.68	6.35	0.00	0.00		0.01	
mc	5.15	4.61	4.74	6.51	4.74	4.49	6.51	6.51	5.68	4.62	2.22	0.00	0.00		0.00	
hc	37.98	49.62	44.43	38.66	44.43	41.96	38.83	38.83	40.84	43.92	61.83	4.24	6.42		7.51	
sp	50.03	25.62	42.31	46.44	42.31	44.01	45.63	45.63	44.70	43.39	21.56	0.46	0.06		0.02	
uv	0.54	4.18	0.76	0.68	0.76	0.72	0.72	0.72	0.74	0.76	2.66	77.59	75.89		71.06	
mt	2.40	7.04	2.77	2.29	2.77	2.57	2.78	2.78	2.85	2.64	5.69	17.72	17.62		21.39	
Atoms per formula unit based on 4 oxygens																
Ti	0.00540	0.04152	0.00681	0.00760	0.00717	0.00712	0.00739	0.00752	0.02640	0.77315	0.02640	0.77315	0.75550		0.70703	
Si	0.00292	0.00375	0.00343	0.00309	0.00368	0.00306	0.00318	0.00313	0.00389	0.00354	0.00389	0.00354	0.00453		0.00516	
Cr	0.18030	0.26872	0.23721	0.19353	0.21337	0.23966	0.21619	0.18505	0.17048	0.00006	0.17048	0.00006	0.00009		0.00012	
Al	1.75170	1.49359	1.69269	1.72556	1.70923	1.68047	1.70159	1.73679	1.65236	0.09355	1.65236	0.09355	0.12914		0.14993	
V	0.00368	0.00731	0.00420	0.00457	0.00454	0.00432	0.00444	0.00454	0.00338	—	0.00338	—	—		—	
Fe ³⁺	0.04767	0.13985	0.04543	0.05497	0.05115	0.05520	0.05664	0.05234	0.11318	0.35301	0.11318	0.35301	0.35071		0.42559	
Fe ²⁺	0.45352	0.73608	0.47671	0.53467	0.50929	0.48462	0.50194	0.52425	0.78158	1.76096	0.52425	0.78158	1.74691		1.69765	
Mn	0.00299	0.00504	0.00303	0.00340	0.00324	0.00318	0.00345	0.00336	0.00629	0.00942	0.00336	0.00629	0.00722		0.00742	
Mg	0.55170	0.30101	0.52891	0.46838	0.49230	0.52029	0.50194	0.47705	0.23549	0.00409	0.47705	0.23549	0.00062		0.00023	
Ca	0.00012	0.00313	0.00157	0.00424	0.00604	0.00208	0.00325	0.00598	0.00694	0.00220	0.00694	0.00220	0.00530		0.00687	

*Number of analyses averaged.
Abbreviations: sp01 = large, rounded spinel grain; sp07, sp12, sp15 = small, euhedral hercynitic spinels; sp03, sp04, sp06 = mesostasis ulvöspinels.

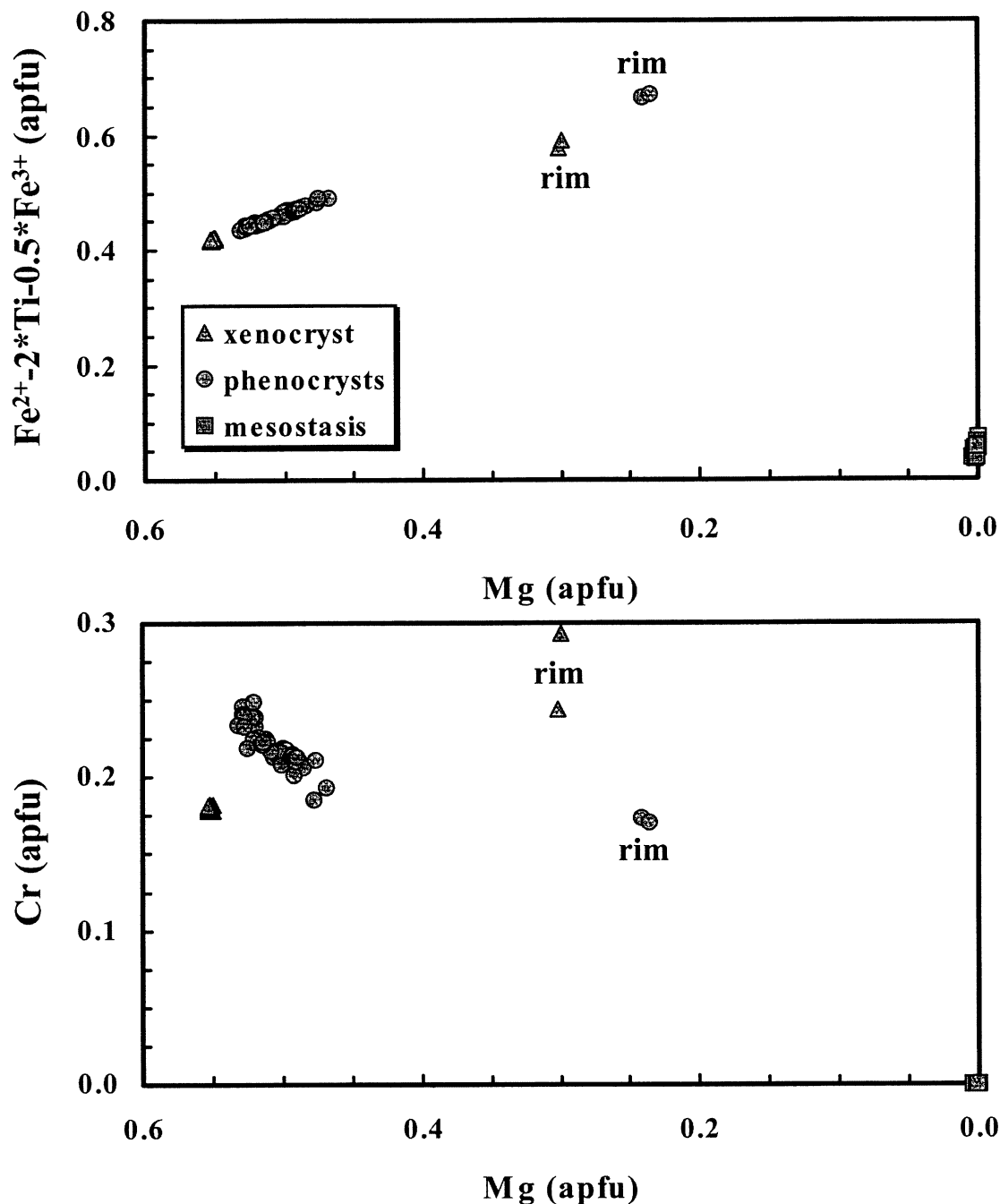


FIG. 8. Differences in $\text{Fe}^{2+} - 2\text{Ti} - 0.5\text{Fe}^{3+}$ (Fe^{2+} excluding that in ulvöspinel and magnetite components) and Cr vs. Mg—all in atoms per formula unit (apfu)—in texturally distinct spinel grains; a homogeneous large xenocryst; small zoned euhedral phenocryst grains, and mesostasis grains.

(Mittlefehldt and Lindstrom, 1990; Warren *et al.*, 1995) show even larger differences. The Sc content of Sahara 99555 is ~17% higher than D'Orbigny (Table 6), but here again, a similar difference was found for different splits of LEW 87051 (Mittlefehldt and Lindstrom, 1990; Warren *et al.*, 1995). This is the first case in which two angrites are essentially identical in composition. Although absolute abundances of incompatible lithophile elements distinguish all angrites from one another

(excluding D'Orbigny and Sahara 99555), the Sm normalized patterns for all of them, excluding Angra dos Reis, are very similar (Fig. 11).

DISCUSSION

Among meteorite classes, a large number of differentiated parent bodies are represented. Most of these are represented

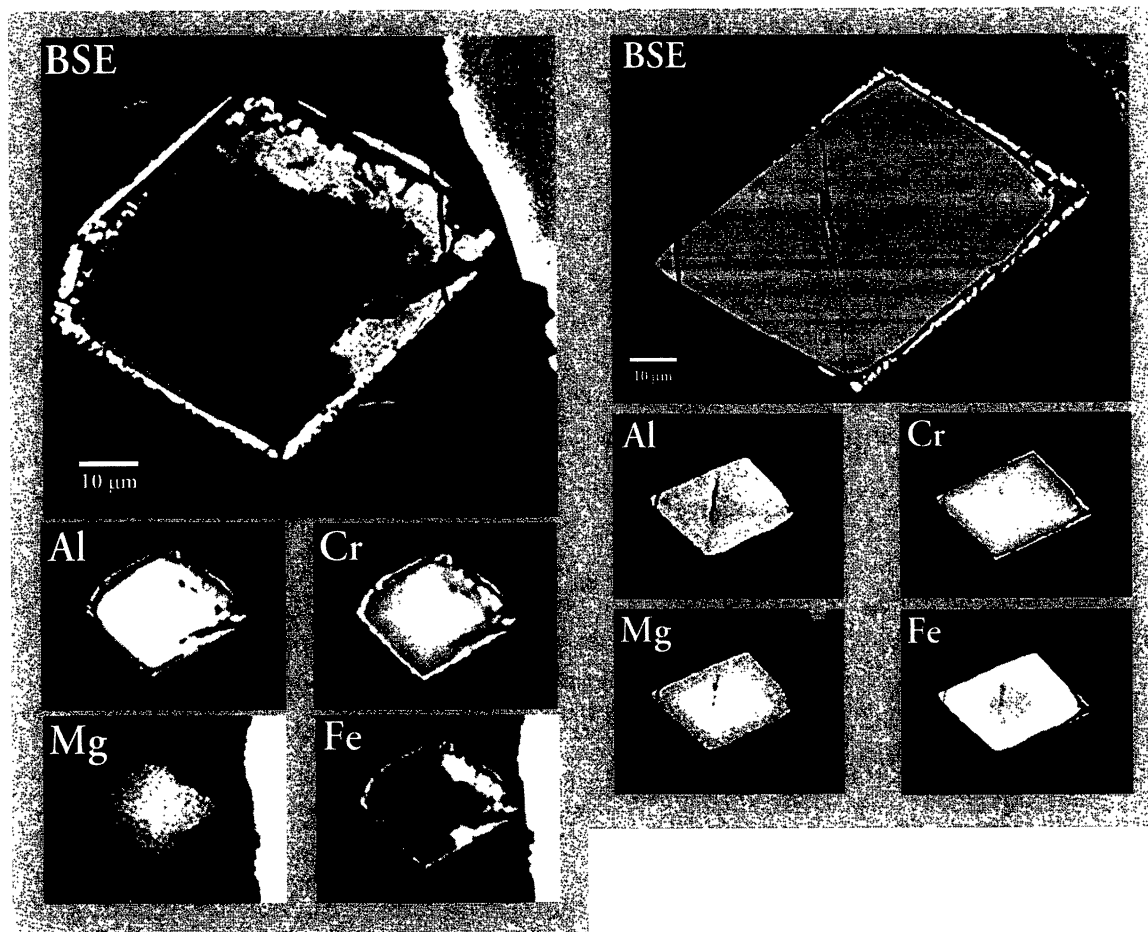


FIG. 9. Backscattered electron images and element maps of euhedral hercynitic spinel grains enclosed in clinopyroxene (left) and plagioclase (right). Note elemental zoning over a scale of a few micrometers, and Cr-rich rims.

TABLE 4. Representative average compositions of plagioclase, silico-phosphate, and unknown Fe-Ca-Al-Ti-silicate.

	Plagioclase		Silico-phosphate			Fe-Ca-Al-Ti-silicate		
<i>n</i> *	4	4	6	8	2	10	12	9
SiO ₂	43.6	12.2	13.4	13.8	19.0	25.6	25.6	25.4
TiO ₂	—	1.42	1.64	1.61	1.61	8.77	9.39	9.25
Al ₂ O ₃	36.2	0.27	0.41	0.45	2.11	10.5	10.3	10.5
Cr ₂ O ₃	—	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
FeO	0.65	4.99	5.45	5.94	9.51	41.2	41.0	41.1
MnO	—	0.07	0.07	0.08	0.08	0.17	0.17	0.18
MgO	0.15	0.0	0.01	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.04	0.02
CaO	20.0	48.7	50.9	47.3	41.9	12.5	12.5	12.6
Na ₂ O	0.02	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
K ₂ O	0.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
P ₂ O ₅	—	29.7	24.5	28.1	21.9	0.08	0.08	0.07
Sum	100.62	97.35	96.38	97.28	96.11	98.82	99.08	99.12

*Number of analyses averaged.

TABLE 5. Major element composition and CIPW normative mineralogy of D'Orbigny and Sahara 99555 compared to literature data for angrites.*

	D'Orbigny		Sahara 99555	Angra dos Reis	LEW 86010	LEW 87051	Asuka 881371
	wr	glass					
SiO ₂	38.4	39.3	38.6	43.7	39.6	40.4	37.3
TiO ₂	0.89	0.78	0.91	2.05	1.15	0.73	0.88
Al ₂ O ₃	12.4	12.3	12.5	9.35	14.1	9.19	10.1
Cr ₂ O ₃	0.0419	0.06	0.0463	0.219	0.118	0.159	0.139
FeO _T	24.7	24.8	23.1	9.4	18.5	19.0	24.0
MnO	0.28	0.27	0.26	0.10	0.20	0.24	0.20
MgO	6.49	7.1	7.04	10.8	7.0	19.4	14.8
CaO	15.0	15.2	15.1	22.9	17.5	10.8	12.5
Na ₂ O	0.0172	—	0.0164	0.0301	0.0211	0.0234	0.0216
P ₂ O ₅	0.16	—	0.15	0.13	0.13	0.08	0.17
Sum	98.38	99.81	97.72	98.68	98.32	100.02	100.11
Molar Fe/Mn, 100 × Mg/(Mg + Fe) and (Ca/Al) _{Cl}							
Fe/Mn	88	91	89	93	91	78	118
mg#	31.9	33.8	35.2	67.2	40.3	64.5	52.4
(Ca/Al) _{Cl}	1.53	1.56	1.52	3.09	1.57	1.48	1.56
CIPW norm							
Ol	37.0	—	35.5	13.1	28.2	52.5	55.3
Cs	5.13	—	4.82	9.67	6.80	1.97	8.27
Di	20.2	—	21.4	46.3	22.2	17.7	5.52
An	34.3	—	34.8	25.7	39.0	25.0	27.4
Ne	0.08	—	0.07	0.14	0.10	0.11	0.10
Cm	0.06	—	0.07	0.33	0.18	0.23	0.19
Il	1.72	—	1.77	3.94	2.22	1.38	1.67
Mt	1.21	—	1.14	0.46	0.91	0.92	1.16
Ap	0.38	—	0.36	0.30	0.31	0.19	0.39

*D'Orbigny = whole rock (wr) and Sahara 99555, this work, major elements determined by fused-bead, electron microprobe analysis; Cr₂O₃ and Na₂O by INAA (Table 6, averaged data for D'Orbigny); D'Orbigny glass = average of glass patches, sphere, and glass with bubbles; Varela *et al.* (2001). Angra dos Reis, LEW 86010 and LEW 87051 = Mittlefehldt and Lindstrom (1990), major elements determined by fused-bead, electron microprobe analysis; Cr₂O₃ and Na₂O by INAA. A-881371 = Yanai (1994), major elements by wet chemistry; Warren *et al.* (1995) Cr₂O₃ and Na₂O by INAA. CIPW norm calculated assuming molar Fe³⁺/Fe²⁺ of 0.03.

only by deep-seated igneous materials—the various magmatic iron meteorites and pallasites (*e.g.*, see Mittlefehldt *et al.*, 1998). There are relatively few crustal igneous materials (*i.e.*, basalts) in our meteorite collections. Rare basaltic/gabbroic segregations and clasts are present in the acapulcoite-lodranite suite, in some IAB iron meteorites and in some IIE iron meteorites (*e.g.*, Ikeda *et al.*, 1997; McCoy *et al.*, 1997; Takeda *et al.*, 2000). Because of the unusual textural settings of these segregations and clasts, it is difficult to completely understand their genesis. There are two igneous meteorite groups containing a large fraction of basaltic material; the large howardite, eucrite, diogenite (HED) suite and the small angrite group. The HED suite is largely composed of breccias in which many of the components have undergone thermal

metamorphism (*e.g.*, see Mittlefehldt *et al.*, 1998). Hence, the magmatic processes responsible for the formation of the HED parent body crust have been partially obscured. The angrites, in contrast, have suffered less post-crystallization modification, and thus are a truer record of asteroidal igneous processes. Unhappily, the angrite group is small, six members so far and many of them of small mass, so the range of materials available for study is severely limited.

Here, we will discuss first the detailed petrology of D'Orbigny, compare it to the other angrites, and discuss the compositions of D'Orbigny and Sahara 99555. We will fold this information into the broader picture of angrite petrogenesis, and finally, compare and contrast the evolution of the angrite parent body with that of the HED meteorite suite.

TABLE 6. Select major, minor and trace element contents of angrites D'Orbigny and Sahara 99555, and U.S.G.S. standard rock BHVO-1.*

	D'Orbigny		Sahara 99555		BHVO-1#	
					JSC	lit.
Mass (mg)†	55.88	53.34	28.89			
Na ₂ O wt%	0.01962 ± 0.00026	0.01473 ± 0.00020	0.01639 ± 0.00025		2.30	2.26
K μg/g	137‡ ± 10	69 ± 15	44 ± 19		4230	4320
CaO wt%	17.8 ± 1.6	15.0 ± 0.5	15.1 ± 0.5		11.0	11.4
Sc μg/g	46.3 ± 0.5	40.3 ± 0.4	50.7 ± 0.6		31.3	31.8
Cr μg/g	311 ± 3	262 ± 3	317 ± 3		292	289
FeO wt%	24.93 ± 0.27	25.40 ± 0.28	23.73 ± 0.26		10.9	11.0
Co μg/g	34.7 ± 0.4	33.0 ± 0.4	31.2 ± 0.4		45.0	45
Ni μg/g	56 ± 15	91 ± 15	<80		120	121
As μg/g	0.52 ± 0.04	0.53 ± 0.05	1.98 ± 0.10		0.54	0.4#
Se μg/g	0.53 ± 0.21	0.74 ± 0.21	1.2 ± 0.3		nd	—
Sr μg/g	126 ± 21	142 ± 24	107 ± 21		390	403
Zr μg/g	70 ± 18	66 ± 19	nd		160	179
Sb μg/g	0.057 ± 0.018	<0.034	<0.05		0.16	0.16
Ba μg/g	47 ± 18	52 ± 7	45 ± 17		125	139
La μg/g	3.56 ± 0.04	3.76 ± 0.04	3.20 ± 0.04		15.22	15.8
Ce μg/g	8.78 ± 0.26	9.18 ± 0.24	8.41 ± 0.24		37.8	39
Nd μg/g	nd	5.4 ± 2.6	nd		28	25.2
Sm μg/g	2.161 ± 0.029	2.23 ± 0.03	2.107 ± 0.028		6.05	6.2
Eu μg/g	0.846 ± 0.016	0.876 ± 0.017	0.829 ± 0.018		2.06	2.06
Tb μg/g	0.534 ± 0.019	0.511 ± 0.018	0.512 ± 0.023		0.95	0.96
Yb μg/g	2.12 ± 0.06	2.13 ± 0.04	2.12 ± 0.04		1.98	2.02
Lu μg/g	0.309 ± 0.013	0.308 ± 0.007	0.319 ± 0.009		0.274	0.291
Hf μg/g	1.63 ± 0.06	1.48 ± 0.05	1.80 ± 0.06		4.61	4.38
Ta ng/g	192 ± 13	200 ± 14	192 ± 16		1.13	1.23
W ng/g	180 ± 60	nd	360 ± 90		nd	—
Ir ng/g	nd	<2	<4		nd	—
Au ng/g	69.7§ ± 2.5	<2	<3		nd	—
Th ng/g	370 ± 40	434 ± 29	360 ± 40		1.12	1.08
U ng/g	<210	116 ± 22	<210		0.33	0.42

*Determined by INAA. Uncertainties are $\pm 1\sigma$, upper limits are 2σ ; nd = not determined.

†Mass of sample analyzed. The first D'Orbigny sample and Sahara 99555 are splits of homogenized powders of larger samples. See text.

‡High K value likely represents contamination by fine-grained terrestrial sediment. The second D'Orbigny sample was cleaned in triply-distilled water in an ultrasonic bath before crushing for analysis. See text.

§High Au value likely represents contamination during handling.

#JSC = average of two analyses, lit. = Govindaraju (1994); As is an information only value, not a recommended value.

Petrology and Crystallization of D'Orbigny

The most unusual aspect of our thin sections of D'Orbigny is the large, rounded spinel grain that occurs in one of them (Fig. 1b). A similar textural setting for spinel has not been described for other angrites. This spinel grain is homogeneous over a scale of at least 300 μm , while the smaller euhedral grains are zoned on scales of a few tens of micrometers (Figs. 8 and 9). The large spinel is also distinct in composition, with the unusual combination of being more magnesian, yet poorer in chrome (Fig. 8). The combined textural and compositional characteristics suggest that the large spinel is xenocrystic material in this angrite, like the proposed origin for the

magnesian, chrome-rich coarse olivine grains in LEW 87051, A-881371 and other samples of D'Orbigny (*e.g.*, Kurat *et al.*, 2001b; Mikouchi and McKay, 2001; Mikouchi *et al.*, 1996). Note that a similar spinel likely occurs in A-881371. Yanai (1994) shows a rounded, brown grain $\sim 400 \mu\text{m}$ across with black rim (his Fig. 4, center right). Optically, this is identical to the D'Orbigny spinel. The A-881371 grain is rich in Al, and appears homogeneous in Fe, Mg and Al as judged from the elemental maps (Figs. 5 and 6 of Yanai, 1994).

Half of the angrites contain coarse magnesian, chrome-rich olivine grains that are believed to be xenocrystic in origin (*e.g.*, Mikouchi *et al.*, 1996). Our thin sections of D'Orbigny do not contain them. The smaller, euhedral olivine grains contain

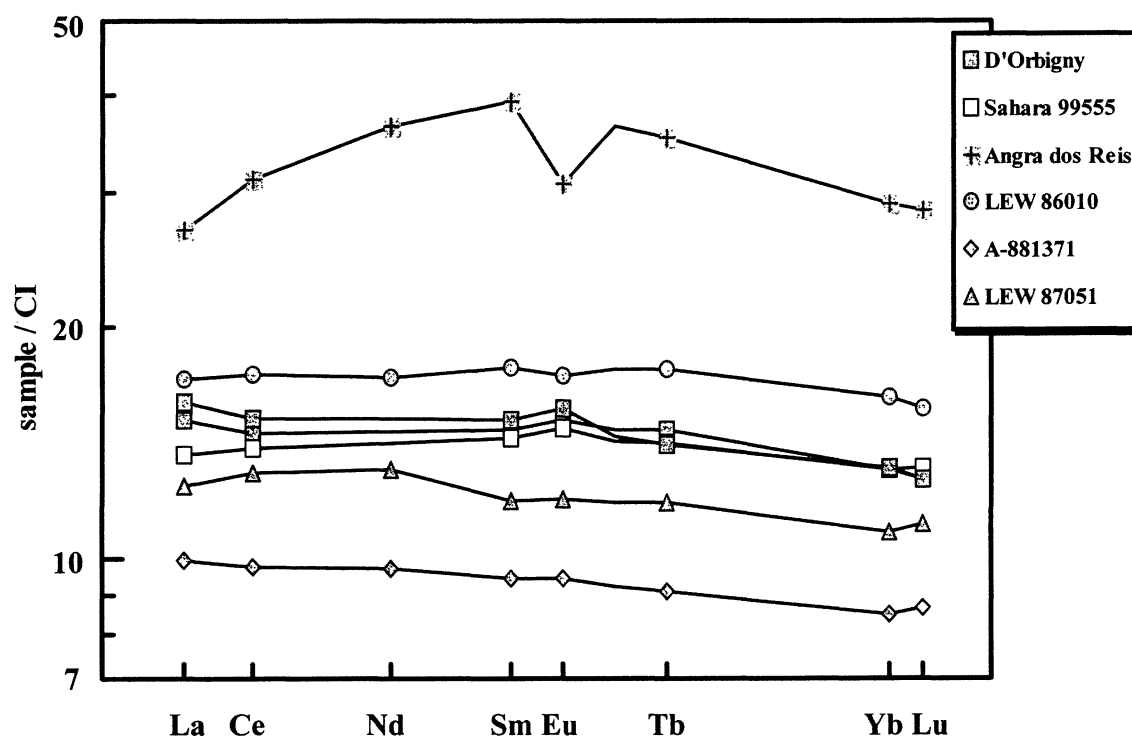


FIG. 10. Rare earth element diagram for angrites. D'Orbigny and Sahara 99555 = this work; other angrites = Lugmair and Galer (1992), Ma *et al.* (1977), Mittlefehldt and Lindstrom (1990), Nyquist *et al.* (1994) and Warren *et al.* (1995).

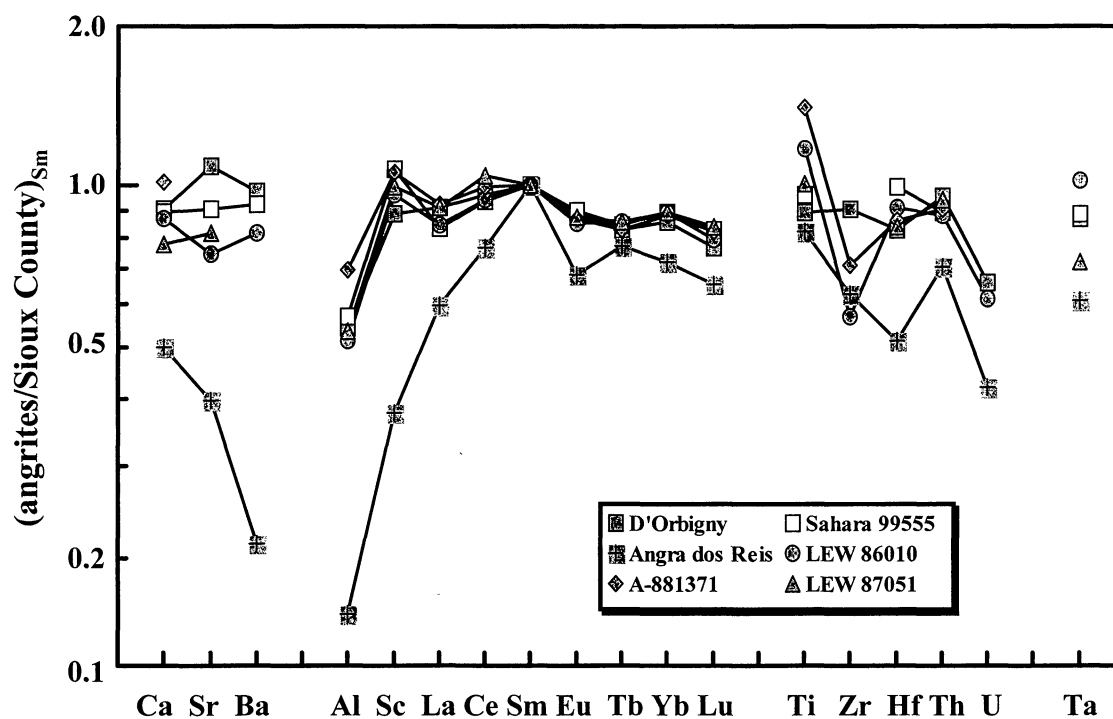


FIG. 11. Sioux County- and Sm-normalized incompatible element contents of angrites plotted in order of increasing valence and Z. Data are from the sources listed in Fig. 10, plus Tera *et al.* (1970), Wasserburg *et al.* (1977) and Yanai (1994). Sioux County average calculated from a database of all available literature data.

cores that are homogeneous in *mg*#, and minor element content (Fig. 5), and similar in composition to those reported from Sahara 99555 (Mikouchi *et al.*, 2000a,b). There is a sharp boundary between the homogeneous core and strongly zoned rim (Fig. 4). Based on our preliminary data, we suggested that this might indicate a two-stage cooling history (Mittlefehldt *et al.*, 2001). However, we now believe that the sharp boundary indicates a stage in the crystallization history when the second major mafic phase, clinopyroxene, began crystallizing. Support for this position comes from the detailed zoning profile (Fig. 5). The zoned rim is marked by a sharp drop in Cr₂O₃ in the olivine, along with a decrease in *mg*#. The most magnesian olivine cores contain ~0.043 wt% Cr₂O₃ (Table 1), essentially the same as the bulk rock (Table 5). Hence, assuming these cores are phenocrysts, the olivine/melt Cr partition coefficient is ~1, which is consistent with experimental studies (Jones, 1995). Crystallization of olivine will therefore not change the melt Cr₂O₃ content appreciably, consistent with the constant concentration in the core. In contrast, the most magnesian clinopyroxene contains ~0.54 wt% Cr₂O₃, yielding an effective clinopyroxene/melt partition coefficient of ~10, and the Cr content of clinopyroxene decreases sharply with *mg*# (Figs. 6 and 7). Because of this, we now believe that the initiation of zoning in olivine reflects the onset of clinopyroxene crystallization, and not a change in cooling environment.

The details of the zoning profile in olivine show slight reverse zoning in *mg*# from ~18 to 20, and in Ca content from ~9.7 to 7.0 mol% (Fig. 5), and this is correlated with a mottled zone in the first bright band (Fig. 4). This reversal, and the texture showing scalloped borders for the reversal (Fig. 4), suggest the melt composition became slightly more magnesian and with a higher Si activity (which will cause a decrease in olivine Ca content) at this point. We do not find a good mineralogical explanation for this reversal. One phase that could cause an increase in melt Mg/Fe and Si activity is ulvöspinel. However, this phase occurs as a late phase in the mesostasis, and the textures indicate that it did not appear early enough in the crystallization sequence to explain the reverse zoning. In addition, this would not explain why the zoning returns to normal after a short span of crystallization. Neither is the reverse zoning caused by crystallization of the hercynitic spinels. The cores of these spinels have molar Mg/Fe ratios of ~1, compared to the bulk rock ratio of ~0.5. Hence, crystallization of hercynitic spinel will further deplete the melt in Mg and not cause reverse zoning in olivine. A third possibility is that it represents an influx of more primitive melt causing back-reaction of the olivine grain surfaces. Detailed ion microprobe studies across the zone may shed light on this.

Other petrographic evidence lends support to the hypothesis that there was an influx of more primitive melt during crystallization of D'Orbigny. D'Orbigny contains glasses with compositions like the bulk rock composition (Varela *et al.*, 2001; see Table 5) that must have entered the stone after crystallization. The zoning profile in clinopyroxene also shows reversals in *mg*# and Cr, and offsets in Ti (Fig. 7) which may

indicate ingress of distinct melts. The Cr reversals in particular suggest this, as an increase in Cr content in the melt phase is unlikely to be caused by crystallization of other phases. Finally, the small euhedral spinels often contain Cr-rich rims, even when enclosed in anorthite (Fig. 9), which suggests that more Cr-rich melts may have been responsible for the reaction that formed the rims. This petrographic evidence suggests that multiple magma batches may have been locally present during crystallization of D'Orbigny. Whether this represents additions of new magma from the parent body interior, or simple stirring of the crystallizing, heterogeneous magma during flow, cannot be determined at present.

The zoned olivine contains overgrowths of zoned subcalcic kirschsteinite on euhedral olivine outlines (Fig. 4). There is a distinct gap in olivine compositions; we find no olivine compositions between *mg*# ~9 and about 6–5 (Figs. 2 and 3). The texture suggests that the subcalcic kirschsteinite overgrowths are magmatic. Outside the euhedral subcalcic kirschsteinite margin is a zone of mixed subcalcic kirschsteinite and olivine, indicating that towards the end of crystallization, olivine and subcalcic kirschsteinite co-crystallized.

Clinopyroxene also contains relatively homogeneous cores (in *mg*# and Ti) and zoned rims, but the cores are not as uniform as those in olivine (Fig. 7). Note that the core region of the clinopyroxene grain shows a marked decrease in Cr content with only a slight change in *mg*#. This is consistent with our contention that clinopyroxene crystallization initiates zoning in the olivine. The core region also shows slight decreases in Al-2*Ti-Cr, indicating that the non-quadrilateral component R²⁺Al₂SiO₆ in clinopyroxene initially decreases. The zoning profile in the rim region shows a substantial decrease in *mg*# and Al-2*Ti-Cr, and a substantial increase in Ti and Ca (Fig. 7). Both Ti and Al-2*Ti-Cr show small scale "spikes" that indicate abrupt increases in the non-quadrilateral components. Note that we have done only one detailed profile across a clinopyroxene grain, and if sector zoning is present, then this profile may not be representative of all zoning variations. However, less detailed profiles, and backscattered electron and x-ray element map imaging indicate that the profile described above is common.

Plagioclase was likely a near-liquidus phase as it commonly forms graphic intergrowths with olivine, indicating co-crystallization. There is much less intergrowth between plagioclase and clinopyroxene. Because of the lack of Na and K in D'Orbigny, plagioclase compositions cannot be used to examine the crystallization history of this phase. Although there is variation in the MgO and FeO contents of plagioclase, we have not found systematic zoning in these minor components. In part this is due to the skeletal and intergrown nature of many of the grains, making growth fronts difficult to identify with certainty.

The euhedral hercynitic spinels are commonly included within clinopyroxene and plagioclase grains, but do not extend into the mesostasis (Fig. 9). In addition, they typically show

reaction boundaries of variable thickness. This suggests that hercynitic spinel crystallization began early, and then became unstable in the changing melt. Based on our preliminary results, we suggested that spinel was a liquidus phase along with olivine in part because of the presence of the large hercynitic spinel grain (Mittlefehldt *et al.*, 2001). However, we now consider this spinel to be xenocrystic, and we have not observed a textural association between the magnesian olivine cores and the small euhedral hercynitic spinel. Thus we cannot precisely determine when this spinel appeared in the crystallization sequence. Figure 12 shows the crystallization sequence we infer for D'Orbigny.

The extreme compositional zonation of minerals and the presence of late-stage, trace phases in the mesostasis (Ca-phosphate, silico-phosphate, unknown Fe-Ca-Al-Ti-silicate) in

D'Orbigny indicate that this rock underwent rapid, complete crystallization; D'Orbigny represents a melt composition. This is also suggested by the observed variations in trace elements in clinopyroxene and olivine (Floss *et al.*, 2001). Note however, that our observations suggesting that more than one melt may be involved in the genesis of D'Orbigny, if true, might indicate that this is a hybrid composition, not a single melt composition.

Comparison of D'Orbigny with Other Angrites

D'Orbigny is texturally most similar to Sahara 99555, or the groundmass fractions of A-881371 and LEW 87051 (Mikouchi and McKay, 2001; Mittlefehldt *et al.*, 2001). Mikouchi *et al.* (2000a,b) presented a brief description of Sahara 99555. Sahara 99555 shares many similarities with

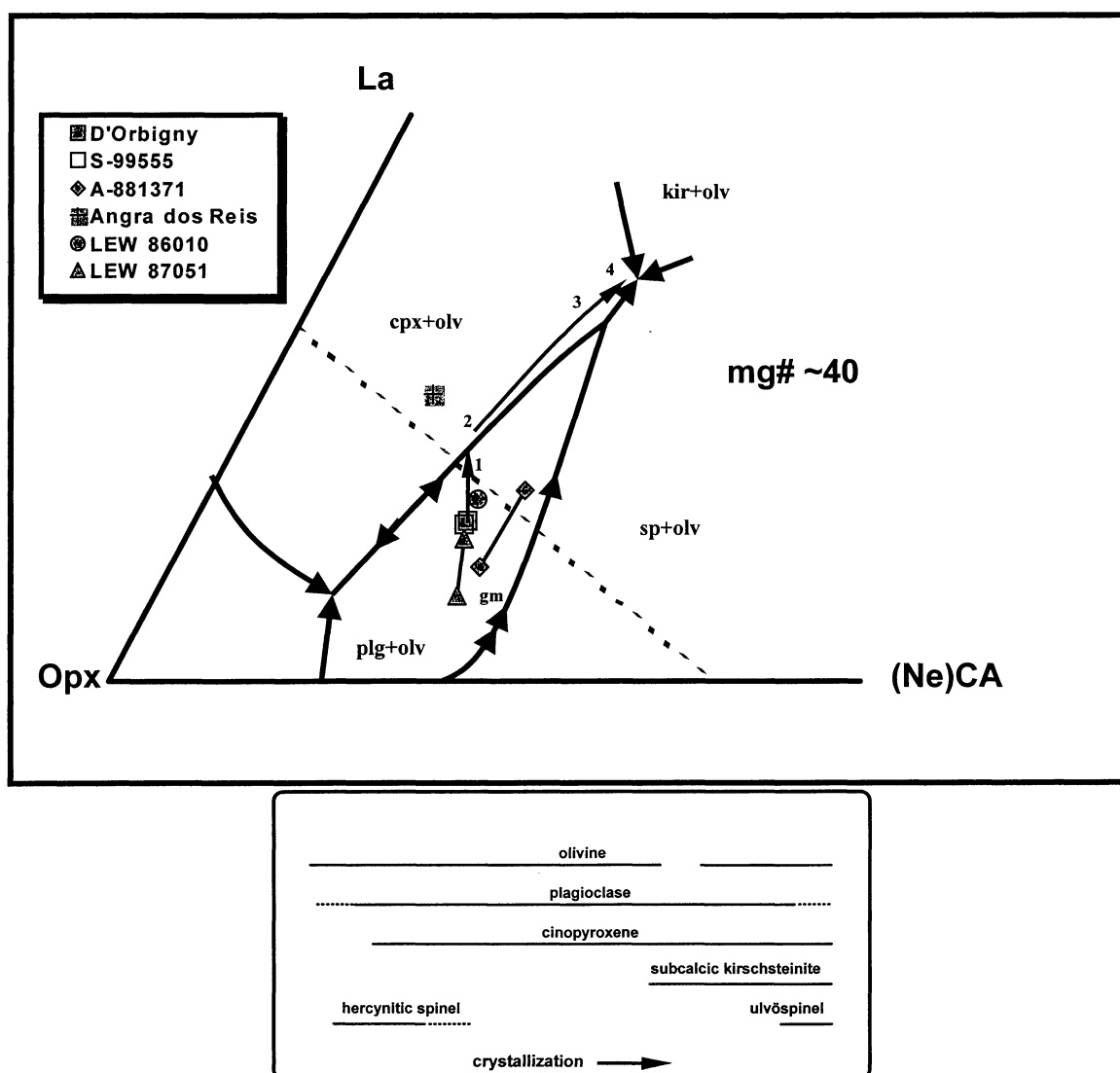


FIG. 12. Schematic phase diagram (after Longhi, 1999) and crystallization sequence for D'Orbigny. A-881371 and LEW 87051 are plotted for both their bulk rock (Mittlefehldt and Lindstrom, 1990; Yanai, 1994) and groundmass (gm) (Prinz and Weisberg, 1995) compositions. Schematic crystallization path (1–4) is described in the text.

D'Orbigny—the vesicular nature of the stone, the igneous texture with common olivine–anorthite graphic intergrowths, and the compositions of the minerals are very similar. Mikouchi and McKay (2001) further show that mineral compositions in Sahara 99555 and D'Orbigny almost completely overlap. Olivine cores in Sahara 99555 have $mg\#$ of ~ 63 and contain ~ 0.8 wt% CaO (Mikouchi *et al.*, 2000a,b), essentially identical to D'Orbigny (this work; Mikouchi and McKay, 2001). Mikouchi and McKay (2001) find slightly more magnesian clinopyroxene cores than we do; their most magnesian clinopyroxene has an $mg\#$ of ~ 63 , compared to ~ 58 in our thin sections. These are more magnesian than any yet reported for Sahara 99555 ($mg\# < 50$; Mikouchi *et al.*, 2000a,b).

Although there are greater textural similarities between D'Orbigny and Sahara 99555, mineral compositions of D'Orbigny more closely match those of the groundmass fraction of A-881371. The most magnesian olivine phenocrysts, kirschsteinite and clinopyroxene of A-881371 (Mikouchi *et al.*, 1996) are only slightly more magnesian than the most magnesian mafic phases in D'Orbigny (Fig. 2). The cores of olivine phenocrysts in LEW 87051 have $mg\# \sim 80$ (McKay *et al.*, 1995; Mikouchi *et al.*, 1996), substantially higher than those of D'Orbigny. This may simply reflect difficulty in determining which olivine grains are xenocrysts and which are phenocrysts, or possibly that the parent melt for LEW 87051 is more magnesian. Nevertheless, the most magnesian clinopyroxene and subcalcic kirschsteinite grains in LEW 87051 are very similar to those of D'Orbigny (Fig. 2). McKay *et al.* (1995) show (their Fig. 2) magnesian clinopyroxene grains with $mg\#$ slightly < 60 , and with TiO_2 , Al_2O_3 and Cr_2O_3 contents within the ranges we find of D'Orbigny magnesian clinopyroxene cores (Table 2).

Our thin sections of D'Orbigny do not contain the xenocrystic, magnesian olivine found in A-881371 and LEW 87051, although other samples do (Kurat *et al.*, 2001b; Mikouchi and McKay, 2001). Mikouchi and McKay (2001) estimate that magnesian olivine xenocrysts make up roughly 1% of D'Orbigny, compared to $\sim 10\%$ of A-881371 and LEW 87051. They further point out that olivine xenocrysts have not been reported from Sahara 99555. In view of the heterogeneous nature of xenocryst distribution in D'Orbigny and its low abundance, it may well be that they also occur in Sahara 99555, which has not been extensively sampled. Deep-seated xenoliths and xenocrysts are common in terrestrial alkaline volcanic rocks and indicate that the magmas rose rapidly from depth without pause. Possibly, the xenocrysts in angrites may similarly indicate that the parent magmas rose rapidly, entraining pieces of country rock along the way. The vesicular nature of D'Orbigny and Sahara 99555 indicate that volatile species were present in the magmas, and these would promote rapid eruption on an asteroid-size parent body (*e.g.*, see Wilson and Keil, 1997).

D'Orbigny is very different in texture, modal mineralogy and/or mineral composition from Angra dos Reis and LEW

86010. Angra dos Reis is an almost mono-mineralogic rock, composed of $>90\%$ clinopyroxene, with an equilibrated texture, and plagioclase has not been found in thin section (Prinz *et al.*, 1977). LEW 86010 has a modal mineralogy similar to that of D'Orbigny (compare McKay *et al.*, 1988a; Mikouchi and McKay, 2001), but its texture is more equilibrated (McKay *et al.*, 1988a). Mineral compositions in Angra dos Reis and LEW 86010 are distinct from those of D'Orbigny. Comparing the most magnesian phases in each meteorite, clinopyroxenes are more magnesian, kirschsteinites are more magnesian and calcic, and olivines are more ferroan in the former two meteorites than in D'Orbigny (Fig. 2). The differences in Fe/Mg partitioning between olivine-kirschsteinite and clinopyroxene cores in Angra dos Reis and LEW 86010 compared to the other angrites is likely due to the mild subsolidus reequilibration experienced by the former two meteorites, which would promote homogenization of olivine compositions, but not of clinopyroxene (McKay *et al.*, 1988a; Prinz *et al.*, 1977).

Geochemistry of D'Orbigny and Sahara 99555, and Angrite Petrogenesis

Mittlefehldt and Lindstrom (1990) pointed out that the three angrites known at that time had super-chondritic Ca/Al ratios, and were distinct from basaltic eucrites in that regard. Figure 13 shows CI-normalized Sm/Eu vs. Ca/Al for angrites compared to basaltic eucrites. Excluding Angra dos Reis, all angrites have $(Ca/Al)_{CI} \approx 1.5$ and $(Sm/Eu)_{CI} \approx 1.0$. In contrast, basaltic eucrites have $(Ca/Al)_{CI} \approx 1.0$ and $(Sm/Eu)_{CI} \approx 0.8$ – 1.7 . Mittlefehldt and Lindstrom (1990) argued that the high Ca/Al ratio of angrites was not due to plagioclase fractionation because the $(Ca/Al)_{CI}$ ratio of anorthite (0.7) is too close to unity to efficiently fractionate the Ca/Al of a melt, while the Sm/Eu ratio should be substantially fractionated by plagioclase. Figure 13 empirically demonstrates this. The basaltic eucrite suite has experienced plagioclase fractionation (*e.g.*, see Mittlefehldt *et al.*, 1998; Stolper, 1977), yet shows little variation in Ca/Al but substantial variation in Sm/Eu. In contrast, all angrites, excluding Angra dos Reis, show a narrow range in Sm/Eu indicating that plagioclase fractionation was not a significant factor in angrite genesis.

Summarizing geochemical, petrologic and experimental results on angrites, Mittlefehldt and Lindstrom (1990) concluded that residual aluminous spinel in the source regions of angrites was the most probable cause for the elevated Ca/Al in angrites. Experimental support for this was found by Jurewicz *et al.* (1993), who showed that partial melting of CM and CV chondrites under fO_2 conditions appropriate for angrite genesis did yield melts with Ca/Al ratios like those of angrites, and that aluminous spinel was a residual phase in all experiments. The addition of three new angrites, A-881371 (Warren *et al.*, 1995; Yanai, 1994), D'Orbigny and Sahara 99555 confirms that angrites (excluding Angra dos Reis) have uniform and elevated Ca/Al ratios consistent with buffering by aluminous spinel.

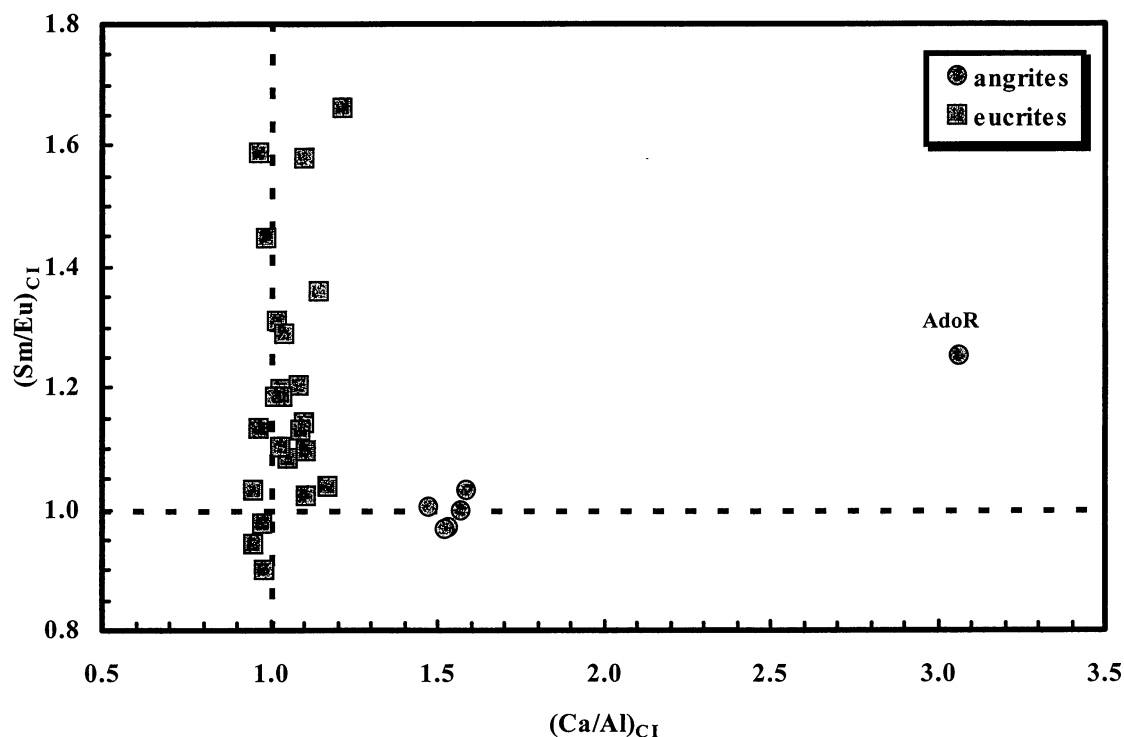


FIG. 13. $(\text{Sm}/\text{Eu})_{\text{CI}}$ vs. $(\text{Ca}/\text{Al})_{\text{CI}}$ for angrites compared to basaltic eucrites. Angrite data are from the sources listed in Figs. 10 and 11. Eucrites show the effect of calcic plagioclase fractionation, which increases Sm/Eu but not Ca/Al. Angrites, excluding Angra dos Reis (labeled), show no evidence for plagioclase fractionation, but have fractionated Ca/Al. Eucrite data are averages of all available literature data from a database maintained by the correspondence author.

Mittlefehldt and Lindstrom (1990) suggested that the difference in major and trace element contents of LEW 86010 and LEW 87051 was consistent with simple olivine control, that is, with either gain or loss of olivine from a common magma. With additional angrites and more information on the older samples, we can revisit this hypothesis. Figure 14 shows Sm vs. $mg\#$ and Sc vs. $mg\#$ for angrites. We have plotted A-881371 and LEW 87051 both as measured for bulk rocks (Mittlefehldt and Lindstrom, 1990; Warren *et al.*, 1995; Yanai, 1994), and using the estimated groundmass compositions (Prinz and Weisberg, 1995) with Sm and Sc estimated here assuming olivine xenocrysts are Sm- and Sc-free. Samarium and Sc are incompatible elements, so their concentrations should increase as melt $mg\#$ decreases due to fractional crystallization of olivine (schematically shown in Fig. 14, arrows labeled **fc**). In the angrite suite, we see the opposite trend; Sm and Sc decrease as $mg\#$ decreases for LEW 86010, LEW 87051 groundmass, Sahara 99555 and D'Orbigny. Potentially, A-881371 groundmass could be related to either LEW 87051 groundmass, Sahara 99555 or D'Orbigny by olivine removal from A-881371. Based on trace element variations in angrite clinopyroxenes, Floss *et al.* (2000) concluded that LEW 86010 crystallized from a distinctly different magma than the other angrites they studied, A-881371, LEW 87051 and Sahara 99555.

Based on cosmochemical arguments, phase equilibria constraints and experimental studies, olivine is expected to be the major mafic silicate in a partial melt residue of the angrite

parent body (*e.g.*, Jurewicz *et al.*, 1993; Longhi, 1999; McKay *et al.*, 1988b; Mittlefehldt and Lindstrom, 1990). The partial melts (magmas) will show a trend of decreasing Sm and Sc with slightly increasing $mg\#$ (schematically shown in Fig. 14, arrows labeled **pm**). In the angrite suite, D'Orbigny and Sahara 99555 cannot be related to LEW 86010, LEW 87051 groundmass and A-881371 groundmass by simple partial melting. However, LEW 86010, LEW 87051 groundmass and A-881371 groundmass could potentially represent a suite of increasing degree of partial melting, with LEW 86010 representing a magma derived by a smaller degree of melting than A-881371 groundmass (Fig. 14). However, mineral compositions show that this is not the case. LEW 86010 contains clinopyroxene cores with higher $mg\#$ than those in A-881371 (Fig. 2), and this is opposite what would be expected if LEW 86010 represented a smaller degree of melting. Hence, we conclude that there is not a simple partial melting-fractional crystallization scenario joining the angrites. This is distinctly different from what is observed for the HED suite (Stolper, 1977).

Longhi (1999) has discussed the petrogenesis of the angrites using phase equilibria in the CMAS + Fe system. The crystallization sequence in this system is complicated by shifting phase relations as $mg\#$ changes during fractional crystallization. However, Longhi (1999) showed that A-881371, LEW 86010 and LEW 87051 plot within the olivine + plagioclase field, indicating these two phases are liquidus

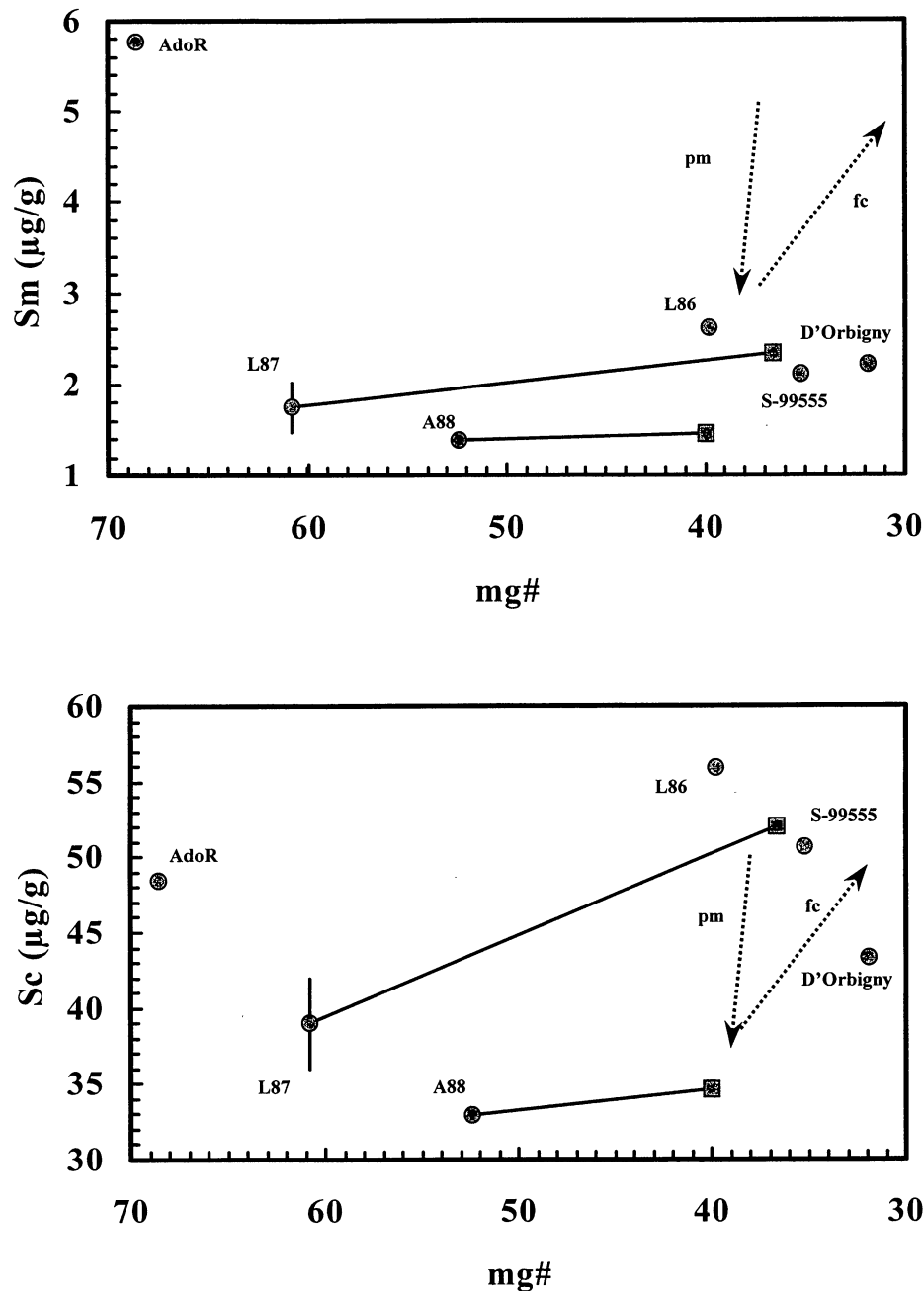


FIG. 14. Samarium and Sc vs. $mg\#$ for D'Orbigny and Sahara 99555 compared to other angrites. For A-881371 and LEW 87051, the bulk (circle) and groundmass (square) compositions are shown. The vertical bar for L87 shows the range of the two available Sm and Sc concentrations. Sources for literature data are given in Figs. 10 and 11, except groundmass $mg\#$ calculated from Prinz and Weisberg (1995). Dashed arrows show schematic partial melting and fractional crystallization trends; see text.

phases, consistent with petrography and limited experimental work (McKay *et al.*, 1988a,b; 1991; Mikouchi *et al.*, 1996). Note that Longhi (1999) used the bulk A-881371 and LEW 87051 compositions, not the estimated groundmass compositions, which are closer to melt compositions. While spinel is not a liquidus phase in this case, Longhi (1999) pointed out that addition of Cr and Ti to the system would likely expand the stability field of spinel.

A schematic phase diagram after Longhi (1999) relevant to angrite petrogenesis is shown in Fig. 12. We have added D'Orbigny, Sahara 99555 and the A-881371 and LEW 87051 groundmass compositions, and our inferred crystallization path to the diagram. Like all other angrites except Angra dos Reis, D'Orbigny and Sahara 99555 plot within the olivine + plagioclase phase field, and crystallization starts with these phases (arrow labeled 1). Hercynitic spinel may join the crystallization

sequence during this part of the path, but the textural and phase relations are not clear. At stage 2, the crystallization sequence becomes olivine + plagioclase + clinopyroxene. If hercynitic spinel is not already a liquidus phase, it joins the crystallization sequence at about this point. The phase diagram suggests that at stage 3, the crystallizing assemblage becomes olivine + clinopyroxene + spinel, followed at stage 4 by olivine + clinopyroxene + spinel + kirschsteinite. The textures of D'Orbigny suggest rather that spinel reacts-out before stage 3 is reached, and that kirschsteinite temporarily replaces olivine in the crystallization sequence at stage 4.

Because olivine and spinel are likely residual phases in the angrite source region, we should consider whether the xenocrystic olivine and hercynitic spinel might represent fragments of depleted source regions. Experiments using an estimated LEW 87051 groundmass composition have shown that the homogeneous olivine cores are apparently unrelated to the LEW 87051 parent melt (McKay *et al.*, 1991). This is also supported by melting experiments on carbonaceous chondrites that produce angrite-like melts (Jurewicz *et al.*, 1993) and phase equilibrium calculations (Longhi, 1999). These studies show that angrite melts with *mg#* like that of A-881371 groundmass (Prinz and Weisberg, 1995) would be in equilibrium with Fo_{~70} olivines. In contrast, A-881371 xenocrysts are as magnesian as Fo₉₀ (Mikouchi *et al.*, 1996). There is less information on liquidus spinel compositions for angritic melts with which to compare to the xenocryst. Jurewicz *et al.* (1993) presented estimated residual spinel compositions in their experimental charges that produced angrite-like melts. These have *mg#* ~36 compared to ~52 for the D'Orbigny xenocryst. Hence, both the olivine and spinel xenocrysts are more magnesian than expected for phases in a residual source that produced the observed angrites. The xenocrysts may either represent fragments of a more severely depleted source region, or they are unrelated to the angrite source. At present, there is too little information to evaluate them further.

Jurewicz *et al.* (1993) suggested that LEW 86010 and LEW 87051 may represent impact melts, rather than internally derived melts. They based this in part on texture, in part on the phase equilibria, and in part on the Ir content for LEW 86010. Subsequently, Mikouchi *et al.* (1996) have preferred an impact melt origin for A-881371 and LEW 87051 in order to explain the presence of magnesian olivine xenocrysts. Both Jurewicz *et al.* (1993) and Mikouchi *et al.* (1996) believe that the precursor rocks were themselves igneous rocks. Hence, regardless of whether angrite are endogenously or exogenously produced melts, the angrite parent body produced critically silica-undersaturated magmas very early in the history of the solar system.

Angra dos Reis—Odd Man Out

We have generally avoided discussing Angra dos Reis up to this point, for good reason. Based on modal mineralogy

(e.g., see Mittlefehldt *et al.*, 1998) and bulk major and trace element composition (Figs. 10, 11, 13 and 14), Angra dos Reis is anomalous compared to all other angrites. The irony of using it as the type example and namesake for the group is exquisite, and points out the dangers of defining meteorite groups based on too few examples. Nevertheless, Angra dos Reis is clearly closely related to the other angrites in oxygen-isotope composition and in its unusual mineralogy (see Mittlefehldt *et al.*, 1998). Mittlefehldt and Lindstrom (1990) suggested that either Angra dos Reis was formed from a distinctly different source region on the angrite parent body, or on a separate parent body than LEW 86010 and LEW 87051. Longhi (1999) has also concluded that Angra dos Reis requires a different source region.

The three newest angrites A-881371, D'Orbigny and Sahara 99555 serve to amplify the anomalous character of Angra dos Reis relative to the group. Sioux County- and Sm-normalized incompatible refractory lithophile element patterns for all angrites except Angra dos Reis are very similar (Fig. 11), indicating a basic commonality in petrogenesis. Angra dos Reis shows extreme fractionations in R²⁺, Al, Sc, La, Hf and U (Fig. 11) when compared to other angrites. Longhi (1999) suggested that the difference in major element composition, and hence crystallization paths, between Angra dos Reis and the other angrites might possibly explain at least a portion of the difference in REE contents between them. He suggested that Angra dos Reis was a cumulate containing trapped melt, and noted that clinopyroxene/melt partition coefficients relevant to Angra dos Reis genesis might be up to twice as large as for the other angrites. This would serve to reduce the disparity between Angra dos Reis and LEW 86010 REE contents (Fig. 10). However, based on experimental partitioning studies (Gaetani and Grove, 1995), one would expect the aluminous clinopyroxenes also to have a much higher Sc partition coefficient. Gaetani and Grove (1995) showed that Ce³⁺ and Yb³⁺ clinopyroxene/melt partition coefficients increased with increasing clinopyroxene CaAl₂SiO₆ content, and that the smaller Yb³⁺ increased more than the larger Ce³⁺. It is plausible then that partitioning of the smaller Sc³⁺ should also substantially increase in aluminous clinopyroxenes. The low Sc/Sm ratio for Angra dos Reis (Fig. 11; and see Mittlefehldt *et al.*, 1998, Fig. 52b) is then difficult to explain.

Angra dos Reis has become an increasingly anomalous angrite as the group increases in number. Hence, the case for Angra dos Reis having arisen on a separate parent body, or from an anomalous source region of the angrite parent body, is strengthened. Although Angra dos Reis falls in the same region of oxygen isotopic space as the other angrites, this region is populated by a large number of meteorite types (Clayton and Mayeda, 1996), which can not all have come from the same parent body. Thus, there is no compelling reason to presume that Angra dos Reis and the other angrites came from the same asteroid.

What's Up with Angrites?

The angrites, as basalts formed very early in solar system history on an asteroid-sized body, share a basic formational history with the eucrites. However, there is a strong textural dichotomy between these two groups. Most eucrites have been thermally metamorphosed, most are breccias, and many show evidence for shock metamorphism (e.g., see Delaney *et al.*, 1983; Mittlefehldt *et al.*, 1998; Takeda and Graham, 1991). We now have six angrites, three of considerable size. Their cosmic-ray exposure ages are all different, although those of A-881371 and Sahara 99555 overlap within uncertainty limits (Bischoff *et al.*, 2000; Eugster and Lorenzetti, 2001; Eugster *et al.*, 1991; Kurat *et al.*, 2001a; Lugmair and Marti, 1977; Weigel *et al.*, 1997). This indicates that multiple regions of the parent body surface were likely sampled. None of the angrites are breccias, none show evidence for shock metamorphism, and with the exceptions of Angra dos Reis and LEW 86010, thermal metamorphism is not evident. In LEW 86010, thermal metamorphism has equilibrated the compositions of olivine and kirschsteinite, but not that of clinopyroxene (Mikouchi *et al.*, 1996). In contrast, most eucrites, including unbrecciated eucrites, have had their pyroxene compositions substantially equilibrated by thermal metamorphism (Takeda and Graham, 1991). If the angrites we have are representative of their parent body, then the differences in thermal and impact metamorphism exhibited by angrites and eucrites plausibly indicates that there is some fundamental difference between their parent bodies.

Bogard (1995) has suggested that the large number of young, reset Ar-Ar ages among lunar samples and eucrites is due to the inner-solar-system-wide late heavy bombardment, and that the Ar-Ar ages will be reset only in large impacts, suggesting that these parent bodies were relatively large. The surface rocks of these parent bodies thus became extensively brecciated and shock-metamorphosed. The cause of thermal metamorphism of unbrecciated eucrites is obscure, but possible scenarios are burial metamorphism (Yamaguchi *et al.*, 1996) or impact metamorphism. Both of these mechanisms would be more efficacious on a larger parent body. Thus, a comparison with the HED suite might suggest that either the angrite parent body was small, or that it formed in a region of the solar system less affected by the late heavy bombardment. The latter seems unlikely as spacecraft observations show that solid surfaces in the inner solar system from Mercury to the moons of Jupiter have suffered extensive impact modification.

Chondrites are generally believed to be derived from smaller parent bodies, yet many of them are brecciated and have suffered impact metamorphism (Brearley and Jones, 1998). Bogard (1995) argued that the large number of very young ages (<1.5 Ga) for chondrites (mostly ordinary chondrites) is consistent with their being derived from small parent bodies that were susceptible to catastrophic disruption and age resetting. Only three of the angrites have had formation

ages determined, Angra dos Reis, A-881371 and LEW 86010, but they are all among the oldest objects in the solar system, and there is no evidence for later disturbance in their ages (Lugmair and Galer, 1992; Lugmair and Marti, 1977; Nyquist *et al.*, 1994; Premo and Tatsumoto, 1995; Wasserburg *et al.*, 1977) or in their textures. Thus, angrites have followed an evolutionary history that appears fundamentally different from that of the smaller asteroids that coughed-up chondrites.

Regardless, either scenario for explaining the pristine nature of angrites (small body, special location) has implications for our understanding of the heat source that melted asteroids. Most models suggest that the mechanism that heated meteorite parent bodies was either heliocentric, or more efficacious on larger bodies (Wood and Pellas, 1991), and are therefore at odds with the angrites having formed either on a small parent body, or on one outside the range of the late-heavy bombardment. Thus, continued study of the angrites and comparison with eucrites may bring the mysterious early solar system heat source into sharper focus.

CONCLUSIONS

D'Orbigny is an unshocked, unmetamorphosed, vesicular igneous rock consisting of Al-Ti-diopside-hedenbergite, Ca-rich olivine, subcalcic kirschsteinite, anorthite, hercynitic spinel, ulvöspinel, Fe sulfide, Ca-phosphate, a silico-phosphate phase, and an Fe-Ca-Al-Ti-silicate not previously reported from angrites. The mafic silicates are extremely zoned, from *mg*# of 64 (olivine) and 58 (clinopyroxene) to essentially Mg-free rims. Details of zoning profiles in composite olivine-subcalcic kirschsteinite grains and in clinopyroxene grains show that brief reversals in zoning occurred during crystallization. There appears to be no obvious mineralogic control that can explain these reversals, and we suggest that they were caused by additions of more primitive melt during the crystallization sequence. This could be either addition of new magma from the parent body interior, or stirring of a heterogeneous magma as it flows. Hence, although the textures and mineral compositions show that D'Orbigny represents a crystallized melt composition, this melt may have been a hybrid composition.

The trace and major element compositions of D'Orbigny and Sahara 99555 are virtually identical; the first such case in the angrite suite. D'Orbigny and Sahara 99555 are the most Fe-rich angrites, with a bulk rock *mg*# of 32–35. Like all angrites, D'Orbigny and Sahara 99555 have a fractionated Ca/Al ratios, and all but Angra dos Reis have a chondritic Sm/Eu ratio. These indicate that plagioclase fractionation did not play a significant role in angrite genesis, and that fractionation of aluminous spinel did. There is no simple set of partial melting, with or without fractional crystallization, scenarios that can explain the bulk rock and mineral core compositions in the angrite suite. Angra dos Reis remains a very anomalous angrite, and there is no obvious, simple petrogenetic scheme that relates it to the others.

The angrites somehow missed the thermal metamorphism, brecciation and shock processes that affected the HED suite and ordinary chondrites. The reasons for this are obscure, but we believe this possibly bespeaks a fundamentally different history for the angrite parent body.

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