

KEEPING UP WITH THE DIVERSITY OF ANGRITES: NORTHWEST AFRICA 15317, NORTHWEST AFRICA 15507 AND OUED NAMOUS 001. A. J. Irving¹, P. K. Carpenter² and K. Ziegler³ ¹Dept. of Earth & Space Sciences, University of Washington, Seattle, WA, USA (irvingaj@uw.edu), ²Dept. of Earth & Planet. Sciences, Washington University, St. Louis, MO, USA, ³Inst. of Meteoritics, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM, USA.

Introduction: With a current total of 25 unpaired examples, the angrites remain perhaps the most petrologically diverse group of achondrites. Rather than being derived from a single intact and extant parent body, it seems more likely that angrites have been sampled over the last 56 million years [1] from multiple small bodies within the main asteroid belt representing portions of a former early solar system differentiated planetoid which underwent collisional disruption.

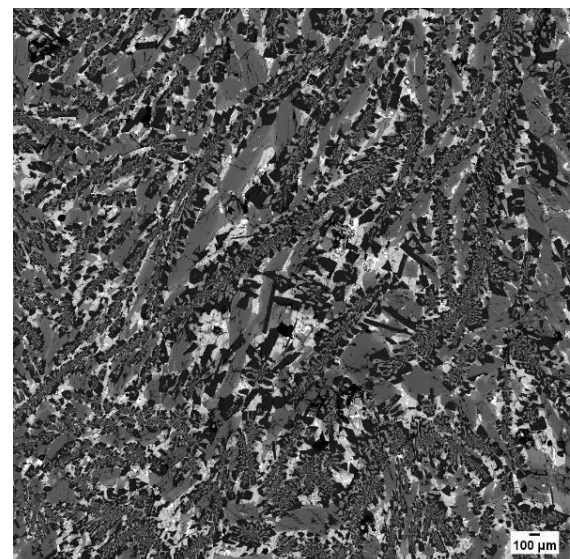
Following our recent work on diabasic angrites NWA 12004 and NWA 12320, porphyritic angrite NWA 12774, and protogranular, relatively metal-rich angrite NWA 14758 [2, 3, 4], we describe here further specimens which continue to expand the diversity among members of this fascinating meteorite group.

Northwest Africa 15317: This very fresh 299.3 gram partially fusion-crusted stone has a porphyritic dendritic or arborescent texture, reminiscent of that in NWA 7203 [5] but coarser (see Figure 1). Larger grains (up to 1.5 mm) of compositionally-zoned Al-Ti-augite (pink with purple-brown rims in thin section; $\text{Fs}_{22.9-47.1}\text{Wo}_{50.5-53.2}$, $\text{FeO/MnO} = 83-134$, Al_2O_3 5.4-8.7 wt.%, TiO_2 1.9-4.7 wt.%,) and Ca-bearing olivine ($\text{Fa}_{47.7-77.7}\text{Ln}_{2.1-8.6}$, $\text{FeO/MnO} = 70-90$) plus smaller laths of anorthite ($\text{An}_{99.3-99.8}\text{Or}_{0.0}$) are set within finer grained interstitial regions composed of intergrowths of the same phases plus kirschsteinite ($\text{Fa}_{64.3-81.5}\text{Ln}_{33.1-15.3}$, $\text{FeO/MnO} = 62-74$), troilite, ulvöspinel, silicoapatite and calcite.

Northwest Africa 15507: This 867 gram specimen has a relatively even-grained microgabbroic texture (mean grain size ~1.4 mm) – see Figure 2. It is composed predominantly of zoned Al-Ti-augite ($\text{Fs}_{16.7-38.1}\text{Wo}_{53.8-51.9}$, $\text{FeO/MnO} = 137-239$, Al_2O_3 5.5-8.5 wt.%, TiO_2 0.1-1.9 wt.%), Ca-bearing olivine ($\text{Fa}_{56.5-59.9}\text{Ln}_{2.1-4.3}$, $\text{FeO/MnO} = 83-85$) and anorthite ($\text{An}_{99.1-100.0}\text{Or}_{0.0}$), together with accessory kirschsteinite ($\text{Fa}_{38.6-45.1}\text{Ln}_{47.3-46.7}$, $\text{FeO/MnO} = 79-83$), hercynite, rhönite [$\text{Ca}_{2.04}(\text{Mg}_{0.32}\text{Fe}^{2+}_{4.25}\text{Fe}^{3+}_{0.47}\text{Ti}_{0.33}\text{Al}_{0.61})(\text{Si}_{3.74}\text{Al}_{2.26})\text{O}_{20}$], $\text{FeO/MnO} = 238-354$), low-Ni kamacite, Ti-free magnetite and troilite. Anorthite-rich regions contain tiny vesicles and cathodoluminescence reveals a complex subgrain structure (see Figure 3). Rhönite is also present in microgabbroic angrite NWA 4590 [6], and in both specimens it apparently contains some ferric iron. In that regard it has been recently proposed [7] that the oxidation state of angrite magmas increases over the course of closed system fractional crystallization.



Figure 1. Arborescent textures in NWA 15317 **A.** (above) Partially cross-polarized thin section image **B.** (below) Back-scattered electron image



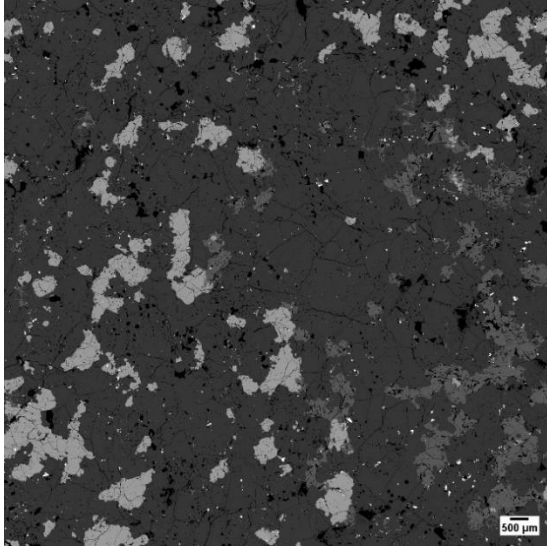


Figure 2. Back-scattered electron image of NWA 15507 showing microgabbroic texture, olivine (light gray), augite (medium gray) and anorthite (dark gray)

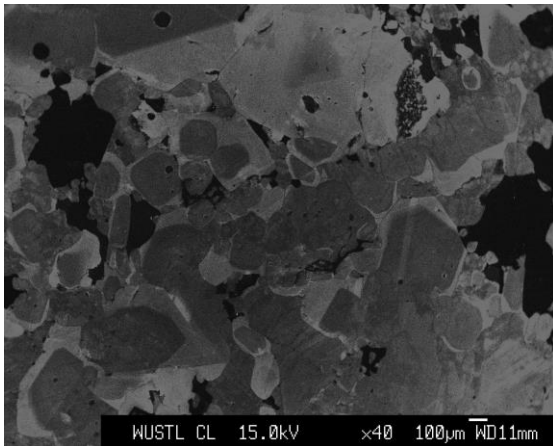


Figure 3. Cathodoluminescence image of anorthite in NWA 15507. The complex substructure may reflect multiple episodes of crystal growth.

Oued Namous 001: Colleagues at the University of New Mexico recently classified an angrite found as multiple stones in northwestern Algeria [8]. We also have classified a 16.7 gram paired stone found in the southern part of same strewnfield but located in the adjacent unnamed dense collection area.

Our very fresh specimen has an intergranular texture (mean grainsize ~0.2 mm) with olivine xenocrysts and sporadic spherical vesicles (up to 2 mm in diameter). It is composed of stubby euhedral grains of anorthite ($\text{An}_{99.6-100.0}\text{Or}_{0.3-0.0}$), mildly zoned Al-Ti-augite (cores $\text{Fs}_{19.5-21.5}\text{Wo}_{51.8-51.4}$, $\text{FeO/MnO} = 72-98$, Al_2O_3 6.4-8.0 wt.%, TiO_2 1.2-1.4 wt.%) and strongly zoned olivine

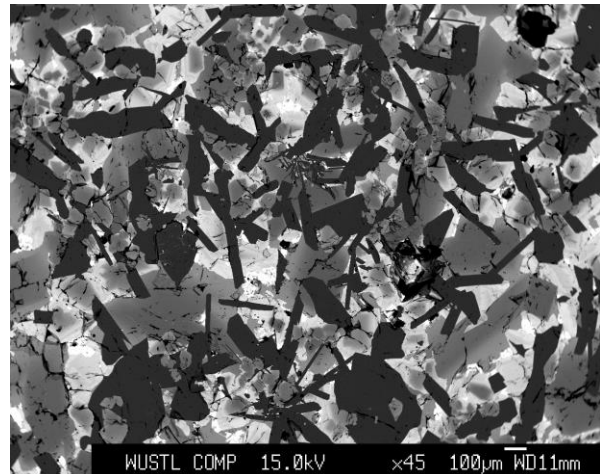


Figure 4. Back-scattered electron image of specimen paired with Oued Namous 001 showing zoned augite (medium gray to light gray), anorthite (darkest gray stubby prismatic grains) and a vesicle (black, upper right corner)

($\text{Fa}_{39.2-49.8}\text{Ln}_{1.5-2.4}$, $\text{FeO/MnO} = 83-92$) with successive rims of kirschsteinite ($\text{Fa}_{59.1-61.0}\text{Ln}_{36.7-34.7}$, $\text{FeO/MnO} = 68$) and Ca-rich fayalite ($\text{Fa}_{78.8-85.4}\text{Ln}_{20.3-12.9}$, $\text{FeO/MnO} = 78-83$), together with accessory ulvöspinel, troilite and silicoapatite -- see Figure 4. Sparse larger (up to 4 mm), more magnesian olivine xenocrysts (cores $\text{Fa}_{15.9}\text{Ln}_{0.1}$, $\text{FeO/MnO} = 85$) are present and are mantled sequentially by more ferroan olivine, kirschsteinite and Ca-rich fayalite.

Oxygen Isotopes: Analyses by laser fluorination at UNM on acid-washed subsamples of NWA 15317 and NWA 14758 gave the following results (all data linearized and $\Delta^{17}\text{O}$ calculated for a TFL slope of 0.528):

NWA 15317: $\delta^{17}\text{O}$ 2.353, 2.457, 2.283; $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ 4.734, 4.802, 4.529; $\Delta^{17}\text{O}$ -0.146, -0.079, -0.108 per mil

NWA 14758: $\delta^{17}\text{O}$ 2.606, 2.619, 2.817; $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ 5.118, 5.170, 5.554; $\Delta^{17}\text{O}$ -0.097, -0.111, -0.115 per mil

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