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Origin and timing of nitrogen delivery to the angrite parent body

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D'Orbigny and Sahara 99555 are two of the oldest volcanic angrites, with ages of 4563.51 ± 0.8 and 4564.07 ± 0.43 Ma respectively [1]. They are derived from the angrite parent body, which accreted ~ 1.5 Myrs after CAIs inside Jupiter's orbit [2,3]. We measured, for the first time, the N content and $^{15}\text{N}/^{14}\text{N}$ ratio of glass inclusions, interstitial glasses, and silicate minerals by *in-situ* high-resolution secondary ion mass spectrometry [4]. The new data allow us to better constrain the source(s) and timing of volatile delivery to the planet-forming region. Glass in D'Orbigny contains up to 655 ± 189 ppm N with isotopic ratios ($\delta^{15}\text{N}$) from 0.6 ± 29.7 to 1068 ± 174 ‰. The most primitive melt, trapped in Mg-rich olivines in D'Orbigny, shows a $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ value similar to that of the terrestrial mantle or CM chondrites [5]. The $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ signature of the more evolved melt in D'Orbigny is consistent with a contribution from a ^{15}N -enriched endmember, possibly of cometary origin [5]. Given the very old age of the two angrites, volatile-rich material must have been delivered from the outer Solar System to the terrestrial planet-forming region within the first ~ 4 Myrs after CAI formation.

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