Physical Geology 201



# General Terminology: Igneous rocks

What are igneous rocks?

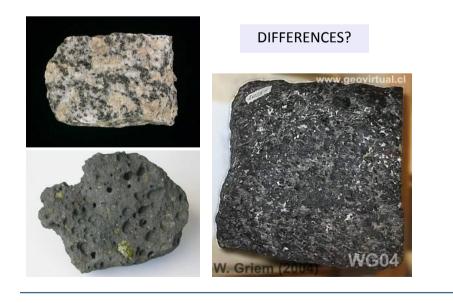
• Igneous rocks form by solidification (or crystallization) of hot molten rock material (magma or lava) under various conditions.

## Igneous rocks

- How to identify/ classify them?
- How do igneous rocks form?
  - rock melting
  - formation of a magma,
  - Solidification of a magma.

Processes

- What are the types of igneous intrusions?
- Where do igneous processes occur (plate tectonics)?



# Classification of Igneous Rocks

- 1. Texture refers to the shape and size of the mineral grains within an igneous rock
- Chemical Composition Types of minerals forming the igneous rock (reflected in the color of the specimen)

#### Classification of Igneous rocks

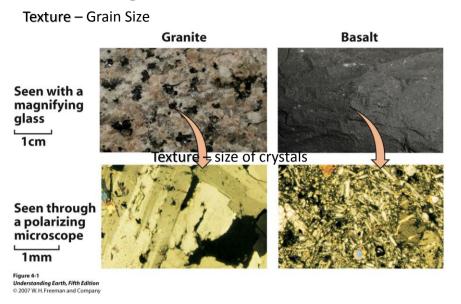
Texture – refers to the shape and size of the mineral grains within an igneous rock Grain size

- Coarse-grained rocks : crystals visible to the naked eye
- Fine-grained rocks: crystals cannot be seen even with a magnifying glass
- Mixed texture rocks





#### **Classification of Igneous rocks**



#### Classification of Igneous rocks

Texture – Nomenclature



4 and 2 Basalt



1 Obsidian





Granite

Glassy no minerals present, glassy luster
 Vesicular with bubble holes
 Pyroclastic fine grained ash material
 Aphanitic fine grained crystals
 Porphyritic mixture of coarse and fine grained
 Coarse crystals

Pumice

# Classification of Igneous rocks Texture – Nomenclature





Porphyritic Aphanetic Olivine crystals in fine grained Groundmass (basalt)

**Porphyritic Phaneritic** K-Feldspar crystals in finer grained Groundmass (granite)

#### Classification of Igneous rocks

Texture - How textural differences were detected?

1. Early studies on volcanic rocks: quick solidification of erupting lava forms fine grained rocks





 Slow cooling: e.g., granite intrusion. A melt is subject to slow cooling will form coarse grained rocks

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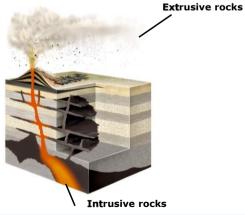
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- Crystallization Lab studies: formation of tiny crystals
  --> grow bigger in a definite pattern

Classification of Igneous rocks

Texture – synthesis: texture is related to the rate of cooling →Intrusive and extrusive textures

•Igneous processes within the Earth produce **intrusive** igneous rocks;

• Igneous processes on or near Earth's surface produce **extrusive** igneous rocks. **Extru** 

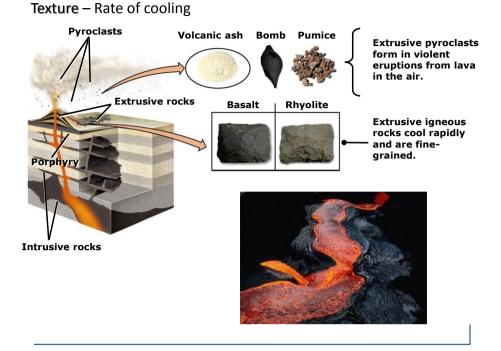


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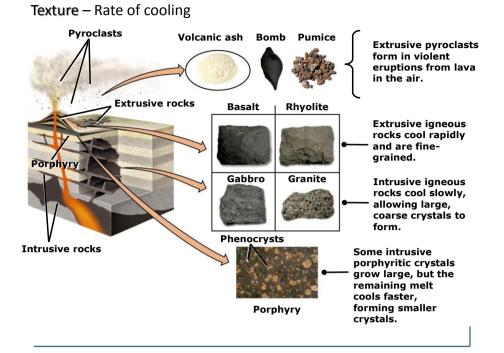
Volcanic ashes: Vesuvio, Pompei





#### Texture – Rate of cooling

Intrusive rocks



DIFFERENCES beside texture?	
Basalt	Rhyolite
Gabbro	Granite

# DIFFERENCES beside texture?

#### Classification of Igneous rocks

#### **Chemical and Mineral Composition**

Two basic compositional groups according to forming minerals:

- Felsic igneous rocks (about 70 % silica)
- Mafic igneous rocks
- Intermediate igneous rocks
- Ultramafic igneous rocks

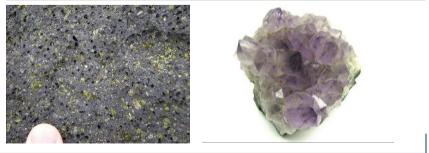
Examples of forming minerals?

#### Classification of Igneous rocks

# Reminder!

#### **Chemical and Mineral Composition**

MAFIC SILICATES:	FELSIC SILICATES:
Rich in Mg and Fe; denser; dark colored	Enriched in the lighter elements such as silicon, oxygen, aluminum, sodium, and potassium, light colored
Olivine	Feldspar
Pyroxene	Quartz



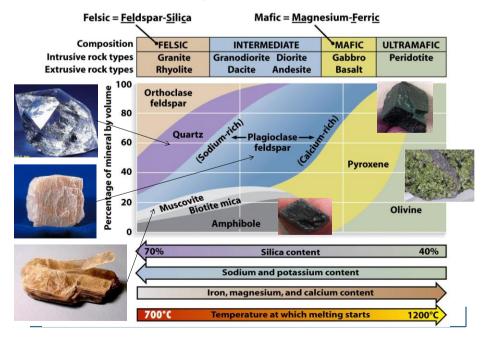
#### Reminder!

#### **Chemical and Mineral Composition**

Common minerals of igneous rocks

Quartz Potassium feldspar Plagioslass feldspar	SiO <sub>2</sub> KAISi <sub>3</sub> O <sub>8</sub> NaAISi O (CaALSi O	Frameworks
Muscovite (mica)	KAI <sub>3</sub> Si <sub>3</sub> O <sub>10</sub> (OH) <sub>2</sub>	Sheets
Biotite (mica)	K Mg Fe Al	
Amphibole group	Mg Fe Ca Na	Double chains
Pyroxene group	Mg Fe Ca Al	Single chains
Olivine	(Mg,Fe) <sub>2</sub> SiO <sub>4</sub>	Isolated tetrahedra
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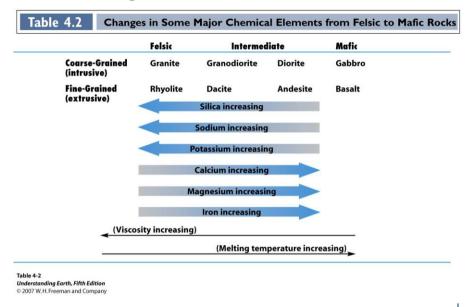


#### Classification of Igneous rocks Chemical and Mineral Composition

Common minerals of igneous rocks			
	Typical granite	Typical basalt	
SiO <sub>2</sub>	70%	50%	
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	12%	15%	
FeO + MgO	3%	15%	
CaO	2%	8%	
$K_2O+Na_2O$	8%	5%	
	Granite	Basalt	
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Classification of igneous rocks: Texture and mineralogical composition

- Fine-grained versus Coarse-grained
- Felsic versus Mafic
  Fine grained
  Coarse grained
  Mafic Felsic
  Basalt
  Rhyolite
  Selsic
  Gabbro
  Granite



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# Forming an Igneous Rock

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Processes

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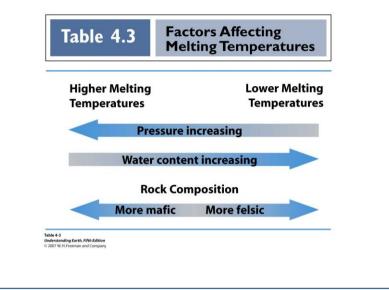
How do Rock melt?

Factor affecting rock melting

- Temperature
- Pressure
- Water Content

Forming an igneous rock

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How do Rock melt?

Factor affecting rock melting: Melting temperature Temperature increases with depth

- Melting of a rock depends on:
  - The proportion of minerals that compose the rock. Minerals will melt at different temperatures
  - Temperature at the locations where melting is occurring

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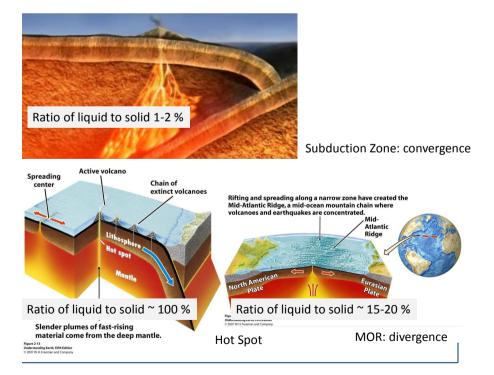
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Partial Melting refers to the incomplete melting of a rock that occurs because the minerals that compose the rock melt at different temperature

PARTIAL MELTING



Ratio of Solid to Partial melt

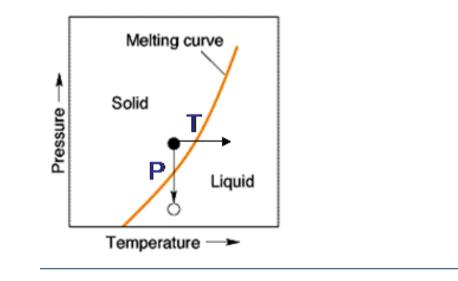


How do Rock melt?

Factor affecting rock melting: Pressure

- Pressure and temperature increase with depth
- Higher Pressures lead to higher melting Temperatures
  - E.g., rock that melts at the earth surface at 1000 °C will melt at 1300 °C deeper in the earth

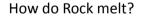
#### E.g., Melting curve: effect of pressure



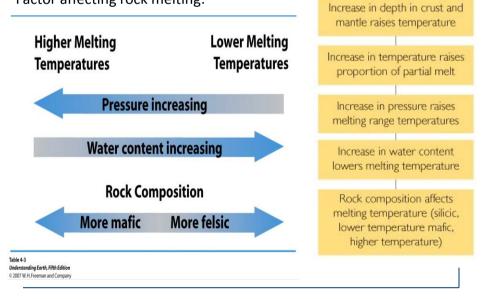
How do Rock melt?

Factor affecting rock melting: Water Content

- Water content decreases melting temperature
  - E.g., a rock (e.g., Albite) that contains a small amount of water (vapor) melts at 1000 °C, whereas when it contains large amount of water it will melt at 800 °C.



Factor affecting rock melting:



#### Forming an igneous rock Solidification of a rock from a melt Magma chambers

Where do magma form?

•A temperature of about 1000°C is required for partial melting of crustal rocks.

•A depth of at least 40 km is required for temperatures of 1000°C to occur. In other places higher depths are required.

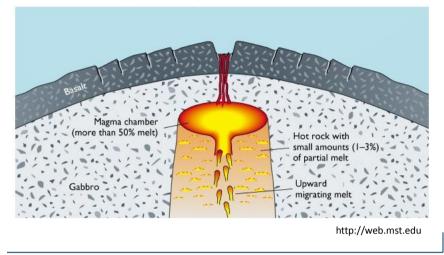
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Formation of magma Chambers

- Molten Material will rise up because of their lower density with respect to solid material at rates varying between 0.3 to 50 m/year
- Molten magma will melt host rocks or get mixed with other types of melts
- Formation of a magma Chamber: large liquid filled cavities in solid rocks (several m<sup>3</sup>)

#### Forming an igneous rock Solidification of a rock from a melt

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Forming an igneous rock Solidification of a rock from a melt Crystallization of a magma

Crystallization

Is the cooling, solidification of hot magma or lava, in which unordered, randomly distributed ions begin to be arranged in an orderly pattern.

When melt is consumed, it solidifies into interlocking crystals.

Slow cooling gives large crystals, quenching gives fine-grains or glass.

Ideally, crystallization is the opposite of melting.

The crystallization process is influenced by:

- Rate of cooling,
- Composition of magma and
- Volatile content

When melt reaches the crystallization temperature of a mineral, the mineral forms and undergoes no further changes with subsequent cooling.

Forming an igneous rock Solidification of a rock from a melt Crystallization of a magma

Magmatic differentiation: a process by which rocks of varying composition can arise from a uniform parent magma

← Different minerals crystallize at different temperature (same as melting)

Rule : the first mineral to melt are the last to crystallize from a cooling magma, similarly the last minerals to melt are the first to crystallize.

#### Forming an igneous rock Solidification of a rock from a melt Magmatic Differentiation

**Fractional crystallization**: a process by which the crystals formed in a cooling magma will be segregated from the remaining liquid rock.

- As magma cools, the most abundant (Si<sup>4+</sup> and O<sup>2-</sup>) join to form the  $(SiO_4)^{4-}$  tetrahedra.



- With progressive cooling, the tetrahedron polymerizes to form more complex structures of various silicate minerals that crystallize at various T&P conditions.

# Silicates

Class	Chemical Formula	Structure
Olivine	(Mg,Fe) <sub>2</sub> SiO <sub>4</sub>	-15-
Pyroxene	(Mg,Fe)SiO <sub>3</sub>	
Amphibole	Ca <sub>2</sub> (Mg,Fe) <sub>5</sub> Si <sub>8</sub> O <sub>22</sub> (OH) <sub>2</sub>	
Mica	KAl <sub>2</sub> (AlSi <sub>3</sub> O <sub>10</sub> )(OH) <sub>2</sub> Muscovite	

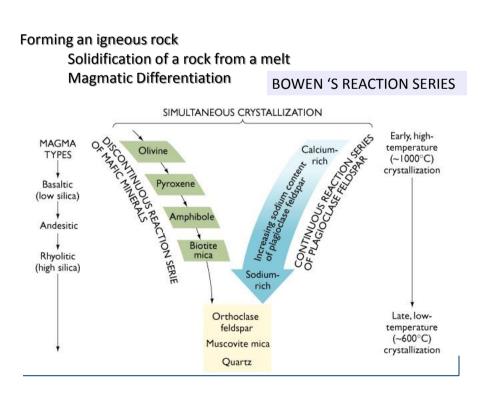
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#### BOWEN 'S REACTION SERIES



Certain minerals crystallize first, therefore the composition of the melt is changed

At successively lower temperature others begin to crystallize as the composition of melt changes (at  $\sim$  50% crystallization:

- Mg, Fe, Ca depleted,
- Si, Na, K enriched

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#### **Continuous Crystallization**

The same type of mineral (Plagioclase) begins to crystallize it takes on a given composition but the composition of the Mineral (and the entire crystal) changes due to changes in the composition of the magma.

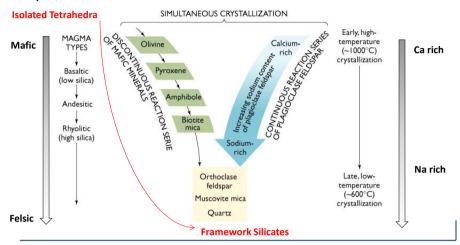
Example: Plagioclase feldspar (calcium rich at the beginning of crystallization becomes sodium rich as the temperature decreases)

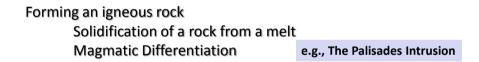
#### **Discontinuous Crystallization**

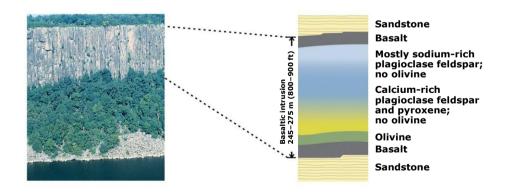
Crystals previously formed react with the melt to produce new minerals. e.g., olivine, pyroxene, etc...

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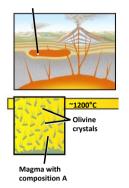
BOWEN's Reaction Series: As magma cools with the gradual decrease of temperature from 1200°C to 600°C, minerals crystallize in an ordered series



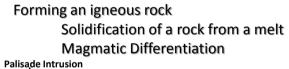


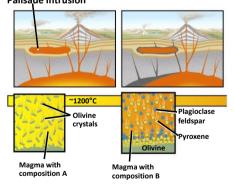


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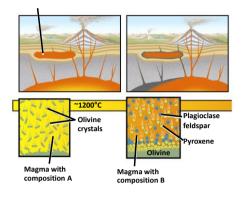


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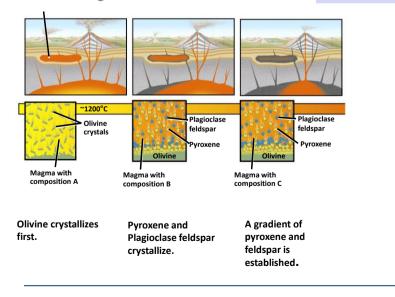
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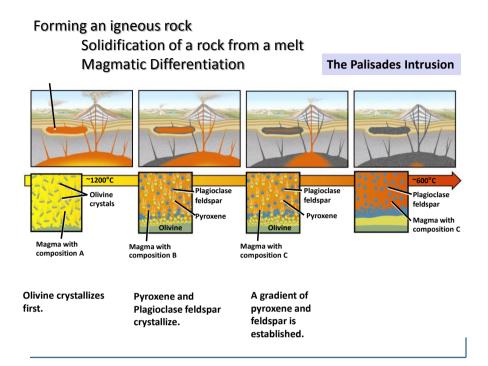


Olivine crystallizes first. Pyroxene and plagioclase feldspar crystallize.

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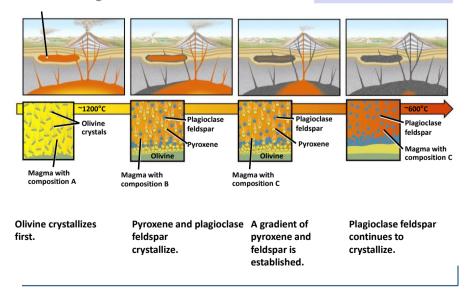
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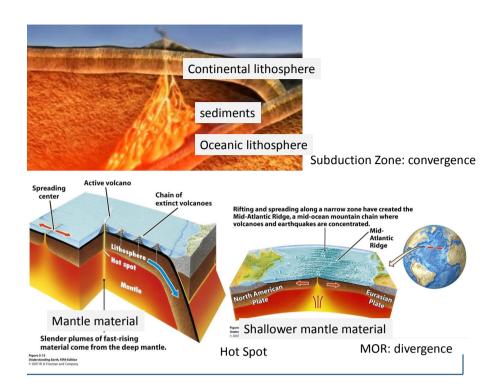
Solidification of a rock from a melt Types of Magma  $\rightarrow$  types of igneous rocks

- Magma do not cool uniformly: Temperatures vary within a magma chamber → Chemical composition of magma varies from one region to another
- Magmas can be
  - Miscible: they mix together but the end result of crystallization is different than the one followed by each magma separately
  - Immiscible: they coexist in one chamber but they do not mix, therefore each magma will follow its own fractional crystallization series

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•What types of rocks are subject to melting?

- → types of magma
- $\rightarrow$  types of igneous rocks



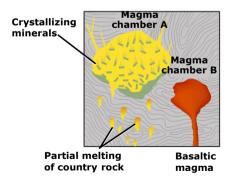
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•Different degrees of partial melting of same mantle or crustal source rock or different source rocks will produce different magma compositions which eventually crystallize to give different rocks Forming an igneous rock

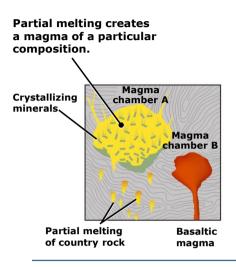
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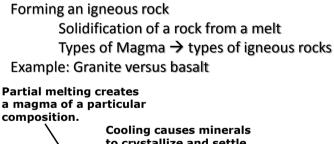
- Basaltic magmas
  - Produced by partial melting of rocks in the Upper Mantle (Peridotite)  $\rightarrow$  Basalts
- •Andesitic magmas (intermediate magmas)
  - Produced by melting of a mixture of sedimentary rocks and basaltic oceanic → Intermediate igneous rocks e.g., Andesite
- •Granitic magmas
  - Generated by melting of sedimentary rocks and continental crust and fractionation → Felsic igneous rocks e.g., Granite

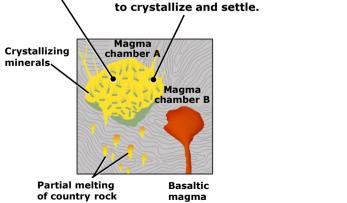
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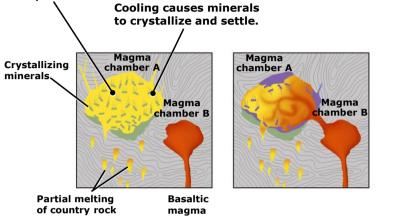


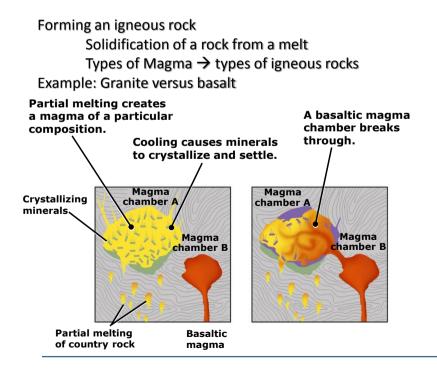


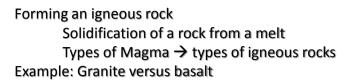


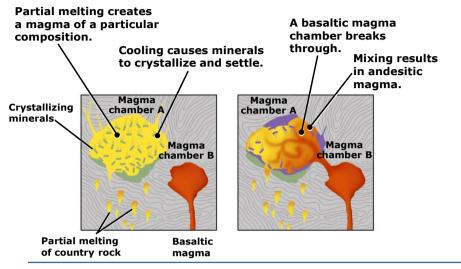
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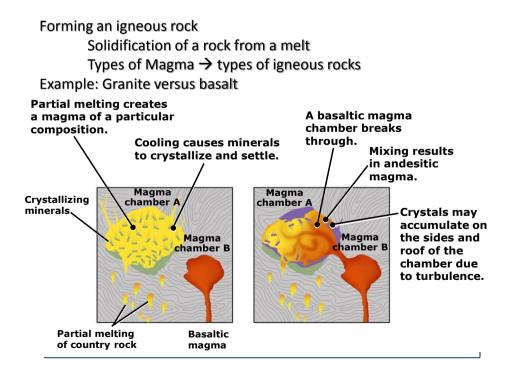
#### Partial melting creates a magma of a particular composition.







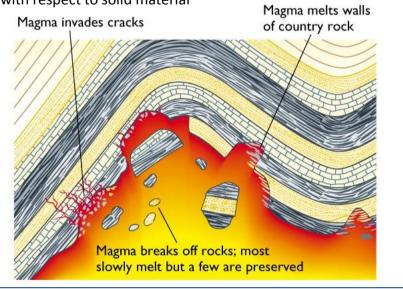




# Types of Igneous Intrusions

#### Forms of Intrusive rock masses

 Molten Material will rise up because of their lower density with respect to solid material



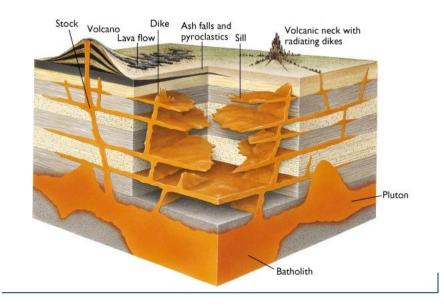
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#### Intrusive igneous rock bodies

Emplacement of hot molten magma into intermediate or high levels of the earth crust may be associated with partial melting of the surrounding "host or country rocks", near contacts (wall rocks), this process is called **assimilation**, and the remnants of these partially melted host rocks called **xenoliths**.



#### Forms of Intrusive rock masses

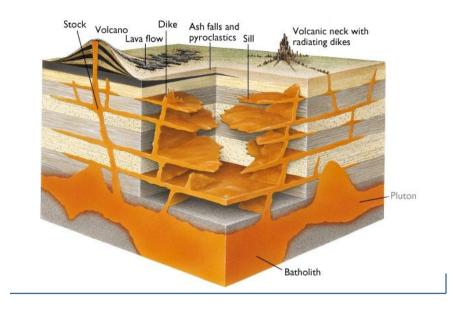


# Types of intrusions

**Concordant:** their boundaries lie parallel to the country rock layers they intrude, independently if the layers are horizontal or not

**Discordant:** They cut across the layer or the country rock they intrude

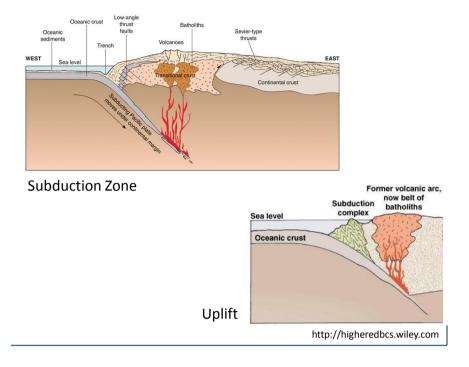
Concordant:	Discordant:
Sills	Dikes
Laccoliths	Necks
Layered intrusic	ons Batholith
Phacolith	Pluton



#### Forms of Intrusive rock masses

 Batholiths: Any deep-seated large intrusion of coarse grained rocks that has a surface exposure of over 100 sq. km that is mostly granitic.

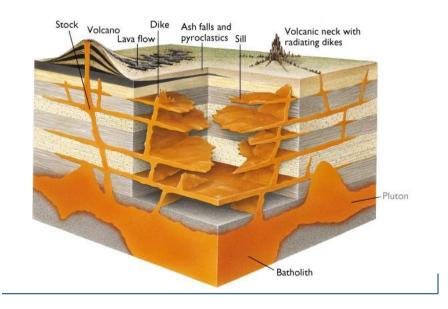
Examples include the Sierra Nevada batholith.





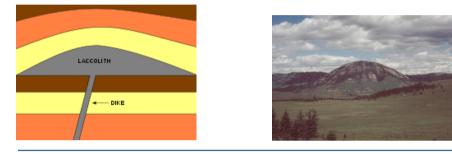
# Sierra Nevada batholith

 Pluton: A large igneous intrusive body similar to batholith, but smaller size (< 60 km<sup>2</sup> in area) that cuts across the host rocks.



• Laccolith: Mushroom-shaped body of relatively small size

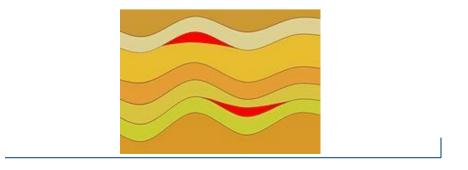
(several km in diameter), formed because of the intrusion of highly pressurized magma. This high pressure results in the arching of the parallel intruded layers



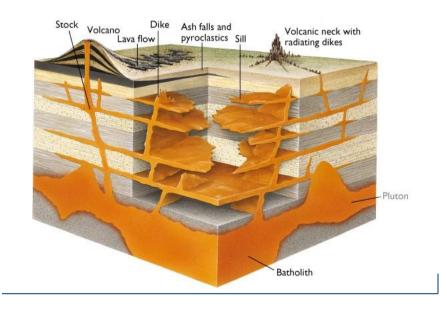
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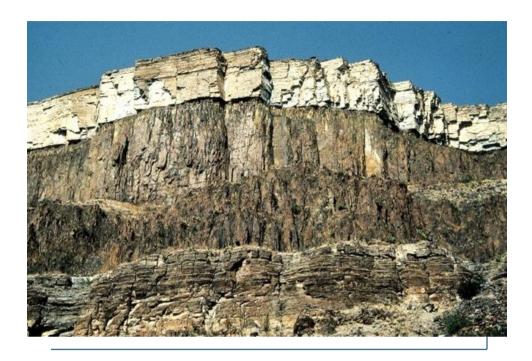
Phacolith: Similar intrusive body to laccolith of small size

They fill in crests and troughs of folded structures. Therefore they have both curved roof and floor



 Sill: Concordant horizontal sheets of igneous rocks that lie parallel to the bedding planes of sedimentary (or igneous) host rocks. They frequently show columnar structure.





- Layered Intrusions : Large sheets of igneous rocks, much thicker than sills. All intrusions are exposed due to uplift and the erosion of the cover.
- Typically they are many kilometers in area covering from around 100 km<sup>2</sup> to over 50,000 km<sup>2</sup> and several hundred meters to over a kilometer in thickness

- Dykes are wall-like vertical masses characterized by parallel sides.
  - These vary in width from <u>few centimeters to many</u> <u>meters and may extend for tens of kilometers.</u>
  - They could also occur in groups. They are discordant, and cut across surrounding rocks
  - They are emplaced along fissures, cracks and fault planes during extensional or tension-induced tectonics.



 Veins are deposits of minerals found within a rock fracture that are foreign to the country rock. They can be a few millimeters to several meters across.

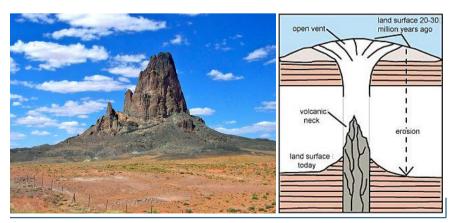


Extremely coarse grained Granite cutting through a much finer grained rock = Pegmatite (Crystallizes from a water rich Magma)

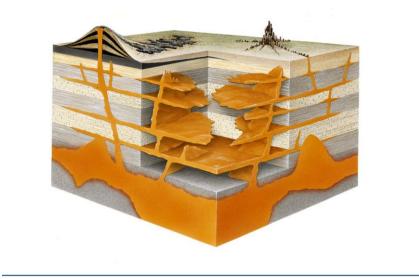
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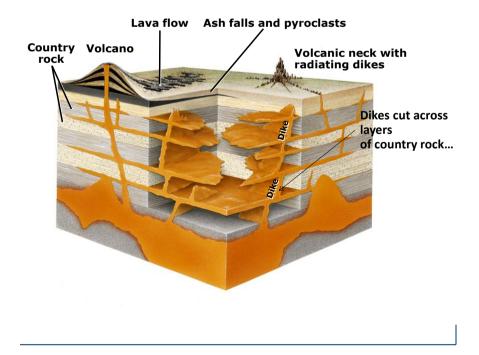
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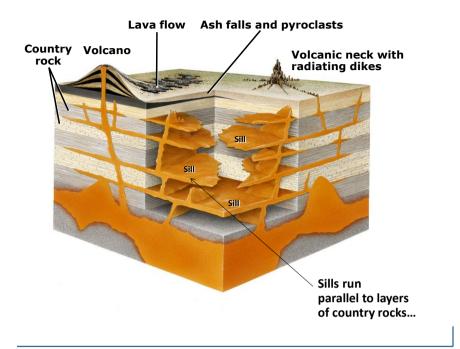
 A neck is a volcanic landform created when magma hardens within a vent on an active volcano.

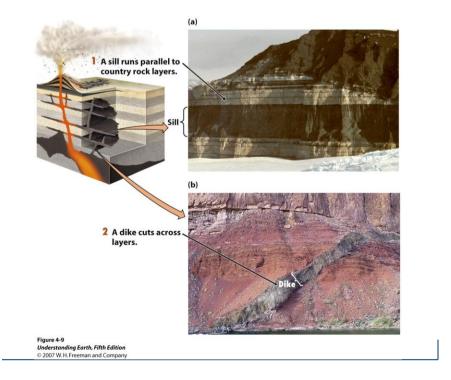


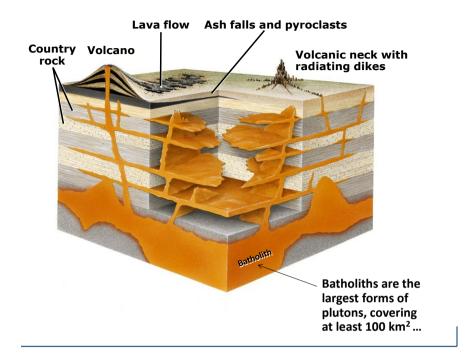
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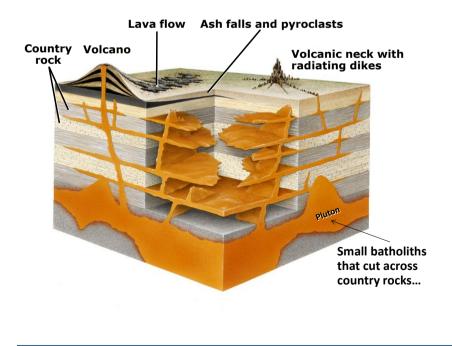


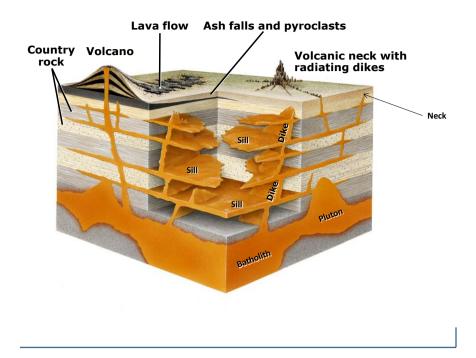






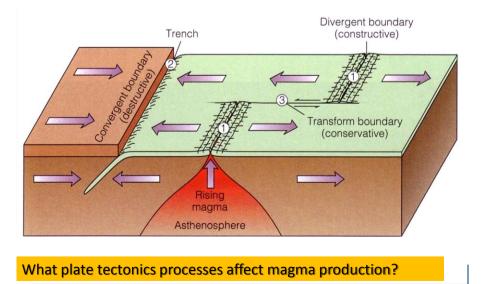






# Igneous processes and Plate Tectonics

# Back to Plate Tectonics!



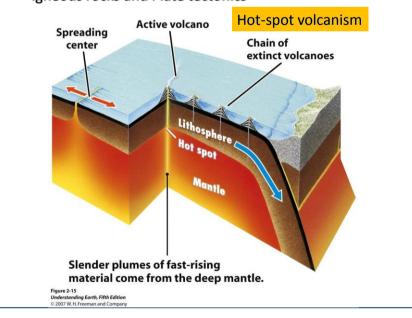
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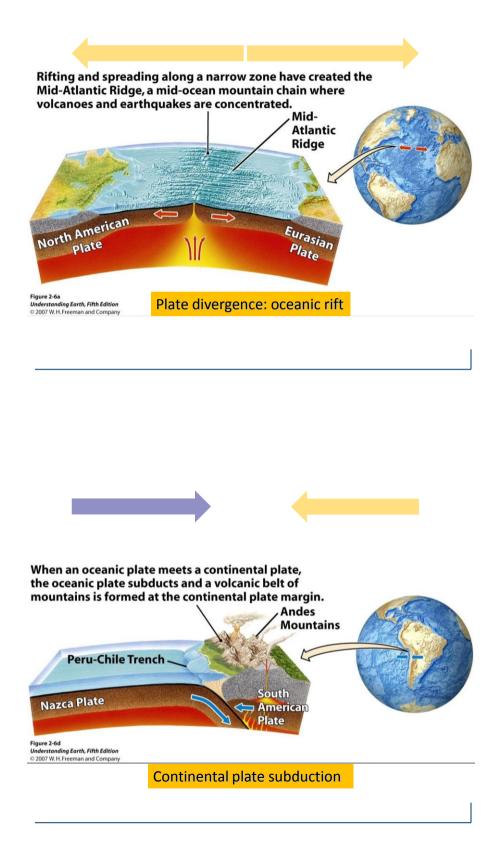
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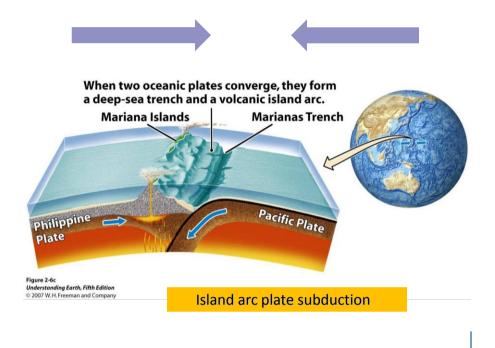
• Four main zones of Magma Production

convergence -	[ 1. [ 2.	Island arc plate subduction Continental plate subduction		
divergence -	3.	Plate divergence	-	Magmatic Geosystems
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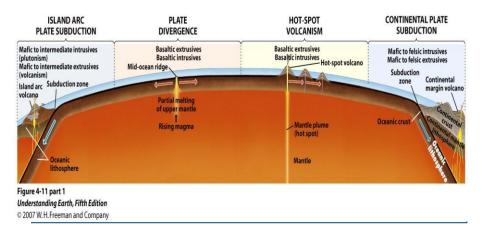
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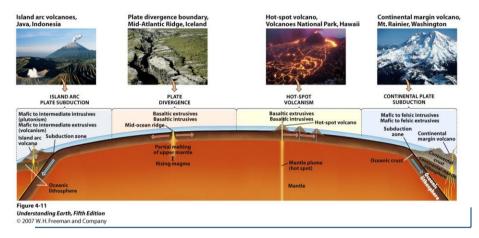




# Each type of magmatic Geosystem will generate different types of magma



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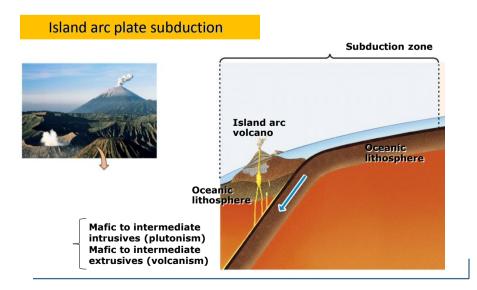
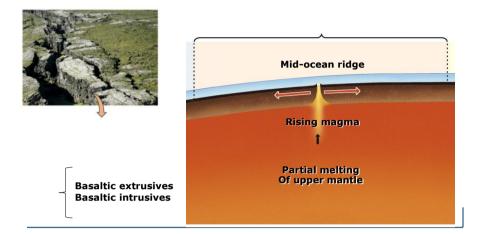


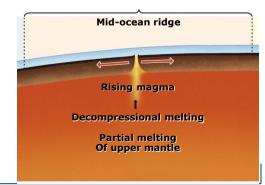
Plate divergence: oceanic rift

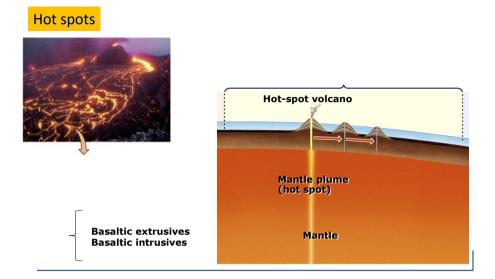


Effect of pressure at mid Oceanic Ridge

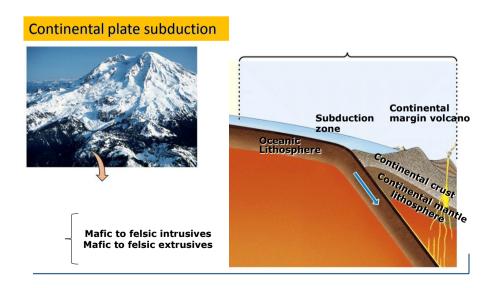
- Pressure and temperature increase with depth
- Higher Pressures lead to higher melting Temperatures

•Decompression melting: Decrease of Pressure on The uprising magma → Decrease of melting temperature





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Continental plate subduction: Fluid Induced Melting

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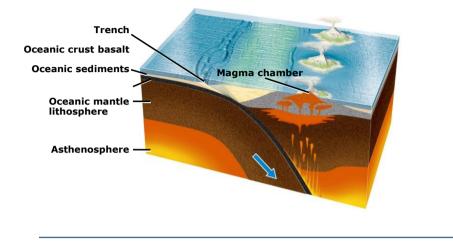
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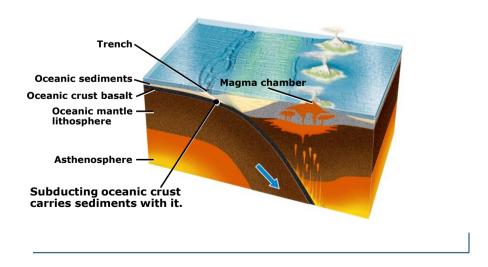
**Remember**: when the oceanic plate goes beneath the continental plate → it **DEHYDRATES** !



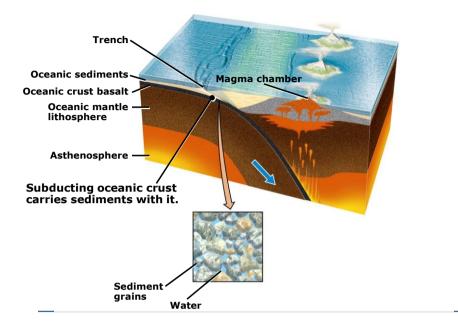
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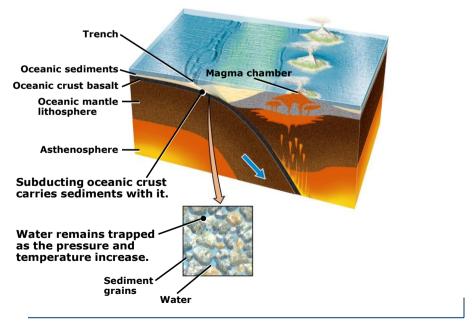
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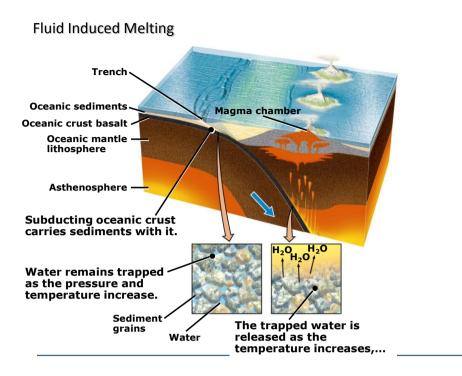


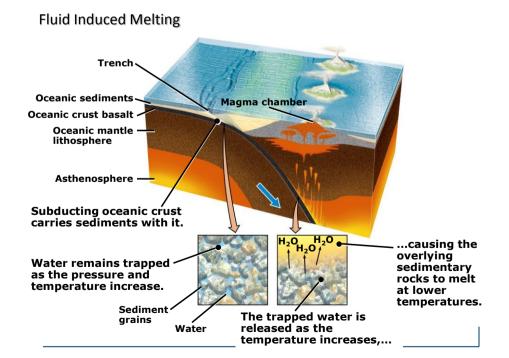
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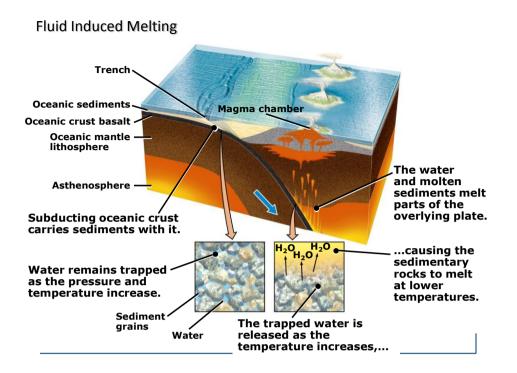


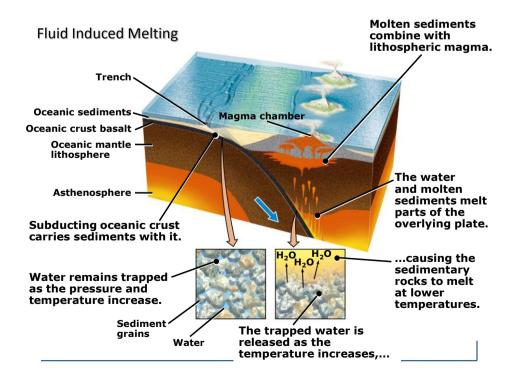
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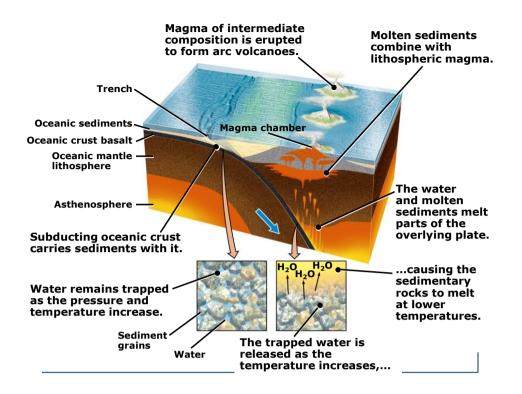


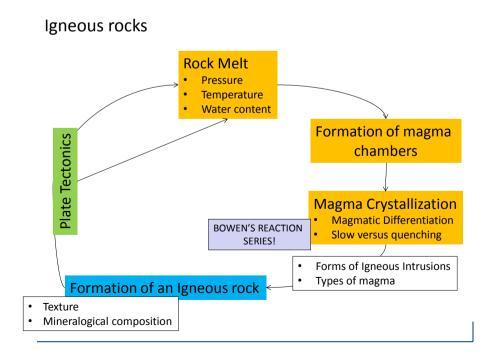












# Forming an igneous rock Do you know your Igneous terms?

Andesite Basalt Batholith Concordant intrusion Country rock Dacite Decompression melting Dyke Discordant intrusion Extrusive igneous rock Felsic rock Fluid-induced melting Fractional crystallization Gabbro Granodiorite

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Vein

Intermediate igneous rock Intrusive igneous rock Mafic rock Magma chamber Magmatic differentiation Obsidian Partial melting Pegmatite Peridotite Pluton Porphyry Pumice Pyroclast Forming an igneous rock Do you know your Igneous terms?

Rhyolite Sill Ultramafic rock Vein Viscosity Volcanic ash

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