

Genetic Classification of Igneous Rocks

- **Intrusive:** crystallized from slowly cooling magma intruded within the Earth's crust; e.g. granite, gabbro



Granite intrusion Metamorphosed
sedimentary rock

Fig. 5.2

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- **Extrusive:** crystallized from rapidly cooling magma extruded on the surface of the Earth as lava or erupted as pyroclastic material.

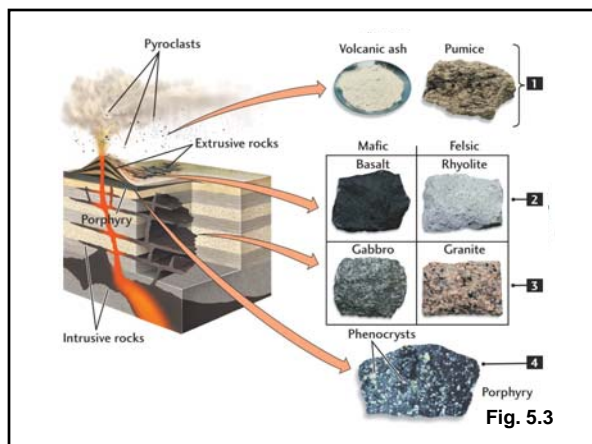


Fig. 5.3

Extrusive Igneous Rocks Include:

- rocks formed from the cooling of **lavas**
- rocks formed by the cooling of **pyroclastic** material, i.e. fragmented pieces of magma and material erupted into the air

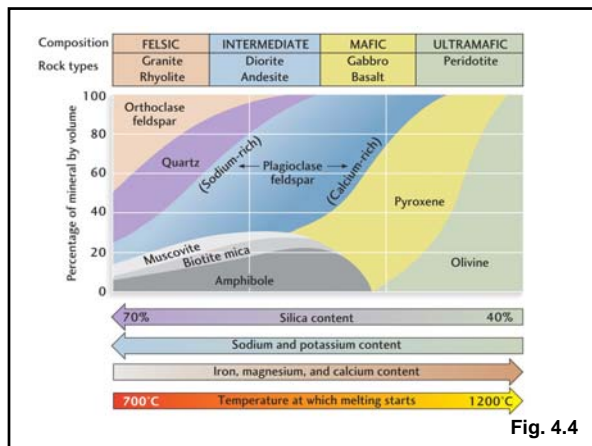
Table 5.1 Common Minerals of Igneous Rocks

Compositional Group	Mineral	Chemical Composition	Silicate Structure
FELSIC	Quartz	SiO_2	Frameworks
	Potassium feldspar	KAlSi_3O_8	
	Plagioclase feldspar	$[\text{NaAlSi}_3\text{O}_8, \text{CaAl}_2\text{Si}_2\text{O}_8]$	Sheets
	Muscovite (mica)	$\text{KAl}_2(\text{Si}_2\text{O}_5)(\text{OH})_2$	
MAFIC	Biotite (mica)	$\left. \begin{matrix} \text{K} \\ \text{Mg} \\ \text{Fe} \\ \text{Al} \end{matrix} \right\} \text{Si}_2\text{O}_5(\text{OH})_2$	Double chains
	Amphibole group	$\left. \begin{matrix} \text{Mg} \\ \text{Fe} \\ \text{Ca} \\ \text{Na} \end{matrix} \right\} \text{Si}_8\text{O}_{22}(\text{OH})_2$	
	Pyroxene group	$\left. \begin{matrix} \text{Mg} \\ \text{Fe} \\ \text{Ca} \\ \text{Al} \end{matrix} \right\} \text{SiO}_3$	Single chains
	Olivine	$(\text{Mg,Fe})_2\text{SiO}_4$	
			Isolated tetrahedra

Table. 5.1

Composition and Classification of Igneous Rocks

- **Chemistry:** e.g. % SiO_2
- **Mineralogy:** e.g.
 - Felsic
 - Intermediate
 - Mafic
 - Ultramafic

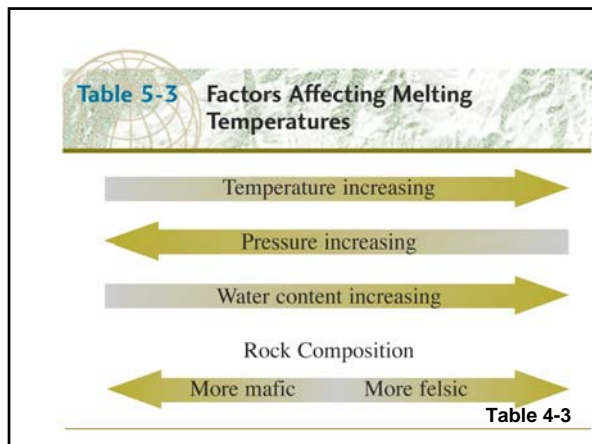


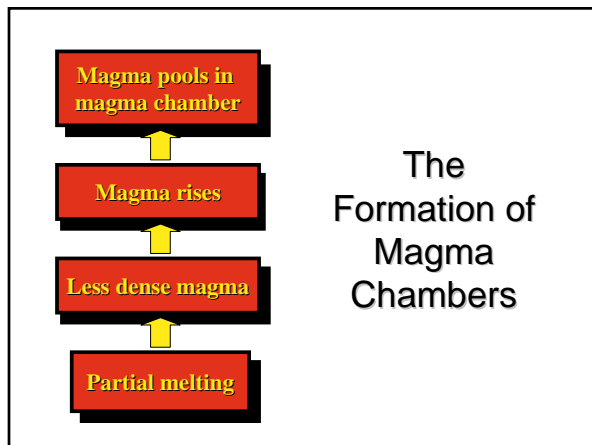
How do magmas form?

When rocks melt (or partially melt).

Partial Melting

Occurs when some of the minerals forming a rock melt at lower temperatures than other minerals within the same rock





Magma Differentiation

The process by which rocks of various compositions can arise from a uniform parent magma

Magma Differentiation

Occurs because different minerals crystallize at different temperatures (i.e., the opposite of partial melting)

Fractional Crystallization

The process by which crystals forming in a cooling magma are segregated from the remaining liquid

Bowen's Reaction Series

Experimental sequence of crystallization of minerals from a gradually cooling mafic (basaltic) magma

Bowen's Reaction Series

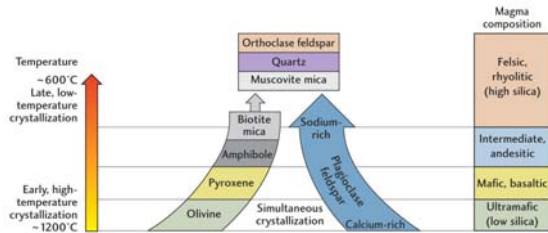


Fig. 4.5

Evidence of Fractional Crystallization in the Palisades Sill

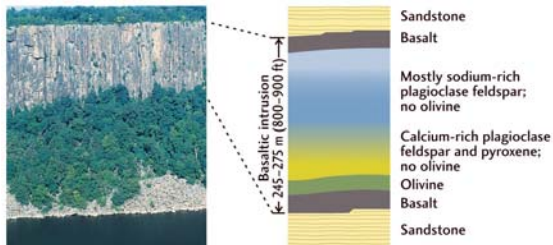


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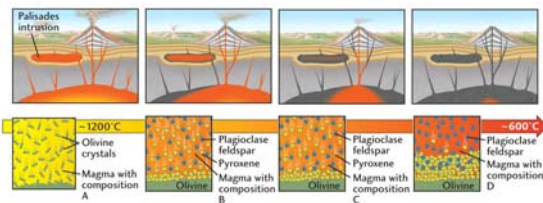


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Can fractional crystallization of a primitive basaltic (mafic) magma generate a granitic (felsic) magma?

Yes, but not in the amounts present in the continental crust!

Modern Ideas of Magmatic Differentiation

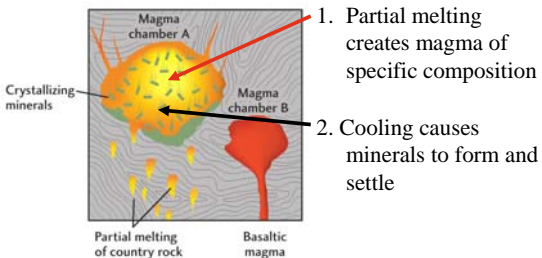


Fig. 4.6

1. Partial melting creates magma of specific composition
2. Cooling causes minerals to form and settle

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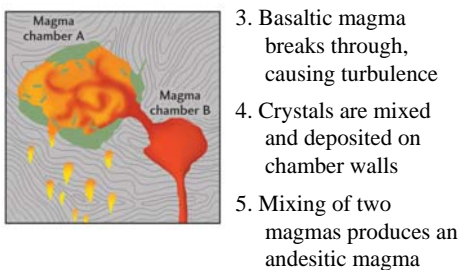


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3. Basaltic magma breaks through, causing turbulence
4. Crystals are mixed and deposited on chamber walls
5. Mixing of two magmas produces an andesitic magma

Partial Melting and the Origin of Magmas

Partial melting of upper mantle: e.g. at divergent spreading centers → **Mafic** Magmas

Partial melting of sedimentary rocks and mafic lithosphere: e.g. in subduction zones → **Intermediate** Magmas

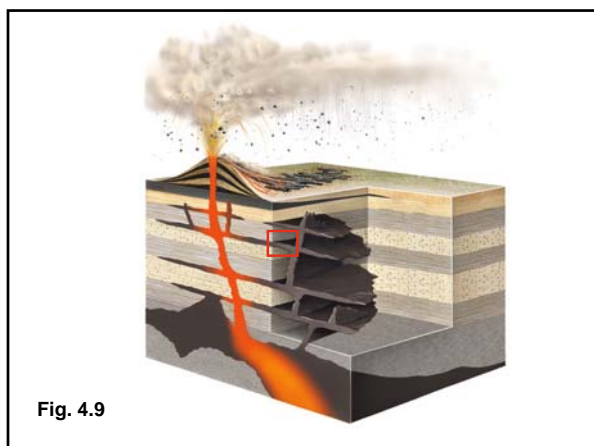
Partial melting of continental crustal rocks → **Felsic** Magmas

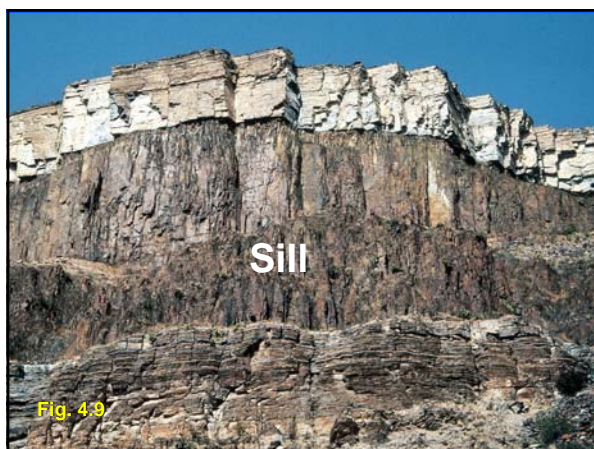
Plutons

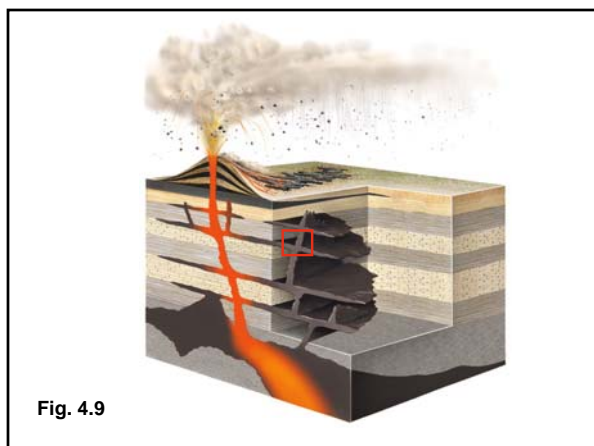
Large igneous bodies
formed at depth in the
Earth's crust

Types of Plutons

- **Batholith:** Massive, discordant intrusive body covering at least 100 km²
- **Stock:** Massive, discordant intrusive body covering less than 100 km²
- **Dike:** Tabular, discordant intrusive body
- **Sill:** Tabular, concordant intrusive body





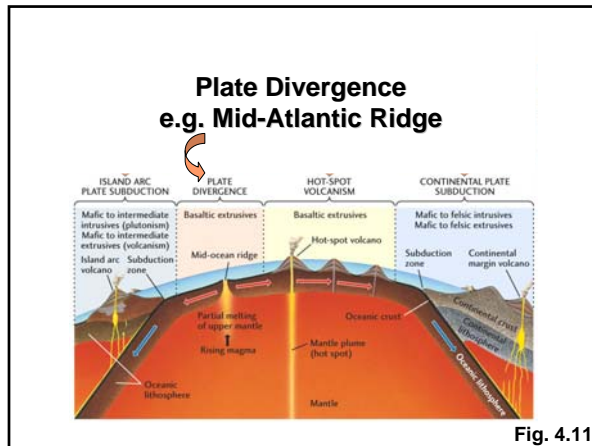


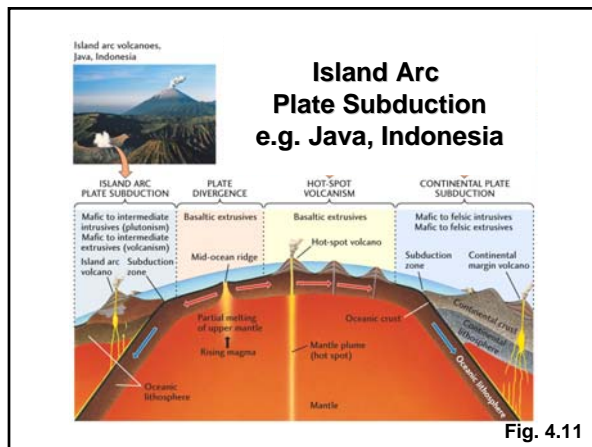


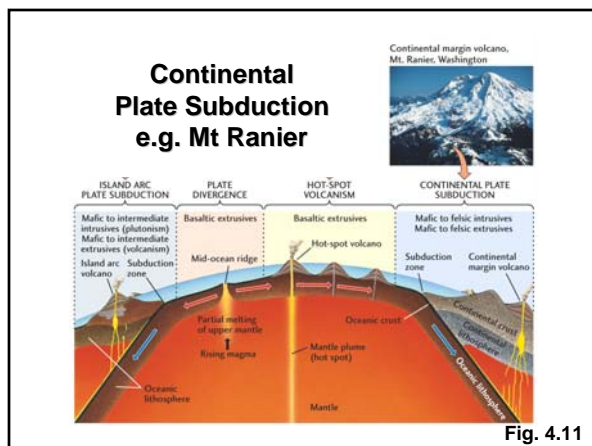


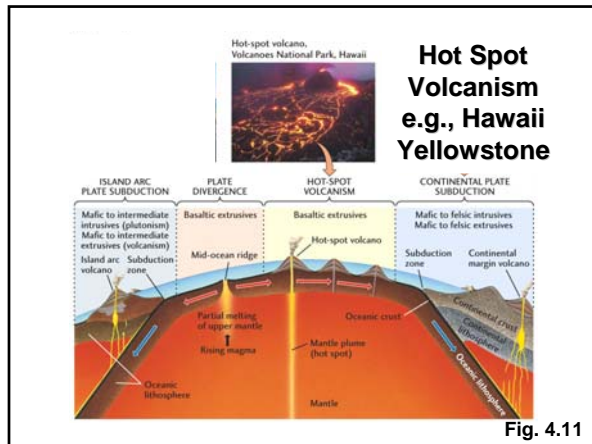
Where do most magmas form?

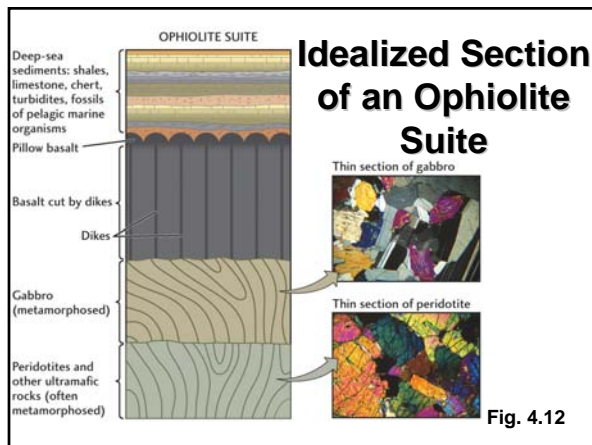
- Divergent Plate Margins
- Convergent Plate Margins
- Mantle Plumes/Hot Spots





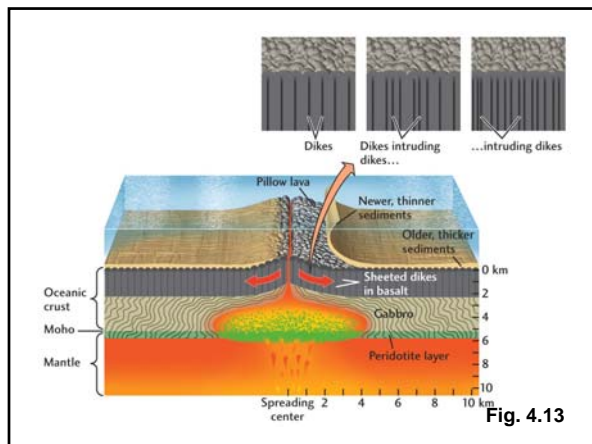


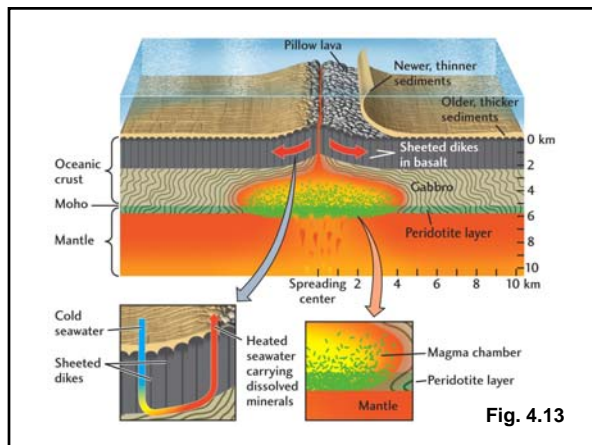




**Generation of Magmas at
Divergent Plate Margins**

- Partially melted asthenosphere (Peridotite) rises at spreading centers, causing **decompression melting** of up to 15% of the rock to form mafic magma.





Generation of Magmas at Convergent Plate Margins

- Subduction drags oceanic lithosphere (including a veneer of “wet” sediments) beneath the adjacent plate

Generation of Magmas at Convergent Plate Margins

- The release of volatiles lowers the melting point of the adjacent mantle, causing **fluid-induced melting** to form a mafic magma, which becomes more intermediate in composition as it rises through the overlying crust

