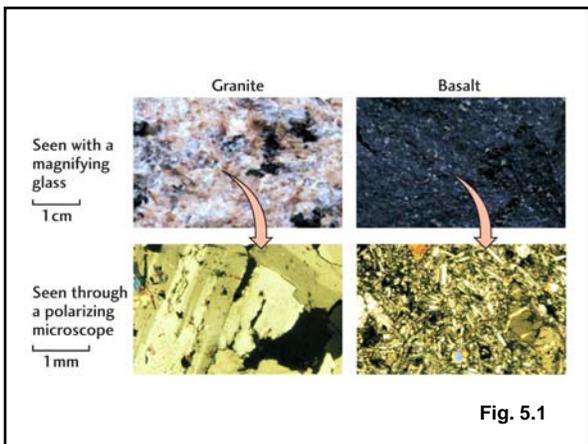


Igneous Rocks

- Earth scientists use the structure, sequence, and properties of rocks, sediments, and fossils to reconstruct events in Earth's history
- Earth's systems continually react to changing influences from geological, hydrological, physical, chemical, and biological processes
- rocks and minerals provide essential metals and other materials



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

Genetic Classification of Igneous Rocks

- **Extrusive:** crystallized from rapidly cooling magma extruded on the surface of the Earth as lava or erupted as pyroclastic material (fragmented pieces of magma and material erupted into the air)

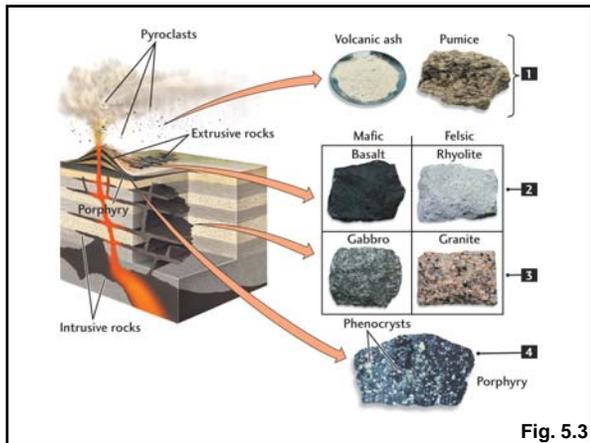


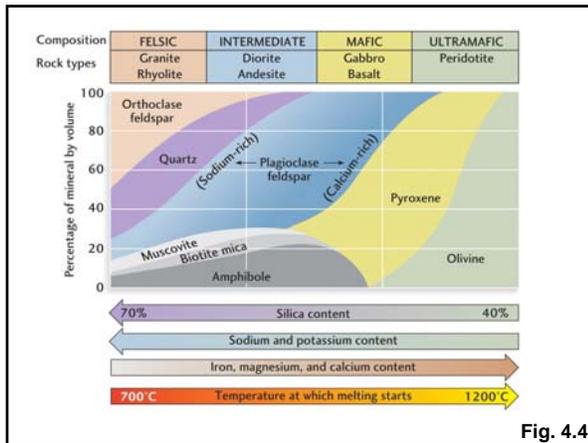
Fig. 5.3

| Compositional Group | Mineral | Chemical Composition | Silicate Structure |
|---------------------|----------------------|--|--------------------|
| FELSIC | Quartz | SiO_2 | Frameworks |
| | Potassium feldspar | KAlSi_3O_8 | |
| | Plagioclase feldspar | $\text{NaAlSi}_3\text{O}_8$ $\text{CaAl}_2\text{Si}_2\text{O}_8$ | |
| | Muscovite (mica) | $\text{KAl}_3\text{Si}_3\text{O}_{10}(\text{OH})_2$ | Sheets |
| MAFIC | Biotite (mica) | $\left. \begin{matrix} \text{K} \\ \text{Mg} \\ \text{Fe} \\ \text{Al} \end{matrix} \right\} \text{Si}_2\text{O}_7(\text{OH})_2$ | 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 | $(\text{Mg,Fe})_2\text{SiO}_4$ | |

Table. 5.1

Composition and Classification of Igneous Rocks

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

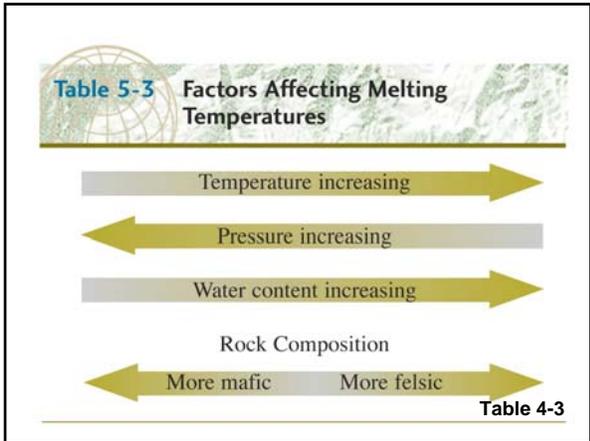


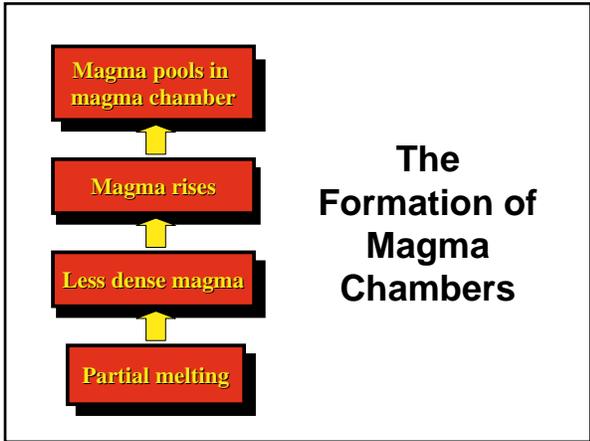
How do magmas form?

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

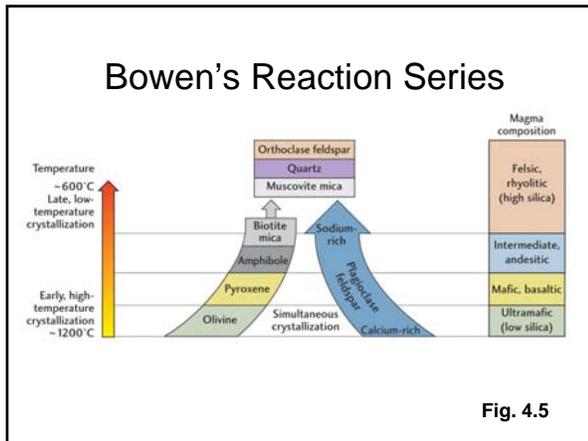
Occurs because different minerals crystallize at different temperatures (i.e., the opposite of partial melting)

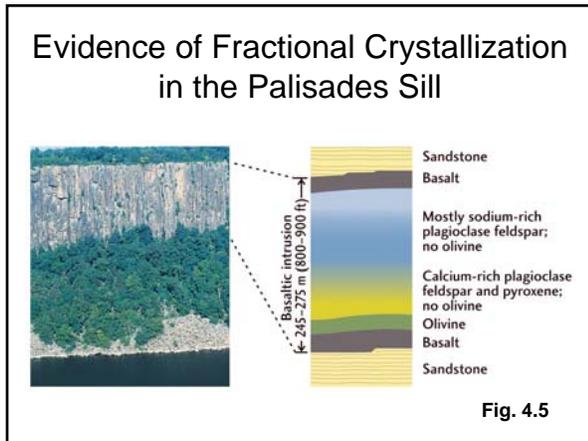
Fractional Crystallization

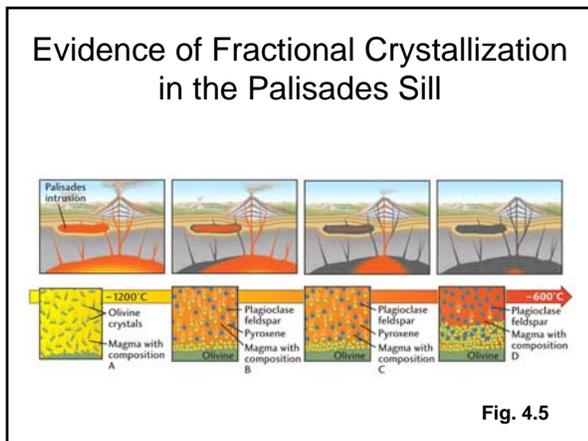
The process by which crystals forming in a cooling magma are segregated from the remaining liquid

Bowen's Reaction Series

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



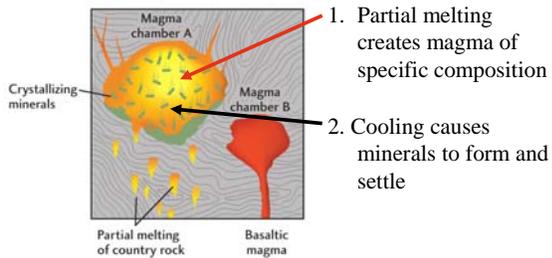




Can fractional crystallization of a primitive **basaltic** (mafic) magma generate a **granitic** (felsic) magma?

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

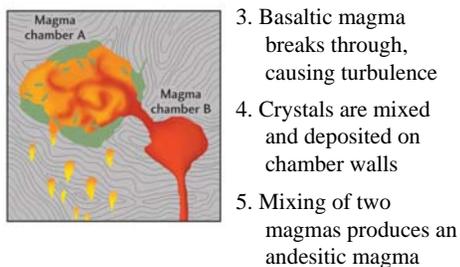
Modern Ideas of Magmatic Differentiation



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

Fig. 4.6

Modern Ideas of Magmatic Differentiation



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

Fig. 4.6

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

- **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

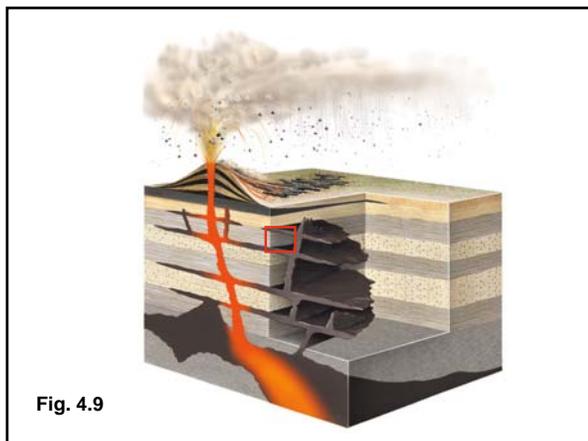
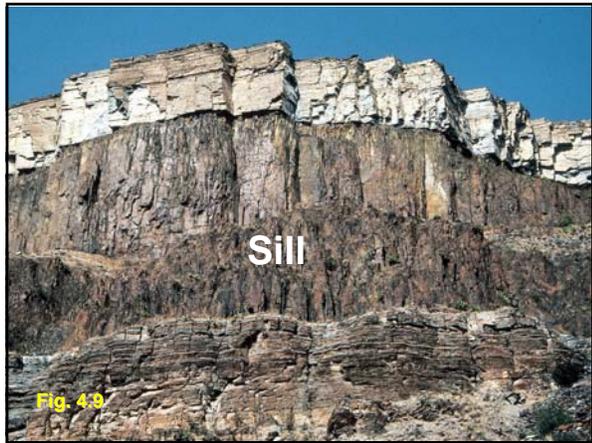
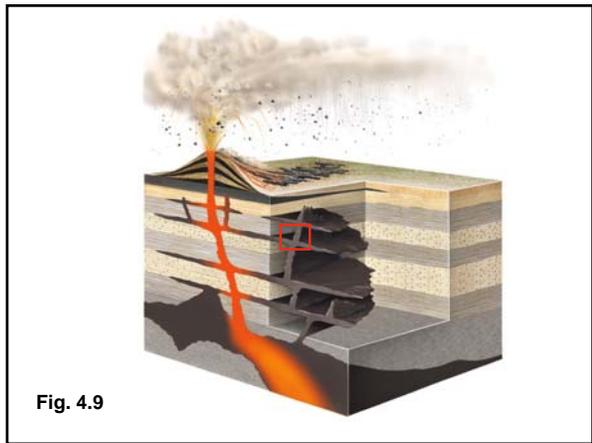


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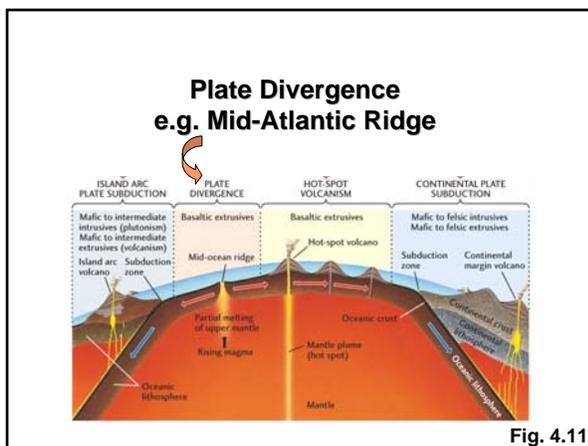


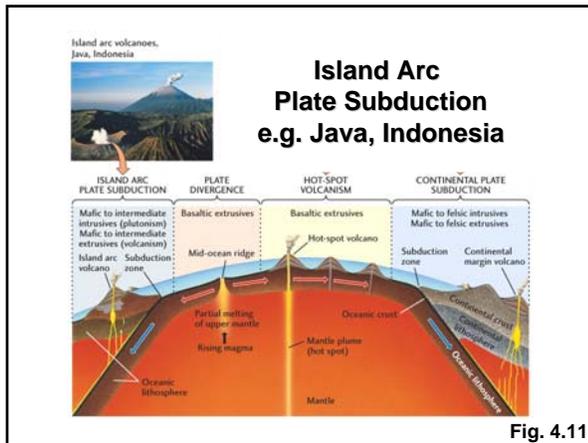


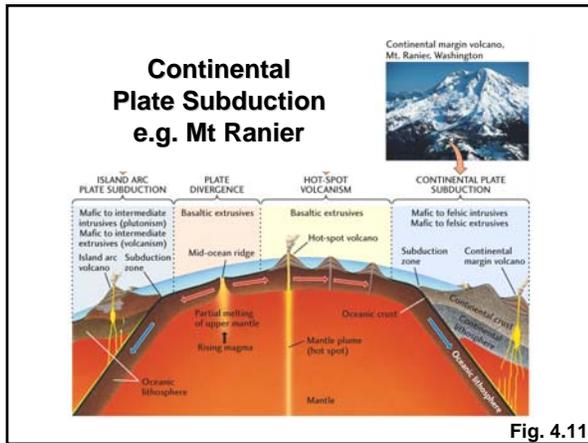


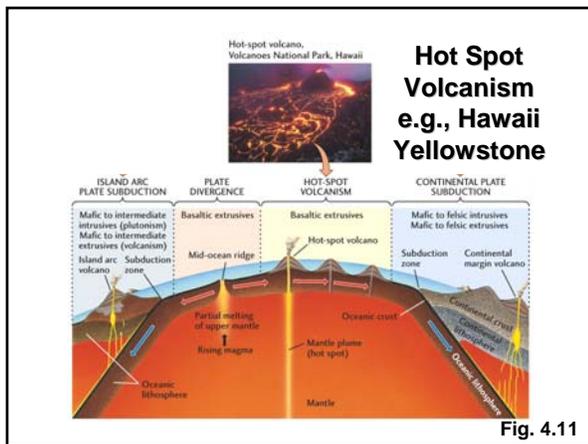
Where do most magmas form?

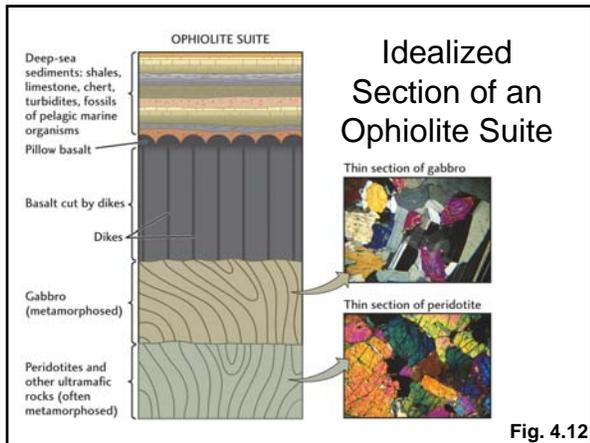
- Divergent Plate Margins
- Convergent Plate Margins
- Mantle Plumes/Hot Spots





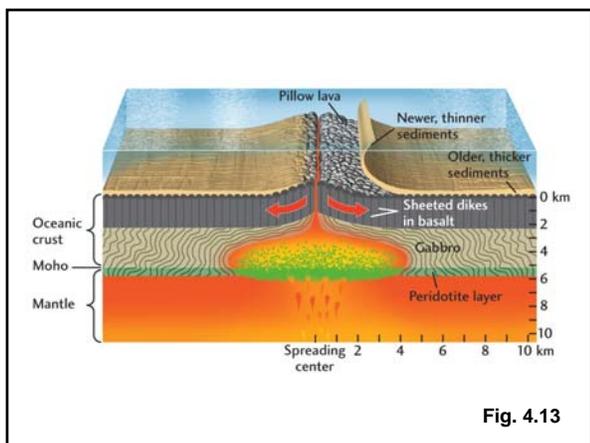


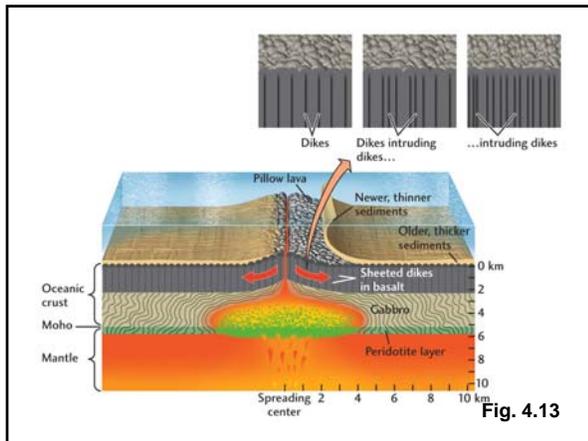


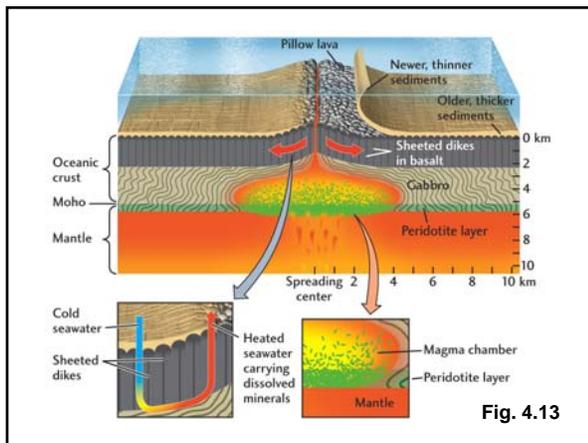


Generation of Magmas at Divergent Plate Margins

- 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

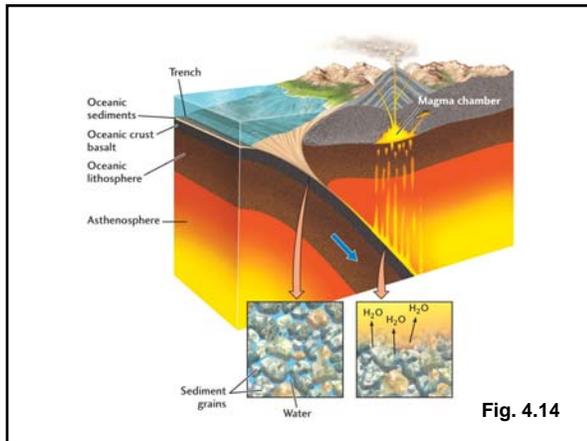


Fig. 4.14

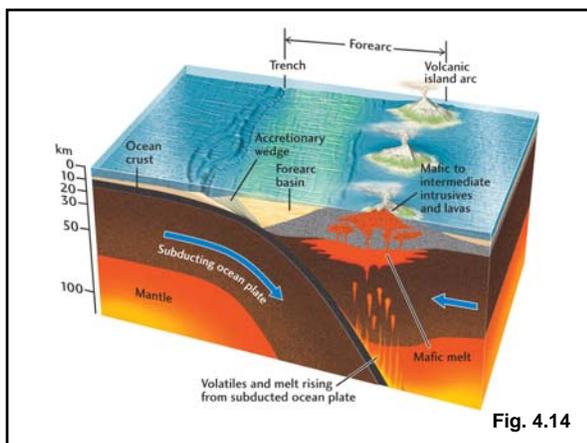


Fig. 4.14
