

Lecture 8: Bulk Partitioning and Partial Melting

1. Fractional Crystallization

A. Examples

b. Muskox layered intrusion

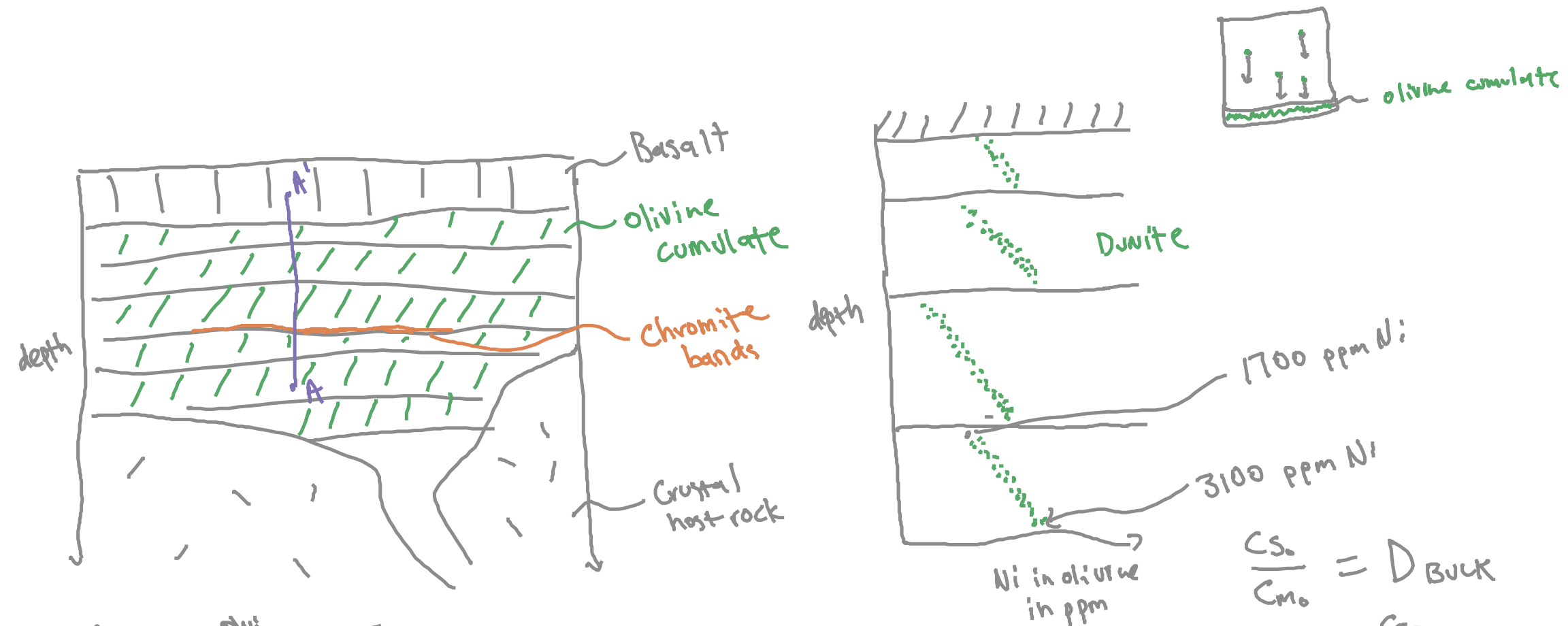
2. Bulk Partition Coefficient, D_{bulk}

A. Decoupling of Major and Trace elements

We acknowledge and respect the $lək'əŋən$ peoples on whose traditional territory the university stands and the Songhees, Esquimalt and W̱SÁNEĆ peoples whose historical relationships with the land continue to this day.



Muskox Layered Intrusion Example



Assume $D_{\text{Bulk}}^{\text{Ni}} = 15$

from 3100 ppm to 1700 ppm, how much melt crystallized?

$$\frac{C_m}{C_{m_0}} = F^{D-1}$$

$$\frac{C_s}{C_{m_0}} = D \cdot F^{D-1}$$

$$\frac{1700}{\left(\frac{3100}{15}\right)} = 15 \cdot F^{15-1}$$

$$\frac{C_s}{C_{m_0}} = D_{\text{Bulk}}$$

$$C_{m_0} = \frac{C_{s_0}}{D}$$



Solution.

$$\frac{1700}{3100} = F^{15-1}$$

$$\log X^Y = Y \log X$$

$$\ln \left(\frac{1700}{3100} \right) = \ln F^{15-1} = (15-1) \ln F$$

$$\frac{\ln \frac{1700}{3100}}{(15-1)} = \ln F$$

* can use \ln or \log
but make sure you use
the correct base in
this step

$$e^{\frac{\ln \frac{1700}{3100}}{(15-1)}} = F \approx 0.96 \quad \text{or} \quad 4\% \text{ crystallized}$$



Bulk Partitioning



$$D_{\text{BULK}} = D^{\text{ol}} \cdot X^{\text{ol}} + D^{\text{opx}} \cdot X^{\text{opx}} + D^{\text{cpx}} \cdot X^{\text{cpx}} = \sum D^i X^i$$

↑
mass fraction
of minerals

$$\sum X^i = 1$$

if:

$$D^{\text{ol}} = 0.01 \quad X^{\text{ol}} = 0.5 \quad X^{\text{cpx}} = 0$$

$$D^{\text{opx}} = 0.1 \quad X^{\text{opx}} = 0.5$$

$$D_{\text{BULK}} = 0.055$$

What if we melt olivine and opx in equal proportions? (modal melting)



Bulk Partitioning

$$\sum Y^i = F \quad \text{melt fraction}$$

$$X_i^{\text{ol}} = X_i^{\text{opx}} = 0.5$$

$$Y^{\text{ol}} = 0 \quad Y^{\text{opx}} = 0.06$$

$$D_{\text{Bulk}} = D^{\text{ol}} \cdot \frac{X_i^{\text{ol}} - Y^{\text{ol}}}{1 - F} + D^{\text{opx}} \cdot \frac{X_i^{\text{opx}} - Y^{\text{opx}}}{1 - F}$$

after melting $D_{\text{Bulk}} = 0.051$ slightly changed

modal vs non-modal:

→ trace element "i" behaves almost the same

→ major element evolution of the melt could be very different +
melting opx source of Mg, Fe, Ca, Al, Si, O

melting olivine source of Mg, Fe, Si, O



Bulk Partitioning

Consider impact of rare mineral with very different D

$$D_{\text{Bulk}} = D^{\text{ol}} \cdot X^{\text{ol}} + D^{\text{opx}} \cdot X^{\text{opx}} + D^{\text{min}} \cdot X^{\text{min}}$$

$$D^{\text{min}} = 10$$

$$X^{\text{min}} = 0.01 \quad \text{or} \quad 1\%$$

$$X^{\text{ol}} = X^{\text{opx}} = 0.495$$

$$D^{\text{ol}} = 0.01 \quad D^{\text{opx}} = 0.1$$

$$D_{\text{Bulk}} = 0.15445$$

* (high P) garnets and (lower P) zircons are examples of minor mineral phases that have large impact on the D_{Bulk} of many trace elements

← very different even though mineral assemblage almost the same (mostly olivine and opx)

