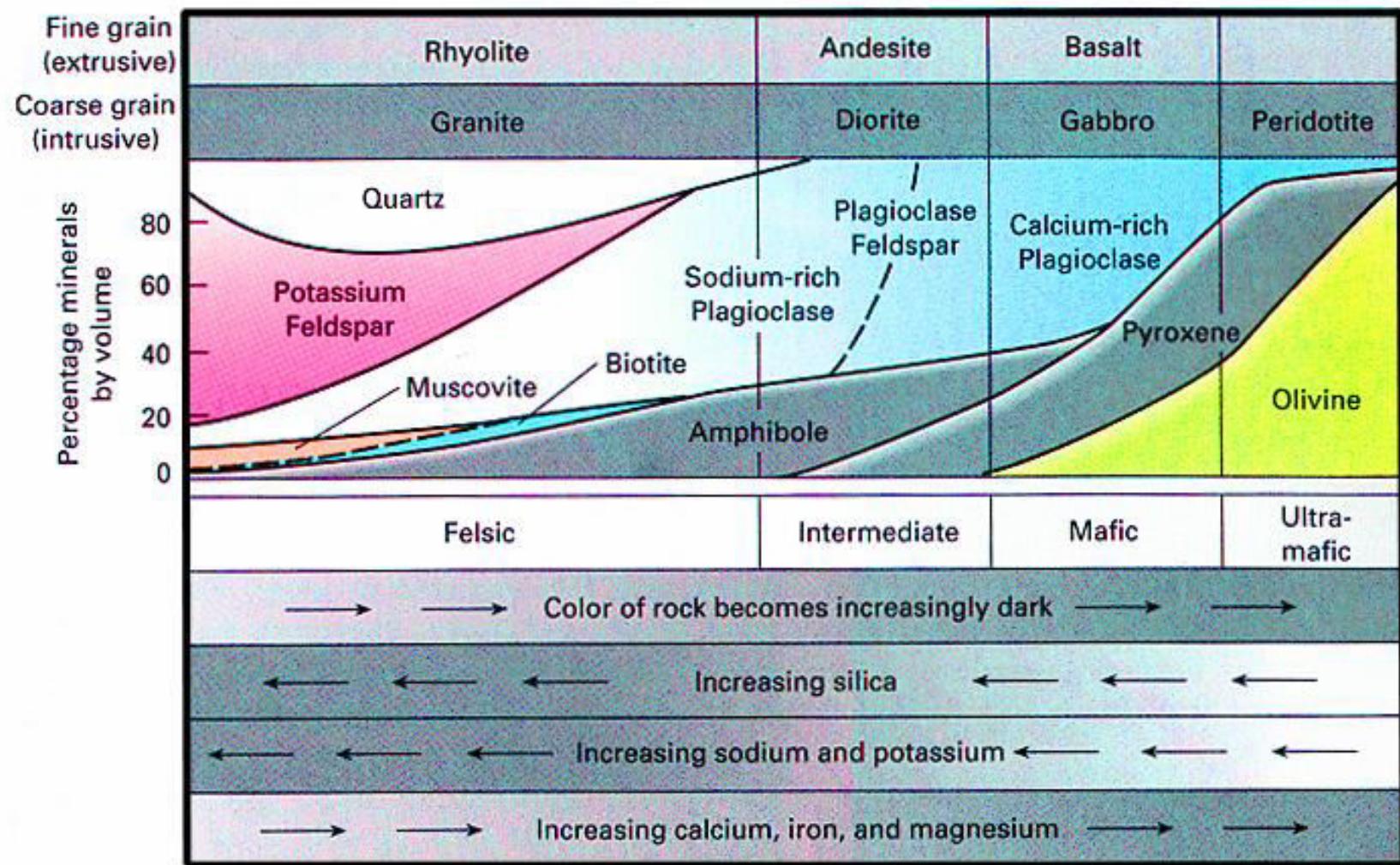


# Igneous rock names

- determined by texture
  - size and arrangement of mineral grains
- AND by mineral composition
  - minerals affect rock color and indicate temperature of creation

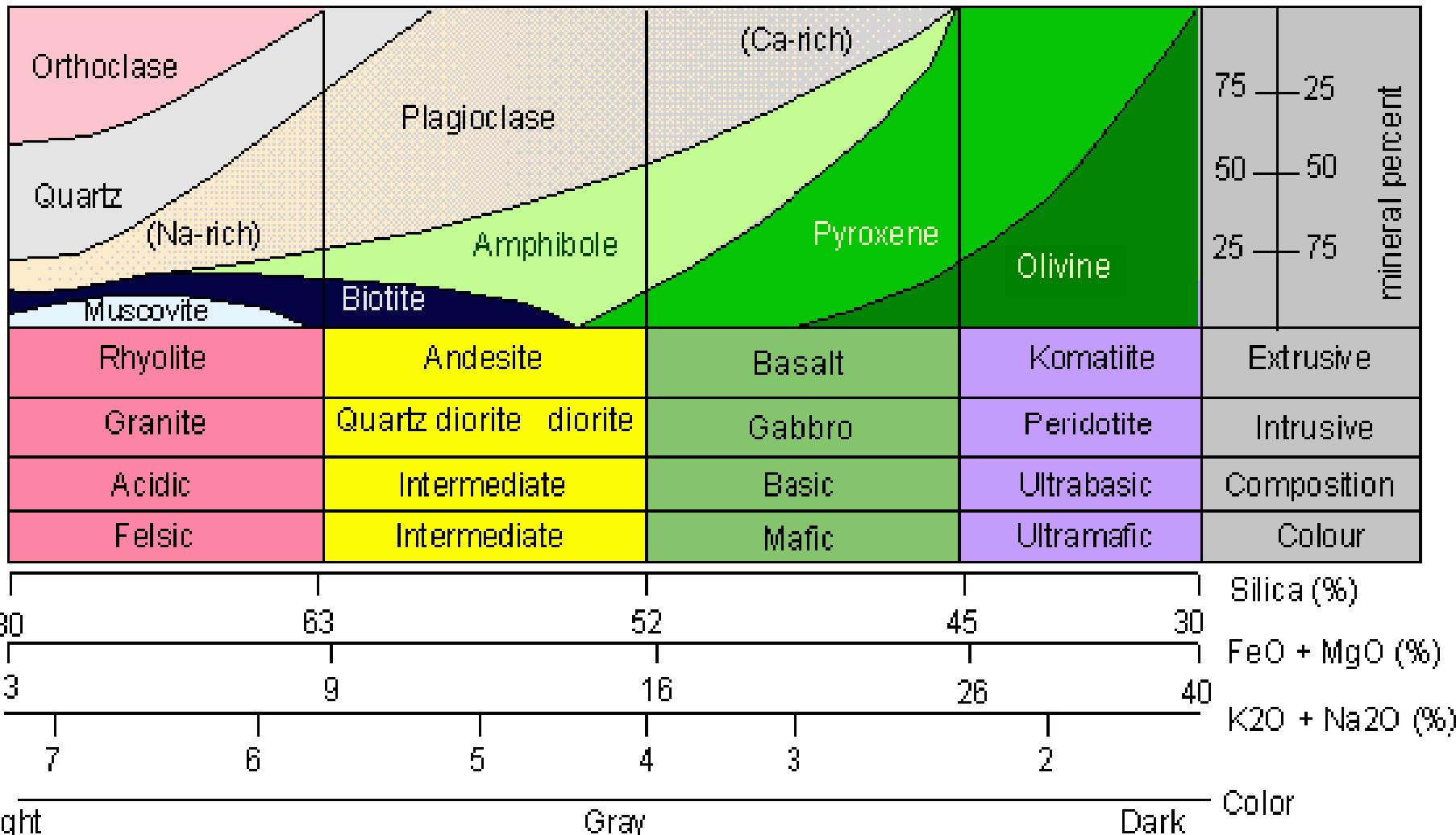


# Texture

The texture of a rock is the size, shape, and arrangement of and the relationships between neighboring grains or crystals.



# Classification of Igneous rocks



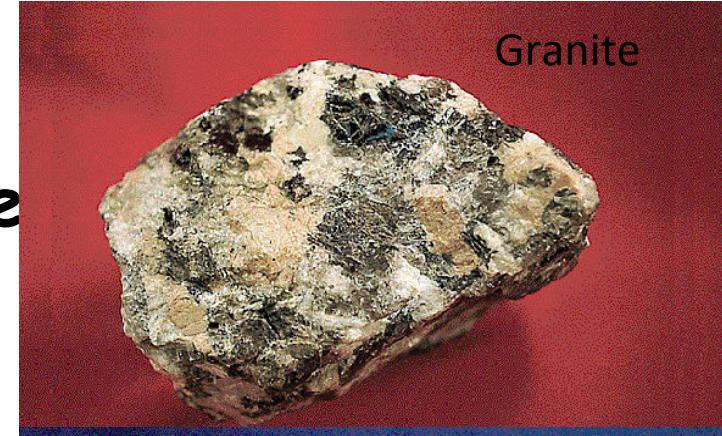
# *Types of Igneous textures*

- Types of igneous textures
  - Aphanitic (fine-grained) texture
    - Rapid rate of cooling of lava or magma
    - Microscopic crystals
    - May contain vesicles (holes from gas bubbles)
  - Phaneritic (coarse-grained) texture
    - Slow cooling
    - Crystals can be identified without a microscope

# *Categories of Igneous rocks*

## Intrusive or Plutonic rocks

- cool beneath Earth's surface
- cool very slowly
- higher P & T
  - Phaneritic textures



## Extrusive or volcanic rocks

- cool on the Earth's Surface
- cool relatively fast
- lower T & P
  - Aphanitic textures
  - Pyroclastic textures



## Complex

- Partially cools below and above
  - Porphyritic textures

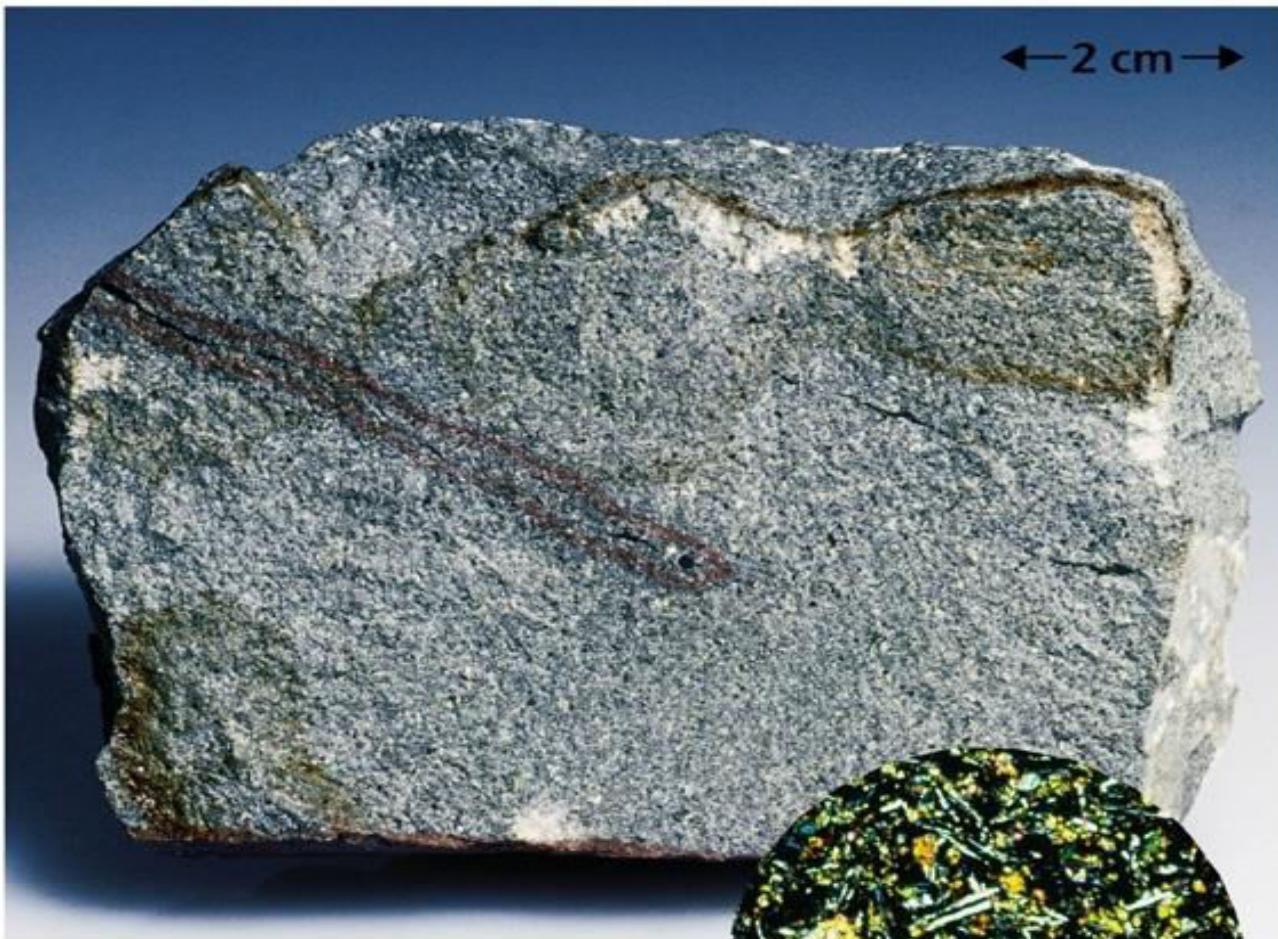


# Texture

- Igneous minerals vary greatly in grain size.
- Phenocrysts are grains in an igneous rock that are larger than the other grains that make up the rest of the rock.

Grain Size Categories		Grain Size Divisions
fine grained	=	< 1 mm
medium grained	=	1 mm < 5 mm
coarse grained	=	5 mm < 3 cm
very coarse-grained	=	$\geq$ 3 cm

# *Aphanitic texture*



A. Aphanitic

Fine grained because it cooled quickly at the surface



# Aphanitic Texture

## Aphanitic (Extrusive)

- Very fine-grained and contain crystals that are too small to distinguish without the aid of a magnifying lens.
- May also contain vesicles of remnant gas that give the rock a vesicular texture. Vesicles form when the rock cools very quickly and preserves the openings formed by the expansion of trapped gas bubbles.





Vesicles



Amygdales





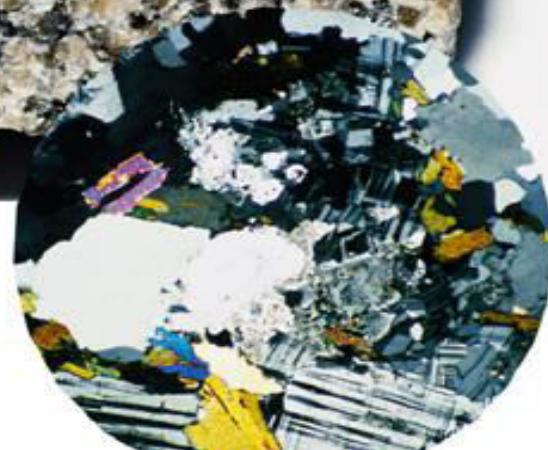
## Amygdaloidal basalt

Magmas generally contain dissolved gas, which can form bubbles in the magma as the pressure is released on eruption. These bubbles can get trapped in the solidified rock. After some time, groundwater or hot solutions connected with the volcanic activity pass through the porous lava and deposit crystals in the open cavities, which gradually fill up with quartz, calcite or other minerals. Filled cavities in lavas are called *amygdales*, and a rock full of them can be called *amygdaloidal*.

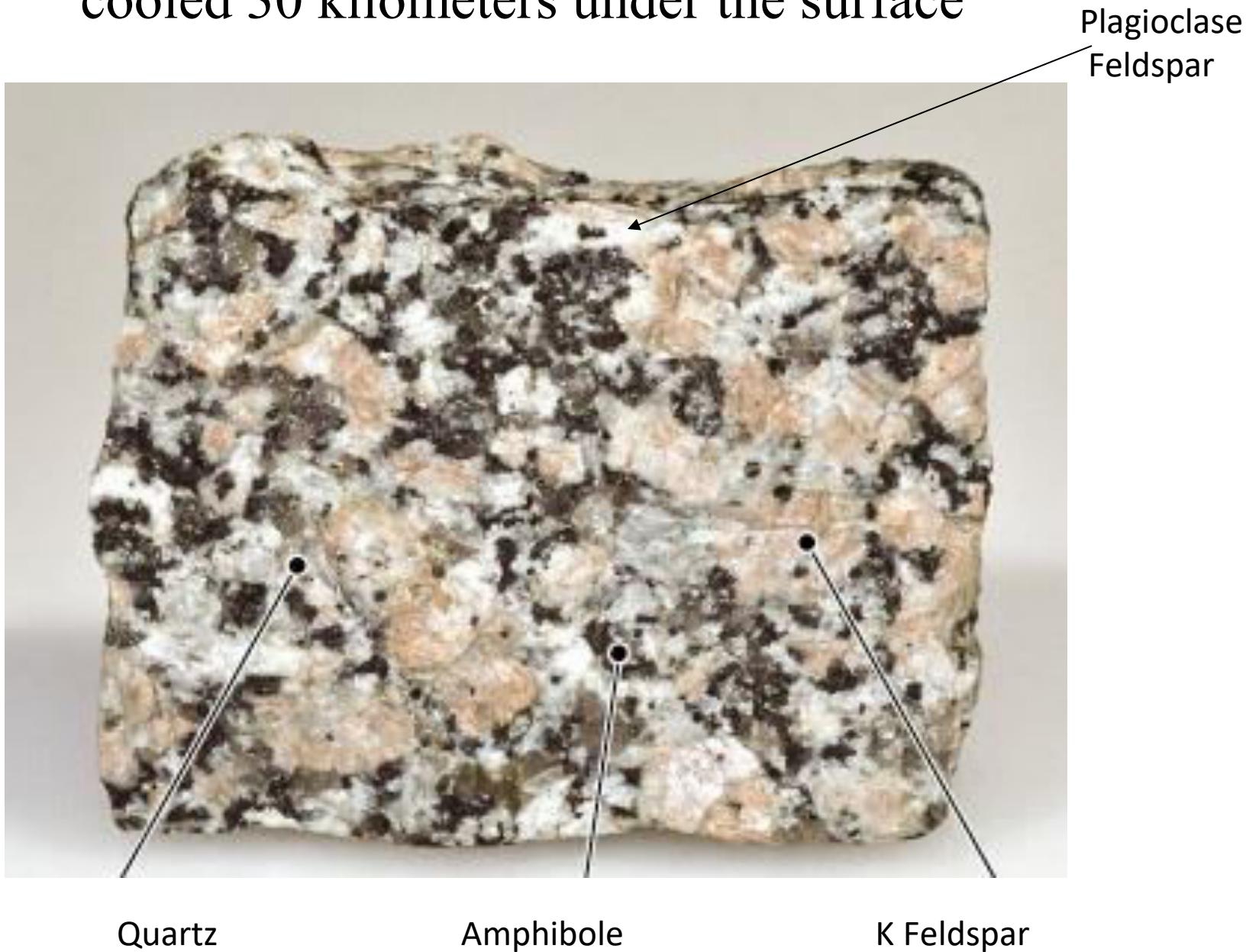
# *Phaneritic texture*



B.  
Coarse crystals cooled slowly at  
great depth



Intrusive Igneous Rock (Granite) – This granite cooled 30 kilometers under the surface



# *Igneous textures*

- Types of igneous textures
  - Porphyritic texture
    - Minerals form at different temperatures as well as differing rates
    - Large crystals, called phenocrysts, are embedded in a matrix of smaller crystals, called the groundmass
  - Glassy texture
    - Very rapid cooling of molten rock
    - Resulting rock is called obsidian

# *Porphyritic texture*

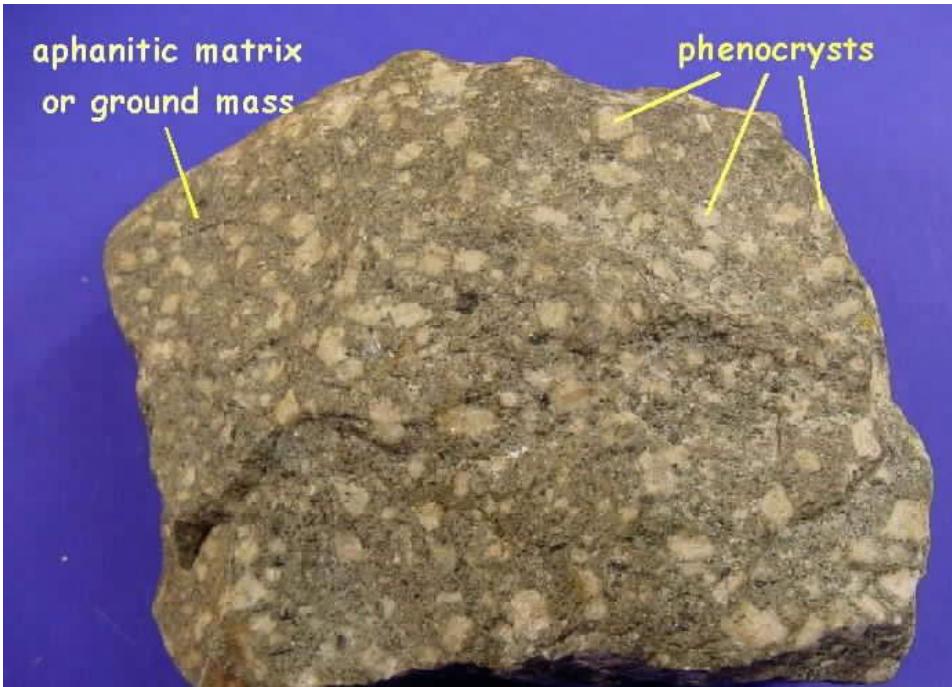


C. Porphyritic

Granite

Two-stage cooling?

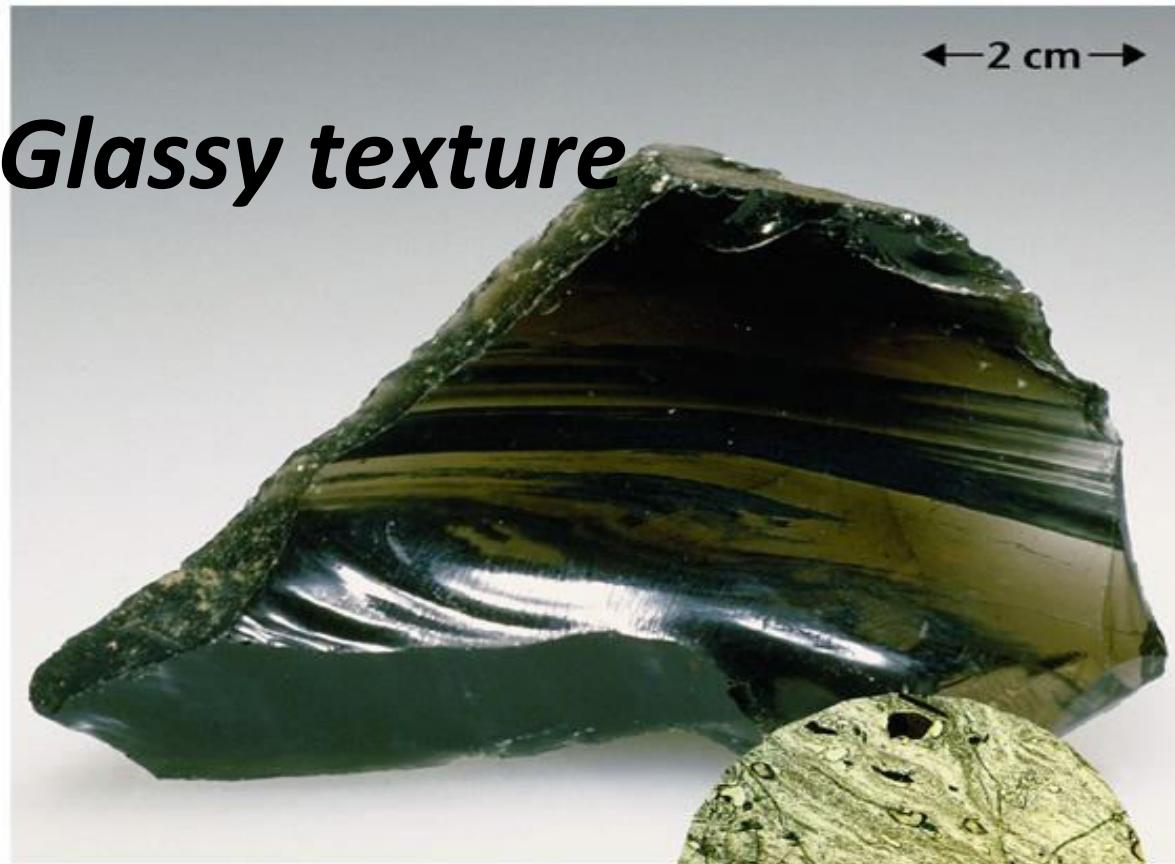




↔ 2 cm →

# *Glassy texture*

Fast cooling



D. Glassy



## Obsidian

Magmas that cool rapidly, or that were erupted at relatively low temperatures, may not be able to form crystals before they solidify, and so remain in the form of a silicate glass.

# *More types of Igneous textures*

- Types of igneous textures
  - Pyroclastic texture
    - Various fragments ejected during a violent volcanic eruption
    - Textures often appear to more similar to sedimentary rocks





## El volcán de La Palma en detalle a 18 de octubre de 2021

Infografía aproximada con objeto divulgativo. La escala no es real.

la palma volcano  
18 october 2021

crater 3 send out  
column of ashes

crater 1 send out  
or release lava,  
lava flow and  
gasses

Cráter 1  
Emite lavas,  
coladas y gases

Cráter 3  
Emite columna  
de cenizas.

crater 2 send  
out lava and  
piroclastos

Cráter 2  
Emite lava y  
piroclastos

secondary  
mouth???exit.  
send out water  
steam, gasses  
and ashes

Boca secundaria  
Emite vapor de agua,  
gases y cenizas.

eruptive fissure or  
crack

Fisura eruptiva

Aportación de Magma profundo

magma  
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deep magma

200 m

300 m



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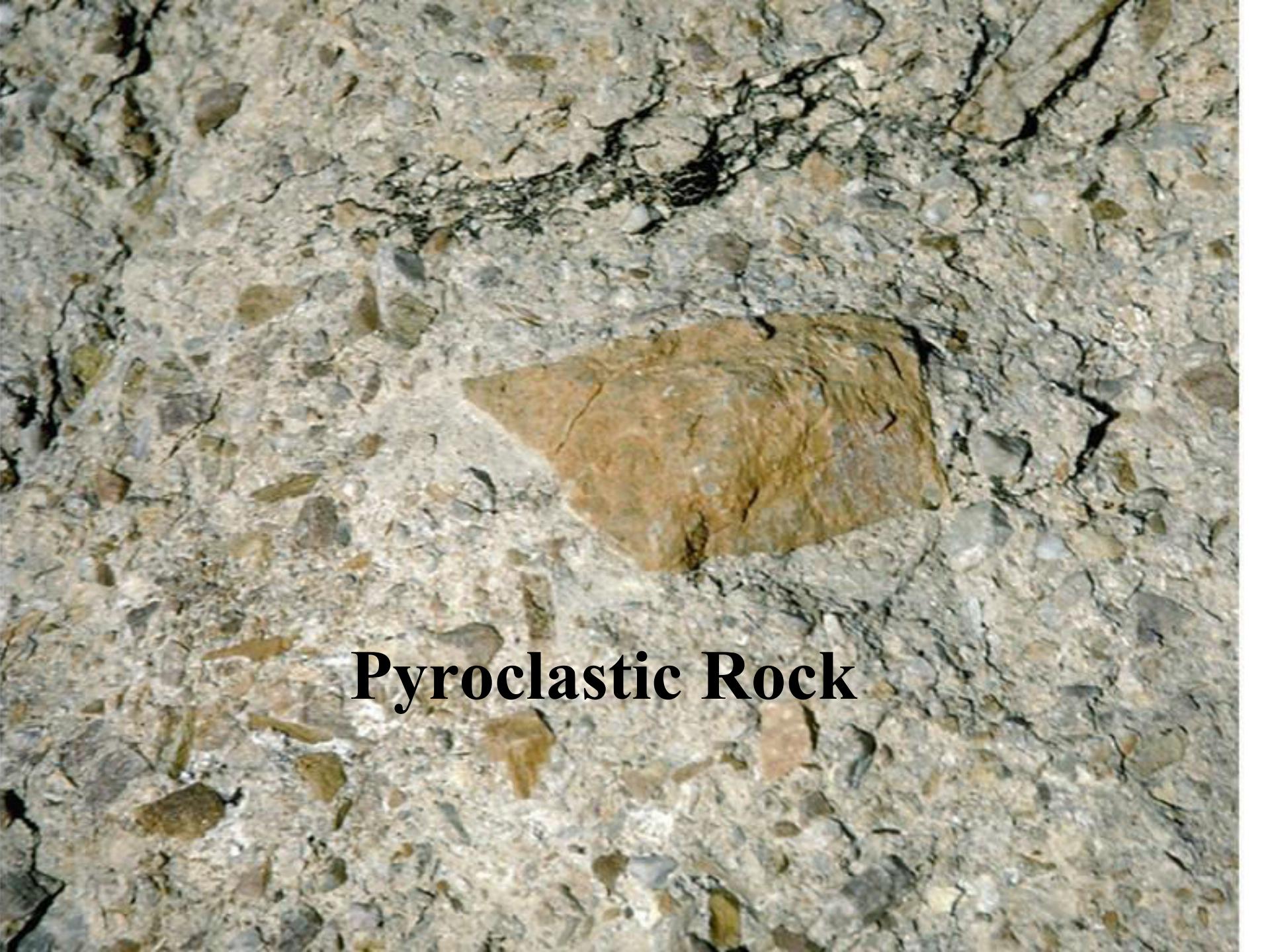
# Spain: La Palma volcanic eruption intensifies, engulfs more homes

*Volcano that began erupting on September 19 has destroyed more than 800 buildings, forced evacuation of about 6,000 people.*

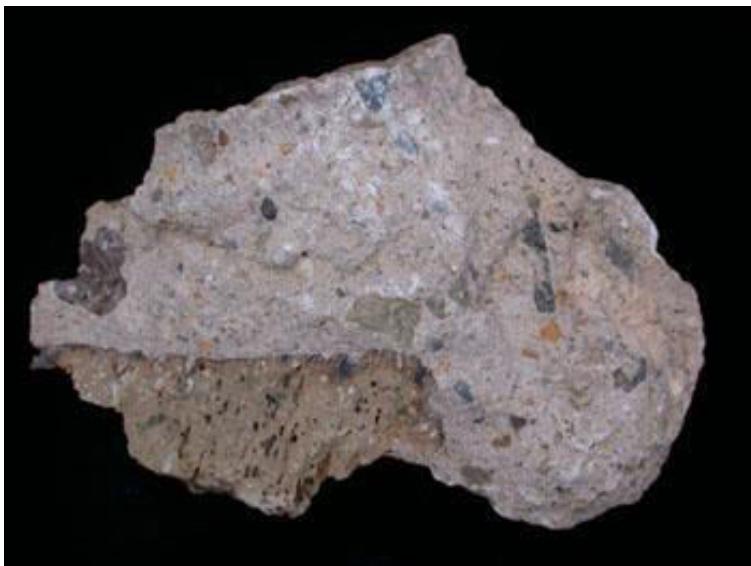
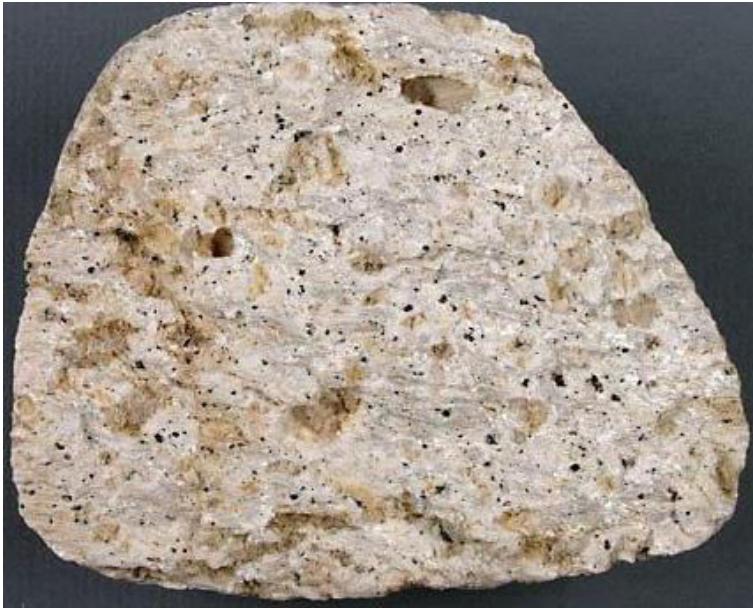




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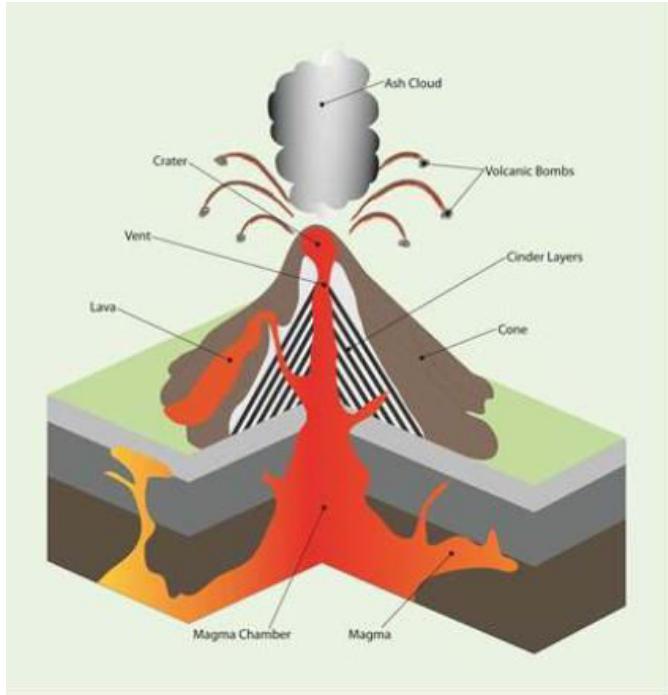
**Pyroclastic Rock**



Pumice is a light-colored, extremely porous igneous rock that forms during explosive volcanic eruptions



Agglomerate or  
Volcanic breccia



# *Igneous compositions*

- Naming igneous rocks – basaltic (mafic) rocks:  
Fine-grained

- Basalt

- Volcanic origin
- Aphanitic texture



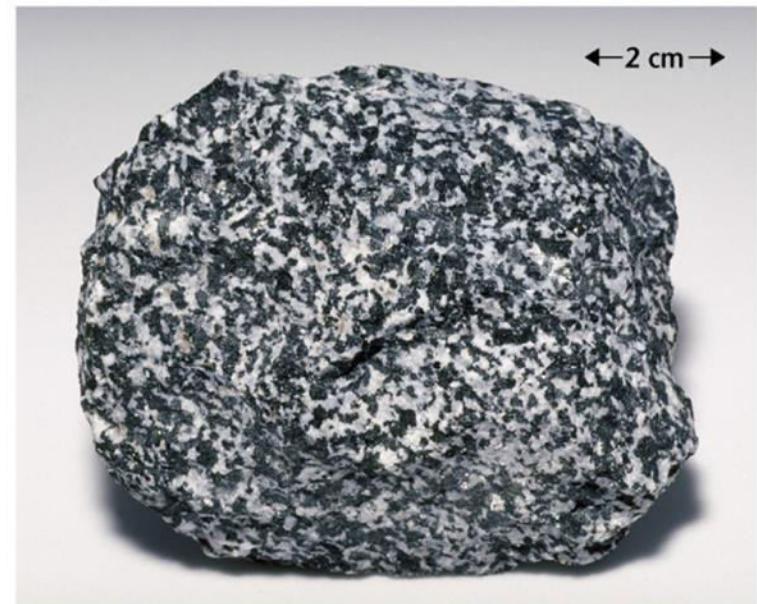
- Composed mainly of pyroxene, some olivine and also calcium-rich plagioclase feldspar
- Most common extrusive igneous rock



Gabbro

# *Igneous compositions*

- Intermediate rocks
  - Diorite
    - Plutonic equivalent of andesite
    - Coarse grained
    - Intrusive
    - Composed mainly of intermediate feldspar and amphibole



Diorite



Close up

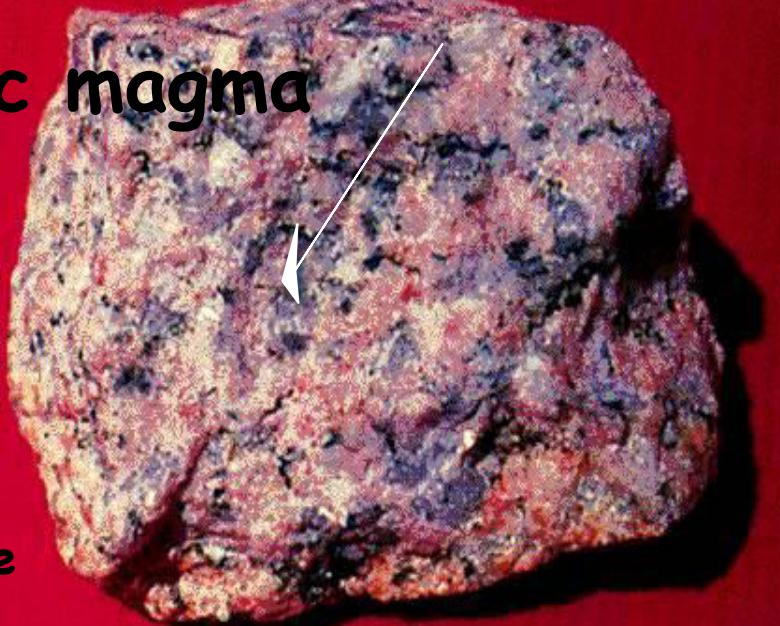


Pavlof and Pavlof  
Andesite Volcanos, most  
active volcanoes in Alaska.

# Granite & Rhyolite

Phaneritic Texture

Felsic magma

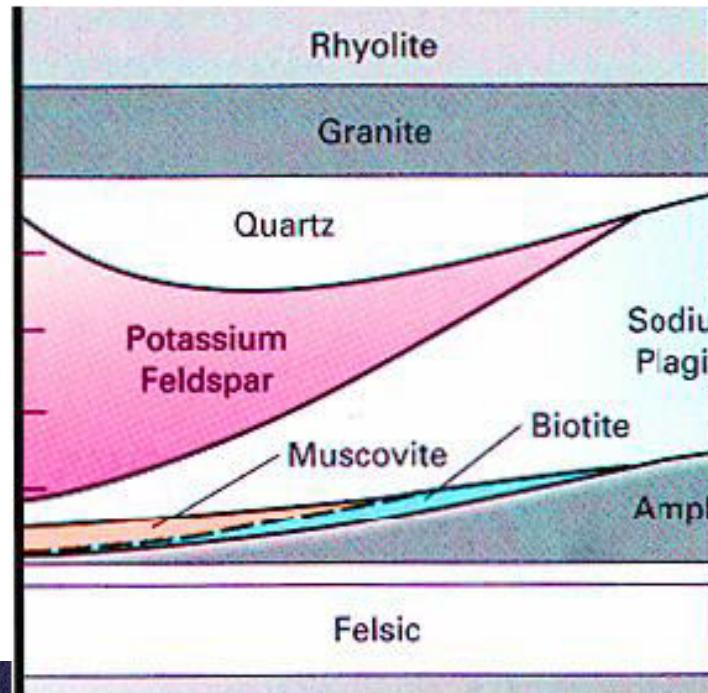


Granite

Aphanitic Texture  
Felsic magma



Rhyolite



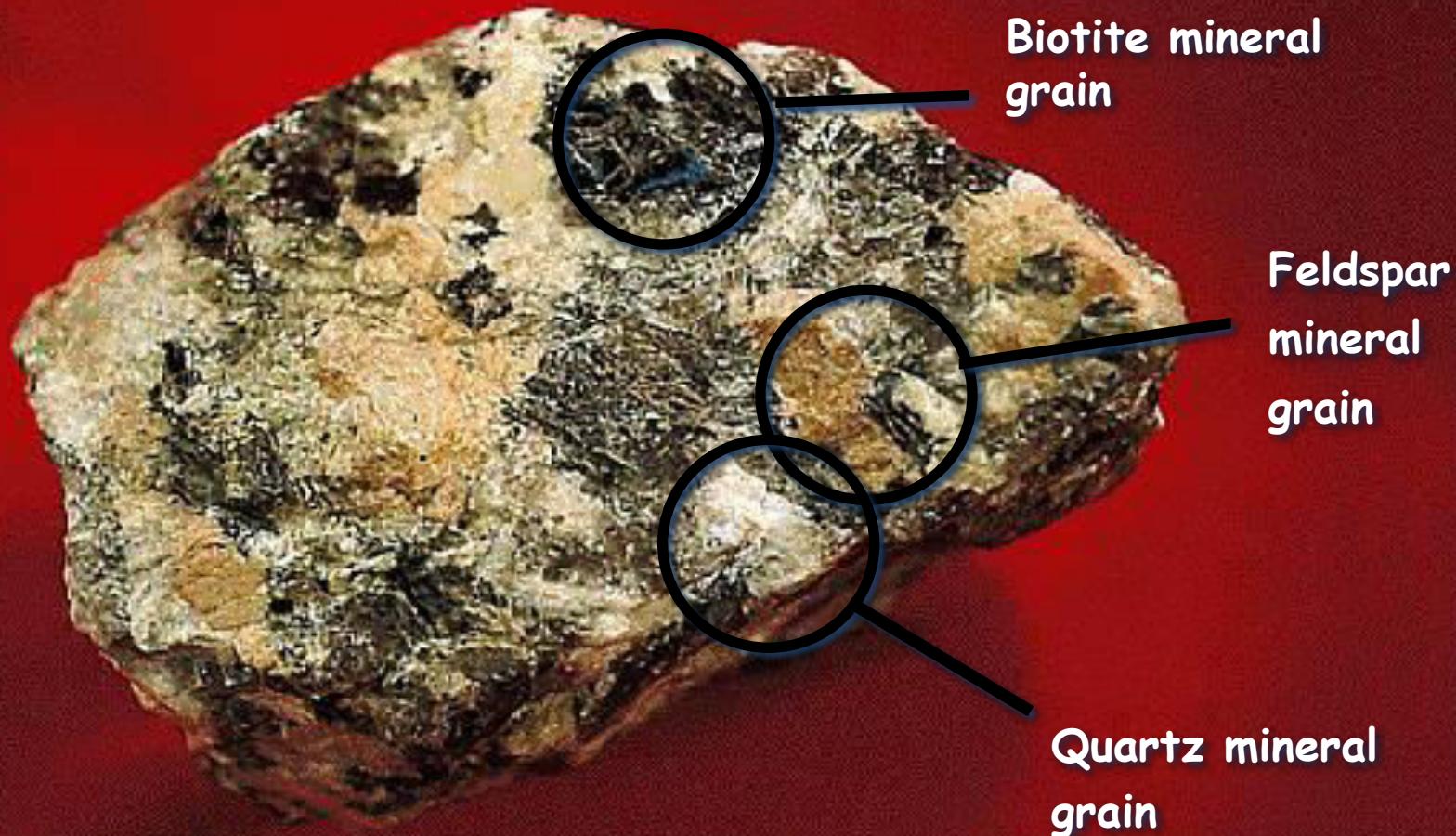


# Pegmatite

A Pegmatite is a very coarse-grained igneous rock.

Crystals are >2 cm, often larger.

Most are granitic, although mafic pegmatites can form.





*Tourmaline  
pegmatite.*

*Tourmaline is black,  
white is plagioclase,  
gray is quartz.*

*Haapaluoma, Finland.*

*Width of sample 15  
cm.*

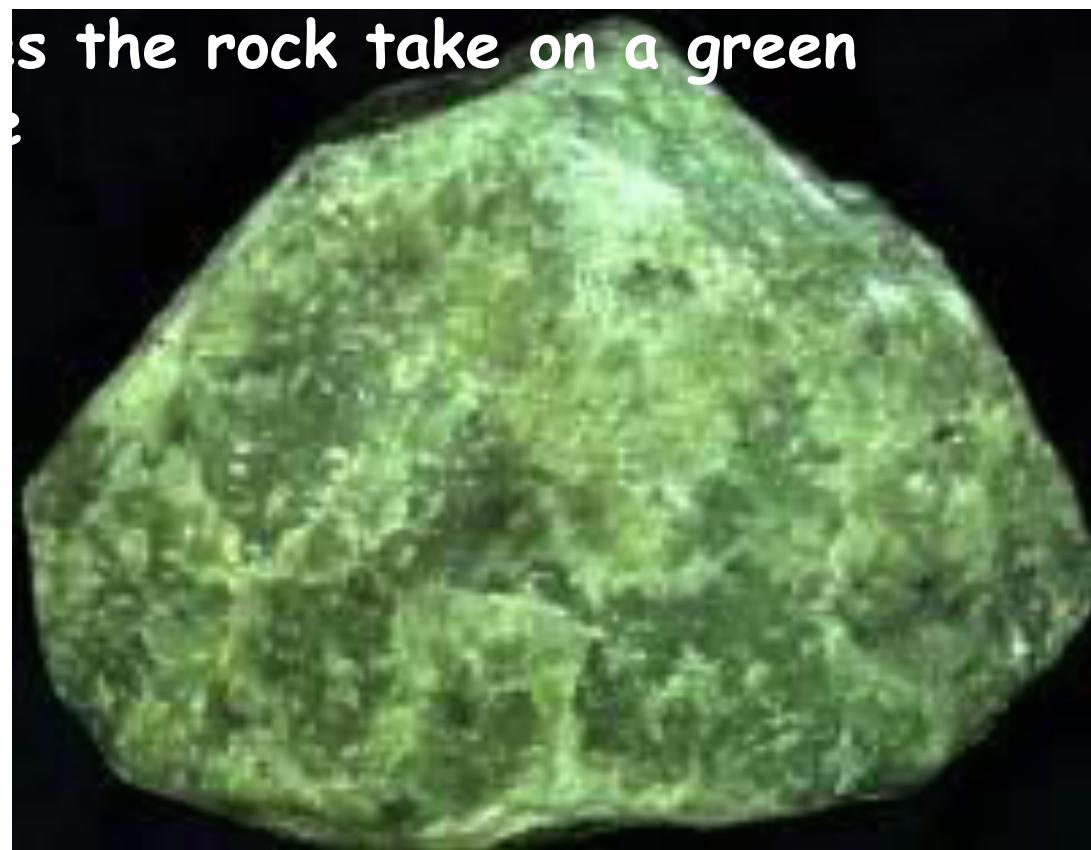
A pegmatite is a holocrystalline intrusive igneous rock composed of interlocking phaneritic crystals usually larger than 2.5cm in size. Pegmatites form during the final stage of a magma's crystallization. They contain exceptionally large crystals and sometimes contain minerals that are rarely found in other types of rocks.





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**Dunite** is an ultramafic plutonic rock that is composed almost exclusively of olivine. “Ultramafic” means that mafic minerals form more than 90% on the rocks composition



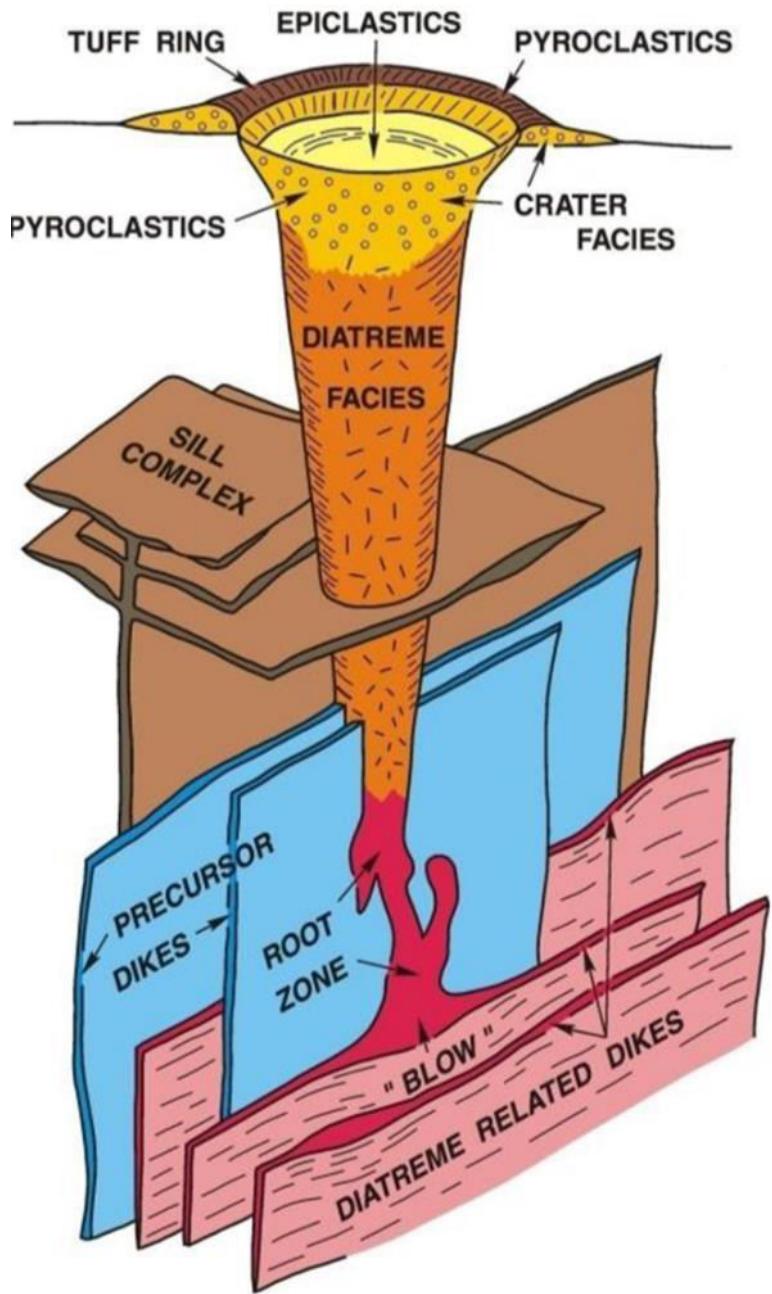
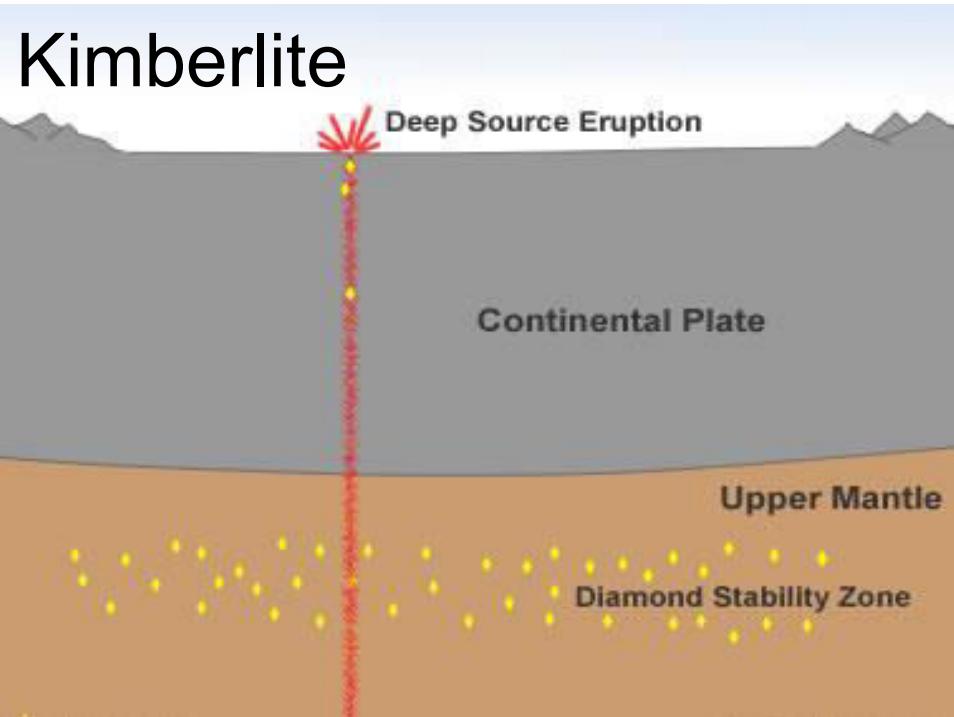


Dunite



**Peridotite** is a dense, coarse-grained igneous rock consisting mostly of the minerals olivine and pyroxene.

# Kimberlite



## Points to study

1. Colour
2. Felsic, mafic or intermediate
3. Grain size – fine, medium, coarse, grain size range, equigranular, inequigranular
4. Minerals (quartz, K-feldspar, plagioclase, biotite, muscovite, hornblende, etc)
5. Shape of coarse mineral grains (tabular, needle shaped, equant, rounded, etc)
6. Texture – aphanitic, porphyritic, glassy, pegmatitic, pyroclastic, vesicular, amygdaloidal
7. Rock nomenclature
8. Cooling history, extrusive vs. intrusive, plutonic, hypabyssal or volcanic