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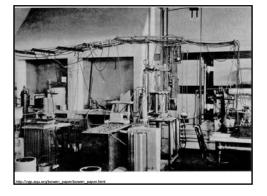
- Cool from magma
- Magma is a mixture of molten rock, solid crystals and dissolved gases
- Magma is predominantly silica compounds

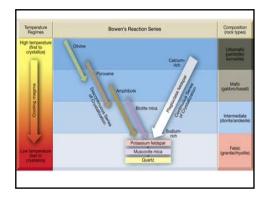


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- Experiments of melting igneous rocks
- Discovered minerals melt in a distinct and regular order
- Hypothesized will crystallize in opposite order

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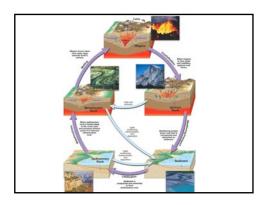


Bowen's Reaction Series

- · Cooling silicate melt
- At certain temperature, a particular set of minerals will crystallize
- These will change into different minerals if they remain in contact with magma during cooling phase

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- At certain temperature, a particular set of minerals will crystallize
- Those are the ones present if there is no more magma to solidify
- May be removed from remaining magma, so they don't react with it



Rock cycle

"shortcuts" or interruptions

- · Sedimentary rock melts
- · Igneous rock is metamorphosed
- Sedimentary rock is weathered
- Metamorphic rock weathers



