

welcome students welcome to another

session of paper minerals and rocks
today's topic is mineralogical structure
of earth

planetary minerals and native elements
mineral structure .The topics which we
are going to cover

in this module are layers of the earth
mineral groups mineralogical structure
of the earth

Earth is made up of varying proportions
of

over 90 naturally occurring elements
like hydrogen carbon oxygen silicon
and many more .In most geological
material

these elements combine in various way
and they form minerals. most minerals
are compounds and they have
cations

as well as anions that is positive
and negative charge. we group
minerals into classes on the basis of
their predominant

anion that is a negative group.
most minerals fit into one of these
eight mineral groups eight mineral
groups are

oxide, sulfide, sulphates
halides ,carbonates , phosphates
silicates and native minerals.

Let us look at each of them briefly.

The first one is halide.

halide minerals are salts
that are formed when salt water
evaporates.

the chemical elements known as halogen
those are fluorine, chlorine, bromine
or iodine bond with various metallic
elements

to make halide minerals .the most
common example of halide is halite
which is also known as table salt.

the next group of mineral is sulfates
sulphate mineral contains sulfur atom
bonded to oxygen atom that is

SO₄ minus 2 like halides
they form where salt water evaporates
the sulfate group contains many
different minerals
but only few are common. the most common
example is
gypsum .gypsum
and anhydride another sulfate mineral
these two are important
industrial sulfates used in manufacture
of plasters
let us go to next group sulphides
sulfide minerals consist of sulfur
combined with one or more metal
unlike sulphates .sulfide do not contain
oxygen many sulphides are extremely
important for minerals the most common
examples are
Pyrite , chalcopyrite and galena
of this pyrite is also known as fool's
gold
since it resembles gold.
next mineral group is carbonates
the basic carbonate structure is one
carbon atom
bonded to three oxygen atoms
carbonates include other elements such
as calcium
iron and copper calcite
that is CaCO₃ is the most common
carbonate mineral .next group
is phosphate phosphate mineral
contains a complex anion PO₄
minus 3. in the phosphate
phosphorus arsenic or vanadium bond to
oxygen
to form a tetrahedra .apatite is the
substances
substance that make up both teeth and
bone
is example of a phosphate.
next important group of mineral is
native elements
native element contain atoms of only one
type of element
only a small number of minerals are
found in this category

there are about 20 elements that occur naturally in their native state as minerals few of them however are common enough to be of economic importance these elements are those that occur in nature in uncombined form that is in their pure form they have a definite internal atomic structure and therefore they are called as native element mineral some of the mineral in this group are rare and valuable gold silver sulfur and diamond are example of native elements and the last mineral group is silicate mineral silicates are by far the largest mineral group feldspar and quartz are the two most important common silicate minerals both are extremely common rock forming minerals silicate minerals make up about 95 percent of the earth's crust the basic building block for all silicate mineral is silica tetrahedron to create the wide variety of silica means silicate minerals this pyramid-shaped tetrahedron structure is often bonded to other elements such as calcium iron and magnesium now let us look at the mineral abundance of the earth or mineralogy of the earth before that we should know we should know that earth is compositionally divided into three distinct layer that is crust mantle and core. crust is the uppermost layer then we have mantle and below mantle is core it should be noted that earth interior interior

were deciphered using behavior and velocity of seismic waves let us look at the first layer that is crust crust is the topmost or the outermost and the thinnest layer of the earth as this layer is accessible to human the study on crust is detailed and therefore their outcomes are reliable let us look at the chemistry crust is dominated by very few elements listed in order of their decreasing abundance as follows we have oxygen which is 46 percent silicon 28 aluminium 8 iron 5.5 calcium 4 percent sodium 2.5 percent magnesium 2.5 potassium one percent and other elements they comprises one percent this you can see in this pie chart silicon and oxygen are the dominant elements present on the earth crust if you see this chart oxygen is the only anion and therefore becomes the obvious choice for other elements to bond with. earth has two types of crust oceanic and continental oceanic crust is composed of basalt it is rich in magnesium iron calcium and aluminium and are found in minerals like olivine pyroxene and lagrange feldspar continental crust is more diverse old and composed of incompatible elements that do not fill well in this mantle like potassium and sodium the elements are concentrated in low density minerals such as quartz and

feldspar
more than 90 on the crust is composed of
silicate mineral
the most abundant silicate mineral are
feldspar that is plagioclase 39
percent
and alkali Feldspar 12 percent
other common silicate minerals are
quartz
which is 12 percent , pyroxene 11percent
amphibole 5 percent mica comprising of 5
and clay mineral comprising of 5
the last of the silicate family
comprises three percent of the crust
only eight percent of the crust is
composed of non-silicate minerals
those are carbonates oxides sulfides
many more. let us look at the second
layer
of the earth that is mantle
most of the earth is made up of mantle
mantle extends from the base of the
crust and
extends up to depth of 2900 kilometers
the elemental composition of the mantle
is as follows
oxygen comprises 44 percent
magnesium 23 percent silicon
21.5 percent iron
six percent aluminium 2.3 percent
and calcium 2.3
again if you look at this pie chart you
will see
oxygen is the only anion present
therefore oxide dominates the chemistry
of the
mantle the mantle is almost completely
silicate
and rich in magnesium the minerals of
olivine and pyroxene
are the most common the example of
minerals that you will find inside the
mantle
include olivine pyroxene spinel
and garnet and the last layer
is core core is the innermost layer of
the earth

it begins at the depth of 2900 kilometer
and ends at 6370 kilometer
around 97 percent of the core
is made up of iron rest
is rest three percent is
Ni , S and O
the core is divided into two layers
outer core
and inner core outer core
because of very high temperature is
liquid
whereas the inner core because of very
high pressure
is solid however chemically
they are both same
if you look at the chemistry around 97
of the core is made up of iron and rest
3 percent is nickel
sulfur and oxygen the core can be called
as
iron nickel alloy meteorites has
provided important clue
about the chemistry of core the earth's
core
is mainly iron and nickel with small
amount of
lighter elements such as such as
oxygen or sulfur
thank you
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