

Sample: 3(128)

Grain 1:

Grain colour/transparency:

- Pink/Transparent

Grain shape/texture:

- Sub-angular
- Sub-spherical
- Angular fractures, polished

Modal abundance and grain size (estimated):

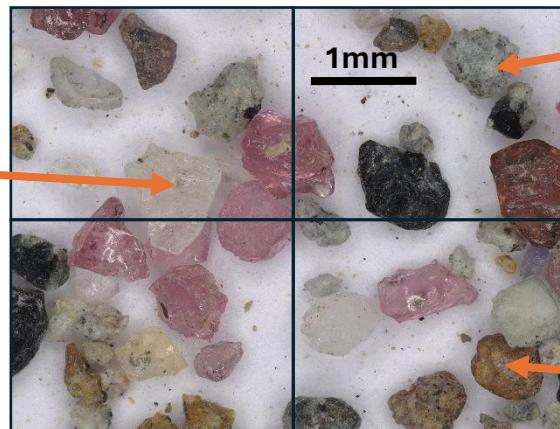
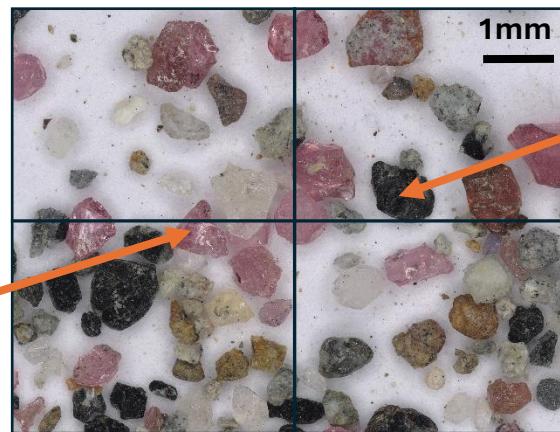
- ~40%, 1.0 mm

Mineral/rock identification:

- Garnet (mineral)

Other features:

- Some grains demonstrate euhedral crystal shape of garnet. Many are broken.
- Some garnet grains have small black inclusions of basalt



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Grain 2:

Grain colour/transparency:

- Colourless/Transparent

Grain shape/texture:

- Sub-angular
- Sub-spherical
- Angular fractures, polished

Modal abundance and grain size (estimated):

- ~20%, 1.0 mm

Mineral/rock identification:

- Quartz (mineral)

Other features:

- Some quartz grains have small black inclusions of basalt

Summary:

Sediment maturity:

- **Texturally moderately immature:** the grains are generally angular and spherical with some polished edges. **Mineralogically immature:** several grain types – garnet, quartz, basalt, feldspar and lithics.

Provenance:

- **Moderately proximal to the source:** grains are texturally and mineralogically immature.

Transport history:

- Non-abraded surfaces demonstrate likely **fluvial transport**. Varied grain size 0.2 – 1.0mm: transport via variable flow velocity.

Grain 3:

Grain colour/transparency:

- Black/Opaque

Grain shape/texture:

- Sub-rounded, Sub-spherical
- Mostly pitted surface. Some polished edges. Sharp fractures.

Modal abundance and grain size (estimated):

- ~20%, 0.8mm

Mineral/rock identification:

- Basalt (rock)

Grain 4:

Grain colour/transparency:

- White/opaque

Grain shape/texture:

- Sub-angular
- Spherical
- Angular fractures

Modal abundance and grain size (estimated):

- 10%, 0.8mm

Mineral/rock identification:

- Feldspar (mineral)

Grain 5:

Grain colour/transparency:

- White/Brown/grey/opaque

Grain shape/texture:

- Sub-angular, Spherical, Angular fractures

Modal abundance and grain size (estimated):

- 10%, 0.8mm

Mineral/rock identification:

- Lithics (rock)

Source:

El Hoyazo de Níjar, south east Spain (Almeria)

Garnet placer deposits. The almandine garnets are derived from an erupted volcanic rock transported by river to depositional location.

Formal grain sample name:

Poorly sorted, mineralogically and texturally moderately immature sand.