

## Sample: 3(128)

### Grain 1:

*Grain colour/opacity:*

- 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

### Grain 2:

*Grain colour/opacity:*

- 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

### Grain 3:

*Grain colour/opacity:*

- 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/opacity:*

- 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/opacity:*

- White/Brown/grey/opaque

*Grain shape/texture:*

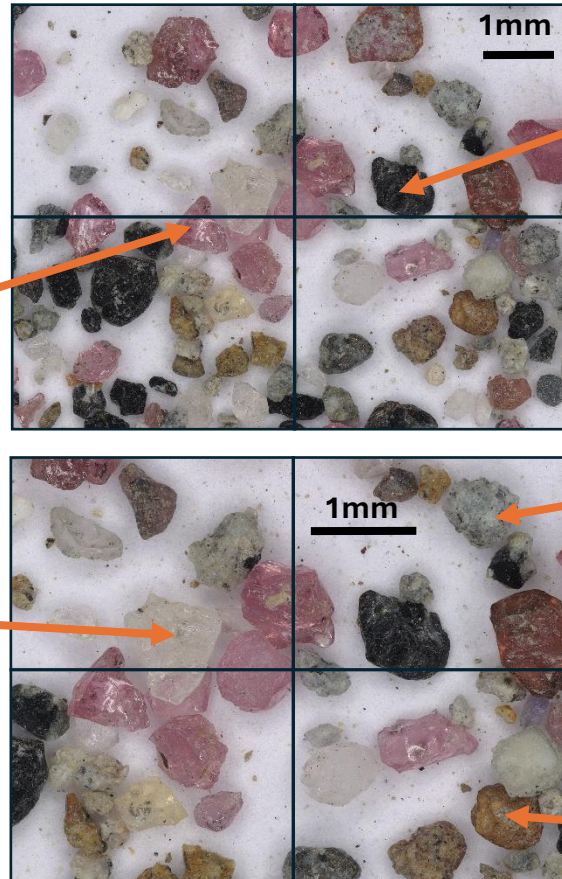
- Sub-angular, Spherical, Angular fractures

*Modal abundance and grain size (estimated):*

- 10%, 0.8mm

*Mineral/rock identification:*

- Lithics (rock)



Images courtesy of Jordan Poole  
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### 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.

### Source:

El Hoyazo de Nijar, 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.