


# Topic 9: Volcanoes and Plate Tectonics

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**HW3 and online (videos and Gradescope also open)!**

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**will include HW1 questions!**

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**Test Schedule - Material Covered**

Test #	Date	Topics Covered*	Potential Homework questions
1	10/07	1-4	
2	10/14	5-7	
3	10/21	8-10, HW1	HW1 questions
4	10/28	11-13, HW2	
5	11/04	14-16, HW3	
6	11/12	17-19, HW4	

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SIO15 Beachwalks 10/18-19

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sign up under the beachwalk tab!

- sign-up for in-person beachwalk **group 1**

Beachwalks

- Sat 10/19 1:00 pm
- Sat 10/19 1:30 pm
- Sun 10/20 2:00 pm
- Sun 10/20 2:30 pm

choose between in-person or virtual!

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**GET READY TO SHAKEOUT!**

This year's International ShakeOut Day is October 17, when millions of people worldwide will participate in earthquake drills at work, school, or home!

At 10:17 am (local time) on 10/17, you can join millions of people across California practicing **earthquake safety**. While we encourage you to participate with everyone, you can [register](#) your ShakeOut drill for any day of the year, and drill at a time of your choice. You can also include people in multiple locations through video conferencing.

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9.8 million registered
5 days 21 hours until the 2024 California ShakeOut

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# 2023 Great Shakeout Mishap - SMH

## EARTHQUAKE ALERT TEST GOES OFF HOURS EARLY

Some West Coast residents were jolted awake Thursday when they received an earthquake alert test that was sent to their cellphones at 3:19 a.m. because of a time zone mix-up, the U.S. Geological Survey said.

Planned for 10/19 10:19 am **PDT**

> 1M people got alert at 3:19 am

- if you are on freeway; do nothing! **THINK!**
- if you are in bed; get up/under table!

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# The Two Principal Types of Volcanoes

## Shield Volcano

effusive

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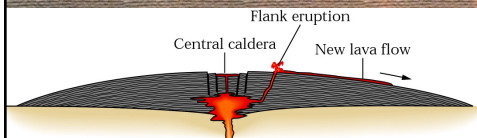


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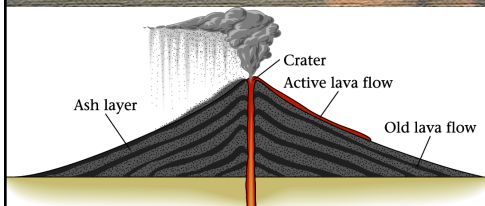
Mauna Kea, Hawaii



Hawaii; Etna; Iceland; Ertu Ale, Nyamuragira/Africa

## Composite Volcano (Stratovolcano)

explosive



Mt. Mayon, Philippines



Fuji; Vesuvius; St. Helens; Pinatubo; Popocatepetl

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## Examples of Composite Volcanoes

Mt. Mayon, Philippines



Mt. Fuji, Japan



Mt. Rainier



Mt. St. Helens



“...anything that looks beautiful is potentially dangerous...”

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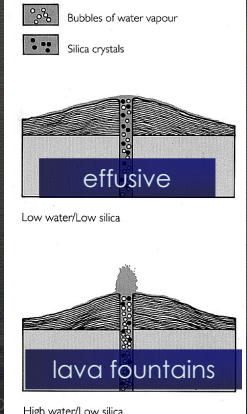
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## Style of Volcanism and the 3 Vs

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- Viscosity
- amount of dissolved Volatiles
- Volume

low viscosity  
(shield)



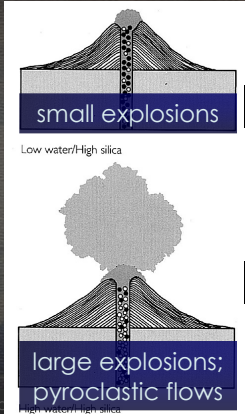
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Low water/Low silica

lava fountains

High water/Low silica

high viscosity  
(strato)



small explosions

Low water/High silica

large explosions;  
pyroclastic flows

less water → less vigorous

more water → more vigorous

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Parícutin, Mexico 1943

In 1997, CNN named Parícutin one of the [Seven Natural Wonders of the World](#).<sup>[3]</sup> The same year, the disaster film *Volcano* mentioned it as a precedent for the film's fictional events.

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## Plate Boundaries and Volcanism

- 90% of volcanism along plate boundaries (with 80% along mid-ocean ridges)
- 10% at intra-plate hotspots/rifts



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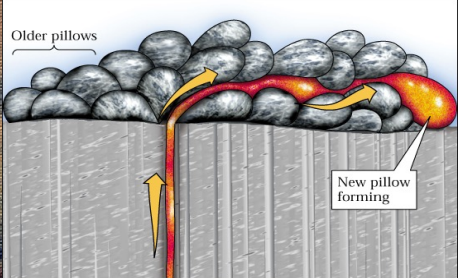
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## Mid-Ocean Ridge Volcanism

- majority of volcanism (80% of total magma production)
- non-explosive eruptions

- ❖ pillow lava
- ❖ black smokers



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## Strato Volcanoes

- common
- subduction zones
- dangerous on continents



▲▲▲ Convergent boundary   
 — Ridge   
 — Transform   
 ▲ Volcanoes

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## Shield Volcanoes

Mt. Etna

- relatively rare
- rifts
- some hotspots

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## Intra-Plate/Hotspot Volcanism

- 10% at intra-plate hotspots/rifts
- both oceanic and continental
- many oceanic hotspots have age-progressive island chains

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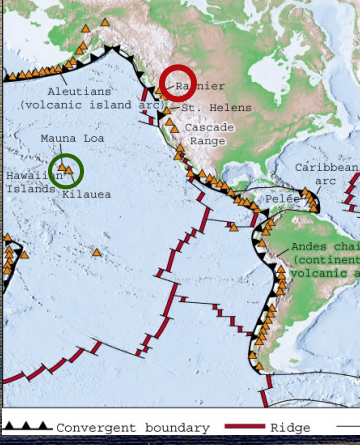
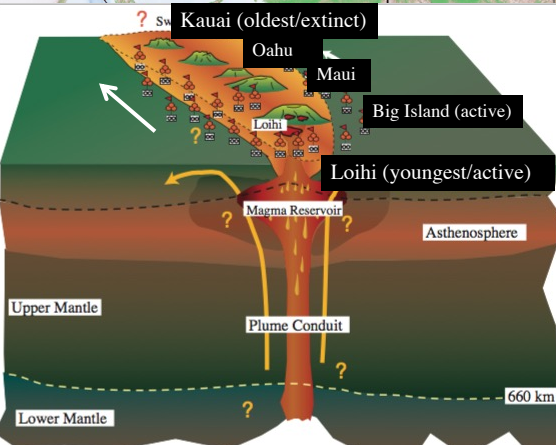
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## Hot Spot Volcanism

- places with lots of magma in mantle (mantle plume)
- overriding plate moves away -> volcanoes go extinct -> chain
- Hawaii most productive volcanoes

- can be intra-plate
- dangerous on continents
- Yellowstone Earth's worst!





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## Plate Boundaries with NO Volcanism

- cont-cont collision
- transform boundaries



▲ Convergent boundary    — Ridge    — Transform    ▲ Volcanoes

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### Why are Volcanoes so Different? – Plate Tectonics

- ✧ type of plate boundary
- ✧ type of plate

Mt. St. Helens (May 18, 1980)

Kilauea, Hawaii (1983-87)

Arenal, Costa Rica

Kilimanjaro Tanzania/Kenya (extinct)

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### Type of Plate (Boundary) - Viscosity

controlled by

- ✧ rock type ( $\text{SiO}_2$  content)
- <- continent/ocean difference

↓

viscosity

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## Viscosity

**short video 7c**      **Lecture 2: resistance of material to flow**

Viscous lava; forms thick, dome-like blob

Nonviscous lava; spreads out in a thin sheet

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- high viscosity: lava clogs vents  
-> explosive volcanism
- low viscosity: lava flows easily  
-> effusive volcanism

crustal rock more viscous than mantle rock!

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## The 2 Main Factors controlling Viscosity

**1) MORE SiO<sub>2</sub> makes lava MORE VISCOUS**

Viscous lava; forms thick, dome-like blob

Nonviscous lava; spreads out in a thin sheet

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**2) HIGHER TEMPERATURE makes lava LESS VISCOUS**

**MORE VISCOUS**

- high-SiO<sub>2</sub> (Quartz)
- cold

**LESS VISCOUS**

- low-SiO<sub>2</sub> (Olivine)
- hot

SiO<sub>2</sub> = silica

**short video 7d**

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## Crustal Rock Viscosity: Continents - Oceans

**Continent-Ocean Difference**

**OCEANIC CRUST**

- thin
- dense, dark rock

**CONTINENTAL CRUST**

- thick
- less dense, light rock

• thicker crust  
• lighter rocks

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## Crustal Rock Viscosity

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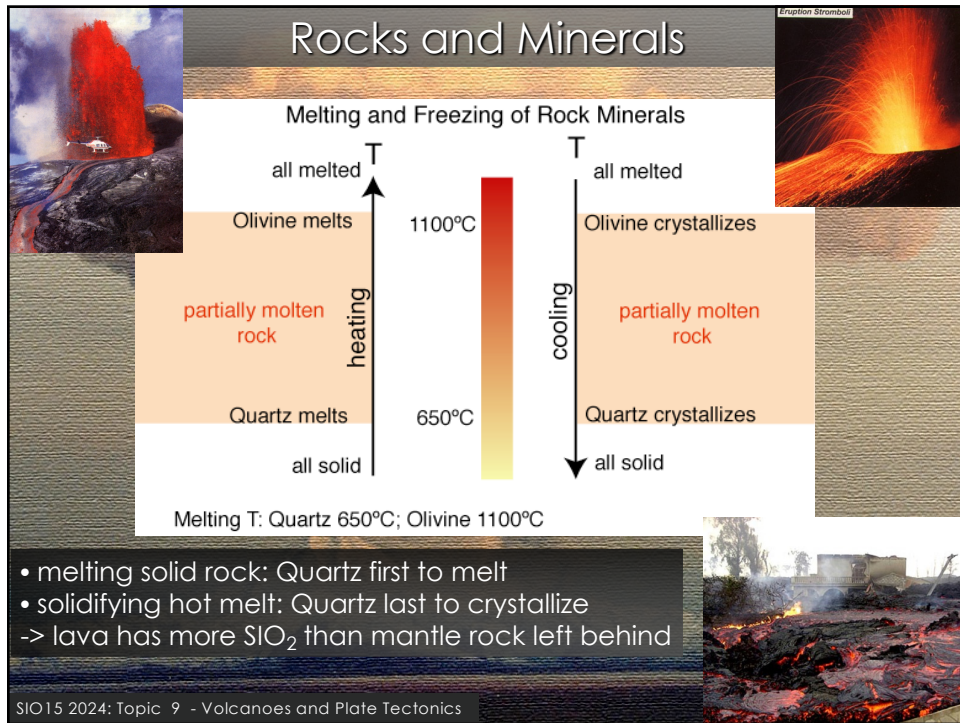
- crustal thickness
- composition ( $\text{SiO}_2$  content)

**CONTINENTAL CRUST HAS MORE  $\text{SiO}_2$  THAN OCEANIC CRUST**

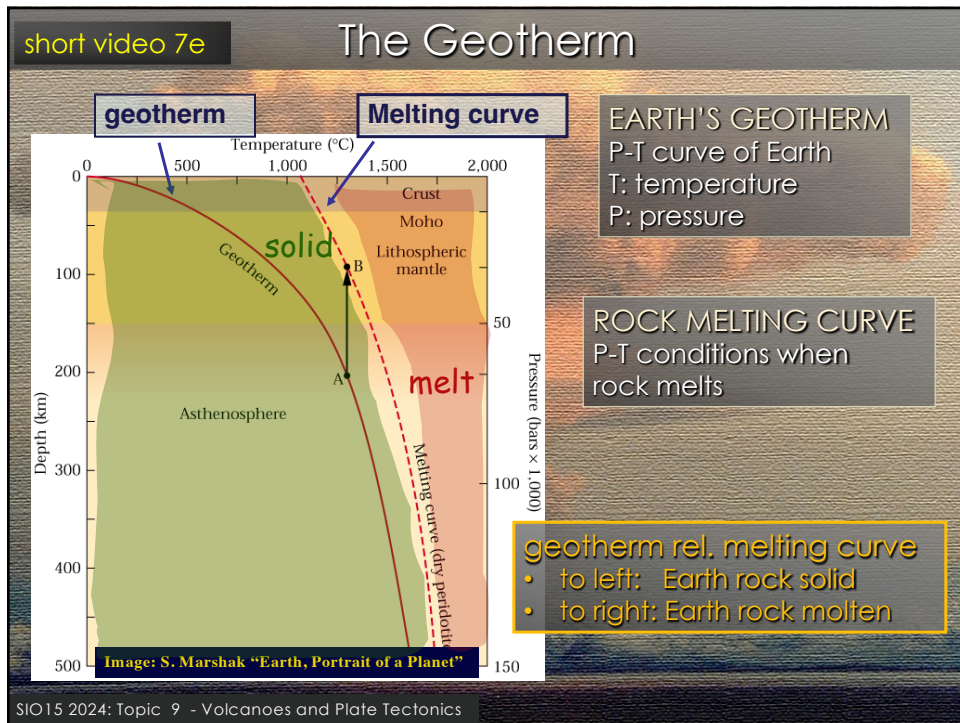
$\text{SiO}_2$ : silica

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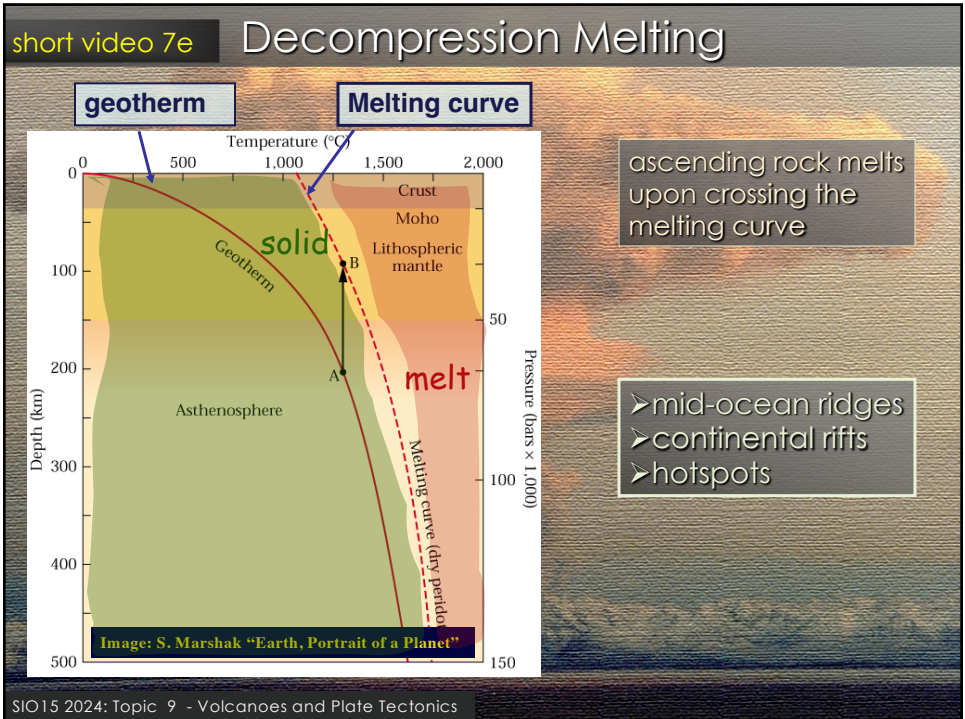
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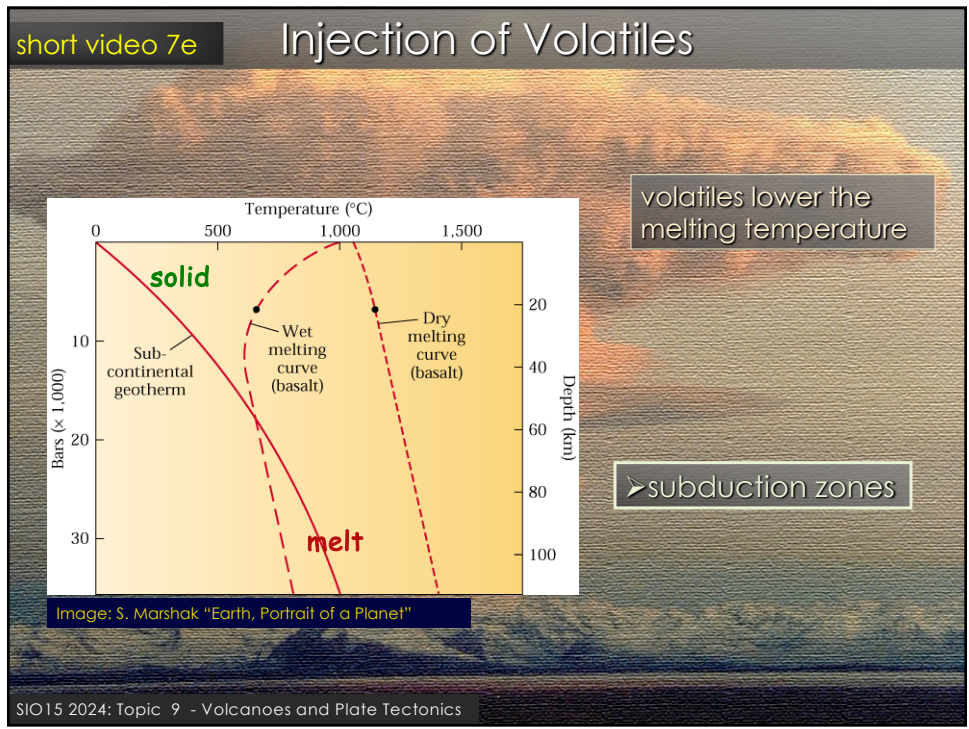
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## The Two Principal Melting Mechanisms

Decompression (divergent plate boundaries, hotspots)  
Addition of Volatiles (subduction zones)

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## Magma (below) and Lava (above)

**Magma/Lava mix of:**

- solid parts
- molten parts
- dissolved gases

**partial melt:**  
mix of solid and molten parts

**minerals:**  
Quartz (> SiO<sub>2</sub>)  
Olivine (<SiO<sub>2</sub>)

melting T or freezing point:  
650 - 1100°C

Quartz: 650°C  
Olivine: 1100°C

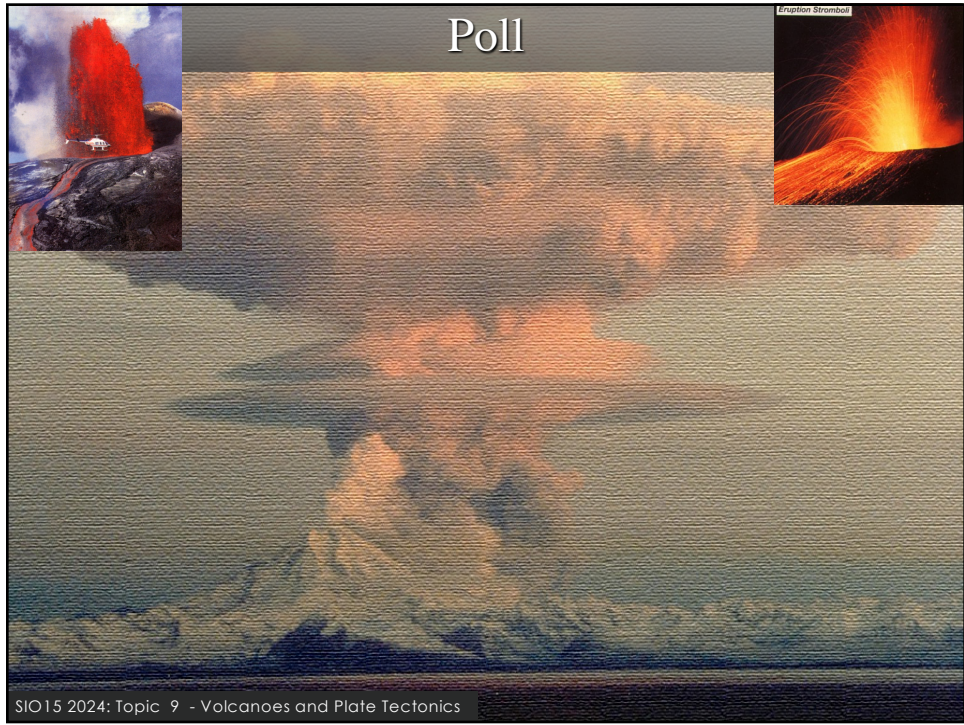
**°F =**  
 $x^{\circ}\text{C} * 9/5 + 32$   
1200 - 2000°F

**oven T:**  
260°C/500°F

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