

- Viscosity
- amount of dissolved Volatiles
- Volume

# low viscosity (shield)



Bubbles of water vapour



Silica crystals



Low water/Low silica



High water/Low silica

#### less water

- less vigorous

#### more water

more vigorous

Eruption Styles and Hazards

# Style of Volcanism and the 3 Vs

low viscosity (shield)

high viscosity (strato)



Bubbles of water vapour



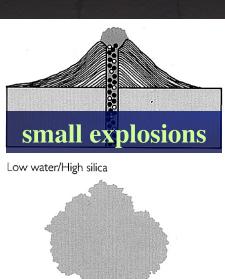
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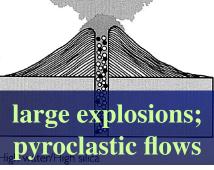


Low water/Low silica



High water/Low silica

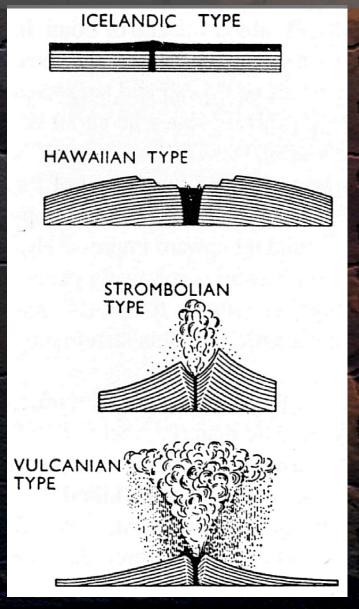




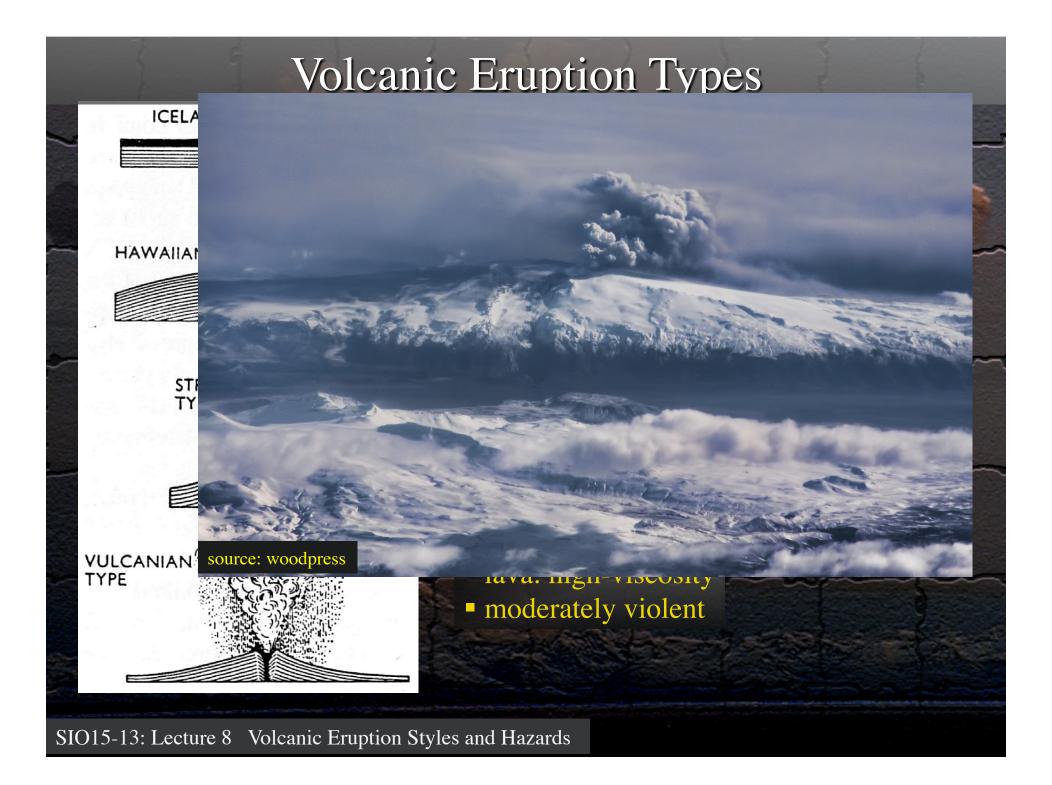
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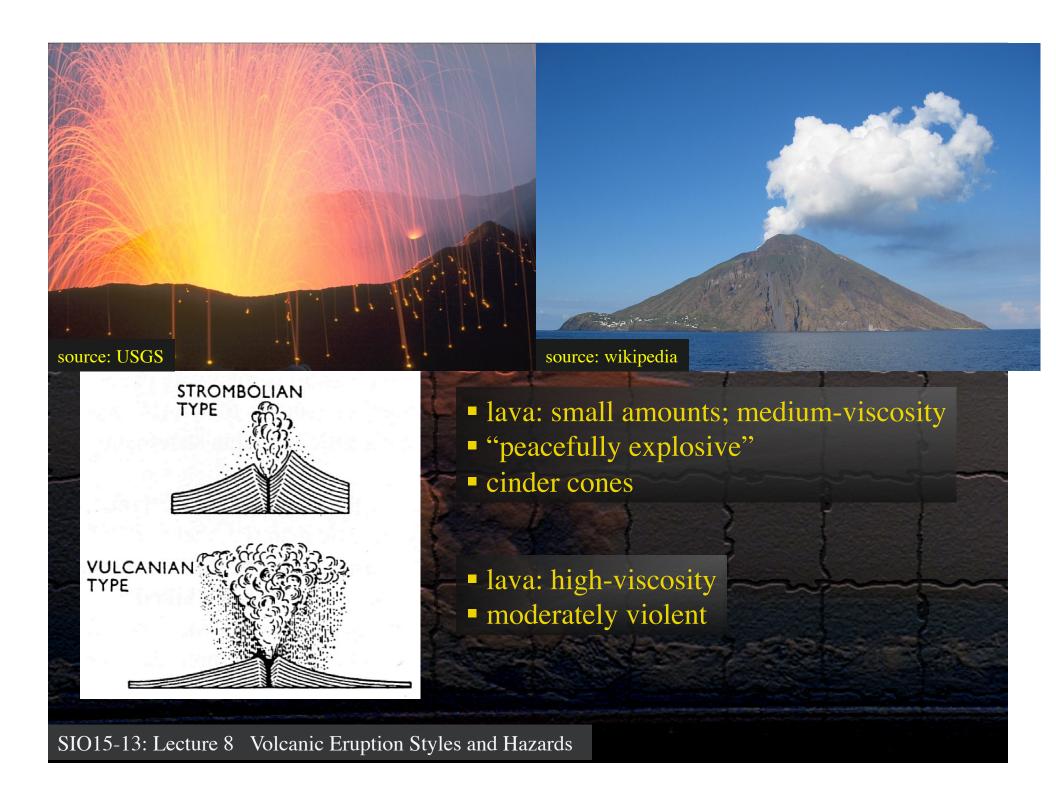
more water → more vigorous

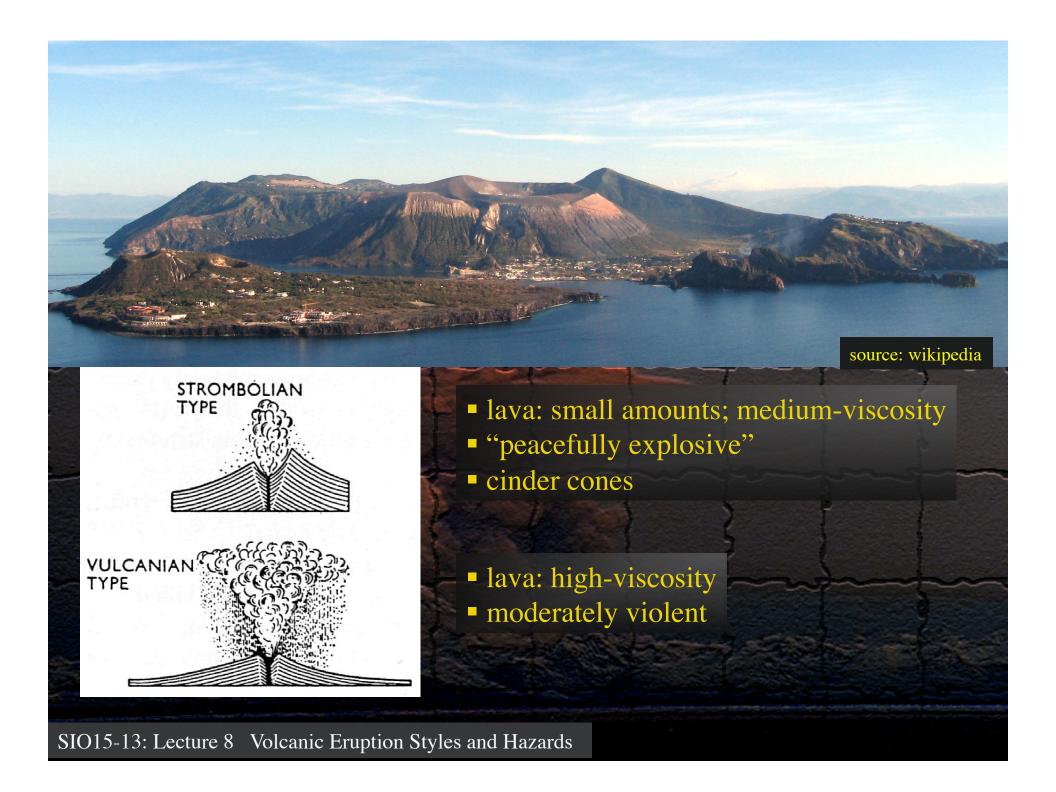
### Volcanic Eruption Types



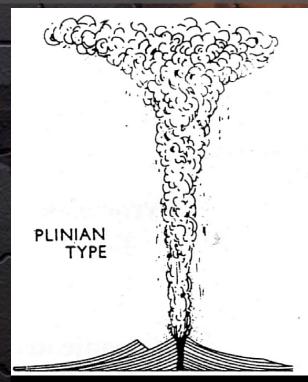
- lava: large amounts; very low-viscosity
- non-explosive
- lava: low-viscosity
- non-explosive
- lava: small amounts; medium-viscosity
- "peacefully explosive"
- cinder cones
- lava: high-viscosity
- moderately violent



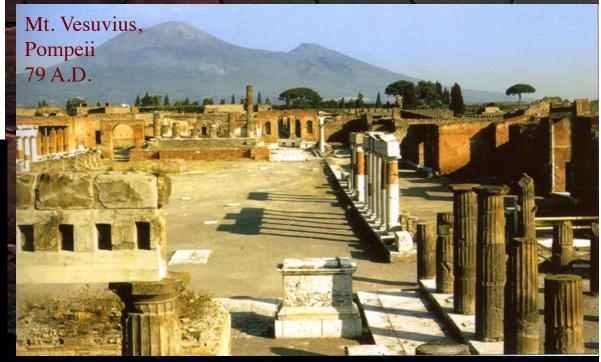


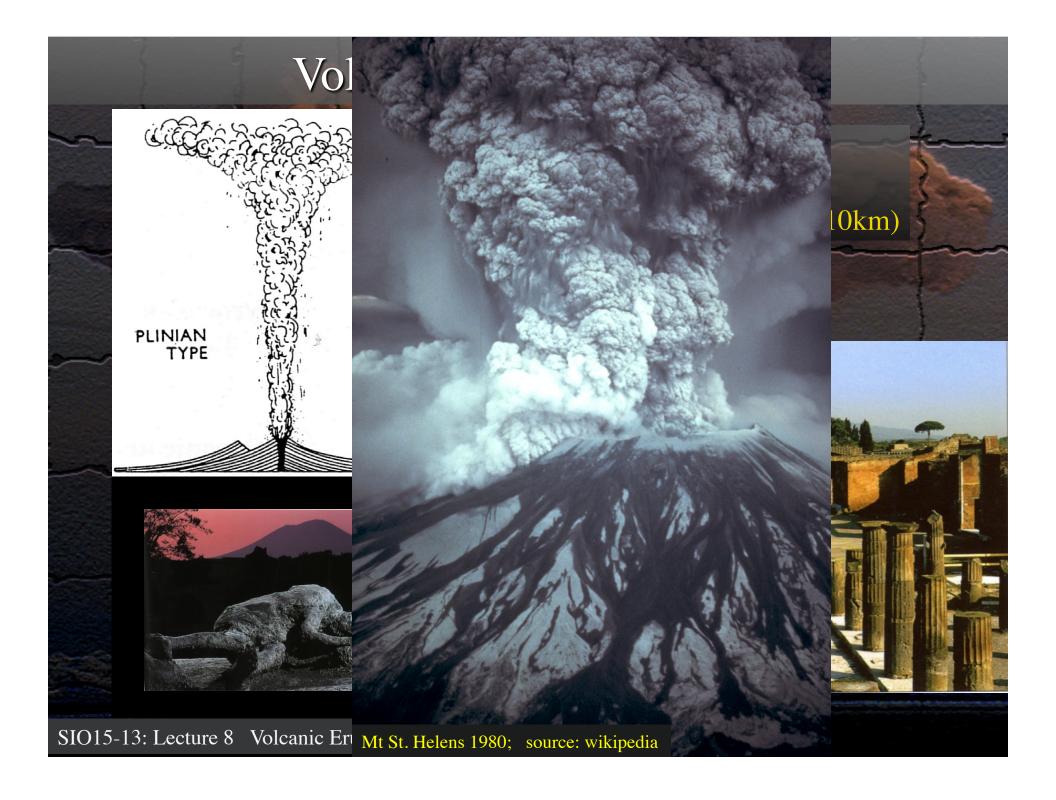


# Volcanic Eruption Types



- lava: very high viscosity
- violent eruptions
- very high eruption column (> 10km)





### VEI: Volcanic Explosivity Index

