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Week 4, Chapter 7 (pages 230-269, text)

Week	Chapter	Assigned Pages	Major Concepts	Important Terms
4	7 – Fires Within	230 – 269	Volcanic eruptions, basaltic and rhyolite/andesite volcanism, shield volcanoes, composite (strato-) volcanoes, intrusive igneous activity, plate tectonics and igneous activity, volcanic hazards	Viscosity, pyroclastic flows, basalt, rhyolite, fissure (flood) basalts, crater, caldera, plutons

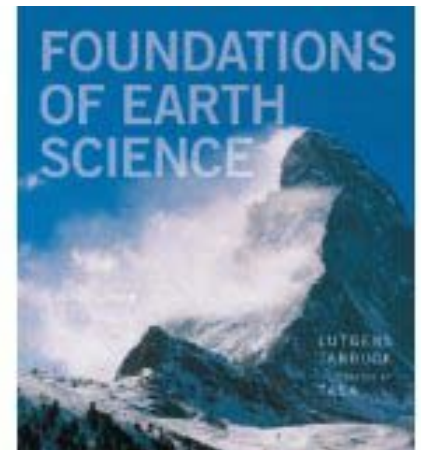


Mt. St. Helens before May, 1980 eruption



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Basaltic lava flow, Hawaii



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When you have finished reading Chapter 7 and viewing the Chapter 7 PowerPoint file, take the quiz (Quiz6; be sure to read the Syllabus for more information on quizzes). You can use your book, notes, etc. during the quiz.

The PPT files (converted to PDF files) are best viewed with the Full Screen view in browsers.

Please open the Week 4 folder (in Weekly PowerPoints) and view the Mt. St. Helens eruption animation. Select the animation (swf file) and click Play. You can listen to the audio narration and/or select Show Text.

The following slides illustrate some of the important concepts and topics of Chapter 7.

View the impressive volcano eruption videos from Martin Rietze (first three links below) (<http://mrietze.com/>), and the YouTube video (4th link). Depending on your browser, you may be able to link directly to these files by just clicking on them, below. Otherwise, copy and paste the web addresses into Internet Explorer to view. If you cannot open the M. Rietze videos in this way, go to <http://mrietze.com/>; then select **Volcanotours 2004-2010**; then select **Iceland-Eyjafjallajökull May 2010**; then find the “**view into Eyjafjallajökull crater...**” thumbnail images and place your cursor over the images until you find the files ending in **5741.MP4** and **5687.mp4**. Open and view these videos. Similarly, for the Montserrat video, select **Volcanotours 2004-2010**; then select **Montserrat-Soufriere Hills**; then scroll to the bottom of the page and open the video labeled **bigger PF** (PF is for “pyroclastic flow”).

1. View into Eyjafjallajökull (Iceland) crater, 2010:

http://mrietze.com/images/Iceland10-2/MVI_5741.MP4

2. View into Eyjafjallajökull (Iceland) crater, 2010:

http://mrietze.com/images/Iceland10-2/MVI_5687.mp4

3. View of pyroclastic flow (glowing avalanche or “nuee ardent”, Montserrat, Soufriere Hills, 2010:

http://mrietze.com/images/montserrat10/MVI_9618-b%20001-Desktop.m4v

4. View of low viscosity basalt flows from Hawaii, 2011:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6VfsKoH-ScA>

Two major types of volcanism (also see Table 7.1 in text [7th edition] and the following slide, [Table 7.1 is not correct in 2008 and 2005 editions]):

BASALTIC	RHYOLITE - ANDESITE
<p>low SiO₂ \approx 50%</p> <p>density \approx 3 g/cm³</p> <p>shield volcanoes</p> <p>mid-ocean ridges</p> <p>melt temp. \approx 1200°C</p> <p>low viscosity</p> <p>(fluid flows)</p> <p>flow eruptions</p> <p>Examples: Hawaii, mid-ocean ridge, Iceland, Craters of the Moon (ID)</p>	<p>high SiO₂ \approx 70%</p> <p>density \approx 2.7 g/cm³</p> <p>composite volcanoes</p> <p>collision zones</p> <p>melt temp. \approx 700°C</p> <p>high viscosity</p> <p>(sticky lava; also ash)</p> <p>explosive eruptions</p> <p>Examples: St. Helens, Andes volc., Vesuvius, Mt. Pele, Pinatubo, Japan volcanoes</p>

Table 7.1 - 6th edition, text, 2011

Table 7.1 Magmas' different compositions cause properties to vary

Composition	Silica Content	Viscosity	Gas Content	Tendency to Form Pyroclastics	Volcanic Landform
Basaltic (Mafic)	Least (~50%)	Least	Least (1–2%)	Least	Shield Volcanoes Basalt Plateaus Cinder Cones
Andesitic (Intermediate)	Intermediate (~60%)	Intermediate	Intermediate (3–4%)	Intermediate	Composite Cones
Granitic (Felsic)	Most (~70%)	Greatest	Most (4–6%)	Greatest	Pyroclastic Flows Volcanic Domes

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5th edition, text, 2008, corrections in red

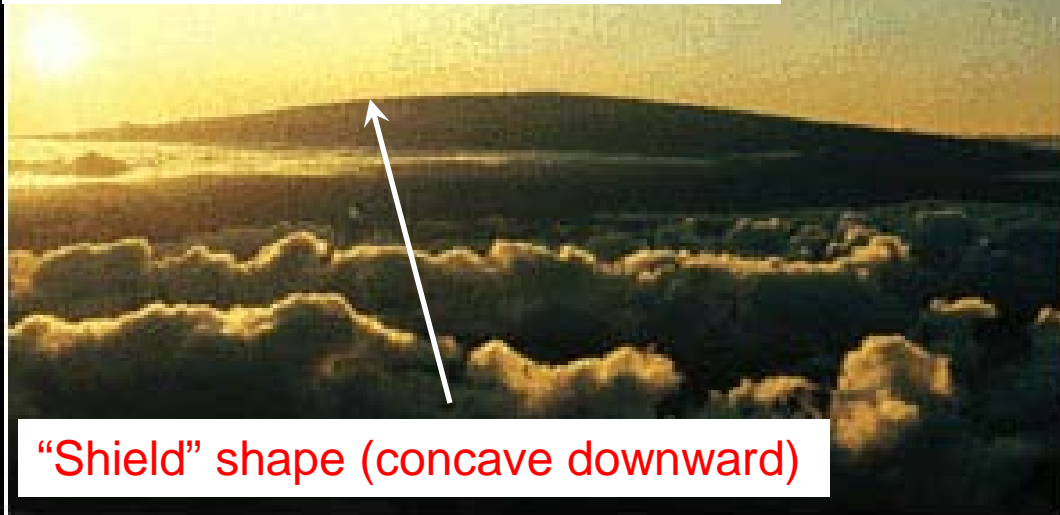
Table 7.1 Variations in properties among magmas of differing compositions

Property	Basaltic Magma	Andesitic Magma	Granitic Magma
Silica content	Least (about ~50%)	Intermediate (about ~60%)	Most (about ~70%)
Viscosity	Least ("thinnest")	Intermediate	Greatest ("thickest")
Tendency to form lavas	Highest	Intermediate	Least
Tendency to form pyroclastics	Least	Intermediate	Greatest
Melting temperature	Highest	Intermediate	Lowest

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Also known as
Rhyolite Magma

Three types of volcanoes:



"Shield" shape (concave downward)

Shield Volcano



Composite Cone



Cinder Cone

Igneous Activity
Materials
Extruded During
an Eruption

- Main Menu
- Glossary
- QUIT

Basaltic Magma (low viscosity) from shield volcano – “river of lava”

Due to their low silica content, basaltic magmas extrude mainly lavas that are very fluid and flow in thin, broad sheets or stream-like ribbons.

Mt. St. Helens -- Prior to the 1980 Eruption

Note steep slopes
and concave
upward profile of
slope

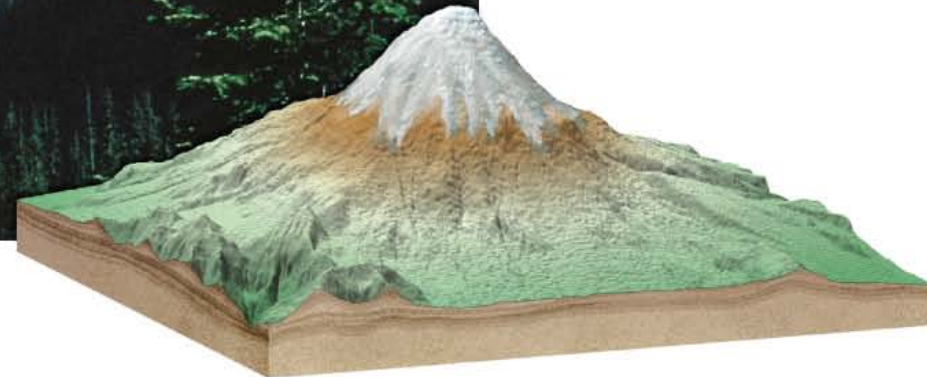
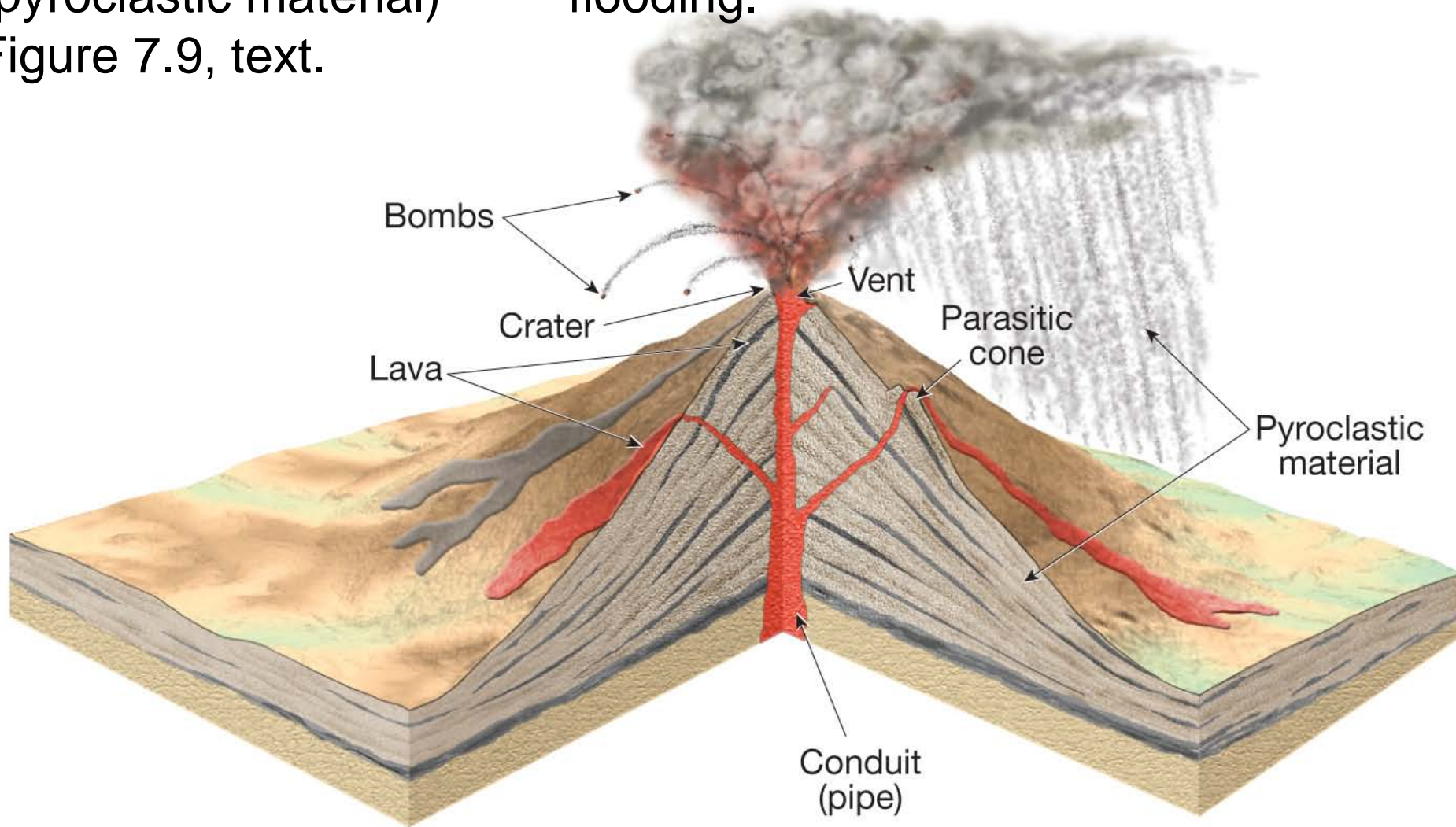


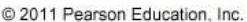
Figure 7.1, text

Composite or strato-volcano – High viscosity Rhyolite or Andesite lavas, ash and pyroclastics.

A strato- or composite volcano composed of layers of lava and ash (pyroclastic material)
Figure 7.9, text.

Hazards: explosive eruption, pyroclastic flows, lava flows, volcanic bombs, ash fall, poisonous gases, mud flows, flooding.





Active volcanoes; most of the circum-Pacific volcanoes (“ring of fire”) are rhyolite or andesite (named for Andes mountains) composite volcanoes. Figure 7.33, text.

1980 eruption of
Mount St. Helens



Mt. St. Helens after May 18, 1980 eruption



Figure 7.1, text

Mt. St. Helens After the 1980 Eruption



USGS Photo

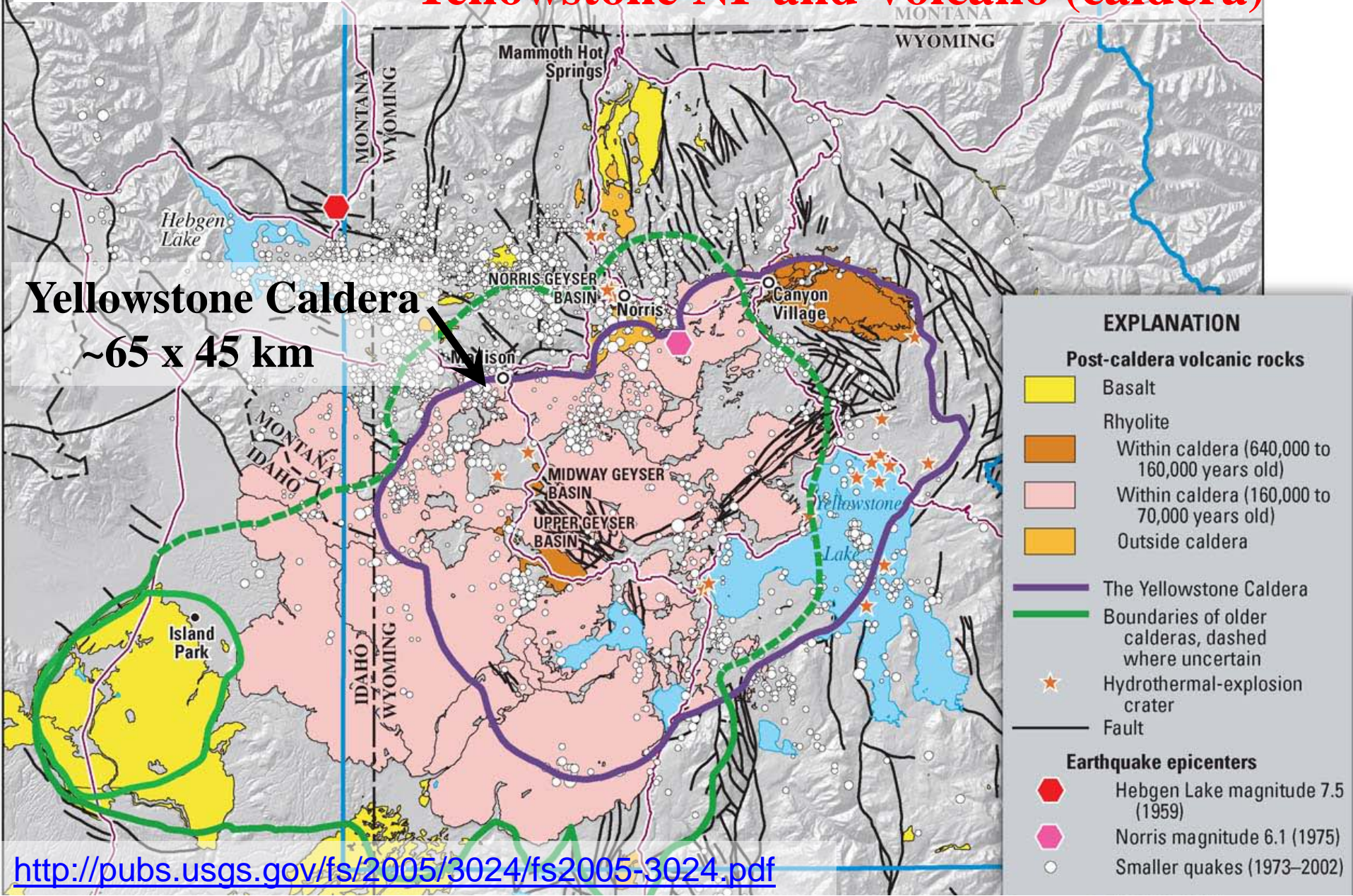
***Pyroclastic flow
(glowing
avalanche) on
Mt. St. Helens
(also see Figures
7.16 and 7.19)***



20 km

Calderas, Craters and Sizes of Eruptions Yellowstone NP and Volcano (caldera)

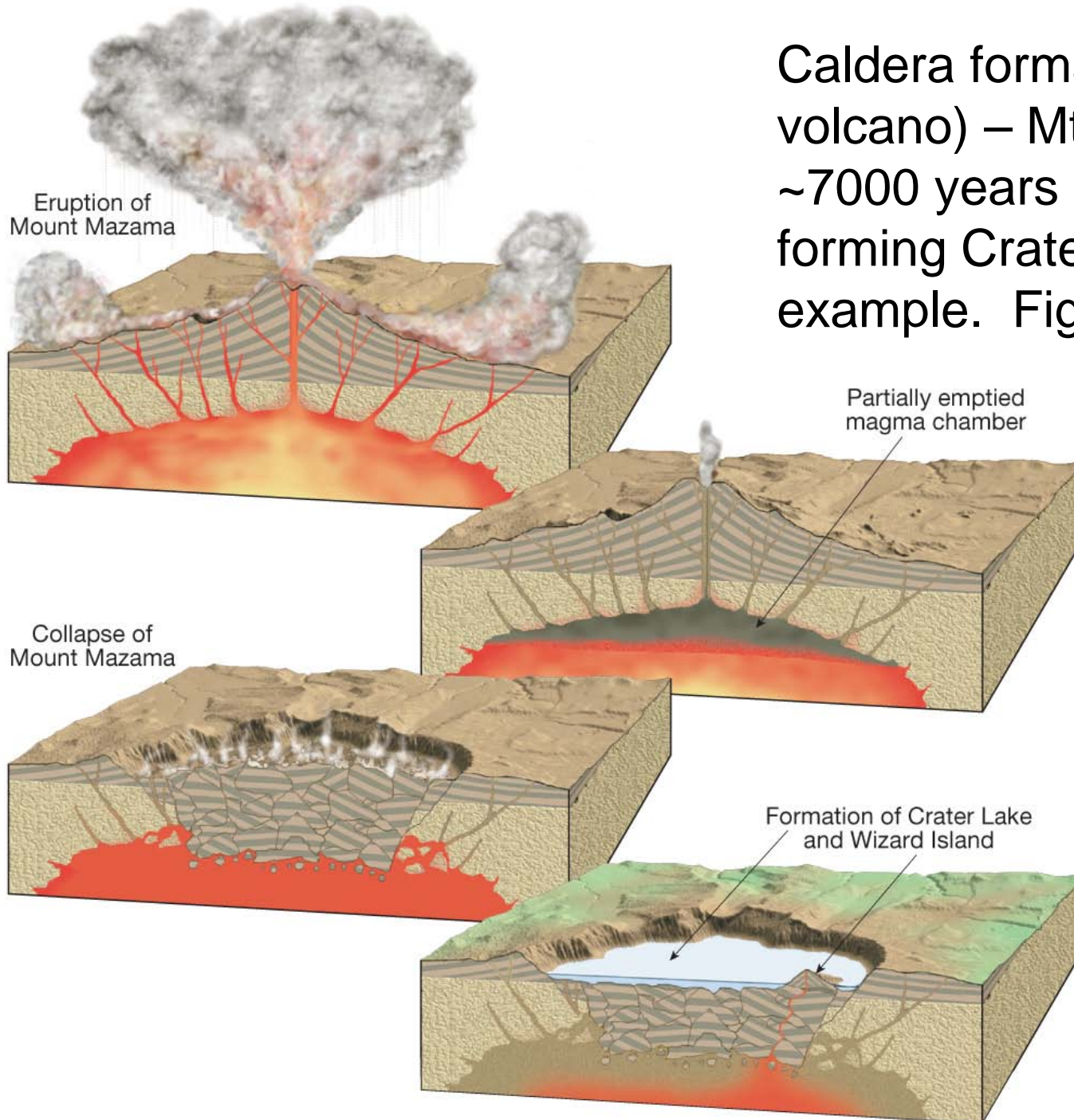
Yellowstone Caldera
~65 x 45 km



Grand Prismatic Spring (hot spring; note boardwalk for scale).
Yellowstone National Park



Caldera formation (collapsed volcano) – Mt. Mazama, ~7000 years ago eruption, forming Crater Lake is a type example. Figure 7.20, text

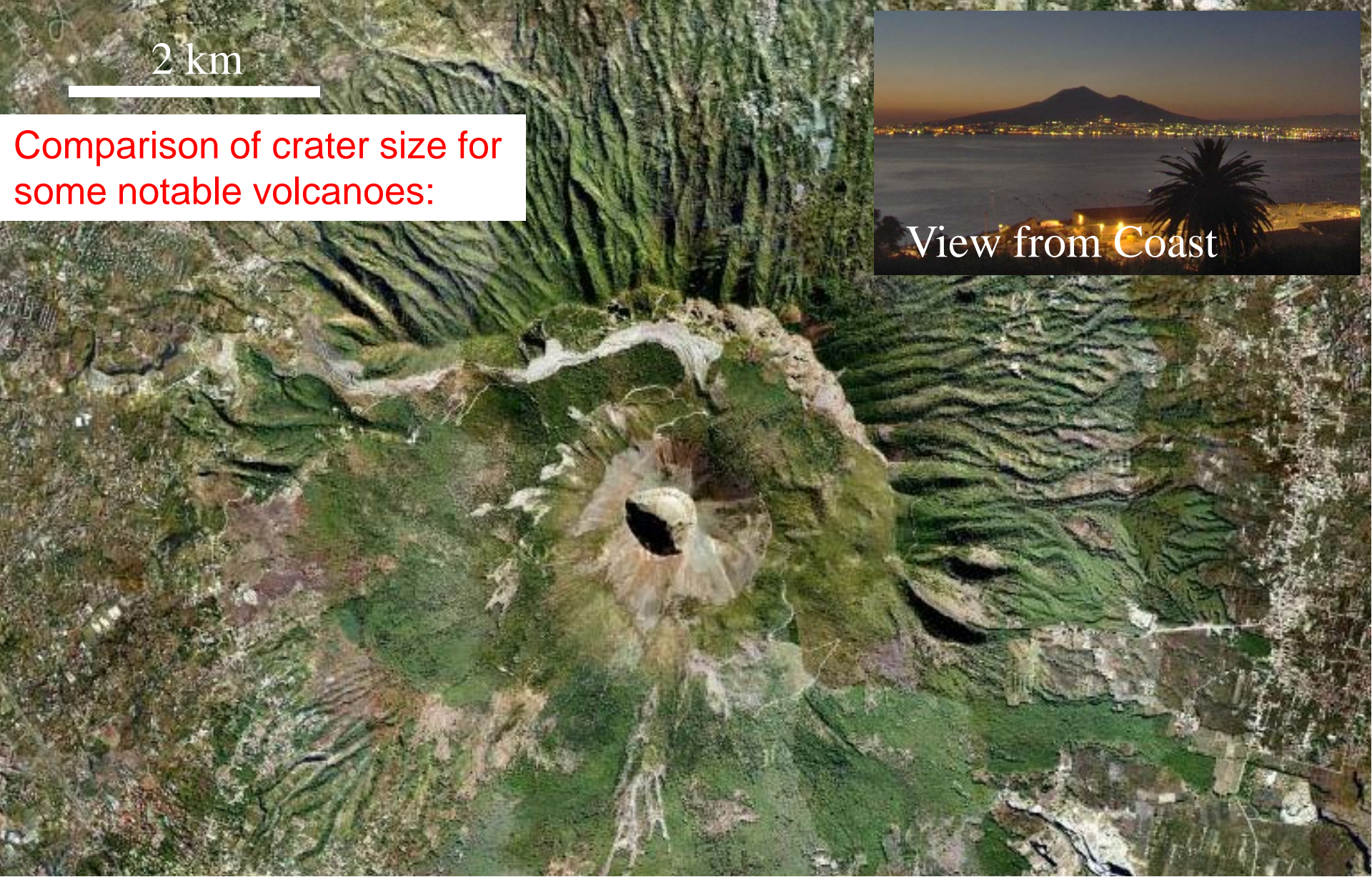


Caldera (Crater Lake, Oregon) Figure 7.20, text



2 km

Comparison of crater size for
some notable volcanoes:



Mt. Vesuvius and Crater (~0.5 km in diameter; ~9 km from Naples, Italy) – Satellite Image. Famous eruption, pyroclastic flows that covered the cities of Pompeii and Herculaneum in 79 A.D. (~4 km³ of ejecta). Most recent eruption was 1944.

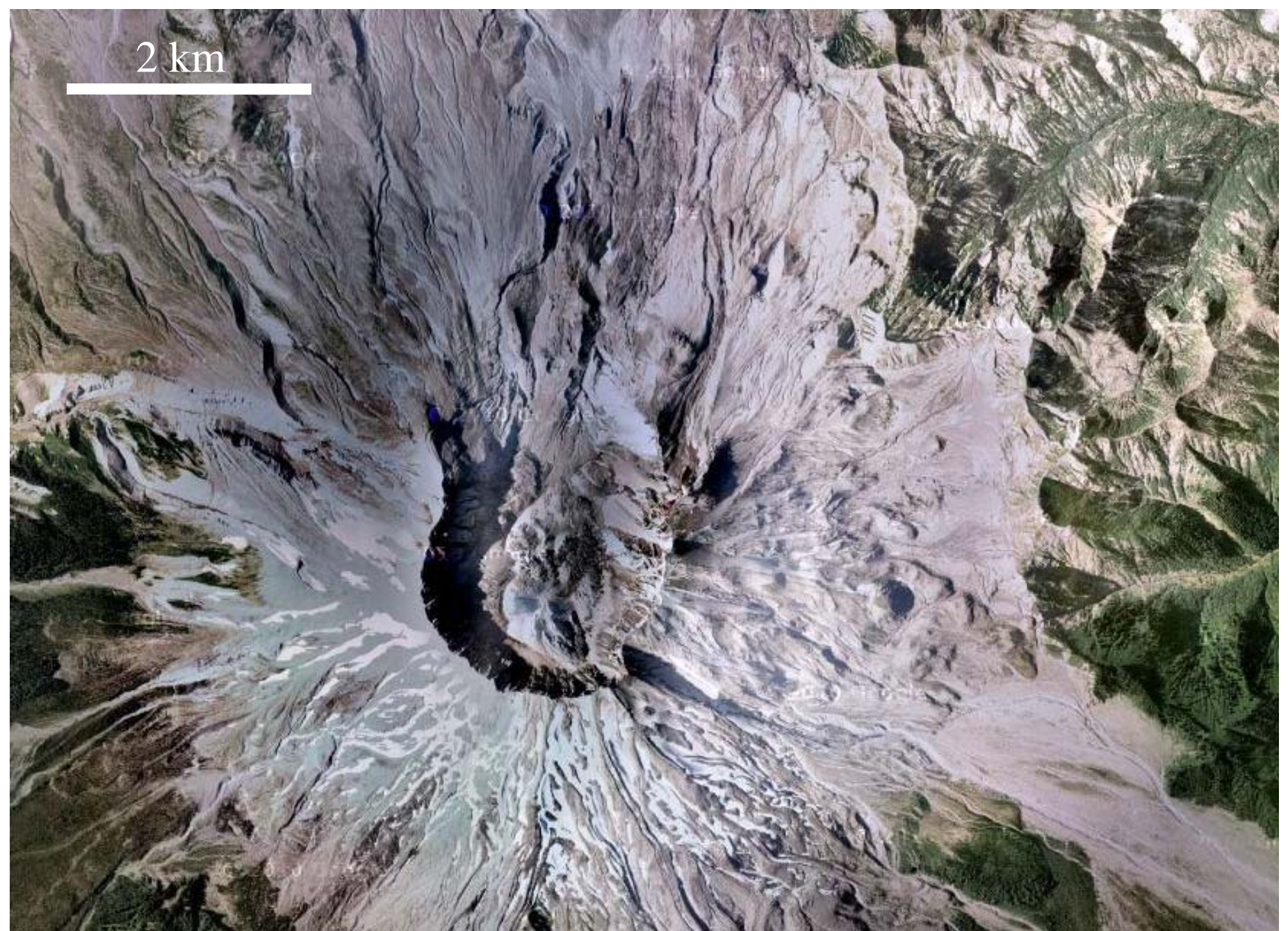
10 km

Comparison of crater size for
some notable volcanoes:

Spirit Lake

Mt. St. Helens and Crater (~2.5 km in diameter; Washington State) – Satellite Image. Well documented explosive eruption in 1982 (~3 km³ of ejecta) killed 57 people. Previous eruptions (about 3300-3900 years ago) erupted ~10 km³ of ash and lava.

2 km



Close-up View of Mt. St. Helens Crater – Satellite Image.

2 km



Comparison of crater size for
some notable volcanoes:

Figure 7.9, text

Tambora Volcano (Indonesia) and Crater (~6 km in diameter) – Satellite Image. Explosive eruption in 1815 (~160 km³ of ejecta) was the largest in historic time, lowered the Earth's atmospheric temperature by 3 °C, and produced the “year without a summer” in North America in 1816.

4 km

Comparison of crater size for
some notable volcanoes:



Aerial View



Crater Lake (formerly Mt. Mazama), Oregon (~8 km in diameter) – Satellite Image.
Explosive eruption about 6700 years ago (~50 km³ of volcanic ejecta, and about 50 km³ of the 3700 m tall mountain was blasted away)

20 km

Vesuvius Crater

~0.5 km

Tambora Caldera

~6 km

St. Helens Crater

~2.5 km

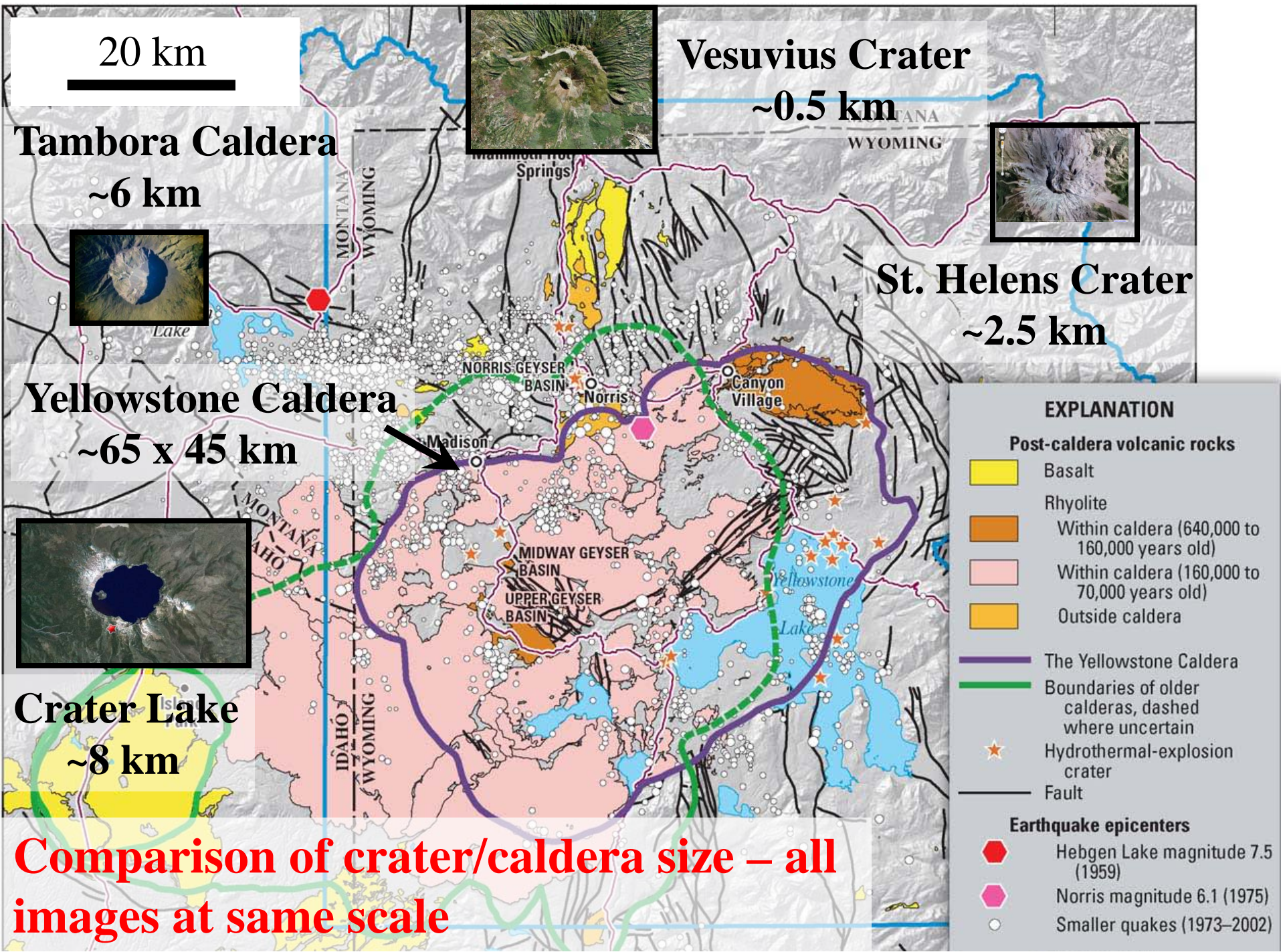
Yellowstone Caldera

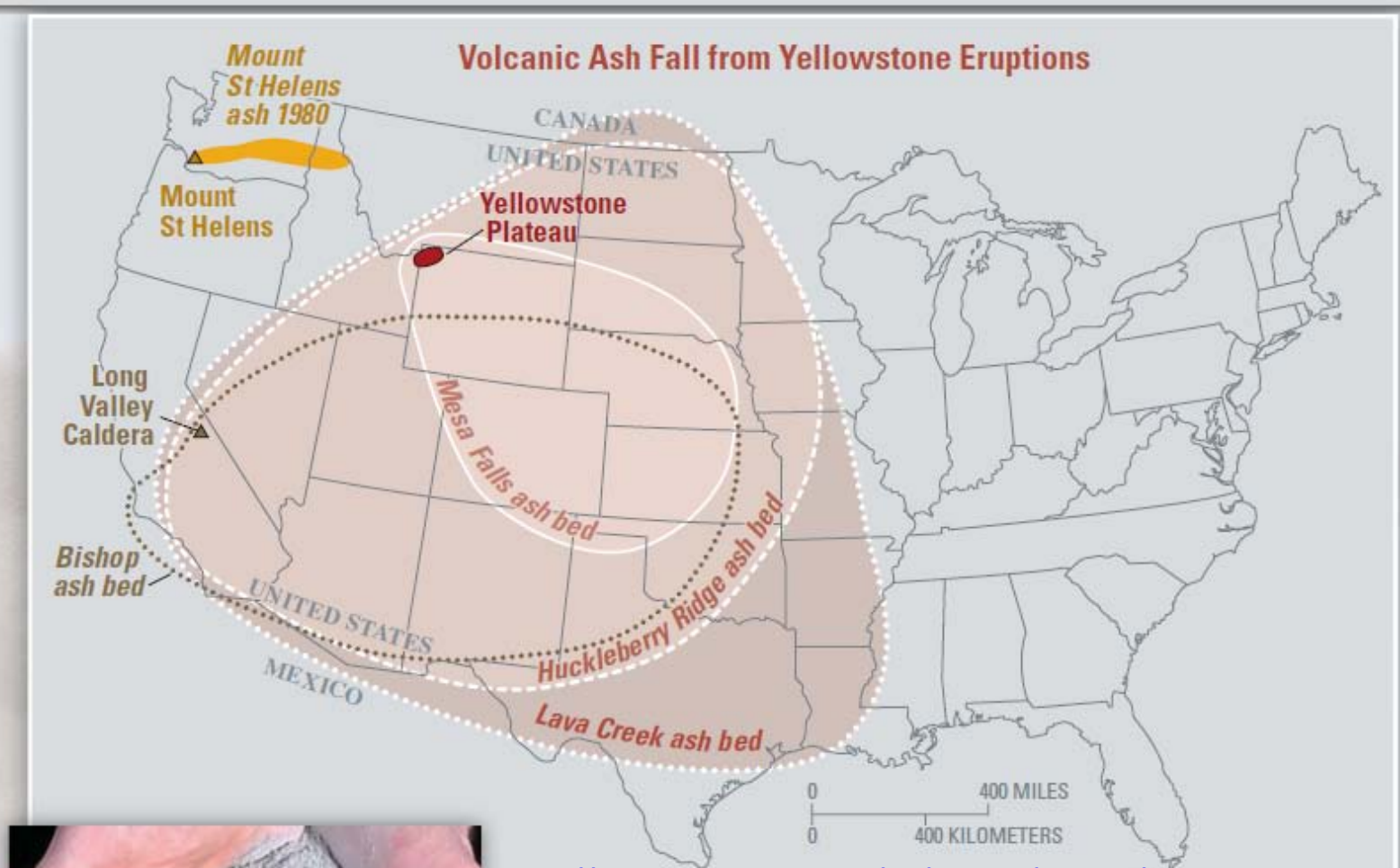
~65 x 45 km

Crater Lake

~8 km

Comparison of crater/caldera size – all images at same scale

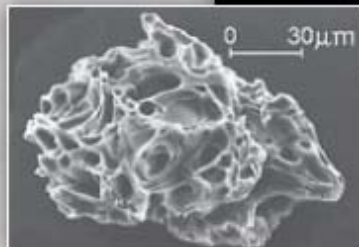




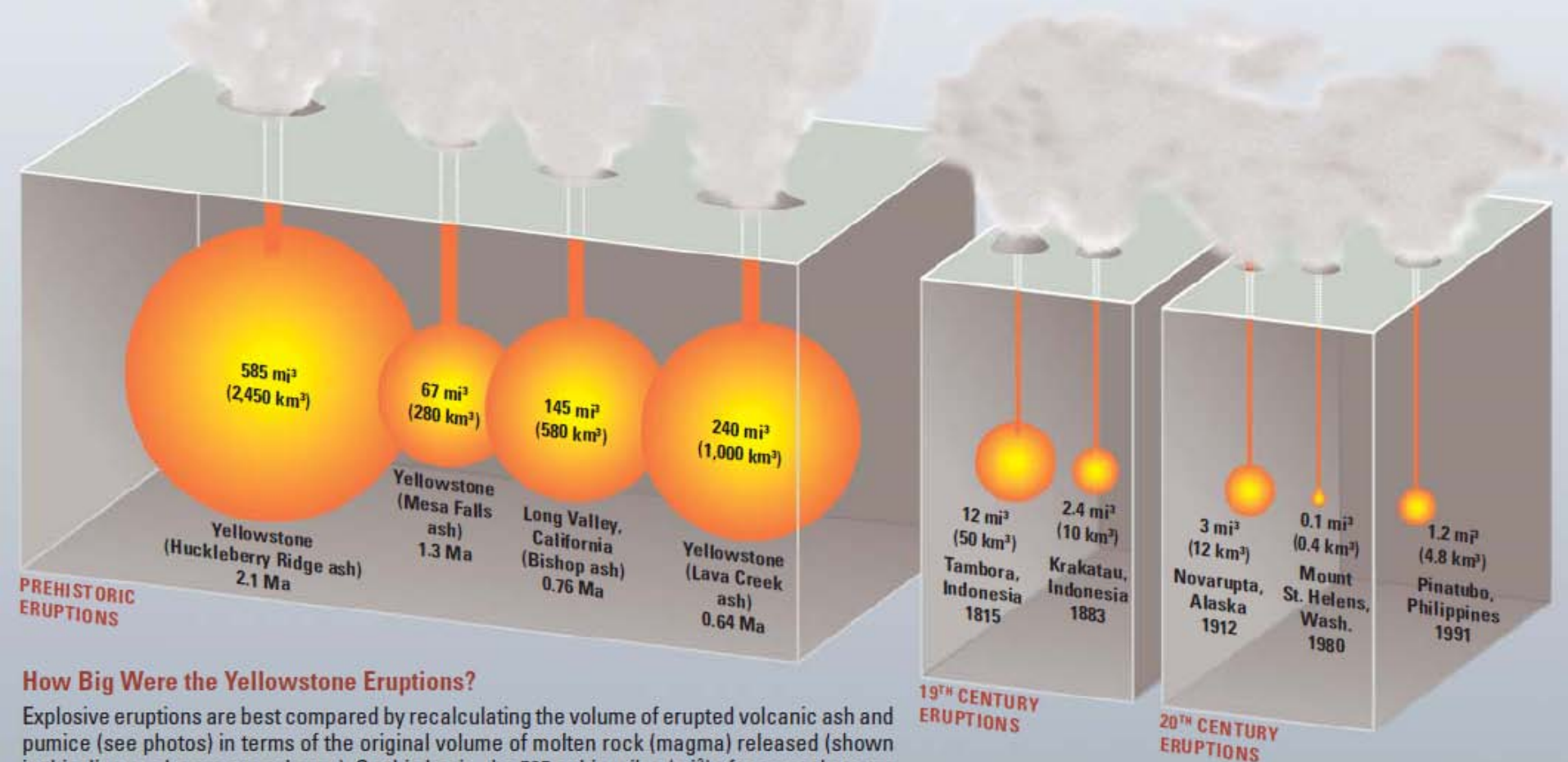
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Volcanic ash, like this ash from the 1980 eruption of Mount St. Helens, is made up of tiny jagged particles of rock and glass (see inset, magnified about 200 times). Even a light dusting of volcanic ash can pose a health



hazard to people and animals and damage crops, electronics, and machinery. Heavy ash fall, such as that from a large caldera-forming eruption, would devastate the surrounding area and affected areas downwind. (USGS photographs.)



How Big Were the Yellowstone Eruptions?

Explosive eruptions are best compared by recalculating the volume of erupted volcanic ash and pumice (see photos) in terms of the original volume of molten rock (magma) released (shown in this diagram by orange spheres). On this basis, the 585 cubic miles (mi³) of magma that was erupted from Yellowstone 2.1 million years ago (Ma) was nearly 6,000 times greater than the volume released in the 1980 eruption of Mount St. Helens, Washington, which killed 57 people and caused damage exceeding \$1 billion. Even the 1815 Tambora, Indonesia, eruption—the largest on Earth in the past two centuries—was more than five times smaller than the smallest of Yellowstone's three great prehistoric eruptions at 1.3 Ma.

Others: Long Valley, CA 760,000 yrs ago, ~580 km³; Valles, NM 1.1 mya, ~600 km³; Toba, Indonesia 70,000 yrs ago, ~500 km³.

<http://pubs.usgs.gov/fs/2005/3024/fs2005-3024.pdf>

How Big Were the Yellowstone Eruptions? About 6,000 times larger than the 1980 eruption of Mt. St. Helens!!!