



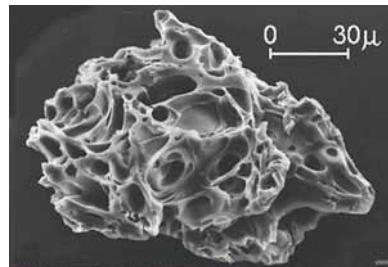
# Detection of particle aggregation

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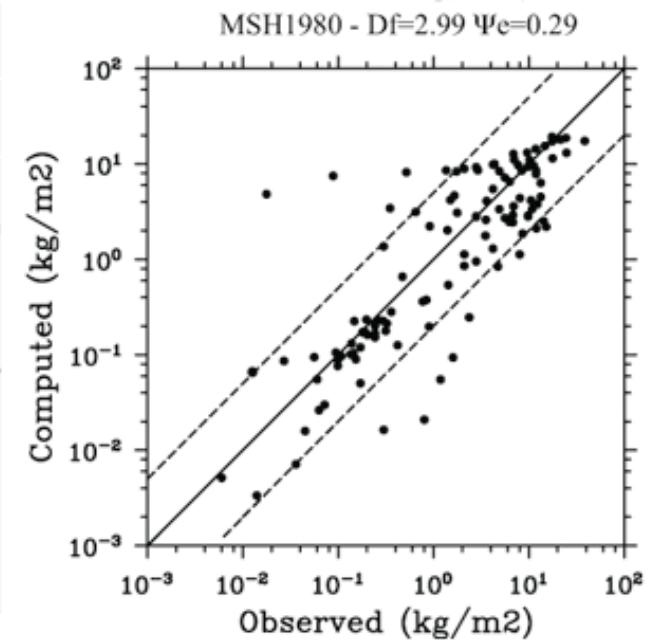
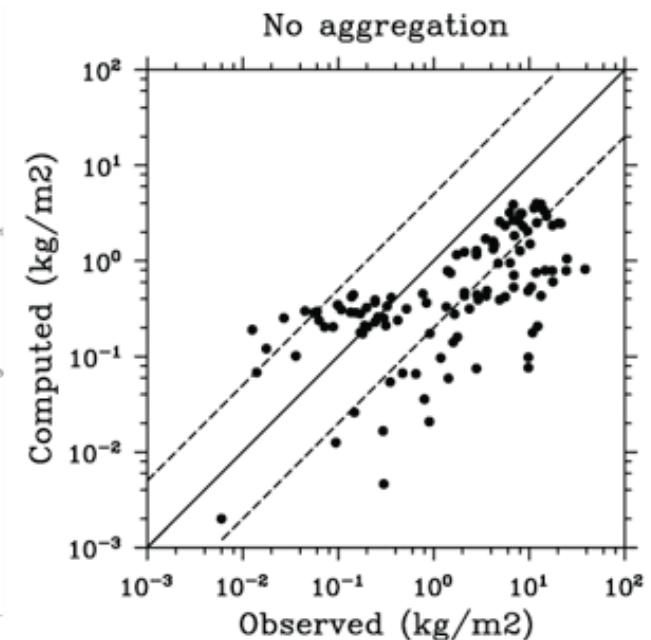
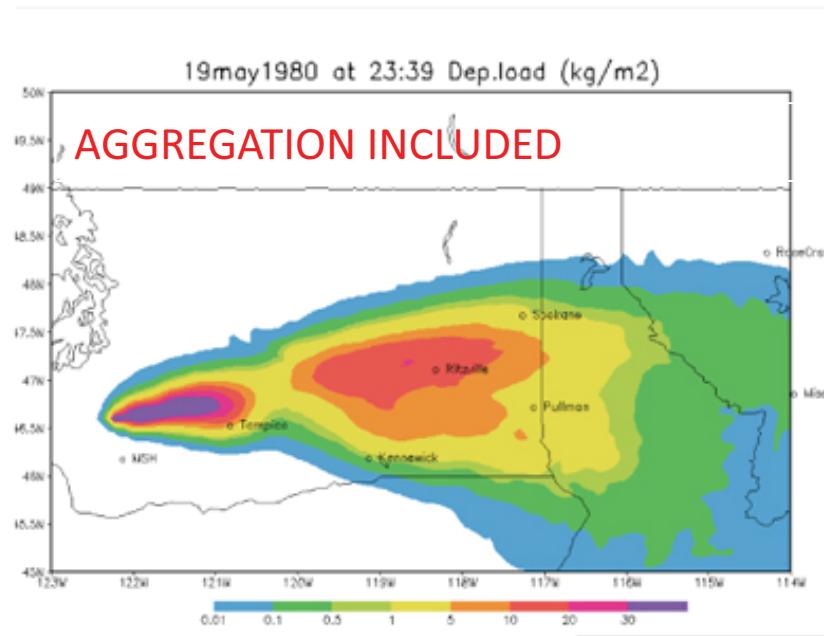
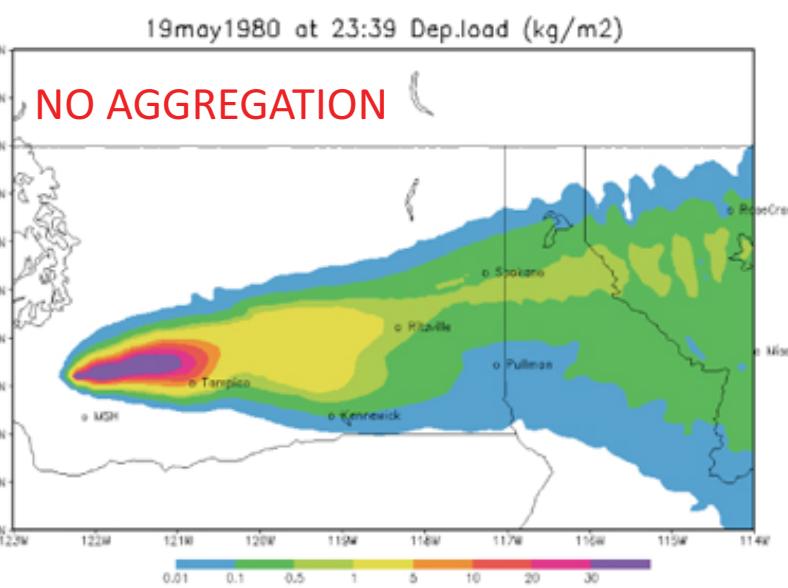
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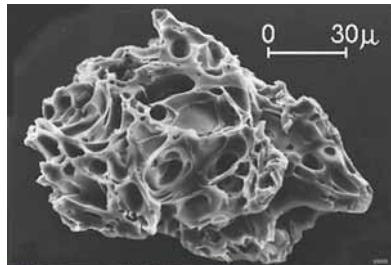


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# Detection of particle aggregation: Outline

- Visual observation of fallout
- Discrimination in ash deposits
- Conceptual models (hydrometeors)
- Synergies with other techniques
- Data available for aggregation modelling

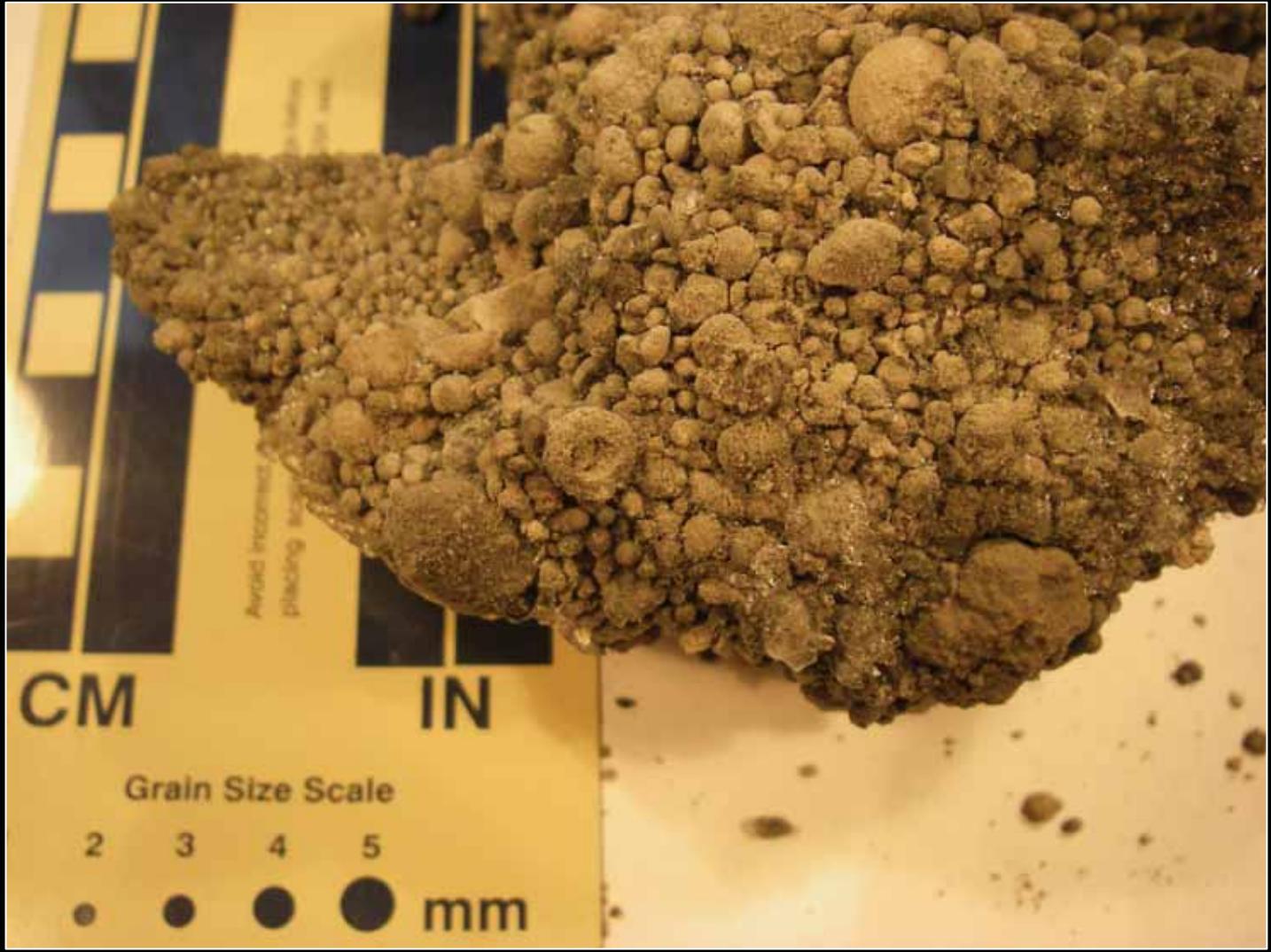




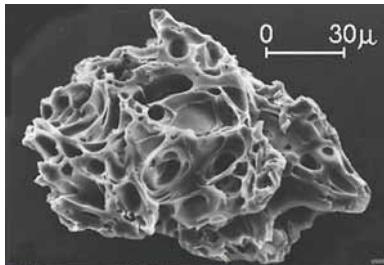
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# Frozen AL from 23 March 2009 Redoubt eruption (<15 km)



(Image courtesy of K. Wallace, USGS)

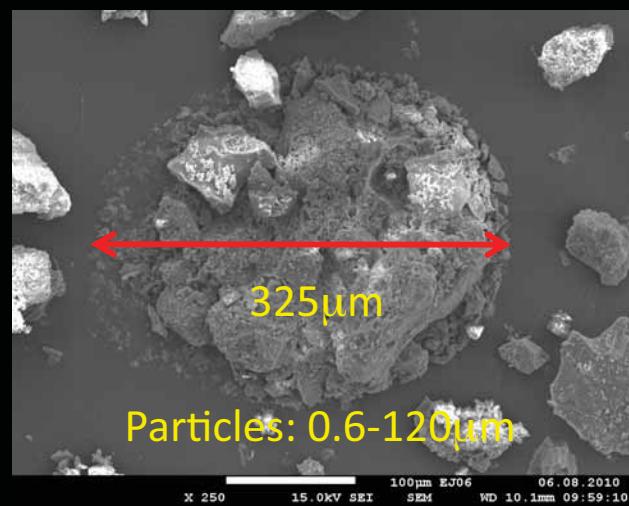
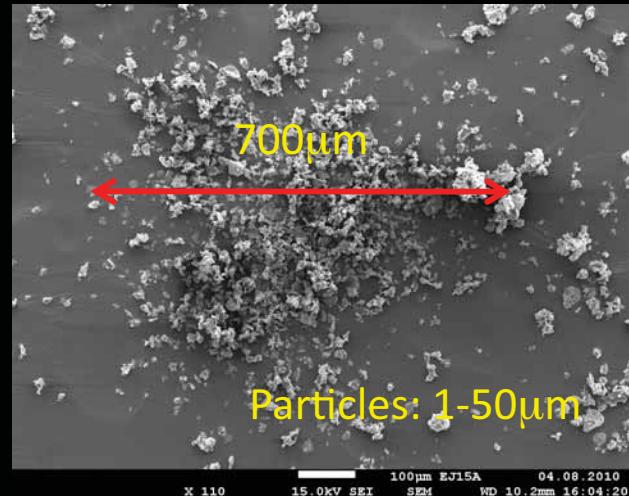
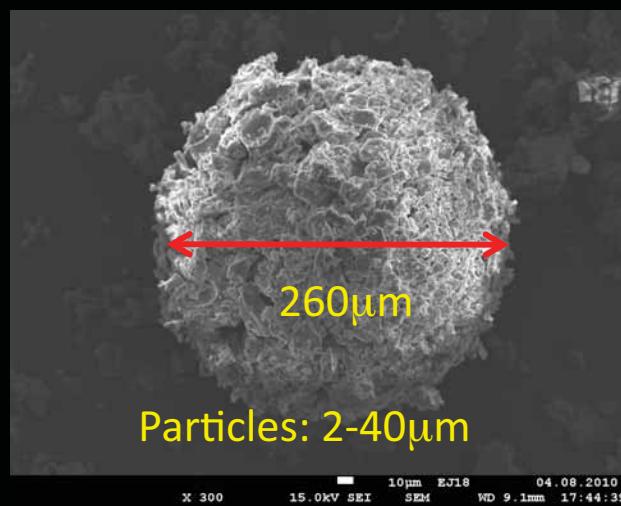
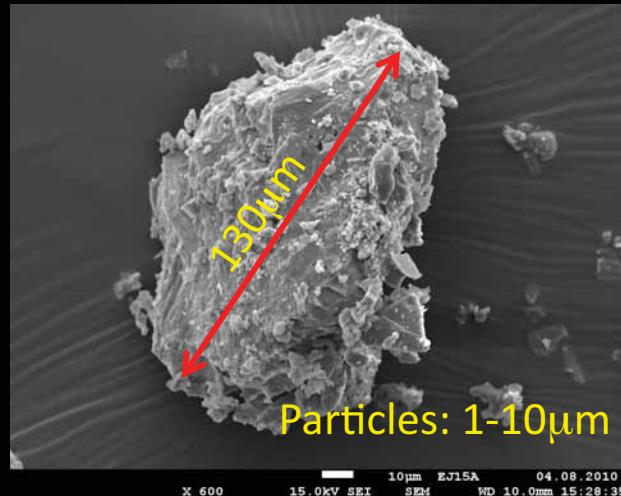
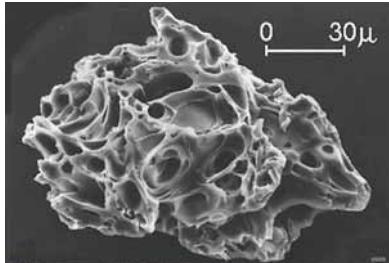


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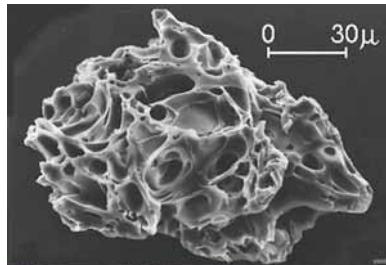


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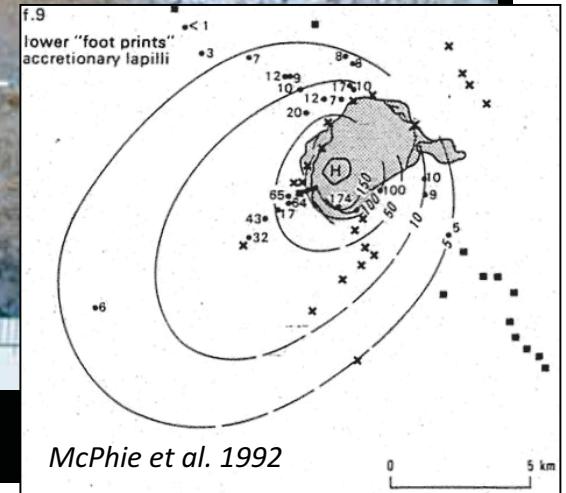
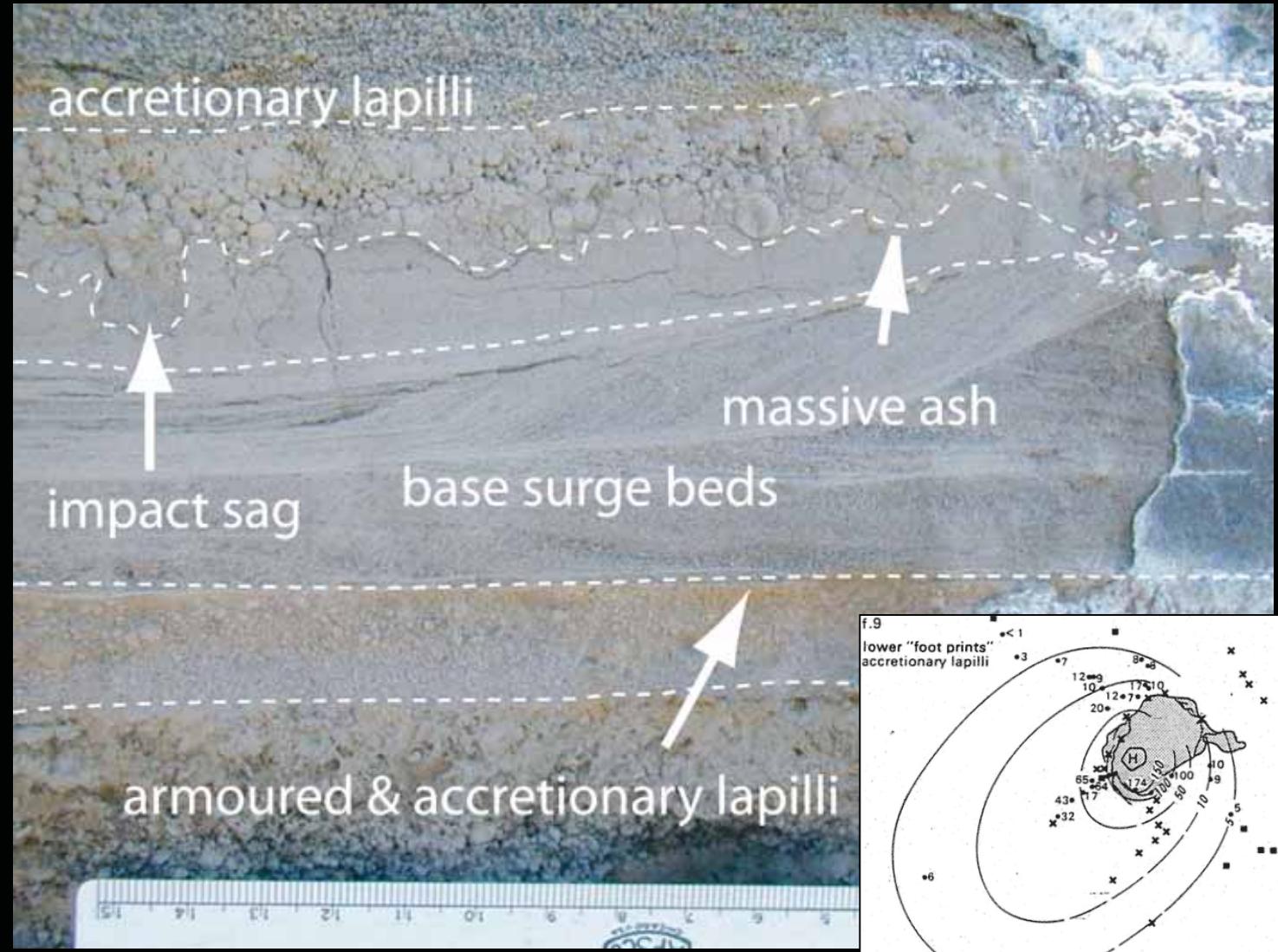
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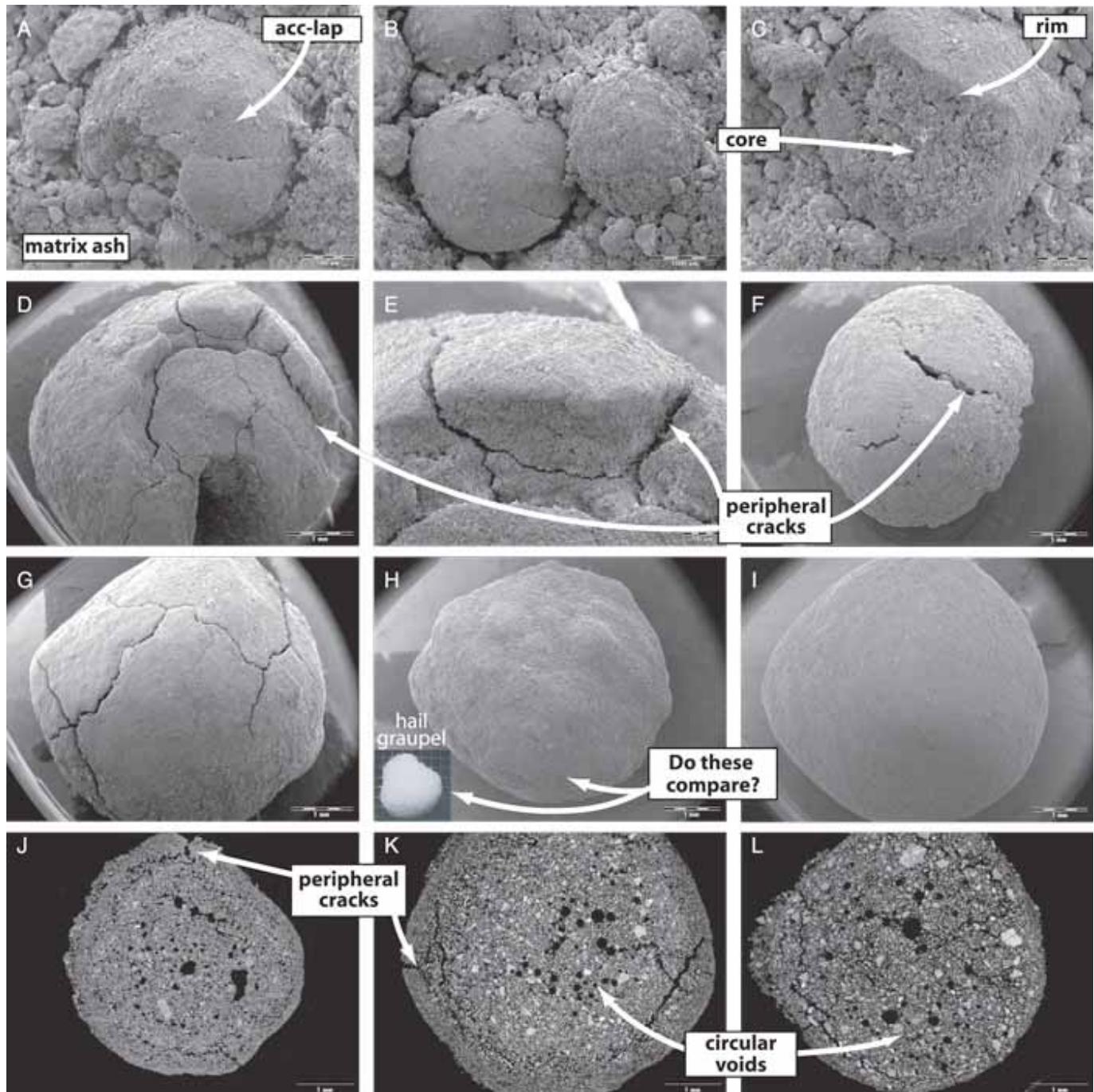
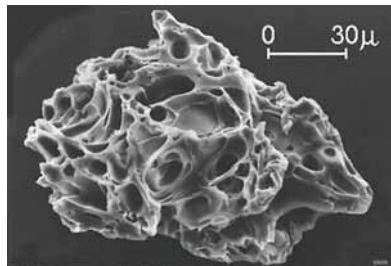
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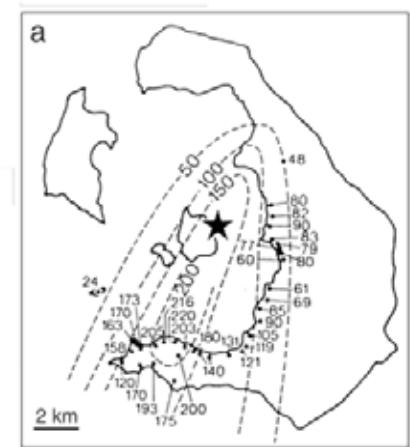
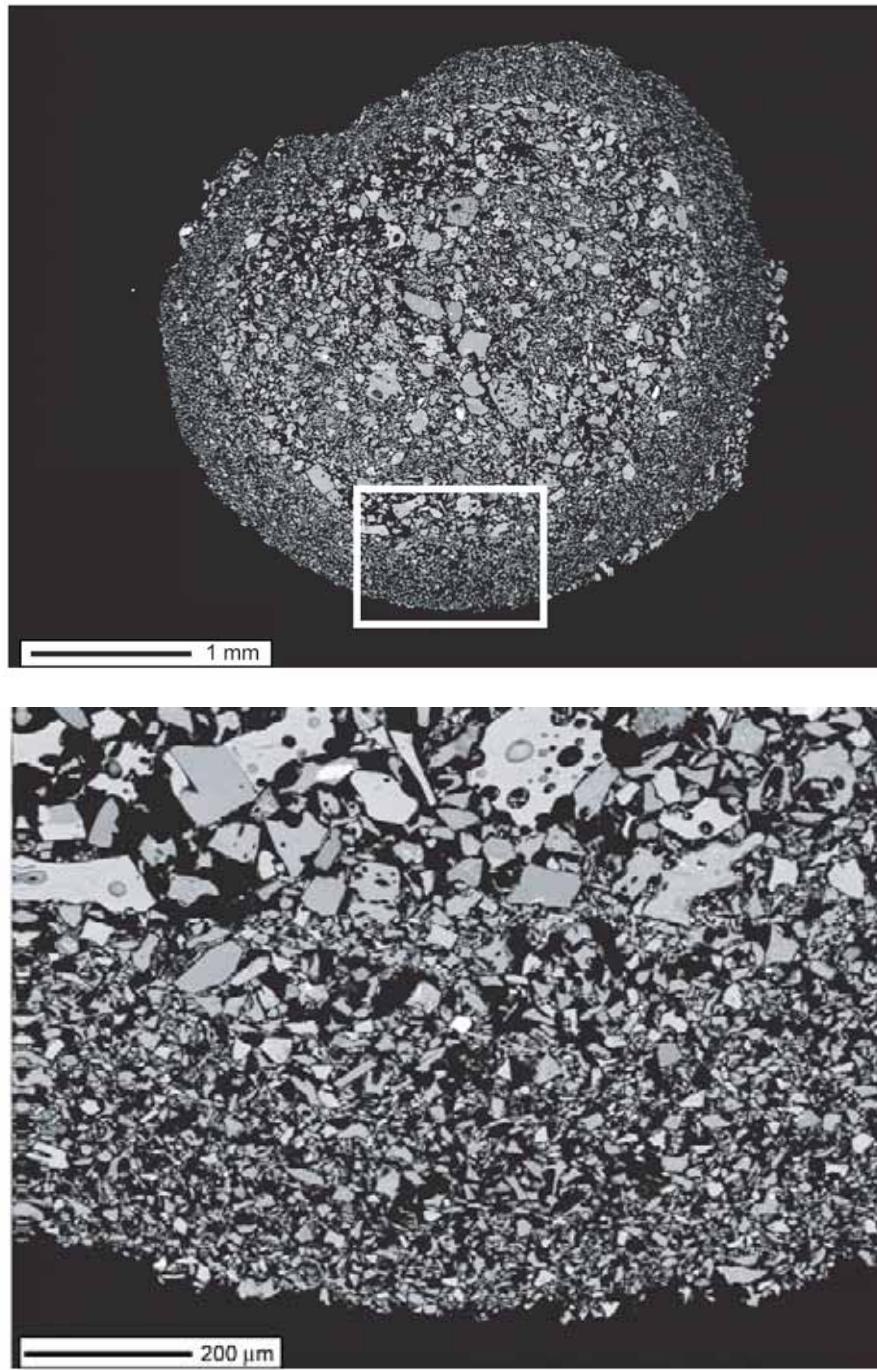


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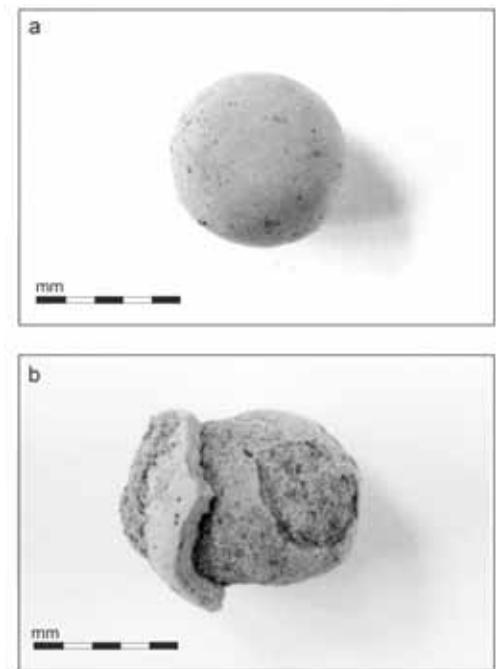


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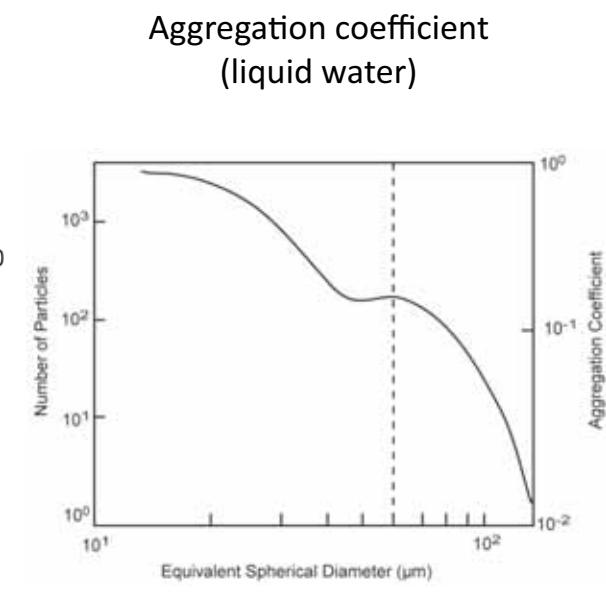
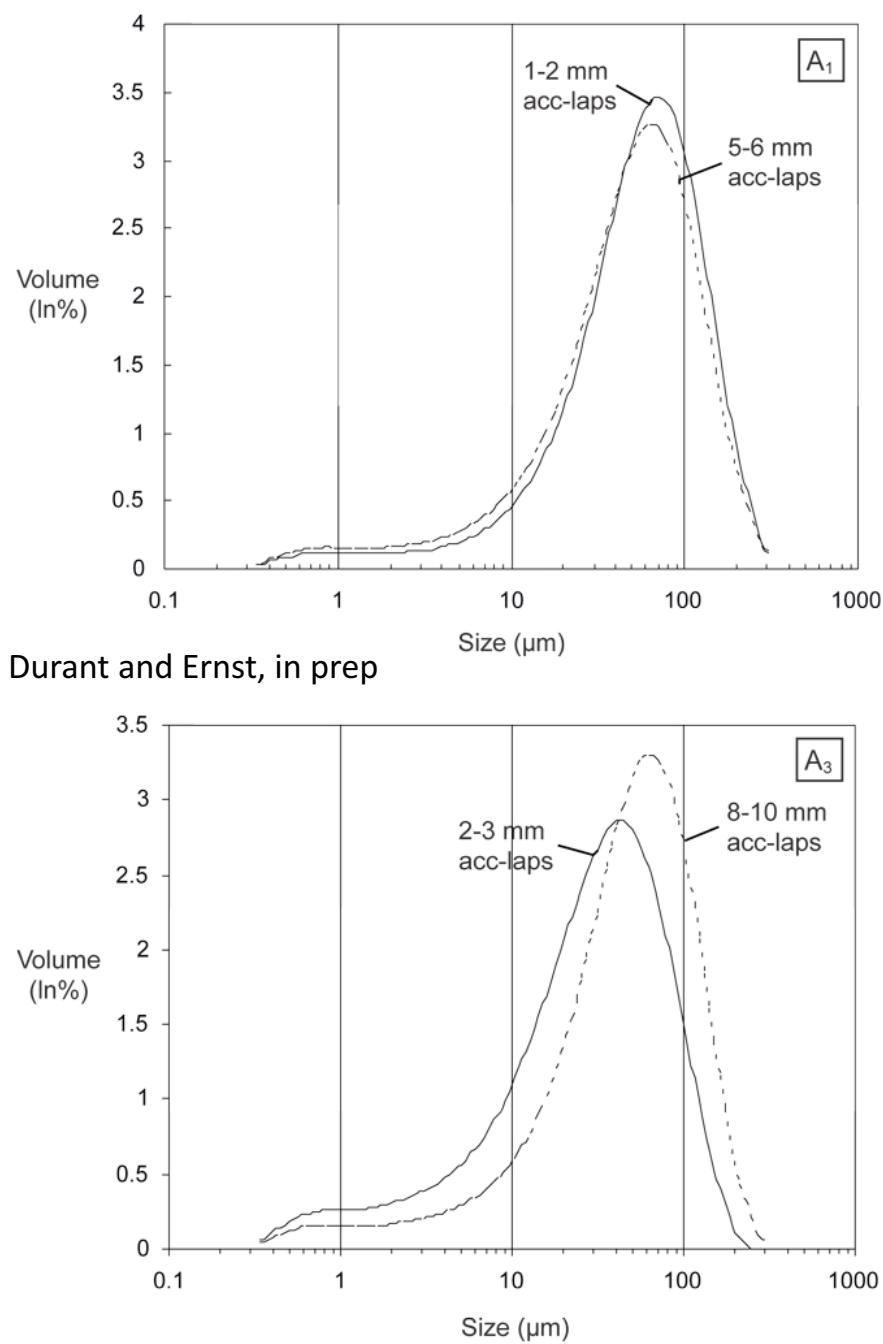




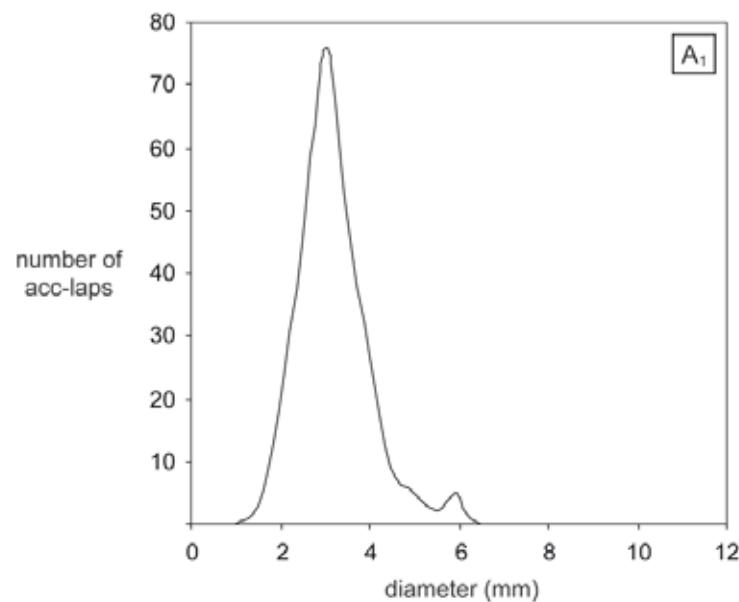
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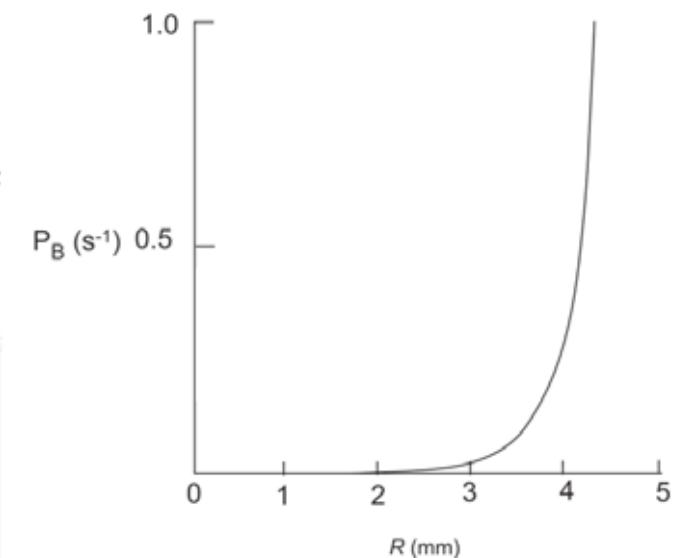


Gilbert and Lane (1994)

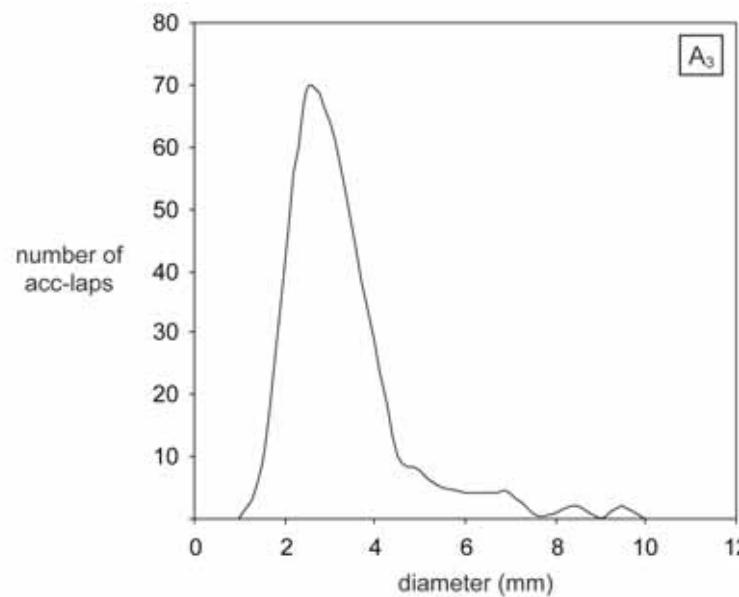


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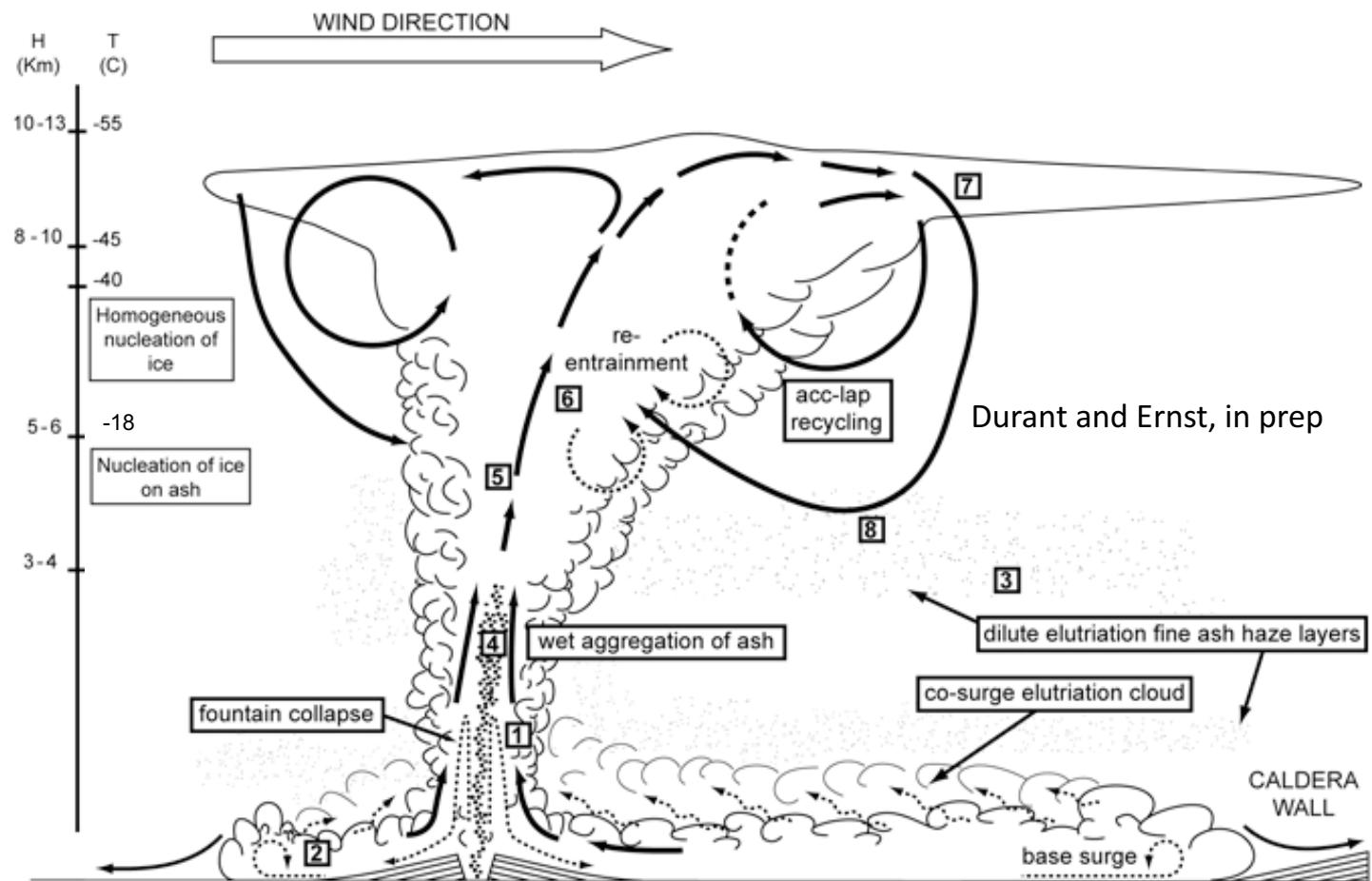


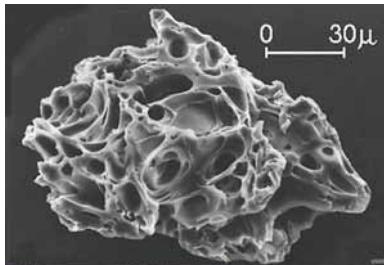
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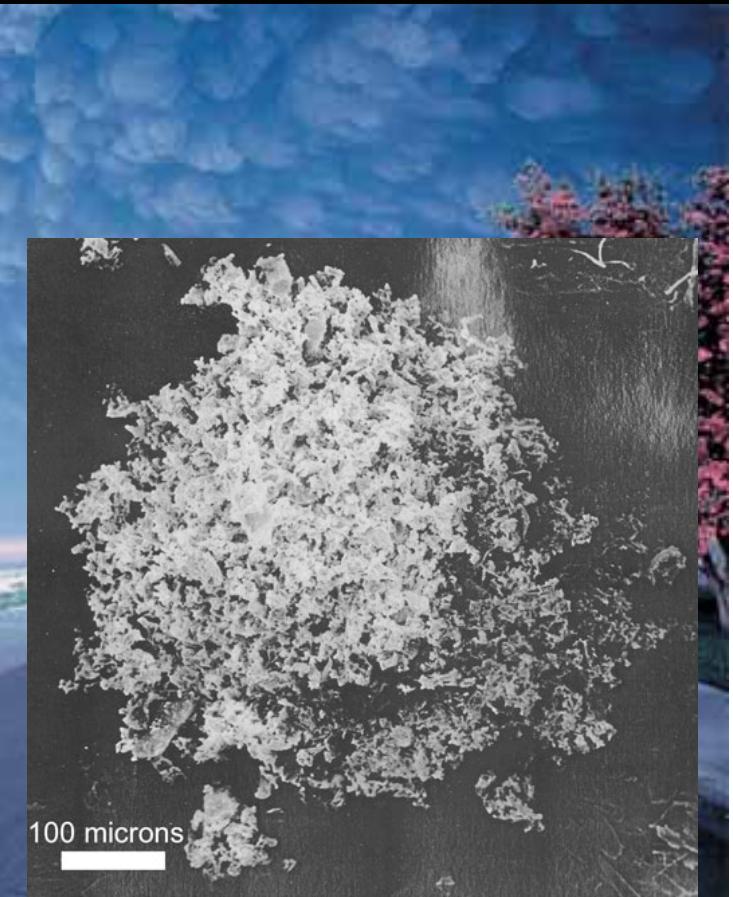
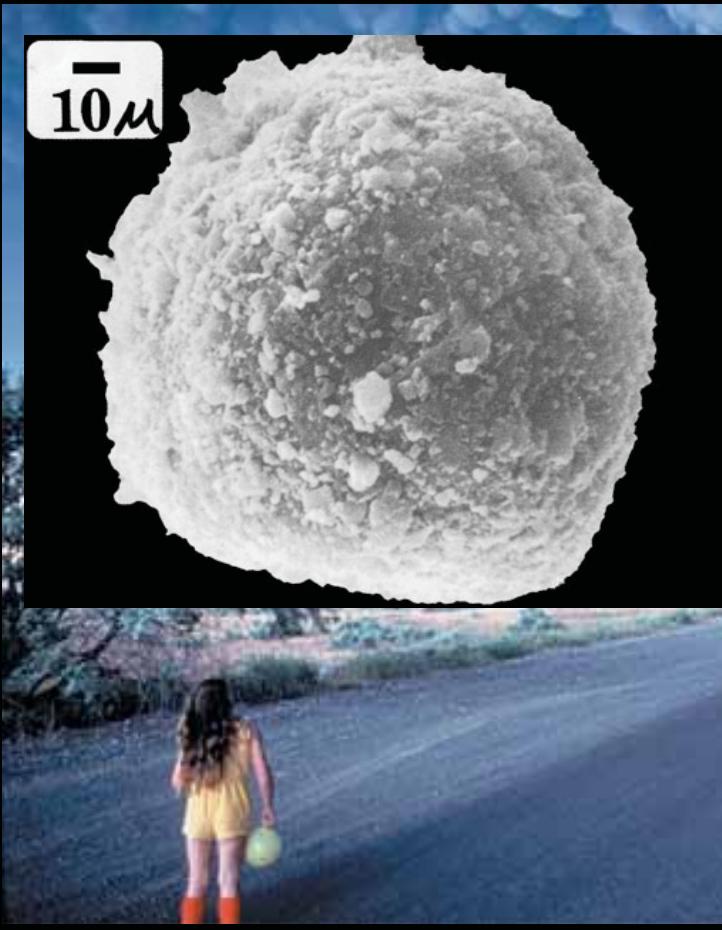


# Proximal conceptual model



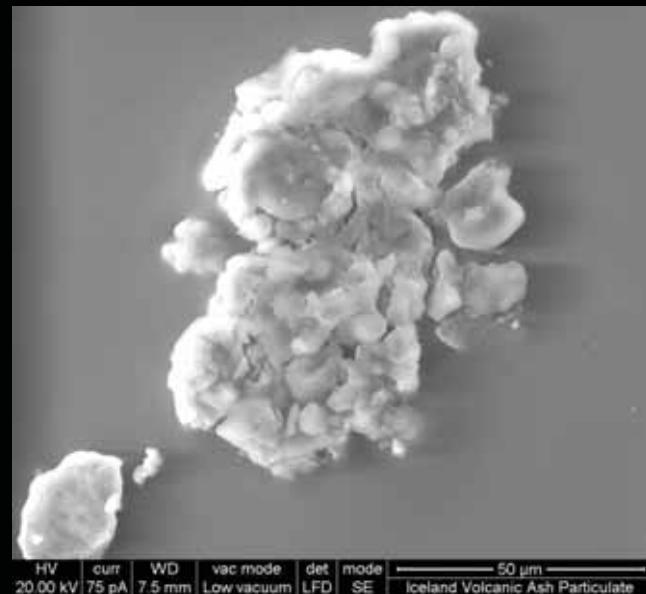
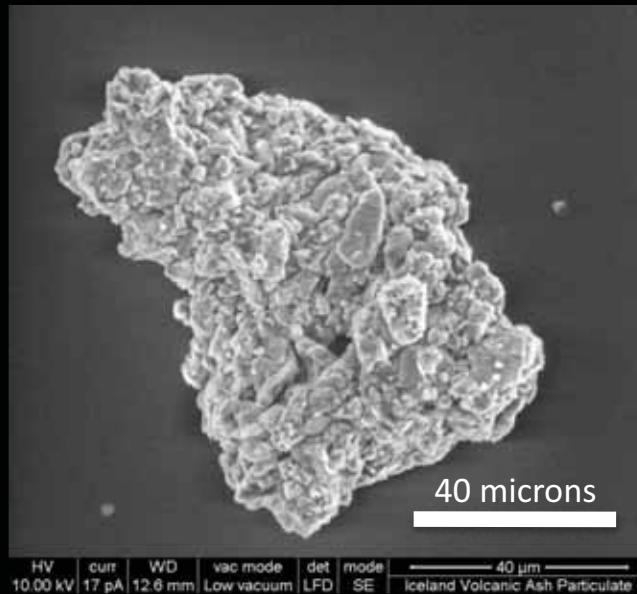


# 150-700 km from source



Rose et al. (1981); Sorem (1982); Durant et al. (2009)

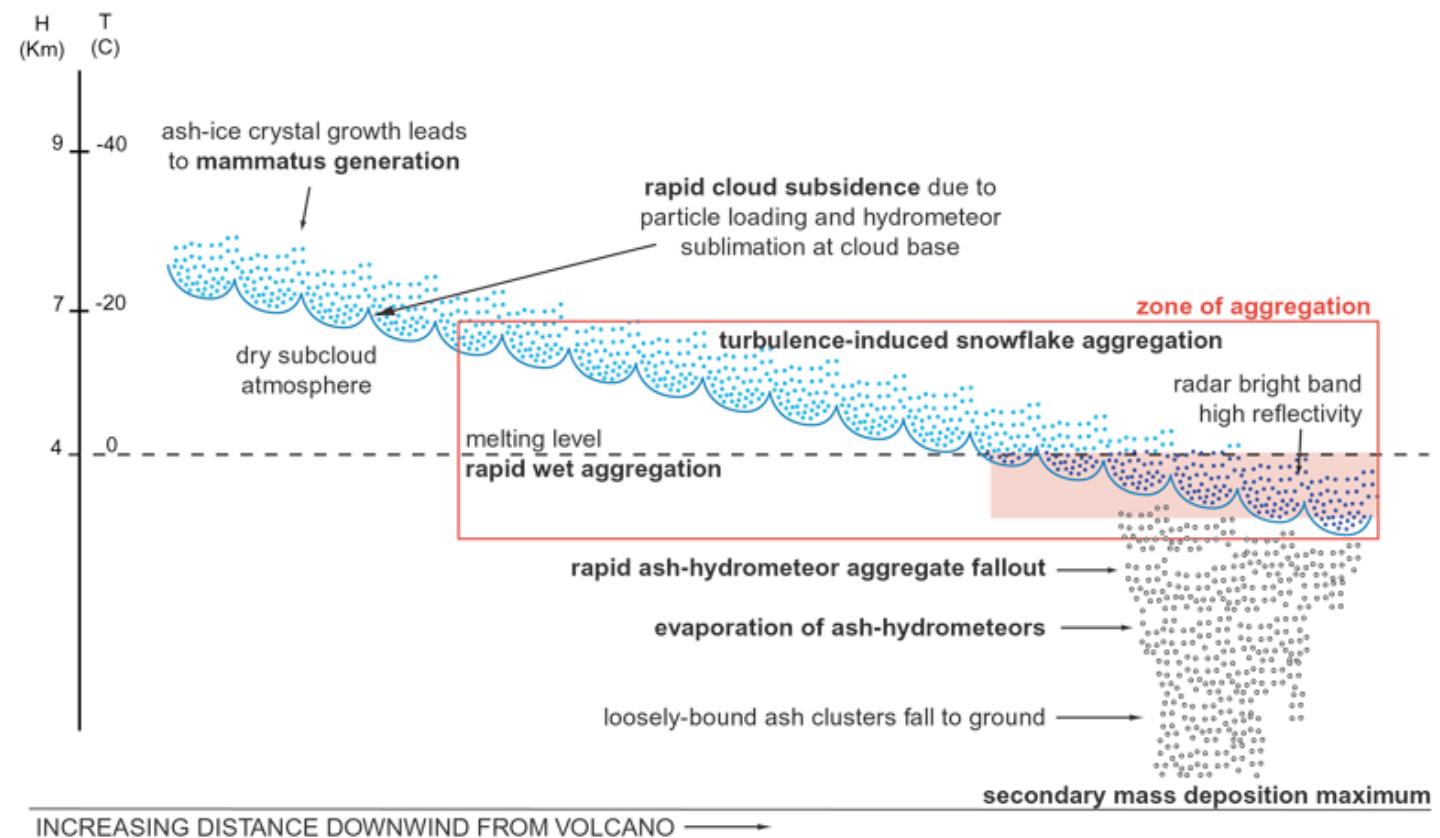
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Aggregates from the Eyjafjallajokul, collected in Loughborough, UK  
(image courtesy of Sue Loughlin, BGS)



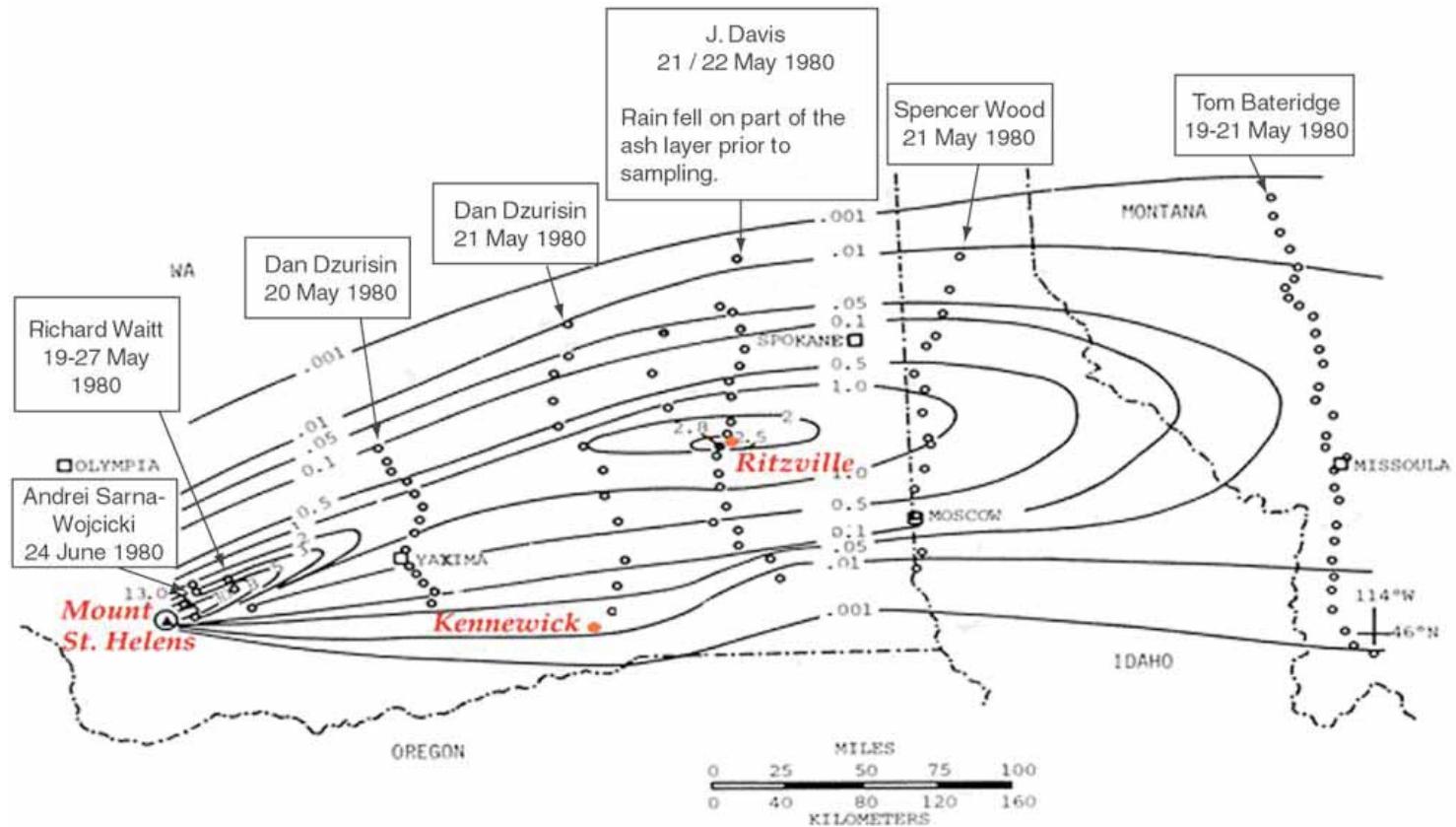
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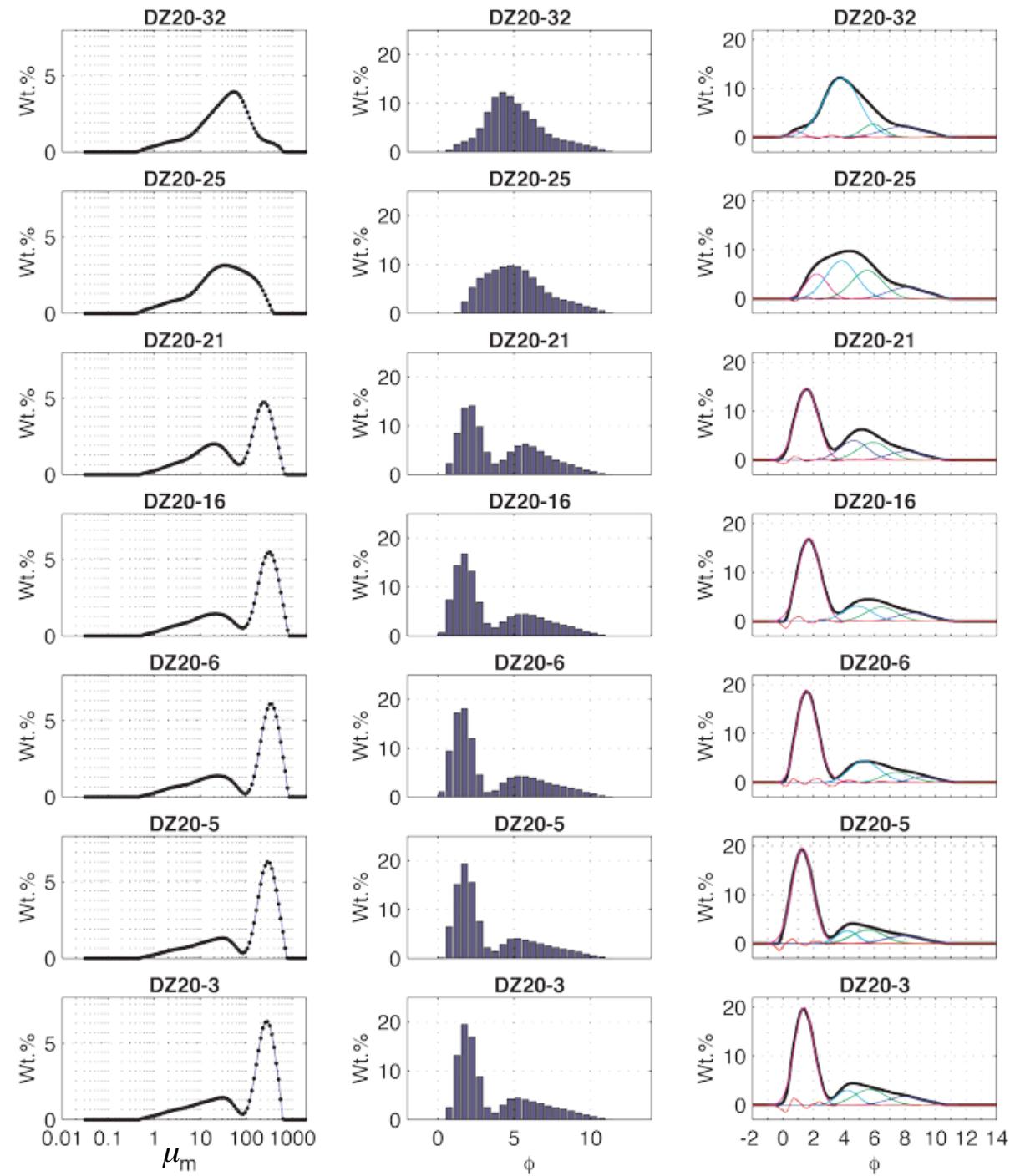


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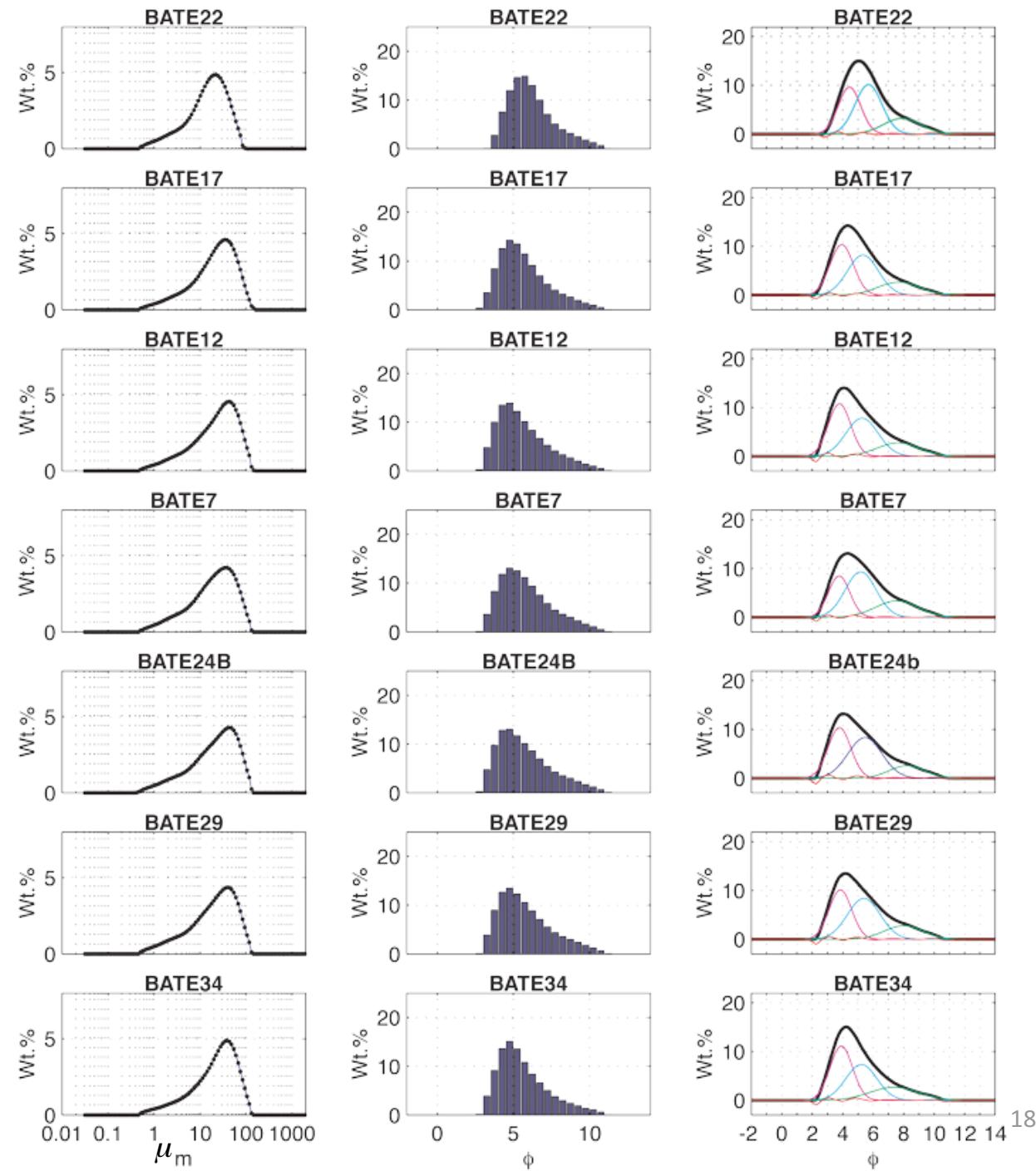


# Discrimination in ash deposits





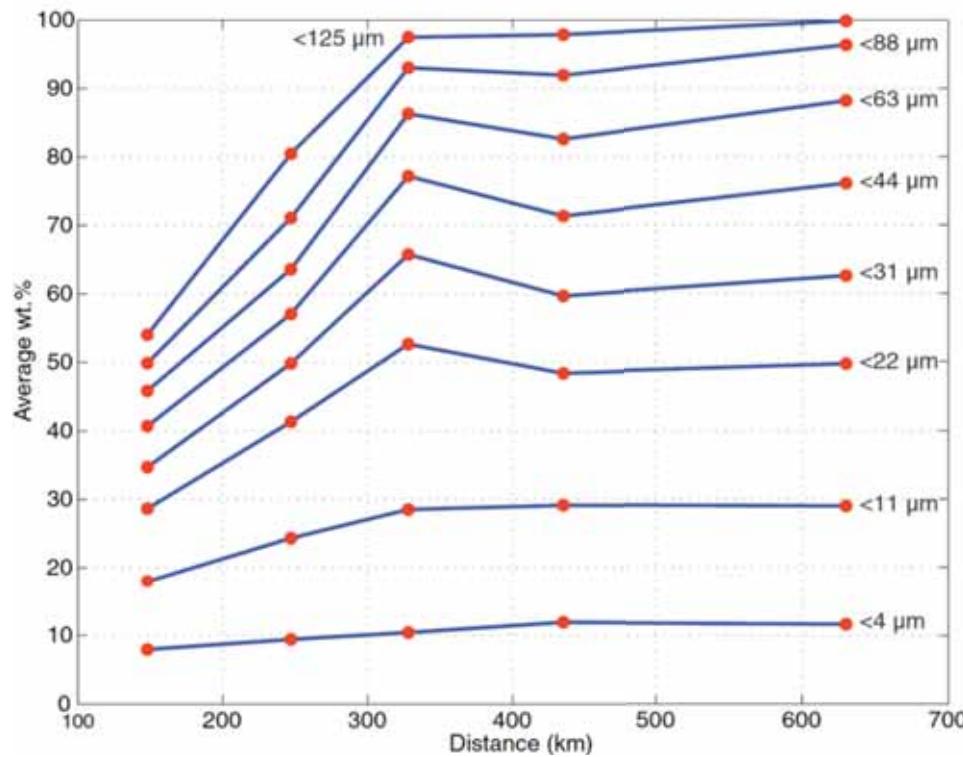
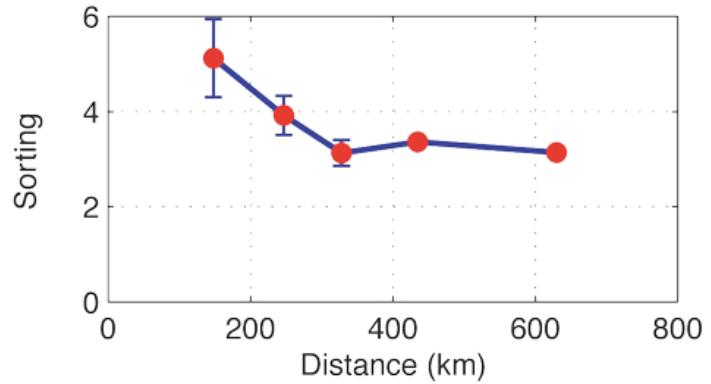
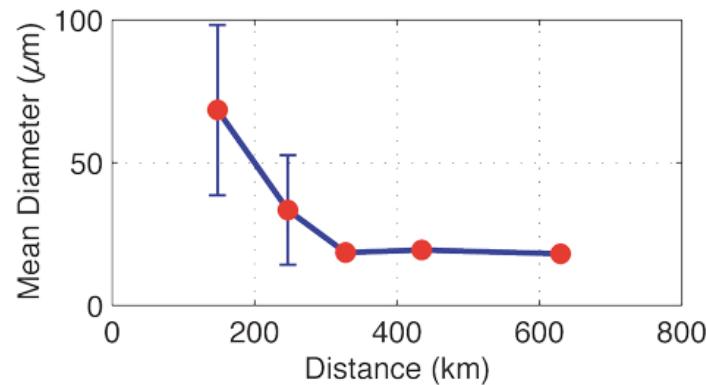
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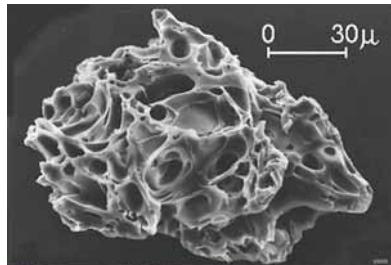
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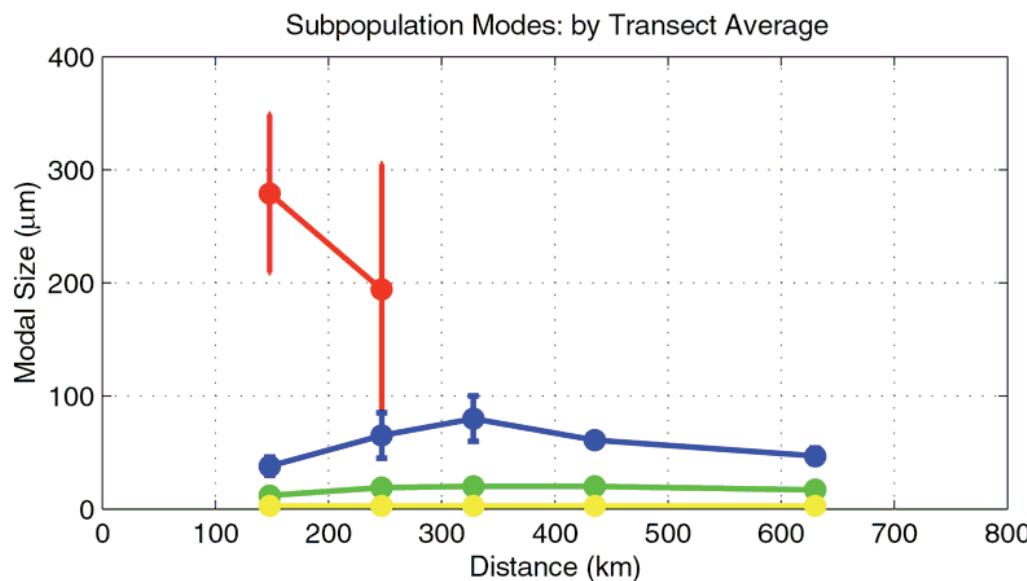
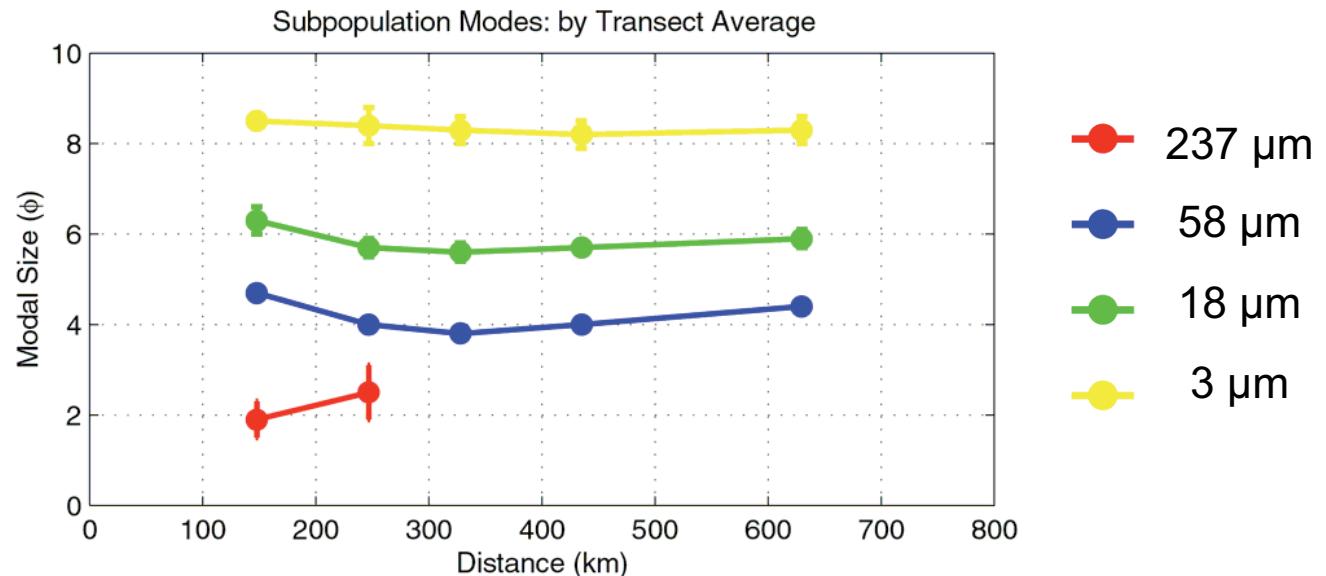
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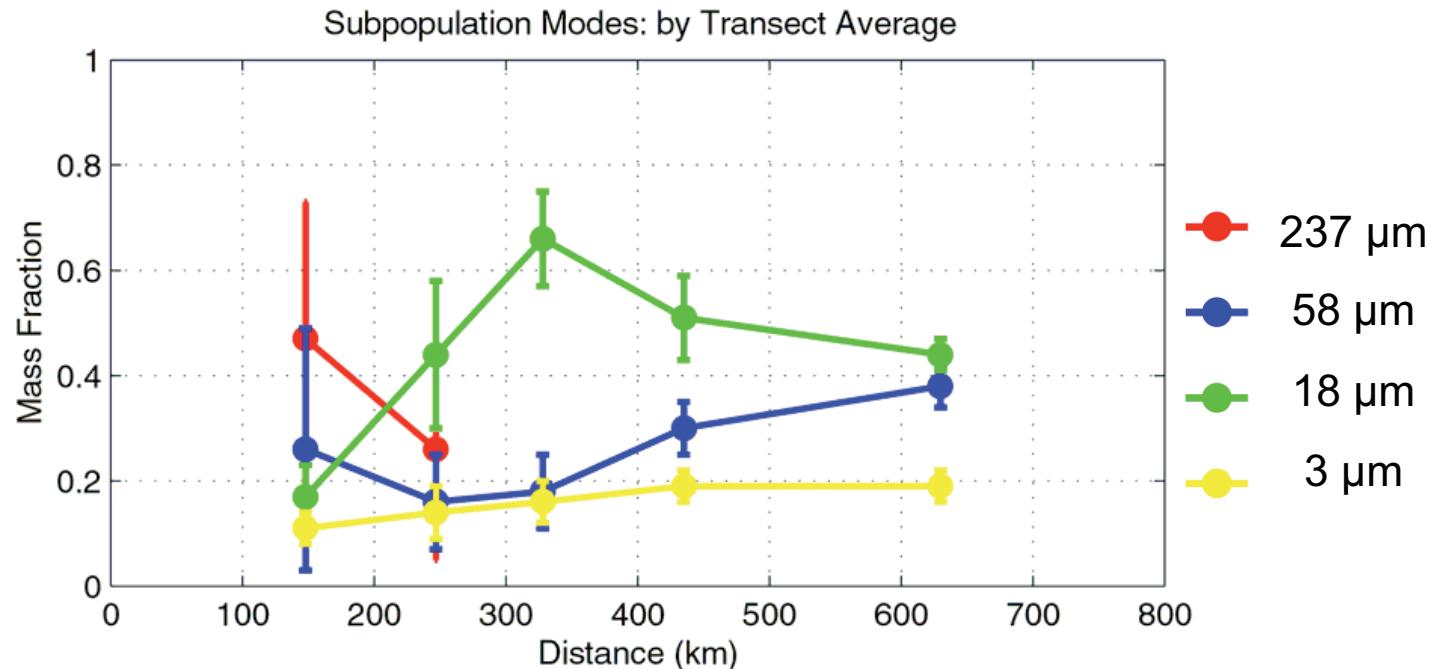
# Particle size subpopulations



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# Particle size subpopulations



- The proportion of 18  $\mu\text{m}$  subpopulation reaches a maximum at 330 km
- location corresponds to the distal maximum in mass deposition
- location corresponds to observations of mammatus and ash aggregate fall

Durant et al. (2009)

# Data available



- Aggregation module inter-comparison
  - MSH80 data
- Distal sedimentation
  - Mount St Helens 18 May 1980
  - 1974 Fuego, Guatemala
  - 1982 El Chichon
  - 1992 Crater Peak eruptions
  - 2008 Chaiten, Chile



## Synergy with other techniques: radar

- Radar reflectivity  $\eta$  :

$$\eta = \sum_i N_i \sigma_i,$$

where  $N_i$  is the number of hydrometeors per unit volume with backscattering cross section  $\sigma_i$  and the summation is over all the hydrometeors in a unit volume

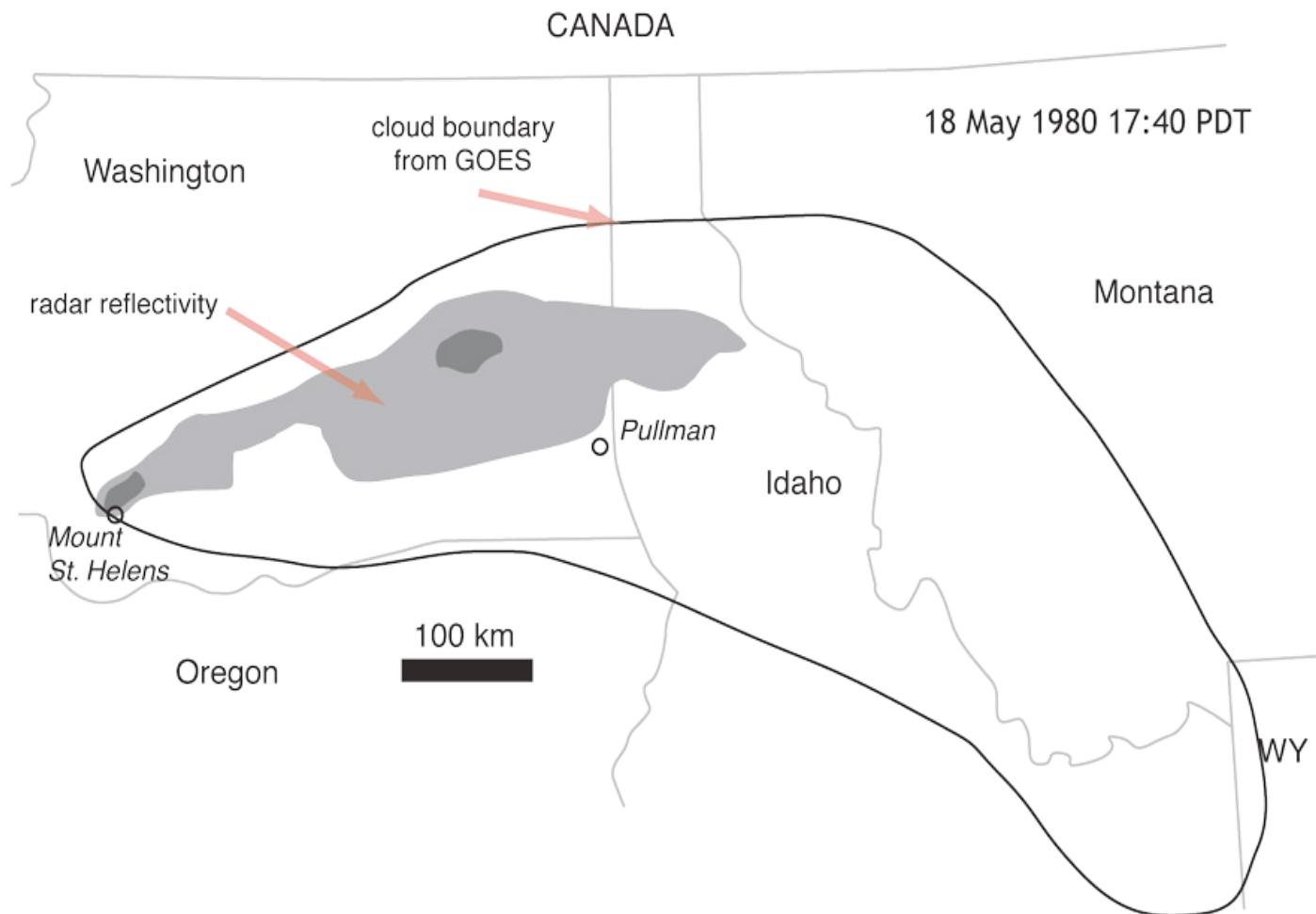
- Radar cross section:

$$\sigma = \frac{\pi^5 |K|^2 D^6}{\lambda^4},$$

where  $\lambda$  is the wavelength,  $D$  the diameter of the hydrometeor, and  $K$  a dielectric factor related to the refractive index



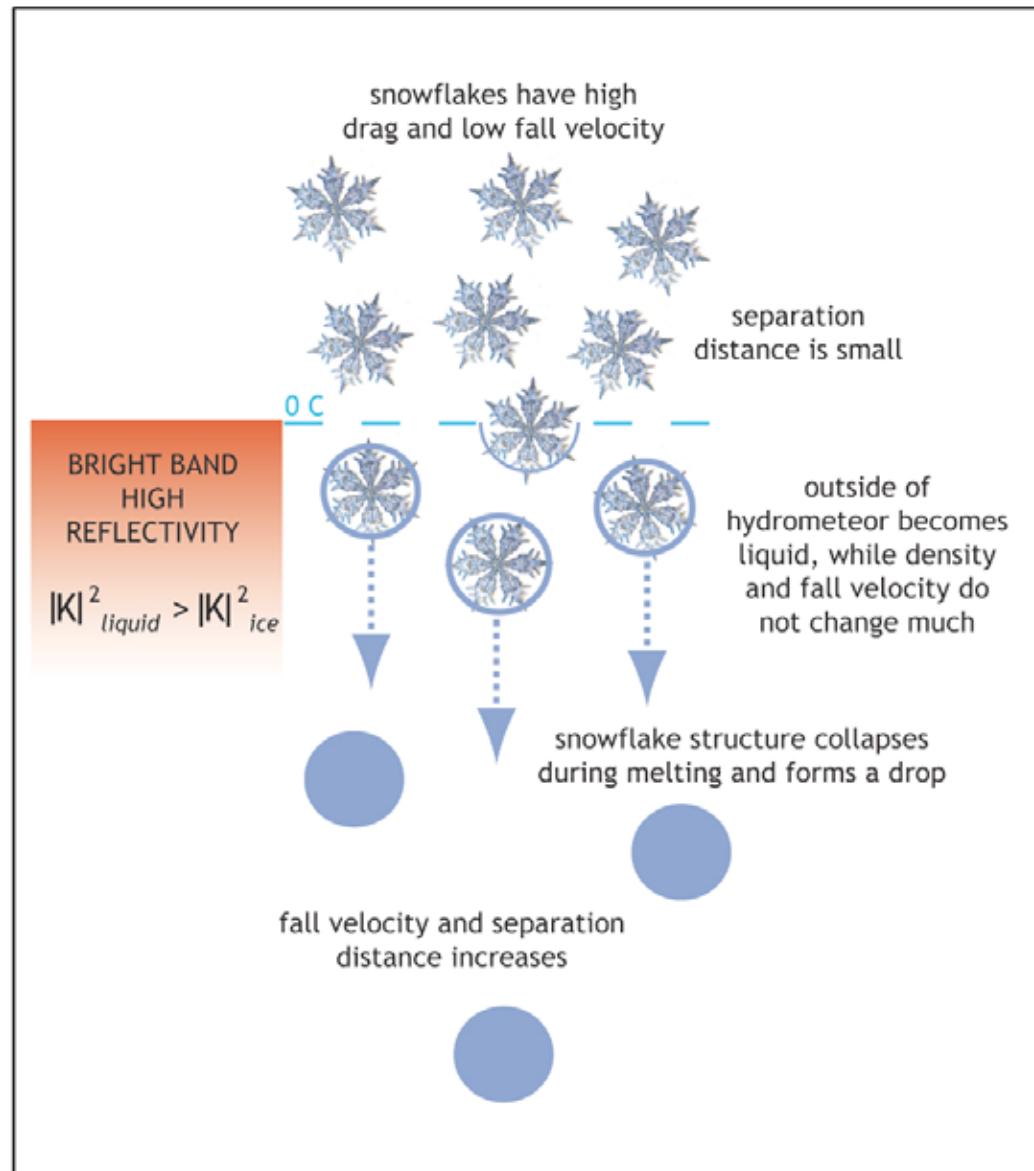
# Mount St. Helens 18 May 1980



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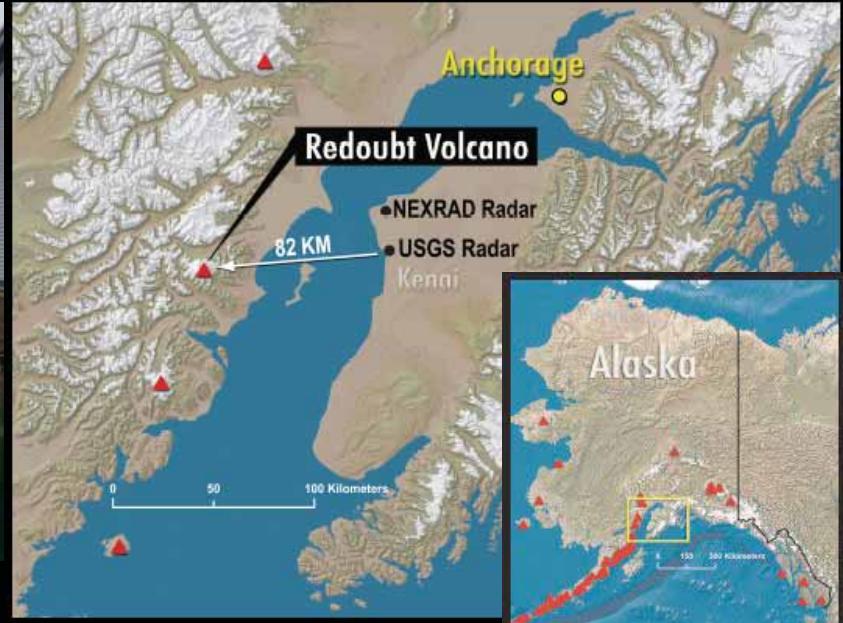
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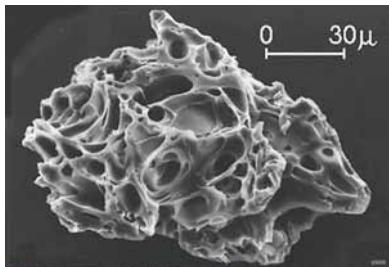
# Radar observations: Redoubt

## 22-23 March 2009



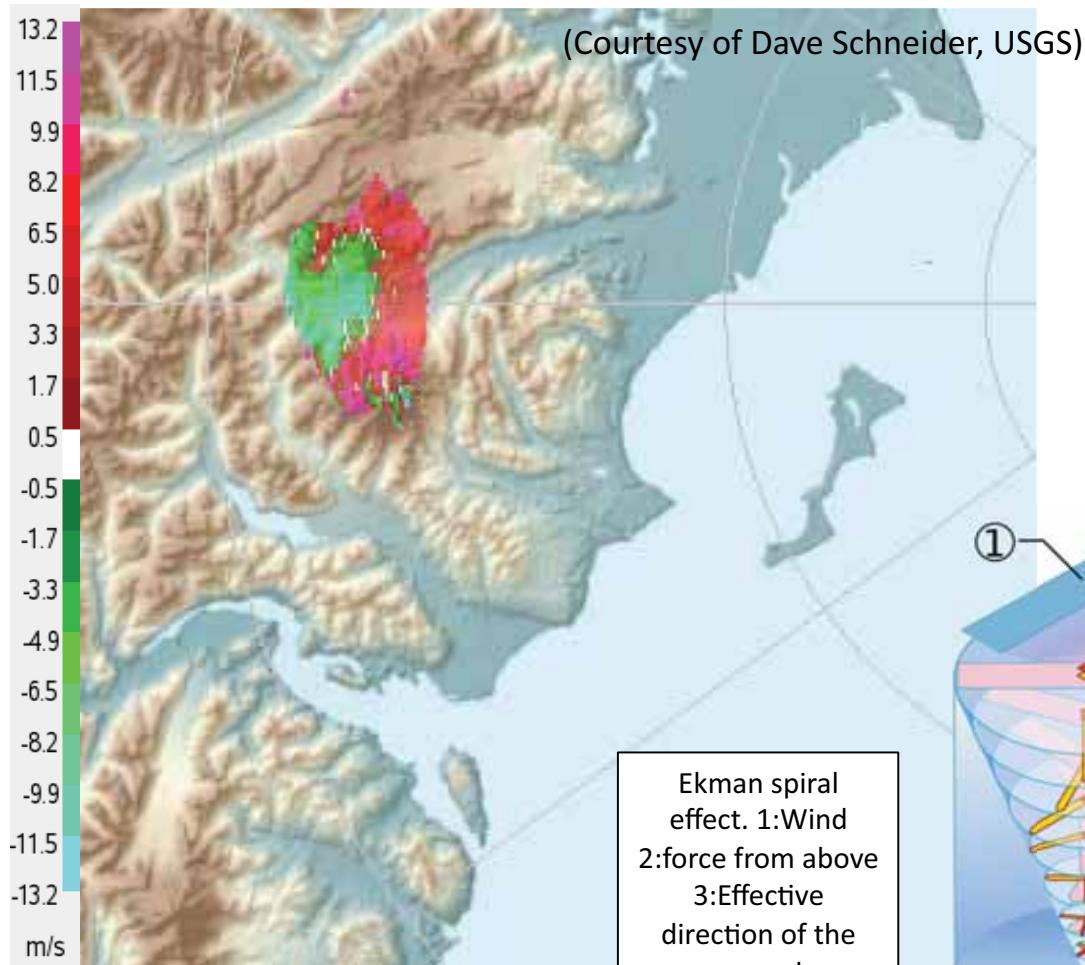
(Courtesy of Dave Schneider, USGS)



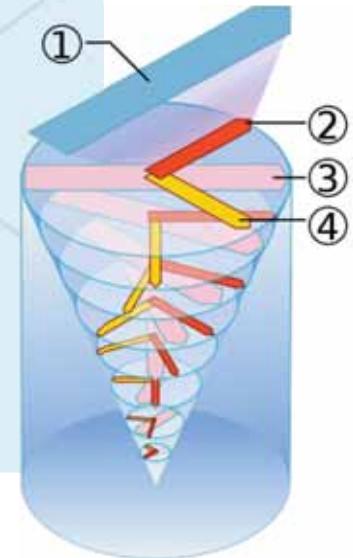


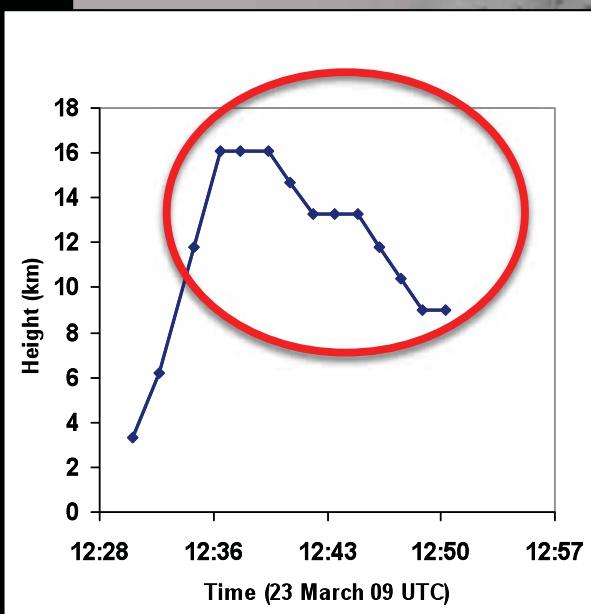
# Radial Velocity: 3/23/09 12:45:30 UTC (15 mins)

Altitude: 4.7 km asl; 2.3 km above vent



Ekman spiral effect.  
1:Wind  
2:force from above  
3:Effective  
direction of the  
current  
4: Coriolis effect





- Plume height decreased by ~7 km in 12 minutes
- Equivalent to a fall rate of ~9 m/s
- Rapid decrease in radar cloud height due to accretionary lapilli formation

(Courtesy of Dave Schneider, USGS)



# PLUDIX radar



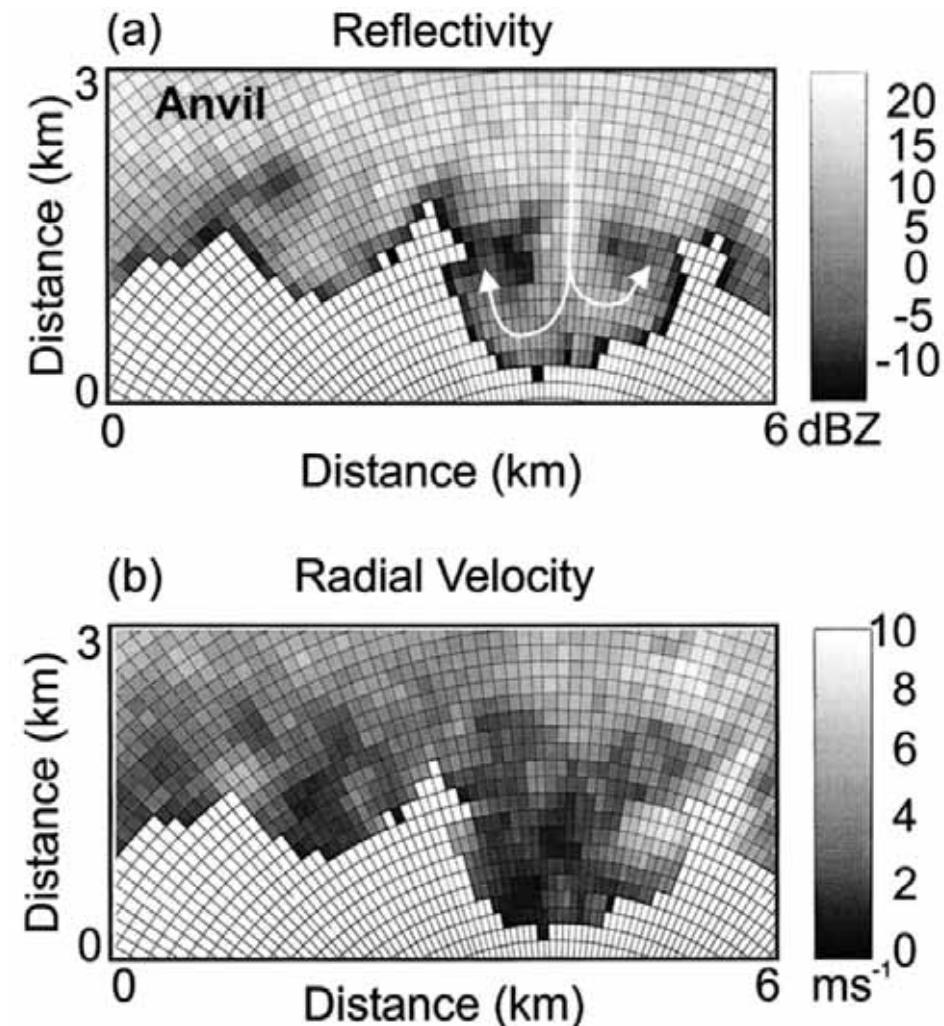
Doppler Radar (X band - 8 to 12 GHz) to measure vertical velocity and sedimentation rate of falling particles  
(courtesy of Costanza Bonadonna)

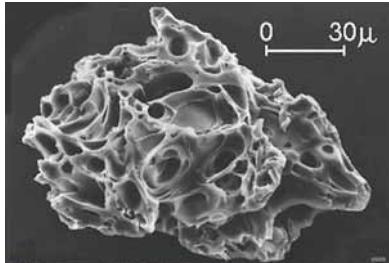


**RIGHT:** Pseudo-RHI plot of (a) reflectivity; and (b) radial velocity for a representative mammatus lobe (from Winstead et al., 2001; Fig. 6), in Schultz et al., [2006].

6-km-deep layer of cirrus [Schultz et al., 2006]:  
 descent of up to  $5 \text{ ms}^{-1}$  in the mammatus core  
 weaker ascent up to  $1.5 \text{ ms}^{-1}$  along the edges

# Radar observations of mammatus





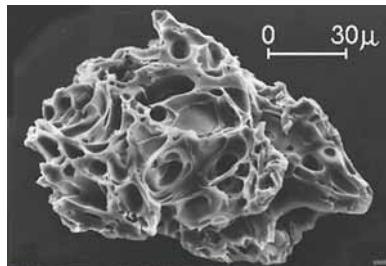
# Anatahan IR camera field trials

## 15-24 June 2003

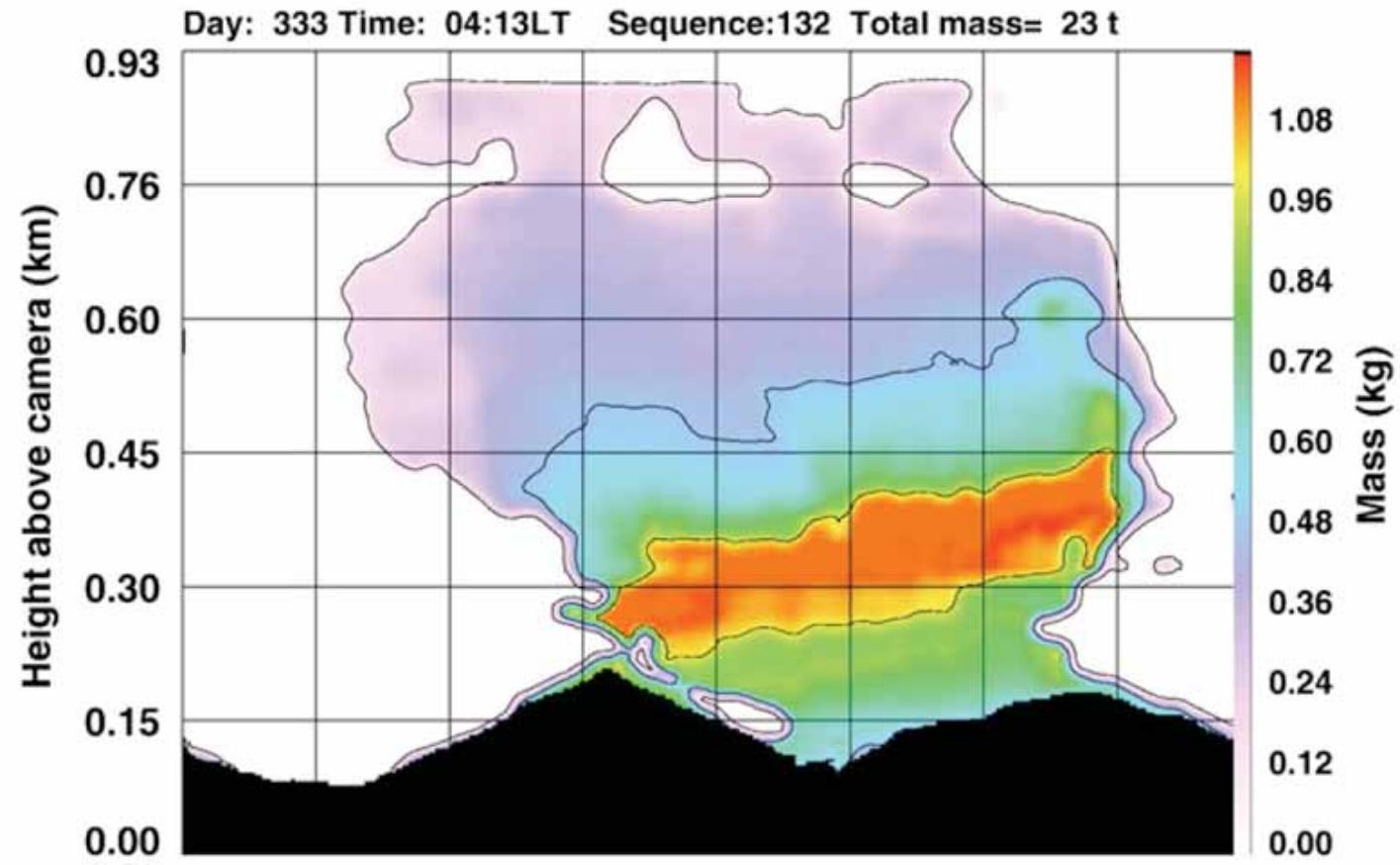
- Ground-based “clear-sky” and “cloudy-sky” background measurements
- Ship-borne measurements off Anatahan volcano (Pacific Ocean)
- Airborne (horizontal viewing) measurements
- Ground-based measurements on the volcano

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Prata AJ, Bernardo C (2009): *Retrieval of volcanic ash particle size, mass and optical depth from a ground-based thermal infrared camera*, J. Volcanol. Geotherm. Res., 186, 91-107



# Ash mass retrieval



- Function of particle radius ( $r$ ), infrared optical depth ( $\tau$ ), and zenith viewing angle ( $\theta$ ) for a volcanic cloud with uniform temperature  $T_c$  and a background temperature  $T_b$



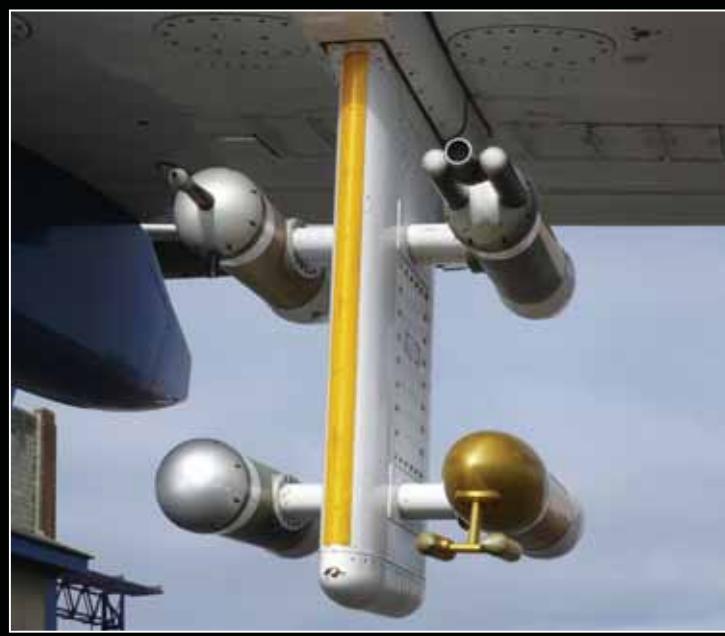
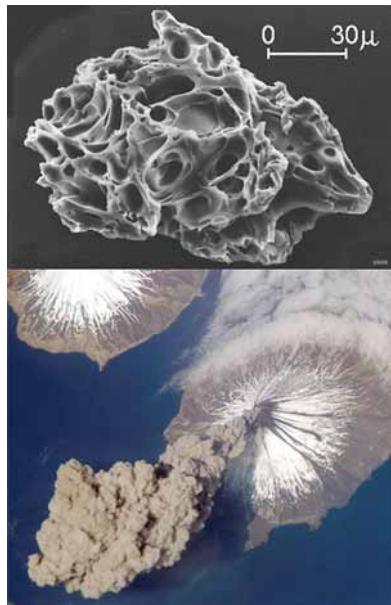
# AVOID products

- Discrimination of silicate ash, water droplets, ice clouds, windblown dust,  $\text{SO}_2$ , water vapour
- Mass loading estimates ( $\text{gm}^{-2}$ ) ahead of aircraft ( $\sim 100 \text{ km}$  at 33,000 ft)
- Cloud height estimates



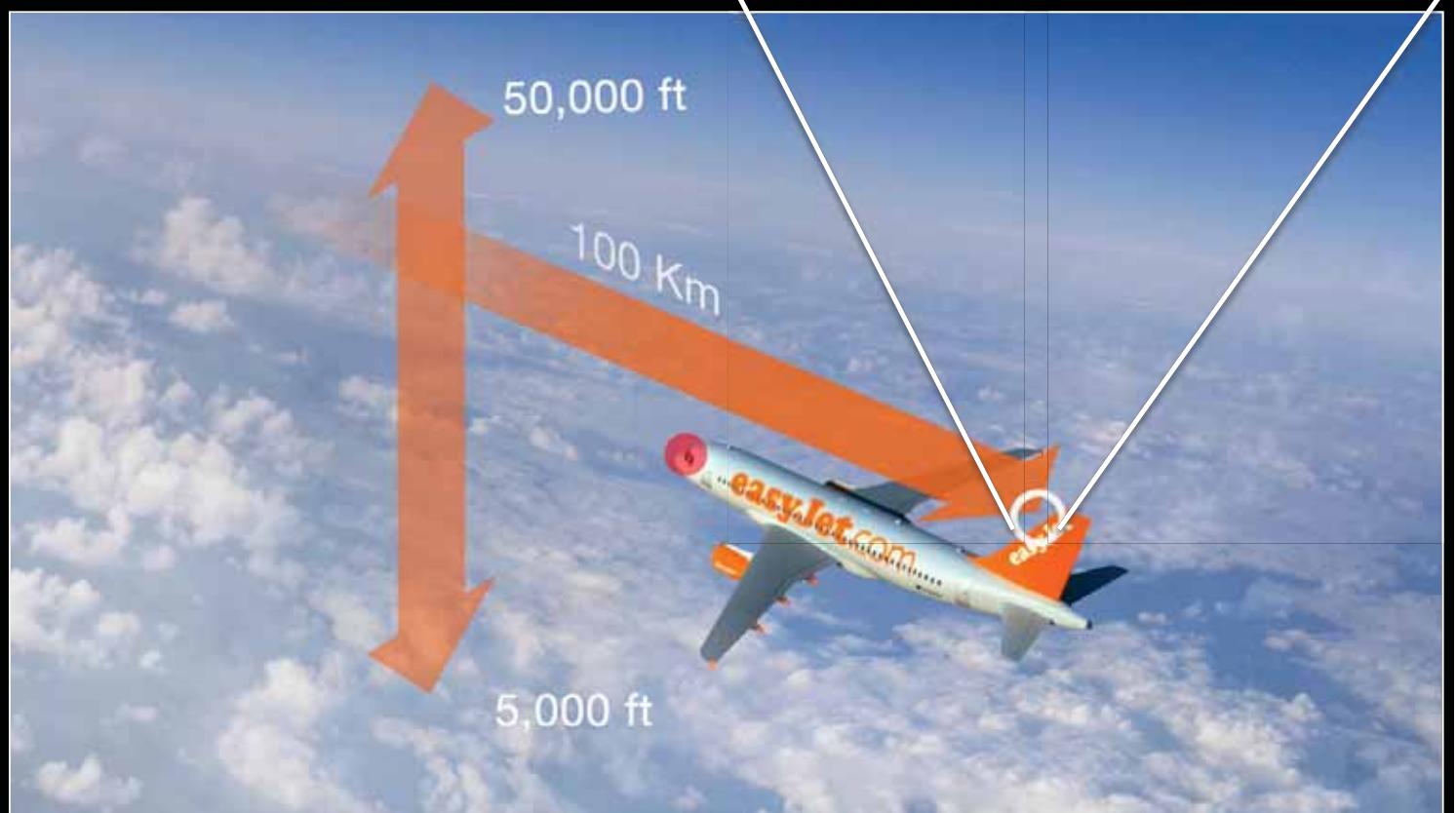
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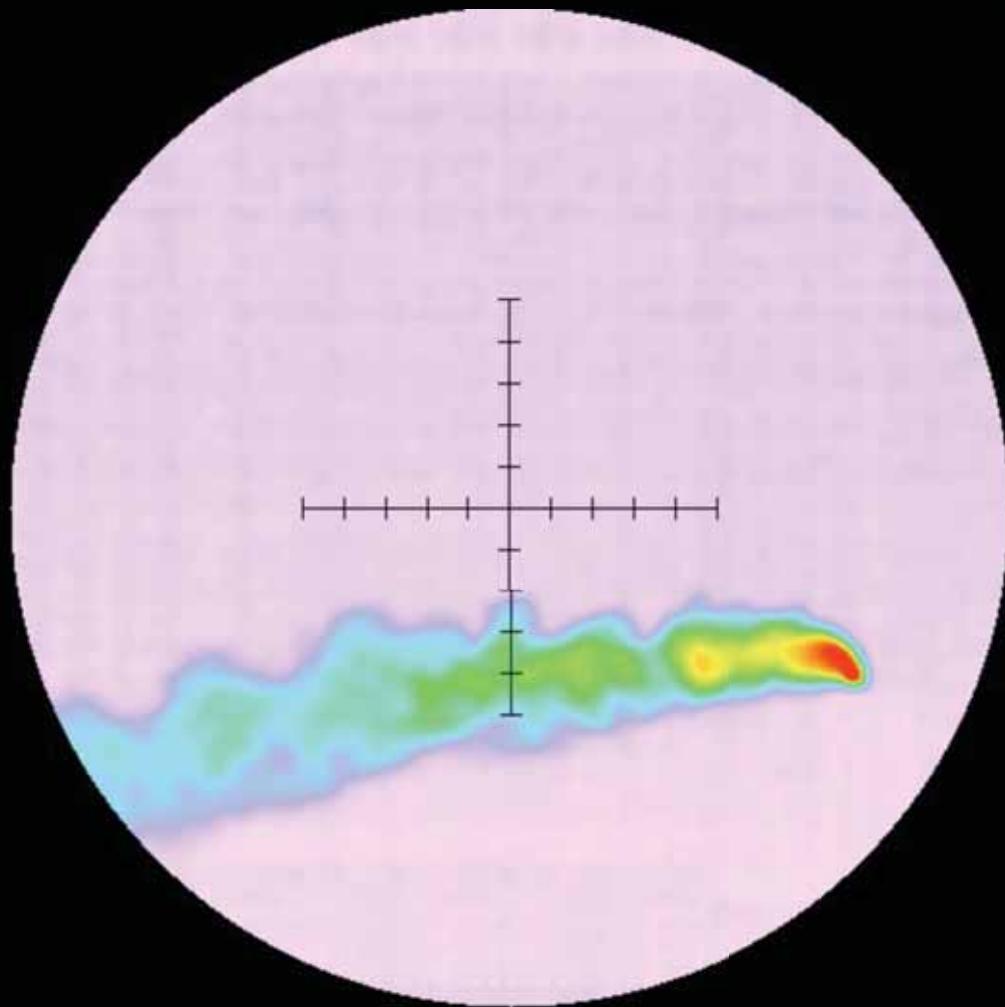


Courtesy: Ian Davies ([easyJet](#))





# Simulated ash cloud navigation using AVOID





# Integrated measurement strategy

- Airborne particle number distributions and particle size
  - In situ measurements (number conc)
  - Remote sensing (sun photometer, lidar)
- Liquid water content
  - In situ (radiosonde)
  - Remote sensing (radar, lidar)
- Ice water content
  - In situ (radiosonde)
  - Remote sensing (lidar, satellite TIR)
- Electric charge measurements
  - Lightening strikes, potential difference