

Tsunami

Tsunami is Japanese for "harbor wave"

Caused by the vertical displacement of ocean water

Triggered by:

Large earthquakes that move the sea floor
Underwater landslides
Volcano flank collapse
Submarine volcanic explosion
Asteroids

Another category: Mega tsunami

Tsunami



11 major tsunamis since 1990 over 200,000 lives lost

Ways to create a tsunami

Subduction-zone earthquake

larger than M 7-7.5

100 years later stored tension

Fault rupture



Response after earthquake

0 minutes

10 minutes

20 minutes





Okushiri, Japan







Okushiri, Japan







Sumatra & the Java Trench



USGS

Indonesian tsunami 2004

Initial earthquake and after shocks



Tsunami path through the ocean



Detected by tide gauges



Southern Indian Ocean



Meulaboh, Indonesia



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Scale of a tsunami



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Kata Noi receding wave





Water receding from shoreline



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Ways to create a tsunami

Submarine landslide on edge of slope



Submarine landslide





(a) GENERATION OF A TSUNAMI



Simulation of landslide-induced wave



Papua New Guinea







tsunami waves 30 feet high

landslide of 1 cubic mile of sediment

triggered by a magnitude 7.0 earthquake

Coastal village Before:

After: