

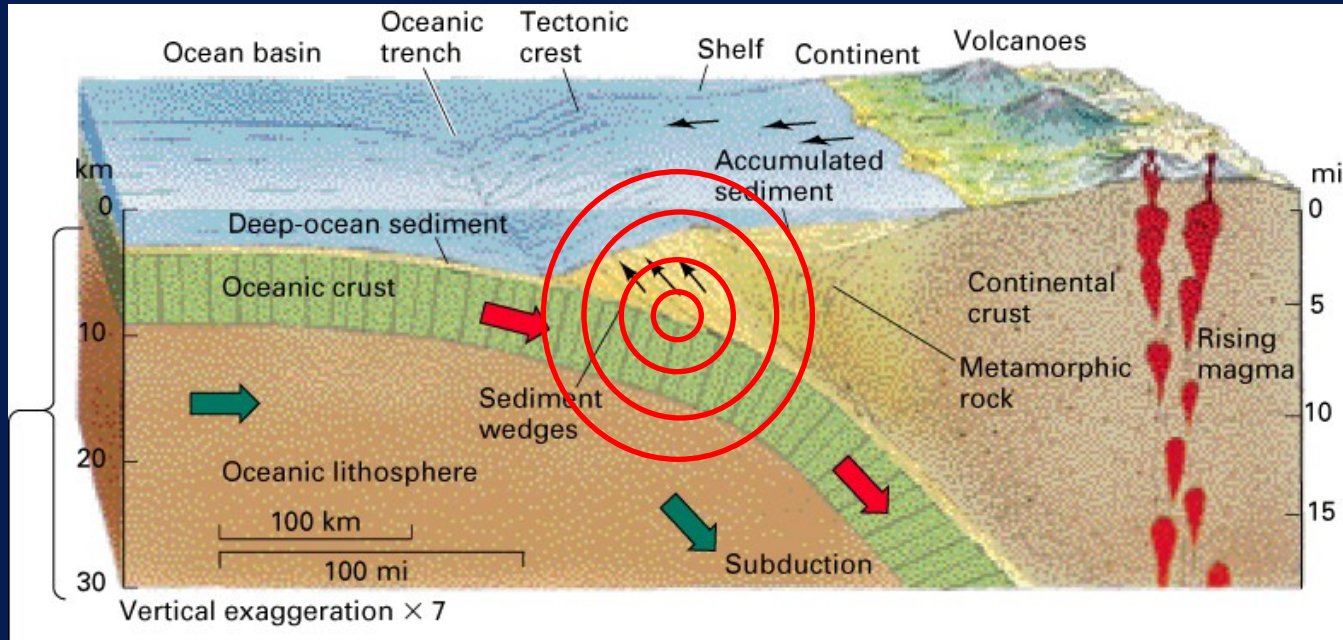
Indian Ocean Tsunami of 2004

The Tsunami



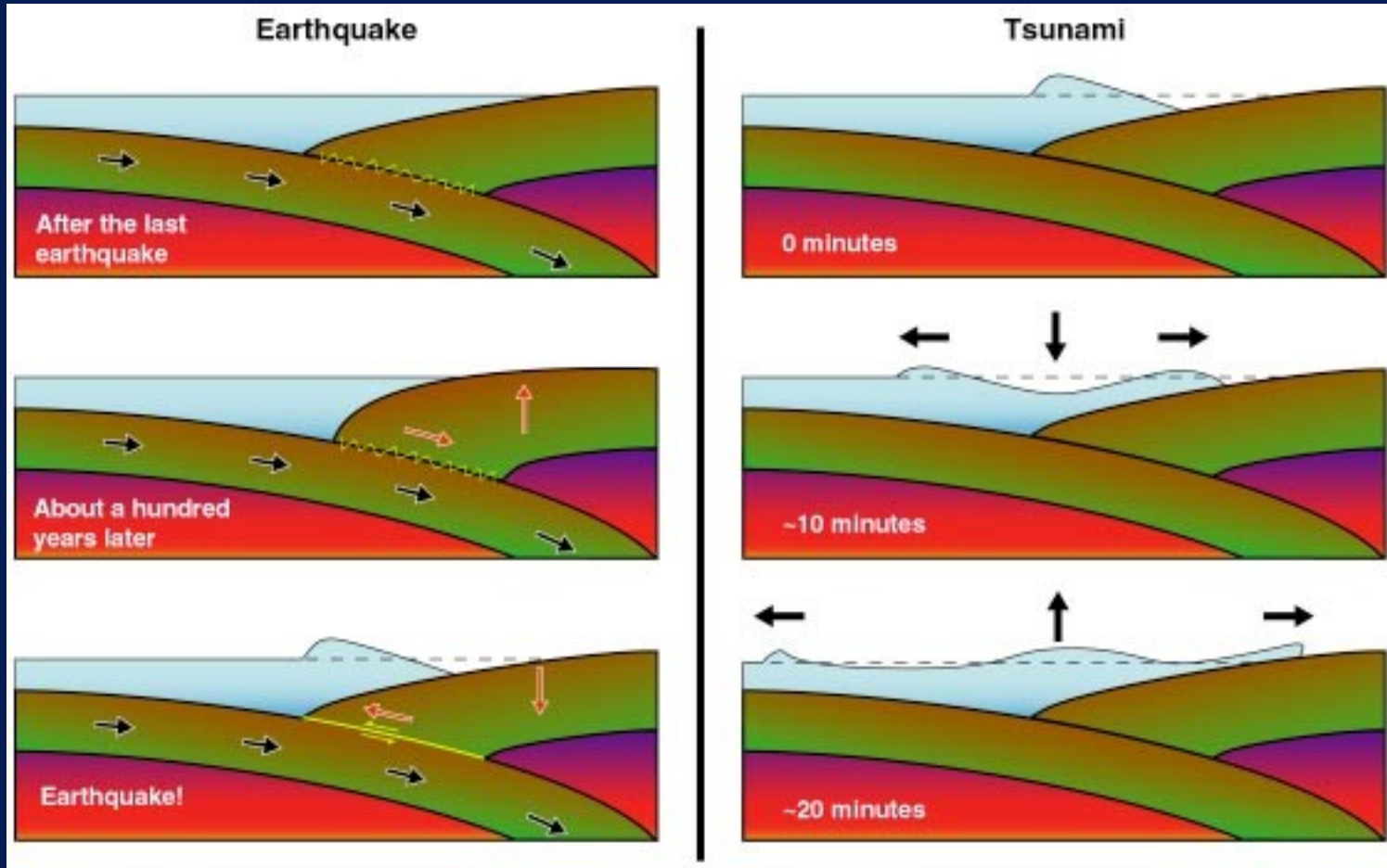
- Also called *seismic sea wave*
- Generated by an undersea geologic event, such as a great earthquake, volcanic explosion, or underwater landslide
- “Tsunami” in Japanese means “harbor wave”
- Tsunamis are *not* “tidal waves”

Subduction Zone Earthquake



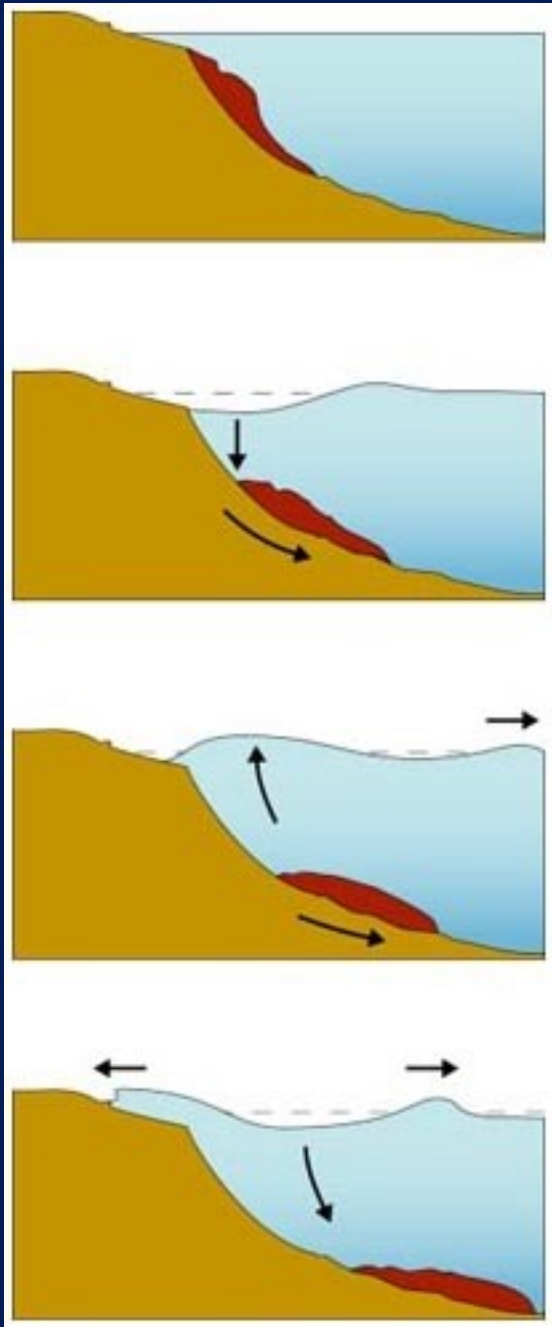
- Oceanic crust collides with continental crust and is forced downward
- Compression forces build until rock fractures and an earthquake occurs

Generation of the Tsunami



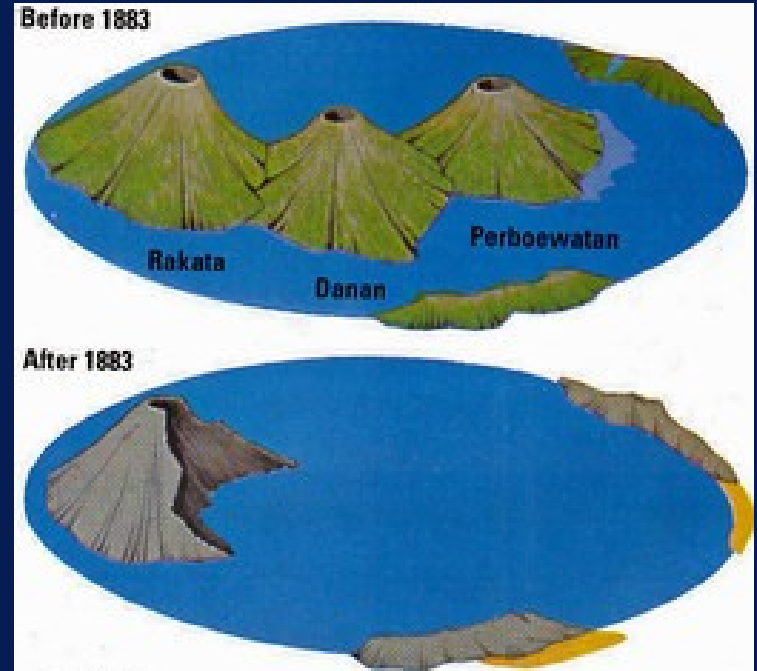
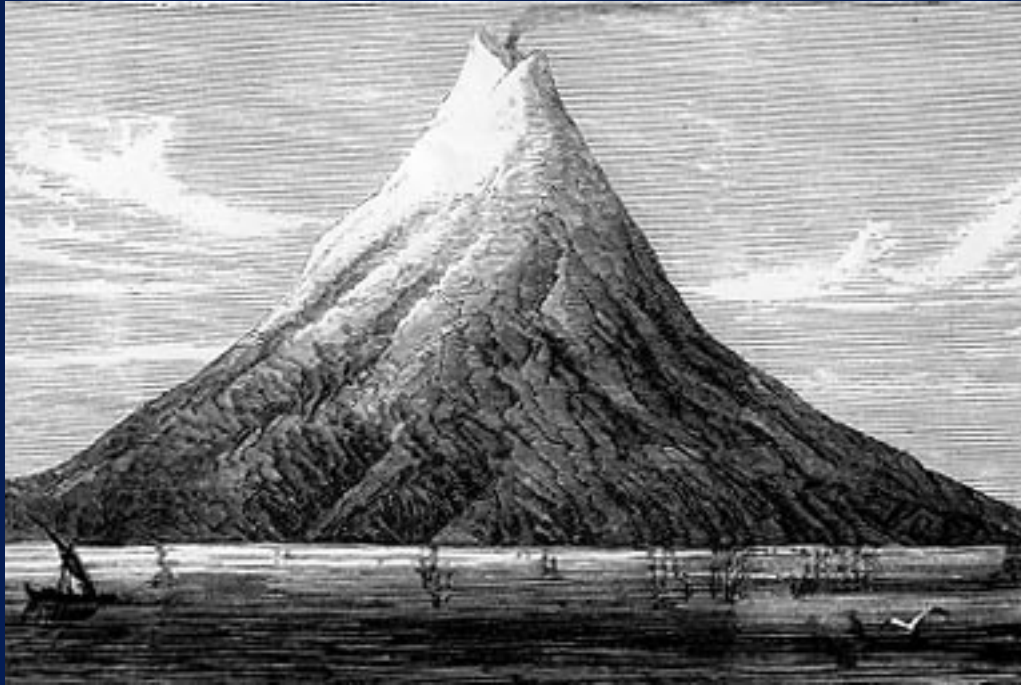
- During the earthquake, the seafloor moves upward, creating a water wave that spreads outward.

Undersea Landslide or Slump



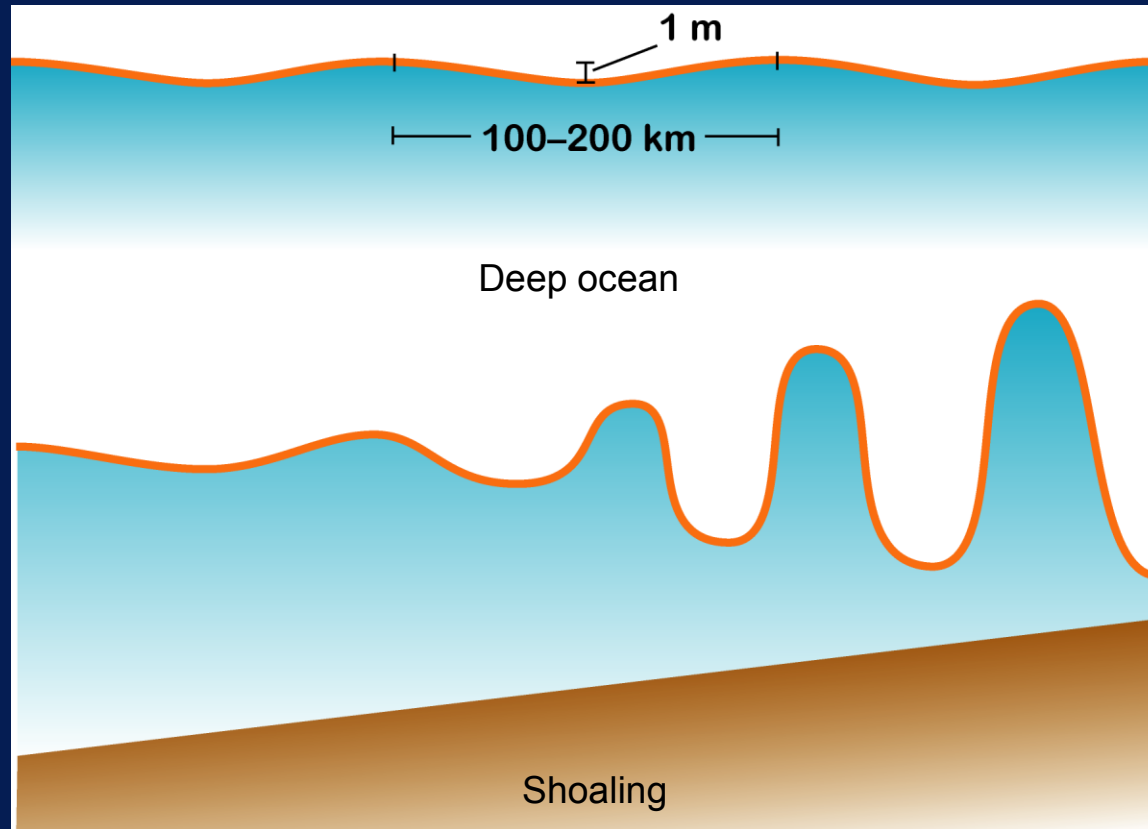
- Body of sediment slumps downward along a continental shelf
- Can be triggered by an earthquake
- Water drops at head of slump, rises at toe to create a wave
- Wave moves outward as a tsunami

Volcanic Explosion



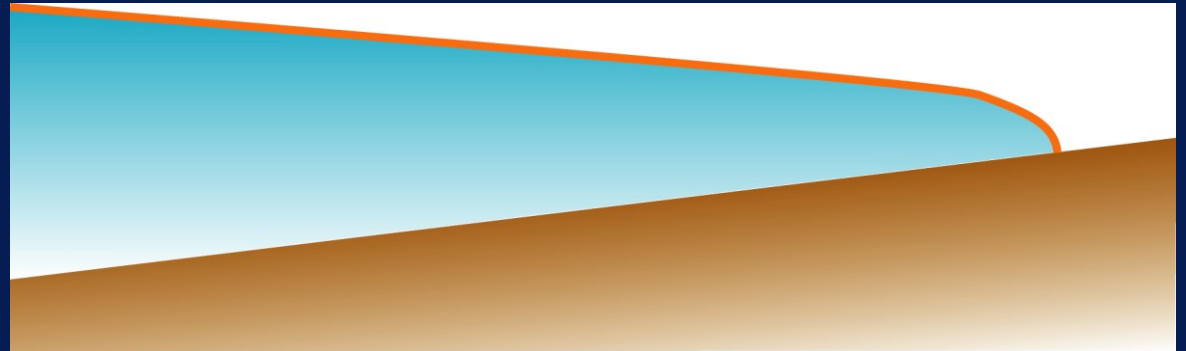
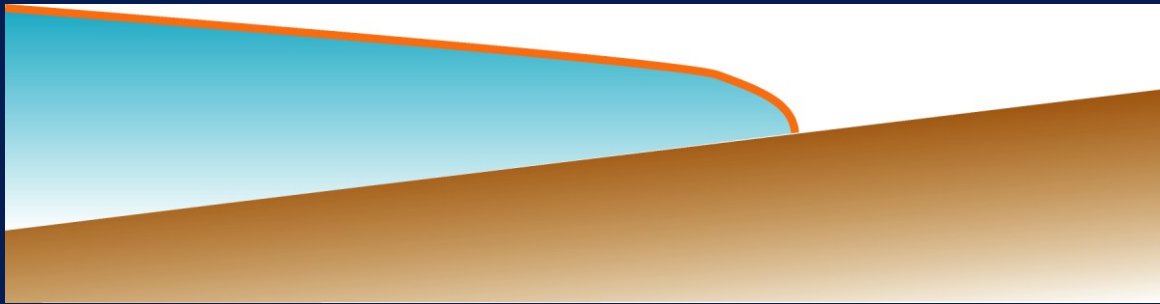
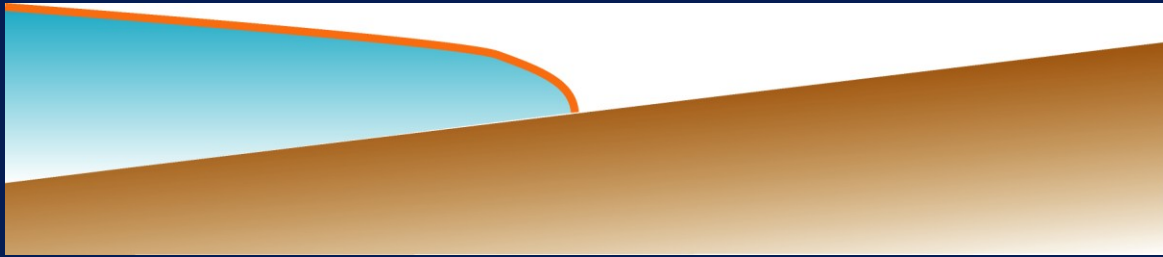
- The explosive eruption of Krakatau in August 1883 created a tsunami that claimed more than 36,000 lives

The Tsunami Wave



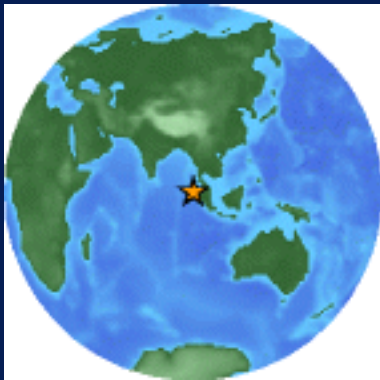
- The tsunami wave has a wavelength of 100–200 km with a deep water height of 1 m or less
- Travels as fast as 200 m/s (440 mi/hr) in open ocean
- As it approaches the shore, it slows, steepens, and rises in height

The Wave Keeps Coming

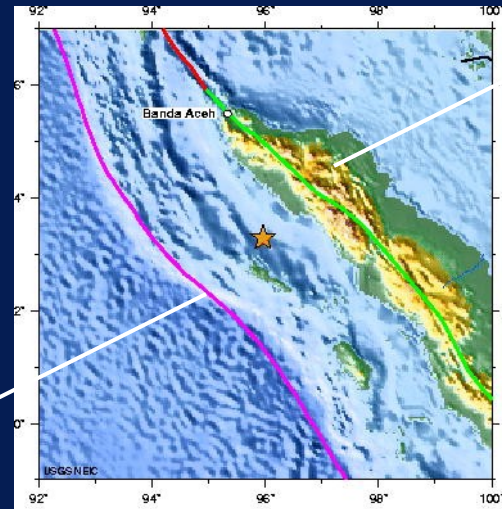


- The wave acts like a temporary rise in sea level, pushing water far inland before it retreats

Indian Ocean Tsunami of December 26, 2004



Java Trench



Sumatra

- Caused by 9.0 earthquake beneath Java Trench, west of Sumatra, Indonesia
- Fourth largest earthquake since 1900
- 1000 km of fault ruptured and sea floor moved upward by about 5 m (16 ft)

Propagation of the Tsunami Wave

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Banda Aceh, Sumatra, Indonesia



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Kalutara Beach, Sri Lanka



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The Tsunami's Toll

- Deaths: >210,000
 - Indonesia: 166,000
 - Thailand: 5,000
 - Sri Lanka: 30,000
 - India: 10,000
- Damage: >\$7 billion
 - Indonesia: \$4.4 billion
 - India: \$1.5 billion
 - Sri Lanka: \$900 million
- Aid Donations: >\$6.5 billion
 - Government pledges: \$5.3 billion
 - Private donors: \$1–2 billion

