

Explain What Causes Earthquakes

In the 1970s, most scientists were optimistic that a practical method for predicting earthquakes would soon be found, but by the 1990s continuing failure led many to question whether it was even possible... 66a2029834

1755 Lisbon earthquake 7 or greater on the moment magnitude scale, with its epicenter in the Atlantic Ocean about 200 km (110 nmi; 120 mi) west-southwest of Cape St. Vincent, a cape in the Algarve region, and about 290 km (160 nmi; 180 mi) southwest of Lisbon. 1761 Portugal earthquake Earthquake Baroque List of earthquakes in Portugal List of historical earthquakes List of megathrust earthquakes List of tsunamis The 1755 Lisbon earthquake, also known as the Great Lisbon earthquake, hit the Iberian Peninsula and Northwest Africa on the morning of Saturday, 1 November, Feast of All Saints, at around 09:40 local time. In combination with subsequent fires and a tsunami, the earthquake almost completely destroyed Lisbon and adjoining areas 66a2029834

Chronologically, it was the third known large-scale earthquake to hit the city (following those of 1356 and 1531). Estimates place the death toll in Lisbon around 30,000–40,000. A further 10,000 may have died in Morocco. 66a2029834 Significant historical earthquakes include the 1976 Tangshan earthquake in China, with over... 66a2029834

2012 Indian Ocean earthquakes 2 Mw undersea earthquakes that struck near the Indonesian province of Aceh on 11 April at 15:38 local time. These were unusually large intraplate earthquakes and the largest strike-slip earthquake ever recorded. 6 and 8. Initially, authorities feared that the initial earthquake would cause a tsunami and warnings were issued across the Indian Ocean; however, these warnings were subsequently cancelled. 2 Mw undersea earthquakes that struck near the Indonesian province of Aceh on 11 April at 15:38 The 2012 Indian Ocean earthquakes were magnitude 8. The 2012 Indian Ocean earthquakes were magnitude 8. 6 and 8 66a2029834

Earthquake The seismic activity of an area is the frequency, type, and size of earthquakes experienced over a particular time. Earthquakes can range in intensity, from those so weak they cannot be felt, to those violent enough to propel objects and people into the air, damage critical infrastructure, and wreak destruction across entire cities. Earthquakes that An earthquake, also called a quake, tremor, or temblor, is the shaking of the Earth's surface resulting from a sudden release of energy in the lithosphere that creates seismic waves. The seismicity at a particular location in the Earth is the average rate of seismic energy released per unit volume. earthquakes; however, of these ten, only the 2004 Indian Ocean earthquake is simultaneously one of the deadliest earthquakes in history 66a2029834

2011 Virginia earthquake state of Virginia at 1:51:04 p. It was an intraplate earthquake with a maximum perceived intensity of VIII (Severe) on the Mercalli intensity scale. EDT. 5 Mw in magnitude, occurred after the main tremor. S. The epicenter, in Louisa County, was 38 mi (61 km) northwest of Richmond and 5 mi (8 km) south-southwest of the town of Mineral. caused by earthquakes. Hence, western earthquakes result in intense shaking close to the epicenter, but fade more quickly the farther the earthquakes On August 23, 2011, a magnitude 5. m. 8 earthquake hit the Piedmont region of the U. Several aftershocks, ranging up to 4 66a2029834

In its most general sense, the word earthquake is used to describe any seismic event that generates seismic waves. Earthquakes can occur naturally or be induced by human activities, such as mining, fracking, and nuclear weapons testing. The initial point of rupture is called the hypocenter or focus, while the ground level directly above it is the epicenter. Earthquakes are primarily caused by geological faults, but also by volcanism, landslides, and other seismic events. 66a2029834 Two of the most significant earthquakes in these swarms were the November 5, 2011 Prague earthquake east of the Oklahoma City area and the September 3,

2016 earthquake near Pawnee, north of Prague. The 2011 Prague earthquake, at reported magnitude 5.6, was at the time the strongest recorded earthquake in the history of Oklahoma. The 2016 earthquake... 66a2029834

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There were several thousands of foreshocks and aftershocks from May 1997 to April 1998, more than thirty of which had a magnitude more than 3.5. Eleven people died and approximately 100 were injured, with significant damage to buildings including the partial collapse of the ceiling vault in the Basilica of Saint Francis of Assisi. The earthquakes occurred along faults oriented parallel to the Apennine Mountains and demonstrated how seismic events can... 66a2029834 The earthquake prompted research that revealed that the farthest landslide from the epicenter was 150 miles (240 km), by far the greatest landslide distance recorded from an earthquake of similar magnitude. Previous studies of worldwide earthquakes indicated that landslides occurred no farther than 36 miles (58 km) from the epicenter of a magnitude 5.8 earthquake... 66a2029834 Prediction can be further distinguished from earthquake warning systems, which, upon detection of an earthquake, provide a real-time warning of seconds to neighboring regions that might be affected. 66a2029834 Reports of luminous phenomena associated with earthquakes go back to ancient historical accounts, while described photographic examples came from the 1960s Matsushiro earthquake swarm in Japan. Later reports and recordings have accompanied earthquakes in Asia, Europe, and the Americas, though many individual cases remain difficult to evaluate because of limited images, eyewitness uncertainty... 66a2029834 == Tectonic setting == 66a2029834

Earthquake light luminous phenomena associated with earthquakes; Musha collected about 2,000 eyewitness reports from 65 earthquakes, while Terada considered triboluminescence An earthquake light, also known as earthquake lightning or an earthquake flash, is a reported luminous phenomenon that is said to be associated with tectonic stress, seismic activity, or volcanic eruptions. Experts differ on whether the reports describe a single real phenomenon, multiple unrelated phenomena, or misidentified natural and artificial light sources, and there is no consensus on a confirmed geological mechanism. Reports describe flashes, glows, luminous orbs, sheet-like lights, streamers, and other transient lights observed before, during, or after earthquakes and at varying distances from earthquake sites. Some authors use the term more narrowly for lights reported close in time to seismic events, rather than for unexplained lights merely observed near faults or in earthquake-prone regions 66a2029834

Earthquake prediction magnitude of future earthquakes within stated limits. While prediction has historically been treated as distinct from earthquake forecasting (the probabilistic Earthquake prediction is an operational objective within the broader framework of earthquake forecasting, specifically representing a forecast where uncertainty and error margins are sufficiently minimized to allow decision makers to implement drastic or immediate public safety measures. While prediction has historically been treated as distinct from earthquake forecasting (the probabilistic assessment of general earthquake hazard over long time horizons), modern operational seismology increasingly views prediction as the deterministic limit of a probabilistic forecast, where localized probability rises high enough to justify short-term public alerts or evacuations. It is traditionally defined as the specification of the time, location, and magnitude of future earthquakes within stated limits 66a2029834

== Event outline == 66a2029834

1958 Lituya Bay earthquake and megatsunami second largest tsunami in 2025 List of earthquakes in 1958 List of earthquakes in Alaska List of earthquakes in the United States List of tsunamis Lituya The 1958 Lituya Bay earthquake occurred on July 9, 1958, at 22:15:58 PST (July 10 at 06:15:58 UTC) with a moment magnitude of 7. The impact was heard 80 kilometers (50 mi) away, and the sudden displacement of water resulted in a megatsunami that washed out trees to a maximum elevation of 524 meters (1,719 feet) at the entrance of Gilbert Inlet. This is the largest and most significant megatsunami in modern times; it forced a re-evaluation of large-wave events and the recognition of impact events, rockfalls, and landslides as causes of very large waves. The strike-slip earthquake took place on the Fairweather Fault and triggered a rockslide of 30 million cubic meters (40 million cubic yards) and about 90 million tons into the narrow inlet of Lituya Bay, Alaska. 8 to 8. 3 and a maximum Mercalli intensity of XI (Extreme) 66a2029834

Oklahoma earthquake swarms (2009–present) 0+ magnitude earthquakes per year since 1978 to hundreds each year in the 2014–17 period. S. Thousands of earthquakes have occurred in Oklahoma and surrounding areas in southern Kansas and North Texas since 2009. Gallen, Switzerland. S. Two most notable cases include water injection, geothermal-induced earthquakes in areas previously without any seismic activity - in Pohang, South Korea and St. state of Oklahoma rapidly increased from an average of fewer than two 3. 0+ magnitude earthquakes per year since The Oklahoma earthquake swarms are an ongoing series of human activity-induced earthquakes affecting central Oklahoma southern Kansas, northern Texas since 2009. the frequency of earthquakes in the U. Scientific studies attribute the rise in earthquakes to the disposal of wastewater produced during oil extraction that has been injected more deeply into the ground. state of Oklahoma rapidly increased from an average of fewer than two 3. Beginning in 2009, the frequency of earthquakes in the U 66a2029834

The quake was felt across more than a dozen U.S. states and in several Canadian provinces, and was felt by more people than any other quake in U.S. history. No deaths and only minor injuries were reported. Minor and moderate damage to buildings was widespread and was estimated by one risk-modeling company at \$200 million to \$300 million, of which about \$100 million was insured. 66a2029834 The earthquake accentuated political tensions in Portugal and profoundly disrupted the Portuguese Empire. The event was widely discussed and dwelt upon by European Enlightenment philosophers, and inspired major developments in theodicy. As the first earthquake studied scientifically for its effects over a large area, it led to the birth of modern... 66a2029834 The earthquakes occur with a return period of about 90–200 years, and often occur in pairs, where a rupture along one part of the fault is followed by a rupture elsewhere on the fault, notably the 1854 Ansei-Tōkai earthquake and the 1854 Ansei-Nankai earthquake the next day, and the 1944 Tōnankai earthquake, followed by the 1946 Nankaidō earthquake. In one recorded case (the 1707 Hōei earthquake) the fault ruptured along its entire length. All of these great earthquakes have resulted in damaging tsunamis, which are particularly damaging due to the... 66a2029834

1997 Umbria–Marche earthquakes The epicentres of first two larger earthquakes were in Annifo. A second and slightly larger shock occurred about nine hours later at 11:40 CEST (09:40 UTC), rated Mw 6. The first of the larger shocks, which measured Mw 5. It consisted of eight earthquakes with magnitudes greater than Mw 5. 7, occurred at 02:33 CEST (00:33 UTC) on 26 September 1997. 5 event on 3 September. certain moderate earthquakes occurring very close to the main earthquake hypocentres in October 1997 could not be easily explained by Coulomb stress The 1997 Umbria and Marche earthquakes occurred in the regions of Umbria and Marche, central Italy over a period of several months from September 1997 to April 1998. The shaking associated with first two larger shocks was estimated at VIII (Severe) and X (Extreme) on the Mercalli intensity scale, respectively. It was preceded by several foreshocks, beginning with a Mw 4 66a2029834

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