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Chapter 3

Earth's Material & Geological Process

3.1 Earthquakes

3.1.1 Terminology

Definition 3.1.1 (Focus)**.** *Where the earthquake starts.*

Definition 3.1.2 (Epicentre)**.** *The location on the surface directly above the surface.*

Definition 3.1.3 (Seismographs)**.** *Instrument used to record the motion of the ground during an earthquake*

Definition 3.1.4 (Seismogram)**.** *The graph which is recorded by the seismograph*

The tools can allow us to measure the intensity of earthquakes! The scale that is commonly used is called the Ricter Scale

The scale involves measuring the amplitude of the largest wave at a specific distance from the epicentre

Remark. Ricter Scale is a quantity way to measure the intensity of the earthquake

3.1.2 Waves

These waves are ranked by their speed:

Body wave

Definition 3.1.5 (P-Wave)**.** *Parallel to the direction of the wave (forward + backward)*

Definition 3.1.6 (S Wave)**.** *Perpendicular to the direction of the wave (side by side)*

Surface wave

Definition 3.1.7 (Love wave)**.** *Like water wave*

Definition 3.1.8 (raylight)**.** *Rotate under ground*