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1 Comparison of two extensometric stations in Hungary

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11 Abstract

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Quartz-tube extensometers are used to measure rock deformations in two geodynamic 12 13 observatories in Hungary in order to contribute to the investigation of recent tectonic movements on the area of the Pannonian Basin. One of the observatories is situated on the 14 15 border of the Alps at Sopronbánfalva and is set in the metamorphic (gneiss) material of the 16 mountains. The other station is in the basically karstic environment of the Mátyáshegy (Mátyás Hill) near Budapest. The aim of this paper is to investigate how the local conditions, 17 such as structure of the observatory, topography or geologic features of the surrounding rocks, 18 lead to additional or modified deformations of the extensometric stations. Data collected over 19 eight years were processed and analysed to compare the observatories taking into account 20 geologic, lithologic and topograpic properties of the measurement sites. Tidal and coherence 21 analysis of the continuous strain measurements revealed that the instrument at Sopronbánfalva 22 is more sensitive to atmospheric pressure loading than the extensometer at Mátyáshegy. 23 Signal to noise values from the data processing of the short period variations support the 24

higher stability of tidal strain measurements at Mátyáshegy. The strain rates measured by

- 26 extensometers in both observatories are in good agreement with the strain rates inferred from
- 27 GPS measurements of the Hungarian GPS Geodynamic Reference Network and the Central
- 28 European GPS Reference Network.
- 29 Keywords: Earth tides; Extensometer; Barometric pressure; Geodynamic observatory; Strain
- 30 rate

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1. Introduction

- 32 Extensometric measurements provide horizontal deformation data which incorporates the
- short period tidal variations as well as local tectonic deformations in the long run, but the
- recorded data are influenced by different effects depending on the local conditions of the
- 35 measurement site. Many publications deal with the influence of the construction and the
- surroundings of the instrument's site appearing as cavity, topographic and lithologic effects
- 37 (e.g., Harrison, 1976; Brimich et al., 1998; Gebauer et al., 2009). Other works have been
- published on the effect of atmospheric pressure loading on horizontal deformation
- measurements (e.g., Müller and Zürn, 1983; Dal Moro and Zadro, 1998; Kroner et al., 2005;
- 40 Steffen et al., 2006; Zürn et al., 2007) under the conditions at a given measurement site and a
- 41 given type of measurement device.
- In Hungary two observatories were established for seismic and gravity measurements and for
- observation of tectonic movements and tides of the solid Earth: the Mátyáshegy Gravity and
- Geodynamic Observatory (MGGO) in Budapest in a cave in Mátyáshegy and the
- 45 Sopronbánfalva Geodynamical Observatory (SGO) in Sopronbánfalva in an artificial gallery
- 46 (Fig. 1). In the MGGO two extensometers were installed in 1981 and 1985 (Latinina et al.,
- 47 1984) and in the SGO one extensometer in 1990. All instruments are quartz-tube
- 48 extensometers with capacitive transducers. Their construction and calibration are described in
- detail by Mentes (2010). Since the measuring instruments are of the same type and capability
- to monitor deformations, it is a good opportunity to compare two geodynamic observatories

which lie in different geologic, topographic and tectonic environments. Features of the geodynamic deformation measurements at both sites in the high and low frequency ranges of the signals are presented in this paper.

2. Observation sites

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2.1. Sopronbánfalva Geodynamic Observatory

The Sopronbánfalva Geodynamic Observatory is located on the Hungarian-Austrian border in the Sopron Mountains. The area belongs to the extensions of the Eastern Alps (Alpokalja region), which extend eastward to the Rába fault (Fig. 1) regarded as the easternmost termination of the Alps in Hungary. The crystalline rocks of the Alpokalja region crop out in an area of 40 km² and are composed of folded, medium grade crystalline shists and subordinate low-grade tectonites (muscovite gneiss and leucophyllite). The crystalline basement of the mountains is covered by Neogene sediments. The Sopron Mountains consist of metamorphic rocks of Palaeozoic age such as gneiss and different mica schists (Haas, 2001). The geological map of the surroundings of the observatory can be seen in Fig. 2. The observatory is an artificial gallery driven into an outcrop of the muscovite gneiss which belongs to the most schistose variety of the medium-grained gneisses called 'Sopron type gneisses' (Kisházi and Ivancsics, 1985). The rock cover above of the observatory is about 60 m. There are no fractures and faults in the vicinity of the observatory. The yearly mean value of the temperature is 10.4 °C in the gallery and the yearly and daily temperature variations are less than 0.5 °C and 0.05 °C, respectively. The relative humidity is 90% and it is nearly constant. The gallery where the extensometer is placed is thermally insulated but not perfectly hermetically sealed. It means that there is a slow air circulation via the duct for the electric cables of the instruments. This ventilation does not change the temperature in the gallery and the instrument is not directly sensitive to air pressure variations (Mentes, 2000). The coordinates of the SGO and the length and azimuth of the extensometer are given in Table 1.

The ground plane of the observatory and the location of the extensometer, which is nearly

perpendicular to the rock wall are shown in Fig. 3.

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2.2. Mátyáshegy Gravity and Geodynamic Observatory

The Mátyáshegy Gravity and Geodynamic Observatory is situated in the karstic environment of Mátyáshegy in the north-western suburban part of Budapest. The Mátyáshegy is a part of the Buda Mountains, in north central Hungary, belonging to the regional unit 'Transdanubian Mountains' (Fig. 1). The karstic cave system of the hill is the longest (13.465 km) exposed cave system of West Hungary. The galleries were created by thermal water from the upper Triassic flinty limestone and the discordantly bedding marine upper Eocene nummulitic limestone. These formations are parts of the karstic water reservoir of the hydrology of this area. The highest parts of the cavity reach up into the concordant bryozoan Marl. The tunnels and galleries of the observatory were based on the natural cave system and were artificially formed, mainly in the upper Eocene nummulitic limestone formation. Fig. 4 shows the topographic map of the surroundings of the observatory and its entrance in the area of the quarry located on the south-western side of the hill. The ground plane of the observatory with the long (E1) and short (E2) extensometers is shown in Fig. 5. The galleries run under about 30 m of rock cover; the temperature variation in the inner galleries is less than 0.2 °C over a year. The level of the karstic water is about a hundred meters deeper than the level of the station. The River Danube flows about 2 km away from the observatory.

3. Method

Extensometric data recorded between 2005 and 2012 were used for calculations and for comparison of the measurement sites. In both cases the sampling rate is one minute. High frequency noises (well above the tidal range) are removed by built-in electric filters. Step and spike disturbances were corrected and gaps in the data series were filled with adjusted theoretical values in the course of preprocessing. The volume of the gaps is below 3 % per a

3 % for E2 in 2012. Continuous operation of E1 extensometer was interrupted for periods of many months due to technical problems in 2011 and 2012. The signals were finally sampled to one data/hour rate.

Features and transfer characteristics of the deformation measurements in the short-term band of variations were examined by means of tidal analysis. Calculations were completed by the ETERNA 3.40 Earth tide data processing package (Wenzel, 1996), using the Wahr-Dehant Earth model (Wahr, 1981; Dehant, 1987) and the HW95 tidal potential catalogue (Hartmann and Wenzel, 1995). A built-in high-pass filter of the program package (with a cut-off frequency of 0.8 cpd) was used during the tidal evaluation. The residual strain data of the tidal analysis were subjected to a Fourier transformation. The signal transfer properties of the two stations were compared by tidal and coherence analyses. The admittances between strain and the outer temperature were determined by a simple linear regression method. Coherence analysis between theoretical and measured tide was used to investigate the transfer function of the observatories (Formenti, 1999).

year at SGO and about 10 % for E2 at MGGO. However, the rate of the missing data was also

4. Results

4.1. Tidal analysis

A data series collected over eight years of the extensometer (SE) in the SGO (Fig. 3) and of the extensometers E1 and E2 in the MGGO (Fig. 5) were subjected to tidal analysis decomposing the data into one year segments. Evaluation of the data measured by extensometer E1 – which resulted in highly distorted tidal parameters – was left out of the investigation. Since the systematic checking and yearly calibration of the E1 extensometer show proper functioning of the instrument in all other respects, the disturbed transfer characteristics of the tidal signals is probably due to the relative position of the extensometer to the gallery system of the observatory (see Fig. 5). The value of the tidal parameters from

analysis varies between 2-5 % at both measurement sites in the consecutive years, so data processing of 2012 represents the multi-year measurement period. Adjusted tidal amplitudes and the amplitude factors (measured/theoretical amplitudes) along with the standard deviations of the adjustment for each component are listed in Table 2. The most striking difference is the reduced diurnal amplitudes in the SGO. The main measured amplitudes are 44-60 % of the theoretical tidal deformation values. At the same time the S2 component in the semidiurnal band is higher by a factor of 1.5 than it should be. Reduced amplitudes of E2 are also adjusted in the diurnal band, which is similar to the SE results, but the differences between the measured and theoretical values are much smaller. The most conspicuous difference appears here in the K1 diurnal amplitude which decreased 25 %. Since atmospheric pressure variations are among the main loading factors which affect the deformation measurements at almost all kind of measurement sites (e. g. Rabbel and Zschau, 1985; Sun et al., 1995; Onoue and Takemoto, 1998; Kroner et al., 2005), pressure data series measured in the observatories were taken into account and included in the tidal analysis. Data processing results are presented in Table 2. In Fig. 6 the adjusted tidal amplitudes from the analysis procedures can easily be compared. At Sopronbánfalva the linear regression correction of the strain data by air pressure yielded an increase of about 5-10 % in the diurnal band, while there is a more prominent decrease of 40 % at the S2 component, due to which the S2 amplitude significantly improved compared to the theoretical value. From the Mátyáshegy E2 data the analysis of the pressure-effect corrected extensometric series resulted in insignificant, maximum 2 %, amplitude variations. This difference in the pressure correction results are reflected also by the pressure sensitivity of the observatories, i.e. 4.5 nstr hPa⁻¹ in the SGO is against the value of the coefficient of 0.5 nstr/hPa in the MGGO. If the deformation records are corrected for barometric pressure applying the above correction factors in the time domain, the standard deviation of the residual signals (which are the

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and from 2.6 to 2.5 nstr at the MGGO due to the correction. The noticeable difference in the effect of atmospheric pressure variations at the two measurement sites is demonstrated in Fig. 7. Here the residual of the high-pass filtered strain data, which is provided by ETERNA among the analysis results, were subjected to a Fourier transformation. Fast Fourier Transformation amplitudes of the residuals – after uncorrected strain and pressure corrected strain analyses – are compared for both observatories in the tidal frequency band (0-2.5 cpd). In the Sopronbánfalva data, an apparent decrease of the residual amplitudes can be seen, especially in the 1 cpd band, while in Mátyáshegy amplitude changes can hardly be noticed. The effect of the barometric pressure correction is characterised also by numerical values: the average standard deviations of the tidal amplitudes (Table 2) and the average spectral noise of the residual amplitudes (Fig. 7) decreased in the 1 cpd band (0.8–1.2 cpd) by 41 % at Sopronbánfalva and 4 % at Mátyáshegy, while in the 2 cpd band (1.8–2.2 cpd) by 22 % at Sopronbánfalva and below 1 % at Mátyáshegy. The values from the different calculation methods agree with each other within 1 % in 1 cpd and 2 % in 2 cpd bands. Overall characteristic of the tidal parameter determination at the investigated observatories is concluded from Table 2. The determination is twice as accurate at the MGGO than it is at the SGO for the comparison of the standard deviations of amplitude values for the main waves,

theoretical tides subtracted from the measured data) decrease from 6.1 to 5.1 nstr at the SGO

4.2. Coherence analysis

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The two observatories were tested also by coherence analysis to determine how they transfer the tidal signal. The coherence was calculated between theoretical and measured strain tide as input and output signals of the Earth–observatory–system. The transfer function of the system can be seen in Fig. 8. At the SGO the coherence is better than 0.95 in the semidiurnal band,

and of the standard deviations of weight unit of the adjustments. It matches the outcome of the

while in the diurnal band it is about 0.8. At the MGGO the coherence values are better than in the SGO which means that the transfer of the tidal signal is less damped than at the SGO. **4.3.** Long term variations Deformation measurement data collected over eight years from the two observatories were investigated. The recorded strain data of the Sopronbánfalva extensometer are drawn in Fig. 9 and curves of the E1 and E2 extensometers in the Mátyáshegy Observatory can be seen in Figs. 10 and 11. The long-term variations are approximated in the Figures by linear trend lines fitted to each data series along the recording period 2005–2012. The steepness of the trend lines is the average strain rate in the investigated period. The measured strain rates are summarised in Table 3 which also contains the strain rates measured in the MGGO by Varga and Varga (1994) between 1990 and 1992. The peak to peak magnitudes of the yearly rock strain variations caused mainly by the outer temperature variations (Mentes, 2000) – determined after removing the trend from the curves – and the admittances between strain and the outer temperature are listed in Table 3. This yearly period at SE and E1 clearly appears in Figs. 9 and 10, while it is inconspicuous in the record of E2 (Fig. 11). The jumps and steep changes in the strain records of the MGGO (Figs. 10 and 11) can be in connection with the karstic water level changes under the observatory (Varga and Varga, 1994). 5. Discussion Tidal analysis results reveal that the Mátyáshegy E2 instrument has a better capability to

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transfer data of the horizontal high frequency deformations than the extensometer in the SGO. Different behaviour of the extensometers due to atmospheric pressure loading can be disclosed if the pressure parameter is included in the tidal analysis and the strain data is corrected by a simple linear regression. Almost one order of magnitude higher regression value resulted for SGO (4.5 nstr hPa⁻¹) than for MGGO (0.5 nstr hPa⁻¹). At the SGO a

detectable. Beyond the similar instrument construction and the similar length of the galleries where the instruments are placed, the overlaying topography of the measurement sites is also similar. At the same time the rock coverage over the extensometers is two times higher at Soprobánfalva than at Mátyáshegy, the gallery system of the MGGO is much more complex – due to the original dissolved cave forms – than that of the SGO and a major difference exists in the azimuths of the instruments. From point of the modifying cavity effect – being one of the main site factors to be taken into consideration – a finite element model calculation resulted in an 8 % increase of tidal rock deformation at the MGGO site. Such model calculations are not at our disposal for the SGO, though from the literature the order of the disturbing cavity effect for tidal strain, depending on the measurement arrangement and geometry, is about 1–10 % (Harrison, 1976; Sato and Harrison 1990). Thus, since the highest distortion of tidal amplitudes in the SGO varies between 40–60 %, this correction item cannot be resolved here. Lithologic parameters of the surrounding rocks at the measurement sites which describe the different rock materials are listed in Table 4. On the basis of the model calculations of Gebauer et al. (2009, 2010), where the cavity, topographic and lithologic effect on horizontal deformations under atmospheric pressure load were investigated, the results of their conclusions can be applied to these observatories in the increasing order of the magnitude of the effect: - The extent of the cavity effect for the lithologies of these observatories is about 0.1 nstr hPa⁻¹, it is too small to be comparable with the difference in atmospheric pressure load effect between SGO and MGGO. At the same time the galleries of SE and E2 are of almost the same size and length.

significant improvement of the tidal adjustment resulted, while in Mátyáshegy the effect is not

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- Since the rock cover above the instruments is different, a 20–30 % increase in the effect of topography can be supposed at Sopronbánfalva (60 m) compared to Mátyáshegy (30 m), but similarly to the previous effect its magnitude is small (below 0.5 nstr hPa⁻¹) and it may explain only a minor part of the difference. - From model calculations, a difference in the deformation effects in the order of about 2–2.5 nstr hPa⁻¹ derives from the observatories having different rock material parameters and this value much better approaches the difference of the pressure effects which were provided by tidal analysis. The above mentioned pressure load effects are related to a uniform pressure load condition. Dynamic loading cases are also incorporated in the finite element modelling of Gebauer et al. (2009, 2010). Since at Sopronbánfalva the gallery of the extensometer is parallel and at Mátyáshegy the gallery of E2 is almost perpendicular to the prevailing wind direction, which is the same above the regions of the observatories, the significantly higher pressure effect is in good agreement with the modelling results. On the basis of eight years of measurements it seems that two extensometers (SE and E1) with almost the same azimuth, though far away from each other geographically, behave similarly in the sense of yearly deformation changes. Nevertheless the different yearly amplitudes should be noticed. The similarity between the conditions of the instruments is the position of the galleries (where they are placed) relative to the topography of the surface forms, the steep scarps, of the observatories. However, the Mátyáshegy Observatory has a cave system while at Sopronbánfalva the galleries were made only for the instruments. This complex gallery system of the MGGO leads to the different transfer mechanism induced by temperature variations in the case of E1 and E2 (Figs. 10 and 11). Due to their free unhindered deformation, the rock walls between the galleries in the MGGO absorb a part of the deformation energy caused by barometric pressure and temperature variations. This can

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explain the lower pressure admittance and temperature induced peak to peak yearly strain variations in the MGGO compared to SGO (Table 3). The highest rate of the long-term deformation changes at Sopronbánfalva can be attributed to the geographical location of the instrument. The area belongs to the marginal mountainous region of the Pannonian Basin with mostly crystalline bedrock types, and this East Alpine region is characterised by different vertical deformation velocities compared to the central parts of the Pannonian Basin (Cloetingh et al., 2005; Caporali, 2009; Dombrádi et al., 2010). The folding and compression of the weak lithosphere absorbs the strain in the Pannonian Basin (Dombrádi et al., 2010) which explains the small strain rates measured in the Mátyáshegy Observatory. Extensometer E2 is nearly parallel to the maximum horizontal stress direction assumed by Bada et al. (2007a, b) and it measures a higher rate than E1 (Table 3) which lies almost perpendicular to the direction of E2. These local strain rates are in good accordance with the strain rates measured by geodetic methods (see Table 3). The strain rates determined from GPS measurements in the Hungarian GPS Geodynamic Reference Network and the Central European GPS Reference Network (Grenerczy et al., 2000, 2005) are three orders of magnitude smaller than the values measured by the extensometers. It can be explained by the difference of the measurement techniques. While the extensometer measures local strain rates, only global strain rates for large areas can be determined from GPS measurements. The faults between GPS stations and earthquakes in the region release the strain (Bada et al., 2007b; Bus et al., 2009). In the region of the SGO the strain rate measured by GPS is twice the value obtained in Central Hungary. Varga et al. (2002) determined a strain rate of -0. 08 ustr year⁻¹ from the Hungarian Triangulation Network in the Budapest region, which is the same value measured by the E1 extensometer in the MMGO. Although extensometric measurements are influenced by local tectonic processes (e.g., orogenic forces), they describe the recent tectonic movements in the Pannonian Basin very well.

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7. Conclusions

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The uniform construction of the extensometers in the Mátyáshegy Gravity and Geodynamic 275 Observatory and in the Sopronbánfalva Geodynamic Observatory ensures that in the course of 276 comparison any differences in the measurement characteristics can be attributed to geologic. 277 topographic properties and meteorological conditions of the measurement sites. 278 Tidal analysis of the extensometric data between 2005 and 2012 revealed that the measured 279 tidal amplitudes are close to the theoretical values in the MGGO while they are 44-60 % 280 smaller in the diurnal band in the SGO. The difference in the tidal signals (also proved by 281 coherence analysis) can be attributed to the different barometric pressure sensitivity of the 282 observatories (4.5 nstr hPa⁻¹ in the SGO and 0.5 nstr hPa⁻¹ in MGGO). 283 The results of the barometric pressure correction show that while in the MGGO a simple 284 regression correction yields good improvement of the signal-to-noise ratio in the strain data, 285 286 in the SGO a more sophisticated reduction method is needed which takes into account regional and possibly global air pressure data to correct for the effect of passing weather 287 fronts. 288 The long-term thermal effect in the MGGO is about the half of the one in the SGO. The 289 difference between the pressure and thermal sensitivity of the observatories is due to the 290 different geologic, lithology parameters, gallery system and the position of the instrument 291 relative to the topography of the measurement sites. 292 In contrast with the different transfer characteristics of the observatories in the tidal domain 293 and the high long-term disturbances in the MGGO, probably caused by karstic water 294 variations, the measured strain rates are in good agreement with the GPS measurements in the 295 Hungarian GPS Geodynamic Reference Network and the Central European GPS Reference 296 297 Network.

The investigated geodynamic observatories and extensometers are parts of an extensometric observatory network on the territory of the Pannonian Basin. Therefore the analysis results may be utilized when the deformation measurements of the network are processed and the specific sensitivity of the measurement locations can lead to satisfactory corrections both in the high and low frequency ranges of the signals. It may contribute to a unified evaluation and interpretation.

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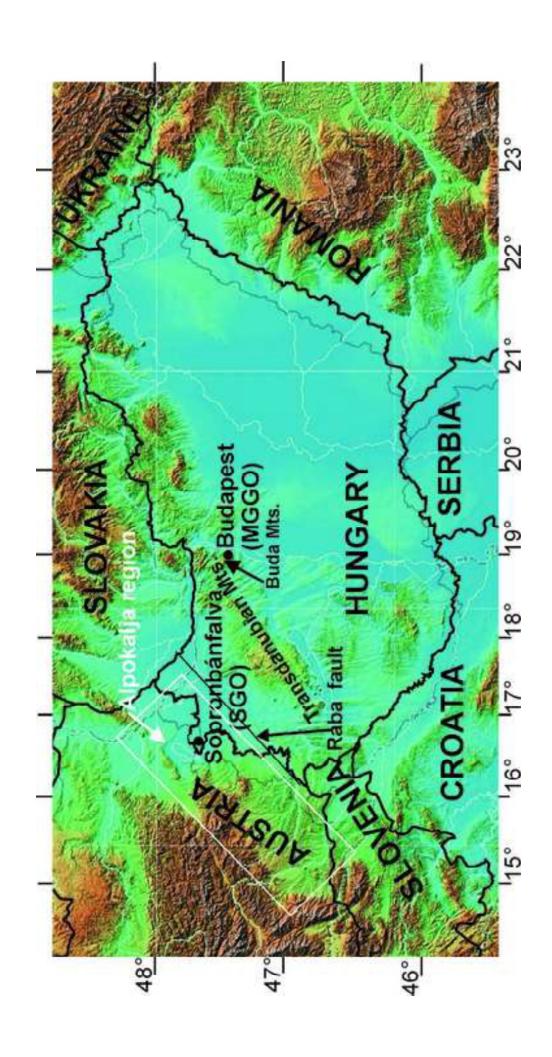
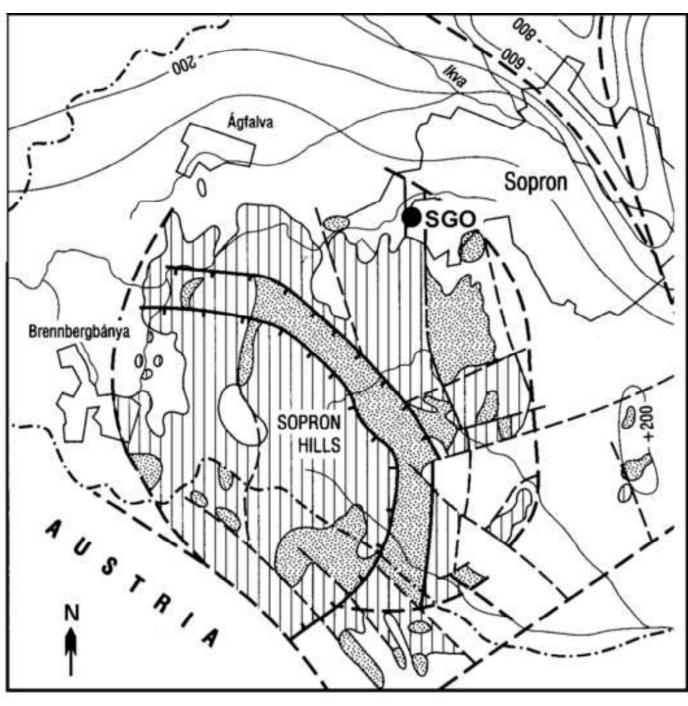


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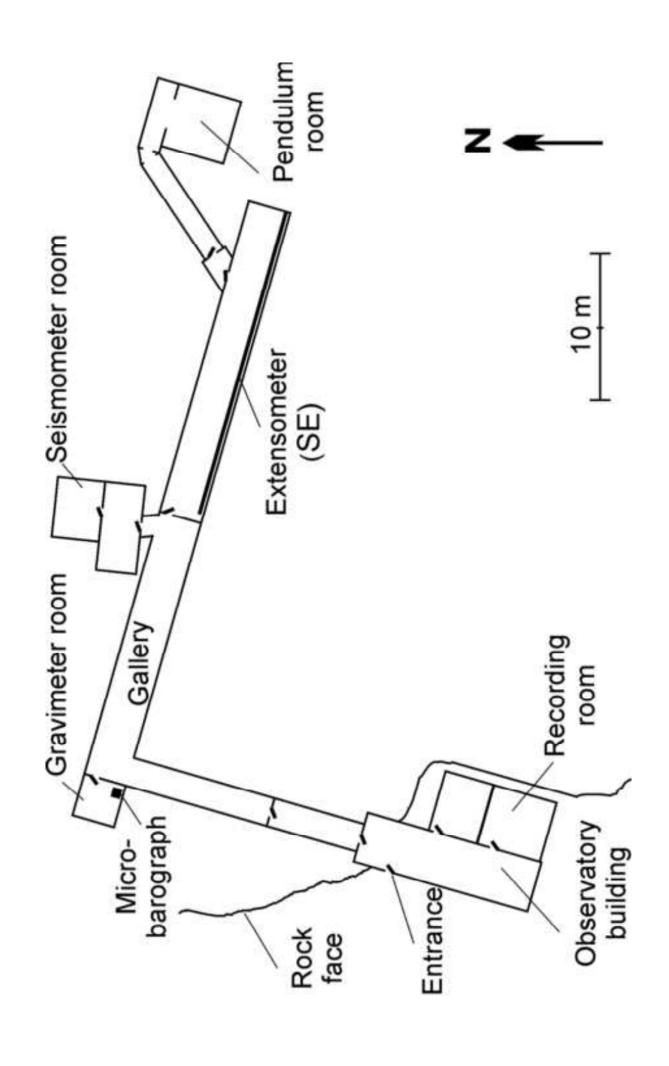


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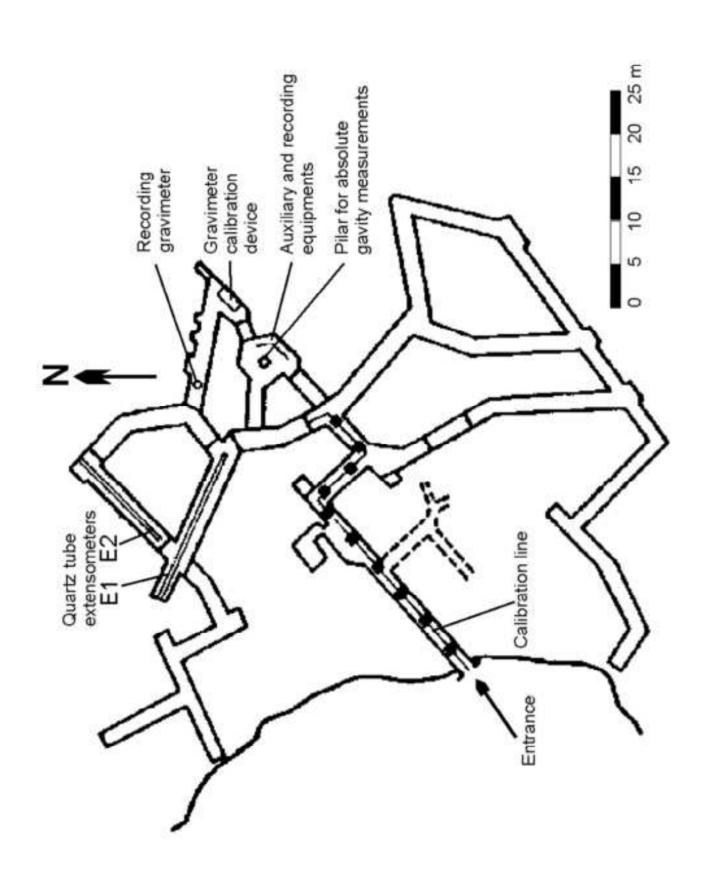
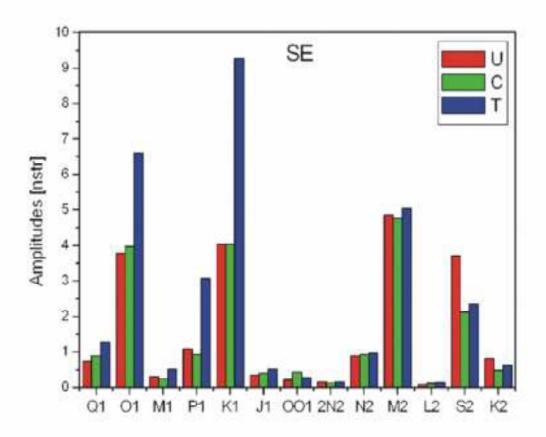
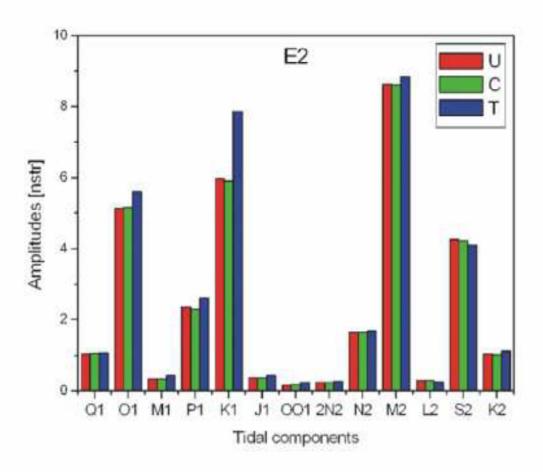
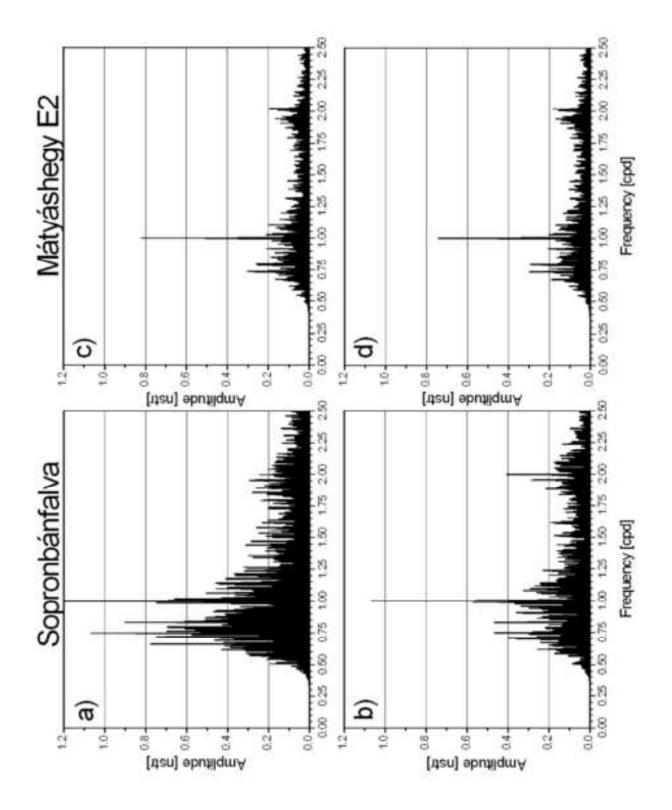
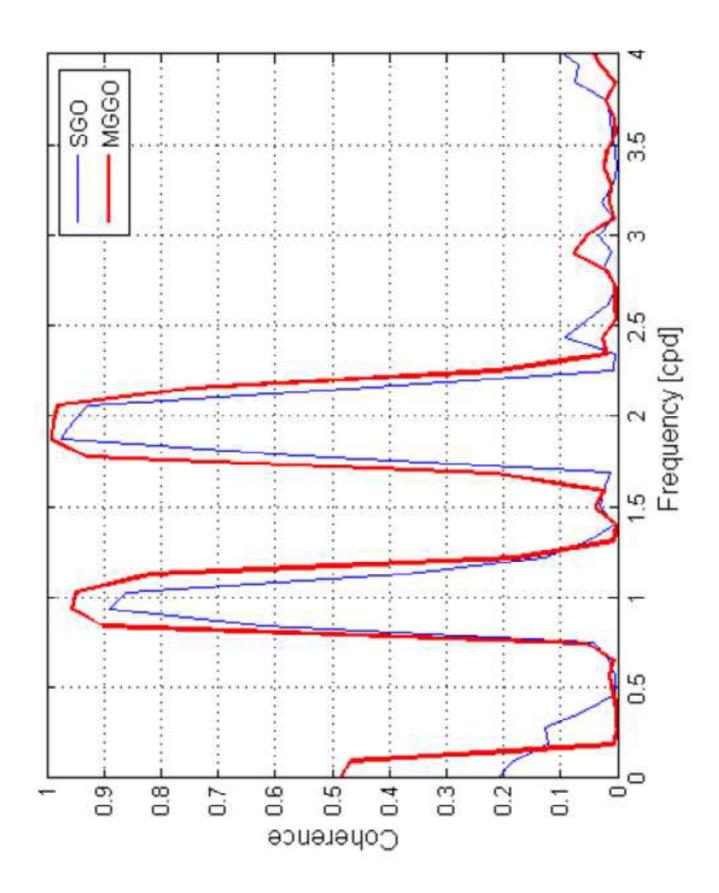


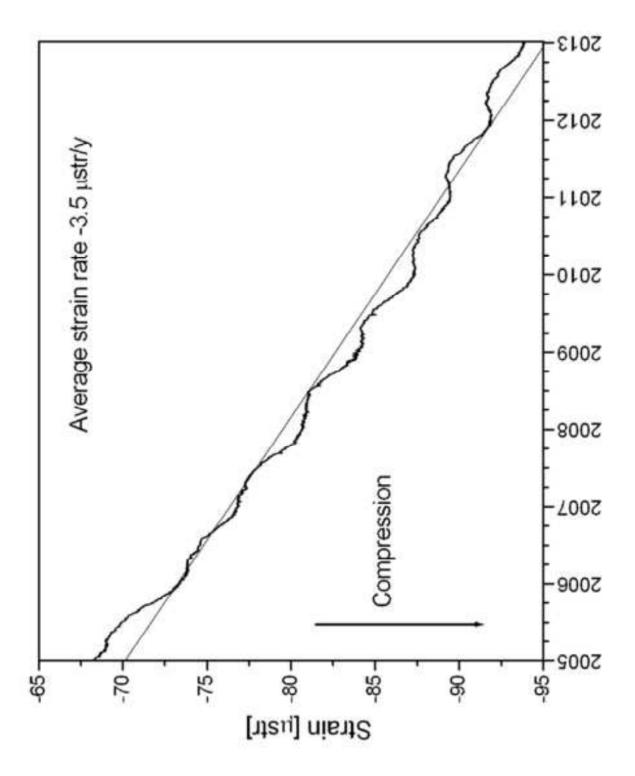
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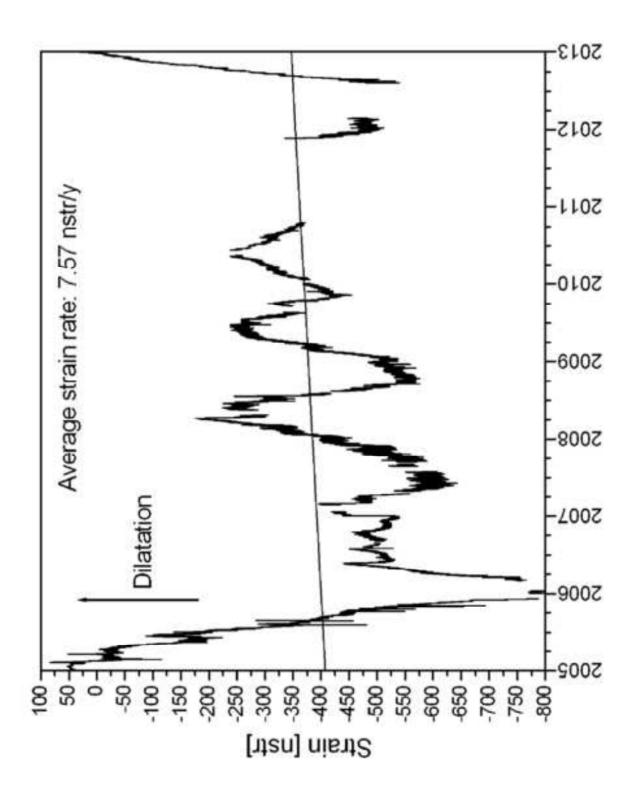












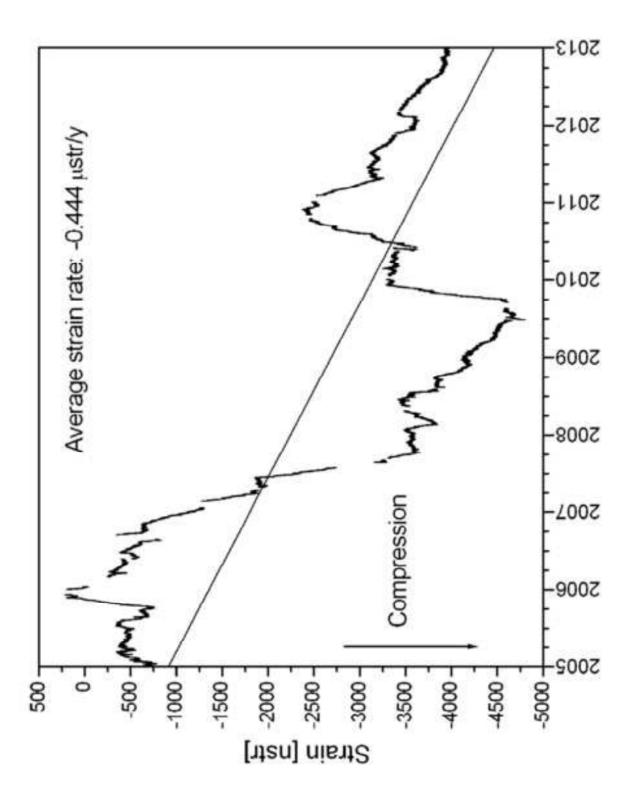


Table1

Table 1. Coordinates and parameters of the extensometers.

Extensometer	Coordinates of the station			Azimuth of the	Length of the
	Latitude	Longitude	Height a.s.l. [m]	instrument	instrument [m]
Mátyáshegy E1	47° 33' 11"	19° 20' 24"	240	114°	21.3
Mátyáshegy E2	47° 33' 11"	19° 20' 24"	240	38°	13.8
Sopronbánfalva	47° 40' 55"	16° 33' 32"	220	116°	22

Table 2. Tidal analysis results of the deformation data recorded at the Sopronbánfalva Observatory and at the Mátyáshegy Observatory (extensometer E2) between 01 January 2012 and 31 December 2012.

Waves		Sopron	Sopronbánfalva			Budap	Budapest E2	
	Analysis of uncorrected data	orrected data	Analysis with pressure data	pressure data	Analysis of uncorrected data	corrected data	Analysis with pressure data	pressure data
	Amplitude±S.D.	Amplitude	Amplitude±S.D.	Amplitude	Amplitude±S.D.	Amplitude	Amplitude±S.D.	Amplitude
	[nstr]	factor±S.D.	[nstr]	factor±S.D.	[nstr]	factor±S.D.	[nstr]	factor±S.D.
Q1	0.752±0.247	0.596±0.196	0.891±0.145	0.706 ± 0.115	1.048±0.085	0.977±0.080	1.051 ± 0.082	0.980±0.077
01	3.786 ± 0.267	0.574 ± 0.040	3.981 ± 0.157	0.604 ± 0.024	5.151 ± 0.092	0.919 ± 0.016	5.173 ± 0.089	0.923 ± 0.016
MI	0.306 ± 0.282	0.591 ± 0.543	0.238 ± 0.165	0.460 ± 0.319	0.341 ± 0.097	0.774 ± 0.219	0.341 ± 0.093	0.774 ± 0.211
P1	1.083 ± 0.259	0.353 ± 0.085	0.933 ± 0.152	0.304 ± 0.050	2.350 ± 0.090	0.901 ± 0.034	2.291 ± 0.087	0.879 ± 0.033
K1	4.041 ± 0.271	0.436 ± 0.029	4.048 ± 0.159	0.437 ± 0.017	5.986 ± 0.094	0.760 ± 0.012	5.918 ± 0.091	0.751 ± 0.012
11	0.351 ± 0.270	0.678 ± 0.520	0.408 ± 0.159	0.787 ± 0.306	0.361 ± 0.093	0.819 ± 0.212	0.368 ± 0.090	0.834 ± 0.204
001	0.220 ± 0.304	0.774 ± 1.072	0.432 ± 0.179	1.522 ± 0.630	0.165 ± 0.105	0.686 ± 0.435	0.182 ± 0.101	0.755 ± 0.420
2N2	0.150 ± 0.080	0.969 ± 0.518	0.132 ± 0.061	0.852 ± 0.397	0.239 ± 0.035	0.884 ± 0.128	0.242 ± 0.034	0.898 ± 0.128
N2	0.889 ± 0.105	0.918 ± 0.109	0.927 ± 0.081	0.958 ± 0.083	1.631 ± 0.046	0.964 ± 0.027	1.634 ± 0.046	0.966 ± 0.027
M2	4.864 ± 0.104	0.962 ± 0.020	4.767±0.079	0.943 ± 0.016	8.635 ± 0.046	0.978 ± 0.005	8.620 ± 0.046	0.976 ± 0.005
1.2	0.085 ± 0.081	0.594 ± 0.564	0.119 ± 0.062	0.833 ± 0.432	0.286 ± 0.035	1.146 ± 0.140	0.292 ± 0.035	1.169 ± 0.139
S2	3.709 ± 0.103	1.576 ± 0.044	2.128 ± 0.084	0.904 ± 0.036	4.257 ± 0.046	1.036 ± 0.011	4.212 ± 0.046	1.025 ± 0.011
K2	0.813 ± 0.115	1.272 ± 0.181	0.487 ± 0.089	0.762 ± 0.139	1.050 ± 0.051	0.941 ± 0.046	1.030 ± 0.051	0.923 ± 0.046
S.D. of weight unit	100	4			-	-		94
[nstr]	5.915	C.	657.7	6	1.434	46	P0C.1	24
Pressure regression			4.5				0.5	16
coefficient [nstr/nFa]								

Table 3. Results of the long-term extensometric and geodetic measurements. (GPS SGO and GPS MGGO denote GPS measurements in the region of SGO and MGGO, respectively; HTN MGGO denote the strain rate determined from the Hungarian Triangulation Network in the region of the MGGO.)

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Measuring method	Strain rate [µstr year ⁻¹]	Type of deformation	Admittance µstr °C ⁻¹	Annual peak to peak strain variation	Mesurement period
				[µstr]	
SGO E1	-3.5	compression	0.023	1	2005-2012
MGGO E1	0.0076	extension	0.009	0.4	2005-2012
MGGO E2	-0.444	compression	0.006	0.3	2005-2012
MGGO E1	-0.08	compression	_	_	1990-1992
MGGO E2	-2.24	compression	_	_	1990-1992
GPS SGO	-0.008	compression	_	_	1991–2007
GPS MGGO	-0.004	compression	_	_	1991–2007
HTN MGGO	-0.08	compression	_	_	1878-1965

Table4

Table 4. Lithologic parameters of the rock around the observatories

Observatory	Rock material	Density [kg m ⁻³]	Young's modulus [GPa]	Poisson ratio
Sopronbánfalva	Gneiss	2700	45.5	0.12
Mátyáshegy	Limestone	2500	65.0	0.25