

disturbance affected the observations, which could, if understood, possibly be included in the functional model for the tidal analysis.

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## Proper Usage of the ICET Data Bank Du bon usage de la Banque de Données ICET

### Comparison with theoretical applications on Earth Models

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#### 1. Introduction

The information contained in the ICET Data Bank DB92 has to be used with caution and on the basis of a critical selection depending upon the objectives of investigations as stated by Melchior (1994, alinea 12):

- (1) historical data, see for example the discussion of Tomaschek measurements by Melchior (1995 b) and by Wenzel (1995);
- (2) systematic behaviour of some instruments used in profiles in order to improve the homogeneity and consistency of the Data Bank, see for example Baker et al. (1996);
- (3) data from stations affected by large oceanic effects used to check and compare oceanic tides models, see for example Melchior and Francis (1996);
- (4) data from stations where the oceanic effects are small (proportionally to the body tide) or well controlled (10% uncertainty or less on L vector amplitude) to test Earth's body tide models for the tidal waves  $O_1$ ,  $K_1$ ,  $P_1$  and  $M_2$  including the possibility of lateral heterogeneity effects.

Misapplications of these criteria, in the past, sometimes led to misclaims or misunderstanding. The last two criteria correspond to the objective of the present paper.

#### 2. Comparisons with Earth's body tide models for the two main lunar waves $O_1$ and $M_2$

For such comparisons we have selected:

- (a) European continental stations at mid-latitudes (where  $M_2$  and  $O_1$  waves have practically equal amplitudes around  $35 \mu\text{gal}$ ), i.e. 20 series selected in function of the high quality of their instrumentation (Table 1 for the  $M_2$  wave ; Table 3 for the  $O_1$  wave);
- (b) the important network covering the large South American continent which includes 34 stations, where the  $M_2$  amplitude reaches up to  $80 \mu\text{gal}$  but where the diurnal waves amplitudes are small (Table 2, excluding Central America and Patagonian shelf).

It is worth while to point out that all small islands were excluded as well as Indonesia, Philippines and Japan. Australian and New Zealand stations had to be excluded because of the poor quality of the oceanic models in this area (Melchior and Francis, 1996). Chinese network was not considered because data were made available to ICET only for the ten stations occupied by the Royal Observatory of Belgium. Data from North America are too few. We do not use here the results obtained in Africa as there is a real suspicion of lateral heterogeneity effects between the cold spot in the Western part and the hot spot in the horn of Africa (Melchior 1995a).

We have also rejected all stations exhibiting, after ocean tide loading corrections, phase lags (or advances) larger than  $0.5^\circ$  on  $O_1$  or  $M_2$  as well as large X residues  $|X| > |B|$ , (instrumental phase lag determination being sometimes doubtful). A well identified critical point is the accuracy of the instrumental calibrations. A criterion about it may be that if the results for the  $O_1$  wave are coherent with the models, the results for the  $M_2$  wave are not biased by calibration effects even if they exhibit anomalies.

### 2.1. Wave $M_2$

The  $M_2$  oceanic loading corrections in Western and Central Europe are of the order of 1 to 2  $\mu\text{gal}$ , that is about 6% of the observed amplitude. However, they reach twice (or even more) this amplitude in Spain (Francis and Melchior, 1996). From the Tables 1 and 2, it comes out that the inelastic non-hydrostatic Earth body model ( $\alpha = 0.15$ ) results (Dehant et al. 1997) 1.16257 is close to and comprised between the experimental solutions based upon CSR3.0 and FES95.2 oceanic models in Europe and in South America involving 52 tidal gravity stations and 26 different gravimeters:

	Europe	South America
FES95.2	$1.1604 \pm 0.0003$	$1.1603 \pm 0.0012$
CSR3.0	$1.1633 \pm 0.0007$	$1.1607 \pm 0.0012$

The standard 1980 Schwiderski model gives a 0.2% lower  $\delta$  factor ( $\delta = 1.1580$ ). With all models and in both continents the phase is negative, around  $-0.05^\circ$  in Europe but around  $-0.30^\circ$  in South America.

Considering the higher quality of the instruments used and the optimum installation conditions in Observatories in Europe (superconducting gravimeters and LaCoste Romberg Earth Tide meters) we should mainly thrust the smallest phase lag. However the South America results fit almost exactly the value obtained by regression calculations between the **B** and **L** vectors obtained from 300 stations of DB92, i.e.  $-0.3^\circ$  (Melchior 1989 and alinea 4 of the present paper). At most (50) of the continental European stations, including Scandinavia the CSR3.0 results are 1% higher than SCHW80 while FES95.2 results are 0.5% higher. There is thus a difference of 0.5% between CSR3.0 and FES95.2 results. For the twenty stations in Spain these differences with respect to SCHW80 are 0.5% higher for CSR3.0 and practically 0 for FES95.2 thus still 0.5% between CSR3.0 and FES95.2.

### 2.2. Wave $O_1$

The oceanic contribution in tidal gravity is rather small in Europe for the  $O_1$  wave. As an example, the oceanic tides at Oostend harbour in Belgium have an amplitude of only 0.095 m for  $O_1$  against 1.803 m for  $M_2$ .

Thus the corrections on the  $O_1$  amplitude are of the order of 0.15 microgal (i.e. 0.4% of the observed  $O_1$  amplitude) with only slight differences between the oceanic models.

On the basis of the 20 European series selected (Table 3), the  $\delta$  factor differs only at the fourth decimal, depending on the oceanic model used for the correction for loading:

$$\delta(O_1) = 1.1531 \text{ to } 1.1538 (\pm 0.0005)$$

in fair agreement with the anelastic, non-hydrostatic model of Dehant et al. (1997) 1.15382 the phase lag being:

$$\alpha(O_1) = -0.01^\circ \text{ to } -0.07^\circ (\pm 0.01^\circ)$$

### 3. The Diurnal Tidal Gravity Waves and the Earth's Liquid Core Resonance

Obviously, it is of great interest to examine the four important diurnal waves  $Q_1$ ,  $O_1$ ,  $P_1$  and  $K_1$  in view of a comparison with the Earth liquid core resonance as given by the recent theoretical models. However not many stations can be used for this purpose because series longer than 180 days are needed to perform a separation of the waves  $P_1$  and  $K_1$  from the spurious  $S_1$  meteorological component. Moreover equatorial and sub-tropical stations are not suitable because the amplitude of all tesseral diurnal waves vanishes at the equator. We therefore selected the convenient series according to the following criteria:

- 1.- Length of continuous measurements : more than 180 days.
- 2.- Latitude higher than  $+23^\circ$  (Northern hemisphere) or  $-23^\circ$  (Southern hemisphere) : the observed  $P_1$  amplitude varies from 12  $\mu\text{gal}$  at the tropic (Alice Springs station) to 17  $\mu\text{gal}$  at the latitude  $45^\circ$  (Ottawa station).
- 3.- Instrumental calibration accuracy checked.
- 4.- Mean square error on the  $P_1$  phase ( $E(\alpha P_1)$ ) less than  $0.3^\circ$ .
- 5.- Oceanic loading amplitude ratio to observed amplitude ( $B/A$ )  $< 0.05$

Twenty seven stations with thirty two different gravimeters satisfying these five criteria are listed in Table 4 where not only the  $\delta$ ,  $\alpha$  parameters corrected for oceanic effects (Schwiderski models) but also the **B**, **L** and **X** vectors are given. Despite their small amplitudes the **B** and **L** vectors remarkably fit together so that, in practically all cases, the **X** amplitudes are reduced with respect to the **B** amplitudes. For these 27 stations (amongst which 12 outside Europe) vectorial means are to be compared with the inelastic non-hydrostatic model of Dehant et al. (1997):

Wave	27 World Stations		15 European stations		Model*
	$\delta$	$\alpha$	$\delta$	$\alpha$	$\delta$
$Q_1$			$1.1524 \pm 0.0006$	$-0.06^\circ \pm 0.03^\circ$	1.1538
$O_1$	$1.1556 \pm 0.0008$	$-0.12^\circ \pm 0.04^\circ$	$1.1538 \pm 0.0006$	$0.00^\circ \pm 0.02^\circ$	1.1538
$P_1$	$1.1485 \pm 0.0009$	$-0.01^\circ \pm 0.05^\circ$	$1.1477 \pm 0.0007$	$0.02^\circ \pm 0.03^\circ$	1.1487
$K_1$	$1.1379 \pm 0.0008$	$-0.05^\circ \pm 0.04^\circ$	$1.1356 \pm 0.0007$	$0.06^\circ \pm 0.02^\circ$	1.1345

\* Dehant, Defraigne and Wahr (1997).

$\delta$ ,  $\alpha$  tidal parameters corrected for oceanic loading

For  $Q_1$  we have restricted the selection to those stations where  $|\alpha \text{ corrected}| < 0.4^\circ$  and  $L(Q_1) < 0.10 \mu\text{gal}$ . 17 European series satisfying these conditions are given in Table 5. The differences in the oceanic loading corrections according to the different  $O_1$  oceanic models are negligible for stations distant by more than 100 km from the shore, as shown by Melchior and Francis (1996 - equation (3)). This applies also to  $Q_1$ ,  $P_1$  and  $K_1$  waves.

#### 4. Residues obtained for the different tidal constituents:

We use the notations introduced in all our previous papers (Melchior, 1983, page 389). Melchior and Francis (1996) recently analysed in details all the data of the ICET Data Bank (DB 92) obtained for the main lunar waves  $O_1$  and  $M_2$  and concluded that regressions and correlation coefficients  $k$  between the  $B$  and  $L$  vectors gave, for 11 different oceanic tide models, the following World means:

	$M_2$	$O_1$
<u>In phase component</u>		
$a_c$	$-0.034 \pm 0.057$	$-0.120 \pm 0.027$
$b_c$	$1.125 (48.4^\circ) \pm 0.019$	$0.988 (44.6^\circ) \pm 0.039$
$k_c$	0.874 to 0.930	0.825 to 0.835
<u>Out of phase component</u>		
$a_s$	$-0.273 \pm 0.065$	$-0.015 \pm 0.023$
$b_s$	$1.094 (47.6^\circ) \pm 0.011$	$0.919 (42.6^\circ) \pm 0.036$
$k_s$	0.919 to 0.941	0.791 to 0.840

We will consider here the other main tidal waves:  $Q_1$ ,  $P_1$ ,  $K_1$  and  $N_2$ , as oceanic corange-tidal models are also available for these more or less important constituents. However a comparison with any ground based tidal gravity station is not obvious.

#### 4.1 Lunar Waves

Besides the purely lunar waves of largest amplitude, the tesseral diurnal component  $O_1$  and the sectorial semi-diurnal component  $M_2$ , the luni-solar tidal potential development contains two important lunar waves generated by the ellipticity of the lunar orbit (eccentricity 0.0549): the "elliptic" companion of  $O_1$ , called  $Q_1$ , and the "elliptic" companion of  $M_2$ , called  $N_2$ , whose amplitudes are both in the ratio 0.1915 of their "mother" wave. Their frequencies also differ by the same amount (0.544°/hour, that is 360° in a mean anomalistic month) from their "mother" wave frequency.

The waves  $Q_1$  and  $N_2$  can thus be considered just as  $O_1$  and  $M_2$  as one anomalistic month data allows a correct determination but they have, in general, a small amplitude with respect to the instrumental noise. Thus a quite longer series of measurements is needed. With periods of 26.868 hours and 12.658 hours these two waves are practically not disturbed by the atmospheric pressure effects which are concentrated around 24 hours and 12 hours. At 45° latitude they are of comparable amplitudes (respectively 5.95 and 7.19  $\mu\text{gal}$  for a rigid Earth) and have exactly equal amplitude at 50.38° latitude.

##### 4.1.1. The diurnal lunar wave $Q_1$

The diurnal waves are resonant only in few restricted oceanic areas: Aden, East Asia, North Pacific, South Australia, Patagonia, Carribean and Antarctic. It results that the amplitudes of the vectors  $B$  ( $Q_1$ ) and  $L$  ( $Q_1$ ) remain less than 0.1  $\mu\text{gal}$  in all other areas, particularly in Europe and West Africa.

An amplitude of one microgal has been observed for  $B$  at only one station, Comandante Ferraz in the South Shetlands where we get :

$$B = 1.25 \mu\text{gal}, \beta = -163^\circ \quad L = 0.92 \mu\text{gal}, \lambda = -159^\circ \text{ (FES95.2)} \quad X = 0.34 \mu\text{gal}, \chi = -174^\circ$$

With 223 stations from the DB92 Data Bank (several stations exhibiting obvious large anomalies being discarded) we obtain as correlation coefficients:  $k_c = 0.747$ ,  $k_s = 0.754$ . The Table 6 shows that, for what concerns these correlation coefficients the four models SCHW80, CSR3.0, FES95.2 and ORINAO do not differ significantly. Also the independent terms  $a_c$ ,  $a_s$  in the regression do not differ significantly while they are small and negative in all cases which again could correspond to a small phase lag of the Earth's body tide. The regression coefficients  $b_c$ ,  $b_s$  exhibit more discrepancies and the CSR3.0 model obviously looks more satisfactory than the others. However, the observed load is slightly larger than the calculated one:

$$b_c = 1.133 \pm 0.067 (48.6^\circ) \quad b_s = 1.028 \pm 0.059 (45.8^\circ)$$

In many of these 223 stations, the  $L$  amplitudes are very small, even vanishing, while the corresponding very small  $B$  amplitudes are often overwhelmed by local noise which makes the correlation illusory.

Considering that the standard error on the observed amplitudes  $B$  is about 0.2  $\mu\text{gal}$ , we have selected those ground based tidal gravity stations where  $L$  ( $Q_1$ )  $\geq 0.20 \mu\text{gal}$ , a situation which arises essentially around the Indian, Pacific and Antarctic Oceans as well as in some South American Coastal stations. Thirty-three stations fulfilling this criterion are reported in Table 7. These stations obviously are not the same as those listed in the Table 5 which were selected on the basis of the opposite criterion i.e.  $L$  ( $Q_1$ )  $\leq 0.05 \mu\text{gal}$ . The stations of Table 7 are not suitable for testing the Earth's body tidal models.

To calculate the regression between the in-phase and out-of-phase components of vectors  $B$  and  $L$  we have added three European stations equipped with superconducting gravimeters. This has given for the 36 stations:

Wave  $Q_1$  (36 stations) where  $L$  ( $Q_1$ )  $\geq 0.20 \mu\text{gal}$

Parameters	SCHW80	CSR3.0	FES95.2
<u>In-phase component</u>			
$a_c$	$-0.046 \pm 0.018$	$-0.052 \pm 0.015$	$-0.015 \pm 0.017$
$b_c$	$1.260 (51.6^\circ) \pm 0.062$	$1.105 (47.9^\circ) \pm 0.045$	$1.261 (51.6^\circ) \pm 0.057$
$k_c$	0.961	0.972	0.966
RMS	0.106	0.090	0.099
<u>Out-of-phase component</u>			
$a_s$	$-0.032 \pm 0.025$	$-0.014 \pm 0.028$	$-0.057 \pm 0.025$
$b_s$	$1.206 (50.3^\circ) \pm 0.114$	$0.801 (38.7^\circ) \pm 0.089$	$1.068 (46.9^\circ) \pm 0.105$
$k_s$	0.873	0.836	0.865
RMS	0.143	0.161	0.147

##### 4.1.2. The semi-diurnal wave $N_2$

The oceanic loading effects are evidently larger than those of the diurnal wave  $Q_1$ , due to the resonances observed in the world oceans at semi-diurnal frequencies. For the  $N_2$  wave they are however still very small in Scandinavia, West Africa and China, still rather small in Western Europe (around 0.35  $\mu\text{gal}$ ) but reach 1  $\mu\text{gal}$  or more in Spain. They are of the microgal level in East and South Africa and South America (with the exception of Argentina). A correlation analysis applied to 206 stations of the data bank, where  $L$  ( $N_2$ )  $\geq 0.20 \mu\text{gal}$ , has given :

Wave  $N_2$  (206 stations) where  $L(N_2) \geq 0.20 \mu\text{gal}$

Parameters	SCHW80	CSR3.0	FES95.2
<u>In-phase component</u>			
$a_c$	$-0.024 \pm 0.016$	$0.034 \pm 0.016$	$0.030 \pm 0.016$
$b_c$	$0.991 (44.7^\circ) \pm 0.030$	$0.908 (42.2^\circ) \pm 0.030$	$1.014 (45.4^\circ) \pm 0.030$
$k_c$	0.917	0.911	0.926
RMS	0.224	0.231	0.212
<u>Out-of-phase component</u>			
$a_s$	$-0.034 \pm 0.020$	$-0.037 \pm 0.019$	$-0.058 \pm 0.019$
$b_s$	$1.000 (45^\circ) \pm 0.032$	$0.968 (44.1^\circ) \pm 0.028$	$1.065 (46.8^\circ) \pm 0.032$
$k_s$	0.911	0.923	0.921
RMS	0.236	0.220	0.223

#### 4.2. Solar and luni solar waves

We do not consider here  $S_2$  and  $K_2$  waves because atmospheric pressure corrections are not available for most of the stations. Moreover the admittance coefficient ( $\mu\text{gal}/\text{mbar}$ ) is different in function of the geographical and climatic conditions, coastal or continental situation. The  $P_1$  and  $K_1$  constituents have large amplitudes but they are close in frequency so that long series of data (six months or, better, one year) are needed to separate  $P_1$  from  $K_1$ . Moreover these two waves are influenced by the atmospheric effects. Series of one year length, with atmospheric pressure data, would thus be needed to correctly determine their parameters. In general the ocean is not resonant at their frequencies and, consequently, do not generate strong attraction and loading effects. Very few stations exhibit significant  $P_1$  and  $K_1$  residues.

##### 4.2.1. The diurnal solar wave $P_1$

The situation is similar to the  $Q_1$  wave: only those areas where the ocean tidal diurnal frequencies give measurable residues. But here, the length of the series of observations must be at least six months and the observing room must be well protected against temperature variations. We thus have considered again here only those stations where  $L(P_1) \geq 0.20 \mu\text{gal}$  that is stations which are not suitable for testing the Earth's body tidal models and, consequently, differ from those listed in Table 4 which obey to the opposite criterion  $L(P_1) \leq 0.10 \mu\text{gal}$  (the maximum  $P_1$  body tide amplitude being  $16.7 \mu\text{gal}$  at the latitude  $45^\circ$ ). We found only 26 series in the Data Bank DB92 which fulfil these three conditions (Table 8). The  $L$  vectors are comprised between 0.2 and 1 microgal and the differences between the oceanic models considered here (SCHW80, CSR3.0 and FES95.2) are in general well below the observations noise. The regression calculations give the following results:

Wave  $P_1$  (27 stations) where  $L(P_1) \geq 0.20 \mu\text{gal}$

Parameters	SCHW80	CSR3.0	FES95.2
<u>In-phase component</u>			
$a_c$	$0.040 \pm 0.047$	$0.056 \pm 0.045$	$0.037 \pm 0.047$
$b_c$	$1.170 (49.5^\circ) \pm 0.088$	$0.998 (44.9^\circ) \pm 0.072$	$1.057 (46.6^\circ) \pm 0.080$
$k_c$	0.934	0.939	0.932
RMS	0.241	0.233	0.244

Out-of-phase component

$a_s$	$-0.016 \pm 0.026$	$-0.019 \pm 0.029$	$-0.002 \pm 0.031$
$b_s$	$1.088 (47.4^\circ) \pm 0.063$	$0.837 (39.9^\circ) \pm 0.054$	$0.878 (41.3^\circ) \pm 0.062$
$k_s$	0.959	0.950	0.941
RMS	0.137	0.151	0.163

##### 4.2.2. The diurnal luni-solar wave $K_1$

Considering that the problems of extraction of the wave  $K_1$  are exactly the same of those of the wave  $P_1$ , we have, for reasons of homogeneity, selected the same 26 stations used for the wave  $P_1$  as listed in the Table 9. One may remind here that the  $K_1$  amplitude is three times the  $P_1$  amplitude in the development of the luni-solar potential. In the oceans this ratio is slightly higher, being 3.3, due to the small difference in the frequencies ( $0.082^\circ/\text{hour}$ ) while the  $\lambda$  phases differ in general by no more than  $2^\circ$  from those of  $P_1$ . Thus to  $L(P_1) \geq 0.2 \mu\text{gal}$  corresponds  $L(K_1) \geq 0.6 \mu\text{gal}$ .

It may be interesting to point out that, for two equatorial stations in Table 9, Mogadiscio and Quito, the B or L amplitudes are respectively larger and equal to the observed A amplitude which had to be expected as the Earth's body tide vanishes at the equator.

Wave  $K_1$  (27 stations) where  $L(P_1) \geq 0.20 \mu\text{gal}$

Parameters	SCHW80	CSR3.0	FES95.2
<u>In-phase component</u>			
$a_c$	$-0.099 \pm 0.106$	$0.067 \pm 0.108$	$0.012 \pm 0.93$
$b_c$	$1.220 (50.6^\circ) \pm 0.64$	$1.072 (47^\circ) \pm 0.58$	$1.168 (49.4^\circ) \pm 0.54$
$k_c$	0.967	0.965	0.975
RMS	0.535	0.551	0.471
<u>Out-of-phase component</u>			
$a_s$	$-0.179 \pm 0.112$	$-0.163 \pm 0.105$	$-0.134 \pm 0.110$
$b_s$	$0.919 (42.6^\circ) \pm 0.084$	$0.746 (36.7^\circ) \pm 0.064$	$0.801 (38.7^\circ) \pm 0.072$
$k_s$	0.909	0.920	0.913
RMS	0.570	0.537	0.560

#### 5. The problem of the phase lag

The problem of the Earth tides phase lag has long been a source of contests and contradictions. It is however a crucial parameter for the budget of Earth's rotation secular retardation and moon acceleration.

For the main wave  $M_2$ , directly responsible for the secular retardation of the Earth's rotation, the instruments of high quality installed in observatories offering the best conditions, all situated in Europe, give (Table 1) for these  $\alpha_z$  phase related to the gravimetric disturbance at the deforming surface (Zschau 1978) and corresponding to the (h - 3/2 k) combination of the Love numbers:

phase $\alpha_z$	oceanic model corrections according to
$-0.07^\circ \pm 0.03^\circ$	SCHW80
$-0.12^\circ \pm 0.03^\circ$	CSR3.0
$0.00^\circ \pm 0.03^\circ$	FES95.2
$-0.07^\circ \pm 0.03^\circ$	FES95.2b

However 34 stations in South America, involving 10 different instruments give very homogeneous phase lags for the same four oceanic models (Table 3):

$$\alpha = -0.30^\circ \pm 0.06^\circ$$

We should trust the null or small phase lags obtained in Europe but an explanation is then needed for the South American continent.

The linear regressions calculated between the cosine and sine components of the **B** and **L** vectors give for all waves and with each one of the 11 oceanic tides models (see Melchior and Francis 1996, Table 2) systematic negative values, through not always significant for the independent terms  $a_i$  ( $M_2$ ,  $N_2$ ,  $O_1$ ,  $Q_1$ ,  $P_1$ ,  $K_1$ ) and  $a_e$  (same waves at the exception of  $N_2$  and  $P_1$ ).

$$a_i \cong -0.273 \pm 0.060$$

This could be explained by a phase lag of about  $-0.3^\circ$  corresponding to a pressure effect **P** as advocated by Schwiderski (1985) or Platzmann (1985). The vectorial representation of the residues should thus be written

$$\mathbf{B}^* = \mathbf{A} - (\mathbf{R} + \mathbf{P}), \quad \mathbf{X}^* = \mathbf{B}^* - \mathbf{L} = \mathbf{B} - \mathbf{L} - \mathbf{P}$$

If **P** is in quadrature with **R** one gets

$$X^* \cos \chi^* = X \cos \chi, \quad X^* \sin \chi^* = X \sin \chi - P$$

Then, taking  $P \cong X \sin \chi = -0.154 \pm 0.028 \mu\text{gal}$ , reduces the phase lag  $\alpha_g$  to zero.

Using VLBI measurements, Mitrovica et al. (1994) determined the  $h_2$  Love number and phase characterising the radial displacement in the tesseral diurnal part of the tidal potential. They obtained for the  $O_1$  lunar wave:

$$h_2(O_1) = 0.614 \pm 0.007, \quad \alpha_r(O_1) = -0.7^\circ \pm 0.5^\circ$$

a phase which is the tidal bulge delay angle of the Earth's radial displacement, different from the "gravimetric bulge"  $\alpha_g$  which is related to the  $(h_2 - 3/2 k_2)$  combination of Love numbers (Zschau, 1978).

A direct measurement of this bulge delay angle  $\alpha_r$  can also be obtained from registration of the radial deformations with a vertical extensometer. To our knowledge only one such instrument has given significant results, a 3.4 meter long quartz tube fixed in the ceiling of a mine gallery in the Walferdange Underground Laboratory. At Walferdange latitude ( $49.665^\circ$  N) the theoretical amplitude of the radial component of the  $M_2$  deformation tensor:

$$e_r = [-\nu/(1-\nu)](2h-6l)W_2/ag \quad (\text{Melchior 1983, section 3.3.5})$$

(with  $\nu$ : Poisson coefficient) is

$$R = 11.244 \cdot 10^{-9}, \text{ zero phase}$$

when we take for reference model the physical limit of an incompressible elastic Earth

$$\nu = 0.5 \text{ with } h = 0.62, l = 0.09$$

The oceanic perturbation in the radial extension, calculated on the basis of the Schwiderski  $M_2$  model is

$$L = 0.682 \cdot 10^{-9} \quad \lambda = -118.85^\circ$$

We have

$$A_0 = R + L = 11.57 \cdot 10^{-9} \quad \alpha_0 = +2.95^\circ$$

while the analysis of two long series of registration of the vertical extensometer (1971-78 and 1980-83) gives

$$A = 7.613 \cdot 10^{-9} \quad \alpha = +2.54^\circ \pm 0.23^\circ$$

Thus a phase lag

$$\alpha_r = \alpha - \alpha_0 = -0.41^\circ (\pm 0.23^\circ)$$

(Note that a change of the elastic reference model do not affect the phases).

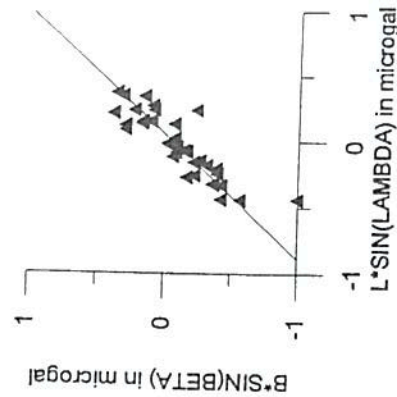
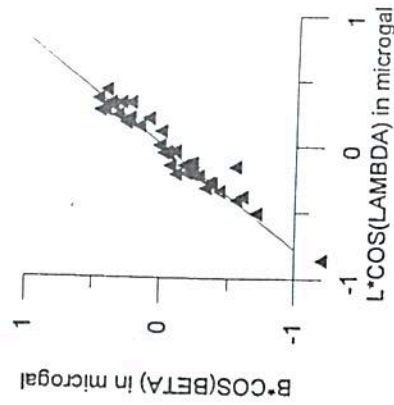
It may be interesting to point out that the observed phase lag of the tidal gravity (vertical component) obtained with three Askania gravimeters installed very close to this extensometer

is  $\alpha = 2.17^\circ \pm 0.01^\circ$  and, corrected for oceanic effects:  $\alpha_g = -0.32^\circ (\pm 0.01^\circ)$  coincidence or true geophysical fact?

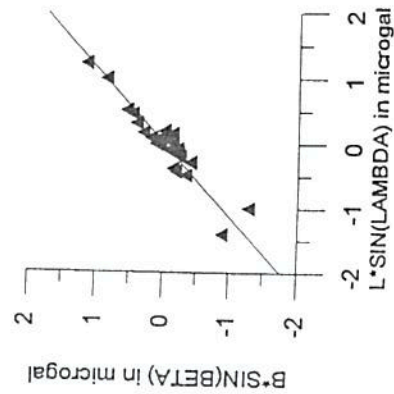
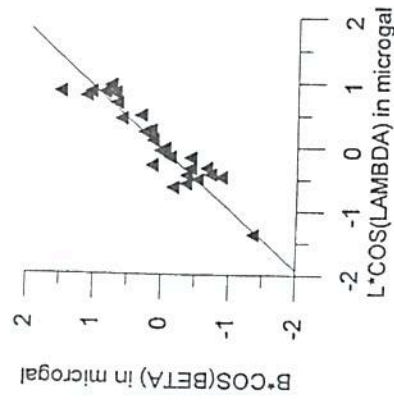
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Q1 Wave  
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P1 Wave  
FES95.2



K1 Wave  
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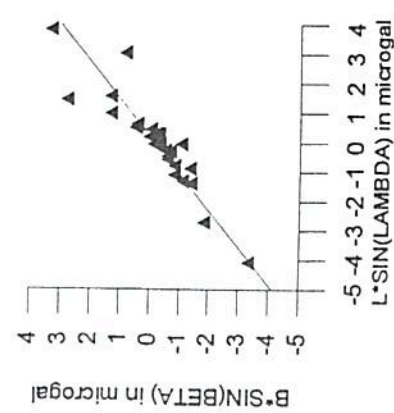
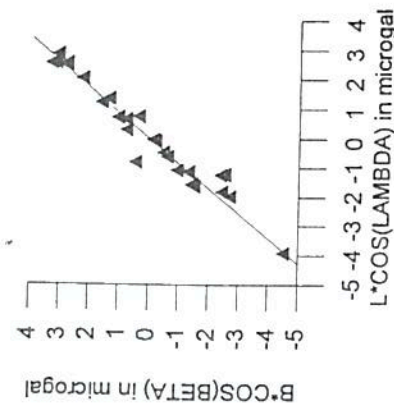


Table 1

Gravity Tides - M2 Wave

$\delta$ ,  $\alpha$  Tidal parameters obtained with independently calibrated gravimeters after Oceanic Loading Correction

			EUROPE								
			Oceanic Models								
Station	Ins.	N	SCHW80		CSR3.0		FES95.2		FES95.2b		
			$\delta$	$\alpha$	$\delta$	$\alpha$	$\delta$	$\alpha$	$\delta$	$\alpha$	
0200	Bruxelles	Supra3	121920	1.1539	0.04°	1.1682	-0.18°	1.1586	0.04°	1.1591	-0.18°
0243	Membach	Supra21	8264	1.1565	-0.02°	1.1653	-0.14°	1.1607	0.01°	1.1614	-0.03°
0243	Membach	Absolu FG5	1139	1.1547	-0.20°	1.1637	-0.33°	1.1598	-0.17°	1.1589	-0.15°
0243	Membach	Scintrex	3840	1.1560	0.09°	1.1648	-0.04°	1.1602	0.12°	1.1610	0.14°
0306	Strasbourg	Supra 5	74170	1.1582	-0.04°	1.1618	-0.03°	1.1597	-0.08°	1.1591	-0.02°
0401	Valle d.L.C	ET 15	5184	1.1593	0.28°	1.1643	-0.07°	1.1592	0.25°	1.1596	0.15°
0402	Madrid	LCR 665	6240	1.1632	0.04°	1.1674	-0.28°	1.1639	0.00°	1.1631	-0.10°
0515	Brasimone	Supra 15	6144	1.1598	-0.29°	1.1594	0.01°	1.1592	0.00°	1.1583	-0.06°
0610	Chur	ET 13	2496	1.1590	-0.16°	1.1607	-0.07°	1.1595	0.00°	1.1590	-0.07°
0615	Zurich	ET 13	5136	1.1592	-0.22°	1.1613	-0.16°	1.1598	-0.05°	1.1587	-0.14°
0701	Bonn	LCR 298	3696	1.1559	0.00°	1.1637	-0.11°	1.1600	0.05°	1.1596	-0.07°
0716	Schiltach	ET 19	9744	1.1586	-0.12°	1.1617	-0.08°	1.1601	0.02°	1.1590	-0.07°
0716	Schiltach	LCR 249	2880	1.1577	-0.08°	1.1609	-0.04°	1.1592	0.06°	1.1581	-0.03°
0734	Bad Homburg	ET 15	4464	1.1569	-0.03°	1.1626	-0.07°	1.1601	0.04°	1.1593	-0.04°
0765	Potsdam	A 222	186816	1.1567	-0.09°	1.1672	-0.14°	1.1632	-0.12°	1.1625	-0.11°
0765	Potsdam	Supra 18	266400	1.1571	-0.04°	1.1635	-0.07°	1.1615	0.01°	1.1608	-0.06°
0765	Potsdam	ET 16	5808	1.1556	-0.02°	1.1621	-0.05°	1.1601	0.03°	1.1594	-0.04°
0930	Pecny	A 228	87312	1.1589	-0.25°	1.1627	-0.24°	1.1614	-0.17°	1.1605	-0.23°
0950	Budapest	A 228	8160	1.1602	-0.11°	1.1628	-0.13°	1.1621	-0.07°	1.1613	-0.11°
1010	Sofia	A 220	7728	1.1573	-0.10°	1.1583	-0.22°	1.1582	-0.15°	1.1575	-0.18°
Mean	20 series			1.1577	-0.07°	1.1636	-0.12°	1.1607	0.00°	1.1598	-0.07°
				± 0.0004	0.03°	± 0.0007	0.03°	± 0.0003	0.03°	± 0.0003	0.03°
DB92 Europe, 84 stations:	Melchior 1994 (Schw80 Model)							1.1597	-0.09°		
DB92 World, 215 stations:	Melchior 1994 (Schw80 Model)							± 0.0007	0.04°		
								1.1602	-0.09°		
								± 0.0005	0.03°		
Inelastic non-hydrostatic model	Dehant-Defraigne-Wahr 1997							1.16257			
Correction for inertia	not applied										
Phase :	minus is a lag										
Ins :	gravimeter										
	A	: Askania GS15									
	ET	: LaCoste Romberg Earth Tide									
	LCR	: LaCoste Romberg Model G									
	Supra	: Supraconducting Gravimeter									
	Absolu	: Absolute Gravimeter									
N	: number of hourly readings										

Table 2

## Gravity Tides - M2 Wave

$\delta$ ,  $\alpha$  Tidal parameters obtained with 10 gravimeters calibrated according to DB 92 system after Oceanic Loading Correction

## SOUTH AMERICA CONTINENT

Station	Ins.	N	Oceanic Models							
			SCHW80		CSR3.0		FES95.2		FES95.2b	
			$\delta$	$\alpha$	$\delta$	$\alpha$	$\delta$	$\alpha$	$\delta$	$\alpha$
6911 Morne/Cadets	G 783	3696	1.1567	-0.09°	1.1646	-0.27°	1.1652	-0.10°	1.1693	0.09°
6975 St Augustine	L 402	2736	1.1635	-0.15°	1.1676	-0.58°	1.1673	-0.55°	1.1731	-0.28°
7201 Caracas	L 402	3648	1.1547	-0.46°	1.1582	-0.66°	1.1581	-0.49°	1.1620	-0.55°
7250 Bogota	L 402	2640	1.1662	-0.51°	1.1711	-0.62°	1.1709	-0.45°	1.1734	-0.41°
7251 Cartagena	G 84	3168	1.1517	-0.64°	1.1560	-0.84°	1.1499	-0.64°	1.1588	-0.78°
7253 Cucuta	G 84	3744	1.1459	-0.42°	1.1499	-0.54°	1.1493	-0.42°	1.1524	-0.48°
7254 Cali	L 402	1344	1.1624	-0.99°	1.1700	-1.17°	1.1696	-0.45°	1.1725	-0.35°
7281 Kourou	G 783	4080	1.1644	-0.46°	1.1776	-0.26°	1.1766	-0.26°	1.1779	-0.24°
7303 Sao Paulo	L 913	7776	1.1609	0.02°	1.1588	-0.57°	1.1538	-0.35°	1.1556	-0.53°
7305 Curitiba	ET 10	4656	1.1622	0.25°	1.1594	-0.21°	1.1542	-0.18°	1.1564	-0.29°
7307 Campo Grande	L 003	1728	1.1627	-0.10°	1.1633	-0.32°	1.1623	-0.36°	1.1636	-0.39°
7309 Cuiaba	G 783	2640	1.1549	0.31°	1.1562	0.14°	1.1557	0.11°	1.1574	0.11°
7310 Goiania	G 783	3600	1.1540	0.31°	1.1553	0.10°	1.1548	0.08°	1.1543	0.04°
7311 Caico	L 008	4656	1.1590	0.30°	1.1656	-0.10°	1.1661	-0.12°	1.1703	-0.20°
7312 P.Prudente	L 487	4080	1.1618	-0.19°	1.1611	-0.46°	1.1598	-0.48°	1.1608	-0.55°
7314 Vassouras	G 783	4560	1.1722	-0.05°	1.1692	-0.47°	1.1654	-0.37°	1.1658	-0.50°
7315 Manaus	L 003	3456	1.1577	-0.85°	1.1611	-0.94°	1.1613	-0.94°	1.1632	-0.91°
7317 Salvador	L 008	3456	1.1559	0.36°	1.1588	-0.87°	1.1631	0.10°	1.1614	-0.24°
7319 Valinhos	L 913	4320	1.1635	0.03°	1.1631	0.15°	1.1608	0.14°	1.1622	0.05°
7400 Arequipa	L 402	4464	1.1580	0.17°	1.1580	0.07°	1.1607	-0.17°	1.1646	0.04°
7409 Nania	G 84	4272	1.1609	0.12°	1.1531	-0.34°	1.1658	-0.18°	1.1690	0.11°
7410 Chiclayo	L 402	2544	1.1548	0.25°	1.1582	-0.51°	1.1618	-0.09°	1.1645	0.31°
7411 Iquitos	G 84	4320	1.1512	0.08°	1.1543	-0.07°	1.1544	-0.01°	1.1563	0.07°
7412 Nazca	G 84	3696	1.1571	-0.28°	1.1586	-0.57°	1.1598	-0.63°	1.1644	-0.38°
7450 Quito	L 402	3264	1.1531	-0.35°	1.1589	-0.56°	1.1593	-0.24°	1.1618	-0.12°
7451 Guayaquil	G 84	2980	1.1615	-0.78°	1.1680	(-1.32)°	1.1677	-0.83°	1.1710	-0.64°
7500 La Paz	L 402	4176	1.1562	-0.10°	1.1578	-0.31°	1.1585	-0.36°	1.1612	-0.25°
7505 Santa Cruz	G 84	2688	1.1583	-0.17°	1.1600	-0.36°	1.1597	-0.41°	1.1618	-0.36°
7810 Tandil	G 765	3840	1.1598	0.21°	1.1545	-0.10°	1.1534	-0.65°	1.1520	-0.16°
7812 Cordoba	G 765	1296	1.1646	0.05°	1.1652	-0.25°	1.1643	-0.41°	1.1660	-0.32°
7813 Corrientes	G 765	1776	1.1713	-0.05°	1.1703	0.18°	1.1690	-0.43°	1.1706	-0.43°
7814 Zonda	L 906	2976	1.1463	0.48°	1.1477	0.18°	1.1470	-0.03°	1.1496	0.14°
7815 San Lorenzo	G 765	3360	1.1583	-0.11°	1.1595	-0.35°	1.1592	-0.45°	1.1617	-0.37°
7895 Tacuarembó	L 906	4368	1.1540	0.03°	1.1516	-0.39°	1.1486	-0.55°	1.1506	-0.55°

Mean 34 stations  $\pm$  1.1588 -0.11° 1.1607 -0.38° 1.1603 -0.33° 1.1628 -0.27°  
 0.0010 0.06° 0.0012 0.07° 0.0012 0.05° 0.0012 0.05°

DB92 Latin America, 46 stations: Melchior 1994(Schw80 Model)  $\pm$  1.1603 -0.04°

DB92 World, 215 stations: Melchior 1994(Schw80 Model)  $\pm$  1.1602 -0.09°  
 0.0005 0.03°

Inelastic non-hydrostatic model : Dehant-Defraigne-Wahr 1997 1.16257

Correction for inertia not applied

Phase: minus is a lag

Ins : gravimeter

G: Geodynamics  
 L: LaCoste Romberg Model G

N : number of hourly readings

Table 3

## Gravity Tides - O1 Wave

$\delta$ ,  $\alpha$  Tidal parameters obtained with independently calibrated gravimeters after Oceanic Loading Correction

## EUROPE

Station	Ins.	N	Oceanic Models					
			SCHW80		CRS3.0		FES95.2	
			$\delta$	$\alpha$	$\delta$	$\alpha$	$\delta$	$\alpha$
0200 Bruxelles	Supra 3	121920	1.1572	0.00°	1.1567	-0.06°	1.1579	-0.02°
0243 Membach	Supra 21	8264	1.1548	0.00°	1.1543	-0.05°	1.1553	-0.02°
0243 Membach	Absolu FG5	1139	1.1576	-0.03°	1.1571	-0.08°	1.1581	-0.05°
0243 Membach	Scintrex	3840	1.1535	0.02°	1.1531	-0.03°	1.1541	0.00°
0306 Strasbourg	Supra 5	74170	1.1529	0.06°	1.1526	-0.01°	1.1532	0.02°
0401 Valle d.L.C.	ET 15	5184	1.1508	0.08°	1.1506	0.01°	1.1507	0.04°
0402 Madrid	LCR 665	6240	1.1554	-0.10°	1.1551	-0.17°	1.1552	-0.14°
0515 Brasimone	Supra 15	6144	1.1509	0.14°	1.1503	-0.03°	1.1511	0.00°
0610 Chur	ET 13	2496	1.1524	0.00°	1.1522	-0.09°	1.1524	0.00°
0615 Zürich	ET 13	5136	1.1516	-0.01°	1.1513	-0.09°	1.1517	-0.01°
0701 Bonn	LCR 298	3696	1.1561	-0.12°	1.1557	-0.17°	1.1566	-0.15°
0716 Schiltach	ET 19	9744	1.1522	0.02°	1.1519	-0.04°	1.1525	-0.02°
0716 Schiltach	LCR 249	2880	1.1519	-0.02°	1.1516	-0.08°	1.1522	-0.06°
0734 Bad Homburg	ET 15	4464	1.1501	-0.03°	1.1497	-0.08°	1.1505	-0.06°
0765 Potsdam	A 222	186816	1.1541	-0.02°	1.1535	-0.05°	1.1545	-0.04°
0765 Potsdam	Supra 18	26640	1.1542	0.03°	1.1537	-0.09°	1.1547	0.01°
0765 Potsdam	ET 16	5808	1.1520	0.06°	1.1514	0.03°	1.1524	0.04°
0930 Pecny	A 228	87312	1.1515	-0.09°	1.1512	-0.14°	1.1519	-0.12°
0950 Budapest	A 228	8160	1.1540	-0.03°	1.1530	-0.08°	1.1544	-0.06°
1010 Sofia	A 220	7728	1.1544	-0.10°	1.1554	-0.22°	1.1546	-0.18°

Mean 20 series  $\pm$  1.1534 -0.01° 1.1531 -0.07° 1.1538 -0.04°  
 0.0005 0.01° 0.0005 0.01° 0.0005 0.01°

DB92 Europe, 81 stations: Melchior 1994(Schw80 Model) 1.1537 -0.10°

DB92 World, 188 stations: Melchior 1994(Schw80 Model)  $\pm$  1.1550 -0.22°  
 0.0008  $\pm$ 0.04°

Inelastic non hydrostatic model:

Dehant-Defraigne-Wahr 1997

1.15382

Correction for inertia not applied

Phase : minus is a lag

Ins : gravimeter

A : Askania GS15

ET : LaCoste Romberg Earth Tide

LCR : LaCoste Romberg Model G

Supra : Superconducting Gravimeter

Absolu: Absolute Gravimeter

N : number of hourly readings

Table 4 a Gravity Tides - O1, P1 and K1 Diurnal Waves

 $\delta, \alpha$  Tidal parameters obtained after Oceanic Loading Correction with Schwiderski models and Residues B, L, X

Station	Ins.	N	O1	P1	K1	O1	P1	K1	E( $\alpha$ P1)
0200/a Bruxelles	*Supra 3	5128	1.1574	1.1514	1.1379	0.04	109	0.06	49
0200/b			-0.01	-0.08	0.00	0.13	162	0.07	80
0200/c						0.11	-2	0.04	-38
0243/a Membach	*Supra 21	345	1.1556	1.1505	1.1364	0.07	143	0.10	44
0243/b			0.00	-0.02	0.04	0.14	164	0.06	75
0243/c						0.08	1	0.06	7
0243/a Membach	Scintrex	168	1.1536	1.1474	1.1330	0.13	155	0.06	77
0243/b			0.02	-0.03	0.19	0.14	164	0.06	75
0243/c						0.03	34	0.01	-
0257/a Walferdange	A 233	4400	1.1566	1.1499	1.1376	0.07	-156	0.07	89
0257/b			-0.09	0.02	-0.04	0.15	170	0.07	76
0257/c						0.10	-32	0.00	-
0306/a Strasbourg	*Supra 5	1254	1.1529	1.1481	1.1345	0.18	-12	0.07	97
0306/b			0.06	0.04	-0.04	0.15	172	0.06	78
0306/c						0.33	-10	0.02	154
0401/a Valle d L.C.	ET 15	270	1.1508	1.1531	1.1378	0.56	-156	0.04	101
0401/b			0.08	-0.26	0.02	0.28	-139	0.12	111
0401/c						0.33	-105	0.08	-65
0402/a Madrid	LCR 665	270	1.1554	1.1474	1.1406	0.30	-129	0.16	121
0402/b			-0.10	0.11	0.04	0.26	-139	0.11	111
0402/c						0.06	-85	0.05	143
0515/a Brasimone	Supra 15	1220	1.1525	1.1499	1.1330	0.19	167	0.05	96
0515/b			0.06	0.02	0.13	0.13	178	0.05	99
0515/c						0.06	143	0.03	0
0615/a Zurich	ET 15	214	1.1516	1.1346	1.1337	0.23	178	0.24	156
0615/b			-0.01	0.16	0.25	0.15	175	0.06	82
0615/c						0.08	-176	0.23	170
0698/a Wien	LCR 9	149	1.1587	1.1447	1.1381	0.12	90	0.10	140
0698/b			0.13	0.09	0.01	0.13	160	0.03	88
0698/c						0.16	41	0.08	157

Table 4b

0709/a Hannover	5 instr.		1.1525	1.1455	1.1351	0.06	148	0.08	125	0.06	-7	0.13
0709/b			0.05	0.24	-0.01	0.14	155	0.05	66	0.17	51	
0709/c						0.08	-20	0.07	161	0.15	-108	
0716/a Schiltach	*ET 19	286	1.1525	1.1464	1.1330	0.21	172	0.09	115	0.25	93	0.05
0716/b			0.01	0.09	0.11	0.15	172	0.06	79	0.17	66	
0716/c						0.06	173	0.05	156	0.13	131	
0734/a Bad Homburg	*Supra 1	1004	1.1494	1.1444	1.1308	0.30	-170	0.07	167	0.13	138	0.01
0734/b			-0.15	-0.14	-0.07	0.14	164	0.06	73	0.17	59	
0734/c						0.18	-150	0.09	-152	0.19	-162	
0765/a Potsdam	*Supra 18		1.1542	1.1493	1.1351	0.16	133	0.04	60	0.27	58	0.02
0765/b			0.03	-0.11	0.09	0.14	153	0.05	62	0.14	47	
0765/c						0.05	75	0.01	-	0.14	69	
0930/a Pecny	A 131	1768	1.1539	1.1500	1.1350	0.17	146	0.06	85	0.31	81	0.17
0930/b			0.07	0.07	0.25	0.14	158	0.04	76	0.11	61	
0930/c						0.05	106	0.02	106	0.21	91	
2005/a Ankara	G 783	350	1.1638	1.1450	1.1421	0.20	-52	0.15	-163	0.12	47	0.17
2005/b			-0.39	-0.28	-0.02	0.16	151	0.07	150	0.22	151	
2005/c						0.28	-18	0.11	-136	0.29	18	
2605/a Lanzhou	2 instr.		1.1552	1.1537	1.1392	0.32	-20	0.13	15	0.38	-11	0.17
2605/b			-0.22	0.19	-0.12	0.30	4	0.07	-7	0.23	2	
2605/c						0.13	-89	0.07	38	0.17	-30	
2606/a Urumqi	G 84	186	1.1601	1.1412	1.1420	0.25	11	0.17	-136	0.31	-13	0.30
2606/b			-0.16	-0.62	-0.30	0.17	59	0.06	87	0.19	87	
2606/c						0.19	-31	0.22	-125	0.39	-41	
2607/a Wuhan	2 instr.		1.1549	1.1467	1.1376	0.72	-26	0.32	-36	0.80	-43	0.18
2607/b			-0.22	-0.28	-0.28	0.65	-18	0.20	-39	0.63	-32	
2607/c						0.12	-76	0.13	-31	0.22	-78	
2612/a Shanghai	G 783	331	1.1531	1.1527	1.1409	1.05	-17	0.43	-24	1.83	-36	0.28
2612/b			-0.24	0.21	-0.61	1.21	-8	0.43	-32	1.43	-25	
2612/c						0.23	-146	0.06	62	0.51	-70	
2849/a Esashi	LCR 457	365	1.1603	1.1502	1.1433	2.06	15	0.78	-2	2.94	-3	0.12
2849/b			-0.52	-0.34	-0.45	2.16	23	0.79	5	2.63	5	
2849/c						0.32	-90	0.11	-123	0.49	-49	
3090/a Cueva/los V.	2 instr.		1.1565	1.1465	1.1356	0.88	-92	0.24	175	0.58	159	0.19
3090/b			-0.71	-0.28	-0.07	0.50	-95	0.20	157	0.57	154	
3090/c						0.38	-88	0.08	-135	0.05	-120	



Table 4c

4209/a Alice Springs*G 84	352	1.1611	1.1525	1.1435	0.58 -121	0.27 -118	0.74 -133	0.17
4209/b		0.13	0.50	0.11	0.52 -122	0.18 -133	0.55 -121	
4209/c					0.06 -110	0.11 -78	0.23 -163	
6024/a Pinon Flat	Supra 1	1.1611	1.1570	1.1474	1.81 84	0.93 69	3.02 65	0.03
6024/b		-0.04	-0.13	-0.20	1.82 89	0.93 75	3.00 74	
6024/c					0.16 -7	0.10 -18	0.47 -18	
6803/a Ottawa	ET 12	1.1632	1.1565	1.1419	0.55 30	0.21 75	0.76 26	0.15
6803/b		-0.10	-0.29	-0.22	0.40 57	0.20 54	0.65 53	
6803/c					0.16 -7	0.10 -18	0.47 -33	
7305/a Curitiba	ET 10	1.1544	1.1429	1.1340	0.71 128	0.06 39	0.27 98	0.11
7305/b		-0.28	0.12	-0.07	0.64 138	0.08 126	0.25 119	
7305/c					0.13 75	0.10 -15	0.10 30	
9904/a Kerguelen	A 206	1.1618	1.1441	1.1332	1.09 -142	0.39 -83	1.62 -124	0.40
9904/b		-0.33	0.10	0.38	1.19 -133	0.37 -106	1.05 -108	
9904/c					0.21 103	0.15 -11	0.68 -30	

A : Askania GS 15  
 ET : LaCoste Romberg Earth Tide  
 G : Geodynamics  
 LCR : LaCoste Romberg Model G  
 SUPRA : Superconducting gravimeter

Correction for inertia not applied  
 Phases : minus is a lag

N is here the number of days allowing the P1, K1 separation  
 Residues B according to Dehant-Defraigne-Wahr inelastic model 1997

\* Atmospheric correction applied

Table 5

## Gravity Tides - Q1 Wave

$\delta$ ,  $\alpha$  Tidal parameters obtained after Oceanic Loading Correction with Schwiderski Model

EUROPE					
L(Q1) < 0.05 $\mu$ gal except stations 0401/0402 where L(Q1) = 0.10 $\mu$ gal					
Station	Ins.	N	$\delta$	$\alpha$	
0200 Bruxelles	Supra 3	121930	1.1537 $\pm$ 0.0004	-0.01° $\pm$ 0.02°	
0243 Membach	Supra 21	8264	1.1519 $\pm$ 0.0004	-0.05° $\pm$ 0.03°	
0257 Walferdange	A 233	90384	1.1552 $\pm$ 0.0018	-0.16° $\pm$ 0.09°	
0306 Strasbourg	Supra 5	74170	1.1519 $\pm$ 0.0013	-0.00° $\pm$ 0.07°	
0401 Valle d.L.C.	ET 15	5184	1.1474 $\pm$ 0.0086	-0.22° $\pm$ 0.42°	
0402 Madrid	L 665	6240	1.1632 $\pm$ 0.0054	0.07° $\pm$ 0.27°	
0515 Brasimone	Supra 15	6144	1.1526 $\pm$ 0.0012	-0.35° $\pm$ 0.06°	
0610 Chur	ET 13	2496	1.1449 $\pm$ 0.0055	-0.03° $\pm$ 0.27°	
0615 Zürich	ET 13	5136	1.1540 $\pm$ 0.0044	-0.14° $\pm$ 0.27°	
0698 Wien	LCR 9	4656	1.1570 $\pm$ 0.0010	-0.21° $\pm$ 0.48°	
0709 Hannover	5 LCR	12970	1.1515 $\pm$ 0.0009	0.13° $\pm$ 0.14°	
0716 Schiltach	ET 19	9744	1.1497 $\pm$ 0.0019	0.08° $\pm$ 0.09°	
0734 Bad Homburg	ET 15	4464	1.1492 $\pm$ 0.0006	-0.09° $\pm$ 0.03°	
0765 Potsdam	Supra 18	26640	1.1528 $\pm$ 0.0007	0.03° $\pm$ 0.03°	
0765 Potsdam	A 222	186816	1.1522 $\pm$ 0.0013	-0.06° $\pm$ 0.06°	
0765 Potsdam	ET 16	5808	1.1547 $\pm$ 0.0055	0.17° $\pm$ 0.27°	
0930 Pecny	A 228	87312	1.1493 $\pm$ 0.0011	-0.14° $\pm$ 0.06°	
Mean	17 series		1.1524 $\pm$ 0.0006	-0.06° $\pm$ 0.03°	

Inelastic non-hydrostatic model  
 Dehant-Defraigne-Wahr 1997

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Correction for inertia not applied

Phase : minus is a lag

Ins : gravimeter

A : Askania GS15

ET : LaCoste Romberg Earth Tide

LCR : LaCoste Romberg Model G

SUPRA : Superconducting Gravimeter

N : number of hourly readings

Table 6

Regression parameters between the tidal Residues B and gravity loading effects L for 223 tidal stations and for the Q1 wave ( $B = a + bL$ ). a and mean-square errors are in microgal.

Parameters	SCHW80	CSR3.0	FES95.2	ORINA0
In-phase				
a	-0.029 $\pm$ 0.010	-0.029 $\pm$ 0.010	-0.006 $\pm$ 0.010	-0.019 $\pm$ 0.010
b	1.260 $\pm$ 0.015	1.133 $\pm$ 0.067	1.268 $\pm$ 0.075	1.270 $\pm$ 0.075
Correlation coefficient	0.747	0.751	0.752	0.751
Mean-square error	0.149	0.148	0.148	0.148
Out-of-phase				
a	-0.017 $\pm$ 0.009	-0.012 $\pm$ 0.009	-0.027 $\pm$ 0.008	-0.007 $\pm$ 0.008
b	1.311 $\pm$ 0.077	1.028 $\pm$ 0.059	1.235 $\pm$ 0.072	1.097 $\pm$ 0.060
Correlation coefficient	0.754	0.758	0.756	0.776
Mean-square error	0.131	0.125	0.129	0.122

Table 7

## Gravity Tides - Q1 Wave

33 Stations where  $L(Q1) \geq 0.2 \mu\text{gal}$ 

Station	Latit.	A	$\delta$	$\alpha$	B	$\beta$	SCHW80	CSR3.0	FES95.2			
821 Faeroe	62 4	5.49	1.1608	-0.45	0.29	-133	0.29	-144	0.31	-166	0.27	-144
2555 Kota Kinabalu	5 57	1.61	1.1471	-5.56	0.57	-80	0.44	-75	0.64	-69	0.49	-65
2600 Guangzhou	25 6	5.15	1.1586	-1.21	0.33	-59	0.24	-42	0.30	-52	0.21	-45
2601 Hong Kong	22 18	5.10	1.1581	-1.19	0.46	-56	0.39	-49	0.48	-54	0.32	-50
2612 Shanghai	31 6	6.42	1.1771	-0.53	0.34	-12	0.24	-3	0.25	-2	0.23	5
2823 Kyoto	35 2	6.80	1.1571	-0.13	0.34	18	0.34	20	0.33	18	0.31	29
2849 Esashi	39 9	7.10	1.1585	-0.93	0.41	14	0.43	29	0.43	33	0.40	42
2875 Kanoya	31 25	6.54	1.1600	-1.32	0.44	-9	0.42	10	0.52	7	0.44	17
2877 Tokyo 34	35 43	6.84	1.1491	-3.53	0.40	-35	0.41	24	0.46	26	0.40	36
2877 Tokyo 447	35 43	6.77	1.1352	-0.76	0.28	18	0.41	24	0.46	26	0.40	36
2877 Tokyo 783	35 43	6.92	1.1620	0.52	0.47	29	0.41	24	0.46	26	0.40	36
2897 Memambetsu	43 54	7.38	1.1707	1.17	0.63	35	0.47	28	0.53	32	0.51	46
3019 Arta	11 32	2.55	1.1738	3.76	0.34	118	0.23	148	0.23	129	0.19	141
3020 Mogadiscio	2 1	0.44	1.2159	23.77	0.47	125	0.31	144	0.36	134	0.31	137
4010 Baguio	16 24	4.27	1.2226	1.14	0.50	-19	0.35	-42	0.93	-63	0.38	-46
4105 Banjar Baru	-3 20	0.89	1.2819	7.05	0.42	-91	0.32	-74	0.49	-75	0.35	-72
4110 Ujung Pandang	-5 40	1.66	1.2608	23.99	0.99	-91	0.39	-89	0.65	-85	0.44	-90
4115 Kupang	-10 11	2.54	1.1530	0.27	0.44	-105	0.43	-106	0.62	-100	0.49	-116
4210 Darwin	-12 51	3.31	1.2278	-2.10	0.34	-170	0.23	-130	0.38	-133	0.34	-160
4211 Mundaring	-31 59	6.75	1.2385	0.28	0.67	-149	0.34	-112	0.41	-117	0.36	-166
4220 Hobart	-42 55	7.43	1.1895	-1.63	0.65	153	0.39	166	0.44	166	0.42	168
6004 Uwekahuna	19 25	4.26	1.1790	-1.55	0.17	107	0.31	115	0.38	115	0.37	114
6024 Pinon Flat	33 36	6.31	1.1612	-0.33	0.32	95	0.36	99	0.37	96	0.35	100
6911 Morne/Cadets	14 44	3.66	1.1718	0.87	0.33	32	0.26	27	0.30	25	0.22	38
7314 Vassouras	-22 24	5.08	1.1846	-0.21	0.29	144	0.20	129	0.25	130	0.20	131
7810 Tandil	-37 19	7.02	1.1744	0.35	0.41	-167	0.30	-171	0.33	-167	0.29	-171
7817 Ushuaia	-54 49	7.21	1.2013	-0.13	0.77	-163	0.53	-154	0.63	-151	0.57	-153
7818 Com.Rivadavia	-45 50	7.49	1.2015	0.31	0.64	-166	0.37	-161	0.44	-161	0.39	-169
7819 Santa Rosa	-36 38	6.79	1.1570	0.45	0.23	-143	0.22	-157	0.24	-155	0.22	-161
9904 Kerguelen	-49 21	6.60	1.1676	1.46	0.41	-118	0.26	-127	0.34	-124	0.25	-124
9910 C.Ferraz	-62 5	6.91	1.2472	0.67	1.28	-163	0.82	-158	0.99	-159	0.92	-159
9941 Asuka	-71 32	4.50	1.1839	-0.36	0.38	-168	0.28	-158	0.32	-159	0.29	-163
9960 Syowa	-69 0	5.05	1.1799	1.74	0.54	-145	0.39	-154	0.47	-152	0.39	-152

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201 Bruxelles	50 48	6.71	1.1538	-0.01	0.03	-117	0.03	-126	0.04	258	0.06	206
306 Strasbourg	48 37	6.75	1.1519	0.00	0.12	-145	0.04	-127	0.05	238	0.05	215
765 Potsdam	52 23	6.60	1.1528	0.03	0.04	-152	0.04	-147	0.03	228	0.05	200

A : observed amplitude in  $\mu\text{gal}$   
 $\delta, \alpha$  : corrected Schwiderski model  
 Correction for inertia not applied  
 Phases : minus is a lag  
 Earth Model  $\delta(Q1) = 1.1538$

Table 8

## Gravity Tides - P1 Wave

27 Stations where  $L(P1) \geq 0.2 \mu\text{gal}$  and  $N > 180$  days

Station	Latit.	A	$\delta$	$\alpha$	B	$\beta$	SCHW80	CSR3.0	FES95.2			
2600 Guangzhou	23 06	12.00	1.1535	0.33	0.33	-90	0.40	-92	0.53	-95	0.48	-92
2612 Shanghai	31 06	15.09	1.1527	0.21	0.43	-24	0.43	-32	0.51	-35	0.65	-41
2823 Kyoto 783	35 02	16.37	1.1578	-0.47	0.77	-15	0.64	-7	0.71	-7	0.69	-7
2847 Mizusawa 402	39 08	17.46	1.1410	-2.59	1.19	4	0.75	5	0.81	6	0.80	6
2849 Esashi	39 09	17.05	1.1502	-0.34	0.78	-2	0.79	5	0.86	7	0.84	7
2877 Tokyo 34	35 43	16.88	1.1770	0.52	1.13	6	0.77	-2	0.94	0	0.86	0
2877 Tokyo 783	35 43	16.67	1.1616	0.27	0.92	3	0.77	-2	0.94	0	0.86	0
2877 Tokyo 447	35 43	17.32	1.2094	-0.40	1.57	-5	0.77	-2	0.94	0	0.86	0
2897 Memambetsu	43 54	17.54	1.1500	-0.75	0.85	-9	0.86	6	0.98	6	0.97	9
3019 Arta	11 31	6.03	1.1579	0.57	0.65	141	0.63	147	0.67	148	0.59	148
3020 Mogadiscio	2 01	1.16	(1.5616)	(0.90)	0.58	105	0.78	137	0.89	142	0.81	141
4105 Banjar Baru	-3 20	3.07	(1.4684)	(10.64)	1.54	-124	0.90	-115	1.25	-124	1.10	-115
4115 Kupang	-10 11	6.21	1.1182	-0.79	0.95	-111	1.09	-118	1.41	-116	1.52	-112
4209 Alice Springs	-23 43	12.37	1.1525	0.50	0.27	-118	0.18	-133	0.21	-130	0.25	-128
4220 Hobart	-42 55	17.34	1.1775	-0.07	0.90	148	0.59	129	0.73	126	0.62	133
6004 Uwekahuna	19 25	10.67	1.1975	0.70	1.18	84	1.06	103	1.48	105	1.26	103
6024 Pinon Flat	33 36	15.67	1.1561	-0.13	0.92	69	0.93	75	1.13	79	1.02	77
6340 Pittsburgh	40 25	16.63	1.1578	0.52	0.38	55	0.20	55	0.21	61	0.20	58
6911 Morne/Cadets	14 44	8.82	1.1822	1.21	0.67	17	0.43	3	0.50	11	0.45	11
7201 Caracas	10 30	6.22	1.1659	-0.64	0.26	-9	0.19	7	0.27	6	0.25	15
7281 Kourou	5 10	3.18	1.1442	1.26	0.20	-17	0.25	-30	0.28	-18	0.28	-20
7408 Arequipa	-16 28	9.71	1.1964	1.00	0.78	-149	0.40	-143	0.49	-140	0.43	-139
7409 Nana	-11 59	7.18	1.1699	-1.55	0.44	-163	0.45	-136	0.71	-131	0.50	-131
7450 Quito	-0.13	0.63	(3.5747)	(15.71)	0.52	-152	0.22	-147	0.24	-142	0.22	-138
7818 Com.Rivadavia	-45 50	17.02	1.1525	0.32	0.40	175	0.38	162	0.40	168	0.45	166
9904 Kerguelen	-49 21	15.56	1.1432	0.10	0.39	-83	0.37	-106	0.32	-99	0.29	-101
9910 Com.Ferraz	-62 05	15.16	1.1643	0.50	1.41	180	1.23	174	1.40	169	1.39	172

A : observed amplitude in  $\mu\text{gal}$   
 $\delta, \alpha$  : corrected Schwiderski model  
 Correction for inertia not applied  
 Phases : minus is a lag  
 Earth Model  $\delta(P1) = 1.1487$

27 Stations where  $L(P1) \geq 0.2 \mu\text{gal}$  and  $N > 180$  days

Station	Latit.	A	$\delta$	$\alpha$	B	$\beta$	SCHW80	CSR3.0	FES95.2
2600 Guangzhou	23 06	35.68	1.1329	-0.32	1.39	-95	1.18 -90	1.59 -97	1.38 -93
2612 Shanghai	31 06	45.33	1.1410	-0.61	1.83	-36	1.43 -25	1.50 -36	1.88 -44
2823 Kyoto 783	35 02	48.98	1.1430	-0.51	2.47	-15	2.11 -6	2.11 -8	2.06 -8
2847 Mizusawa 305	39.08	51.44	1.1410	-0.80	2.94	-9	2.66 5	2.54 5	2.50 6
2849 Esashi	39 09	51.48	1.1434	-0.45	2.94	-3	2.63 5	2.54 6	2.50 6
2877 Tokyo 34	35 43	50.43	1.1579	-0.28	3.45	-5	2.54 -2	2.80 -2	2.56 -1
2877 Tokyo 783	35 43	49.89	1.1444	-0.05	2.90	-2	2.54 -2	2.80 -2	2.56 -1
2877 Tokyo 447	35 43	50.28	1.1541	-1.17	3.44	-18	2.54 -2	2.80 -2	2.56 -1
2897 Memambetsu	43 54	52.78	1.1467	-0.23	3.24	0	2.77 5	2.91 5	2.90 9
3019 Arta	11 31	18.09	1.1563	0.56	1.97	136	2.06 146	2.14 147	1.84 148
3020 Mogadiscio	2 01	1.57	(0.8255)	-6.02	3.00	153	2.35 137	2.80 142	2.52 142
4105 Banjar Baru	-3 20	7.47	(1.2031)	-1.92	2.35	-129	2.62 -117	3.75 -127	3.17 -121
4115 Kupang	-10 11	20.02	1.2119	0.95	4.15	-127	3.29 -114	4.35 -118	4.47 -114
4209 Alice Springs	-23 43	37.01	1.1436	0.11	0.74	-133	0.55 -121	0.62 -131	0.72 -130
4220 Hobart	-42 55	52.01	1.1746	-1.78	3.77	131	1.54 126	2.21 124	1.90 131
6004 Uwekahuna	19 25	31.81	1.1833	-0.13	3.43	81	3.55 102	4.54 104	3.89 102
6024 Pinon Flat	33 36	47.07	1.1475	-0.20	3.02	65	3.00 74	3.44 77	3.10 76
6340 Pittsburgh	40 25	49.87	1.1482	-0.02	1.06	29	0.66 54	0.64 60	0.60 59
6911 Morne/Cadets	14 44	26.05	1.1542	-0.63	1.67	-6	1.40 5	1.50 12	1.27 14
7201 Caracas	10 30	18.59	1.1505	-0.20	0.75	3	0.62 11	0.81 12	0.69 18
7281 Kourou	5 10	9.99	1.1730	-0.78	0.94	-31	0.88 -24	0.80 -18	0.77 -20
7408 Arequipa	-16 28	27.92	1.1339	0.19	1.25	-140	1.26 -145	1.50 -143	1.33 -144
7409 Nana	-11 59	21.48	1.1524	-0.52	1.54	-149	1.51 -137	2.20 -135	1.58 -136
7450 Quito	-0.13	1.21	1.1198	(28.72)	0.91	-136	0.74 -147	0.79 -146	0.76 -144
7818 Com.Rivadavia	-45 50	52.19	1.1696	0.76	2.66	-174	1.22 -199	1.17 -189	1.26 -193
9904 Kerguelen	-49 21	49.79	1.1333	0.38	1.62	-124	1.05 -108	1.03 -92	0.87 -92
9910 Com.Ferraz	-62 05	45.67	1.1649	-0.07	4.68	174	3.57 173	4.10 169	3.98 171

A : observed amplitude in  $\mu\text{gal}$   
 $\delta, \alpha$  : corrected Schwiderski model  
 Correction for inertia not applied  
 Phases : minus is lag  
 Earth model  $\delta(K1) = 1.1345$

## Influence of the Cavity Effect on Tidal Measurements

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### Introduction

Tidal forces generate periodic, low-frequency loading of the Earth's interior. Measurements of tidal-induced strain and tilt are usually performed in underground facilities, mostly in order to minimize influence of environmental factors (e.g. air temperature changes). In the underground galleries the tidal measurements are affected by some local perturbations which have been clearly isolated and tentatively evaluated (*Melchior 1978*). These effects cause a distortion of the regional strain field by the change of geometry of the underground cavity (mine, cave, gallery) containing the tidal instruments. This change is called cavity effect. The distortion of the regional strain field produced by topography of the free surface in the vicinity of the observatory is known as a topographic effect and a distortion of the regional strain field caused by the geological inhomogeneities of the rocks surrounding the tidal observatory is the geologic effect. These effects are generated by tidal forces and alterate the phase and the amplitude of the tidal phenomena. The disorders due to local effects have the tidal periodicity (they are induced by the earth's tides). Considering this fact it is not possible to separate the influences of these effects from the tidal measurements by frequency analysis. If the cavity, where the earth's tide station is located, is deep enough with respect to the topographic features, then the topographic effects and cavity deformations do not interact and can be treated separately. This means that the underground station must be deep below the near-by topographic features. In (*Brimich and Brestenský 1992*) the local effects at the tidal station Vyhne were estimated using h-version of the finite element method. It was shown that in the depth 65 m