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# GPS Permanent and Epoch Measurements and Geodynamic Pattern of the Bohemian Massif, Central Europe

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## **EUREF Observatories in Central Europe**



#### **Permanent GPS observatories**





#### Sources of geodynamic movements in central Europe

Site movement vectors determined from the permanent GPS data and geodynamics of the Bohemian Massif

#### **Cenozoic History and the Adria Plate**







Oldow et al. (2002), *Geology* **30**, 779-782.

#### **Crustal Deformation Pattern in the Pancardi Region**

Grenerczy et al. (2002), EGU Spec. Publ. Ser. 3, 65-77.



#### **Stress Field Expected**



Schenk et al., 1998, *Reports on Geodesy* 3 (33), 51-60.







## **Movement of the SNEC observatory**

#### Site Velocities in Central Europe Obtained from Epoch Observations 1994-2003 within the CERGOP and CERGOP-II / Environment



#### **Relative Horizontal Site Movements**





faults

character of movements

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Schenk V. et al. (2006), *Acta geodynamica et geomaterialia*, vol. 3, 45-51.

Schenk V. et al. (1989), *Geophysical Transactions* 35, 101-116.



# Permanent GPS monitoring and

#### seismic swarm activity in the West Bohemia / Vogtland region

# Earthquake Swarm Activity in the Western Part of the Bohemian Massif



Schenková Z. and Schenk V., 1997











#### Post-seismic slip movements

#### detected by the GPS observations reflect the energy release phase





#### **Seismotectonic Model**

Grünthal G., Schenk V., Zeman A. and Schenková Z. (1990), Tectonophysics 174,369-383

The seismotectonic model elaborated after the earthquake swarm occurred in 1985/86 suggested an existence of two following phases in the strain process:

(a) Long-term strain accumulation phase:

The 135°E striking Mariánské Lázně fault zone (MLF) is intersected by a bundle of lamellar N-S to NNE-SSW fault elements that create splay-structure. In the focal area both tectonic systems display tendency to <u>a dextral creep</u> and during the long-lasting period with a relative seismic quiescence the strain is cumulated.



- (b) Short-term strain release phase: When tectonic systems are already not able to keep the cumulated strain, in the focal zone a rupture process as <u>a sinistral elastic rebound</u> started, just on the lamellar N-S to NNE-SSW fault splits. By this way the weakness zone of the splay-structure along the MLF becomes to be the most suitable setting for earthquake swarms.
- As evident, the post-seismic slip movements detected by the long-term GPS measurements after the both investigated 2004 earthquake swarms fully coincide to that seismotectonic model.

#### **Relative Horizontal Site Movements**



#### **Conclusions and Outlooks**

If GPS data are applied to a <u>geodynamic analysis</u>, the relatively dense observatory network must be used

Individual <u>structural blocks can move in various directions</u> because of their different geological development (the SNEC observatory study)

Even in <u>areas with relative low or moderate seismic activity</u> the permanent GPS observations can contribute to earthquake focal processes studies

The GPS satellite signal monitoring together with seismological and other geophysical observations and complementary structural geological data can relevantly contribute to detect recent crustal deformation processes EUREF 2007 Symposium, London, 6 – 9 June 2007



### The End Thank you for your attention

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