

were replaced by shallow water carbonates. The mixed character of this carbonates is changing upward leading to the deposition of pure limestone and dolomites.

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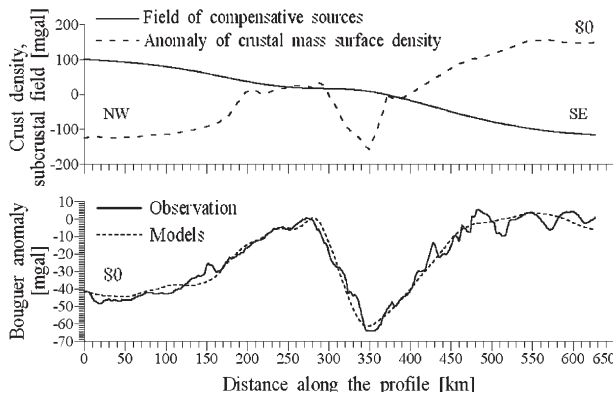
Comparative, Velocity-Dependent Gravity Modeling of the Density Section Along Three Carpathian DSS Profiles

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Difficulties arisen during gravity modeling along the three Carpathian DSS profiles (CEL 01, CEL 04, CEL 05) crossing boundary of the orogen, were a reason of searching for a modifications of the simplest method of constant layer densities applied at the beginning. The problem was resolved by taking

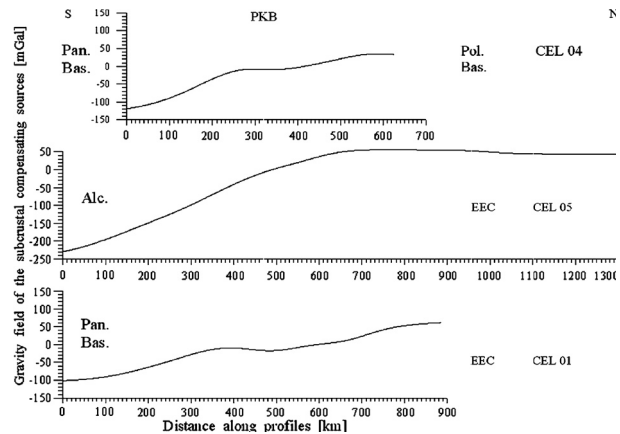
more extensive advantage of the structural information contained in the velocity distribution in the cross section. A stable and convincing results were obtained by using a modified concept of the density field, where density is a function of p-wave velocity in each layer and the density satisfies limitations for



■ Fig. 1. Example of successful gravity modeling for profile CEL 04.

its value. Now, the modeling process can be regarded as successful in all three cases (Fig. 1).

The most interesting general results of tectonic character concern the presence of subcrustal isostatic compensation and its characteristic depth. Pronouncing regularity in the spatial distribution of the field of compensating sources (Fig. 2) seems to be a clear documentation of the state of the lower lithosphere



■ Fig. 2. Comparison of the spatial distribution of the field of compensating sources for the three Carpathian DSS profiles (CEL 01, CEL 04, CEL 05) crossing boundary of the orogen.

showing a large anomaly below Panonian Basin, anomaly being a record of the rift process in the basinal area during formation of Carpathians. Another results concern the significance of the crucial Carpathian tectonic boundary and its present dynamical state.

Timing and Structural Style of Final Thrusting Movements of the Carpathian Orogenic Wedge, S Poland

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During progressive evolution of the thrust-and-fold belt deposits of the foredeep basin become progressively incorporated into the orogenic wedge. Such process is often syn-depositional, and consequently syn-kinematic (growth) strata from the foredeep infill could be used to decipher modes and timing of the thrusting movements.

Carpathian foredeep basin developed in front of the advancing Carpathian orogenic wedge (cf. Oszczypko et al. 2006 for further details and references). Its outermost part, presently located in front of the flysch (pre-Miocene) Carpathian units (nappes) is filled by the Badenian – Sarmatian deposits. In this paper two regional seismic lines are presented that illustrate very different gross structure of the orogenic front, foredeep basin and the foreland plate in central and E segments of the Polish Carpathians (fig. 1), and are used to constrain modes of final thrusting movements in this segment of this orogenic belt.

First profile (profile 1 – Fig. 2) is located in the central part of the Polish Carpathians and their foredeep basin, in vicinity of Tarnów. In this area frontal part of the orogenic wedge is built of relatively wide zone of deformed Miocene (Upper Badenian – Sarmatian) foredeep deposits that form the so-called Zgłobice Unit. These unit has been interpreted as a triangle zone cored by passive-roof duplex (Krzywiec et al. 2004). Formation of the triangle zone

was controlled by morphology of the Mesozoic basement as well as by distribution of Upper Badenian evaporites. Within this zone numerous evidences of the syn-kinematic deposition have been identified, attesting to the latest Badenian – Sarmatian age of the final thrusting movements. They include progressive unconformities, localized thickness reductions within the crestal parts of the fault-related folds and small-scale fan deltas developed in front



■ Fig. 1. Location of regional seismic profiles from the central and eastern segments of the Polish Carpathian foredeep basin. Deformed foredeep deposits (older – Stebnik unit, and younger – Zgłobice unit) are shown by obliquely patterned area.