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Groundwater level changes associated with the dynamic strain variations

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From June 2006 to January 2010, groundwater level changes associated with the dynamic strain variations have been repeatedly observed at the Shizubora crustal activity borehole observatory (SN-3, SN-1 and 97FT-01 wells) in the Tono area, Gifu prefecture, central Japan.

We investigated the relationship between the peak amplitude of co-seismic groundwater level changes (at SN-3 and SN-1) and peak-to-peak amplitude of dynamic strain variations (at 97FT-01), and found that the co-seismic groundwater level changes were caused by dynamic strain variation of maximum shear strain with peak-to-peak amplitudes above a threshold of approximately 2.71×10^{-7} - 3.65×10^{-7} strain in SN-3, and 4.13×10^{-7} - 6.17×10^{-7} strain in SN-1.

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