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**WATER BUDGET CALCULATION AND DATA SERIES ANALYSIS ACCORDING TO DATA OF  
BÜKK KARST WATER MONITORING SYSTEM**

THESIS BOOKLET

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## I. RESEARCH WORK

My research topic is Bükk Mountain, in my PhD thesis after introduction of general geology and hydrogeology of the mountain I will review the actually working monitoring systems.

In my paper I will analyze the water level and precipitation data of Bükk Karst Water Monitoring System (BKWMS) which system means continuous qualitative monitoring since 1992.

My investigations based on daily data can be grouped into two topic (Figure 1.):

- Topic 1 is the water budget calculation. The aim of this research to determine the volume of storage and recharge in the mountain in case of different water levels with a new method.
- Topic 2 is spectral analysis of data series complement with source and well hydrograph analyses. The aim of this research to determine flow and karstifying properties and to develop the accuracy of water level forecast. Concrete aim in case of data series analyses to compare the result of recession curves analysis based on water level of karstic well of BKWMS and the result of spectral analysis. Anywhere is possible I defined the border of well karstified zone.

According to the results I give new information related to mountain and I develop new, useful methods which can help to make decisions for stakeholders of water supply companies.

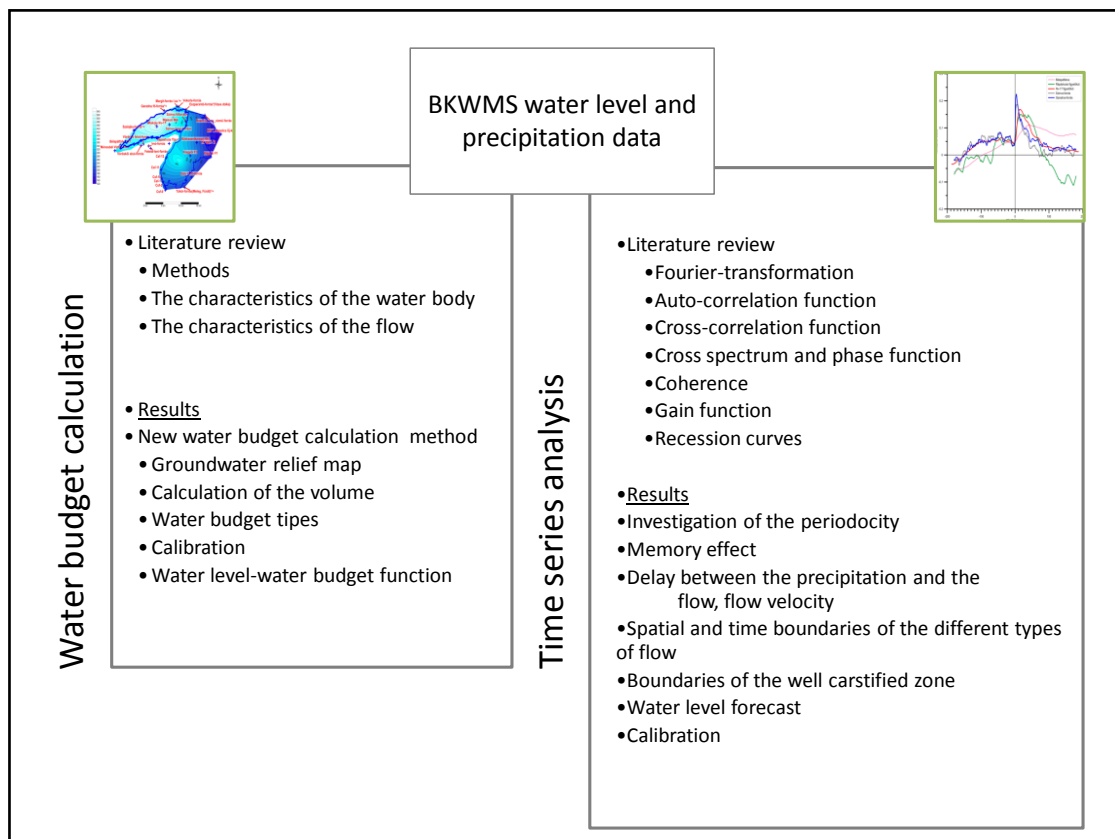


Figure 1. Main research areas in my dissertation

## II. DATA COLLECTION, APPLIED METHODS

The aims of hydrogeological monitoring system are to know the actual state of water cycle, to satisfy the human water demand and to avoid the damaged caused by water. The basic of BKWMS was 5 well which were planned and carried out by Tivadar Böcker in 1983. The first automatic water level registers were installed in 1992 about the heavy water scarcity. In the BKWMS water level, temperature and conductivity are registered.

The time step of measurements generally 15-60 minutes, but in some special cases there is 1, 10 and 240 minutes between measurements. The accuracy of measuring equipment for every parameters is  $\pm 0.1\%$ . The data collection is performed monthly or in every 3 month and followed by manual measurements to validate the registered data. The collected data are archived in the original file format, but the data for analysis are attached in MS Excel format after occurrent correction according to manual measurement. The collected data are also upload into a MS Access database. In every investigation I used the mean daily water levels.

In the BKWMS there are more than 80 monitoring point but not all works in the last 25 years. For the investigations I used the monitoring points which have the longest data series. The water level change have different characteristic in wells and in springs so I performed the analysis in all the two type of measuring point. During selection of monitoring point another aspect was the position in the mountain because I wanted information from all important hydrogeological unit of it. To water budget calculation near the monitoring points of BKWMS I used spring exit point elevation data from the spring cadaster to determine the characteristic water level on the border of mountain.

The precipitation data are also collected in different part of the mountain. The Hungarian Meteorological Service, the North-Hungarian Water Directorate and BKWMS also provide data in our precipitation database. For analysis I used mean daily precipitation data of Jávorkút. This monitoring point is a best choice for investigations because it is in the center of the main recharge area. (Lénárt 2006, Darabos 2010)

### **WATER BUDGET CALCULATION**

The traditional water budget calculation methods based on the determination of parameters of hydrological budget equation. In this case the refill of system is determined. (Cheng-Haw et al. 2006)

Another group of water budget calculation methods is volume estimation of stored groundwater. The first step in this method to construct a geographical information system which makes possible to visualize and to manage the data. The following step is volume estimation which have two ways:

- calculation of total volume according to porosity and thickness of saturated zone
- estimation of exploitable volume by pumping according to specific yield, specific storage and the thickness of confined zone. Ending step is determination of estimation sensitivity on parameters. (Hinaman 2005, Kinzelbach 1986, Liedl et al. 2003, Reimann et al. 2011)

In the Hungarian practice there is three method to determine the volume of exploitable groundwater (Juhász 1987):

- experimental estimation
- calculation on physical base
- combination of previous methods

My water budget calculations is new in case of Bükk because the previous calculations based on hydrological budget equation (Kessler 1954, Csepregi 1985, Mező 1995, Gondárné et al. 2008). My new method is simple and based on more accurate measurements. The base of the calculation is geographical, geological information, water level from BKWMS and spring exit points from VIFIR spring cadaster.

In 2005 the Bükk Mountain hydrogeologically was divided into 3 main and several smaller units by György Less (Less 2005). According to that paper and after personal consultation with György Less a new hydrogeological category map were created. All geological formation in the mountain could be assorted into 5 groups: (1) well karstified rocks,  $n=0,0075$ , (2) poorly karstified rocks,  $n=0,0025$ , (3) non-karstified, fractured rocks: riolite tuff, dacite tuff,  $n=0,001$ , (4) non-karstified, fractured rocks: others,  $n=0,001$ , (5) aquitard rocks,  $n=0,0005$ . (“n” means porosity) The category of rocks and measuring points of BKWMS are shown on Figure 2.

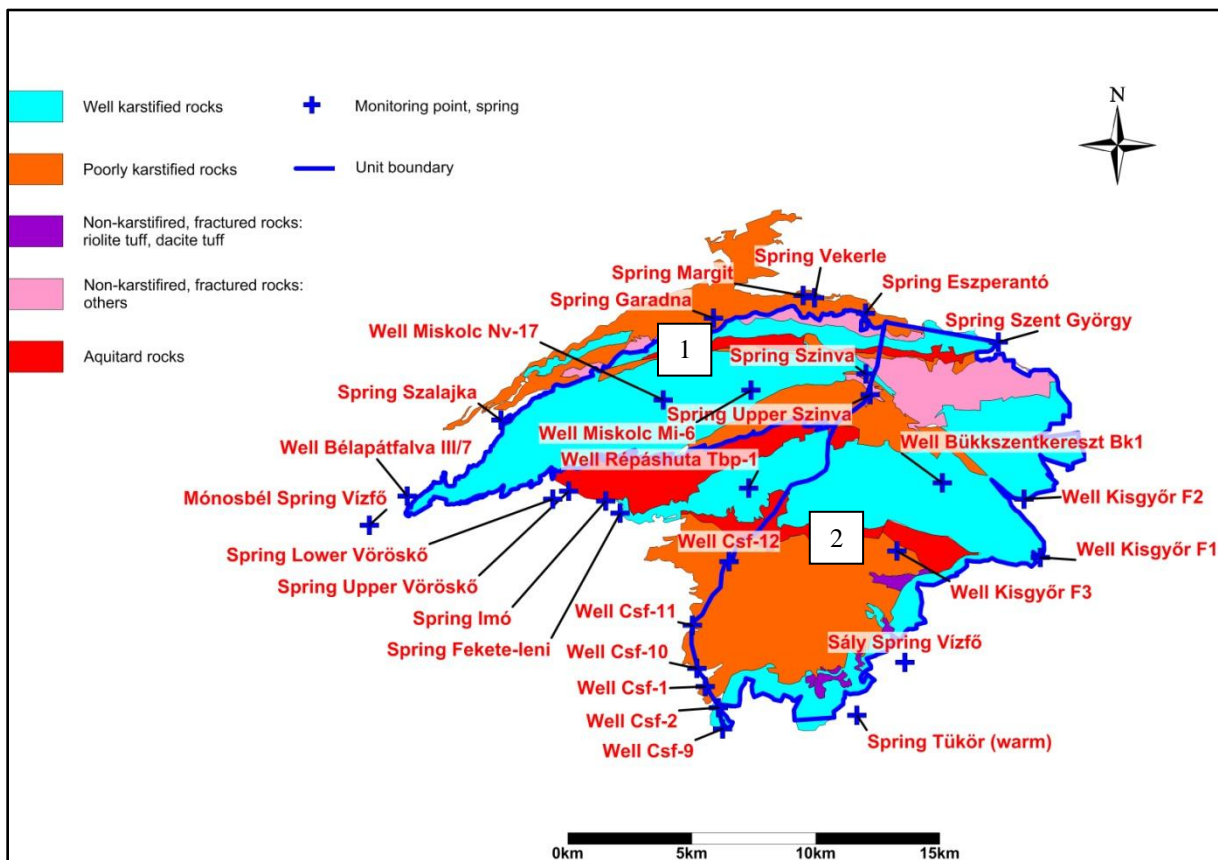


Figure 2. The category of rocks based on carstification in the Bükk, measuring points of BKWMS and the unit boundaries (1: central Bükk, 2: eastern Bükk) (base map: Less 2005)

From the mean water levels and spring exit points elevation a groundwater relief map were created by interpolation method of natural neighbor (the size of grid was 5 m x 5 m). The geological situation of Southwest Bükk is complex so I left it from calculation. The result (Figure 3.) is a surface with 2 maximum point which points can be found under the two non-contributing area of the mountain determined by Sásdi. (Sásdi 2005). The water level in well Nv-17 was found in the range of  $529,84 \pm 3$  m with 55 % of absolute frequency during 25-years long investigation period. The characteristic flow direction can also be determined by isohypses of groundwater relief map. This map were also created in case of maximum and minimum water levels.

To calculate the saturated rock volume I had to determine the depth of it. About that I had to define new concept and technological border in the calculation: quickly refillable dynamic resource, slowly refillable dynamic resource and thermal karst water resource.

- **Quickly refillable dynamic resource:** the resource which can be calculated from decreasing water level caused by effective precipitation or precipitation group. The generated groundwater surface can be created from hydrographs of different monitoring points of BKWMS. I selected a decreasing period on the hydrograph of Nv-17. In the moment when the water level was on the maximum in Nv-17 I sorted the water level data of the different monitoring points. I used these data to create the upper groundwater surface. To create the lower groundwater surface I repeated this process with water levels related to the moment of the period when the water level was minimum in Nv-17. The water movement in this zone is governed by meteorology.
- **Slowly refillable dynamic resource:** the resource which can be found above the elevation of lowest spring in the water catchment. This is influenced by long-term meteorological conditions. In case of Bükk this resource is found above 127 m a.s.l., mean water level of Well Új in Miskolctapolca. This border is justified because the water level decrease below this elevation the cold water system of mountain cannot work gravitationally. According to that this elevation is the technological border between cold karst water and thermal karst water systems. This characteristic elevation can be determined to smaller water catchments. In case of central Bükk this lowest spring is the Spring Szinva with elevation of 310 m a.s.l..
- The sum of quickly and slowly refillable dynamic resources means **the total, gravitationally working cold water resource**.
- Related to slowly refillable dynamic resources I delimited a technological border. This border is the elevation of lowest, cold water, flow off spring (in case of Bükk: 127 m a.s.l., Miskolctapolca, Well Új). Below this elevation can be found the zone of slow flow, this is the zone of **thermal karst water resource**. The lower border of this water body cannot be delimited, occurrent border could be the lowest water entering point of the deepest thermal well in front of the Bükk Mountain.

I calculated the quickly and slowly refillable dynamic resources in case of different water levels and I validated the results with 2 methods.

The first validation was based on comparison of volume of effective recharge and total volume of mean spring discharge in the center Bükk. I selected a decreasing period on hydrograph I calculated the volume of water between the upper and lower surface. Simultaneously, I summarized the mean volume of discharge of main springs in the center

Bükk. During a water level decreasing period the main volume of water are released by springs. The order of magnitude of calculated quickly refillable dynamic resources is comparable with the discharge of springs. The uncertainty of discharge of springs is high about the non-continuous monitoring of them so the discharge in the spring cadaster could be different from characteristic discharge. The results show the calculated and measured values are similar and they are inside of acceptable error margin ( $\pm 20\%$ ).

Another way to prove the correctness of calculation method is comparison with the result of a previous, different method. Katalin Székvölgyi (Smaragd GSH) made a resource calculation of the year 2008 (Gondárné et al. 2008). I compared my results with her calculation. The water catchment area is different in the two method so I normalized the values to unity area. According to my method I calculated all volume of all decreasing period. Total volume of that is equal with quickly refillable dynamic resource in the year of 2008. The result are similar.

All the two validation method verify the reliability of my calculation so this method can be used to calculate water resource of Bükk. Table 1 shows the volume of slowly refillable dynamic resource of the Center and East Bükk calculated by my method.

I calculated the slowly refillable dynamic resource in case of different water levels of Well Nv-17 and I get a linear dependency between water resource and water levels. Although, in this linear relationship I just use the water level of Well Nv-17, the volume of water resource is calculated from water relief created from data of all monitoring point. Function 1 can serves the easier application in practice:

$$V_k = 0,334 * V_{sz} - 120,7 \quad (1)$$

where

- $V_k$  the slowly refillable dynamic resource (million  $m^3$ )
- $V_{sz}$  the water level of Well Nv-17 (m.a.s.l.)

Table 1. The total, gravitationally working cold water in the Bükk Mountain based on average water levels (1: well karstified rocks, 2: poorly karstified rocks, 3: non-karstified, fractured rocks: riolite tuff, dacite tuff, 4: non-karstified, fractured rocks: others, 5: aquitard rocks)

	Rock category	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Central Bükk	Rock volume (million $m^3$ )	16152,1	2577,2	-	699,7	957,4	-
	Porosity	0,0075	0,0025	0,0005	0,001	0,001	
	Basic level (m.a.s.l)	127	127	127	127	127	
	<b>slowly refillable dynamic resource (million <math>m^3</math>)</b>	121,1	6,4	-	0,7	1	129,2
Eastern Bükk	Rock volume (million $m^3$ )	6355,2	8357,5	274	1382,6	1481,1	-
	Porosity	0,0075	0,0025	0,0005	0,001	0,001	
	Basic level (m.a.s.l)	127	127	127	127	127	
	<b>slowly refillable dynamic resource (million <math>m^3</math>)</b>	47,7	20,9	0,1	1,4	1,5	71,6
The total slowly refillable dynamic resource (million $m^3$ )		168,8	27,3	0,1	2,1	2,4	<b>200,8</b>

## TIME SERIES ANALYSIS

The long time series like 25-years long time series of BKWMS could be used to perform autocorrelation, cross-correlation investigations. These investigations can serve information about working of karst system.

During Fourier transformation we convert our data from time domain to frequency domain which allow us to investigate the periodicity. I introduce the Fourier transformation by paper of Endre Turai (Turai 2005), the further applied methods will introduce according to books of Jenkins and Watts, Chatfield and Wei (Jenkins & Watts 1969, Chatfield 2005, Wei 2006), and determinative article of Alberto Padilla and Antonio Pulido-Bosch (Padilla & Pulido-Bosch 1995), and article of Larocque (Larocque et al. 1998).

The univariate autocorrelation investigation characterize the unique structure of time series. The autocorrelation means correlation of a data series and its time lagged series in time domain. If we convert it into frequency domain, it will be the spectral density function. The autocorrelation investigation characterize the memory effect of system which serves information about storage capacity and degree of karstification. Generally, there is a linear relation between memory effect and storage capacity. The lower the memory effect the lower the storage capacity. The velocity of flow in the low memory effect system is quick about well karstified aquifer. The low memory effect means higher vulnerability because there is no delay in spread of contamination. (Andreo et al. 2015)

The cross analysis serves information about transformation of input precipitation function into output water level function. The cross-correlation function is interpreted in time domain, the cross-amplitude, phase, coherence and gain function is interpreted in frequency domain. (Padilla & Pulido-Bosch 1995)

The cross-correlation gives the impulse response of aquifer to precipitation if the precipitation is considered to white noise. (Mangin & Pulido-Bosch 1983, Padilla & Pulido-Bosch 1995, Panagopoulos & Lambrakis 2006, Jukic & Denic-Jukic 2015) This function serves the input data to Fourier transformation.

To apply this method to hydrological time series, the cross-amplitude function  $\alpha_{xy}(f)$  can be associated with the duration of the impulse response function, and indicates the filtering of the periodic components of the rainfall data. It characterizes the short-, intermediate- and long-term modifying effect of aquifer on the sign caused by precipitation. (Padilla & Pulido-Bosch 1995)

In the karst hydrogeology, the phase function  $\Phi_{xy}(f)$  shows the delay between precipitation and discharge, water level in case of different frequencies. The value of it change in range of  $2\pi$  between  $-\pi$  és  $+\pi$ . It should be taken into account that the values of  $\Phi_{xy}(f) = \pi + c$  will give values of  $\Phi_{xy}(f) = -\pi + c$  in the function; this ambiguity should be interpreted according to the tendency of the function. The attenuation of input data can be seen in the cross amplitude and gain function, the mean delay can be determined from phase function. (Padilla & Pulido-Bosch 1995)

We can use the cross amplitude function and spectral density function to create new functions called coherence and gain function. The coherence function shows how the output respond to changes of the input. The gain function shows the system amplification and



attenuation effect on input data. (Padilla & Pulido-Bosch 1995, Panagopoulos & Lambrakis 2006, Jukic & Denic-Jukic 2015)

The general time series analysis is common in karst hydrogeology to know and to characterize the system. The main purpose of these analysis is the forecast, the data supplement. One part of it is the hydrograph analysis which can helps to differentiate the quick and base flow. (Plummer et al. 2007)

The recession curve analysis is general investigation in karst hydrogeology. I performed this analysis according to data of BKWMS and I compared the results with results of spectral analysis. These methods can be used to determine the boundary of well karstified zone. According to these investigations I can take several new establishment related to the karst system of Bükk.

### III. THESES

#### Thesis 1.

According to registered, mean water level in monitoring points of BKWMS and spring exit point elevation by spring cadaster the mean water relief map of Bükk can be determined.(Figure 3.)

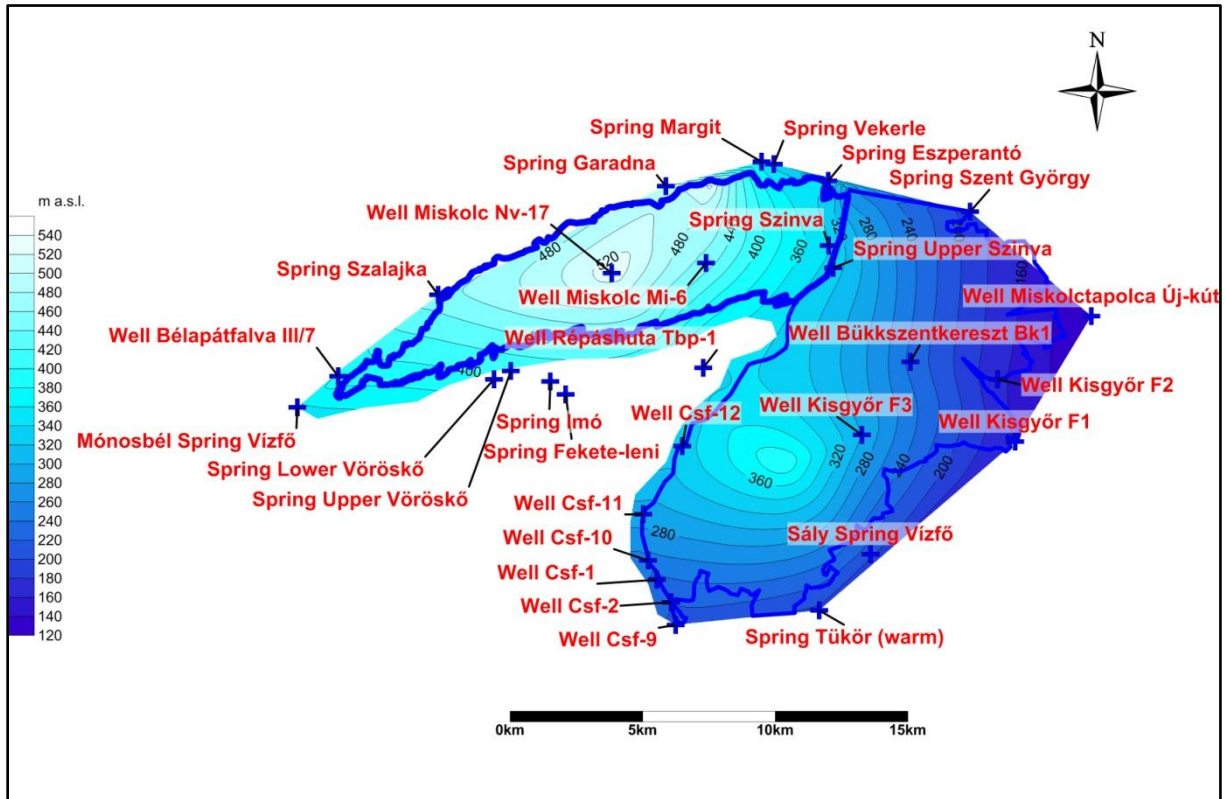


Figure 3. Groundwater relief map based on average water levels of BKWMS water level monitoring points and springs exit points elevations

#### Thesis 2.

The water resource of Bükk can be divided into 3 segment: quickly refillable dynamic resource, slowly refillable dynamic resource and thermal karst water resource.

**Quickly refillable dynamic resource:** refillable resource related to water level change caused by precipitation event or precipitation group which can be calculated from water level data of BKWMS and spring exit point elevation of spring cadaster.

**Slowly refillable dynamic resource:** water resource above elevation of lowest flow-off spring, this can be calculated to a catchment or to the whole mountain

The sum of slowly and quickly refillable dynamic resources gives **the total, gravitationally working, cold water resource** of Bükk

**Thermal karst water resource** is the water resource below the elevation of lowest flow-off spring in Bükk Mountain. Lower boundary of this resource is the lowest entering point of the deepest well in front of the mountain.

### Thesis 3.

*The quickly refillable dynamic water resource of Bükk can be calculated according to my water resource calculation method based on water level of BKWMS and spring exit point elevation.*

I verified this statement on two different way. First, I calculated the quickly refillable dynamic water resource of the center Bükk and I compared this volume with the volume of main springs of the area. In the other verification method I compared my calculated volume of year 2008 with the resource calculation of another author. In all the two cases I got good results with error margin of  $\pm 20\%$ .

### Thesis 4.

*Functional relationship was established between water level of Well Nv-17 and slowly refillable dynamic water resource in the Bükk. This function is  $V_k = 0,334 * V_{sz} - 120,7$  (Figure 4.), where  $V_k$  is volume of slowly refillable dynamic resource (million  $m^3$ ),  $V_{sz}$  is water level of Well Nv-17 (m a.s.l). According to this equation the volume of water resource can be calculated to an arbitrary moment.*

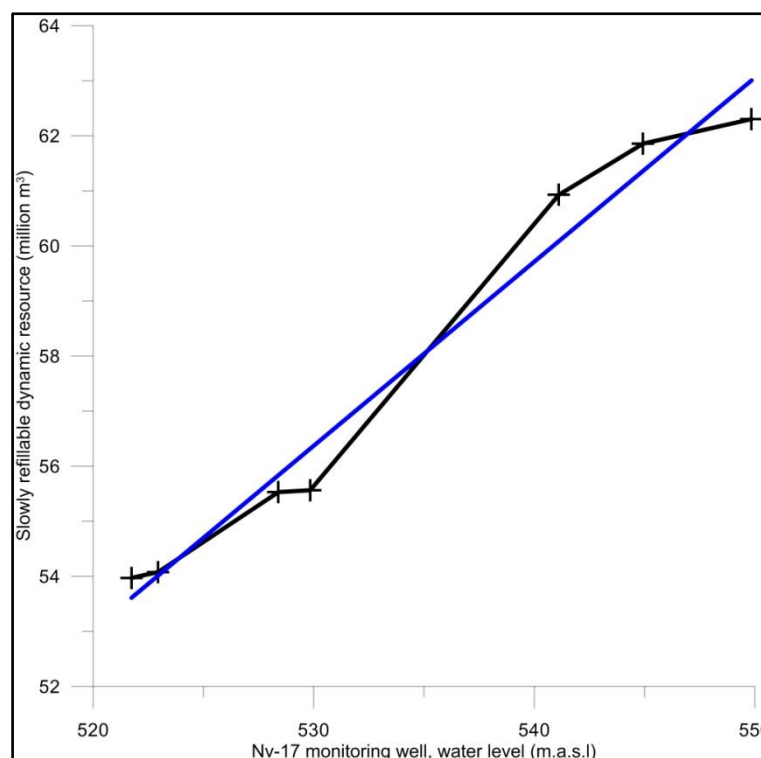


Figure 4. Slowly refillable dynamic resource depending on the water level of Nv-17 monitoring well

### Thesis 5.

*By periodicity investigation based on Fourier transformation of water level data of Well T10 Miskolctapolca and Well Thermal Miskolctapolca I proved the method applicable to identify which monitoring point belongs to which local water body.*

I performed periodicity investigation on data of precipitation of Jávorkút and long time series of Spring Szinva, Spring Garadna, Well Nv-17, Well Bélapátfalva, Well T10 Miskolctapolca, and Well Thermal Miskolctapolca, respectively. According to precipitation data of Jávorkút I determined the characteristic periods in the Bükk. By Fourier-

transformation I also determined the characteristic cycles in water level data. The characteristic longer periods can be found in time series of all cold water monitoring point. Not in case of Well Thermal where the most characteristic 1-year period neither cannot be found. (Figure 5. and 6.)

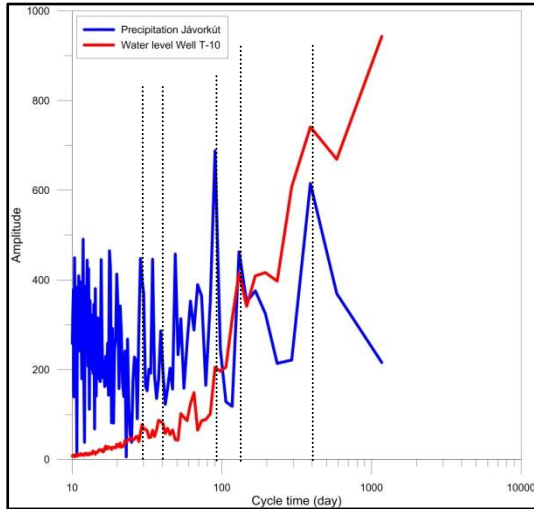


Figure 5. The periods of precipitation (Jávorkút) and water level of T10 monitoring well, analysed by Fourier-transformation (marked the significant common periods)

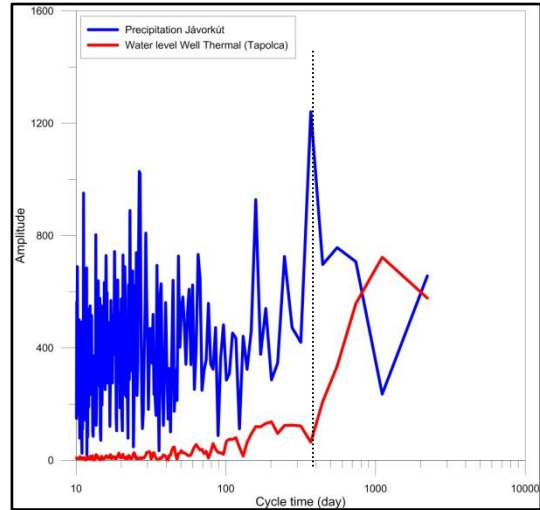


Figure 6. The periods of precipitation (Jávorkút) and water level of Thermal well, analysed by Fourier-transformation (marked the one year period, no common periods)

#### Thesis 6.

*The autocorrelation investigation of water level time series can be used to interpret complex geological situations. I proved according to autocorrelation functions that hydraulic properties of Bükkfennsík Limestone Formation and Fehérkő Limestone Formation in the first 7 days of flow are congruent.*

*I also proved that Bükkfennsík Limestone aquifer of Well Répáshuta and Well Nv-17 despite of spatial segregation of them are congruent from aspect of hydraulic properties in the first 6 days of flow.*

In karst hydrogeology memory effect of a karst system is the time where the value of autocorrelation of water level decrease below 0.2. The development of karst system can be also seen on the curves of autocorrelation (Table 2., Figure 7.). (Pulido-Bosch et al. 1995)

Table 2. The memory effect based on autocorrelation function

	Memory effect (day)
Spring Szinva	70
Spring Garadna	132
Well Rh-1(Répáshuta)	89
Well Nv-17	112
Well Bélapátfalva	206

I compared the characteristic autocorrelation curves of different monitoring points and I took farther statements related to geological formation.

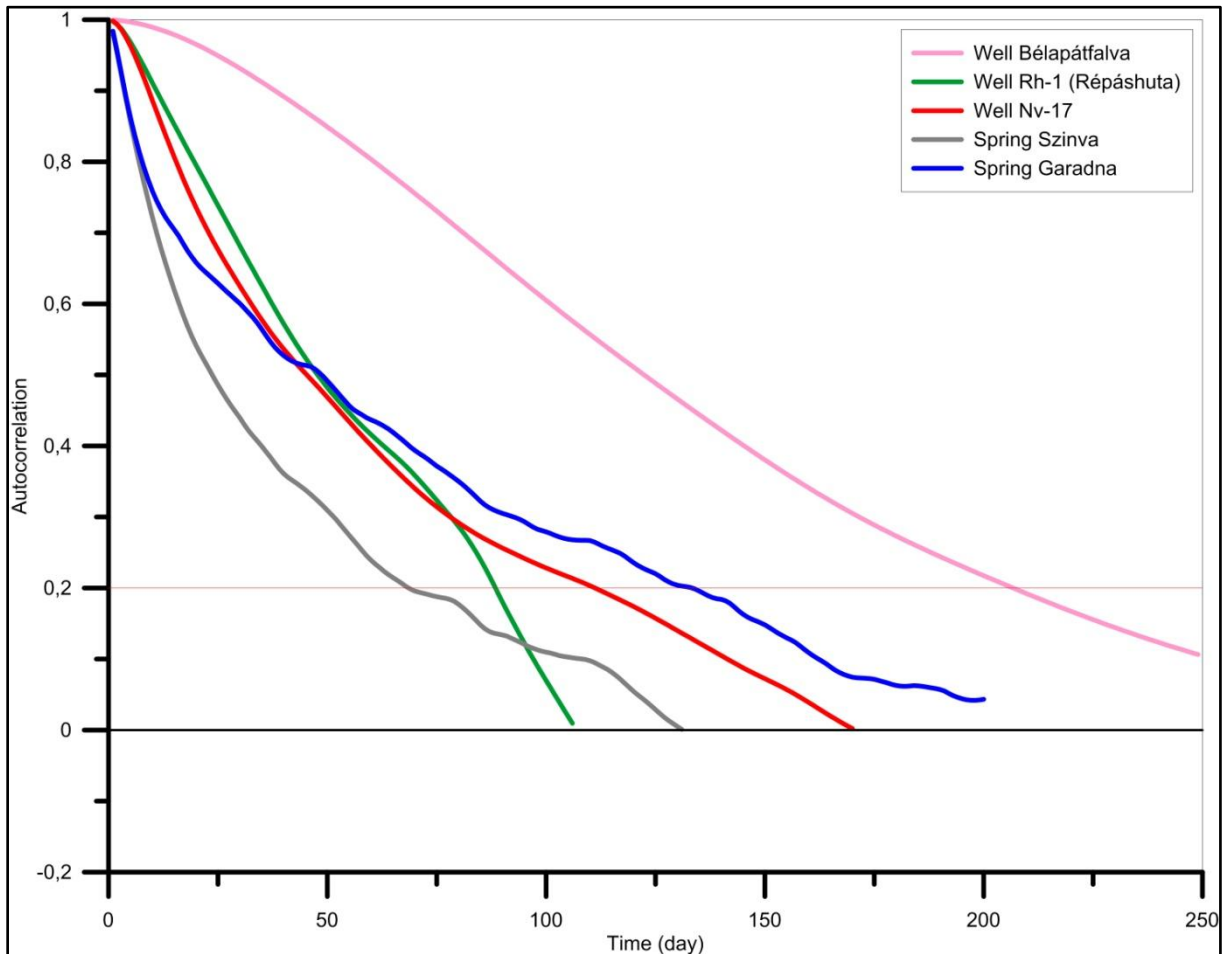


Figure 7. Autocorrelation functions of water levels

#### Thesis 7.

*Flow velocities were determined based on cross-correlation and phase function analysis. In case of Well Nv-17 that is vertical flow velocity (17-22 m/day) because it is in the center of non-contributing area of Bükk. In case of Well Tbp-1 Répáshuta it is a mean flow velocity with value 8,5-10 m/day.*

The distance to maximum value of cross-correlation function from the initial point shows the delay of water level peaking (Figure 8.). It is evident the springs have the quickest reaction to precipitation event.

The slope of fitted linear on initial part of phase function can give the mean delay of different periods. When the initial part of phase function is short it is possible to fit on intermedier frequencies (in that case the coherence also makes it possible).

Both methods were used to determine delay and flow velocity.

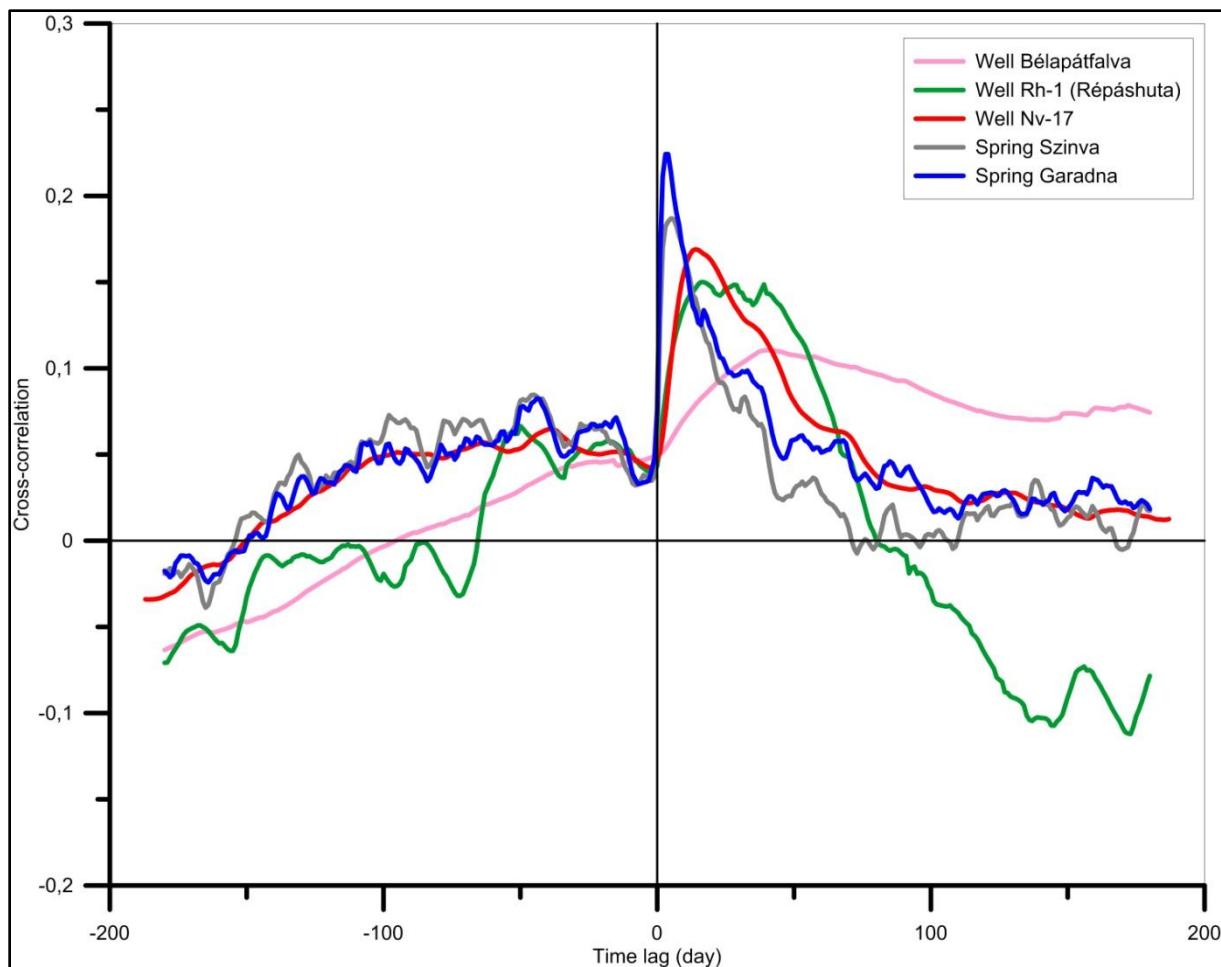


Figure 8. Cross-correlation function between water levels and precipitation (Jávorkút)

Theis 8.

*I determined the lowest depth of well karstified zone by analysis of water level characteristic curve of non-edge wells in center Bükk. I appointed the possible depth of cave forming. These depths are 250 m below the non-contributing area of Great-plateau by Well Nv-17 and 100 m in case of Well Tbp-1 Répáshuta.*

The lowest depth of well karstified zone can be determined by water level characteristic curve of non-edge wells in center Bükk. These depths are equivalent with baseflow starting depths by gain function. By data of Well Nv-17 in the Great-plateau the depth of well karstified zone is 250 m, in case of Well Répáshuta this depth is 100 m. Previous cave end point investigations shows the same result on the Great-plateau. (Hernádi et al. 2012)

Theis 9.

*I proved that in arid periods the characteristic curves of Well Nv-17 can be used to forecast the decreasing water levels and to forecast the change of the quickly and slowly refillable dynamic resources.*

Continuous work of our institute to perform water resource calculation to water supply companies who provide drinking water from the karst water of Bükk. During calculations we always presume that in the following period there will not be recharge from precipitation. It means the undisturbed decreasing of water levels. So we always determine the worst case

scenario in case of water resource. To the calculations the forecast of decreasing water level is needed which can be done with characteristic curves easily.

I validated the characteristic curves in periods where we had measured water levels. The difference between measured and calculated water levels was 22 cm which is the 0.8 % of the total water level fluctuation.

#### **APPLICATION OPPORTUNITIES OF THE RESEARCH RESULTS**

The Bükk Karst Water Monitoring System (BKWMS) was established in 1992 by pushing of three water supply companies which are produced the karst water of Bükk. For the companies, the water resource estimation was the main requirement from the beginnings. This is the reason why the first research topic of my dissertation is the water resource calculation.

The 25-years data of water level and precipitation enable to develop new calculation methods. The previous method used data of only one monitoring point (Well Nv-17) and it calculated the exploitable water volume from one porosity value with neglect of relief and water relief.

The water relief in my work was determined according to geological and hydrogeological data, furthermore I used water levels from BKWMS and spring exit point elevation from spring cadaster. According to this database the water relief can be calculated to an arbitrary moment. By application of different porosity and technological border (quickly and slowly refillable dynamic resources and thermal water resource) from the water relief, the water resource can be calculated. The created water level-water resource function makes it easier to determine volume of water resource for water supply companies. The results can be used directly during water resource estimations which are made in the Institute of Environmental Management at University of Miskolc. With this method the companies can plan the daily water production, they can prepare to providing drinking water from alternative sources. The results of water resource calculation can also serves basics for governments. For example they can evaluate the effect of new water withdrawals.

The flow direction and expectable hydraulic heads can be determined according to water relief map. This can help well planning or contamination transport modeling. Indirectly, my investigations of interpolation and grid sizing can help the farther hydrodynamic and transport modeling. In this investigations I proved that 5 m x 5 m grid size and the application of natural neighbor method for interpolation can result the more accurate water relief map.

The time series analysis is the second research topic of my paper. The aim of this investigation is the better understanding of karst system of Bükk Mountain. I have made several comparable investigations. According to these, the geological formations can be ranked by hydraulic conductivity and storativity.

The periodicity investigations based on Fourier-transformation can help to separate local water systems. The autocorrelation investigation can serves information about memory effect of different part of mountain. This could be useful when the movement of a contamination is monitored. In karstic aquifer the water can flow quickly, the small fractures do not work during quick flow so the filtering effect of rocks is negligible.

By cross-correlation and phase function I determined the delay and flow velocity. These results can also be applied in hydrodynamic modeling.

The gain function and characteristic curve can also serve information about the water system of Bükk. I determined the duration of basic and quick flow by gain function. These periods could be converted into depth by aid of characteristic curves. In practice this is more useful and easier to understand. I appointed the boundary of well-karstified zone which means the possible lowest depth of cave forming. Below these depths can be found the zone of slow flow.

Another important application of characteristic curves is the water level forecast. To forecast water resources we use forecasted water levels. In my investigations I proved, my characteristic curve can forecast the water level with uncertainty of 1%.

I also investigated how the precipitation of different registers can influence result of spectral analysis and what are the most sensitive parameters of analysis. In general, I could say the low frequencies in gain functions where we can find significant differences. It can cause problems to establish the border between quick and intermediate flow. In practice we have to use data of that precipitation monitoring station which have the highest coherency in lower frequency domain.

This year is 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of BKWMS. On this event there were several companies which are interested in working of monitoring system. The workers of Miviz Ltd., Waterworks of Heves County Co., Regional Waterworks of North Hungary Co., North-Hungarian Water Conservancy Directorate, Bükk National Park, Zsóry Medicinal and Open bath, PannErgy Co. can use the results of my dissertation during their daily work.

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