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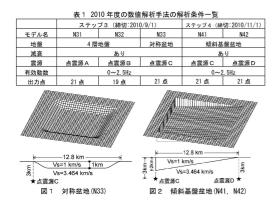
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Benchmark Tests for Strong Ground Motion Simulations (Part 7 : Numerical Methods, Step 3 & 4)

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We performed a benchmark test for the strong motion simulation methods using numerical methods (finite differences method and finite element method). Six teams from different institutions solved the same problems with the same subsurface structure models and the same seismic sources. We tested three subsurface models: a four layers model, a torapezoidal sedimentry basin model and a stant basement model. All the results calculated by six teams generally show good agreement to each other. We found minor differences are generated by the difference of property distribution near the irregular layer boundaries.



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