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ADVANCED SEISMIC MICROZONING OF THE COMPLEX SEDIMENTARY BASIN OF MARTIGNY  
(SWITZERLAND) BY TWO-DIMENSIONAL AKI-LARNER METHOD AND THREE-DIMENSIONAL SPECTRAL-  
ELEMENT METHOD

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The region of Martigny (Valais, Switzerland) is located at the confluence of two ancient Alpine glaciers: the Rhone and Dranse glaciers. Such a confluence had for consequence the creation of a deep, steep-sided and complex three-dimensional (3D) valley reaching 1 km depth and spreading 3 km wide (at maximum, see Figure 1). The valley is filled with quaternary sediment formations whose shear-wave velocity structure has been determined by geophysical campaigns performed during former projects (e.g., geothermal prospection): the shear-wave velocities range from 250 m/s at the shallowest formation to 1350 m/s at 1 km depth. The underlying seismological bedrock's shear-wave velocity has been approximated to 3000 m/s. In order to determine elastic response spectra for the future seismic microzoning of the region, the "Centre de Recherche sur l'Environnement Alpin" (CREALP) mandated three institutes to perform two- and three-dimensional advanced numerical seismic wave propagations to quantify the complex basin's seismic response and its associated uncertainties. This presentation aims at showing: i) the semi-automatic meshing/refining technique developed for arbitrary 3D sedimentary basin surrounded by steep topography, ii) the medium homogenization technique to include arbitrary 2D sediment/bedrock interface in a 3D finite-element mesh and iii) the results obtained by a 2D Aki-Larner method code and two spectral-element method codes (SPECFEM3D and EFISPEC3D).

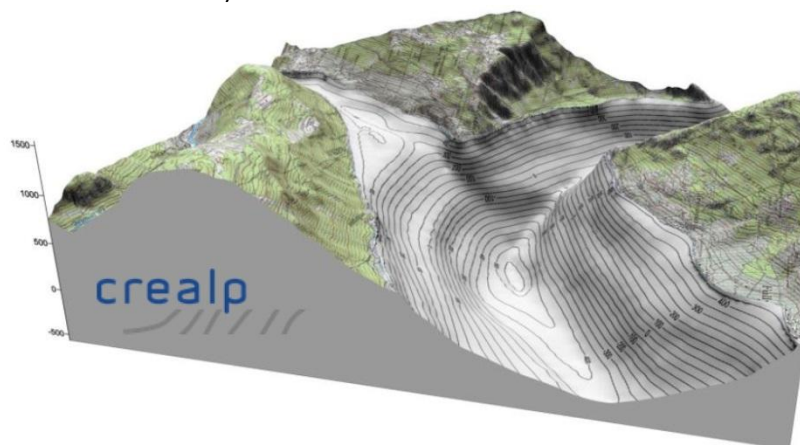


Figure 1: 3D view of the deep steep-sided basin of the region of Martigny.