

BuildingTcl

a Real-Time Interface for Numerical Simulation in OpenSees

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BuildingTcl & BuildingTclViewer

- BuildingTcl and BuildingTclViewer provide a library of Tcl/Tk procedures that can be used within OpenSees to
 - build a simulation-model library via scripting modules or interactively
 - run simulations via scripting modules or interactively
 - visualize real-time structural response during numerical simulation

Interactive OpenSees simulation via:

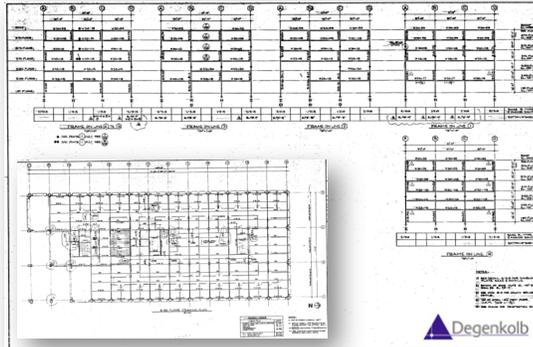


- BuildingTclViewer is a Tcl/Tk widget (program) that provides a graphical user interface to create the BuildingTcl database interactively, run the numerical simulations using OpenSees interactively, and view the results interactively.
- While BuildingTcl and BuildingTclViewer were developed on a Windows platform, they can be made to work on other platforms, even Mac.

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Objective of BuildingTcl & BuildingTclViewer

- Generate numerical-simulation input in a manner consistent with architectural/structural drawings
- Create a database of all structure and simulation data
- The implementation of OpenSees to do the analysis is natural here, but not restrictive
- Be able to run on a number of platforms, just as OpenSees can



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Features

BuildingTcl:

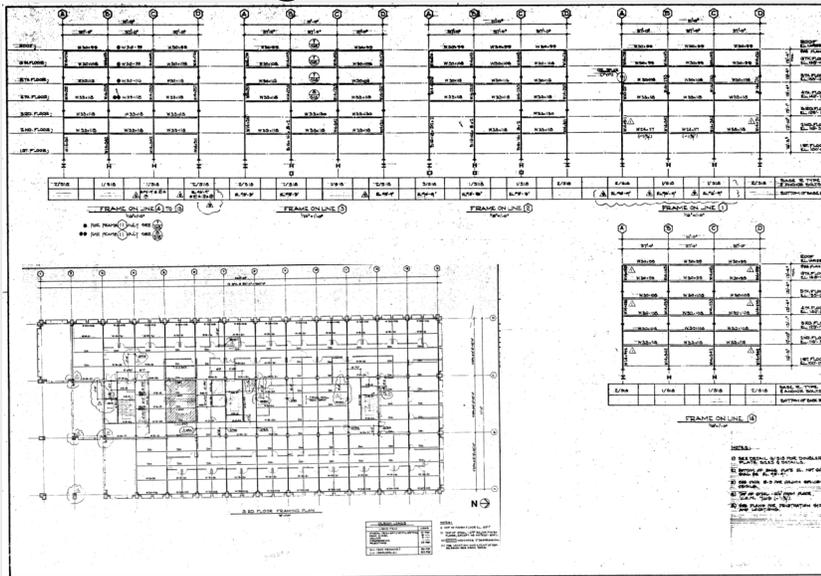
- High-level scripting tool
- Generate building-model data
 - Materials
 - Sections
 - Element Types
 - Analysis Models
 - Loads (Gravity & Lateral)
 - Load Combinations
 - Models
 - Elevations
 - Plan
 - 3D Frames
- Generate analysis-model data
- Generate loading and load-combination data
- Generate OpenSees model of building
- Perform OpenSees numerical simulations
- Post-Process OpenSees recorder output into formatted data
- Generate OpenSees input files

BuildingTclViewer:

- Graphical User Interface (GUI) for BuildingTcl
- generate and/or visualize ALL BuildingTcl input graphically
- Save ALL input into BuildingTcl script
- Perform numerical simulations using OpenSees interactively
- Visualize OpenSees simulation real-time
- Pause and/or stop OpenSees analysis real-time
- Visualize simulation results interactively
- Export simulation results

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Drawings: Elevations & Plans



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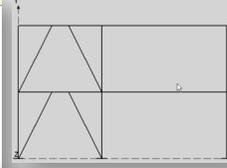
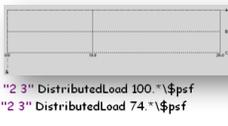
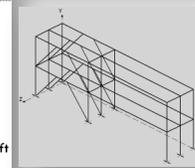
Model Input

```

# Elevation
addModelData ModelLabel RCTestFrame2Story2BayBbraced
addModelData ModelDescription "RC MRF, 2-Story, 2-Bay"
addModelData ModelTypeLabel Elevation
addModelData -Geometry Height 16'\$ft StoryRange "1 2"
addModelData -Geometry Width 20'\$ft Bay 1
addModelData -Geometry Width 30'\$ft Bay 2
addModelData -Columns SectionLabel 30x30RCRectangularFiber ColumnLineRange "1 3" StoryRange "1 2" Orient Rotated
addModelData -Beams SectionLabel 30x60RCRectangularFiber BayRange "1 2" FloorRange "2 3"
addModelData -ChevronBraces SectionLabel W12x16 BayRange "1 1" Story "1 2" Eccentricity 4.4'\$ft
addModelData SupportBC fix
addModelData OutOfPlaneSupportBC pin
addModelData RigidFloor Off
addModelData JointOffsetsSwitch on
addModelData TributaryWidth 5.4'\$ft
addModelData -GravityLoad LoadLabel DL1 FloorRange "2 3" DistributedLoad 100.4'\$psf
addModelData -GravityLoad LoadLabel LL1 FloorRange "2 3" DistributedLoad 74.4'\$psf
addModel

# Plan
addModelData ModelLabel 2x2Floor
addModelData ModelDescription "1-Bay by 1-Bay Floor Plan"
addModelData ModelTypeLabel Plan
addModelData iVerticalGridLineLabel "0 0 10 0 25 0"
addModelData iHorizontalGridLineLabel "A B C"
addModelData -HorizontalBayWidth Bay 1 Width 20'\$ft
addModelData -HorizontalBayWidth Bay 2 Width 30'\$ft
addModelData -VerticalBayWidth BayRange "1 2" Width 5'\$ft
addModel

# 3D Frame
addModelData ModelLabel 3DBuildingFrameRC
addModelData ModelDescription "Let's try It!"
addModelData ModelTypeLabel 3DFrame
addModelData PlanModelLabel 2x2Floor
addModelData RigidFloor Off
addModelData -addElevation ElevationModelLabel RCTestFrame2Story2BayA iGridLineLabel "0 0"
addModelData -addElevation ElevationModelLabel RCTestFrame2Story2BayA iGridLineLabel "10 0" TributaryWidth 12.5'\$ft
addModelData -addElevation ElevationModelLabel RCTestFrame2Story2BayA iGridLineLabel "25 0" TributaryWidth 7.5'\$ft
addModelData -addElevation ElevationModelLabel RCTestFrame2Story2BayBbraced iGridLineLabel "A C" TributaryWidth 2.5'\$ft
addModelData -addElevation ElevationModelLabel RCTestFrame2Story2BayBbraced iGridLineLabel "B" TributaryWidth 5.4'\$ft
addModel
    
```

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Material, Section & Element Types

```

# MATERIALS -----
# Core Concrete (Default confinement effects)
addMaterialData MaterialLabel 4ksiConfinedConcrete
addMaterialData MaterialModelLabel ConfinedConcrete
addMaterialData Fc 4000.*$psi:
addMaterial

# RC Column ElementType
addElementTypeData ElementTypeLabel RCColumn:
addElementTypeData ElementModelLabel beamWithHinges:
addElementTypeData PlasticHingeLengthModelLabel Priestley96
addElementTypeData TransformationType Linear
addElementType : # -----

# ELEMENT SECTION -----
addSectionData SectionLabel 30x30RCRectFiber
addSectionData SectionDescription "Square Rectangular RC Section"
addSectionData SectionModelLabel RCRectFiber:
addSectionData H 30*in:
addSectionData B 30*in:
addSectionData NBarBot 6: # number of bottom longitudinal
addSectionData NBarTop 6: # number of top longitudinal
addSectionData NBarInt 6: # total number of intermediate
addSectionData BarSizeBot #9:
addSectionData BarSizeTop #9:
addSectionData BarSizeInt #9:
addSectionData CoverBot 2.6*in:
addSectionData CoverTop 2.6*in:
addSectionData CoverInt 2.6*in:
addSectionData CoreMaterialLabel 4ksiConfinedConcrete:
addSectionData CoverMaterialLabel 4ksiUnconfinedConcrete:
addSectionData ReinforcementMaterialLabel 60ksiReinforcingSteel:
addSection

```

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Analysis Models

```

# Gravity Analyses
addAnalysisModelData AnalysisModelLabel GravityAnalysis:
addAnalysisModelData AnalysisTypeLabel LoadControl:
addAnalysisModelData Tolerance 1e-8:
addAnalysisModelData Nstep 12:
addAnalysisModel:

# Pushover Analyses
addAnalysisModelData AnalysisModelLabel PushoverAnalysisVerySmallSteps
addAnalysisModelData AnalysisTypeLabel DisplacementHistory
addAnalysisModelData DisplacementIncrement 0.01*in
addAnalysisModel # -----

addAnalysisModelData AnalysisModelLabel PushoverAnalysisSmallSteps
addAnalysisModelData AnalysisTypeLabel DisplacementHistory
addAnalysisModelData DisplacementIncrement 0.1*in
addAnalysisModel # -----

# Dynamic Analyses
addAnalysisModelData AnalysisModelLabel ShortDynamicTimeHistoryAnalysis:
addAnalysisModelData AnalysisTypeLabel TimeHistory
addAnalysisModelData Tolerance 1e-6:
addAnalysisModelData DtAnalysis 0.1*sec
addAnalysisModelData TmaxAnalysis 10*sec
addAnalysisModel: # -----

```

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Lateral Loads

```

addLoadData LoadLabel StaticPushover; # STATIC PUSHOVER
addLoadData LoadTypeLabel LateralPushover; # options: LateralPushover, UniformEQ, UniformSine
addLoadData DMax 1.*\${in}; # maximum displacement
addLoadData ControlNodeFloor top;
addLoad
addLoadData LoadLabel StaticCyclic; # STATIC REVERSED CYCLIC LOADING
addLoadData LoadTypeLabel LateralPushover;
addLoadData CycleType Full; # full cycles. Options: Push, Full, Half
addLoadData DMax "0.005 0.01 0.05 0.075 0.1"; # List of peaks, set as a factor of
addLoadData DMaxFactor BuildingHeight; # building height
addLoadData ControlNodeFloor top;
addLoad
addLoadData LoadLabel EQ1; # EQ TIME-HISTORY
addLoadData LoadTypeLabel UniformEQ;
addLoadData Gfactor \${g}; # ground-motion input-u
addLoadData Gdirectory "GMfiles"; # directory where ground
addLoadData FileType "PEER"; # ground-motion file type
addLoadData Gfilename "H-E12140.at2"; # ground-motion filename
addLoadData Gdirection X; # lateral dof for ground m
addLoadData Gfactor 1.; # scaling of ground motion
addLoad
addLoadData LoadLabel EQ1Bidirect; # EQ T
addLoadData LoadTypeLabel UniformEQ2D;
addLoadData Gfactor \${g}; # gro
addLoadData Gdirectory "GMfiles"; # direct
addLoadData FileType "PEER"; # ground
addLoadData GfilenameX H-E01140.at2; # ground-motion filename for input
addLoadData GfilenameZ H-E01140.at2; # ground-motion filename for input
addLoadData GfactorX -15; # scaling of ground motion for input
addLoadData GfactorZ 10; # scaling of ground motion for input
addLoad

```

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NOTE: Gravity Loads are defined within the model

Pushover LoadCombinations

```

# STATIC PUSHOVER LOAD COMBINATIONS -----
addLoadCombinationData LoadCombinationLabel ReallyShortStaticPushover
addLoadCombinationData LoadCombinationDescription "This is my favorite one!!!"
addLoadCombinationData -GravityLoad LoadLabel DL1
addLoadCombinationData -GravityLoad LoadLabel DL2
addLoadCombinationData -LateralLoad LoadLabel StaticPushover DMax 0.02*\${in}
addLoadCombination
addLoadCombinationData LoadCombinationLabel InterestingStaticPushover
addLoadCombinationData LoadCombinationDescription "This is my favorite one!!!"
addLoadCombinationData -GravityLoad LoadLabel DL1
addLoadCombinationData -GravityLoad LoadLabel DL2
addLoadCombinationData -LateralLoad LoadLabel StaticPushover DMax 0.1*\${in} DMaxFactor 1.
addLoadCombinationData -LateralLoad LoadLabel StaticPushover DMax 1.9*\${in} DMaxFactor 1. \
DisplacementIncrement 0.25
addLoadCombinationData -LateralLoad LoadLabel StaticPushover DMax 10*\${in} DMaxFactor 1. \
DisplacementIncrement 0.5
addLoadCombination
addLoadCombinationData LoadCombinationLabel PushToTenPercentDriftZ
addLoadCombinationData LoadCombinationDescription "This is my favorite one!!!"
addLoadCombinationData -GravityLoad LoadLabel DL1
addLoadCombinationData -GravityLoad LoadLabel DL2
addLoadCombinationData -GravityLoad AnalysisModelLabel GravityAnalysis
addLoadCombinationData -LateralLoad LoadLabel StaticPushover AnalysisModelLabel PushoverAnalysisLargeSteps \
LateralDirection Z DMax 0.1 DMaxFactor BuildingHeight
addLoadCombination

```

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EQ Load Combinations

```
# DYNAMIC LOAD COMBINATIONS -----
addLoadCombinationData LoadCombinationLabel DesignEQ1
addLoadCombinationData -GravityLoad LoadLabel DL1 LoadFactor 0.9
addLoadCombinationData -GravityLoad LoadLabel DL2 LoadFactor 0.9
addLoadCombinationData -LateralLoad LoadLabel EQ1
addLoadCombination
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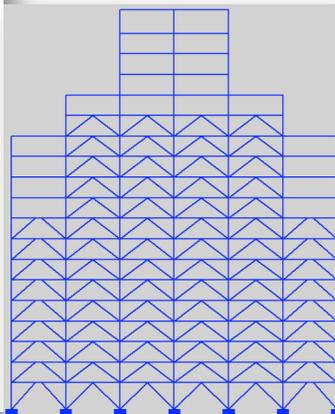
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addLoadCombinationData LoadCombinationLabel MaxEQ1shorter
addLoadCombinationData -GravityLoad LoadLabel DL1 LoadFactor 1
addLoadCombinationData -LateralLoad LoadLabel EQ1 AnalysisModelLabel ShortDynamicTimeHistoryAnalysis LoadFactor 3
addLoadCombination
```

```
addLoadCombinationData LoadCombinationLabel MaxEQ2bidirect10sec
addLoadCombinationData -GravityLoad LoadLabel DL1 LoadFactor 0.9
addLoadCombinationData -LateralLoad LoadLabel EQ2 &MfilenameX H-E01140.at2 &MfilenameZ H-E12140.at2 \
TmaxAnalysis 10.*\$/sec
addLoadCombination
```

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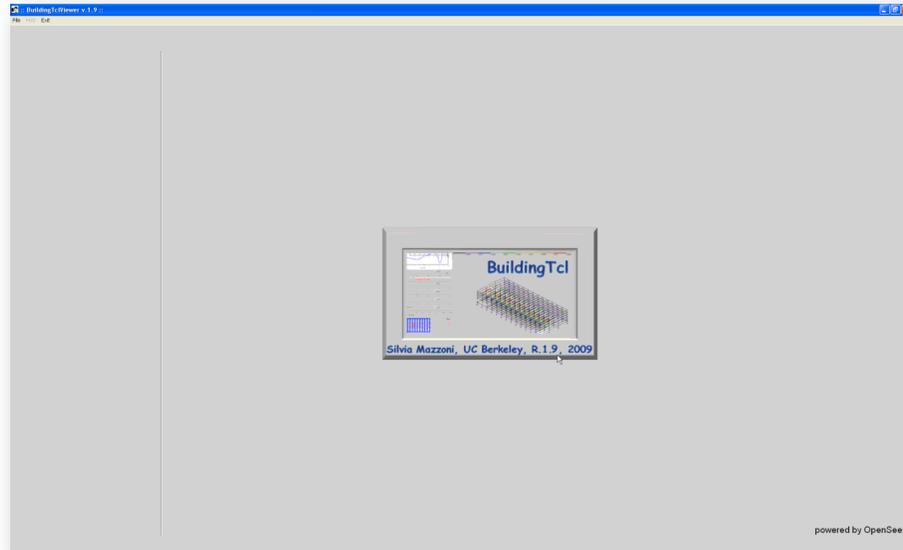
Interesting Example

```
addModelData ModelLabel "5MRFsetbacks"
addModelData ModelDescription "SMRF Elevation at Grid Line A and D with Setbacks"
addModelData ModelPlaneType Elevation
addModelData -GridLines GridLine "A" GridColumnLines "3 5 4 5 5 5 6 5 7 5 8 5 9 5"
addModelData -GridLines GridLine "D" GridColumnLines "9 5 8 5 7 5 6 5 5 5 4 5 3 5"
addModelData -Geometry Height 18 "\$/ft Story "1"
addModelData -Geometry Height 14 "\$/ft StoryRange "2 18"
addModelData -Geometry Height 16 "\$/ft Story "19"
addModelData -Geometry Width 40 "\$/ft BayRange "1 6"
addModelData -Columns SectionLabel W24x370 ColumnLine "1 7" Story "1"
addModelData -Columns SectionLabel W24x335 ColumnLine "1 7" StoryRange "2 13"
addModelData -Columns SectionLabel W24x279 ColumnLine "2 6" Story "1"
addModelData -Columns SectionLabel W24x279 ColumnLine "2 6" StoryRange "2 15"
addModelData -Columns SectionLabel W24x279 ColumnLineRange "3 5" Story "1"
addModelData -Columns SectionLabel W24x290 ColumnLineRange "3 5" StoryRange "2 18"
addModelData -Columns SectionLabel W24x192 ColumnLineRange "3 5" Story "19"
addModelData -Beams SectionLabel "W30x124 W30x173 W30x173 W30x173 W30x173 W30x108" FloorRange "2 4"
addModelData -Beams SectionLabel "W30x124 W30x173 W30x173 W30x173 W30x173 W30x124" FloorRange "5 7"
addModelData -Beams SectionLabel "W30x173 W30x173 W30x173 W30x173 W30x173 W30x124" Floor "8 9"
addModelData -Beams SectionLabel W30x132 BayRange "1 6" FloorRange "10 14"
addModelData -Beams SectionLabel W30x132 BayRange "2 5" FloorRange "15 16"
addModelData -Beams SectionLabel W30x148 BayRange "3 4" FloorRange "17 19"
addModelData -Beams SectionLabel W30x148 Bay "20"
addModelData -ChevronBraces SectionLabel "W30x148" Bay "1 6" StoryRange "1 9" Eccentricity "5.*\$/ft"
addModelData -ChevronBraces SectionLabel "W12x14" BayRange "2 5" StoryRange "1 14"
addModelData SupportBC fix
addModelData TributaryWidth 7*\$/ft
addModelData -GravityLoad LoadLabel DL1 Floor "2 3" DistributedLoad 74*\$/psf
addModelData -GravityLoad LoadLabel DL1 FloorRange "4 19" DistributedLoad 74*\$/psf
addModelData -GravityLoad LoadLabel DL1 Floor "20" DistributedLoad 60*\$/psf
addModelData -GravityLoad LoadLabel DL2 FloorRange "2 19" DistributedLoad 74*\$/psf
addModelData -GravityLoad LoadLabel DL2 Floor "20" DistributedLoad 60*\$/psf
addModelData -GravityLoad LoadLabel LL1 FloorRange "2 19" DistributedLoad 74*\$/psf
addModelData -GravityLoad LoadLabel LL1 Floor "20" DistributedLoad 60*\$/psf
addModel
```



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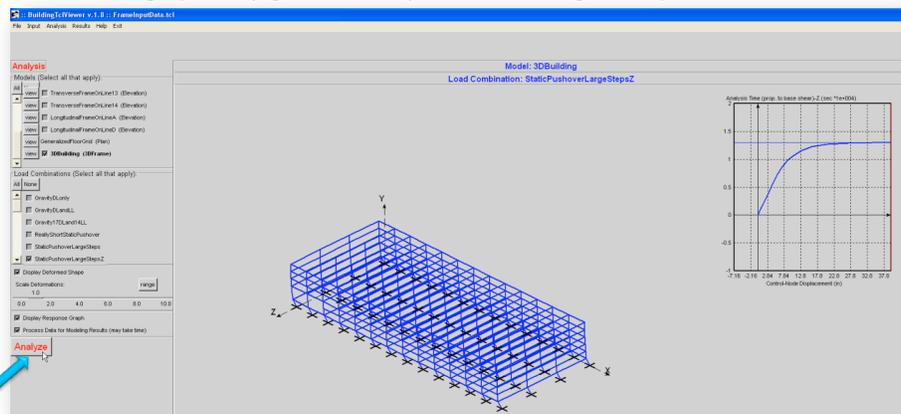
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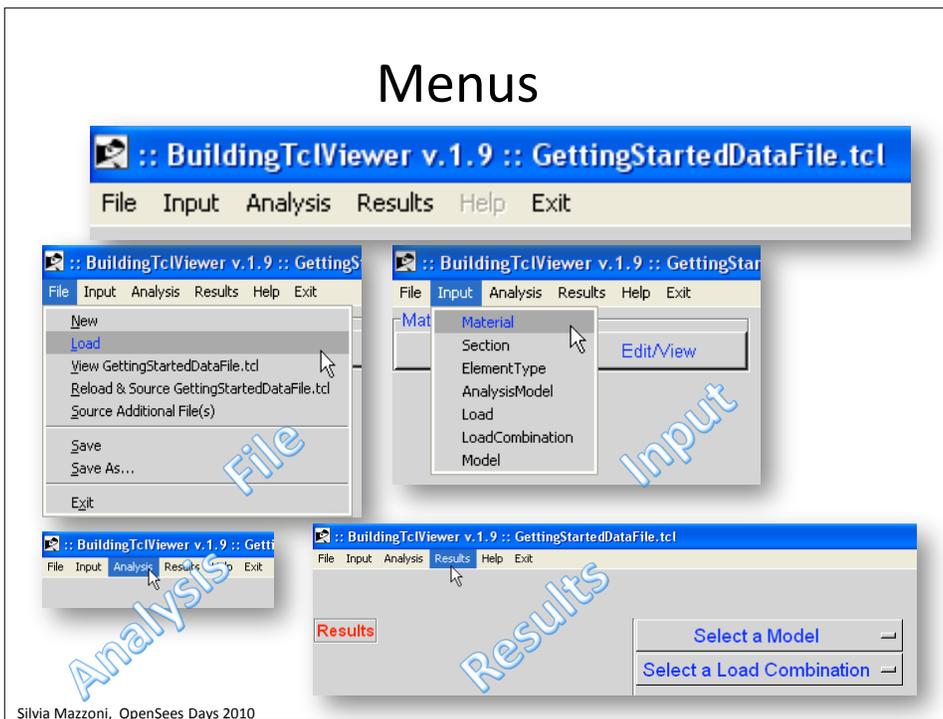
Objective of BuildingTclViewer

- Provide a graphical user interface for BuildingTcl input
- Provide capability of running OpenSees **real-time**
- Visualization of Input / real-time response / output
- Save graphically-generated input into BuildingTcl script file



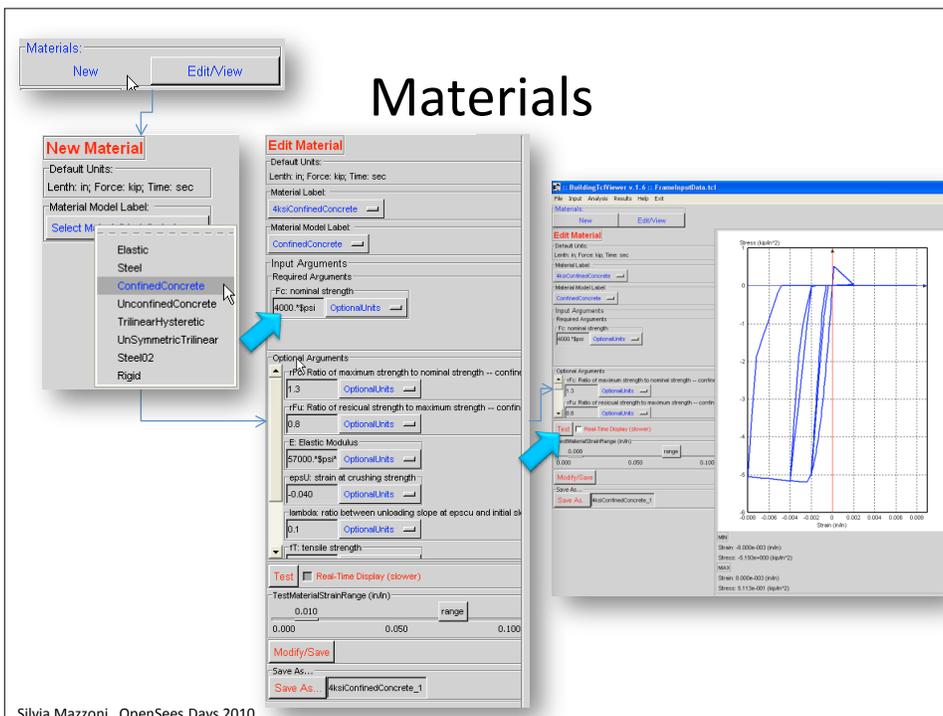
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Menus



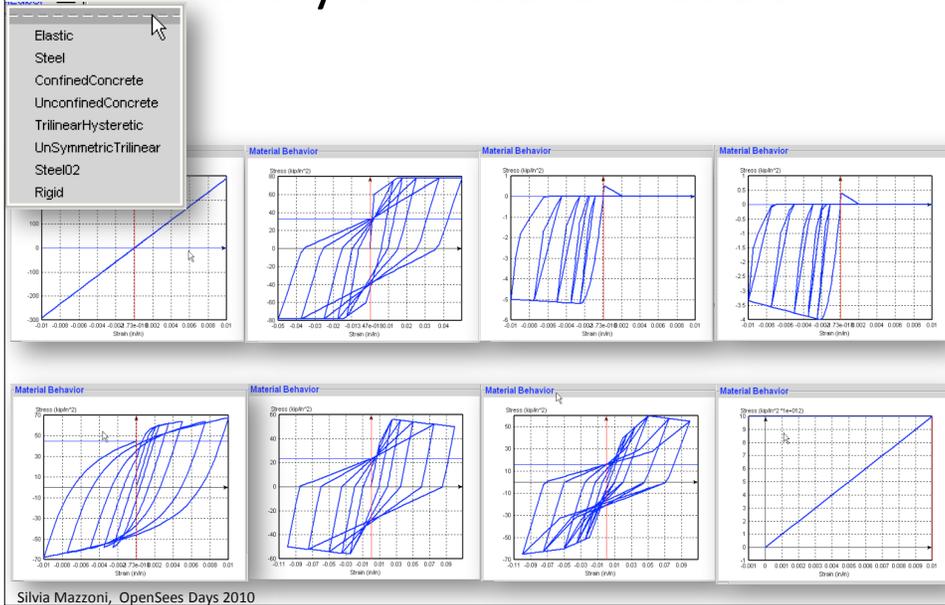
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Materials



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Library of Material Models

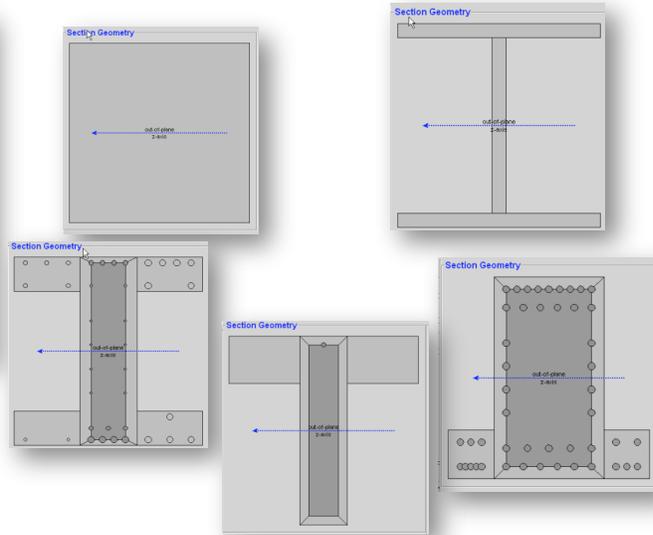


Sections

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Library of SectionModels

- Elastic
- RectangularElastic
- RectangularFiber
- AISCWideFlangeElastic
- AISCWideFlangeFiber
- CustomWideFlangeElastic
- CustomWideFlangeFiber
- RCWideFlangeFiber
- RCTBeamTwoLayerFiber
- RCInvTBeamFiber
- RCRectangularFiber
- ColumnHinge
- Uncoupled



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AISC StandardWideFlange Sections

Label	Properties
W44	
W40	
W36	
W33	
W30	
W27	
W24	
W21	
W18	
W16	
W14	
W12	
W10	
W8	
W6	
W5	
W4	
W3	
W2	
W1	
HP14	
HP12	
HP10	

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VG6X798 (A = (235*in2) D = (42*in) Bf = (18*in) Tf = (4.29*in) Tw = (2.38*in) box = (62600*in4) hyy = (4200*in4) lzz = (62600*in4)
VG6X850 (A = (191*in2) D = (40.5*in) Bf = (17.6*in) Tf = (3.54*in) Tw = (1.97*in) box = (48900*in4) hyy = (3230*in4) lzz = (48900*in4)
VG6X527 (A = (155*in2) D = (39.2*in) Bf = (17.2*in) Tf = (2.91*in) Tw = (1.61*in) box = (38300*in4) hyy = (2490*in4) lzz = (38300*in4)
VG6X439 (A = (129*in2) D = (38.3*in) Bf = (17*in) Tf = (2.44*in) Tw = (1.36*in) box = (31000*in4) hyy = (1990*in4) lzz = (31000*in4)
VG6X393 (A = (116*in2) D = (37.8*in) Bf = (16.8*in) Tf = (2.2*in) Tw = (1.22*in) box = (27500*in4) hyy = (1750*in4) lzz = (27500*in4)
VG6X359 (A = (105*in2) D = (37.4*in) Bf = (16.7*in) Tf = (2.01*in) Tw = (1.12*in) box = (24800*in4) hyy = (1570*in4) lzz = (24800*in4)
VG6X258 (A = (75.4*in2) D = (37.4*in) Bf = (12.2*in) Tf = (1.73*in) Tw = (0.96*in) box = (16800*in4) hyy = (520*in4) lzz = (16800*in4)
VG6X328 (A = (96.4*in2) D = (37.1*in) Bf = (16.6*in) Tf = (1.85*in) Tw = (1.02*in) box = (22500*in4) hyy = (1420*in4) lzz = (22500*in4)
VG6X232 (A = (86.1*in2) D = (37.1*in) Bf = (12.1*in) Tf = (1.57*in) Tw = (0.87*in) box = (15000*in4) hyy = (460*in4) lzz = (15000*in4)
VG6X300 (A = (86.3*in2) D = (36.7*in) Bf = (16.7*in) Tf = (1.66*in) Tw = (0.94*in) box = (20300*in4) hyy = (1300*in4) lzz = (20300*in4)
VG6X210 (A = (61.8*in2) D = (36.7*in) Bf = (12.2*in) Tf = (1.36*in) Tw = (0.83*in) box = (13200*in4) hyy = (411*in4) lzz = (13200*in4)
VG6X280 (A = (82.4*in2) D = (36.5*in) Bf = (16.6*in) Tf = (1.57*in) Tw = (0.88*in) box = (18900*in4) hyy = (1200*in4) lzz = (18900*in4)
VG6X194 (A = (57*in2) D = (36.5*in) Bf = (12.1*in) Tf = (1.26*in) Tw = (0.76*in) box = (12100*in4) hyy = (375*in4) lzz = (12100*in4)
VG6X260 (A = (76.5*in2) D = (36.2*in) Bf = (16.6*in) Tf = (1.44*in) Tw = (0.94*in) box = (17300*in4) hyy = (1050*in4) lzz = (17300*in4)
VG6X162 (A = (53.6*in2) D = (36.2*in) Bf = (12.1*in) Tf = (1.16*in) Tw = (0.72*in) box = (11300*in4) hyy = (347*in4) lzz = (11300*in4)
S5
VG6X170 (A = (50.1*in2) D = (36.2*in) Bf = (12*in) Tf = (1.1*in) Tw = (0.69*in) box = (10500*in4) hyy = (320*in4) lzz = (10500*in4)
VG6X245 (A = (72.1*in2) D = (36.1*in) Bf = (16.5*in) Tf = (1.35*in) Tw = (0.8*in) box = (16100*in4) hyy = (1100*in4) lzz = (16100*in4)
S4
VG6X160 (A = (47*in2) D = (36*in) Bf = (12*in) Tf = (1.02*in) Tw = (0.65*in) box = (8760*in4) hyy = (290*in4) lzz = (8760*in4)
S3
VG6X200 (A = (67.6*in2) D = (35.9*in) Bf = (16.5*in) Tf = (1.26*in) Tw = (0.76*in) box = (15000*in4) hyy = (940*in4) lzz = (15000*in4)
S20
VG6X150 (A = (44.2*in2) D = (35.9*in) Bf = (12*in) Tf = (0.94*in) Tw = (0.62*in) box = (9040*in4) hyy = (270*in4) lzz = (9040*in4)
S18
VG6X135 (A = (39.7*in2) D = (35.6*in) Bf = (12*in) Tf = (0.79*in) Tw = (0.6*in) box = (7800*in4) hyy = (225*in4) lzz = (7800*in4)
                    
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The graph shows the relationship between Moment (kip-ft) on the y-axis and Curvature (1/in) on the x-axis. The y-axis ranges from -0.01 to 0.05, and the x-axis ranges from -0.01 to 0.01. Multiple curves are plotted, representing different section models and their behavior under load.

A diagram of a wide flange section with a vertical web and horizontal flanges. A blue arrow points to the 'out of plane z-axis'.

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RC WideFlangeFiber

The screenshot displays the 'Building Editor' interface for configuring an 'RC WideFlangeFiber' section. The 'New Section' dialog is open, showing the following configuration:

- Section Model Label:** RCWideFlangeFiber
- Unique Section Label:** RCWideFlangeFiberSec1
- Required Arguments:**
 - Flange Thickness: 10
 - Web Thickness: 10
 - CoreMaterialLabel: 4ksiUnconfinedConcrete
 - CoreMaterialLabel: 4ksiConfinedConcrete
 - ReinMaterialLabel: 60ksiReinforcingSteel
- Optional Arguments:**
 - nCoreY: 16
 - nCoreX: 16
 - nCoverY: 4
 - nCoverX: 4
 - tau: 0.2
 - tauTorsional: 0.2
- Section Arguments:**
 - OpenSees Section: Fiber
 - d = 33
 - tf = 6
 - tw = 10
 - CoverMaterialLabel = 4ksiUnconfinedConcrete
 - CoreMaterialLabel = 4ksiConfinedConcrete
 - ReinMaterialLabel = 60ksiReinforcingSteel
 - FlangeReinMaterialLabel = 4ksiUnconfinedConcrete
 - NBarTop = 4
 - BarSizeTop = #7
 - NBarTopL = 2
 - BarSizeTopL = #4
 - NBarBot = 4
 - BarSizeBot = #9
 - NBarBot = 3
 - BarSizeBot = #6
 - NBarInt = 4
 - BarSizeInt = #9
 - NBarTopFlangeL = 3
 - BarSizeTopFlangeL = #6
 - NBarTopFlangeU = 2
 - BarSizeTopFlangeU = #6
 - NBarTopFlangeR = 4
 - BarSizeTopFlangeR = #9
 - NBarTopFlangeRI = 2
 - BarSizeTopFlangeRI = #9
 - NBarBotFlangeL = 2
 - BarSizeBotFlangeL = #4
 - NBarBotFlangeU = 0
 - BarSizeBotFlangeU = #9
 - NBarBotFlangeR = 3
 - BarSizeBotFlangeR = #9
 - NBarBotFlangeRI = 1
 - BarSizeBotFlangeRI = #9
 - LayerSpacingTop = 4
 - LayerSpacingBot = 2

The 'Section Behavior' graph shows Moment (kip-in) vs. Curvature (1/in) with a peak moment of approximately 1.5 kip-in. The 'Section Geometry' diagram shows a wide flange section with reinforcement bars and a 'out-of-plane' axis.

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Uncoupled-Response Sections

The left screenshot shows the 'New Section' dialog for 'ColumnHinge' and 'SupportSpring' sections. The 'Section Model Label' is 'ColumnHinge' and the 'Unique Section Label' is 'ColumnHingeSection'. The 'Optional Arguments' include 'ShearModelLabel' and 'BendingModelLabel', both set to 'Rigid'.

The right screenshot shows the 'Section Model Label' set to 'Uncoupled' and the 'Unique Section Label' set to 'UncoupledSection'. The 'Optional Arguments' include 'xForceModelLabel', 'yForceModelLabel', 'zForceModelLabel', 'xMomentModelLabel', 'yMomentModelLabel', and 'zMomentModelLabel', all set to 'Rigid'.

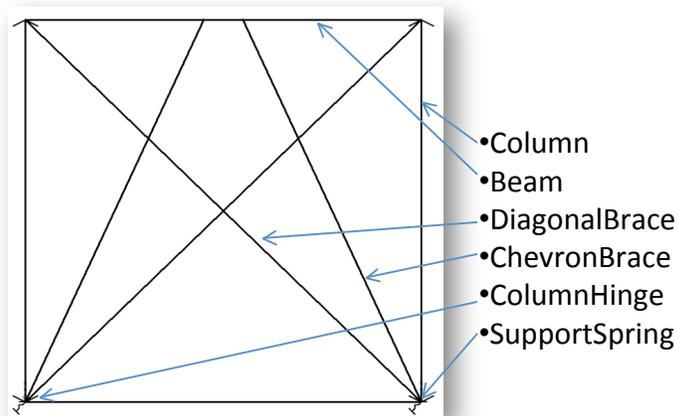
- Column-End Hinges (Bending &/or Shear)
- Support Springs

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ElementTypes

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StructuralElements



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Elevation-Model Input

The screenshot shows the OpenSees GUI with the 'Elevation-Model Input' dialog box open. The dialog has a 'Model Type Label' dropdown set to 'Elevation'. Below it, there are fields for 'Input Arguments', 'Unique Model Label', and 'Geometry' (No. Stories: 3, No. Bays: 4). The main window displays a 3D frame model with 3 stories and 4 bays. The model is a grid of columns and beams, with nodes and elements labeled. The vertical axis is labeled with floor levels from Floor 1 to Floor 3. The horizontal axis is labeled with bays from Bay 1 to Bay 4. The model is shown in a perspective view.

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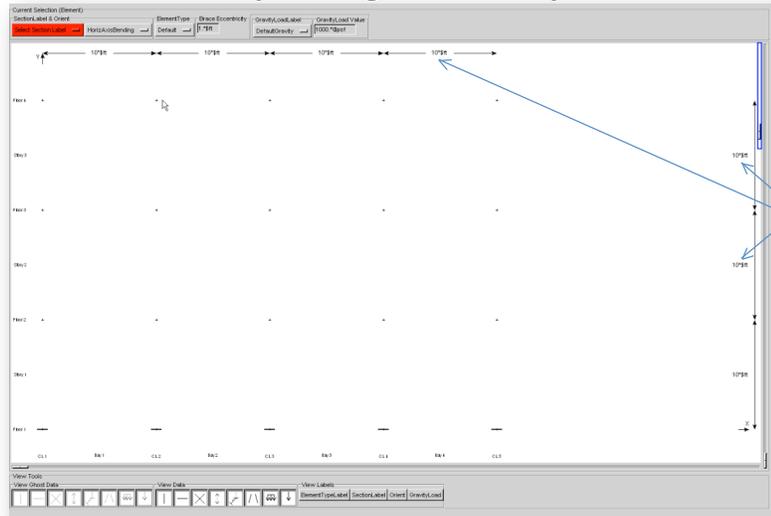
Elevation Model Input *Model Variables*

The screenshot shows the 'New Model' dialog box in the OpenSees GUI. The 'Model Type Label' is set to 'Elevation'. The 'Geometry' section shows 'No. Stories' as 3 and 'No. Bays' as 4. The 'Optional Arguments' section is expanded, showing a list of default element types. A dropdown menu is open over the 'DefaultColumn' option, listing various default element types such as DefaultNBC, DefaultBeam, DefaultBrace, DefaultNBCPDelta, DefaultColumn, DefaultColumnHinge, DefaultBeamElement, DefaultRBCWH, DefaultBracePDelta, DefaultRBCWHPDelta, DefaultDiagonalBrace, DefaultBWH, DefaultBrace, DefaultColumnHinge, DefaultBWH, DefaultColumnHinge, DefaultWHPDelta, DefaultSupportSpring, DefaultSupportSpringElementInputLabel, and DefaultSupportSpring.

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Elevation Model Input

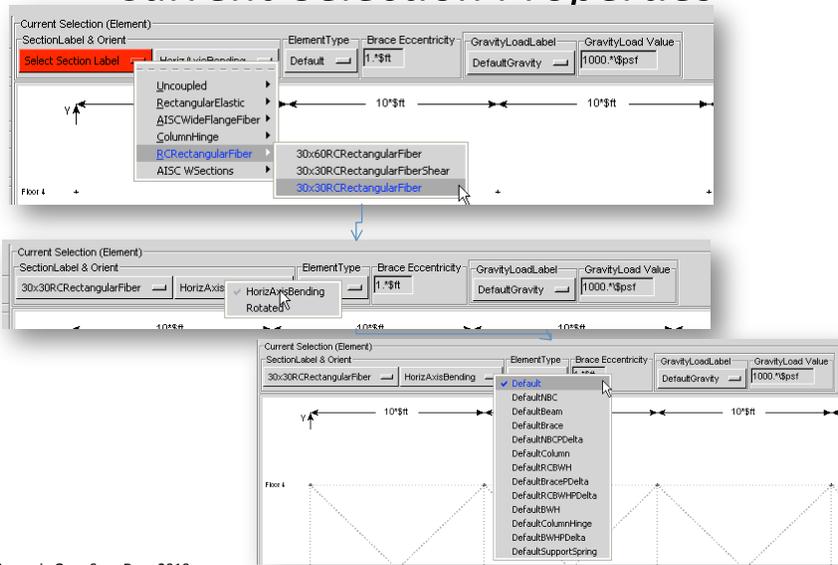
Story Height & Bay width



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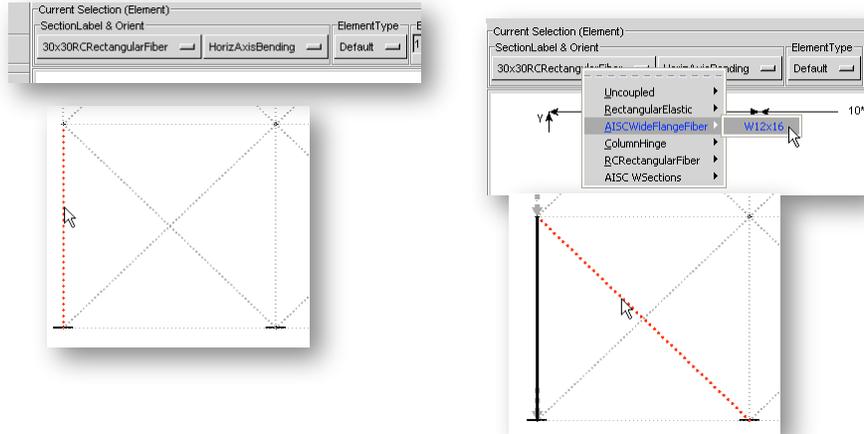
Elevation Model Input

Current-Selection Properties



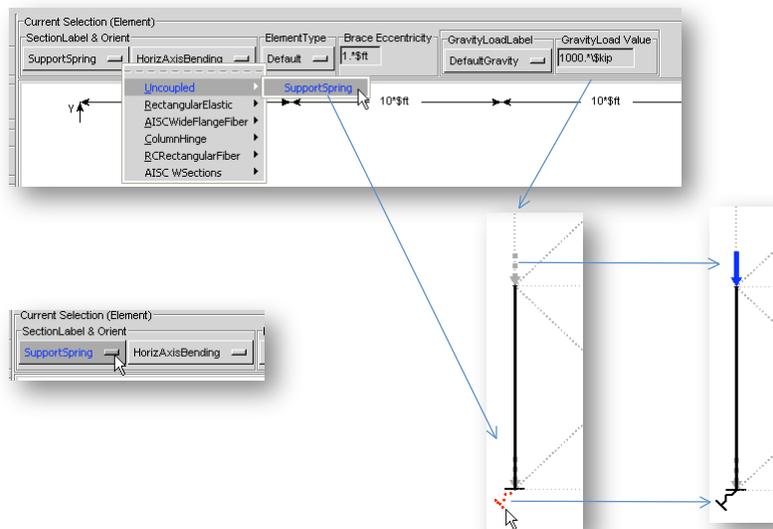
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Elevation Model Input *Columns & Diagonal Braces*



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Elevation Model Input *Support Springs & Nodal Loads appear*



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Elevation Model Input

ColumnHinge

Current Selection (Element)

SectionLabel & Orient: SupportRevision, HorizAxisBending

Element Type: Default

Brace Eccentricity: 10'ft

GravityLoadLabel: DefaultGravity

GravityLoad Value: 1000 *\$kip

Uncoupled

RectangularElastic

ATSCWideFlangeFiber

ColumnHinge

BRectangularFiber

ATSC WSections

ColumnHinge

Current Selection (Element)

SectionLabel & Orient: HorizAxisBending

Element Type: Default

Brace Eccentricity: 10'ft

GravityLoadLabel: DefaultGravity

GravityLoad Value: 1000 *\$kip

Node 2

Node 1

Node 2

Node 1

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Elevation Model Input

Beams

Current Selection (Element)

SectionLabel & Orient: HorizAxisBending

Element Type: Default

Brace Eccentricity: 10'ft

GravityLoadLabel: DefaultGravity

GravityLoad Value: 1000 *\$kip

Uncoupled

RectangularElastic

ATSCWideFlangeFiber

ColumnHinge

BRectangularFiber

ATSC WSections

30x60RRectangularFiber

30x30RRectangularFiberShear

30x30RRectangularFiber

Node 2

Node 1

Node 2

Node 1

Once Beam has been defined, user can define:

- Distributed gravity loads
- Chevron Braces

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Elevation Model Input *Chevron Braces*

Brace Eccentricity: 1.5 ft

Brace Eccentricity: 2.5 ft

BuildingTcl rebuilds beam element
Both braces are created simultaneously

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Elevation Model Input *Distributed Loads*

GravityLoadLabel: DL1

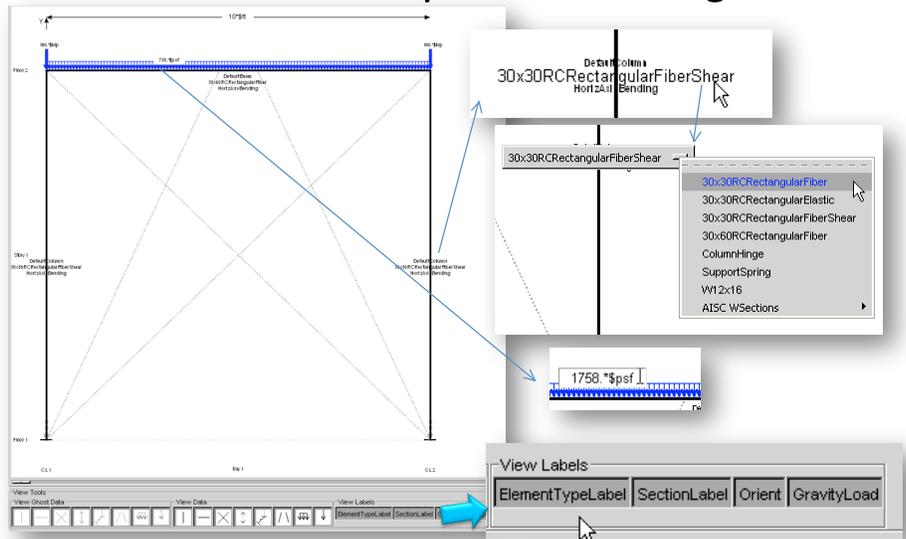
GravityLoad Value: 7500 * \$psf

User needs to specify gravity loads for each gravity-load case.

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Elevation Model Input

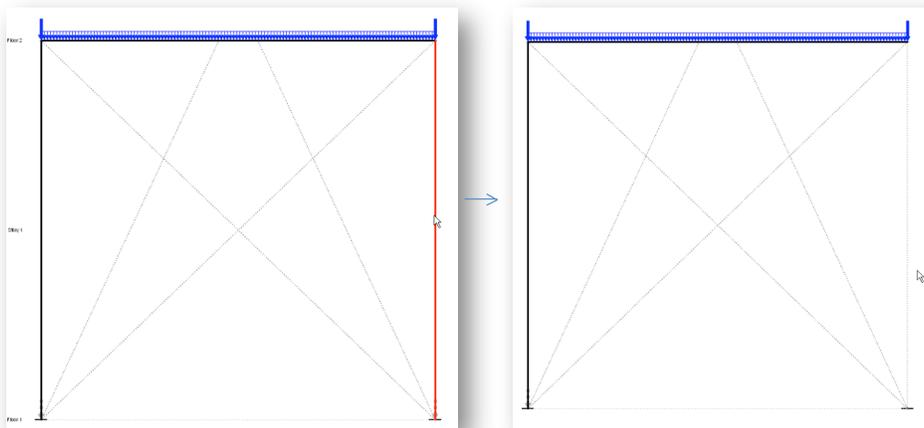
Element-Properties Editing



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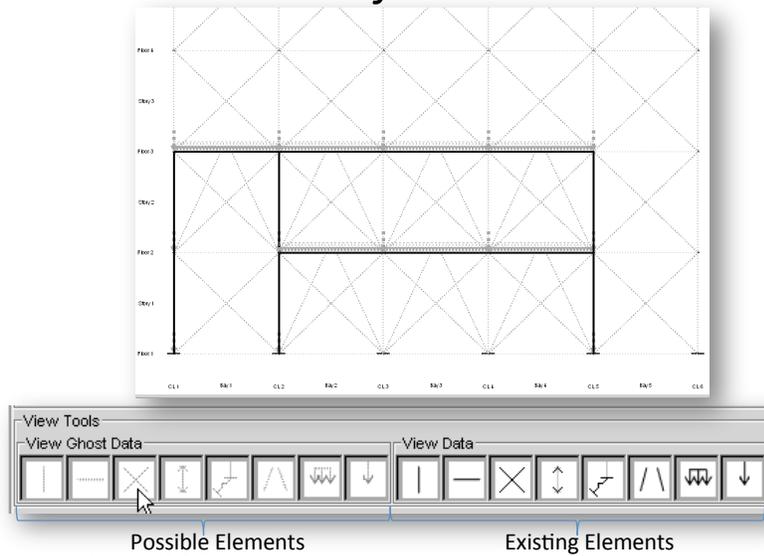
Element/Load removal: Ctrl-key



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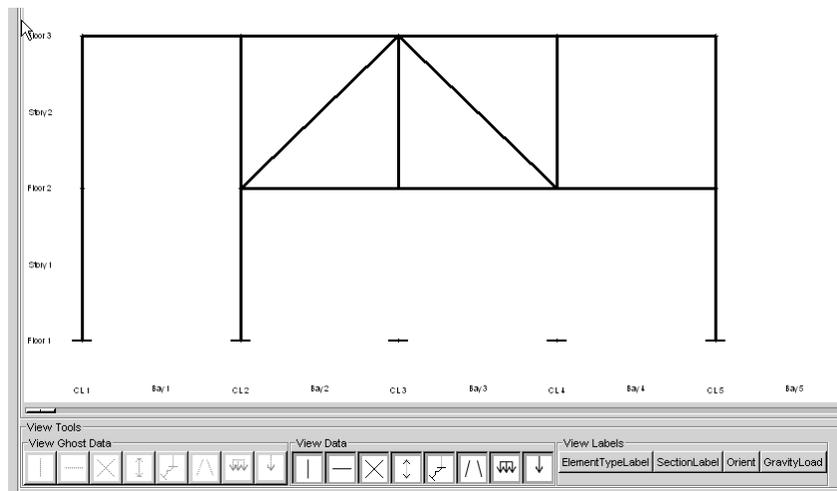
View-Object Selection



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Elevation-Model Input

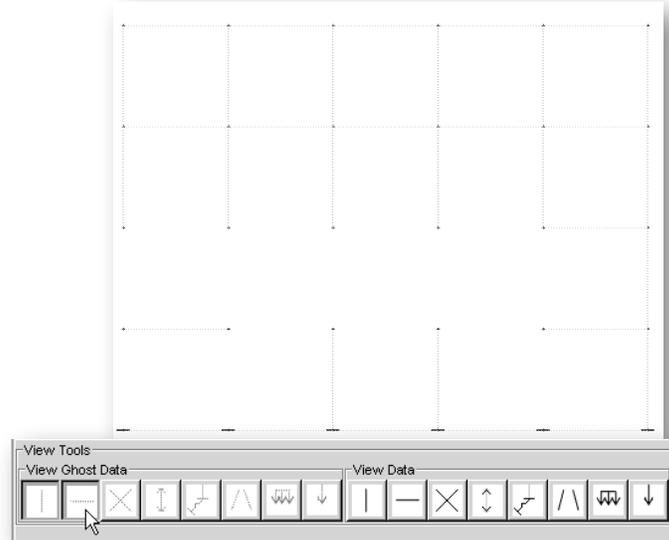
View Existing Elements only



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Elevation-Model Input

View Possible Columns & Beams only



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Elevation Model Input

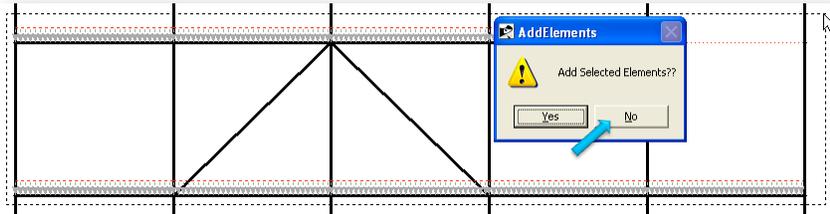
Multiple-Object Creation: Shift-key

1. Press & hold shift key
2. click and hold mouse button on bottom-left window corner
1. Drag mouse to top-right window corner
2. Release mouse button
3. Release shift key

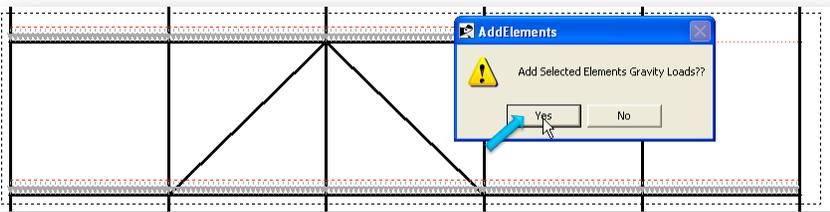
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Elevation Model Input

Multiple-DistributedLoad input

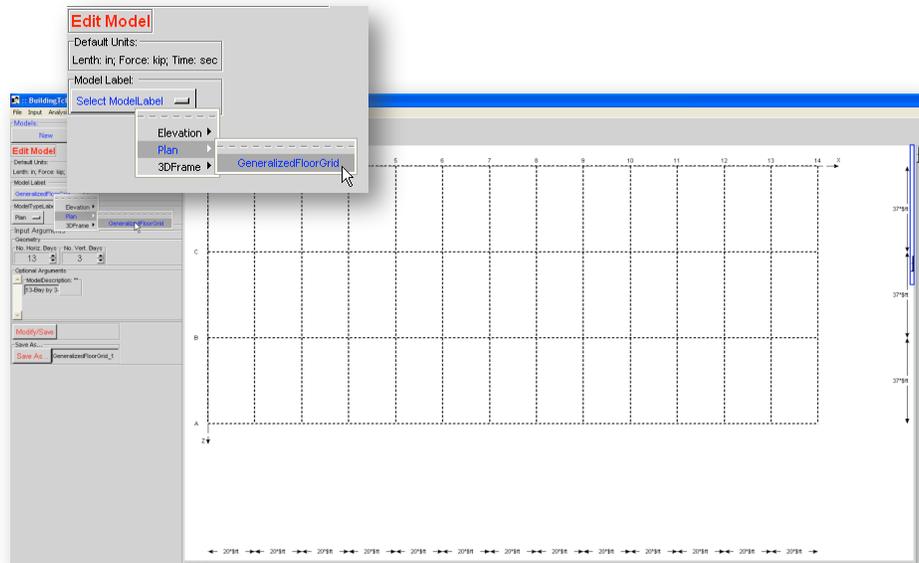


NO to element, YES to load



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Plan-Model Input



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Plan-Model Input

edit plan

Number of Bays

Model Label: GeneralizedFloorGrid

ModelTypeLabel: Plan

Input Arguments

Geometry

No. Horiz. Bays: 13 No. Vert. Bays: 3

Optional Arguments

ModelDescription: 13-Bay by 3:

Plan Bay widths control
3DFrame Bay Widths

Column-Line Labels

Bay Widths

→ 10'\$ft ← 20'\$ft → 10'\$ft ← 20'\$ft → 20'\$ft

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3DFrame-Model Input

Model Type Label: Select ModelTypeLabel

Elevation
Plan
3DFrame

1. select plan

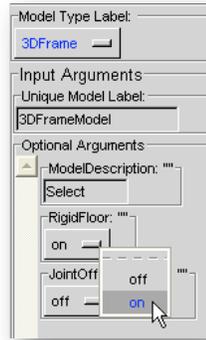
2. select elevations
3. place elevations on plan column lines

4. view 3DFrame

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3DFrame-Model Input

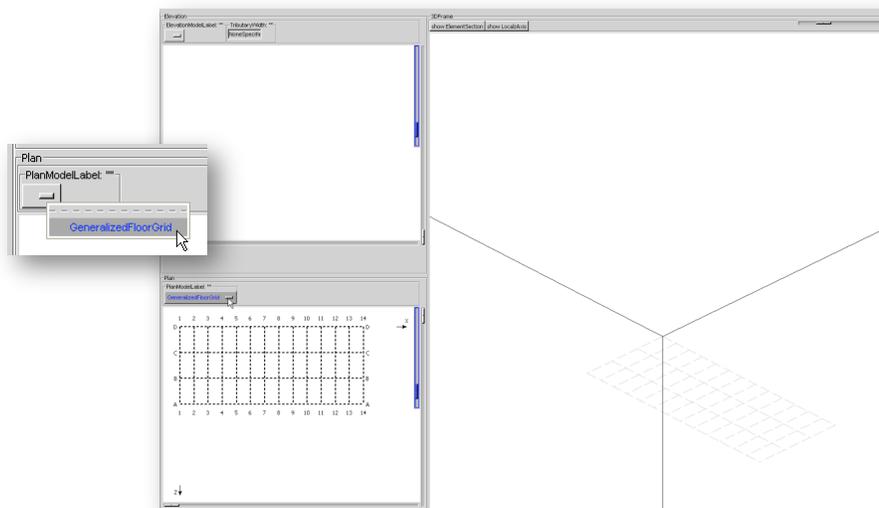
Model Variables



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3DFrame-Model Input

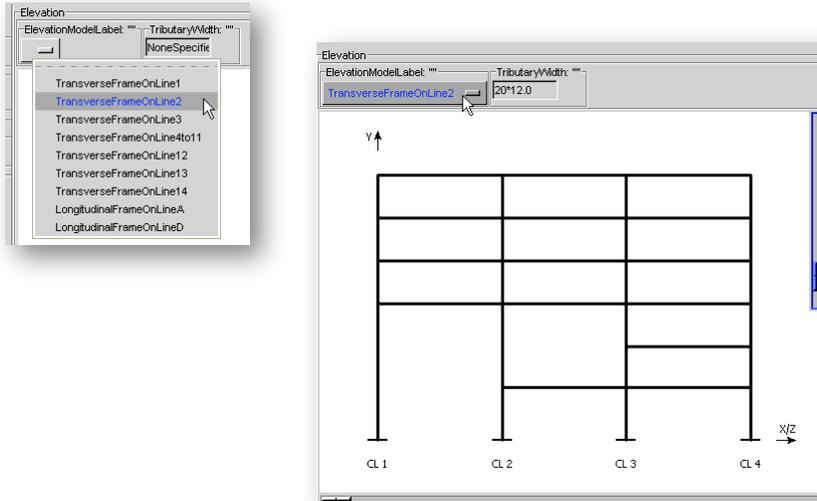
1. select plan



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3DFrame-Model Input

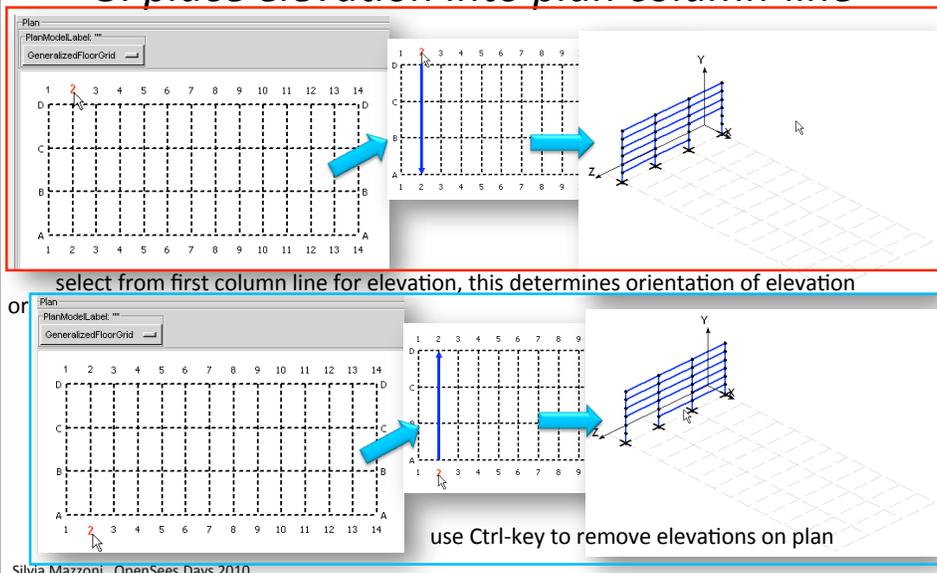
2. select elevation



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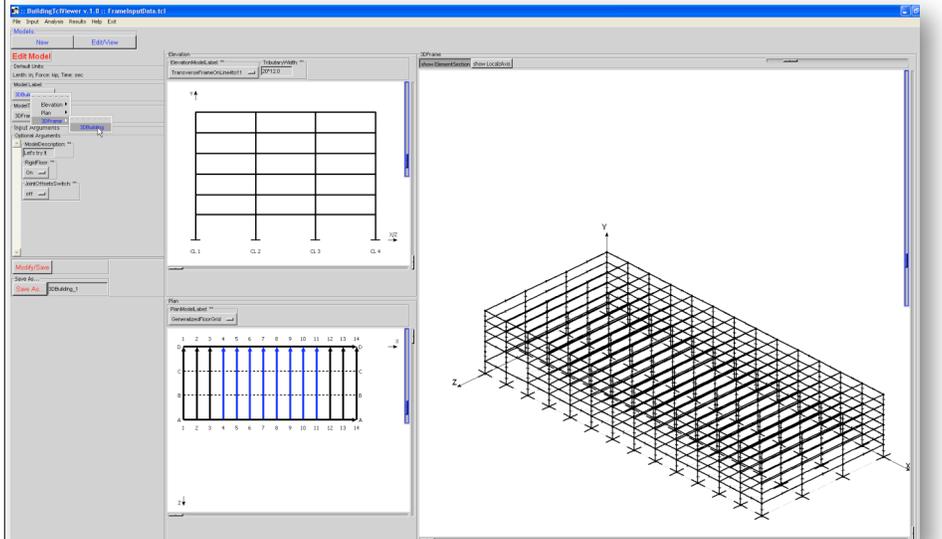
3DFrame-Model Input

3. place elevation into plan column-line



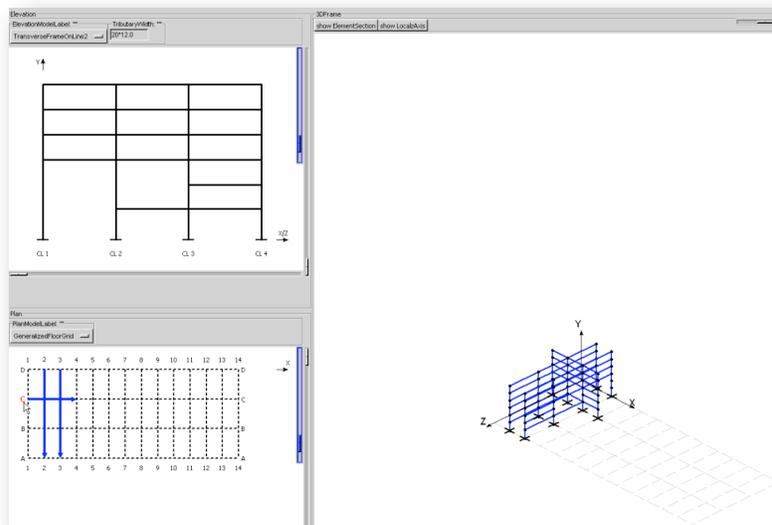
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3DFrame-Model Input



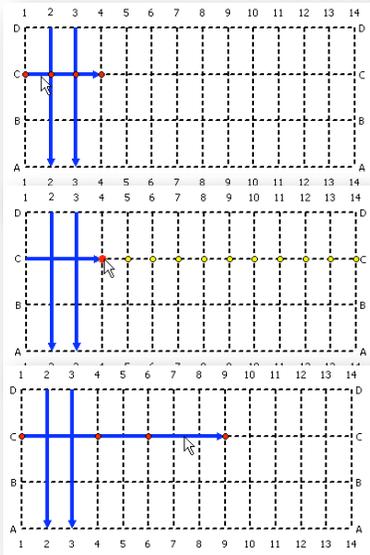
Columns of intersecting elevations are placed on a first-come first-served order.
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3DFrame-Model Input *Placing elevations*



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3DFrame-Model Input *Placing elevations*



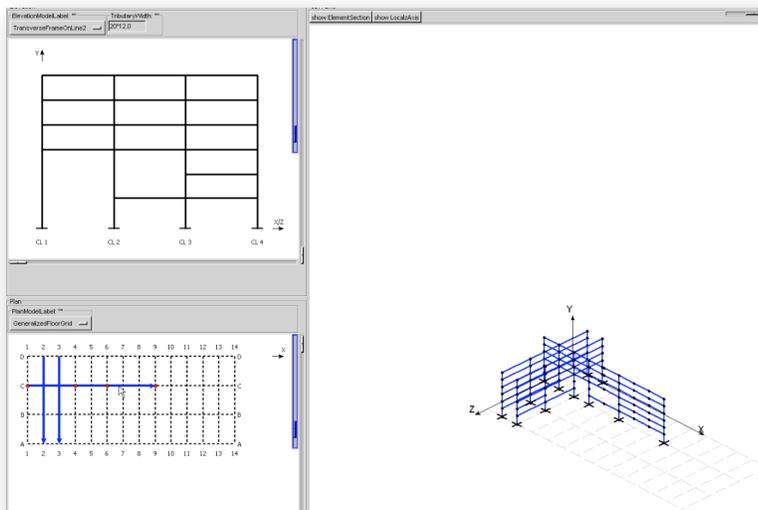
1. select elevation on plan by

2. select first node to be moved. Nodes can be moved only if there is a free adjacent column-line intersection

3. select one of the possible nodes given
4. move next node.
Nodes can skip column lines.

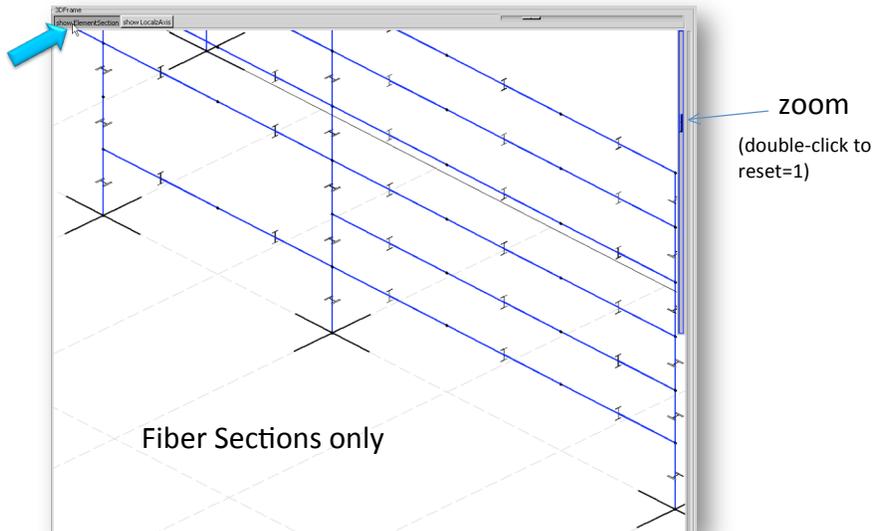
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3DFrame-Model Input placed elevation



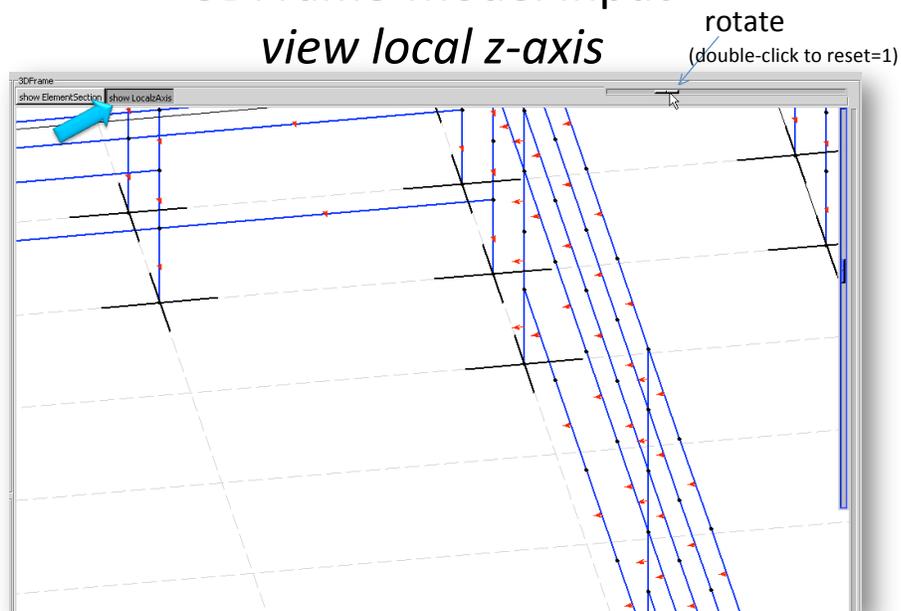
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3DFrame-Model Input *view Element Cross Sections*



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3DFrame-Model Input *view local z-axis*



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Analysis Models

The image displays the 'New AnalysisModel' dialog box on the left, which includes a 'Select AnalysisTypeLabel' dropdown menu. Three blue arrows point from this menu to three separate configuration windows for different analysis types:

- TimeHistory:** Shows parameters such as `DtAnalysis` (0.01), `TmaxAnalysis` (50), and `Tolerance` ($1e-8$).
- DisplacementHistory:** Shows parameters such as `DisplacementIncrement` (0.01), `Tolerance` ($1e-8$), and `constraintsType` (Plain).
- LoadControl:** Shows parameters such as `DampingRatio` (0.02), `DampingModelLabel`, and `StiffnessProportionalDampingModel`.

Each configuration window also includes fields for `AnalysisType Label`, `Input Arguments`, and `Optional Arguments`.

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Loads

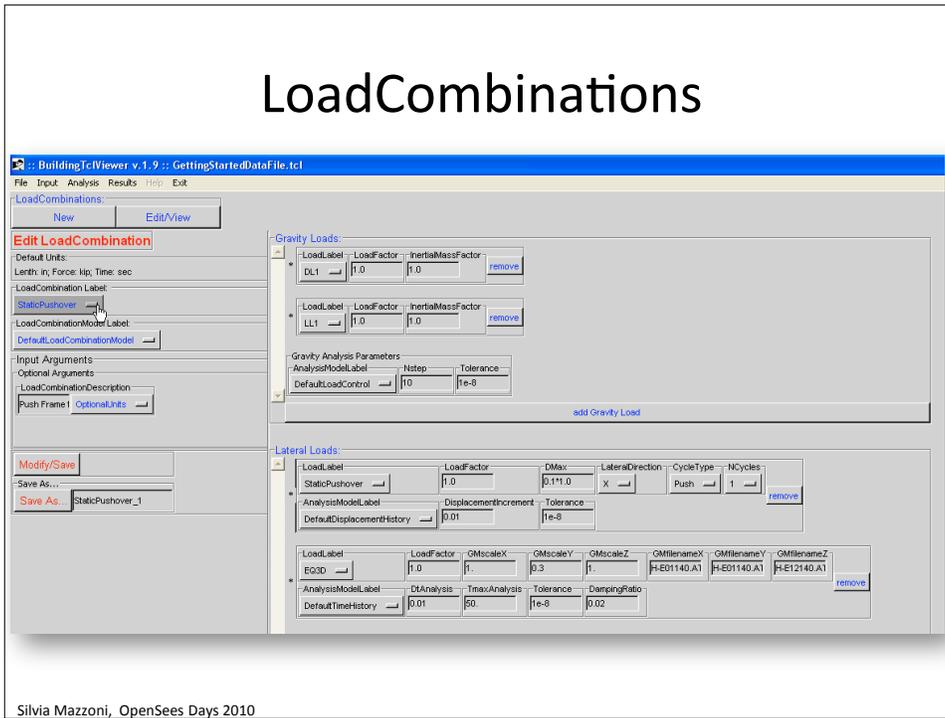
The image displays the 'Load Type Label' dropdown menu on the left, which lists several load types. Three blue arrows point from this menu to three separate configuration windows:

- Gravity:** Shows parameters such as `LoadDescription` and `InertialMassFactor` (1.0).
- UniformEQ3D:** Shows parameters such as `GMfilenameX`, `GMfilenameY`, `GMscaleX`, `GMscaleY`, `GMscaleZ`, and `GMdirectory`.
- LateralPushover:** Shows parameters such as `LateralDirection` (X), `CycleType` (Push), `NCycles` (1), `ControlName` (Top), `ScaleFactor` (1.0), and `DMaxFactor` (1.0).

Each configuration window also includes fields for `Load Type Label`, `Input Arguments`, `Required Arguments`, and `Optional Arguments`.

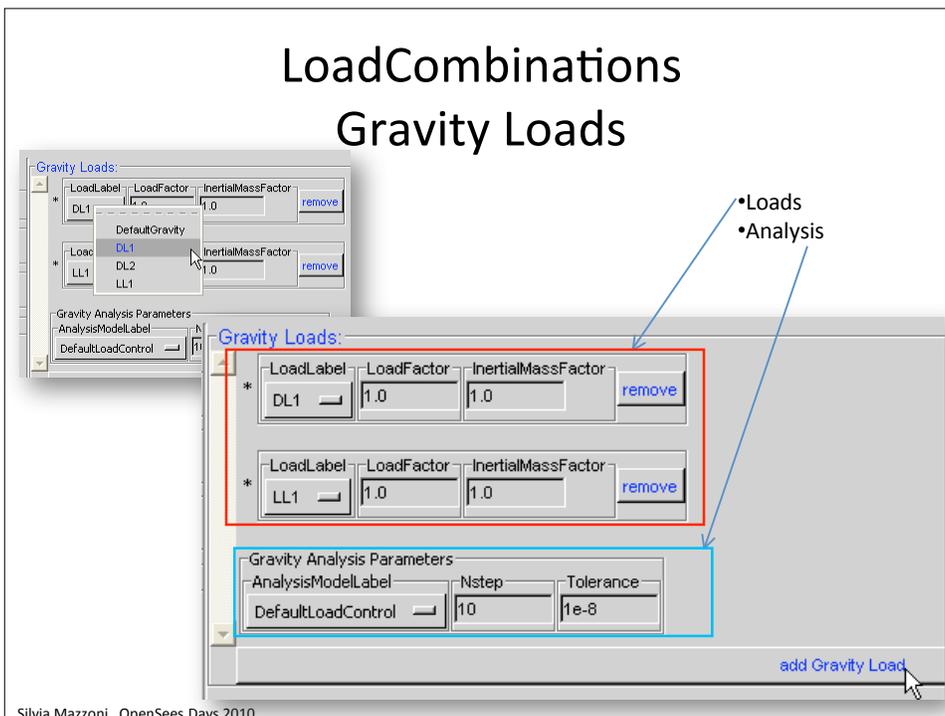
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LoadCombinations



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LoadCombinations Gravity Loads



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LoadCombinations

Lateral Loads

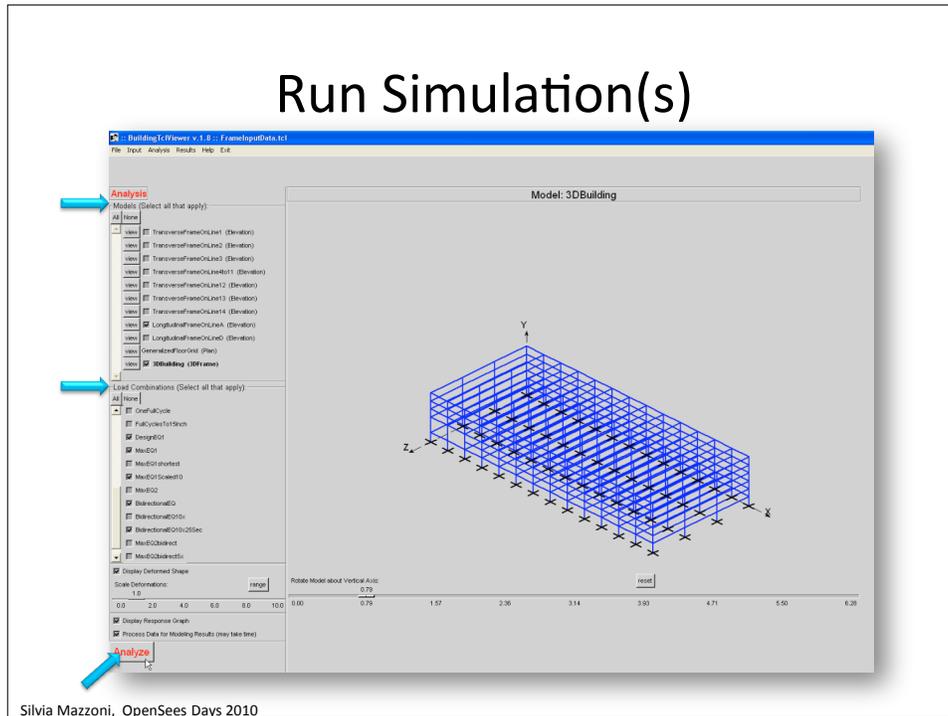
•Loads
•Analysis

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Did you notice the smart Units?

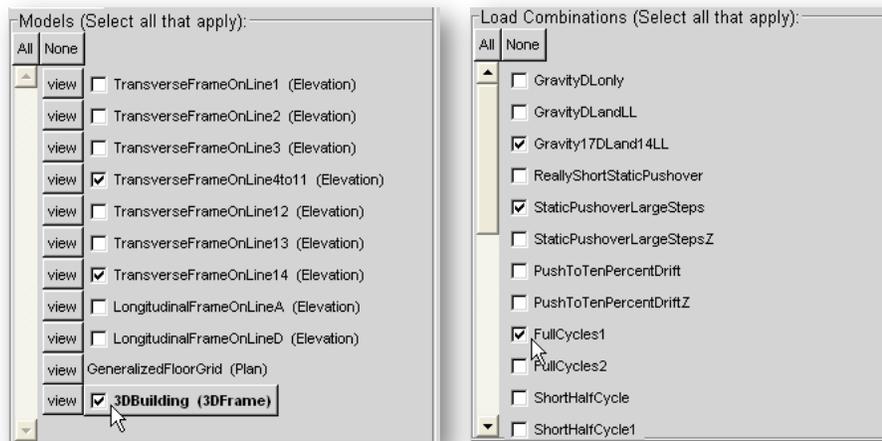
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Run Simulation(s)

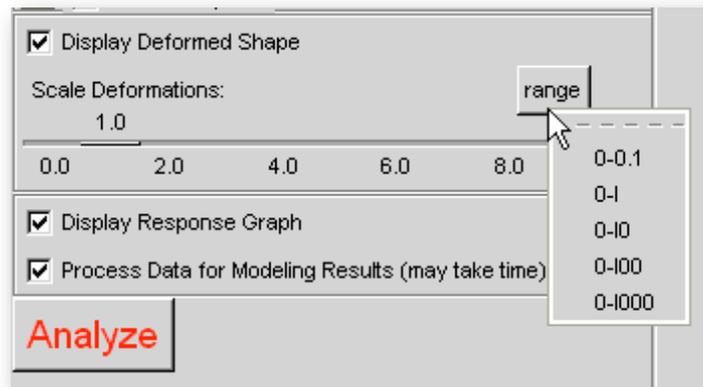


Select Models and LoadCombinations

for **Analysis**

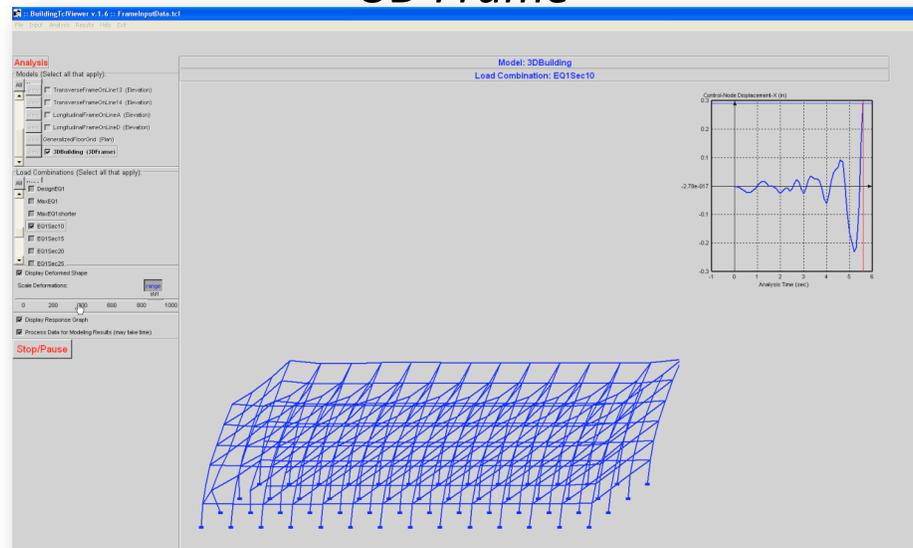


Real-Time Visualization Controls



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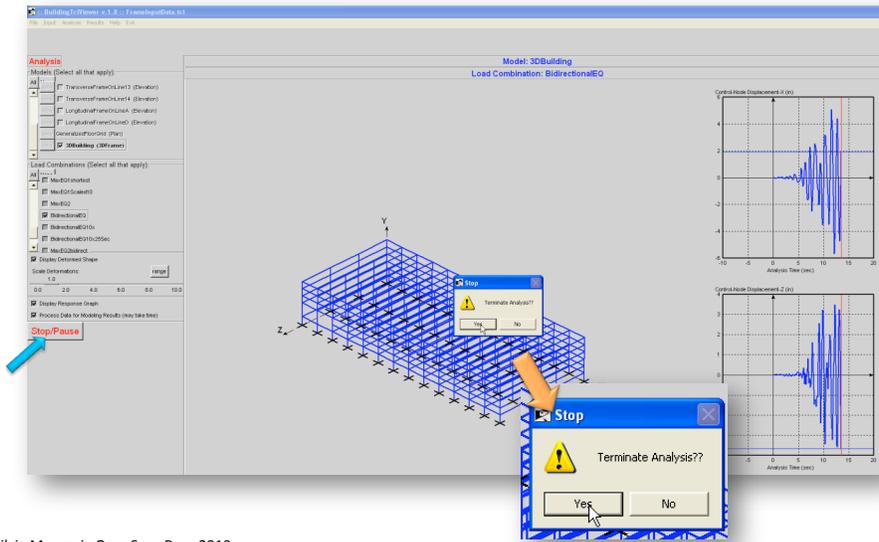
Real-Time OpenSees Simulation 3D Frame



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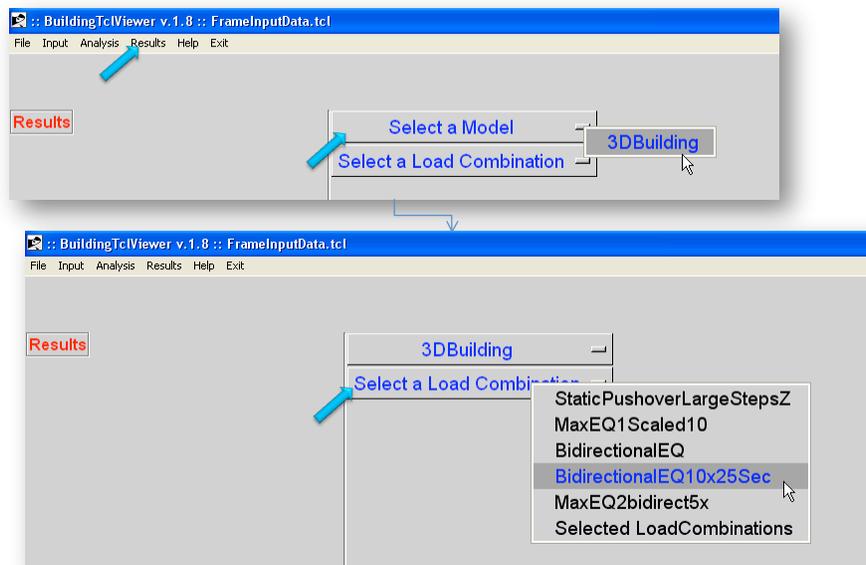
Real-Time OpenSees Simulation

Real-Time Pause/Stop



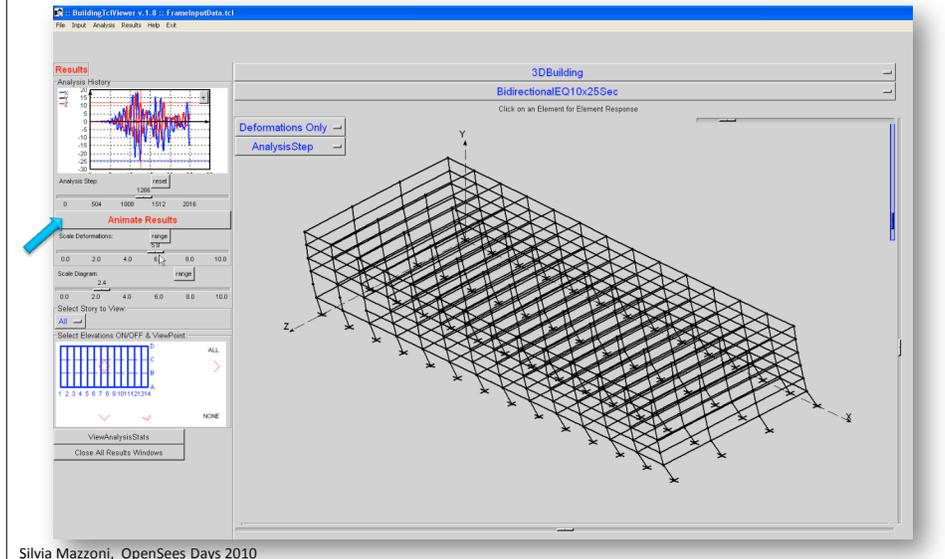
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Visualization of Simulation Results

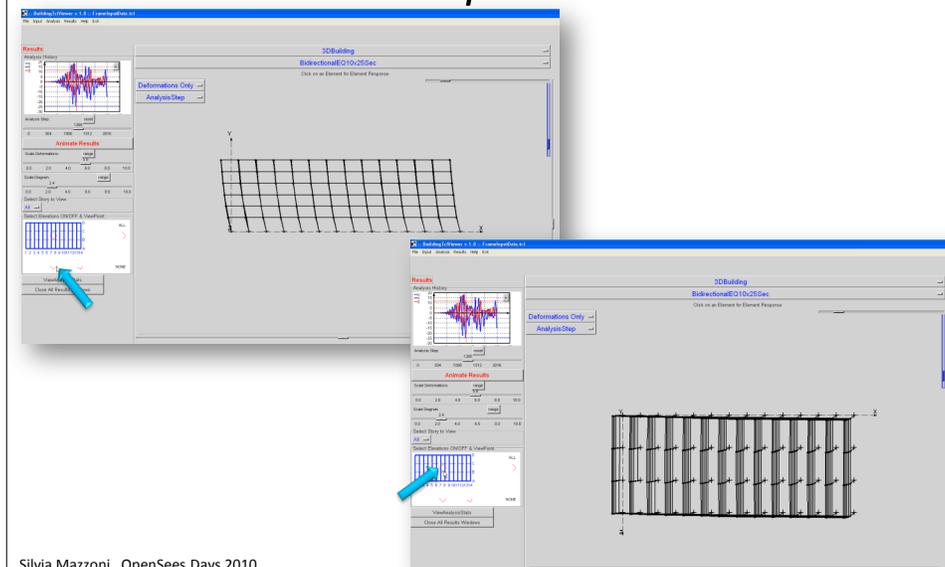


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Visualization of Structural Response *animation*

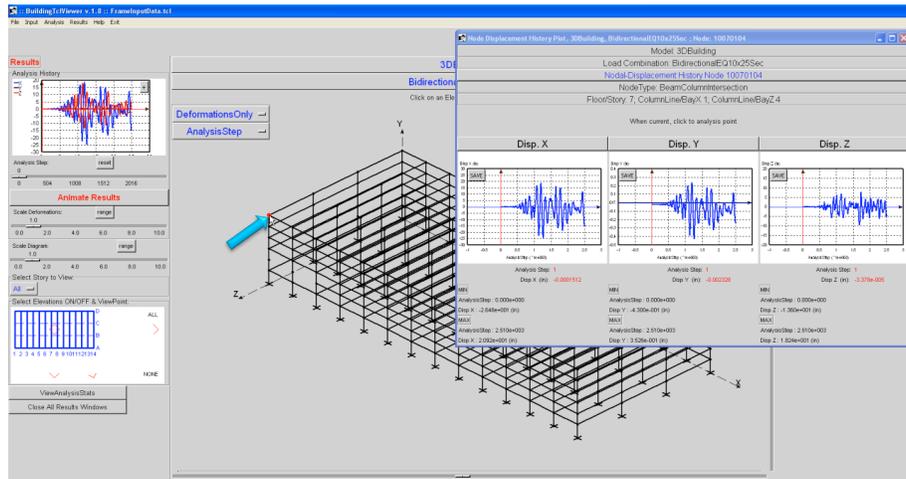


Visualization of Structural Response *viewpoints*



Visualization of Structural Response

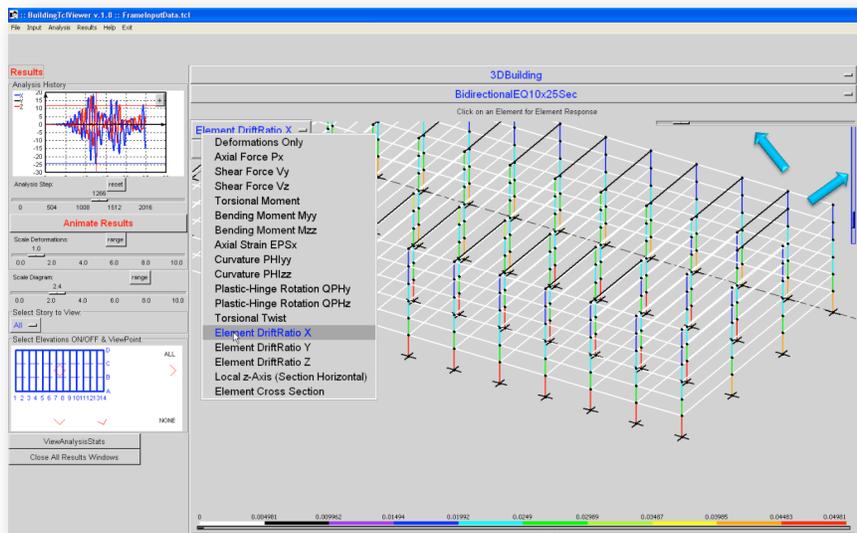
nodal-displacement response



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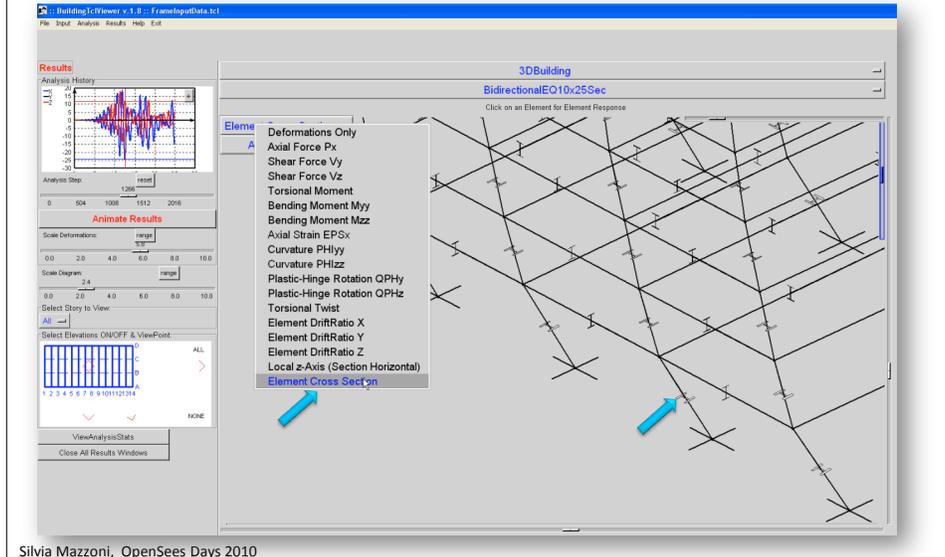
Visualization of Structural Response

zoom & rotate



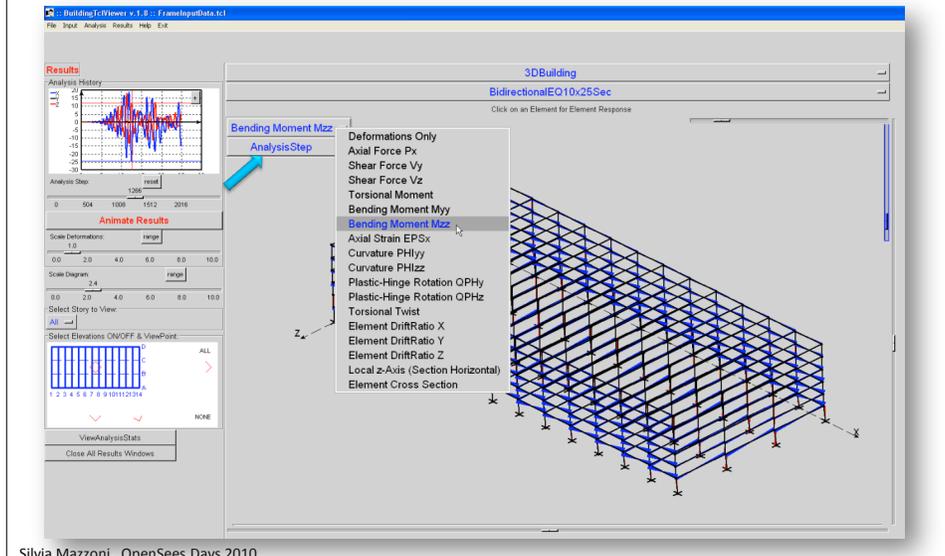
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Visualization of Structural Response *element section*



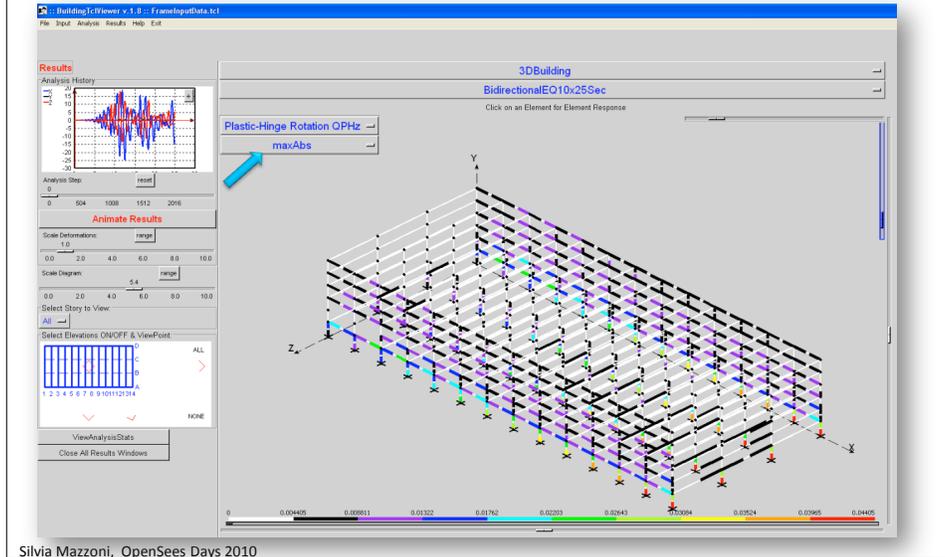
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Visualization of Structural Response *@ Analysis Steps*



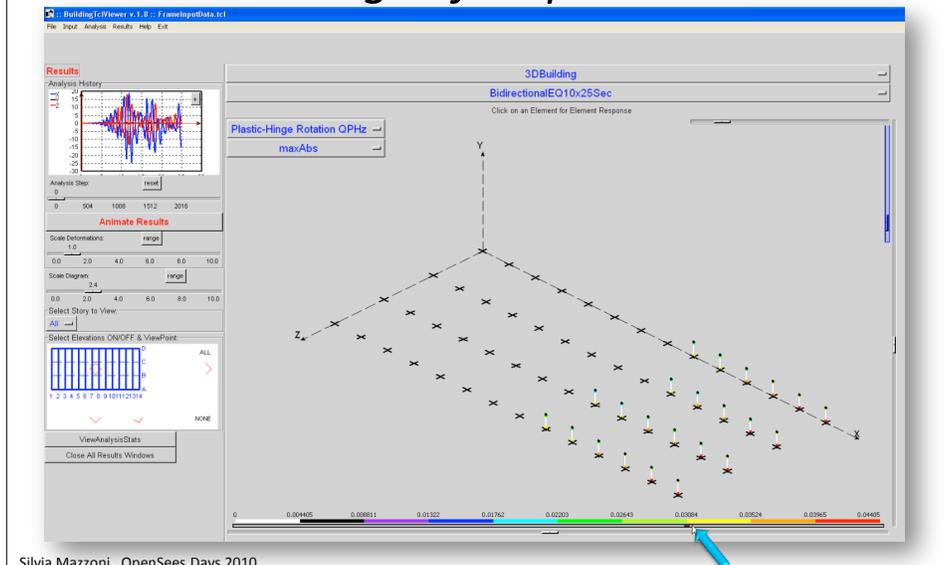
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Visualization of Structural Response *envelope values*



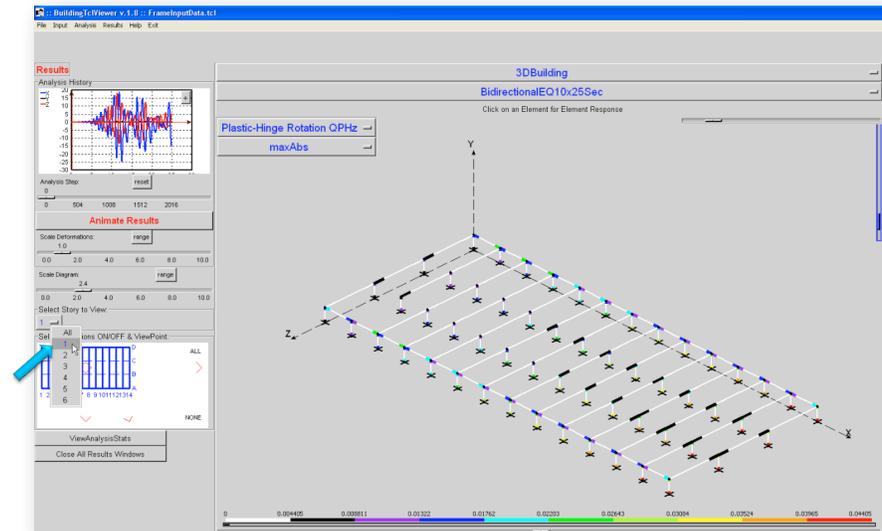
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Visualization of Structural Response *range of response*



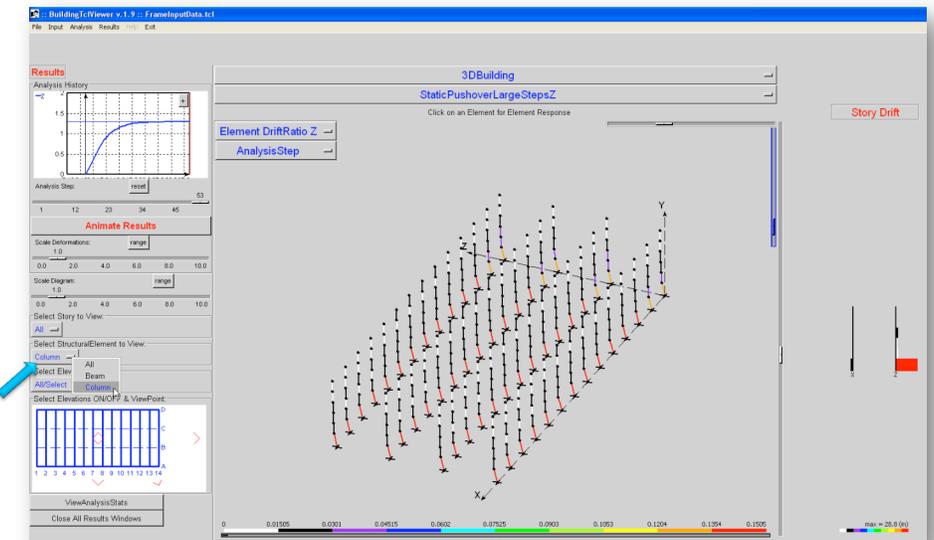
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Visualization of Structural Response *individual story*



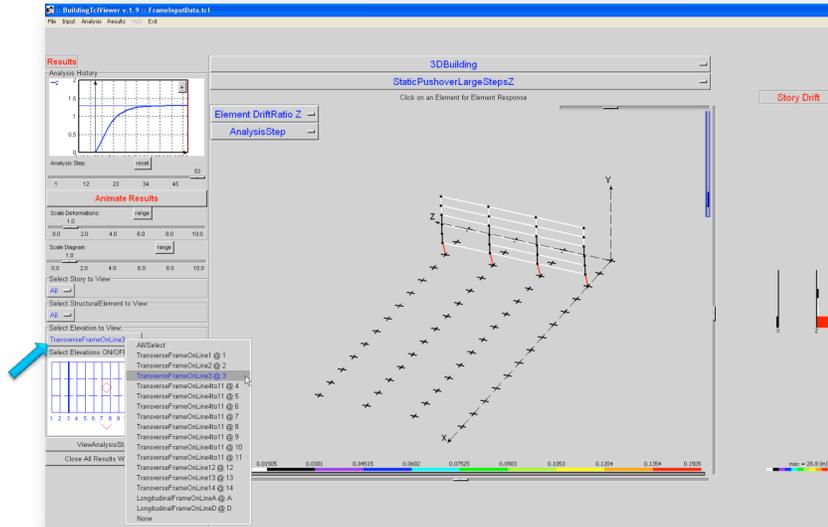
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Visualization of Structural Response *individual StructuralElement*



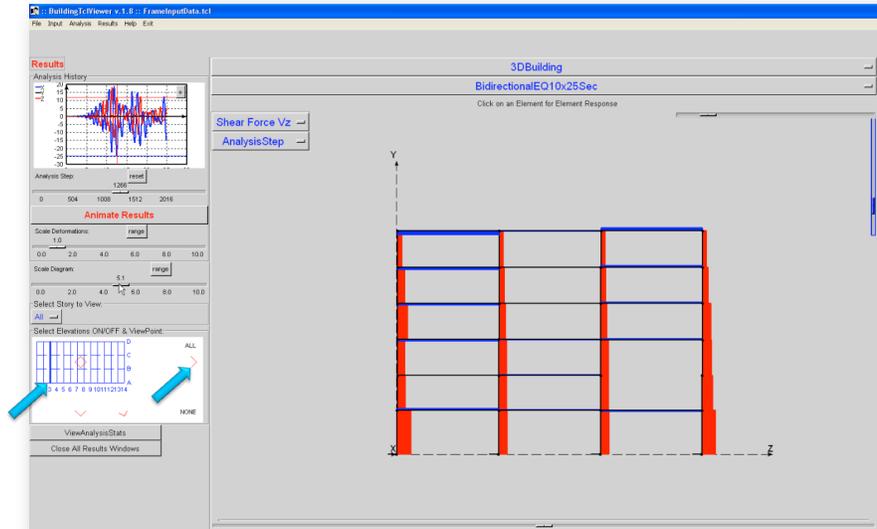
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Visualization of Structural Response *individual-elevation response*



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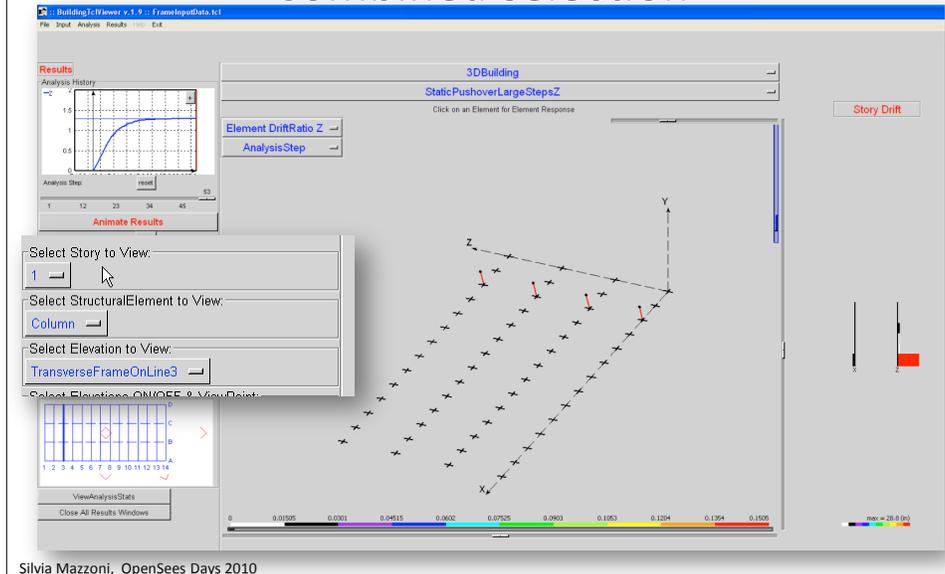
or: Visualization of Structural Response *individual-elevation response*



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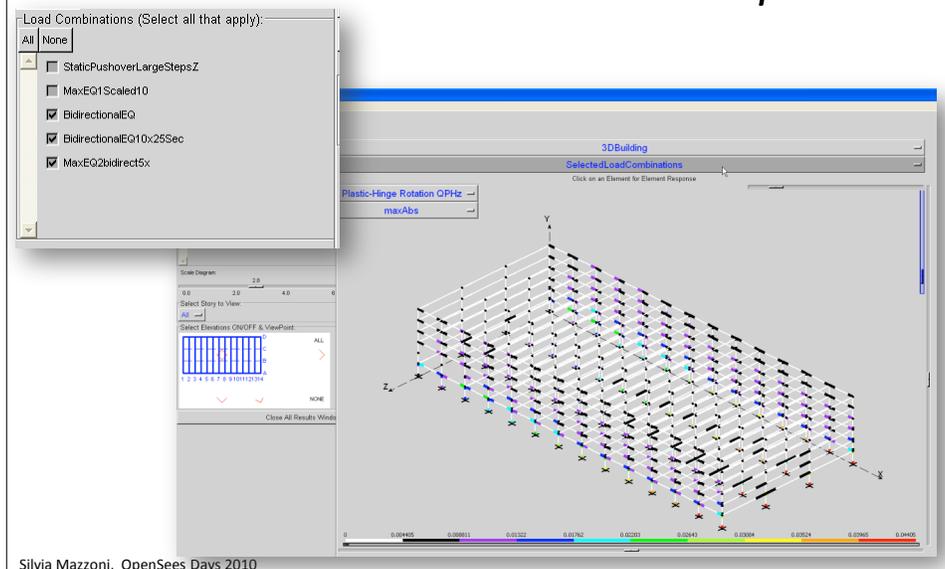
Visualization of Structural Response

Combined selection



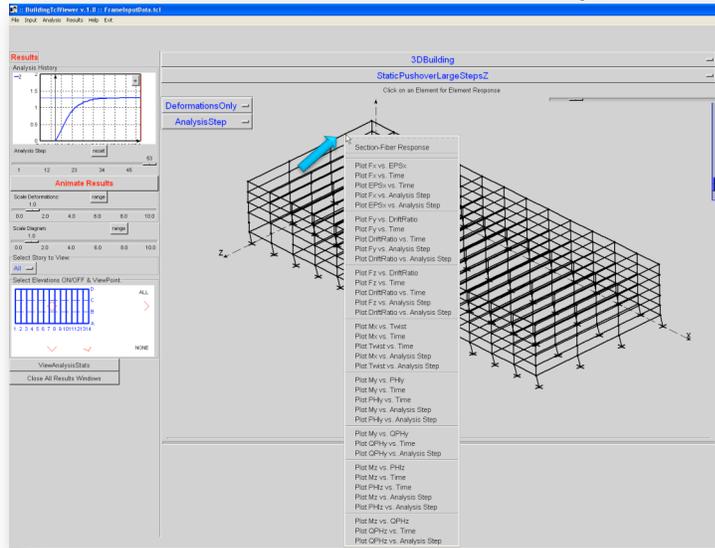
Visualization of Structural Response

N-LoadCombinations envelope



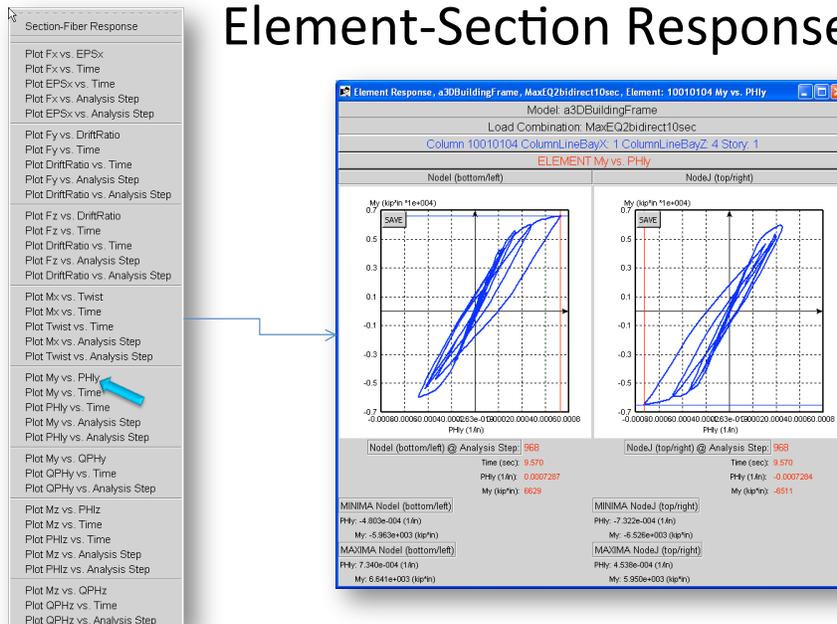
Visualization of Structural Response

selected-element response



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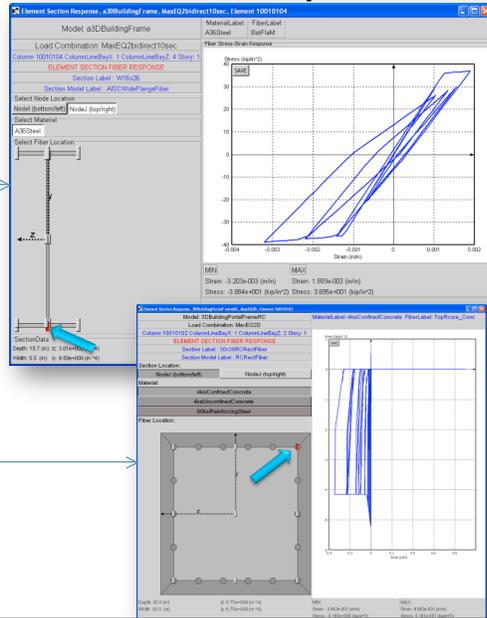
Element-Section Response



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Section-Fiber Response

- Section-Fiber Response
- Plot Fx vs. EPSx
- Plot Fx vs. Time
- Plot EPSx vs. Time
- Plot Fx vs. Analysis Step
- Plot EPSx vs. Analysis Step
- Plot Fy vs. DriftRatio
- Plot Fy vs. Time
- Plot DriftRatio vs. Time
- Plot Fy vs. Analysis Step
- Plot DriftRatio vs. Analysis Step
- Plot Fz vs. DriftRatio
- Plot Fz vs. Time
- Plot DriftRatio vs. Time
- Plot Fz vs. Analysis Step
- Plot DriftRatio vs. Analysis Step
- Plot Mx vs. Twist
- Plot Mx vs. Time
- Plot Twist vs. Time
- Plot Mx vs. Analysis Step
- Plot Twist vs. Analysis Step
- Plot My vs. PHy
- Plot My vs. Time
- Plot PHy vs. Time
- Plot My vs. Analysis Step
- Plot PHy vs. Analysis Step
- Plot My vs. QPHy
- Plot QPHy vs. Time
- Plot QPHy vs. Analysis Step
- Plot Mz vs. PHz
- Plot Mz vs. Time
- Plot PHz vs. Time
- Plot Mz vs. Analysis Step
- Plot PHz vs. Analysis Step
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- Plot QPHz vs. Time
- Plot QPHz vs. Analysis Step



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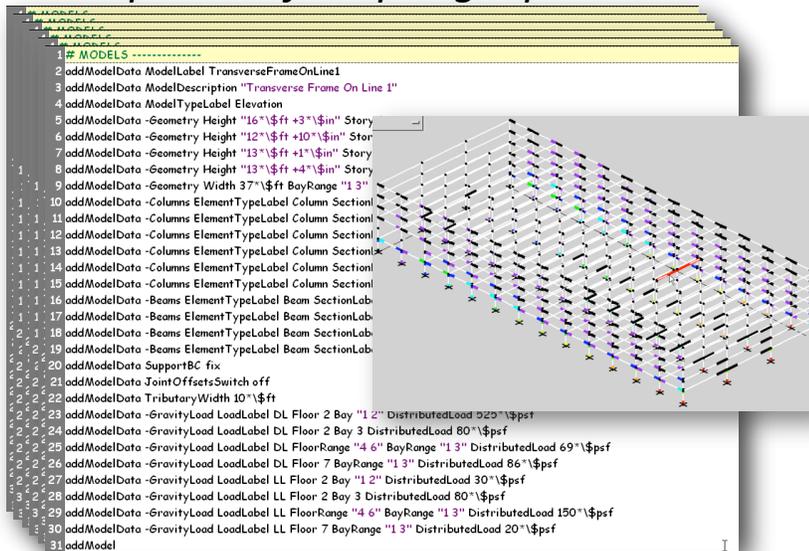
After every time that any object is saved or modified, BuildingTclViewer saves a file in the same directory as the input file:

CurrentData.tcl

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GMfiles		File Folder	10/23/2009 11:58 AM
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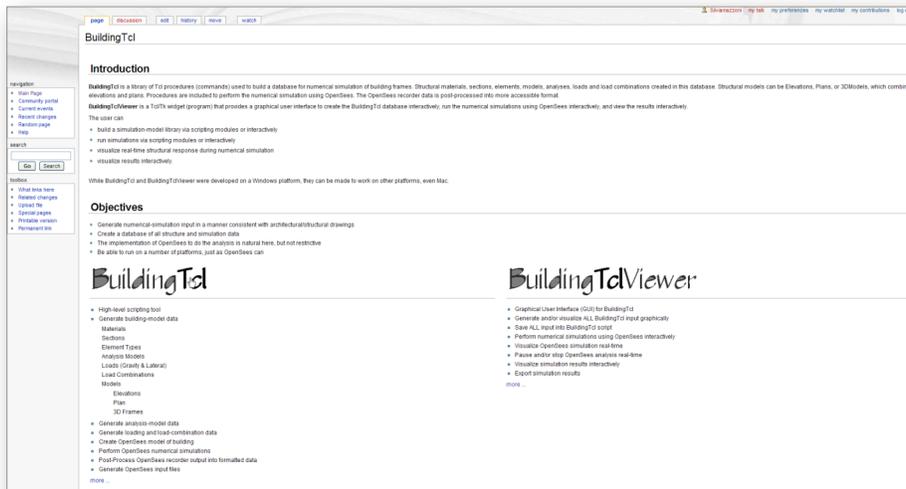
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The screenshot shows the neesforge website interface. At the top, there is a search bar and a navigation menu. The main content area displays the project page for BuildingTcl, which includes a description, a list of related projects, and a table of releases. The releases table has columns for Package, Version, Date, Notes, and Download. The table lists several releases of BuildingTcl, with the most recent being version 1.8 on October 23, 2009. The interface also features a sidebar with various project management tools and a 'Public Issues' section.

Package	Version	Date	Notes / Mirror	Download
BuildingTcl	BuildingTcl 1.8	October 23, 2009	[View All Project Files]	Download

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