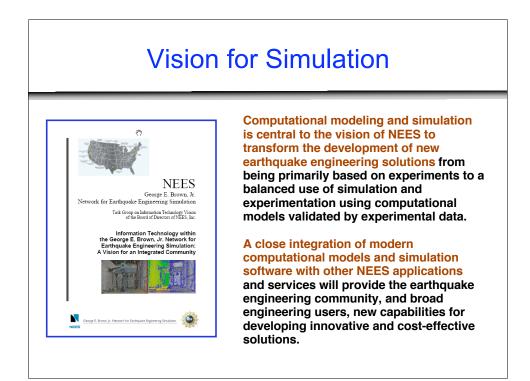




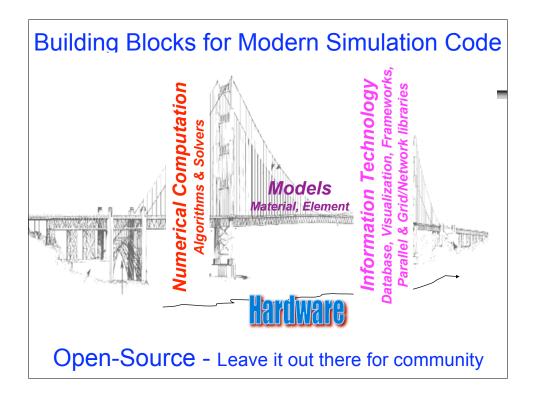
Simulation in Earthquake Engineering

- Research and practice is moving towards Performance-Based Seismic Engineering, which depends on highfidelity models and simulation to assess performance.
- Simulation models capture knowledge from tests to leverage investment in limited experimentation.
- Community-based, open-source software for simulation promotes innovation in research and advanced applications for practice.
- NEES is supporting OpenSees to provide simulation capability and integration with NEEScomm services for NEES research.



Observations on Current Situation

- Tight binding of models in research and commercial codes is an impediment to new research and implementation of models for professional practice.
- Embedding of computational procedures in codes makes it difficult to experiment and take advantage of computing technology:
 - Parallel and distributed computers
 - Computational grids
- "Closed-source" is the norm, whereas other fields have adopted "open-source" software for communities users.



What is OpenSees?

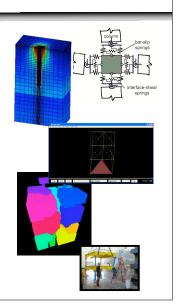
- A software *framework* for simulation applications in earthquake engineering using finite element methods. OpenSees is not an application.
- A communication mechanism for exchanging and building upon research accomplishments.
- As open-source software, it has the potential for a community code for earthquake engineering.

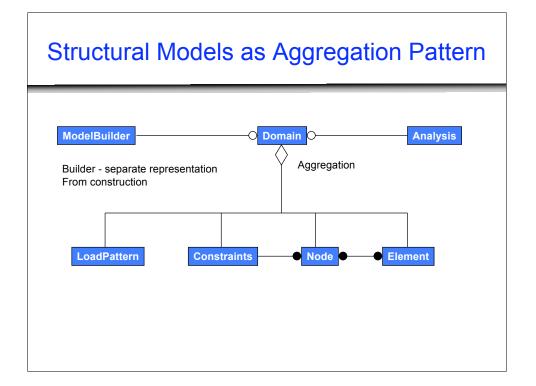


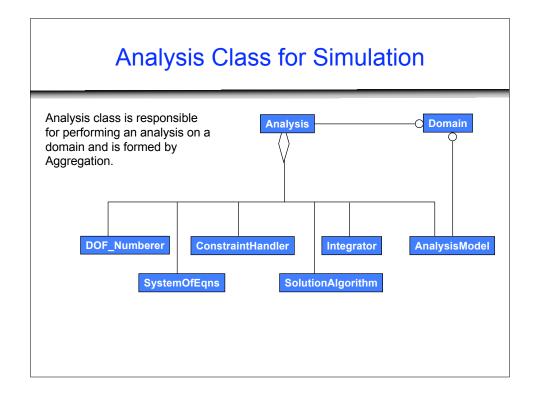
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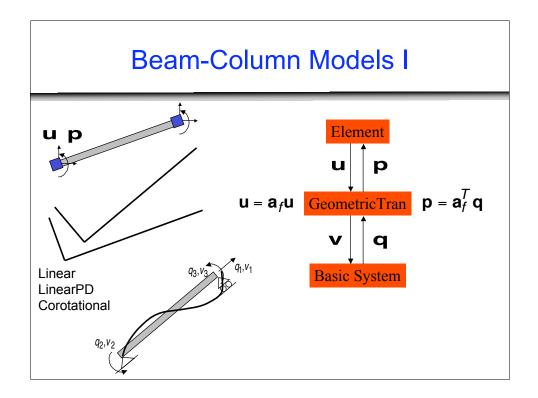
OpenSees Approach to Simulation

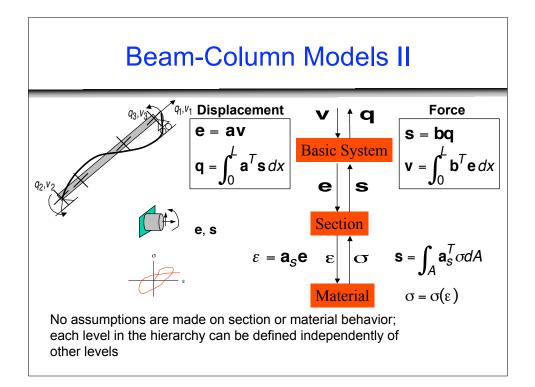
- Basic approach:
 - Modular software design for implementing and integrating modeling, numerical methods, and IT for scalable, robust simulation
 - Focus on capabilities needed for performance-based engineering
 - Programmable interfaces
- <u>Most users</u>: a "application" for nonlinear analysis. Fully scriptable.
- <u>Generally</u>: a software framework for developing simulation applications.

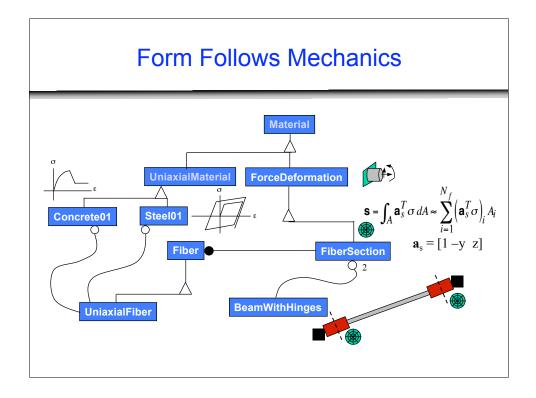


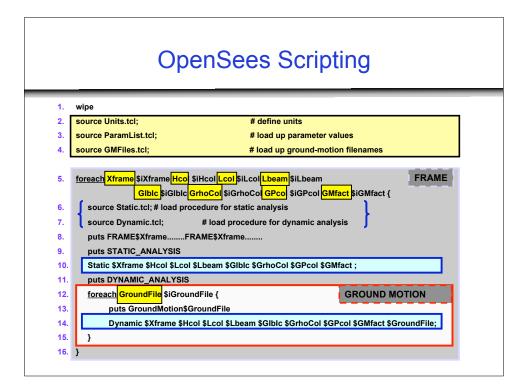


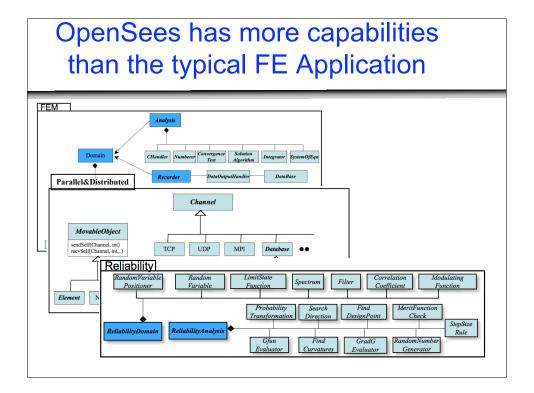


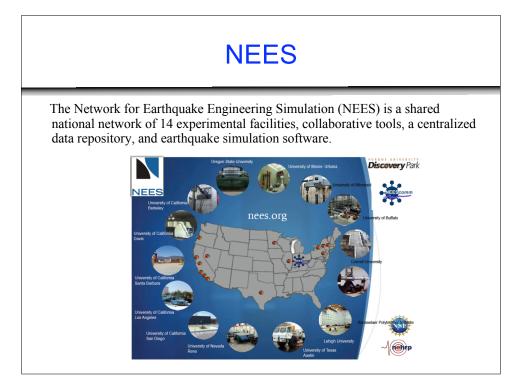


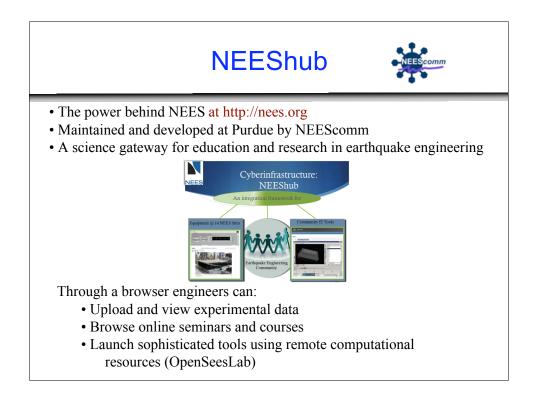


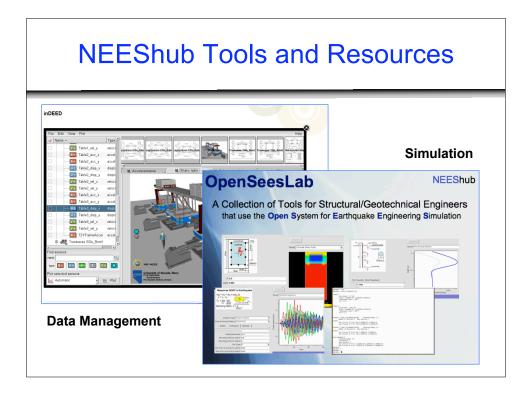


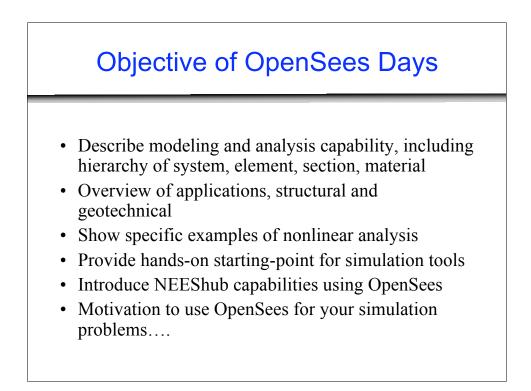












What Should be Your Expectations?

- OpenSees is primarily a research tool at this time, but fairly stable and is used in professional practice
- As with any nonlinear analysis, it requires careful consideration of model and interpretation of results
- It is under continual development by students, faculty and other researchers
- User interface development lags behind computational technology
- It is not bullet-proof
- An investment of time and learning is required
- The OpenSees *open-source community* requires contributions for the community to succeed.

