



**OpenSees**

Open System for Earthquake Engineering Simulation  
Pacific Earthquake Engineering Research Center



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## **OpenSees Days 2012**

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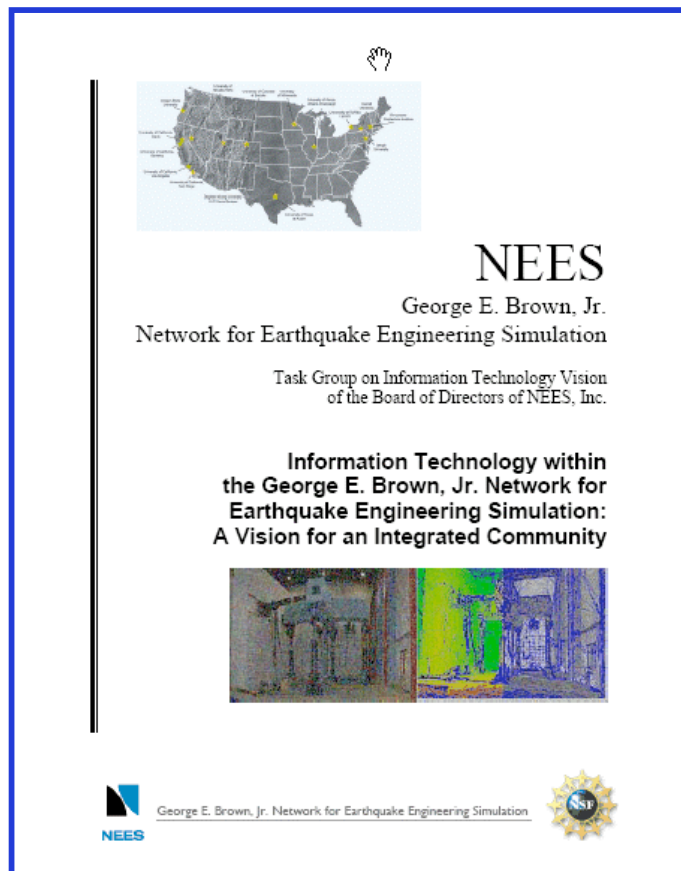
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**WELCOME**

# Vision for Simulation



**Computational modeling and simulation is central to the vision of NEES to transform the development of new earthquake engineering solutions from being primarily based on experiments to a balanced use of simulation and experimentation using computational models validated by experimental data.**

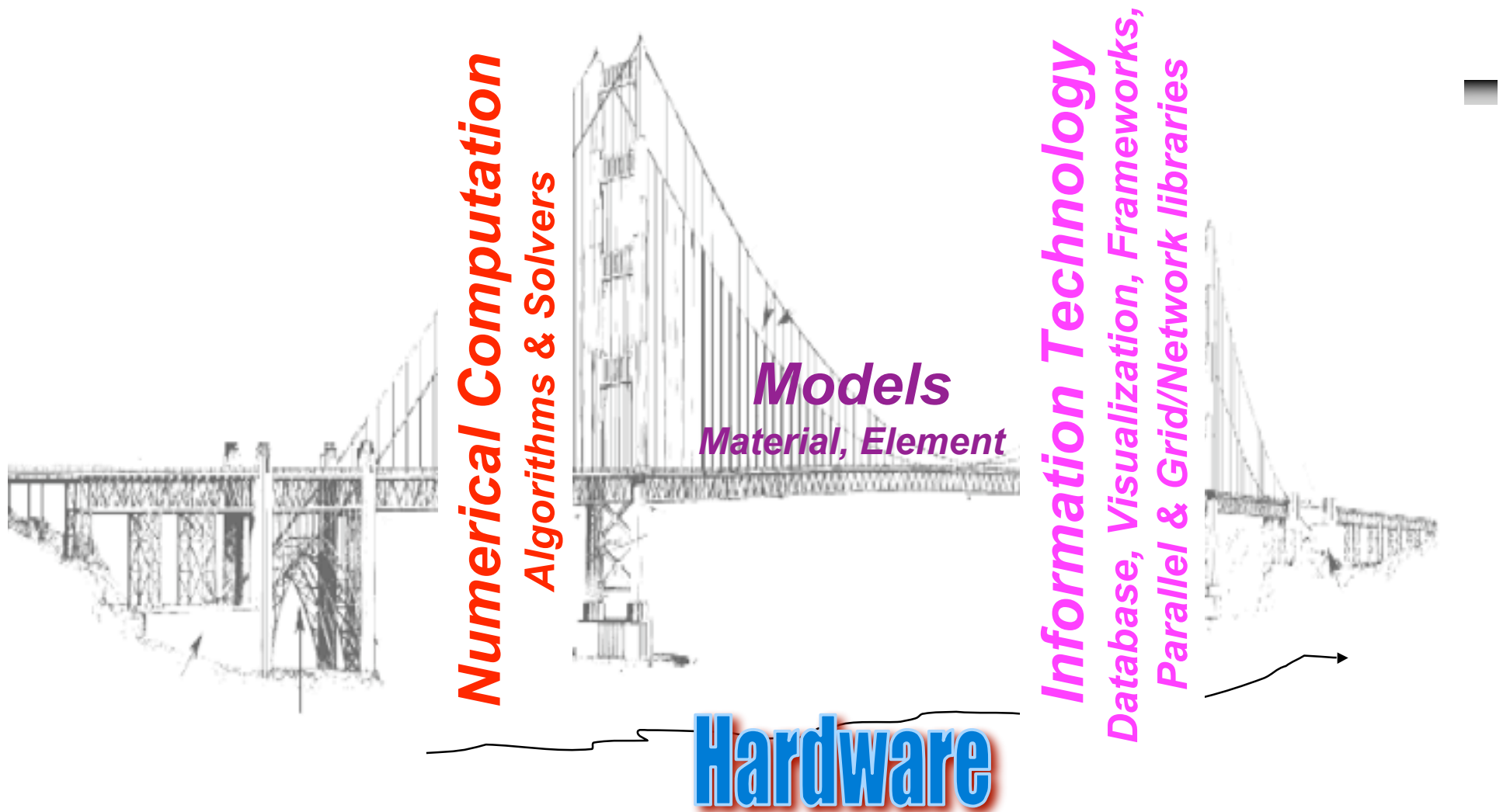
**A close integration of modern computational models and simulation software with other NEES applications and services will provide the earthquake engineering community, and broad engineering users, new capabilities for developing innovative and cost-effective solutions.**

# Observations on Current Situation

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- 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.

# Building Blocks for Modern Simulation Code



Open-Source - Leave it out there for community

# What is OpenSees?

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- 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.



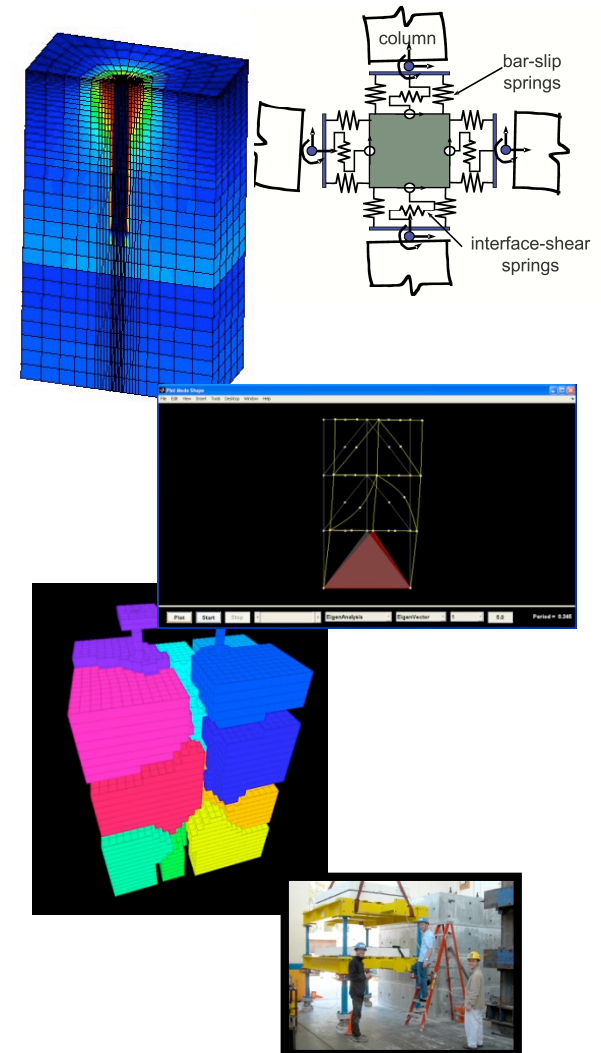
- OpenSees has been under development by PEER since before 1997.
- Large group of developers and user.
- NEES has supported integration and maintenance since 2003.
- Open-source and royalty free license for non-commercial use and and internal commercial use.
- License must be obtained for software developers including OpenSees code in their applications.
- Written in C++ language & currently over 1000 classes (modules).

**<http://opensees.berkeley.edu>**

The screenshot shows the OpenSees website homepage. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for HOME, USER, DEVELOPER, SUPPORT, PARALLEL, Copyright, and SITEMAP. Below this is a secondary navigation bar with links for About, News, Calendar, and Registration. The main content area features a sidebar on the left with links to HOME, OPENSEESWIKI, MESSAGE BOARD, USER DOC, DOWNLOAD, SOURCE CODE, and BUG REPORT. The main content area on the right contains several news items: "OpenSees Days 2012 & Call for Presentations", "Discovering OpenSees", "OpenSees Challenge 2012", and "OpenSees Days Italy 2012". Each news item includes a brief description and a link to more information.

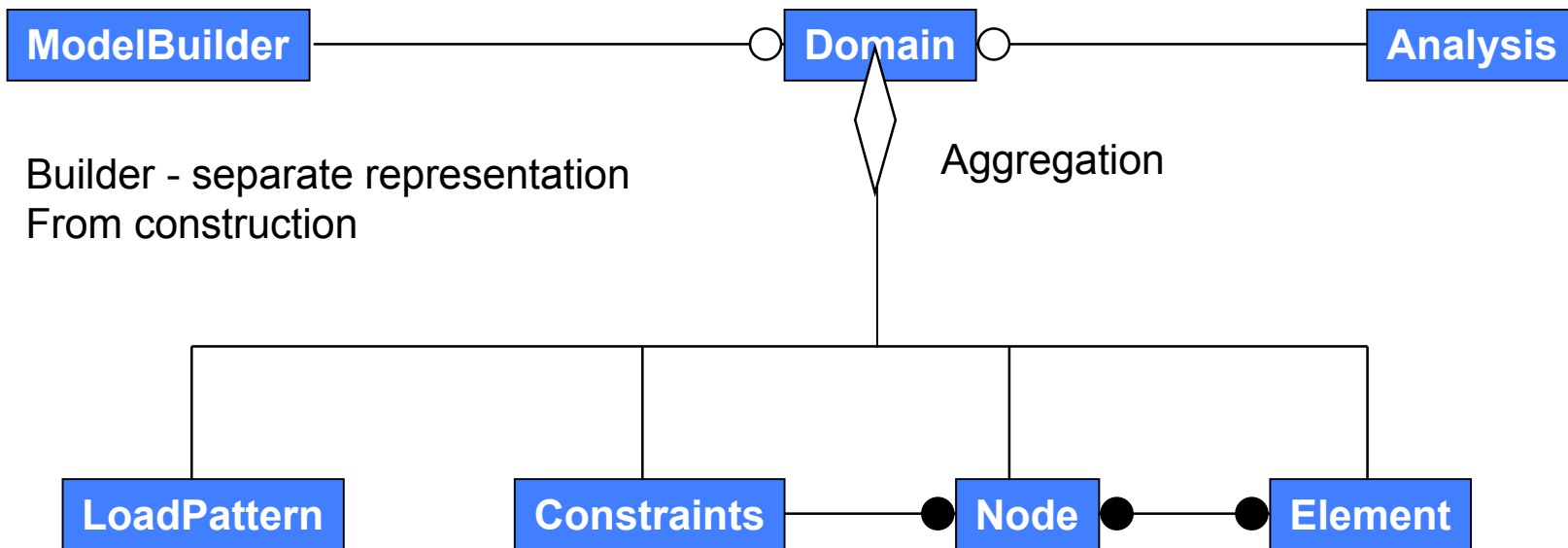
# OpenSees Approach to Simulation

- 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
- Most users: a “application” for nonlinear analysis. Fully scriptable.
- Generally: a software framework for developing simulation applications.



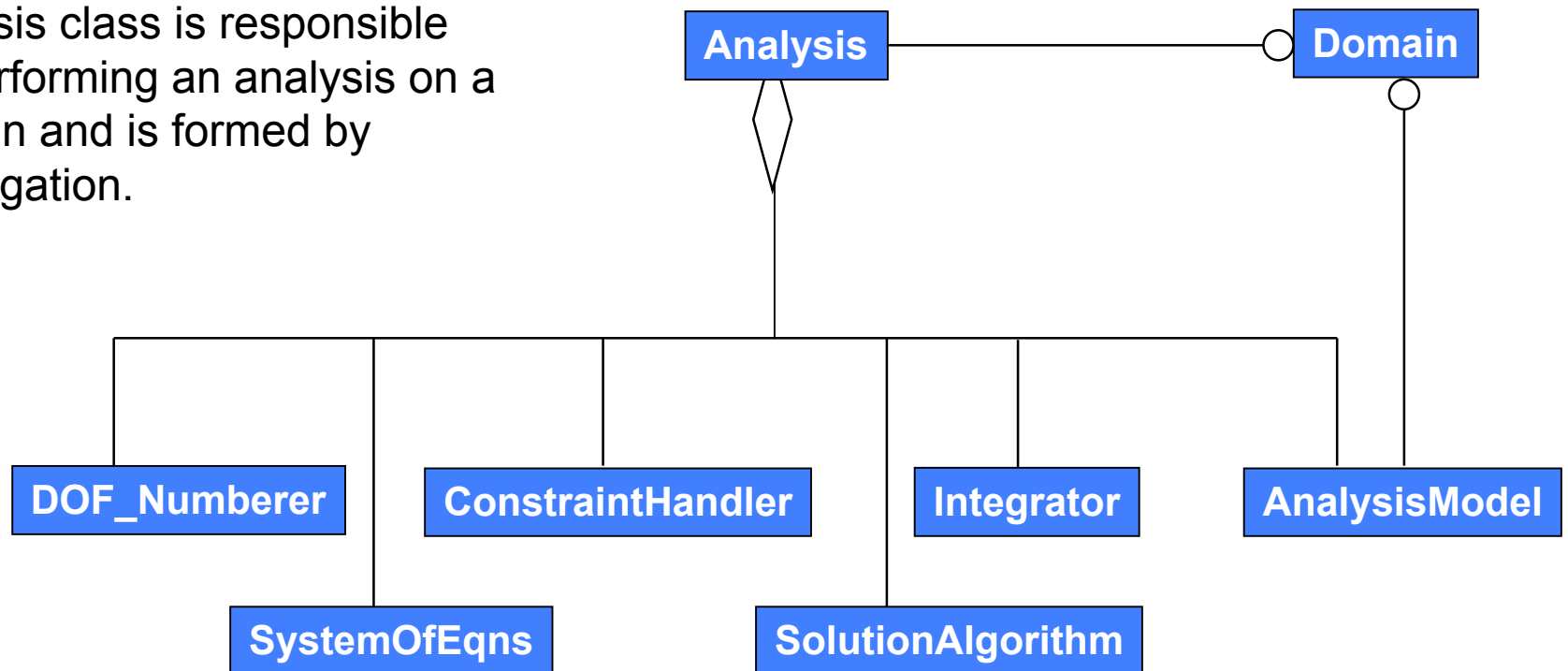


# Structural Models as Aggregation Pattern

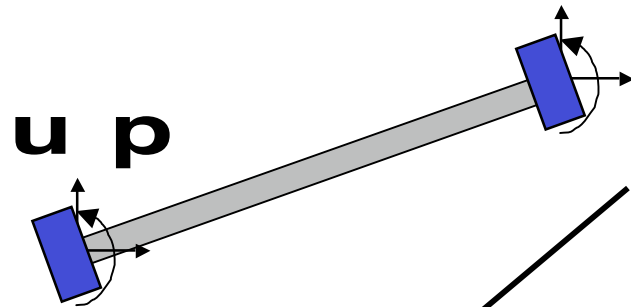


# Analysis Class for Simulation

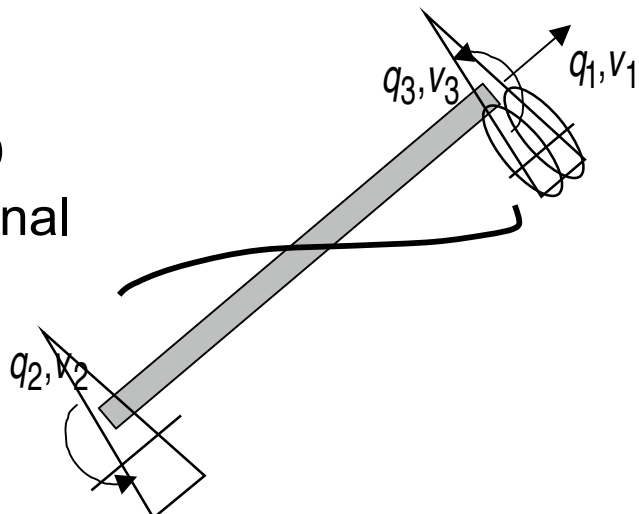
Analysis class is responsible for performing an analysis on a domain and is formed by Aggregation.



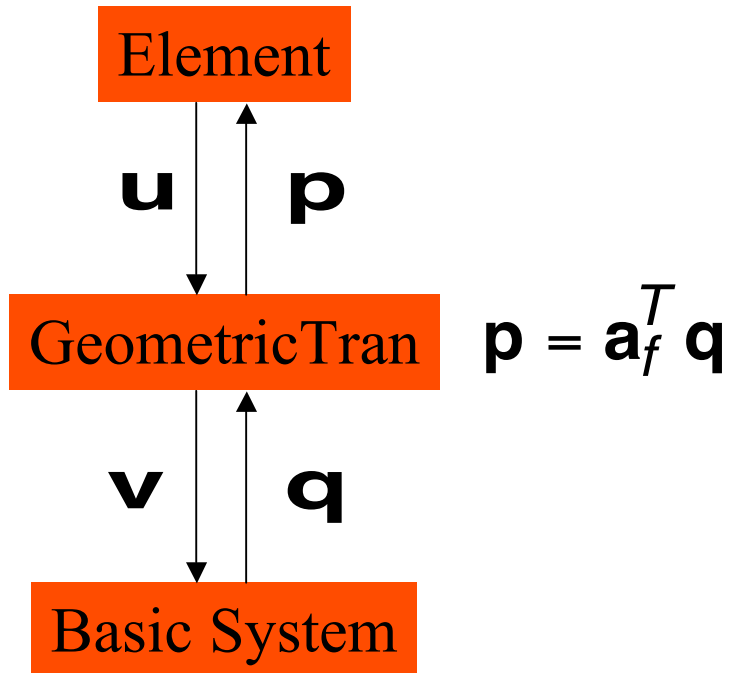
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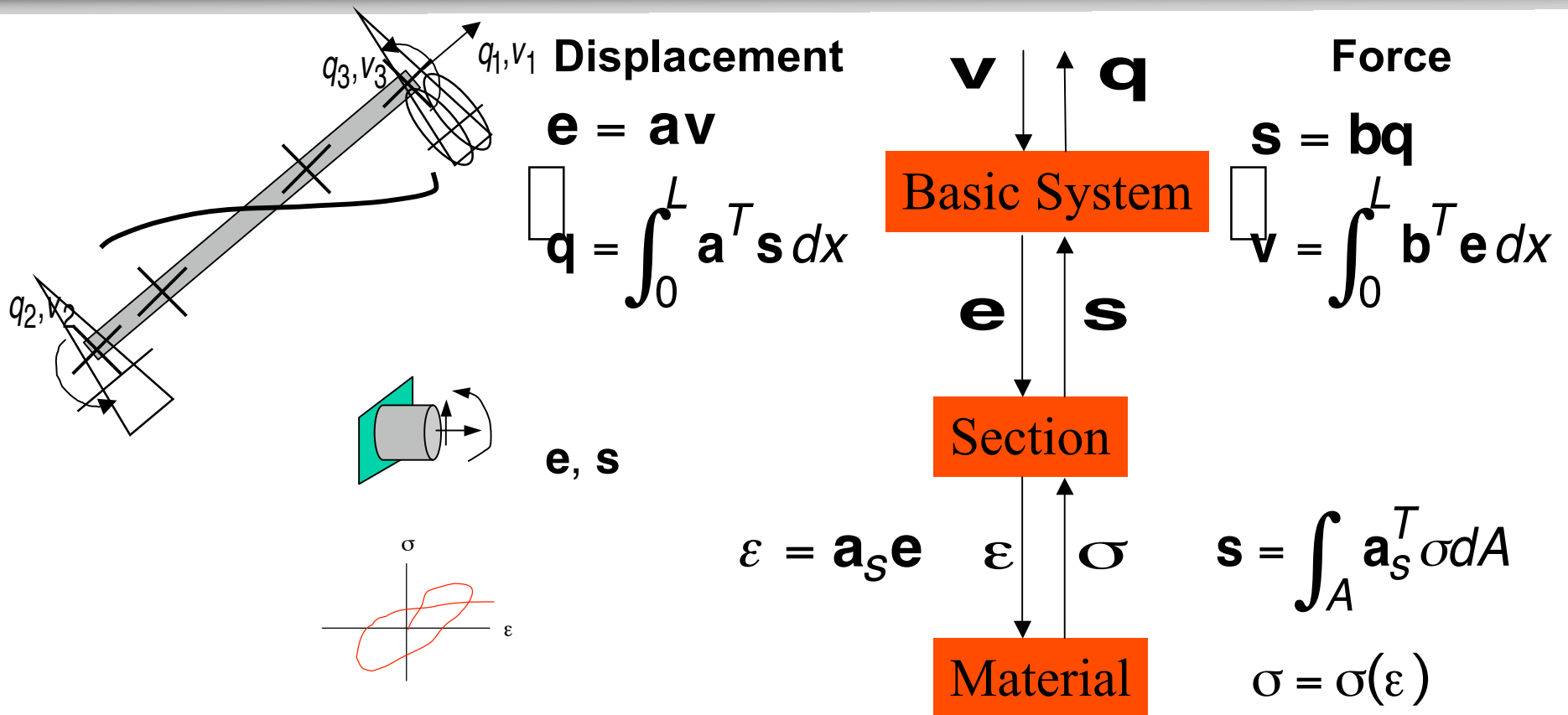
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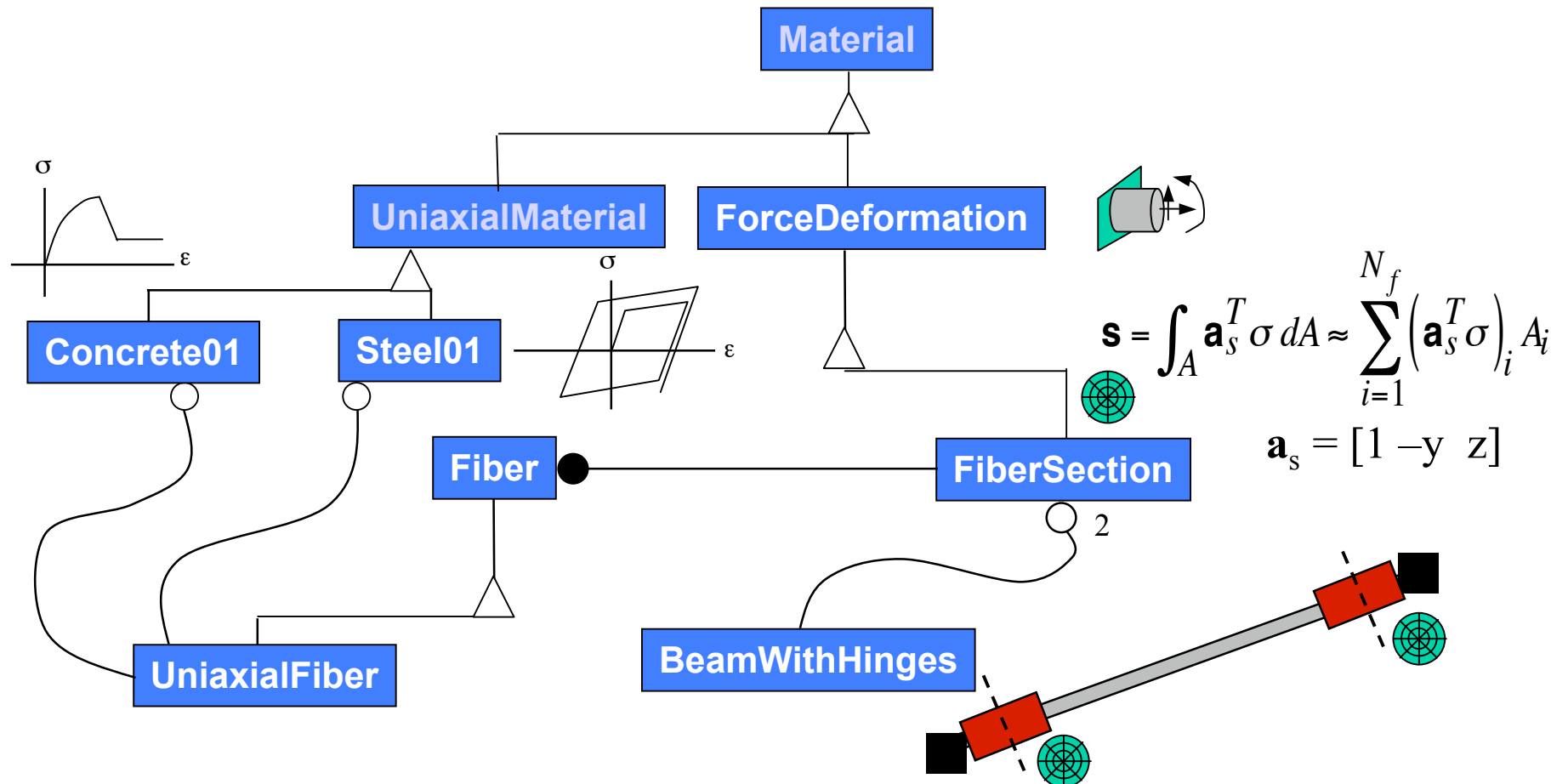


# Beam-Column Models II



No assumptions are made on section or material behavior; each level in the hierarchy can be defined independently of other levels

# Form Follows Mechanics



# OpenSees Scripting

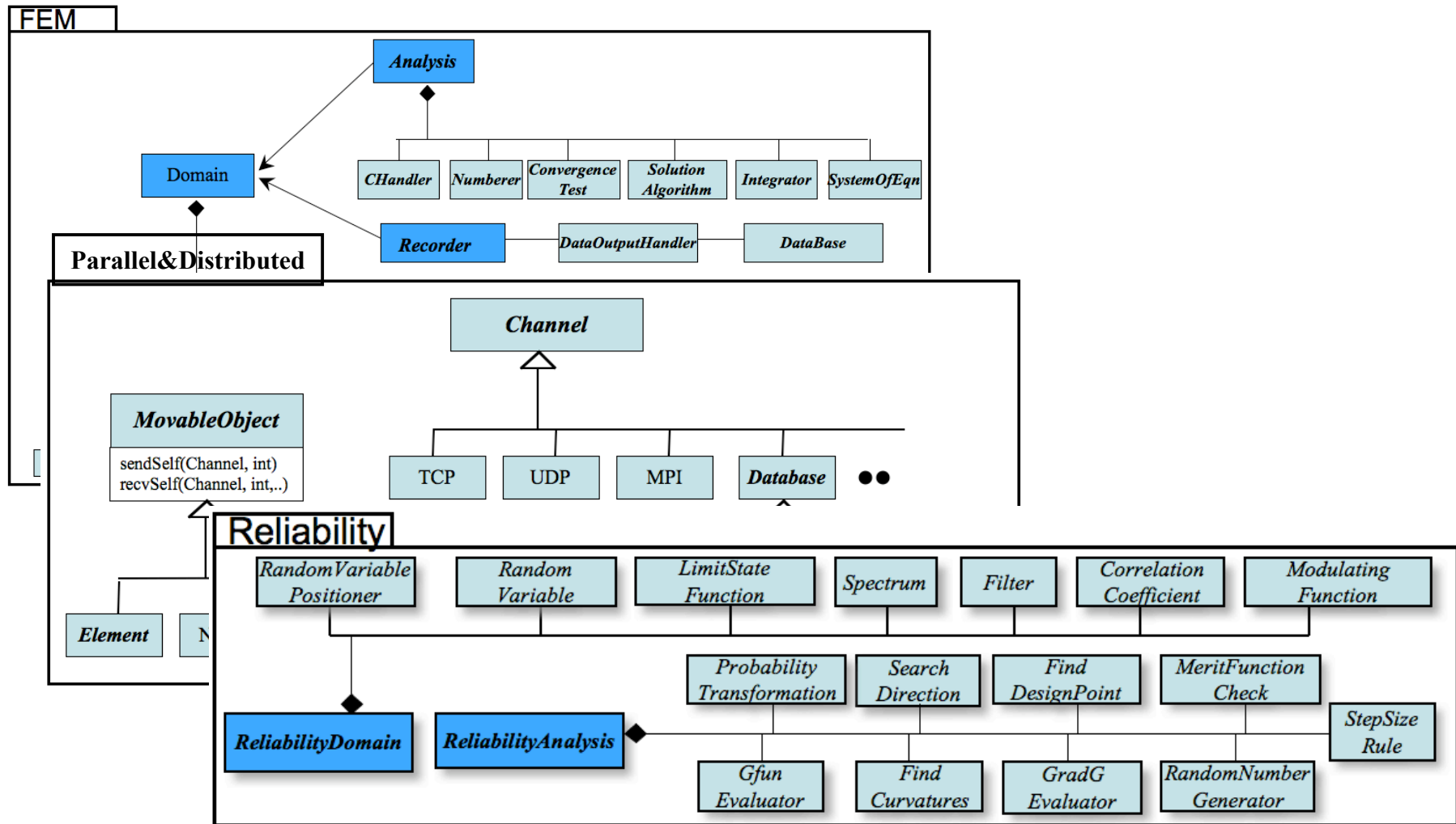
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1. wipe
2. source Units.tcl; # define units
3. source ParamList.tcl; # load up parameter values
4. source GMFiles.tcl; # load up ground-motion filenames

5. foreach Xframe $Xframe Hcol $Hcol Lcol $Lcol Lbeam $Lbeam
   Gblc $Gblc GrhoCol $GrhoCol GPcol $GPcol GMfact $GMfact {
6. { source Static.tcl; # load procedure for static analysis
7. { source Dynamic.tcl; # load procedure for dynamic analysis
8. puts FRAME$Xframe.....FRAME$Xframe.....
9. puts STATIC_ANALYSIS
10. Static $Xframe $Hcol $Lcol $Lbeam $Gblc $GrhoCol $GPcol $GMfact ;
11. puts DYNAMIC_ANALYSIS
12. foreach GroundFile $GroundFile {
13. puts GroundMotion$GroundFile
14. Dynamic $Xframe $Hcol $Lcol $Lbeam $Gblc $GrhoCol $GPcol $GMfact $GroundFile;
15. }
16. }
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FRAME

GROUND MOTION

# OpenSees has more capabilities than the typical FE Application



# NEES

The Network for Earthquake Engineering Simulation (NEES) is a shared national network of 14 experimental facilities, collaborative tools, a centralized data repository, and earthquake simulation software.

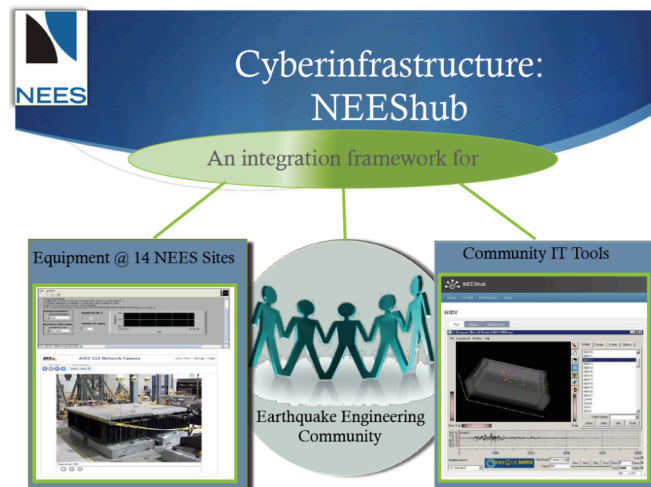




# NEEShub



- The power behind NEES at <http://nees.org>
- Maintained and developed at Purdue by NEEScomm
- A science gateway for education and research in earthquake engineering



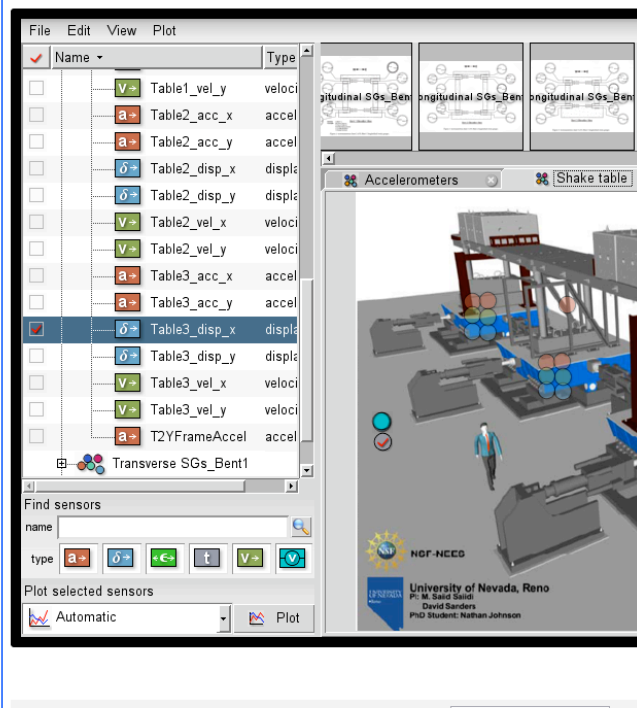
Through a browser engineers can:

- Upload and view experimental data
- Browse online seminars and courses
- Launch sophisticated tools using remote computational resources (OpenSeesLab)

# NEEShub Tools and Resources

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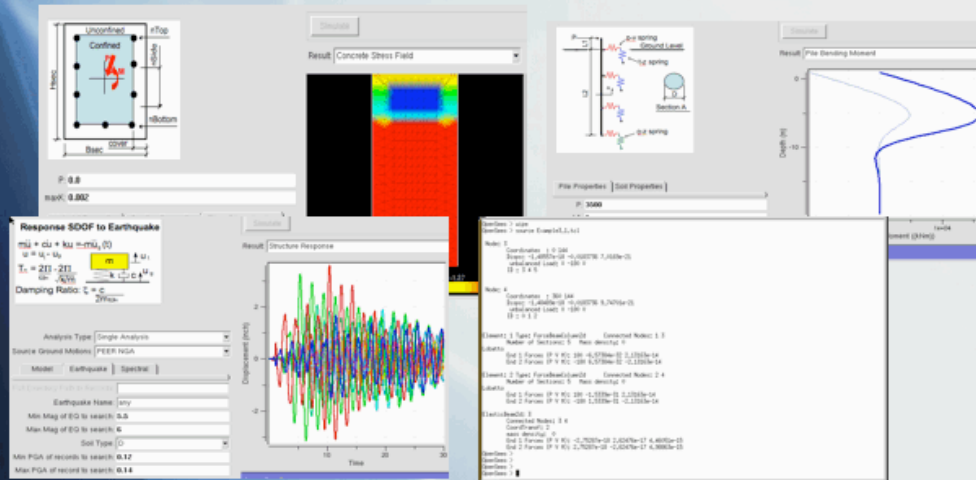


Data Management

OpenSeesLab

NEEShub

A Collection of Tools for Structural/Geotechnical Engineers that use the **Open** System for **E**arthquake **E**ngineering **S**imulation



# Objective of OpenSees Days

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- Describe modeling and analysis capability, including hierarchy of system, element, section, material
- Overview of applications, structural and geotechnical
- Show specific examples of nonlinear analysis
- Provide hands-on starting-point for simulation tools
- Introduce NEEShub capabilities using OpenSees
- Motivation to use OpenSees for your simulation problems....

# What Should be Your Expectations?

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- 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.

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