State of the Practice of Nonlinear Response History Analysis

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Degenkolb New Technologies Group

- Current Activities:
 - Tools for generating ASCE 41 hysteretic properties for Perform 3D, OpenSees, etc
 - Ground Motion Selection and Scaling
 - SFSI: Soil Foundation Structure Interaction Modeling
 - Degenkolb Design Database: Post-Processing and Database Export of Perform 3D results
 - Risk Products: PML/SEL/SUL, EnvISA, Hazus, ShakeCast, Portfolio Loss, etc.
 - NLRHA
 - Component Modeling/Analysis
 - Tall Building / Wind Analysis
 - BIM / Analysis interaction
 - Many other ongoing consulting and research activities



Degenkolb New Technologies Group

- Chris Poland (Group Director)
- Mark Sinclair
- Mahmoud Hachem
- Silvia Mazzoni
- Tim Graf
- 2+ Rotation Engineers
- 3-6 Engineers working on Special Projects
- Summer Interns





Outline

- Why NLRHA?
- NL Analysis at Degenkolb
- Analysis Efficiency & Model Management
- Modeling SFSI in OpenSees
- BuildingTcl
- When to Use NLRHA?
- OpenSees Opportunities and Challenges
- Conclusion



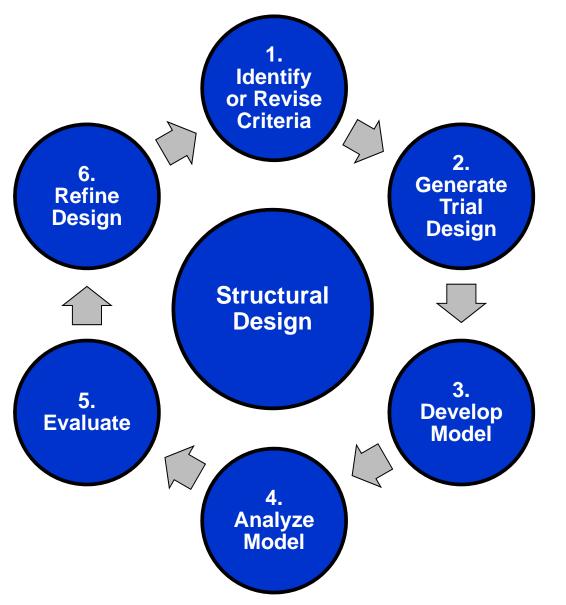
Using Non-linear Response History Analysis (NLRHA) in Design

- Design Process and Goals
- Steps in the Process
- When and Why?
- Examples and Lessons
- Future Directions



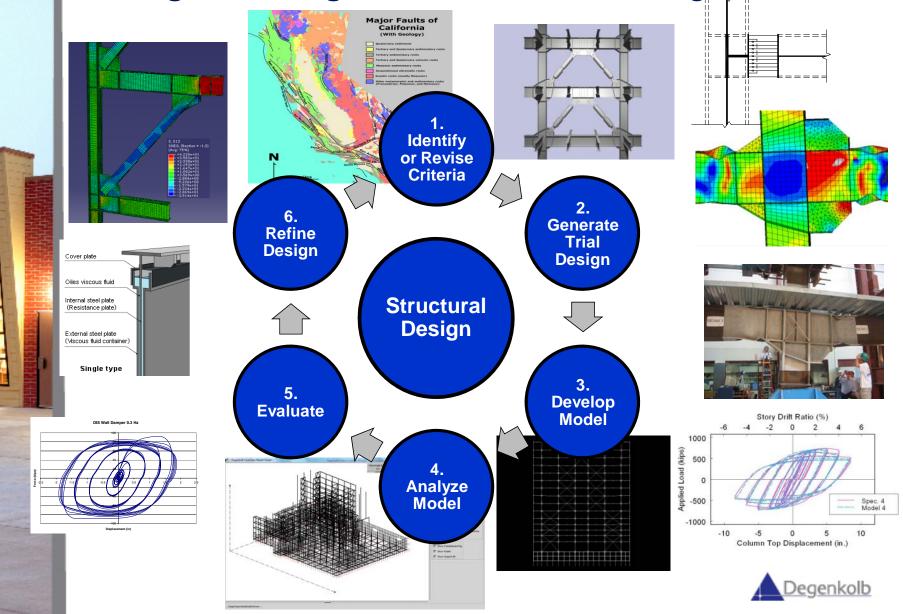


What is design?





Design using Advanced Analysis



Nonlinear Response History Analysis (NLRHA), Why?

- Improving our prediction of the expected range of structural response by modeling 'real behavior'.
 - Reduce the uncertainties that we control.
 - Understand those that we cannot.
 - Develop our 'model in the mind'.

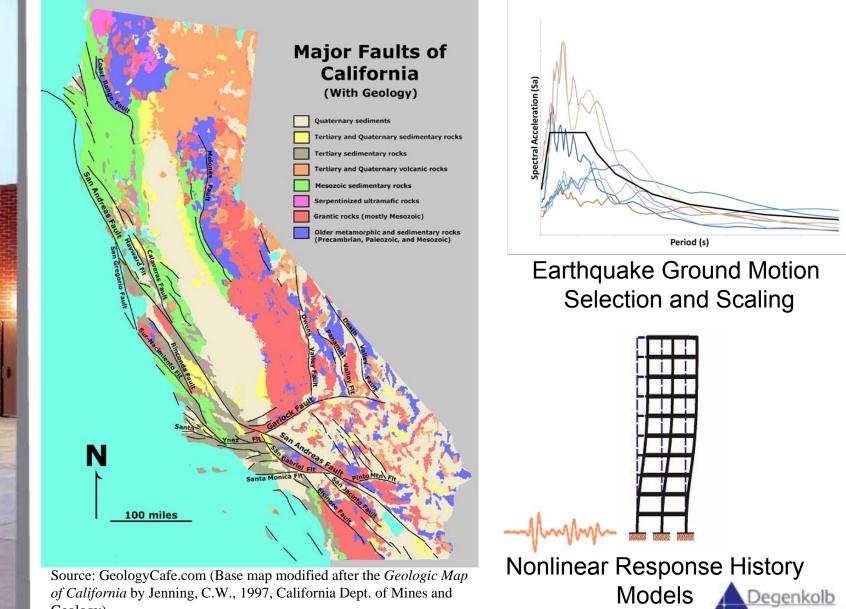


NLRHA: Why?

- To better serve our clients.....
 - By exploring solutions outside the code
 - Alternate Means of Compliance (PBEE)
 - New materials, systems, and techniques
 - By reducing structural scope and cost
 - By improving structural & seismic performance for the same or lower scope/cost.
 - By improving post-earthquake outcomes and reducing life-cycle costs.
 - While improving our understanding of structural behavior to make us better Designers



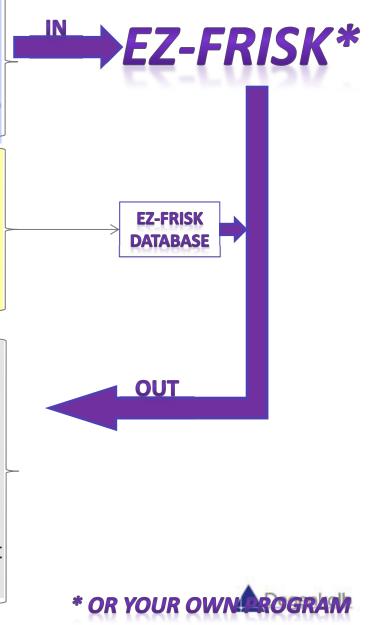
Seismic Hazard & Ground Motions



of California by Jenning, C.W., 1997, California Dept. of Mines and Geology)

Site-Specific Seismic-Hazard Analysis

- Site Data
 - Location
 - Soil Profile
 - Average shear-wave velocity in top 100ft: Vs₃₀
 - Depth to Rock
- Regional Seismicity
 - Regional faults
 - Distance & Magnitude
 - Fault Mechanism
- Attenuation Relationships
- Probabilistic Spectra
 - 2% probability of being exceed in 50 years
 - 10% probability of being exceed in 50 years
- Deterministic Spectrum
 - Mean + one standard deviation
 - account for uncertainties associated with near-fault ground motions



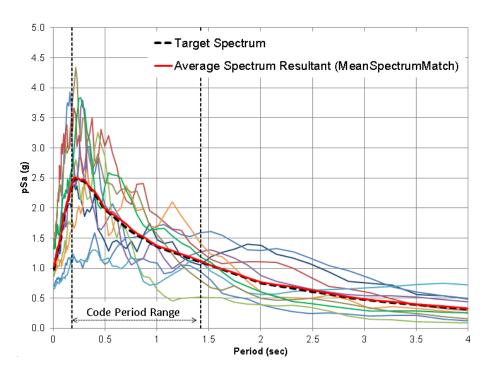
Degenkolb Method

- Mean Spectrum Matching
 - Developed at Degenkolb Engineers by Mark Sinclair
 - Addresses the limitations of the other two methods and combines their advantages
 - Addresses what is relevant to the structural engineer
 - Minimal frequency-content modification to groundmotion record
 - Spectral Matching at <u>average</u> level:
 SR Target Spectrum
 - SR_{avg} = Target Spectrum
 - We have used it on several projects
 - Has been reviewed and approved by CGS/OSHPD on a new-hospital design project

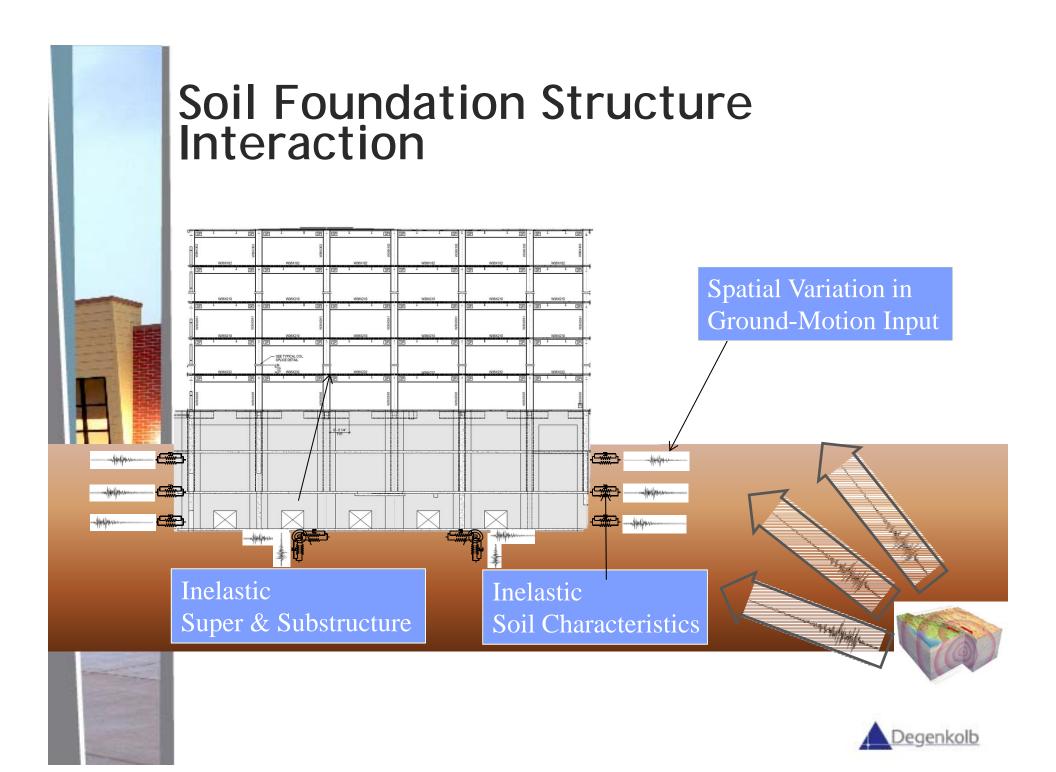


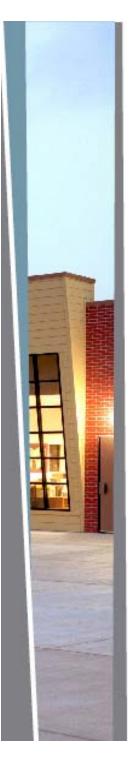
Mean Spectrum Matching

- Advantages
 - Maintain
 - All individual characteristics of record (except amplitude)
 - Characteristic period and energy content of record
 - Peaks and valleys in individual spectrum
 - Minimize amplification/effects on higher modes
 - <u>Control</u> variability between records
 - <u>Reduces</u> peaks in spectrum
 - Meet goal of mean response
- Can set different target spectra for different directions (Fn & Fp in near-field)
- Can control dispersion in response between records (standard deviation)
- Limitations
- Less known
- Implementation is not trivial, but automatable

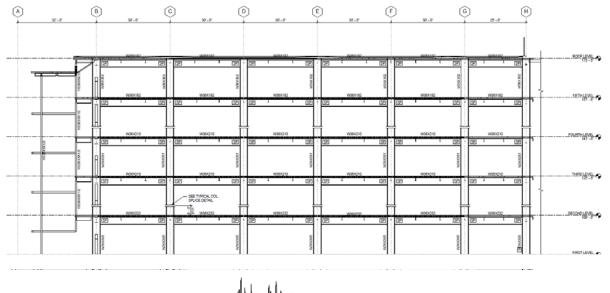


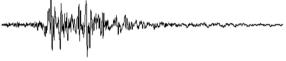






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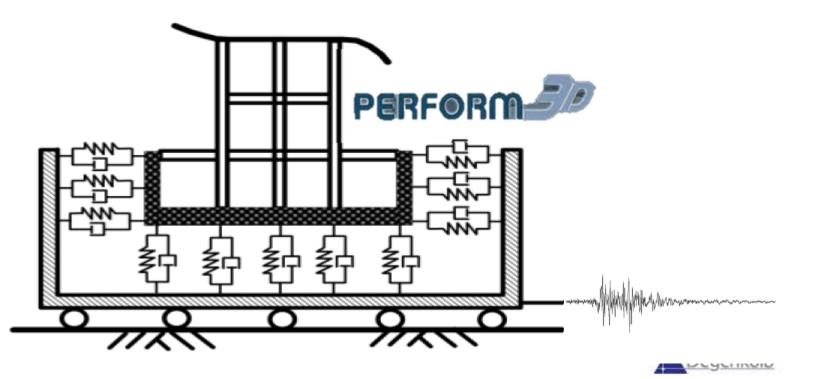


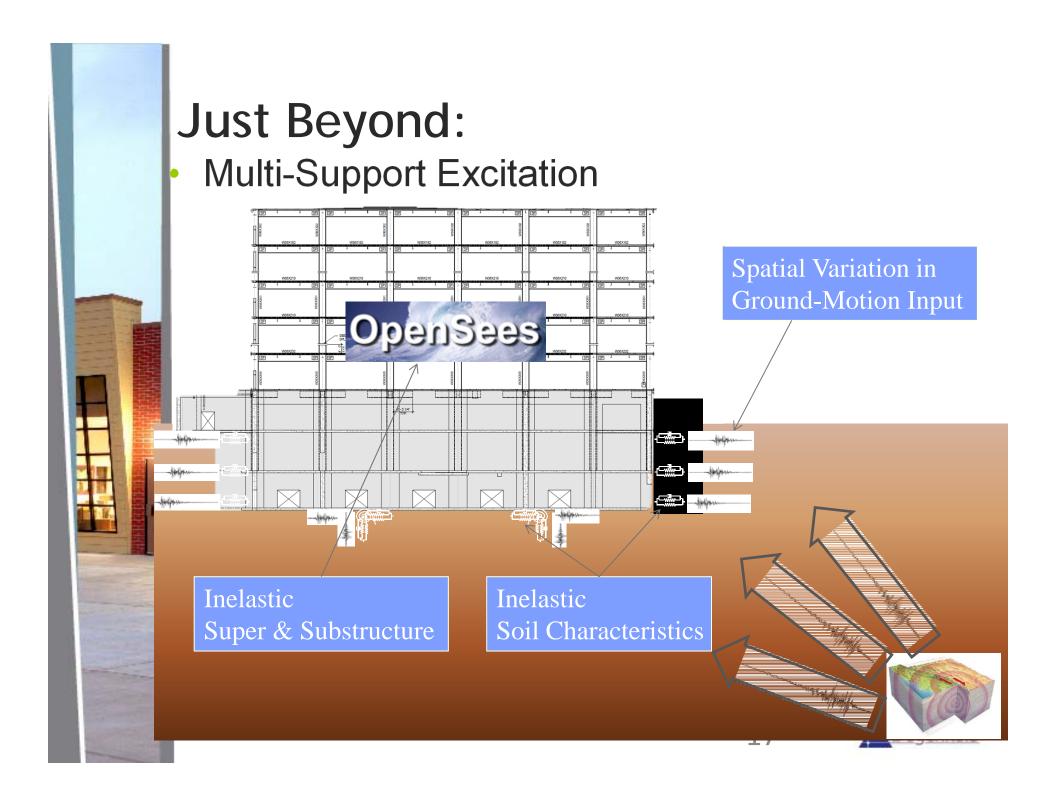




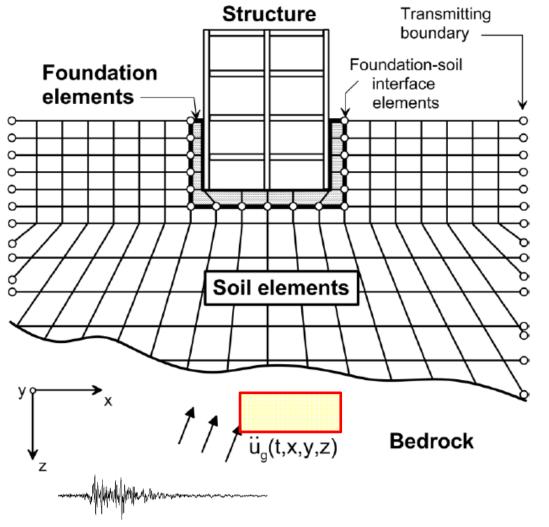
Current Edge of the Practice:

- Uniform-Support Excitation = bathtub model
- Model kinematic effects (spatial variation of ground motions) implicitly



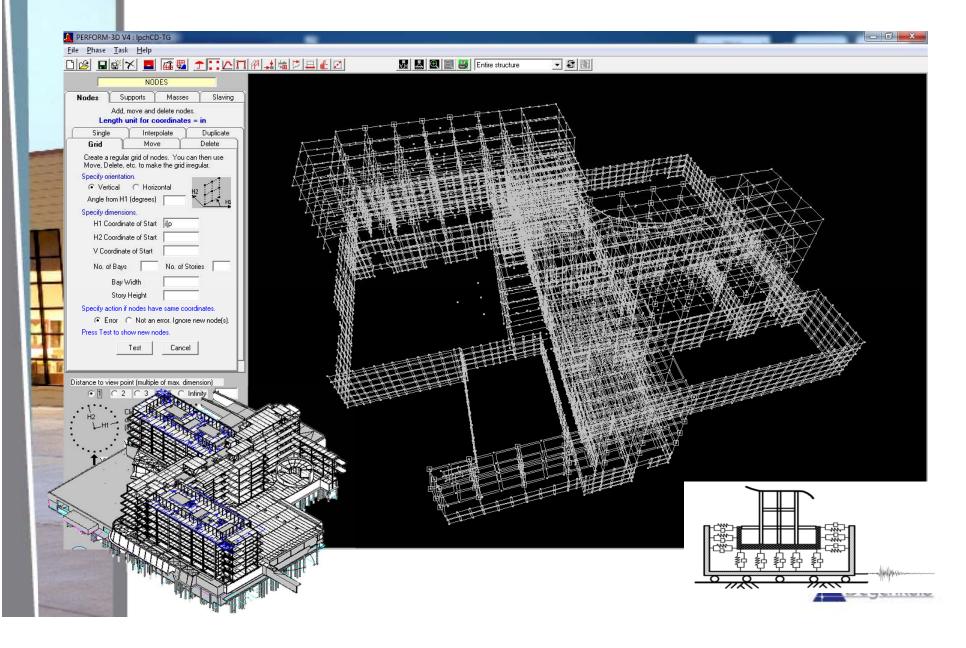


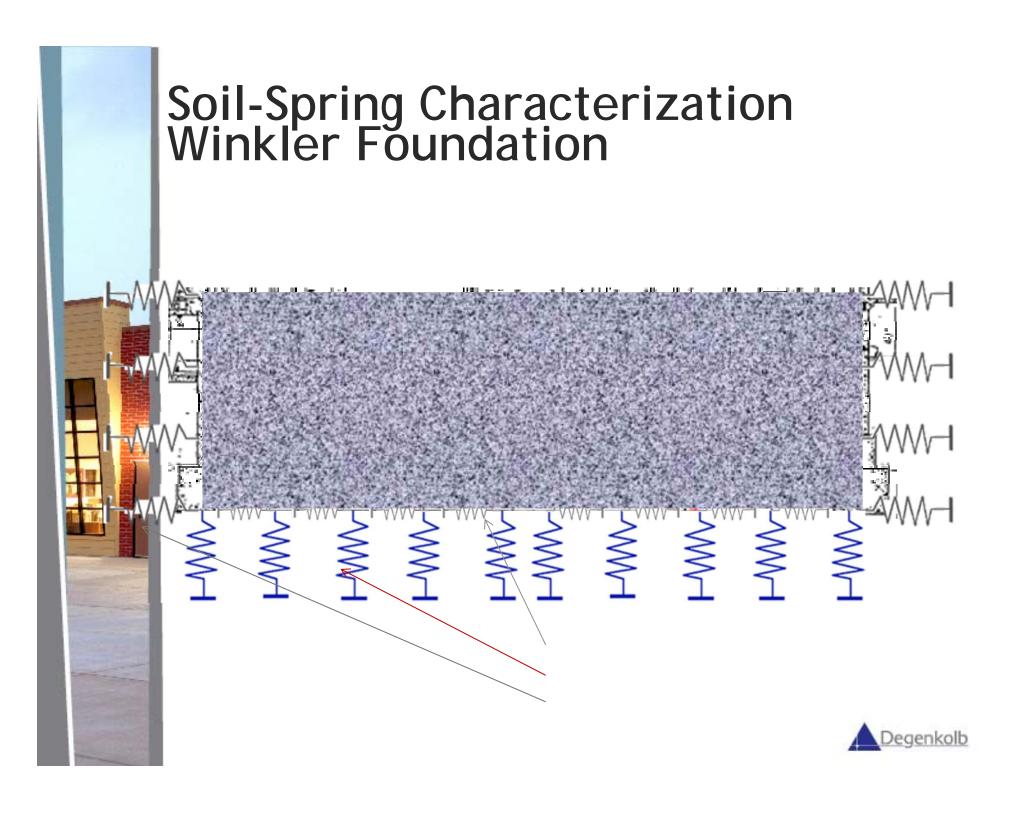
Direct Modeling of System Response



from ATC 83 Project. Task 10, JP Stewart

Perform 3D Model:







Soil Material Models

- Elastic
 - Initial Stiffness
 - Secant Stiffness
 - Elastic-Perfectly-Plastic
 - Initial Stiffness
 - Secant Stiffness
- Inelastic Curvilinear
 - Qz,Py,Ty Springs (OpenSees)
- Inelastic Multi-Linear
 - Determined from Qz,Py,Ty prings

Spring Force

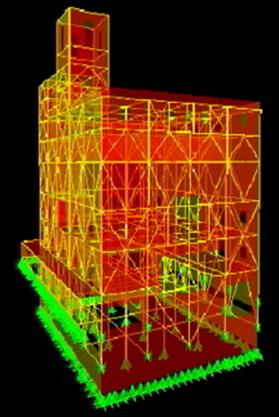
Implementable into SAP

Spring Deformation

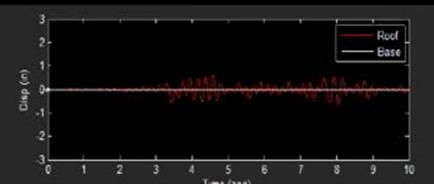


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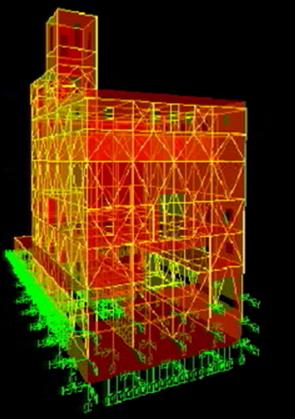
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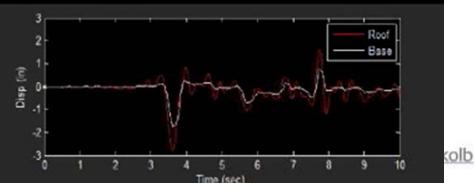
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FLEXIBLE BASE



Max Roof Disp: 2.81 in

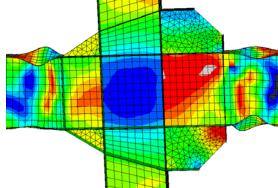


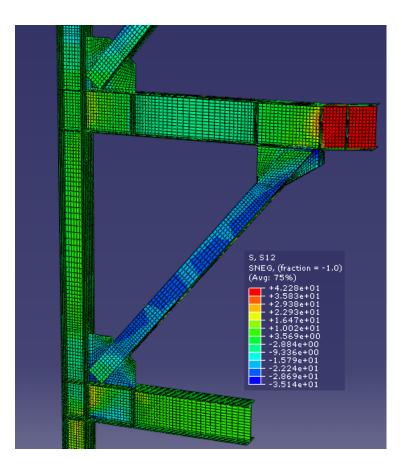
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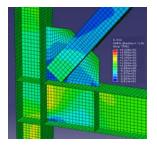
Detailed Component Analysis:

- In support of testing programs, e.g.
 SMRF Connections
- Evaluate behavior of critical components



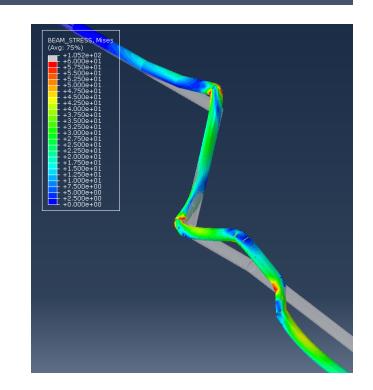






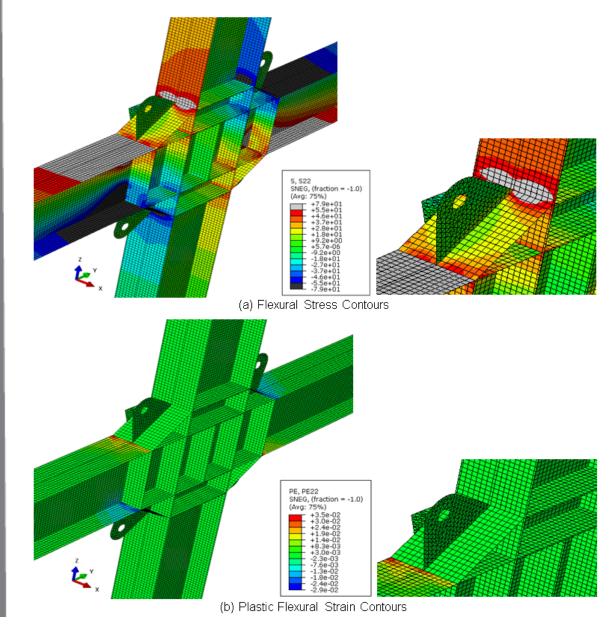
FEA - Pipeline Analysis

- Determination of pipe stresses and strains due to imposed displacement at a fault crossing
- Incorporates:
 - Inelastic pipe properties
 - Inelastic soil properties
 - Internal pipe pressures
 - Varying soil conditions
 - Varying fault locations and offsets





Moment/Brace Haunched Connection







NRH Analyses

- Typical Analysis
 - 160 records (10 GM's x 16 cases)
 - On average 16 hours each record = over 100 days end-to-end

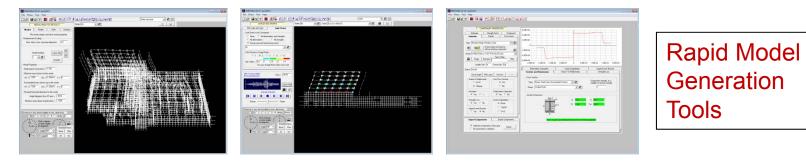
Typical suite can generate up to 2 TB of data

- Includes displacements, drifts, member forces, hinge rotations, energy dissipation, etc. for every single time step
- Can be labor intensive to reduce data to only a few important results per element





Model Efficiency



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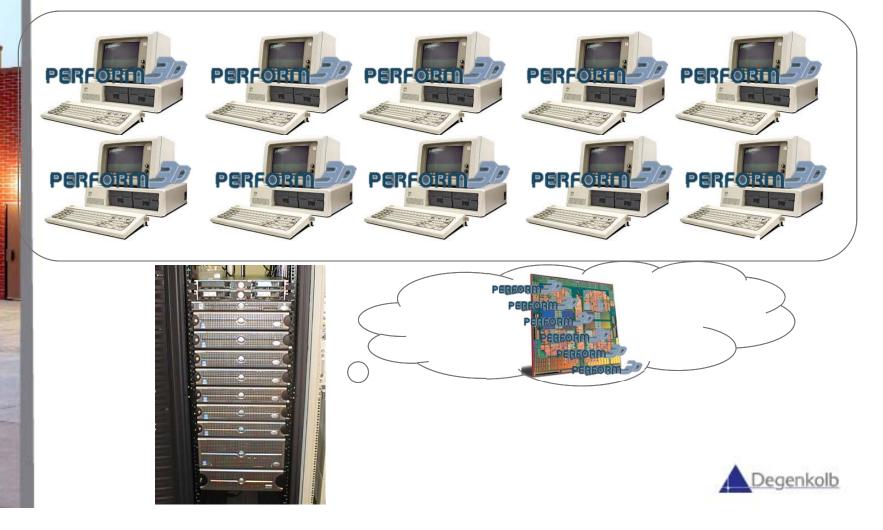






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- Discovering limitations
 - Software was developed for serial machines

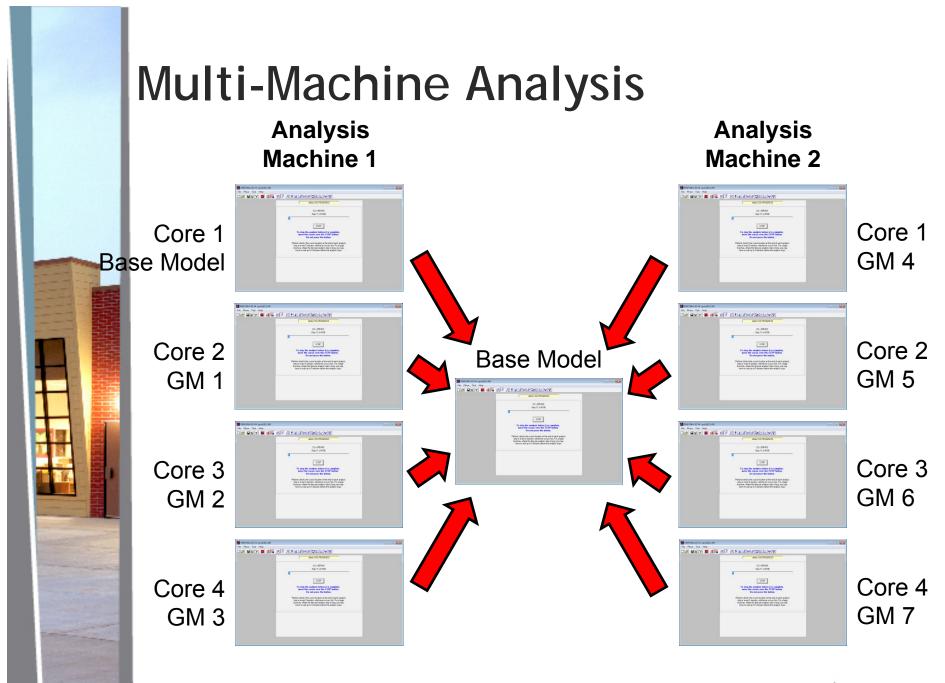




Hardware Efficiencies

- Multi-Core 64 bit Processor
- Virtual Analysis Machines
 - Adjustable allocation of resources
 - Software only utilizes one core per instance, multiple instances on multiple cores machines allows for parallel analyses
- Multi-Machine Analysis







Multi-Machine Analysis

- DE Level Analysis
 - 10 Ground Motion pairs (avg 16 hrs each)
 - x 4 (Eccentric mass cases)
 - x 2 (rotated ground motions)
 - x 2 (Upper & lower bound soil properties)
 - = 160 records
- Run simultaneously runtime reduced from 100s of days to length of 5 ground motion (2-3 days)

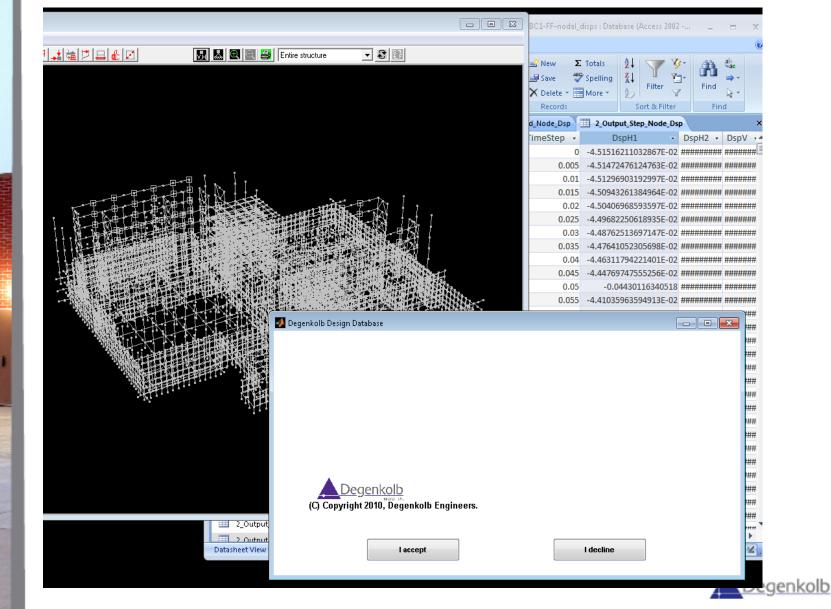


Software Efficiencies

- Degenkolb Design Database
 - Software developed for Degenkolb
 - Accesses PERFORM binary result files directly
 - Output to text files or database files

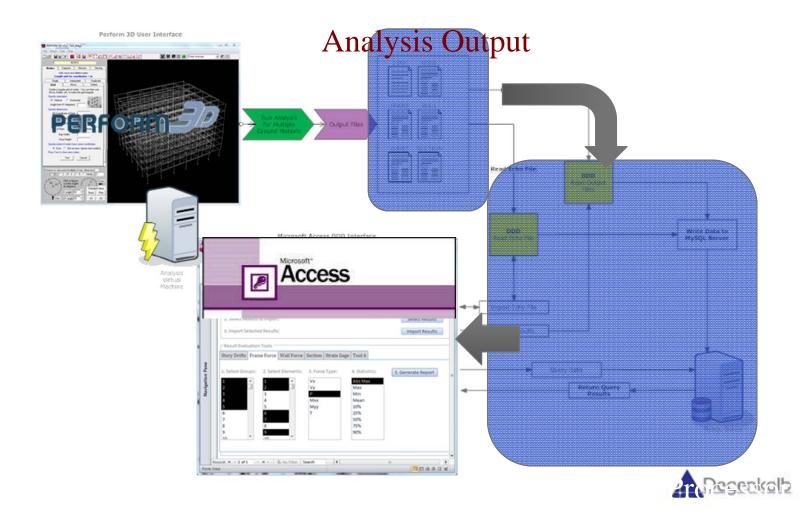


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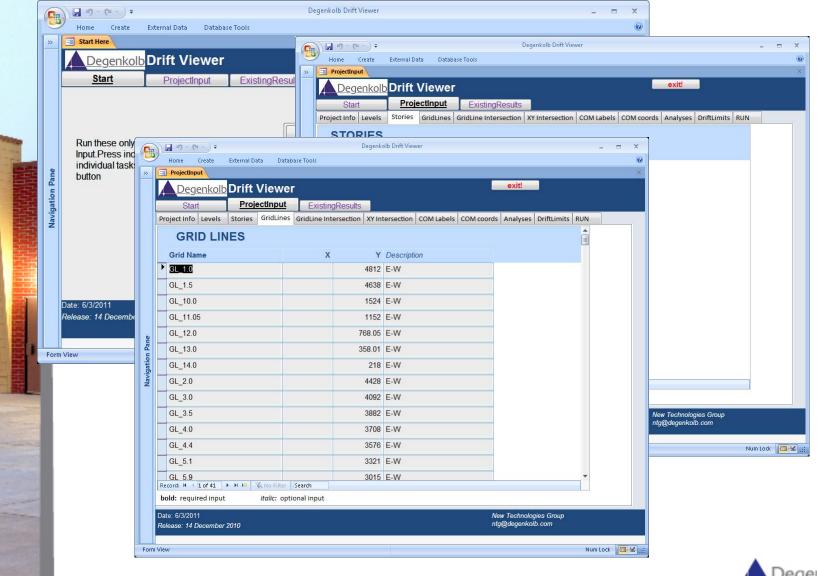


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- Discovering limitations
 - Post-processing is proprietary and cumbersome

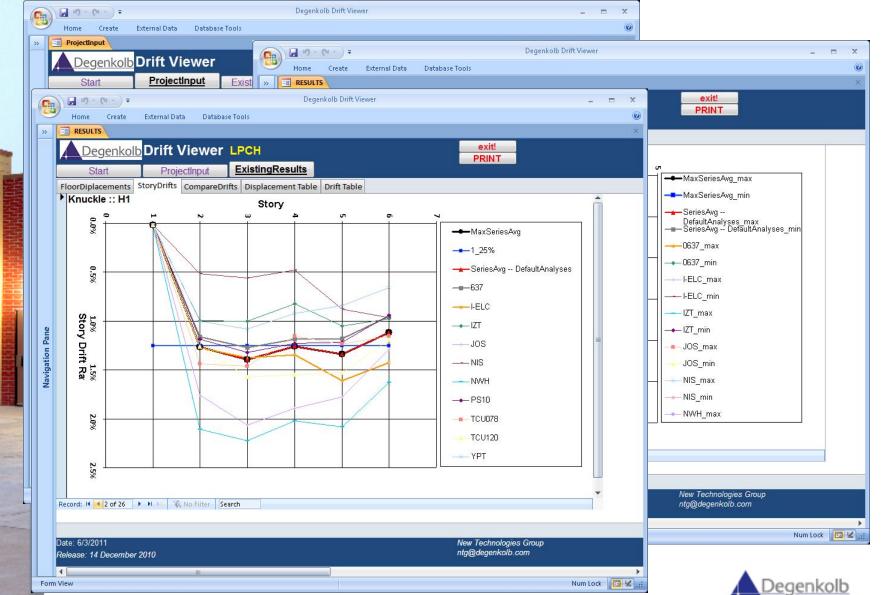


Database Queries - Drift





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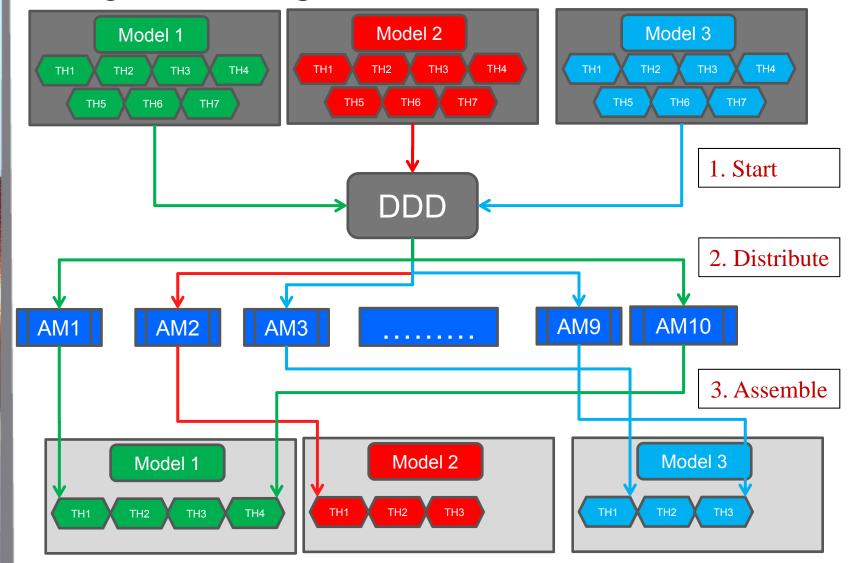


Model Management

- Why the need?
 - Quality Control Repetitive tasks invite human error
 - Speed
- Software to automate the multi-machine analysis
 - Calls on multiple models
 - Distribute models to available Virtual Analysis Machines.
 - Database can query across results from different models to assemble (envelope/average) results as required.



Analysis Management/Automation







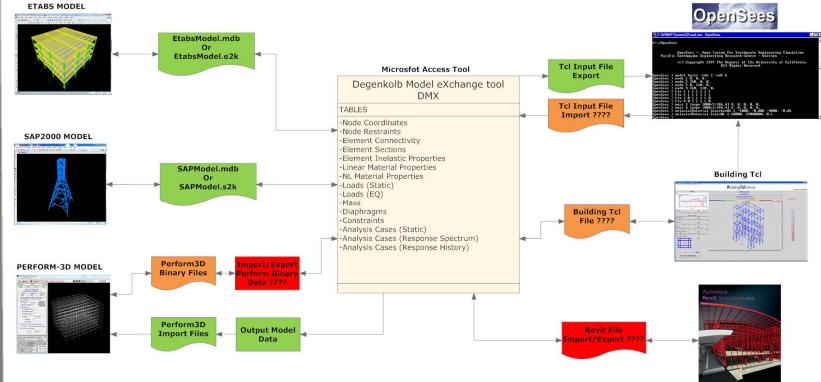
Model Management

- Model Exchange Tool
 - Intermediate repository of structural model information
 - Allows the conversion of model data from one finite element software to another.
 - Should be able to convert to and from several applications including
 - ETABS,
 - SAP2000,
 - Perform3D,
 - OpenSees,
 - and BIM...



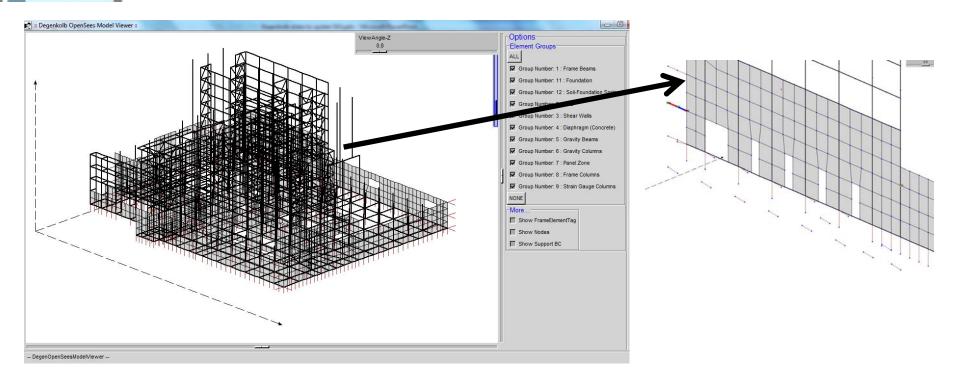


Model Management





OpenSees Modeling Capability



Research Involvement:

- Next generation structural analysis software
- Past involvement with OpenSees Development Team
- Close collaboration with researchers



Model Conversion

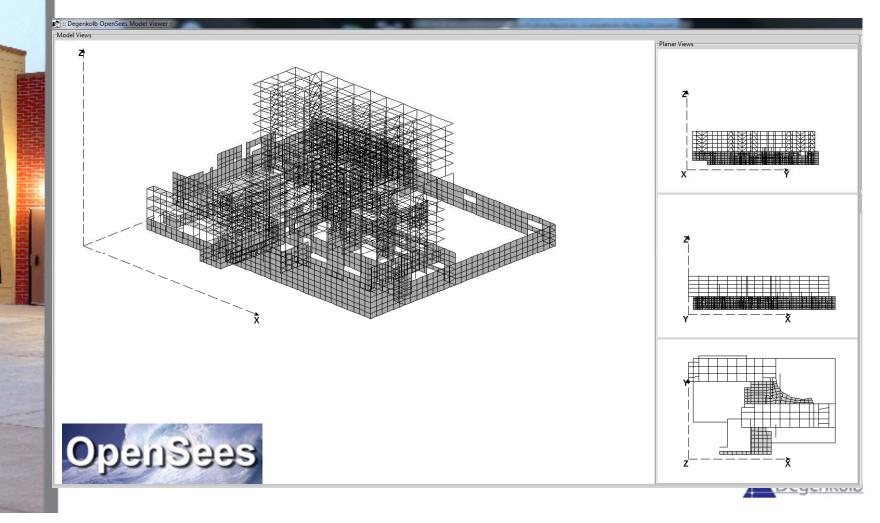
 Automated extraction of Perform Model into OpenSees

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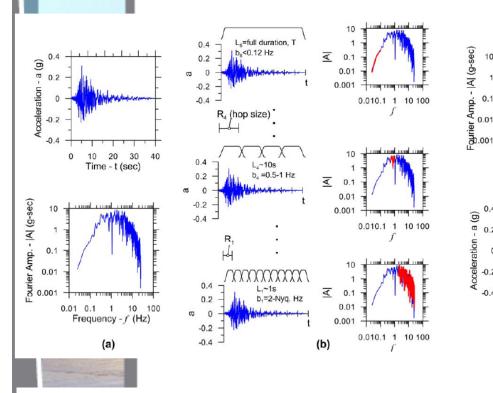
OpenSees Model

 Apply multi-support excitation with spatial variation of ground motion



Frequency Dependent Windowing: A Non-Stationary Method for Simulating Spatially Variable Earthquake Ground Motions





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Elastic Foundation

b.

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(c)

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Figure 5. Schematic of the multiple short-time window simulation procedure in Abrahamson (1992b, 1993). (a) seed ground motion and its Fourier amplitude spectrum; (b) six series of multiple time segments and their corresponding frequency modifications shown in red; (c) recombined modified Fourier spectra and inversed simulated time series



Figure 13. Evaluation of simulated motions developed using final FDW simulation procedure. (a) seed and simulated time series; (b) seed and simulated Fourier amplitude spectra; (c) comparison of $\sigma_{\Delta 4}$ calculated from 40 realizations and model; (d) comparison of $|\gamma|$ calculated from realizations and model.





Continued Improvement of BuildingTcl & BuildingTclViewer

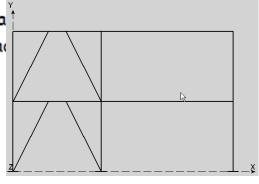
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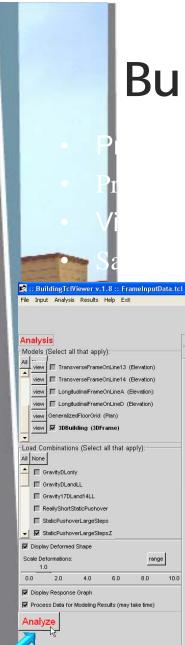
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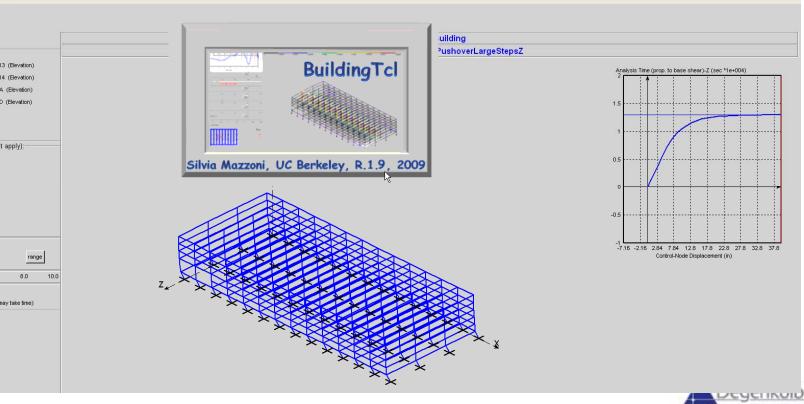
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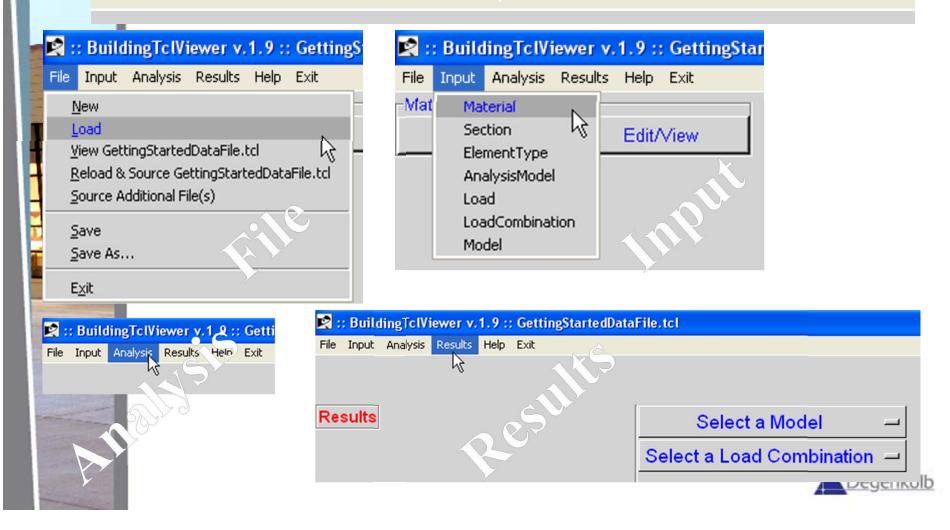


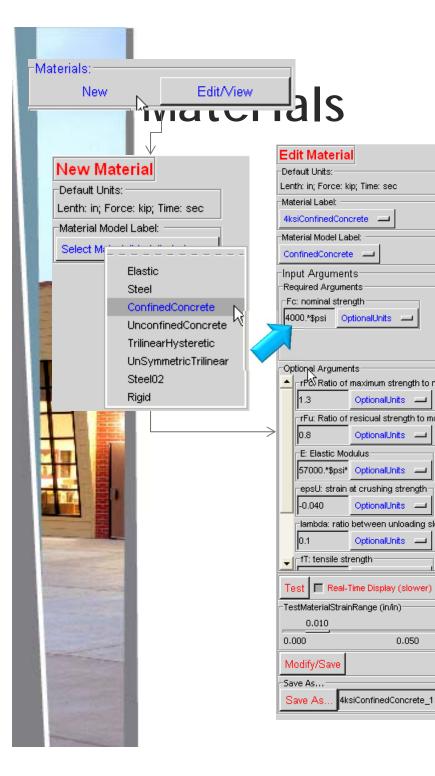
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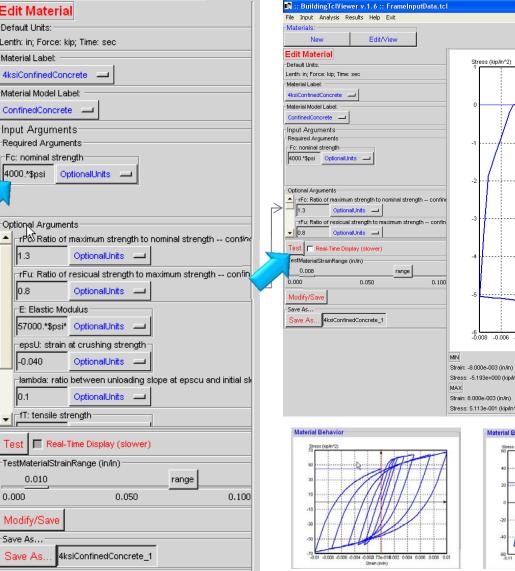
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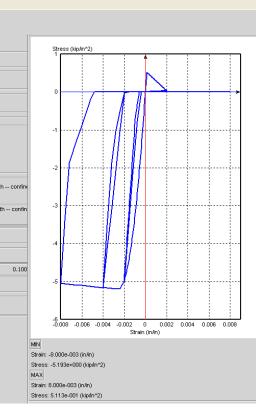
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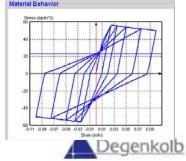
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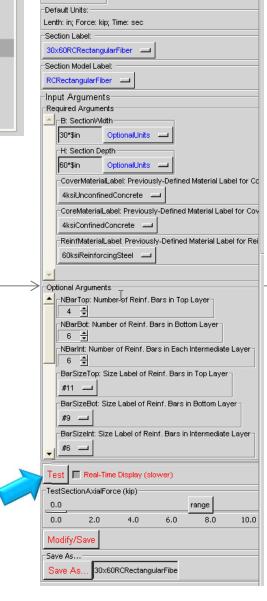
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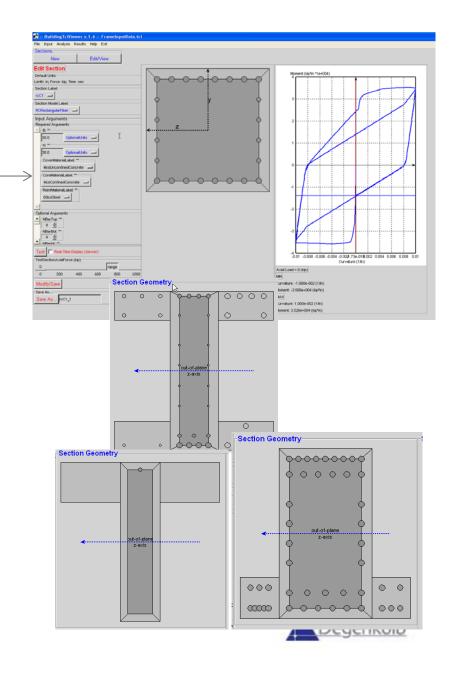
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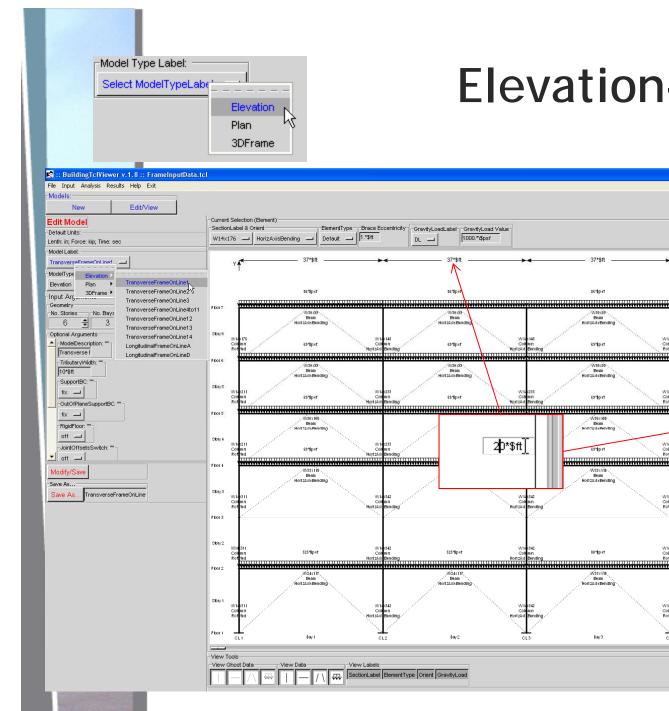
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Edit Section







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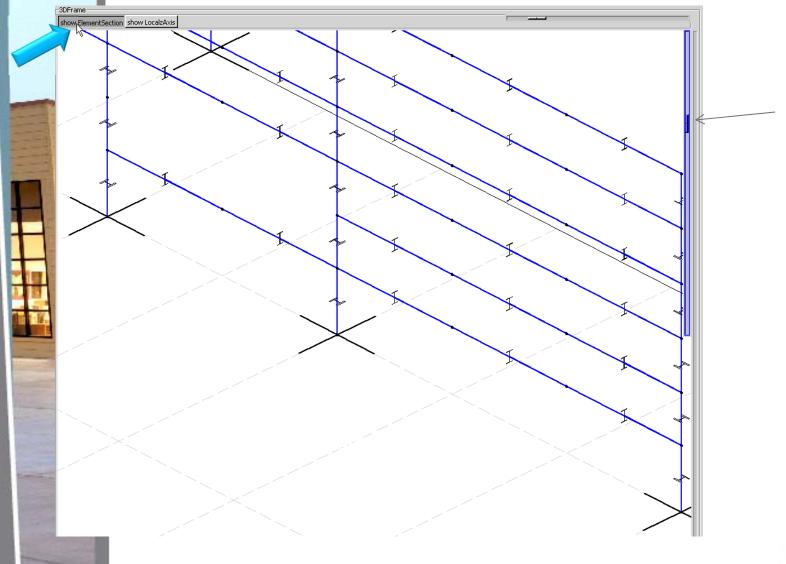
12*\$ft +1

16*\$ft +3*

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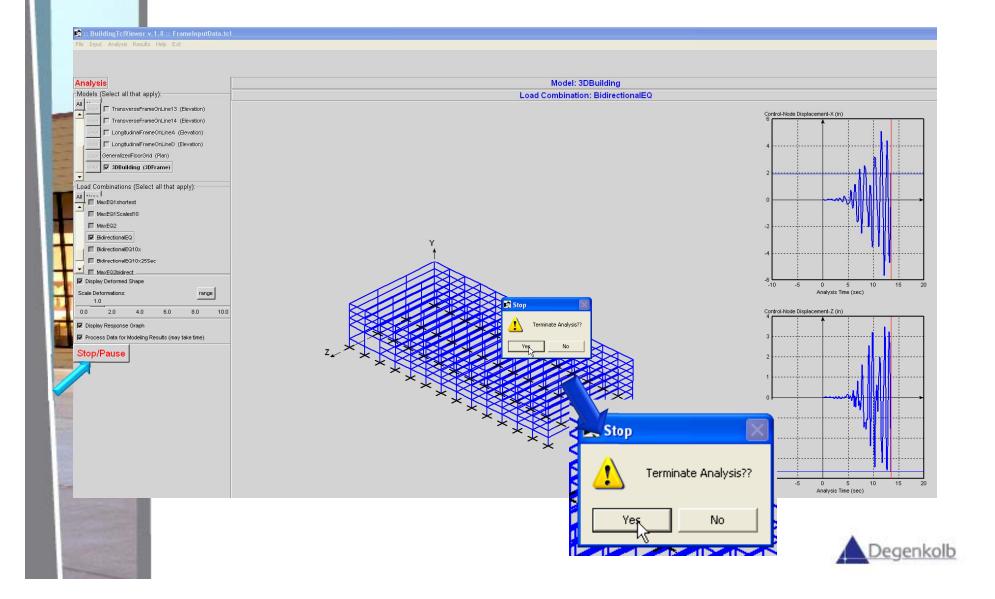
Elevation-Model Input

3DFrame-Model Input view Element Cross Sections

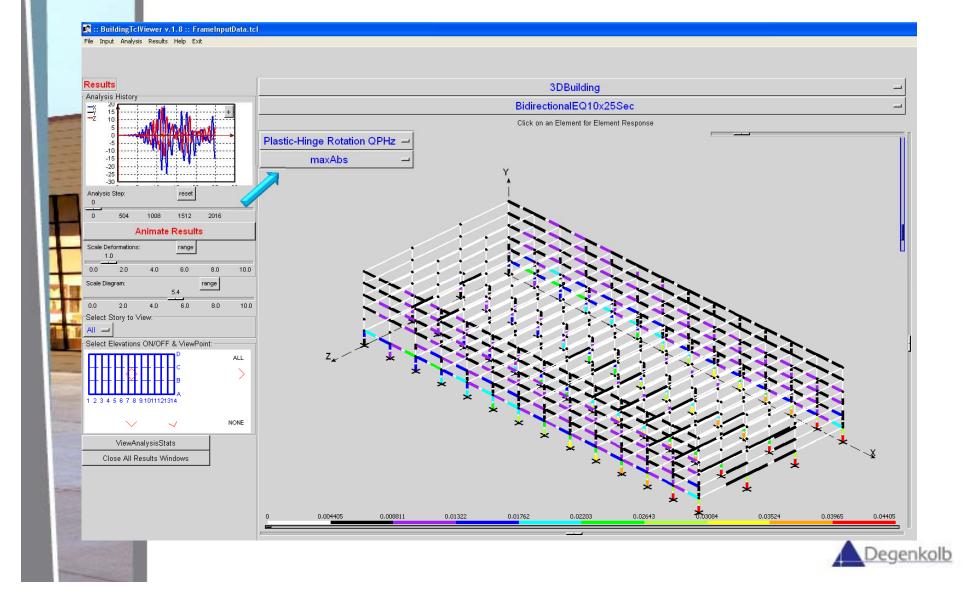




Real-Time OpenSees Simulation Real-Time Pause/Stop



Visualization of Structural Response envelope values



BuildingTcl combines the power of a scripting UI with a GUI

1 # MODELS ------

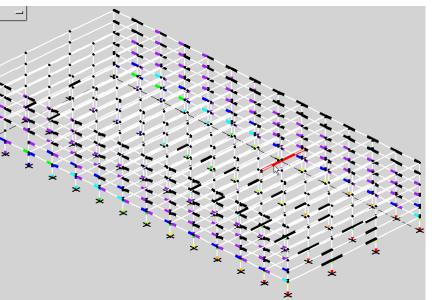
2 addModelData ModelLabel TransverseFrameOnLine1

- 3 addModelData ModelDescription "Transverse Frame On Line 1"
- 4 addModelData ModelTypeLabel Elevation

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- 20 addModelData SupportBC fix
- 21 addModelData JointOffsetsSwitch off
- 22 addModelData TributaryWidth 10*\\$ft
- 23 addModelData -GravityLoad LoadLabel DL Floor 2 Bay "1 2" DistributedLoad 525*\\$pst
- 24 addModelData -GravityLoad LoadLabel DL Floor 2 Bay 3 DistributedLoad 80*\\$psf
- 25 addModelData -GravityLoad LoadLabel DL FloorRange "4 6" BayRange "1 3" DistributedLoad 69*\\$psf
- 26 addModelData -GravityLoad LoadLabel DL Floor 7 BayRange "1 3" DistributedLoad 86*\\$psf
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- 30 addModelData -GravityLoad LoadLabel LL Floor 7 BayRange "1 3" DistributedLoad 20*\\$psf

31 addModel





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Soil-Structure Interaction: Base Rocking 10-story RC Frame



Walnut Creek - 10-story Commercial Bldg (CSMIP Station No. 58364)

SENSOR LOCATIONS

station: N____ = 350

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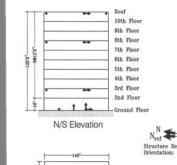
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8th Floor Plan

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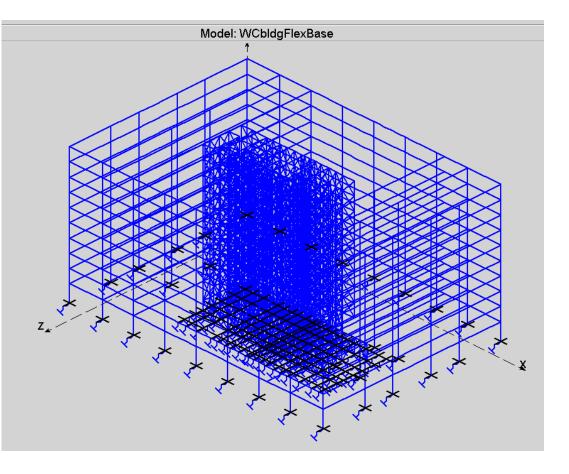
3rd Floor Plan

Roof Plan





Ground Floor Plan

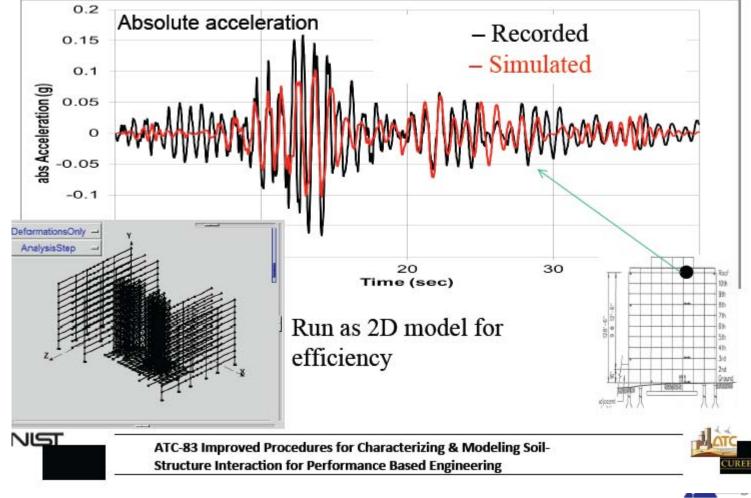






Model Validation

Simulation Validation – Loma Prieta



When to go to NLRHA?

- Confirm first that there is a point, and degree of potential advantage:
 - Is it required? e.g. Base Isolation
 - Is it going to produce a better answer?
 - Is it going to justify the increased cost?
 - Should we just fix the problem....?
- Better for some structural systems
 - Where R or m is much smaller than Δ limit / Δ y
- When a 'nonstructural' project advantage exists (e.g. reduced disruption)

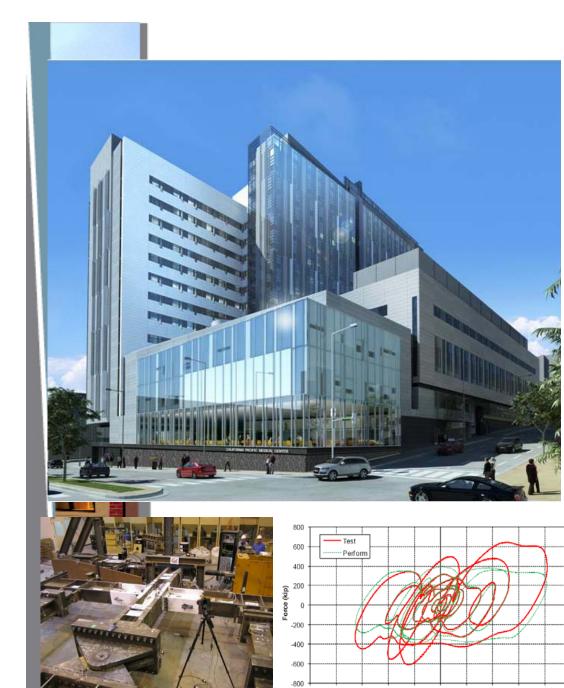


Comparison w/ Code-Based-Design

Advantages

- Allowable drift increase (1.25 factor)
- Can achieve lower Ω_o Factor (1.5 vs. 2.5-3.0)
- Advantage in ground motion scaling in far-field
- When taking a code exception
- Sometimes can use lower mass eccentricity
- Disadvantages
 - Code drifts computed using Cd = 0.7R
 - Podium structures, no easy two-stage analysis





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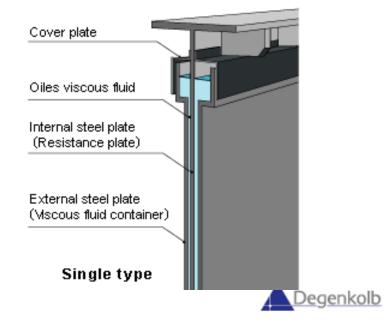
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-1 0 1 Displacement (in.)

CPMC Cathedral Hill





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CPMC Cathedral Hill - Scheme Comparison

Structural System	Drift	Floor Accel.	Steel Wt. (psf)	Cost Index
Conventional SMRF	1.25%	1.0g -1.5g	36	1.0
Dual System - BRBF+SMRF	1.25%	1.5g -2.0g	27	0.8
Braced Frame with Isolation	0.7%	0.2g -0.3g	28	1.0
SMRF with Dampers	1.25%	0.5g -0.8g	20	0.7



NLRHA: Design Requirements

- No current "code requirements":
 - In development, BSSC Task Group
 - Usually means an AMoC or "Design Criteria"
 - Make it as brief as possible.
 - Reference other standards where possible, e.g. ASCE-41, Tall Buildings Initiative
 - Avoid finalizing it too early
- Understand review process
 - Local jurisdiction/reviewer experience
 - Consider impact of potential delays



NLRHA: Lessons Learned

- Allow extra time for learning process
 - Spend time with the model, run nightly
- Concrete is much harder than steel
 - Especially at large deformations, e.g. for retrofit, or in podium structures.
- Viscous damping assumptions are important
- Accidental mass eccentricity assumptions are important
- Don't overstate savings in the beginning
- Can work well IPD and DB environment



NLRHA Future Directions

- Which Software to use?
 - Perform-3D: Future support by CSI?
 - OpenSees: Continued development and funding?
- Overnight run-result cycle
 - Better model management and automation
 - Cloud based computing, multiple runs
 - Explicitly consider dispersion
- Still have limitation on length of single RHA for large models
 - Flexible diaphragm, Fiber models, Walls



Simulation Needs in the Profession

- Project time is key \rightarrow Optimize simulation
- Integration with BIM model management, and synchronizing models between software (OpenSees <-> Revit <-> Etabs)
 - Multi-analysis & multi-model management
 - Model uncertainties, sensitivities & optimization
 - Integration into design tools
 - Distributed computing
 - Smart solution algorithms





Simulation Needs (cont.)

- Validation & verification of models
- Education of engineers
 - Move away from always using lumped-plasticity models
 - Data management & visualization
 - Direct modeling of systems





OpenSees Opportunities/Benefits

- Open-Source
- Robust Solvers
- Latest research knowledge/models
- Can add user models/materials
- Multiple-support excitation
- SFSI / Soil modeling
- Parallel / Multi-Machine processing
- Customizable Output / Recorders
- Fiber models



OpenSees Limitations/Challenges

- Open-Source: Stability
- Solvers (Convergence, tuning)
- Latest Research: Model Stability/Robustness
- Lack of robust nonlinear RC wall elements (Promising developments by Prof. Filippou)
- Lack of some basic analysis tools used in design (modal analysis, etc..)
- Visualization / User Interface







