



OpenSees

Open System for Earthquake Engineering Simulation
Pacific Earthquake Engineering Research Center

NEESgrid Building the National Virtual Collaboratory
for Earthquake Engineering.

OpenSees and NEESgrid Simulation Component User Workshop

*Presented by the OpenSees Community and
NEESgrid Simulation Project Team*

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Context

- PEER Research Program in Performance-Based Earthquake Engineering.
- Development of enabling technology is expected of NSF research centers.
- Many researchers and students for PEER Thrust Area “Simulation and Information Technology” are contributing to technology development and application.
- NEESgrid has adopted OpenSees as the simulation component for the NEES system integration project.

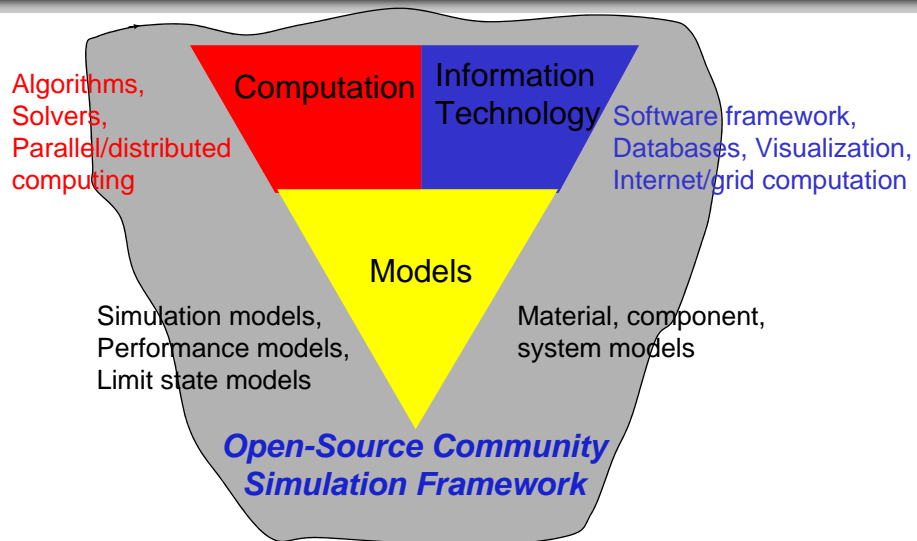
Observations on Current Situation

- 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 a code.
- A communication mechanism within PEER, and beyond, for exchanging and building upon research accomplishments.
- As open-source software, it has the potential for a community code for earthquake engineering.

Conceptual Approach for Simulation

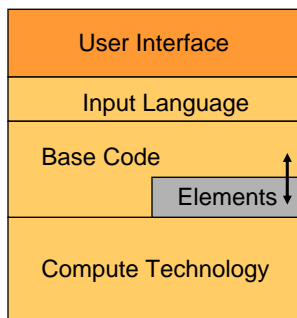


Software Framework

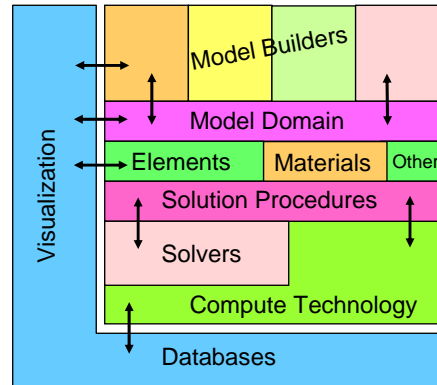
- A *framework* is a set of cooperating software components for building applications in a specific domain.
- A framework dictates the architecture of the application. It must represent the design decisions common to the application domain.
- A framework is based on the assumption that an architecture will work for most applications within the domain.
- Loose-coupling of components within the framework is essential for extensibility and re-useability for applications.
- Examples: Visualization (GLUT), MS Office, compilers ...
- A *framework* is not a "code"

Simulation Software Alternatives

Traditional Code



Framework of Components

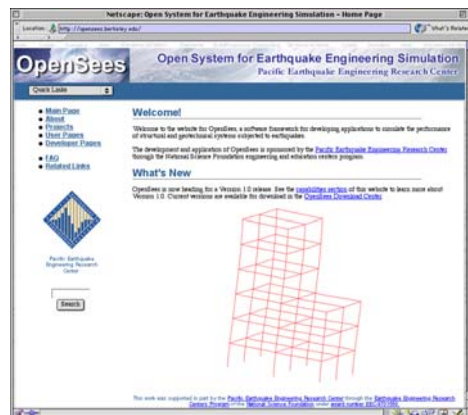


↔ Application Program Interface (API)

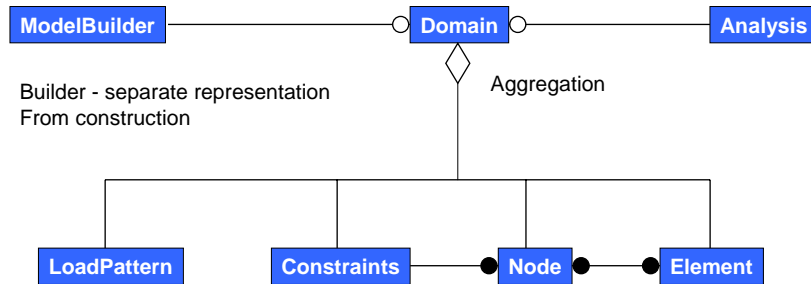
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<http://opensees.berkeley.edu>

- OpenSees has been under development by PEER since before 1997.
- Core group of developers and users.
- PEER will continue research and development for PBEE applications in OpenSees.
- Copyrighted by UC Regents and free for use.
- Google search hits as proxy for interest (5/4/04):
 - Drain[2-3]d-97
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 - ABAQUS-17,000
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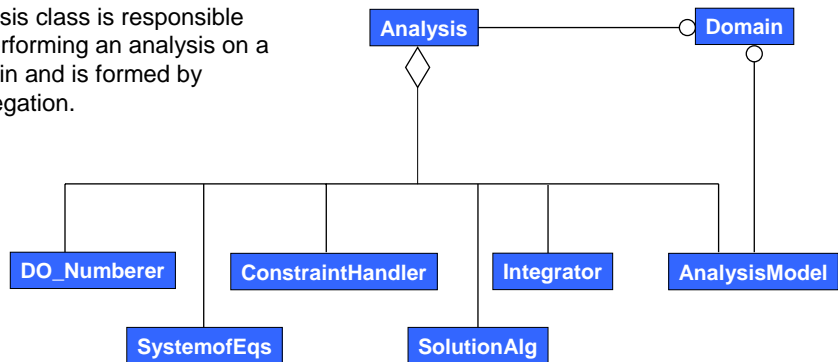


Structural Models as Aggregation Pattern

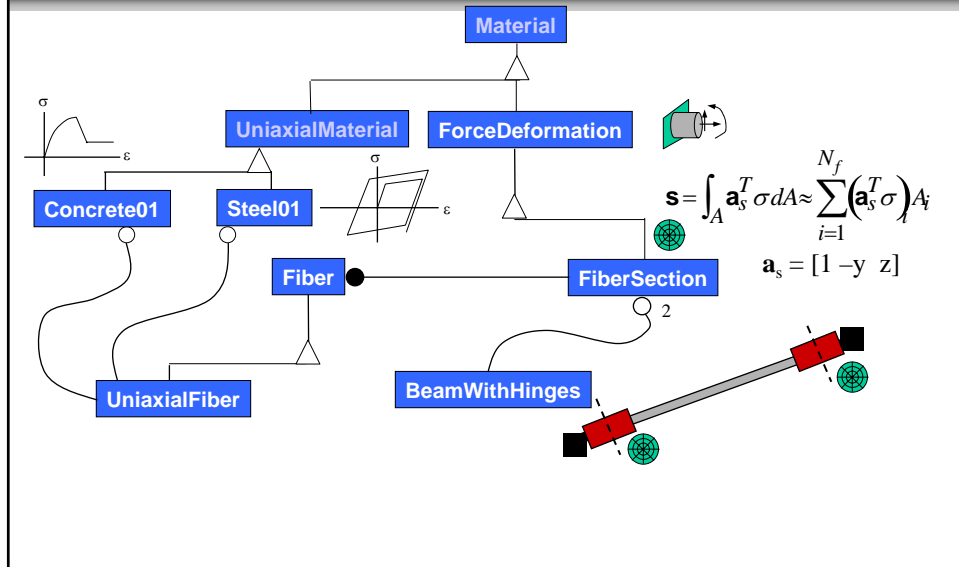


Analysis Class for Simulation

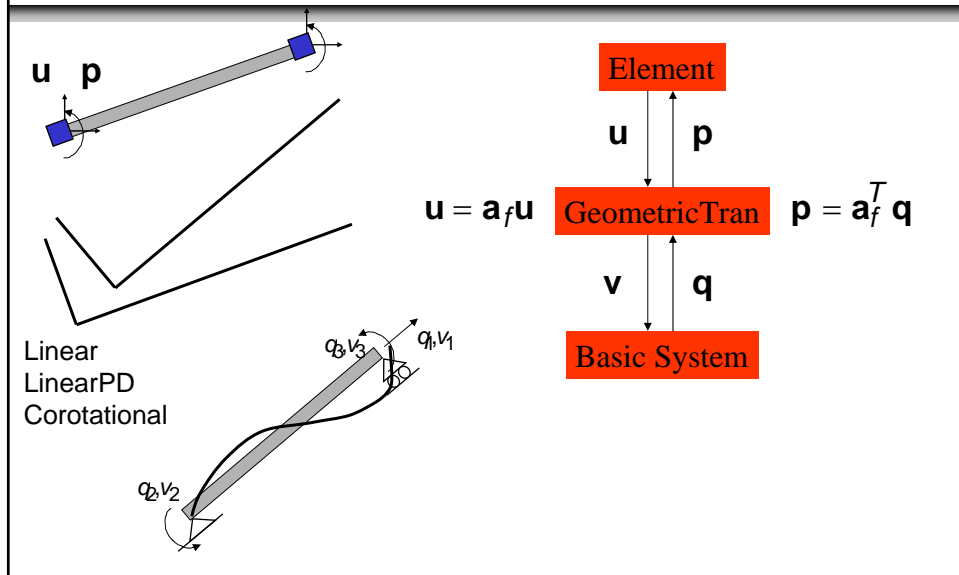
Analysis class is responsible for performing an analysis on a domain and is formed by Aggregation.



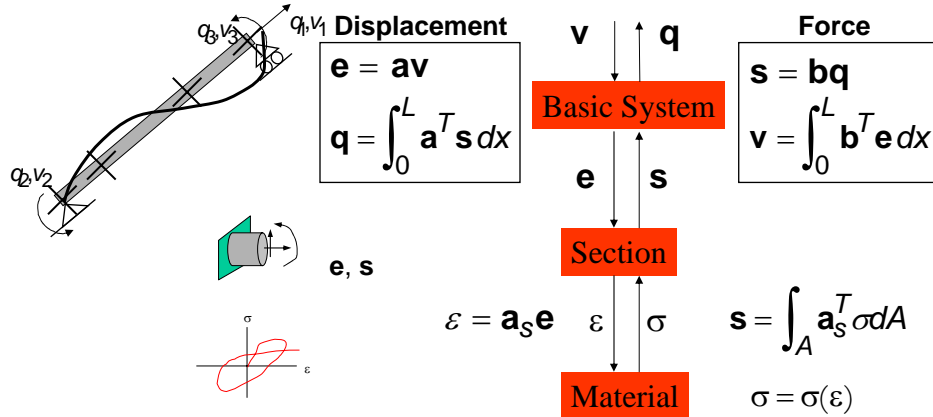
Form Follows Mechanics



Beam-Column Models I



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

Scripting Models

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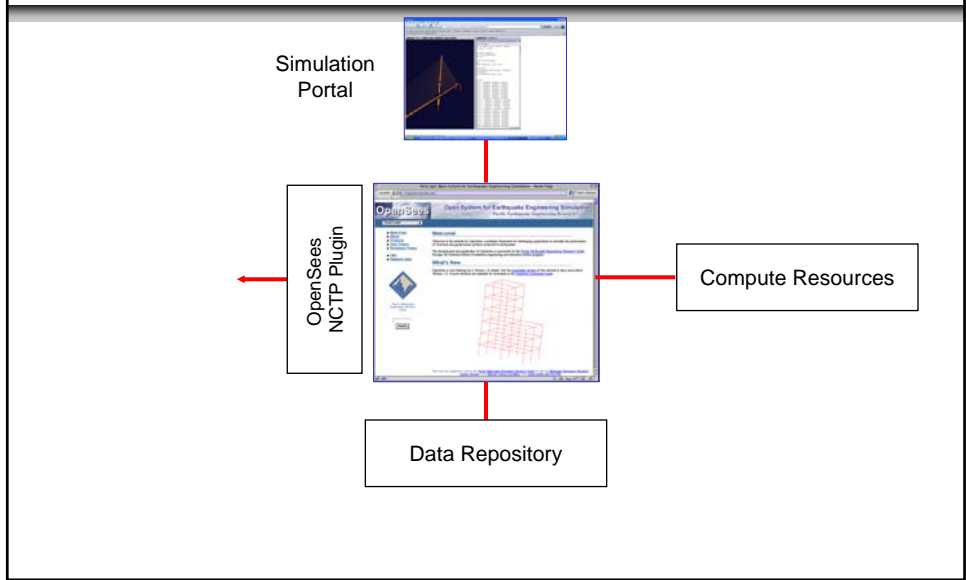
1. wipe
2. source Units.tcl;           # define units
3. source ParamList.tcl;      # load up parameter values
4. source GMFiles.tcl;        # load up ground-motion filenames

5. foreach Xframe $Xframe Hco $Hcol Lcol $Lcol Lbeam $Lbeam          FRAME
   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 $GroundFile {                                GROUND MOTION
13. puts GroundMotion$GroundFile
14. Dynamic $Xframe $Hcol $Lcol $Lbeam $Gblc $GrhoCol $GPcol $GMfact $GroundFile;
15. }
16. }
    
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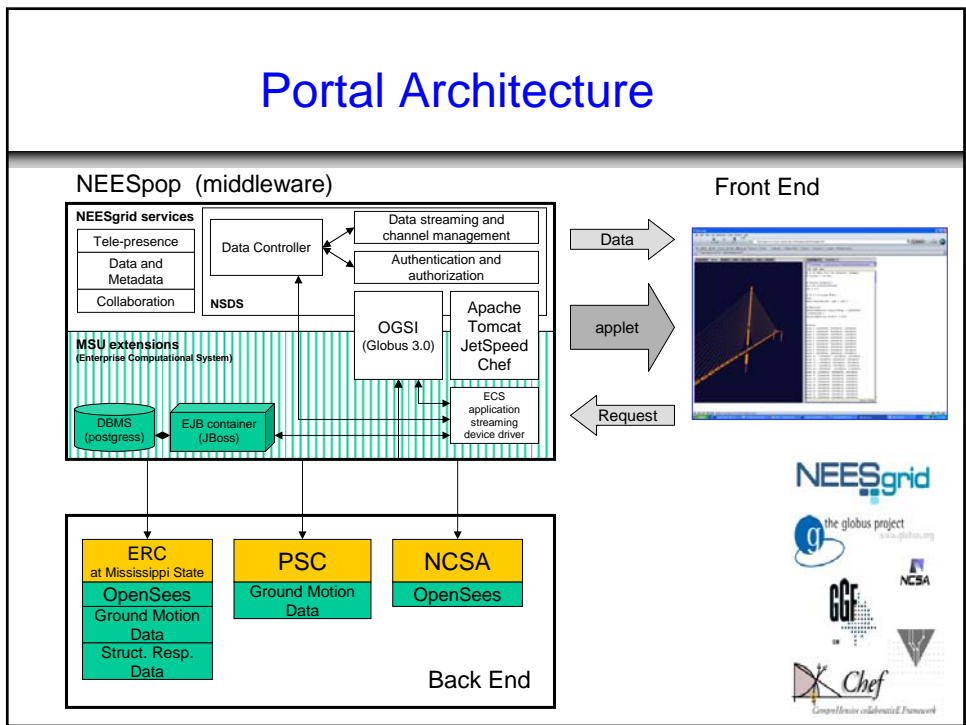

PEER Testbed Project Applications of OpenSees

- All four testbeds utilized OpenSees
- The testbeds pushed the state-of-the-art in nonlinear modeling and presented challenging simulation problems
- Testbeds were used to:
 - Validate models
 - Investigate convergence and computational performance
 - Support PEER framework, including reliability computation
 - Identify improvements in models and simulation methods

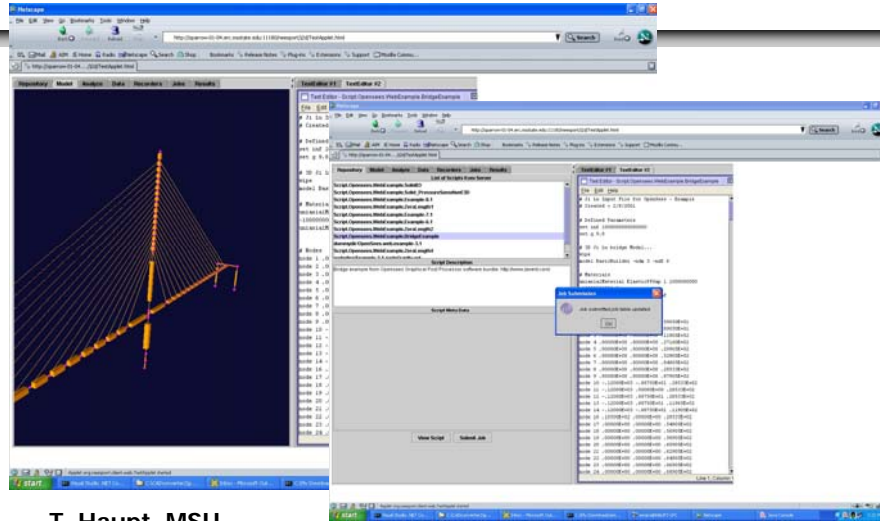
NEESgrid Simulation Overview



Portal Architecture



NEESgrid OpenSees Web Portal



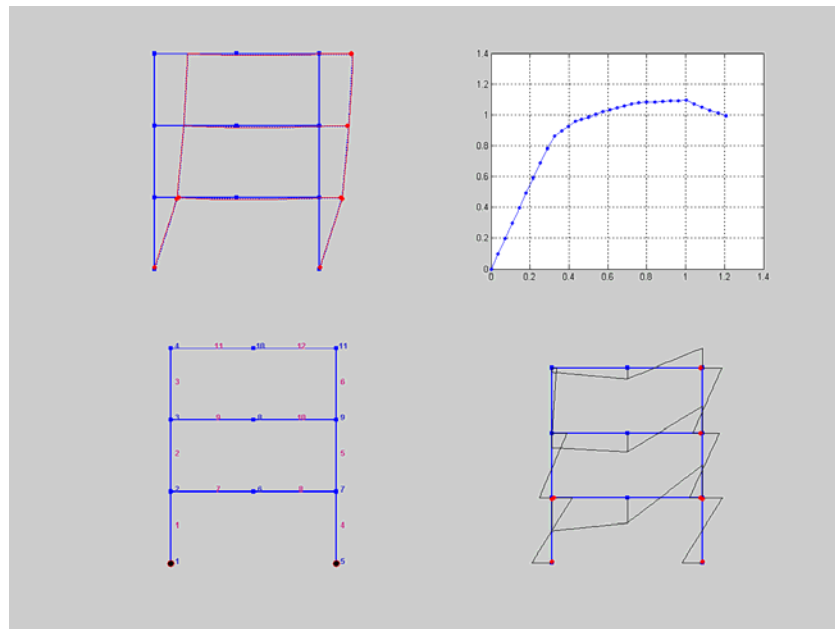
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Fedeas^{Mat}Lab Toolbox for Structural Simulation

- Ease of developing new solution strategies, elements and material models.
- Ability to add new capabilities (e.g. pre- and post-processing, visualization).
- Efficient for concept development and validation, interface with controllers and DAQ for experimental-computational integration.
- Access to vast array of Matlab toolboxes.

Relation Between FedeasLab and OpenSees

- FedeasLab is easy to learn and use:
 - Concept development and validation time is short
 - No need to learn a sophisticated computer language: non-specialists are welcome to participate
 - Can tap to the vast array of available Matlab functions
- Scripting is built into Matlab; OpenSees uses Tcl as one scripting language
- Matlab is an interpreted language, therefore FedeasLab is not well suited for large-scale applications.
- FedeasLab and OpenSees are based on modular programming
 - FedeasLab libraries may be compiled with Matlab Compiler and integrated to OpenSees
 - Integration of C or C++ code and Matlab functions may be directly possible for inter-operability



Objective of Workshop

- Describe modeling and analysis capability, including hierarchy of system, element, section, material
- Overview of applications, structural and geotechnical
- Show specific examples of nonlinear analysis
- Introduce NEESgrid web portal for OpenSees
- Introduce FEDEASLab
- Provide hands-on starting-point for simulation tools

Organization of Workshop

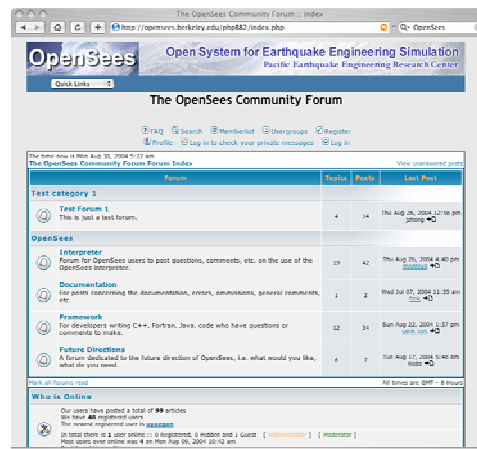
- Tcl command language; what is Tcl?
- Modeling commands
 - System, element, section, material hierarchy
- Analysis commands
 - Standard and advanced methods
- Basic examples and use of parameters
- Advanced structural and geotechnical applications
- NEESgrid OpenSees portal
- FEDEASLab introduction

What Should be Your Expectations?

- OpenSees is a research tool at this time, but fairly stable for regular use
- 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 give and take to be successful

Use the Community Forum!

Bookmark the Message Board,
opensees.berkeley.edu/phpBB2/index.php
and use it often.



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