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OpenSees

Open System for Earthquake Engineering Simulation
Pacific Earthquake Engineering Research Center

OpenSees User Workshop

Presented by the OpenSees Community

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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.
- New initiatives such as NEES and MBS are encouraging new simulation methods and technology.

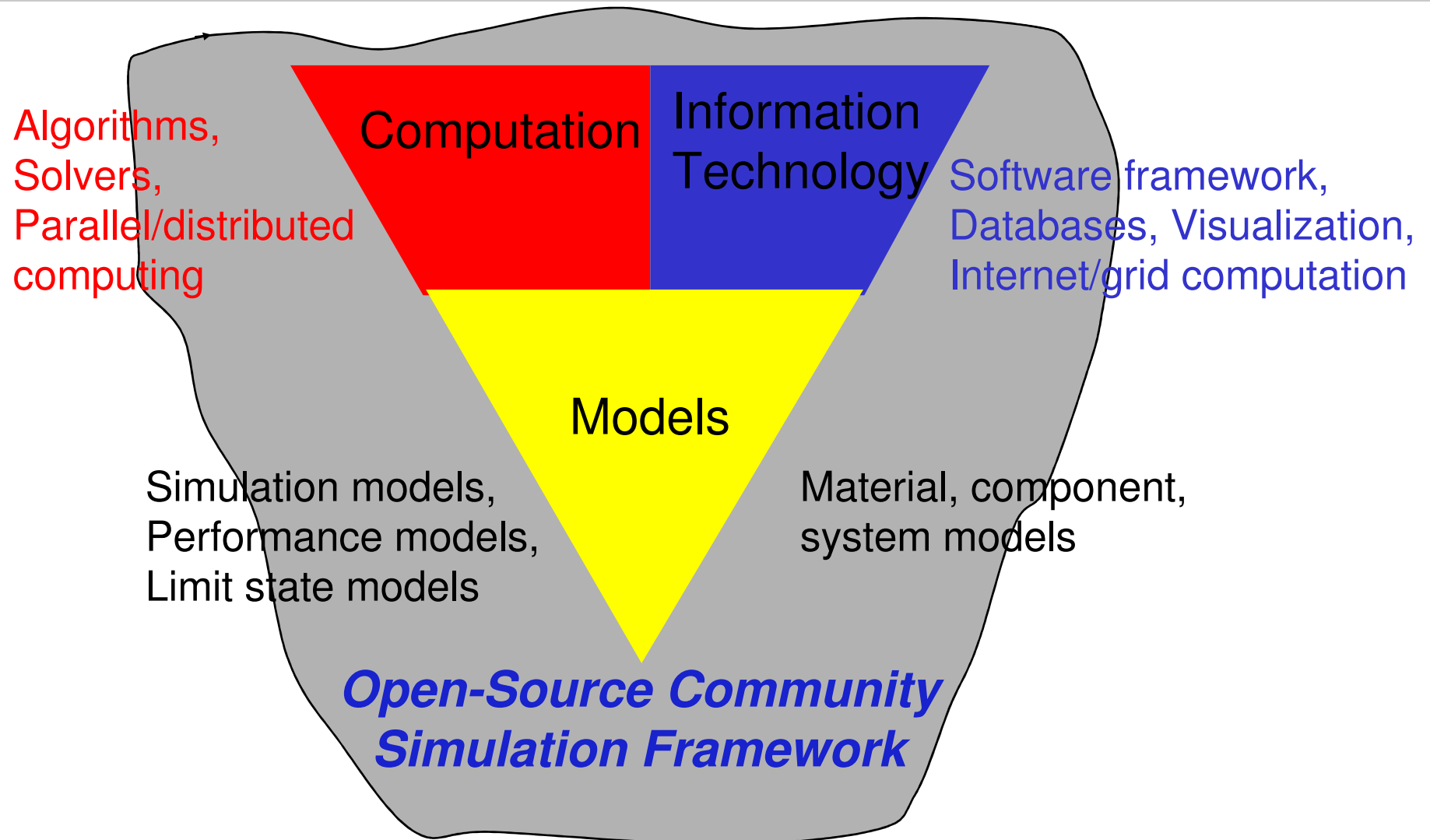
Observations on Current Situation

- 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

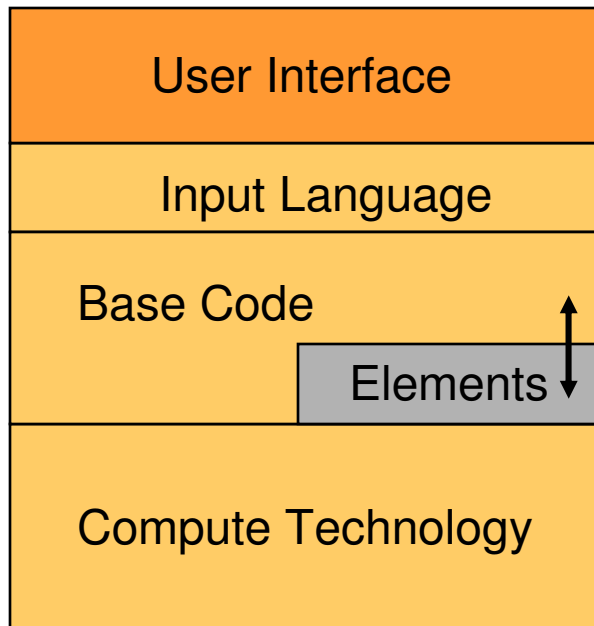


Software Framework

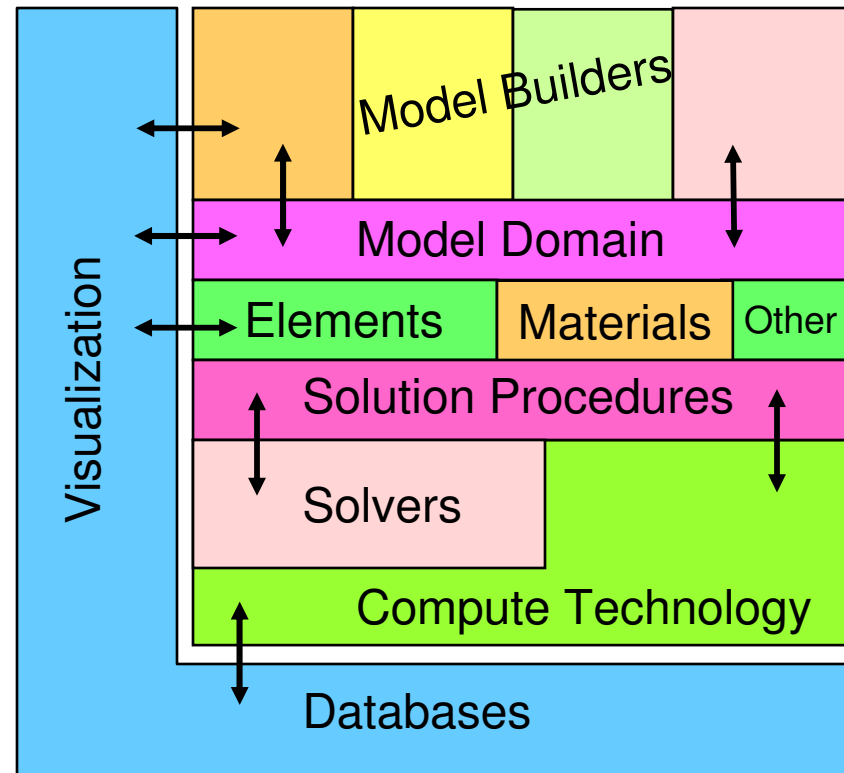
- A *framework* is a set of cooperating software components for building applications in a specific domain.
- A framework dictates the architecture of the application. It must represent the design decisions common to the application domain.
- A framework is based on the assumption that an architecture 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)

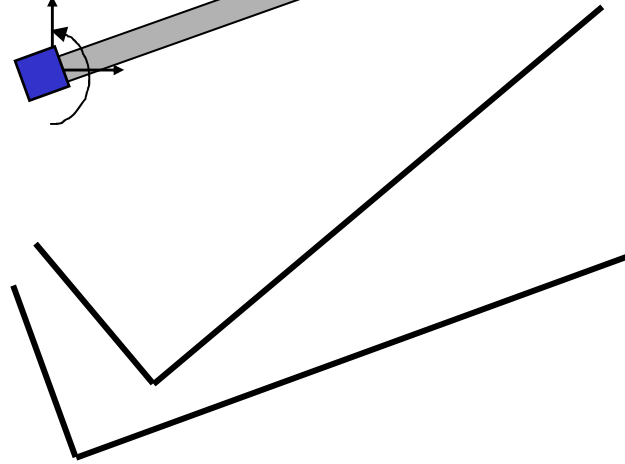
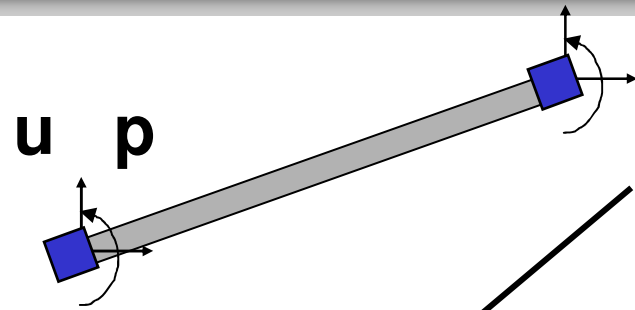
What Should be Your Expectations?

- 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

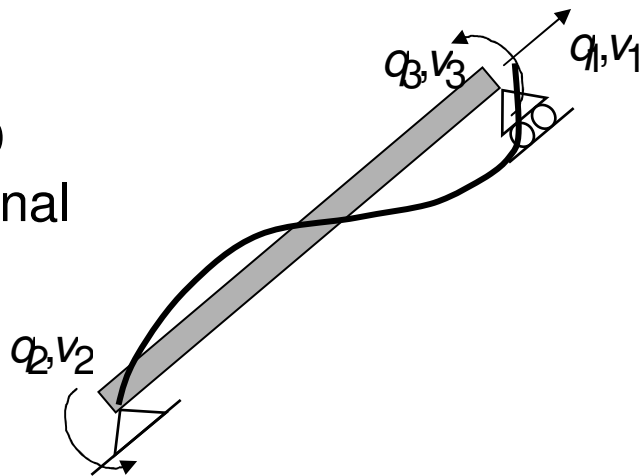
Objective of Workshop

- Describe modeling and analysis capability, including hierarchy of system, element, section, material
- Overview of applications, structural and geotechnical
- Provide specific examples of nonlinear analysis as a starting point
- Introduction to user interfaces under development
- Pointers to more information and user support

Beam-Column Models I



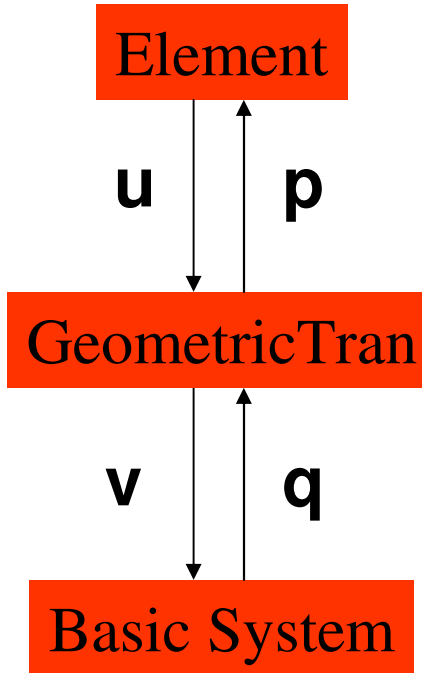
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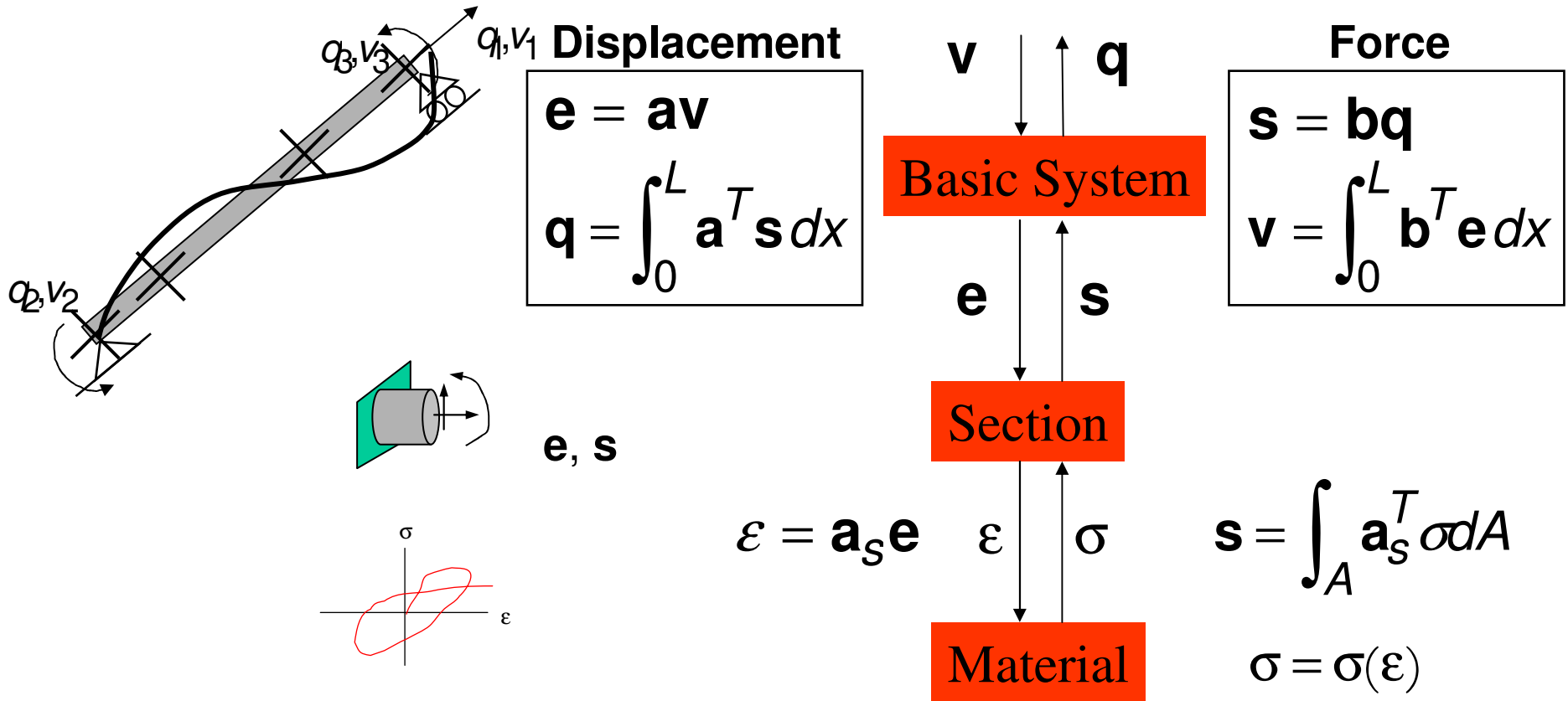
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$$\mathbf{p} = \mathbf{a}_f^T \mathbf{q}$$

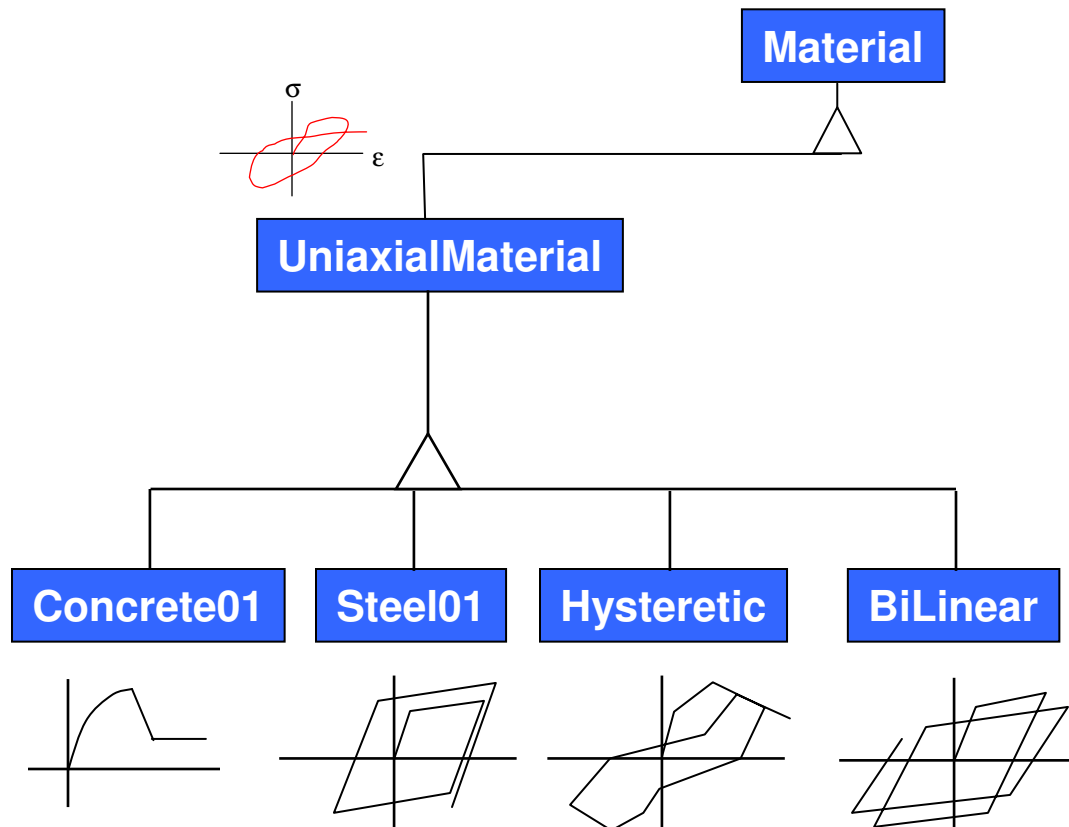


Beam-Column Models II



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

UniaxialMaterial Behavior

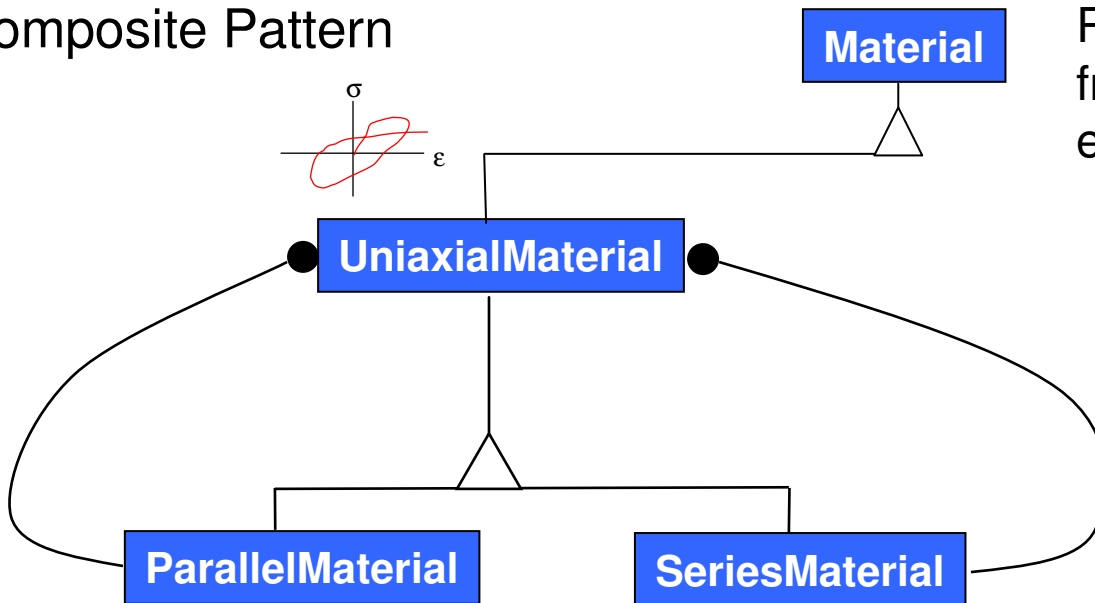


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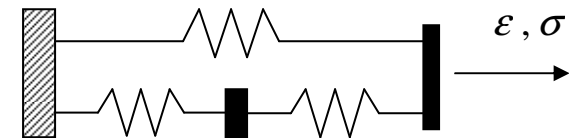
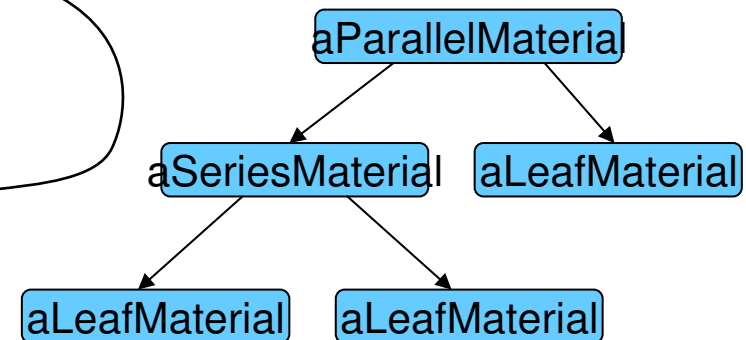
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EPP-Gap
Clough
Pinch
Hardening

Aggregate UniaxialMaterials

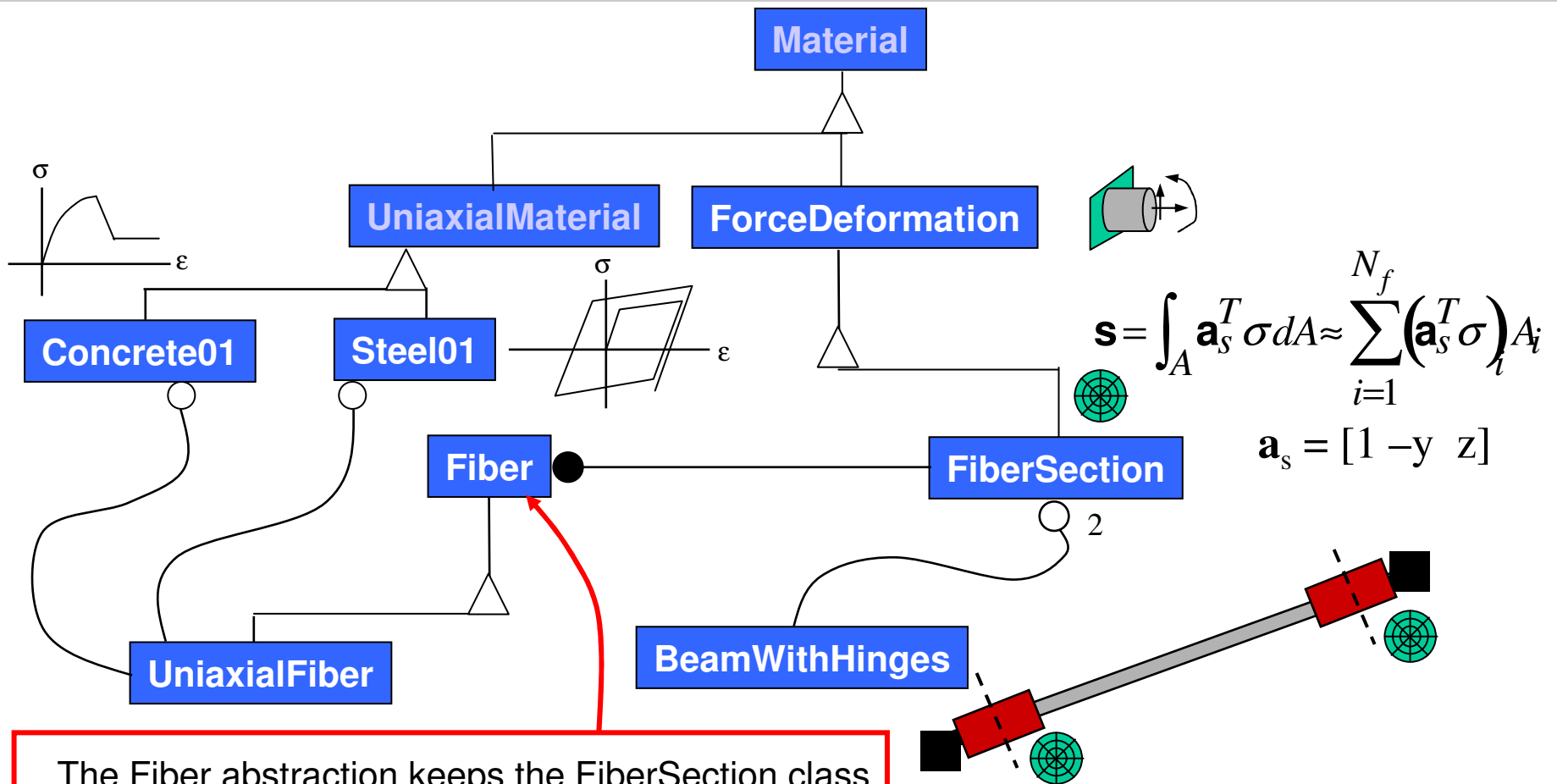
Composite Pattern



Rapidly develop models from existing implementations, e.g., composite gapping material



Form Follows Mechanics

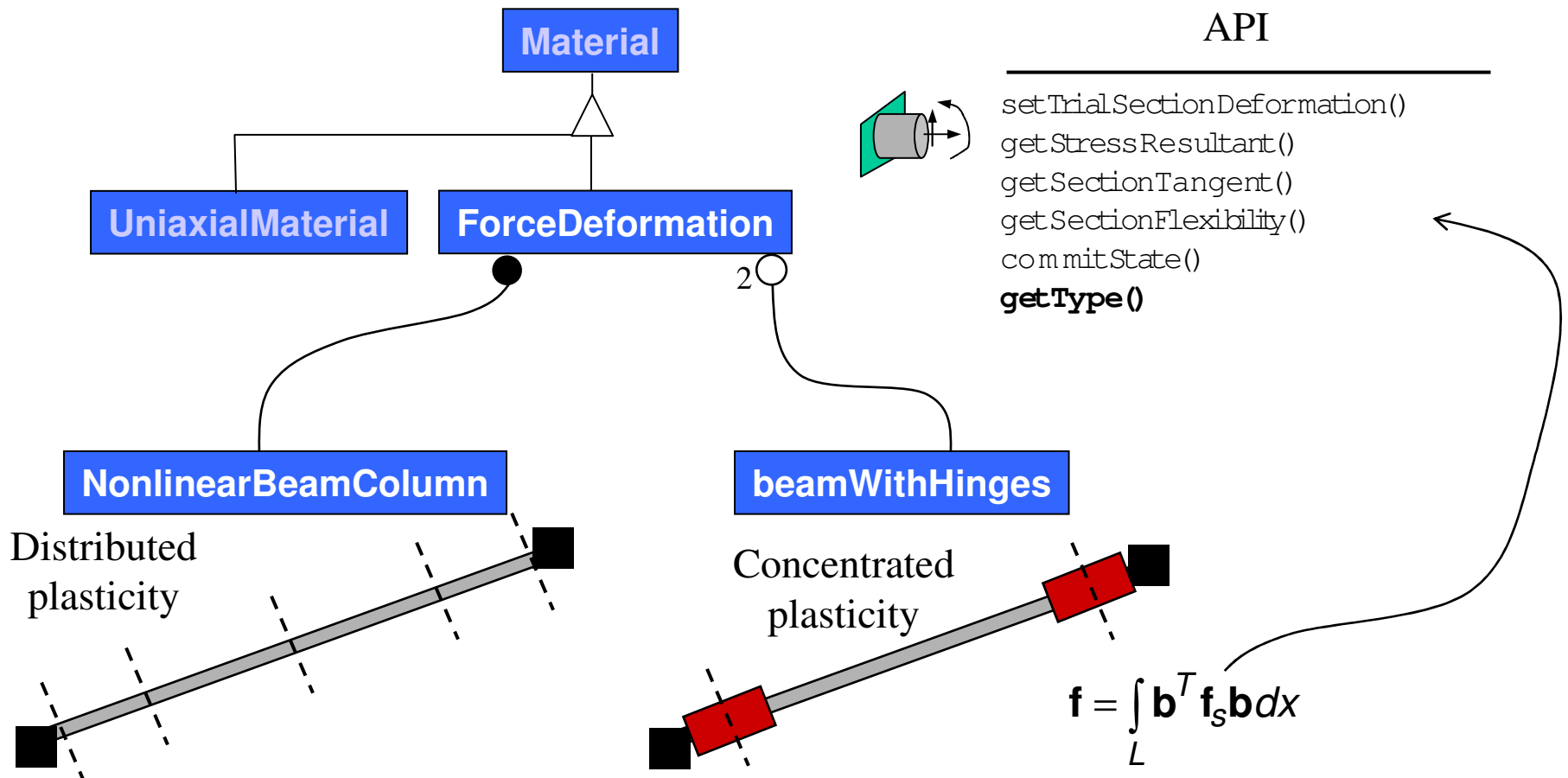


$$\mathbf{s} = \int_A \mathbf{a}_s^T \sigma dA \approx \sum_{i=1}^{N_f} (\mathbf{a}_s^T \sigma)_i A_i$$

$$\mathbf{a}_s = [1 \ -y \ z]$$

The Fiber abstraction keeps the FiberSection class unaware of the response it integrates, making for a flexible design; however, there is a performance penalty associated with flexibility.

Beam-Column Modeling



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
- Other user interfaces

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