# State of the Practice of Nonlinear Response History Analysis

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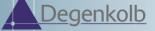
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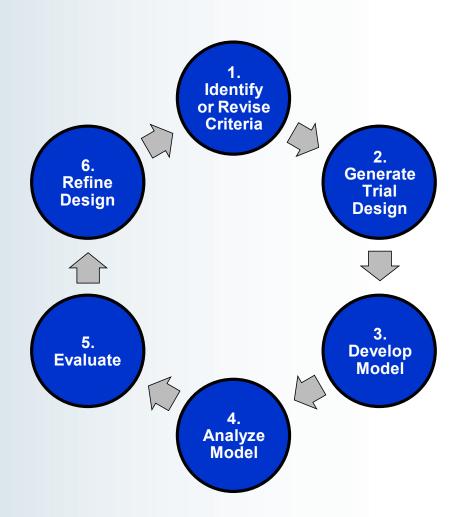
#### **Outline**

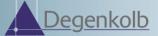
- What, Why & When NLRHA?
- Implementation NLRHA
- Simulation Needs & Challenges
- OpenSees Opportunities and Challenges
- Summary & Conclusion

practice

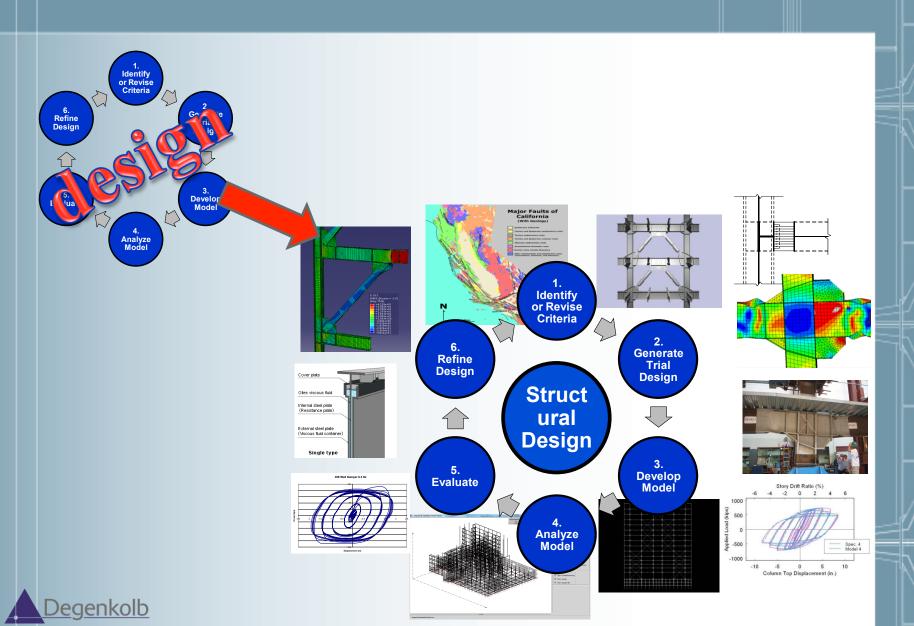


## Design....





## Design using Advanced Analysis

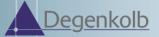


#### Why Nonlinear Response History Analysis (NLRHA)

Improve our prediction of the expected range of structural response by modeling 'realistic (*not necessarily real*) behavior'.

- Reduce the uncertainties that we control.
- Understand those that we cannot.

- develop an efficient design
- performance-based engineering paradigm)



#### When to go to NLRHA?

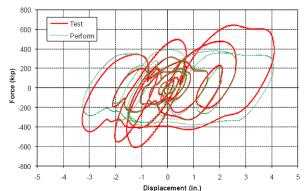
- Is it required?
  - When taking a code exception
- Is it going to produce a better answer?
- Is it going to justify the increased cost?
- What is the purpose?
  - Evaluation & rehabilitation vs. design
- When a 'nonstructural' project advantage exists (e.g. reduced disruption)
- Can take advantage of higher code limits



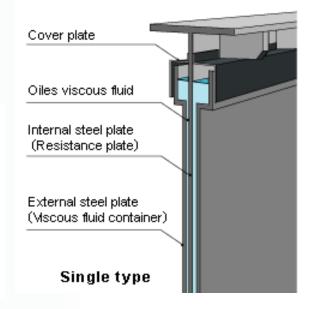
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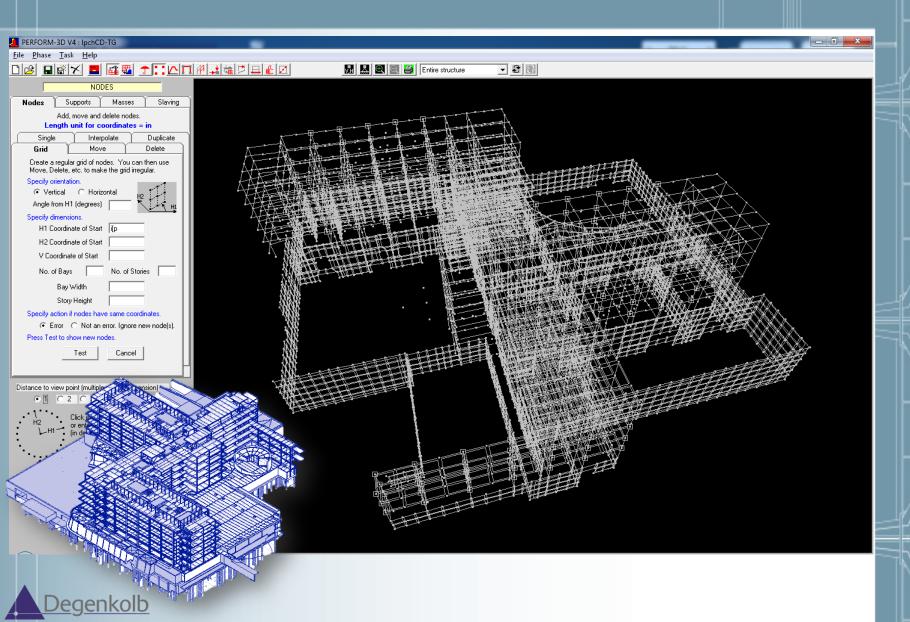








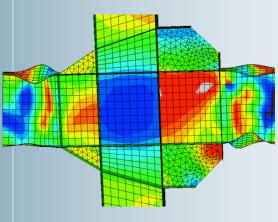
#### Perform 3D Model:

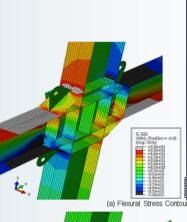


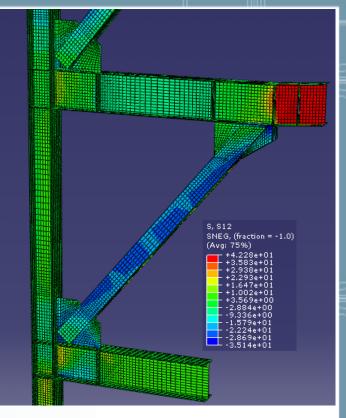
## Component Finite Element Analysis

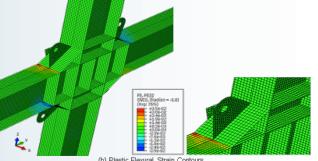
- Support testing programs
- Evaluate behavior of critical components

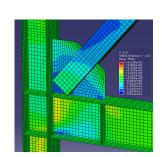


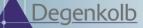












#### Issues in Implementation of NLRHA

#### Time-intensive

- 160 records (10 GM's x 16 cases)
- ~16 hours each record >100 days

#### **Data-intensive**

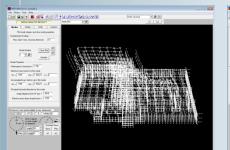
- Typical suite can generate up to 2 TB of data
- Includes displacements, drifts, member forces, hinge rotations, energy dissipation, etc. for every single time step

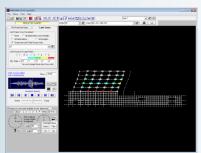
#### Labor-intensive

 Reduce data to only a few important results per element



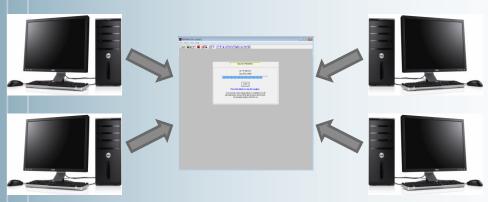
## Improve Process Efficiency





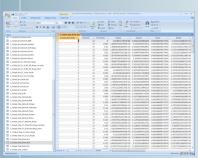


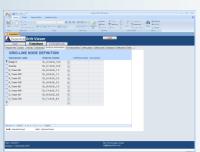
Rapid Model Generation Tools





Multimachine Analysis

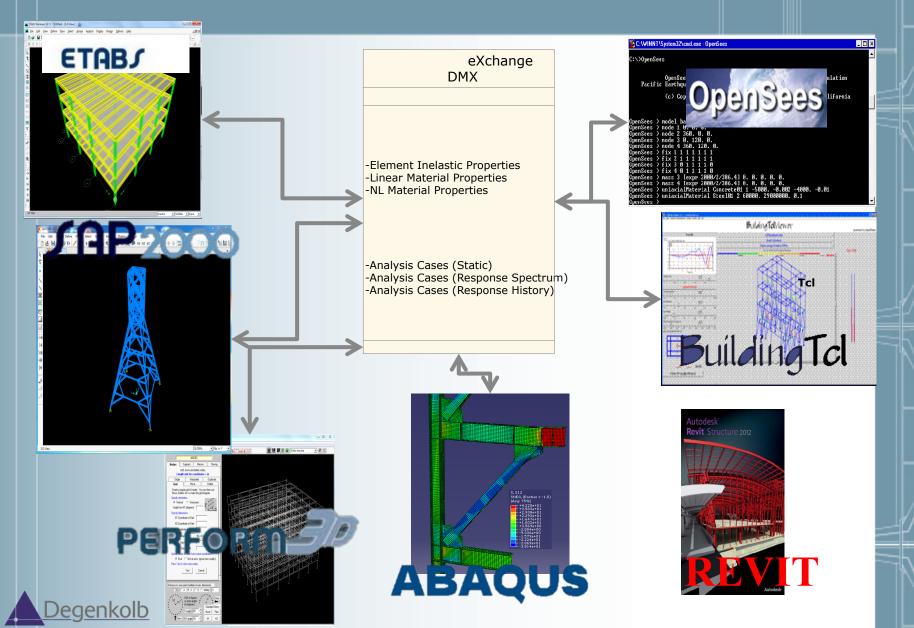






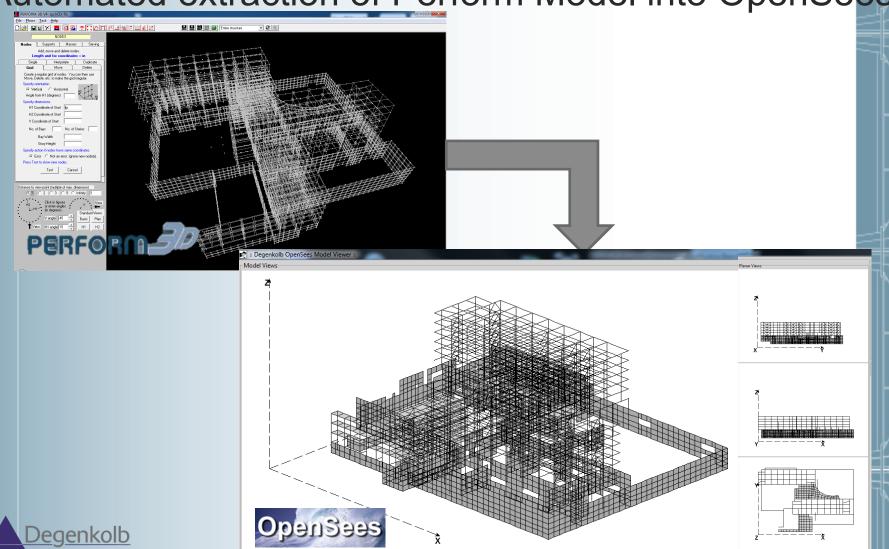
Database Post-Processing

## Model Management & Exchange Tool



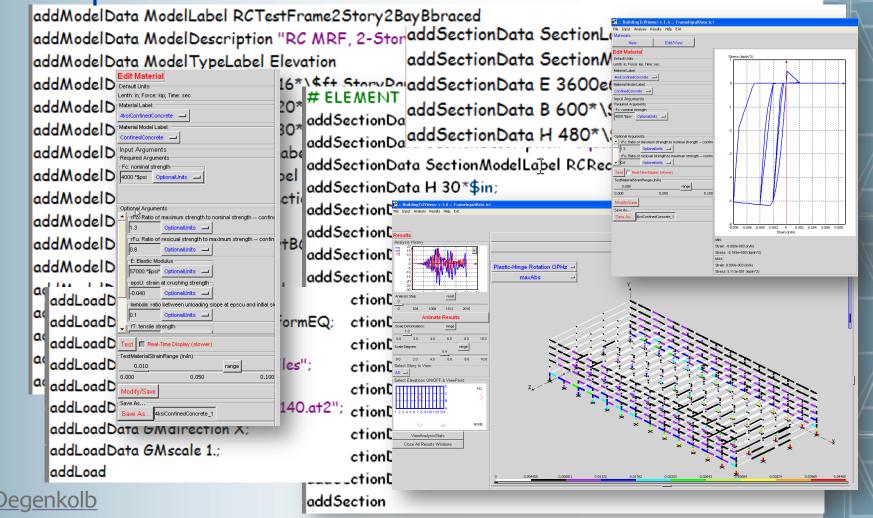
#### Step 1. Model Conversion

Automated extraction of Perform Model into OpenSees



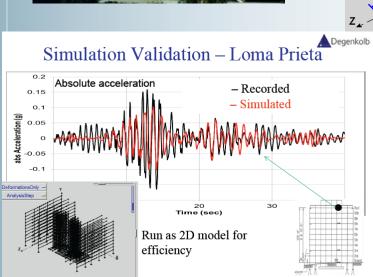
## Continue development of Building Tcl

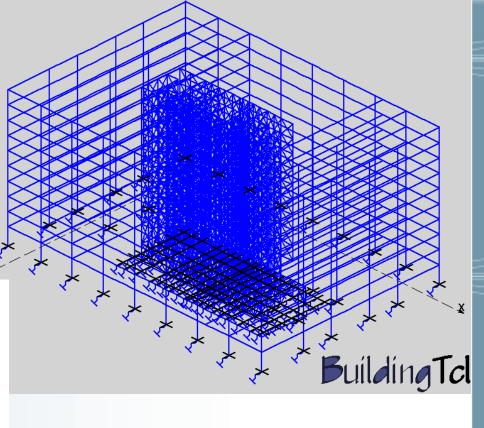
a Real-Time Interface for Numerical Simulation in OpenSees



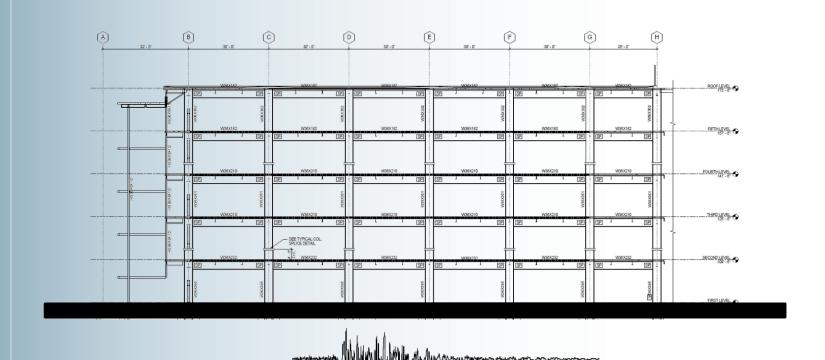
# Involvment in ATC-83 Project: Soil-Structure Interaction

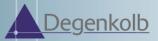






## SFSI: State of the common practice:

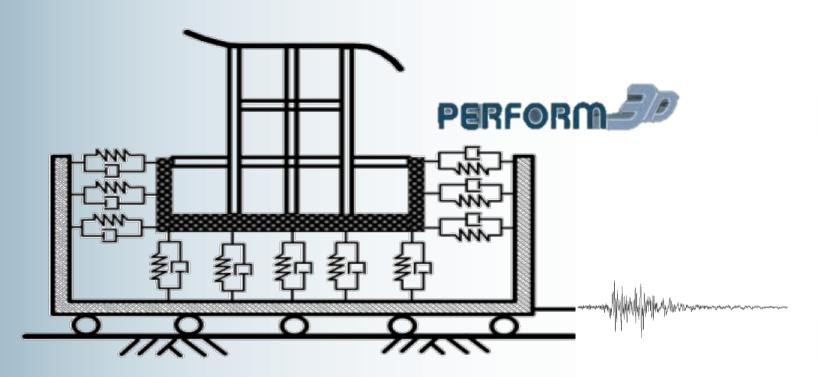


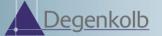


#### SFSI: Edge of the Practice:

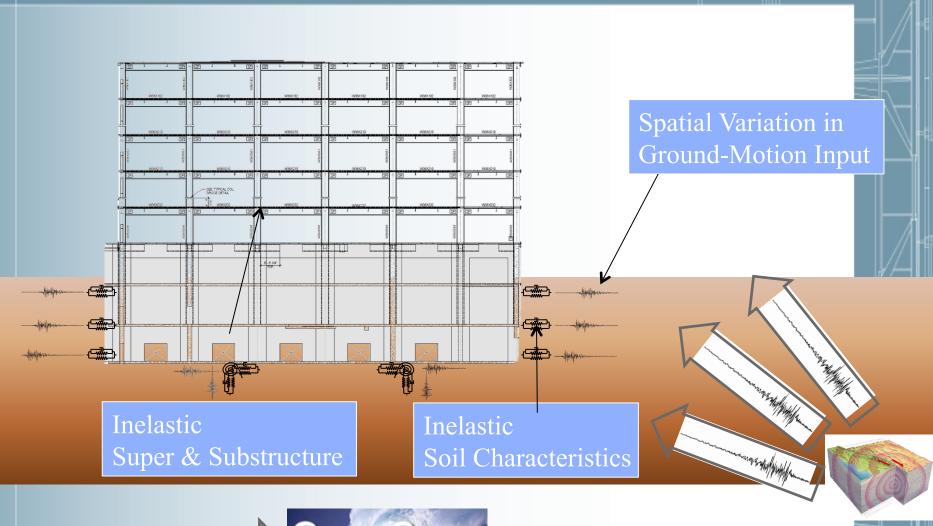
Still Uniform-Support Excitation = bathtub model

Model kinematic effects (spatial variation of ground motions) implicitly





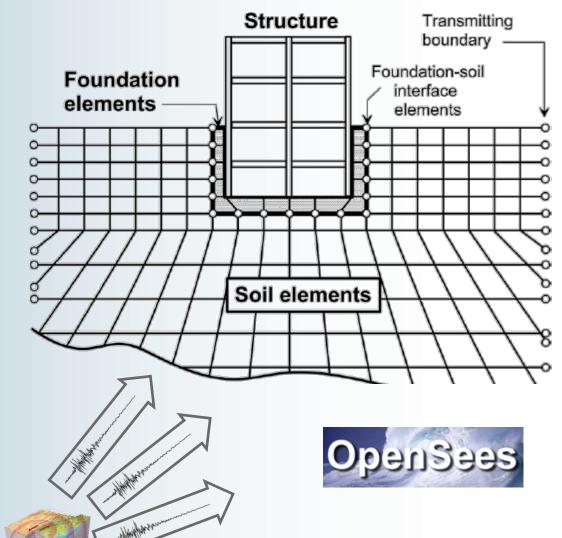
#### SFSI: Just beyond the edge...

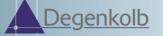






#### Direct Modeling of System Response





#### Simulation Needs in the Profession

- Project time is key → 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 <u>always</u> 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
- 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

