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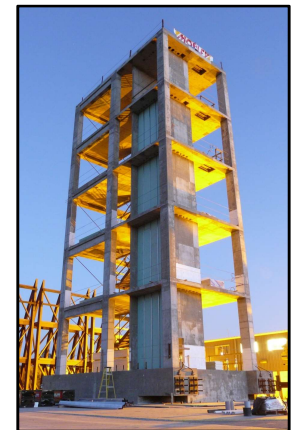
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An Introduction to the NHERI SimCenter

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*Joint Researcher Workshop
UC San Diego, Lehigh & SimCenter*

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LEHIGH **NHERI**
Real-Time Multi-Directional Testing Facility

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COMPUTATIONAL MODELING
AND SIMULATION CENTER

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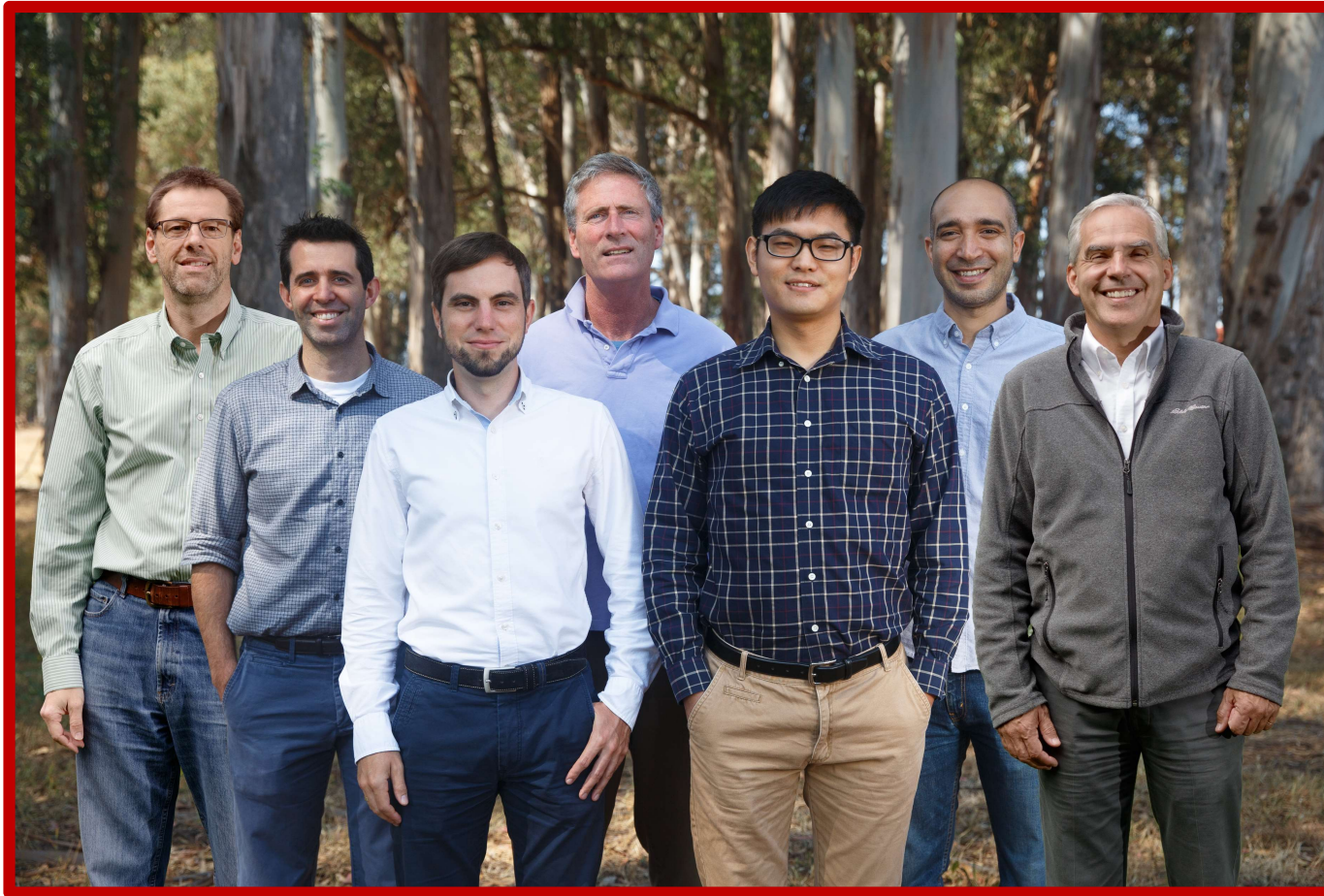


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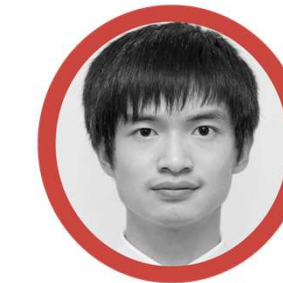
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Mission

“Transforming the nation’s ability to understand and mitigate adverse effects of natural hazards on the built environment through advanced computational simulation”

Grounded in the present

Five year focus

Twenty year vision

What is Needed to Accomplish the Mission?



- 1) Applications that generate UQ in Response Quantities
- 2) Applications to perform Performance-Based Engineering
- 3) Applications for Community Resiliency
- 4) Educational Applications

Goals

To produce Extensible Software that Researchers in Natural Hazards Engineering can use in their research

- Develop a **computational framework** that supports decision-making to enhance community resilience to natural hazards in the face of uncertainty;
- **Design the framework** to be sufficiently **flexible, extensible, and scalable** so that any component can be enhanced to improve the analysis and thereby meet the needs of a user group;
- **Seed the framework** with **connectivity to existing simulation tools** and **data** so it can be readily employed and improve as users identify new needs;
- **Release tools/applications built using this framework** that meet the computational needs of researchers in natural hazards engineering;
- **Provide an ecosystem that fosters collaboration** between scientists, engineers, urban planners, public officials, and others who seek to improve community resilience to natural hazards.

Performance-Based Engineering Framework

Simulation of
Earthquake

Generate Site-
Specific Ground

Simulate
Structural

Estimate Loss
and Assess

PLUS

- Multiple natural hazards
- Uncertainty quantification
- Option to leverage HPC capabilities
- Option to swap in/out new software and datasets

rock motions at various
locations within the region

site-specific ground
motions representing site
hazard

Earth Scientists

Str/Geo Engineers

Loss & System Modelers

Social Scientists

Strategy

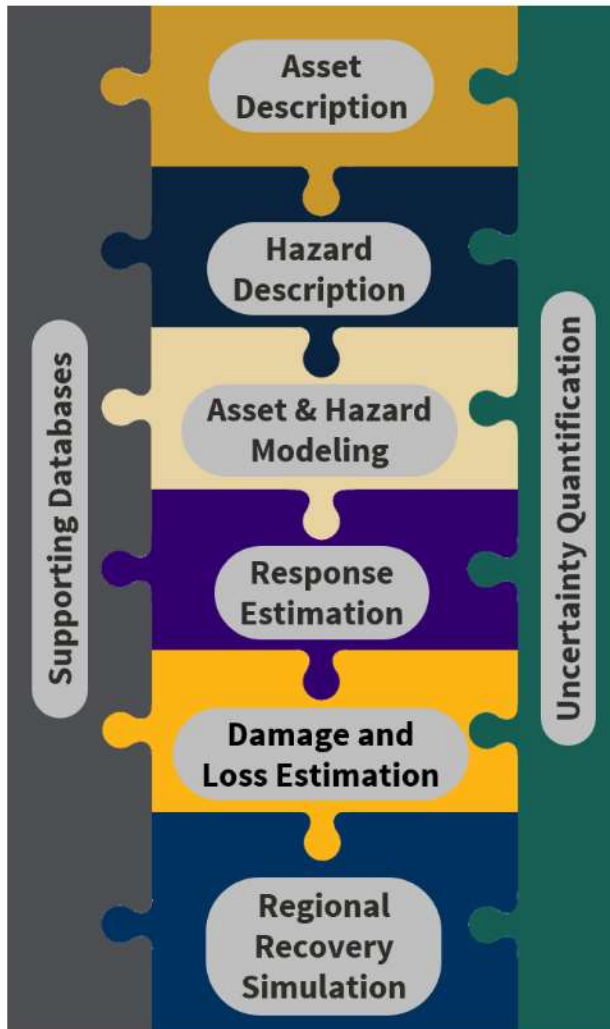
Current software is often good, but:

- Regular software updating needed,
- Unable to scale to HPC,
- Difficult to interact with and move data from one app to another,
- Uncertainty quantification and propagation not considered.



- Move to cloud-based HPC environment,
- Provide integrated “plug and play” capability to link multiple software apps together into workflows,
- Include support for uncertainty quantification and propagation

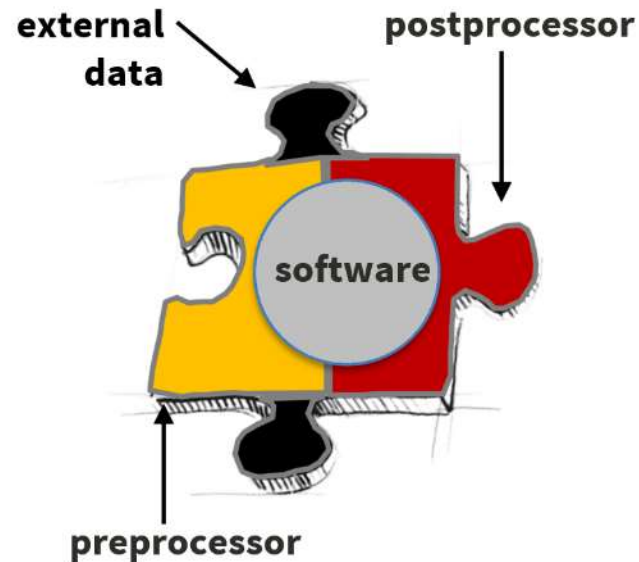
Application Framework



Application Framework:

a collection of software connected by
standardized interfaces

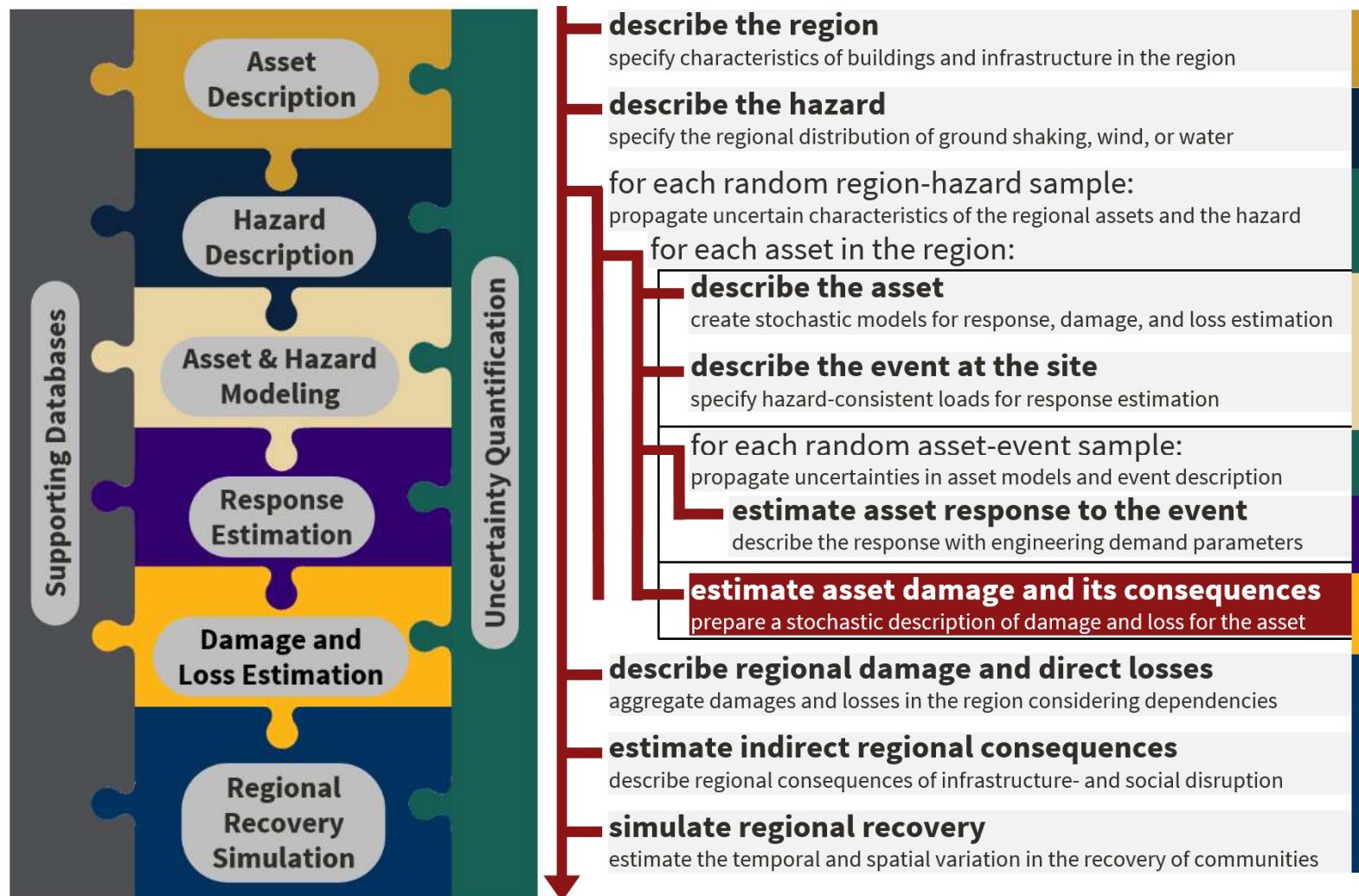
SimCenter efforts focus on framework to connect
existing simulation software



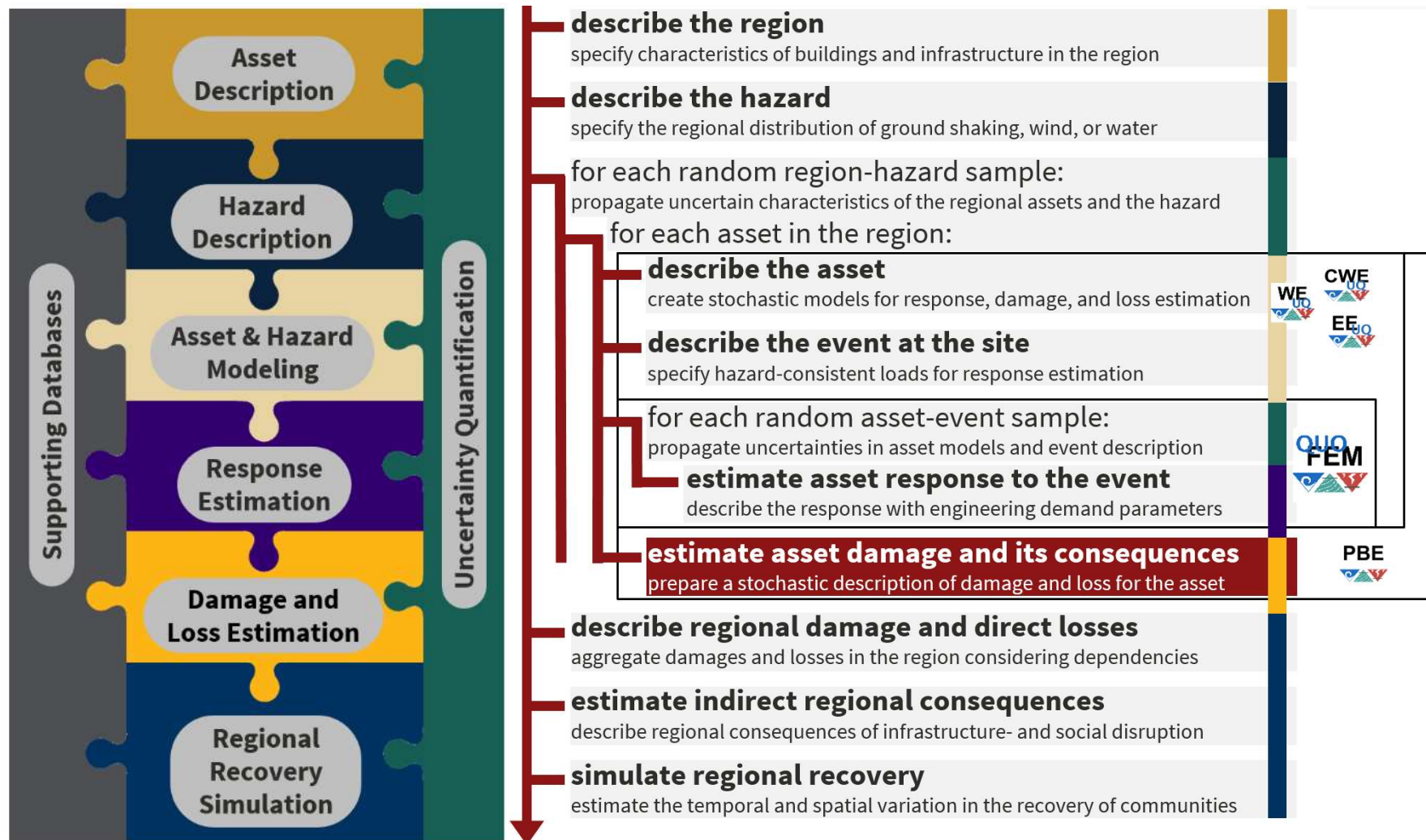
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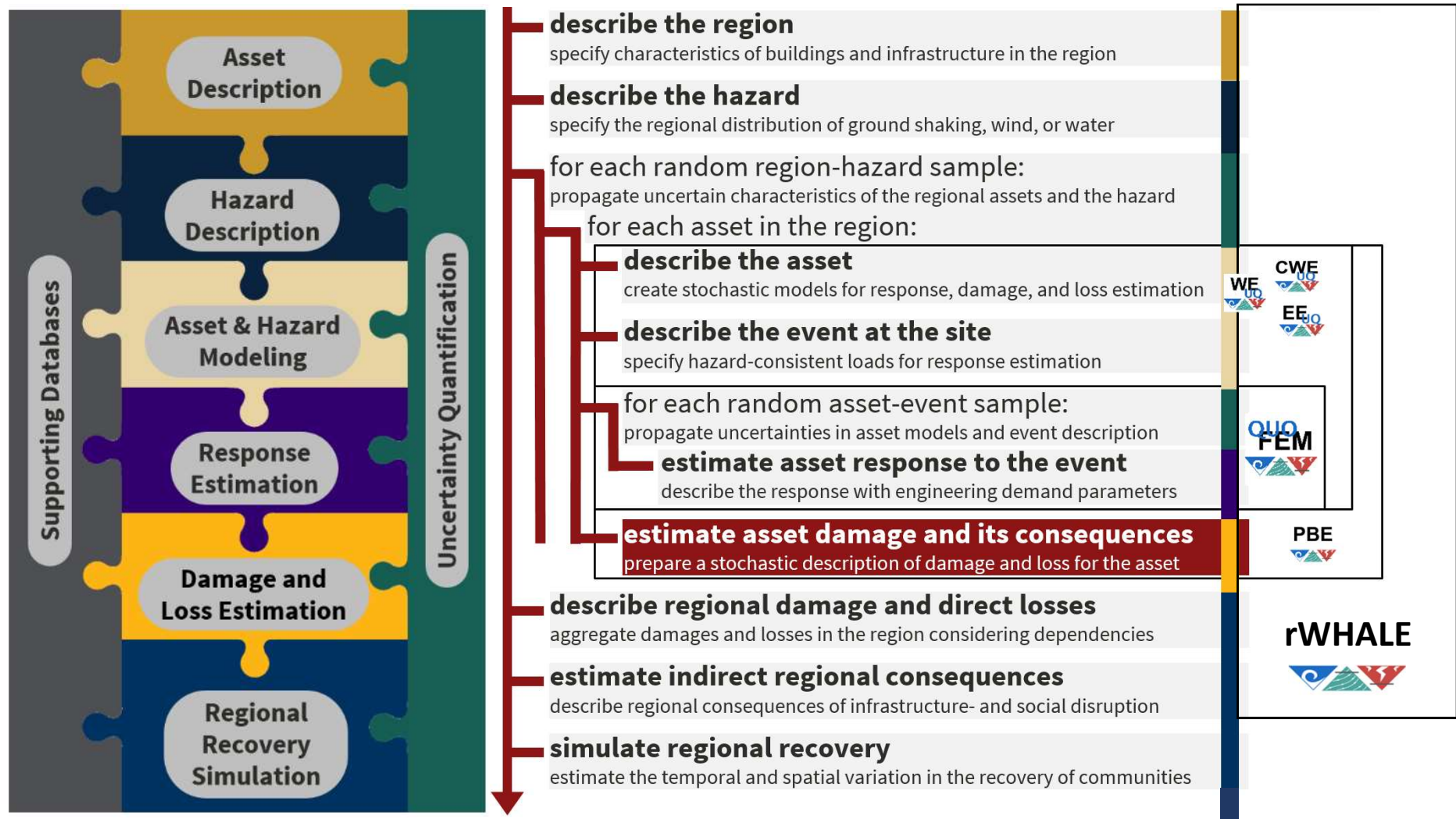
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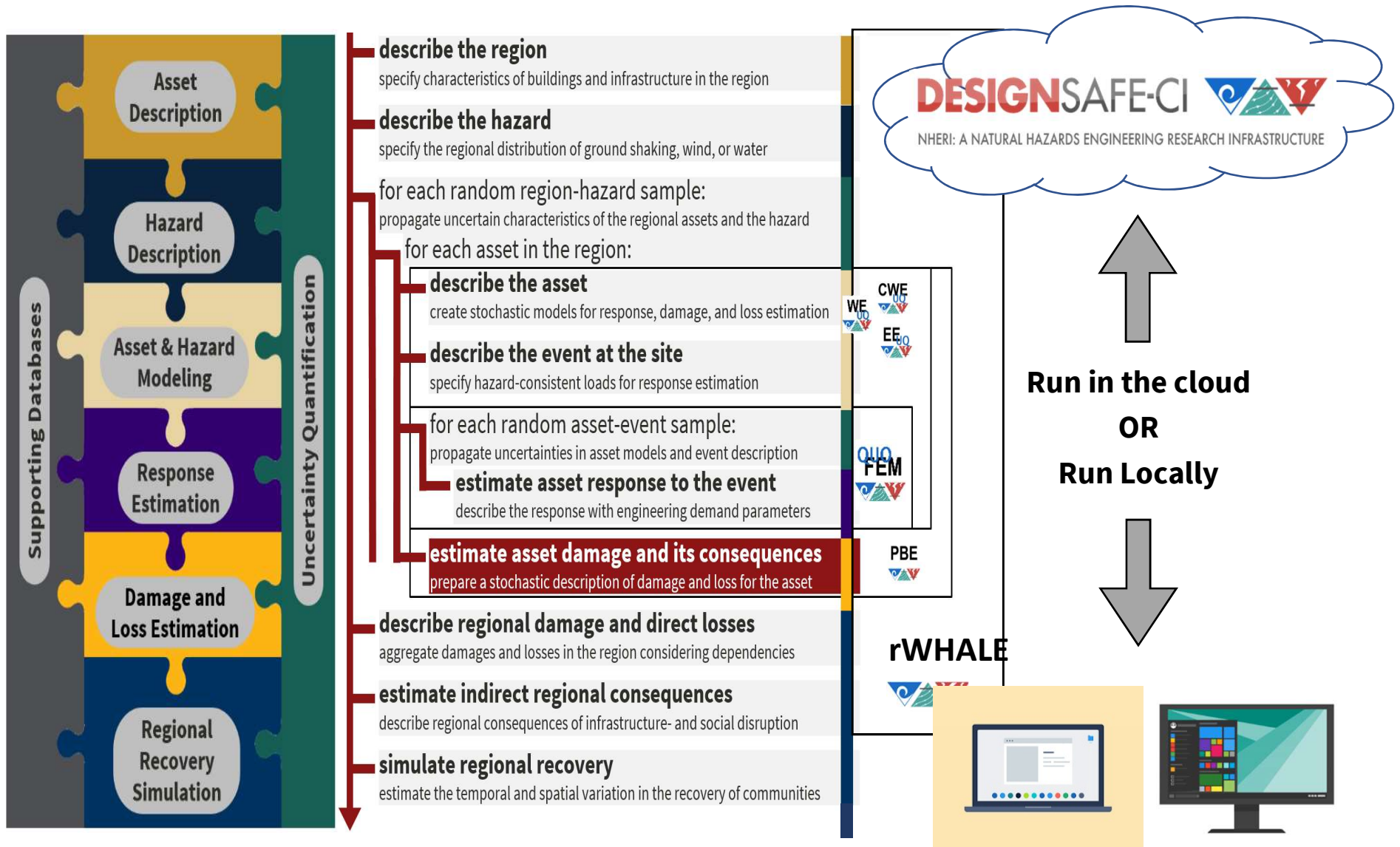
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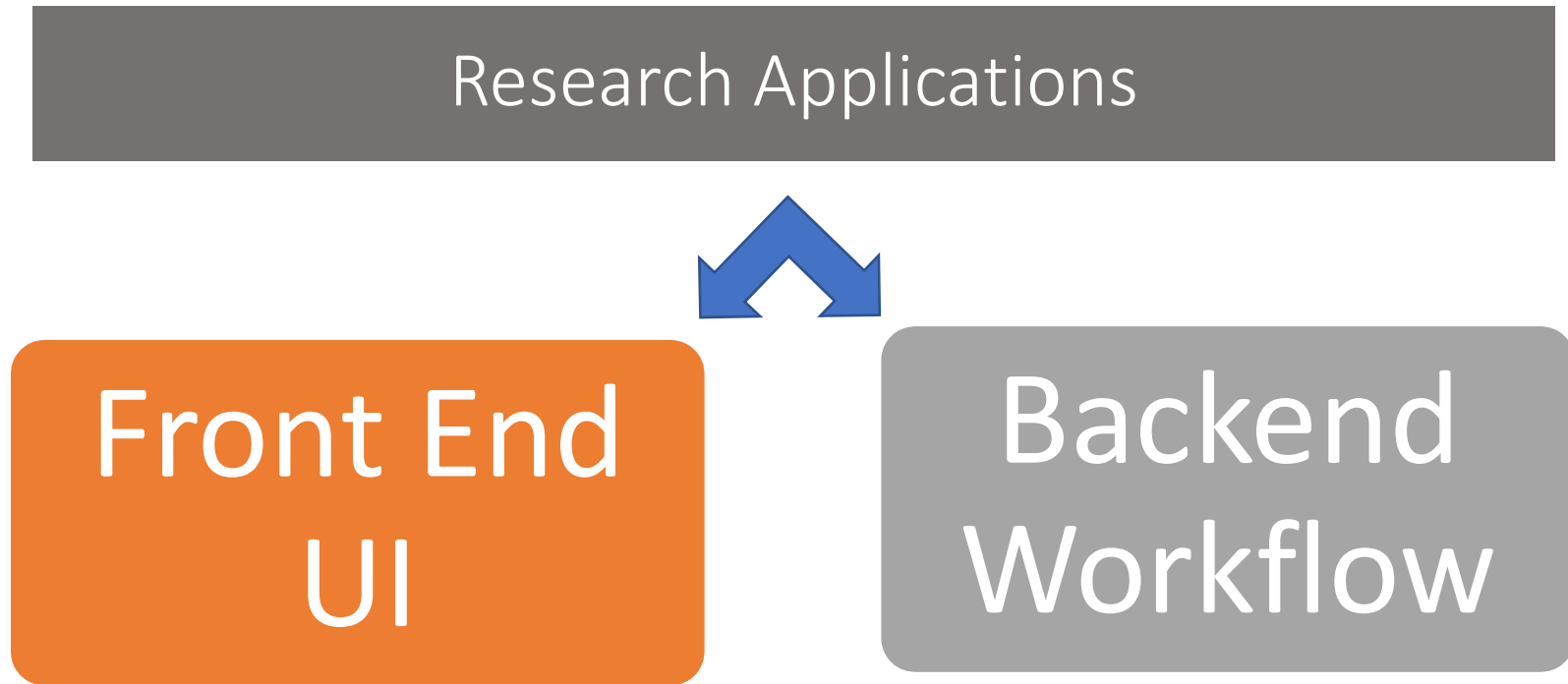
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Research Applications



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- Backend is a python “workflow” comprising one or more applications that run on either your desktop or on HPC resources provided by DeisgnSafe via the Texas Advanced Computing Center (TACC)

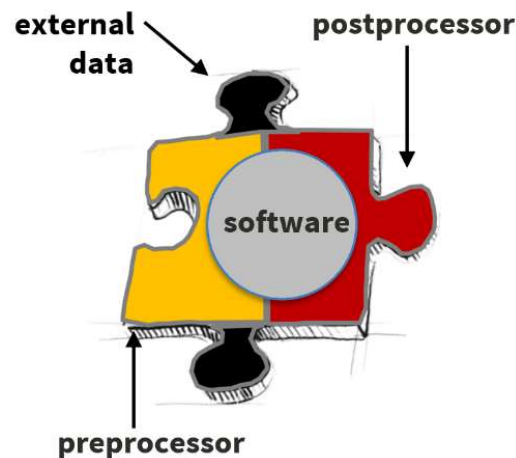
Frontend - UI

The screenshot shows the 'WE-UQ: Wind Engineering with Uncertainty Quantification' application window. It features a sidebar with navigation options: GI, SIM, EVT (highlighted), FEM, UQ, EDP, and RES. The main panel is titled 'Loading Type' with a dropdown set to 'DEDM_HRP'. Below this is a banner for 'VORTEX Winds' with the tagline 'A VIRTUAL ORGANIZATION TO REDUCE THE TOLL OF EXTREME WINDS ON SOCIETY' and 'DEDM-HRP : Inputs'. The 'Wind Tunnel Building Geometry' section includes a diagram of a building with wind direction and three input fields for building height (H=1, H=2, H=3, H=4, H=5), with H=1 selected. The 'Exposure Condition' section has two radio buttons: 'Urban/Suburban Area' (selected) and 'Open Terrain'. The 'Wind Speed and Duration' section includes input fields for 'Mean Wind Velocity at Building Top' (100.0 mph), 'Duration' (10 min), and 'Angle of Incidence' (0 degrees). At the bottom, there are four buttons: 'RUN', 'RUN at DesignSafe', 'GET from DesignSafe', and 'Exit'. The footer contains the NSF logo, a grant number (1612843), and the SimCenter NHERI logo.

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Backend – A Scientific Workflow Application

Scientific Workflow Application: A scientific workflow is the **automation** of a process in which information is passed from **one application to the next.**

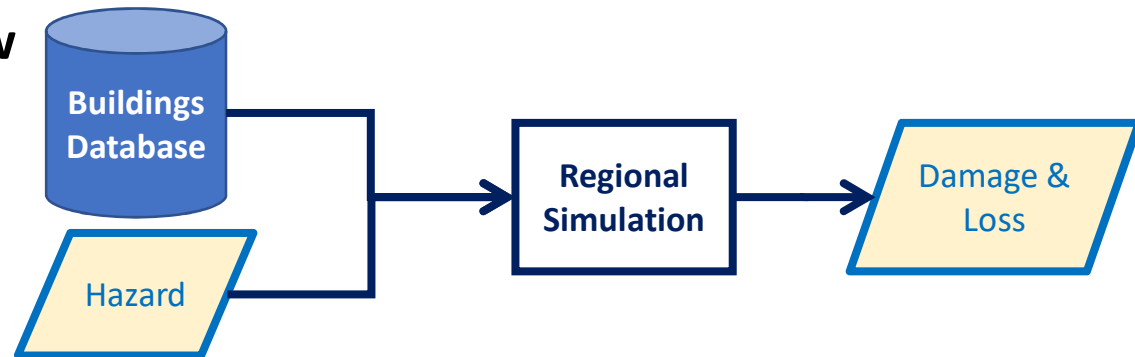


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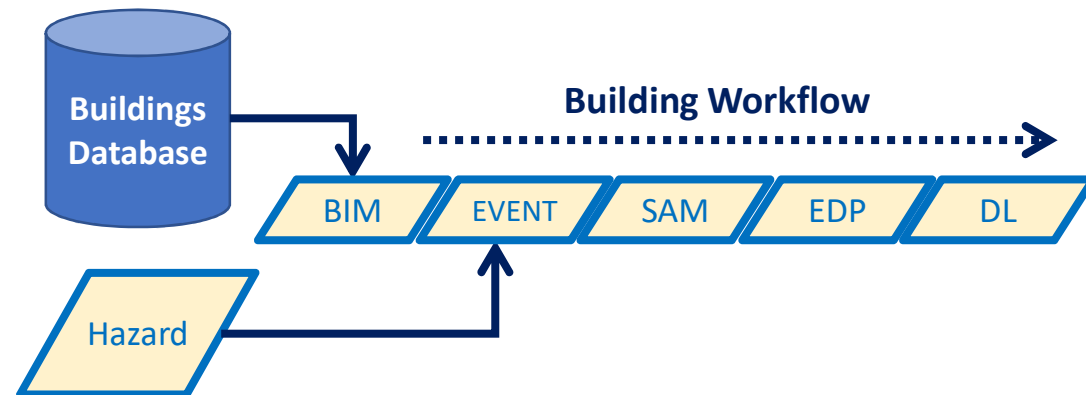


Computational Workflow

■ Regional workflow



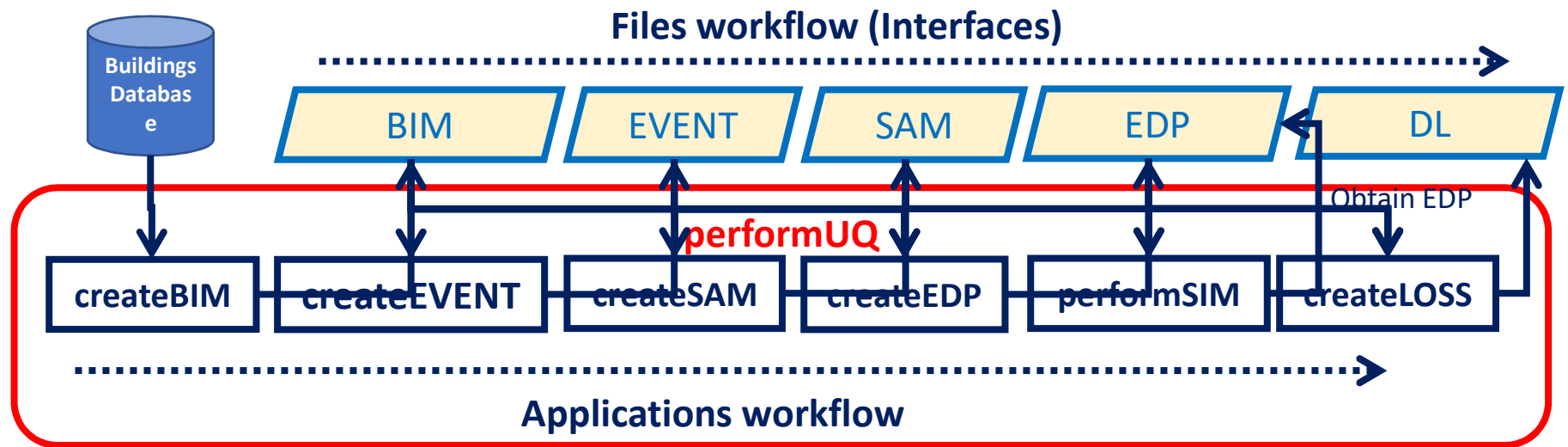
■ Single building workflow



BIM: Building Information Model
SAM: Structural Analysis Model
EDP: Engineering Demand Parameters
DL: Damage & Loss

Workflow Overview

■ Applications & Interfaces



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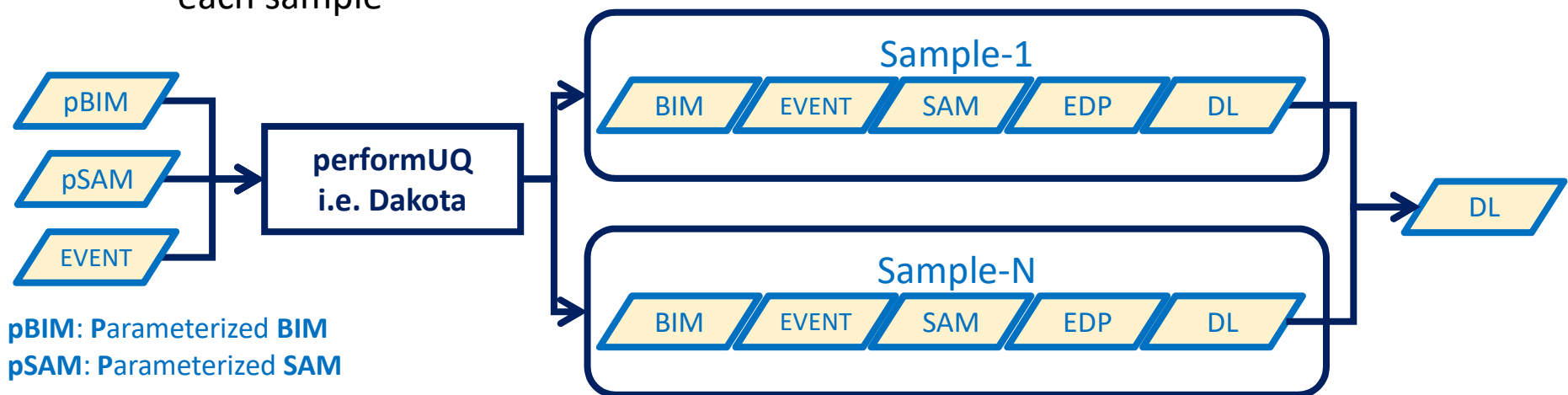
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lighter text are Inputs/Outputs
darker text are applications

Forward Uncertainty Propagation

- Uncertainties are handled using Dakota
- Each workflow application is called initially to define random variables
- Dakota samples the random variables and runs the workflow applications for each sample



Adams, B.M., Bauman, L.E., Bohnhoff, W.J., Dalbey, K.R., Ebeida, M.S., Eddy, J.P., Eldred, M.S., Hough, P.D., Hu, K.T., Jakeman, J.D., Stephens, J.A., Swiler, L.P., Vigil, D.M., and Wildey, T.M., "Dakota, A Multilevel Parallel Object-Oriented Framework for Design Optimization, Parameter Estimation, Uncertainty Quantification, and Sensitivity Analysis: Version 6.8 Theory Manual," Sandia Technical Report SAND2014-4253, May 2018.

Input file for Backend Workflow is a **JSON** file

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      }  
    ],  
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    },  
    "Simulation": {  
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- Integrates Simulation Applications with UQ Engine(s)

Application:

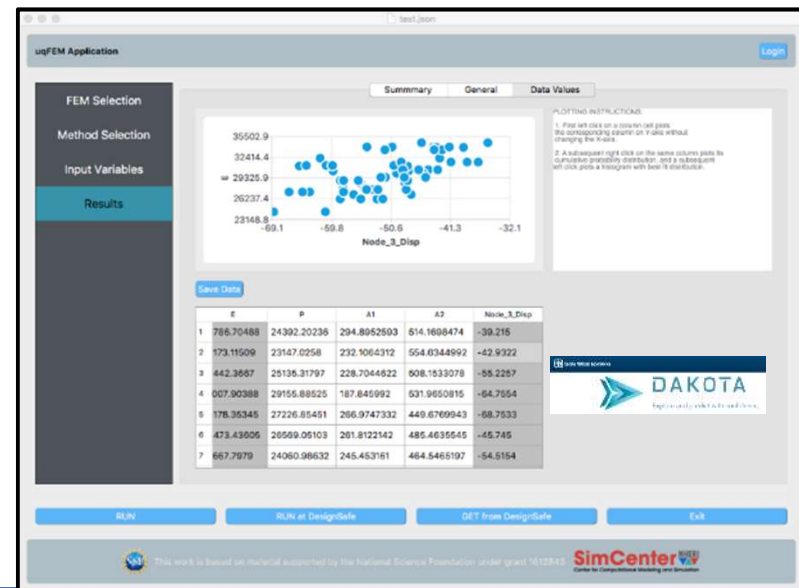
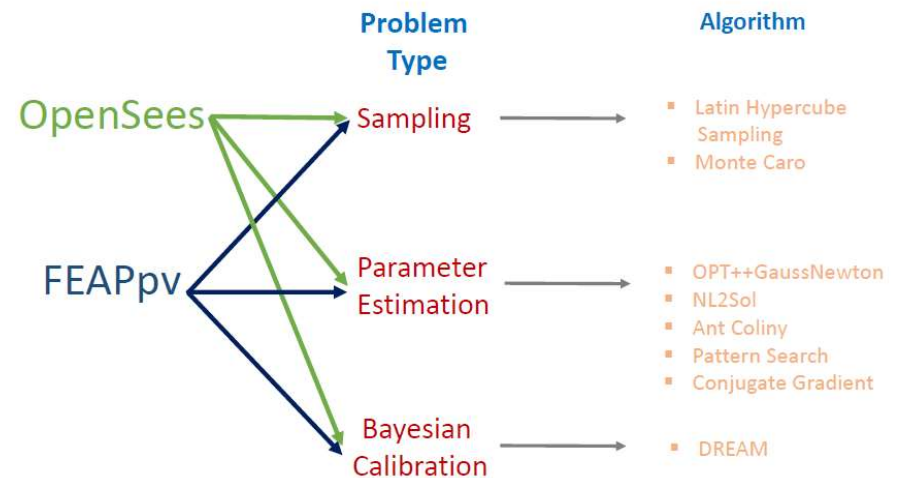
- Inputs:** FEM model, input uncertainty specification, UQ method & post-processing script
- Outputs:** Depends on problem type and post-processing (e.g. Uncertainty measures of outputs)

Release Dates:

- V1.0 (June 2018)** Connecting UQ engine DAKOTA with OpenSees and FEAP
- V2.0 (2019)** – UQ Engines other than DAKOTA (e.g. UQpy)

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- Surrogate Modeling
- Model Calibration



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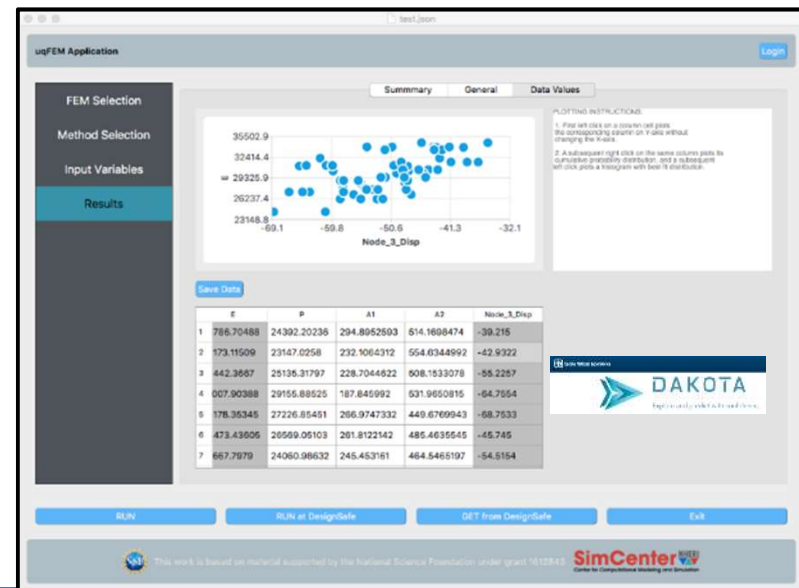
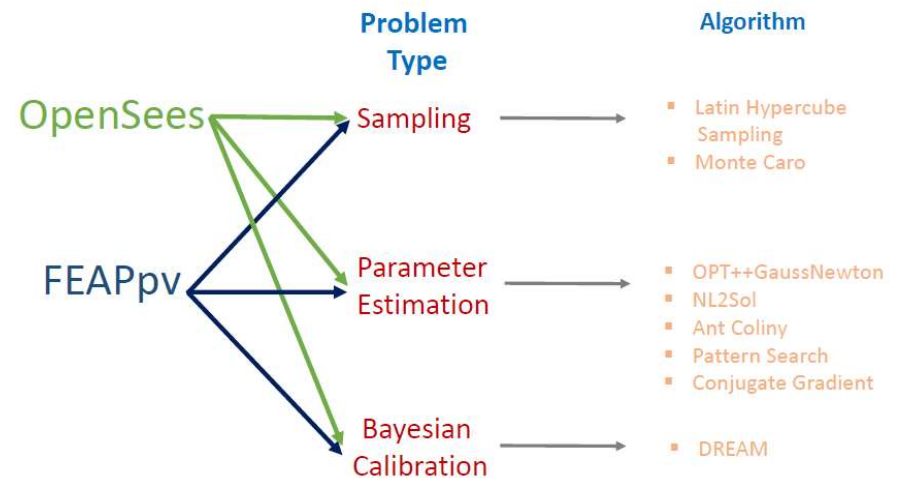
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- Quantifies uncertainty in building response when subjected to an earthquake

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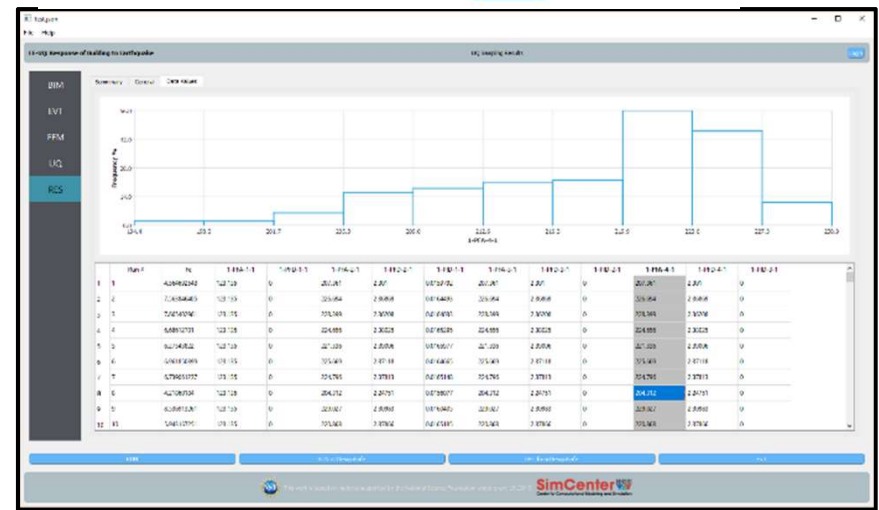
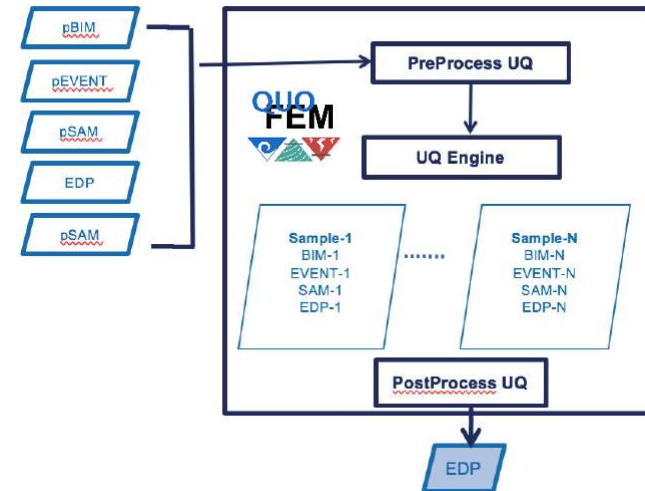
- Inputs:** Building information, earthquake event & uncertainty specification
- Outputs:** Uncertainty measures of building response

Release Dates:

- V1.0 (2018)** Uniform Excitation
- V2.0 (2019)** Rock Outcrop motions + Expert System
- V3.0 (2020)** Soil Box around Building + Machine Learning

Research Opportunities:

- Finite element modeling
- Hazard characterization
- UQ including surrogate model generation
- Datasets for model calibration

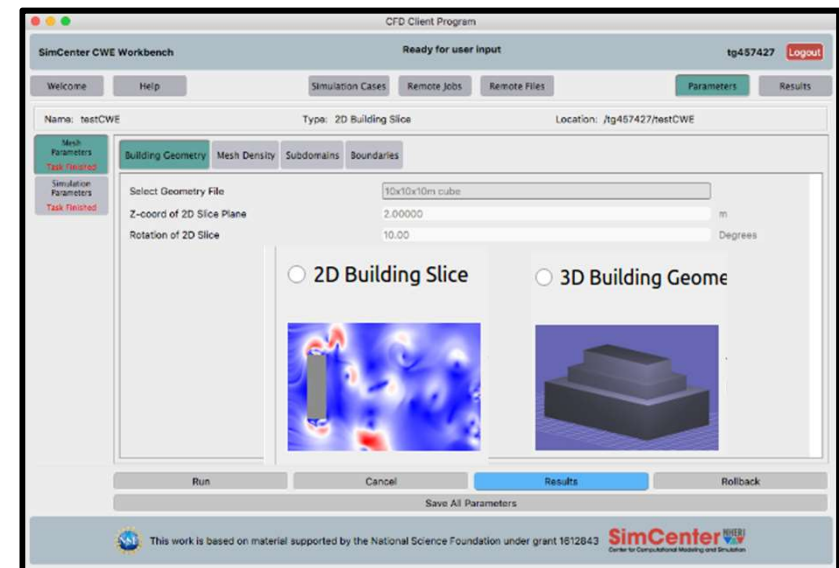
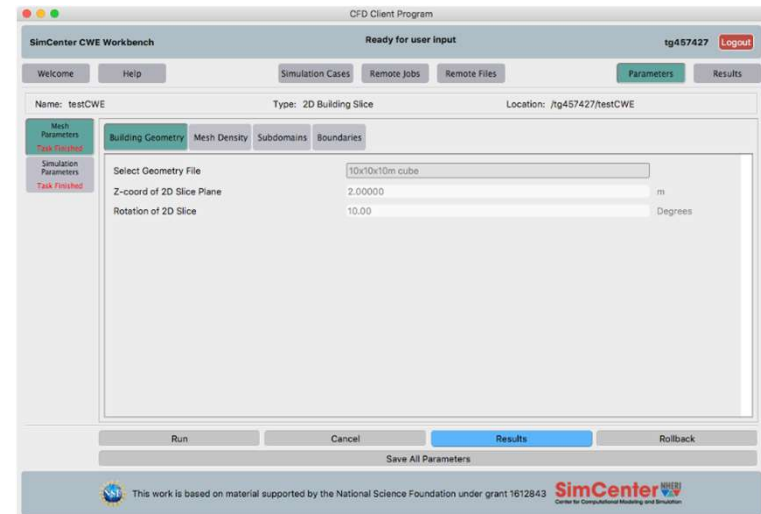




Computational Wind Engineering

- Interface to OpenFOAM (CFD)
- User Inputs Building Information
- User Selects from different loading options & Inputs Parameters
- User Specifies RV distributions
- The tool generates the analysis model, obtains wind forces in building, run a set of deterministic simulations on DesignSafe.
- User selects run & views different output results.

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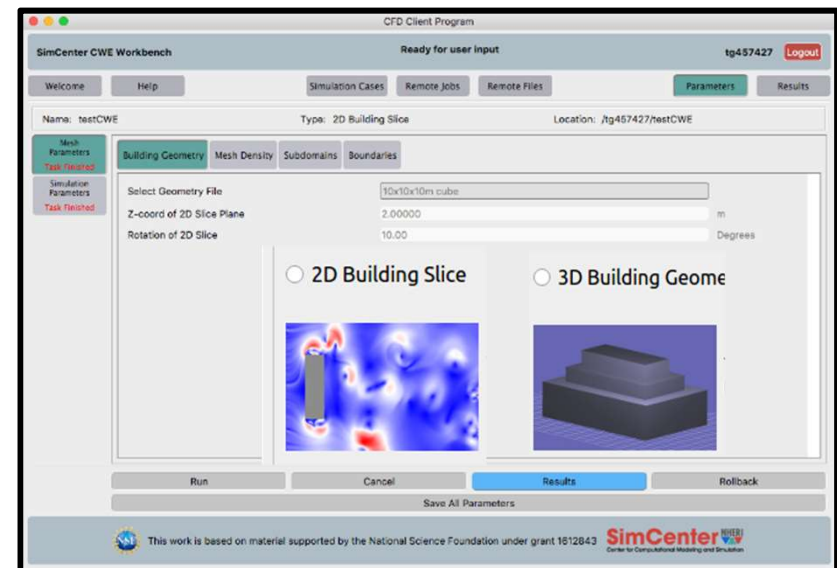
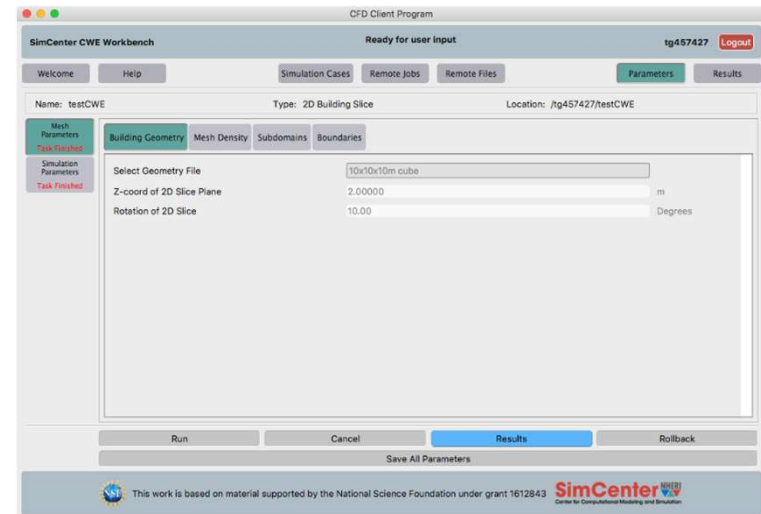




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WE Wind Engineering

- Assess the building performance to wind loading. The application is focused
- Quantifying uncertainties in predicted response due to uncertainty in building properties, wind load, and simplification incorporated in simulation software.
- Option to perform simulations on the Stampede2,

■ Version 1.0 (July 2019)

WE-UQ: Wind Engineering with Uncertainty Quantification

GI
SIM
EVT
FEM
UQ
EDP
RES

Loading Type: DEDM_HRP

Vortex-Wind
A vortex representation to predict the flow of wind around a building

DEDM-HRP : Inputs

Wind Tunnel Building Geometry

Building Height: ☐ H=1 ☐ H=2 ☐ H=3 ☐ H=4 ☐ H=5

Exposure Condition: ☒ Urban/Suburban Area ☐ Open Terrain

Wind Speed and Duration

Mean Wind Velocity at Building Top: mph

Duration: min

Angle of Incidence: degrees

RUN RUN at DesignSafe GET from DesignSafe Exit

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WE-UQ: Wind Engineering with Uncertainty Quantification

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RES

Loading Type: CFD - Expert

OpenFOAM Parameters

Case: Select

Solver:

Force Calculation:

Meshing:

Inflow Conditions: ☒

Turbulent Inflow Model Parameters

Source location: Refresh boundary patch list

Select what boundary to modify:

Method selection: ☒ digital filter ☐ synthetic eddy

shape function:

grid factor:

filter factor:

Local coordinate system definition

Intersection direction (vector):

yOffset:

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Loading Type: Stochastic Wind

Stochastic Loading Model:

This model provides wind speed time histories using a power law for the wind category and a discrete frequency function with FFT to account for wind flux

Drag Coefficient:

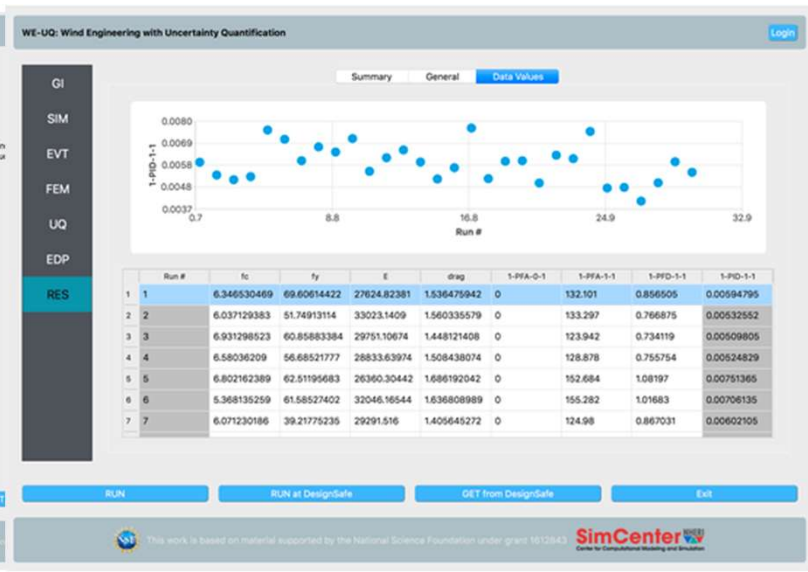
ASCE 7 Exposure Condition:

Gust Wind Speed (mph):

Provide seed value:

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- Probabilistic damage & loss calculations of a building subjected to a natural hazard

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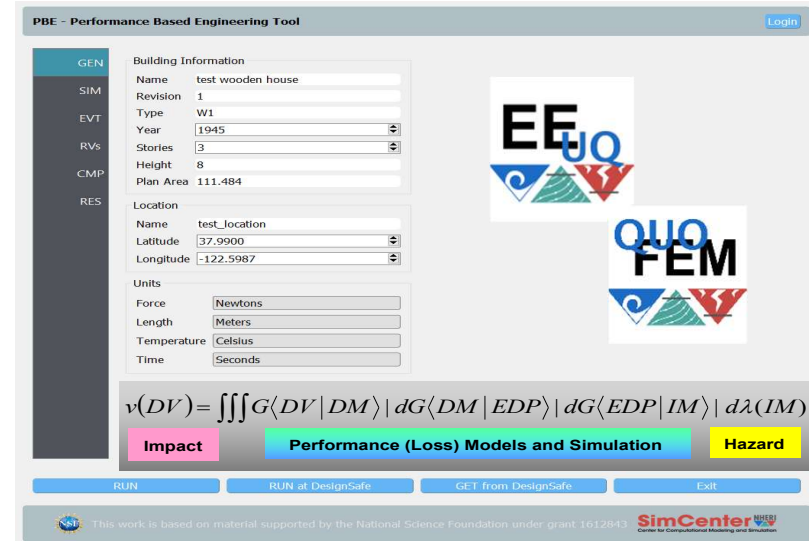
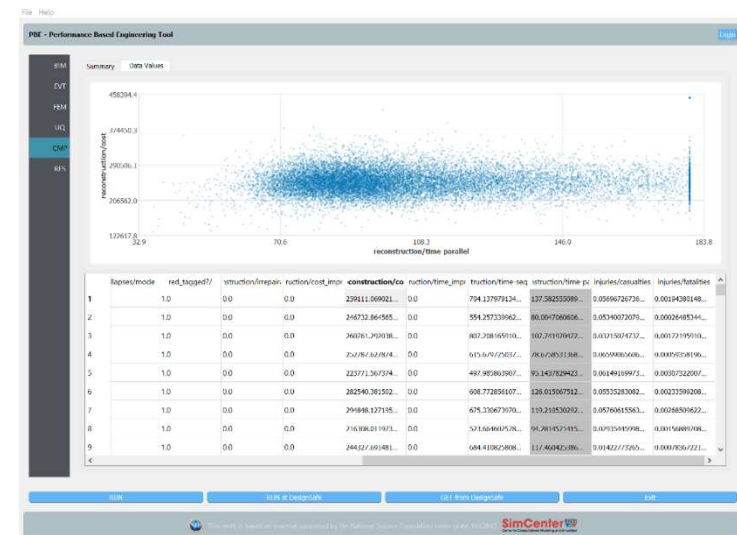
- Inputs:**
Building & structural information,
Hazard characterization,
Contents,
Damage & loss functions, e.g. **P58**, **HAZUS**, **Pelican**, or user-defined.
- Outputs:** Damage, loss, and consequences

Release Dates:

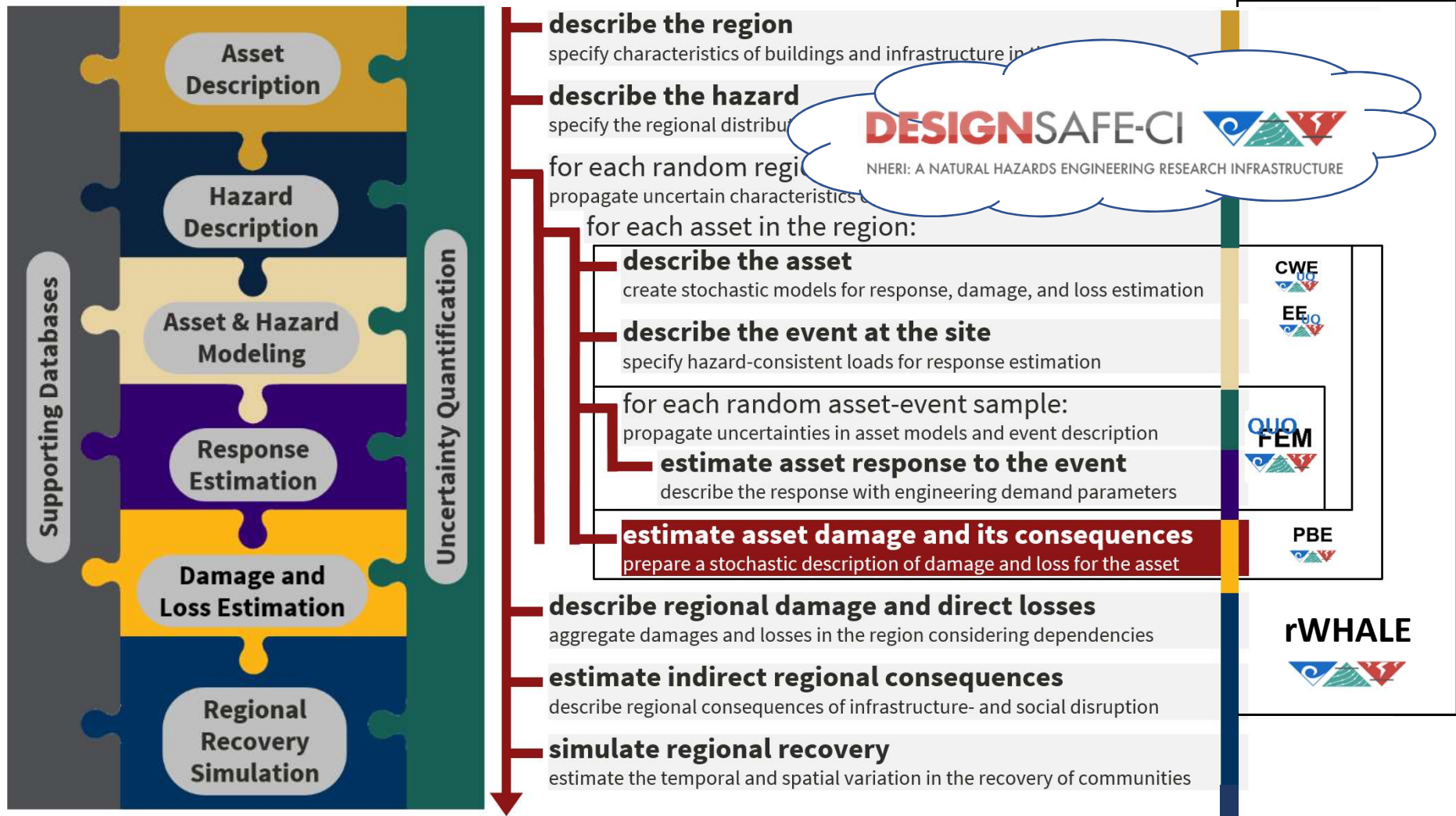
- V1.0 (Oct 2018)** Earthquake
- V2.0 (2020)** Other Hazards

Research Opportunities:

- Damage & loss calculations
- Validation of fragility and consequence functions

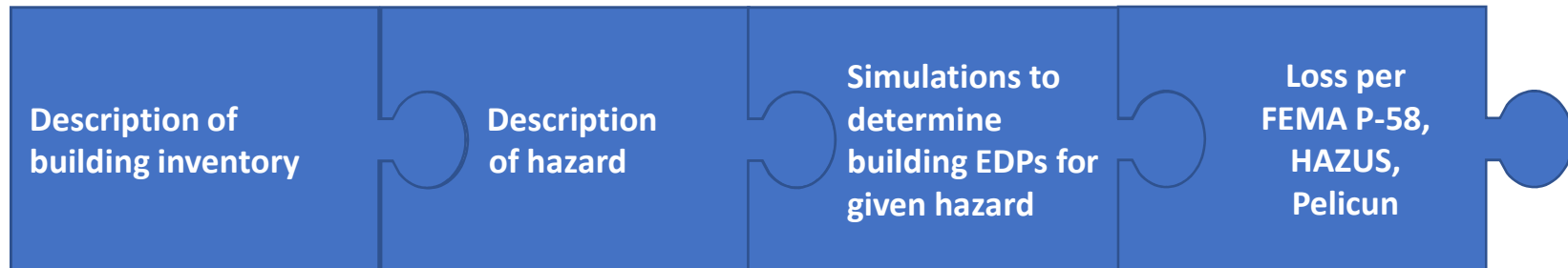



Regional Simulations and Loss Estimation Using



Creates and executes a regional loss workflow

- Backend application for regional hazard and loss simulations includes multiple individual applications.



Initial Release V1.1 (Feb 2019)

- Regional **earthquake** workflow
- Various hazard representations

Current Release V2.0 (Sept 2019)

- Regional **Hurricane** workflow
- Initial version to consider ASCE7 wind loading and HAZUS type damage and loss

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Workflow for Regional (EQ) Loss Simulation

Applications

The Application Framework provides applications with standard interfaces

Buildings

Generic
BIM

UrbanSIM

Document
Database

Hazard

LLNL_SW4

SHA-GM.py

Modeling

MDOF_LU

Concrete
Shear
Walls

Multiple
Fidelity
Modeling

Losses

FEMA
P58_LU

Pelican

Workflow for Regional (EQ) Loss Simulation

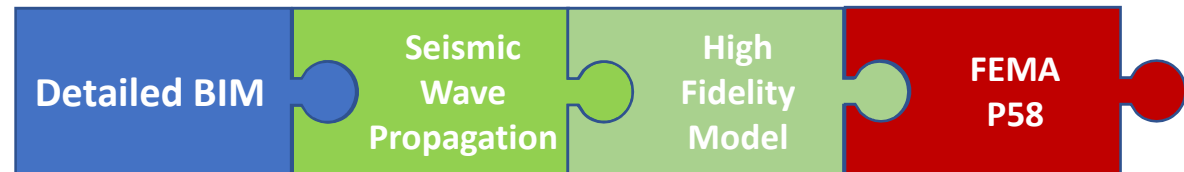
Configuration

Chain a set of applications into a building workflow

Low Fidelity Configuration



High Fidelity Configuration



Multiple Fidelity Configuration



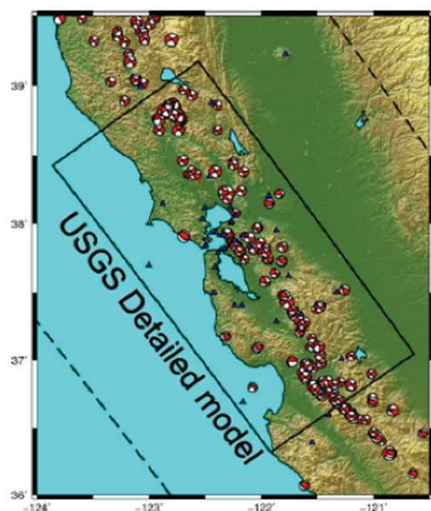
JASON script for Regional Loss Simulation

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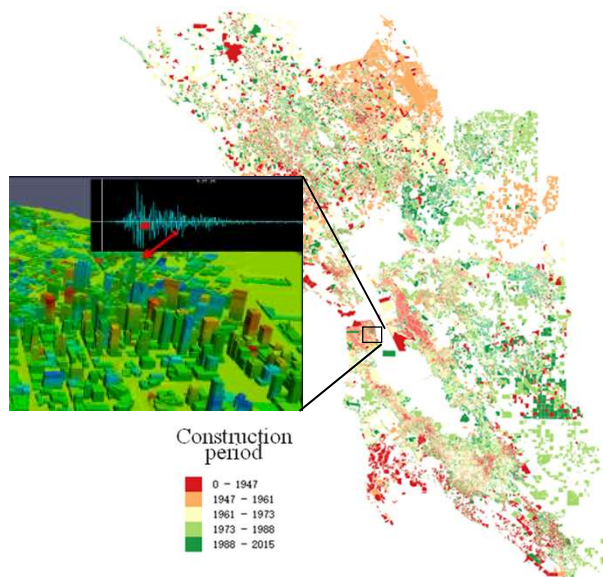
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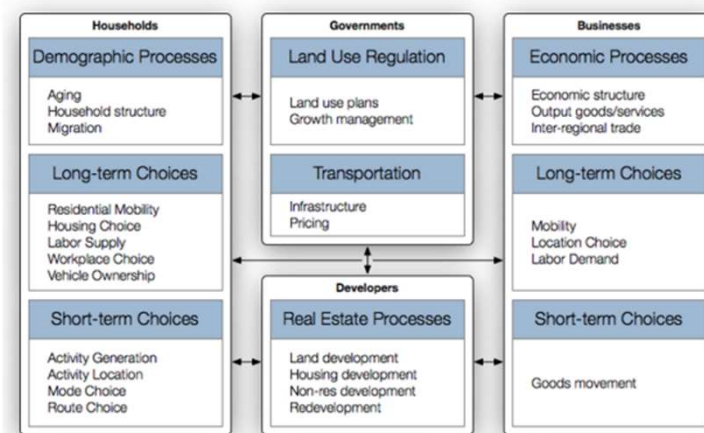
Regional Testbed (EQ)



M7.0 Hayward Fault



1.8 million buildings in SF Bay Area



Policy/Planning: *building losses & downtime in 2010 and 2040*

Objective: *develop/exercise a computational workflow for a significant simulation that can engage broad NEHRI community*

Ground Motions: 3D simulation, GM's at 2km grid (Rodgers, Pitarka & Petersson)

Building Inventory: UrbanSim and DataSF Portal; geometry, age, occupancy

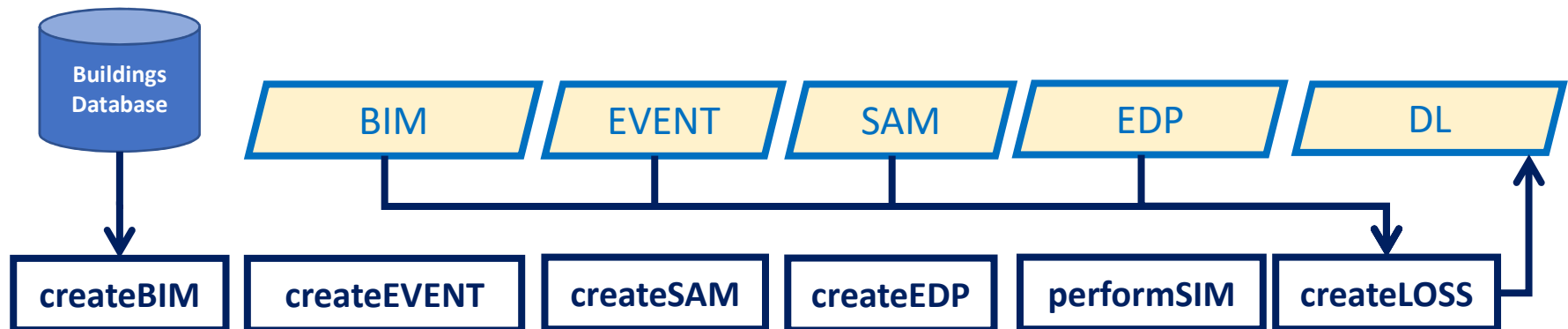
Building Analyses: OpenSees, simplified NL MDOF, FEMA P58 (w/Cheng & Lu, Tsinghua)

Visualization: Q-GIS, UrbanSim

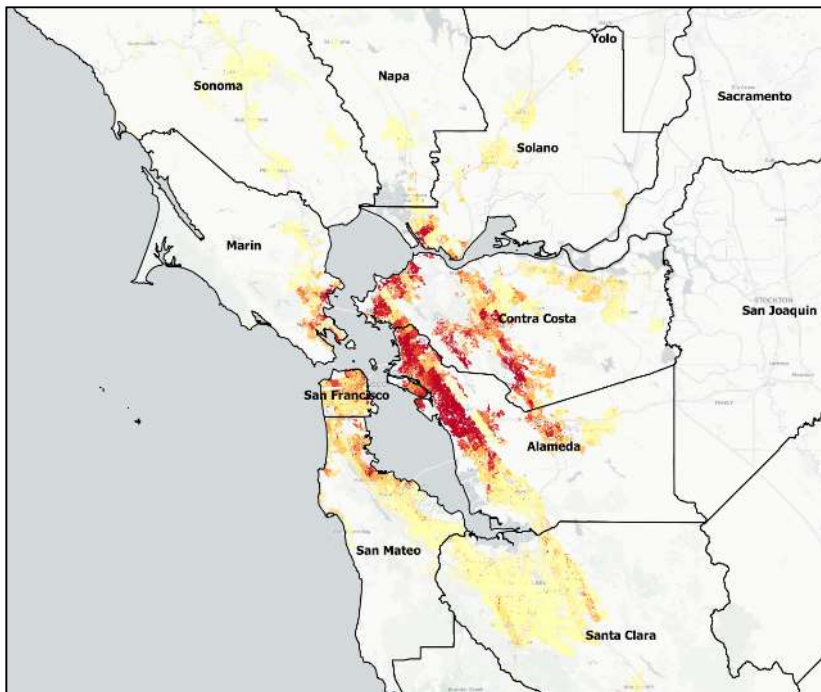
Interpretation: UrbanSim - urban growth, damage/loss, displaced occupants/population

Registered Workflow Applications

Type	Name	Description
createBIM	GenericBimDatabase	Creates a simple BIM from a building flat file (csv)
	UrbanSimDatabase	Creates a simple BIM from UrbanSim simulation outputs
createEVENT	LLNL_SW4	Gets Event input from SW4 outputs
	SHA-GM	Computes event input using SHA and record selection/scaling
createSAM	MDOF_LU	Creates a MDOF shear building model
createEDP	StandardEarthquakeEDP	Defines the standard EDPs used for a seismic event
performSIM	OpenSeesSimulation	Performs simulation using OpenSees and calculates the EDPs
createLOSS	FEMAP58_LU	Calculates damage and loss estimates using FEMA P58 procedure
performUQ	DakotaFEM	Propagates uncertainty in all applications using Dakota

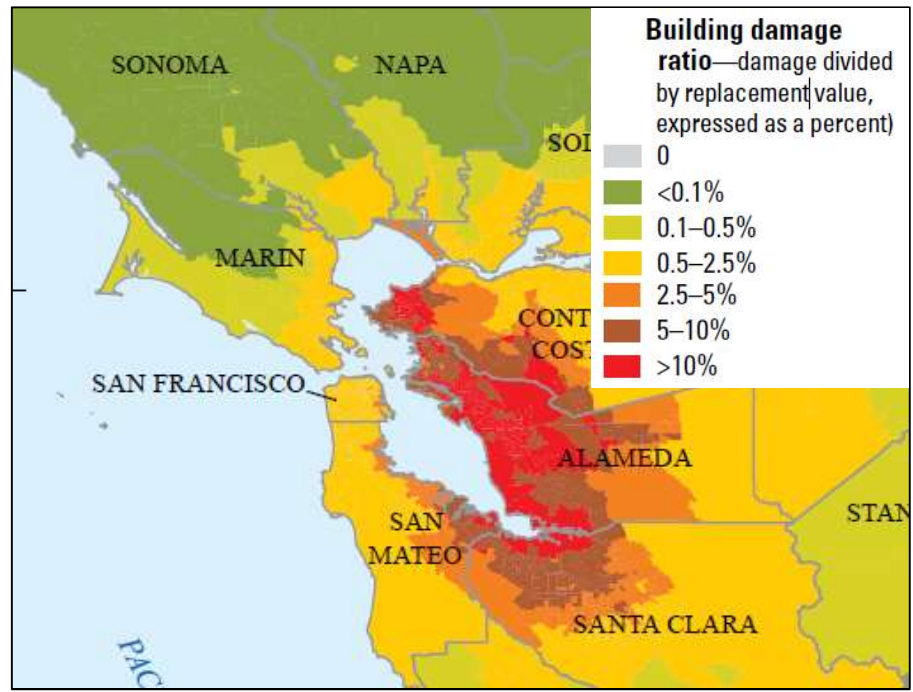


Comparison of Building Damage



SimCenter Workflow

- Red-tagged buildings 141,400
- Net buildings damage ratio 5.6%



USGS Haywired

- Red-tagged buildings 101,000
- Net buildings damage ratio 2.9%

Comparison To HayWired Scenario

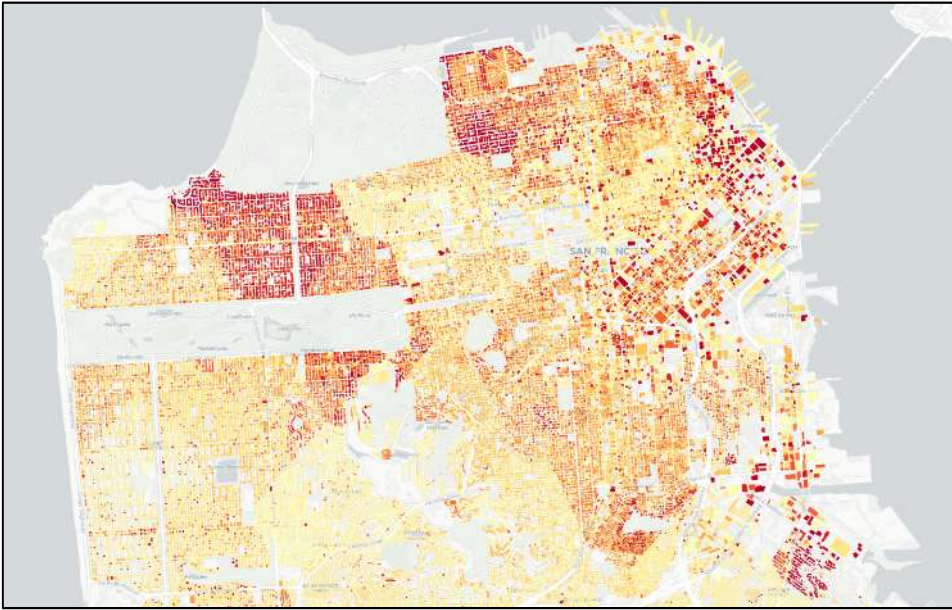
- **HayWired Scenario:** A study lead by USGS, involving approximately 60 partners, to simulate the effects and consequences of a hypothetical, yet scientifically realistic, magnitude M7.0 earthquake on the Hayward fault.

	HayWired Scenario	SimCenter Testbed
Number of Buildings	3 Million	1.84 Million
Red Tagged Buildings	101,000	141,459
Building Damage	\$30.3 Billion	\$84.1 Billion
Net Damage Ratio	2.91%	5.6%
Total Buildings Cost	\$1.04 Trillion	\$1.5 Trillion

Detweiler, S.T., and Wein, A.M., eds., 2018, The HayWired earthquake scenario—Engineering implications: U.S. Geological Survey Scientific Investigations Report 2017–5013–I–Q, 429 p., <https://doi.org/10.3133/sir20175013v2>.

High Resolution Results

■ Parcel-level Data of Building Damage



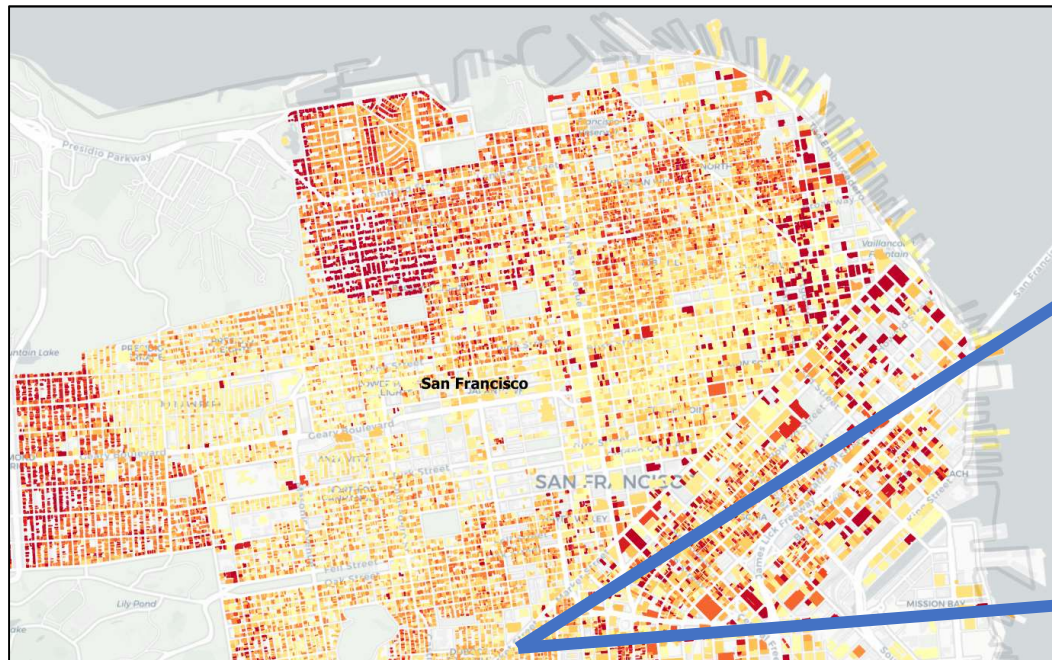
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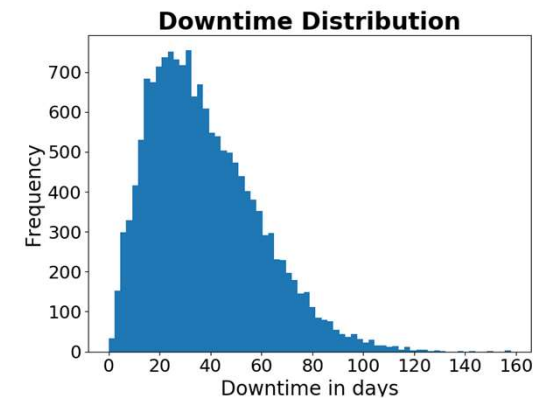
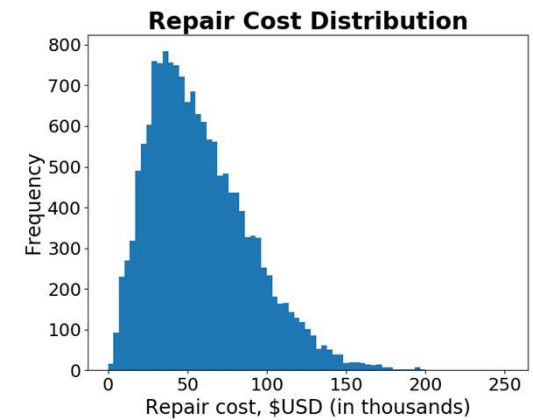
Oakland - Alameda

*Opportunities to evaluate planning and policy decisions
(land use, retrofit, etc.)*

Parcel Level Results



Loss Ratios



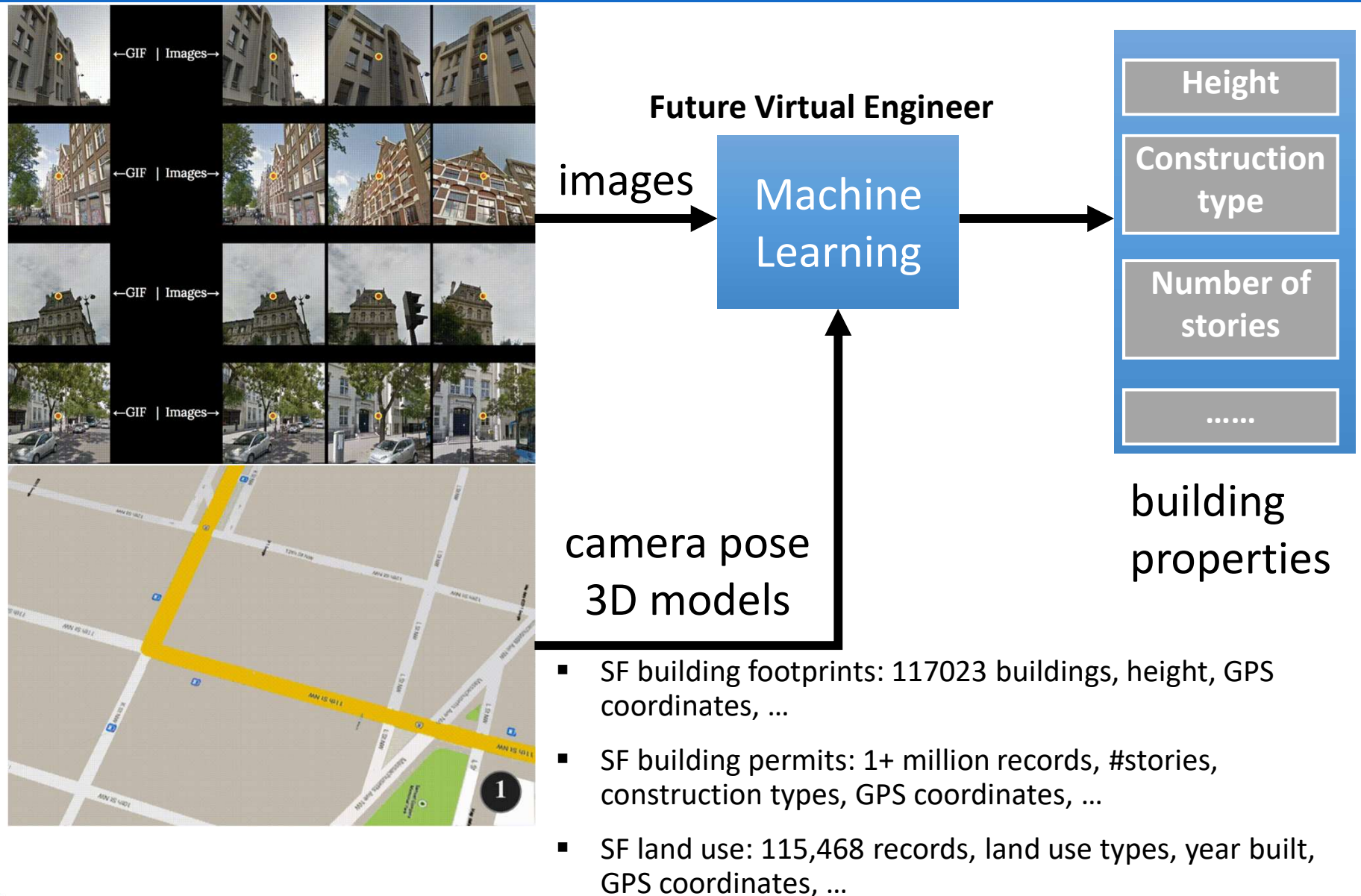
Additional SimCenter Products

- **rWHALE**: Regional **W**orkflow for **H**azard and **L**oss **E**stimation
 - Library of all of the applications (used in uqFEM, EEuq, CWEuq ...) that “wrap” existing software to enable workflows.
 - Developer: Zsarnóczyay
- **PELICUN**: Probabilistic **e**stimation of **l**osses, **i**njuries, and **c**ommunity resilience **u**nder **n**atural disasters
 - Encompasses FEMA P-58 and HAZUS fragilities
 - Development team: Miranda, Terzic, Baker, Kijewski-Correa, Zsarnóczyay
- **SMELT**: **S**tochastic, **m**odular, and **e**xtensible **l**ibrary for **t**ime history generation
 - Developer: Michael Gardner
- **S3hark** Site Response
 - Development team: Deodatis, Bray, Arduino, Baker, Taciroglu, Wang
- **BRAILS**: Building Recognition using AI at Large Scale
 - Development team: Yu, Law, Taciroglu, Wang

- Educational Applications:



SimCenter product: AI for Data to BIM

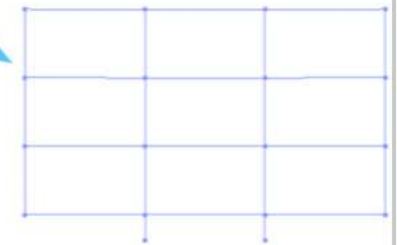
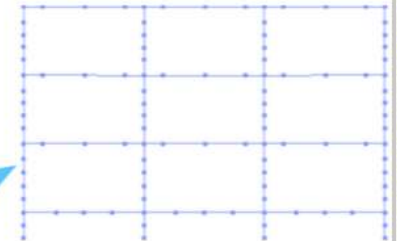
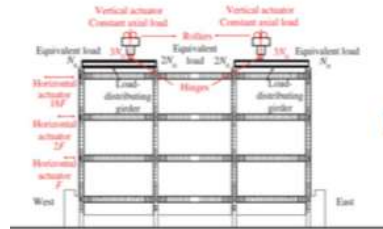


AI Applications: BIM to SAM

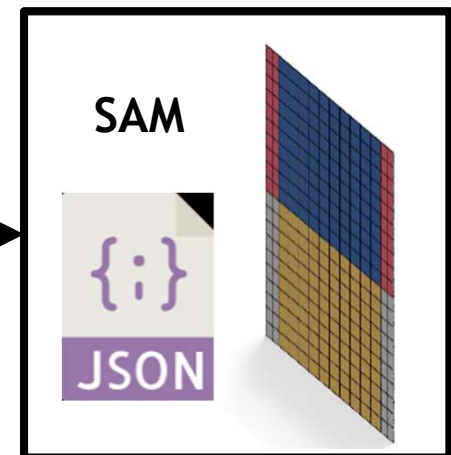
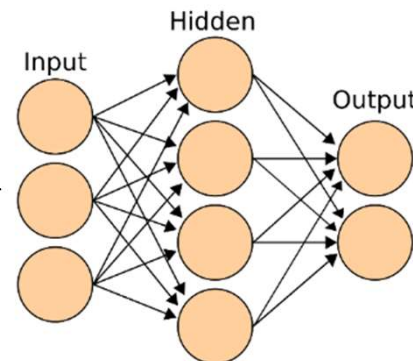
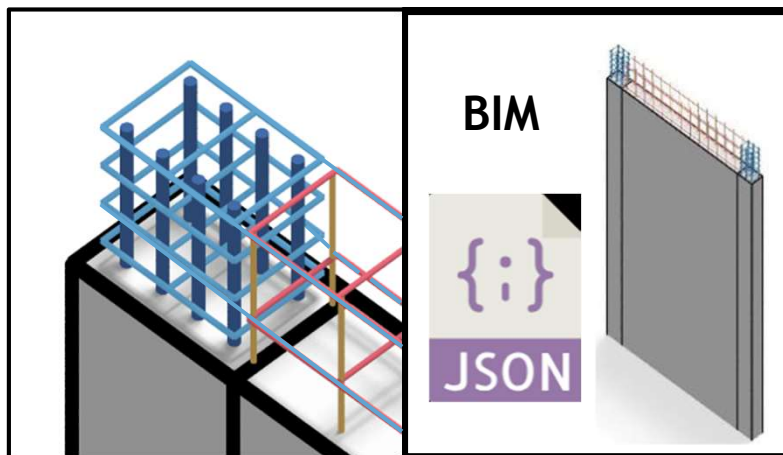
Structural Engineers



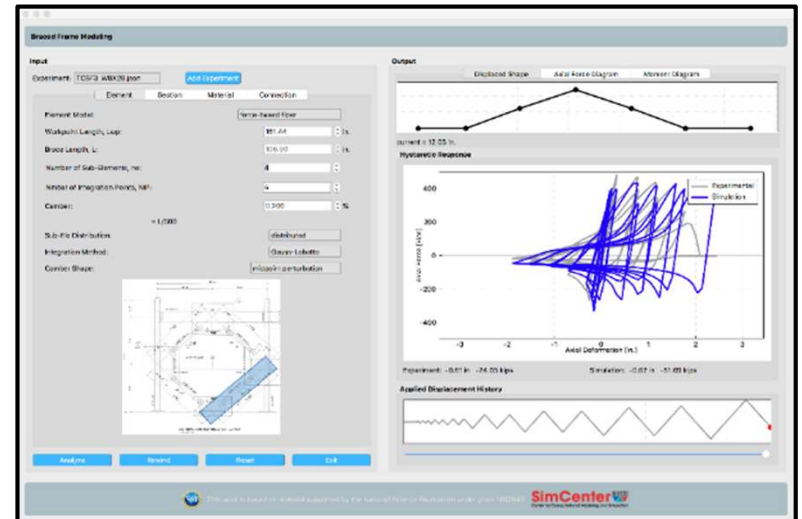
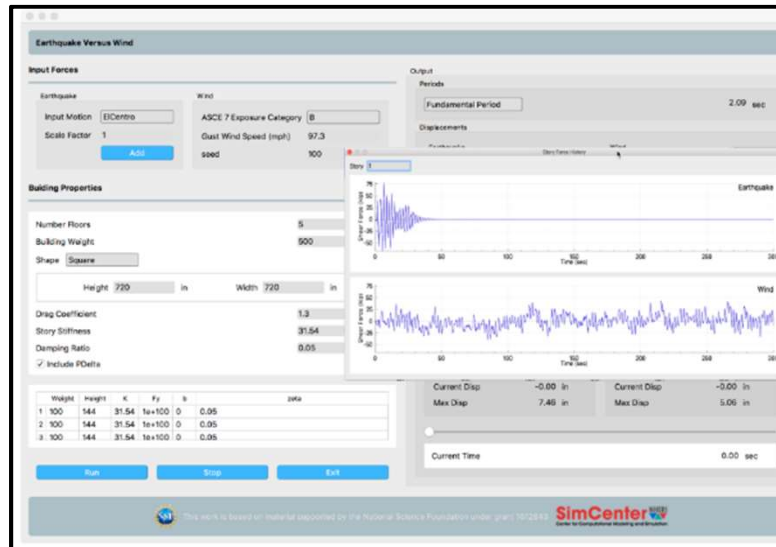
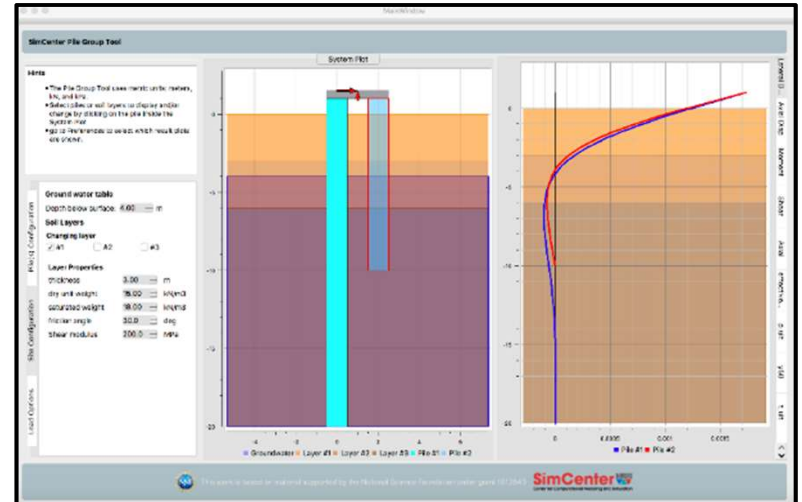
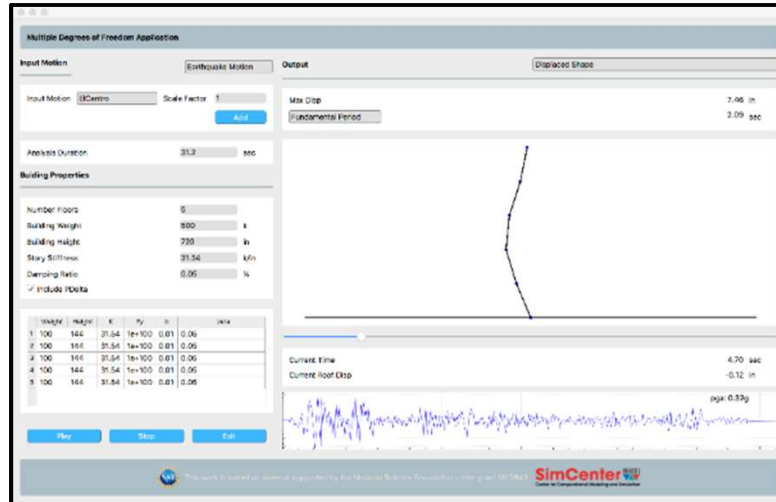
Future Virtual Engineer



Dataset: 87 walls
Training: 98% accurate
Testing: 93% accurate



Educational Applications





Educational Applications

Earthquake Versus Wind

Input Forces

Earthquake

Input Motion:

Scale Factor:

Wind

Exposure Category:

Gust Wind Speed:

Simulation Scheme:

Building Properties

Number Floors:

Building Weight: k

Shape:

Height: in Width: in

Drag Coefficient:

Story Stiffness: k/in

Damping Ratio: %

☒ Include PDelta

	Weight	Height	K	Fy	b	zeta
1	100	180	31.54	1e+100	0	0.05
2	100	180	31.54	1e+100	0	0.05
3	100	180	31.54	1e+100	0	0.05
4	100	180	31.54	1e+100	0	0.05

Output

Fundamental Period: sec

Earthquake

Max Disp: in

Wind

Max Disp: in

Current Time: sec

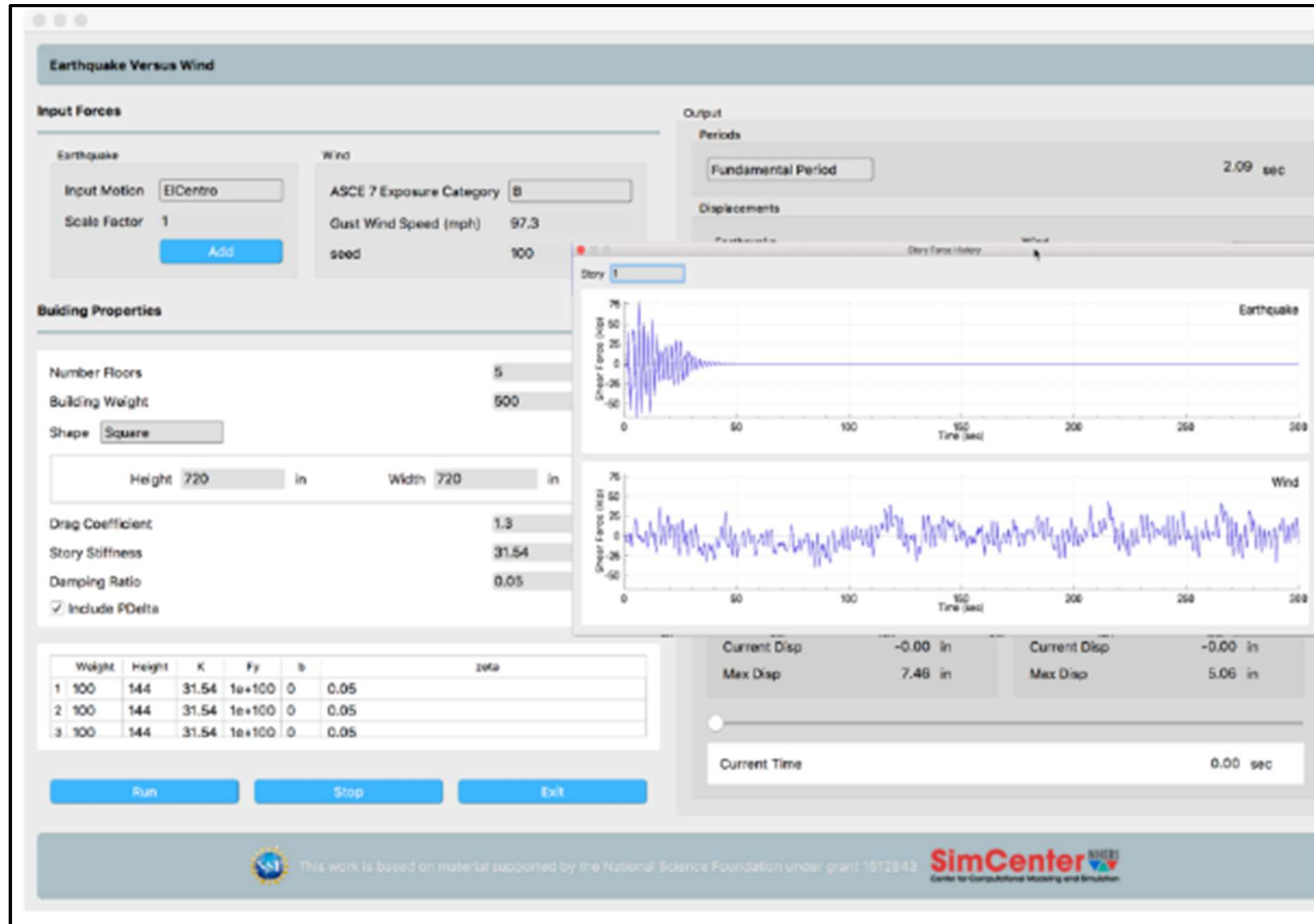
Current Roof Disp: in

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Opportunities for Learning More

■ SimCenter Online Webinars

Advances in Computational Modeling and Simulation	Early Career Researcher Forum	Natural Hazards Engineering 101
NEW HPC Ground Motion Simulations of Large Hayward Fault Earthquakes November 14, 2018 Watch Webinar	NEW Tsunami-Induced Turbulent Coherent Structures: Large-Scale Experimental Observations and Interpretation February 21, 2018 Watch Webinar	NEW Understanding Tsunamis and Their Effects August 30, 2017 Watch Webinar
AI & Machine Learning in Natural Hazards Engineering: Technical & Modelling Q & A November 6, 2018 Watch Webinar	HPC Aided Seismic Risk Assessment of Vertical Concrete Dry Casks December 13, 2017 Watch Webinar	Computational Fluid Dynamics, Simulation & Computational Tools June 12, 2017 Watch Webinar
UQ Computational Advances for Natural Hazard Risk Assessment October 24, 2018 Watch Webinar	Modeling of 500-year Cascadia Subduction Zone Tsunami Inundation November 1, 2017	Exploring Wind Engineering May 17, 2017 Watch Webinar

Educational Opportunities

- SimCenter Tool Training Workshop (expected Summer 2020)



- Summer Programming Bootcamp (expected Summer 2020)



- Summer REU Program



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