

NHERI Computational Modeling and Simulation Center

SimCenter

**Lehigh EF
Researcher's Workshop**
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NHERI SimCenter Vision

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

Grounded in the present

Five year focus

Ten year vision

SimCenter Mission

Pivot to a comprehensive, open source, cloud-based, HPC framework or simulation “ecosystem” that:

- ✓ is modern, extensible, scalable, secure and robust,
- ✓ harnesses machine learning, artificial intelligence, expert systems, self-assembling knowledge bases to help model, validate and build trust in numerical simulations,
- ✓ quantifies the sensitivity of performance to various uncertainties,
- ✓ is performance oriented and data-driven, and
- ✓ characterizes performance appropriately for different stakeholders.

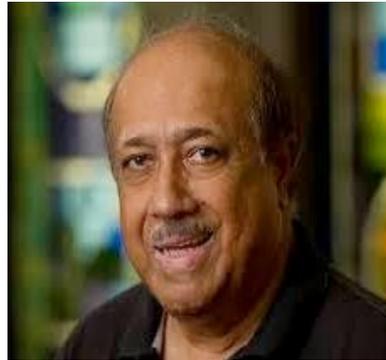
SimCenter Broader Goals

- Treats all natural hazards equally.
- Considers models at all scales.
- Remembers cities are not just structures, includes infrastructure, lifeline networks and social services.
- Integrates seamlessly with other NHERI components to ensure a functional and cohesive national infrastructure.
- Supports decision-making at all levels.

Capable Leadership Team



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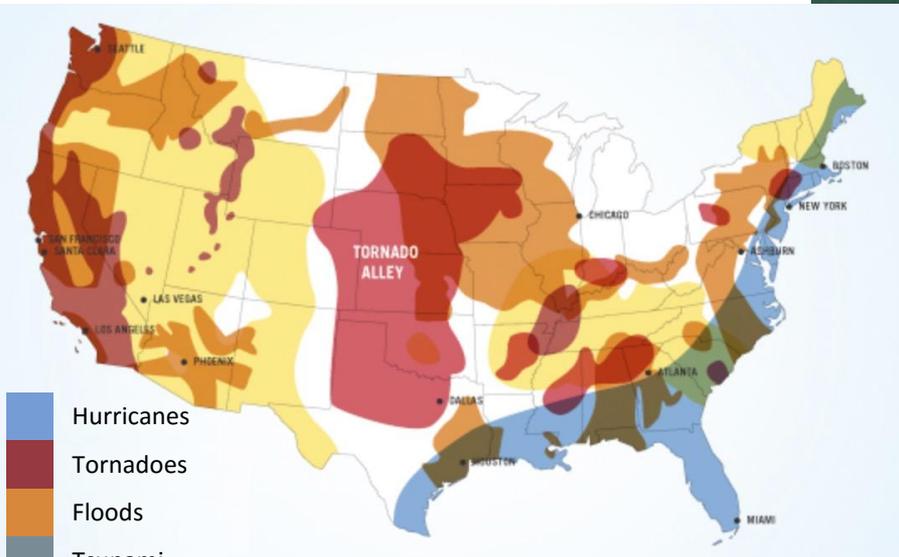
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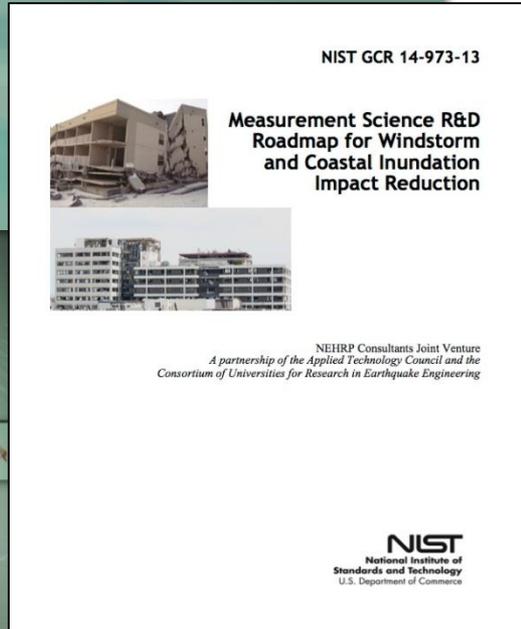
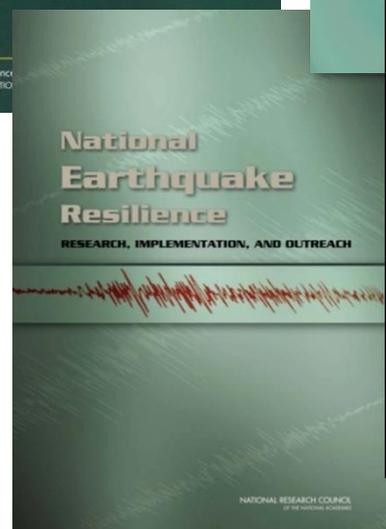
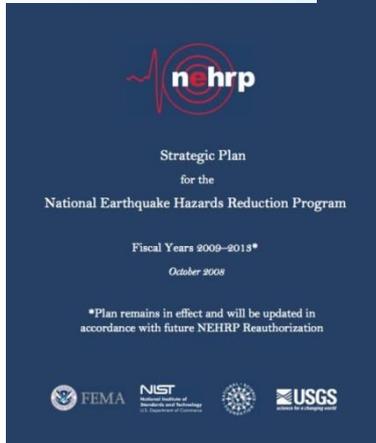
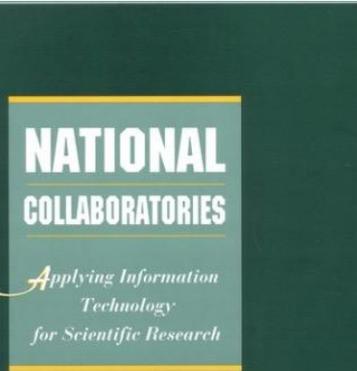
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Plus nearly 25 experts in engineering, urban planning,
social science and computer and information science

Tackling the “Grand” Challenges posed by a Nation at Risk from Natural Hazards



- Hurricanes
- Tornadoes
- Floods
- Tsunami
- Earthquake - High
- Earthquake - Moderate



Builds upon a solid performance-based, risk informed methodology

Engineering Seismology

Hazard Analysis and Mapping

HPC simulation

Performance Databases

BASIC COMPOSITION	DAMAGES STATES		
	DB1	DB2	DB3
No. of square feet of flexurally controlled RC concrete shear walls in each direction	Flexural cracks < 1/16" (Other diagonal cracks < 1/16") No significant spalling No fracture or buckling of reinforcement	Flexural cracks < 1/8" (Other diagonal cracks < 1/8") Moderate spalling/ loose cover No fracture or buckling of reinforcement	Max. crack widths > 1/8" Significant spalling/ loose cover Fracture or buckling of reinforcement Significant residual deformations Repair in place impractical
DESCRIPTION			
ILLUSTRATION (example photo or drawing)			
MEDIAN EDP (interstory drift)			

Consequence Functions

Loss Assessment

Probabilistic Assessment of:

- ✓ Cost of repair and loss of function
- ✓ Downtime
- ✓ Casualties
- ✓ Embodied energy

Extension to multiple hazards, and portfolios, of different kinds of structures and systems, and optimization of structural characteristics to improve performance

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IM: Intensity measure

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$G(edp | im)$

EDP: Engineering Demand Parameter

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$G(dm | edp)$

DM: Damage Measure

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$G(dv | dm)$

DV: Decision Variable

$$\lambda(DV > dv) = \int \int \int G(dv | dm) dG(dm | edp) dG(edp | im) | d\lambda(im)$$



Our plan:

Transitioning from PCs to the cloud

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.

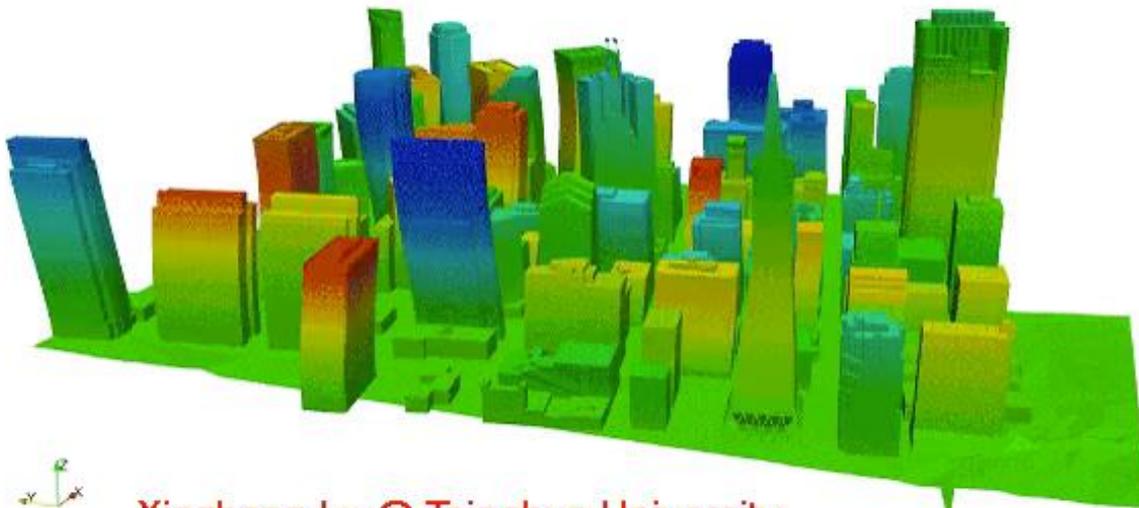


- Move to cloud-based HPC environment
- Provide integrated “plug and play” capability to link multiple software apps together into workflows

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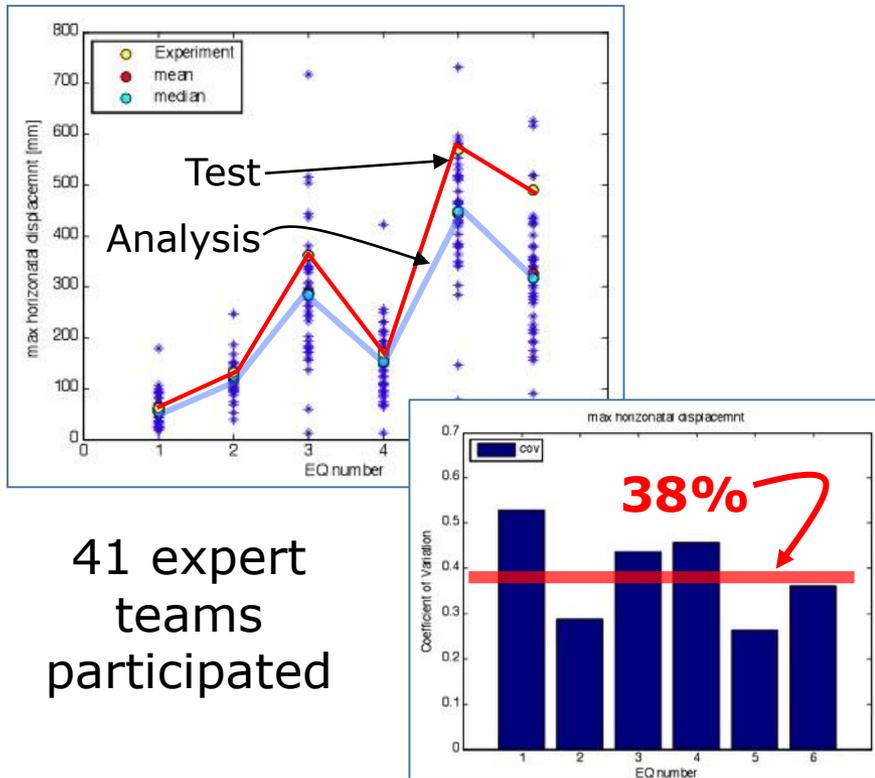
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Trustworthy Simulations



Concrete Column Blind Prediction Contest 2010



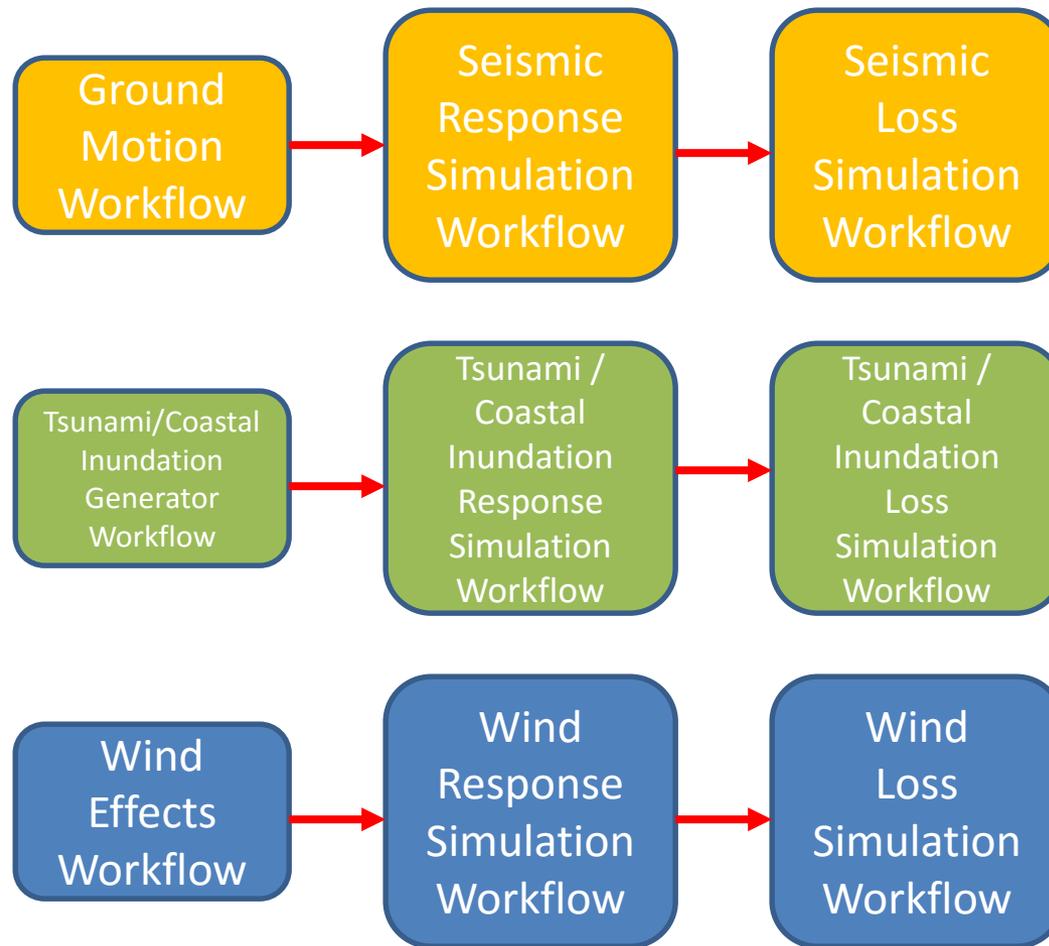
41 expert teams participated

PEER-NEES Blind Analysis Contest

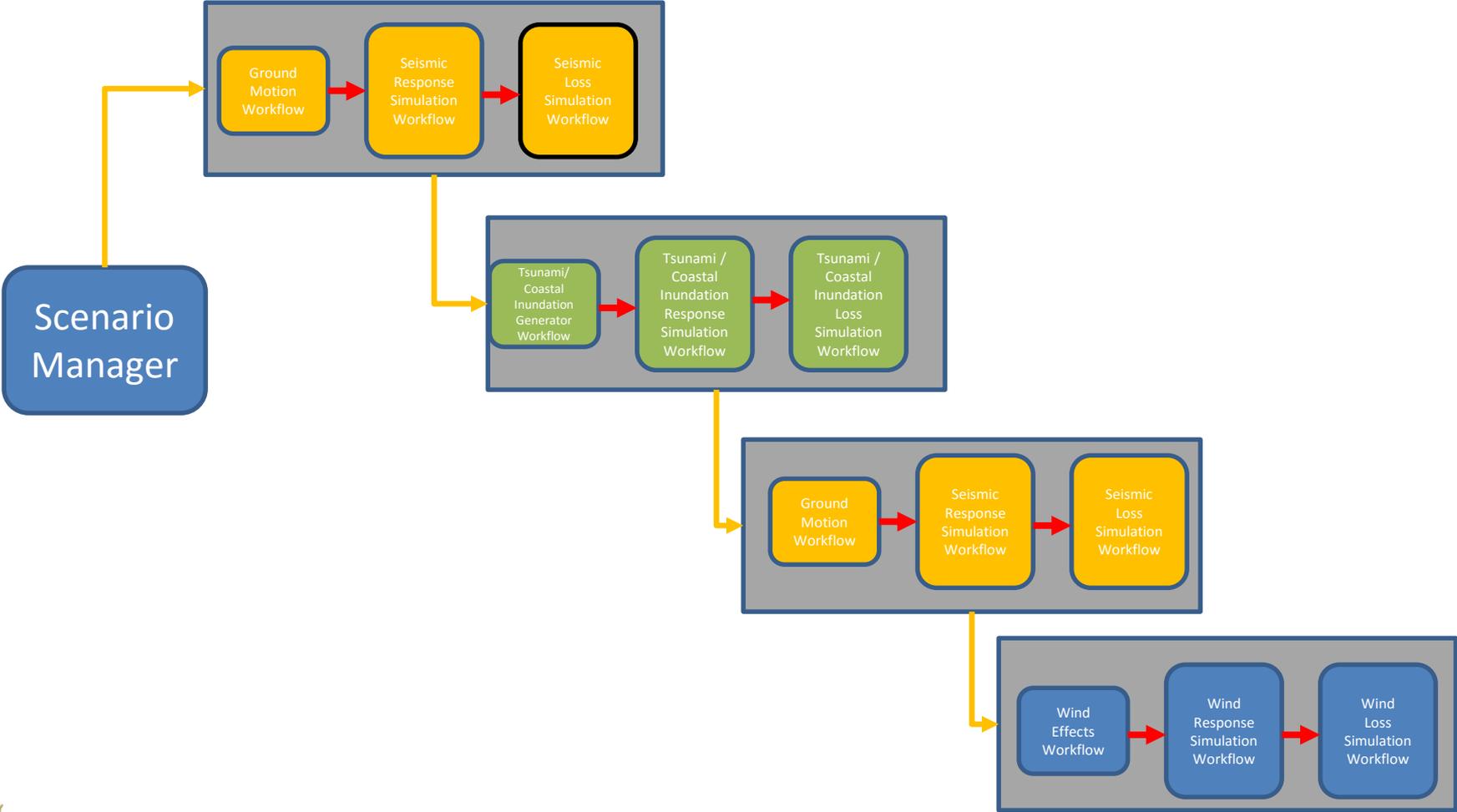


Full-scale 1D tests of circular column - Jose Restrepo, PI (PEER, Caltrans, UNR, FHWA, NEES@UCSD, NEEScomm & NSF)

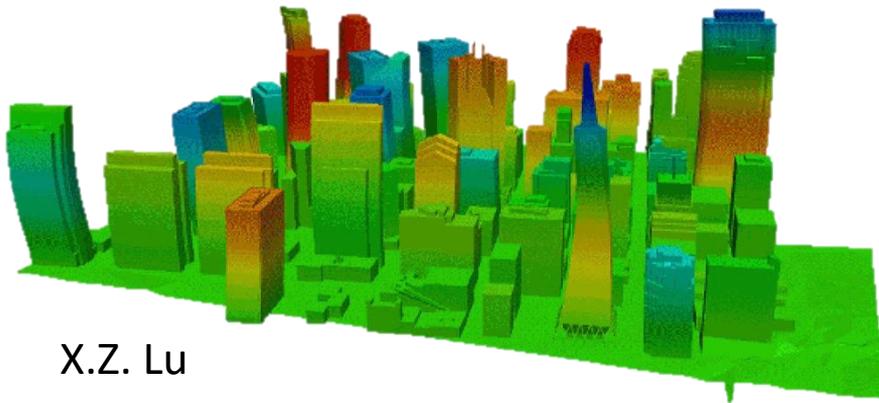
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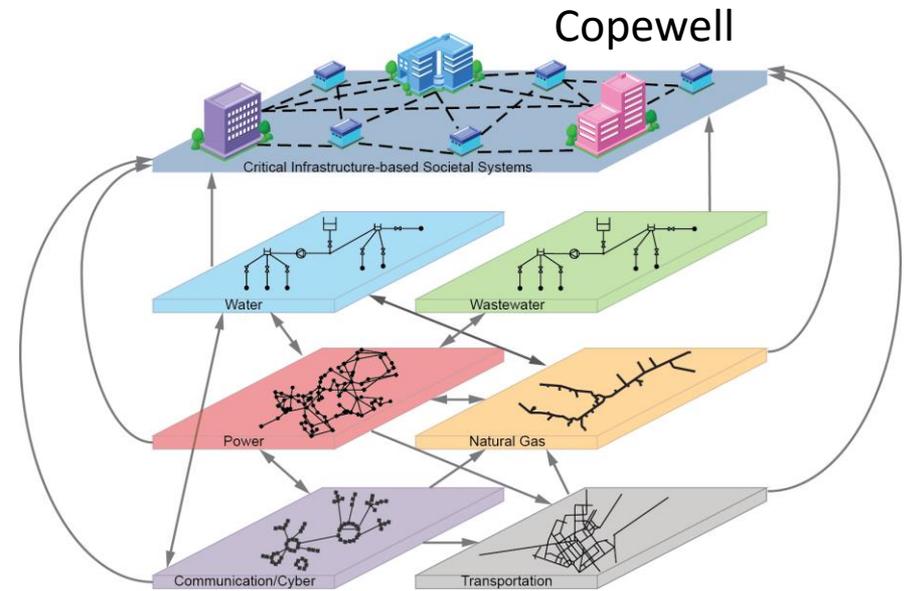


If you can do this for one facility



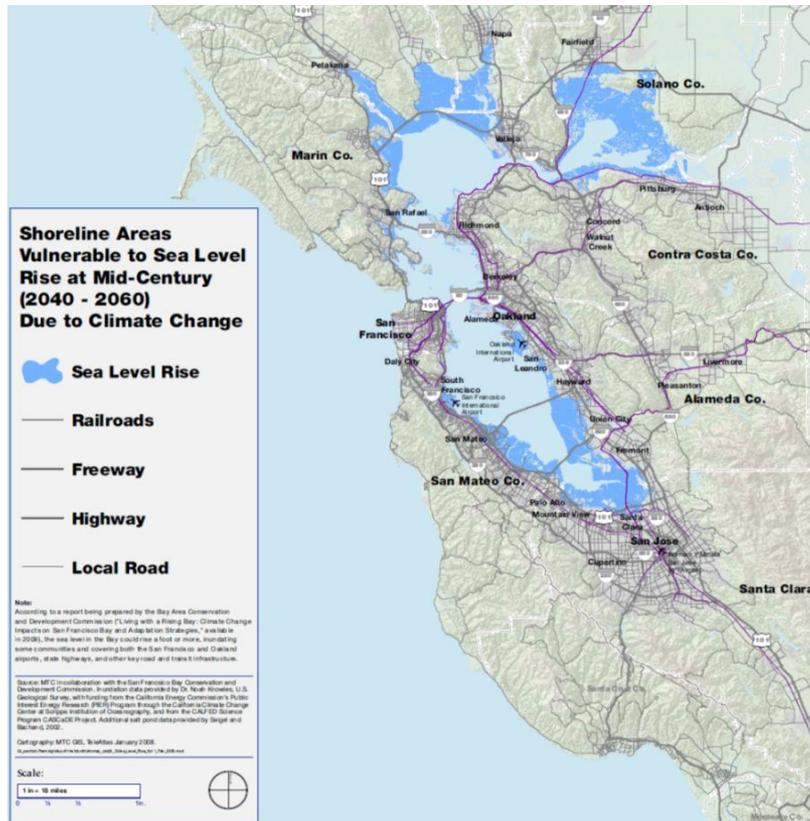
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Portfolio and community simulation models

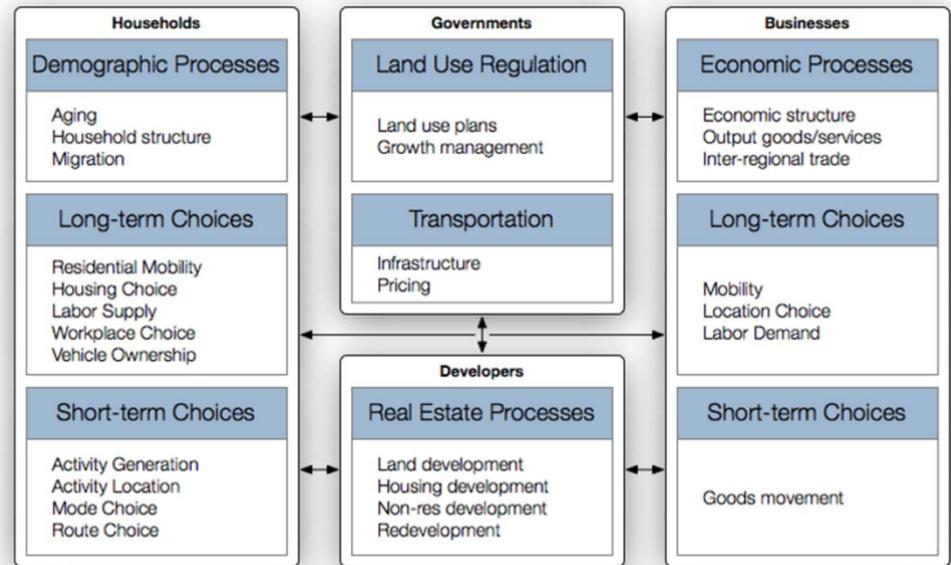


Lifeline, supply chain and service networks

Local and Regional Government Planning Development, Policies & Programs

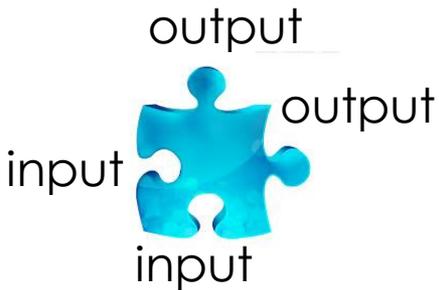


(Source: Bay Conservation and Development Commission, 2009)



Decision Support - UrbanSim

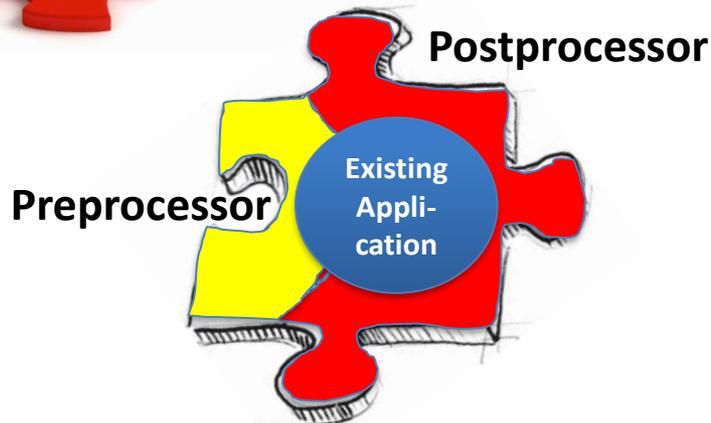
SimCenter Framework for Building Workflow Applications



Each **component is a software application**: it does something and has clearly defined interfaces (input and output APIs).

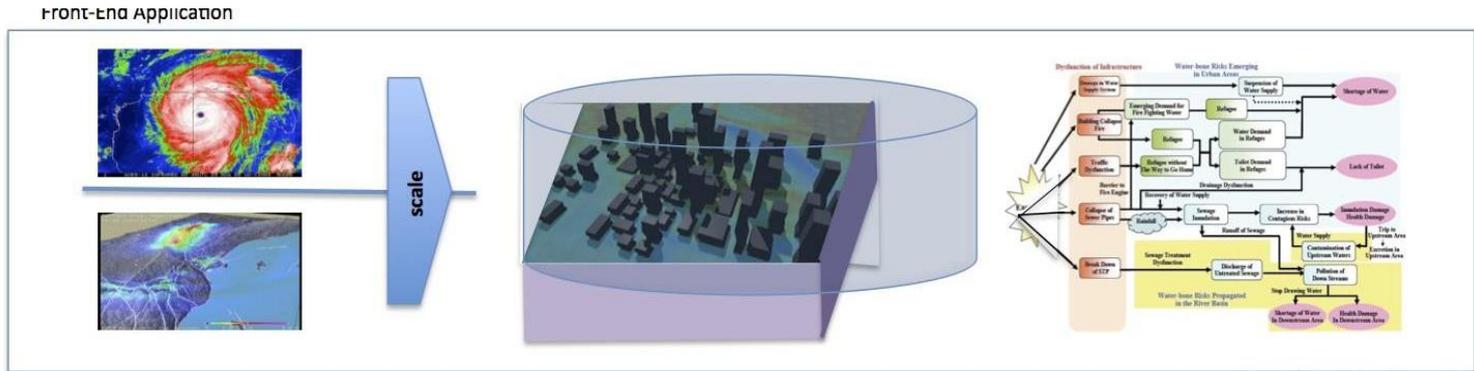


We will use Scientific Workflow Management Software to schedule components & manage the passing of data between the components. The software we will use is **Pegasus**.



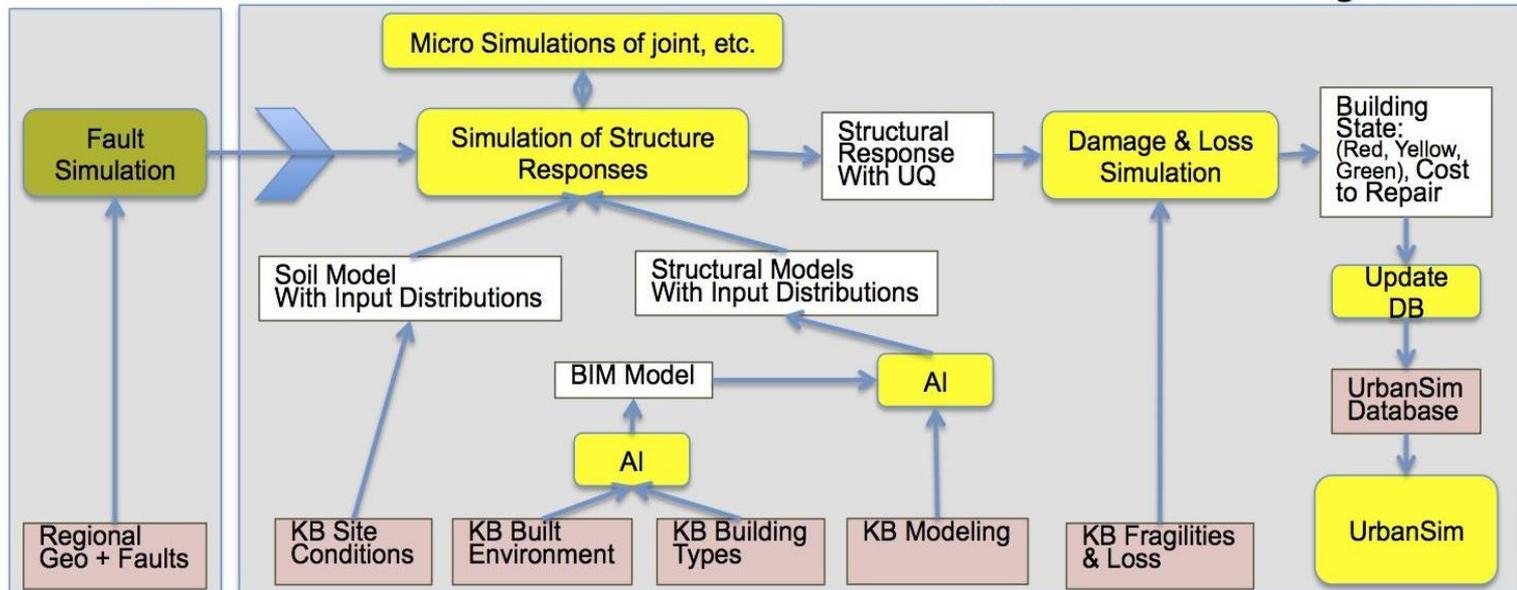
Our goal is to define the interfaces so existing and future applications of the users choice can be used.

Facilitating complex regional-scale workflows



Back-End Application in Event of Earthquake Event with user choosing to simulate rupture with another application.

DesignSafe-ci



High profile early deliverables

Time needed to get the framework “backend” developed

Year 1 Highlights

- **App 1:** Integrated performance-based engineering workflow application
- **App 2:** Integrated uncertainty quantification workflow
- Educational apps illustrating sensitivity of dynamic response to excitation and structure characteristics.
- Kick start education activities, including programming boot camp and (M)OOCs (modeling best practices)
- Development and assessment of framework building blocks (metadata, ontologies, APIs, wrappers, user interfaces, etc.)

To Achieve Our Broad Vision for the SimCenter

We need your advice, help and collaboration, so we can effectively address community needs

Our framework is a skeleton, and needs users to provide it with the data necessary to make it useful

We are happy to work with researchers and other NHERI Components in developing proposals to use our framework and exploit capabilities of HPC

Thanks!

Questions?

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