



Center for Computational Modeling and Simulation

2021 AI Bootcamp

Introduction to SimCenter

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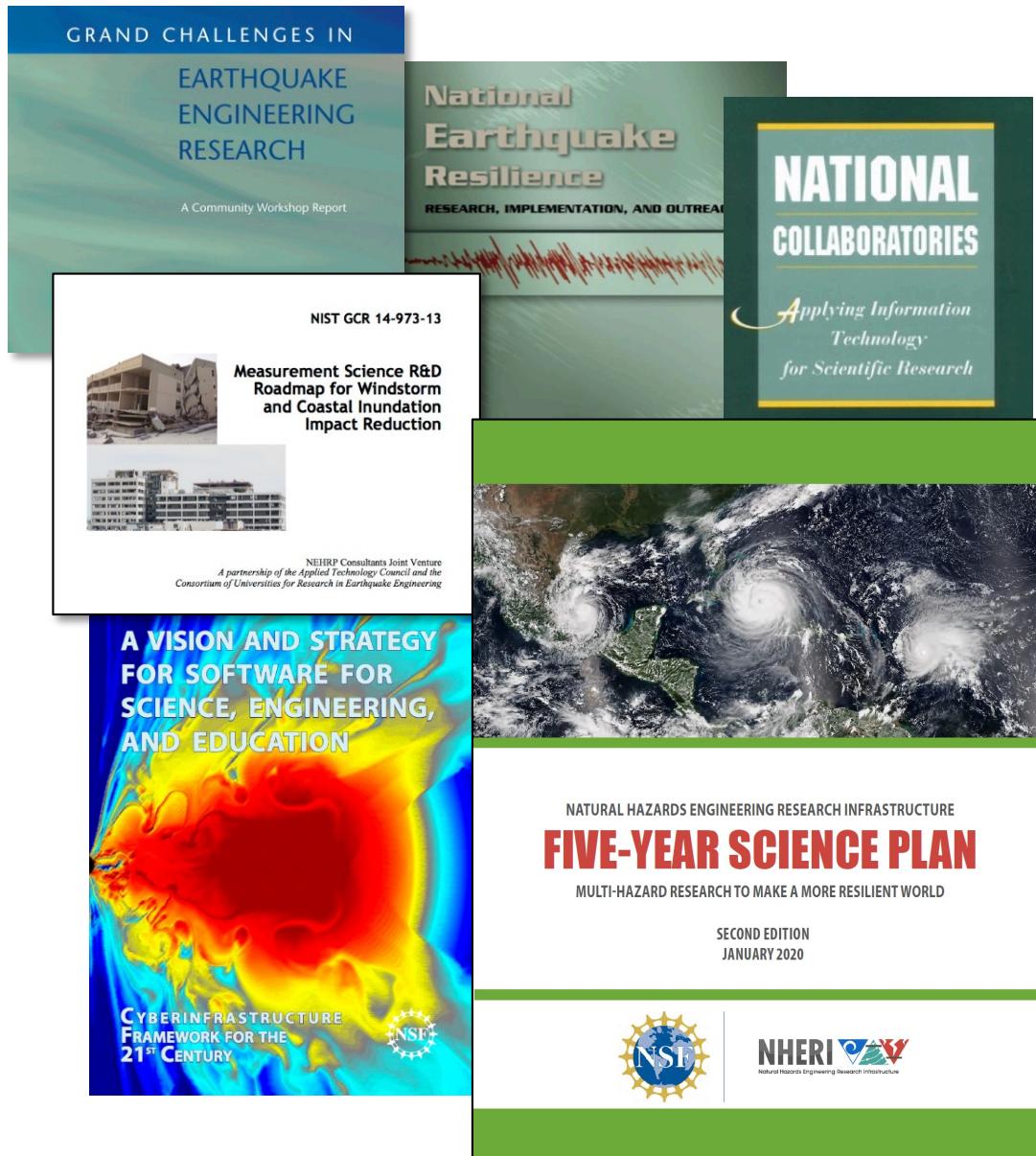


Natural Hazards
Engineering
Research
Infrastructure

NSF's Facilities/Programs



NSF NHERI Science Plan



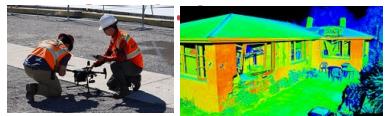
Grand Challenges:

1. Quantify the damaging characteristics of earthquakes, windstorms, and associated hazards—tsunamis, storm surge, and waves
2. Assess the physical vulnerability of civil infrastructure and the social vulnerability of communities
3. Develop technologies and engineering tools to design, construct, retrofit, and operate resilient and sustainable infrastructure

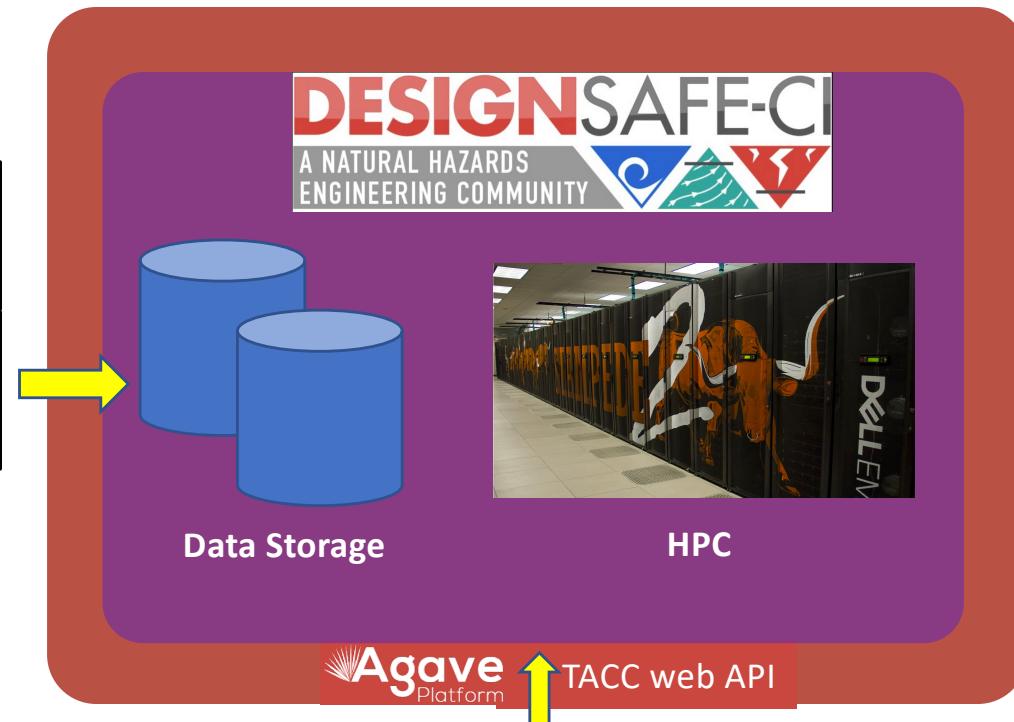
SimCenter Within NHERI



Experimental



Rapid facility



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Cloud-enabled research applications

Scalable to run on HPC with emphasis on UQ

Front-end

SimCenter Research Applications

FEM

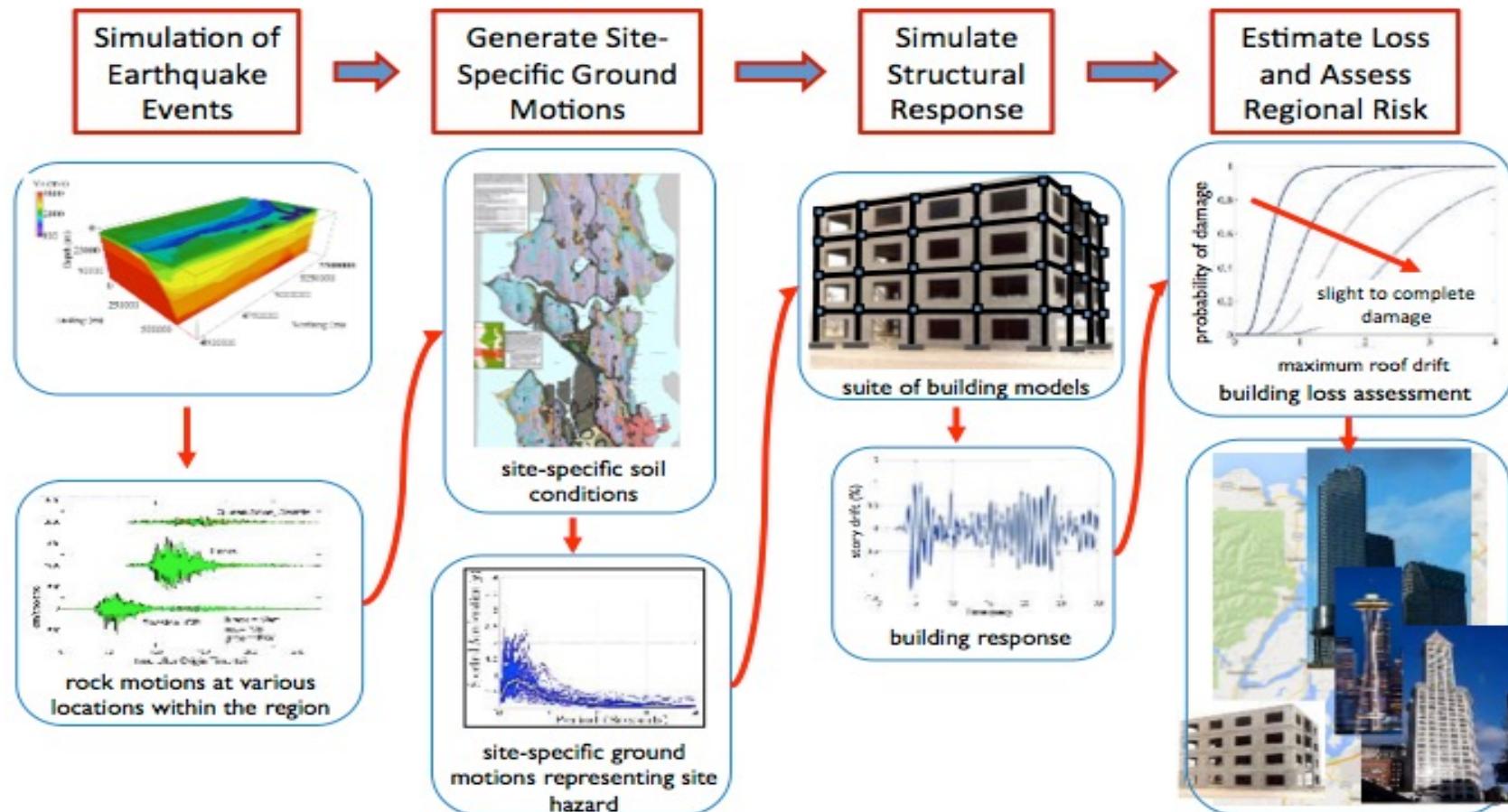
PBE

EE

CWE

We are a Virtual EF

Workflow for Performance-Based Engineering



Scientific Workflow Systems

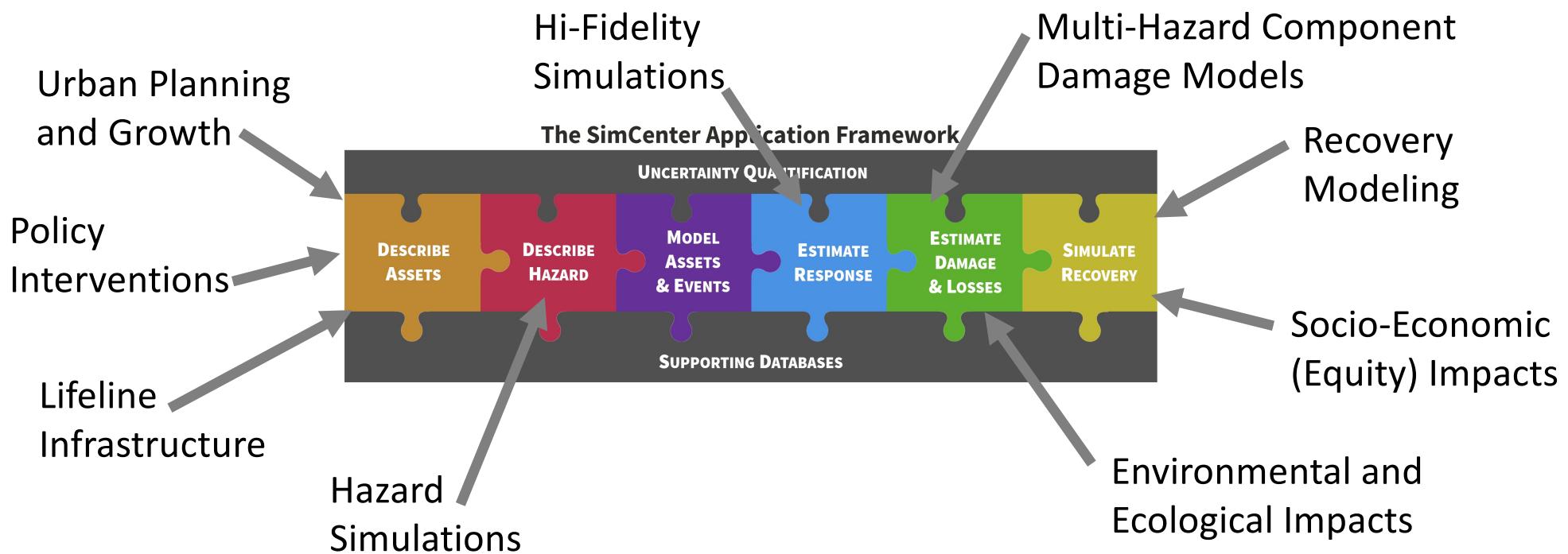
An application or application to aid a user in set-up, schedule, run and monitor the in-silico running of a workflow in which software launches the different applications processing outputs from one application into inputs needed by the next application.

Computational Framework

- Develop an **open-source computational framework for building scientific workflow applications** to support decision-making to enhance community resilience to natural hazards **in the face of uncertainty**;
- **Design a framework** that is sufficiently **flexible, extensible, and scalable** so that any component of it can be enhanced to improve the analysis and thereby better meet the needs of the community;
- **Seed the framework** with enough **data and interfaces to existing simulation applications** so that it can be employed in the near-term;
- **Release scientific workflow systems built using this framework** that meets 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.

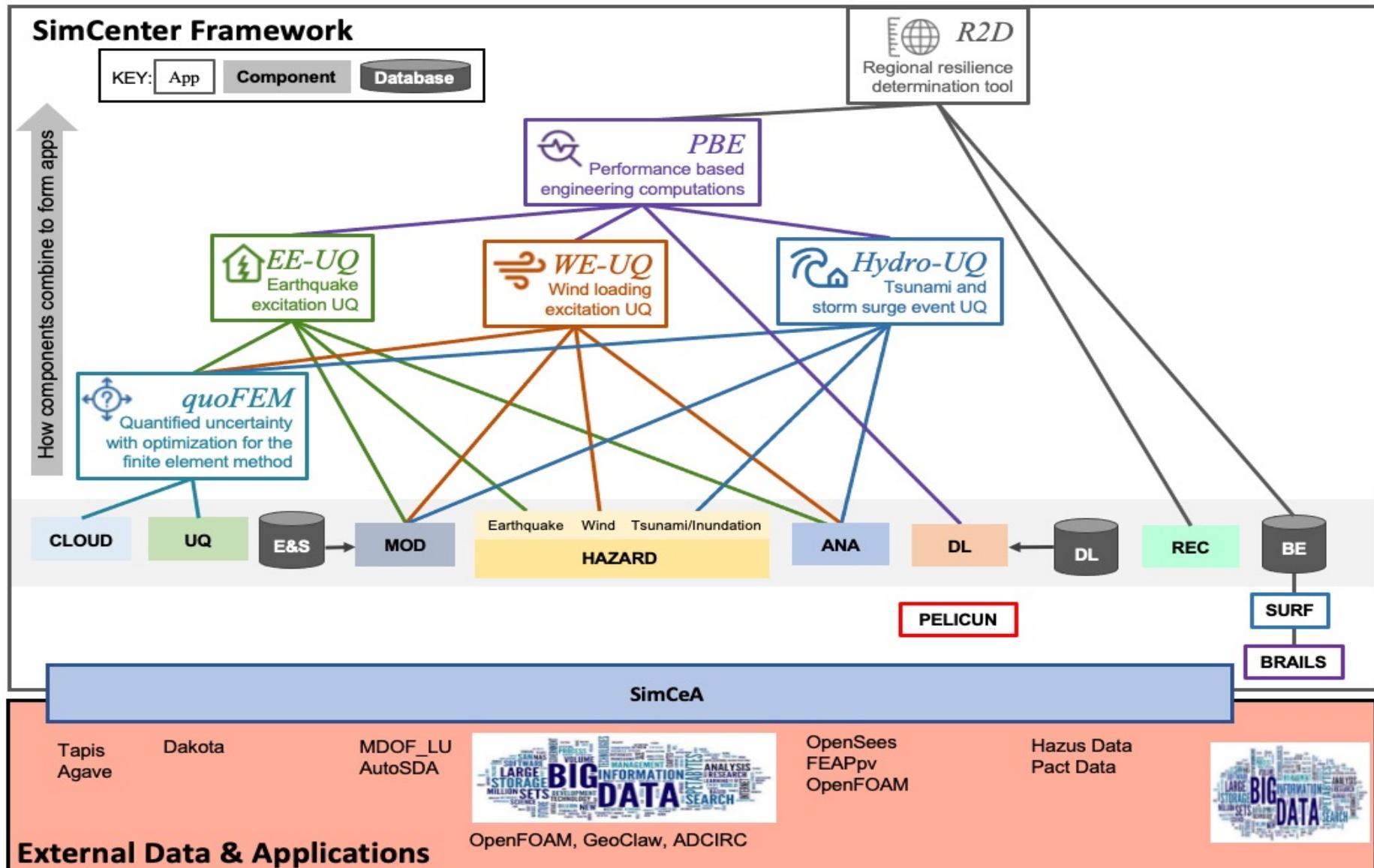
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Develop an Extensible computational workflow to develop and share models and data to simulate natural hazard effects and design communities to be more resilient



Learn more at: <https://simcenter.designsafe-ci.org/>

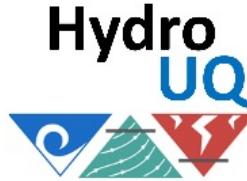
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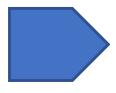
Scientific Workflow Applications



Coupling: Quantification of
Uncertainties & Optimization with FEM



Response of structure to natural hazard
effects: ground shaking, wind effects,
and surge/tsunami flows

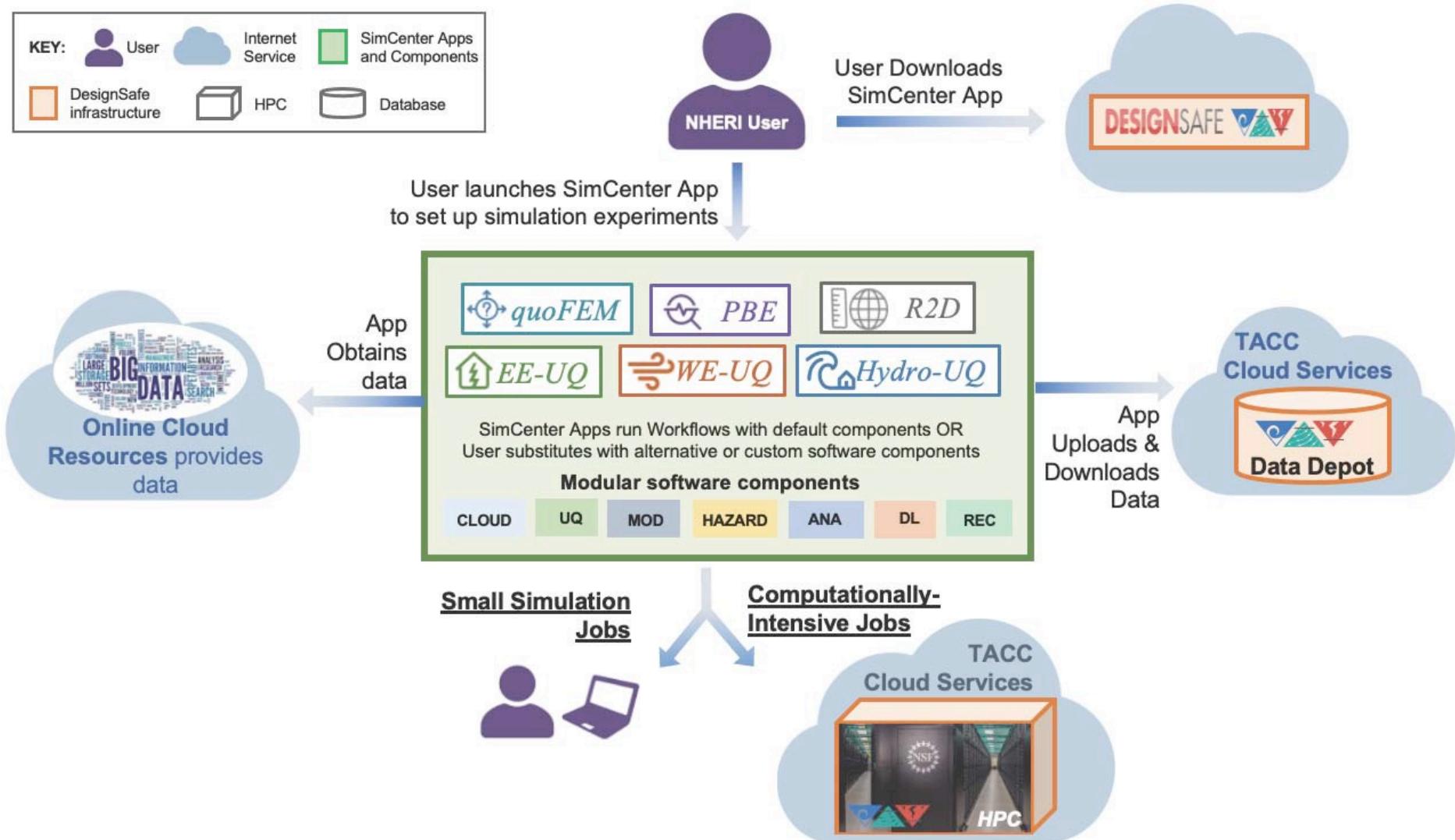


Performance-based computations of
individual facilities to natural hazards



Regional assessment of facilities and
systems to natural hazards to support
resilience decision making

Computational Framework



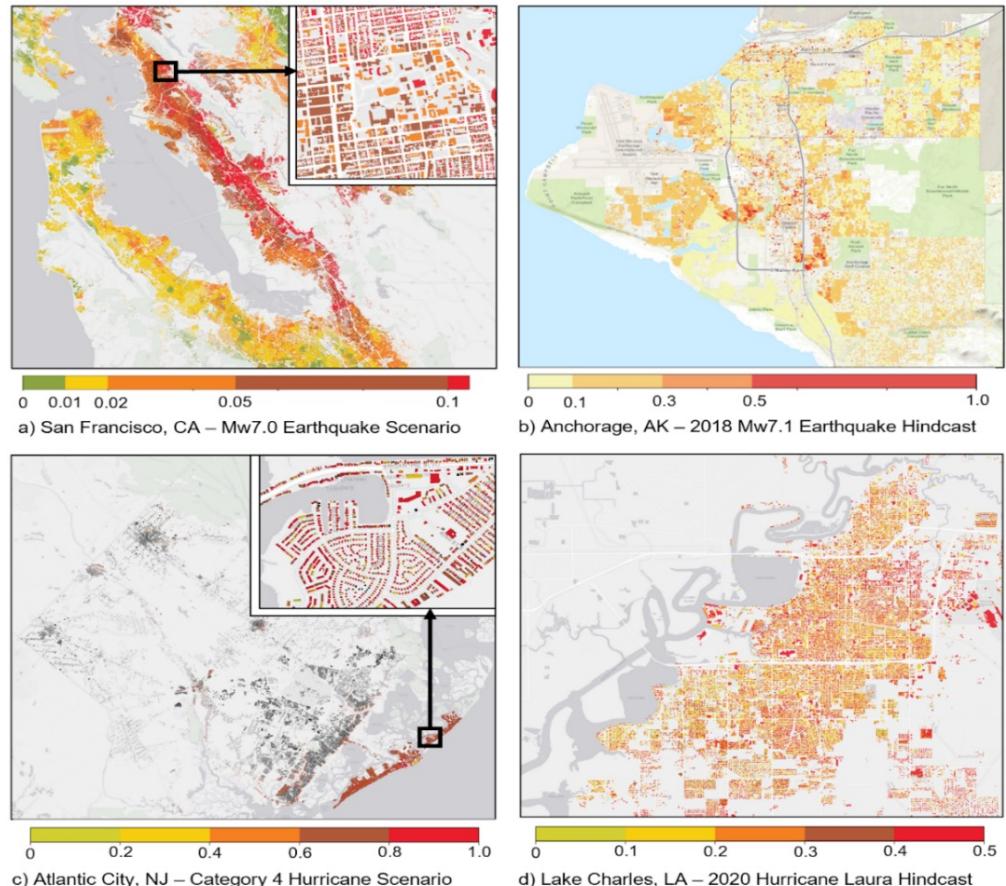
Regional Testbed Applications

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Motivation & Objectives

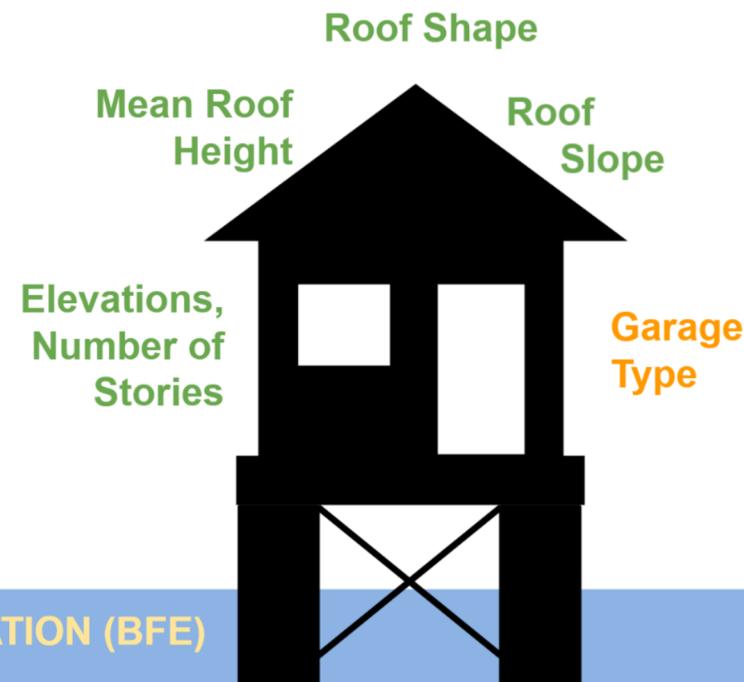
- proof of concept
- test and verify workflows
- engage research developers and users
- identify research opportunities, e.g., validation through post-event simulations
- identify gaps in research & development

Regional earthquake and hurricane scenarios, each with a unique focus



SimCenter Uses AI/ML for Developing Building Inventories

Developing building inventories



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Augmented Parcel Approach: Fusion data from multiple sources

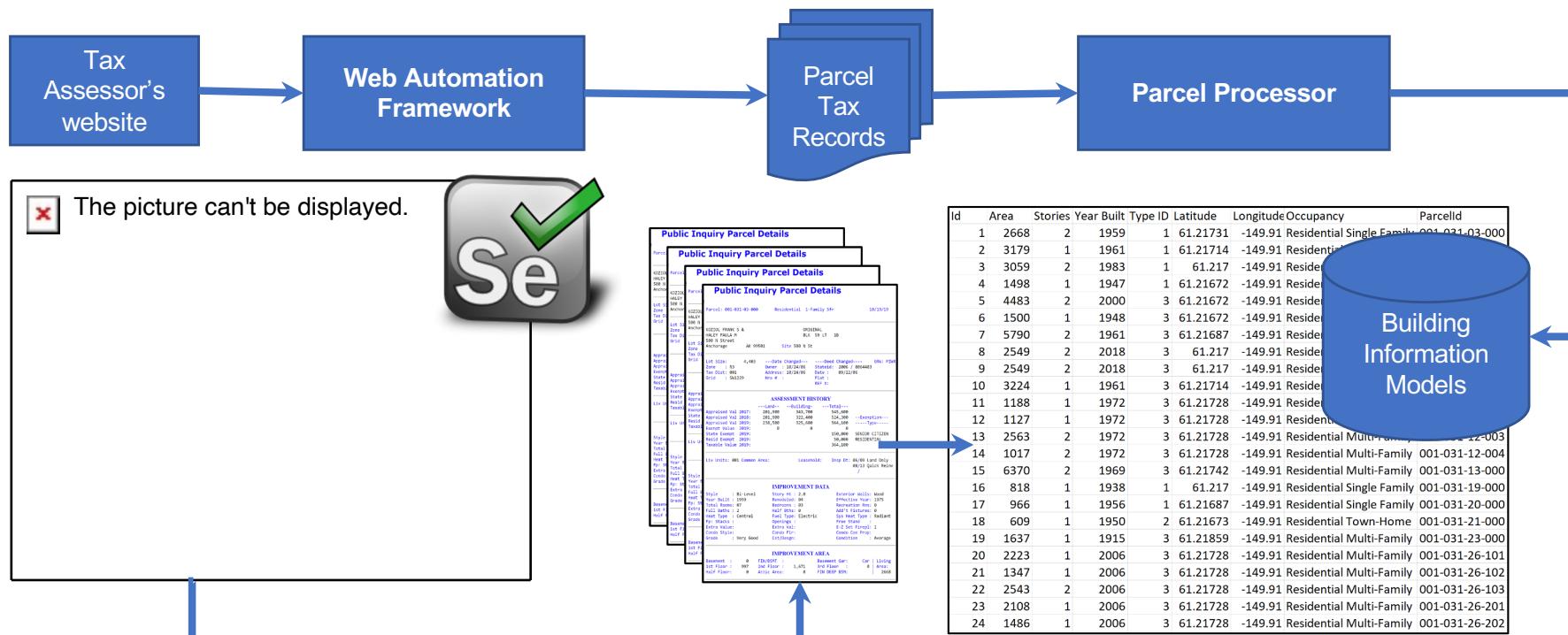


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Third-party Datasets

Ideal case: Data publicly available in a repository or through an API

Web Automation: Facilitates data collection from public websites



Machine Learning

BRAILS: Collection of calibrated machine learning models

- Supports both direct use and location-specific training on additional data
- Good experience with crowdsourced image labeling through [Zooniverse](#)

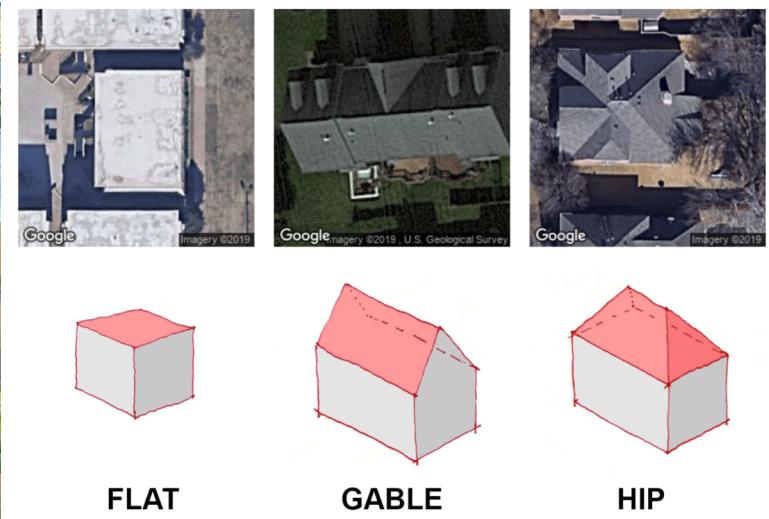
Number of Stories



Elevation & Geometry



Roof Classification



Statistical Inference

SURF: Infers building attributes based on known data nearby -> fills the gaps

Rulesets: Time-evolving logic to infer building attributes
based on codes and industry norms at each design era & behavioral data

