

# OpenSees Navigator

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## Introduction

- ◆ MATLAB based graphical user interface (GUI).
- ◆ Pre- and post-processing for OpenSees and OpenFresco.
- ◆ Design toolboxes: NSP, PBEE, AISC design checks, AISC database, response spectra for linear and bilinear systems and signal filtering.
- ◆ Both MATLAB Pcode and self-executable versions are available.
- ◆ Being used by researchers from Asia, US, Canada, south America and Europe.

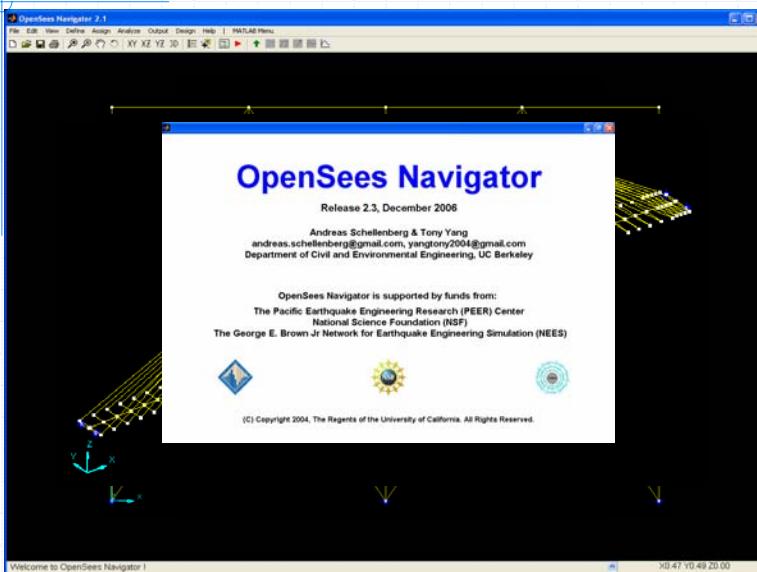
## Motivations

- ◆ Graphical input is more flexible than TCL text input.
- ◆ Most researchers use MATLAB to do the post-processing, and MATLAB/Simulink is the typical framework for implementing hybrid simulation tests.
- ◆ OpenSees Navigator will create the OpenSees (analytical/hybrid) model and graphically display the results before, during or after a test.
- ◆ Flexible to use and requires no programming skill.

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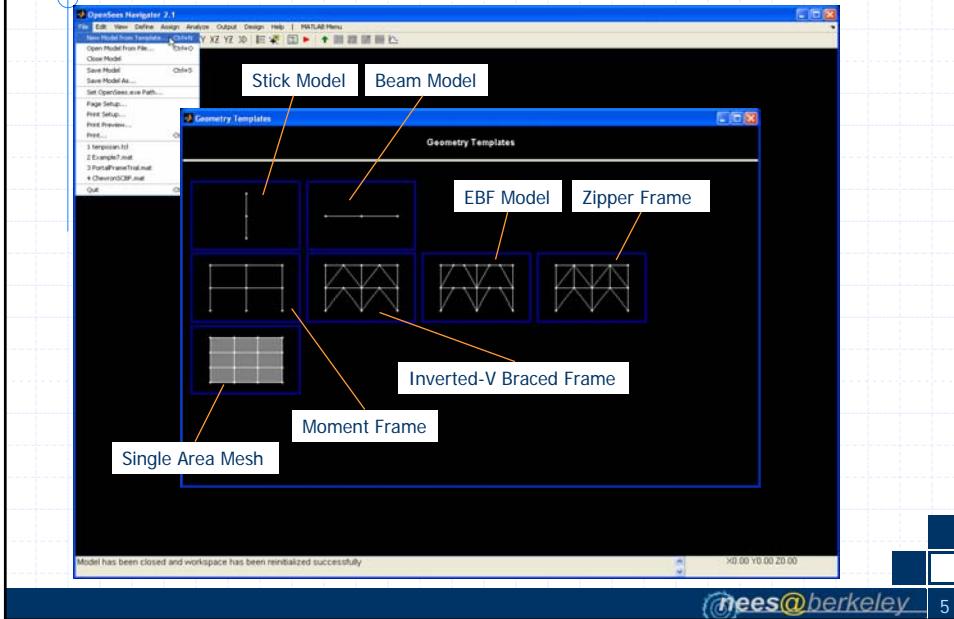
## OpenSees Navigator



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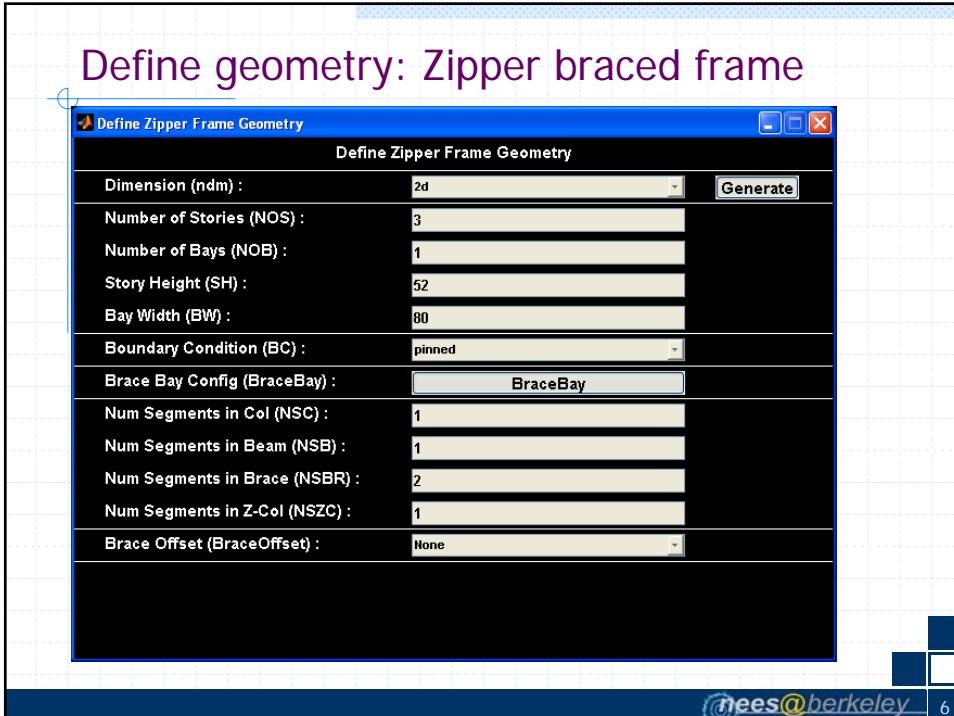
## Define geometry: new model template



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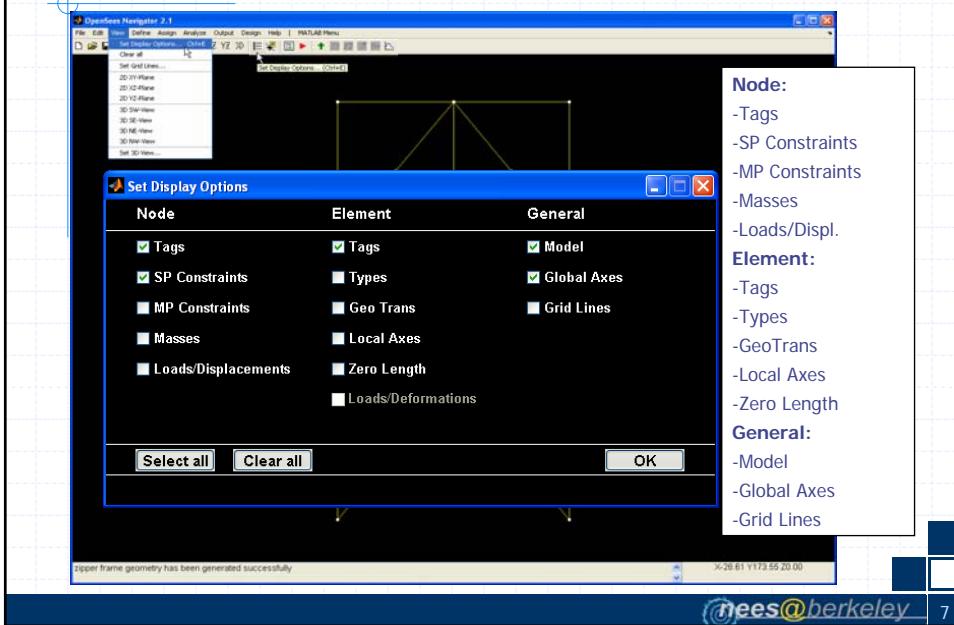
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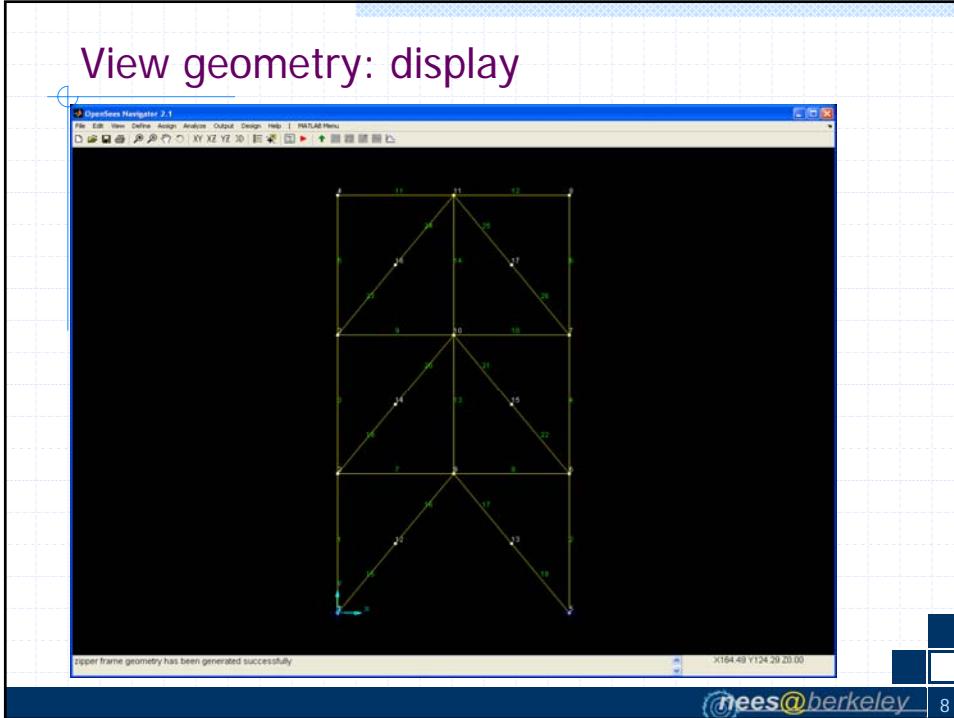
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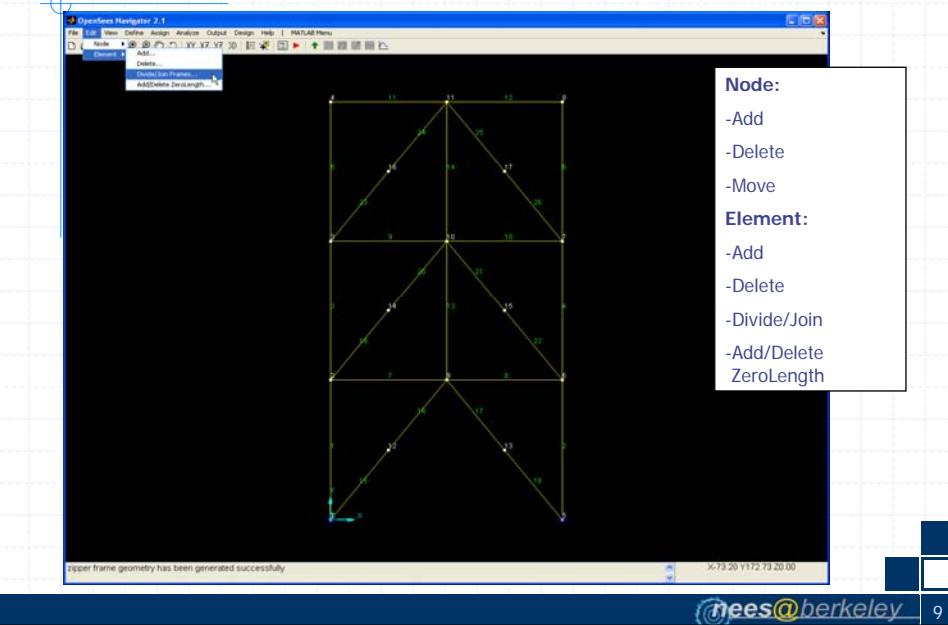
## View geometry: set display options



## View geometry: display



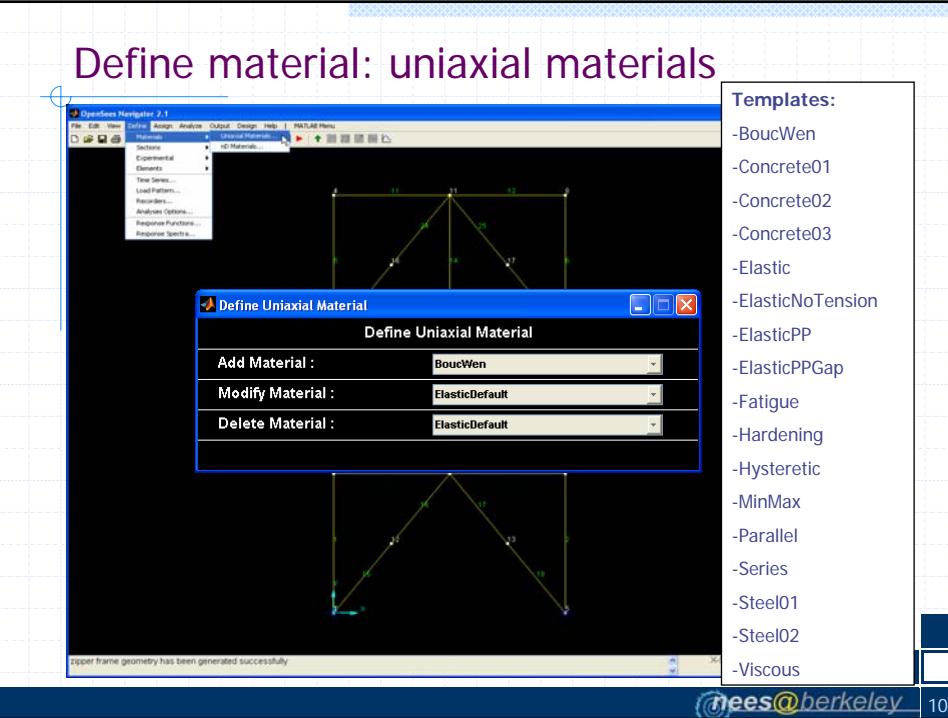
## Edit geometry



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## Define material: uniaxial materials



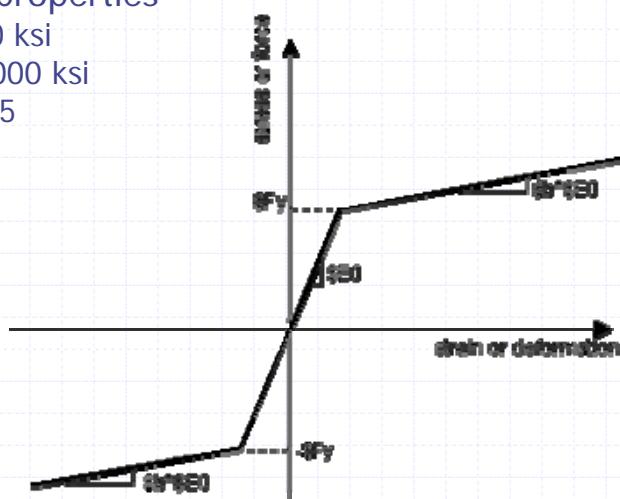
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## Define uniaxial material: Steel01

### ◆ Material properties

- $F_y = 50$  ksi
- $E = 29000$  ksi
- $b = 0.05$



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## Define uniaxial material: Steel01

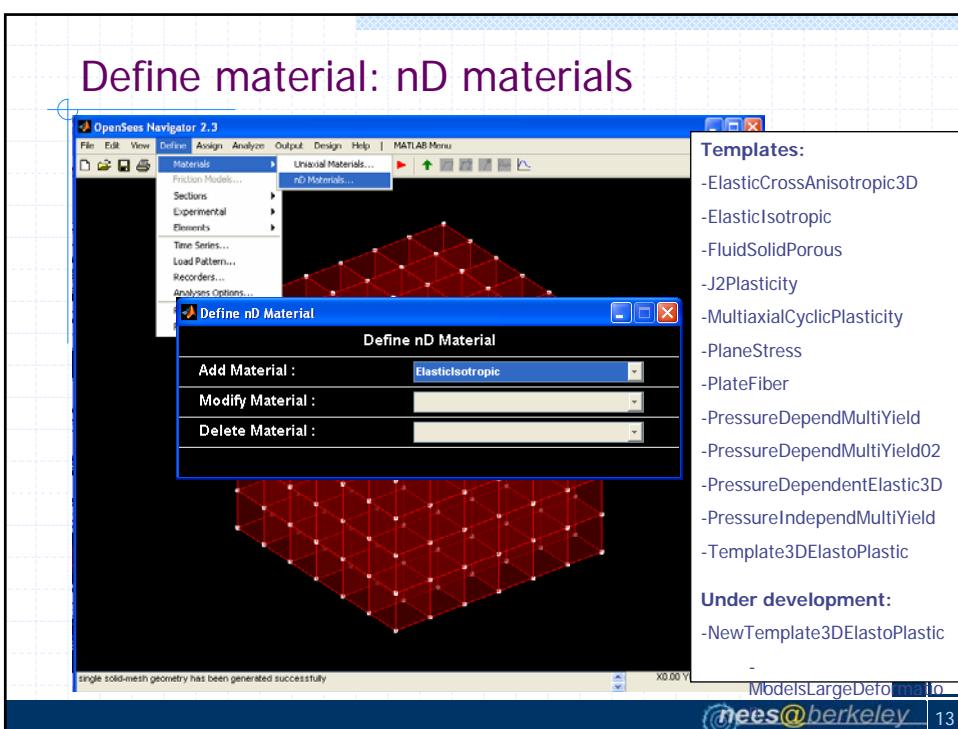
Define Steel01 Material

Material Name :	A50	Add
Yield Stress (Fy) :	50	
Modulus of Elasticity (E) :	29000	
Hardening Ratio (b) :	0.05	
<i>Optional Parameters :</i>		
Iso Hardening Parameter (a1) :	0.0	
Iso Hardening Parameter (a2) :	1.0	
Iso Hardening Parameter (a3) :	0.0	
Iso Hardening Parameter (a4) :	1.0	

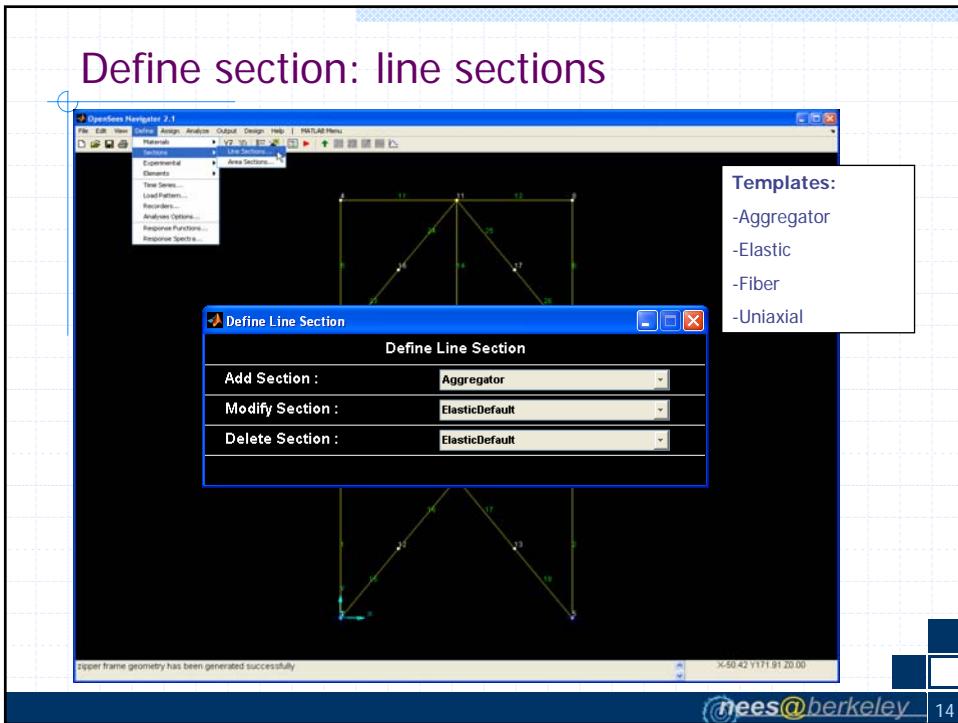
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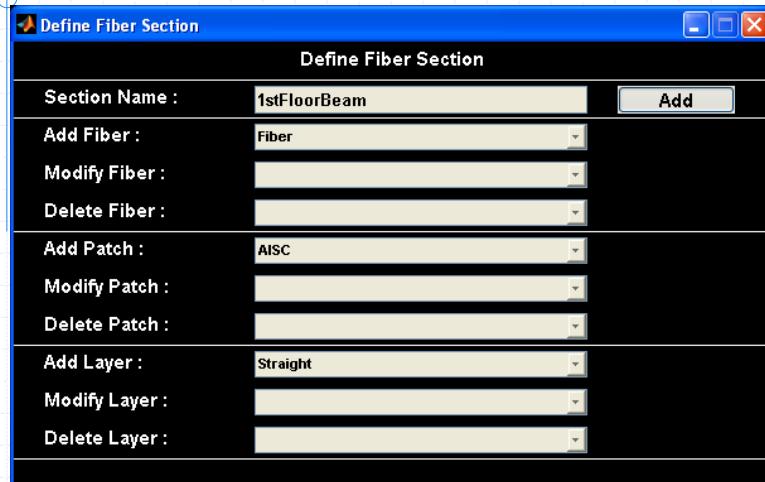
## Define material: nD materials



## Define section: line sections



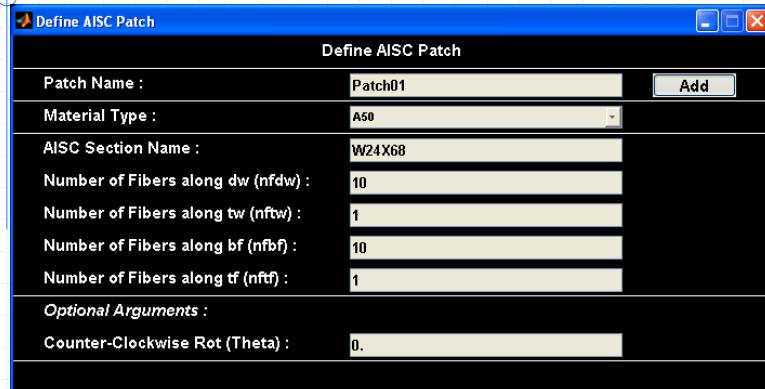
## Define line section: fiber section



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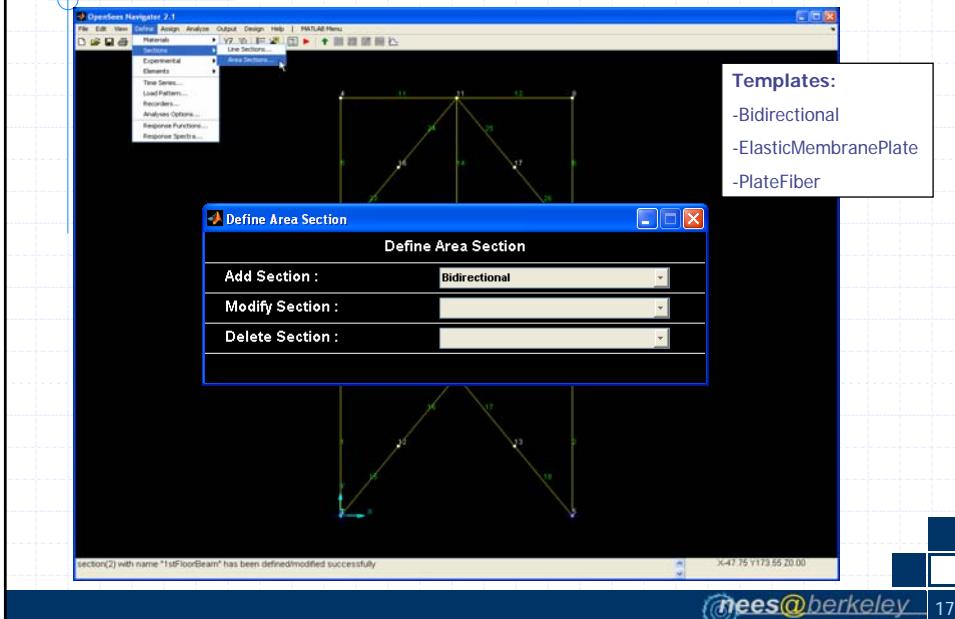
## Define fiber section: AISC patch



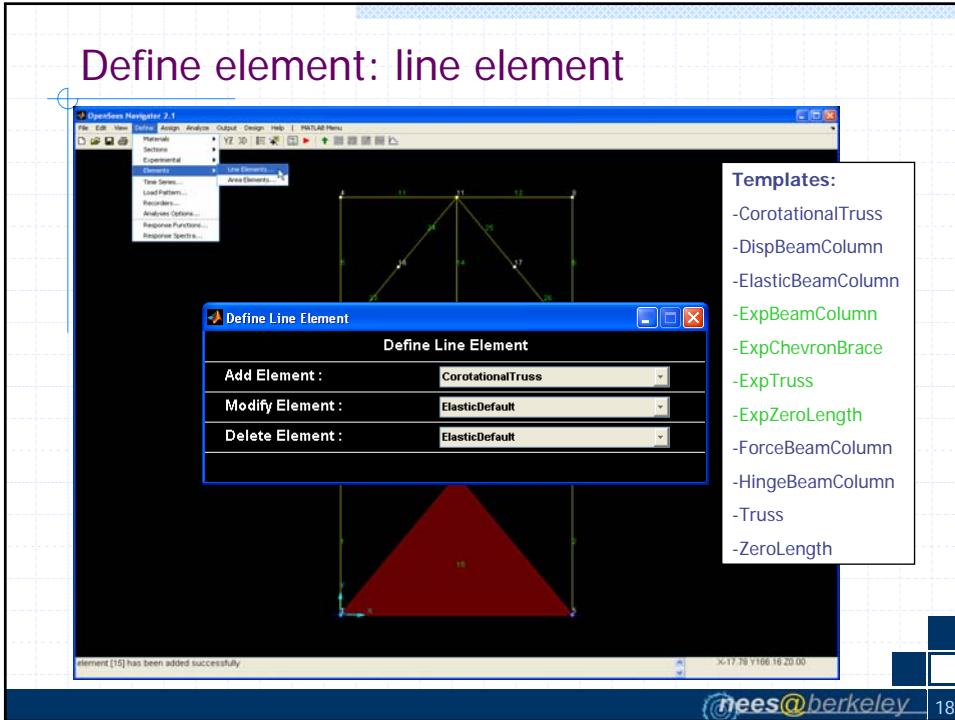
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## Define section: area section



## Define element: line element



## Define line element: ElasticBeamColumn

Define ElasticBeamColumn Element

Element Name :	EColumn	Add
Modulus of Elasticity (E) :	29000	Database
Cross-Sectional Area (A) :	13.3	
Moment of Inertia (Iz) :	248	

Select Section from Database

Database :	AISC	Select
Section Name :	W10X45	
Direction :	strong	

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## Define line element: ForceBeamColumn

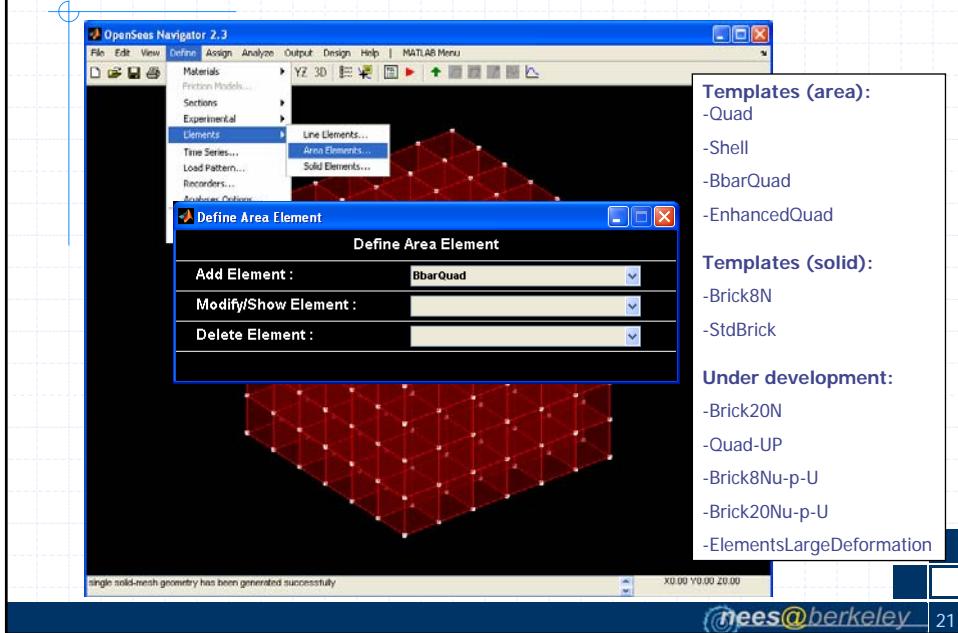
Define ForceBeamColumn Element

Element Name :	1stStoryColumn	Add
Number Intergration Points (NIP) :	5	
Section Type :	1stStoryColumn	
<i>Optional Arguments :</i>		
Mass Density (massDens) :	0.	
Maximum Iterations (maxIters) :	10	
Tolerance (tol) :	1E-8	

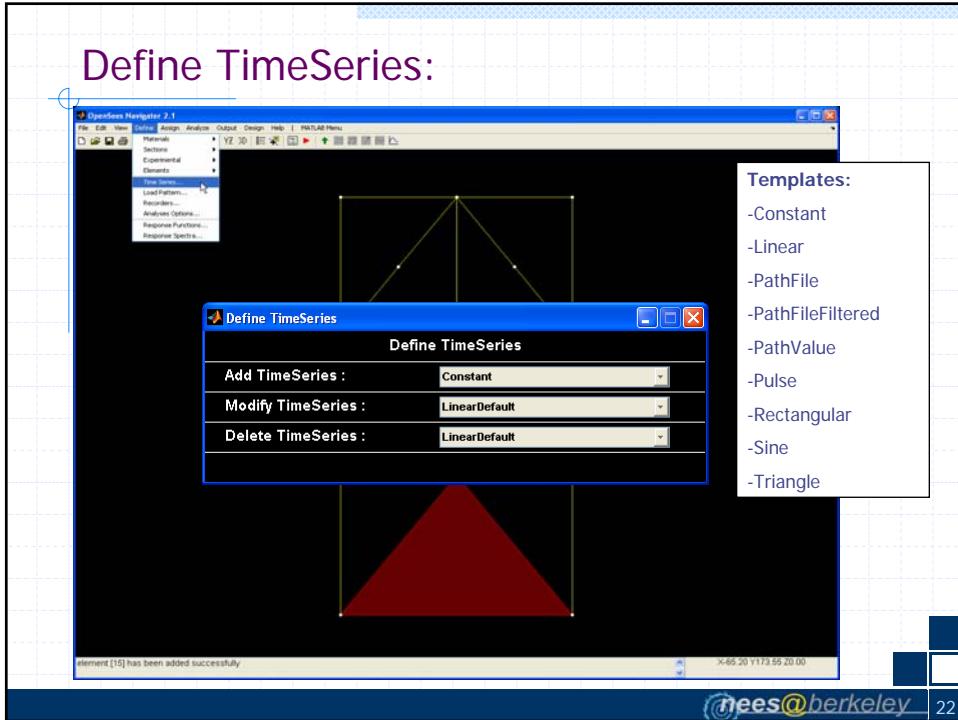
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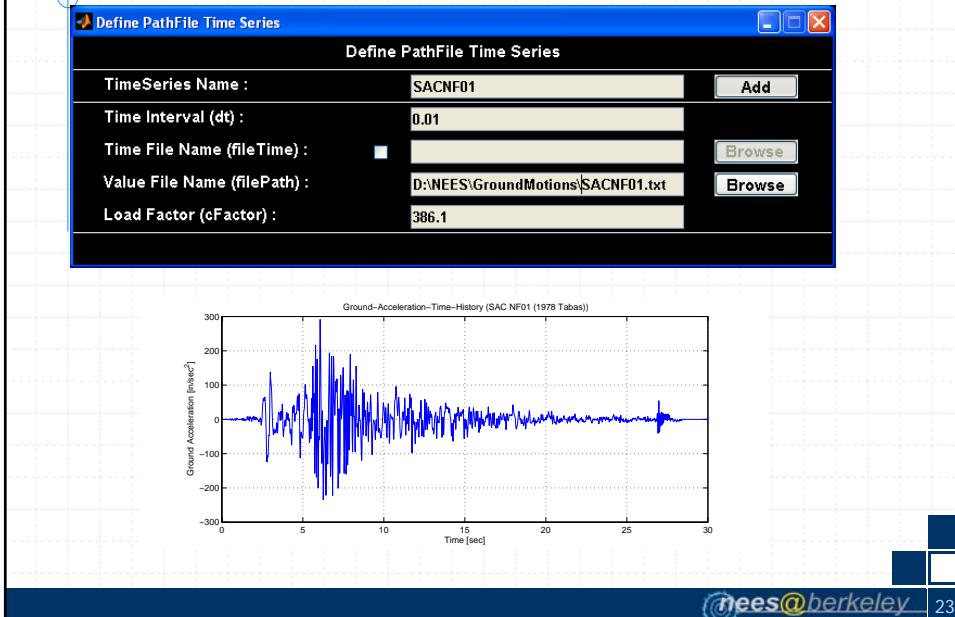
## Define element: area and solid elements



## Define TimeSeries:



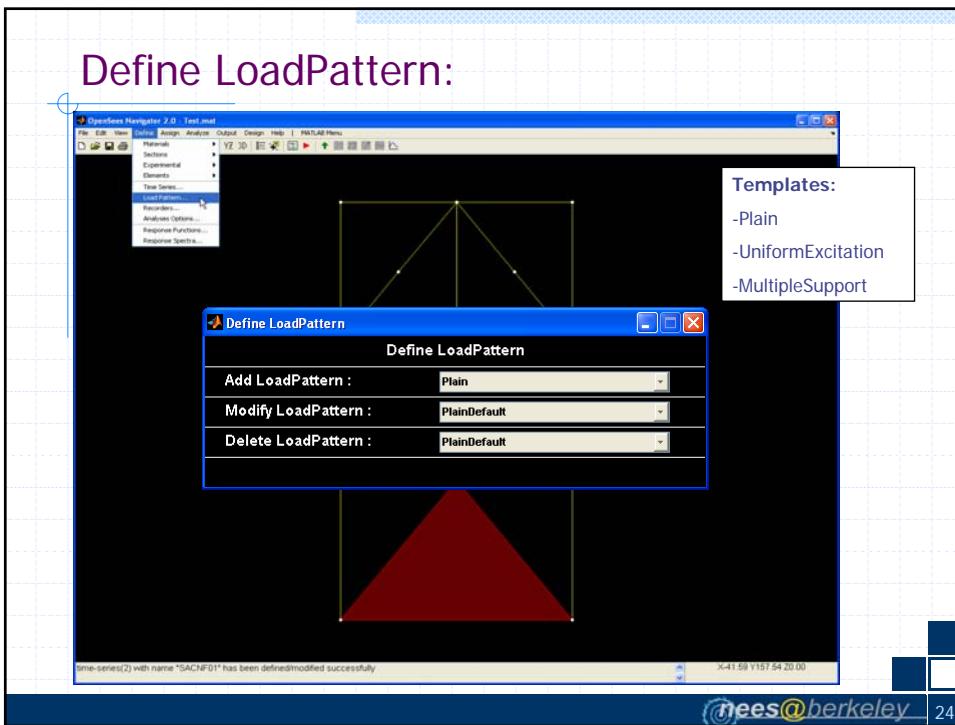
## Define TimeSeries: PathFile



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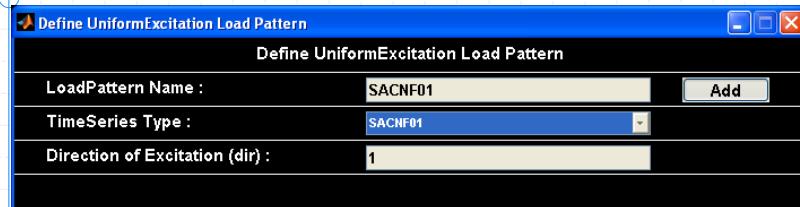
## Define LoadPattern:



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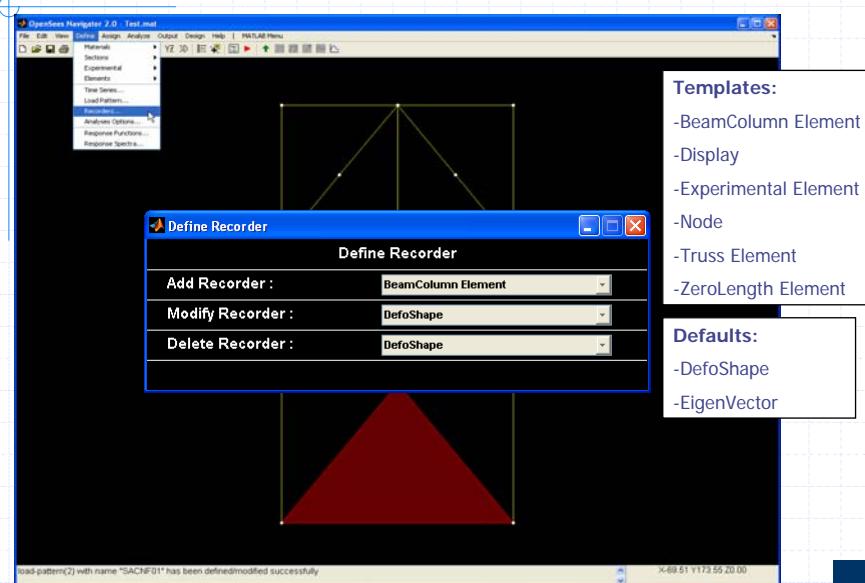
## Define LoadPattern: UniformExcitation



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## Define recorder



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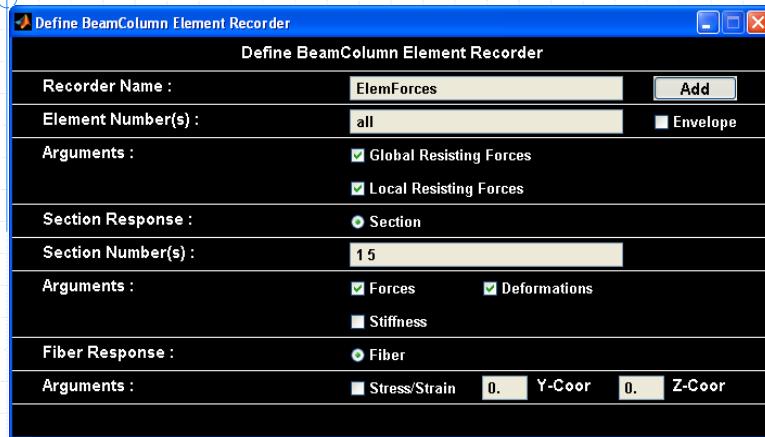
## Define recorder: node recorder



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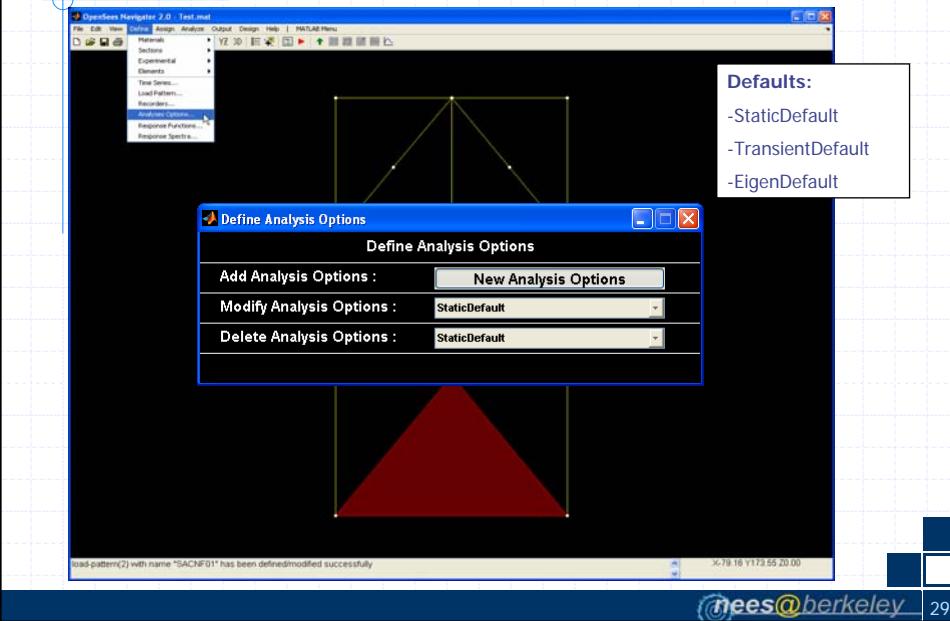
## Define recorder: BeamColumn recorder



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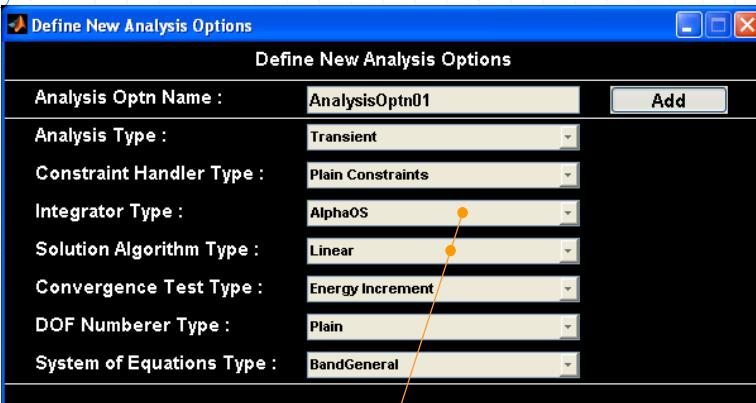
## Define analysis options



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## Define analysis options: new analysis



**Integrator Type:**

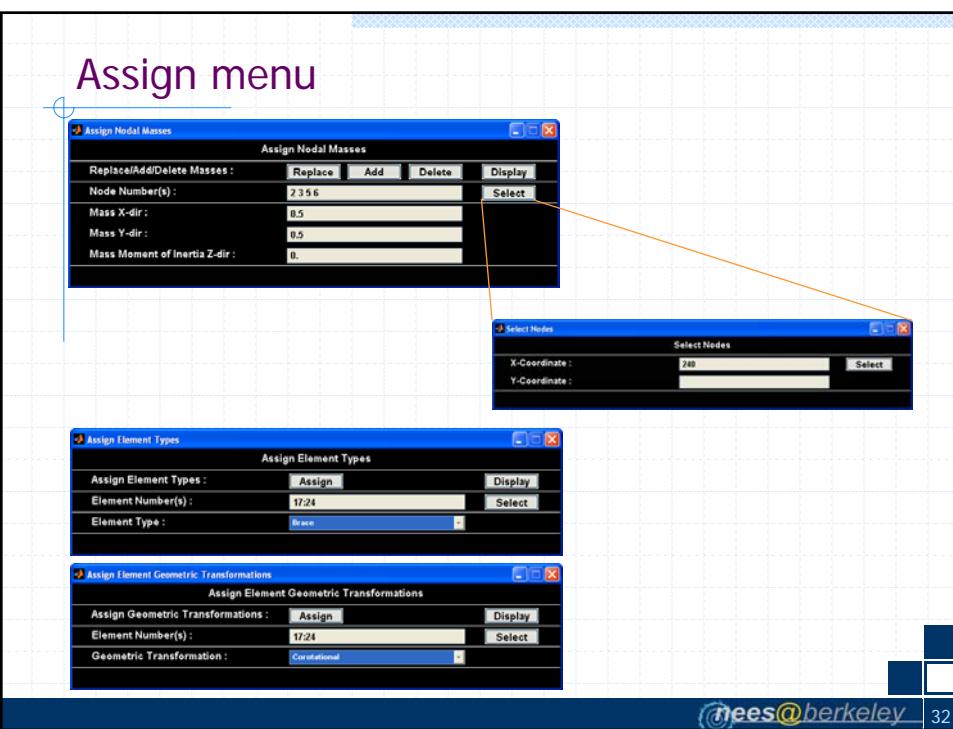
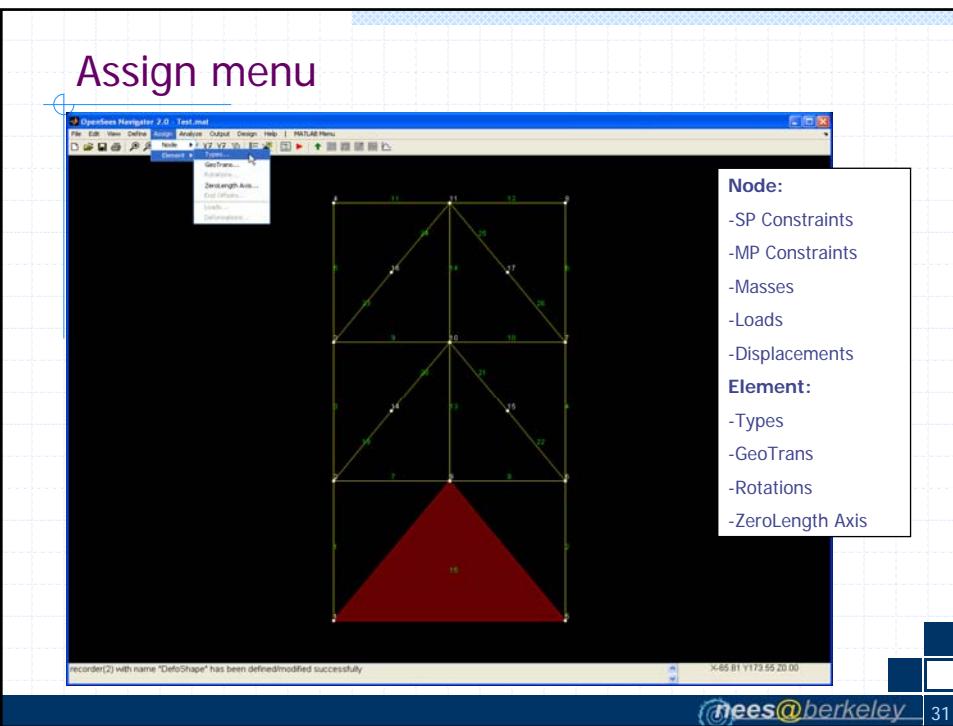
For example use AlphaOS Method for Hybrid Simulation

**Solution Algorithm:**

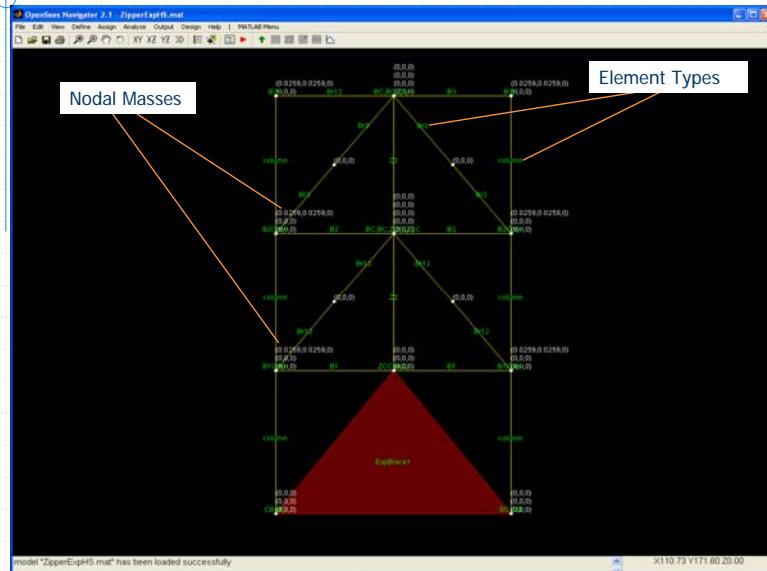
The AlphaOS Method requires a Linear solution algorithm

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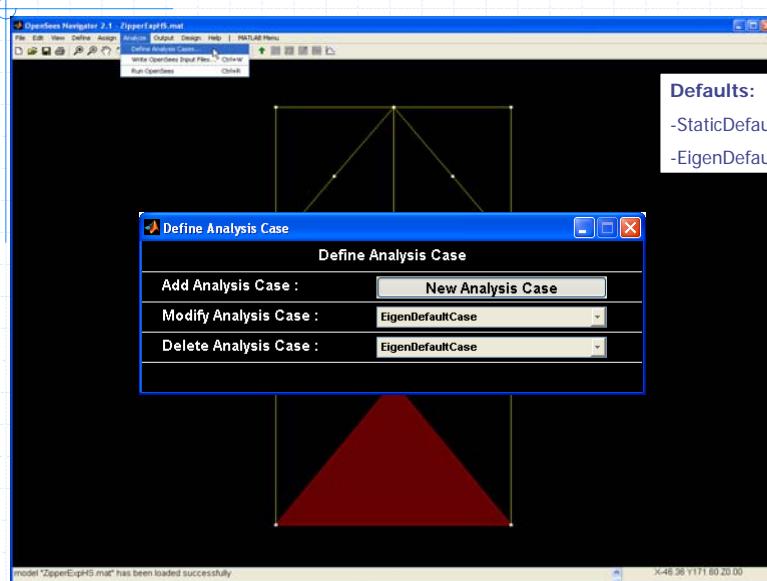
## Display assigned properties



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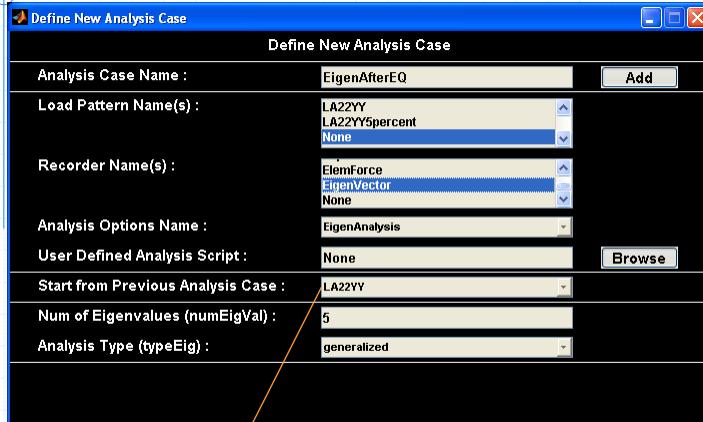
## Define analysis case



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## Define analysis case: new analysis case



For Example:

Periods and Mode Shapes after Time-History Analysis

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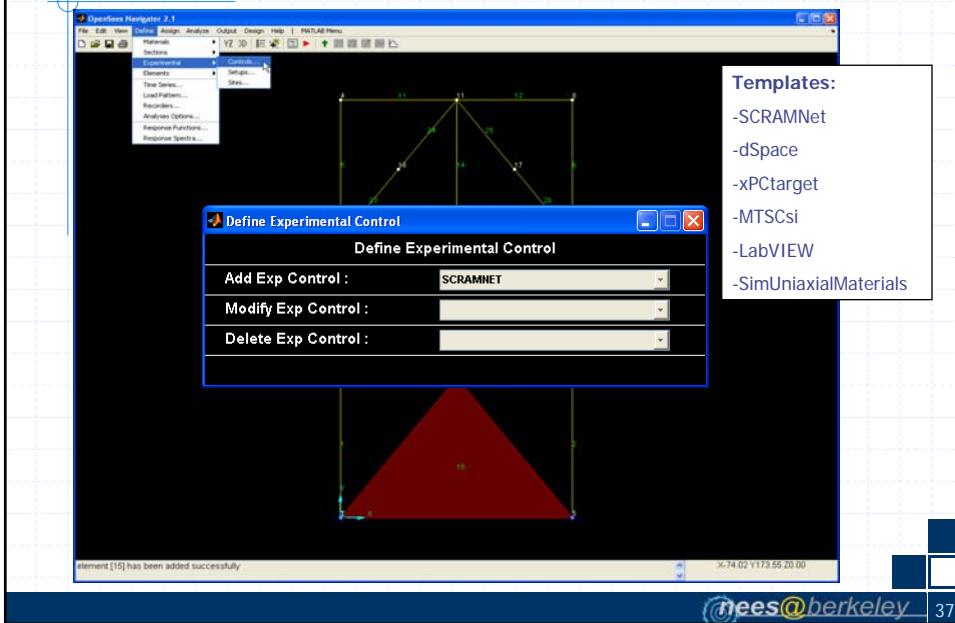
## OpenFresco: hybrid simulation

- ❖ expControl
  - Interfaces to the different control and data acquisition.
- ❖ expSetup
  - Transforms between the experimental element degrees of freedom and the actuator degrees of freedom (linear vs. non-linear transformations).
- ❖ expSite
  - Stores data and provides communication methods for distributed testing.
- ❖ expElement
  - Represents the part of the structure that is physically tested and provides the interface between the FE-software and the experimental software framework

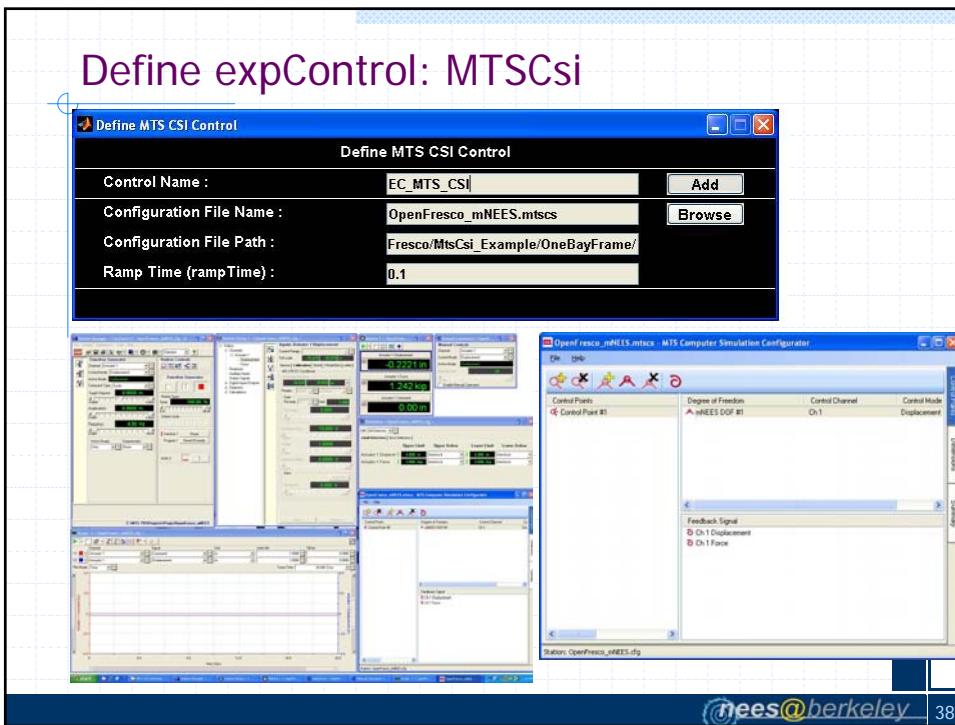
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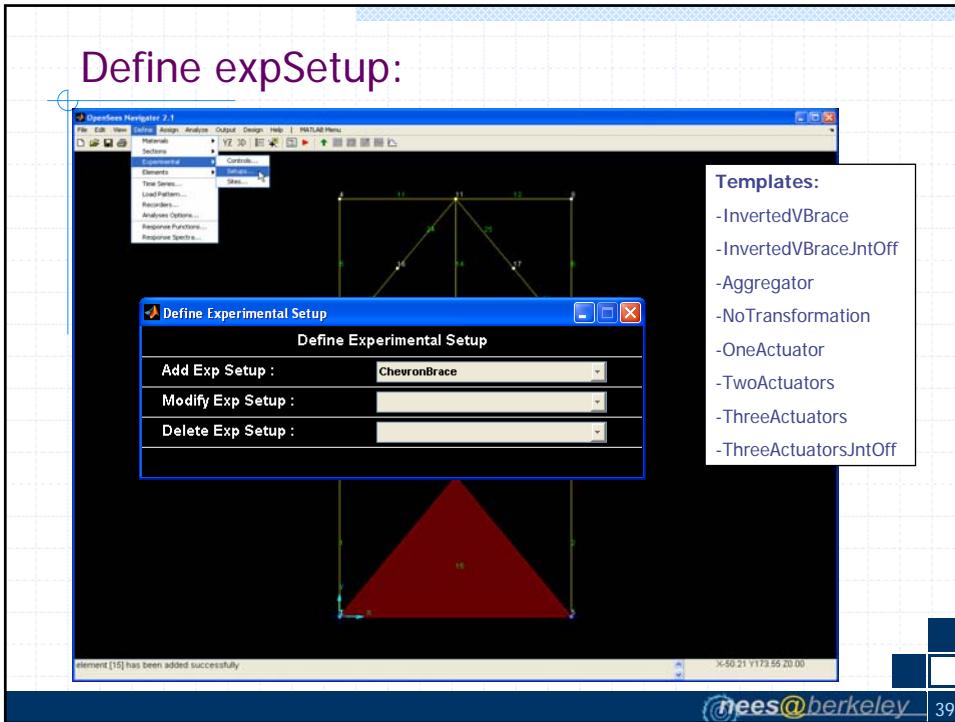
## Define expControl:



## Define expControl: MTSCsi



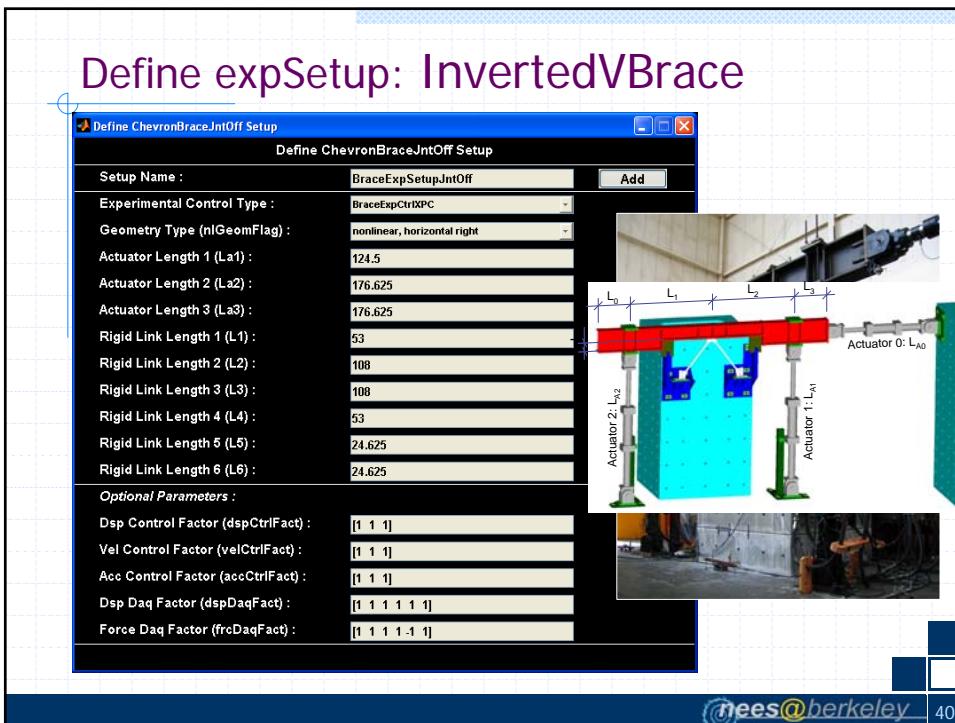
## Define expSetup:



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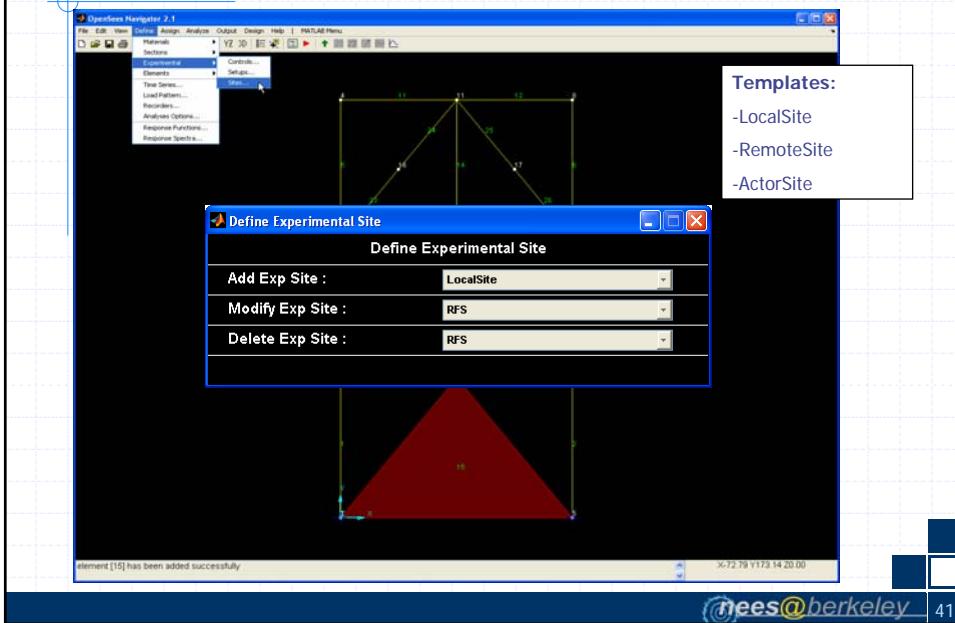
## Define expSetup: InvertedVBrace



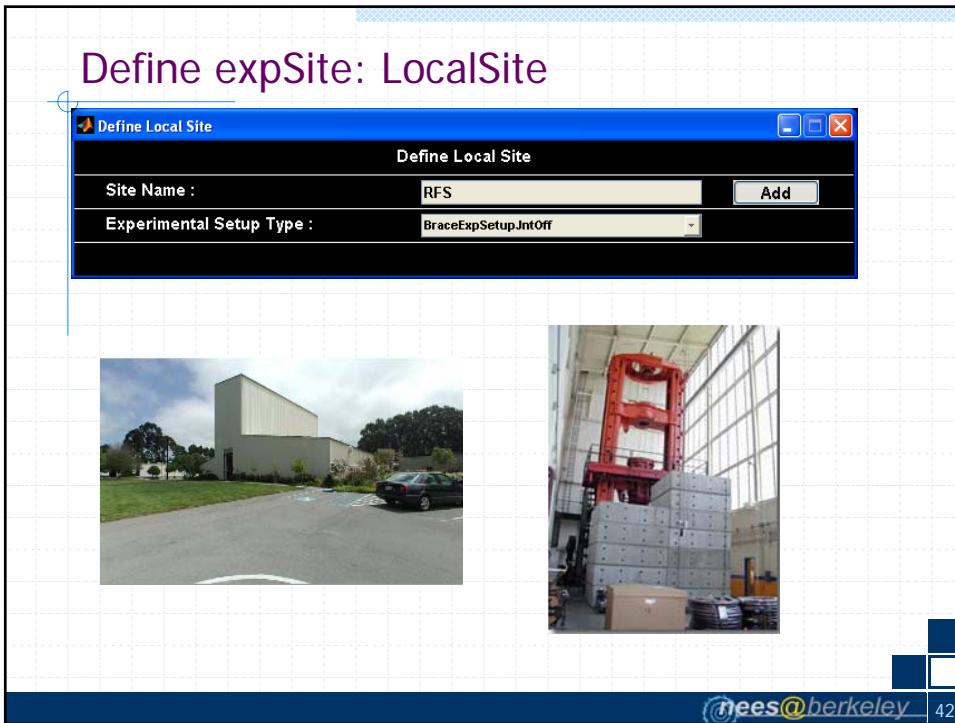
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## Define expSite:



## Define expSite: LocalSite



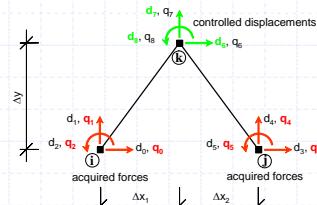
## Define expElement: InvertedVBrace

**Define ExpChevronBrace Element**

Element Name :	ExpChevronBrace01	Add
Experimental Site Type :	RFS	
Initial Stiffness (InitStif) :	0 0 0 0 0 0 0	

**Optional Arguments :**

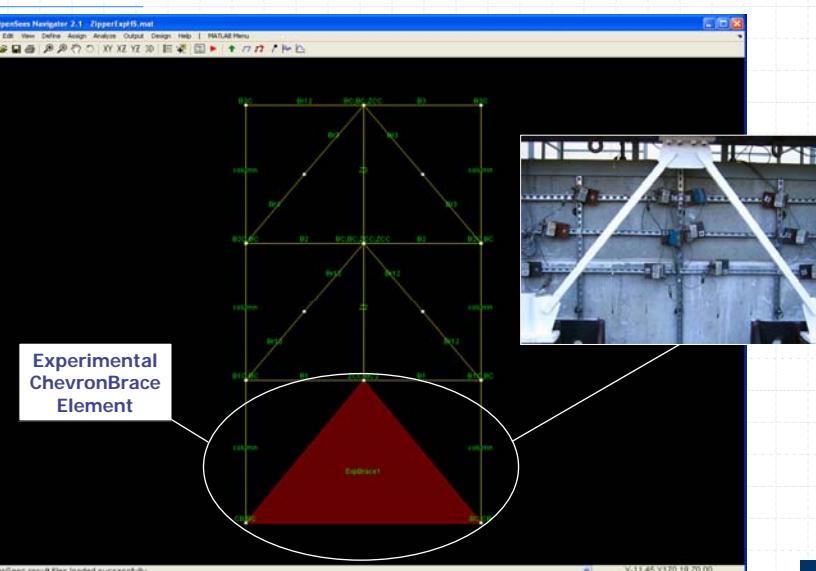
- I-Modification (iMod) : no
- Is Copy (isCopy) : no
- Mass Density 1 (massDens1) : 0
- Mass Density 2 (massDens2) : 0



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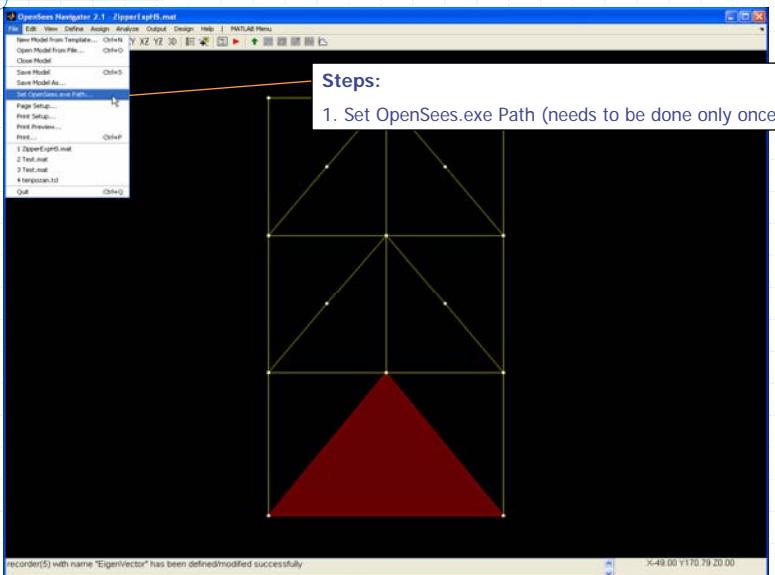
## Define expElement: InvertedVBrace



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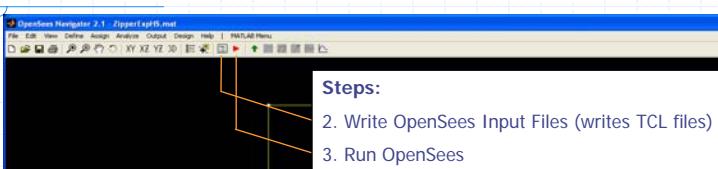
## Run OpenSees: set OpenSees.exe path



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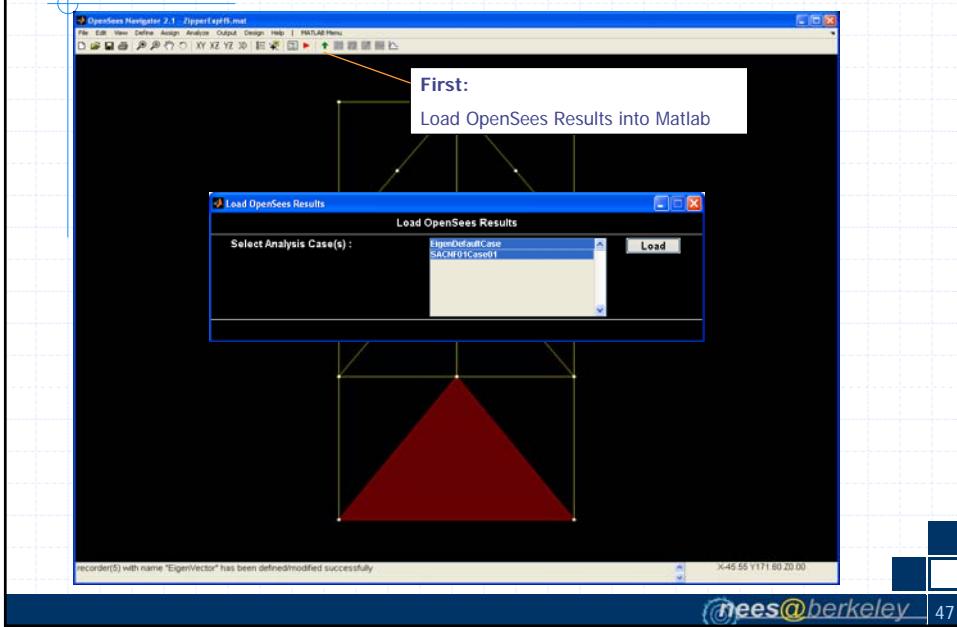
## Run OpenSees: write TCL files



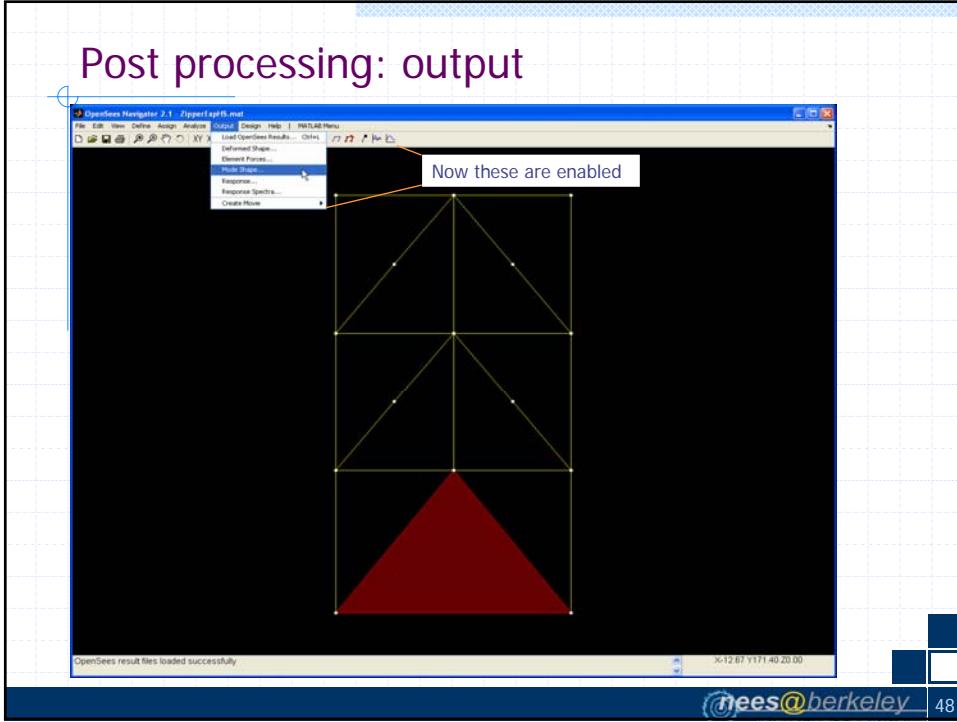
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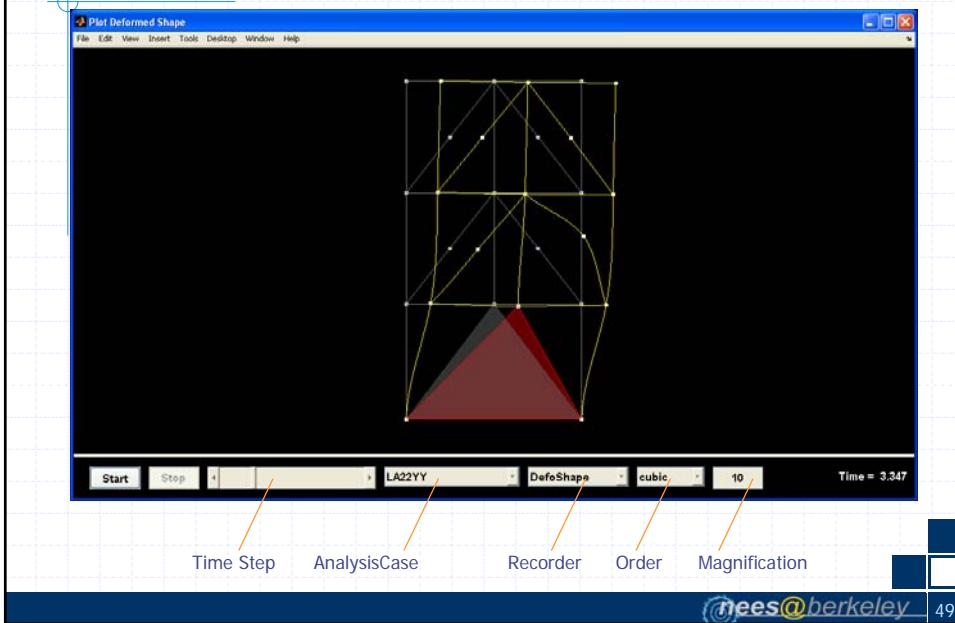
## Post processing: load results



## Post processing: output



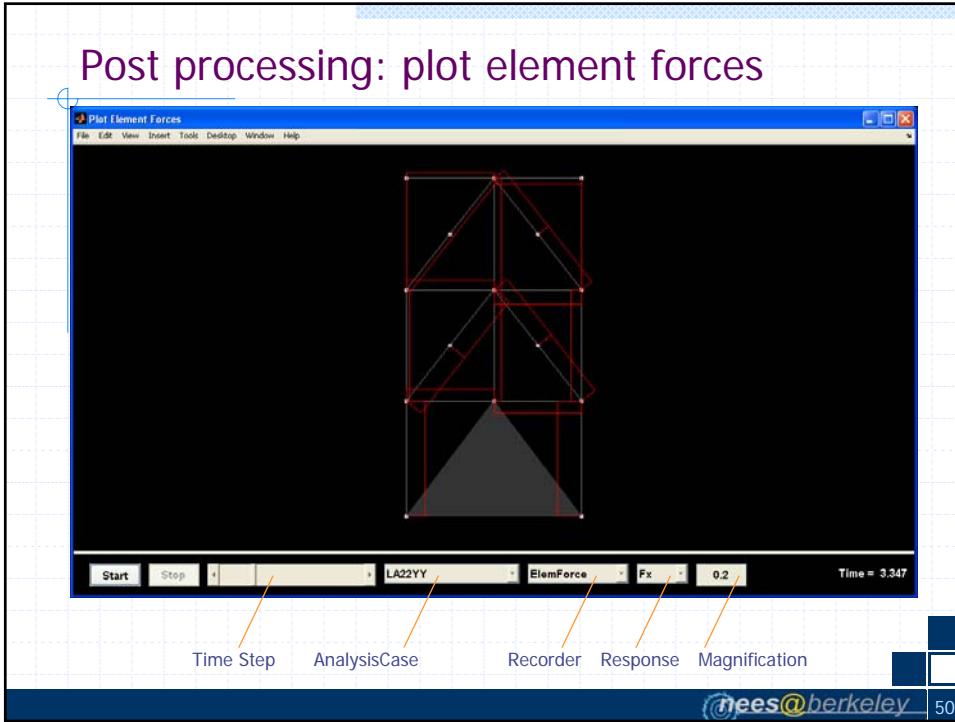
## Post processing: plot deformed shape



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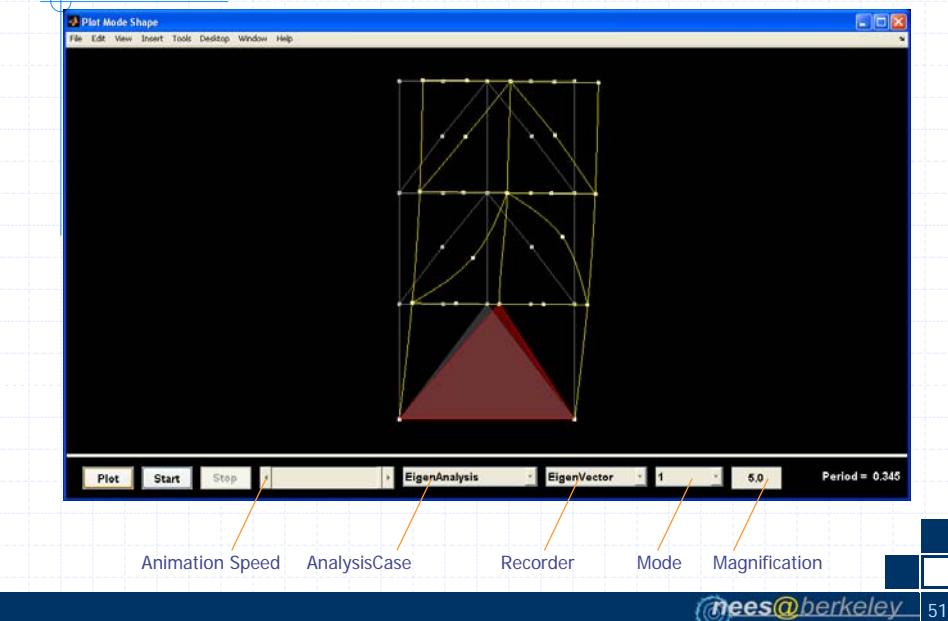
## Post processing: plot element forces



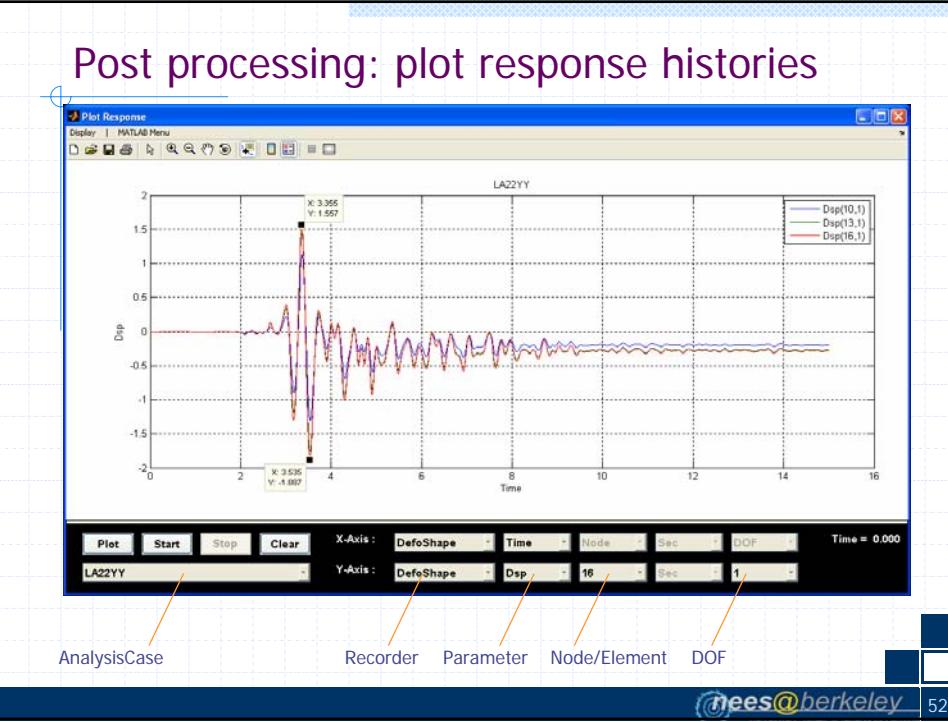
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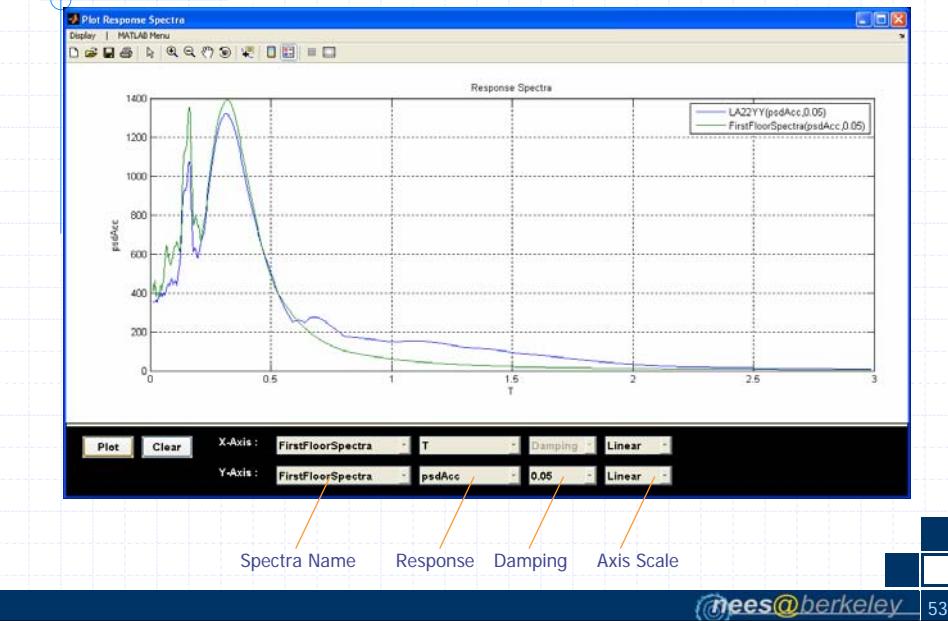
## Post processing: plot mode shape



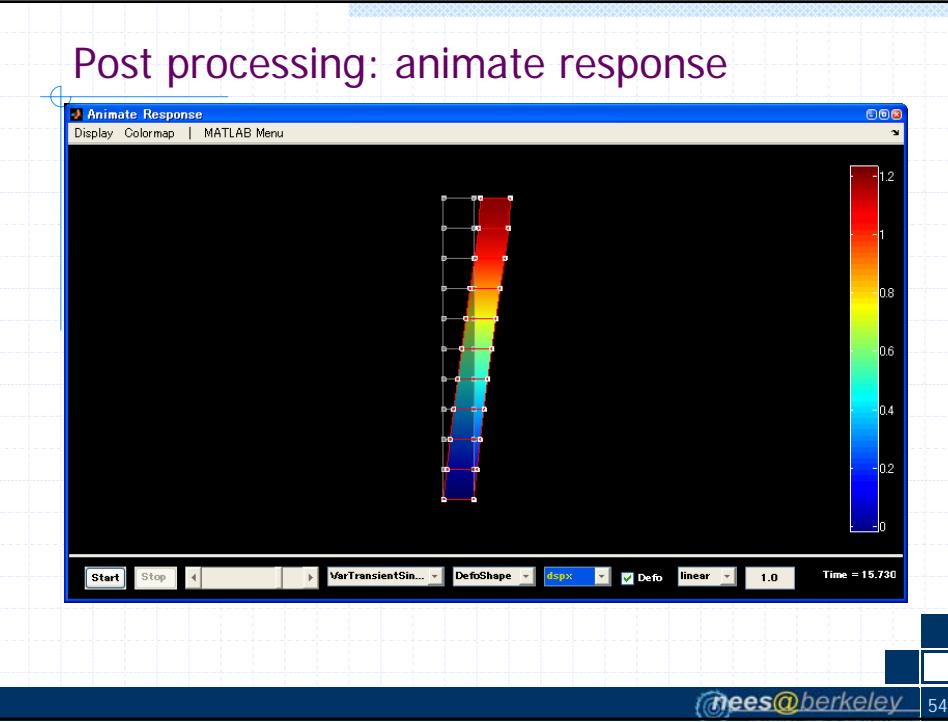
## Post processing: plot response histories



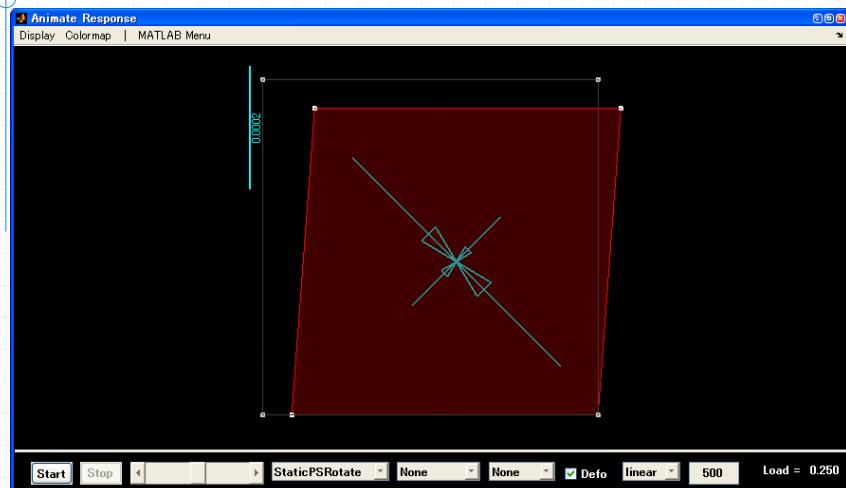
## Post processing: plot response spectra



## Post processing: animate response



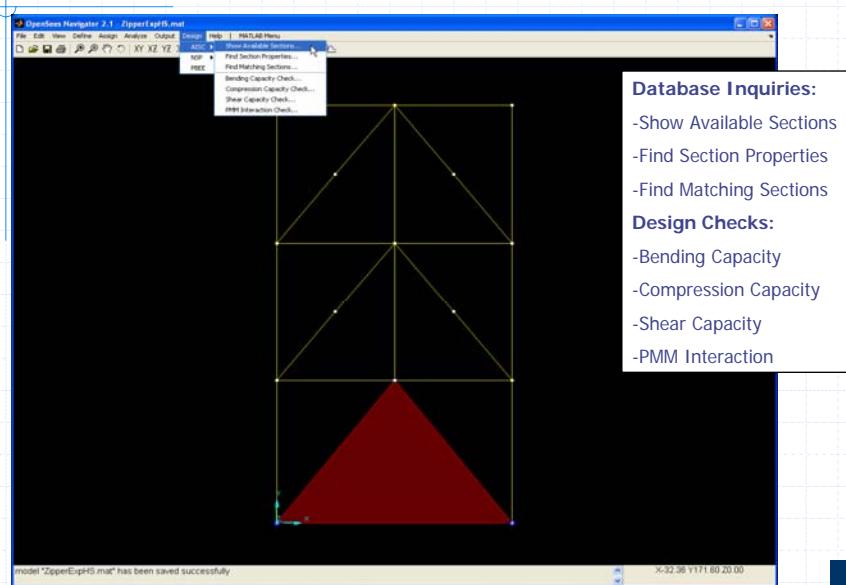
## Post processing: principal stress and strain



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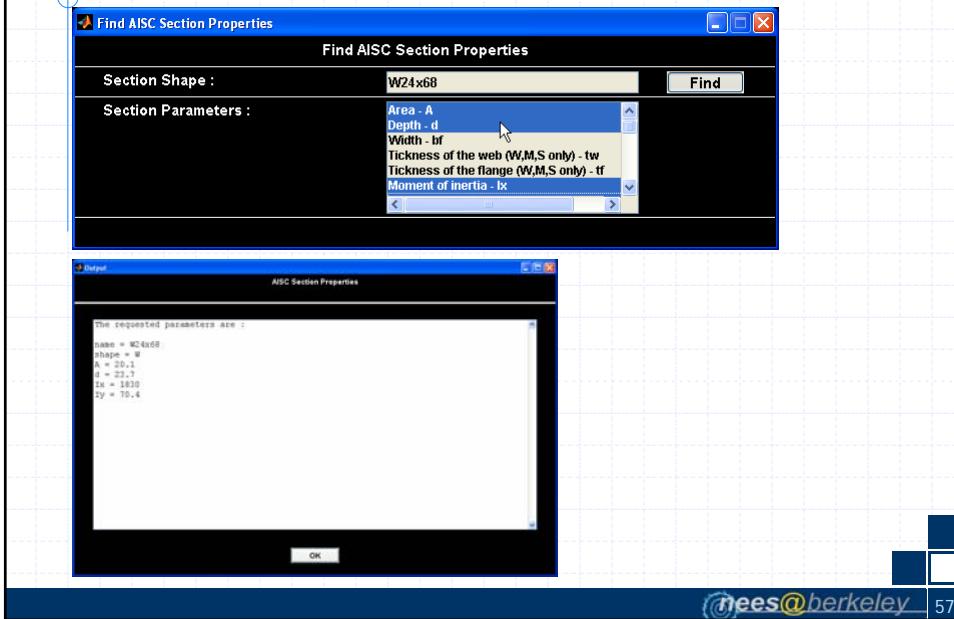
## Design: AISc design toolbox



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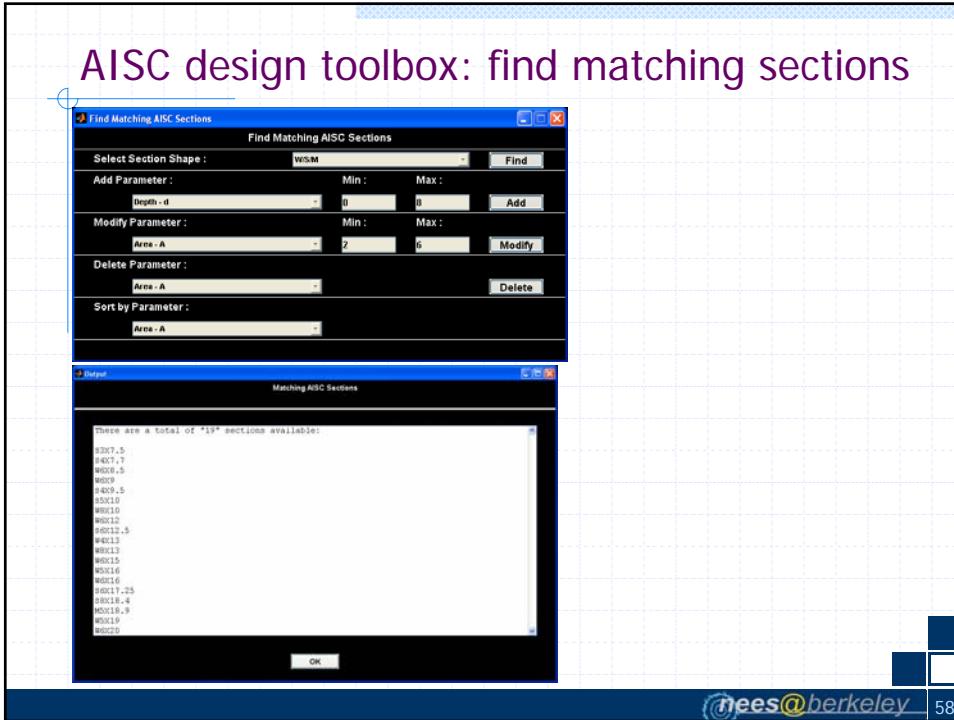
## AISC design toolbox: find section properties



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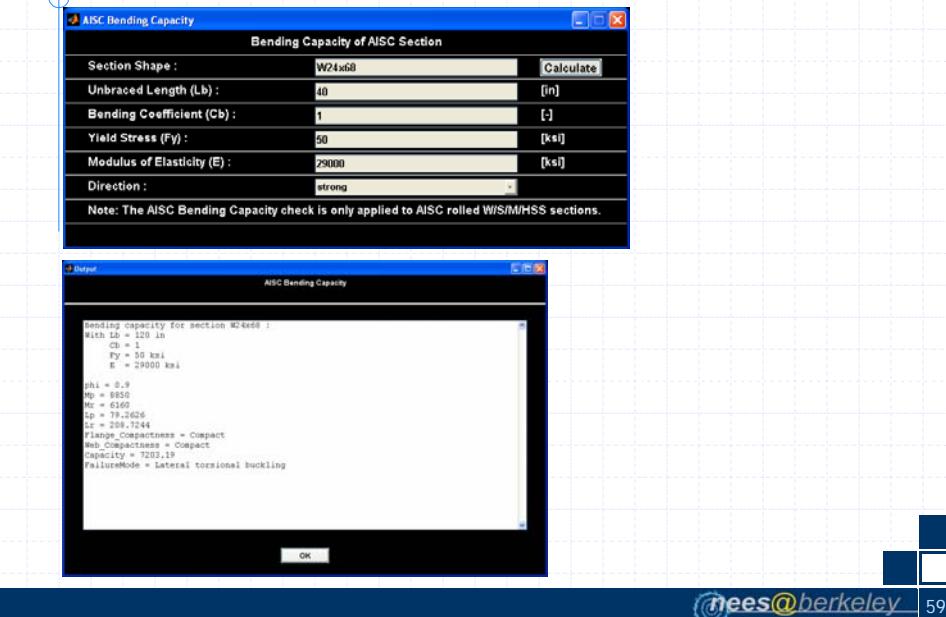
## AISC design toolbox: find matching sections



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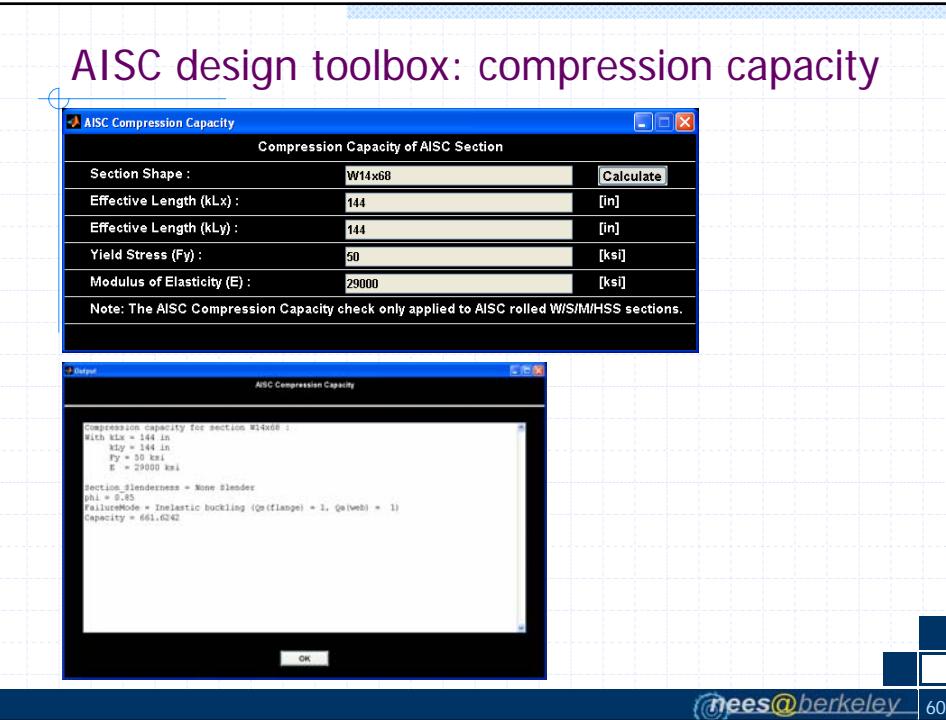
## AISC design toolbox: bending capacity



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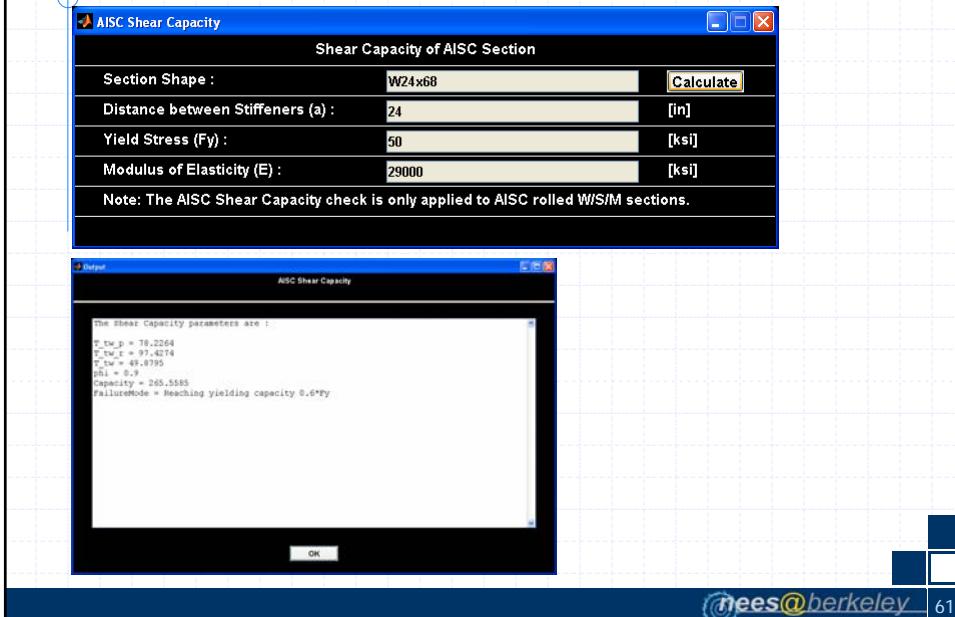
## AISC design toolbox: compression capacity



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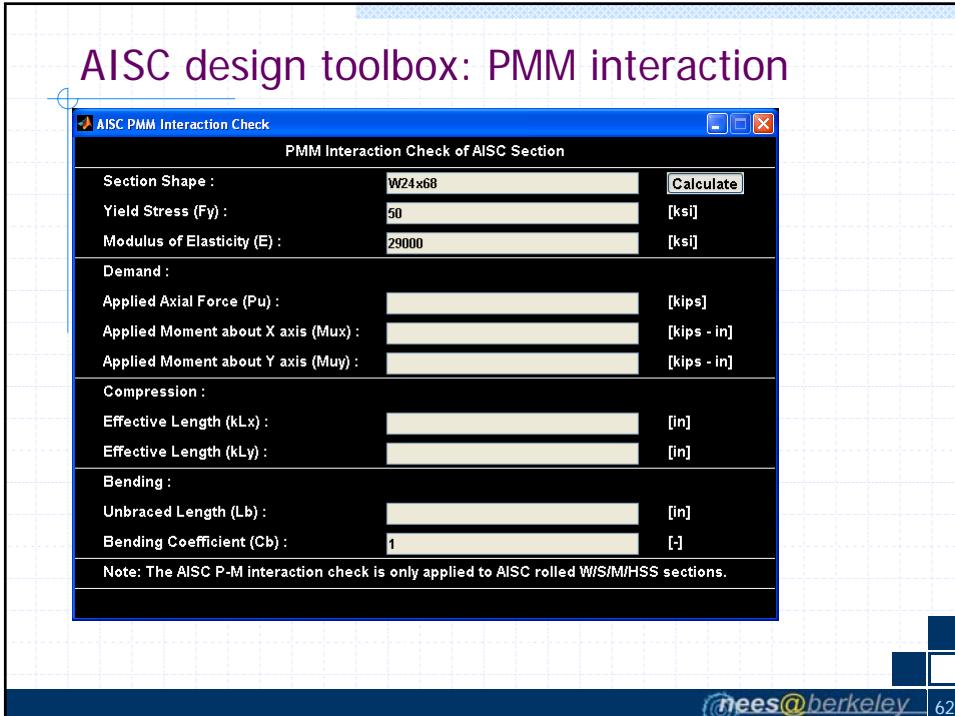
## AISC design toolbox: shear capacity



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## AISC design toolbox: PMM interaction



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## Summary

- ◆ OpenSees Navigator provides
  - Flexible and user friendly graphical user interface.
  - Great tool to visualize structural behavior.
  - Easy way to study material, section, element or system behavior.
- ◆ Hybrid simulation interface (OpenFresco).
- ◆ Many design toolboxes: NSP, PBEE, AISC design checks, AISC database, response spectra for linear and bilinear systems and signal filtering.
- ◆ Both MATLAB Pcode and self-executable versions are available.

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OpenSeesNavigator.zip

Installation Instructions:

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