

Experimental Software Framework for Hybrid Simulation

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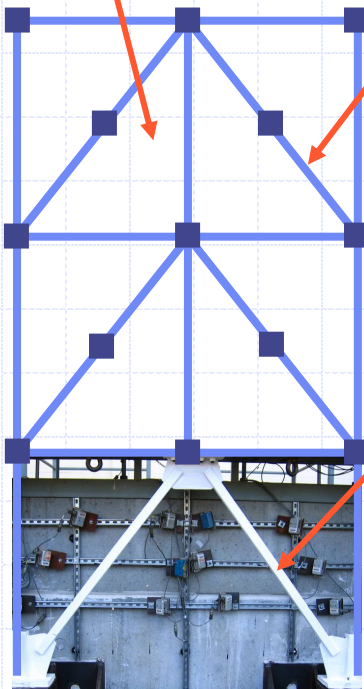


Hybrid Simulation

$$\mathbf{M} \cdot \ddot{\mathbf{u}} + \mathbf{C} \cdot \dot{\mathbf{u}} + \mathbf{P}_r(\mathbf{u}) = \mathbf{P}(t)$$

Dynamic Loading

- Seismic
- Wind
- Blast/Impact
- Wave
- Traffic



- analytical model of structural energy dissipation and inertia
- physical model of structural resistance

Hybrid Simulation

- ◆ Model the well understood parts of a structure in a finite element program on one or more computers
- ◆ Leave the construction and testing of the highly nonlinear and/or numerically hard to model parts of the structure in one or more laboratories
- ◆ Can also be seen as an advanced form of component testing, where boundary conditions are correctly imposed

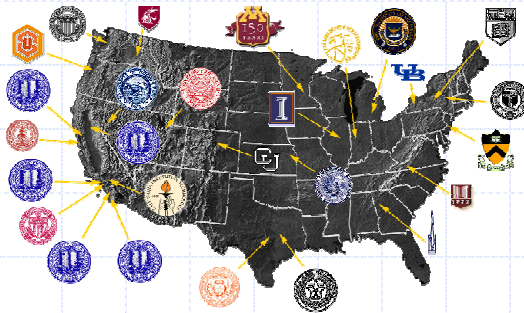
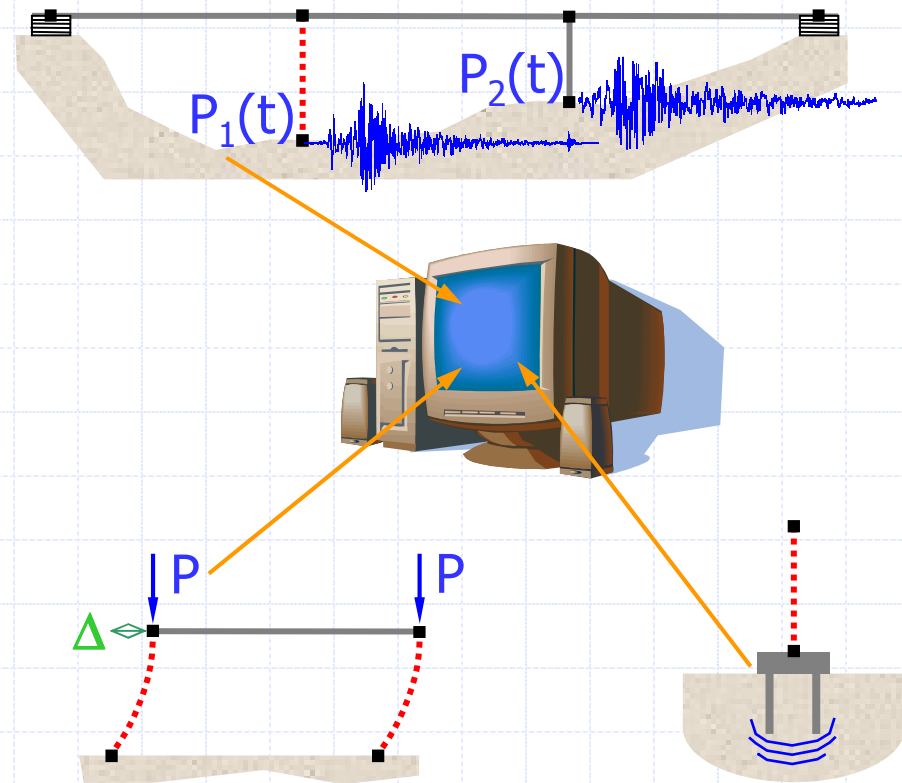
Advantages

- ◆ Enables dynamic testing of full-scale specimens
- ◆ Quasi-static testing equipment sufficient
- ◆ Fewer restrictions on size, weight and strength of a specimen



Advantages

- ◆ Geometric nonlinearities, three-dimensional effects, multi-support excitations and soil-structure interactions can be incorporated into the analytical model



- ◆ Geographically distributed testing is made possible

Main Challenge

- ◆ Lack of a common framework for development and deployment
 - ◆ Problem specific implementations which are site and control system dependant
 - ◆ Such highly customized software implementations are difficult to adapt to different structural problems
- Need a robust, transparent, adaptable, and easily extensible framework for research and deployment

OpenFresco

◆ Open source Framework for Experimental Setup and Control

◆ Enable domain researchers to carry out Hybrid Simulations without specialized knowledge

◆ Allow IT and hybrid simulation specialists to extend frontiers of methodology, focusing only on their portions of interest

- Facilitate additions and extensions for new equipment and procedures

→ Object-oriented programming approach

NEES-Compliant Deployment of OpenFresco

- ◆ No modification of numerical simulation framework is needed, other than the addition of new finite elements representing physical elements tested
- ◆ Calls to obtain element stiffness, restoring force and other parameters made just like they would be in a numerical analysis, except they are executed physically somewhere on a local or wide area network
- ◆ OpenFresco mediates in a modular and highly structured manner instructions between numerical simulation computer(s) and laboratory equipment

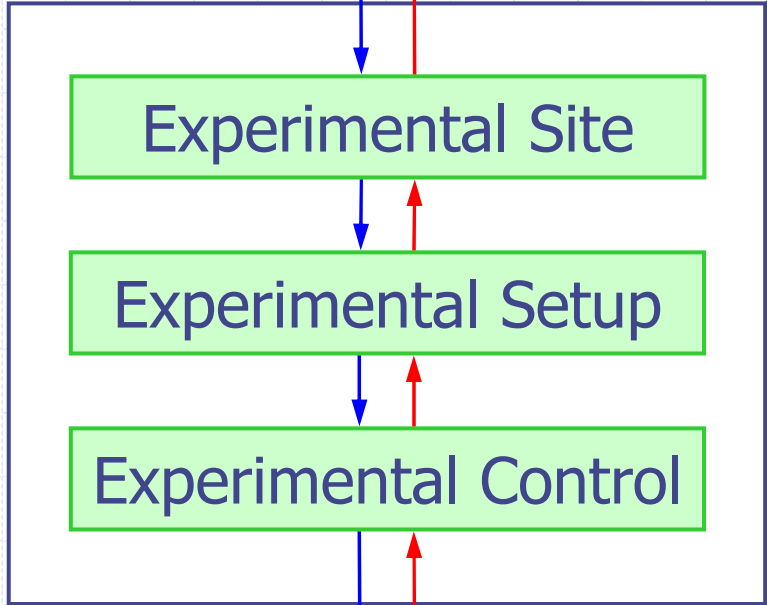
OpenFresco Components

local deployment

FE-Software

OpenFresco

interfaces to the FE-Software, stores data and facilitates distributed testing



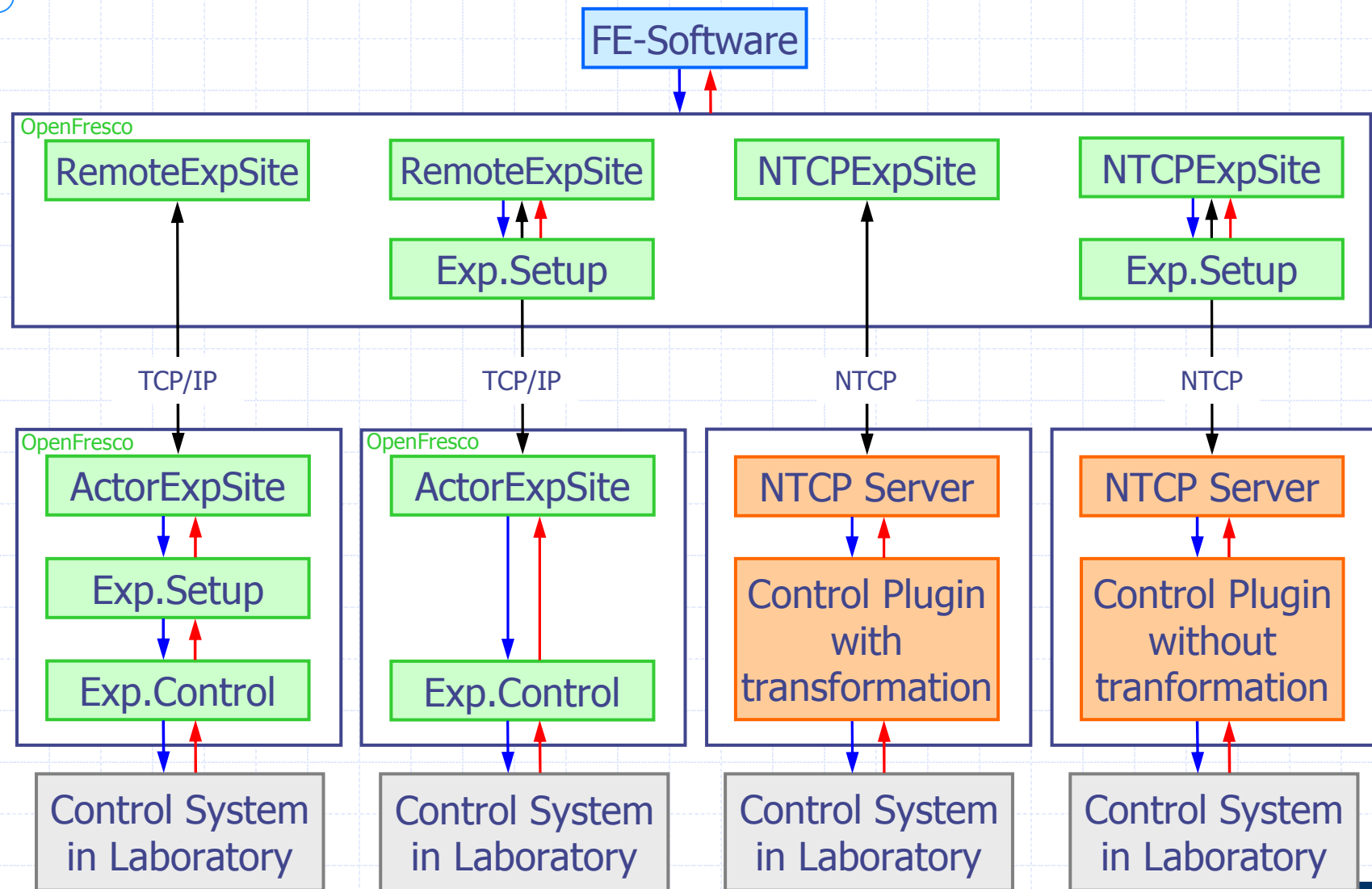
transforms between the experimental element degrees of freedom and the actuator degrees of freedom (linear vs. non-linear transformations)

interfaces to the different control and data acquisition systems in the laboratories

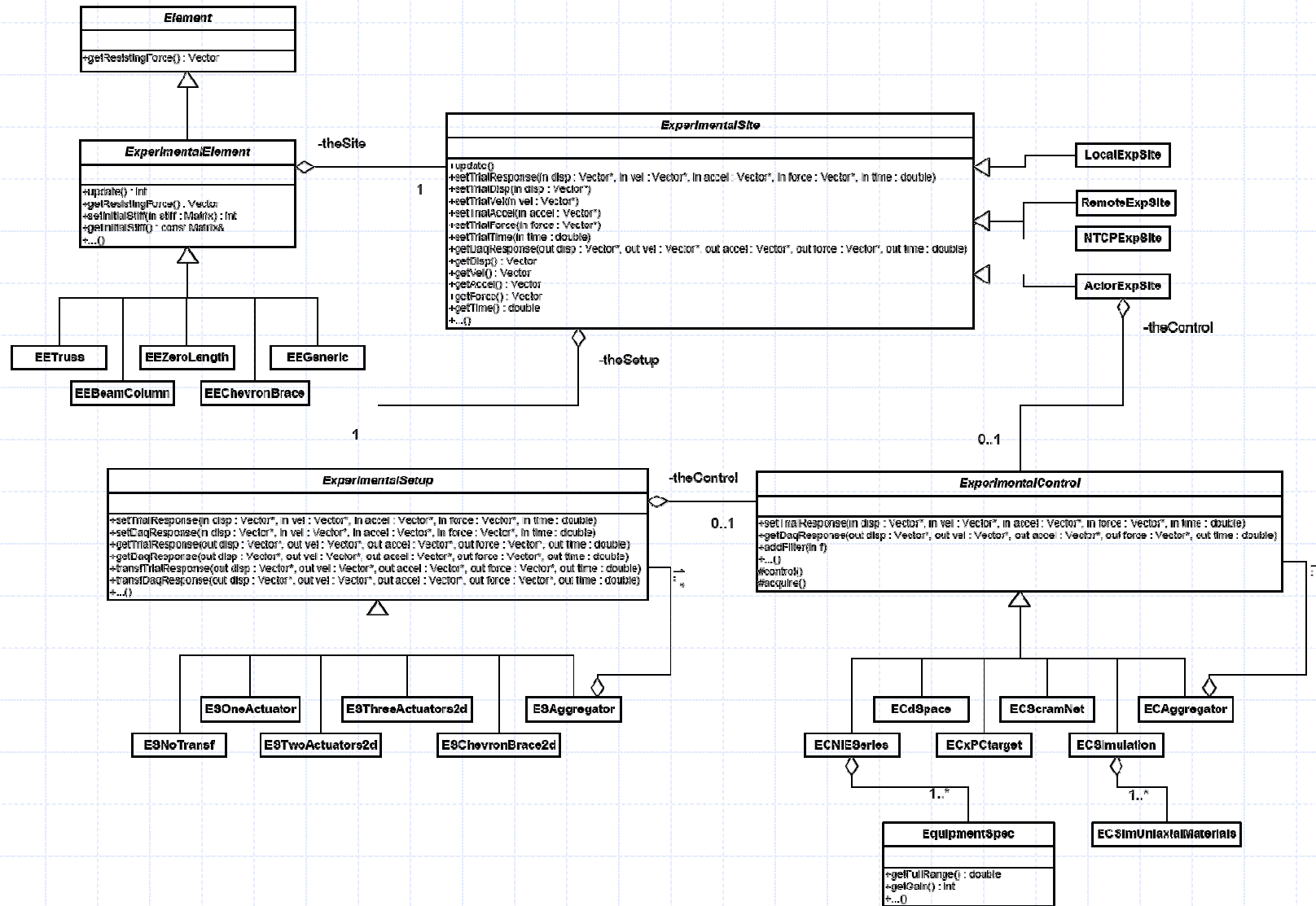
Control System in Laboratory

OpenFresco Components

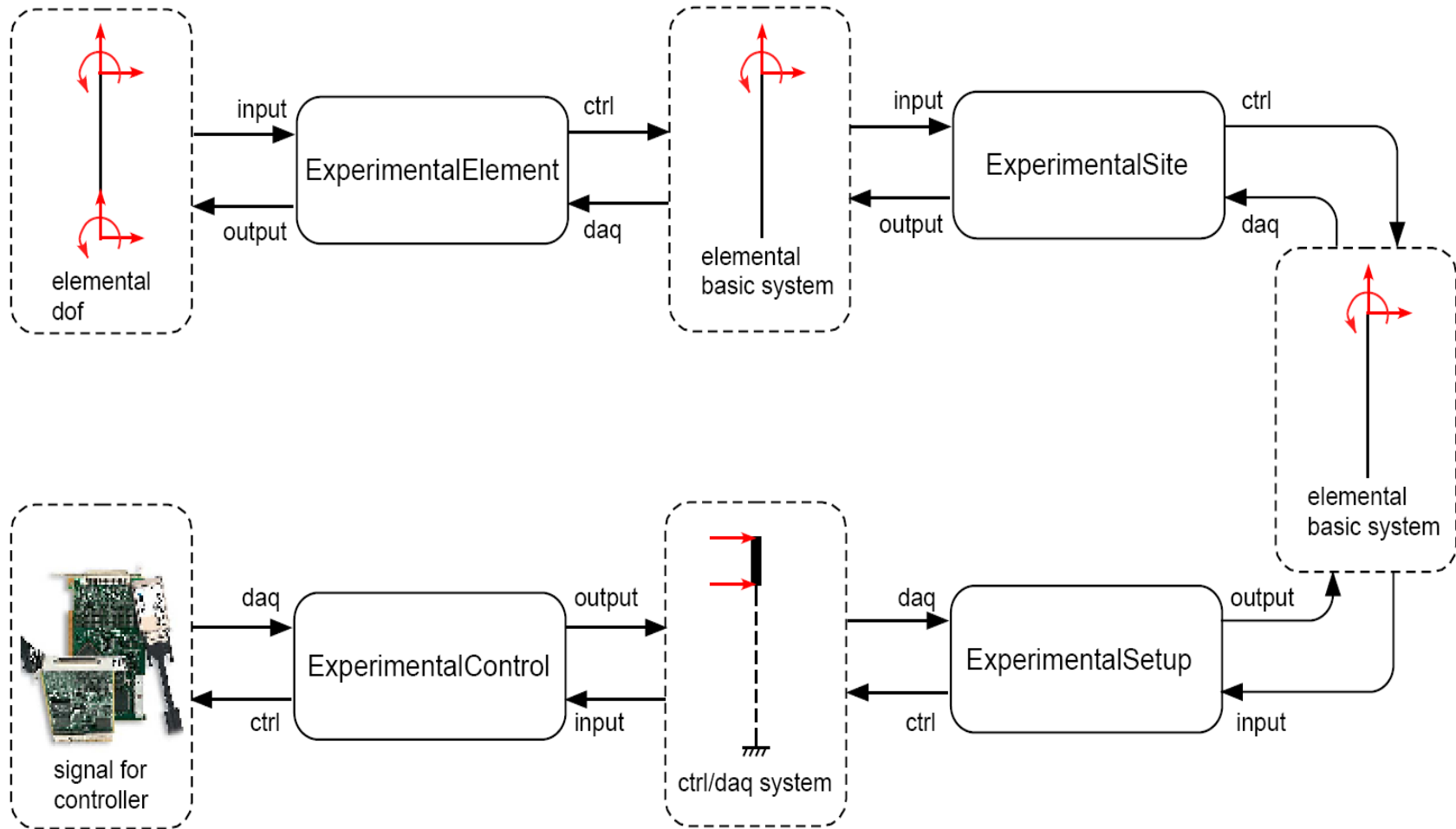
network deployment



OpenFresco Class Diagram

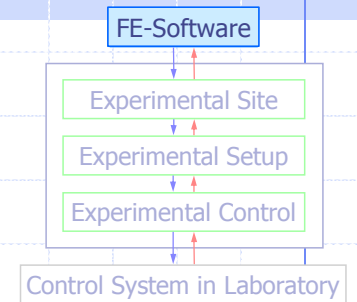


OpenFresco Data Transformation

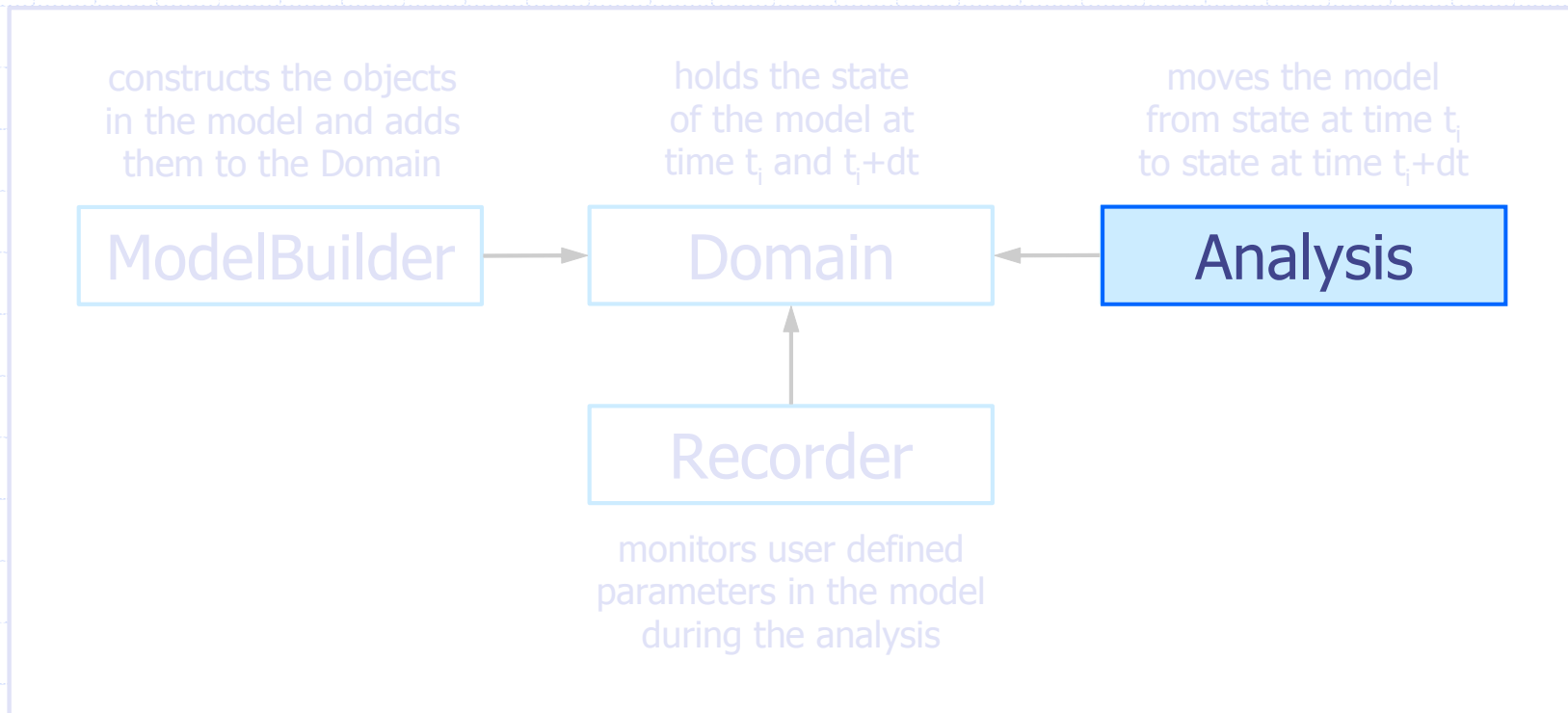
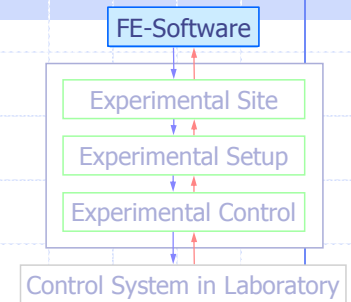


Finite-Element Software

- ◆ Currently using OpenSees; however, nearly any software allowing the addition of elements and having the appropriate communication channels can be used
- ◆ Furthermore, a Matlab client which is able to interface with OpenFresco is under development as well



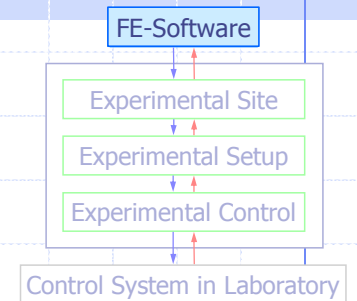
OpenSees Components



Direct Integration Methods

$$\mathbf{M} \cdot \ddot{\mathbf{u}}_n + \mathbf{C} \cdot \dot{\mathbf{u}}_n + \mathbf{P}_r(\mathbf{u}_n) = \mathbf{P}(t_n)$$

- ◆ Mass matrix \mathbf{M} is often singular
-> second order differential equation
infinitely stiff -> fully implicit numerical methods
- ◆ Make as few function calls as possible
- ◆ Use constant Jacobian in the numerical methods since tangent stiffness is not available



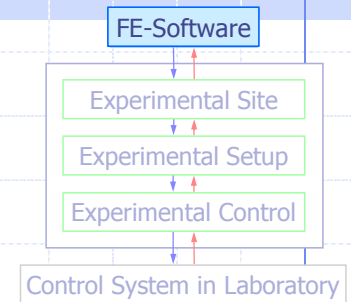
Direct Integration Methods

◆ Explicit Integrators

- explicit Newmark Method
- Central-Difference Method
- explicit Alpha-Method
- generalized explicit Alpha-Method

◆ Implicit Integrators

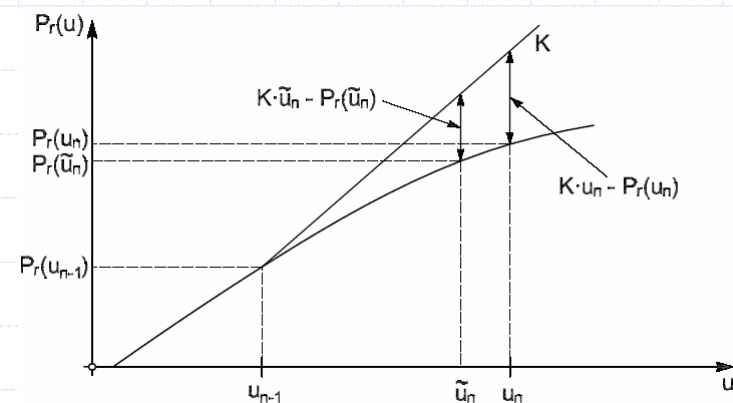
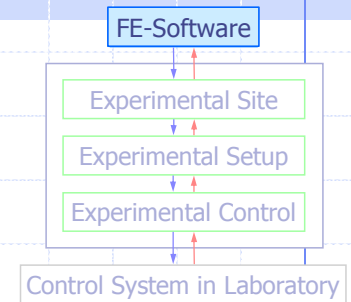
- Newmark Method
- Alpha-Method
- generalized Alpha-Method
- Collocation Method



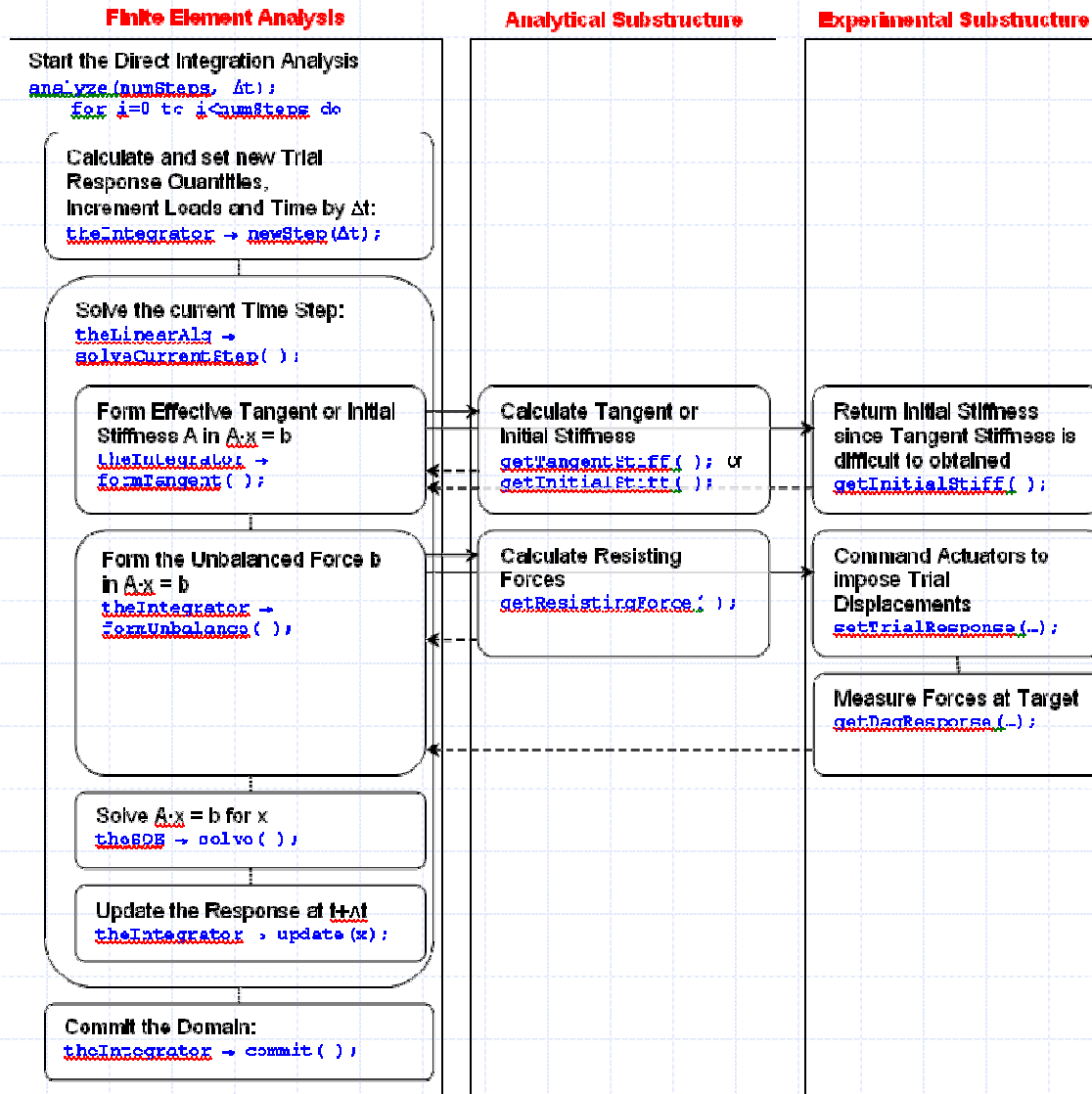
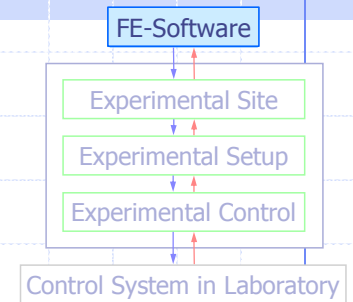
Direct Integration Methods

- ◆ Implicit Integrators with sub-stepping (constant number)
 - Newmark-HybridSimulation Method
 - generalized Alpha-HybridSimulation Method
 - Collocation-HybridSimulation Method
- ◆ Predictor-Corrector Integrators

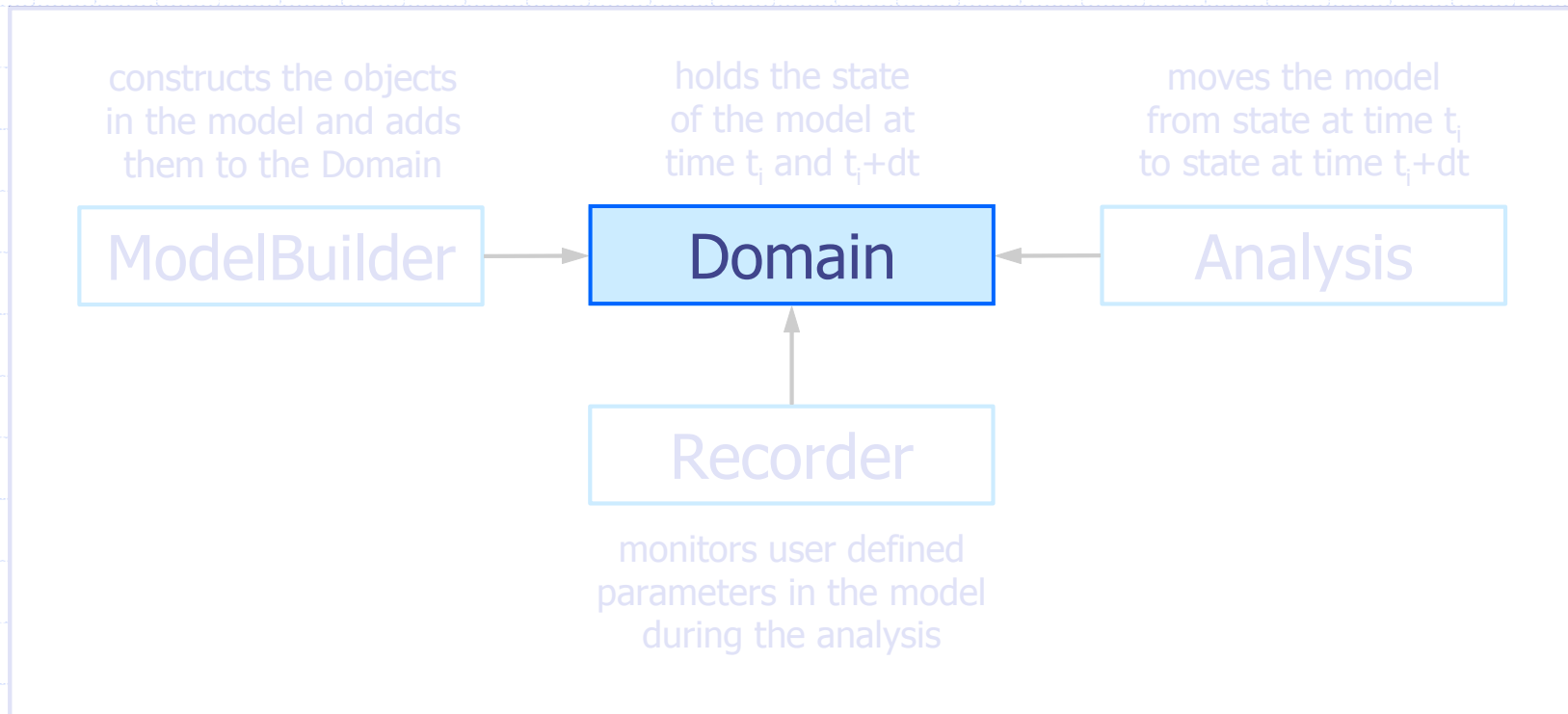
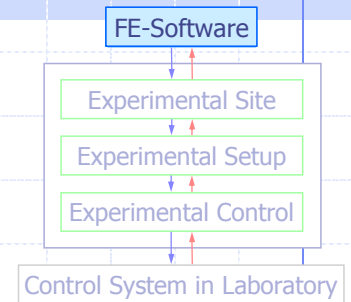
- Alpha-OS Method
- generalized Alpha-OS Method



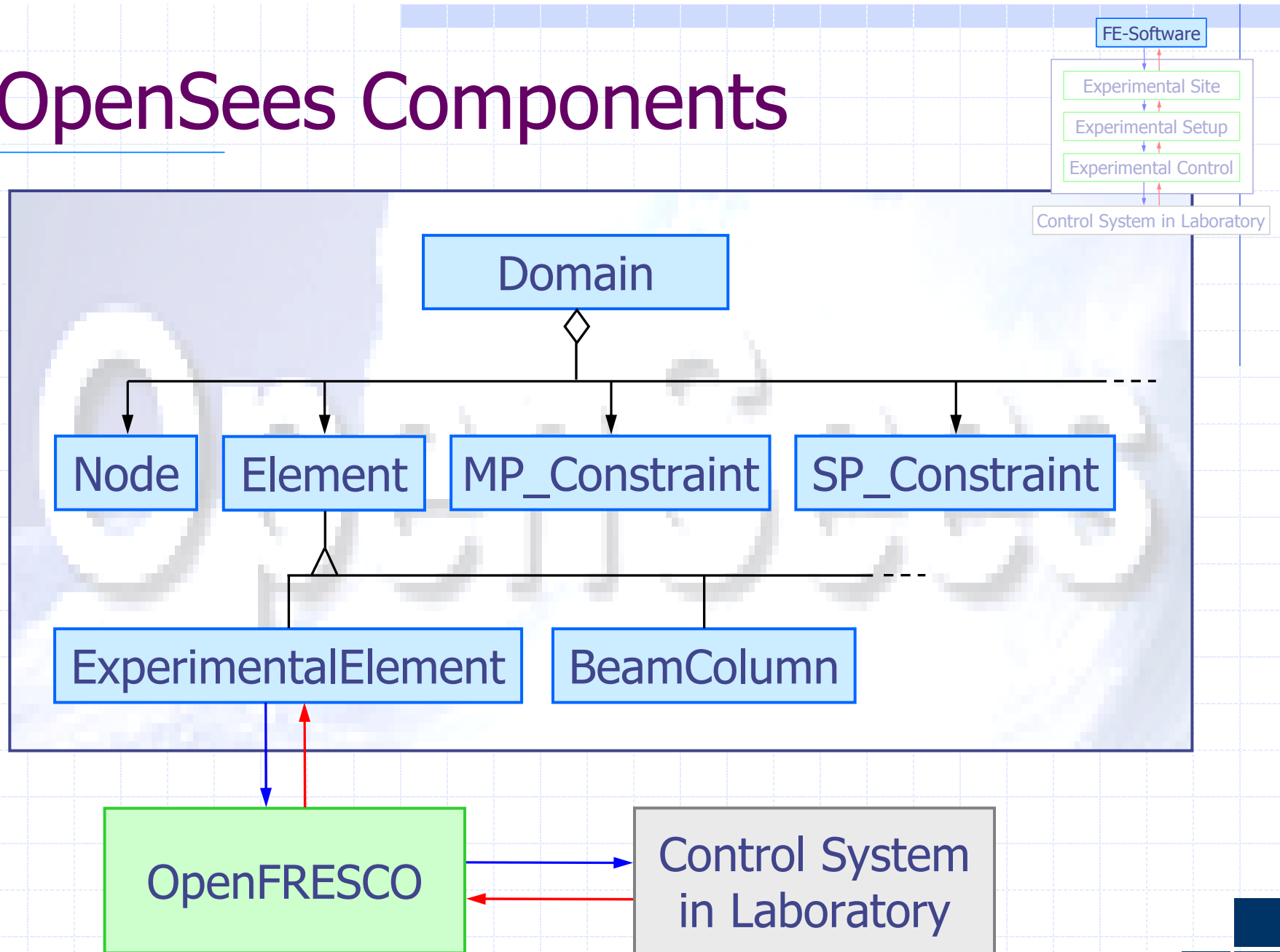
Hybrid Simulation Procedure



OpenSees Components



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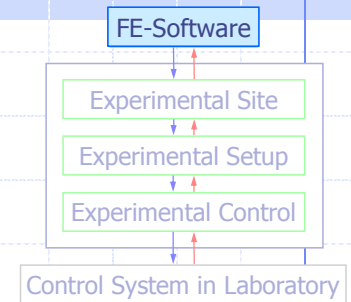
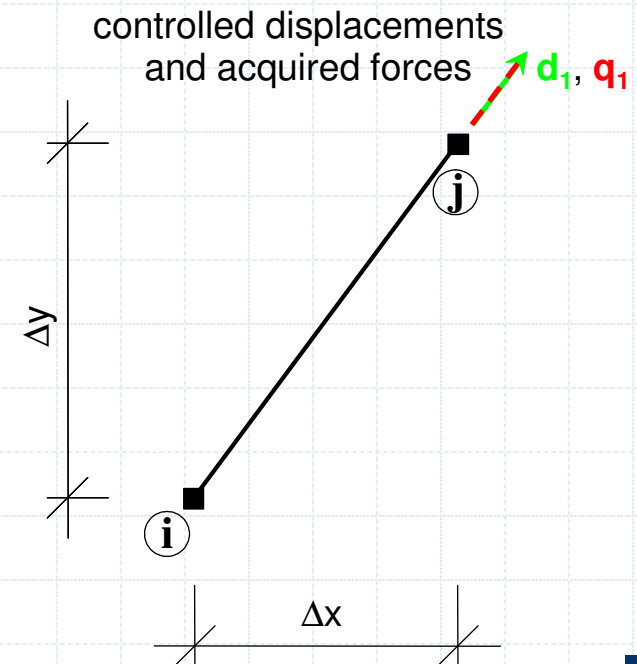


Experimental Elements

1) EETruss (2D,3D)

```
element expTruss $eleTag $iNode $jNode $siteTag  
-initStif $Kij <-iMod> <-rho $rho>
```

\$eleTag	unique element tag
\$iNode, \$jNode	end nodes
\$siteTag	tag of previously defined site object
\$Kij	initial stiffness matrix element (1 x 1)
-iMod	flag for I-Modification (optional, default=false)
\$rho	mass per unit length (optional, default=0.0)

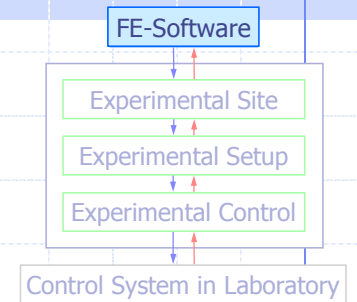
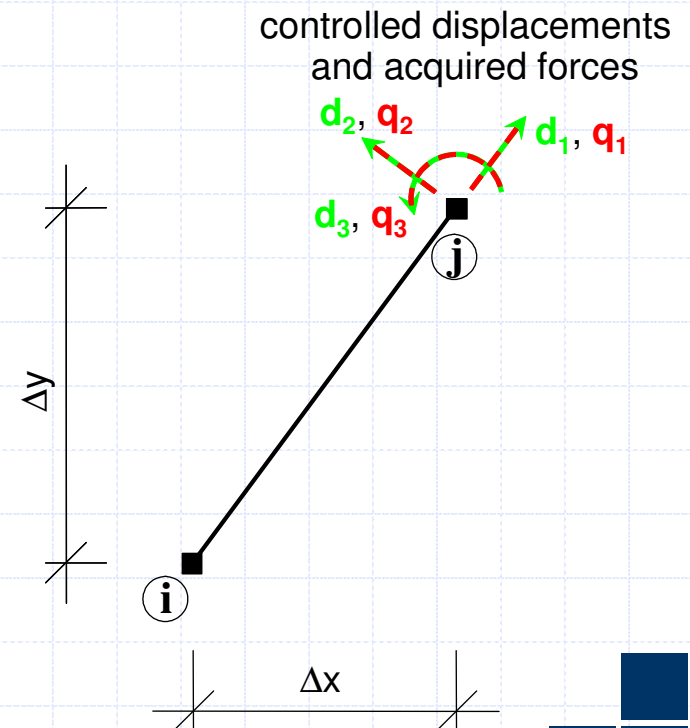


Experimental Elements

2) EEBeamColumn (2D,3D)

```
element expBeamColumn $eleTag $iNode $jNode
  $siteTag $tranTag -initStif $Kij <-iMod>
  <-rho $rho>
```

<code>\$eleTag</code>	unique element tag
<code>\$iNode, \$jNode</code>	end nodes
<code>\$siteTag</code>	tag of previously defined site object
<code>\$tranTag</code>	tag of previously defined crd-transf object
<code>\$Kij</code>	initial stiffness matrix elements (ndf x ndf)
<code>-iMod</code>	flag for I-Modification (optional, default=false)
<code>\$rho</code>	mass per unit length (optional, default=0.0)



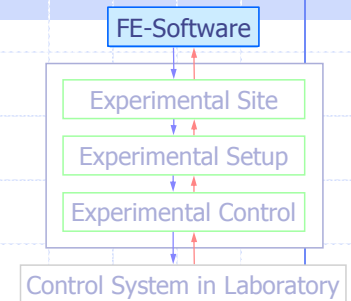
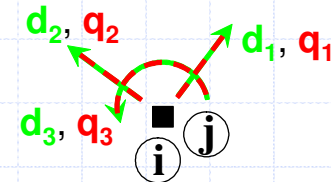
Experimental Elements

3) EEZeroLength (2D,3D)

```
element expZeroLength $eleTag $iNode $jNode $siteTag  
-dir $dirs -initStif $Kij <-iMod>  
<-orient $x1 $x2 $x3 $y1 $y2 $y3>
```

\$eleTag	unique element tag
\$iNode, \$jNode	end nodes
\$siteTag	tag of previously defined site object
\$dirs	force directions (1-3,1-6)
\$Kij	initial stiffness matrix elements (nDir x nDir)
-iMod	flag for I-Modification (optional, default=false)
\$xi, \$yi	local x- and y-axis (optional, default=X,Y)

controlled displacements and acquired forces



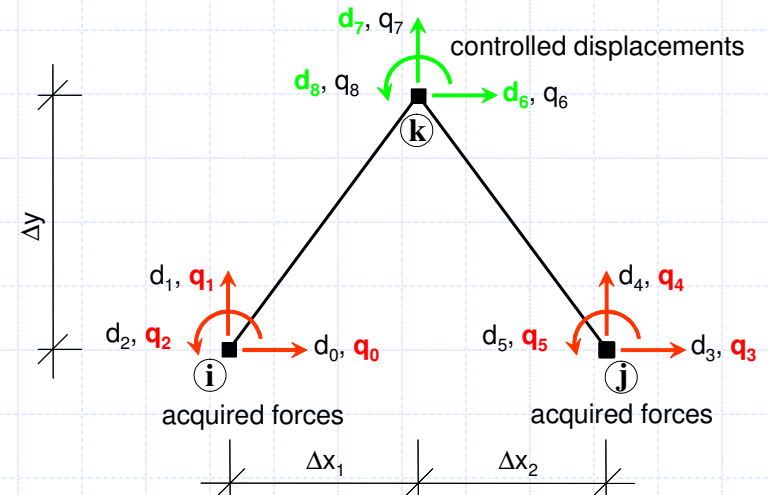
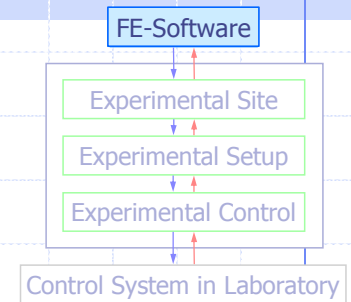
Experimental Elements

4) EEChevronBrace (2D,3D)

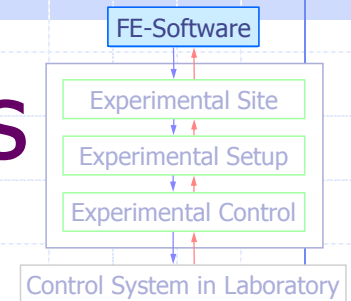
```

element expChevronBrace $eleTag $iNode $jNode
          $kNode $siteTag -initStif $Kij <-iMod>
          <-rho1 $rho1> <-rho2 $rho2>
    
```

\$eleTag	unique element tag
\$iNode, \$jNode	end nodes
\$kNode	
\$siteTag	tag of previously defined site object
\$Kij	initial stiffness matrix elements (ndf x ndf)
-iMod	flag for I-Modification (optional, default=false)
\$rho1, \$rho2	masses per unit length (optional, default=0.0)



Adding Experimental Elements



Public Member Functions

Constructor and Destructor

```
ExperimentalElement(int tag, int classTag, ExperimentalSite &theSite);
virtual ~ExperimentalElement();
```

Methods dealing with nodes and number of external dof

```
virtual int getNumExternalNodes(void) const = 0;
virtual const ID &getExternalNodes(void) = 0;
virtual Node **getNodePtrs(void) = 0;
virtual int getNumDOF(void) = 0;
```

int update ()

Method to obtain basic dof size; equal to the max num dof that can be controlled

```
virtual int getNumBasicDOF(void) = 0;
```

Methods dealing with committed state and update

```
virtual int commitState(void);
virtual int update(void);
virtual bool isSubdomain(void);
```

int setInitialStiff ()

Methods to set and to obtain the initial stiffness matrix

```
virtual int setInitialStiff(const Matrix& stiff) = 0;
const Matrix &getInitialStiff(void);
```

const Vector

Methods to return the damping and mass matrices

```
virtual const Matrix &getDamp(void);
virtual const Matrix &getMass(void);
```

&getResistingForce ()

Methods for applying loads

```
virtual void zeroLoad(void) = 0;
virtual int addLoad(ElementalLoad *theLoad, double loadFactor) = 0;
virtual int addInertiaLoadToUnbalance(const Vector &accel) = 0;
virtual int setRayleighDampingFactors(double alphaM, double betaK, double betaK0, double betaKc);
```

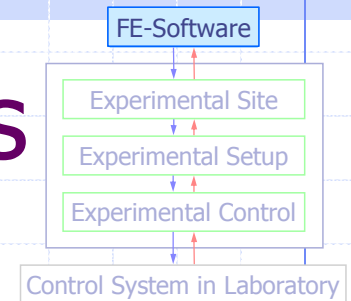
Methods for obtaining resisting force (force includes elemental loads)

```
virtual const Vector &getResistingForce(void) = 0;
virtual const Vector &getResistingForceIncInertia(void);
```

Methods for obtaining information specific to an element

```
virtual Response *setResponse(const char **argv, int argc, Information &eleInformation);
virtual int getResponse(int responseID, Information &eleInformation);
```

Adding Experimental Elements



```

int EEBeamColumn2d::update(void)
{
    // get current time
    Domain *theDomain = this->getDomain();
    double time = theDomain->getCurrentTime();

    // update the coordinate transformation
    theCoordTransf->update();

    // determine dsp, vel and acc in basic system A
    const Vector &db = theCoordTransf->getBasicTrialDisp();
    const Vector &vb = theCoordTransf->getBasicTrialVel();
    const Vector &ab = theCoordTransf->getBasicTrialAccel();

    // transform displacements from basic sys A to basic sys B
    static Vector dbB(3), vbB(3), abB(3);
    dbB = T*db;
    vbB = T*vb;
    abB = T*ab;

    if (dbB != targDsp) {
        // save the target displacement
        targDsp = dbB;
        // set the trial response at the site
        if (isCopy == false)
            eSite->setTrialResponse(dbB, vbB, abB);
    }

    return 0;
}
  
```

```

int EEBeamColumn2d::setInitialStiff(const Matrix &kbinit)
{
    kbInit = kbinit;

    if (kbInit.noRows() != 3 || kbInit.noCols() != 3) {
        opserr << "EEBeamColumn2d::setInitialStiff() - "
            << "matrix size is incorrect for element: "
            << this->getTag() << endl;
        return -1;
    }

    // transform the stiffness from basic sys B to basic sys A
    static Matrix kbInitA(3,3);
    kbInitA.addMatrixTripleProduct(0.0, T, kbInit, 1.0);

    // transform the stiffness from the basic to the global system
    theInitStif.Zero();
    theInitStif = theCoordTransf->getInitialGlobalStiffMatrix(kbInitA);

    return 0;
}
  
```

```

const Vector& EEBeamColumn2d::getResistingForce()
{
    theCoordTransf->update();
    // zero the residual
    theVector.Zero();

    // get measured resisting forces
    static Vector qB(3);
    qB = eSite->getForce();

    // add initial forces
    for (int i=0; i<3; i++) {
        qB(i) += q0[i];
    }

    if (iMod == true) {
        // get measured displacements
        static Vector measDsp(3);
        measDsp = eSite->getDisp();

        // correct for displacement control errors using I-Modification
        qB -= kbInit*(measDsp - targDsp);
    } else {
        // use elastic axial force if axial force from test is zero
        if (qB(0) == 0) {
            qB(0) = kbInit(0,0) * targDsp(0);
        }
    }

    // transform from basic sys B to basic sys A
    q = T^qB;

    // Vector for reactions in basic system A
    Vector p0Vec(p0, 3);

    // determine resisting forces in global system
    theVector = theCoordTransf->getGlobalResistingForce(q, p0Vec);

    // subtract external load
    theVector.addVector(1.0, theLoad, -1.0);

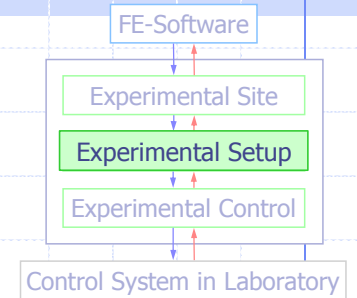
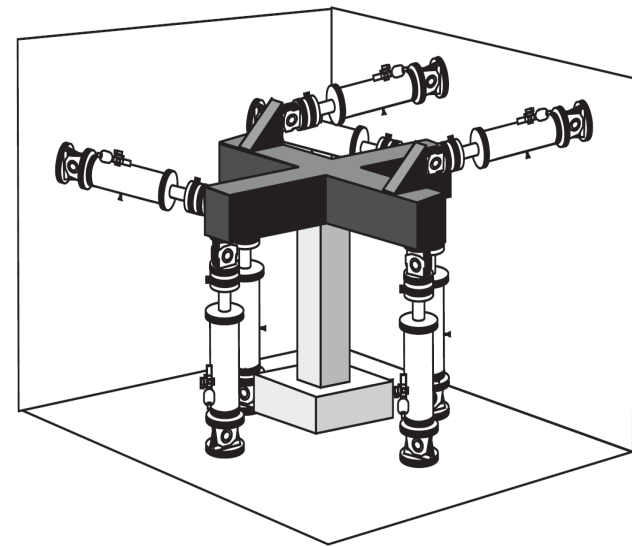
    return theVector;
}
  
```


Experimental Setups

1) ESNoTransformation

```
expSetup NoTransformation $tag $ctrlTag -dir $dirs  
<-dspCtrlFact $dspCF> ...
```

\$tag unique setup tag
\$ctrlTag tag of previously defined control object
\$dirs directions (1-6)

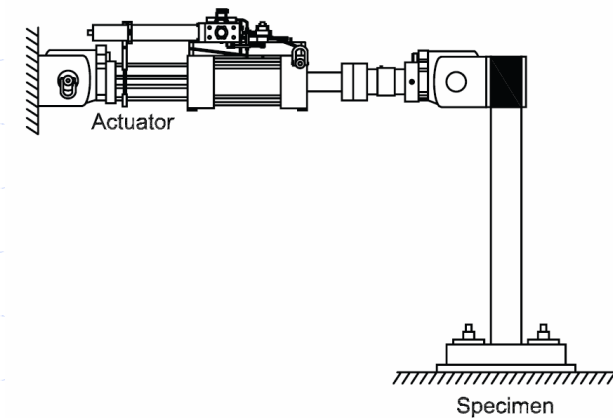
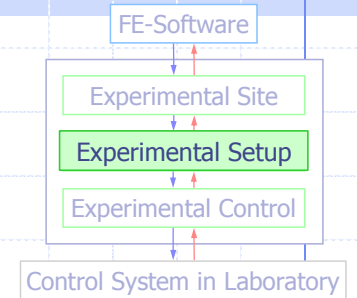


Experimental Setups

2) ESOOneActuator

```
expSetup OneActuator $tag $ctrlTag $dir  
<-dspCtrlFact $dspCF> ...
```

\$tag unique setup tag
\$ctrlTag tag of previously defined control object
\$dir direction (1-6)

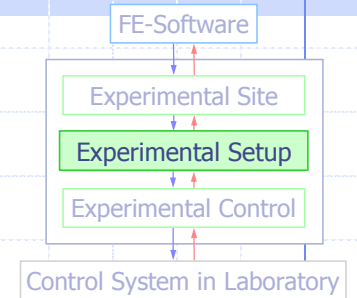
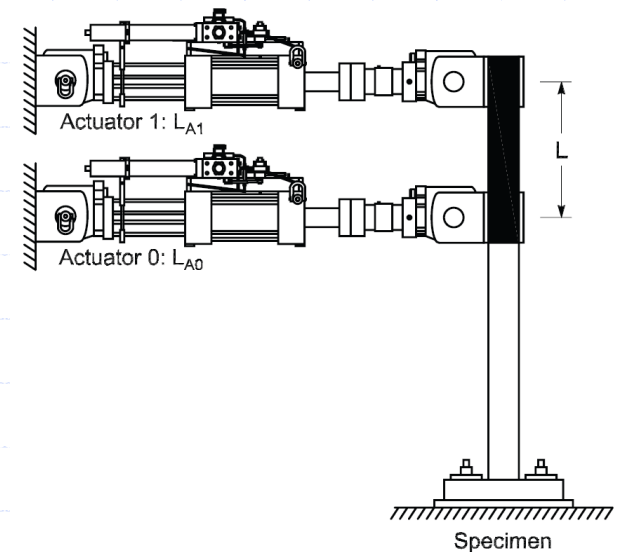


Experimental Setups

3) ESTwoActuators

```
expSetup TwoActuators $tag $ctrlTag $nlGeomFlag  
$La0 $La1 $L <-dspCtrlFact $dspCF> ...
```

\$tag	unique setup tag
\$ctrlTag	tag of previously defined control object
\$nlGeomFlag	nonlinear geometry flag
\$La0	length of actuator 0
\$La1	length of actuator 1
\$L	length of rigid link

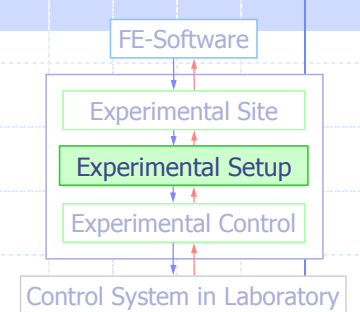
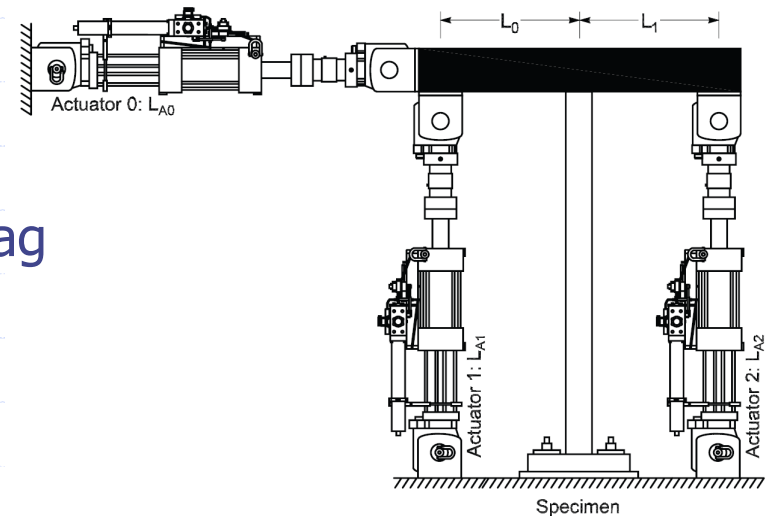


Experimental Setups

4) ESThreeActuators

```
expSetup ThreeActuators $tag $ctrlTag $nlGeomFlag  
$La0 $La1 $La2 $L0 $L1  
<-dspCtrlFact $dspCF> ...
```

\$tag	unique setup tag
\$ctrlTag	tag of previously defined control object
\$nlGeomFlag	nonlinear geometry flag
\$La0	length of actuator 0
\$La1	length of actuator 1
\$La2	length of actuator 2
\$L0	length of rigid link 0
\$L1	length of rigid link 1

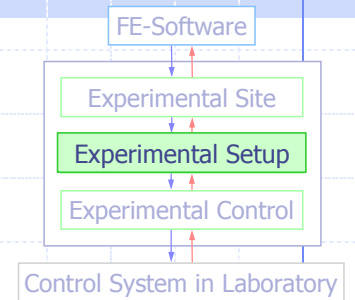
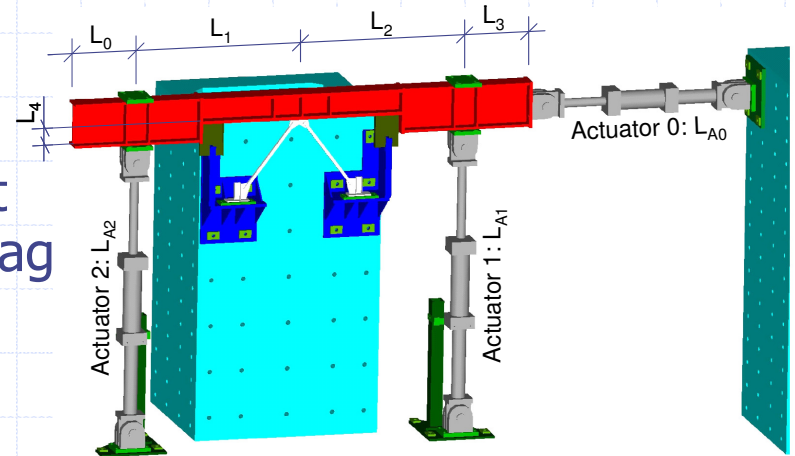


Experimental Setups

5) ESChevronBraceJntOff

```
expSetup ChevronBraceJntOff $tag $ctrlTag  
$nlGeomFlag $La0 $La1 $La2 $L0 $L1 $L2 $L3  
$L4 <-dspCtrlFact $dspCF> ...
```

\$tag	unique setup tag
\$ctrlTag	tag of previously defined control object
\$nlGeomFlag	nonlinear geometry flag
\$La0	length of actuator 0
\$La1	length of actuator 1
\$La2	length of actuator 2
\$L0	length of rigid link 0
\$L1	length of rigid link 1
\$L2	length of rigid link 2
\$L3	length of rigid link 3
\$L4	length of rigid link 4



Adding Experimental Setups

Public Member Functions

Constructor and Destructor

```
ExperimentalSetup(int tag, ExperimentalControl& theControl);  
ExperimentalSetup(const ExperimentalSetup& es);  
virtual ~ExperimentalSetup();
```

Methods dealing with data sizes

```
void setElmtDataSize(int s);  
int getElmtDataSize();  
void setCtrlDataSize(int s);  
int getCtrlDataSize();  
void setDaqDataSize(int s);  
int getDaqDataSize();
```

Methods dealing with execution and acquisition

```
virtual int setup() = 0;  
virtual int propose(const Vector& dsp, const Vector& vel, const Vector& acc) = 0;  
virtual int execute() = 0;  
virtual int commitState() = 0;  
virtual int acquire() = 0;
```

Methods to obtain the response

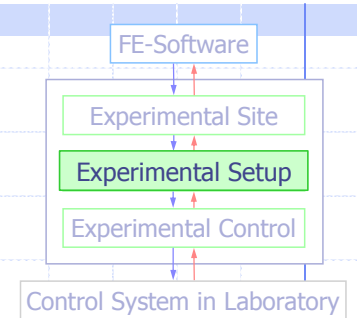
```
const Vector& getDisp();  
const Vector& getVel();  
const Vector& getAccel();  
const Vector& getForce();
```

Methods to set the control and data acquisition factors

```
void setDspCtrlFactor(const Vector& f);  
void setVelCtrlFactor(const Vector& f);  
void setAccCtrlFactor(const Vector& f);  
void setDspDaqFactor(const Vector& f);  
void setFrcDaqFactor(const Vector& f);
```

Method to get a copy

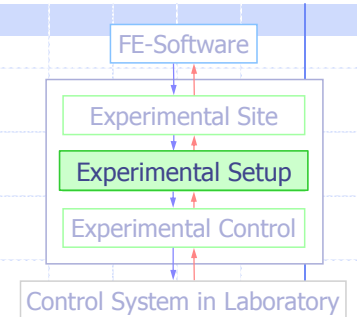
```
virtual ExperimentalSetup *getCopy (void) = 0;
```



int propose ()

int acquire ()

Adding Experimental Setups



```
int ESTwoActuators2d::propose(const Vector& dsp, const Vector& vel,
const Vector& acc)
{
    // linear geometry
    if (nlFlag == 0) {
        // actuator 0
        (*dspCtrl)(0) = (*dspCtrlFact)(0) * (-dsp(1));
        (*velCtrl)(0) = (*velCtrlFact)(0) * (-vel(1));
        (*accCtrl)(0) = (*accCtrlFact)(0) * (-acc(1));

        // actuator 1
        (*dspCtrl)(1) = (*dspCtrlFact)(1) * (-dsp(1) - L * dsp(2));
        (*velCtrl)(1) = (*velCtrlFact)(1) * (-vel(1) - L * vel(2));
        (*accCtrl)(1) = (*accCtrlFact)(1) * (-acc(1) - L * acc(2));
    }
    // nonlinear geometry
    else if (nlFlag == 1) {
        opserr << "ESTwoActuators2d::propose() - nonlinear geometry not implemented yet";
        return ExperimentalReturnType_failed;
    }
    return ExperimentalReturnType_ready;
}
```

```
int ESTwoActuators2d::acquire()
{
    theControl->acquire(dspDaq, frcDaq);

    // linear geometry
    if (nlFlag == 0) {
        // measured displacements
        (*dspElmt)(0) = 0;
        (*dspElmt)(1) = - (*dspDaqFact)(0) * (*dspDaq)(0);
        (*dspElmt)(2) = 1.0/L * ((*dspDaqFact)(0) * (*dspDaq)(0) - (*dspDaqFact)(1) * (*dspDaq)(1));

        // measured forces
        (*frcElmt)(0) = 0;
        (*frcElmt)(1) = - (*frcDaqFact)(0) * (*frcDaq)(0) - (*frcDaqFact)(1) * (*frcDaq)(1);
        (*frcElmt)(2) = - L * (*frcDaqFact)(1) * (*frcDaq)(1);
    }
    // nonlinear geometry
    else if (nlFlag == 1) {
        opserr << "ESTwoActuators2d::acquire() - nonlinear geometry not implemented yet";
        return ExperimentalReturnType_failed;
    }
    return ExperimentalReturnType_completed;
}
```

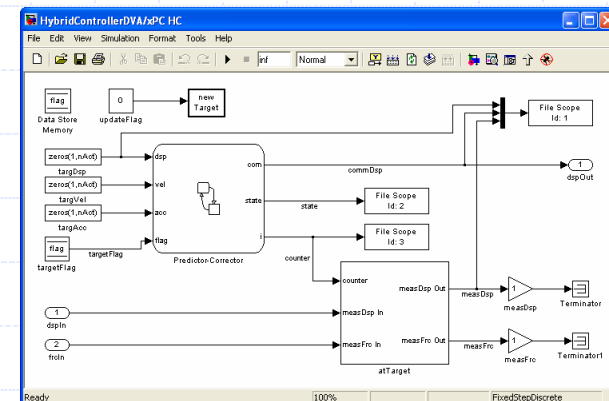
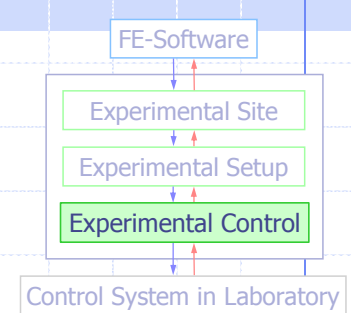
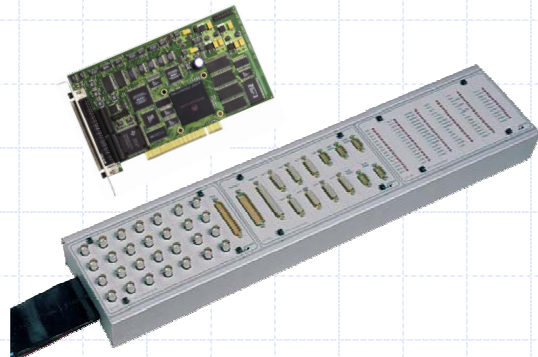
Experimental Controls

1) ECdSpace

`expControl dSpace $tag $numSetups "type"
"boardName"`

`$tag`
`$numSetups`
`"type"`
`"boardName"`

unique control tag
number of setups
predictor-corrector type
name of dSpace board



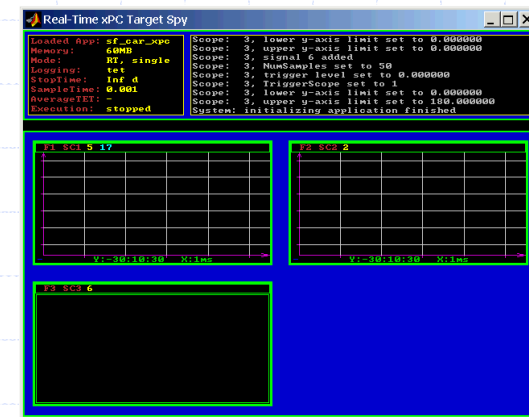
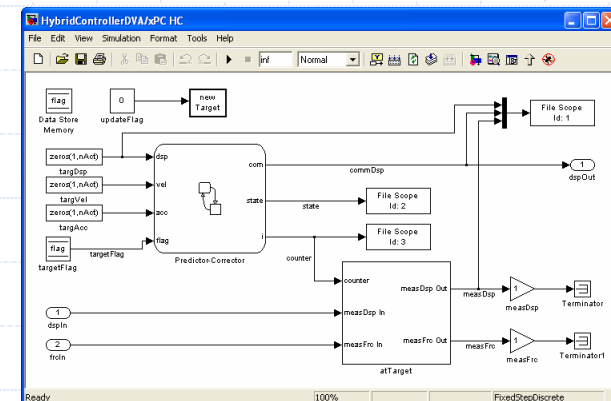
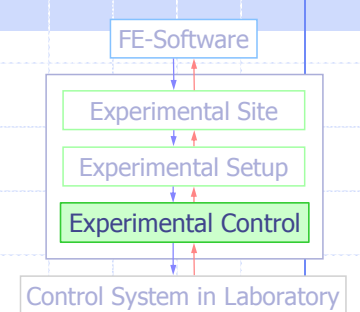
Experimental Controls

2) ECxPCTarget

```
expControl xPCTarget $tag $numSetups $type "ipAddr"  
"ipPort" "appName" "appPath"
```

\$tag
\$numSetups
\$type
"ipAddr"
"ipPort"
"appName"
"appPath"

unique control tag
number of setups
predictor-corrector type
IP address of xPC Target
IP port of xPC Target
name of Simulink
application to be loaded
path to Simulink
application



Experimental Controls

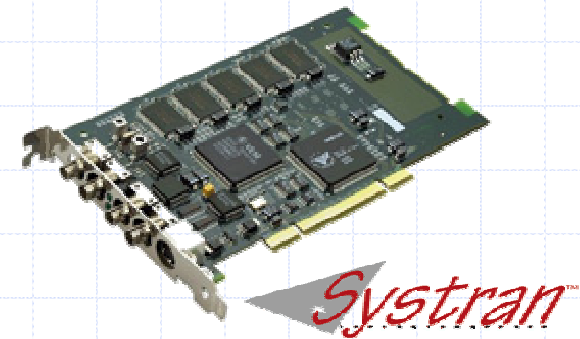
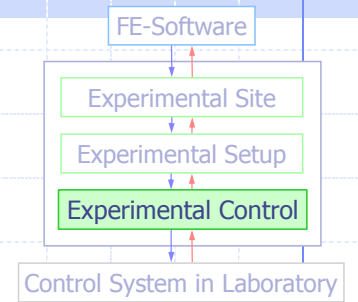
3) ECScramNet

`expControl ScramNet $tag $numSetups ...`

`$tag` unique control tag
`$numSetups` number of setups

...

under development

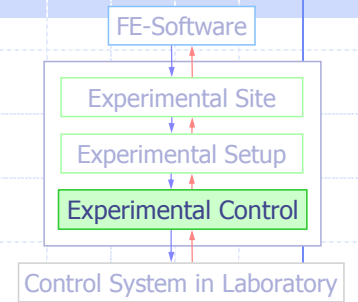


Experimental Controls

4) ECNIEseries

`expControl NIEseries $tag $numCtrl $device`

<code>\$tag</code>	unique control tag
<code>\$numSetups</code>	number of setups
<code>\$device</code>	id of device



Adding Experimental Controls

Public Member Functions

Constructor and Destructor

```
ExperimentalControl(int tag, int nCtrl, int nDaq);  
ExperimentalControl(const ExperimentalControl& ec);  
virtual ~ExperimentalControl();
```

Methods dealing with data sizes

```
int getCtrlDataSize();  
int getDaqDataSize();
```

Methods to set and obtain the responses

```
virtual int setup() = 0;  
virtual int execute(const Vector& dsp, const Vector& vel, const Vector& acc) = 0;  
virtual int commitState();  
virtual int acquire(Vector *dspDaq, Vector *frcDaq) = 0;
```

Method to add a data filter

```
void addFilter(SignalFilter& f);
```

Method to get a copy

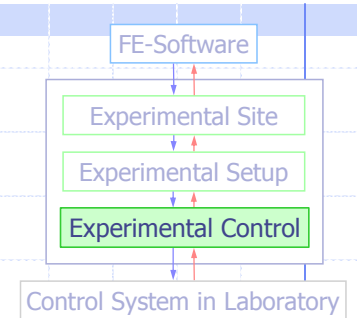
```
virtual ExperimentalControl *getCopy (void) = 0;
```

```
ExperimentalControl ( )
```

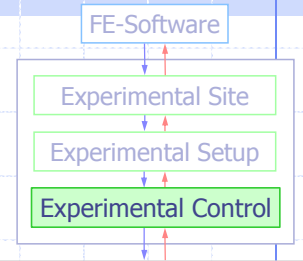
```
int setup ( )
```

```
int execute ( )
```

```
int acquire ( )
```



Adding Experimental Controls



```
int ECxPCTarget::execute(const Vector &dsp, const Vector &vel,
const Vector &acc)
{
    [errCode = 0;
    for (int i=0; i<ndimCtrl(sNum); i++) {
        targDsp[offset+i] = dsp(i);
        targVel[offset+i] = vel(i);
        targAcc[offset+i] = acc(i);

        if (theFilter != 0) {
            targDsp[offset+i] = theFilter->filtering(targDsp[offset+i]);
        }
    }
    if (sNum<(numSetups-1)) {
        offset += ndimCtrl(sNum);
        ++sNum;
    } else {
        // send targDsp, targVel and targAcc and set updateFlag
        xPCSetParam(port, targDspId, targDsp);
        if (xPCGetLastError()) {
            xPCErrorMsg(xPCGetLastError(), errMsg);
            opserr << "ECxPCTarget::execute() - xPCSetParam: error = " << errMsg << endl;
            xPCClosePort(port);
            xPCFreeAPI();
            return xPCGetLastError();
        }
        if (pcType==2 || pcType==3) {
            xPCSetParam(port, targVelId, targVel);
            if (xPCGetLastError()) {
                xPCErrorMsg(xPCGetLastError(), errMsg);
                opserr << "ECxPCTarget::execute() - xPCSetParam: error = " << errMsg << endl;
                xPCClosePort(port);
                xPCFreeAPI();
                return xPCGetLastError();
            }
        }
        if (pcType==3) {
            xPCSetParam(port, targAccId, targAcc);
            if (xPCGetLastError()) {
                xPCErrorMsg(xPCGetLastError(), errMsg);
                opserr << "ECxPCTarget::execute() - xPCSetParam: error = " << errMsg << endl;
                xPCClosePort(port);
                xPCFreeAPI();
                return xPCGetLastError();
            }
        }
    }
    updateFlag = 1;
    xPCSetParam(port, updateFlagId, &updateFlag);
    if (xPCGetLastError()) {
        xPCErrorMsg(xPCGetLastError(), errMsg);
        opserr << "ECxPCTarget::execute() - xPCSetParam: error = " << errMsg << endl;
        xPCClosePort(port);
        xPCFreeAPI();
        return xPCGetLastError();
    }
    offset = 0;
    sNum = 0;
}
return errCode;
```

```
int ECxPCTarget::acquire(Vector *dspDaq, Vector *frcDaq)
{
    errCode = 0;
    if (sNum==0) {
        targetFlag = 1;
        while (targetFlag) {
            // pause for 1msec
            this->sleep(1);

            // get target flag
            targetFlag = xPCGetSignal(port, targetFlagId);
            if (xPCGetLastError()) {
                xPCErrorMsg(xPCGetLastError(), errMsg);
                opserr << "ECxPCTarget::acquire() - xPCGetSignal: error = " << errMsg << endl;
                xPCClosePort(port);
                xPCFreeAPI();
                return xPCGetLastError();
            }
        }
    }
    // read displacements and resisting forces at target
    xPCGetSignals(port, ndimDaqAll, measDspId, measDsp);
    if (xPCGetLastError()) {
        xPCErrorMsg(xPCGetLastError(), errMsg);
        opserr << "ECxPCTarget::acquire() - xPCGetSignal: error = " << errMsg << endl;
        xPCClosePort(port);
        xPCFreeAPI();
        return xPCGetLastError();
    }
    xPCGetSignals(port, ndimDaqAll, measFrcId, measFrc);
    if (xPCGetLastError()) {
        xPCErrorMsg(xPCGetLastError(), errMsg);
        opserr << "ECxPCTarget::acquire() - xPCGetSignal: error = " << errMsg << endl;
        xPCClosePort(port);
        xPCFreeAPI();
        return xPCGetLastError();
    }
    // reset updateFlag
    updateFlag = 0;
    xPCSetParam(port, updateFlagId, &updateFlag);
    if (xPCGetLastError()) {
        xPCErrorMsg(xPCGetLastError(), errMsg);
        opserr << "ECxPCTarget::acquire() - xPCSetParam: error = " << errMsg << endl;
        xPCClosePort(port);
        xPCFreeAPI();
        return xPCGetLastError();
    }
    // pause for 1msec
    this->sleep(1);
}
for (int i=0; i<ndimDaq(sNum); i++) {
    (*dspDaq)(i) = measDsp[offset+i];
    (*frcDaq)(i) = measFrc[offset+i];
}
if (sNum<(numSetups-1)) {
    offset += ndimDaq(sNum);
    ++sNum;
} else {
    offset = 0;
    sNum = 0;
}
return errCode;
```


Conclusions

- ◆ Environment-independent framework for development and deployment will boost the use of hybrid simulation (on-site and tele-operation)
- ◆ Modularity and transparency of the framework permits existing components to be modified and new components to be added without much dependence on other objects.
 - Speed development of refined hybrid simulation procedures

Conclusions

- ◆ Large library of hybrid simulation direct integration methods, experimental elements, controller models, and event-driven solution strategies will be available to the user to choose from or adapt.
- ◆ Need:
 - User-community input of parameter passage and features
 - User feedback
 - NEESit assistance in streamlining network communications

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