

A horizontal banner image showing a city skyline on the left, a group of people in white shirts and hats in the center, and a solar panel and a white dome on the right.

# Collaborative SCEC/USGS Efforts to Improve Seismic-Hazard Analysis

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*Plus many others in SCEC!*

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# This Talk:

## Status of SHA

*and what we're doing about it:*

***RELM***

***OpenSHA***

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# Goal of SHA:

The probability that some

“Intensity-Measure Type”

(e.g. Spectral Acceleration)

will exceed a specified

“Intensity-Measure Level”

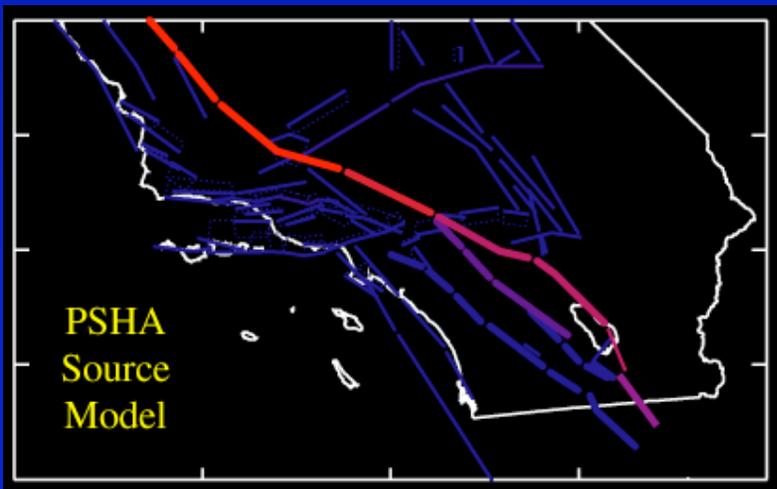
(e.g. 0.5 g)

$$\left[ \text{Prob}(IMT \geq IML) \right]$$

# SHA has two model components:

## (1) Earthquake-Rupture Forecast (ERF)

Probability of all possible fault-rupture events ( $M \geq \sim 5$ ) for region & time span

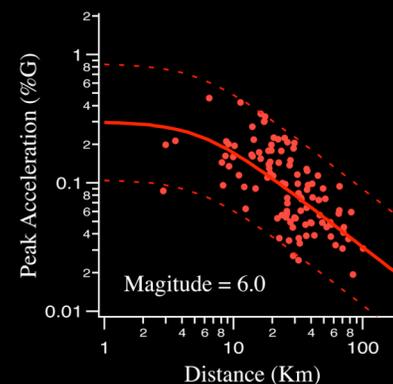


## (2) Intensity-Measure Relationship (IMR)

Gives  $\text{Prob}(\text{IMT} \geq \text{IML})$  for a given site and fault-rupture event

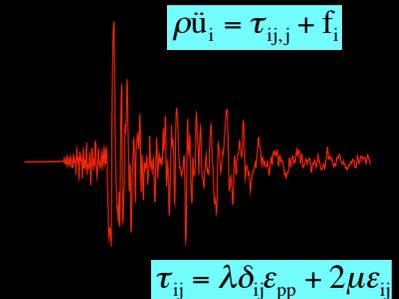
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(traditional)  
(no physics)



### Full-Waveform Modeling

(developmental)  
(more physics)

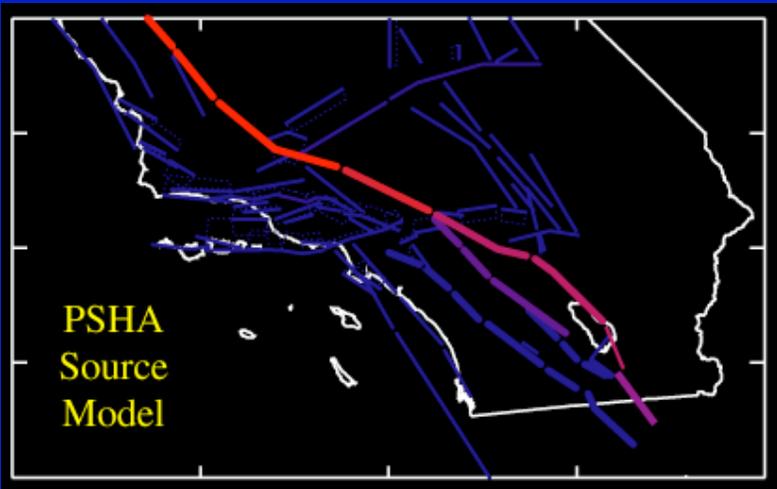




# More physics & multiple models:

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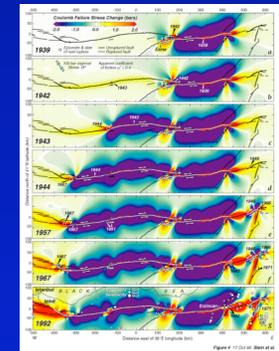
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The model used in our National Hazard Maps assumes that each earthquake rupture is completely independent.

Others see time-dependent effects and interactions:

No consensus on how to build these types of models.



(Stein & Others)

Thus, the **RELM** working group is developing a variety (more later).

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Inherent limits with respect to accuracy (SCEC Phase III report).

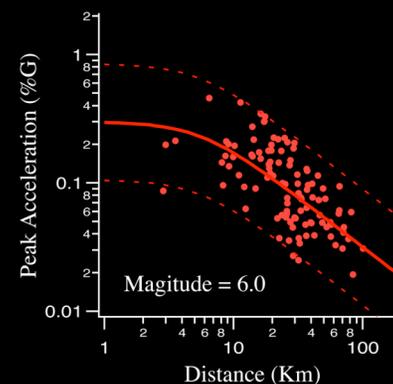
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Lack of physics can lead to non-physical results (e.g., a mean PGA of 14 g predicted for the Yucca Mt Repository).

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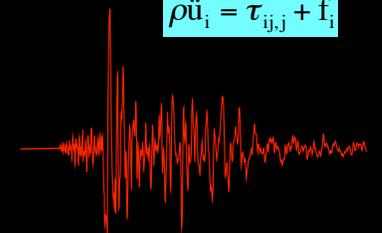
Potentially more accurate, but ...

Computation limits with respect analyzing many scenarios, high frequencies, and uncertainties associated with the structural model and slip distribution.

### Full-Waveform Modeling

(developmental)  
(more physics)

$$\rho \ddot{u}_i = \tau_{ij,j} + f_i$$



$$\tau_{ij} = \lambda \delta_{ij} \varepsilon_{pp} + 2\mu \varepsilon_{ij}$$

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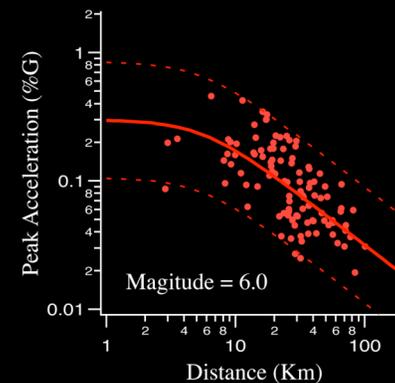
Next Generation  
Attenuation (NGA)  
relationship project  
(including hybrids)

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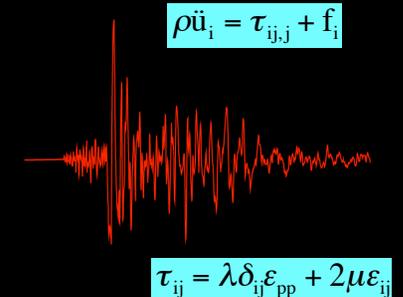
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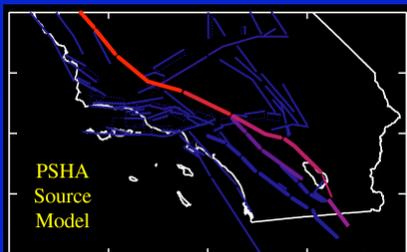
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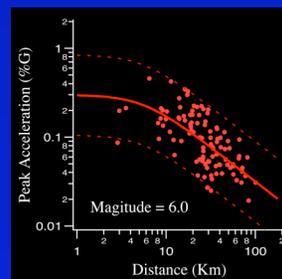
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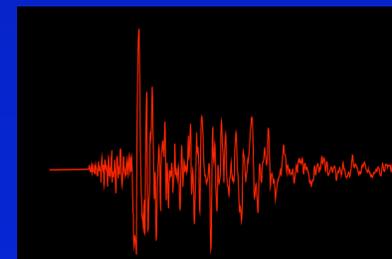
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Many working  
on this.



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To account for epistemic uncertainties  
in the hazard estimate.

We have yet to achieve this.

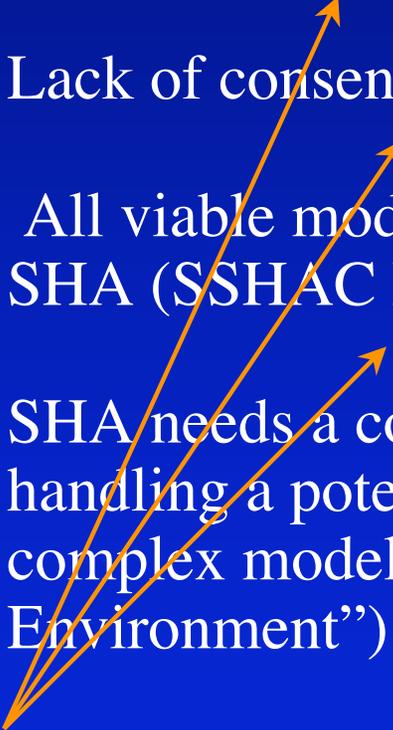
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# *RELM*

A Southern California Working Group

for the Development of

**Regional Earthquake Likelihood Models**

(Earthquake-Rupture Forecasts)

# RELM

## Goals:

- (1) To develop a range of viable, potentially physics-based earthquake-rupture forecast models (not just one "consensus" model).
- (2) To test these models against existing & future geophysical data.
- (3) To examine the seismic hazard implications of each model , which will help ...
  - achieve proper SHA in terms of defining uncertainties
  - identify research topics needed to reduce these uncertainties
  - identify which models are exportable to regions where options are fewer

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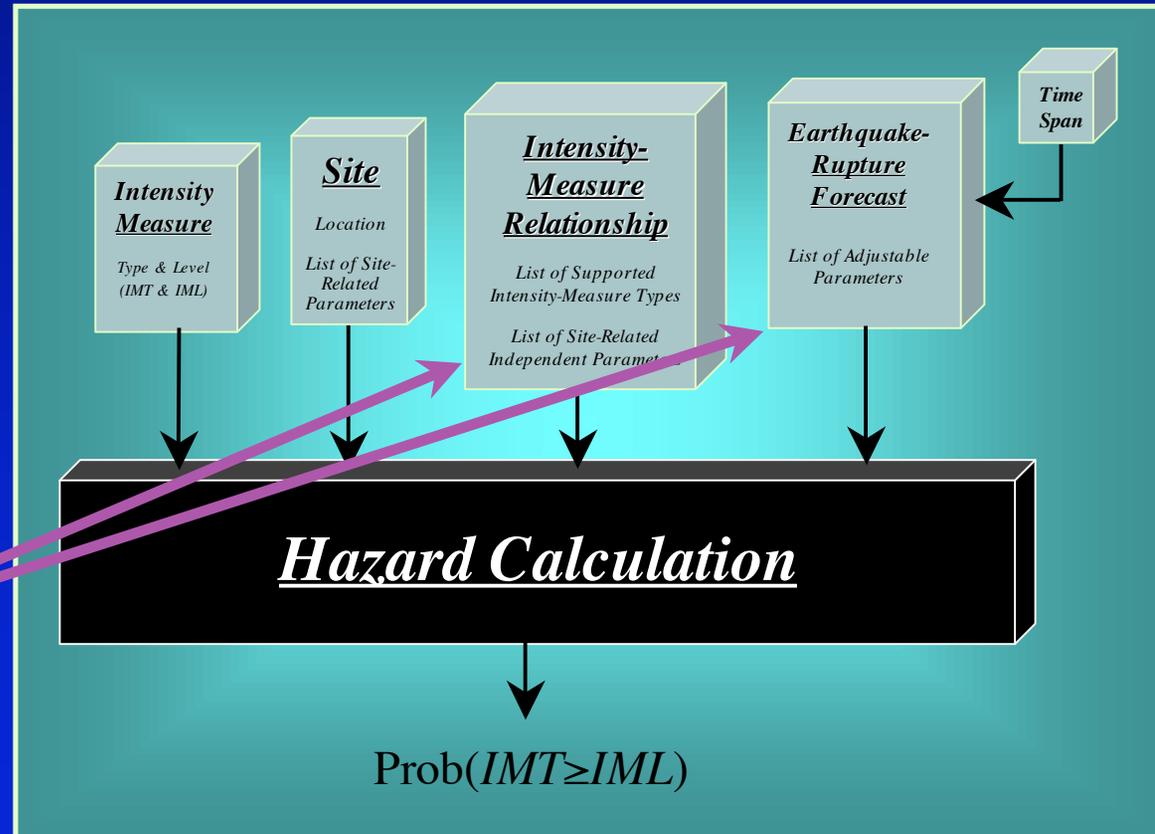
*OpenSHA & ITR CME*

# OpenSHA:

A framework where any arbitrarily complex (e.g., physics based) SHA component can “plug in” for end-to-end SHA calculations.

- open source
- object oriented
- platform ind.
- web/GUI enabled
- distributed (potentially)
- Java (or wrapped code)
- validated

Any IMR or  
ERF can be  
plugged in



# *OpenSHA:*

## SHA Models Implemented:

### Intensity-Measure Relationships (Attenuation Relationships)

Boore et al. (1997)  
Abrahamson & Silva (1997)  
Campbell (1997)  
Sadigh et al. (1997)  
Field (2000)  
Abrahamson (2000)  
Campbell & Bazorgnia (2003)  
ShakeMap (2003)  
SEA (Spudich et al., 1999)  
USGS Combined (2004)  
Wells & Coppersmith (1994)

### Earthquake Rupture Forecasts

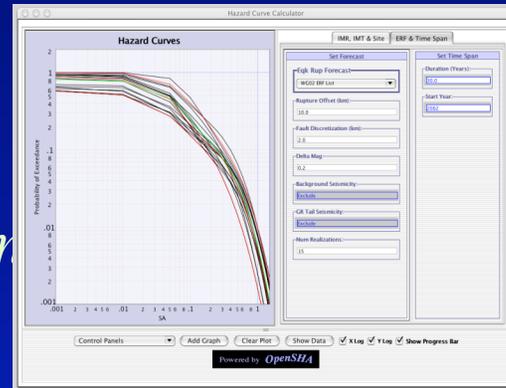
PEER Area  
PEER Non-Planar Fault  
PEER Multi-Source  
PEER Logic Tree  
Poisson Fault ERF  
Fault Rupture ERF  
USGS/CGS (1996)  
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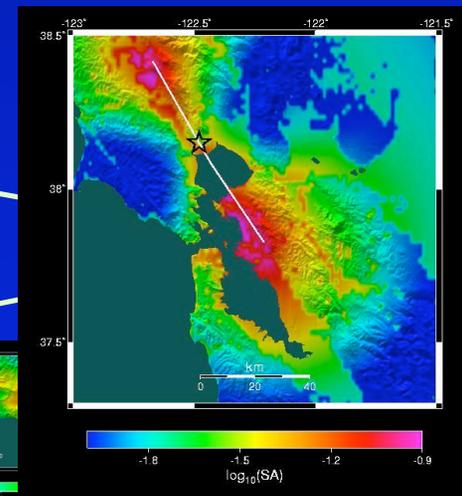
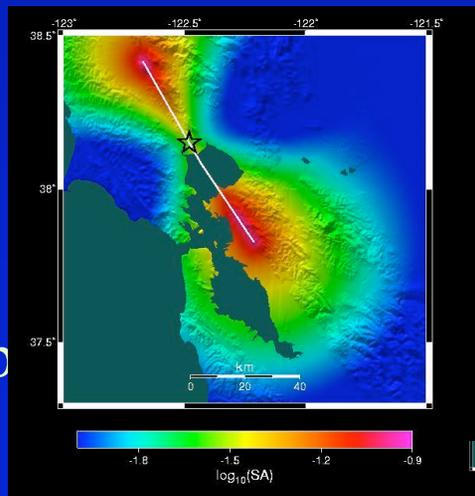
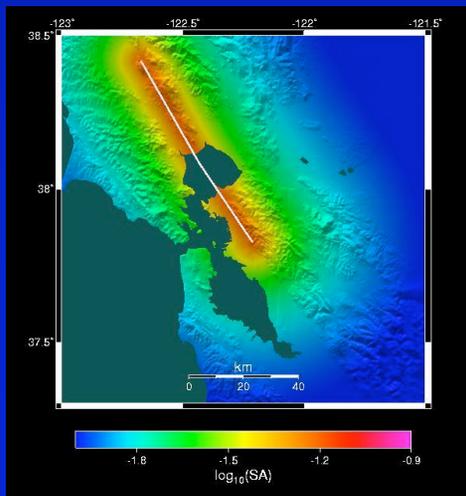
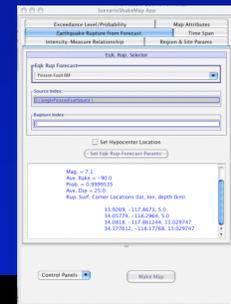
## Applications Available:

1) Hazard Curve Calculator *(to anyone from ...)*



curves for WGCEP-2002

2) Scenario ShakeMap Calculator



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# Advanced IT Elements:

(made possible by the SCEC ITR collaboration)

A) Components can be geographically distributed (using web-services and distributed object technologies)

1. Wills et al. (2000) map and CVM (for setting site types)
2. GMT Map Making Service
3. Earthquake Rupture Forecasts (ERFs):  
Makes applications lightweight and puts maintenance onus on the host.

e.g., WGCEP-2002 Forecast as wrapped Fortran Code



# Advanced IT Elements:

(made possible by the ITR collaboration)

A) Components can be geographically distributed (using web-services and distributed object technologies)

B) GRID computing for full hazard maps

Idle UNIX workstations in USC's Condor pool are used to get the job done faster (by more than an order of magnitude).



# Advanced IT Elements:

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- A) Components can be geographically distributed (using web-services and distributed object technologies)
- B) GRID computing for full hazard maps
- C) Digital libraries used to store large datasets.

# *OpenSHA* Impact:

1. Code validation via PEER PSHA Working Group
2. More flexible option to the “official” USGS ShakeMaps
3. Scenarios computed for M 7.1-7.5 Puente Hills (→ HAZUS); paper submitted
4. Fault-offset probability computed for Alyeska at the Alaska Oil Pipeline
5. Hazard calculations for the WGCEP-2002 Earthquake Rupture Forecast (forthcoming paper)
6. Hazard calcs for the USGS Short-Term Earthquake Probability (STEP) maps
7. Paper on hazard-map comparison for So. Cal. using different attenuation relations. (also discussing GRID computing)
8. PEER PSHA test-cases result submission/comparison
9. HAZUS study of >100 WG02, Bay-Area scenarios (Reasenberg)

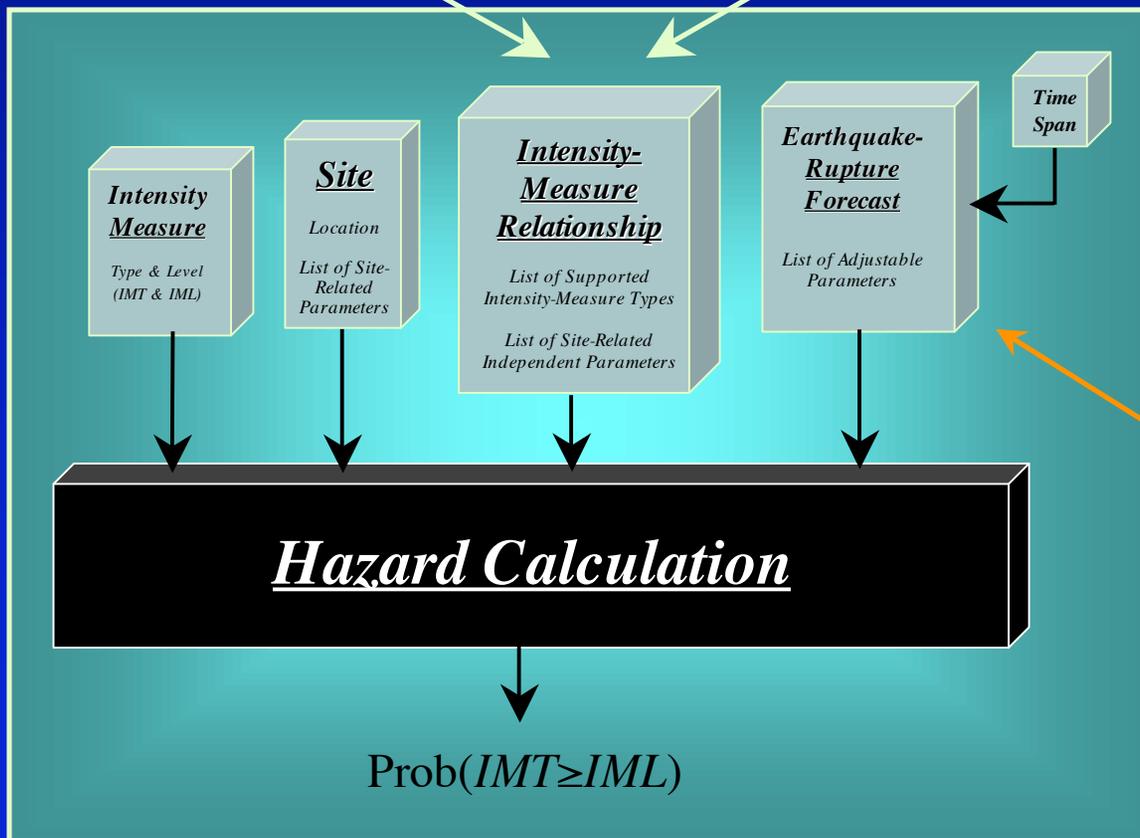
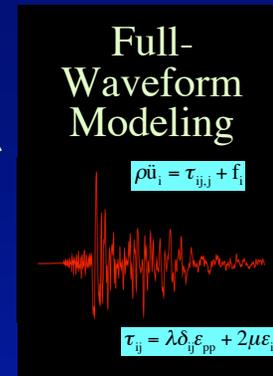
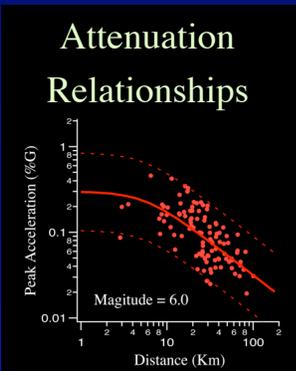
In Summary:

*OpenSHA*  
+  
*other SCEC/ITR elements*  
=  
*CME for SHA*

enabling the use of more physics-based approaches and multiple models as needed for improved seismic-hazard

# OpenSHA:

“Pathway 1” or “Pathway 2”  
*NGA models next*



*RELM*  
*models*