

Special Issue

Advanced Structural Health Monitoring Technologies for Civil Structures

Message from the Guest Editors

Frames are structural systems largely adopted in civil engineering works. Their ability to resist gravitational and lateral loads depends on the bending mechanisms that develop in beams and columns. Reinforced concrete members are bending-resistant structural elements whose capacity is a direct consequence of the complementary presence of compressive (concrete) and tensile (steel reinforcement) resisting materials. Due to the reduced maintenance cost and ease of construction, RC frames are among the most common structural resisting systems in buildings. Resistance when exposed to fire and robustness under thread-independent damage scenarios are some of the capabilities of RC frames. The aim of this Special Issue is to attract leading researchers in the area of the reliability assessment of RC frame buildings, in an effort to highlight the effects of aging, ordinary and exceptional loads, thread-independent damage scenarios or other phenomena that can occur during the working life of the constructions such as, but not limited to, maintenance and repair works.

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