

Special Issue

Innovations in Composite Material Technologies and Structural Design

Message from the Guest Editors

This Special Issue aims to highlight the latest developments in composite material technologies and structural design strategies, with particular emphasis on their application in civil engineering structures exposed to natural and extreme loading conditions. We invite researchers to submit original contributions that address, but are not limited to, the following topics:

- Additive manufacturing and fabrication techniques for civil engineering composites;
- Innovative structural design and optimization methods using composite materials;
- Experimental and computational characterization of composite systems under service and extreme loads;
- Structural analysis and design for seismic, wind, fire, blast, and corrosion resistance;
- Multi-hazard performance assessment and mitigation strategies;
- Long-term durability, maintenance, and health monitoring of composite structures;
- Sustainability and life-cycle analysis of composite materials in civil infrastructure;
- Code-based design and regulatory compliance for composite structures under extreme conditions;
- Case studies and real-world applications of composite materials in civil engineering.

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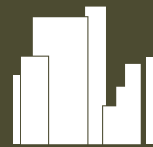
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