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Advanced Studies in Nonlinear Dynamics, Numerical Modelling and Applications in Masonry Structures

Message from the Guest Editor

Masonry, one of the oldest construction types, remains dominant globally for new buildings and is the base material for countless historical structures. The wide application of masonry necessitates a thorough understanding of its mechanical and physical parameters to enable precise numerical calculations and computational analyses of complex buildings.

This need is critical for analyses involving inelastic states and dynamic loads, such as seismic shocks, mining activity, or urban transport vibrations. Despite years of research, a more precise description of masonry's actual behavior is still required, especially for historical and new types of materials.

The aim of this Special Issue of *Buildings* is to expand knowledge on masonry behavior under various loading conditions. The scope covers theoretical, experimental, and numerical studies, including the application of nonlinear dynamics to describe complex responses under variable and/or cyclic influences. We also seek work on material models (existing and proposed modifications) useful for advanced computational and numerical analyses.

We invite the submission of full-text articles, announcements, and reviews to this Special Issue.

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Current urban environments are home to multi-modal transit systems, extensive energy grids, a building stock, and integrated services. Sprawling neighborhoods are composed of buildings that accommodate living and working quarters. However, it is expected that the cities and communities of the future will face complex and enormous challenges, including maintenance, interconnectivity, resilience, energy efficiency, and sustainability issues, to name but a few. A smart city uses advanced technologies and a digital infrastructure to improve the outcomes in every aspect of a city's operations. A smart building optimizes the experience of occupants, staff, and management by using a modern and connected environment. Innovations in technology that can bring dramatic improvements to design, planning, and policy are critical in developing the cities and buildings of the future.

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