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This book is intended primarily as a textbook for students studying structural engineering. It covers three main areas in the analysis and

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design of structural systems subjected to seismic loading: basic seismology, basic structural dynamics, and code-based calculations used to determine seismic loads from an equivalent static method and a dynamics-based method. It provides students

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with the skills to determine seismic effects on structural systems, and is unique in that it combines the fundamentals of structural dynamics with the latest code specifications. Each chapter contains electronic resources: image galleries, PowerPoint

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presentations, a solutions manual, etc.

The book explores the two opposite natural trends of composite systems: (i) order and structure emerging from heterogeneity and randomness, and (ii) instability and chaos arising from simple nonlinear

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rules. Providing insights into the rapidly growing field of complexity sciences, the book focuses on the role of complexity in fracture mechanics. It firstly discusses the occurrence of self-similarity and fractal patterns in deformation, damage, fracture, and

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fragmentation of heterogeneous materials and the apparent scaling of the nominal mechanical properties of disordered materials, as well as of the time-to-failure after fatigue and creep loading. Then the book addresses criticality in the acoustic emissions from damaged

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structures and tectonic faults. Further, it examines the snap-back instability in the structural behavior of relatively large composite structures in the framework of catastrophe theory, and lastly describes the transition toward chaos in the dynamics of cracked

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elements.

In the Wake of Tacoma is the first comprehensive treatment of the changes that the 1940 collapse of the first Tacoma Narrows Bridge has imposed on the design of suspension bridges. Written as a historical narrative, this heavily

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illustrated book describes design trends before the collapse, the collapse itself, and the investigations to determine its cause. The book then examines subsequent aerodynamic and other design developments and their application in suspension bridges

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worldwide in the decades following the collapse. In the Wake of Tacoma is a comprehensive reference work on suspension bridges in general, examining virtually every suspension bridge of note built in the past sixty years and highlighting overall development of

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the state of the art today. It goes beyond the major, well-known bridges to examine many small and mid-span suspension bridges worldwide that have contributed significantly to the modern development of the form. Also covered are the engineering

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debates and engineers involved; discussions of bridges under construction and under design; and new design concepts and materials to conquer the huge distances envisaged for such crossings as the Messina and Gibraltar straits. Presented in easy-to-understand,

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nontechnical language, this book, which received the 2006 Publication Award from the Japan Association for Wind Engineering, should appeal to both engineers and nonengineers with an interest in bridges and engineering in general. About the Author Richard Scott is a

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waterway heritage planner for Parks Canada, where he is currently responsible for palnning along the Trent-Severn waterway. He is also the editor of History of the Modern Suspension Bridge: Solving the Dilemma between Economy and Stiffness (ASCE Press, 2010).

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Product Reviews ...An outstanding history of suspension bridges focusing on post-Tacoma spans... In the Wake of Tacoma is extremely visual and written in a style that makes it accessible, exciting and interesting to both engineers and the general public. It is a masterful

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study- well researched, written, and illustrated. --Eric DeLony, Chief, Historic American Engineering Record, National Park Service
This conference is the first in a series of conferences dedicated to Fracture Mechanics of Concrete Structures. Due to the recent

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explosion of interest in research on fracture in concrete, the conference has brought together the world's leading researchers in fracture of concrete and this book contains the proceedings.

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science that is fundamental to
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engineering, and to other branches of
engineering. With its focus not only on
elasticity theory, including nano- and
biomechanics, but also on concrete*

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applications in real engineering situations, this acclaimed work is a core text in a spectrum of courses at both the undergraduate and graduate levels, and a superior reference for engineering professionals.

Over forty years of teaching experience are distilled into this text. The guiding

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principle is the wide use of the concept of intermediate asymptotics, which enables the natural introduction of the modeling of real bodies by continua. Beginning with a detailed explanation of the continuum approximation for the mathematical modeling of the motion and equilibrium of real bodies, the

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author continues with a general survey of the necessary methods and tools for analyzing models. Next, specific idealized approximations are presented, including ideal incompressible fluids, elastic bodies and Newtonian viscous fluids. The author not only presents general concepts but also devotes chapters to examining

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significant problems, including turbulence, wave-propagation, defects and cracks, fatigue and fracture. Each of these applications reveals essential information about the particular approximation. The author's tried and tested approach reveals insights that will be valued by every teacher and student of

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mechanics.

Building on the author's Structural Mechanics Fundamentals, this text presents a complete and uniform treatment of the more advanced topics in structural mechanics, ranging from beam frames to shell structures, from dynamics to buckling analysis, from plasticity to

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fracture mechanics, from long-span to high-rise civil structures. Plane frames Statically indeterminate beam systems: Method of displacements Plates and shells Finite element method Dynamics of discrete systems Dynamics of continuous elastic systems Buckling instability Long-span structures High-

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rise structures Theory of plasticity Plane stress and plane strain conditions Mechanics of fracture This book serves as a text for graduate students in structural engineering, as well as a reference for practising engineers and researchers.

This second edition of Structural

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Mechanics is an expanded and revised successor to the highly successful first edition, which over the last ten years has become a widely adopted standard first year text. The addition of five new programmes, together with some updating of the original text, now means that this book covers most of the

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Civil Engineering degree courses up to second year level.

Scaling

Proceedings of the First International Conference on Fracture Mechanics of Concrete Structures (FraMCoS1), held at Beaver Run Resort, Breckenridge, Colorado, USA, 1-5 June 1992.

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Flow, Deformation and Fracture

Organic Solar Cells

*Non-Linear Mechanics of Reinforced
Concrete*

This volume emphasises the most recent advances in fracture mechanics as specifically applied to steel bar reinforced concrete.

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Fracture mechanics has been applied to plain and fibre reinforced concrete with increasing success over recent years. This workshop extended these concepts to steel bar reinforced and pre-stressed concrete design. Particularly for high strength concrete, which is a

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very brittle material, and in the case of large structural members, the application of fracture mechanics appears to be very useful for improving the present design rules. The pre-eminent participants at the Turin workshop contributed extensive expert opinions in four

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selected areas for which a rational approach, using fracture mechanics, could introduce variations into the concrete design codes: size effects; anchorage and bond; minimum reinforcement for elements in flexure; and shear resistance. The 23 chapters

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logically address these themes and demonstrate the unique ability of fracture mechanics to capture all the experimentally observed characteristics. The book is primarily directed to the researchers in universities and institutions and will be of value to

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consultants and engineering companies.

What is involved in restoring a river? River Quality: Dynamics and Restoration answers this question through a series of articles and case studies written by some of the field's leading researchers and

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practitioners. The first part of the book covers the physical, chemical, and biological dynamics of a river system. The second part describes monitoring programs and remedial measures used to restore river systems back to healthy and functional states. The Willamette

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River in Oregon and the Vistula River in Poland are used to illustrate the dynamic and restoration processes. Each river is in a different stage of restoration and is subjected to different degrees of stress from agriculture, industry, and urbanization. The

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Willamette is an internationally cited example of a restored river, while the Vistula is a river that has just recently begun the restoration process. Contrasts and comparisons of the two river systems enable readers to learn the limitations of restoration processes

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and what is involved in the different stages of restoration.

The book is characterized by the illustration of cases of fractal, self-similar and multi-scale structures taken from the mechanics of solid and porous materials, which have a technical interest. In addition, an

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accessible and self-consistent treatment of the mathematical technique of fractional calculus is provided, avoiding useless complications.

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mechanics. Presenting a traditional subject in an updated and modernized way, it merges classical topics with ones that have taken shape in more recent times, such as duality. This book is extensively based on the

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introductory chapters to the author's Structural Mechanics: A Unified Approach. Coverage includes: The basic topics of geometry of areas and of kinematics and statics of rigid body systems The mechanics of

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*linear elastic solids—beams,
plates, and three-
dimensional solids—examined
using a matrix approach The
analysis of strain and
stress around a material
point The linear elastic
constitutive law, with*

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related Clapeyron's and Betti's theorems Kinematic, static, and constitutive equations The implication of the principle of virtual work The Saint Venant problem The theory of beam systems—statically

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Methods of forces and energy
for the examination of
indeterminate beam systems
The book draws on the
author's many years of
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illustrations and worked examples to help explain the topics clearly yet rigorously. The book can be used as a text for senior undergraduate or graduate students in structural engineering or architecture

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and as a valuable reference for researchers and practicing engineers.

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to students, as several chapters have been rewritten and their scope has expanded. Four new chapters highlighting combined loadings, unsymmetrical bending and shear centre, fixed beams, and rotating

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rings, discs and cylinders have been added. New solved examples, multiple choice questions and short answer questions have been added to augment learning. The entire text has been thoroughly revised and updated to

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eliminate the possible errors left out in the previous editions of the book. This textbook is ideal for the students of Mechanical and Civil Engineering. ^

BIM for Structural

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*Engineering and Architecture
Building Information
Modeling: Framework for
Structural Design outlines
one of the most promising
new developments in
architecture, engineering,
and construction (AEC) .*

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Building information modeling (BIM) is an information management and analysis technology that is changing the role of computation in the architectural and engineering industries. The

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innovative process constructs a database assembling all of the objects needed to build a specific structure. Instead of using a computer to produce a series of drawings that together describe the

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building, BIM creates a single illustration representing the building as a whole. This book highlights the BIM technology and explains how it is redefining the structural analysis and

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design of building structures. BIM as a Framework Enabler This book introduces a new framework—the structure and architecture synergy framework (SAS framework)—that helps

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develop and enhance the understanding of the fundamental principles of architectural analysis using BIM tools. Based upon three main components: the structural melody, structural poetry, and

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structural analysis, along with the BIM tools as the frame enabler, this new framework allows users to explore structural design as an art while also factoring in the principles of engineering. The framework

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stresses the influence structure can play in form generation and in defining spatial order and composition. By highlighting the interplay between architecture and structure, the book emphasizes the

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conceptual behaviors of structural systems and their aesthetic implications and enables readers to thoroughly understand the art and science of whole structural system concepts. Presents the use of BIM

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technology as part of a design process or framework that can lead to a more comprehensive, intelligent, and integrated building design Places special emphasis on the application of BIM technology for

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exploring the intimate relationship between structural engineering and architectural design
Includes a discussion of current and emerging trends in structural engineering practice and the role of the

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*structural engineer in
building design using new
BIM technologies Building
Information Modeling:
Framework for Structural
Design provides a thorough
understanding of
architectural structures and*

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introduces a new framework that revolutionizes the way building structures are designed and constructed. Critical distance methods are extremely useful for predicting fracture and fatigue in engineering

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components. They also represent an important development in the theory of fracture mechanics. Despite being in use for over fifty years in some fields, there has never been a book about these methods - until now.

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So why now? Because the increasing use of computer-aided stress analysis (by FEA and other techniques) has made these methods extremely easy to use in practical situations. This is turn has prompted

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researchers to re-examine the underlying theory with renewed interest. The Theory of Critical Distances begins with a general introduction to the phenomena of mechanical failure in materials: a basic

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understanding of solid mechanics and materials engineering is assumed, though appropriate introductory references are provided where necessary. After a simple explanation of how to use critical

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distance methods, and a more detailed exposition of the methods including their history and classification, the book continues by showing examples of how critical distance approaches can be applied to predict

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fracture and fatigue in different classes of materials. Subsequent chapters include some more complex theoretical areas, such as multiaxial loading and contact problems, and a range of practical examples

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using case studies of real engineering components taken from the author's own consultancy work. The Theory of Critical Distances will be of interest to a range of readers, from academic researchers concerned with

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the theoretical basis of the subject, to industrial engineers who wish to incorporate the method into modern computer-aided design and analysis. Comprehensive collection of published data, plus new data from the

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author's own laboratories A simple 'how-to-do-it' exposition of the method, plus examples and case studies Detailed theoretical treatment Covers all classes of materials: metals, polymers, ceramics and

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*composites Includes
fracture, fatigue, fretting,
size effects and multiaxial
loading*

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Analysis in Proteins and
Macromolecular Structures
Applications to the*

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*Automotive, Marine,
Aerospace and Construction
Industry
Environment-Friendly
Techniques of Rock Breaking
Waves in Biomechanics
Fracture and Complexity*

This book describes the

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application of nonlinear static and dynamic analysis for the design, maintenance and seismic strengthening of reinforced concrete structures. The latest

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structural and RC
constitutive modelling
techniques are described
in detail, with
particular attention
given to multi-
dimensional cracking and

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damage assessment, and their practical applications for performance-based design. Other subjects covered include 2D/3D analysis techniques,

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bond and tension stiffness, shear transfer, compression and confinement. It can be used in conjunction with WCOMD and COM3 software Nonlinear

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Mechanics of Reinforced Concrete presents a practical methodology for structural engineers, graduate students and researchers concerned with the

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design and maintenance of concrete structures. Since its first publication in 1974, Principles of Structure has established itself at the forefront of

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building structures. It provides a simple quantitative introduction to structural engineering, while also drawing connections to real

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buildings that are more complex. Retaining the style and format of earlier editions, this Fifth Edition brings the text and examples into alignment with

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international practice. It also features six new buildings from around the world, illustrating the principles described in the text. The book begins with a chapter

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explaining forces and their effects. Other chapters cover ties and struts, loadings, graphical statics, bracings, shears and moments, stresses,

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deflections, and beam design. There is also an appendix with a fuller explanation of fundamentals for readers unfamiliar with the basic concepts of

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The book offers a unique format with right-hand pages containing text and left-hand pages containing complementary commentary including

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explanations and expansions of points made in the text and worked examples. This cross-referencing gives readers a range of perspectives and a

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examples and problem sheets—give beginners straightforward access to elementary structural engineering.

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proposes a novel
technique for plate and
shell governing
equations based on
isogeometric analysis,
which condenses the

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dynamic equilibrium
equation for plate and
shell
structures—suitable for
reducing the computation
cost of large degrees of
freedom due to the

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adoption of Non-Uniform Rational Basis Spline (NURBS) models in the plate and shell element formulations. It features useful guidance for understanding the

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and includes
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source code in each
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readers' understanding
of the fundamental

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classical element codes
Allows computation of
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plate and shell theories
based on a newly-
introduced condensation
method, not

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approximation theory

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The author describes and

teaches the art of

discovering scaling

laws, starting from

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dimensional analysis and physical similarity, which are here given a modern treatment. He demonstrates the concepts of intermediate asymptotics and the

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renormalisation group as natural consequences of self-similarity and shows how and when these notions and tools can be used to tackle the task at hand, and when they

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cannot. Based on courses taught to undergraduate and graduate students, the book can also be used for self-study by biologists, chemists, astronomers, engineers

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and geoscientists.

Framework for Structural

Design

Material

Characterization and

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Analysis of Concrete

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Mechanics

Advanced Structural
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Fundamentals

Compares currently used

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methods in determining concrete toughness and presents recommended test procedures with theories and models for describing cracking and fracturing phenomena. Effects of loading rate, temperature and humidity are also examined. Well

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referenced and illustrated, this book is filled with practical technical information for materials and structural engineers.

This guidebook is a practical and essential tool providing everything necessary for

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structural design engineers to create detailed and accurate calculations. Basic information is provided for steel, concrete and geotechnical design in accordance with Australian and international standards. Detailed design items are also provided,

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especially relevant to the mining and oil and gas industries.

Examples include pipe supports, lifting analysis and dynamic machine foundation design. Steel theory is presented with information on fabrication, transportation and costing, along

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with member, connection, and anchor design. Concrete design includes information on construction costs, as well as detailed calculations ranging from a simple beam design to the manual production of circular column interaction diagrams. For

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geotechnics, simple guidance is given on the manual production and code compliance of calculations for items such as pad footings, piles, retaining walls, and slabs. Each chapter also includes recommended drafting details to aid in the creation of

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design drawings. More generally, highly useful aids for design engineers include section calculations and force diagrams. Capacity tables cover real-world items such as various slab thicknesses with a range of reinforcing options, commonly

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used steel sections, and lifting lug capacities. Calculations are given for wind, seismic, vehicular, piping, and other loads. User guides are included for Space Gass and Strand7, including a non-linear analysis example for lifting lug design. Users are also

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directed to popular vendor catalogues to acquire commonly used items, such as steel sections, handrails, grating, grouts and lifting devices. This guidebook supports practicing engineers in the development of detailed designs and refinement

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of their engineering skill and knowledge.

In this volume on the mechanics of fracture of Portland cement concrete, the general theme is the connection between microstructural phenomena and macroscopic models. The issues

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addressed include techniques for observation over a wide range of scales, the influence of microcracking on common measures of strength and deformability , and ultimately, the relationship between microstructural changes in

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concrete under load and its resistance to cracking. It is now commonly accepted that, in past attempts to force-fit the behavior of concrete into the rules of linear elastic fracture mechanics, proper attention has not been paid to scale effects. Clearly, the

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relationships among specimen size, crack length and opening, and characteristic material fabric dimensions have been, in comparison to their counterparts in metals, ceramics, and rocks, abused in concrete. Without a fundamental understanding of

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these relationships, additional testing in search of the elusive, single measure of fracture toughness has spawned additional confusion and frustration. No one is in a better position to document this observation than Professor

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Mindess.

This book presents a complete and unified treatment of the fundamental themes of structural mechanics, ranging from the traditional to the most advanced topics, covering mechanics of linear elastic solids, theory of

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beam systems, and phenomena of structural failure. The book considers explicitly all the static and kinetic operators of structural mechanics with their dual character. Topics relating to structural symmetry are covered in a single chapter while

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dynamics is dealt with at various points. The logical presentation allows the clear introduction of topics such as finite element methods, automatic calculation of framed beam systems, plate and shell theory, theory of plasticity, and fracture mechanics.

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This is a single-source treatment of developments in TFT production from international specialists. It interweaves overlapping areas in multiple disciplines pertinent to transistor fabrication and

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explores the killer application of amorphous silicon transistors in active matrix liquid crystal displays. It evaluates the preparation of polycrystallin
The last decade has seen a significant growth in the

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processing and fabrication of advanced composite materials. This volume contains the up-to-date contributions of those with working experience in the automotive, marine, aerospace and construction field. Starting

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with modern technologies concerned with assessing the change in material microstructure in terms of the processing parameters, methodologies are offered to account for tradeoffs between

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the fundamental variables such as temperature and pressure that control the product quality. The book contains new ideas and data, not available in the open literature.

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made in non-explosive rock breaking techniques in the past two decades. This monograph focuses specifically on environmental-friendly rock excavating using chemical, thermal, hydraulic, electric and

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This book contains detailed

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information on the types, structure, fabrication, and characterization of organic solar cells (OSCs). It discusses processes to improve efficiencies and the prevention of degradation in OSCs. It

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compares the cost-effectiveness of OSCs to those based on crystalline silicon and discusses ways to make OSCs more economical. This book provides a practical guide for the fabrication, processing, and

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characterization of OSCs and
paves the way for further
development in OSC
technology.

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This book derives from
the invited IUTAM
Symposium in September
1993. The contributions
discuss recent advances

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in fracture mechanics studies of concrete, rock, ceramics and other brittle disordered materials at micro and structural levels. It draws together research

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and new applications in continuum, damage and fracture mechanics approaches.

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buckling analysis, from
plasticity to fracture
mechanics, from long-
span to high-rise civil
structures. Plane frames
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shells Finite element
method Dynamics of
discrete systems
Dynamics of continuous
elastic systems Buckling
instability Long-span

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structures High-rise
structures Theory of
plasticity Plane stress
and plane strain
conditions Mechanics of
fracture This book
serves as a text for

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graduate students in structural engineering, as well as a reference for practising engineers and researchers.

Proteins and
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structures represent one of the most important building blocks for a variety of biological processes. Their biological activity is performed in a dynamic

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fashion, hence the concepts of waves and vibrations can help to explain how proteins function. This book has the goal of highlighting the importance of wave

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and vibrational phenomena in the realm of proteins. It targets younger students as well as graduate researchers who work in various scientific fields and

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