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This document details the crucial aspects of seismic design for petrochemical facilities, specifically focusing on compliance with the National Building Code of Canada (NBCC) standards. It covers the necessary engineering considerations and regulations to ensure the structural integrity and operational safety of these critical industrial installations against seismic events.

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Guidelines for Seismic Evaluation and Design of Petrochemical Facilities

Topics include design and evaluation philosophy, seismic hazards such as ground shaking, fault rupture, and tsunamis, analysis and load definition, primary structural design criteria and considerations, walkdown evaluations of existing facilities, design and evaluation of tanks at grade, and retrofit design and procedures for seismically deficit structures.

Seismic Evaluation and Design of Petrochemical and Other Industrial Facilities

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Guidelines for Seismic Evaluation and Design of Petrochemical Facilities

These guidelines offer practical recommendations on several aspects affecting the design and safety of new and existing petrochemical facilities both during and following an earthquake. In the area of new design, this book emphasizes interpretations of the intent of building codes as applied to petrochemical facilities, and gives practical guidance on design details and considerations that are not included in building codes. For existing facilities, the authors present evaluation methodologies that rely heavily on experience from past earthquakes, coupled with focused analyses. Guidelines for Seismic Evaluation and Design of Petrochemical Facilities is an updated edition in a collection of state-of-the-practice reports produced by the ASCE Petrochemical Committee. It will be valuable to structural design engineers, operating company personnel responsible for establishing seismic design and construction standards, and local building authorities.

Design of Blast-resistant Buildings in Petrochemical Facilities

This updated edition provides general guidelines for the structural design of blast-resistant petrochemical facilities. Information is provided for U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) requirements, design objectives, siting considerations, and load determination, and references cite sources of detailed information. Detailed coverage is provided for types of construction, dynamic material strengths, allowable response criteria, analysis methods, and design procedures. Typical details and ancillary considerations, such as doors and windows, are also included. A how-to discussion on the upgrade of existing buildings is provided for older facilities which may not meet current needs. Three example calculations are included to illustrate design procedures.

Post-Earthquake Rehabilitation and Reconstruction

Damage assessment, rehabilitation, decision-making, social consequences, repair and reconstruction; these are all critical factors for considerations following natural disasters such as earthquakes. In order to address these issues, the United States of America and the Peoples Republic of China regularly organize bilateral symposia/workshops to investigate multiple hazard mitigation, particularly with respect to earthquake engineering. This book contains state-of-the-art reports presented by world-renowned researchers at the US/PRC Sympsosium Workshop on Post-Earthquake Rehabilitation and Reconstruction held in Kunming, Yunnan, China, May 1995. The following key areas are addressed: damage assessment of structures after earthquakes; lessons of post-earthquake recovery, rehabilitation and reconstruction, including public policy, land use options, urban planning, and design; issues in and examples of decision-making, and implementation of rehabilitation and reconstruction plans and policies; repair, strengthening, retrofit and control of structures and lifeline systems, post-earthquake socio-economic problems covering issues of relief and recovery; human and organizational behavior during emergency response, and strategies for improvement; real-time monitoring of earthquake response and damage.

Fourth Canadian Conference on Earthquake Engineering

Structural Design for Fire Safety, 2nd edition Andrew H. Buchanan, University of Canterbury, New Zealand Anthony K. Abu, University of Canterbury, New Zealand A practical and informative guide to structural fire engineering This book presents a comprehensive overview of structural fire engineering. An update on the first edition, the book describes new developments in the past ten years, including advanced calculation methods and computer programs. Further additions include: calculation methods for membrane action in floor slabs exposed to fires; a chapter on composite steel-concrete construction; and case studies of structural collapses. The book begins with an introduction to fire safety in buildings, from fire growth and development to the devastating effects of severe fires on large building structures. Methods of calculating fire severity and fire resistance are then described in detail, together with both simple and advanced methods for assessing and designing for structural fire safety in buildings constructed from structural steel, reinforced concrete, or structural timber. Structural Design for Fire Safety, 2nd edition bridges the information gap between fire safety engineers, structural engineers and building officials, and it will be useful for many others including architects, code writers, building designers, and firefighters. Key features: • Updated references to current research, as well as new end-of-chapter questions and worked examples. •Authors experienced in teaching, researching, and applying structural fire engineering in real buildings. • A focus on basic principles rather than specific building code requirements, for an international audience. An essential guide for structural engineers who wish to improve their understanding of buildings exposed to severe fires and an ideal textbook for introductory or advanced courses in structural fire engineering.

Proceedings

Standard ASCE/SEI 7-22 provides requirements for general structural design and includes means for determining various loads and their combinations, which are suitable for inclusion in building codes and other documents.

Structural Design for Fire Safety

Prepared by the Technical Council on Lifeline Earthquake Engineering of ASCE. This TCLEE Monograph covers the entire range of fire following earthquake (FFE) issues, from historical fires to 20th-century fires in Kobe, San Francisco, Oakland, Berkeley, and Northridge. FFE has the potential of causing catastrophic losses in the United States, Japan, Canada, New Zealand, and other seismically active countries with wood houses. This comprehensive book on FFE and urban conflagrations provides

state-of-the-practice insight on unique issues, such as large diameter flex hose applications by fire and water departments. Topics include: History of past fires; Computer modeling of fire spread in the post-earthquake urban environment; Concurrent damage and fire impacts for water, power gas, communication and transportation systems; Examples of reliable water systems built or designed in San Francisco, Vancouver, Berkeley, and Kyoto; Use of large diameter (5 in.) and ultralarge diameter (12 in.) flex hose for fire fighting and water restoration; and Cost-effectiveness of various FFE mitigation strategies, with a detailed benefit-cost model. Water utility engineers, fire fighting professionals, and emergency response planners will benefit from reading this book.

Seismic Analysis of Safety-related Nuclear Structures, and Commentary on Standard for Seismic Analysis of Safety Related Nuclear Structures

Fundamentals of Earthquake Engineering combines aspects of engineering seismology, structural and geotechnical earthquake engineering to assemble the vital components required for a deep understanding of response of structures to earthquake ground motion, from the seismic source to the evaluation of actions and deformation required for design. The nature of earthquake risk assessment is inherently multi-disciplinary. Whereas Fundamentals of Earthquake Engineering addresses only structural safety assessment and design, the problem is cast in its appropriate context by relating structural damage states to societal consequences and expectations, through the fundamental response quantities of stiffness, strength and ductility. The book is designed to support graduate teaching and learning, introduce practicing structural and geotechnical engineers to earthquake analysis and design problems, as well as being a reference book for further studies. Fundamentals of Earthquake Engineering includes material on the nature of earthquake sources and mechanisms, various methods for the characterization of earthquake input motion, damage observed in reconnaissance missions, modeling of structures for the purposes of response simulation, definition of performance limit states, structural and architectural systems for optimal seismic response, and action and deformation quantities suitable for design. The accompanying website at www.wiley.com/go/elnashai contains a comprehensive set of slides illustrating the chapters and appendices. A set of problems with solutions and worked-through examples is available from the Wley Editorial team. The book, slides and problem set constitute a tried and tested system for a single-semester graduate course. The approach taken avoids tying the book to a specific regional seismic design code of practice and ensures its global appeal to graduate students and practicing engineers.

Minimum Design Loads and Associated Criteria for Buildings and Other Structures

This book presents the selected peer-reviewed proceedings of the International Conference on Recent Trends and Innovations in Civil Engineering (ICRTICE 2019). The volume focuses on latest research and advances in the field of civil engineering and materials science such as design and development of new environmental materials, performance testing and verification of smart materials, performance analysis and simulation of steel structures, design and performance optimization of concrete structures, and building materials analysis. The book also covers studies in geotechnical engineering, hydraulic engineering, road and bridge engineering, building services design, engineering management, water resource engineering and renewable energy. The contents of this book will be useful for students, researchers and professionals working in civil engineering.

Proceedings from the Symposium on Seismic Hazards, Ground Motions, Soil-Liquefaction and Engineering Practice in Eastern North America

Although military policy seems focused on overseas threats, defending the homeland is, of course, the ultimate objective. This guide examines emergent threats to the USA homeland such as speciality weapons, cyber attacks and ballistic missiles and delineates the army's responsibilities.

Fire Following Earthquake

Seismic Design of Industrial Facilities demands a deep knowledge on the seismic behaviour of the individual structural and non-structural components of the facility, possible interactions and last but not least the individual hazard potential of primary and secondary damages. From 26.-27. September 2013 the International Conference on Seismic Design of Industrial Facilities firstly addresses this broad field of work and research in one specialized conference. It brings together academics, researchers and professional engineers in order to discuss the challenges of seismic design for new and existing industrial facilities and to compile innovative current research. This volume contains 50 contributions

to the SeDIF-Conference covering the following topics with respect to the specific conditions of plant design: International building codes and guidelines on the seismic design of industrial facilities. Seismic design of non-structural components. Seismic design of silos and liquid-filled tanks. Soil-structure-interaction effects. Seismic safety evaluation, uncertainties and reliability analysis. Innovative seismic protection systems. Retrofitting The SeDIF-Conference is hosted by the Chair of Structural Statics and Dynamics of RWTH Aachen University, Germany, in cooperation with the Institute for Earthquake Engineering of the Dalian University of Technology, China.

Fundamentals of Earthquake Engineering

Develop a Greater Understanding of How and Why Surface Wave Testing Works Using examples and case studies directly drawn from the authors' experience, Surface Wave Methods for Near-Surface Site Characterization addresses both the experimental and theoretical aspects of surface wave propagation in both forward and inverse modeling. This book accents the key facets associated with surface wave testing for near-surface site characterization. It clearly outlines the basic principles, the theoretical framework and the practical implementation of surface wave analysis. In addition, it also describes in detail the equipment and measuring devices, acquisition techniques, signal processing, forward and inverse modeling theories, and testing protocols that form the basis of modern surface wave techniques. Review Examples of Typical Applications for This Geophysical Technique Divided into eight chapters, the book explains surface wave testing principles from data measurement to interpretation. It effectively integrates several examples and case studies illustrating how different ground conditions and geological settings may influence the interpretation of data measurements. The authors accurately describe each phase of testing in addition to the guidelines for correctly performing and interpreting results. They present variants of the test within a consistent framework to facilitate comparisons, and include an in-depth discussion of the uncertainties arising at each stage of surface wave testing. Provides a comprehensive and in-depth treatment of all the steps involved in surface wave testing Discusses surface wave methods and their applications in various geotechnical conditions and geological settings Explains how surface wave measurements can be used to estimate both stiffness and dissipative properties of the ground Addresses the issue of uncertainty, which is often an overlooked problem in surface wave testing Includes examples with comparative analysis using different processing techniques and inversion algorithms Outlines advanced applications of surface wave testing such as joint inversion, underwater investigation, and Love wave analysis Written for geotechnical engineers, engineering seismologists, geophysicists, and researchers, Surface Wave Methods for Near-Surface Site Characterization offers practical guidance, and presents a thorough understanding of the basic concepts.

Canadian Journal of Civil Engineering

Combining select chapters from Grigsby's standard-setting The Electric Power Engineering Handbook with several chapters not found in the original work, Electric Power Substations Engineering became widely popular for its comprehensive, tutorial-style treatment of the theory, design, analysis, operation, and protection of power substations. For its

Recent Trends in Civil Engineering

MEET THE COMPLEX CHALLENGES OF METAL BUILDING SYSTEMS FOUNDATION DESIGN Expand your professional design skills and engineer safe, reliable foundations and anchors for metal building systems. Written by a practicing structural engineer, Foundation and Anchor Design Guide for Metal Building Systems thoroughly covers the entire process--from initial soil investigation through final design and construction. The design of different types of foundations is explained and illustrated with step-by-step examples. The nuts-and-bolts discussion covers the best design and construction practices. This detailed reference book explains how the design of metal building foundations differs from the design of conventional foundations and how to comply with applicable building codes while avoiding common pitfalls. COVERAGE INCLUDES: Metal building and foundation design fundamentals Soil types, properties, and investigation Unique aspects of foundation design for metal building systems Design of isolated column footings Foundation walls and wall footings Tie rods, hairpins, and slab ties Moment-resisting foundations Slab with haunch, trench footings, and mats Deep foundations Anchors in metal building systems

Technical Report

Innovative and novel, this book extends its coverage of the topic well beyond the conventional themes of project solicitation and proposal evaluation. Using extensive experience gathered over five years of teaching postgraduate courses, Walker and Rowlinson build on Procurement Systems: A Guide to Best Practice in Construction to present a comprehensive and coherent volume that is invaluable to the wider project management community. Cross-disciplinary in approach, coverage includes general historical issues and practical discussions of different types of projects and their procurement needs. It provides and discusses cutting-edge research and thought leadership on issues such as: stakeholder management ethics and corporate governance issues business strategy implications on procurement e-business innovation and organizational learning cultural dimensions human resource development. Helping readers to design project procurement implementation paths that deliver sustainable value, this indispensable volume is key reading for students, lecturers and professionals working in or studying project management.

Preparing the U.S. Army for Homeland Security

Mehta and Coulbourne explain the wind load provisions of Standard ASCE/SEI 7-10 as they affect the planning, design, and construction of buildings for residential and commercial purposes.

Seismic Design of Industrial Facilities

Urban seismic risk is growing worldwide and is, increasingly, a problem of developing countries. In 1950, one in four of the people living in the world's fifty largest cities was earthquake-threatened, while in the year 2000, about one in two will be. Further, ofthose people living in earthquake-threatened cities in 1950, about two in three were located in developing countries, while in the year 2000, about nine in ten will be. Unless urban seismic safety is improved, particularly in developing countries, future earthquakes will have ever more disastrous social and economic consequences. In July 1992, an international meeting was organized with the purpose of examining one means ofimproving worldwide urban safety. Entitled "Uses ofEarthquake Damage Scenarios for Cities of the 21st Century," this meeting was held in conjunction with the Tenth World Conference ofEarthquake Engineering, in Madrid, Spain. An earthquake damage scenario (EDS) is adescription of the consequences to an urban area of a large, but expectable earthquake on the critical facilities of that area. In Californian and Japanese cities, EDSes have been used for several decades, mainly for the needs of emergency response officials. The Madrid meeting examined uses of this technique for other purposes and in other, less developed countries. As a result of this meeting, it appeared that EDSes bad significant potential to improve urban seismic safety worldwide.

Surface Wave Methods for Near-Surface Site Characterization

ASCE standard, Minimum Design Loads for Buildings and Other Structures, (ASCE 7-93 a revision of ANSI/ASCE 7-88), gives requirements for dead, live, soil, wind, snow, rain, and earthquake loads, and their combinations, that are suitable for inclusion in building codes and other documents. The major revision of this standard involves the section on earthquake loads. This section has been greatly expanded to include the latest information in the field of earthquake engineering. Based on this information criteria for the design and construction of buildings and similar structures subject to earthquake ground motions are presented. The basis of the requirement is described in the Commentary. The structural load requirements provided by this standard are intended for use by architects, structural engineers, and those engaged in preparing and administering local building codes.

Electric Power Substations Engineering

This book is a collection of invited lectures including the 5th Nicholas Ambraseys distinguished lecture, four keynote lectures and twenty-two thematic lectures presented at the 16th European Conference on Earthquake Engineering, held in Thessaloniki, Greece, in June 2018. The lectures are put into chapters written by the most prominent internationally recognized academics, scientists, engineers and researchers in Europe. They address a comprehensive collection of state-of-the-art and cutting-edge topics in earthquake engineering, engineering seismology and seismic risk assessment and management. The book is of interest to civil engineers, engineering seismologists, seismic risk managers, policymakers and consulting companies covering a wide spectrum of fields from geotechnical and structural earthquake engineering, to engineering seismology and seismic risk assessment and management. Scientists, professional engineers, researchers, civil protection policymakers and students interested in the seismic design of civil engineering structures and infrastructures, hazard and risk

assessment, seismic mitigation policies and strategies, will find in this book not only the most recent advances in the state-of-the-art, but also new ideas on future earthquake engineering and resilient design of structures. Chapter 1 of this book is available open access under a CC BY 4.0 license.

The Kutch Earthquake--2001

This book focuses on solar energy and its applications in Iraq and its neighboring countries. Iraq suffers from electricity shortages and faces many challenges to meet and overcome current and future increases in electrical demand. Although Iraq relies primarily on petroleum as an energy source, many scientists agree that the future of energy efficiency and safety will rely heavily on the implementation of green and renewable energies. This book is aimed at researchers, policymakers, and students and discusses how PV systems can be successfully implemented in order to reduce dependency on fossil fuel resources. Contains case studies and examples to enhance practical application of the technologies presented; Presents actual adopted Iraqi PV projects; Explains the use and application of photovoltaic cells.

Foundation and Anchor Design Guide for Metal Building Systems

Seismic Wave Analysis for Near Surface Applications presents the foundational tools necessary to properly analyze surface waves acquired according to both active and passive techniques. Applications range from seismic hazard studies, geotechnical surveys and the exploration of extra-terrestrial bodies. Surface waves have become critical to near-surface geophysics both for geotechnical goals and seismic-hazard studies. Included in this book are the related theories, approaches and applications which the lead editor has assembled from a range of authored contributions carefully selected from the latest developments in research. A unique blend of theory and practice, the book's concepts are based on exhaustive field research conducted over the past decade from the world's leading seismologists and geophysicists. Edited by a geophysicist with nearly 20 years of experience in research, consulting, and geoscience software development. Nearly 100 figures, photographs, and examples aid in the understanding of fundamental concepts and techniques Presents the latest research in seismic wave characteristics and analysis, the fundamentals of signal processing, wave data acquisition and inversion, and the latest developments in horizontal-to-vertical spectral ratio (HVSR). Each chapter features a real-world case study—13 in all—to bring the book's key principles to life.

Procurement Systems

Earthquake-resistant structures are the structures considered to withstand earthquakes. While no structure can be entirely resistant to damage from earthquakes, the goal of earthquake-resistant building is to create structures that fare better during seismic activity than their predictable counterparts. Earthquake-resistant structures are envisioned to resist the largest earthquake of a certain probability that is likely to occur at their location. This means the loss of life should be minimized by preventing collapse of the buildings for rare earthquakes while the loss of functionality should be limited for more frequent ones. To be earthquake proof, buildings, structures and their foundations need to be built to be resistant to sideways loads. The lighter the building is, the less the loads. This is particularly so when the weight is higher up. They must be strong enough to take the loads. They must be tied in to any framing, and reinforced to take load in their weakest direction. They must not fall apart and must remain in place after the worst shock waves so as to retain strength for the aftershocks. Currently, there are several design philosophies in earthquake engineering, making use of experimental results, computer simulations and observations from past earthquakes to o er the required performance for the seismic threat at the site of interest. These range from appropriately sizing the structure to be strong and ductile enough to survive the shaking with an acceptable damage, to equipping it with base isolation or using structural vibration control technologies to minimize any forces and deformations. This book highlights on seismic-resistance design of masonry and reinforced concrete structures to be constructed in addition to safety assessment, strengthening and rehabilitation of existing structures in contrast to earthquake loads. This book focuses on earthquake-resistant structures, such as, buildings, bridges and liquid storage tanks. It covers topics in the eld of earthquake engineering. The book provides the contemporary topics on recent progress in earthquake-resistant structures and a helpful tool for graduate students, researchers and practicing structural engineers.

Wind Loads

The complexities of designing piles for lateral loads are manifold as there are many forces that are critical to the design of big structures such as bridges, offshore and waterfront structures and retaining walls. The loads on structures should be supported either horizontally or laterally or in both directions and most structures have in common t

Issues in Urban Earthquake Risk

India 2020 - A Reference Annual is a comprehensive digest of the country's progress in different fields. The book deals with all aspectsof development - from rural to urban, industry to infrastructure, science and technology to art and culture, economy, health, defence to education and mass communication. The sections on general knowledge, current affairs, sports and important events, are a must read for comprehensive understanding of these fields.

Minimum Design Loads for Buildings and Other Structures

The 16 papers in this volume constitute a summary of recent research on the geological architecture and environment of the Fraser River delta, and the physical and chemical processes operating on it. The first two papers are overviews of the geological and seismic setting of the delta. The next two papers summarize present-day sedimentary environments on the delta. A third group of papers covers the geological architecture, or lithostratigraphy, of the delta and the biological structure or biofacies of the delta. The final group of papers is concerned with natural hazards and environmental issues, including earthquakes, geotechnical stability, and seafloor sediment geochemistry.

Recent Advances in Earthquake Engineering in Europe

Few subjects have caught the attention of the entire world as much as those dealing with natural hazards. The first decade of this new millennium provides a litany of tragic examples of various hazards that turned into disasters affecting millions of individuals around the globe. The human losses (some 225,000 people) associated with the 2004 Indian Ocean earthquake and tsunami, the economic costs (approximately 200 billion USD) of the 2011 Tohoku Japan earthquake, tsunami and reactor event. and the collective social impacts of human tragedies experienced during Hurricane Katrina in 2005 all provide repetitive reminders that we humans are temporary guests occupying a very active and angry planet. Any examples may have been cited here to stress the point that natural events on Earth may, and often do, lead to disasters and catastrophes when humans place themselves into situations of high risk. Few subjects share the true interdisciplinary dependency that characterizes the field of natural hazards. From geology and geophysics to engineering and emergency response to social psychology and economics, the study of natural hazards draws input from an impressive suite of unique and previously independent specializations. Natural hazards provide a common platform to reduce disciplinary boundaries and facilitate a beneficial synergy in the provision of timely and useful information and action on this critical subject matter. As social norms change regarding the concept of acceptable risk and human migration leads to an explosion in the number of megacities, coastal over-crowding and unmanaged habitation in precarious environments such as mountainous slopes, the vulnerability of people and their susceptibility to natural hazards increases dramatically. Coupled with the concerns of changing climates, escalating recovery costs, a growing divergence between more developed and less developed countries, the subject of natural hazards remains on the forefront of issues that affect all people, nations, and environments all the time. This treatise provides a compendium of critical, timely and very detailed information and essential facts regarding the basic attributes of natural hazards and concomitant disasters. The Encyclopedia of Natural Hazards effectively captures and integrates contributions from an international portfolio of almost 300 specialists whose range of expertise addresses over 330 topics pertinent to the field of natural hazards. Disciplinary barriers are overcome in this comprehensive treatment of the subject matter. Clear illustrations and numerous color images enhance the primary aim to communicate and educate. The inclusion of a series of unique "classic case study" events interspersed throughout the volume provides tangible examples linking concepts, issues, outcomes and solutions. These case studies illustrate different but notable recent, historic and prehistoric events that have shaped the world as we now know it. They provide excellent focal points linking the remaining terms in the volume to the primary field of study. This Encyclopedia of Natural Hazards will remain a standard reference of choice for many years.

Manual for Screening of Buildings for Seismic Investigation

A comprehensive guide to modern-day methods for earthquake engineering of concrete dams Earthquake analysis and design of concrete dams has progressed from static force methods based on seismic coefficients to modern procedures that are based on the dynamics of dam-water-foundation systems. Earthquake Engineering for Concrete Dams offers a comprehensive, integrated view of this progress over the last fifty years. The book offers an understanding of the limitations of the various methods of dynamic analysis used in practice and develops modern methods that overcome these limitations. This important book: Develops procedures for dynamic analysis of two-dimensional and three-dimensional models of concrete dams Identifies system parameters that influence their response Demonstrates the effects of dam-water-foundation interaction on earthquake response Identifies factors that must be included in earthquake analysis of concrete dams Examines design earthquakes as defined by various regulatory bodies and organizations Presents modern methods for establishing design spectra and selecting ground motions Illustrates application of dynamic analysis procedures to the design of new dams and safety evaluation of existing dams. Written for graduate students, researchers, and professional engineers, Earthquake Engineering for Concrete Dams offers a comprehensive view of the current procedures and methods for seismic analysis, design, and safety evaluation of concrete dams.

Generating Electricity Using Photovoltaic Solar Plants in Iraq

Progressive Collapse of Structures, Second edition provides structural engineers with the practical and systematic frameworks they need to anticipate the risk of progressive and/or disproportionate collapse, and to apply this knowledge to the design of new structures as well as the retrofit design of existing structures.

Surface Wave Analysis for Near Surface Applications

Procurement Systems details the whole spectrum of procurement issues in the construction industry, starting with the client /customer and running through managerial, cultural and IT-based issues. The book commences with an overveiw of previous work and a section on selection criteria is provided to enable practitioners to make their choices of procurement form. Importantly, perfromance comparisons of different procurement forms are discussed and the main emphasis of the book is to highlight best practice based on the most up-to-date research. One chapter deals specifically with developmentally orientated procurement issues in NICs (newly industrialised countries), where best practice is assessed from a different set of perspectives. The authors contributing to this book are among the most highly respected and eminent in the field.

Earthquake-Resistant Structures - Design, Assessment and Rehabilitation

Modern seismology has faced new challenges in the study of earthquakes and their physical characteristics. This volume is dedicated to the use of new approaches and presents a state-of-the-art in historical seismology. Selected historical and recent earthquakes are chosen to document and constrain related seismic parameters using updated methodologies in the macroseismic analysis, field observations of damage distribution and tectonic effects, and modelling of seismic waveforms.

Single Piles and Pile Groups Under Lateral Loading

Filmatized in 2013 and the official recipient of three Oscars, Solomon Northup's powerful slave narrative 'Twelve Years a Slave' depicts Nortup's life as he is sold into slavery after having spent 32 years of his life living as a free man in New York. Working as a travelling musician, Northup goes to Washington D.C, where he is kidnapped, sent to New Orleans, and sold to a planter to suffer the relentless and brutal life of a slave. After a dozen years, Northup escapes to return to his family and pulls no punches, as he describes his fate and that of so many other black people at the time. It is a harrowing but vitally important book, even today. For further reading on this subject, try 'Uncle Tom's Cabin' by Harriet Beecher Stowe. Solomon Northup (c.1807-c.1875) was an American abolitionist and writer, best remembered for his powerful race memoir 'Twelve Years a Slave'. At the age of 32, when he was a married farmer, father-of-three, violinist and free-born man, he was kidnapped in Washington D.C and shipped to New Orleans, sold to a planter and enslaved for a dozen years. When he gained his freedom, he wrote his famous memoir and spent some years lecturing across the US,on behalf of the abolitionist movement. 'Twelve Years a Slave' was published a year after 'Uncle Tom's Cabin' by Harriet Beecher Stowe and built on the anti-slavery momentum it had developed. Northup's final years are something of a mystery, though it is thought that he struggled to cope with family life after being freed.

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