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### Probabilistic learning for decision-making on civil infrastructures under uncertainties

Civil infrastructures are subject to risks related to various types of uncertainties in structural deterioration, natural hazards such as earthquakes and winds, and man-made disasters. These uncertainties may change significantly over the life time of the infrastructures, as evidenced in climate change impacts. Therefore, it is crucial to understand the impacts of these uncertainties based on data and information from various sources such as sensors, data repositories and expert opinions. The main purpose of this “probabilistic learning” is to facilitate risk-based optimal decision-making related to planning, monitoring, maintenance and disaster response. Recently, significant research efforts have been made to develop advanced methods for probabilistic learning and optimal decision-making. In conjunction with the fast development of sensor and information technologies, probabilistic learning is expected to transform the way we are understanding and monitoring the risk of civil infrastructures and establish a powerful and adaptive platform for risk-based decision-making.

This special issue aims at identifying the latest methodological advances and transformative application examples in the topic area of probabilistic learning for optimal decision-making on civil infrastructures under uncertain environments. This aim will be achieved by acquiring contributions from eminent researchers in this topic area from academia, laboratories, and industry. These contributions are expected to establish today’s technological benchmarks from which the next generation of probabilistic learning in civil engineering will evolve.

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Mechanistic Evaluation of Asphalt Paving Materials and Structures

Road transportation is a basic necessity for commerce, travel, and daily life. In most countries, the asphalt pavement network is one of the largest civil infrastructure investments; however, the conditions of these pavement networks require significant and continued attention. In addition, the materials and technologies used for asphalt paving have become increasingly complex and now include warm mix asphalts, reclaimed asphalt pavement, and recycled asphalt shingles, to name a few. Despite the level of investment and technological advances in materials and pavement designs, the sometimes lack of satisfactory performance outcomes has encouraged the asphalt paving industry and highway agencies to shift from empirically-based specifications and design methods to more mechanistic ones. The benefits of mechanistic design and analysis methods compared to empirically-based methods include that they provide: 1) a better understanding of the mechanisms that determine the performance of asphalt materials and pavements, 2) more reliable and accurate test methods and models, 3) the ability to design better performing materials, 4) the ability to develop customized materials and structures to meet specific project conditions, 5) improved pavement network performance, and 6) cost savings due to the longer life of pavements and less maintenance. The purpose of this special issue is to present a compilation of state-of-the-art research into the mechanistic modeling of asphalt materials and pavements. This issue includes articles that introduce and discuss advanced pavement technologies that have been developed in different countries.
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