

Preface

Earthquake is a natural disaster that severely threatens the safety of people. In consequence, increasing the seismic resistance and resilience of civil infrastructures and cities through in-depth research of earthquake engineering has significant value for safeguarding life and property. Note that since the devastating Tangshan Earthquake in 1976, no severe earthquake has taken place for more than 40 years in the eastern and central cities of China. Experiences gained from the previous earthquakes obviously cannot satisfy the latest development of structures and urbanizations. Considering the capacity limitations of physical testing facilities, an accurate, efficient, and realistic numerical simulation of seismic damage to structures and cities is critically needed for developing rational and practical engineering solutions and mitigation strategies to reduce the impacts of earthquakes.

The authors of this monograph have systematically studied the earthquake disaster simulation of civil infrastructures for more than 12 years. The outcomes of their work are summarized in this monograph, covering the novel computational models, high-performance computing methods, and realistic visualization of tall buildings and urban areas, with particular emphasize on collapse prevention and mitigation in extreme earthquakes, earthquake loss evaluation, and seismic resilience. Typical engineering applications to several tallest buildings in the world and selected large cities in China are also introduced to demonstrate the advantages of the proposed computational models and techniques. It should be recognized that extensive studies related to earthquake disaster simulation have been conducted by many other researchers. This monograph is intended to present the work completed by the authors and their coworkers only.

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Given a significant amount of research being conducted in the related areas, the work presented in this monograph is just a small contribution. There must be some limitations and errors in the contents of this monograph. Any comments and suggestions from the readers are warmly welcomed.

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