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Articles in press

The following articles have recently been made available online:

Estimating Shear Strength of Short Rectangular Reinforced Concrete Columns Using Nonlinear Regression and Gene Expression Programming

S.B. Beheshti Aval, H. Ketabdari and S. Asil Gharebaghi, Civil Engineering Faculty, K. N. Toosi University of Technology, Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran

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A Numerical Analysis of the Stress-strain Behavior of Anchorage Elements and Steel Liner of a Prestressed Concrete Containment Wall

Petr Bílý and Alena Kohoutková, Czech Technical University in Prague, Faculty of Civil Engineering, Department of Concrete and Masonry Structures, Prague, Czech Republic https://doi.org/10.1016/j.istruc.2017.07.003

Ultra-high Strength Concrete on Eccentrically Loaded Slender Circular Concrete-filled Dual Steel Columns

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Concrete Stiffened Steel Plate Shear Walls With an Unstiffened Opening

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Shear Transfer Capacity of Composite Sections in Steel Tubed-Reinforced-Concrete Frames

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Parametric Evaluation of Racking Performance of Platform Timber Framed Walls

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The Energy Method in Problems of Buckling of Bars with Quantifier Elimination

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Hysteretic Behaviour of a Piston Based Self-centering (PBSC) Bracing System Made of Superelastic SMA Bars – A Feasibility Study

A.B.M. Rafiqul Haque and M. Shahria Alam, School of Engineering, The University of British Columbia, Kelowna, BC, Canada https://doi.org/10.1016/j.istruc.2017.08.004

Behaviour of Composite Beams Made Using High Strength Steel

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Nonlinear Static Pushover and Eigenvalue Modal Analyses of Quasi-isolated Highway Bridges With Seat-type Abutments

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CFRP strengthened steel beams: Improvement in failure modes and performance analysis

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Optimal prestressing of triple-bay prestressed stayed columns

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