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ABSTRACT

In recent years, emerging technologies have led to the construction of complex novel structural systems, while at the same time a large part of existing infrastructure is reaching the end of its design life-cycle. Developed societies are therefore now met with the urgent need for sustainable and resilient systems. This task is by far not a straightforward one, as all structural systems are inherently characterized by uncertainty due to a number of factors including lack of knowledge of the system, limited information on input loads, potential nonlinear behavior and ageing effects. The use of sensory information for the monitoring and identification of infrastructure allows the limiting of such uncertainties towards assessing structural integrity and ensuring safe operation and resilience.

In this presentation, developments in state-of-the-art algorithms for behavior that lies beyond the usual assumption of the linear range will be presented, focusing on structural identification and multiscale methodologies that can efficiently simulate complex systems and quantify their uncertainty in reduced computational time. The proper combination of theoretical tools with suitable hardware resources can ultimately lead to a "smart infrastructure management system".

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