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# Preface

A resilient city is one, which is able to rebound quickly from a disaster (e.g. earthquake) that has caused structural collapse, casualties, infrastructure disruption and business interruption. Although nowadays, most code-compliant structures have satisfactory collapse resistance under design-level earthquakes, the permanent structural and non-structural damages can be difficult and time consuming to repair, thus posing a great challenge to the affected communities for restoring essential services. After the Christchurch earthquake in 2011, a large number of buildings in the affected zone have been pulled down and it was estimated that the total cost of the rebuild would take up 20% of New Zealand's annual GDP. An independent study claimed that in a developed region such as California, a magnitude 7.8 scenario earthquake would have resulted in an estimated USD113 billion in damages to buildings and lifelines, and nearly USD70 billion in business interruption.

Lessons drawn from past major earthquakes urged a pressing need of a fundamental shift in the design targets for buildings in seismic zones. This provides an impetus for the development of low-damage and high-performance alternatives to conventional structural systems. One of the most promising strategies is to introduce self-centring capability into a structure. The core intention of the self-centring structural design is to minimise the post-earthquake structural damage and to eliminate permanent inter-storey drift. One feasible way is to utilise a unique class of smart metals, namely shape-memory alloys (SMAs), to achieve seismic resiliency. This class of material is capable of recovering large strains either spontaneously or by heating, depending on the thermal–mechanical state. Since the early development in the 1960s, SMAs have been successfully applied in the medical, aerospace, robotic and automobile industries. The consideration of SMA as emerging materials for seismic protection started in the 1990s, and great research progress has been made since then. However, the practical application of SMA to the construction industry has not been common, partially due to the lack of effective knowledge exchange between the communities of material scientists and civil engineers.

This book is intended to make a comprehensive summary of the up-to-date research achievements promoting the use of SMA for civil engineering. It helps to remove the knowledge barriers across disciplines, and sheds considerable light on the opportunity of commercialising SMA products against the seismic hazard. The results from the analysis are demonstrated with religious experimental verifications supplemented by numerical and analytical investigations. The book is mainly written for senior undergraduates, graduate students, academic researchers and practising engineers in the disciplines of civil and seismic engineering. The cutting-edge research introduced in this work aims to provide technical incentives to encourage design professionals, contractors and building officials to use high-performance smart materials in structural design, allowing them to remain at the forefront of construction technology. While this book is also of scientific interest to the mechanical and material science community, much emphasis is placed on making the relevant subjects easier to learn by civil engineers. Therefore, in most cases, the presentation has been structured following the civil engineering custom and terminology.

With the knowledge provided in this work, the readers are expected to get acquainted with the fundamental material properties of SMA, and to gain an in-depth understanding of the detailed working mechanisms and applications of a series of SMA-based structural elements, devices and members. In particular, the state-of-the-art research on SMA-based self-centring connections, braces and dampers is presented in detail, and the dynamic responses of the self-centring structural systems under various types of earthquake excitations are revealed. In addition, the book attempts to provide member-level and system-level design recommendations, which are compatible with the existing seismic design provisions. The economic seismic loss is also evaluated, which allows the reader to have a more direct recognition of the competitiveness of the SMA technology from a financial point of view. It is hoped that this work can also enlighten the researchers and practitioners engaged in other relevant areas such as wind engineering, blast engineering, vibration control, etc. where the SMA technology could be utilised.

The book is mostly from the research findings published over the past decade by the research team at Tongji University. Investigations by many other independent research groups, complemented by the authors' interpretations, are also included in this book with appreciation. The financial supports from the National Natural Science Foundation of China (NSFC), the State Key Laboratory of Disaster Reduction in Civil Engineering (SLDRCE) of China, International Joint Research Laboratory of Earthquake Engineering (ILEE) and Central University Fund for Interdisciplinary Research, Tongji University are gratefully acknowledged, and in addition, the authors would like to express their sincere gratitude to the following individuals: Prof. Yiyi Chen, Prof. Michael Yam, Prof. James Ricles, Prof. Richard Sause, Prof. Roberto Leon, Prof. Yunfeng Zhang and Prof. Bing Qu, for their long-term collaboration and assistance; Prof. Canxing Qiu for kindly sharing the original data for Chaps. 2 and 5; Dr. Yue Zheng for providing technical support for the manufacturing of the SMA cables; graduate students Hongliang Shao, Ce He, Jia Liu, Xiao Yang, Ao Zhang, Qiuming Zhong, Weikang Feng, Junbai Chen,

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# Endorsement

Improving community resilience requires development of more robust structural and non-structural systems and materials for infrastructure, both for new and existing buildings and facilities. In particular, it requires more sustainable and durable construction materials so that our society can respond to natural and man-made disasters in a more equitable way. This book, by providing the first detailed and comprehensive treatment of the use of shape memory alloys in seismic applications, is a very timely and welcome addition to the literature for this class of materials. The book focuses in developments in the last decade and emphasizes the synergies between the material properties and its applications. Its treatment of the topic follows a logical path, starting from basic properties and heat treatments, to their implementation in energy dissipative and recentering devices, and finally to the response of entire structures. It concludes with a very thorough application example that clearly demonstrates the potential for this technology. This clearly written and well-organized book will be an invaluable resource to anyone interested in innovative solutions to seismic design problems.

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# Notation

All symbols used in this book are defined where they first appear. For the reader's convenience, the principal meanings of the commonly used notations are contained in the list below. The reader is cautioned that some symbols may denote more than one quantity; in such cases, the meaning is clarified when read in context.

## Abbreviations

2D, 3D	2-dimension, 3-dimension
BRB	Buckling-restrained braces
BRBF	Buckling-restrained braced frame
CoF	Coefficient of friction
CoV	Coefficient of variation
DBE	Design-based earthquake
DCH	Ductility class high
DCM	Ductility class medium
DIC	Digital image correlation
DM	Damage measure
DS	Damage state
DSC	Differential scanning calorimeter
DV	Decision variable
EDM	Electrical discharge machining
EDP	Engineering demand parameter
EVD	Equivalent viscous damping
FE	Finite element
FEMA	Federal Emergency Management Agency
HSS	High-strength steel
IDA	Incremental dynamic analysis
IDR	Inelastic displacement ratio
IM	Intensity measure

IMF	Intermediate moment frame
MCE	Maximum considered earthquake
MID	Maximum inter-storey drift
MRF	Moment-resisting frame
NiTi	Nickel–titanium
OWSME	One-way shapememory effect
PFA	Peak absolute floor acceleration
PFV	Peak floor velocity
PAR	Plasma arc remelting
PBSD	Performance-based seismic design
PEER	Pacific Earthquake Engineering Research
PGA	Peak ground acceleration
PGV	Peak ground velocity
PT	Post-tensioned/posttensioning
RDR	Residual displacement ratio
RID	Residual inter-storey drift
SC	Self-centring
SCBF	Self-centring braced frame
SDOF	Single degree of freedom
SEM	Scanning election microscope
SE-P	Superelastic–plastic
SMA	Shape-memory alloy
SME	Shape-memory effect
SMRF/SMF	Special moment-resisting frame
SE	Superelastic effect/superelasticity
TEM	Transmission electron microscopy
THA	Time-history analysis
TWSME	Two-way shape-memory effect
TIF	Transformation-induced fatigue
UTM	Universal test machine
VIM	Vacuum induction melting
VAR	Vacuum arc remelting

## Roman Symbols

$a_{max}$	Peak absolute acceleration
$a_t$	Total acceleration
$A$	Cross section area
$A_b$	Shank area of bolt
$A_{BRB}$	Cross section area of the BRB steel core
$A_f$	Austenite finish temperature
$A_s$	Austenite start temperature
$c$	Damping coefficient

$C$	Spring index of helical springs
$C_A$	Change of critical stresses that induce reverse transformation with changing temperatures
$C_M$	Change of critical stresses that induce forward transformation with changing temperatures
$C^{AS}, C^{SA}$	Clausius–Clapeyron constants for the phase transformations
$C_F$	Coefficient of friction
$d$	Wire diameter of helical springs
$d_h$	Bolt hole diameter
$D$	Diameter
$D_e$	External diameter of Belleville washers or ring springs
$D_i$	Internal diameter of Belleville washers or ring springs
$E$	Young’s modulus
$E_A$	Young’s modulus of austenite SMA
$E_M$	Young’s modulus of martensite SMA
$E_s$	Young’s modulus of single-variant martensite
$f_d$	Damping force
$f_{el}$	Maximum force of linear elastic system
$f_{max}$	Maximum force of inelastic system
$f_y$	Yield strength/resistance
$f_{yp}$	Yield strength of the end-plate
$F_{b,pre}$	Preload applied to the SMA bolts
$F_{b,y}$	Yield resistance of SMA bolts/tendons
$F_{BRB,y}$	Yield resistance of the BRB
$F_e$	Yield force of helical springs
$F_{r,pre}$	Preload applied to the SMA ring springs
$F_{rst}$	Restoring force
$F_{r,y}$	Yield resistance of SMA ring spring set
$F_{Rd,y}$	Design yield resistance
$F_{w,pre}$	Preload applied to the SMA washers
$F_{w,y}$	Yield resistance of SMA Belleville washers
$F_y$	Yield strength/resistance (general)
$g$	Gravitational acceleration
$g_1, g_2$	Dimensions of steel angles
$G$	Shear modulus of material
$h_i$	Distance of the $i$ th bolt row to the rotation centre
$h_j$	Distance of the $j$ th SMA washer to the rotation centre
$H^{AS}, H^{SA}$	Scalar quantities in Auricchio model
$H$	Height of Belleville washers or ring springs
$I$	Second moment of area
$I_a$	Second moment of area of angle section
$k$	Stiffness (general)
$k_i$	Effective stiffness of SMA bolt with the consideration of preload
$k_r$	Stiffness of each single SMA ring spring
$k_{r-SMA}$	Reverse transformation stiffness of SMA material

$k_w$	Stiffness of SMA washer group
$K_{b,ini}$	Design/estimated initial stiffness of brace
$K_{c,ini}$	Design/estimated initial stiffness of connections
$K_{d,ini}$	Design/estimated initial stiffness of device
$K_e$	Elastic stiffness of subassembly system
$K_o, K_b, K_g$	Three-stage stiffness of steel angles under tension
$K_{r-ang}$	Reverse stiffness of single steel angle
$K_{r-rot}$	Reverse rotational stiffness of self-centring connection
$K_{r-SMA}$	Reverse stiffness of single SMA bolt
$L_{arm}$	Beam arm length
$L_b$	Beam length/span
$L_{e,BRB}$	Effective working length (yielding region) of BRB
$L_p$	Parallel/working length of the SMA bolts/tendons
$m$	Mass
$M_{ang}$	Moment contributed by steel angles
$M_{b,el}$	Design elastic moment resistance of connected beam
$M_{b,pl}$	Design plastic moment resistance of connected beam
$M_f$	Martensitic finish temperature
$M_{j,Rd}$	Design yield moment resistance of connections
$M_{max}$	Moment capacity of connections
$M_{np}$	Bolt moment strength
$M_{pa}$	Plastic moment capacity of angle section
$M_{rev}$	Reverse moment
$M_{rst}$	Restoring moment
$M_s$	Martensitic start temperature
$M_{SMA}$	Moment contributed by SMA bolts
$M_{ya}$	Yield moment capacity of angle section
$n$	Total number of SMA outer rings
$N$	Number of active coils in a helical spring
$N_{ya}$	Yield capacity of angle section
$P$	Applied load
$P_{ang}$	Maximum force of steel angle at the peak deformation
$P_{rst}$	Restoring bolt force of SMA
$P_{rev}$	Reverse force of steel angle
$P_t$	Bolt tensile strength
$P_y, P_s, P_u$	Three-stage load resistance of steel angle
$R$	Radius or strength ratio, as specified in the text
$R_f$	Rhombohedral phase finish temperature
$R_s$	Rhombohedral phase start temperature
$s$	Compressive deformation of Belleville washers
$S$	Overall cross-sectional tensile force of SMA outer ring
$S_a$	Spectral response acceleration
$t$	Thickness
$t_{pReq'd}$	Required end-plate thickness for SMA-bolted connections
$T$	Temperature or natural period of vibration, as specified in the text

$T_0$	Reference temperature
$T_I$	Fundamental period of vibration
$T_p$	Pulse period
$T_{p-v}$	Equivalent pulse period
$u$	Displacement
$u_{el}$	Maximum displacement of linear elastic system
$u_{max}$	Maximum displacement of inelastic system
$u_{res}$	Residual displacement
$u_y$	Yield displacement
$V$	Base shear
$w$	Uniformly distributed load along the perimeter of SMA outer ring
$W$	Seismic weight
$W_D$	Energy loss per cycle
$W_E$	Strain energy stored in a linear system that has the same maximum load and deformation as the nonlinear system
$y_e$	Yield displacement of helical springs
$Y_p$	Yield line mechanism parameter

## Greek Symbols

$\alpha$	Taper angle of SMA ring springs or post-yield stiffness ratio, as specified in the text
$\alpha_{is}$	Empirical factor for initial stiffness of device with SMA ring springs
$\alpha_r$	Parameter for reduction of yield resistance of SMA components
$\alpha_{sc}$	Parameter for design of SMA preload in SMA-BRB hybrid braces
$\alpha^{AS}, \alpha^{SA}, \alpha_m$	Material constants in Auricchio model
$\beta$	Energy dissipation factor or dispersion
$\beta_c$	Ratio of the maximum compression force to the maximum tension force of BRBs
$\beta_m$	Internal variable that describes martensite reorientation in Auricchio model
$\chi$	Reduction factor for SMA performance
$\delta$	Deformation
$\delta_u$	Ultimate deformation
$\Delta$	Displacement of each half-piece of SMA outer ring
$\Delta_b$	Beam tip displacement
$\Delta\sigma$	Incremental Kirchhoff stress
$\Delta\varepsilon$	Incremental Kirchhoff strain
$\varepsilon_{Af}$	Reverse transformation finish strain
$\varepsilon_{As}$	Reverse transformation start strain
$\varepsilon^e$	Elastic strain in Auricchio model
$\varepsilon_L$	Transformation strain
$\varepsilon_{Ms}$	Forward transformation start strain

$\varepsilon_{Mf}$	Forward transformation finish strain
$\varepsilon_{peak}$	Peak strain
$\varepsilon_{pre}$	Prestrain
$\varepsilon_r$	Transformation-induced residual strain
$\varepsilon_{res}$	Residual strain
$\varepsilon_u$	Ultimate tensile strain
$\theta$	Pitch or core angle of helical springs or Belleville washers
$\theta_c$	Maximum inter-storey drift associated with the performance objective of collapse prevention
$\theta_{el}$	Elastic inter-storey drift
$\theta_p$	Plastic rotation
$\theta_{res}$	Residual rotation
$\theta_{r,max}$	Maximum residual inter-storey drift among all stories
$\theta_t$	Strain tensor related to thermal coefficient of expansion
$\theta_{t,max}$	Maximum transient inter-storey drift among all stories
$\kappa$	Training parameter in Auricchio model
$\nu_A$	Poisson's ratio of austenite phase
$\nu_M$	Poisson's ratio of martensite phase
$\pi^{AS}, \pi^{SA}$	Material constants in Auricchio model
$\rho^{AS}, \rho^{SA}$	Activation factors in Auricchio model
$\sigma$	Stress (general)
$\sigma_{As}$	Reverse transformation start stress
$\sigma_{Af}$	Reverse transformation finish stress
$\sigma_{Ms}$	Forward transformation start stress
$\sigma_{Mf}$	Forward transformation finish stress
$\sigma_{max}$	Maximum stress of SMA
$\sigma_{OM}$	Stress at the reference location OM of Belleville washers
$\sigma_{pre}$	Bolt prestress
$\sigma_s^{cr}$	Twinned martensite to detwinned martensite transformation start stress
$\sigma_f^{cr}$	Twinned martensite to detwinned martensite transformation finish stress
$\sigma_p$	Stress at the onset of plastic deformation of SMA
$\sigma_{Rs}$	Stress when reverse transformation is initiated for the case of $\sigma_{max} < \sigma_{Mf}$
$\sigma_{rst}$	Restoring SMA bolt stress
$\Sigma F$	Overall frictional force along the perimeter of SMA outer ring
$\Sigma F_V$	Vertical component of frictional force along the perimeter of SMA outer ring
$\Sigma P$	The force applied at one taper face of SMA outer ring
$\Sigma P_H$	Horizontal component of the force applied at one taper face of SMA outer ring
$\Sigma P_V$	Vertical component of the force applied at one taper face of SMA outer ring
$\nu$	Velocity exponent



$\Omega$	Phase transformation strain tensor
$\omega$	Strain hardening adjustment factor for BRBs
$\xi_{eq}$	Equivalent viscous damping (EVD)
$\xi_{mv}$	Martensite volume fraction
$\xi_R$	Residual part of martensite volume fraction
$\xi_s$	Stress-induced martensite volume fraction
$\xi_T$	Temperature-induced martensite volume fraction
$\xi_V$	Reversible part of martensite volume fraction
$\psi$	Coefficient of thermal expansion
$\zeta$	Viscous damping ratio