

# FRACTIONAL CALCULUS AND WAVES IN LINEAR VISCOELASTICITY

An Introduction to Mathematical Models

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This monograph provides a comprehensive overview of the author's work on the fields of fractional calculus and waves in linear viscoelastic media, which includes his pioneering contributions on the applications of special functions of the Mittag-Leffler and Wright types.

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