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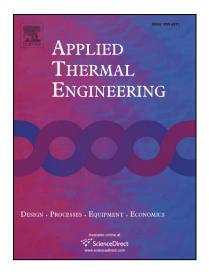
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**Abstract:** As an effective engineering measure, thermal insulation layer is used to prevent tunnel

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from frost heave damage in seasonally frozen region. Two different methods are generally adopted

to lay insulation layer. One is to lay the insulation layer between the preliminary lining and the

secondary lining. The other is to lay the insulation layer on the surface of the secondary lining.

But, there is no evidence to show which method is more useful. Meantime, the relationship

between the insulation effect and thermal conductivity as well as thickness of insulation layer

should be identified. To solve these problems, a numerical heat-moisture coupled model for the

tunnel in seasonally frozen region is established, which involves heat conduction, water migration

and phase transition. And then, a representative tunnel in the Northwest of China is taken as an

example to explore the heat-moisture state of the tunnel. Afterwards, the thermal insulation effect

and the effect of location of thermal insulation layer on thermal state are analyzed. Subsequently,

the methods on thermal conductivity and thickness of thermal insulation layer are constructed and

the relationship among the insulation effect, thermal conductivity and thickness is obtained for

heat insulation effect.

**Keywords:** seasonally frozen region; tunnel; thermal insulation; heat-moisture coupled model

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