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Research on the Construction Mechanical Behavior and Deformation Characteristics of Lining Structure—2nd Edition

Message from the Guest Editors

Dear colleagues. Lining is a permanent support structure constructed with reinforced concrete and other materials around the tunnel body to prevent the deformation or collapse of surrounding rock. With the huge demand for transportation and thus the rapid development of tunnels and other underground engineering construction technologies, some tunnels that are operating have entered the life cycle of closure and repair. As a support structure, lining has been confirmed to play an important role in engineering construction, operation, and maintenance. This Special Issue encourages all professionals, researchers, managers, and planners engaged in the construction, operation, and maintenance of civil engineering, tunnels, and corresponding underground engineering, to share their projects.

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