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# **Geotechnical Structure Analysis and Risk Assessment in Tunnel Engineering**

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# **Message from the Guest Editor**

The main load on the geotechnical structures and construction risk are all based on the interaction between the surrounding rock mass and underground structures. The complex geological materials, geological structures, complex excavation steps and thermal-hydraulic-mechanical-chemical (THMC) coupling environment make the tunneling even more challenging.

Recent advances in deep, large-span, bifurcated, multiarch tunnels under extremely unfavorable conditions in the rock mass, together with the shield tunnel, immersed tunnel and suspension tunnel in soil, produce lots of history knowledge and experiences. Meanwhile, the progress in numerical and physical analysis and emerging technology represented by artificial intelligence (AI) present us strong theoretical tools to solve the challenges.

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