



Simulation of frozen soil subsidence under traffic loads

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With speed improving of the railway in cold regions, the problem on the dynamic stability of permafrost has got huge concerns. However, the damage mechanism of the roadbed-structure system in permafrost due to traffic vibration is not solved in China, although the Tibet-Qinghai railway has successfully run for near three years. In order to mitigate the frozen soil subsidence under traffic loads, it's essential to study the dynamic response analysis of frozen soil foundation under traffic loads. In this paper, a numerical model of frozen soil foundation was set up by two-dimensional finite element method, the law of frozen soil subgrade's dynamic response in depth direction and horizontal direction is systematically studied, and the vehicle speed and frozen soil temperature impacting on roadbed dynamic response is also studied after a comparative analysis was made to roadbed dynamic response under the different vehicle speed and different frozen temperature. The results show that frozen soil temperature and traffic speed are two keys factors to control the frozen soil settlement.