

## Zorica Radaković-Guzina

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### Senior Engineer

**Expertise** Structural Engineering, Computational Mechanics, Numerical Modeling

**Education** Ph.D. (Structural Engineering), 1997  
M.Sc. (Structural Engineering), 1994  
University of Colorado at Boulder  
B.Sc. (Engineering), 1990  
University of Belgrade, Yugoslavia

### Professional Experience

2013 – Present *Itasca Consulting Group, Inc., Minneapolis, Minnesota*  
*Senior Engineer*  
2003 – Present *Structural Engineer*  
1998 – 2003 *Software Developer, Structural Engineer*  
1998 *Larson Engineering, Inc., White Bear Lake, Minnesota*  
*Structural Engineer*  
1991 – 1998 *University of Colorado at Boulder*  
*Teaching Assistant/Research Assistant/Research Associate*

### Project Experience

**Software Development:** Development of a post-processor for a finite-element program using GKS; development of programs with graphical interfaces for instructional purposes (foundation analysis and Mohr circle); development of a probabilistic-based code for the analysis of a truss with softening material behavior. FORTRAN and C/C++ programming development and support for Itasca's *FLAC* and *FLAC3D* software; assistance with the development and testing of the Graphical Interface for Itasca Codes (GIIC).

**Numerical and Experimental Work in the Area of Dynamics, Damage and Wave Propagation:** Finite-element simulations of wave propagation in loaded and unloaded concrete specimens; ultrasonic tests of prismatic concrete specimens under uniaxial compressive cyclic loading by means of longitudinal and shear waves; finite-element simulations of wave propagation in loaded steel specimens; ultrasonic testing of steel specimens loaded into the plastic regime; development of a pseudodynamic test program with active control for testing of structures; implementation of improved implicit time integration scheme for pseudodynamic testing; pseudodynamic tests on a two-degree-of-freedom steel structure as a part of code validation.

**Nuclear Waste Storage:** Performing continuum and discrete element analyses of lined and unlined emplacement drifts for storage of high level nuclear waste (United States, France and Canada) including creep analysis, thermo-mechanical coupling and dynamic analysis. Determining stability of the underground structures for storage of low level waste (South Korea).

**Civil Engineering:** Analyses of dynamically loaded structures (reinforced concrete shafts, metro stations) embedded in soil with or without potential for liquefaction (California and South Carolina). MSE wall analysis aimed at determining the effect of water penetration into the structure during construction (United States).

*Mining Engineering:* Conventional mining: pillar stability analysis (United States), predicting mine shaft closure using numerical analysis (United States). Numerous Solution mining projects (Canada, United States and Brazil) involving creep analysis, thermo-mechanical coupling and subsidence evaluation. Tailings dam stability analysis due to static and dynamic loading for original and increased height design (Bulgaria). Modeling of the flow of leachate through the leach pile and evaluation of stability of the leach pile due to earthquake loading (Bulgaria).

*Rock Cutting Tool Design:* Numerical modeling of rock cutting by indentation using particle flow code *PFC3D* (Canada). The goal was to facilitate designers in determining appropriate positioning of the indentation disc to maximize rock fragmentation.

*Impact Analysis:* Dynamic simulation of the high velocity impact and damage analysis of impacted media (United States). Dynamic simulation of the low velocity rock fall impact on the shield around nuclear waste packages (United States).

*Compressed Air Storage:* Evaluation of stability of the unlined caverns used for compressed air storage, solution mined in bedded salt (United States) including creep, thermal and mechanical cycling loading.

*Geothermal Energy:* Evaluating effects of different stimulation patterns for horizontal borehole access to the thermally rich fractured rock using distinct element modeling (United States).