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Education

2007	PhD, Civil Engineering-Tunnelling, Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Trondheim, Norway.
1999	MSc in Mining Engineering-Rock Mechanics, Tarbiat Modares University, Tehran, Iran.
1995	BSc in Mining Engineering, Amirkabir University of Technology, Tehran, Iran.

Professional Experience

2009- Present	Shahrood University of Technology, Shahrood, Iran. Associate Professor, Faculty of Mining, Petroleum and Geophysics Engineering Main courses taught: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tunnelling (MSc, Rock Mechanics) • Rock slope engineering (MSc, Rock Mechanics) • Drilling and blasting (BSc, Mining Engineering) • Tunnel and shaft excavation (BSc, Mining Engineering) • Advanced tunnel and shaft excavation (MSc, Mining Engineering) • Conventional tunnelling (MSc, Tunnel & Underground Space Engineering) • Mechanised tunnelling (MSc, Tunnel & Underground Space Engineering) • Design and construction of underground spaces (MSc, Rock Mechanics)
2019- Present	Shahrood University of Technology, Shahrood, Iran. Member of “Center of Excellence of Mining Engineering”
2015-2019	Tehran Shomal Freeway Company, Tehran, Iran. Overseeing and technical review of detailed design of Alborz Road Tunnel awarded to Geodata Consulting Company, Italy
2015- 2015	Tose-e Consulting Engineers, Tehran, Iran. Senior consultant, detailed design of Shiraz Metro Line2
2012-2015	Petro Sahel Persian Gulf Development Company, Tehran, Iran. Research and Development Manager, pre-feasibility study for underground copper mining, underground oil and gas storages and application of DAT in TBM tunnel. Responsible and contact person of foreign consulting companies in the above projects
2012- 2012	ICE Company, Tehran, Iran. Senior consultant, detailed design of Kanisib Water Conveyance Tunnel

- 2011- 2012 Mabna Consulting Engineers, Tehran, Iran.
Stability analysis and slope design of road trenches in Talegan
- 2010- 2012 SCE Company, Tehran, Iran.
Senior consultant, basic design of Qom Metro Line A
Research and development projects: comparison of cut and cover and NATM tunnels in urban areas, excavation methods for small size and long tunnels in hard rocks
Coordination of the foreign consultancy services for basic design of metro system and preparation of tender documents awarded to SYSTRA Company, France, for Qom Metro Line A
- 2008- 2010 SCE Company, Tehran, Iran.
Head of Tunnelling and Rock Mechanics Division, preparation of the related design documents were the main responsibility of the division. The main projects were as follows:
- Detailed design of Azmar road tunnel, length 2.5 km, D&B method, design of ventilation and lightning during operation
 - Detailed design of Zagrous Water Conveyance Tunnel (lot 1a), length 13 km, hard rock TBM tunnel
 - Detailed design of Karaj Water Conveyance Tunnel (lot 2), , length 14 km, hard rock TBM tunnel
 - Detailed design of Tehran Metro Line 7 (East-west tunnel), length 12 km, mechanised tunnel in urban areas
 - Detailed design of Tehran-Tabriz railway tunnel, length 6 km, Cut and cover tunnel in urban areas
 - Feasibility and basic design of Qom Metro Line A, length 14 km
- 2007- 2008 SCE Company, Tehran, Iran.
Quality control and review of design documents of tunnel projects such as Zagrous Water Conveyance Tunnel (14 km).
Research and development projects e.g. Soft ground TBM selection, Overbreak control, Shotcrete as a permanent lining, Settlement control and prediction in soft ground tunnelling.
- 2003-2007 NTNU, Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Department of Civil and Transport Engineering, PhD research project.
PhD passed courses: Rock drilling, Drill and blast tunnelling and TBM tunnelling.
- 1997-2003 SCE Company, Tehran, Iran.
Rock mechanics engineer and project manager at underground projects department.
Work on feasibility study, basic and detailed design of more than seven underground projects and road tunnels in the following subjects:
- Site investigation and field studies
 - Rock mechanics laboratory tests
 - Rock slope stability analysis
 - Stability analysis and support design of underground excavation
 - Numerical modelling using FLAC and UDEC
 - Monitoring and instrumentation and numerical back analysis
 - Time scheduling and cost estimation

2002- 2002 ITOK Consulting Co., Tehran, Iran.
Stability analysis and design of Jajarm Mine

Awards

1994 Amirkabir University of Technology for excellent students
2021 Shahrood University of Technology for best researchers

Professional Affiliations

Member of Iranian Tunnelling Association, Iranian Rock Mechanics Association and Iranian Petroleum Geomechanics Association. Head of WG 21 of Iranian Tunnelling Association since May 2014. Member of “Center of Excellence of Mining Engineering” since March 2019.

Research Interests

Rock slope engineering, Tunnelling, Probabilistic Analysis, Soft computing, Blast design, Numerical modelling.

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- Shahverdiloo, M., Zare, S., 2025, Participation of analytical parameters in predictive empirical models for rock mass deformation modulus: A review, *Journal of Mining and Environment*, Vol. 16/1.
- Sabour, S., Javadi, M., Zare, S., 2024, Three-dimensional numerical modelling of pre-support system in front of tunnel by different approaches, case study, *Journal of Analytical and Numerical Methods in Mining Engineering*, 14/38.
- Habibi, R., Zare, S., Asgari A., Singh, M., Mahmoodpour, S., 2023, Coupled thermo-hydro-mechanical-chemical processes in salt formations for storage applications, *Renewable and Sustainable Energy Reviews*. Vol.188.
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- Nikakhtar, L., Zare, S., Mirzaei, H., 2023, Performance Comparison of Particle Swarm Optimization and Genetic Algorithm for Back-analysis of Soil Layer Geotechnical Parameters, *Journal of Mining and Environment*, Vol. 14/1.
- Jaberi, A., Zare, S., 2023, Investigating the effect of different soil parameters in different behaviour models on prediction of settlement induced by tunnelling (Case study: Qom metro line A), *Journal of Mining Engineering*, Vol. 18/58. (Persian)
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- Mazraehli, M., Zare, S., 2022, Probabilistic Estimation of Rock Load Acting on Tunnels Considering Uncertainty in Peak and Post-peak Strength Parameters. *Geotech Geol Eng.*
- Karami, M., Zare, S., Rostami, J., 2022, Real-Rcale Numerical Analyzing Dynamic Process of TBM Boring in Jointed Rock; a Case Study: Kerman Water Conveyance Tunnel in Iran, *Journal of Mining and Environment*, Vol.13, No. 3.
- Nikakhtar, L., Zare, S., Mirzaei, H., 2022, Intelligent identification of soil and operation parameters in mechanised tunnelling by a hybrid model of artificial neural network-genetic algorithm (case study: Tabriz Metro Line 2), *Civil engineering and environmental systems*, Volume 39, No.1.
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- Mirzaeiabdolyousefi, M., Nikkhah, M., Zare, S., 2022, Assessment of time-dependent behaviour of rocks on concrete lining in a large cross-section tunnel, *Geomechanics and Engineering*, Vol. 29, No.1.
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