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## Education

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**University of Tehran, TEH, Iran** 2020 — 2023  
M.S. in Mechanical Engineering — GPA: 4.0/4.0 Rank: 2/30  
Thesis: *Design of a Novel Cooling System for Battery Pack of EV Under Extremely Fast Charge Condition*  
Advisers: [Dr.Pouria Ahmadi](#), [Dr.Ehsan Houshfar](#)

**University of Tabriz, EA, Iran** 2016 — 2020  
B.S. in Mechanical Engineering — GPA: 4.0/4.0 — Summa Cum Laude  
Thesis: A Comprehensive Study on Several Kalina Cycle Systems  
Adviser: [Prof.S. Mohammad S. Mahmoudi](#)  
Societies: Mechanical Engineering Olympiad

**National Organization for Development of Exceptional Talents (NODET), EA, Iran** 2009 — 2016  
Middle and High School Diploma in Mathematics and Physics  
Societies: Chemistry Olympiad — NODET

## Research Interests

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Batteries and Energy storage — Computational Fluid Dynamics and High Performance Computing — Thermal Management — Microfluidics — Micro/Nano Heat Transfer — Mashine Learning in Fluid Mechanics

## Research

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### Journal Articles

1. **M.A.Barenji**, A. Zabihi, P.Ahmadi, E.Houshfar, “Thermal analysis of novel cooling system of Electric Vehicle under fast charge condition in real driving cycle,” *almost ready to submit*, 2024.
2. A.Zabihi, **M.A.Barenji**, Sajad Maleki, P.Ahmadi, “Modeling and comparing the real performance of an electric vehicle using lithium ion battery and solid state battery in Tehran using Amesim,” *Draft*, 2024.

### Conference Proceedings

1. **M.A.Barenji**, K.Sadeghy, ”Numerical study of a bubble’s behavior under external pressures with diffrenet frequencies,” *Annual International Conference of the Iranian Association of Mechanical Engineers*, 2021.
2. **M.A.Barenji**, S. Mansour, P.Ahmadi, “Modeling and simulation of LiBr-H<sub>2</sub>O absorption chiller integrated with PEMFC,” *Iranian Smart Enegy Systems Workshop organized by University of Tehran*, 2022.

### Industrial Projects

1. **M.A.Barenji**, M.Hajati, M.R.Dehkordi, ”Design and numerical modeling of internal cooling passages with rib turbulators,” *For TurboTec Company*, 2022.
2. **M.A.Barenji**, S. Mansour, P.Ahmadi, “Design of net zero building for Tabriz climate using TRANSYS,” *Advanced Energy Systems Lab*, 2021.

### Side Projects

1. ”Dielectrophoreric seperation of platelets from red bloo cells using zigzag micochannel,” *Micro/Nano Fluid Mechanics Course*, 2022.
2. “Simulation of heat transfer in led driven cavity using Boussinesq approximation,” *Advanced CFD course*, 2021.

## Honors & Awards

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### Selected

- Best Presentation Award for "Literature Review of using Machine Learning for Thermodynamic Cycles," 2020, Graduate Seminars in University of Tehran.

### Others

- 1<sup>st</sup> rank in Last-2-year GPA (19.71/20) among 124 students. BSc, 2016—2020
- Merit-based Admission for MSc in Mechanical Engineering from Sharif University of Technology, University of Tehran, and University of Tabriz. BSc, 2020
- Ranked among Top 0.1 percent students among approximately 200,000 participants in the National University Entrance Exam (Konkour) in the field of Mathematics and Physics for B.Sc. degree.

## Teaching and Research Experiences

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- Advance Energy Systems Lab — *Role: RA* MSc, 2021 — 2023
- Advanced Energy Systems Optimization course — *Role:TA* MSc, 2022 — 2023
- Fluid Mechanics II — *Role: TA* MSc, 2021
- Thermodynamics II — *Role: Course support* BSc, 2020
- C Programming — *Role: Head TA* BSc, 2018 — 2019

## Skills

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- **Technical Software:** COMSOL, ANSYS Fluent, OpenFOAM, TRANSYS, Tecplot, Autocad, SOLIDWORKS, CATIA
- **Programming:** Matlab, C/C++, Python, EES

## Selected Courses(A+)

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- **Master:**  
Computational Fluid Dynamics(CFD), Micro-Nano Fluid Mechanics, Two Phase Flow, Advanced Convection, Advanced Energy Systems (Optimization), Advanced Fluid Mechanics, Advanced Thermodynamics, Advanced Mathematics
- **Bachelor:**  
Introduction to CFD, Numerical Computation, PowerPlants, Refrigeration Systems Design, Engineering Mathematics, Control, Thermodynamics(I,II), Fluid Mechanics(I,II), Heat Transfer I
- **Elective:**  
Introduction to Data Science (Coursera), Applied Machine learning in Python (Coursera), Non-Newtonian Fluids (U.of Tehran)

## Certifications

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- **Smart Energy Systems Workshop.** U of Tehran
- **Introduction to Data Science in Python.** Coursera
- **Progress in Hydrogen and Fuel Cells Certificate.** Coursera
- **Python Data Structures.** Coursera