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Throughout his career, Dr. Shahi has been instrumental in the design and development of critical systems and subsystems, including internal combustion engines, gas turbines, cryogenic turbomachinery (pumps and turbopumps), high-performance transmission systems, seals, bearings, heat exchangers, and environmental control and life support systems for spacecraft.

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Education

PhD, Mechanical Engineering, Thermofluids. Loughborough University. 2015

MSc, Mechanical Engineering, Energy Conversion. Bu Ali Sina University. 2008

BSc, Mechanical Engineering. Azad University of South Tehran. 2006

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Areas of Specialization

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- Senior Engineering Manager, 2022–2024

Whirlpool Corporation, St. Joseph, Michigan

- Engineering Manager, 2021–2022

Paragon Space Development Corporation, Houston, Texas

- Analysis Lead, Human Landing Systems, 2020–2021

Nikkiso Cryogenic Industries, Las Vegas, Nevada

- Senior Analytical Engineer, 2017–2020

University of California, Los Angeles, Los Angeles, California

- Postdoctoral Fellow in Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering, 2016–2017

Advanced Propulsion Centre, Coventry, United Kingdom

- Development Engineer, 2015–2016

SAIPA, Tehran, Iran

- Mechanical Engineer, 2008–2011

Continuing Education

- **Architecture and System Engineering: Models to Manage Complex Systems** – Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 2022
- **Rotordynamics Design and Analysis** – XDot Engineering, 2018
- **Gearbox Design and Analysis** – KissSoft AG, 2015

Professional Affiliations/Honors

American Society of Mechanical Engineers

- Member, 2013 – Present

American Society of Thermal and Fluids Engineering

- Member, 2016 – Present

Publications

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"Glass Capillary Microfluidics for Production of Monodispersed Poly (dl-Lactic Acid) and Polycaprolactone Microparticles: Experiments and Numerical Simulations," G.T. Vladisavljević, **H. Shahi**, D.B. Das, E.E. Ekanem, and Z. Tauanov, *Journal of Colloid and Interface Science*, Vol. 418, pp. 163–170, 2014.

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"Thermo-Mixed Hydrodynamics of Piston Compression Ring Conjunction," **H. Shahi**, R. Rahmani, H. Rahnejat, C. P. Garner, and P.D. King, *Tribology Letters*, Vol. 51, pp. 321–340, 2013.

"VIM Solution for Mixed Convection Over Horizontal Moving Porous Flat Plate," **H. Shahi** and K. Ataee, *Progress in Applied Mathematics*, Vol. 6, pp. 12–29, 2013.

"Analytical Study on Non-Newtonian Natural Convection Boundary Layer Flow with Variable Wall Temperature on a Horizontal Plate," **H. Shahi**, *Meccanica*, Vol. 47, pp. 1313–1323, 2012.

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"Explicit Analytic Solution for an Axisymmetric Stagnation Flow and Heat Transfer on a Moving Plate by Homotopy Analysis Method," **H. Shahi** and A. Doost Hoseini, International Journal of Contemporary Mathematical Sciences, Vol. 5, pp. 699–710, 2009.

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"Cavitation Flow in Engine Piston Ring-Cylinder Liner Conjunction," **H. Shahi**, ASME International Mechanical Engineering Congress and Exposition, San Diego, CA, 2013.

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