

# Soheil Kolouri

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## Research Interests

2010 – Mathematical Machine Learning, Computer Vision, Computational Optimal Transport, Continual/Lifelong Learning

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## Academic Positions

2021– **Assistant Professor**, *Vanderbilt University*, Nashville, TN

Department of Computer Science

Lab: [Machine Intelligence and Neural Technologies \(MINT\)](#)

2021– **Affiliate Faculty Member**, *Vanderbilt University*, Nashville, TN

[Vanderbilt Institute for Surgery and Engineering \(VISE\)](#)

2015–2016 **Postdoctoral Research Associate**, *Carnegie Mellon University*, Pittsburgh, PA

Biomedical Engineering Department

Supervisor: Prof. Gustavo K. Rohde

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## Industry Positions

2016–2021 **Research Scientist**, *HRL Laboratories*, Malibu, CA

[The Intelligent Systems Laboratory \(ISL\)](#)

Supervisor: Dr. Heiko Hoffmann

2015–2016 **Algorithm Developer**, *Smoke Detective*, Pittsburgh, PA

Lead Engineer

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## Education

2012–2015 **PhD, Biomedical Engineering**, *Carnegie Mellon University*, Pittsburgh, PA

Advisor: Prof. Gustavo K. Rohde

Thesis: *Transport-Based Pattern Recognition and Image Modeling*

2010–2012 **MS, Electrical & Computer Eng.**, *Colorado State University*, Fort Collins, CO

Advisor: Prof. Mo Azimi

Thesis: *Acoustic Tomography of the Atmosphere via Unscented Kalman Filter*

2006–2010 **BS, Electrical Eng.**, *Sharif University of Technology*, Tehran, Iran

Advisor: Prof. Emad Fatemizadeh

Thesis: *Markov Random Fields in Image Processing*

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## Professional Memberships

2020– IEEE Senior Member

2021– ACM Member

## Awards

- 2022 **Best Paper Award**, *IEEE International Conference on Acoustics, Speech, and Signal Processing (ICASSP)*
- 2021 **Outstanding Reviewer**, *Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS)*
- 2021 **Outstanding Reviewer**, *Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR)*
- 2021 **Outstanding Reviewer**, *International Conf. on Learning Representations (ICLR)*
- 2019 **Outstanding Paper Award**, *HRL Laboratories, Malibu, CA*  
Project: Deep Sense Learning
- 2018 **IR&D Research Award**, *HRL Laboratories, Malibu, CA*  
Project: Deep Sense Learning
- 2017 **IR&D Research Award**, *HRL Laboratories, Malibu, CA*  
Project: Zero-Shot Learning
- 2015 **Outstanding Dissertation Award**, *Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA*
- 2014 **Bertucci Fellowship Award**, *Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA*  
Outstanding Graduate Student
- 2011 **Graduate Fellowship Award**, *ECE Dept., Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO*
- 2005 **Ranked 20'th**, *Nationwide University Entrance Exam (+300,000 participants)*, Iran

## Research Support

### After my tenure-track position

#### Awarded as PI: (Total \$1,645,964)

- 2022 **DARPA - AIE, Enabling Confidence**, Role: PI, Award: \$870,203.00  
Covariance Estimation for Rigorous Treatment of Aleatoric uncertainty in Neural Networks (CERTAINN)  
Co-PI: Prof. Hamed Pirsiavash, UC-Davis
- 2021 **DARPA - AIE, ShELL**, Role: PI, Award: \$775,761.00  
Information Distillation for Embodied and Articulate Lifelong Learners (IDEALL)  
Co-PI: Prof. Hamed Pirsiavash, UC-Davis

#### Awarded as Co-PI: (Total \$4,718,186)

- 2023 **LEAP - SAVE (PI Simaan, Vanderbilt)**, Role: Co-PI, Award: \$3,825,236.00  
Simulation and Robotics for Accelerating Minimally Invasive Training ...  
Other Co-PIs: Dr. Rondi Marie Kauffmann, Dr. Kamran Idrees, . Michael Miga, Prof. Jie Ying Wu
- 2021 **DARPA - AIE, ShELL (PI Soltoggio, LU, UK)**, Role: Co-PI, Award: \$892,950.00  
Detect, Modulate, Integrate, & Transfer Shared Experience Lifelong Learning  
Other Co-PIs: Prof. Cong Liu, UC Riverside

#### Pending as PI (Total \$175,000.00)

- 2023 **Sony Research Award**, Role: PI, Award: \$150,000.00  
Implicit Neural Mixtures for Compressing Volumetric Data

- 2023 **Sesquicentennial Grant Vanderbilt**, Role: PI, Award: \$25,000.00  
Vanderbilt's Machine Learning Initiative  
**Pending as Co-PI (Total \$740,000.00)**
- 2023 **NSF - EPCN (PI Mohammadi, UT Austin)**, Role: Co-PI, Award: \$490,000.00  
Teaching Networks to Solve Energy Optimization Problems
- 2023 **SERDP (PI Azimi, CSU)**, Role: Co-PI, Award: \$250,000.00  
Continual Learning Machines for Robust Underwater UXO Classification  
**Gifts: (Total \$50,000.00)**
- 2022 **Oracle Cloud Computation**, Amount: \$50,000.00  
**———— Prior to my tenure-track position ————**  
**Awarded as PI (Total \$4,608,309.00)**
- 2019 **DARPA - Seedling**, Role: PI, Award: \$586,810.00  
Real-World Adversarial Attacks on Artificial Intelligence (RWA3)
- 2019 **DARPA - LwLL**, Role: PI, Award: \$4,021,499.00  
Automated Multisource Adaptation via Zero-shot Information Generation (AMAZING)  
**Awarded as Co-PI (Total \$8,300,000.00)**
- 2018 **DARPA - L2M (PI Pilly)**, Role: Co-PI, Amount \$8,300,000.00  
Super-Turing Evolving Lifelong Learning Architectures (STELLAR)

## ———— Teaching Experience

- Spring 2023 **CS8395 Selected Topics in Deep Learning**, *Vanderbilt University*  
Primary Instructor, Enrolled: 30/30
- Fall 2022 **CS4252/5262 Foundations of Machine Learning**, *Vanderbilt University*  
Primary Instructor, Enrolled: 25/30, Course Evaluation: 4.44/5
- Spring 2022 **CS8395 Selected Topics in Deep Learning**, *Vanderbilt University*  
Primary Instructor, Enrolled: 30/30, Course Evaluation: 4.9/5
- Fall 2021 **CS4252/5262 Foundations of Machine Learning**, *Vanderbilt University*  
Primary Instructor, Enrolled: 24/30, Course Evaluation: 4.71/5
- Spring 2015–2016 **BME03-712 Computational Methods for Biological ...**, *Carnegie Mellon University*  
Guest Lecturer
- Fall 2015 **BME42-672 Fundamentals of Biomedical Imaging ...**, *Carnegie Mellon University*  
Guest Lecturer
- Spring 2014 **BME03-712 Computational Methods for Biological ...**, *Carnegie Mellon University*  
Teaching Assistant
- Fall 2013–2014 **BME42-672 Fundamentals of Biomedical Imaging ...**, *Carnegie Mellon University*  
Teaching Assistant

## Publications

\* denotes equal contribution, "author" identifies supervised students, and "author" identifies postdoctoral mentees

### Book Chapters

- [B1] Murez\*, Zak, **Soheil Kolouri\***, David Kriegman, Ravi Ramamoorthi, and Kyungnam Kim. 2020. "[Domain Adaptation via Image to Image Translation](#)." Pp. 117–36 in Domain Adaptation in Computer Vision with Deep Learning, edited by H. Venkateswara and S. Panchanathan. Cham: Springer International Publishing.

**[Equal Contribution 30%]**

### Journal

- [J19] Baker, Megan M., Alexander New, Mario Aguilar-Simon, Ziad Al-Halah, Sébastien M. R. Arnold, Ese Ben-Iwhiwhu, Andrew P. Brna, Ethan Brooks, Ryan C. Brown, Zachary Daniels, Anurag Daram, Fabien Delattre, Ryan Dellana, Eric Eaton, Haotian Fu, Kristen Grauman, Jesse Hostetler, Shariq Iqbal, Cassandra Kent, Nicholas Ketz, **Soheil Kolouri**, George Konidakis, Dhireesha Kudithipudi, Erik Learned-Miller, Seungwon Lee, Michael L. Littman, Sandeep Madireddy, Jorge A. Mendez, Eric Q. Nguyen, Christine Piatko, Praveen K. Pilly, Aswin Raghavan, Abrar Rahman, Santhosh Kumar Ramakrishnan, Neale Ratzlaff, Andrea Soltoggio, Peter Stone, Indranil Sur, Zhipeng Tang, Saket Tiwari, Kyle Vedder, Felix Wang, Zifan Xu, Angel Yanguas-Gil, Harel Yedidsion, Shangqun Yu, and Gautam K. Vallabha. 2023. "[A Domain-Agnostic Approach for Characterization of Lifelong Learning Systems](#)." Neural Networks 160:274–96. DOI: 10.1016/j.neunet.2023.01.007.

**[Contribution 3% - DARPA L2M, Program Paper, Co-PI][IF 9.7]**

- [J18] Kudithipudi, Dhireesha, Mario Aguilar-Simon, Jonathan Babb, Maxim Bazhenov, Douglas Blackiston, Josh Bongard, Andrew P. Brna, Suraj Chakravarthi Raja, Nick Cheney, Jeff Clune, Anurag Daram, Stefano Fusi, Peter Helfer, Leslie Kay, Nicholas Ketz, Zsolt Kira, Soheil Kolouri, Jeffrey L. Krichmar, Sam Kriegman, Michael Levin, Sandeep Madireddy, Santosh Manicka, Ali Marjaninejad, Bruce McNaughton, Risto Miikkulainen, Zaneta Navratilova, Tej Pandit, Alice Parker, Praveen K. Pilly, Sebastian Risi, Terrence J. Sejnowski, Andrea Soltoggio, Nicholas Soures, Andreas S. Tolia, Darío Urbina-Meléndez, Francisco J. Valero-Cuevas, Guido M. van de Ven, Joshua T. Vogelstein, Felix Wang, Ron Weiss, Angel Yanguas-Gil, Xinyun Zou, and Hava Siegelmann. 2022. "[Biological Underpinnings for Lifelong Learning Machines](#)." Nature Machine Intelligence 4(3):196–210. DOI: 10.1038/s42256-022-00452-0.

**[Contribution 3% - DARPA L2M, Program Paper, Co-PI][IF 25.9]**

- [J17] Rostami, Mohammad, **Soheil Kolouri**, Zak Murez, Yuri Owechko, Eric Eaton, and Kyungnam Kim. 2022. "[Zero-Shot Image Classification Using Coupled Dictionary Embedding](#)." Machine Learning with Applications 8:100278. DOI: 10.1016/j.mlwa.2022.100278.

**[Contribution 40%][IF 3.2]**

- [J16] Shifat-E-Rabbi, Mohammad, Xuwang Yin, Abu Hasnat Mohammad Rubaiyat, Shiyong Li, **Soheil Kolouri**, Akram Aldroubi, Jonathan M. Nichols, and Gustavo K. Rohde. 2021. “[Radon Cumulative Distribution Transform Subspace Modeling for Image Classification.](#)” *Journal of Mathematical Imaging and Vision* 63(9):1185–1203. DOI: 10.1007/s10851-021-01052-0.  
**[Contribution 10% - Based on My Dissertation][IF 1.6]**
- [J15] Ladosz, Pawel, Eseoghene Ben-Iwhiwhu, Jeffery Dick, Nicholas Ketz, Soheil Kolouri, Jeffrey L. Krichmar, Praveen K. Pilly, and Andrea Soltoggio. 2022. “[Deep Reinforcement Learning With Modulated Hebbian Plus Q-Network Architecture.](#)” *IEEE Transactions on Neural Networks and Learning Systems* 33(5):2045–56. DOI: 10.1109/TNNLS.2021.3110281.  
**[Contribution 5% - DARPA L2M, STELLAR Team, Co-PI][IF 14.3]**
- [J14] Zou, Xinyun, **Soheil Kolouri**, Praveen K. Pilly, and Jeffrey L. Krichmar. 2020. “[Neuromodulated Attention and Goal-Driven Perception in Uncertain Domains.](#)” *Neural Networks* 125:56–69. DOI: 10.1016/j.neunet.2020.01.031.  
**[Contribution 25% - DARPA L2M, STELLAR Team, Co-PI][IF 9.7]**
- [J13] Dick, Jeffery, Pawel Ladosz, Eseoghene Ben-Iwhiwhu, Hideyasu Shimadzu, Peter Kinnell, Praveen K. Pilly, **Soheil Kolouri**, and Andrea Soltoggio. 2020. “[Detecting Changes and Avoiding Catastrophic Forgetting in Dynamic Partially Observable Environments.](#)” *Frontiers in Neurorobotics* 14:578675. DOI: 10.3389/fnbot.2020.578675.  
**[Contribution 10% - DARPA L2M, STELLAR Team, Co-PI][IF 4.1]**
- [J12] Rostami, Mohammad, Soheil Kolouri, Eric Eaton, and Kyungnam Kim. 2019. “[Deep Transfer Learning for Few-Shot SAR Image Classification.](#)” *Remote Sensing* 11(11):1374. DOI: 10.3390/rs11111374.  
**[Contribution 40%][IF 4.5]**
- [J11] Kundu, Shinjini, Soheil Kolouri, Kirk I. Erickson, Arthur F. Kramer, Edward McAuley, and Gustavo K. Rohde. 2018. “[Discovery and Visualization of Structural Biomarkers from MRI Using Transport-Based Morphometry.](#)” *NeuroImage* 167:256–75. DOI: 10.1016/j.neuroimage.2017.11.006.  
**[Contribution 25% - Based on My Dissertation][IF 7.4]**
- [J10] Park, Se Rim, **Soheil Kolouri**, Shinjini Kundu, and Gustavo K. Rohde. 2018. “[The Cumulative Distribution Transform and Linear Pattern Classification.](#)” *Applied and Computational Harmonic Analysis* 45(3):616–41. DOI: 10.1016/j.acha.2017.02.002.  
**[Contribution 25%][IF 3.0]**
- [J9] **Kolouri, Soheil**, Se Rim Park, and Gustavo K. Rohde. 2016. “[The Radon Cumulative Distribution Transform and Its Application to Image Classification.](#)” *IEEE Transactions on Image Processing* 25(2):920–34. DOI: 10.1109/TIP.2015.2509419.  
**[Contribution 50%][IF 10.9]**
- [J8] **Kolouri, Soheil**, Akif B. Tosun, John A. Ozolek, and Gustavo K. Rohde. 2016. “[A Continuous Linear Optimal Transport Approach for Pattern Analysis in Image Datasets.](#)” *Pattern Recognition* 51:453–62. DOI: 10.1016/j.patcog.2015.09.019.  
**[Contribution 50%][IF 7.2]**

- [J7] Thorpe, Matthew, Serim Park, **Soheil Kolouri**, Gustavo K. Rohde, and Dejan Slepčev. 2017. “[A Transportation  \$L^p\$  Distance for Signal Analysis.](#)” *Journal of Mathematical Imaging and Vision* 59(2):187–210. DOI: 10.1007/s10851-017-0726-4.  
[Contribution 10%][IF 1.6]
- [J6] Tosun, Akif Burak, Oleksandr Yergiyev, **Soheil Kolouri**, Jan F. Silverman, and Gustavo K. Rohde. 2015. “[Detection of Malignant Mesothelioma Using Nuclear Structure of Mesothelial Cells in Effusion Cytology Specimens: Mesothelioma Detection From Effusion Fluid](#)” edited by G. K. Rohde. *Cytometry Part A* 87(4):326–33. DOI: 10.1002/cyto.a.22602.  
[Contribution 20%][IF 4.3]
- [J5] Shembel, Adrianna, **Soheil Kolouri**, Hongming Xu, and Katherine Verdolini Abbott. 2016. “[Quantification of Respiratory Laryngeal Morphometry: Comparison of Laryngeal Lumen Angle Estimate Methods.](#)” *Journal of Voice* 30(6):764.e23-764.e37. DOI: 10.1016/j.jvoice.2015.10.011.  
[Contribution 20%][IF 2.0]
- [J4] Basu\*, Saurav, **Soheil Kolouri\***, and Gustavo K. Rohde. 2014. “[Detecting and Visualizing Cell Phenotype Differences from Microscopy Images Using Transport-Based Morphometry.](#)” *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* 111(9):3448–53. DOI: 10.1073/pnas.1319779111.  
[Equal Contribution 40%][IF 12.8]
- [J3] Ozolek, John A., Akif Burak Tosun, Wei Wang, Cheng Chen, **Soheil Kolouri**, Saurav Basu, Hu Huang, and Gustavo K. Rohde. 2014. “[Accurate Diagnosis of Thyroid Follicular Lesions from Nuclear Morphology Using Supervised Learning.](#)” *Medical Image Analysis* 18(5):772–80. DOI: 10.1016/j.media.2014.04.004.  
[Contribution 3%][IF 13.8]
- [J2] **Kolouri, Soheil**, Mahmood R. Azimi-Sadjadi, and Astrid Ziemann. 2014. “[Acoustic Tomography of the Atmosphere Using Unscented Kalman Filter.](#)” *IEEE Transactions on Geoscience and Remote Sensing* 52(4):2159–71. DOI: 10.1109/TGRS.2013.2258401.  
[Contribution 60%][IF 5.6]
- [J1] **Kolouri, Soheil**, Mahmood R. Azimi-Sadjadi, and Astrid Ziemann. 2014. “[A Statistical-Based Approach for Acoustic Tomography of the Atmosphere.](#)” *The Journal of the Acoustical Society of America* 135(1):104–14. DOI: 10.1121/1.4835875.  
[Contribution 60%][IF 2.5]
- Magazine ————
- [M2] **Kolouri, Soheil**, Xuwang Yin, and Gustavo K. Rohde. 2020. “[Neural Networks, Hypersurfaces, and the Generalized Radon Transform \[Lecture Notes\].](#)” *IEEE Signal Processing Magazine* 37(4):123–33. DOI: 10.1109/MSP.2020.2978822.  
[Contribution 60%][IF 12.5]

- [M1] **Kolouri, Soheil**, Se Rim Park, Matthew Thorpe, Dejan Slepcev, and Gustavo K. Rohde. 2017. “[Optimal Mass Transport: Signal Processing and Machine-Learning Applications.](#)” IEEE Signal Processing Magazine 34(4):43–59. DOI: 10.1109/MSP.2017.2695801.  
[Contribution 40%][IF 12.5]  
———— Highly Selective Conference ————
- [H19] Bai, Yikun, Bernard Schmitzer, Mathew Thorpe, and **Soheil Kolouri**. 2023. “[Sliced Optimal Partial Transport.](#)” To appear in 2023 IEEE/CVF Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR).  
[Contribution 25% - MINT Lab]
- [H18] Naderializadeh\*, Navid, Joseph F. Comer, Reed W. Andrews, Heiko Hoffmann, and **Soheil Kolouri\*** “[Pooling by Sliced-Wasserstein Embedding.](#)” Pp. 3389–3400 in Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems. Vol. 34. Curran Associates, Inc.  
[Equal Contribution 40%][Acceptance Rate 25.8%]
- [H17] Li, Haoran, Aditya Krishnan, Jingfeng Wu, **Soheil Kolouri**, Praveen K. Pilly, and Vladimir Braverman. 2021. “[Lifelong Learning with Sketched Structural Regularization.](#)” Pp. 985–1000 in Proceedings of The 13th Asian Conference on Machine Learning. PMLR.  
[Contribution 15%][Acceptance Rate 26.9%]
- [H16] **Kolouri, Soheil**, Navid Naderializadeh, Gustavo K. Rohde, and Heiko Hoffmann. 2021. “[Wasserstein Embedding for Graph Learning.](#)” International Conference on Learning Representations.  
[Contribution 50%][Acceptance Rate 28.7%]
- [H15] Nadjahi, Kimia, Alain Durmus, Lénaïc Chizat, **Soheil Kolouri**, Shahin Shahrampour, and Umut Simsekli. 2020. “[Statistical and Topological Properties of Sliced Probability Divergences.](#)” Pp. 20802–12 in Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems. Vol. 33. Curran Associates, Inc.  
[Contribution 10%][Acceptance Rate 28.7%]
- [H14] **Kolouri\***, **Soheil**, Aniruddha Saha\*, Hamed Pirsiavash, and Heiko Hoffmann. 2020. “[Universal Litmus Patterns: Revealing Backdoor Attacks in CNNs.](#)” Pp. 298–307 in 2020 IEEE/CVF Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR).  
[Equal Contribution 35%][Oral Presentation, Acceptance Rate 5.7%]
- [H13] **Kolouri, Soheil**, Nicholas A. Ketz, Andrea Soltoggio, and Praveen K. Pilly. 2020. “[Sliced Cramer Synaptic Consolidation for Preserving Deeply Learned Representations.](#)” International Conference on Learning Representations.  
[Contribution 60%][Acceptance Rate 26.5%]
- [H12] Rostami, Mohammad, **Soheil Kolouri**, Praveen Pilly, and James McClelland. 2020. “[Generative Continual Concept Learning.](#)” Proceedings of the AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence 34(04):5545–52. DOI: 10.1609/aaai.v34i04.6006.  
[Contribution 30%][Acceptance Rate 20.6%]

- [H11] **Kolouri\***, **Soheil**, Kimia Nadjahi\*, Umut Simsekli, Roland Badeau, and Gustavo Rohde. 2019. “[Generalized Sliced Wasserstein Distances](#).” in Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems. Vol. 32. Curran Associates, Inc.  
**[Equal Contribution 30%][Acceptance Rate 21.6%]**
- [H10] Pope\*, Phillip E., **Soheil Kolouri\***, Mohammad Rostami, Charles E. Martin, and Heiko Hoffmann. 2019. “[Explainability Methods for Graph Convolutional Neural Networks](#).” Pp. 10764–73 in 2019 IEEE/CVF Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR). Long Beach, CA, USA: IEEE.  
**[Equal Contribution 35%][Oral Presentation, Acceptance Rate 5.5%]**
- [H9] Rostami, Mohammad, **Soheil Kolouri**, and Praveen K. Pilly. 2019. “[Complementary Learning for Overcoming Catastrophic Forgetting Using Experience Replay](#).” Pp. 3339–45 in Proceedings of the 28th International Joint Conference on Artificial Intelligence, IJCAI’19. Macao, China: AAAI Press.  
**[Contribution 25%][Acceptance Rate 17.9%]**
- [H8] **Kolouri**, **Soheil**, Phillip E. Pope, Charles E. Martin, and Gustavo K. Rohde. 2019. “[Sliced Wasserstein Auto-Encoders](#).” International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR), 2019.  
**[Contribution 60%][Acceptance Rate 31.4%]**
- [H7] **Kolouri**, **Soheil**, Gustavo K. Rohde, and Heiko Hoffmann. 2018. “[Sliced Wasserstein Distance for Learning Gaussian Mixture Models](#).” Pp. 3427–36 in 2018 IEEE/CVF Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition.  
**[Contribution 60%][Acceptance Rate 29.1%]**
- [H6] Murez, Zak, **Soheil Kolouri**, David Kriegman, Ravi Ramamoorthi, and Kyunghnam Kim. 2018. “[Image to Image Translation for Domain Adaptation](#).” Pp. 4500–4509 in 2018 IEEE/CVF Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition. Salt Lake City, UT: IEEE.  
**[Contribution 30%][Acceptance Rate 29.1%]**
- [H5] **Kolouri**, **Soheil**, Mohammad Rostami, Yuri Owechko, and Kyunghnam Kim. 2018. “[Joint Dictionaries for Zero-Shot Learning](#).” Proceedings of the AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence 32(1). DOI: 10.1609/aaai.v32i1.11649.  
**[Contribution 50%][Acceptance Rate 25.7%]**
- [H4] Rostami, Mohammad, **Soheil Kolouri**, Kyunghnam Kim, and Eric Eaton. 2018. “[Multi-Agent Distributed Lifelong Learning for Collective Knowledge Acquisition](#).” Pp. 712–20 in Proceedings of the 17th International Conference on Autonomous Agents and Multi-Agent Systems, AAMAS ’18. Richland, SC: International Foundation for Autonomous Agents and Multiagent Systems.  
**[Contribution 20%][Acceptance Rate 25%]**
- [H3] Deutsch, Shay, **Soheil Kolouri**, Kyunghnam Kim, Yuri Owechko, and Stefano Soatto. 2017. “[Zero Shot Learning via Multi-Scale Manifold Regularization](#).” Pp. 5292–99 in 2017 IEEE Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR). Honolulu, HI: IEEE.  
**[Contribution 20%][Acceptance Rate 29.9%]**



- [H2] **Kolouri, Soheil**, Yang Zou, and Gustavo K. Rohde. 2016. "[Sliced Wasserstein Kernels for Probability Distributions.](#)" Pp. 5258–67 in 2016 IEEE Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR). Las Vegas, NV, USA: IEEE.  
[Contribution 60%][Acceptance Rate 29.9%]
- [H1] **Kolouri, Soheil**, and Gustavo K. Rohde. 2015. "[Transport-Based Single Frame Super Resolution of Very Low Resolution Face Images.](#)" Pp. 4876–84 in 2015 IEEE Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR). Boston, MA, USA: IEEE.  
[Contribution 70%][Acceptance Rate 28.3%]
- Conference ————
- [C12] Wu, Zihao, Huy Tran, Hamed Pirsiavash, and **Soheil Kolouri**. 2023. "[Is Multi-Task Learning an Upper Bound for Continual Learning?](#)" To appear in IEEE International Conference on Acoustics, Speech and Signal Processing (ICASSP).  
[Contribution 50% - MINT Lab]
- [C11] Ali Abbasi, Parsa Nooralinejad, Vladimir Braverman, Hamed Pirsiavash, and **Soheil Kolouri**. 2022. "[Sparsity and Heterogeneous Dropout for Continual Learning in the Null Space of Neural Activations.](#)" Pp. 617–28 in Proceedings of The 1st Conference on Lifelong Learning Agents. PMLR.  
[Contribution 30% - MINT Lab]
- [C10] **Kolouri, Soheil**, Kimia Nadjahi, Shahin Shahrampour, and Umut Simsekli. 2022. "[Generalized Sliced Probability Metrics.](#)" Pp. 4513–17 in ICASSP 2022 - 2022 IEEE International Conference on Acoustics, Speech and Signal Processing (ICASSP). Singapore, Singapore: IEEE.  
[Best Paper Award][Contribution 50%]
- [C9] Comer, Joseph F., Reed W. Andrews, Navid Naderializadeh, **Soheil Kolouri**, and Heiko Hoffman. 2020. "[SAR Automatic Target Recognition with Less Labels.](#)" P. 29 in Automatic Target Recognition XXX, edited by T. L. Overman, R. I. Hammoud, and A. Mahalanobis. Online Only, United States: SPIE.  
[Contribution 15%]
- [C8] Gabourie, Alexander J., Mohammad Rostami, Philip E. Pope, **Soheil Kolouri**, and Kuyngnam Kim. 2019. "[Learning a Domain-Invariant Embedding for Unsupervised Domain Adaptation Using Class-Conditioned Distribution Alignment.](#)" Pp. 352–59 in 2019 57th Annual Allerton Conference on Communication, Control, and Computing (Allerton). Monticello, IL, USA: IEEE.  
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- [C7] **Kolouri, Soheil**, Dejan Slepcev, and Gustavo K. Rohde. 2015. "[A Symmetric Deformation-Based Similarity Measure for Shape Analysis.](#)" Pp. 314–18 in 2015 IEEE 12th International Symposium on Biomedical Imaging (ISBI).  
[Contribution 60%]

- [C6] **Kolouri, Soheil**, and Gustavo K. Rohde. 2015. "[PCA-Based Super-Resolution in Transport Space](#)." P. CTh3E.2 in *Imaging and Applied Optics 2015* (2015), paper CTh3E.2. Optica Publishing Group.  
[Contribution 60%]
- [C5] **Kolouri, Soheil**, and Gustavo K. Rohde. 2014. "[Temporal Information Inference from Static High-Content Fluorescent Microscopy](#)." Pp. 1–2 in *2014 40th Annual Northeast Bioengineering Conference (NEBEC)*.  
[Contribution 60%]
- [C4] **Kolouri, Soheil**, Saurav Basu, and Gustavo K. Rohde. 2014. "[Learning and Visualizing Statistical Relationships between Protein Distributions from Microscopy Images](#)." Pp. 381–84 in *2014 IEEE 11th International Symposium on Biomedical Imaging (ISBI)*.  
[Contribution 50%]
- [C3] Tosun, Akif Burak, Oleksandr Yergiyev, **Soheil Kolouri**, Jan F. Silverman, and Gustavo K. Rohde. 2014. "[Novel Computer-Aided Diagnosis of Mesothelioma Using Nuclear Structure of Mesothelial Cells in Effusion Cytology Specimens](#)." P. 90410Z in, edited by M. N. Gurcan and A. Madabhushi. San Diego, California, USA.  
[Contribution 15%]
- [C2] **Kolouri, Soheil**, and Gustavo K. Rohde. 2014. "[Quantifying and Visualizing Variations in Sets of Images Using Continuous Linear Optimal Transport](#)." P. 903438 in, edited by S. Ourselin and M. A. Styner. San Diego, California, USA.  
[Contribution 60%]
- [C1] **Kolouri, Soheil**, and Mahmood R. Azimi-Sadjadi. 2012. "[Acoustic Tomography of the Atmosphere Using Unscented Kalman Filter](#)." Pp. 2531–35 in *2012 Proceedings of the 20th European Signal Processing Conference (EUSIPCO)*.  
[Contribution 60%]
- Workshop ————
- [W4] Mohammadi, Javad, and **Soheil Kolouri**. 2019. "[Collaborative Learning Through Shared Collective Knowledge and Local Expertise](#)." Pp. 1–6 in *2019 IEEE 29th International Workshop on Machine Learning for Signal Processing (MLSP)*.  
[Contribution 50%]
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## External Service

### Grant Reviewing

AFOSR **Complex Networks program**, *Air Force Office of Scientific Research*

### Conference/Workshop/Tutorial Organization

MLSP 2019 **International Workshop on Machine Learning for Signal Processing (MLSP)**

Role: Session Chair

### Journal Reviewing

TPAMI IEEE Transactions on Pattern Analysis and Machine Intelligence

TMLR Transactions on Machine Learning Research

TAI IEEE Transactions on Artificial Intelligence

TIP IEEE Transactions on Image Processing

PR Pattern Recognition

TNNLS IEEE Transactions on Neural Networks and Learning Systems

SPL IEEE Signal Processing Letters

TMI IEEE Transactions on Medical Imaging

ACCESS IEEE Access

SIAM SIAM Journal on Mathematics of Data Science

### Conference Reviewing

CVPR IEEE/CVF Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition  
 2023, 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016

NeurIPS Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems  
 2022, 2021, 2020

ICLR International Conference on Learning Representations  
 2022, 2021, 2020

- ICML International Conference on Machine Learning  
2022, 2021
- AISTAT International Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Statistics  
2022
- AAAI Association for the Advancement of Artificial Intelligence  
2023,2020
- MIDL Medical Imaging with Deep Learning  
2023

————— Tutorials and Workshops —————

- 04/2023 **IEEE International Symposium on Biomedical Imaging (ISBI)**  
Tutorial: [Topological Data Analysis for Biomedical Imaging Data](#)
- 05/2022 **Fields Institute for Research in Mathematical Sciences**  
Mini-course: [Wasserstein Embeddings in Geometric Deep Learning](#)
- 04/2018 **IEEE International Symposium on Biomedical Imaging (ISBI)**  
Tutorial title: Optimal transport in biomedical imaging
- 09/2016 **IEEE International Conference on Image Processing (ICIP)**  
Workshop title: Transport and other Lagrangian transforms

————— University Service

————— Faculty Search Committee —————

- 2022-2023 **Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN**, Department of Computer Science

————— Seminars & Workshops —————

- 2021- **Machine Learning Seminar Series**

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2022- Dr. Ivan V. Medri

### PhD Students

2022- Ashkan Shahbazi **Major:** Computer Science

2022- Huy Tran **Major:** Computer Science

2021- Ali Abbasi **Major:** Computer Science

2021- Xinran Liu **Major:** Computer Science

### Undergraduate Students

2023- Umar Sohail Qureshi, **Major:** Computer Science

2023- Robert Sheng, **Major:** Computer Science

2022- Rana Muhammad Shahroz Khan, **Major:** Computer Science

2022- Zhanqi Zhu, **Major:** Computer Science

2021- Zihao (Harry) Wu, **Major:** Computer Science

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2021-2022 Yuzhe (Bryan) Lu, **Major:** Computer Science

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## Invited Talks

10/2022 **The University of Texas, San Antonio, TX**, Matrix Fall Seminar Series

Title: [Lifelong Learning Machines – Approaches and Challenges](#)

04/2022 **Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN**, Machine Learning Seminar Series

Title: [Brain-Inspired Lifelong Learning Machines](#)

11/2021 **One World Seminar Series on the Mathematics of Machine Learning**

Title: [Wasserstein Embeddings in the Deep Learning Era](#)

11/2021 **Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN**, Vanderbilt Institute for Surgery and Engineering

Title: Transport-Based Embeddings

02/2021 **University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI**, Department of Biostatistics and Medical Informatics

Title: Optimal Transport in Machine Learning and Computer Vision

09/2020 **University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA**, [ECE Department Seminar](#)

Title: Sliced Probability Metrics for Next Generation Machine Learning

04/2019 **University of Bath, Bath, UK**, British Applied Mathematics Colloquium

Title: Transport-Based Transforms.

- 04/2019 **University of Cambridge**, *Cambridge, UK*, Department of Applied Mathematics and Theoretical Physics  
Title: Optimal Transport and its Applications in Deep Learning.
- 02/2019 **Carnegie Mellon University**, *Pittsburgh, PA*, [ECE Seminar](#)  
Title: Generalized sliced Wasserstein distances
- 03/2018 **Office of Naval Research (ONR)**, AI Sprint Team  
Title: Multi-sensory transfer learning and domain Adaptation
- 04/2016 **HRL Laboratories, LLC**, *Malibu, CA*  
Title: Machine Learning and Nonlinear Embeddings
- 01/2016 **Massachusetts Institute of Technology**, *Cambridge, MA*, [Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence Laboratory \(CSAIL\)](#)  
Title: *Optimal Transport-Based Morphometry*