

Ali Siahkoohi

CURRICULUM VITAE

CONTACT INFORMATION

Office Duncan Hall, Room 2037
6100 Main Street, Houston, TX 77005

Email alisk@rice.edu
Website alishahkoohi.github.io

RESEARCH INTERESTS

My research focuses on developing scalable deep learning methods to reliably solve computational problems in the physical and data sciences. This includes high-dimensional Bayesian inference for solving large-scale medical and geophysical inverse problems and unsupervised time series analysis with limited data.

Keywords: deep generative models, variational inference, inverse problems, uncertainty quantification, signal processing

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Simons Postdoctoral Fellow August 2022 – present
Department of Computational Applied Mathematics & Operations Research
Rice University, Houston, TX, USA

PROFESSIONAL PREPARATION

Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, GA, USA August 2022
Ph.D., *Computational Science and Engineering*
University of Tehran, Tehran, Iran March 2016
M.Sc., *Geophysics*
Sharif University of Technology, Tehran, Iran August 2013
B.Sc., *Electrical Engineering*

PUBLICATIONS

Preprints

- P3. D. LeJeune, L. Luzi, [A. Siahkoohi](#), S. Alemohammad, V. Saragadam, H. Babaei, N. Liu, Z. Wang, and R. G. Baraniuk. TITAN: Bringing the deep image prior to implicit representations. Preprint: arXiv:2211.00219, 2023
- P2. S. Alemohammad, J. Casco-Rodriguez, L. Luzi, A. I. Humayun, H. Babaei, D. LeJeune, [A. Siahkoohi](#), and R. G. Baraniuk. Self-consuming generative models go MAD. Preprint: arXiv:2307.01850, 2023
- P1. [A. Siahkoohi](#), R. Morel, R. Balestrieri, E. Allys, G. Sainton, T. Kawamura, and M. V. de Hoop. Martian time-series unraveled: A multi-scale nested approach with factorial variational autoencoders. Preprint: arXiv:2305.16189, 2023

Journal Publications

- J6. L. Luzi, P. M. Mayer, J. Casco-Rodriguez, [A. Siahkoohi](#), and R. G. Baraniuk. Boomerang: Local sampling on image manifolds using diffusion models. *Transactions on Machine Learning Research*, 2023
- J5. M. Louboutin, Z. Yin, R. Orozco, T. J. Grady II, [A. Siahkoohi](#), G. Rizzuti, P. A. Witte, O. Møyner, G. J. Gorman, and F. J. Herrmann. Learned multiphysics inversion with differentiable programming and machine learning. *The Leading Edge*, 42(7):474–486, 2023
- J4. Y. Zhang, Z. Yin, O. López, [A. Siahkoohi](#), M. Louboutin, R. Kumar, and F. J. Herrmann. Optimized time-lapse acquisition design via spectral gap ratio minimization. *Geophysics*, 88(4):A19–A23, 2023
- J3. [A. Siahkoohi](#), G. Rizzuti, R. Orozco, and F. J. Herrmann. Reliable amortized variational inference with physics-based latent distribution correction. *Geophysics*, 88(3):R297–R322, 2023
- J2. [A. Siahkoohi](#), G. Rizzuti, and F. J. Herrmann. Deep Bayesian inference for seismic imaging with tasks. *Geophysics*, 87(5):S281–S302, 2022
- J1. [A. Siahkoohi](#), M. Louboutin, and F. J. Herrmann. The importance of transfer learning in seismic modeling and imaging. *Geophysics*, 84(6):A47–A52, 2019

Peer-Reviewed Conference Papers

- C31. L. Baldassari, [A. Siahkoohi](#), J. Garnier, K. Sølna, and M. V. de Hoop. Conditional score-based diffusion models for Bayesian inference in infinite dimensions. In *Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems*, volume 36, 2023
- C30. [A. Siahkoohi](#), R. Morel, M. V. de Hoop, E. Allys, G. Sainton, and T. Kawamura. Unearthing InSights into Mars: Unsupervised source separation with limited data. In *Proceedings of the 40th International Conference on Machine Learning*, volume 202, pages 31754–31772, 2023
- C29. R. Orozco, [A. Siahkoohi](#), M. Louboutin, and F. J. Herrmann. Refining amortized posterior approximations using gradient-based summary statistics. In *5th Symposium on Advances in Approximate Bayesian Inference*, 2023
- C28. R. Orozco, M. Louboutin, [A. Siahkoohi](#), G. Rizzuti, T. van Leeuwen, and F. J. Herrmann. Amortized normalizing flows for transcranial ultrasound with uncertainty quantification. In *Medical Imaging with Deep Learning Conference*, 2023
- C27. R. Orozco, [A. Siahkoohi](#), G. Rizzuti, T. van Leeuwen, and F. J. Herrmann. Adjoint operators enable fast and amortized machine learning based Bayesian uncertainty quantification. In *Medical Imaging 2023: Image Processing*, volume 12464, page 124641L, 2023
- C26. M. Louboutin, R. Orozco, [A. Siahkoohi](#), and F. J. Herrmann. Learned one-shot imaging. In *Third International Meeting for Applied Geoscience & Energy*, 2023
- C25. Y. Zhang, Z. Yin, O. Lopez, [A. Siahkoohi](#), M. Louboutin, and F. J. Herrmann. 3D seismic survey design by maximizing the spectral gap. In *Third International Meeting for Applied Geoscience & Energy*, 2023
- C24. [A. Siahkoohi](#), M. Chinen, T. Denton, W. B. Kleijn, and J. Skoglund. Ultra-low-bitrate speech coding with pretrained Transformers. In *Proceedings of Interspeech*, pages 4421–4425, 2022
- C23. [A. Siahkoohi](#), M. Louboutin, and F. J. Herrmann. Velocity continuation with Fourier neural operators for accelerated uncertainty quantification. In *Society of Exploration Geophysicists Technical Program Expanded Abstracts*, pages 1765–1769, 2022
- C22. M. Louboutin, P. Witte, [A. Siahkoohi](#), G. Rizzuti, Z. Yin, R. Orozco, and F. J. Herrmann. Accelerating innovation with software abstractions for scalable computational geophysics. In *Society of Exploration Geophysicists Technical Program Expanded Abstracts*, pages 1482–1486, 2022
- C21. Z. Yin, [A. Siahkoohi](#), M. Louboutin, and F. J. Herrmann. Learned coupled inversion for carbon sequestration monitoring and forecasting with Fourier neural operators. In *Society of Exploration Geophysicists Technical Program Expanded Abstracts*, pages 467–472, 2022
- C20. Y. Zhang, M. Louboutin, [A. Siahkoohi](#), Z. Yin, R. Kumar, and F. J. Herrmann. A simulation-free seismic survey design by maximizing the spectral gap. In *Society of Exploration Geophysicists Technical Program Expanded Abstracts*, pages 15–20, 2022
- C19. [A. Siahkoohi](#), R. Orozco, G. Rizzuti, and F. J. Herrmann. Wave-equation based inversion with amortized variational Bayesian inference. In *EAGE Deep learning for seismic processing: Investigating the foundations workshop*, 2022
- C18. R. Orozco, [A. Siahkoohi](#), G. Rizzuti, T. van Leeuwen, and F. J. Herrmann. Photoacoustic imaging with conditional priors from normalizing flows. In *Neural Information Processing Systems Workshop on Deep Learning and Inverse Problems*, 2021
- C17. [A. Siahkoohi](#), G. Rizzuti, M. Louboutin, P. Witte, and F. J. Herrmann. Preconditioned training of normalizing flows for variational inference in inverse problems. In *3rd Symposium on Advances in Approximate Bayesian Inference*, 2021
- C16. [A. Siahkoohi](#) and F. J. Herrmann. Learning by example: Fast reliability-aware seismic imaging with normalizing flows. In *Society of Exploration Geophysicists Technical Program Expanded Abstracts*, pages 1580–1585, 2021
- C15. R. Kumar, M. Kotsi, [A. Siahkoohi](#), and A. Malcolm. Enabling uncertainty quantification for seismic data preprocessing using normalizing flows (NF)—An interpolation example. In *Society of Exploration Geophysicists Technical Program Expanded Abstracts*, pages 1515–1519, 2021

- C14. G. Rizzuti, A. Siahkoohi, P. A. Witte, and F. J. Herrmann. Parameterizing uncertainty by deep invertible networks, an application to reservoir characterization. In *Society of Exploration Geophysicists Technical Program Expanded Abstracts*, pages 1541–1545, 2020
- C13. M. Zhang, A. Siahkoohi, and F. J. Herrmann. Transfer learning in large-scale ocean bottom seismic wavefield reconstruction. In *Society of Exploration Geophysicists Technical Program Expanded Abstracts*, pages 1666–1670, 2020
- C12. A. Siahkoohi, G. Rizzuti, and F. J. Herrmann. Weak deep priors for seismic imaging. In *Society of Exploration Geophysicists Technical Program Expanded Abstracts*, pages 2998–3002, 2020
- C11. A. Siahkoohi, G. Rizzuti, and F. J. Herrmann. Uncertainty quantification in imaging and automatic horizon tracking—A Bayesian deep-prior based approach. In *Society of Exploration Geophysicists Technical Program Expanded Abstracts*, pages 1636–1640, 2020
- C10. A. Siahkoohi, G. Rizzuti, and F. J. Herrmann. A deep-learning based Bayesian approach to seismic imaging and uncertainty quantification. In *European Association of Geoscientists & Engineers Conference and Exhibition Extended Abstracts*, 2020
- C9. F. J. Herrmann, A. Siahkoohi, and G. Rizzuti. Learned imaging with constraints and uncertainty quantification. In *Neural Information Processing Systems Deep Inverse Workshop*, 2019
- C8. A. Siahkoohi, R. Kumar, and F. J. Herrmann. Deep-learning based ocean bottom seismic wavefield recovery. In *Society of Exploration Geophysicists Technical Program Expanded Abstracts*, pages 2232–2237, 2019
- C7. A. Siahkoohi, D. J. Verschuur, and F. J. Herrmann. Surface-related multiple elimination with deep learning. In *Society of Exploration Geophysicists Technical Program Expanded Abstracts*, pages 4629–4634, 2019
- C6. G. Rizzuti, A. Siahkoohi, and F. J. Herrmann. Learned iterative solvers for the Helmholtz equation. In *European Association of Geoscientists & Engineers Conference and Exhibition Extended Abstracts*, 2019
- C5. A. Siahkoohi, M. Louboutin, R. Kumar, and F. J. Herrmann. Deep convolutional neural networks in prestack seismic—two exploratory examples. In *Society of Exploration Geophysicists Technical Program Expanded Abstracts*, pages 2196–2200, 2018
- C4. A. Siahkoohi, R. Kumar, and F. J. Herrmann. Seismic data reconstruction with generative adversarial networks. In *European Association of Geoscientists & Engineers Conference and Exhibition Extended Abstracts*, 2018
- C3. A. Siahkoohi and A. Gholami. Sparsity promoting least squares migration for laterally inhomogeneous media. In *7th EAGE Saint Petersburg International Conference and Exhibition*, 2016
- C2. M. S. Ebrahimi, M. H. Daraei, J. Rezaei, and A. Siahkoohi. A novel utilization of wireless sensor networks as data acquisition system in smart grids. In *Materials Science and Information Technology*, volume 433-440, pages 6725–6730, 2012
- C1. A. Najafi, A. Siahkoohi, and M. B. Shamsollahi. A content-based digital image watermarking algorithm robust against JPEG compression. In *IEEE International Symposium on Signal Processing and Information Technology*, pages 432–437, 2011

Thesis

- T2. A. Siahkoohi. *Deep generative models for solving geophysical inverse problems*. PhD thesis, Georgia Institute of Technology, 2022
- T1. A. Siahkoohi. *Sparsity promoting least-squares migration for laterally inhomogeneous media*. Master’s thesis, University of Tehran, 2016

Technical Reports

- R3. M. Louboutin, A. Siahkoohi, R. Wang, and F. J. Herrmann. Low-memory stochastic backpropagation with multi-channel randomized trace estimation. Technical Report arXiv:2106.06998, 2021
- R2. A. Siahkoohi, G. Rizzuti, P. A. Witte, and F. J. Herrmann. Faster uncertainty quantification for inverse

problems with conditional normalizing flows. Technical Report arXiv:2007.07985, 2020

- R1. [A. Siahkoohi](#), M. Louboutin, and F. J. Herrmann. Neural network augmented wave-equation simulation. Technical Report arXiv:1910.00925, 2019
-

PROFESSIONAL
SERVICE

Editorial Service

[Special issue](#) on Applied Mathematics in Inverse Problems and Uncertainty Quantification

- ▶ Journal of Mathematics, 2023
- ▶ Guest Editor

Journal Reviewer

- ▶ Geophysical Prospecting
- ▶ Geophysics
- ▶ Geosciences
- ▶ Entropy
- ▶ IEEE Transactions on Geoscience and Remote Sensing
- ▶ IEEE Transactions on Neural Networks and Learning
- ▶ IEEE Geoscience and Remote Sensing Letters
- ▶ Remote Sensing
- ▶ Journal of Geophysical Research – Solid Earth
- ▶ Notices of the American Mathematical Society (AMS)

Technical Program Committee Member and Reviewer

- ▶ International Speech Communication Association (Interspeech 2023)
- ▶ Structured Probabilistic Inference & Generative Modeling (ICML 2023 workshop)
- ▶ Advances in Approximate Bayesian Inference (AABI 2023)
- ▶ Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS 2023)
- ▶ Deep Generative Models for Health (NeurIPS 2023 workshop)
- ▶ International Meeting for Applied Geoscience & Energy (IMAGE 2023)
- ▶ International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR 2024)
- ▶ Artificial Intelligence and Statistics Conference (AISTATS 2024)

Conference Organization

- ▶ Session Chair, International Meeting for Applied Geoscience & Energy (IMAGE 2022)
-

TEACHING
EXPERIENCE

Numerical Analysis I, Fall 2022

Rice University, Houston, TX, USA

Instructor for 18 lectures

Computational Foundations of Machine Learning, Spring 2022

Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, GA, USA

Teaching Assistant

Imaging with Data-Driven Models, Fall 2019

Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, GA, USA

Teaching Assistant

Numerical Analysis I, Fall 2018

Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, GA, USA

Teaching Assistant

Digital Signal Processing, Spring 2011

Sharif University of Technology, Tehran, Iran

Teaching Assistant

Signals and Systems, Spring 2011

Sharif University of Technology, Tehran, Iran

Teaching Assistant

Linear Algebra, Spring 2010
Sharif University of Technology, Tehran, Iran
Teaching Assistant