

APPOINTMENT	Graduate Research Assistant Shields Uncertainty Research Group Department of Civil and Systems Engineering Johns Hopkins University	Sept. 2019 - present
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RESEARCH INTERESTS	My research is centered around scientific machine learning and uncertainty quantification. My work focuses on the development of probabilistic data-driven approaches for accelerating and enhancing predictive modeling and optimization in physics-based and engineering systems under uncertainty.	
EDUCATION	<b>Johns Hopkins University</b> , Baltimore MD, USA Ph.D. in Civil and Systems Engineering <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Research areas: Physics-informed machine learning, uncertainty quantification</li> <li>• Advisor: Michael D. Shields, Associate Professor</li> <li>• G.P.A.: 3.85/4.0</li> </ul> <b>National Technical University of Athens</b> , Athens, Greece M.Sc. in Applied Mechanics, G.P.A.: 9.40/10.0 <b>Major:</b> Non-linear Dynamics <b>University of Thessaly</b> , Volos, Greece Diploma in Civil Engineering, (5-year curriculum), G.P.A.: 8.90/10.0 <b>Major:</b> Structural Engineering, Numerical Analysis	Aug. 2019 - present          Sept. 2017 - July 2019       Sept. 2012 - July 2019
EXPERIENCE	<b>General Electric (GE) Research</b> , Niskayuna, NY Research Engineer Intern, Probabilistic Design & Optimization <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Designed and developed a transfer learning framework to leverage multi-fidelity CFD simulation data of industrial gas turbines (IGT) for efficient aerodynamic assessment based on the airfoil shape design of turbine blades.</li> <li>• Developed a time series analysis framework as part of a BWRX-300 small modular reactor Digital Twin to predict mechanical failure and optimize operation and proactive maintenance.</li> <li>• Performed surrogate modeling on low-dimensional manifolds and improved predictive accuracy of hydrogen flame propagation in zero-emission hydrogen internal combustion engines (ICE).</li> </ul> <b>Los Alamos National Laboratory</b> , Los Alamos, NM Applied Machine Learning Research Fellow, CCS-3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Developed a framework for constructing neural density estimators with normalizing flows on spectral latent spaces for regression and uncertainty quantification in very high-dimensional experimental spectral data.</li> <li>• Applied proposed framework to laser-induced breakdown spectroscopy (LIBS) spectra generated by the Mars Curiosity rover to predict the elemental composition of Martian rocks and soil with associated uncertainties.</li> <li>• Presented work at NeurIPS 2021 Workshop on Machine Learning and the Physical Sciences.</li> </ul>	May 2022 - present          Jun. 2021 - Aug. 2021

**Johns Hopkins University**, Baltimore, MD  
Shields Uncertainty Research Group

Aug. 2019 - present

- Developing methodologies based on low-dimensional manifold learning and deep learning for surrogate modeling and uncertainty quantification in high-dimensional stochastic systems. Open-sourcing all codes on GitHub.
- Implemented proposed techniques for a variety of applications including parameterizing macroscopic models from atomistic simulation data and learning solutions of non-linear PDEs describing complex physico-chemical processes.
- Published 6 papers (5 first-author, 2 under review) in peer-reviewed journals and presented in 5 International Conferences.
- Co-developer of **UQpy** (Uncertainty Quantification with python), a general purpose Python toolbox for modeling uncertainty in physical and mathematical systems. Contributing to the *Dimension Reduction* and *Surrogates* modules.

**Aktor S.A.**, Athens, Greece

June. 2016 - Sept. 2016

Construction Management Intern

- Oversaw the entire planning and building process of the retrofitting of the Akron Ilion Krystal building and reported the quality of performance on site to all site construction managers.
- Developed CAD drawings, calculated final material quantities and costs and performed preliminary engineering reviews on the detailed construction and demolition plan drawings.
- Utilized structural and earthquake engineering software SAP2000, for preliminary numerical analysis of structural elements during the demolition process.

#### HONORS & AWARDS

**National Science Foundation (NSF) Fellowship**

Sept. 2021

MMLDT-CSET Conference, San Diego, California

**Teaching Assistant Award**

May 2021

Department of Civil and Systems Engineering, Johns Hopkins University

**Applied Machine Learning Summer Research Fellowship**

Feb. 2021

Los Alamos National Laboratory

**Joseph Meyerhoff Fellowship**

Aug. 2019

Whiting School of Engineering, Johns Hopkins University

**Graduate Research Fellowships**

Mar. 2019

Cornell University & ETH Zürich (declined)

**COST Travel Grant**

Apr. 2017

European Cooperation in Science & Technology, Action TU 1304

#### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

**Gateway Computing: Python (EN.500.113)**

Fall 2021

Course Assistant, Johns Hopkins University

**Introduction to Research (EN.560.511)**

Spring 2021

Teaching Assistant, Johns Hopkins University

#### PUBLICATIONS

**Journal Publications** (\* denotes equal contribution)

1. Goswami, S.\*, **Kontolati, K.\***, D. Shields, M., E. Karniadakis, G., (2022). Deep transfer learning for partial differential equations under conditional shift with DeepONet. <https://doi.org/10.48550/arXiv.2204.09810> (under review).
2. **Kontolati, K.\***, Goswami, S.\*, D. Shields, M., E. Karniadakis, G., (2022). On the influence of over-parameterization in manifold based surrogates and deep neural operators. <https://doi.org/10.48550/arXiv.2203.05071> (under review).
3. **Kontolati, K.**, Loukrezis, D., Giovanis, D. G., Vandanapu, L., Shields, M. D. (2022). A survey of unsupervised learning methods for high-dimensional uncertainty quantification in black-box-type problems. *Journal of Computational Physics*, 111313. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jcp.2022.111313>.

4. R. M. dos Santos, K., Giovanis D., Loukrezis, D., **Kontolati, K.**, D. Shields M. (2022). Grassmannian diffusion maps based surrogate modeling via geometric harmonics. *International Journal for Numerical Methods in Engineering*, 1-23. <https://doi.org/10.1002/nme.6977>.
5. **Kontolati, K.**, Loukrezis, D., Giovanis, D., M. dos Santos, K., D. Shields, M. (2022). Manifold learning-based polynomial chaos expansions for high-dimensional surrogate models. *International Journal for Uncertainty Quantification*, 12(4): 39-64. <https://doi.org/10.1615/Int.J.UncertaintyQuantification.2022039936>.
6. **Kontolati, K.**, Alix-Williams, D., Boffi, N. M., Falk, M. L., Rycroft, C. H., and Shields, M. D. (2021). Manifold learning for coarse-graining atomistic simulations: Application to amorphous solids. *Acta Materialia*, 215, 117008. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.actamat.2021.117008>.
7. **Kontolati, K.** and Siettos, C. (2019). Numerical analysis of mesenchymal stem cell mechanotransduction dynamics reveals homoclinic bifurcations. *International Journal of Non-Linear Mechanics*, 113, 146-157. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ijnonlinmec.2019.04.001>.

### Conference Proceedings

1. **Kontolati, K.**, Loukrezis, D., R. M. dos Santos, K., Giovanis, D., D. Shields M. (2022). Manifold learning for forward and inverse UQ in high dimensions, *SIAM Conference on Uncertainty Quantification*, Atlanta, Georgia, USA, April 12-15.
2. **Kontolati, K.**, Klein, N., Panda, N., Oyen D. (2021). Neural density estimation and uncertainty quantification for laser-induced breakdown spectroscopy spectra, *NeurIPS 4th Workshop on Machine Learning and the Physical Sciences*. [paper], [poster].
3. **Kontolati, K.**, Loukrezis, D., Giovanis, D., R. M. dos Santos, K., D. Shields M. (2021). Non-linear manifold-learning based dimensionality reduction for surrogate modeling and uncertainty quantification, *Mechanistic Machine Learning and Digital Twins for Computational Science, Engineering & Technology*, San Diego, California, USA, September 26-29.
4. **Kontolati, K.**, L. Falk M., H. Rycroft C., D. Shields M. (2021). Atomistic-informed calibration of partial differential equations for material applications via machine learning. *SIAM Conference on Mathematical Aspects of Material Science*, Bilbao, Spain, May 17-28.
5. **Kontolati, K.**, Alix-Williams D., L. Falk M., H. Rycroft C., D. Shields M. (2021). Stochastic multi-scale material modeling via manifold learning. *4th International Conference on Uncertainty Quantification in Computational Sciences and Engineering*, Athens, Greece, June 27-30.
6. **Kontolati K.**, Koukouselis, A, Panagouli, O. (2017). Numerical investigation of weak-axis I profile connections, *9th Hellenic National Conference on Steel Structures*, Larissa, Thessaly, Greece, October 5-7.

INVITED TALKS	<b>General Electric (GE) Research</b> , Probabilistics Seminar, Niskayuna NY	Oct. 2021
	<b>CRUNCH Seminar</b> , Division of Applied Math., Brown University, Providence RI	Sept. 2021
	<b>Dynamical Systems and Complexity</b> , 26 <sup>th</sup> Summer School, Athens Greece	Jul. 2019
TECHNICAL SKILLS	<b>Languages:</b> Python, FORTRAN, SQL	
	<b>Software:</b> PyTorch, Tensorflow, Mathematica, MSC Marc, AutoCAD 2D/3D	
	<b>Operating Systems:</b> Microsoft Windows, Apple MacOS, Linux/Unix	
	<b>Software Development:</b> UQpy (Uncertainty Quantification with Python)	
SERVICE & LEADERSHIP	<b>Reviewer for peer-reviewed journals:</b>	2022 - present
	• Journal of Computational Physics (JCP)	
	• International Journal of Computational Fluid Dynamics (IJCFD)	
	<b>Graduate Representative Organization (GRO)</b> , Advocacy Chair, JHU	2020 - 2021
	<b>Homewood Council of Inclusive Excellence (HCIE)</b> , GS2F member, JHU	2020 - 2021
	<b>ISAH Ambassador @ Hopkins</b> , Education and Administration Committee, JHU	2020

<b>Homewood Graduate Board (HGB),</b>	2020
Representative Ph.D. student of Whiting School of Engineering, JHU	
<b>Machine Learning in Science &amp; Engineering Conference 2020,</b>	2020
Volunteer, Columbia University	

PERSONAL  
INFORMATION

**Date of birth:** November 4, 1994

**Place of birth:** Athens, Greece

**Nationality:** Greek

LANGUAGES

**English** (fluent), **Greek** (native), **Japanese** (learner)