## STEFAN KOLEK

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## **EDUCATION**

# Ludwig-Maximilians Universität München, Munich, Germany

since May 2021

PhD Candidate in Computer Science

Technische Universität Berlin, Berlin, Germany

March 2021

MS in Mathematics

Ludwig-Maximilians Universität München, Munich, Germany

August 2018

March 2023

BS in Mathematics

#### RESEARCH INTERESTS

My research is centered around Interpretable Machine Learning with a strong focus on Computer Vision. A common theme in my PhD research is the reliance on sparsity concepts, such as wavelets and dictionary learning, to make deep learning methods interpretable and explainable.

#### **CONFERENCE PUBLICATIONS**

S. Kolek, R. Windesheim, H. Andrade Loarca, G. Kutyniok, R. Levie. *Explaining Image Classifiers with Multiscale Directional Image Representation*. **CVPR 2023** 

S. Kolek, D. Nguyen, R. Levie, J. Bruna, G. Kutyniok. Cartoon Explanations of Image Classifiers. ECCV 2022 (Oral)

## WORKSHOP PAPERS

T. Mueller, S. Kolek, F. Jungmann, A. Ziller, D. Usynin, M. Knolle, D. Rueckert, G Kaissis. *How Do Input Attributes Impact the Privacy Loss in Differential Privacy?* **AAAI 2023**, Workshop on Privacy-Preserving Artificial Intelligence.

S. Kolek, D. Nguyen, R. Levie, J. Bruna, G. Kutyniok. *A Rate-Distortion Framework for Explaining Black-Box Model Decisions*. xxAI-Beyond Explainable AI. International Workshop, Held in Conjunction with **ICML 2020**.

## RESEARCH VISITS

**Technion**, Israel. *Invitation by Prof. Ron Levie* 

INVITED TALKS	
Technion, Israel. Applied Math Seminar, Invitation by Prof. Ron Levie.	March 2023
Tel Aviv University, Israel. EE-Computer Vision Seminar, Invitation by Prof. Raja Giryes.	March 2023
SUMMER SCHOOLS	
International Computer Vision Summer School, Italy.	July 2023

#### **TEACHING**

# Ludwig-Maximilians Universität München, Munich, Germany. Teaching Assistant.

Ludwig-Maximilians Universität Munchen, Munich, Germany. Teaching Assistant.	
High Dimensional Probability (MS Mathematics)	Fall 2023
Modern Mathematics of Deep Learning Seminar (MS Mathematics)	Summer 2023
Mathematical and Statistical Foundations of Machine Learning (MS Mathematics)	Summer 2023
High Dimensional Probability (MS Mathematics)	Fall 2022
Mathematics 2 (BS Mathematics Teacher Track)	Summer 2022
Mathematics 1 (BS Mathematics Teacher Track)	Fall 2021

## **SCHOLARSHIPS**

# Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München PhD Mentoring Scholarship

February 2023

- Mentorship program for scientists on their way to an academic career.
- Annual Travel Grant.

## Associate of the Konrad Zuse School of Excellence in Reliable AI

March 2023

- Mentorship by transdisciplinary thesis advisory committee.
- Annual Travel Grant.

## **PREPRINTS**

G. Kaissis, A. Ziller, <u>S. Kolek</u>, D. Rückert. *Generalized Likelihood Testing Adversaries Through the Differential Privacy Lens.* 2022 (arXiv:2210.13028)

G. Kaissis, A. Ziller, <u>S. Kolek</u>, D. Usynin, M. Knolle, R. Heckel, R. Braren, J. Schnabel, K. Hammernik, D. Rückert. Complex-Valued Signal Processing with Differential Privacy and Neural Network Applications. 2022

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

Computer Programming: Python, PyTorch, Unix, Git

**Languages:** German (native/bilingual), Spanish (fluent/bilingual), English (fluent)