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# Soheil Kolouri

### Research Interests

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

### 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

### Industry Positions

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

The Intelligent Systems Laboratory (ISL)

PI and Co-PI on projects involving AI for Autonomy

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

Lead Engineer

### Education

2015 **Machine Learning Summer School (MLSS)**, *Max Planck Institute, Tübingen, Germany* 

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

### Professional Memberships

- 2020- IEEE Senior Member
- 2021- ACM Member

### Awards

- 2024 NSF CAREER Award, Optimal Transport Beyond Probability Measures
- 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, Pittburgh, PA
- 2014 Bertucci Fellowship Award, Carnegie Mellon University, Pittburgh, 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 \$2,320,000.0)

- 2025 **Toyota Research Award**, Role: PI, Award: \$60,000.00 Continual Introspective Learning
- 2024 **NSF CAREER Award**, Role: PI, Award: \$553,564.00
  Optimal Transport Beyond Probability Measures for Robust Geometric Representation Learning
- 2024 **Toyota Research Award**, Role: PI, Award: \$60,000.00 Continual Driver Behavior Modeling (CDBM)
- 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 \$4,200,000.00)

- 2024 **DARPA AIQ**, Role: PI, Award: \$3,000,000.00 OPTIM-AI: Optimal Transport Insights for Mathematical Artificial Intelligence
- 2024 **NSF Medium**, Role: PI, Award: \$1,200,000.00 Reparameterization Techniques for Extreme Model and Data Compression

### Pending as Co-PI (Total \$5,115,933.00)

- 2025 ARPA-H (PI: Yuankai Huo), Role: Co-PI, Award: \$4,153,282.00
  Self-Correcting Multi-agent Al Decision Support Tool for Improved Lung Cancer Management:
  Post-Market Monitoring and Clinical Integration for PRECISE-Al
- 2024 **NSF Medium (PI: Jie Ying Wu)**, Role: Co-PI, Award: \$962,651.00 Collaborative Research: SCH: Automation and Scene Reconstruction in Cholecystectomy

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 2025 **CS6363 Statistical Foundations of Deep Learning**, *Vanderbilt University* Primary Instructor, Enrolled: 40/50, Course Evaluation: -/5
  - Fall 2024 **CS4252/5262 Foundations of Machine Learning**, *Vanderbilt University* Primary Instructor, Enrolled: 35/30, Course Evaluation: 4.63/5

Spring 2024 CS8395 Selected Topics in Deep Learning, Vanderbilt University Primary Instructor, Enrolled: 50/50, Course Evaluation: 4.92/5 Fall 2023 CS4252/5262 Foundations of Machine Learning, Vanderbilt University Primary Instructor, Enrolled: 37/30, Course Evaluation: 4.67/5 Spring 2023 CS8395 Selected Topics in Deep Learning, Vanderbilt University Primary Instructor, Enrolled: 30/30, Course Evaluation 4.79/5 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 BME03-712 Computational Methods for Biological ..., Carnegie Mellon University 2015-2016 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 BME42-672 Fundamentals of Biomedical Imaging ..., Carnegie Mellon University 2013–2014 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 **—** [J30] Bai, Yikun, Huy Tran, Steven B. Damelin, and Soheil Kolouri. "Partial transport for point-cloud registration." Sampling Theory, Signal Processing, and Data Analysis, 23, 4 (2025). [Contribution 30%][IF \_ ]

- [J29] Gao, Yuxiang, Ravindra Duddu, **Soheil Kolouri**, Abhinav Gupta, Pavana Prabhakar. "An inverse design framework for optimizing tensile strength of composite materials based on a CNN surrogate for the phase field fracture model." Composites Part A: Applied Science and Manufacturing, Volume 192, 2025, ISSN 1359-835X. [Contribution 20%][IF 8.1]
- [J28] <u>Liu, Xinran, Yikun Bai, Yuzhe Lu, Andrea Soltoggio, and **Soheil Kolouri**. "Wasserstein task embedding for measuring task similarities" Neural Networks, 181, ISSN 0893-6080, 106796.</u>

### [Contribution 25% - DARPA ShELL][IF 6.0]

- [J27] Chang, Shuang, Greyson A. Wintergerst, Camella Carlson, Haoli Yin, Kristen R. Scarpato, Amy N. Luckenbaugh, Sam S. Chang, Soheil Kolouri, and Audrey K. Bowden. "Low-cost and label-free blue light cystoscopy through digital staining of white light cystoscopy videos." Nature Communications Medicine 4, no. 1 (2024): 269. [Contribution 10%][IF 5.4]
- [J26] Rao, Mingxing, Yinhong Qin, **Soheil Kolouri**, Jie Ying Wu, and Daniel Moyer "Zeroshot prompt-based video encoder for surgical gesture recognition" International Journal of Computer Assisted Radiology and Surgery (2024), 1-11.

  [Contribution 10%][IF 2.3]
- [J25] Soltoggio, Andrea, Eseoghene Ben-Iwhiwhu, Vladimir Braverman, Eric Eaton, Benjamin Epstein, Yunhao Ge, Lucy Halperin, Jonathan How, Laurent Itti, Michael A. Jacobs, Pavan Kantharaju, Long Le, Steven Lee, <u>Xinran Liu</u>, Sildomar T. Monteiro, David Musliner, Saptarshi Nath, Priyadarshini Panda, Christos Peridis, Hamed Pirsiavash, Vishwa Parekh, Kaushik Roy, Shahaf Shperberg, Hava T. Siegelmann, Peter Stone, Kyle Vedder, Jingfeng Wu, Lin Yang, Guangyao Zheng, and **Soheil Kolouri** "A collective Al via lifelong learning and sharing at the edge." Nature Machine Intelligence, 6(3), pp.251-264.

#### [Contribution 15% - DARPA ShELL][IF 23.8]

- [J24] <u>Liu, Xinran, Yuzhe Lu, Ali Abbasi,</u> Meiyi Li, Javad Mohammadi, and **Soheil Kolouri** "Teaching networks to solve optimization problems." IEEE Access (2024) [Contribution 25%][IF 3.9]
- [J23] Chang, Shuang, Micha E. Bermoy, Sam S. Chang, Kristen R. Scarpato, Amy N. Luckenbaugh, **Soheil Kolouri**, and Audrey K. Bowden. "Enhancing the image quality of blue light cystoscopy through green-hue correction and fogginess removal." Scientific Reports 13, no. 1 (2023): 21484.
  - [Contribution 15%][IF 4.847]
- [J22] **Soheil Kolouri**, <u>Ali Abbasi</u>, Soroush Abbasi Koohpayegani, Parsa Nooralinejad, and Hamed Pirsiavash. "Multi-Agent Lifelong Implicit Neural Learning." IEEE Signal Processing Letters (2023).
  - [Contribution 50% DARPA ShELL, PI][IF 3.9]
- [J21] Li, Meiyi, **Soheil Kolouri**, and Javad Mohammadi. "Learning to solve optimization problems with hard linear constraints." IEEE Access (2023).

  [Contribution 20%][IF 3.9]

- [J20] Eseoghene Ben-Iwhiwhu, Saptarshi Nath, Praveen K. Pilly, Soheil Kolouri, and Andrea Soltoggio. "Lifelong Reinforcement Learning with Modulating Masks." Transactions on Machine Learning Research (TMLR), 2835-8856, 2023.
  [Contribution 20% DARPA L2M, Co-PI]
- [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 Konidaris, 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. Tolias, Darío Urbina-Meléndez, Francisco J. Valero-Cuevas, Gido 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 Kuyngnam 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, Shiying 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.
- [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]

[Contribution 5% - DARPA L2M, STELLAR Team, Co-PI][IF 14.3]

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  [Contribution 10% DARPA L2M, STELLAR Team, Co-PI][IF 4.1]
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  [Contribution 40%][IF 4.5]
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  [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]

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[Contribution 20%][IF 4.3]

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[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.

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- Highly Selective Conference
- [H33] Thrash, Chayne, Reed Andreas, Ali Abbasi, Parsa Nooralinejad, Soroush Abbasi Koohpayegani, Hamed Pirsiavash, and **Soheil Kolouri** "MCNC: Manifold-Constrained Reparameterization for Neural Compression." The Thirteenth International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR), 2025.
  - [Contribution 15%][Acceptance Rate 31.75%]
- [H32] Yikun Bai, Abihith Kothapalli, Hengrong Du, Rocío Díaz Martín, and **Soheil Kolouri** "Linear Partial Gromov-Wasserstein Embedding." The Thirteenth International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR), 2025.

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- [H31] Yikun Bai, Rocío Díaz Martín, Abihith Kothapalli, Hengrong Du, Liu, Xinran, and Soheil Kolouri "Partial Gromov-Wasserstein Metric." The Thirteenth International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR), 2025.

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- [H30] Liu, Xinran, Yikun Bai, Rocío Díaz Martín, Kaiwen Shi, Ashkan Shahbazi, Bennett A. Landman, Catie Chang, and **Soheil Kolouri** "Linear Spherical Sliced Optimal Transport: A Fast Metric for Comparing Spherical Data." The Thirteenth International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR), 2025.

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  [Contribution 30% P1][Acceptance Rate 30.0%]
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