Jakob Troidl

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About

I am a Ph.D. student in computer science at Harvard University, advised by Hanspeter Pfister. I am deeply interested in data visualization and computational neuroscience. My latest research focuses on applications of data visualization in connectomics and climate sciences. When I am not prototyping new ideas, I enjoy rowing, reading philosophy, hiking, or just being in nature.

Education

Harvard University   Cambridge, MA
Ph.D. in Computer Science, Advisor: Prof. Hanspeter Pfister   2021–2027

– Focus: Data Visualization, Computational Neuroscience

TU Wien   Vienna, Austria
M.Sc. in Visual Computing, Advisor: Prof. Eduard Gröller   2019–2021

– Focus: Data Visualization, Biomedical Imaging, Computer Vision
– GPA: 1.1/1.0

TU Wien   Vienna, Austria
B.Sc. with Honors in Medical Informatics, GPA: 1.45/1.0   2015–2019

– Thesis: Flow Visualization on Curved Manifolds
– Among the top 5% of all computer science students

Experience

Harvard University   Cambridge, MA
Research Assistant with Prof. Hanspeter Pfister   09/2021 - present

– Visualization of Large-Scale Biomedical Data
– Towards Efficient and Scalable Visual Analysis Tools for Connectomics

King Abdullah University of Science & Technology (KAUST)   Thuwal, Saudi Arabia
Research Intern with Prof. Markus Hadwiger   02/2019 - 05/2019

– Observer Relative Flow Visualization in Curved Spaces
– Co-authored a publication which won the SciVis Best Paper Award at IEEE VIS 2020

Brainlab AG   Munich, Germany
Research Intern   08/2018 - 01/2019

– Path Tracing for Realtime 3D Medical Visualization
– Mixed Reality for 3D Medical Visualization

Jetsam GmbH   Regensburg, Germany
Software Development Intern   08/2017 - 09/2017

– Developed a face recognition system for marketing purposes

Publications

[1] **J. Troidl***, J. Beyer*, S. Boorboor, M. Hadwiger, A. Kaufman, and H. Pfister, "A survey of visualization and analysis in high-resolution connectomics", in *Computer Graphics Forum*, Wiley Online Library, vol. 41, 2022, to appear. **indicates equal contribution.*

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[4] P. Rautek, M. Mlejnek, J. Beyer, **J. Troidl**, H. Pfister, T. Theußl, and M. Hadwiger, "Objective Observer-Relative Flow Visualization in Curved Spaces for Unsteady 2D Geophysical Flows", *IEEE Transactions on Visualization and Computer Graphics*, 2020.

Teaching

- **Teaching Fellow** at TU Wien — Fall 2020
  Selected Chapters from Medical Visualization
- **Teaching Fellow** at TU Wien — Spring 2017, Spring 2018
  Introduction to Visual Computing
- **Teaching Fellow** at TU Wien — Fall 2017
  Introduction to Computer Engineering

Skills

- **Coding:** C++, Python, Matlab, HTML, CSS, Java-Script, Java
- **Tools:** Unity, QT, CMake, Latex

Languages

English, German

Scholarships and Awards

- 6-year PhD fellowship, Harvard University — 2021
- Best SciVis Paper, IEEE VIS 2020 (among the best 3 papers out of 211 accepted papers) — 2020
- Scholarship, Austrian Marshall Plan Foundation (9.100$) — 2020
- Bachelor with Honors, TU Wien (among the top 5% of CS students at TU Wien) — 2020
- Short-term grant for scientific work abroad, TU Wien (3.100$) — 2020
- Merit Based Scholarship, TU Wien (1.000$) — 2018

References

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- **Markus Hadwiger**, Full Professor, KAUST
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