# Jakob Troidl

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#### ABOUT

I am a Ph.D. candidate in computer science at Harvard University, advised by Hanspeter Pfister. I am broadly interested in using interactive data visualization inverse graphics for applications in computational neuroscience. In particular, my research focuses on building scalable visual analysis tools & machine-learning algorithms to study synapse-level wiring diagrams of neuronal tissue.

#### **EDUCATION**

Harvard University

Cambridge, MA

Ph.D. in Computer Science, Advisor: Prof. Hanspeter Pfister

2021 - 2027

- Focus: Data Visualization, Inverse Graphics, Computational Neuroscience

TU Wien

Vienna, Austria

M.Sc. & B.Sc (with Honors) in Computer Science, Advisor: Prof. Eduard Gröller

2015–2021

- Focus: Data Visualization, Biomedical Imaging, Computer Vision

- GPA: 1.1/1.0

# EXPERIENCE

Harvard University

Cambridge, MA

Research Assistant with Prof. Hanspeter Pfister

09/2021 - present

- Visualization of Large-Scale Biomedical Data
- Towards Efficient and Scalable 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

Research Intern

Munich, Germany 08/2018 - 01/2019

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

#### **PUBLICATIONS**

Brainlab AG

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- [4] J. Troidl, S. Warchol, J. Choi, J. Matelsky, N. Dhanyasi, X. W. Wang, B. Wester, D. Wei, J. Lichtman, H. Pfister, and J. Beyer, "Vimo: Visual Analysis of Neuronal Connectivity Motifs", *IEEE Transactions on Visualization and Computer Graphics*, 2023.
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- [8] J. Troidl, C. Cali, E. Gröller, H. Pfister, M. Hadwiger, and J. Beyer, "Barrio: Customizable Spatial Neighborhood Analysis and Comparison for Nanoscale Brain Structures", Computer Graphics Forum (Proceedings Eurographics/IEEE Symposium on Visualization, Eurovis 2022, vol. 41, no. 3, 2022.
- [9] 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

• **Head Teaching Fellow** for Extension School Students (DCE) at Harvard University Fall 2022, 2023 CS171 - Visualization

• Teaching Fellow at TU Wien
Selected Chapters from Medical Visualization

Fall 2020

• Teaching Fellow at TU Wien
Introduction to Visual Computing

Spring 2017, 2018

• Teaching Fellow at TU Wien
Introduction to Computer Engineering

Fall 2017

#### SKILLS

- Coding: Python, PyTorch, Java-Script
- Tools: GCloud, Unity, QT, CMake, Latex

## SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

• ILW Best Master Thesis Award in informatics for life sciences, German Informatics Society	
and German Association for Medical Informatics, Biometry and Epidemiology.	2022
• 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

<ul> <li>Bachelor with Honors, TU Wien (among the top 5% of CS students at TU Wien)</li> <li>Short-term grant for scientific work abroad, TU Wien (3.100\$)</li> <li>Merit Based Scholarship, TU Wien (1.000\$)</li> </ul>	2020 2020 2018
Talks	
• Motif Analysis in Connectomes at KAUST, Saudi Arabia Seminar Talk	Spring 2023
• The State of the Art in Neural Rendering at Harvard University Seminar Talk	Spring 2023
• Scalable Spatial Neighborhood Analysis in Connectomes in Rome, Italy Conference Presentation at Euro Vis	Summer 2022
• The State of the Art in Connectome Visualization in Rome, Italy Conference Presentation at Euro Vis	Summer 2022
• Visual Neuronal Motif Analysis in Connectomes in Berlin, Germany Poster Presentation at the International Connectomics Conference	Summer 2022

## REFERENCES

- Eduard Gröller, Full Professor, TU Wien groeller@cg.tuwien.ac.at
- Markus Hadwiger, Full Professor, KAUST markus.hadwiger@kaust.edu.sa