# 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 data visualization and applied machine learning, especially with applications in computational neuroscience. Specifically, my research focuses on building scalable interactive visual analysis tools and representation learning approaches to analyze the hidden architecture of the brain.

#### EDUCATION

Harvard University

Cambridge, MA

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

2021-2027

- Focus: Data Visualization, Applied ML, 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

HHMI Janelia Ashburn, VA

Visiting Researcher with Dr. Srinivas Turaga

05/2024 - present

- Building Generative Models of Neuronal Morphology

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 02/2019 - 05/2019

Research Intern with Prof. Markus Hadwiger

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

Brainlab AG Research Intern

Munich, Germany 08/2018 - 01/2019

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

### PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- A. Shapson-Coe, M. Januszewski, D. R. Berger, A. Pope, Y. Wu, T. Blakely, R. L. Schalek, P. H. Li,
  - S. Wang, J. Maitin-Shepard, N. Karlupia, S. Dorkenwald, E. Sjostedt, L. Leavitt, D. Lee, J. Troidl,
  - F. Collman, L. Bailey, A. Fitzmaurice, R. Kar, B. Field, H. Wu, J. Wagner-Carena, D. Aley, J. Lau,
  - Z. Lin, D. Wei, H. Pfister, A. Peleg, V. Jain, and J. W. Lichtman, "A petavoxel fragment of human cerebral cortex reconstructed at nanoscale resolution", Science, vol. 384, no. 6696, 2024.

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- [4] P. Harth, A. Bast, J., Troidl, B. Meulemeester, H. Pfister, J. Beyer, M. Oberlaender, H.-C. Hege, and D. Baum, "Rapid Prototyping for Coordinated Views of Multi-scale Spatial and Abstract Data: A Grammar-based Approach", in *Eurographics Workshop on Visual Computing for Biology and Medicine* (VCBM), 2023.
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- [6] P. Velicky, E. Miguel, J. M. Michalska, J. Lyudchik, D. Wei, Z. Lin, J. F. Watson, J., Troidl, J. Beyer, Y. Ben-Simon, et al., "Dense 4D nanoscale reconstruction of living brain tissue", Nature Methods, pp. 1–10, 2023.
- [7] J. Beyer\*, J. Troidl\*, 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, \*indicates equal contribution.
- [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.

#### PREPRINTS

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#### TEACHING

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

• Teaching Fellow for Professional & Executive Education at Harvard University

Data Visualization: Communicating Data and Complex Ideas Visually

2023, 2024

• Teaching Fellow at TU Wien Selected Chapters from Medical Visualization Fall 2020

• Teaching Fellow at TU Wien

Spring 2017, 2018

Fall 2017

• Teaching Fellow at TU Wien Introduction to Computer Engineering

## SKILLS

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

# SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

2022
2020
2020
2020
2020
2018

## TALKS

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• Analyzing Intelligence with Human-Centered Computing at TU Wien, Austria Seminar Talk	Summer 2024
• Neural Implicit Isotropic Volume Reconstruction at IST Austria Seminar Talk	Summer 2024
• 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 EuroVis	Summer 2022
• The State of the Art in Connectome Visualization in Rome, Italy Conference Presentation at EuroVis	Summer 2022
• Visual Neuronal Motif Analysis in Connectomes in Berlin, Germany Poster Presentation at the International Connectomics Conference	Summer 2022

#### REFERENCES

- Hanspeter Pfister, An Wang Professor of Computer Science, Harvard University pfister@g.harvard.edu
- Eduard Gröller, Full Professor, TU Wien groeller@cg.tuwien.ac.at
- Markus Hadwiger, Full Professor, KAUST markus.hadwiger@kaust.edu.sa