# 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

Munich, Germany

08/2018 - 01/2019

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

## PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

[1] S. Dorkenwald, C. M. Schneider-Mizell, D. Brittain, A. Halageri, C. Jordan, N. Kemnitz, M. A. Castro, W. Silversmith, J. Maitin-Shephard, J., Troidl, et al., "CAVE: Connectome Annotation Versioning Engine", to appear in Nature Methods, vol. 384, no. 6696, 2024.

- [2] 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.
- [3] S. Warchol, J. Troidl, J. L. Muhlich, R. Krueger, J. Hoffer, T. Lin, J. Beyer, E. Glassman, P. K. Sorger, and H. Pfister, "psudo: Exploring Multi-Channel Biomedical Image Data with Spatially and Perceptually Optimized Pseudocoloring", Computer Graphics Forum (Proceedings Eurographics/IEEE Symposium on Visualization, Eurovis 2024, vol. 43, no. 3, 2024.
- [4] Z. Chen, C. Zhang, Q. Wang, J. Troidl, S. Warchol, J. Beyer, N. Gehlenborg, and H. Pfister, "Beyond Generating Code: Evaluating GPT on a Data Visualization Course", *IEEE VIS Workshop on Visualization Education*, *Literacy*, and *Activities*, 2023.
- [5] 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.
- [6] 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.
- [7] 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.
- [8] 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.
- [9] 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.
- [10] 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

- [1] J. Troidl, Y. Liang, J. Beyer, M. Tavakoli, J. Danzl, M. Hadwiger, H. Pfister, and J. Tompkin, "niiv: Fast Self-supervised Neural Implicit Isotropic Volume Reconstruction", Preprint, 2024, pp. 2024–09.
- [2] S. Prabhakaran, C. Yapp, G. J. Baker, J. Beyer, Y. H. Chang, A. L. Creason, R. Krueger, J. Muhlich, N. H. Patterson, K. Sidak, D. Sudar, A. J. Taylor, L. Ternes, J., Troidl, Y. Xie, A. Sokolov, D. R. Tyson, and the Cell Imaging Hackathon 2022 Participants, "Addressing Persistent Challenges in Digital Image Analysis of Cancerous Tissues", Preprint, 2023, pp. 2023–07.

#### TEACHING

- (Head) Teaching Fellow (for Extension School Students) at Harvard University CS171 Visualization
- Teaching Fellow for Professional & Executive Education at Harvard University

 $Fall\ 2022,\ 2023,\ 2024$ 

2023, 2024

Data Visualization: Communicating Data and Complex Ideas Visually
 Teaching Fellow at TU Wien
 Selected Chapters from Medical Visualization
 Teaching Fellow at TU Wien
 Introduction to Visual Computing
 Teaching Fellow at TU Wien
 Introduction to Computer Engineering

#### 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
- 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

# TALKS

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• Analyzing Intelligence with Human-Centered Computing at TU Wien, Austria Seminar Talk	Summer 2024
	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
• 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

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