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RESEARCH INTERESTS Computational Neuroscience, Cognitive Science, Computer Vision, Reinforcement Learning.

EDUCATION **Massachusetts Institute of Technology**, MA Sep 2021 - Present
PhD Student
Major: Electrical Engineering & Computer Science
Advisor: Ila Fiete, Paul Liang

Seoul National University, Korea Sep 2019 - Aug 2021
Master of Science (Distinguished Dissertation Award)
Major: Electrical & Computer Engineering
Advisor: Bohyung Han

Seoul National University, Korea Mar 2013 - Aug 2019
Bachelor of Science (Summa cum laude) (Military Service: 2015 - 2017)
Major: Computer Science & Engineering (minor: Brain-Mind-Behavior)

PUBLICATIONS Ari S. Benjamin*, Anna-Lea Beyer*, Marianne de Heer Kloots*, [Jaedong Hwang*](#), Hajer Karoui*, Mitchell Ostrow*, Jirko Rubruck*, Kai Sandbrink*, Satchel Grant, Andrew Saxe, James L. McClelland. **An Introduction to Connectionist Theories of Semantic Cognition**. To Appear in PMLR. Vol. 320, 202. 2026.

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[Jaedong Hwang](#), Brian Cheung, Zhang-Wei Hong, Akhilan Boopathy, Pulkit Agrawal, Ila Fiete. **ImageNet-RIB Benchmark: Large Pre-Training Datasets Don't Guarantee Robustness after Fine-Tuning**. NeurIPS (Fine-Tuning in Modern Machine Learning: Principles and Scalability). 2024.

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Akhilan Boopathy, William Yue, [Jaedong Hwang](#), Abhiram Iyer, Ila Fiete. **Towards Exact Computation of Inductive Bias**. IJCAI. 2024. (*long; 16% among accepted papers*)

Raymond L Wang, Jaedong Hwang, Akhilan Boopathy, Ila Fiete. **Rapid Learning Without Catastrophic Forgetting in the Morris Water Maze**. ICML. 2024.

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Jaedong Hwang*, Sujaya Neupane*, Mehrdad Jazayeri†, Ila Fiete†. **Generalizable Relational Inference with Cognitive Maps in a Hippocampal Model and in Primates**. NeurIPSW (Associative Memory & Hopfield Networks). 2023.

Akhilan Boopathy, Kevin Liu, Jaedong Hwang, Shu Ge, Asaad Mohammedsleh, Ila Fiete. **Model-agnostic Measure of Generalization Difficulty**. ICML. 2023.

Jonghyeon Seon, Jaedong Hwang, Jonghwan Mun, Bohyung Han. **Stop or Forward: Dynamic Layer Skipping for Efficient Action Recognition**. WACV. 2023.

Jaedong Hwang, Seung Wug Oh, Joon-Young Lee, Bohyung Han. **Exemplar-Based Open-Set Panoptic Segmentation Network**. CVPR. 2021.

Jaedong Hwang*, Seohyun Kim*, Jeany Son, Bohyung Han. **Weakly Supervised Instance Segmentation by Deep Community Learning**. WACV. 2021.

Jaedong Hwang*, Sanghyeok Park*, Seokjin Lee*, Yeong-Gil Shin. **Robust harmonic field based tooth segmentation in real-life noisy scanned mesh**. SPIE Medical Imaging. 2019.

Te-Lin Wu, Jaedong Hwang, Jingyun Yang, Shaofan Lai, Carl Vondrick, Joseph Lim. **Learning from Noisy Demonstration Sets via Meta-Learned Suitability Assessor**. Open-Review. 2018.

Seungwon Lee*, Jaedong Hwang*, Eunsol Kim, Byoung-Tak Zhang. **An adaptive computational discourse system based on data-driven learning algorithm**. International Symposium on Advanced Intelligent Systems (ISIS). 2015. (*Best Session Paper Award*)

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Sujaya Neupane*, Jaedong Hwang*, Ila Fiete†, Mehrdad Jazayeri†. **Generalizable relational inference with cognitive maps in a hippocampal model and primates**. Sfn Nanosymposium - Spatial Representations Across Species. 2023. (*oral*)

Jaedong Hwang*, Sujaya Neupane*, Mehrdad Jazayeri†, Ila Fiete†. **A Grid Cell-Place Cell Scaffold Allows Rapid Learning and Generalization at Multiple Levels on Mental Navigation Tasks**. CCN. 2023.

Raymond L Wang, Jaedong Hwang, Akhilan Boopathy, Ila Fiete. **Rapid Learning Without Catastrophic Forgetting in Multiple Morris Water Mazes**. CCN. 2023.

AWARDS & HONORS	Doctoral Study Fellowship by Korea Foundation for Advanced Studies (Full Funding)	2021 - 2026
	Government Scholarship for Overseas Study by South Korean Gov. (\$40,000 / year)	2021 - 2023 (declined)
	MIT ORCD Seed Fund (half of tuition, stipends, and up to 32 H100 GPU)	Spring 2026
	Travel Award (NeuroAI Workshop @ NeurIPS 2024)	2024
	Highlighted Reviewer (ICLR 2022)	2022
	Outstanding Reviewer (ICCV 2021)	2021
	Distinguished Dissertation Award in ECE, Seoul National University	2021
	Outstanding Reviewer (CVPR 2021)	2021
	Full scholarship by Seoam Yoon Se Young Foundation	2013 - 2019
	Best Paper of department of Brain-Mind-Behavior, Seoul National University	2017
	Seoul Metropolitan Police Agency Award Certificate	2016
	ISIS 2015 Best Session Paper Award	2015
	Jongha Fellowship	2014
	PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE	Adobe Research , Adobe, CA <i>Deep Learning Research Intern</i> , Mentor: Joon-Young Lee, Seoung Wug Oh
Computer Vision Lab , Seoul National University, Korea <i>Research Intern</i> , Advisor: Bohyung Han		Sep 2018 - Aug 2019
T-Brain , SKT, Korea <i>Research Intern</i>		May 2018 - Aug 2018
CLVR , University of Southern California, CA <i>Visiting Student</i> , Advisor: Joseph Lim		Mar 2018 - May 2018
Cybercrime Investigation Unit , Seoul Metropolitan Police Agency, Korea <i>Investigator</i> as secondment of military service		2015 - 2017
BioIntelligence Lab , Seoul National University, Korea <i>Research Intern</i> , Advisor: Byeong-Tak Zhang		Jul 2014 - Apr 2015
AI Conference Reviewer: NeurIPS, ICLR, ICML, CVPR, ECCV, ICCV, WACV, AAAI Neuroscience Conference Reviewer: CCN Journal Reviewer: TPAMI, TMLR Volunteer: ICLR 2020		
TEACHING EXPERIENCE	Computational Sensorimotor Learning , MIT <i>Teaching Assistant</i> Instructor: Pulkit Agrawal	Spring 2024
	The Graduate Application Assistance Program , MIT EECS <i>Mentor</i> Mentored applicants (especially from underrepresented groups) about the graduate application process.	2021 - 2023
	Digital Computer Concept and Practice , Seoul National University <i>Teaching Assistant</i> Instructor: Bohyung Han Instructed laboratory classes regarding Python and basic programming.	Spring 2020

INVITED	Voxel 51 Boston Meetup, Boston, MA	Feb 2025
PRESENTATIONS	Artificial Intelligence Institute at Seoul National University, Korea	Jun 2023
	Samsung Electronics, Korea	Aug 2021