



GUY GAZIV
Curriculum Vitae



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AI researcher with strong academic and industry experience. Trained as a physicist, engineer, and a computer scientist, and having background also in Neuroscience & Biology, I am a multidisciplinary scientist focused on the interface between machine and human vision.

EDUCATION:

- 2016-2021 **Ph.D. Computer Science | Weizmann Institute of Science**
 Thesis title: *“Decoding Visual Experience from Brain Activity”*
 (Deep Learning | Computer Vision | Neuroscience)
 Advisor: Prof. Michal Irani
- 2013-2016 **M.Sc. Physics | Weizmann Institute of Science**
 Thesis title: *“Motion Motifs: Dyadic Modes of Body Movement in Scientific Conversations”*
 Advisor: Prof. Uri Alon
- 2008-2012 **B.Sc. Electrical and Computer Engineering | Hebrew University of Jerusalem**
Electronic and Photonic device track
magna cum laude
- 2001-2004 **The Hebrew University Secondary School (Leyada)**

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS:

- 2022-present **Postdoctoral Researcher, Computer Vision & Brain | MIT**
 Host: Prof. James DiCarlo
- 2021-2022 **Postdoctoral Fellow, Computer Science | Weizmann Institute of Science**
 Host: Prof. Michal Irani
- 2018-2022 **AI Researcher & Consultant | Intelligence Corps (3060/ 8200)**
 Prototyping computer vision systems using Deep Learning
- 2016-2018 **Algorithm Developer | FST Biometrics**
 Implemented Deep Learning gait-based identification system. The system was designed for access control and retail markets
- 2012-2013 **Software Engineer | Mellanox Technologies**
 Developed a monitoring and management product for Ethernet and Infiniband interconnect systems, used for purposes of HPC, academic research and finance
- 2010-2012 **Hardware Engineer | Intel**
 Development of data centers Ethernet communication chips
- 2007-2008 **Chief Commander, Israel Defense Force | Intelligence Corps (8200)**
 - Head of wireless operation training program (steady service, officer role)
 - Team leader and mentor of 10 commanders and 80 trainees -- Hundreds of alumni
 - Designed courses and lectures: Arabic, intelligence professions, and education

TEACHING & MENTORING

- Aug 2023 **Deep Generative Models**, Brains Minds & Machines Summer Course, MA, USA
- 2019-present **Teaching Assistant, Weizmann Institute of Science**
Course: *Introduction to Computer Vision*
- 2010-2011, **Academic Tutor, Hebrew University of Jerusalem**
2013-2016 Courses: *Classical Mechanics, Electricity & Magnetism, Calculus*

HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2008-2010 Dean's list, Faculty of Science, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
- 2008 Faculty Prize, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
- 2005 Wireless operations excellent trainee award, Intelligence Corps

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2021 **2021 Fulbright Postdoctoral Fellowship (declined)**
- 2021-present **Weizmann Institute of Science Postdoctoral Fellowship**
- 2018 **Prime Minister's office international summer school fellowship. The fellowship funds participation in 15th IAPR/Eurasip International Summer School for Advanced Studies on Biometrics for Secure Authentication.**
- 2016-2021 **Weizmann Institute of Science PhD Fellowship**
- 2015 **European Physical Society Travel Grant**
- 2013-2016 **Weizmann Institute of Science MSc Fellowship**

PUBLICATIONS

Published Peer-Reviewed Papers:

*equal contribution

- [1] **Gaziv, G.***, Lee, M.*, & DiCarlo, J. (2023). Strong and Precise Modulation of Human Percepts via Robustified ANNs. *In Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS)*
- [2] **Gaziv, G.***, Belyi, R.*, Granot, N.*, Hoogi, A., Strappini, F., Golan, T., & Irani, M. (2022). Self-Supervised Natural Image Reconstruction and Large-Scale Semantic Classification From Brain Activity. *NeuroImage*
- [3] Belyi, R.*, **Gaziv, G.***, Hoogi, A., Strappini, F., Golan, T., & Irani, M. (2019). From Voxels to Pixels and Back: Self-Supervision in Natural-Image Reconstruction From fMRI. *In Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS)*
- [4] Grossman, S.*, **Gaziv, G.***, Yeagle, E. M., Harel, M., Mégevand, P., Groppe, D. M., Khuvis, S., Herrero, J. L., Irani, M., Mehta, A. D., Malach R. (2019). Convergent Evolution of Face Spaces Across Human Face-Selective Neuronal Groups and Deep Convolutional Networks. *Nature Communications*
- [5] **Gaziv, G.**, Noy, L., Liron, Y., & Alon, U. (2017). A Reduced-Dimensionality Approach to Uncovering Dyadic Modes of Body Motion in Conversations. *PLOS One*

Preprints:

[6] Kupershmidt, G., Beliy, R., **Gaziv, G.**, & Irani, M. (2022). A Penny for Your (visual) Thoughts: Self-Supervised Reconstruction of Natural Movies from Brain Activity. *arXiv*

[7] **Gaziv, G.** & Irani, M. (2021). More Than Meets the Eye: Self-Supervised Depth Reconstruction From Brain Activity. *arXiv*

INVITED TALKS

- Feb 2024 **Strong and Precise Modulation of Human Percepts via Robustified ANNs**
Vision & AI seminar, Weizmann Institute, Israel
- Feb 2024 **Robustified ANNs Reveal Wormholes Between Human Category Percepts**
Pixel Club, Technion, Israel
- Feb 2024 Vision Seminar, Tel-Aviv University, Israel
- Feb 2024 Vision Seminar, The Hebrew University, Israel
- Feb 2024 Creative Camera Reading Group, Google Tel-Aviv, Israel
- Feb 2024 Computer Science Colloquium, Reichman University, Israel
- Feb 2024 Gonda Brain Research Center, Bar Ilan University, Israel
- Dec 2023 **Developing and validating models of the ventral visual stream via neural and behavioral modulation.** Simons Collaboration on the Global Brain, USA
- Sep 2023 **Robustified ANNs Reveal Wormholes Between Human Category Percepts**
Carney Institute for Brain Science, Brown University, USA
- Jul 2023 **Deploying Model of Vision: From Mind Reading to Behavior Modulation**  Recording
VisCAM, Google Cambridge, USA
- Mind Reading: Decoding Visual Experience from Brain Activity**
- Apr 2022 Brain & AI, Meta, Paris
- Mar 2022 Rafael Computer Vision, Leshem Institute, Israel
- Feb 2022 Sagol Neurobiology Dept, Haifa University, Israel
- Dec 2021 AAI Seminar, 8200, Israel  Recording
- Nov 2021 Computer Science Colloquium, Tel-Aviv University, Israel
- Nov 2021 Computer Science Colloquium, Reichman University, Israel
- Nov 2021 Computer Science Colloquium, Ben Gurion, Israel
- Oct 2021 Gonda Brain Research Center, Bar Ilan University, Israel  Recording
- Oct 2021 **Self-Supervised Natural Image Reconstruction and Rich Semantic Classification From Brain Activity**
Israeli Conference on Medical Informatics (ICMI)
- Jan 2021 GIDRM 2020 workshop on Artificial Intelligence in NMR/MRI and Neuroscience
- Jan 2020 **Self-Supervision in Natural-Image Reconstruction From fMRI**  Recording
Israel Computer Vision Day 2019, Tel-Aviv University, Israel
- Jan 2020 Pixel Club, Technion, Israel
- Oct 2019 Vision Seminar, The Hebrew University, Israel

POSTER PRESENTATIONS

- Dec 2023 **Strong and Precise Modulation of Human Percepts via Robustified ANNs**, NeurIPS, USA
- Jan 2021 **Self-Supervised Natural Image Reconstruction and Rich Semantic Classification from Brain Activity**, SfN Global Connectome (virtual)
- Oct 2020 IMVC (Israel Machine Vision Conference), Israel
- Aug 2020 Brain Minds & Machines Summer Course, MIT, USA (virtual)
- Dec 2019 **Self-supervision in Natural-Image Reconstruction from fMRI**, NeurIPS, Canada
- Nov 2019 AI Week, Tel Aviv University, Israel
- Jul 2019 The Algonauts Workshop, MIT, USA
- Mar 2018 **In Motion Identification Based on Gait**, IMVC, Israel
- Jun 2015 **Nonverbal communication in scientific conversations**, Granada Seminar on Computational and Statistical Physics, Spain

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Aug 2023 TA in the Brains Minds & Machines (BMM) Summer Course, Woods Hole MA, USA
- Aug 2020 Participated in the Brains Minds & Machines (BMM) Summer Course, MIT (virtual)
- Jul 2019 Participated in the Algonauts 2019 Challenge and workshop, MIT, USA
- I was ranked 3 and 4 in fMRI and MEG challenge tracks
 - Presented a poster on image reconstruction from fMRI at the workshop
- Jun 2018 Participated in the 15th international Summer School for Advanced Studies on “Assuring Trustworthiness of Biometrics”, Alegro, Italy

Reviewer: *Cosyne (2023)*

PROGRAMMING/CAD EXPERIENCE

Python, MATLAB, PyTorch, TF, Keras, Caffe, Java, Specman (e), bash, c#, .Net, Unity3D, Solidworks

HOBBIES AND INTERESTS

- Woodworking, Gardening
- Yoga teacher
- Piano, guitar, didgeridoo
- Design and fly radio-controlled airplane, helicopter & quadcopter models

LANGUAGES

Hebrew ★★★★★

English ★★★★★

Arabic ★★★★★