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CURRENT POSITION

Post-doctoral fellow in the [Crossmodal perception and plasticity laboratory](#) at the universite catholique de Louvain la Neuve (Belgium)

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

- **2012:**

PhD in Neuroscience

Laboratories:

Computational Cognitive Neuroimaging Laboratory, School of psychology, University of Birmingham, UK

registered at the *International Max Planck Research School*, Graduate training centre of neuroscience, Tübingen, Germany

Thesis title: Cortical laminar analysis of multisensory integration using high-field fMRI

Supervisor: Pr. Dr. MD. Uta Noppeney Email: u.noppeney@bham.ac.uk

- **2006-2010:**

PhD in neuroscience

Defended in September 2010

University Pierre et Marie Curie, Paris, France

Doctoral School « Cerveau, Cognition, Comportement »

first class honours

Thesis title: Serotonergic neurons of the lateral paragigantocellular nucleus: roles in pain modulation and baroreflex inhibition

Laboratory: Psychiatry and Neurosciences Center

Supervisor: Dr. MD. Jean-François Bernard

Graduate qualifications

- **2005-2006: Master of Integrative Biology and Physiology: Neurosciences (research specialization)**
University Pierre et Marie Curie, Paris, France
Second class honours ; rank: NA
- **2004-2005: Master of Neuropsychology (research specialization)**
University Paul Sabatier, Toulouse, France
Second class honours ; rank: NA
- **2003-2004: Master of Cellular Biology and Animal Physiology**
McGill university, Montréal, Canada, through the CREPUQ exchange program with the University of Montpellier II, France
Second class honours; rank: 1/55

Undergraduate qualifications

- **2002-2003: License of Cellular Biology and Animal Physiology**
University of Montpellier II, France
Second class honours; rank: 1/80
- **2001-2003: Diplôme d'Etudes Universitaires Générales of Psychology**
University Paul-Valéry, Montpellier, France
Second class honours ; rank: NA
- **2000-2002: Diplôme d'Etudes Universitaires Générales of Biochemistry and Physiology**
University of Montpellier II, France
First class honours; rank: 3/250

Baccalaureate

- **2000: International Baccalaureate**
Red Cross Nordic United World College, Flekke, Norway
Grade: 36/45

SCIENTIFIC CONTRIBUTIONS

Peer reviewed papers

- Botvinik-Nezer R, et al; [Variability in the analysis of a single neuroimaging dataset by many teams](#), *Nature*, 2020; doi:[10.1038/s41586-020-2314-9](#)

Code and results contributed to the project:  

- **Gau R**, Bazin PL, Trampel R, Turner R, Noppeney U; [Resolving multisensory and attentional influences across cortical depth in sensory cortices](#), *eLife*, 2018; doi:[10.7554/eLife.46856](#)



- **Gau R**, Noppeney, U; [How prior expectations shape multisensory perception](#), *Neuroimage*, 2016; doi:[10.1016/j.neuroimage.2015.09.045](#)



- **Gau R**, Sevoz-Couche C, Hamon M, Bernard JF; [Noxious stimulation excites serotonergic neurons: a comparison between the lateral paragigantocellular reticular and the raphe magnus nuclei](#), *Pain*, 2013; doi:[10.1016/j.pain.2012.09.012](#)
- **Gau R**, Sevoz-Couche C, Laguzzi R, Hamon M, Bernard JF; [Inhibition of Baroreflex by Nociception: A Key Role for Lateral Paragigantocellular Serotonergic Cells](#), *Pain*, 2009; doi:[10.1016/j.pain.2009.09.012](#)
- Bernard JF, Netzer F, **Gau R**, Hamon M, Laguzzi R, Sevoz-Couche C; [Critical role of B3 serotonergic cells in baroreflex inhibition during the defense reaction triggered by dorsal periaqueductal gray stimulation](#), *Journal of comparative anatomy*, 2008; doi:[10.1002/cne.21532](#)

Open-science

• Brain Imaging Data Structure:

The Brain Imaging Data Structure (BIDS) is the dominant organizational format and standard in neuroimaging data analysis.

maintainers

• pyBIDS and bids-matlab:

PyBIDS 

bids-matlab 

are collections of helpful modules for querying and manipulating BIDS datasets.

• eCOBIDAS:

Identifier: DOI [10.17605/OSF.IO/ANVQY](#)

• CPP SPM:

• **Gau R.** et al; [A checklist for improving neuroimaging methods and results reporting](#), *OHBM hackathon*, 2019

Preprint

- Levitis E, Gould van Praag C D, **Gau R**, Heunis S, et al.; Centering inclusivity in the design of online conferences, *PsyArXiv*, 2021; doi:[10.31234/osf.io/vj5tu](#)
- Appelhoff S, Bates JF, Ghosh S et al.; BIDS and the NeuroImaging Data Model (NIDM), *F1000Research*, 2019; doi:[10.7490/f1000research.1117650.1](#)

Posters

- **Gau R**, Abraham SA, Gould van Praag C, Sjoerds Z, Wiebels K, Moreau D, Ghosh S, Nichols TE; [eCOBIDAS: a webapp checklist to improve neuroimaging methods and results reporting](#), Annual Meeting of the Organization for Human Brain Mapping, Virtual, 2020;
- **Gau R**, Trampel R, Bazin PL, Turner R, Noppeney U; [Layer-specific attentional modulation and multisensory interactions in sensory cortices](#), Annual Meeting of the Organization for Human Brain Mapping, Geneva (Switzerland), 2016; doi:[10.13140/RG.2.2.32219.57124](#)
- **Gau R**, Trampel R, Bazin PL, Turner R, Noppeney U; [Effect of sensory modality and attention on layer-specific activations in sensory cortices](#), Annual Meeting of the Organization for Human Brain Mapping, Virtual, 2020;

Mapping, Hamburg (Germany), 2014; doi:[10.13140/RG.2.2.18797.79846](https://doi.org/10.13140/RG.2.2.18797.79846)

- **Gau R**, Noppeney U; [The left prefrontal cortex controls information integration by combining bottom-up inputs and top-down predictions](#), Annual meeting of the Society for neurosciences, San Diego, (California, USA), 2013; doi:[10.13140/RG.2.2.12086.91207](https://doi.org/10.13140/RG.2.2.12086.91207)
- Bernard JF, Sevoz-Couche C, Hamon M, **Gau R**; Responses of lateral paragigantocellular and raphe magnus serotonergic neurons to noxious stimuli: a comparative reappraisal using juxtacellular recording, 13th world congress on pain; International association for the study of pain; Montréal (Québec, Canada), 2010
- Bernard JF, Sevoz-Couche C, Hamon M, **Gau R**; [Involvement of lateral paragigantocellular reticular serotonergic and non-serotonergic neurons in nociceptive processes](#), Annual meeting of the Society for neurosciences, Chicago, (Illinois, USA), 2009
- **Gau R**, Sevoz-Couche C, Hamon M, Laguzzi R, Bernard JF; [Inhibition of cardiac baroreflex by intense noxious stimuli: a serotonergic mechanism involving the lateral paragigantocellular reticular nuclei](#); Annual meeting of the Society for neurosciences, Washington (D.C., USA), 2008
- Bernard JF, Sevoz-Couche C, Hamon M, Laguzzi R, **Gau R**; [Critical role of the B3 group in the baroreflex inhibition evoked by thermal noxious stimulation in the rat](#), Annual meeting of the Society for neurosciences, San Diego (California, USA), 2007
- Bernard JF, Netzer F, **Gau R**, Hamon M, Laguzzi R, Sevoz-Couche C; Serotonergic neurons of B3 group: critical role in baroreflex inhibition during the defense reaction in the rat; Annual meeting of the Society for neurosciences, Atlanta (Georgia, USA), 2006

Talks

CPP BIDS

OHBM NARPS

- **Gau R**; [Laminar profiles dissociate attentional and crossmodal influences in sensory cortices](#); Brain in Depth 2018, Magdeburg (Germany), 31st May 2018
- **Gau R**; [Implication du groupe sérotoninergique B3 dans le contrôle des circuits de la douleur et des réactions neurovégétatives associées](#); 10th congress of the French society for the study and treatment of pain, Marseille (France), 18th November 2010

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PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Co-organizer of the Eif Journal Club on methodology and replicability in psychology at the University of Birmingham (UK)

[Journal referee for](#)

- Journal of Experimental Neuroscience
- Proceedings of the Annual Conference of the Cognitive Science Society

Societies membership

- Society for Neuroscience

- Organization for Human Brain Mapping
- Society for the improvement of psychological science




Internal talks

- [More brain droppings on the replication crisis in psychology](#); talk given at a brown bag meeting at the department of psychology of the université catholique de Louvain la Neuve; 11th April 2019
- [Brain droppings on the replication crisis in psychology](#); talk given at the post-graduate seminar of the School of Psychology at the University of Birmingham (UK); 24th November 2016

Outreach

- Conference on the reproducibility crisis
- **2019-present:** active member of the Comité belge pour l'analyse critique des parasciences
- [Our brain, our senses, and us](#); Interactive presentation given at the children section of the Skeptics in the Pub of Gravesend (UK); 20th October 2015

TEACHING

- **2019-11:** Co-organizer and instructor at the first neuroimaging workshop at the University Catholique de Louvain of (Belgium)  
- **2019-06:** Mini-lab leader for the workshop *Empirical Methods in Cognitive Linguistics 8* at the University of Tartu (Estonia); [Website](#)
- **2013 to 2016:** Teaching assistant for the *Advanced Brain Imaging* masters course at the University of Birmingham (UK) 

Supervisor: Noppeney, U; Email: u.noppeney@bham.ac.uk

- **2009:** Teaching assistant for the *Human Evolution* class of the preparatory program to paramedical training at the University Pierre et Marie Curie (Paris, France)

Supervisors: Aurengo, A & Darribere, T; Tel: (+33) 1 40 77 95 77

- **2005:** Teaching assistant for the *Psychophysiology* undergraduate class of the psychology program of the University Mirail-Toulouse II (France)

Supervisor: Bret Dibat JL; Email: bret@diba@univ-tlse2.fr

RESEARCH AND TECHNICAL SKILLS

- **Human neuroimaging:** design, implementation and analysis of structural and functional MRI studies, fMRI design efficiency optimization, preprocessing, mass univariate and multivariate pattern analysis, high-field structural and functional MRI analyses
- **Cognitive neuroscience:** design, implementation and analysis of psychophysics and eyetracking studies of multi-sensory integration
- **Information technology:**

Program	Area	Knowledge
Matlab	Programming	Excellent
SPM	Neuroimaging analysis	Excellent
Freesurfer	Neuroimaging analysis	Excellent
CBS tools	High-field neuroimaging analysis	Excellent
LIBSVM	Multivariate pattern analysis	Excellent
PsychToolBox	Stimulus presentation	Excellent
Presentation	Stimulus presentation	Excellent
Bash scripting	Programming	Good
cvMANOVA	Multivariate pattern analysis	Good
Palamedes	Psychophysics data analysis	Good
Spike 2	Physiological data recordings	Good
Git/GitHub	Version control	Good
SPSS	Statistical analysis	Good
L ^A T _E X	Document production	Good
R	Programming	Basic
C/C++	Programming	Basic
FSL	Neuroimaging analysis	Basic
Pronto	Multivariate pattern analysis	Basic
TDT	Multivariate pattern analysis	Basic

- **Functional neuroanatomy:** direct online physiological parameters recording and analysis, use of neuroanatomical tracers (Phaseolus, TMR, fluorogold), functional c-fos expression experiments, stereotaxic local pharmacological neuroinactivation.
- **Electrophysiology:** *In vivo* extracellular recording combined to juxtacellular labeling in halothane anesthetized rats, LTP protocols and associated pharmacological modulation on rat brain slices using intracellular recording in current clamp or extracellular recording with a multi-electrodes array.
- **Microscopy & histology:** Total animal fixation with formalin & brain extraction, general histological techniques (Cresyl violet, thionin), double immunohistochemical and immunofluorescent labeling, epifluorescent transmission and confocal microscope images acquisition and processing.

GRANTS

- **2009-2010:** Award from the French society for the study and treatment of pain
- **2006-2009:** Scholarship from the French ministry of research and technology

OTHER ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Laboratory training

- **2003-2005:** Conducted the data analysis of a pilot study preliminary to a multi-centric rehabilitation program for dyslexic children.

Laboratory: Neuroimaging and neurological handicaps
INSERM unit 825, Hôpital Purpan, Toulouse, France
Supervisor: Dr. MD. Demonet JF
Email: jean-francois.demonet@inserm.fr

- **2004:** Worked on electrophysiology experiments aimed at better understanding the effects of dopamine on the long term potentiation (LTP) of pyramidal neurons in slices of rat pre-frontal cortex.

Laboratory: Laboratoire de biologie des processus adaptatifs
University Pierre et Marie Curie, Paris, France
Supervisor: Dr. Otani S
Email: satoru.otani@snv.jussieu.fr

- **2003:** Designed and applied a series of experiments examining the effects of pre-natal stress or in-utero cocaine injection on learning in young rats and on hippocampic long term potentiation on rat brain slices.

Laboratory: Laboratoire de plasticité cérébrale
CNRS-UMR 5102, University of Montpellier II, France
Supervisor: Dr. Vignes M
Email: mvignes@univ-montp2.fr