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EDUCATION

New York University

New York, NY

M.A., General Psychology (expected)

Sep 2021 – Present

Neuromatch Academy Computational Neuroscience

Jul 2022

- Project: Prediction of semantically differentiated tasks from fMRI using standard GLM and time-decoding model

Peking University

Beijing, China

B.A., Spanish Language and Literature

Sep 2015 - Jul 2019

Minor, Psychology (National Fellowship for Undergraduate Researchers, China)

The Autonomous University of Madrid

Madrid, Spain

Exchange student, Philology (Santander Scholarship, Spain)

Sep 2017 - Feb 2018

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Poeppel Lab | New York University

New York, NY

Advisor: Dr. David Poeppel

Sep 2021 - Present

The spectro-temporal information distinguishes between speech and music | Master's Thesis (expected)

- We applied signal processing techniques to speech and music recordings from standardized corpora to extract spectro-temporal modulations. Sound waveforms are transformed into a spectrogram using a filter-Hilbert method, and then decomposed to the modulation domain using a 2D FFT.
- We found that speech and music have different modulation patterns. Speech has a higher temporal resolution and music has a higher frequency resolution. The distinct pattern in speech and music is consistent with past studies on the functional asymmetry of the auditory cortex.
- Other experience including fMRI and MEG scanning, data preprocessing and analysis.

Language Acquisition and Sound Recognition Lab | UC San Diego

San Diego, CA

Advisor: Dr. Sarah C. Creel

Aug 2019 - Jun 2020

Pitch consistency in tone versus non-tone language speakers across domain | Independent Study

- Designed and conducted experiments to record subjects naming pictures and singing songs, and resampled pitch contours to quantify absolute and relative pitch differences, aiming to test possible difference in absolute and relative pitch consistency in linguistic and non-linguistic production in Mandarin native versus English native college students.
- Our findings suggest that tone language experience may benefit both absolute and relative pitch precision in speech production, while this advantage weakened substantially in music production, which requires a larger-scale extensive study.
- Other experience including building eye-tracker and conducting eye-tracking experiments on preschoolers (ages 3-5), as well as running normed tests (PPVT-IV, MINT, GFTA) on both adults and children.

Cognitive and Computational Neuroscience Lab | New York University

New York, NY

Advisor: Dr. Biyu J. He

Jul 2018 - Sep 2018

EEG study on visual categorization and consciousness | Summer Intern

- In collaboration with a postdoctoral fellow, designed a novel EEG protocol to test how consciousness may influence visual categorization on refined and coarse levels.
- Results from EEG data (analyzed using FieldTrip) showed the possible involvement of frontal cortex.
- Other experience including inhibiting cortical regions with t-DCS and ICA cleaning of fMRI data.

Attention, Neural Aesthetic and Time Lab | Peking University

Beijing, China

Advisor: Dr. Yan Bao

Jun 2017 - Apr 2019

Relationship between temporal order threshold and perception of McGurk effect | Independent Study

- Synthesized stimuli with different voice-onset time (VOT) using Praat scripts and two psychophysical methods (constant stimuli, QUEST) to measure the temporal order threshold (TOT) in college students, aiming to explore a hypothetical relationship between time perception ability and the perception of McGurk effect.
- Our findings suggest that individual TOT may influence the perception of McGurk effect by mainly changing the perception and accuracy of the auditory input.

PUBLICATIONS AND CONFERENCES

- **Li, Y., Chang, A., & Poeppel, D.** (2022, Oct. 6-8). The Spectro-temporal Information Distinguishes between Speech and Music. [Poster presentation]. *14th Annual Meeting of the Society for the Neurobiology of Language*, Philadelphia, PA.
- **Li, Y., Chang, A., & Poeppel, D.** (2022, Apr. 29). The Role of Spectro-temporal Information in Speech and Music. [Poster presentation]. *26th Annual NYU Psychology Masters' Research Conference*, New York, NY.
- **Li, Y., & Creel, S.C.** (2021, Jul. 28-31). Tone Language Enhances Consistency in Pitch Production Across Domain. [Slide presentation]. *16th International Conference on Music Perception and Cognition*, Sheffield, United Kingdom.

SKILLS

- **Language Skills:** Mandarin (native), English (fluent), Spanish (fluent, C1 in DELE), Japanese (beginner).
- **Experimental Skills:**
 - Proficient: conducting behavioral and eye-tracking experiments in adults and preschoolers;
 - Experienced: MRI/fMRI; MEG; EEG (FieldTrip); t-DCS.
- **Programming Skills:**
 - Proficient: MATLAB (Psychtoolbox, signal processing); R; Praat ; SPSS ;
 - Experienced: Python (OpenSesame, PsychoPy, Scikit-Learn, Nilearn, PyTorch); JavaScript (jsPsych)

OTHER EXPERIENCE

Thinkingdom Media Group Ltd.

Beijing, China

Content Researcher (Marketing research and literary editing).

Jul 2020 – Feb 2021

Rights and Data Manager (Marketing data analysis and literary rights management)

Feb 2021 – Aug 2021

Peking University

Beijing, China

Association of Accordion (Co-president)

Jun 2016 – Jun 2018

Student Union (Co-president)

Jun 2016 – Jun 2017