Fun with the low-cost 'Eye Tribe' eye-tracker

Daniel Lawrence School of Philosophy, Psychology & Language Sciences The University of Edinburgh

Is the Eye Tribe accurate enough?

How do I set up the Eye Tribe?

How do I prepare an experiment with the Eye Tribe?

How do I analyze data from the Eye Tribe?

That's great! Can I have a go?

\$99 Eye-tracker from Denmark-based startup

\$99 Eye-tracker from Denmark-based startup

Aimed at a commercial/UX audience...

\$99 Eye-tracker from Denmark-based startup

Aimed at a commercial/UX audience...

...but an attractive option for bringing experimental methods out of the lab?

\$99 Eye-tracker from Denmark-based startup

Aimed at a commercial/UX audience...

...but an attractive option for bringing experimental methods out of the lab?

Michela Bonfieni (Edinburgh) Edwin Dalmaijer (Oxford)

\$99 Eye-tracker from Denmark-based startup

Aimed at a commercial/UX audience...

...but an attractive option for bringing experimental methods out of the lab?

Michela Bonfieni (Edinburgh) Edwin Dalmaijer (Oxford)

Cheap, open-source, accessible, portable

Dalmaijer, 2014

Dalmaijer, 2014

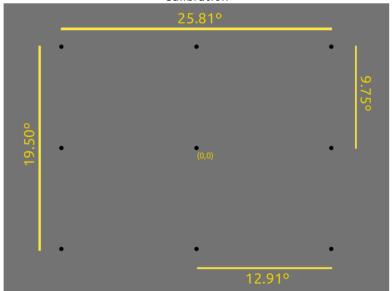
Comparison of Eye Tribe with Eyelink 1000

Dalmaijer, 2014

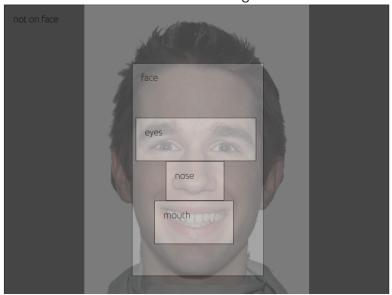
Comparison of Eye Tribe with Eyelink 1000

5 participants completing calibration and face-viewing tasks





Free face viewing



Various metrics in Dalmaijer (2014)

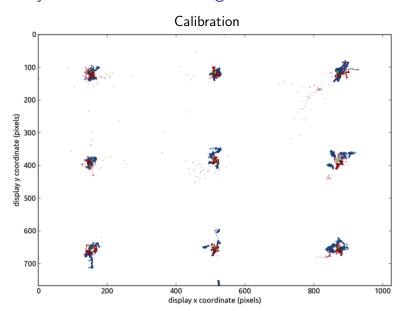
Various metrics in Dalmaijer (2014)

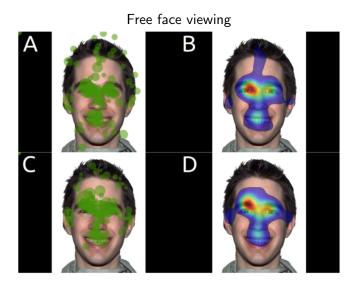
Gist: good enough for gaze tracking and pupilometery, less so for saccade metrics

Various metrics in Dalmaijer (2014)

Gist: good enough for gaze tracking and pupilometery, less so for saccade metrics

Here I'll just show you the fixation plots for both trackers





Plug and play!

Plug and play!

60cm distance

Plug and play!

60cm distance

Chin rest (recommended)



Execute the Eye Tribe server Example output (JSON):

How do I prepare an experiment with the Eye Tribe?

Edwin Dalmaijer's lab have produced toolkits for Matlab & Python

The Python library (PyGaze) can be used in the OpenSesame experiment designer

Python implementation is straightforward

How do I prepare an experiment with the Eye Tribe?

```
Examples!
https://github.com/danielplawrence/eye_tracking/
Initializing the tracker:
eyetracker=EyeTracker(disp)
Starting the tracker:
eyetracker.start_recording()
Writing to the tracker log:
eyetracker.log('Hello World')
Stopping the tracker:
eyetracker.stop_recording()
Closing the tracker:
eyetracker.close()
```

An example experiment

If a speech form is associated with multiple social meanings, are they both activated during sociolinguistic perception? (?)

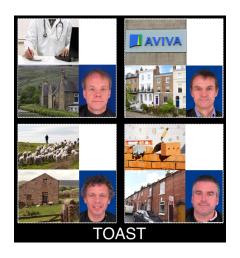
Visual world paradigm

Listeners hear speech tokens containing variants known to be associated with a range of social characteristics e.g. age, social class, ...

They match them to a set of characters who vary systematically on these dimensions

Which alternatives do listeners consider when making their selection?

An example experiment



How do I analyze data from the Eye Tribe?

The tracker logs fixations at 30ms/60ms intervals

Log start and end of trial in the experiment

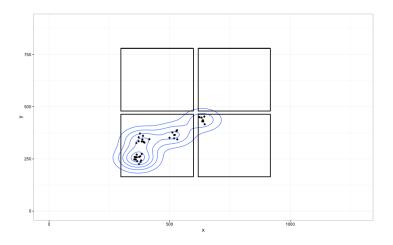
Use a script to extract fixation data and and code for trial info e.g. selected image

'state' provides info regarding tracking quality ('7' is optimal)

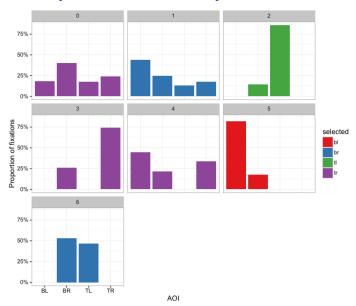
Use a script to assign xy positions to areas of interest

Example code on github page

How do I analyze data from the Eye Tribe?



How do I analyze data from the Eye Tribe?



That's great! Can I have a go?

```
Sure!
```

```
https://github.com/danielplawrence/eye_tracking/
```

https://peerj.com/preprints/585.pdf

http://theeyetribe.com

http://www.pygaze.org