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## **Education and Professional History:**

**2013.9 – present** Post-doc in University of Fribourg. I am supported by the Swiss National Science Foundation (n° 100014\_138627 and n° 100014\_156490/1)

**2012.9 – 2013.9** Research assistant in University of Fribourg. I was supported by National Center of Competence in Research (NCCR) Affective sciences financed by the Swiss National Science Foundation (n° 51NF40-104897).

**2009.10 – 2013.9** University of Glasgow, Ph.D in Cognitive Neuroscience, Thesis title: “Tracking the temporal dynamics of cultural perceptual diversity in visual information processing”. Advisor: Prof. Roberto Caldara and Prof. Lars Muckli.

**2005.9 – 2009.6** Sun Yat-Sen University, B. Sc. in Psychology. Thesis title: “Control deprivation and styles of thinking”. Advisor: Prof. Xinyue Zhou.

## **Software and Algorithms:**

I contributed to various Open-Source Software regularly, more information could be found on Github: <https://github.com/junpenglao>

**PyMC3** (<https://github.com/pymc-devs/pymc3>) – a Python package for Bayesian statistical modelling and Probabilistic Machine Learning. It implemented advanced Markov chain Monte Carlo and variational inference algorithms. I am part of the core development team pymc\_devs.

**iMap4** (<https://github.com/iBMLab/iMap4>) – a Matlab toolbox for statistical fixation mapping of eye movement data. It is a data-driven statistics toolbox implementing linear mixed model and non-parametric statistics based on permutation and bootstrap spatial clustering. It also has a full graphical user interface. iMap4 is one of the three finalists of the SMI Computing Competition in ECEM 2015.

**JAEFA** (<https://github.com/junpenglao/jaefa>) – Just Another Eye-movement Filtering Algorithm, a simple Matlab toolbox for eye movement event detection with a Convolution-based algorithm

## Preprints

- Lao, J.** (2016). Reproducible Research with End-to-end Machine Inference Using Deep Learning and Bayesian Statistics, *Journal of Brief Ideas*, [doi: 10.5281/zenodo.203086](https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.203086)
- Eulerich, M., Theis, J.C., **Lao, J.**, and Ramon, M. (2017, June 17) Do Fine Feathers Make a Fine Bird? The Influence of Attractiveness on Fraud-Risk Judgments by Internal Auditors. Available at SSRN: <https://ssrn.com/abstract=2988269>
- Lakens, D., Adolphi, F. G., Albers, C. J., Anvari, F., Apps, M. A. J., Argamon, S. E., ... Zwaan, R. A. (2017, September 18). Justify Your Alpha: A Response to "Redefine Statistical Significance". *PsyArXiv Preprint*, [10.17605/OSF.IO/9S3Y6](https://doi.org/10.17605/OSF.IO/9S3Y6)

## Journal Articles:

- Turano<sup>1</sup>, MT., **Lao<sup>1</sup>, J.**, Richoz, A-R., de Lissa, P., Degosciu, SBA., Viggiano, MP., & Caldara, R. (in press). Fear boosts the early neural coding of faces. *Social Cognitive and Affective Neuroscience*
- <sup>1</sup>Joint first authors
- Malaspina, M., Albonico, A., **Lao, J.**, Caldara, R., & Daini, R. (in press). Mapping self-face recognition strategies in congenital prosopagnosia. *Neuropsychology*.
- Stoll, C., Palluel-Germain, R., Caldara, R., **Lao, J.**, Dye, M. W. G., Aptel, F., & Pascalis, O. (2017). Face Recognition is Shaped by the Use of Sign Language. *Journal of Deaf Studies and Deaf Education*. [doi: 10.1093/deafed/enx034](https://doi.org/10.1093/deafed/enx034)
- Papinutto, M., **Lao, J.**, Ramon, M., Caldara, R., & Mielliet, S. (2017). The Facespan—the perceptual span for face recognition. *Journal of Vision*, 17(5):16. [doi: 10.1167/17.5.16](https://doi.org/10.1167/17.5.16)
- Garcia-Burgos, D., **Lao, J.**, Munsch, S., & Caldara, R. (2017). Visual attention to food cues is differentially modulated by gustatory-hedonic and post-ingestive attributes. *Food Research International*, 97, 199-208. [doi: 10.1016/j.foodres.2017.04.011](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.foodres.2017.04.011)
- Lao, J.**, Mielliet, S., Pernet, C., Sokhn, N., & Caldara, R. (2017). iMap4: An Open Source Toolbox for the Statistical Fixation Mapping of Eye Movement data with Linear Mixed Modeling. *Behavior Research Methods*, 49(2), 559-575. [doi: 10.3758/s13428-016-0737-X](https://doi.org/10.3758/s13428-016-0737-X)
- Ruffieux<sup>1</sup>, N., Ramon<sup>1</sup>, M., **Lao<sup>1</sup>, J.**, Colombo, F., Stacchi, L., Borruat, FX., Accolla, E., Annoni JM., & Caldara, R. (2016). Residual Perception of Biological Motion in Cortical Blindness. *Neuropsychologia*, 93, 301-311. [doi: 10.1016/j.neuropsychologia.2016.11.009](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.neuropsychologia.2016.11.009)
- <sup>1</sup>Joint first authors
- Geangu<sup>1</sup>, E., Ichikawa<sup>1</sup>, H., **Lao<sup>1</sup>, J.**, Kanazawa, S., Yamaguchi, M. K., & Caldara<sup>2</sup>, R., & Turati<sup>2</sup>, C. (2016). Culture shapes 7-month-olds perceptual strategies in discriminating facial expressions of emotion. *Current Biology*, 26, 663–664. [doi: 10.1016/j.cub.2016.05.072](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.cub.2016.05.072)
- <sup>1</sup>Joint first authors and <sup>2</sup>joint last authors

- Bovet, J., **Lao, J.**, Bartholomée, O., Caldara, R., & Raymond, M. (2016). Mapping female bodily features of attractiveness. *Scientific Reports*, 6, 18551. [doi: 10.1038/srep18551](https://doi.org/10.1038/srep18551)
- Miellet, S., **Lao, J.**, & Caldara, R. (2014). An appropriate use of iMap produces correct statistical results: a reply to McManus (2013)“iMAP and iMAP2 produce erroneous statistical maps of eye-movement differences”. *Perception*, 43, 451-457.
- Lao, J.**, Vizioli, L., & Caldara, R. (2013). Culture modulates the temporal dynamics of global/local processing. *Culture and Brain*, 1(2-4), 158-174.
- Romeo, M., Vizioli, L., Breukink, M., Aganloo, K., **Lao, J.**, Cotrufo, S., Caldara, R., & Morley, S. (2013). A Functional Magnetic Resonance Imaging Paradigm to Identify Distinct Cortical Areas of Facial Function: A Reliable Localizer. *Plastic and reconstructive surgery*, 131(4), 527e-533e.
- Miellet, S., Zhou, X., He, L., **Lao, J.**, & Caldara, R. (2012). When East meets West: gaze-contingent Blindspots abolish cultural diversity in eye movements for faces. *Journal of Eye Movement Research*, 5, 1-12.
- Zhou, X., He, L., Yang, Q., **Lao, J.**, & Baumeister, R. F. (2012). Control deprivation and styles of thinking. *Journal of personality and social psychology*, 102(3), 460.

### Conference Presentations (Selected):

- 2017.9.4 – 5**, Lao, J., Stoll, C., Dye, M., Pascalis, O., & Caldara, R. (2017). Deafness Amplifies Visual Information Sampling during Face Recognition. 15<sup>th</sup> Biannual congress of the Swiss Psychological Society. (Lausanne, Switzerland, **oral presentation**)
- 2017.5.19 – 24** Lao, J., Stoll, C., Dye, M., Pascalis, O., & Caldara, R. (2017). Deafness Amplifies Visual Information Sampling during Face Recognition. *Journal of Vision*, 17(10): 24 (17<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of Vision Sciences Society, **oral presentation**)
- 2017.4.20** Lao, J. (2017). Statistical Inferences of Eye movement data using Bayesian smoothing. Bayes@Lund2017. (Lund, Sweden, **oral presentation**)
- 2015.9.8 – 9** Lao, J., Miellet, S., Pernet, C., Sokhn, N., & Caldara, R. (2015). iMap4: An Open Source Toolbox for the Statistical Fixation Mapping of Eye Movement data with Linear Mixed Modeling. 14<sup>th</sup> Biannual congress of the Swiss Psychological Society. (Geneva, Switzerland, **oral presentation**)
- 2015.8.16 – 21** Lao, J., Miellet, S., Pernet, C., Sokhn, N., & Caldara, R. (2015). iMap4: An Open Source Toolbox for the Statistical Fixation Mapping of Eye Movement data with Linear Mixed Modeling. 18<sup>th</sup> European Conference on Eye Movements. (Vienna, Austria, **oral presentation**)
- 2013.9.11 – 12** Lao, J., He, L., & Caldara, R. (2013). Microsaccades Boost Face Identification. 13<sup>th</sup> Biannual congress of the Swiss Psychological Society. (Basel, Switzerland, **oral presentation**)

**2011.7.15 - 18** Lao, J., Vizioli, L., Mielllet, S., & Caldara, R. (2011). Eyes like it, brain likes it: Tracking the neural tuning of cultural diversity in eye movements for faces. *i-Perception* 2(4) 356. (Asia-Pacific Conference on Vision, 2011, **oral presentation**)

**2011.1.9 - 13** Lao, J., Vizioli, L., Mielllet, S., & Caldara, R. (2011). Eyes like it, brain likes it: Tracking the neural tuning of cultural diversity in eye movements for faces. Alpine Brain Imaging Meeting 2011. (Champéry, Switzerland, **oral presentation**)

## **Teaching:**

Cognitive Neuroscience

Statistical Analysis with MATLAB

Psychology Experiment with MATLAB

## **Awards:**

**2010.12** Guarantors of Brain Travel Grant supporting the attendance of the Alpine Brain Imaging Meeting in January 2011

**2010.5** Experimental Psychology Society Grindley Grant supporting the attendance of the Vision Science Society Annual Meeting in May 2010

**2009.9** UK/China PhD Scholarships for Excellence programme funded by China Scholarship Council and the Scottish Government