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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:

Map4 – Linear Mixed Model solution for statistical fixation mapping of eye movement data. It is a data-driven statistics Matlab toolbox implementing linear mixed model and non-parametric statistics based on permutation and bootstrap spatial clustering. It also has a full graphical user interface. Map4 is one of the three finalists of the SMI Computing Competition in ECEM 2015.

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Strategy quantifier for face viewing – It is a Bayesian Generative model for quantifying the face viewing strategy (global or local). Using Gaussian Mixture Models, it quantifies a given observer’s fixation strategy during free-viewing of face stimuli base on the fixation location information only. It output a scale value between 0 and 1 to indicate how global or local the observer is.

JAEFA - Convolution-based algorithm for eye movement event detection

Publications:

Lao¹, J., Geangu¹, E., Ichikawa¹, H., Kanazawa, S., Yamaguchi, M. K., & Caldara², R., & Turati², 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)

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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. *J. Eye Mov. Res*, 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):

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. 14th 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. 18th European Conference on Eye Movements. (Vienna, Austria, **oral presentation**)

2015.1.11 – 15 Lao, J., & Caldara, R. (2015). Reverse correlating facial feature use in free-viewing EEG signals. Alpine Brain Imaging Meeting 2015. (Champéry, Switzerland)

- 2014.5.16 – 21** Lao, J., Vizioli, L., Muckli, L., & Caldara, R. (2014). Decoding culture from the human primary visual cortex. *Journal of Vision*, 14(10):1093 (14th annual meeting of Vision Sciences Society)
- 2013.9.11 – 12** Lao, J., He, L., & Caldara, R. (2013). Microsaccades Boost Face Identification. 13th Biannual congress of the Swiss Psychological Society. (Basel, Switzerland, **oral presentation**)
- 2011.7.15 - 18** Lao, J., Vizioli, L., Mielliet, 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., Mielliet, 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
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