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# **ACADEMIC POSITIONS**

2018 -	Sir Henry Wellcome Postdoctoral fellow at the Cognition and Oscillations Lab, University of Birmingham (UK). Mentored by Prof Simon Hanslmayr and Prof Ole Jensen.								
2016 - 2018	Marie Skłodowska-Curie Postdoctoral fellow at the Basic and Applied NeuroDynamics Lab, University of Maastricht (Netherlands). Mentored by Prof Sonja Kotz.								
2011 - 2015	National PhD (FPI) fellow at the Multisensory Research Group, Pompeu Fabra University (Barcelona, Spain). Supervised by Prof Salvador Soto-Faraco.								
2010 - 2011	Research assistant at the Multisensory Research Group, Pompeu Fabra University (Barcelona, Spain). Supervised by Prof Salvador Soto-Faraco.								

# **EDUCATION**

2015	PhD in Biomedicine (excellent cum laude), Pompeu Fabra University, Barcelona (Spain). Dissertation: "Beat gestures and speech processing: When prosody extends to the speaker's hands" (supervisor: Prof Salvador Soto-Faraco). The dissertation was awarded the European Mention in the Doctoral Diploma.
2009	MSc in Cognitive Neuroscience and Behavioural, Pierre and Marie Curie University (Paris, France).
2007	BSc in Integrative Biology and Physiology, Paul Sabatier University (Toulouse, France).

# **FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS**

2018 - 2022	Sir Henry Wellcome Postdoctoral Fellowship (PI). Total: 250.000,00 £. Funding body: The Wellcome Trust. Institutions: The University of Birmingham (UK), Newcastle University (UK) and University of Geneva (Switzerland).							
2016 - 2018	Marie Skłodowska-Curie Individual Fellowship (PI). Total: 165.599,00 €. Funding body: European Union's Horizon 2020. Research and Innovation programme. Institution: Maastricht University (Netherlands).							
2011 - 2015	FPI Pre-doctoral Fellowship (PI). Total: 65.688,00 €. Funding body: Spanish Ministry of							

Education. Institution: Pompeu Fabra University (Barcelona, Spain).

2013 - 2014 National Sub-Program for Mobility Grant (PI). Total: 6.000,00 €. Funding body: Spanish Ministry of Education. Institutions: Pompeu Fabra University (Barcelona, Spain) and Hull University (UK).

# **PUBLICATIONS (195 citations; h-index: 7; \*highest cited papers)**

## Articles published in peer-reviewed journals

- Biau, E., Wang, D., Park, H., Jensen, O., & Hanslmayr, S. (2021). Auditory detection is modulated by theta phase of silent lip movements. Current Research in Neurobiology, 100014.
- 2. Schultz, B. G., **Biau, E.**, & Kotz, S. A. (2020). An open-source toolbox for measuring dynamic video framerates and synchronizing video stimuli with neural and behavioral responses. *Journal of Neuroscience Methods*, 343.
- Schwartze, M., Brown, R.M., Biau, E., and Kotz, S.A. (2019), Timing the "magical number seven": Presentation rate and regularity affect verbal working memory performance. *International Journal of Psychology*.
- 4. **Biau, E.**, & Kotz, S. (2018). Lower beta: a central coordinator of temporal prediction in multimodal speech. *Frontiers in Human Neuroscience*, 12:434.
- 5. **Biau, E.**, Fromont, L.A., & Soto-Faraco, S. (2017). Beat gestures and syntactic parsing: An ERP study. *Learning and Language*, 68, 102–126.
- 6. Fromont, L.A., Soto-Faraco, S., & **Biau, E.** (2017). Searching high and low: Prosodic breaks disambiguate Relative clauses. *Frontiers in Psychology*, 8:96.
- 7. **Biau, E.**, Fernandez, L.M., Holle, H., Avila, C., & Soto-Faraco, S. (2016). Hand gestures as visual prosody: BOLD responses to audio-visual alignment are modulated by the communicative nature of the stimuli. *NeuroImage*, 132, 129-137.\*
- 8. **Biau, E.**, & Soto-Faraco, S. (2015). Synchronization by the hand: The sight of gestures modulates low-frequency activity in brain responses to continuous speech. *Frontiers in Human Neuroscience*, 9, 527.
- 9. **Biau, E.**, Torralba, M., Fuentemilla, L., de Diego Balaguer, R., & Soto-Faraco, S. (2015). Speaker's hand gestures modulate speech perception through phase resetting of ongoing neural oscillations. *Cortex*, 68, 76-85.\*
- 10. **Biau, E.**, & Soto-Faraco, S. (2013). Beat gestures modulate auditory integration in speech perception. *Brain and Language*, 124(2), 143–52.\*

# Chapters published in peer-reviewed journals

Soto-Faraco, S., Kvasova, D., Biau, E., Ikumi, N., Ruzzoli, M., Morís-Fernández, L., & Torralba, M. (2019). Multisensory Interactions in the Real World (Elements in Perception). Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

### SUBMITTED PUBLICATIONS

**Biau, E.**, Wang, D., Park, H., Jensen, O., & Hanslmayr, S. (*submitted*). Auditory entrainment by silent lip movements. https://www.biorxiv.org/content/10.1101/2020.07.07.186452v3

**Biau, E.**, Schultz, B.G., Gunter, T.C., & Kotz, S.A. (*submitted*). Delta oscillations support multimodal speech integration (*PDF of the manuscript available upon request*).

### **PUBLICATIONS IN PREPARATION**

Branzi, F.M., **Biau, E.**, Schultz, B.G., Martin, C.D., & Costa, A. (*in preparation*). Bilingual lexical access is triggered by the intention to speak: behavioural and ERP/EEG evidence.

### **INVITED SPEAKER**

- "Visual perception of lip movements entrains auditory brain oscillations and drives auditory perception". Talk at the Biomag conference, Birmingham (UK).
- "Beat gestures in audiovisual speech: Prosody extends to the speaker's hands". Invited by Dr Ozyurek at the Max Plank Institute of Nijmegen (Netherlands).
  - "Temporal predictions and audiovisual speech". Department of Psychology, Maastricht University (Netherlands).
- "Beat gestures and speech processing: When prosody extends to the speaker's hands". Talk at the SNL satellite: sensorimotor speech symposium at the UCL (London, UK).
- "Spontaneous gestures modulate speech processing through phase resetting of delta-theta neural oscillations". Talk at the International Multisensory Research Forum (Jerusalem, Israel).
  - "Spontaneous gestures modulate auditory integration in natural speech perception". Invited by Dr Holle at the Hull University (UK).
- "Beat gestures modulate auditory integration in speech perception". Talk at the IV BrainGlot Workshop, Vitoria (Spain).
- "Does the addition of visual speech enable non-native phonetic contrasts by acting on the acoustic neural representation of speech sounds?" Invited by Dr Escera at the University of Barcelona (Spain).
- 2009 "Effect of visual stimulus pre-exposition on procedural learning, and interactions with sleep".

  Neural correlates of spatial memory lab. Invited by Dr Jansen at the Donders Institute of

# **TEACHING, SUPERVISION AND MENTORING**

#### **TEACHING**

- Problem Based Learning in "Brain Damage" (20 hours), Master in Psychology and Neuroscience, Maastricht University (Netherlands).
- Problem Based Learning in "Ageing" (20 hours), Master in Psychology and Neuroscience, Maastricht University (Netherlands).

#### **SUPERVISION AND MENTORING**

- Supervision of a final year MSc project (Yue Hu), entitled: "The role of theta oscillations in binding multimodal speech in episodic memory". University of Birmingham (UK).
- Supervision of an intern period project (Fatima Mahroof), entitled: "Auditory detection performance are modulated by visual entrainment to lips". University of Birmingham (UK).
- Supervision of an intern period project (Maria Alba Diaz), entitled: "Neural entrainment in audiovisual speech processing". Maastricht University (Netherlands).
  - Co-supervision of a group of six undergraduate students for their BSc research project, entitled: "Timing the "magical number seven: Presentation rate and regularity affect verbal working memory performance". Maastricht University (Netherlands).
- 2017 Co-supervision of a final year BSc project (Elles Houkes), entitled: "Neural entrainment in audiovisual, visual and auditory beat sequences". Maastricht University (Netherlands).
  - Supervision of an intern period project (Nina Engels), entitled: "Neural temporal predictions during continuous audiovisual speech encoding". Maastricht University (Netherlands).
- 2014 Co-supervision of a final year MSc project (Sandra Concha Lopez), entitled: "Beat gestures on sentence disambiguation: a perception study". Pompeu Fabra University, Barcelona (Spain).
- Co-supervision of a final year MSc project (Lauren Fromont, c.f. publications 4&5), entitled: "Taking prosody by the hand: on the effect of pauses and beat gestures on sentence disambiguation". Pompeu Fabra University, Barcelona (Spain).

### **PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**

#### **AD HOC REVIEWER**

Current Biology; Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (PNAS); Human Brain Mapping; Brain and

Language; Frontiers; Neuropsychologia; Gesture; Journal of Neurolinguistics; Language, Cognition & Neuroscience; Language learning.

# **ORGANISATION OF CONFERENCES OR OUTREACH/MEDIA EVENTS**

2020	Single Units and Human intracranial EEG meeting, Birmingham (UK).							
2016	https://www.upf.edu/ca/web/e-noticies: "Àrees cerebrals específiques capten la sincronia entre l'entonació i el gest d'un ponent mentre fa un discurs".							
2015	Organization of the 1rst CBC Workshop 2015, Barcelona (Spain).							
2010	Conference organisation assistant at the Human Brain Mapping Conference, Barcelona (Spain).							

### **ONGOING COLLABORATORS**

**Prof Christopher Petkov** (Newcastle University, UK) collaborates on the analysis of intracranial EEG data recorded with patients in Birmingham. He is part of my current Sir Henry Wellcome fellowship as a sponsor.

**Prof Anne-Lise Giraud** (University of Geneva, Switzerland) collaborates on a project integrating theta oscillations and a syllable-based speech models together to develop a computational model on multimodal speech episodic memory.

**Prof Sonja Kotz** (Maastricht University). The current collaboration includes three ongoing projects investigating the oscillatory correlates of temporal integration during multimodal perception (both audiovisual speech and artificial stimuli).

**Dr Hyojin Park (University of Birmingham)** collaborates on various projects investigating the oscillatory correlates of multimodal speech episodic memory, as well as the communication between visual and auditory cortices during lip movement perception.

**Prof Pilar Prieto** and **Prof Salvador Soto-Faraco** (Pompeu Fabra University, Barcelona, Spain) are collaborating on a project investigating the neural signatures (EEG) of beat gesture integration with auditory speech, and how they modulate prosody perception in native/non-native speakers.

### **SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

**Biau, E.**, Wang, D., Park, H., Jensen, O., & Hanslmayr, S. *Hang on the lips: The listeners' brain entrains to the audiovisual theta rhythms during naturalistic multimodal speech perception.*Society for the Neurobiology of Language (SNL) Annual Meeting, Helsinki (Finland). Poster Presentation.

- Branzi F.M., Biau E., Schultz B.G., Martin C.D, & Costa A. *Bilingual lexical access is triggered by the intention to speak: behavioral and ERP/EEG evidence*. Cognitive Neuroscience Society (CNS) Annual Meeting, San Francisco (USA). Poster Presentation.
- **Biau, E.**, Fernandez, L.M., Holle, H., Avila, C., & Soto-Faraco, S. *Hand gestures as visual prosody:*BOLD responses to audio-visual alignment are modulated by the communicative nature of the stimuli. International Multisensory Research Forum, Pisa (Italy). Poster presentation.
- **Biau E.**, Fromont L., and Soto- Faraco S. *The effect of pauses and beat gestures on syntactic parsing*. International Multisensory Research Forum, Amsterdam (Netherlands). Poster presentation.
- **Biau E.**, and Soto- Faraco S. *Do beat gestures modulate auditory integration in speech perception?* International Multisensory Research Forum, Oxford (UK). Poster presentation.

### SPECIALIZED SCIENTIFIC TRAINING

2019	Analysing	Neural	Time	Series	Analysis	course	(ANTS),	Radboud	University,	Nijmegen
	(Netherlan	ds).								

- **2016** Problem-Based Learning training, Maastricht University (Netherlands).
- 2014 SPM training course (beginners), UCL, London (UK).
- **2010** EEG/MEG: Practical Tools for Advanced Analysis course at the Brain Mapping, Barcelona (Spain).

### **COMPUTING KNOWLEDGE**

Programming and data analysis skills: Matlab; Python.

Electrophysiological data recording: Biosemi, BrainVision, Brainstorm, Polhemus (EGG signal); Neuralynx (intracranial EEG signal);

Toolboxes for M/EEG and iEEG data analysis: Matlab; Fieldtrip; MRIcro gl/Caret, Wav\_Clus.

## **LANGUAGES**

French: native.

English: Highly proficient in reading, writing and speaking.

Italian: Highly proficient in reading, writing and speaking.

Spanish: Highly proficient in reading, writing and speaking.

# **SOCIETY MEMBERSHIPS**

Society for the Neurobiology of Language, SNL (2016-present).

Society For Neuroscience, SfN (2020-present).

## **REFEREES**

Prof Simon Hanslmayr (School of Psychology, University of Glasgow, UK).

**Prof Ole Jensen** (School of Psychology, University of Birmingham, UK).

Prof Sonja Kotz (Faculty of Psychology and Neuroscience, Maastricht University, Netherlands).

Prof Salvador Soto-Faraco (Centre of Brain and Cognition, Pompeu Fabra University, Barcelona, Spain).