



## profile



*Curious about a data-driven approach to solve complex problems, I spend my time connecting the dots between engineering, machine learning & statistics, and AI.*

## education

**PhD | statistical modelling**  
university of groningen  
netherlands | (expected) sep 2019

- topics: additive models, time series, graphical models, causal inference
- developed models to explore, understand, and predict the human dimension of the energy transition
- advisors: linda steg, casper albers

**MSc | artificial intelligence**  
maastricht university  
netherlands | 2013

- foundations in probabilistic modelling
- relevant courses: data mining & machine learning, text mining, multi-agent systems

**BE | electrical engineering**  
msrit | bangalore, india | 2009

- foundations in energy systems
- relevant courses: engineering mathematics, control theory, network analysis, signal processing, power systems analysis

## experience

**University of Groningen | researcher, consultant, lecturer**  
september 2015 - september 2019 | groningen, netherlands

- internal consultant: statistical modelling of high frequency time-series data.
- developed tools to evaluate the effectiveness of energy efficiency programs and model big data in the energy sector.
- applied models to explore, understand, and predict human behaviour.
- researched the applicability of causal Bayesian networks to solve problems of causal inference in psychology.
- designed and developed an interactive dashboard using r-shiny to visualize and model time-series data.
- delivered interactive workshops and lectures in statistical modelling (>300 students).
- initiated, collaborated and delivered on four multi-disciplinary data science projects.
- supervised & trained junior researchers.

**TU Eindhoven | smart energy systems consultant trainee**  
january 2014 - june 2015 | eindhoven, netherlands

- developed and researched innovative business models to fund the energy transition.
- created future energy scenarios and provided optimal technology-based solutions in each scenario.
- developed proof-of-concepts for implementing data-driven solution to facilitate smart buildings.

**Xerox Research | machine learning intern**  
june 2012 - september 2013 | grenoble, france

- researched and implemented an extension to the hidden Markov model to describe sequential data where the state duration follows a truncated distribution and the dynamics of the model depend on whether the truncation was reached.
- developed a smart energy management system for electrical devices.
- delivered production-ready code in Python to learn real-time performance indicators of electrical devices.

**Infosys technologies | systems engineer trainee**  
2010 - 2011 | bangalore, india

- extensive training on SQL and object oriented programming concepts.

## tools & skills

expert: R •  $\text{\LaTeX}$

proficient: python • MS Excel • SQL • C#

algorithms

- data visualisation & exploration
- regression, classification & clustering
- statistical inference (model based & algorithmic)
- time-series modelling & forecasting
- predictive & causal modelling

## inter-disciplinary

### has worked with

engineers • architects  
applied psychologists • statisticians  
data scientists • designers  
sales & marketing managers

## languages

### fluent

english • hindi • tamil

### intermediate

dutch [A2-B1]

## interests

### likes

rock climbing & bouldering • cooking  
not-too-spicy indian food • to bike  
around the Netherlands • science fiction  
movies and books • vrijmibo  
in the sun

### would like to

swim well • learn the drums • ride  
through Patagonia

## online courses

### data science

Deep Learning & Neural Networks  
The Data scientist's Toolbox  
R programming  
Machine Learning  
Probabilistic Graphical Models  
Introduction to Mathematical Thinking  
Statistical Inference

### business modelling

Introduction to Spreadsheets  
and Models  
Fundamentals of  
Quantitative Modelling

### energy systems

solving the energy puzzle

## core competencies

- digitalization of traditional industries
- statistical modelling & data science (big data)
- project management
- research & consulting
- multi-disciplinary communication
- leadership & collaboration

## entrepreneurship

### Winner | living data city challenge

eindhoven, netherlands | 2015

- identitrash: our trash, community treasure
- developed a new business model for waste management

### Summer school | esade

barcelona, spain | 2014

- design thinking, entrepreneurial finance, marketing, new product development, service innovation, HR management, managing growth, intellectual property.

## papers

### peer-reviewed publications

- Using a Gaussian Graphical Model to Explore Relationships Between Items and Variables in Environmental Psychology Research.  
**Frontiers in Psychology.**  
doi: 10.3389/fpsyg.2019.01050
- Studying the effects of intervention programmes on household energy saving behaviours using graphical causal models.  
**Energy Research & Social Science.**  
doi: 10.1016/j.erss.2018.07.027

## talks

- Comparing causal search methods.  
5th International Conference on Computational Social Science.  
Amsterdam, Netherlands, July 2019.
- Using Gaussian graphical models in environmental psychology.  
29th International Conference of Applied Psychology.  
Montreal, Canada, June 2018.
- Detecting patterns in household electricity consumption after behavioural interventions.  
4th European Conference on Behaviour and Energy Efficiency.  
Coimbra, Portugal, Sep 2016.

## outside activities & awards

UM high potential scholarship  
bharat scouts & guides  
indian student association maastricht  
heyman symposium 2015  
clean green civic club

awardee  
governor's award  
secretary  
organising committee  
founder