

SUMMARY

Data scientist with advanced training in statistical modeling and experimental design, currently a Ph.D. candidate in Cognitive & Brain Science with an M.S. in Computer Science, experienced in analytical pipelines, controlled experiments, and data-driven insights using R, Python, and SQL.

EDUCATION

Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, GA GPA: 3.81	<i>Sep 2023 – Dec 2027 (Expected)</i>
<i>Ph.D. Candidate in Cognitive & Brain Science, Minor in Machine Learning</i>	
<i>M.S. in Computer Science</i>	
Relevant Coursework: Modeling and Simulation, Computational Data Analysis, Data and Visual Analytics, Machine Learning, Regression, Statistics, Neuroimage	
Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY	<i>Aug 2019-May 2022</i>
<i>M.S. in Clinical Mental Health Counseling</i>	
Hong Kong Baptist University, Hongkong	<i>Sep 2014 – Jun 2018</i>
<i>B.S. in Applied Psychology</i>	

WORK EXPERIENCE

Georgia Institute of Technology, Lab Instructor of Psychological Statistics for HCI.	<i>Jan – May 2025; Jan – May 2026</i>
• Led weekly labs for Psychological Statistics, training about 30 students in R across end-to-end analytical workflows, including data cleaning, visualization, and statistical modeling .	
• Mentored students in applying and interpreting ANOVA, regression, and multivariate models, with an emphasis on diagnostic reasoning and assumption checking to ensure statistical validity.	
China Vanke Co., Ltd. (Vanke Group), Data Operations Intern –Tianjin, China	<i>Jan 2023 – Aug 2023</i>
• Translated finance workflow requirements into functional specs and supported API-based data integration.	
• Improved financial data standardization and cleansing workflows by refining mapping logic, adding validation and exception handling, and partnering with engineering teams—reducing manual reconciliation efforts by ~15–20%.	
SELF Lab-Syracuse University, Research Coordinator, Syracuse, NY	<i>Jan 2021 – Jun 2022</i>
• Analyzed a 2,121-participant mindfulness dataset using hierarchical multilevel models; built pipelines for large-scale cleaning, centering, model comparison, and variance-partitioning, contributing statistical insights to a peer-reviewed publication. Publication Link: https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s40688-025-00548-5	
• Conducted ERP preprocessing (resampling, average re-referencing, band-pass filtering, ocular artifact attenuation) in MNE-Python, extracting amplitudes and testing regulation-condition effects with repeated-measures ANOVAs .	

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Georgia Institute of Technology, Host & Organizer of Brown Bag Academic Seminar	<i>Sep 2024 – Dec 2025</i>
• Organized and hosted a weekly departmental research seminar and scholarly presentation forum of the School of Psychology, coordinating session logistics and moderating each meeting.	

SELECTED PROJECTS

EEG State Modeling with Graph Features & HMM <i>MNE, NumPy/Pandas, SciPy, NetworkX</i>	<i>Sep 2025 – Present</i>
• Built an end-to-end EEG analysis pipeline in Python (MNE, SciPy, NumPy/pandas), extracting multilayer connectivity features (band-limited correlations, PLV) and applying PCA, kNN-based graph construction, Louvain clustering, and Gaussian HMMs to model latent brain-state transitions and mind-wandering dynamics.	
GitHub repository: https://github.com/rfeng77/CSE6242_decode_mind_wandering	
• Used React and JavaScript to develop interactive visualizations—including spatial-temporal scalp-map animations and an ROI feature-explorer dashboard—to display EEG dynamics, state sequences, and model performance across brain regions. Live Demo: https://cse6242-project.vercel.app/	
Behavioral Analytics & State-Transition Modeling <i>tidyverse, lme4, afex, tveem, depmixS4, kernlab</i>	<i>Jan 2024 – July 2025</i>
• Engineered a trial-level behavioral analytics pipeline in R, integrating robust data cleaning, normalization, and temporal feature construction to quantify reward-modulated changes in cognitive flexibility.	
• Leveraged advanced statistical and unsupervised modeling—including mixed ANOVA, Time-Varying Effect Modeling (TVEM), spectral clustering, and Hidden Markov Models —to uncover latent behavioral regimes and characterize state-transition dynamics. PsyArXiv link: https://osf.io/preprints/psyarxiv/qj2av_v1	

SKILLS

Programming & Computational Tools: R, Python (PySpark, pandas, NumPy, PyTorch, Matplotlib, TensorFlow), MATLAB, SQL, GitHub, Java, LaTeX, PsychoPy, SPSS, RevMan, Qualtrics, Tableau, Microsoft Excel
Quantitative & Modeling Expertise: Machine learning; Deep learning; Computational modeling (e.g., Bayesian inference, latent growth models); Advanced statistical methods (e.g., SEM, multilevel modeling, time-varying effect modeling); Psychometric analysis; Experimental design; Data visualization; Signal processing
Languages: Working proficiency in English and Mandarin