

# Vishweshwar Tyagi

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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Probability and stochastic processes, Bayesian and variational inference, machine learning, Monte Carlo methods, probabilistic programming

## EDUCATION

### Columbia University

MS Data Science (GPA 3.97 / 4.0)

New York, NY

Sep 2021 – Dec 2022

Courses: Statistical Inference, Algorithms, Machine Learning, Deep Learning, Computer Systems

Teaching Assistant: Analysis and Optimization, Reinforcement Learning, Applied Deep Learning

### IIT Kanpur

MS Mathematics (GPA 9.0 / 10.0)

India

Aug 2019 – May 2021

Courses: Several Variable Calculus & Differential Geometry, Partial Differential Equations, Linear Algebra, Topology

Honors: Academic Excellence Award 2019, 2020

### University of Delhi

BS Mathematics (GPA 9.4 / 10.0)

India

Aug 2016 – May 2019

Courses: Probability & Statistics, Real Analysis, Metric Spaces, Riemann Integration & Series of Functions

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

### Data Scientist

Jan 2023 – Present

Movement Recovery Lab, Department of Neurology, Columbia University

New York, NY

- Developed hierarchical Bayesian models to estimate motor recruitment curves from sparse neurophysiological data, improving efficiency and reducing experiment duration
- Implemented mixture models to identify and downweight outlier observations, improving inference robustness
- Developed Bayesian mixed-effects models to detect significant changes in motor threshold in intervention studies, reducing number of study participants required to assess treatment effects
- Published open-source Python package to secure NIH R03 grant for optimizing adaptive stimulation and support data analysis for \$1.25M CDMRP grant for optimizing stimulation parameters

## PUBLICATIONS

Tyagi, V., Murray, L. M., Asan, A. S., Mandigo, C., Virk, M. S., Harel, N. Y., Carmel, J. B., McIntosh, J. R. (2025). *Hierarchical Bayesian estimation of motor-evoked potential recruitment curves yields accurate and robust estimates*. Brain Stimulation.

Pascual-Leone, A.\* , Tyagi, V.\* , Asan, A.S.\* , Rocha-Flores, P.E., Rodriguez-Lopez, O., Voit, W.E., McIntosh, J.R.† , Carmel, J.B.† (2025). *Electrode position, size, and orientation determine efficacy of cervical epidural stimulation to recruit forelimb muscles in rats*. bioRxiv (Under review).

Tyagi, V., Carmel, J.B., McIntosh, J.R. (2026). *Bayesian adaptive design for construction of motor-evoked potential recruitment curves*. Expected 2026 (In preparation).

## INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE

### Data Science Intern

Summer 2022

Quartet Health

New York, NY

- Improved identification of high-risk patients for mental health conditions by fine-tuning large language model BERT on clinical notes using transfer learning in PyTorch, increased F2-score by 13% over XGBoost baseline
- Built data pipeline on Amazon Redshift using dbt and SQL to automate transformation of medical claims data and added unit tests to validate pipeline output
- Utilized data pipeline to evaluate insurance network quality and identify network gaps, reducing claim denial rates by 7% through outlier detection and saving \$20K in referral costs

## SOFTWARE

Maintainer hbMEP (<https://hbtep.github.io/hbtep/>)

## TEACHING

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### Teaching Assistant, Columbia University

- Applied Deep Learning (CS W4995) Fall 2022
- Applied Machine Learning (CS W4995) Spring 2022
- Analysis and Optimization (MATH V2500) Spring 2022
- Reinforcement Learning (EE E6885) Fall 2021
- Calculus I (MATH UN1101) Fall 2021

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

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Programming: Python, R, C/C++, SQL (Postgres)

Machine Learning: NumPy, scikit-learn, JAX, PyTorch, XGBoost, Hugging Face, OpenAI

Bayesian: NumPyro, Pyro, Stan

Big Data: dbt, Spark, BigQuery, Redshift

Developer Tools: Git, Bash, Linux, SSH, Vim, VS Code, Docker, Google Cloud Platform

## CONFERENCES

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*Hierarchical Bayesian estimation of motor-evoked potential recruitment curves yields accurate and robust estimates.*  
Society for Neuroscience (SfN) Nanosymposium on Analytical Computational Tools, October 2024, Chicago, Illinois.

## OTHER PUBLICATIONS

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Murray, L.M.\*, McIntosh, J.R.\*., Goldsmith, J.A., Wu, Y.-K., Liu, M., Sanford, S.P., Joiner, E.F., Mandigo, C., Virk, M.S., Tyagi, V., Carmel, J.B.†, Harel, N.Y.† (2025). *Timing-dependent synergies between noninvasive motor cortex and spinal cord stimulation in chronic cervical spinal cord injury.* Clinical Neurophysiology.