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# KelvinHsu

## Machine Learning PhD Candidate and Engineer

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## Professional & Research Experience

11/2014 - 07/2017



### Associate Software Engineer (Machine Learning)

[Data61, CSIRO \(Formerly NICTA\)](#)

Machine Learning Research Group, Engineering & Technology Development

**Project:** Big Data Knowledge Discovery ([Link 1](#)) ([Link 2](#))

- Developed and implemented Gaussian process (GP) based active sampling technique
- Main contributor to a GP **python** library for regression and classification problems
- Developed and applied Gaussian Process techniques to active learning of information  
*See my ACRA 2015 paper here and my honours thesis here*
- Assists research in Bayesian Optimisation and Automatic Machine Learning
- Implements state-of-the-art ML algorithms with modern tools such as **Tensorflow**

*"Kelvin's active sampling work has **made feasible** the simulation work currently undertaken by Ecologists at Macquarie University, which would otherwise cost expensive computing resources and many months in time."* ([Link](#))

-Dr. Simon O'Callaghan, Senior Research Engineer

11/13 - 02/14



### Software Engineering Intern (Space Science)

[CSIRO Astronomy & Space Science](#)

**Project:** Astronomical Source Finding - Interactive Data Visualisation

- Developed & released an **interactive data visualisation software** in **python**  
Intuitive for analysing radio astronomical data with *Duchamp*
- Produced & released modular parameter tracking software for *Duchamp*
- Collected and reduced astronomical data on my trip to ATCA  
Further analysed and deduced inter-galaxy interactions from HI radio emission data

*"Kelvin has built a very impressive graphical interface that allows astronomers to make better sense, more quickly, of the results of their Duchamp search. It was a complex task, requiring understanding of the various data structures and strong python programming skills."* ([Link](#))

-Dr. Matthew Whiting, Research Scientist (Computing) & Manager

11/12 - 03/13



### Research Scholar (Medical Physics)

[The Institute of Biomedical Engineering and Technology](#)

- Facilitated research in an emerging medical imaging technology
- Simulated ultrasound response of bio-tissues under magnetic stimulation
- **Verified** the physical processes involved as originally proposed (MATLAB)
- **Demonstrated** possibility of performing tumour treatments without direct physical contact

*"He took this project well in his stride, requiring little supervision and assistance. He was **able to solve problems** on his own and by liaising with industry supervisors. In my experience this is fairly rare with engineering students who have not been exposed to research."* ([Link](#))

-Dr. Alistair McEwan, Senior Lecturer & Research Project Supervisor

# Teaching Experience

02/13 - Now

Tutor

School of IT, AMME, Business Analytics, Mathematics & Statistics (University of Sydney)



- ENGG1801 (MATLAB Programming, 2013 - 2018): *Tutor Excellence Recommendation*  
See anonymous student comments on my *LinkedIn*
- AMME3500 (Control Systems, 2016), AERO4701 (Satellite Technology, 2016)
- COMP5318, QBUS6002, & QBUS3820 (Machine Learning & Data Science, 2017 - 2018)
- QBUS6810 (Statistical Learning, 2018), QBUS6820 (Business Risk Management, 2017)
- **99% positive student evaluations**, 1% neutral, citing clear and engaging style of teaching

*"Kelvin is a very **motivated** individual who enjoys the work that he is engaged in – not just tutoring, but also his academic studies and research projects that he has been involved with."* ([Link](#))

-Dr. Jason Chan, ENGG1801 Course Coordinator & Lecturer

## Education

2016 - 2019

Doctor of Philosophy (Machine Learning)

University of Sydney



- Advisor: Fabio Ramos, Collaborator: Richard Nock, ANU & Data61
- **Bayesian Inference in Implicit Models using Conditional Kernel Embeddings**
- **One sentence** research question: How can we still efficiently infer uncertainties in our model and perform inference when the model cannot even be expressed explicitly?
- Experienced in: Statistical Learning, Bayesian Inference, Kernel Methods, Gaussian processes, Bayesian Optimisation, Active Learning, Reinforcement Learning, Neural Networks, and Deep Learning
- Link to our *paper* to be submitted and *appendix*

2011 - 2015

Bachelor of Engineering (Mechatronic & Space Engineering) &  
Bachelor of Science (Advanced Mathematics)

University of Sydney



Science Majors: (Applied) Mathematics, Financial Mathematics & Statistics  
**Graduated with First Class Honours\* and the University Medal\*\*** (Overall Average: 90)

### Achievements & Awards

- *University of Sydney Academic Merit Scholarship & Prize* (2011 - 2015)
- *Dean's List of Excellence in Academic Performance* (2011 - 2015)
- Top 3 Presenter for Honours Thesis (2015)

### Projects

- UAV (Drone) Safety Subsystem with *Flirtey* (2014)
- CubeSat Development under QB50 regulations; Lead Presenter at *AIAA* (2014)
- Project Leader in Star Tracker Development with PIC18 microcontroller (2014)
- Research Leader in Physics Talent Program on Solar Energy (2014)
- State and National Finalist in Engineers Without Borders Challenge (2011)

(\* Research resulted in publication, \*\* Recognized for First Rank in Honours Degree)

## Miscellaneous

**Tools:** Operating System - Linux, Windows, and Mac, Languages - Python, MATLAB, and C

**Hobbies:** You can find me busking on the streets of Sydney on weekends with our acoustic band. I sing and play the guitar and keyboard. We also perform at weddings, cafes, and various social events.