

# ANJUKAN KATHIRGAMANATHAN

## PhD, Senior Data Scientist

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## EXPERIENCE

### Senior Data Scientist

#### GridBeyond

📅 Feb 2022 - Ongoing    📍 Dublin, Ireland

- Lead data scientist for FoTm battery energy storage trading cockpit development for IE, UK and ERCOT (Texas, US) markets
- Developer of AI/machine learning forecasters for market prices (day-ahead, intraday, balancing mechanism/real-time, ancillary services) and ancillary service deployments
- Developer of optimisers and formulating the mathematical model for solving
- Developer of state-of-charge (SoC) forecasting model for the trading cockpit
- Developer of market simulation/backcast engines for backcasting forecasting and trading performance
- Experience productising software on Microsoft Azure ecosystem
- High-level of customer and stakeholder engagement experience, involved in Series C funding round investor and customer sales calls giving demos of product and outlining data science value add

### Data Scientist

#### GridBeyond

📅 Feb 2021 - Jan 2022    📍 Dublin, Ireland

- Supported in partnership with Intertrade Ireland Innovation Boost Programme
- Developed load forecasters for various manufacturing and industrial customers
- Development of sizing and dispatch optimisation models for batteries at industrial customers
- Involved in battery state of health modelling and optimisation
- Developed probabilistic forecasters for wholesale market prices (IE day-ahead and intraday markets, UK day-ahead and intraday markets)

### Stress Engineer

#### AIMAltitude

📅 Feb 2012 - Nov 2016    📍 Auckland, New Zealand

- Structural substantiation of aircraft interior cabin monuments using FEA and hand calculations.
- Preparing structural substantiation reports for interface loads generation, stress analysis and structural testing.
- Mentoring and leading a team of junior engineers within projects

## PROUD OF



**Guest Speaker on Hypercube Podcast**  
Reinforcement Learning in the Energy Sector



**Climate Reality Leadership Corp**  
2020



**World Economic Forum Global Shaper**  
Member of Dublin Hub



**Universitas-21 PhD Travel Award**  
2019  
Allowed **exchange** in NUS, Singapore



**ESIPP PhD Scholarship**  
Awarded by University College Dublin



**Rotary Young Leaders Award (RYLA)**  
2015



**Senior Scholar Award**  
University of Auckland



**Faculty of Engineering Dean's Honours List**  
2009, 2010 and 2011, University of Auckland



**Senior Prize in Mechanical Engineering**  
2009 and 2010, University of Auckland



**Annual Prize for Top Student in Mechanical Engineering**  
2009, University of Auckland



**Faculty of Engineering Undergraduate Scholarship**  
2009, The University of Auckland



**Jubilee Scholarship**  
2008, The University of Auckland



**Dux**  
2008, Selwyn College, Auckland, New Zealand

## EDUCATION

### PGDip in Business and Management

Queen's University Belfast

Mar 2021 – Mar 2022

Course delivered by the William J Clinton Leadership Institute.

### PhD in Engineering

University College Dublin

Jan 2017 – Dec 2020

Thesis title: "Unlocking Energy Flexibility in Commercial Buildings through Data-Driven Techniques"

- Guest lecturer at University of Jaffna for "Society and the Engineer" module
- Currently involved with International Energy Agency (IEA) EBC Annex 81 - Data-driven Smart Buildings
- Was involved with International Energy Agency (IEA) EBC Annex 67 - Energy Flexible Buildings
- Ranked 2nd in CityLearn Challenge for Reinforcement Learning applied to District Demand Side Management
- Completed Professional Diploma in Data Science (Unofficial)
- Completed Climate-KIC Journey Summer School 2019
- Knowledge Transfer (KT) Scouts Initiative 2019 (UCD)
- Participated in InnovationAcademy@ESB Programme

### BE(Hons) in Mechanical Engineering

University of Auckland

Jan 2008 – Jan 2012

## PUBLICATIONS

### Journal Papers (Select)

- Kathirgamanathan, Anjukan, Mattia De Rosa, et al. (2020). "Data-driven Predictive Control for Unlocking Building Energy Flexibility: A Review". In: *Renewable and Sustainable Energy Reviews* 135. January 2021, p. 110120. ISSN: 1364-0321. DOI: [10.1016/j.rser.2020.110120](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.rser.2020.110120).
- Kathirgamanathan, Anjukan, Thibault Péan, et al. (2020). "Towards standardising market-independent indicators for quantifying energy flexibility in buildings". In: *Energy and Buildings* 220, p. 110027. ISSN: 0378-7788. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.enbuild.2020.110027>.
- Miller, C. et al. (2020). "The Building Data Genome Project 2, energy meter data from the ASHRAE Great Energy Predictor III competition". In: *Scientific Data* 7.1. ISSN: 20524463. DOI: [10.1038/s41597-020-00712-x](https://doi.org/10.1038/s41597-020-00712-x).

### Conference Proceedings (Select)

- Kathirgamanathan, Anjukan, Mattia De Rosa, et al. (2019). "Feature Assessment in Data-driven Models for unlocking Building Energy Flexibility". In: *IBPSA BS 2019, 2-4 September, 2019, Rome, Italy*. Rome.
- Kathirgamanathan, Anjukan, Killian Murphy, et al. (2018). "Aggregation of Energy Flexibility of Commercial Buildings". In: *Proceedings of eSim 2018, the 10th conference of IBPSA-Canada Montréal, QC, Canada, May 9-10, 2018*. Montreal, pp. 173-182. ISBN: 9782921145886.

## VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

### Leadership Network Member

Asia New Zealand Foundation

July 2016 – Ongoing

## STRENGTHS

- Machine Learning
- Forecasting
- Reinforcement Learning
- Python - NumPy, Sklearn, Tensorflow
- Python - PyTorch, Pandas
- Optimisation - LP, MILP, MINLP
- Streamlit App Development
- Data Engineering
- Azure DevOps
- Docker
- Website Development
- Funding/Grant Application Preparation
- Event Management
- Building Energy Simulation (EP & DB)

## LANGUAGES

- English
- Tamil
- French
- Python
- R
- Bash
- Git
- MATLAB

## REFEREES

### Assoc Prof. Donal Finn

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### Prageeth Jayathissa

@ Sustainability Partner, Vector

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Auckland, New Zealand

- Global professional network focused on developing and maintaining strong links between Asia and New Zealand. Attended the following events:
    - **South India Hui** - Part of delegation visiting South India to develop links between New Zealand and India
    - Sustainability Hui
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## President

### **Auckland Tamil Sports Club**

📅 May 2015 – May 2016

📍 Auckland, New Zealand

- Lead a community sports club of approximately 150 members with the following achievements:
  - Increased family membership by 28% from the previous year
  - Prepared funding proposals for grant agencies and had a 100% success rate receiving over \$17000 for use in community projects and showing accountability for this