

Kim Bente

Data Science PhD student, School of Computer Science, The University of Sydney

- Passionate about probabilistic machine learning for climate research in Antarctica because “what happens in the poles, doesn’t stay in the poles”.

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Education

- 07/2021 - current **Data Science PhD student**, School of Computer Science, The University of Sydney, AUS
‘Uncertainty quantification and communication in environmental modelling’
- Supervised by Prof Fabio Ramos, Dr Roman Marchant and Prof Judy Kay
 - Member of the [Data Analytics for Resources and Environments ARC Training Centre](#)
 - PhD program coursework specialised in **Bayesian Computational Statistics**
- 07/2019 - 07/2020 **Master of Data Science**, The University of Sydney, AUS
Completed with High Distinction (WAM 88), Master’s Thesis ‘New Perspectives on the Validation of a Mobile App for Dietary Assessment using Data Mining’
- 02/2019 - 06/2019 **Graduate Certificate in Data Science**, The University of Sydney, AUS
Completed with High Distinction (WAM 91)
- 09/2013 - 09/2016 **Bachelor in Management & Technology**, Technical University of Munich, DE
Bachelor of Science with specialisations in Chemical Engineering and Finance

Publications

- 2022 **Bente, K.**, Kay, J., Marchant, R. (2022). [Probabilistic Machine Learning in Polar Earth and Climate Science: A Review of Applications and Opportunities](#). In *AAAI 2022 Fall Symposium: The Role of AI in Responding to Climate Challenges*. Arlington, USA.
- 10/2022 **Bente, K.B.**, Nassif, E., Davies, A., Wellard-Cole, L., Jung, J., Kay, J., ... & Allman-Farinelli, M. (2022). [The Contribution of Nutrients of Concern to the Diets of 18-to-30-Year-Old Australians from Food Prepared Outside Home Differs by Food Outlet Types: The MYMeals Cross-Sectional Study](#). *Nutrients*, 14(18), 3751.
- 05/2021 Wellard-Cole, L., Davies, A., Chen, J., Jung, J., **Bente, K. B.**, Kay, J., ... & Allman-Farinelli, M. (2021). [The Contribution of Foods Prepared Outside the Home to the Diets of 18- to 30-Year-Old Australians: The MYMeals Study](#). *Nutrients*, 13(6), 1761.

Conferences & workshops

- 11/2022 **AAAI 2022 Fall Symposium: The Role of AI in Responding to Climate Challenges, USA**
Accepted paper (see publications) and presentation of contributed work at symposium
- 09/2022 **Information Resilience PhD School 2022, The University of Queensland, AUS**
Awarded travel grant; awarded first prize in data literacy competition; 3MT presentation

Awards

- 07/2022 **PhD scholarship and stipend**: The Australian Government Research Training Program (RTP) International Stipend & Tuition Fee offset Scholarship
- 07/2022 **PhD top-up scholarship**: The Australian Research Council’s Industrial Transformation Training Centre in Data Analytics for Resources and Environments (DARE), grant IC190100031

- 06/2021 **School of Computer Science Postgraduate Coursework High Honour Roll** awarded for Master's thesis and also coursework achievements for Data Analysis in the Social Sciences
- 12/2019 - 02/2020 **Faculty of Engineering Summer Research Scholarship**, The University of Sydney, AUS
'Data Mining Dietary Patterns' supervised by Prof Kay, A/Prof Yacef, and A/Prof Koprinska

Teaching

- 08/2022 - 12/2022 **Tutor for Human-in-the-Loop Data Analytics** [DATA3406], School of Computer Science
 Undergraduate level tutoring, Semester 2 2022
- 02/2021 - 03/2021 **Tutor for Data Analysis in the Social Sciences** [DATA5207], United States Study Centre
 Postgraduate level tutoring, Intensive February 2021
- 08/2019 - 12/2019 **Tutor for Algorithms** [COMP9007], School of Computer Science
 Postgraduate level tutoring, Semester 2 2019

Employment experience

- 12/2020 - 11/2021 **Administrative Assistant**, Faculty of Engineering, The University of Sydney, AUS
 Data analysis of university data and systems to support internal decision-making
- 07/2020 - 07/2021 **Research Associate**, School of Computer Science, The University of Sydney, AUS
 Research focus on **Human-centred technology applied to nutrition and education**
- Large-scale interdisciplinary research project with Nutrition/Dietetics researchers
 - Data analysis (R), data visualisation, clustering, classification models
 - Education data analytics, building an Open learner model for DATA3406
- 10/2017 - 04/2018 **Global Business Development & Customer Analytics for SAAS startup**
 FOURSOURCE Group GmbH (multinational tech startup in apparel/textile sourcing), Berlin, DE
- **Customer analytics, Business Intelligence, development of churn risk model**
- 01/2016 - 10/2016 **Junior Innovation Consultant**, projects in logistics and telecommunications
 HYVE Innovation Community GmbH, HYVE AG (innovation consulting), Munich, DE
- 10/2015 - 01/2016 **Placement in Innovation Consulting & Sales**, project for Vodafone (telecommunications)
 HYVE Innovation Community GmbH, HYVE AG (innovation consulting), Munich, DE
- 04/2014 - 10/2014 **Working student in Strategic Management Consulting**, market research in media sector
 Goetzpartners Holding AG (strategy, M&A and transformation advisory), Munich, DE
- 05/2013 - 07/2013 **Internship in Research & Development and International Marketing** for consumer goods
 Schwarzkopf, Henkel AG & Co. KGaA (chemical and consumer goods), Hamburg, DE
- 09/2012 - 12/2012 **Internship in Product Management** for consumer goods
 Kneipp GmbH, Paul Hartmann AG (cosmetics and medicinal products), Würzburg, DE

Technical skills & languages

- Technical skills Advanced **R** and **Python** skills, competent in Git and Docker
 Foundational SQL, Java, Javascript, HTML and CSS skills
- Languages English (business fluent, TOEFL 113 out of 120), German (native)

Community engagement

- 02/2022 - present **Co-founder and VP** of the Postgraduate Research in Engineering **Student Society** (PRESS)
- 09/2021 - present **HDR student representative**, Faculty of Engineering, The University of Sydney

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