

# Yura Perov

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## CONTACT INFORMATION

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## SHORT BIO

An experienced Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning specialist (with focus on probabilistic/generative modelling, interpretable & explainable AI, causal modelling & inference, probabilistic programming, simulation, Bayesian inference, as well as some computer vision and NLP) with a proven track record of architecting and co-leading implementations of AI products and solutions that have been used all around the world. Co-founder in two start-ups. Worked on projects, researched and studied Computer Science, AI, Mathematics and Economics at Oxford, MIT, EPFL (Switzerland) and Siberian Federal University (Russia). Strong academic background including top academic performance and publications at the leading AI/ML conferences. Seasoned software engineering skills (including Python, Clojure, C++, Git, AWS, VBA, Excel). Led projects and teams in different roles (Squad Lead, Technology Officer, Executive Officer, Project & Team Lead, Head of AI & Data Science).

## CURRENT EMPLOYMENT & ACTIVITY

**Babylon Health**, London, UK  
April 2021 – *Present*.  
Principal Research Scientist.

**AI for Musculoskeletal medicine topic group**, a part of the International Telecommunication Union / World Health Organisation focus group “AI for Health”

October 2020 – *Present*.

Role: Topic Driver & Member (moderating and contributing to the work of the topic group).

## PROFESSIONAL DESIGNATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS

- Chartered Mathematician (CMath)
- Chartered Scientist (CSci)
- Member of the Institute of Mathematics and its Applications (MIMA)
- Professional Member of the British Computer Society (MBCS)

## PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT

**EQL**, UK  
April 2020 – April 2021.  
Head of AI and Data Science.

I was leading the AI & Data Science work and projects and defining and implementing the related strategy with other stakeholders.

**Babylon Health**, London, UK  
July 2018 – April 2020.  
Senior Research Scientist.

October 2016 – June 2018.  
Bayesian Data Scientist / Research Scientist.

Combining roles of a research scientist and a product and delivery co-lead. Contributed significantly to numerous prototypes and implementations of multiple AI products. Co-leading the development of the artificial intelligence product for triage and diagnostics for primary care.

The triage and diagnostics product has been one of the key products and used globally in multiple developed and developing countries across the globe. It was used by Babylon Health and partners

including Samsung and Prudential.

Squad Co-Lead<sup>1</sup> for an applied AI research squad (focused on modelling, statistical inference and efficient AI-supported decision making), with 18 people (including me) contributing to the projects of this team. Was leading the development and implementation of scientific innovations that significantly improve the quality as well as reduce the cost of using the product (*more than 50 times*). These solutions were deployed and used in production.

Leading work on a project for the International Telecommunication Union / World Health Organisation's Focus Group "Artificial Intelligence For Health", as well contributing to the partnership with University Hospitals Birmingham.

Worked on a version of a symptom selector (to allow a user to input their initial information) used in production and developed prototypes of using the BERT Transformer model for medical text applications.

Contributing to the work on material preparations and participating in the presentations for commercial partnerships and investment fundraising.

PUBLICATIONS See my Google Scholar profile: <https://scholar.google.co.uk/citations?user=xjXQBqkAAAAJ>.

EDUCATION /  
QUALIFICATIONS

**City, University of London**

October – December 2019.

Short course "Leadership and Management: an Introduction".

**Oxford University**, Department of Engineering Science, Wolfson College, Oxford, UK

October 2014 – May 2016.

Master's of Science by Research (*this full-time MScR generally requires 2 years of research*). Studies and research in Machine Learning and Artificial Intelligence, in particular in Probabilistic Programming. Supervised by Prof. Frank Wood. Master's thesis "Applications of Probabilistic Programming".

Examiners: Prof. Nando de Freitas (mid-term), Prof. Michael Osborne (mid-term and final), Prof. Zoubin Ghahramani (final).

**Oxford University**, Department of Engineering Science, Somerville College, Oxford, UK

October 2013 – October 2014.

Visiting Student in Prof. Frank Wood's group.

**Siberian Federal University**, Krasnoyarsk, Russia

2010–2014.

Bachelor's degree in Mathematics (Bachelor of Science in Mathematics<sup>2</sup>) with honours (*the degree requires 4 years of full-time study*) from the Institute of Mathematics and Computer Science. GPA 5.0/5.0. Thesis "Generative Probabilistic Programming" (in Russian).

**Massachusetts Institute of Technology**, Cambridge, MA, USA

January 2012 – August 2012 (remotely), September 2012 – August 2013 (in person).

Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence Laboratory (EECS/BCS).

Visiting student in the Computational Cognitive Science Group (Prof. Tenenbaum) and the Probabilistic Computing Group (Dr Mansinghka).

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<sup>1</sup>See <https://www.mckinsey.com/business-functions/organization/our-insights/the-agile-manager> for details on management structure in Agile Development.

<sup>2</sup>As in the certified translation of the degree from Russian to English.

**Yandex School of Data Analysis**, Moscow, Russia  
Autumn Term, 2011.  
Computer Science Department, 3 Master’s-level courses (remotely). GPA 5.0/5.0.

**Siberian Federal University**, Krasnoyarsk, Russia  
2008–2010 (2 years of Bachelor’s degree studies).  
Faculty of Economics. GPA 5.0/5.0.

**Gymnasium #3**, Krasnoyarsk, Russia  
1997–2008.  
Final GPA 5.0/5.0.

LANGUAGES English (fluent), Russian (native).

SKILLS

- Artificial Intelligence / Machine Learning: Bayesian and Causal Modelling and Inference, Monte Carlo methods (especially Markov Chain MC and Sequential MC) and other inference methods, Probabilistic Programming, Optimisation, applications of Computer Vision and Natural Language Processing. Experience with other major areas of Machine Learning (including Neural Networks).
- Languages and technologies: Python (including matplotlib, scikit-learn, numpy, scipy), C++, Clojure, TensorFlow, Git, AWS, Scheme, PHP, MATLAB, SQL/MySQL, ActionScript (Adobe Flash), HTML, JavaScript, Visual Basic, VBA, Church, Venture, Anglican, ZeroMQ. 16 years of software engineering experience.

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

**Southampton University**, Southampton, UK  
*Probabilistic Programming Workshop* **22nd of March, 2016**

- Co-organised a workshop on probabilistic programming (using Anglican and Invrea’s Scenarios Excel Plugin).

**Oxford University**, Oxford, UK  
*Master’s by Research student, and previously Visiting Student* **October 2013 – May 2016**

- Research on probabilistic programming (generative modelling, Bayesian inference, MCMC and SMC), neural networks (especially their applications for better probabilistic inference), and automatic program synthesis.
- Contributed to probabilistic programming language and system “Anglican”. <https://probprog.github.io/anglican/>. The system is written in Clojure.
- Led with Prof. Frank Wood the Probabilistic Programming Reading Group 2013–2014 @ Oxford.
- Co-organised Bayesian Nonparametrics Lunches 2013–2014 and Machine Learning Lunches 2014–2015 (informal seminars) @ Oxford (with Dr François Caron, Prof. Frank Wood, Prof. Yee Whye Teh; Pengyu Wang, Dr Radu Grigore, Prof Hongseok Yang joined as co-organisers in 2014).
- Organised two Brainstorming Strong Artificial Intelligence Forum sessions @ Oxford (in 2015) and a Brainstorming strong AI Hackathon @ Oxford (in 2016).
- Teaching assistant at the Machine Learning Summer School 2014 (Reykjavik, Iceland) for the course “Probabilistic Programming and Bayesian Nonparametrics” by Prof. Frank Wood.
- Lab demonstrator (teaching assistance) for an Information Engineering Systems class (for a part of it).

**Massachusetts Institute of Technology**, Cambridge, MA USA

*Research, Visiting Student*      **January 2012 – August 2012 (remotely), September 2012 – August 2013 (visiting student)**

- Research in probabilistic programming. Visiting student in the Computational Cognitive Science Group (Prof. Tenenbaum) and the Probabilistic Computing Group (Dr Mansinghka).
- Implemented a prototype Clojure-based MCMC engine for a variant of probabilistic programming language Church, and added a multithreaded approximate MCMC scheme that runs multiple inference steps at the same time.
- Worked as the first lead developer for the Venture project, co-designed its first inference engine prototype, and contributed to the design of the VentureScript language and the overall system architecture. The prototype of Venture was written in C++ and Python.
- Implemented and debugged several Venture programs for machine learning and statistics, including variants of topic modeling, nonparametric clustering, and regression. Also applied topic models to real-world datasets.
- Contributed to research on generative probabilistic graphics programs for breaking simple CAPTCHAs and inferring 3D road scenes. Results were published in our paper “Approximate Bayesian Image Interpretation using Generative Probabilistic Graphics Programs”, which was accepted for an oral presentation at NIPS 2013 (oral acceptance rate: 20 papers out of 1420 submissions).
- Contributed to an application of Venture to geophysics, as part of a project with Shell, and visited Shell Research in Houston, TX, to support a presentation of preliminary results.
- The visit and research was supported by Russian President’s Fellowship and Google “Rethinking AI” Grant.

**École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne**, Switzerland

*Summer Intern*

**June 2012 – August 2012**

- Research in machine learning, AI and robotics. Project “Locomotion of Modular Robots: Optimizing Modular Robots Locomotion in Simulation and Applying Results to Real-World Robot”. School of Engineering, Biorobotics Laboratory. Supervised by Rico Möckel, Massimo Vespignani, Soha Pouya, Stéphane Bonardi, Prof. Auke Jan Ijspeert. Used C++.

**Siberian Federal University**, Krasnoyarsk, Russia

*Undergraduate Research*

**May 2011 – June 2012**

- Undergraduate research in optimisation, genetic algorithms, supervised by Semenkin Evgeniy Stanislavovich<sup>3</sup>.

**Krasnoyarsk State Pedagogical University**, Krasnoyarsk, Russia

*Undergraduate Research*

**2010–2011**

- Co-developed interactive handbook (self-tutor) “Programming” for undergraduate students”. The PI of the project: Laletin Nicolay Victorovich<sup>4</sup>. The project was ranked the second in the competition organised by Krasnoyarsk State Pedagogical University.

**Extra Assistantship, Teaching Support and Tutoring**

- Indian-Russian Intense Autumn School for Schoolchildren and Students in Computer Science, Pune, India, September 2013. School co-organisation and coordination (educational component). Tutoring of schoolchildren and college/university students in Computer Science: programming languages and artificial intelligence section of the school.
- Spring term, 2010–2011 academic year, Siberian Federal University, Faculty of Mathematics, supporting some parts of courses “Number theory” and “Theoretical mechanics” (as a student

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<sup>3</sup>Professor at Siberian Federal University.

<sup>4</sup>Professor at Krasnoyarsk State Pedagogical University.

of the class, nominated by lecturers).

- Youth Summer (Winter, Autumn, Spring) Computer Science Projects Schools for Schoolchildren, 2008–2010. Took part as a tutor, teacher and co-organiser.
- A presentation with a short intro to Machine Learning / AI for schoolchildren (in Russian, remote). July 2019.

START-UP /  
INDUSTRY  
EXPERIENCE

**Invrea (start-up), Oxford, UK**

*Co-founder, Executive Officer*

**January – September 2016**

Bringing the state-of-the-art generative modelling machine learning methods (probabilistic programming, sequential / Markov chain Monte Carlo and variational inference) into Microsoft Excel. Leading a team of three.

**Project and company “Proverim.com”**

*Co-founder, CTO*

**Autumn of 2007 – 2012**

“Proverim.com” was the system of electronic mark-book and SMS/web notification for schools (more than 50 schools were connected to the service system in 2011/2012). It was run in 9 cities in Russia and franchised to Kazakhstan and Mongolia. I was a co-founder, author of the innovative technology and software, leader of the IT-department (2 subordinates), software engineer, applied machine learning system developer. I combined the work with studies. The technical and machine learning components of the project had been conceived and implemented by me, then advanced by our great team. Used C++, Visual Basic, HTML, and JavaScript.

**Developer of AIMS web-site**

*Web-developer*

**2014**

Developed and trained how to maintain a web-site for the EPSRC Centre for Doctoral Training in Autonomous Intelligent Machines and Systems @ Oxford University.

**Freelancer (web-sites and software developer), Russia**

*Product and project manager, software engineer*

**2006–2014**

Including the development and support of web-sites.

**Online pageant contests, Krasnoyarsk, Russia**

*Co-founder, leader, software engineer*

**2007–2008**

Organised city internet-contests “Miss” and “Mister” (online beauty contests, separately for women and men), as well as “Literary City Contest” (online city contests for writers; 5 literary contests were organized).

**Educational computer games development, Krasnoyarsk, Russia**

*Product and project manager, software engineer*

**2007–2008**

The collection of six computer games for children “Educational games”, leading a team of 5+ people working part-time.

**Lyceum No. 1310, Moscow**

*Multiple roles*

**Spring of 2007**

One-month training (as a visiting school pupil) at Lyceum No. 1310 (Moscow); technical personal assistant to the director of the lyceum (organising IT-support of All-Russian contest “the Big Game”); software engineer for the project “Publicator” of the Schoolchildren Newspapers Portal (portal.lgo.ru). This project was developed by me and enabled schoolchildren to create online internet newspapers during “the Big Game” event.

**“IT-company”: the group of young freelancers, Krasnoyarskiy region, Russia**

*Chief of the company*

**2006–2008**

Around 10 part-time subordinates.

**Project “Electronic Kiosk-Seller”, Krasnoyarsk, Russia**

*Software engineer, project lead*

**2005–2007**

Development, tuning and introduction (application) of the project “Electronic Kiosk-Seller” (instant payment terminals).

**“YarSoft” LLC, Krasnoyarsk, Russia**

*Software engineer, system administrator*

**2005–2008**

Part-time combined with studies. The company specialisation was in software development and software distribution, as well as advertisement.

**Project “Computer Agent for IRC-system” (aka chatbot), Krasnoyarsk, Russia**

*Idea author, software engineer*

**2004–2005**

The chatbot system analysed messages from users in an instant chat (IRC) and acted on users’ instructions. Simple basic statistics was applied to facilitate the chatbot.

REVIEWING

- NeurIPS Conference
- Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada

AWARDS, GRANTS,  
SPOTLIGHTS, AND  
ACTIVITIES

- The topic driver of the “AI for MSK medicine” topic group (October 2020 to present), a part of the ITU/WHO focus group “AI for Health”.
- One of the panellists of the ‘Build’ session on building models for AI healthcare products at the AI in Healthcare masterclass organised by the Digital Health Section of the Royal Society of Medicine (17th of February 2021).
- Presented a talk “Multiverse: Causal Reasoning Using Importance Sampling in Probabilistic Programming” and participated at the second International Conference on Probabilistic Programming 2020 (PROBPROG).
- Lead organiser, as Head of AI & Data Science of EQL, of the preparatory meetings for the “AI for MSK medicine” topic group (to be a part of the ITU/WHO focus group “AI for Health”). The preparatory meetings were proposed and organised by EQL. Online, September 2019.
- Participated at the NeurIPS Conference/Workshops 2020 (online, 2020).
- One of the top 10% of high-scoring reviewers (based on average area chair ratings) of the NeurIPS 2020 conference.
- Attended NeurIPS Conference and Workshops 2019 (Canada, 2019), representing Babylon Health AI.
- UK Exceptional Talent visa (endorsement by UK Tech Nation), October 2019.
- Participating in a meeting of the “Symptom assessment” topic group, representing Babylon Health, Berlin (Germany), October 2019.
- Participating in a meeting of the “Symptom assessment” topic group, representing Babylon Health, London (UK), July 2019.
- Attended NIPS Workshops in 2016 (Barcelona) and NIPS Conference and Workshops in 2017 (California), representing Babylon Health AI.
- Heidelberg Laureate Forum (August 2015), a young researcher laureate.
- Admission to Stanford Computer Science PhD program with full financial support (tuition fees plus living costs, 2014 and deferred to 2015). Had to courteously decline.
- The Oxford Clarendon Fund Scholarship, the Cambridge International Scholarship and Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne PhD fellowship (2014). Courteously declined.
- National fellowship of the Government of the Russian Federation, October 2013. For outstanding studying and research activities.

- All-Russian Fellowship “Lift to the Future”<sup>5</sup>, August 2013. Organised by the Russian company “Sistema”.
- Conference “Neural Information Processing Systems Conference” 2012. Workshop “Probabilistic Programming: Foundations and Applications”, Lake Tahoe, Nevada, USA. Presenting the work “Efficient, Envelope-based Multicore Markov Chain Inference for Church”, which was accepted for a poster spotlight (short talk) and poster presentation. Venture demo (by Vikash Mansinghka and Yura Perov).
- Switzerland, École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne, the poster session of the EPFL Summer Research Program, August 2012. Best Student Poster Award (1st place) for the project “Locomotion of Modular Robots: Optimizing Modular Robots Locomotion in Simulation and Applying Results to Real-World Robot”.
- Russian President’s Fellowship Award for outstanding students, which was given to conduct research at MIT for one academic year. Approx. \$30k fellowship incl. university fees and expenses.
- Switzerland, École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne, School of engineering, Biorobotics Laboratory, Prof. Ijspeert, June–August 2012. Summer Research School in Technology and Life Sciences (competitive: the applicants/participants ratio is higher than 27 with the applications from all over the world). Supervised by Rico Möckel, Massimo Vespignani, Soha Pouya, Stéphane Bonardi, Prof. Auke Jan Ijspeert. Approx. \$4k scholarship incl. expenses covered.
- “StartUp Access” program, Cambridge (Massachusetts, USA), one week with business mentors and introduction to Boston/MIT’s entrepreneurial ecosystem and its players, 6–10 February 2012. Representing the business project “ProverimCom”, its achievements and prospects.
- Award “Best student of Siberian Federal University” (for outstanding achievements in studies, 2nd place), December 2011. Award “Best student” is given only to 3 students in each nomination each year.
- RuSSIR/EDBT 2011 Summer School in Information Retrieval & Database Technology, St. Petersburg, 2011. Presented results of the project “System of Electronic Mark-book for Schools Proverim.com” (poster session). Organizers: Saint Petersburg State University, ROMIP, EDBT Association.  
Practical task in Machine Learning organised by Vladimir Gorovoy (Yandex) and Yana Volkovich (Barcelona Media) using Yandex.Market data as part of “an Introduction to Social Mining” course at RuSSIR/EDBT Summer School. Award, 1st place (First Prize).
- Microsoft Computer Vision School, Moscow, 2011. Diploma for successfully completing the school. Organizers: Microsoft Research, Lomonosov Moscow State University. 4th result (shared 5–7th place) in a practical task (tuning an image classifier).
- Summer School in Software Engineering and Verification, Moscow, 2011. Certificate for successfully completing the school. Organisers: Microsoft Research, Higher School of Economics.
- Yandex Summer School in Distributed Computing, Moscow (Dolgoprudny), 2011. Organizers: Yandex, Moscow Institute for Physics and Technology. Participated in/audited the school.
- International Summer School-Conference in Artificial Intelligence for students and young researchers “Intelligent systems and technologies: state-of-the-art and outlook” ISyT’2011, Tver (city), 2011. Award for the best student report; also a certificate for participating. Organisers: the Russian Association for Artificial Intelligence, Tver State Technical University.
- X International FAMET’2011 Conference, Krasnoyarsk (section “Computer Science”). Paper “Planning the operation of web server processes”, presentation.

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<sup>5</sup>I was selected by the panel for this All-Russian student fellowship in a contest but actually never received the scholarship money because after the selection I was asked to sign a contract to reassign academic intellectual property.

- Regional computer software contest “Soft-Parade 2011”. Award “Ultimate Champion” (Grand Prize). <http://www.soft-parade.ru/>.
- Regional software engineering challenge at “Soft-Parade 2011”. Award, 1st place.
- VII All-Russian Scientific and Practical Conference of Students and Young Scientists “Youth and Science”, the section “Modern Problems of Mathematics and Computer Science”, 2011. Paper “Practical implementation of an elementary recognition method for processing paper forms”, 2nd place.
- “National (All-Russian) Conference on Artificial Intelligence” (KII-2010), Tver (city), 2010. Participant-student.
- XVI Inter-regional Theoretical and Practical Student Conference in Economics “Problems of Economics” (Siberian Federal University), 2009. Paper “New smart services for our university”, award, 3rd place.
- Fellowship from the bank MDM Bank for talent students. Prize-winner.
- Rating at Siberian Federal University, a semester in the 2009–2010 academic year. Absolutely first (by average points) among approx. 8000 1st- and 2nd-year students according to the official university rating of freshmen and sophomore classes.
- All-Russian Contest “Business in Innovative Technologies” (“BIT”), regional stage, Tomsk (city), 2009. Co-winner (project “System of Electronic Mark-book for Schools”), award, 1st place (“BIT” is a Russian analog for “MIT Entrepreneurship Competition”).
- All-Russian Summer School “Seliger 2009” for Youth Innovators, section for young researches, Tver (city). A certificate of the “Open Innovation University”.
- Exhibition “Scientific and Technical Youth Creativity”, Moscow, 2009. Delegated from the university, certificate “Innovative products”.
- XV Inter-regional Theoretical and Practical Student Conference in Economics “Problems of Economics” (Siberian Federal University), 2009. Paper “Innovative Economic Growth in Russia: problems and perspectives“, 1st place within the section and within the whole conference (shared).
- Youth Summer (Winter, Autumn, Spring) Computer Science Projects Schools for Schoolchildren, 2006–2008. Took part as programmer and then as leader of team (totally 9 times), took the 1st places (with awards) in contests several times (individual and team championships).
- A software patent (Russia) for the software product “System of Electronic Mark-book for Schools Proverim.com”, 2008. Patent certificate.
- Grant from Krasnoyarsk company “Iskra” (specialises in information technologies), 2008. Prize-winner.
- Summer school “Innovative enterprise” on “TIM Birusa 2008”. Certificate.
- Regional activity for initiative young people “TIM Birusa 2008”. Co-winner on Krasnoyarsk youth economic forum (projects contest) with the project “System of Electronic Mark-book for Schools”; one of the top performers (a “top-member”) among students; and a participant of “bonus days”.
- Regional software engineering challenge “Soft-Parade 2008”. Winner, award, 1st place.
- Regional computer software contest “Soft-Parade 2008”. Co-author, co-leader, software engineer of the project “City Internet Beauty Contest and City Literary Contest”, award, 4th place in section “Debut”.
- Regional computer software contest “Soft-Parade 2008”. Co-author, co-leader, programmer of the project “System of Electronic Mark-book for Schools”, award, 4th place in section “Informational Services”.
- Regional Youth Scientific Challenge “Youth and Science”, 2008. Winner, award “Ultimate Leadership” in the nomination “New technologies of the 21st century”.



- Prize (award) of the Krasnoyarsk mayor for young gifted persons, 2008. Prize-winner.
- 5th Krasnoyarsk Economic Forum, 2008. Participant (fee-free pass from the Government of Krasnoyarskij krai region).
- Regional IT-championship, First Siberian IT-festival, Krasnoyarsk, 2007. Award “Internet technologies”, 3rd place among students and young professionals.
- Regional computer software contest “Soft-Parade 2007”. Lead and software engineer of the project “Internet Publishing Manager (site)”, award, 3rd place in section “Informational Services”.
- All-Russian Contest of School Newspapers and Magazines, 2007. Diploma in the nomination “Special Prize” (for my personal activity and as a board member of our gymnasium newspaper).
- Practical training “Internet Journalism” in the journal “Education in Lyceums and Gymnasiums”, Moscow, 2007. Certificate “Information technologies in journalism”.
- Regional computer software contest “Soft-Parade 2006”. The project “Electronic Kiosk-Seller”, winner, award, 2nd place in section “Informational Services”.
- Krasnoyarsk City’s Oktiabrskiy District’s Scientific and Practical Conference for schoolchildren, 2005–2006 school year, the section of Mathematics. 3rd place.
- Regional computer software contest “Soft-Parade 2005”. Author and programmer of the project “Computer Agent for IRC-system”, award, 3rd place in section “Debut”.

PAPERS, POSTERS,  
AND REPORTS

- Paper “Applying Artificial Intelligence Methods for the Estimation of Disease Incidence: The Utility of Language Models” by Yuanzhao Zhang, Robert Walecki, Joanne R. Winter, Felix J. S. Bragman, Sara Lourenco, Christopher Hart, Adam Baker, Yura Perov and Saurabh Johri. *Frontiers in Digital Health*, December 2020, <https://doi.org/10.3389/fdgth.2020.569261>.
- Paper “Learning medical triage from clinicians using Deep Q-Learning”, Albert Buchard, Baptiste Bouvier, Giulia Prando, Rory Beard, Michail Livieratos, Dan Busbridge, Daniel Thompson, Jonathan Richens, Yuanzhao Zhang, Adam Baker, Yura Perov, Kostis Gourgoulias, Saurabh Johri, arXiv, <https://arxiv.org/abs/2003.12828>. 2020.
- Paper “Copy, paste, infer: a robust analysis of twin networks for counterfactual inference”, Logan Graham, Ciarán M. Lee, Yura Perov. Accepted to and presented at the “Causal ML” workshop (workshop full name is “‘Do the right thing’: machine learning and causal inference for improved decision making”) at the NeurIPS 2019 (Vancouver, Canada).
- Paper “MultiVerse: Causal Reasoning using Importance Sampling in Probabilistic Programming”, Yura Perov, Logan Graham, Kostis Gourgoulias, Jonathan G. Richens, Ciarán M. Lee, Adam Baker, Saurabh Johri, arXiv, <https://arxiv.org/abs/1910.08091>. Accepted to and presented with a poster at the Second Approximate Inference Symposium (Vancouver, Canada, 2019).
- Paper “Universal Marginaliser for Deep Amortised Inference for Probabilistic Programs”, Robert Walecki, Kostis Gourgoulias, Adam Baker, Chris Hart, Chris Lucas, Max Zwiessele, Albert Buchard, Maria Lomeli, Yura Perov, Saurabh Johri, arXiv, <https://arxiv.org/abs/1910.07474>.
- Paper “Tuning semantic consistency of active medical diagnosis: a walk on the semantic simplex”, Albert Buchard, Adam Baker, Konstantinos Gourgoulias, Alexandre Navarro, Yura Perov, Max Zwiessele, and Saurabh Johri. An abstract accepted (and presented by Albert) at the Frontier of AI-Assisted Care (FAC) Scientific Symposium at Stanford (CA, USA), September 2019.
- Paper “A comparative study of artificial intelligence and human doctors for the purpose of triage and diagnosis”, Salman Razzaki, Adam Baker, Yura Perov, Katherine Middleton, Janie Baxter, Daniel Mullarkey, Davinder Sangar, Michael Taliercio, Mobasher Butt, Azeem Majeed, Arnold DoRosario, Megan Mahoney, Saurabh Johri. arXiv, <https://arxiv.org/abs/1806>.

10698, June 2018. An abstract accepted and co-presented (as a robot via telepresence) with a poster at the Frontier of AI-Assisted Care (FAC) Scientific Symposium at Stanford (CA, USA), September 2019. A version of this paper is also published in *Frontiers in Artificial Intelligence*, November 2020, <https://doi.org/10.3389/frai.2020.543405>.

- Paper “Universal Marginalizer for Amortised Inference and Embedding of Generative Models”, Robert Walecki, Albert Buchard, Kostis Gourgoulias, Chris Hart, Maria Lomeli, A. K. W. Navarro, Max Zwiessele, Yura Perov, Saurabh Johri, 2018, arXiv, <https://arxiv.org/abs/1811.04727>.
- Paper “Inference Over Programs That Make Predictions”, Yura Perov. The International Conference on Probabilistic Programming, 2018. Presented with a poster.
- Paper “A Universal Marginalizer for Amortized Inference in Generative Models”, Laura Douglas, Iliyan Zarov, Konstantinos Gourgoulias, Chris Lucas, Chris Hart, Adam Baker, Maneesh Sahani, Yura Perov, Saurabh Johri. NIPS 2017 Workshop on Advances in Approximate Bayesian Inference.
- Paper “Spreadsheet Probabilistic Programming”, Mike Wu, Yura Perov, Frank Wood, Hongseok Yang, William Smith, 2016, arXiv, <http://arxiv.org/abs/1606.04216>. Also was accepted to the International Conference on Probabilistic Programming 2018, for a poster presentation (the poster presentation itself could not take place due to finance).
- Master’s Thesis “Applications of Probabilistic Programming”, Oxford, 2016. <http://arxiv.org/abs/1606.00075>
- Paper “Nonparametric Bayesian Models for Unsupervised Activity Recognition and Tracking”, Neil Dhir, Yura Perov and Frank Wood, International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems (IROS 2016, **acceptance rate:**  $830/1719 = 48\%$ ).
- Paper “Automatic Sampler Discovery via Probabilistic Programming and Approximate Bayesian Computation”, Yura Perov and Frank Wood, the International Conference on Artificial General Intelligence 2016 (Springer).
- Abstract and poster “Data-driven Sequential Monte Carlo in Probabilistic Programming”, Yura Perov, Tuan Anh Le and Frank Wood, NIPS Workshop on Black Box Learning and Inference (2015).
- Bachelor’s Thesis on Generative Probabilistic Programming (in Russian language), Krasnoyarsk, Cambridge (US), Oxford, 2014. <http://arxiv.org/abs/1601.07224>
- Abstract and poster “Learning probabilistic programs”, Yura Perov and Frank Wood, NIPS Probabilistic Programming Workshop (2014). Was accepted for a poster presentation with a spotlight.
- Talk abstract “Probabilistic programming and automatic programming” in “Approaches and Applications of Inductive Programming” (Dagstuhl Seminar 13502). Dagstuhl Reports. ISSN 2192-5283. Edited by Sumit Gulwani, Emanuel Kitzelmann, and Ute Schmid. URL <http://drops.dagstuhl.de/opus/volltexte/2014/4507>.
- Paper “Venture: a higher-order probabilistic programming platform with programmable inference”, Vikash Mansinghka, Daniel Selsam, Yura Perov. <http://arxiv.org/abs/1404.0099>
- Paper “Approximate Bayesian Image Interpretation using Generative Probabilistic Graphics Programs”, Vikash K. Mansinghka, Tejas D. Kulkarni, Yura N. Perov, Joshua B. Tenenbaum. NIPS 2013. **Accepted for full oral presentation (oral acceptance rate: 20/1420 total submissions = 1.4%); paper acceptance rate: 360/1420 = 25%**. (Also arXiv:1307.0060)
- Paper “Gait optimization for Roombots modular robots – Matching simulation and reality”, Rico Möckel, Yura Perov, Anh The Nguyen, Massimo Vespignani, Stéphane Bonardi, Soha Pouya, Alexander Spröwitz, Jesse van den Kieboom, Frédéric Wilhelm, Auke Jan Ijspeert. IROS 2013. (**acceptance rate:**  $903/2089 = 43\%$ ).

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PATENT  
APPLICATIONS

- Patent application for work “MultiVerse: Causal Reasoning using Importance Sampling in Probabilistic Programming”. Filed by Babylon Health. The application is submitted and pending at its early stage.
- Patent application for work “Universal Marginaliser for Deep Amortised Inference for Probabilistic Programs”. Filed by Babylon Health. The application is submitted and pending at its early stage.
- Patent application for work “Universal Marginalizer for Amortised Inference and Embedding of Generative Models” (as a continuation with new invention to the previous claims). Filed by Babylon Health. The application is submitted and pending at its early stage.
- Patent application for work “A Universal Marginalizer for Amortized Inference in Generative Models”. US20190180841A1. Filed by Babylon Health. The application is submitted and pending.
- Patent application “Computing engine, software, system and method”. US20170269561A1. Filed by Invrea. The application was submitted. The application was abandoned and the company was dissolved.
- Patent application “Methods and devices for executing program code of a probabilistic programming language”. WO2015140550A1, US20170090881A1. Filed by Oxford University Innovation, then the project was archived due to the lack of financial support and the application was stopped.

**Presenting an update for the suggested Topic Group “AI for MSK medicine”**, a part of International Telecommunication Union / World Health Organisation’s Focus Group “Artificial Intelligence for Health” at the 11th Focus Group meeting (online, January 2021).

**Co-Presenting a Proposal for the new suggested Topic Group “AI for MSK medicine”** to become a part of International Telecommunication Union / World Health Organisation’s Focus Group “Artificial Intelligence for Health” at the 10th Focus Group meeting (online, September-October 2020). The topic group was approved and created.

**Talk “MultiVerse: Causal Reasoning using Importance Sampling in Probabilistic Programming”** as part of the Data-Centric Engineering Reading Group at the Alan Turing Institute (19th of February 2020).

**Co-Presenting an Update for the Topic Group “Symptom Assessment”** that is part of International Telecommunication Union / World Health Organisation’s Focus Group “Artificial Intelligence for Health” in Delhi, India, at the 7th Focus Group meeting (November 2019).

**Talk “Bringing Probabilistic Programming to the People”** at Alan Turing Institute’s Probabilistic Programming Workshop (C72) at the British Library (4th and 5th of February 2016).

**Talk “Automatic Programming and Probabilistic Programming”**. Dagstuhl Seminar, “Approaches and Applications of Inductive Programming”, the 8–11th of December, 2013.

**“Generative probabilistic programming: applications and new ideas”** (2014).

The talk was given at

- Microsoft Research (Cambridge, UK, hosted by Dr John Winn).
- Cambridge University, within the series of Machine Learning seminars at the Cambridge University Engineering Department (hosted by Prof. Zoubin Ghahramani).

**“Explorations in probabilistic programming: generative probabilistic graphics programming and new research directions”**, 2013.

The talk was given at

- a Prof. Ryan Adams’ group’s meeting (Harvard),
- a Prof. Rastislav Bodík’s group’s meeting (University of California, Berkeley),
- the talk’s research presented to and discussed with some of Prof. Stuart Russell’s group’s members (University of California, Berkeley),
- the talk given at a Prof. Tom Griffiths’ group’s meeting (University of California, Berkeley),
- a Prof. Percy Liang’s group’s meeting (Stanford),
- Microsoft Research (Bangalore, India, hosted by Dr Aditya Nori),
- and Oxford University’s Robotics seminar.

These many talks/meetings (in 2013) and especially following discussions allowed me to gather great feedback on my commenced research direction in program synthesis with probabilistic programming.