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## 🎓 Education

**Universität des Saarlandes** || *MSc Visual Computing (GPA: 1.7)\*\** || Saarbrücken, DE Oct 2021 - Present

**Massachusetts Institute of Technology** || *Special Student in EECS (GPA: 5.0/5.0)* || Cambridge, MA, USA Sept - Dec 2018

**SRM Institute of Science and Technology** || *B.Tech ECE (86.18%)* || Chennai, TN, India July 2016 - May 2020

[\*\* = In the german system, 1.0 is the highest achievable grade]

## 🔧 Experience

**Max Planck Institut for Informatik** || *Research Assistant (HiWi)* || Saarbrücken, Germany August 2024 – Present

➤ (July 2023 - July 2024) **Advisor: Dr. Jonas Fischer.** Working on Mechanistic Interpretability of f-MRI + Image reconstruction models.

**CISPA Helmholtz Institute for Information Security** || *Research Assistant (HiWi)* || Saarbrücken, Germany July 2022 – Present

➤ (July 2023 - Present) **Advisor: Dr. Rebekka Burkholz.** Working on new accelerated perturbation aware methods for finding lottery tickets by use of neuron level pruning. Developed [TurboPrune](#) - 21x faster ground up rewrite of group's codebase.

➤ (July 2022 - July 2023) **Advisor: Dr. Sebastian Stich.** Worked on communication and compute efficient algorithms for federated/distributed optimization using knowledge distillation and sparsity.

**Rediscovery.io** || *Jr. Deep Learning Research Scientist* || Remote - London, UK July. 2020 – May 2021

➤ Contributed to the development of the [remo.ai](#) - a dataset management and visualization tool SDK and integrated supervised/self-supervised learning methods for [classification, segmentation, object detection] in the open source SDK.

**Myelin Foundry** || *Deep Learning Intern* || Bengaluru, IN

➤ (March - June 2020) Designed an end-to-end pipeline for media restoration, upscaling and enhancement for old movies/TV-shows. Involved market research and development of on-device super-resolution for 540p -> 4K upscaling.

➤ (June 2019) Developed an optimized pipeline for training and edge deployment of ASR (Automatic Speech Recognition) for low-resource languages.

**RunwayML** || *ML Researcher (Consultant)* || Remote - Brooklyn, USA Sept. 2019 – Jan. 2020

➤ Added 22+ optimized CV, NLP models to the Runway model zoo – including generative, processing and task oriented models via an intuitive interface in the SDK easily accessible by creatives/artists. Details [here](#).

**Response Environments, MIT Media Lab** || *Undergraduate Researcher* || Cambridge, MA, USA Sept., - Dec., 2018

➤ Developed an information delivery pipeline using DNNs to classify and subsequently modifying a user's audio-stream. Achieved highest possible "A" grade as part of course 6.100 - EECS Project.

## 📄 Publications and pre-prints

- **On the Fairness Impacts of Hardware Selection in Machine Learning** (Sree Harsha Nelaturu\*, Nishaanth Kanna Ravichandran\*, Cuong Tran, Sara Hooker, Ferdinando Fioretto). Accepted @ **ICML 2024** [\* = equal contribution]
- **End to End learnable masks with differentiable indexing.** (Dibyanshu Shekhar\*, Sree Harsha Nelaturu\*, Ashwath Shetty\*, Ilia Sucholutsky). Accepted for archival at **Tiny Papers @ ICLR2023** [\* = equal contribution]
- **Accelerated CNN Training through Gradient Approximation.** (Ziheng Wang, Sree Harsha Nelaturu, Saman Amarsinghe). Published at *EMC<sup>2</sup> Workshop* at the International Symposium on Computer Architecture (**ISCA 2019**).

## 👥 Communities and Volunteering

**CohereForAI (C4AI)** || *Community Lead and Researcher* || Remote 2022 - Present

- Founded and co-led the ML Theory group and currently co-lead the ML efficiency group. Present research papers, organize guest lectures and workshops in the community. Top 1% active community members.
- Worked on a project advised by Sara Hooker (C4AI) and Prof., Ferdinando Fioretto (UvA) on the fairness impacts of hardware selection as a C4AI community researcher.
- Currently working on a community-member led project on **efficient and fair federated learning** leveraging sparsity training.

## Awards and Conferences

- **Best use of OpenAI API (Feb 2021):** Stanford TreeHacks
- **Silver Medal (Feb 2019):** SRM Research Day
- **First Place Winner (Dec 2017):** Microsoft GAINS AI Hackathon
- **First Place Winner, (Dec 2017):** ImagingHub Smart Home Competition
- **Innovation Award, March 2017:** Smart India Hackathon (Ministry of Electronics and IT)
- **Eastern European Machine Learning School (EEML) (2021, 2022):** Accepted based on original research proposal.

## Skills and Interests

- **Tools and frameworks:** PyTorch, TensorRT, JAX, OpenVINO, CUDA, DeepSpeed, Transformers, HuggingFace, TVM
- **Interests:** Efficient training/optimization methods [distributed, federated], Transformers, Sparsity, Pruning, Quantization, Computer Vision and low-resource inference.