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EDUCATION

PhD in Computer Science

TU Berlin, Germany

April 2019 - Present

Dissertation title: “Fine-grained Reuse and Feature Transformations in Machine Learning Systems”

Supervisor: [Matthias Boehm](#)

M.Tech in Software Systems.

Birla Institute of Technology and Science (BITS), Pilani.

2014 – 2016

CGPA: 9.02

Dissertation title: “Commit Time Materialized View Maintenance for Bulk Load Operations in Teradata”

RESEARCH INTERESTS

My research interest lies broadly in the intersection of Data Management, Machine Learning and Systems, an emerging area referred to as Systems for ML or ML Systems. I explore different aspects of the ML system internals to address high computational redundancy. In particular, I am implementing a novel framework for efficient, fine-grained lineage tracing and multi-backend reuse of intermediates inside ML systems.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- **Arnab Phani** et al. 2025. MEMPHIS: Holistic Lineage-based Reuse and Memory Management for Multi-backend ML Systems. In EDBT.
- **Arnab Phani** et al. 2022. UPLIFT: Parallelization Strategies for Feature Transformations in Machine Learning Workloads. In PVLDB.
- **Arnab Phani** et al. 2021. LIMA: Fine-grained Lineage Tracing and Reuse in Machine Learning Systems. In SIGMOD.
- Matthias Boehm et al. 2020. SystemDS: A Declarative Machine Learning System for the End-to-End Data Science Lifecycle. In CIDR.
- **Arnab Phani**, Chandrasekhar Tekur, RKN Sai Krishna. 2019. Commit Time Materialized View Maintenance for Bulk Load Operations in Teradata. In ICECCT.

RESEARCH & INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant

TU Berlin, Germany, TU Graz, Austria

April 2019 - Present

- Primary contributor to [Apache SystemDS](#), an open source end-to-end ML system.
- Contributing to ML system internals from compiler to multi-backend runtime.

Sr. Software Engineer

Teradata Labs, India

July 2010 – March 2019

- Contributed to query execution engine of **Teradata database**.
- Design and implementation of [Read Committed isolation level](#), [Fast Column Add](#), [Global Space Accounting](#), and many other features.

TEACHING & OPEN SOURCE CONTRIBUTIONS

- **Teaching Assistant:** Architecture of DB Systems, and Data Integration and Large-scale Analysis courses.
- **Talks:** SIGMOD 2021, VLDB 2022.
- **Invited Talks:** A Tutorial Workshop on ML Systems @ BTW 2023, @ AWS Berlin, 2024.
- **Apache SystemDS:** PMC member and Release Manager (2.0, 2.1) of Apache SystemDS.
- **Reproducibility:** Availability and reproducibility of [all paper experiments](#).
- **Benchmarks:** FTBench [benchmark](#) for feature transformation workloads with [reference implementations](#).

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