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EDUCATION

PhD in Computer Science **2019 - 2014**
TU Berlin, Germany
Grade: Summa cum laude
Dissertation title: "Fine-grained Reuse and Feature Transformations in Machine Learning Systems"
Supervisor: Matthias Boehm

M.Tech in Software Systems. **2014 – 2016**
Birla Institute of Technology and Science (BITS), Pilani.
CGPA: 9.02
Dissertation title: "Commit Time Materialized View Maintenance for Bulk Load Operations in Teradata"

SUMMARY

I specialize in **large scale data systems**, with a strong focus on **optimizing performance and efficiency**. During my PhD, I explored various aspects of AI/ML **system internals** to mitigate computational redundancy in machine learning workflows. Prior to my PhD, I worked extensively on the massively parallel **query processing engine** of **Teradata Database**.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- **Arnab Phani** et al. 2025. MEMPHIS: Holistic Lineage-based Reuse and Memory Management for Multi-backend ML Systems. In EDBT (**Best Paper Award**).
- **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 **April 2019 - Present**
TU Berlin, Germany, TU Graz, Austria
- 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 **July 2010 – March 2019**
Teradata Labs, India
- 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.

OPEN SOURCE CONTRIBUTIONS

- **Apache SystemDS**: PMC member and Release Manager (2.0, 2.1) of Apache SystemDS.
- **Reproducibility:** Availability and reproducibility of code and all paper experiments.
- **Benchmarks:** FTBench benchmark for feature transformation workloads with reference implementations.
- **Invited Talks:** A Tutorial Workshop on ML4Sys and Sys4ML, BTW 2023, AWS Berlin, 2024
- **Services:** SIGMOD 2026 (PC member)

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