

# Project Large-scale Data Engineering (LDE) Project Kick-off Meeting

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# Announcements/Org



## ▪ Hybrid Setting with Optional Attendance

- In-person in TEL 811 (~20 seats)
- Virtual via zoom

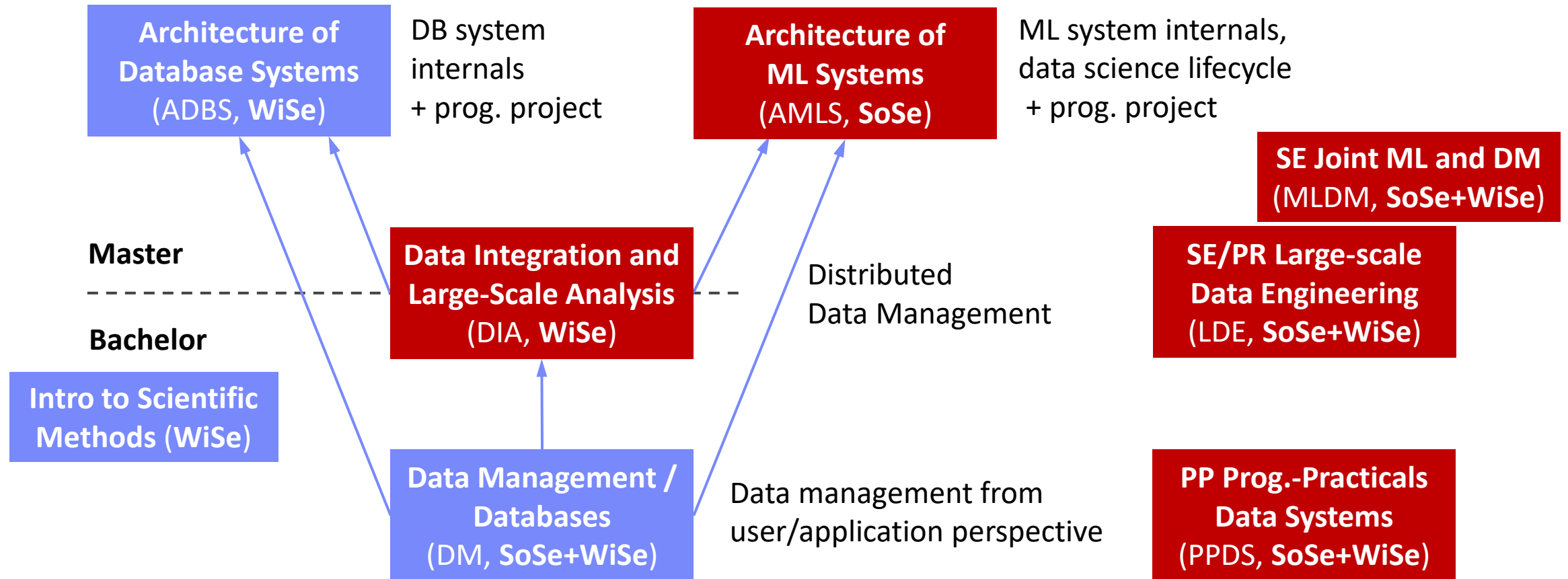
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# About Me

- **Since 10/2022: Postdoc at TU Berlin, Germany**
  - FG Big Data Engineering (DAMS Lab) headed by Prof. Matthias Böhm
  - Continuing work on integrated data analysis pipelines
  - Research interests in the fields of database and ML systems (especially compiler & runtime techniques, extensibility)
- **2021-2022: Postdoc at TU Graz & Know-Center GmbH, Austria**
  - Data Management group headed by Prof. Matthias Böhm
  - Started work on integrated data analysis pipelines
- **2015-2020: PhD student at TU Dresden, Germany**
  - Dresden Database Research Group headed by Prof. Wolfgang Lehner
  - PhD thesis on making complex analytical database queries more efficient through lightweight compression of intermediate results





# Agenda



- **Course Organization, Outline, and Deliverables**
- **Apache SystemDS and DAPHNE**
- **List of Project Topics (Proposals)**

# Course Organization, Outline, and Deliverables

# Large-scale Data Engineering: Module Overview



20 places in total

bachelor + master

#41086: LDE Seminar + Project (12 ECTS)

10 students

10 students

#41095: Seminar LDE (3)

#41183: Project LDE (9 ECTS)

8 students

bachelor-only

bachelor-only

Mon, 14:00-16:00  
TEL 811 & zoom

## Seminar LDE

- Reading & writing scientific papers
- Giving presentations on papers
- Summary paper
- Presentation
- Lecturer & seminar mentor



## Project LDE

- Building & evaluating prototypes
- Giving presentations on prototypes
- Prototype design/impl/tests/doc
- Presentation
- Project mentors



Mon, 16:00-18:00  
TEL 811 & zoom

- In the context of systems for data engineering, data management, machine learning
- In combination: Ideal preparation for a bachelor/master thesis with our group

# Course Organization



## ■ General Contact Person

- Dr.-Ing. Patrick Damme ([patrick.damme@tu-berlin.de](mailto:patrick.damme@tu-berlin.de))

## ■ Course Website

- [https://pdamme.github.io/teaching/2024\\_summer/lde/lde\\_summer2024.html](https://pdamme.github.io/teaching/2024_summer/lde/lde_summer2024.html)
- One site for seminar and project
- All material, schedule, **deadlines**

## ■ ISIS course

- <https://isis.tu-berlin.de/course/view.php?id=37443>
- Announcements, discussion forum, polls for topic selection

## ■ Language

- Lectures and slides: **English**
- Communication: **English/German**
- Submitted paper and presentation: **English**
- **Informal language** (first name is fine), immediate feedback is welcome



# Semester Schedule & Deadlines



- **Kick-off Meeting Apr 15** (optional)
- **Recommended Introductory Lecture** (optional)
  - May 06, 14:00: Experiments, Reproducibility, and Giving Presentations
- **Self-organized Project Work**
  - Office hours for any questions (optional)
  - **Recommendation:**
    - Basic prototype working by end of June
    - Focus on incorporating feedback and conducting experiments afterwards
- **Final Presentations** (mandatory)
  - Aug 05, 14:00-18:00: All teams and individuals
- **List of Project Topics**
  - Presented today, take your time to select afterwards
- **Topic Selection**
  - **Deadline: Apr 29, 23:59 CET** (in 2 weeks)
  - Ranked list of **5 topics** via poll on the ISIS course, plus preferences on individual/team work, plus optionally concrete team members
  - Global topic assignment based on preferences
  - **Notification of assigned topics: May 06** (in 3 weeks)
- **Submission of Impl/Tests/Doc**
  - **Deadline: Jul 29, 23:59 CET** (in 15 weeks)
  - As a pull request on GitHub (exceptionally by email)
- **Submission of Presentation Slides**
  - **Deadline: The day before you present, 23:59 CET**
  - Presentation slides (PDF) to PD and project mentor

# Project Deliverables



- **Individual/Team Project Work**
  - Teams of up to 3 students **strongly encouraged**
- **Design/Implementation/Tests/Documentation**
  - Get familiar with the given task/problem
  - Develop an initial design for discussion
  - **Discuss the design during the office hours**
  - Implement your design, plus tests and docs
  - Conduct experiments and analyze/visualize results
- **Presentation**
  - Summarize the problem and your solution (design, implementation, experimental results)
  - **1 student: 10 min talk + 5 min discussion = 15 min**
  - **2 students: 13 min + 7 min = 20 min**
  - **3 students: 16 min + 9 min = 25 min**
  - Audience: engage in the discussion
- **Grading**
  - **#41086 (seminar + project)**
    - Graded portfolio exam
    - 25 pts: summary paper
    - 15 pts: presentation
    - 50 pts: design/impl/tests/doc
    - 10 pts: presentation
  - **#41183 (project-only)**
    - Graded portfolio exam
    - 85 pts: implementation/tests/documentation
    - 15 pts: presentation
- **Academic Honesty / No Plagiarism** (incl LLMs like ChatGPT)

# Portfolio Exam Registration



- **Portfolio exam registration: May 06 – Jun 03**
  - Binding registration in Moses/MTS
  - Including selection of seminar presentation date (first-come-first-serve)
- **Portfolio exam de-registration**
  - **Until 3 days before the first graded exam part**
    - Modules “LDE”/”Seminar LDE”: until **Jun 21**
    - Module “Project LDE”: until **Jul 26**
    - De-register yourself in Moses/MTS
  - **With sufficient reason: Until the day of the exam**
    - In case of sickness etc.
    - Modules “LDE”/”Seminar LDE”: until **Jun 24**
    - Module “Project LDE”: until **Jul 29**
- **Missing deadlines/exam without de-registration**
  - Zero points in the respective exam part (!)
  - **Approach us early in case of problems**
- **If you don't want to take LDE anymore**
  - Let me know asap to give students in the queue a chance to fill in

# LDE Project Characteristics



## ▪ Unique Characteristics

- Each team/individual gets a different topic

## ▪ Advantages

- Topics are real open issues in existing systems
- Meaningful contributions to open-source systems
- Your work will be used by others (impact)
- You earn 9 ECTS (~270 h of work)
- **~6.75 weeks of full-time work**

## ▪ Practice Open-source Processes

- Breakdown into subtasks
- Code/tests/docs
- Pull requests
- Code review
- Incorporate feedback to improve code

## ▪ Remarks on Topic Descriptions

- Lots of open topics to work on in the two systems we develop in our group
- Initial topic descriptions of varying level of detail
- If there is interest in a specific topic, we will provide more detailed descriptions with some pointers (please approach project mentors directly)
- Open to alternative topic proposals

# LDE Projects in the Context of Two Open-source Systems



## ■ DAPHNE EU-project

<https://github.com/daphne-eu/daphne>

- Focus on integrated data analysis pipelines
- Project implementation in C++ and Python

## ■ Apache SystemDS

<https://github.com/apache/systemds>

- Focus on the end-to-end data science lifecycle
- Project implementation in Java, Python, and DML

# Apache SystemDS: A Declarative ML System for the End-to-End Data Science Lifecycle

<https://github.com/apache/systemds>



# Landscape of ML Systems



## Existing ML Systems

- #1 Numerical computing frameworks
- #2 ML Algorithm libraries (local, large-scale)
- #3 Linear algebra ML systems (large-scale)
- #4 Deep neural network (DNN) frameworks
- #5 Model management, and deployment



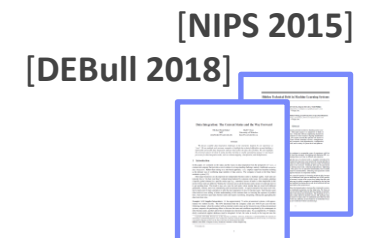
## Exploratory Data-Science Lifecycle

- **Open-ended problems** w/ underspecified objectives
- Hypotheses, data integration, run analytics
- **Unknown value** → lack of system infrastructure  
→ **Redundancy of manual efforts and computation**

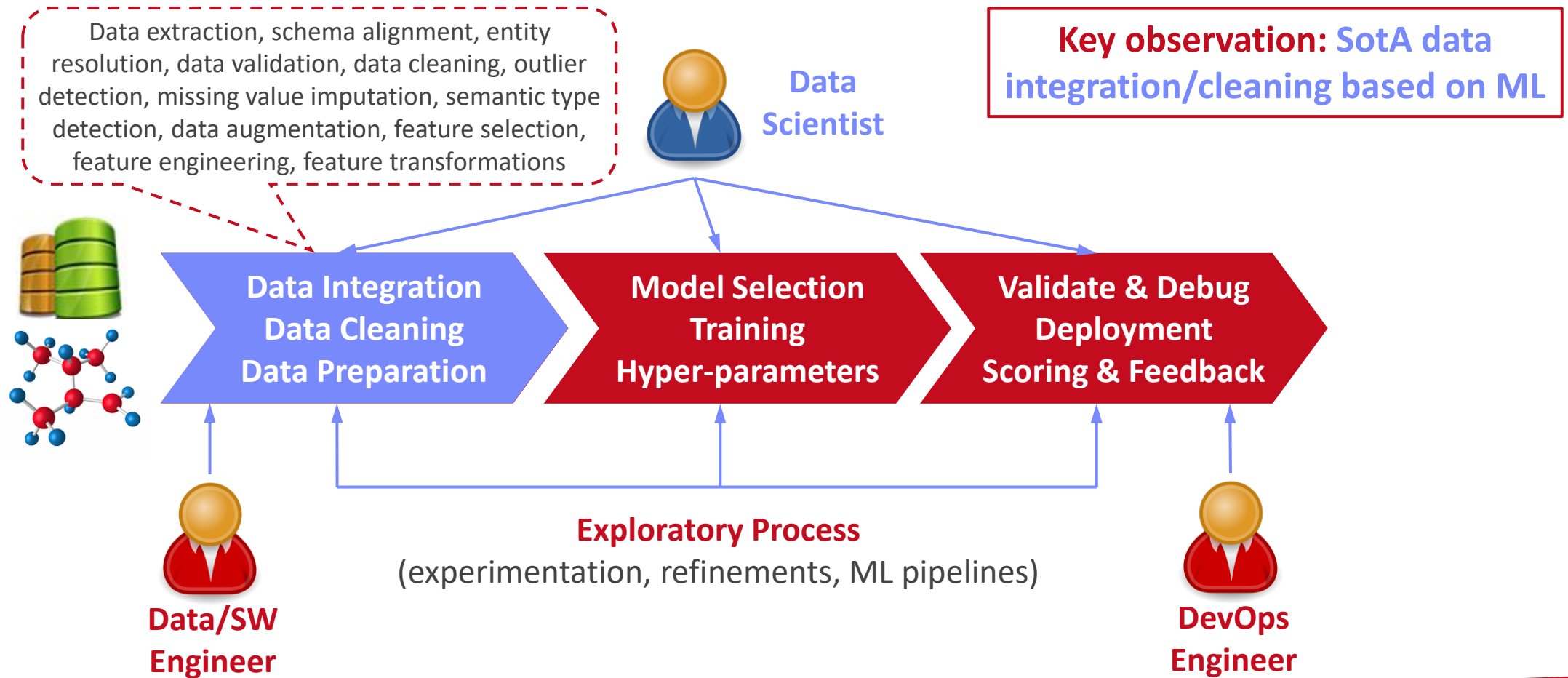
**“Take these datasets and show value or competitive advantage”**

## Data Preparation Problem

- **80% Argument:** 80-90% time for finding, integrating, cleaning data
- Diversity of tools → boundary crossing, lack of optimization



# The Data Science Lifecycle (aka KDD Process, aka CRISP-DM)





# Apache SystemDS [\[https://github.com/apache/systemds\]](https://github.com/apache/systemds)



**APIs:** Command line, JMLC, Python  
Spark MLContext, Spark ML,  
(Scalable Algorithms + Primitives)

DML Scripts

Language

Compiler

Runtime

Write Once,  
Run Anywhere

**In-Memory Single Node**  
(scale-up)

**Hadoop or Spark Cluster**  
(scale-out)

**Federated**  
(LA progs, PS)

- [SIGMOD'15,'17,'19,'21abc,'23abc]
- [PVLDB'14,'16ab,'18,'22]
- [ICDE'11,'12,'15]
- [CIDR'17,'20]
- [VLDBJ'18]
- [CIKM'22]
- [DEBull'14]
- [PPoPP'15]



- 07/2020 Renamed to **Apache SystemDS**
- 05/2017 Apache Top-Level Project
- 11/2015 Apache Incubator Project
- 08/2015 Open Source Release

In-Progress:

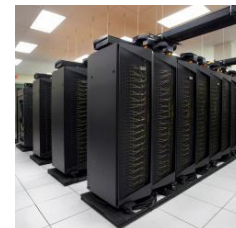
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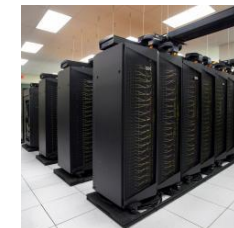
since 2014/16



since 2012



since 2010/11



since 2015



since 2019

# Language Abstractions and APIs



Data Independence + Impl-Agnostic Ops

→ “Separation of Concerns”

- Example:  
Stepwise  
Linear  
Regression

## User Script

```
X = read('features.csv')
Y = read('labels.csv')
[B,S] = steplm(X, Y,
icpt=0, reg=0.001)
write(B, 'model.txt')
```

## Built-in Functions

```
m_steplm = function(...) {
  while( continue ) {
    parfor( i in 1:n ) {
      if( !fixed[1,i] ) {
        Xi = cbind(Xg, X[,i])
        B[,i] = lm(Xi, y, ...)
      }
    }
    # add best to Xg
    # (AIC)
  }
}
```

Feature  
Selection

```
m_lmCG = function(...) {
  while( i<maxi&nr2>tgt ) {
    q = (t(X) %** (X %** p))
      + lambda * p
    beta = ... }
}
```

Linear  
Algebra  
Programs

```
m_lm = function(...) {
  if( ncol(X) > 1024 )
    B = lmCG(X, y, ...)
  else
    B = lmDS(X, y, ...)
}
```

ML  
Algorithms

```
m_lmDS = function(...) {
  l = matrix(reg,ncol(X),1)
  A = t(X) %** X + diag(l)
  b = t(X) %** y
  beta = solve(A, b) ...}
```

Facilitates optimization  
across data science  
lifecycle tasks

# Basic HOP and LOP DAG Compilation

## LinregDS (Direct Solve)

```
X = read($1);
y = read($2);
intercept = $3;
lambda = 0.001;
...
```

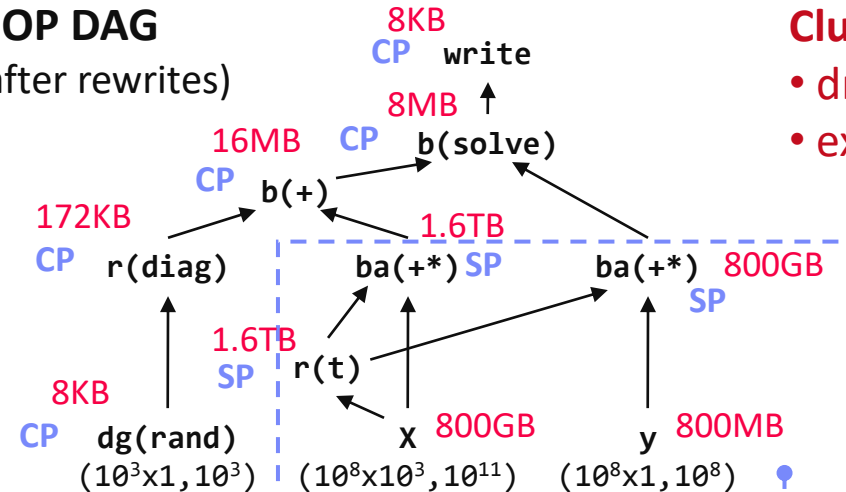
**Scenario:**  
 $X: 10^8 \times 10^3, 10^{11}$   
 $y: 10^8 \times 1, 10^8$

```
if( intercept == 1 ) {
  ones = matrix(1, nrow(X), 1);
  X = append(X, ones);
}
```

```
I = matrix(1, ncol(X), 1);
A = t(X) %*% X + diag(I)*lambda;
b = t(X) %*% y;
beta = solve(A, b);
...
write(beta, $4);
```

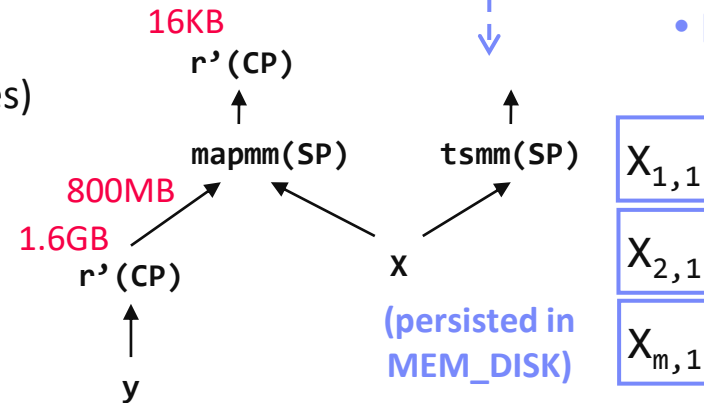
## HOP DAG

(after rewrites)



## LOP DAG

(after rewrites)



## Cluster Config:

- driver mem: 20 GB
- exec mem: 60 GB

## → Distributed Matrices

- Fixed-size matrix blocks
- Data-parallel operations

## → Hybrid Runtime Plans:

- Size propagation / memory estimates
- Integrated CP / Spark runtime
- Dynamic recompilation during runtime

# DAPHNE: An Open and Extensible System Infrastructure for Integrated Data Analysis Pipelines

<https://github.com/daphne-eu/daphne>

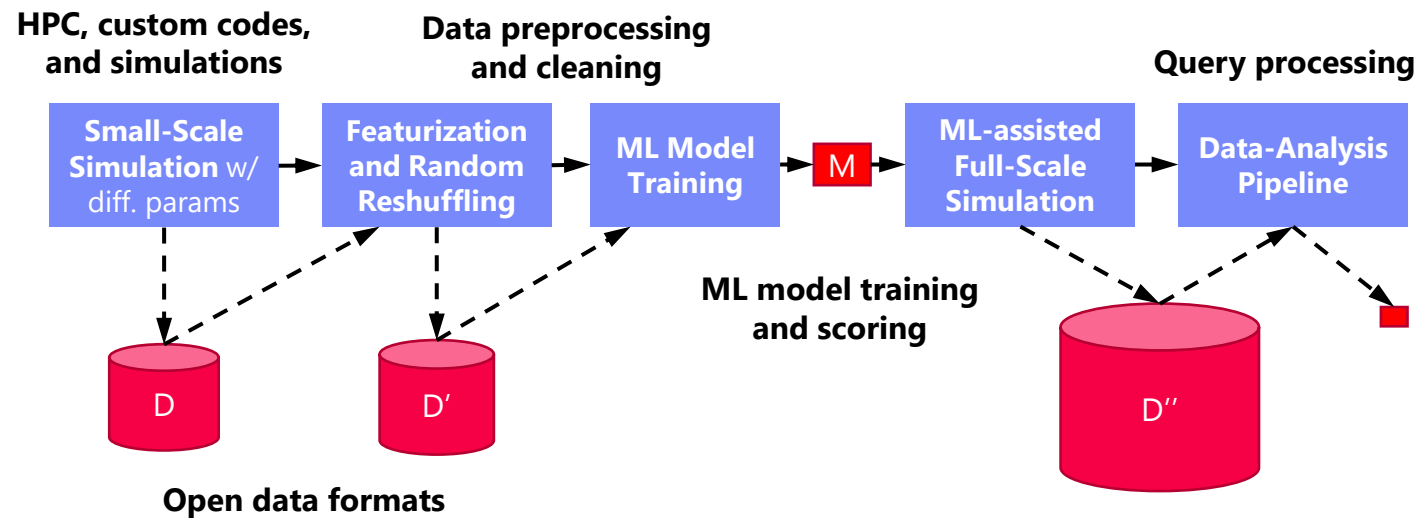


# Integrated Data Analysis (IDA) Pipelines



**DM** + **ML** + **HPC**  
Data Management + Machine Learning + High-Perf. Computing

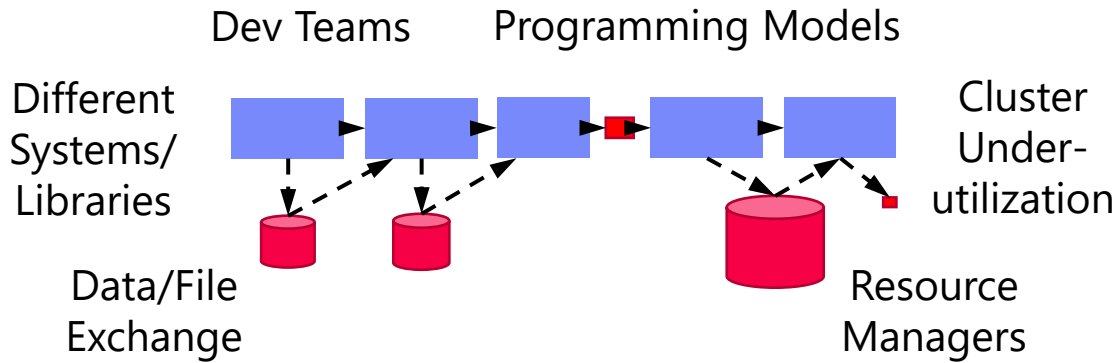
## Example: ML-assisted Simulation



# Challenges



## Deployment Challenges



**DAPHNE: An open and extensible system infrastructure for IDA pipelines**

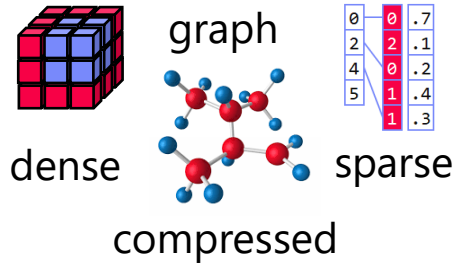
**Increasing Specialization**

## Hardware Challenges

- DM+ML+HPC share compilation and runtime techniques / converging cluster hardware
- **End of Dennard scaling**
- **End of Moore's law**
- **Amdahl's law**

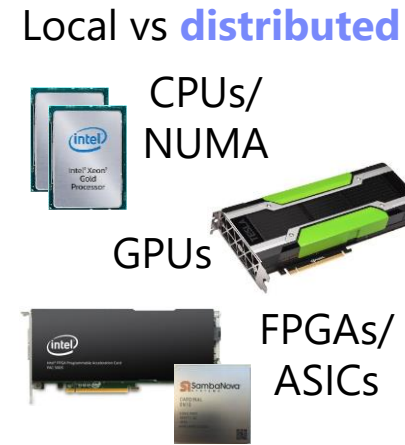


### Data Representations



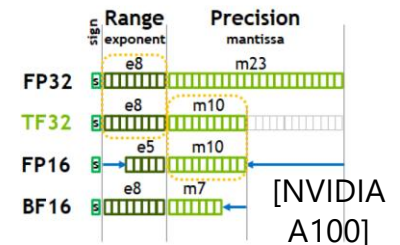
**Sparsity Exploitation**  
from Algorithms to HW

### Data Placement

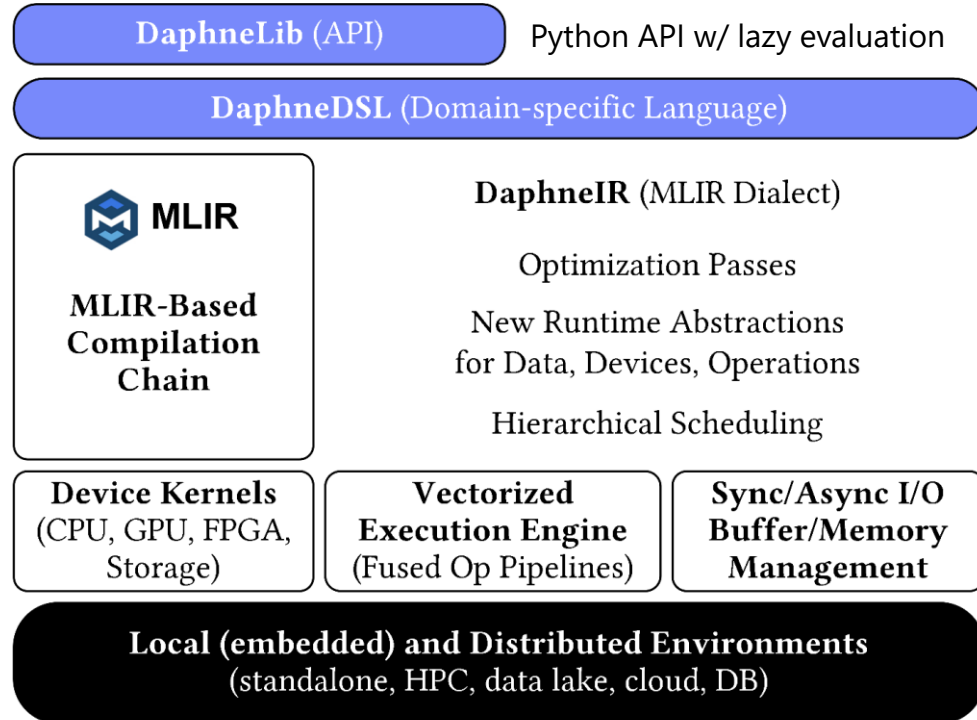


### Data (Value) Types

FP32, FP64, INT8, INT32, INT64, UINT8, BF16, TF32, FlexPoint

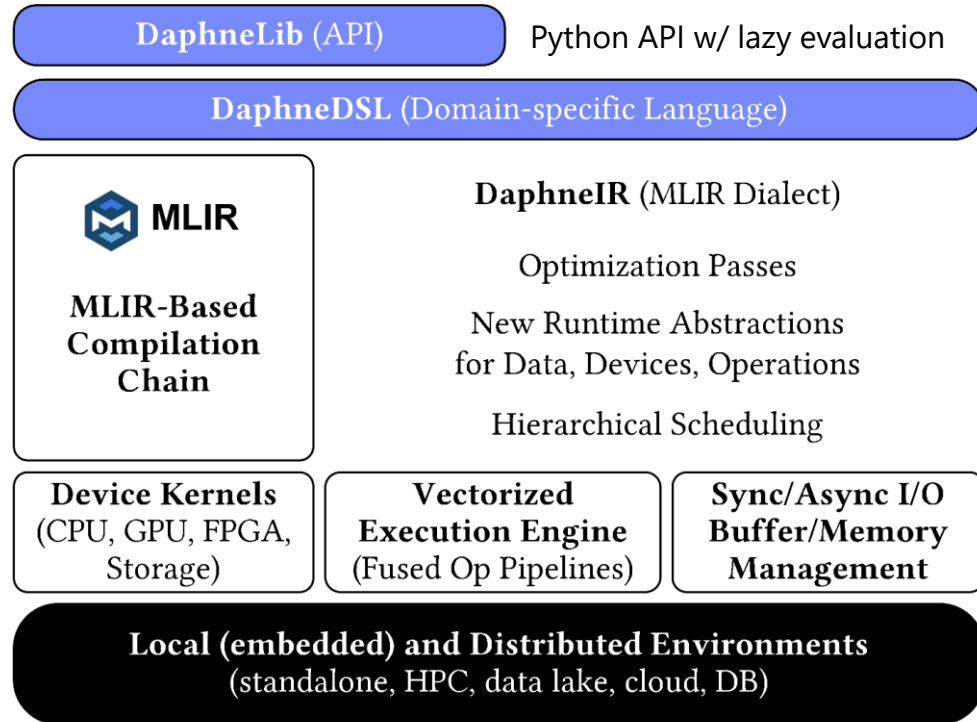


## System Architecture



# Language Abstractions

## System Architecture



## DSL for linear and relational algebra

- Coarse-grained **matrix/frame operations**
- Built-in operations for **linear and relational algebra**
- **High-level operations** (e.g., SQL, parameter servers, map)
- Conditional **control flow** (branches, loops)
- Typed and untyped **user-defined functions**
- **Hierarchy of primitives** for data science tasks
- **Physical data independence**

### Example: **linear regression model training** (simplified)

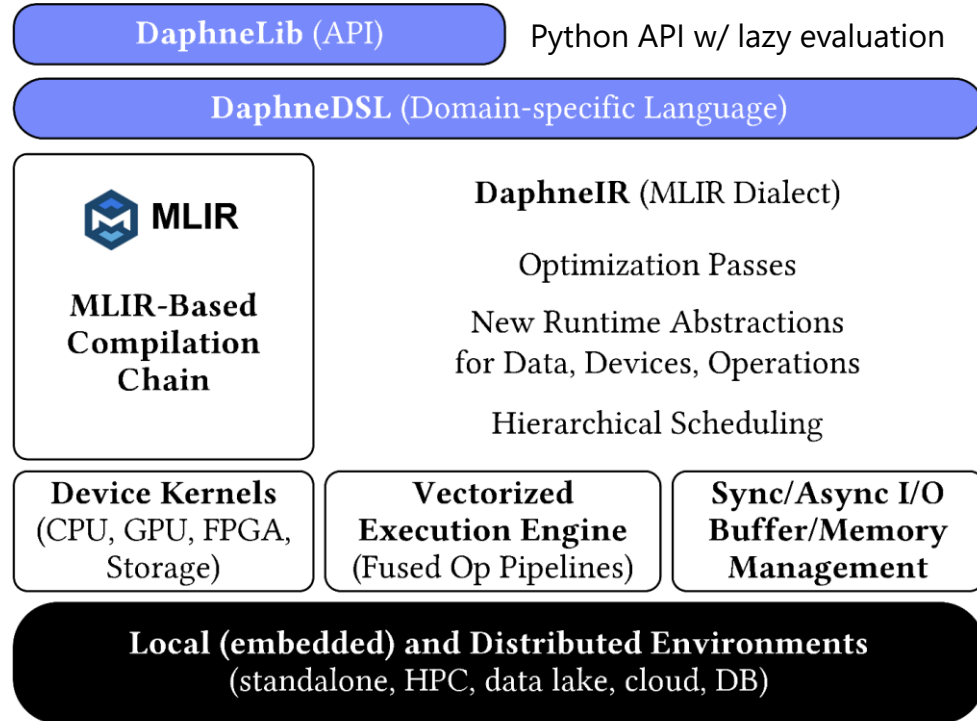
```
def lm(X, y) { // X feature matrix, y labels
  colmu = mean(X, 1); // column means
  colsd = stddev(X, 1); // column stddevs
  X = (X - colmu) / colsd; // shift and scale
  X = cbind(X, 1); // append column of ones
  A = t(X) @ X; // t for transpose
  b = t(X) @ y; // @ for matrix mult
  return solve(A, b); // system of linear eq
}
```

```
my_model = lm(my_X, my_y);
```



# Optimizing Compiler

## System Architecture



## MLIR-based Optimizing Compiler

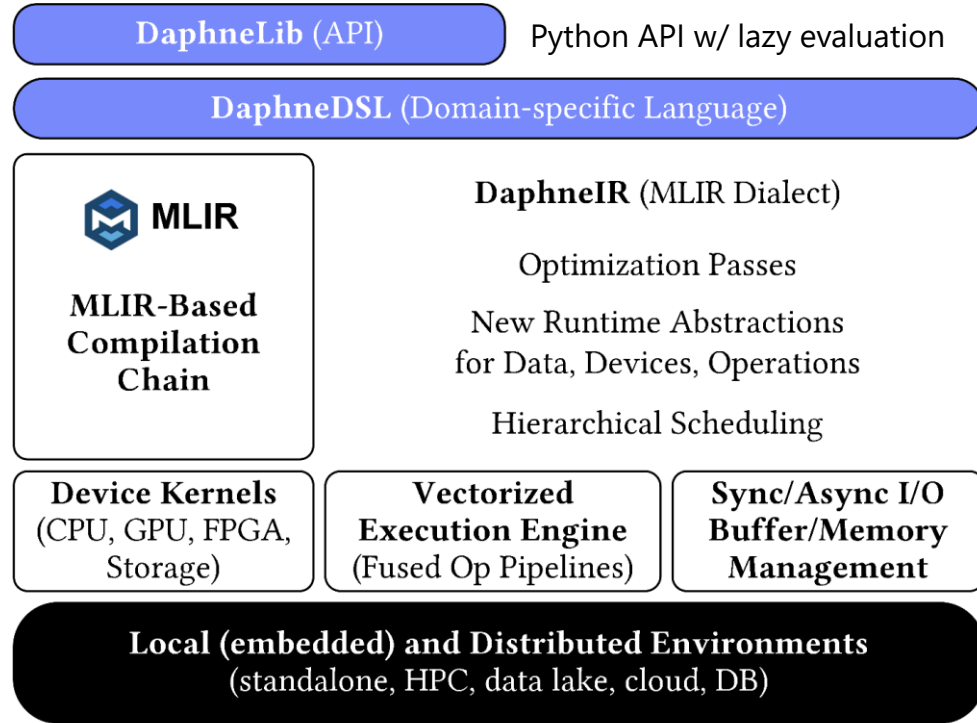
- Intermediate representation **DaphneIR (MLIR dialect)**
- **Systematic lowering** from **domain-specific operations** to calls to pre-compiled **kernels for heterogeneous hardware**
- Traditional **programming language rewrites**
- Type & property **inference**, inter-procedural analysis
- **Domain-specific rewrites** from linear and relational algebra
- Memory management & garbage collection
- **Device placement & physical operator selection**

## Example: **linear regression model training** (simplified)

```
%10:2 = "daphne.vectorizedPipeline"(%5, %colmu, %colsd, %7, %6) ({  
  ^bb0(%arg0: ..., %arg1: ..., %arg2: ..., %arg3: ..., %arg4: ...):  
    %12 = "daphne.ewSub"(%arg0, %arg1) : ...  
    %13 = "daphne.ewDiv"(%12, %arg2) : ...  
    %14 = "daphne.colBind"(%13, %arg3) : ...  
    %15 = "daphne.gemv"(%14, %arg4) : ... // rewritten from matmul/@  
    %16 = "daphne.syrk"(%14) : ... // rewritten from matmul/@  
    "daphne.return"(%15, %16) : ...  
}, ...
```

# Runtime

## System Architecture

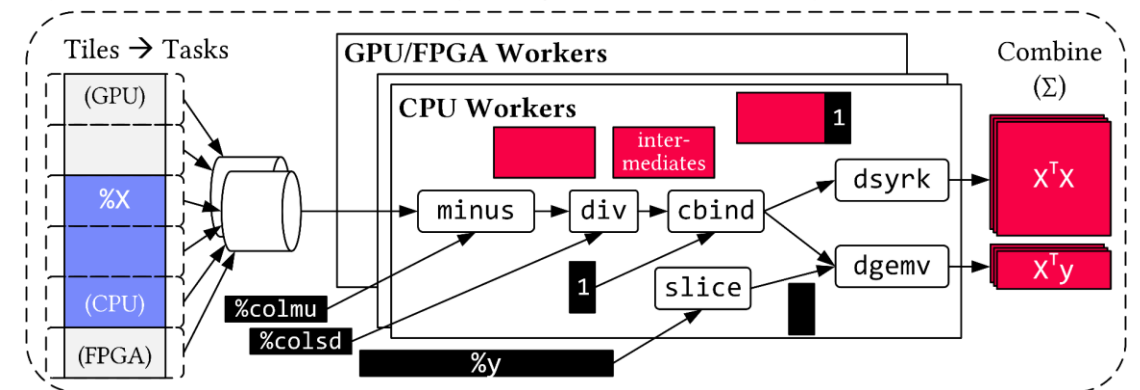


## Distributed and Local Vectorized Execution

- **Fused operator pipelines** on tiles/vectors of data
- Coarse-grained tasks and cache-conscious data binding
- Device **kernels for heterogeneous hardware**
- Integration of **computational storage** (e.g., eBPF programs)
- **Scheduling for load balancing** (e.g., for ops on sparse data)
- Different **distributed backends** (e.g., gRPC, OpenMPI)

## Example: linear regression model training (simplified)

```
(%9, %10) = fusedPipeline1(%X, %y, %colmu, %colsd) {
```



# Which System to Choose for Your LDE Project: SystemDS or DAPHNE?



## ▪ Lot's of Similarities

- Open-source systems, with major influence of our research group
- Declarative DSL for linear (and relational) algebra
- Domain-specific compiler
- Runtime with local and distributed execution, hardware accelerators
- Focus on efficient and effective execution of machine learning and data science tasks
- ...

## ▪ Some Differences

### ▪ SystemDS

- More mature system (since 2010, including history from SystemML)
- Mainly written in Java and Python
- Tasks in system internals and DSL scripts

### ▪ DAPHNE

- Younger system (since 2021)
- Mainly written in C++ and Python
- Tasks in system internals
- Based on MLIR (compiler framework)

# How to Get Started



## ▪ Suggested Initial Steps

- Navigate to the GitHub repo of the respective system
- Browse the documentation
- Set up your development environment and try to build and run the system
- Browse the source code, identify the points related to your task
- Read the contribution guidelines
- Start early to identify blocking issues

# List of Project Topics (Proposals)

See list at [https://pdamme.github.io/teaching/2024\\_summer/IdE/ProjectTopics.pdf](https://pdamme.github.io/teaching/2024_summer/IdE/ProjectTopics.pdf)

# Summary and Q&A



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- **Remaining Questions?**
  
- **Reminder: Seminar Introductory Lecture Recommended for the Project**
  - 03 **Experiments, Reproducibility, and Giving Presentations** [May 06, 14:00]
  
- **See you during the office hours 😊**