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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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**I am interested in a secure and efficient architecture of high-performance devices (such as GPU, NPU, CXL, and PIM).**

My research objective is to design high-performance devices with security guarantees. To achieve this goal, my recent studies focus on 1) *hardware security* and 2) *performance improvement* of high-performance devices.

**Hardware Security of High-performance Devices:** As accelerators, CXL, and PIM are widely used in mission-critical tasks, the importance of security increases. Although I extended Trusted Execution Environment (TEE) to GPU, NPU, CXL, and a heterogeneous processor in previous studies, countless security weaknesses still remain. Therefore, I aim to increase the security level to resist unintended operations of high-performance devices.

**Performance Improvement of High-performance Devices:** Since machine learning requires speedy processing, I consider both hardware and software optimization to enhance parallelism or to eliminate unnecessary procedures. In my prior studies, I proposed a fine-grained scheduling algorithm in GPU and NPU to increase resource utilization. Beyond these optimizations, I target a further improvement as a future research direction.

From these two sub-goals, my objective is to combine a trusted system with a high-performance device design. It is expected to protect users from attackers in a reasonable latency.

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

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**KAIST**, Daejeon, Republic of Korea *Mar 2025 -*  
Post-doctoral Researcher, School of Computing  
Advisor: Jaehyuk Huh

**Artifact Evaluation Committee:** ISCA 2025

**uArch** (in conjunction with **ISCA 2022**), New York City, United States of America *June 2022*  
Student Panel  
Topic: Life in Grad School

## EDUCATION

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**KAIST**, Daejeon, Republic of Korea *Mar 2021 - Feb 2025*  
Ph.D. Student, School of Computing  
Advisor: Jaehyuk Huh  
Thesis: *Trusted Execution Environment for AI Processing System with Heterogeneous Processors and PIM Devices*

**KAIST**, Daejeon, Republic of Korea *Mar 2019 - Feb 2021*  
Master of Science, School of Computing  
Advisor: Jaehyuk Huh  
Thesis: *Hardware Security Techniques for Trusted Machine Learning Accelerators*

**Yonsei University**, Seoul, Republic of Korea *Mar 2015 - Feb 2019*  
Bachelor of Science, Computer Science

## PUBLICATIONS

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- **Sunho Lee**, Seonjin Na, Jeongwon Choi, Jinwon Pyo, and Jaehyuk Huh, “Unified Memory Protection with Multi-granular MAC and Integrity Tree for Heterogeneous Processors”, *the 52nd International Symposium on Computer Architecture (ISCA)*, June 2025
- Kwanghoon Choi, Igjae Kim, **Sunho Lee**, and Jaehyuk Huh, “ShieldCXL: A Practical Obliviousness Support with Sealed CXL Memory”, *ACM Transactions on Architecture and Code Optimization (TACO)*, March 2025

- Seonjin Na, Jungwoo Kim, **Sunho Lee**, and Jaehyuk Huh, “Supporting Secure Multi-GPU Computing with Dynamic and Batched Metadata Management”, *the 30th IEEE International Symposium on High-Performance Computer Architecture (HPCA)*, March 2024
- Jungwoo Kim, Seonjin Na, Sanghyeon Lee, **Sunho Lee**, and Jaehyuk Huh, “Improving Data Reuse in NPU On-chip Memory with Interleaved Gradient Order for DNN Training”, *the 56th IEEE/ACM International Symposium on Microarchitecture (MICRO)*, October 2023
- \*Soojin Hwang, \***Sunho Lee**, Jungwoo Kim, Hongbeen Kim, Jaehyuk Huh, “mNPUsim: Evaluating the Effect of Sharing Resources with Multi-Core NPUs”, *the 2023 IEEE International Symposium on Workload Characterization (IISWC)*, October 2023 (\* co-first authors)
- Seungho Lee, **Sunho Lee**, Jaehyuk Huh, and Sejin Kwon, “Proposal of Aerospace-informatics by Design of Ramjet Inlet Using Machine Learning”, *the 2023 Aerospace Europe Conference (AEC) joint event between the 10th European Conference for Aerospace Sciences (EUCASS) and the 9th Council of European Aerospace Societies (CEAS)*, July 2023
- **Sunho Lee**, Seonjin Na, Jungwoo Kim, Jongse Park, and Jaehyuk Huh, “Tunable Memory Protection for Secure Neural Processing Units”, *the 40th IEEE International Conference on Computer Design (ICCD)*, October 2022
- Seungbeom Choi, **Sunho Lee**, Yeonjae Kim, Jongse Park, Youngjin Kwon, and Jaehyuk Huh, “Serving Heterogeneous Machine Learning Models on Multi-GPU Servers with Spatio-Temporal Sharing”, *the 2022 USENIX Annual Technical Conference (USENIX ATC)*, July 2022
- **Sunho Lee**, Jungwoo Kim, Seonjin Na, Jongse Park, and Jaehyuk Huh, “TNPU: Supporting Trusted Execution with Tree-less Integrity Protection for Neural Processing Unit”, *the 28th IEEE International Symposium on High-Performance Computer Architecture (HPCA)*, April 2022
- Seonjin Na, **Sunho Lee**, Yeonjae Kim, Jongse Park, and Jaehyuk Huh, “Common Counters: Compressed Encryption Counters for Secure GPU Memory”, *the 27th IEEE International Symposium on High-Performance Computer Architecture (HPCA)*, March 2021

## PATENTS

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- [Application: KR 1020250065203] Jaehyuk Huh, Kwanghoon Choi, Igjae Kim, and **Sunho Lee**, “Efficient Access Obfuscation with CXL Memory”, *Korean Patent*
- [Application: KR 1020230055347] Jaehyuk Huh, Jungwoo Kim, Seonjin Na, Sanghyeon Lee, and **Sunho Lee**, “Improving the Utilization of NPU On-chip Memory with Computation Rearrangement for DNN Training”, *Korean Patent*
- [Application: KR 1020230055346] Jaehyuk Huh, Seonjin Na, Jungwoo Kim, and **Sunho Lee**, “Dynamic One-time Pad Table Management for Secure Multi-GPU Communication”, *Korean Patent*
- [Registration: US 12045337] Jaehyuk Huh, **Sunho Lee**, and Seonjin Na, “Apparatus and Method for Providing Secure Execution Environment for NPU”, *US Patent* (with Samsung Electronics)
- [Application: KR 1020220055977] Jaehyuk Huh, Seungbeom Choi, **Sunho Lee**, Yeonjae Kim, Youngjin Kwon, Jongse Park, “Machine Learning Inference Time-spatial SW Scheduler Based on Multiple GPU”, *Korean Patent*
- [Registration: KR 1023652630000] Jaehyuk Huh, Seonjin Na, **Sunho Lee**, Yeonjae Kim, and Jongse Park, “Efficient Encryption Method and Apparatus for Hardware-based Secure GPU Memory”, *Korean Patent*

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCES

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**KAIST**, Daejeon, Republic of Korea

Mar 2019 -

Ongoing Researches at CASYS (Computer Architecture and SYStem) Lab

Advisor: Jaehyuk Huh

### High-performance Device Security

- Memory protection optimization for GPU: Common counters for duplicate counters (Published in **HPCA 2021**)
- Inter-processing unit communication protection optimization for multi-GPU: Dynamic OTP table management and batched MAC (Published in **HPCA 2024**)

- Trusted execution environment for NPU: Tensor-granularity counters (Published in **HPCA 2022**)
- Memory protection optimization for NPU: Partial memory protection (Published in **ICCD 2022**)
- Side-channel attack protection for NPU
- Dynamic secure-granularity management for heterogeneous processors: Multi-granular MAC and multi-granular integrity tree (Published in **ISCA 2025**)
- Memory protection and obfuscation for CXL: Sealing CXL module, flit encryption, dummy flit, and DRAM cache partitioning (Published in **TACO 2025**)
- Efficient homomorphic encryption scheme for LLM
- Memory virtualization for multi-tenant general-purpose PIM

### High-performance Device Performance

- Multi-tenancy support for a multi-GPU system: Time and spatial sharing (Published in **USENIX ATC 2022**)
- Accurate multi-NPU simulation: Multi-NPU simulator attached with DRAMsim3 (Published in **IISWC 2023**)
- On-chip memory management for training NPU: Access order rearrangement (Published in **MICRO 2023**)

**Yonsei University**, Seoul, Republic of Korea

*Sep 2017 - June 2018*

*Undergraduate Research Intern at ELC (Embedded systems Languages and Compilers) Lab*

Advisor: Bernd Burgstaller

### Parallelism

- Accelerating big-data streaming engine: Multi-thread and shared-memory
- Parallelization of SFA (Simultaneous Deterministic Finite Automata) construction: MPI and Huang's algorithm

## RECOGNITION

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**KAIST**, Daejeon, Republic of Korea

Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award - CS311 Computer Organization

*Spring 2022, Fall 2019*

Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award - CS230 System Programming

*Fall 2023*

**Yonsei University**, Seoul, Republic of Korea

Dean's List

*Spring 2018, Spring 2015*

Undergraduate Capstone Project Award (Third Place) - Project Leader

*Spring 2018*

Title: *Cloud SFA: Parallel Construction of Simultaneous Deterministic Finite Automata in Distributed System*

**Samsung Electronics**, Hwaseong, Republic of Korea

Best Paper Award (Third Place)

*Summer 2022*

Title: *TNPU: Supporting Trusted Execution with Tree-less Integrity Protection for Neural Processing Unit*

## SKILLS

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**Programming Languages**

C, C++, Python

**NPU Simulators**

*mNPU*sim, SCALE-Sim, MAESTRO, Gemini

**GPU Programming**

CUDA, MPS

**Multi-core CPU Programming**

MPI, OpenMP

**Machine Learning Frameworks**

Pytorch, Tensorflow

## TEACHING EXPERIENCES

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**KAIST**, Daejeon, Republic of Korea

*Teaching Assistant*

CS230 System Programming

*Fall 2023, Fall 2021*

CS311 Computer Organization

*Fall 2022, Spring 2022, Spring 2021, Fall 2019*

CS211 Digital System and Lab

*Spring 2019*

**KAIST Education Center**, Daejeon, Republic of Korea

*Mentor & Lecturer*

Seocho AI College

*Summer 2019, Summer 2021*

Python for Beginners

*Summer 2022, Summer 2021*