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Research Interest

- Large-Scale Distributed Machine Learning and Deep Learning
- Federated Learning on Heterogeneous Systems
- Applied Machine Learning (E.g., Physics + ML)

Education

Northwestern University	Evanston, IL USA
Ph.D. in Computer Engineering	2020
Advisors: Prof. Alok Choudhary and Prof. Wei-keng Liao	
Thesis: Scalable Parallelization Strategy for Large-Scale Deep Learning	

Hanyang University	Seoul, South Korea
B.S. and M.S. in Computer Engineering	2009
Advisor: Prof. Minsoo Ryu	

Employment

Inha University	Incheon, South Korea
Assistant Professor of Computer Engineering	2022 – now

University of Southern California	Los Angeles, CA USA
Postdoctoral Researcher	2020 – 2022
Advisor: Prof. Salman Avestimehr	

Samsung Electronics, Memory Solutions Lab.	Hwaseong, South Korea
System Software Researcher	2013 – 2015

Humax	Bundang, South Korea
Software Engineer (Alternative Military Service)	2009 – 2013

Research Internship

Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory
Research Intern

Berkeley, CA USA
Jun 2020 – Aug 2020

Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory
Research Intern

Batavia, IL USA
Jul 2019 – Sep 2019

Argonne National Laboratory
Research Intern

Lemont, IL USA
Jun 2018 – Aug 2018

Teaching Experience

Inha University

- CSE4315: Machine Learning Spring 2023
- CSE1103: Objected Oriented Programming 2 Spring 2023
- CSE3209: System Programming Fall 2022, 2023
- CSE3313: Linux Programming Fall 2022, 2023

University of Southern California

- AEOP Scholarship Program in Data Science Summer 2021

Northwestern University

- CE501: Social Media Mining Spring 2020
- CE303: Advanced Digital Design Fall 2019

Honors & Awards

FL-AAAI Workshop Best Paper Award

2022

- SSFL: Tackling Label Deficiency in Federated Learning via Personalized Self-Supervision

IEEE HiPC Best Paper Finalist

2017

- Parallel Deep Convolutional Neural Network Training by Exploiting the Overlapping of Computation and Communication

Publications

1. Sunwoo Lee, Anit Sahu, Chaoyang He, and Salman Avestimehr, Partial Model Averaging in Federated Learning: Performance Guarantees and Benefits, *Neurocomputing* 2023

2. Yue Niu, Saurav Prakash, Souvik Kundu, **Sunwoo Lee**, and Salman Avestimehr, Overcoming Resource Constraints in Federated Learning: Large Models Can Be Trained with only Weak Clients, *Transactions on Machine Learning Research* 2023
3. Yue Niu, Zalan Fabian, **Sunwoo Lee**, Mahdi Soltanolkotabi, and Salman Avestimehr, mL-BFGS: A Momentum-based L-BFGS for Distributed Large-Scale Neural Network Optimization, *Transactions on Machine Learning Research* 2023
4. **Sunwoo Lee**, Tuo Zhang, and Salman Avestimehr, Layer-wise Adaptive Model Aggregation for Scalable Federated Learning, *AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI)*, **oral presentation** (19.7%) 2023
5. Tuo Zhang, TianTian Feng, Samiul Alam, **Sunwoo Lee**, Mi Zhang, Shrikanth S. Narayanan, and Salman Avestimehr, FedAudio: A Federated Learning Benchmark for Audio Tasks, *IEEE International Conference on Acoustics, Speech, and Signal Processing (ICASSP)* 2023
6. **Sunwoo Lee**, Chaoyang He, and Salman Avestimehr, Achieving Small-Batch Accuracy with Large-Batch Scalability via Hessian-Aware Learning Rate Adjustment. *Elsevier Neural Networks*, **158**, 1-14 2023
7. **Sunwoo Lee**, Jaeyong Jeon, and Hyungwoo Lee, Probing Oxygen Vacancy Distribution in Oxide Heterostructures by Deep Learning-based Spectral Analysis of Current Noise. *Applied Surface Science*, p154599 2022
8. **Sunwoo Lee**, Jaeyoung Jeon, Kitae Eom, Chaehwa Jeong, Yongsoo Yang, Ji-Yong Park, Chang Beom Eom, and Hyungwoo Lee, Variance-aware Weight Quantization of Multi-level Resistive Switching Devices based on Pt/LaAlO₃/SrTiO₃ Heterostructures. *Scientific Reports*, **12**, 1-10 2022
9. Kewei Wang, **Sunwoo Lee**, Jan Balewski, Alex Sim, Peter Nugent, Ankit Agrawal, Alok Choudhary, Kesheng Wu, and Wei-keng Liao, Using Multi-resolution Data to Accelerate Neural Network Training in Scientific Applications. *International Symposium on Cluster, Cloud and Internet Computing (CCGrid)* 2022
10. **Sunwoo Lee**, Qiao Kang, Reda Al-Bahrani, Ankit Agrawal, Alok Choudhary, and Wei-keng Liao, Improving Scalability of Parallel CNN Training by Adaptively Adjusting Parameter Update Frequency. *Journal of Distributed and Parallel Computing*, **159**, 10-23 2022
11. **Sunwoo Lee**, Kai-yuan Hou, Kewei Wang, Saba Sehrish, Marc Paterno, James Kowalkowski, Quincey Koziol, Ross Robert, Ankit Agrawal, Alok Choudhary, and Wei-keng Liao, A Case Study on Parallel HDF5 Dataset Concatenation for High-Energy Physics Data Analysis. *Parallel Computing*, **110**, 102877 2022
12. Kai-yuan Hou, Qiao Kang, **Sunwoo Lee**, Ankit Agrawal, Alok Choudhary, and Wei-keng Liao, Supporting Data Compression in PnetCDF, *International Conference on BigData* (19.9%) 2021

13. **Sunwoo Lee**, Qiao Kang, Kewei Wang, Jan Balewski, Alex Sim, Kesheng Wu, Ankit Agrawal, Alok Choudhary, Peter Nugent, and Wei-keng Liao, Asynchronous I/O Strategy for Large-Scale Deep Learning Applications. *International Conference on High-Performance Computing, Data, and Analytics (HiPC)* (22.9%) 2021
14. Reda Al-bahrani, Dipendra Jha, Qiao Kang, **Sunwoo Lee**, Zijiang Yang, Wei-keng Liao, Ankit Agrawal, and Alok Choudhary, SIGRNN: Synthetic minority Instances Generation in imbalanced datasets using a Recurrent Neural Network. *International Conference on Pattern Recognition Applications and Methods* 2021
15. **Sunwoo Lee**, Qiao Kang, Ankit Agrawal, Alok Choudhary, and Wei-keng Liao, Communication-Efficient Local SGD for Scalable Deep Learning. *International Conference on Big Data* (15.7%) 2020
16. Sandeep Madireddy, Ji Hwan Park, **Sunwoo Lee**, Prasanna Balaprakash, Shinjae Yoo, Wei-keng Liao, Cory Hauck, M. Paul Laiu, and Richard Archibald, In Situ Compression Artifact Removal in Scientific Data Using Deep Transfer Learning and Experience Replay. *Machine Learning: Science and Technology*, **2**, 025010 2020
17. Qiao Kang, **Sunwoo Lee**, Ankit Agrawal, Alok Choudhary, and Wei-keng Liao, Improving All-to-many Personalized Communication in MPI I/O. *International Conference for High Performance Computing, Networking, Storage, and Analysis (SC)* 2020
18. Qiao Kang, **Sunwoo Lee**, Kai-yuan Hou, Robert Ross, Ankit Agrawal, Alok Choudhary, and Wei-keng Liao, Improving MPI Collective I/O for High Volume Non-contiguous Requests with Intra-node Aggregation. *IEEE Transactions on Parallel and Distributed Systems*, **31**, 11, 2682-2695 2020
19. Qiao Kang, Alex Sim, Peter Nugent, **Sunwoo Lee**, Wei-keng Liao, Ankit Agrawal, Alok Choudhary, and Kesheng Wu. Predicting Resource Requirement in Intermediate Palomar Transient Factory Workflow. *International Symposium on Cluster, Cloud and Internet Computing (CCGrid)*, 2020 2020
20. **Sunwoo Lee**, Qiao Kang, Sandeep Madireddy, Prasanna Balaprakash, Ankit Agrawal, Alok Choudhary, Richard Archibald, and Wei-keng Liao. Improving Scalability of Parallel CNN Training by Adjusting Mini-Batch Size at Run-Time. *International Conference on Big Data* (18.7%) 2019
21. **Sunwoo Lee**, Ankit Agrawal, Prasanna Balaprakash, Alok Choudhary, and Wei-keng Liao. Communication-Efficient Parallelization Strategy for Deep Convolutional Neural Network Training. *Machine Learning in High-Performance Computing Environments (MLHPC)* 2018
22. **Sunwoo Lee**, Dipendra Jha, Ankit Agrawal, Alok Choudhary, and Wei-keng Liao. Parallel Deep Convolutional Neural Network Training by Exploiting the Overlapping of Computation and Communication. *International Conference on High-Performance Computing, Data, and Analytics (HiPC)* (22.8%) 2017

23. **Sunwoo Lee**, Wei-keng Liao, Ankit Agrawal, Nikos Hardavellas, and Alok Choudhary. 2016
Evaluation of K-Means Data Clustering Algorithm on Intel Xeon Phi. *International Conference on Big Data*
24. Diana Palsetia, William Hendrix, **Sunwoo Lee**, Ankit Agrawal, Wei-keng Liao, and Alok Choudhary. 2016
Parallel Community Detection Algorithm Using a Data Partitioning Strategy with Pairwise Subdomain Duplication. *International Conference on High Performance Computing (ISC)*
25. **Sunwoo Lee**, Byung Kwan Jung, Minsoo Ryu, Seungwon Lee, Extending 2009
Component-based Approaches for Multi-threaded Design of Multiprocessor Embedded Software. *International Symposium on Object/Component/Service-Oriented Real-Time Distributed Computing*

Pre-prints

1. Zhenheng Tang, Xiaowen Chu, Ryan Yide Ran, **Sunwoo Lee**, Shaohuai Shi, Yonggang Zhang, Yuxin Wang, Alex Qiaozhong Liang, Salman Avestimehr, Chaoyang He, FedML Parrot: A Scalable Federated Learning System via Heterogeneity-Aware Scheduling on Sequential and Hierarchical Training. *arXiv* 2023.
2. Yue Niu, Saurav Prakash, Souvik Kundu, **Sunwoo Lee**, Salman Avestimehr, Federated Learning of Large Models at the Edge via Principal Sub-Model Training. *FL-NeurIPS* 2022.
3. Chaoyang He, Zhengyu Yang, Erum Mushtaq, **Sunwoo Lee**, Mahdi Soltanolkotabi, Salman Avestimehr, SSFL: Tackling Label Deficiency in Federated Learning via Personalized Self-Supervision. *arXiv* 2021

Invited Talks

- Department of Computer Engineering at Gachon University, South Korea: Scalable Federated Learning Strategies on Real-world Edge Computing Environments, 11/18/2022
- Department of Electrical Engineering at Hanyang University, South Korea: Partial Model Training Strategies in Federated Learning, 10/04/2022
- U.S. Department of Energy, SciDAC, RAPIDS Institute, Tech Talk: Asynchronous I/O Strategy for Large-Scale Deep Learning Applications, 12/01/2021
- HDF5 User Group Meeting: A Case Study on Parallel HDF5 Dataset Concatenation for Scientific Data Analysis, 10/21/2021
- U.S. Department of Energy, SciDAC, RAPIDS Institute, Tech Talk: Communication-Efficient Local SGD for Scalable Deep Learning, 7/7/2021

Service

- Program Committee of Association for the Artificial Intelligence (AAAI) 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024
- Program Committee of NeurIPS 2023, 2024
- Reviewer in IEEE Transactions on Parallel and Distributed Computing 2023
- Reviewer in IEEE Transactions on Mobile Computing 2023
- Program Committee of Federated Learning for Natural Language Processing (FL4NLP) workshop held in conjunction with Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL) 2022
- Program Committee of International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR) 2021, 2022
- Program Committee of International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML) 2021, 2022, 2023
- Program Committee of International Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Statistics (AISTATS) 2021, 2022

Skills and Qualifications

Programming Language

C/C++, Python

Deep Learning Software Frameworks

TensorFlow, PyTorch, Caffe

Parallelization Libraries

MPI, OpenMP

I/O Libraries

MPI-I/O (ROMIO), HDF5, NetCDF