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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** — Berkeley, CA USA
Research Intern — Jun 2020 – Aug 2020

**Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory** — Batavia, IL USA
Research Intern — Jul 2019 – Sep 2019

**Argonne National Laboratory** — Lemont, IL USA
Research Intern — Jun 2018 – Aug 2018

## Teaching Experience

**Inha University**

- CSE4315: Machine Learning — Spring 2023 ~ 2025
- CSE1103: Objected Oriented Programming 2 — Spring 2023 ~ 2024
- CSE1112: Introduction to Computer Engineering — Spring 2024, 2025
- CSE3209: System Programming — Fall 2022, 2023, 2024
- CSE3313: Linux Programming — Fall 2022, 2023, 2024

**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. Sanghyeok Ryou, Jihyun Lim, Minwoo Jang, Kitae Eom, Sunwoo Lee*, and Hyungwoo Lee*, *Advanced Science*, — 2025
2. Sunwoo Lee, Layer-Wise Adaptive Gradient Norm Penalizing Method for Efficient and Accurate Deep Learning, *ACM SIGKDD* — 2024

3. Sunwoo Lee, Tuo Zhang, Saurav Prakash, Yue Niu, and Salman Avestimehr, Embracing Federated Learning: Enabling Weak Client Participation via Partial Model Training, *IEEE Transactions on Mobile Computing* 2024

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

5. 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

6. 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

7. 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

8. 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

9. 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

10. 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

11. 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

12. 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

13. 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

14. 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

15. 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

16. 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

17. 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

18. 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

19. 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

20. 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

21. 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

22. 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

23. 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

24. Sunwoo Lee, Ankit Agrawal, Prasanna Balaprakash, Alok Choudhary, and Wei-keng Liao. Communication-Efficient Parallelization Strategy for Deep Convolutional 2018

Neural Network Training. *Machine Learning in High-Performance Computing Environments (MLHPC)*

25. 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

26. Sunwoo Lee, Wei-keng Liao, Ankit Agrawal, Nikos Hardavellas, and Alok Choudhary. Evaluation of K-Means Data Clustering Algorithm on Intel Xeon Phi. *International Conference on Big Data* 2016

27. Diana Palsetia, William Hendrix, Sunwoo Lee, Ankit Agrawal, Wei-keng Liao, and Alok Choudhary. Parallel Community Detection Algorithm Using a Data Partitioning Strategy with Pairwise Subdomain Duplication. *International Conference on High Performance Computing (ISC)* 2016

28. Sunwoo Lee, Byung Kwan Jung, Minsoo Ryu, Seungwon Lee, Extending Component-based Approaches for Multi-threaded Design of Multiprocessor Embedded Software. *International Symposium on Object/Component/Service-Oriented Real-Time Distributed Computing* 2009

## 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 Electrical Engineering at Hanyang University, South Korea: System-Efficient Federated Learning Methods, 2/26/2025

- Department of Immersive Media Engineering, Sunkyunkwan University, South Korea: Model Aggregation Strategies in Model Distributed Learning, 6/26/2024

- Department of Physics at Ajou University, South Korea: System-Aware Large-Scale Neural Network Training and its Applications, 3/20/2024

- 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

- Vice Chair of Computer Engineering Department at Inha University ~March 2025
- Program Committee of Association for the Artificial Intelligence (AAAI) 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025
- Program Committee of IJCAI 2025
- Program Committee of NeurIPS 2023, 2024
- Program Committee of KDD 2024, 2025
- Program Committee of Engineering Applications of Artificial Intelligence (EAAI) 2024
- Reviewer in Expert Systems with Applications 2025
- Reviewer in Knowledge-based Systems 2024
- Reviewer in IEEE Transactions on Parallel and Distributed Computing 2023
- Reviewer in IEEE Transactions on Mobile Computing 2023
- 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