

# Sunwoo Lee

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## Research Interest

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- Large-Scale Distributed Deep Learning
- Communication-efficient Federated Learning on heterogeneous devices
- Applied Machine Learning (E.g., Physics + ML)

## Education

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<b>Northwestern University</b>	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	

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

## Employment

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<b>Inha University</b>	Incheon, South Korea
Assistant Professor of Computer Engineering	2022 – now

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

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

<b>Humax</b>	Bundang, South Korea
Software Engineer (Alternative Military Service)	2009 – 2013

## Research Internship

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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

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Inha University

- CSE3209: System Programming Fall 2022
- CSE3313: Linux Programming Fall 2022

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

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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

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1. Sunwoo Lee, Tuo Zhang, and Salman Avestimehr, Layer-wise Adaptive Model Aggregation for Scalable Federated Learning, *AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI)* (19.7%) 2023
2. 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

3. 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
4. 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/LaAlO<sub>3</sub>/SrTiO<sub>3</sub> Heterostructures. *Scientific Reports*, **12**, 1-10 2022
5. 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
6. 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
7. 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
8. 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
9. 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
10. 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
11. 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
12. 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

13. Qiao Kang, **Sunwoo Lee**, Ankit Agrawal, Alok Choudhary, and Wei-keng Liao, 2020  
Improving All-to-many Personalized Communication in MPI I/O. *International Conference for High Performance Computing, Networking, Storage, and Analysis (SC)*
14. Qiao Kang, **Sunwoo Lee**, Kai-yuan Hou, Robert Ross, Ankit Agrawal, Alok Choudhary, 2020  
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
15. 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
16. **Sunwoo Lee**, Qiao Kang, Sandeep Madireddy, Prasanna Balaprakash, Ankit Agrawal, 2019  
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%)
17. **Sunwoo Lee**, Ankit Agrawal, Prasanna Balaprakash, Alok Choudhary, and Wei-keng Liao. 2018  
Communication-Efficient Parallelization Strategy for Deep Convolutional Neural Network Training. *Machine Learning in High-Performance Computing Environments (MLHPC)*
18. **Sunwoo Lee**, Dipendra Jha, Ankit Agrawal, Alok Choudhary, and Wei-keng Liao. 2017  
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%)
19. **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*
20. 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)*
21. **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

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1. Tuo Zhang, TianTian Feng, Samiul Alam, **Sunwoo Lee**, Mi Zhang, Shrikanth S. Narayana, Salman Avestimehr, FedAudio: A Federated Learning Benchmark for Audio Tasks. *arXiv* 2022 (Under review by a top-tier ML conference).

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. **Sunwoo Lee**, Anit Sahu, Chaoyang He, and Salman Avestimehr, Partial Model Aggregation in Federated Learning: Performance Guarantees. *arXiv 2022 (Under review in Neurocomputing)*.
4. 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

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- 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

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- Program Committee of Association for the Artificial Intelligence (AAAI) 2021, 2022, 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
- Program Committee of International Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Statistics (AISTATS) 2021, 2022

## **Skills and Qualifications**

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### **Programming Language**

C/C++, Python

### **Parallelization Libraries**

MPI, OpenMP

### **Deep Learning Software Frameworks**

TensorFlow, PyTorch, Caffe

### **I/O Libraries**

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