

# Sunwoo Lee

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## Research Interest

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

## Education

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### Northwestern University

Ph.D. in Computer Engineering  
Advisors: Prof. Alok Choudhary and Prof. Wei-keng Liao

Evanston, IL USA  
2020

### Hanyang University

B.S. and M.S. in Computer Engineering  
Advisor: Prof. Minsoo Ryu

Seoul, South Korea  
2009

## Employment

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### Inha University

Assistant Professor of Computer Engineering

Incheon, South Korea  
2022 – now

### University of Southern California

Postdoctoral Researcher  
Advisor: Prof. Salman Avestimehr

Los Angeles, CA USA  
2020 – 2022

### Samsung Electronics, Memory Solutions Lab.

System Software Researcher

Hwaseong, South Korea  
2013 – 2015

### Humax

Software Engineer (Alternative Military Service)

Bundang, South Korea  
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
- CSE3313: Linux Programming

Fall 2022  
Fall 2022

University of Southern California

- AEOP Scholarship Program in Data Science

Summer 2021

Northwestern University

- CE501: Social Media Mining
- CE303: Advanced Digital Design

Spring 2020  
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, Chaoyang He, and Salman Avestimehr, Achieving Small-Batch Accuracy with Large-Batch Scalability via Hessian-Aware Learning Rate Adjustment. *Elsevier Neural Networks* 2023
2. 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

3. 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
4. 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
5. 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
6. 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
7. 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
8. 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
9. 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
10. 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
11. 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
12. 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
13. 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 2020

Requests with Intra-node Aggregation. *IEEE Transactions on Parallel and Distributed Systems*, 31, 11, 2682-2695

14. 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
15. **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
16. **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
17. **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
18. **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
19. 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
20. **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. Yue Niu, Saurav Prakash, Souvik Kundu, Sunwoo Lee, Salman Avestimehr, Federated Learning of Large Models at the Edge via Principal Sub-Model Training. *arXiv* 2022.
2. **Sunwoo Lee**, Tuo Zhang, Chaoyang He, and Salman Avestimehr, Layer-wise Model Aggregation for Scalable Federated Learning. *arXiv* 2021 (*Under review in a top-tier ML conference*).

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 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

### Deep Learning Software Frameworks

TensorFlow, PyTorch, Caffe

### Parallelization Libraries

MPI, OpenMP, Pthreads

### I/O Libraries

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