## Poster #20 Bayesian Nonparametric Federated Learning of Neural Networks

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# **Federated Learning**



# Model fusion perspective



## **Probabilistic Federated Neural Matching**





# Simulated heterogeneous Federated Learning on MNIST



## Client 2



# Examples of first layer weights

Neuron 12



### Neuron 21





## Client 1

Client 2

Neuron 7



## Neuron 8





### Neuron 49

### Neuron 36

## PFNM discovers correspondences among weights

Client 1 Neuron 12



Client 2 Neuron 8





Matched neuron 8

Client 1 Neuron 49



Client 2 Neuron 7





Client 2 Neuron 36





Matched neuron 44

Matched neuron 33

### Client 1 Neuron 21





## Matched neuron 58

# Summary

PFNM is a method for combining pre-trained fully-connected neural networks:

- Can combine NNs trained on heterogeneous data without access to data
- Can be further improved with few communication rounds (if data is available)  $\bullet$
- **Outperforms Distributed SGD and Federated Averaging**

**Technical contributions:** 

- Indian Buffet Process based model to govern correspondences between weights of local neural networks. Applicable to multilayer networks
- BNP allows for adaptive learning of global NN size
- Fast MAP inference using iterative Hungarian algorithm

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