

Micro-58 Survey Results

Oct 18 – 22, 2025

Seoul, South Korea

http://www.microarch.org/micro58

Survey Questions

All responses were anonymous

1. Overall Impression of Micro
2. View of Seoul as city for Micro-58
3. View of Lotte Hotel for Micro-58
4. View of excursion and banquet on Tuesday evening
5. View of other food and beverages at Micro-58
6. View of Workshops and Tutorials
7. If Micro talk videos were made available on YouTube or other platform, how many would you be likely to watch over the next year.
8. Micro-58 had up to 4 parallel sessions over 2.5 days for the main conference with 20-minute talks. Please choose your most preferred arrangement.
9. Visa restrictions are making it difficult for many to travel internationally. How would you feel about MICRO adopting a hybrid in-person / online format?
10. Other comments

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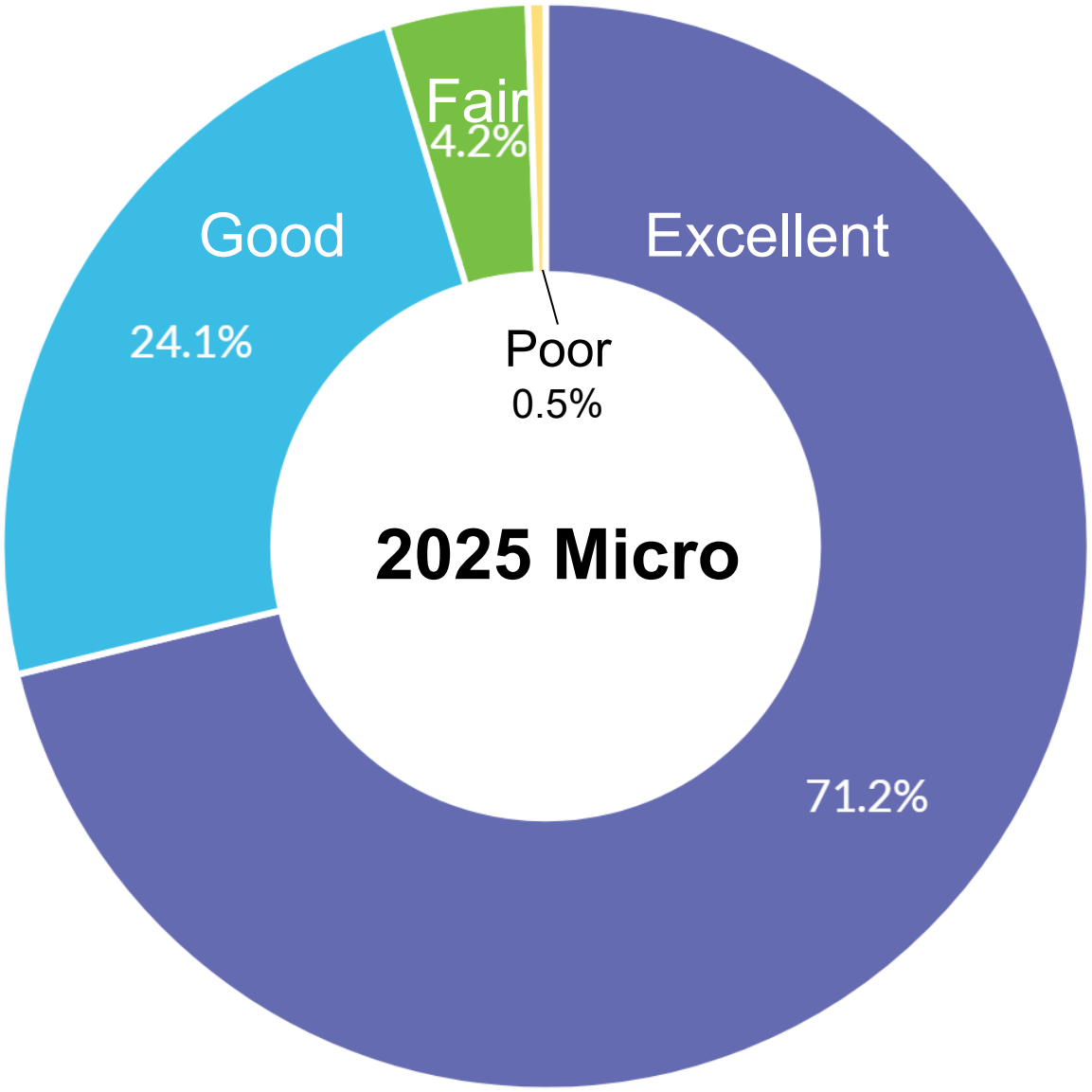
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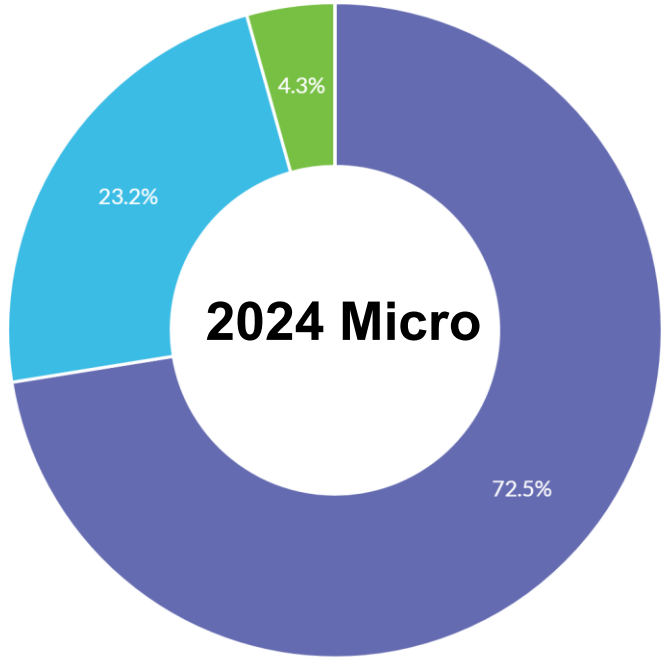
1. 192 responses to survey – ***a record!***
2. Great job overall – Praise in comments and strong numerical results for MICRO and Seoul
3. Varied views on formats. No clear majority, but more favor hybrid than oppose
4. Significant demand for MICRO videos viewable offline, e.g. YouTube

Concerns:

5. Too small
6. Too noisy
7. Not enough food, no breakfast, and limited vegetarian options
8. No power outlets to charge laptops
9. One concern about difficulty of ACM TAPS for papers

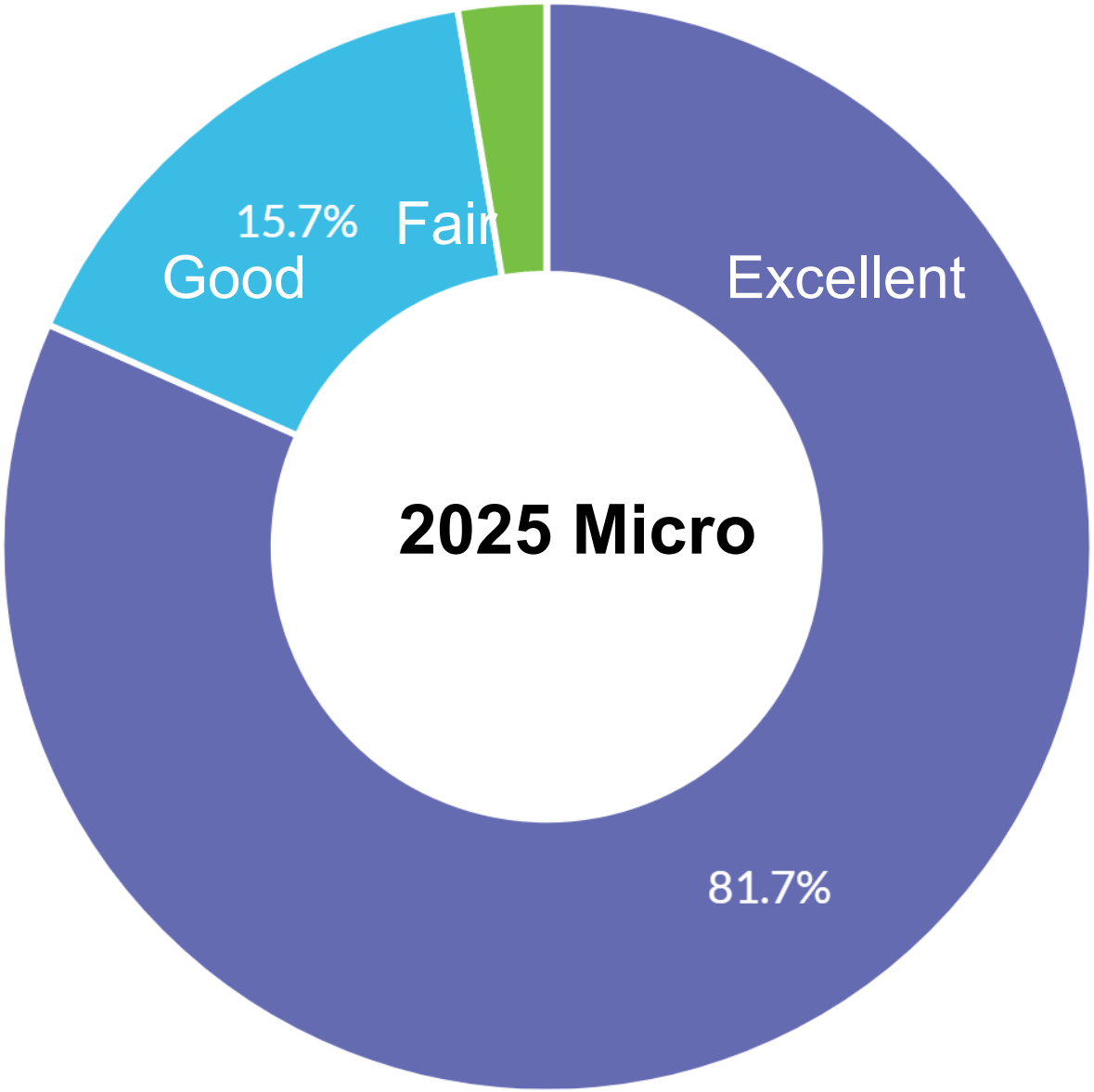
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2. View of Seoul as city for Micro-58





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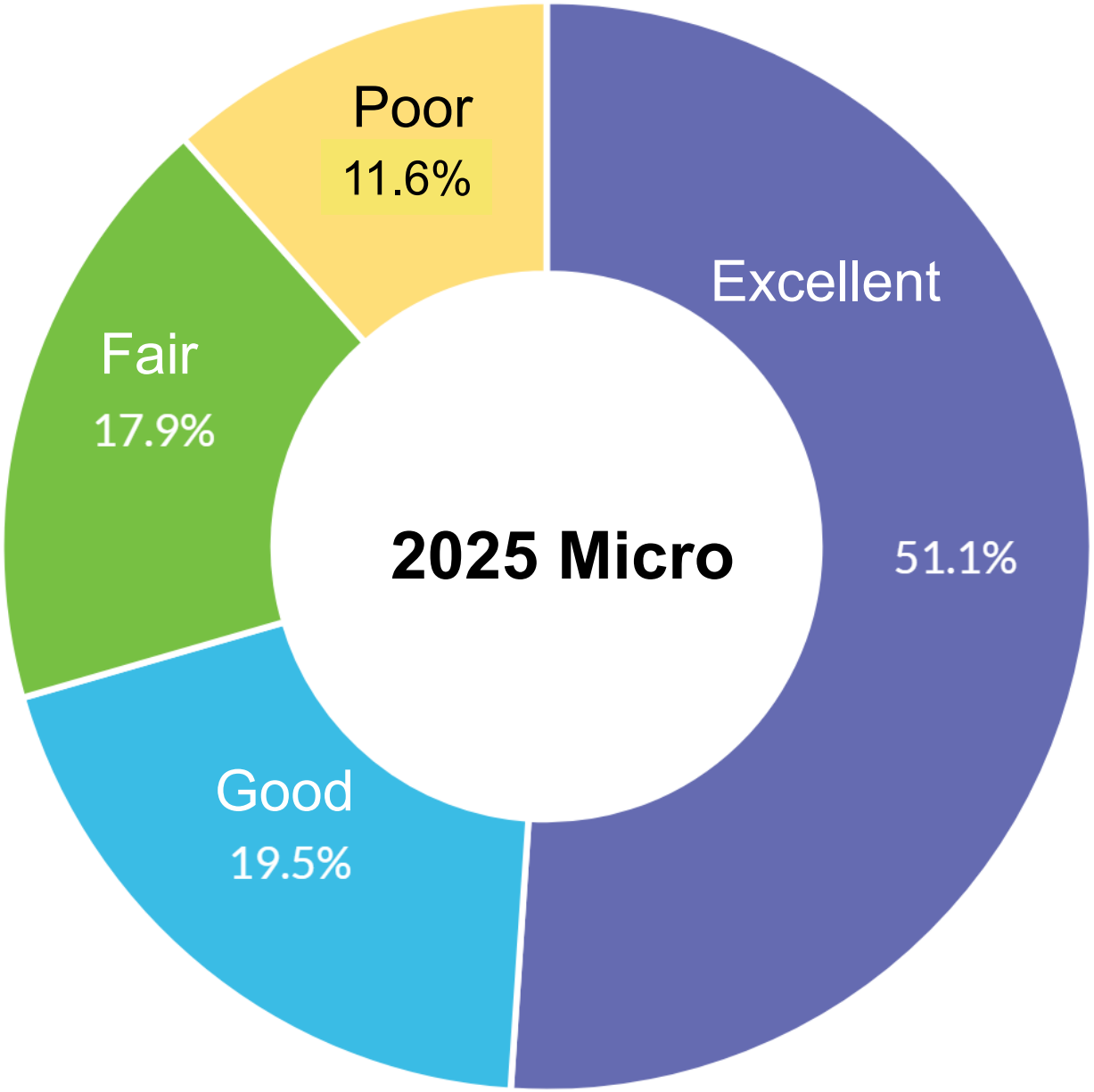
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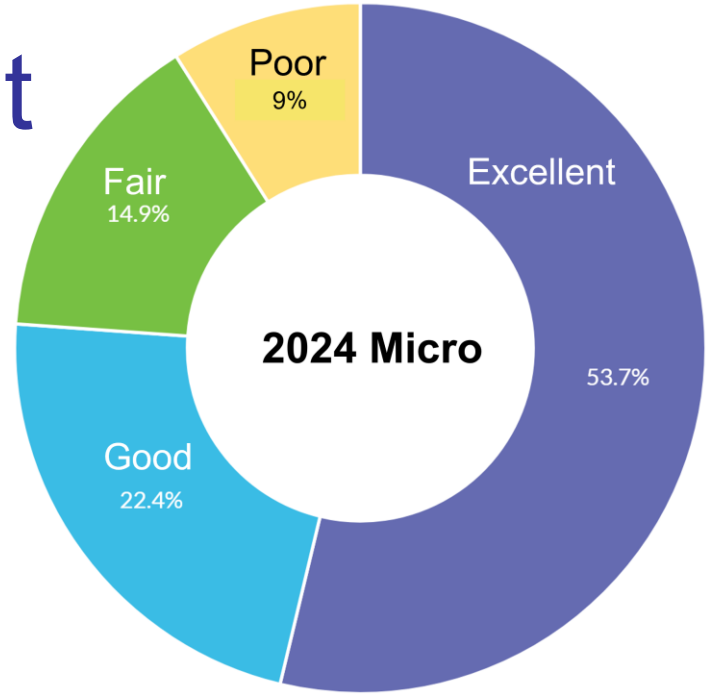


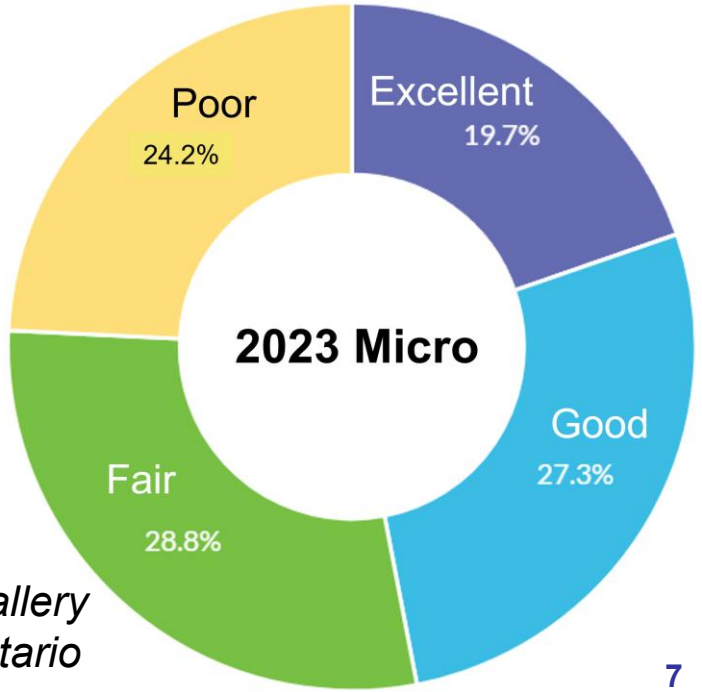




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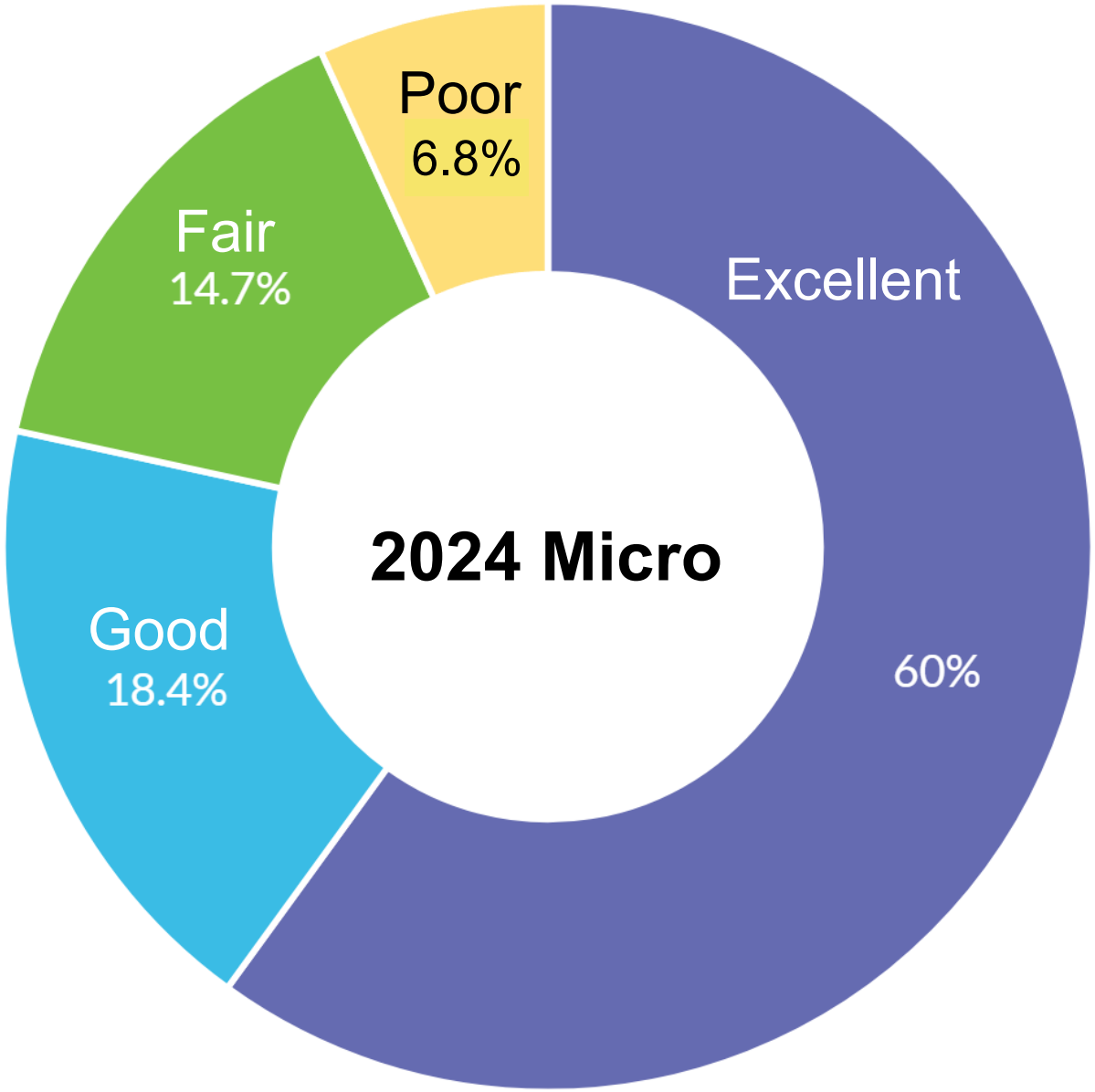


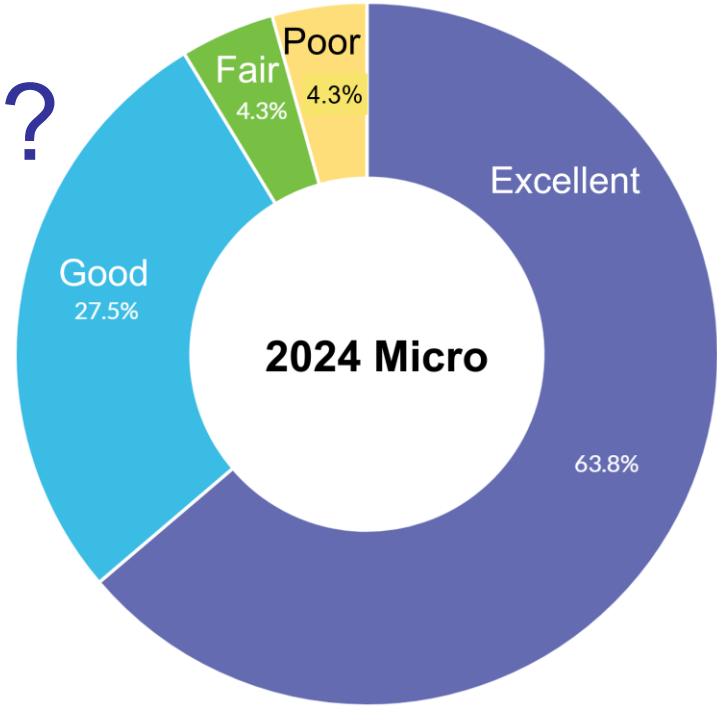




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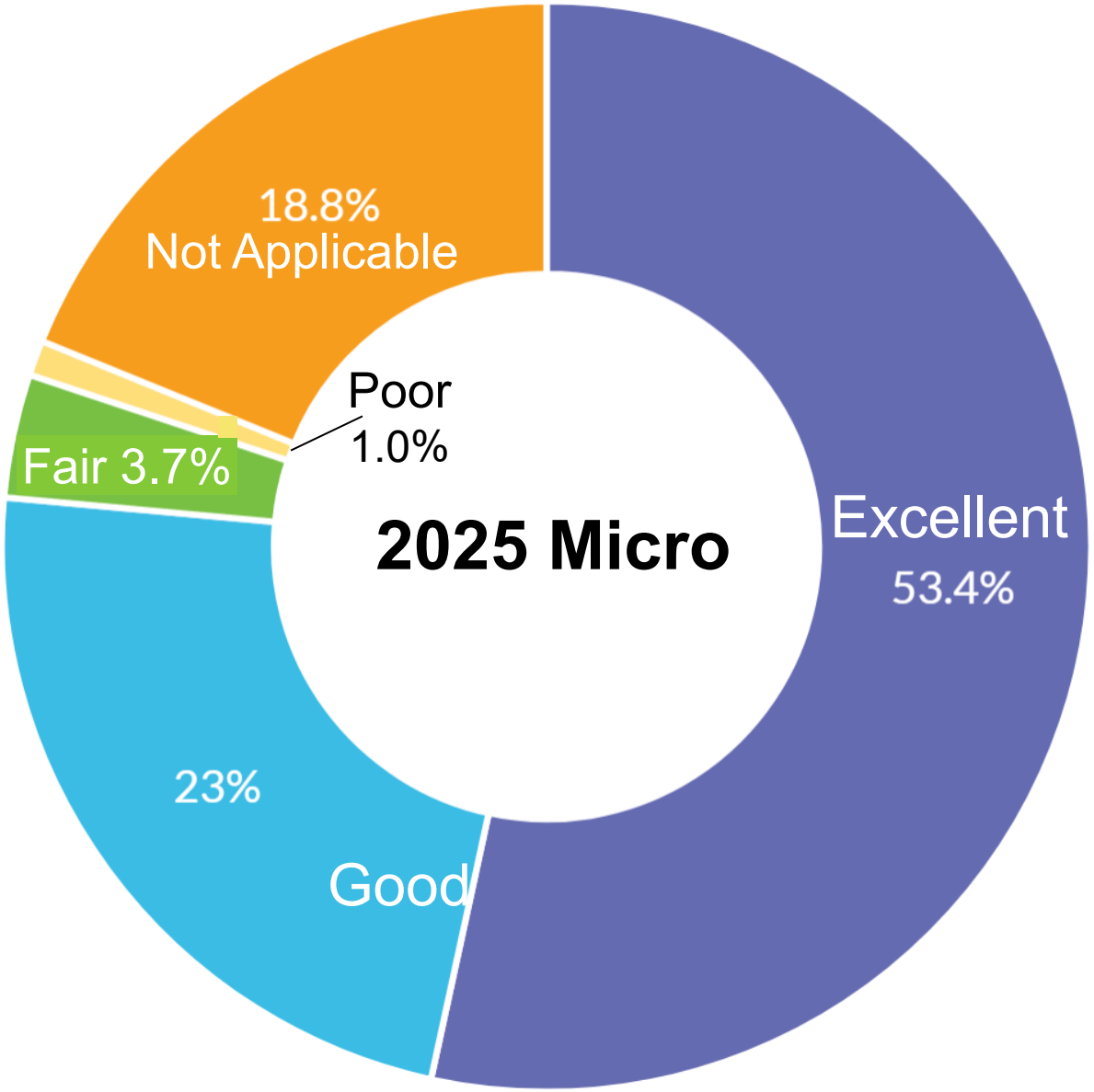
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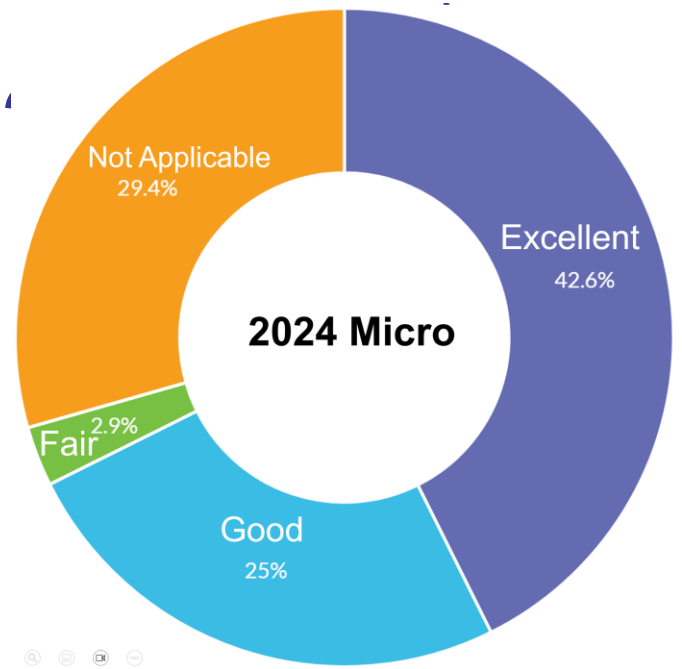






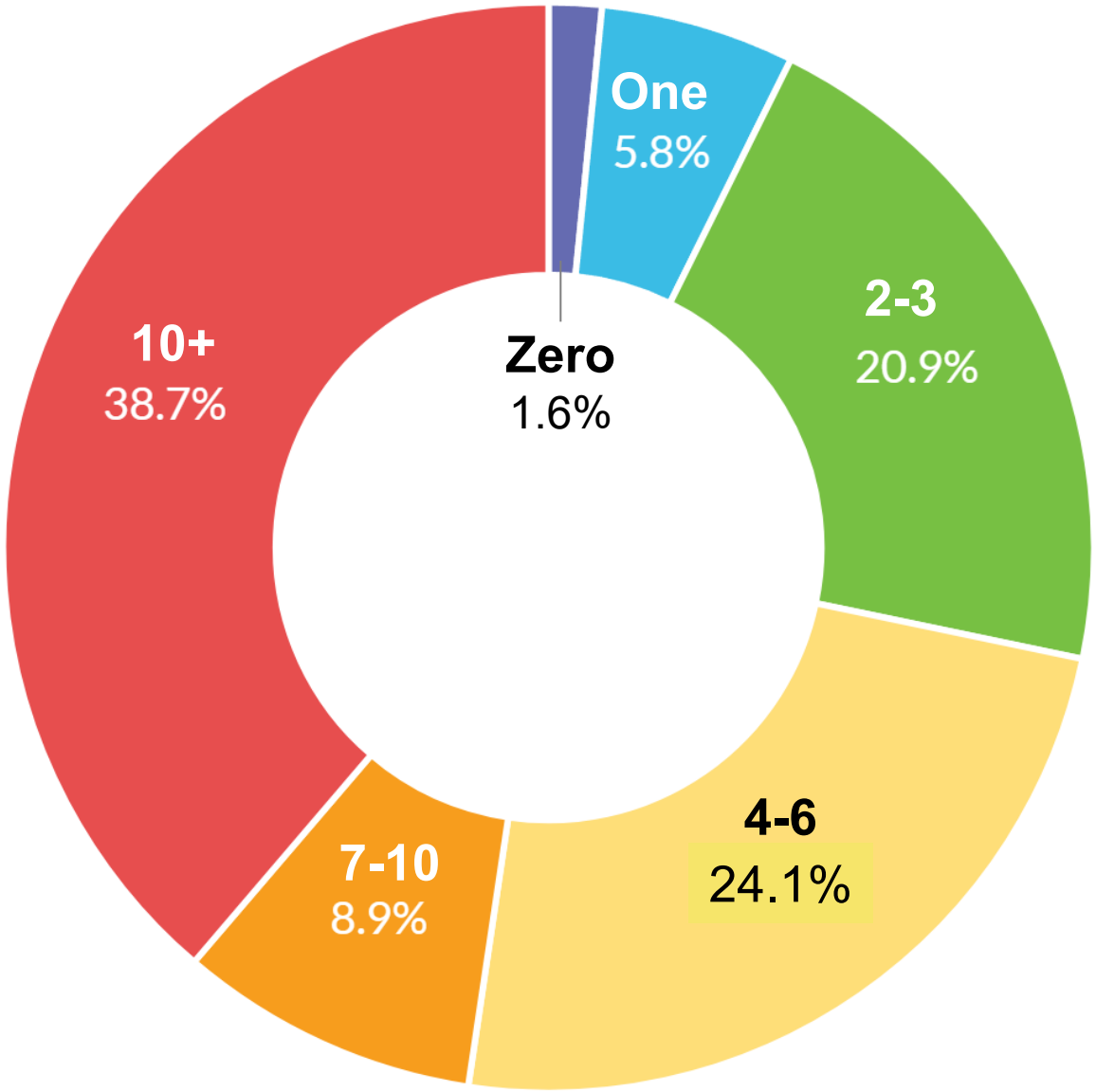
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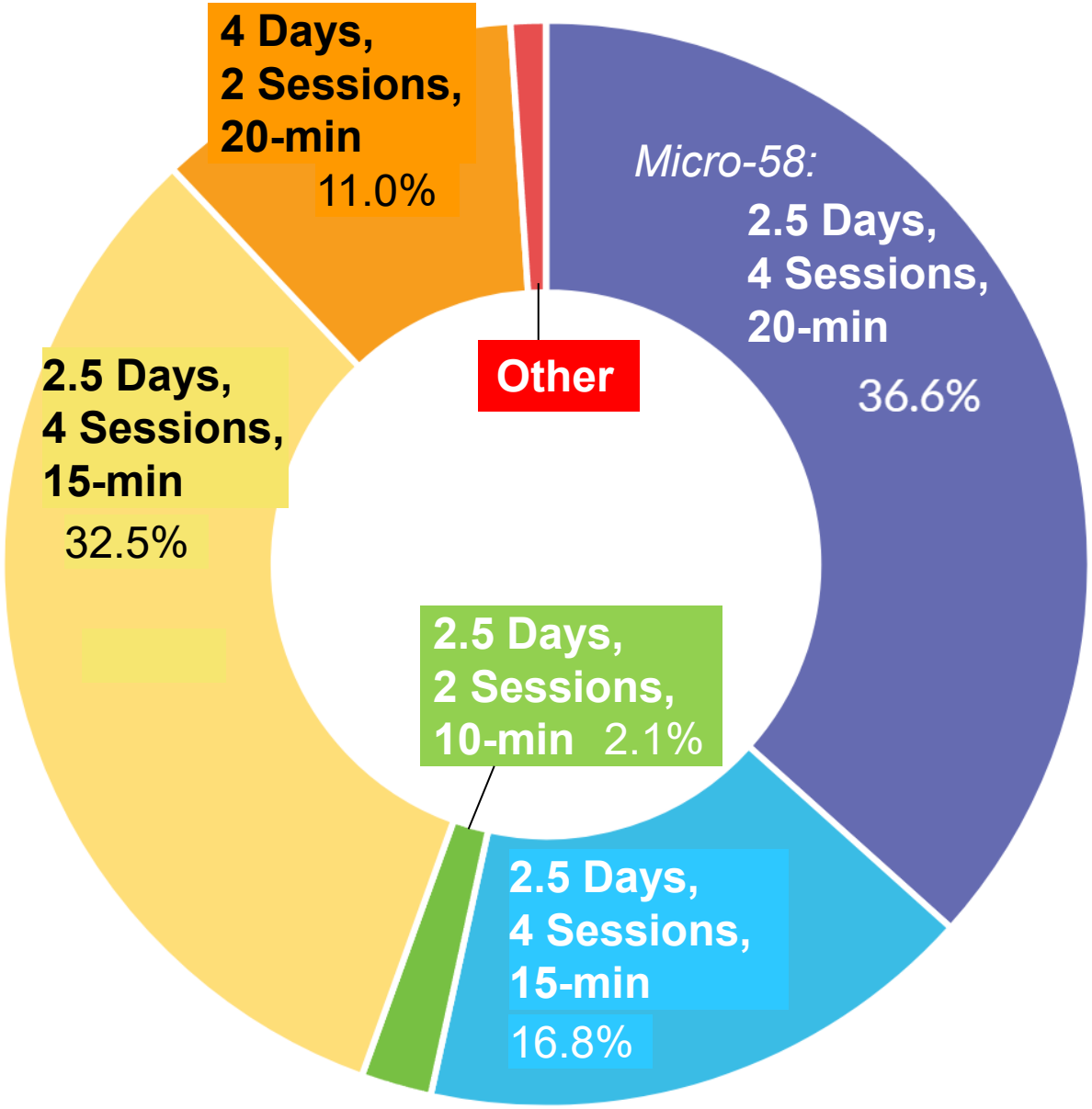




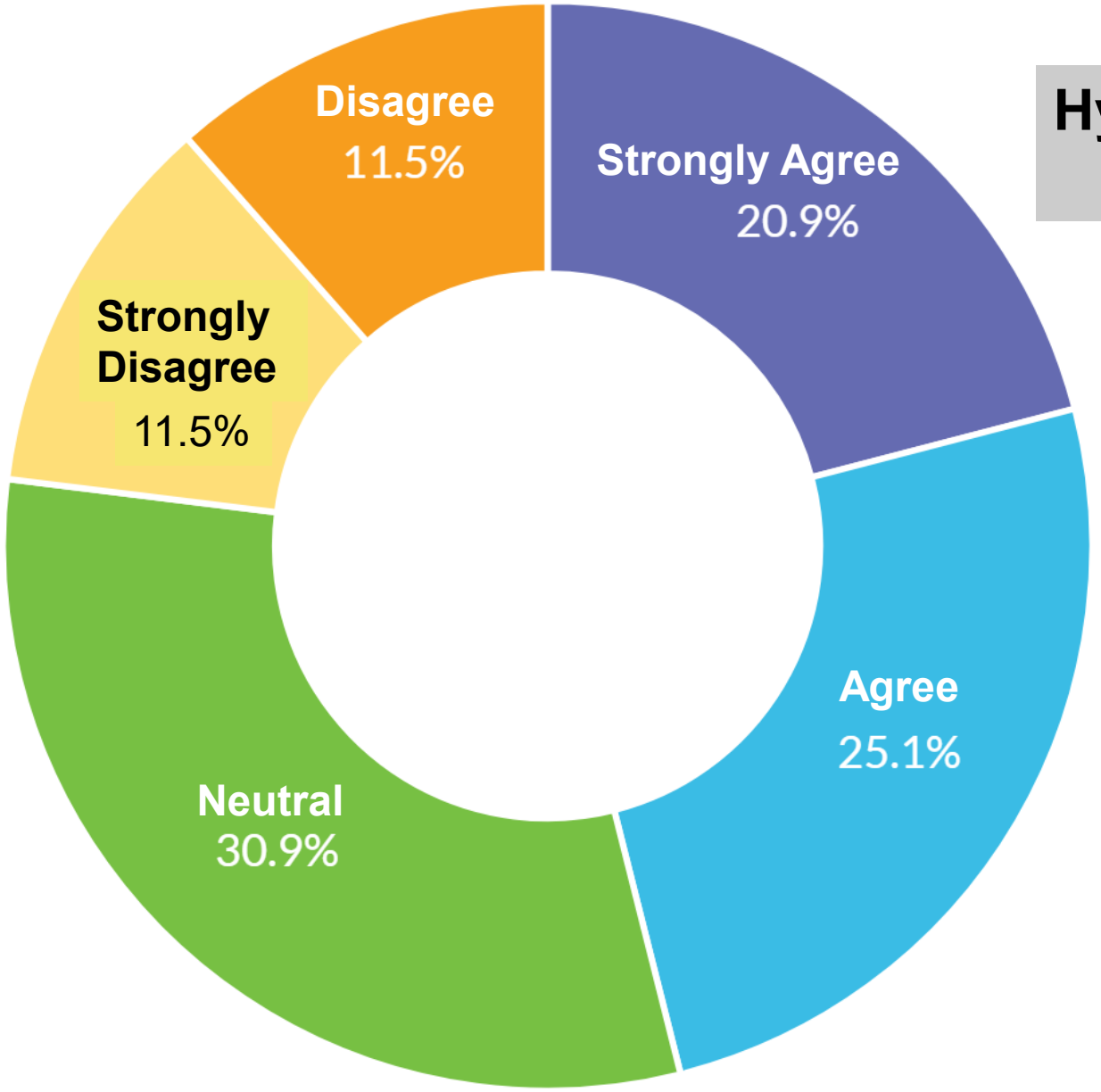
7. # of MICRO Videos would watch in Year



8. Preferred Sessions Arrangement



9. Have Hybrid MICRO to help Visa situation?



Hybrid = In-Person + Online

10. Other Comments

Accolades

- Great conference!!
- It was a great time
- Thank you for organizing. I had a great time.
- It was a great opportunity to meet so many stars and passionate researchers !!!
- Good job!
- Thanks
- Thank you to organizers for the help and support!
- Thanks for general chair Prof. Won Woo Ro, and Hanjun Kim
- One of the best conferences in these years. Thanks all the efforts put by the organizing committee!
- This conference provided a valuable opportunity that inspired me to think about computer architecture from various perspectives, and I hope that by continuously participating in such conferences in the future, I can make significant progress in my research in this field.
- I found the panel to be very enjoyable if there was more like that it would be very nice

< Many compliments also sprinkled throughout other comments >

Food

- Food was not adequate either during breakfast or dinner
- No breakfast was provided. Having workshop across two building was inconvenient.
- Too little food at the banquet
- no food left in the banquet dinner. Overall organization was excellent. Lote hotel did not have any sitting areas beside the conference rooms.
- Can you please have more food next time? The food ran out every time I went to get something. It is disrespectful to keep the attendees empty stomach with virtually no breaks in between.
- The food was excellent in formal lunch and fair enough for the lunch box, but the reception and the banquet were somewhat disappointing. The food provided in the reception was too little, and was not refilled after they were gone. In the banquet, the food allocated at the hallway was gone after I finished my first dish. Also, there were not enough places to charge my laptop and phone. Maybe SOSP held a week before MICRO has made my expectation too high.
- It was disappointing that the banquet was divided into two separate venues and that it wasn't a standing event. Standing events help with more active networking.
- I believe the food (lunch, banquet, finger food in break) was worse than last micro. The location of the conference was good for trip, but it’s not cost-efficient and unnecessary. However, the stuffs of K-wave were impressive and interesting:)

Cost and Power Availability

- There must be other cheaper locations within Seoul. Please consider other cheaper locations in the future, if and when the next conference is held in Korea.

  If I might use AC outlet at conference rooms, it increase the value of MICRO (in other conferences, it would available). Information at Whova is a little too small. For example, floor map of venu is not there.

Venue Size

- There are too few chairs to accommodate all attendees.
- NEED MORE CHAIRS to sit down
- Some of the rooms for the sessions were not spacious enough.
- Thanks for hosting great conference!! I think the venue (conference room) was too small to accommodate such large attendants. It was difficult to listen to the talks, as there were so many people cramped in small room....
- The session place was little bit small for many attendees. Not enough seats per session, so many attendees should have listen to the presentation while standing on the back of the session. Others are perfect, the quality, foods, programs were excellent.
- One conference room was way too small than others. This makes one room really crowded, while other rooms have lots of empty seats. I have to attend other session because of this :(
- It was a great event, but the venue was a bit small. Some sessions were so full that I had to stand. It would be nice if it could be held in a larger space next time.
- nowhere to sit. everyone is standing even at single-session keynote speech.
- Some attractive sessions needed more seats. Many attendees couldn't sit and barely hear presentations.

Broad Concerns – 1

One Person:

- This was a great conference, thank you so much for organizing! I loved the event though have some comments on things I disliked below:
  1. Publishing with ACM TAPS was a huge hassle for both me and 5+ other authors on separate papers that I asked. Each of us were frustrated with the opaque nature of the online system and the bad user experience of working out issues. If IEEE could instead be used for camera-ready publishing, that would be great.
  2. I was disappointed in the lack of available breakfast. Providing food in the morning, before the first session, both gives presenters the stamina to sustain the long day ahead but also provides another networking opportunity. Meals are an important component of the "down time" to chat with other attendees
  3. At the banquet, there was very little vegetarian food. I realize that Korean food culture centers around meat, but I spoke with multiple vegetarian attendees who could not get enough food from the snacks on the table and had to go purchase a second dinner afterward.

Broad Concerns – 2

One Person:

1. No electricity outlets to charge your laptop. Deal breaker
2. Not enough space to sit (micro-architectural session was way too crowded). Should find more space of a better balance what room (sizes) are applied to what sessions
3. The sound/noise from presentations from the adjacent rooms was disturbing
4. The Banquet on Tuesday evening was a flat out disaster. NO FOOD!

Broad Concerns – 3

One Person:

- The venue was way, way, way too small. Not remotely enough space in the presentation rooms. Room B had 72 seats, with often at least that many people also trying to stand throughout the room. Many times people were packed like sardines, and I had to leave multiple times because of it. And the social hall was also too small. Not to mention that the dining room couldn't fit everyone so that only half of the attendees could have the formal lunch each day, even though the awards lunch was held there too. I could keep going, but I think my point is clear.
- Why was there no breakfast? I recall architecture conferences always having breakfast. And the refreshments during coffee breaks were hardly anything.
- There was so much noise during the presentations from either the other presentation rooms sharing a temporary wall or from the social hall. Many A/V issues that significantly delayed talks. It should be mandatory for each presenter to test their system in the coffee break before their session. The projection for the presentations was often shaking, heavily distracting from the talks.
- I already mentioned about the lunch, but the lunchbox situation was really bad. Nowhere to sit in the social hall to eat, and the food was not as good as the formal lunch.
- The poster room was also too small. And since the poster walls were in a zig-zag formation, the two posters next to each other were squeezed together. One hour is too short for a full poster session for all papers. At minimum two hours or two separate one hour sessions each for half of the posters.
- Room D screen was so low anyone behind the front row was blocked from seeing it.
- Half of the food choices at the banquet ran out before I got there.

Broad Concerns – 4

One Person:

- Room B was much smaller than the other rooms, but often had higher attendance.
- The focus on (application-specific) AI feels a bit weird to me. I feel that MICRO should handle broad, general concepts, and only occasionally have highly specific optimizations.
- It was a bit disappointing that the panel session was cut to only 30min of actual discussion due to the long introductory presentations. Perhaps, 1h of planned time was a bit short already.
- These are just some small comments, overall, thanks for organizing this great conference!

Broad Concerns – 5

One Person:

- Minor gripes: * Seoul's airport is shockingly far from the MICRO venue. *
- Please can we stop giving Onur Mutlu a platform to complain about his papers being rejected for over an hour? This is not the first time he has given one of these styles of talks. Give the platform to those who will use it for good. Imagine coming to your first ever MICRO and listening to this alleged legend complain about how many times he was wronged. Terrible first impression.

Conference Format – 1

- Making virtual attendance possible for anyone who cannot attend in person would be good but open it to everyone would be challenging for budgeting. Please be more aware of room size asymmetry on future editions and either avoid using smaller rooms or try to better predict attendance. Room B was consistently overcrowded. It seems the hotel underestimated the amount of food in some cases and ran out. Overall, very good organization! Congratulations!
- I would assume that making the videos available would have more views from people that were not able to attend the conference. Attending conferences that were held online during COVID did not work, since when at home there are so many other tasks that require attention that the attendance of the conference gets deprioritized. With fewer people physically attending the conference, the value as a networking event is reduced, which reduces the motivation to attend. Thus, it's possible that the attendance would start to decline over the years until the conference no longer has a function. Though, the cost of attending and traveling is a problem, so maybe we should consider affordability when selecting where to host the conference in the future.

Conference Format – 2

- I would strongly advocate **not** to adopt a hybrid/online format. If people cannot travel, the conference can allow them to send a video recording as they did this time. But I believe there is high value in in-person meeting, which is the single most valuable aspect of having a conference. Presenting online should be completely allowed but be the exception, not the rule. I don't think those who present virtually in the current system would get any more value from having an online component to the conference (I have attended online conferences before and got little out of them). However, emphasizing the online component would discourage others who could travel from attending in person, thus reducing the value of the conference for everyone else.
- I know this would be expensive, but I would prefer longer presentations (25-30 min). That would make non experts better understand and participate in the conversation. But I understand that it would be very difficult given the growth of the conference