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Education

KAIST (Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology)

Daejeon, KR

PH.D. IN AEROSPACE ENGINEERING, ADVISOR: JIYUN LEE, GPA 3.96/4.30

Aug. 2020 - Aug. 2025 (Expected)

- Thesis: GBAS Integrity under Ionospheric Scintillation: Error Characterization, Modeling, and Performance Evaluation

KAIST (Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology)

Daejeon, KR

M.S. IN AEROSPACE ENGINEERING, ADVISOR: JIYUN LEE, GPA 3.95/4.30

Feb. 2018 - Feb. 2020

- Thesis: Availability Assessment of Dual-Frequency GNSS based Aviation Applications under Ionospheric Scintillation

KAIST (Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology)

Daejeon, KR

B.S. IN AEROSPACE ENGINEERING, GPA 3.73/4.30, CUM LAUDE

Mar. 2013 - Aug. 2017

Experience

University of Colorado Boulder

Boulder, CO, US

VISITING STUDENT RESEARCHER (SMEAD AEROSPACE ENGINEERING SCIENCES, SENSE LAB, PROF. JADE MORTON)

Apr. 2023 - Oct. 2023

- Analyzed scintillation effects on LEO-transmitted signals across various carrier frequency bands using a physics-based simulator.
- Evaluated the limitations of the phase screen modeling of scintillation under extreme conditions.

NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory

Remote

VISITING STUDENT RESEARCHER (IONOSPHERIC AND ATMOSPHERIC REMOTE SENSING, DR. XIAOQING PI)

Oct. 2020 - Oct. 2021

- Analyzed uncertainty in frequency dependence of scintillation index under equatorial ionospheric scintillation.

KAIST (Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology)

Daejeon, KR

RESEARCH ASSISTANT (GNSS LAB, PROF. JIYUN LEE)

Mar. 2020 - Aug. 2020

- Develop a Markov chain-based model to generate correlated signal fading processes under ionospheric scintillation.

DLR (German Aerospace Center)

Oberpfaffenhofen, Bayern, DE

VISITING STUDENT RESEARCHER (INSTITUTE OF COMMUNICATIONS AND NAVIGATION)

Apr. 2016 - Jul. 2016

- Analyzed the effects of ionospheric scintillation on GBAS smoothed pseudorange errors.

Honors & Awards

2024	Best Presentation Award , ION GNSS+ 2024, Session B2: Trends in GNSS Augmentation Systems	Baltimore, MD, US
2019	Best TA Award , KAIST, Department of Aerospace Engineering	Daejeon, KR
2015, 2017	Boeing Scholarship , Boeing Korea & KAIST, Department of Aerospace Engineering	KR
2013-2016	National Excellence Scholarship , Korea Student Aid Foundation (KOSAF)	KR

Journal Papers

Impact of diffraction-induced cycle slips on GNSS augmentation systems under ionospheric scintillation

SUN, A. K., PULLEN, S. & LEE, J.

under revision

IEEE Transactions on Aerospace and Electronic Systems

Ionospheric Scintillation Effects on LEO-Transmitted Signals Across Multiple Frequency Bands

SUN, A. K., MORTON, Y. J., RINO, C., & LEE, J.

under revision

NAVIGATION

Do Solar Eclipses Generate Propagating Ionospheric Perturbations?

SUN, A. K., KIL, H., CHANG, H., LEE, W. K., & LEE, J.

Jun. 2025

Journal of Geophysical Research: Space Physics, 130(6). <https://doi.org/10.1029/2025JA033746>

Assessment of the Origin of a Plasma Depletion Band Over the United States During the 8 September 2017 Geomagnetic Storm

KIL, H., SUN, A. K., LEE, W. K., CHANG, H., & LEE, J.,

Apr. 2024

Geophysical Research Letters, 51(7). <https://doi.org/10.1029/2024gl108334>

Statistical Uncertainty in the Frequency Dependence of the Intensity Scintillation Index (S4)

SUN, A. K., PI, X., RINO, C., & LEE, J.

Jun. 2023

Radio Science, 58(7). <https://doi.org/10.1029/2023rs007659>

The Origin of Midlatitude Plasma Depletions Detected During the 12 February 2000 and 29 October 2003 Geomagnetic Storms

KIL, H., CHANG, H., LEE, W. K., PAXTON, L. J., SUN, A. K., & LEE, J.

Mar. 2022

Journal of Geophysical Research: Space Physics, 127(3). <https://doi.org/10.1029/2021ja030169>

Ionospheric Disturbances in Low-and Midlatitudes During the Geomagnetic Storm on 26 August 2018

CHANG, H., KIL, H., SUN, A. K., ZHANG, S.-R., & LEE, J.

Jan. 2022

Journal of Geophysical Research: Space Physics, 127(2). <https://doi.org/10.1029/2021ja029879>

Markov Chain-Based Stochastic Modeling of Deep Signal Fading: Availability Assessment of Dual-Frequency GNSS-Based Aviation Under Ionospheric Scintillation

SUN, A. K., CHANG, H., PULLEN, S., KIL, H., SEO, J., MORTON, Y. J., & LEE, J.

Jun. 2021

Space Weather, 19(9). <https://doi.org/10.1029/2020sw002655>

Conference Proceedings

A Method of Estimating Residual Bending Error in GNSS-RO Absolute TEC

Oral

CHANG, J., SUN, A. K., PARK, J., LEE, J., & MORTON, J.

Jan. 2025

ION ITM 2025, Long Beach, CA, US, pp. 151-160. <https://doi.org/10.33012/2025.20005>

Estimation of the Residual Error due to Ionospheric Bending in Relative TEC using COSMIC-2 GPS-RO Measurements

Oral

CHANG, J., SUN, A. K., LEE, J., CHANG, H., WAN, G. Y., LIU, L., MORTON, J., & HUNT, D.

Apr. 2024

ION PNT 2024, Honolulu, HI, US, pp. 22-35. <https://doi.org/10.33012/2024.19607>

Ionospheric Scintillation Effects across Multiple Carrier Frequency Bands Transmitted from LEO Satellites

Oral

SUN, A. K., MORTON, Y. J., & LEE, J.

Jan. 2024

ION ITM 2024, Long Beach, CA, US, pp. 109-125. <https://doi.org/10.33012/2024.19525>

A Method for Simulating Dynamic Ionosphere Scintillation

Oral

BREITSCH, B., SUN, A. K., & MORTON, J.

Jan. 2024

ION ITM 2024, Long Beach, CA, US, pp. 126-134. <https://doi.org/10.33012/2024.19526>

Availability Assessment of Dual-Frequency GNSS-Based Augmentation Systems Under Equatorial Ionospheric Scintillations

Oral

SUN, A. K., CHANG, J., LEE, J., BREITSCH, B., & MORTON, Y. J.

Jan. 2023

ION ITM 2023, Long Beach, CA, US, pp. 937-949. <https://doi.org/10.33012/2023.18617>

Network-Based Augmentation System (NBAS) Architectures Optimized to Support Urban Air Mobility (UAM)

Oral

LEE, J., NAM, G., MIN, D., SUN, A. K., & PULLEN, S.

Jan. 2023

ION ITM 2023, Long Beach, CA, US, pp. 441-453. <https://doi.org/10.33012/2023.18603>

Networked UAV Detection and Alerting of Ionospheric Anomalies within LADGNSS Navigation Framework

Oral

NAM, G., SUN, A. K., LEE, J., & PULLEN, S.

Sep. 2022

ION GNSS+ 2022, Denver, CO, US, pp. 1529-1536. <https://doi.org/10.33012/2022.18424>

Performance Benefit from Dual-Frequency GNSS-based Aviation Applications under Ionospheric Scintillation: A New Approach to Fading Process Modeling

Oral

SUN, K., CHANG, H., LEE, J., SEO, J., MORTON, Y. J., & PULLEN, S.

Jan. 2020

ION ITM 2020, San Diego, CA, US, pp. 889-899. <https://doi.org/10.33012/2020.17184>

Conference Presentations

Phase Screen Model for Extreme Scintillations: Evaluating Theoretical Limits in Propagation Approximations	<i>Oral</i>
SUN, A. K., RINO, C., MORTON, J., BREITSCH, B., & LEE, J. AGU24, Washington, D.C., US, SA54B-07	Dec. 2024
Investigation of the Development of Traveling Ionospheric Disturbances during the Total Solar Eclipses on 21 August 2017 and 8 April 2024	<i>Poster</i>
SUN, A. K., KIL, H., CHANG, H., LEE, W. K., & LEE, J. AGU24, Washington, D.C., US, SH51D-2920	Dec. 2024
Impact of Phase Transitions Due to Ionospheric Scintillation on GBAS Integrity	<i>Oral (Best Presentation Award)</i>
SUN, A. K., LEE, J., & PULLEN, S. ION GNSS+ 2024, Baltimore, MD, US, B2-5	Sep. 2024
Assessment of Ionospheric Perturbations during Total Solar Eclipses	<i>Oral</i>
SUN, A. K., KIL, H., CHANG, H., LEE, W. K., & LEE, J. COSPAR 2024, Busan, KR, C1.3-0005-24	Jul. 2024
Study of the Characteristics and Sources of Late-Night Equatorial Electron Density Irregularities	<i>Oral</i>
SUN, A. K., KIL, H., CHANG, H., & LEE, J. AGU23, San Francisco, CA, US, SA51A-07	Dec. 2023
Preliminary Assessment of the Residual Error due to Ionospheric Bending in the COSMIC-2 Radio Occultation Total Electron Content by Comparing Results from Single- and Dual-frequency Methods	<i>Poster</i>
CHANG, J., SUN, A. K., CHANG, H., WANG, Y., LIU, L., HUNT, D., MORTON, J., & LEE, J. AGU23, San Francisco, CA, US, A13I-2273	Dec. 2023
Performance Assessment of Ionospheric Electron Density Profiles Retrieved from KOMPSAT-5 by Comparing with Ground-based and Space-based Observations	<i>Poster</i>
CHANG, H., CHANG, J., SUN, A. K., LEE, W., KIL, H., & LEE, J. AGU23, San Francisco, CA, US, SA23C-2742	Dec. 2023
Preliminary Assessment of Scintillation Data from the Spire Global and PlanetIQ Radio Occultation Constellation	<i>Poster</i>
CHANG, H., LEI, L., MORTON, J., DURGONICS, T., WANG, J., FULLER-ROWELL, D. J., HUNT, D., BRAUN, J., WEISS, J., CHANG, J., SUN, A. K., & LEE, J. AGU23, San Francisco, CA, US, IN31D-0680	Dec. 2023
Mid-Latitude Ionospheric Scintillation Impact on Availability of Dual-frequency GNSS Augmentation Systems	<i>Oral</i>
SUN, A. K., CHANG, J., LEE, J., BREITSCH, B., MORTON, Y. J., & PULLEN, S. ION GNSS+ 2023, Denver, CO, US, B1-2	Sep. 2023
Characteristics and sources of electron density irregularities near and after midnight in the equatorial F region	<i>Poster</i>
KIL, H., SUN, K. A., CHANG, H., PAXTON, L. J., ROMINA, N., & LEE, J. AGU22, Chicago, IL, US, SA55A-03	Dec. 2022
Study of the drivers of the equatorial ionization anomaly using ICON and COSMIC2 data	<i>Poster</i>
KIL, H., CHANG, H., SUN, K. A., & LEE, J. AGU22, Chicago, IL, US, SA56A-01	Dec. 2022
Preliminary Results of Electron Density Profiles Retrieved from KOMPSAT-5 Radio Occultation Data	<i>Poster</i>
CHANG, H., CHANG, J., SUN, K. A., LEE, W. K., & LEE, J. AGU22, Chicago, IL, US, P42G-2486	Dec. 2022
GNSS Carrier Frequency Dependence of Ionospheric Scintillation Index in Equatorial Regions	<i>Oral</i>
SUN, A. K., LEE, J., PI, X., KRIEGEL, M., & BERDERMANN, J. (ORAL) URSI GASS 2021, Remote, We-G08-PM3-2	Aug. 2021

Development of GNSS Ionospheric Impact Analysis and Application Tool

CHANG, H., YOON, M., LEE, J., KIM, D., CHOI, P. H., **SUN, K. A.**, & LEE, J.

AGU19, San Francisco, CA, US, SA33D-3176

Poster

Dec. 2019

Ionospheric Scintillation Effects on GBAS Ground Station Pseudorange Errors

SUN, K. A., YOON, M., FELUX, M., & LEE, J.

AGU18, Washington, D.C., US, SA13C-2790

Poster

Dec. 2018