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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Environmental Engineering, Princeton University Jun 2015
Advisor: Prof. Mark A. Zondlo
Dissertation: Constraining atmospheric ammonia emissions through new observations with an open-path, laser-based sensor

B.S., Environmental Sciences, Peking University Jul 2009
Advisor: Prof. Min Hu
Thesis: Estimation of ambient particle density in the winter and summer of Beijing

B.A., Economics, Peking University Jul 2009

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Associate Professor Mar 2025 – present
Department of Civil, Structural and Environmental Engineering
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Assistant Professor Jan 2020 – Mar 2025
Department of Civil, Structural and Environmental Engineering
University at Buffalo, Buffalo, NY

Research Assistant Professor Jan 2018 – Jan 2020
Research and Education in eNergy, Environment and Water (RENEW) Institute
University at Buffalo, Buffalo, NY

Atmospheric Physicist Jul 2017 – Jan 2018
Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory
Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics, Cambridge, MA

Postdoctoral Research Fellow Aug 2015 – Jul 2017
Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory
Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics, Cambridge, MA

Research Assistant Sep 2009 – Jun 2015
Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering
Princeton University, Princeton, NJ

Research Intern Oct 2013 – Aug 2014
NEC Labs America
Princeton, NJ

HONORS AND AWARDS

CAREER Award , National Science Foundation (NSF)	2024
Individual Development Award , United University Professions Union	2019–2020
2018 Pecora Team Award , National Land Imaging Program Received as a member of Ozone Monitoring Instrument (OMI) International Team	2018
ACCESS XIV , Atmospheric Chemistry Colloquium for Emerging Senior Scientists	2017
Graduate Student Fellowship in Earth Systems Science , NASA	2012–2015
Gordon Wu Prize for excellence , Princeton University	2013
May 4th Scholarship , Peking University	2007
Founder Scholarship , Peking University	2006
Samsung Scholarship , Peking University	2005

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Spring 2022–2025	Instructor , Department of Civil, Structural & Environmental Engineering, University at Buffalo CIE 461/563–Air Pollution
Spring 2020–2021, Fall 2024–2025	Instructor , Department of Civil, Structural & Environmental Engineering, University at Buffalo CIE 532–Statistical methods in Environmental and Water Resources Engineering
Fall 2018–2023	Instructor , Department of Civil, Structural & Environmental Engineering, University at Buffalo CIE 546–Environmental Fluid Mechanics
Spring 2012	Assistant in Instruction , Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, Princeton University CEE 311–Global Air Pollution

GRANTS AND CONTRACTS

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“High-Resolution NO_x Emission Estimation From TEMPO Observations: Advancing Air Pollution Monitoring and Public Health Analysis”, PI: Kang Sun, Future Investigator (FI): Jobaer Ahmed

Saju, 11/1/2025 – 10/31/2028, NASA ROSES-2024 FINESST, \$147,697 (100% share)

“Dual-Band N₂O Retrieval From GOSAT-2”, PI: Kang Sun, 10/1/2025 – 9/30/2026, Environmental Defense Fund, \$60,000 (100% share)

“CAREER: Timely Estimation of Nitrogen Oxides Emissions for Improved Monitoring and Simulation of Atmospheric Chemical Processes”, PI: Kang Sun, 5/1/2024 – 4/30/2029, NSF CAREER, \$643,562 (100% share)

“N₂O remote sensing sensitivity study”, PI: Kang Sun, 10/1/2023 – 6/30/2025, Environmental Defense Fund, \$124,926 (100% share)

“Integrating satellite data, in-situ measurements, and process-based models to quantify and attribute agricultural emissions of NH₃ and NO_x for the US Midwest”, PI: Kaiyu Guan, Co-Is: Bin Peng, Wendy Yang, Steven Hall, Mark Zondlo, and Kang Sun, 12/7/2023 – 12/6/2026, NASA, \$1,504,063 (17% share)

“Improving air quality monitoring for Buffalo African-American community”, PI: Eun-Hye Yoo, Co-PIs: Margaret Grinslade, Kang Sun, and Meng Wang, 12/29/2023 – 12/28/2026, US EPA, \$499,963 (10% share)

“Wildfires in natural ecosystem and urban community”, PI: Kang Sun, Co-PIs: Negar Elhami Khorasani and Adam Wilson, 7/1/2021 – 6/30/2023, Buffalo Blue Sky, \$15,000 (33% share)

“Evaluating Gaps between Perceived and Objective Risks of Fire in Wildland Urban Interface Communities”, PI: Negar Elhami Khorasani, Co-PIs: Janet Yang, Kevin Smiley, Sayanti Mukherjee, and Kang Sun, 10/15/2020 – 10/14/2022, SUNY Research Seed Grant Program, \$30,000 (17% share)

“The ‘System of Systems’ Solutions for Commercial Field-Level Quantification of Soil Organic Carbon and Nitrous Oxide Emission for Scalable Applications (SYMFONI)”, PI: Kaiyu Guan, Co-PIs: Evan DeLucia, Wendy Yang, Jian Peng, DoKyoung Lee, Zhenong Jin, and Kang Sun, 1/1/2021 – 8/31/2024, DOE ARPA-E, \$4,500,000 (8% share)

“A Satellite Data-Driven Framework to Quantify Sources and Lifetimes of Atmospheric Pollutants and Their Responses to the COVID-19 Pandemic”, PI: Kang Sun, 7/7/2020 – 7/6/2022, NASA ROSES-2020 RRNES, \$100,000 (100% share)

“MethaneSAT/MethaneAIR Science and Algorithms at UB”, PI: Kang Sun, 1/1/2020 – 7/31/2024, MethaneSAT LLC, \$238,942 (100% share)

“Participation in MEaSURES: The Long-Term and Consistent Earth System Data Records of H₂CO, CHOCHO and H₂O from Multi-Satellite UV/Visible Spectra”, PI: Kang Sun, 9/1/2019 – 6/7/2024, Smithsonian Institution, \$381,839 (100% share)

“Observational Data-driven Surface Concentrations Derived from Satellite Columns and Aircraft Profiles”, PI: Kang Sun, Co-I: Dan Li, 5/2/2019 – 5/1/2023, NASA ROSES-2018 ACMAP, \$528,471 (69% share)

“A Satellite to Measure Emissions of CH₄ from Gas and Oil Production Regions - Phase A1 Study”, PI: Kang Sun, 4/1/2018 – 3/31/2019, Smithsonian Institution, \$52,195 (100% share)

PUBLICATIONS

72 peer-reviewed publications, 5943 citations, H-index 37 according to Google Scholar: <https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=nYe7oFIAAAAJ&hl=en&oi=ao>

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Graduate students or postdoc advised at UB are labelled with underline

Peer-reviewed Publications at UB

72. [ACP'26] Z. Li, **K. Sun***, K. Guan, S. Wang, B. Peng, L. Clarisse, M. Van Damme, P.-F. Coheur, K. Cady-Pereira, M. W. Shephard, M. Zondlo, and D. Moore, Ammonia emissions and depositions over the contiguous United States derived from IASI and CrIS using the directional derivative approach, *Atmospheric Chemistry and Physics*, 26, 703-721, doi:10.5194/acp-26-703-2026, 2026.
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68. [EST'25] A. Epps, I. M. Dressel, X. Guo, M. Odanibe, K. P. Fields, A. M. G. Carlton, **K. Sun** and Pusede, S.E., Satellite Observations of Atmospheric Ammonia Inequalities Associated with Industrialized Swine Facilities in Eastern North Carolina. *Environmental Science & Technology*, doi:10.1021/acs.est.4c11922, 2025.
67. [ESS'25] Z. Ayazpour, G. González Abad, C. R. Nowlan, **K. Sun**, H-A Kwon, C. Chan Miller, H. Chong, H. Wang, X. Liu, K. Chance, E. O'Sullivan, L. Zhu, C. Vigouroux, I. De Smedt, W. Stremme, J. W. Hannigan, J. Notholt, X. Sun, M. Palm, C. Petri, K. Strong, A. N. Rohling, E. Mahieu, D. Smale, Y. Té, I. Morino, I. Murata, T. Nagahama, R. Kivi, M. Makarova, N. B. Jones, R. Sussmann, Aura Ozone Monitoring Instrument (OMI) Collection 4 Formaldehyde Product, *Earth and Space Science*, 12, e2024EA003792, doi:10.1029/2024EA003792, 2025.
66. [AMT'24c] C. Chan Miller, S. Roche, J. Wilzewski, X. Liu, K. Chance, A. Souri, E. Conway, B. Luo, J. Samra, J. Hawthorne, **K. Sun**, C. Staebell, A. Chulakadabba, M. Sargent, J. Benmergui, J. Franklin, B. Daube, Y. Li, J. Laughner, B. Baier, R. Gautam, M. Omara, S. Wofsy, Methane retrieval from MethaneAIR using the CO₂ Proxy Approach: A demonstration for the upcoming MethaneSAT mission, *Atmospheric Measurement Techniques*, 17, 5429-5454, doi:10.5194/amt-17-5429-2024, 2024.
65. [ESTair'24] I. Dressel, S. Zhang, M. A. Demetillo, S. Yu, K. Fields, L. Judd, C. Nowlan, **K. Sun**, A. Kotsakis, A. Turner, and S. Pusede, Neighborhood-Level Nitrogen Dioxide Inequalities Contribute to Surface Ozone Variability in Houston, Texas, *ACS ES&T Air*, doi:10.1021/acsestair.4c00009, 2024.

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58. [ESS'23b] C. R. Nowlan, G. González Abad, H.-A. Kwon, Z. Ayazpour, C. Chan Miller, K. Chance, H. Chong, X. Liu, E. OSullivan, H. Wang, L. Zhu, I. De Smedt, G. Jaross, C. Seftor, and **K. Sun**, Global Formaldehyde Products From the Ozone Mapping and Profiler Suite (OMPS) Nadir Mappers on Suomi NPP and NOAA-20, *Earth and Space Science*, 10(5), e2022EA002643, doi:10.1029/2022EA002643, 2023.
57. [ESS'23a] O. M. Coddington, E. C. Richard, D. Harber, P. Pilewskie, T. N. Woods, M. Snow, K. Chance, X. Liu, and **K. Sun**, Version 2 of the TSIS-1 Hybrid Solar Reference Spectrum and Extension to the Full Spectrum, *Earth and Space Science*, 10(3), e2022EA002637, doi:10.1029/2022EA002637, 2023.
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51. [RS'22] Z. Cai, **K. Sun**, D. Yang, Y. Liu, L. Yao, C. Lin, and X. Liu, On-Orbit Characterization of TanSat Instrument Line Shape Using Observed Solar Spectra, *Remote Sensing*, 14(14), doi:10.3390/rs14143334, 2022.
50. [AMT'22b] **K. Sun***, M. Yousefi, C. Chan Miller, K. Chance, G. González Abad, G., I. E. Gordon, X. Liu, E. O'Sullivan, C. E. Sioris, and S. C. Wofsy, An optimal estimation-based retrieval of upper atmospheric oxygen airglow and temperature from SCIAMACHY limb observations, *Atmospheric Measurement Techniques*, 15, 3721–3745, doi:10.5194/amt-15-3721-2022, 2022.
49. [JRS'22] C. Li, X. Xu, X. Liu, J. Wang, **K. Sun**, J. van Geffen, Q. Zhu, J. Ma, J. Jin, K. Qin, Q. He, P. Xie, B. Ren, and R. C. Cohen, Direct Retrieval of NO₂ Vertical Columns from UV-Vis (390–495nm) Spectral Radiances Using a Neural Network, *Journal of Remote Sensing*, doi:10.34133/2022/9817134, 2022.
48. [GCB'22] D. Pan, I. Gelfand, L. Tao, M. Abraha, **K. Sun**, X. Guo, J. Chen, G. P. Robertson, and M. A. Zondlo, A New Open-Path Eddy Covariance Method for Nitrous Oxide and Other Trace Gases that Minimizes Temperature Corrections, *Global Change Biology*, 28, 1446–1457, doi:10.1111/gcb.15986, 2022.
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46. [EP'22] C. Huang, **K. Sun**, J. Hu, T. Xue, H. Xu, and M. Wang, Estimating 2013–2019 NO₂ exposure with high spatiotemporal resolution in China using an ensemble model, *Environmental Pollution*, 292, 118285, doi:10.1016/j.envpol.2021.118285, 2022.
45. [SciRep'21] Z. U. Ahmed, **K. Sun**, M. Shelly, and L. Mu, Explainable artificial intelligence (XAI) for exploring spatial variability of lung and bronchus cancer (LBC) mortality rates in the contiguous USA, *Scientific Reports*, 11(1), 24090, doi:10.1038/s41598-021-03198-8, 2021.
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over South Asia, *Science of The Total Environment*, 151135, doi:10.1016/j.scitotenv.2021.151135, 2021.

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TECHNICAL PRESENTATIONS

Invited Talks

27. **K. Sun**, Accurate and timely quantification of air pollution sources by satellites, Department of Chemistry Seminars, SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry, Syracuse, NY, 04/2025.

26. **K. Sun**, A Unified Framework to Derive Emissions from Satellite-Observed Column Amounts, Environmental Fluid Mechanics and Hydrology Seminars, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY, 10/2022.
25. **K. Sun**, Observational data-driven constraints on the emissions and lifetimes of reactive nitrogen, invited talk at NADP Total Deposition Science Committee (TDep) agricultural workshop, Boulder, CO, 11/2019.
24. **K. Sun**, A Tale of Two Molecules: NH₃ and CH₄, Atmospheric & Environmental Chemistry Seminars, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, 10/2019.
23. **K. Sun**, Tackle grand environmental challenges through atmospheric observations and modeling, Research seminar at Institute of Atmospheric Physics, Chinese Academy of Sciences, Beijing, China, 03/2017.
22. **K. Sun**, Observing air quality and the climate at the molecular and global level, Southern University of Science and Technology Global Scientist Forum, Shenzhen, China, 03/2017.

Conference Oral Presentations

21. **K. Sun**, Estimating Emissions and Near-Surface Concentrations of Short- and Long-Lived Atmospheric Species From Satellite Observations Using the Directional Derivative Approach, Oral presentation in AMS Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD, 02/2024.
20. **K. Sun**, A Satellite Data-Driven Framework to Quantify Sources and Lifetimes of Atmospheric Pollutants and the Emission Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic, Oral presentation in AGU Fall Meeting, 12/2020.
19. **K. Sun** and D. Li, Observational Data-Driven Surface Concentration Derived from Satellite Columns, Oral presentation in AMS Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, 01/2020.
18. **K. Sun**, X. Lan, C. Sweeney, and Y. Zhang, Methane enhancements and hotspot emissions over the CONUS revealed by oversampling TROPOMI data, Oral presentation in AGU Fall Meeting, San Francisco, CA, 12/2019.
17. **K. Sun**, Observation-based, spatial-resolved surface concentrations and their implications for emission and deposition estimation, NADP 2019 Fall Meeting, Boulder, CO, 11/2019.
16. **K. Sun**, Deriving surface concentrations from TEMPO columns and vertical profile shapes based on DISCOVER-AQ, 2019 TEMPO Science Team Meeting, Madison, WI, 06/2019.
15. **K. Sun**, Reevaluating the use of O₂ $a^1\Delta_g$ band in spaceborne remote sensing of greenhouse gases, 15th International HITRAN Biennial Conference, Cambridge, MA, 06/2018.
14. **K. Sun**, Quantifying urban nitrogen emission and deposition through optical sensing techniques, invited talk at NADP 2017 Fall Meeting, San Diego, CA, 10/2017.
13. **K. Sun**, High-resolution mapping of air pollution by oversampling satellite observations, Gordon Research Conference (GRC) in Atmospheric Chemistry, Newry, ME, 08/2017.
12. **K. Sun**, Constraining atmospheric ammonia emissions through novel observations, ACCESS XIV, 14th Atmospheric Chemistry Colloquium for Emerging Senior Scientists, Brookhaven National Laboratory, NY, 07/2017.
11. **K. Sun**, X. Liu, Z. Cai, G. Huang, G. González Abad, K. Yang, and K. Chance, Deriving the Instrument Transfer Function from OMI solar observations and its implications for ozone retrievals, Oral presentation in AGU Fall Meeting, San Francisco, CA, 12/2016.

10. **K. Sun**, X. Liu, G. González Abad, Z. Cai, C. Nowlan, K. Yang, and K. Chance, What solar measurements can tell about instrument transfer function—Lessons learned from OMI and OCO-2, Oral presentation in Aura Science Team Meeting, Rotterdam, Netherlands, 08/2016.
9. **K. Sun**, Observation and inverse modeling of atmospheric methane and ammonia in China, Chinese Environmental Scholars Forum 2016, Princeton, NJ, 06/2016.
8. **K. Sun**, L. Tao, D. J. Miller, M. A. Zondlo, K. Cady-Pereira, J. Nowak, A. Wisthaler, T. Jones, J. Chen, J. Budney, S. Wofsy, X. Liu, and K. Chance, Validating satellite NH₃ and CO₂ at the pixel scale using portable, ground-based sensors, Oral presentation in Joint ACE-Odin Science Team Meeting, Toronto, Canada, 10/2015.
7. **K. Sun**, L. Tao, D. J. Miller, D. Pan, L. Golston, Y. Tian, J. Hu, M. Huang, T. Wang, and M. A. Zondlo, Quantifying reactive nitrogen emissions using open-path, quantum cascade laser-based sensors, Oral presentation in CLEO: Applications and Technology, San Jose, CA, 05/2015.
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3. **K. Sun**, L. Tao, D. J. Miller, M. A. Khan, and M. A. Zondlo, Mapping atmospheric NH₃ emissions using a mobile open-path sensor, Oral presentation in AGU Fall Meeting, San Francisco, CA, 12/2012.
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3. Nima Masoudvaziri, Ph.D., May 2018 – May 2022, “Toward Quantified Risk Assessment of Wildland-Urban Interface Communities for Wildfires”.

M.S. degrees (theses/projects)

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