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EDUCATION

Department of Earth, Environmental and Planetary Sciences, Rice University Aug 2023 – Present
Ph.D. in Geology Houston, TX
Advisor: Rajdeep Dasgupta

Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences, University of Tennessee June 2021 – July 2023
M.S. in Geology Knoxville, TN
Advisor: Nicholas Dygert; Committee: Molly McCanta, Shichun Huang, Bradley Thomson
Thesis: Numerical and Experimental Constraints on Trace Element Fractionation During Lunar Magma Ocean Solidification

College of Geosciences, China University of Petroleum, Beijing Sep 2016 - Jun 2020
B.E. in Resource Exploration Engineering Beijing
Advisor: Huichuan Liu

Google Scholar

PUBLICATION

Total citations = 27; h-index = 3; i10-index = 2

D. Ji, N. Dygert, (2024) Trace element partitioning between apatite and silicate melts: Effects of major element composition, temperature, and oxygen fugacity, and implications for the volatile element budget of the lunar magma ocean. *Geochimica et Cosmochimica Acta*. doi: 10.1016/j.gca.2023.11.004

D. Ji, N. Dygert, (2023) Trace element evidence for serial processing of the lunar flotation crust and a depleted bulk Moon. *Earth and Planetary Science Letters*. doi: 10.1016/j.epsl.2022.117958

D. Ji, H.C. Liu, Y.L. Li, (2020) Large-scale Early Cretaceous lower-crust melting derived adakitic rocks in NE China: implications for convergent bidirectional subduction and slab rollback. *International Geology Review*. doi:10.1080/00206814.2019.1697968

FORTHCOMING

D. Ji, R. Dasgupta, C.T. Lee, Water-poor cumulate source for the water-rich lunar magma suggested by the effects of magmatic recharge. *in Review*

D. Ji, R. Dasgupta, Sulfur inventory of the young lunar mantle constrained by high pressure-temperature experiments on sulfide saturation of Chang'E 5 mare basalts. *in Review*

N. Dygert, **D. Ji**, E. Etheridge, A predictive model for divalent element partitioning between clinopyroxene and basaltic melt and a europium-in-plagioclase-clinopyroxene oxybarometer for cumulate rocks. *in Review*

Y. Zhang, R. Dasgupta, **D. Ji**, C. Lee, Y. Peng, B. Charlier, Z. Jin, J. Chen, O. Namur, Mantle melting conditions of mare lavas on South Pole–Aitken basin of lunar farside. *in Revision*

C.T. Lee, J. Zhang, D. Keller, Y. Zhang, **D. Ji**, and J. Mou, The enigma of silicic magmatism and the missing cumulates: extreme magmatic differentiation without low melt fractions. *in Revision*

CONFERENCE ABSTRACTS

D. Ji, R. Dasgupta, 2024. Deep Sulfur Cycle in the Young Lunar Mantle Constrained by High Pressure-Temperature Experiments on Sulfide Saturation of Chang'E 5 Mare Basalts. *AGU Fall Meeting* P51E-3015.

D. Ji, N. Dygert, 2024. A New Europium in Apatite-Plagioclase Oxybarometer for Lunar and Terrestrial Cumulate Rocks and Meteorites. *Lunar and Planetary Science Conference, LV #1240*.

N. Dygert, **D. Ji**, E. Etheridge 2024. Toward a Clinopyroxene-Plagioclase Oxybarometer for Lunar and Terrestrial Cumulates: An fO_2 -Dependent Predictive Model for Clinopyroxene-Melt Eu Partitioning. *Lunar and Planetary Science Conference, LV #2419*.

N. Dygert, **D. Ji**, 2023. Serial Processing of the Lunar Crust after the Magma Ocean Stage and a Depleted Bulk Moon: Insights from a Europium-in-Plagioclase Partitioning Model. *Goldschmidt Conference, # 17023*.

D. Ji, N. Dygert, 2023. New experimental constraints on REE partitioning between apatite and silicate melts and a temperature and composition-dependent predictive partitioning model. *Lunar and Planetary Science Conference, LIV* #1255.

D. Ji, N. Dygert, 2022. Serial processing after lunar anorthositic crust formation indicated by rare earth elements in plagioclase. *Lunar and Planetary Science Conference, LIII* #1229.

D. Ji, N. Dygert, 2021. Eu anomalies in lunar plagioclase reflect secondary processing by subsolidus reequilibration and introduction of a KREEP component. *Goldschmidt Conference*, #3219.

N. Dygert, **D. Ji**, A.L. Fagan, C.R. Neal, D.S. Draper, J.F. Rapp, T.J. Lapen, 2021. Petrogenesis of and subsolidus reequilibration within lunar ferroan anorthosites: Two demonstrations of a new fO_2 -dependent model for plagioclase-melt europium partitioning. *Lunar and Planetary Science Conference, LII*, #2352.

CONFERENCE TALKS

55th Lunar and Planetary Science Conference, Houston	Mar 2024
54th Lunar and Planetary Science Conference, Houston	Mar 2023
53rd Lunar and Planetary Science Conference, Houston	Mar 2022
31st Goldschmidt Conference, Virtual	Jul 2021

GRANTS

Trace element partitioning between apatite and silicate melts	2023 - 2024
MSA Grant for Student Research in Mineralogy and Petrology, Mineralogical Society of America	
\$5,000 to Student PI: Ji	

HONORS & AWARDS

• AGU Fall Meeting Travel Grant , Rice University (\$500)	2024
• The Chair's Fellowship , Rice University (\$10,000)	2023
• Virginia & James Bibee Graduate Student Professional Promise Award University of Tennessee (\$500)	2023
• Excellence in Teaching by GTA's Award , University of Tennessee (\$500)	2023
• Member , <i>The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi</i>	2023
• Jimmy Walls Colloquium Presentation Award , University of Tennessee (\$500)	2022
• Li Siguang Outstanding Student Award (¥15,000)	2020
• Excellent Senior Thesis Award , Beijing	2020
• Dean's Nomination Award of College of Geosciences , China University of Petroleum (¥5,000)	2020
• First-class Scholarship , China University of Petroleum (¥2,000)	2019
• Oriental Geophysics Company Scholarship (¥3,000)	2018
• Second-class Scholarship , China University of Petroleum (¥1,000)	2017

SERVICE

Journal Reviewer

Geochimica et Cosmochimica Acta (2024×1, 2023×1); Icarus (2024×1); Lithos (2024×2); American Mineralogist (2022×1); International Geology Review (2019×2)

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING & EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant, University of Tennessee	Aug 2022 – May 2023
GEOL330: Igneous and Metamorphic Petrology	Student evaluation 5.0/5.0
GEOL310: Mineralogy	Student evaluation 4.8/5.0
Research Assistant, University of Tennessee	June 2021 – July 2022
Visiting scholar, University of Texas at Dallas	Jul 2019 – Sep 2019

SUPERVISION

Summer 2024 Aahan Roy, sulfur solubility of lunar basalts

2022 – 2023 Jordan Marshall, Piston-cylinder experiments on Mercurian system

→ Materials Engineering, University of Tennessee (PhD track)

FIELD EXPERIENCE

General field trip, New Mexico 2023

- A field trip of igneous and metamorphic rocks in Valles Caldera, Los Alamos Surge Deposits, Bandelier National Monument, Rio Grande Gorge, etc., for a week led by Dr. Cin-Ty Lee and Dr. Rajdeep Dasgupta

Rio Grande Rift and Jemez Lineament xenolith sampling, New Mexico 2022

- Collected mantle and crustal xenolith from Kilbourne Hole to Cerro de Guadalupe in New Mexico for a week led by Dr. Nicholas Dygert

McClung Blue Ridge Foothills Field Trip 2022

- Observed part of the transition from the external foreland fold-thrust belt of the Appalachians into the internal metamorphic core led by Dr. Bob Hatcher

Archean Basic Rock Collection, Miyun 2019

- Collected Archean garnet pyroxenite
- Measured geological occurrence of basaltic dyke group led by Dr. Huichuan Liu

Field Practice in Oilfield, Dagang Oilfield 2019

- Learned the working methods of oilfield engineers, and interpretation of seismic data as well as logging data for two weeks

Comprehensive Geological Field Practice, Liujiang Basin 2018

- A month-long geological field practice includes surveys of stratigraphic profiles and geological mapping, and observation of structural geological phenomena led by Dr. Liang Luo
- Analyzed the structure phenomena logically and drew geologic maps with CorelDraw

General Field Practice, Western Hills of Beijing 2017

- A two-week geological field practice for learning to recognize magmatic rocks, sedimentary rocks, and metamorphic rocks led by Dr. Qin Zhang
- Described how rock and fossil evidence are used to infer Earth's history