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EDUCATION

Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences, University of Tennessee

June 2021 - Present

MS track in Geology

Knoxville, TN

Advisor: Dr. Nicholas Dygert

GPA: 4.0 / 4.0

College of Geosciences, China University of Petroleum, Beijing

Sep 2016 - Jun 2020

B.E. in Resource Exploration Engineering

Beijing

Advisor: Dr. Huichuan Liu

GPA: 3.9 / 5.0 (Average score: 89 / 100)

Rank: 4 / 117 (Top 3.4%)

PUBLICATION

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, (2019) 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, N. Dygert, Trace element partitioning between apatite and silicate melts. *In Preparation*

CONFERENCE ABSTRACTS

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

53rd Lunar and Planetary Science Conference, Houston

Mar 2022

31st Goldschmidt Conference, Virtual

Jul 2021

TRAINING

Teaching Assistant, University of Tennessee

Jan 2023 – May 2023

GEOL330: Igneous and Metamorphic Petrology

Teaching Assistant, University of Tennessee

Aug 2022 – Dec 2022

GEOL310: Mineralogy

Research Assistant, University of Tennessee

June 2021 – July 2022

Supervisor: Dr. Nicholas Dygert

RESEARCH

Research on the trace element partitioning between apatite and silicate melts Apr 2022 – Present

- Expanded the dataset of partition coefficients between apatite and silicate melt through piston cylinder experiments
- Conducted a series of experiments with constant initial composition but different metal buffers to characterize the Eu anomaly of apatite under different oxygen fugacities
- Built predictive models to calculate the partition coefficients of trace elements between apatite and silicate melts

Research on the Eu anomalies in lunar plagioclase Sep 2020 – Apr 2022

- Compiled published crystallization sequences and cumulate products of the lunar magma ocean
- Numerical modeled the trace element abundances of crystallized plagioclase, and tested the reasons of Eu anomalies by subsolidus reequilibration and KREEP addition
- Proposed a post-LMO model to explain the petrogenesis of lunar anorthosites and to reconcile the trace elements, isotopic evidence, and the overlap in ages of Mg-suite, KREEP basalt, and ferroan anorthosites

Laboratory Work and Visiting in UT Dallas Jul 2019 – Sep 2019

- Worked in the Global Magmatic and Tectonic Research Laboratory with Dr. Robert Stern at UT Dallas on a project aims at determining the petrogenesis of all the Early Cretaceous adakites in China

Research on Petrogenesis of Early Cretaceous Adakites in Northeast China Oct 2018 – Apr 2019

- Aimed at figuring out the controversial tectonic settings in NE China by confirming the petrogenesis of the large-scale Early Cretaceous adakitic rocks
- Compiled the temporal and spatial distribution as well as the major elements, trace elements, and Sr-Nd, Lu-Hf isotopic data of the Early Cretaceous adakites
- Proposed a convergent bidirectional subduction model to explain the tectonic settings

HONORS & AWARDS

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| • Jimmy Walls Colloquium Presentation Award , University of Tennessee | 2022 |
| • Li Siguang Outstanding Student Award (the highest undergraduate geoscience award in China) | 2020 |
| • Excellent Senior Thesis Award , Beijing | 2020 |
| • Dean's Nomination Award of College of Geosciences , China University of Petroleum | 2020 |
| • First-class Scholarship , China University of Petroleum | 2019 |
| • Second Prize in Tectonic Knowledge Competition , China University of Petroleum | 2019 |
| • Oriental Geophysics Company Scholarship | 2018 |
| • First Prize of the 2018 "FLTRP Cup" English Reading Contest | 2018 |
| • Third Prize of Comprehensive Geological Skills Competition , China University of Petroleum | 2018 |
| • Second Prize in Tectonic Knowledge Competition , China University of Petroleum | 2018 |
| • Third Prize in General Geology Knowledge Competition , China University of Petroleum | 2018 |
| • Second-class Scholarship , China University of Petroleum | 2017 |

SERVICE

Journal Reviewer

American Mineralogist; International Geology Review (×2)

FIELD EXPERIENCE

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

SKILLS

- MATLAB, R, C/C++, Adobe Illustrator, Photoshop, CorelDRAW, Grapher, Surfer, Iqpet
- Piston Cylinder, Gas Mixing Furnace, Scanning Electron Microscope, Electron Probe Microanalyzer, LA-ICP-MS