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EDUCATION

University of Graz, Austria	Gi az, Austria
Ph.D. (Visiting student), Advised by Prof. Christoph Hauzenberger	Jul. 2021 - Oct. 2022
Structural Geology, Metamorphic Petrology	
Northwest University, China	Xi'an, China
Ph.D., Advised by Prof. Yunpeng Dong, Prof. Shengsi Sun	Sep. 2016 - Jul. 2022
Structural Geology, GPA: 3.77	
Northwest University, China	Xi'an, China
B.S., Advised by Prof. Yunpeng Dong	Sep. 2012 - Jul. 2016
Geology	

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

University of Graz. Austria

•	Research title: Metamorphic evolution and P-T-D-t constraints of the middle-lower crustal metamorphic rocks in the North Qinling Orogenic Belt, central China. Research Project supervised by Prof. Christoph Hauzenberger	Jul. 2021 - Oct. 2022
•	Research title: Multi-scale structural analyses and deformation processes of the Qinling Complex in the North Qinling Orogenic Belt, central China. Research Project supervised by Prof. Yunpeng Dong, Prof. Shengsi Sun	Sep. 2019 - Jul. 2022
•	Research title: Kinematics, mineral fabrics and deformational mechanism of the Taibai ductile shear zone, Qinling Orogenic Belt, central China. Research Project supervised by Prof. Yunpeng Dong, Prof. Shengsi Sun	Sep. 2016 - Jul. 2019

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Regional geology, structural mapping and multi-scale structural analyses.

The ductile shear zone is a fundamental structure within the continental orogen formed as a result of strain localization and concentration. Deformation and rheological mechanism analyses of deformed rocks and representative ductile shear zones are the keys to reconstructing the detailed evolution of the orogenic process. These objectives can be achieved by detailed multi-scale structural analyses coupled with P-T estimation and geochronology analyses.

Minerals crystallographic preferred orientations and nanoscale deformation mechanism.

Different dislocation creep or slip systems in minerals are activated under different deformation conditions. By measuring the fabrics or CPOs of deformed minerals, the active slip system during deformation can be determined, thereby inferring the temperature and pressure conditions. According to the SEM and EBSD techniques, the lattice scale deformation characteristics of typical deformed rock-forming minerals can be obtained.

• Metamorphic evolution and P-T-D-t path of middle-lower crustal deformed rocks.

Compared to the upper mantle, the middle-lower crust is characterized by complex lithology and structure. Combining the deformation processes with the metamorphism evolution analyses of middle-lower crustal deformed rocks within the typical orogenic belt is significant to explore the rheology, growth, and deformation localization of continental lithosphere.

Multiple isotope geochronology and monazite petromineralogy.

According to the different closure temperatures, various of isotopic systems, such as U–Pb and ⁴⁰Ar/³⁹Ar, can be used to constrain the timing of geological events. In addition to minerals like zircon, mica, feldspar, and amphibole, monazite is a REE-bearing phosphate that commonly contains radioactive elements of Th, U, and Pb and can be used as a geochronometer. The idea is to analyze the texture and chemical composition of monazite via EPMA or ICP-MS techniques and explore its relationships with other minerals in order to restore its evolutionary process and geological significance.

TECHNICAL EXPERTISE

- Professional expertise:
 - [1] Field geological mapping and multi-scale structural analyses;
 - [2] Quantitative microtectonic techniques of EBSD mineral fabrics and kinematic vorticity analyses;
 - [3] Multiple geochronology analyses (Zircon U–Pb; Mica/Feldspar/Amphibole 40Ar/39Ar; Monazite U–Th–Pb dating);
 - [4] Metamorphic facies pseudosections modelling, EPMA analyses and geothermobarometry calculations.
- Software: Adobe Illustrator; CorelDRAW; Origin; Stereonet; Channel5; Perple X; Mathematica; Matlab; ArcGIS; Gplates
- Language: English; Chinese

SCHOLARLY METRICS

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PUBLICATIONS

- [1] Cheng, C., Sun, S.S., Dong, Y.P., Zhang, B., Guo, Z., (2022). Exhumation of plutons controlled by boundary faults: Insights from the kinematics, microfabric, and geochronology of the Taibai shear zone, Qinling Orogen, China. *Geological Society of America Bulletin*, https://doi.org/10.1130/B36073.1
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 Eastern Qinling Orogenic Belt

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HONORS AND AWARDS

•	Eurasia-Pacific Uninet Project 2020 (OeAD-GmbH, MPC) Scholarship, Austria	Aug. 2022-Oct. 2022
•	International Exchange Program of Northwest University, China	May 2022-Jul. 2022
•	Ernst Mach Grant Eurasia-Pacific Uninet (OeAD-GmbH, BMBWF) Scholarship, Austria	Jul. 2021-Feb. 2022
•	The 2 nd Prize of the Academic Scholarship for Ph.D. Students of Northwest University, China	Oct. 2021
•	The 1st Prize of the Academic Scholarship for Ph.D. Students of Northwest University, China	Oct. 2020
•	The 1st Prize of the Academic Scholarship for Ph.D. Students of Northwest University, China	Oct. 2019

ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

•	The EGU General Assembly 2022 (EGU 2022) Oral presentation	Vienna, Austria May 2022
•	Chinese Society for Mineralogy, Petrology and Geochemistry, the 9 th National Metamorphic Rocks Professional Committee 2021 Symposium Field excursion	Xi'an, China Apr. 2021
•	Annual Meeting of Chinese Geoscience Union (CGU 2020) Oral presentation	Chongqing, China Oct. 2020
•	International Association for Gondwana Research 2019 Convention & 16 th International Conference on Gondwana to Asia Oral presentation	Kochi, Japan Nov. 2019
•	Annual Meeting of Chinese Geoscience Union (CGU 2019) Oral presentation	Beijing, China Oct. 2019
•	5 th Young Scientist Forum of Earth Science Oral presentation	Nanjing, China Oct. 2018
•	International Association for Gondwana Research 2018 Convention & 15 th International Conference on Gondwana to Asia	Xi'an, China Sep. 2018

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