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## PERSONAL INFORMATION

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**Date of Birth:** 17th Decemeber 1993

**Nationality:** China

**Institution:** Earth and Environmental Sciences, KU Leuven

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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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My research interests focus on two aspects in igneous petrology:

1. Crystallization kinetics, magma dynamics in magmatic systems. I am interested in understanding the crystal size, texture, morphology and their responses to the change of magmatic conditions; Elemental diffusion and its application in addressing timescales in volcanic systems. Elemental partitioning in the kinetic conditions.
2. Mantle melting and mantle heterogenous in igneous provinces and ocean islands. I am interested in characterization of heterogenous mantle sources from major and trace elements, the degree of mantle melting therefore accounts for the crustal thickness, trace element abundances in primary minerals
3. Phase equilibria. Particularly to understand interior structure and geochemical composition of rocky planet.

To carry out the research, I use experiments combing with numerical modelling, thermodynamics, statistics, textural and geochemical analyzes

My PhD projects focus on using high temperature high pressure facilities to understand

1. the differentiation, immiscibility and thermal structure of large igneous provinces
2. crystallization kinetics in basaltic system

Beside experimental study, I am very passionate about coding, software development, data analysis.

## EDUCATION & ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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**Universität Münster**

*Postdoc fellow*

**01. 2024 – present**

*Münster, Germany*

**KU Leuven**

*PhD in Geology*

**06. 2019 – 01. 2024 (expected)**

*Leuven, Belgium*

**University of Liège**

*Visiting scholar*

**10. 2018 – 04. 2019**

*Liège, Belgium*

**China University of Geosciences (Beijing)**

*Master in Geology*

**09. 2016 – 05. 2019**

*Beijing, China*

**China University of Geosciences (Beijing)**

*Bachelor in Geology*

**09. 2012 – 07. 2016**

*Beijing, China*

## LABORATORY EXPERIENCE

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- **Experimental petrology:**

*1 atm gas mixing furnace*

Over 300 runs with 1 atm high to low-temperature experiments, kinetic cooling experiments

*Piston cylinder apparatus:*

Experienced in 1-2GPa half inch experiments, capsule, assemblage preparation

- **X-ray tomography (nanotom system):**

Experienced in geo-material 3D scanning, data processing

- **Electron microprobe:**

Over 1000 hours experience with EPMA, experienced in instrument calibration, analytical method development, high precision measurement, mapping

- **Scanning Electron Microanalysis:**

Imaging of BSE and SE

- **LA-ICP-MS**

## PC SKILLS

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- Fluent in programming with python, including package development, numerical modelling, data analysis, PCA analysis.
- Proficient with Matlab, numerical modelling.
- Standard knowledge of shell scripting, julia, web building language including Django framework, HTML and CSS. Vim enthusiast.
- Experienced with thermodynamic modelling software: alphaMELTS family; MAGEMin
- Experienced with scientific writing in Words, LaTeX, Overleaf
- Experienced in design and editing with Adobe Illustrator, Photoshop, Premiere

## FIELD WORK EXPERIENCE

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**2023** Eifel volcano, *Germany, 2 days*

**2022** Fogo volcano, *Cape Verde, 1 week*

**2018** Changbai Mountain *North China, Tianchi volcano, 2 weeks*

**2018** Yunnan *China Tengchong volcano, 2 weeks*

**2018** Emeishan Province *China, 2 weeks*

**2018** Zhangjiakou *North China, Yaojiazhuang complex, 1 weeks*

**2014** Akesu, Xinjiang *China, Gold deposits, 3 weeks*

**2013** Zhoukoudian *China, field mapping courses, 4 weeks*

**2012** Beidaihe *China, excursion, 3 weeks*

## PRIZES & AWARDS

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**2018** Institute travel grant for attending Goldschmidt, 2018 (¥12000 = USD 1700)

**2018** National Awards for Excellent Graduate Students (¥30,000 = USD 4300, 1%)

**2014.12** Third prize in professional course. (15%)

**2014.6** Third prize in professional course. (15%)

**2014.5** Fourth prize in Institute Scientific Research Activity.

## SERVICES

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**2023** Primary convenor, Goldschmidt 2023, *Dynamics and timescales in magmatic reservoirs, conduits and dikes*

## TEACHING

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**2022** Soil Science & Geology (practical, igneous rocks)

**2021** Soil Science & Geology (practical, igneous and sedimentary rocks)

## SUPERVISION

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1. Lander Cuypers, Experimental study of olivine morphology. *Bachelor, 2021*
2. Sarah Stammen, Experimental study of olivine and spinel equilibrium. *Master. 2020*
3. Kinjal Ganguly, Solubility of S in the Mercurian mantle. *Master. 2023*

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Journal publications

1. **Zhang Y**, Namur O, Charlier B. 2023. Experimental study of high-Ti and low-Ti basalts: liquid lines of descent and silicate liquid immiscibility in large igneous provinces. *Contrib. Mineral. Petrol.* 178(1):1-24.
2. Dekoninck A, Rufet G, Baptiste J, Wyns R, Philippo S, **Zhang Y**, Namur O 2022. Petrogenesis and  $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{39}\text{Ar}$  dating of epithermal romanechite from the sub-aerial fault-related Romanèche Mn deposit (France). *Chemical Geology.* 121280
3. **Zhang Y**, Hou T, Veksler IV, Leshner CE, Namur O, 2018. Phase equilibria and geochemical constraints on the petrogenesis of high-Ti picrite from the Paleogene East Greenland flood basalt province. *Lithos*, 300-301,20-32.

### Conference Abstract

1. **Zhang Y**, Namur O, Charlier B, Holness MB, 2023. A general model for olivine growth rate and morphology. Goldschmidt 2023.
2. Namur O, Tosi N, Shorttle O, Cartier C, Lin Y, **Zhang Y**, Saracino F, Liado L, Pirotte H, Charlier B. 2023. Mercury's mantle as constrained by its crust. Goldschmidt 2023.
3. Saracino F, Charlier B, **Zhang Y**, Namur O, 2023. The role of sulfur on liquidus temperature and olivine-orthopyroxene equilibria in highly reduced magmas. Goldschmidt 2023.
4. Pirotte H, Cartier C, Pommier A, Namur O, **Zhang Y** Berndt J, Klemme S, Charlier B. 2023. Investigating Mercury's internal structure and volatile budget using trace elements partitioning experiments. Goldschmidt 2023.
5. Shepherd K, Namur O, Bachmann O, **Zhang Y**, Hendrickx T, Charlier B, 2022. Timescales and Petrological Processes in an Area of Plume-Ridge Interaction: Insights from the Islands of Terceira and Flores, Azores. AGU 2022 *oral*
6. **Zhang Y**, Namur O, Charlier B, Li W, Shorttle O, Gazel E, Jennings ES, Thy P, Grove TL, 2022, A re-evaluation of Al-in-Olivine geothermometer. Goldschmidt 2022 *oral*
7. **Zhang Y**, Namur O, Charlier B, 2020. Experimental liquid lines of descent and Silicate Liquid Immiscibility for low-Ti and high-Ti basalts of the Emeishan Large Igneous Province, SW China. AGU 2021. *poster*
8. **Zhang Y**, Namur O, Charlier B, 2020. Experimental liquid lines of descent for low-Ti and high-Ti basalts of the Emeishan Large Igneous Province, SW China. EMPG-XVII 2020. *poster*
9. **Zhang Y**, Hou T, Veksler IV, Leshner CE, Namur O, 2018. Phase equilibria and geochemical constraints on the petrogenesis of high-Ti picrite from the Paleogene East Greenland flood basalt province. Goldschmidt Abstract 2018. *oral*

### In progress

1. **Zhang Y**, Namur O, Li W, Shorttle O, Gazel E, Jennings ES, Thy P, Grove TL, Charlier B. (under review in JPet). An extended calibration of the olivine-spinel aluminum exchange thermometer: Application to the melting conditions and mantle lithologies of large igneous provinces.
2. Pirotte H, Cartier C, Pommier A, Namur O, **Zhang Y** Berndt J, Klemme S, Charlier B (under review in Icarus). Internal differentiation and volatile budget of Mercury inferred from trace element partitioning experiments at highly reduced conditions.
3. **Zhang Y**, Namur O, Charlier B, Bouvier AS(in prep). Kinetic partitioning of trace elements in olivine.
4. **Zhang Y**, Namur O, Charlier B, Holness MB (in prep). A general model for olivine growth rate and morphology.
5. Li W, **Zhang Y** (in prep). PyAp: a python package for calculating magmatic volatile, trace element concentrations, and oxygen fugacity using mineral apatite. Code available at <https://github.com/alexweiranli/pyAp>

## INVITED TALKS

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1. Namur O, Charlier B, Cartier C, **Zhang Y**, Nittler M, Collinet M, Grove T, McCammon C. Sulfur chemistry in planetary interiors - Effects of reducing conditions. 2023. *Department of Physics and Astronomy, KU Leuven.*
2. Namur O, Tosi N, Shorttle O, Cartier C, Lin Y, **Zhang Y**, Saracino F, Liado L, Pirotte H, Charlier B. Mercury's mantle as constrained by its crust. *Goldschmidt 2023 keynote talk.*

## CODE DEVELOPMENT

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1. Li W, **Zhang Y** – pyAp, a package for calculating magmatic volatile, trace element concentrations, and oxygen fugacity using mineral apatite. *python*
2. **Zhang Y** – Mass balance calculation for petrology using non-negative and matrix decomposition algorithms, with MCMC propagating errors on phases and bulk composition. *python*
3. **Zhang Y**, Namur O, Gerve TDV – Multi-component olivine diffusion, integrated with uncertainties of temperature, pressure, oxygen fugacity. *python*
4. **Zhang Y** – Stepwise backward F-test model for multiple linear regression. *python*
5. **Zhang Y** – Script converts alphaMELTS output to formatted spreadsheet. *python*

## References

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1. Olivier Namur (KU Leuven, Belgium): [olivier.namur@kuleuven.be](mailto:olivier.namur@kuleuven.be)
2. Bernard Charlier (University of Liège, Belgium): [b.charlier@uliege.be](mailto:b.charlier@uliege.be)
3. Weiran Li (The University of Hong Kong, China): [weiranli@hku.hk](mailto:weiranli@hku.hk)

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