CURRICULUM VITAE

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Core Competency

- Computational: Molecular Dynamics, Quantum Mechanics, High-Performance Computing
- Experimental: crystal growth, leaching test, NMR, ICP-MS, IR, Raman, SEM, XRD, UV-Vis, etc.
- Machine Learning: pandas, NumPy, scikit-learn, Matplotlib, Bokeh, NLP, TensorFlow.
- Programming: Python, Bash, SQL, Tcl, HTML, CSS

Education

Louisiana State University, Geology & Geophysics, Baton Rouge, LA Sep 2020

Ph. D. Geology (Geochemistry) Advisor: Dr. Jianwei Wang

Dissertation: Investigating Geochemical Processes of Fluid-rock Interactions of Materials Related to Energy and Environment.

Stony Brook University, Department of Geosciences, Stony Brook, NY May 2014

M. Sc. Geosciences (Geochemistry) Advisor: Dr. Brian L. Phillips

Thesis: NMR Investigation of Organic Phosphorus in Calcite

China University of Geosciences, School of Earth Sciences, Wuhan, China Jul 2010

B. Sc. Geochemistry Advisor: Dr. Shucheng Xie & Dr. Junhua Huang

Thesis: Study on 3-hydroxy Acids Distribution in Stalagmite as a Record of Microbial Response to Paleoclimate Variation

Research Experience

Change Healthcare, Seattle, WA Jan 2021 – present

AI Data Scientist III:

Build AI-first platforms for clinical claims and revenue cycle management for healthcare systems

Insight Data Science, San Francisco, CA Sep 2020 – Dec 2020

Data Science Fellow:

Predicting user decision with text data of THE RUN EXPERIENCE ™, a fitness app from Ongo Science

- Fined-tuned NLP BERT model by hand-labelling to extract text sentiment (F_1 0.89)
- Provided a 4-week time window for Ongo to engage users at high risk of churning (AUC 0.87)
- Performed descriptive analysis to estimate customer lifetime value using time-series data

Louisiana State University, Department of Geology & Geophysics, LA Sep 2014 – Sep 2020

Research Assistant:

1) Study the degradation of nuclear waste form materials in aqueous environments

U.S. Department of Energy, EFRC WastePD & NEUP (Nuclear Energy University Program)

- Adopt the standard leach test method ASTM C1308-08 to evaluate the long-term leaching behavior of iodine in the nuclear waste form lead vanadate iodoapatite $Pb_5(VO_4)_3I$
- Characterize the chemical and physical alterations with SEM, Raman, IR, XRD, ICP-MS, etc.
- Investigate the gel formation of wollastonite $CaSiO_3$ during acid leaching
- Compute the energetics of sodium ion exchange in albite $NaAlSi_3O_8$ using ReaxFF MD
- Study the ion-exchange of apatite and silicate minerals by leaching experiments

2) Investigate the geochemistry of fluid/rock interfacial interactions in shale

- Simulate oil interactions with calcite and kerogen by Molecular Dynamics modeling
- Calculate the energetics of oil desorption from shale surface by Umbrella Sampling
- Evaluate the temperature effect on the desorption of oil from calcite and kerogen surfaces

Lawrence Berkeley National Lab, Deep Learning for Science School, Berkeley, CA Jul 2019

- Gained hands-on experience using TensorFlow 2.0 on Kera at NERSC HPC

Stony Brook University, Department of Geosciences, Stony Brook, NY Jul 2011 – May 2014

Research Assistant: Developed methodology with NMR to study organophosphates in calcite matrix U.S. National Science Foundation, EAR, Division of Earth Sciences

- Managed laboratory such as categorizing inventory (SOP, SDS) and coordinating experiments
- Incorporated organic phosphate into calcite $CaCO_3$ using seeded constant-addition method
- Independently performed solid-state NMR experiments and data analysis

Stony Brook University, Department of Geosciences, Stony Brook, NY Mar 2011 – Jun 2011

Research Assistant: Reconstructed magnetic record from core logging data in Flathead Lake, MT

State Key Lab of Geological Processes and Mineral Resources, Hubei, China Jun 2008 – Jul 2010

Research Assistant: Provided geobiological evaluation of hydrocarbon rocks by biomarkers

China University of Geosciences, School of Earth Sciences, Wuhan, China Jan 2008 – Jun 2010

Research Co-leader: Invented an experimental apparatus to physically simulate geology structures

Wuhan Polytechnic University, School of Chemistry, Hubei, China Jan 2009 – Oct 2009

Research Assistant: Developed methodology to test the viscosity of liquid crystal

Teaching Experience

Louisiana State University, Geology & Geophysics, Baton Rouge, LA Jan 2020 – May 2020

Teaching Assistant: Teach historical geology lab for non-major college students

Louisiana State University, Geology & Geophysics, Baton Rouge, LA Aug 2017 – Dec 2017

Student mentor: Supervised research of undergraduate student

Stony Brook University, Department of Geosciences, NY Sep 2010 – Jul 2011

Teaching Assistant: Assisted in three undergraduate courses

Professional Training

Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, Berkeley, CA — July 2019

Deep Learning for Science School (Summer School)

Goldschmidt 2018, Boston, MA — Aug 2018

Data Science in Geochemistry (Workshop)

Louisiana State University, Geology & Geophysics, Baton Rouge, LA — 2015-2016

Boresight Geosteering (BHL)

LWD Technologies & Capabilities (Baker Hughes)

Volumetric Calculation and Risk Analysis of Hydrocarbon Reservoir (Talisman)

Shell Exploration and Production Co. and AAPG, New Orleans, LA — Oct 2013

Imperial Barrel Award Training – Integrated Basin and Play Analysis

Field Experience

Louisiana State University, Geology & Geophysics, Baton Rouge, LA — Apr 2015

AAPG Spring Break Field Trip, Big Bend National Park, TX (1 week)

China University of Geosciences (Wuhan), School of Earth Sciences, Hubei, China — 2007-2009

On-site practicum in SINOPEC Jianghan Oilfield, Hubei, China (2 weeks)

Geochemical survey in Three Gorges Dam area, China (3 weeks)

Geological survey in Zhoukoudian District, Beijing, China (6 weeks)

Geology field practicum in Beidaihe District, Hebei, China (2 weeks)

Certificate and Award

Certificate

Logging for Oil and Gas Evaluation (issued by Total S.A.)	2019
Petrel Fundamentals; Petrel Geology; Petrel Property Modeling (issued by Schlumberger)	2016

Award

People's Choice Award, Best Writing Award, US D.O.E. Video Contest II	Jul 2019
The New Orleans Geological Society Memorial Foundation Scholarship	May 2019
Laura Cordell & John P "Jay" Moffitt Scholarship	Jan 2018
Goldschmidt 2016 Travel Grant	May 2016
LSU Graduate School Dean's Travel Awards	May 2016
Leadership LSU 2015	Apr 2015
Excellence Award of National Undergraduate Innovation Experimental Project	Sep 2010

Professional Communication (Talk, Video, and Poster)

EFRC WastePD Meeting at University of North Texas, Denton, TX — Oct 2019

Poster: Iodine Release from Apatite Ceramic Waste Form in Aqueous Environments

Life at the Frontiers of Energy Research Video Contest II, US D.O.E. — July 2019

Video: Nuclear Energy Waste and WastePD (on behalf of WastePD)

Deep Learning for Science School, Lawrence Berkeley National Lab, Berkeley, CA July 2019

Poster: An integrated approach to study the iodine immobilization in apatite ceramic waste forms - from Artificial Neural Network to First Principle Calculation

EFRC WastePD Meeting at University of Virginia, Charleville, VA Sep 2018

Poster: Long Term Chemical Durability of Iodine-bearing Apatite

Goldschmidt Conference, Boston, MA Aug 2018

Workshop: Data Science in Geochemistry

Poster: Energetics of the Oil Interaction with Calcite and Kerogen – Implication for Hydrocarbon Transport and Storage in Shale

D.O.E. EFRC Mid-term Review Meeting, Gaithersburg, MD Apr 2018

Poster: Long-term Chemical Duration of Iodine-bearing Apatite in Aqueous Environments

MRS Spring, Phoenix, AZ Mar 2018

Poster: Release Mechanism of Iodine Retained by Apatite Structure Waste Form in Aqueous Environments

WastePD Monthly Research Highlight Webinar Dec 2017

Talk: Mechanisms of Iodine Release from Iodoapatite in Aqueous Solution

AGU Fall, New Orleans, LA Dec 2017

Talk: Mechanisms of Iodine Release from Iodoapatite in Aqueous Solution

Poster: The interfacial energetics of the oil molecules interactions with shale media using molecular dynamics simulation

EFRC WastePD Meeting at Pacific Northwest National Lab, Richland, WA Sep 2017

Poster: Mechanisms of Iodine Release from Iodoapatite in Aqueous Solution

WastePD Design Workshop at QuesTek Innovations, LLC, Evanston, IL April 2017

EFRC WastePD Kick-off Meeting, OSU, Columbus, OH Dec 2016

4th Annual LONI HPC Parallel Programming Workshop, LSU, Baton Rouge, LA Jun 2015

Gordon Research Conferences, Biomineralization, New London, NH Aug 2014

Poster: NMR Investigation of Organic Phosphoesters Coprecipitated with Calcite

Gordon Research Conferences, Organic Geochemistry, Holderness, NH Aug 2014

Poster: Biomarker Phospholipids in Calcite – NMR evidence

Goldschmidt Conference, Sacramento, CA Jun 2014

16th Annual Chemistry Event Symposium, Boston, MA May 2014

Poster: Organic Phosphorus Speciation in Carbonate Mineral – NMR Study

AAPG Eastern Section, Morgantown, WV Nov 2013

Student Chapter Leadership Workshop

SPE ATCE international, New Orleans, LA Sep2013– Oct 2013

SEG International Exposition and Annual Meeting, Houston, TX Sep 2013

IEEE 23rd Magnet Technology Conference, Boston, MA Jul 2013

Reviewer Experience

Environmental Science and Pollution Research (a Springer journal) Dec 2020

NeurIPS 2020 workshop on Machine Learning and the Physical Sciences, virtual Oct 2020

Energy & Fuel (an ACS journal) Jul 2020

NeurIPS 2019 workshop on Machine Learning and the Physical Sciences, Canada Sep 2019

Volunteer Experience

Fundraising

Science & Sprits, College of Science, LSU, Baton Rouge, LA Oct 2019

Science Education

EarthArXiv since Mar 2020

GSA, South Central Section 50th Annual Meeting, Baton Rouge, LA Mar 2016

Louisiana Children's Museum, 15th Super Saurus Saturday, New Orleans, LA Apr 2015

Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA

Live Gold Leadership Conference Nov 2014

Super Science Saturday Oct 2014

New York City FIRST Mega Celebration of Science and Technology, NY Mar 2013

Conference on the Geology of Long Island and Metropolitan New York (Annual) 2011-2012

Social Welfare

Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA

6th Annucal Spring Greening Day Apr 2015

"Geaux BIG Baton Rouge" LSU 3rd Annual Day of Service Mar 2015

Habitat for Humanity, Baton Rouge, LA Mar 2015

International Thanksgiving Banquet, Baton Rouge, LA Nov 2014

Animal Welfare

Cat Haven, Baton Rouge, LA May 2019 - Present

Companion Animal Alliance, Baton Rouge, LA Jul 2018 – May 2019

Patent

Zhang, Z., **Zhang**, **Z.**, Deng, M., Dai, Z., & Zhan, Z. The Preparation and use of low viscosity liquid crystal materials at low-temperature, China Patent 200910273196.0, issued Dec 2009.

Preprint

Zhang, Z.* Stephens, A., & Wang, J. (2020). Temperature Effect on Interactions of Oil Droplet with Water-wetted Shale Kerogen at Reservoir Temperatures: Linear Relationships between Temperature, Free Energy, and Contact Angle. arXiv:2007.09741

Lu, J., **Zhang, Z.***, Li, S., Yan, D., Zhang, Z.*, Guan, J., Qiao, J. (2020). Synthesis of 4-Chloro-1,3-Diazobenzene Bent-Cores Liquid Crystal and Characterizations of Its Mesogenic Behaviors and Photosensitivity. chemRxiv.12115878

Publication

Zhang, Z.*, Liu, H., & Wang, J. (2020). Energetics of Interfacial Interactions of Hydrocarbon Fluids with Kerogen and Calcite using Molecular Modeling. *Energy & Fuels*. *34* (4), 4251-4259

Zhang, Z.*, Gustin, L., Xie, W., Lian, J., Valsaraj, K. T., & Wang, J. (2019). Effect of solution chemistry on the iodine release from iodoapatite in aqueous environments. *Journal of Nuclear Materials, 525*, 161-170

Zhang, Z., Ebert, W. L., Yao, T., Lian, J., Valsaraj, K. T., & Wang, J. (2019). Chemical durability and dissolution kinetics of iodoapatite in aqueous solutions. *ACS Earth and Space Chemistry*, *3* (3), 452-462

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Yao, G., **Zhang, Z**., & Wang, J. (2017). Beta transmutations in apatites with ferric iron as an electron acceptor–implication for nuclear waste form development. *Physical Chemistry Chemical Physics*, *19*(37), 25487-25497.

Phillips, B. L., **Zhang, Z**., Kubista, L., Frisia, S., & Borsato, A. (2016). NMR spectroscopic study of organic phosphate esters coprecipitated with calcite. *Geochimica et Cosmochimica Acta*, *183*, 46-62.

Zhang, Z., Deng, M., Zhang, Z., Wei, B., & Xuan, L. Study on the synthesis of difluorooxymethylene alkybenzene and the properties of low temperature viscosity *Digest of Technical Paper*, ASID' 09, (2009)190-1

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