# CURRICULUM VITAE

# **ZELONG (ERIC) ZHANG**

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## **Core Competency**

• Characterizations on solution/solid interactions

• Experimental: ICP-MS, IR, NMR, Raman, SEM/ EDS, XRD, etc.

• Computational: molecular modeling using MD and DFT simulations



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#### Education

Louisiana State University, Geology & Geophysics, Baton Rouge, LA Anticipated Dec 2019

Ph. D. Geosciences (Earth material) Advisor: Dr. Jianwei Wang GPA 3.9/4.0

Dissertation: Investigating geochemical processes of fluid-rock interactions of materials relate to energy and environment

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

May 2014

M. Sc. Geosciences (Biomineral)

Advisor: Dr. Brian L. Phillips

Thesis: NMR Investigation of Organic Phosphorus in Calcite, 117 p.

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, 51 p.

## **Research Experience**

Louisiana State University, Department of Geology & Geophysics, LA

Sep 2014 – Present

Research Assistant:

1) Study the degradation of iodoapatite crystalline ceramic in aqueous environments

U.S. Department of Energy, EFRC WastePD<sup>1</sup> & NEUP<sup>2</sup>

- 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<sub>5</sub>(VO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>3</sub>I
- Perform SEM/EDS, Raman, IR, XRD, ICP-MS, ICP-OES, etc. to characterize the chemical and physical alterations
- 2) Investigate the geochemistry of fluid/rock interactions in shale nanopore
- Simulate oil interactions with calcite and kerogen by Molecular Dynamics modeling
- Calculate the energetics of oil desorption from shale by Umbrella Sampling

**Deep Learning for Science School**, Lawrence Berkeley National Lab, 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

- Independently performed solid-state NMR experiments and spectral data analysis
- Applied wet chemistry method to coprecipitate lipid biomarkers with calcite CaCO<sub>3</sub>

**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 sinic	nate geology structures			
Wuhan Polytechnic University, School of Chemistry, Hubei, China	Jan 2009 – Oct 2009			
Research Assistant: Developed methodology to test the viscosity of liquid of	erystal			
Teaching Experience				
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				
Field Experience	I 1 2010			
Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, Berkeley, CA	July 2019			
Deep Learning for Science School (Summer School)	4 2010			
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 (Talis	man)			
AAPG Spring Break Field Trip, Big Bend National Park, TX (1 week)				
Shell Exploration and Production Co. and AAPG, New Orleans, LA	Oct 2013			
Imperial Barrel Award Training - Integrated Basin and Play Analysis				
China University of Geosciences (Wuhan), School of Earth Sciences, Hubei, Ch	ina 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)				
Volunteer Experience				
Science Education				
GSA, South Central Section 50 <sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, Baton Rouge, LA	Mar 2016			
Louisiana Children's Museum, 15 <sup>th</sup> Super Saurus Saturday, New Orleans,				
	LA Api 2013			
Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA	Nov 2014			
Live Gold Leadership Conference				
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 (A	Annual) 2011-2012			
Social Welfare				
Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA	4 2015			
6 <sup>th</sup> Annucal Spring Greening Day	Apr 2015			
"Geaux BIG Baton Rouge" LSU 3 <sup>rd</sup> 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			

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

#### 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  Ju	1 2019
	The New Orleans Geological Society Memorial Foundation Scholarship May	2019

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

#### Patent and Publication

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

**Zhang, Z.**, Liu, H., & Wang, J. (2019). <u>Investigating the Energetics of Fluid-rock Interactions in Shale Nanopore using Molecular Dynamics Simulation</u>. *EarthArXiv Preprints* 

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 Zhang, Z., Heath, A., Valsaraj, K. T., Ebert, W. L., Yao, T., Lian, J., & Wang, J. (2018). Mechanism of iodine release from iodoapatite in aqueous solution. *RSC advances*, 8(8), 3951-3957.

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

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

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

# Professional Communication (Talk, Video, and Poster)

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

Goldschmidt Conference, Boston, MA

Aug 2018

Workshop: Data Science in Geochemistry

Poster: Energetics of the Oil Interaction with Calcite and Kerogen – Implication for Hydrocarbon

<b>D.O.E. EFRC Mid-term Review Meeting</b> , Gaithersburg, MD	Apr 2018
Poster: Long-term Chemical Duration of Iodine-bearing Apatite in Aqueous Envir	ronments
MRS Spring, Phoenix, AZ	Mar 2018
Poster: Release Mechanism of Iodine Retained by Apatite Structure Waste Form i Environments	n Aqueous
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 med molecular dynamics simulation	ia using
EFRC WastePD Meeting at Pacific Northwest National Lab, Richland, WA	Sep 2017
Poster: Mechanisms of Iodine Release from Iodoapatite in Aqueous Solution	
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	Sep- Oct 2013
<b>SEG International Exposition and Annual Meeting</b> , Houston, TX	Sep 2013
IEEE 23rd Magnet Technology Conference, Boston, MA	Jul 2013

## References

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