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Current Affiliation

Carnegie Institution for Science
Postdoc, Earth and Planets Laboratory

Washington DC, USA
2023-present

Education

The Johns Hopkins University
Ph.D., Planetary Science

Baltimore, MD, USA
2016-2021

Thesis: The Role of Stable Layers and External Thermal Perturbations on Planetary Dynamos

Advisor: Dr. Sabine Stanley

University of Toronto
M.Sc., Physics

Toronto, ON, Canada
2015-2016

Nanjing University
B.Sc., Physics Honors

Nanjing, JS, China
2011-2015

Research Experience

Carnegie Institution for Science
Postdoc Fellow (Supervisor: Peter Driscoll, Cian Wilson)

Washington DC
2023-present

Numerical Modeling of Thermo-chemical Convection in Earth's Core and Implications for Geodynamo Evolution

Johns Hopkins University
Postdoc Fellow (Advisor: Sabine Stanley)

Baltimore, MD
2021-2023

Investigations of Saturn's Interior from Cassini Magnetic Field Observations

Johns Hopkins University
Graduate Research Assistant (Advisor: Sabine Stanley)

Baltimore, MD
2016-2021

- investigate the ancient hemispheric dynamo as a potential cause of Mar's present-day crustal magnetic field
- probe deep interior structures of Saturn using magnetic data from the Cassini Grand Finale
- constrain properties of the stable layer atop Earth's core with paleomagnetic record over the past 10^4 years

Publications

[5]: **Chi Yan**, Ankit Barik, Sabine Stanley, Anna Mittelholz, Catherine L. Johnson, Ana-Catalina Plesa and Attilio Rivoldini, "Mars' hemispheric magnetic field from a full-sphere dynamo", *submitted*

[4]: Zheng Gong, Davies Evans, Zhongtian Zhang, and **Chi Yan**, "Mid-Proterozoic geomagnetic field was more consistent with a dipole than a quadrupole", *Geology*, 51,(2023)

[3]: **Chi Yan**, Ankit Barik, Sabine Stanley, Jason Leung, Anna Mittelholz, Catherine L. Johnson, Ana-Catalina Plesa and Attilio Rivoldini, "An ancient Martian dynamo driven by hemispheric heating: effect

of thermal boundary conditions”, *Plant. Sci. J*, 4, 11 (2023)

[2]: **Chi Yan** and Sabine Stanley, “Recipe for a Saturn-like dynamo”, *AGU Advances*, 2 (2021)

[1]: **Chi Yan** and Sabine Stanley, “Sensitivity of the geomagnetic octupole to a stably stratified layer in the Earth’s core”, *Geophys. Res. Lett*, 45, (2018)

Research Proposal Involvement

National Science Foundation

Thermo-chemical Convection in Earths Core and Implications for Geodynamo Evolution 2023-2025

NASA Cassini Data Analysis Program (CDAP), Selected

Investigations of Saturn’s Interior from Cassini Magnetic Field Observations 2021-2024

InSight Science Team (MAG working group)

Mars’ Core Evolution and Magnetic Field Generation 2020-2023

Invited Seminars and Colloquia

Planetary Physics Department Seminar, DLR, German Aerospace Center, Germany 2022

Colloquium at Dept of Physics and Astronomy, Oberlin College, OH, USA 2021

PLunch Seminar at Departments of AA & EPS, University of California, Santa Cruz, CA, USA 2021

General Seminar at EPL, Carnegie Institution for Science, Washington DC, USA 2020

Forum at Dept. Astronomy and Space Science, Nanjing University, China 2019

Selected Conference Proceedings

[11]: **Yan, C.**, Barik, A., Stanley, S., et al., Probing Mars’ Ancient Magnetic Mysteries with Full Sphere Dynamo Simulations, *AGU Fall meeting*, 2023 **[Invited]**

[10]: **Yan, C.**, Barik, A., Stanley, S., Stable Layers: The Catalyst for Dipolar Dominated Magnetic Fields in Gas Giants, *DPS-EPSC*, 2023

[9]: Barik, A., **Yan, C.**, Moore, K., et al., Comparison of Jupiter’s and Saturn’s magnetic fields and implications for their interiors, *AGU Fall meeting* , 2022

[8]: **Yan, C.**, Barik, A., Stanley, S., The role of stably stratified layers in separating deep and shallow dynamos, *AGU Fall meeting* , 2022

[7]: **Yan, C.**, Barik, A., Stanley, S., Plesa, A-C. and Rivoldini, A., Mittelholz, A and Johnson, C., Full sphere dynamo models for Mars’ ancient magnetic field, *AGU Fall meeting* , 2021

[6]: **Yan, C.**, Barik, A., Plesa, A-C., Rivoldini, A., and Stanley, S., Sensitivity of the ancient martian dynamo to hemispheric CMB heat flux patterns, *AGU Fall meeting* , 2020

[5]: **Yan, C.** and Stanley, S., Recipe for a Saturn-like Dynamo, *AGU Fall meeting* , 2019 **[Invited]**

[4]: **Yan, C.** and Stanley, S., Recipe for a Saturn-like Dynamo, *Theo Murphy Royal Society Meeting: Revealing Saturn’s deep interior for the first time with Cassini*, 2019

[3]: **Yan, C.** and Stanley, S., Sensitivity of the Geomagnetic Octupole to a Stably Stratified Layer in the Earth’s Core, *Study of Earth Deep Interior*, 2018

[2]: **Yan, C.** and Stanley, S., Sensitivity of the Geomagnetic Octupole to a Stably Stratified Layer in the Earth’s Core, *AGU Fall meeting*, 2017

[1]: Yan, C. and Stanley, S., Sensitivity of the Geomagnetic Octupole to a Stably Stratified Layer in the Earth's Core, *Gordon Research Conference: Interior of the Earth*, 2017

Teaching Experience

Guest Lectures

<i>Johns Hopkins University</i>	<i>Baltimore, MD</i>
<i>AS.270.404 Planetary Interiors</i>	<i>2022,2021,2019</i>
<i>AS.270.114 Guided Tour: The Planets (Planetary Dynamos)</i>	<i>2020</i>
<i>AS.270.684 Mathematical Methods (Fourier Series)</i>	<i>2020</i>
<i>AS.270.425 Earth and Planetary Fluids (Boundary Layers) (2 lectures)</i>	<i>2019</i>

Mentoring Experience

<i>Johns Hopkins University</i>	<i>Baltimore, MD</i>
<i>Mentoring an undergraduate student for a summer research project</i>	<i>2022</i>
<i>AS.270.605 EPS Colloquium, TA</i>	<i>2020</i>
<i>AS.270.114 Guided Tour: The Planets, TA</i>	<i>2020</i>
<i>University of Toronto</i>	<i>Toronto, ON</i>
<i>PHY131/132 Introduction to Physics I,II</i>	<i>2015-2016</i>

Professional Service

Reviewer:

Journal of Geophysical Research: Planets

Cassini at Saturn: The Grand Finale, by Cambridge University Press (one chapter)

National Science Foundation (NSF)

Computational Skills

Language: Chinese (native), English (fluent), Japanese (Conversational)

Dynamo Codes: *mMoSST*, *MagIC*, *Rayleigh*

Languages: ForTran, Python, C++, MatLab, LaTeX, Bash

Parallel Programming: MPI, OpenMP

HPC batch schedulers: SLURM, PBS

Additional Training

- JHU Safe Zone Training *2022*
- JHU Teaching Academy – Teaching Institute Certificate Program *2020*
- UofT SciNet – Certificate in Scientific High Performance Computing *2016*