



SHORT BIO

As a planetary geophysicist, I am intrigued by the interaction between long-term tectonic evolution and short-term catastrophic processes. By combining numerical geodynamic models with geodetic observations, my research focuses on thermomechanical evolution of the lithosphere and its response to various loading processes (e.g., earthquakes, volcanoes, and impacts) on time scales from minutes to millions of years.

I received my Bachelor's degree from University of Science and Technology of China in 2009; and graduated from Massachusetts Institute of Technology /Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution Joint Program in 2014, under the guidance of Dr. Jian Lin. Worked with Prof. Maria T. Zuber as a Postdoc Associate at MIT and with Prof. Qinghua Huang at Peking University.

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KEY PUBLICATIONS (first author)

Ding, M., Soderblom, J. M., Bierson, C. J., & Zuber, M. T. (2021). Investigating the Influences of Crustal Thickness and Temperature on the Uplift of Mantle Material Beneath Large Impact Craters on the Moon. J. Geophys. Res. Planets.

Ding, M., Lin, J., Gu, C., Huang, Q., & Zuber, M. T. (2019). Variations in Martian Lithospheric Strength Based on Gravity/Topography Analysis. J. Geophys. Res. Planets, 124, 3095–3118.

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Ding, M., & Lin, J. (2014). Post-seismic viscoelastic deformation and stress transfer after the 1960 M9.5 Valdivia, Chile earthquake: effects on the 2010 M8.8 Maule, Chile earthquake. Geophys. J. Int., ggu048.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2019 - Present - Macau University of Science and Technology, Macao (China) - Asst. Prof.

2017 - 2019 - Peking University (China) - Boxin Post Doctoral

2015 - 2016 - Massachusetts Institute of Technology (US) - Post Doctoral

GRANTS (principal investigator)

FDTC - 2021-2024 - Thermo-mechanical evolution of the Martian lithosphere based on the Tianwen-1 data

NSFC – **2022-2025** – Influence of impact events on the internal structure and thermo-dynamic evolution of the *Moon* based on numerical simulation

NSFC - 2018-2020 - Influence of subduction zone type on seamount subduction dynamics, 2018-2020

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