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Education

B.A. Geology, China University of Geosciences, Wuhan, China, 1999
Ph.D. Sedimentary petrology and petroleum geology, 1992

Work Experience

Strategic Research Fellow, Professorial Fellowship, Curtin University, Perth, Australia, 2007-present

Research Interests

Earth's early biosphere and environment

Major Publications

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