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**Area of research**

Chemical evolution of the Earth

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**Summary**

My research focuses on the chemical evolution of the Earth. As such I am interested in planetary formation and differentiation, sampling of the hidden Earth via melts, interaction of the deep and surface reservoirs and how this has influenced the terrestrial environment.

My tools of choice are dominantly isotopic, in tandem with elemental abundance measurements and judicious application of petrology and fieldwork. I have developed measurements of novel isotopic systems and am enthused by the new vistas of isotopic determination offered by plasma mass-spectrometry.

**Teaching**

I convene the following units:

Geochemistry (EASC 20010, Year 2)

Field Skills, SE Spain (EASC 20017, Year 2)

Formation and Evolution of the Terrestrial Planets (EASCM1017, Year 4)

**Memberships**

**Organisations**

[School of Earth Sciences](#)

**Earth Sciences staff**

- [Earth Sciences academic staff including research fellows](#)

**Research groups**

- [Geochemistry](#)

**Research themes**

- [Dynamics and Architecture of the Solid Earth](#)
- [Planetary Formation, Structure and Dynamics](#)

### Interdisciplinary groups

- [Bristol Isotope Group](#)

### Recent publications

- Klaver, M, Ionov, D, Takazawa, E & Elliott, T, 2020, [‘The non-chondritic Ni isotopic composition of the Earth’s mantle’](#). *Geochimica et Cosmochimica Acta*, vol 268., pp. 405-421
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- Avanzinelli, R, Casalini, M, Elliott, T & Conticelli, S, 2018, [‘Carbon fluxes from subducted carbonates revealed by uranium excess at Mount Vesuvius, Italy’](#). *Geology*, vol 46., pp. 259-262

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### Courses

Professor Elliott currently teaches 3 courses: