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Photograph of the Month

Columnar jointing in basalt, Shandong Province, China



Basalt columns and columnar joints (BCCJ) converge upwards in a Tertiary volcanic vent with an age about 14.07 ± 0.37 Ma (K–Ar age, whole rock), with central coordinates of $N36^{\circ}33'22''$ and $E118^{\circ}47'45''$, north to Jijiazhuang village in the Chnagle area, Shandong province, China. Attitude of these converged BCCJ are possible related to upward conflux of basalt magma.

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