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Education

- 2018 – present **Ph.D.** student in Computational Science (**Mentor: Prof. Min Chen**)
Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI, USA
- 2015 – 2018 **B.E.** in Computer Science (dual) (**Mentor: Prof. Guangzhong Sun**)
University of Science and Technology of China, Hefei, China
Thesis: An implementation of the parallel simulated annealing algorithm and its application on optimization problems (GPA 3.25/4.30)
- 2014 – 2018 **B.S.** in Geophysics (**Mentor: Prof. Daoyuan Sun**)
Member of the Zhao Jiuzhang Talent Program in Earth and Space Sciences
University of Science and Technology of China, Hefei, China
Thesis: Refactoring and optimization of the package FK for seismic waveform calculation (GPA 3.67/4.30)

Employment

- 2018 – present **Graduate Research Assistant**
Michigan State University
- 2017 **Teaching Assistant of theoretical mechanics (level A)**
University of Science and Technology of China
- 2017 **Summer Research Intern in geophysics**
University of California, Los Angeles
- 2016 **Teaching Assistant of Electromagnetism (level A)**
University of Science and Technology of China

Awards & Honors

- 2019 Conference Travel Funding awarded by MSU CMSE Graduate Studies Committee
- 2018 Ginther Graduate fellowship, Michigan State University, USA
- 2017 Outstanding Student Scholarship (First Class), University of Science and Technology of China, China
- 2016 College physics innovation research experiment competition (Excellence Award)
- 2016 Support from the National basic subject talent training plan, Ministry of Education, China
- 2016 Zhao Jiuzhang Scholarship, University of Science and Technology of China, China
- 2015 Zhao Jiuzhang Scholarship, University of Science and Technology of China, China

Professional Societies & Activities

- 2021 – present Member of the European Geosciences Union (EGU)
- 2020 – present Member of the Seismological Society of America (SSA)
- 2019 – present Member of the American Geophysical Union (AGU)
- 2020 Talk on the Eastern Session of the Seismological Society of America
- 2019 Poster presentation in the AGU fall meeting
- 2019 Talk on the UMICH-MSU joint earth science workshop
- 2019 Poster presentation in the Gordon Research Conference, South Hadley, US
- 2019 Participate in the Munich Earth Science School, Munich, Germany

Peer-reviewed Publications

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Papers in Preparation

3. **Xi, Z.***, Chen, M., Zhou, T., Wang, B., Kim, Y. Full waveform inversion of the crust and upper mantle beneath the East Asia Continent and Western Pacific Subduction Zone.
2. Chen, M.*, **Xi, Z.**, Grima, A. Existence of a low-viscosity layer beneath the 660-km discontinuity based on the orphan slabs imaged beneath East Asia.
1. Li, J.*, Chen, M., Ning, J., Zhou T., **Xi, Z.**, Li, G. Fast Trip: A fast MPI-accelerated 1-D triplication waveform inversion package for constraining the mantle discontinuities.

Papers Submitted

1. Zhou, T.*, **Xi, Z.**, Chen, M., Li, J. Initial model assessment for intermediate-period full-waveform inversion of the contiguous U.S. and surrounding regions (Submitted to Geophys. J. Int, <https://doi.org/10.31223/X5V599>).

Models

1. East Asia Radial Anisotropy Model 2020 (EARA2020)
A 3D radial anisotropy Earth velocity model of East Asia and Western Pacific Slabs. The product is to be submitted to the Incorporated Research Institutions for Seismology, EarthModels (IRIS-EMC).

Open Source softwares

1. pyfk (see <https://github.com/ziyixi/pyfk>)
Pyfk is the python version of FK used to calculate the Green's function and the synthetic waveforms for the 1D Earth model. I have also implemented its parallel version using MPI/CUDA, with more than 100x speed up.

Meeting Abstracts

8. **Xi, Z.**, Chen, M., Zhou, T., Wang, B., Kim, Y. (2020) Slab Thinning Controls the Distribution of Large Deep Intraslab Earthquakes in the Western Pacific Subduction Zones. #T018-0021 virtually presented at 2020 AGU Fall Meeting.
7. Chen, M., **Xi, Z.**, Kiser, E., Kehoe, H. (2020) Slab morphology at the source region of the 2015 Mw 7.9 Bonin earthquake imaged by full waveform inversion. #S035-0011 virtually presented at 2020 AGU Fall Meeting.
6. Li, J., Chen, M., Zhou, T., **Xi, Z.**(2020) Double-difference adjoint tomography of the Cascadia subduction zone. #S063-0011 virtually presented at 2020 AGU Fall Meeting.
5. Zhou, T., Chen, M., **Xi, Z.**(2020) Lithospheric structure of the North American Craton constrained by full waveform inversion. #T034-0010 virtually presented at 2020 AGU Fall Meeting.
4. **Xi, Z.**, Chen, M., Zhou, T., Wang, B., Kim, Y. (2019) Towards a Refined 3D Model of the Western Pacific Slab to Investigate the Nature of Deep Earthquakes. #T21F-0384 presented at 2019 AGU Fall Meeting.
3. Zhou, T., **Xi, Z.**, Chen, M. (2019) Full waveform inversion of the crust and upper mantle model beneath the contiguous US. #S23A-07 presented at 2019 AGU Fall Meeting.
2. Chen, M., **Xi, Z.**(2019) Short-period Full Waveform Modeling of the Spatial Relationships of Fine Slab Structure and Deep Earthquakes beneath Japan and Izu-Bonin. #S13C-0440 presented at 2019 AGU Fall Meeting.
1. Chen, M., Zhou, T., **Xi, Z.**(2019) Validation of Seismic Crustal and Mantle Models of the Contiguous U.S. Presented at 2019 SSA Annual Meeting.

Expertise & Skills

Languages	Mandarin Chinese, English.
Computer Skills	Frontend (HTML, CSS, Javascript, Vue.js, React.js, Electron, QT, Wechat mini program development) Backend (Python, Flask, Reactive API development) GPU computing (CUDA C/C++/Python/Julia, Nvidia CUDA packages like cuBLAS and cuSOLVER, multiple GPU communication (NCCL)) Scientific computing (Cython, MPI, CUDA, Julia, Fortran, Python) Machine Learning (classical methods, Tensorflow, Pytorch, Taken classes in deep learning) Supercomputing (Linux system management, familiar with Slurm and parallel computing)
Music	Cucurbit flute (Chinese traditional instrument) (Skilled); Guitar (Entry-level); Piano (Entry-level)
Driving	Michigan Driver's License