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## EDUCATION

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### Georgia Institute of Technology

*Doctor of Philosophy in Computational Science and Engineering*

*Master of Science in Computational Science and Engineering*

Advisor: [Felix J. Herrmann](#)

Atlanta, GA

(expected) June 2024

May 2023

### Emory University

*Bachelor of Science in Mathematics and Computer Science*

Advisor: [James G. Nagy](#)

Atlanta, GA

May 2019

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Scientific Machine Learning, High Performance Computing, Inverse Problems, Uncertainty Quantification

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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### Georgia Institute of Technology

*Graduate Research Assistant*

Atlanta, GA

Aug 2019 - Present

### Chevron Corporation

*Research Intern*

Houston, TX

May 2023 - Aug 2023

### Pactera

*AI intern*

Dalian, China

May 2019 - Aug 2019

### Emory University

*Research Assistant*

Atlanta, GA

May 2018 - May 2019

## ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

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### Program committee

AAAI 2023 Fall symposium on Artificial Intelligence and Climate

### Session chair

International Meeting for Applied Geoscience and Energy 2023, 2024

### Journal reviewer

Acta Geophysica

Geophysics

Geophysical Prospecting

Geoscientific Model Development

IEEE Transactions on Geoscience and Remote Sensing

Journal of Applied Geophysics

Journal of Geophysics and Engineering

Journal of Geophysical Research: Machine Learning and Computation

Journal of Geophysical Research: Solid Earth

Journal of Open Research Software

Journal of Open Source Software

Pure and Applied Geophysics

**Conference proceeding reviewer**

AAAI 2023 Fall symposium on Artificial Intelligence and Climate  
ICLR 2024 workshop on AI4DifferentialEquations  
International Meeting for Applied Geoscience and Energy 2023, 2024  
SciMLCon 2022  
58th US Rock Mechanics / Geomechanics Symposium

**Award reviewer**

Georgia Tech President’s Undergraduate Research Award 2022, 2023

**LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE**

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<b>Georgia Institute of Technology Geophysical Society</b>	Atlanta, GA
<i>President</i>	Oct 2020 - Sep 2022
<i>Secretary</i>	Nov 2019 - Oct 2020
<b>Office of Undergraduate Studies, Emory University</b>	Atlanta, GA
<i>Academic Fellow</i>	Aug 2018 - May 2019

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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<b>Georgia Institute of Technology</b>	Atlanta, GA
<i>Teaching Assistant, Seismic Monitoring CO<sub>2</sub> Storage</i>	Spring 2022
<i>Head Teaching Assistant, Computational Data Analysis</i>	Fall 2021
<i>Teaching Assistant, Exploration Seismology</i>	Spring 2021
<i>Teaching Assistant, Iterative Methods for Systems of Equations</i>	Fall 2020
<b>Emory University</b>	Atlanta, GA
<i>Teaching Assistant, Probability and Statistics I &amp; II</i>	Fall 2018, Spring 2019
<i>Teaching Assistant, Foundation of Mathematics</i>	Summer & Fall 2018, Spring 2019

**HONORS AND AWARDS**

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2022 IMAGE’s Student Oral Paper Honorable Mention	Apr 2023
SEG Technical Program Registration grant	Aug 2021
SEG/Chevron Student Leadership Symposium travel grant	Jun 2020
Graduate with Highest Honors ( <i>summa cum laude</i> ), Emory University	May 2019
Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society Membership	Apr 2019
Dean’s List, Emory University	Aug 2017 - May 2019

**GRANTS**

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SEG Field Camp grant (\$1000)	2022
<i>Studying 1886 Earthquake at Summerville, South Carolina – Seismic Nodal Deployment in the Field</i>	

**SKILLS**

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Languages: Julia, Python, MATLAB, Java, C/C++, Bash, SQL, PHP, R, MPI  
Machine Learning Libraries: PyTorch, Tensorflow, JAX, Flux.jl  
Cluster/Cloud Service Platforms: Slurm, Amazon Web Services (AWS), Microsoft Azure  
Document Preparation Systems: Markdown, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, html

**PREPRINT**

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- **Ziyi Yin**, Rafael Orozco, and Felix J. Herrmann. “WISER: multimodal variational inference for full-waveform inversion without dimensionality reduction”. May 2024. DOI: [10.13140/RG.2.2.34906.15044](https://doi.org/10.13140/RG.2.2.34906.15044).

- **Ziyi Yin**, Mathias Louboutin, Olav Møyner, and Felix J. Herrmann. “Time-lapse full-waveform permeability inversion: a feasibility study”. May 2024. Under revision at *The Leading Edge*. DOI: [10.48550/arXiv.2403.04083](https://doi.org/10.48550/arXiv.2403.04083).
- Tamas Nemeth, Kurt Nihei, Alex Loddock, Anusha Sekar, Ken Bube, John Washbourne, Luke Decker, Sam Kaplan, Chunling Wu, Andrey Shabelansky, Milad Bader, Ovidiu Cristea, and **Ziyi Yin**. “Superstep wavefield propagation”. May 2024.

## JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

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- **Ziyi Yin\***, Rafael Orozco\*, Mathias Louboutin, and Felix J. Herrmann. “WISE: full-Waveform variational Inference via Subsurface Extensions”. Apr 2024. In: *Geophysics*. DOI: [10.1190/geo2023-0744.1](https://doi.org/10.1190/geo2023-0744.1).
- **Ziyi Yin**, Rafael Orozco, Mathias Louboutin, and Felix J. Herrmann. “Solving multiphysics-based inverse problems with learned surrogates and constraints”. Oct 2023. In: *Advanced Modeling and Simulation in Engineering Sciences*. DOI: [10.1186/s40323-023-00252-0](https://doi.org/10.1186/s40323-023-00252-0).
- Mathias Louboutin\*, **Ziyi Yin\***, Rafael Orozco, Thomas J. Grady II, Ali Siahkoohi, Gabrio Rizzuti, Philipp A. Witte, Olav Møyner, Gerard J. Gorman, and Felix J. Herrmann. “Learned multiphysics inversion with differentiable programming and machine learning”. Jul 2023. In: *The Leading Edge*. DOI: [10.1190/tle42070474.1](https://doi.org/10.1190/tle42070474.1).
- Thomas J. Grady II, Rishi Khan, Mathias Louboutin, **Ziyi Yin**, Philipp A. Witte, Ranveer Chandra, Russell J. Hewett, and Felix J. Herrmann. “Model-Parallel Fourier Neural Operators as Learned Surrogates for Large-Scale Parametric PDEs”. Jun 2023. In: *Computers & Geosciences*. DOI: [10.1016/j.cageo.2023.105402](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.cageo.2023.105402).
- Yijun Zhang, **Ziyi Yin**, Oscar Lopez, Ali Siahkoohi, Mathias Louboutin, Rajiv Kumar, and Felix J. Herrmann. “Optimized time-lapse acquisition design via spectral gap ratio minimization”. Apr 2023. In: *Geophysics*. DOI: [10.1190/geo2023-0024.1](https://doi.org/10.1190/geo2023-0024.1).
- **Ziyi Yin**, Huseyin Tuna Erdinc, Abhinav Prakash Gahlot, Mathias Louboutin, and Felix J. Herrmann. “Derisking geologic carbon storage from high-resolution time-lapse seismic to explainable leakage detection”. Jan 2023. In: *The Leading Edge*. DOI: [10.1190/tle42010069.1](https://doi.org/10.1190/tle42010069.1).

## CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

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- Abhinav Prakash Gahlot, Huseyin Tuna Erdinc, Rafael Orozco, **Ziyi Yin**, Felix J. Herrmann. “Inference of CO2 flow patterns – a feasibility study”. Oct 2023. In: *NeurIPS 2023 Workshop - Tackling Climate Change with Machine Learning*. DOI: [10.48550/arXiv.2311.00290](https://doi.org/10.48550/arXiv.2311.00290).
- Yijun Zhang\*, **Ziyi Yin\***, Oscar Lopez, Ali Siahkoohi, Mathias Louboutin, and Felix J. Herrmann. “3D seismic survey design by maximizing the spectral gap”. Aug 2023. In: *Third International Meeting for Applied Geoscience & Energy Expanded Abstracts*. DOI: [10.1190/image2023-3895546.1](https://doi.org/10.1190/image2023-3895546.1).
- Huseyin Tuna Erdinc\*, Abhinav Prakash Gahlot\*, **Ziyi Yin**, Mathias Louboutin, and Felix J. Herrmann. “De-risking Carbon Capture and Sequestration with Explainable CO2 Leakage Detection in Time-lapse Seismic Monitoring Images”. Nov 2022. In: *AAAI 2022 Fall Symposium - The Role of AI in Responding to Climate Challenges*. DOI: [10.48550/arXiv.2212.08596](https://doi.org/10.48550/arXiv.2212.08596).
- **Ziyi Yin**, Ali Siahkoohi, Mathias Louboutin, and Felix J. Herrmann. “Learned coupled inversion for carbon sequestration monitoring and forecasting with Fourier neural operators”. Aug 2022. In: *Second International Meeting for Applied Geoscience & Energy Expanded Abstracts*. DOI: [10.1190/image2022-3722848.1](https://doi.org/10.1190/image2022-3722848.1). **Student oral paper honorable mention.**

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\* denotes equal contribution.

- Mathias Louboutin, Philipp A. Witte, Ali Siahkoohi, Gabrio Rizzuti, **Ziyi Yin**, Rafael Orozco, and Felix J. Herrmann. “Accelerating innovation with software abstractions for scalable computational geophysics”. Aug 2022. In: *Second International Meeting for Applied Geoscience & Energy Expanded Abstracts*. DOI: [10.1190/image2022-3750561.1](https://doi.org/10.1190/image2022-3750561.1).
- Yijun Zhang, Mathias Louboutin, Ali Siahkoohi, **Ziyi Yin**, Rajiv Kumar and Felix J. Herrmann. “A simulation-free seismic survey design by maximizing the spectral gap”. Aug 2022. In: *Second International Meeting for Applied Geoscience & Energy Expanded Abstracts*. DOI: [10.1190/image2022-3751690.1](https://doi.org/10.1190/image2022-3751690.1).
- **Ziyi Yin**, Mathias Louboutin, Felix J. Herrmann. “Compressive time-lapse seismic monitoring of carbon storage and sequestration with the joint recovery model”. Sep 2021. In: *First International Meeting for Applied Geoscience & Energy Expanded Abstracts*. DOI: [10.1190/segam2021-3569087.1](https://doi.org/10.1190/segam2021-3569087.1).
- **Ziyi Yin**, Rafael Orozco, Philipp A. Witte, Mathias Louboutin, Gabrio Rizzuti, and Felix J. Herrmann. “Extended source imaging, a unifying framework for seismic & medical imaging”. Sep 2020. In: *SEG Technical Program Expanded Abstracts 2020*. DOI: [10.1190/segam2020-3426999.1](https://doi.org/10.1190/segam2020-3426999.1).

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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- Abhinav Prakash Gahlot\*, Haoyun Li\*, **Ziyi Yin**, Rafael Orozco, and Felix J. Herrmann. “A Digital Twin for Geological Carbon Storage with Controlled Injectivity”. Aug 2024. In: *International Meeting for Applied Geoscience & Energy*. DOI: [10.48550/arXiv.2403.19819](https://doi.org/10.48550/arXiv.2403.19819).
- **Ziyi Yin**\*, Rafael Orozco\*, Mathias Louboutin, and Felix J. Herrmann. “WISER: full-Waveform variational Inference via Subsurface Extensions with Refinements”. Aug 2024. In: *International Meeting for Applied Geoscience & Energy*. URL: <https://slimgroup.github.io/IMAGE2024/yin2024SEG/paper.html>.
- Richard Rex, **Ziyi Yin**, and Felix J. Herrmann. “Velocity Continuation for Common Image Gathers with Fourier Neural Operators”. Aug 2024. In: *International Meeting for Applied Geoscience & Energy*. URL: <https://slimgroup.github.io/IMAGE2024/Rex2024SEG/paper.html>.
- Yunlin Zeng, Rafael Orozco, **Ziyi Yin**, and Felix J. Herrmann. “Enhancing Full-Waveform Variational Inference through Stochastic Resampling and Data Augmentation”. Aug 2024. In: *International Meeting for Applied Geoscience & Energy*. URL: [https://slimgroup.github.io/IMAGE2024/Yunlin\\_Zeng2024SEG/paper.html](https://slimgroup.github.io/IMAGE2024/Yunlin_Zeng2024SEG/paper.html).
- Tamas Nemeth, Kurt Nihei, Alex Loddock, Anusha Sekar, Ken Bube, John Washbourne, Luke Decker, Sam Kaplan, Chunling Wu, Andrey Shabelansky, Ovidiu Cristea, and **Ziyi Yin**. “Finite-difference wavefield propagation using superstepping”. Aug 2024. In: *International Meeting for Applied Geoscience & Energy*.
- Felix J. Herrmann, Abhinav Prakash Gahlot, Rafael Orozco, **Ziyi Yin**, and Haoyun Li. “DT4GCS — Digital Twin for Geological CO<sub>2</sub> Storage and Control”. Jul 2024. In: *Geophysical Research for Gigatonnes CO<sub>2</sub> Storage workshop 2024*.
- Abhinav Prakash Gahlot, Rafael Orozco, Haoyun Li, Grant Bruer, **Ziyi Yin**, Mathias Louboutin, and Felix J. Herrmann. “An Uncertainty-Aware Digital Twin for Geological Carbon Storage”. Mar 2024. In: *SIAM conference on uncertainty quantification 2024*.
- **Ziyi Yin**, Mathias Louboutin, Olav Møyner, and Felix J. Herrmann. “Coupled physics inversion for geological carbon storage monitoring”. Aug 2023. In: *Third International Meeting for Applied Geoscience & Energy*.
- Ting-ying Yu, Abhinav Prakash Gahlot, Rafael Orozco, **Ziyi Yin**, Mathias Louboutin, and Felix J. Herrmann. “Monitoring subsurface CO<sub>2</sub> plumes with sequential Bayesian inference”. Aug 2023. In: *Third International Meeting for Applied Geoscience & Energy*.

- **Ziyi Yin**, Rafael Orozco, Mathias Louboutin, Ali Siahkoohi, and Felix J. Herrmann. “Uncertainty-aware time-lapse monitoring of geological carbon storage with learned surrogates”. Jun 2023. In: *Engineering Mechanics Institute Conference 2023*.
- Huseyin Tuna Erdinc, Abhinav Prakash Gahlot, **Ziyi Yin**, Mathias Louboutin, and Felix J. Herrmann. “Derisking geological storage with simulation-based seismic monitoring design and machine learning”. Apr 2023. In: *Carbon, Capture, Utilization, and Storage 2023*.
- Felix J. Herrmann, Mathias Louboutin, Thomas J. Grady II, **Ziyi Yin**, and Rishi Khan. “The Next Step: Interoperable Domain-Specific Programming”. Feb 2023. In: *SIAM Conference on Computational Science and Engineering 2023*.
- Mathias Louboutin, Ali Siahkoohi, **Ziyi Yin**, Rafael Orozco, Thomas J. Grady II, Yijun Zhang, Philipp A. Witte, Gabrio Rizzuti, and Felix J. Herrmann. “Abstractions for at-scale seismic inversion”. Mar 2022. In: *Rice Oil and Gas High Performance Computing Conference 2022*.
- Yuxiao Ren, Philipp A. Witte, Ali Siahkoohi, Mathias Louboutin, **Ziyi Yin**, and Felix J. Herrmann. “Seismic velocity inversion and uncertainty quantification using conditional normalizing flows”. Dec 2021. In: *American Geophysical Union Annual Meeting 2021*.
- Felix J. Herrmann, Mathias Louboutin, **Ziyi Yin**, and Philipp A. Witte. “Low-cost time-lapse seismic imaging of CCS with the joint recovery model”. Oct 2021. In: *2021 IMAGE Workshop on Geophysical Challenges in Presalt Carbonates*.
- Mathias Louboutin, **Ziyi Yin**, Yijun Zhang, and Felix J. Herrmann. “Sparsity promoting least-squares migration for long offset sparse OBN”. Oct 2020. In: *2020 SEG Workshop on Promises and Challenges with Sparse Node Ultra-long Offset OBN Acquisition in Imaging and Earth Model Building*.

## THESIS

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- **Ziyi Yin**. “Solving geophysical inverse problems with scientific machine learning”. *PhD dissertation in preparation*.
- **Ziyi Yin**. “Edge Detection and Enriched Subspaces”. May 2019. In: *Undergraduate honors thesis for Bachelor of Sciences with Highest Honors at Emory University*. URL: <https://etd.library.emory.edu/concern/etds/7w62f916x?locale=en>.

## PRESENTATIONS

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- “Digital Twins in the Era of Generative AI: Application to Geological CO2 Storage” (*contributed*). Feb 2024. In: *Halliburton HCMF Seminar 2024*.
- “Generative AI for full-waveform variational inference”. Jan 2024. In: *Georgia Tech Spring 2024 Solid Earth Seminar*.
- “WISE: Full-waveform Inference with Subsurface Extensions”. Nov 2023. In: *ML4Seismic Partners Meeting 2023*.
- “End-to-end permeability inversion from prestack time-lapse seismic data: a case study on Compass model”. Nov 2023. In: *ML4Seismic Partners Meeting 2023*.
- “Monitoring subsurface CO2 plumes with learned sequential Bayesian inference” (*contributed*). Nov 2023.
- “Large-scale parametric PDE approximations with model-parallel Fourier neural operators” (*contributed*). Nov 2023.
- “Time-lapse seismic monitoring of geological carbon storage with the nonlinear joint recovery model” (*contributed*). Nov 2023. In: *ML4Seismic Partners Meeting 2023*.

- “Maximizing CO2 injectivity within fracture pressure” (*contributed*). Nov 2023. In: *ML4Seismic Partners Meeting 2023*.
- “Solving PDE-based inverse problems with learned surrogates and constraints”. Nov 2023. In: *HOTCSE Seminar*.
- “Introduction to Seismic Laboratory for Imaging and Modeling”. Nov 2023. In: *CSE Student Recruiting Event 2023*.
- “Uncertainty-aware time-lapse CO2 monitoring with learned end-to-end inversion”. Nov 2022. In: *ML4Seismic Partners Meeting 2022*.
- “Simulation-based framework for geological carbon storage monitoring”. Nov 2022. In: *ML4Seismic Partners Meeting 2022*.
- “Amortized velocity continuation with Fourier neural operators”. Nov 2022. In: *ML4Seismic Partners Meeting 2022*.
- “Time-lapse seismic survey design by maximizing the spectral gap” (*contributed*). Nov 2022. In: *ML4Seismic Partners Meeting 2022*.
- “Effective scaling of numerical surrogates via domain-decomposed Fourier neural operators” (*contributed*). Nov 2022. In: *ML4Seismic Partners Meeting 2022*.
- “ML4Seismic open-source software: updates and developments” (*contributed*). Nov 2022. In: *ML4Seismic Partners Meeting 2022*.
- “De-risking GCS projects with explainable CO2 leakage detection in time-lapse seismic images” (*contributed*). Nov 2022. In: *ML4Seismic Partners Meeting 2022*.
- “Monitoring with sequential Bayesian inference” (*contributed*). Nov 2022. In: *ML4Seismic Partners Meeting 2022*.
- “Julia for Geoscience”. Apr 2022. In: *Transform 2022*.
- “Improved seismic monitoring of CO2 sequestration with the weighted joint recovery model”. In: *ML4Seismic Partners Meeting 2021*. Nov 2021.
- “Low-cost & robust seismic monitoring of carbon storage and sequestration with the joint recovery model”. In: *Georgia Tech Geophysics Seminar*. Sep 2021.