

# ZIYI “FRANCIS” YIN

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Current Position: Research Geophysicist at Occidental Petroleum Corporation

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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

Aug 2024

May 2023

GPA: 3.85/4

### Emory University

*Bachelor of Science in Mathematics and Computer Science*

Advisor: [James G. Nagy](#)

Atlanta, GA

May 2019

GPA: 3.98/4

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Scientific Machine Learning

Inverse Problems

Uncertainty Quantification

Computational Imaging

Bayesian Inference

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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### Occidental Petroleum Corporation

*Research Geophysicist*

Houston, TX

Aug 2024 - Present

### Georgia Institute of Technology

*Graduate Research Assistant*

Atlanta, GA

Aug 2019 - Jun 2024

### 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

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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### Editorial Service

Geosciences

- Topical Advisory Panel Member

- Guest Editor: Special Issue on Geophysical Inversion

### Technical 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

Applied Sciences

Computers and Geosciences  
 Earth Sciences  
 Earth Science Informatics  
 Electronics  
 Energies  
 Geophysics  
 Geophysical Prospecting  
 Geoscientific Model Development  
 IEEE Transactions on Geoscience and Remote Sensing  
 Interpretation  
 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 Mathematics and Statistics  
 Journal of Open Research Software  
 Journal of Open Source Software  
 Mathematics  
 Pure and Applied Geophysics  
 Remote Sensing  
 Scientific Reports  
 Sensors  
 Sustainability  
 The Leading Edge

### 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  
 Neurips 2024 workshop on Data-driven and Differentiable Simulations, Surrogates, and Solvers  
 SciMLCon 2022  
 58th US Rock Mechanics / Geomechanics Symposium

### Award Reviewer

Georgia Tech President's Undergraduate Research Award 2022, 2023

## ACADEMIC SERVICE

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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>Emory University Office of Undergraduate Studies</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</i> , Seismic Monitoring CO <sub>2</sub> Storage	Spring 2022
<i>Head Teaching Assistant</i> , Computational Data Analysis	Fall 2021
<i>Teaching Assistant</i> , Exploration Seismology	Spring 2021
<i>Teaching Assistant</i> , Iterative Methods for Systems of Equations	Fall 2020
<b>Emory University</b>	Atlanta, GA
<i>Teaching Assistant</i> , Probability and Statistics I & II	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

## PREPRINTS

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- P1. Abhinav Prakash Gahlot, Rafael Orozco, **Ziyi Yin**, and Felix J. Herrmann. “An uncertainty-aware Digital Shadow for underground multimodal CO<sub>2</sub> storage monitoring”. Oct 2024. DOI: [10.48550/arXiv.2410.01218](https://doi.org/10.48550/arXiv.2410.01218).

## JOURNAL ARTICLES

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- J9. **Ziyi Yin**, Rafael Orozco, and Felix J. Herrmann. “WISER: Multimodal variational inference for full-waveform inversion without dimensionality reduction”. Mar 2025. In: *Geophysics*. DOI: [10.1190/geo2024-0483.1](https://doi.org/10.1190/geo2024-0483.1).
- J8. 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”. Jan 2025. Accepted for publication in *Wave Motion*. DOI: [10.48550/arXiv.2406.05154](https://doi.org/10.48550/arXiv.2406.05154).
- J7. **Ziyi Yin**, Mathias Louboutin, Olav Møyner, and Felix J. Herrmann. “Time-lapse full-waveform permeability inversion: A feasibility study”. Aug 2024. In: *The Leading Edge*. DOI: [10.1190/tle43080544.1](https://doi.org/10.1190/tle43080544.1).
- J6. **Ziyi Yin**<sup>\*</sup>, Rafael Orozco<sup>\*</sup>, Mathias Louboutin, and Felix J. Herrmann. “WISE: Full-waveform variational inference via subsurface extensions”. Jul 2024. In: *Geophysics*. DOI: [10.1190/geo2023-0744.1](https://doi.org/10.1190/geo2023-0744.1). **Featured in Geophysics Bright Spot in The Leading Edge.**
- J5. **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).
- J4. 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”. Sep 2023. In: *Computers & Geosciences*. DOI: [10.1016/j.cagoe.2023.105402](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.cagoe.2023.105402).

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<sup>\*</sup> denotes equal contribution.

- J3. 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). **Featured in Seismic Soundoff. Journal’s most downloaded paper in 2023.**
- J2. 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”. Jul 2023. In: *Geophysics*. DOI: [10.1190/geo2023-0024.1](https://doi.org/10.1190/geo2023-0024.1).
- J1. **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).

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## PEER-REVIEWED CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

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- C9. Tamas Nemeth, Kurt Nihei, Alexander 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”. Jul 2024. In: *Fourth International Meeting for Applied Geoscience & Energy Expanded Abstracts*. DOI: [10.1190/image2024-4091674.1](https://doi.org/10.1190/image2024-4091674.1).
- C8. Abhinav Prakash Gahlot, Huseyin Tuna Erdinc, Rafael Orozco, **Ziyi Yin**, and 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).
- C7. 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).
- C6. 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).
- C5. **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.**
- C4. 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).
- C3. 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).
- C2. **Ziyi Yin**, Mathias Louboutin, and 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).
- C1. **Ziyi Yin**, Rafael Orozco, Philipp A. Witte, Mathias Louboutin, Gabrio Rizzuti, and Felix J. Herrmann. “Extended source imaging – a unifying framework for seismic and 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).

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## THESES

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- T2. **Ziyi Yin.** “Solving geophysical inverse problems with scientific machine learning”. Aug 2024. *PhD dissertation*. URL: <https://hdl.handle.net/1853/75649>.
- T1. **Ziyi Yin.** “Edge Detection and Enriched Subspaces”. May 2019. *BSc Dissertation*. URL: <https://etd.library.emory.edu/concern/etds/7w62f916x>.