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Current Position: Research Geophysicist at Occidental Petroleum Corporation

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Based in: Santa Monica, CA

EDUCATION

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

Scientific Machine Learning

Inverse Problems

Uncertainty Quantification

Computational Imaging

Bayesian Inference

WORK EXPERIENCE

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

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

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

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Georgia Institute of Technology	Atlanta, GA
<i>Teaching Assistant, Seismic Monitoring CO₂ 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
Emory University	Atlanta, GA
<i>Teaching Assistant, Probability and Statistics I & II</i>	Fall 2018, Spring 2019

HONORS AND AWARDS

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

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

SKILLS

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^AT_EX, html

PREPRINTS

- P1. Abhinav Prakash Gahlot, Rafael Orozco, **Ziyi Yin**, and Felix J. Herrmann. “An uncertainty-aware Digital Shadow for underground multimodal CO₂ storage monitoring”. Oct 2024. DOI: [10.48550/arXiv.2410.01218](https://doi.org/10.48550/arXiv.2410.01218).

JOURNAL ARTICLES

- 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. In: *Wave Motion*. DOI: [10.1016/j.wavemoti.2024.103489](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.wavemoti.2024.103489).
- 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**^{*}, Rafael Orozco^{*}, 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).

^{*} 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).

PEER-REVIEWED CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

- 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).

THESES

- 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>.