

Deep generative models for solving geophysical inverse problems

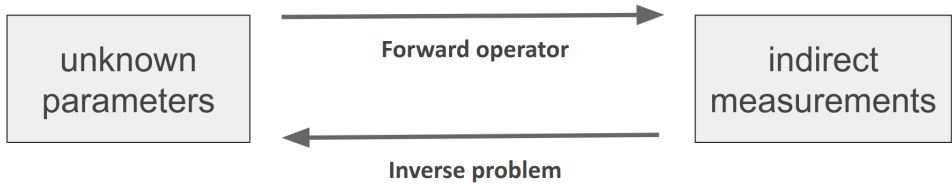
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Bayesian inverse problems

represent the solution as a distribution over the model space

i.e., posterior distribution

Choosing a prior distribution

- encode prior knowledge

- avoid unwanted bias due to overly simplifying priors

Computational cost

- costly forward operator

- high dimensional sampling/integration

Generative models for solving inverse problems

learned prior and posterior distributions

fast conditional sampling

tractable density estimation

rely on access to high-quality training data

negative bias induced by distribution shifts during inference

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AmirEhsan Khorashadizadeh, Konik Kothari, Leonardo Salsi, Ali Aghababaei Harandi, Maarten de Hoop, and Ivan Dokmanić. "Conditional Injective Flows for Bayesian Imaging". In: *arXiv preprint arXiv:2204.07664* (2022).

Objective. develop generative-model-based methods that

enhance the solution quality

shorten the time to solution

reduce the cost of Bayesian inference

are feasible in domains with limited access to training data

Chapter 2. Deep Bayesian inference for seismic imaging with tasks

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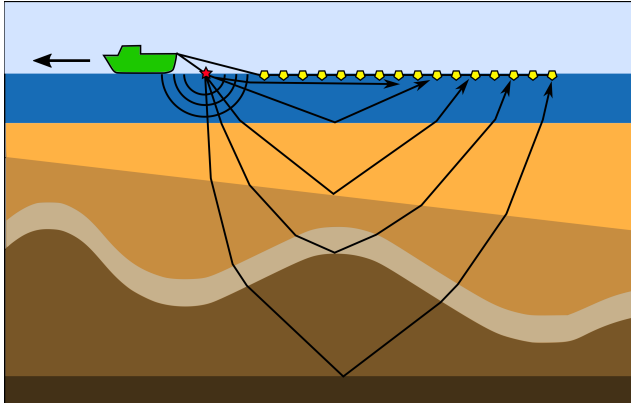
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Seismic imaging



Forward model

$$\mathbf{d}_i = \mathbf{J}(\mathbf{m}_0, \mathbf{q}_i) \delta \mathbf{m}^* + \epsilon_i, \quad \epsilon_i \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \sigma^2 \mathbf{I}),$$

linearized Born scattering operator $\mathbf{J}(\mathbf{m}_0, \mathbf{q}_i)$

smooth squared-slowness model of the subsurface $\mathbf{m}_0$

seismic source time signature $\mathbf{q}_i$

observed data $\mathbf{d} = \{\mathbf{d}_i\}_{i=1}^{n_s}$

Linearized Born modeling operator

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbf{J}(\mathbf{m}_0, \mathbf{q}_i) &= \nabla_{\mathbf{m}} \mathbf{P} \mathbf{A}^{-1}[\mathbf{m}] \mathbf{q}_i \Big|_{\mathbf{m}=\mathbf{m}_0} \\
 &= \underbrace{-\mathbf{P} \mathbf{A}^{-1}[\mathbf{m}_0]}_{\text{PDE solve}} \text{diag} \left(\nabla \mathbf{A}[\mathbf{m}_0] \underbrace{\mathbf{A}^{-1}[\mathbf{m}_0] \mathbf{q}_i}_{\text{PDE solve}} \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

discretized acoustic wave equation $\mathbf{A}[\mathbf{m}]$

receiver restriction linear operator $\mathbf{P}$

Proposed method

regularization via the inductive bias of network architecture

posterior sampling via stochastic gradient Langevin dynamics

translating uncertainties into downstream tasks

V. Lempitsky, A. Vedaldi, and D. Ulyanov. "Deep Image Prior". In: *2018 IEEE/CVF Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition*. 2018, pp. 9446–9454. DOI: 10.1109/CVPR.2018.00984.

Max Welling and Yee Whye Teh. "Bayesian Learning via Stochastic Gradient Langevin Dynamics". In: *Proceedings of the 28th International Conference on Machine Learning*. 2011, pp. 681–688. DOI: 10.5555/3104482.3104568.

$$\begin{aligned}
 -\log p_{\text{post}}(\mathbf{w} \mid \mathbf{d}) = & \underbrace{\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^{n_s} \|\mathbf{d}_i - \mathbf{J}(\mathbf{m}_0, \mathbf{q}_i)g(\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{w})\|_2^2}_{\text{negative-log likelihood}} + \underbrace{\frac{\lambda^2}{2} \|\mathbf{w}\|_2^2}_{\text{negative-log prior}} + \underbrace{\text{const}}_{\text{Ind. of } \mathbf{w}}
 \end{aligned}$$

untrained convolutional neural network (CNN) $g(\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{w})$

CNN weights $\mathbf{w}$

fixed input $\mathbf{z}$

Stochastic gradient Langevin dynamics (SGLD)

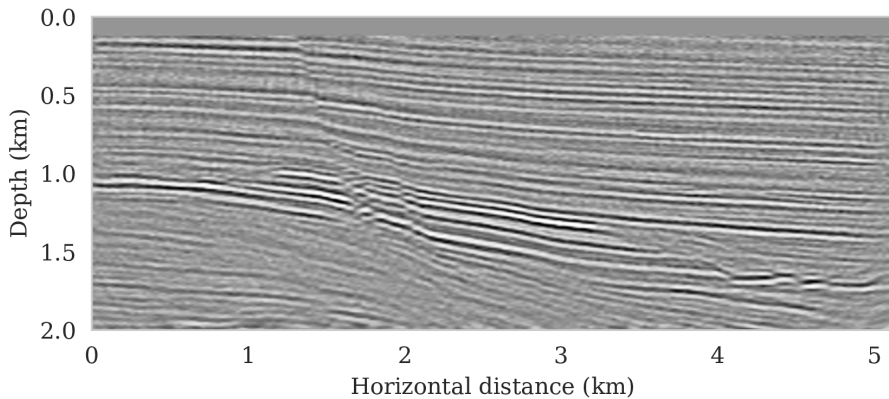
$$\mathbf{w}_{k+1} = \mathbf{w}_k - \frac{\alpha_k}{2} \mathbf{M}_k \nabla_{\mathbf{w}} \log p_{\text{post}}(\mathbf{w} \mid \mathbf{d}) + \boldsymbol{\eta}_k, \quad \boldsymbol{\eta}_k \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \alpha_k \mathbf{M}_k)$$

preconditioning matrix $\mathbf{M}_k$

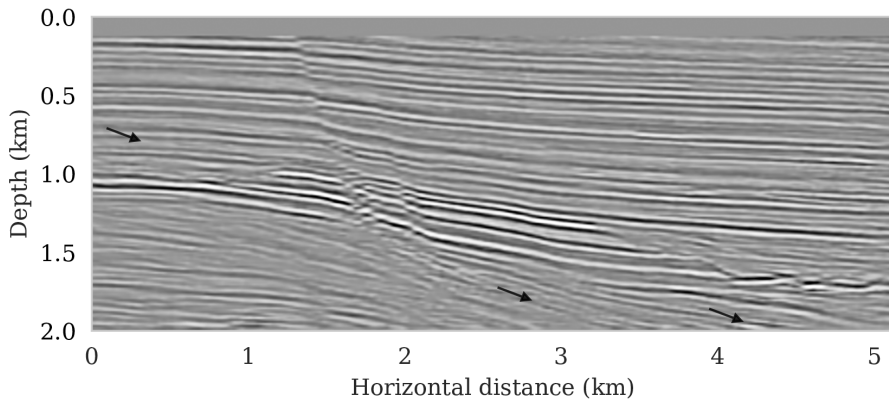
stepsize α_k

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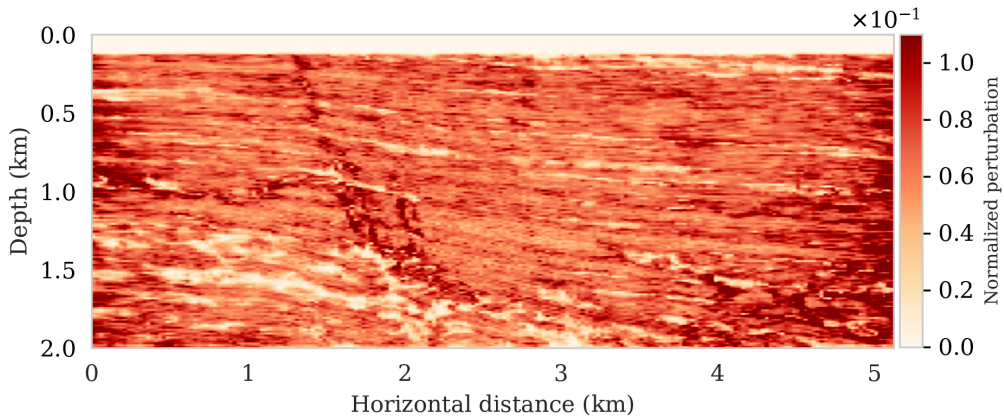
Chunyuan Li, Changyou Chen, David Carlson, and Lawrence Carin. "Preconditioned Stochastic Gradient Langevin Dynamics for Deep Neural Networks". In: *Proceedings of the Thirtieth AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence*. Phoenix, Arizona: AAAI Press, 2016, pp. 1788–1794. DOI: 10.5555/3016100.3016149. URL: <https://dl.acm.org/doi/abs/10.5555/3016100.3016149>.



estimation with no prior—SNR: 8.25 dB



conditional mean estimate—SNR: 9.66 dB



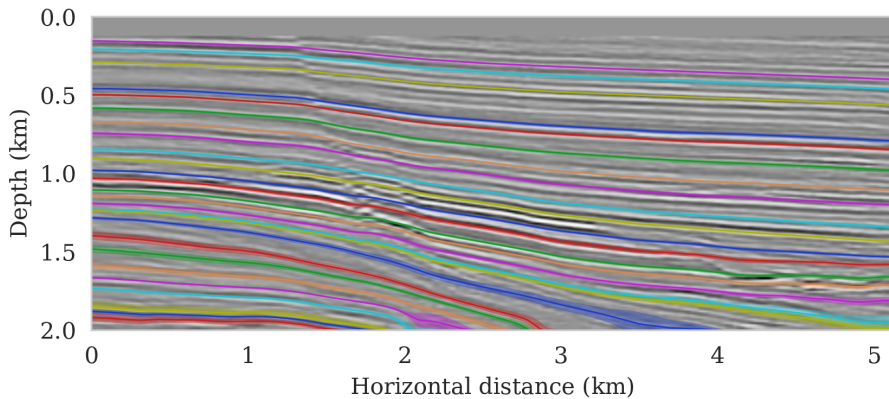
normalized pointwise standard deviation

Downstream task inference

$$\mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{h} \sim p_{\text{post}}(\mathbf{h}|\mathbf{d})} [f(\mathbf{h})] = \underbrace{\mathbb{E}_{\delta\mathbf{m} \sim p_{\text{post}}(\delta\mathbf{m}|\mathbf{d})}}_{\text{uncertainty in seismic imaging}} \underbrace{\mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{h} \sim p(\mathbf{h}|\delta\mathbf{m})} [f(\mathbf{h})]}_{\text{uncertainty in horizon tracking}}.$$

outcome (random variable) of downstream task $\mathbf{h}$

assuming $\mathbf{h} \perp\!\!\!\perp \delta\mathbf{d} \mid \delta\mathbf{m} \Leftrightarrow p(\mathbf{h} \mid \delta\mathbf{m}, \delta\mathbf{d}) = p(\mathbf{h} \mid \delta\mathbf{m})$



Uncertainty in horizon tracking

Chapter 3. Weak deep priors for seismic imaging

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Contribution

weak deep priors—a computationally practical formulation

relaxing the deep prior—i.e., $\delta \mathbf{m} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{g}(\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{w}), \gamma^{-2} \mathbf{I})$

$$\min_{\delta \mathbf{m}, \mathbf{w}} \left[\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^{n_s} \|\delta \mathbf{d}_i - \mathbf{J}(\mathbf{m}_0, \mathbf{q}_i) \delta \mathbf{m}\|_2^2 + \frac{\lambda^2}{2} \|\mathbf{w}\|_2^2 \right]$$

subject to $\delta \mathbf{m} = g(\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{w})$

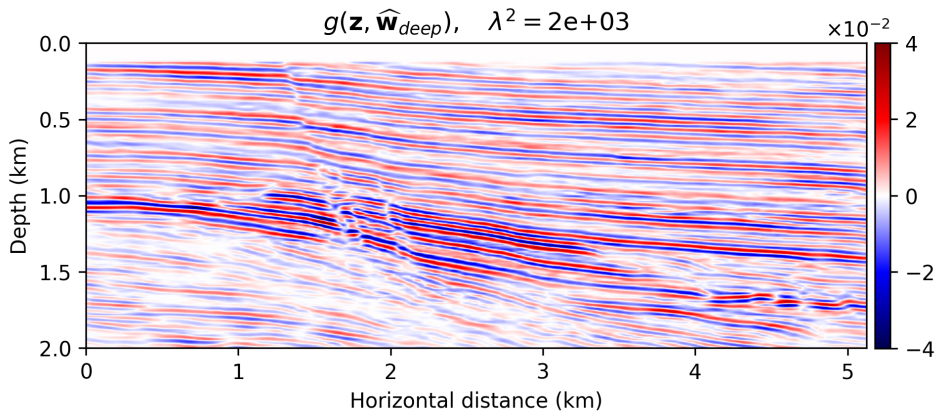
(deep prior)

subject to $\delta \mathbf{m} = g(\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{w}) + \mathbf{N}(\mathbf{0}, \gamma^{-2} \mathbf{I})$

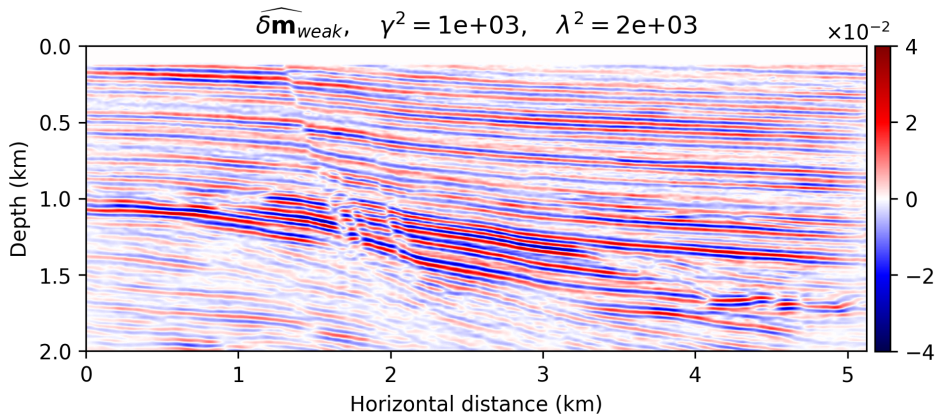
(weak deep prior)

Weak deep-prior based imaging

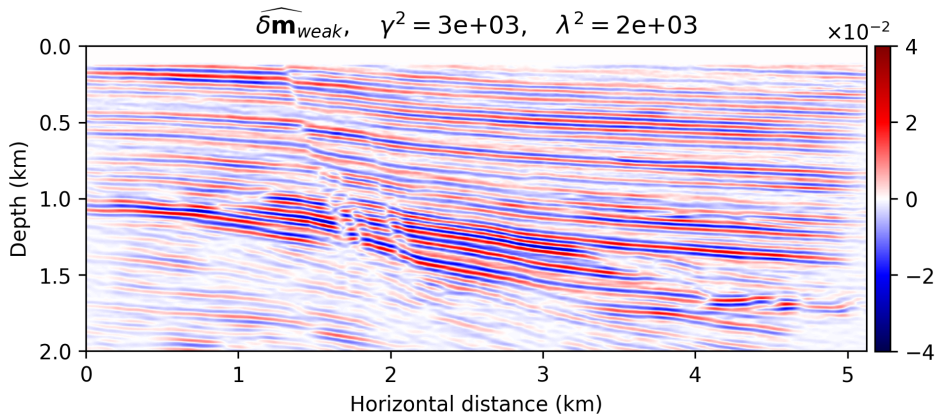
$$\min_{\delta \mathbf{m}, \mathbf{w}} \underbrace{\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^{n_s} \|\delta \mathbf{d}_i - \mathbf{J}(\mathbf{m}_0, \mathbf{q}_i) \delta \mathbf{m}\|_2^2}_{\text{negative-log likelihood}} + \underbrace{\frac{\gamma^2}{2} \|\delta \mathbf{m} - \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{w})\|_2^2 + \frac{\lambda^2}{2} \|\mathbf{w}\|_2^2}_{\text{negative-log (weak) prior}}$$



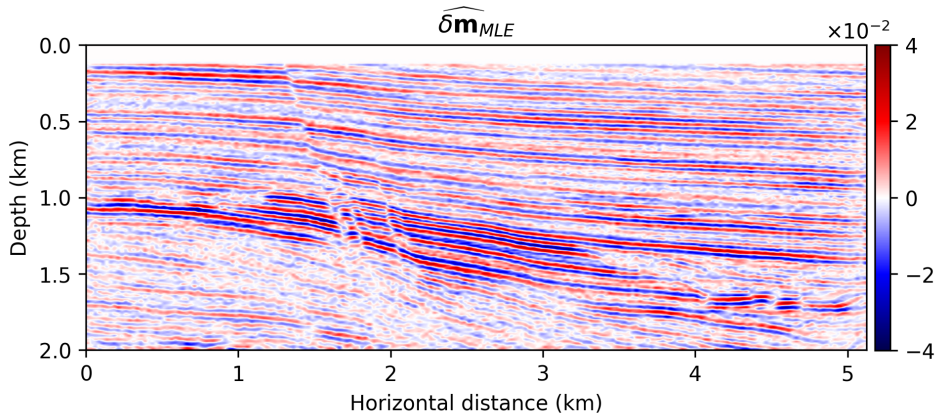
imaging with deep prior, cost ≈ 15 reverse-time migrations



imaging with weak deep prior, cost ≈ 2 reverse-time migrations



imaging with weak deep prior, cost ≈ 2 reverse-time migrations



MLE — no regularization (prior)

Bayesian inference via weak deep priors?

expectation maximization (EM) + SGLD in the latent space

Chapter 4. Preconditioned training of normalizing flows for variational inference in inverse problems

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Markov chain Monte Carlo

asymptotically exact samples

high-dimensional integration/sampling

costs of forward operator

requires choosing a prior distribution

Variational inference

reduces sampling to optimization

trading off computational cost for accuracy

cheap sampling after optimization

requires choosing a prior distribution

Amortized variational inference

$$\phi^* = \arg \min_{\phi} \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{y} \sim p_{\text{data}}(\mathbf{y})} \left[\mathbb{KL} \left(p_{\text{post}}(\mathbf{x} | \mathbf{y}) || p_{\phi}(\mathbf{x} | \mathbf{y}) \right) \right]$$

forward model $\mathbf{y} = \mathcal{F}(\mathbf{x}) + \epsilon$

computationally costly forward operator $\mathcal{F} : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$

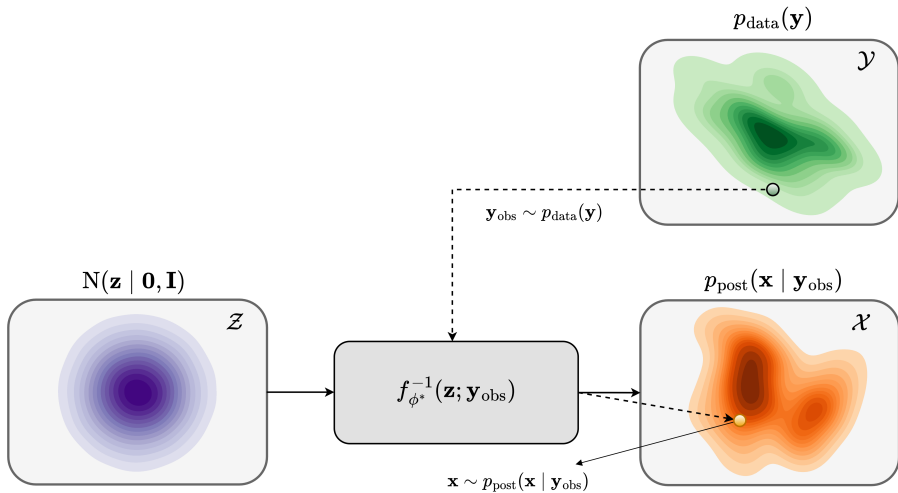
surrogate conditional distribution $p_{\phi}(\mathbf{x} | \mathbf{y})$

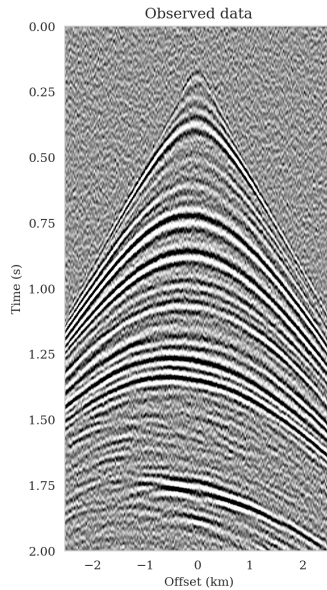
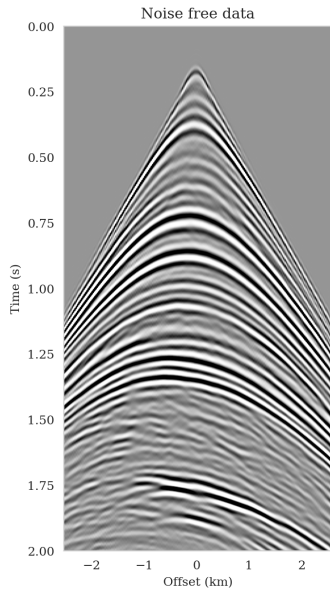
Normalizing flows for amortized inference

$$\phi^* = \arg \min_{\phi} \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \sim p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})} \left[\underbrace{\frac{1}{2} \|f_{\phi}(\mathbf{x}; \mathbf{y})\|_2^2}_{\text{normalizes the input}} - \underbrace{\log |\det \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} f_{\phi}(\mathbf{x}; \mathbf{y})|}_{\text{entropy regularization e.g., avoids } f_{\phi}(\mathbf{x}; \mathbf{y}) \equiv \mathbf{0}} \right]$$

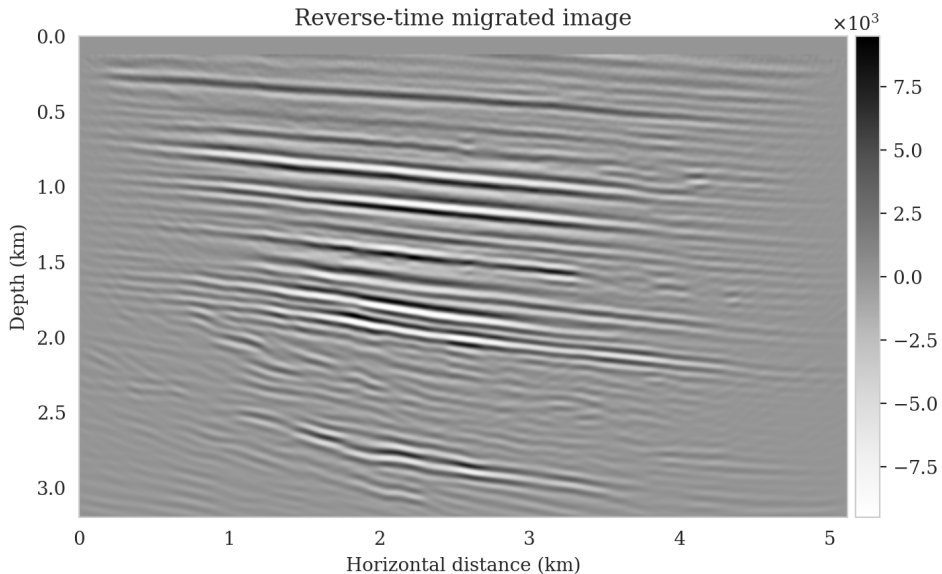
$f_{\phi}(\cdot; \mathbf{y}) : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Z}$ an invertible neural net

negligible computational cost of $\det \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} f_{\phi}(\mathbf{x}; \mathbf{y})$'s gradient due to f_{ϕ} 's architecture

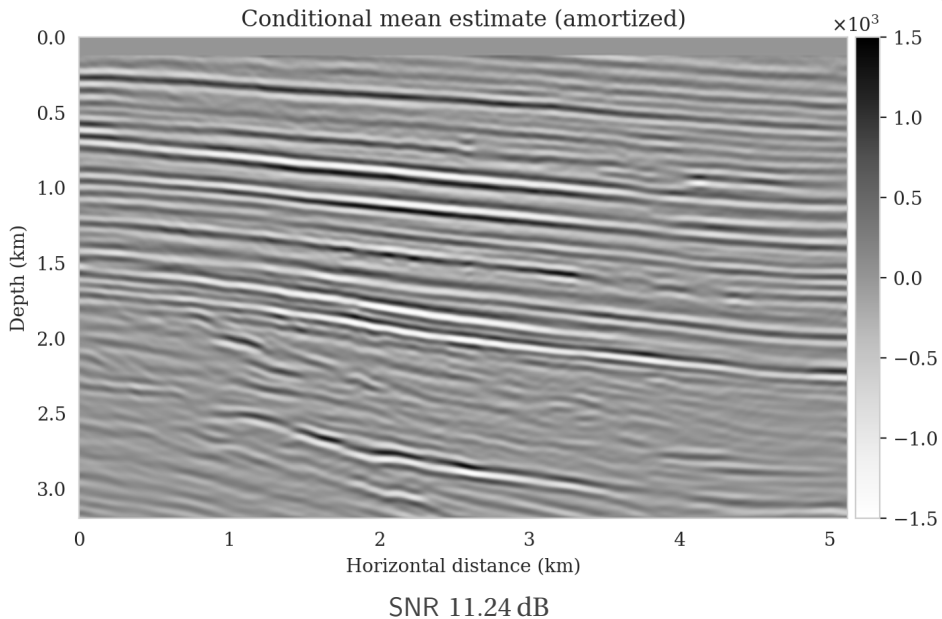


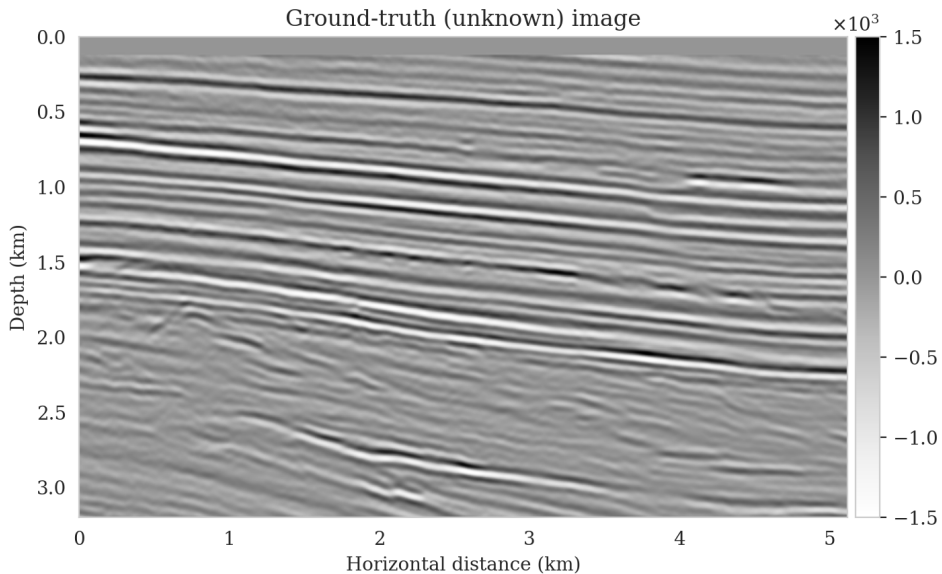


(left) noise free data (right) noisy data

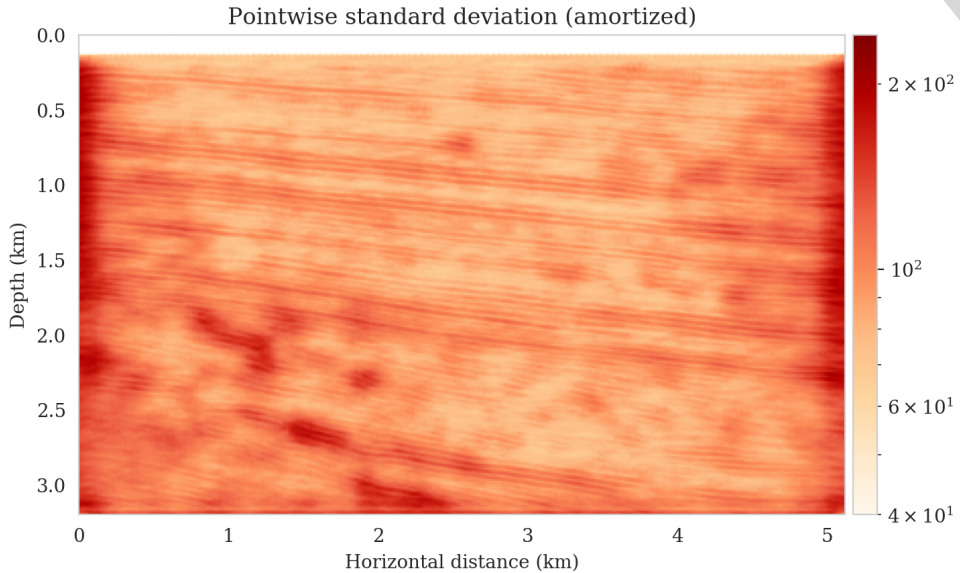


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previously unseen (test) seismic image



Multi-fidelity preconditioned scheme

exploit the learned information during amortized variational inference

ensure physics and data fidelity

Finetune the amortized posterior approximation

$$\min_{\phi^*} \text{KL} \left(p_{\phi^*}(\mathbf{x} \mid \mathbf{y}_{\text{obs}}) \parallel p_{\text{post}}(\mathbf{x} \mid \mathbf{y}_{\text{obs}}) \right)$$

mitigating errors to data distribution shifts $\mathbf{y}_{\text{obs}} \sim \hat{p}_{\text{data}}(\mathbf{y})$

finetuning ϕ^* to better approximate the posterior

Multi-fidelity preconditioned scheme

$$\min_{\phi^*} \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{z} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{I})} \left[\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \left\| \mathbf{y}_{\text{obs}} - \mathcal{F} \circ f_{\phi^*}^{-1}(\mathbf{z}; \mathbf{y}_{\text{obs}}) \right\|_2^2 \right. \\ \left. - \log p_{\text{prior}}(f_{\phi^*}^{-1}(\mathbf{z}; \mathbf{y}_{\text{obs}})) - \log \left| \det \nabla_{\mathbf{z}} f_{\phi^*}^{-1}(\mathbf{z}; \mathbf{y}_{\text{obs}}) \right| \right]$$

pretrained $f_{\phi^*}^{-1}(\mathbf{z}; \mathbf{y}_{\text{obs}})$ already approximates the posterior

less costly evaluations of $\mathcal{F}$ than non-preconditioned approach

learned conditional prior $p_{\text{prior}}(\mathbf{x}) := \mathcal{N}(f_{\phi^*}(\mathbf{x}; \mathbf{y}_{\text{obs}}) \mid \mathbf{0}, \mathbf{I}) \left| \det \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} f_{\phi^*}(\mathbf{x}; \mathbf{y}_{\text{obs}}) \right|$

Chapter 5. Reliable amortized variational inference via physics-based latent distribution correction

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Implications of imperfect pretraining or data distribution shifts

inaccurate normalization through the conditional normalizing flow

$$p_{\phi}(\mathbf{z} \mid \mathbf{y}_{\text{obs}}) \neq \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{z} \mid \mathbf{0}, \mathbf{I})$$

$$p_{\phi}(\mathbf{z} \mid \mathbf{y}_{\text{obs}}) \text{ distribution of } \mathbf{z} = f_{\phi}(\mathbf{x}; \mathbf{y}_{\text{obs}}) \text{ for } \mathbf{x} \sim p_{\text{post}}(\mathbf{x} \mid \mathbf{y}_{\text{obs}}), \mathbf{y}_{\text{obs}} \sim p_{\text{data}}(\mathbf{y})$$

Implications of imperfect pretraining or data distribution shifts

inaccurate posterior sampling given $\mathbf{z} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{z} \mid \mathbf{0}, \mathbf{I})$ as input

$$p_{\phi}(\mathbf{x} \mid \mathbf{y}_{\text{obs}}) \neq p_{\text{post}}(\mathbf{x} \mid \mathbf{y}_{\text{obs}})$$

$p_{\phi}(\mathbf{x} \mid \mathbf{y}_{\text{obs}})$ predicted posterior distribution

Latent distribution correction

$$\mathbf{z} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{z} \mid \mathbf{0}, \mathbf{I}) \quad \longrightarrow \quad \mathbf{z} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{z} \mid \boldsymbol{\mu}, \text{diag}(\mathbf{s})^2)$$

$p_\phi(\mathbf{z} \mid \mathbf{y}_{\text{obs}})$ not too far from normal distribution

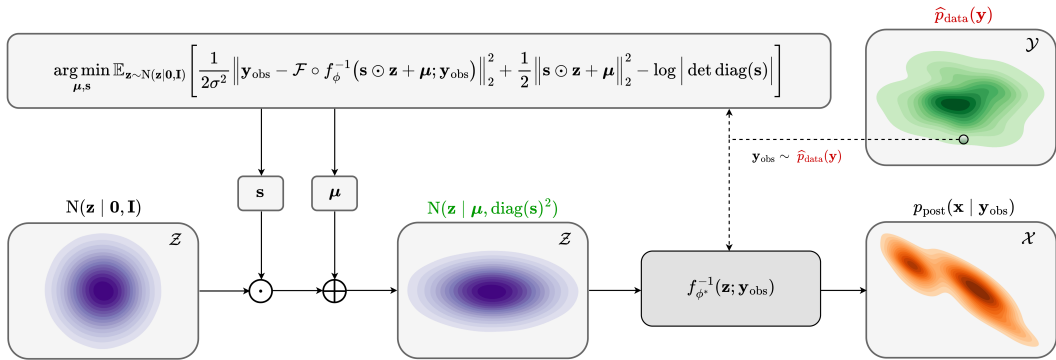
relaxing the initial approximation $p_\phi(\mathbf{z} \mid \mathbf{y}_{\text{obs}}) \approx \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{z} \mid \mathbf{0}, \mathbf{I})$

Physics-based latent distribution correction

$$\min_{\boldsymbol{\mu}, \mathbf{s}} \mathbb{KL} \left(\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{z} \mid \boldsymbol{\mu}, \text{diag}(\mathbf{s})^2) \parallel p_{\phi}(\mathbf{z} \mid \mathbf{y}_{\text{obs}}) \right), \quad \mathbf{y}_{\text{obs}} \sim \hat{p}_{\text{data}}(\mathbf{y})$$

with

$$-\log p_{\phi}(\mathbf{z} \mid \mathbf{y}_{\text{obs}}) = \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \|\mathbf{y}_{\text{obs}} - \mathcal{F} \circ f_{\phi}(\mathbf{z}; \mathbf{y}_{\text{obs}})\|_2^2 + \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{z}\|_2^2 + \text{const.}$$



$$\min_{\boldsymbol{\mu}, \mathbf{s}} \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{z} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{I})} \left[\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^N \left\| \mathbf{y}_{\text{obs}, i} - \mathcal{F}_i \circ f_{\phi}^{-1}(\mathbf{s} \odot \mathbf{z} + \boldsymbol{\mu}; \mathbf{y}_{\text{obs}}) \right\|_2^2 \right. \\ \left. + \frac{1}{2} \left\| \mathbf{s} \odot \mathbf{z} + \boldsymbol{\mu} \right\|_2^2 - \log \left| \det \text{diag}(\mathbf{s}) \right| \right]$$

initializing with $\boldsymbol{\mu} = \mathbf{0}$ and $\text{diag}(\mathbf{s})^2 = \mathbf{I}$

initialization acts as a warm-start and an implicit regularization

expected to be solved relatively cheaply due to the amortization of f_{ϕ}

non-amortized, i.e., specific to one set of observations $\mathbf{y}_{\text{obs}} \sim \hat{p}_{\text{data}}(\mathbf{y})$

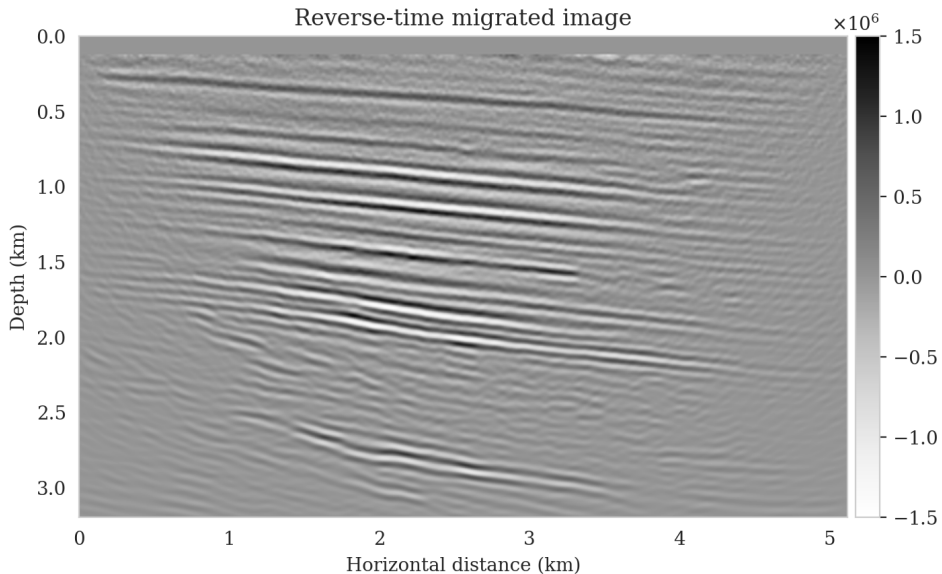
Introducing distribution shifts

band-limited noise with $6.25\times$ larger variance

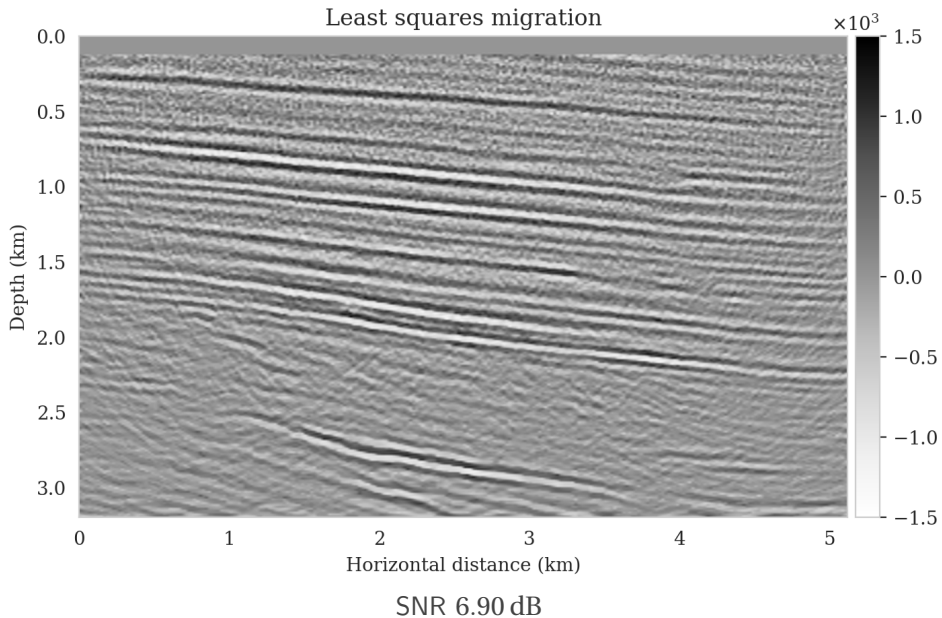
$4\times$ less sources

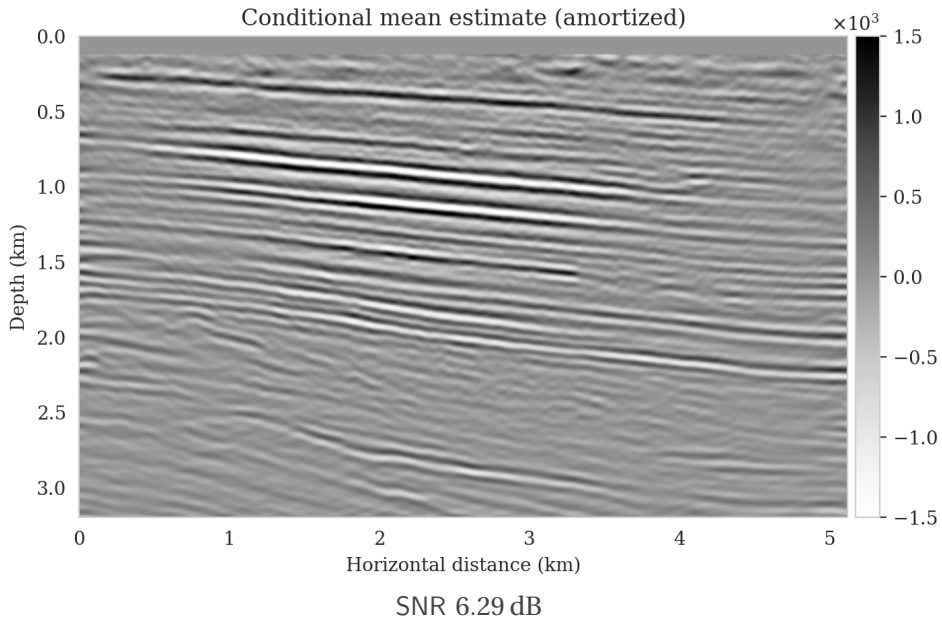
Physics-based latent distribution correction

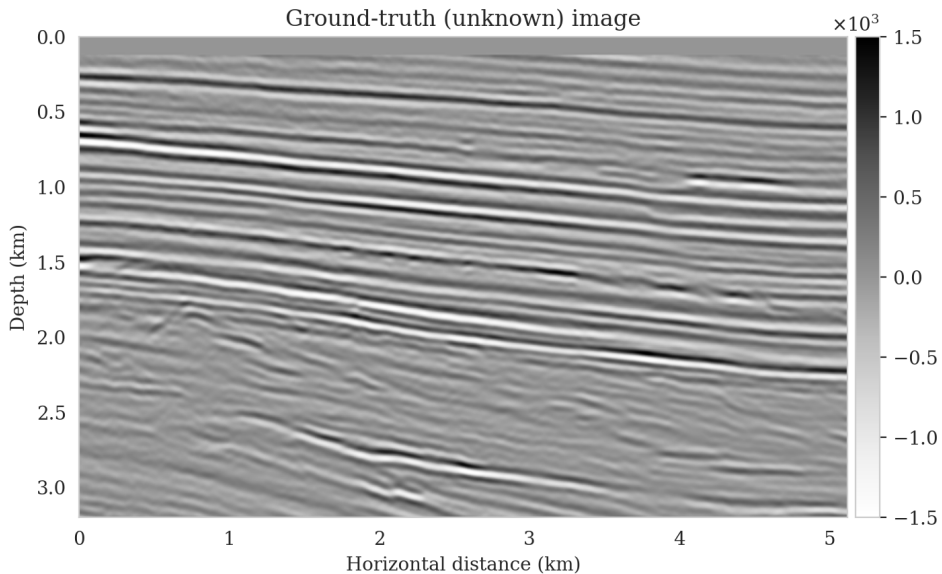
computational cost: approximately $5\times$ RTMs



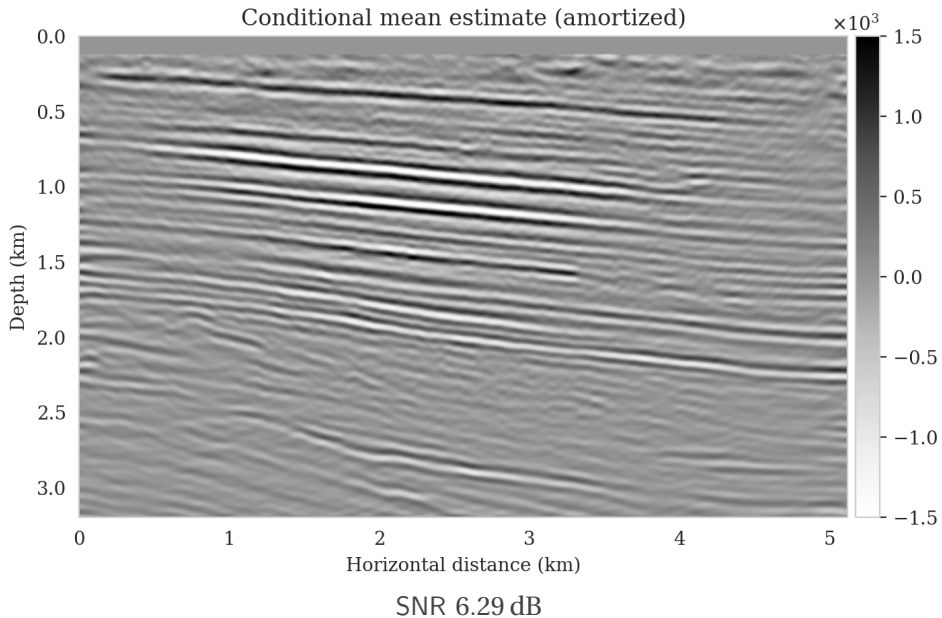
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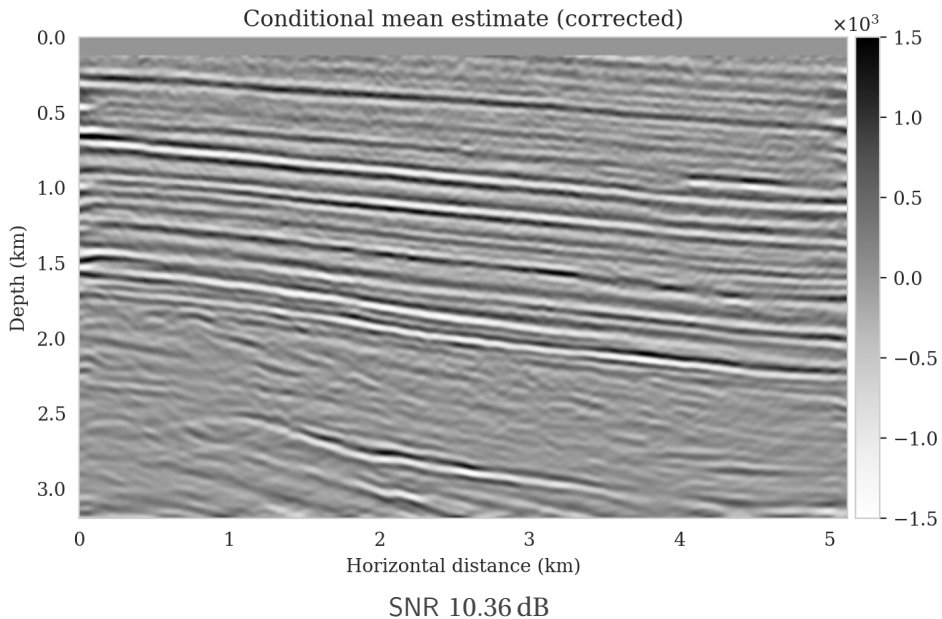


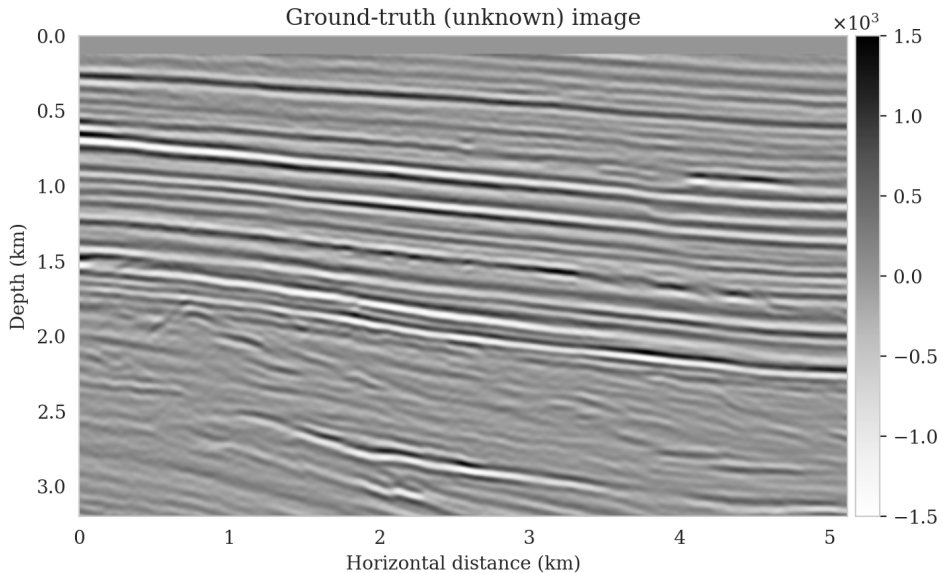




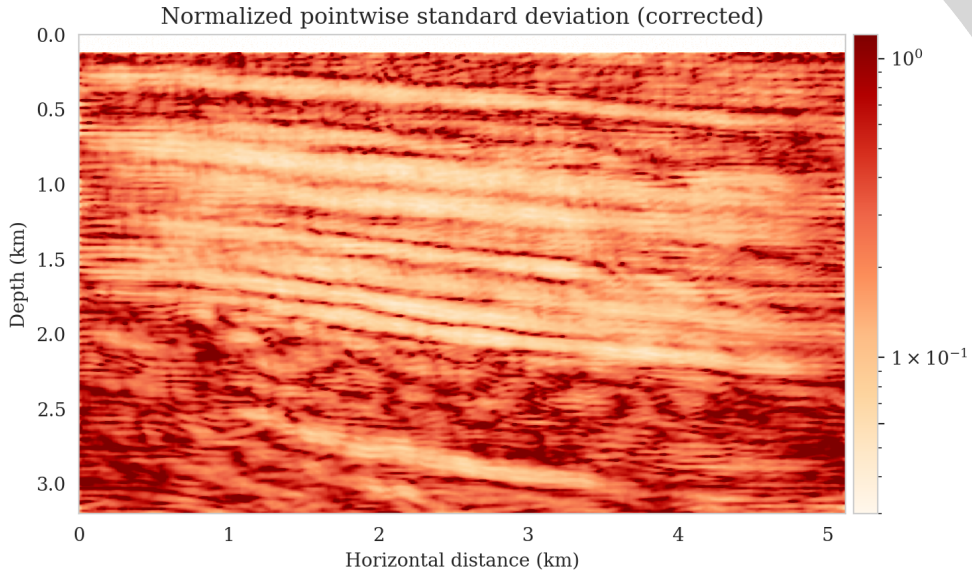
previously unseen (test) seismic image



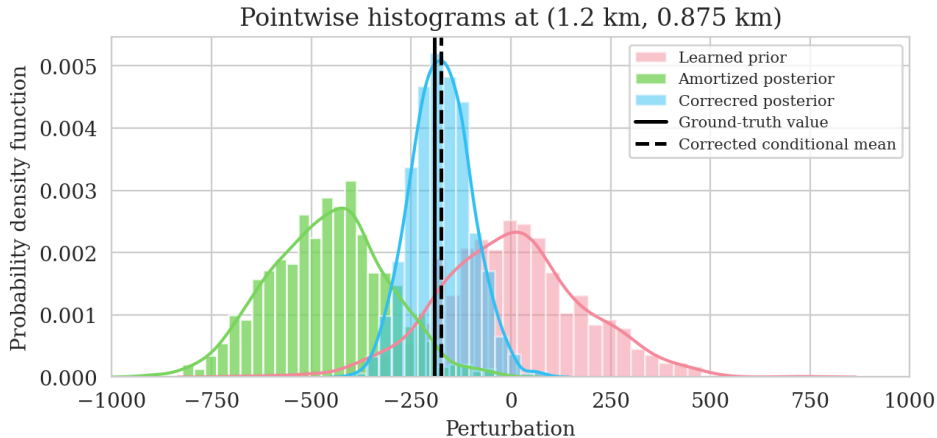




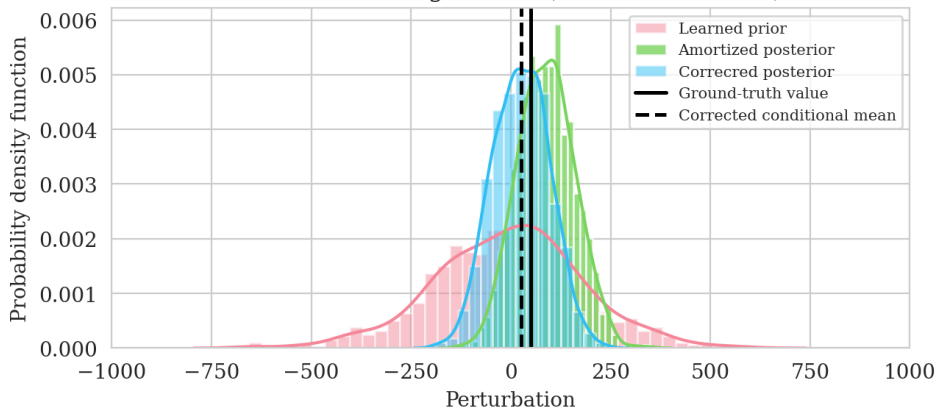
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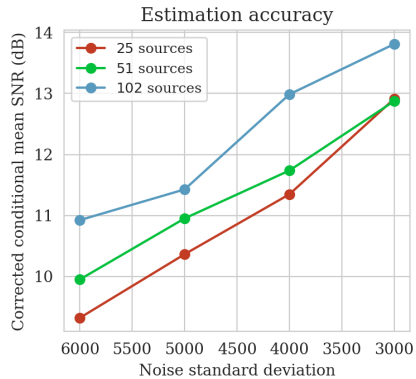


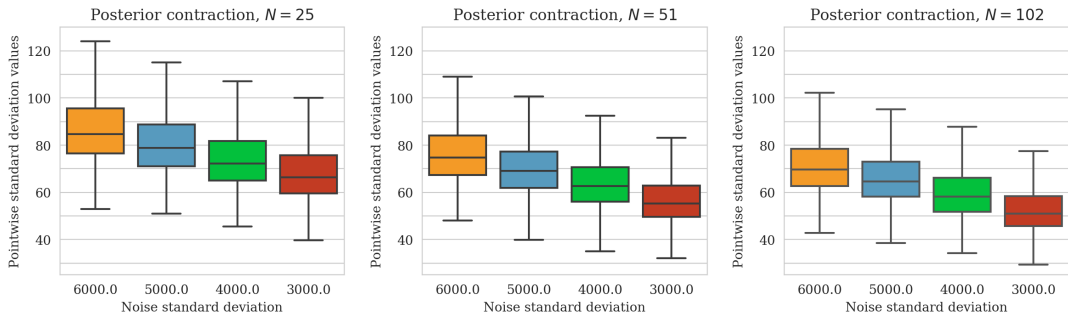
normalized by the the envelope of the conditional mean



Pointwise histograms at (4.0 km, 1.875 km)







(left) $N = 25$, (middle) $N = 51$, and (right) $N = 102$.

Chapter 6. The importance of transfer learning in seismic modeling and imaging

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Find $\delta \mathbf{m}$ such that

$$\mathbf{d}_i = \mathbf{J}(\mathbf{m}_0, \mathbf{q}_i) \delta \mathbf{m} + \epsilon_i$$

linearized Born scattering operator $\mathbf{J}(\mathbf{m}_0, \mathbf{q}_i)$

measurement noise ϵ_i

Find $\delta \mathbf{m}$ such that

$$\mathbf{d}_i = \mathbf{J}(\mathbf{m}_0, \mathbf{q}_i) \delta \mathbf{m} + \epsilon_i + \boldsymbol{\eta}_i$$

linearized Born scattering operator $\mathbf{J}(\mathbf{m}_0, \mathbf{q}_i)$

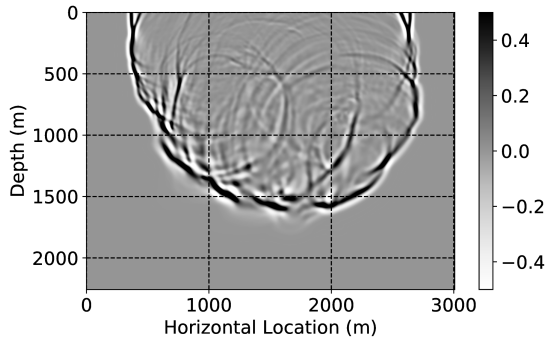
measurement noise ϵ_i and modeling errors $\boldsymbol{\eta}_i$

Modeling errors include

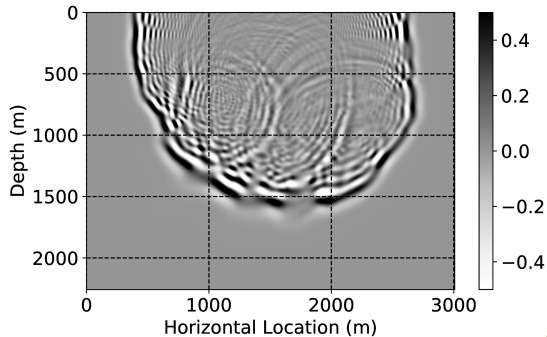
errors in numerical simulations, e.g., coarse finite-difference discretizations

errors in forward model parameterization, e.g., wrong background model $\mathbf{m}_0$ in $\mathbf{J}(\mathbf{m}_0, \mathbf{q}_i)$

Fine spatial discretization
computationally intensive



Coarse spatial discretization
suffers from numerical dispersion



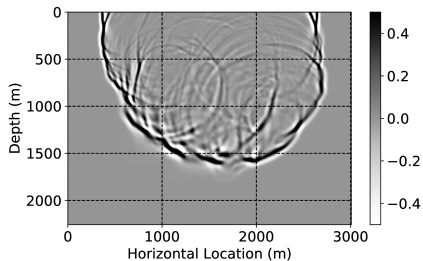
Contributions

train a network that corrects for numerical dispersion

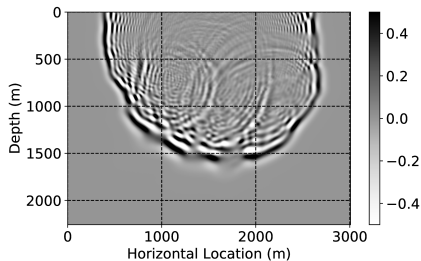
learned learning misfit via GANs to minimize the bias of hand-chosen losses

pretrain with existing low- and high-fidelity pairs, e.g., from neighboring surveys

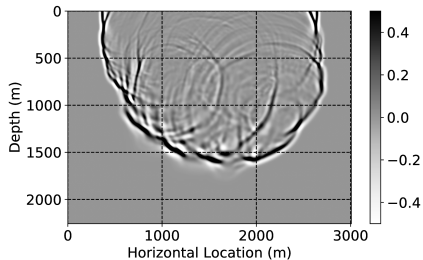
finetune with few low- and high-fidelity pairs from the pertinent survey



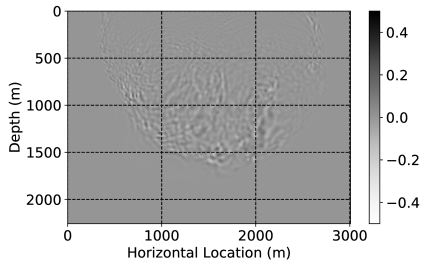
high-fidelity simulation



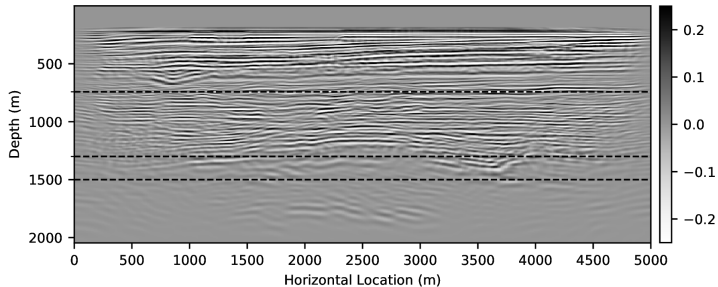
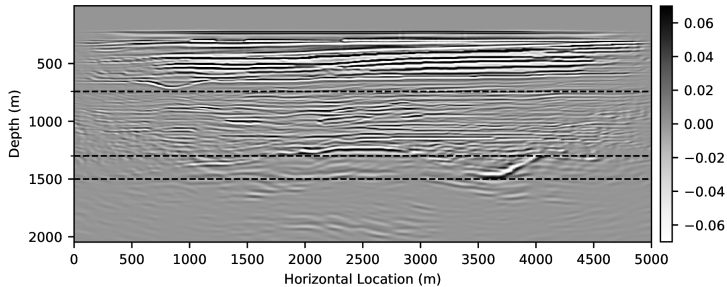
low-fidelity simulation



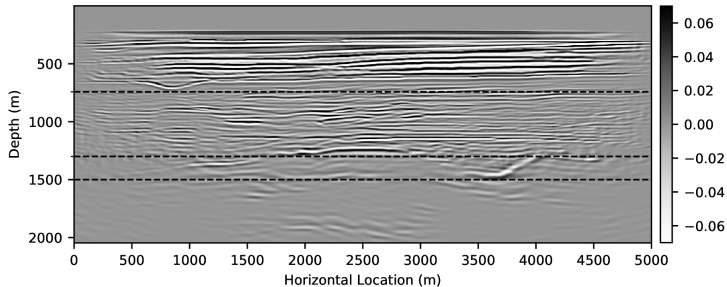
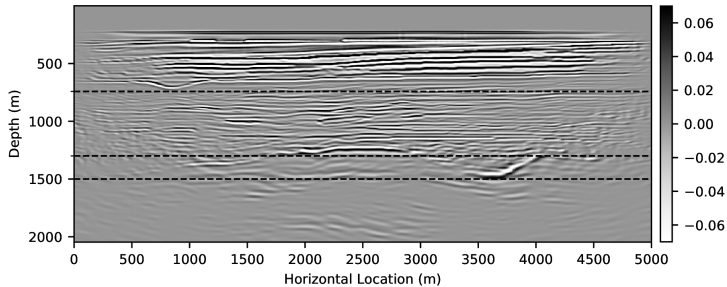
prediction after transfer learning



error w.r.t high-fidelity simulation



(top) high-fidelity image, (bottom) low-fidelity image



(top) high-fidelity image, (bottom) predicted image after transfer learning

Chapter 7. Velocity continuation with Fourier neural operators for accelerated uncertainty quantification

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Find $\delta \mathbf{m}$ such that

$$\mathbf{d}_i = \mathbf{J}(\mathbf{m}_0, \mathbf{q}_i) \delta \mathbf{m} + \boldsymbol{\eta}_i$$

linearized Born scattering operator $\mathbf{J}(\mathbf{m}_0, \mathbf{q}_i)$

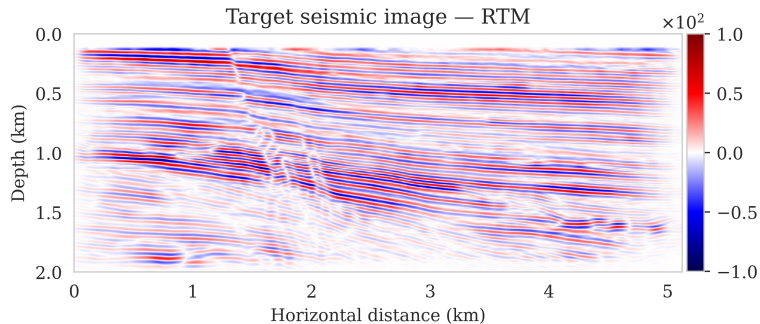
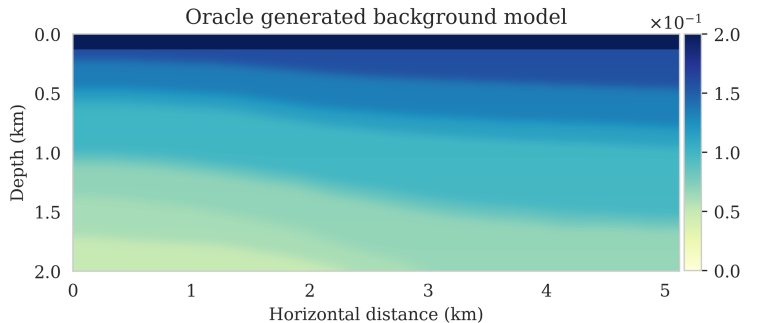
modeling errors $\boldsymbol{\eta}_i$

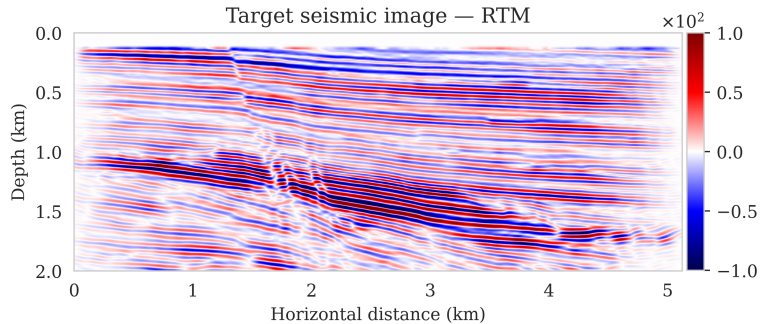
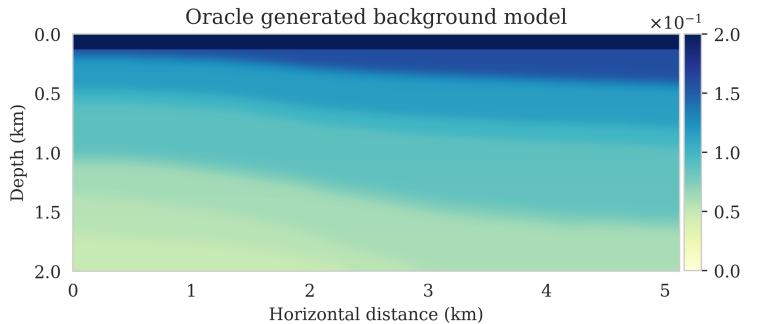
Find $\delta \mathbf{m}$ such that

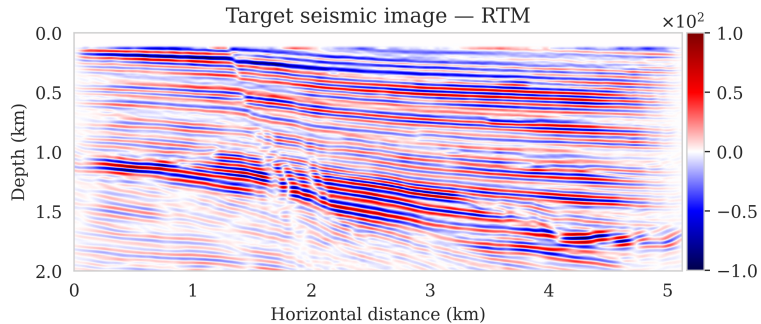
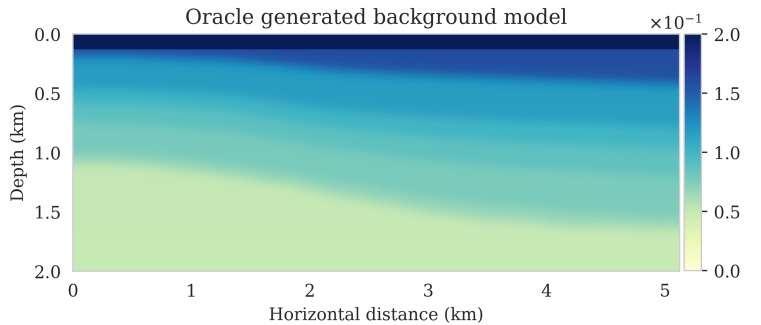
$$\mathbf{d}_i = \mathbf{J}(\mathbf{m}_0, \mathbf{q}_i) \delta \mathbf{m}$$

uncertainty (error) in the background model $\mathbf{m}_0$

quantifying uncertainty in $\delta \mathbf{m}$ requires solving numerous imaging problems







Velocity continuation

$$\mathcal{T}_{(\mathbf{m}_{\text{init}}, \mathbf{m}_{\text{target}})} : \delta\mathcal{M} \rightarrow \delta\mathcal{M}$$

space of seismic images $\delta\mathcal{M}$

initial and target background models $\mathbf{m}_{\text{init}}, \mathbf{m}_{\text{target}}$

maps images associated with one background model to another without explicitly imaging

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Contributions

a survey-specific Fourier neural operator surrogate to velocity continuation

mapping images associated with one background model to another virtually for free

trained with only 200 background and seismic image pairs

enables accelerated uncertainty quantification w.r.t background model

Fourier neural operator surrogate

$$\mathcal{G}_{\mathbf{w}^*}(\mathbf{m}_{\text{target}}, \delta\mathbf{m}_{\text{init}}) \approx \mathcal{T}_{(\mathbf{m}_{\text{init}}, \mathbf{m}_{\text{target}})}(\delta\mathbf{m}_{\text{init}}) = \delta\mathbf{m}_{\text{target}},$$

Fourier neural operator $\mathcal{G}_{\mathbf{w}}$

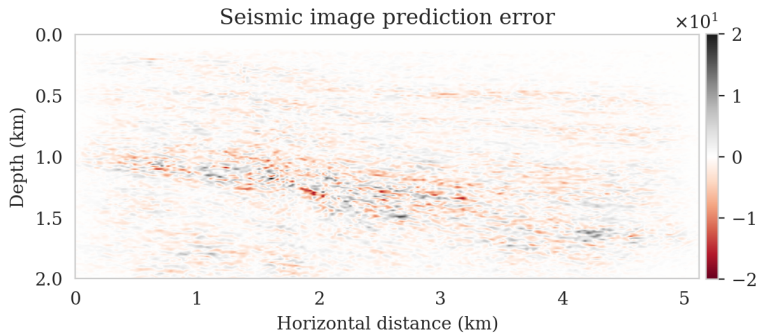
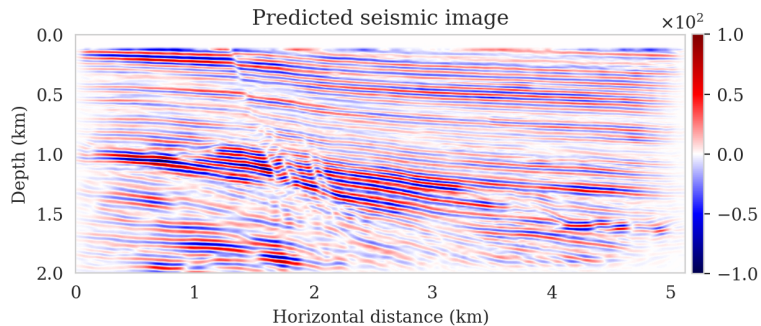
initial and target seismic images $\delta\mathbf{m}_{\text{init}}, \delta\mathbf{m}_{\text{target}}$

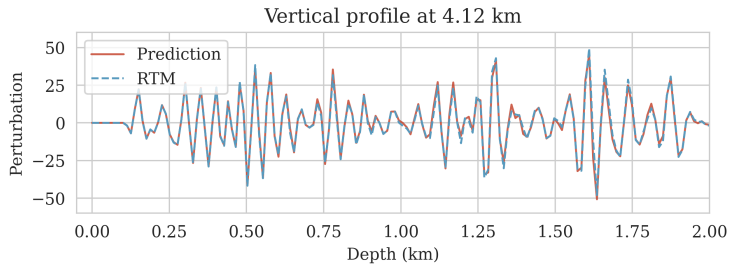
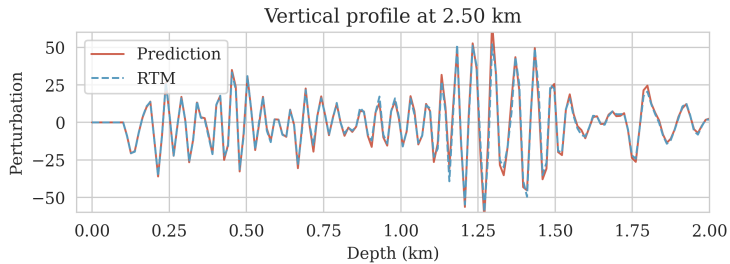
Training

$$\mathbf{w}^* = \arg \min_{\mathbf{w}} \frac{1}{n_{\text{train}}} \sum_{i=1} \|\mathcal{G}_{\mathbf{w}}(\mathbf{m}_0^{(i)}, \delta \mathbf{m}_{\text{init}}) - \delta \mathbf{m}_{\text{RTM}}^{(i)}\|_2^2.$$

training tuples $\left\{ \left((\mathbf{m}_0^{(i)}, \delta \mathbf{m}_{\text{init}}), \delta \mathbf{m}_{\text{RTM}}^{(i)} \right) \mid i = 1, \dots, n_{\text{train}} \right\}$

$$\delta \mathbf{m}_{\text{RTM}} = \sum_{i=1}^{n_s} \mathbf{J}(\mathbf{m}_0, \mathbf{q}_i)^\top \mathbf{d}_i.$$





Main conclusions and contributions

- regularizing seismic imaging with deep priors with uncertainty quantification
- a systematic approach to translate uncertainty in seismic imaging to downstream tasks
- a computationally feasible weak deep prior formulation for large-scale problems
- a data-driven variational inference preconditioning scheme
- a latent distribution correction method for robust amortized posterior sampling
- finite-difference numerical dispersion attenuation with limited in-distribution data
- a data-driven surrogate to velocity continuation for accelerated uncertainty quantification

Future directions

deep priors

- ▶ MCMC may not be feasible in realistic problems
- ▶ variational inference over the weights

reliable amortized variational inference

- ▶ theoretically understanding of the limitations of diagonal latent distribution correction
- ▶ exploiting amortized variational inference to accelerate MCMC methods
- ▶ exploring other probability divergences to address the limitations of KL divergence

data-driven surrogates for PDE solvers

- ▶ great progress these days in deep-learning assisted PDE solvers
- ▶ finding a right balance b/w existing numerical methods and data-driven methods
- ▶ velocity continuation: generalize across a family of survey areas while remaining reliable

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