## A field-data case study of extrapolated full-waveform inversion Hongyu Sun

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## Extrapolated full-waveform inversion with deep learning



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cost function

Sun and Demanet, 2020, Geophysics

# Related contributions and challenges on field data

Field-data examples:

- Probably insufficient accuracy for full-waveform inversion
  - Wang et al., 2020, SEG Technical Program Expanded Abstracts 2020
    ...
- Training on real data (collected from the same region as the test data)

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- Aharchaou and Baumstein, 2020, The Leading Edge
- Zhang et al., 2021, IEEE Geoscience and Remote Sensing Letters
- Training on synthetic data
  - Fang et al., 2020, Geophysics
  - Ovcharenko, 2021, KAUST Ph.D. thesis

### **Challenges:**

- Unavailability of real low-frequency data for training, in particular < 2 Hz
- Poor generalization from synthetic to real data

### Our strategy: Semi-supervised learning with real data without real labels



## Field raw data in the time and frequency domain



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# Field raw data in different frequency bands

The data below 3 Hz are totally missing. The minimum reliable frequency is 4 Hz.



**4 Hz** 

## Determination of starting frequency

Starting from the given initial model, how low should the starting frequency be to avoid the cycle-skipping problem?



Simulate low-frequency data on the 'tomography' model





## Determination of starting frequency 1 Hz

Starting from the given initial model, how low should the starting frequency be to avoid the cycle-skipping problem?



## Learning with real data without real labels

Cycle-Consistent Adversarial Networks (forward cycle)



simulated/reference image in domain L

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## Learning with real data without real labels

Cycle-Consistent Adversarial Networks (backward cycle)



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## Training data preparation for the field data

Preprocess field data for 4-10 Hz band-limited data as image domain H



distance axis

raw shot gather



4-10 Hz band-limited field data



## Training data preparation for the field data

Simulate synthetic low-frequency data as image domain L



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### Field-data extrapolation result: from 4-10 Hz to 0-1 Hz

### Forward Cycle: Starting from field 4-10 Hz band-limited data



#### Backward Cycle: Starting from synthetic 0-1 Hz low-frequency data

synthetic image (simulated low-frequency data) predicted image (extrapolated data)

reconstructed image







### Field-data extrapolation result: from 4-10 Hz to 0-4 Hz

### Forward Cycle: Starting from field 4-10 Hz band-limited data



predicted image

(extrapolated data)

#### Backward Cycle: Starting from synthetic 0-4 Hz low-frequency data

synthetic image (simulated low-frequency data)

reconstructed image





## Extrapolated FWI with 3-10 Hz band-limited field data <sup>13</sup>

**Cost function**: L2 norm of normalized (trace by trace) difference in time domain

**Bad initial model** 



FWI started from the bad initial model

FWI with only extrapolated low-frequency data













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## Extrapolated FWI with 3-10 Hz band-limited field data <sup>14</sup>

Cost function: L2 norm of normalized (trace by trace) difference in time domain

FWI with synthetic data simulated on 'tomography' model



FWI started from synthetic data simulated on 'tomography' model



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#### **EFWI-CNN started from extrapolated low-frequency data**



## Quality control: Vertical section comparison



## Summary

- CycleGAN can be trained using unpaired images of field band-limited and synthetic low-frequency shots in the time domain for robust low-frequency extrapolation of the field data.
- Our field-data results validate the benefit of extrapolated low-frequency data for mitigating the cycle-skipping problem of full-waveform inversion.
- The wavelet to synthetize the low-frequency data on the training model should be used for full-waveform inversion using the extrapolated low frequencies.





# Limitations and future work

more robust FWI with the extrapolated data

QC with RTM and image gathers







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