

Deep learning for deep Earth: physics-driven machine learning

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Topics

- Global seismology and Earth structure
- "Solving" a PDE-informed system by ML
- Qualifying seismic data by ML

Seismic wave propagation in **1D** Earth



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1D Earth structure

• Discovery of Earth's inner core



Inge Lehmann (1888–1993)



- Earth's solid interior is **mostly** a layered cake
 - Crust: cold and hard, ~25 km on average
 - Mantle: hot and soft, ~2,900 km
 - **Outer core**: iron-rich fluid, ~2,400 km
 - Inner core: iron-nickel alloy, ~1,250 km



3D Earth structure

- A 1D Earth is dead, but our Earth is quite alive
- Earth's structure must be 3D, though rather weak
- Plate tectonics and volcanism are the surface expressions of mantle convection



Illustration by Byrd Polar Research Center

Seismic wave propagation in **3D** Earth



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Time: 662 s

EARTH MODEL: PREM (1-D) + S40RTS + Crust 1.0 + RANDOM SCATTERERS

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Grand Prize of ARCHER Video Competition (Leng & Fernando, 2020)

Forward modelling and inversion



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Simulator & Emulator



Finite element mesh (GLVis)

CNN for CDF (Guo et al., 2016)



CNN-predicted velocity fields with different obstacles (Guo et al., 2016)

End-to-end emulator

• Acoustic wave modelling (Moseley et al., 2019)



Conditional autoencoder architecture WaveNet

Neural architecture search



Emulators speed up simulations, such as this NASA aerosol model that shows soot from fires in Australia, NASA

From models of galaxies to atoms, simple AI shortcuts speed up simulations by billions of times

Science

By Matthew Hutson | Feb. 12, 2020, 2:35 PM

EMULATOR with architecture variability $\mathbf{d} \approx F(\mathbf{n}; \mathbf{w}; \mathbf{m})$

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- Fast (10⁴~10⁹ speedup)
- Using limited training data by letting the architecture capture the "**prior**" in the physics



Neural architecture search

• Seismic tomographic of Shatsky Rise (Korenaga & Sager, 2012)



Problems with end-to-end emulators

Interpretability (out-of-sample data)



• Accuracy (Probably Approximately Correct, PAC)

$$m \geq \frac{1}{\epsilon} \left(\ln \mathcal{H} + \ln \frac{1}{\delta} \right)$$

• Complete solution of PDE

m: minimum number of data ϵ : upper bound of true error \mathscr{H} : size of hypothesis space $1 - \delta$: confidence

Prior in physics

• How ML works

$$m \ge \frac{1}{\epsilon} \left(\ln \mathcal{H} + \ln \frac{1}{\delta} \right)$$



Understanding sparsity in physics is the key to build interpretable and accurate emulators.

• Planetary impact: d = d(p, p)





$$d = d(p, E_m, E_p)$$

- Difficult to simulate
- Easy to emulate
- Prior:

$$d\uparrow \Leftrightarrow p\uparrow, E_m\uparrow, E_p\downarrow$$





Agbaglah et al., 2011

AxiSEM3D: azimuthal sparsity



Wavefield in **1D** Earth

We can solve it on **ONE slice**: 3D problem reduced to 2D

3D problem reduced to 2D Model: PREM source slice cut equatorial cut Equatorial cut Slice cut

Wavefield in **3D** Earth



Wavefield in **1D** Earth



Wavefield in **3D** Earth



AxiSEM3D



- "N" can be **locally** adapted to wavefield complexity
- Substantially decreases n-DOFs based on a sparsity in wave physics
- x100~1,000 speedup for Earth, Mars (Insight mission), Moon and asteroids

Wavefield learning

- *N*-field is the most elusive part of the wave scattering physics
- Difficult (impossible) to derive from the theory



• We leave **only** this part to ML



Wavefield learning

- Interpretable: N-field has a clear physical meaning
- Accuracy
 - N-field by ML dose not have to be accurate or optimal
 - Error can be evaluated at low-cost end
- Full spatial-temporal solution (N-field is static)



2D inference in model-frequency space

- Extrapolation is via the N-fields rather than wavefields
- Maximally keeping the wave physics (interpretability)



NASA's InSight Mission

- The first mission to explore Mars' deep interior
- Extremely limited observations
- Poorly constrained source and structure
- Seismograms are dissimilar to Earth's





NASA's InSight Mission

Mars Model



Radial model

Topography





Here N=2, i.e., two scatterer layers along depth

NASA's InSight Mission

- N-field for surface waves
 - Increased near the surface because of strong scattering
 - The large interior is much less affected



A reference model



Smaller scatterers



Larger scatterers



Summary

- Using ML as an end-to-end blackbox causes low interpretability and difficulty in accuracy evaluation
- Better to identify any sparsity in the physics and built it into the network as a prior

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Seismic data

- Seismology is a physics-driven data science
- Teleseismic data is noisy with diverse noise patterns (scattered wave is one of them, careful with denoising)
- Data qualification: $\mathbf{d} = \underset{\mathbf{d}}{\operatorname{argmax}} P(\mathbf{d} \mid \mathbf{m}_0)$
- Previous ML-based approaches (SVM, GAN...) for seismic data is based on hand-labelled training data
 - Limited number of training data (3 months for 10,000 data)
 - Subjective, probably biased
 - Undefined uncertainty

Our data

Ultra-Low Velocity Zone (ULVZ) and SKS-SPdKS



Our data



Methods

- Traditional, non-ML (still subjective, satisfaction ~70%)
- Active noise (satisfaction ~80%, strong overfitting)

PREM Synthetic (no noise added)

- The machine quickly learns the synthetic noise patterns (satisfaction 96% for synthetic noise data)
- Variational autoencoder (ongoing, satisfaction ~100% for "good")



Variational autoencoder (VAE)







- Use the same data for input and output during training
- VAE can find the sparsity in data (principal components)
- Can be used for image compression and denoising
- If a test datum resembles the training dataset, it should be highly reconstructable: we may use **pure synthetic data** for training

Variational autoencoder (VAE)



A GOOD one



Variational autoencoder (VAE)

• BAD ones



• One from BAD to GOOD



Thank you!