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# Probabilistic Seismic

# **Facies Classification**

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## A Bayesian View on Seismic Interpretation



Student - PhD salt tectonics



Student - MSc sequence stratigraphy

- Prior knowledge most important factor in the seismic interpretation
- Independent of data
  prior dominating term



 Machine Learning can't \*interpret\*

 But we can build models built on data and interpretations

+15 yrs - thrust expertise Only 21% of G+G professionals got this correct

Bond et al (2007)

### Uncertainties in the seismic workflow

Data Acquisition

- Ambient Noise
- Acquisition Geometry
- Equipment Failure
- Tech Limitaitons



Data Processing

- Migration
- Time to Depth
- Noise Suppression
- Multiples
- Ghosting
- Down-sampling
- Etc.....

Data Interpretation

- Noise
- Artefacts
- Resolution
- Visual Representation

An interpreters, prior knowledge or lack of, bias, conceptual uncertainty can be an important source of error in the seismic workflow.

### Types of Uncertainty

#### Aleatoric Uncertainty

- Inherent "Noise" in Data
- Not explained with more data
- E.g. physical limits of data



- Model Errors
- Can be explained with more data
- Seismic often small data Getting more data often not an option



### From Deterministic to Bayesian Neural Networks



### Deterministic Neural Networks with Dropout





### Approximate Posterior Inference by Dropout



### Model Architecture – Bayesian ConvNet: Segnet



Dropout after every convolution operation!

- 1. Apply dropout at training time
- 2. Apply dropout at val/test time

Sample N Forward Predictions!

For each Patch in Inline/Xline

- 1. Average N Predictions
- 2. Compute Classwise Prediction Variance

-> Model Unvertainty -> Epistemic

Reassemble patches to obtain Inline/Xline

### Dataset

## F3 Dataset – **OPEN ACCESS** – Dutch NLOG Database

https://opendtect.org/osr/Main/NetherlandsOffshoreF3BlockComplete4GB

Basin	Southern North Sea
Processing	Pre-Stack Time Migration
Area (km <sup>2</sup> )	380
Bin Size (m)	25 × 25
Sampling Interval (ms)	4
Inline Range	100 - 750
Crossline Range	300 - 1250
Z Range (ms)	0 - 1850
Data Size	~1.0 GB
# of Training/Val Inlines	5 Training / 4 Validation



### **Seismic Facies Classificaiton**



#### Validation Inline 4xx

\*Gold Standard Annotation



### Validation Inline 6xx





### **Top Salt Horizon**



### Top Salt: Bayesian CNN vs Human Interpreter

Data Quality issues lead to higher uncertainty



#### Extracted Top Salt Surface Comparison



### Polygonal Fault Volume Probabilistic Estimate





### What did and what did not work? Open Challenges

- What did work?
  - Patch-based training better for small datasets, not enough data for full x/inline
  - Monte-Carlo Dropout *can* be applied to any neural network
  - Segnet provides good results
- What did not work?
  - U-Net not clear how big impact of skip connections is on uncertainty
  - MalenoV dataset too limited.
- Open Challenges:
  - Baseline dataset: Possibly this one?
  - How to deal with multiple interpretations?

### Conclusions

- Two Types of Uncertainty: Epistemic and Aleatoric
- Traditional Neural Networks Provide no measure of model uncertainty (UQ on weights)
- Bayesian Neural Networks allow estimation of model uncertainty
- Dropout applied at test time can approximate posterior inference
- Bayesian Neural Networks allow good prediction on small datasets
- Allows Variance in predictions to be incorporated into
  - Decision making process
  - Data Acquisition Strategy



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