

QUANTITATIVE MONITORING AND MULTIPHYSICS INVERSION

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Why quantitative monitoring?

- Legal requirements for **safe** CO₂ storage:
 - Containment monitoring: plume migration, potential leakages...
 - Conformance monitoring: **consistency between models and observed site behaviour**. Requires quantitative properties: pressure, saturation, stress changes...
- How can geophysical monitoring provide **quantification** of relevant rock physics properties?
- What is the **uncertainty** related to these estimates?
 - Link to operational decision making.
- Can we do this in a **cost-efficient** way during and after the injection?



Dean and Tucker. 2017





Fig. 7. Ranking of monitoring technology options according to expected benefits and costs. Blue oval – in base MMV plan, green oval – pending on further assessment, yellow oval – not in base MMV plan. (For interpretation of the references to colour in this figure legend, the reader is referred to the web version of this article.)

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Geophysical inversion High resolution imaging at Sleipner





Example of post-stack time migrated sections from the 2008 vintage

P-wave velocity model derived from FWI at Sleipner ; the black line corresponds to the injection well (15/9-A-16) in a projected view into the plane of the seismic section

Romdhane and Querendez, 2014



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Geophysical inversion Uncertainty assessment

The inverse of the Hessian of the misfit function being minimized can be interpreted as the posterior covariance matrix C_{post}^{FWI} in a local probabilistic sense (Tarantola, 2005; Zhu et al., 2016)



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Figures from Romdhane and Querendez (2014), Park et al. (2013), Bøe et al. (2017), Dupuy et al. (2017), Yan et al. (2018) **()** SINTEF

Bayesian rock physics inversion Global optimization

- Inverse problem difficult because under-determined, non-linear and non-unique solutions.
- Two stages to get statistically meaningful information:
- Global optimization: search ensemble of models with associated likelihood (MC, SA, NA...)
- Importance sampling: calculate Bayesian integrals (PPD, marginal distributions, covariance...)
- Fast and analytic forward problem → global exploration using Neighbourhood algorithm (NA, Sambridge, 1999):
 - Mix of good exploration of model space and "tendency" to look for the most likely models.
 - Give an ensemble of models representing "all information".

Forward problem: $\boldsymbol{d} = g(\boldsymbol{m})$

Data likelihood function: $L(\boldsymbol{d}|\boldsymbol{m}) = k \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(\boldsymbol{d} - g(\boldsymbol{m}))^T \boldsymbol{C}_D^{-1}(\boldsymbol{d} - g(\boldsymbol{m}))\right)$ Data covariance matrix: $\boldsymbol{C}_D = \boldsymbol{C}_{post}^{FWI}$



Bayesian rock physics inversion Importance sampling

- Bayesian inference framework: $\sigma_{post}(\boldsymbol{m}|\boldsymbol{d}) = c \rho_{prior}(\boldsymbol{m}) L(\boldsymbol{d}|\boldsymbol{m})$
- Need to infer statistically meaningful information from the ensemble of models: **importance sampling**.
- NA: adapted to different search methods (SA, MC, GA, NA...).
- Calculate **approximated PPD** everywhere in model space which is then used for evaluation of **Bayesian integrals**.
 - Use Voronoï cells for multi-dimensional interpolant, then use Gibbs sampler in neighbour cells (random walks).
- We can then calculate Bayesian integrals: posterior mean model, posterior model covariance matrix, resolution matrix and **marginal distributions**.
- Appraisal step implemented in Python and Go: soon available open source (github).

Geophysical inversion with a neighbourhood algorithm—II. Appraising the ensemble

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Workflow:

- FWI + uncertainty analysis provides observed data d_{obs} and associated uncertainty C_D for second inversion and
- 2. Baseline data (1994): mapping of porosity + moduli (K_D, G_D)
- 3. Monitor data (2008): mapping of CO₂ saturations using baseline porosity and moduli maps as a priori input $\rho_{prior}(\mathbf{m})$

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CO₂ partial saturation rock physics models

- Effective fluid phase plugged into (*Biot-*) *Gassmann* equations: different ways of calculating **effective fluid bulk modulus**.
- Brie equation (*Brie et al., 1994*): $K_f = (K_w - K_{CO_2})S_w^e + K_{CO_2}$
- Patchiness/Brie exponent e:
 - $e = 40 \rightarrow$ uniform mixing
 - e = 1, 3, 5? → patchy mixing



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S_{CO2} = 20 %

X True model+ Lowest misfit model

Inversion of saturation and Brie exponent

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Sleipner real data case Results of CSEM and seismic inversions





Sleipner real data case Results of rock physics inversion after appraisal

99% confidence interval 90% confidence interval 80% confidence interval 60% confidence interval







Pressure effects

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 V_P = P-wave velocity V_S = S-wave velocity ρ = bulk density



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- Quantitative inversion carried out in two steps with uncertainty propagation.
- Bayesian formulation is crucial for uncertainty assessment/quantification in CO₂ storage monitoring to verify conformance.
- Time-lapse strategy is crucial for definition of prior models.
- Proper CO₂ saturation estimation requires joint inversion of seismic and EM data.
- Final uncertainty range in CO₂ saturation for real data is quite narrow.
- Pressure-saturation discrimination should be taken into account when pressure effects are not negligible.



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