



# Making good decisions under subsurface uncertainty: How difficult can it be?



# Administrative Things

- No fire drill planned
- In the case of an evacuation:  
Meet in the carpark
- No pictures & no filming of the presentations
- Switch off phones or silent mode



*From "Decision User Manual", Norwegian Computing Centre, 1993*



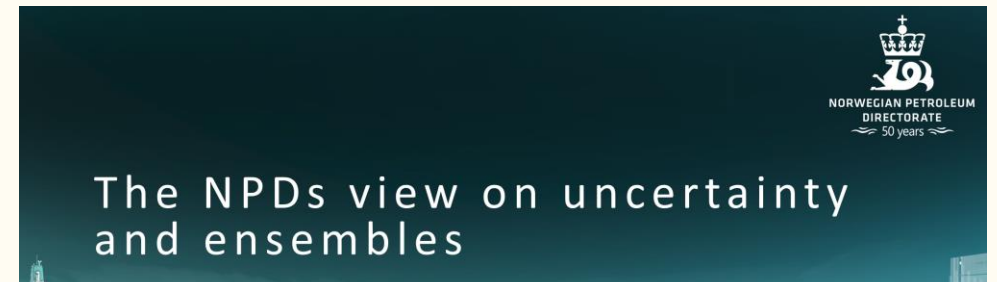
# Ensemble Data Sharing

a guideline generated at the request of the FORCE Integrated Reservoir  
Modelling group



# Issue

- Which and how much data is shared when ensembles are built varies greatly between licenses
- Both the sharing of too little & too much data can impact “see-to-duty” and make a constructive decision-making process harder
- Wide-range of views on what should be shared
- Different software available – commercial and OpenSource



## Good Decisions & Human Nature

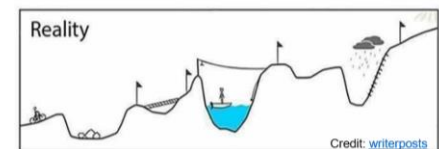
- Decision making, by its nature, incorporates uncertainty
- Universal tendency is to understate uncertainty
- This happens because most people are...
  - Too sure of themselves and their judgments
  - Too attached to their analysis
  - Not open to considering other information and opinions

! Be aware of biases and strive for rational decision making



## Summary

- It is hard to make good decisions without an uncertainty centric approach
  - Uncertainty first, not last
- Probabilistic workflows improve decisions – if used correctly and in combination with other tools
  - Human behavioural challenges and software skills are key
  - Need an NCS guideline to enable good conversations / transparency
- How do we make sure we have a decent basis to state that the base estimate is the expected outcome and a P90/P10 is actually a P90/P10 ?



# Process

- Objective – generate a guideline which is acceptable from both an operator and a partner perspective.
- Who - A cross-functional group under the FORCE umbrella
- How - March to October 2023 - smaller groups and 5 large meetings + Basecamp communication

## Volunteers needed: "Data sharing - Ensembles"

Sophie Haseldonckx - Jan 27

As discussed at the IRM seminar on "Assisted History Matching and Ensemble Modelling" 7/8 December 2022 we would like to put together a guideline for "Data sharing of ensembles".

Part of the task is to define what is covered (and what is not) by this umbrella term (e.g. input used to generate ensemble, workflows, realisations pre & post history match, ...).




The aim is to have a working proposal of the guideline for the IRM committee to discuss before summer 2023.

To get the guideline set-up and in a format where agreement can be reached, we are looking for hands-on volunteers who have time to actively contribute and are dependent on constructive contributors. The thought is to meet at least once a month as a focussed group to achieve progress. As promised at the seminar, I will take a coordinating role to help things along.

The suggestion is for a small workgroup - around 5 people - who have a mixture of experience from

- FMU/ResX/Petrel U&O/other
- Operator/partner

Please send nominations to [sophie.haseldonckx@npd.no](mailto:sophie.haseldonckx@npd.no) before 3 February 2023. (they do not need to be a member of the IRM committee)

This is so that  Trond,  Chris and  Sophie can make a selection to ensure it is a balanced group while also keeping it small enough to work effectively. The aim is to present the group to the IRM committee at the next IRM committee meeting which is currently tentatively planned for week 6.

## Next step - "Data sharing - Ensembles"

Sophie Haseldonckx - Feb 8

Thank you to everyone who took contact after the request for volunteers for «Data sharing – Ensembles» - please see next request in yellow 😊

We have had a look though the nominations and would like everyone nominated to participate in the workgroup. That puts us above the 5ish people target, but this gives us a good mixture of people. Through creating subgroups, we will aim work effectively.

I presented our suggested way forward at the Force IRM committee today - see attachment below. This also includes a list of the workgroup members. Here is a short summary

1. We would like the workgroup members and anyone else (hence the post here) to email their ideas to [sophie.haseldonckx@npd.no](mailto:sophie.haseldonckx@npd.no) by 3 March 2023 on: «What should be included in an ensemble data sharing guideline» Sophie will roughly group the suggestions so that at the first meeting
2. The workgroup members can work through the suggestions
  - a: select what topics to include / exclude / leave for a later stage
  - b: set schedule / deadlines
  - c: form subgroups to work on selected suggestions in "sprints"
3. Further meetings to come together to share progress and work through next suggestions
4. Repeat

The plan is to have check-ins with the IRM committee during the process to ensure that the output to be presented in the summer is acceptable.

A separate email has been sent to the workgroup members.





# Contributors

- Aker BP
- ConocoPhillips
- Equinor
- Resoptima (now Halliburton)
- TotalEnergies
- Orec / UiS
- Petoro
- PGNiG
- Vår Energi
- Wintershall Dea Norge
- NPD (now Norwegian Offshore Directorate) as facilitator
- Alexander Kovalevich
- Chris Townsend
- Eugene Dahl
- Hazim Lee
- Jon Sætrom
- Katherine Waite
- Konstantin Monastyrrev
- Marcin Bartnik
- Marine Seignole
- Per Olav Eide Svendsen
- Remus Gabriel Hanea
- Sandor Voelgyi
- Sophie Haseldonckx
- Stian Håland



# Result

## Three possible levels of data sharing

- Level 1 - results from the ensemble are to be **reviewed**.
- Level 2 - results from ensemble are to be **analysed**.
- Level 3 - results from ensembles are to be **regenerated** in-house.

## Includes a section on

- Terminology
- Collaboration in the partnership



FORCE is a cooperating forum for sustainable recovery (SR), improved exploration (IE), and energy efficiency & environment (EEE) conducted by oil and gas companies and authorities in Norway.

### Guideline for Ensemble Data Sharing



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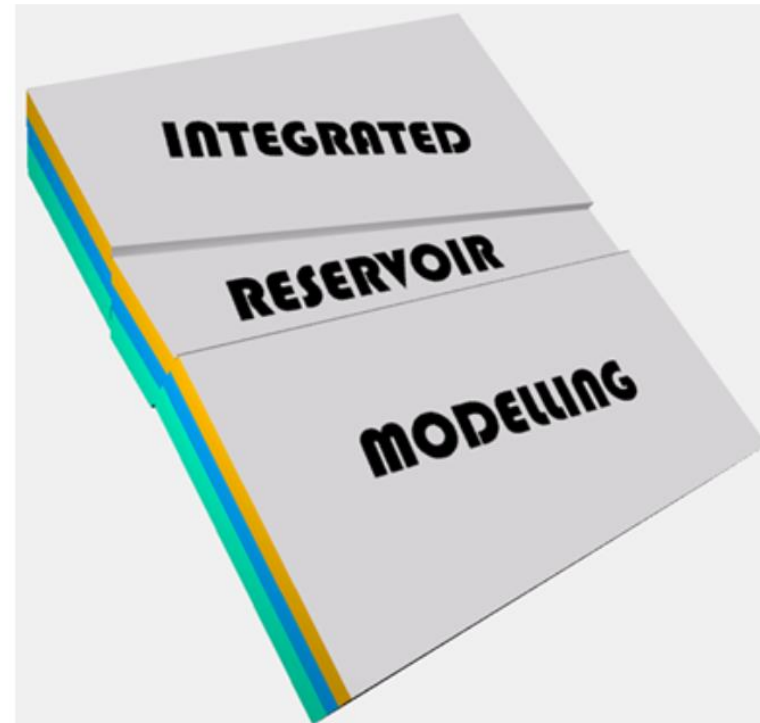
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## Integrated Reservoir Modelling



The network group provides an open forum for discussion, sharing of ideas and problem solving in the cross-disciplinary area of Reservoir Modelling

### Contact

- [Chair: Trond Halvorsen Wierød-  
Petrolia NOCO](#)
- [Vice: Chris Townsend- Aker BP](#)

### Ensemble data sharing guideline document

- [Guideline document](#)





# Next Steps

- The guideline will be evaluated after 1 year of use (summer 2024)
- Please give feedback!
- Both companies and the regulator should evaluate:
  - Has the document contributed to better understanding and cooperation?
  - What should be updated / added / taken out?

