

# **AUTOMATION, AUTOMATION, AUTOMATION:**

## **Approaches to Improving the Pre-Excavation Detection of Inhumations**

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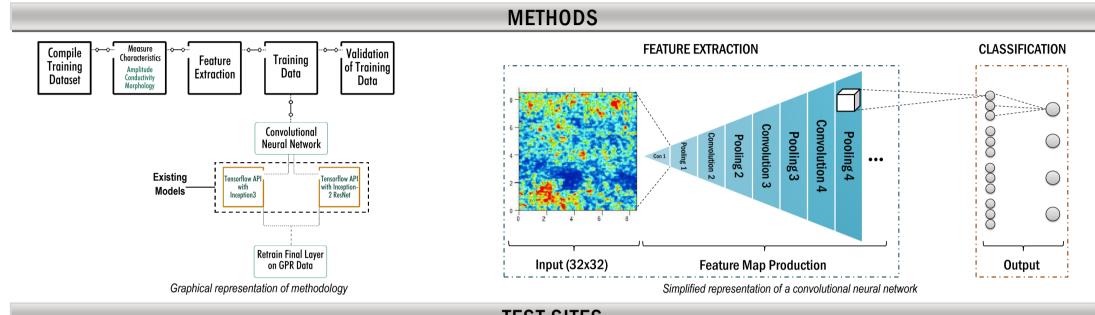
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#### INTRODUCTION

As large scale landscape surveys continue to increase in commercial and research archaeogeophysics, there is still a markedly low ability to geophysically detect and interpret archaeological and forensic inhumations in some instances. The aim of this ongoing research project is to improve data acquisition by implementing an interactive ad hoc workflow model for determining appropriate methodologies for ground-penetrating radar (GPR) surveys, to improve data processing speed, and reduce observer error.

Can the confidence of manual interpretations of GPR data be improved by adapting machine learning libraries for automatic object extraction and classification to GPR data based on a training dataset comprised of ground-truthed real GPR data and simulated GPR data?



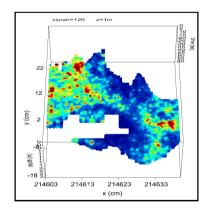
### TEST SITES

Yellow Steeple, St Mary's Abbey, Trim, Co Roscomroe Church, Roscrea, The Leap, St Catherine's Church, Temple, St Brendan's Church, Birr, Co Offaly, Co Offaly, Ireland Meath, Ireland Ireland



Cornwall

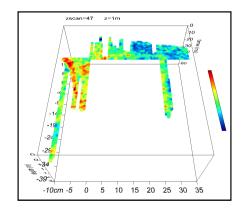
 Church on site of 12th century Templar chapel once part of the Preceptory of Trebeigh Post-medieval to modern gravemarkers





• 13/14th century square church with 17-19th century additions

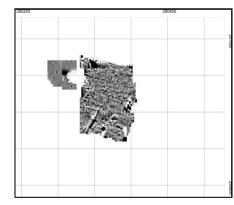
· Post-medieval gravemarkers





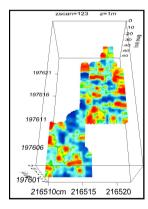
. Tower associated with the Augustinian abbey dedicated to St Mary

• Built before 1140





- . Late medieval rectangular church dedicated to St Molua
- Medieval and modern sectors in graveyard



## PRELIMINARY RESULTS

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Example of output given by Tensorflow Inception-v3 trained on ImageNet data (Google 2017)	Measured of

Туре	Sample Size	Avg Length	Avg Width	Avg Depth	Soil Types
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Cist	5	1.69m	0.40m	0.27m	Clay, Sandy Clay, Clayey Loam, Sand
Unlined	42	1.8m	0.67m	0.27m	Clay, Sandy Clay, Clayey Loam
Slab-lined	3	1.58m	0.88m	0.4m	Clay, Sandy Clay, Clayey Loam, Sand
Pit	6	1.94m	0.87m	0.33m	Clay, Sandy Clay, Clayey Loam
Later Medieval Simple	1	-	-	0.3m	Clay, Sandy Clay, Clayey Loam
Later Medieval Pit	1	0.7m	0.7m	0.3m	Clay, Sandy Clay, Clayey Loam
Later Medieval Coffin	2	1.775m	0.525m	0.45m	Clay, Sandy Clay, Clayey Loam

Measured characteristics used to simulate GPR data and train the networks (after Cahill and Sikora 2011)



Basalt (0.06%) Dolerite (0.20%) Gabbro (0.19%) Granite (4.54%) Greywacke (5.04%) Limestone (38.13%) Mudstone (6.49%) Quartz (2.02%) Rhvolite (0.04%) Sandstone (18.82%) Schists (3.71%) Shale (5.01%) Siltstone (1.93%) Slate (3.25%) Volcanic (1.71%) Other (8.88%) Bedrock geology coverage of Ireland (in square kilometres)

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#### Have data vou would like to contribute to the training dataset? Let me know!



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