

Introduction

Semantic Scene Completion (SSC) is a challenging task in which both visible and occluded surfaces are labeled semantically in 3D. In Figure 1 we see an illustration of the problem where a UAV would benefit from knowing what to expect in occluded areas.

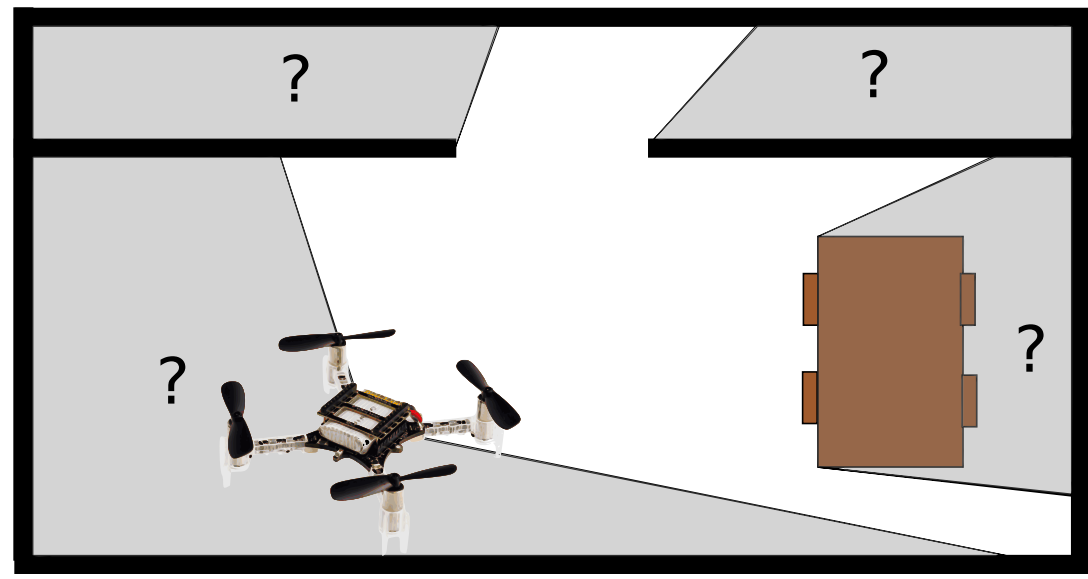


Figure 1: An UAV has some occluded areas in its surrounding and would like to have an idea about what to expect.

Our contributions include:

- An open source system for BSSC using Variational Inference released on <https://github.com/DavidGillsjo/bssc-net>.
- An extended SSC task on the SUNCG dataset with more occluded space.
- Experiments showing that the Bayesian approach is more robust to unseen data in the SSC task.
- Parameter studies on both MNIST and SUNCG.

Bayes by backprop

This method introduced by [1] is based on Variational Inference. Each weight in the network is sampled from a normal distribution, as illustrated in Figure 2.

We estimate the posterior $P(\mathbf{w}|\mathcal{D})$ using a simpler model $q(\mathbf{w}|\theta)$ with learnable parameters θ , which minimizes the approximate Kullback-Leibler (KL) divergence to the true posterior.

$$\theta^* = \arg \min_{\theta} \sum_{i=1}^n \underbrace{\frac{\beta}{n} [\log q(\mathbf{w}^{(i)}|\theta) - \log P(\mathbf{w}^{(i)})]}_{\text{Complexity}} - \underbrace{\log P(\mathcal{D}|\mathbf{w}^{(i)})}_{\text{Likelihood}}.$$

where $\mathbf{w}^{(i)}$ is a sample from the variational posterior $q(\mathbf{w}^{(i)}|\theta)$. The scale factor $\frac{\beta}{n}$ with β as design parameter is introduced to tune the regularization.

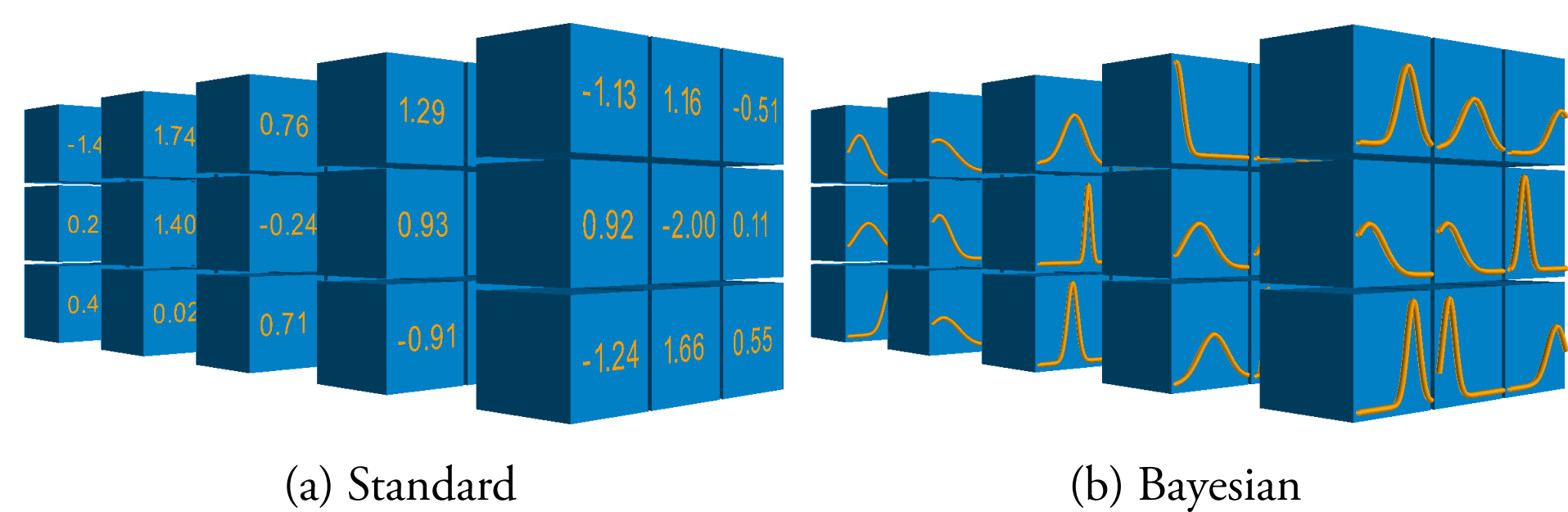


Figure 2: In 2a we see a filter bank from a standard 2D CNN, each weight is a scalar. In 2b we see a filter bank in a Bayesian Variational Inference 2D CNN, here each weight represented as a distribution which is sampled from at inference time.

Model

We have explored two network architectures. The first network architecture is inspired by the original SUNCG article [2]. We call it **SSC-Net**. The second architecture is a **UNet**. We chose softplus as activation functions instead of relu to have more active weights in the network [3]. The architecture is displayed in Figure 3.

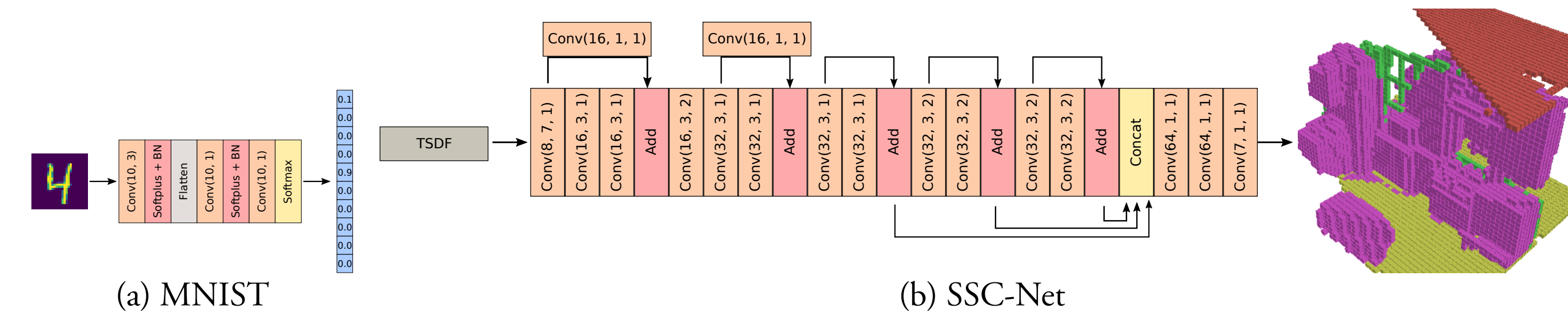


Figure 3: Architecture of SSC-Net used for MNIST and SUNCG experiments. Conv(d, k, l) stands for a 3D convolution filter stack of depth d and kernel size k and dilation l. Batch normalization and softplus activation is performed after every Conv layer. Softmax in the final layer.

Prediction, Uncertainty & Metrics

An unbiased estimation of the expectation is given [3] by

$$\mathbb{E}_{q(\mathbf{w}|\theta)} [P(\hat{\mathbf{y}}|\hat{\mathbf{x}}, \mathbf{w})] = \int q(\mathbf{w}|\theta) \mathbf{p}_t d\mathbf{w} \approx \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \mathbf{p}_t,$$

where $\mathbf{p}_t := P(\hat{\mathbf{y}}|\hat{\mathbf{x}}, \mathbf{w}^{(t)})$ is the softmax output from forward pass t . For uncertainty we use Predictive Entropy,

$$H = - \sum_{t=1}^T \mathbf{p}_t \log \mathbf{p}_t.$$

For metrics we use mean Average Precision (mAP), Intersection over Union (IoU) for performance. For separation metric we use the Bhattacharyya coefficient (BC)

$$BC(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \sqrt{p_i q_i},$$

where N is the number of categories, q_i and p_i are the number of TP and FN. Lower score indicates better separation.

MNIST Experiment

In Figure 4 we see output distributions from MNIST test set for digits 0 and 1 when 0 is removed from the training data. The Bayesian Score is more better calibrated and the Entropy is higher for 0.

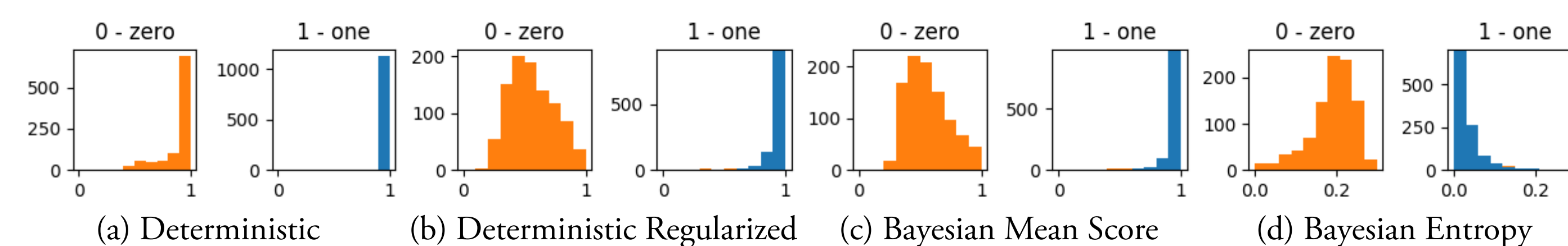


Figure 4: Here we see **true** (blue) and **false** (orange) predictions for 0 and 1.

SUNCG Experiment

SUNCG [2] is a large dataset with manually created and labeled synthetical indoor scenes. We've used a subset of 2000 training and 1000 testing scenes for the experiments. In Figure 5 we show a parameter study on β . Figure 6 shows example output. We also conducted an experiment when category *bed* was removed from training, the result is presented in Table 1.

Table 1: BC, mAP and mIoU for different network architectures when the *bed* class is removed from training. S=Score, E=Entropy. We observe that Bayesian SSC-Net has the best score in all metrics.

CNN	mIoU	mAP: S	mAP: E	BC: S	BC: E
SSC-Net $\omega=0$	0.19	0.2		0.31	
SSC-Net $\omega=0.01$	0.14	0.23		0.29	
B-SSC-Net	0.21	0.26	0.19	0.27	0.28

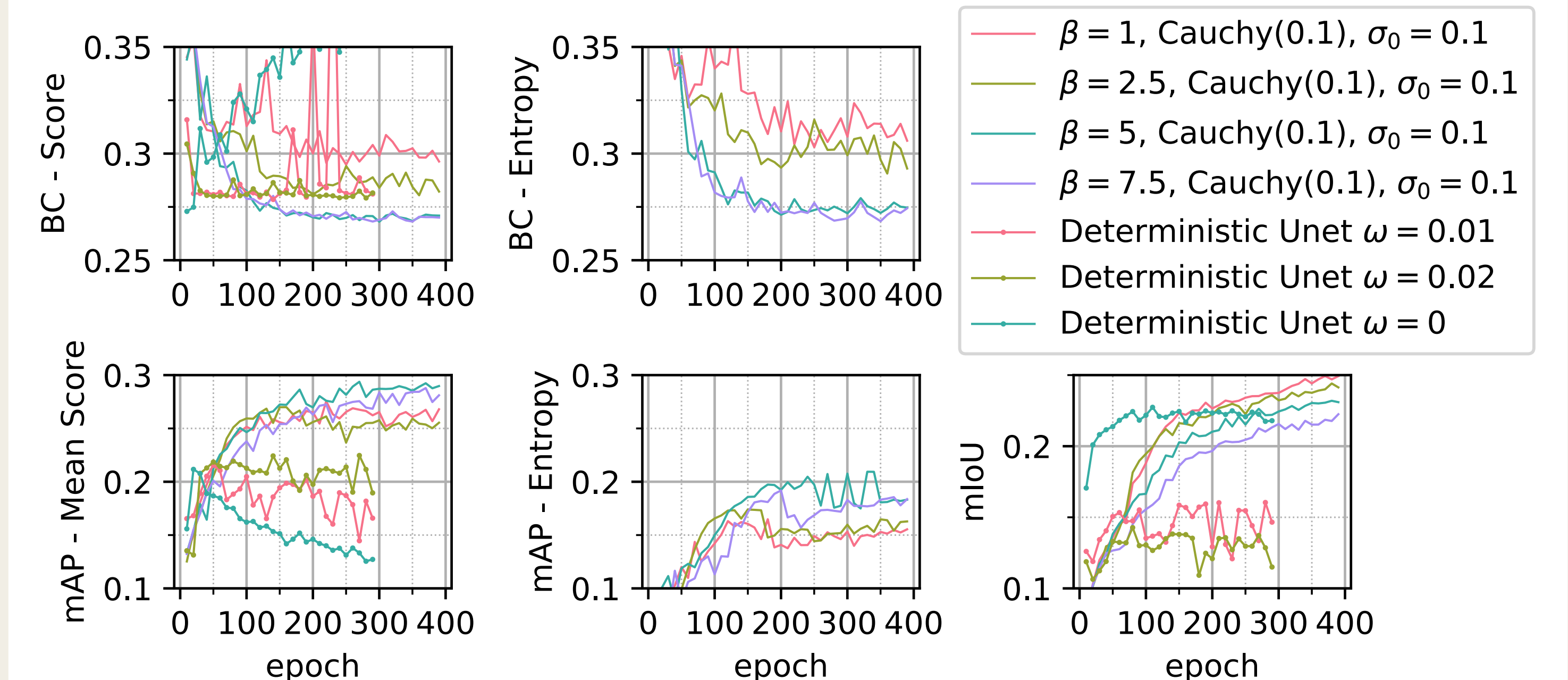


Figure 5: BC, mAP and mIoU for the Bayesian UNet with different weights β and ω for the SUNCG mini dataset. We observe that $\beta = 5$ is better in all metrics but mIoU, where $\beta = 1$ is best.

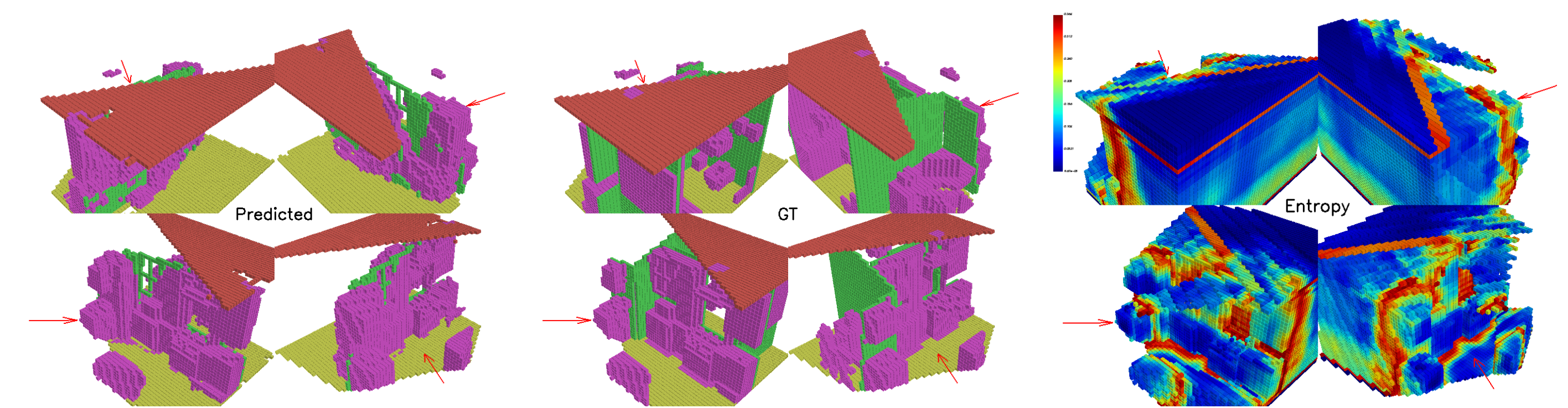


Figure 6: Example from the SUNCG test set. From the left we have predicted, true labels and entropy.

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See paper for more details and more experiments on MNIST & SUNCG!