

# Inverse problems in signal and image processing and Bayesian inference framework: from basic to advanced Bayesian computation

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# Signal and Image Processing: Classical/Inverse problems approach

- ▶ Classical: You have given a signal or an image, process it.  
Examples:
  - ▶ Signal:  
Detect periodicities, changes, Model it for prediction, ...  
AR, MA, ARMA modeling,... Parameter estimation,...
  - ▶ Image: Enhancement, Restoration, Segmentation, Contour detection, Compression, ...
- ▶ Model based or Inverse problem approach:
  - ▶ What represent the observed signal or image?
  - ▶ How they are related to the desired unknowns?
  - ▶ Forward modelling / Inversion
  - ▶ Examples: Deconvolution, Image restoration, Image reconstruction in Computed Tomography (CT), ...
- ▶ PCA, ICA / Blind source Separation,
- ▶ Compressed Sensing / L1 Regularization, Bayesian sparsity enforcing

# Inverse Problems examples

- ▶ Example 1:  
Instrumentation: Measuring the temperature with a thermometer **Deconvolution**
  - ▶  $f(t)$  input of the instrument
  - ▶  $g(t)$  output of the instrument
- ▶ Example 2: **Seeing outside of a body**: Making an image using a camera, a microscope or a telescope: **Image restoration**
  - ▶  $f(x, y)$  real scene
  - ▶  $g(x, y)$  observed image
- ▶ Example 3: **Seeing inside of a body**: Computed Tomography using X rays, US, Microwave, etc.: **Image reconstruction**
  - ▶  $f(x, y)$  a section of a real 3D body  $f(x, y, z)$
  - ▶  $g_\phi(r)$  a line of observed radiograph  $g_\phi(r, z)$
- ▶ Example 4: **Seeing differently**: MRI, Radar, SAR, Infrared, etc.: **Fourier Synthesis**
  - ▶  $f(x, y)$  a section of body or a scene
  - ▶  $g(u, v)$  partial data in the Fourier domain

# Measuring variation of temperature with a thermometer

- ▶  $f(t)$  variation of temperature over time
- ▶  $g(t)$  variation of length of the liquid in thermometer
- ▶ Forward model: Convolution

$$g(t) = \int f(t') h(t - t') dt' + \epsilon(t)$$

$h(t)$ : impulse response of the measurement system

- ▶ Inverse problem: Deconvolution

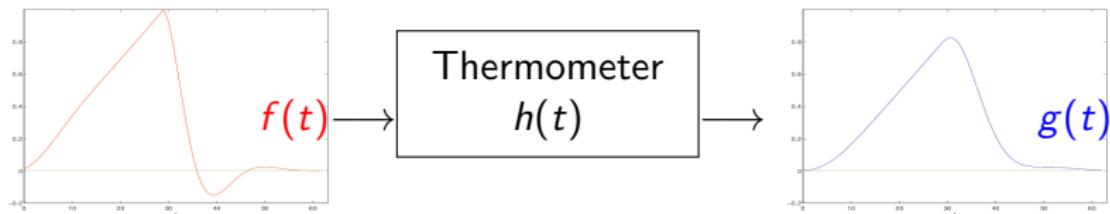
Given the forward model  $\mathcal{H}$  (impulse response  $h(t)$ )  
and a set of data  $g(t_i), i = 1, \dots, M$   
find  $f(t)$



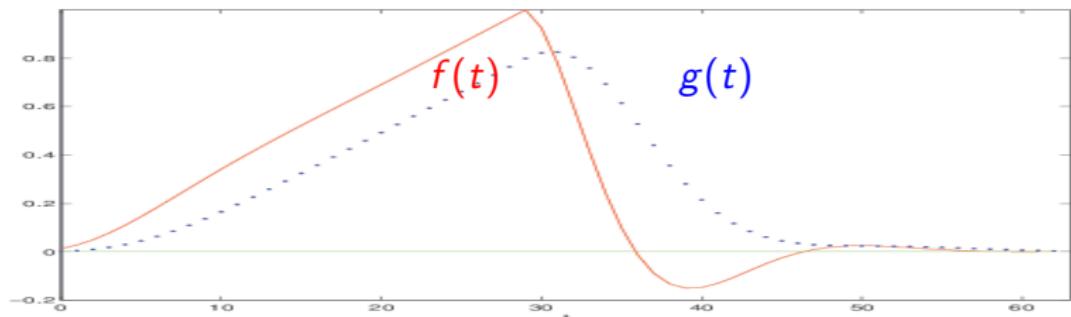
# Measuring variation of temperature with a thermometer

Forward model: Convolution

$$g(t) = \int f(t') h(t - t') dt' + \epsilon(t)$$



Inversion: Deconvolution



# Seeing outside of a body: Making an image with a camera, a microscope or a telescope

- ▶  $f(x, y)$  real scene
- ▶  $g(x, y)$  observed image
- ▶ Forward model: Convolution



$$g(x, y) = \iint f(x', y') h(x - x', y - y') dx' dy' + \epsilon(x, y)$$

$h(x, y)$ : Point Spread Function (PSF) of the imaging system

- ▶ Inverse problem: Image restoration

Given the forward model  $\mathcal{H}$  (PSF  $h(x, y)$ ))

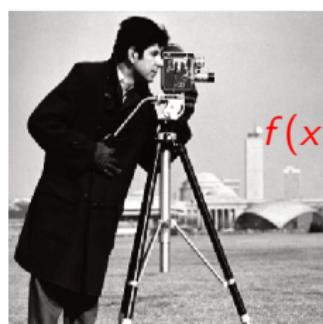
and a set of data  $g(x_i, y_i), i = 1, \dots, M$

find  $f(x, y)$

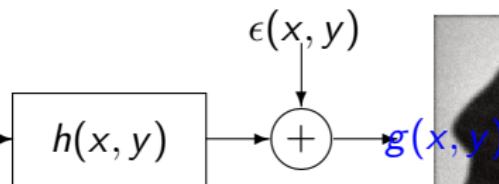
# Making an image with an unfocused camera

Forward model: 2D Convolution

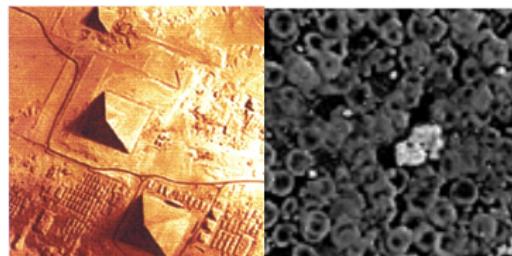
$$g(x, y) = \iint f(x', y') h(x - x', y - y') dx' dy' + \epsilon(x, y)$$



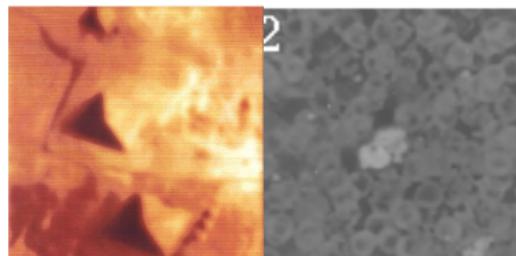
$$f(x, y)$$



Inversion: Image Deconvolution or Restoration



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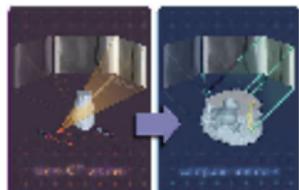


# Seeing inside of a body: Computed Tomography

- ▶  $f(x, y)$  a section of a real 3D body  $f(x, y, z)$
- ▶  $g_\phi(r)$  a line of observed radiography  $g_\phi(r, z)$



- ▶ Forward model:  
Line integrals or Radon Transform



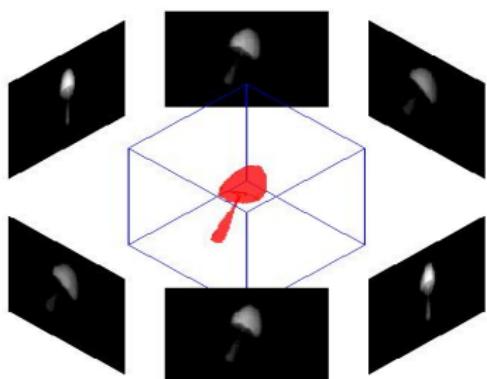
$$\begin{aligned} g_\phi(r) &= \int_{L_{r,\phi}} f(x, y) \, dl + \epsilon_\phi(r) \\ &= \iint f(x, y) \delta(r - x \cos \phi - y \sin \phi) \, dx \, dy + \epsilon_\phi(r) \end{aligned}$$

- ▶ Inverse problem: Image reconstruction

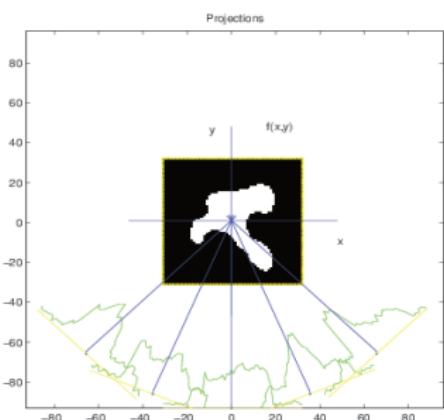
Given the forward model  $\mathcal{H}$  (Radon Transform) and  
a set of data  $g_{\phi_i}(r), i = 1, \dots, M$   
find  $f(x, y)$

# 2D and 3D Computed Tomography

3D



2D

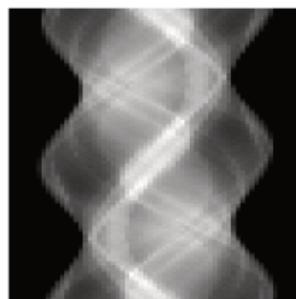
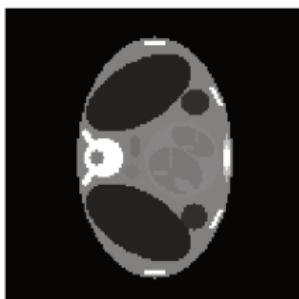
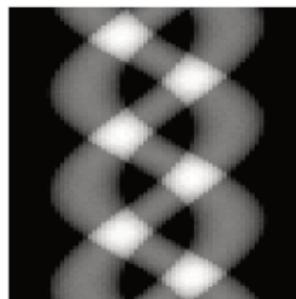
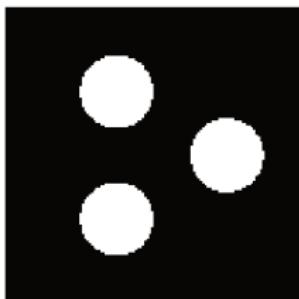


$$g_\phi(r_1, r_2) = \int_{\mathcal{L}_{r_1, r_2, \phi}} f(x, y, z) \, dl \quad g_\phi(r) = \int_{\mathcal{L}_{r, \phi}} f(x, y) \, dl$$

Forward problem:  $f(x, y)$  or  $f(x, y, z)$   $\rightarrow$   $g_\phi(r)$  or  $g_\phi(r_1, r_2)$

Inverse problem:  $g_\phi(r)$  or  $g_\phi(r_1, r_2)$   $\rightarrow$   $f(x, y)$  or  $f(x, y, z)$

# Computed Tomography: Radon Transform



**Forward:**

$$f(x, y)$$

→

$$g(r, \phi)$$

**Inverse:**

$$f(x, y)$$

←

$$g(r, \phi)$$

# Microwave or ultrasound imaging

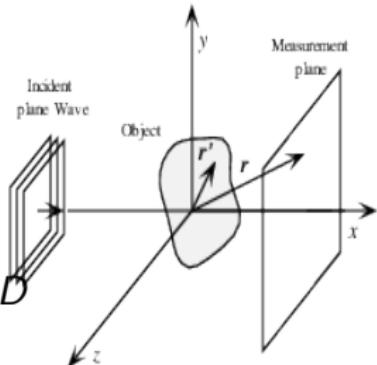
Measures: diffracted wave by the object  $g(\mathbf{r}_i)$

Unknown quantity:  $f(\mathbf{r}) = k_0^2(n^2(\mathbf{r}) - 1)$

Intermediate quantity :  $\phi(\mathbf{r})$

$$g(\mathbf{r}_i) = \iint_D G_m(\mathbf{r}_i, \mathbf{r}') \phi(\mathbf{r}') f(\mathbf{r}') d\mathbf{r}', \quad \mathbf{r}_i \in S$$

$$\phi(\mathbf{r}) = \phi_0(\mathbf{r}) + \iint_D G_o(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}') \phi(\mathbf{r}') f(\mathbf{r}') d\mathbf{r}', \quad \mathbf{r} \in D$$

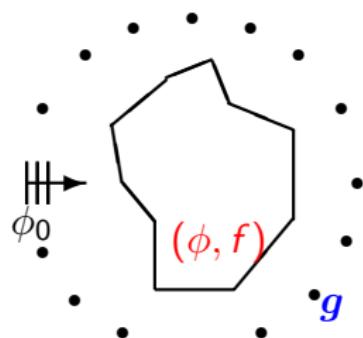


**Born approximation** ( $\phi(\mathbf{r}') \simeq \phi_0(\mathbf{r}')$ ):

$$g(\mathbf{r}_i) = \iint_D G_m(\mathbf{r}_i, \mathbf{r}') \phi_0(\mathbf{r}') f(\mathbf{r}') d\mathbf{r}', \quad \mathbf{r}_i \in S$$

**Discretization:**

$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{g} = \mathbf{G}_m \mathbf{F} \boldsymbol{\phi} \\ \boldsymbol{\phi} = \boldsymbol{\phi}_0 + \mathbf{G}_o \mathbf{F} \boldsymbol{\phi} \end{cases} \xrightarrow{\text{with}} \begin{cases} \mathbf{g} = \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{f}) \\ \text{with } \mathbf{F} = \text{diag}(\mathbf{f}) \\ \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{f}) = \mathbf{G}_m \mathbf{F} (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{G}_o \mathbf{F})^{-1} \boldsymbol{\phi}_0 \end{cases}$$



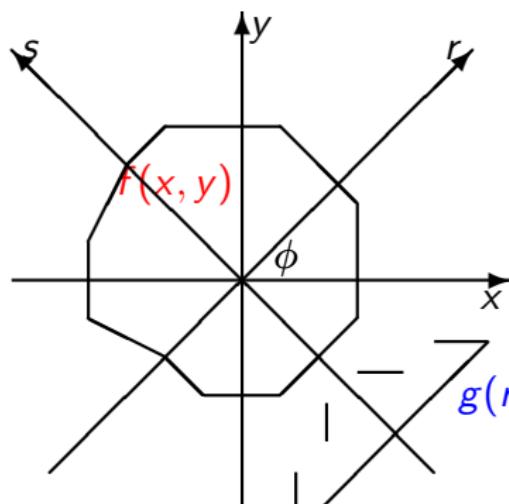
# Fourier Synthesis in X ray Tomography

$$g(r, \phi) = \iint f(x, y) \delta(r - x \cos \phi - y \sin \phi) dx dy$$

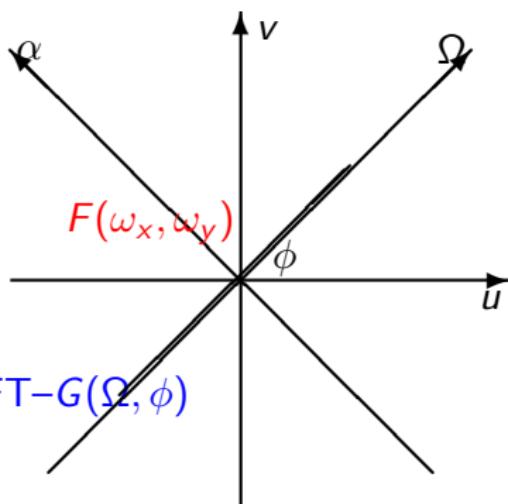
$$G(\Omega, \phi) = \int g(r, \phi) \exp[-j\Omega r] dr$$

$$F(u, y) = \iint f(x, y) \exp[-jvx, yy] dx dy$$

$$F(v, y) = G(\Omega, \phi) \quad \text{for } u = \Omega \cos \phi \quad \text{and} \quad v = \Omega \sin \phi$$



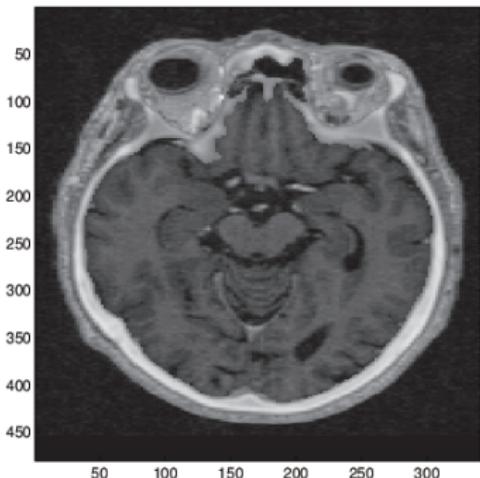
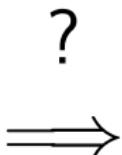
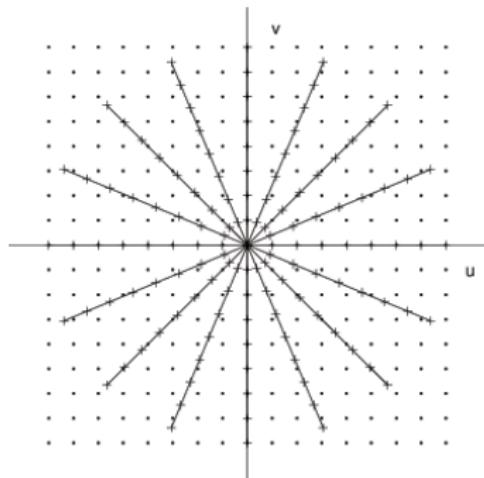
$g(r, \phi) = \text{FT} - G(\Omega, \phi)$



$F(\omega_x, \omega_y)$

# Fourier Synthesis in X ray tomography

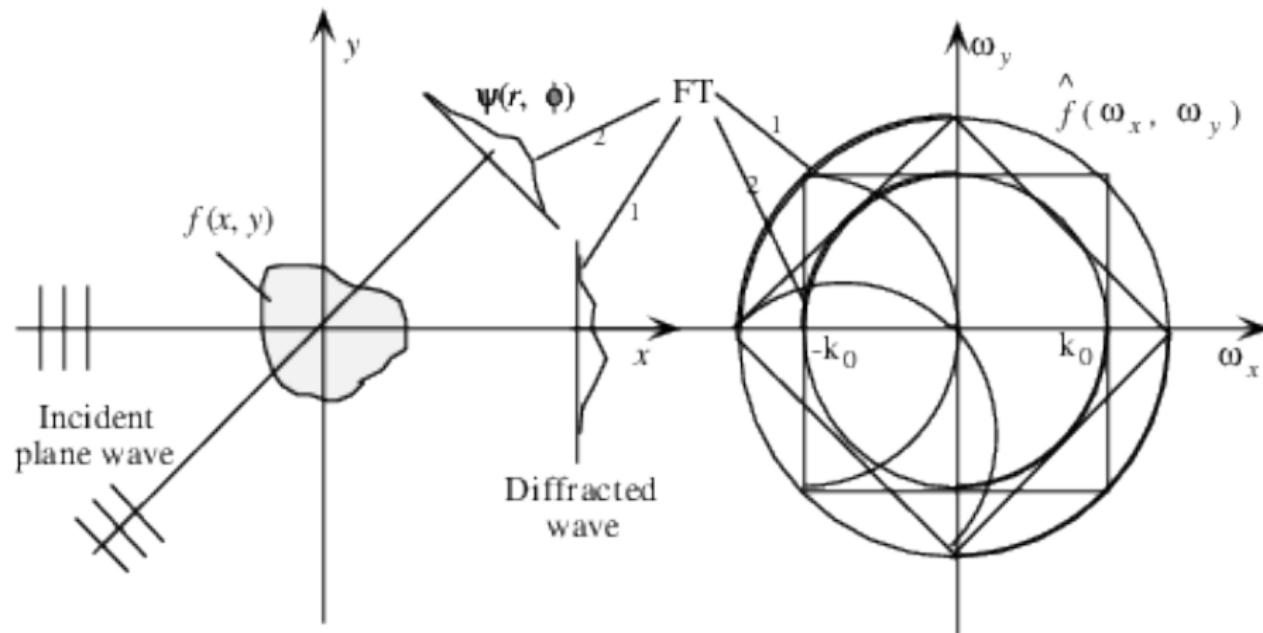
$$G(u, v) = \iint f(x, y) \exp [-j(ux + vy)] \, dx \, dy$$



**Forward problem:** Given  $f(x, y)$  compute  $G(u, v)$

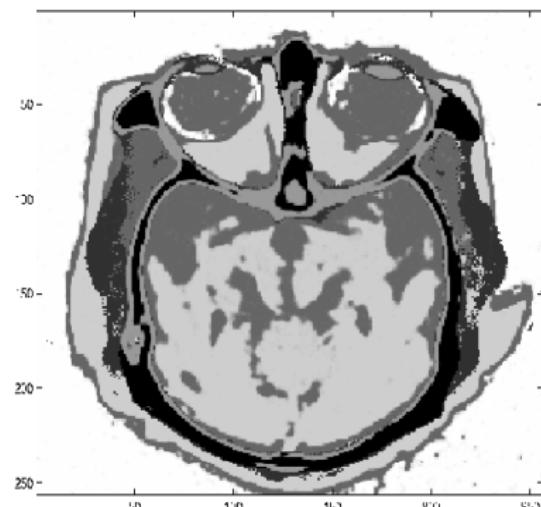
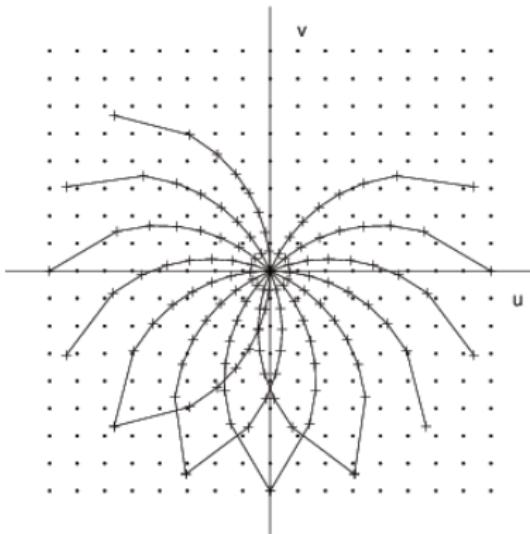
**Inverse problem:** Given  $G(u, v)$  on those lines  
estimate  $f(x, y)$

# Fourier Synthesis in Diffraction tomography



# Fourier Synthesis in Diffraction tomography

$$G(u, v) = \iint f(x, y) \exp[-j(ux + vy)] dx dy$$

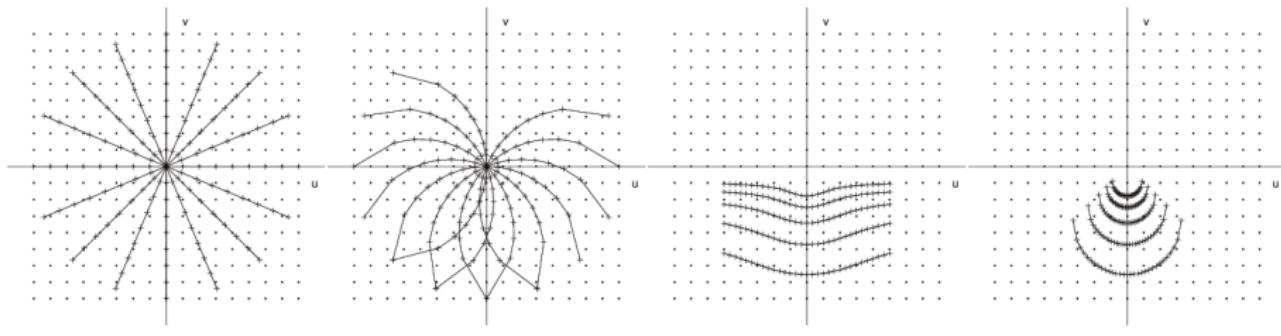


**Forward problem:** Given  $f(x, y)$  compute  $G(u, v)$

**Inverse problem :** Given  $G(u, v)$  on those semi circles  
estimate  $f(x, y)$

# Fourier Synthesis in different imaging systems

$$G(u, v) = \iint f(x, y) \exp[-j(ux + vy)] dx dy$$



X ray Tomography

Diffraction

Eddy current

SAR & Radar

**Forward problem:** Given  $f(x, y)$  compute  $G(u, v)$

**Inverse problem :** Given  $G(u, v)$  on those algebraic lines, circles or curves, estimate  $f(x, y)$

# Linear inverse problems

- ▶ Deconvolution

$$\textcolor{blue}{g}(t) = \int \textcolor{red}{f}(\tau) h(t - \tau) \, d\tau$$

- ▶ Image restoration

$$\textcolor{blue}{g}(x, y) = \int \textcolor{red}{f}(x', y') h(x - x', y - y') \, dx \, dy$$

- ▶ Image reconstruction in X ray CT

$$\textcolor{blue}{g}(r, \phi) = \int \textcolor{red}{f}(x, y) \delta(r - x \cos \phi - y \sin \phi) \, dx \, dy$$

- ▶ Fourier synthesis

$$\textcolor{blue}{g}(u, v) = \int \textcolor{red}{f}(x, y) \exp[-j(ux + vy)] \, dx \, dy$$

- ▶ Unified linear relation

$$\textcolor{blue}{g}(s) = \int \textcolor{red}{f}(r) h(s, r) \, dr$$

# Linear Inverse Problems

$$g(s_i) = \int h(s_i, r) f(r) dr + \epsilon(s_i), \quad i = 1, \dots, M$$

- $f(r)$  is assumed to be well approximated by

$$f(r) \simeq \sum_{j=1}^N f_j \phi_j(r)$$

with  $\{\phi_j(r)\}$  a basis or any other set of known functions

$$g(s_i) = g_i \simeq \sum_{j=1}^N f_j \int h(s_i, r) \phi_j(r) dr, \quad i = 1, \dots, M$$

$$\mathbf{g} = \mathbf{H} \mathbf{f} + \boldsymbol{\epsilon} \text{ with } H_{ij} = \int h(s_i, r) \phi_j(r) dr$$

- $\mathbf{H}$  is huge dimensional
  - 1D:  $10^3 \times 10^3$ , 2D:  $10^6 \times 10^6$ , 3D:  $10^9 \times 10^9$
- Due to ill-posedness of the inverse problems, Least squares (LS) methods:  $\widehat{\mathbf{f}} = \arg \min_{\mathbf{f}} \{J(\mathbf{f})\}$  with  $J(\mathbf{f}) = \|\mathbf{g} - \mathbf{H} \mathbf{f}\|^2$  do not give satisfactory result. Need for regularization methods:  $J(\mathbf{f}) = \|\mathbf{g} - \mathbf{H} \mathbf{f}\|^2 + \lambda \|\mathbf{f}\|^2$

# Regularization theory

Inverse problems = Ill posed problems

→ Need for prior information

Functional space (Tikhonov):  $\mathbf{g} = \mathcal{H}(\mathbf{f}) + \epsilon$

$$J(\mathbf{f}) = \|\mathbf{g} - \mathcal{H}(\mathbf{f})\|_2^2 + \lambda \|\mathcal{D}\mathbf{f}\|_2^2$$

Finite dimensional space (Philips & Towney):  $\mathbf{g} = \mathbf{H}\mathbf{f} + \epsilon$

$$J(\mathbf{f}) = \|\mathbf{g} - \mathbf{H}\mathbf{f}\|^2 + \lambda \|\mathbf{f}\|^2$$

- Minimum norme LS (MNLS):  $J(\mathbf{f}) = \|\mathbf{g} - \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{f})\|^2 + \lambda \|\mathbf{f}\|^2$
- Classical regularization:  $J(\mathbf{f}) = \|\mathbf{g} - \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{f})\|^2 + \lambda \|\mathcal{D}\mathbf{f}\|^2$
- More general regularization:

or 
$$J(\mathbf{f}) = \mathcal{Q}(\mathbf{g} - \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{f})) + \lambda \Omega(\mathcal{D}\mathbf{f})$$

**Limitations:** 
$$J(\mathbf{f}) = \Delta_1(\mathbf{g}, \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{f})) + \lambda \Delta_2(\mathcal{D}\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{f}_0)$$

- Errors are considered implicitly white and Gaussian
- Limited prior information on the solution
- Lack of tools for the determination of the hyperparameters

# Inversion: Probabilistic methods

Taking account of errors and uncertainties → Probability theory

- ▶ Maximum Likelihood (ML)
- ▶ Minimum Inaccuracy (MI)
- ▶ Probability Distribution Matching (PDM)
- ▶ Maximum Entropy (ME) and Information Theory (IT)
- ▶ Bayesian Inference (BAYES)

## Advantages:

- ▶ Explicit account of the errors and noise
- ▶ A large class of priors via explicit or implicit modeling
- ▶ A coherent approach to combine information content of the data and priors

## Limitations:

- ▶ Practical implementation and cost of calculation

## Bayesian estimation approach

$$\mathcal{M} : \quad \mathbf{g} = \mathbf{H}\mathbf{f} + \boldsymbol{\epsilon}$$

- ▶ Observation model  $\mathcal{M}$  + Hypothesis on the noise  $\boldsymbol{\epsilon}$   $\longrightarrow$   
 $p(\mathbf{g}|\mathbf{f}; \mathcal{M}) = p_{\boldsymbol{\epsilon}}(\mathbf{g} - \mathbf{H}\mathbf{f})$
- ▶ A priori information  $p(\mathbf{f}|\mathcal{M})$
- ▶ Bayes : 
$$p(\mathbf{f}|\mathbf{g}; \mathcal{M}) = \frac{p(\mathbf{g}|\mathbf{f}; \mathcal{M}) p(\mathbf{f}|\mathcal{M})}{p(\mathbf{g}|\mathcal{M})}$$

### Link with regularization :

- ▶ Maximum A Posteriori (MAP) :

$$\begin{aligned}\widehat{\mathbf{f}} &= \arg \max_{\mathbf{f}} \{p(\mathbf{f}|\mathbf{g})\} = \arg \max_{\mathbf{f}} \{p(\mathbf{g}|\mathbf{f}) p(\mathbf{f})\} \\ &= \arg \min_{\mathbf{f}} \{J(\mathbf{f}) = -\ln p(\mathbf{g}|\mathbf{f}) - \ln p(\mathbf{f})\}\end{aligned}$$

- ▶ Regularization:

$$\widehat{\mathbf{f}} = \arg \min_{\mathbf{f}} \{J(\mathbf{f}) = Q(\mathbf{g}, \mathbf{H}\mathbf{f}) + \lambda \Omega(\mathbf{f})\}$$

$$\text{with } Q(\mathbf{g}, \mathbf{H}\mathbf{f}) = -\ln p(\mathbf{g}|\mathbf{f}) \quad \text{and} \quad \lambda \Omega(\mathbf{f}) = -\ln p(\mathbf{f})$$

## Case of linear models and Gaussian priors

$$\mathbf{g} = \mathbf{H}\mathbf{f} + \boldsymbol{\epsilon}$$

- ▶ Prior knowledge on the noise:

$$\boldsymbol{\epsilon} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma_\epsilon^2 \mathbf{I}) \rightarrow p(\mathbf{g}|\mathbf{f}) \propto \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2\sigma_\epsilon^2} \|\mathbf{g} - \mathbf{H}\mathbf{f}\|^2\right]$$

- ▶ Prior knowledge on  $\mathbf{f}$ :

$$\mathbf{f} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma_f^2 (\mathbf{D}'\mathbf{D})^{-1}) \rightarrow p(\mathbf{f}) \propto \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2\sigma_f^2} \|\mathbf{D}\mathbf{f}\|^2\right]$$

- ▶ A posteriori:

$$p(\mathbf{f}|\mathbf{g}) \propto \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2\sigma_\epsilon^2} \|\mathbf{g} - \mathbf{H}\mathbf{f}\|^2 - \frac{1}{2\sigma_f^2} \|\mathbf{D}\mathbf{f}\|^2\right]$$

- ▶ MAP :  $\widehat{\mathbf{f}} = \arg \max_{\mathbf{f}} \{p(\mathbf{f}|\mathbf{g})\} = \arg \min_{\mathbf{f}} \{J(\mathbf{f})\}$   
with  $J(\mathbf{f}) = \|\mathbf{g} - \mathbf{H}\mathbf{f}\|^2 + \lambda \|\mathbf{D}\mathbf{f}\|^2, \quad \lambda = \frac{\sigma_\epsilon^2}{\sigma_f^2}$

- ▶ Advantage : characterization of the solution

$$p(\mathbf{f}|\mathbf{g}) = \mathcal{N}(\widehat{\mathbf{f}}, \widehat{\mathbf{P}}) \text{ with } \widehat{\mathbf{f}} = \widehat{\mathbf{P}} \mathbf{H}' \mathbf{g}, \quad \widehat{\mathbf{P}} = (\mathbf{H}' \mathbf{H} + \lambda \mathbf{D}' \mathbf{D})^{-1}$$

## MAP estimation with other priors:

$$\hat{\mathbf{f}} = \arg \min_{\mathbf{f}} \{J(\mathbf{f})\} \quad \text{with} \quad J(\mathbf{f}) = \|\mathbf{g} - \mathbf{H}\mathbf{f}\|^2 + \lambda \Omega(\mathbf{f})$$

### Separable priors:

- ▶ Gaussian:  $p(f_j) \propto \exp[-\alpha|f_j|^2] \longrightarrow \Omega(\mathbf{f}) = \alpha \sum_j |f_j|^2$
- ▶ Gamma:  $p(f_j) \propto f_j^\alpha \exp[-\beta f_j] \longrightarrow \Omega(\mathbf{f}) = \alpha \sum_j \ln f_j + \beta f_j$
- ▶ Beta:  
 $p(f_j) \propto f_j^\alpha (1-f_j)^\beta \longrightarrow \Omega(\mathbf{f}) = \alpha \sum_j \ln f_j + \beta \sum_j \ln(1-f_j)$
- ▶ Generalized Gaussian:  
 $p(f_j) \propto \exp[-\alpha|f_j|^p], \quad 1 < p < 2 \longrightarrow \Omega(\mathbf{f}) = \alpha \sum_j |f_j|^p,$

### Markovian models:

$$p(f_j|\mathbf{f}) \propto \exp \left[ -\alpha \sum_{i \in N_j} \phi(f_j, f_i) \right] \longrightarrow \Omega(\mathbf{f}) = \alpha \sum_j \sum_{i \in N_j} \phi(f_j, f_i),$$

## MAP estimation with markovian priors:

$$\hat{\mathbf{f}} = \arg \min_{\mathbf{f}} \{J(\mathbf{f})\} \quad \text{with} \quad J(\mathbf{f}) = \|\mathbf{g} - \mathbf{H}\mathbf{f}\|^2 + \lambda \Omega(\mathbf{f})$$

$$\Omega(\mathbf{f}) = \sum_j \phi(f_j - f_{j-1})$$

with  $\phi(t)$ :

Convex functions:

$$|t|^\alpha, \sqrt{1+t^2} - 1, \log(\cosh(t)), \begin{cases} t^2 & |t| \leq T \\ 2T|t| - T^2 & |t| > T \end{cases}$$

or Non convex functions:

$$\log(1+t^2), \frac{t^2}{1+t^2}, \arctan(t^2), \begin{cases} t^2 & |t| \leq T \\ T^2 & |t| > T \end{cases}$$

- ▶ A great number of methods, optimization algorithms,...

# Main advantages of the Bayesian approach

- ▶ MAP = Regularization
- ▶ Posterior mean ? Marginal MAP ?
- ▶ More information in the posterior law than only its mode or its mean
- ▶ Tools for estimating hyper parameters
- ▶ Tools for model selection
- ▶ More specific and specialized priors, particularly through the hidden variables and hierarchical models
- ▶ More computational tools:
  - ▶ Expectation-Maximization for computing the maximum likelihood parameters
  - ▶ MCMC for posterior exploration
  - ▶ Variational Bayes for analytical computation of the posterior marginals
  - ▶ ...

# Bayesian Estimation: Simple priors

- Linear model:  $\mathbf{g} = \mathbf{H}\mathbf{f} + \epsilon$

- Gaussian case:

$$\begin{cases} p(\mathbf{g}|\mathbf{f}, \theta_1) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{H}\mathbf{f}, \theta_1\mathbf{I}) \\ p(\mathbf{f}|\theta_2) = \mathcal{N}(0, \theta_2\mathbf{I}) \end{cases} \longrightarrow p(\mathbf{f}|\mathbf{g}, \theta) = \mathcal{N}(\hat{\mathbf{f}}, \hat{\mathbf{P}})$$

with

$$\begin{cases} \hat{\mathbf{P}} = (\mathbf{H}'\mathbf{H} + \lambda\mathbf{I})^{-1}, & \lambda = \frac{\theta_1}{\theta_2} \\ \hat{\mathbf{f}} = \hat{\mathbf{P}}\mathbf{H}'\mathbf{g} \end{cases}$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{f}} = \arg \min_{\mathbf{f}} \{J(\mathbf{f})\} \text{ with } J(\mathbf{f}) = \|\mathbf{g} - \mathbf{H}\mathbf{f}\|_2^2 + \lambda\|\mathbf{f}\|_2^2$$

- Generalized Gaussian prior & MAP:

$$\hat{\mathbf{f}} = \arg \min_{\mathbf{f}} \{J(\mathbf{f})\} \text{ with } J(\mathbf{f}) = \|\mathbf{g} - \mathbf{H}\mathbf{f}\|_2^2 + \lambda\|\mathbf{f}\|_{\beta}$$

- Double Exponential ( $\beta = 1$ ):

$$\hat{\mathbf{f}} = \arg \min_{\mathbf{f}} \{J(\mathbf{f})\} \text{ with } J(\mathbf{f}) = \|\mathbf{g} - \mathbf{H}\mathbf{f}\|_2^2 + \lambda\|\mathbf{f}\|_1$$

# Full (Unsupervised) Bayesian approach

$$\mathcal{M}: \quad \mathbf{g} = \mathbf{H}\mathbf{f} + \boldsymbol{\epsilon}$$

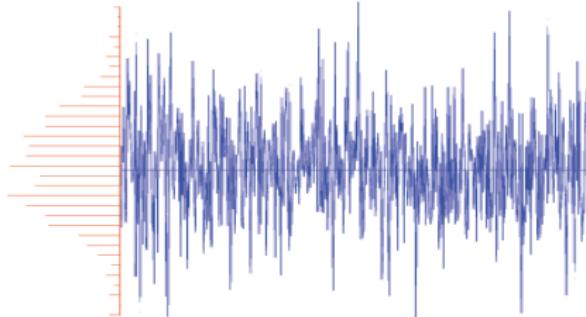
- ▶ Forward & errors model:  $\rightarrow p(\mathbf{g}|\mathbf{f}, \boldsymbol{\theta}_1; \mathcal{M})$
- ▶ Prior models  $\rightarrow p(\mathbf{f}|\boldsymbol{\theta}_2; \mathcal{M})$
- ▶ Hyperparameters  $\boldsymbol{\theta} = (\boldsymbol{\theta}_1, \boldsymbol{\theta}_2) \rightarrow p(\boldsymbol{\theta}|\mathcal{M})$
- ▶ Bayes:  $\rightarrow p(\mathbf{f}, \boldsymbol{\theta}|\mathbf{g}; \mathcal{M}) = \frac{p(\mathbf{g}|\mathbf{f}, \boldsymbol{\theta}; \mathcal{M}) p(\mathbf{f}|\boldsymbol{\theta}; \mathcal{M}) p(\boldsymbol{\theta}|\mathcal{M})}{p(\mathbf{g}|\mathcal{M})}$
- ▶ Joint MAP:  $(\widehat{\mathbf{f}}, \widehat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}) = \arg \max_{(\mathbf{f}, \boldsymbol{\theta})} \{p(\mathbf{f}, \boldsymbol{\theta}|\mathbf{g}; \mathcal{M})\}$
- ▶ Marginalization: 
$$\begin{cases} p(\mathbf{f}|\mathbf{g}; \mathcal{M}) &= \int p(\mathbf{f}, \boldsymbol{\theta}|\mathbf{g}; \mathcal{M}) d\boldsymbol{\theta} \\ p(\boldsymbol{\theta}|\mathbf{g}; \mathcal{M}) &= \int p(\mathbf{f}, \boldsymbol{\theta}|\mathbf{g}; \mathcal{M}) d\mathbf{f} \end{cases}$$
- ▶ Posterior means: 
$$\begin{cases} \widehat{\mathbf{f}} &= \int \int \mathbf{f} p(\mathbf{f}, \boldsymbol{\theta}|\mathbf{g}; \mathcal{M}) d\boldsymbol{\theta} d\mathbf{f} \\ \widehat{\boldsymbol{\theta}} &= \int \int \boldsymbol{\theta} p(\mathbf{f}, \boldsymbol{\theta}|\mathbf{g}; \mathcal{M}) d\mathbf{f} d\boldsymbol{\theta} \end{cases}$$
- ▶ Evidence of the model:

$$p(\mathbf{g}|\mathcal{M}) = \iint p(\mathbf{g}|\mathbf{f}, \boldsymbol{\theta}; \mathcal{M}) p(\mathbf{f}|\boldsymbol{\theta}; \mathcal{M}) p(\boldsymbol{\theta}|\mathcal{M}) d\mathbf{f} d\boldsymbol{\theta}$$

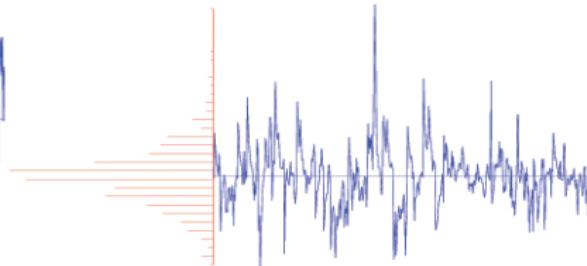
# Two main steps in the Bayesian approach

- ▶ Prior modeling
  - ▶ Separable:  
Gaussian, Gamma,  
**Sparsity enforcing:** Generalized Gaussian, mixture of Gaussians, mixture of Gammas, ...
  - ▶ Markovian:  
Gauss-Markov, GGM, ...
  - ▶ Markovian with **hidden variables**  
(contours, region labels)
- ▶ Choice of the estimator and computational aspects
  - ▶ MAP, Posterior mean, Marginal MAP
  - ▶ MAP needs **optimization** algorithms
  - ▶ Posterior mean needs **integration** methods
  - ▶ Marginal MAP and Hyperparameter estimation need **integration and optimization**
  - ▶ Approximations:
    - ▶ Gaussian approximation (Laplace)
    - ▶ Numerical exploration MCMC
    - ▶ Variational Bayes (**Separable approximation**)

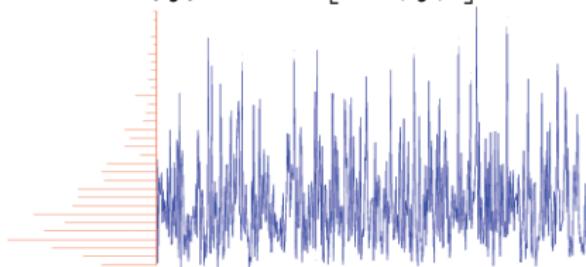
# Different prior models for signals and images: Separable



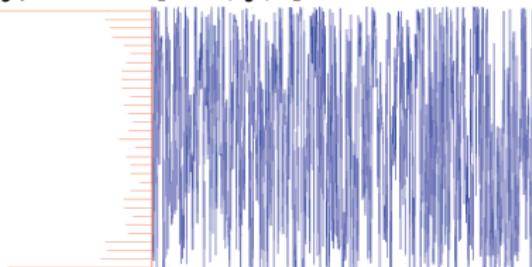
Gaussian  
 $p(f_j) \propto \exp [-\alpha |f_j|^2]$



Generalized Gaussian  
 $p(f_j) \propto \exp [-\alpha |f_j|^p], \quad 1 \leq p \leq 2$



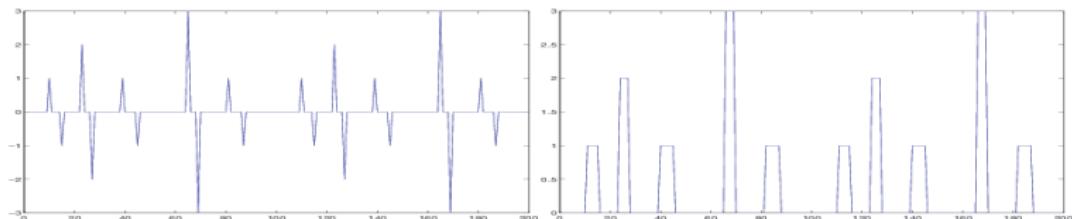
Gamma  
 $p(f_j) \propto f_j^\alpha \exp [-\beta f_j]$



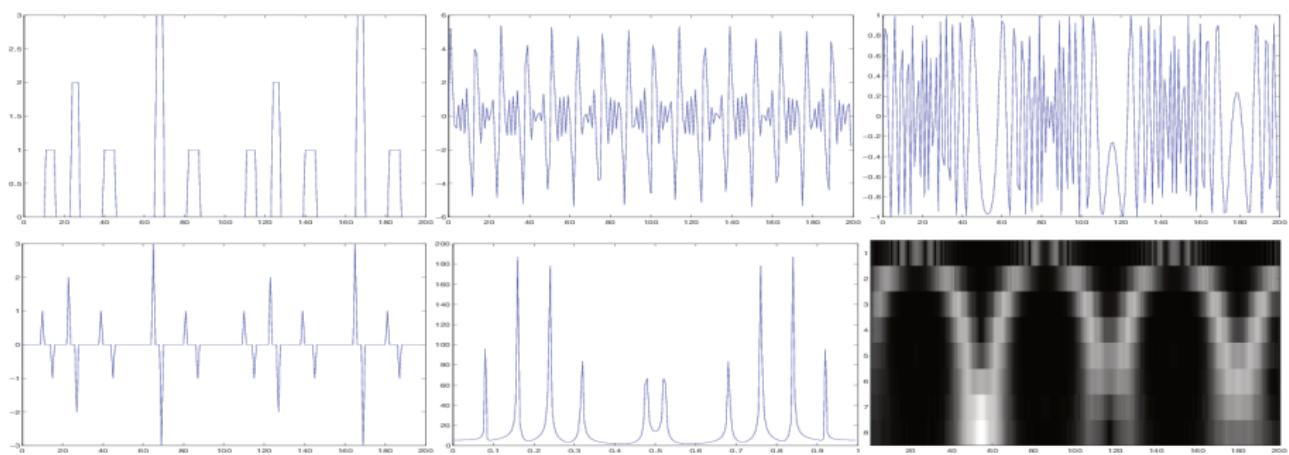
Beta  
 $p(f_j) \propto f_j^\alpha (1 - f_j)^\beta$

# Sparsity enforcing prior models

- Sparse signals: Direct sparsity



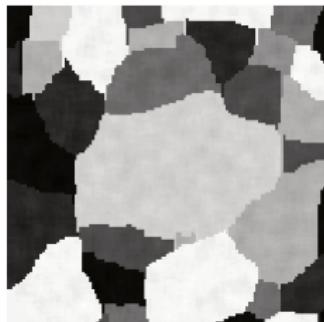
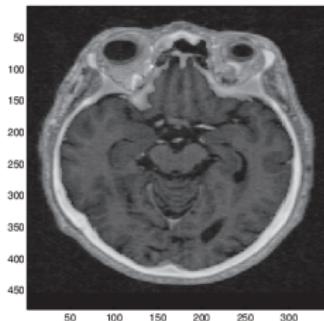
- Sparse signals: Sparsity in a Transform domain



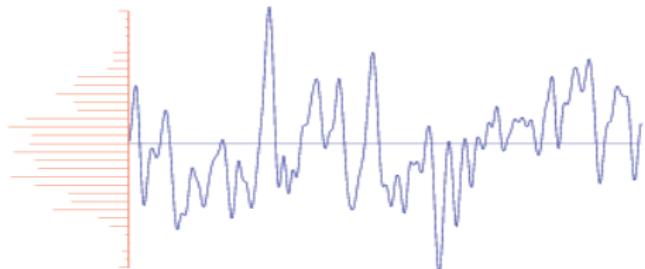
# Sparsity enforcing prior models

- ▶ Simple heavy tailed models:
  - ▶ Generalized Gaussian, Double Exponential
  - ▶ Symmetric Weibull, Symmetric Rayleigh
  - ▶ Student-t, Cauchy
  - ▶ Generalized hyperbolic
  - ▶ Elastic net
- ▶ Hierarchical mixture models:
  - ▶ Mixture of Gaussians
  - ▶ Bernoulli-Gaussian
  - ▶ Mixture of Gammas
  - ▶ Bernoulli-Gamma
  - ▶ Mixture of Dirichlet
  - ▶ Bernoulli-Multinomial

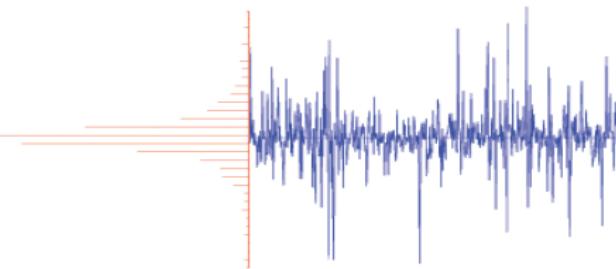
# Which images I am looking for?



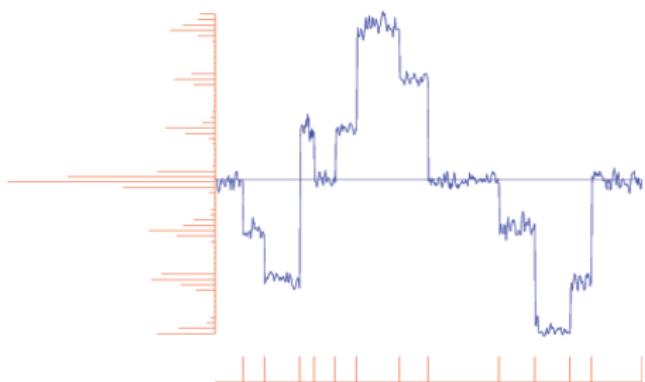
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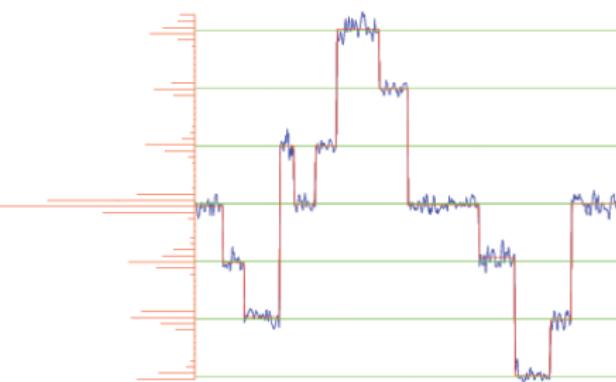
Gauss-Markov



Generalized GM



Piecewise Gaussian



Mixture of GM

## Different prior models for signals and images: Separable

- ▶ Simple Gaussian, Gamma, Generalized Gaussian

$$p(\mathbf{f}) \propto \exp \left[ \sum_j \phi(\mathbf{f}_j) \right]$$

- ▶ Simple Markovian models: Gauss-Markov, Generalized Gauss-Markov

$$p(\mathbf{f}) \propto \exp \left[ \sum_j \sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}(i)} \phi(\mathbf{f}_j - \mathbf{f}_i) \right]$$

- ▶ Hierarchical models with hidden variables:  
Bernouilli-Gaussian, Gaussian-Gamma

$$p(\mathbf{f}|\mathbf{z}) \propto \exp \left[ \sum_j p(\mathbf{f}_j|\mathbf{z}_j) \right] \text{ and } p(\mathbf{z}) \propto \exp \left[ \sum_j p(\mathbf{z}_j) \right]$$

with different choices for  $p(\mathbf{f}_j|\mathbf{z}_j)$  and  $p(\mathbf{z}_j)$

# Hierarchical models and hidden variables

- ▶ Student-t model

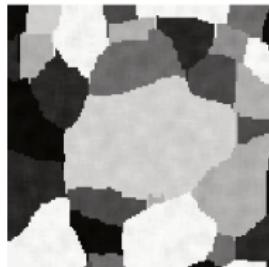
$$St(f|\nu) \propto \exp \left[ -\frac{\nu+1}{2} \log (1 + f^2/\nu) \right]$$

- ▶ Infinite Scaled Gaussian Mixture (ISGM) equivalence

$$St(f|\nu) \propto= \int_0^\infty \mathcal{N}(f|0, 1/z) \mathcal{G}(z|\alpha, \beta) dz, \quad \text{with } \alpha = \beta = \nu/2$$

$$\begin{cases} p(\mathbf{f}|z) &= \prod_j p(f_j|z_j) = \prod_j \mathcal{N}(f_j|0, 1/z_j) \propto \exp \left[ -\frac{1}{2} \sum_j z_j f_j^2 \right] \\ p(z|\alpha, \beta) &= \prod_j \mathcal{G}(z_j|\alpha, \beta) \propto \prod_j z_j^{(\alpha-1)} \exp[-\beta z_j] \\ p(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{z}|\alpha, \beta) &\propto \exp \left[ \sum_j (\alpha-1) \ln z_j - \beta z_j \right] \\ &\propto \exp \left[ -\frac{1}{2} \sum_j z_j f_j^2 + (\alpha-1) \ln z_j - \beta z_j \right] \end{cases}$$

# Gauss-Markov-Potts prior models for images

 $f(\mathbf{r})$  $z(\mathbf{r})$ 

$$c(\mathbf{r}) = 1 - \delta(z(\mathbf{r}) - z(\mathbf{r}'))$$

$$p(f(\mathbf{r})|z(\mathbf{r}) = k, m_k, v_k) = \mathcal{N}(m_k, v_k)$$

$$p(f(\mathbf{r})) = \sum_k P(z(\mathbf{r}) = k) \mathcal{N}(m_k, v_k) \text{ Mixture of Gaussians}$$

- ▶ Separable iid hidden variables:  $p(z) = \prod_{\mathbf{r}} p(z(\mathbf{r}))$
- ▶ Markovian hidden variables:  $p(z)$  Potts-Markov:

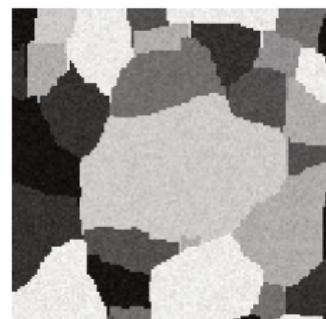
$$p(z(\mathbf{r})|z(\mathbf{r}'), \mathbf{r}' \in \mathcal{V}(\mathbf{r})) \propto \exp \left[ \gamma \sum_{\mathbf{r}' \in \mathcal{V}(\mathbf{r})} \delta(z(\mathbf{r}) - z(\mathbf{r}')) \right]$$
$$p(z) \propto \exp \left[ \gamma \sum_{\mathbf{r} \in \mathcal{R}} \sum_{\mathbf{r}' \in \mathcal{V}(\mathbf{r})} \delta(z(\mathbf{r}) - z(\mathbf{r}')) \right]$$

## Four different cases

To each pixel of the image is associated 2 variables  $f(r)$  and  $z(r)$

- ▶  $f|z$  Gaussian iid,  $z$  iid :

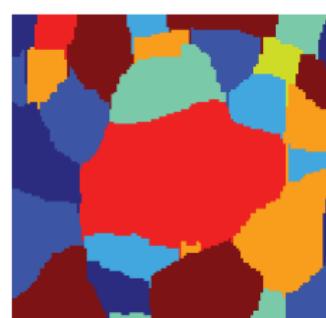
Mixture of Gaussians



$f(r)$

- ▶  $f|z$  Gauss-Markov,  $z$  iid :

Mixture of Gauss-Markov



$z(r)$

- ▶  $f|z$  Gaussian iid,  $z$  Potts-Markov :

Mixture of Independent Gaussians  
(MIG with Hidden Potts)

- ▶  $f|z$  Markov,  $z$  Potts-Markov :

Mixture of Gauss-Markov  
(MGM with hidden Potts)

# Bayesian Computation and Algorithms

- ▶ Joint posterior probability law of all the unknowns  $\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{z}, \boldsymbol{\theta}$

$$p(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{z}, \boldsymbol{\theta} | \mathbf{g}) \propto p(\mathbf{g} | \mathbf{f}, \boldsymbol{\theta}_1) p(\mathbf{f} | \mathbf{z}, \boldsymbol{\theta}_2) p(\mathbf{z} | \boldsymbol{\theta}_3) p(\boldsymbol{\theta})$$

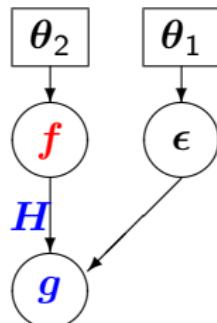
- ▶ Often, the expression of  $p(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{z}, \boldsymbol{\theta} | \mathbf{g})$  is complex.
- ▶ Its optimization (for Joint MAP) or its marginalization or integration (for Marginal MAP or PM) is not easy
- ▶ Two main techniques:  
MCMC and Variational Bayesian Approximation (VBA)
- ▶ MCMC:  
Needs the expressions of the conditionals  
 $p(\mathbf{f} | \mathbf{z}, \boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{g})$ ,  $p(\mathbf{z} | \mathbf{f}, \boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{g})$ , and  $p(\boldsymbol{\theta} | \mathbf{f}, \mathbf{z}, \mathbf{g})$
- ▶ VBA: Approximate  $p(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{z}, \boldsymbol{\theta} | \mathbf{g})$  by a separable one

$$q(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{z}, \boldsymbol{\theta} | \mathbf{g}) = q_1(\mathbf{f}) q_2(\mathbf{z}) q_3(\boldsymbol{\theta})$$

and do any computations with these separable ones.

# Hierarchical models

Simple case (1 layer):



$$\mathbf{g} = \mathbf{H} \mathbf{f} + \boldsymbol{\epsilon}$$

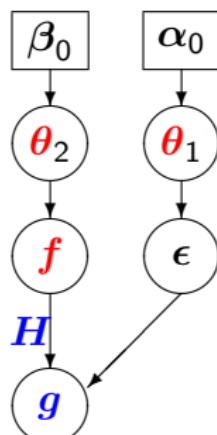
$$p(\mathbf{f}|\mathbf{g}, \boldsymbol{\theta}) \propto p(\mathbf{g}|\mathbf{f}, \theta_1) p(\mathbf{f}|\theta_2)$$

Objective: Infer on  $\mathbf{f}$

$$\text{MAP: } \hat{\mathbf{f}} = \arg \max_{\mathbf{f}} \{p(\mathbf{f}|\mathbf{g}, \boldsymbol{\theta})\}$$

$$\text{Posterior Mean (PM): } \hat{\mathbf{f}} = \int p(\mathbf{f}|\mathbf{g}, \boldsymbol{\theta}) d\mathbf{f}$$

Unsupervised case (2 layers):



$$p(\mathbf{f}, \boldsymbol{\theta}|\mathbf{g}) \propto p(\mathbf{g}|\mathbf{f}, \theta_1) p(\mathbf{f}|\theta_2) p(\boldsymbol{\theta})$$

Objective: Infer on  $\mathbf{f}, \boldsymbol{\theta}$

$$\text{JMAP: } (\hat{\mathbf{f}}, \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}) = \arg \max_{(\mathbf{f}, \boldsymbol{\theta})} \{p(\mathbf{f}, \boldsymbol{\theta}|\mathbf{g})\}$$

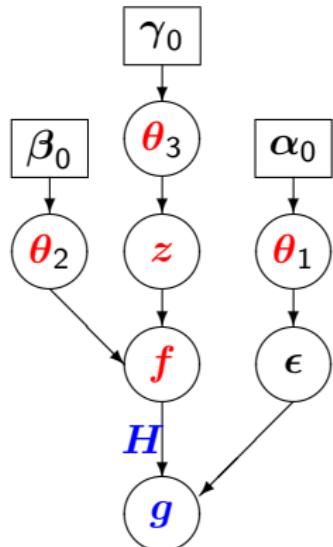
$$\text{Marginalization: } p(\boldsymbol{\theta}|\mathbf{g}) = \int p(\mathbf{f}, \boldsymbol{\theta}|\mathbf{g}) d\mathbf{f}$$

VBA: Approximate  $p(\mathbf{f}, \boldsymbol{\theta}|\mathbf{g})$  by  $q_1(\mathbf{f}) q_2(\boldsymbol{\theta})$

# Hierarchical models (3 layers)

$$p(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{z}, \boldsymbol{\theta} | \mathbf{g}) \propto p(\mathbf{g} | \mathbf{f}, \boldsymbol{\theta}_1) p(\mathbf{f} | \mathbf{z}, \boldsymbol{\theta}_2) p(\mathbf{z} | \boldsymbol{\theta}_3) p(\boldsymbol{\theta})$$
$$p(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = p(\boldsymbol{\theta}_1 | \alpha_0) p(\boldsymbol{\theta}_2 | \beta_0) p(\boldsymbol{\theta}_3 | \gamma_0)$$

Objective: Infer on  $\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{z}, \boldsymbol{\theta}$



JMAP:

$$(\hat{\mathbf{f}}, \hat{\mathbf{z}}, \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}) = \arg \max_{(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{z}, \boldsymbol{\theta})} \{p(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{z}, \boldsymbol{\theta} | \mathbf{g})\}$$

Marginalization:

$$p(\mathbf{z}, \boldsymbol{\theta} | \mathbf{g}) = \int p(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{z}, \boldsymbol{\theta} | \mathbf{g}) d\mathbf{f}$$

$$p(\boldsymbol{\theta} | \mathbf{g}) = \int p(\mathbf{z}, \boldsymbol{\theta} | \mathbf{g}) dz$$

$$\text{or } p(\mathbf{f} | \mathbf{g}) = \iint p(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{z}, \boldsymbol{\theta} | \mathbf{g}) dz d\boldsymbol{\theta}$$

VBA:

Approximate  $p(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{z}, \boldsymbol{\theta} | \mathbf{g})$  by  $q_1(\mathbf{f}) q_2(\mathbf{z}) q_3(\boldsymbol{\theta})$

# MCMC based algorithm

$$p(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{z}, \boldsymbol{\theta} | \mathbf{g}) \propto p(\mathbf{g} | \mathbf{f}, \mathbf{z}, \boldsymbol{\theta}_1) p(\mathbf{f} | \mathbf{z}, \boldsymbol{\theta}_2) p(\mathbf{z} | \boldsymbol{\theta}_3) p(\boldsymbol{\theta})$$

General scheme:

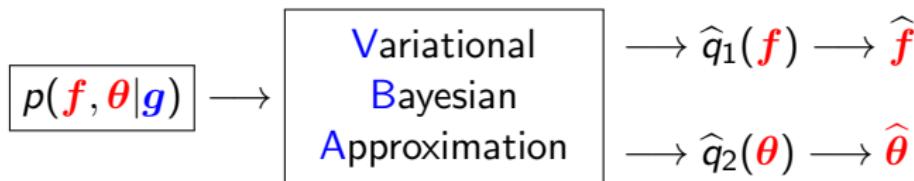
$$\widehat{\mathbf{f}} \sim p(\mathbf{f} | \widehat{\mathbf{z}}, \widehat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}, \mathbf{g}) \longrightarrow \widehat{\mathbf{z}} \sim p(\mathbf{z} | \widehat{\mathbf{f}}, \widehat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}, \mathbf{g}) \longrightarrow \widehat{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \sim (\boldsymbol{\theta} | \widehat{\mathbf{f}}, \widehat{\mathbf{z}}, \mathbf{g})$$

- ▶ Estimate  $\mathbf{f}$  using  $p(\mathbf{f} | \widehat{\mathbf{z}}, \widehat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}, \mathbf{g}) \propto p(\mathbf{g} | \mathbf{f}, \boldsymbol{\theta}) p(\mathbf{f} | \widehat{\mathbf{z}}, \widehat{\boldsymbol{\theta}})$   
When Gaussian, can be done via optimisation of a quadratic criterion.
- ▶ Estimate  $\mathbf{z}$  using  $p(\mathbf{z} | \widehat{\mathbf{f}}, \widehat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}, \mathbf{g}) \propto p(\mathbf{g} | \widehat{\mathbf{f}}, \widehat{\mathbf{z}}, \widehat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}) p(\mathbf{z})$   
Often needs sampling (hidden discrete variable)
- ▶ Estimate  $\boldsymbol{\theta}$  using  
 $p(\boldsymbol{\theta} | \widehat{\mathbf{f}}, \widehat{\mathbf{z}}, \mathbf{g}) \propto p(\mathbf{g} | \widehat{\mathbf{f}}, \sigma_\epsilon^2 \mathbf{I}) p(\widehat{\mathbf{f}} | \widehat{\mathbf{z}}, (m_k, v_k)) p(\boldsymbol{\theta})$   
Use of Conjugate priors → analytical expressions.

# Variational Bayesian Approximation

- ▶ Approximate  $p(\mathbf{f}, \boldsymbol{\theta} | \mathbf{g})$  by  $q(\mathbf{f}, \boldsymbol{\theta} | \mathbf{g}) = q_1(\mathbf{f} | \mathbf{g}) q_2(\boldsymbol{\theta} | \mathbf{g})$  and then continue computations.
- ▶ Criterion  $\text{KL}(q(\mathbf{f}, \boldsymbol{\theta} | \mathbf{g}) : p(\mathbf{f}, \boldsymbol{\theta} | \mathbf{g}))$
- ▶  $\text{KL}(q : p) = \int \int q \ln q / p = \int \int q_1 q_2 \ln \frac{q_1 q_2}{p} = \int q_1 \ln q_1 + \int q_2 \ln q_2 - \int \int q \ln p = -H(q_1) - H(q_2) - \langle \ln p \rangle_q$
- ▶ Iterative algorithm  $q_1 \rightarrow q_2 \rightarrow q_1 \rightarrow q_2, \dots$

$$\begin{cases} q_1(\mathbf{f}) & \propto \exp \left[ \langle \ln p(\mathbf{g}, \mathbf{f}, \boldsymbol{\theta}; \mathcal{M}) \rangle_{q_2(\boldsymbol{\theta})} \right] \\ q_2(\boldsymbol{\theta}) & \propto \exp \left[ \langle \ln p(\mathbf{g}, \mathbf{f}, \boldsymbol{\theta}; \mathcal{M}) \rangle_{q_1(\mathbf{f})} \right] \end{cases}$$



$$(\hat{\mathbf{f}}, \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}) = \arg \max_{(\mathbf{f}, \boldsymbol{\theta})} \{p(p(\mathbf{f}, \boldsymbol{\theta} | \mathbf{g}))\}$$

Alternate optimization:

$$\begin{cases} \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}} = \arg \min_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \{p(\mathbf{f}, \boldsymbol{\theta} | \mathbf{g})\} \\ \hat{\mathbf{f}} = \arg \min_{\mathbf{f}} \{p(\mathbf{f}, \boldsymbol{\theta} | \mathbf{g})\} \end{cases}$$

Main drawbacks:

- ▶ Convergence
- ▶ Uncertainties in each step are not accounted for

## Marginalization

- ▶ Marginal MAP:  $\hat{\theta} = \arg \max_{\theta} \{p(\theta|g)\}$  where

$$p(\theta|g) = \int p(f, \theta|g) df \propto p(g|\theta) p(\theta)$$

and then  $\hat{f} = \arg \max_f \left\{ p(f|\hat{\theta}, g) \right\}$  or

Posterior Mean:  $\hat{f} = \int f p(f|\hat{\theta}, g) df$

- ▶ Main drawback: Needs the expression of the Likelihood:

$$p(g|\theta) = \int p(g|f, \theta_1) p(f|\theta_2) df$$

Not always analytically available  $\rightarrow$  EM, SEM and GEM algorithms

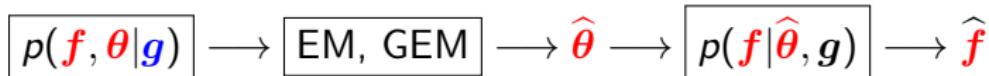
# EM and GEM algorithms

- ▶ EM and GEM Algorithms:  $f$  as hidden variable,  $g$  as incomplete data,  $(g, f)$  as complete data  
 $\ln p(g|\theta)$  incomplete data log-likelihood  
 $\ln p(g, f|\theta)$  complete data log-likelihood
- ▶ Iterative algorithm:

$$\begin{cases} \text{E-step: } Q(\theta, \hat{\theta}^{(k)}) = E_{p(f|g, \hat{\theta}^{(k)})} \{ \ln p(g, f|\theta) \} \\ \text{M-step: } \hat{\theta}^{(k)} = \arg \max_{\theta} \left\{ Q(\theta, \hat{\theta}^{(k-1)}) \right\} \end{cases}$$

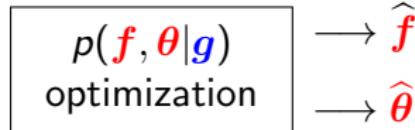
- ▶ GEM (Bayesian) algorithm:

$$\begin{cases} \text{E-step: } Q(\theta, \hat{\theta}^{(k)}) = E_{p(f|g, \hat{\theta}^{(k)})} \{ \ln p(g, f|\theta) + \ln p(\theta) \} \\ \text{M-step: } \hat{\theta}^{(k)} = \arg \max_{\theta} \left\{ Q(\theta, \hat{\theta}^{(k-1)}) \right\} \end{cases}$$

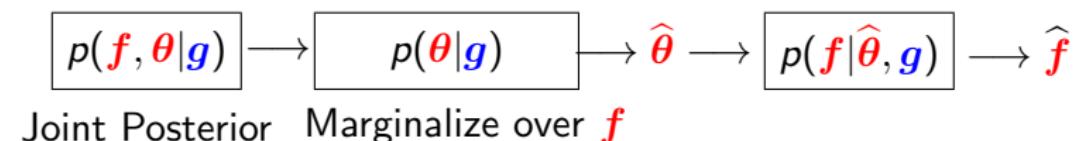


# JMAP, Marginalization, VBA

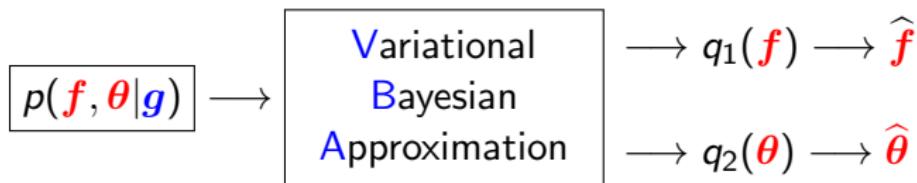
- ▶ JMAP:



- ▶ Marginalization



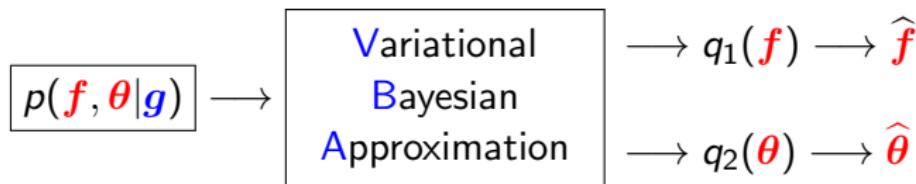
- ▶ Variational Bayesian Approximation



# Variational Bayesian Approximation

- ▶ Approximate  $p(\mathbf{f}, \boldsymbol{\theta} | \mathbf{g})$  by  $q(\mathbf{f}, \boldsymbol{\theta}) = q_1(\mathbf{f}) q_2(\boldsymbol{\theta})$  and then use them for any inferences on  $\mathbf{f}$  and  $\boldsymbol{\theta}$  respectively.
- ▶ Criterion  $\text{KL}(q(\mathbf{f}, \boldsymbol{\theta} | \mathbf{g}) : p(\mathbf{f}, \boldsymbol{\theta} | \mathbf{g}))$   
$$\text{KL}(q : p) = \int \int q \ln \frac{q}{p} = \int \int q_1 q_2 \ln \frac{q_1 q_2}{p}$$
- ▶ Iterative algorithm  $q_1 \rightarrow q_2 \rightarrow q_1 \rightarrow q_2, \dots$

$$\begin{cases} \hat{q}_1(\mathbf{f}) & \propto \exp \left[ \langle \ln p(\mathbf{g}, \mathbf{f}, \boldsymbol{\theta}; \mathcal{M}) \rangle_{\hat{q}_2(\boldsymbol{\theta})} \right] \\ \hat{q}_2(\boldsymbol{\theta}) & \propto \exp \left[ \langle \ln p(\mathbf{g}, \mathbf{f}, \boldsymbol{\theta}; \mathcal{M}) \rangle_{\hat{q}_1(\mathbf{f})} \right] \end{cases}$$



# Variational Bayesian Approximation

$$p(\mathbf{f}, \boldsymbol{\theta} | \mathbf{g}, \mathcal{M}) = \frac{p(\mathbf{f}, \boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{g} | \mathcal{M})}{p(\mathbf{g} | \mathcal{M})}$$

$$p(\mathbf{f}, \boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{g} | \mathcal{M}) = p(\mathbf{g} | \mathbf{f}, \boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathcal{M}) p(\mathbf{f} | \boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathcal{M}) p(\boldsymbol{\theta} | \mathcal{M})$$

$$\text{KL}(q : p) = \iint q(\mathbf{f}, \boldsymbol{\theta}) \ln \frac{p(\mathbf{f}, \boldsymbol{\theta} | \mathbf{g}; \mathcal{M})}{q(\mathbf{f}, \boldsymbol{\theta})} d\mathbf{f} d\boldsymbol{\theta}$$

$$\begin{aligned} p(\mathbf{g} | \mathcal{M}) &= \iint q(\mathbf{f}, \boldsymbol{\theta}) \frac{p(\mathbf{g}, \mathbf{f}, \boldsymbol{\theta} | \mathcal{M})}{q(\mathbf{f}, \boldsymbol{\theta})} d\mathbf{f} d\boldsymbol{\theta} \\ &\geq \iint q(\mathbf{f}, \boldsymbol{\theta}) \ln \frac{p(\mathbf{g}, \mathbf{f}, \boldsymbol{\theta} | \mathcal{M})}{q(\mathbf{f}, \boldsymbol{\theta})} d\mathbf{f} d\boldsymbol{\theta}. \end{aligned}$$

Free energy:

$$\mathcal{F}(q) = \iint q(\mathbf{f}, \boldsymbol{\theta}) \ln \frac{p(\mathbf{g}, \mathbf{f}, \boldsymbol{\theta} | \mathcal{M})}{q(\mathbf{f}, \boldsymbol{\theta})} d\mathbf{f} d\boldsymbol{\theta}$$

Evidence of the model  $\mathcal{M}$ :

$$p(\mathbf{g} | \mathcal{M}) = \mathcal{F}(q) + \text{KL}(q : p)$$

Minimizing  $\text{KL}(q : p) =$  Maximaizing  $\mathcal{F}(q)$

## VBA: Separable Approximation

$$p(\mathbf{g}|\mathcal{M}) = \mathcal{F}(q) + \text{KL}(q : p)$$

$$q(\mathbf{f}, \boldsymbol{\theta}) = q_1(\mathbf{f}) q_2(\boldsymbol{\theta})$$

Minimizing  $\text{KL}(q : p) = \text{Maximizing } \mathcal{F}(q)$

$$(\hat{q}_1, \hat{q}_2) = \arg \min_{(q_1, q_2)} \{\text{KL}(q_1 q_2 : p)\} = \arg \max_{(q_1, q_2)} \{\mathcal{F}(q_1 q_2)\}$$

$\text{KL}(q_1 q_2 : p)$  is convex wrt  $q_1$  when  $q_2$  is fixed and vice versa:

$$\begin{cases} \hat{q}_1 = \arg \min_{q_1} \{\text{KL}(q_1 \hat{q}_2 : p)\} = \arg \max_{q_1} \{\mathcal{F}(q_1 \hat{q}_2)\} \\ \hat{q}_2 = \arg \min_{q_2} \{\text{KL}(\hat{q}_1 q_2 : p)\} = \arg \max_{q_2} \{\mathcal{F}(\hat{q}_1 q_2)\} \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} \hat{q}_1(\mathbf{f}) \propto \exp \left[ \langle \ln p(\mathbf{g}, \mathbf{f}, \boldsymbol{\theta}; \mathcal{M}) \rangle_{\hat{q}_2(\boldsymbol{\theta})} \right] \\ \hat{q}_2(\boldsymbol{\theta}) \propto \exp \left[ \langle \ln p(\mathbf{g}, \mathbf{f}, \boldsymbol{\theta}; \mathcal{M}) \rangle_{\hat{q}_1(\mathbf{f})} \right] \end{cases}$$

## BVA: Choice of family of laws $q_1$ and $q_2$

- Case 1 :  $\rightarrow$  Joint MAP

$$\begin{cases} \hat{q}_1(\mathbf{f}|\tilde{\mathbf{f}}) = \delta(\mathbf{f} - \tilde{\mathbf{f}}) \\ \hat{q}_2(\boldsymbol{\theta}|\tilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}}) = \delta(\boldsymbol{\theta} - \tilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}}) \end{cases} \xrightarrow{\quad} \begin{cases} \tilde{\mathbf{f}} = \arg \max_{\mathbf{f}} \left\{ p(\mathbf{f}, \tilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}} | \mathbf{g}; \mathcal{M}) \right\} \\ \tilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}} = \arg \max_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \left\{ p(\tilde{\mathbf{f}}, \boldsymbol{\theta} | \mathbf{g}; \mathcal{M}) \right\} \end{cases}$$

- Case 2 :  $\rightarrow$  EM

$$\begin{cases} \hat{q}_1(\mathbf{f}) \propto p(\mathbf{f} | \boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{g}) \\ \hat{q}_2(\boldsymbol{\theta} | \tilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}}) = \delta(\boldsymbol{\theta} - \tilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}}) \end{cases} \xrightarrow{\quad} \begin{cases} Q(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \tilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}}) = \langle \ln p(\mathbf{f}, \boldsymbol{\theta} | \mathbf{g}; \mathcal{M}) \rangle_{q_1(\mathbf{f} | \tilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}})} \\ \tilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}} = \arg \max_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \left\{ Q(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \tilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}}) \right\} \end{cases}$$

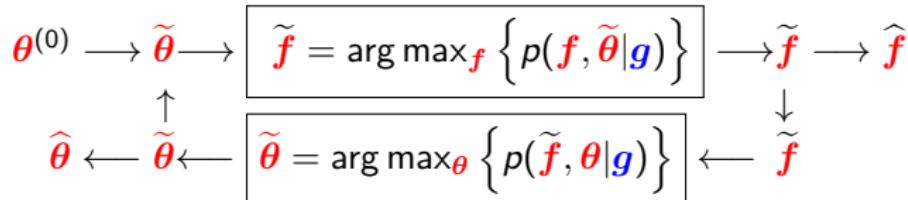
- Appropriate choice for inverse problems

$$\begin{cases} \hat{q}_1(\mathbf{f}) \propto p(\mathbf{f} | \tilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}}, \mathbf{g}; \mathcal{M}) \\ \hat{q}_2(\boldsymbol{\theta}) \propto p(\boldsymbol{\theta} | \tilde{\mathbf{f}}, \mathbf{g}; \mathcal{M}) \end{cases} \xrightarrow{\quad} \begin{cases} \text{Accounts for the uncertainties of} \\ \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \text{ for } \hat{\mathbf{f}} \text{ and vice versa.} \end{cases}$$

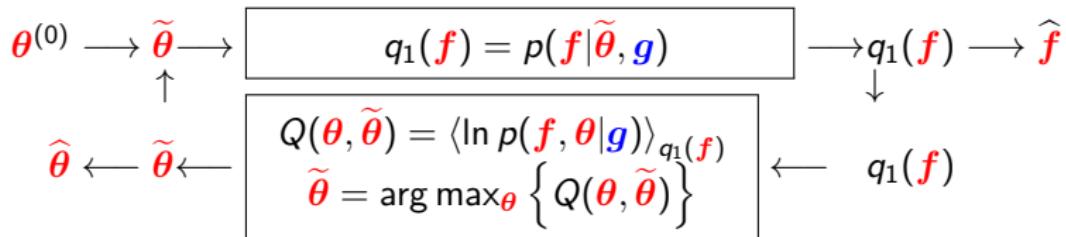
Exponential families, Conjugate priors

# JMAP, EM and VBA

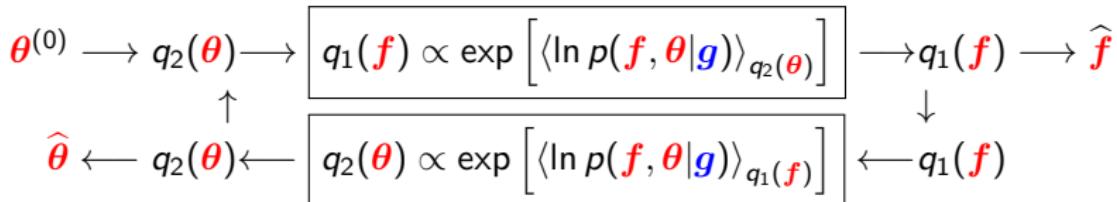
JMAP Alternate optimization Algorithm:



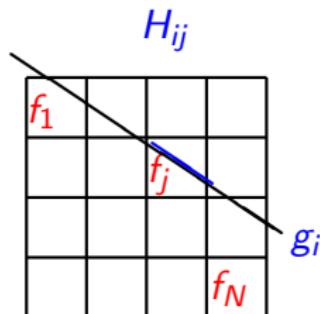
EM:



VBA:



# Computed Tomography: Discretization



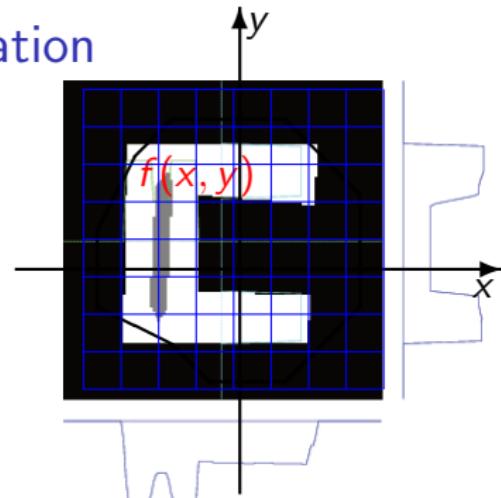
$$g(r, \phi) = \int_L f(x, y) \, dl$$

$$f(x, y) = \sum_j f_j b_j(x, y)$$

$$b_j(x, y) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } (x, y) \in \text{ pixel } j \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

$$g_i = \sum_{j=1}^N H_{ij} f_j + \epsilon_i$$

$$\mathbf{g} = \mathbf{H} \mathbf{f} + \boldsymbol{\epsilon}$$



Case study: Reconstruction from 2 projections

$$g_1(x) = \int f(x, y) \, dy,$$

$$g_2(y) = \int f(x, y) \, dx$$

Very ill-posed inverse problem

$$f(x, y) = g_1(x) g_2(y) \Omega(x, y)$$

$\Omega(x, y)$  is a Copula:

$$\int \Omega(x, y) \, dx = 1$$

$$\int \Omega(x, y) \, dy = 1$$

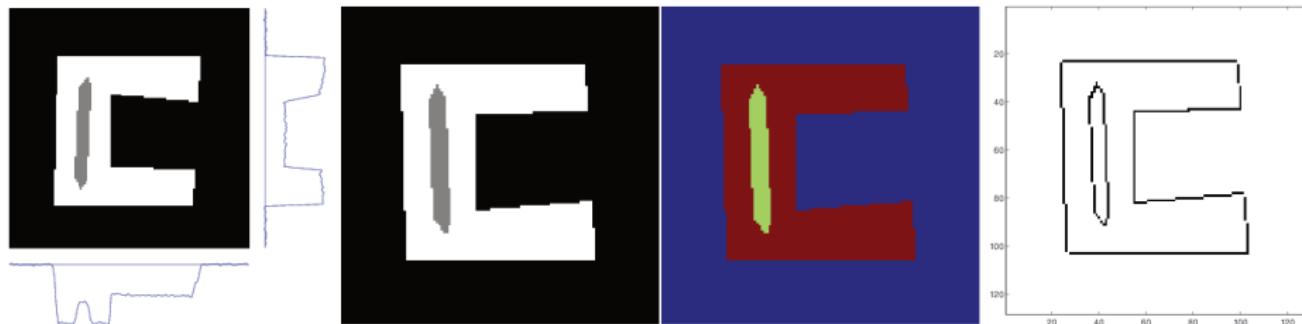
## Simple example

1	3	4	?	?	4	$f_1$	$f_3$	$g_3$	1	-1	0	-1	1	0
2	4	6	?	?	6	$f_2$	$f_4$	$g_4$	-1	1	0	1	-1	0
3	7		3	7		$g_1$	$g_2$		0	0		0	0	

$$\begin{bmatrix} g_1 \\ g_2 \\ g_3 \\ g_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} f_1 \\ f_2 \\ f_3 \\ f_4 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{c|ccc|c} f_1 & f_4 & f_7 & g_4 \\ f_2 & f_5 & f_8 & g_5 \\ f_3 & f_6 & f_9 & g_6 \\ g_1 & g_2 & g_3 & \end{array}$$

- ▶  $H\mathbf{f} = \mathbf{g} \rightarrow \hat{\mathbf{f}} = H^{-1}\mathbf{g}$  if  $H$  invertible.
- ▶  $H$  is rank deficient:  $\text{rank}(H) = 3$
- ▶ Problem has infinite number of solutions.
- ▶ How to find all those solutions ?
- ▶ Which one is the good one? Needs prior information.
- ▶ To find an unique solution, one needs either more data or prior information.

# Application in CT: Reconstruction from 2 projections



$\mathbf{g} \mathbf{f}$ $\mathbf{g} = \mathbf{H}\mathbf{f} + \epsilon$ $\mathbf{g} \mathbf{f} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{H}\mathbf{f}, \sigma_\epsilon^2 \mathbf{I})$ Gaussian	$\mathbf{f} z$ iid Gaussian or Gauss-Markov	$z$ iid or Potts	$c$ $q(r) \in \{0, 1\}$ $1 - \delta(z(r) - z(r'))$ binary
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$$p(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{z}, \boldsymbol{\theta} | \mathbf{g}) \propto p(\mathbf{g}|\mathbf{f}, \boldsymbol{\theta}_1) p(\mathbf{f}|z, \boldsymbol{\theta}_2) p(\mathbf{z}|\boldsymbol{\theta}_3) p(\boldsymbol{\theta})$$

# Proposed algorithms

$$p(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{z}, \boldsymbol{\theta} | \mathbf{g}) \propto p(\mathbf{g} | \mathbf{f}, \boldsymbol{\theta}_1) p(\mathbf{f} | \mathbf{z}, \boldsymbol{\theta}_2) p(\mathbf{z} | \boldsymbol{\theta}_3) p(\boldsymbol{\theta})$$

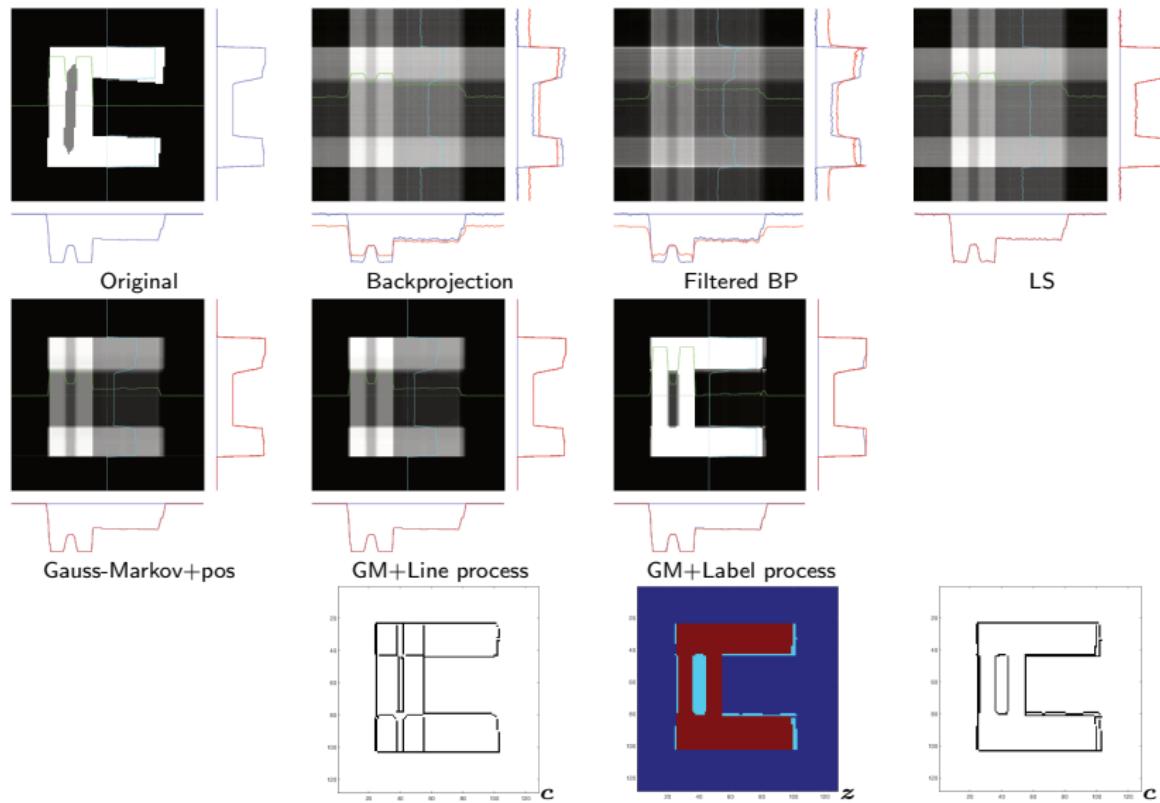
- MCMC based general scheme:

$$\hat{\mathbf{f}} \sim p(\mathbf{f} | \hat{\mathbf{z}}, \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}, \mathbf{g}) \longrightarrow \hat{\mathbf{z}} \sim p(\mathbf{z} | \hat{\mathbf{f}}, \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}, \mathbf{g}) \longrightarrow \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \sim (\boldsymbol{\theta} | \hat{\mathbf{f}}, \hat{\mathbf{z}}, \mathbf{g})$$

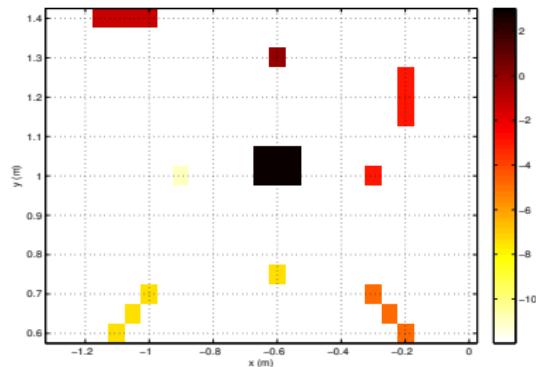
Iterative algorithm:

- ▶ Estimate  $\mathbf{f}$  using  $p(\mathbf{f} | \hat{\mathbf{z}}, \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}, \mathbf{g}) \propto p(\mathbf{g} | \mathbf{f}, \boldsymbol{\theta}) p(\mathbf{f} | \hat{\mathbf{z}}, \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}})$   
Needs optimisation of a quadratic criterion.
  - ▶ Estimate  $\mathbf{z}$  using  $p(\mathbf{z} | \hat{\mathbf{f}}, \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}, \mathbf{g}) \propto p(\mathbf{g} | \hat{\mathbf{f}}, \hat{\mathbf{z}}, \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}) p(\mathbf{z})$   
Needs sampling of a Potts Markov field.
  - ▶ Estimate  $\boldsymbol{\theta}$  using  
 $p(\boldsymbol{\theta} | \hat{\mathbf{f}}, \hat{\mathbf{z}}, \mathbf{g}) \propto p(\mathbf{g} | \hat{\mathbf{f}}, \sigma_\epsilon^2 \mathbf{I}) p(\hat{\mathbf{f}} | \hat{\mathbf{z}}, (m_k, v_k)) p(\boldsymbol{\theta})$   
Conjugate priors → analytical expressions.
- Variational Bayesian Approximation
    - ▶ Approximate  $p(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{z}, \boldsymbol{\theta} | \mathbf{g})$  by  $q_1(\mathbf{f}) q_2(\mathbf{z}) q_3(\boldsymbol{\theta})$

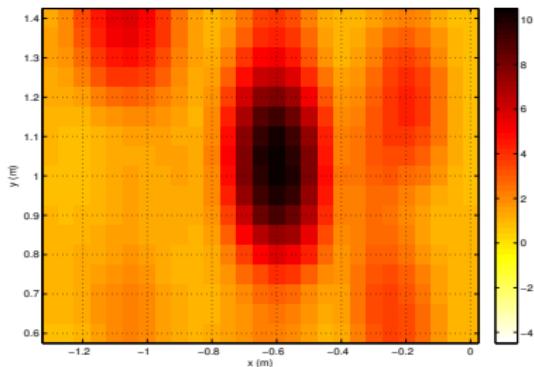
# Results



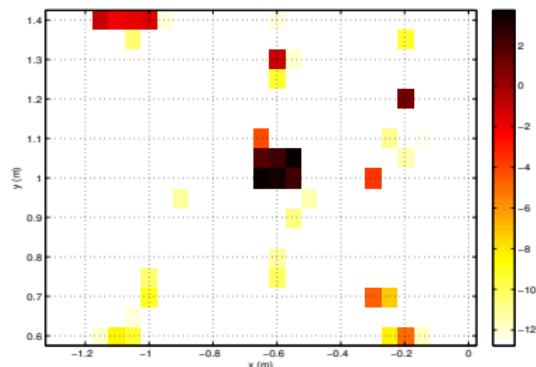
# Application in Acoustic source localization (Ning Chu et al.)



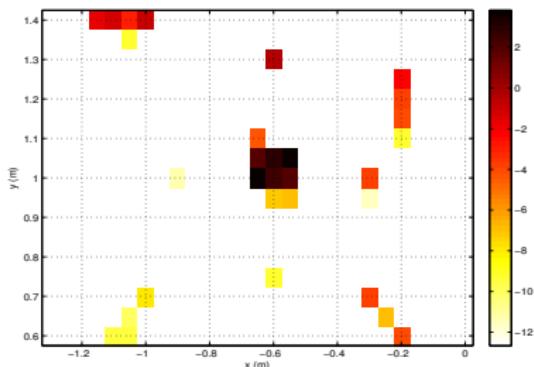
Source powers



Beamforming powers



Bayesian MAP inversion



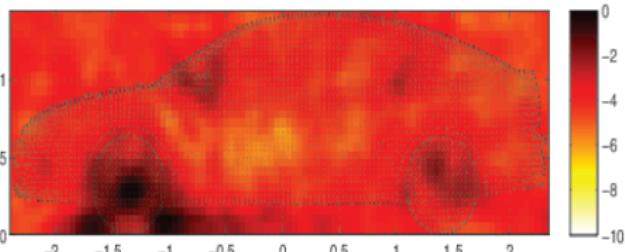
Proposed VBA inversion

# Application in Acoustic source localization

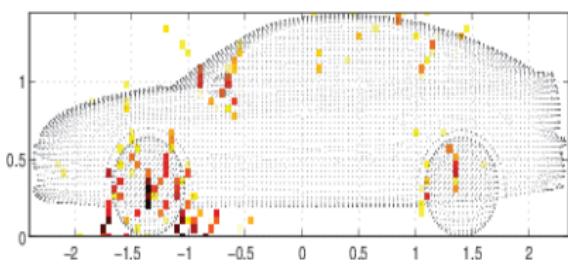
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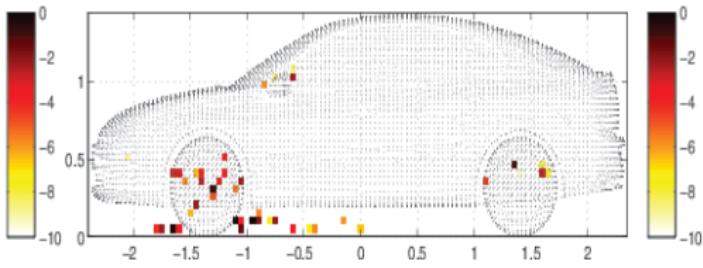
Wind tunnel



Beamforming



DAMAS



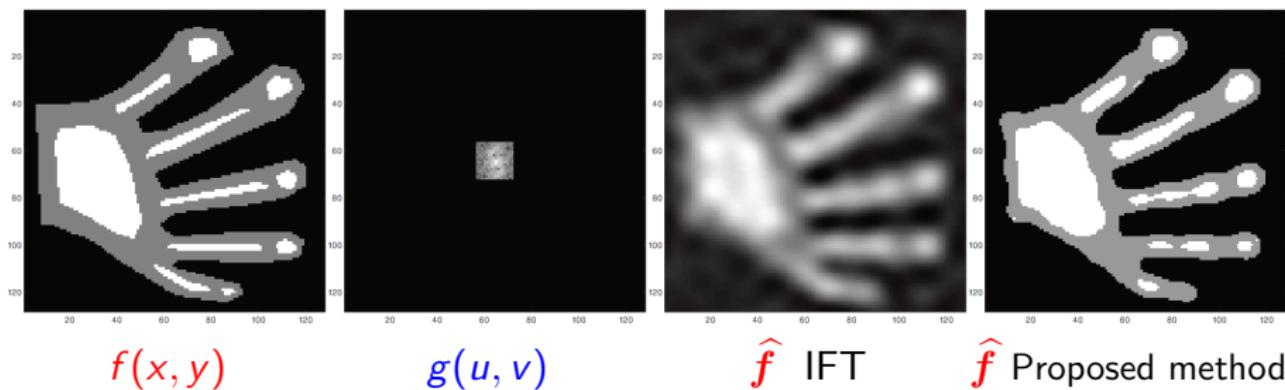
Proposed VBA inference

# Application in Microwave imaging

$$g(\omega) = \int f(r) \exp[-j(\omega \cdot r)] dr + \epsilon(\omega)$$

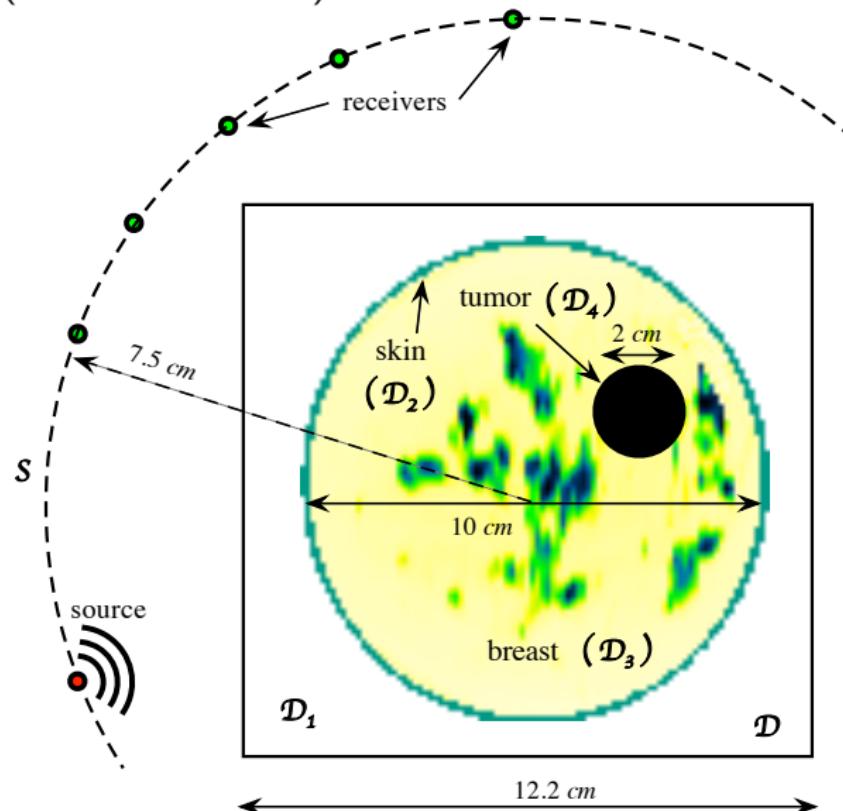
$$g(u, v) = \iint f(x, y) \exp[-j(ux + vy)] dx dy + \epsilon(u, v)$$

$$\mathbf{g} = \mathbf{H} \mathbf{f} + \boldsymbol{\epsilon}$$



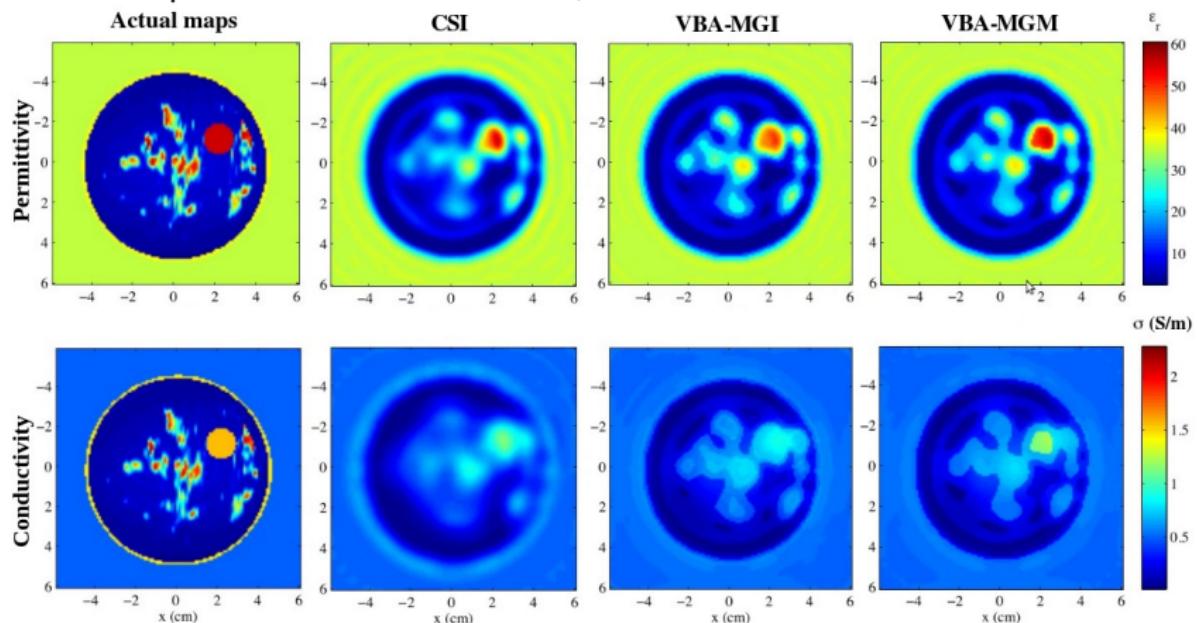
# Microwave Imaging for Breast Cancer detection

(L. Gharsalli et al.)



# Microwave Imaging for Breast Cancer detection

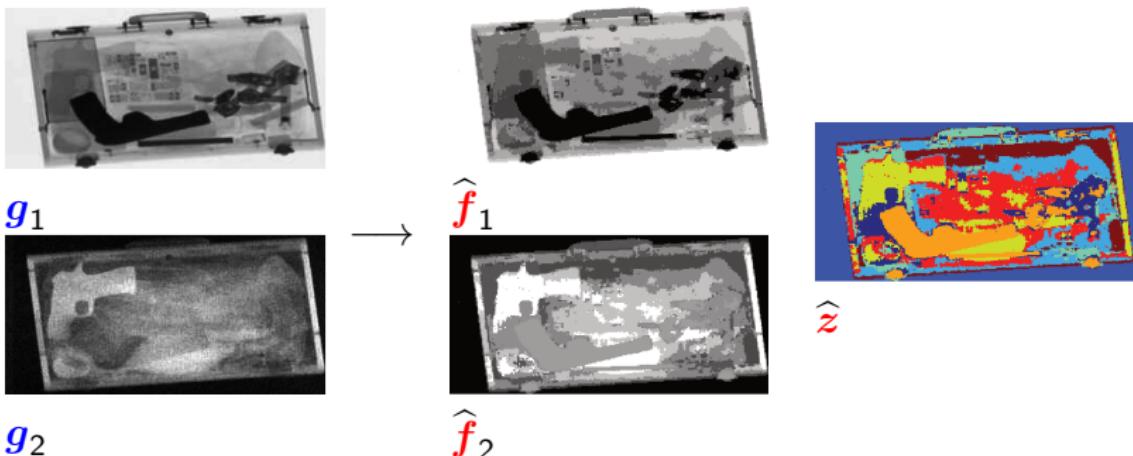
CSI: Contrast Source Inversion, VBA: Variational Bayesian Approach,  
MGI: Independent Gaussian mixture, MGM: Gauss-Markov mixture



# Images fusion and joint segmentation

(with O. Féron)

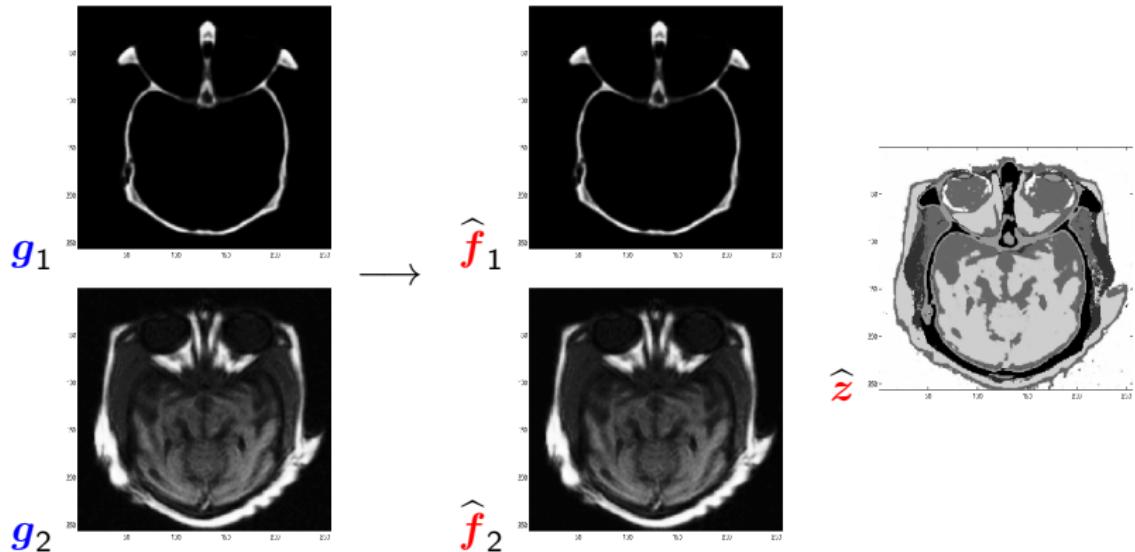
$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{g}_i(\mathbf{r}) = \mathbf{f}_i(\mathbf{r}) + \epsilon_i(\mathbf{r}) \\ p(f_i(\mathbf{r})|z(\mathbf{r}) = k) = \mathcal{N}(m_{ik}, \sigma_{ik}^2) \\ p(\underline{\mathbf{f}}|z) = \prod_i p(\mathbf{f}_i|z) \end{cases}$$



# Data fusion in medical imaging

(with O. Féron)

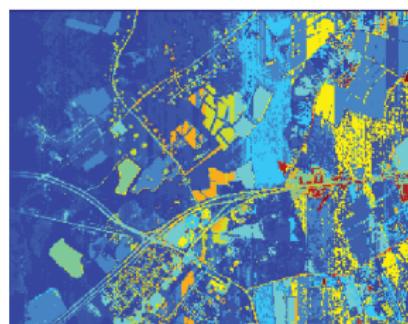
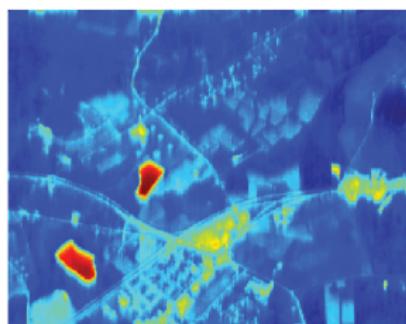
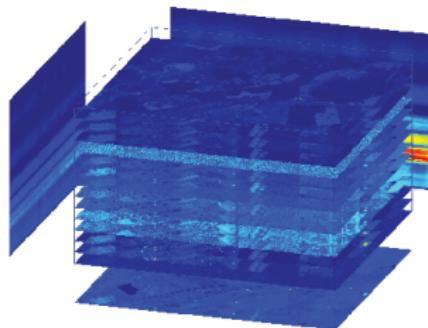
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# Joint segmentation of hyper-spectral images

(with N. Bali & A. Mohammadpour)

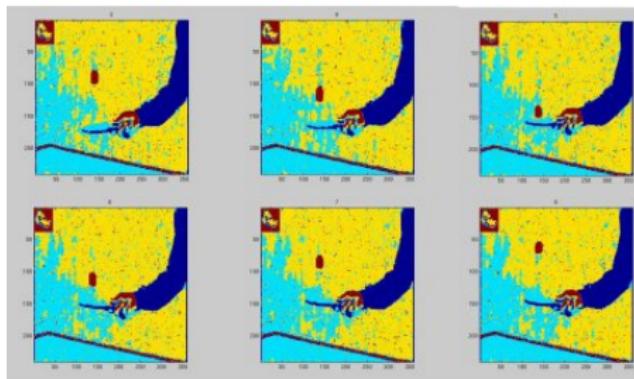
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# Segmentation of a video sequence of images

(with P. Brault)

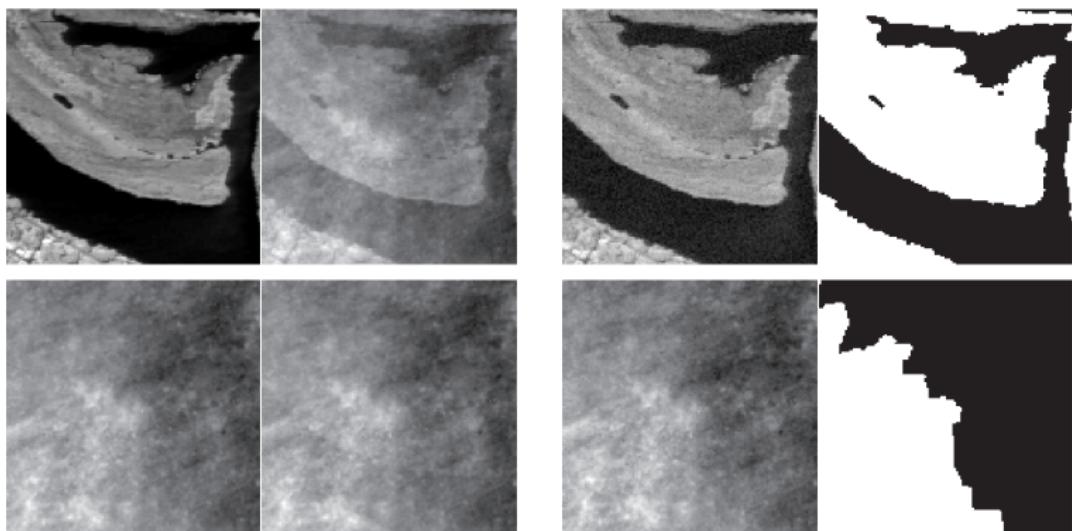
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# Image separation in Sattelite imaging

(with H. Snoussi & M. Ichir)

$$\begin{cases} g_i(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_{j=1}^N A_{ij} f_j(\mathbf{r}) + \epsilon_i(\mathbf{r}) \\ p(f_j(\mathbf{r}) | z_j(\mathbf{r}) = k) = \mathcal{N}(m_{jk}, \sigma_{jk}^2) \\ p(A_{ij}) = \mathcal{N}(A_{0ij}, \sigma_{0ij}^2) \end{cases}$$



# Conclusions

- ▶ Inverse problems arise in many science and engineering applications
- ▶ Deterministic Algorithms: Optimization of a two terms criterion, penalty term, regularization term
- ▶ Probabilistic: Bayesian approach
- ▶ Hierarchical prior model with hidden variables are very powerful tools for Bayesian approach to inverse problems.
- ▶ Gauss-Markov-Potts models for images incorporating hidden regions and contours
- ▶ Main Bayesian computation tools: JMAP, MCMC and VBA
- ▶ Application in different imaging system (X ray CT, Microwaves, PET, Ultrasound, Optical Diffusion Tomography (ODT), Acoustic source localization,...)

## Current Projects:

- ▶ Efficient implementation in 2D and 3D cases

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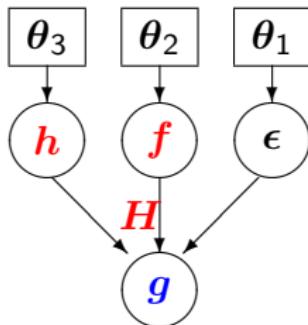
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# Questions, Discussions, Open mathematical problems

- ▶ Sparsity representation, low rank matrix decomposition
  - ▶ Sparsity and positivity or other constraints
  - ▶ Group sparsity
  - ▶ Algorithmic and implementation issues for great dimensional applications (Big Data)
    - ▶ Joint estimation of Dictionary and coefficients
- ▶ Optimization of the KL divergence for Variational Bayesian Approximation
  - ▶ Convergency of alternate optimization
  - ▶ Other possible algorithms
- ▶ Properties of the obtained approximation
  - ▶ Does the moments of  $q$ 's corresponds to the moments of  $p$ ?
  - ▶ How about any other statistics: entropy, ...
- ▶ Other divergency or Distance measures?
- ▶ Using Sparsity as a prior in Inverse Problems
- ▶ Applications in Biological data and signal analysis, Medical imaging, Non Destructive Testing (NDT) Industrial Imaging, Communication, Geophysical imaging, Radio Astronomy, ...

# Blind deconvolution (1)



$$\mathbf{g} = \mathbf{h} * \mathbf{f} + \boldsymbol{\epsilon} = \mathbf{H}\mathbf{f} + \boldsymbol{\epsilon} = \mathbf{F}\mathbf{h} + \boldsymbol{\epsilon}$$

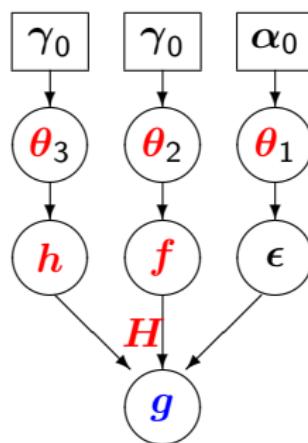
Simple priors:

$$p(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{h} | \mathbf{g}, \boldsymbol{\theta}) \propto p(\mathbf{g} | \mathbf{f}, \mathbf{h}, \boldsymbol{\theta}_1) p(\mathbf{f} | \boldsymbol{\theta}_2) p(\mathbf{h} | \boldsymbol{\theta}_3)$$

Objective: Infer on  $\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{h}$

JMAP:  $(\hat{\mathbf{f}}, \hat{\mathbf{z}}) = \arg \max_{(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{z})} \{p(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{z} | \mathbf{g})\}$

VBA: Approximate  $p(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{h} | \mathbf{g})$  by  $q_1(\mathbf{f}) q_2(\mathbf{h})$



Unsupervised:

$$p(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{h}, \boldsymbol{\theta} | \mathbf{g}) \propto p(\mathbf{g} | \mathbf{f}, \mathbf{h}, \boldsymbol{\theta}_1) p(\mathbf{f} | \boldsymbol{\theta}_2) p(\mathbf{h} | \boldsymbol{\theta}_3) p(\boldsymbol{\theta})$$

Objective: Infer on  $\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{h}, \boldsymbol{\theta}$

JMAP:

$(\hat{\mathbf{f}}, \hat{\mathbf{z}}, \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}) = \arg \max_{(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{z}, \boldsymbol{\theta})} \{p(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{z}, \boldsymbol{\theta} | \mathbf{g})\}$

VBA:

Approximate  $p(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{h}, \boldsymbol{\theta} | \mathbf{g})$  by  $q_1(\mathbf{f}) q_2(\mathbf{h}) q_3(\boldsymbol{\theta})$

## Blind deconvolution (2)

$$\mathbf{g} = \mathbf{h} * \mathbf{f} + \epsilon = \mathbf{H}\mathbf{f} + \epsilon = \mathbf{F}\mathbf{h} + \epsilon$$

Simple priors:

$$p(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{h} | \mathbf{g}, \boldsymbol{\theta}) \propto p(\mathbf{g} | \mathbf{f}, \mathbf{h}, \boldsymbol{\theta}_1) p(\mathbf{f} | \boldsymbol{\theta}_2) p(\mathbf{h} | \boldsymbol{\theta}_3)$$

Unsupervised:

$$p(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{h}, \boldsymbol{\theta} | \mathbf{g}) \propto p(\mathbf{g} | \mathbf{f}, \mathbf{h}, \boldsymbol{\theta}_1) p(\mathbf{f} | \boldsymbol{\theta}_2) p(\mathbf{h} | \boldsymbol{\theta}_3) p(\boldsymbol{\theta})$$

Sparsity enforcing prior for  $\mathbf{f}$ :

$$p(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{z}_f, \mathbf{h}, \boldsymbol{\theta} | \mathbf{g}) \propto \\ p(\mathbf{g} | \mathbf{f}, \mathbf{h}, \boldsymbol{\theta}_1) p(\mathbf{f} | \mathbf{z}_f) p(\mathbf{z}_f | \boldsymbol{\theta}_2) p(\mathbf{h} | \boldsymbol{\theta}_3) p(\boldsymbol{\theta})$$

Sparsity enforcing prior for  $\mathbf{h}$ :

$$p(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{h}, \mathbf{z}_h, \boldsymbol{\theta} | \mathbf{g}) \propto \\ p(\mathbf{g} | \mathbf{f}, \mathbf{h}, \boldsymbol{\theta}_1) p(\mathbf{f} | \boldsymbol{\theta}_2) p(\mathbf{h} | \mathbf{z}) p(\mathbf{z} | \boldsymbol{\theta}_3) p(\boldsymbol{\theta})$$

Hierarchical models for both  $\mathbf{f}$  and  $\mathbf{h}$ :

$$p(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{z}_f, \mathbf{h}, \mathbf{z}_h, \boldsymbol{\theta} | \mathbf{g}) \propto \\ p(\mathbf{g} | \mathbf{f}, \mathbf{h}, \boldsymbol{\theta}_1) p(\mathbf{f} | \mathbf{z}_f) p(\mathbf{z}_f | \boldsymbol{\theta}_2) p(\mathbf{h} | \mathbf{z}_h) p(\mathbf{z}_h | \boldsymbol{\theta}_3) p(\boldsymbol{\theta})$$

JMAP:

$$(\hat{\mathbf{f}}, \hat{\mathbf{z}}_f, \hat{\mathbf{h}}, \hat{\mathbf{z}}_h, \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}) = \arg \max_{(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{z}_f, \mathbf{h}, \mathbf{z}_h, \boldsymbol{\theta})} \left\{ p(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{z}_f, \mathbf{h}, \mathbf{z}_h, \boldsymbol{\theta} | \mathbf{g}) \right\}$$

VBA: Approximate  $p(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{z}_f, \mathbf{h}, \mathbf{z}_h, \boldsymbol{\theta} | \mathbf{g})$  by

$$q_1(\mathbf{f}) q_2(\mathbf{z}_f) q_3(\mathbf{h}) q_4(\mathbf{z}_h) q_5(\boldsymbol{\theta})$$