

# Inverse Problems: From deterministic methods to probabilistic Bayesian inference

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# Inverse problems : 3 examples

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# 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

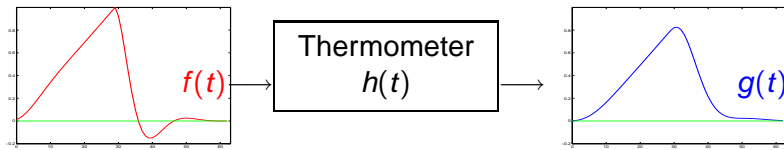
Given the forward model  $\mathcal{H}$  (impulse response  $h(t)$ )  
and a set of data  $g(t_i), i = 1, \dots, M$   
find  $f(t)$



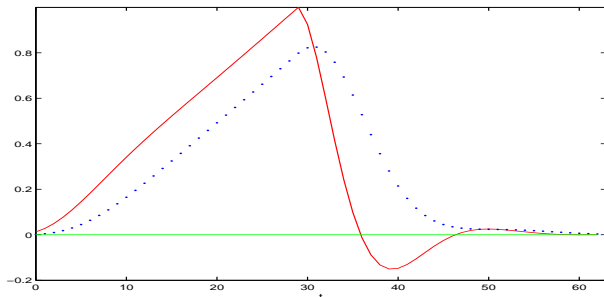
# Measuring variation of temperature with a thermometer

Forward model : Convolution

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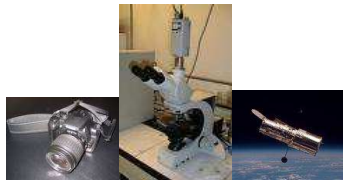


Inversion : Deconvolution



# 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

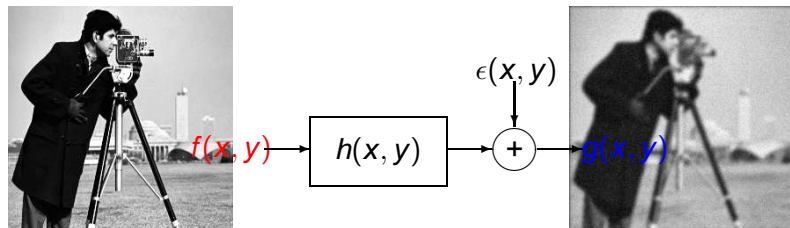
- ▶ Inverse problem : Image restoration

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  $f(x, y)$

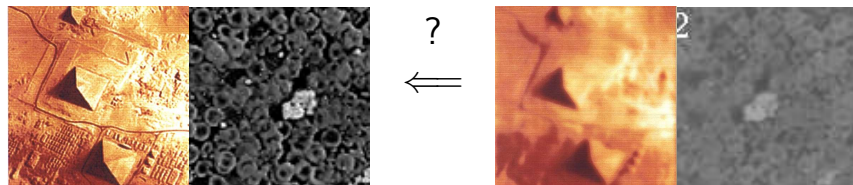
# Making an image with an unfocused camera

Forward model : 2D Convolution

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



Inversion : Deconvolution



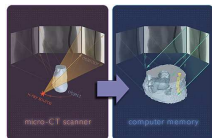
# Making an image of the interior of a body

- ▶  $f(x, y)$  a section of a real 3D body  $f(x, y, z)$
- ▶  $g_\phi(r)$  a line of observed radiographie  $g_\phi(r, z)$
- ▶ Forward model :  
Line integrals or Radon Transform

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

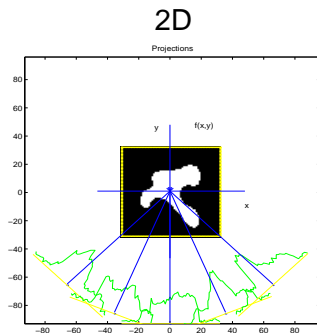
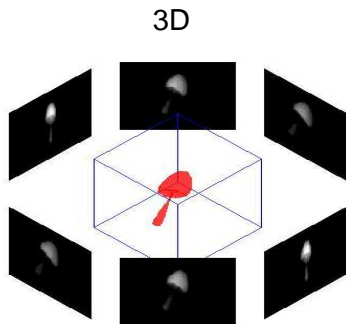
- ▶ Inverse problem : Image reconstruction

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

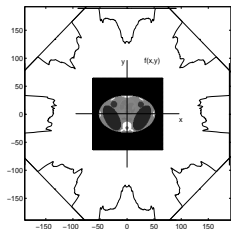


$$g_{\phi}(r_1, r_2) = \int_{\mathcal{L}_{r_1, r_2, \phi}} f(x, y, z) dl \quad g_{\phi}(r) = \int_{\mathcal{L}_{r, \phi}} f(x, y) dl$$

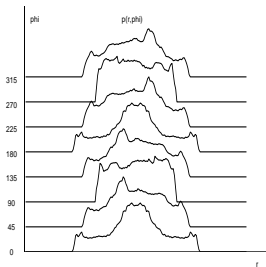
Forward problem :  $f(x, y)$  or  $f(x, y, z) \longrightarrow g_{\phi}(r)$  or  $g_{\phi}(r_1, r_2)$

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

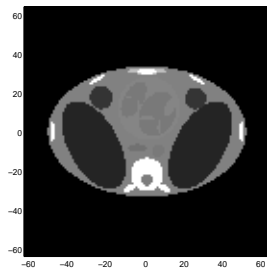
# X ray Tomography and Radon Transform



$$g(r, \phi) = -\ln \left( \frac{I}{I_0} \right) = \int_{L_{r, \phi}} f(x, y) dl$$
$$g(r, \phi) = \iint_D f(x, y) \delta(r - x \cos \phi - y \sin \phi) dx dy$$



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# General formulation of inverse problems

- ▶ General non linear inverse problems :

$$g(s) = [\mathcal{H}f(r)](s) + \epsilon(s), \quad r \in \mathcal{R}, \quad s \in \mathcal{S}$$

- ▶ Linear models :

$$g(s) = \int f(r) h(r, s) dr + \epsilon(s)$$

If  $h(r, s) = h(r - s) \longrightarrow$  Convolution.

- ▶ Discrete data :

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

- ▶ Inversion : Given the forward model  $\mathcal{H}$  and the data  $g = \{g(s_i), i = 1, \dots, m\}$  estimate  $f(r)$
- ▶ Well-posed and **Ill-posed** problems (Hadamard) :  
**existence, uniqueness and stability**
- ▶ Need for **prior information**

# Analytical methods (mathematical physics)

$$g(s_i) = \int h(s_i, \mathbf{r}) f(\mathbf{r}) d\mathbf{r} + \epsilon(s_i), \quad i = 1, \dots, m$$

$$g(s) = \int h(s, \mathbf{r}) f(\mathbf{r}) d\mathbf{r}$$

$$\hat{f}(\mathbf{r}) = \int w(s, \mathbf{r}) g(s) ds$$

$w(s, \mathbf{r})$  minimizing a criterion :

$$\begin{aligned} Q(w(s, \mathbf{r})) &= \left\| g(s) - [\mathcal{H} \hat{f}(\mathbf{r})](s) \right\|_2^2 = \int \left| g(s) - [\mathcal{H} \hat{f}(\mathbf{r})](s) \right|^2 ds \\ &= \int \left| g(s) - \int h(s, \mathbf{r}) \hat{f}(\mathbf{r}) d\mathbf{r} \right|^2 ds \\ &= \int \left| g(s) - \int h(s, \mathbf{r}) \left[ \int w(s, \mathbf{r}) g(s) ds \right] d\mathbf{r} \right|^2 ds \\ &= \int \left| g(s) - \int \int h(s, \mathbf{r}) w(s, \mathbf{r}) g(s) ds d\mathbf{r} \right|^2 ds \end{aligned}$$

# Analytical methods

- ▶ Trivial solution :

$$w(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{r}) = h^{-1}(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{r})$$

Example : Fourier Transform :

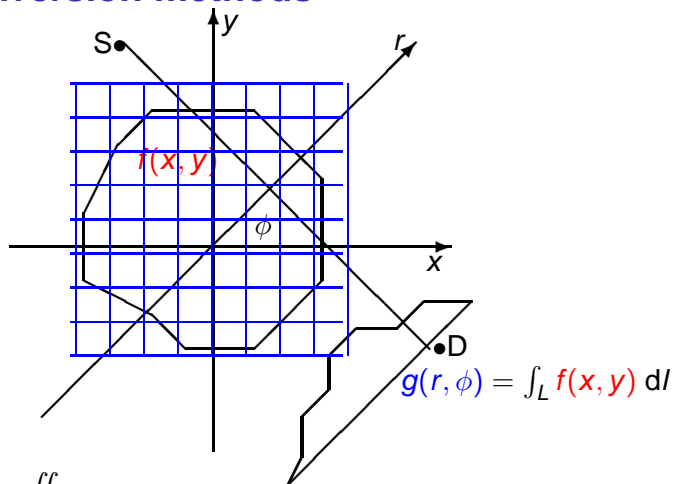
$$g(\mathbf{s}) = \int f(\mathbf{r}) \exp \{-j\mathbf{s} \cdot \mathbf{r}\} d\mathbf{r}$$

$$h(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{r}) = \exp \{-j\mathbf{s} \cdot \mathbf{r}\} \longrightarrow w(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{r}) = \exp \{+j\mathbf{s} \cdot \mathbf{r}\}$$

$$\hat{f}(\mathbf{r}) = \int g(\mathbf{s}) \exp \{+j\mathbf{s} \cdot \mathbf{r}\} d\mathbf{s}$$

- ▶ Known classical solutions for specific expressions of  $h(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{r})$  :
  - ▶ 1D cases : 1D Fourier, Hilbert, Weil, Melin, ...
  - ▶ 2D cases : 2D Fourier, Radon, ...

# Analytical Inversion methods



Radon :

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

$$f(x, y) = \left( -\frac{1}{2\pi^2} \right) \int_0^\pi \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{\frac{\partial}{\partial r} g(r, \phi)}{(r - x \cos \phi - y \sin \phi)} dr d\phi$$

# Filtered Backprojection method

$$f(x, y) = \left( -\frac{1}{2\pi^2} \right) \int_0^\pi \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{\frac{\partial}{\partial r} g(r, \phi)}{(r - x \cos \phi - y \sin \phi)} dr d\phi$$

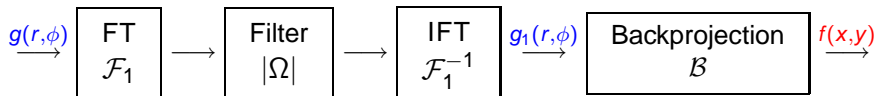
Derivation  $\mathcal{D}$  :  $\bar{g}(r, \phi) = \frac{\partial g(r, \phi)}{\partial r}$

Hilbert Transform  $\mathcal{H}$  :  $g_1(r', \phi) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^\infty \frac{\bar{g}(r, \phi)}{(r - r')} dr$

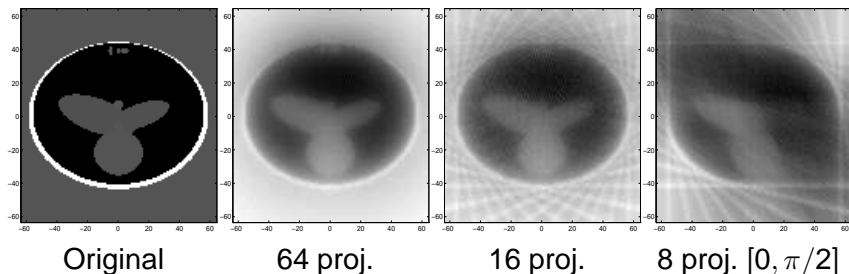
Backprojection  $\mathcal{B}$  :  $f(x, y) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^\pi g_1(r' = x \cos \phi + y \sin \phi, \phi) d\phi$

$$f(x, y) = \mathcal{B} \mathcal{H} \mathcal{D} g(r, \phi) = \mathcal{B} \mathcal{F}_1^{-1} |\Omega| \mathcal{F}_1 g(r, \phi)$$

- Backprojection of filtered projections :



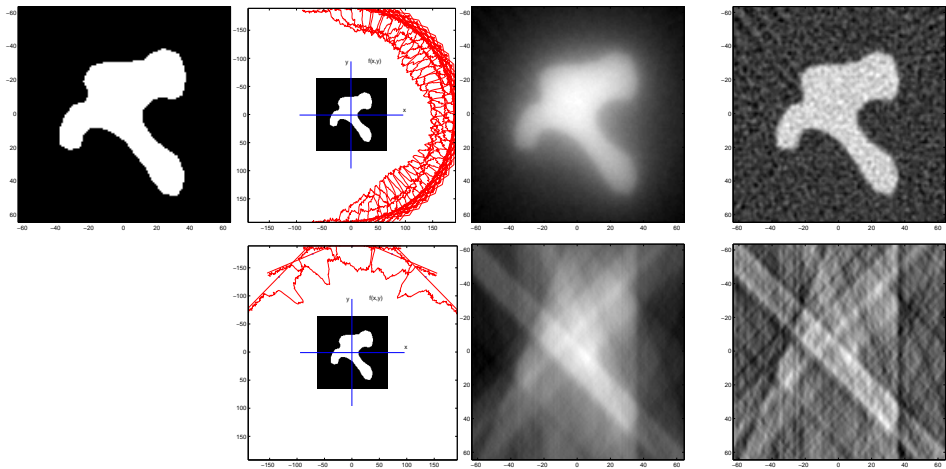
# Limitations : Limited angle or noisy data



- ▶ Limited angle or noisy data
- ▶ Accounting for detector size
- ▶ Other measurement geometries : fan beam, ...



# Limitations : Limited angle or noisy data



Original

Data

Backprojection

Filtered Backprojection

# Parametric methods

- ▶  $f(\mathbf{r})$  is described in a parametric form with a very few number of parameters  $\boldsymbol{\theta}$  and one searches  $\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}$  which minimizes a criterion such as :
- ▶ Least Squares (LS) :  $Q(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \sum_i |g_i - [\mathcal{H} f(\boldsymbol{\theta})]_i|^2$
- ▶ Robust criteria :  $Q(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \sum_i \phi(|g_i - [\mathcal{H} f(\boldsymbol{\theta})]_i|)$   
with different functions  $\phi$  ( $L_1$ , Hubert, ...).
- ▶ Likelihood :  $\mathcal{L}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = -\ln p(g|\boldsymbol{\theta})$
- ▶ Penalized likelihood :  $\mathcal{L}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = -\ln p(g|\boldsymbol{\theta}) + \lambda\Omega(\boldsymbol{\theta})$

## Examples :

- ▶ Spectrometry :  $f(t)$  modelled as a sum of gaussians  
 $f(t) = \sum_{k=1}^K a_k \mathcal{N}(t|\mu_k, v_k)$   $\boldsymbol{\theta} = \{a_k, \mu_k, v_k\}$
- ▶ Tomography in CND :  $f(x, y)$  is modelled as a superposition of circular or elliptical discs  
 $\boldsymbol{\theta} = \{a_k, \mu_k, r_k\}$

## Non parametric methods

$$g(s_i) = \int h(s_i, \mathbf{r}) f(\mathbf{r}) d\mathbf{r} + \epsilon(s_i), \quad i = 1, \dots, M$$

- ▶  $f(\mathbf{r})$  is assumed to be well approximated by

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

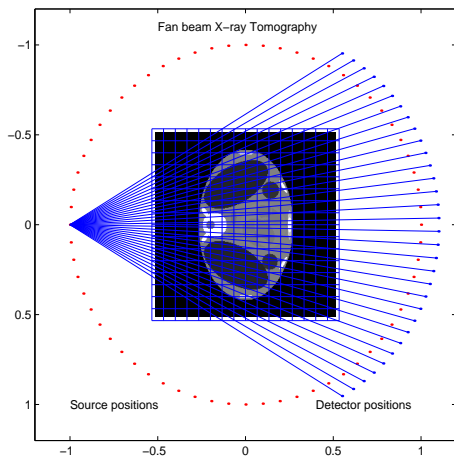
with  $\{b_j(\mathbf{r})\}$  a basis or any other set of known functions

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

$$\mathbf{g} = \mathbf{H} \mathbf{f} + \epsilon \quad \text{with} \quad H_{ij} = \int h(s_i, \mathbf{r}) b_j(\mathbf{r}) d\mathbf{r}$$

- ▶  $\mathbf{H}$  is huge dimensional
- ▶ LS solution :  $\hat{\mathbf{f}} = \arg \min_{\mathbf{f}} \{Q(\mathbf{f})\}$  with  
 $Q(\mathbf{f}) = \sum_i |g_i - [\mathbf{H} \mathbf{f}]_i|^2 = \|\mathbf{g} - \mathbf{H} \mathbf{f}\|^2$   
does not give satisfactory result.

# CT as a linear inverse problem



$$g(s_i) = \int_{L_i} f(\mathbf{r}) \, dl_i + \epsilon(s_i) \longrightarrow \text{Discretization} \longrightarrow \mathbf{g} = \mathbf{H}\mathbf{f} + \epsilon$$

# Classical methods in CT

$$g(s_j) = \int_{L_i} f(\mathbf{r}) \, dl_i + \epsilon(s_j) \longrightarrow \text{Discretization} \longrightarrow \mathbf{g} = \mathbf{H}\mathbf{f} + \epsilon$$

- ▶  $\mathbf{H}$  is a huge dimensional matrix of line integrals
- ▶  $\mathbf{H}\mathbf{f}$  is the forward or **projection** operation
- ▶  $\mathbf{H}^t\mathbf{g}$  is the backward or **backprojection** operation
- ▶  $(\mathbf{H}^t\mathbf{H})^{-1}\mathbf{H}^t\mathbf{g}$  is the **filtered backprojection** minimizing the LS criterion  $Q(\mathbf{f}) = \|\mathbf{g} - \mathbf{H}\mathbf{f}\|^2$

- ▶ Iterative methods :

$$\hat{\mathbf{f}}^{(k+1)} = \hat{\mathbf{f}}^{(k)} + \alpha^{(k)} \mathbf{H}^t \left( \mathbf{g} - \mathbf{H}\hat{\mathbf{f}}^{(k)} \right)$$

try to minimize the **Least squares** criterion

- ▶ **Other criteria :**

- ▶ Robust criteria :  $Q(\mathbf{f}) = \sum_i \phi(\|\mathbf{g}_i - [\mathbf{H}\mathbf{f}]_i\|)$
- ▶ Likelihood :  $\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{f}) = p(\mathbf{g}|\mathbf{f})$
- ▶ Regularization :  $J(\mathbf{f}) = \|\mathbf{g} - \mathbf{H}\mathbf{f}\|^2 + \lambda\|\mathbf{D}\mathbf{f}\|^2.$

# Inversion : Deterministic methods

## Data matching

- ▶ Observation model

$$g_i = h_i(\mathbf{f}) + \epsilon_i, \quad i = 1, \dots, M \longrightarrow \mathbf{g} = \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{f}) + \boldsymbol{\epsilon}$$

- ▶ Mismatch between data and output of the model  $\Delta(\mathbf{g}, \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{f}))$

$$\hat{\mathbf{f}} = \arg \min_{\mathbf{f}} \{ \Delta(\mathbf{g}, \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{f})) \}$$

- ▶ Examples :

- LS  $\Delta(\mathbf{g}, \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{f})) = \|\mathbf{g} - \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{f})\|^2 = \sum_i |g_i - h_i(\mathbf{f})|^2$

-  $L_p$   $\Delta(\mathbf{g}, \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{f})) = \|\mathbf{g} - \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{f})\|^p = \sum_i |g_i - h_i(\mathbf{f})|^p, \quad 1 < p < 2$

- KL  $\Delta(\mathbf{g}, \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{f})) = \sum_i g_i \ln \frac{g_i}{h_i(\mathbf{f})}$

- ▶ In general, does not give satisfactory results for inverse problems.

# Regularization theory

Inverse problems = Ill posed problems

→ Need for prior information

Functional space : Tikhonov :

$$g = \mathcal{H}(f) + \epsilon \longrightarrow J(f) = \|g - \mathcal{H}(f)\|_2^2 + \lambda \|Df\|_2^2$$

Finite dimensional space :  $g = H(f) + \epsilon$  Philips & Towmey :

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

$$J(f) = Q(g - H(f)) + \lambda \Omega(Df)$$

or

$$J(f) = \Delta_1(g, H(f)) + \lambda \Delta_2(f, f_\infty)$$

**Limitations :**

- 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

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

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

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

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

# Case of linear models and Gaussian priors

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

- ▶ Hypothesis on the noise :  $\boldsymbol{\epsilon} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma_{\boldsymbol{\epsilon}}^2 \mathbf{I}) \longrightarrow$

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

- ▶ Hypothesis on  $\mathbf{f}$  :  $\mathbf{f} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma_f^2 (\mathbf{D}^t \mathbf{D})^{-1}) \longrightarrow$

$$p(\mathbf{f}) \propto \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2\sigma_f^2} \|\mathbf{D}\mathbf{f}\|^2 \right\}$$

- ▶ A posteriori :

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

- ▶ MAP :  $\hat{\mathbf{f}} = \arg \max_{\mathbf{f}} \{p(\mathbf{f}|\mathbf{g})\} = \arg \min_{\mathbf{f}} \{J(\mathbf{f})\}$

$$\text{with } J(\mathbf{f}) = \|\mathbf{g} - \mathbf{H}\mathbf{f}\|^2 + \lambda \|\mathbf{D}\mathbf{f}\|^2, \quad \lambda = \frac{\sigma_{\boldsymbol{\epsilon}}^2}{\sigma_f^2}$$

- ▶ Advantage : characterization of the solution

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

# MAP estimation with other priors :

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

## Separable priors :

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

## Markovian models :

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

# MAP estimation with markovien priors :

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

$$\Omega(\mathbf{f}) = \sum_j \phi(\mathbf{f}_j - \mathbf{f}_{j-1})$$

with  $\phi(t)$  :

Convex functions :

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

or Non convex functions :

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

# 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
- ▶ Meaning and tools for estimating hyper parameters
- ▶ Meaning and tools for model selection
- ▶ More specific and specialized priors, particularly through the hidden variables
- ▶ More computational tools :
  - ▶ Expectation-Maximization for computing the maximum likelihood parameters
  - ▶ MCMC for posterior exploration
  - ▶ Variational Bayes for analytical computation of the posterior marginals
  - ▶ ...

# Full Bayesian approach

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

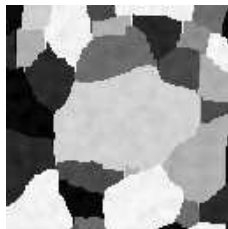
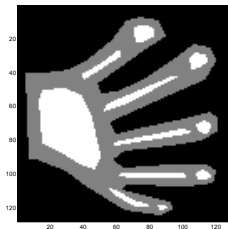
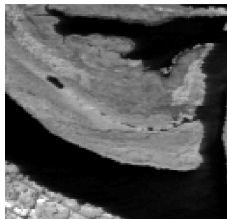
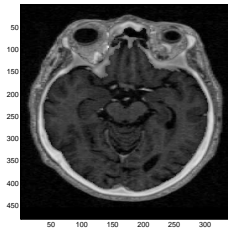
- ▶ Forward & errors model :  $\longrightarrow p(\mathbf{g}|\mathbf{f}, \boldsymbol{\theta}_1; \mathcal{M})$
- ▶ Prior models  $\longrightarrow p(\mathbf{f}|\boldsymbol{\theta}_2; \mathcal{M})$
- ▶ Hyperparameters  $\boldsymbol{\theta} = (\boldsymbol{\theta}_1, \boldsymbol{\theta}_2) \longrightarrow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

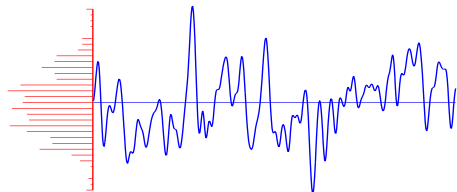
- ▶ Prior modeling
  - ▶ Separable :  
Gaussian, Generalized Gaussian, Gamma, mixture of Gaussians, mixture of Gammas, ...
  - ▶ Markovian : Gauss-Markov, GGM, ...
  - ▶ Separable or Markovian with **hidden variables** (contours, region labels)
- ▶ Choice of the estimator and computational aspects
 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

# Which images I am looking for ?

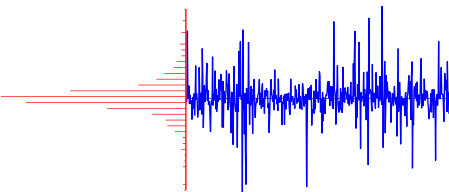




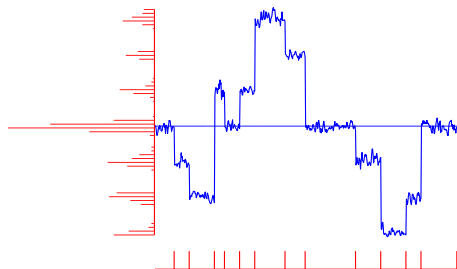
# Which image I am looking for ?



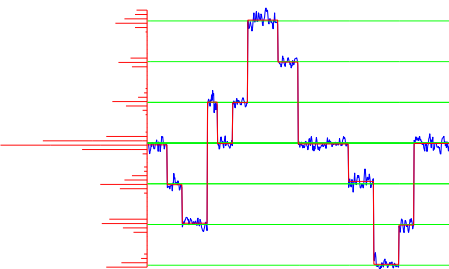
Gauss-Markov



Generalized GM



Piecewise Gaussian



Mixture of GM

# Markovian prior models for images

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

- ▶ Gauss-Markov :  $\phi(t) = |t|^2$
- ▶ Generalized Gauss-Markov :  $\phi(t) = |t|^\alpha$
- ▶ Picewise Gauss-Markov or GGM :  $\phi(t) = \begin{cases} t^2 & |t| \leq T \\ T^2 & |t| > T \end{cases}$   
or equivalently :

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

$q$  line process (contours)

- ▶ Mixture of Gaussians :

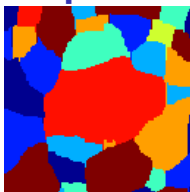
$$\Omega(\mathbf{f}|\mathbf{z}) = \sum_k \sum_{\{j:z_j=k\}} \left( \frac{f_j - m_k}{v_k} \right)^2$$

$z$  region labels process.

# Gauss-Markov-Potts prior models for images



$f(\mathbf{r})$



$z(\mathbf{r})$



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

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

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

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

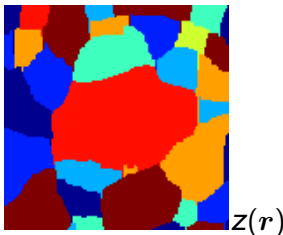
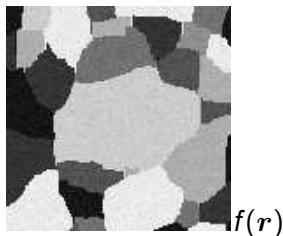
$$p(z(\mathbf{r})|z(\mathbf{r}'), \mathbf{r}' \in \mathcal{V}(\mathbf{r})) \propto \exp \left\{ \gamma \sum_{\mathbf{r}' \in \mathcal{V}(\mathbf{r})} \delta(z(\mathbf{r}) - z(\mathbf{r}')) \right\}$$

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

## Four different cases

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

- ▶  $f|z$  **Gaussian iid**,  $z$  **iid** :  
Mixture of Gaussians
- ▶  $f|z$  **Gauss-Markov**,  $z$  **iid** :  
Mixture of Gauss-Markov
- ▶  $f|z$  **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)



## Case 1 : $f|z$ Gaussian iid, $z$ iid

Independent Mixture of Independent Gaussians (IMIG) :

$$\begin{aligned} p(f(\mathbf{r})|z(\mathbf{r}) = k) &= \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{m}_k, \mathbf{v}_k), \quad \forall \mathbf{r} \in \mathcal{R} \\ p(f(\mathbf{r})) &= \sum_{k=1}^K \alpha_k \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{m}_k, \mathbf{v}_k), \text{ with } \sum_k \alpha_k = 1. \end{aligned}$$

$$p(z) = \prod_{\mathbf{r}} p(z(\mathbf{r}) = k) = \prod_{\mathbf{r}} \alpha_k = \prod_k \alpha_k^{n_k}$$

Noting

$$m_z(\mathbf{r}) = \mathbf{m}_k, \mathbf{v}_z(\mathbf{r}) = \mathbf{v}_k, \alpha_z(\mathbf{r}) = \alpha_k, \forall \mathbf{r} \in \mathcal{R}_k$$

we have :

$$\begin{aligned} p(f|z) &= \prod_{\mathbf{r} \in \mathcal{R}} \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{m}_z(\mathbf{r}), \mathbf{v}_z(\mathbf{r})) \\ p(z) &= \prod_{\mathbf{r}} \alpha_z(\mathbf{r}) = \prod_k \alpha_k^{\sum_{\mathbf{r} \in \mathcal{R}} \delta(z(\mathbf{r})-k)} = \prod_k \alpha_k^{n_k} \end{aligned}$$

## Case 2 : $f|z$ Gauss-Markov, $z$ iid

Independent Mixture of Gauss-Markov (IMGGM) :

$$p(f(\mathbf{r})|z(\mathbf{r}), z(\mathbf{r}'), f(\mathbf{r}'), \mathbf{r}' \in \mathcal{V}(\mathbf{r})) = \mathcal{N}(\mu_z(\mathbf{r}), v_z(\mathbf{r})), \forall \mathbf{r} \in \mathcal{R}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\mu_z(\mathbf{r}) &= \frac{1}{|\mathcal{V}(\mathbf{r})|} \sum_{\mathbf{r}' \in \mathcal{V}(\mathbf{r})} \mu_z^*(\mathbf{r}') \\ \mu_z^*(\mathbf{r}') &= \delta(z(\mathbf{r}') - z(\mathbf{r})) f(\mathbf{r}') + (1 - \delta(z(\mathbf{r}') - z(\mathbf{r}))) m_z(\mathbf{r}') \\ &= (1 - c(\mathbf{r}')) f(\mathbf{r}') + c(\mathbf{r}') m_z(\mathbf{r}')\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}p(\mathbf{f}|z) &\propto \prod_{\mathbf{r}} \mathcal{N}(\mu_z(\mathbf{r}), v_z(\mathbf{r})) \propto \prod_k \alpha_k \mathcal{N}(m_k \mathbf{1}, \mathbf{\Sigma}_k) \\ p(z) &= \prod_{\mathbf{r}} v_z(\mathbf{r}) = \prod_k \alpha_k^{n_k}\end{aligned}$$

with  $\mathbf{1}_k = \mathbf{1}, \forall \mathbf{r} \in \mathcal{R}_k$  and  $\mathbf{\Sigma}_k$  a covariance matrix ( $n_k \times n_k$ ).

## Case 3 : $f|z$ Gauss iid, $z$ Potts

Gauss iid as in Case 1 :

$$p(f|z) = \prod_{r \in \mathcal{R}} \mathcal{N}(m_z(r), v_z(r)) = \prod_k \prod_{r \in \mathcal{R}_k} \mathcal{N}(m_k, v_k)$$

Potts-Markov

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

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

## Case 4 : $f|z$ Gauss-Markov, $z$ Potts

Gauss-Markov as in Case 2 :

$$p(f(\mathbf{r})|z(\mathbf{r}), z(\mathbf{r}'), f(\mathbf{r}'), \mathbf{r}' \in \mathcal{V}(\mathbf{r})) = \mathcal{N}(\mu_z(\mathbf{r}), v_z(\mathbf{r})), \forall \mathbf{r} \in \mathcal{R}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\mu_z(\mathbf{r}) &= \frac{1}{|\mathcal{V}(\mathbf{r})|} \sum_{\mathbf{r}' \in \mathcal{V}(\mathbf{r})} \mu_z^*(\mathbf{r}') \\ \mu_z^*(\mathbf{r}') &= \delta(z(\mathbf{r}') - z(\mathbf{r})) f(\mathbf{r}') + (1 - \delta(z(\mathbf{r}') - z(\mathbf{r}))) m_z(\mathbf{r}')\end{aligned}$$

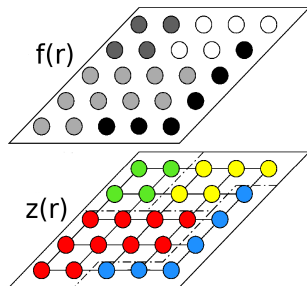
$$p(f|z) \propto \prod_{\mathbf{r}} \mathcal{N}(\mu_z(\mathbf{r}), v_z(\mathbf{r})) \propto \prod_k \alpha_k \mathcal{N}(m_k \mathbf{1}, \Sigma_k)$$

Potts-Markov as in Case 3 :

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

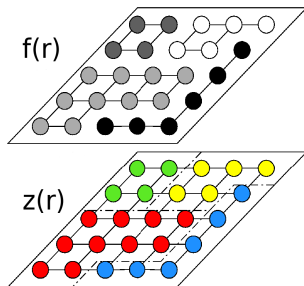


# Summary of the two proposed models



$f|z$  Gaussian iid  
 $z$  Potts-Markov

(MIG with Hidden Potts)



$f|z$  Markov  
 $z$  Potts-Markov

(MGM with hidden Potts)

# Bayesian Computation

$$p(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{z}, \boldsymbol{\theta} | \mathbf{g}) \propto p(\mathbf{g} | \mathbf{f}, \mathbf{z}, \mathbf{v}_\epsilon) p(\mathbf{f} | \mathbf{z}, \mathbf{m}, \mathbf{v}) p(\mathbf{z} | \boldsymbol{\gamma}, \boldsymbol{\alpha}) p(\boldsymbol{\theta})$$

$$\boldsymbol{\theta} = \{ \mathbf{v}_\epsilon, (\alpha_k, \mathbf{m}_k, \mathbf{v}_k), k = 1, \dots, K \} \quad p(\boldsymbol{\theta}) \quad \text{Conjugate priors}$$

- ▶ Direct computation and use of  $p(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{z}, \boldsymbol{\theta} | \mathbf{g}; \mathcal{M})$  is too complex
- ▶ Possible approximations :
  - ▶ Gauss-Laplace (Gaussian approximation)
  - ▶ Exploration (Sampling) using MCMC methods
  - ▶ Separable approximation (Variational techniques)
- ▶ Main idea in Variational Bayesian methods :

Approximate

$$p(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{z}, \boldsymbol{\theta} | \mathbf{g}; \mathcal{M}) \quad \text{by} \quad q(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{z}, \boldsymbol{\theta}) = q_1(\mathbf{f}) q_2(\mathbf{z}) q_3(\boldsymbol{\theta})$$

- ▶ Choice of approximation criterion :  $KL(q : p)$
- ▶ Choice of appropriate families of probability laws for  $q_1(\mathbf{f})$ ,  $q_2(\mathbf{z})$  and  $q_3(\boldsymbol{\theta})$

# MCMC based algorithm

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

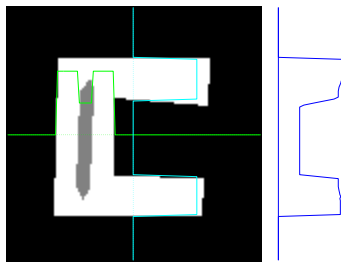
General scheme :

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

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

# Application of CT in NDT

Reconstruction from only 2 projections

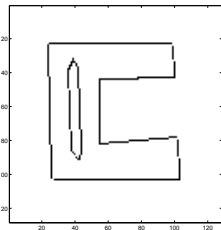
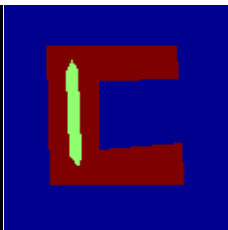
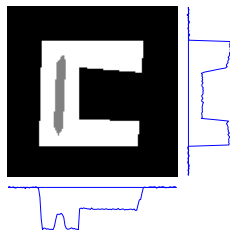


$$g_1(x) = \int f(x, y) dy, \quad g_2(y) = \int f(x, y) dx$$

- ▶ Given the marginals  $g_1(x)$  and  $g_2(y)$  find the joint distribution  $f(x, y)$ .
- ▶ Infinite number of solutions :  $f(x, y) = g_1(x) g_2(y) \Omega(x, y)$   
 $\Omega(x, y)$  is a Copula :

$$\int \Omega(x, y) dx = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \int \Omega(x, y) dy = 1$$

# Application in CT



$$g|f$$
$$g = Hf + \epsilon$$
$$g|f \sim \mathcal{N}(Hf, \sigma_\epsilon^2 I)$$

Gaussian

$$f|z$$

iid Gaussian  
or  
Gauss-Markov

$$z$$

iid  
or  
Potts

$$c$$
$$c(r) \in \{0, 1\}$$
$$1 - \delta(z(r) - z(r'))$$

binary

# Proposed algorithm

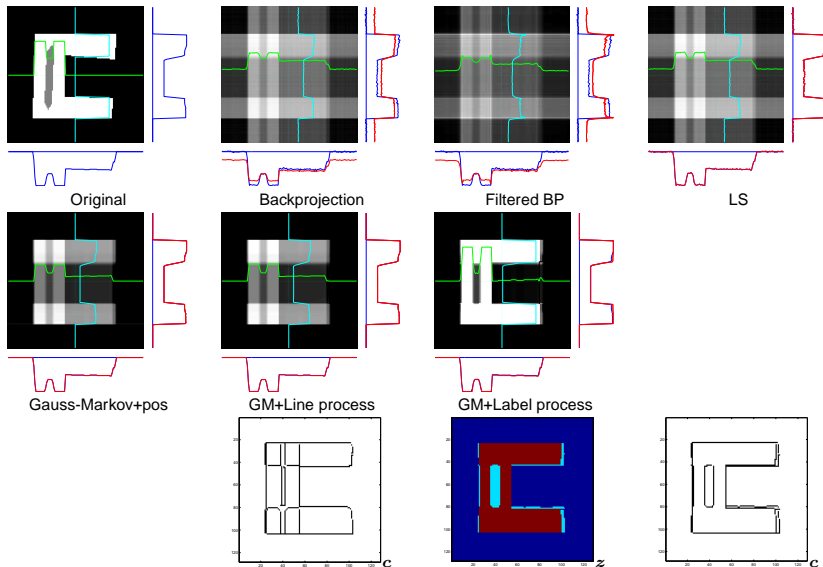
$$p(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{z}, \boldsymbol{\theta} | \mathbf{g}) \propto p(\mathbf{g} | \mathbf{f}, \mathbf{z}, \boldsymbol{\theta}) p(\mathbf{f} | \mathbf{z}, \boldsymbol{\theta}) p(\boldsymbol{\theta})$$

General scheme :

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

- ▶ 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.
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Conjugate priors  $\longrightarrow$  analytical expressions.

# Results

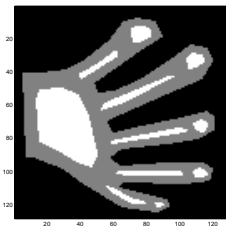


# Application in Microwave imaging

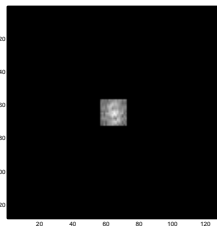
$$g(\omega) = \int f(\mathbf{r}) \exp \{-j(\omega \cdot \mathbf{r})\} d\mathbf{r} + \epsilon(\omega)$$

$$g(u, v) = \int f(x, y) \exp \{-j(ux + vy)\} dx dy + \epsilon(u, v)$$

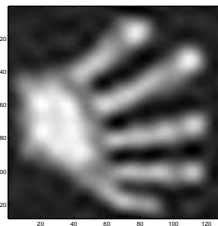
$$g = Hf + \epsilon$$



$f(x, y)$



$g(u, v)$



$\hat{f}$  IFT



$\hat{f}$  Proposed method



# Conclusions

- ▶ Bayesian Inference for inverse problems
- ▶ Approximations (Laplace, MCMC, Variational)
- ▶ Gauss-Markov-Potts are useful prior models for images incorporating regions and contours
- ▶ Separable approximations for Joint posterior with Gauss-Markov-Potts priors
- ▶ Application in different CT (X ray, US, Microwaves, PET, SPECT)

## Perspectives :

- ▶ Efficient implementation in 2D and 3D cases
- ▶ Evaluation of performances and comparison with MCMC methods
- ▶ Application to other linear and non linear inverse problems :  
(PET, SPECT or ultrasound and microwave imaging)

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# Questions and Discussions

- ▶ Thanks for your attentions
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