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# Generalized Hybrid Iterative Methods for Large-Scale Bayesian Inverse Problems

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- Modeling Gaussian priors

- Computing MAP estimates

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# Linear inverse problem

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$$\mathbf{d} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{s} + \boldsymbol{\epsilon} \quad \boldsymbol{\epsilon} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{R})$$

where

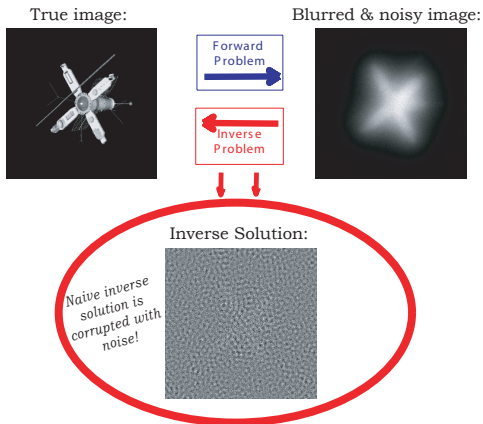
- $\mathbf{d}$  : observations or measurements
- $\mathbf{s}$  : desired parameters
- $\mathbf{A}$  : ill-conditioned matrix models forward process
- $\boldsymbol{\epsilon}$  : additive Gaussian noise,  $\mathbf{R}$  diagonal

- Goal: Given  $\mathbf{d}$  and  $\mathbf{A}$ , compute approximation of  $\mathbf{s}$

# Ill-posed inverse problems

A problem is *ill-posed* if the solution

- does not exist,
- is not unique, or
- does not depend continuously on the data.



# Bayesian approach

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Assume

$$\mathbf{s} \sim \mathcal{N}(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \lambda^{-2} \mathbf{Q})$$

Using Bayes' rule, the posterior distribution

$$\begin{aligned} p(\mathbf{s}|\mathbf{d}) &\propto p(\mathbf{d}|\mathbf{s})p(\mathbf{s}) \\ &= \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}\|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{s} - \mathbf{d}\|_{\mathbf{R}^{-1}}^2 - \frac{\lambda^2}{2}\|\mathbf{s} - \boldsymbol{\mu}\|_{\mathbf{Q}^{-1}}^2\right) \end{aligned}$$

where  $\|\mathbf{x}\|_{\mathbf{M}} = \sqrt{\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{M} \mathbf{x}}$

## MAP Estimate

$$\mathbf{s}_\lambda = \arg \min_{\mathbf{s}} \frac{1}{2}\|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{s} - \mathbf{d}\|_{\mathbf{R}^{-1}}^2 + \frac{\lambda^2}{2}\|\mathbf{s} - \boldsymbol{\mu}\|_{\mathbf{Q}^{-1}}^2$$

# Overview of contributions

## MAP Estimate

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{s}_\lambda &= \arg \min_{\mathbf{s}} \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{s} - \mathbf{d}\|_{\mathbf{R}^{-1}}^2 + \frac{\lambda^2}{2} \|\mathbf{s} - \boldsymbol{\mu}\|_{\mathbf{Q}^{-1}}^2 \\ &= \arg \min_{\mathbf{s}} \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{L}_R(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{s} - \mathbf{d})\|_2^2 + \frac{\lambda^2}{2} \|\mathbf{L}_Q(\mathbf{s} - \boldsymbol{\mu})\|_2^2 \end{aligned}$$

where  $\mathbf{Q}^{-1} = \mathbf{L}_Q^\top \mathbf{L}_Q$  and  $\mathbf{R}^{-1} = \mathbf{L}_R^\top \mathbf{L}_R$

- *Flexibility*: Matérn class of covariance kernels
- *Efficient solvers*: Avoid  $\mathbf{Q}^{-1}$ ,  $\mathbf{L}_Q$ , and  $\mathbf{L}_Q^{-1}$
- *Automatic*: choice of  $\lambda$  and stopping criteria
- *Equivalence*: “project-then-regularize” vs. “regularize-then-project” on prior-conditioned problem

# Matérn covariance family

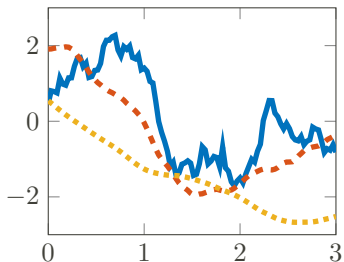
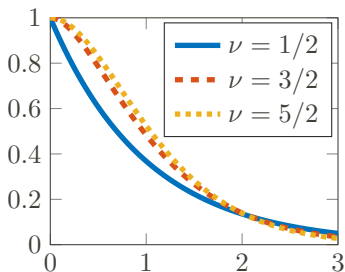
Gaussian prior:  $\mathbf{s} \sim \mathcal{N}(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \lambda^{-2}\mathbf{Q})$

$$\mathbf{Q}_{ij} = \kappa(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j), \quad \mathbf{x}_i \in \mathbb{R}^d$$

Matérn class of covariance kernels (isotropic):

$$\kappa(r) = \frac{1}{2^{\nu-1}\Gamma(\nu)} \left(\sqrt{2\nu}\alpha r\right)^{\nu} K_{\nu} \left(\sqrt{2\nu}\alpha r\right), \quad r = \|\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{x}_j\|_2$$

Examples: Exponential kernel ( $\nu = 1/2$ ), Gaussian kernel ( $\nu = \infty$ )





# Fast covariance evaluations<sup>1</sup>

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$$\mathbf{s} \sim \mathcal{N}(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \lambda^{-2} \mathbf{Q})$$

- Covariance matrices are dense - expensive to store and compute
- e.g., a dense  $10^6 \times 10^6$  matrix requires 7.45 TB in storage

Available approaches for evaluating  $\mathbf{Q}\mathbf{x}$

- FFT based methods
- Hierarchical Matrices, a.k.a. fast multipole method

Compared to the naive  $\mathcal{O}(n^2)$

Storage cost:  $\mathcal{O}(n \log n)$       Matvec cost:  $\mathcal{O}(n \log n)$

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<sup>1</sup> Saibaba et al. (2012), Ambikasaran et al. (2013), Nowak et al (2003)

# Computing MAP estimates

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Normal equations

$$(\mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{R}^{-1} \mathbf{A} + \lambda^2 \mathbf{Q}^{-1}) \mathbf{s} = \mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{R}^{-1} \mathbf{d} + \lambda^2 \mathbf{Q}^{-1} \boldsymbol{\mu}$$

Transformation to standard form / priorconditioning<sup>2</sup>

$$\mathbf{x} \leftarrow \mathbf{L}_\mathbf{Q}(\mathbf{s} - \boldsymbol{\mu}), \quad \mathbf{b} \leftarrow \mathbf{d} - \mathbf{A}\boldsymbol{\mu}$$

$$\min_{\mathbf{x}} \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{L}_\mathbf{R}(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{L}_\mathbf{Q}^{-1}\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{b})\|_2^2 + \frac{\lambda^2}{2} \|\mathbf{x}\|_2^2$$

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<sup>2</sup> Calvetti and Somersalo (2005), Calvetti (2007), Arridge, Betcke, and Harhanen (2014).

# Change of variables

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We make a change of variables

$$\mathbf{x} \leftarrow \mathbf{Q}^{-1}(\mathbf{s} - \boldsymbol{\mu})$$

$$\mathbf{b} \leftarrow \mathbf{d} - \mathbf{A}\boldsymbol{\mu}$$

and get

$$(\mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{R}^{-1} \mathbf{A} \mathbf{Q} + \lambda^2 \mathbf{I}) \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{R}^{-1} \mathbf{b}$$

## Equivalent transformed problem

MAP estimate:

$$\mathbf{s}_\lambda = \boldsymbol{\mu} + \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{x}_\lambda \quad \text{where}$$

$$\mathbf{x}_\lambda = \arg \min_{\mathbf{x}} \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{A} \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{b}\|_{\mathbf{R}^{-1}}^2 + \frac{\lambda^2}{2} \|\mathbf{x}\|_{\mathbf{Q}}^2 \quad (1)$$

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# Generalized Golub-Kahan (gen-GK)<sup>3</sup>

Given  $\mathbf{A}$ ,  $\mathbf{b}$ ,  $\mathbf{R}$ ,  $\mathbf{Q}$ , initialize  $\beta_1 = \|\mathbf{b}\|_{\mathbf{R}^{-1}}$ , then at the  $k$ th iteration,

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{U}_{k+1}\beta_1\mathbf{e}_1 &= \mathbf{b} \\ \mathbf{A}\mathbf{Q}\mathbf{V}_k &= \mathbf{U}_{k+1}\mathbf{B}_k \\ \mathbf{A}^\top\mathbf{R}^{-1}\mathbf{U}_{k+1} &= \mathbf{V}_k\mathbf{B}_k^\top + \alpha_{k+1}\mathbf{v}_{k+1}\mathbf{e}_{k+1}^\top\end{aligned}$$

with

$$\mathbf{U}_{k+1}^\top\mathbf{R}^{-1}\mathbf{U}_{k+1} = \mathbf{I}_{k+1} \quad \mathbf{V}_k^\top\mathbf{Q}\mathbf{V}_k = \mathbf{I}_k$$

## Krylov subspace

$$\mathcal{S}_k \equiv \text{Span}\{\mathbf{V}_k\} = \mathcal{K}_k(\mathbf{A}^\top\mathbf{R}^{-1}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{Q}, \mathbf{A}^\top\mathbf{R}^{-1}\mathbf{b}),$$

where

$$\mathcal{K}_k(\mathbf{C}, \mathbf{g}) \equiv \text{Span}\{\mathbf{g}, \mathbf{C}\mathbf{g}, \dots, \mathbf{C}^{k-1}\mathbf{g}\}.$$

<sup>3</sup> Similar to Benbow (1999), Arioli (2013), Arioli & Orban (2013).

# Generalized LSQR to solve (1)

Basic idea: Search for solutions  $\mathbf{x}_k = \mathbf{V}_k \mathbf{z}_k \in \mathcal{S}_k$

## gen-LSQR subproblem

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{\mathbf{x}_k \in \mathcal{S}_k} \quad & \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{A}_Q \mathbf{x}_k - \mathbf{b}\|_{\mathbf{R}^{-1}}^2 + \frac{\lambda^2}{2} \|\mathbf{x}_k\|_Q^2 \\ & \Downarrow \\ \min_{\mathbf{z}_k \in \mathbb{R}^k} \quad & \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{B}_k \mathbf{z}_k - \beta_1 \mathbf{e}_1\|_2^2 + \frac{\lambda^2}{2} \|\mathbf{z}_k\|_2^2 \end{aligned}$$

Observations:

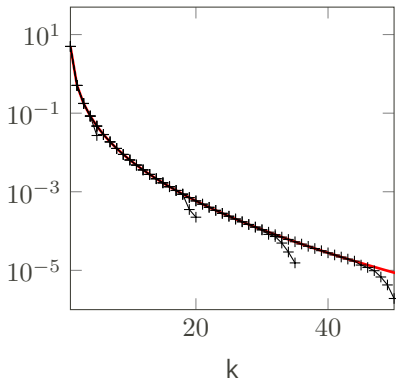
- Efficient regularization parameter selection for projected problem
- Singular values of  $\mathbf{B}_k$  approximate singular values of

$$\hat{\mathbf{A}} \equiv \mathbf{L}_R \mathbf{A} \mathbf{L}_Q^{-1}$$

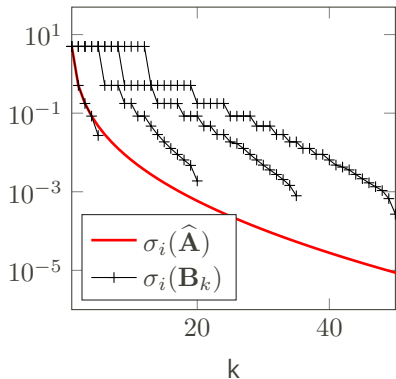
# Illustration

$\sigma_i(\hat{\mathbf{A}})$  - singular values of  $\hat{\mathbf{A}} = \mathbf{L}_R \mathbf{A} \mathbf{L}_Q^{-1}$

$\sigma_i(\mathbf{B}_k)$  - singular values of  $\mathbf{B}_k$



With reorthogonalization



Without reorthogonalization

# Generalized hybrid (gen-HyBR) method

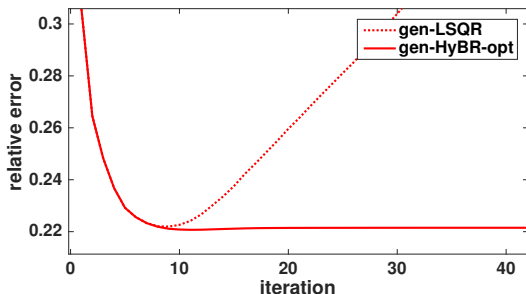
- Use gen-GK to project problem
- Choose  $\lambda$  with standard methods <sup>4</sup>

$$\min_{\mathbf{z}_k \in \mathbb{R}^k} \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{B}_k \mathbf{z}_k - \beta_1 \mathbf{e}_1\|_2^2 + \frac{\lambda^2}{2} \|\mathbf{z}_k\|_2^2$$

- Undo change of variables

$$\hat{\mathbf{s}}_k = \boldsymbol{\mu} + \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{x}_k = \boldsymbol{\mu} + \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{V}_k \mathbf{z}_k$$

- Overcome semi-convergence and automatic stopping criteria



<sup>4</sup> Discrepancy principle (DP), Generalized cross-validation (GCV), Unbiased predictive-risk estimate (UPRE), etc.



# Equivalence results

gen-LSQR iterates

- equivalent to  $k$  CG iterations with  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_{\mathbf{Q}}$  inner products
- can be interpreted as filtered GSVD solutions

## Theorem

Fix  $\lambda \geq 0$  and let  $\mathbf{z}_k = \arg \min_{\mathbf{z}} \|\mathbf{B}_k \mathbf{z} - \beta_1 \mathbf{e}_1\|_2^2 + \lambda^2 \|\mathbf{z}\|_2^2$ . Then the  $k$ -th iterate of gen-HyBR,

$$\boldsymbol{\mu} + \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{V}_k \mathbf{z}_k$$

is equivalent to  $\boldsymbol{\mu} + \mathbf{L}_{\mathbf{Q}}^{-1} \mathbf{w}_k$ , where  $\mathbf{w}_k$  is the  $k$ -th iterate of LSQR on priorconditioned Tikhonov problem

$$\min_{\mathbf{w}} \left\| \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{L}_{\mathbf{R}} \mathbf{A} \mathbf{L}_{\mathbf{Q}}^{-1} \\ \lambda \mathbf{I} \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{w} - \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{L}_{\mathbf{R}} \mathbf{b} \\ \mathbf{0} \end{pmatrix} \right\|_2^2$$

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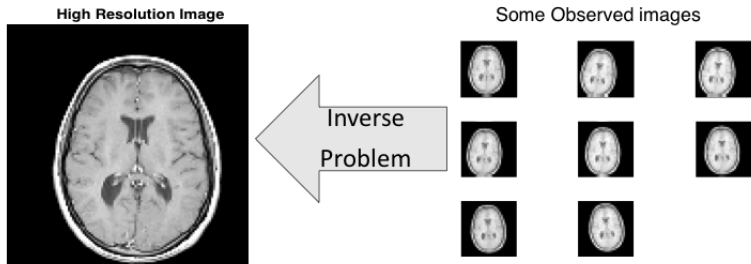
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# Application: Super-resolution imaging

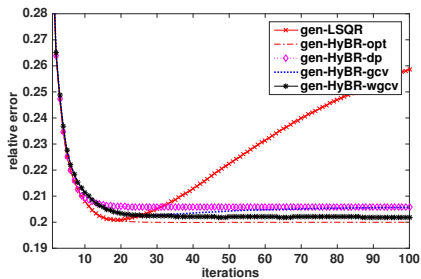
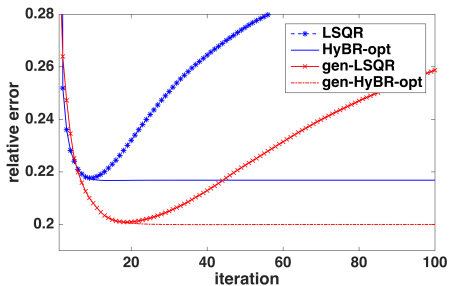


- Given low-resolution images, approximate high-resolution image

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{b}_1 \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{b}_K \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathbf{b}} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A}_1 \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{A}_K \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathbf{A}} \mathbf{s} + \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_1 \\ \vdots \\ \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_K \end{bmatrix}}_{\boldsymbol{\epsilon}}$$

- $\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{I}$ ,  $\boldsymbol{\mu} = \mathbf{0}$ , 2% noise
- LSQR and HyBR-opt use  $\mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{I}$
- gen-LSQR and gen-HyBR-opt use  $\mathbf{Q}$  with  $\nu = 1/2$ ,  $\alpha = 7 \times 10^{-3}$

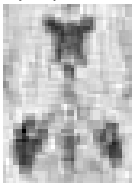
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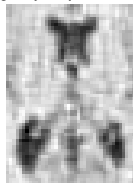
True Subimage



HyBR-opt, rel=0.2171

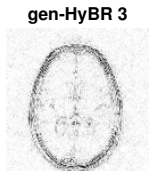
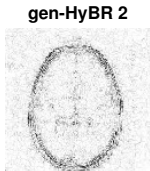
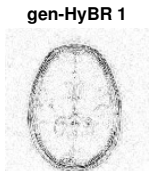
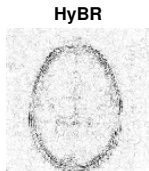
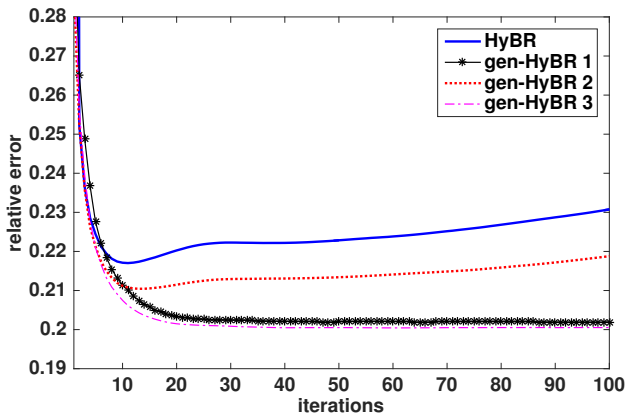


gen-HyBR-opt, rel=0.2000



# Different covariance kernels

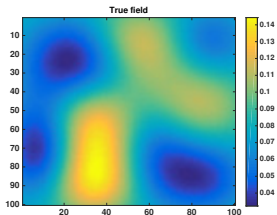
- gen-HyBR-1:  
 $\nu = 1/2$   
 $\alpha = 7 \times 10^{-3}$
- gen-HyBr-2:  
 $\nu = 1/2$   
 $\alpha = 3 \times 10^{-3}$
- gen-HyBr-3:  
 $\nu = \infty$   
 $\alpha = 7 \times 10^{-3}$



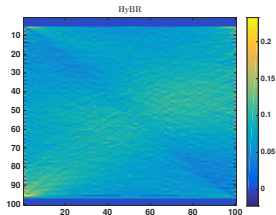
# Application: Seismic tomography

$$\mathbf{d} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{s} + \boldsymbol{\epsilon}$$

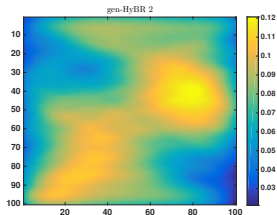
- Given observed travel times,  $\mathbf{d}$
- Approximate slowness in the medium,  $\mathbf{s}$



True image



HyBR, optimal  $\lambda^2 = 4.71 \times 10^{-1}$



gen-HyBR ( $\nu = 3/2$ ), optimal  $\lambda^2 = 2.32 \times 10^{-7}$

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# Conclusions and outlook

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- Developed hybrid method for large Bayesian inverse problems<sup>5</sup>
  - **Flexible:** Matérn covariance family offers a rich class of priors, black box use
  - **Efficient:** Avoid  $\mathbf{Q}^{-1}$  and  $\mathbf{L}_\mathbf{Q}$
  - **Automatic:** Hybrid methods allow automatic regularization parameter selection and stopping criteria
  - **Robust:** Equivalence results
- Ongoing work
  - Use gen-GK bidiagonalization to compute uncertainty estimates (e.g., posterior variances and samples)
  - Exploit separability in covariance matrix  $\mathbf{Q}$

**Thank you!**

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<sup>5</sup> Chung and Saibaba. "Generalized Hybrid Iterative Methods for Large-Scale Bayesian Inverse Problems." To appear in SISC, 2017.