

Before We Begin...

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Why the Hierarchy?

Prior $\pi(\theta) = \int \pi_1(\theta | \theta_1) \pi_2(\theta_1 | \theta_2) \dots \pi_n(\theta_{n-1} | \theta_n) \pi_{n+1}(\theta_n) d\theta_1 d\theta_2 \dots d\theta_n$

$$\begin{cases}
X|\theta \sim f(x|\theta) \\
\theta|\theta_1 \sim \pi_1(\theta|\theta_1) \\
\theta_1|\theta_2 \sim \pi_2(\theta_1|\theta_2) \\
\vdots \\
\theta_{n-1}|\theta_n \sim \pi_n(\theta_{n-1}|\theta_n) \\
\theta_n \sim \pi_{n+1}(\theta_n)
\end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases}
X|\theta \sim f(x|\theta) \\
\theta \sim \pi(\theta)
\end{cases}$$

Why the Hierarchy?

$$X \leftarrow \theta \leftarrow \theta_1 \leftarrow \theta_2 \leftarrow \cdots \theta_{n-1} \leftarrow \theta_n$$

Joint distribution of $(X, \theta, \theta_1, ..., \theta_n)$

$$\begin{split} f(x,\theta,\theta_1,\ldots,\theta_n) &\propto & f(x|\theta,\theta_1,\ldots,\theta_n) \times \\ & \pi_1(\theta|\theta_1,\theta_2,\ldots,\theta_n) \times \\ & \pi_2(\theta_1|\theta_2,\ldots,\theta_n) \times \\ & \vdots \\ & \pi_n(\theta_{n-1}|\theta_n) \times \\ & \pi_{n+1}(\theta_n). \end{split}$$

$$f(x,\theta,\theta_1,\dots,\theta_n) \propto f(x|\theta)\pi_1(\theta|\theta_1)\pi_2(\theta_1|\theta_2)\dots\pi_n(\theta_{n-1}|\theta_n)\pi_{n+1}(\theta_n)$$

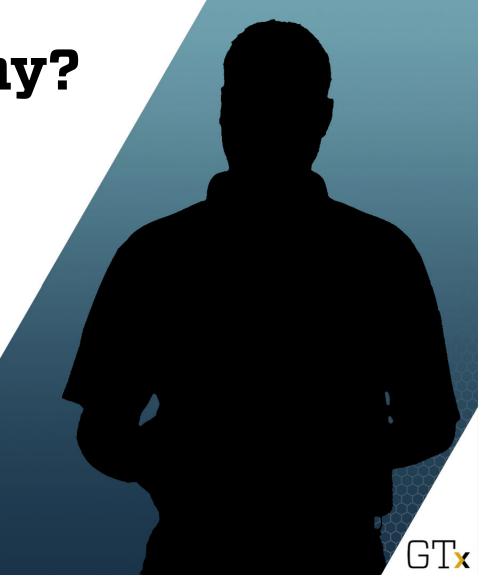


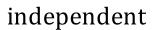
 Modeling requirements ask for hierarchy (e.g. Bayesian Meta-Analysis)

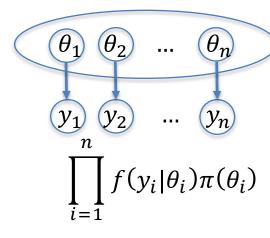
 The prior information can be separated to structural part and subjective/ noninformative part at higher level of hierarchy

 Robustness + objectivity: "Let the data "talk" about hyperparameters."

 Computing issues (utilizing hidden mixtures, mixture priors, MCMC efficiency, etc.)







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$$\theta_2$$
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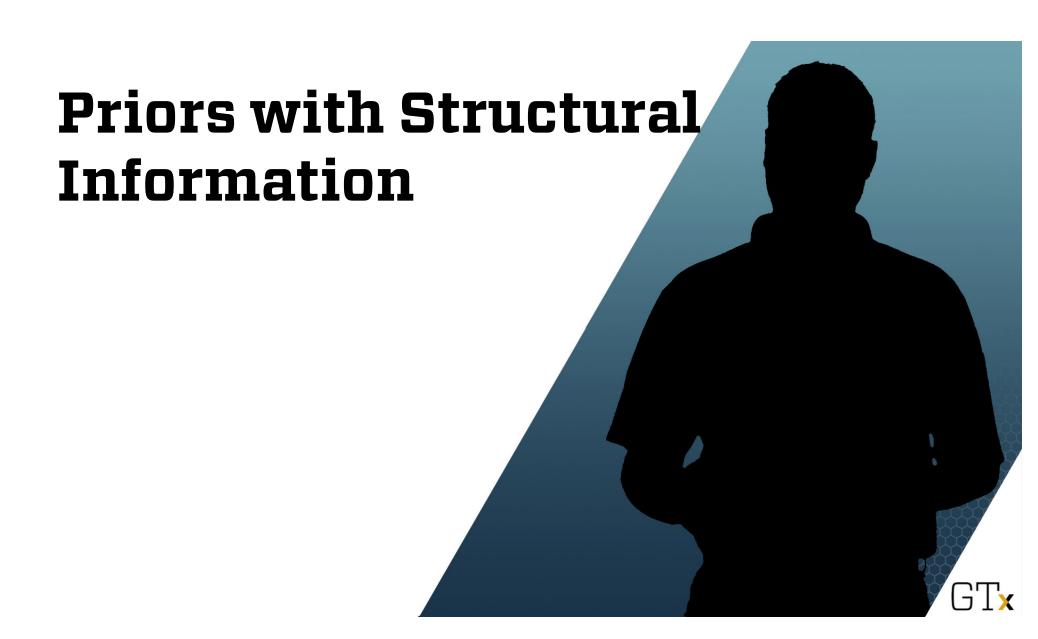
 $Y_1, Y_2, ..., Y_n$ exchangeable

$$\Leftrightarrow (Y_1,\dots,Y_n) \ _{\overline{\operatorname{d}}} \ \big(Y_{\pi_1},Y_{\pi_2},\dots,Y_{\pi_n}\big)$$

where $(\pi_1, ..., \pi_n)$ is any <u>permutation</u> of (1, 2, ..., n)

•
$$(X,Y) \sim \text{MVN}_2 \left(0, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \rho \\ \rho & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right), \quad \rho \in (-1,1)$$

are exchangeable but not independent



Example:

$$X|p \sim \text{Bin}(n, p)$$

 $p|k \sim \text{Beta}(k, k), k \in \mathbb{N}$
 $k|r \sim \text{Geom}(r), p(k = i) = (1 - r)^{i-1}r, i = 1,2,... 0 < r < 1$
 $r \sim \text{Beta}(2,2)$

$$\begin{split} [p|k] \times [k|r] \times [r] & \propto \frac{1}{\mathrm{B}(k,k)} p^{k-1} (1-p)^{k-1} (1-r)^{k-1} r \frac{1}{\mathrm{B}(2,2)} r (1-r), \\ [p|k] \times [k] & \propto \frac{\mathrm{B}(3,k+1)}{\mathrm{B}(k,k)\mathrm{B}(2,2)} p^{k-1} (1-p)^{k-1} \\ [p] & \propto \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\mathrm{B}(3,k+1)}{\mathrm{B}(k,k)\mathrm{B}(2,2)} p^{k-1} (1-p)^{k-1} = \\ \frac{2p^4 (4a-15) - 4p^3 (4a-15) + 2p^2 (11a-25) - 2p (7a-10) + (3a-3)}{20p^4 (1-p)^4} \\ p \in (0,1) \quad a = \sqrt{(2p-1)^2} \end{split}$$

$$X|p \sim \text{Bin}(n,p)$$
: $f(x|p) = \binom{n}{x} p^x (1-p)^{n-x}$

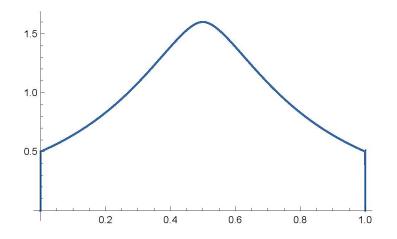
$$p \sim \pi(p)$$
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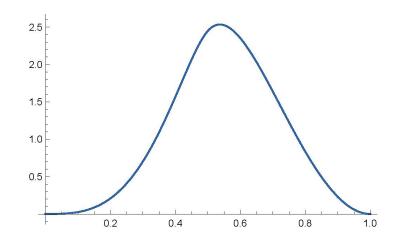
 $p \sim \pi(p)$; **Assume** X = 3, n = 5

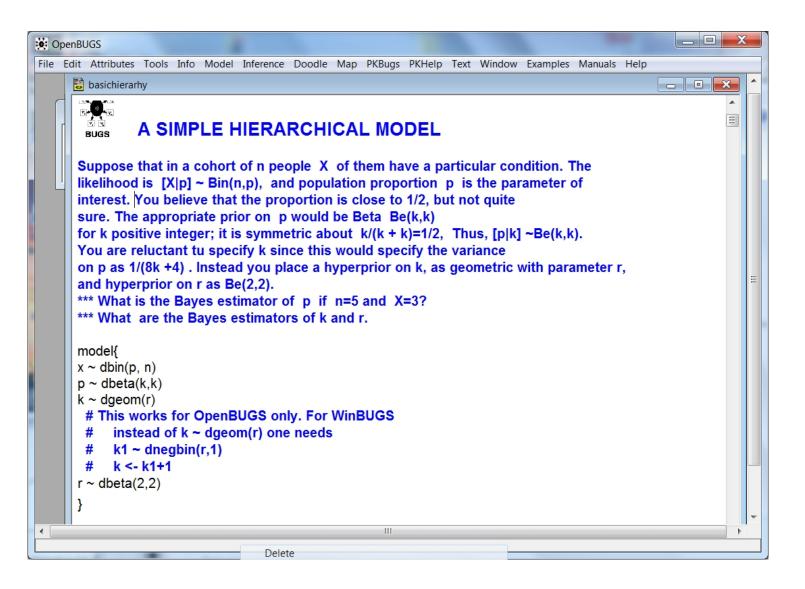
$$E^{\pi}p = \frac{1}{2} = 0.5$$

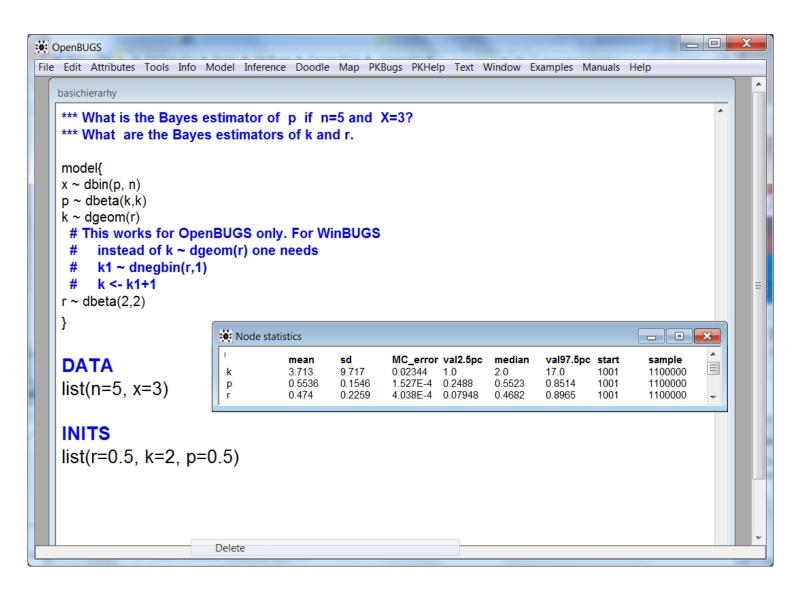
$$\hat{p} = \frac{X}{n} = \frac{3}{5} = 0.6$$

$$E^{\pi(\cdot|X)}p = \frac{80 \log 2 - 55}{56 \log 2 - 38} = 0.553481$$











Priors as Mixtures

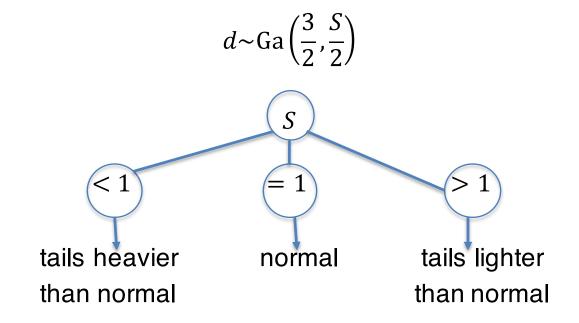
 t_n – prior is a scale mixture of normals

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         t as a scale (precision) mixture of normals
Suppose (1) mu ~ dt(mu0, tau, df) -- mu0 location, tau --precision, df - shape/degrees
of freedom, and
(2) mu ~ dnorm(mu0, prec), prec ~ dgamma(a,b) for a=df/2 and b=df/(2*tau).
model{
X \sim dnorm(mu1, tau1)
mu1 \sim dt(mu0, tau, df)
Y \sim dnorm(mu2, tau1)
mu2 ~ dnorm(mu0, prec)
prec ~ dgamma(a,b)
a <- df/2
b <- df/(2 * tau)
DATA
list(X=10, Y=10, df =6, tau=0.4, tau1=10, mu0=6)
INITS
list(mu1=1, mu2=1, prec=1)
      mean sd MC_error val2.5pc median val97.5pc start sample
  mu1 9.91 0.3162 3.013E-4 9.29 9.91 10.53 1001 1000000
  mu2 9.91 0.3161 3.143E-4 9.29 9.91 10.53 1001 1000000
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Example:

Any symmetric unimodal distribution is a scale mixture of uniforms

$$y|\mu, \delta^2 \sim N(\mu, \delta^2) \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} y|\mu, \delta^2, d \sim U(\mu - \sqrt{\delta^2 d}, \mu + \sqrt{\delta^2 d}) \\ d \sim Ga(\frac{3}{2}, \frac{1}{2}) \end{cases}$$



Jeremy's IQ

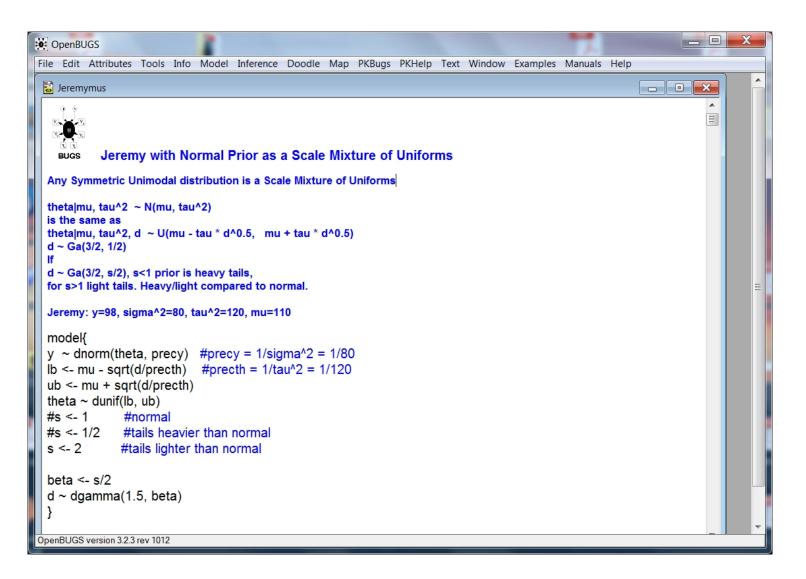
Suppose, as before $X \sim N(\theta, \delta^2)$

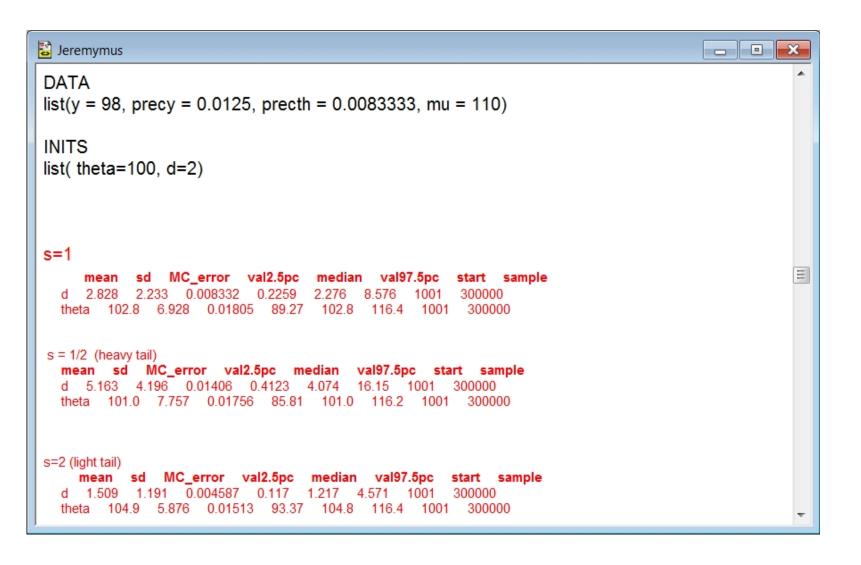
$$\theta \sim N(\mu, \tau^2), \ \delta^2, \tau^2, \mu \text{ known}$$

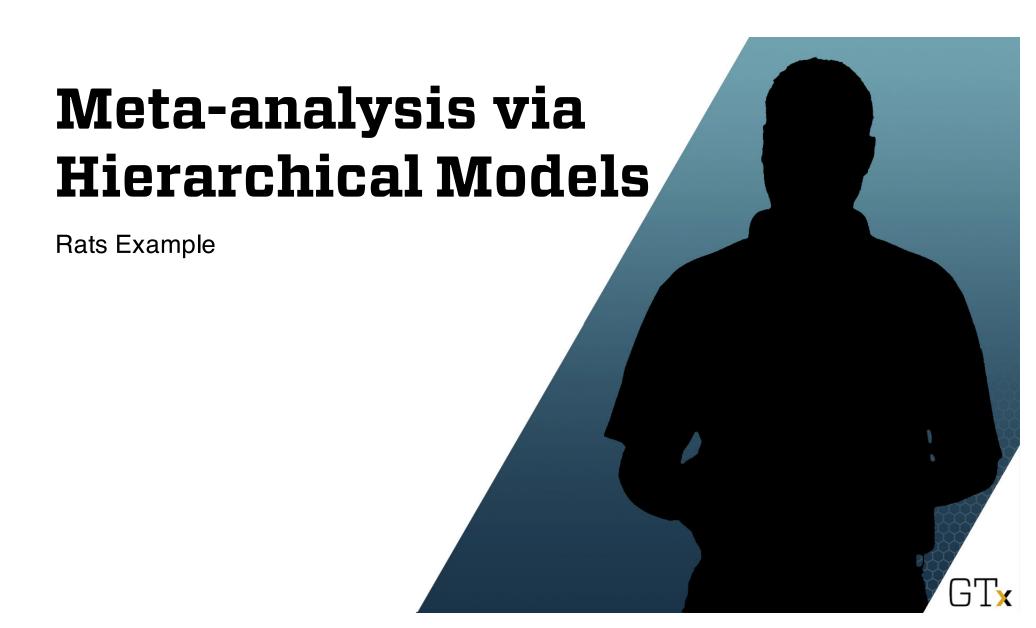
 $X = 98; \delta^2 = 80, \tau^2 = 120, \mu = 110$
 $\Rightarrow \hat{\theta} = 102.8$

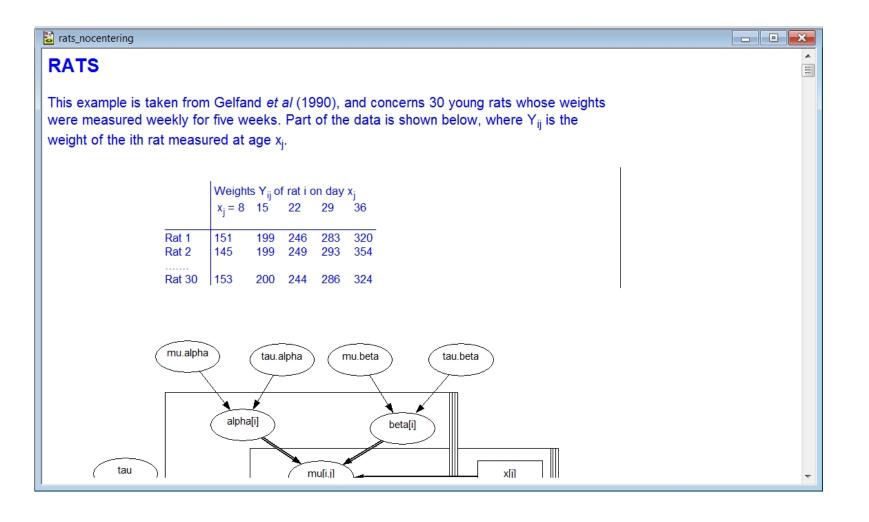
•
$$\theta \sim U(\mu - \sqrt{\tau^2 d}), \mu + \sqrt{\tau^2 d}$$

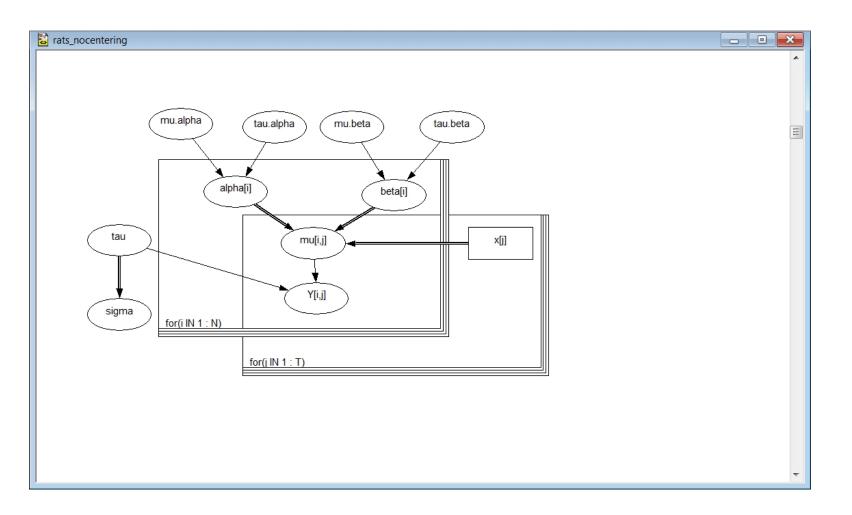
 $d \sim Ga\left(\frac{3}{2}, \frac{s}{2}\right)$
 $s = 1, \theta \sim N(\mu, \tau^2), \hat{\theta} = 102.8$
 $s < 1, \theta \sim \text{heavy tailed}, s = \frac{1}{2}, \hat{\theta} = 101.0$
 $s > 1, \theta \sim \text{light tailed}, s = 2, \hat{\theta} = 104.9$











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ats_nocentering
                                                                              model
                           for( i in 1 : N ) {
                            for( j in 1 : T ) {
                        Y[i, j] \sim dnorm(mu[i, j],tau)
                      mu[i , j] <- alpha[i] + beta[i] * x[j]
                    alpha[i] ~ dnorm(mu.alpha, tau.alpha)
                      beta[i] ~ dnorm(mu.beta,tau.beta)
                       tau \sim dgamma(0.001, 0.001)
                           sigma <- 1 / sqrt(tau)
                     mu.alpha \sim dnorm(0.0,1.0E-6)
                     tau.alpha ~ dgamma(0.001,0.001)
                      mu.beta \sim dnorm(0.0,1.0E-6)
                     tau.beta ~ dgamma(0.001,0.001)
                            → DATA ←
                              INITS
      mu.alpha = 100, mu.beta = 6, tau = 1, tau.alpha = 1, tau.beta = 1)
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                                                        \Rightarrow
                                     list(x = c(8.0, 15.0, 22.0, 29.0, 36.0), N = 30, T = 5,
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