Goal: approximate the true posterior $q(\theta) \approx p(\theta|\mathcal{D})$ $p_0(\theta) \quad p(x_1|\theta) p(x_2|\theta) p(x_3|\theta)$ $q\left(\theta\right) \propto$ $f(\theta)^N$ $p_0(\theta)$ capture the average effect of likelihood terms idealised

 $\tilde{p}(\theta) \propto p_0(\theta) f(\theta)^{N-1} p(x_3|\theta) \approx q_{SEP}^{new}(\theta) \propto p_0(\theta) f(\theta)^{N-1} p(x_3|\theta) \approx q_{SEP}^{new}(\theta) f(\theta)$ **memory** $\mathcal{O}(I)$