

# Lecture 21

## Computational Methods for GPs

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## GPs and Computational Complexity

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Update covariance parameter?

$$\{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}\}_{ij} = \sigma^2 \exp(-\{d\}_{ij}\phi) + \sigma_n^2 1_{i=j} \quad \mathcal{O}(n^2)$$

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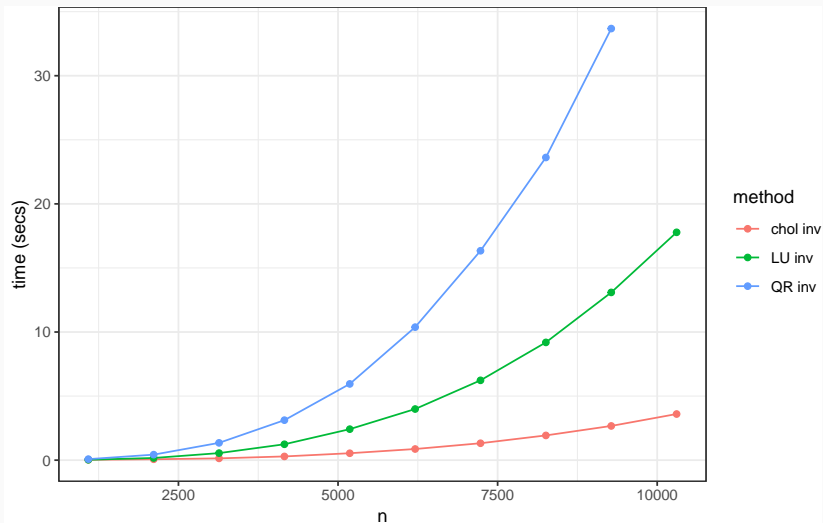
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## How bad is the problem?



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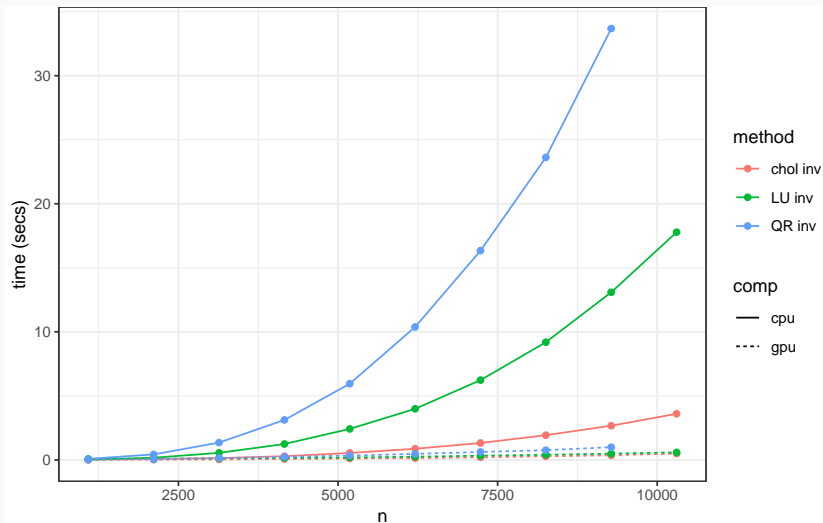
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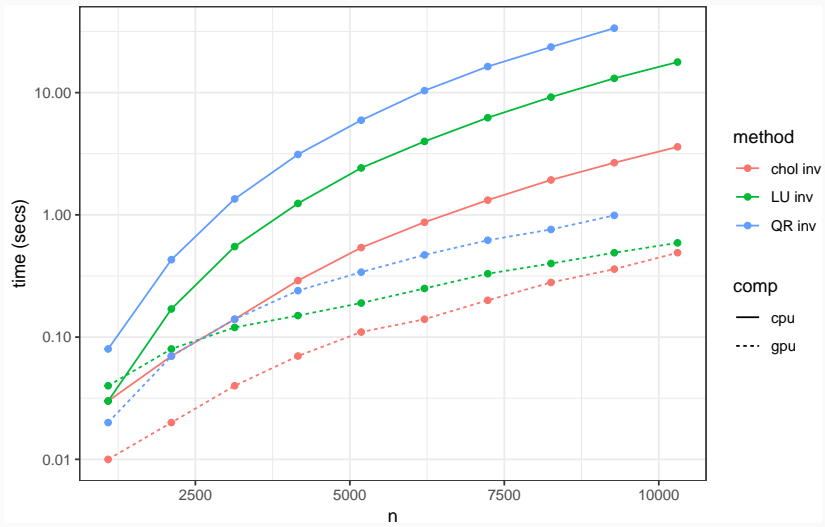
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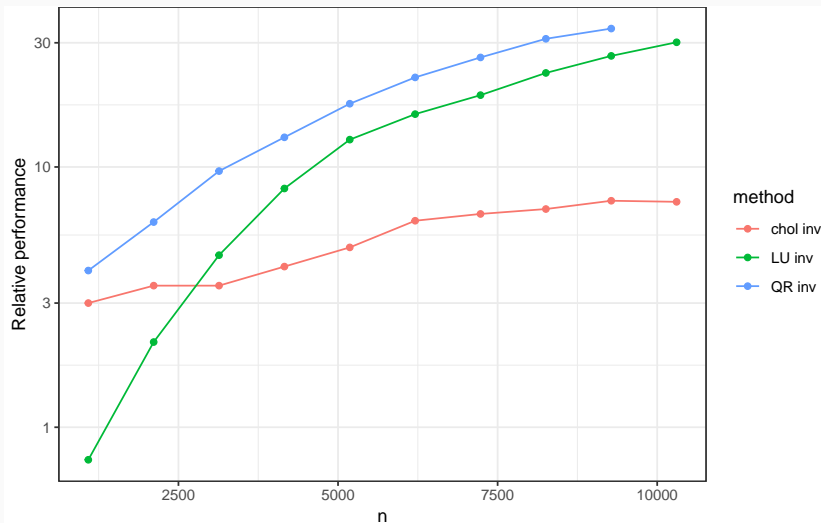


# Cholesky CPU vs GPU (P100)

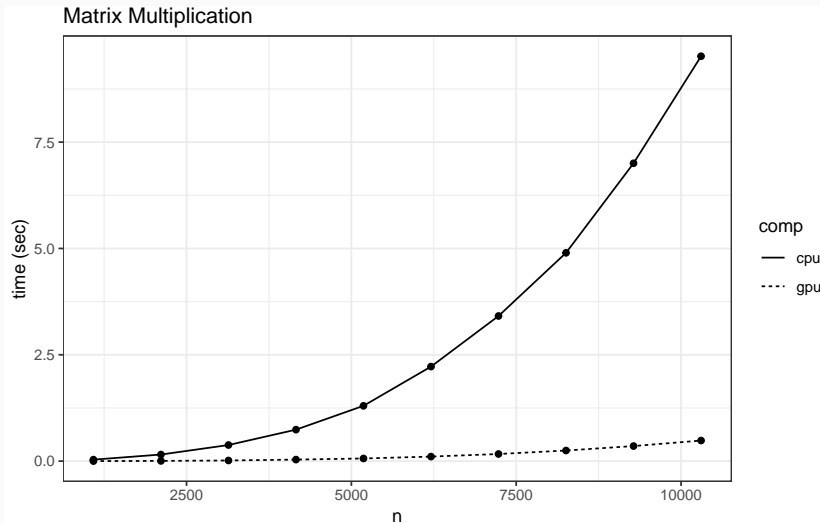




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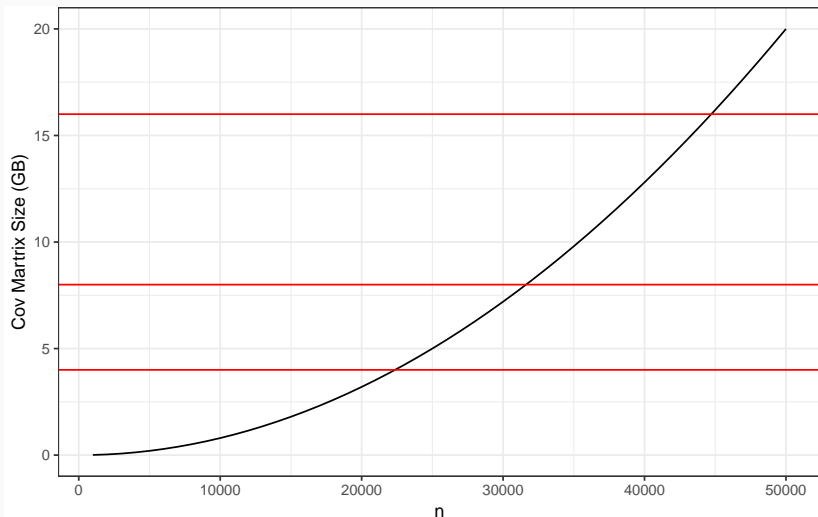


### Matrix Multiplication – Relative Performance



## Aside (2) - Memory Limitations

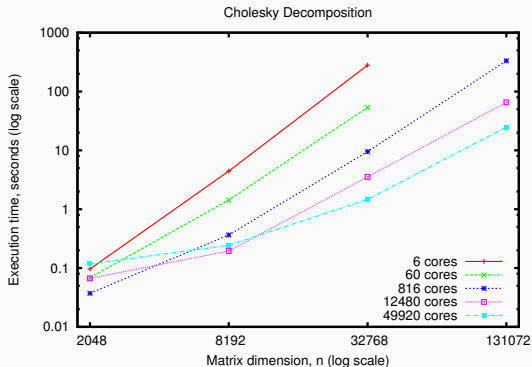
A general covariance is a dense  $n \times n$  matrix, meaning it will require  $n^2 \times 64$ -bits to store.



## Other big hammers

**bigGP** is an R package written by Chris Paciorek (UC Berkeley), et al.

- Specialized distributed implementation of linear algebra operation for GPs
- Designed to run on large super computer clusters
- Uses both shared and distributed memory
- Able to fit models on the order of  $n = 65k$  (32 GB Cov. matrix)



## More scalable solutions?

- Spectral domain / basis functions
- Covariance tapering
- GMRF approximations
- Low-rank approximations
- Nearest-neighbor models



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The Eckart–Young theorem states that we can construct an approximation of  $M$  with rank  $k$  by setting  $\tilde{S}$  to contain only the  $k$  largest singular values and all other values set to zero.

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{M} &= U \operatorname{diag}(\tilde{S}) V^t \\ &= \tilde{U} \operatorname{diag}(\tilde{S}) \tilde{V}^t \end{aligned}$$

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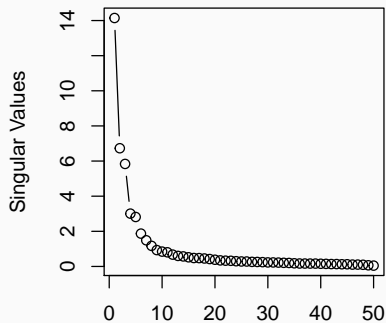
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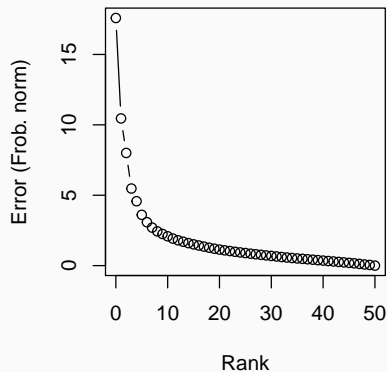
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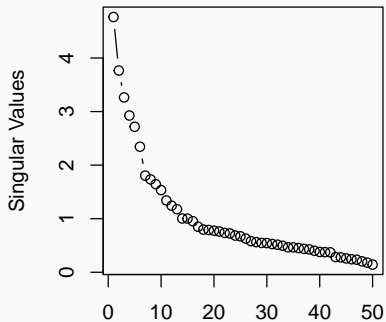
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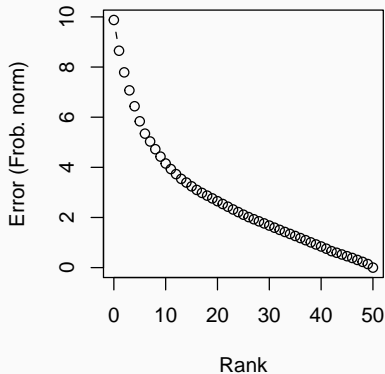


# Cov Mat - Weak dependence (short eff. range):

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How does this help?

- Imagine that  $A = \text{diag}(A)$ , then it is trivial to find  $A^{-1}$ .
- $S^{-1}$  is  $k \times k$  which is hopefully small, or even better  $S = \text{diag}(S)$ .
- $(S^{-1} + V^tA^{-1}U)$  is  $k \times k$  which is also small.

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$$\begin{aligned} \det(M) &= \det(A + USV^t) \\ &= \det(S^{-1} + V^t A^{-1} U) \det(S) \det(A) \end{aligned}$$

## Low rank approximations for GPs

For a standard spatial random effects model,

$$y(\mathbf{s}) = x(\mathbf{s}) \boldsymbol{\beta} + w(\mathbf{s}) + \epsilon, \quad \epsilon \sim N(0, \tau^2 I)$$
$$w(\mathbf{s}) \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}(\mathbf{s})), \quad \boldsymbol{\Sigma}(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{s}') = \sigma \rho(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{s}' | \theta)$$

if we can replace  $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}(\mathbf{s})$  with a low rank approximation of the form

- $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}(\mathbf{s}) \approx \mathbf{U} \mathbf{S} \mathbf{V}^t$  where
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- PPs systematically underestimates variance ( $\sigma^2$ ) and inflate  $\tau^2$ , Modified predictive process corrects this using

$$\begin{aligned} \Sigma(\mathbf{s}) \approx & \Sigma(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{s}^*) \Sigma(\mathbf{s}^*)^{-1} \Sigma(\mathbf{s}^*, \mathbf{s}) \\ & + \text{diag}\left(\Sigma(\mathbf{s}) - \Sigma(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{s}^*) \Sigma(\mathbf{s}^*)^{-1} \Sigma(\mathbf{s}^*, \mathbf{s})\right). \end{aligned}$$

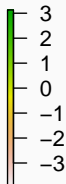
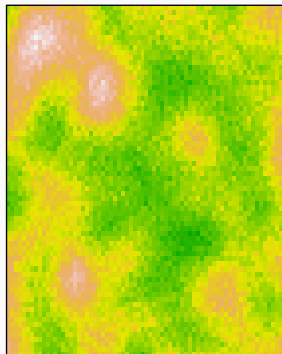
## Example

Below we have a surface generate from a squared exponential Gaussian Process where

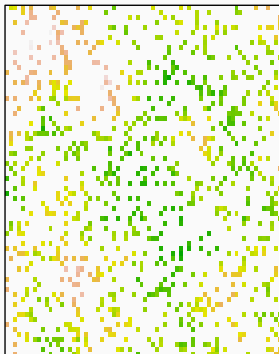
$$\{\Sigma\}_{ij} = \sigma^2 \exp(-(\phi d)^2) + \tau^2 I$$

$$\sigma^2 = 1 \quad \phi = 9 \quad \tau^2 = 0.1$$

**True Surface**

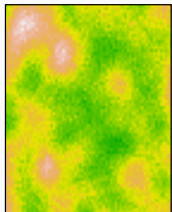


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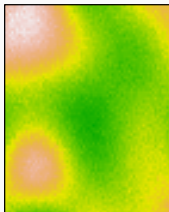


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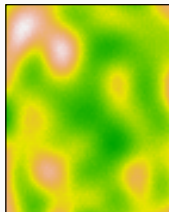
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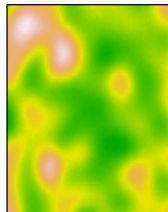
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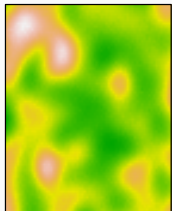
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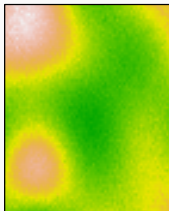
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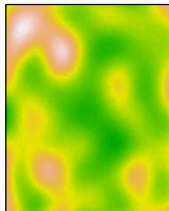
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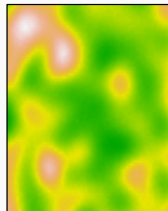
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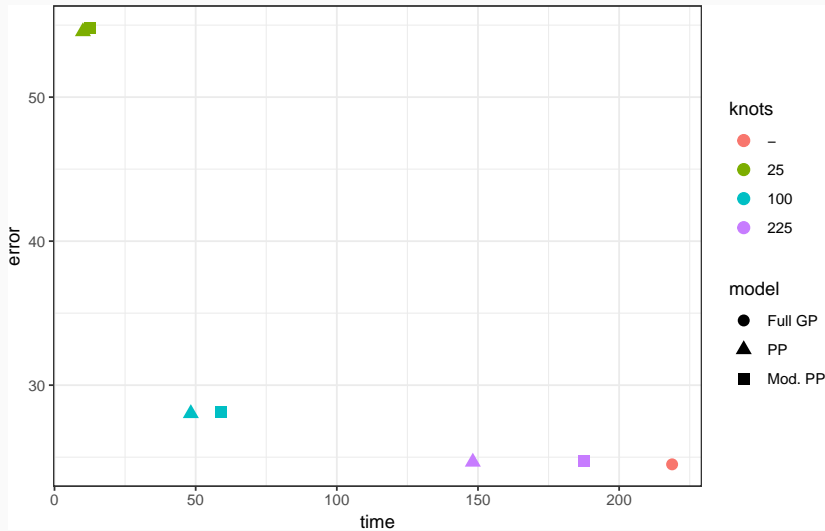
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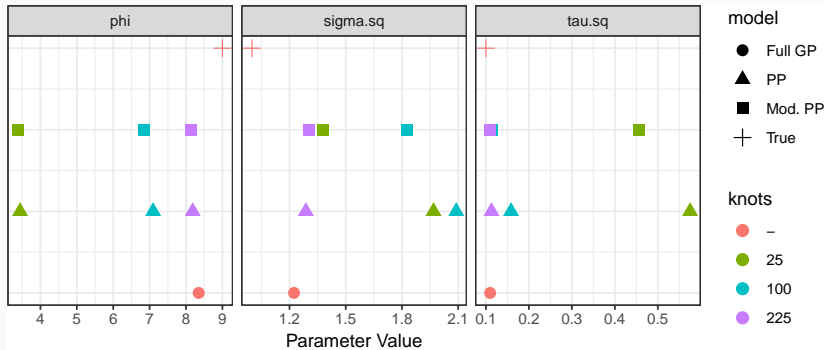
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Resulting approximation has a bounded expected error,

$$E \|\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{U} \mathbf{S} \mathbf{V}'\|_F \leq \left[ 1 + \frac{4\sqrt{k+p}}{p-1} \sqrt{\min(m, n)} \right] \sigma_{k+1}.$$



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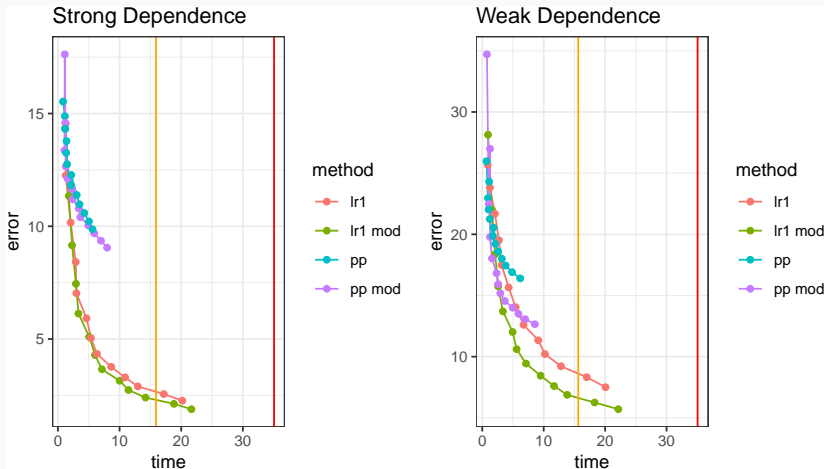
$$E \|\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{U} \mathbf{S} \mathbf{U}'\|_F \lesssim c \cdot \sigma_{k+1}.$$

Both predictive process and random matrix low rank approximations are good candidates for acceleration using GPUs.

- Both use Sherman-Woodbury-Morrison to calculate the inverse (involves matrix multiplication, addition, and a small matrix inverse).
- Predictive processes involves several covariance matrix calculations (knots and cross-covariance) and a small matrix inverse.
- Random matrix low rank approximations involves a large matrix multiplication ( $\mathbf{A} \mathbf{\Omega}$ ) and several small matrix decompositions (QR, eigen).



# Comparison ( $n = 15,000, k = \{100, \dots, 4900\}$ )



This approach can also be used for prediction, if we want to sample

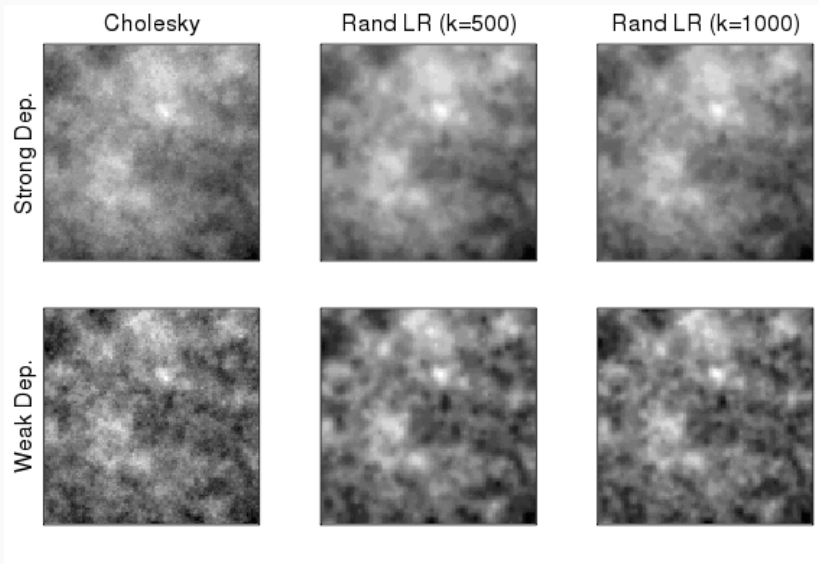
$$\mathbf{y} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{\Sigma})$$

$$\mathbf{\Sigma} \approx \mathbf{U}\mathbf{S}\mathbf{U}^t = (\mathbf{U}\mathbf{S}^{1/2}\mathbf{U}^t)(\mathbf{U}\mathbf{S}^{1/2}\mathbf{U}^t)^t$$

then

$$y_{\text{pred}} = (\mathbf{U}\mathbf{S}^{1/2}\mathbf{U}^t) \times \mathbf{Z} \text{ where } Z_i \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$$

because  $\mathbf{U}^t \mathbf{U} = \mathbf{I}$  since  $\mathbf{U}$  is an orthogonal matrix.



$$n = 1000, \quad p = 10000$$