

Using ILU to estimate the diagonal of the inverse of a matrix

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The problem

Given a large, $N \times N$ matrix A and a function f

find trace of $f(A)$: $\text{Tr}(f(A))$

Common functions:

$$f(A) = A^{-1}$$

$$f(A) = \log(A)$$

$$f(A) = R_i^T A^{-1} R_j$$

Applications: UQ, Data Mining, Quantum Monte Carlo, Lattice QCD

Our focus: $f(A) = A^{-1}$



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then

$$E(x^T A^{-1} x) = \mathbf{Tr}(A^{-1})$$

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for $i=1:n$

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2 problems

Large number of samples

How to compute $x^T A^{-1} x$



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Solve $Ay = x$ with CG
compute $y^T x$

Find quadrature $x^T A^{-1} x$
with Lanczos

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(Golub'69, Bai'95, Meurant'06,'09, Strakos'11, ...)



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Recycling (de Sturler), **Deflation** (Morgan, AS'07, ...) speed up Krylov methods



Selecting the vectors in $x^T A^{-1} x$

Random

$x \in Z_2^N$ best variance for real matrices (Hutchinson 1989)

$x = \text{randn}(N, 1)$ worse variance than Z_2

$x = e_i$ variance depends only on $\text{diag}(A^{-1})$
single large element?

$x = F^T e_i$ mixing of diagonal elements: (Toledo et al. 2010)

$F = \text{DFT}$ or $F = \text{Hadamard}$

Deterministic

$x = H^T e_i, i = 1, \dots, 2^k$ Hadamard in natural order (Bekas et al. 2007)

$x_i^m = \begin{cases} 1 & i \in C_m \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$ Probing. Assumes multicolored graph (Tang et al. 2011)

Random-deterministic

Hierarchical Probing for lattices (A.S, J.L. 2013)



Variance of the estimators

Rademacher vectors $x_i \in \mathbb{Z}_2^N$

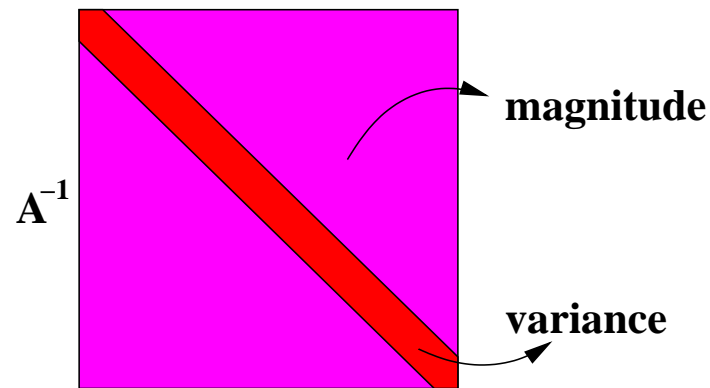
$$\overline{Tr} = \frac{1}{s} \sum_{i=1}^s x_i^T A^{-1} x_i$$

$$\text{Var}(\overline{Tr}) = \frac{2}{s} \|\tilde{A}^{-1}\|_F^2 = \frac{2}{s} \sum_{i \neq j} (A_{ij}^{-1})^2$$

Diagonal $x = e_{j(i)}$

$$\overline{Tr} = \frac{N}{s} \sum_{i=1}^s A_{j(i),j(i)}^{-1}$$

$$\text{Var}(\overline{Tr}) = \frac{N^2}{s} \text{Var}(\text{diag}(A^{-1}))$$



Approximating $\text{diag}(A^{-1})$ from ILU

Consider an **incomplete LU** of A : $[L, U] = \text{ILU}(A)$

If $U^{-1}L^{-1}$ good approximation to A^{-1} then compute trace from:

$$M = \text{diag}(U^{-1}L^{-1})$$

Computing M needs **only one pass** over L, U (Erisman, Tienny, '75)

$$E = U^{-1}L^{-1} - A^{-1}$$

In some cases, $\text{Tr}(E)$ can be sufficiently close to zero

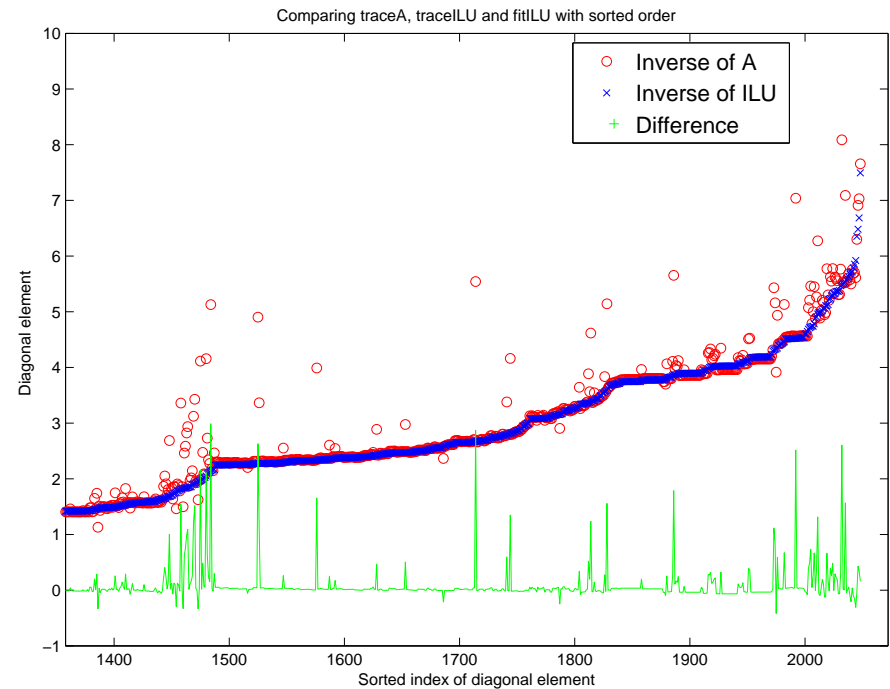
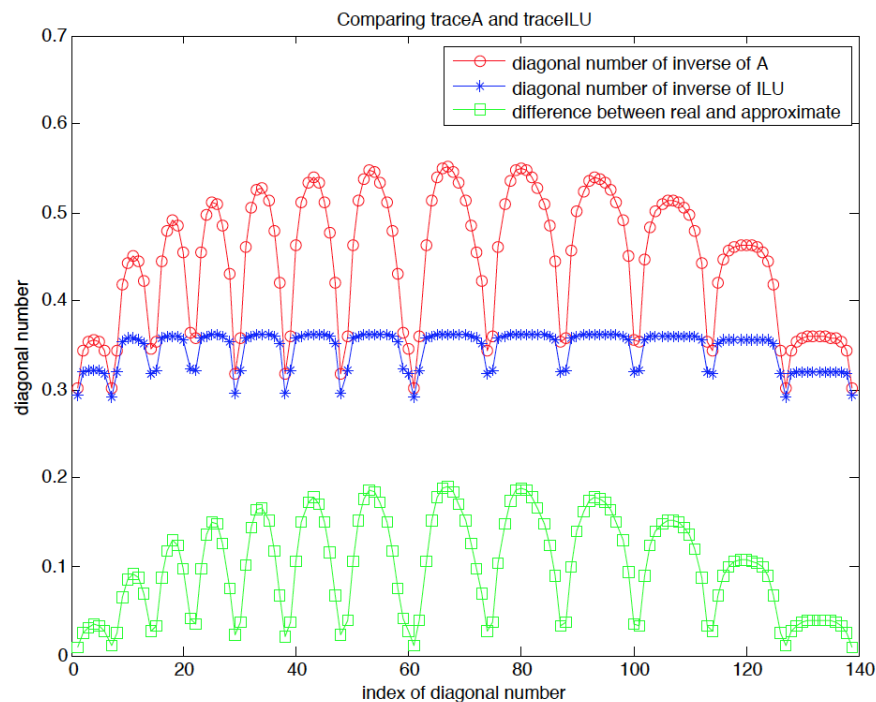
However, what if $|\text{Tr}(E)|$ is not small?



ILU gives more info

Observation: even if $\text{Tr}(E)$ large,
 M may approximate the pattern of $\text{diag}(A^{-1})$ and/or E may have smaller variance

Ex. small Laplacian and DW2048



Capture pattern better by fitting $p(M)$ to $\text{diag}(A^{-1})$

Find $p()$: $\min \|p(M) - \text{diag}(A^{-1})\|$ on a set of m indices

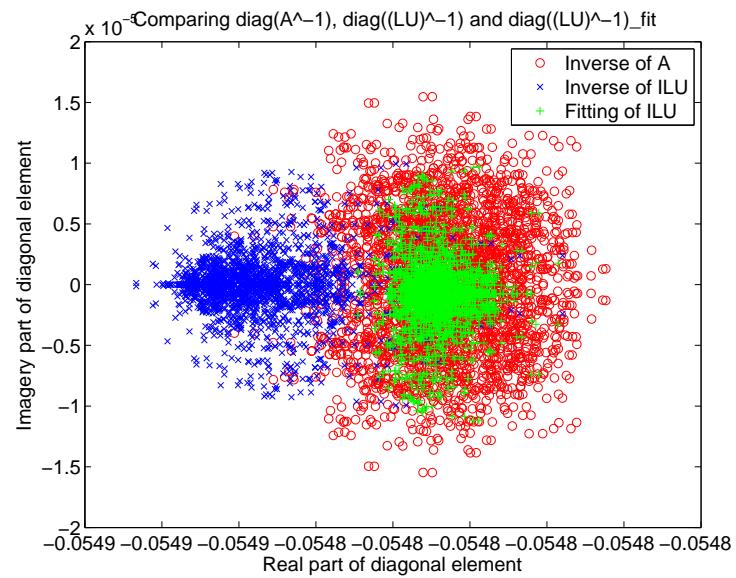
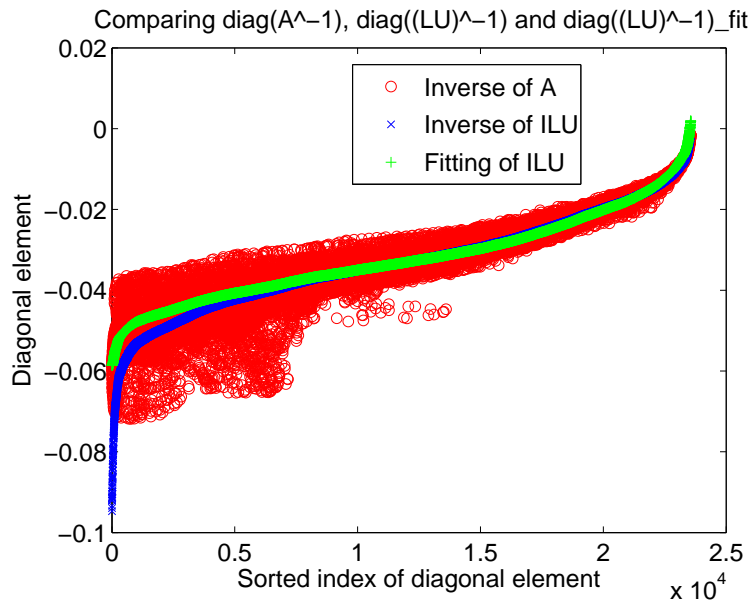
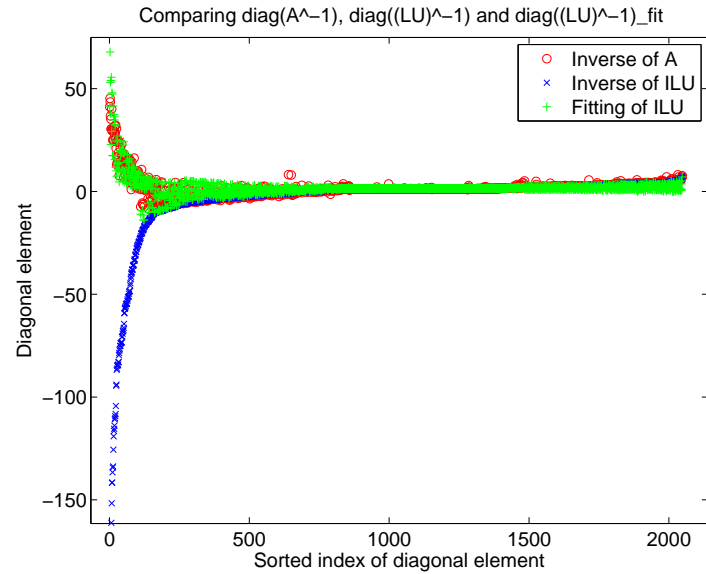
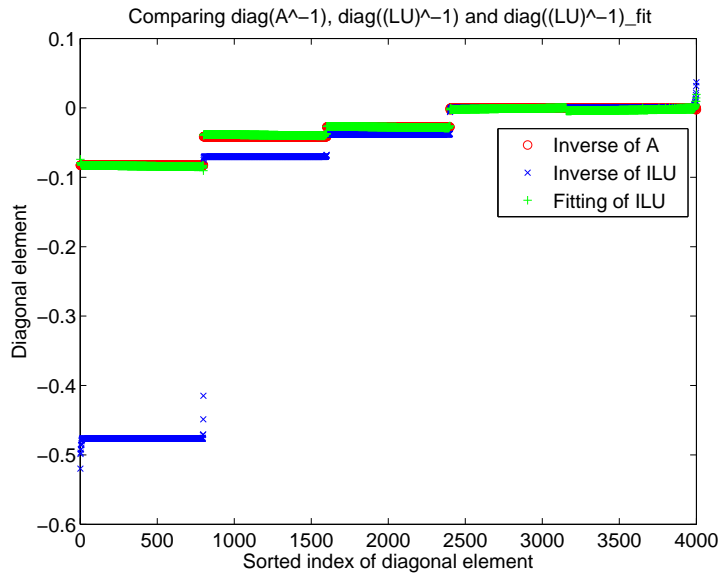
- Induce smoothness on M by sorting
- Use m equispaced indices to capture the range of values
- Compute A_{jj}^{-1} of these indices
- Fit M_j to A_{jj}^{-1} using MATLAB's `LinearModel.stepwise`

When ILU is a good preconditioner, $\text{Tr}(p(M))$ can be accurate to $O(1E-3)$!



Examples of fitting

TOLS4000, DW2048, af23560, conf6



Improving on the $\text{Tr}(M)$ and $\text{Tr}(p(M))$

- MC on $E = M - \text{diag}(A^{-1})$
potentially smaller variance on the diagonal
- MC on $E2 = p(M) - \text{diag}(A^{-1})$
 m inversions for fitting, $s - m$ inversions for MC
further variance improvement
- MC with importance sampling based on M or $p(M)$

Or is traditional Hutchinson better?

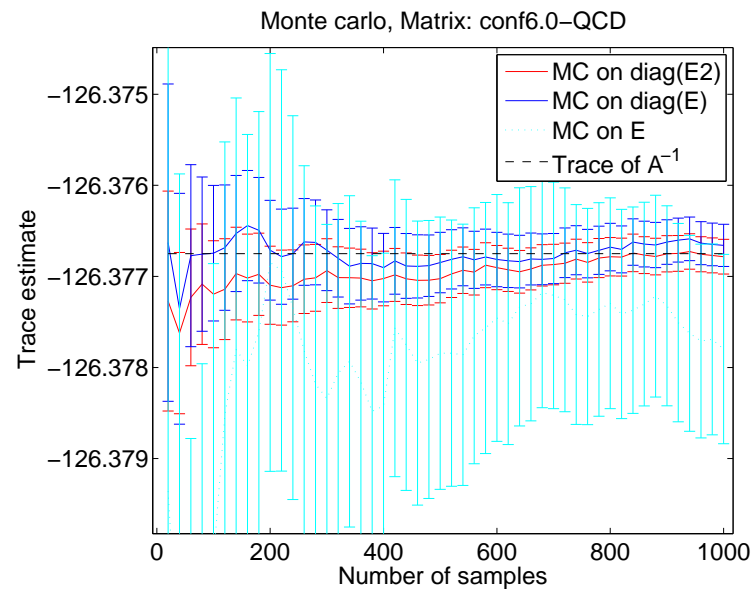
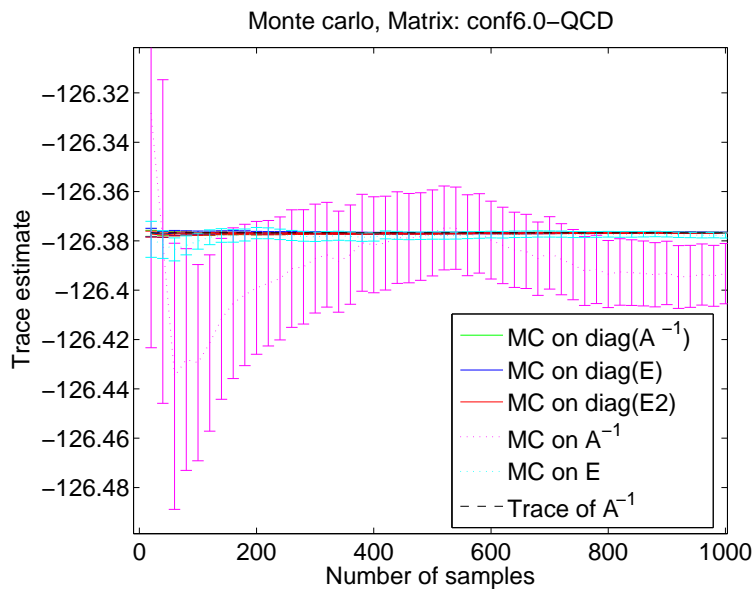
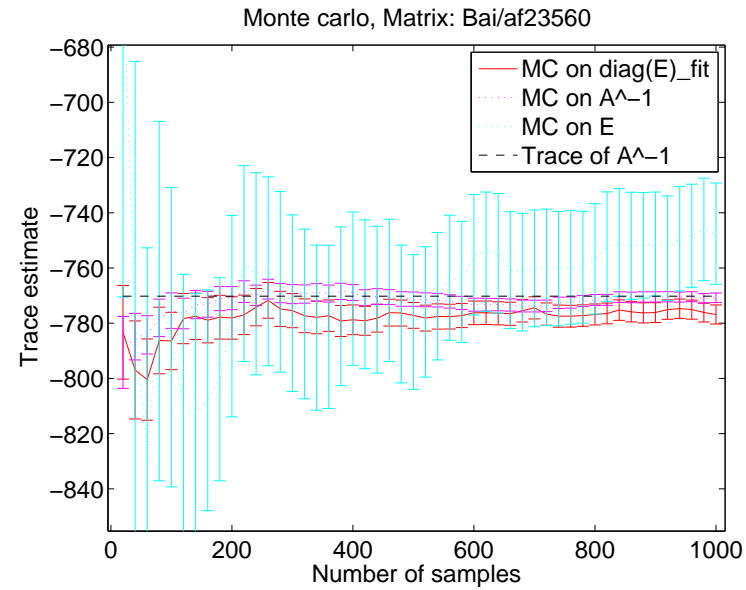
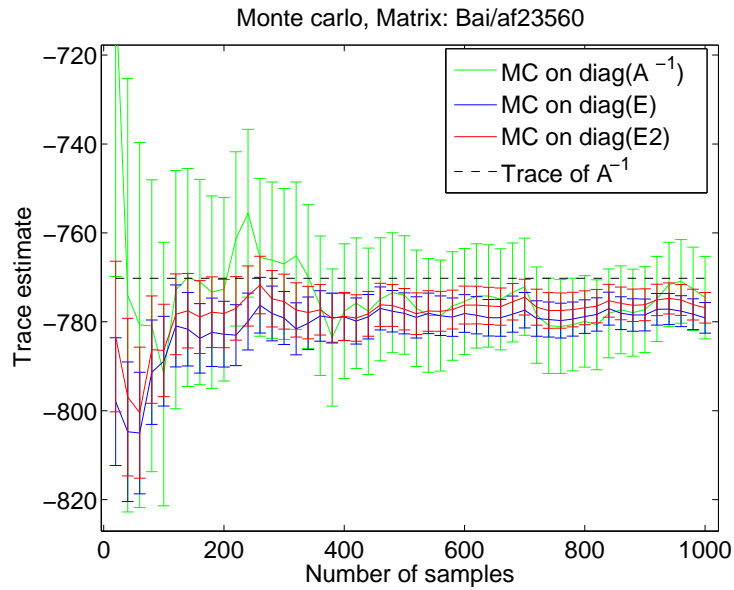
- MC with Z_2^N on A^{-1}
- MC with Z_2^N on E

Depends on approximation properties of ILU



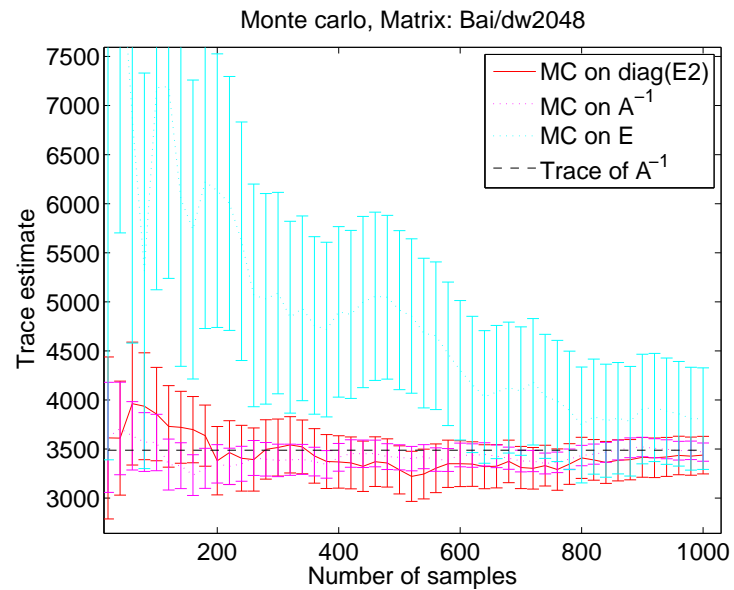
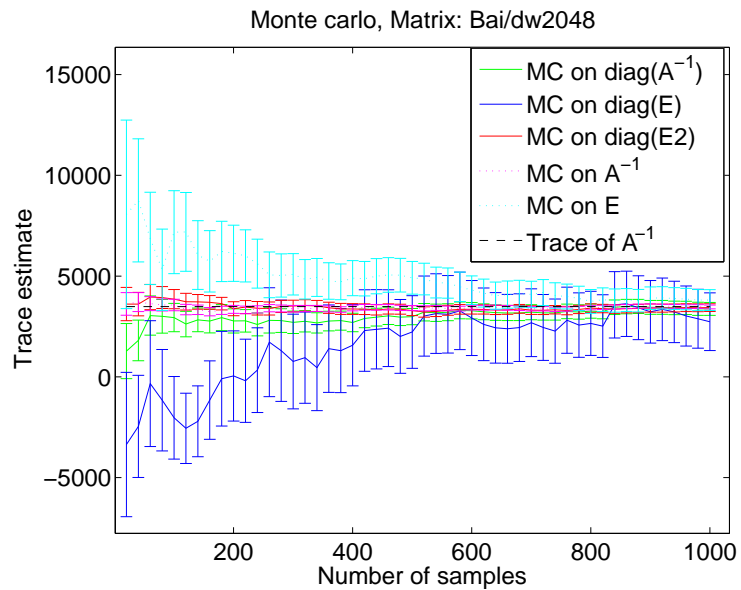
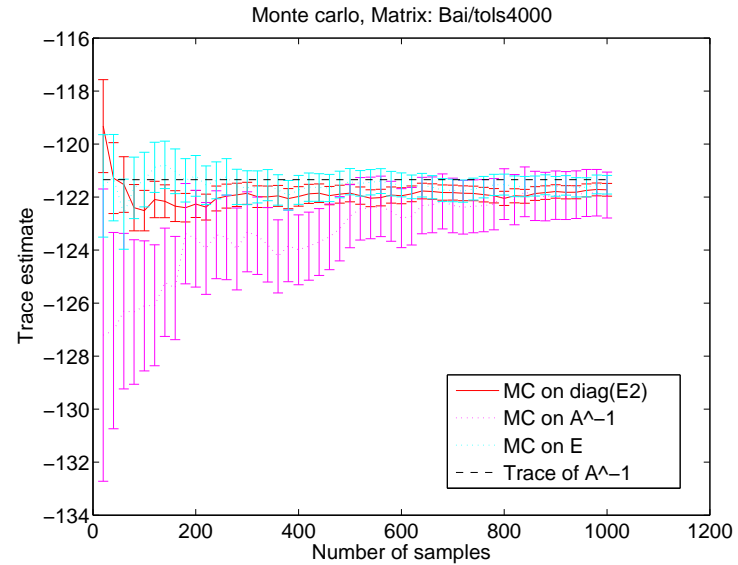
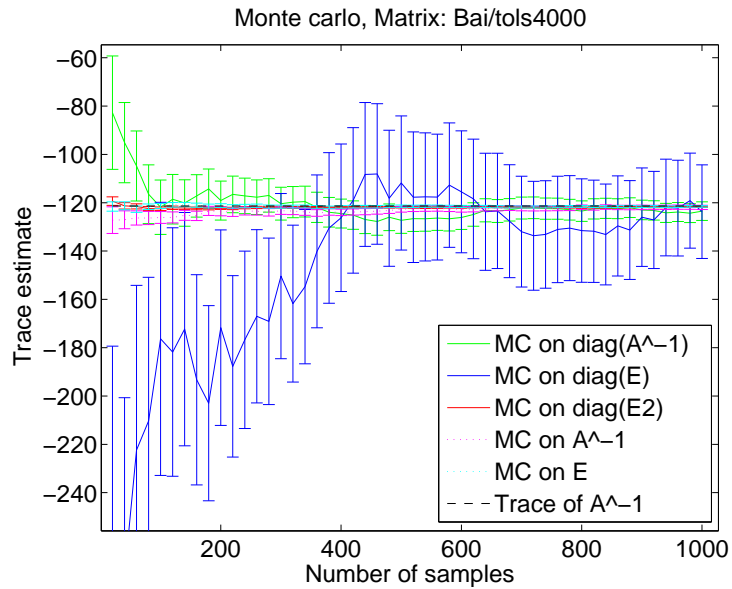
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AF23560, conf6 ($k_c = 10^{-8}$)



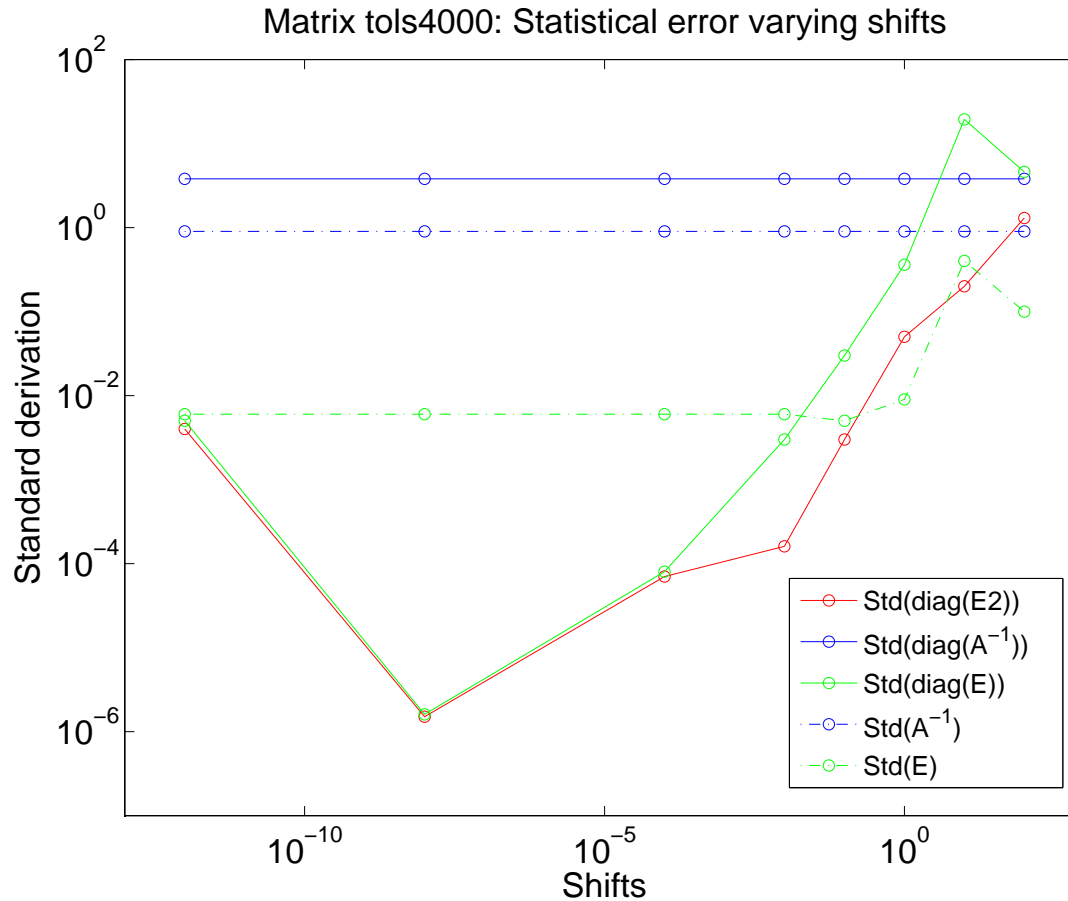
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TOLS4000 ILU(A + 10I), DW2048 ILU(A + 0.01I)



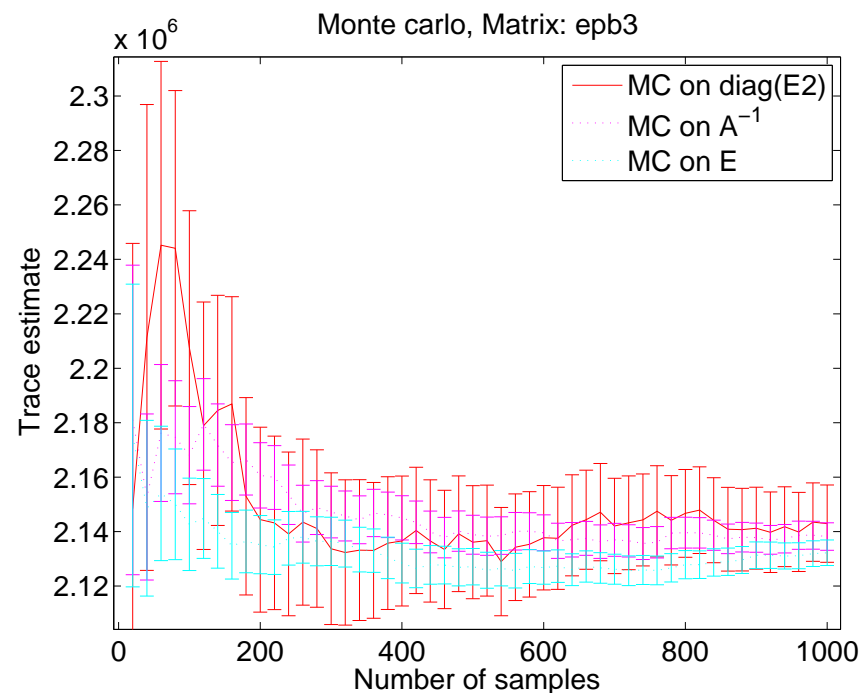
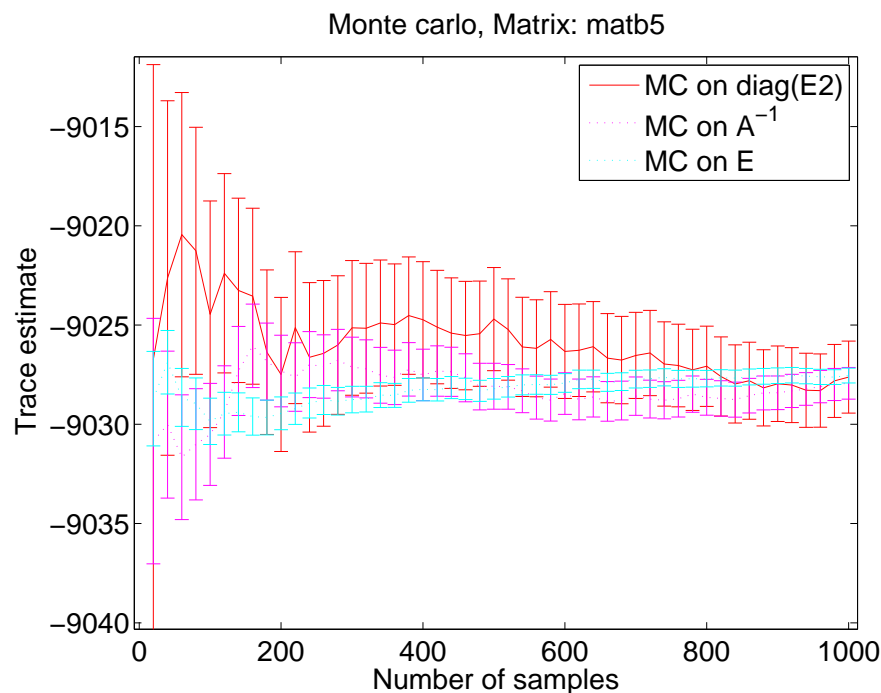
Often ILU on A is not possible, ill-conditioned, or too expensive

Better results if we use a better conditioned $ILU(A + \sigma I)$ and allow the fitting to fix the diagonal



QCD matrix (49K) close to k_c

EPB3



Here E had smaller off diagonal variance — Not easily predictable by theory



Dynamically identifying smallest variance

For every fitting point $i = 1, \dots, m$

Compute $a_i = A^{-1}e_i$

- Based on $a_{ii} = A_{ii}^{-1}$ update estimates for
 $\text{var}(\text{diag}(A))$
 $\text{var}(\text{diag}(E)) (a_{ii} - M_i)$
 $\text{var}(\text{diag}(E^2)) (a_{ii} - p(M_i))$
- Use $\|a_i\|^2 - a_{ii}^2$ to update estimate for
 $\text{var}(\text{MC on } A) = \|\bar{A}\|_F^2$
- Compute $\mu_i = U^{-1}L^{-1}e_i$ and update estimate for
 $\text{var}(\text{MC on } E) (\|a_i - \mu_i\|^2 - a_{ii}^2 - \mu_{ii}^2)$

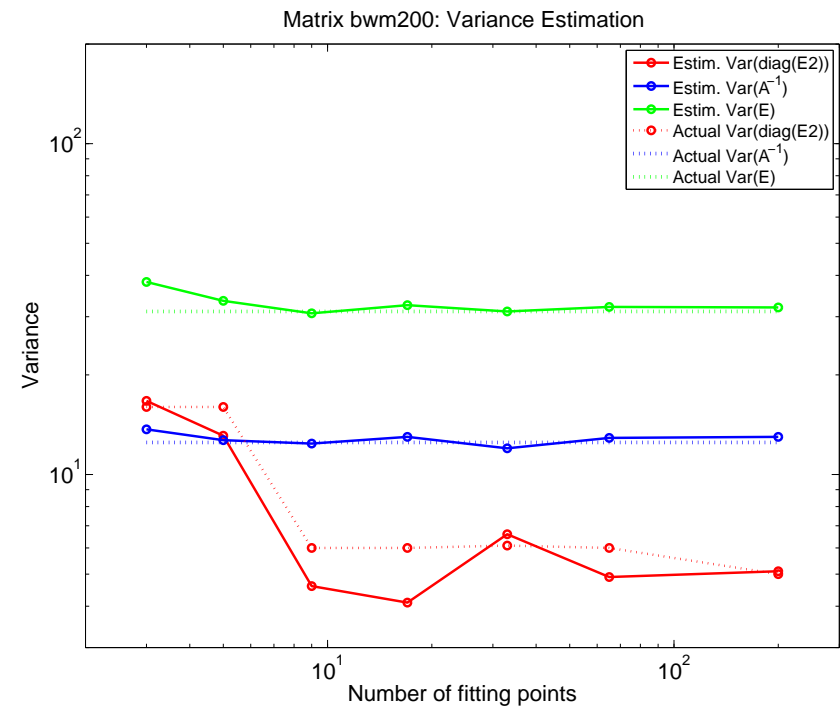
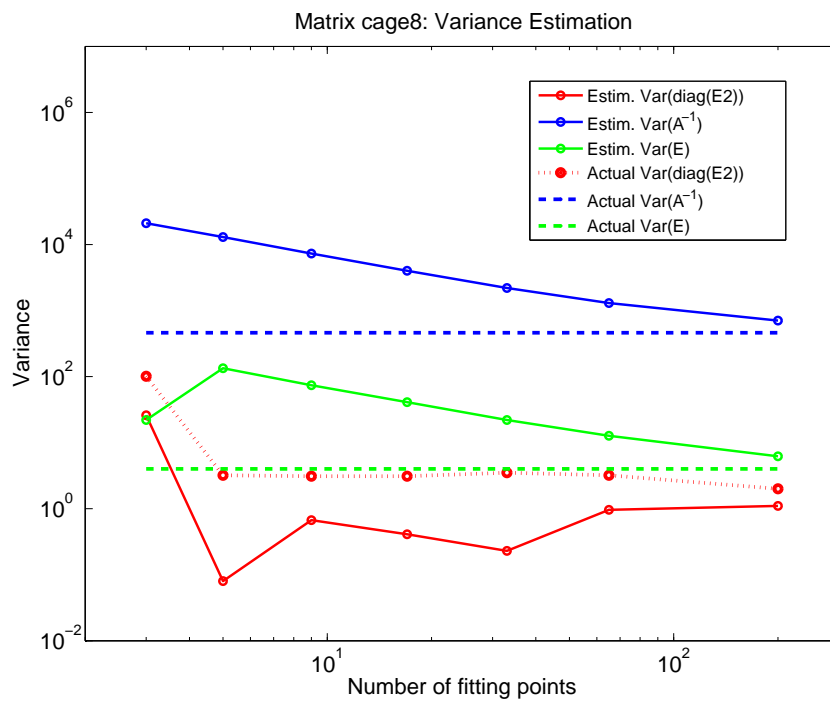
Large differences in various methods would show after a few points



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Estimated variance converges to actual variance

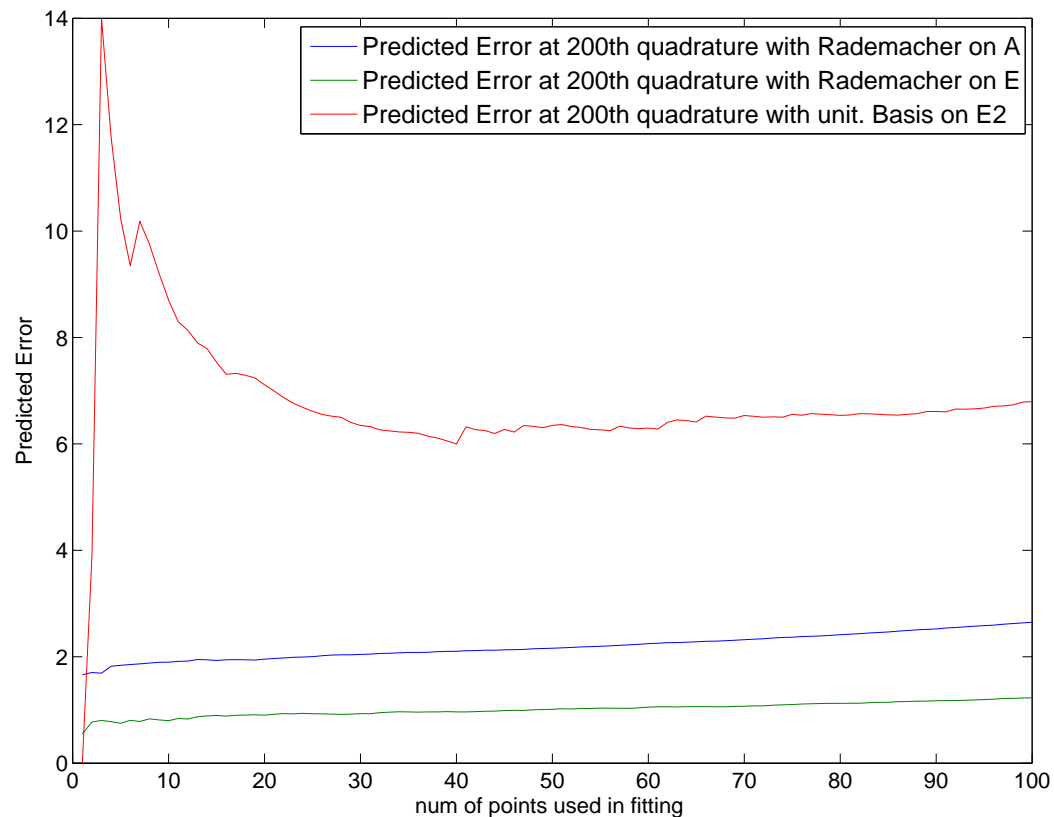
Relative differences apparent almost immediately



Dynamically identifying smallest variance

Given a total s of allowed steps, ask what method will give the smallest error at s

Eg., the matb5 QCD matrix:



After 10 steps, excellent match between estimated and observed variances



Conclusions

A method to approximate $\text{Tr}(A^{-1})$ based on ILU

- Negligible additional computational cost
- Very good accuracy, if ILU is effective
- Fitting improves accuracy
- MC on the fitted diagonal improves speed too

Easy to monitor and choose the most appropriate MC estimator

