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Some high points of what got cut for time

- We ran out of time! Here are some high-level summary points beyond what we discussed together:
 - There are other challenges with many inputs, both conceptual and practical
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 - In particular, the matrix inverse can be expensive
 - There are incredibly many papers about fast approximations to the exact Gaussian process
 - Each approximation has pros and cons
- Bayesian optimization inherits many of the pros and cons of Gaussian processes for regression
 - Exercise: once you learn about Bayesian optimization, think about how the pros and cons we discussed together might translate there

Roadmap

- Bayesian modeling and inference
- Gaussian process model
 - Popular version using a squared exponential kernel
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 - Prediction & uncertainty quantification
- Observation noise
- What uncertainty are we quantifying?
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