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Reducing Machine Learning Model Emissions by Integrating Physics Knowledge

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Engineering Computing

Almost all engineers/engineering companies are using artificial intelligence (AI) or machine learning (ML)

- Data analysis
- Generative design
- Project planning
- Code writing
- Predictive modelling

↑ Energy consumption



Engineering research focusses on achieving sustainability related goals

Engineering Machine Learning

Data

- Temperatures
- Weathers
- Wind speeds
- Wind directions
- Loading from cars
- Loading from waves
- Tide levels



Physical knowledge

- Materials
- Dimensions
- Manufacturing techniques
- Structural mechanics theory
- Wave force models
- Design constraints

Physics-Informed Machine Learning

Increased interpretability, increased extrapolation performance

Less understanding required, superior flexibility to represent data

Black-box modelling:

- Gaussian processes
- Neural networks
- Random forests
- Support vector machines

Grey-box modelling

- PINNs

White-box modelling:

- Finite element methods
- Computational fluid dynamics
- Differential equations
- Conservation laws

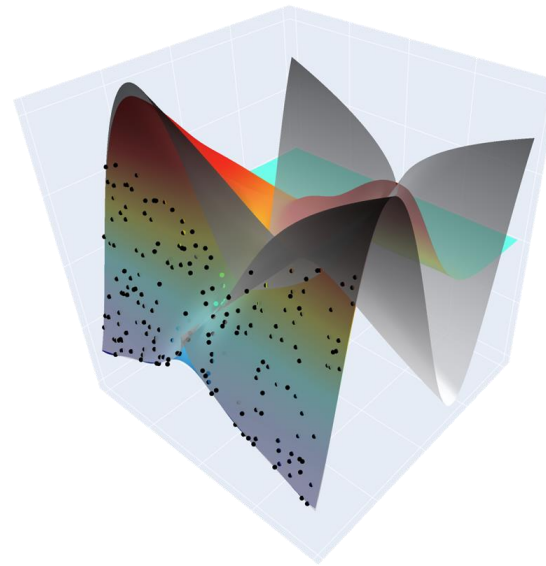
Our Research Objective

Increase physics in model → Increased model complexity → Increased runtime and emissions?

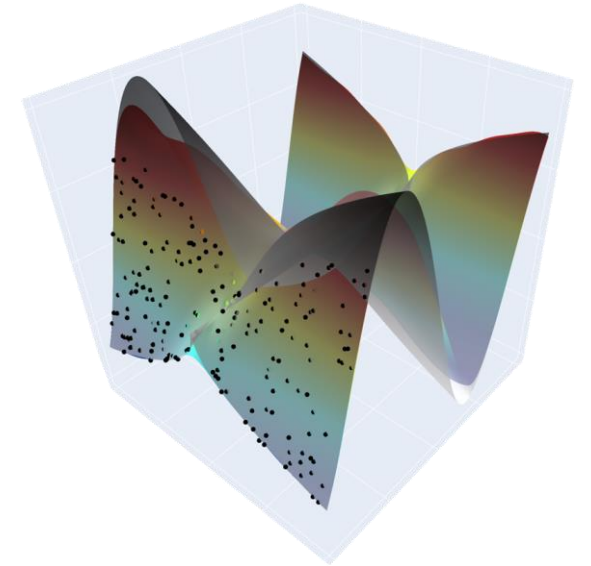
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Increase extrapolative performance

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Decrease training data requirement

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Decrease runtime and emissions?



Black-Box Model



Grey-Box Model

Gaussian Processes

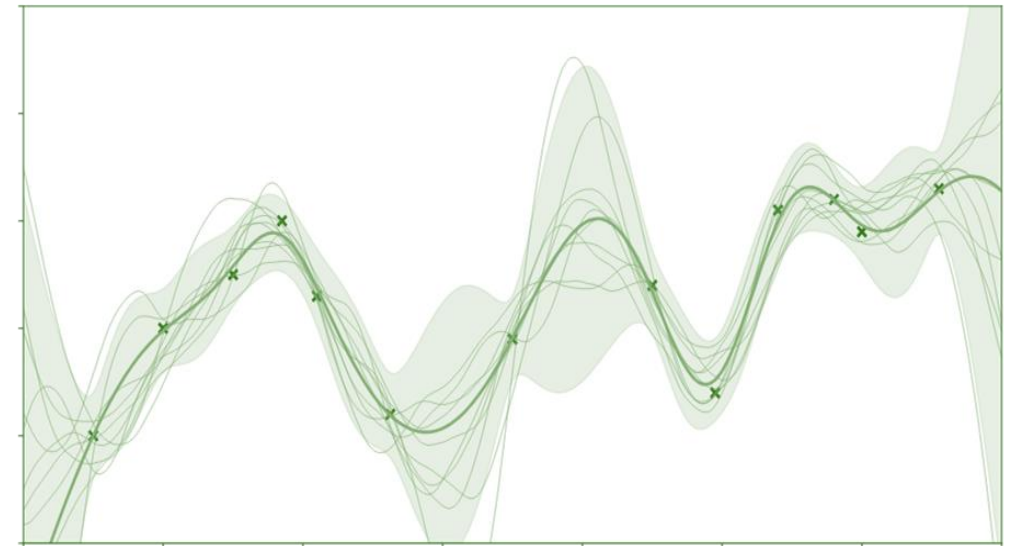
Non-parametric Bayesian approach to regression and classification

Provide a predictive distribution over a family of functions whose properties are defined by hyperparameters

$$f \sim GP(m, k)$$

Our kernel function:

- Tells the model how two inputs correlate
- Defines properties of the function (smoothness, periodicity)
- Can be combined with other kernel functions
- Contains hyperparameters to be learnt during training
- Creates a large matrix that must be inverted during training



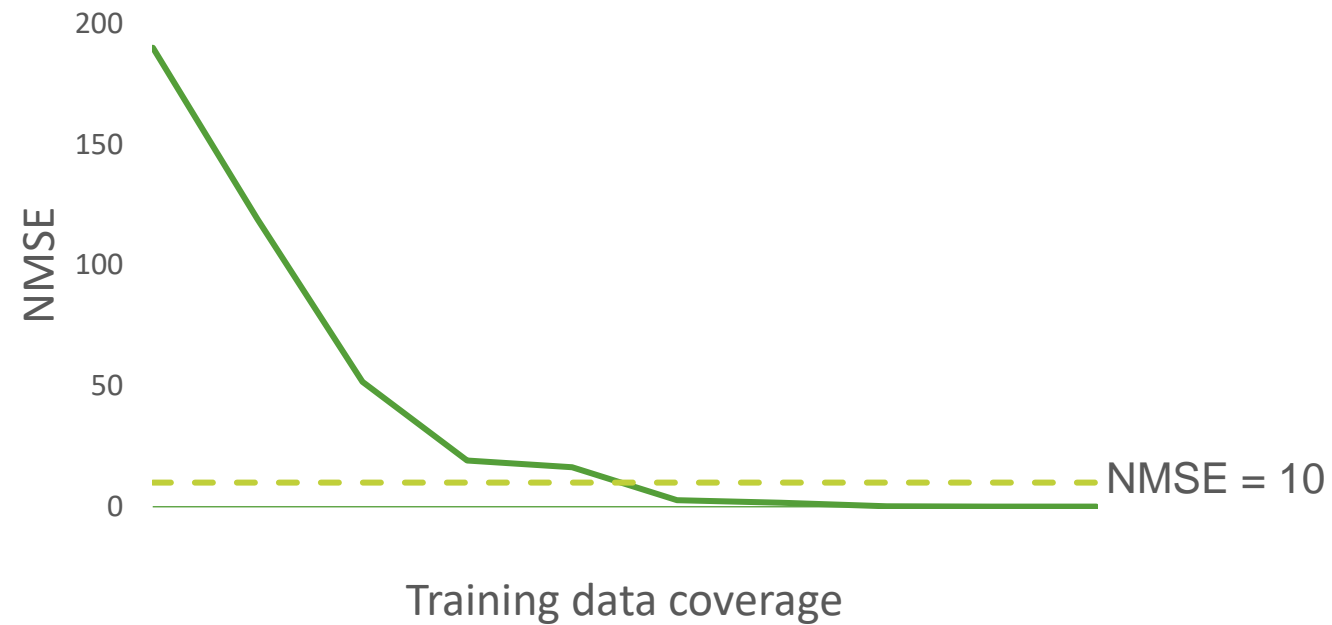
Confidence intervals

Performance Thresholds

Performance targets



$$NMSE = \frac{100 \sum (y - y_*)^2}{n\sigma}$$

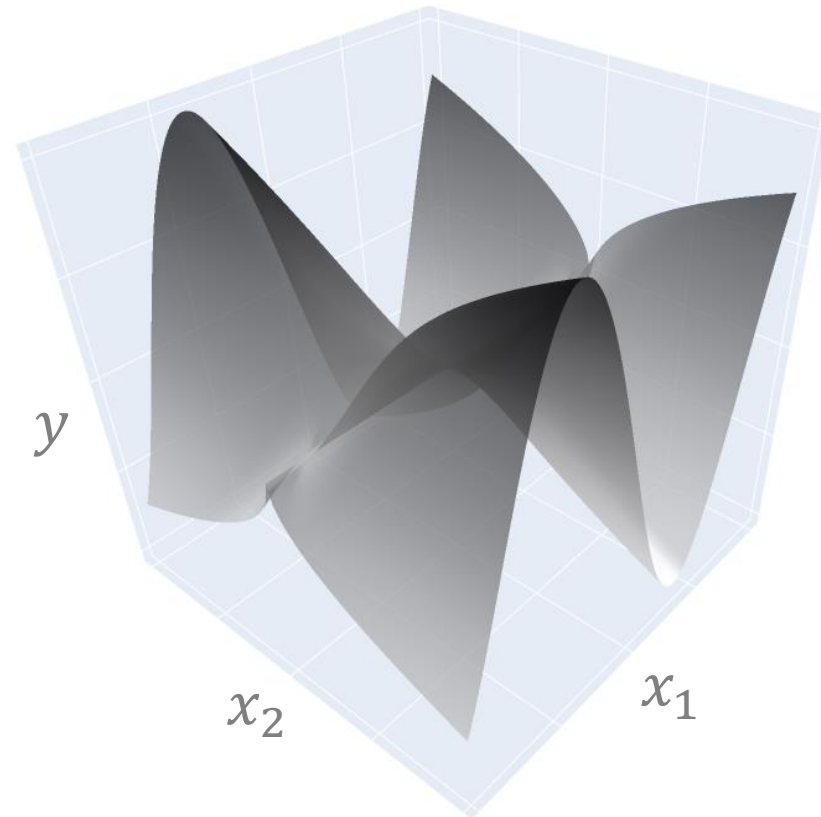


Toy-Box Test Case

$$y = \sqrt{|x_2|} \sin(4x_1)$$

Predict y given x_1 and x_2

NMSE < 10 for 9 runs

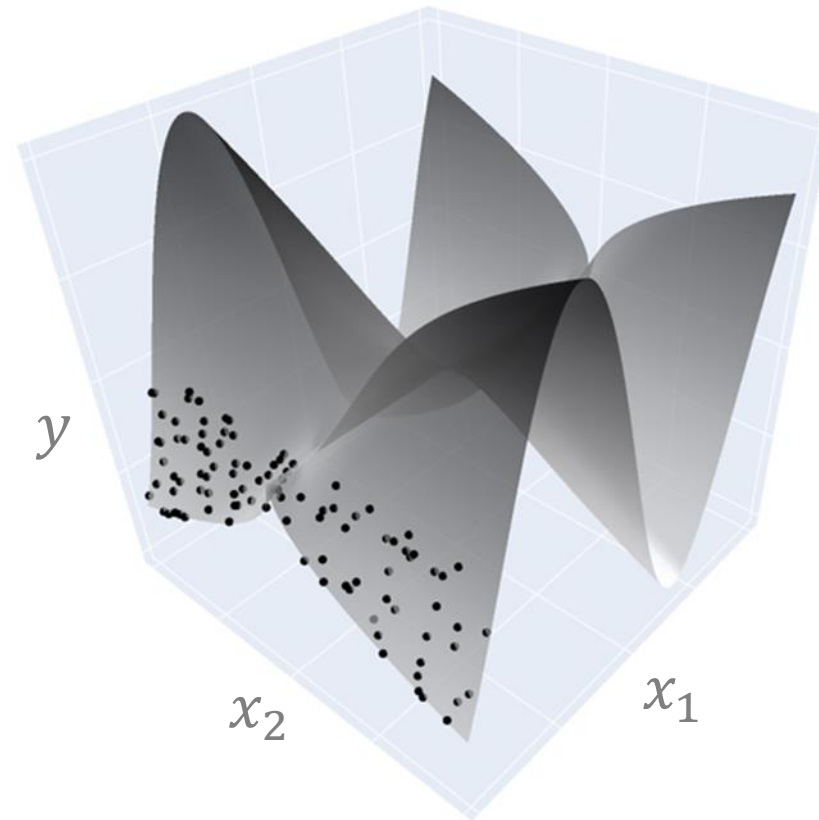


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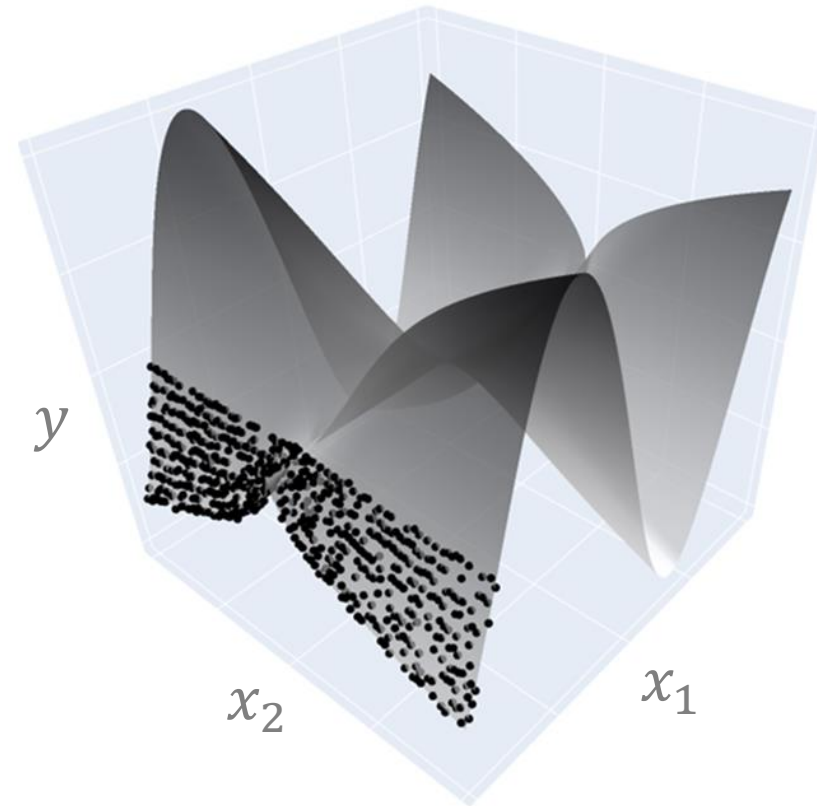


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Toy-Box Test Case

Black-1

$$k_{SE}(x, x') = \sigma^2 \exp\left(-\frac{(x - x')^2}{2l^2}\right) + \text{mean and observation noise}$$

4 hyperparameters

Grey-1

$$k_{SE \times Per}(x, x') = \sigma^2 \exp\left(-\frac{(x - x')^2}{2l_{SE}^2}\right) \exp\left(-\frac{2\sin^2\left(\frac{\pi|x - x'|}{p}\right)}{l_{Per}^2}\right)$$

6 hyperparameters

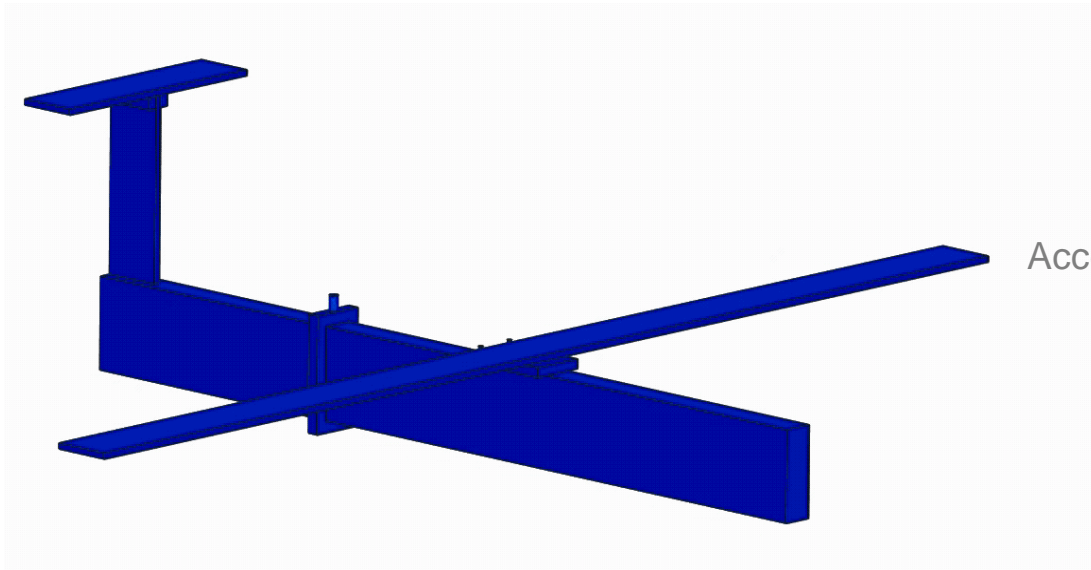
Grey-2

$$k_{SE \times Per}(x, x') = \sigma^2 \exp\left(-\frac{(x - x')^2}{2l_{SE}^2}\right) \exp\left(-\frac{2\sin^2\left(\frac{\pi|x - x'|}{p}\right)}{l_{Per}^2}\right)$$

5 hyperparameters

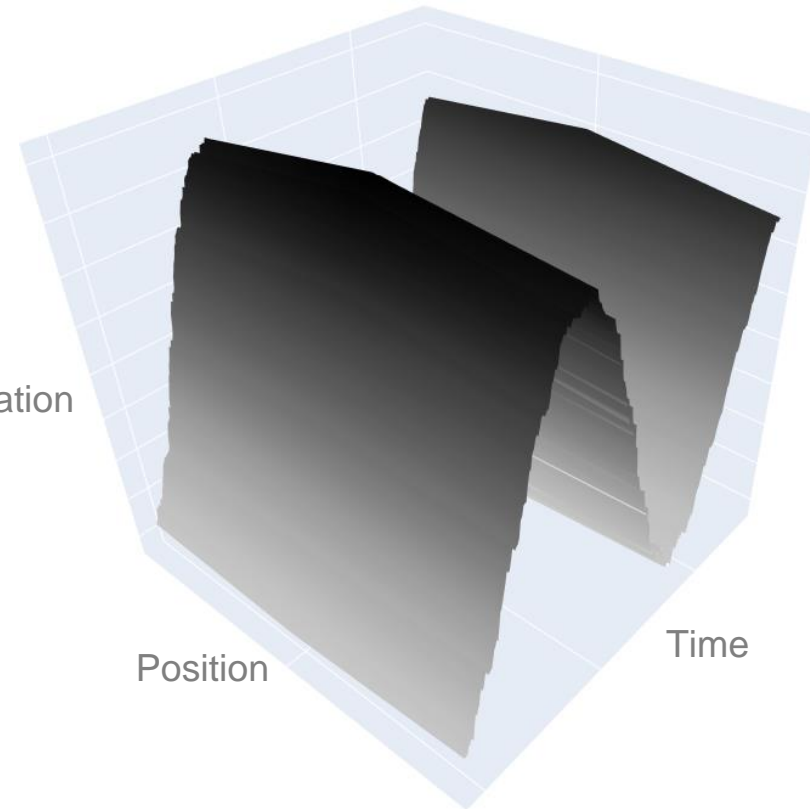
An Engineering Case Study

Structural health monitoring



The GARTEUR SM-AG19

Acceleration

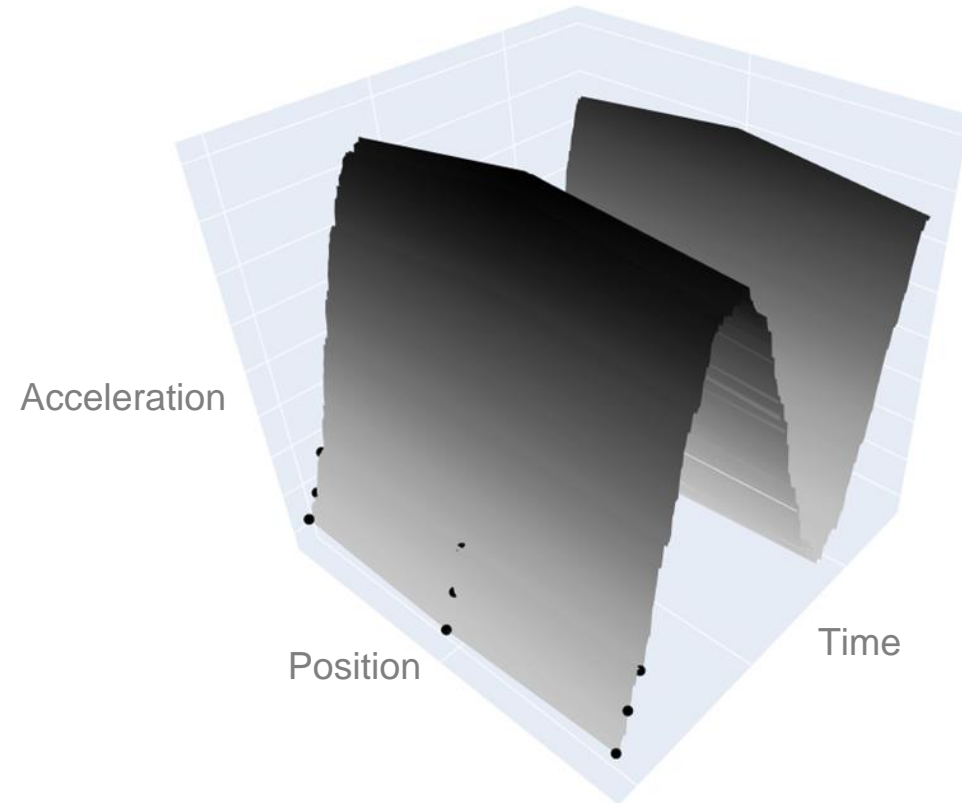


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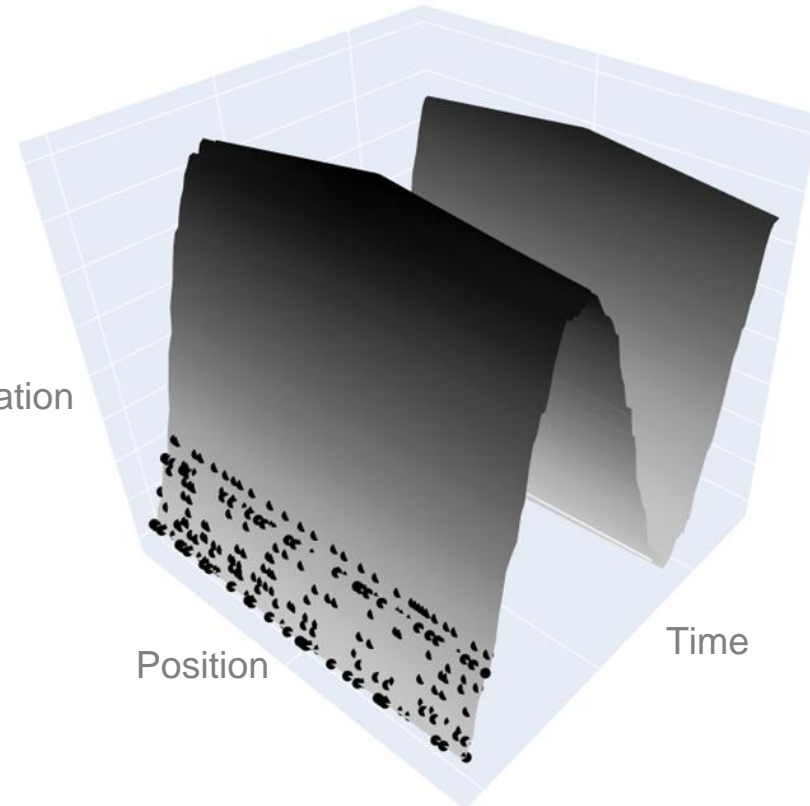
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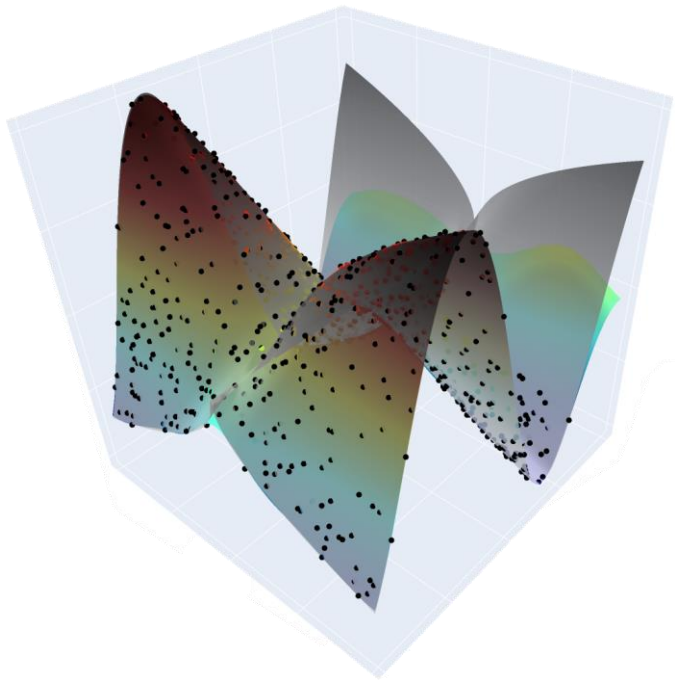
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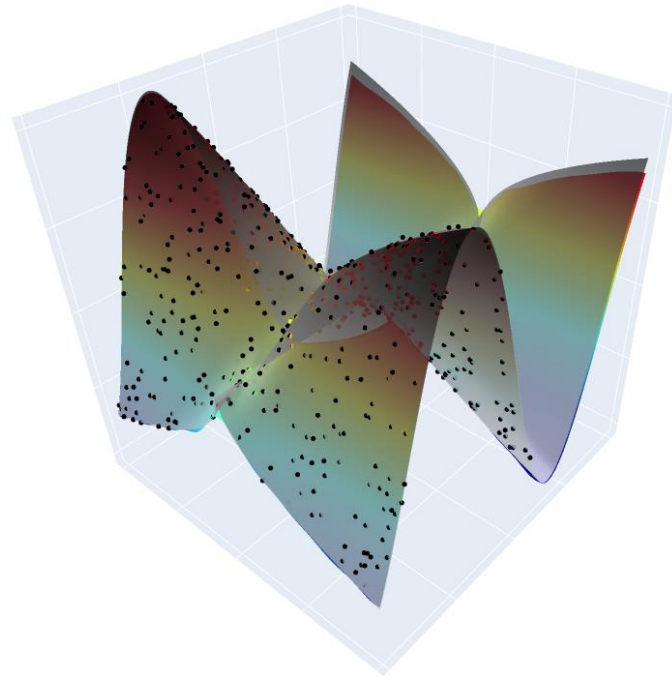
Position

Time

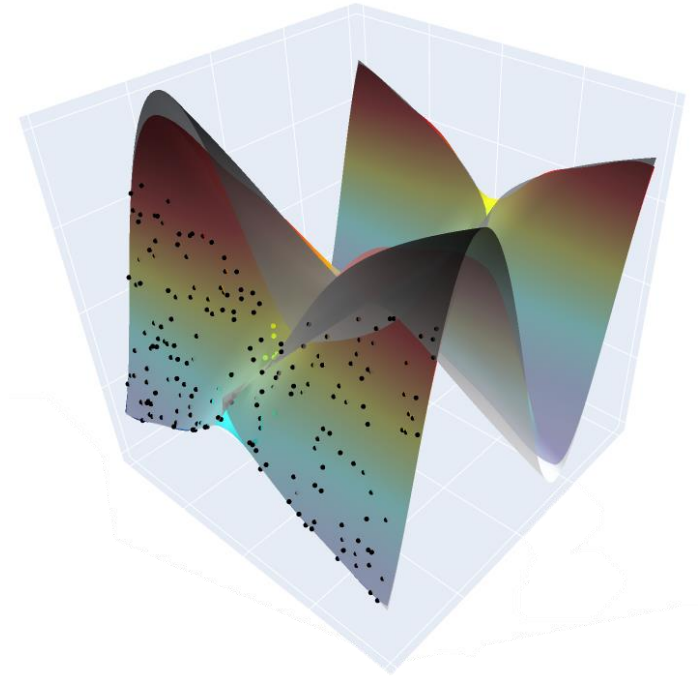
Training Data Coverage Results



Black-1
80%



Grey-1
60%

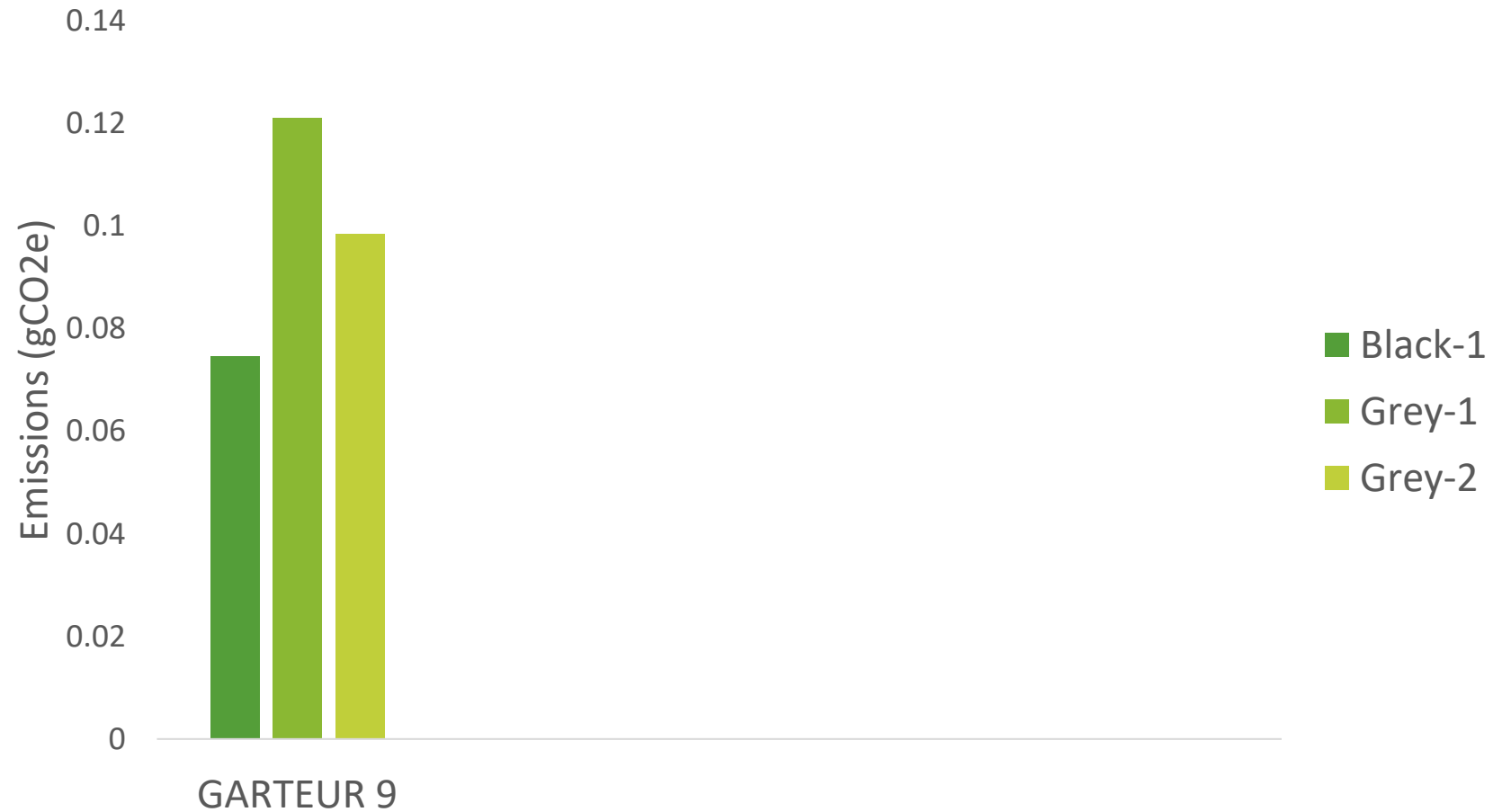


Grey-2
20%

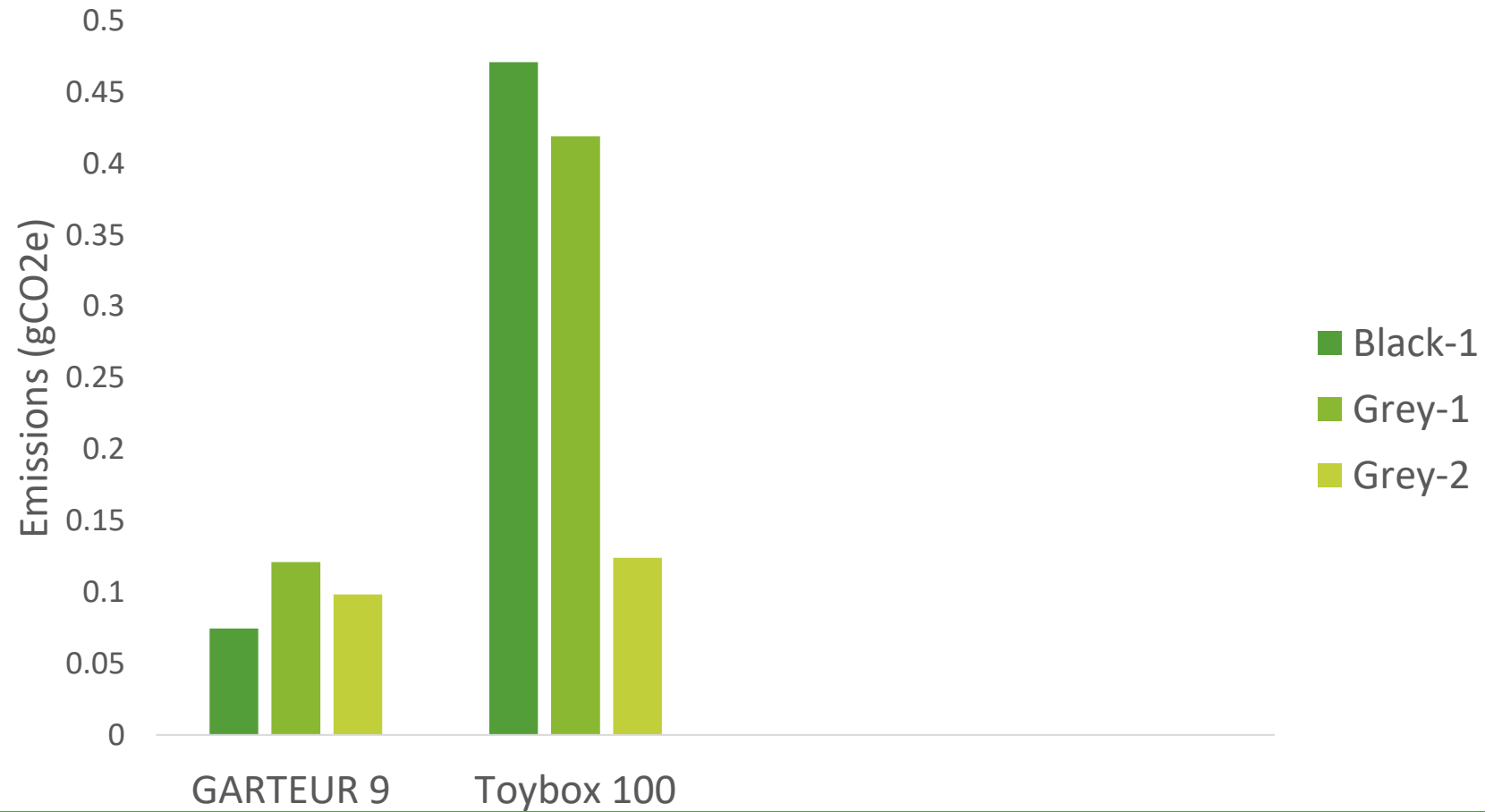
Training Data Coverage Results

| | Black-1 | Grey-1 | Grey-2 |
|--------------------------|---------|--------------|--------------|
| Toy-box 100 coverage (%) | 80 | 60 (-25%) | 20 (-75%) |
| Toy-box 600 coverage (%) | 80 | 70 (-13%) | 20 (-75%) |
| GARTEUR 9 coverage (%) | 70 | 60 (-14%) | 30 (-57%) |
| GARTEUR 200 coverage (%) | 80 | 60 (-25%) | 20 (-75%) |

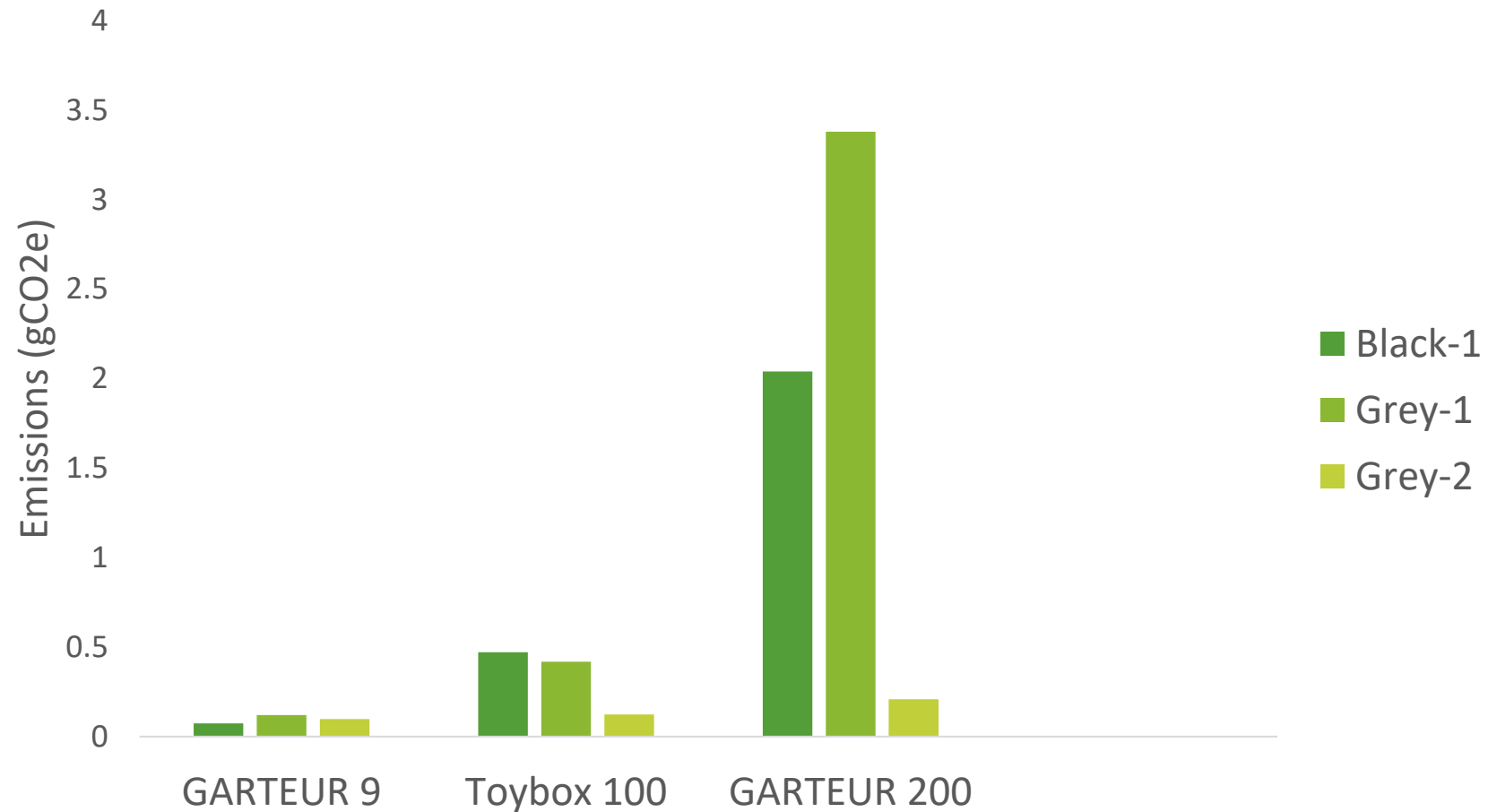
CodeCarbon Results



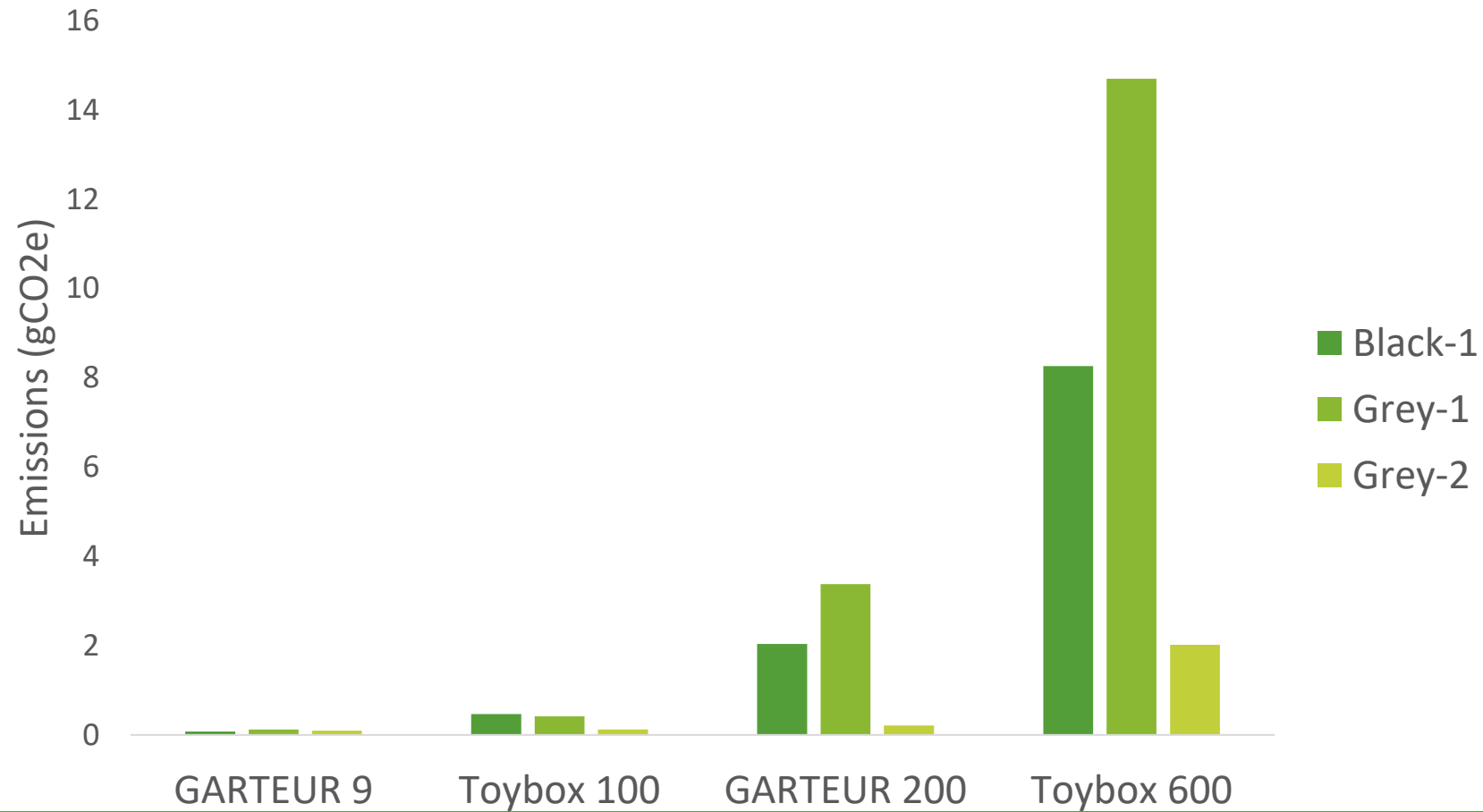
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Emissions Discussion

CodeCarbon ~ Runtime

$$\text{Runtime} \sim O(N^3) + O(HN^2)$$

From covariance matrix inversion

From hyperparameter optimisation

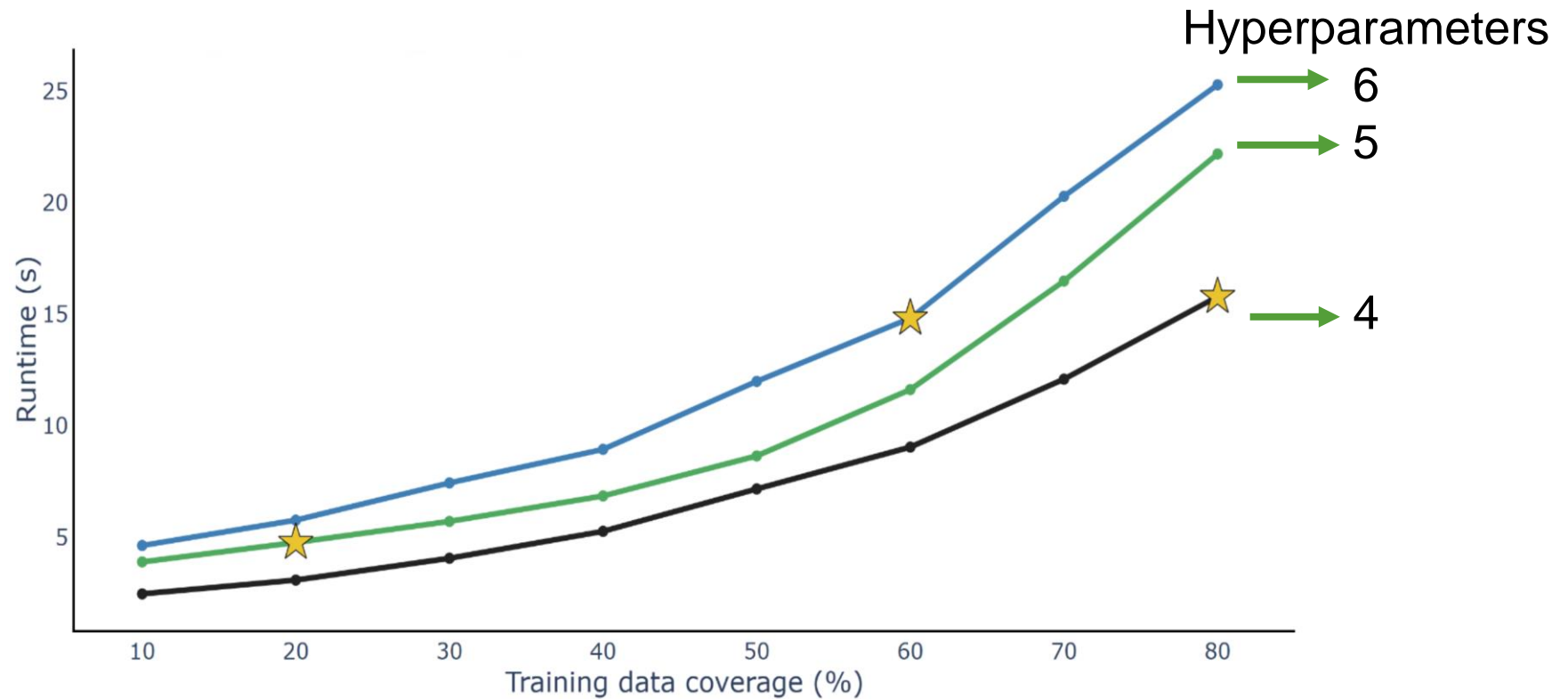
N = number of training data points

H = number of hyperparameters

In this work, N and H are both very small

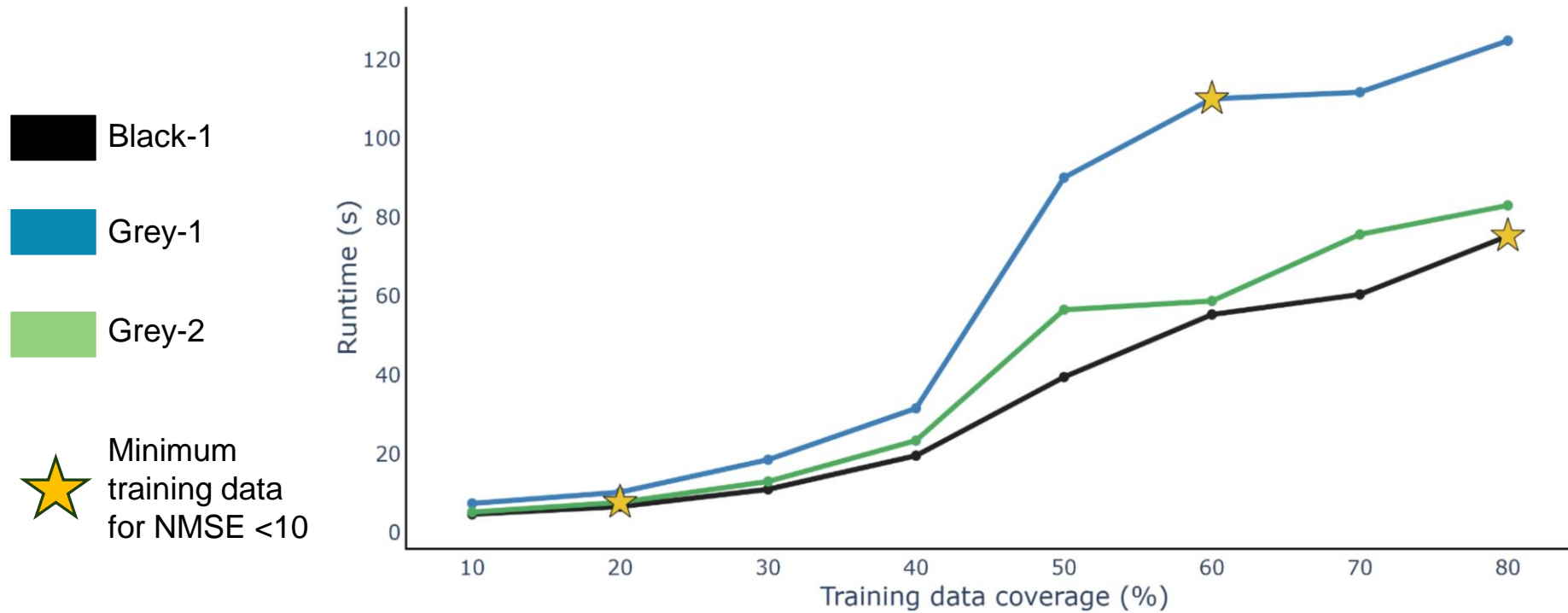
Emissions Discussion

Toy-box 100



Emissions Discussion

GARTEUR 200



Future Work

This is a preliminary study

Training data and hyperparameter counts are small

Model and test cases are very simple

Future work will:

- Upscale training data sizes
- Expand into more complex Gaussian Processes
- Investigate other models e.g. PINNs (linear scaling laws)



Conclusions

- Preliminary investigation
- When physics integration reduces training data, do we reduce our ML emissions?
- In some cases, yes!
- Training data vs hyperparameter trade-off
- More investigation needed with larger data sets and complex models

Read the paper here!



Thank you for listening!

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| | Black-1 | Grey-1 | Grey-2 |
|------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------|
| GARTEUR original emissions (GCO2e) | 0.0746 | 0.121 (+62%) | 0.0984 (+32%) |
| Toy-box 100 emissions (GCO2e) | 0.471 | 0.419 (-11%) | 0.124 (-74%) |
| GARTEUR 200 emissions (GCO2e) | 2.04 | 3.38 (+66%) | 0.209 (-90%) |
| Toy-box 600 emissions (GCO2e) | 8.26 | 14.7 (+78%) | 2.02 (-76%) |

