# AI4ESS Hackathon: GECKO-A Emulator Challenge



- Many inspiring applications out there: machine-learning emulators using explicit/process-level models, and implementing the trained emulators into large-scale models. Such explicit/process-level models are otherwise too expensive for large-scale models.
- The goal of this project is to train the machine-learning emulator using the "library" generated by the hyper-explicit chemical mechanism, GECKO-A.



#### **GECKO-A Library:**

- 2000 GECKO-A simulations: in each run, we run GECKO-A under certain condition for 5 days
- 2000 input files (csv).
- Each file contains: (i) mass of precursors; (ii) mass of products in the gas-phase; and (iii) mass of products in the particle-phase. All (i)-(iii) as a function of time.

#### Metadata

Metadata	Units	Label
Number Experiments	2000	id
Total Timesteps	1440	Time
Timestep Delta	300 seconds	12

# DATA

#### **Potential Input Variables**

Variable Name	Units	Туре
Precursor	ug/m3	Varies
Gas	ug/m3	Varies
Aerosol	ug/m3	Varies
Temperature	К	Static
Solar Zenith Angle	degree	Static
Pre-existing Aersols	ug/m3	Static
03	ppb	Static
nox	ppb	Static
oh	10^6 molec/cm3	Static

#### **Potential Output Variables**

Variable Name	Units	Туре
Precursor (at t+1)	ug/m3	Varies
Gas (at t+1)	ug/m3	Varies
Aerosol (at t+1)	ug/m3	Varies



### Team 42: Gecko-A Emulation

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- Methods
  - a. Linear models (LinearRegression, Ridge, Lasso, ElasticNet), tree-based models (RandomForest, GradientBoosting), and neural network models (DNN, CuDNN-LSTM, LSTM) were tested.
  - b. LinearRegression and CuDNN-LSTM show the best performance.
- Data

Time series of features in selected experiments



#### Correlation Heat map



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Metric Scores (Box Emulator) and Time Series of Concentrations

Lin. Reg.	Precursor	Gas	Aerosols	Cu-LSTM	Precursor	Gas	Aerosols	
RMSE	0.00500	0.02494	0.01381	RMSE	0.00377	0.03379	0.02400	
R2	0.82047	0.65767	0.74146	R2	0.91294	0.57065	0.69842	
Hellenger	0.31740	0.31260	0.35933	Hellenger	0.06289	0.49109	0.27553	

• Feature Selection by Random Forest



0.1396530182381005



Lin. Reg. (Left) CuDNN-LSTM (Right)

#### Lessons Learned with AI4ESS and Hackathon

- Machine Learning is a very powerful tool, but precise and sophisticated design of ML model is required. Using ML models without consideration often makes a catastrophically bad prediction.
- Pursuing a "best" accuracy of ML model does not guarantee a successful adoption of ML model to the prediction of certain phenomena.

### Team 48: GECKO

- Jiaze Wang\*, Antonio Lorenzo\*, Lee Brent\*, Jared Brewer\*
- Linear Regression, PCA, Random Forest Tree Regressor, Gradient Boosting Tree Regressor, Fully Connected Neural Network, Res Neural Net(failed to work)



### Team 48: GECKO

- Metrics of ML and parameter selection doesn't work well
- RNN doesn't work
- Lesson learned: general ideas about ML and applications of ML in earth sciences, and basic knowledge on how to do ML in python
- Challenges: Having trouble in parameter selection, metrics and visualization on evaluation ML models with so limited knowledge on ML packages in python

### Team 23: GECKO (Iyasu Eibedingil, Ales Kuchar)

- Summary of methods tried
  - Added gaussian noise helped to improved densely <sub>0.06</sub>.
     connected NN performance in terms of Box
     Emulator, however, still not able to capture
     o.04
     autocorrelation of outputs variables

 Autoregression model was tested (see black line on top of NN may solve the issue above => motivation for LSTM architecture



## Team 23: GECKO (Iyasu Eibedingil, Ales Kuchar)

#### Interpretation of the ML model

- Score importance using RMSE shows that our output variables at  $t_0$  are highly important for  $t_0+1$
- Otherwise temperature and OH seems to be most important

#### Challenges

- Lack of time/workforce
- Jupyterlah issues



based on RMSE -0.3

importance -0.5

-0.6

-0.7

-0.8

<sup>Dre-existing</sup> aerosols (ug/m3) <sup>03</sup> (bob)

oh (10~6 molec<sup>(c</sup>m<sub>3)</sub> |

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<sup>solar zenith</sup> <sup>angle</sup> (q<sup>e</sup>gr<sub>ee)</sub> |

### Team 10: GECKO

- Team Members: Devon Dunmire, Errami Larbi, Jean Lim, Luke Thompson
- Methods tried: Linear Regression, Random Forest, Dense Neural Network. LSTM



### Team 10: GECKO



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Metrics for base model:

RMSE: Precursor: 0.00023, Gas: 0.00019, Aerosols: 0.00022

R2: Precursor: 0.99972, Gas: 0.99994, Aerosols: 0.99993

Hellenger Distance: Precursor: 0.00003, Gas: 0.00002,

Aerosols: 0.00568
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Metrics for LSTM:
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RMSE: Precursor: 0.00035, Gas: 0.00051, Aerosols: 0.00079
R2: Precursor: 0.99949, Gas: 0.99972, Aerosols: 0.99961
Hellenger Distance: Precursor: 0.00024, Gas: 0.00013,
Aerosols: 0.00236

#### Challenges:

- Our best model did not outperform base model
- Interpretation of LSTM model

#### Team 17: GECKO

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**Summary of methods tried:** Linear, Random Forest Regressor, DNN, simple RNN, LSTM RNN



Visualization of training input data

Transformed data (Standard, MinMax, Power)



#### Team 17: GECKO



Truth

#### Lessons learned from Hackathon:

- Fanciest tools are not always the best
- Data preparation (pipeline scaling) is really important
- Even with non-Gaussian transformation(MinMax transform), the result was good
- Precision is as important as accuracy. You can't improve one without the other (RMSE, MAE)

**Challenges:** spin-up time

### (useful plots / charts)

Precursor [ug/m3] Hellinger Distance STDVAR Truth STDVAR MAE RMSE R Model Type Linear Val 0.005001 0.013297 0.001411 0.000012 0.009640 0.009633 DNN Val 0.004986 0.013287 0.001939 0.000001 0.009637 0.009633 RNN Val 0.004987 0.013288 0.001937 0.000002 0.009643 0.009633 \_\_\_\_\_ Gas [ug/m3] Hellinger Distance STDVAR Truth STDVAR MAE RMSE R Model Type Linear Val 0.025075 0.033541 -0.130512 0.000003 0 024380 0 024381 DNN Val 0.025074 0.033576 -0.131674 0.000087 0.024375 0.024381 0.025062 0.033531 -0.131790 0.000012 RNN Val 0.024343 0.024381 \_\_\_\_\_ Aerosol [ug\_m3] Hellinger Distance STDVAR Truth STDVAR MAE RMSE R Model Type Linear Val 0.026123 0.031397 -0.146268 0.000008 0 022070 0 022071 0.022068 0.022071 DNN Val 0.026124 0.031397 -0.146489 0.000049 RNN Val 0.026117 0.031381 -0.147867 0.000046 0.022032 0.022071

Precursor [	ug/m3]					
	MAE	RMSE	R	Hellinger Distance	STDVAR	Truth STDVAR
Model Type						
Linear Train	0.005334	0.013560	-0.019108	0.000066	0.009846	0.009633
DNN Train	0.005329	0.013556	-0.018503	0.000063	0.009892	0.009633
RNN Train	0.005325	0.013558	-0.019011	0.000046	0.009895	0.009633
Gas [ug/m3	]			=		
	MAE	RMSE	R	= Hellinger Distance	STDVAR	Truth STDVAR
Model Type	•					
Linear Train	0.026378	0.034242	0.011044	0.000458	0.024136	0.024381
DNN Train	0.026379	0.034234	0.012315	0.000491	0.024122	0.024381
RNN Train	0.026359	0.034213	0.012262	0.000530	0.024094	0.024381
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Aerosol [u	g_m3]					
	MAE	RMSE	R	Hellinger Distance	STDVAR	Truth STDVAR
Model Type						
Linear Trair	0.024658	0.030237	0.137119	0.008610	0.022109	0.022071
DNN Train	0.024657	0.030238	0.137591	0.008664	0.022096	0.022071
RNN Train	0.024642	0.030212	0.138055	0.008701	0.022061	0.022071

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## Members: Zhenyang, Dinara, Diana, and Jahangir\*

temperature (K)

### Team 4: GECKO

A visualization of your results scores on the problem

Any other cool visualization of results or interpretation of the ML model

Lessons learned/challenges: the main problem was to change dimensionality to perform CNN or LSTM

We were unable to set the box emulator to predict the whole time series (something that need more time for understanding)





### Team 4: GECKO

ML methods we've tried during the hackathon:

- Standard and gaussian pdf scaler
- Linear regression and random forest
- PCA (inapplicable though)
- DNN with different hyperparameter settings

• LSTM

Default hyperparameters: # of layers = 2; # of neurons = 100; AF = relu; learning rate = 0.0001

Metrics are shown in the table: Using LR=0.001 or 5 layers would increase the model score.

#### Members: Zhenyang, Dinara, Diana, and Jahangir\*



Metrics	Default	AF=Sigmoid	LR=0.001	50 neurons	300 neurons	5 layers
RMSE	0.00657 0.03469 0.04207	0.07531 0.03756 0.06179	0.00234 0.02533 0.02199	0.01989 0.03149 0.01892	0.01314 0.01944 0.02083	0.00281 0.04946 0.07283
R <sup>2</sup>	0.61943 0.03804 0.12799	0.20408 0.35389 0.00600	0.95694 0.54768 0.30909	0.17610 0.27722 0.66895	0.39215 0.23105 0.32559	0.90952 0.19655 0.27384
H.D.	0.32591 0.26609 0.42771	0.65970 0.53043 0.67728	0.20106 0.36304 0.32899	0.21663 0.30813 0.31965	0.38367 0.24422 0.49995	0.22452 0.35384 0.42799

### Team 33: GECKO

- Team Members: Ethan Kyzivat, Weiming Hu, Hauke Schulz, Chen-Kuang (Kevin) Yang
- Summary of methods tried
  - Random forest (RF)
  - Densely Neural Network (DNN)
  - Long Short-term Memory (LSTM): we decided to use LSTM because it is well-known for time-series prediction
- Data preprocessing
  - Standardization: sklearn "StandardScaler()"
  - Base data: 2,000 experiments (1,440 time-steps per experiment) from GECKO
  - Training/Validation/Testing: 1,400/200/200 experiments
  - Input training data (3-D): [samples, time-steps, features] = [1435\*1400, 5, 9]
  - In an essence: we want to use the 9 features from the 5 previous time-steps to inform the information of the next time-step (prediction)



#### Training the LSTM: multivariate and one-step prediction

- Hyperparameters
  - Architecture: 64 neurons, ReLU, dropout = 0.2 (prevent overfitting)
  - Training: loss function = MSE, optimizer = Adam, epoch = 5, batch size = 1024, no shuffle on the data
- Evaluation (the graphs above)
  - LSTM + Box Emulator Model
  - Showing the testing result of 5 experiments

### Team 14: Gecko

Precursor [ug/m3] Aerosol [ug\_m3]

oh (10^6 molec/cm3) o3 (ppb)

pre-existing aerosols (ug/m3)

solar zenith angle (degree)

Gas [ug/m3] temperature (K)

nox (ppb)

• Performed:

- Exploration: PCA, linear regression, Random Forest, gradient boosting
- Neural networks: DCNN, SimpleRNN, LSTM
  - Tested sensitivity to various hyperparameters
- Significant:
  - Found and fixed the time lag bug in prepare\_data
  - Wrote new data preparation, NN, and box emulators to be compatible with time series analysis
  - Wrote functions for the complete workflow for easy model tuning, comparison and visualization
- Difficulties: Learning Python on the fly!

#### Detecting relative importance of predictors using RF

Nonlinear relationship

between variables

Precursor [ug/m3] 005

### Team 14: Gecko

#### Testing hyperparameters in DNN, RNN, and LSTM



The precursor variable seemed to be less sensitive to choice of hyperparameters.

RNN was the most sensitive to hyperparameters; LSTM was the least sensitive to hyperparameters.



### Team 14: Gecko

We could do better given more time and more computational power! Best model so far:

- Predictors: all 9 input variables at t-1, t-2, t-3, t-4, t-5
- ML method: LSTM
- Architecture: 1 input layer (9 neurons) + 2 hidden layers (100 neurons each) + 1 output layer (3 neurons)
- Activation: "relu"



Model Type	Metric	Variable				
Baseline LSTM		Precursor	Gas	Aerosols		
	RMSE	0.00003	0.00012	0.00007		
	R^2	0.99999	0.99998	0.99999		
	Hellenger Distance	0	0.00002	0.00002		
		Precursor	Gas	Aerosols		
Box Emulator	RMSE	0.00049	0.00574	0.00873		
	R^2	0.99822	0.96352	0.89409		
	Hellenger Distance	0.00032	0.0603	0.27265		

## A Conceptual Note on LSTMs

"I grew up in France where I embraced the language and became fluent in \_\_\_\_\_"

# Summary

- Results on the base model do not always translate directly to the box emulator.
- Data preparation for RNN/LSTM is not easy!
- LSTM with 5 look-back timesteps seems to be adequate solution to this problem! (a next step would be to see if this model would perform well varying environmental factors)
- Excellent work everyone!