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Forecasting in Japan since 2017

- Awarded 2nd place out of 100+ participants in TEPCO Forecasting
 Challenge in 2017
- First time forecasting load in Japan, with minimal weather data – we now use 49 weather stations from multiple weather vendors
- TESLA now forecasts for all 9 regions in Japan to over 10 clients

TEPCO

Prizes



TOSHIBA Corporation

Comments from Judging Committee

Load forecasting methods based on weather forecasts are easily affected by times of seasonal change, such as the period during which the contest was held. This team successfully dealt with that shortcoming by using weather forecasts from multiple locations. The entry also employed ensemble learning to achieve even greater precision, impressing the judges with its ingenuity and potential. We are looking forward to future developments.



TESLA Asia Pacific, Ltd.

Comments from Judging Committee

Although this team had limited access to the weather forecast data in Japan and were not able to use a local weather vendor during the Actual Forecast, they derived very high accuracy in both forecast of the Annual Forecast and the Actual Forecast. This suggests that if the weather data from a local weather vendor was used, this team may improve their performance in the prediction.



Japan Meteorological Corporation

Comments from Judging Committee

We took note of concepts such as temperatures weighted for each region's population. Although it is simple, this highly precise method holds promise for the future.





Weather Drives Power Demand



DTN, JWA and **MetraWeather** provide weather forecasts, updated every hour, for 14 day horizon

- Typical model contains several hundred hourly weather variables, not just temperature
- Beyond 14 day horizon, demand forecast is scenario based, guided by a long-range weather view





Historical Power Demand Growth

- Weather Adjusted Load adjusts historic demand series to climatic average "normal" weather conditions
- Prevents cold or mild winters from distorting underlying demand trends
- Although overall annual power demand in Japan has been flat or decreasing, winter demand has been rising
- Strongest growth seen in Tokyo and Tohoku

Underlying demand growth since '16/'17 Winter

| | Dec | Jan | Feb |
|----------|-------|-------|-------|
| Hokkaido | -3.3% | -0.5% | -0.8% |
| Tokyo | 2.7% | 4.2% | 3.0% |
| Tohoku | 3.1% | 4.6% | 3.2% |
| Hokuriku | 1.4% | 1.5% | 1.0% |
| Chubu | 2.6% | 3.1% | 2.2% |
| Kansai | 0.0% | 1.7% | 1.3% |
| Chugoku | -1.2% | -2.0% | -1.6% |
| Shikoku | -0.7% | 1.1% | 0.1% |
| Kyushu | 0.9% | 2.2% | 0.6% |





Zooming in on Tokyo

- Strong growth can be seen during all three months, but particularly in early January
- Data must be shifted to align day of week
- Both series are normalized to 10 year seasonal normal weather

Tokyo Average Daily Weather Corrected Demand







Weather Risk

- Same model longer term scenarios
 consistent with short term. Evidence
 based trends from demand data
 incorporated into the future
- Hourly weather forecast reverts to seasonal normal weather beyond 2 weeks. Rather than seasonal normal weather, we transplant 10+ years of historical weather data and solve the model hundreds of times. The percentile distribution is graphed.
- Coupled with long range **weather view** to guide decisions

Tokyo Peak Demand Forecast for '22/'23 Winter







Summary Weather View from DTN

- Traditional analog signal analysis indicates greater than normal chances of cooler than normal temperatures (most of Japan apart from Hokkaido) on a trend-corrected basis (i.e. compared to todays warmer climate)
- But with a weakening La Nina forecast by seasonal models, there is a conflicting (weak) signal of warmer temperatures
- Optimal accuracy gained by combining analog analysis / multiple seasonal forecast models
- With the transition into winter, regularly updated forecasts will add further refinement, as more robust signals emerge









Summary Weather View from MetraWeather

- We are moving into the northern hemisphere winter with La Nina continuing to be in place, this for the third year running. Therefore, it is envisaged that conditions across Japan may well be very similar to that from the previous winter and we can, therefore, gauge the upcoming winter with reasonable confidence in terms of the broader patterns and evolutions
- Temperatures are likely to be near or slightly below average for the winter as a whole, especially across Hokkaido, Tohoku, Kanto, Chubu and Kinki regions, so many central and northern areas of the country are at risk of colder than average conditions at times
- Temperatures may be near or slightly above average though across Chugoku, Shikoku and Kyushu regions
- Low pressure and more unsettled conditions are, overall, likely to dominate the winter, but perhaps especially during December and January, driven by the ongoing La Nina







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