

Weather view on LNG cargo purchase

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GB electricity and gas demand depends on temperature (DJF)



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...and also on renewable output (DJF)



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Temperature

Source: Lake Street, using data from ECMWF and NOAA



Day 9 synoptics



Source: z500 plotted using GISS software from NOAA, using data from ECMWF and NOAA,





Poll: Based on the weather forecasts, do we purchase another LNG cargo to arrive on day 9? Yes, No, or Abstain from making a decision

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How ensemble forecasts enhance the energy sector

30 Years of Ensemble Forecasting and Symposium for Prof. Tim Palmer

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Ensemble information in energy sector: from exotic to essential

- Early 2000: focus on the op runs
- 2000-2005: gradual introduction of ensembles, mainly ensemble mean
- 2005-2010: ensemble mean use normal.

ensemble member use increases, mainly for probabilities

• 2010-now: probabilistic forecasts from ensemble members normal, increasing use of ensemble member pattern information, exploration of regimes in terms of energy supply/demand

My experience – obviously variations between countries and energy houses

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Ensemble charts regularly viewed by the energy sector



Source: ECMWF



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Ensembles have value

96h forecast value for IT wind generation



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Source: Lake Street, using data from ECMWF and GME



Ensembles have value

96h forecast value for DE wind generation



Source: J Stanger, I Finney, A Weisheimer and T Palmer 2019 Environ. Res. Lett. 14 124086 DOI 10.1088/1748-9326/ab5e54



Harder to extract value in sub-seasonal

Quintile dependent linear regression of forecast anomalies in DJF weekly mean French surface temperature against reanalysis temperature. Forecasts on the diagonal black line are characteristic of a perfect model



Source: Lake Street, using data from ECMWF, Copernicus, NOAA. Work done by Josh Dorrington whilst on a NERC funded internship



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Month ahead vs day ahead trading strategy for FR power demand, DJF



Source: Dorrington, J, Finney, I, Palmer, T, Weisheimer, A. Q J R Meteorol Soc. 2020; 146: 3623-3637. https://doi.org/10.1002/qj.3863



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Ensemble members

highlight uncertainties and have temporal coherence



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Day 5 z500





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Summary

- Use of ensemble forecast information is now so commonplace in energy sector, many don't remember making decisions without it
- Ensemble mean has additional skill (over op runs) from day ~5
- Ensemble members have far more information
 - Highlight where uncertainty in the forecast is
 - and so a timeline as to when confidence will increase
 - Provide a means of estimating probabilities
 - Give insight into likely regimes, and so energy supply/demand balances
 - Are spatially and temporally coherent, which helps with interconnector flows and scheduling plant
- Model error uncertainty is not fully yet explored by ensembles [stochastic perturbations a step in the right direction, but don't fully address]

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