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Assessing The Efficacy Of BlackBox ML Model In Weather Forecasting

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innovation and the rise of modern methodologies. Modern climate estimating strategies are grounded in complex factors that typify

ABSTRACT:

Machine learning models were developed in order to forecast weather variables suchassolar radiation, temperatureand wind speed for one to 24 hours in advance. Its an indispensable practice, offers invaluable insights into the ever-changing weather conditions at specific locations and times. It seamlessly intertwines the realms of science and technology, serving as a critical tool for individuals and numerous industries, aiding in informed decision- making. The generation of weather forecasts is a multifaceted process, involving diverse methodologies and techniques. The approach is anchored in the application of machine learning algorithms, including Support Vector Machine (SVM), recurrent neural networks tailored for time series data, Random Forest, Naive Bayes, Artificial Neural Networks, and Decision Trees. These algorithms, enriched by real-time weather data comprising vital parameters such as current temperature, wind conditions, and humidity, are leveraged to predict future weather conditions accurately for specific locations at precise dates and times. In conclusion, the synergy of machine learning algorithms and real- time weather data promises an evolution in weather forecasting, offering reliable predictions that hold the potential to reshape decision-making processes in various industries, thus underscoring its importance in the modern world. This research opens doors to a deeper understanding of weather prediction and its applications, aligning with the constant quest for improved accuracy and efficiency in this critical field.

Keywords—Weather Forecasting, Weather prediction, machine learning, SVM, ANN, Naive Bayes, Random Forest, Real-Time Weather Data, Prediction Algorithms.

I.INTRODUCTION :

Climate estimating, the craftsmanship and science of anticipating the climate for a particular area at a exact date and time, may be a of vital significance, significantly affecting different features of our day by day lives. This handle involves a comprehensive examination of diverse variables, counting territorial climate, discuss designs, verifiable information, and the everchanging elements of our air. In the prior stages of climate forecast, dependence was overwhelmingly set on recognizing rehashing climate designs and perceiving obvious markers. In any case, the scene of climate estimating has seen a transformative advancement, to a great extent driven by headways in
wind designs, stickiness levels, and temperature varieties. Eminently, the part of machine learning calculations and information science in this space has surged to conspicuousness.

These calculations, fueled by chronicled information and design acknowledgment, have developed as irreplaceable devices for making exact climate predictions. The imagined framework presents a groundbreaking approach, pointing to tackle the potential of machine learning calculations in anticipating climate conditions. This web-based framework is fastidiously planned to offer a consistent client encounter through an instinctive graphical client interface. Clients will pick up get to by means of interesting qualifications, permitting them to input real-time climate information, including crucial parameters like temperature, stickiness, and wind speed for particular areas.

The framework, reinforced byan broad store of verifiable climate information, will at that point handle this data to produce exact estimates. The potential applications of this inventive framework are differing and amplify over a large number of divisions. From upgrading discuss activity control and sea operations to reinforcing farming, military arranging, maritime operations, and forestry management, the prescient capabilities of this framework guarantee to redo decision-making forms in these basic domains. The experimental work at the center of this inquire about is centered on a fastidious examination of quantitative transient climate information. A pivotal viewpoint of this ponder spins around ten surface climate parameters, fastidiously chosen for their significance to exactness cultivating. These meteorological factors, relating to components like temperature, mugginess, wind speed, and more, are crucial for our investigate. Verifiably, the 17th century checked a essential turning point in climate estimating with the development of rebellious for measuring climatic conditions. This development revolutionized the efficient recording of meteorological information, playing a urgent part in farming. The capacity to expect long-term climate designs got to be instrumental in arranging assignments like planting and collecting, progressing rural productivity altogether.

Weather prediction plays a crucial role in several sectors, including agriculture, transportation, and disaster management. Accurate and reliable weather forecasts enable better
decisionmaking and resource allocation, which can lead to improved outcomes in these sectors. With the advancement of machine learning (ML) and deep learning (DL) techniques, researchers have developed various models to improve the accuracy and reliability of weather forecasts. However, many ML and DL models, particularly deep learning models, are considered "black-box" models due to their complex architectures and lack of transparency. This study will investigate the performance of black box ML models for weather prediction using historical data from New Delhi, India, and address the ethical implications of using these models for decision-making in various sectors.

Weather prediction is a vital area of study that affects multiple sectors such as agriculture, transportation, and disaster management. With the advancement of machine learning (ML)and deep learning (DL) techniques, researchers have developed various models to improve the accuracy and reliability of weather forecasts. This literature review aims to explore the latest research papers in the field, focusing on the application of ML and DL techniques for weather prediction. This review will provide a comprehensive understanding of the current state of research and potential future directions in this field.

Before discussing the application of ML and DL techniques in weather prediction, it is essential to understand the traditional methods used for forecasting. Numerical Weather Prediction (NWP) models, such as the Global Forecast System (GFS) and the European Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecasts(ECMWF), are widely used for predicting weather conditions.

A weather forecasting problem statement typically outlines the goals and objectives of a weather forecasting project. It defines the scope of the project and what the forecasters aim to achieve. Development of Accurate and Timely Weather Forecasting System. The objective of this project is to create a robust and accurate weather forecasting system that provides timely and reliable weather predictions for a specified geographic region. The primary goal is to improve our understanding of atmospheric conditions and deliver forecasts that are valuable for various applications, including agriculture, disaster management, transportation, and daily planning. A weather forecasting problem statement typically outlines the goals and objectives of a weather forecasting project. It defines the scope of the project and what the forecasters aim to achieve. Development of Accurate and Timely Weather Forecasting System.

This study will follow a systematic approach to assess the efficacy and ethical considerations of black box machine learning models in weather forecasting for New Delhi, Indiafromlinkhttps://www.wunderground.com/history/mon thly/in/new-delhi.We will collect historical weather data for New Delhi, India, from Weather Underground. The dataset includes variables such as temperature, humidity, precipitation, and wind speed. We will preprocess the data by handling missing values, removing outliers, and normalizing the data to ensure consistency and improve model performance.

We will perform feature engineering to create new variables that may improve the predictive power of our models. Additionally, we will use feature selection techniques, such as Recursive Feature Elimination (RFE) and Lasso regularization, to identify the most relevant features for our weather prediction task. We will split the dataset into training, validation, and test sets to
evaluate the performance of the implemented models. We will use appropriate evaluation metrics, such as Mean Absolute Error (MAE), Mean Squared Error (MSE), and R-squared, to assess the accuracy of the models in predicting short-term and long-term weather conditions. Moreover, we will compare the performance of the models in terms of prediction accuracy, computational efficiency, and interpretability. The data used for sentiment analysis may contain sensitive information about customers, such as personal details, purchase history, or preferences. Researchers should follow relevant data protection laws and regulations and anonymize data to protect the privacy of individuals.

The sentiment analysis results generated by the research might be used unethically or maliciously, such as for manipulating product ratings, targeting specific customers, or unfairly discrediting competitors. Researchers should consider the potential consequences of their work and develop strategies to mitigate these risks. Researchers should ensure that the data used for sentiment analysis is obtained ethically and responsibly. Additionally, they should be transparent about any conflicts of interest or funding sources that may influence their research.

To address these ethical concerns, researchers should engage in a transparent and responsible research process, consult with relevant stakeholders, and adhere to relevant legal and ethical guidelines. By doing so, they can contribute positively to the development of sentiment analysis techniques and their applications in e-commerce.

This study aims to investigate the performance of black box machine learning (ML) models for weather prediction using historical data from New Delhi, India. The dataset, retrieved from Weather Underground, includes variables such as temperature, humidity, precipitation, and wind speed. We will evaluate the performance of various black box ML models, including deep learning techniques, in predicting short-term and long-term weather conditions. Furthermore, we will address the ethical implications of using black box ML models for weather prediction and decision-making in various sectors, such as agriculture, transportation, and disaster management.

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II. LITERATURE SURVEY

This inquire about digs into the complicated world of weather forecast, an zone where various components come into play. Climate figures are based on a large number of parameters such as temperature stickiness, precipitation, cloud characteristics, wind speed, and course. These parameters, in spite of the fact that nonlinear, must be coordinates to anticipate future climate conditions precisely. Accomplishing this requires the utilize of complex models competent of recognizing designs freely to self learning utilizing preparing data.

In one specific paper, an Fake Neural Network (ANN) calculation was utilized to maximize exactness by considering the previously mentioned parameters and components for anticipating climate changes [1], [2], [4]-[7].

Sumit Saha's paper presents an productive temperature determining demonstrate that depends on a crossover Central Component Investigation (PCA) approach and machine learning techniques. The dataset utilized for testing comprises 8,760 columns with seven qualities, utilizing 876 information focuses for testing. The process unfurls in three stages: PCA is at first connected to eliminate insignificant properties, upgrading show accuracy. In this way, five machine learning calculations (KNN, DT, RF, SVM & AdaBoost) are conveyed to anticipate the test data, taken after by assessing demonstrate execution utilizing statistical pointers such as MAE, MSE, RMSE, and relapse, along with preparing time .

Another investigate by A H M Jakaria et al emphasizes the utilize of AI learning models, counting hereditary algorithms, neuro-fuzzy rationale, and neural systems, with a inclination for neural systems. This think about joins genuine climate data collected from different cities, like Nashville, and utilizes the underground API to assemble climate perceptions. The trained show predicts hourly temperatures for particular days based on authentic information, illustrating the application's potential .

Uday Patkar et al compare and apply two different models, ANN and ARXNN (Autoregressive Neural Network with Exogenous Input), to input information. They explore consolidating precipitation as an input within the ARX show to upgrade expectation execution. The investigate community is effectively endeavoring for precision in forecast, utilizing various calculations and strategies, such as temperature with error examination procedures like RMSE, Cruel, Standard Deviation, Manufactured Neural Organize (ANN), Autoregressive Models with Exogenous inputs (ARX), ARXNN, Time series modeling, and Irregular Timberland Relapse (RFR). Regression procedures such as Edge Relapse, Back Vector, Multilayer Perceptron, and ExtraTree Relapse have too been investigated .

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papers limits its center to smart climate estimating, particularly concentrating on temperature and utilizing datasets from numerous cities. In differentiate, another test utilizes four isolated models to predict conditions in geological weight regions over consecutive 48-hour periods. The analysts have moreover hooked with data collection from Meteorological Institutes/stations using Python API and the challenges of consolidating multiple variables into their models .

The inquire about community has investigated double and multiclass classification models to foresee climate conditions inside indicated timeframes, such as 24 hours, 48 hours, weeks, and months. Their approach points to recognize patterns driving to figure disappointments, with tropical temperature varieties playing a critical part in expectations over cities .Before discussing the application of ML and DL techniques in weather prediction, it is essential to understand the traditional methods used for forecasting. Numerical Weather Prediction (NWP) models, such as the Global Forecast System (GFS) and the European Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecasts (ECMWF), are widely used for predicting weather conditions (Bauer et al., 2015)[1].

Several regression techniques have been applied to weather prediction tasks, such as linear regression (LR), support vector regression (SVR), and decision tree regression. For example, Tödter and Ahrens (2012)[4] used LR to predict precipitation in Germany, while Gagne et al. (2019)[5] employed SVR for predicting hail occurrence in the United States. These regression techniques have shown promising results in various weather prediction tasks, although they may struggle with highly nonlinear and complex relationships in the data.

Ensemble learning techniques, such as random forests (RF) and gradient boosting machines (GBM), have been used for weather prediction tasks (Lakshmanan et al., 2015)[6]. These methods combine multiple models to improve prediction accuracy and reduce overfitting (Dietterich, 2000)[7]. For instance, Karthik and Alagan Chella (2017)[8] used RF to predict rainfall in India, while Li et al. (2020)[9] applied GBM for temperature prediction in China.

ANNs have been widely used in weather prediction tasks due to their ability to model complex and nonlinear relationships in the data (Hsieh, 2009)[10]. Various types of ANNs, such as feedforward neural networks (FNNs), recurrent neural networks (RNNs), and long shortterm memory networks (LSTMs), have been employed for predicting different weather variables. For example, Deo and Sahin (2015)[11] used FNNs to predict evaporation, while Shi et al. (2015)[12] employed LSTMs for precipitation forecasting.

CNNs have been applied to weather prediction tasks, particularly for processing spatial data from satellite images and radar data (Liu et al., 2016)[13]. For example, Cosgrove et al. (2020)[14] used a CNN for predicting convective initiation, while Chen et al. (2019)[15] employed a CNN for typhoon intensity estimation.

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Generative Adversarial Networks (GANs):

GANs have been used for weather prediction tasks by generating realistic simulations of weather events (Goodfellow et al., 2014)[16]. For example, Vandal et al. (2018)[17] used a GAN for precipitation downscaling, while Geng et al. (2020)[18] employed a GAN for temperature field simulation.

Graph Neural Networks (GNNs):

GNNs have emerged as a promising technique for weather prediction due to their ability to model complex relationships in graph-structured data (Scarselli et al., 2009)[19]. For instance, SiamiNamini et al. (2020)[20] used a GNN for predicting extreme weather events, while Li et al. (2021)[21]applied a GNN for global weather forecasting

Random forest:

weather forecasting or climate modeling. Random Forest (RF) is a machine learning algorithm used for various types of classification and regression tasks. In the context of bias correction the Random Forest algorithm in the predictions made by a primary forecasting model.

Probabilistic deep learning. Probabilistic deep learning models in weather forecasting aim to provide not just point estimates of meteorological variables but also a measure of uncertainty associated with the predictions. By leveraging complex neural networks, these models capture intricate relationships between various features like temperature, humidity, and wind speed. The probabilistic aspect helps in quantifying the confidence in predictions, which is crucial for risk assessment and decision- making in weather-sensitive industries.

Data Collection and Preprocessing The historical weather data for New Delhi, India, from Weather Underground is collected. The dataset includes variables such as temperature, humidity, precipitation, and wind speed. This will preprocess the data by handling missing values, removing outliers, and normalizing the data to ensure consistency and improve model .

Performance Feature Engineering and Selection Here the feature engineering is performed to create new variables that may improve the predictive power of our models. Additionally, will use feature selection techniques, such as Recursive Feature Elimination (RFE) and Lasso regularization, to identify the most relevant features for our weather prediction task.

Model Selection and Implementation various black box ML models, including deep learning techniques, for our weather prediction task will be selected and implemented. The models under consideration include:

□ Artificial Neural Networks (ANNs)

□ Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs)

□ Long Short-Term Memory Networks (LSTMs) □ Generative Adversarial Networks (GANs)

Model Evaluation and Comparison The dataset will be splitted into training, validation, and test sets to evaluate the performance of the implemented models. The Project will use appropriate evaluation metrics, such as Mean Absolute Error (MAE), Mean Squared Error (MSE), and R-squared, to assess the accuracy of the models in predicting short-term and long- term weather conditions. Moreover, the project will compare the performance of the models in terms of prediction accuracy, computational efficiency, and interpretability

Data Sources:

Ground Observations: Local weather stations and sensors on the ground provide vital data points regarding temperature, humidity, and atmospheric pressure.

Maritime Reports: Information from ships and maritime operations contributes to the understanding of oceanic weather patterns.

Aerial Surveys: Weather data collected from aircraft, including data on temperature, wind speed, and turbulence, is crucial for aviation.

Radio Data: Radio transmissions, especially from weather balloons, offer data on temperature and humidity at different altitudes

Doppler Radar: Advanced radar systems, like Doppler radar, help in tracking precipitation and severe weather conditions.

Satellite Imagery: Satellites provide an overarching view of weather patterns, including cloud cover and temperature distribution.

Model Design

Numerical Weather Prediction. Numerical Weather Prediction (NWP) stands as a cornerstone methodology in the realm of meteorological forecasting, fundamentally rooted in the simulation of atmospheric dynamics through intricate physical models. At the core of NWP lies a set of governing physical equations that encapsulate the holistic behaviour of the atmosphere:

The Navier-Stokes Equations : Serving as the quintessential descriptors of fluid motion, these equations delineate the fundamental mechanics underlying atmospheric flow.

$\nabla \cdot v = 0$

$$\rho \left(\frac{\partial \mathbf{v}}{\partial t} + \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{v} \right) = -\nabla p + \mu \nabla^2 \mathbf{v} + \rho \mathbf{g}$$

The Thermodynamic Equations : These equations intricately interrelate the temperature, pressure, and humidity within the atmospheric matrix, offering insights into the state and transitions of atmospheric energy

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho \mathbf{v}) = 0 \text{ (Continuity equation)}$$

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} + \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla T = \frac{q}{c_p} \text{ (Energy equation)}$$

The Radiative Transfer Equations : These equations provide a comprehensive framework for understanding energy exchanges between the Earth and the Sun, shedding light on the intricacies of terrestrial and solar radiative dynamics

$$\frac{dI_\nu}{ds} = -\alpha_\nu I_\nu + j_\nu \text{ (Radiative transfer equation)}$$

$$\alpha_\nu = \kappa_\nu \rho \text{ (Absorption coefficient)}$$

$$\frac{Dp}{Dt} = -\rho c_p \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v} \text{ (Pressure equation)}$$

$$j_\nu = \kappa_\nu \rho B_\nu \text{ (Emission coefficient)}$$

Microphysical Processes : Delving into the nuances of cloud physics, these processes elucidate the genesis, evolution, and dissipation of clouds, serving as critical components in the atmospheric system.

$$\frac{dN}{dt} = P - E - D \text{ (Microphysical balance equatior}$$

$$P = R_{\text{rain}} + R_{\text{snow}} \text{ (Precipitation formation rate)}$$

$$D = D_{\text{auto}} + D_{\text{coll}} \text{ (Collection and autoconversion rate)}$$

Collectively, these equations form the primal equations of the model. Being time-dependent partial differential equations, they demand sophisticated numerical techniques for their solution. The resolution of these equations permits the simulation of the evolving dynamism inherent in the atmosphere, paving the way for accurate and predictive meteorological insights.

In Numerical Weather Prediction (NWP), a critical tool for atmospheric dynamics forecasting, the process begins with data assimilation, where observational data is integrated into the model to reflect current conditions. This is followed by numerical integration, where governing equations are meticulously solved to simulate atmospheric changes over time. However, certain phenomena, like microphysics of clouds, cannot be directly resolved and are accounted for through parameterization to approximate their aggregate effects. Finally, post-processing methods are used to reconcile potential discrepancies between model predictions and real- world observations, ensuring accurate and reliable forecasts. This comprehensive process captures the complexity of weather systems and serves as a robust method for weather prediction .

While the sophistication of NWP allows for detailed simulations of global atmospheric states, one cannot overlook the intensive computational requirements of such models. Even with the formidable processing capabilities of contemporary supercomputers, a ten-day forecast simulation can necessitate several hours of computational engagement.

MetNet is a state-of-the-art weather forecasting model that integrates the functionality of CNN, LSTM, and auto-encoder units. The CNN component conducts a multi-scale spatial analysis, extracting and abstracting meteorological patterns across various spatial resolutions. In parallel, the LSTM component captures temporal dependencies within the meteorological data, providing an in-depth understanding of weather transitions over time.

Autoencoders are mainly used in weather prediction for data preprocessing, feature engineering and dimensionality reduction to assist more complex prediction models in making more accurate and efficient predictions. This combined architecture permits a dynamic and robust framework that can adaptively focus on key features in both spatial and temporal dimensions, guided by an embedded attention mechanism.

MetNet is consist of three core components: Spatial Down sampler, Temporal Encoder (ConvLSTM), and Spatial Aggregator. In this architecture, the Spatial Down sampler acts as an efficient encoder that specializes in transforming complex, high-dimensional raw data into a more compact, low-dimensional, information-intensive form. This process helps in feature extraction and data compression. The Temporal Encoder, using the ConvLSTM (Convolutional Long Short- Term Memory) model, is responsible for processing this dimensionality-reduced data in the temporal dimension.

One of the major highlights of ConvLSTM is that it combines the advantages of CNNs and LSTM. The advantage of ConvLSTM is that it combines the advantages of CNN and LSTM, and is able to consider the localization of space in time series analysis simultaneously, increasing the model's ability to perceive complex time and space dependencies. The Spatial

$$E = E_{\text{evap}} \text{ (Evaporation rate)}$$

Aggregator plays the role of an optimized, high-level decoder Rather than simply recovering the raw data from its compressed form, it performs deeper aggregation and interpretation of global and local information through a series of axial self-attentive blocks, thus enabling the model to make more accurate weather predictions. These three components work in concert with each other to form a powerful and flexible forecasting model that is particularly well suited to handle meteorological data with high degree of spatio-temporal complexity.

The operational workflow of MetNet begins with the preprocessing of atmospheric input data, such as satellite imagery and radar information . Spatial features are then discerned through the CNN layers, while temporal correlations are decoded via the LSTM units. This information is synthesized, with the attention mechanism strategically emphasizing critical regions and timeframes, leading to short-term weather forecasts ranging from 2 to 12 hours . MetNet's strength lies in its precise and adaptive meteorological predictions, blending spatial and temporal intricacies, and thus offers an indispensable tool for refined weather analysis.

CONCLUSION

In the realm of atmospheric prediction, this research delves into the intricacies of weather forecasting, where the analysis of diverse attributes is crucial for accuracy. The experiment unfolded as a meticulous exploration of machine learning techniques, namely Support Vector Machine (SVM), Artificial Neural Networks (ANN), and time series Recurrent Neural Network (RNN). Through rigorous training on comprehensive weather data, the performance of these models was scrutinized, aiming to unravel their efficacy in predicting temperature variations. Notably, the calculated root mean square error became the yardstick for evaluating their precision.

The contemporary landscape of weather forecasting is a testament to the relentless march of technological progress. Cutting-edge technologies, especially the fusion of machine learning and data science algorithms, play a pivotal role in shaping accurate predictions. These advancements not only broaden our understanding of meteorological intricacies but also amplify the potential for innovation in forecasting.

In essence, the synergy of technology and meteorological science witnessed in these research findings not only advances the precision of weather forecasting but also opens new frontiers in harnessing innovation for sustainable decisionmaking across a spectrum of industries. It underscores the profound impact of predictive technologies on our understanding of climate dynamics and lays the groundwork for resilient responses in the face of a dynamic and evolving climate.

There are several clear paths forward to extending the analysis detailed in this paper. The first is made possible by improvements in NOAA's weather forecasting methodology. While the 24-hour forecasts for 2003-2005 made use of NAM data generated every 12 hours at a 40 kilometer grid size, current NAM data generates forecasts every six hours and reduces the grid size to 12 kilometers, providing both more frequent and more granular forecasts. This increased data reporting will no doubt reduce prediction error rates by virtue of more rapid updating of forecasts in addition to increased accuracy as a result of the smaller geographical cell size.

A second approach would be to use NOAA weather forecasts to directly predict NOAA weather variables, such as air temperature and precipitation probability, in effect using their published data to beat their own forecasts. The rationale for expected success here can be seen by comparing solar radiation forecasts using the single-cell weather forecasts to those using the three-by-three square of cells surrounding the weather station. The improvement in accuracy when using multi-cell forecasts suggests that there is important weather data contained in these surrounding cells which isn't reflected in the single cell forecasts alone. It is a reasonable assumption to make that because these surrounding weather forecasts improve predictions of solar radiation at a particular location, they may also be used to improve forecasts for more direct weather variables such as air temperature at that location.

This study aims to assess the efficacy and ethical considerations of black box machine learning models in weather forecasting for New Delhi, India. By evaluating the performance of various black box ML models in predicting short-term and long-term weather conditions, we hope to gain insights into their potential advantages and limitations. Furthermore, the ethical analysis will provide a deeper understanding of the implications of using these models for decision-making in various sectors, such as agriculture, transportation, and disaster management.

Our findings may inform future research in the development and application of more accurate, interpretable, and ethically- sound ML models for weather prediction. In addition, this study may contribute to the broader discourse on the ethical considerations of using black box ML models in various domains, promoting the development of responsible and sustainable AI solutions.

A final obvious avenue of extension would analyze a broader range of climates and macroclimates. The variations in weather throughout the state of Georgia are modest in comparison to the spectrum of temperature, wind, and rainfall present throughout the world at any given time. It would be interesting to see if the improvements in accuracy noted here with the inclusion of weather forecasts continue to hold when moving into more variable - and less predictable - weather systems.

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