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Accurate and reliable probabilistic forecasts are important not only in Atmospheric sciences, but also in several meteorology-related industries as, for instance, renewable energy production using wind turbines or solar panels performance, strongly dependent on weather conditions. In order to produce probabilistic meteorological forecasts, a common approach is to generate ensemble forecasts. Nevertheless, ensemble model runs are often biased and usually affected by underdispersion regarding surface variables. In order to correct them, we apply post-processing statistical methods.

On the one hand the use of statistical post-processing methods has the potential to reduce systematic errors. On the other hand, one may claim that using a larger number of members in the ensemble may improve the estimation of errors / uncertainties. In the Framework of the EoCoE (Energy-Oriented Centre of Excellence for Computing Applications) project, the Jülich Research Center has developed a ultra-large one thousand-member ensemble system in order to evaluate the added-value of large ensembles in the characterization of uncertainty and unexpected extreme events.

In this study we apply post-processed statistical calibration to this ultra-large ensemble in a variety of case studies. Several calibration strategies are used to calibrate station-level wind data from Météo-France's 35-member probabilistic model PEARP. These results are, then, compared with the ones of the ultra-large ensemble system.