Challenges of event-based evaluation of flash floods: example of the October 2018 flood event in the Aude catchment in France

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What is the best strategy to evaluate ensemble rainfall forecast products over a short and often rare flash flood event?

PE2: Three latest forecasts from AROME-PE NWP ensemble

PE3: Combination of AROME-PE NWP with five forecasts from AROME-PI (nowcasting; every hour, time-lagged)

PE4: Combination of PE3 with latest AROME-France NWP (deterministic) and AROME-IFS (AROME model with IFS BC)

► Visual inspection of hydrographs at a given lead time and the associated flood threshold exceedances

► Spread-skill score: differences across lead times

Cumulated observed rainfall in the Aude (4,840 km²; 14-15 Oct 2018)

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