Some Characteristics of Hail Process in Georgia and Azerbaijan on May 28, 2019

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ABSTRACT

The detailed information about such characteristics of hail process in Georgia and Azerbaijan on 28 May, 2019 as: the maximum diameter of hail stones in the cloud and on the earth's surface, trajectory and velocity of the migration of convective cells with the maximum size of hail stones, the rate of growth in the maximum size of hail stones in cloud, etc. is presented.

In particular, the connections of the speed of migration of convective cells and maximum size of hail stones with the height of area relief are established. The comparison of the data about the rate of growth in the hail stones in the actual conditions with previously obtained analogous data under laboratory conditions for the uncharged cloud medium, they showed the satisfactory agreement between them.

Key Words: Radar monitoring, dangerous meteorological processes, hail, precipitation.

Introduction

Among the enumeration of natural catastrophes in Georgia, hail processes occupy one of the leading positions [1-3]. Hail will regularly do serious material damage to agriculture, buildings, infrastructure, truck transport, etc. [1-8]. Therefore, taking into account the importance of problem, to studies of hail processes in Georgia was always paid special attention, including in recent years [1-9]. What is more, taking into account the significant economic damage, brought by hail damages, in Georgia in the beginning of the fifties of past century began works on the fight with the hail [2, 10]. These works continued until 1989 and were renewed using newest technologies in Kakheti region of Georgia in 2015 [10-14]. The anti-hail service is equipped with a modern meteorological radar "METEOR 735 CDP 10 - Doppler Weather Radar" [15-17], which in the future, in addition to anti-hail activities, is planned to be used for operational monitoring of different dangerous hydro-meteorological processes in eastern Georgia and adjacent territories [13, 14].

Thus, in recent years in a number of works were represented the preliminary results of radar studies of hail processes [18-21], rainfall [22-25] and dust formation migration [26, 27] in Eastern Georgia and its neighboring countries (Azerbaijan, Armenia). In particular, in the work [21] preliminary data about the hail process in Tbilisi and Kakheti on May 28, 2019 from 16 hour 34 min to 17 hour 04 min was presented. More detailed data on this process, which, besides Georgia, has spread to the territory of Azerbaijan, is presented below.

Material and methods, study regions

The Anti-hail service is equipped with contemporary C-band, dual polarized Doppler meteorological radar "METEOR 735 CDP 10 - Doppler Weather Radar", which is installed in the village Chotori (1090 m height from sea level) of the Signagi municipality of the Kakheti region of Georgia [12-14]. The products of radar are sufficiently varied [15-17]. For the anti-hail works the optimal radius of action of radar is 100-120 km, (distance, which practically covers the territory of Kakheti and some parts of the territories of Armenia and Azerbaijan). In this work two radar products are presented, MAX (dBZ) and HAILSZ (Size) [16, 17]. The expected size of hailstones falling out to the earth's surface was calculated according to the Zimenkov-Ivanov model of hail melting in the atmosphere [28-31] by taking into account the radar data about their diameter in the clouds and freezing level in atmosphere [32-34].

Study regions: Georgia – areas of Tbilisi and Rustavi, Kakheti (municipalities of Sagarejo and Kvareli); Azerbaijan – areas east of Agstafa and Tovuz. Date and time of the study: May 28, 2019 from 15 hour 23 min to 20 hour 37 min (below - 15:23, etc.). Discreteness of radar measurements - every three minutes.

Accordingly, every three minutes, the following characteristics of hail clouds were determined: the maximum hailstones diameter D_o (mm), coordinates of the convective cells with the maximum size of hailstones, air temperature at the level of this cells T (°C), height of the relief under this cells H (km), horizontal speed of migration of the cells with the maximum diameter of hailstones V (m/sec), maximum hail diameter at the ground level D (mm), speed of growth of maximum hailstones diameter in hail clouds \check{D}_o (mm/min).

The vertical distribution of air temperature, wind speed and direction in the atmosphere over the studied region using data of the worldwide network of the aerological observations [http://ready.arl.noaa.gov/READYcmet.php] was determined.

The following designations of statistical information are used below:

Min – minimal values; Max - maximal values; St Dev - standard deviation; Cv = 100·St Dev/ Mean – coefficient of variation, %; R^2 – coefficient of determination.

In Fig. 1 and 2 data about vertical distribution of wind direction and wind speed about the investigated territory are presented.

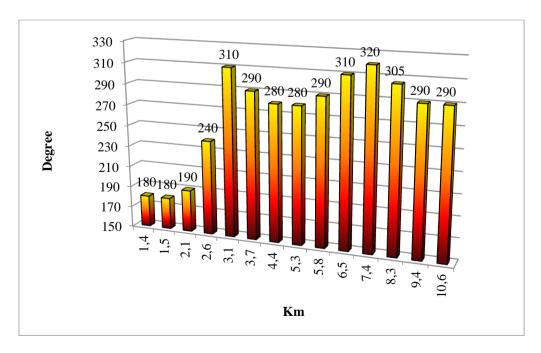


Fig.1. Vertical distribution of wind direction about the investigated territory

As follows from these figures in the layer of the atmosphere from 1.4 to 10.6 km wind direction changed from 180 to 320 degrees, and wind speed - from 1 to 17 m/sec. Speed of the main flow - 7 m/sec, direction - 280 degrees.

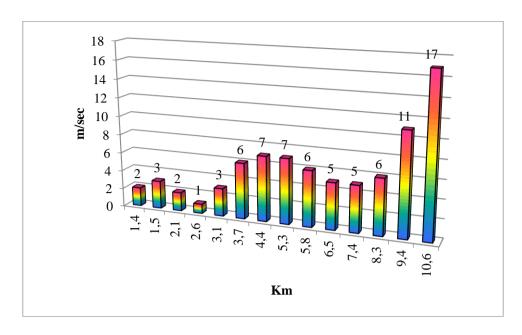


Fig.2. Vertical distribution of wind speed about the investigated territory

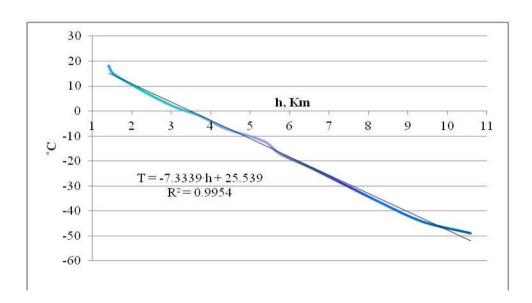


Fig. 3. Vertical distribution of air temperature about the investigated territory

Data about vertical distribution of air temperature about the investigated territory in Fig.3 is presented. The air temperature changed from $18.1\,^{\circ}\text{C}$ at the height of $1.4\,\text{km}$ to $-49\,^{\circ}\text{C}$ at the height of $10.6\,\text{km}$ with the gradient of $-7.33\,\text{degree/km}$. Height of zero isotherm was $3.38\,\text{km}$

On 28 May 2019 above the investigated territory northwestern synoptic process with the wave perturbations was observed.

Examples of radar picture of the movement of hail process above the investigated territory on May 28, 2019 in different times on Fig.4 are present. On this day, for a number of reasons, there were no active impacts on the hail processes in Kakheti.

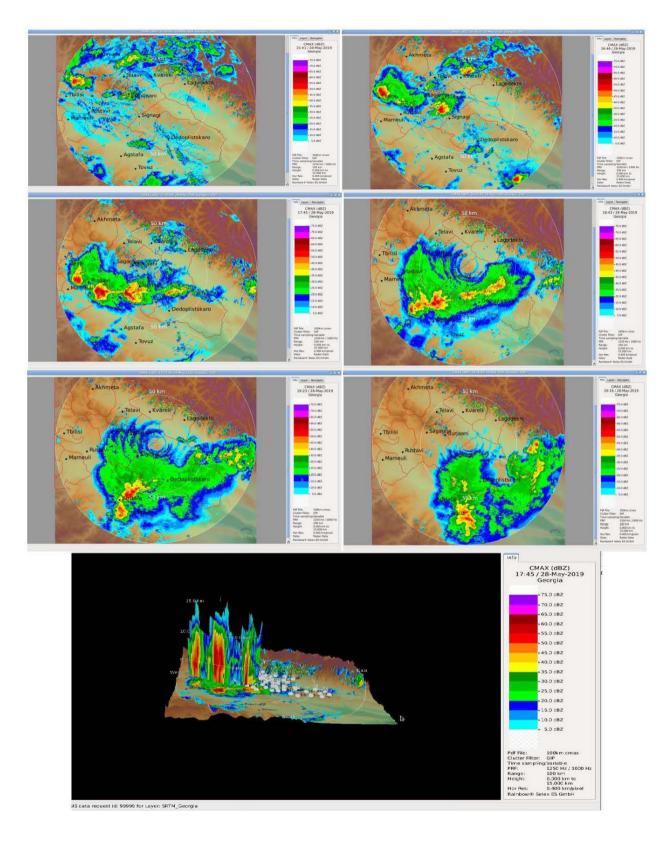


Fig.4. Radar picture of the movement of hail process above the investigated territory on 15:41, 16:46, 17:45, 18:43, 19:23 and 20:16. Below - 3D the picture of hail process on 17:45

Results

The results in Fig. 5-15 and Table 1,2 are represented.

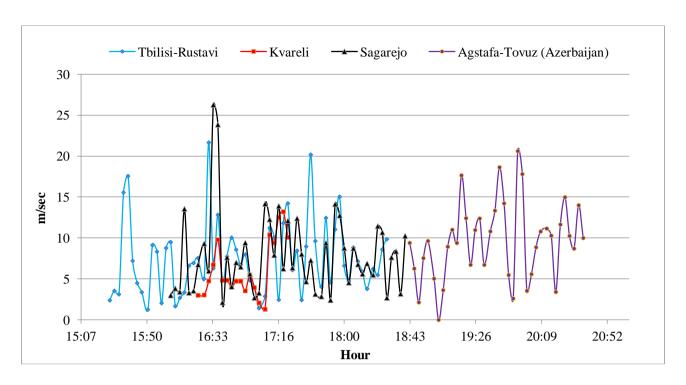


Fig.5. Changeability in the time of the speed of migration of convective cells with the maximum diameter of hailstones

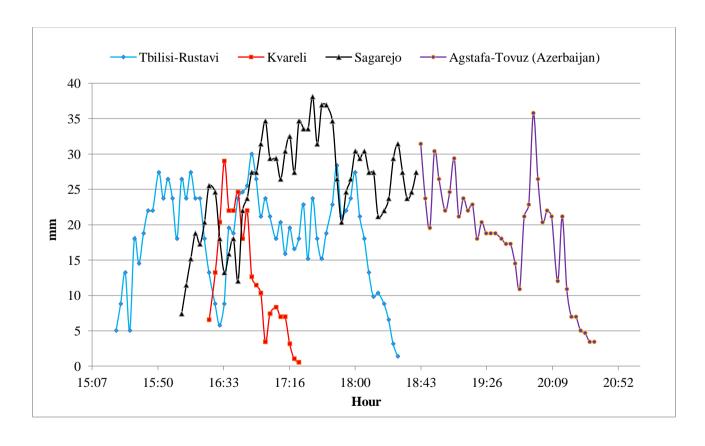


Fig.6. Changeability in the time of the maximum diameter of hailstones in the clouds from 15:23 to 20:37

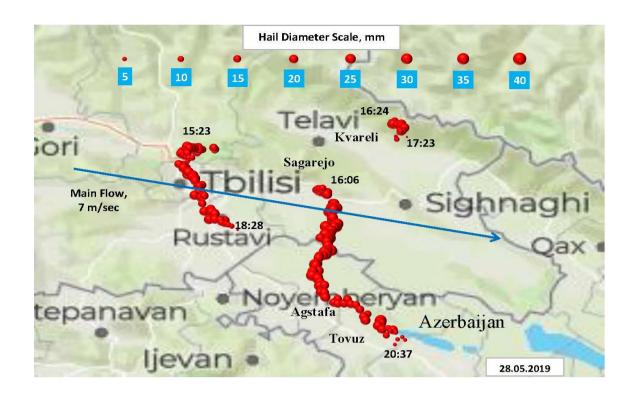


Fig.7. Convective cells with the maximum diameter of hailstones trajectory about the investigated territory from 15:23 to 20:37

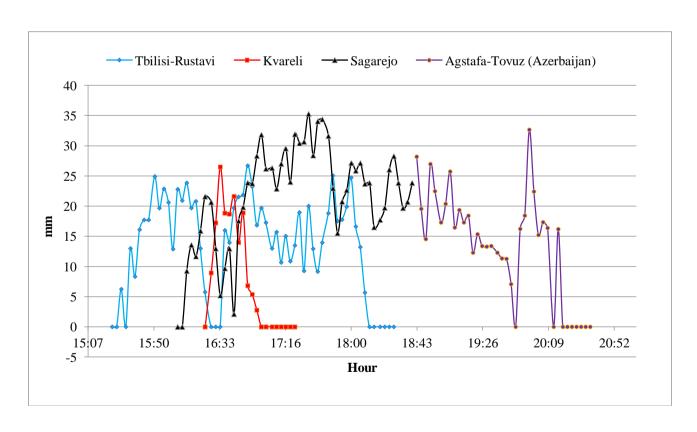


Fig.8. Changeability in time of the maximum diameter of hailstones falling on the earth surface from 15:23 to 20:37

Table 1
Statistical characteristics of hail process in Georgia and Azerbaijan on May 28, 2019

Parameter	Beginning - End of Process, Hour	Duration of Process, Minute	H, relief, km	T, °C	Do, mm	D, mm	V m/sec		
Location	Tbilisi - Rustavi								
Min	15:23	0	0.345	-32.2	1.4	0	1.3		
Max	18:28	185	1.720	-1.4	30.0	26.7	21.7		
Mean			0.651	-15.5	18.4	13.5	7.5		
St Dev			0.291	9.4	7.0	8.3	4.5		
Cv, %			44.7	60.3	38.1	61.0	60.0		
Location	Kvareli Municipality								
Min	16:24	0	0.543	-24.1	0.5	0	1.3		
Max	17:23	59	1.476	-2.1	29.0	26.5	13.2		
Mean			1.057	-9.9	12.5	8.0	6.1		
St Dev			0.249	6.7	8.5	9.2	3.5		
Cv, %			23.5	68.0	67.9	115.4	57.3		
Location	Sagarejo Municipality								
Min	16:06	0	0.307	-35.1	7.4	0	2.1		
Max	18:40	154	0.676	-0.7	38.1	35.3	26.3		
	10.40	134							
Mean			0.437	-10.8	25.7	21.6	7.9		
St Dev			0.102	8.1	7.1	8.6	5.0		
Cv, %			23.2	75.4	27.5	40.0	62.9		
Location	Agstafa - Tovuz regions								
Min	18:43	0	0.142	-25.6	3.4	0	0		
Max	20:37	114	0.377	-0.7	35.8	32.6	20.6		
Mean			0.226	-5.0	18.8	13.4	9.6		
St Dev			0.056	5.7	7.9	9.0	4.8		
Cv, %			24.8	113.7	42.1	67.1	49.5		

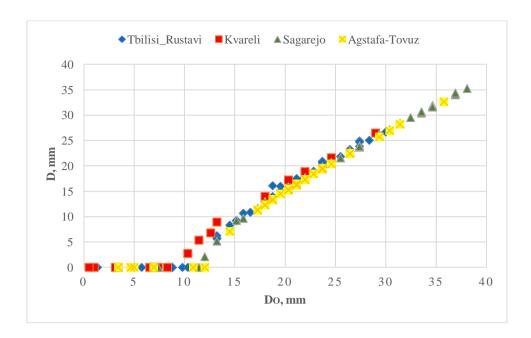


Fig.9. The ratio between values of Do and D in the study region from 15:23 to 20:37

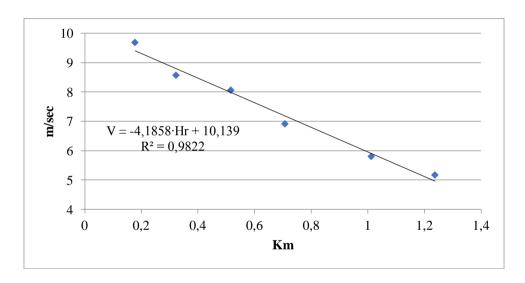


Fig. 10. Dependence of the mean speed of migration of convective cells with the maximum diameter of hailstones on the height of locality

In Fig. 5-8 and Table 1 presents data on the various characteristics of the hail process on May 28, 2019.

The results of the analysis of these data are given below.

Changeability in the time of the speed of migration of convective cells with the maximum diameter of hailstones (Fig 5, Table 1).

Tbilisi – Rustavi: Values of V changes from 1.3 to 21.7 m/sec (mean value – 7.5 m/sec);

Kvareli Municipality: Values of V changes from 1.3 to 13.2 m/sec (mean value – 6.1 m/sec);

Sagarejo Municipality: Values of V changes from 2.1 to 26.3 m/sec (mean value – 7.9 m/sec);

Agstafa - Tovuz regions: Values of V changes from 0 to 20.6 m/sec (mean value – 9.6 m/sec).

It should be noted that speed of migration of convective cells with the maximum diameter of hailstones above the three investigation locations (excluding Kvareli Municipality) in some moments of time is higher, that max wind speed (Fig.2).

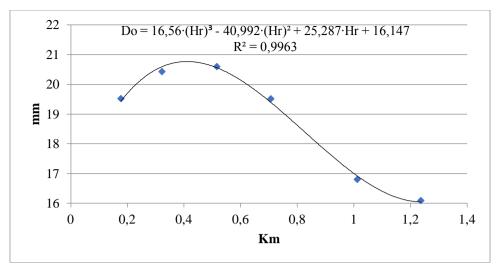


Fig.11. Dependence of the mean values of Do in hail clouds on the height of locality

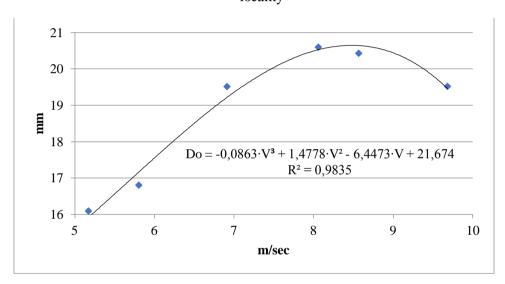


Fig.12. Dependence of the mean values of Do in hail clouds from the mean speed of their migration

Changeability in the time of the maximum diameter of hailstones in the clouds (Fig 6-7, Table 1).

Tbilisi – Rustavi: Values of Do changes from 1.4 to 30.0 mm (mean diameter – 18.4 mm);

Kvareli Municipality: Values of Do changes from 0.5 to 29.0 mm (mean diameter – 12.5 mm);

Sagarejo Municipality: Values of Do changes from 7.4 to 38.1 mm (mean diameter – 25.7 mm);

Agstafa - Tovuz regions: Values of Do changes from 3.4 to 35.8 mm (mean diameter – 18.8 mm).

Changeability in time of the maximum diameter of hailstones falling on the earth surface (Fig 8, Table 1).

Tbilisi – **Rustavi:** Values of Do changes from 0 to 26.7 mm (mean diameter – 13.5 mm); **Kvareli Municipality:** Values of Do changes from 0 to 26.5mm (mean diameter – 8.0 mm); **Sagarejo Municipality:** Values of Do changes from 0 to 35.3 mm (mean diameter – 21.6 mm); **Agstafa - Tovuz regions:** Values of Do changes from 0 to 20.6 mm (mean diameter – 9.6 mm). The ratio between values of Do and D in the all study regions on Fig. 9 is presented.

As follows from Fig. 10 the mean speed of migration of convective cells with the maximum diameter of hailstones linearly decreases with increasing of relief altitude.

Dependence of the mean values of Do in hail clouds on the height of locality has the form of a third power polynomial (Fig. 11).

Dependence of the mean values of Do in hail clouds from the mean speed of their migration has the form of a third power polynomial also (Fig. 12).

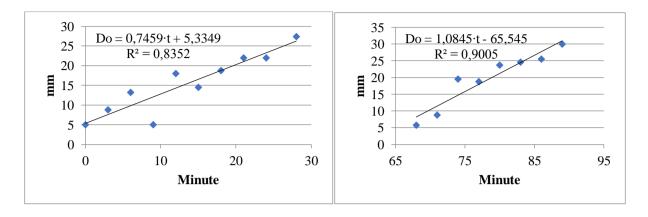


Fig.13a. Increase of value of Do in hail cloud from 15:23 to 15:51 (to the left) and from 16:31 to 16:52 (to the right), Tbilisi-Rustavi

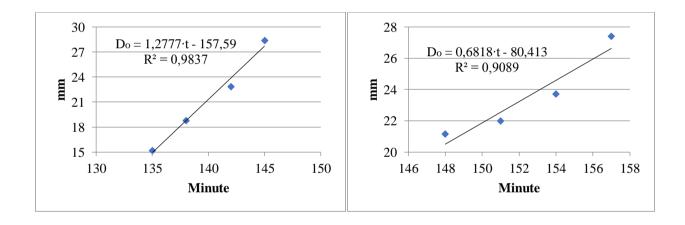


Fig.13b. Increase of value of Do in hail cloud from 17:38 to 17:48 (to the left) and from 17:51 to 18:00 (to the right), Tbilisi-Rustavi

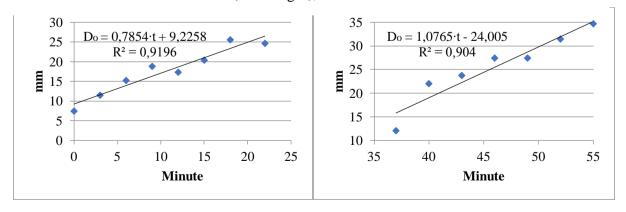


Fig.14a. Increase of value of Do in hail cloud from 16:06 to 16:28 (to the left) and from 16:43 to 17:01 (to the right), Sagarejo Municipality

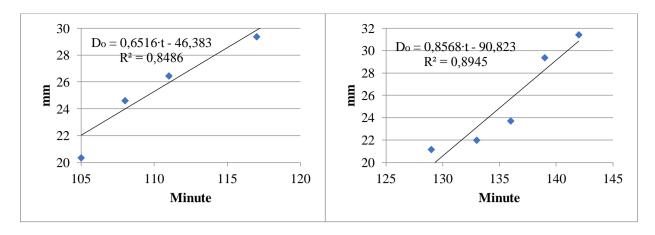


Fig.14b. Increase of value of Do in hail cloud from 17:51 to 18:06 (to the left) and from 18:15 to 14:28 (to the right), Sagarejo Municipality

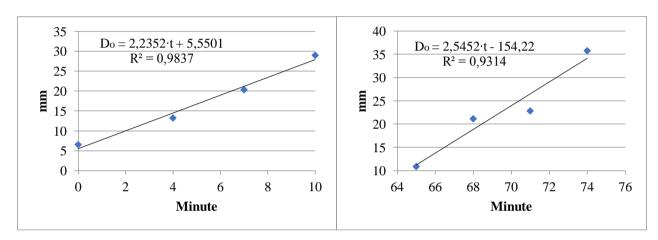


Fig.15. Increase of value of Do in hail cloud from 16:24 to 16:34 (to the left, Kvareli Municipality) and from 19:48 to 19:57 (to the right, Agstafa-Tovuz)

Table 2 Speed of growth of Do in hail clouds on May 28, 2019

Location	Tbilisi-Rustavi	Sagarejo	Kvareli	Agstafa - Tovuz	
Hour	15:23 - 15:51	16:06 - 16:28	16:24 - 16:34	19:48 - 19:57	
Speed of growth	0.75	0.79	2.24	2.55	
of Do, mm/min					
T, °C	-29.3÷-7.3 (-14.2)	-19.0÷-8.7 (-16.7)	-24.1÷-12.4 (-16.2)	-4.3÷-0.7 (-2.9)	
Hour	16:31 - 16:52	16:43 - 17:01			
Speed of growth	1.08	1.08			
of Do, mm/min					
T, °C	-32.2÷-5.1 (-22.6)	-22.7÷-4.3 (-12.0)			
Hour	17:38 - 17:48	17:51 - 18:06			
Speed of growth	1.28	0.65			
of Do, mm/min					
T, °C	-25.6÷-22.7 (-24.5)	-35.1÷-0.7 (-11.5)			
Hour	17:51 - 18:00	18:15 - 18:28			
Speed of growth	0.68	0.86			
of Do, mm/min					
T, °C	-22.7÷-5.8 (-10.9)	-18.3÷-3.6 (-8.0)			

In Fig. 13-15 and Table 2 data about speed of growth of Do in hail clouds are presented. Above the four investigation locations speed of growth of Do is following:

Tbilisi – **Rustavi:** $0.68 \div 1.28$ mm/min (4 cases, cloud medium temperature range: $-32.2 \div -5.8$ °C); **Sagarejo Municipality:** $0.65 \div 1.08$ mm/min (4 cases, cloud medium temperature range: $-35.1 \div -0.7$ °C); **Kvareli Municipality:** 2.24 mm/min (1 case, cloud medium temperature range: $-24.1 \div -12.4$ °C); **Agstafa** - **Tovuz regions:** 2.55 mm/min (1 case, cloud medium temperature range: $-4.3 \div -0.7$ °C). Average growth rate of Do for all 10 cases: 1.20 ± 0.57 mm/min (confidence interval - 99%).

Table 3
Statistical characteristics of the parameters of uncharged cloud medium and mean rate of growth of the diameter of hailstones for the conditions for a dry and wet increase in the hail

(data of laboratory experiments [35])

Regime	Dry growth			Wet growth		
Parameter	Cloud water	T, °C	Speed of growth	Cloud water T, °C Spe		Speed of growth
	content, g/m ³		of Do, mm/min	content, g/m ³		of Do, mm/min
Mean	2.6	-14.0	0.74	3.4	-5.4	0.82
Min	1.2	-19.3	0.35	0.9	-9.7	0.13
Max	4.3	-6.8	1.14	4.8	-1.2	1.4
St Dev	0.77	3.77	0.24	1.18	2.64	0.36
Count		35			17	

In Table 3 for comparison data of laboratory experiments [35] about rate of growth of the diameter of hailstones for the conditions for a dry and wet increase in the hail in uncharged cloud medium are presented. As follows from this Table, speed of growth of Do change from $0.35 \div 1.14$ mm/min (dry growth, mean value - 0.74 mm/min) to $0.13 \div 1.4$ mm/min (wet growth, mean value - 0.82 mm/min).

As follows from Tables 2 and 3, the agreement between field and laboratory data on the growth rate of Do is generally satisfactory (coincidence - 80%, excluding hail processes over Kvareli Municipality and Agstafa - Tovuz regions).

Conclusions

In the near future, a similar analysis is planned for hail processes in Kakheti during the days of the works of anti-hail service in order to assess the physical effectiveness of these works. In addition to this, the analysis of the temporary changeability of the parameters of hail processes with the use of methods of mathematical statistics for investigating the non stationary time series of observations (autocorrelation, periodicity, etc.) will be carried out.

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Некоторые характеристики градового процесса в Грузии и Азербайджане 28 мая 2019 г.

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Резюме

Приводится подробная информация о таких характеристиках градового процесса в Грузии и Азербайджане 28 мая 2019 года, как: максимальный диаметр градин в облаке и у поверхности земли, траектории и скорости миграции ячеек с максимальным размером градин, скорость роста максимального размера градин в облаке и др. В частности, установлены связи скорости миграции конвективных ячеек и максимального размера градин с высотой рельефа местности. Сравнение данных о скорости роста градин в реальных условиях с ранее полученными аналогичными данными в лабораторных условиях для незаряженной облачной среды, показали удовлетворительное согласие между ними.