

## **Modeling the Distribution of Hailstones by Mean Max Sizes on the Territory of Kakheti (Georgia) using Data of the Freezing Level in the Atmosphere and Radar Measurements**

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### **ABSTRACT**

*Results of modeling of the distribution of hailstones by mean max diameter ( $D$ ) on the territory of Kakheti (Georgia) using data of the freezing level in the atmosphere and radar measurements of hail max sizes in clouds are presented.*

*Maps of the distribution of hail by the average maximum diameter in the territory of Kakheti for individual months, from April to September, have been built. The vertical distribution of  $D$  on the indicated territory in the range of heights from 0.11 to 3.84 km was studied.*

**Key words:** *Hail, map of hail distribution by size.*

### **Introduction**

Hail phenomena occur in many regions of the world [1-3], including Georgia [4-7]. Annual global losses of agricultural products from hail damage range from 4 to 18% of the harvest, and in monetary terms, they exceed 11 billion US dollars [<https://www.meteorf.ru/activity/activ/antigrad/obs-info/>]. At the same time, with regard to damage from hail, Georgia is one of the most hail-hazardous countries in the world. Therefore, the problem of hail in this country is devoted to numerous works covering a wide range of studies, such as climatology of hail [5,8-15], radar observation on hail processes [16-19], theoretical and experimental studies of the mechanisms of hail formation [20-22], methods of impact on hail processes [18,23,24], analysis of impact results [25-28], etc.

To solve various problems of scientific or applied significance (the impact of climate change on hail processes, comparison of experimental data on hailstorms with theoretical models of hail processes, assessment of the expected damage from hailstorms, planning of work on active impacts on hail processes, etc.), detailed information on the spatial-temporary characteristics of hail distributions and its sizes on different locations is necessary. Corresponding ground-based network studies (the number of days with hail per year, determination of the size of hail, their structure, kinetic energy, etc.) have been widely carried out and are being carried out both in different countries of the world [2,3,29-34] and in Georgia [1,4,5-15].

To construct of spatial-temporary maps of the distribution of hail processes, data from radar observations of convective clouds are also used [3,16,19,22,25,35-37]. In particular, in the paper [19] presents the results of a statistical analysis of such parameters of hail processes for separate municipalities of

Kakheti in the period from 2016 to 2019, as: the maximum height of hail clouds, the maximum diameter of hailstone in clouds, the number of hail clouds of various categories, repetition of hail clouds of various categories, the mean hail hazard relative ratio G. It was found that during the study period, the greatest hail hazard was observed in the Gurjaani municipality (G = 1.74), and the smallest in the Dedoplistskaro municipality (G = 0.39).

This work is a continuation of the study [19]. Results of modeling of the distribution of hailstones by mean max sizes on the territory of Kakheti (Georgia) using data of the freezing level in the atmosphere and radar measurements of hail sizes in clouds are presented below.

## Study area, material and methods

Study area – Kakheti region of Georgia. Data of meteorological radar “METEOR 735 CDP 10 - Doppler Weather Radar” of Anti-hail service of Georgia about the max diameter of hailstones in the clouds (cm) - radar products HAILSZ (Size) [38] - are used.

Period of observation: April-September, 2016-2019. The area of shielded from the hail territory - 11 309.5 km<sup>2</sup>.

The expected diameter of hailstones falling out to the earth's surface according to the Zimenkov-Ivanov model of hail melting in the atmosphere [1,39-41] by taking into account the radar data about their max diameter in the clouds and freezing level in atmosphere was calculated [42, 43].

To calculate the mean max diameter of hailstones (D) on the surface of the earth, the territory of Kakheti was divided into 465 squares, the range of heights was 0.11 ÷ 3.84 km. The monthly average values of the max sizes of hailstones and their 99% values of the lower and upper levels of the average were calculated.

The initial dimensions of hailstones in clouds from April to September in Table 1 are presented.

Table 1. The statistical characteristics of hailstones in the clouds above Kakheti territory by mean max diameter from April to September 2016-2019 (cm).

| Parameter            | April | May  | June | July | August | September |
|----------------------|-------|------|------|------|--------|-----------|
| <b>Mean</b>          | 1.17  | 1.69 | 1.97 | 1.97 | 1.27   | 1.79      |
| <b>Min</b>           | 0.16  | 0.09 | 0.09 | 0.29 | 0.09   | 0.20      |
| <b>Max</b>           | 2.55  | 4.30 | 4.83 | 3.58 | 4.05   | 3.58      |
| <b>Range</b>         | 2.40  | 4.21 | 4.74 | 3.29 | 3.96   | 3.38      |
| <b>St Dev</b>        | 0.65  | 0.90 | 0.96 | 0.82 | 0.94   | 0.87      |
| <b>σ<sub>m</sub></b> | 0.10  | 0.06 | 0.07 | 0.09 | 0.22   | 0.11      |
| <b>99%_Low</b>       | 0.91  | 1.53 | 1.79 | 1.73 | 0.70   | 1.49      |
| <b>99%_Upp</b>       | 1.42  | 1.84 | 2.16 | 2.21 | 1.84   | 2.08      |

GIS technologies to construct maps of the distribution of hailstones by size near the surface of the earth in the territory of Kakheti were used.

For the data analysis the standard statistical methods are used. The following designations of statistical information are used below: Mean – average values; Min – minimal values; Max - maximal values; Range - Max – Min; St Dev - standard deviation; σ<sub>m</sub> - standard error; %; 99%\_Low and 99%\_Upp – 99% of lower and upper levels of the mean accordingly.

## Results

Results in Fig. 1-12 and Table 2,3 are presented.

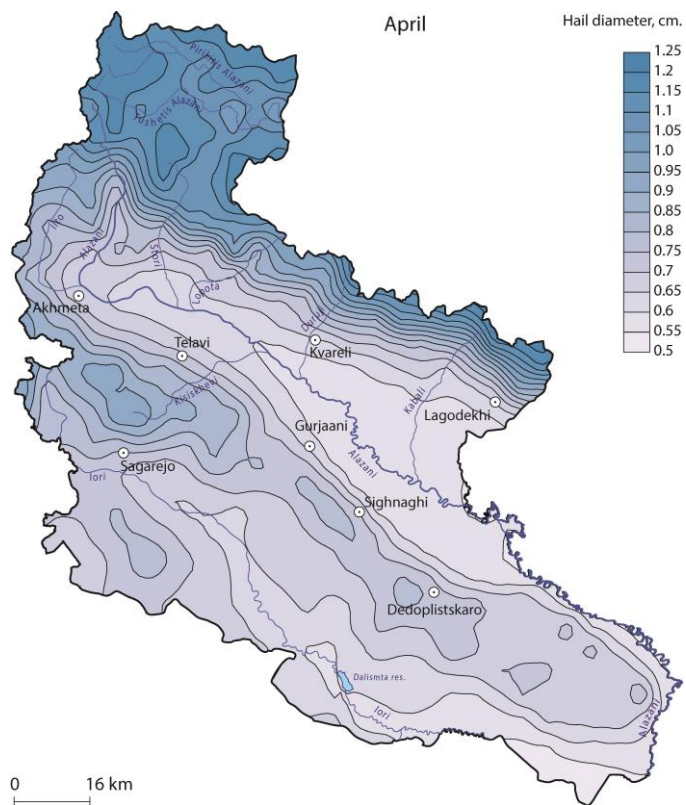


Fig. 1. Distribution of hailstones by mean max diameter on the territory of Kakheti in April.

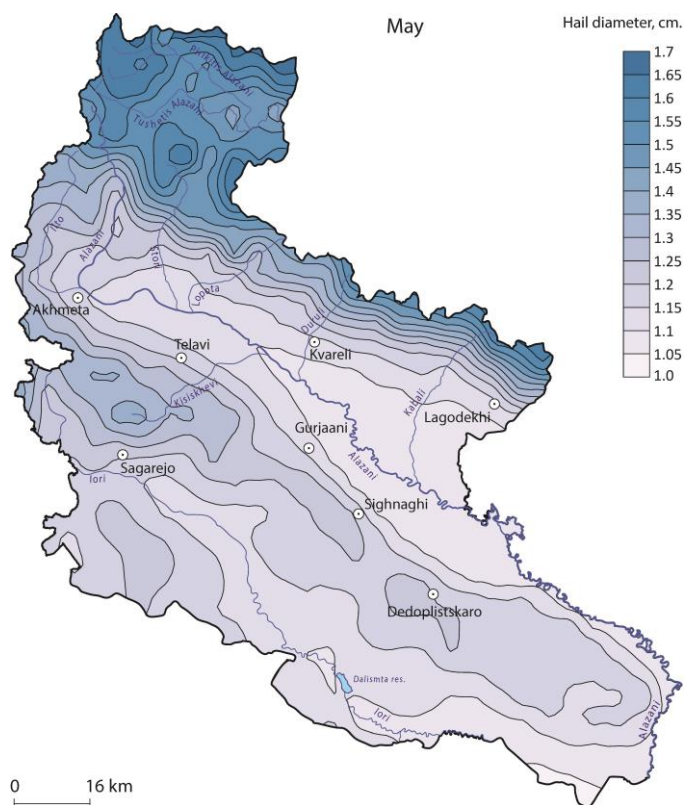


Fig. 2. Distribution of hailstones by mean max diameter on the territory of Kakheti in May.

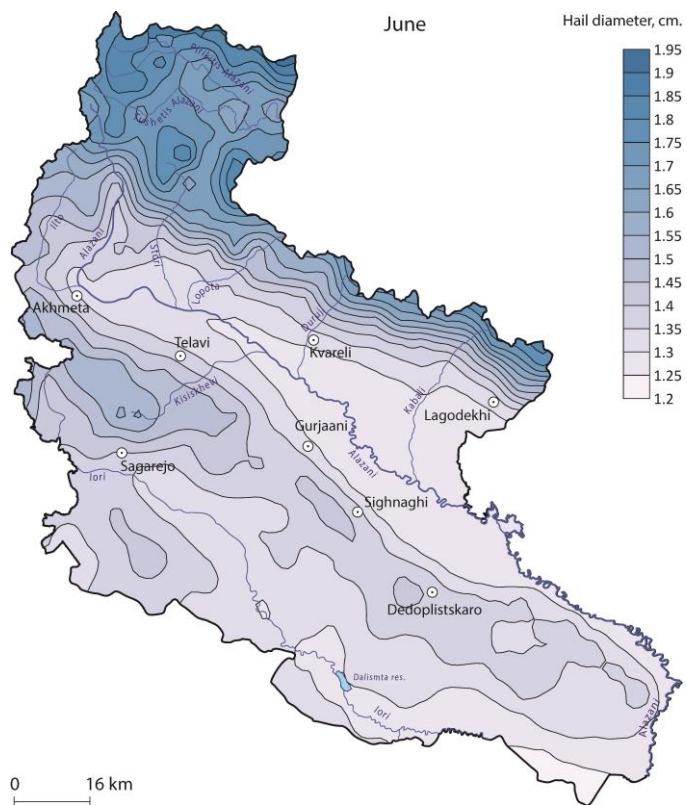


Fig. 3. Distribution of hailstones by mean max diameter on the territory of Kakheti in June.

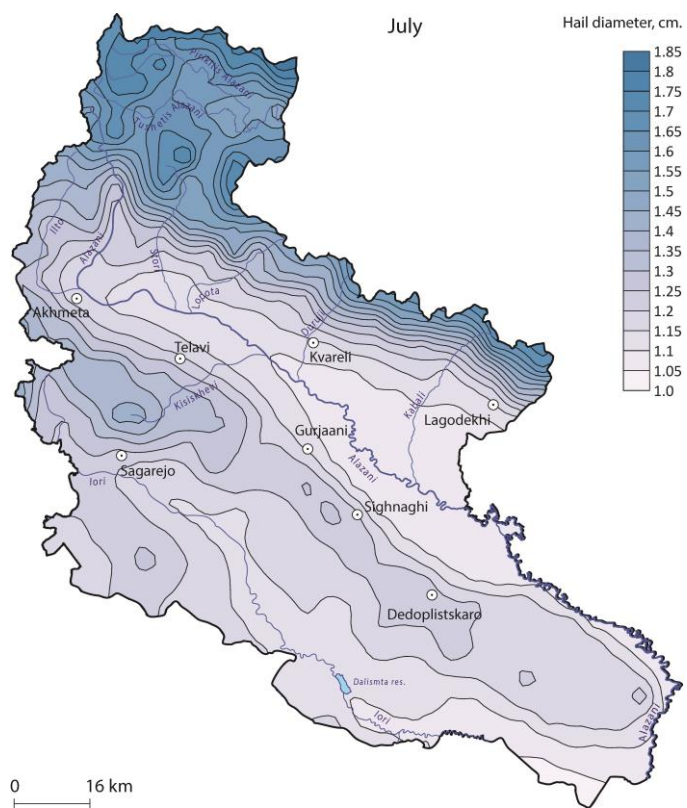


Fig. 4. Distribution of hailstones by mean max diameter on the territory of Kakheti in July.

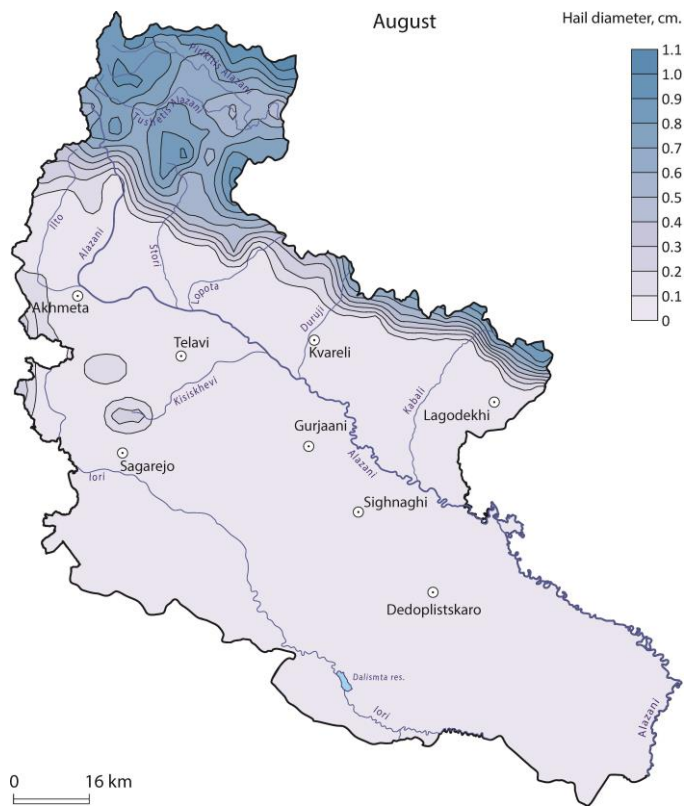


Fig. 5. Distribution of hailstones by mean max diameter on the territory of Kakheti in August.

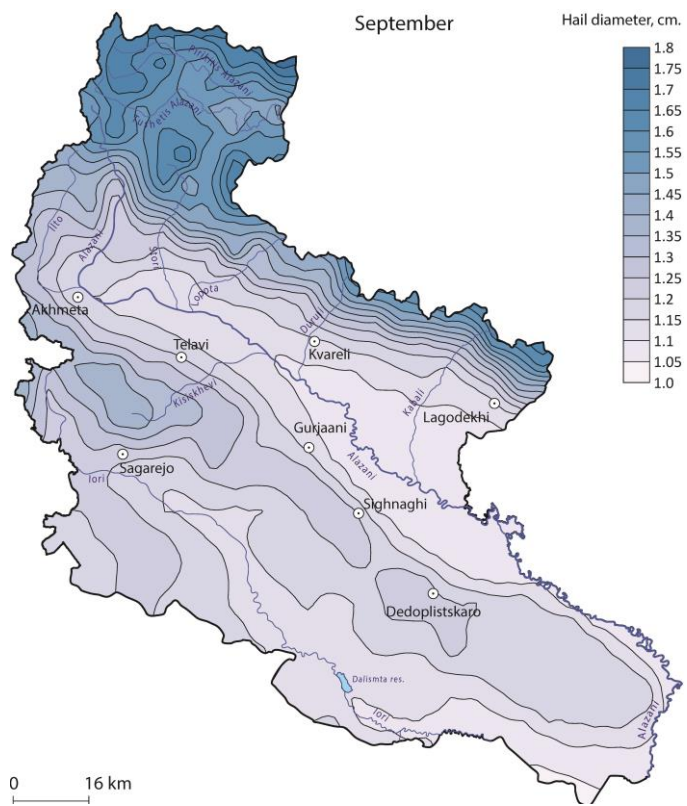


Fig. 6. Distribution of hailstones by mean max diameter on the territory of Kakheti in September.

Fig. 1-6 clearly demonstrated distribution of hailstones by mean max diameter on the territory of Kakheti from April to September.

The statistical characteristics of hailstones by mean max diameter on the earth surface in Kakheti from April to September in Table 2 and 3 are presented. In particular, as follows from Table 2,3 mean values of D to full Kakheti territory change from 0.12 cm (August) to 1.41 cm (June), mean values of D\_99%\_Low change from 0 cm (August) to 1.17 cm (June) and mean values of D\_99%\_Upp – from 1.06 cm (August) to 1.65 cm (June).

Table 2. The statistical characteristics of hailstones by mean max diameter on the earth surface in Kakheti from April to June.

| Month      | April   |      |         | May     |      |         | June    |      |         |
|------------|---------|------|---------|---------|------|---------|---------|------|---------|
| Parameter  | 99%_Low | Mean | 99%_Upp | 99%_Low | Mean | 99%_Upp | 99%_Low | Mean | 99%_Upp |
| Mean       | 0.29    | 0.75 | 1.09    | 1.02    | 1.23 | 1.42    | 1.17    | 1.41 | 1.65    |
| Min        | 0.00    | 0.52 | 0.92    | 0.82    | 1.05 | 1.26    | 0.96    | 1.24 | 1.49    |
| Max        | 0.91    | 1.17 | 1.42    | 1.53    | 1.69 | 1.84    | 1.75    | 1.94 | 2.12    |
| Range      | 0.91    | 0.65 | 0.50    | 0.72    | 0.65 | 0.58    | 0.79    | 0.70 | 0.64    |
| St Dev     | 0.29    | 0.18 | 0.14    | 0.17    | 0.15 | 0.14    | 0.17    | 0.15 | 0.14    |
| $\sigma_m$ | 0.01    | 0.01 | 0.01    | 0.01    | 0.01 | 0.01    | 0.01    | 0.01 | 0.01    |
| 99%_Low    | 0.25    | 0.73 | 1.07    | 1.00    | 1.21 | 1.40    | 1.15    | 1.39 | 1.63    |
| 99%_Upp    | 0.32    | 0.78 | 1.11    | 1.04    | 1.24 | 1.43    | 1.19    | 1.43 | 1.66    |

Table 3. The statistical characteristics of hailstones by mean max diameter on the earth surface in Kakheti from July to September.

| Month      | July    |      |         | August  |      |         | September |      |         |
|------------|---------|------|---------|---------|------|---------|-----------|------|---------|
| Parameter  | 99%_Low | Mean | 99%_Upp | 99%_Low | Mean | 99%_Upp | 99%_Low   | Mean | 99%_Upp |
| Mean       | 0.88    | 1.25 | 1.58    | 0.00    | 0.12 | 1.06    | 0.81      | 1.24 | 1.61    |
| Min        | 0.59    | 1.04 | 1.40    | 0.00    | 0.00 | 0.82    | 0.54      | 1.05 | 1.46    |
| Max        | 1.60    | 1.86 | 2.11    | 0.42    | 1.11 | 1.72    | 1.49      | 1.79 | 2.09    |
| Range      | 1.01    | 0.82 | 0.71    | 0.42    | 1.11 | 0.90    | 0.95      | 0.75 | 0.63    |
| St Dev     | 0.22    | 0.18 | 0.15    | 0.02    | 0.26 | 0.20    | 0.21      | 0.16 | 0.14    |
| $\sigma_m$ | 0.01    | 0.01 | 0.01    | 0.00    | 0.01 | 0.01    | 0.01      | 0.01 | 0.01    |
| 99%_Low    | 0.85    | 1.23 | 1.56    | 0.00    | 0.09 | 1.04    | 0.79      | 1.22 | 1.60    |
| 99%_Upp    | 0.90    | 1.27 | 1.60    | 0.00    | 0.15 | 1.08    | 0.84      | 1.26 | 1.63    |

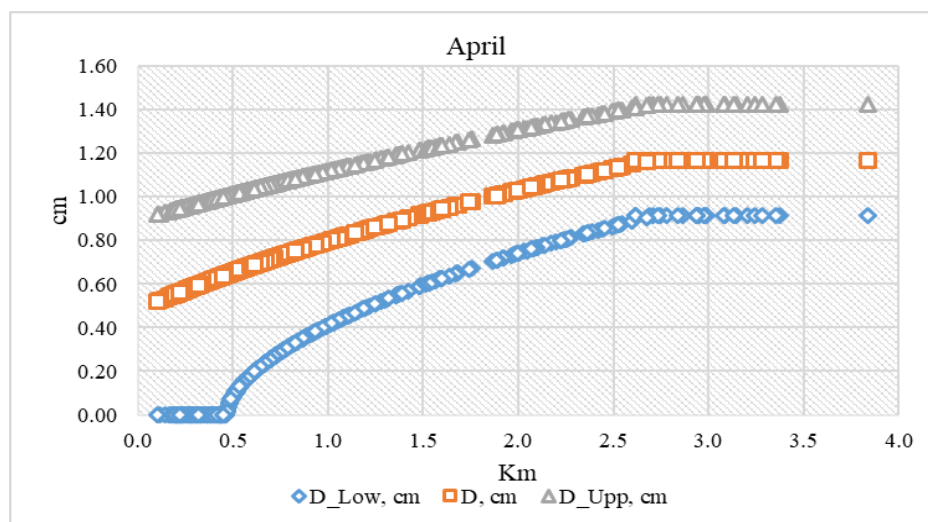


Fig. 7. Vertical distribution of mean max diameter of hailstones and their 99% lower and upper levels in Kakheti in April.

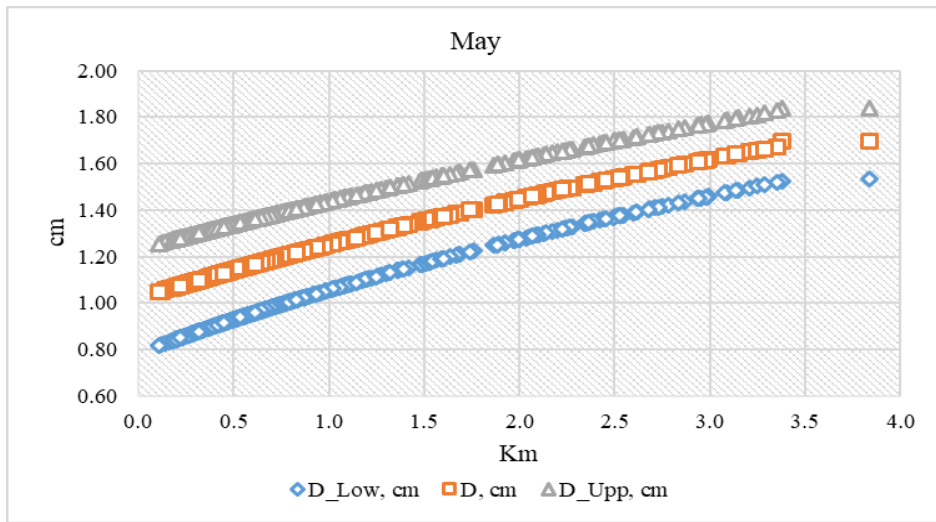


Fig. 8. Vertical distribution of mean max diameter of hailstones and their 99% lower and upper levels in Kakheti in May.

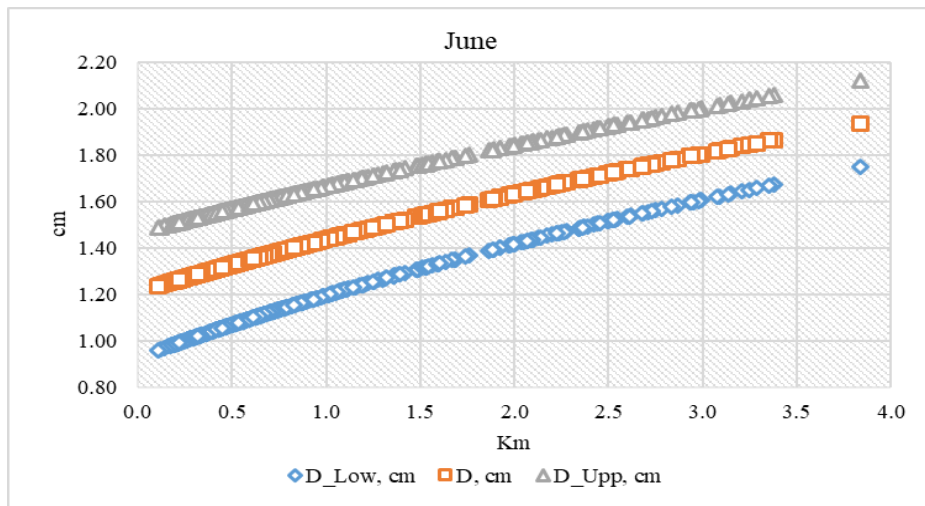


Fig. 9. Vertical distribution of mean max diameter of hailstones and their 99% lower and upper levels in Kakheti in June.

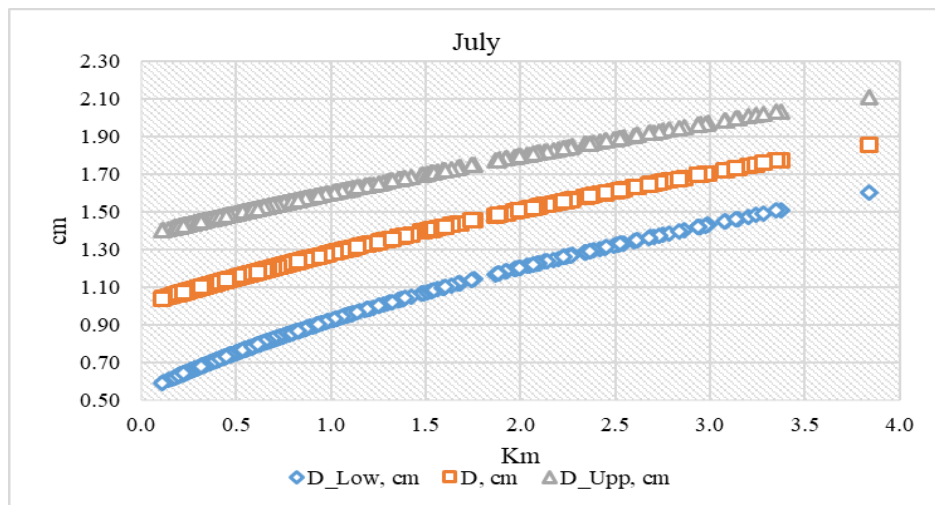


Fig. 10. Vertical distribution of mean max diameter of hailstones and their 99% lower and upper levels in Kakheti in July.

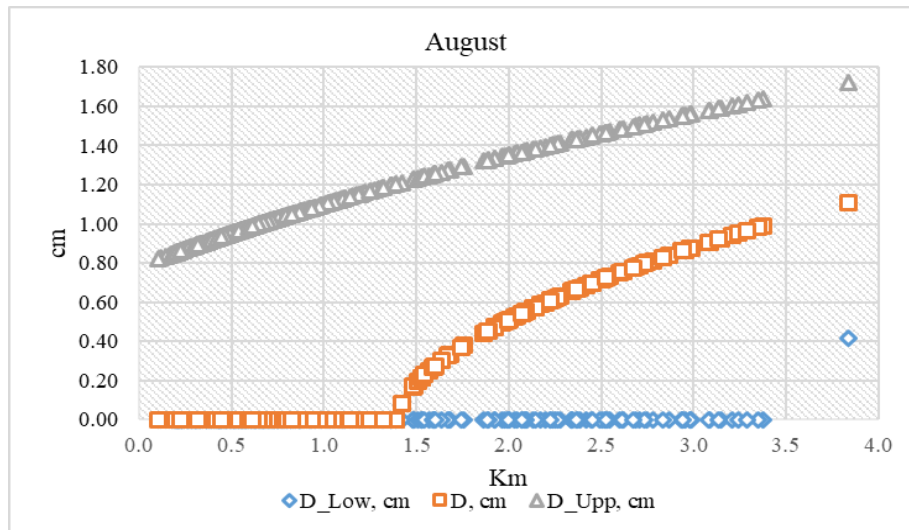


Fig. 11. Vertical distribution of mean max diameter of hailstones and their 99% lower and upper levels in Kakheti in August.

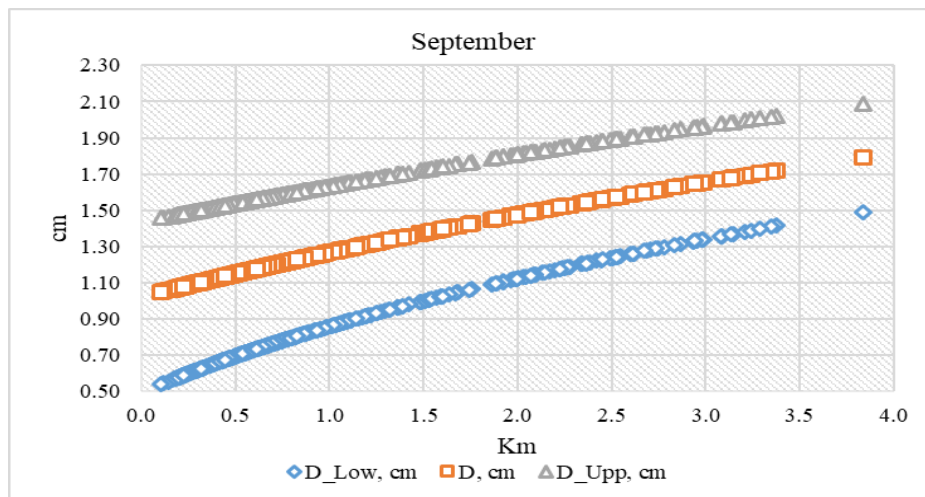


Fig. 12. Vertical distribution of mean max diameter of hailstones and their 99% lower and upper levels in Kakheti in September.

In Fig. 7-12 vertical distribution of mean max diameter of hailstones and their 99% lower and upper levels in Kakheti from April to September are presented. In particular, Fig. 5-12 and Table 2, 3 shows, that the variability of the mean maximum hail diameter on the territory of Kakheti in the range of heights from 0.11 to 3.84 km is as follows:

- **D\_99%\_Low.** April:  $0 \div 0.91$  cm; May:  $0.82 \div 1.53$  cm; June:  $0.96 \div 1.75$  cm; July:  $0.59 \div 1.60$  cm; August:  $0 \div 0.42$  cm; September:  $0.54 \div 1.49$  cm.
- **D.** April:  $0.52 \div 1.17$  cm; May:  $1.05 \div 1.69$  cm; June:  $1.24 \div 1.94$  cm; July:  $1.04 \div 1.86$  cm; August:  $0 \div 1.11$  cm; September:  $1.05 \div 1.79$  cm.
- **D\_99%\_Upp.** April:  $0.92 \div 1.42$  cm; May:  $1.26 \div 1.84$  cm; June:  $1.49 \div 2.12$  cm; July:  $1.40 \div 2.11$  cm; August:  $0.82 \div 1.72$  cm; September:  $1.46 \div 2.09$  cm.



## Conclusion

In the near future, we plan to study the statistical characteristics of the mean max size of hailstones for the municipalities of Kakheti as well as modeling the damage from hail to vineyards, wheat and corn in the agricultural regions of Kakheti.

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## **კახეთის ტერიტორიაზე საშუალო მაქსიმალური ზომების მიხედვით სეტყვის განაწილების მოდელირება ატმოსფეროში გაყინვის დონისა და რადარის გაზომვების მონაცემების გამოყენებით**

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შედგენილია სეტყვის განაწილების რუკები საშუალო მაქსიმალური ზომების მიხედვით კახეთის ტერიტორიისთვის ცალკეულ თვეებში აპრილიდან სექტემბრამდე. შესწავლილია D - ს ვერტიკალური განაწილება აღნიშნული ტერიტორიისთვის 0.11 - დან 3.84 - კმ- მდე სიმაღლეების დიაპაზონში.

## **Моделирование распределения по средним максимальных размерам града на территории Кахетии (Грузия) с использованием данных об уровне замерзания в атмосфере и радиолокационных измерений**

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### **Резюме**

Представлены результаты моделирования распределения градин по средним максимальным размерам на территории Кахетии (Грузия) с использованием данных об уровне промерзания в атмосфере и радиолокационных измерений максимальных размеров града в облаках.

Построены карты распределения града по средним максимальным размерам на территории Кахетии для отдельных месяцев, с апреля по сентябрь. Изучено вертикальное распределение D на указанной территории в диапазоне высот от 0.11 до 3.84 км