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**Seasonal Forecasting SYSTEM 5 (SEAS5) Verification of precipitation
for the period DJF 1981/82-2016/17 and in Israel Domain**

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The main differences between ECMWF seasonal forecasting SYSTEM 4 (SEAS4) to SYSTEM5 (SEAS5)

Feature	SYSTEM 4	SYSTEM 5
Period of the climatology data (the initial time in each month is the first day at 00UTC).	January 1981- January 2011	January 1981- December 2016
Number of Ensemble members in the reforecasting	15*	25
DJF number of runs (members) in the total climatology years	450	900**
Number of members in the operative ensemble	51	51
The operative seasonal prediction period	Starts from February 2011 and will ended in December 2017	Starts from January 2017
Resolution	0.703°x0.703° (latitude/longitude) ~75km	0.28°x0.28° (latitude/longitude) ~30km

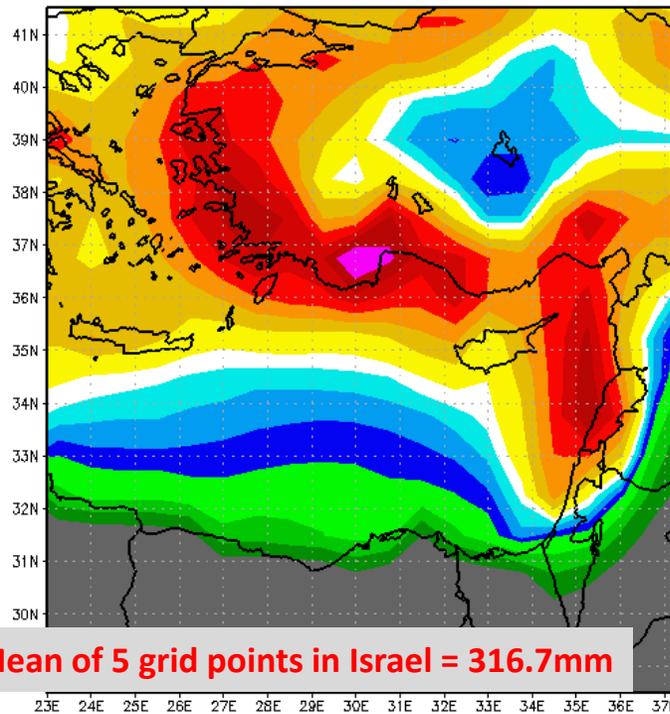
* In the last year the number of example increased to 51.

** In the ECMWF charts the seasonal prediction is related to the climatology period 1993-2016 or actually 600 member in the ensemble instead of 900 members the period 1981-2016 is related for only verification.

DJF mean precipitation amount difference between ERA interim to SEAS4 (SYSTEM 4)

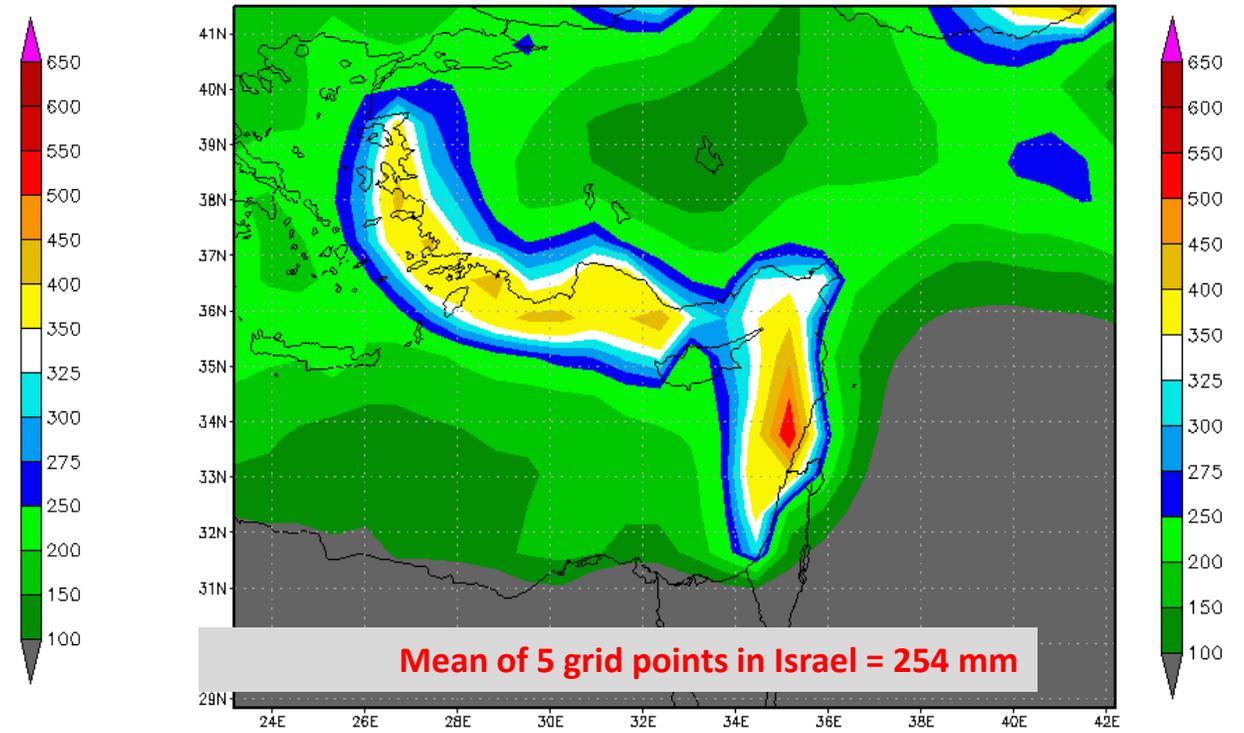
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Sys4 DJF rain [MM], from NOV model
for 1981–2010, mean on ensemble of 450 members



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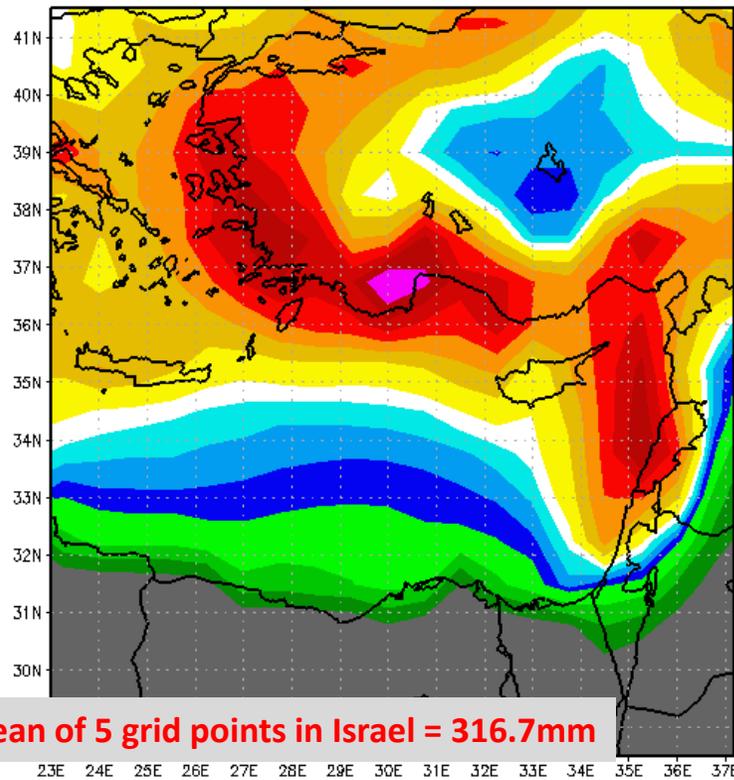
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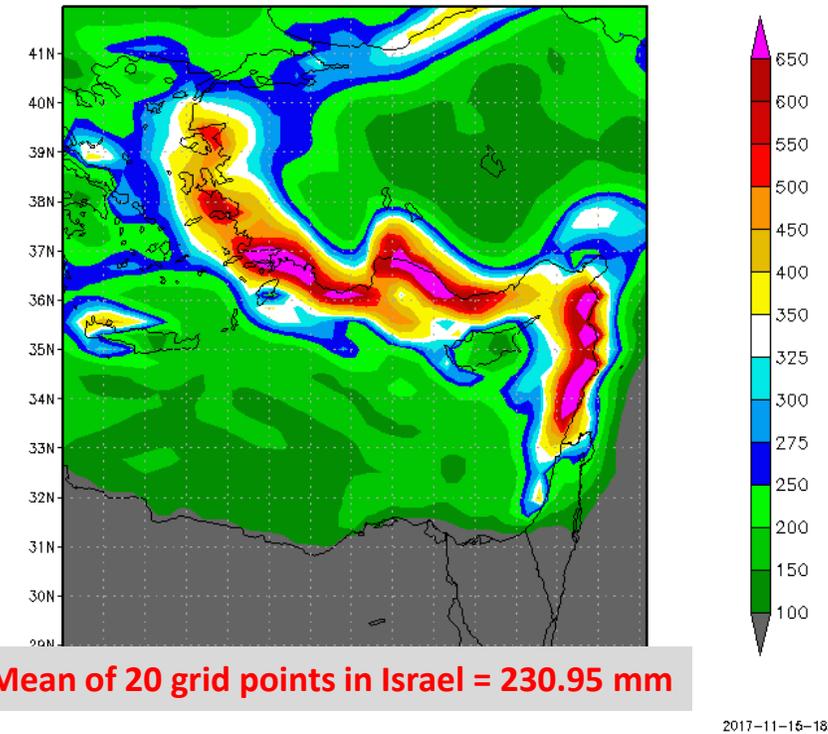
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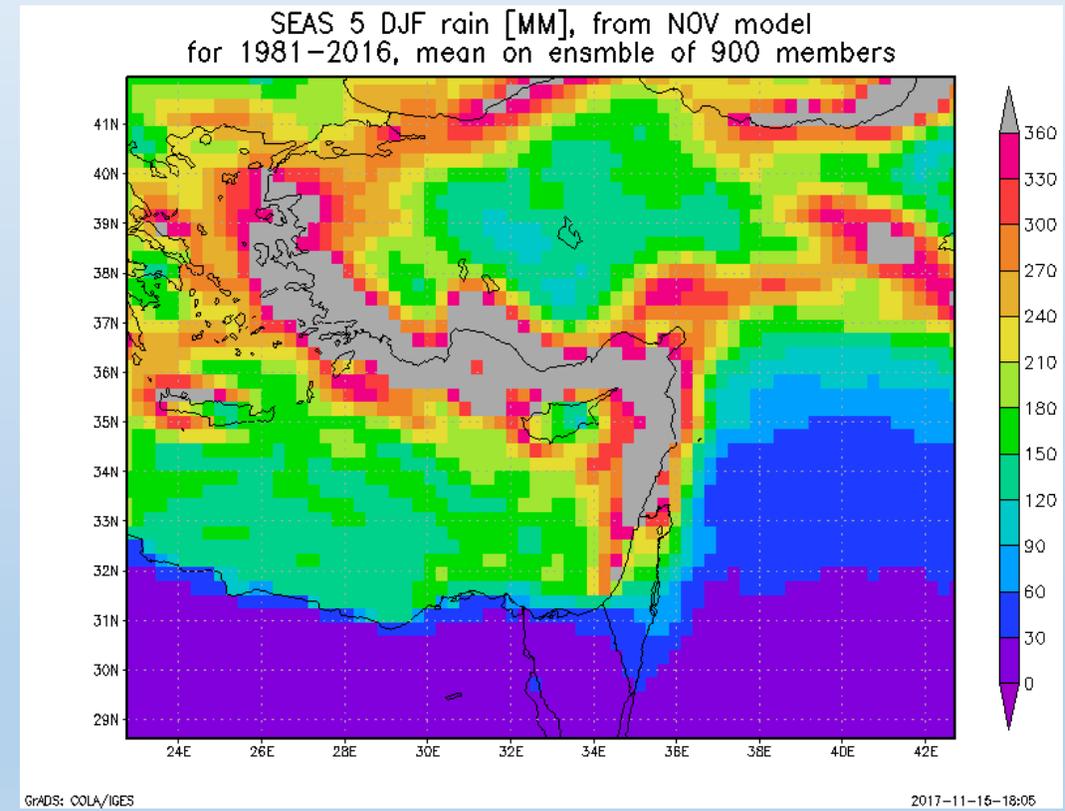
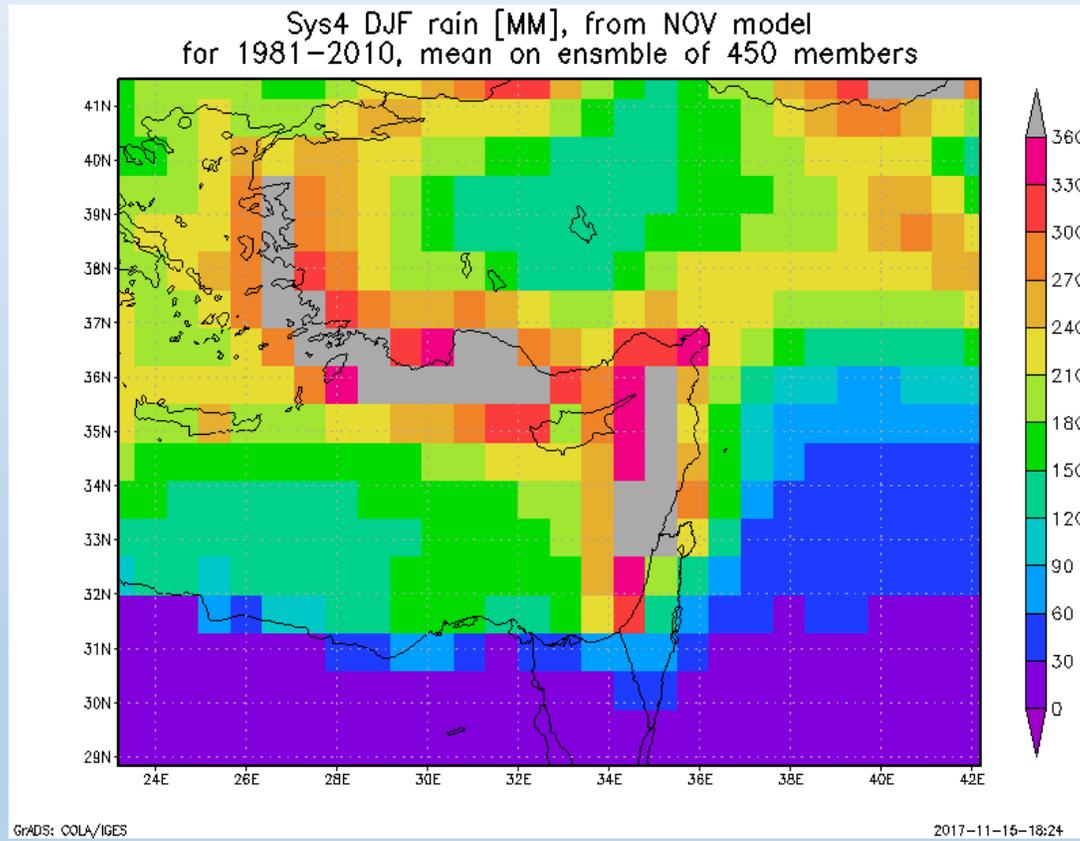
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DJF mean precipitation amount difference between SEAS4 to SEAS5 precipitation mean. Different Climatology period for each system. SYSTEM 4 is from 1981/82-2010/11 and system 5 for 1981/82-2010/16



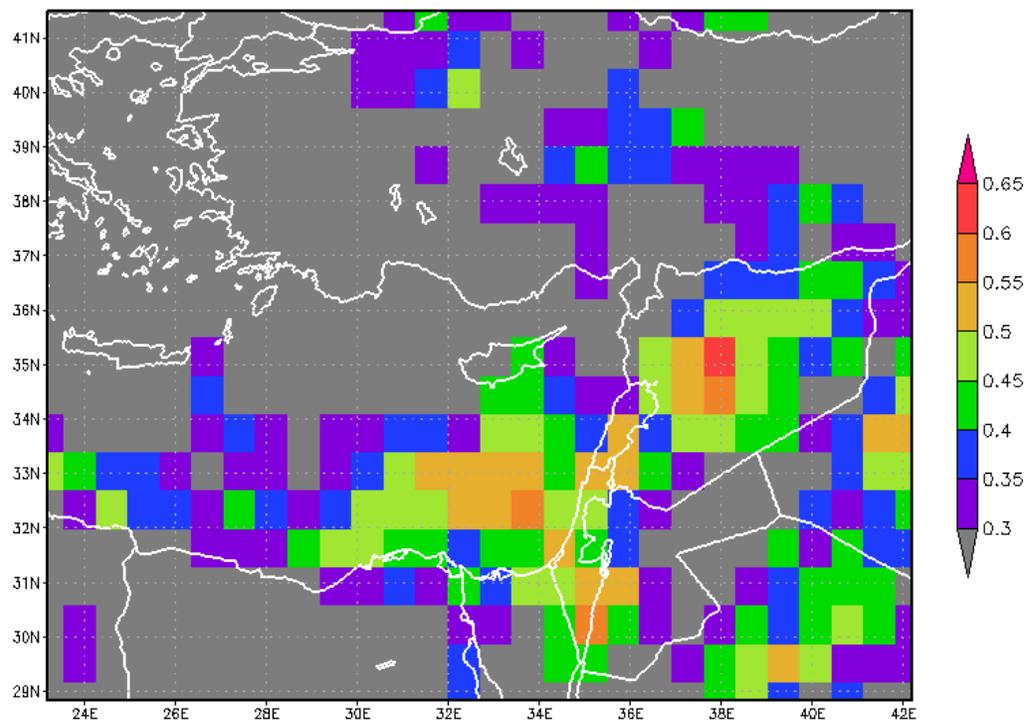
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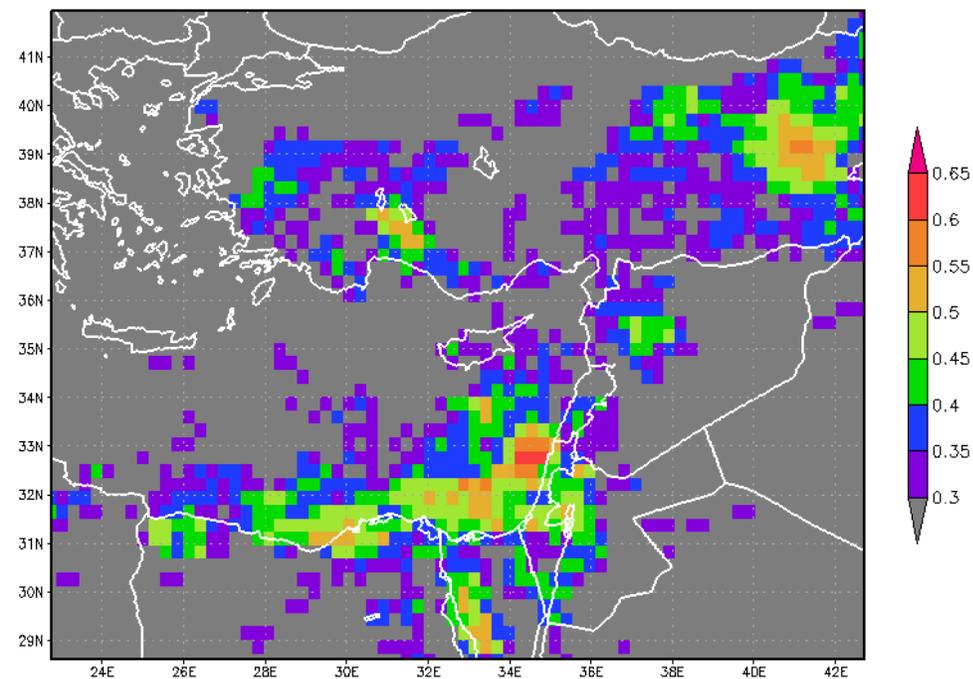
SEAS4: CORR of MEDAIN ENS DJF RAIN with Israel GIS RAIN
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SYSTEM 5

(median of 25 members in Ensembles)1981-2016

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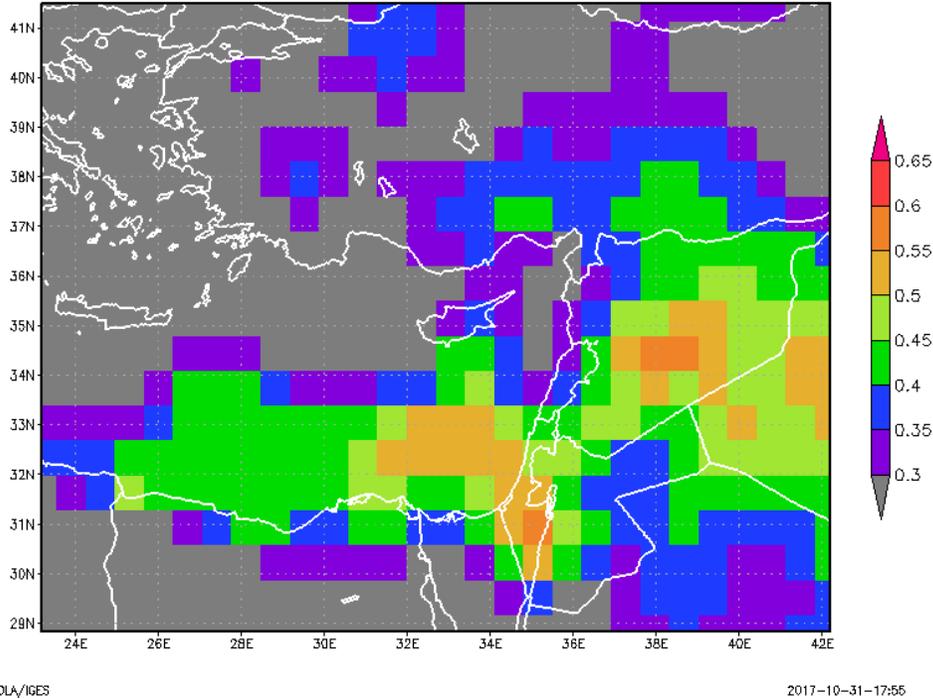
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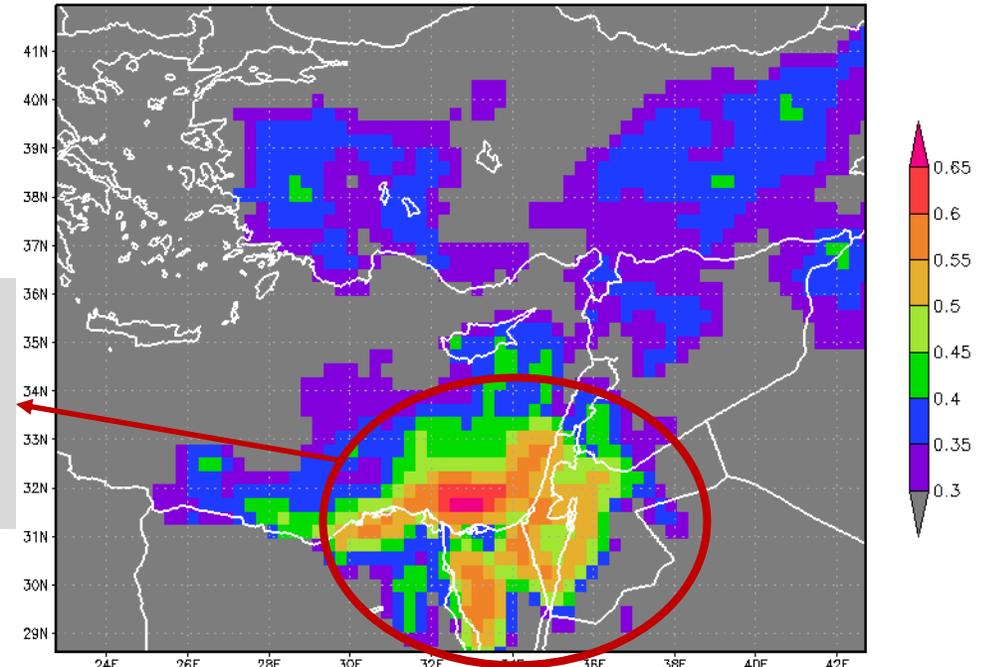


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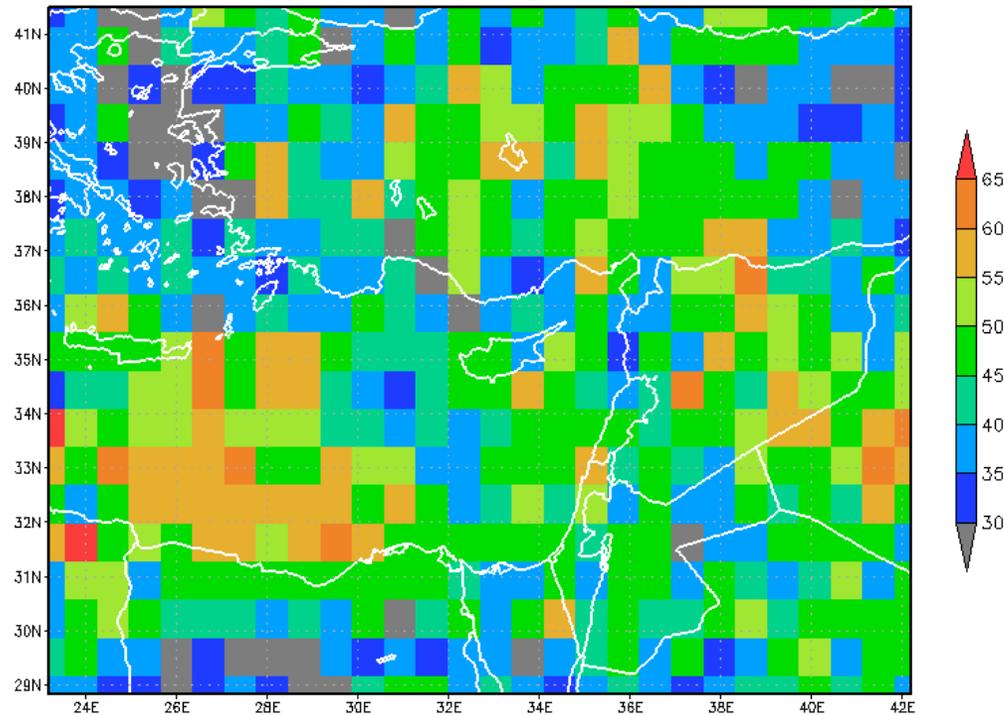
large Area of correlation equal or above 0.5



HIT SCORE maps.

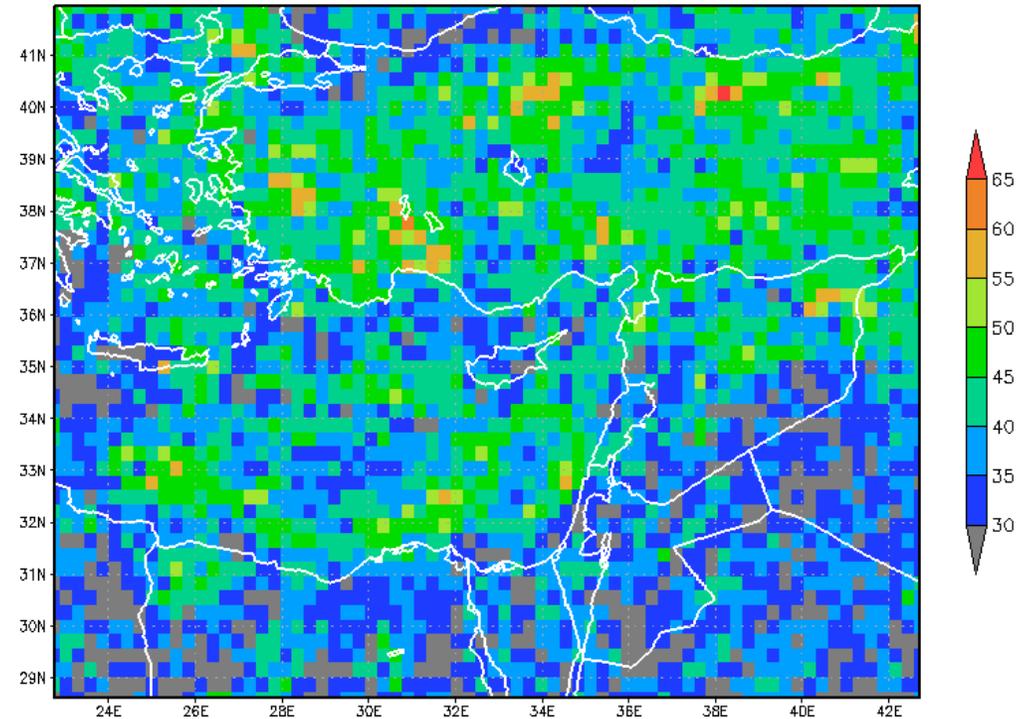
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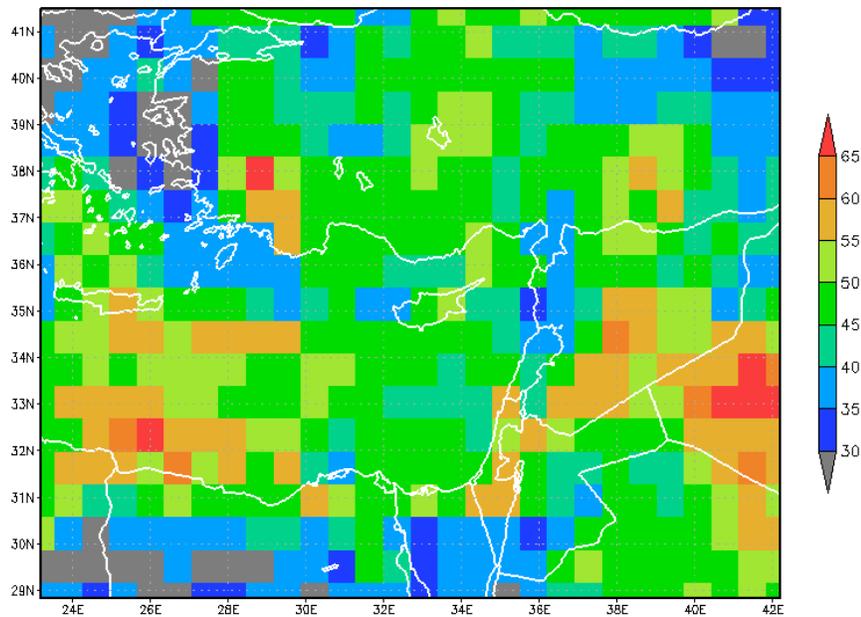


HIT SCORE בין נקודות שריג לבין גשם בישראל. לפי מודל עונתי של נובמבר.

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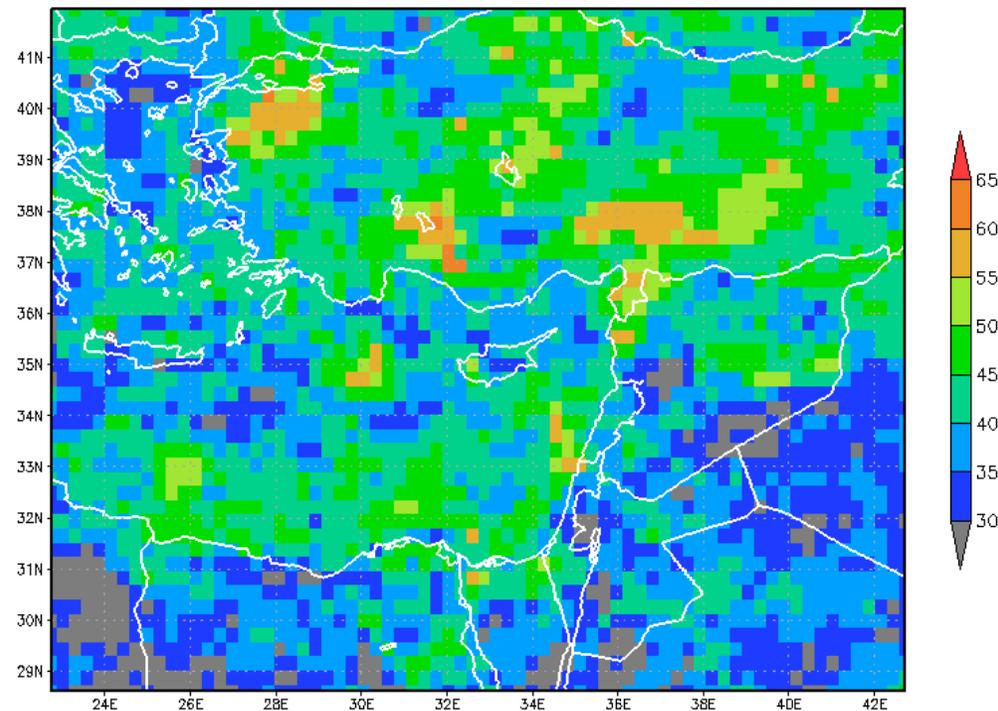
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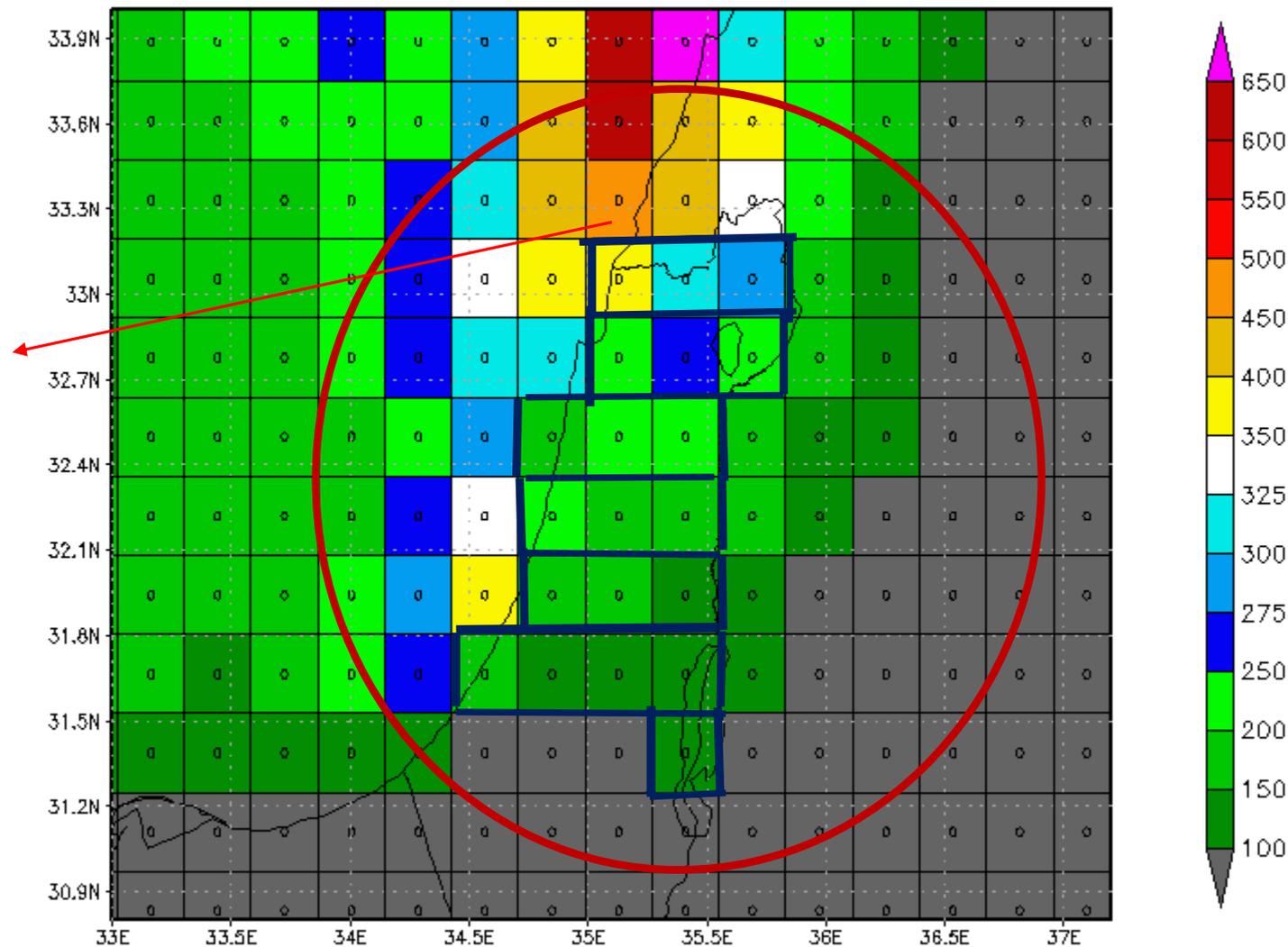
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Israel Combination of 20 Grid points

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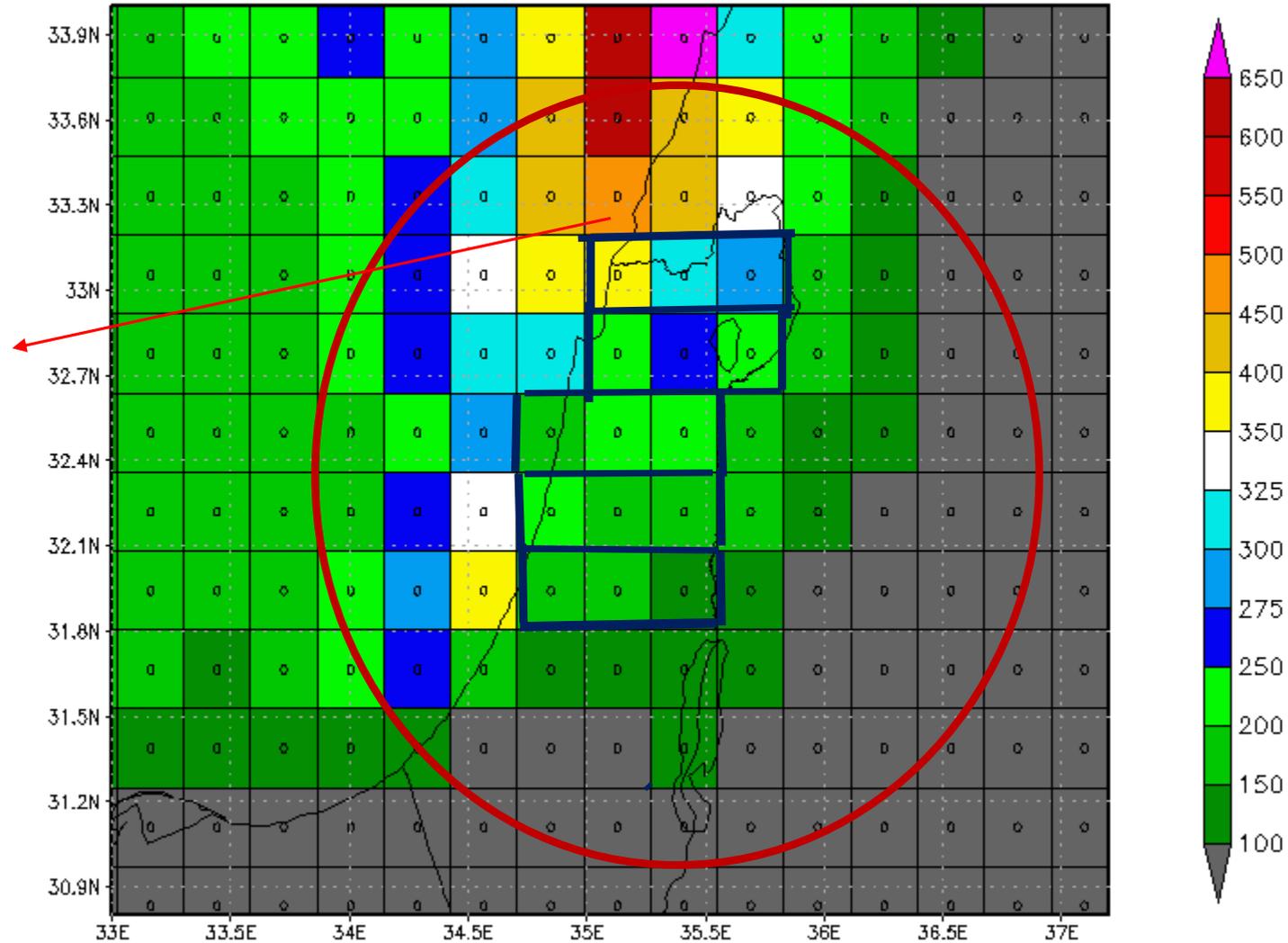
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Grid
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קומבינציה של 15 נקודות שריג (מופיע בצבע כחול הגבולות)

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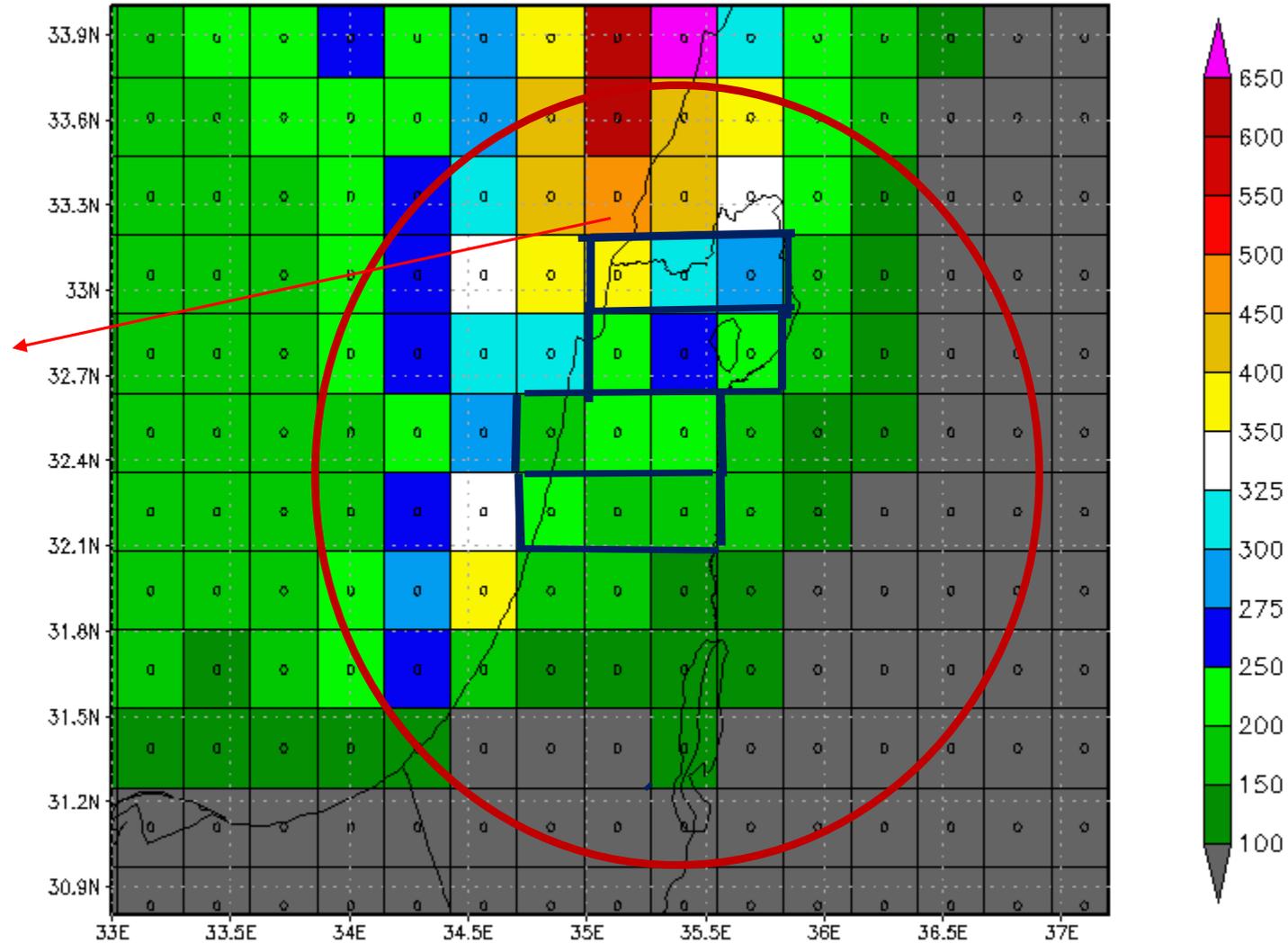
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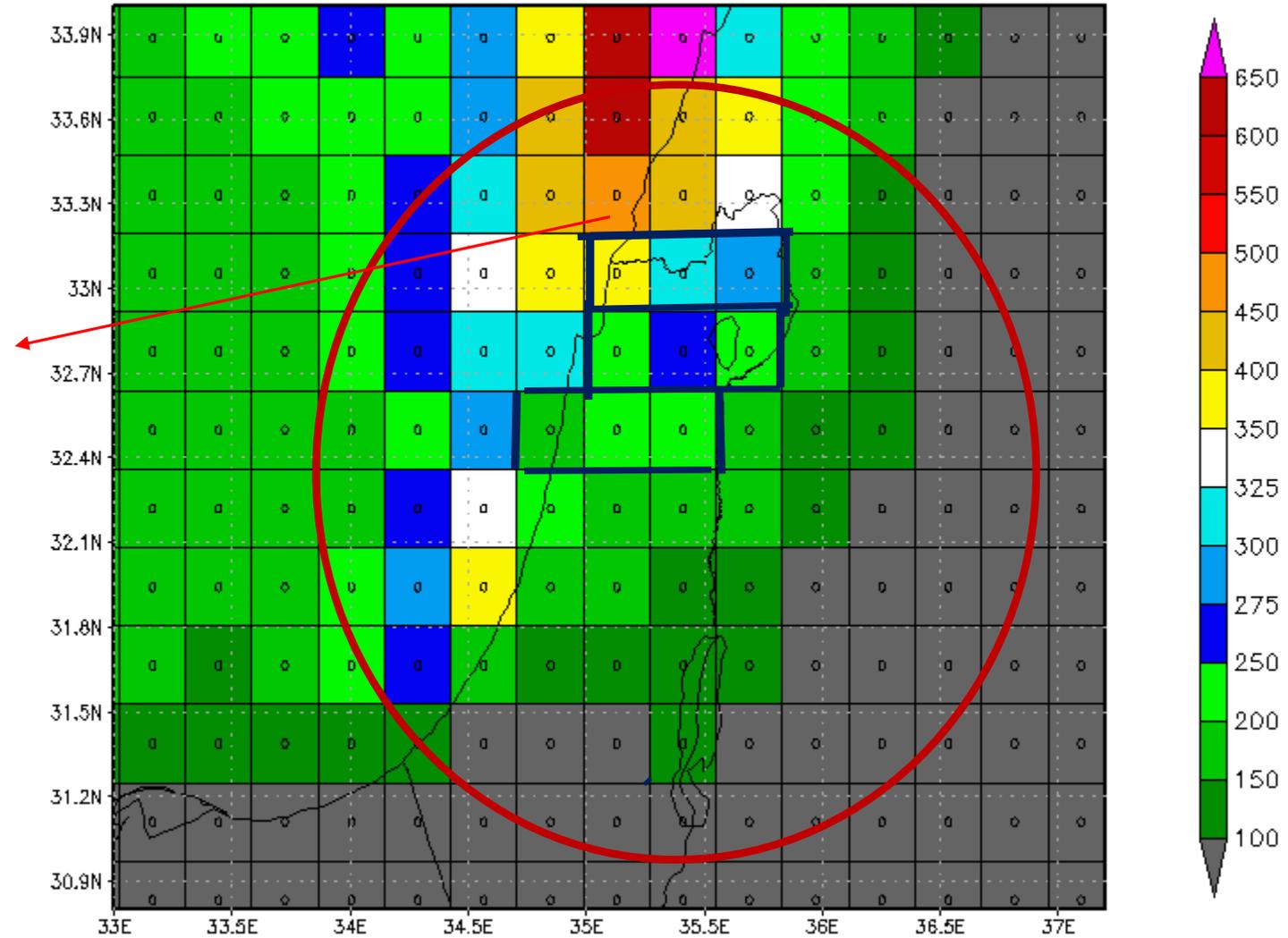
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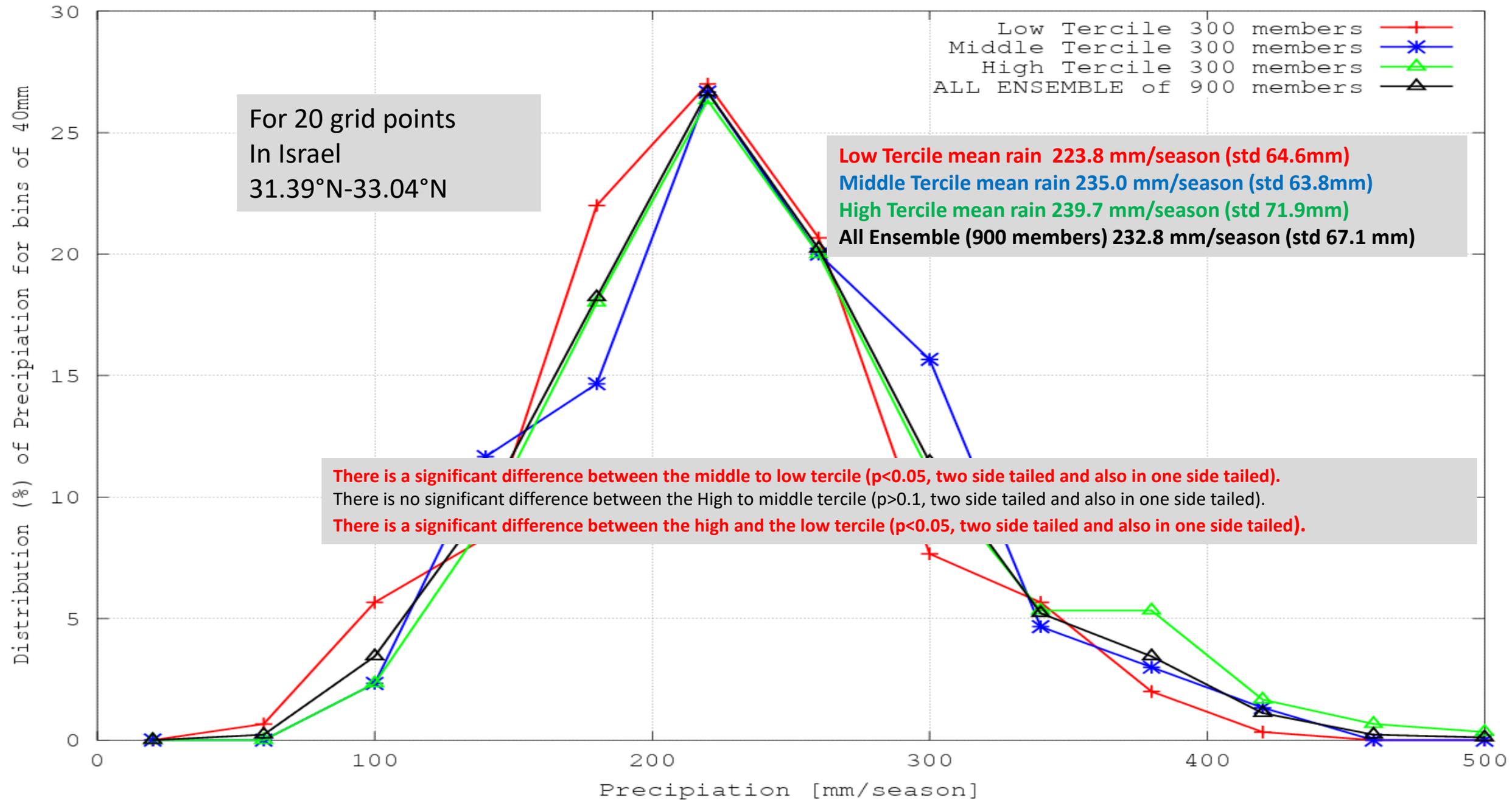
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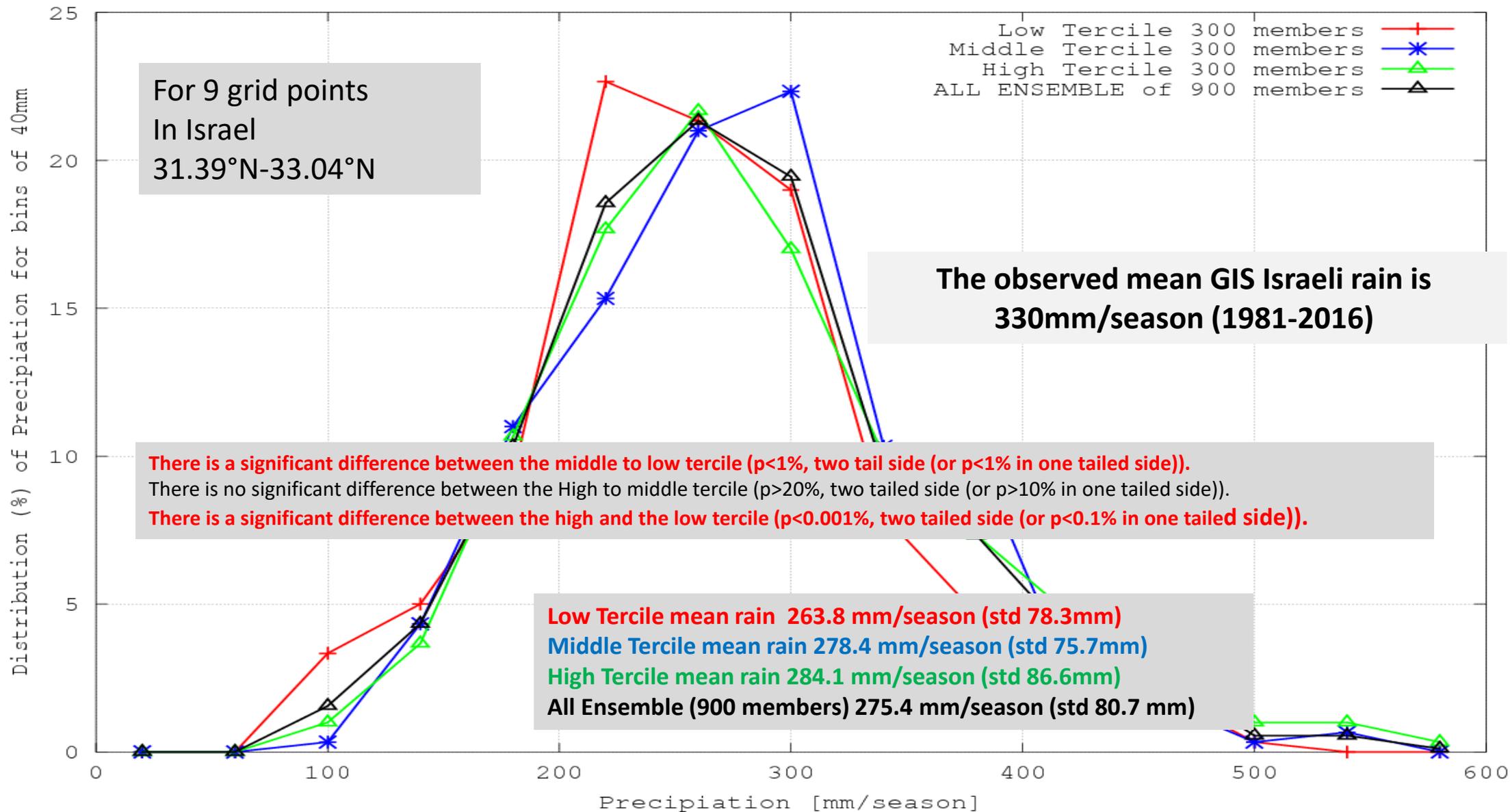
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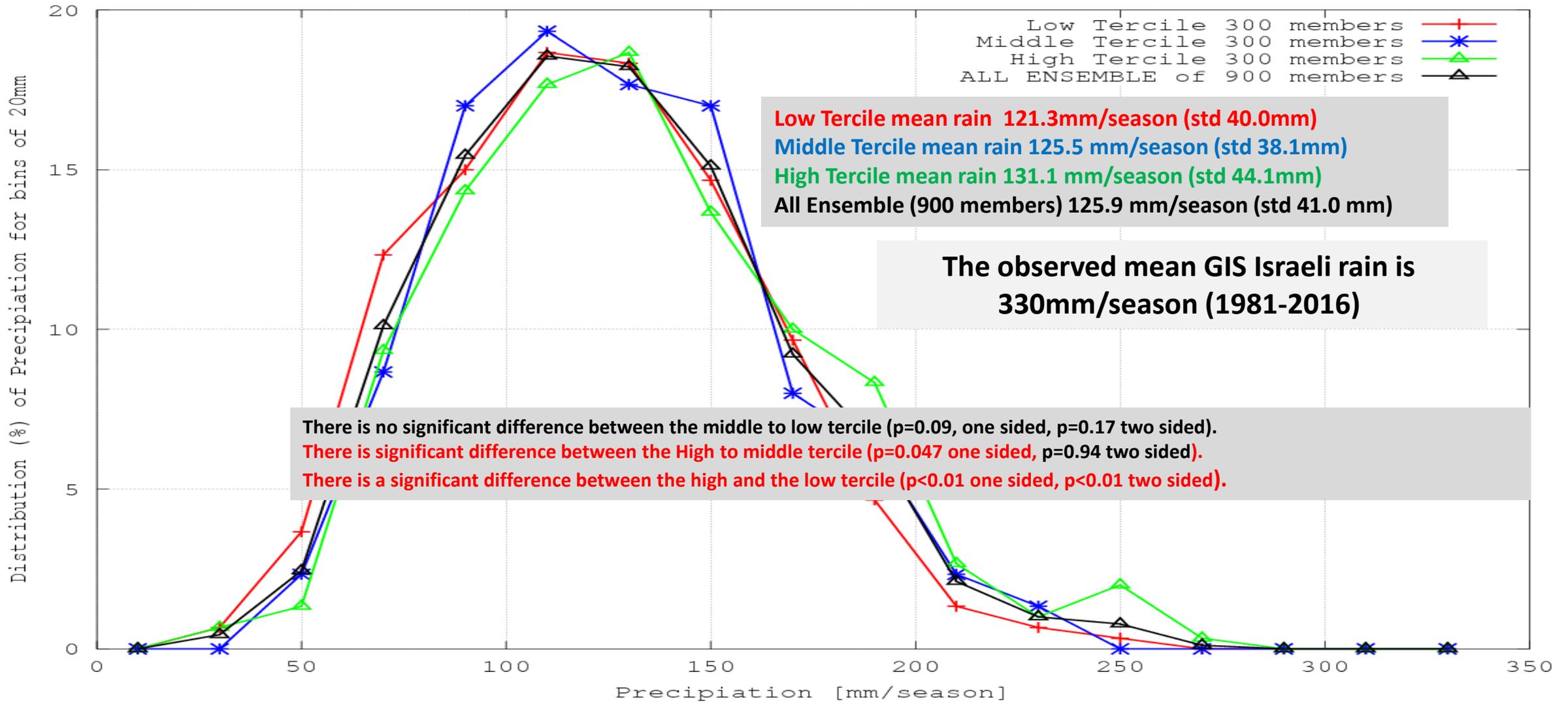




SEAS5: Rain Distribution, 9 grids in Israel, DJF Rain, NOV model, Ense of 25 mem/year 1981-2016



SEAS5: Rain Dist, Corr>=0.55, 54 grids, DJF Rain,NOV model,Ense of 25 mem/year 1981-2016



Number of grid points in the averaged area	The correlation for the median method	The correlation for the mean method	The HIT SCORE for the median method	The HIT SCORE for the mean method	The south latitude in area of the average	The mean precipitation (Ensemble mean of 900 members for DJF 1981/82-2010/11)
20	0.481	0.522	36.11%	38.89%	31.39°N	232.8mm*
15	0.433	0.508	41.67%	47.22%	31.94°N	255.8mm
12	0.404	0.505	36.11%	47.22%	32.22°N	271.4mm
9	0.405	0.503 (excluding 1991/92 , correlation reduces to 0.180)	38.89%	47.22 (excluding 1991/92 , hit score reduces to 42.9%)	32.50°N	275.4mm
54 For correlation above or equal 0.55 all of the grid points in South Israel sea.	0.551	0.632 (excluding 1991/92 , correlation reduces to 0.313)	41.7%	52.8% (excluding 1991/92 , hit score reduces to 48.6%)	-----	125.9mm
11 For correlation above or equal 0.55 Most of the grid points in South Israel sea.	0.481	0.643 excluding 1991/92 , correlation reduces to 0.309)	36.11%	44.44%	-----	159.4 mm

SEAS5 HIT SCORE Results: For Israeli DJF precipitation 1981/82-2016/17

For the period DJF 1981/82-2016/17

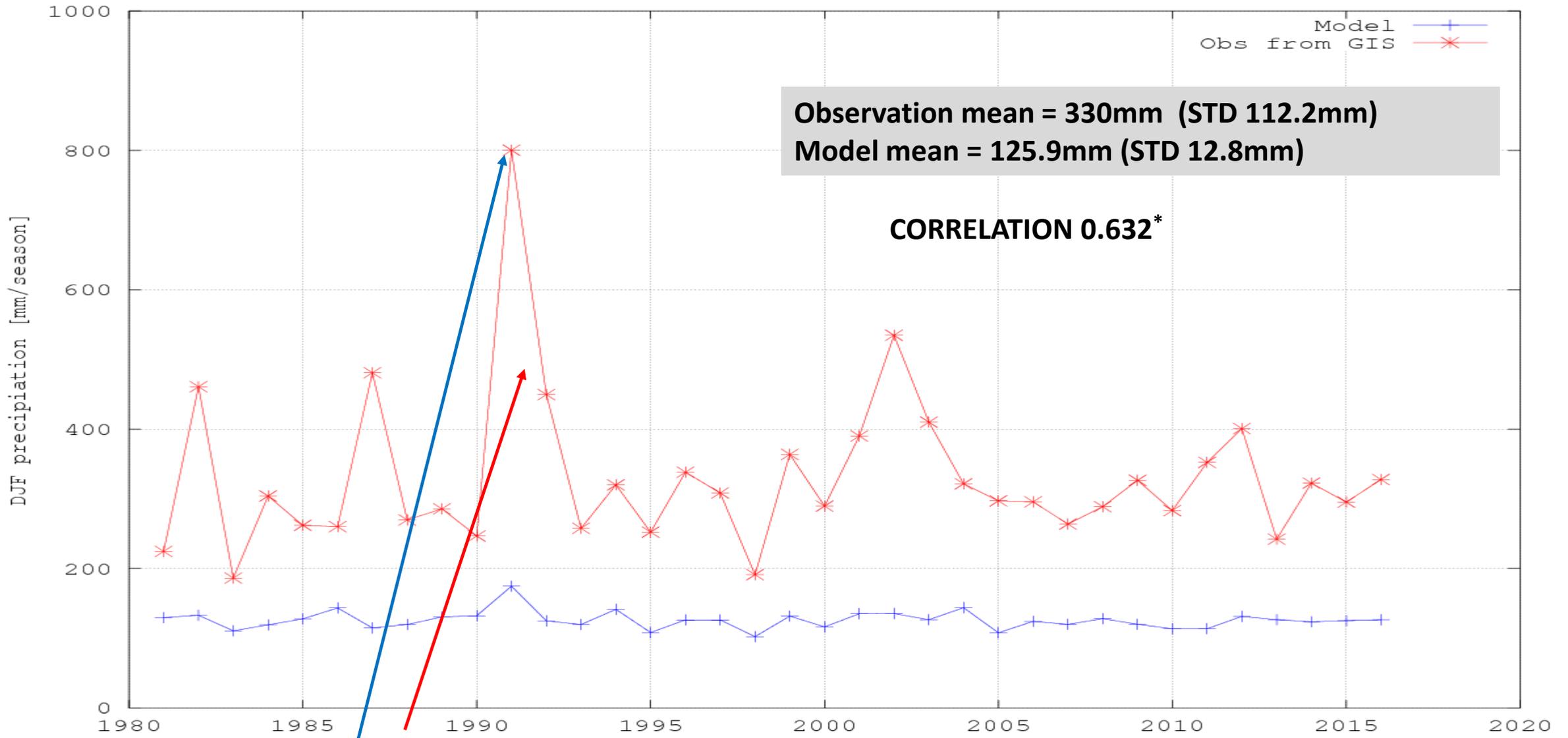
Tercile	True	False	Bust
Lower	58.3%	33.3%	8.4%
Middle	33.3%	66.7%	-----
Upper	50.0%	33.3%	16.7%
All	47.2%	44.4%	8.5%

SEAS5 HIT SCORE Results: For Israeli DJF precipitation excluding data of winter 1991/1992 from the refered period 1981/82-2016/17

Tercile	True	False	Bust
Lower	58.3%	33.3%	8.3%
Middle	25.0%	75.0%	-----
Upper	53.0%	46.2%	18.8%
All	42.8%	48.6%	8.6%

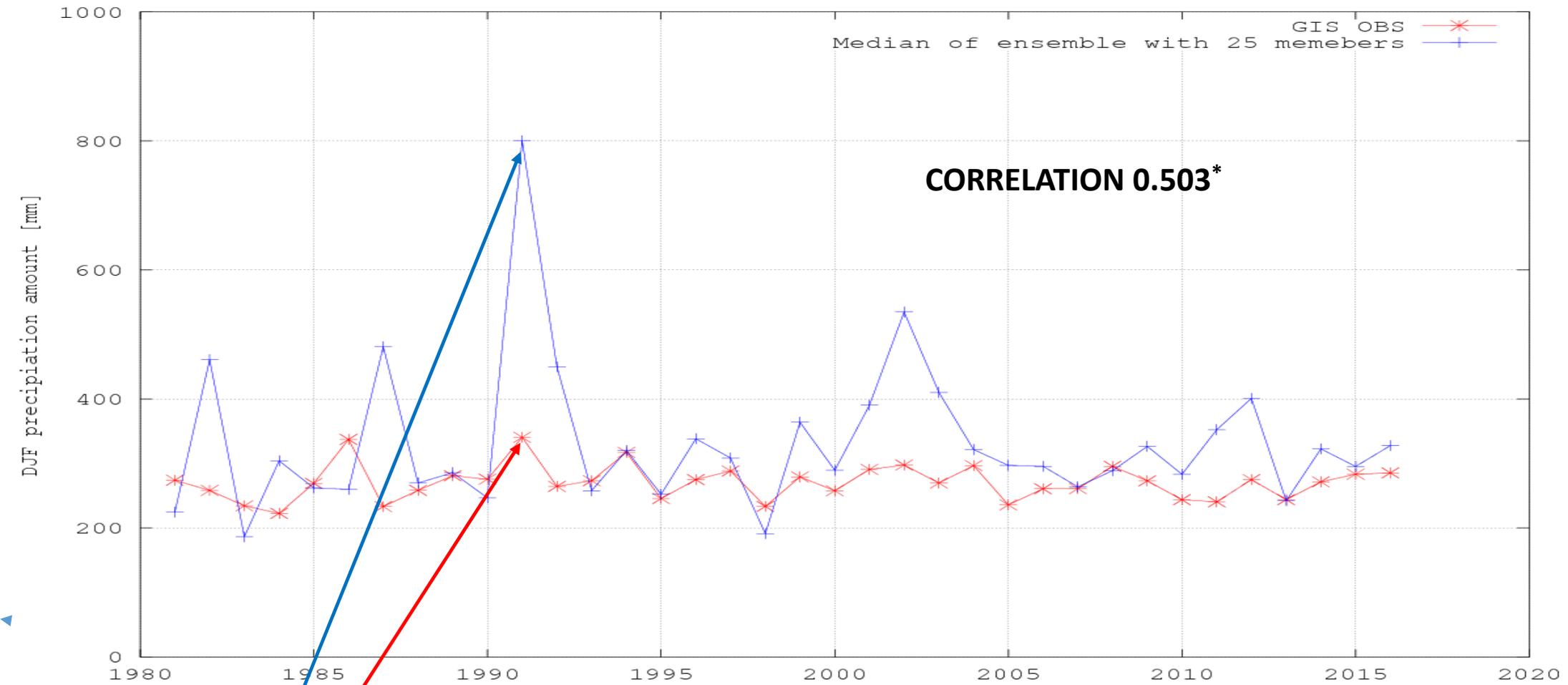
SEAS5: DJF Rain from NOV MODEL.

Time CORSS SECTION FOR 54 grid point in the sea with correlation above or equal 0.55.



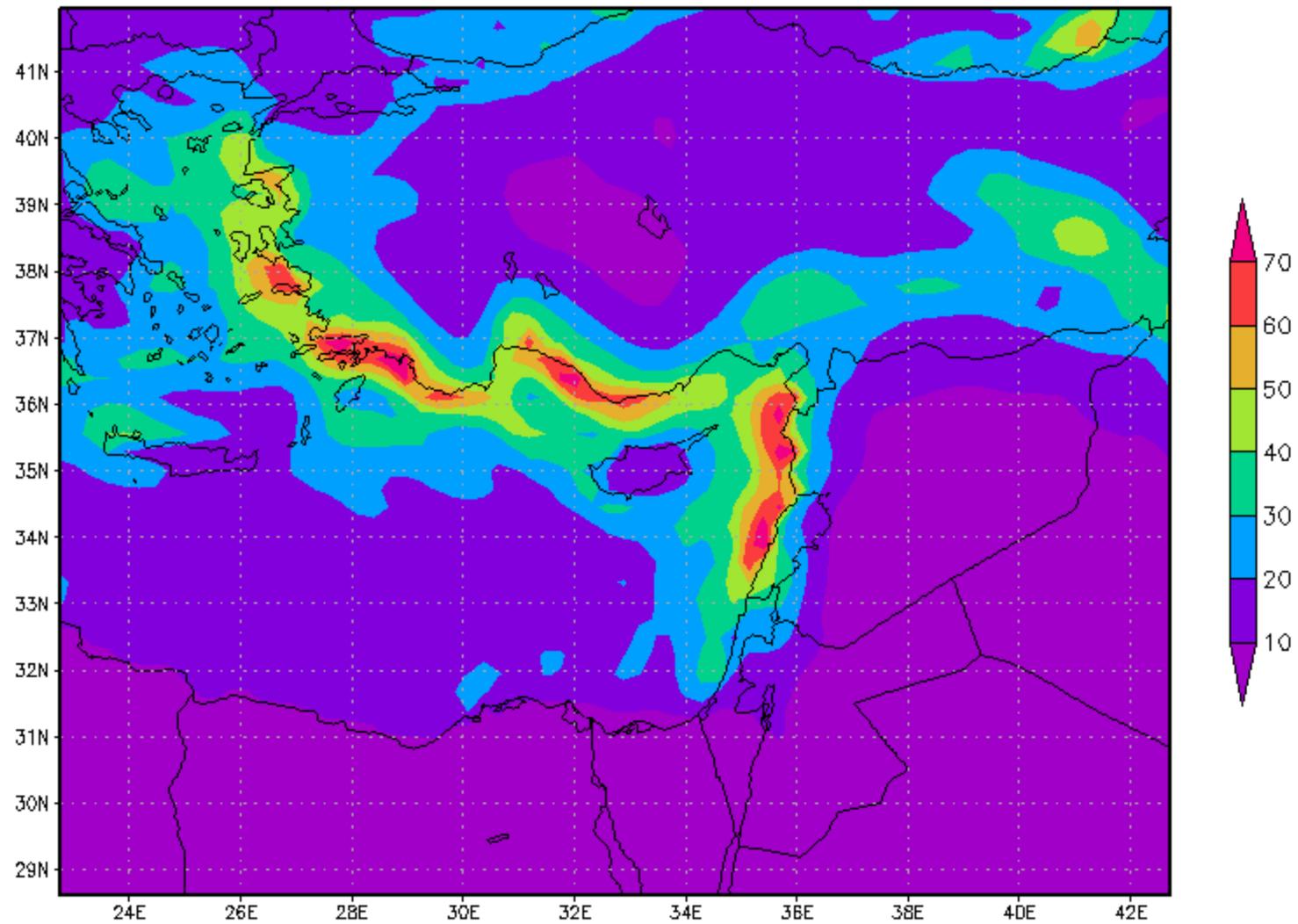
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DJF Rain Israel: Model and Obs for NOV model and median of 25 ensemble (9 grids VER2)



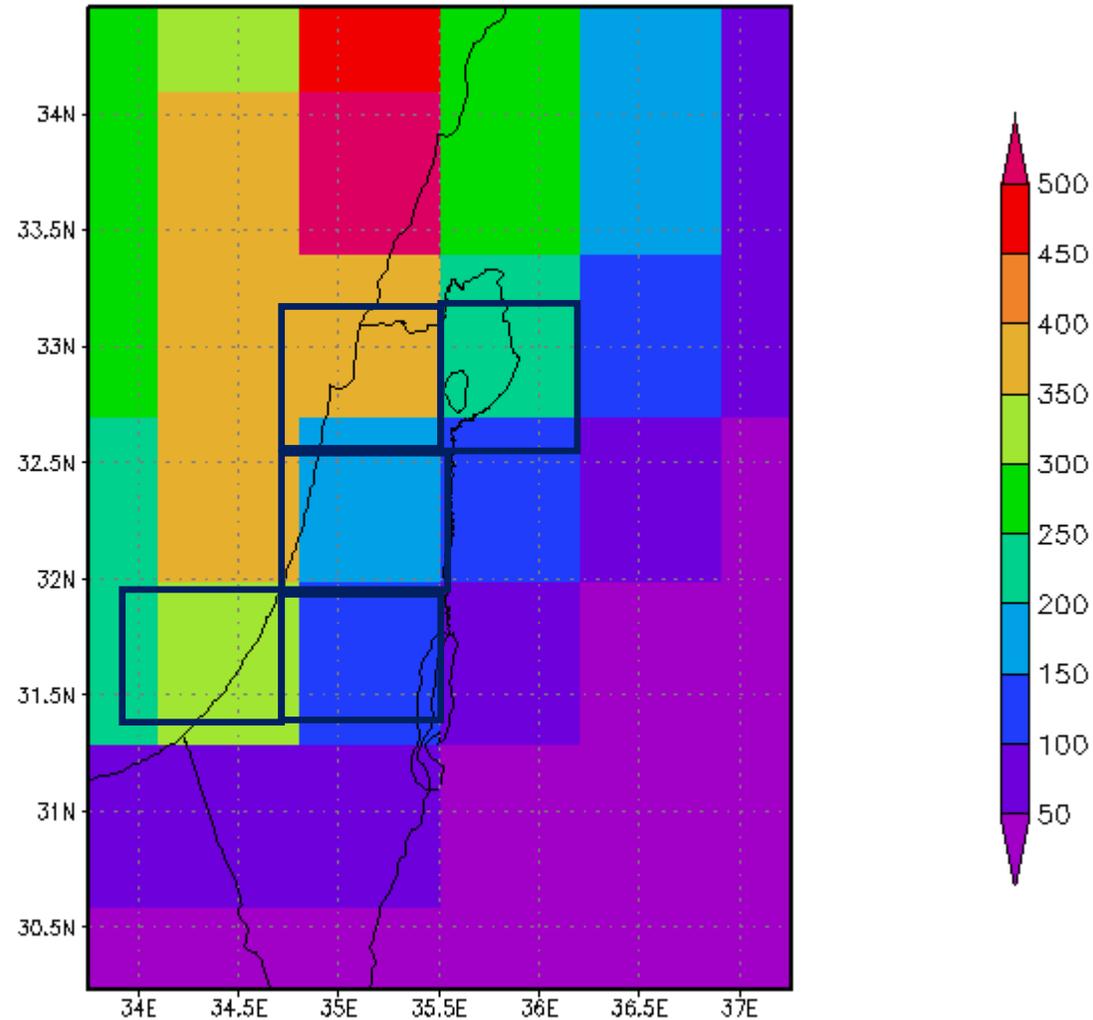
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SEAS5: DJF Rain STD 1981-2016 [mm]
from NOV model



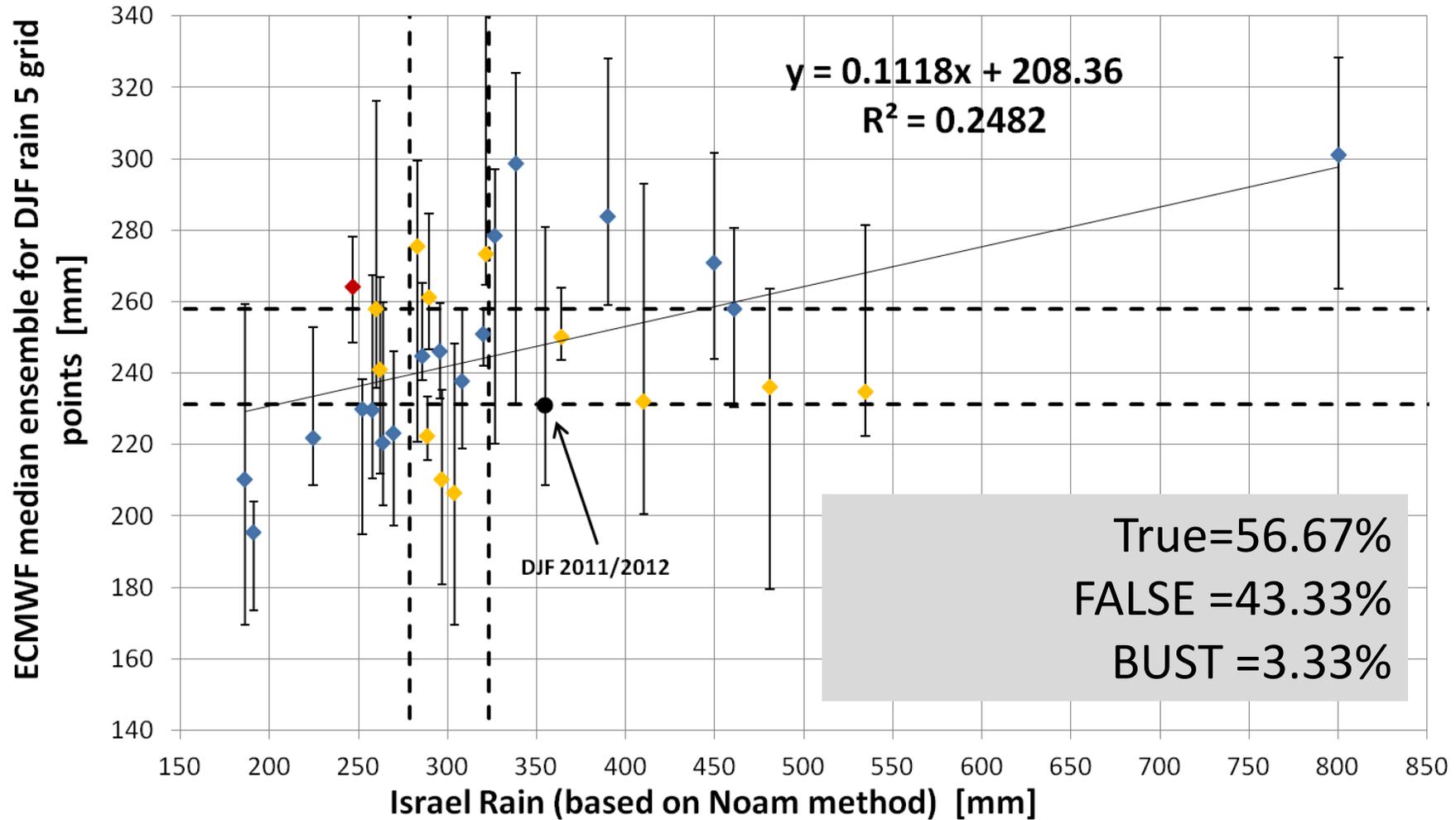
SYSTEM 4: 5 grid points for predicting precipitation in the Israeli winter (DJF)

gxout 15 Ensembles mean winter (DJF) Rain 1982–2011 [mm]
From November (one month ahead)



SYSTEM 4 HIT SCORE

ECMWF Predicted DJF Rain from November (1 months lead) from 5 grids method. The data Based on Noam rain maps from 5 areas. Winters 1981/1982 - 2010/2011



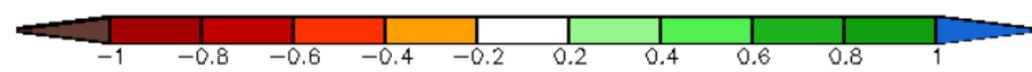
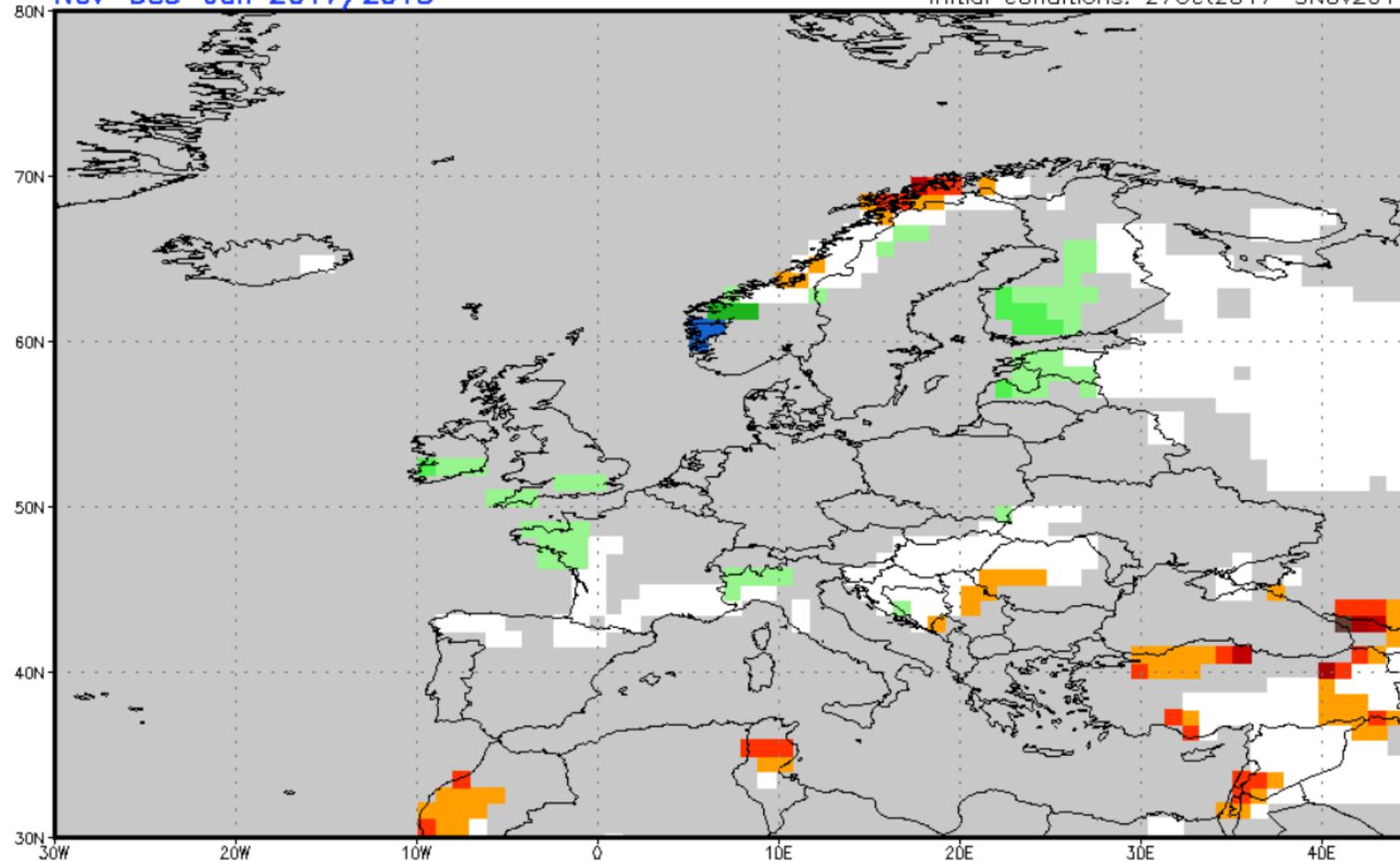
**DJF 2017/18 Rain prediction for other global models than
IFS (ECMWF)**

CFSv2 seasonal Prec anomalies (mm/day)



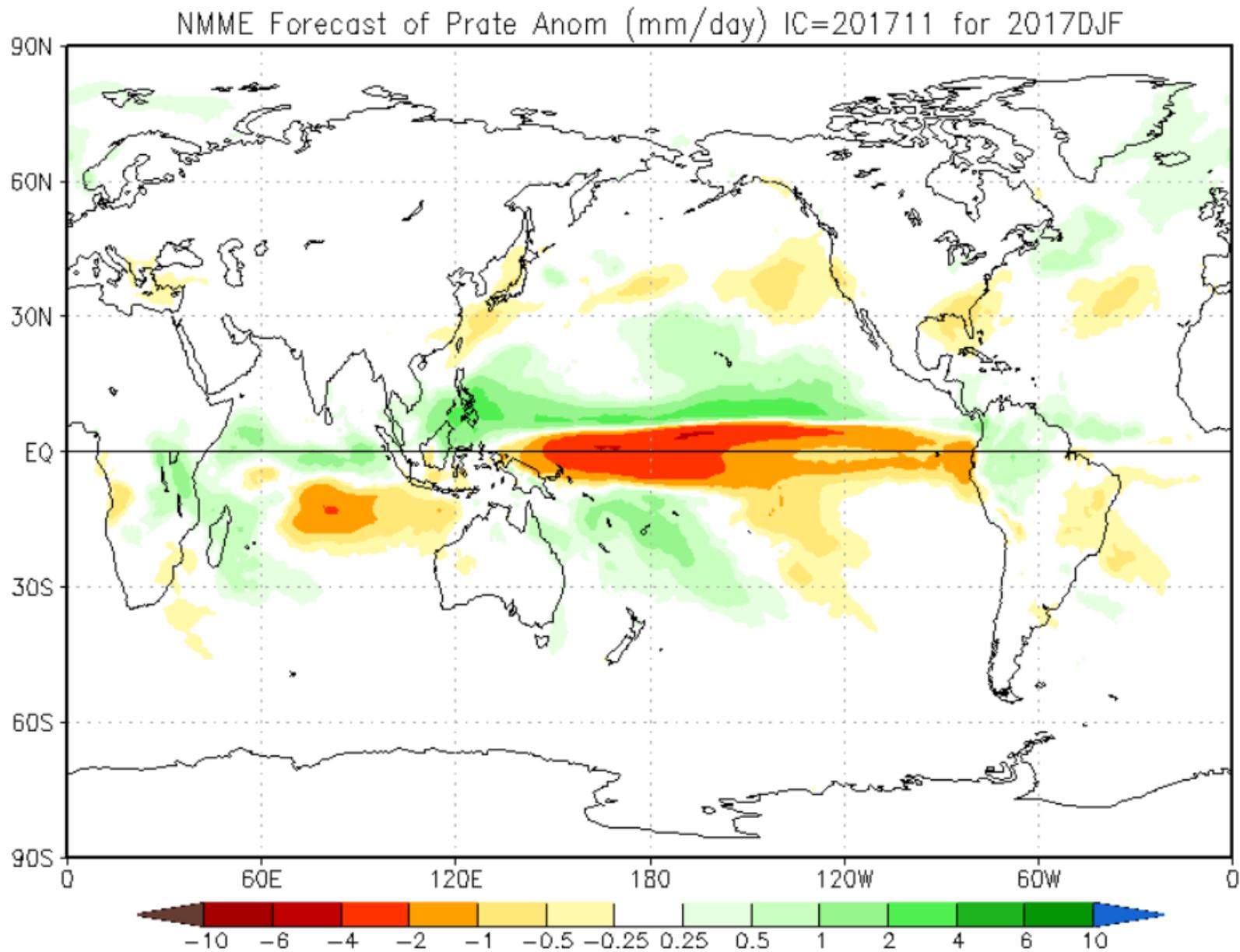
Nov-Dec-Jan 2017/2018

Initial conditions: 27Oct2017-5Nov2017



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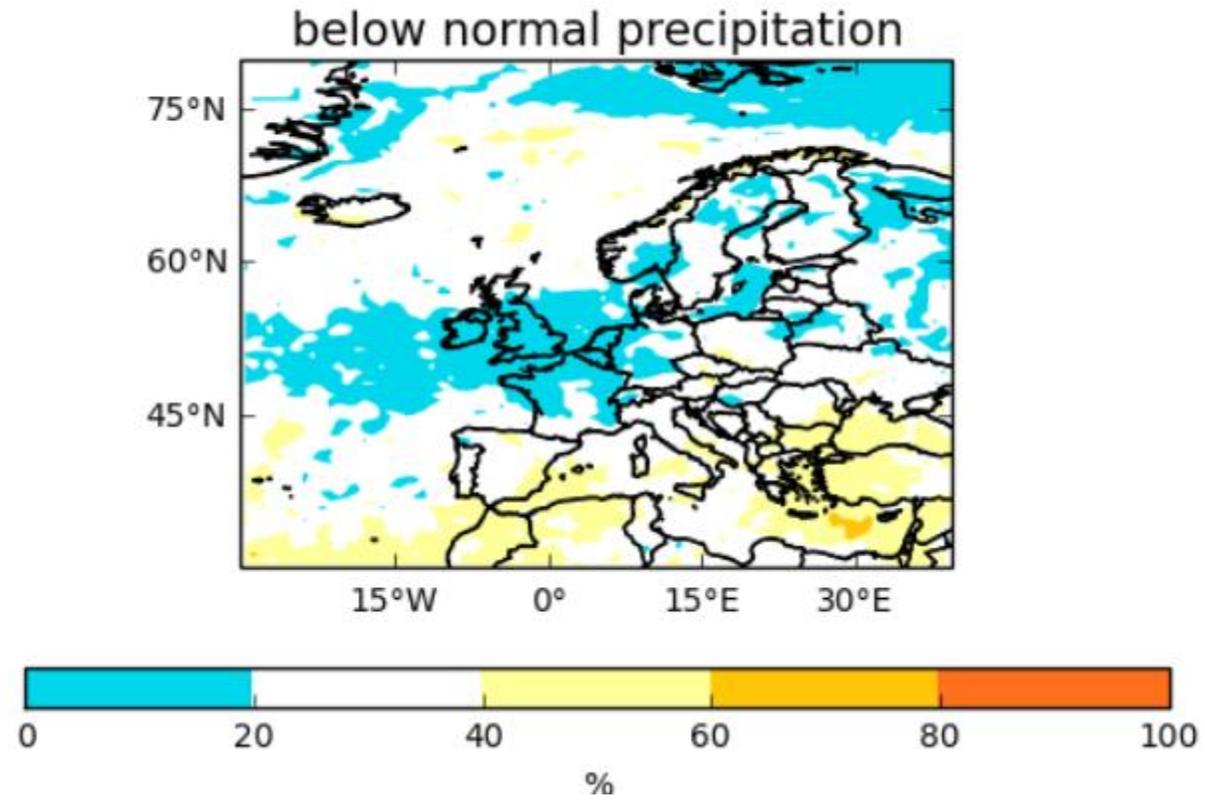
North American 12 model Ensemble for DJF precipitation



UKMO Precipitation Seasonal Forecasting

DJF 2017/18 From OCTOBER MODEL

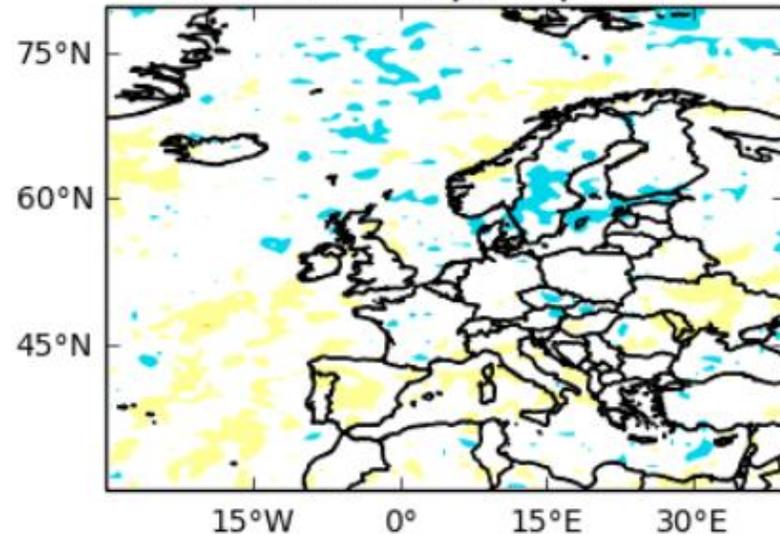
DJF 2017/18 Rain from Oct 2017 UKMO model



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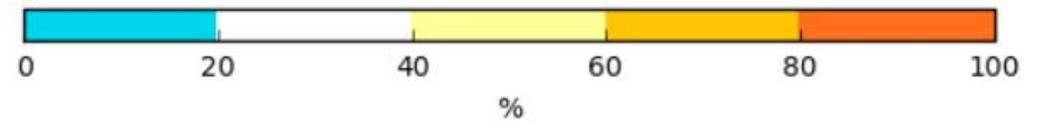
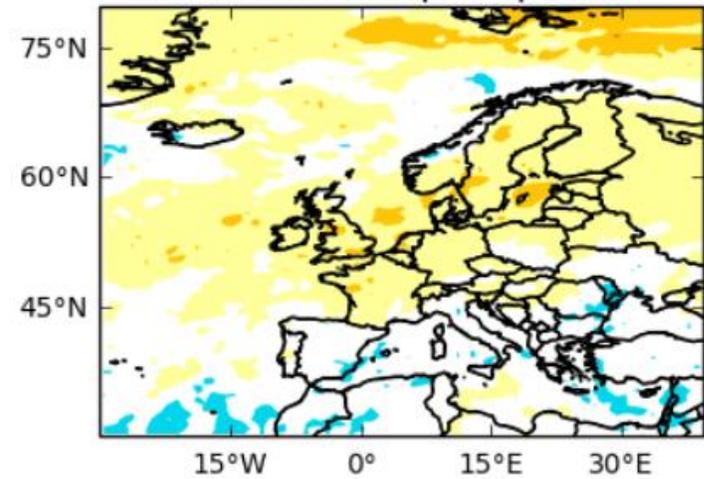
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near normal precipitation



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above normal precipitation



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ECMWF SEAS5: DJF 2017/18 Prediction
maps for DJF 2017/18 Precipitation:

תחזית גשם לחודשים DJF 2017/18. ממודל נובמבר 2017 של SYSTEM 5 (SEAS5)

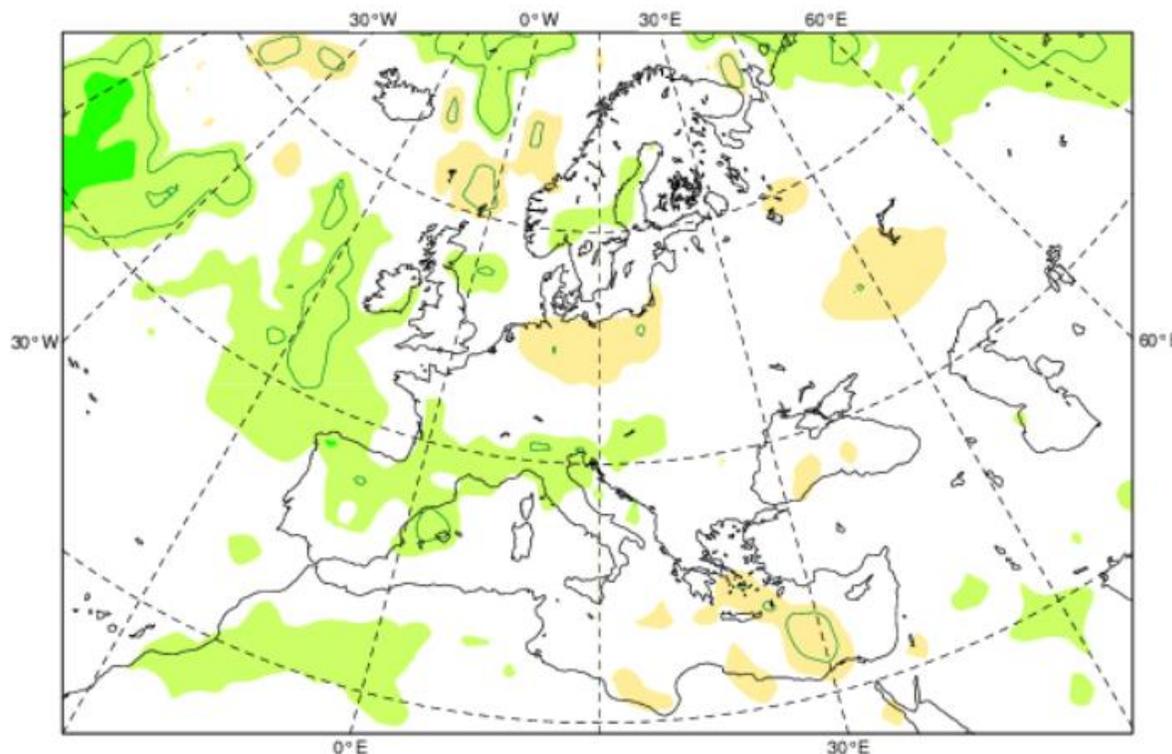
נא לשים לב ב- charts התחזית היא של 51 חברים עבור DJF 2017/18 כאשר משווים אותם ביחס לאקלים המודל של 1993-2016 כאשר בכל שנה יש 25 חברים או סה"כ 600 חברים בכל התקופה 1993-2016. בכל ההרצאה ההשוואת האקלימיות היו מבוססות על התקופה 1981-2016. יש להם גם שנים 1981-1992 אבל הם משתמשים בתקופה 1981-2016 רק בשביל ורפקציה, בשביל לקבל SKIL של מודל ובשביל SCORES שונים. את התחזית האופרטיבית הם קובעים לפי השוואה לתקופה 1993-2016. אנחנו בשמ"ט נעשה ביחס ל- 1981-2016 כי כבר הכנתי סקריפטים של 1981-2016.

Mean precipitation anomaly

Forecast start is 01/11/17, climate period 1993-2016
Ensemble size = 51, climate size = 600

DJF 2017/18

Shaded areas significant at 10% level
Solid contour at 1% level



SYSTEM 5
Mean Precipitation
anomaly (mm/season)

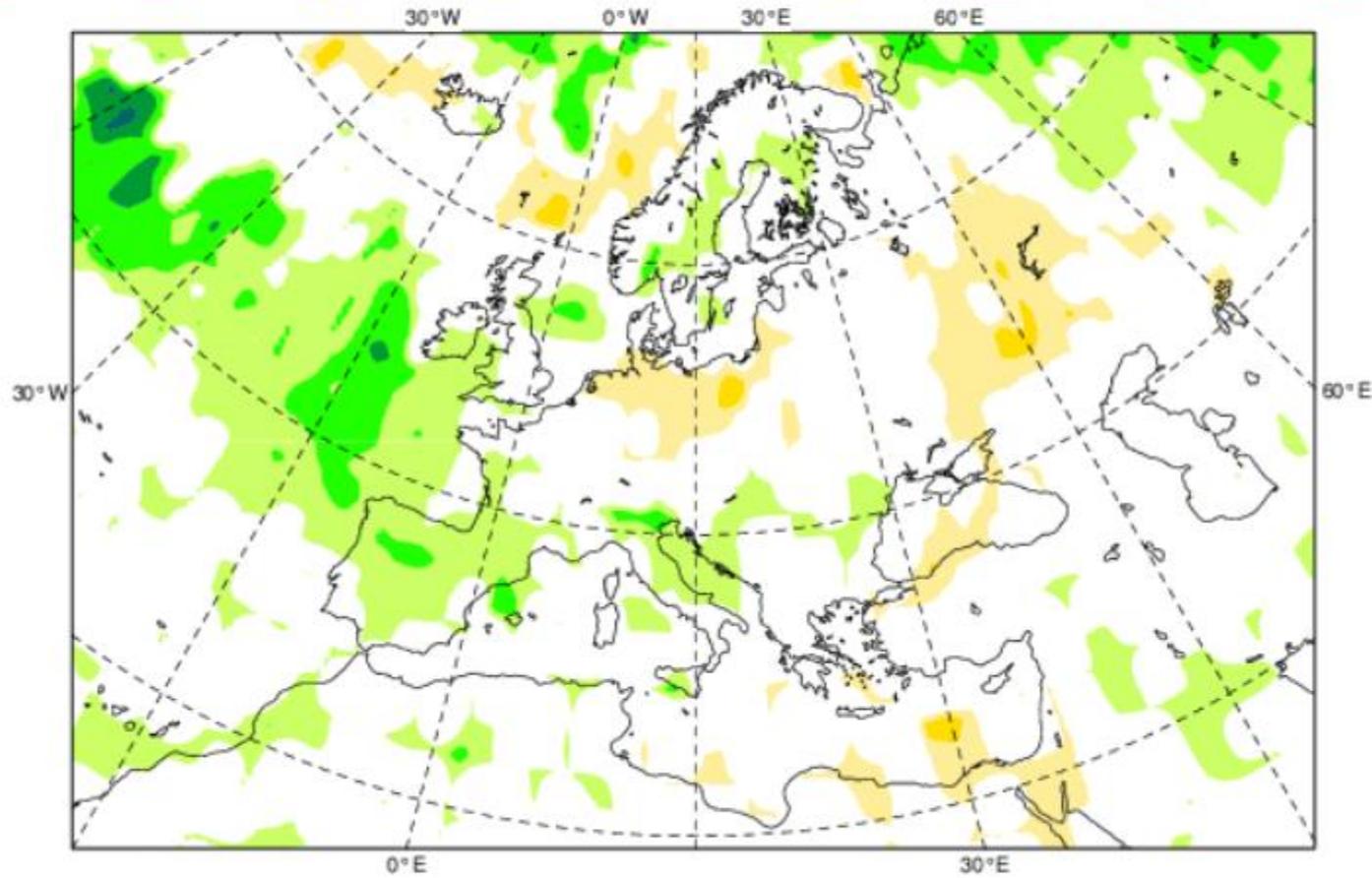
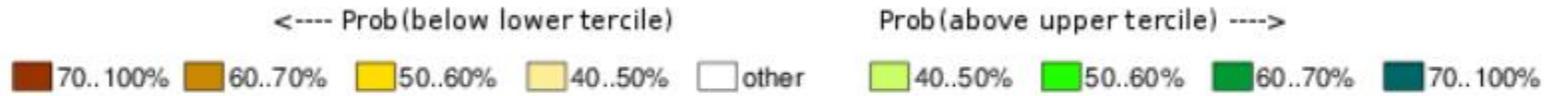
ECMWF Seasonal Forecast

Prob(most likely category of precipitation)

Forecast start is 01/11/17, climate period is 1993-2016

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System 5
DJF 2017/18



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Tercile Summary (%)

ECMWF Seasonal Forecast

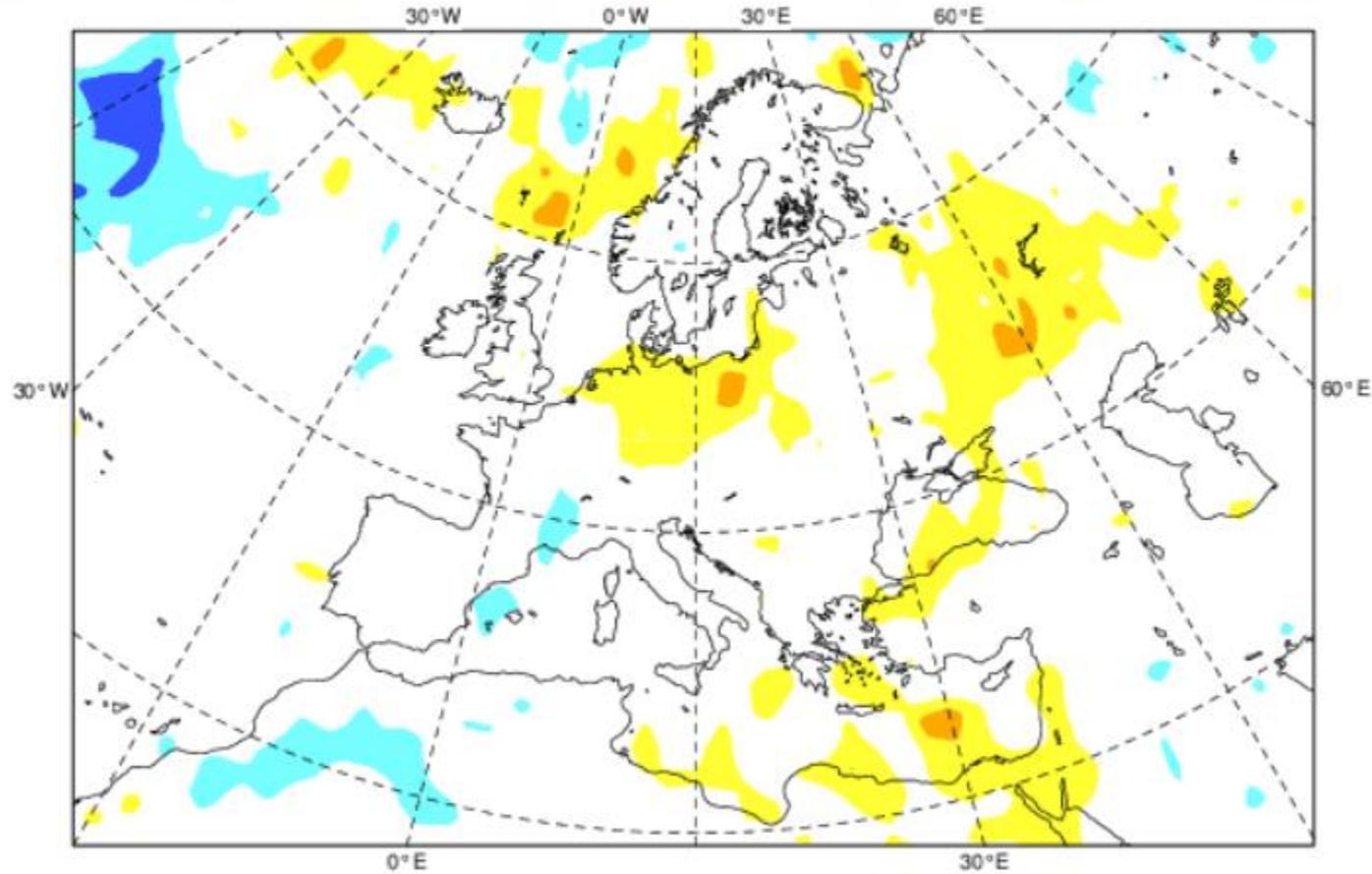
Prob(precipitation < lower tercile)

Forecast start is 01/11/17, climate period is 1993-2016

Ensemble size = 51, climate size = 600

SYSTEM 5
Lower Tercile [%]

System 5
DJF 2017/18



ECMWF Seasonal Forecast

Prob(lower tercile < precipitation < upper tercile)

Forecast start is 01/11/17, climate period is 1993-2016

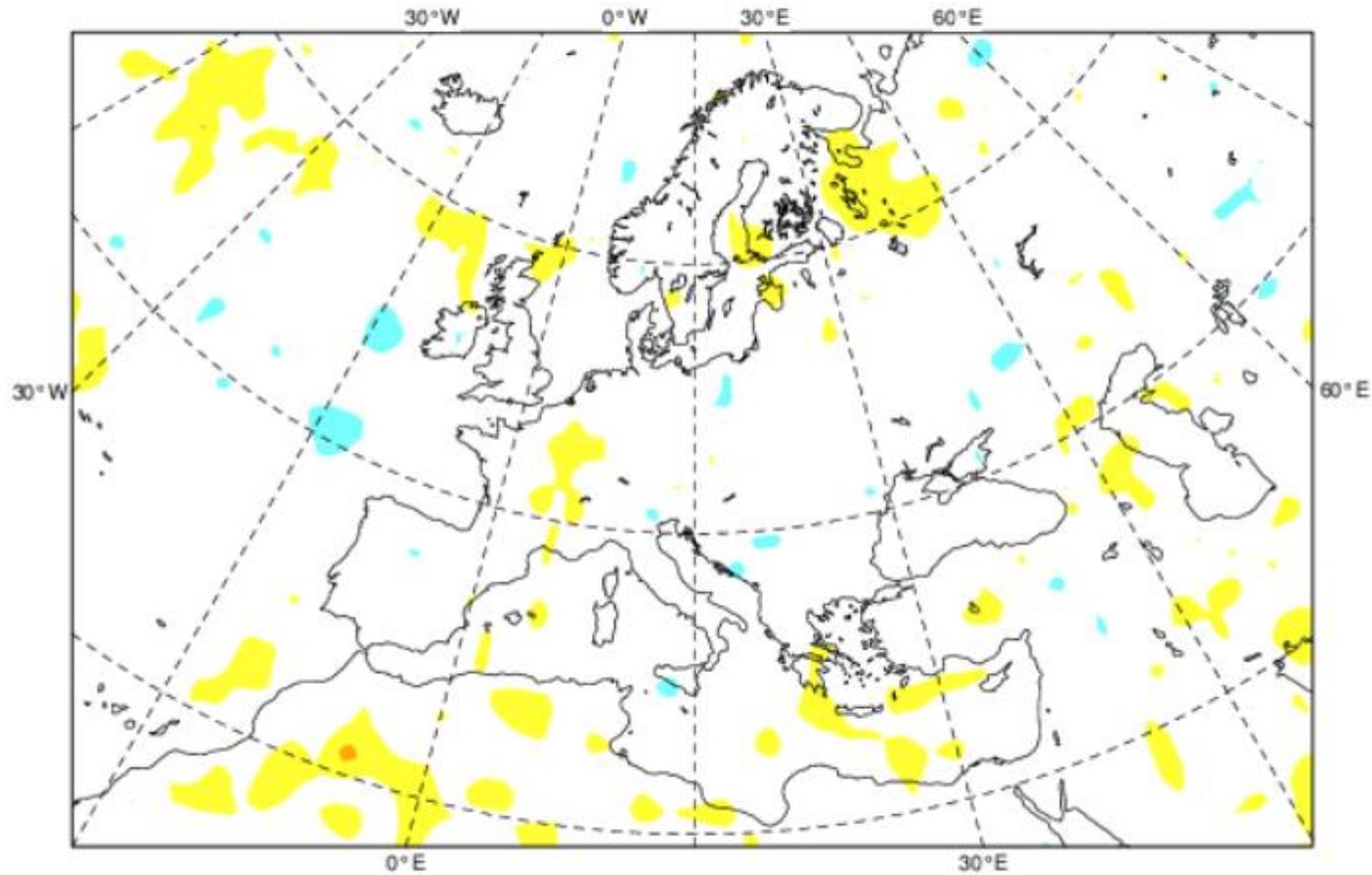
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SYSTEM 5

Middle Tercile [%]

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DJF 2017/18



SYSTEM 5 Upper Tercile [%]

Base time: Nov 2017 ▾ Area: Europe ▾ Forecast type: Pro... ▾

ECMWF Seasonal Forecast

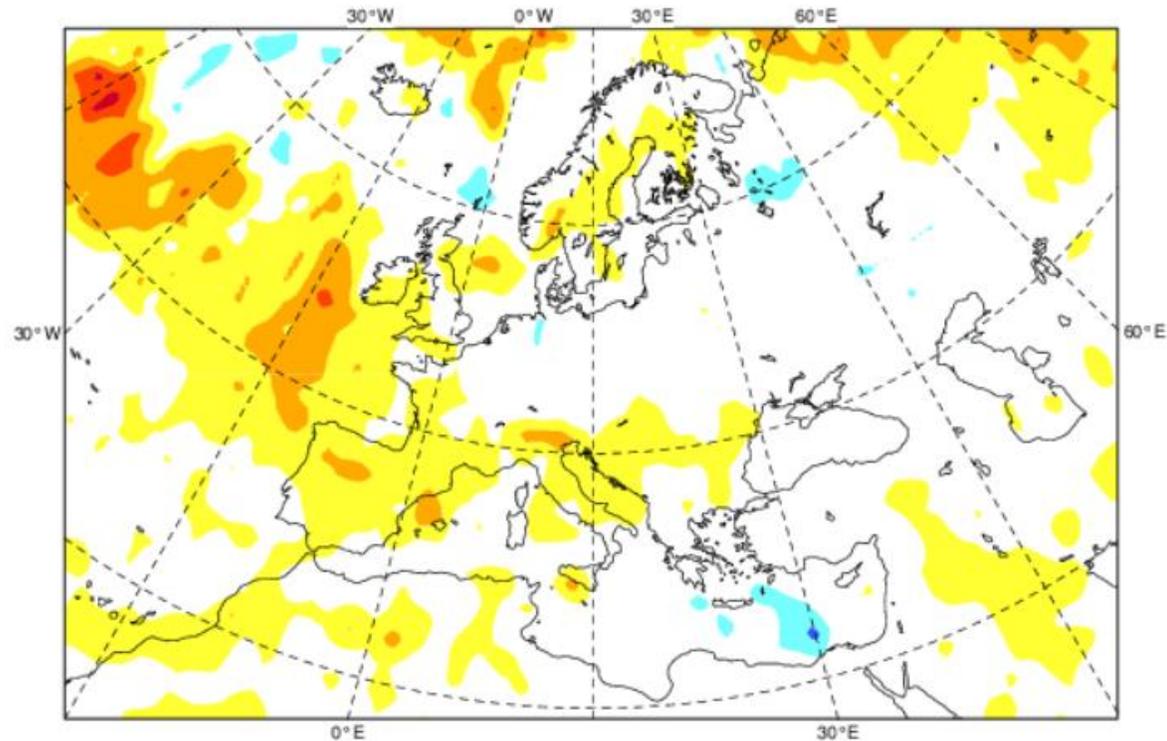
Prob(precipitation > upper tercile)

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System 5
DJF 2017/18

0..10% 10..20% 20..40% 40..50% 50..60% 60..70% 70..100%



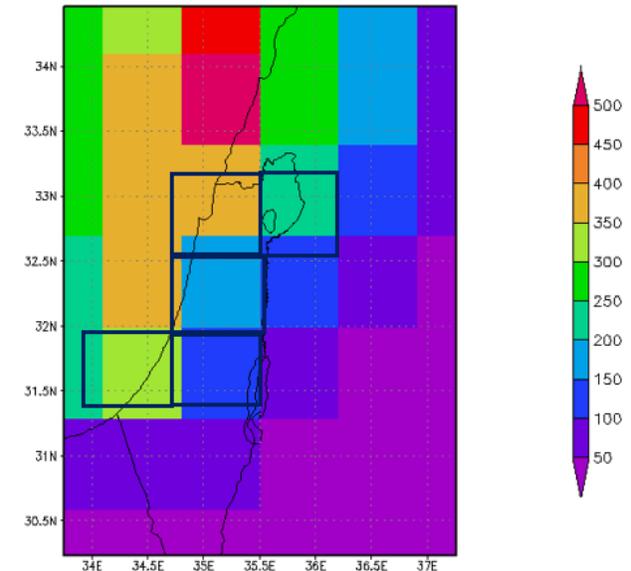
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Prediction of DJF Rain in Israel from November 2017 model SYSTEM 4 by using 5 grid points in Israel

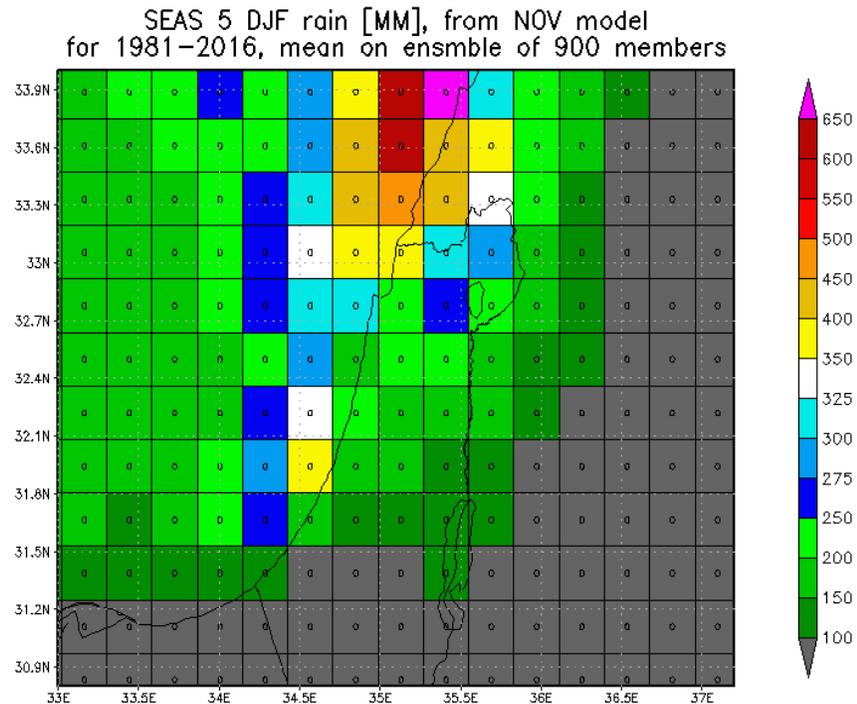
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3. upper tercile (“wet winter”) probability: 27.4%.



Conclusion : According to ECMWF Ensemble prediction from SYSTEM 4, We expect to have “Normal” winter (Normal amount of precipitation). The preferred category is “normal wet” due to the fact that it is the only category with probability equal or above 40%.

The final precipitation prediction for DJF 2017/18 in Israel

Prediction of DJF Rain in Israel from November 2017 model SYSTEM 5 by using 9 grid points in North Israel (domain 32.5N-33.04N) grid points in the seas



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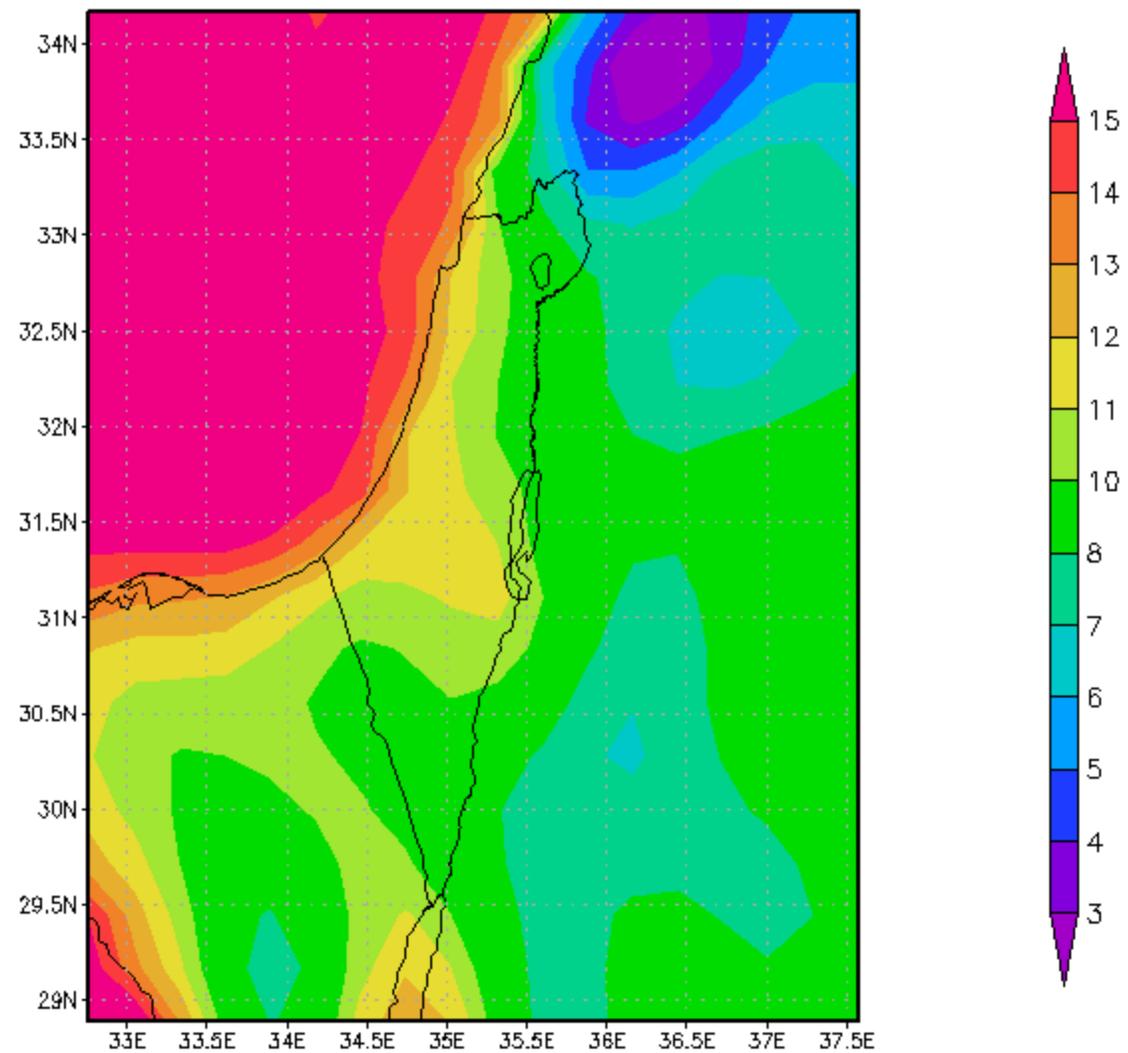
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1. Lower tercile (“drought winter”) probability: 47.1%.
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Final Conclusion : According to ECMWF Ensemble prediction from SYSTEM 4, there is not signal and preferred category hence, there is no category probability which equal 40% or above.

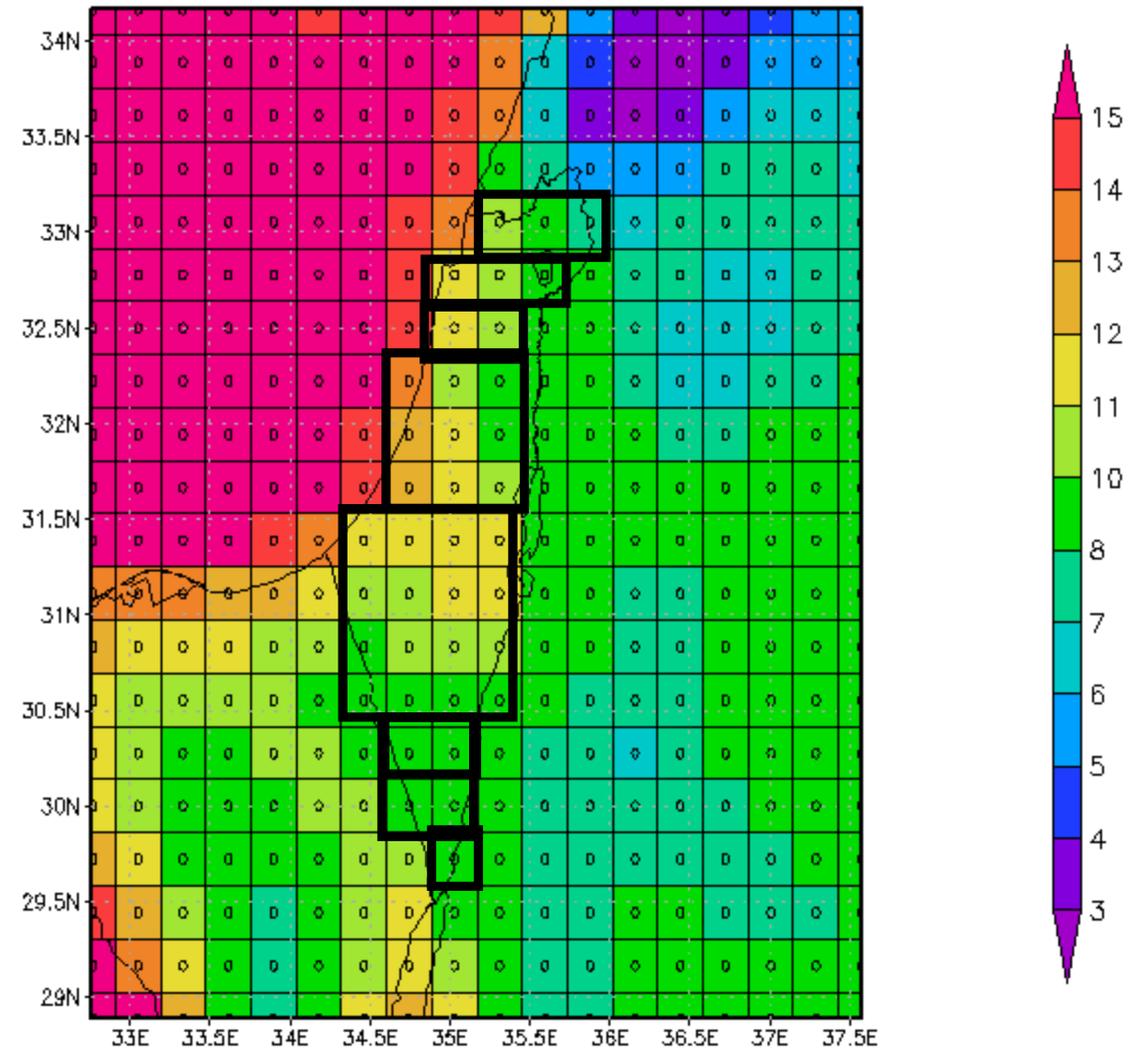
**The final Surface temperature (T2m)
prediction for DJF 2017/18 in Israel**

SEAS 5 DJF T2m [c], from NOV model
for 1981–2010, mean on ensemble of 750 members



T2m Seasonal Forecasting by SEAS5 : 37 Grid points cover Israel

SEAS 5 DJF T2m [c], from NOV model
for 1981–2010, mean on ensemble of 750 members



T2m DJF Forecast for Israel by using the 37 grid points in Israel
And climatological years of reference 1981/82-2010/11

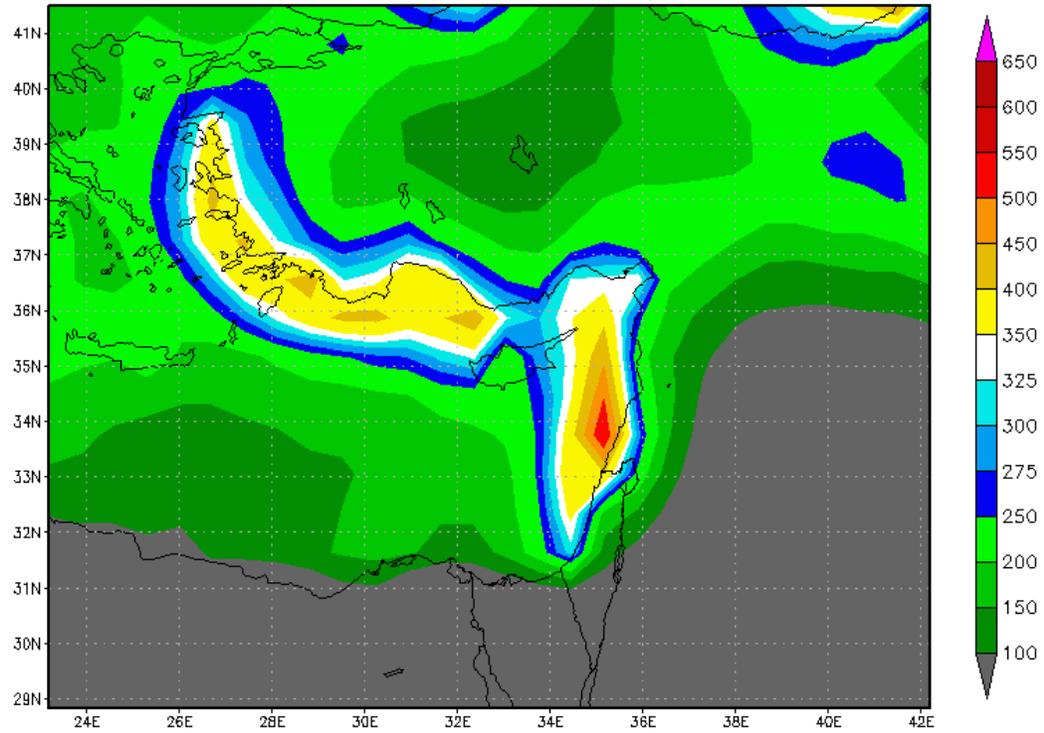
Using ECMWF Seasonal forecast SYSTEM 5 (SEAS5) from November 2017 model (initial time 1/1/2017 00UTC)
and all 51 members of ensemble

1. warmer than the average (upper tercile) = 70.6%
2. “Normal” temperature (middle tercile) = 21.6
3. Colder than the average (bottom tercile) = 7.8%

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DJF mean precipitation amount difference between ERA interim to SEAS5 (SYSTEM 5)

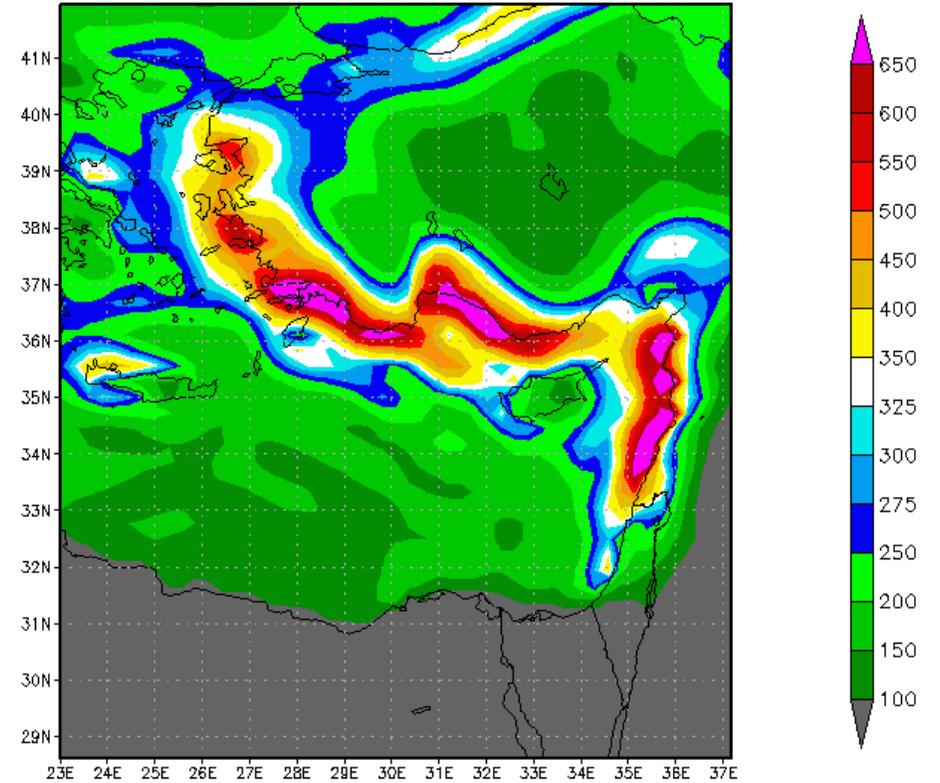
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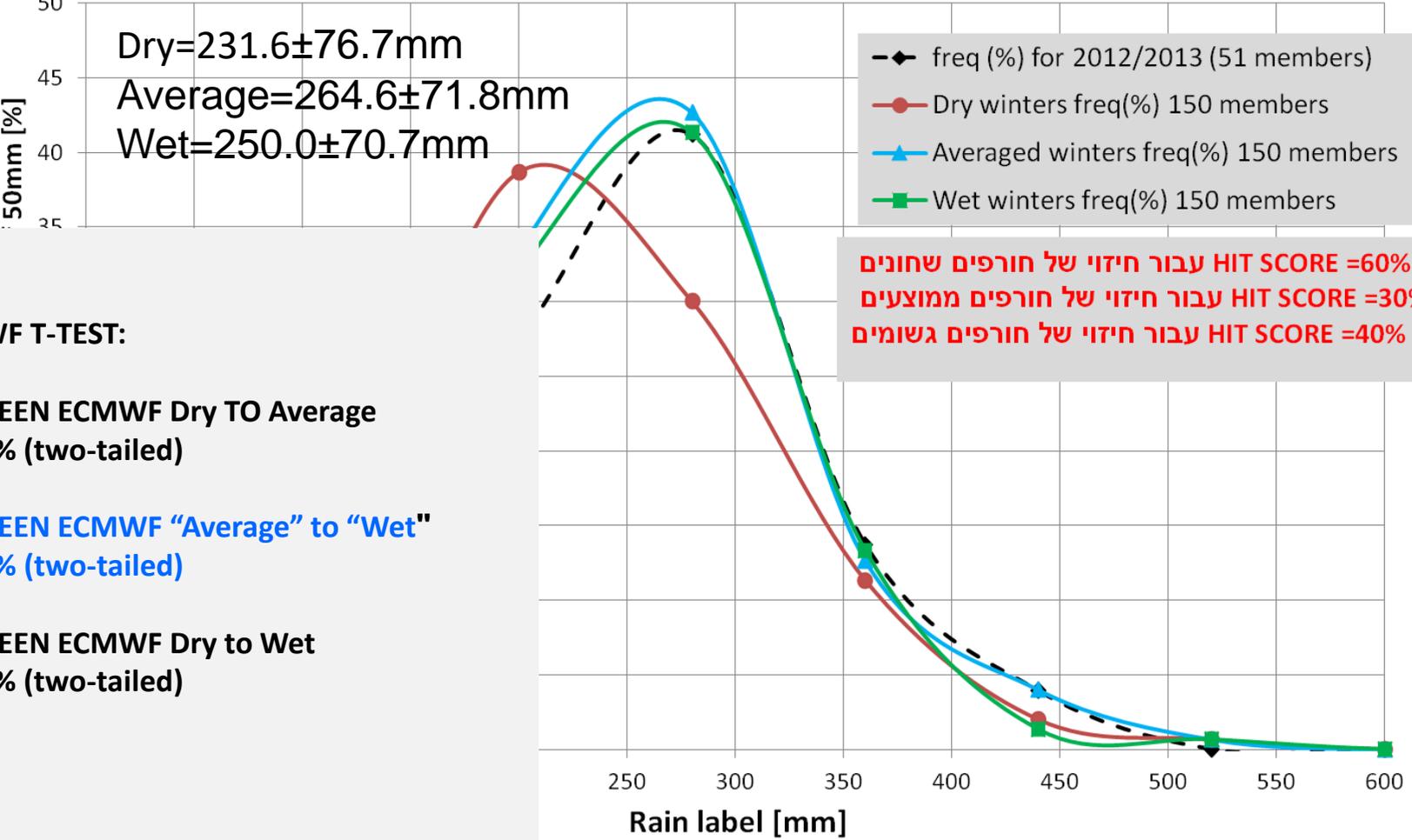


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**SYSTEM 4, 5 grid points in Israel . NOV model
Rain DJF 1981-2010 (450 ensemble)**

חיזוי של מודל מאוקטובר (חיזוי ל-2 חודשים קדימה). התפלגות DJF של החורפים 1981/1982-2010/2011
התפלגות חורפים שהיו בפועל גשומים, ממוצעים ויבשים.



ECMWF T-TEST:

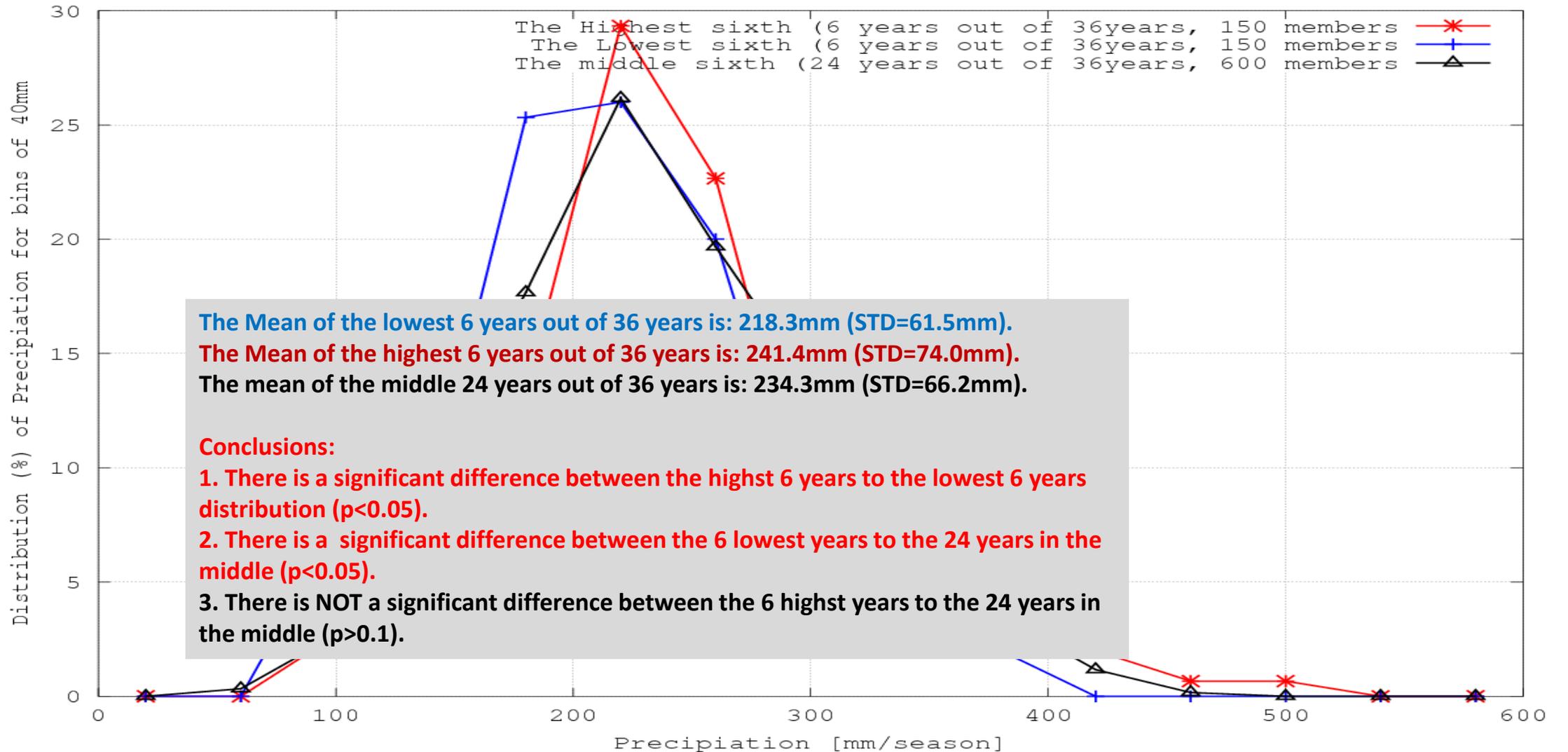
BETWEEN ECMWF Dry TO Average
p<0.1% (two-tailed)

BETWEEN ECMWF "Average" to "Wet"
p=7.5% (two-tailed)

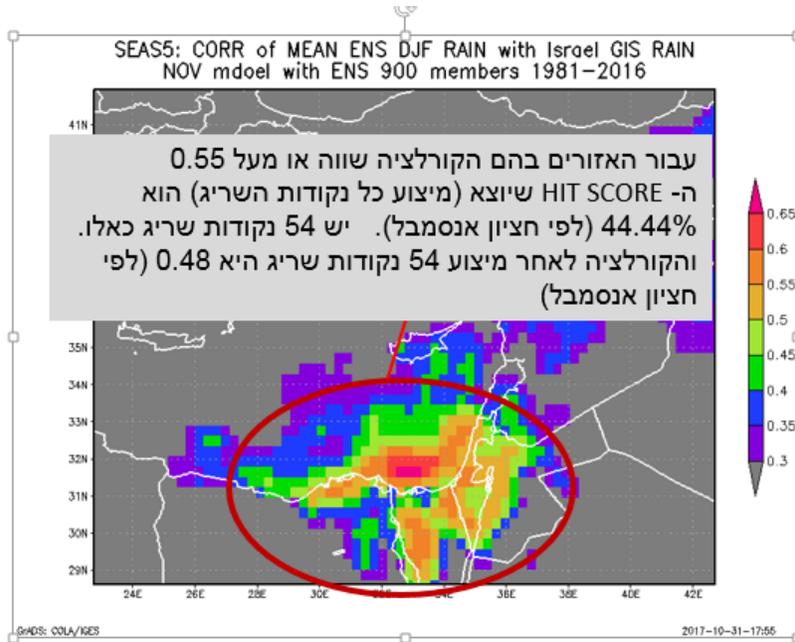
BETWEEN ECMWF Dry to Wet
P=3.2% (two-tailed)

HIT SCORE =60% עבור חיזוי של חורפים שחונים
HIT SCORE =30% עבור חיזוי של חורפים ממוצעים
HIT SCORE =40% עבור חיזוי של חורפים גשומים

SEAS5: Rain Distribution, 20 grids in Israel, DJF Rain, NOV model, Ense of 25 mem/year 1981-2016



Prediction of DJF Rain in Israel from November 2017 model SYSTEM 5 by using 54 correlative (correlation>0.55) grid points in the seas



1. Lower tercile (“drought winter”) probability: 35.3%.
2. Middle tercile (“Normal winter”) probability: 35.3%.
3. upper tercile (“wet winter”) probability: 29.4%.

Conclusion : According to ECMWF Ensemble prediction from SYSTEM 4, there is not signal and preferred category hence, there is no category probability which equal 40% or above.