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COMPENDIUM OF WIND DATA FROM THE
VAPOR TRAIL TECHNIQUE

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FOREWORD

The vapor trail method of measuring winds in the earth's upper atmosphere has been used by scientists of many countries during the last five years. The data which have been published appear in various forms and in many different places. Some of the data have not been formally published but have been made available through such media as contractual reports, conferences, and private communications. The purpose of this report is to collect the data in one place and in a consistent form. Usually, tabulated data were not available and often the graphical presentation was replotted. Each wind observation is presented in two separate graphs which display the wind speed and direction of the transport vector. This method of presentation was chosen because most of the data were available in this form and because the plotted quantities are those that were actually measured.

The location of the launch sites and names and addresses of persons from whom additional information may be requested are given in Table I. The local dates on which the observations were made are given in Table II. The launch time is given on each figure as local standard time except for morning or evening twilight launches which are indicated as AM or PM respectively.

This compendium was prepared at the suggestion of Maurice Dubin who aided greatly in the assembling of the data from launch sites outside of the U.S.A.

TABLE I
LAUNCH SITES AND PRINCIPAL CONTACTS

Site	Latitude	Longitude	Contact
Algeria, Hammaguir	31°N	3°W	Prof. J.E. Blamont
Algeria, Reggan	26.7°N	0°	Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique Service D'Aeronomie Observatoire de Meudon Paris France
Argentina, Chamical	30.5°S	66°W	T.M. Tabanera Presidente Comision Nacional De Investigaciones Espaciales Rodriguez Pena 1963 Buenos Aires, Argentina
Australia, Woomera	31°S	137°E	Prof. G.V. Groves University College Gower Street London, W.C. 1, England
Canada, Ft. Churchill	58.8°N	94.3°W	J. Bedinger GCA Technology Division GCA Corporation Burlington Road Bedford, Massachusetts
France, Ile du Levant	43°N	6°E	Prof. J.E. Blamont Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique Service D'Aeronomie Observatoire de Meudon Paris France
India, TERLES	8.5°N	77°E	Dr. P.D. Bhavsar Physical Research Laboratory Navrangpura Ahmedabad 9, India
Italy, Sardinia	39.6°N	9.5°E	Prof. L. Broglio Universita Degli Studi Di Roma Centro Richerche Aerospaziali Via Salaria N.851 Rome, Italy

TABLE I (continued)

Site	Latitude	Longitude	Contact
Pakistan, Sonmiani	26°N	67°E	Dr. M. Rahmatullah, Director Space Science and Research Pakistan Atomic Energy Commis- sion (Suparco-Wing) PAEC Secretariate, PECHES Karachi, Pakistan
U.S., Eglin AFB, Florida	30.4°N	86.7°W	N.W. Rosenberg, Chem. Phy. Br. Space pkg. Lab., AFCRL Bedford, Massachusetts
U.S., Kauai, Hawaii	21.9°N	159.6°W	L.B. Smith Sandia Corporation Albuquerque, New Mexico
U.S., AFB, New Mexico	32.5°N	106.5°W	J. Bedinger
U.S., Wallops Island, Va.	37.8°N	75.5°W	J. Bedinger GCA Technology Division GCA Corporation Burlington Road Bedford, Massachusetts

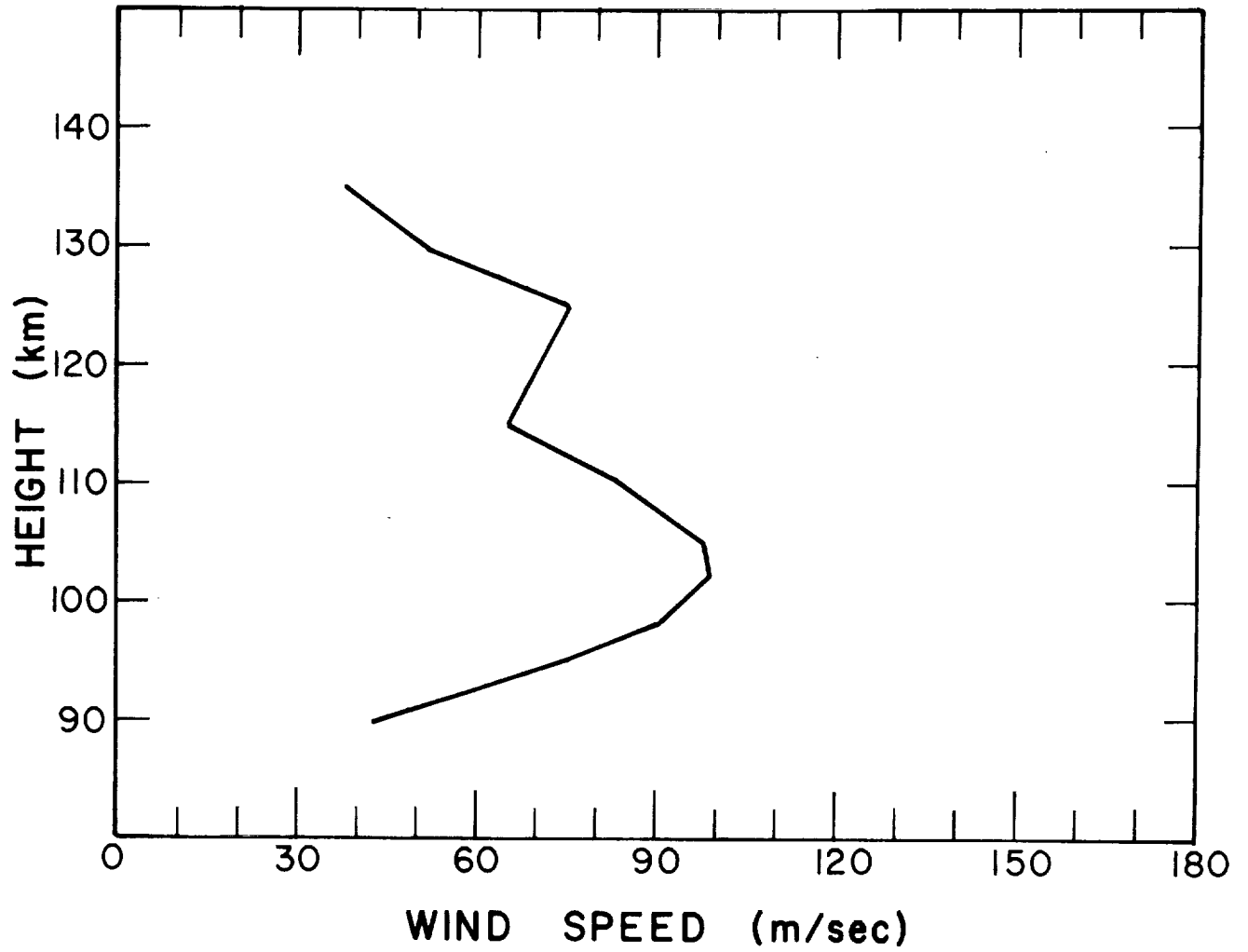
TABLE II
PLACE AND DATE OR ROCKET LAUNCHES

<u>Algeria, Hammaguir</u> <u>(31°N, 3°W)</u>	<u>Page No.</u>	<u>India, TERLES</u> <u>(8.5°N, 77°E)</u>	<u>Page No.</u>
9 Dec 1961	5,6	21 Nov 1963	49,50
5 June 1962	7,8	8 Jan 1964	51,52
5 June 1962	9,10	12 Jan 1964	53,54
28 Nov 1962	11,12		
30 Nov 1962	13	<u>Italy, Sardinia</u> <u>39.6°N, 9.5°E</u>	
1 Dec 1962	14,15		
21 May 1963	16,17		
		19 Apr 1961	55,56
<u>Algeria, Reggan</u> <u>(26.7°N, 0°)</u>		20 Apr 1961	57,58
		7 Sept 1961	59,60
9 Dec 1961	19,20	8 Sept 1961	61,62
29 May 1962	21,22	20 May 1963	63,64
5 June 1962	23,24	21 May 1963	65,66
5 June 1962	25,26	21 May 1963	67,68
21 May 1963	27,28		
		<u>Pakistan, Sonmiani</u> <u>(26°N, 67°E)</u>	
<u>Argentina, Chamental</u> <u>(30.5°S, 66°W)</u>		30 Nov 1964	69,70
		1 Dec 1964	71,72
27 Nov 1962	29,30		
30 Nov 1962	31,32	<u>U.S., Eglin</u> <u>(30.4°N, 86.7°W)</u>	
<u>Australia, Woomera</u> <u>(31°S, 137°E)</u>		29 Sept 1959	73,74
		30 Sept 1959	73,74
28 Nov 1962	33,34	1 Oct 1959	73,74
		3 Oct 1959	75
<u>Canada, Ft. Churchill</u> <u>(58.8°N, 94.3°W)</u>		1 Aug 1960	73,74
		9 Aug 1960	73,74
21 May 1963	35,36	10 Aug 1960	73,74
22 May 1963	37,38	16 Aug 1960	76
22 May 1963	39,40	17 Aug 1960	73,74
1 Nov 1964	41,42	18 Aug 1960	73,74
27 Feb 1965	43,44	12 Oct 1960	77
		3 Dec 1962	78,79
<u>France, Ile du Levant</u> <u>(43°N, 6°E)</u>		3 Dec 1962	80,81
		3 Dec 1962	82,83
29 May 1962	45,46	3 Dec 1962	84,85
21 May 1963	47,48	17 May 1963	86,87
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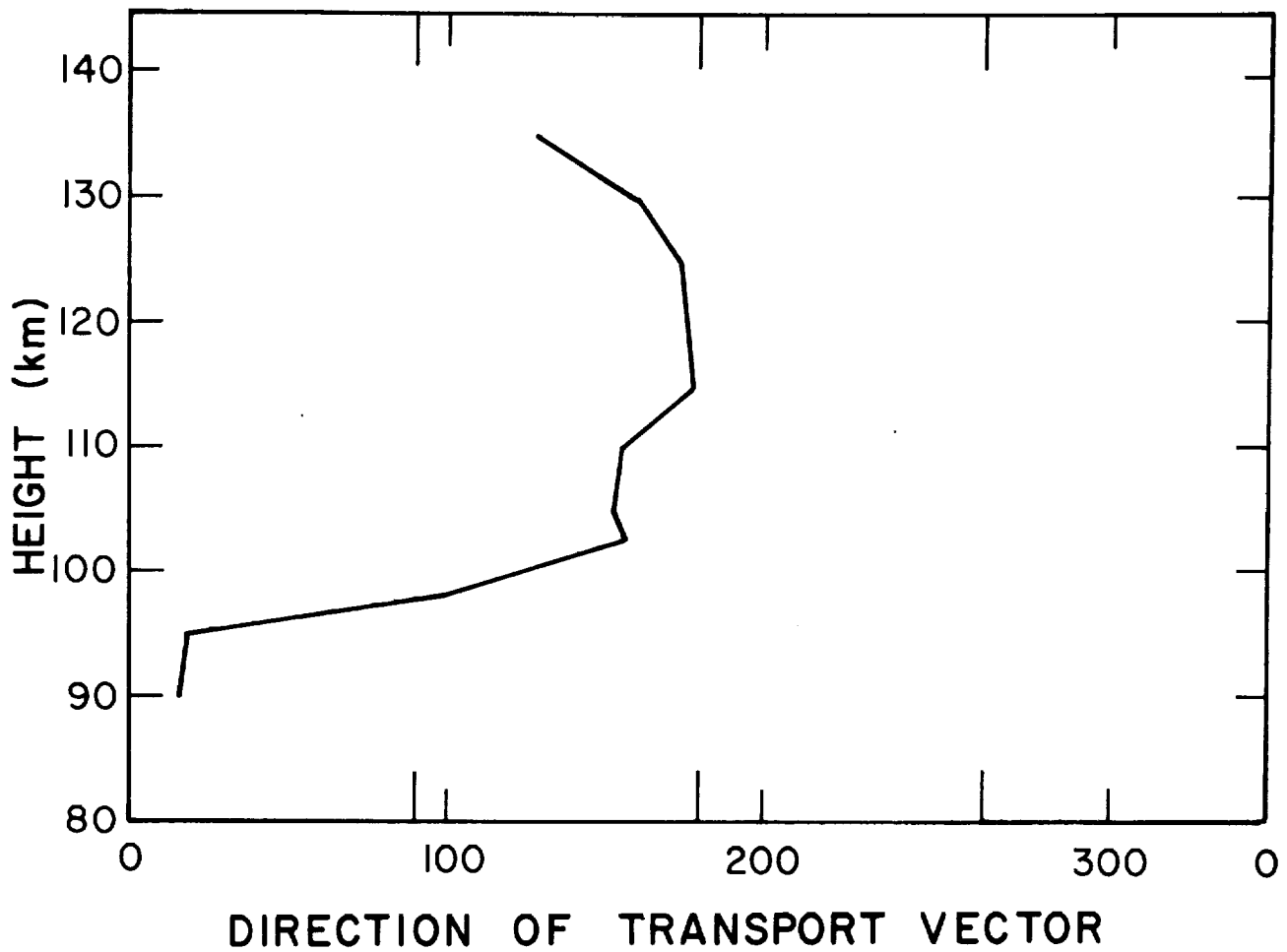
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21 Oct 1962	98,99	20 Feb 1963	145,146
29 Oct 1962	100,101	21 Feb 1963	147,148
		23 May 1963	149,150
		24 May 1963	151,152
U.S., Holloman, AFB New Mexico (32.5°N, 106.5°W)		15 Jan 1964	153,154
		16 Jan 1964	155,156
		16 Jan 1964	157,158
11 Apr 1956	102,103	14 Jul 1964	159,160
26 Nov 1957	104,105	14 Jul 1964	161
	106,107	15 Jul 1964	162,163
U.S., Wallops Island (37.8°N, 75.5°W)		15 Jul 1964	164
		7 Oct 1964	165,166
		8 Oct 1964	167,168
17 Aug 1959	109,110	10 Nov 1964	169,170
18 Nov 1959	111,112	11 Nov 1964	171,172
24 May 1960	113,114		
9 Dec 1960	115,116	<u>SHIP Near Wallops Island</u>	
19 Apr 1961	117,118	Position No. 1 (36.2°N, 74.7°W)	
20 Apr 1961	119,120	10 Nov 1964	173,174
21 Apr 1961	121,122	Position No. 2 (34.4°N, 74.7°W)	
16 Sept 1961	123,124	11 Nov 1964	175,176
17 Sept 1961	125,126	Position No. 3 (34.0°N, 76.3°W)	
1 Mar 1962	127,128	12 Nov 1964	177,178
2 Mar 1962	129,130		
23 Mar 1962	131,132		
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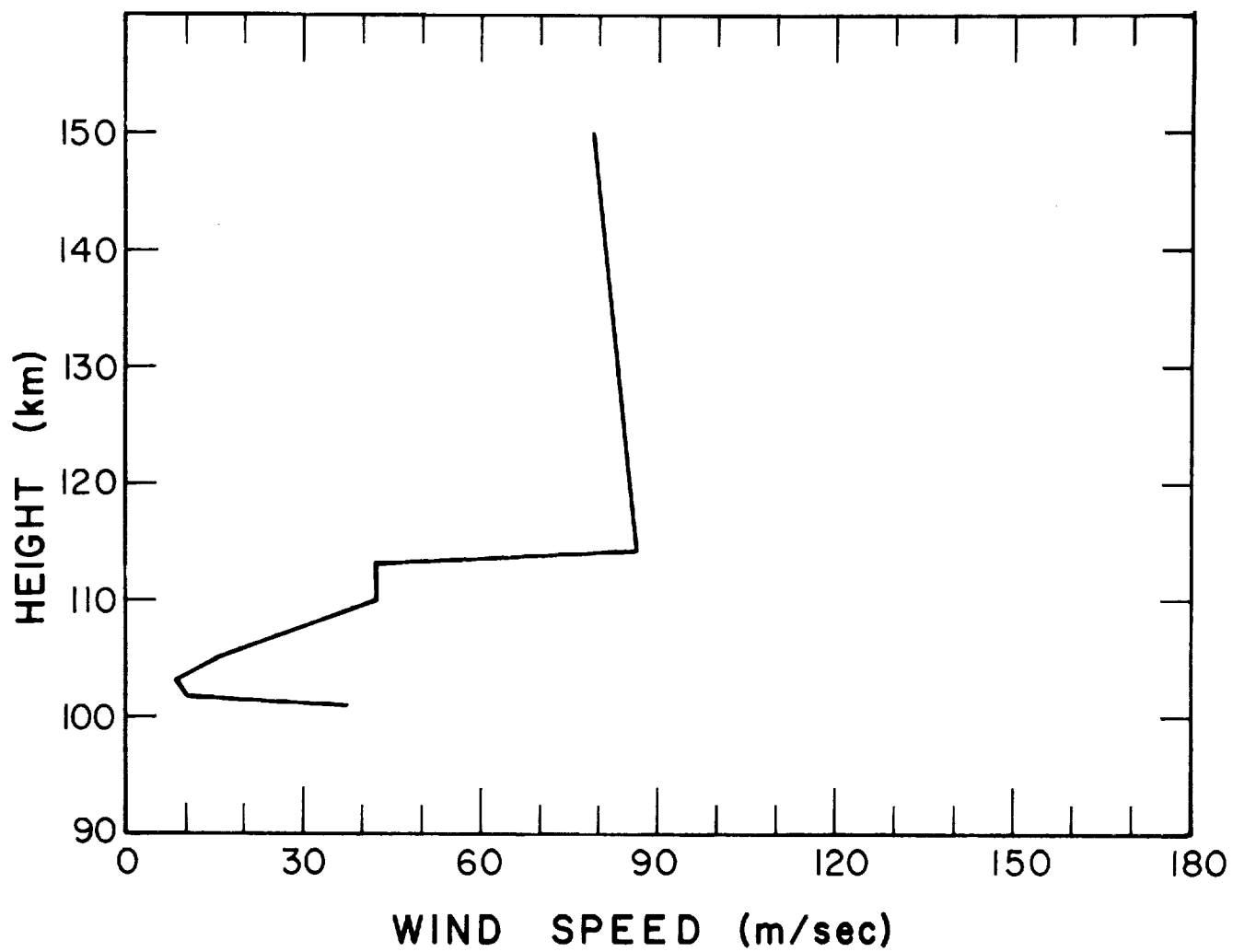
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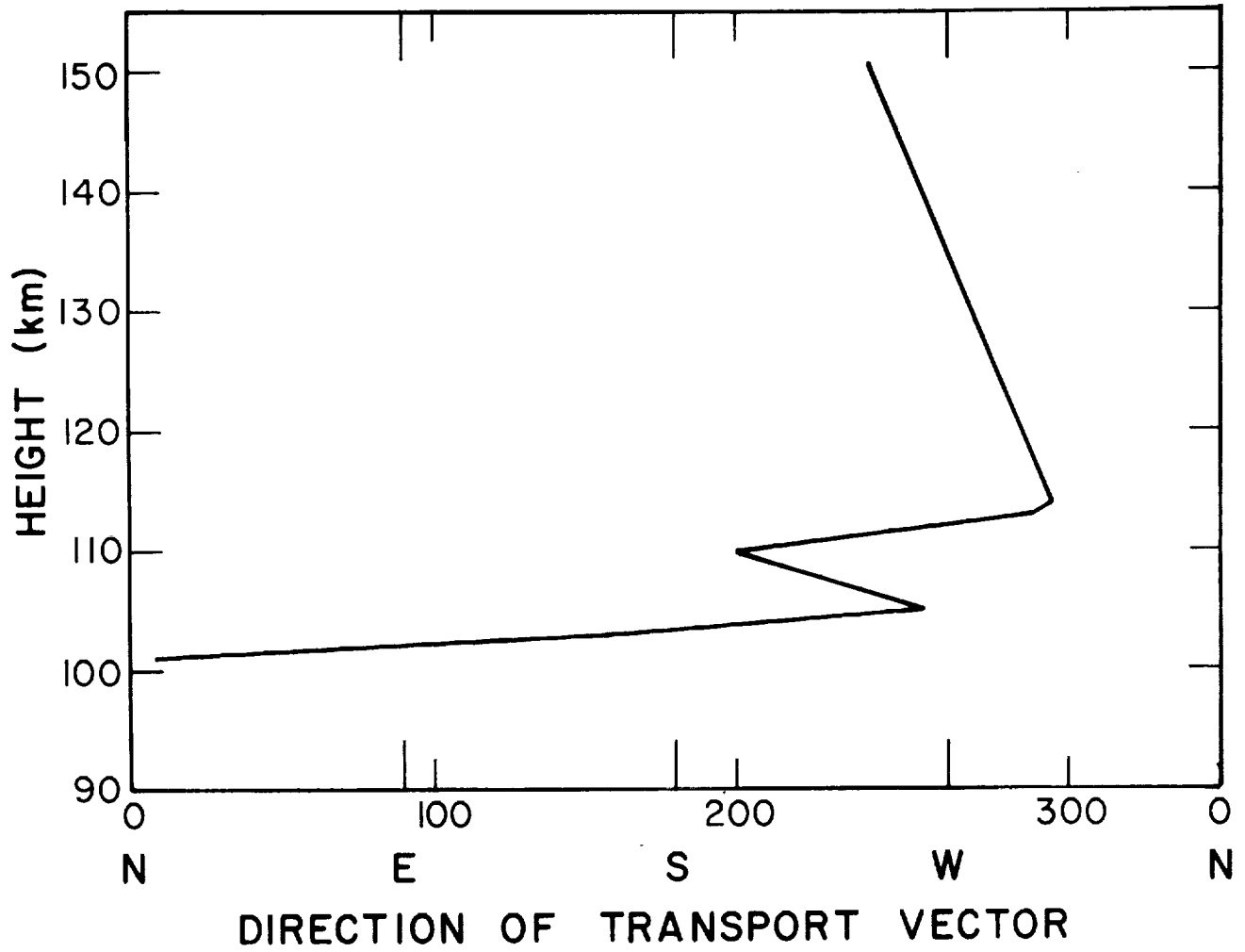
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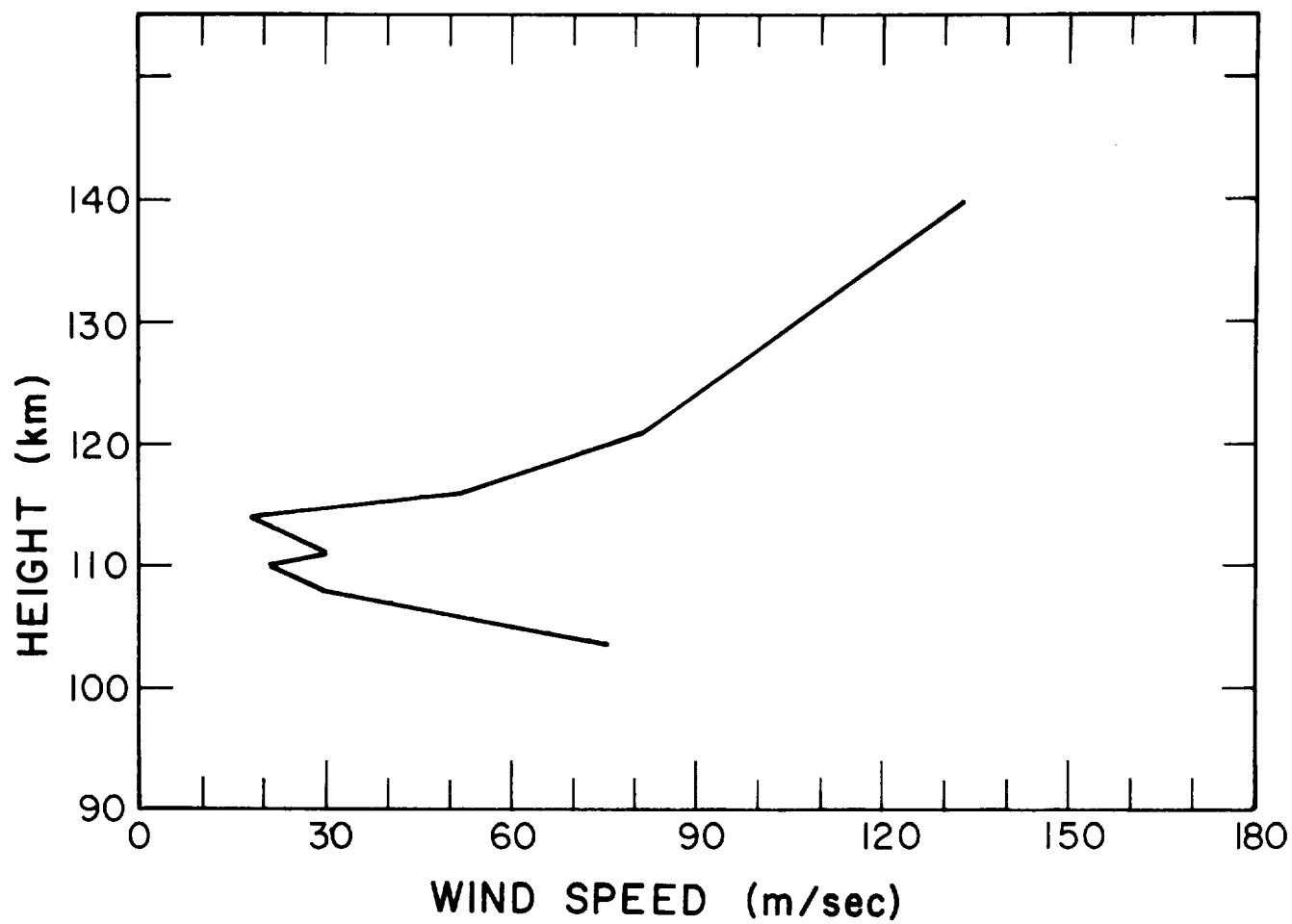
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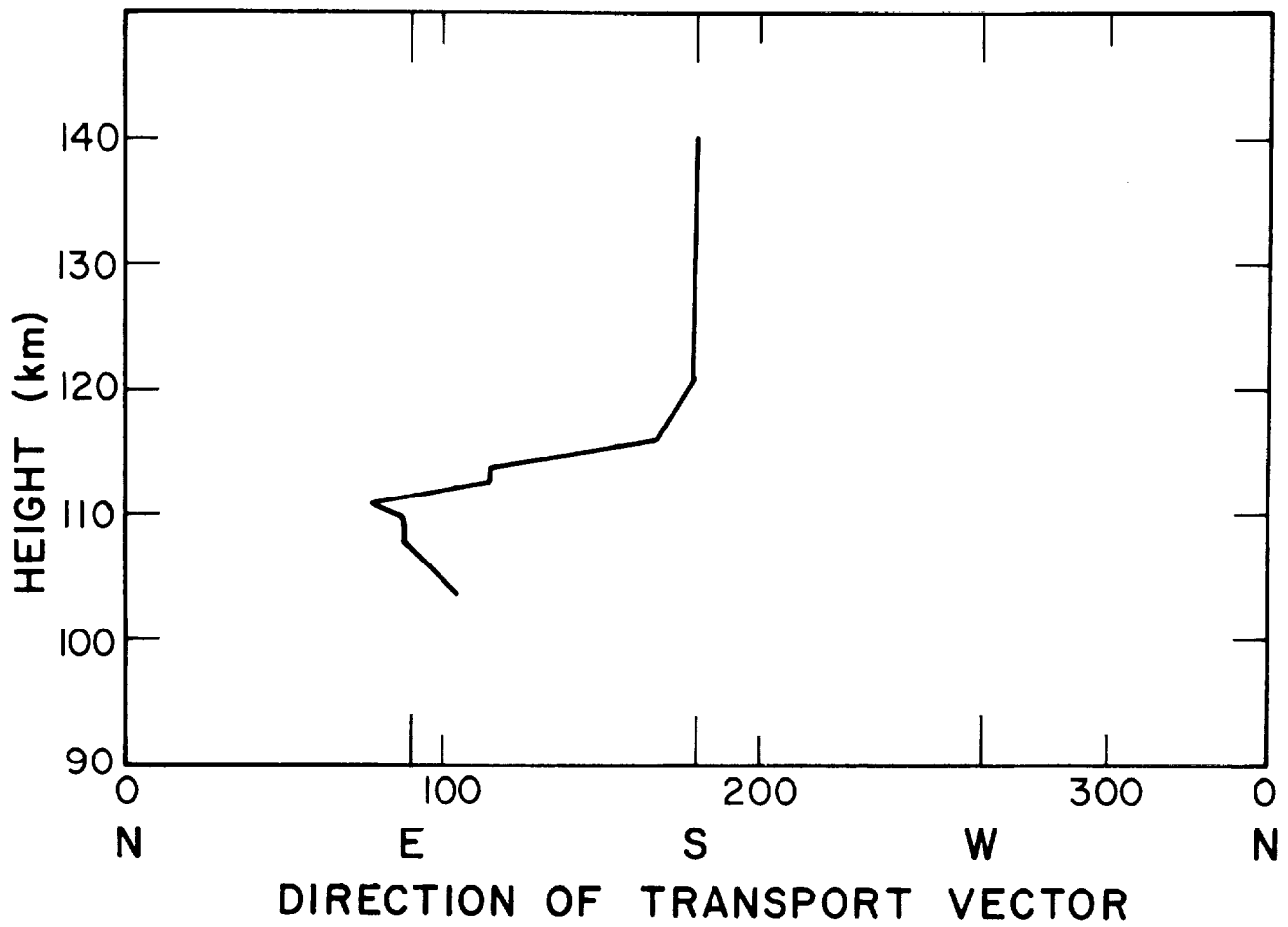
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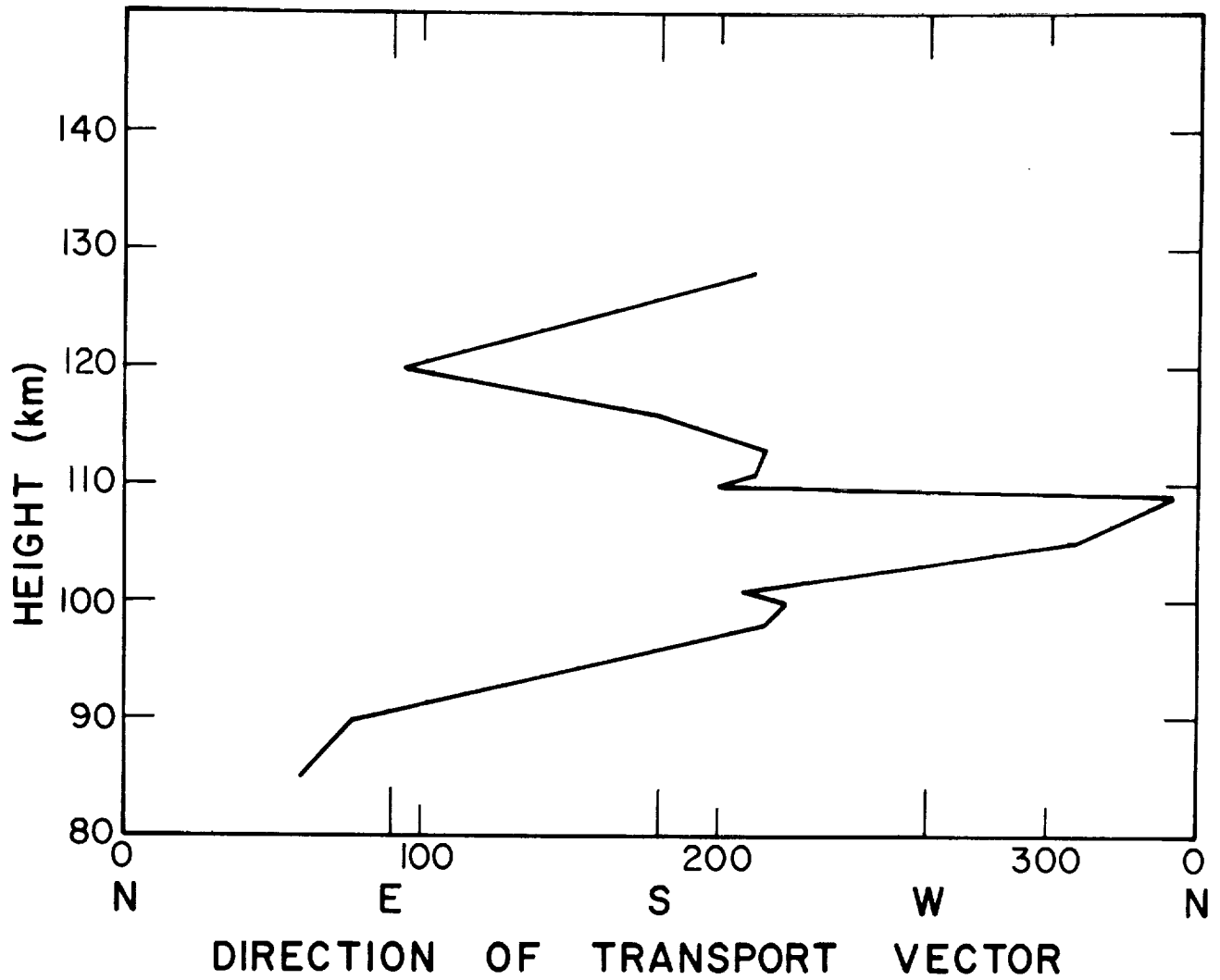
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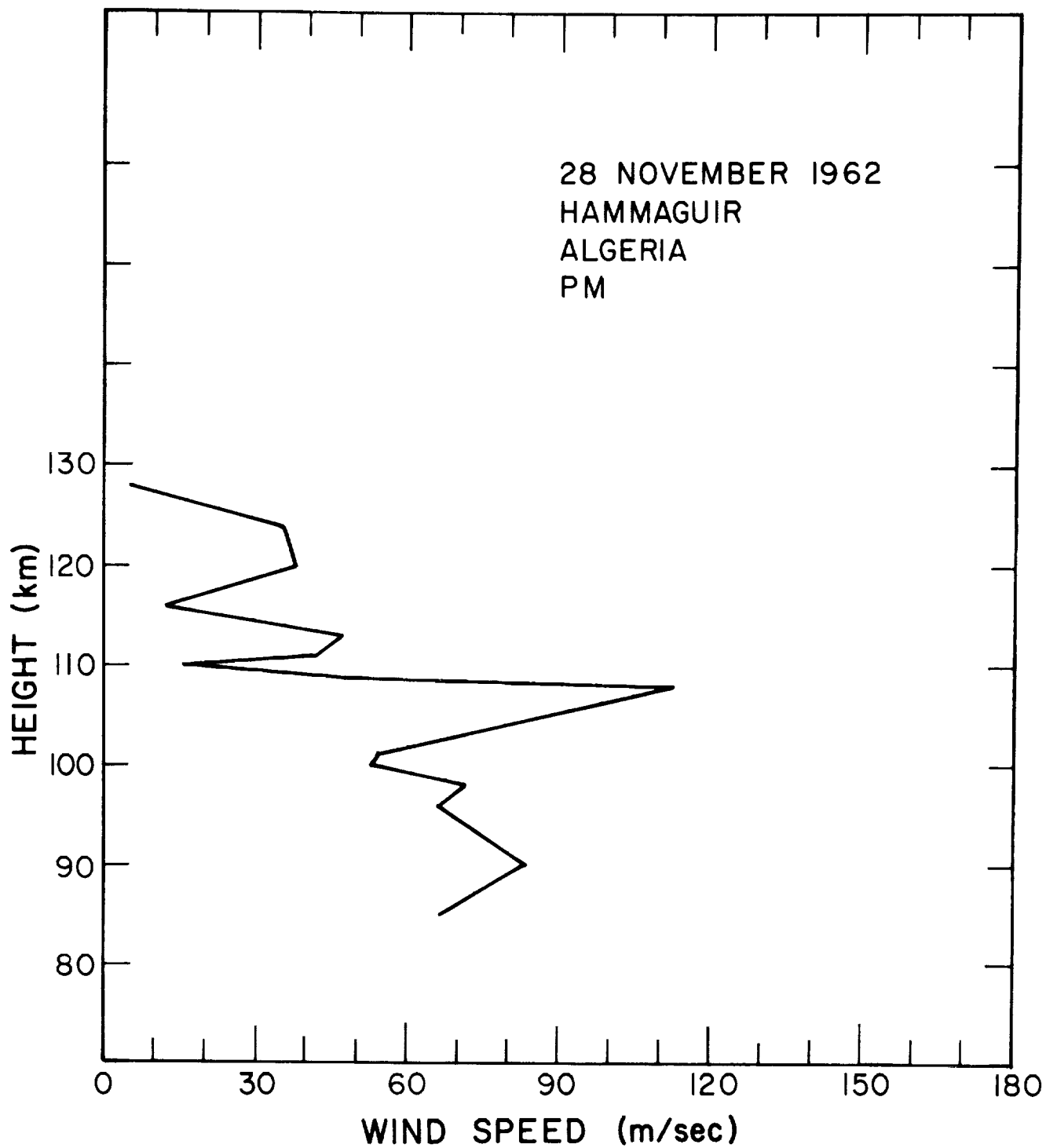


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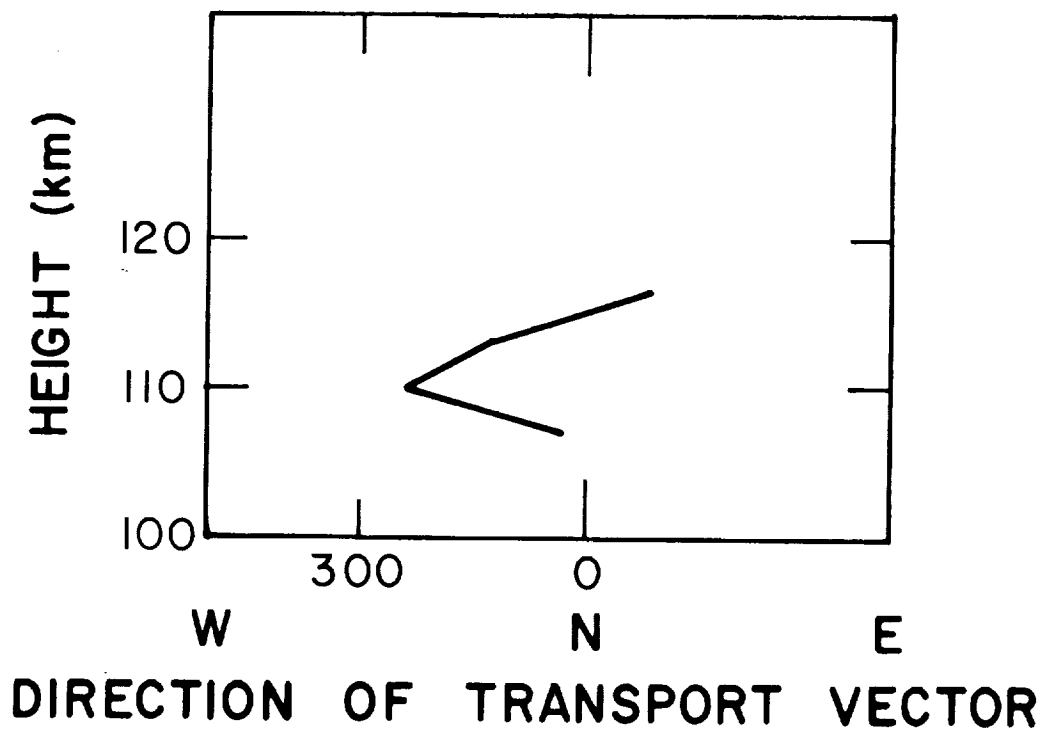
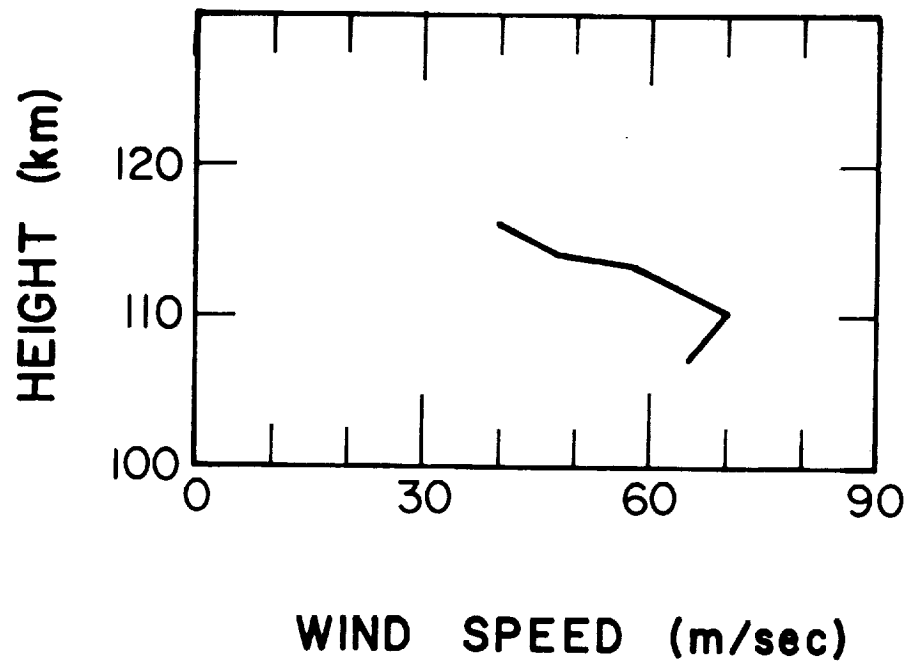


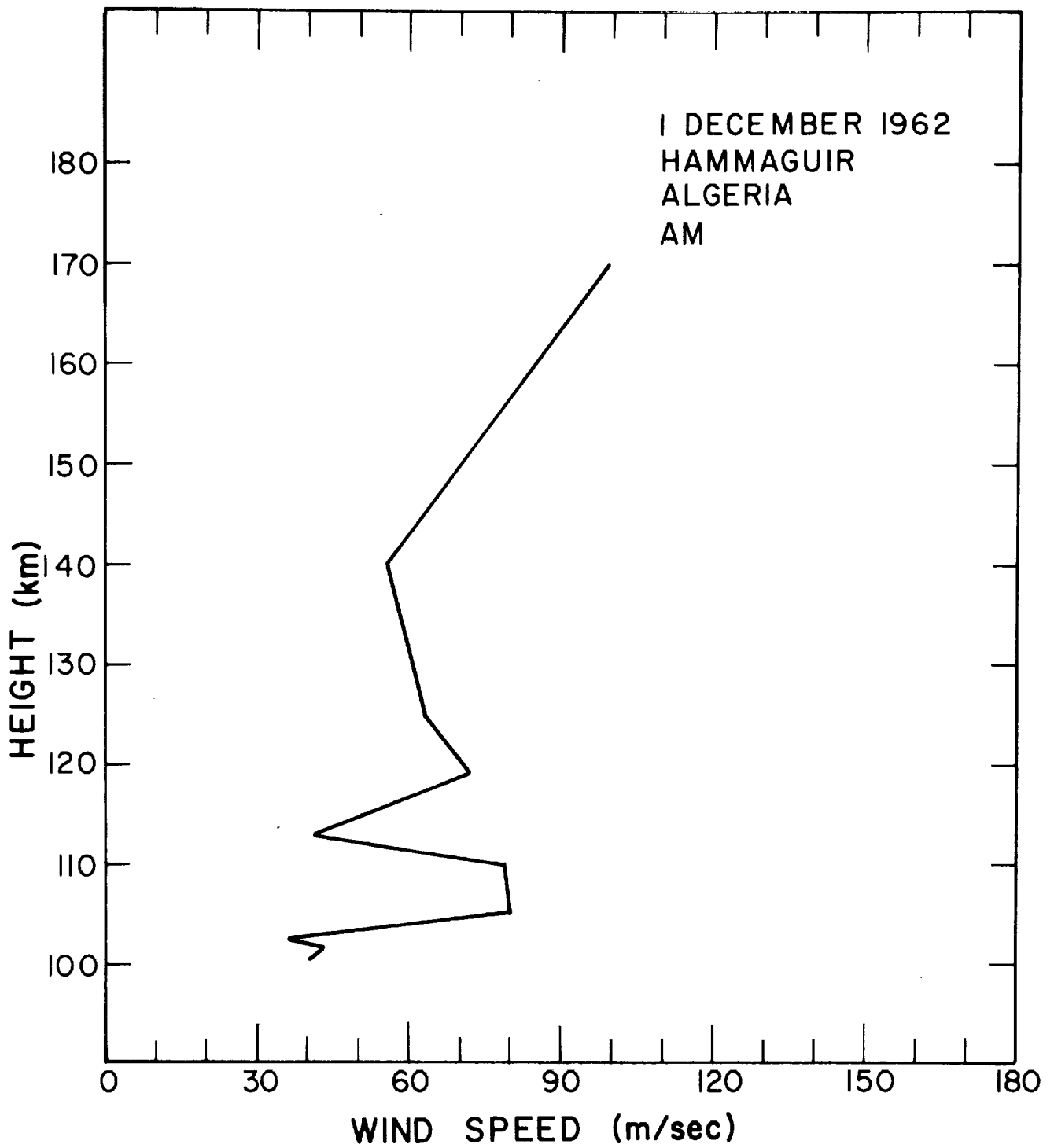
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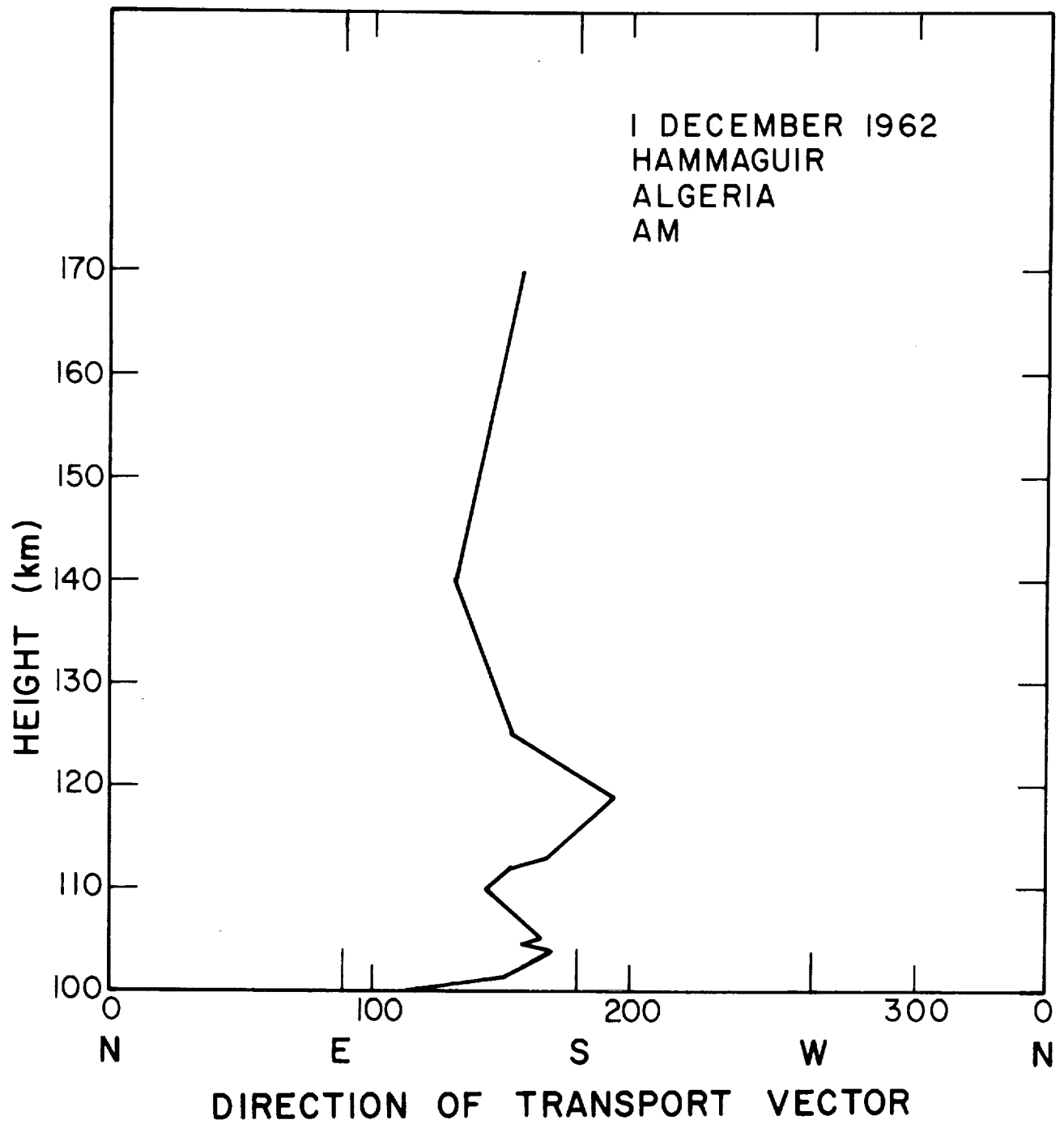


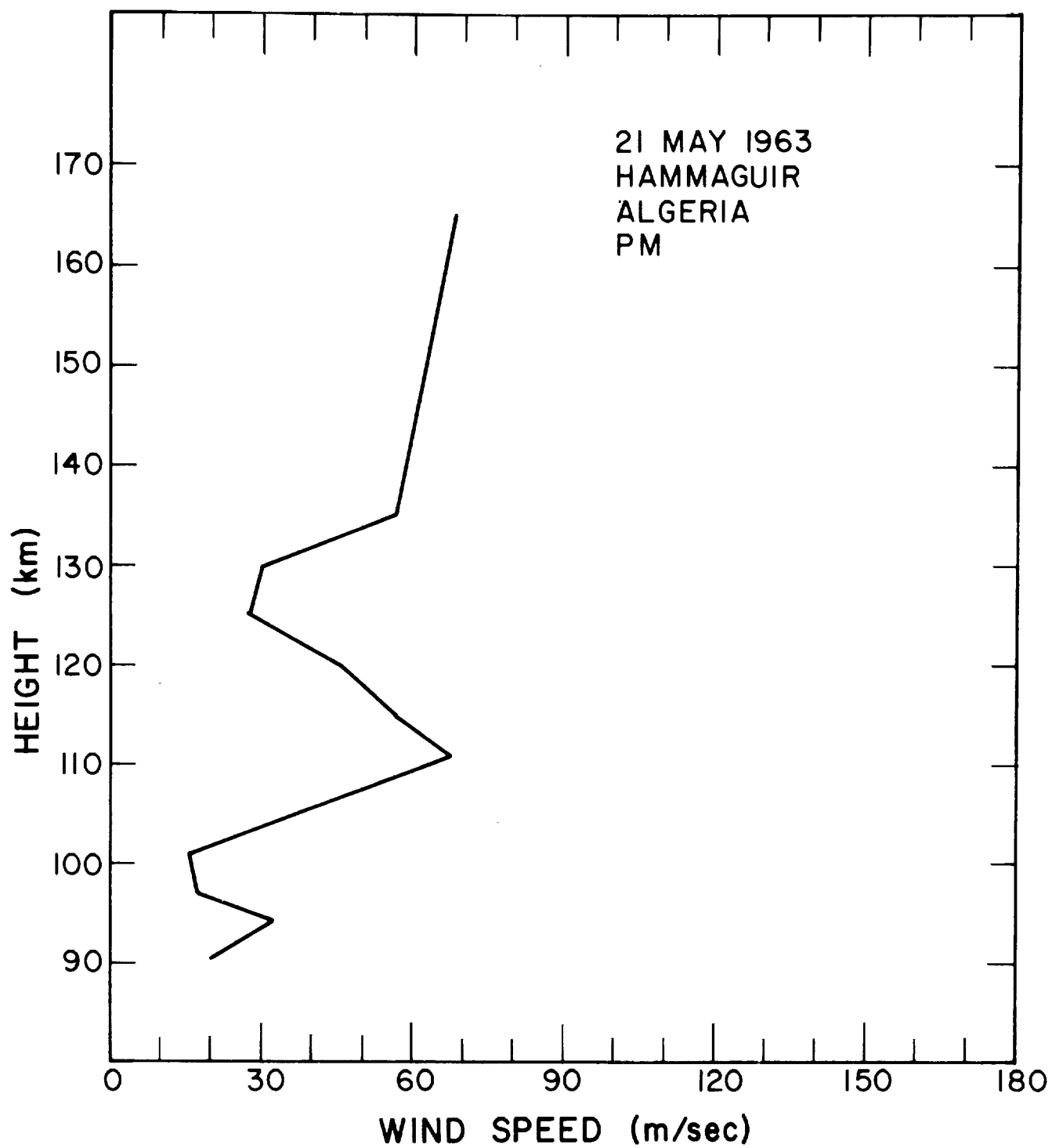


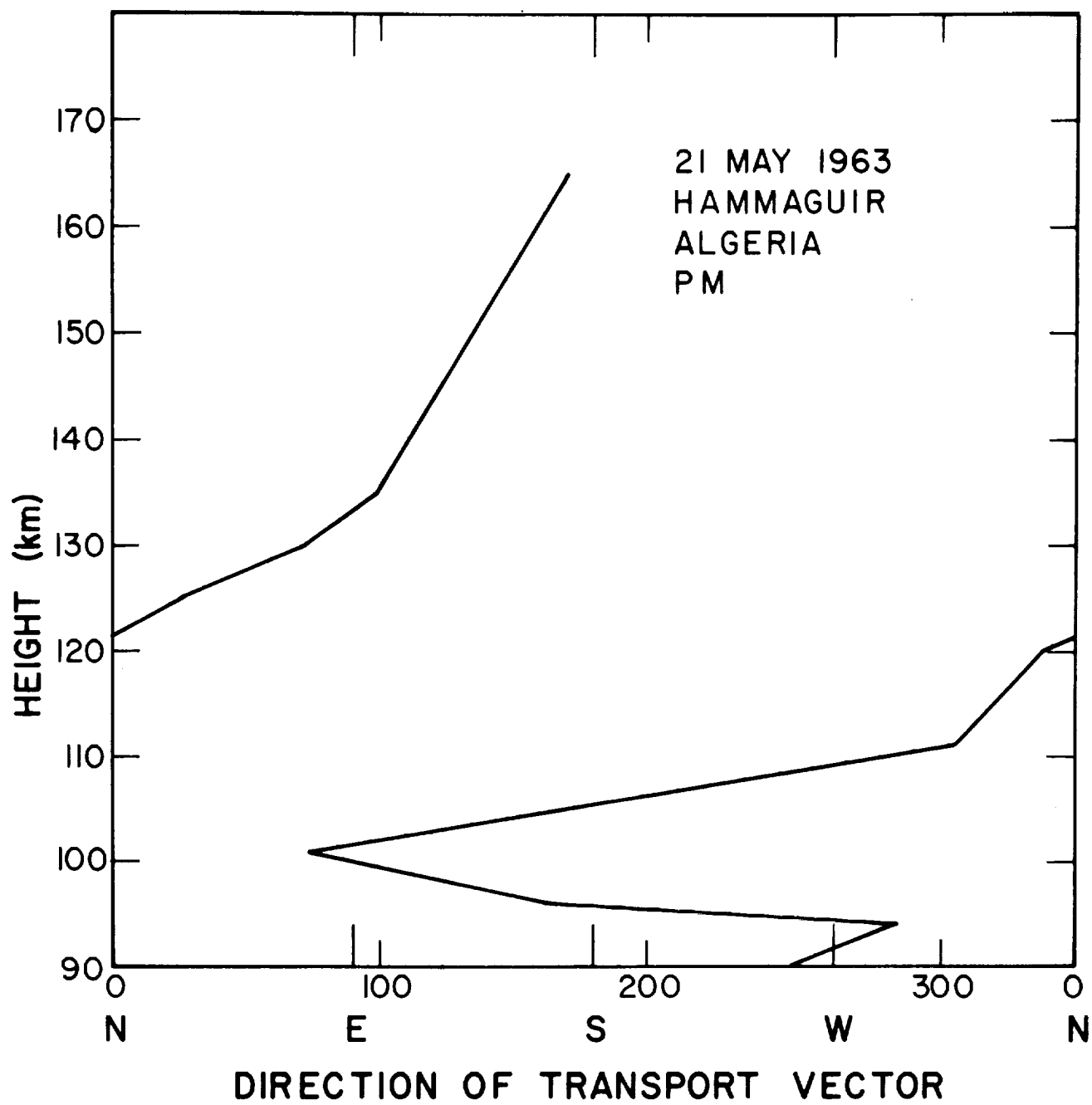
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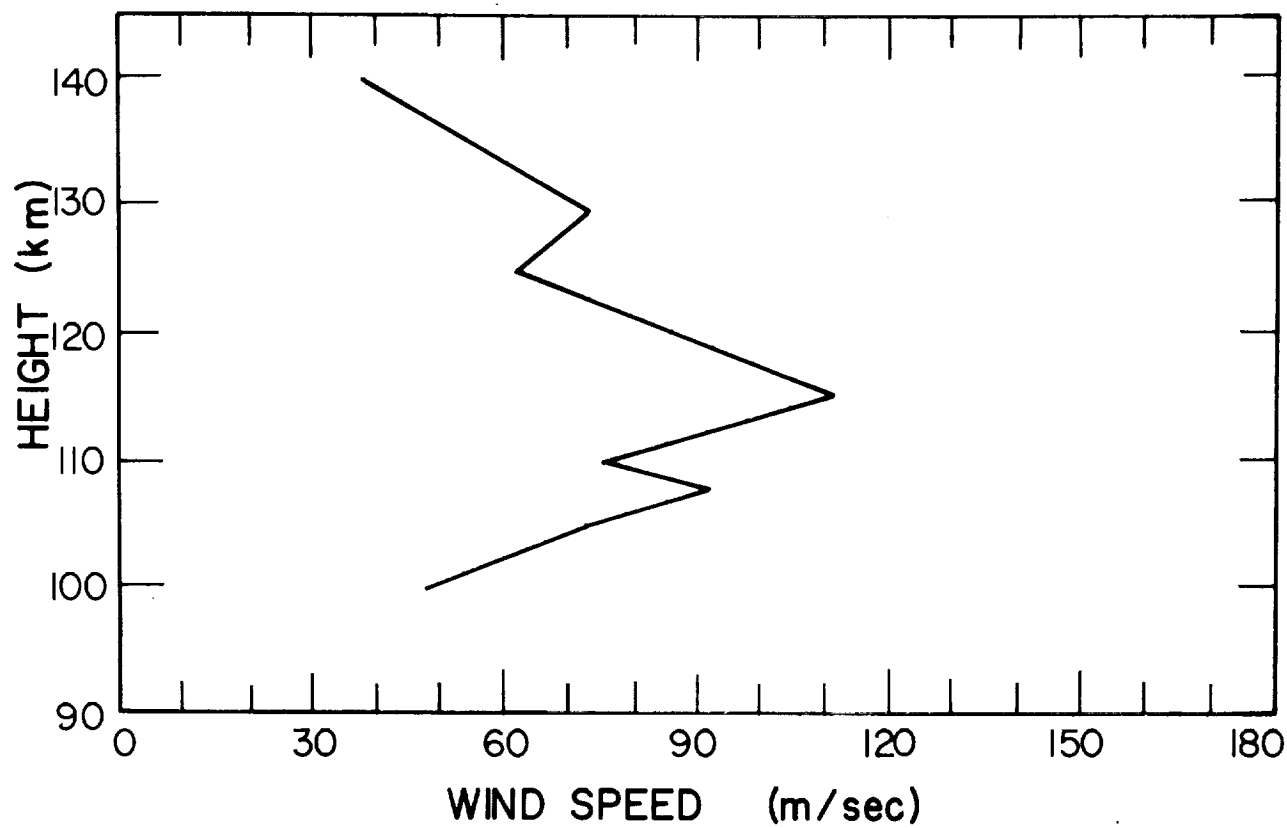




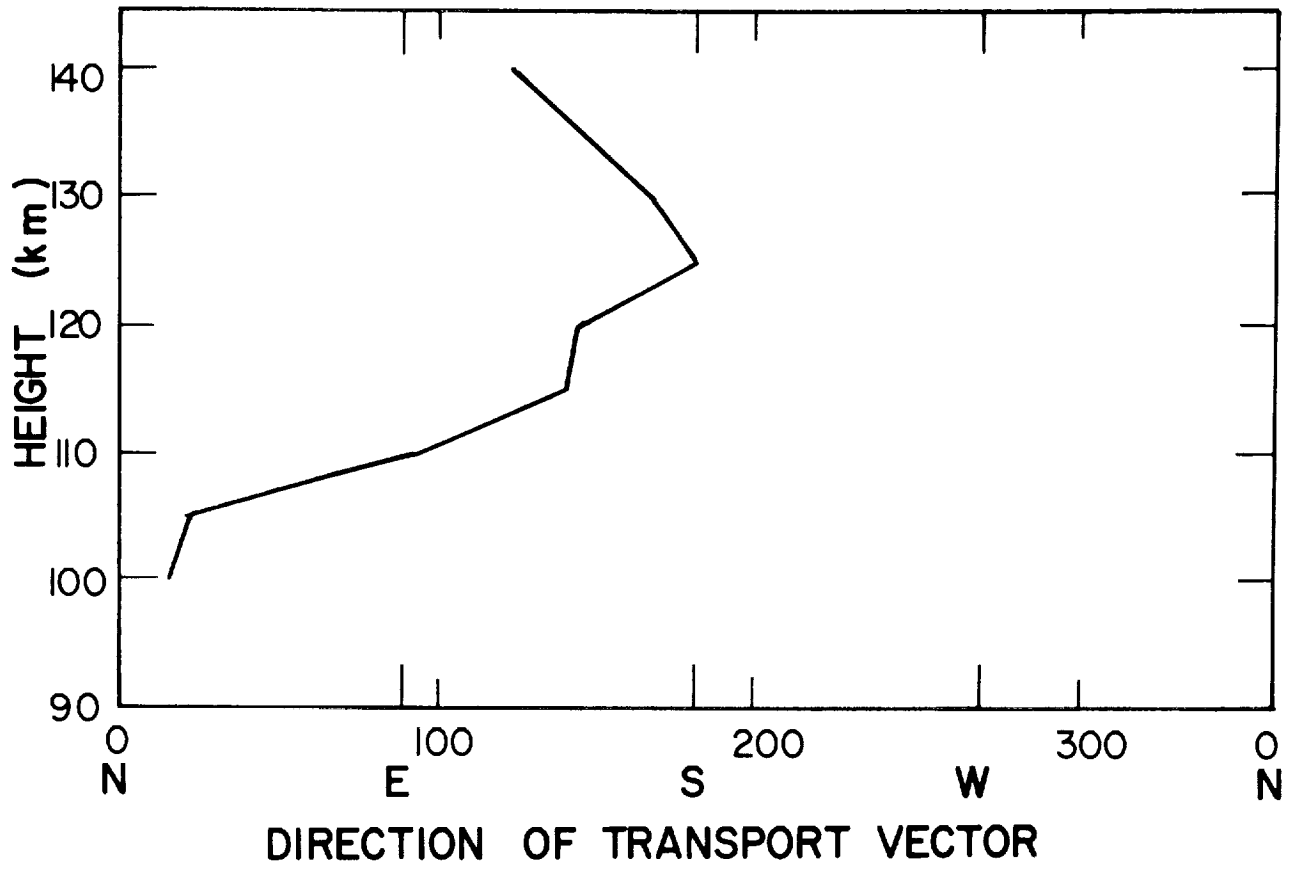




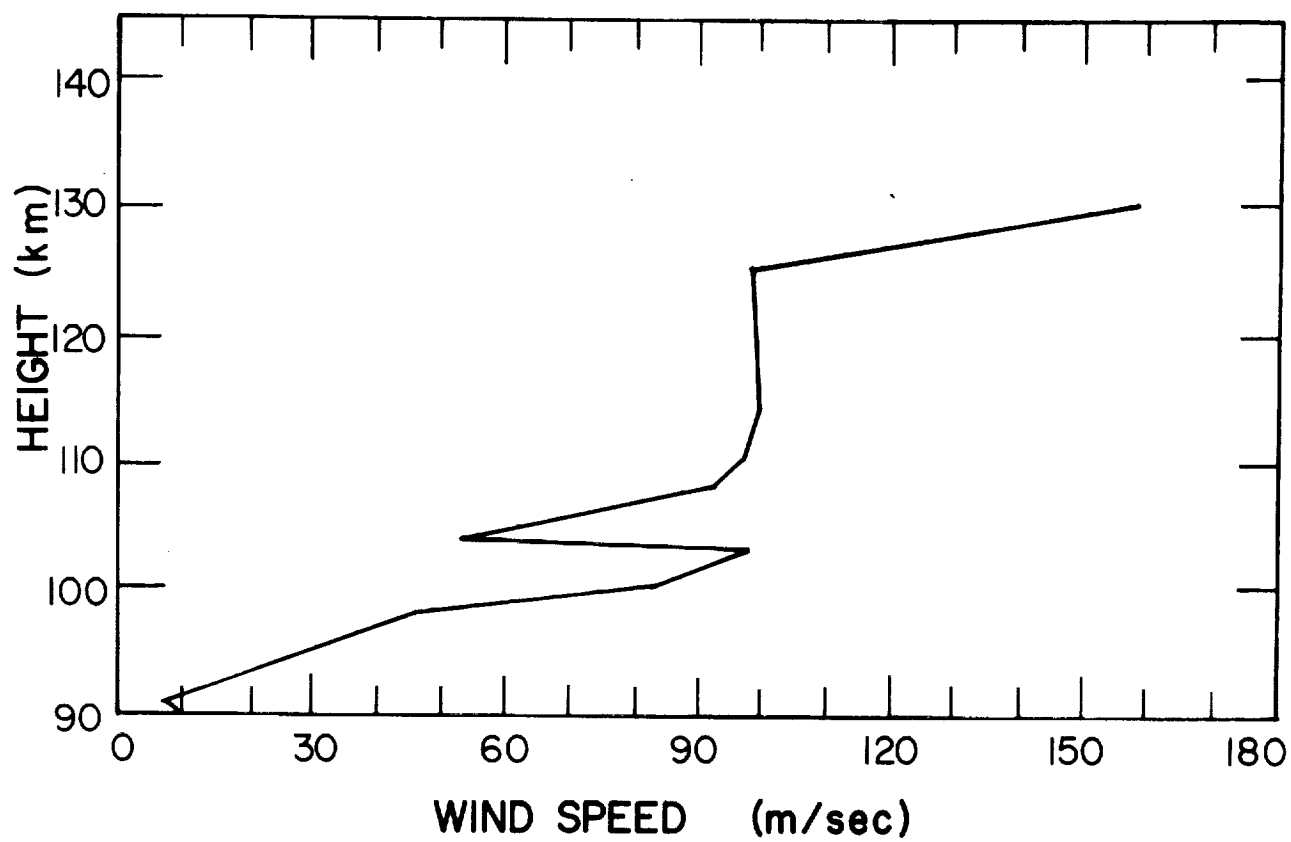
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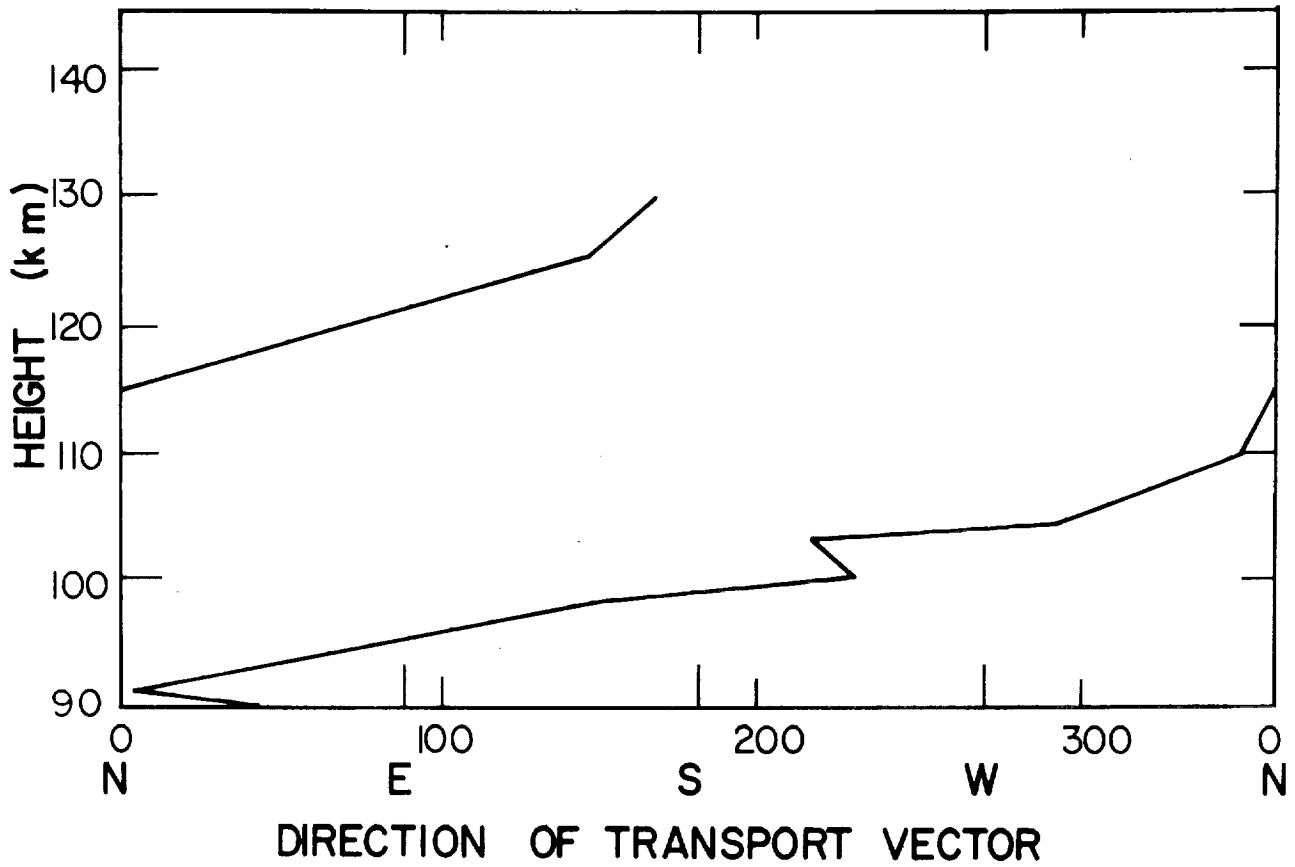
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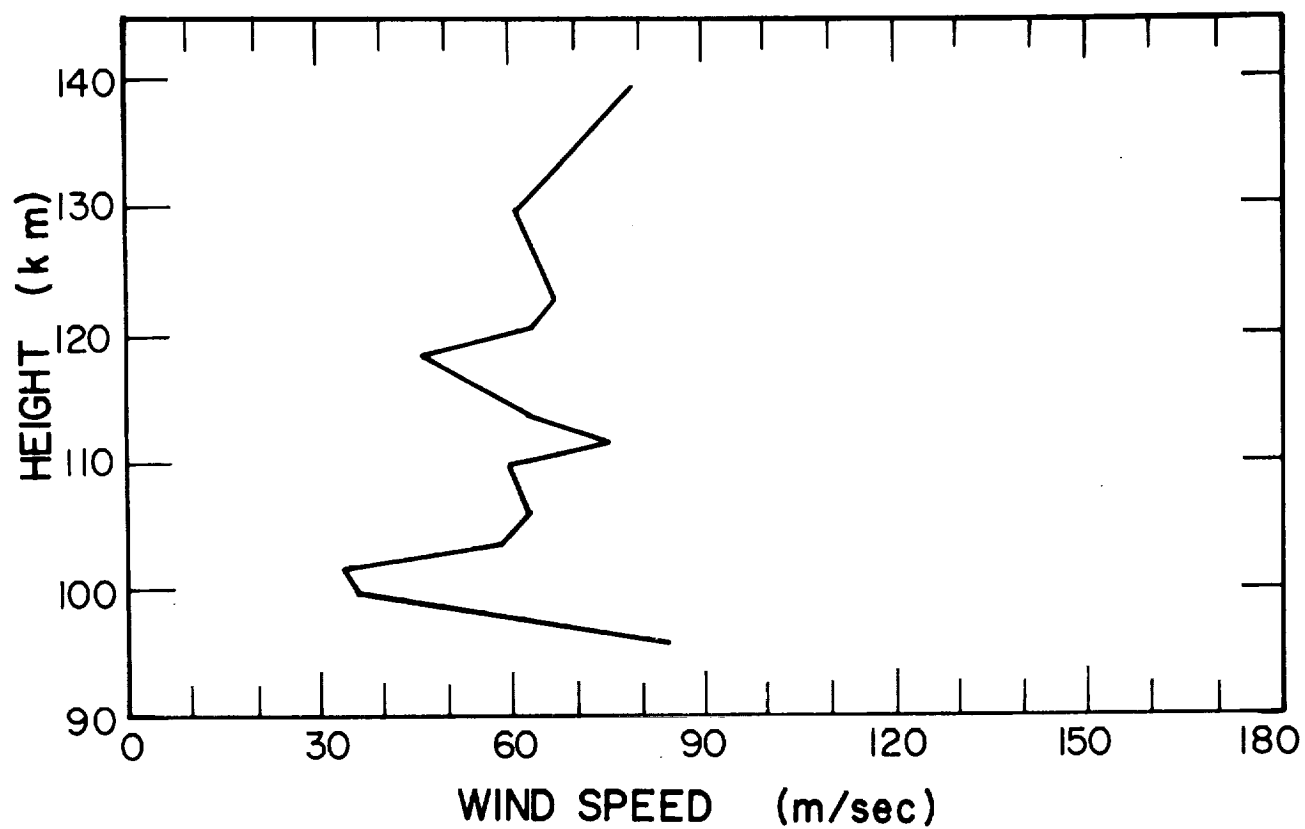
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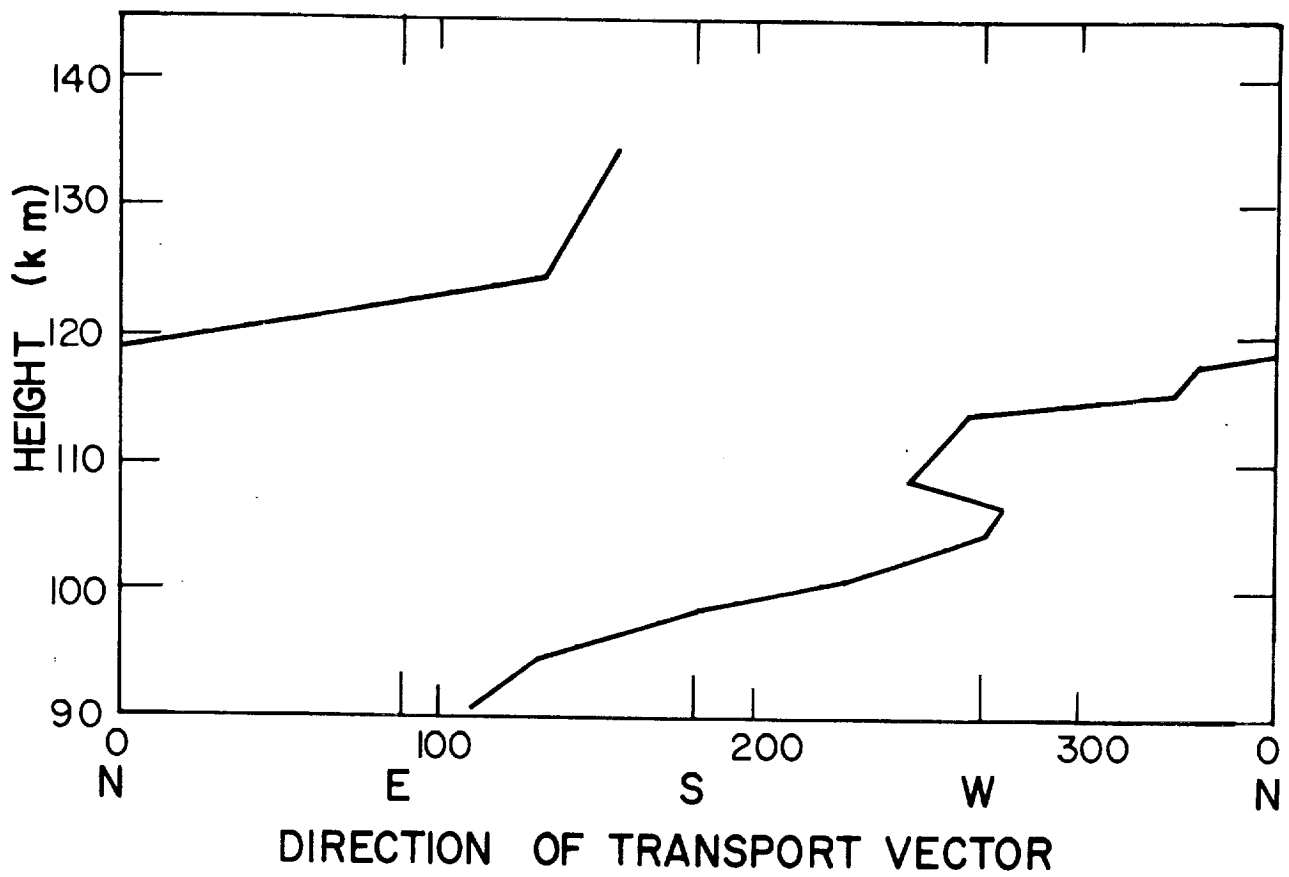
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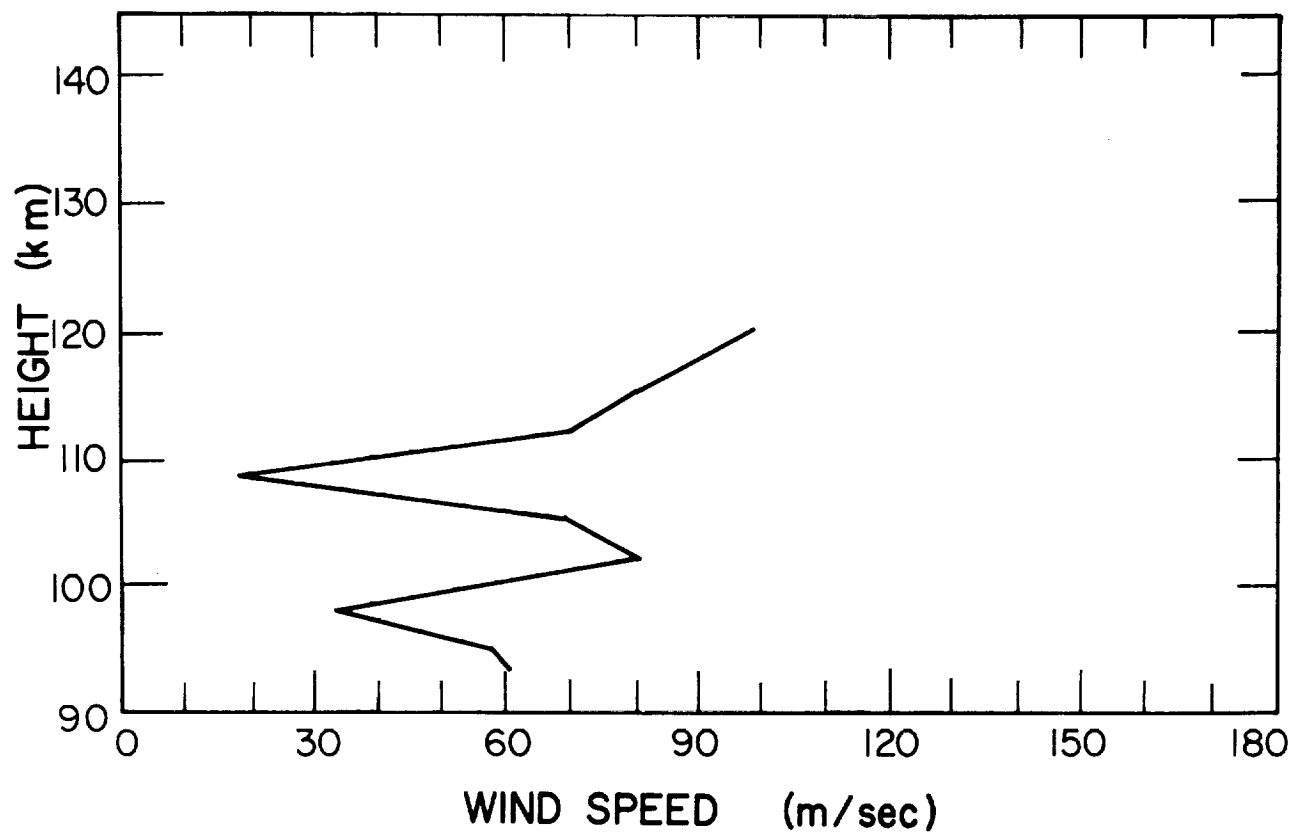
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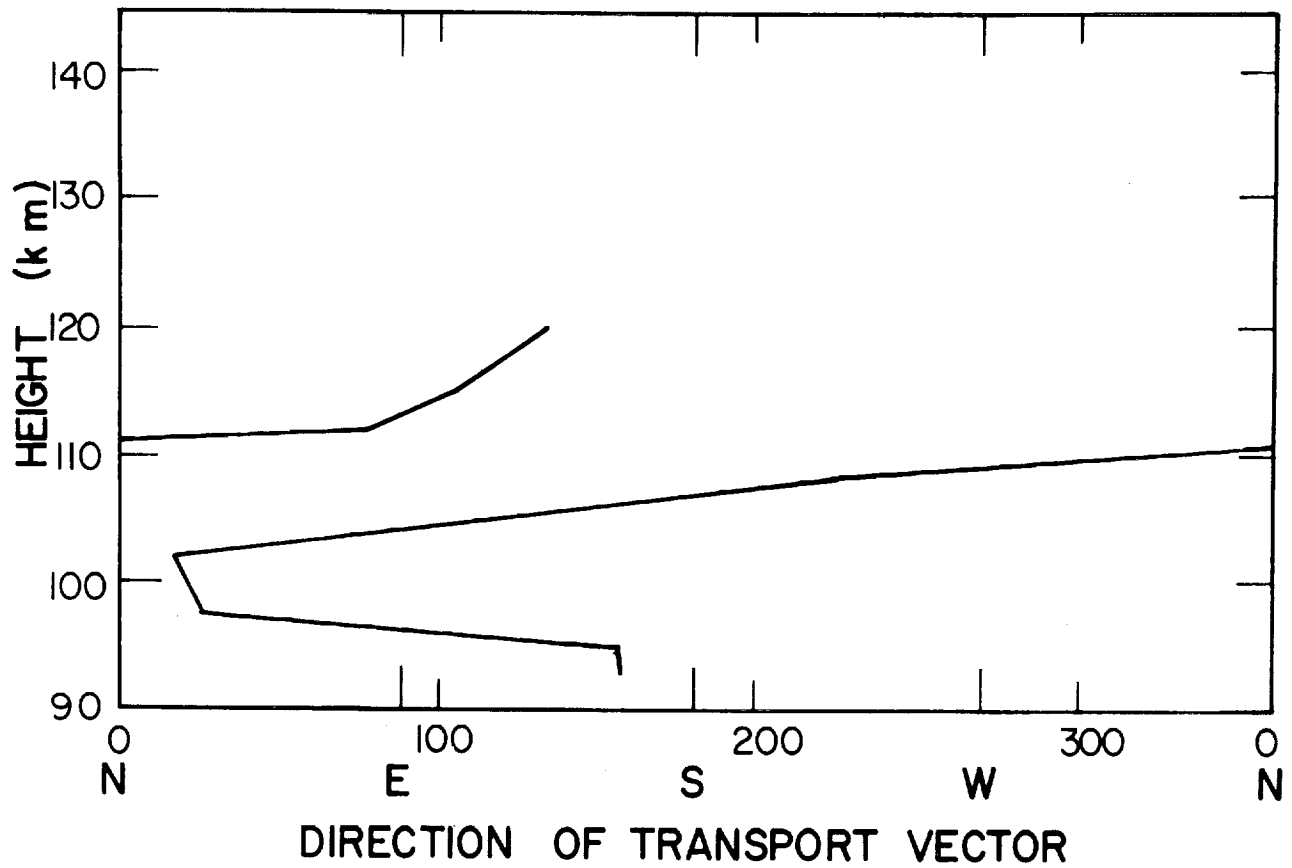
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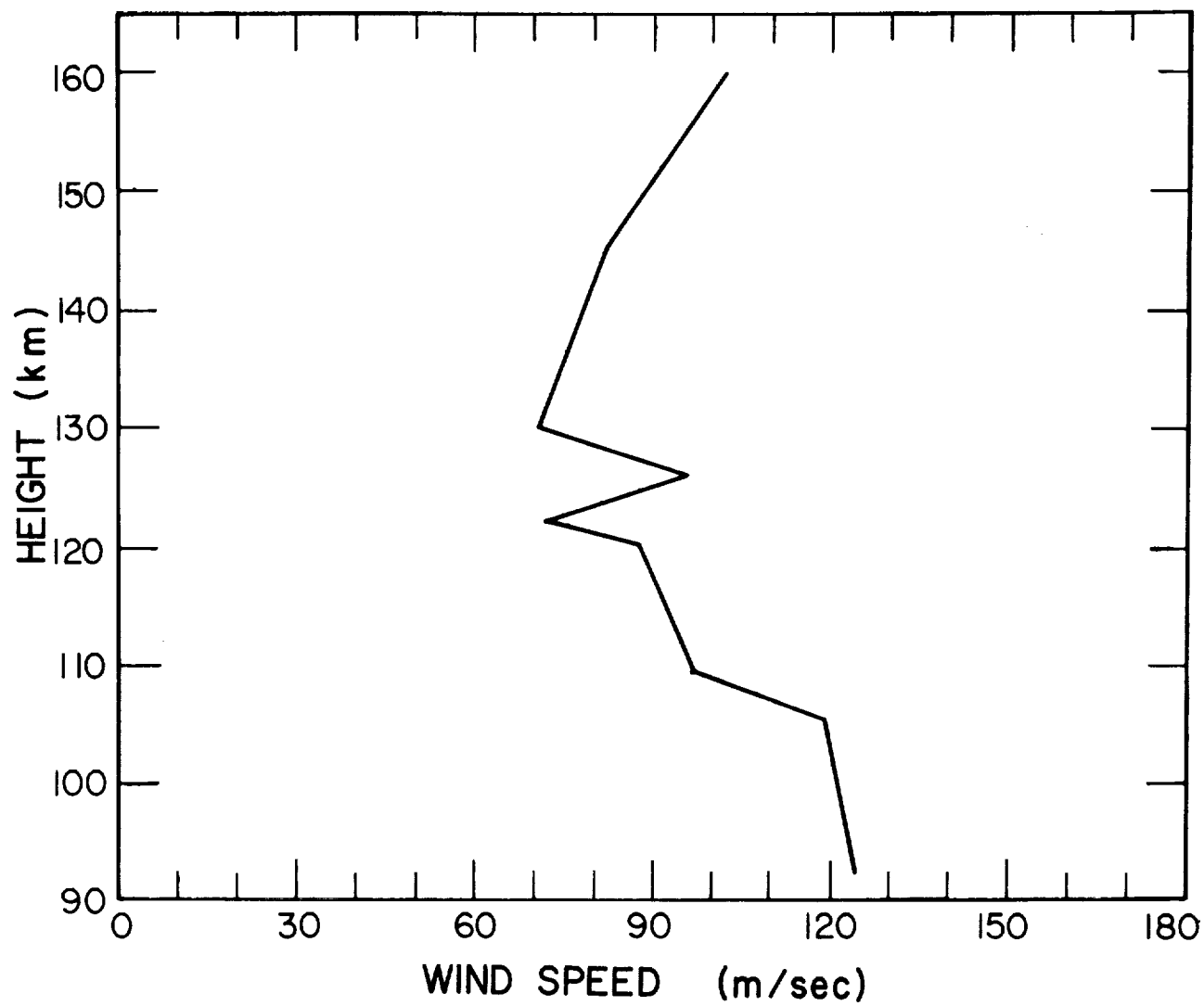
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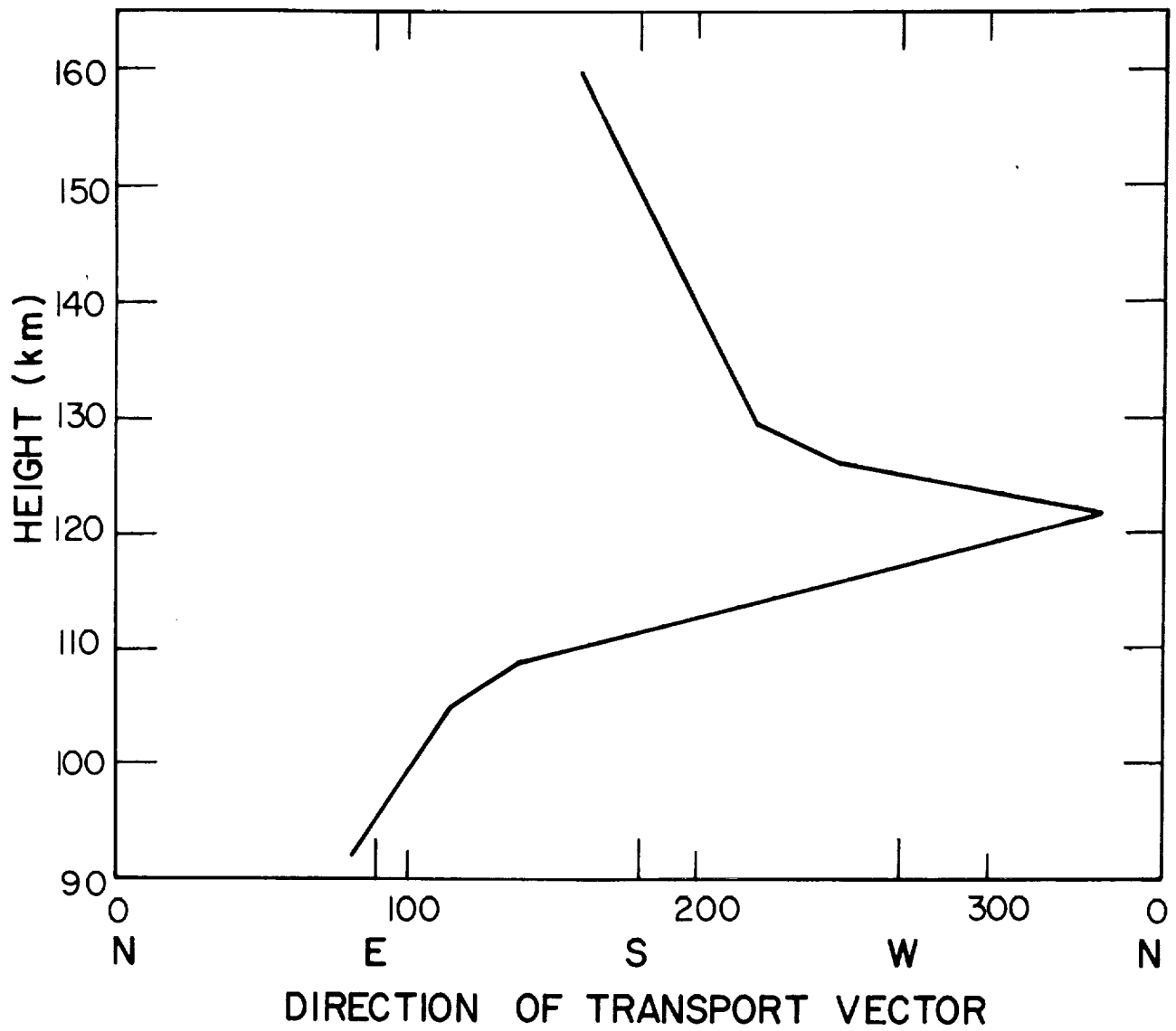
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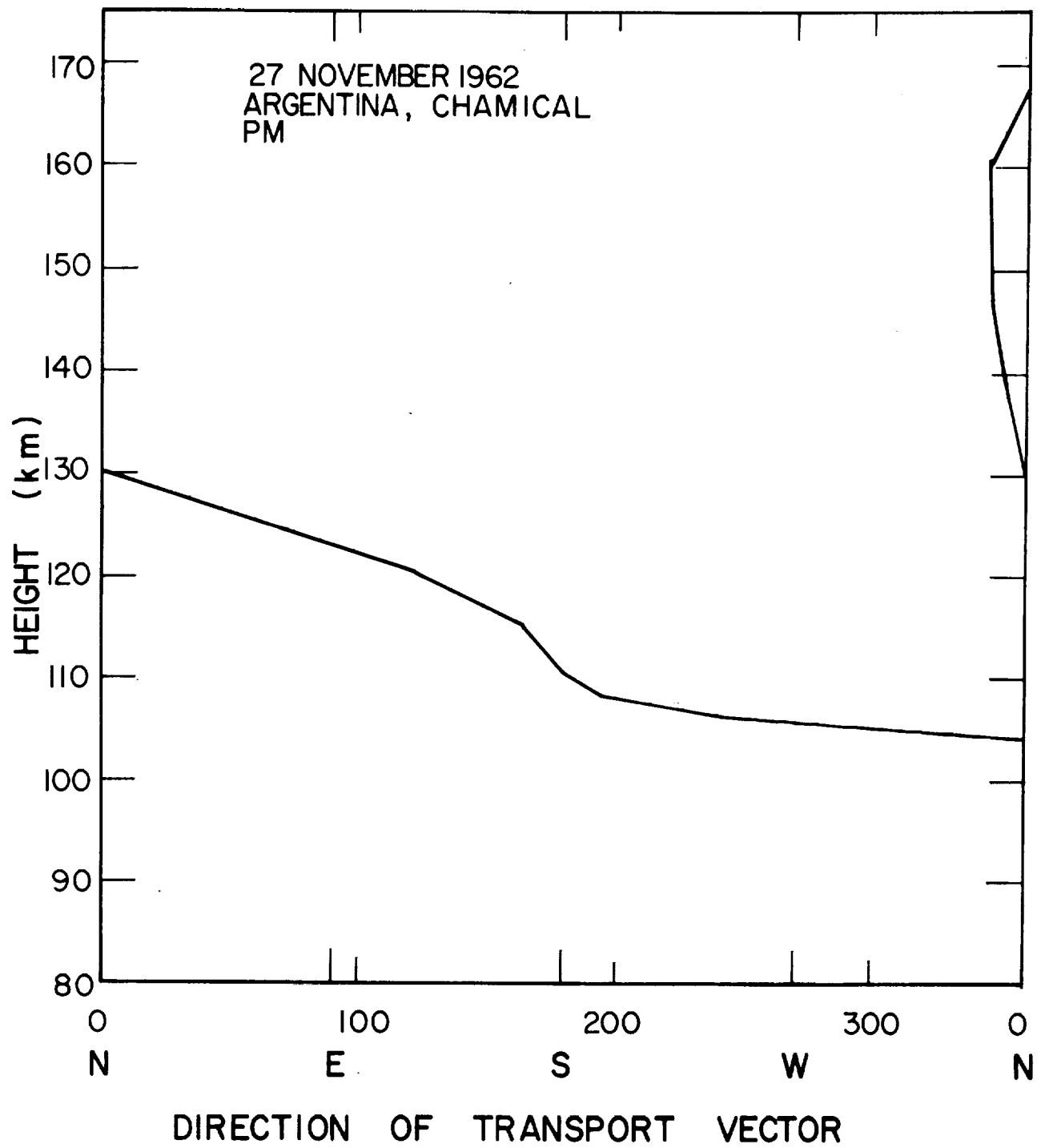


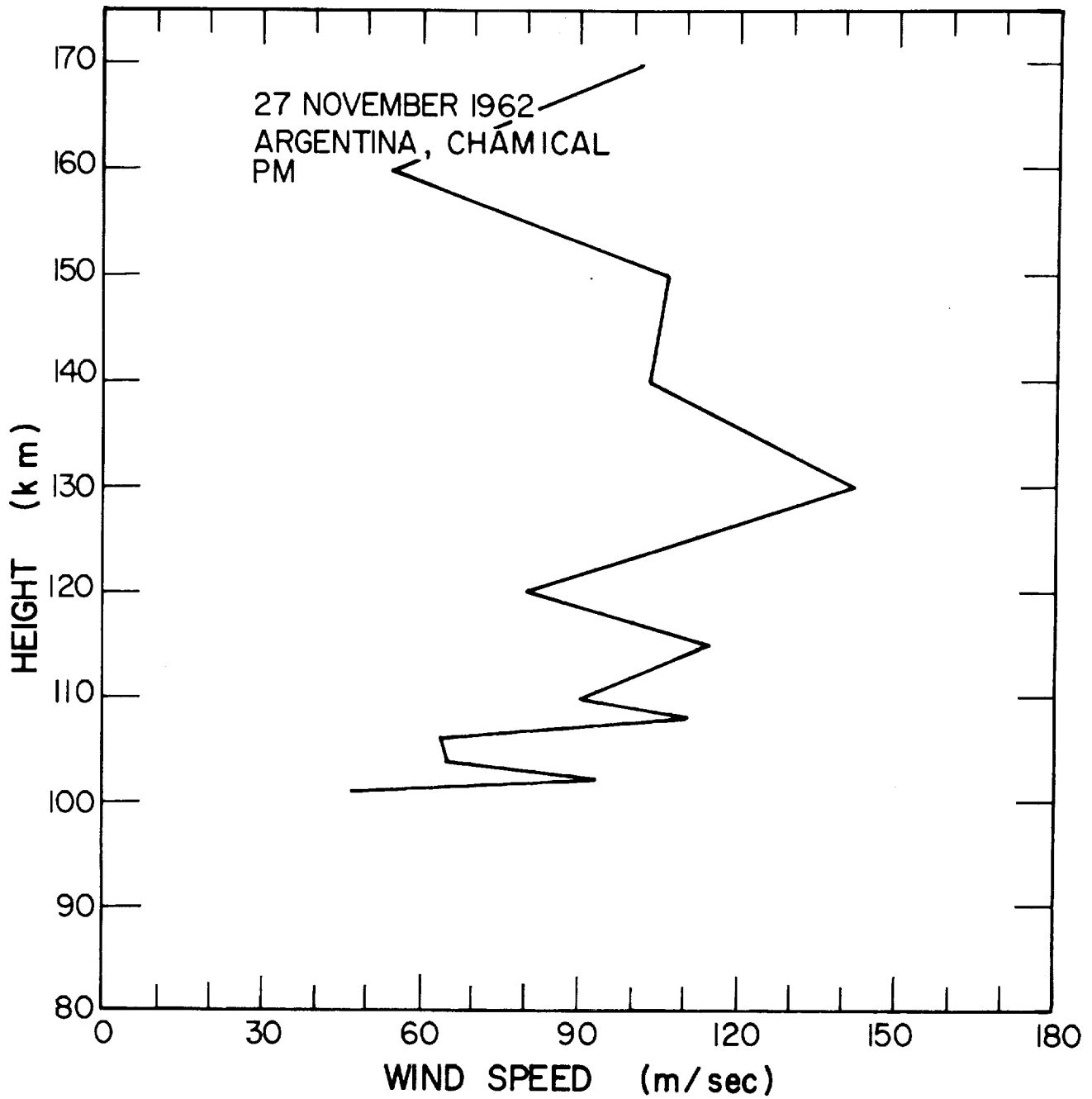
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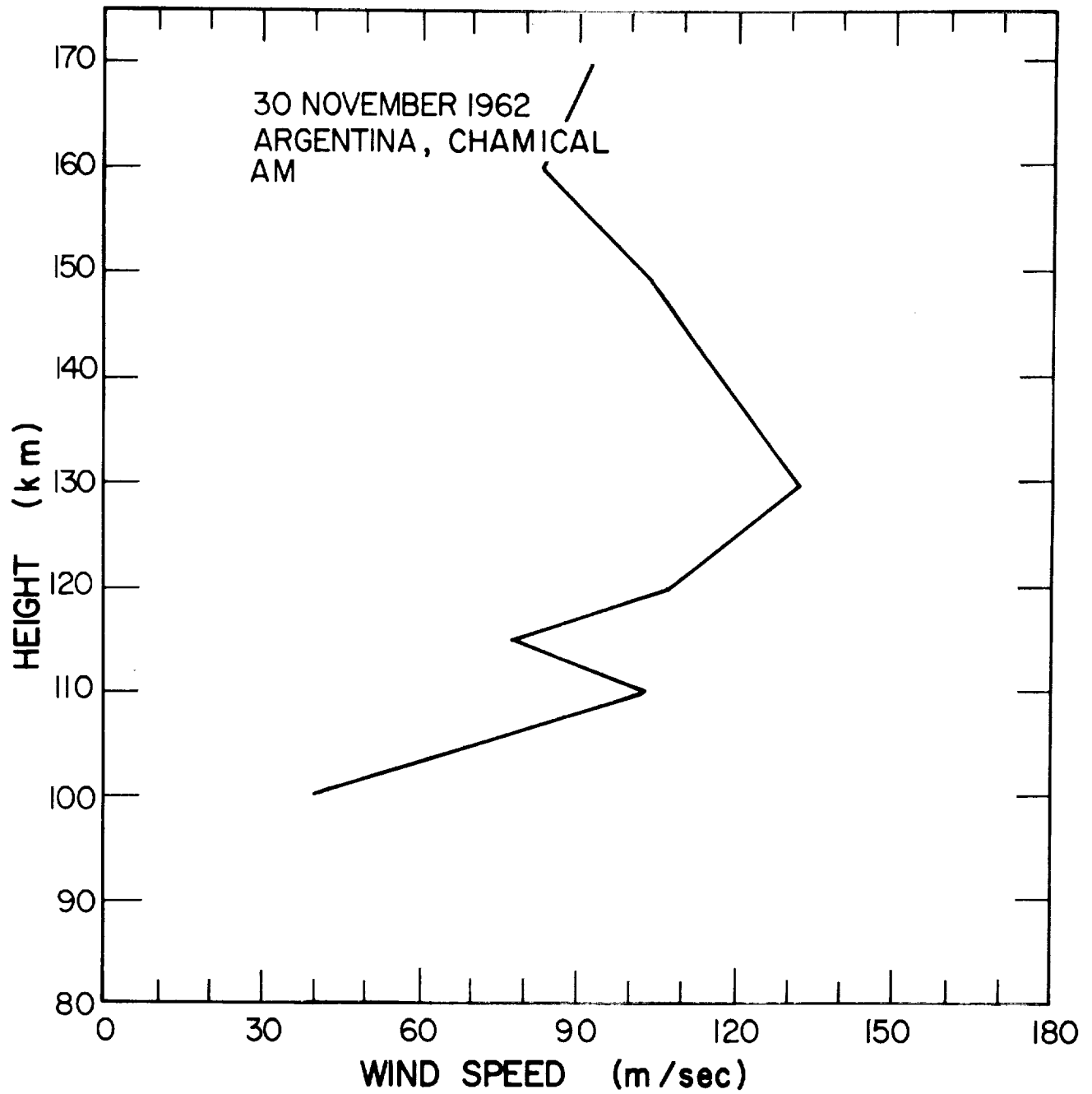


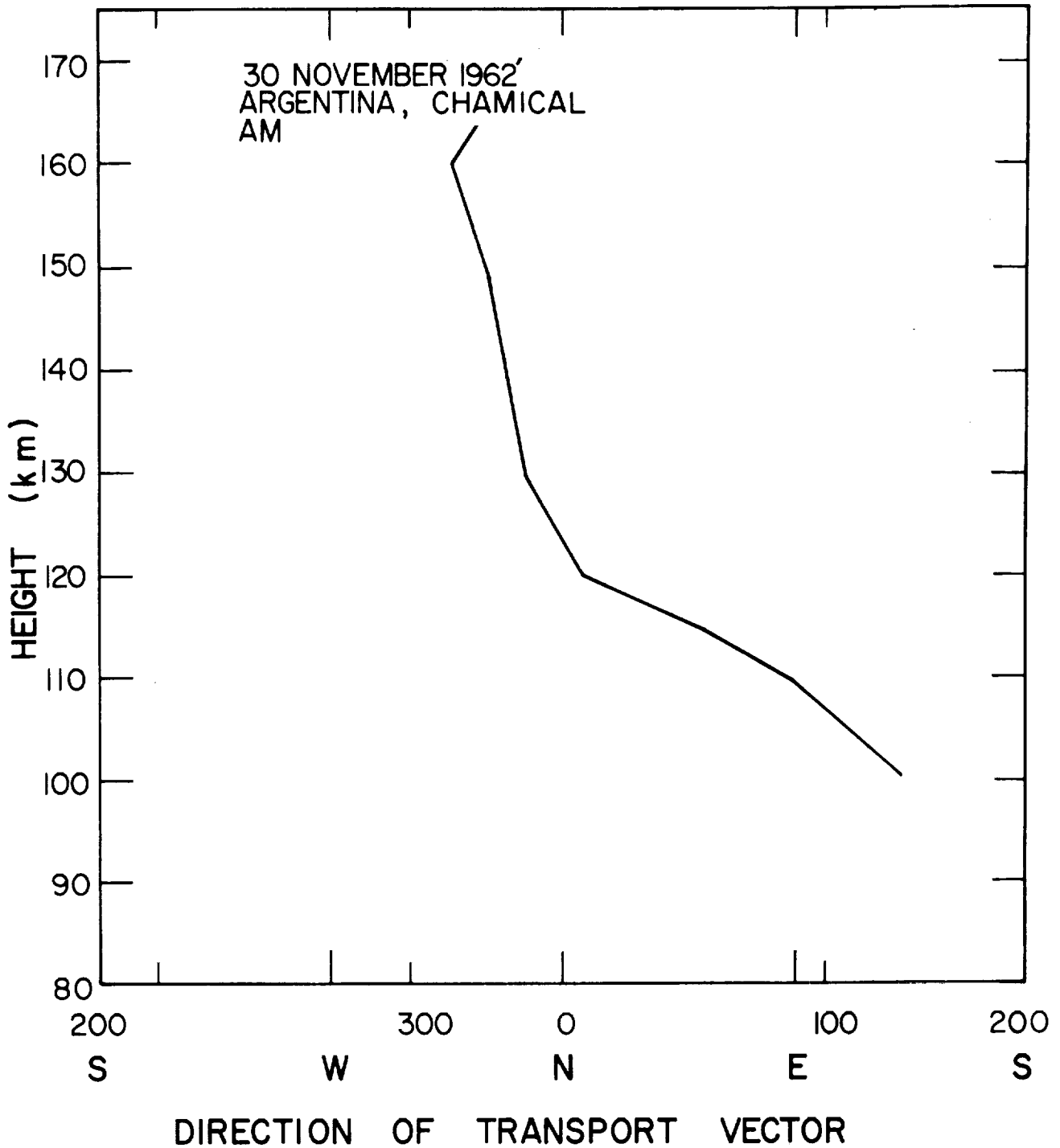
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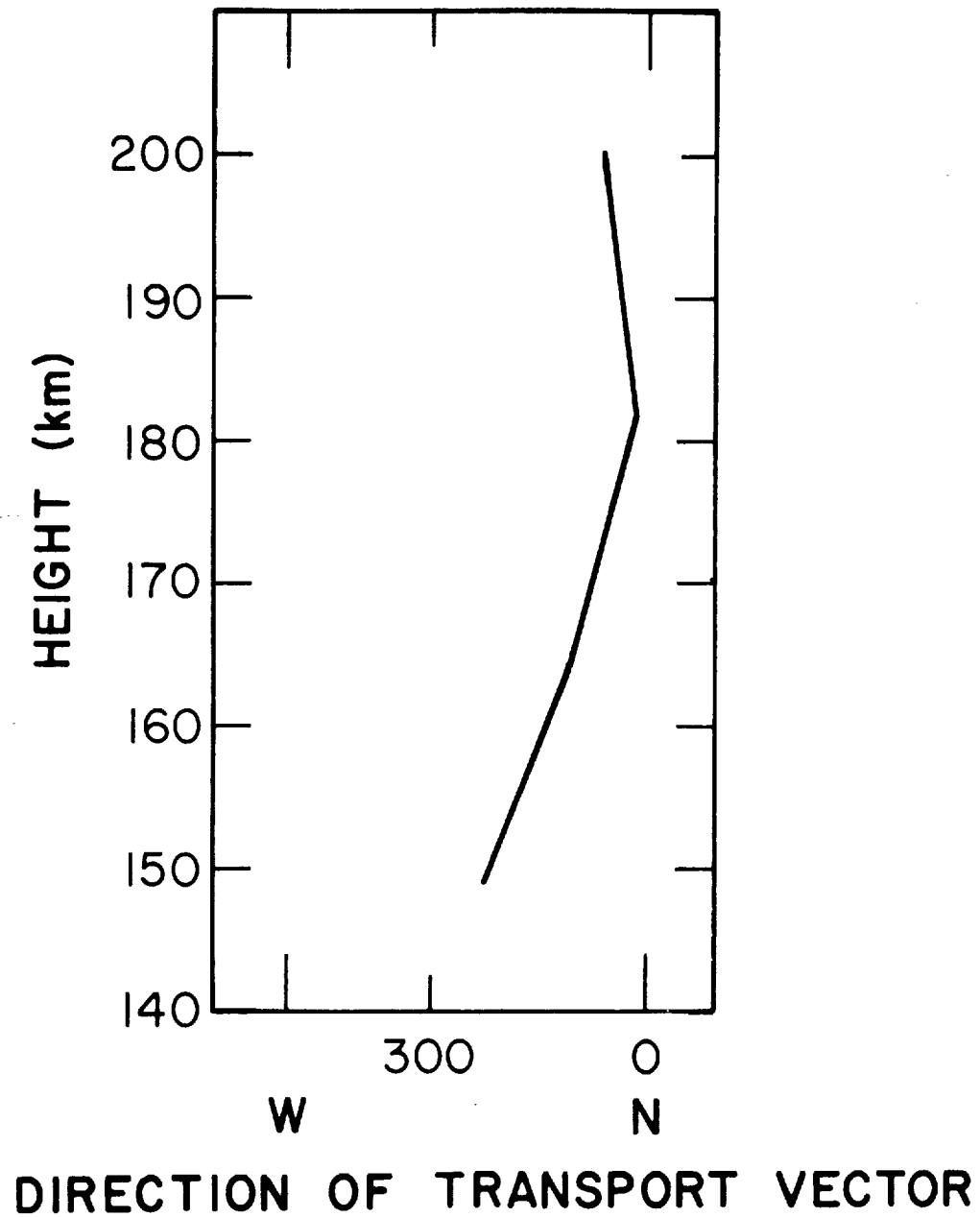




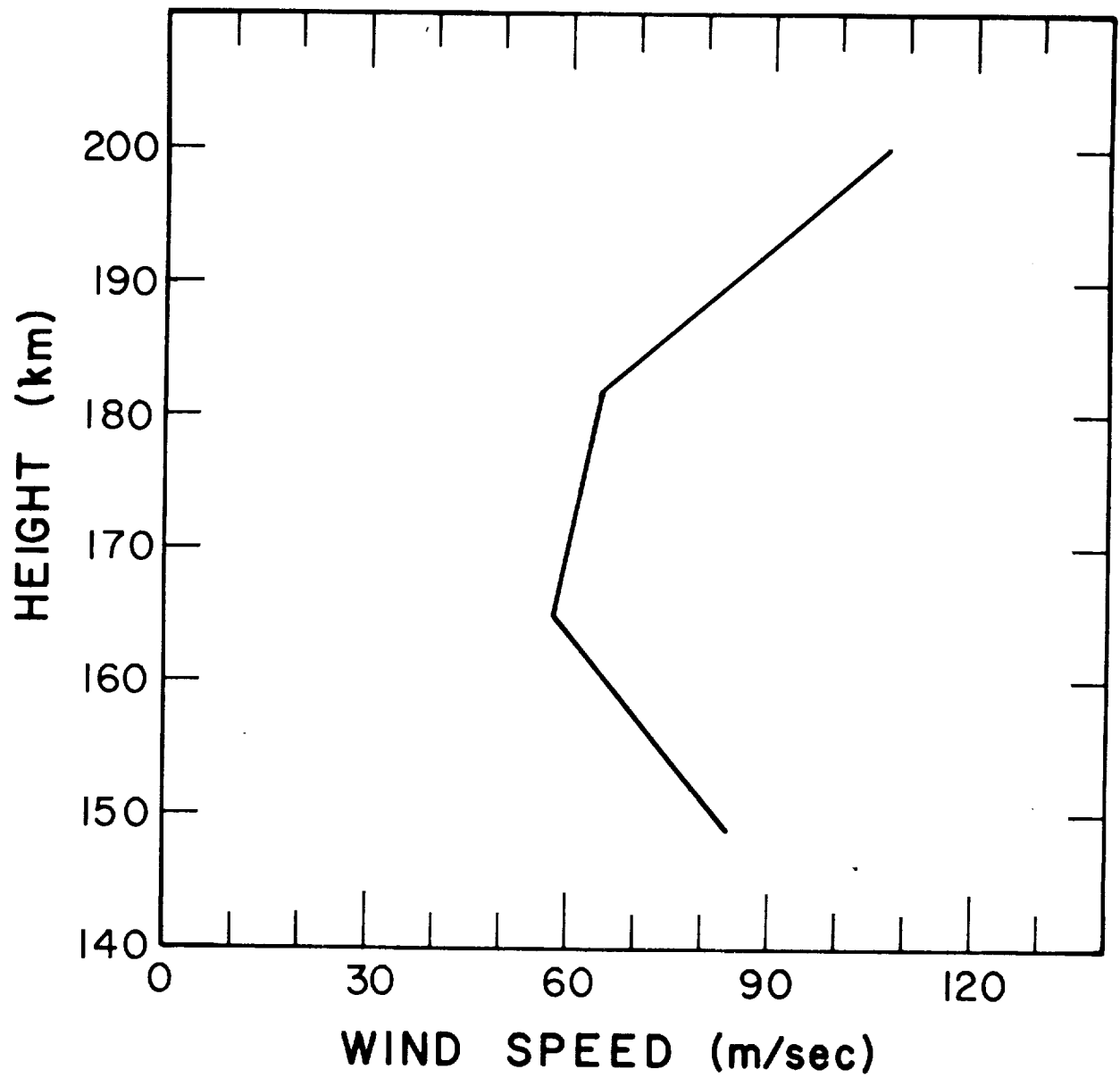


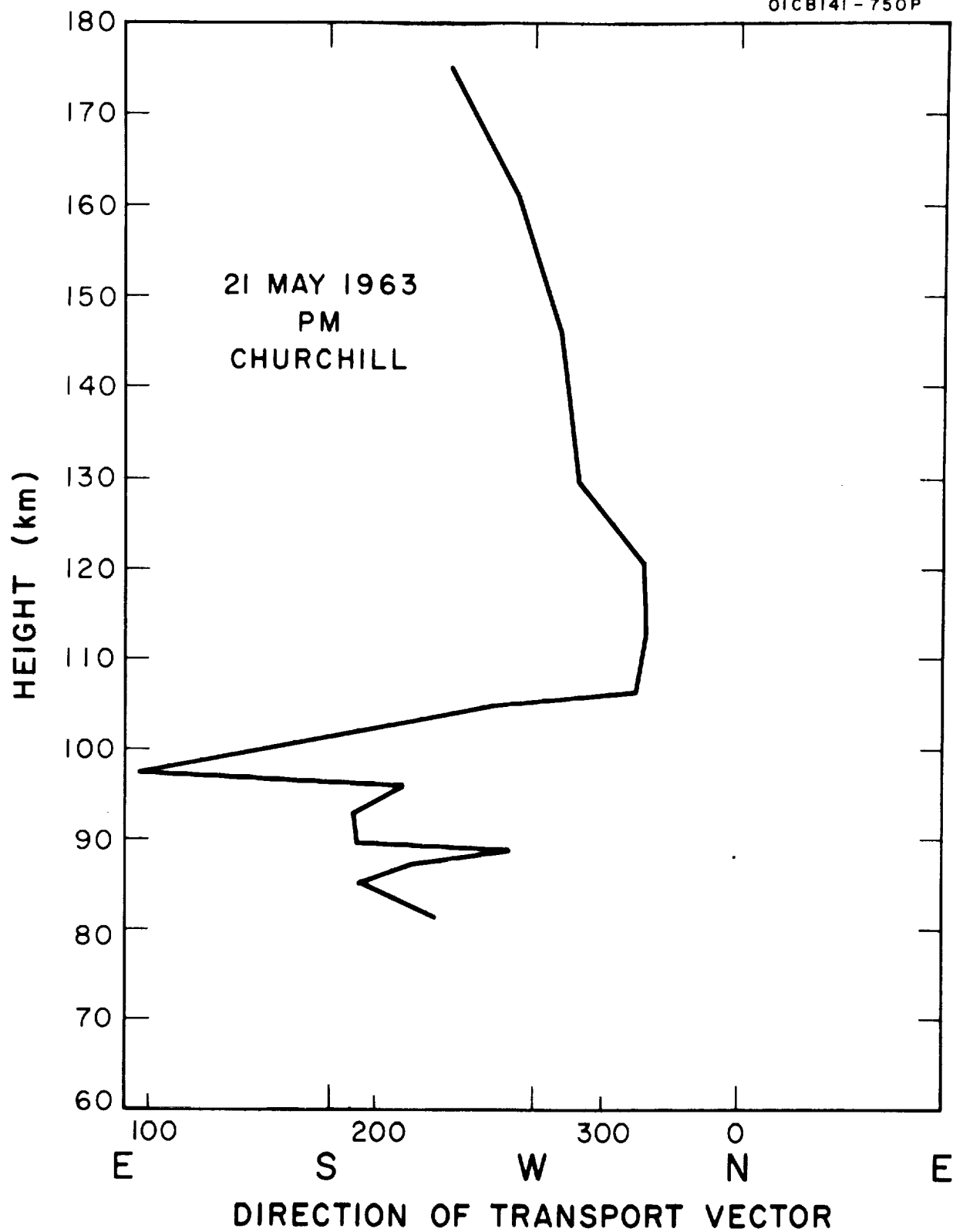


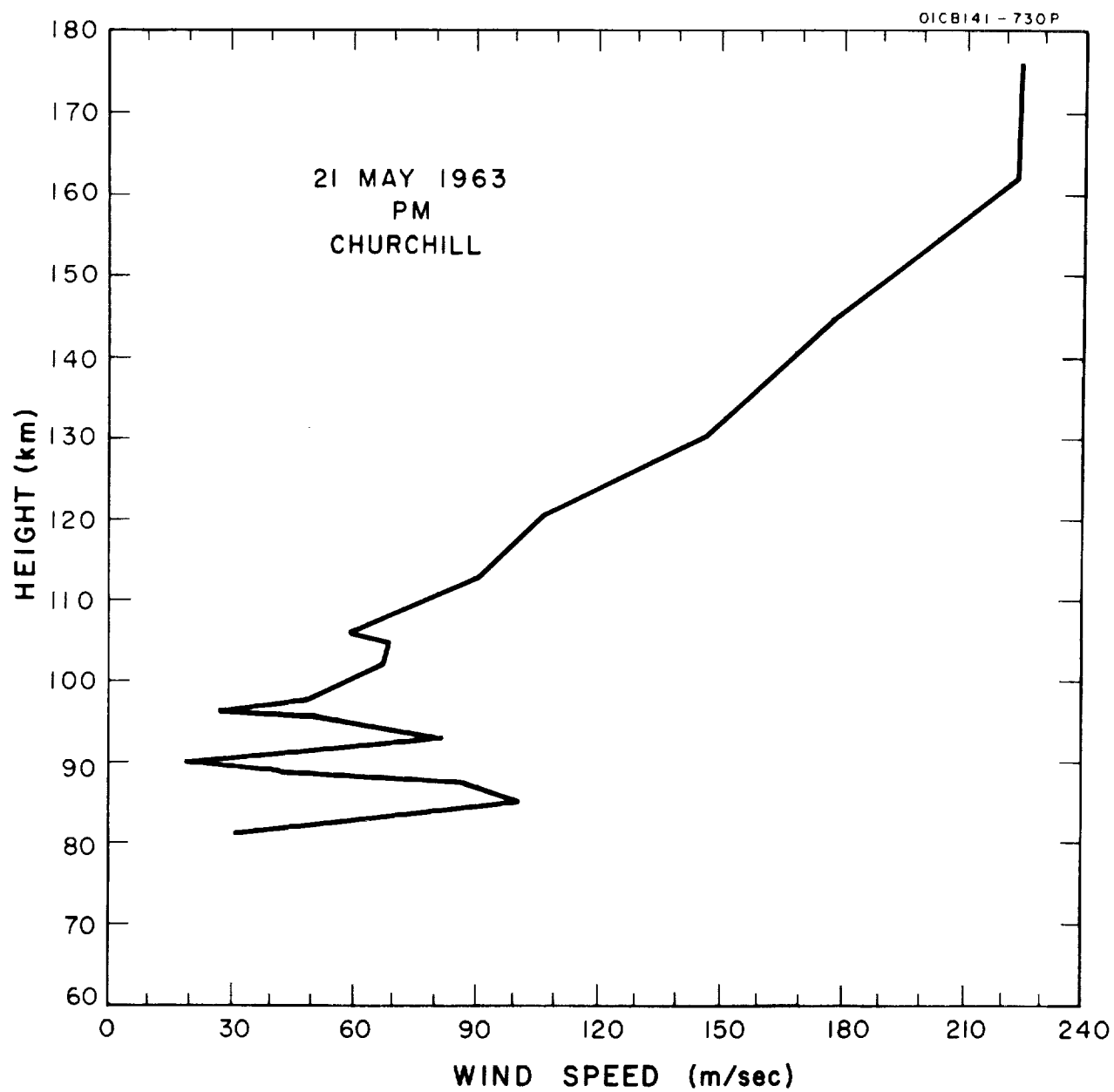
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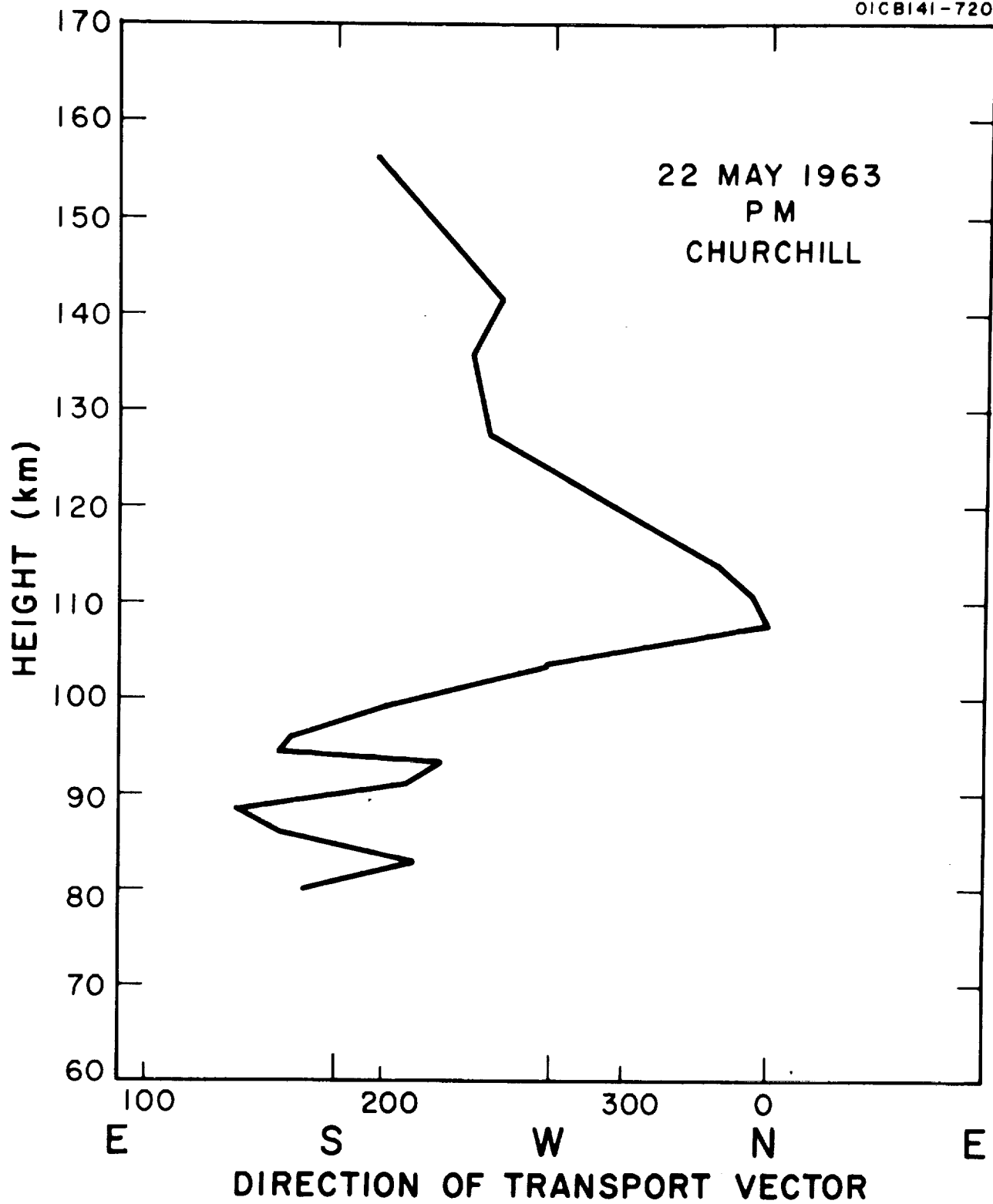


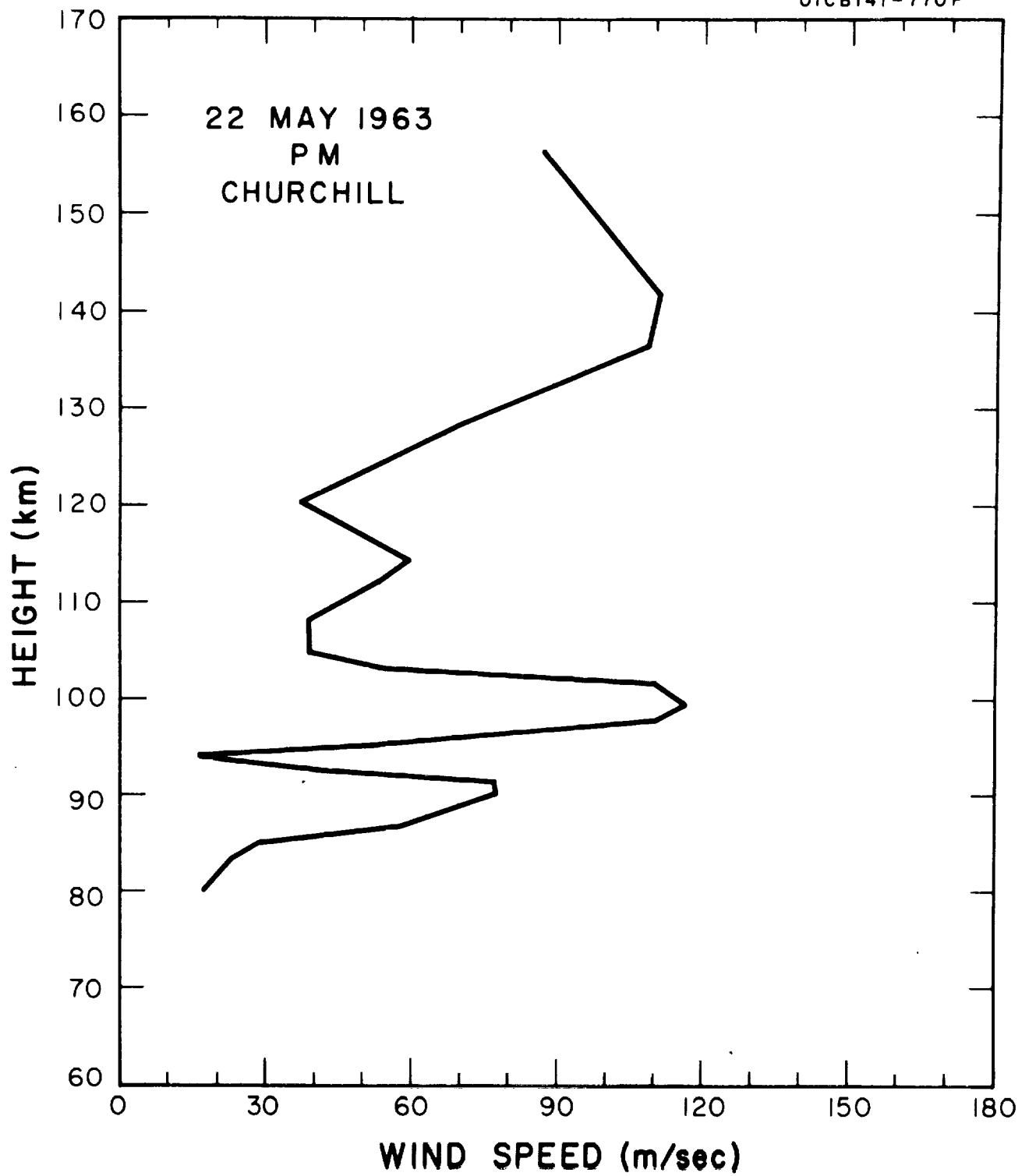
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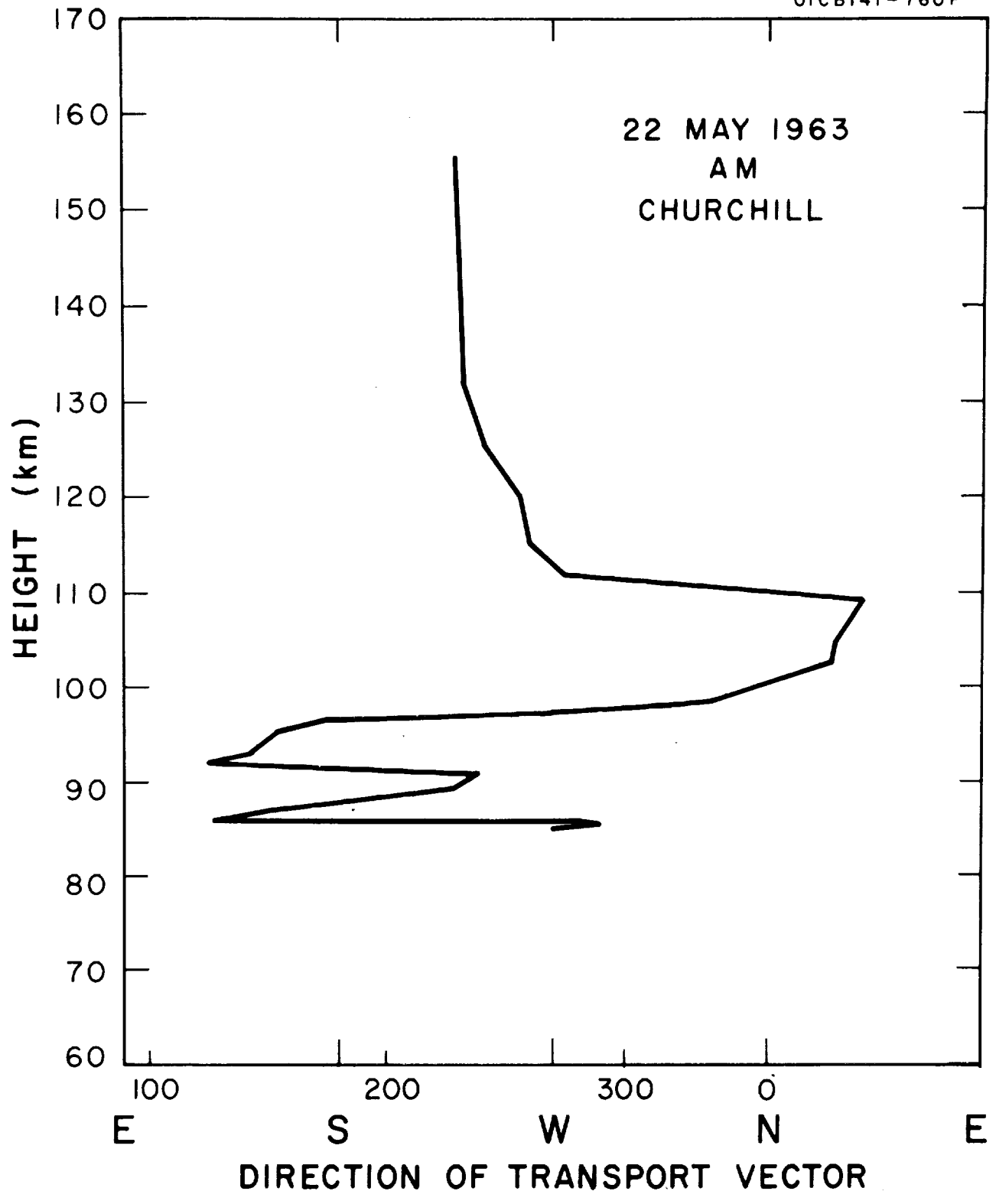


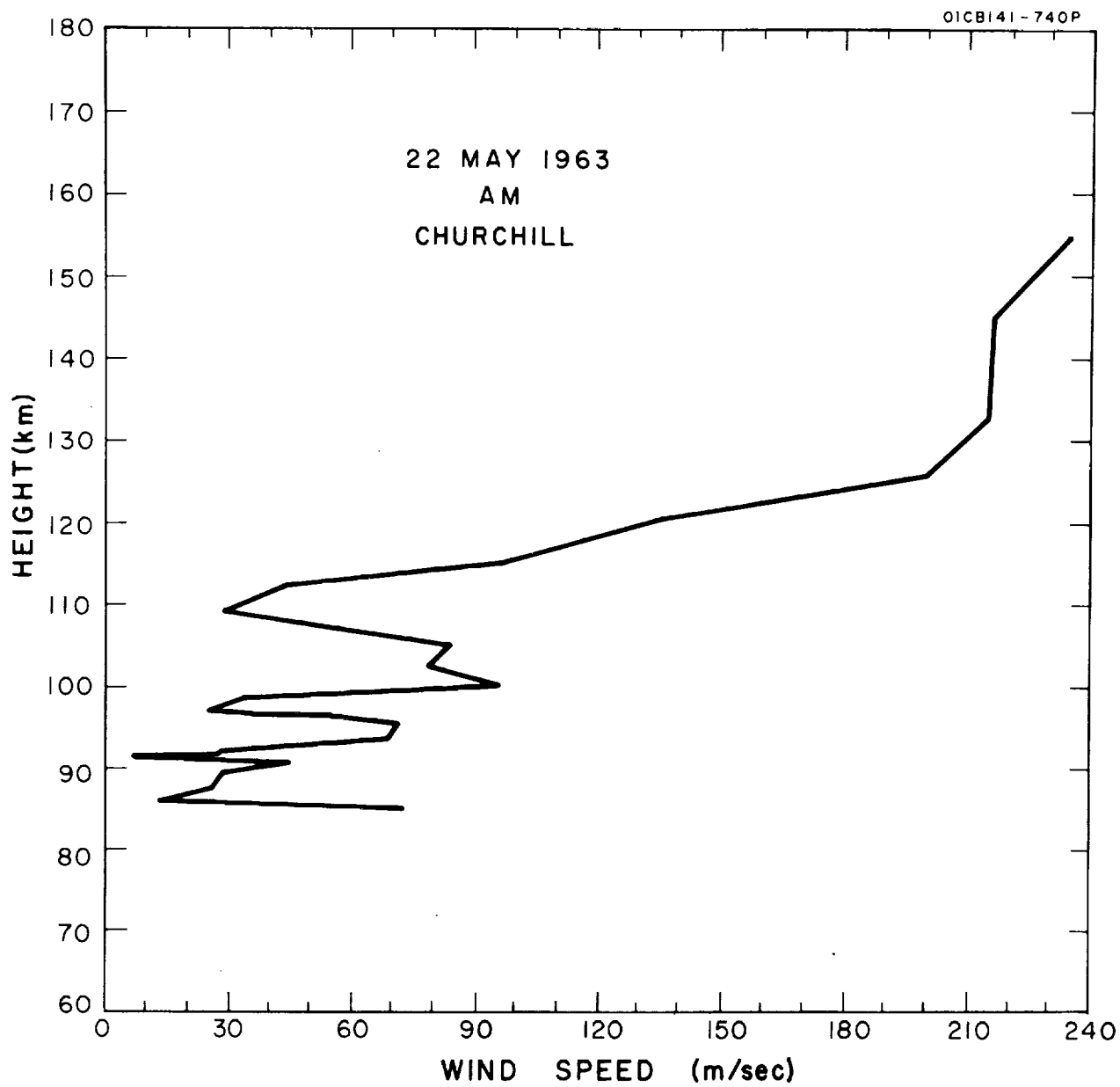


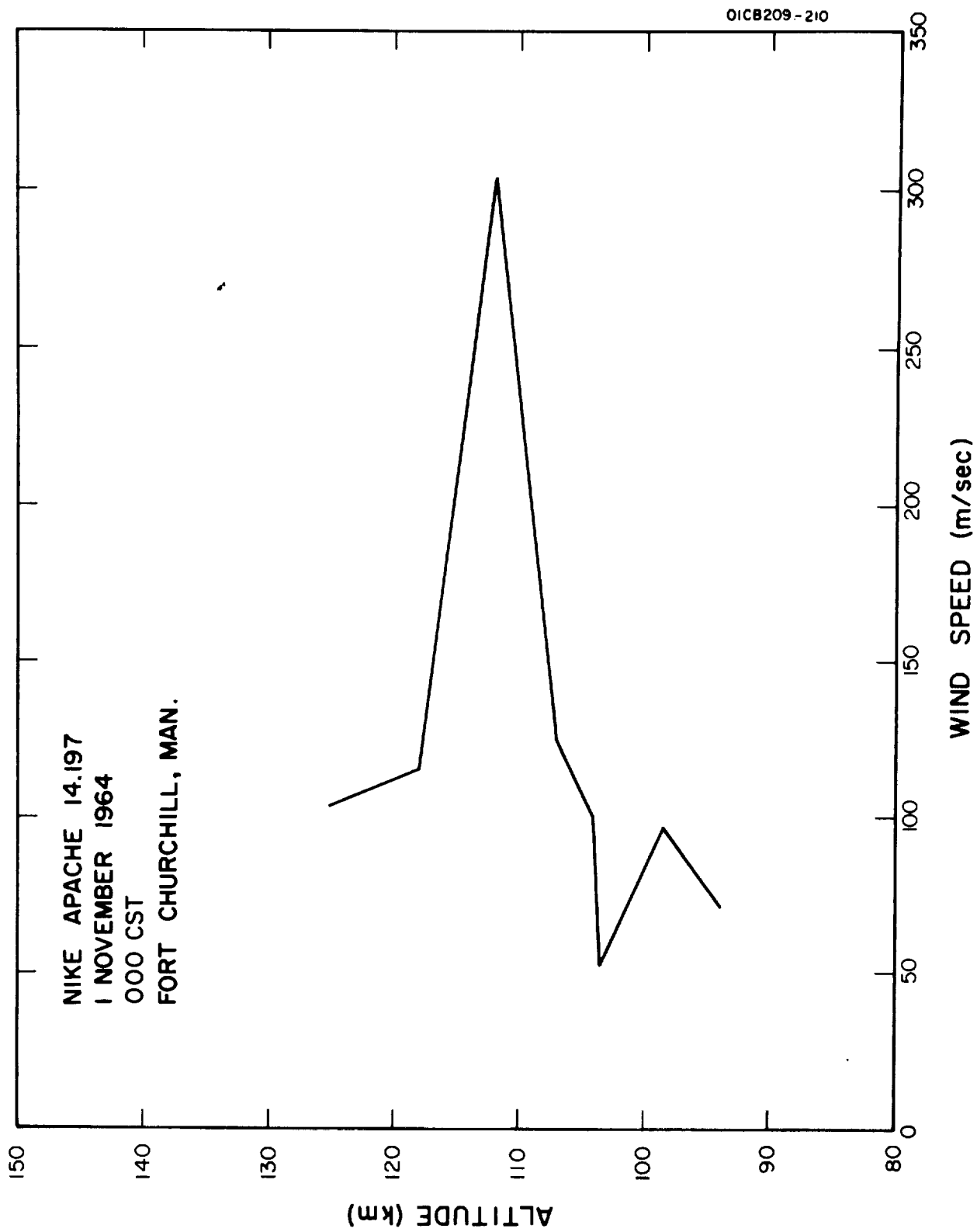


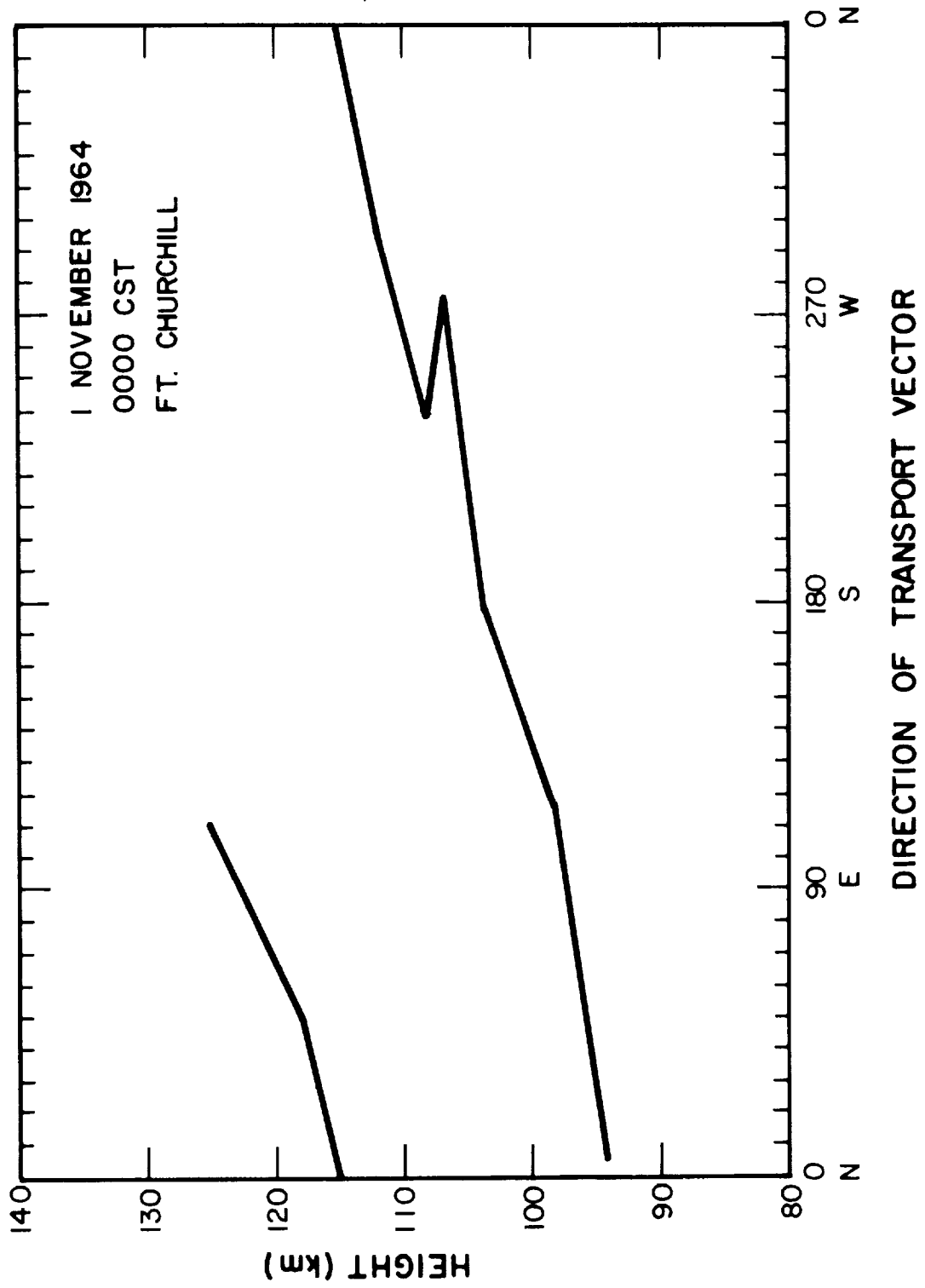


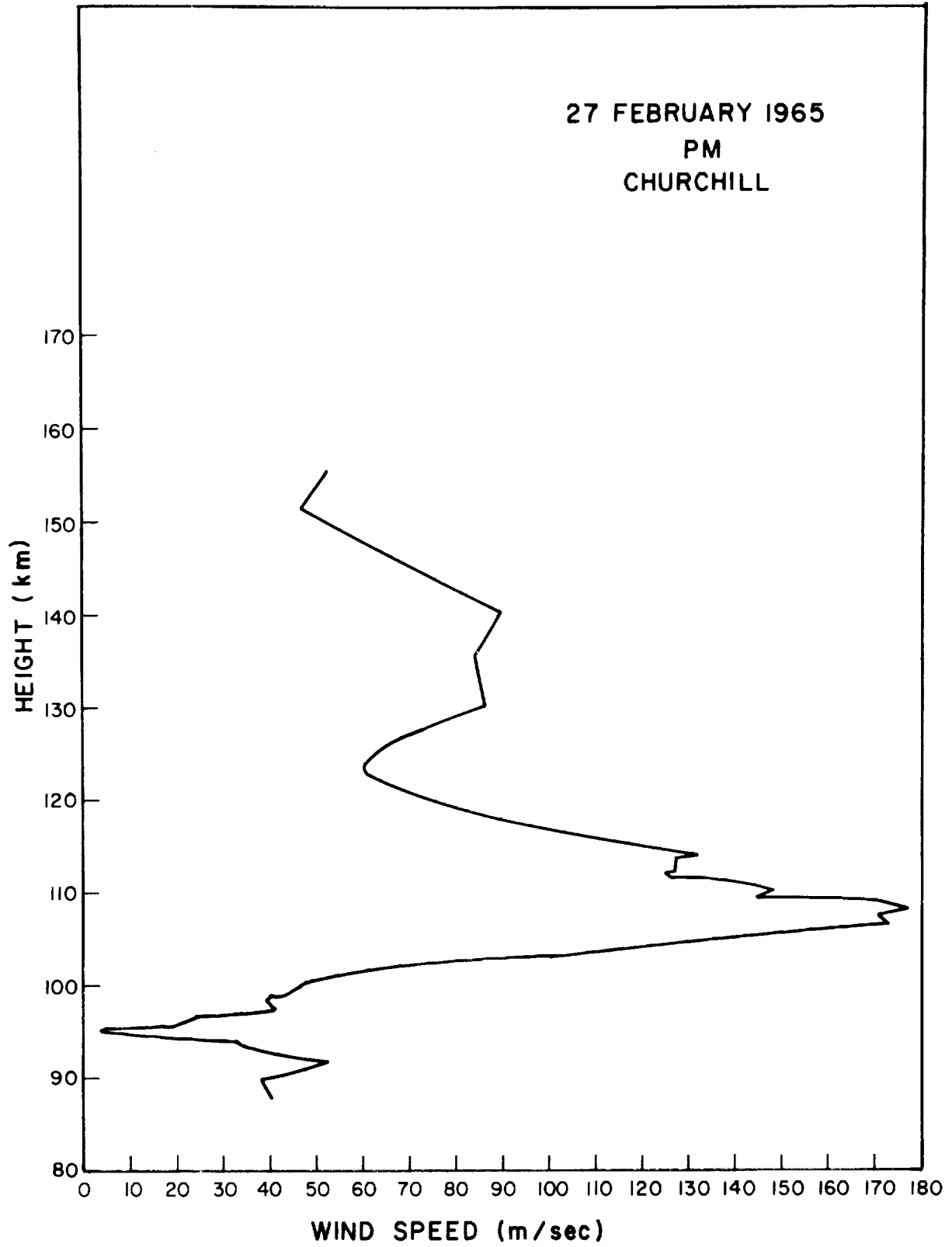


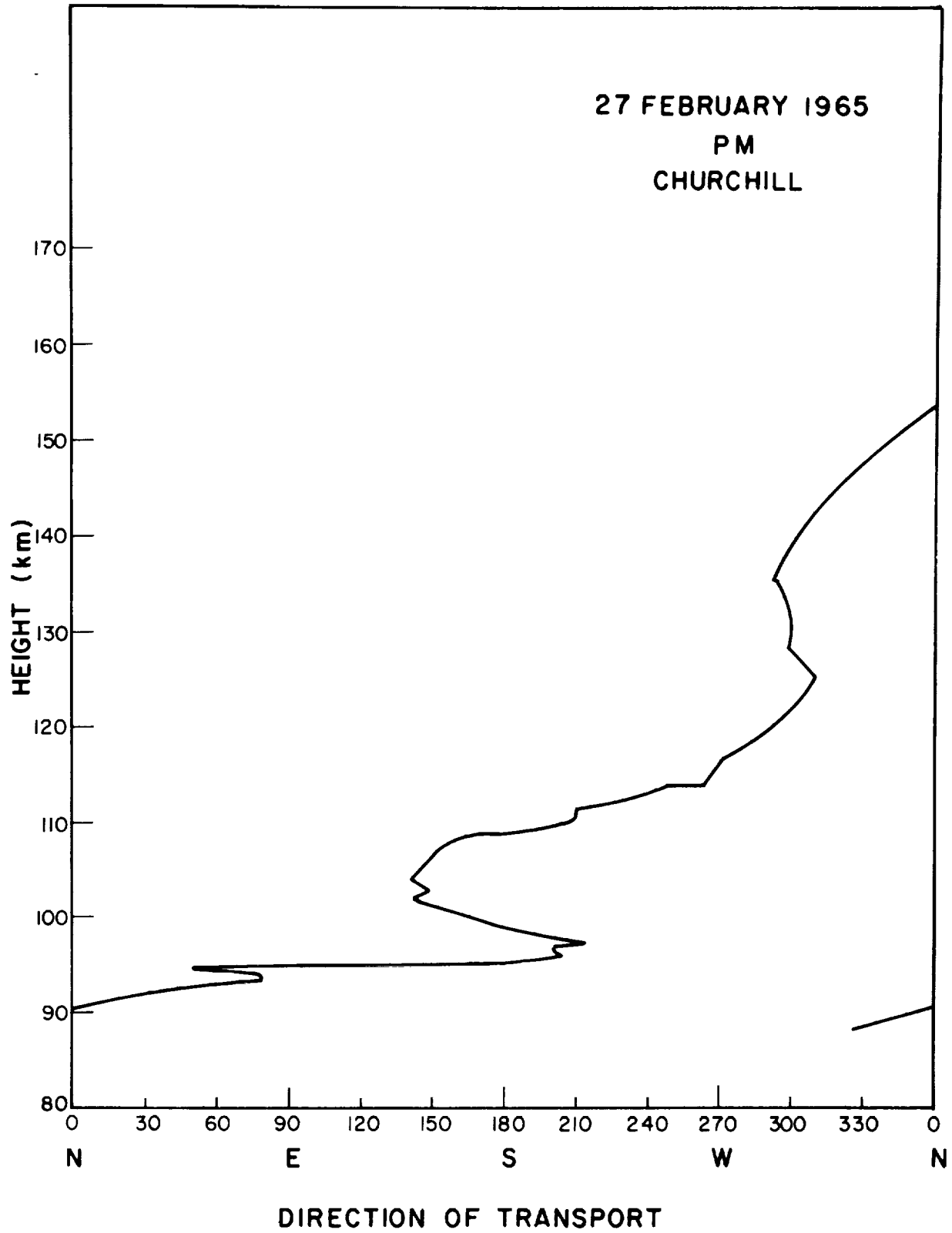


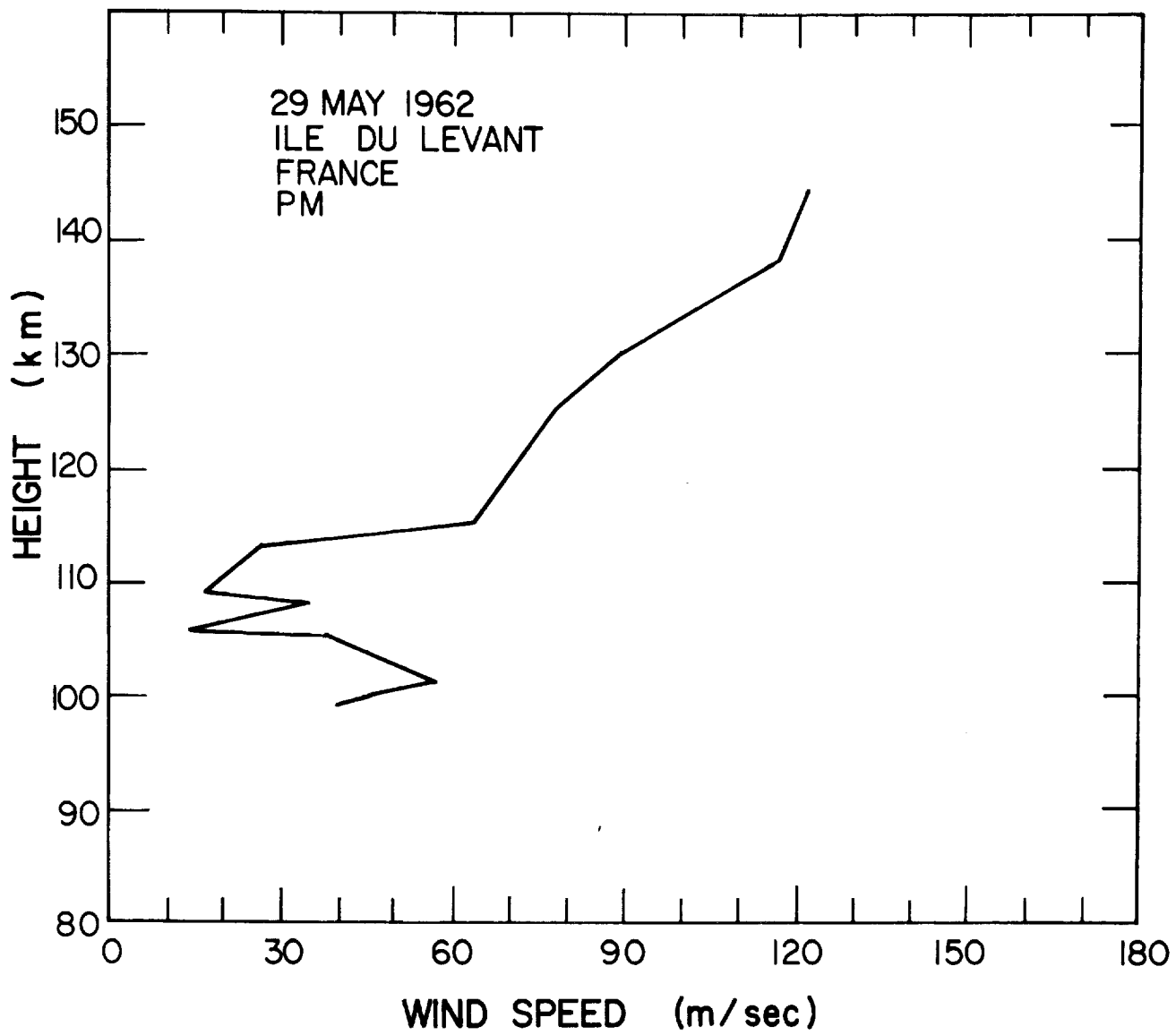


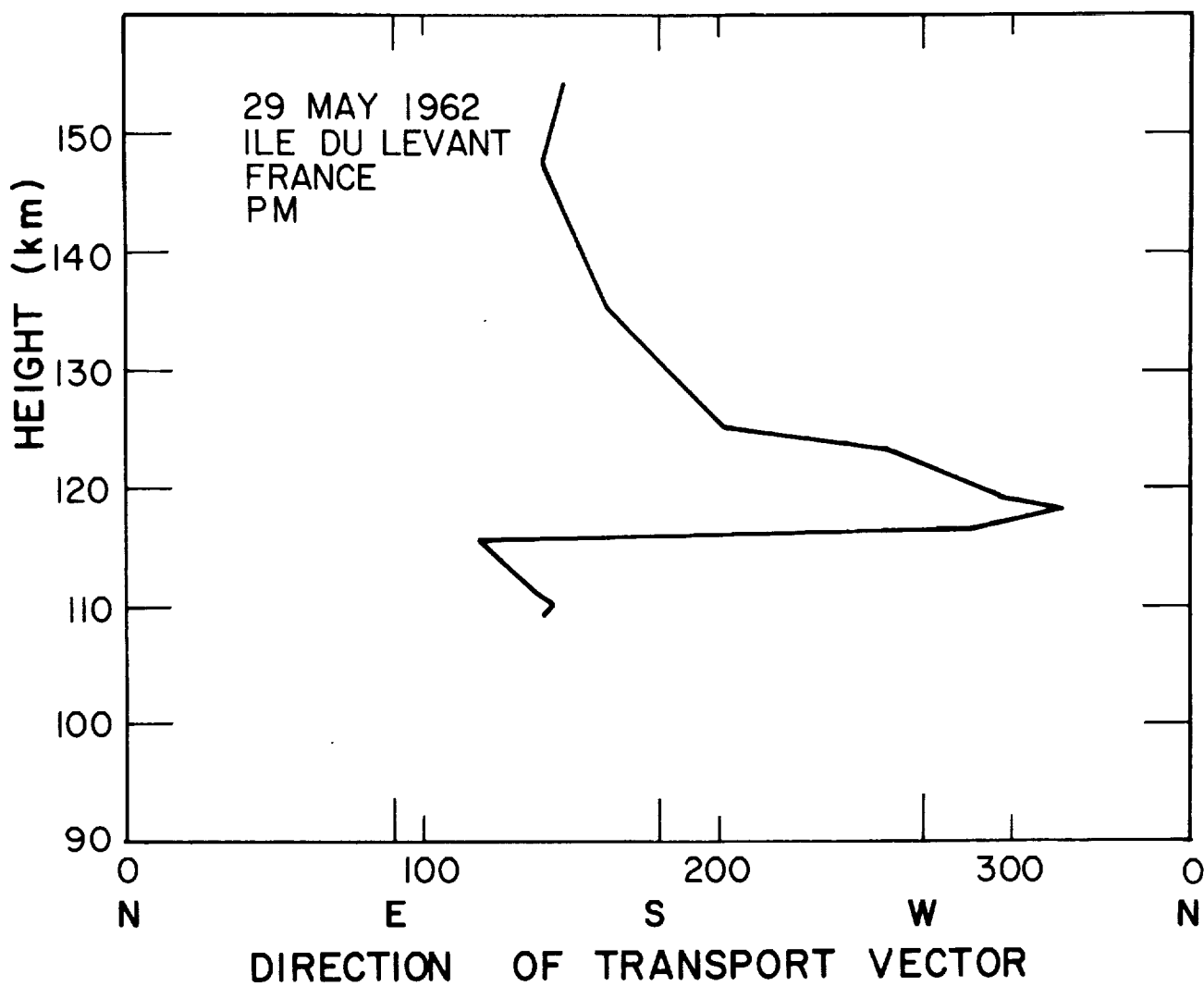


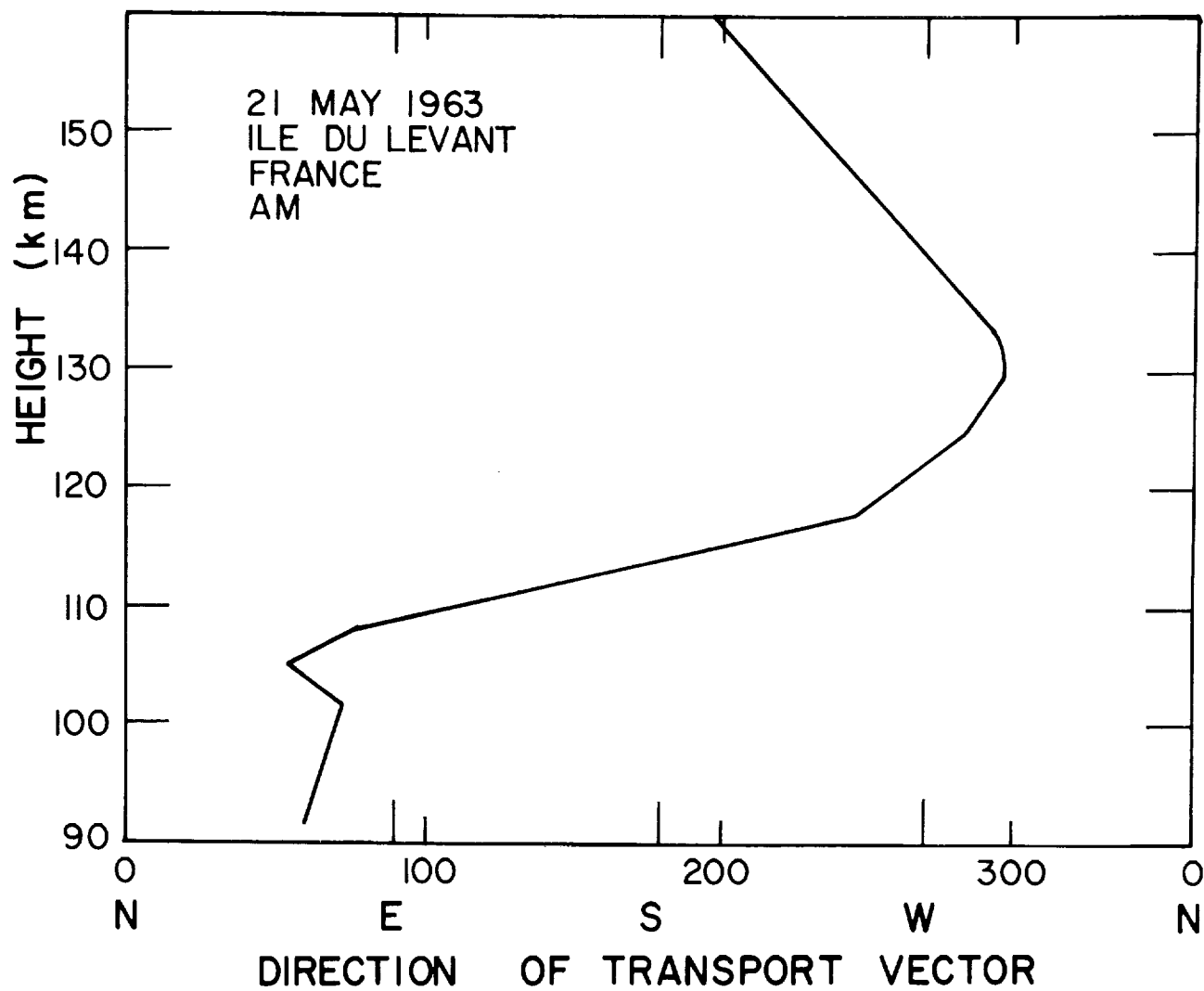


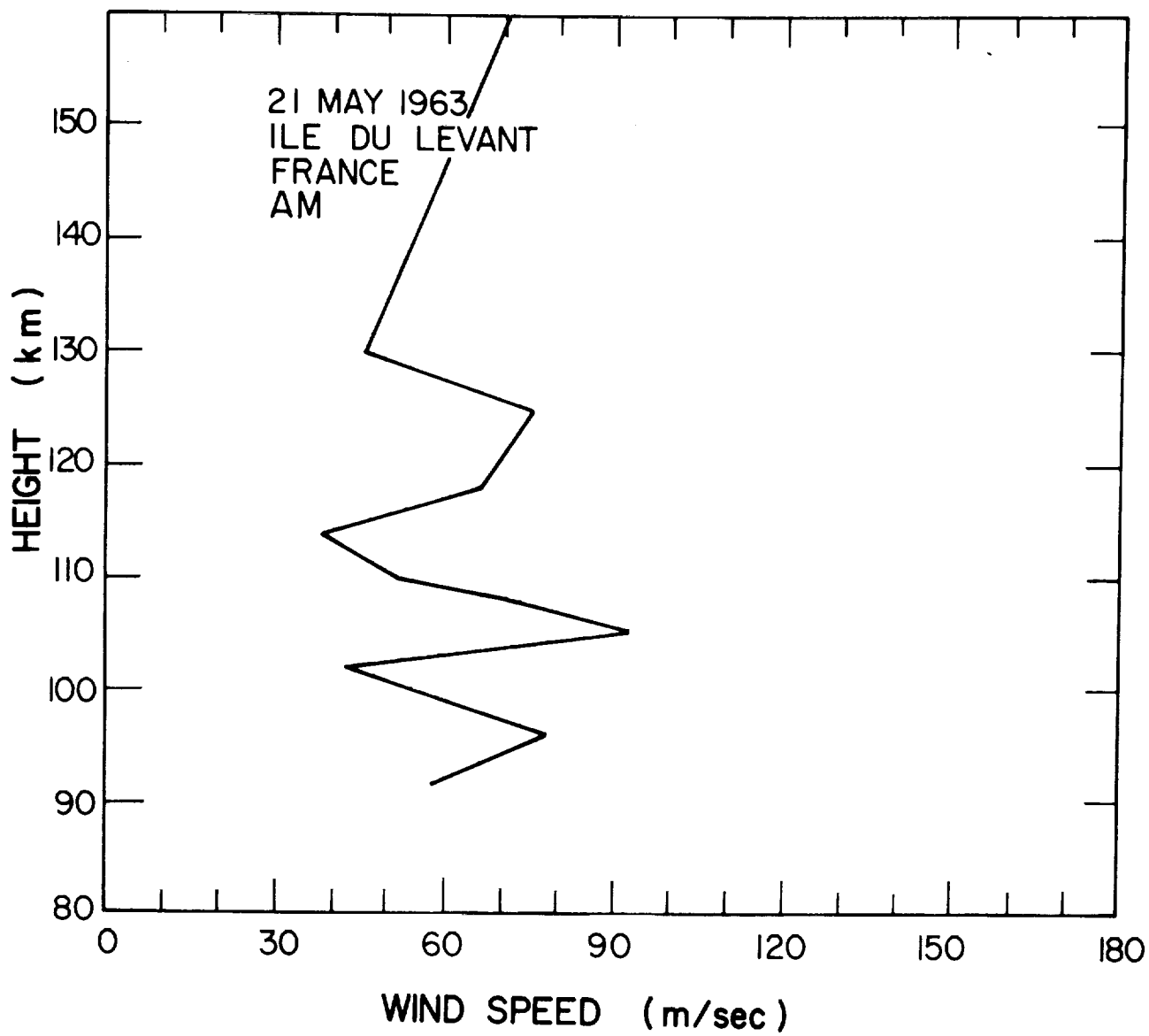


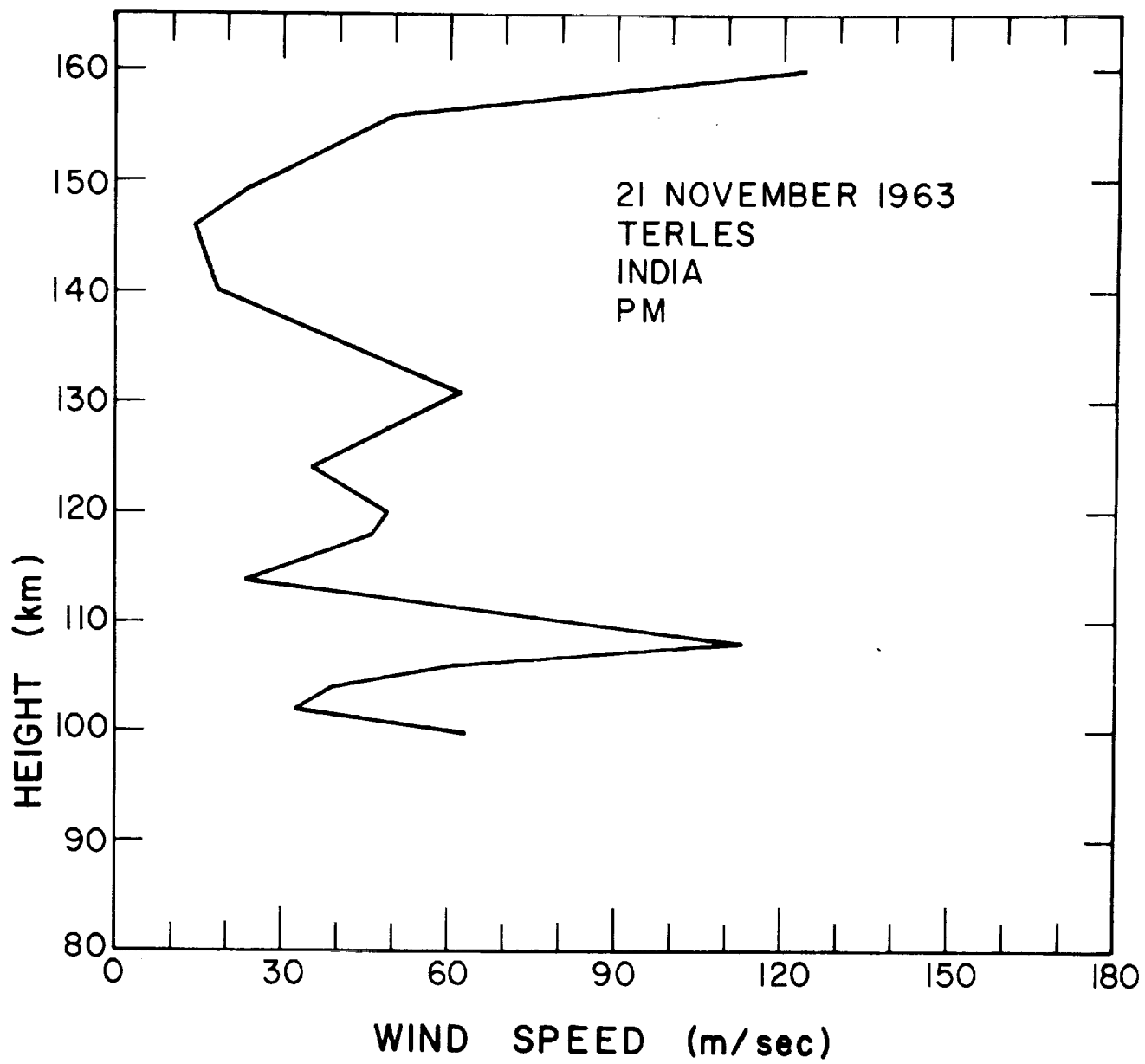




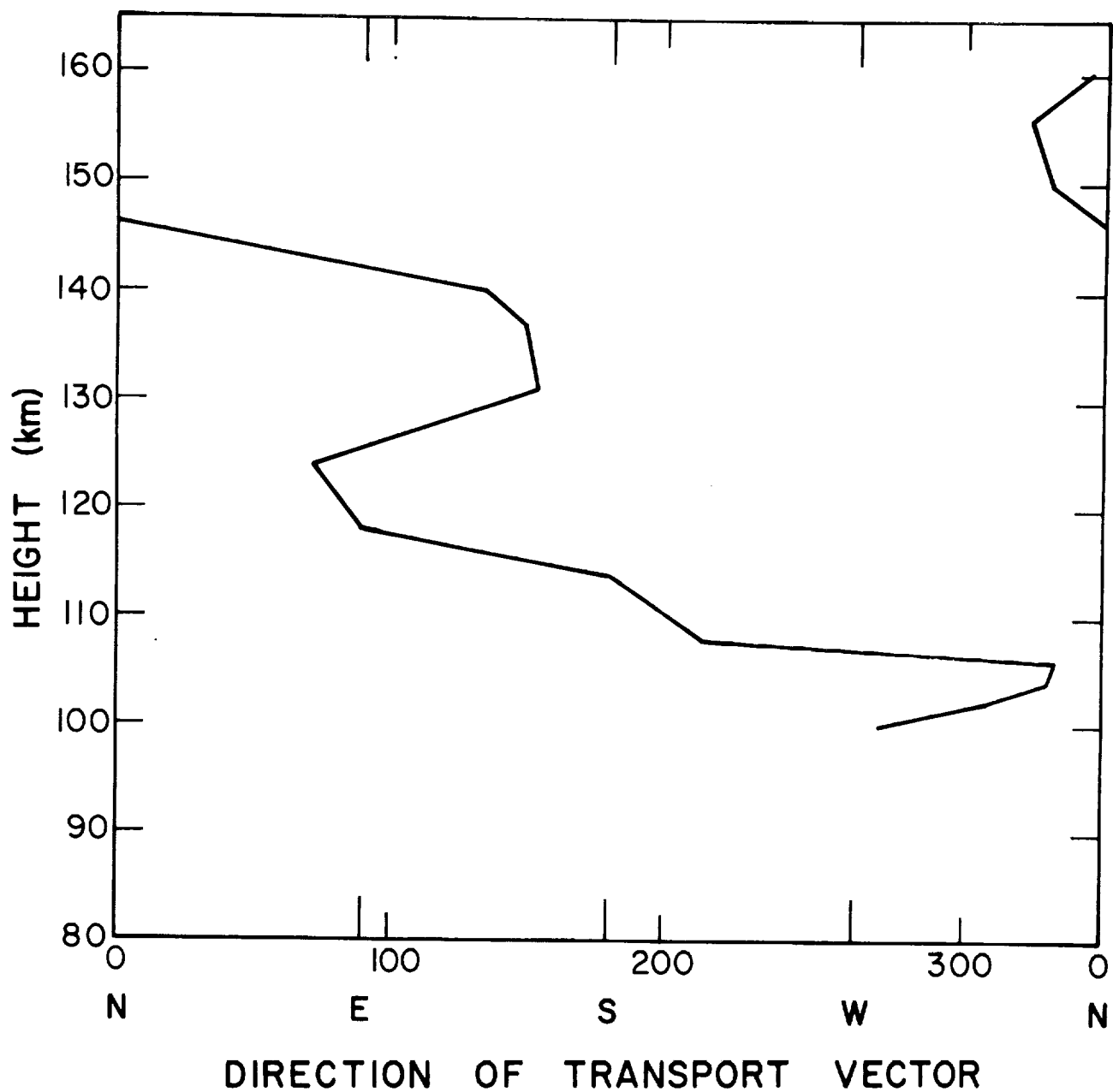


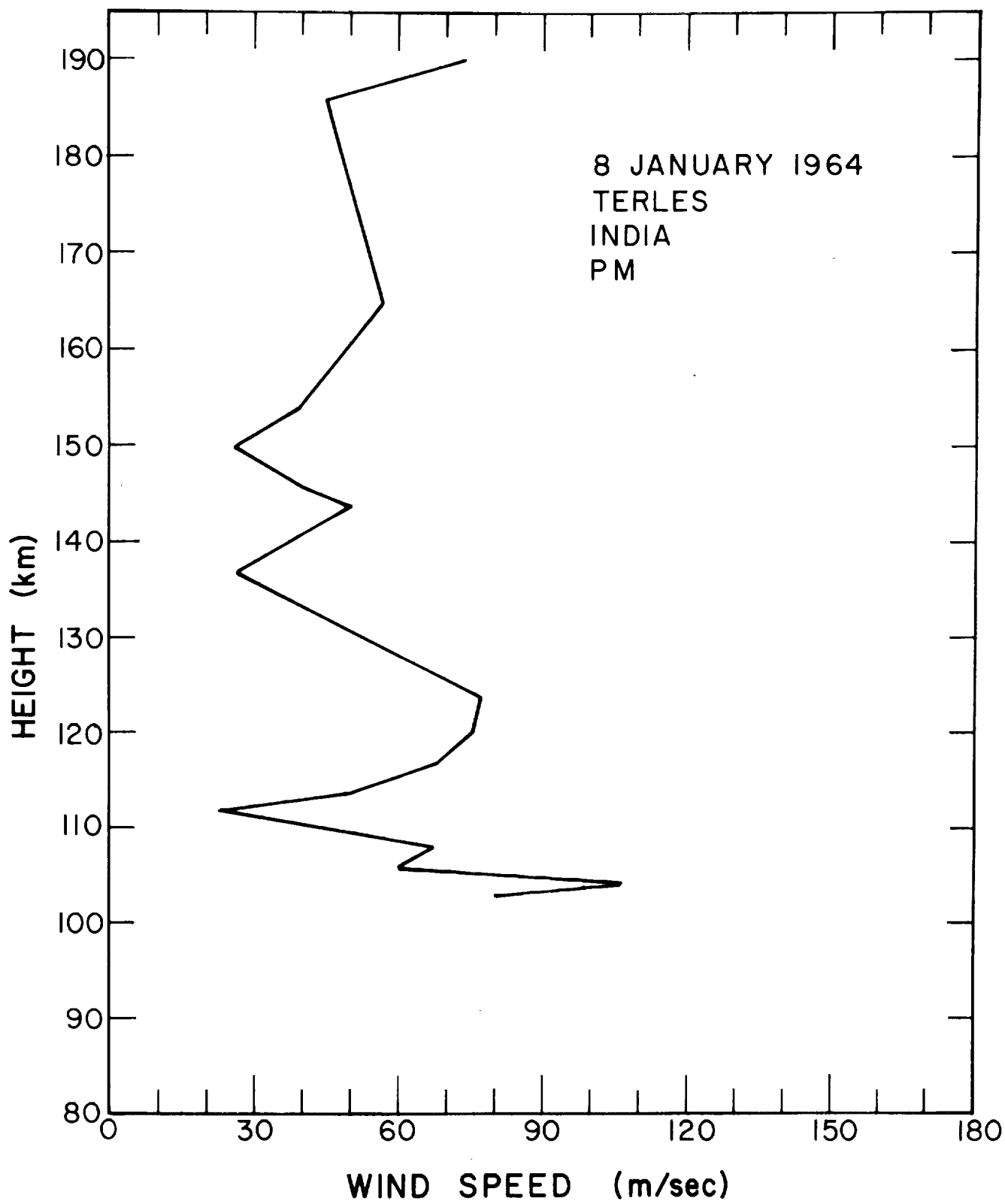


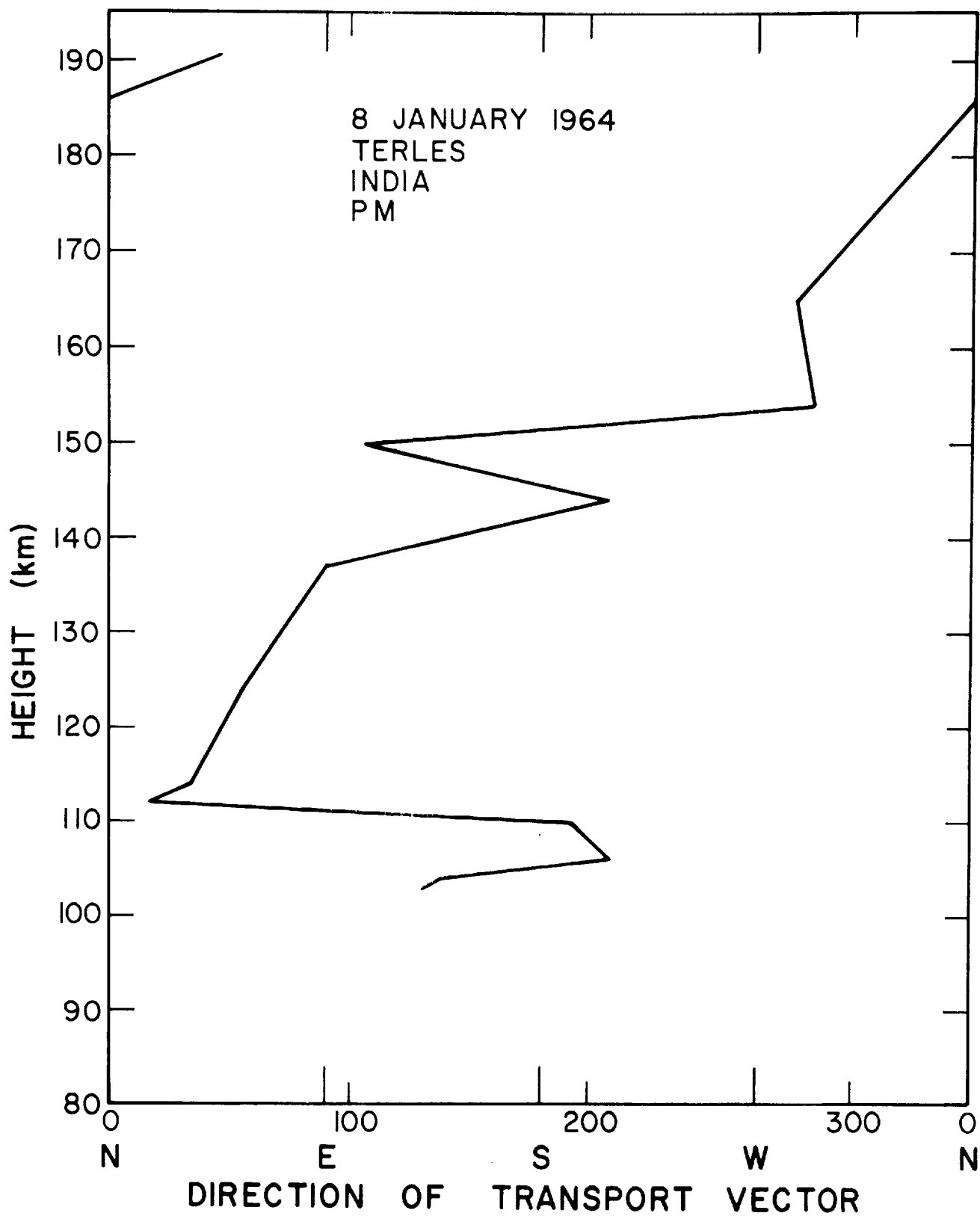


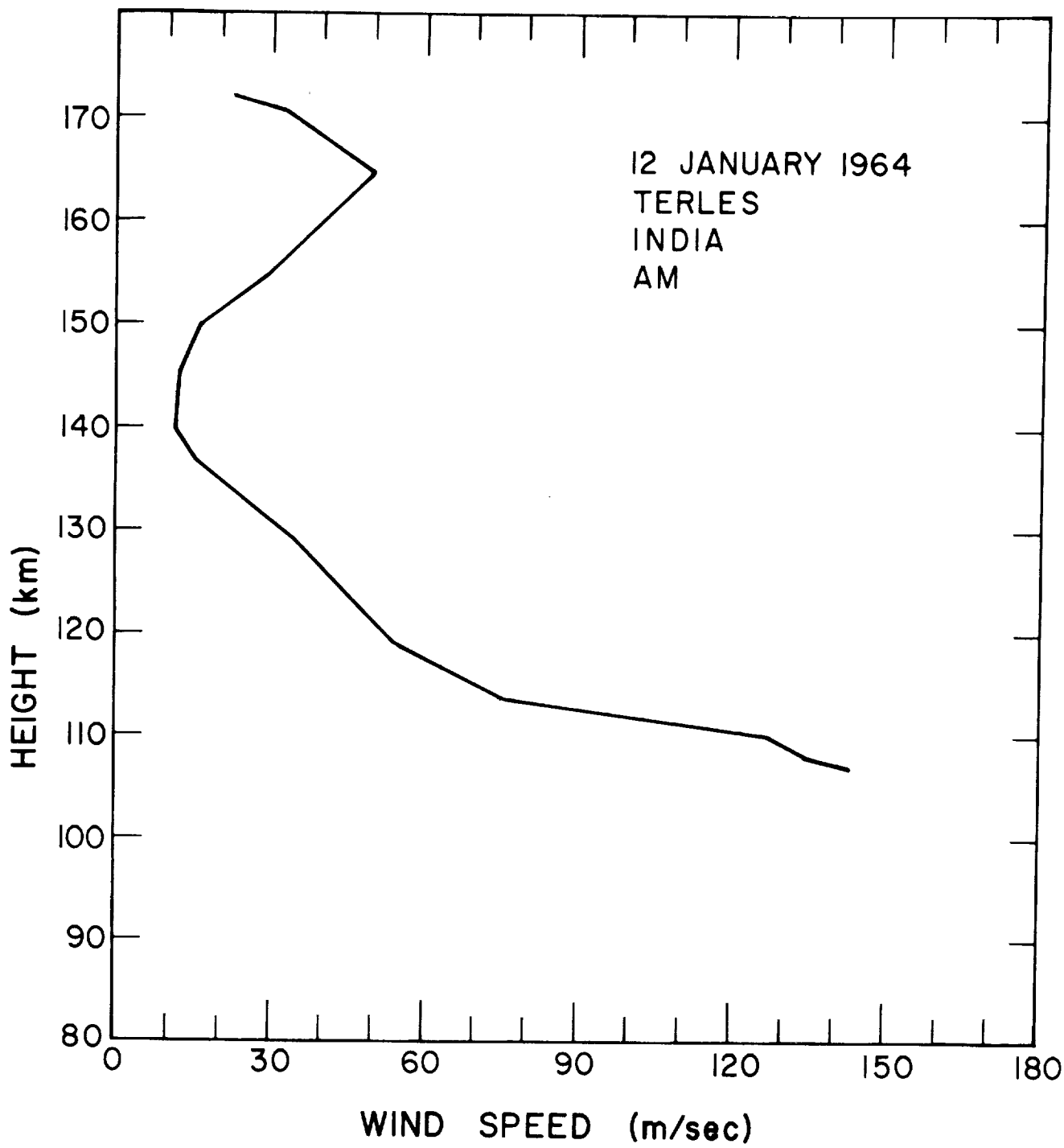


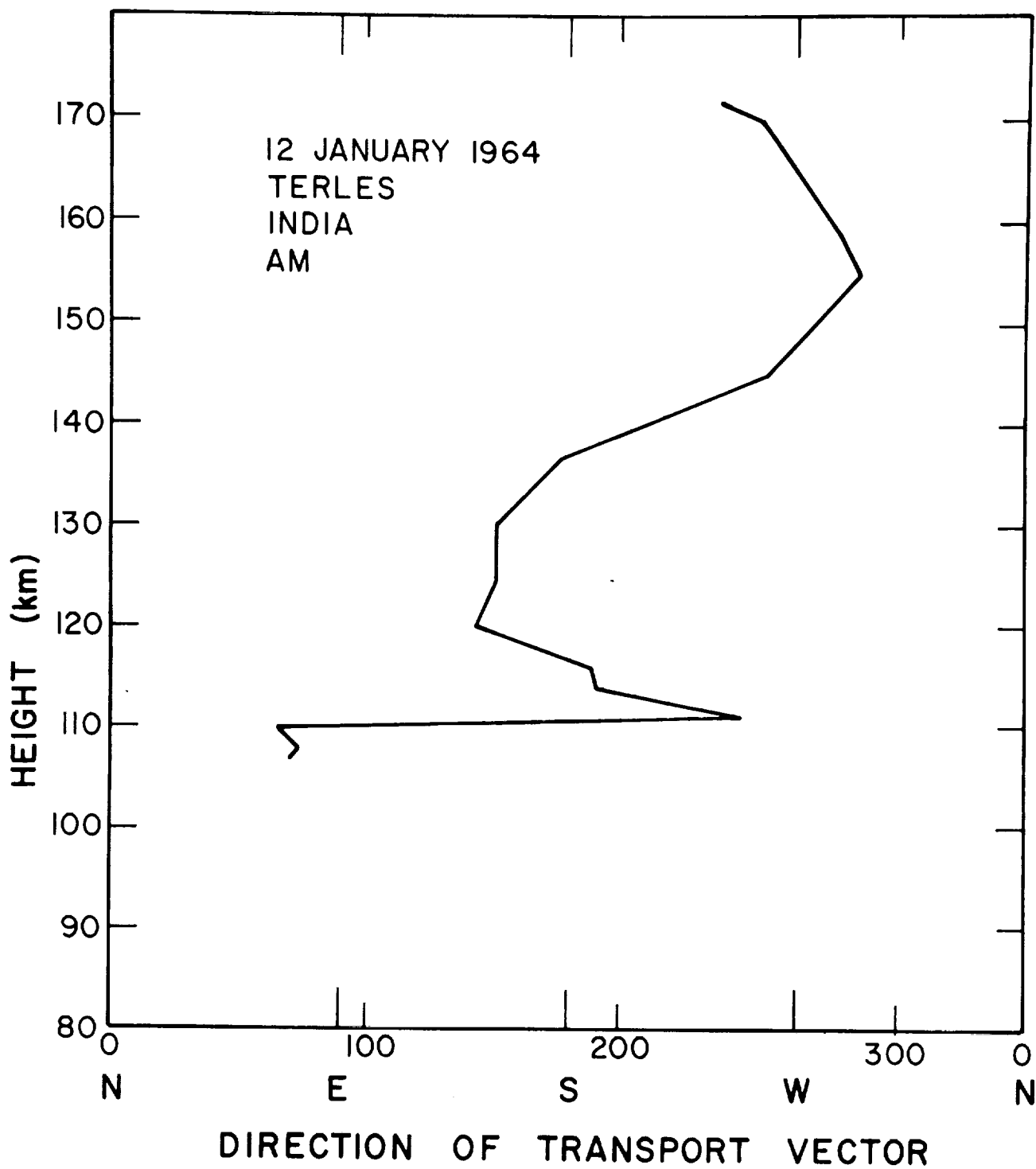
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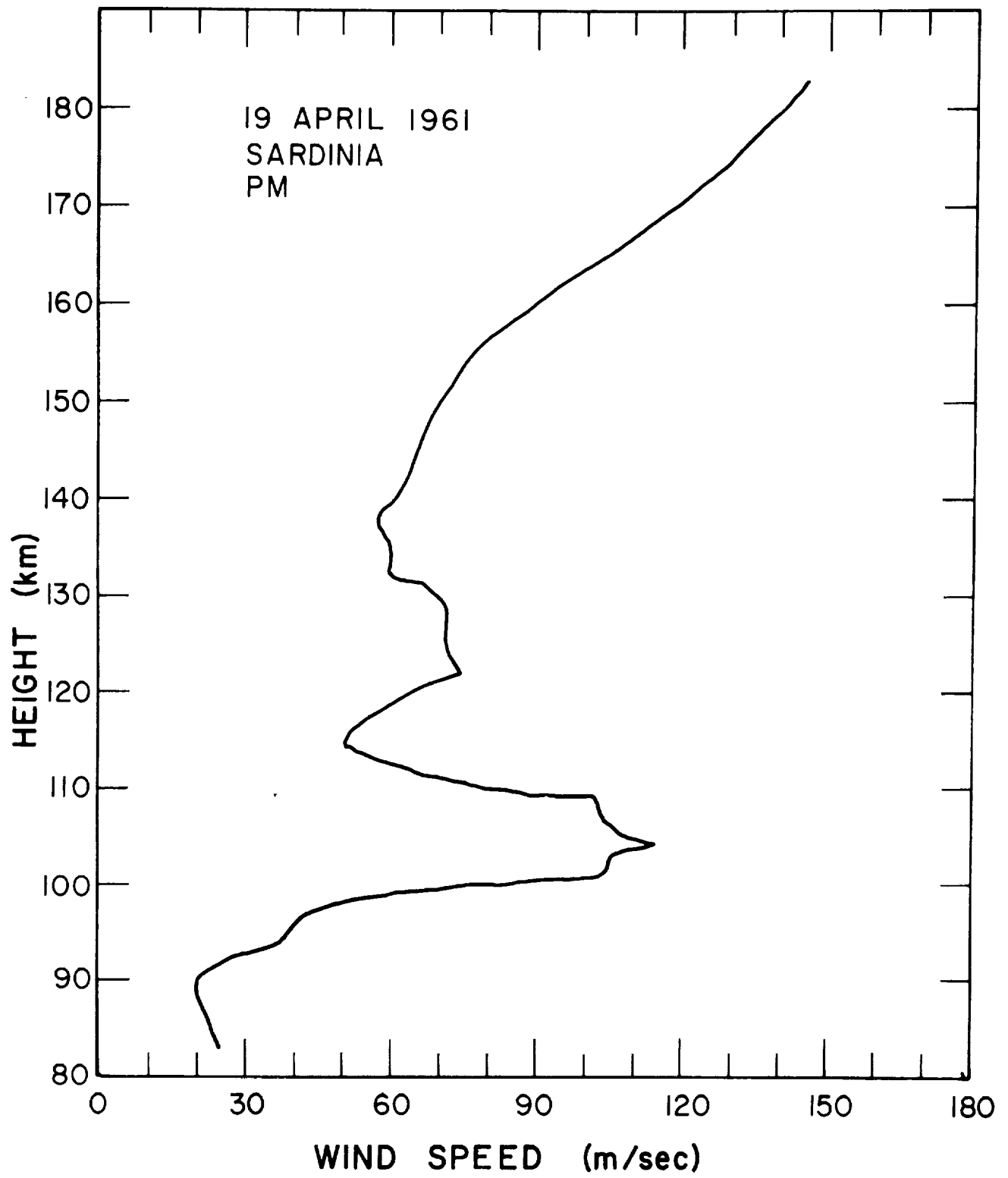


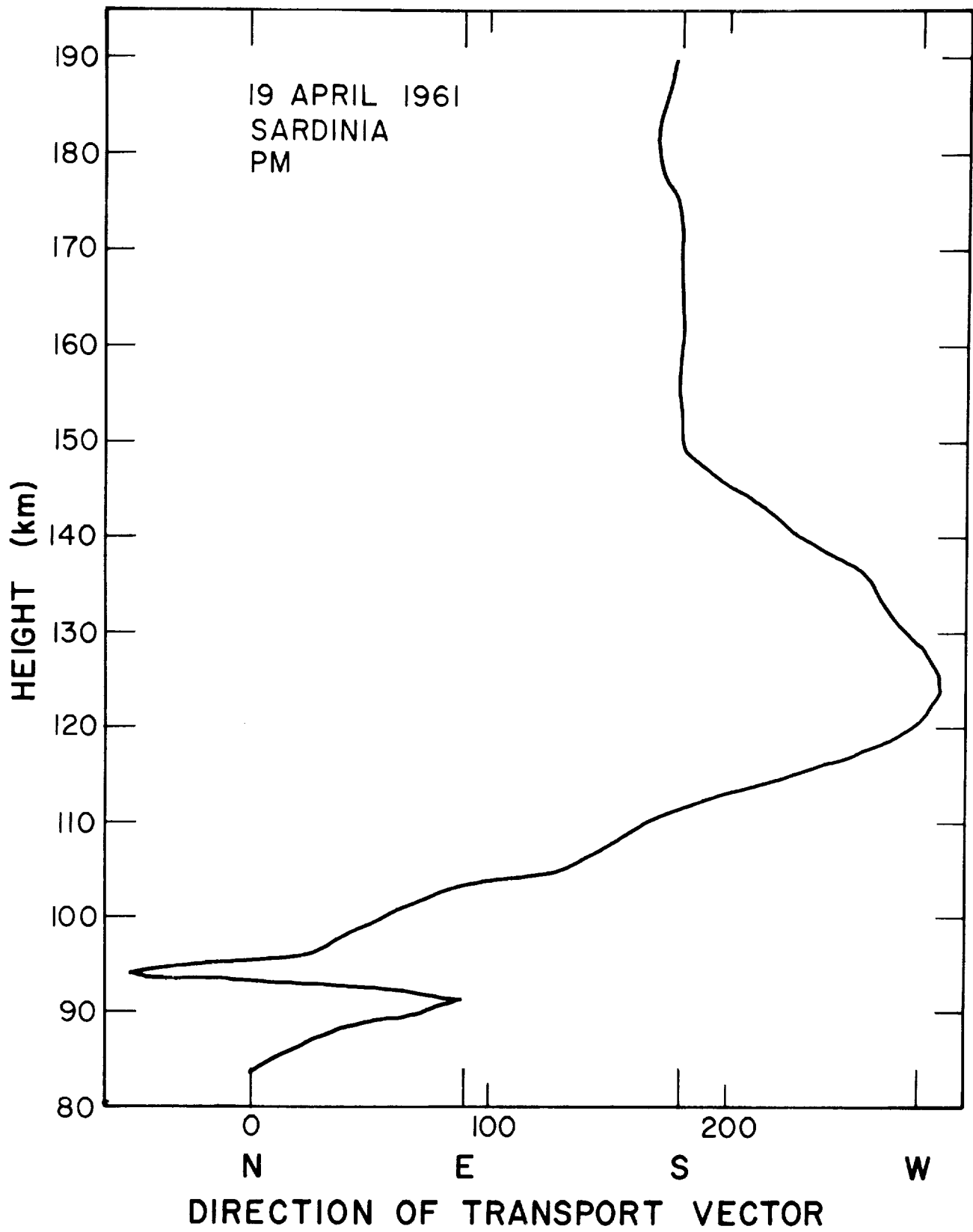


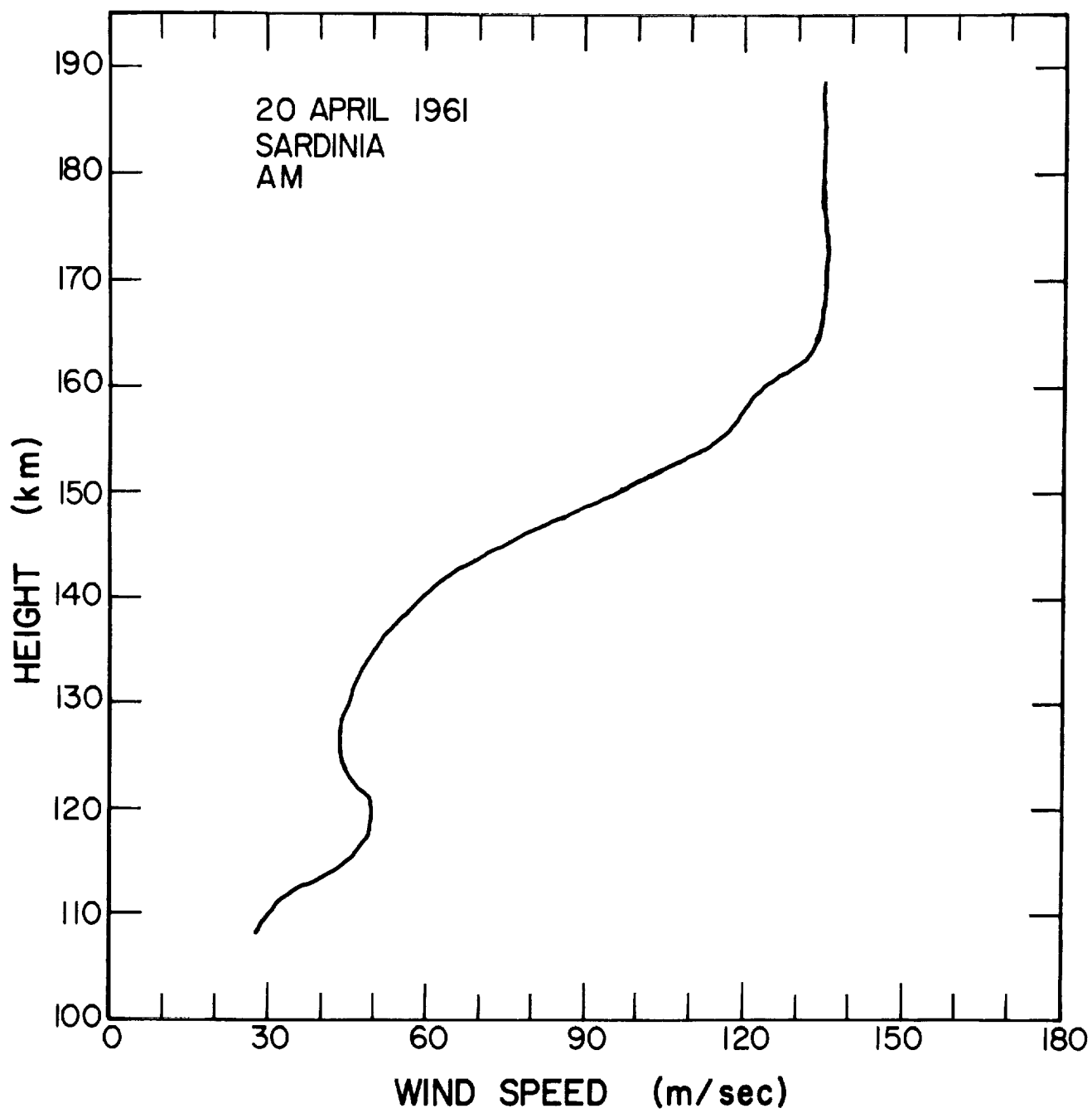


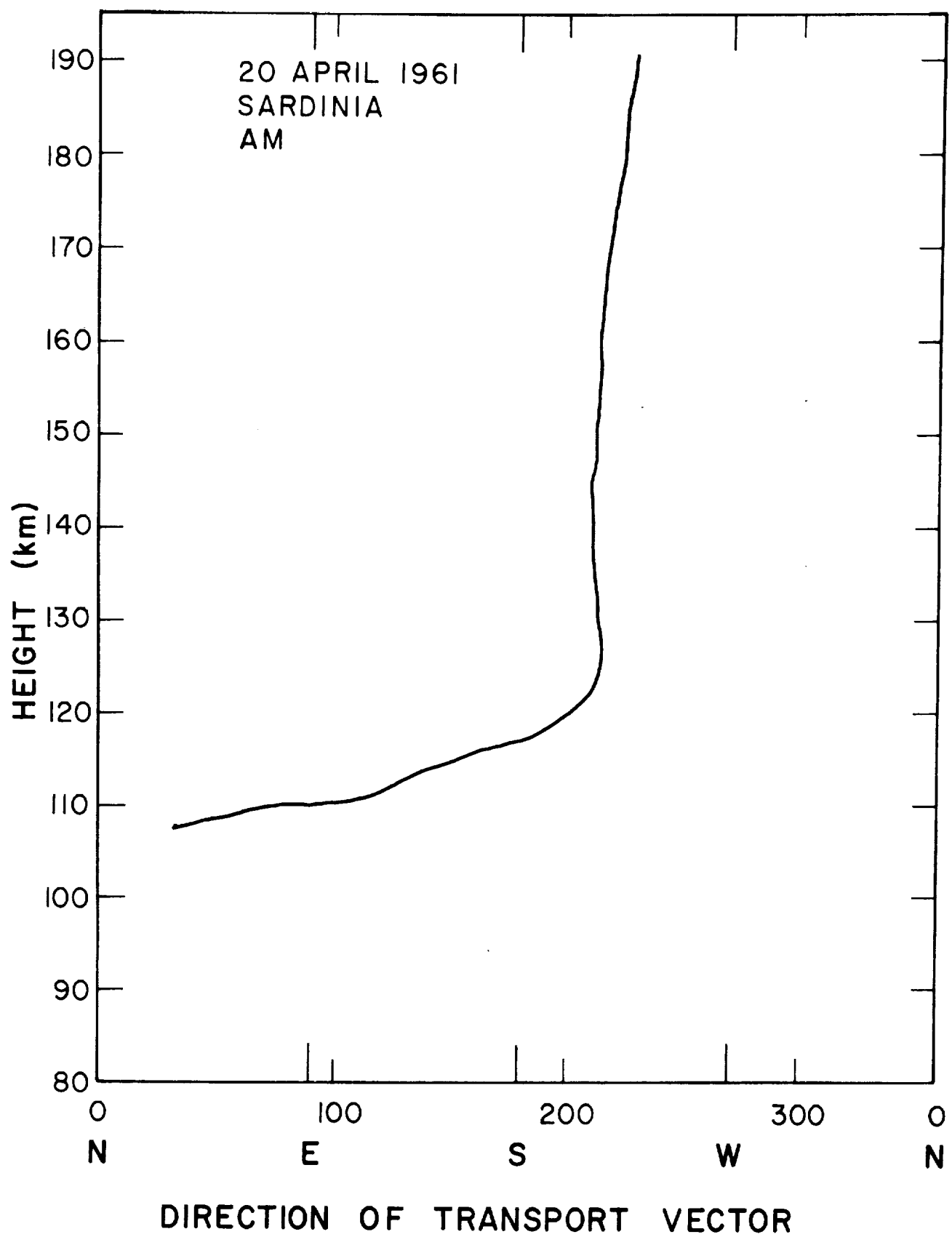


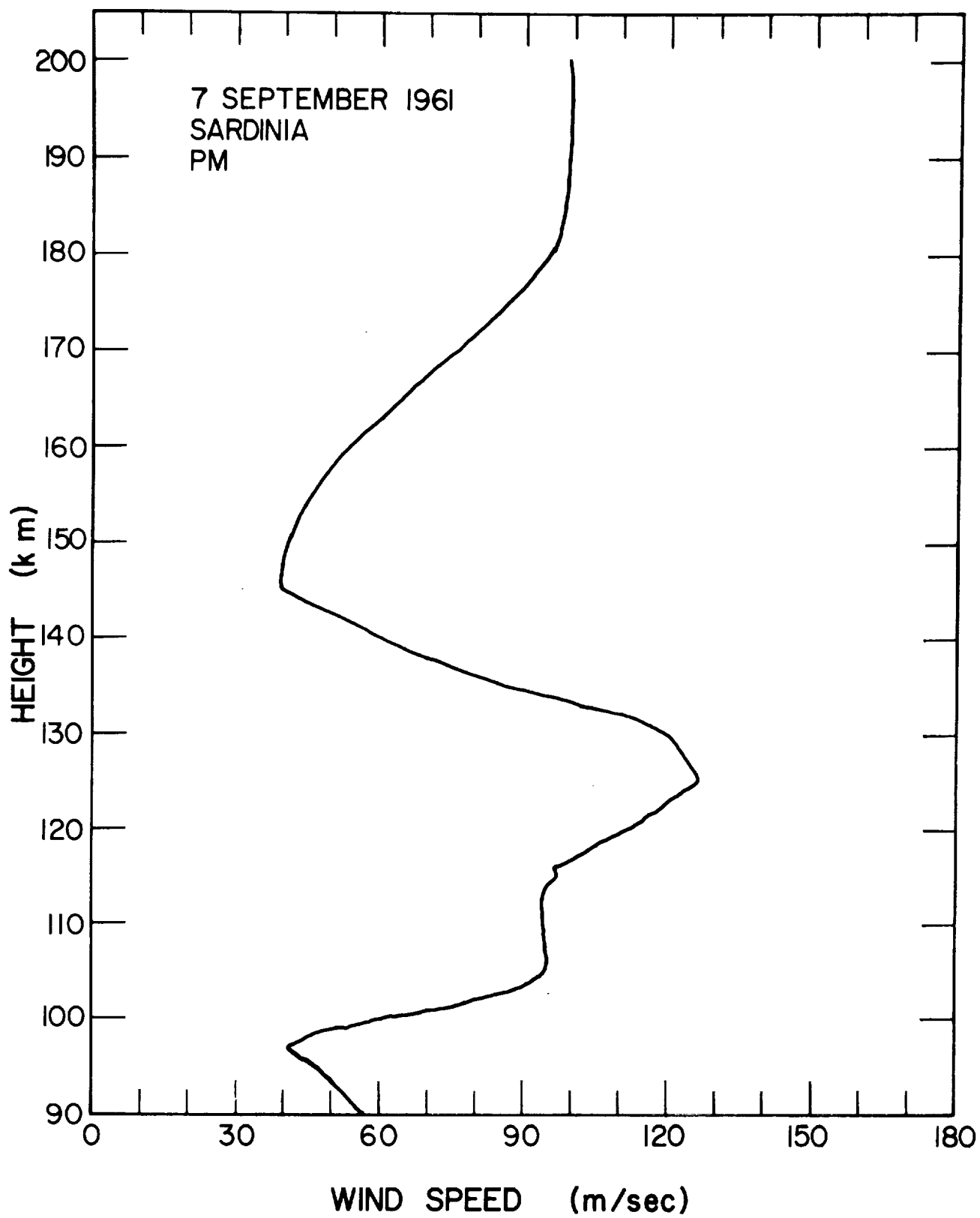


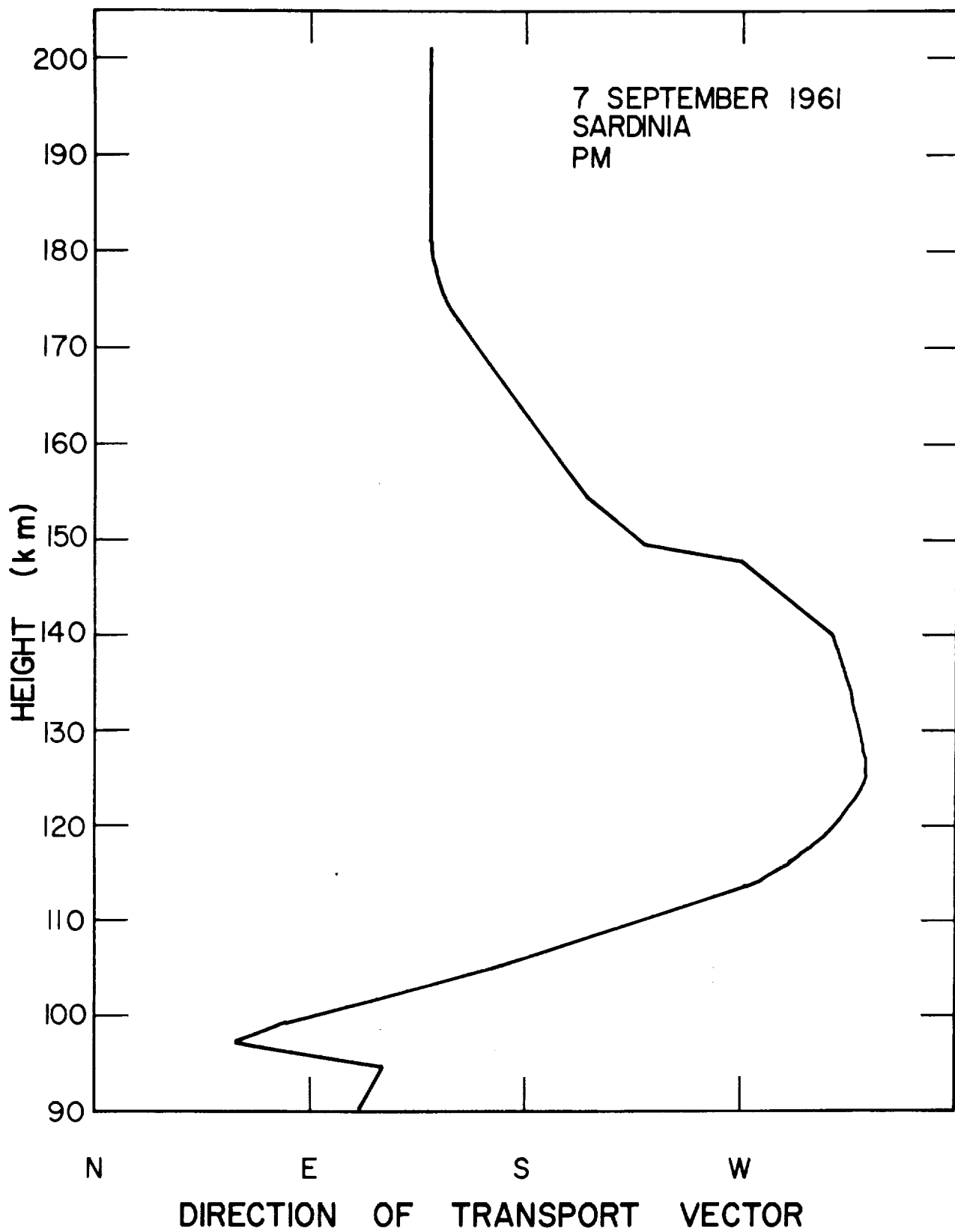




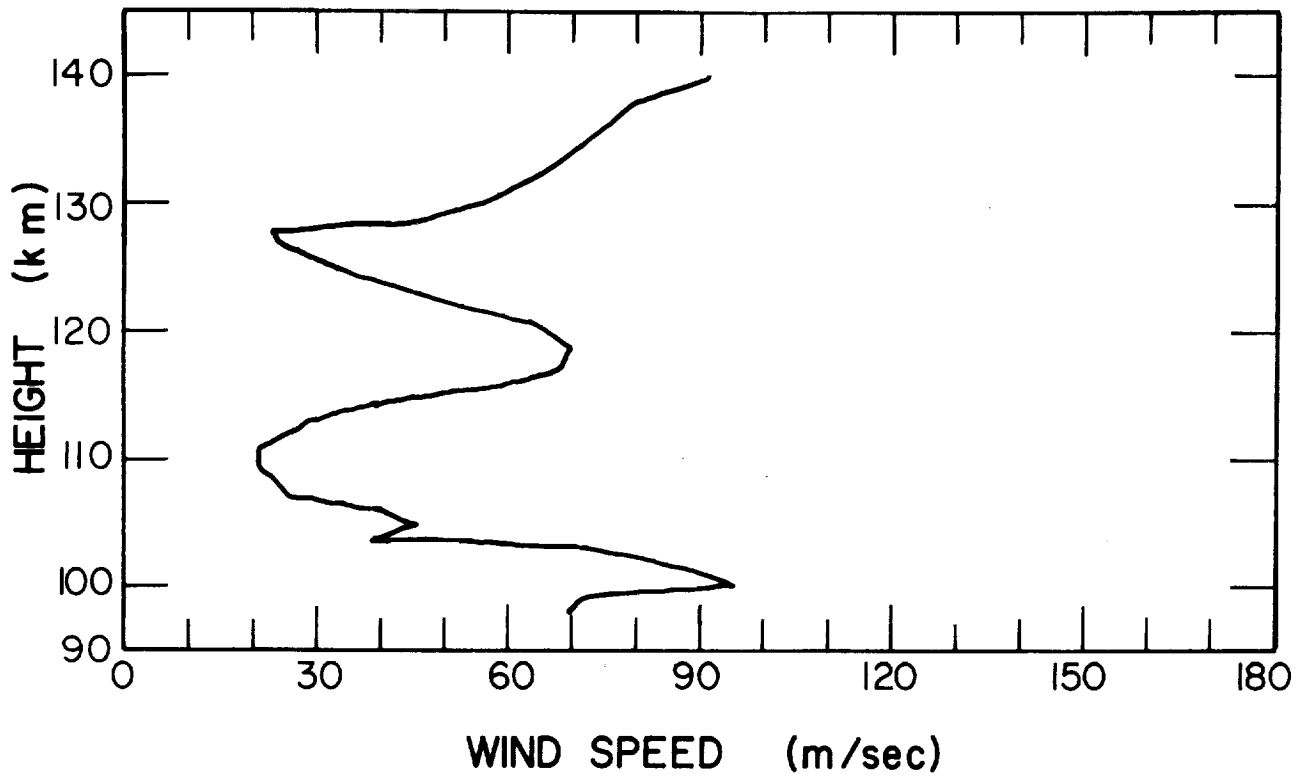




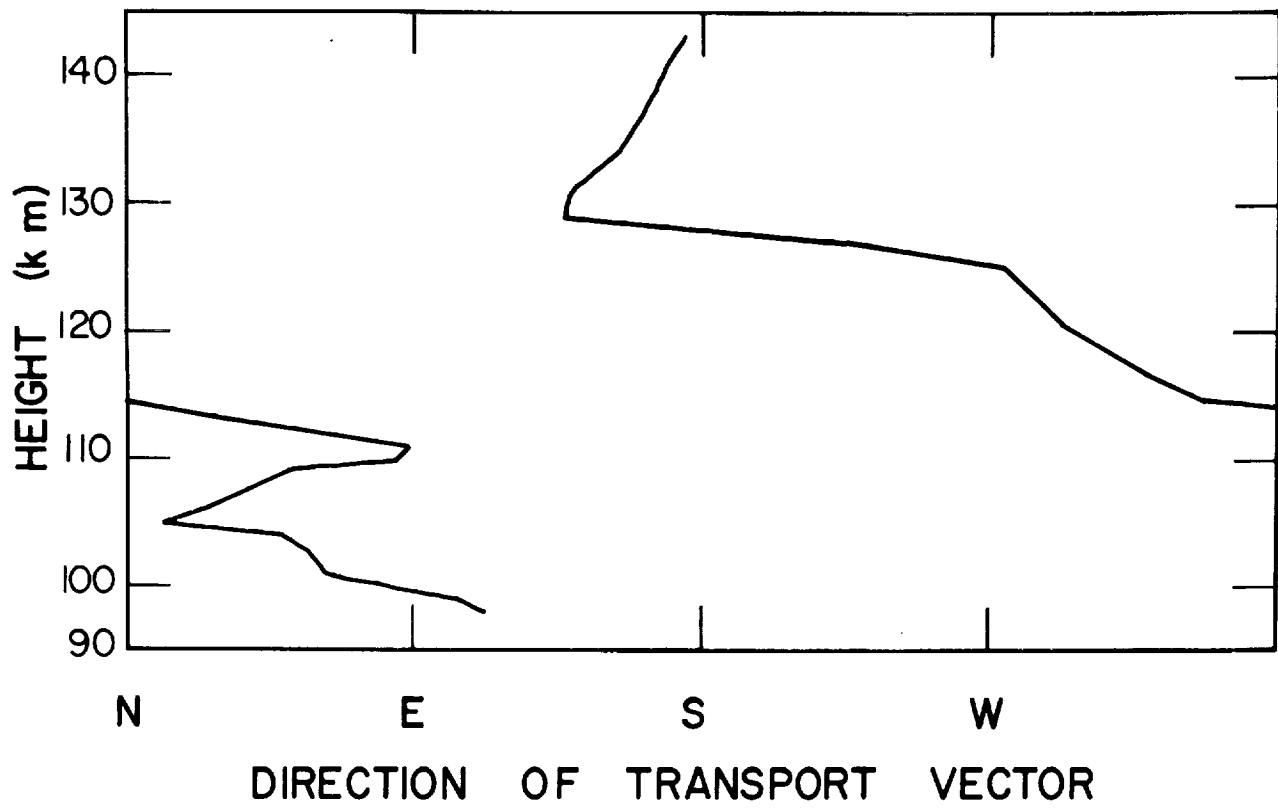


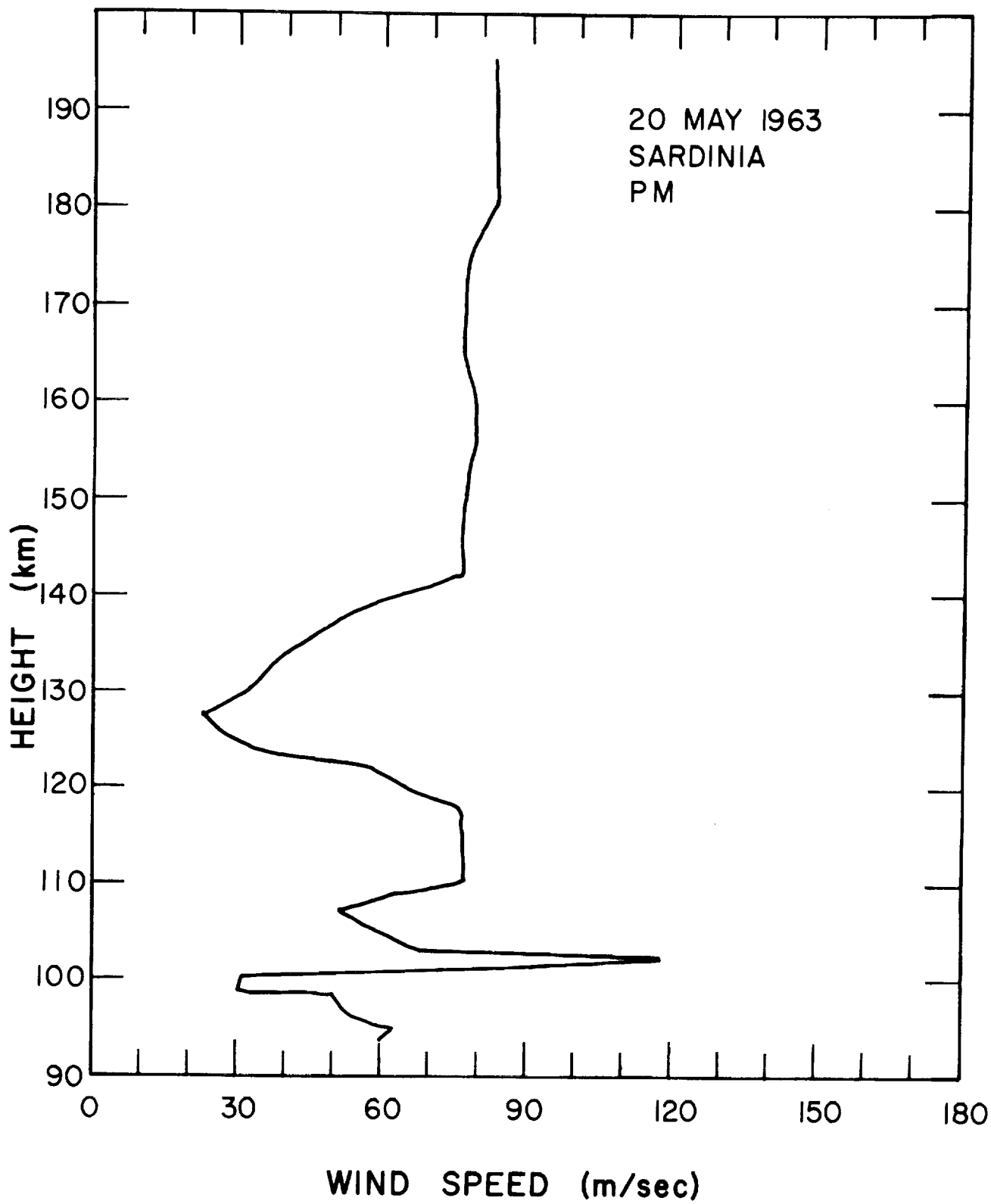


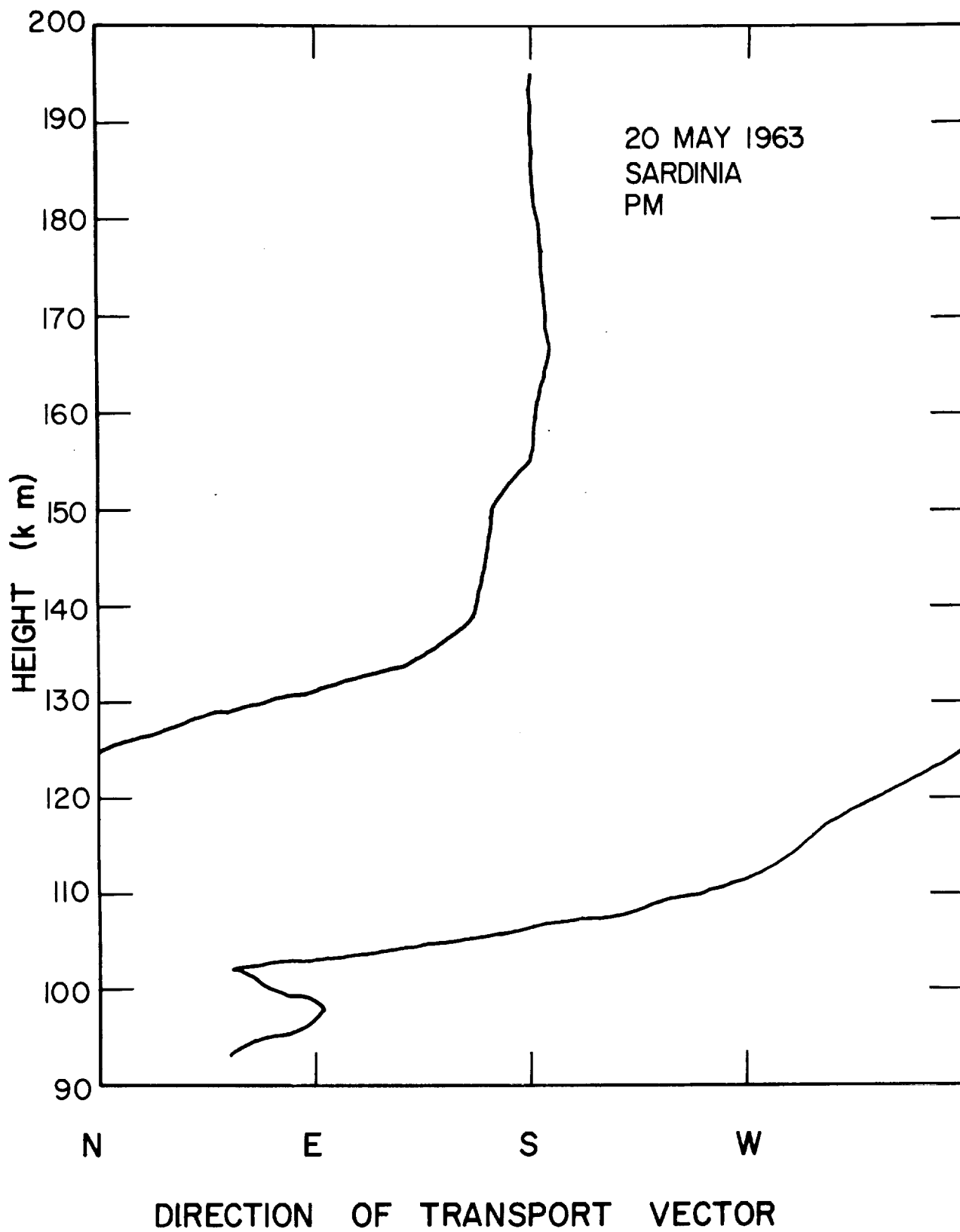
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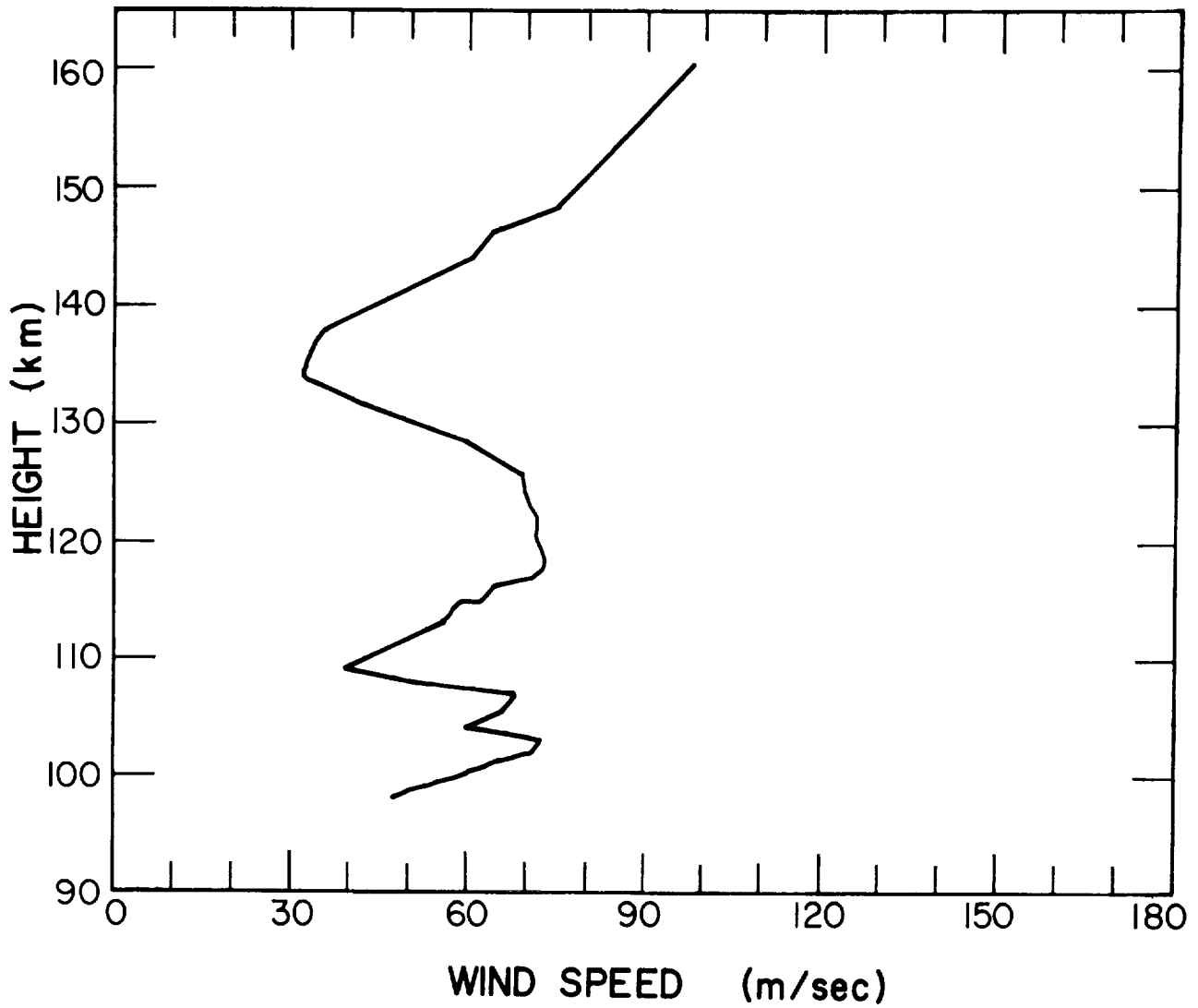
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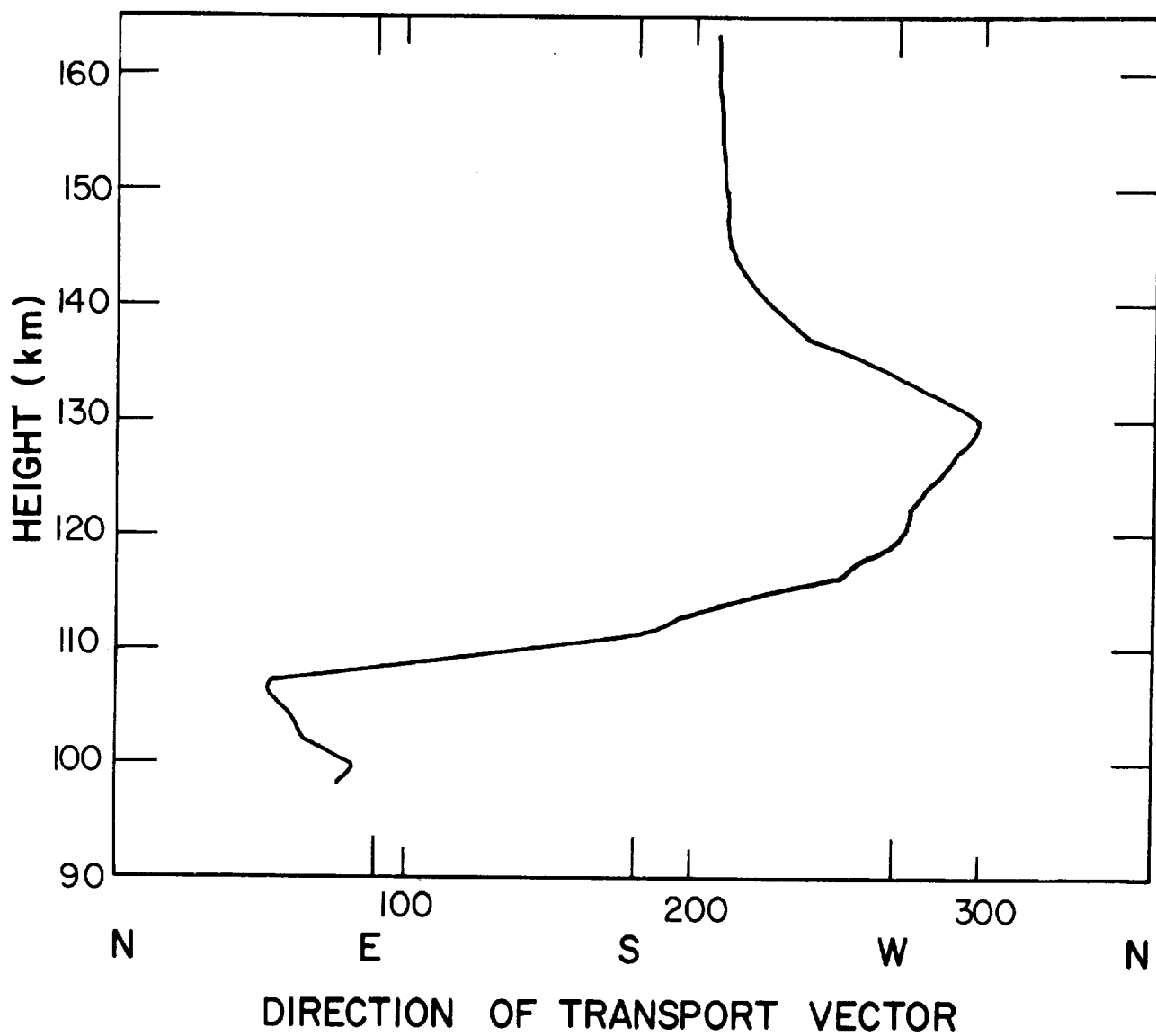


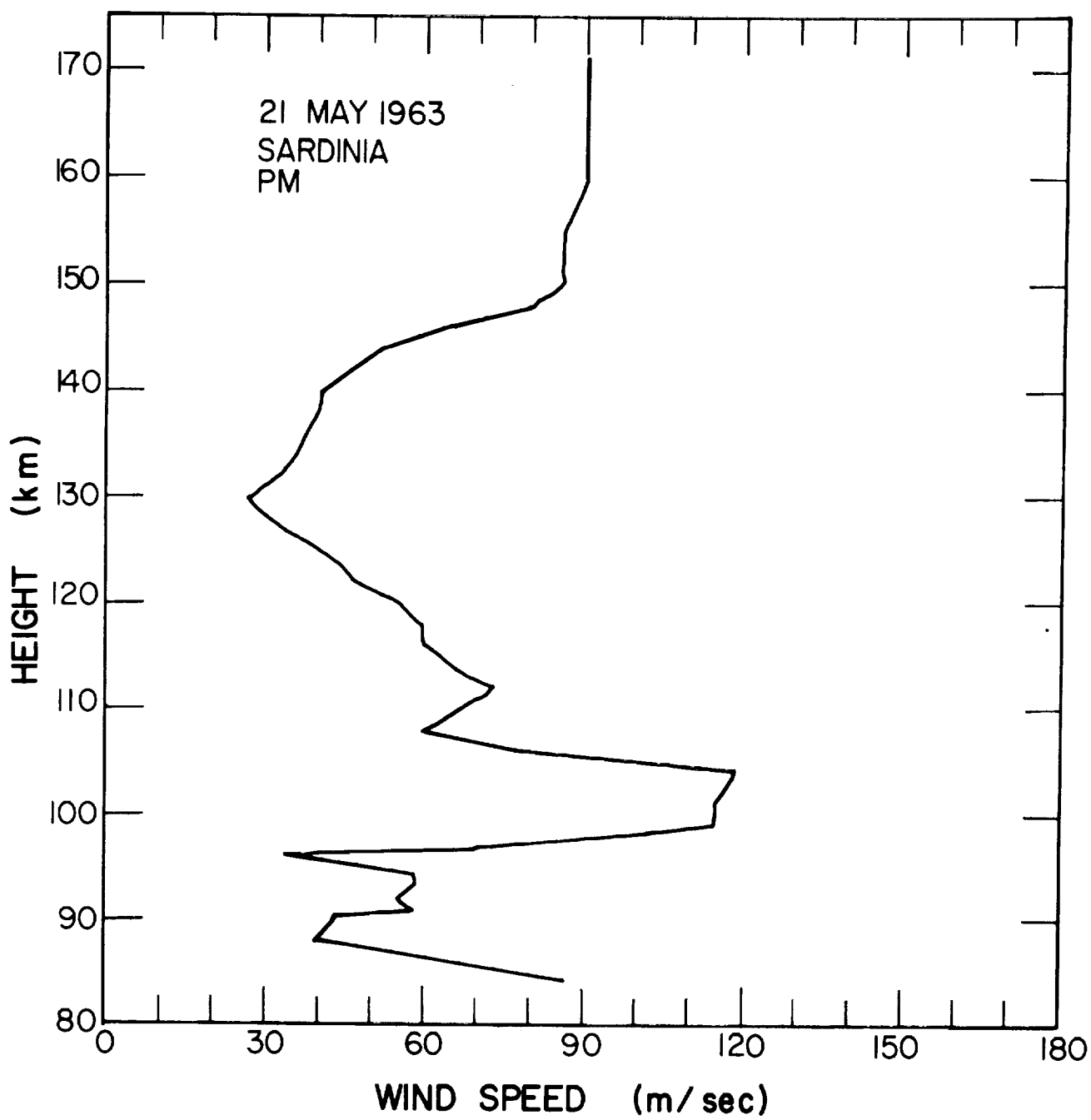


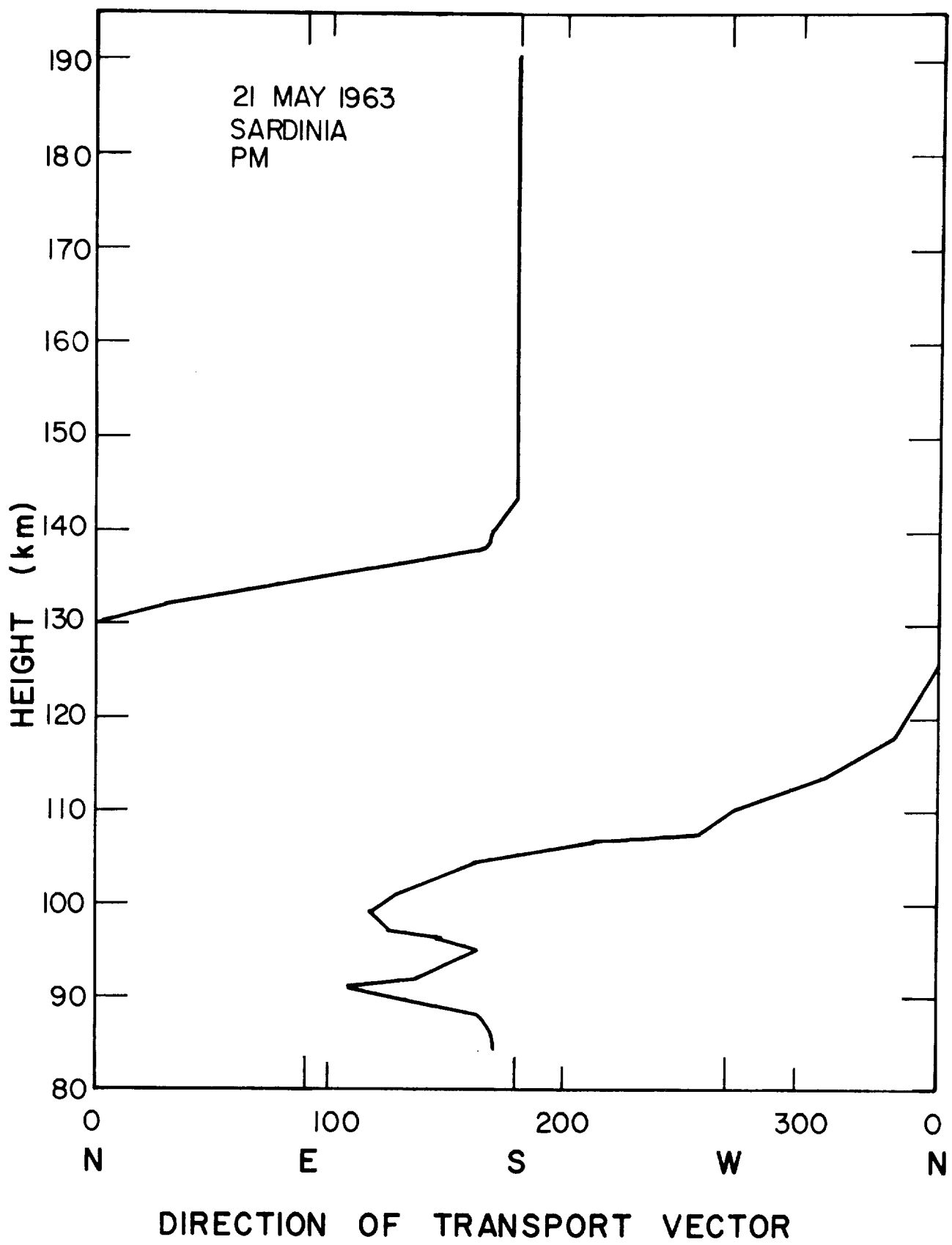
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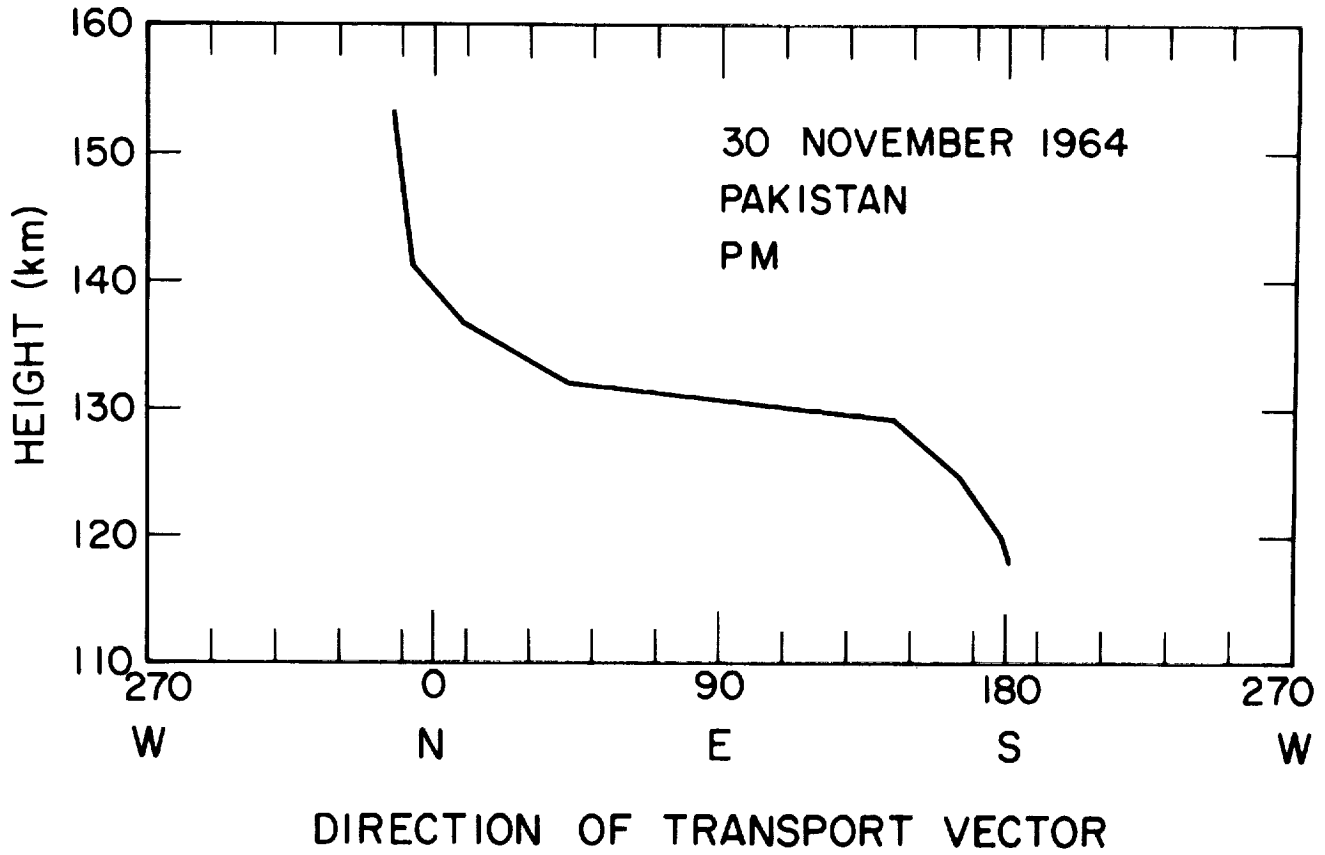
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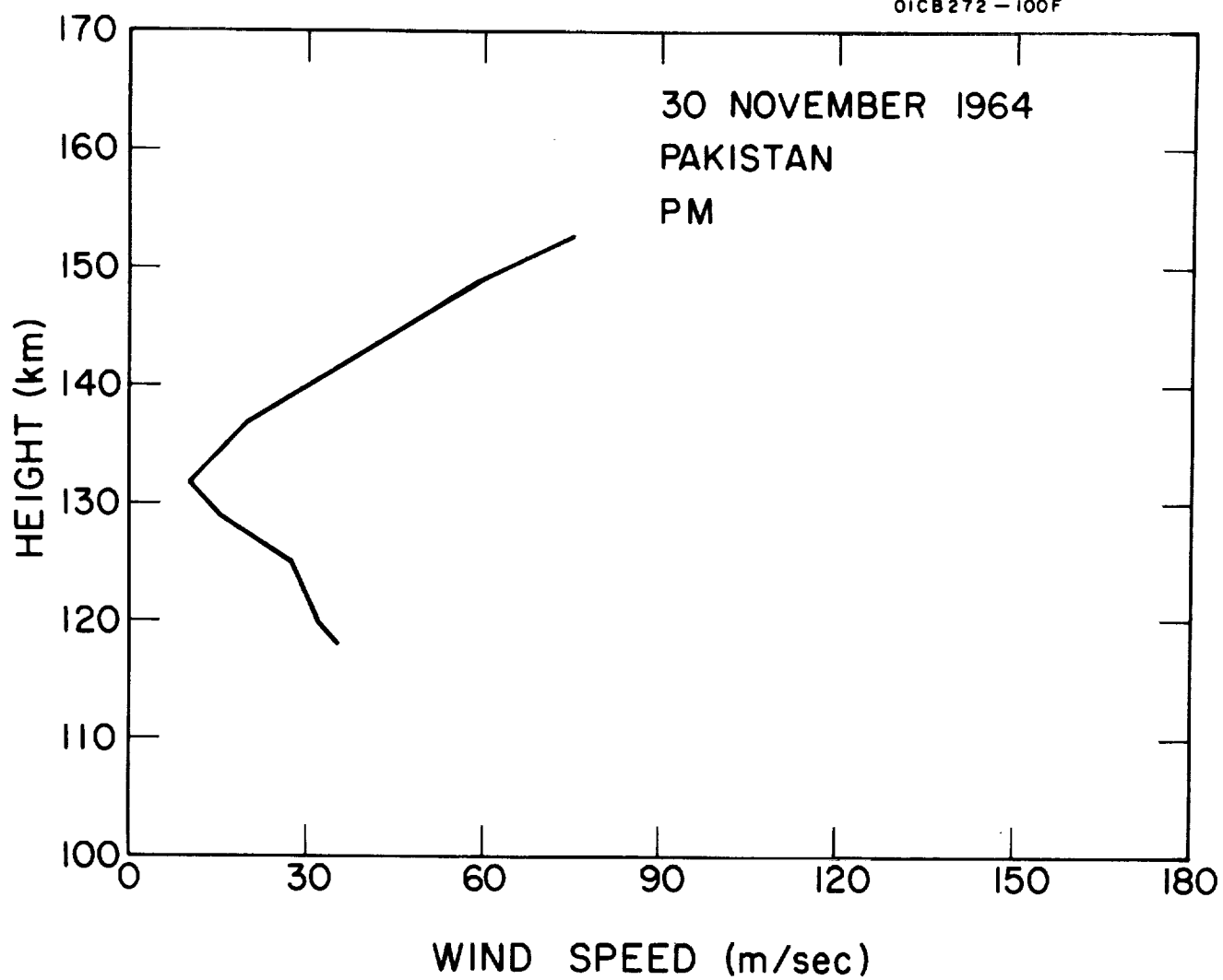


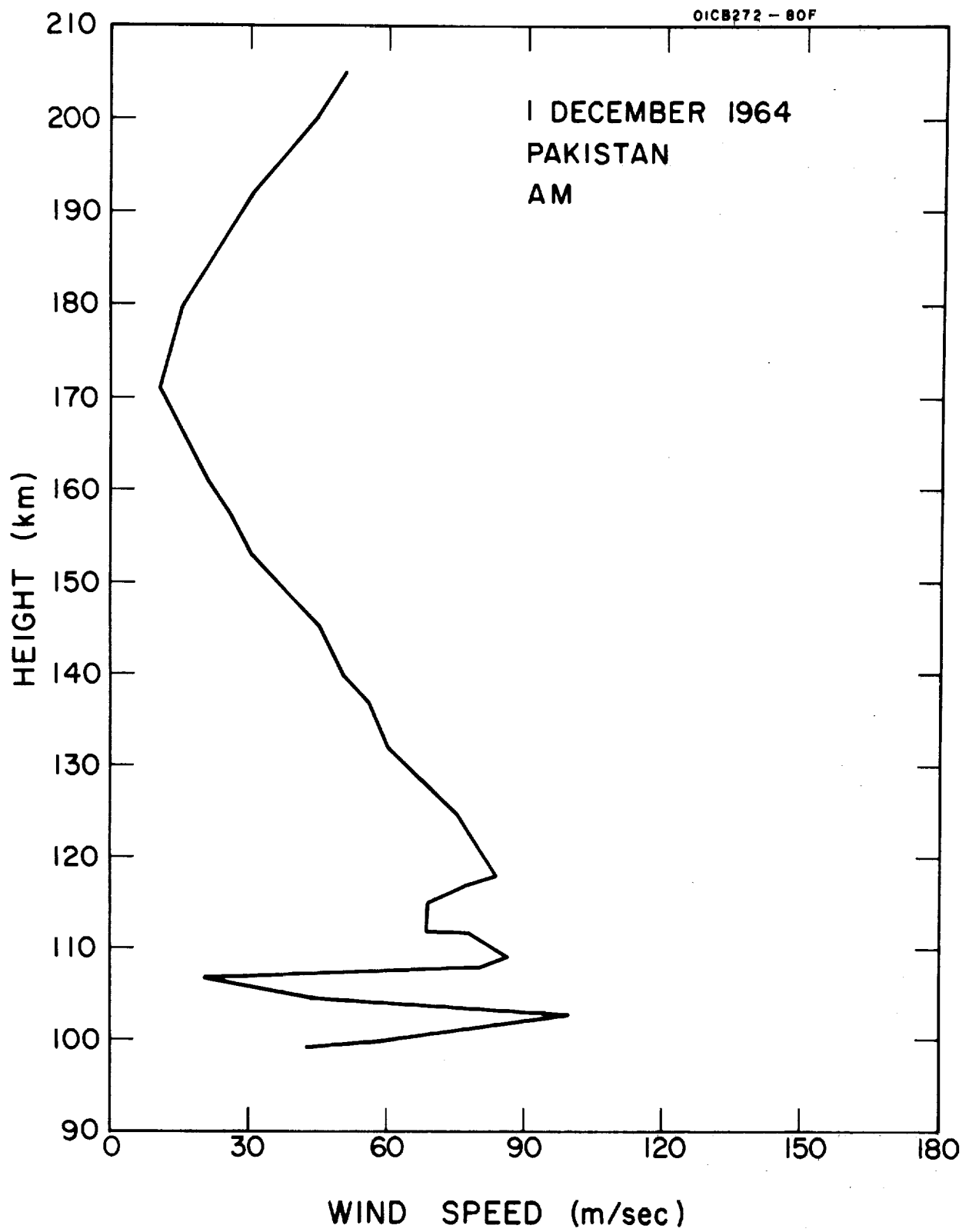


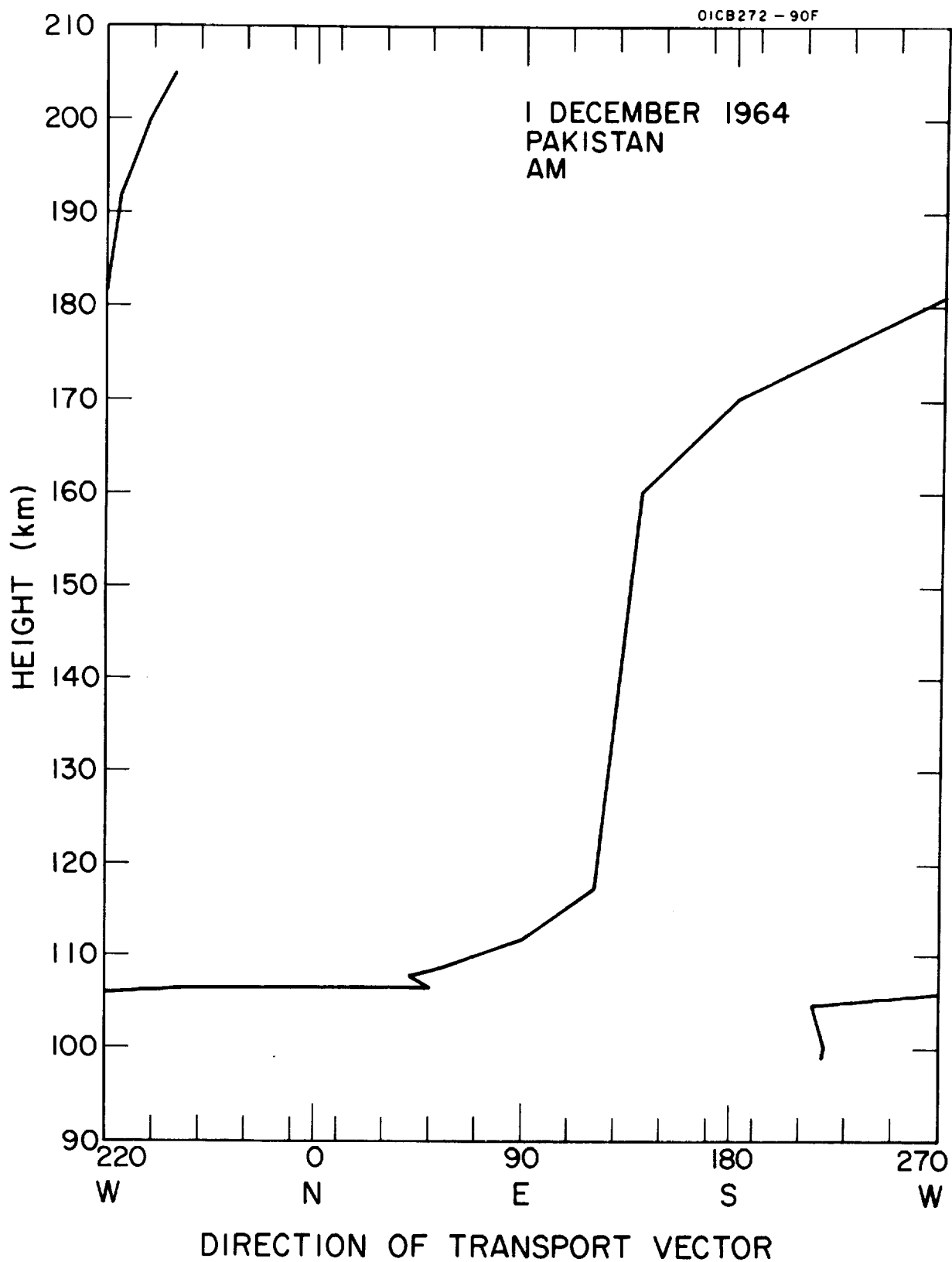
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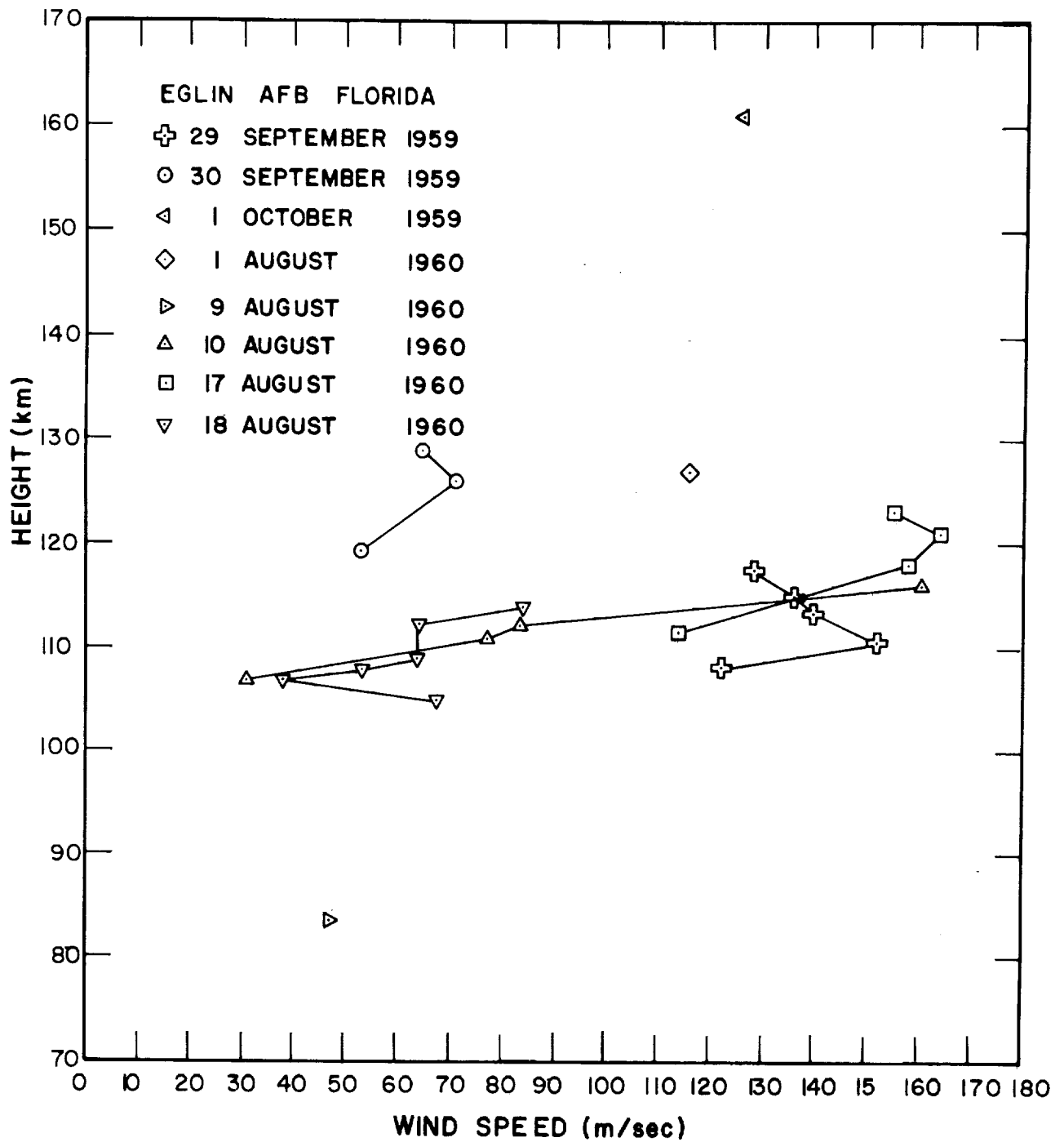


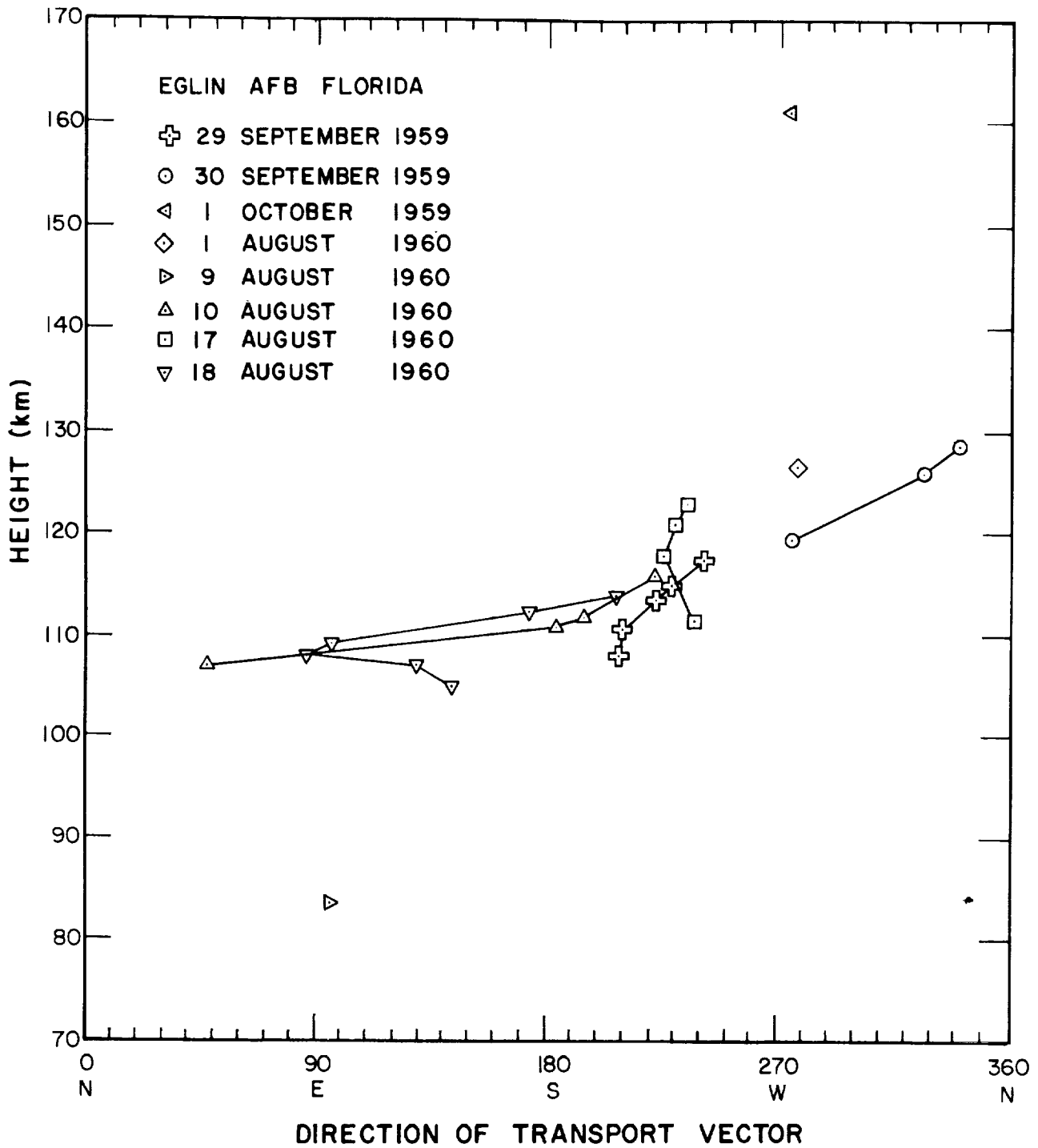
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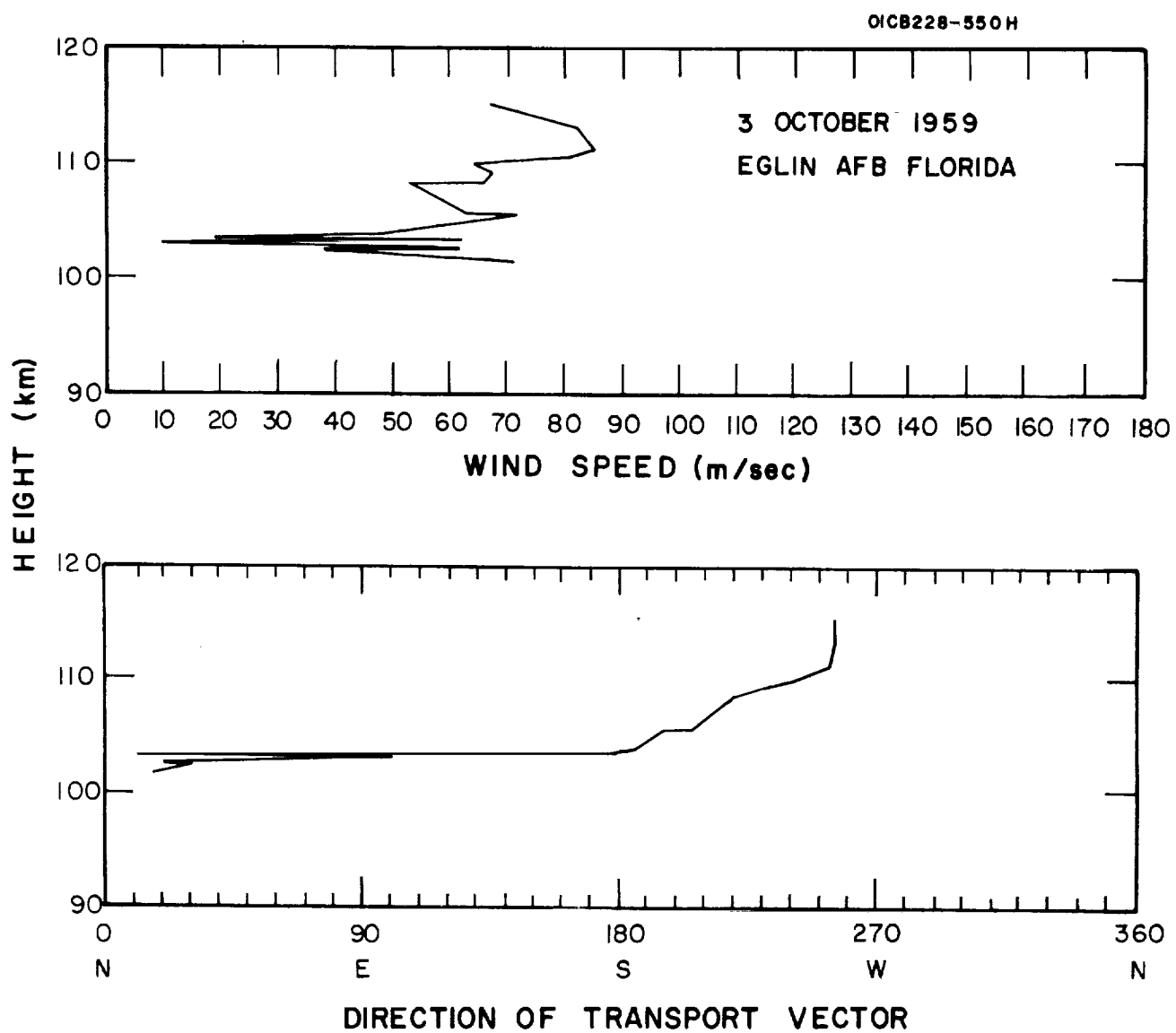




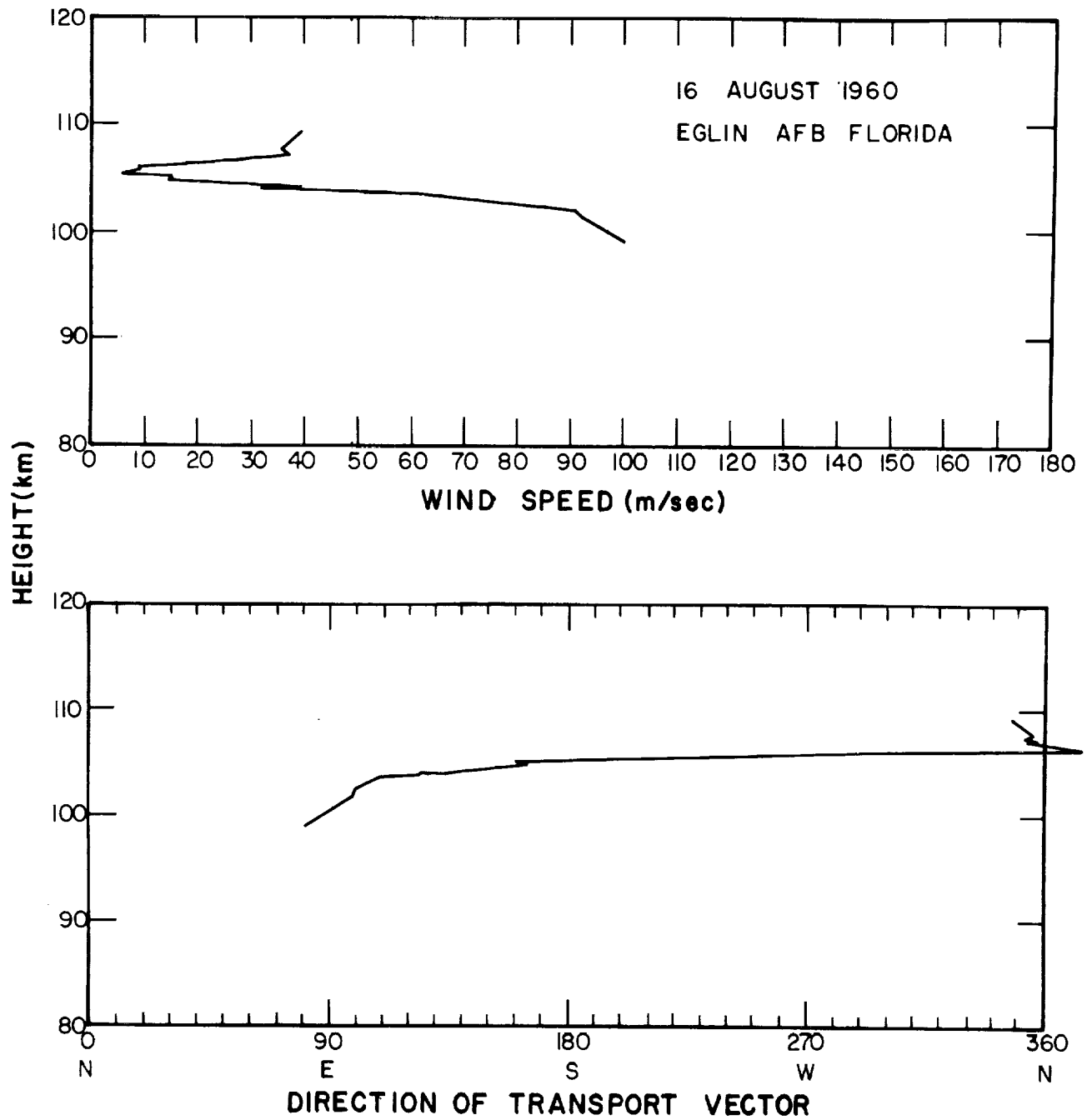


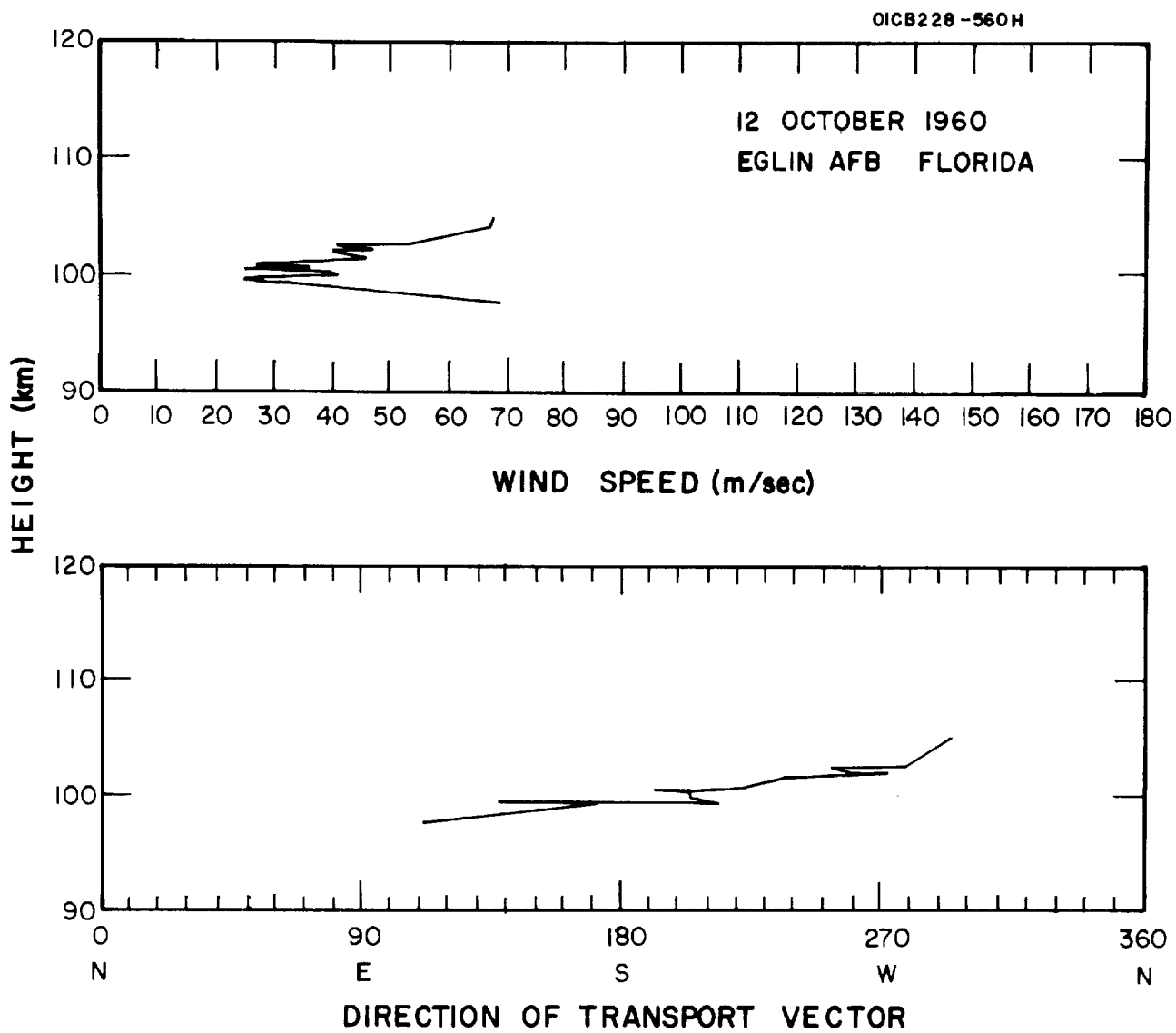




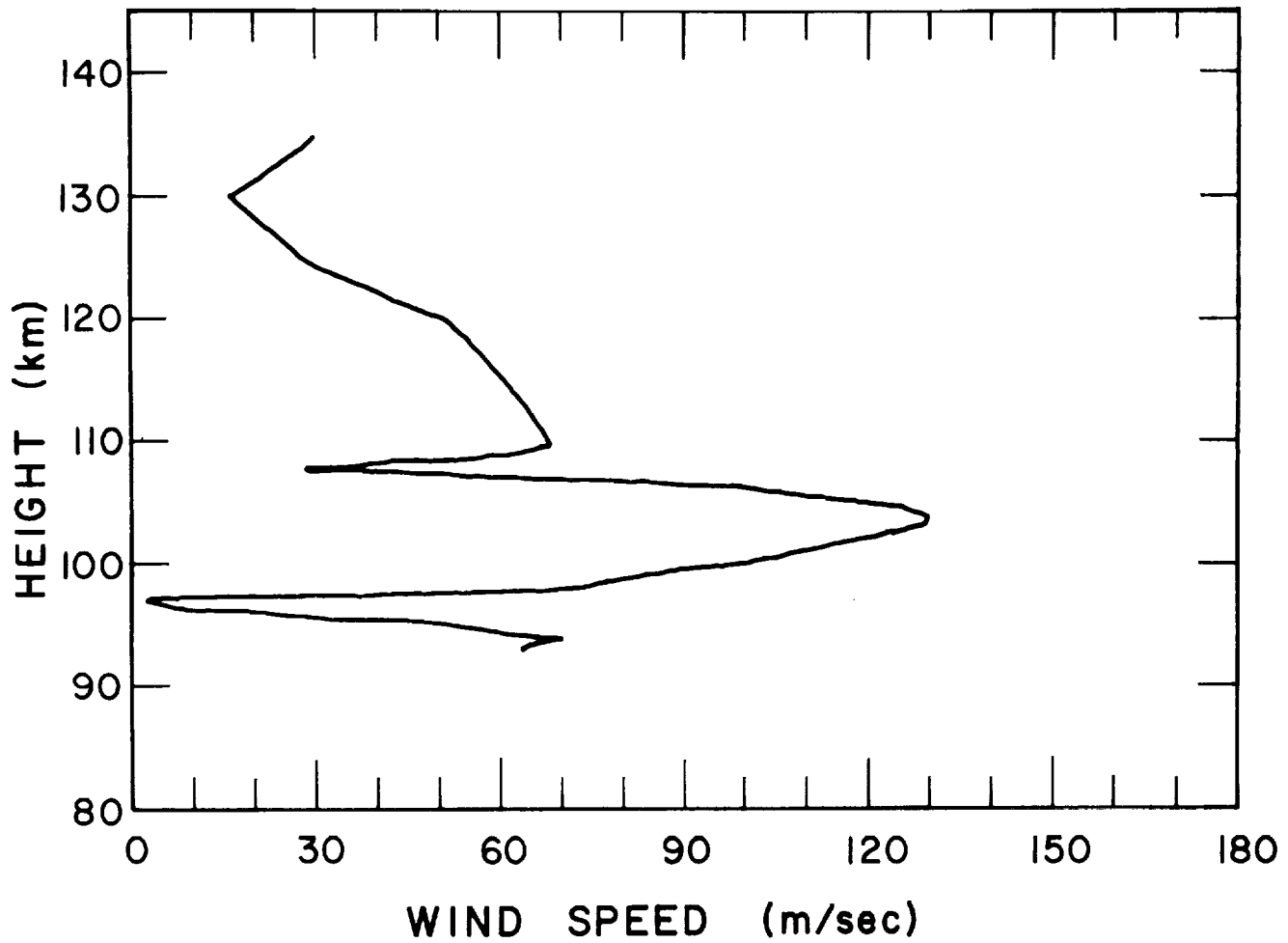


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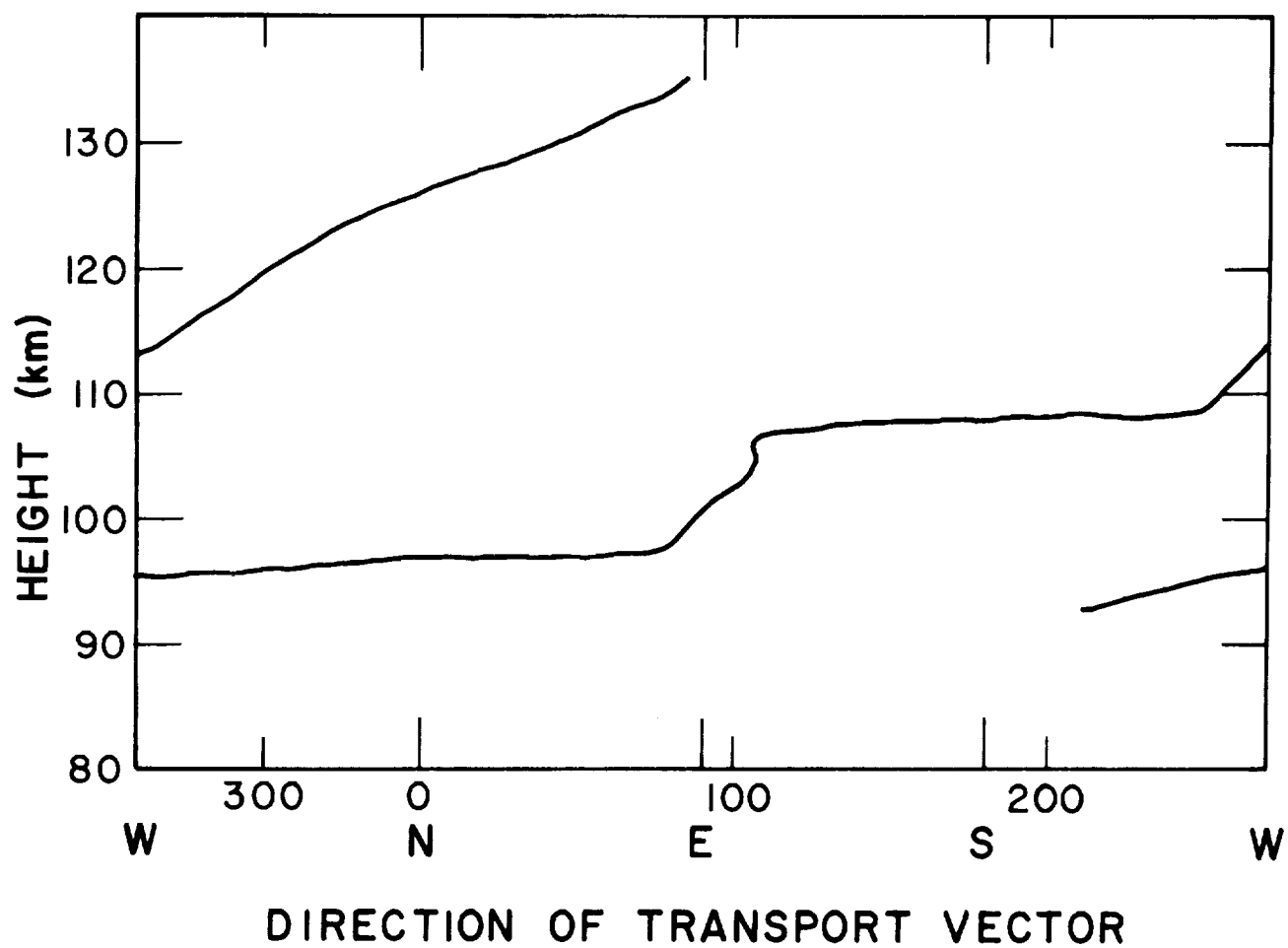




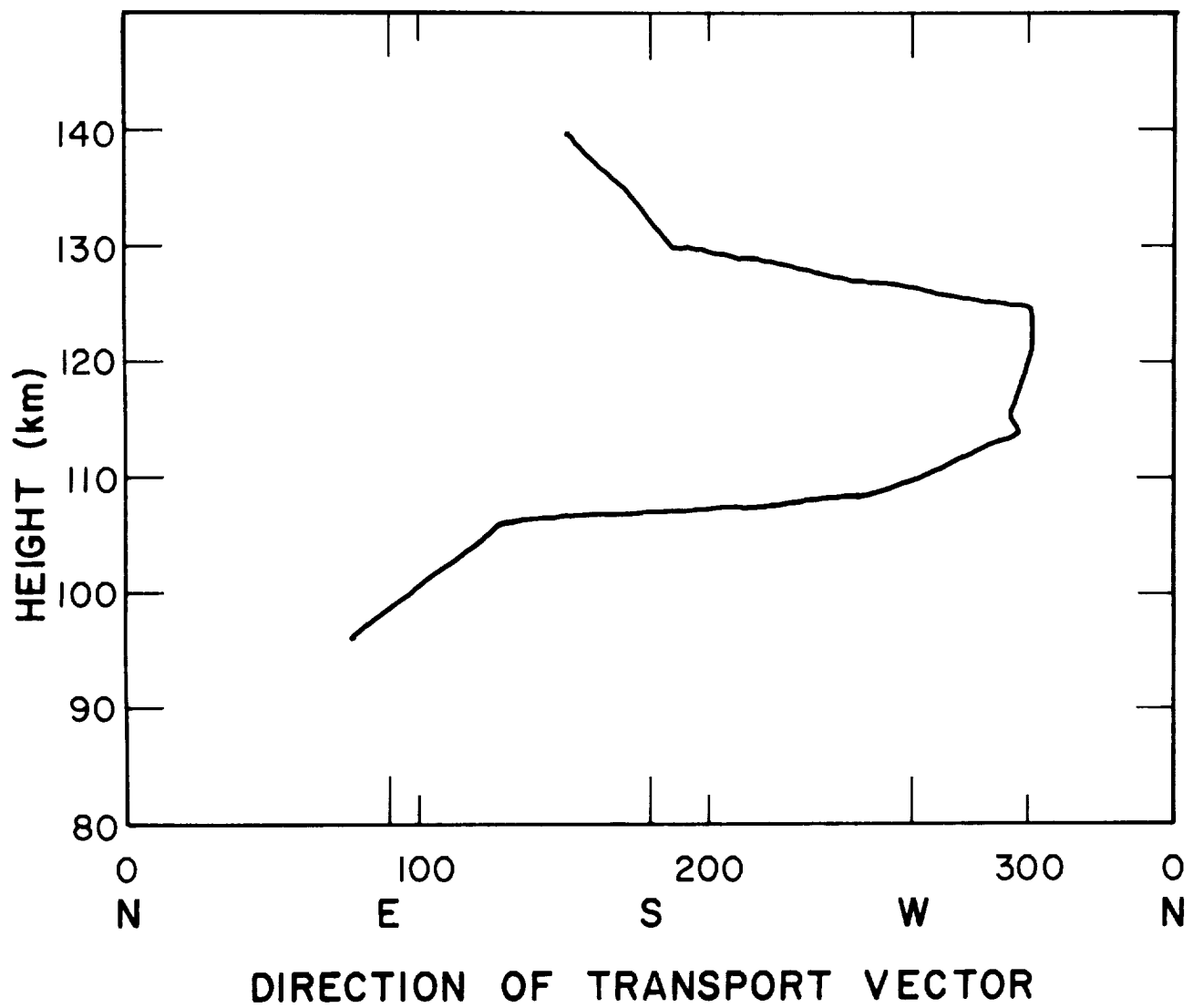
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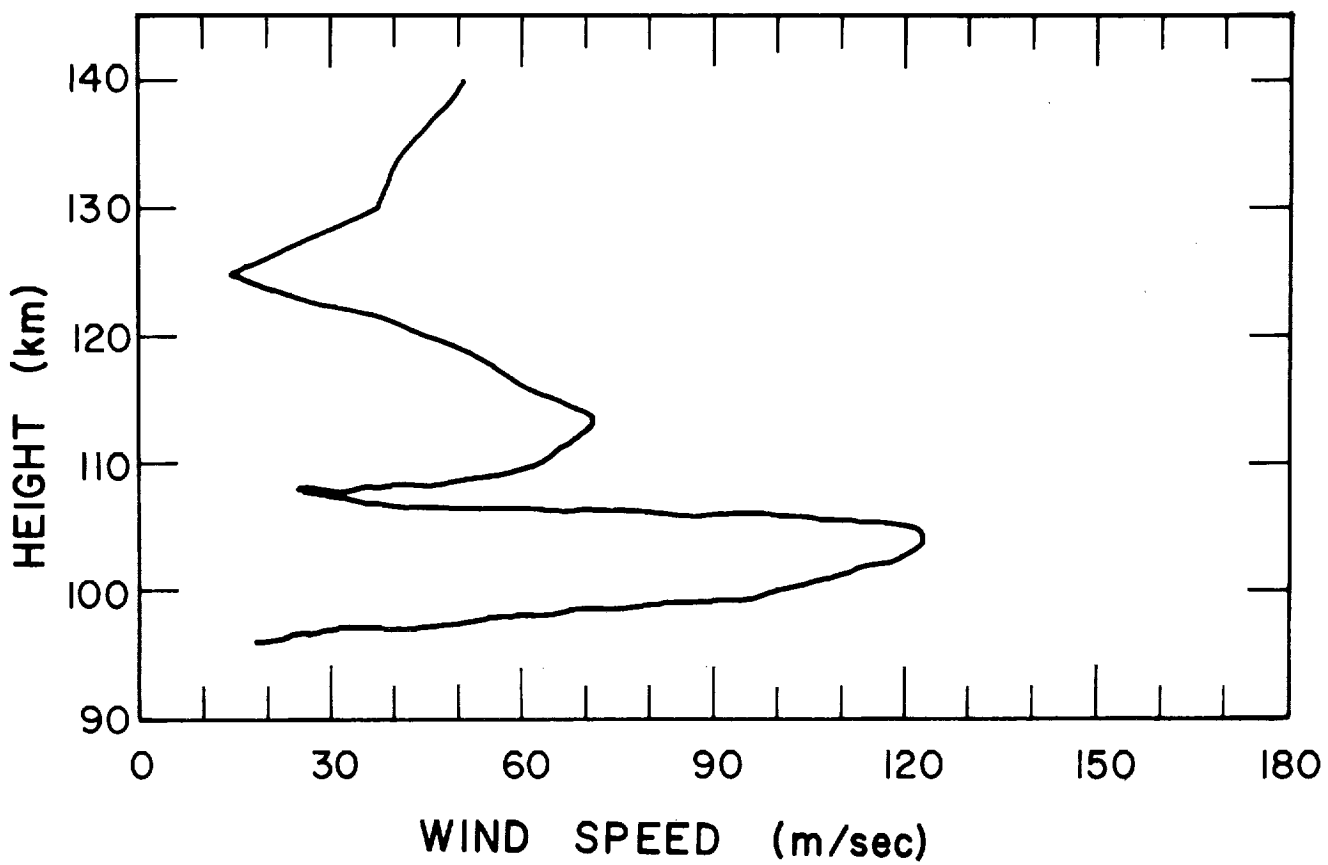
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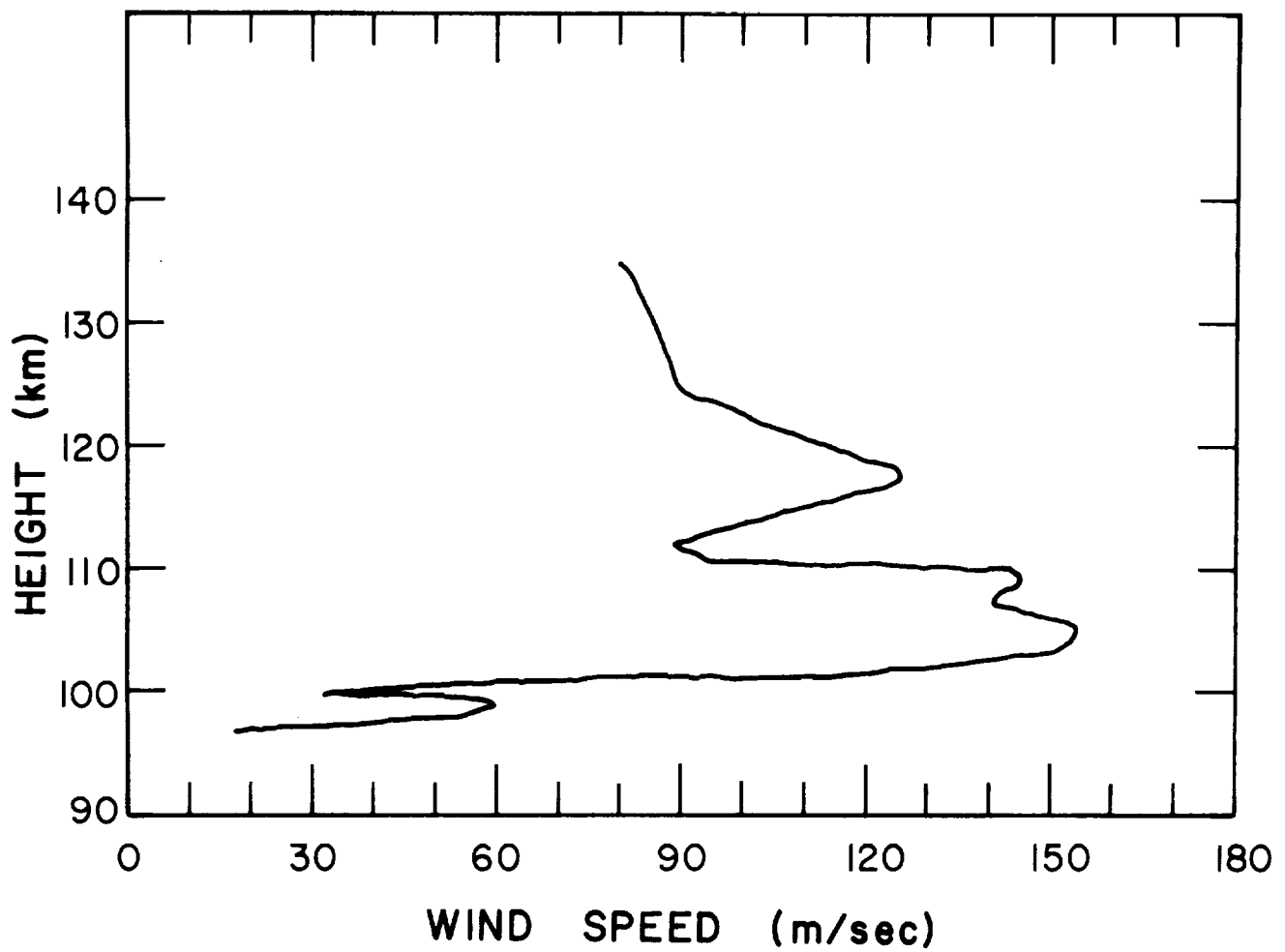
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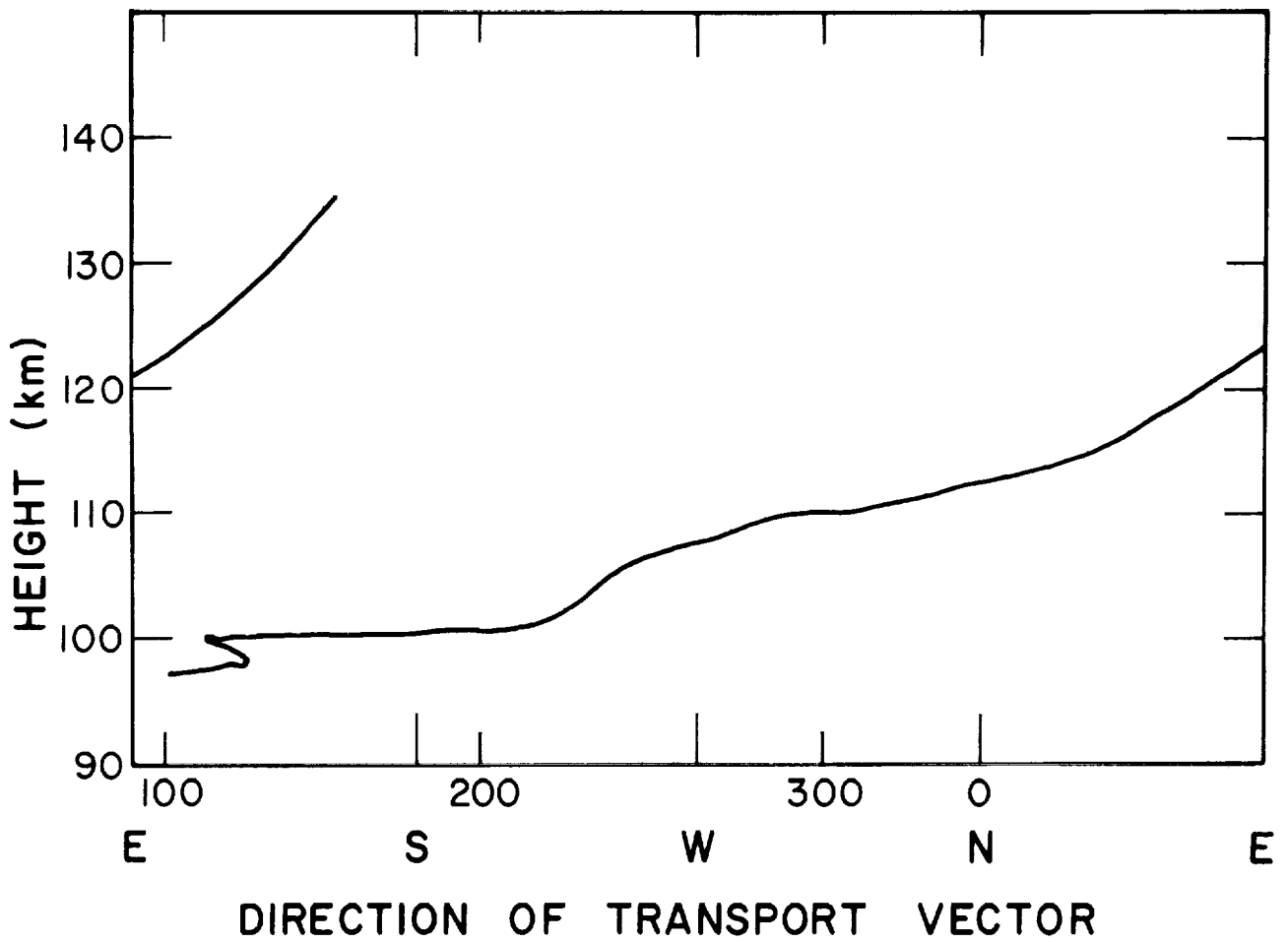
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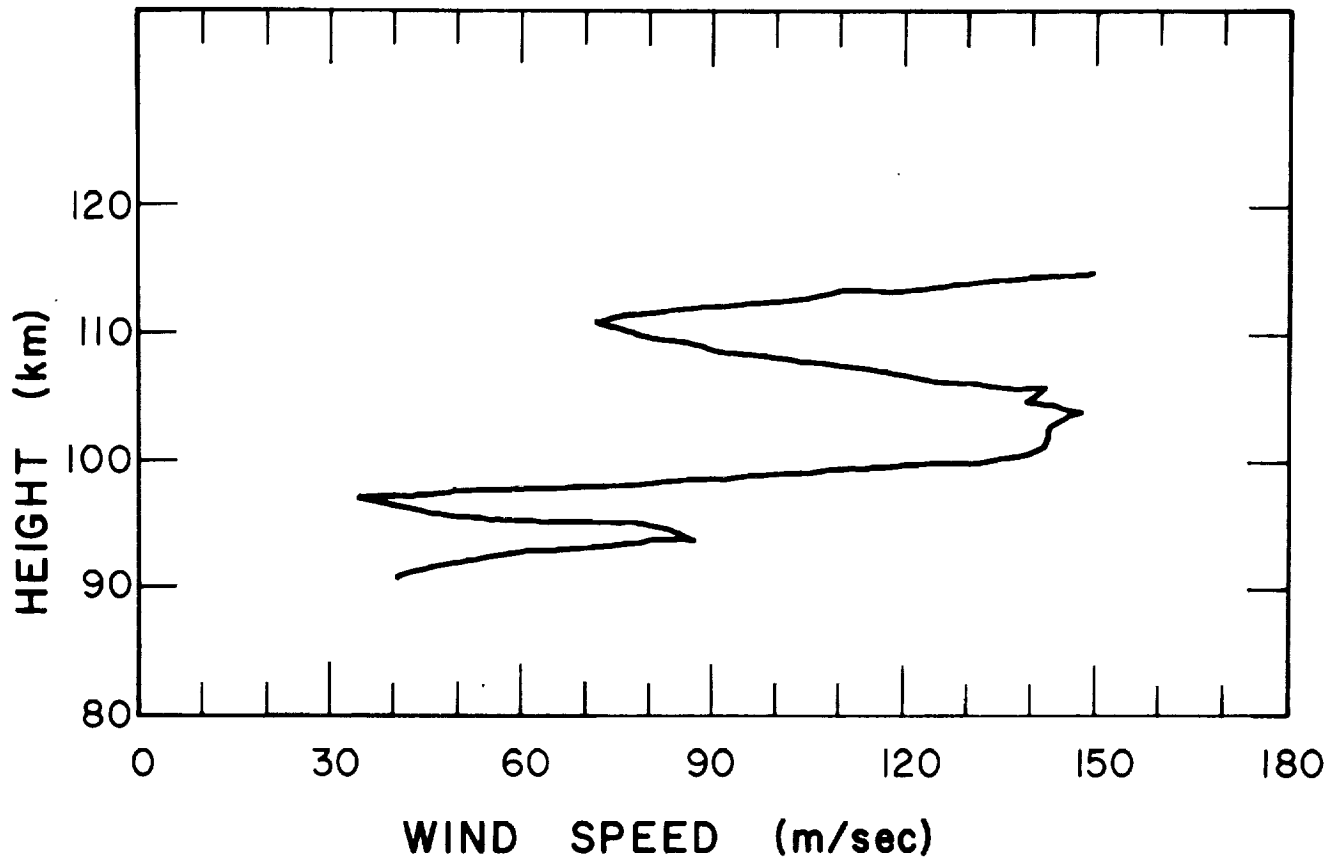
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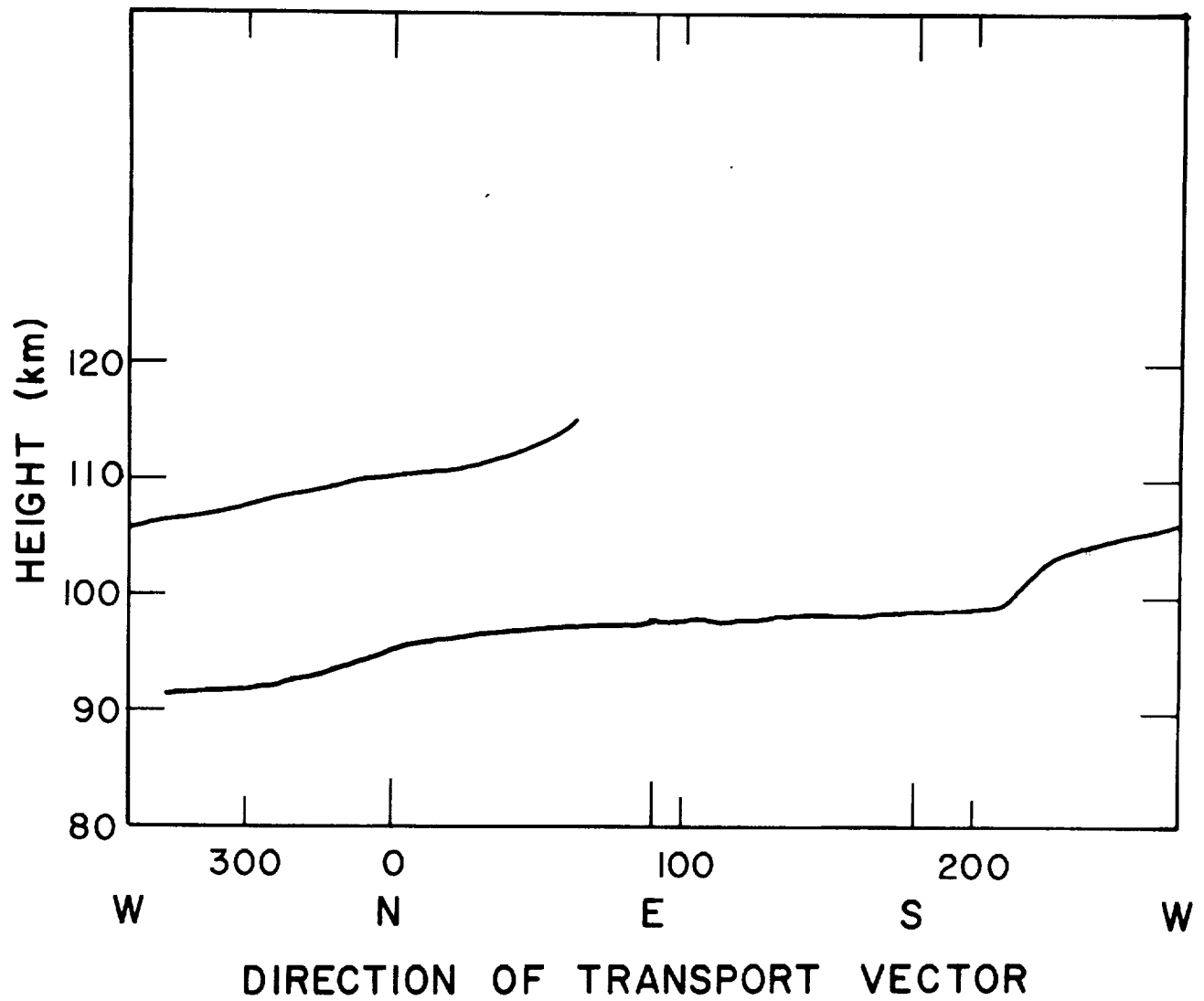
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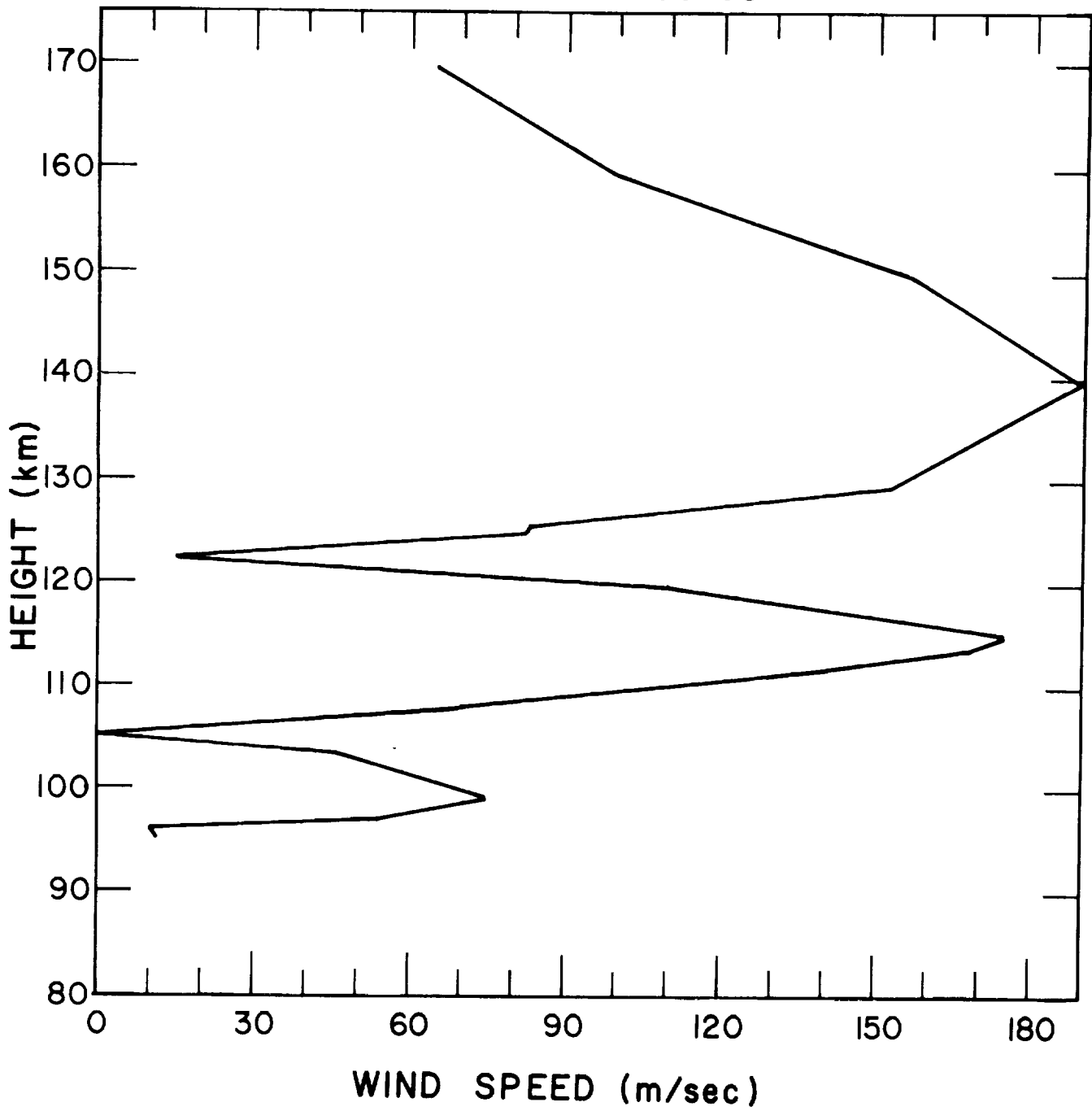
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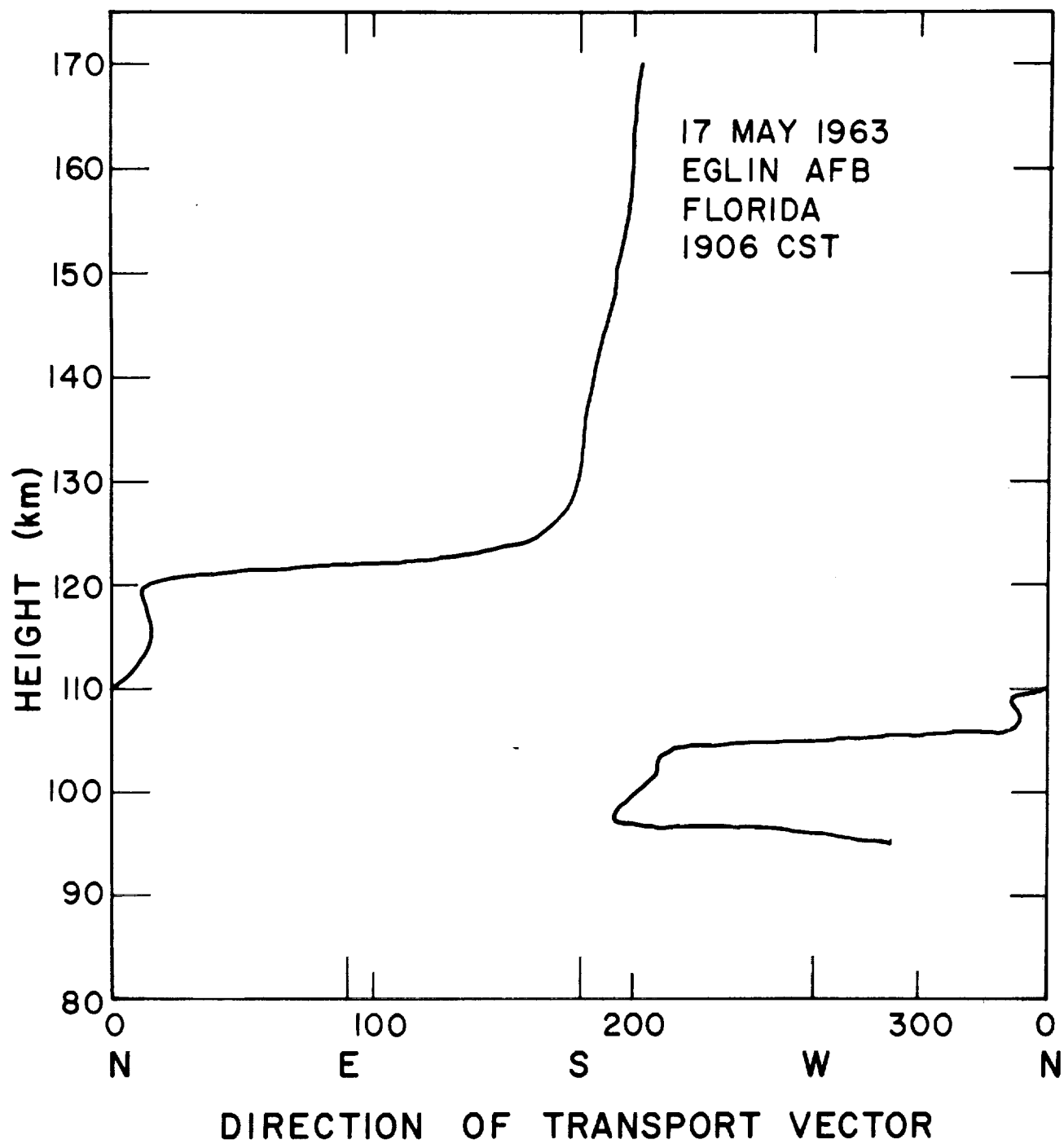


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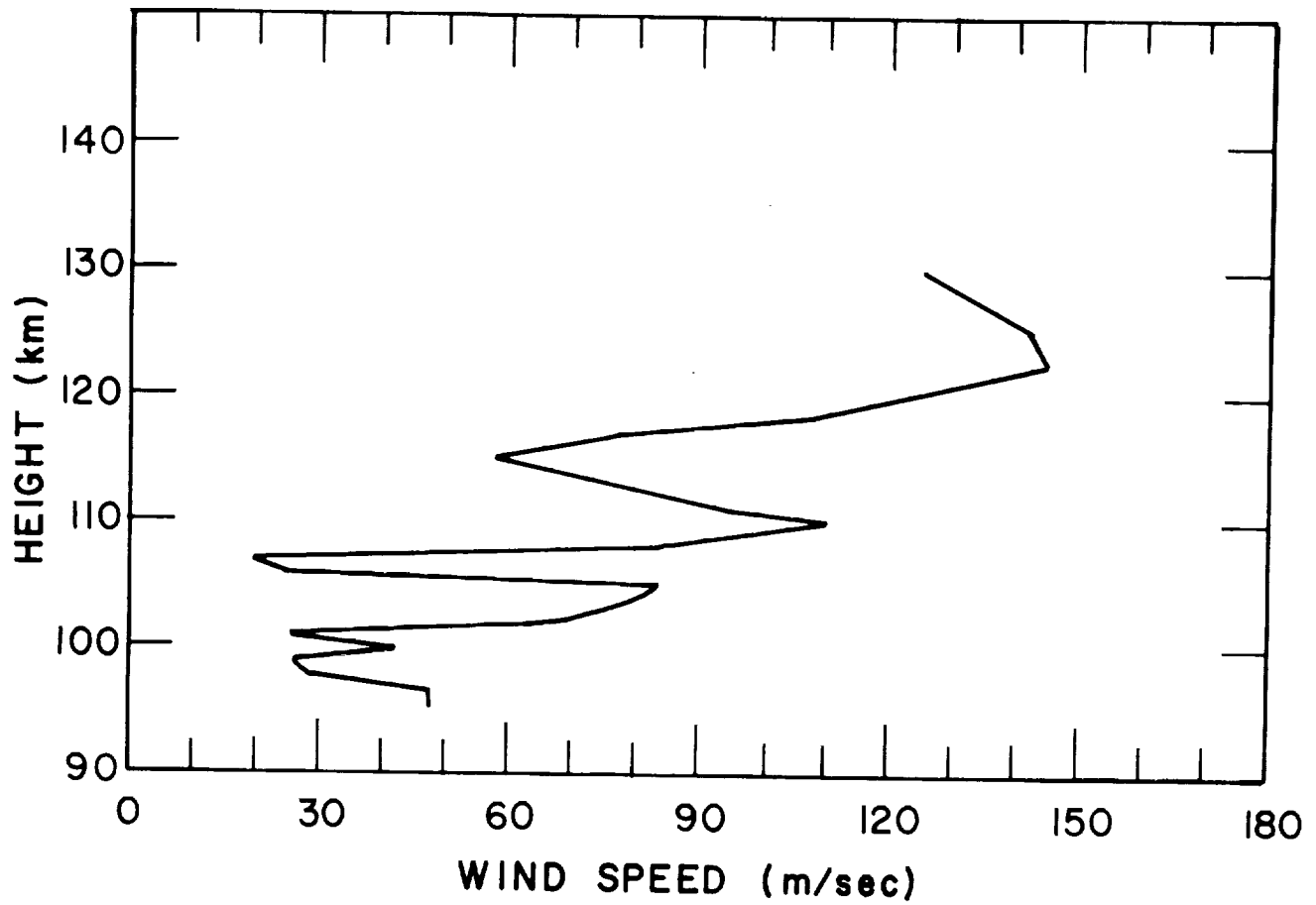


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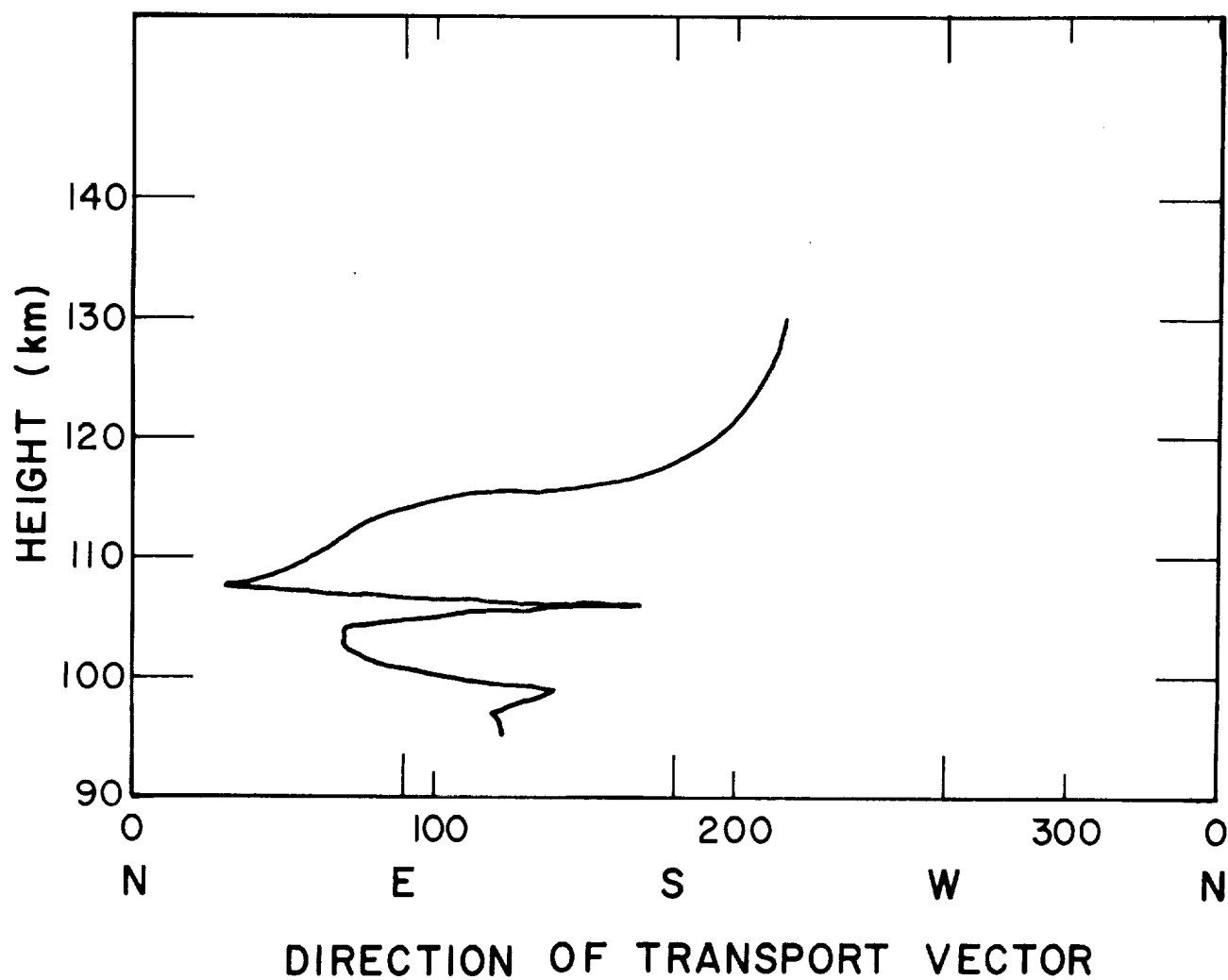




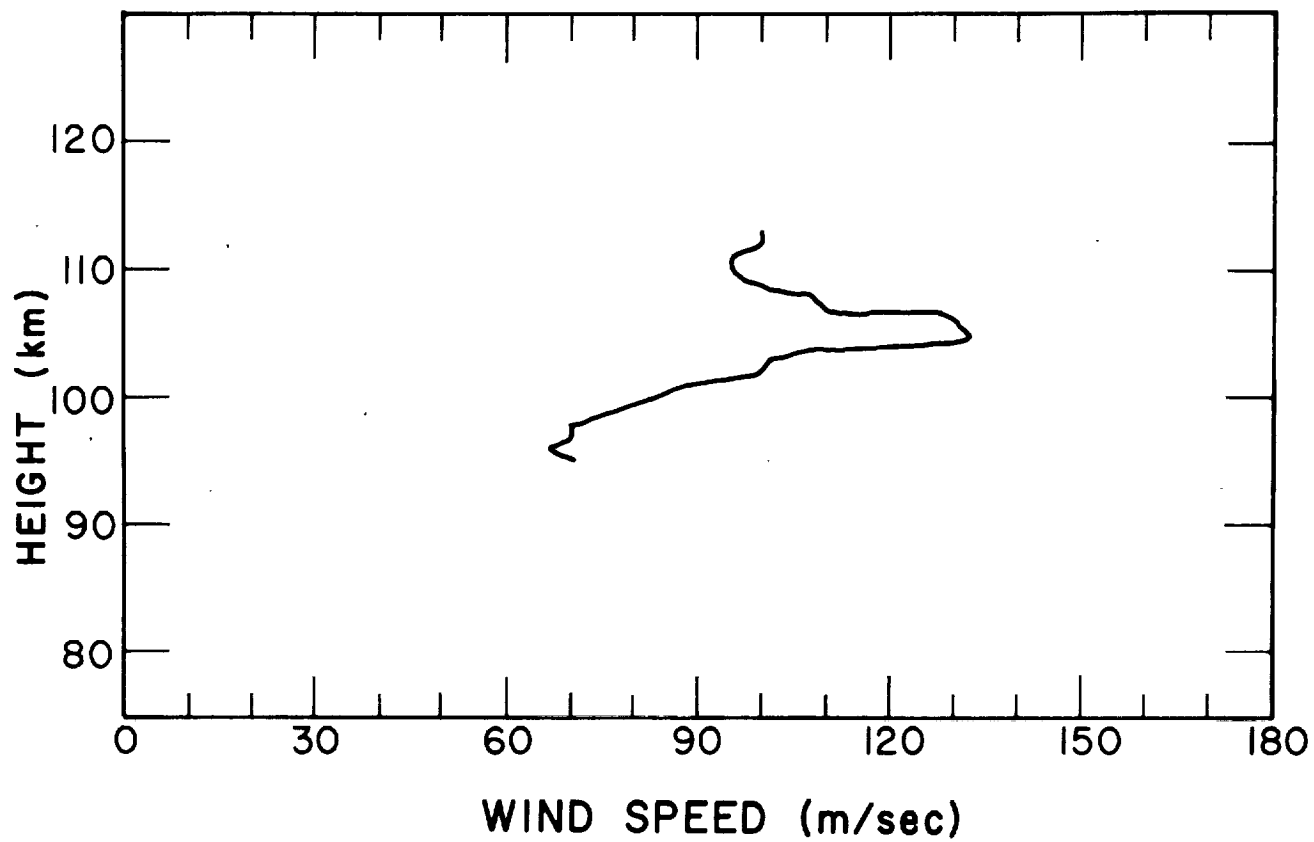
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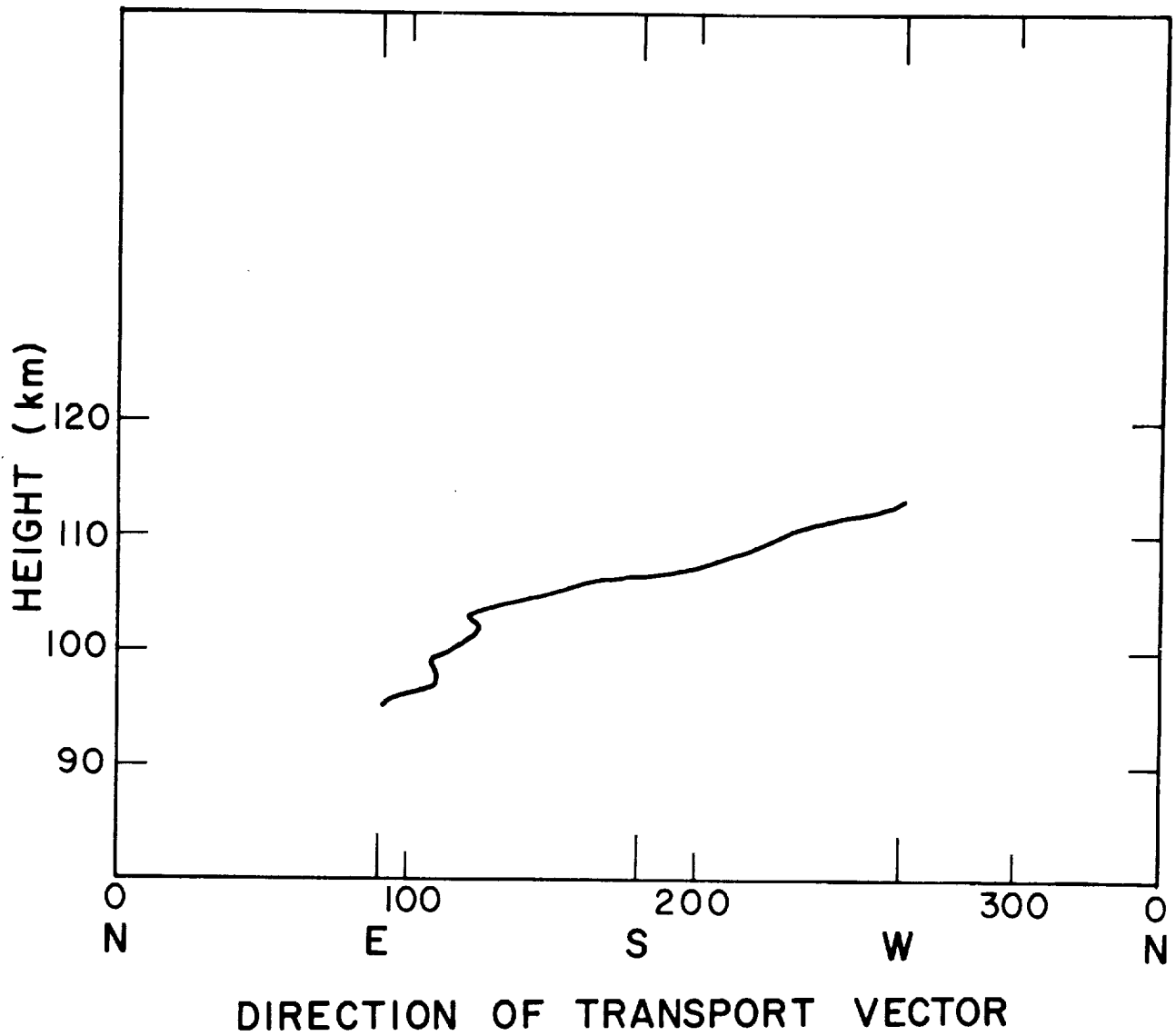
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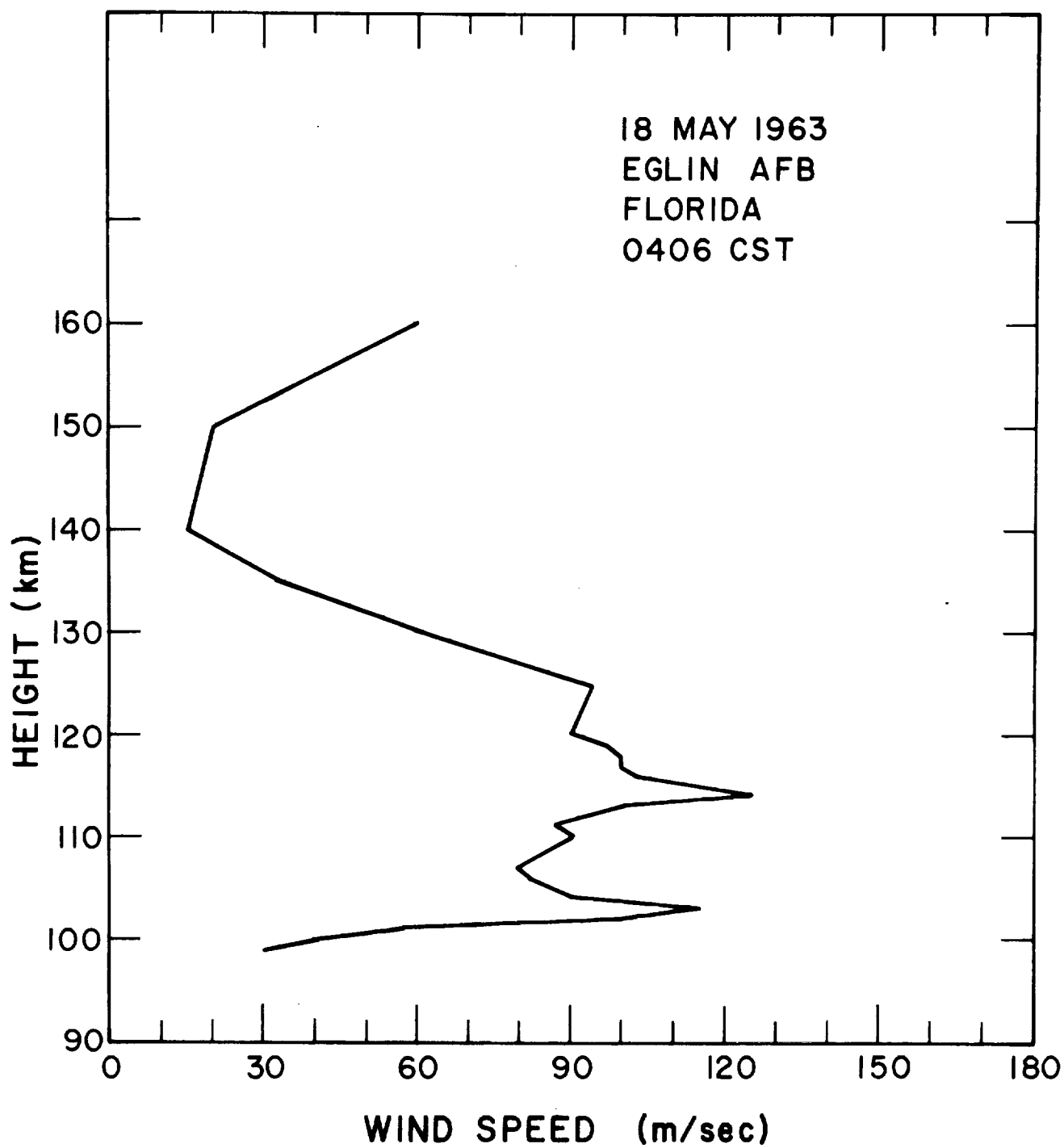


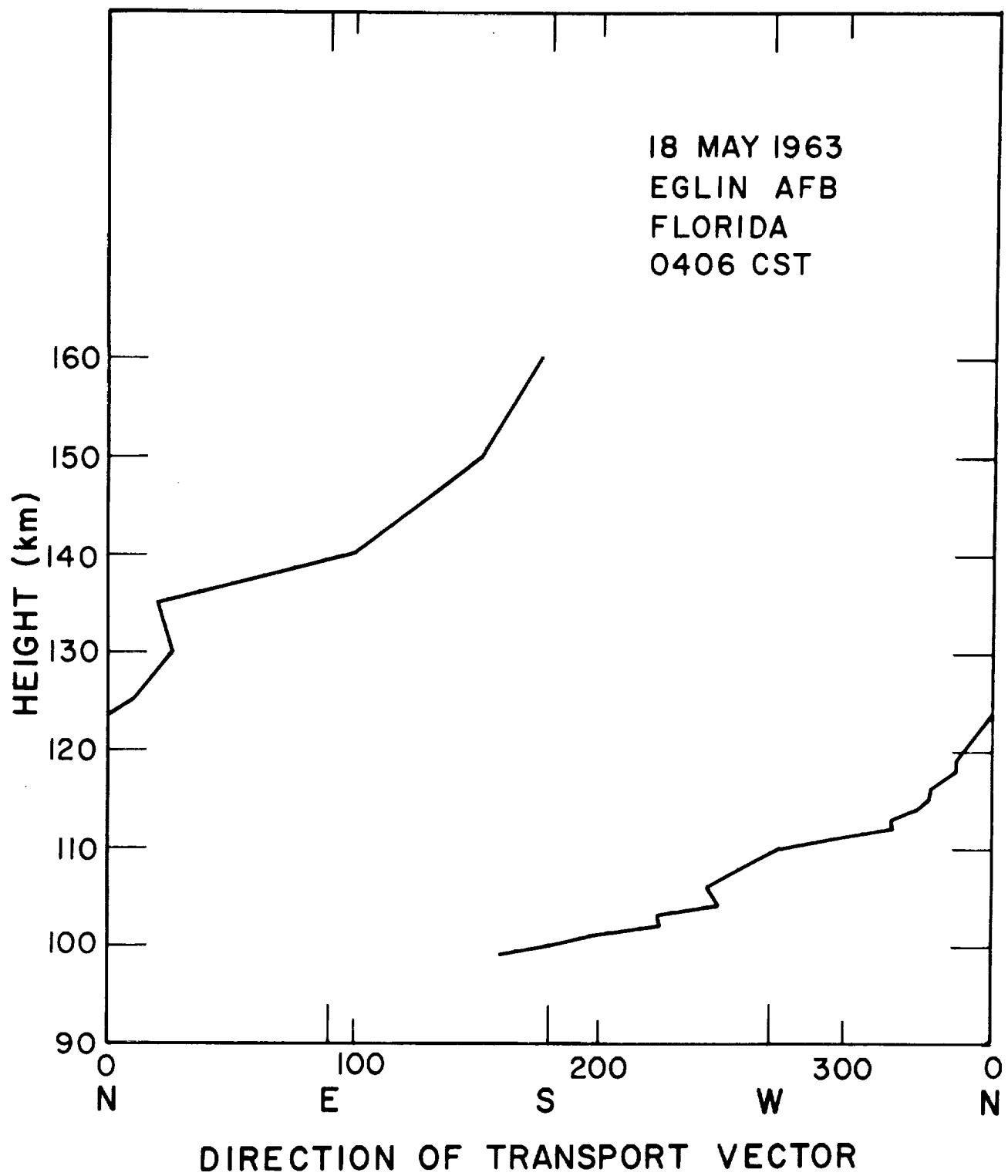
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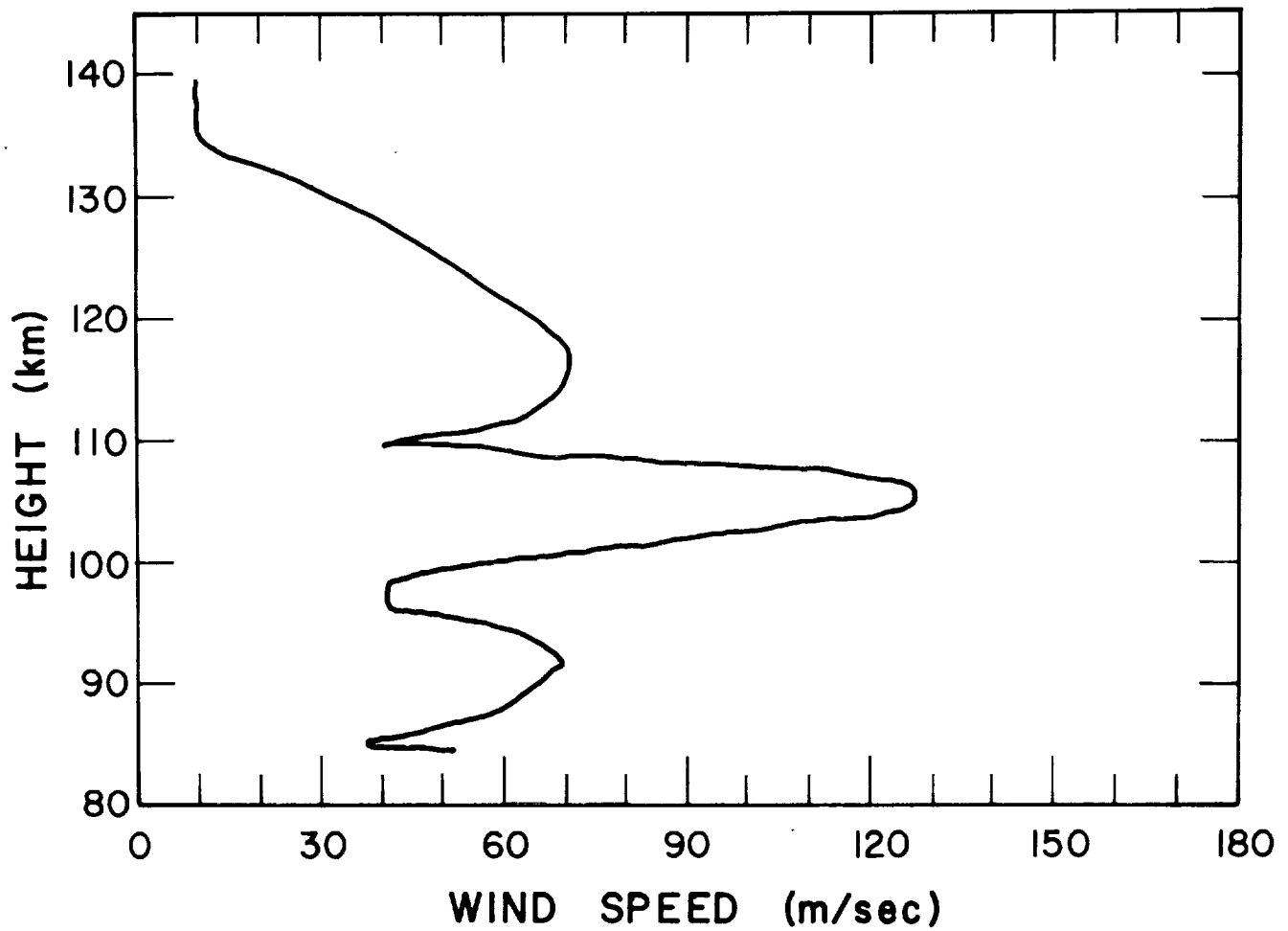
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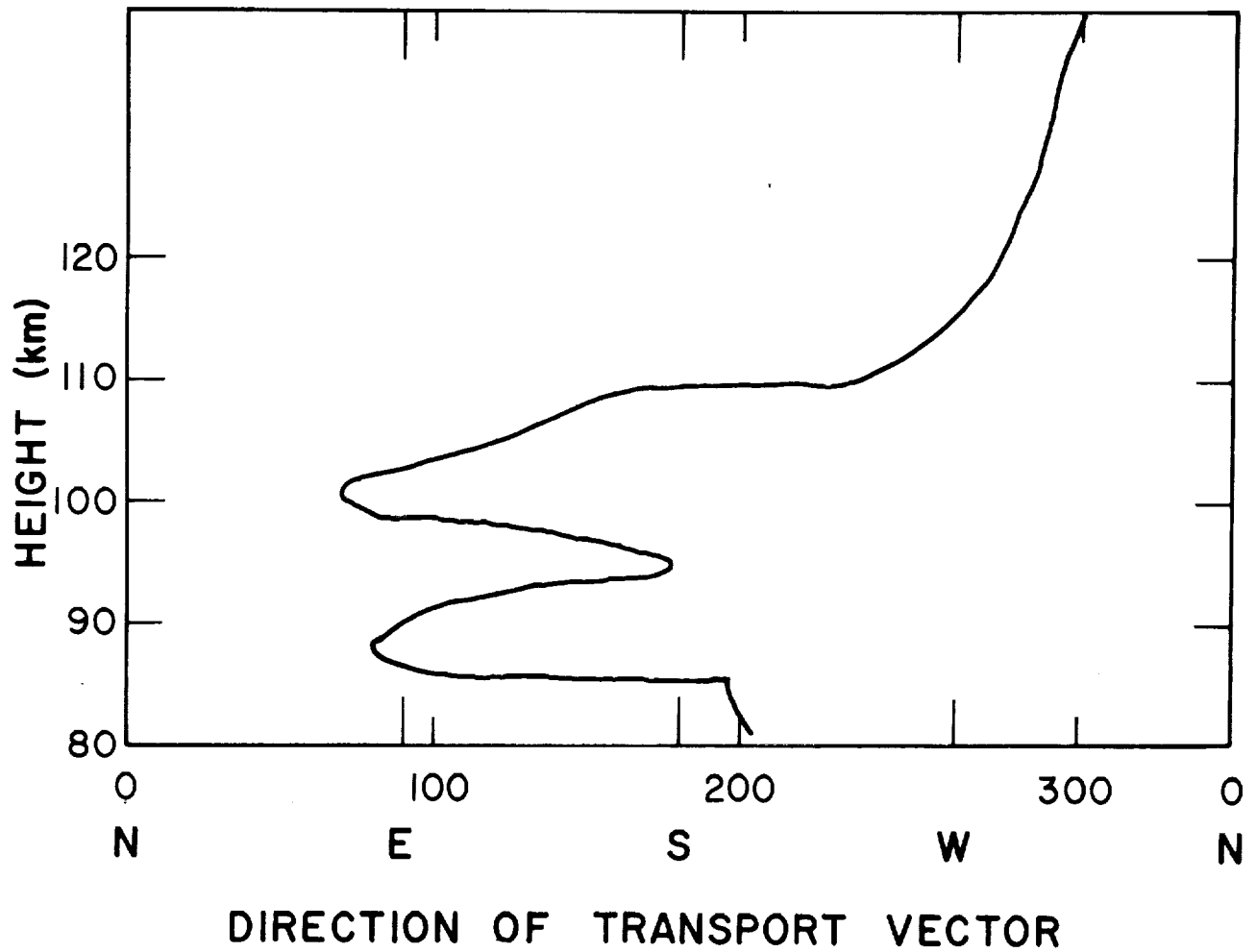




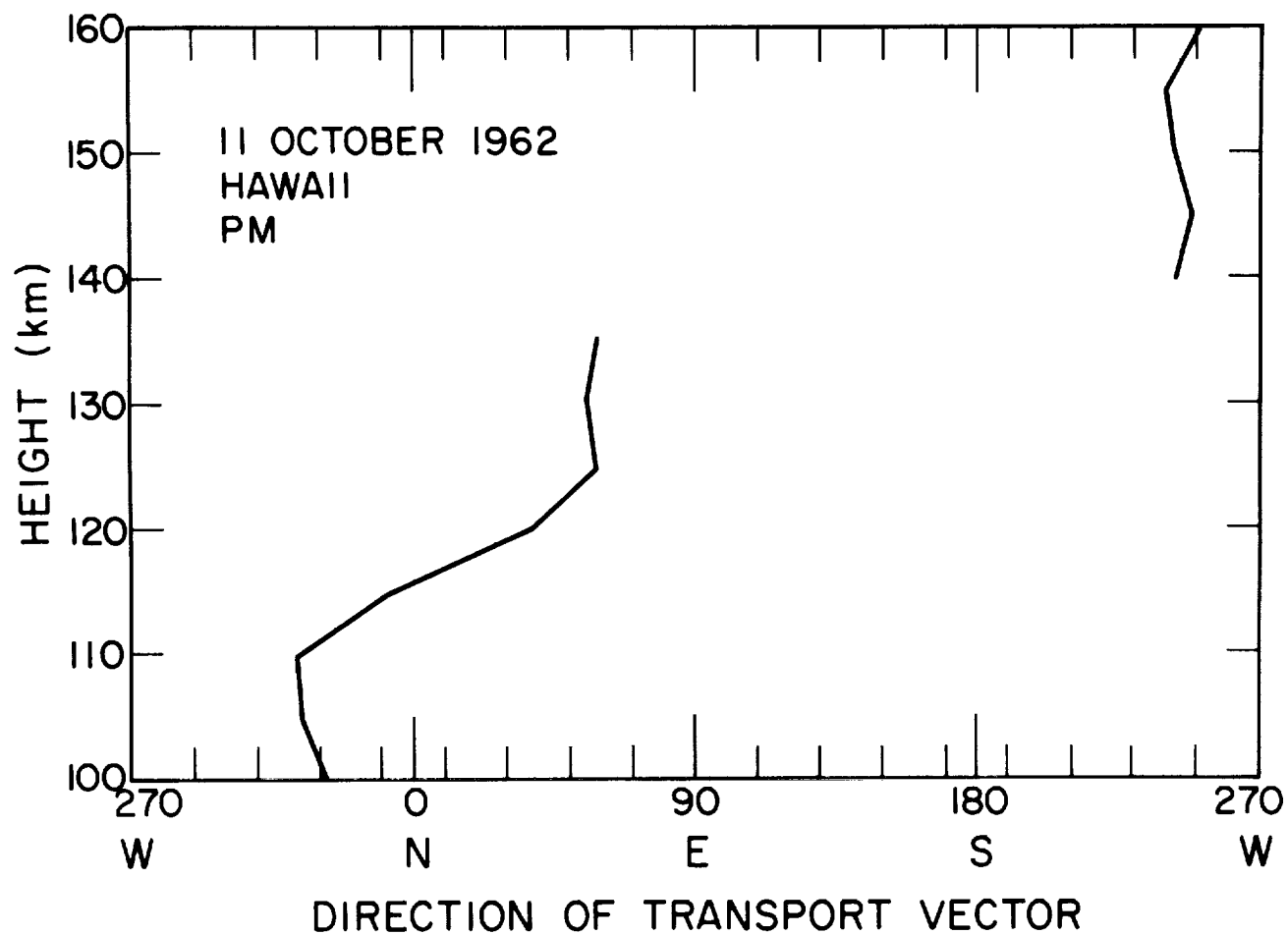
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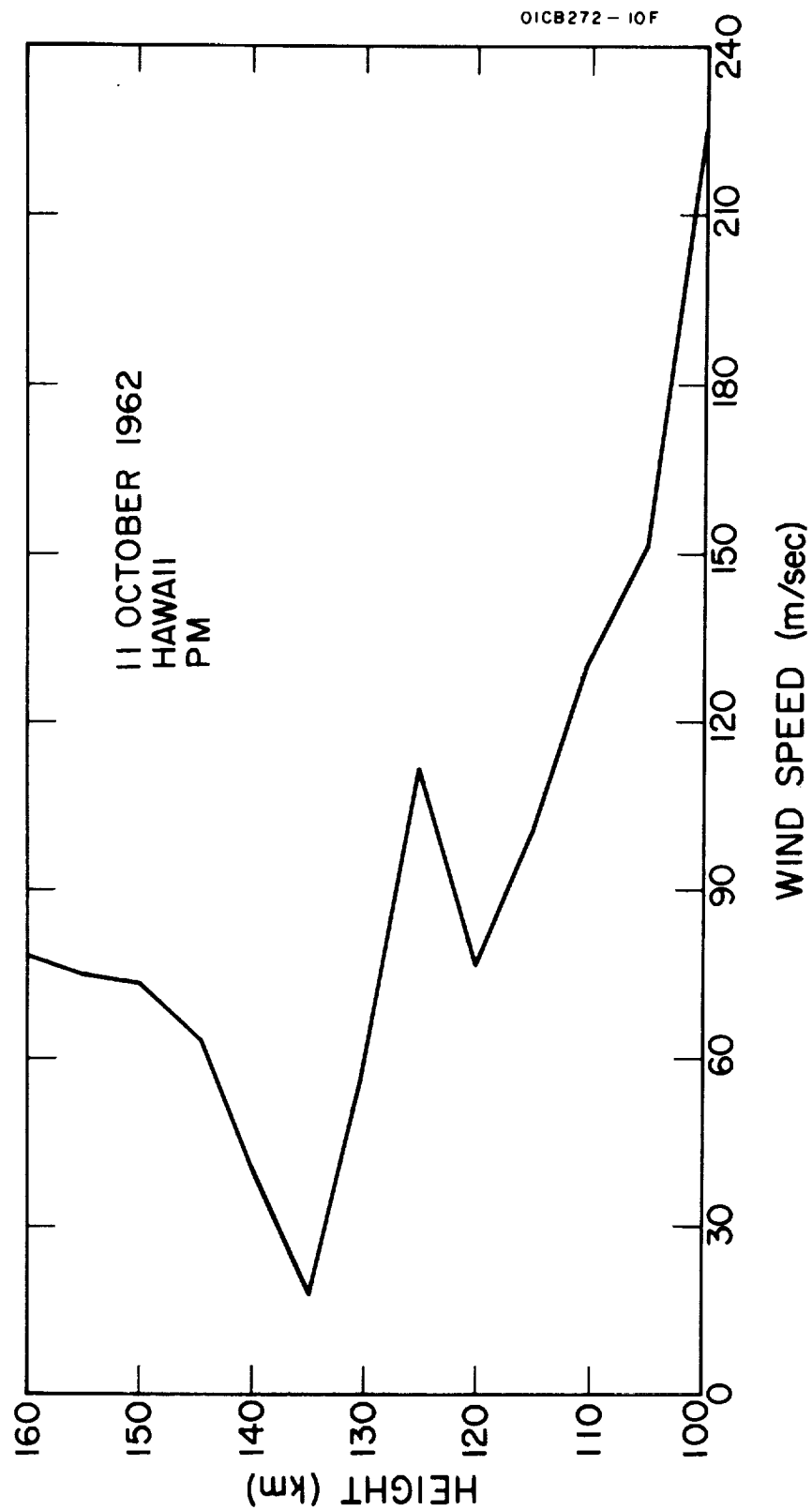


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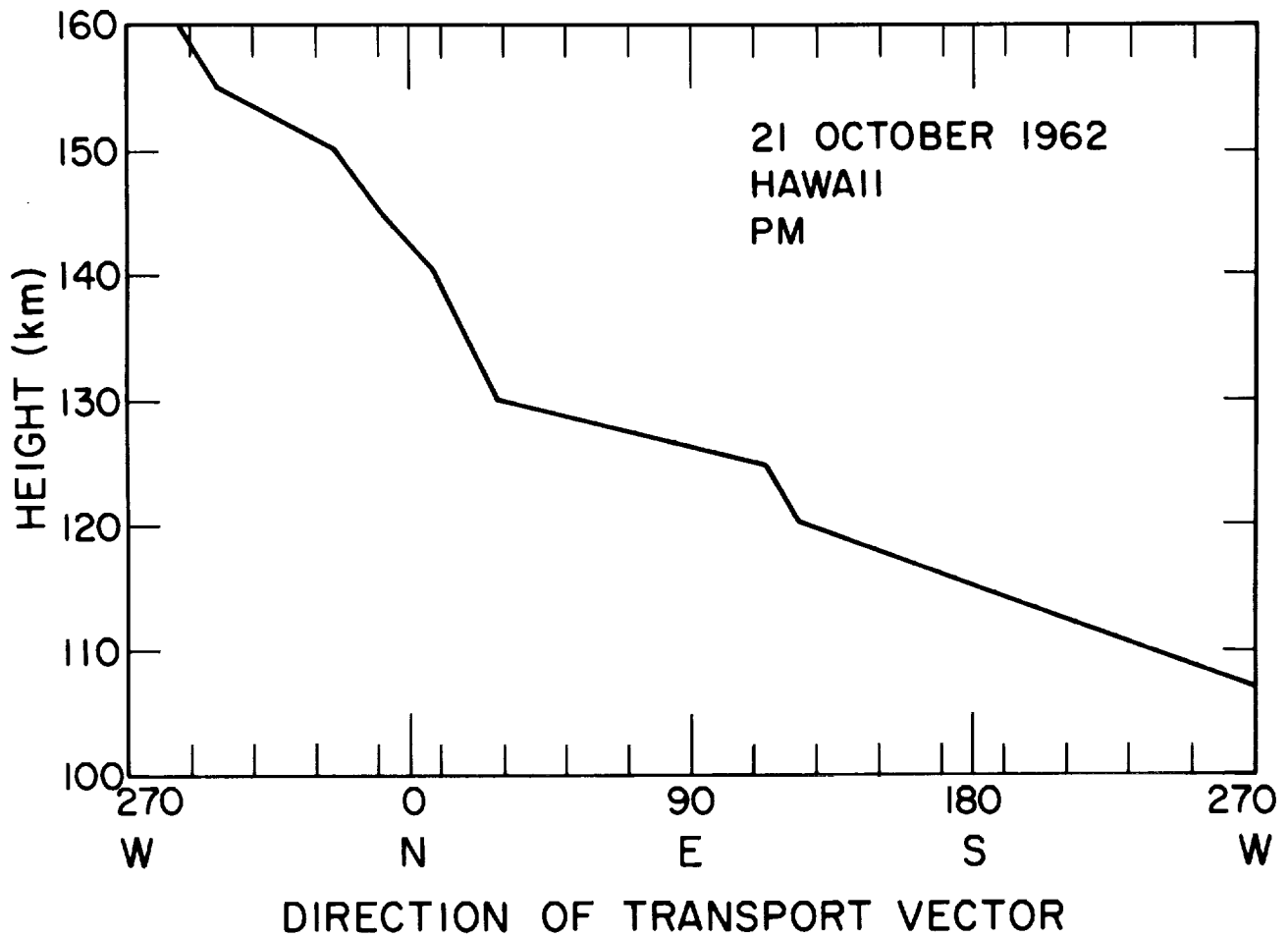


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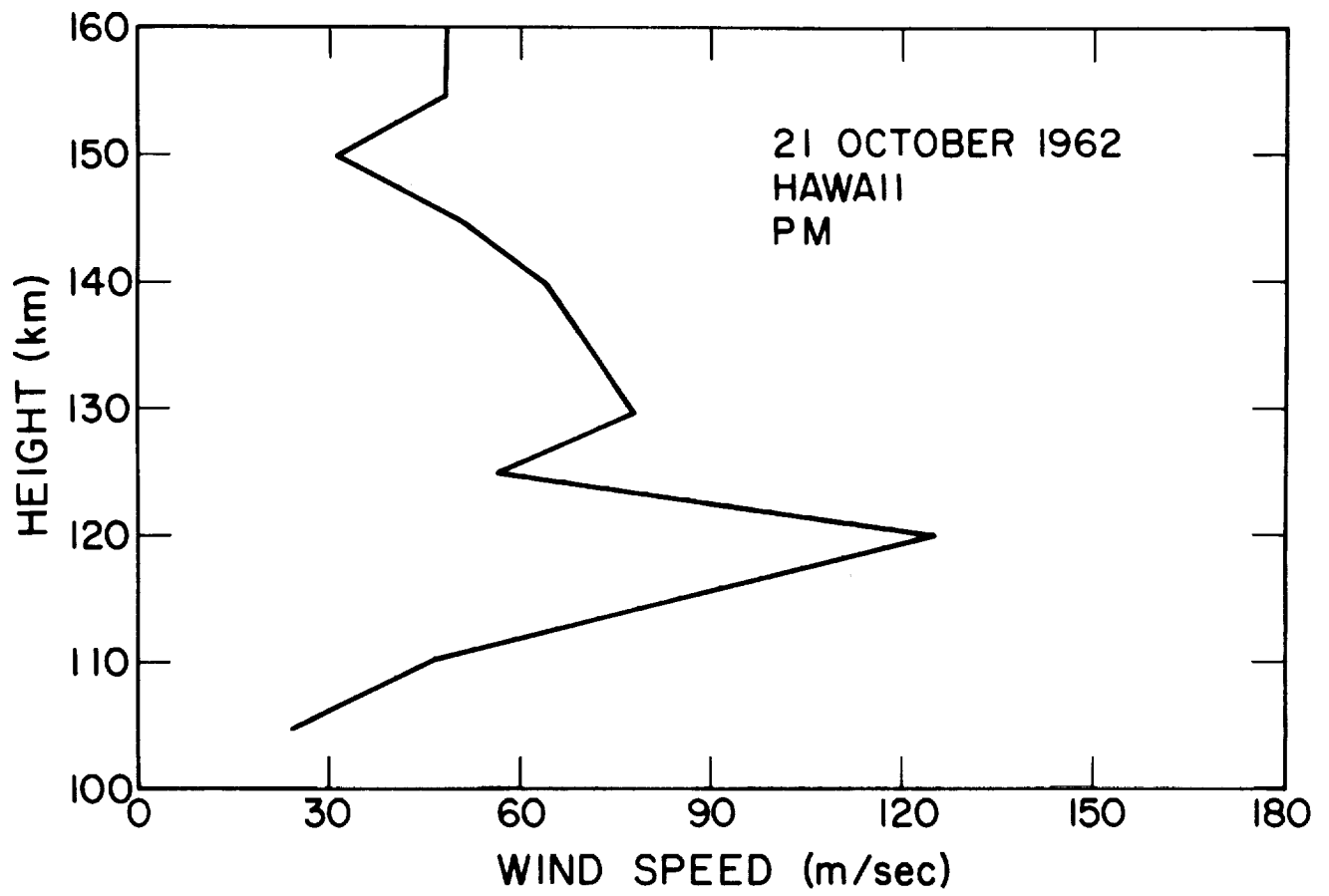




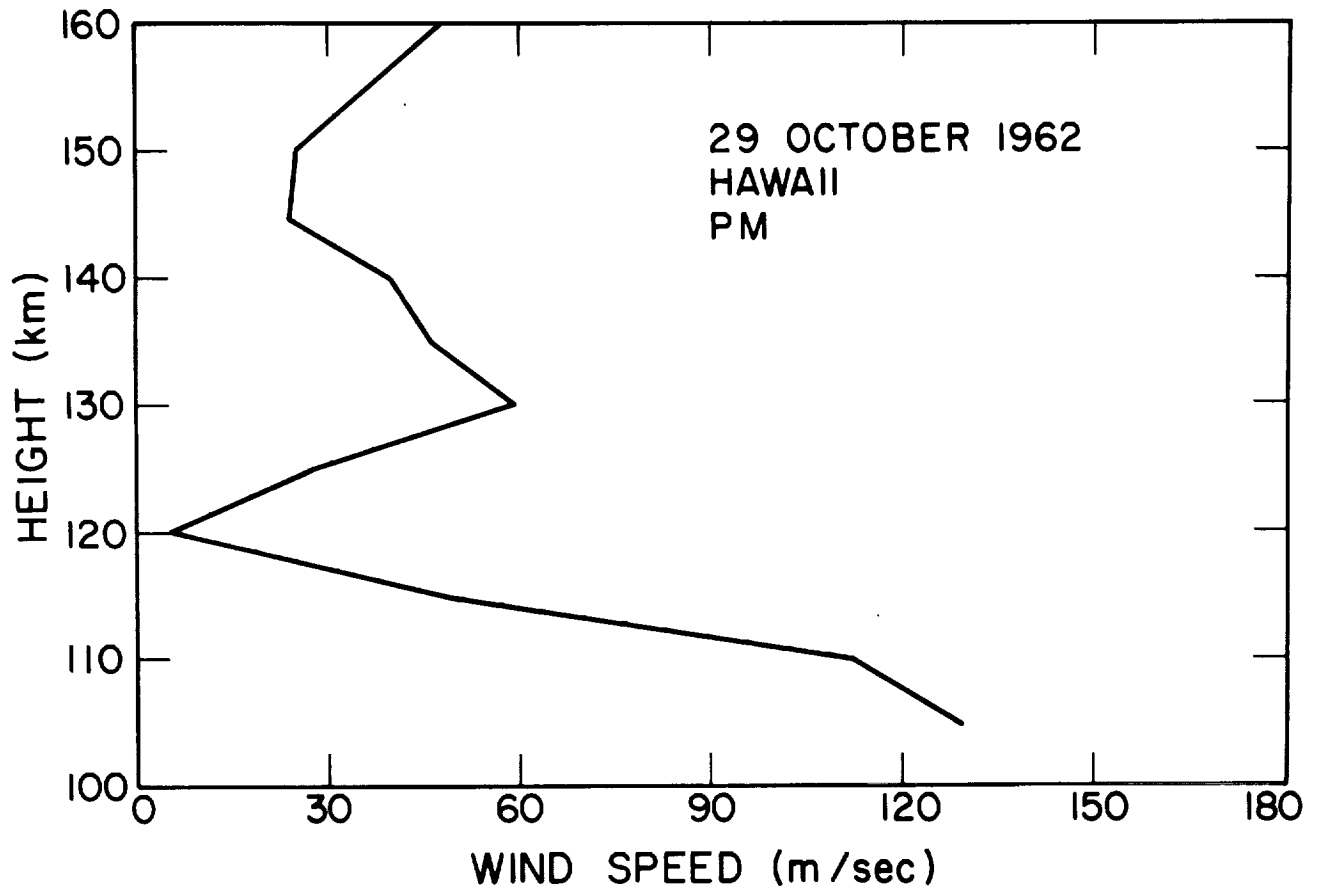
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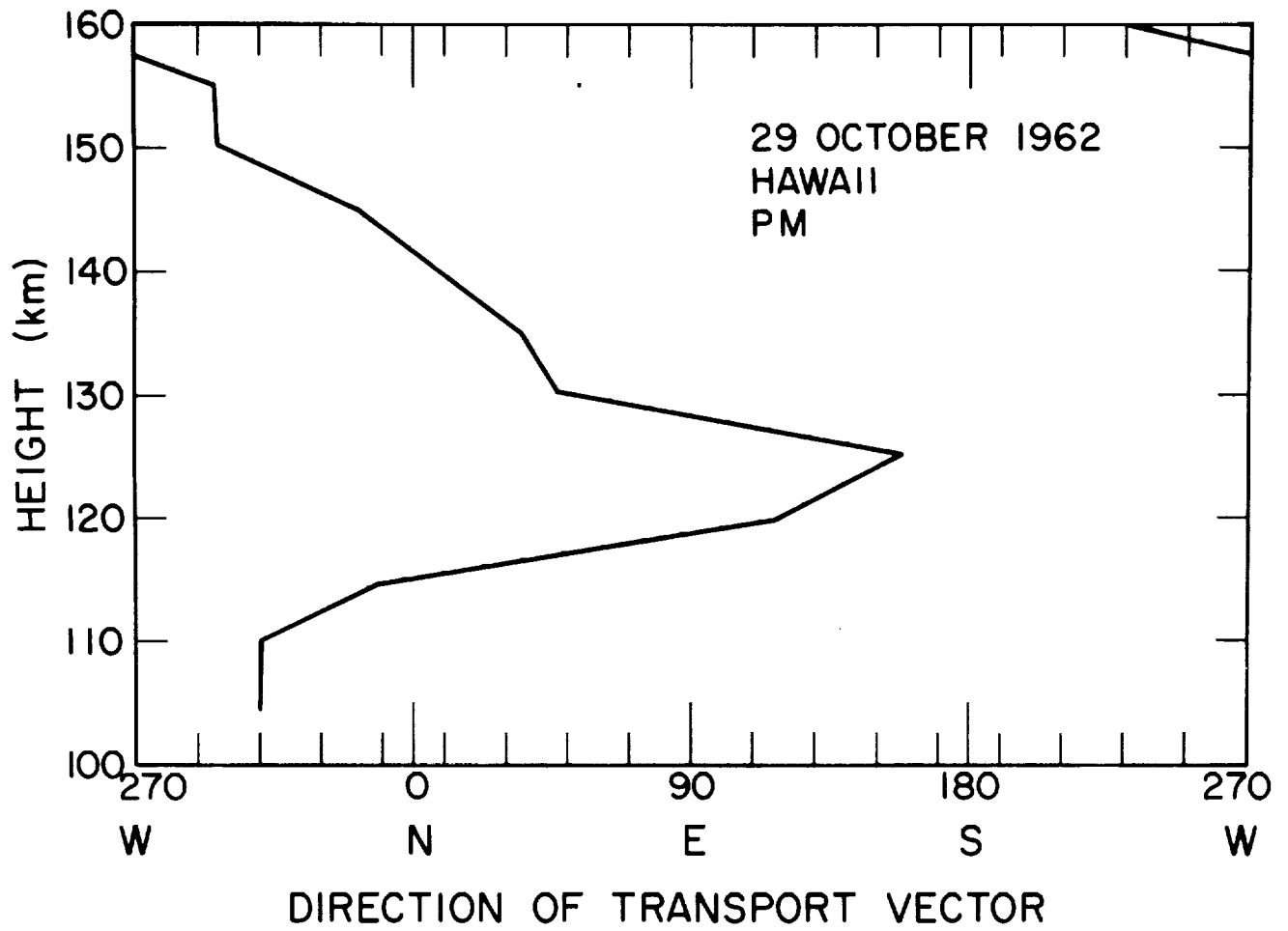
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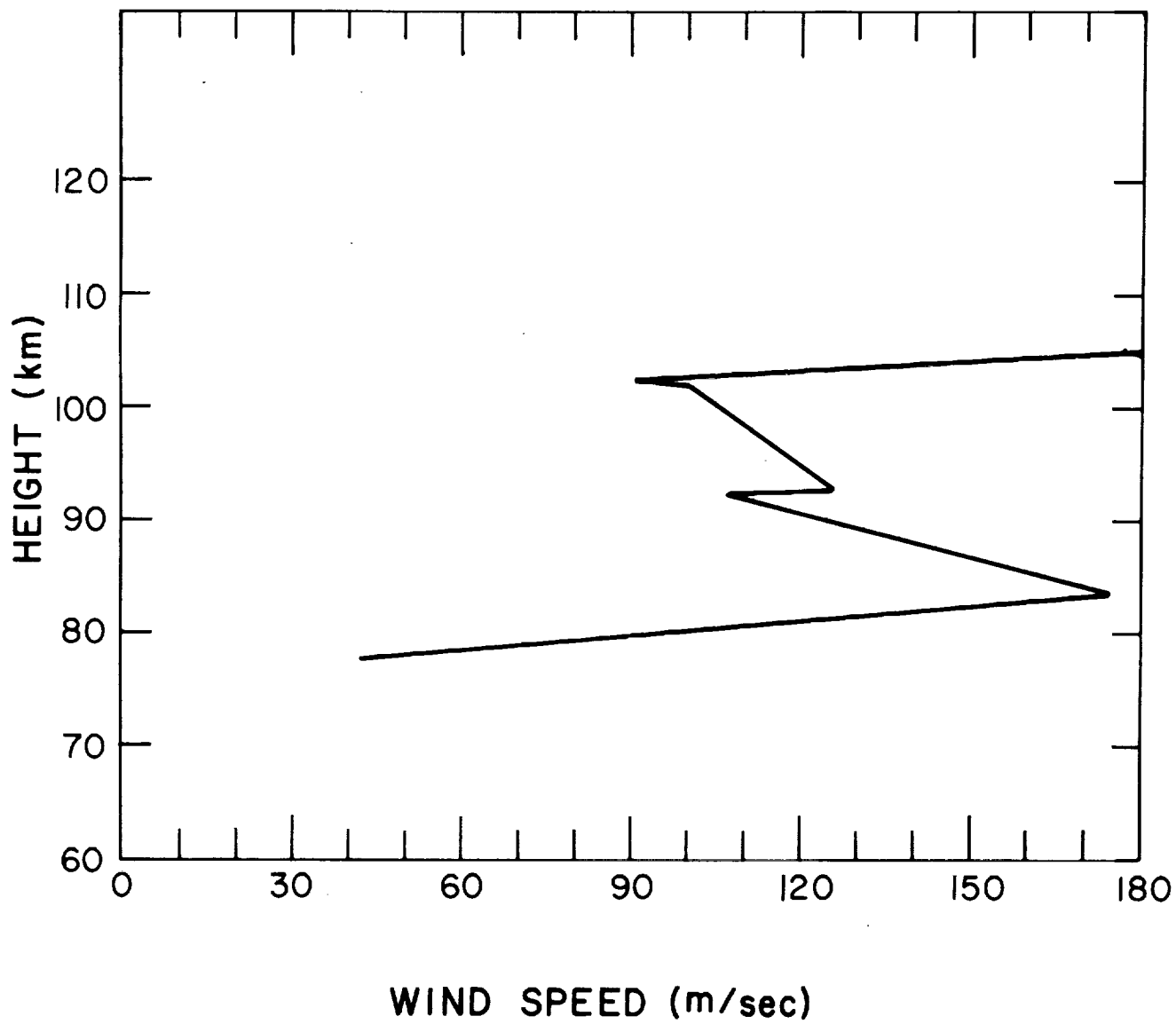
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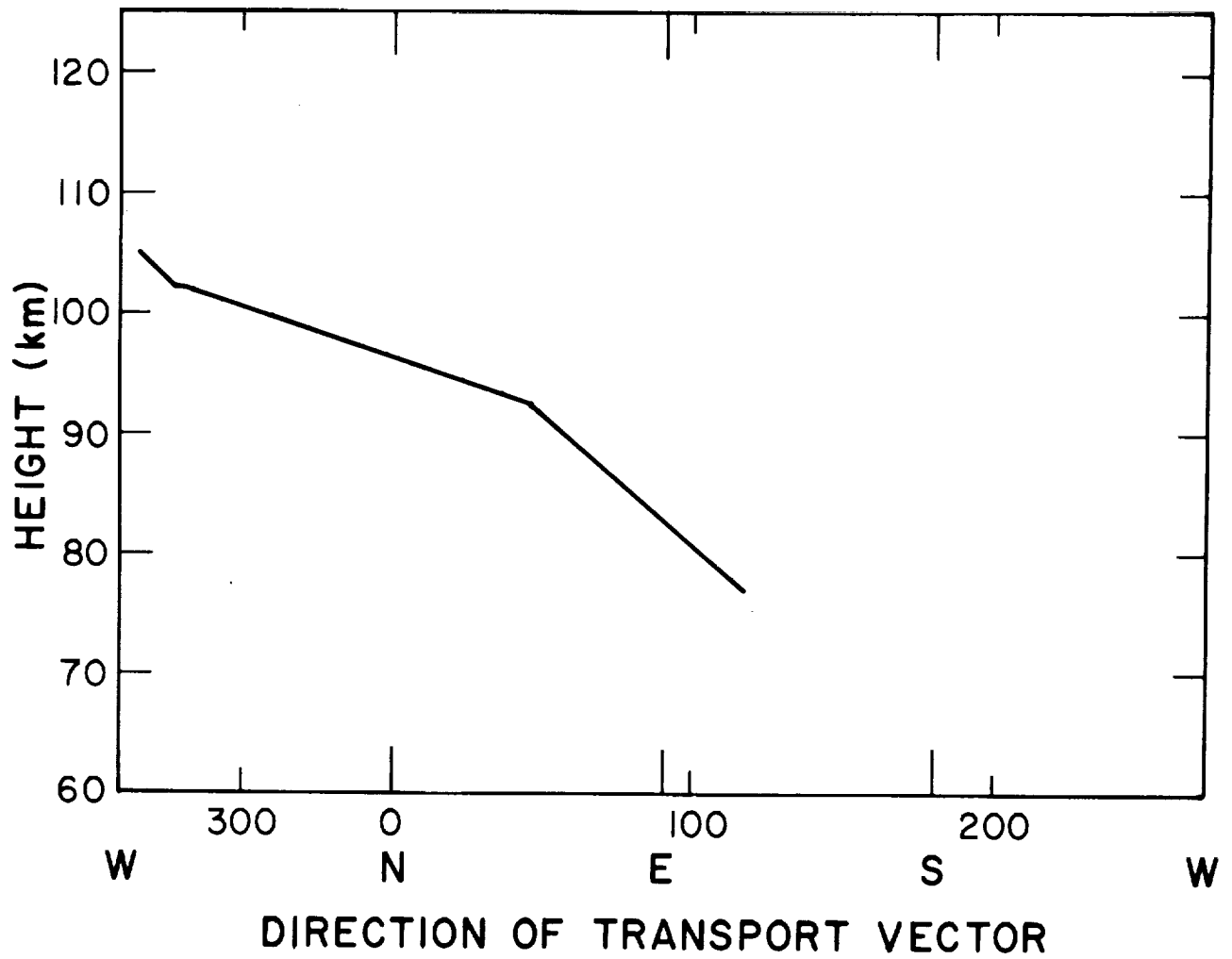
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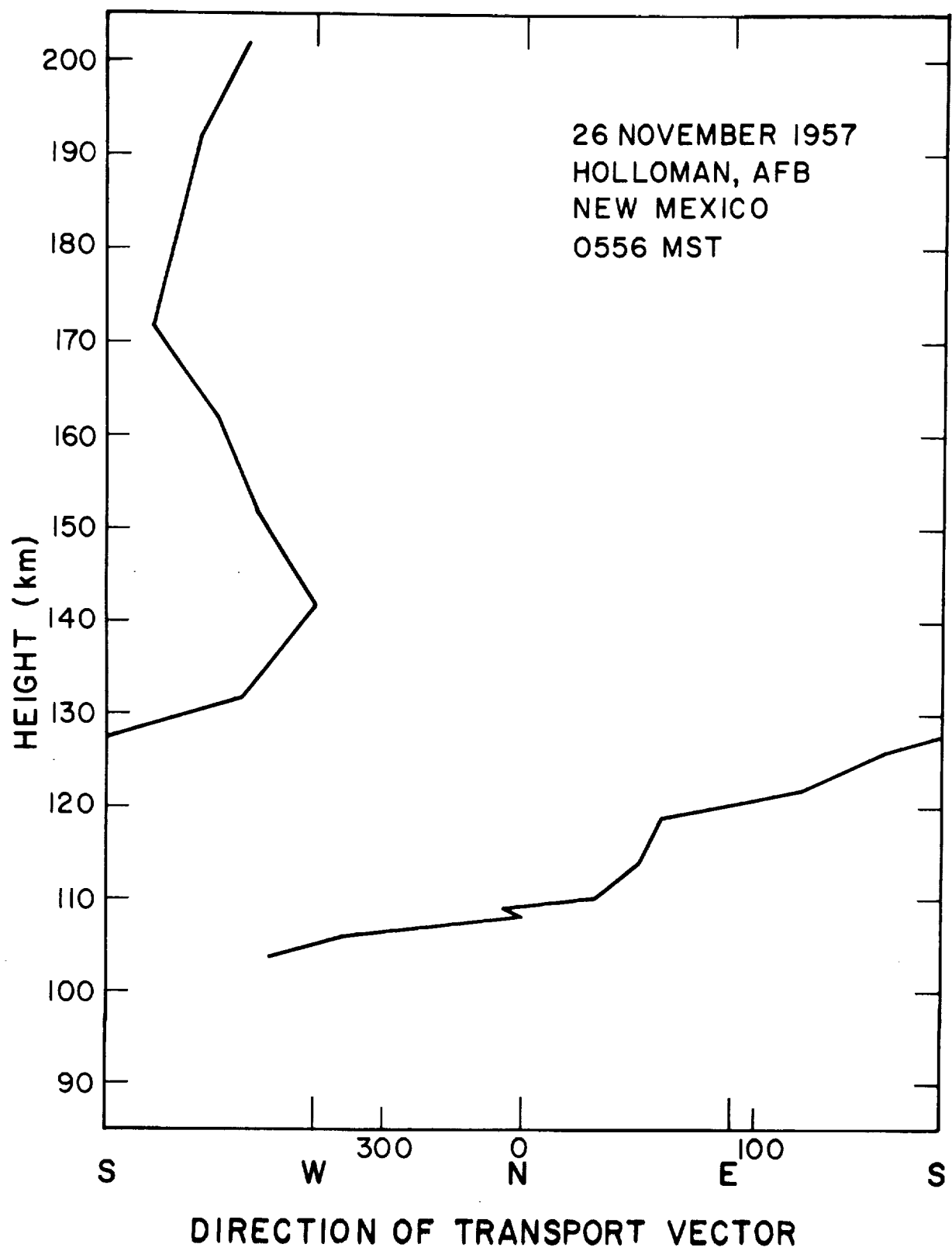


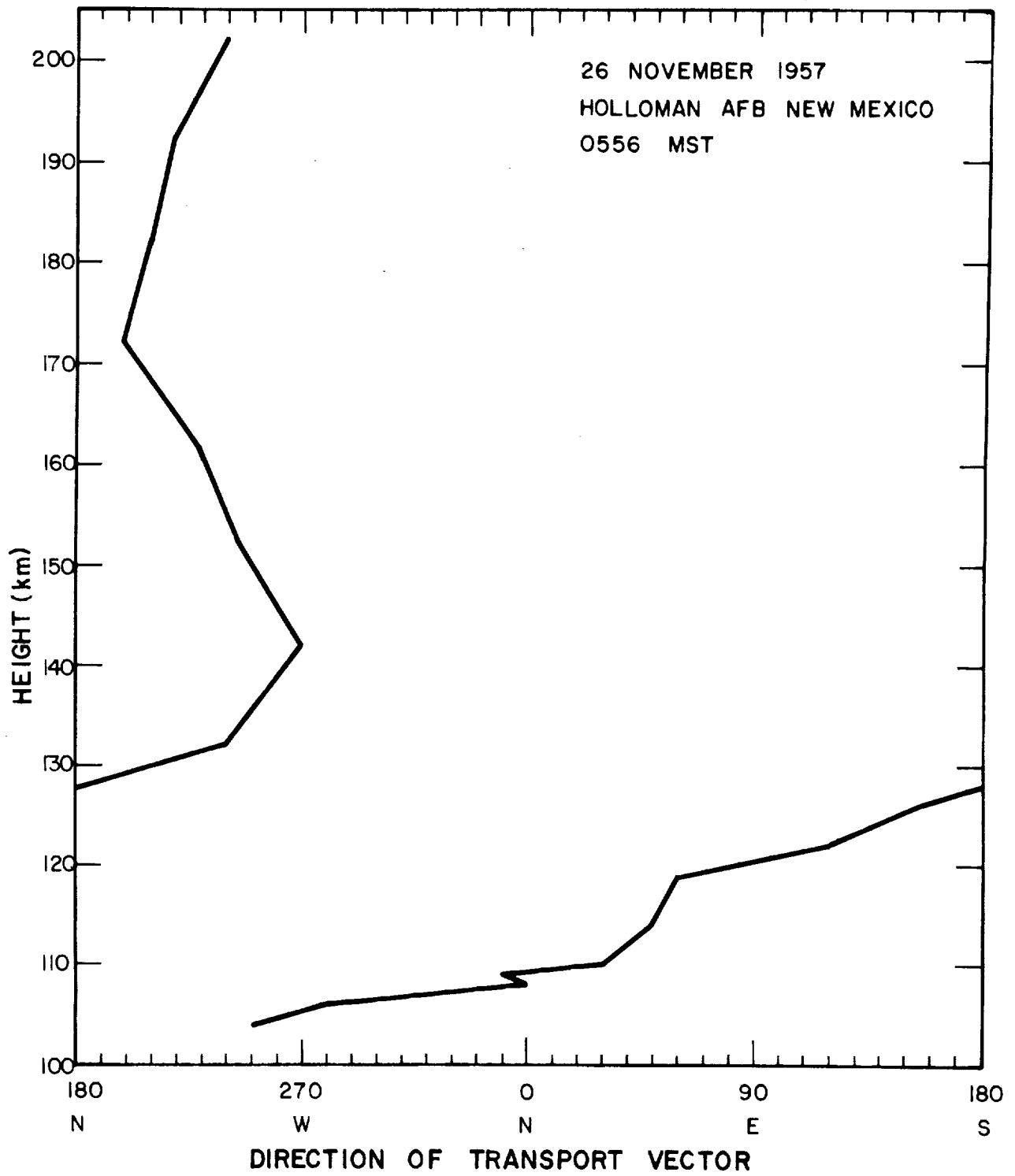
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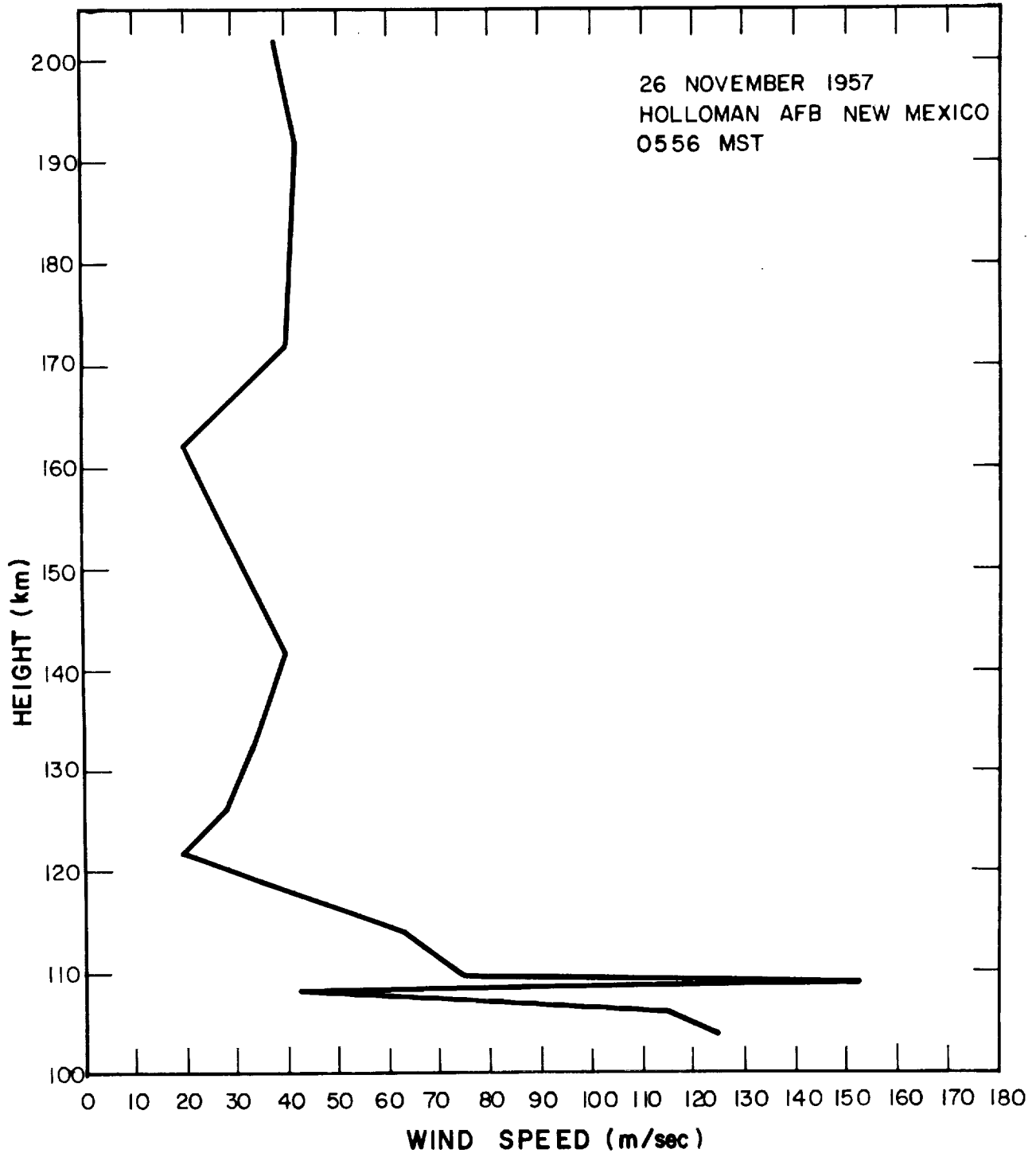
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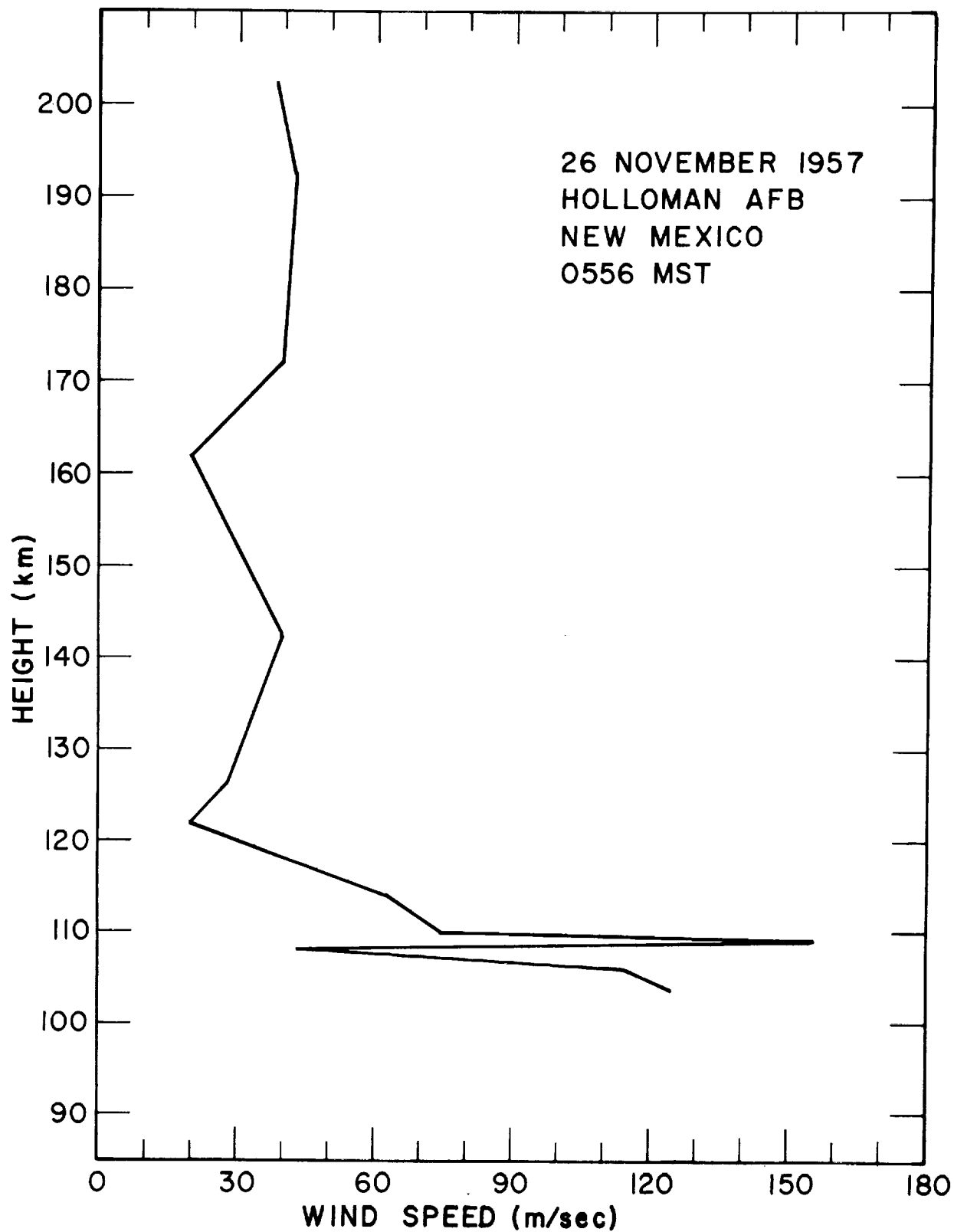


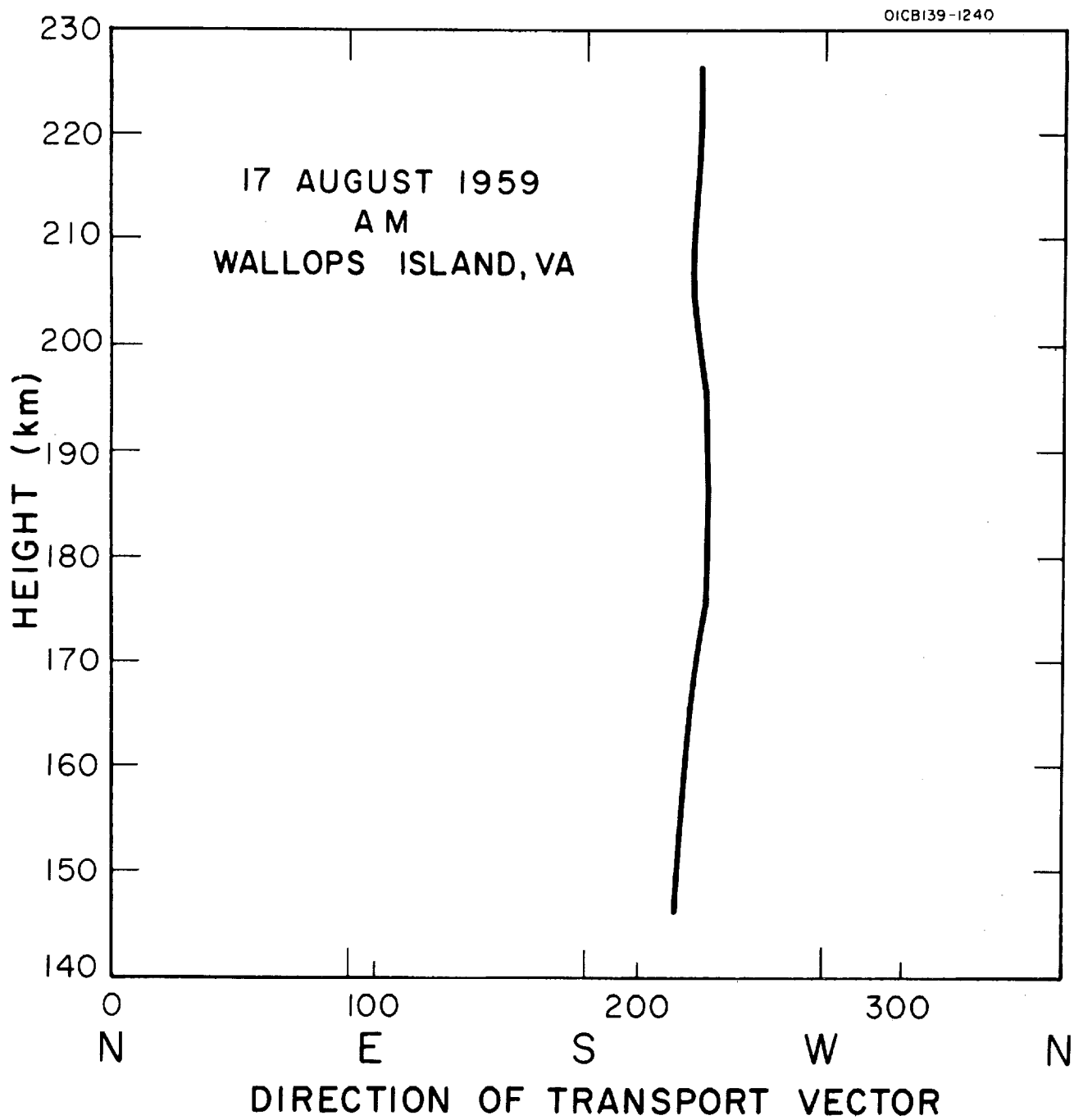


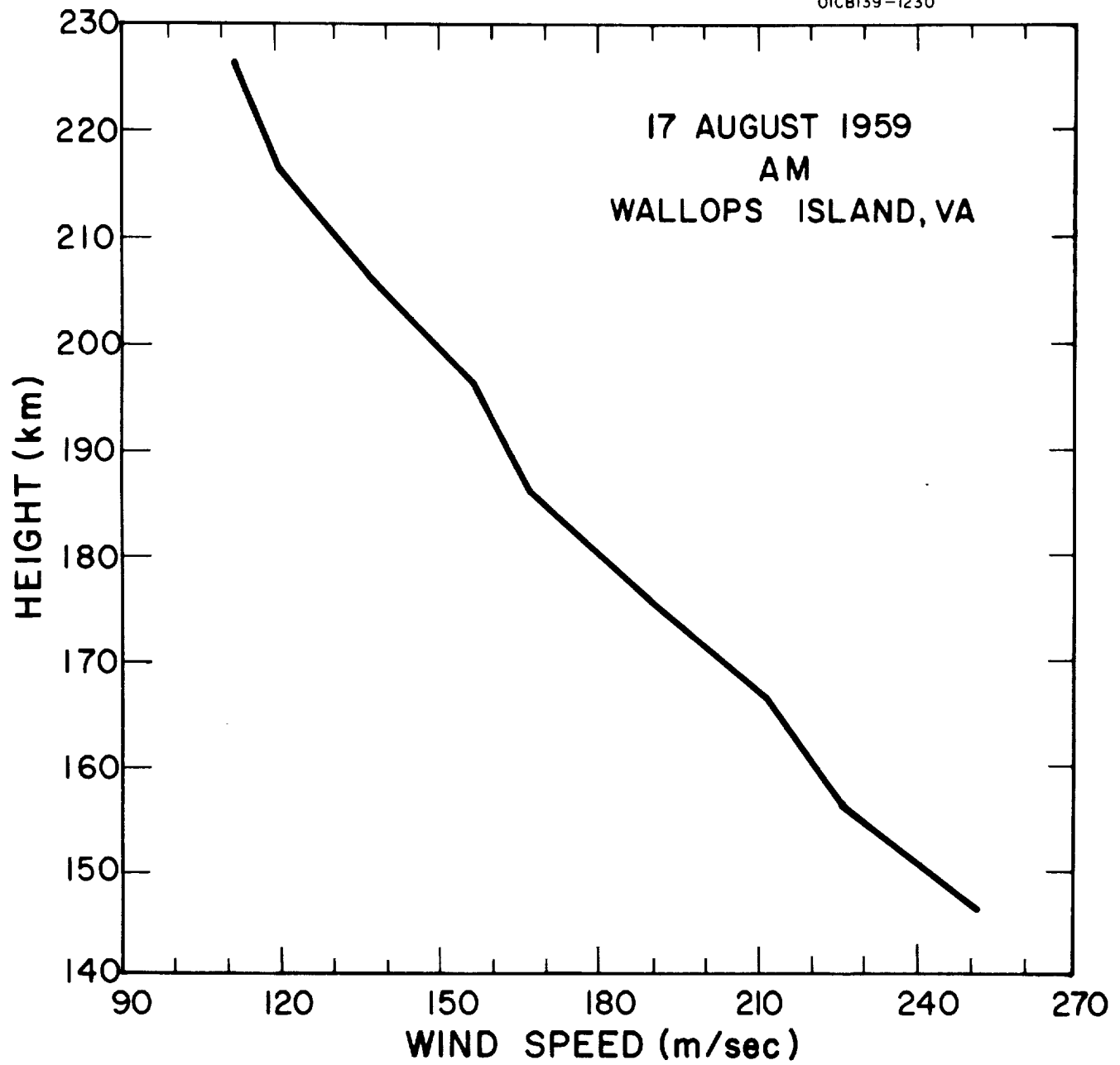


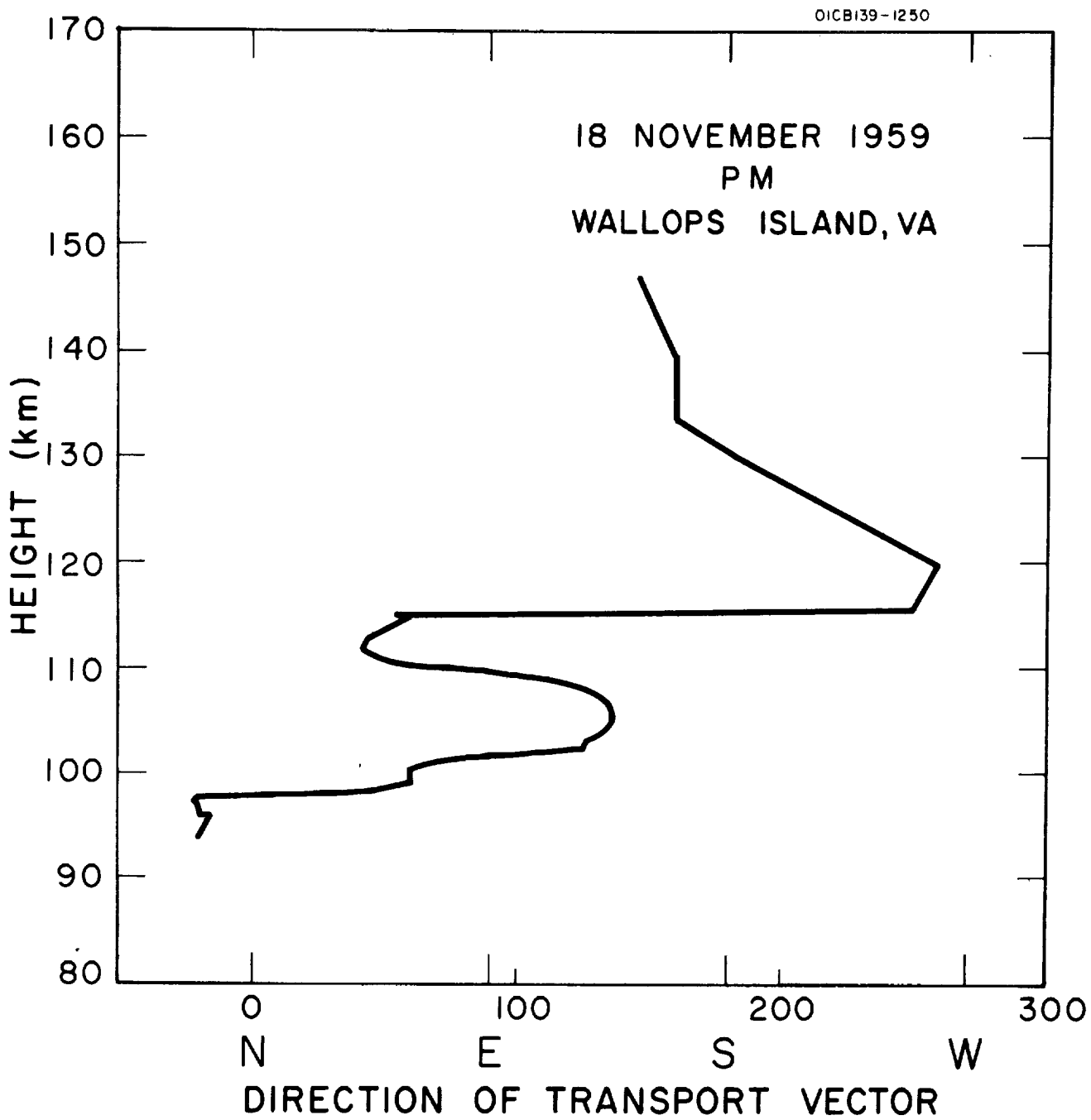
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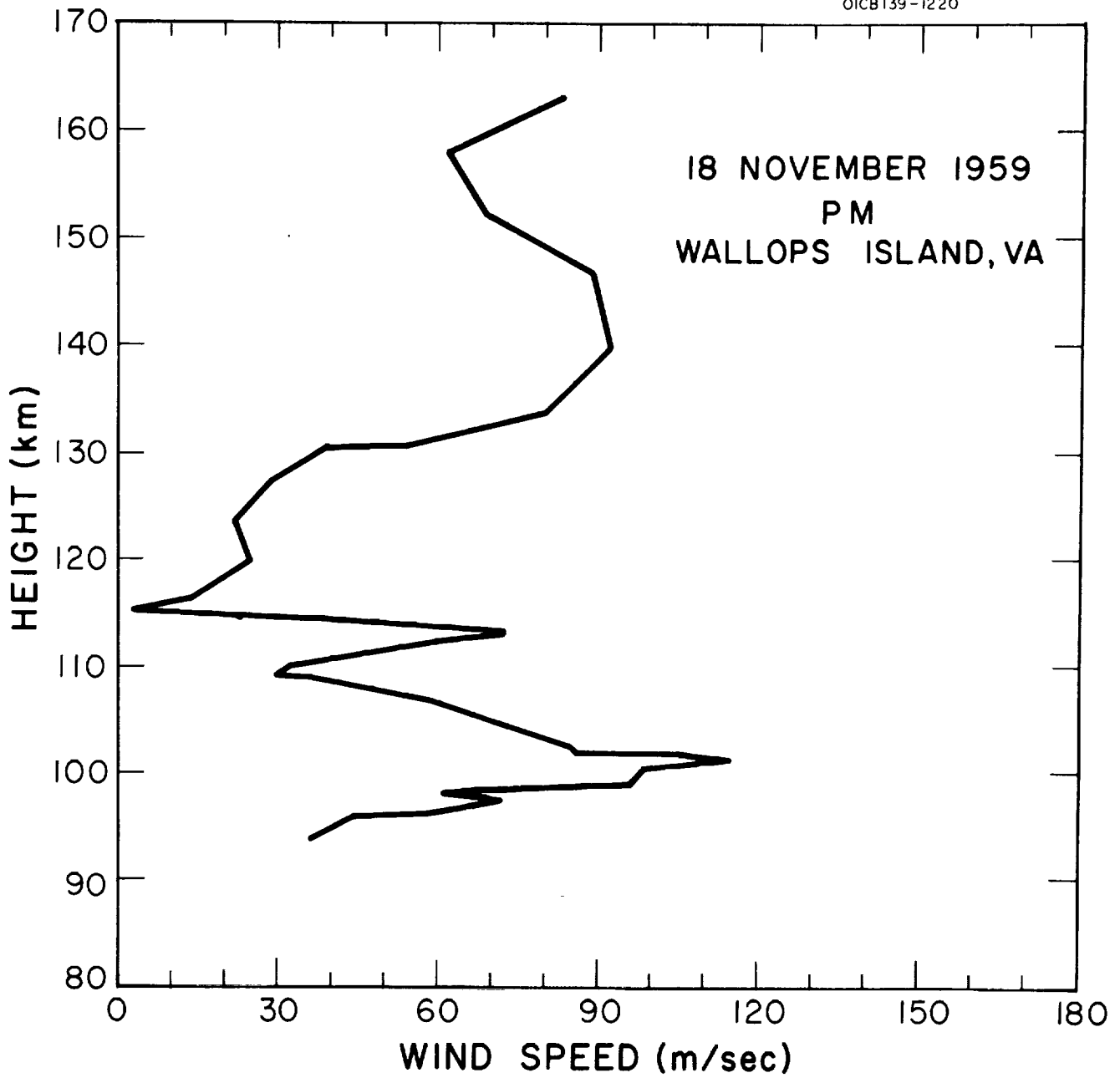


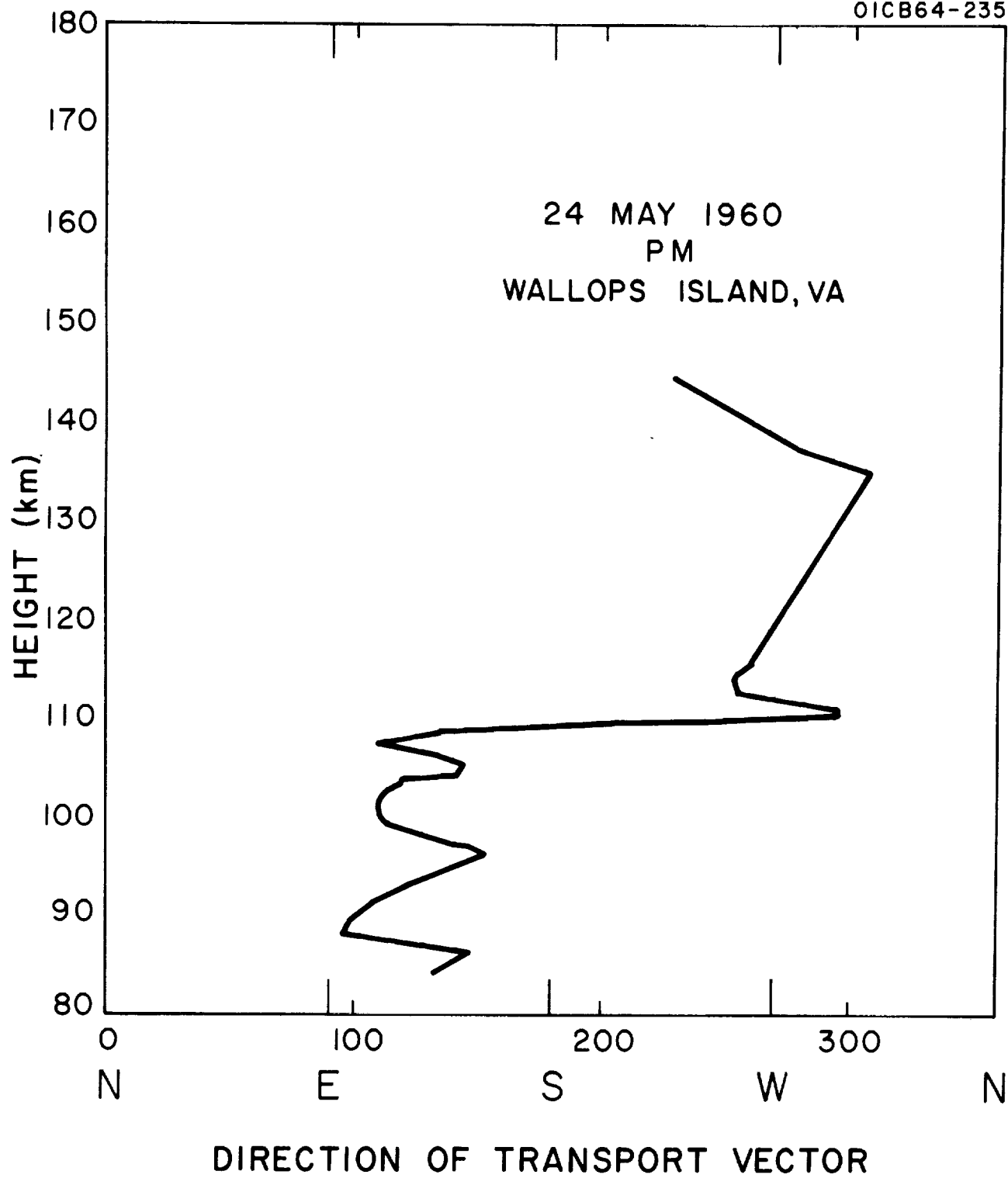


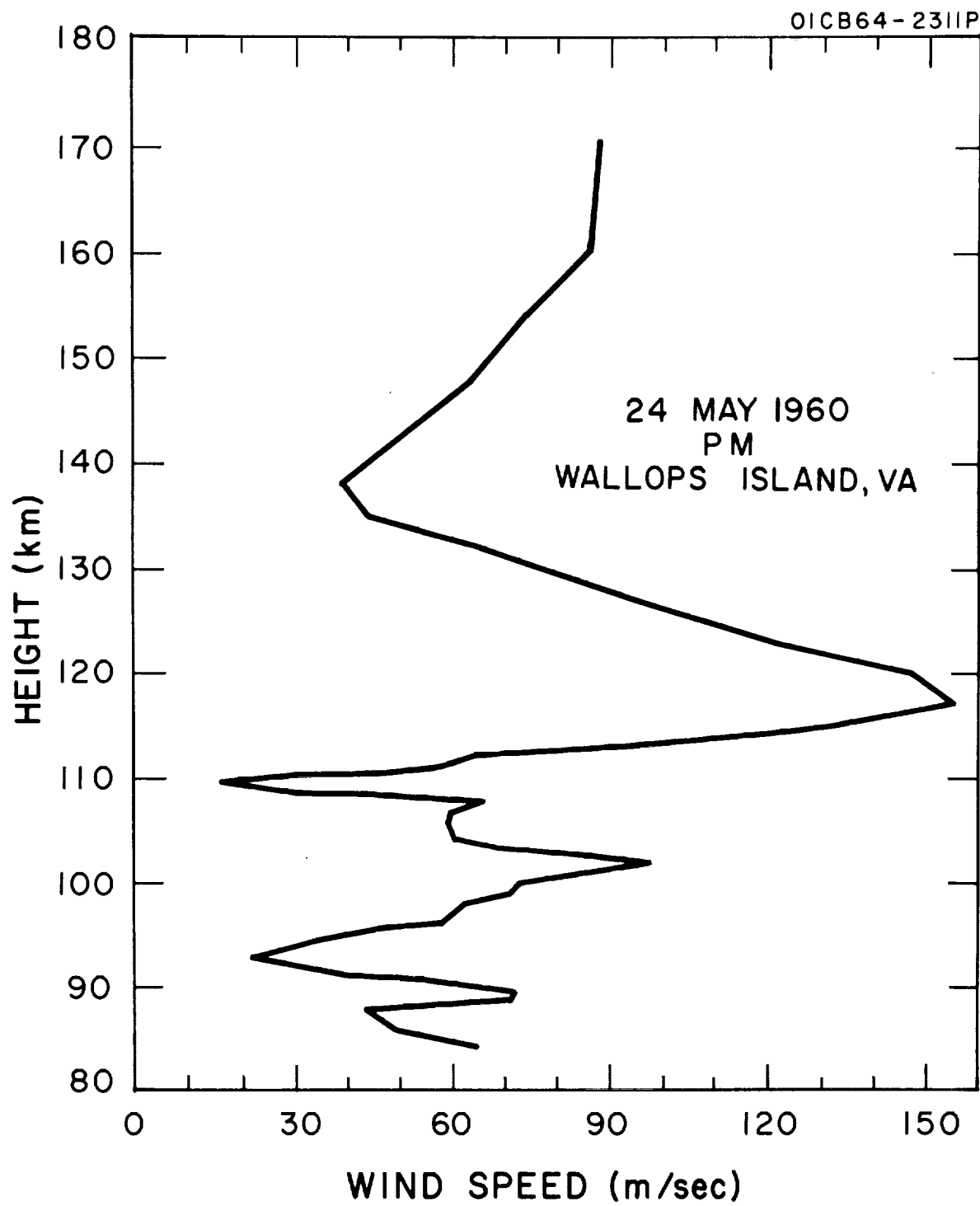




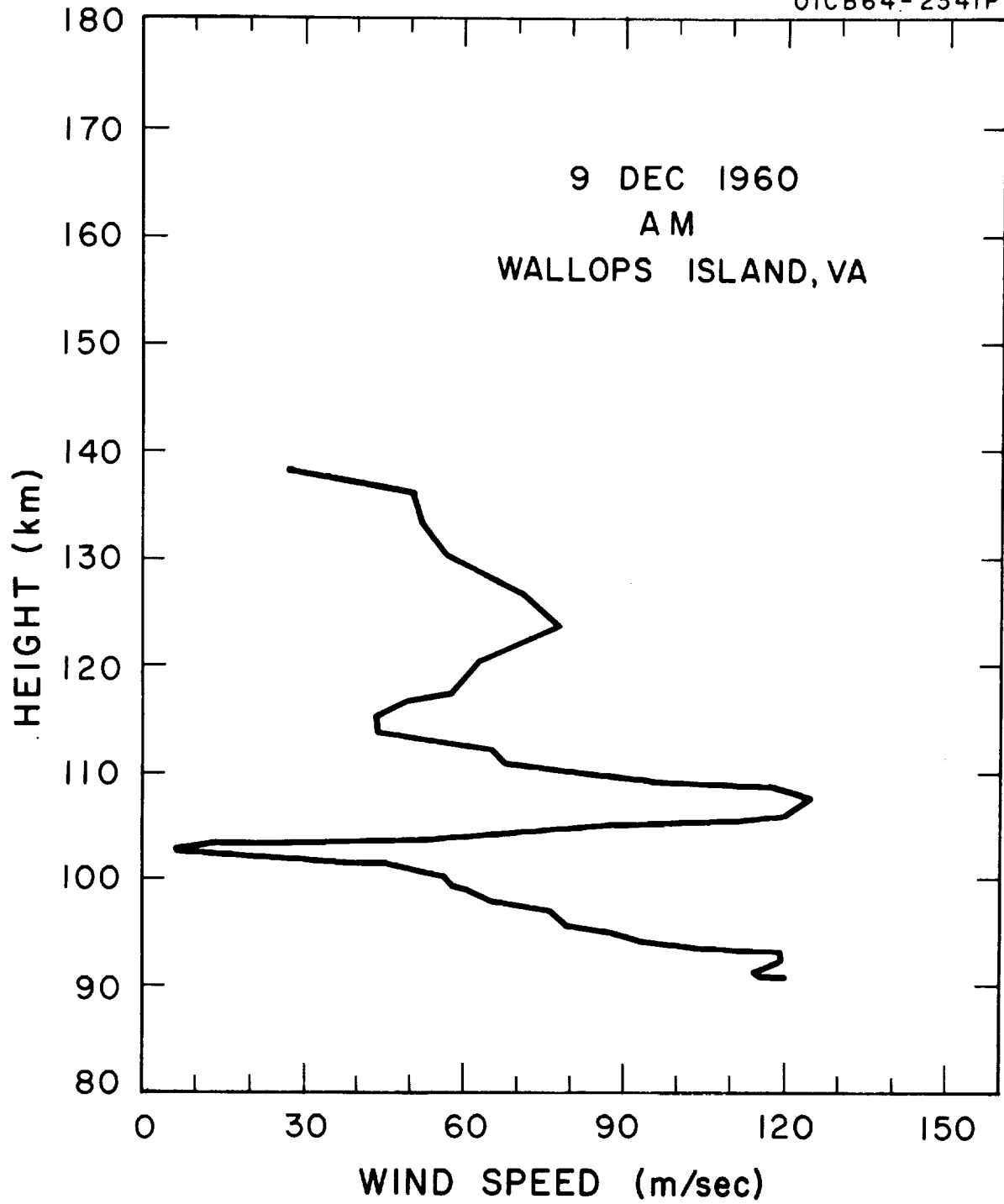


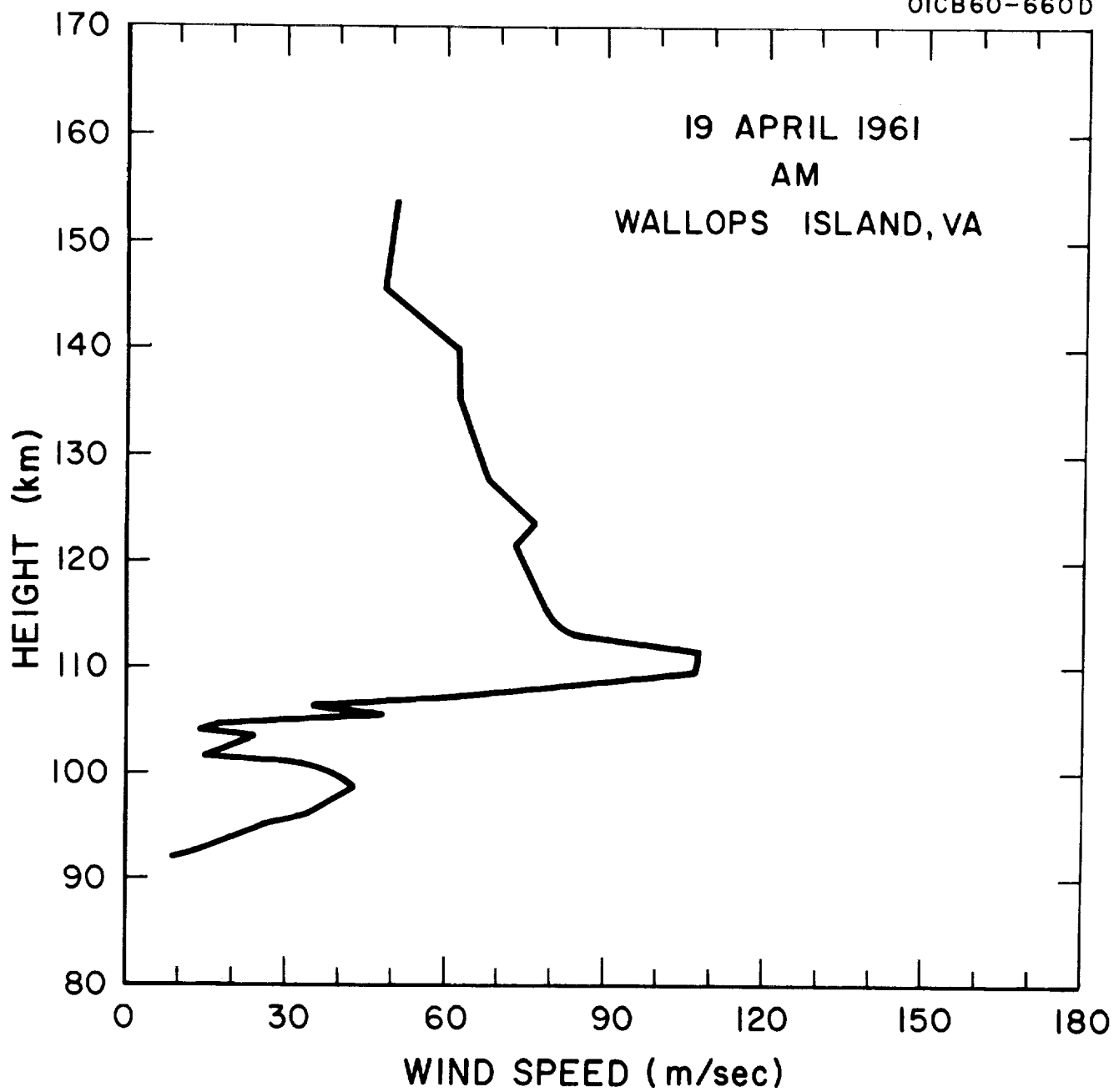


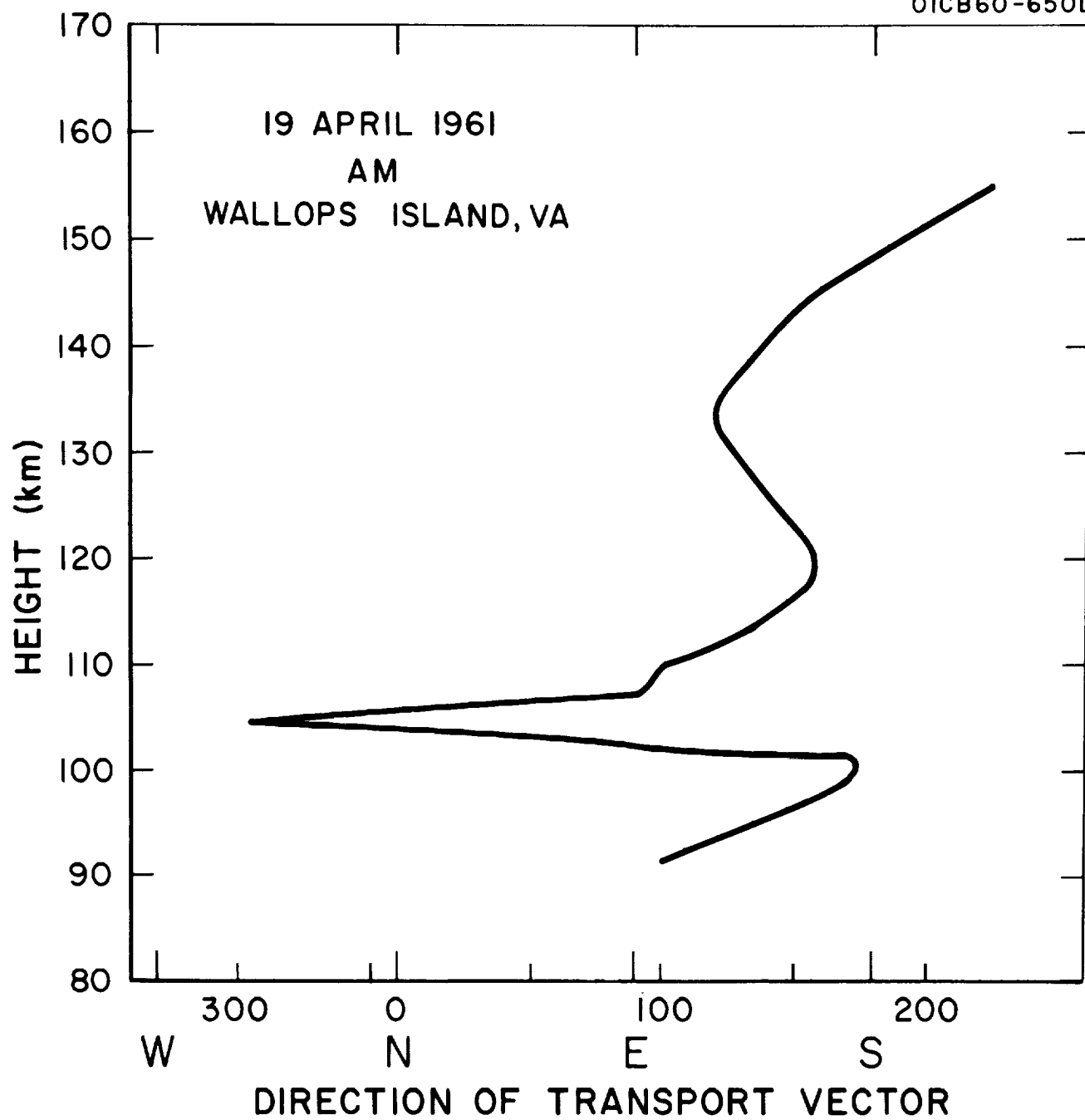


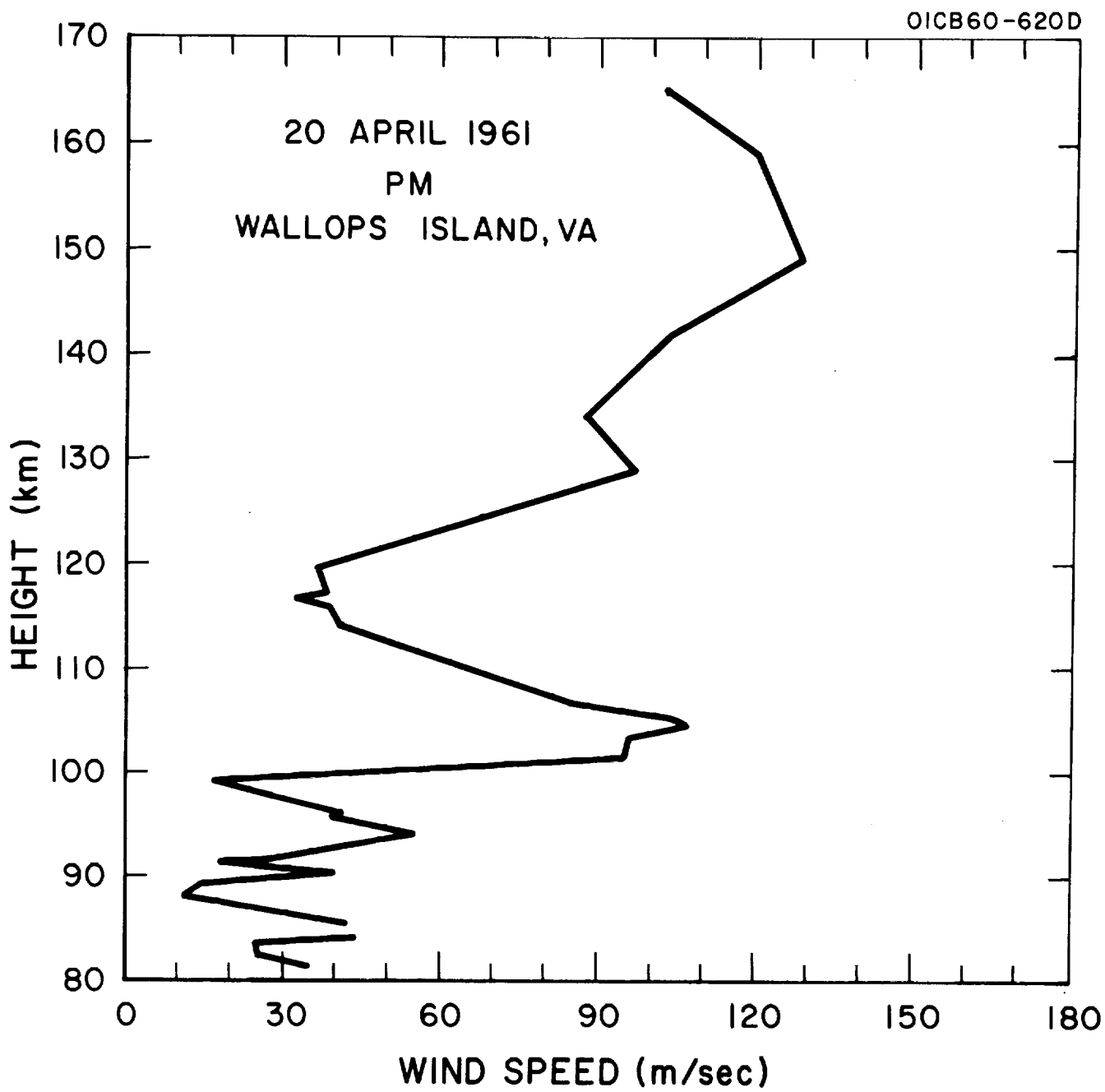


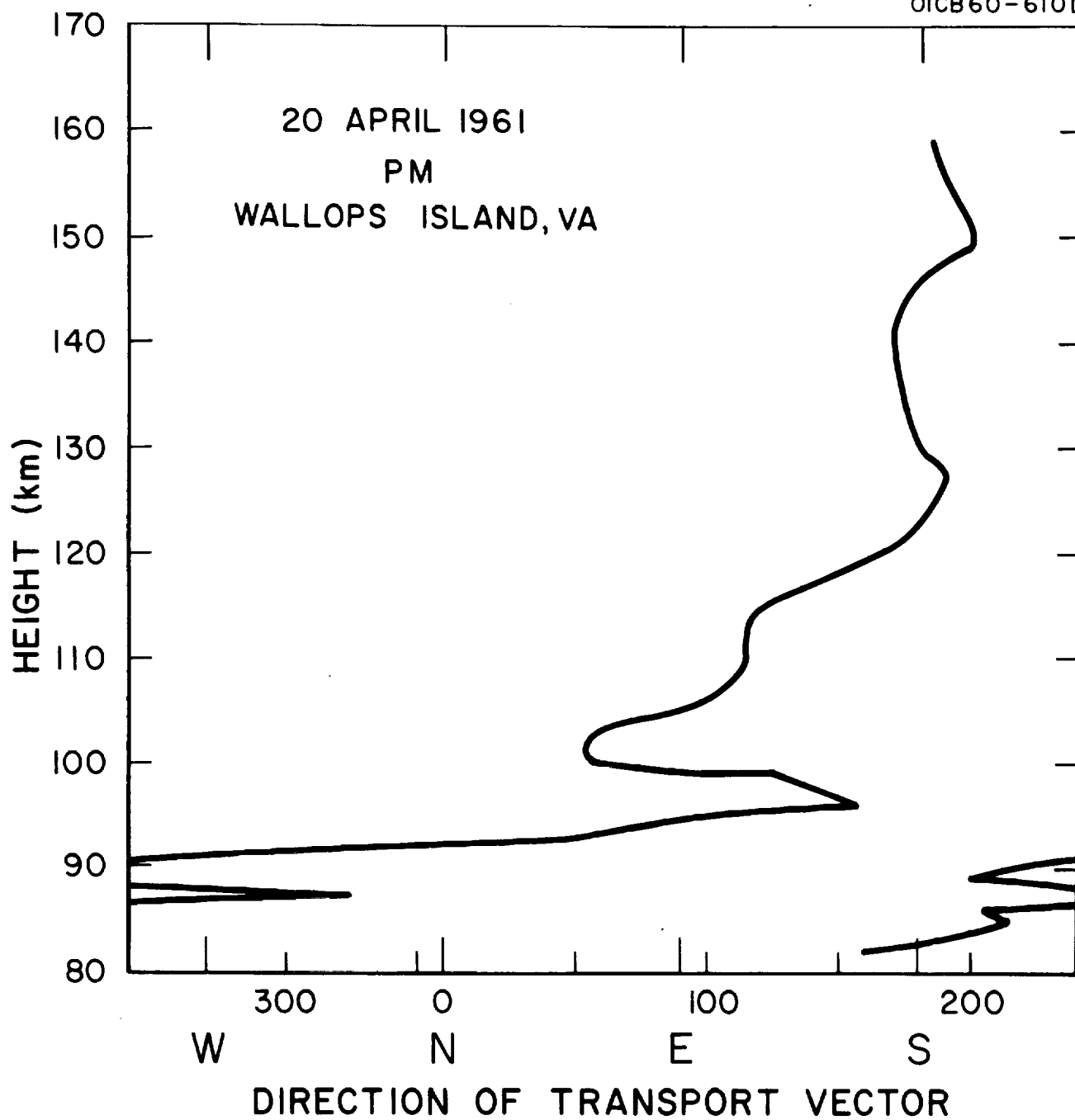
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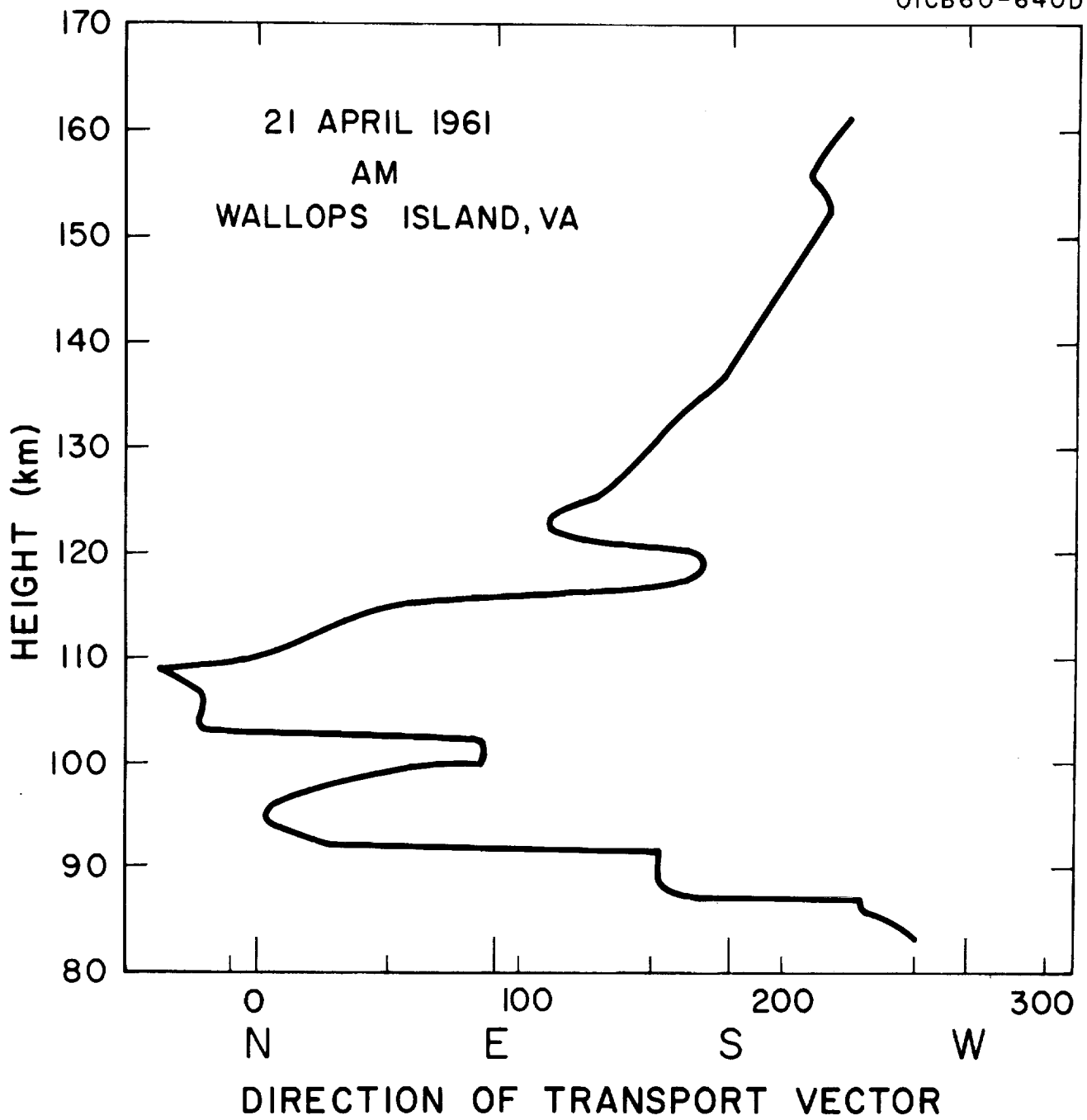


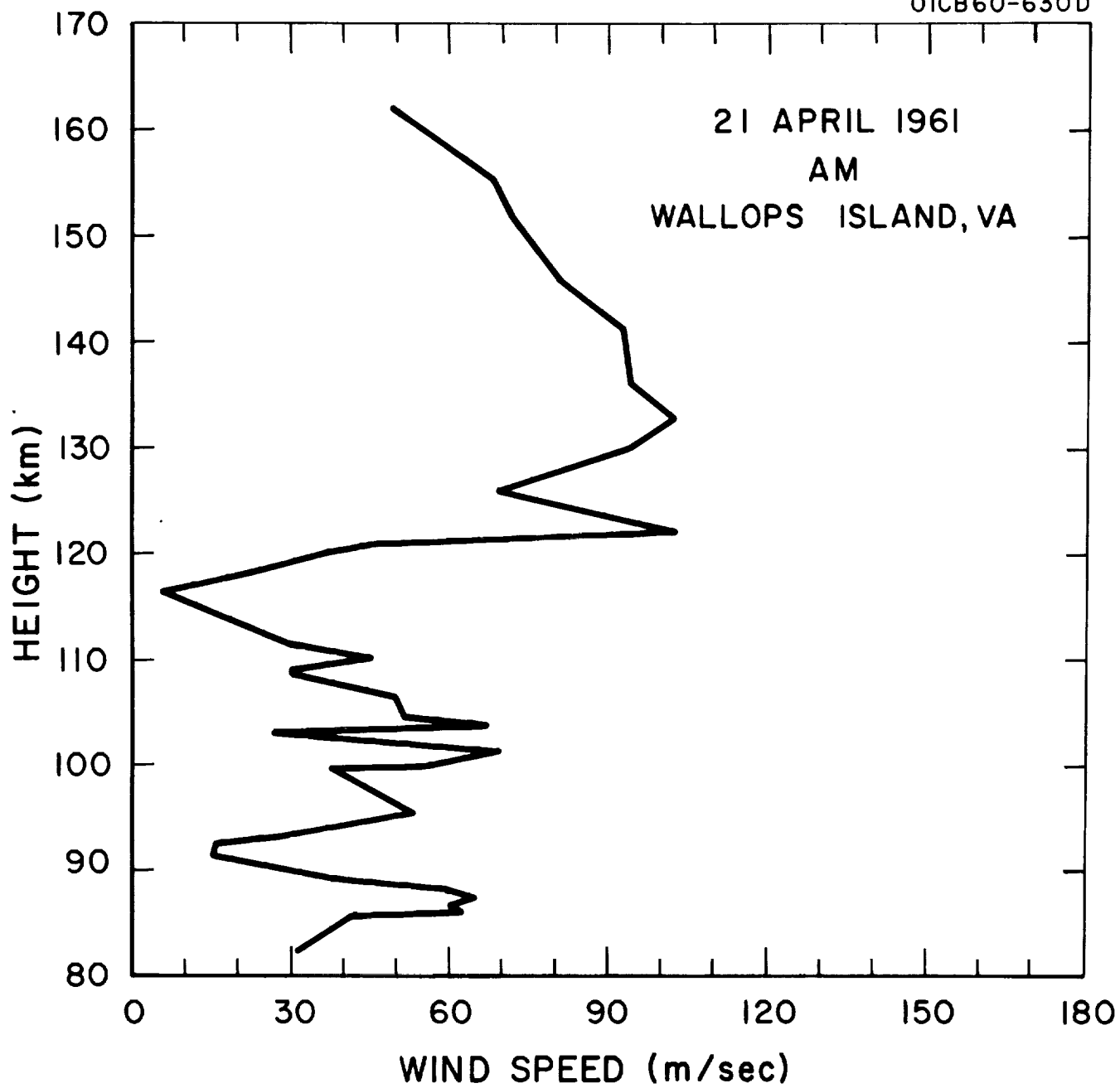


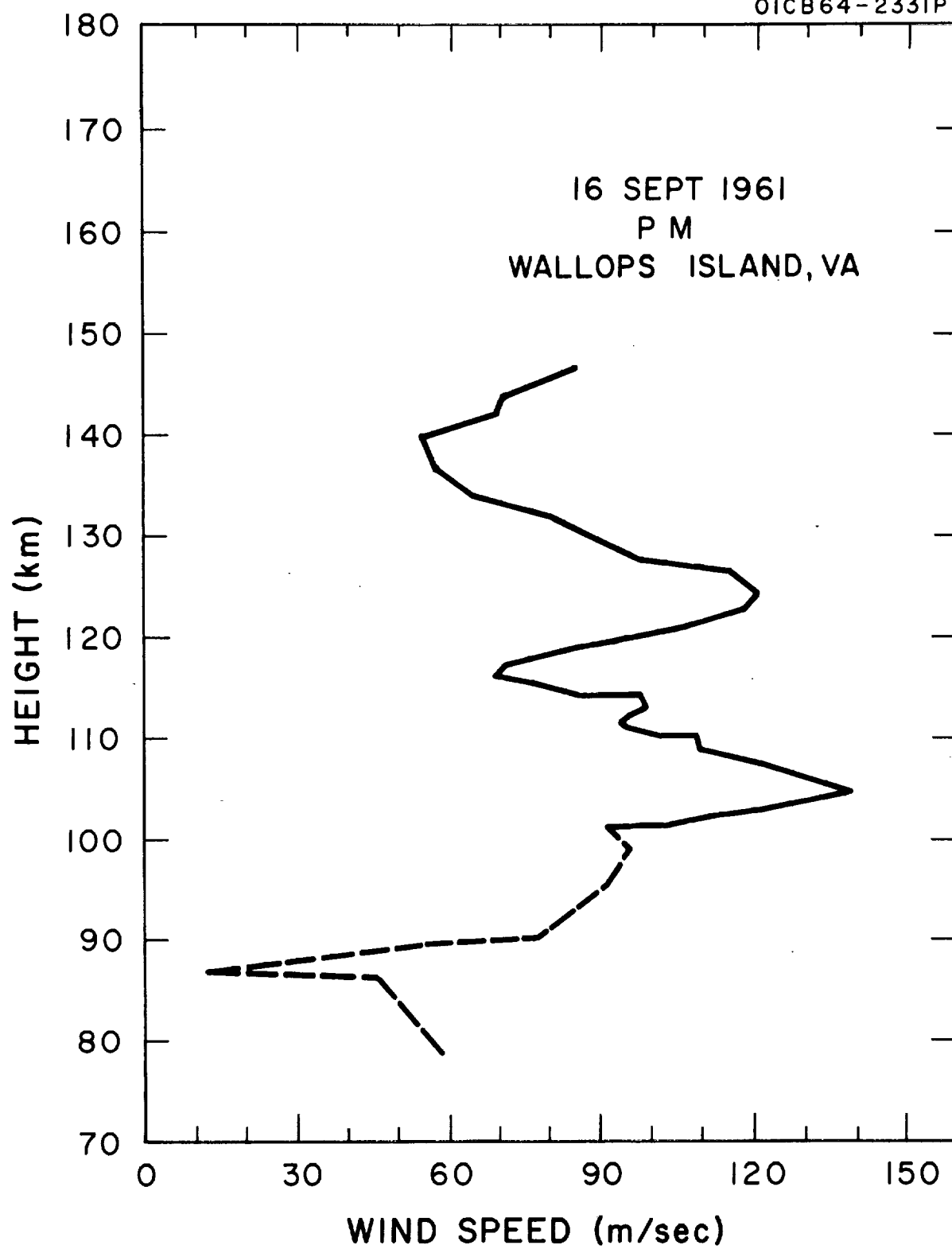


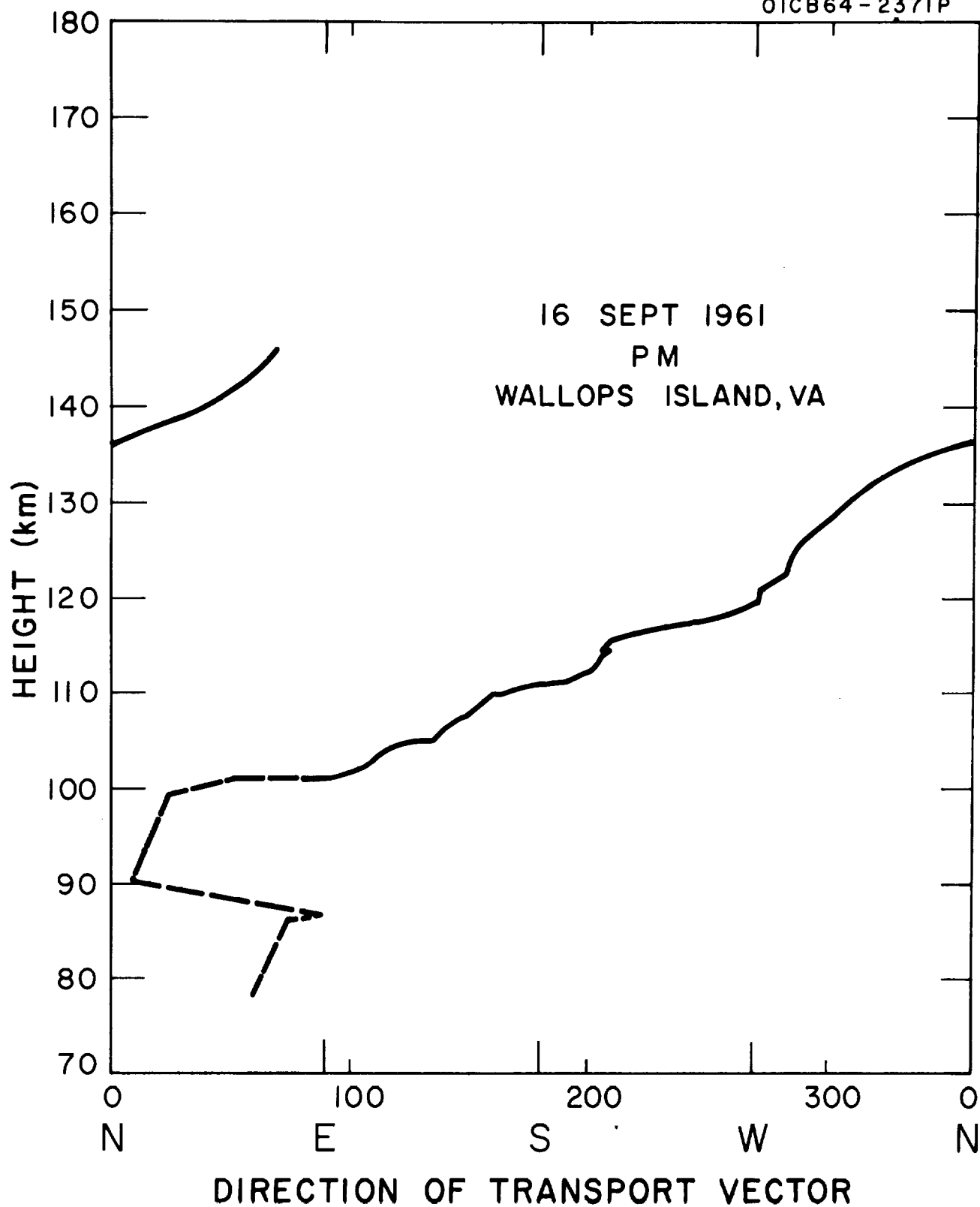


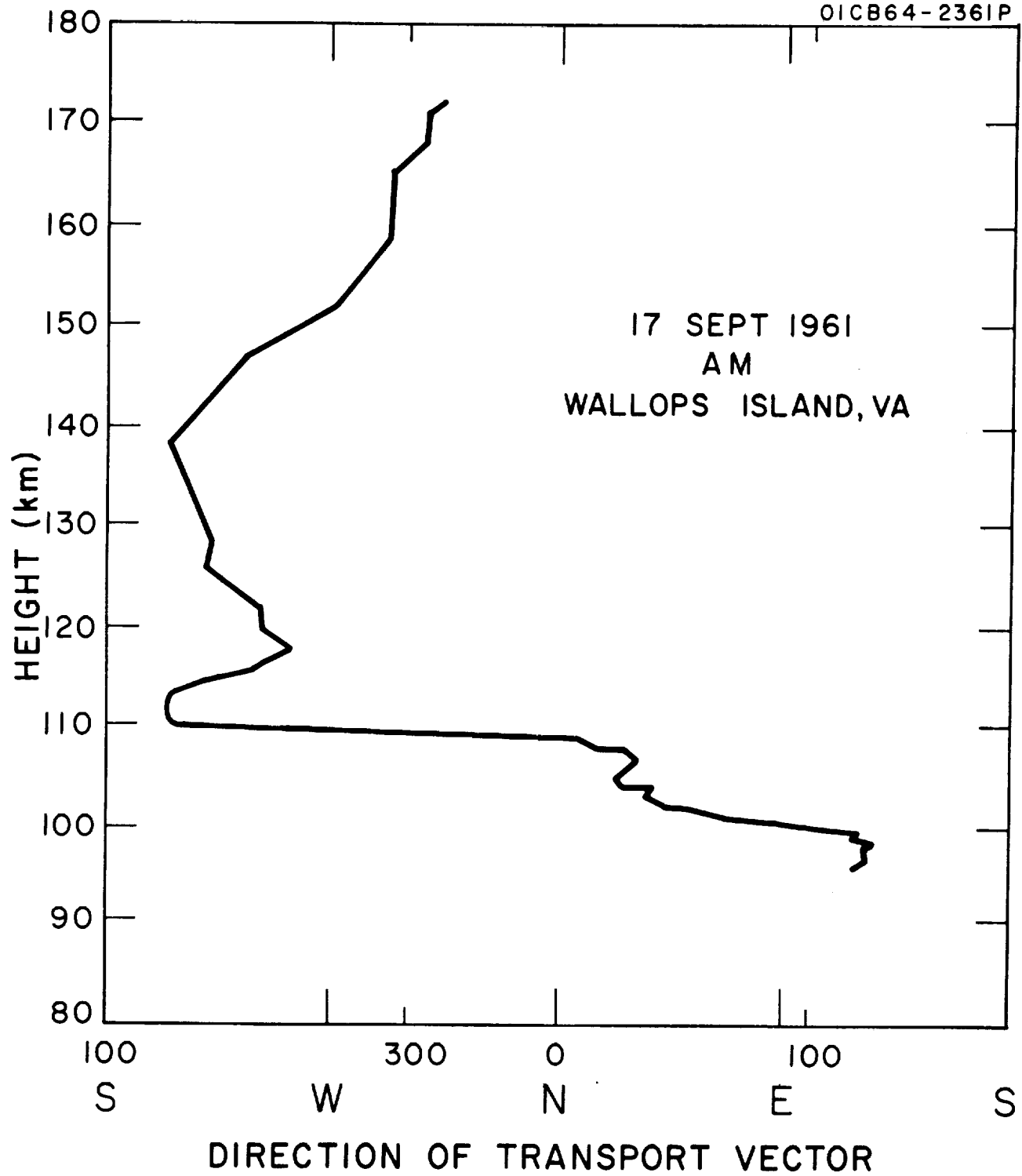


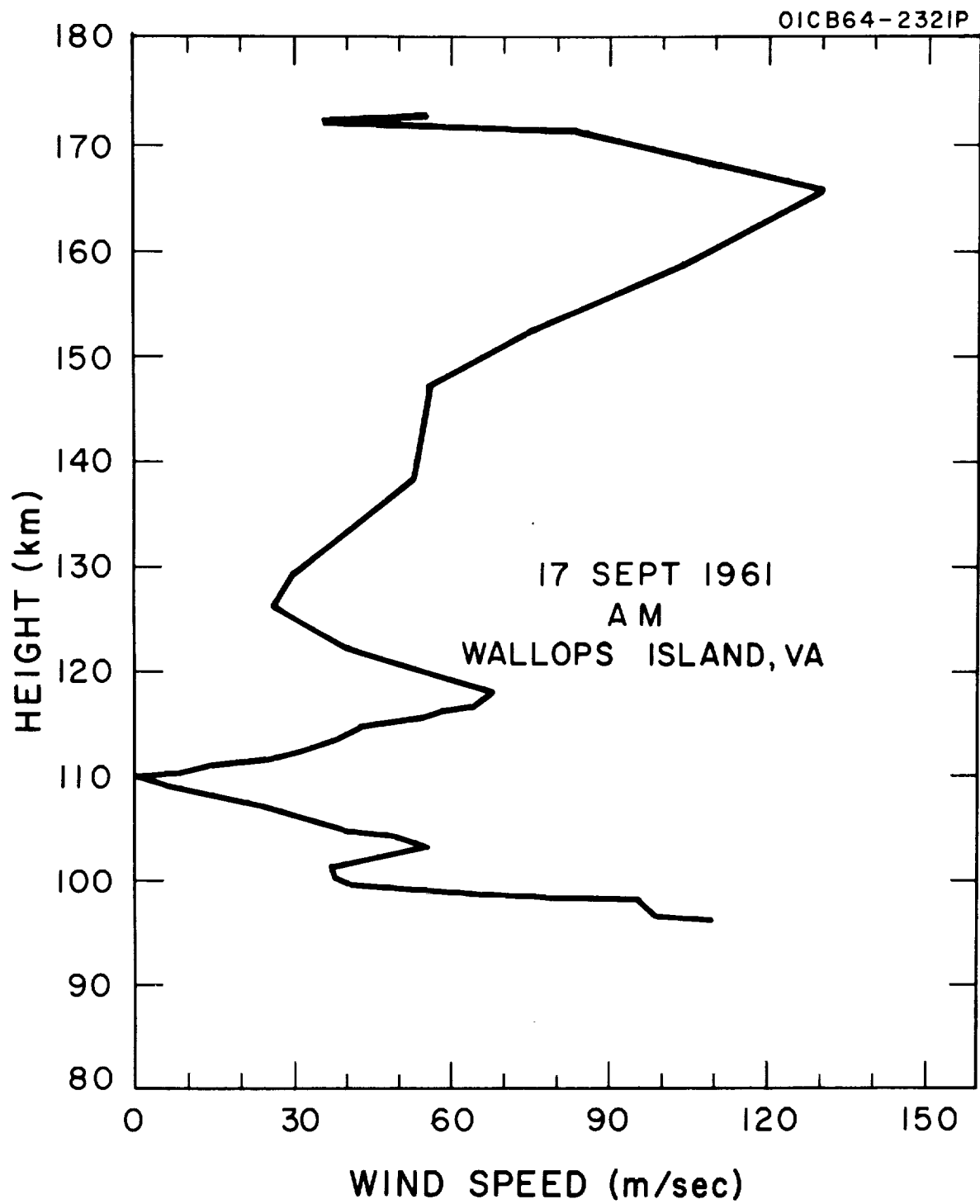


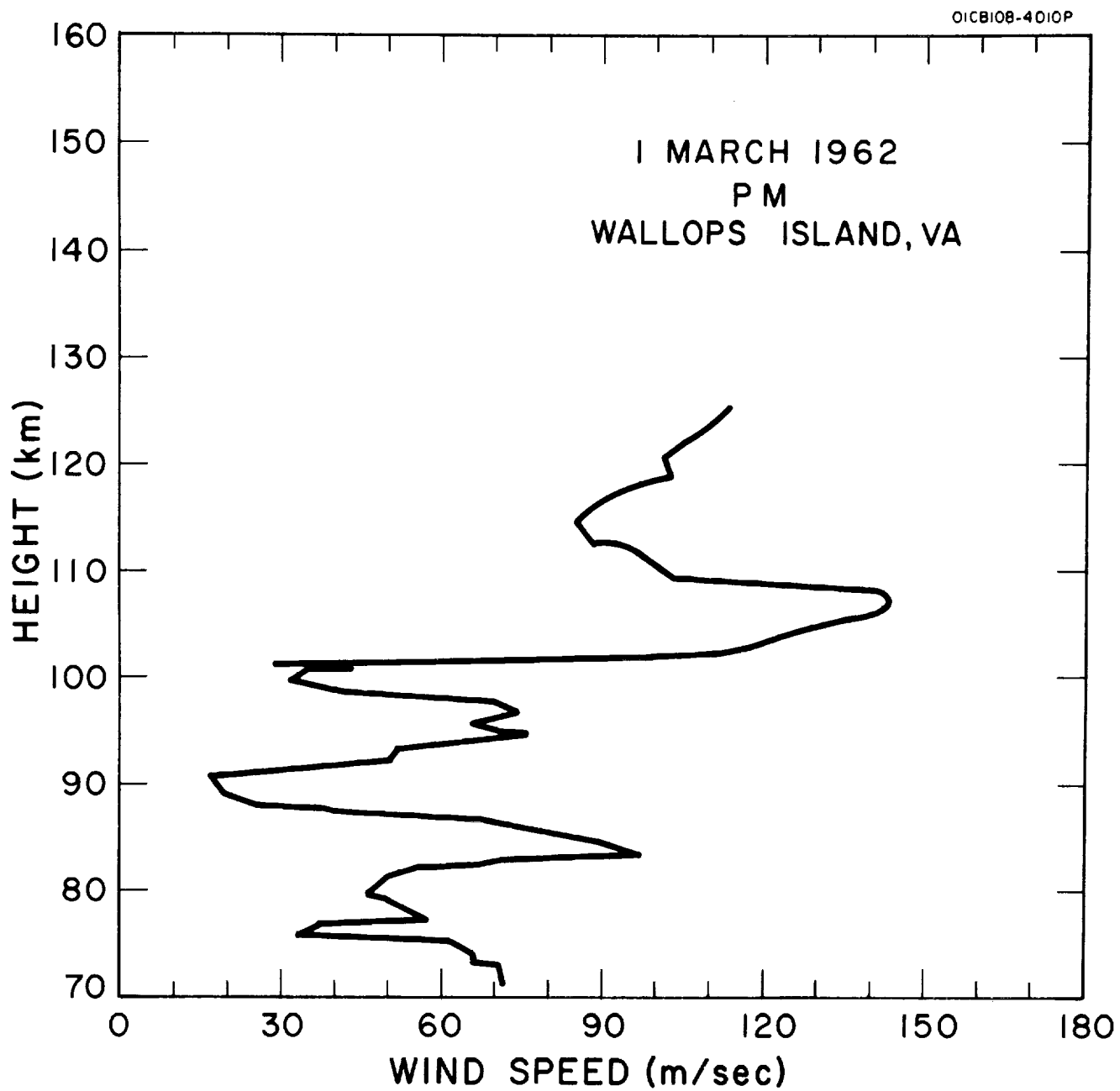


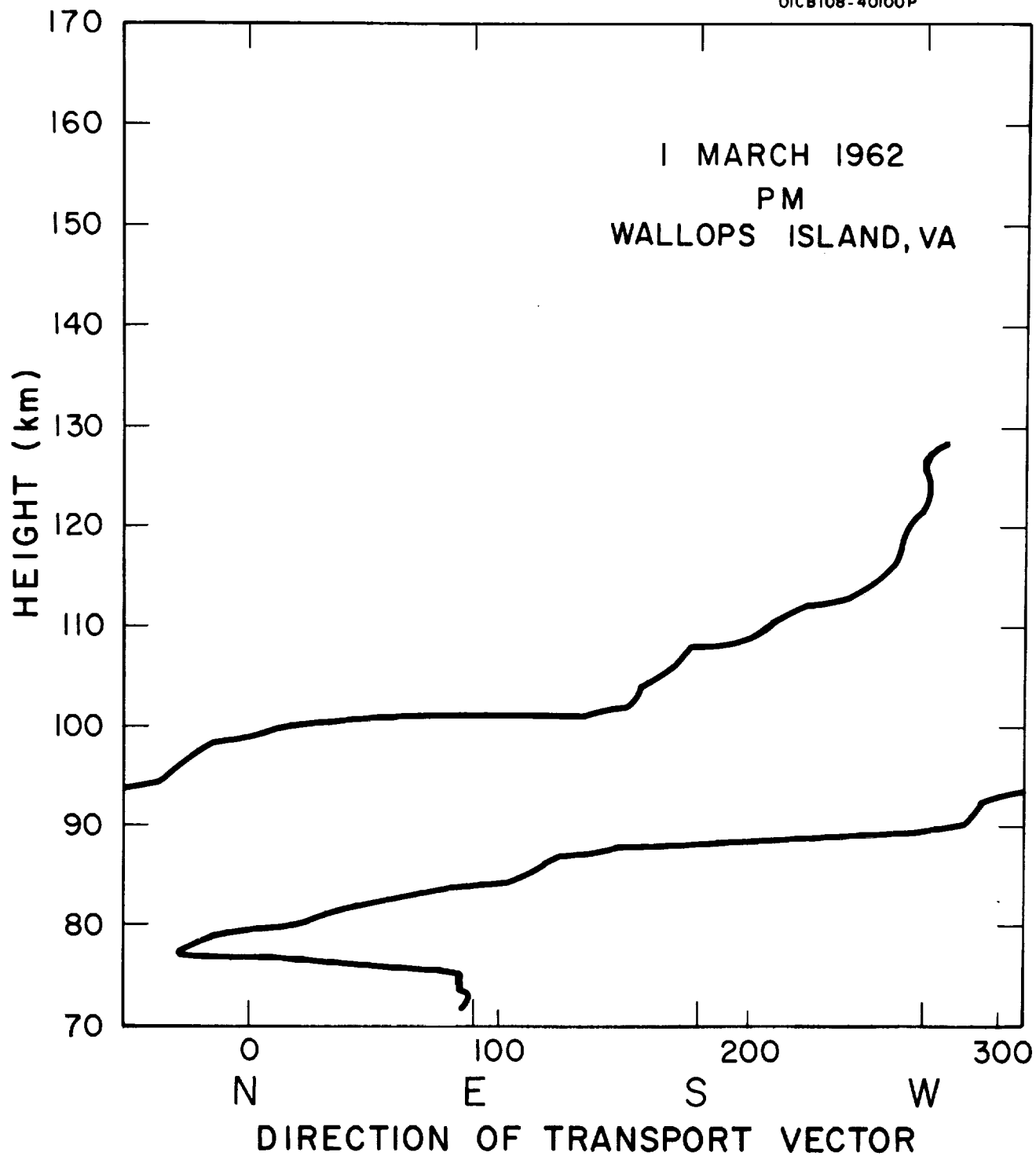


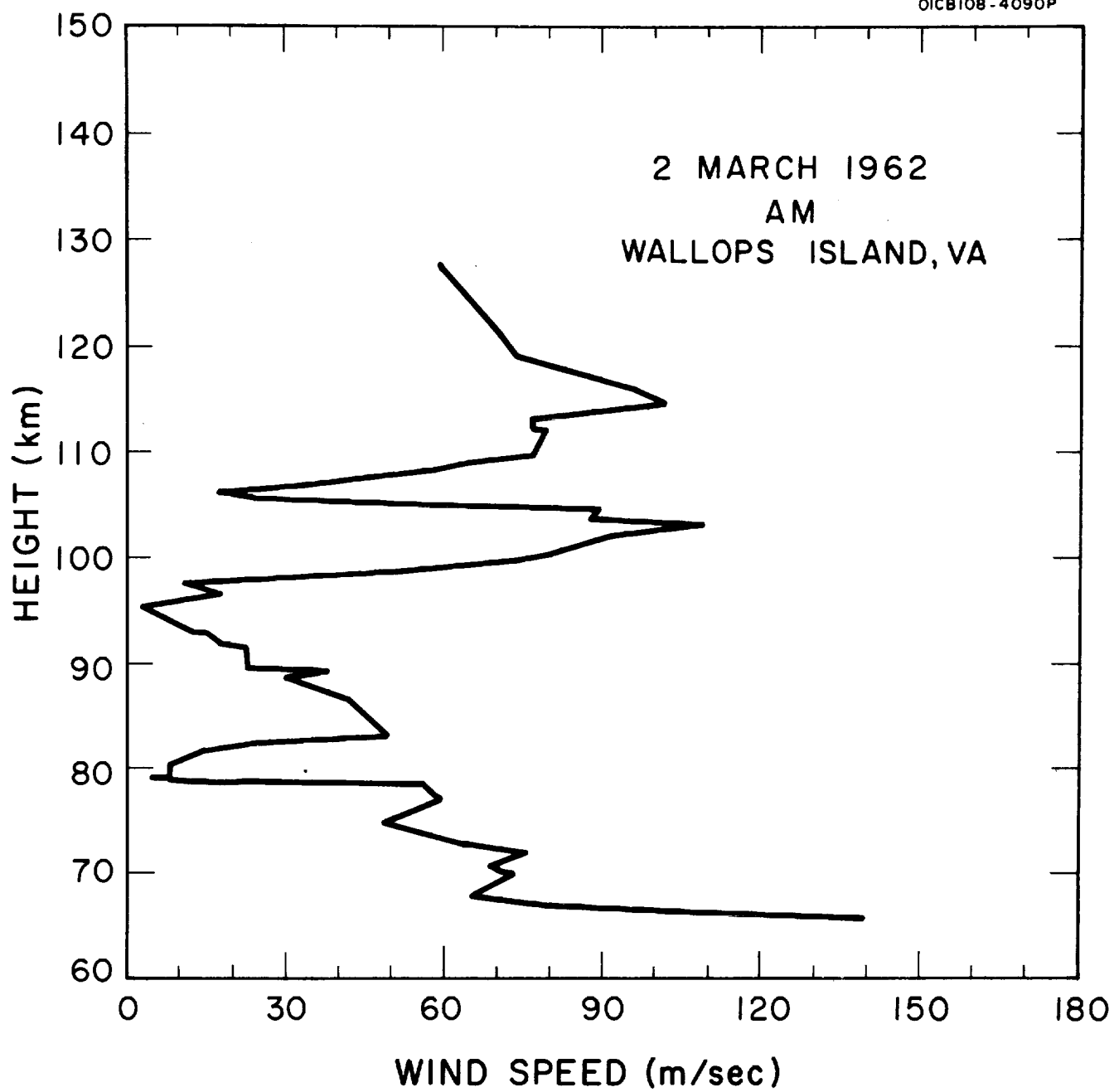




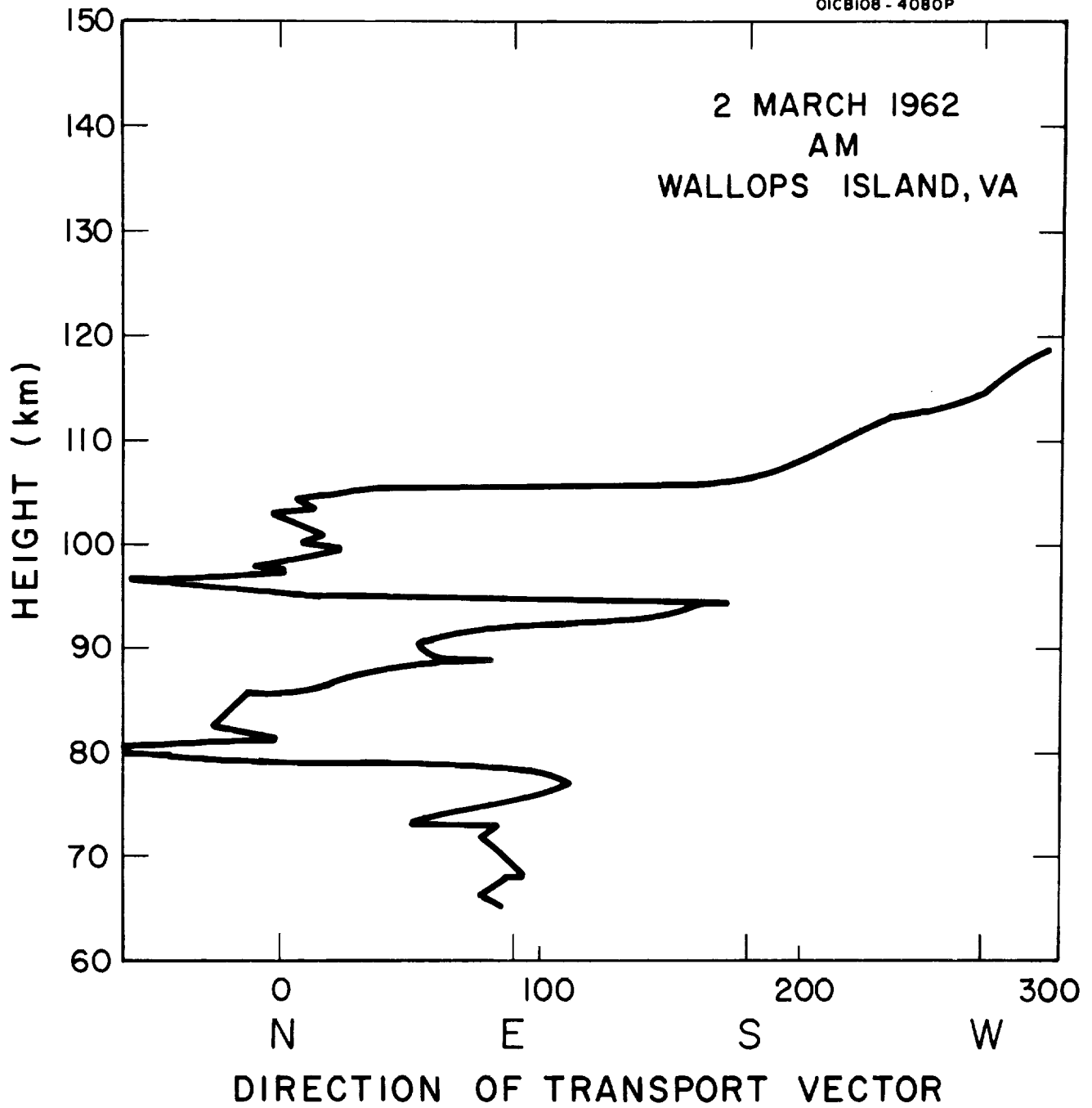


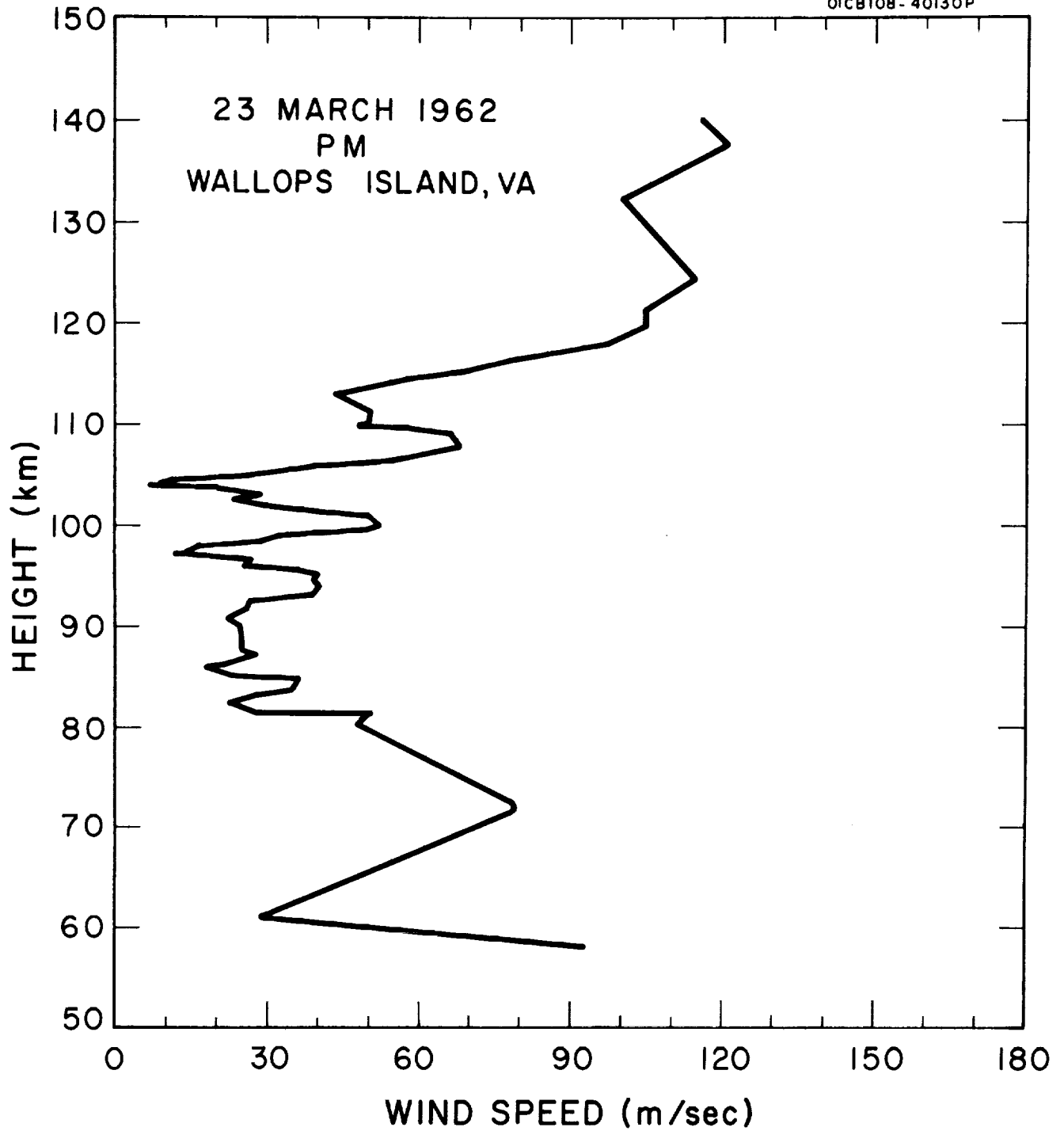


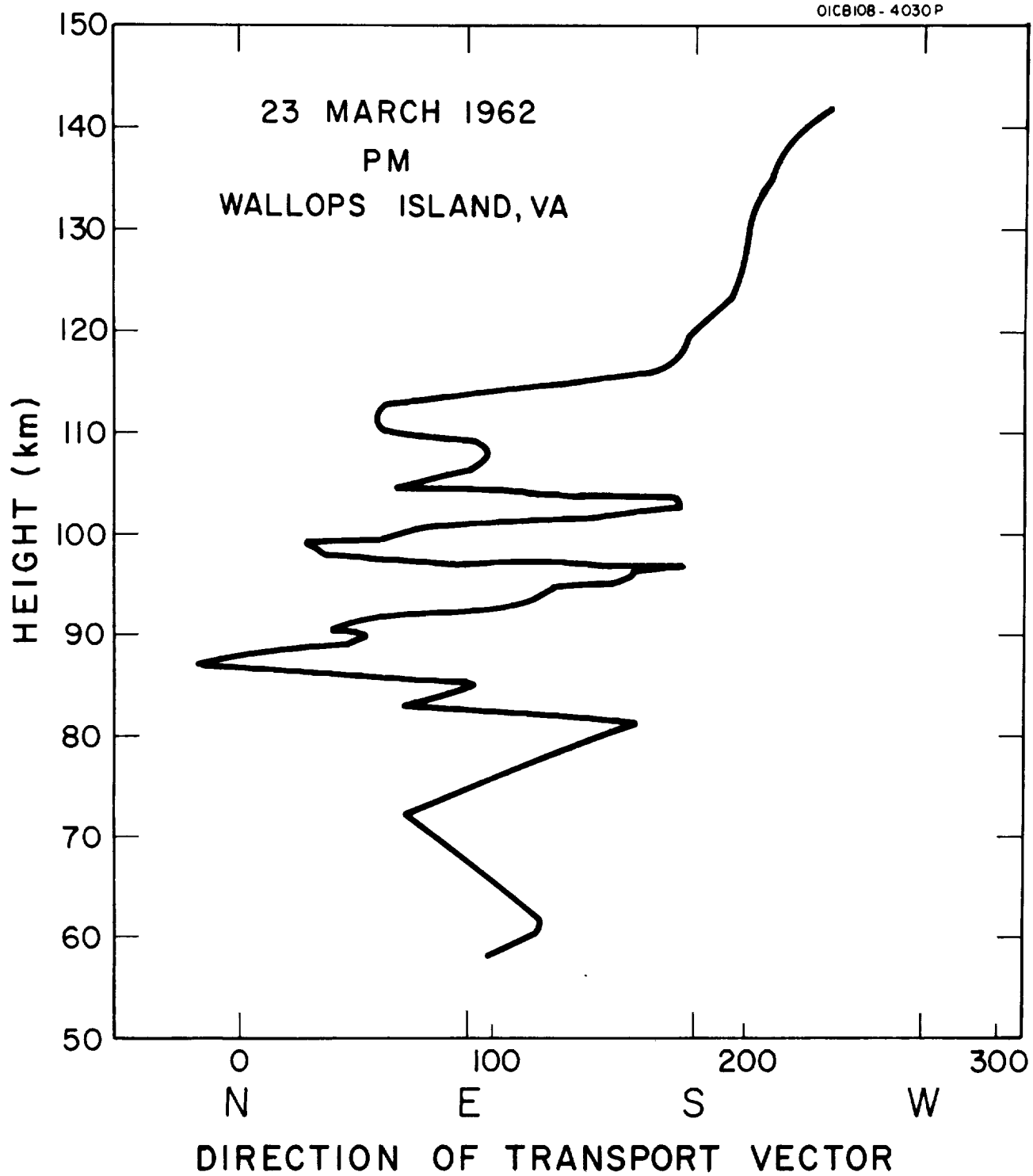


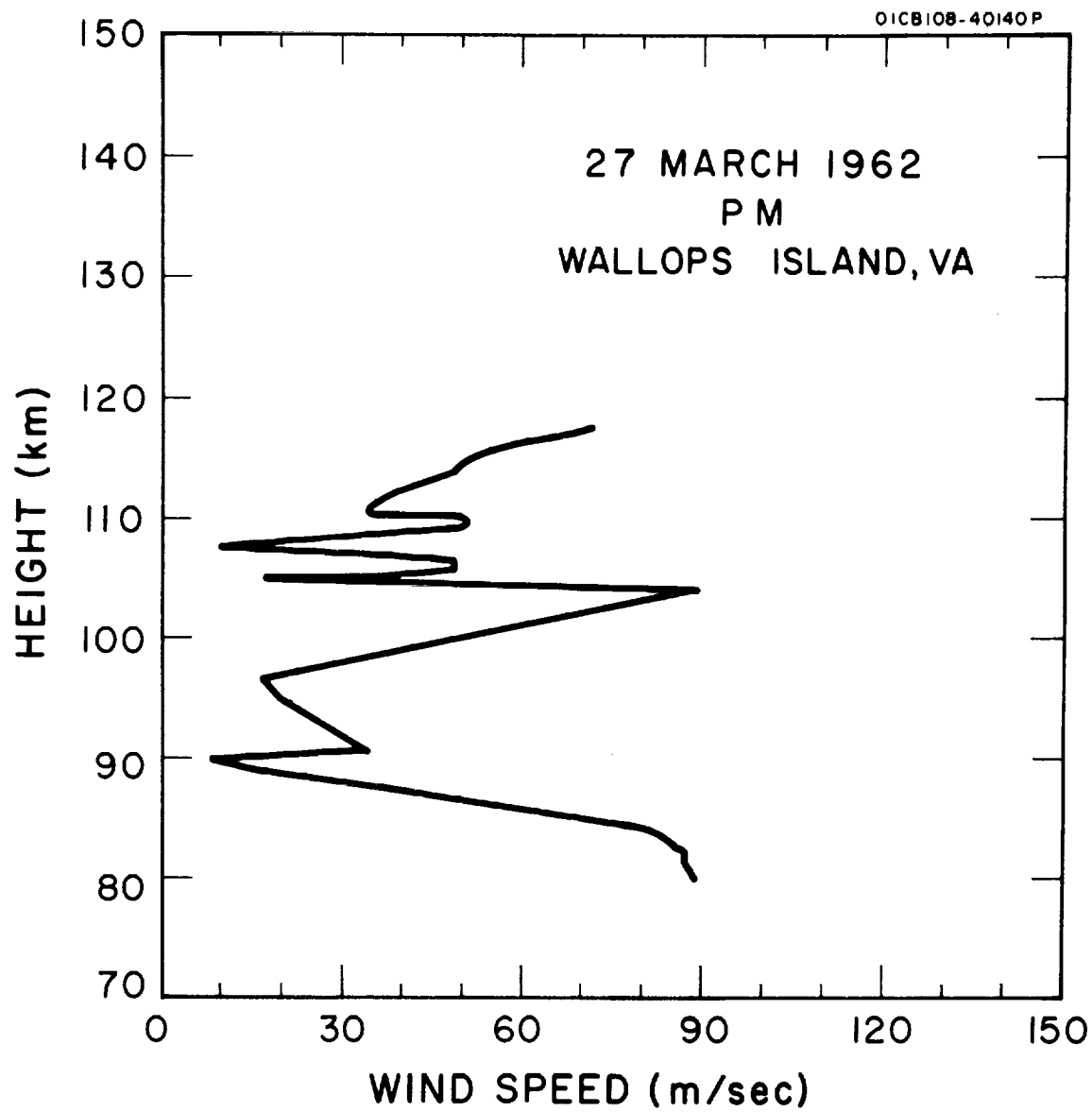


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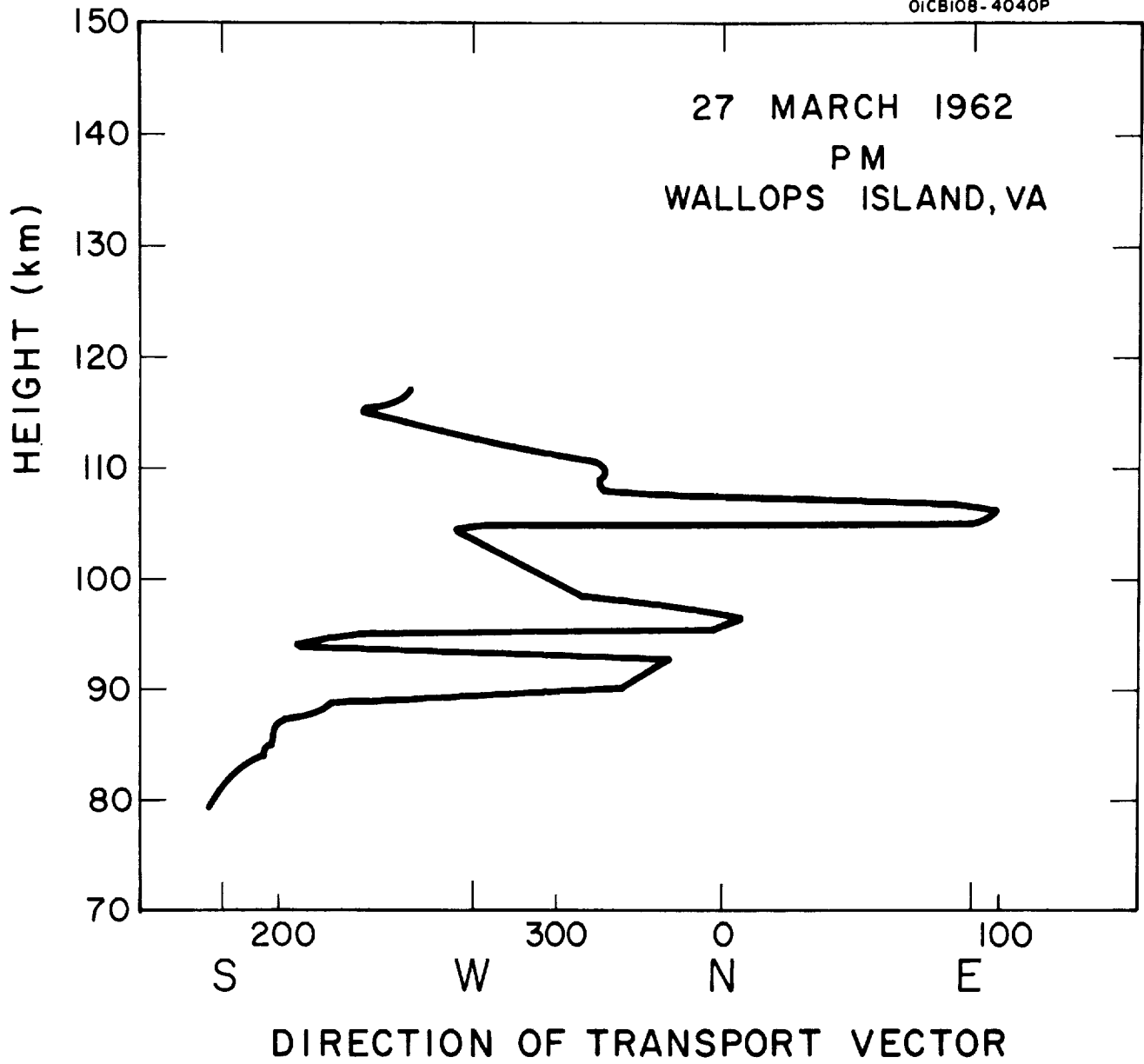


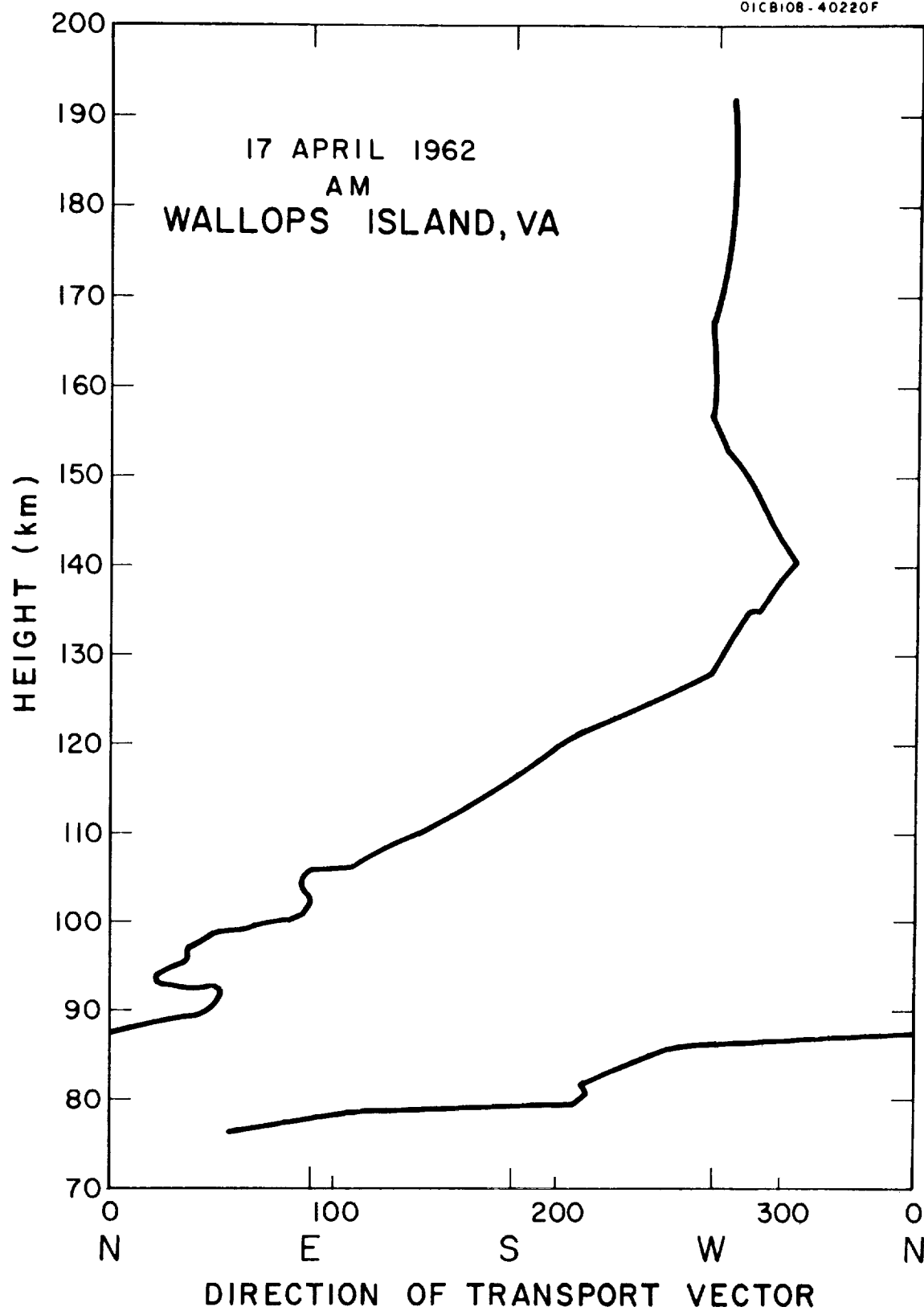


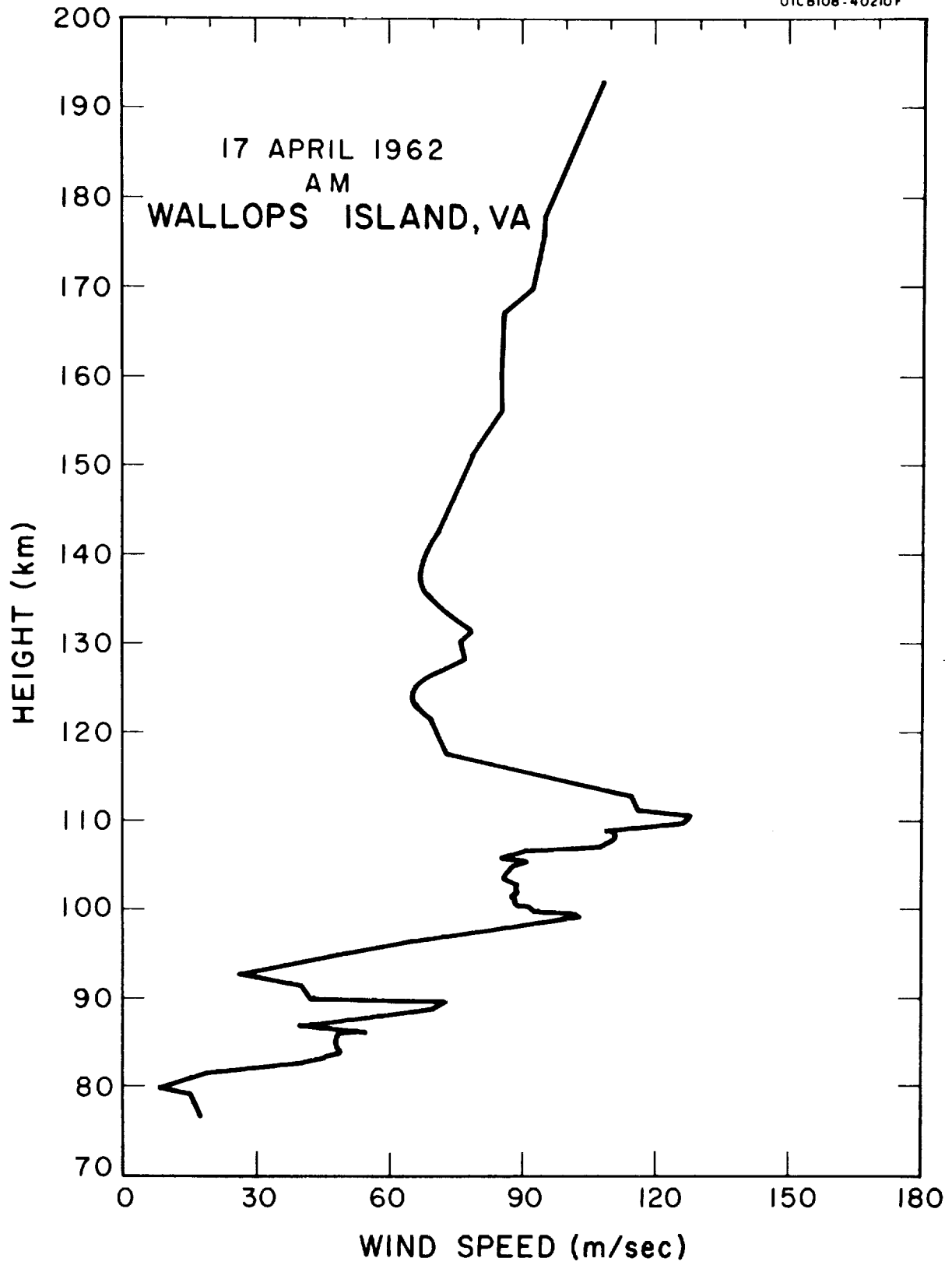


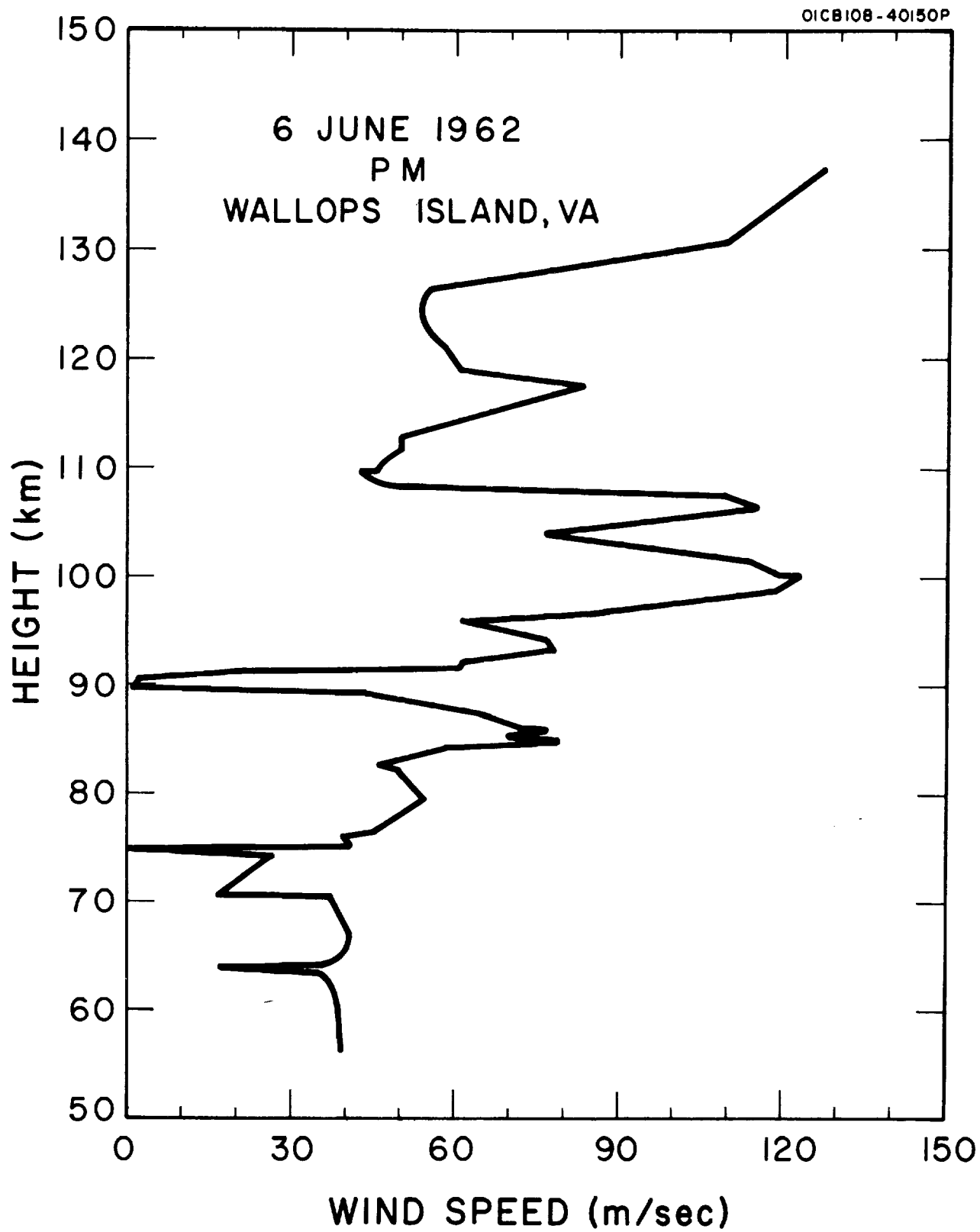


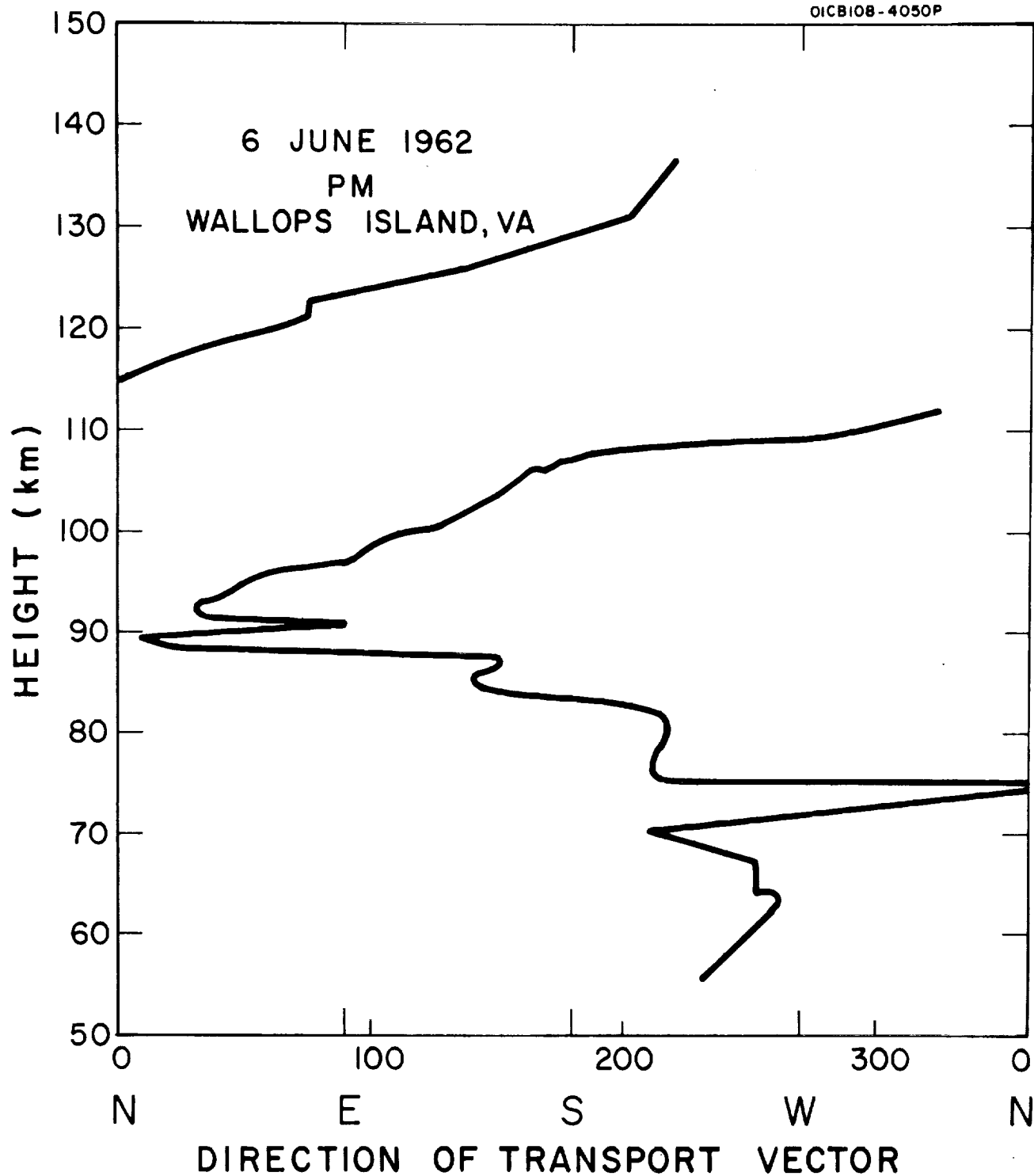
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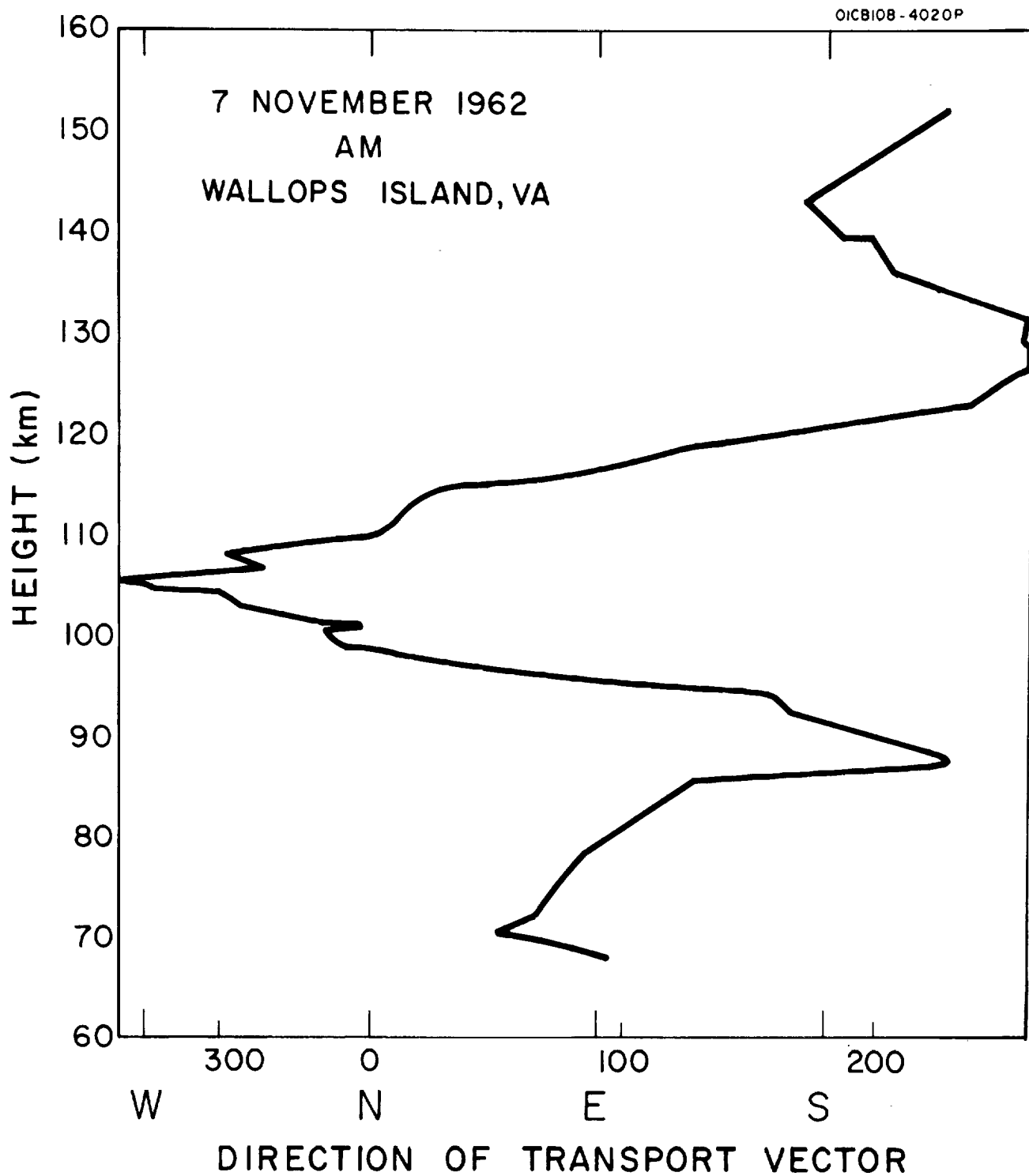


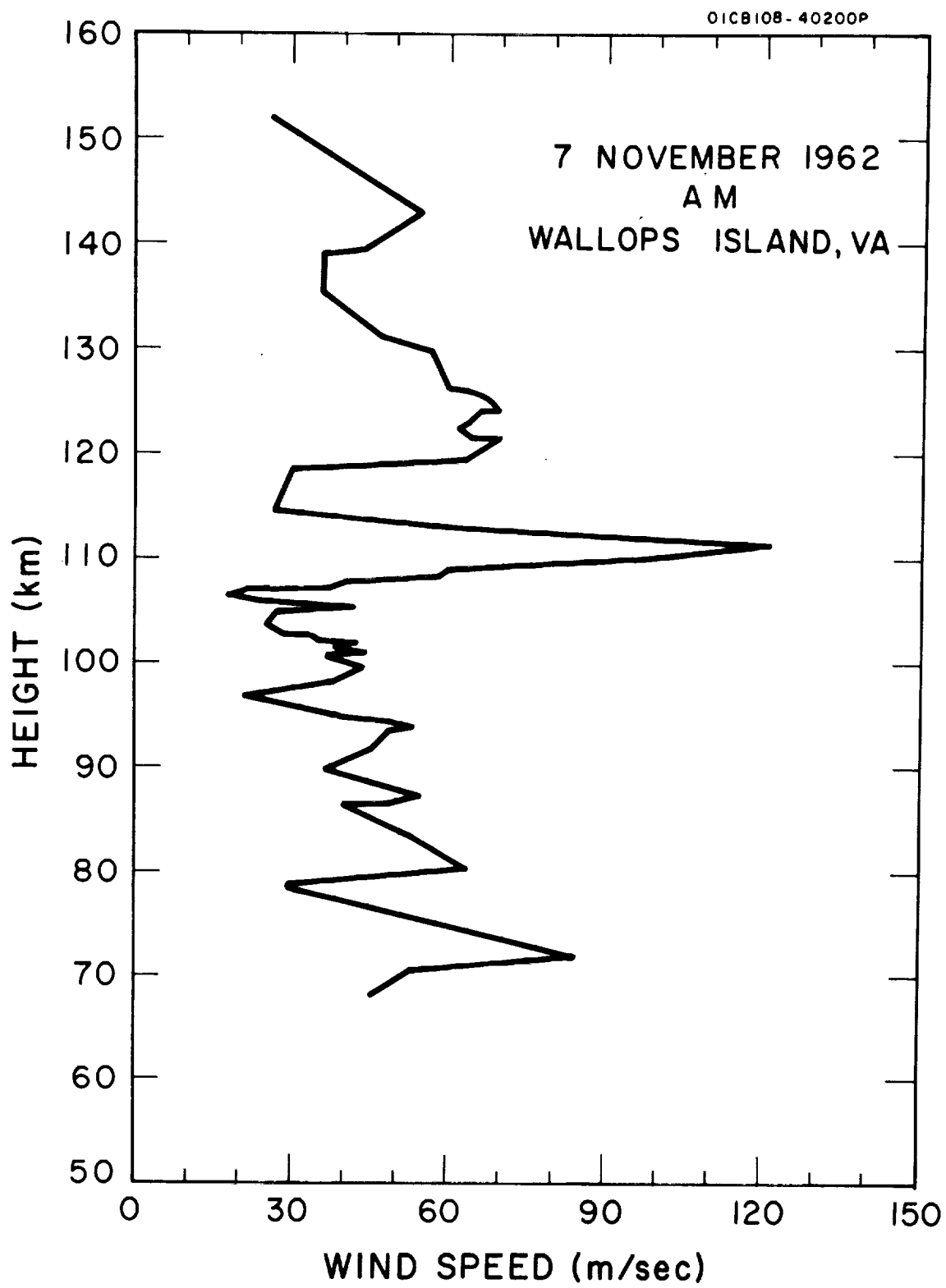


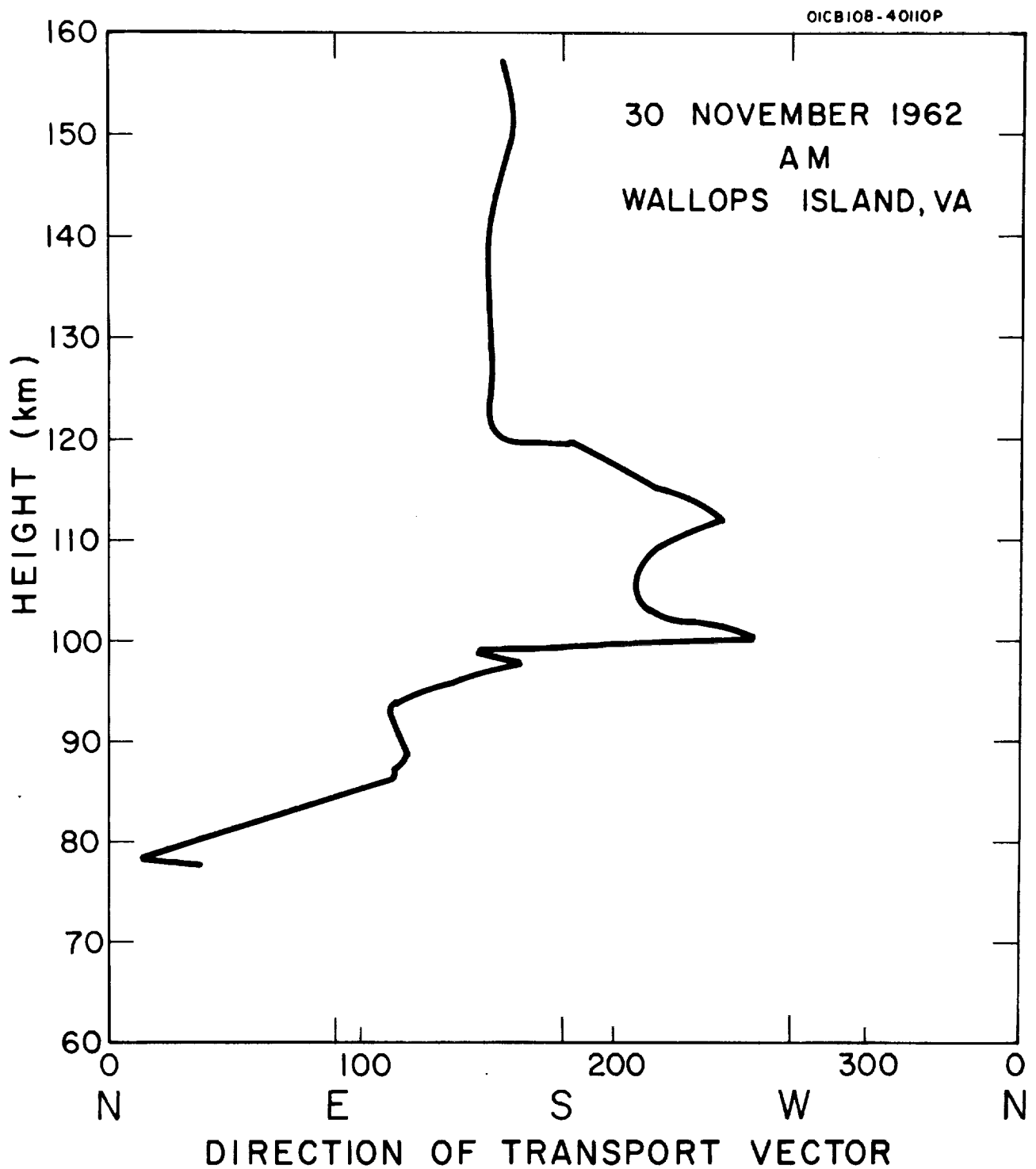


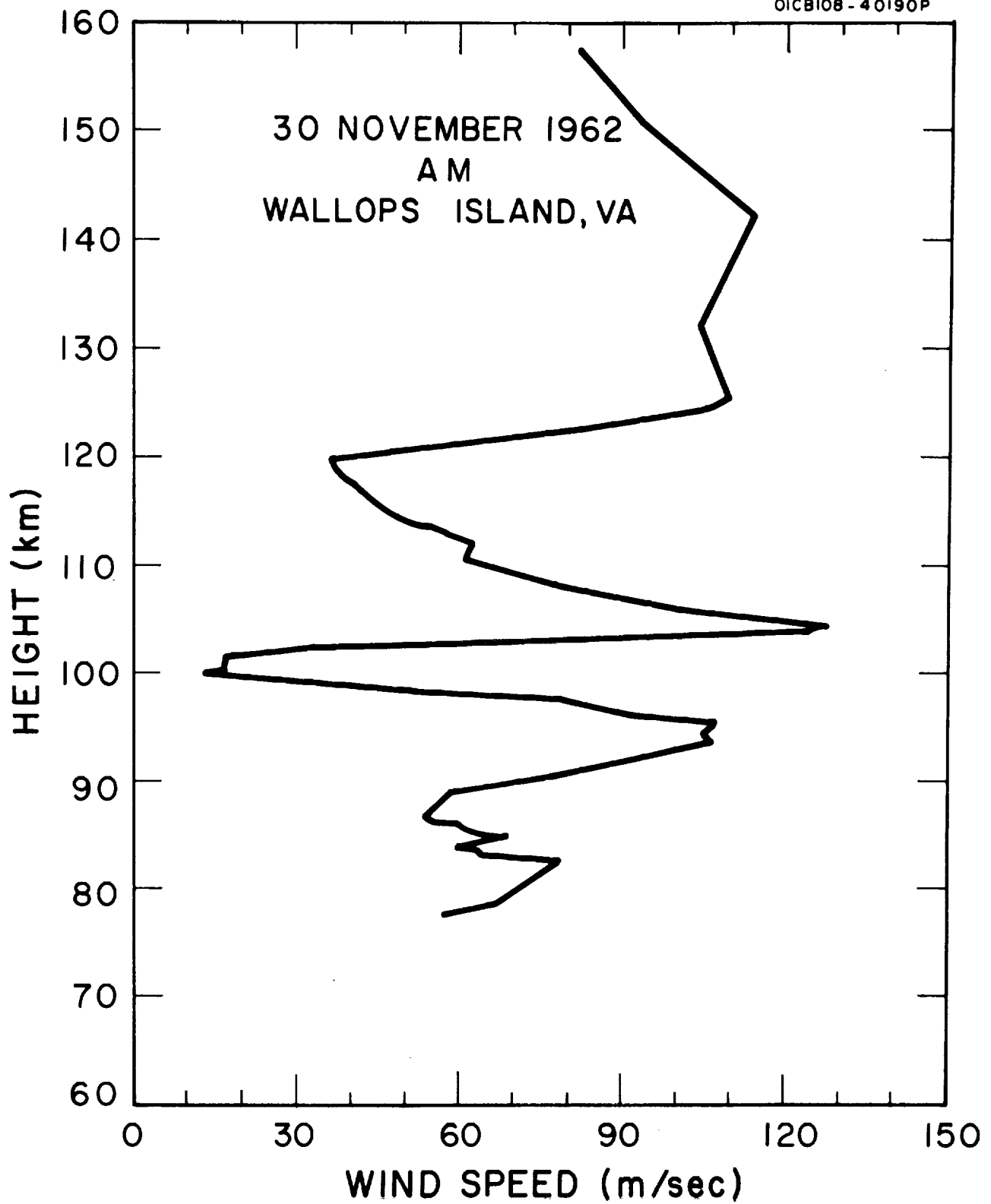


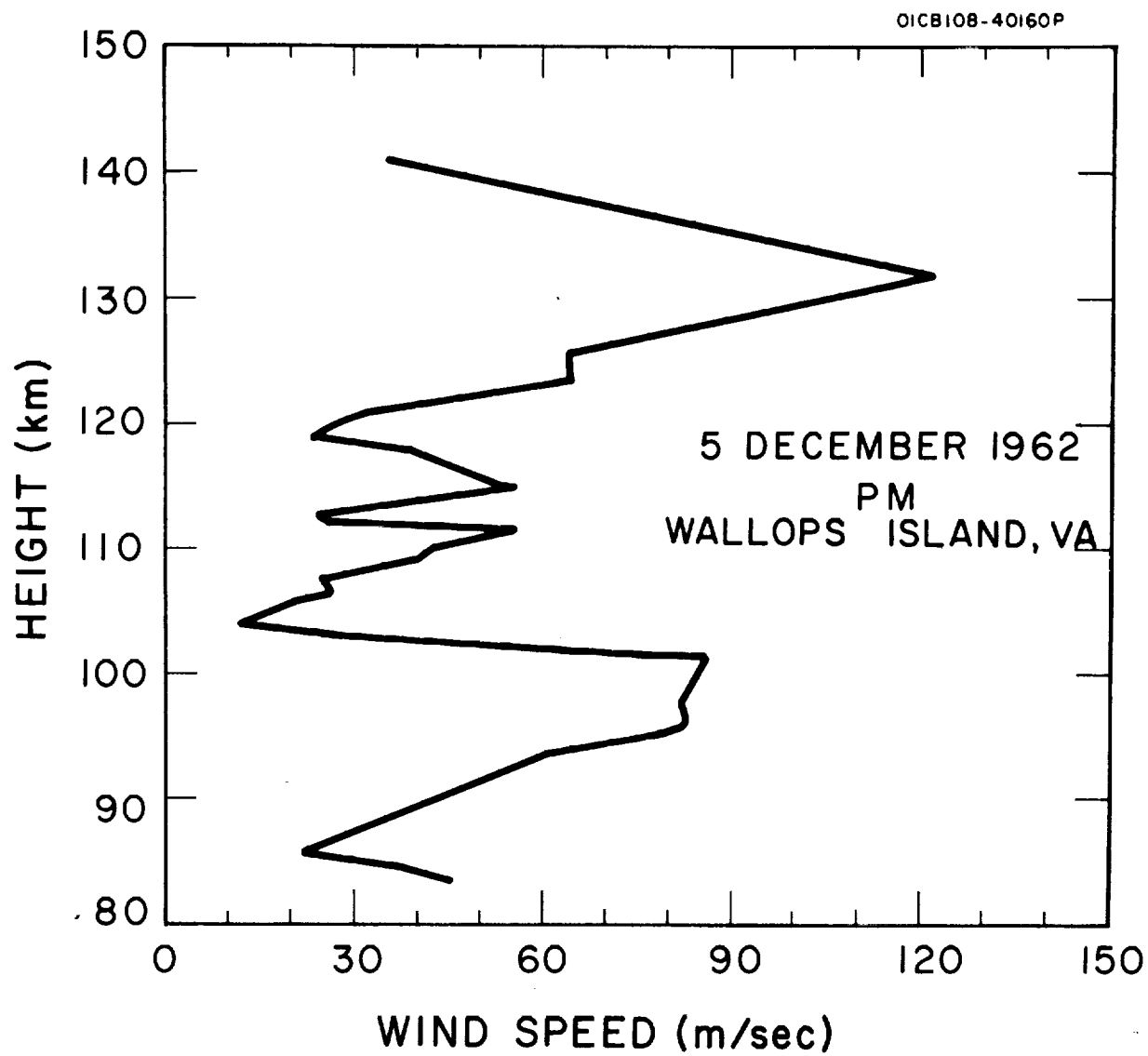




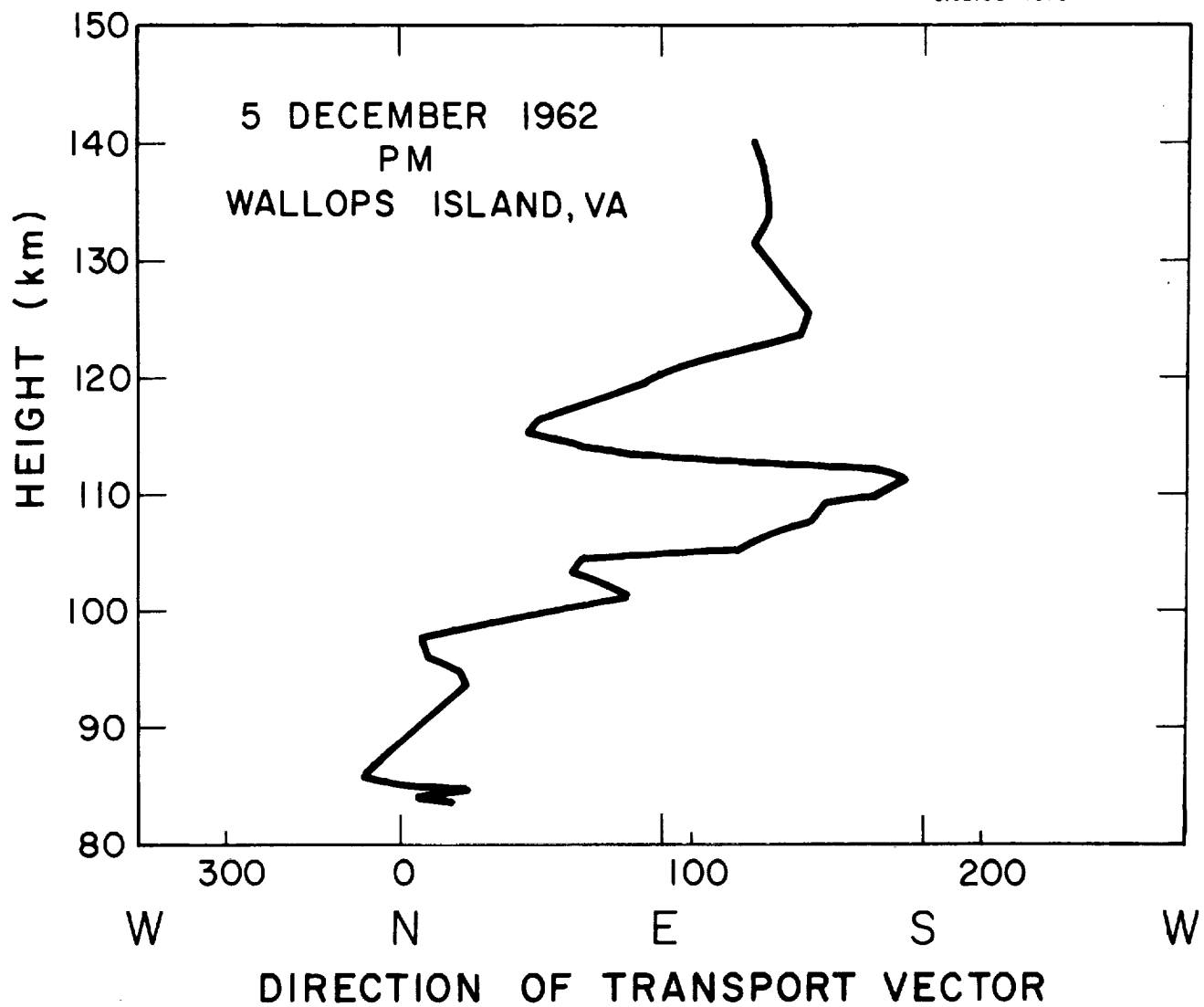


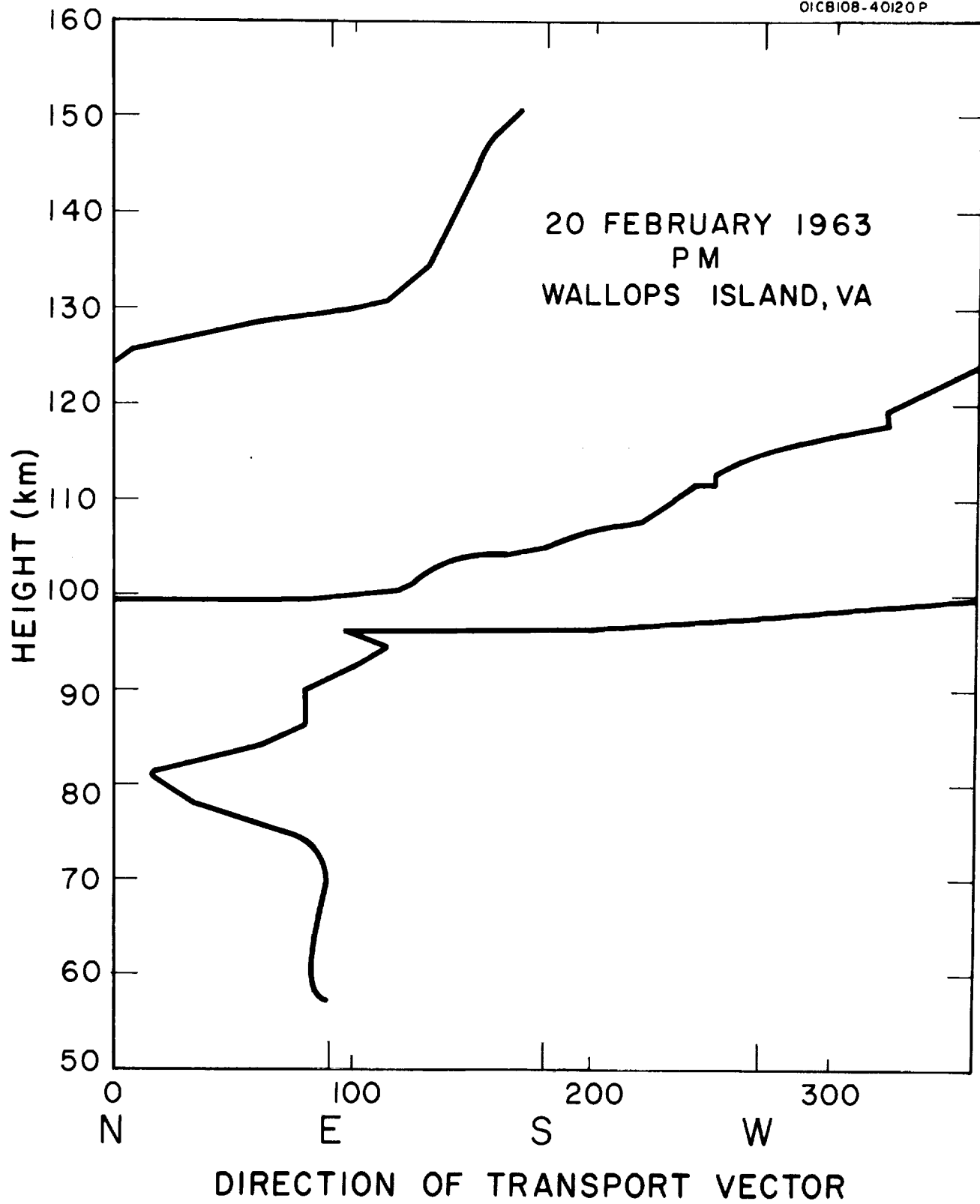


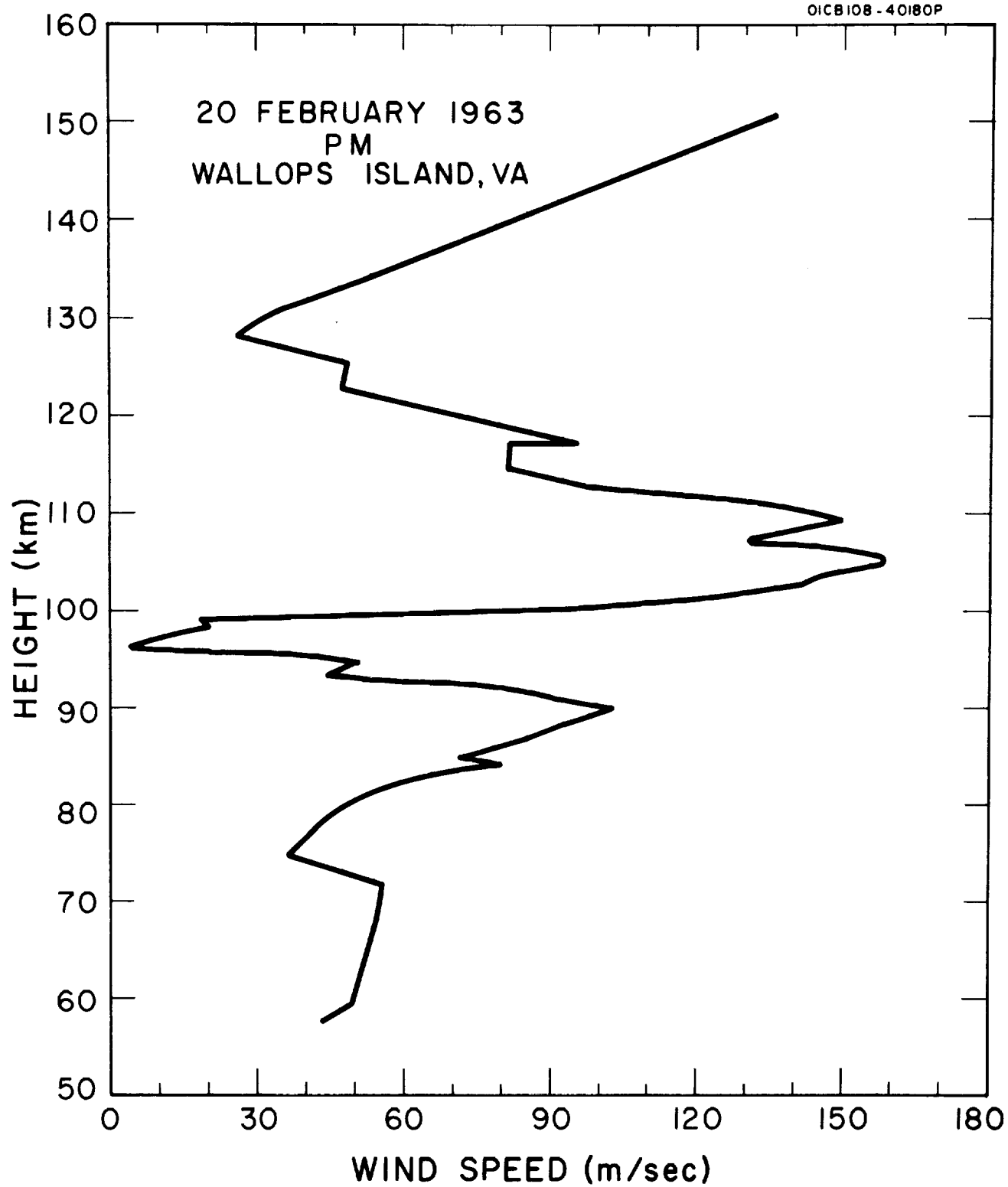


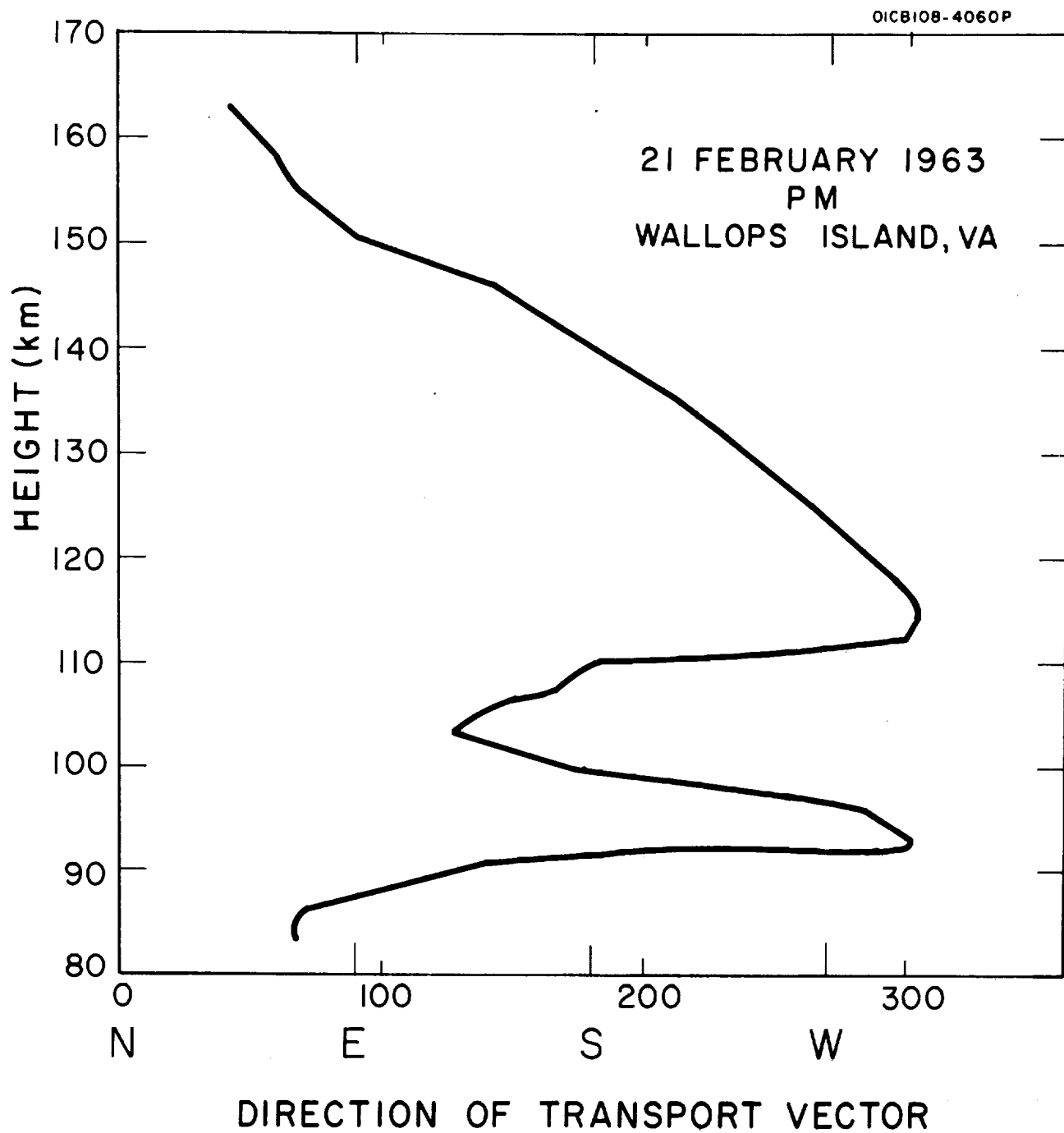


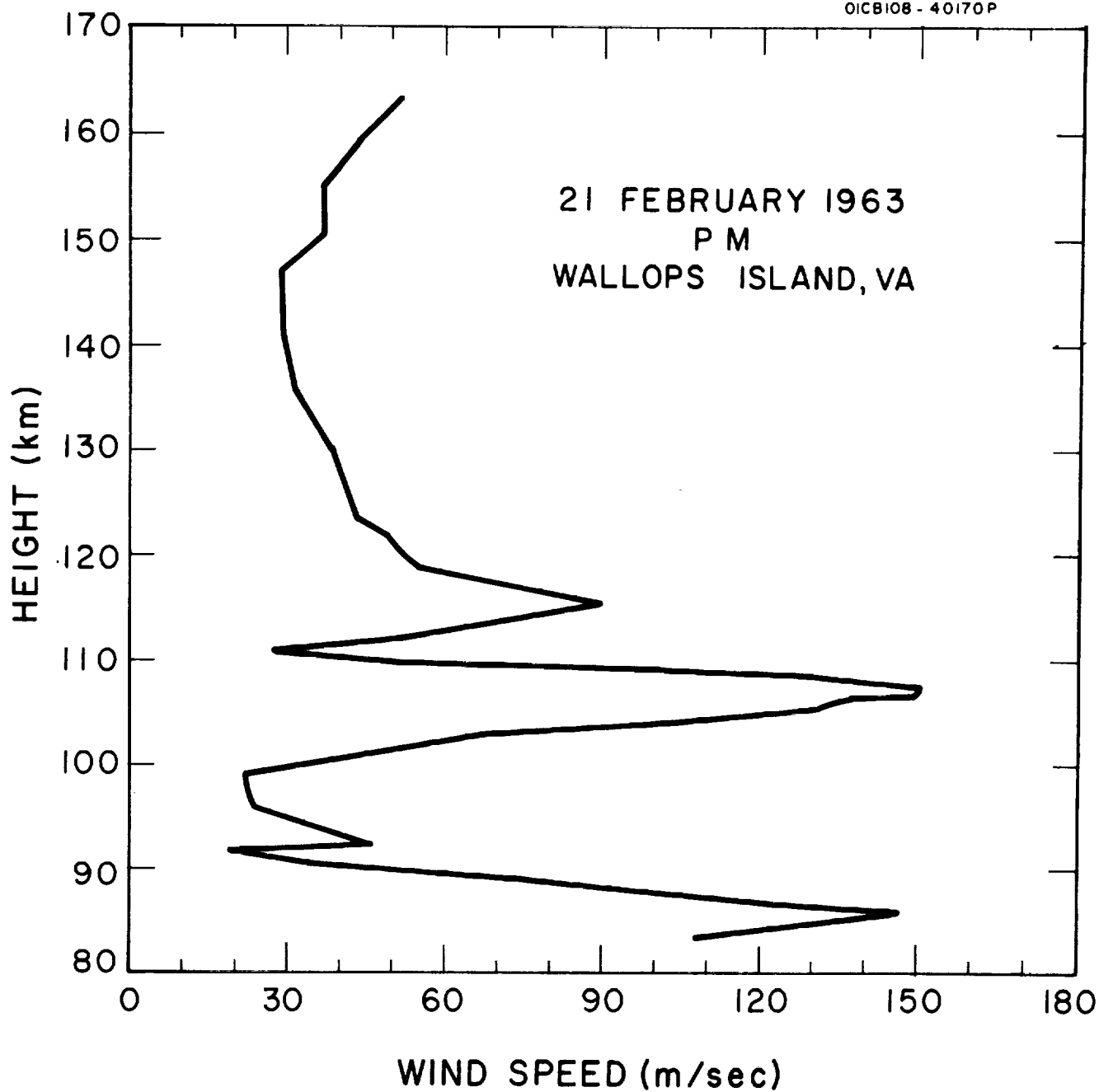
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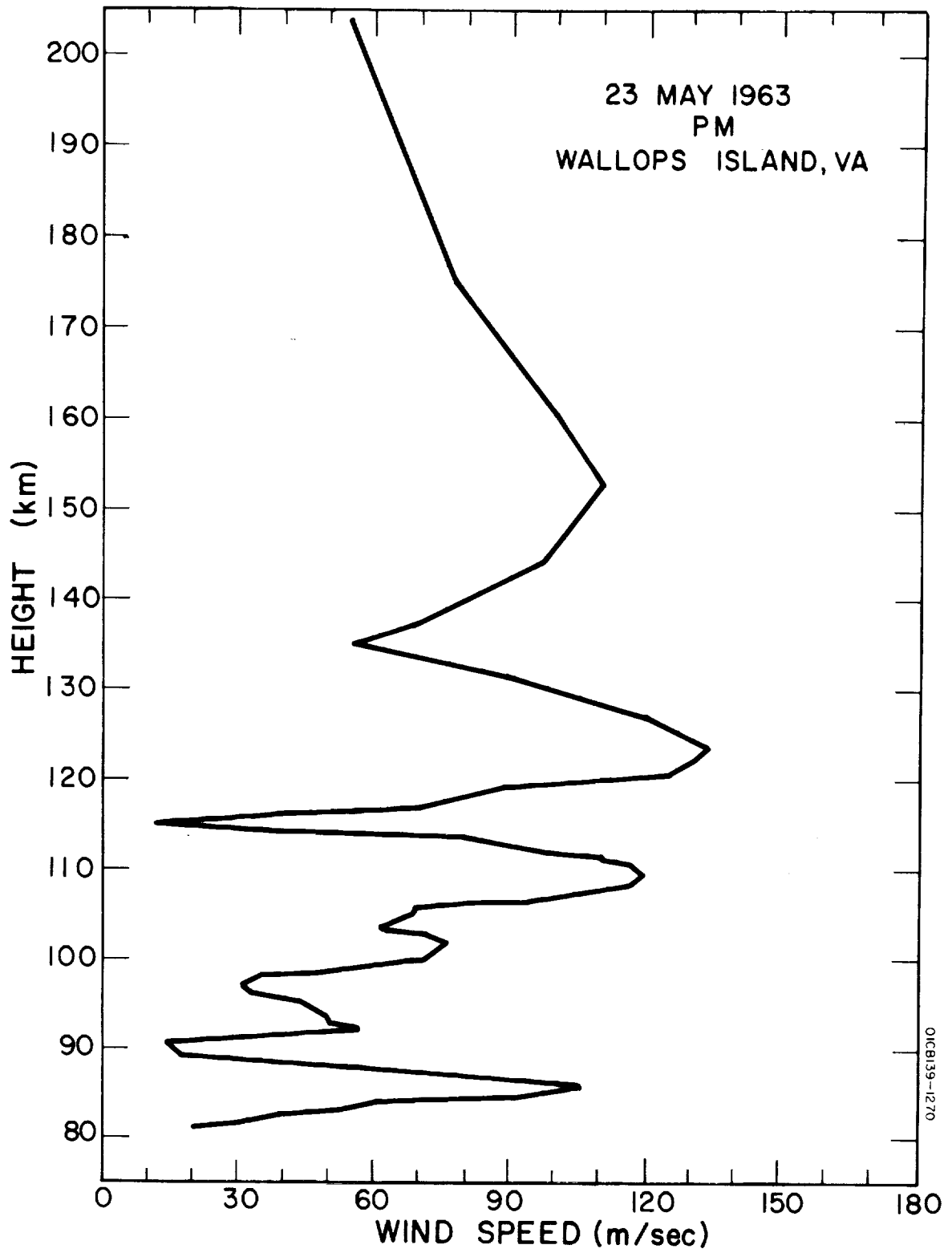


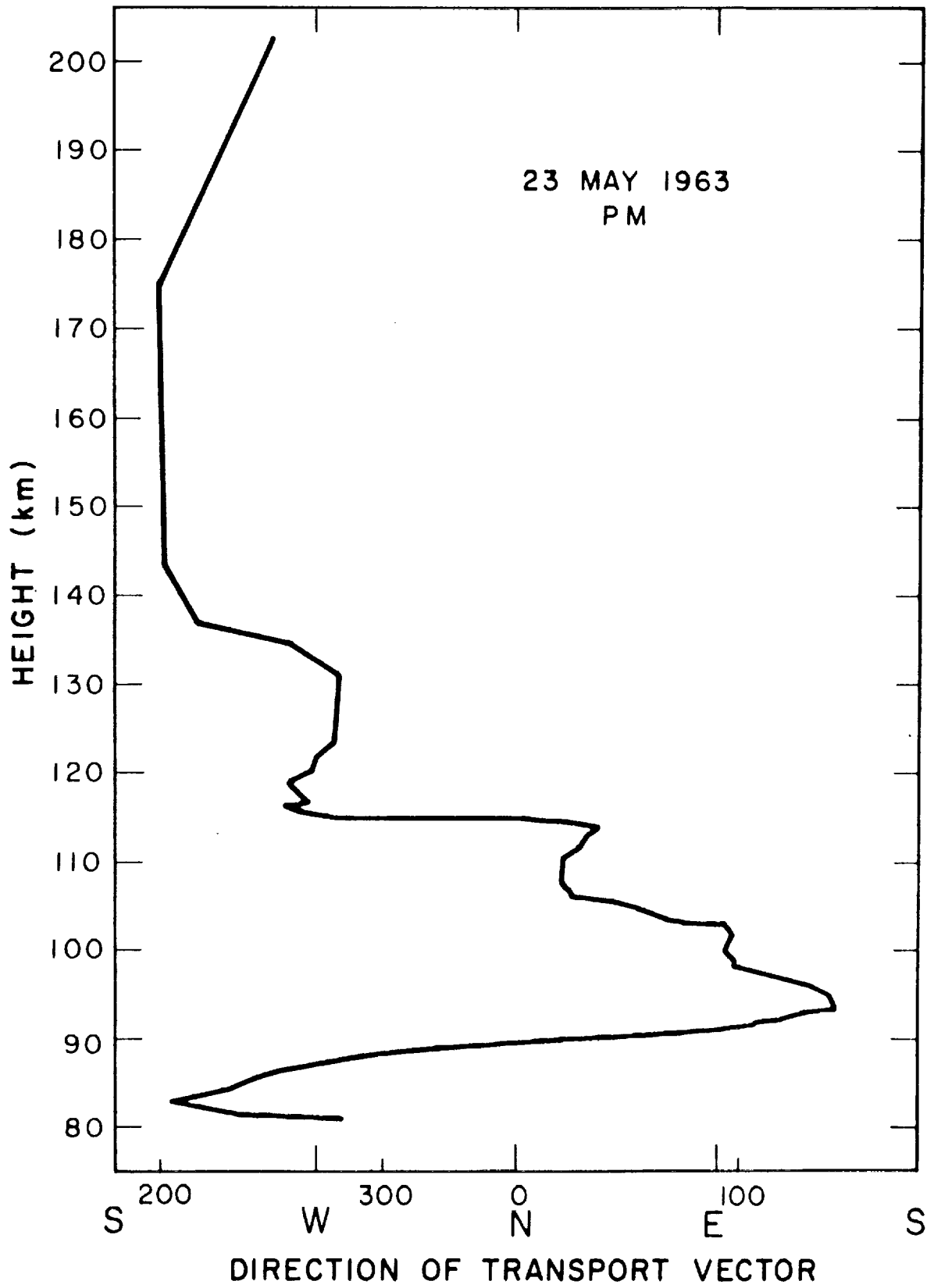


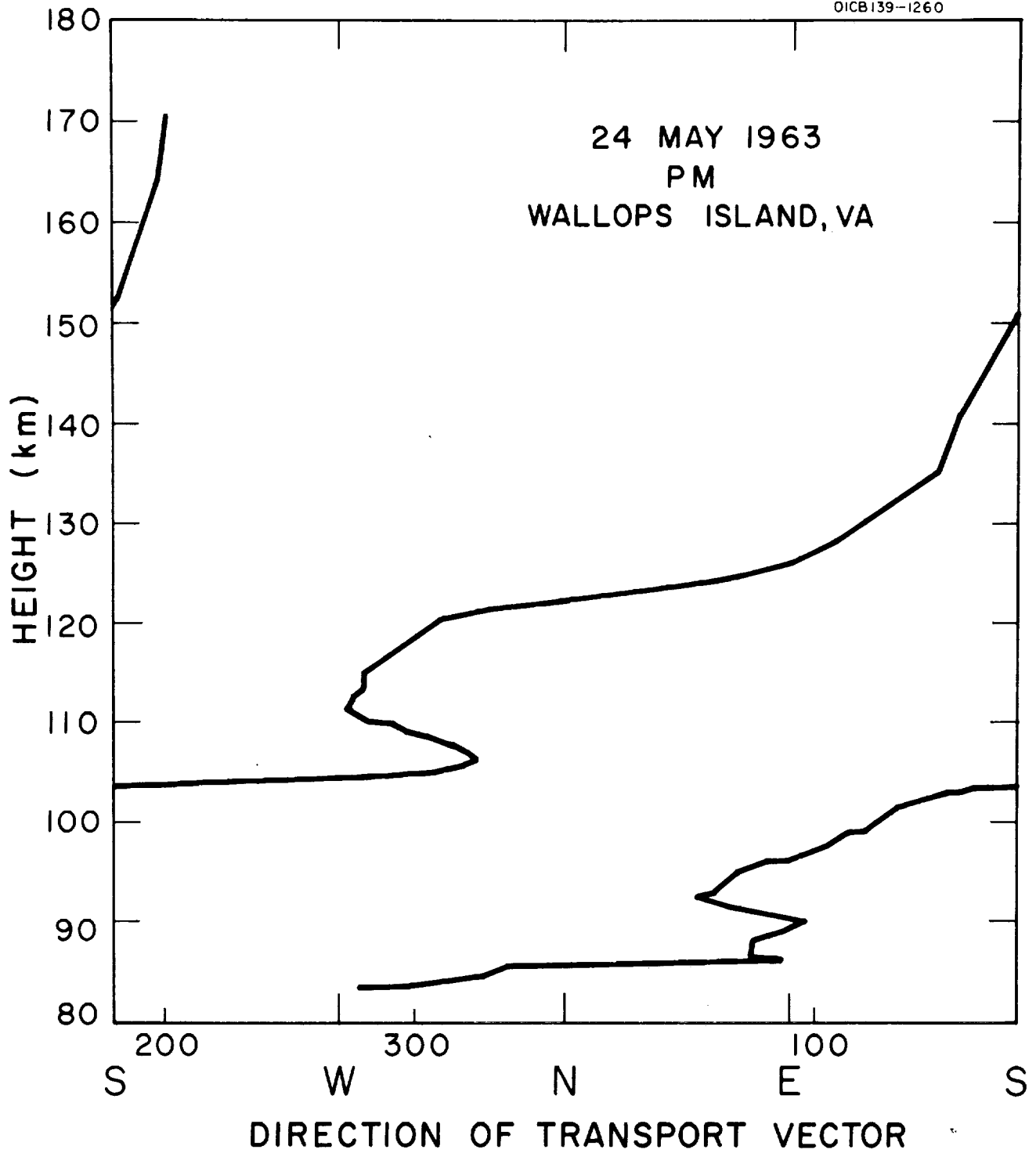


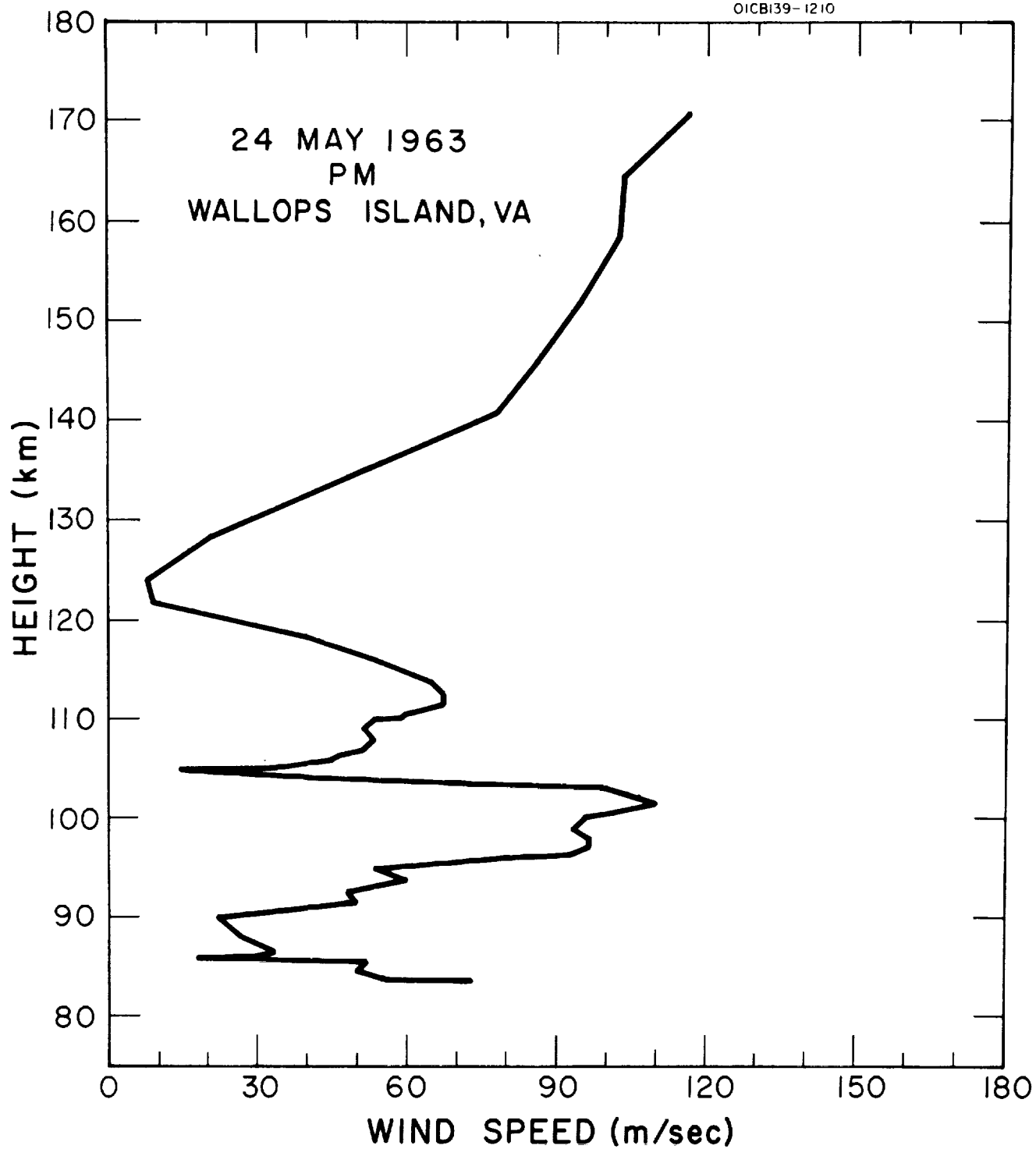


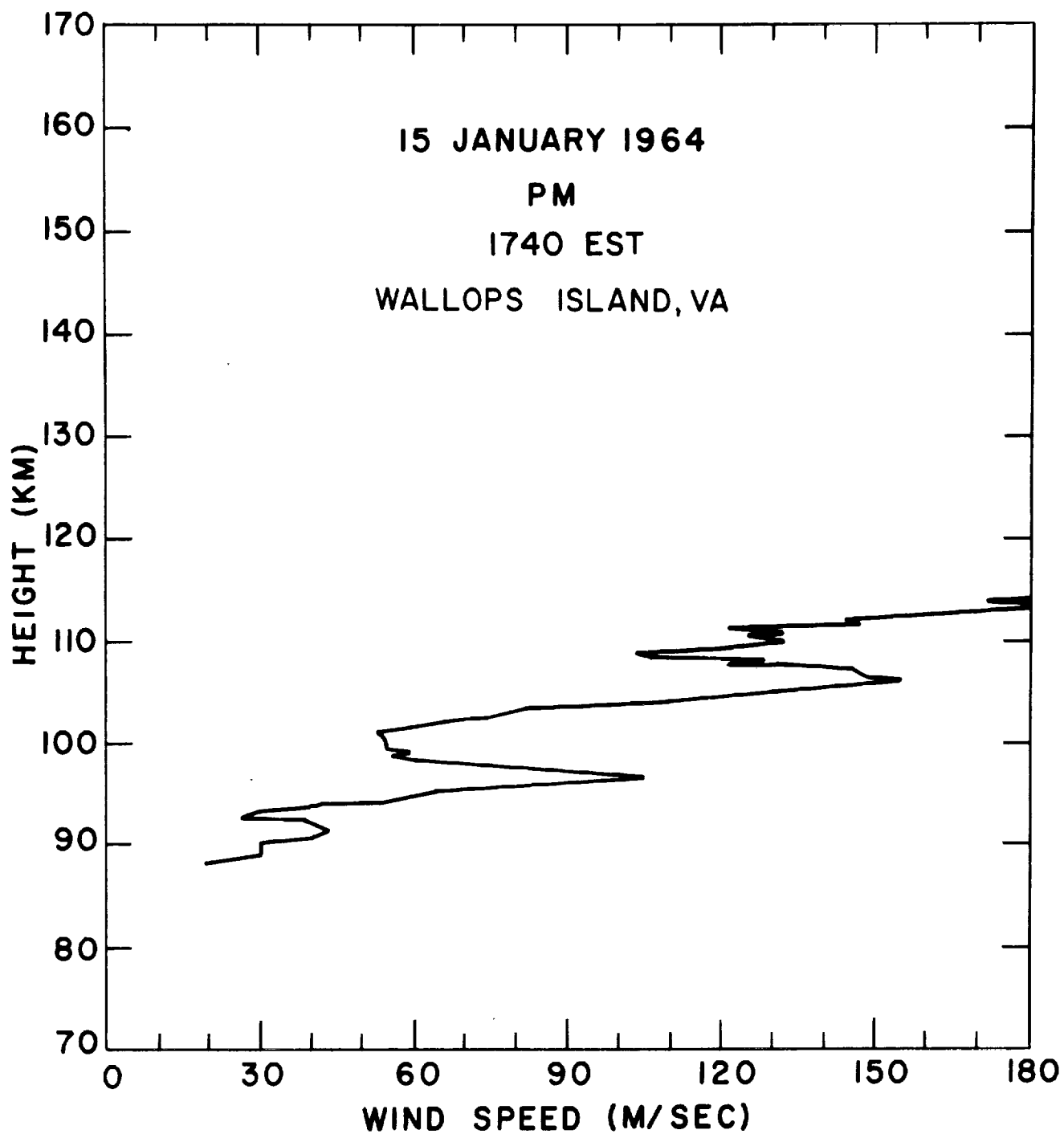


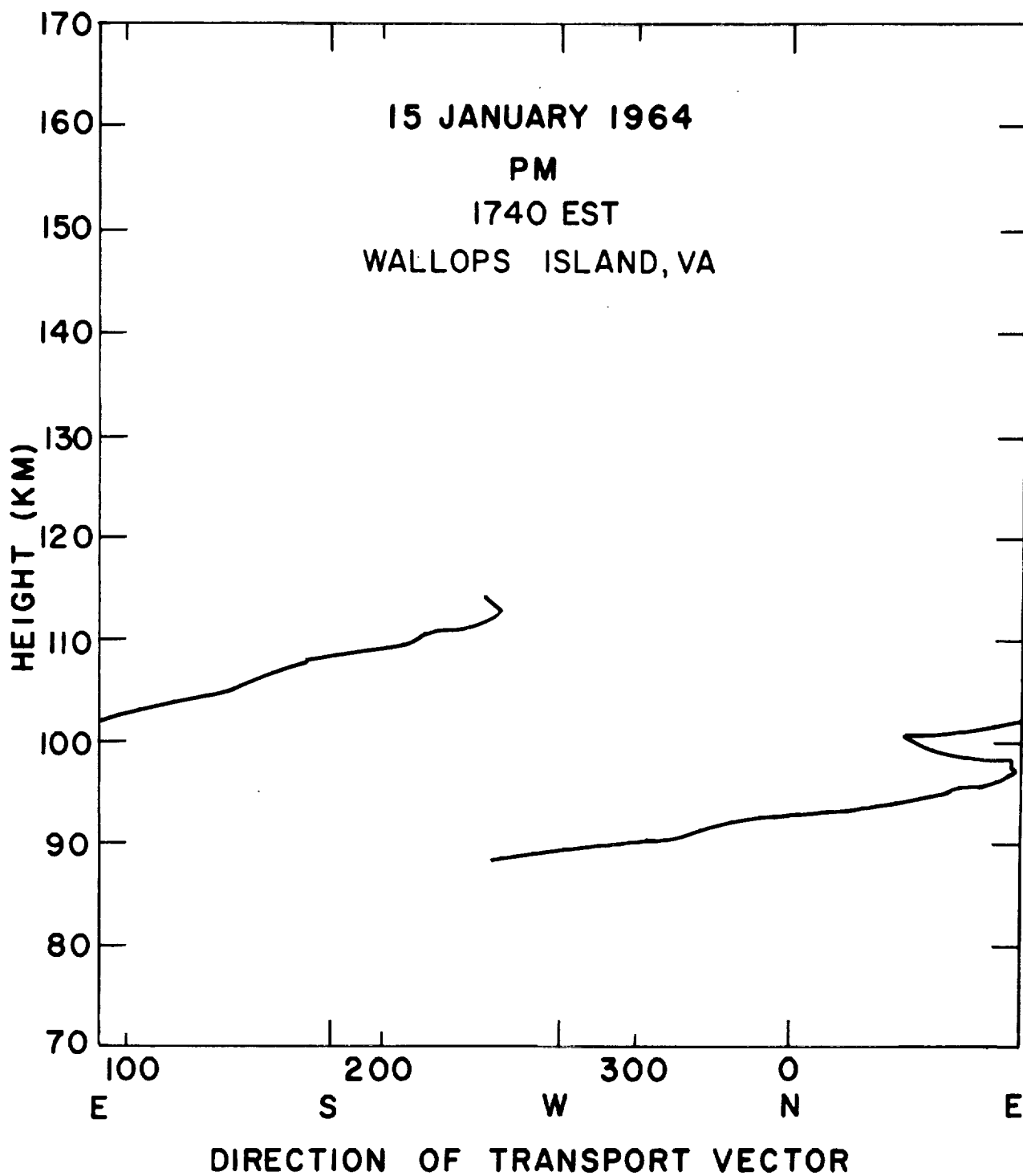


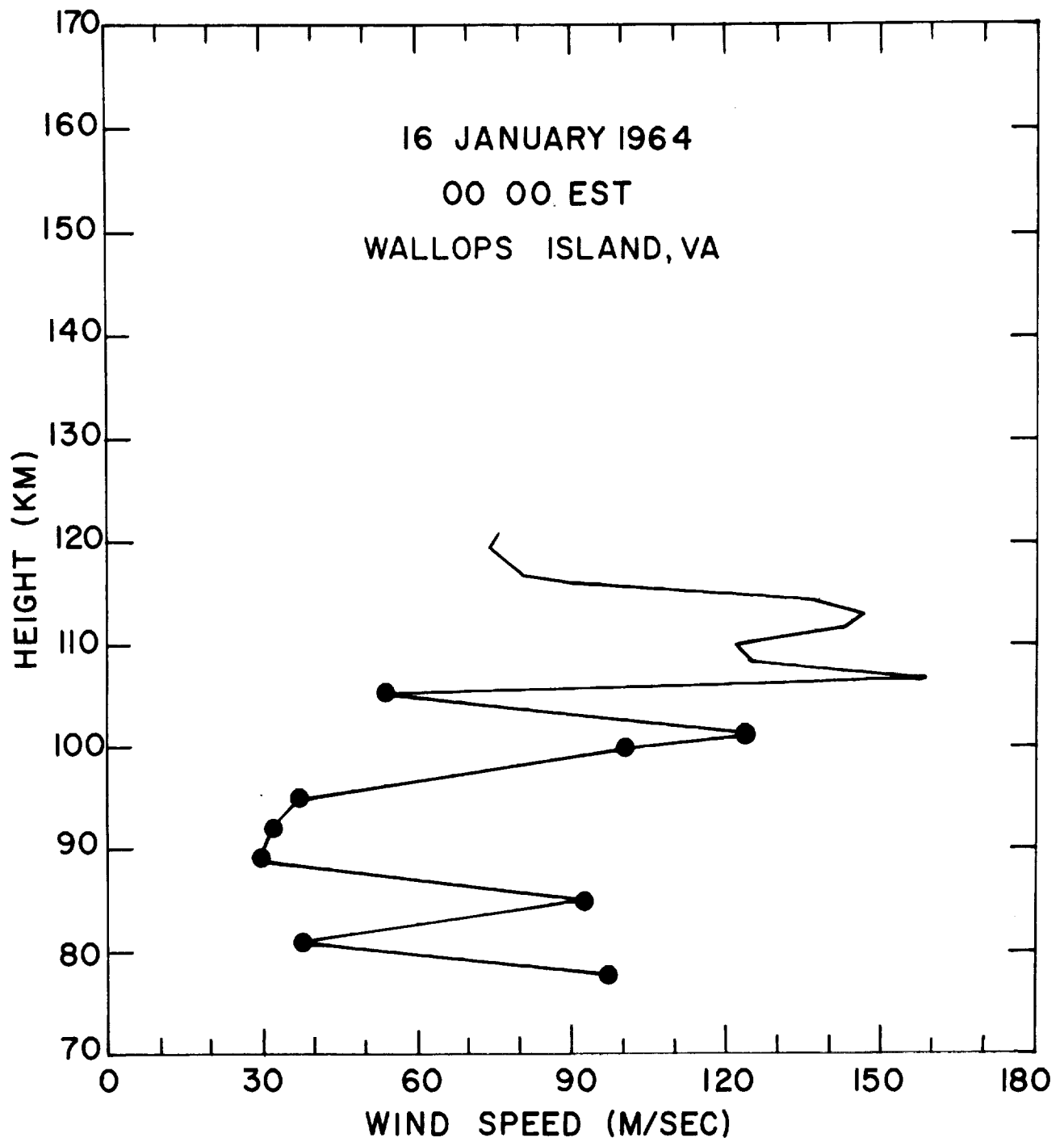


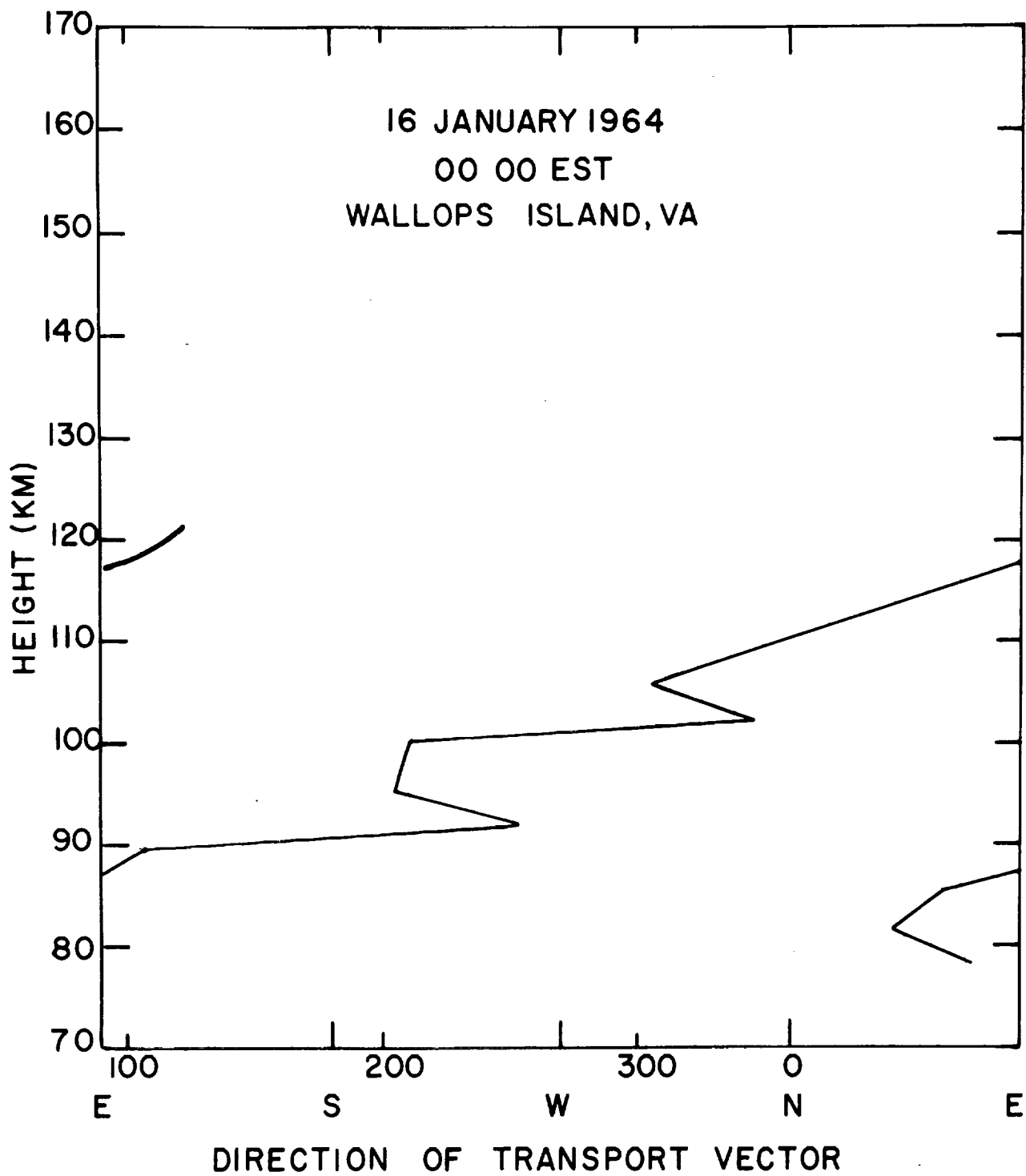


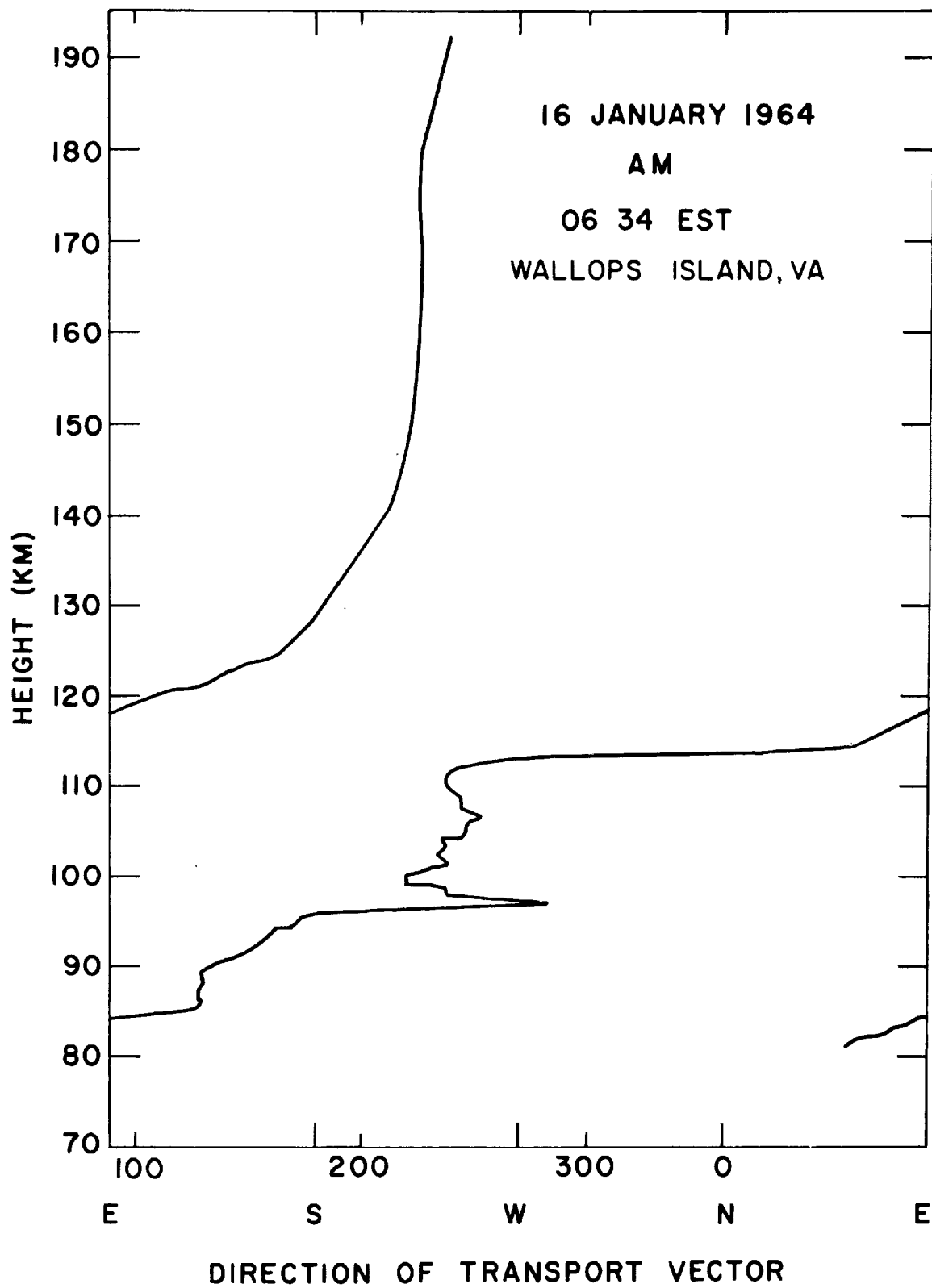


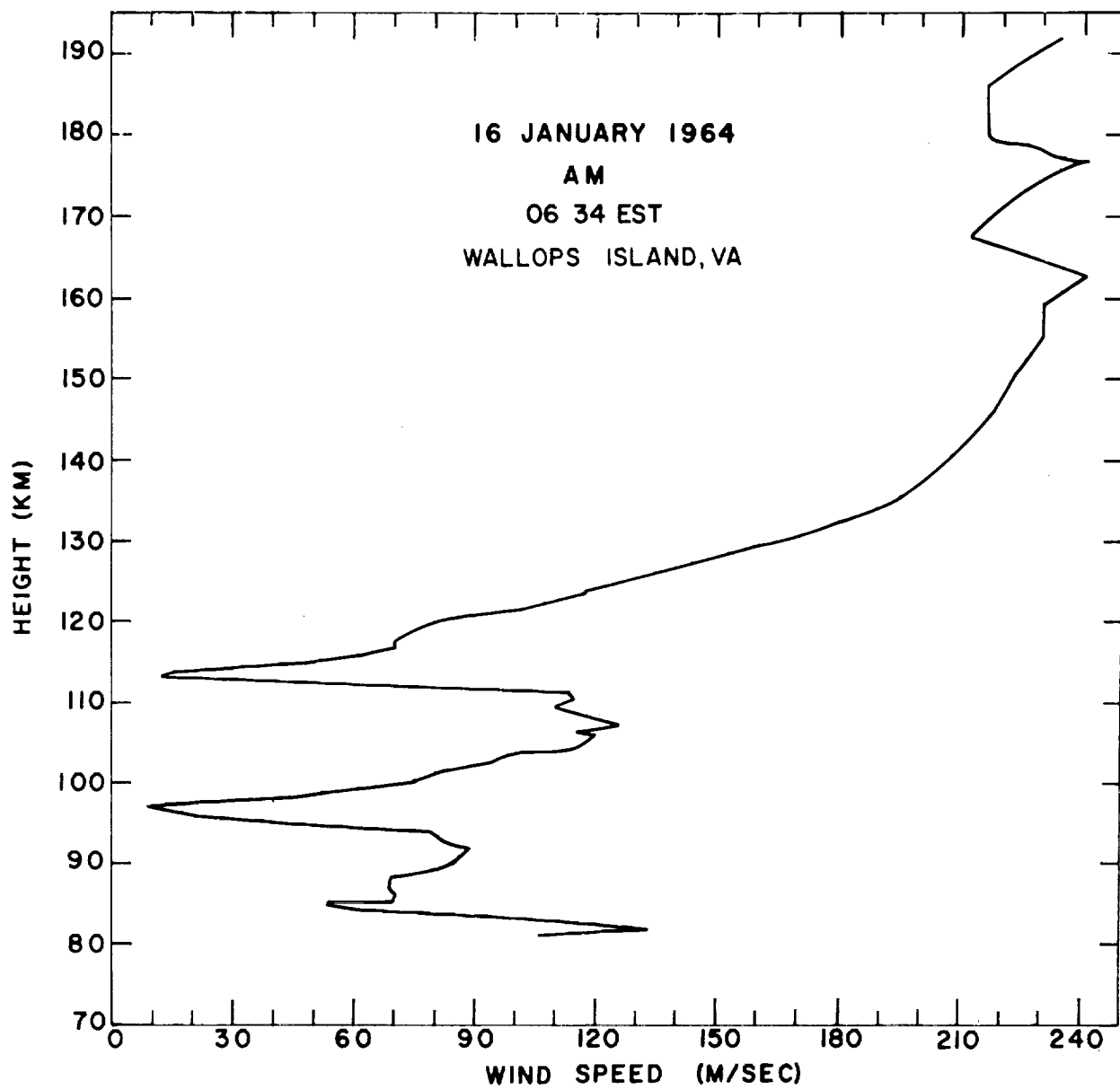


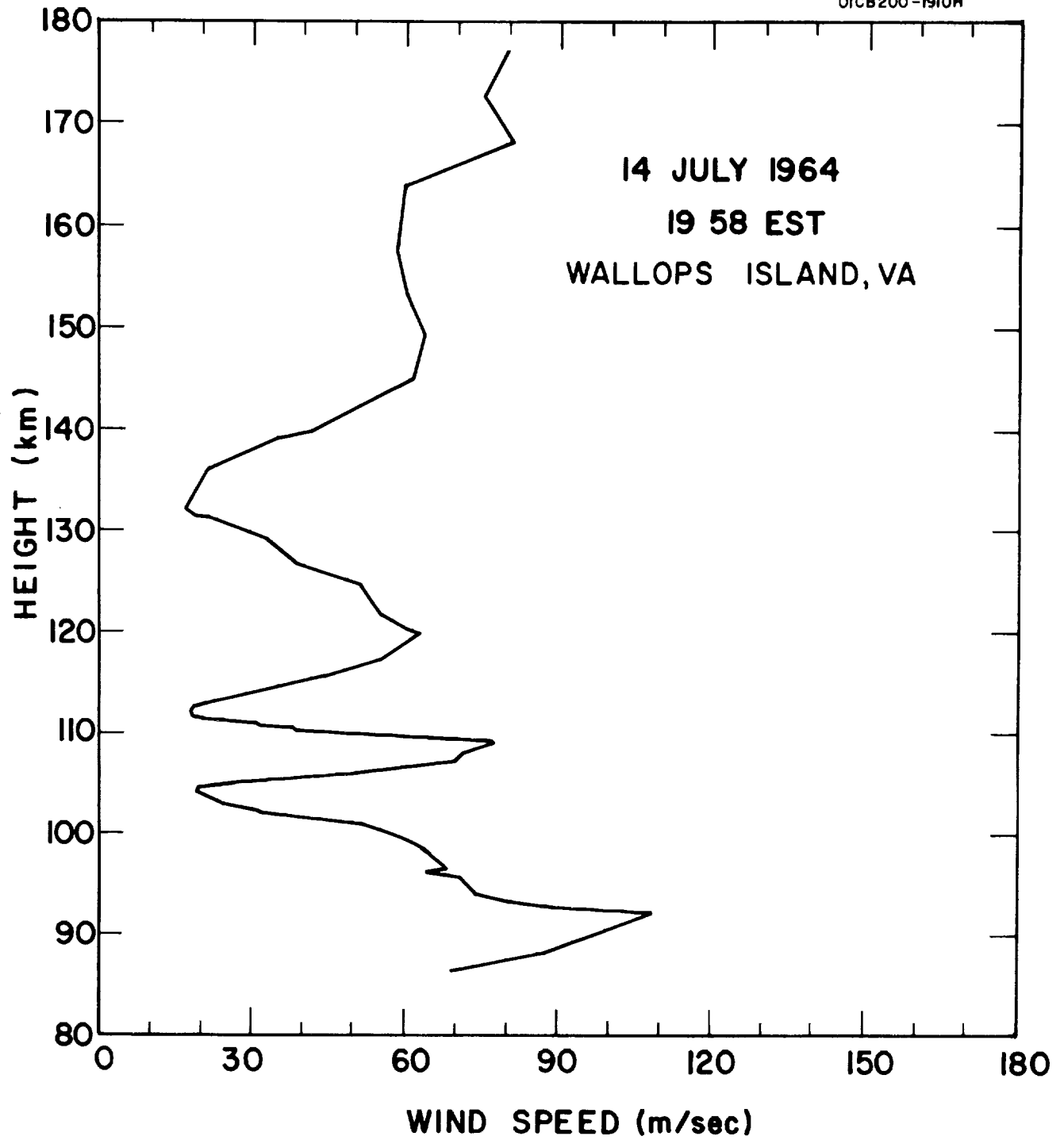


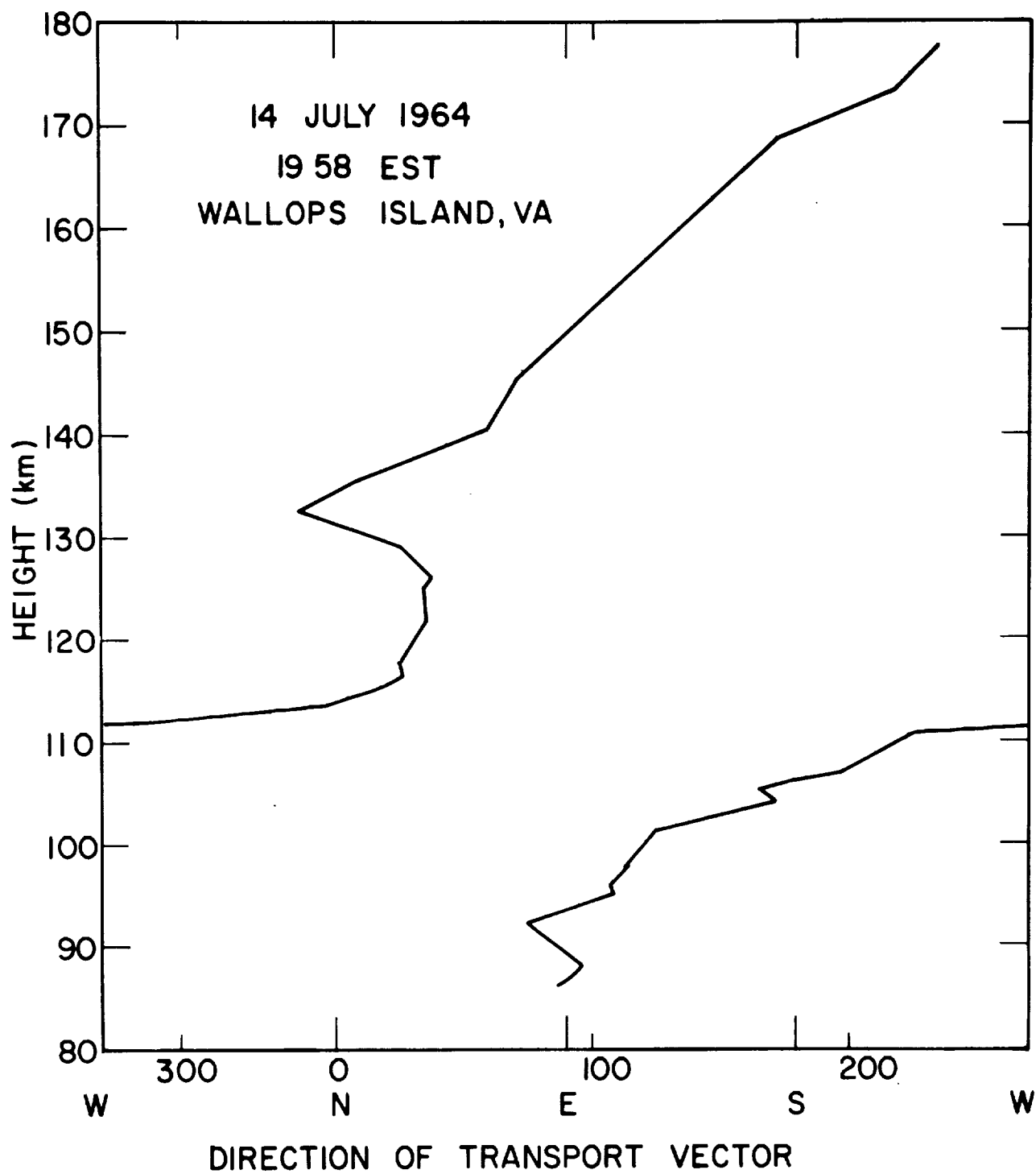


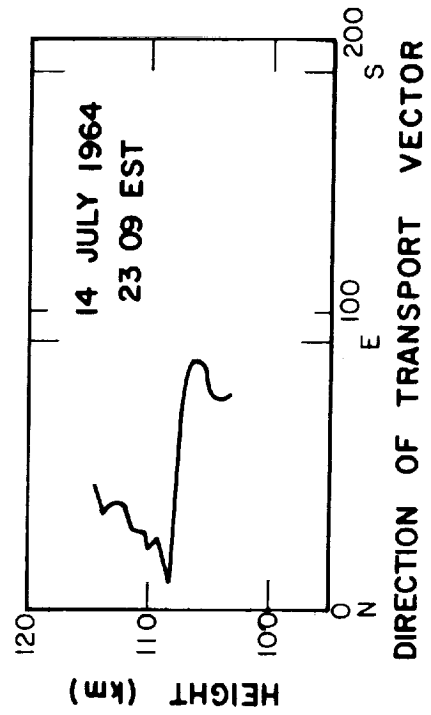
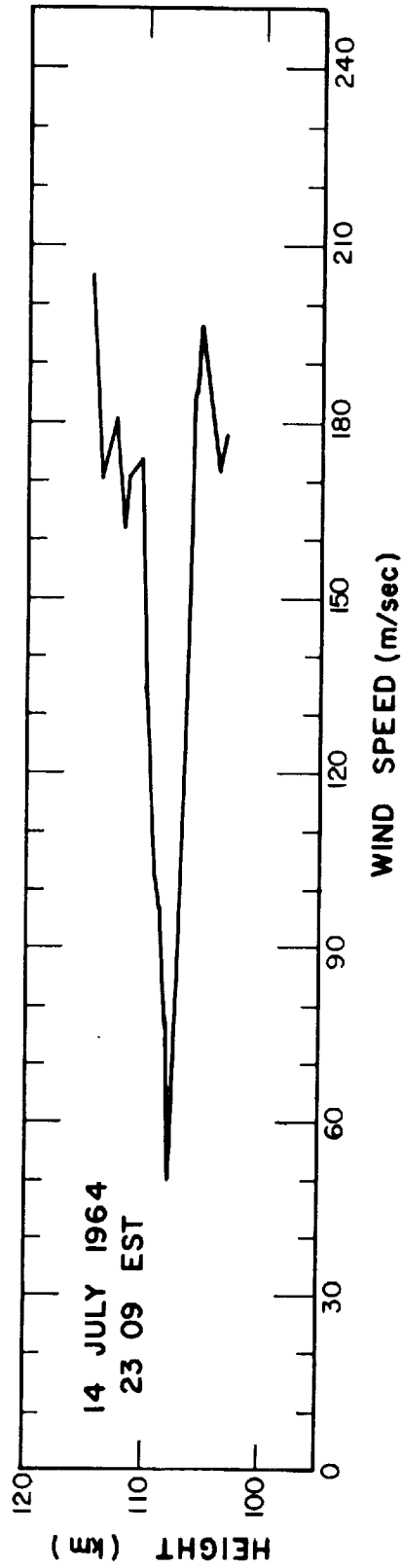




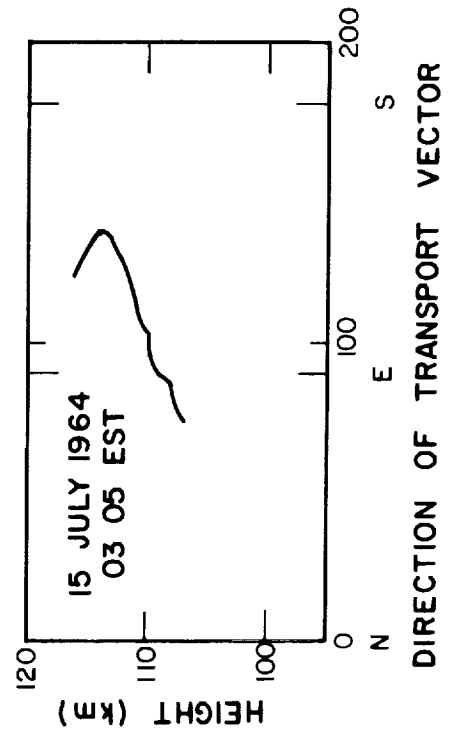
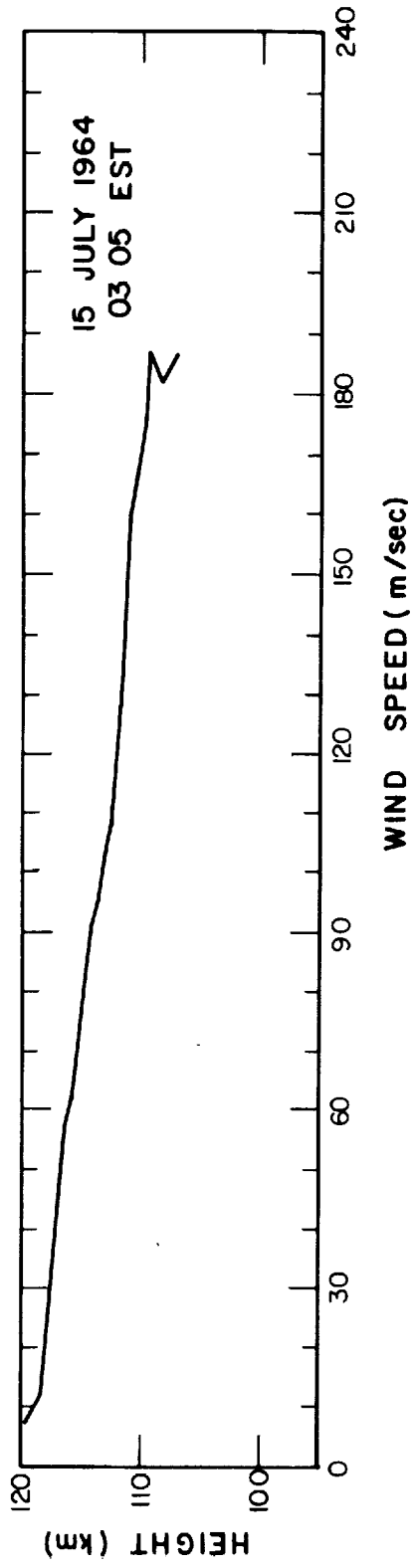




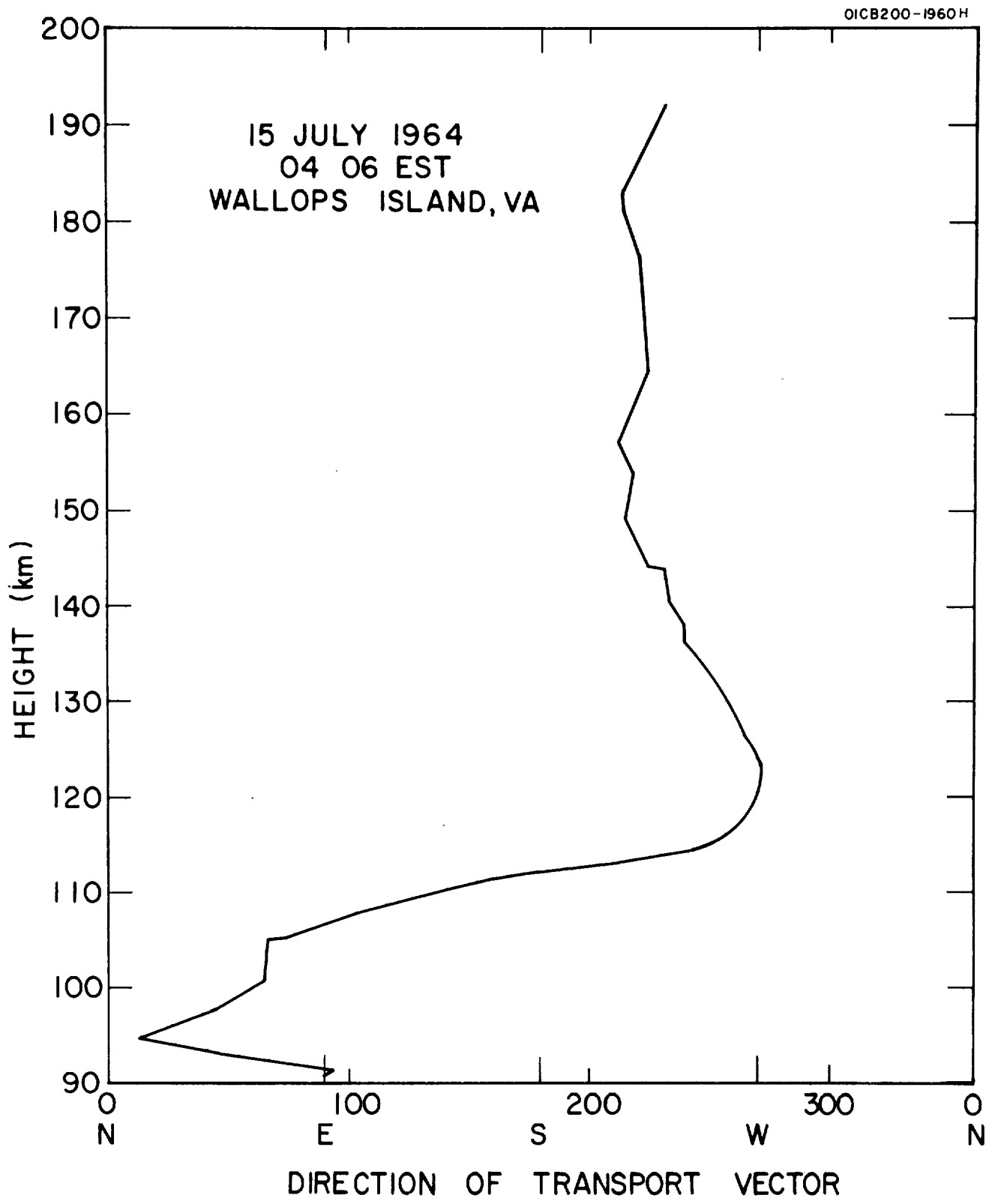


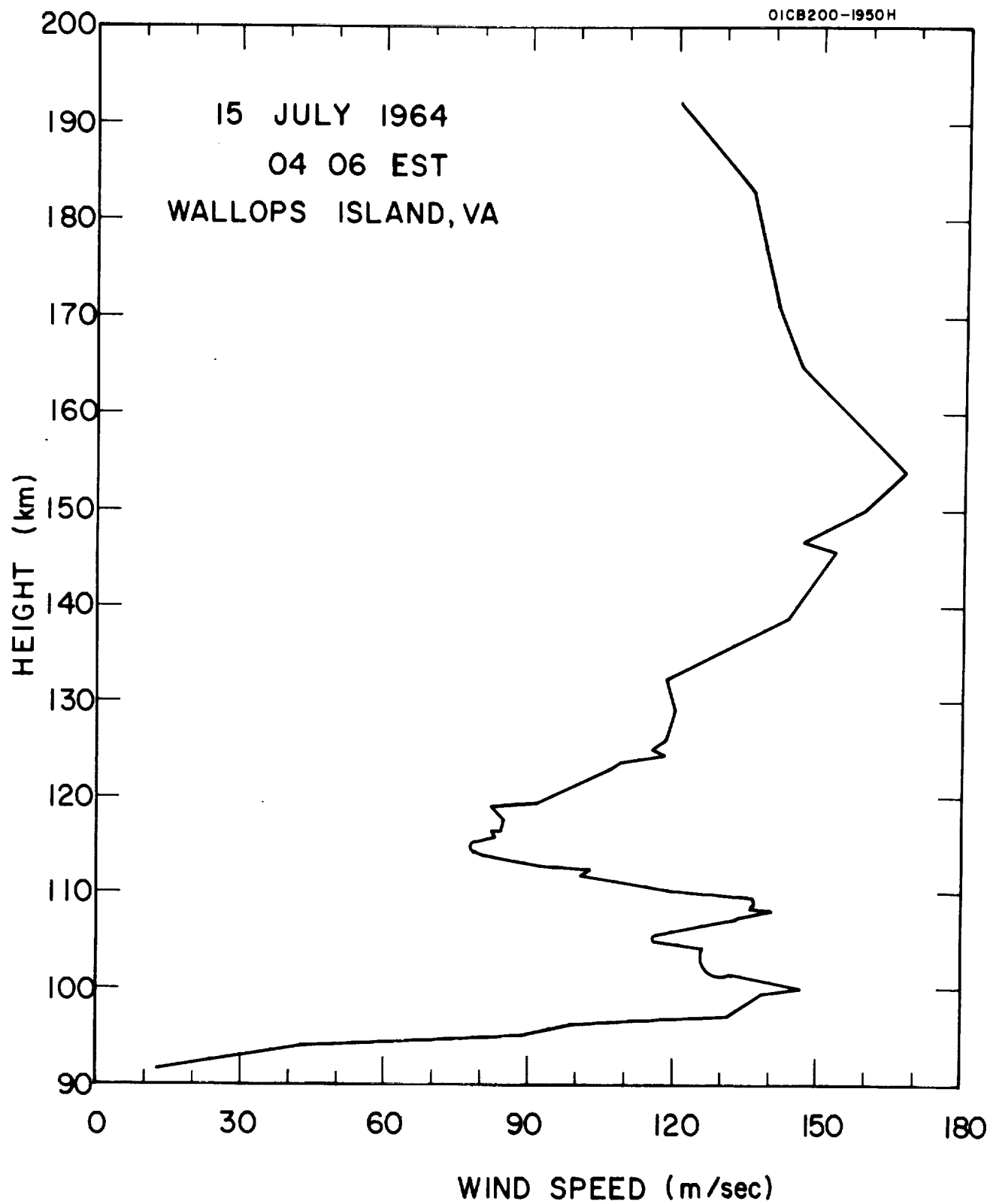


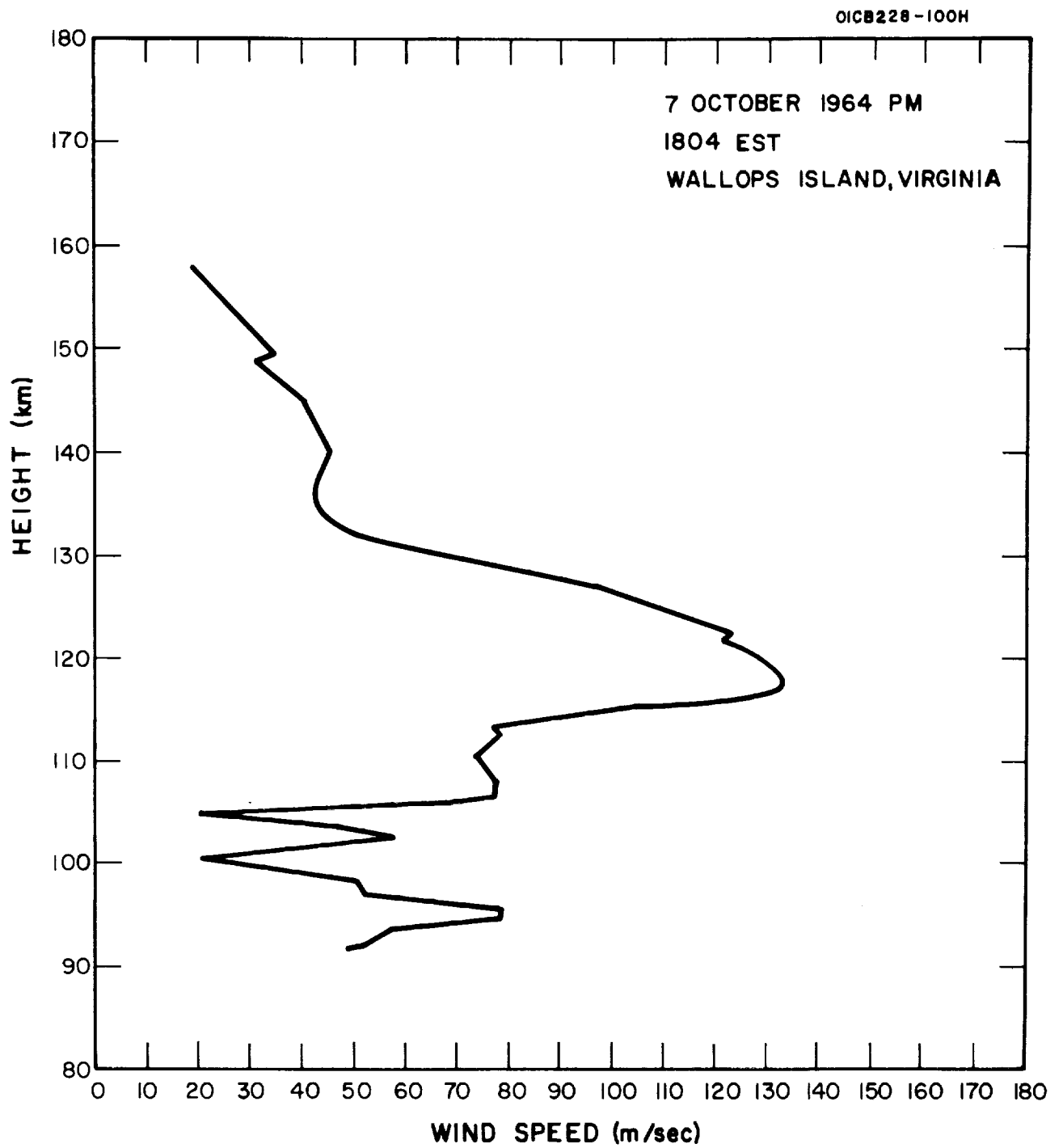
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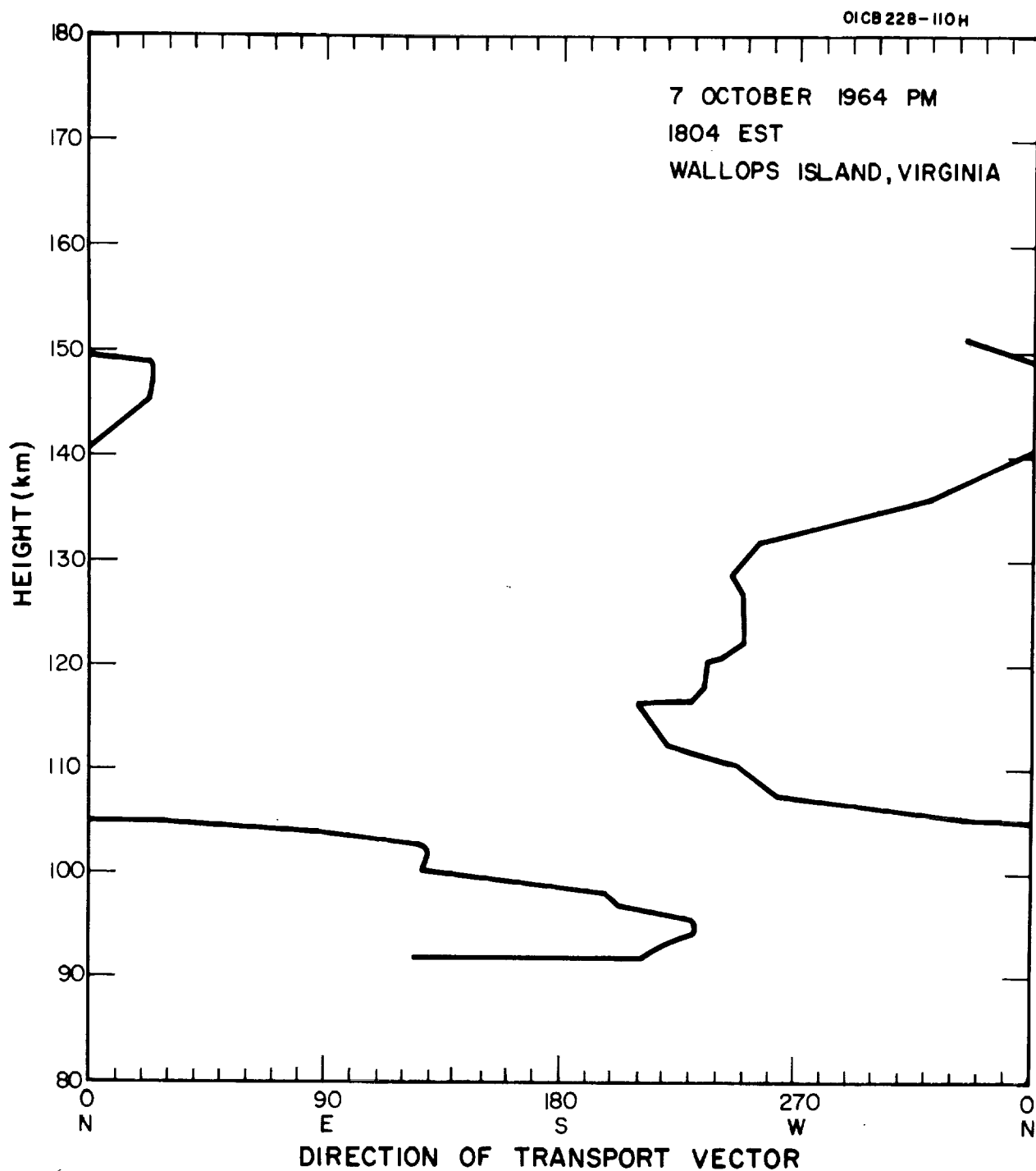


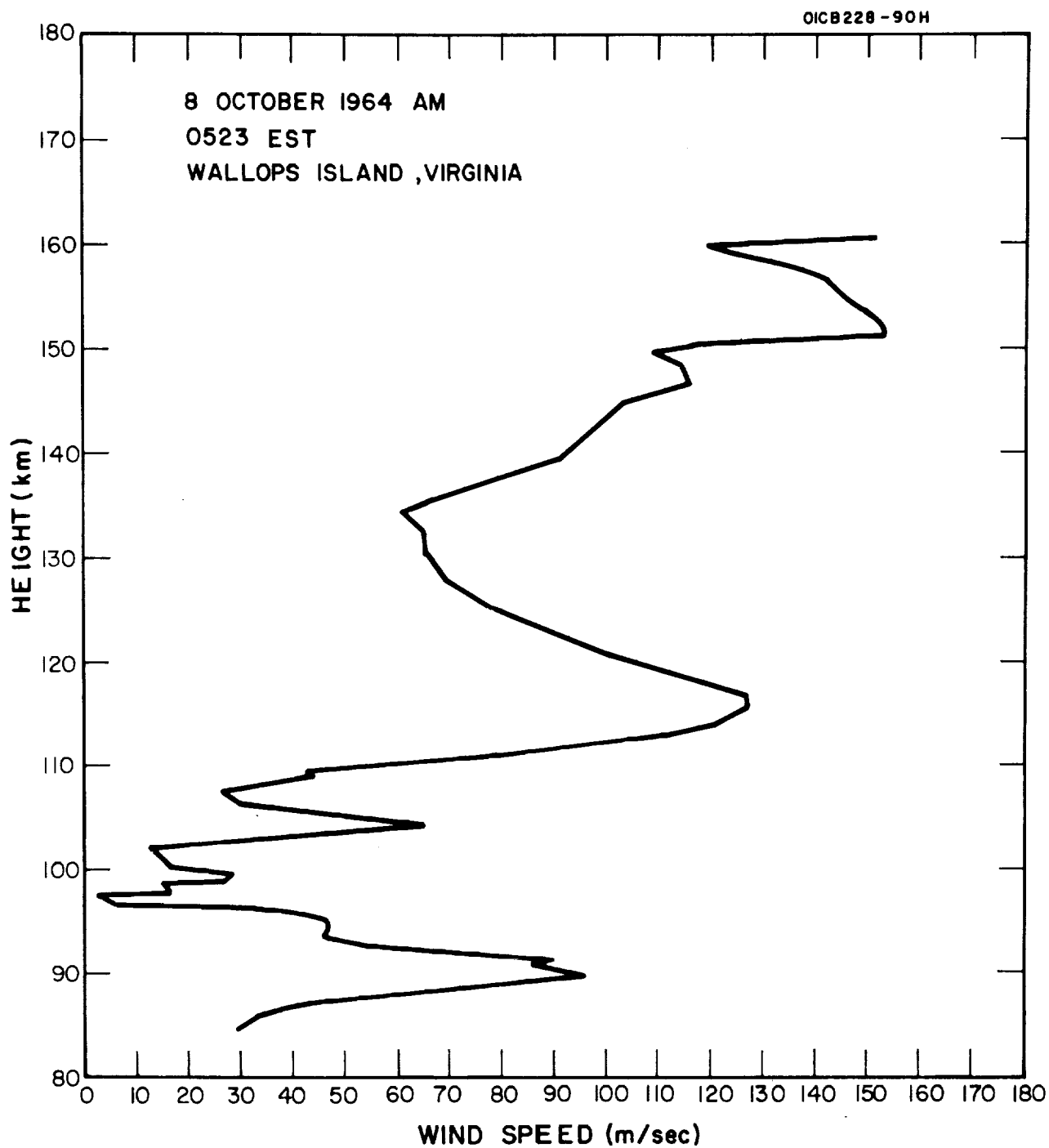
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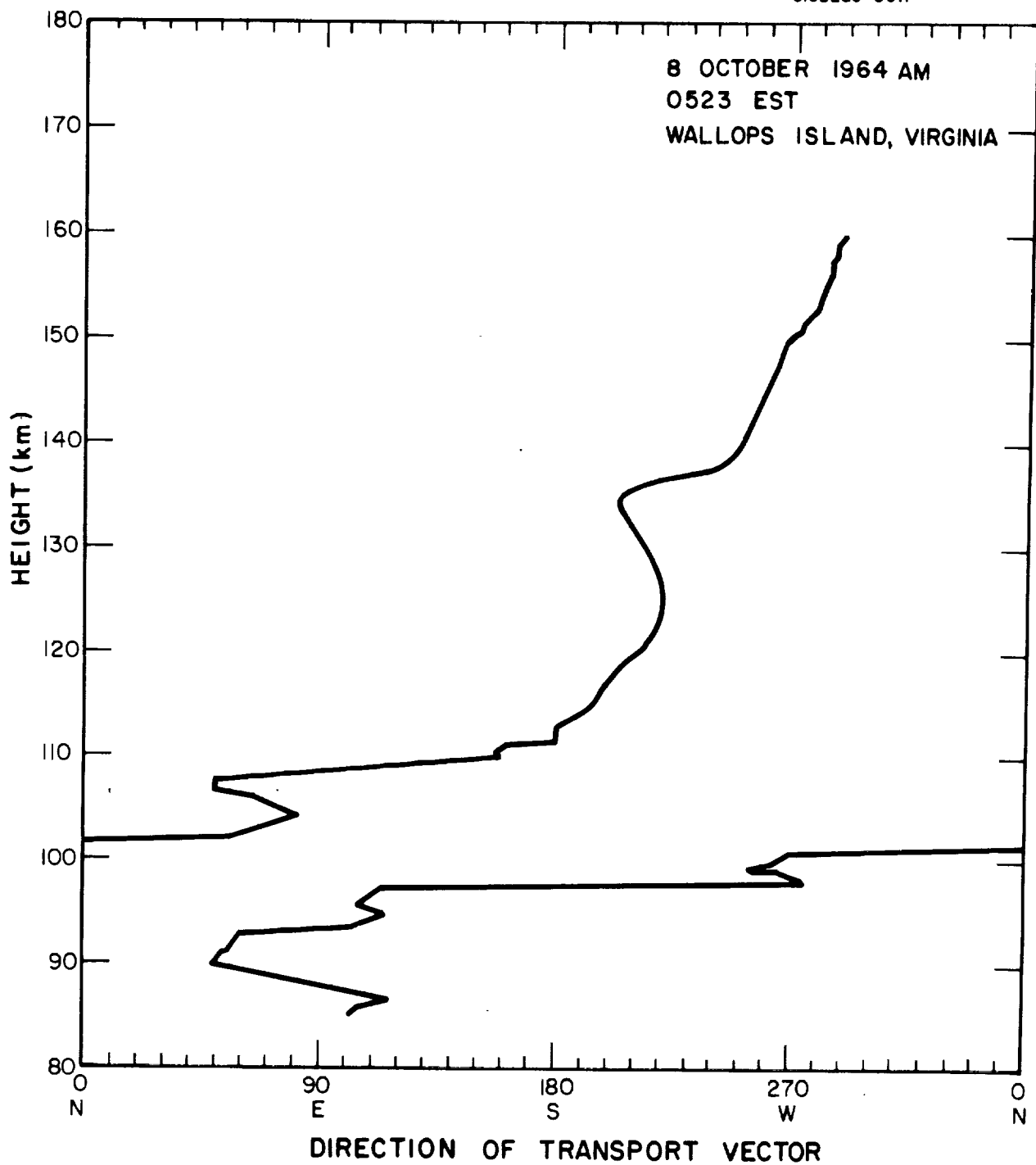


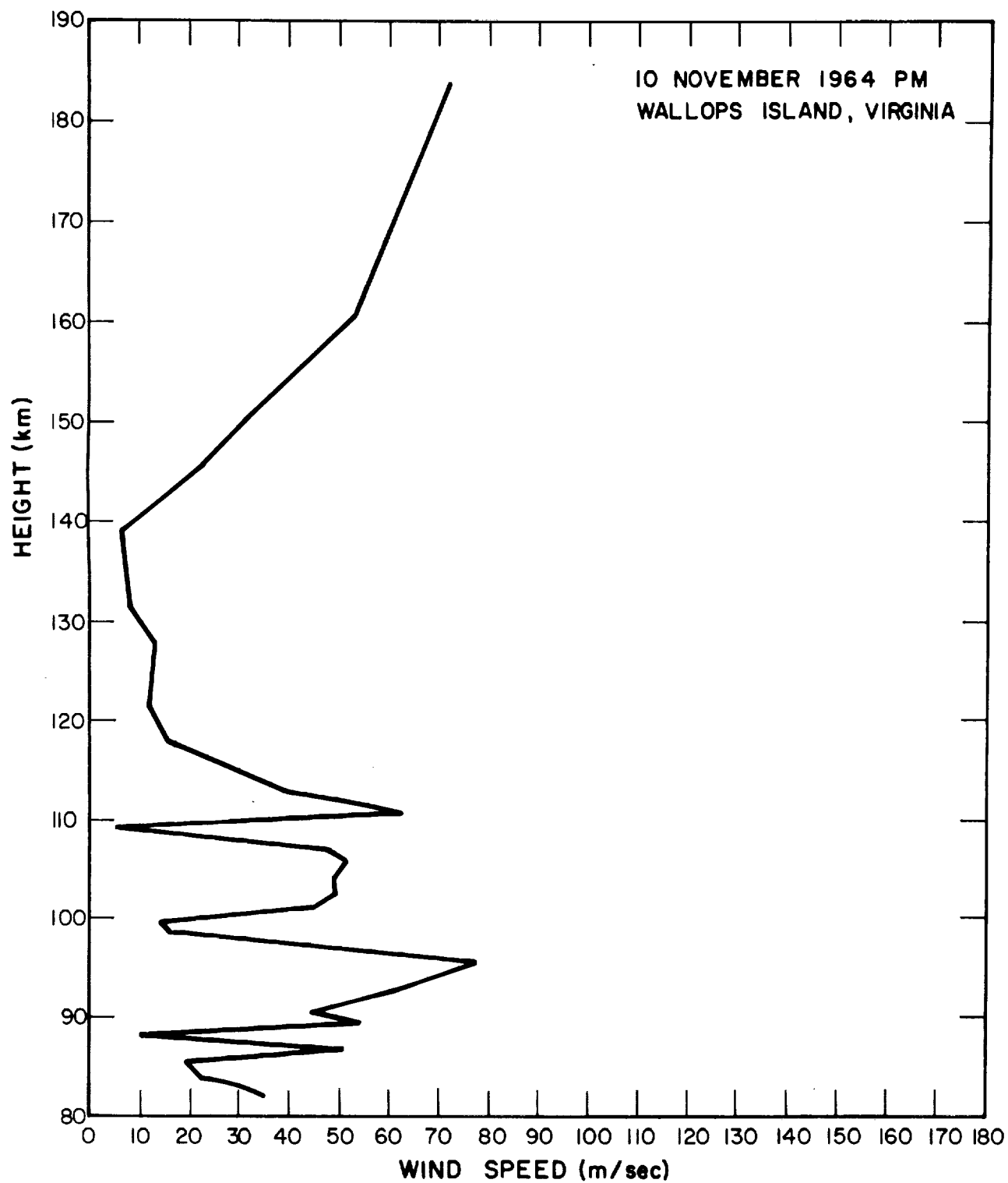


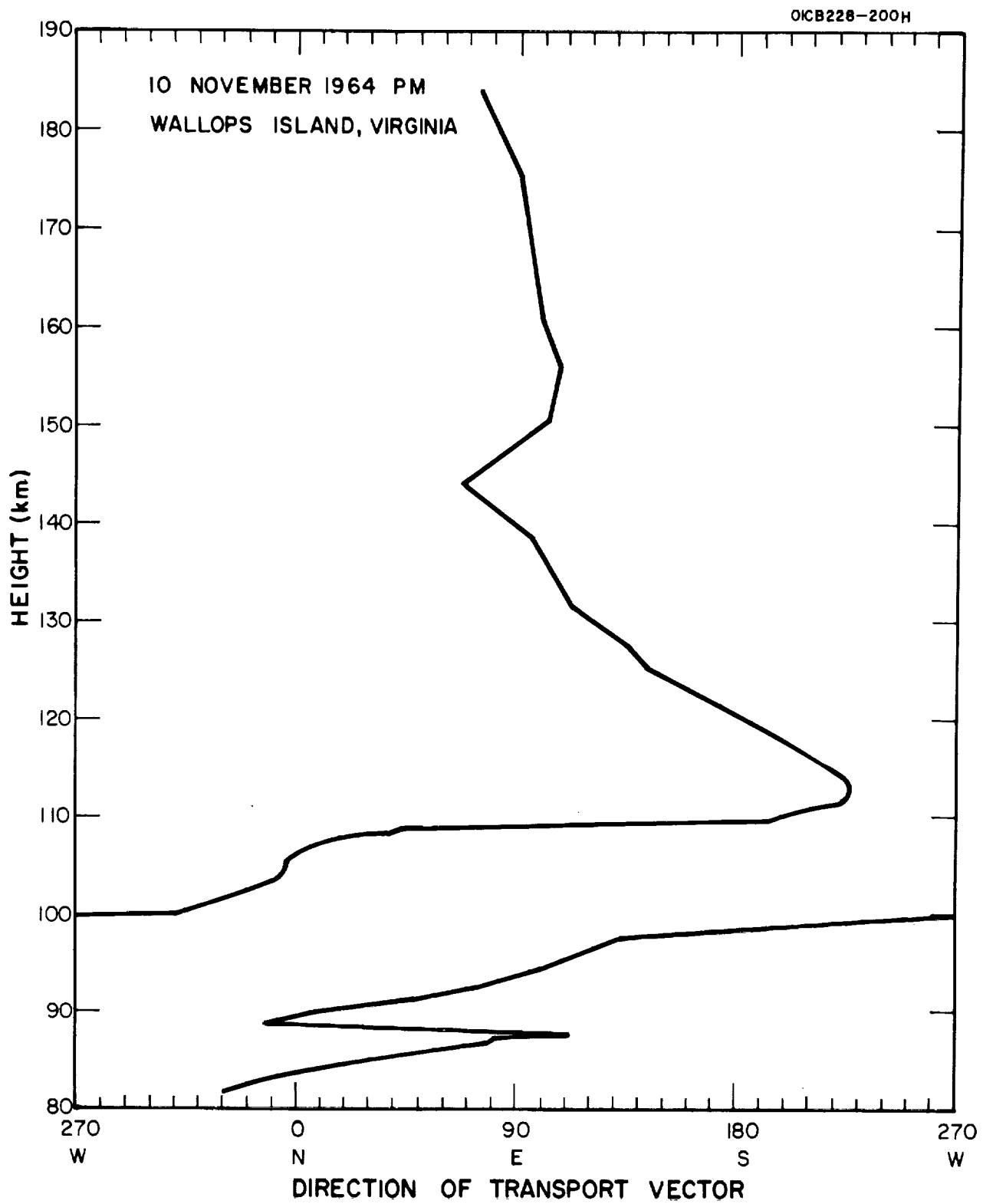




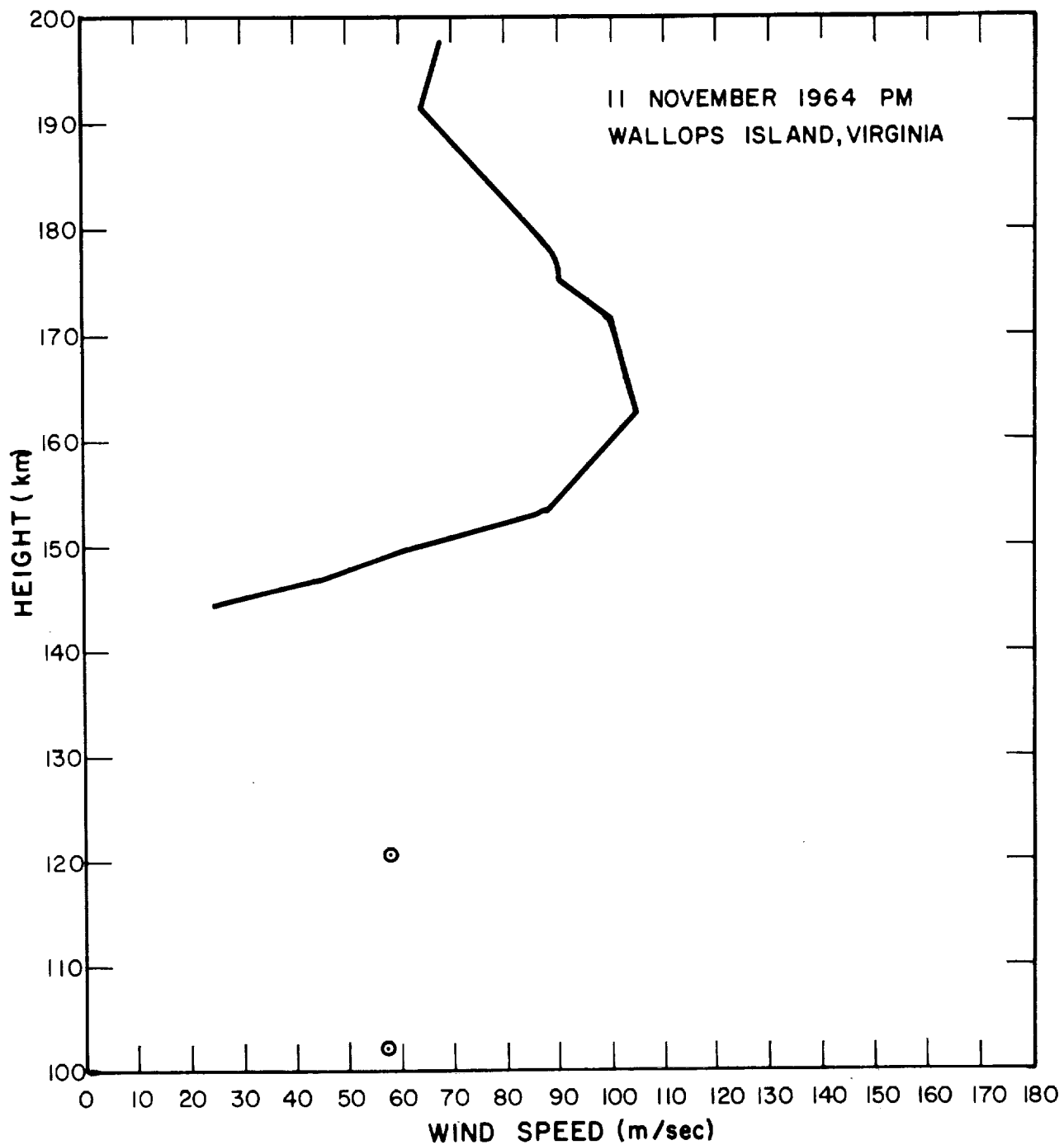
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