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LLWAS DESIGN & PERFORMANCE



OUTLINE

- **EXPLANATION OF LLWAS**
 - WHAT IT IS
 - HOW IT WORKS
- **LLWAS PERFORMANCE ON 2 JULY, 1994**
 - SENSOR PERFORMANCE*
 - SYSTEM PERFORMANCE*

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EXPLANATION OF LLWAS

- SYSTEM DESCRIPTION
- DEPLOYMENT PHASES
- SYSTEM PERFORMANCE
- WIND SHEAR ALERT GENERATION
- SENSOR PERFORMANCE



LLWAS DESCRIPTION

- **WIND SHEAR DETECTION SYSTEM BASED ON WIND MEASUREMENTS BY ANEMOMETERS**
- **SOURCE OF OPERATIONAL WIND INFORMATION**
- **THREE STAGES OF DEPLOYMENT**
 - **PHASE I: 1976 (55) AND 1987 (55)**
 - **PHASE II: 1989–1991 (110)**
 - **PHASE III: CURRENT INSTALLATION (9)**



DEVELOPMENT PHASES I, II, & III

- PHASE I – SIX SENSORS, NOMINAL SPACING 2+ MILES
COVERAGE: AIRPORT PLUS .5 MILES
 - NOT DESIGNED FOR MICROBURSTS DETECTION
 - HIGH FALSE ALERT RATE, CREDIBILITY PROBLEM
- PHASE III – 15+ SENSORS, NOMINAL SPACING 1.2 MILES
DESIGN COVERAGE: AIRPORT PLUS 3 MILES
 - GOOD MICROBURST DETECTION
 - INSTALLATION AT OFF-AIRPORT SITES COSTLY AND SLOW
- PHASE II – UPGRADE USING PHASE I SENSORS (SIX)
 - SOFTWARE (ONLY) UPGRADE TO REDUCE FALSE ALERTS AND TO PROVIDE MODEST MICROBURST DETECTION
 - INTERIM IMPROVEMENT UNTIL PHASE III OR TDWR;
LOW FALSE ALERT RATE IMPROVES CREDIBILITY



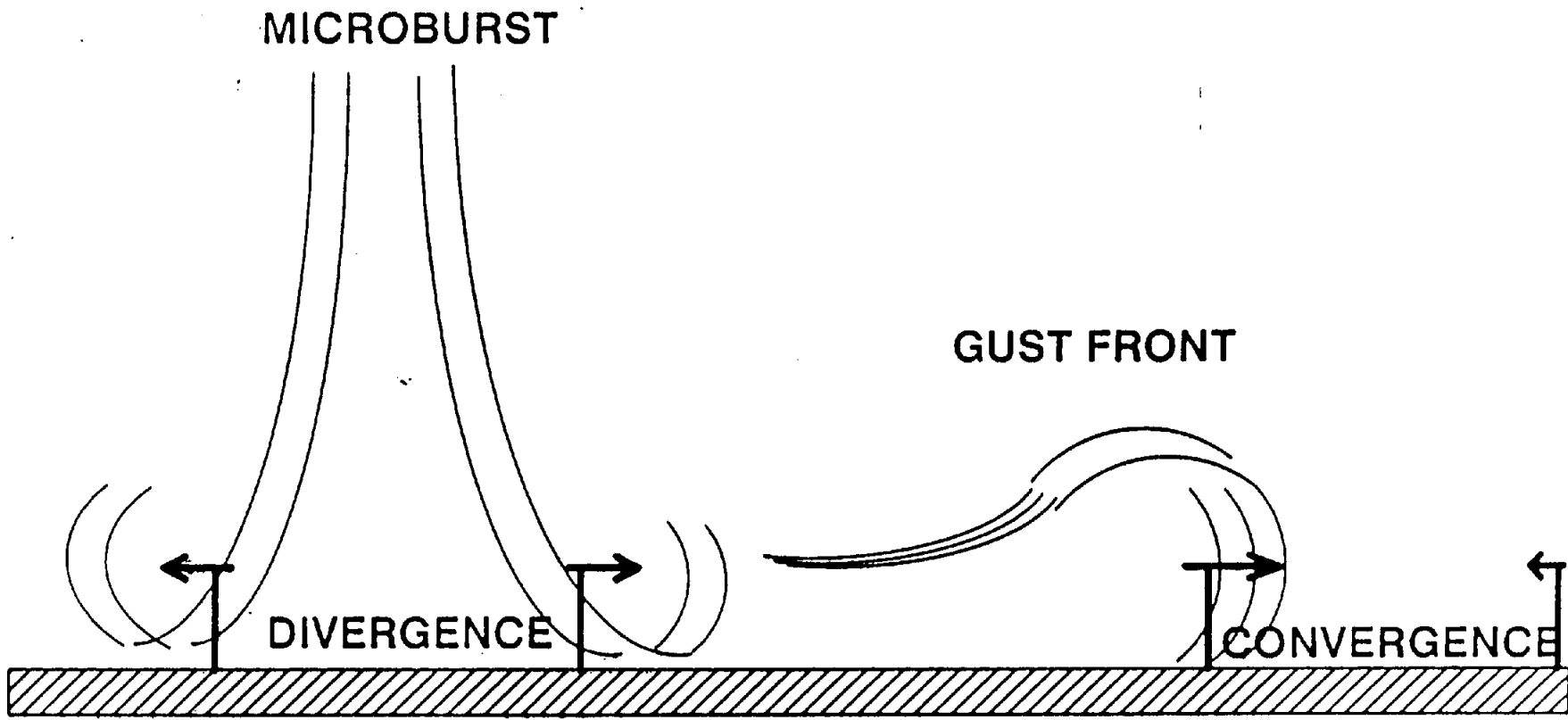
SYSTEM PERFORMANCE STATISTICS

	PHASE II	PHASE III
POD WS	.39	.76
POD MB	.62	.97
PFA	.07	.04

POD: PROBABILITY OF DETECTION (POLL BY POLL)
PROBABILITY THAT A WIND SHEAR ALERT WILL BE
ISSUED FOR EVENTS IN THE COVERAGE REGION

PFA: PROBABILITY OF FALSE ALERT (POLL BY POLL)
PROBABILITY THAT AN ISSUED WIND SHEAR ALERT
IS FALSE

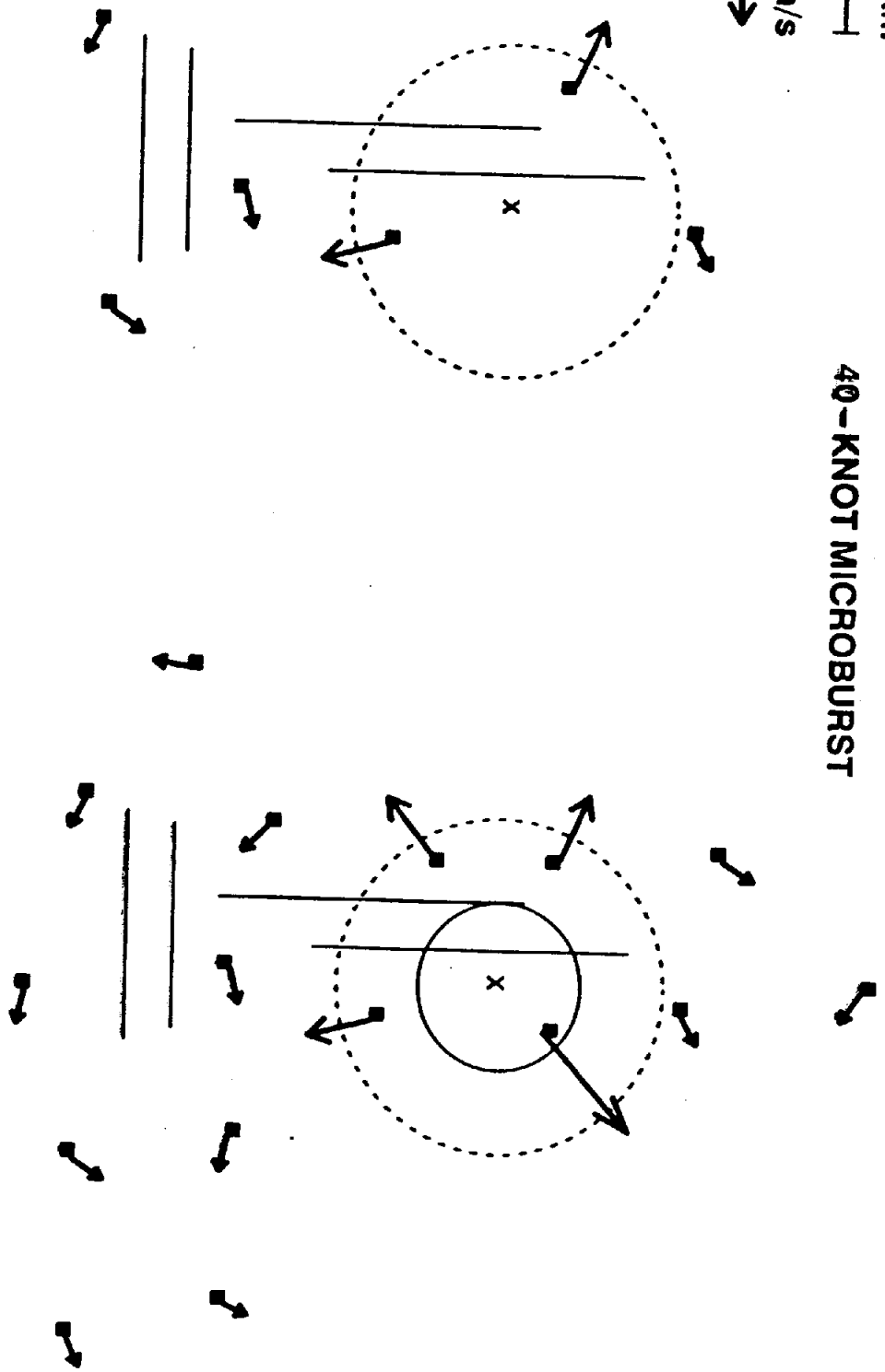




WIND SHEAR HAZARDS

40-KNOT MICROBURST

1 km
5 m/s



LLWAS GEOMETRIES - PHASE II AND PHASE III

WIND SHEAR ALERT GENERATION

- **PHASE II**

- ANOMALOUS WINDS AT A SENSOR
- MEASURED SIGNIFICANT DIVERGENCE
- ALERTS DELAYED BY SPARSE GEOMETRY AND ALERT PERSISTENCE REQUIREMENT

- **PHASE III**

- MEASURED SIGNIFICANT DIVERGENCE
- MEASURED SIGNIFICANT CONVERGENCE
- ALERTS DELAYED BY ALERT PERSISTENCE REQUIREMENT



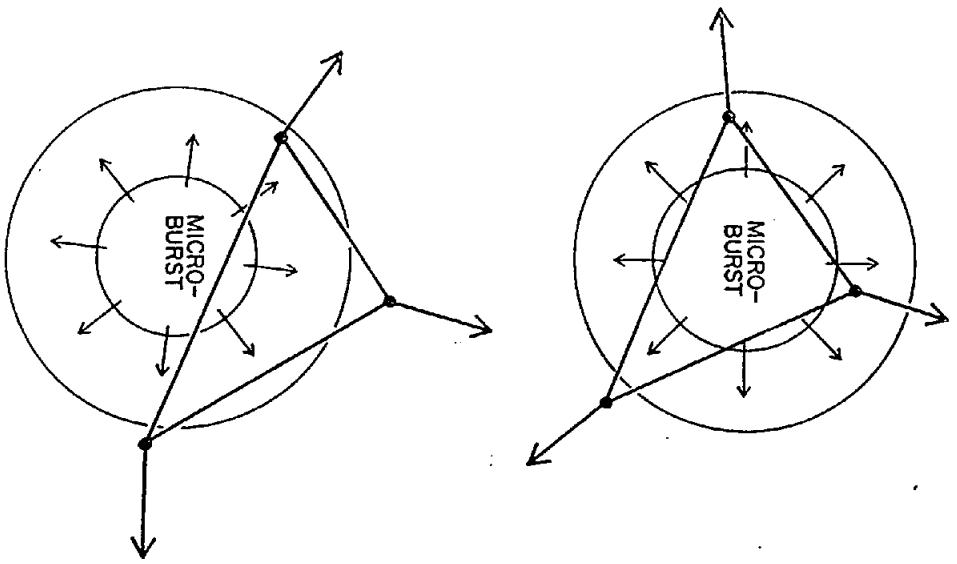


Figure III-4. Impact of event location on triangle divergence.

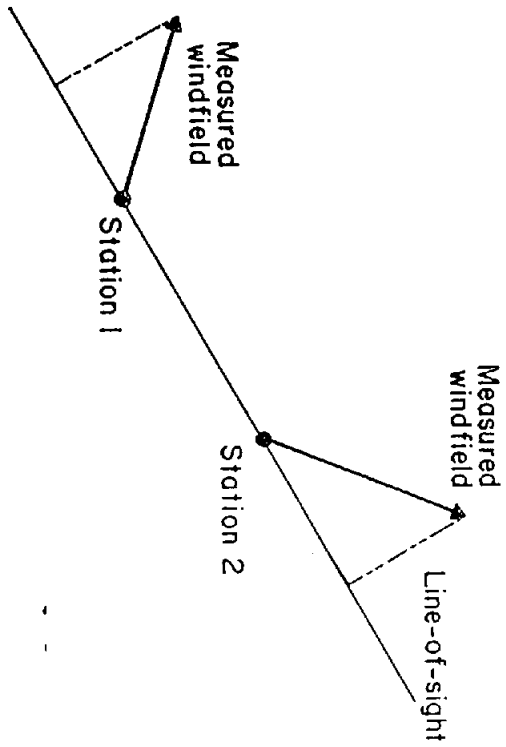
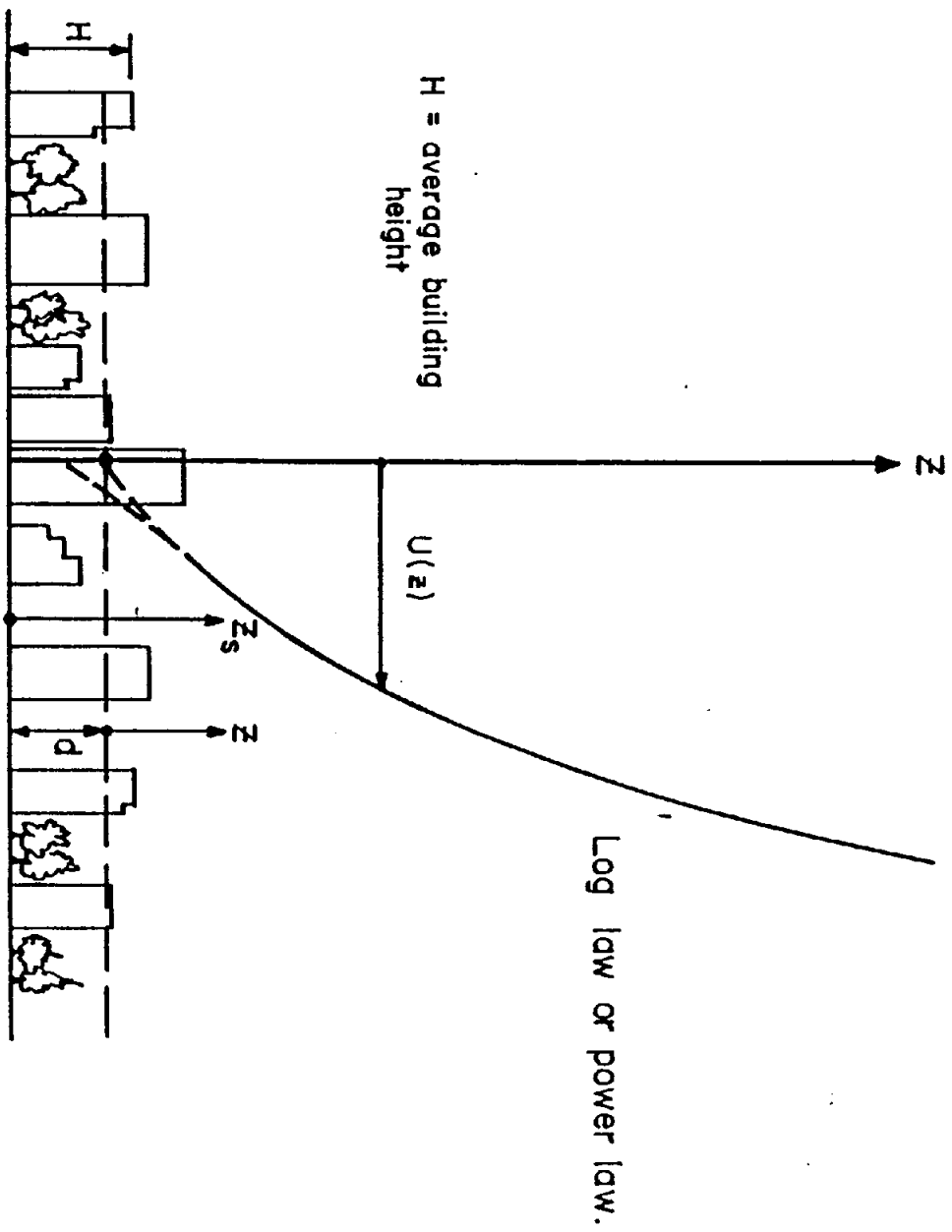


Figure III-2. Line divergence. The divergence is estimated by the vector difference of the projections onto the line-of-sight.

SENSOR PERFORMANCE

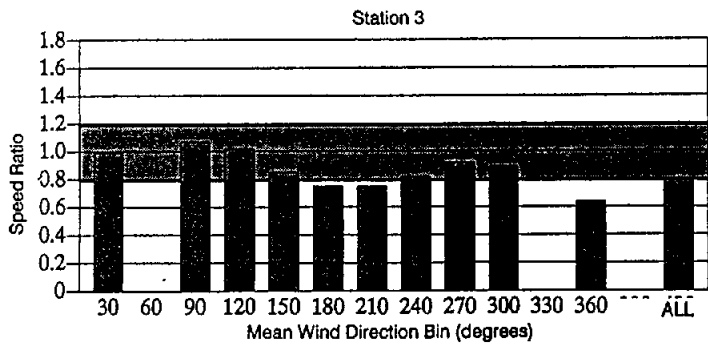
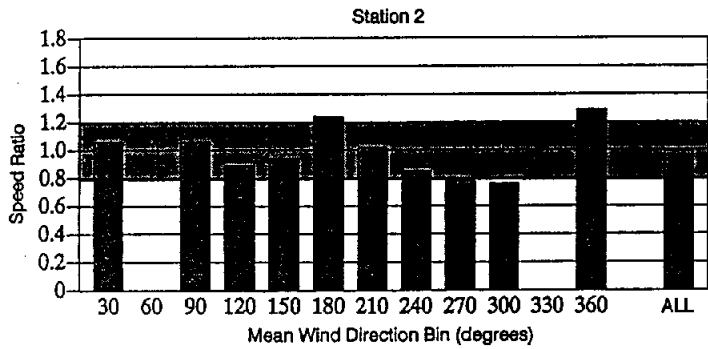
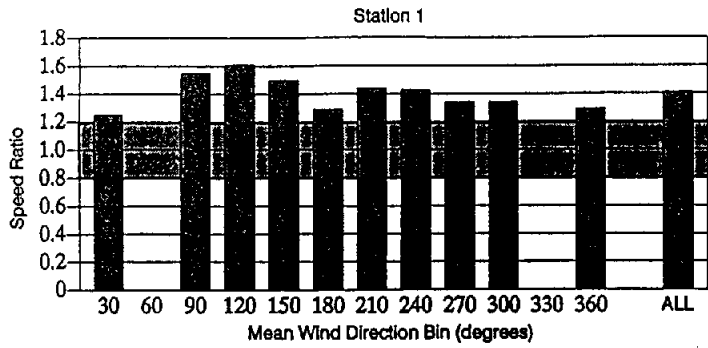
- **CONSEQUENCES: FALSE ALERTS AND MISSED DETECTIONS**
- **BOUNDARY LAYER WIND PROFILE**
 - ROUGHNESS EFFECTS
 - SHELTERING EFFECTS
 - CHANNELLING
- **LLWAS SITING CRITERIA**
- **STATISTICAL PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS**
 - MEASURE OF SHELTERING – REDUCED WIND SPEED
 - MEASURE OF CHANNELLING – DISTORTED WIND DIRECTION





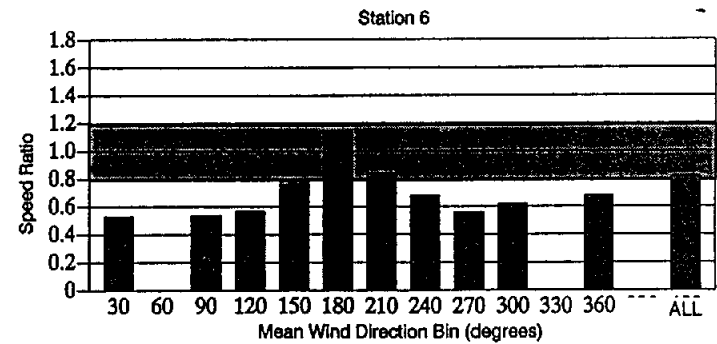
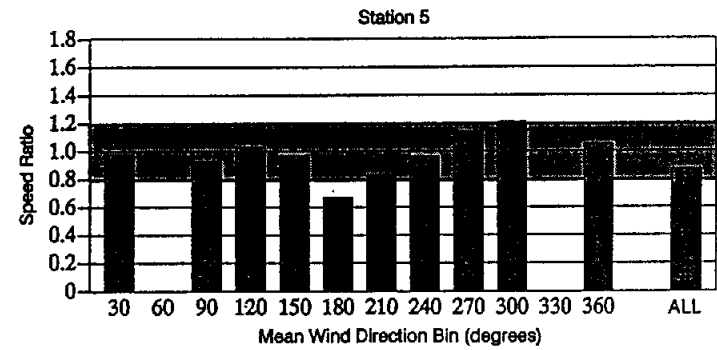
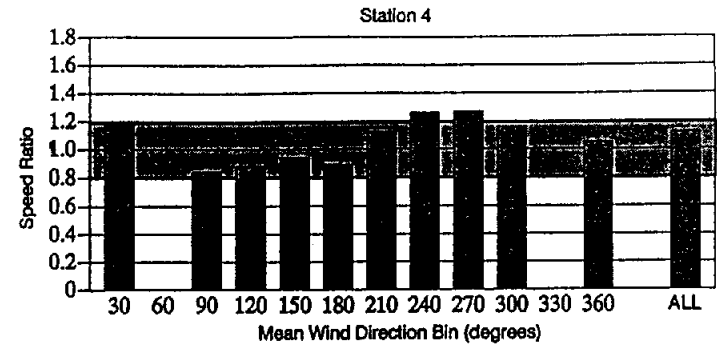
The Effective Displacement Height

CHARLOTTE (CLT) LLWAS, 15 JUNE - 1 JULY 1994



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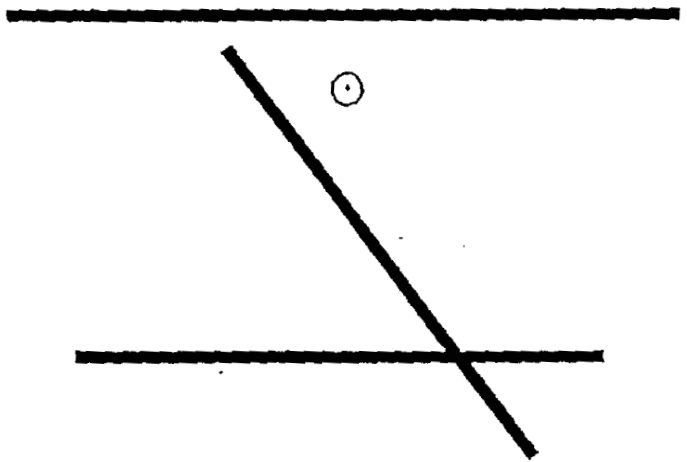
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Percentage Frequency (by station) of Dir -

ST.

DIR_INC	1	2	3	4	5	6
-90	0	0	0	0	0	0
-80	0	0	0	0	0	0
-70	0	0	0	0	0	0
-60	0	0	0	0	0	0
-50	0	0	0	0	0	1
-40	0	1	1	0	0	2
-30	1	2	2	1	1	7
-20	6	8	7	5	5	15
-10	27	19	21	18	17	26
0	43	33	32	35	31	27
10	19	26	23	27	28	15
20	4	8	9	10	12	4
30	1	2	3	2	4	2
40	0	1	1	1	1	0
50	0	0	0	0	0	0
60	0	0	0	0	0	0
70	0	0	0	0	0	0
80	0	0	0	0	0	0
90	0	0	0	0	0	0
HI	0	0	0	0	0	0

AVERAGE -1.4 0.5 0.6 2.8 3.7 -6.0
 COUNTS 27002 19204 13551 22710 15525 14728



1 km

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OUTLINE

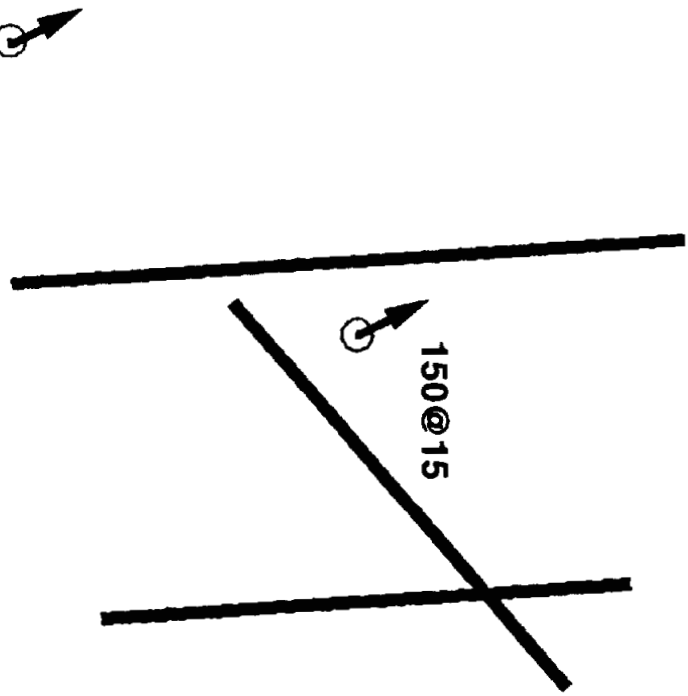
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180@8

170@5



140@6

150@15

150@7

140@6

TIME:
22:37
CFA 150@13

1 km

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190@8

180@9

140@7

110@16

140@9

130@5

TIME:
22:38
CFA 140@13

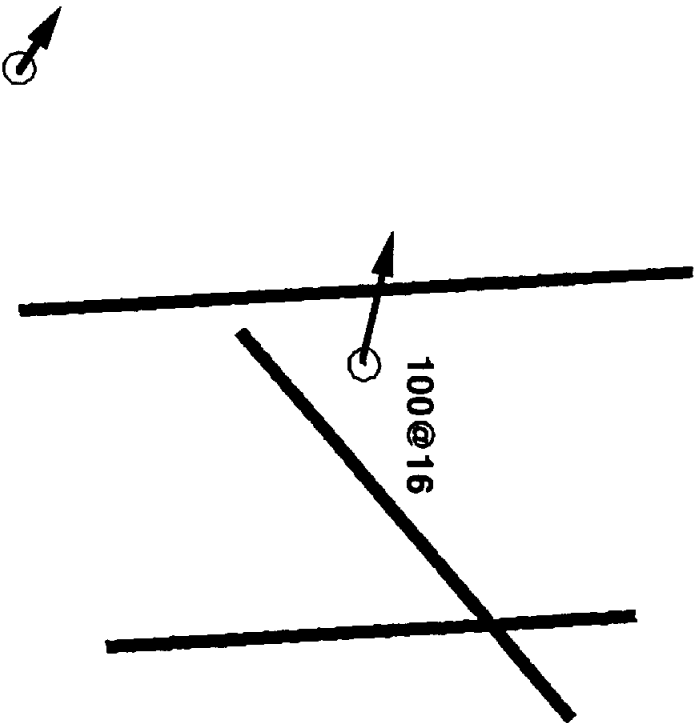
1 km

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170@6

170@10



150@7

100@16

140@9

100@8

TIME:
22:39
CFA 120@15

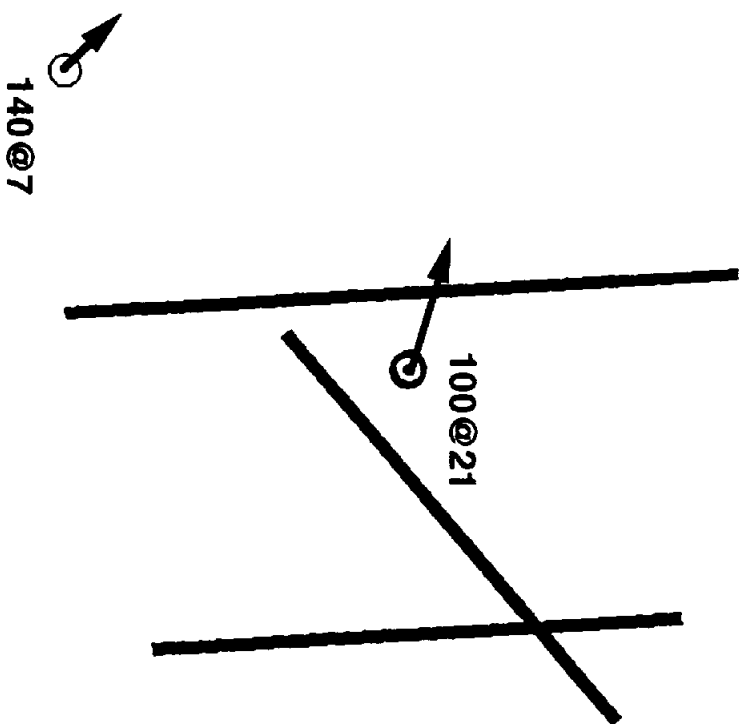
1 km

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180@120

170@10



TIME:
22:40
CFA 110@16

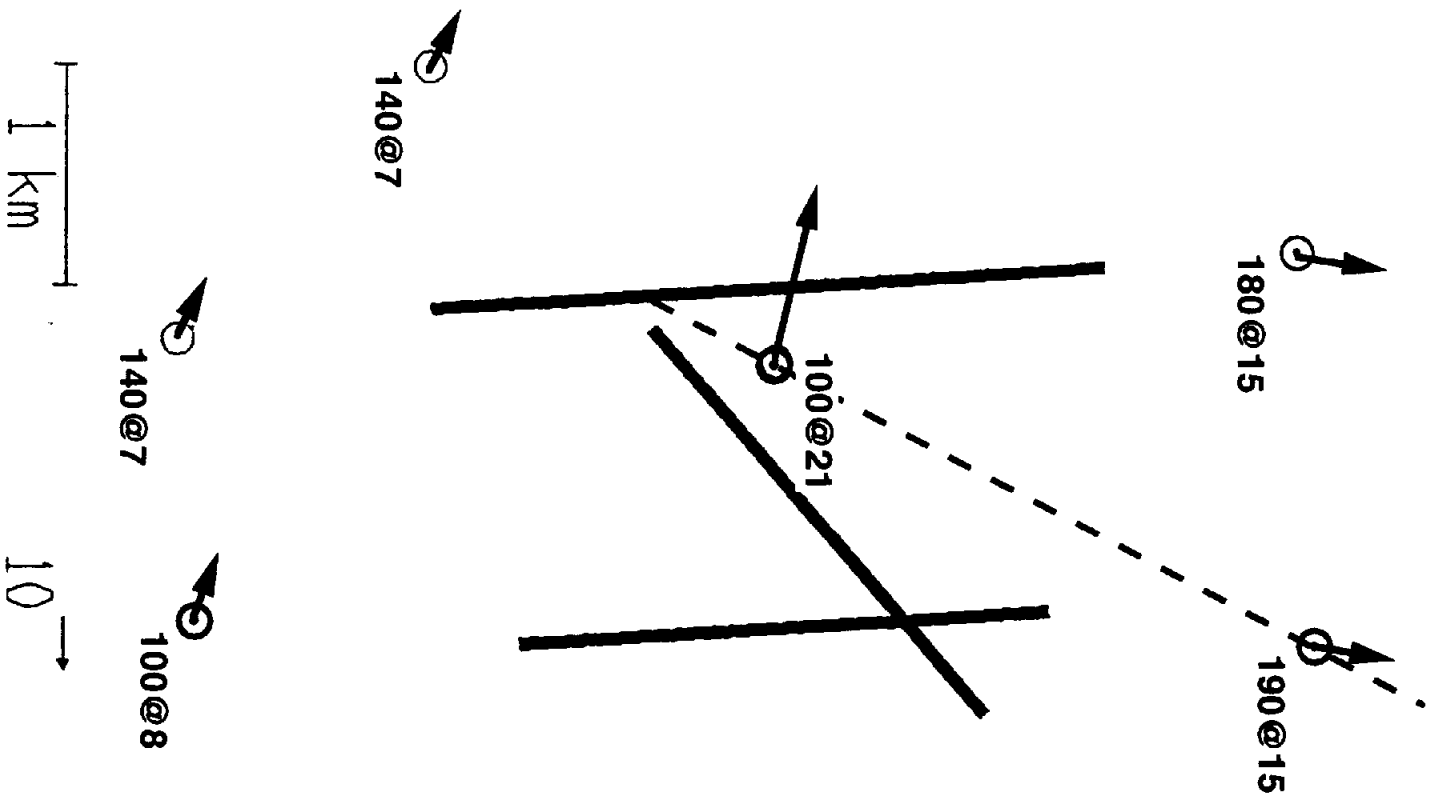
140@12

120@6

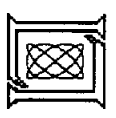
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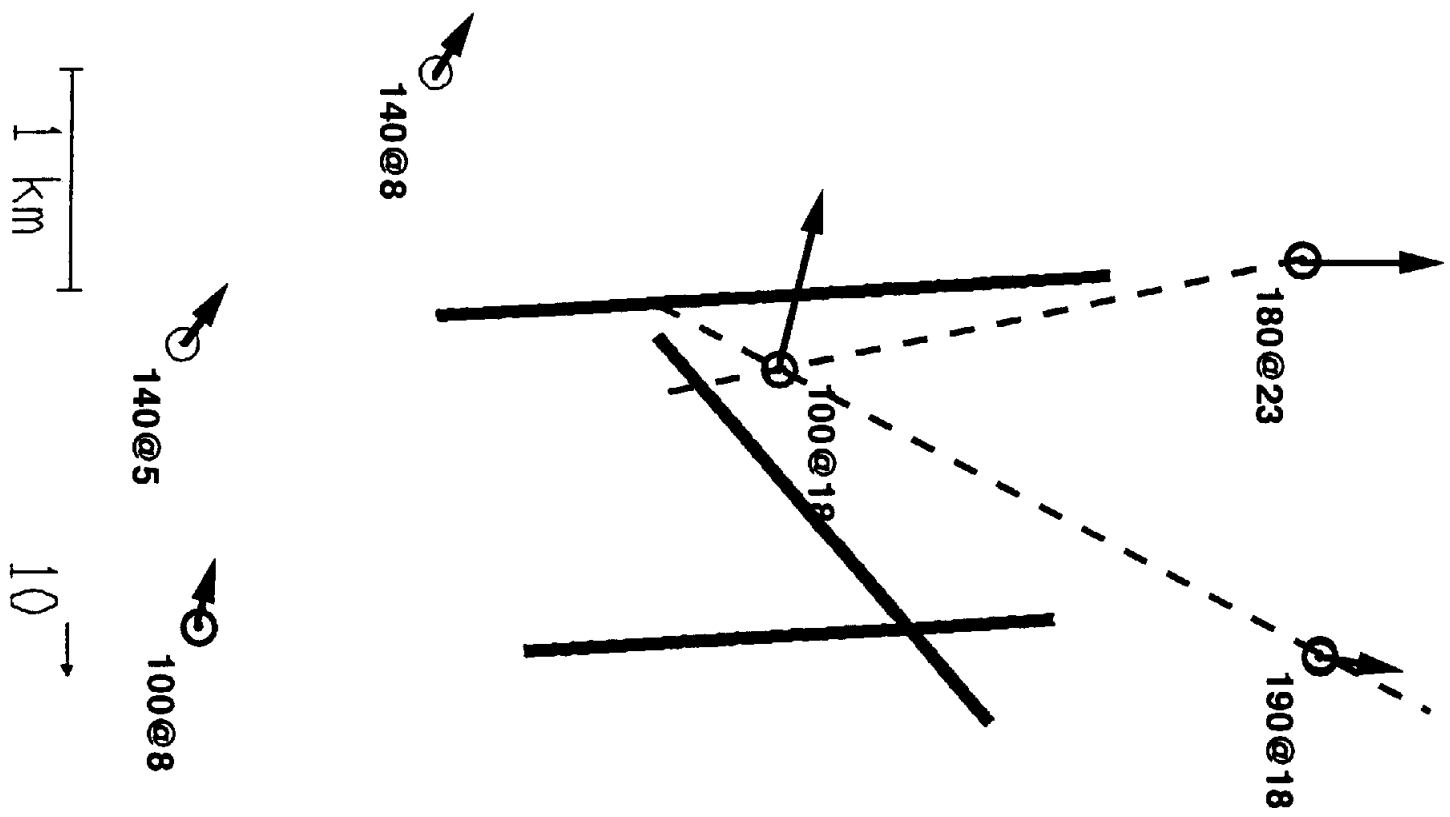
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TIME:
22:41
CFA 100@20



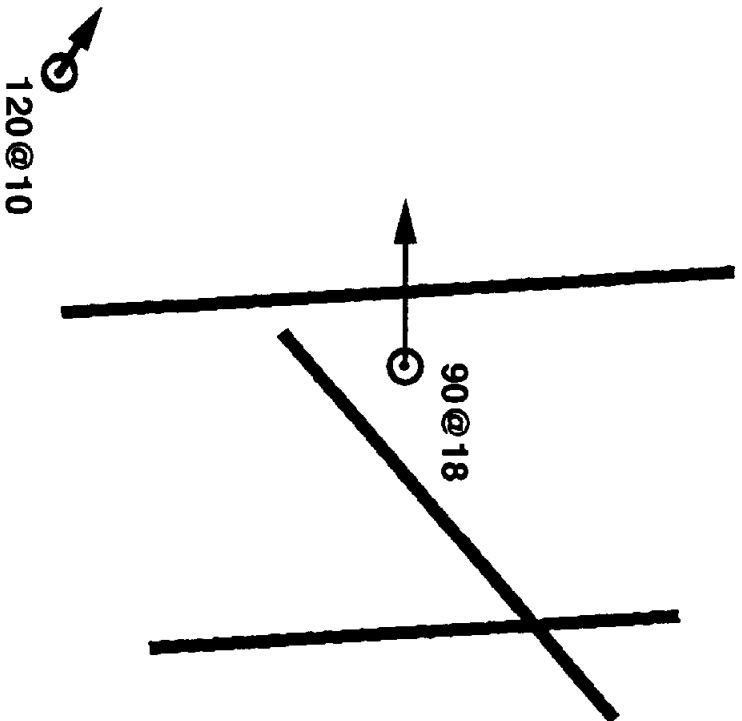


TIME:
 22:42
 CFA 110@21



170@34

180@15



120@10

120@6

110@9

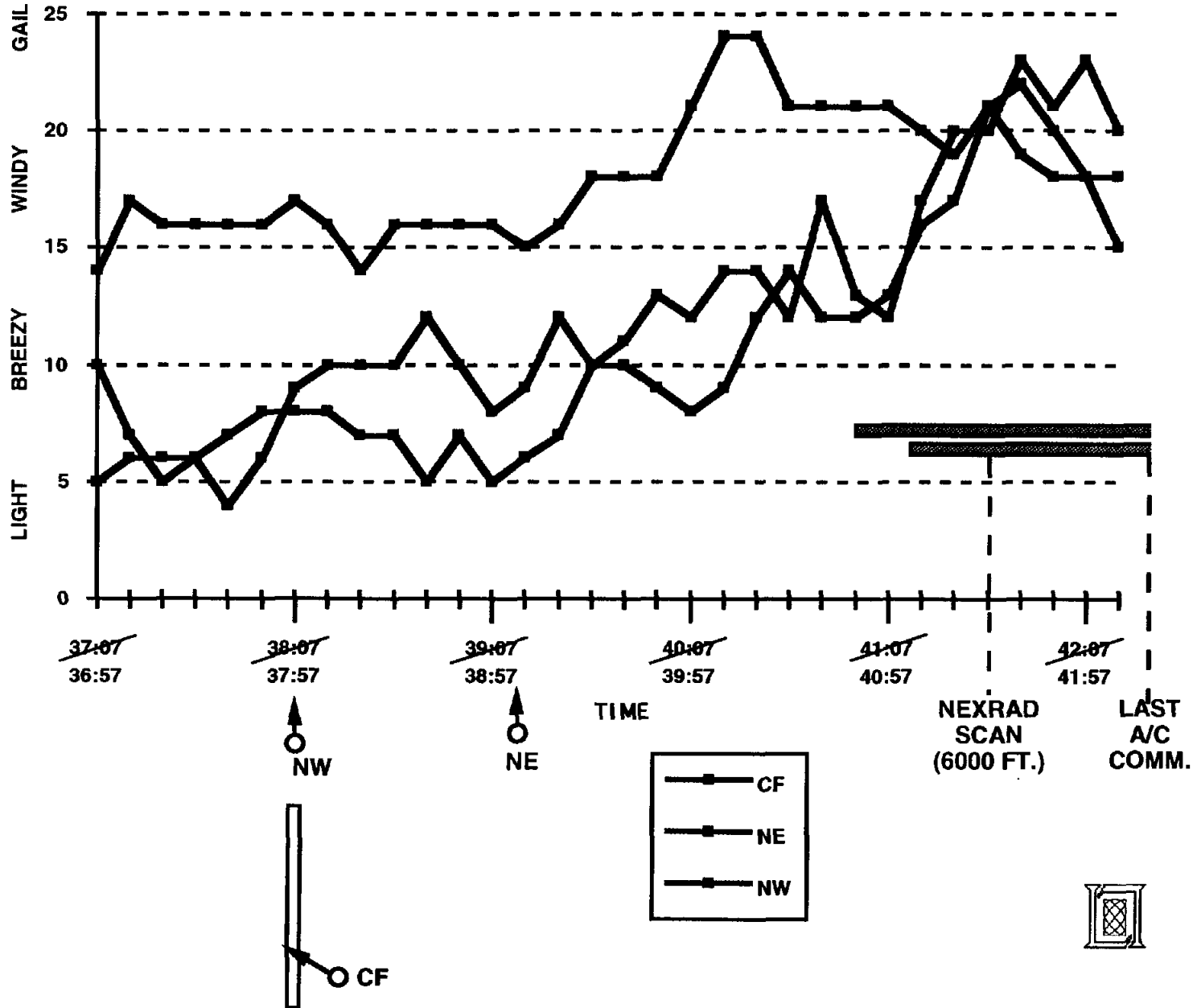
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22:43
CFA 100@19

1 km

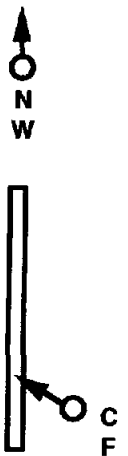
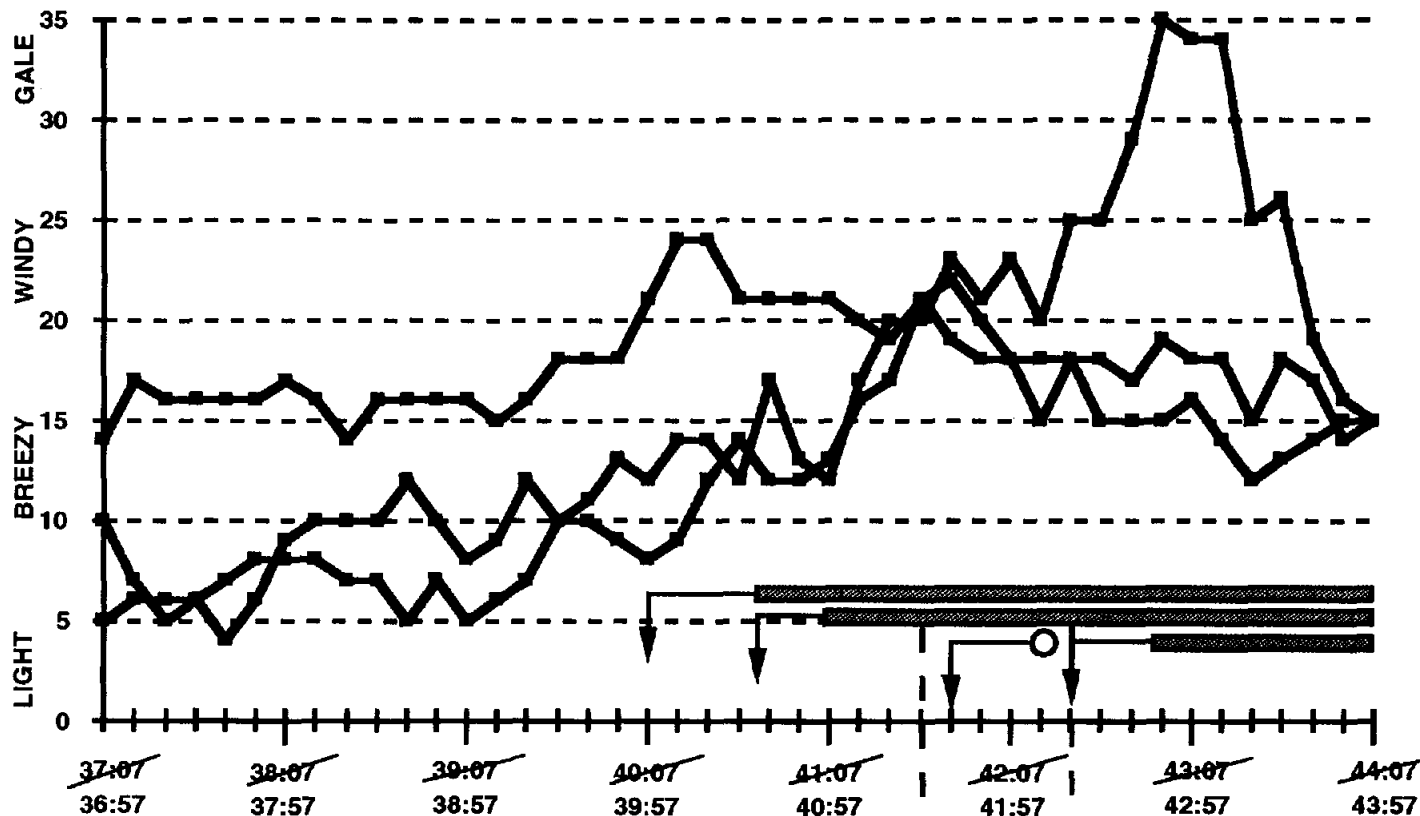
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WINDS EVOLUTION



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TIME

NEXRAD SCAN (6000 FT.)

LAST A/C COMM.

—■—	CF
—■—	NE
—■—	NW



TYPE OF MICROBURST EVENT

● SINGLE EVOLVING EVENT

– PRO

- SEQUENTIAL PULSES: CF, NE, NW

– CON

- WIND DIRECTIONS DO NOT EVOLVE
- NE AND NW WINDS ARE PARALLEL

● 2 PHASE EVENT

– PRO

- DIFFERENT PULSE TYPES CF/NE & NW
- NEXRAD CELL POSITION

– CON

- INSUFFICIENT DATA FOR CONFIRMATION



SUMMARY

- **LLWAS PHASE II HAS KNOWN LIMITATIONS AS A MB DETECTION SYSTEM; ITS WS ALERTS HAVE CREDIBILITY**
- **MANY OF THE INADEQUACIES OF THE SYSTEM ARE THE RESULT OF THE SPARSE SENSOR SPACING**
- **THE SYSTEM PERFORMED ACCORDING TO DESIGN**
- **THERE IS EVIDENCE OF A COMPLEX MICROBURST EVENT WITH A FIRST SURGE AT 22:39–41 (CF & NE) AND A SECOND SURGE AT 22:41–43 (NW)**

