

Fig. 2.8 The solutions for the dimensionless radius (R), height (x), buoyancy (Δ), and vertical velocity (u) of a thermal in a uniform stably stratified fluid. [(From Morton, Taylor, and Turner (1956).)]

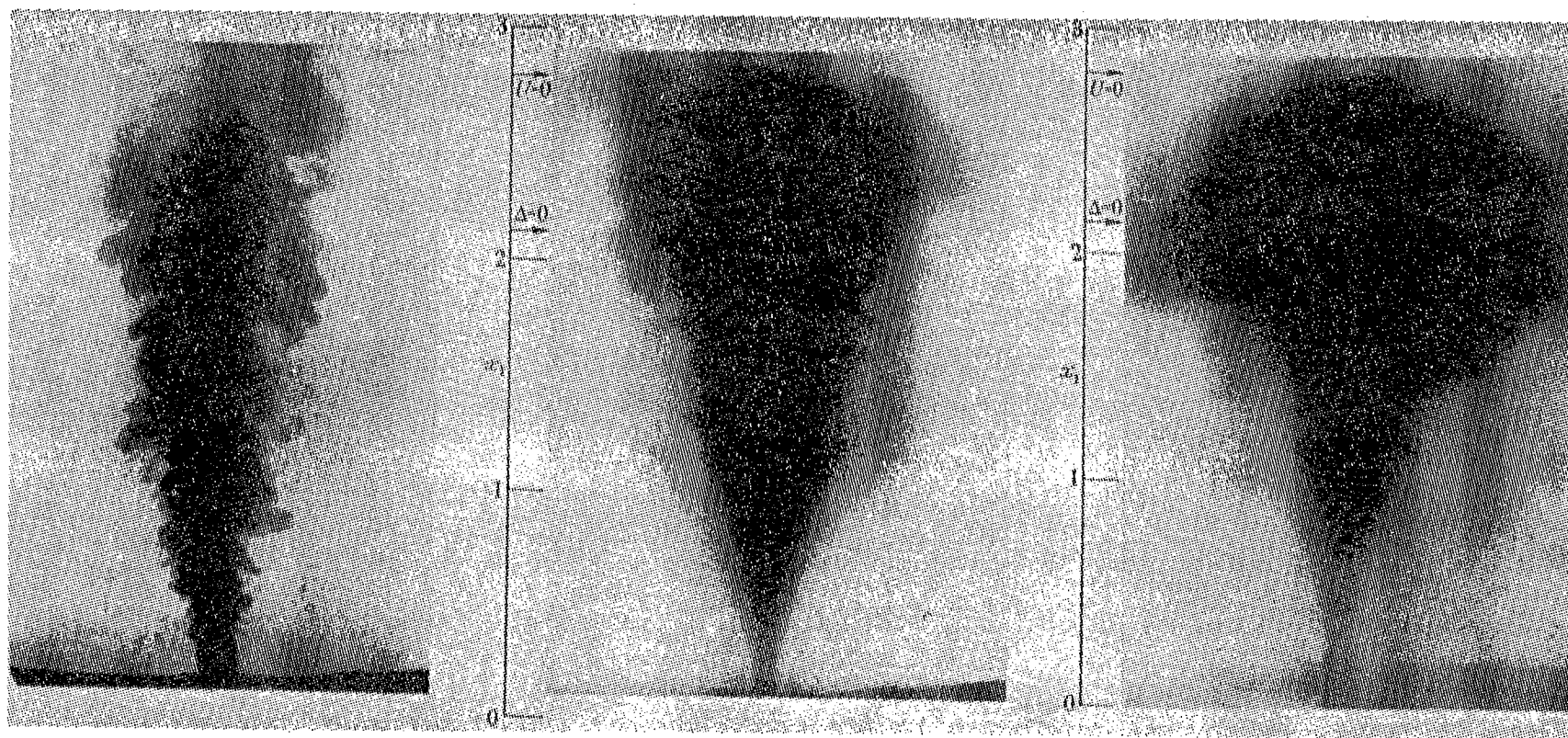


Fig. 2.9 Photographs of plumes in neutrally and stably stratified fluids. At left is a plume in a neutrally stratified ambient fluid; at right are time exposures of a plume in a stable stratified fluid at early and late stages in its development. [From Morton, Taylor, and Turner (1956).]

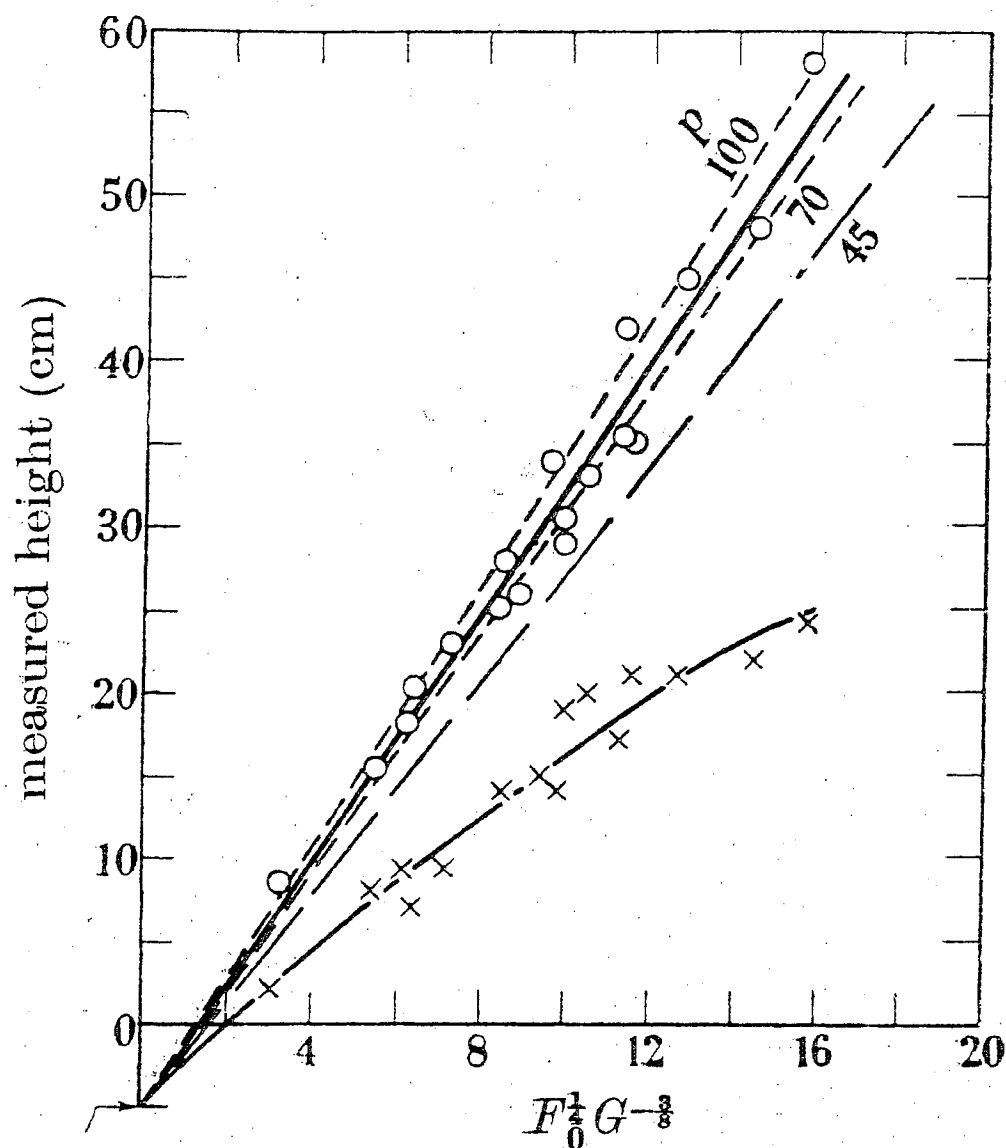


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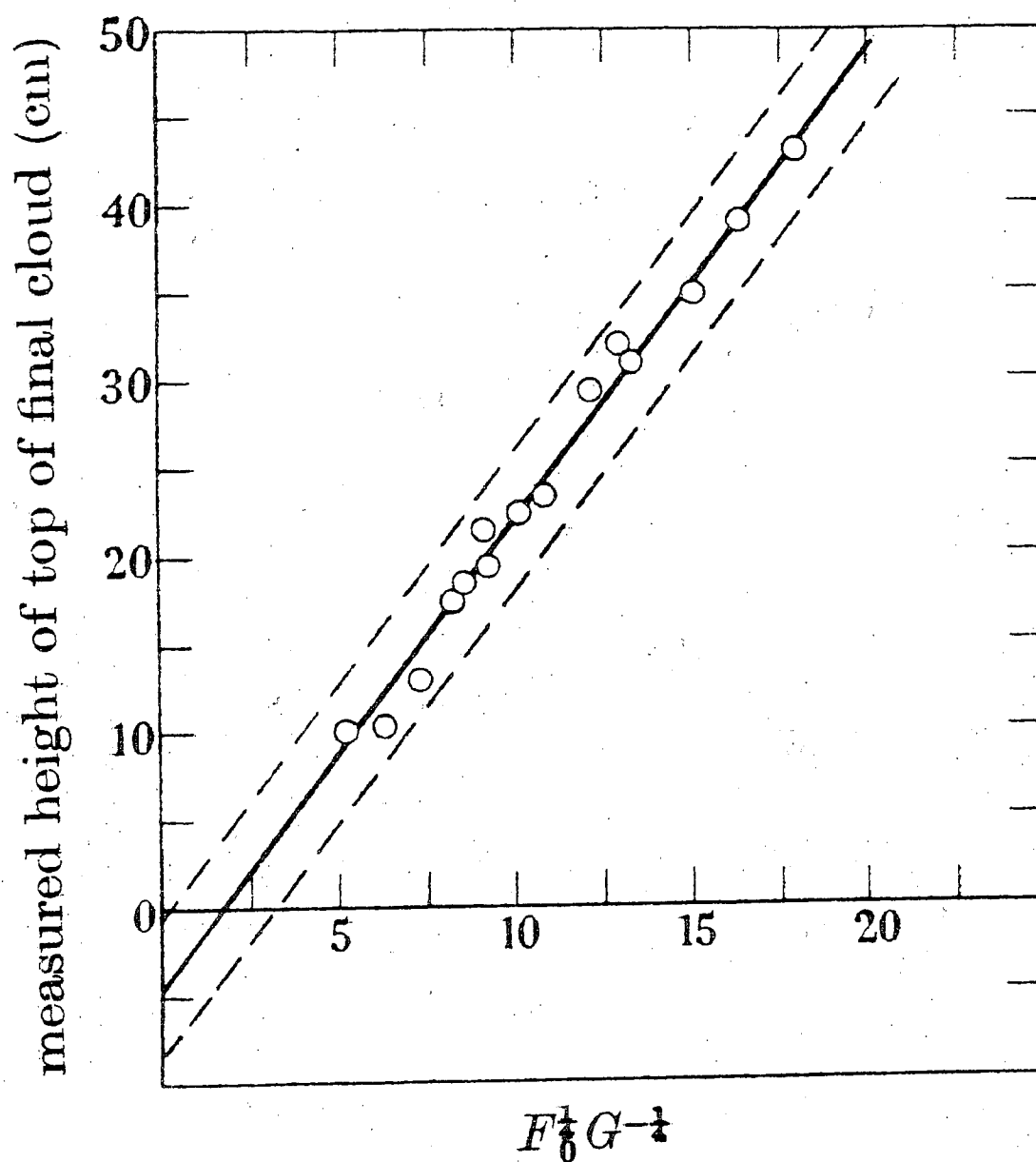


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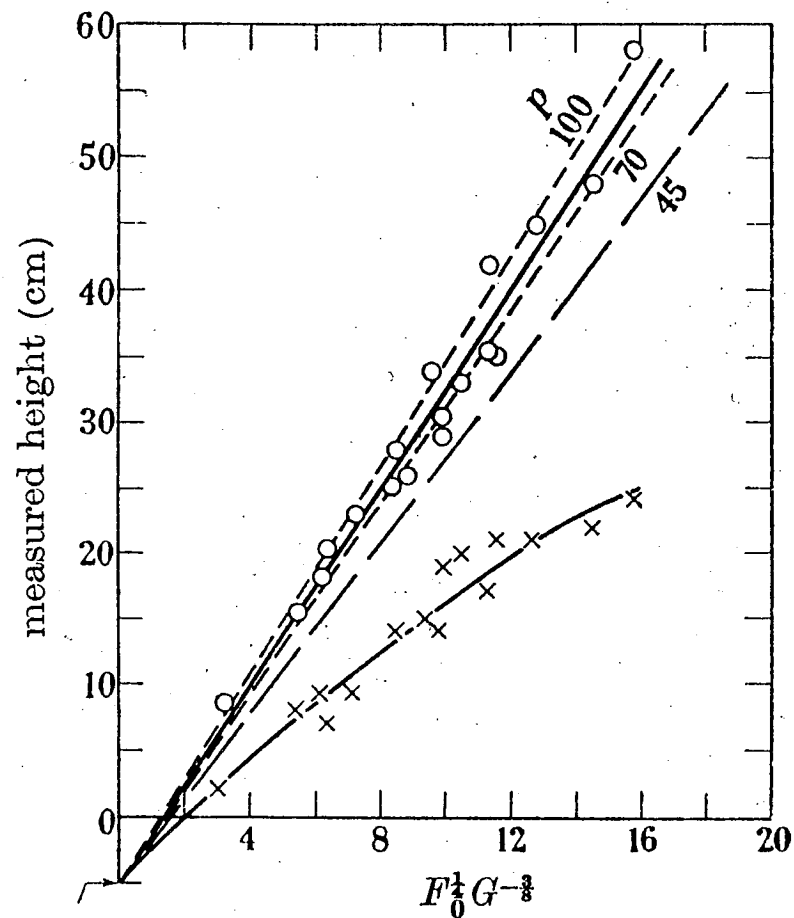


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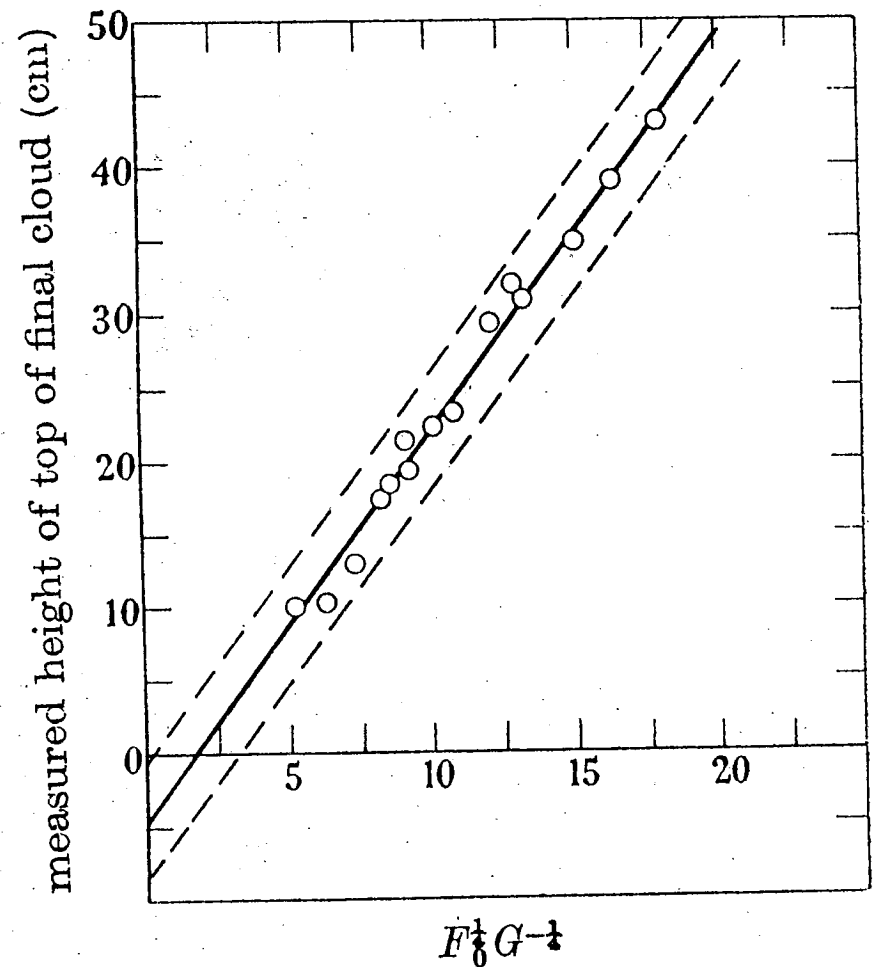


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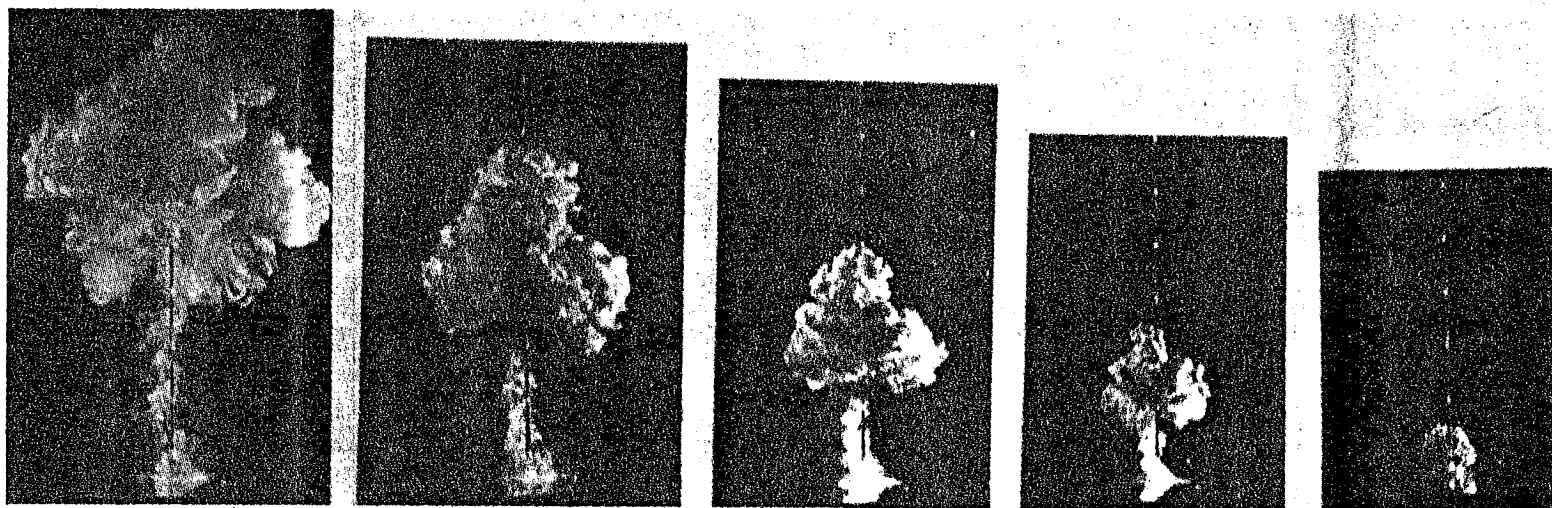


Fig. 2.14 Successive photographs of a descending thermal, showing that the shape of the thermal may persist while the volume increases several times [*From Scorer (1957).*]

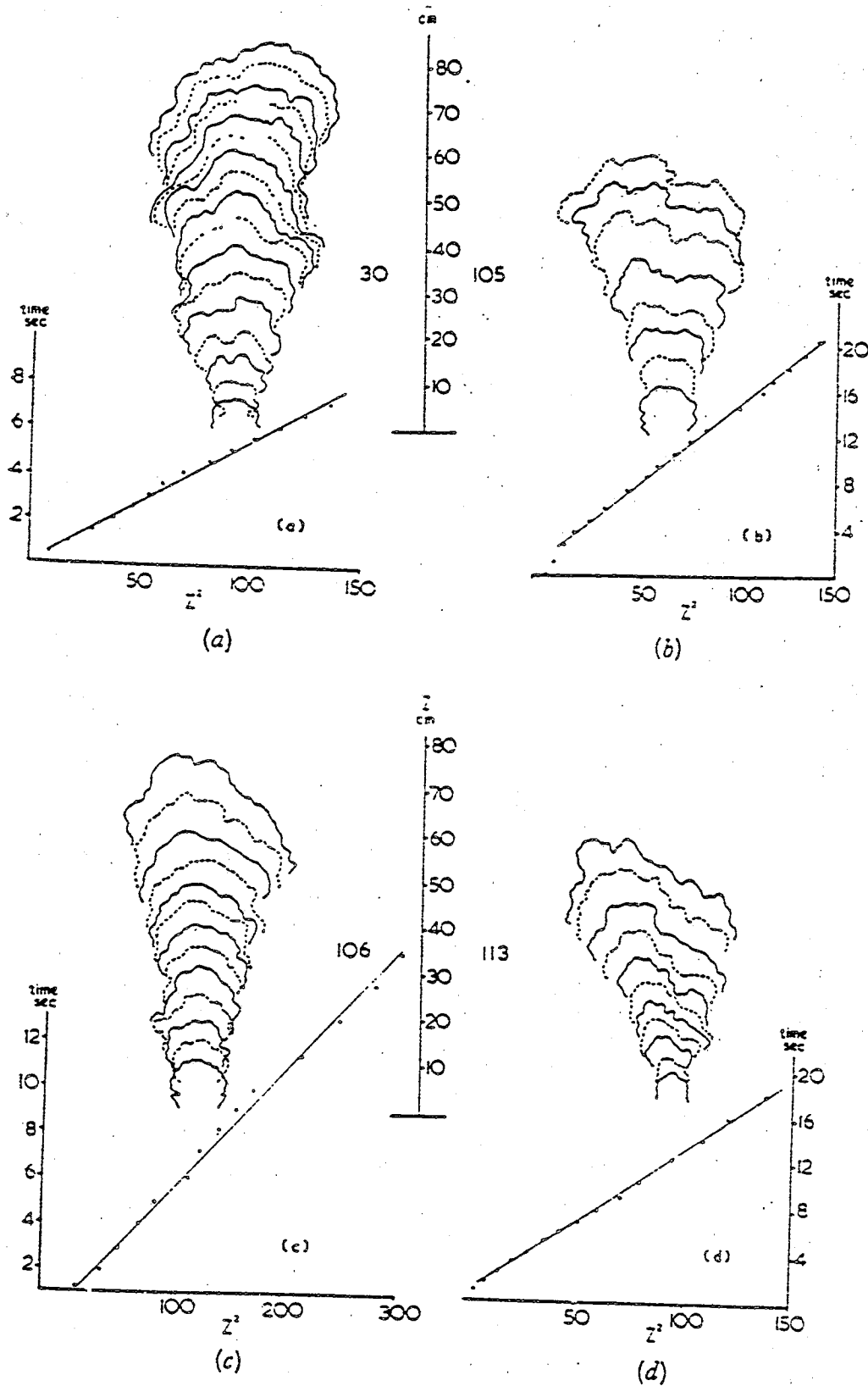


Fig. 2.15 Successive outlines of thermals traced from photographs. Below each is a graph of z^2 against t . [From Scorer (1957).]

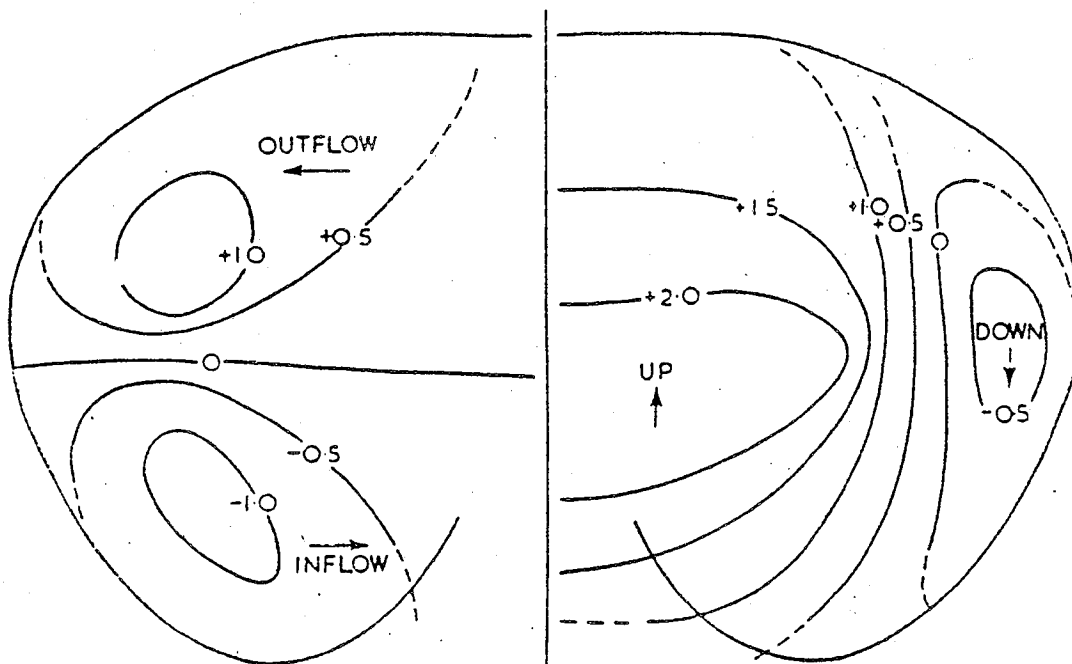


Fig. 2.16 The distribution of radial (left) and vertical (right) velocities in a thermal obtained by observing the motion of particles within a thermal. Velocities expressed as multiples of the thermal ascent rate. [From Scorer (1957).]