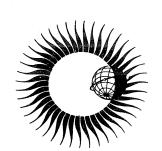
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Introduction

This report basically describes equatorial ionospheric F-region data reduced from the Jicamarca Radar Observatory (JRO) incoherent scatter observations for particular periods. It lists in catalog form the times of the observations made during those periods. These F-region data include the electron concentration, Ne, and the electron and ion temperatures, Te and Ti. The data were inferred from the incoherent scatter observations of JRO which is located at S11.95 E283.13. JRO is the only incoherent scatter observatory close to the magnetic equator at 2°N magnetic dip.

For the period 11 November 1966 to 29 April 1969, Ne, Te and Ti data reduced from the JRO observations are now available both in digital form (on magnetic tape) and in graphical and tabular form (on microfilm) from the World Data Center A for Solar-Terrestrial Physics. Some results of similar analyses are already published, in particular the Ne data were presented in graphical form by McClure $et\ \alpha l$. [1970] for the period 27 May 1964 to 1 December 1966. Small amounts of data have appeared in other published papers and reports. Ionospheric drift velocity measurements reduced from the JRO incoherent scatter observations for the period July 1967 to March 1970 are found in an earlier UAG Report, Report UAG-17 [Balsley $et\ \alpha l$., 1971].

Measurement Techniques and Analysis Methods

In the Faraday rotation experiment as performed at JRO, two pulses are transmitted simultaneously with opposite circular polarization. By comparing the phases of the echoes of the two pulses as a function of time delay between transmission and reception, the Faraday rotation angle as a function of height is determined. The electron concentration profile is obtained from the height derivative of the Faraday rotation angle. This technique is discussed fully by Farley [1969]. See also Evans [1969] for a general review of the incoherent scatter technique.

In addition to the measurements for Ne, the temporal autocorrelation function ρ of the radar echoes is measured at a series of time separations τ . The method by which these measurements are made is described in considerable detail by Farley et αl . [1967] and Farley [1969] and will not be discussed here. Our concern is with the analysis of the measured autocorrelation function to deduce parameters of the ionospheric plasma.

The JRO measurements of the autocorrelation functions are usually valid only in the ionospheric F2 layer where almost all of the ions are ionized oxygen (0 $^+$). Therefore, the ionic composition has been approximated by pure 0 $^+$, so that the only parameters determined by the present analysis are Te and Ti. The presence of appreciable concentrations of ions other than 0 $^+$ will, of course, cause errors in the derived values of Te and Ti. In particular, near the top of the analyzed height range, especially at night during solar minimum, there may be appreciable concentrations of ionized hydrogen (H $^+$). For small fractional concentrations of H $^+$, the fractional errors in Te and Ti are of the order of -1 and +1 times the fractional concentration, respectively. Since the fractional concentration of H $^+$ in the F2 layer typically increases with height with a scale height of the order of 150 km, the presence of appreciable concentrations of H $^+$ leads to a characteristic and obvious decrease in Te and an increase in Ti with height.

Examples of theoretical curves of $\rho(\tau)$ for pure 0^+ , two values of Te and three values of Te/Ti are shown in Figure 1. Two important laws are illustrated. The first law states that the value of τ at ρ = -0.08 varies as Te^{-½} with only a negligible dependence on Te/Ti. The second law states that the minimum value of ρ (ρ min) in the first negative loop varies approximately linearly with Te/Ti, as illustrated in Figure 2, but is otherwise independent of Te. The following empirical formula gives Te/Ti to two decimal places:

 $Te/Ti = .2305 - 4.666 \text{ pmin} + 9.23 \text{ pmin}^2$

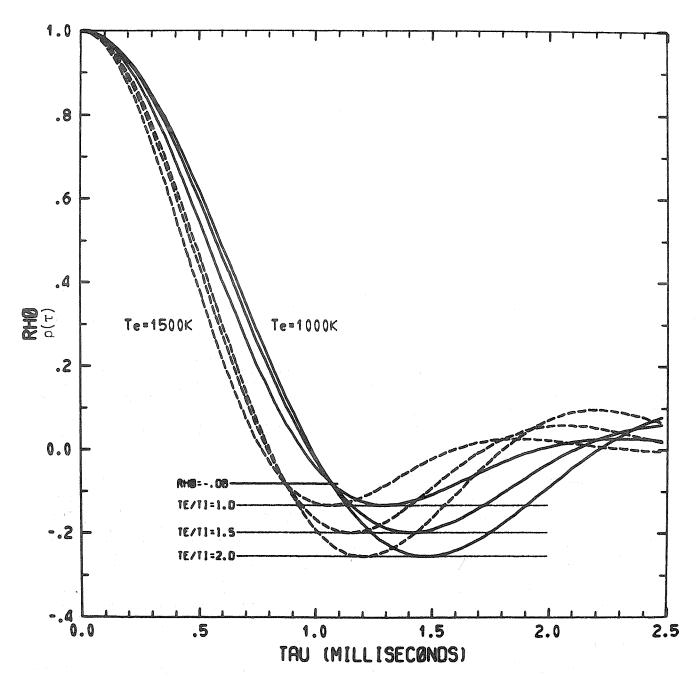


Fig. 1. Examples of the theoretical autocorrelation function $\rho(\tau)$ for Te=1000K and 1500K while Te/Ti = 1.0, 1.5 and 2.0. These curves illustrate that τ at the ρ = -0.08 point is essentially independent of Ti and that the depth of the first negative loop depends only on Te/Ti. These laws assume a constant ion composition, in this case pure 0^+

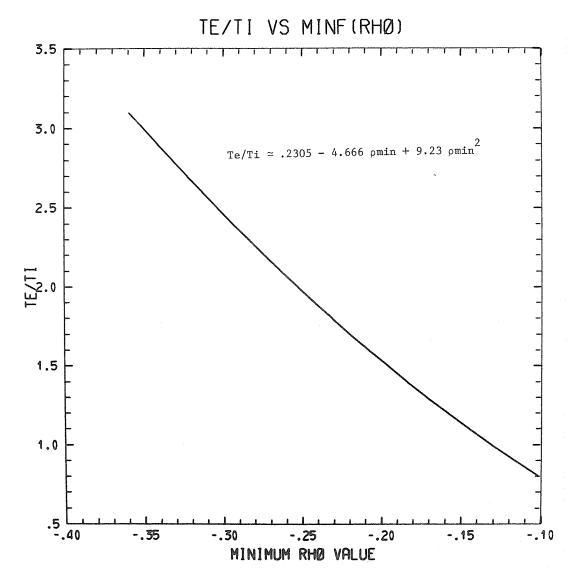


Fig. 2. Te/Ti plotted as a function of pmin (the minimum value of the autocorrelation function). The quadratic equation gives Te/Ti to two decimal places.

With these two laws, Te and Te/Ti may be found from the autocorrelation data by scaling the value of τ at ρ = -0.08 and at pmin. Alternatively, Te and Te/Ti can be determined by fitting the theoretical curves to the measured values of ρ . The fitting has been done in the present analysis by adjusting the values of Te and Te/Ti until the best fit in a least squares sense is obtained. This method has the advantage of using all the data and so reduces the effects of noise.

Examination of the actual autocorrelation data along with the functions fitted during the analysis can provide valuable insight into the quality of the Te and Ti values found at any particular height and time. Therefore, for each height a plot of measured ρ 's versus τ and the corresponding best-fitting function, when actually found, is included on the microfilm. A rather compact format was used to enable easy visual comparison of data from one height to the next. A sample frame is shown in Figure 3.

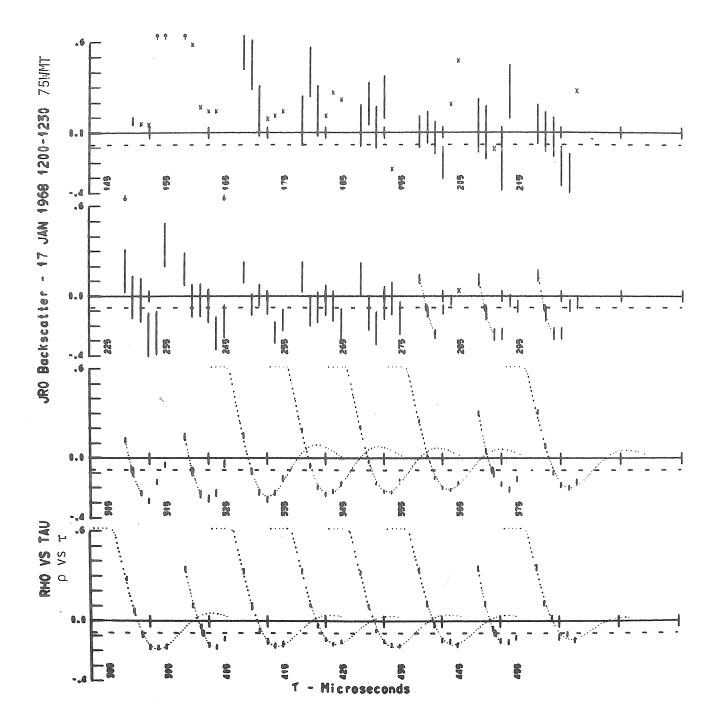


Fig. 3. A sample microfilm frame presenting the autocorrelation function found by the analysis program using the raw data and the best fitting functions. Data for 32 heights are given on each frame. This frame, for 17 Jan., 1968, 1200-1230 (75° W time), presents data for heights between 145 and 455 km in 10 kilometer steps. A much more detailed explanation of this Figure is given in the text.

Figure 3 presents data taken on 17 January 1968 during an integration from 1200 to 1230 hours (75°W time), as indicated by the title along the left margin. The Figure looks very complex because data for 32 heights are presented in overlapping form beginning with a height of 145 km and increasing in 10 km increments to 455 km. This complexity can be avoided by examining one feature at a time. Consider the bottom row of the Figure. The ordinate is the ρ axis, ranging from -0.4 to +0.6, and the abscissa is the τ axis, with a tick every 1000 μs . Each tick mark also denotes τ = 0 for the height printed sideways, below and to the right of the tick. Each measured value of ρ is plotted as a vertical bar centered on the measured value and extending \pm σ (\pm one standard deviation). The sinuous, dotted curves in the plots for 385, 405, 415, 425, 435, and 455 km are the theoretical autocorrelation functions that best fit the measured values of ρ . The flattened part of each curve from 0 to 300 μs is a result of an imposed plot limit just above ρ = 0.6; the actual curves in this region are as shown in Figure 1.

Often an autocorrelation function could not be fitted because of some deficiency in the data. If the deficiency was only a lack of data about the first negative loop, a partial analysis was carried out. A parabola was fitted by least squares to all the points up to and including the first point whose value of ρ was \leq -0.08. Then the value of τ where this parabola intersects the ρ = -0.08 line (the dashed line below and parallel to the τ axis inserted for ease in reading values) was used to obtain Te. This parabola, when used, is plotted through the data points as a dotted curve, and the point of intersection is indicated by a circle (e.g., at heights 395 and 445 km in Figure 3). When even this partial analysis could not be completed, only the data bars are plotted, as for the first 13 heights (145-265 km) in Figure 3.

In the first row of Figure 3 some of the measured ρ 's are plotted using other symbols. The x's seen throughout the data in the first eight heights (145-215 km) indicate points that have been rejected because the space-time geometry of the JRO configuration implies a high probability of contamination by strong echoes from the equatorial electrojet or by a succeeding pulse. The up and down arrow symbols († \downarrow) are used for data points that exceed the -0.4 to +0.6 plotter range for ρ , which was imposed to avoid confusion with other data.

The ρ values as used in this analysis and presented on the microfilm have been adjusted in a manner that must be discussed in some detail. When the preliminary Te and Ti values were plotted, it was noticed that at night the ratio Te/Ti was usually less than unity by a significant factor which was statistically independent of height. If this were true, it would require a large heat input to the ion gas with a special height dependence. Since in the nighttime equatorial F2 layer there is not known to be any large heat input with the required height dependence, we have assumed that this effect was caused by systematic errors.

In order to study these systematic errors, we first restricted our attention to data taken between 1900 and 0300 hours (75° W time) since earlier evening data and later morning data often seemed to be in a transition state between day and nighttime conditions. Heights between 300 and 400 km only were considered in order to reduce the possibility of composition effects. The median Te/Ti, denoted (Te/Ti)med, within this height range was found for each integration, and the results were plotted versus time.

Examination of this graph showed periods when the Te/Ti bias seemed to be constant except for statistical fluctuations. For each of these periods the factor RF (ρ Factor) by which the ρ values should be divided so that the median of the (Te/Ti)med's would become 1.0 was calculated. A graph of the RF values versus date is shown in Figure 4.

This normalization method changes Ti much more than Te, because ρmin is changed inversely as RF but τ at ρ = -0.08 is changed very little. Indeed, the changes in Te are usually within the estimated standard deviation of Te, although Te always decreases for RF \geq 1, and vice versa.

This method obviously provides only a first-order correction of Te/Ti. During some periods there was no nighttime data suitable for a determination of RF. For this reason the last two months of 1966 data and the first two and one-half months of 1967 data had to be assigned the mean RF value (namely, 0.9) of all of the other data. The periods when the nighttime values of Te/Ti were obtained are indicated at the bottom of Figure 4. Furthermore, the statistical fluctuations about (Te/Ti)med over the periods for which each RF was determined are not negligible. Therefore, in some studies the user may wish to renormalize Te/Ti according to a physical model of temperature structure. This can be done approximately by changing the RF for each profile or set of profiles, with the aid of Equation (1). Unless the change in RF is large, the changes in Te are negligible, that is, all of the changes in Te/Ti can be attributed to changes in Ti.

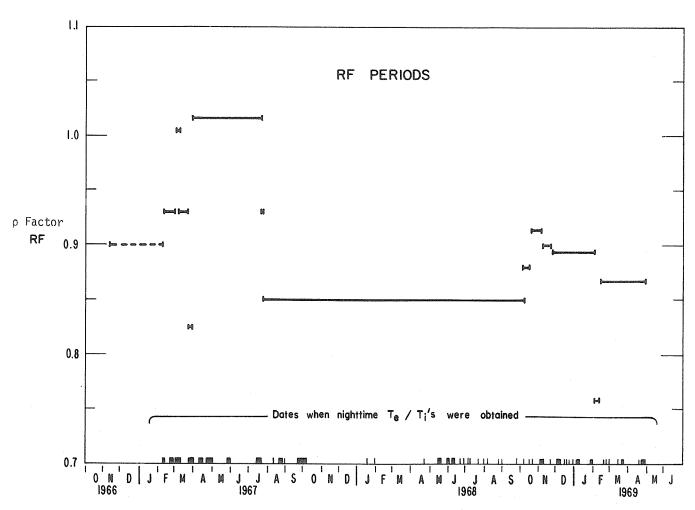


Fig. 4. The RF divisor values applied to the ρ 's plotted over the periods of their use. The periods when nighttime Te/Ti values were obtained and used in the determination of RF are indicated at the bottom of the graph. The mean RF value of 0.9 was used until 11 February 1967. The process used to determine RF is described in the text.

Format of Archived Data

An example of the graphical and tabular data as it appears on the microfilm is shown in Figure 5. The electron concentration data is presented in the upper right graph and in the second column of the table, labeled Ne. The calculated standard deviation of Ne resulting from the differentiation of the Faraday angle is shown as a horizontal bar on the graph (too small to be visible in this example) and in the first ε column, just to the right of the Ne column. It must be emphasized that ε is only the standard deviation due to statistical errors, and that the accuracy of Ne can also be affected by systematic errors. In general, rapid variations of Ne with either height or time must be treated with caution. For example, in Figure 5 the rapid increase of Ne with decreasing altitude below 205 km is a systematic error caused by strong scatter from field-aligned irregularities in the E region. At night, when spread-F irregularities are also often present, this kind of error can extend to greater heights, Certain other systematic errors are caused by imperfections in the detectors, particularly at the greatest altitudes where the signal-to-noise ratio is small. Such imperfections probably cause the weak sinusoidal variation in Ne from about 450 to 600 km in Figure 5.

The Te and Ti data are presented in the upper left graph and in columns four and six, respectively, in the table. On the graph, the Te points are connected by a solid line and the Ti points are denoted by circles. The estimated standard deviations resulting from statistical errors in the measured values of ρ are shown as horizontal bars on the graph and are listed in the respective ϵ columns (i.e., columns five and seven) in the table. The column labeled ICD is a diagnostic code used in the analysis program and can be ignored.

The original magnetic tape archived in the data center is a 9-track, 1600 phase encoded binary tape. A detailed description of the format is available upon request from WDC-A, and other types of tapes (such as 7-track binary) may be made available. The tape contains all the Ne, Te, and Ti results, but does not contain the autocorrelation function data from which they were obtained.

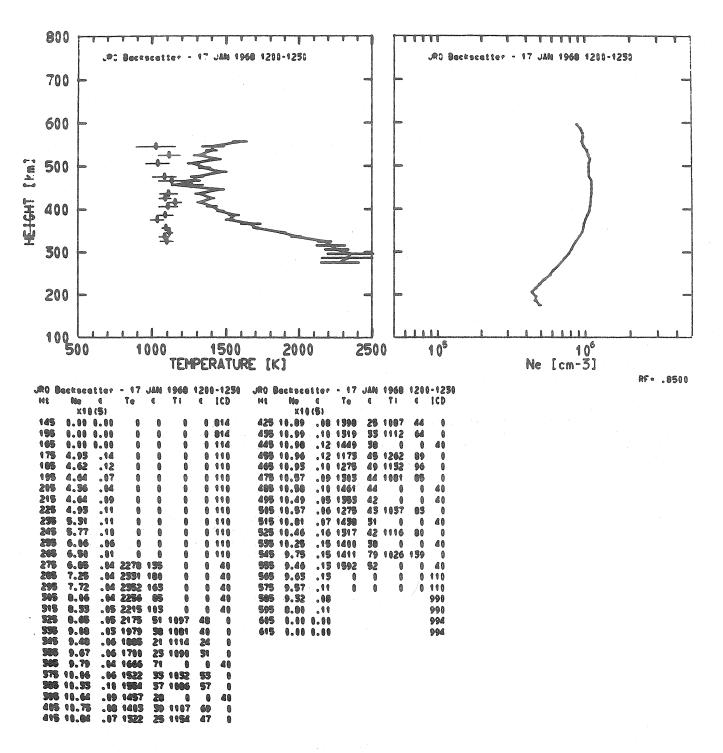


Fig. 5. Te and Ti are plotted against height in the graph at the upper left. Te is plotted using connected error bars (\pm one standard deviation) while Ti is plotted using circles intersected with error bars. Ne is plotted against the same height scale in the graph at the upper right, using connected error bars. The table in the lower part of the Figure presents the same information in tabular form. Zero values indicate that no results were obtained. The ϵ column gives the estimated standard deviation of the parameter in the column just to the left, in the same units. The "ICD" column contains a computer diagnostic code and may be ignored.

Catalog

Values of Ne, Te, and Ti (normalized as discussed above) along with their associated dates, times and heights and estimated errors are archived at WDC-A on magnetic tape and microfilm. Table 1 is a catalog of the observing periods during which measurements were made. Within each observing period there are one or more radar integrations, each of which is an average of several thousand samples received over 5 to 10 minutes during sunrise, 15 to 30 minutes in the daytime, and 15 to 45 minutes at night. The integrations are usually contiguous in time, but occasionally there are gaps caused by operational difficulties. There are a few time discontinuities on the tape, resulting from integrations being entered on the magnetic tape in non-chronological order. The times written on the magnetic tape and microfilm are correct. Approximately 1600 hours of radar data were analyzed.

Reliability of the Data

The reliability of the present data for any particular aeronomical study can be determined only by careful consideration of the statistical and systematic errors described in this report. The Ne data should be adequate for any study consistent with the statistical errors. On the other hand, the limitation to regions of nearly pure 0^+ and the normalization of Te/Ti are especially important to the accuracy of the temperature measurements. Judgment of the adequacy of the data for any particular study or of the correctness of a renormalization procedure must, of course, be the responsibility of the user.

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