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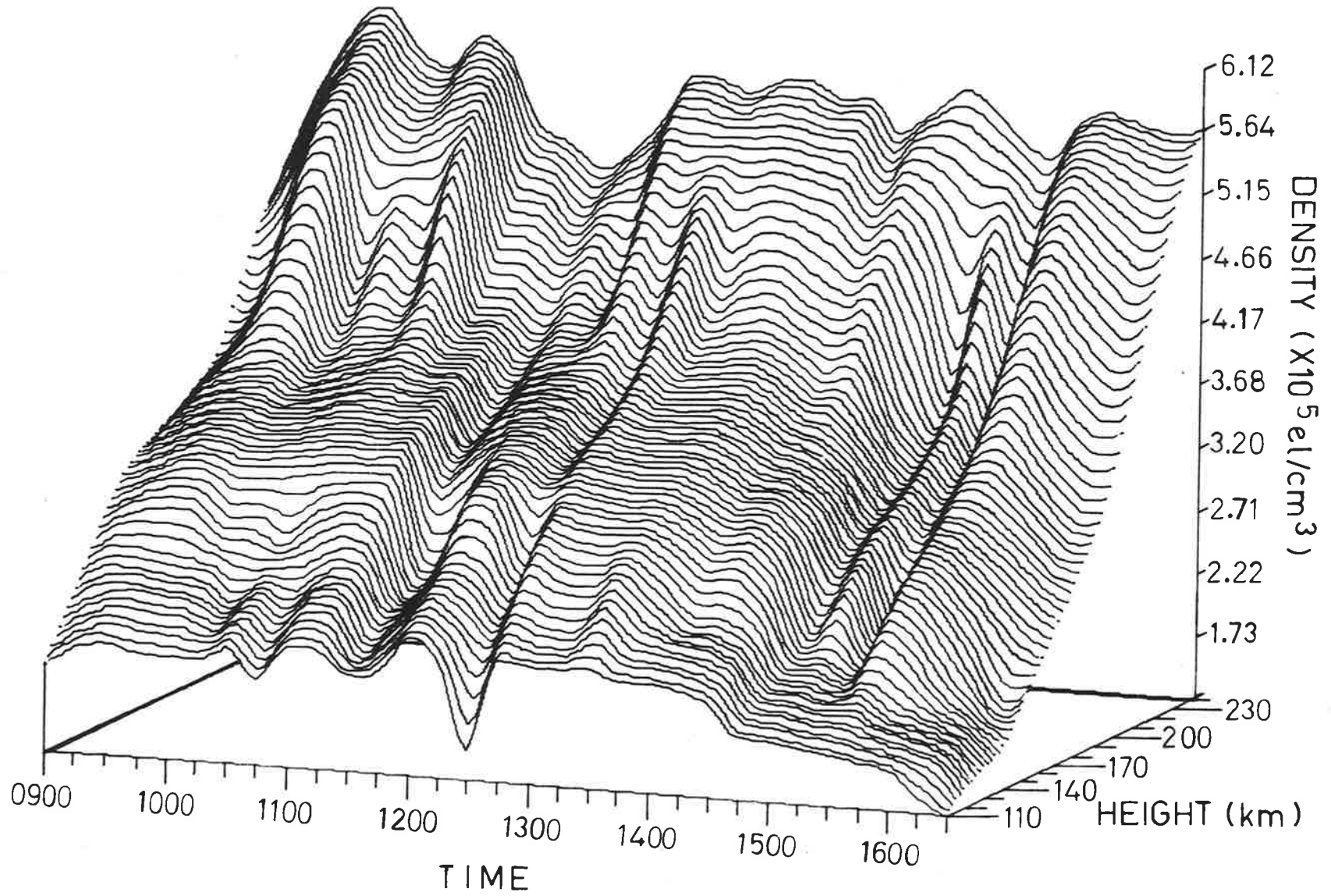
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But surely this is a new tale you tell - some say.
Tell it once again - they say;
Or, do not tell it yet again - others say.
But I have heard all this before - say some;
Or, but this is not how it was told before - say the rest.
And these, these are our people, Dervish Baba, this is Man."

(Naqshbandi Recital)

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SUMMARY

This Thesis consists of three parts. The first part deals with the observations of waves and irregularities in the lower ionosphere, a theoretical background of atmospheric gravity waves and their characteristics, various methods of analysis and description and results of experiments using Phase-Path techniques.

The second part of this thesis forms the major part and represents the main project undertaken by the author. It includes an extensive literature survey, a description of the experimental arrangement, analysis, and results of observations of travelling ionospheric disturbances in the F-region.

The third part consists of the observations using Faraday rotation technique and the spectral analysis results. The effects of geomagnetic storms on the total electron content are also discussed using selected samples.

STATEMENT

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