

Research Proposal for “Investigation on the structure of Jovian magnetotail based on MHD model”

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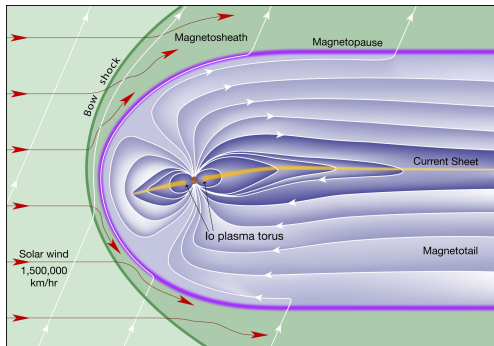
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Section 1

Introduction

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Jupiter is the biggest planet in the solar system. It has an intrinsic magnetic field which interacts with the solar wind and forms the magnetosphere.



Introduction

Jupiter is so amazing.

- 1 It rotates so fast.
- 2 It is so big (planet, mangetosphere, magnetotail).
- 3 Its magnetic field is so strong.
- 4 It has a satellite called Io which can provide plasma.

Introduction-Missions

There are several flyby or orbiter missions of Jupiter:

- 1 Pioneer 10 (1973)
- 2 Pioneer 11 (1974)
- 3 Voyager Program (1979)
- 4 Ulysses (1992)
- 5 Galileo (1995)
- 6 Cassini (2000)
- 7 New Horizons (2007)
- 8 Juno (2016)

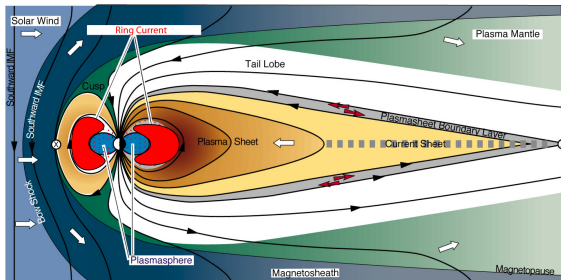
Introduction-Jovian Magnetotail Range

McComas *et al.*(2007) reported The New Horizons spacecraft has sampled the coherent Jovian magnetotail in situ to distances from $1600 R_J$ to $2500 R_J$.

However, Scarf *et al.*(1981), Kurth *et al.*(1982), and Lepping *et al.*(1983) reported Voyager 2's entries into Jovian magnetotail at a distance of $\sim 7000 R_J$

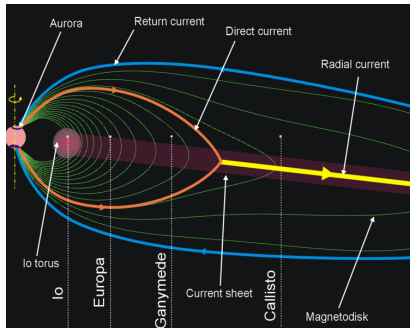
Introduction-Jovian Magnetotail Structure

- 1 Plasma Sheet
- 2 Plasma Mantle
- 3 Lobes
- 4 Current Sheet



Introduction-Jovian Magnetotail Structure

Behannon *et al.* (1981) showed that Jovian magnetotail contains a thin current sheet surrounded by lobes mostly devoid of plasma.



Introduction-Solar Wind

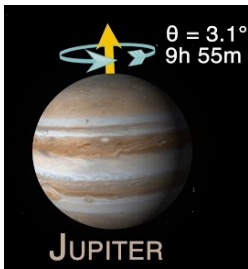
Interactions between a planet's magnetosphere and solar wind can be seen in Dungey Cycle(from my first report 2023.2.1).

By analyzing the data from Galileo. Tao *et al.*(2005) proposed the response of the Jovian magnetosphere to solar wind dynamic pressure enhancements can be explained plausibly by a burst of magnetotail reconnection and a change in the position of the current sheet.

Introduction-Fast Rotation

Jupiter is a rapid rotator, the effects of rotation are seen in numerous features, including the development of anisotropy in the plasma distribution.

We explain the Jupiter's magnetosphere's formation as Dungey Cycle + Vasyliunas Cycle(Fast Rotation).



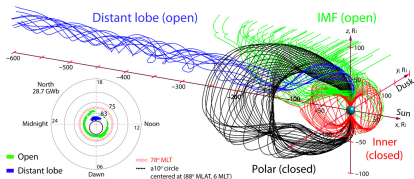
Section 2

Review of Previous Studies

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Observation \Leftrightarrow MHD simulation

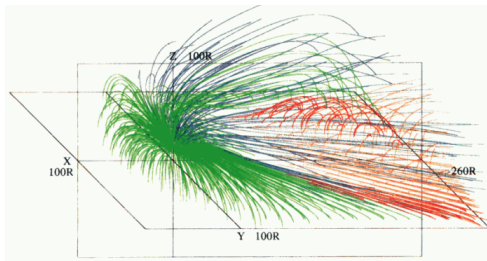
- Observation: Inflexible, Part, Precise
- MHD simulation: Flexible, Global, Need to be revised by observation data



Review of Previous Studies

Ogino *et al.* (1998) first applied a 3D global MHD simulation to Jupiter.

However, the model was then proved to be wrong. After it was updated, it became the **Open-GGCM**.

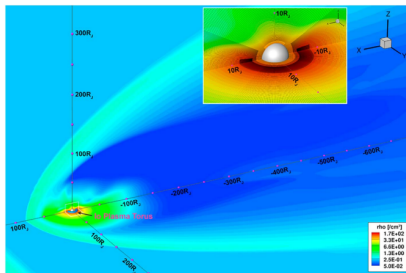


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Chané *et al.* (2013) introduced a new model for Jupiter. But it is also disputed.

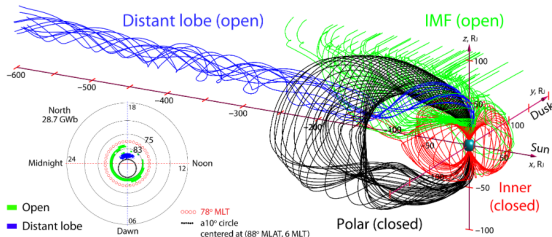
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Sarkango *et al.* (2019) introduced a new global MHD model for Jupiter's magnetosphere that self-consistently includes the Io plasma torus at the right location.



Review of Previous Studies

Zhang *et al.* (2021) (one of my tutor) investigated the magnetic topology of Jupiter's polar cap by using a newly developed global MHD model of the jovian magnetosphere, including its interactions with the interplanetary medium, the effect of mass loading from the volcanic moon Io, and ionosphere-magnetosphere coupling.

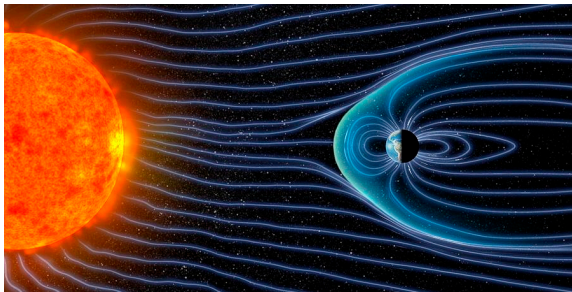


Section 3

Motivation

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The magnetosphere in many cases (Earth *etc.*), it is like a drop. However, why Jovian magnetosphere is like a tube? Why Jovian magnetosphere hinders the solar wind even to the orbit of Saturn?



Motivation

With these questions, I will do this research.

Section 4

Research Design

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The key questions to be solved in this research :

- 1 Why jovian magnetotail stretches so long?
- 2 What is jovian magnetotail's structure?
- 3 What will happen if the conditions (solar wind etc.) change?
- 4 How to form the jovian magnetotail? (physical process)

Research Design

In this research, I will :

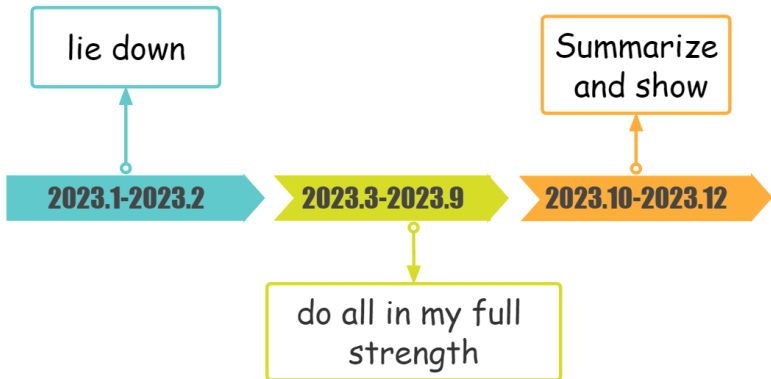
- 1** Run the Jupiter's model (computational power: Sugon Server)
- 2** Data analysis and visualization
- 3** Discussion through physical process
- 4** Summarize the results

It is also needed to read papers and gain basic scientific research skills during the whole research.

Section 5

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References

Thanks

Thank you for listening!