

The range of Jupiter's flow structures fitting the Juno asymmetric gravity measurements

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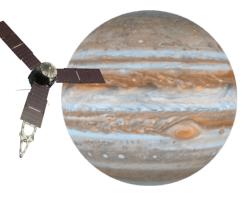
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Harmonic	Value
J ₃ (×10 ⁻⁸)	-4.24 ± 0.91
J ₅ (×10 ⁻⁸)	-6.89 ± 0.81
J ₇ (×10 ⁻⁸)	12.39 ± 1.68
J ₉ (×10 ⁻⁸)	-10.58 ± 4.35

less et al. (2018)

$$\mathbf{M}_{n} = -\frac{2\pi}{MR_{J}^{n}} \int_{0}^{R_{J}} \int_{-1}^{1} r^{n+2} \rho'(r,\mu) P_{n}(\mu) d\mu dr$$

The gravity field is an integrative measure of the density field.

The measurements

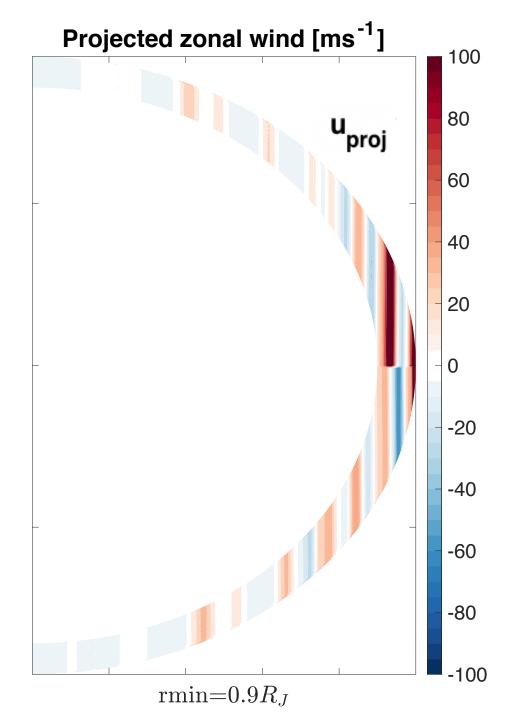
The flow-density relation

The relation between the density field and the flow field is manifested in the thermal wind balance:

$$2\Omega r \frac{\partial (u\tilde{\rho})}{\partial z} = g_0 \frac{\partial \rho'}{\partial \theta}.$$

Therefore, we can relate the odd gravity harmonics to the deep flow profile.

$$J_n \leftrightarrow \rho' \leftrightarrow u$$

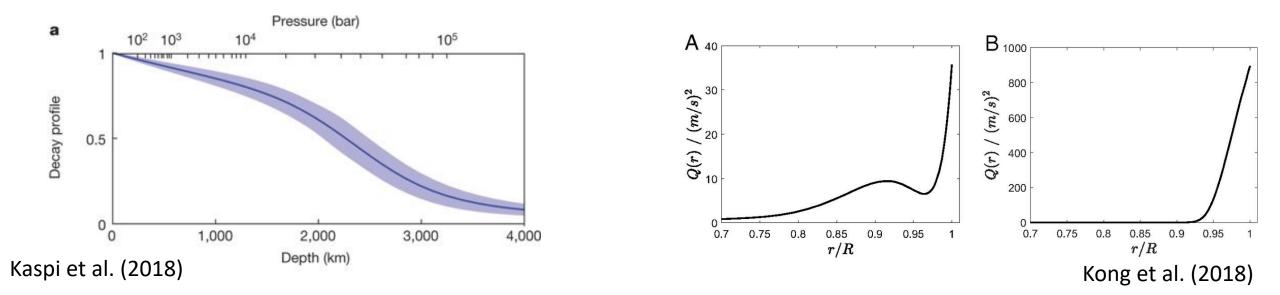


The motivation – nonuniqueness of the solution

Using just 4 numbers (the odd gravity harmonics) to constrain the 2D density field (flow field) dictates that the problem is ill-posed.

Therefore, any solution for the deep flow is non-unique.

\rightarrow Explore the probability of possible solutions.



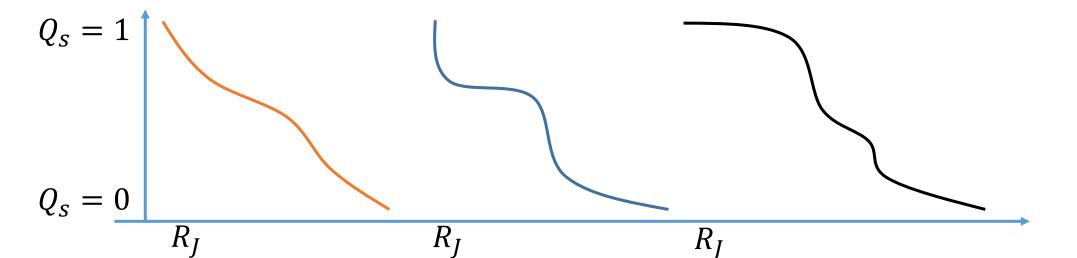
Analysis I - varying the vertical structure (Q_S)

The sample population (5×10^5 decay options) is bounded by physical considerations:

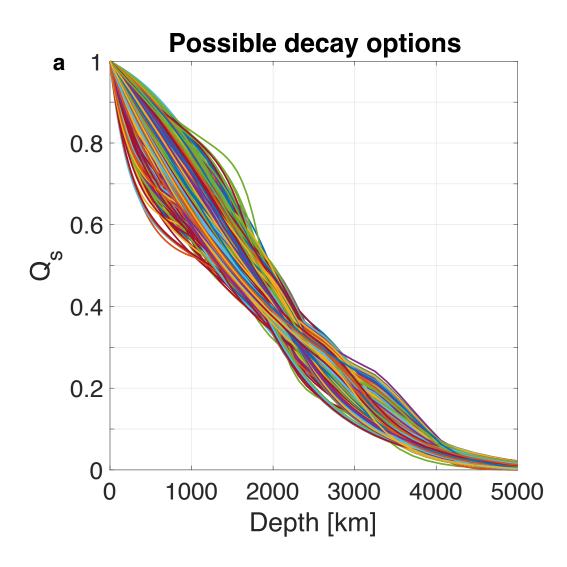
- The decay is continuous
- Exponential decay at the bottom (according to the nature of the electrical conductivity) [Duer et al. (2019), Moore et al. (2019)]

The population covers an extensive range of vertical structures.

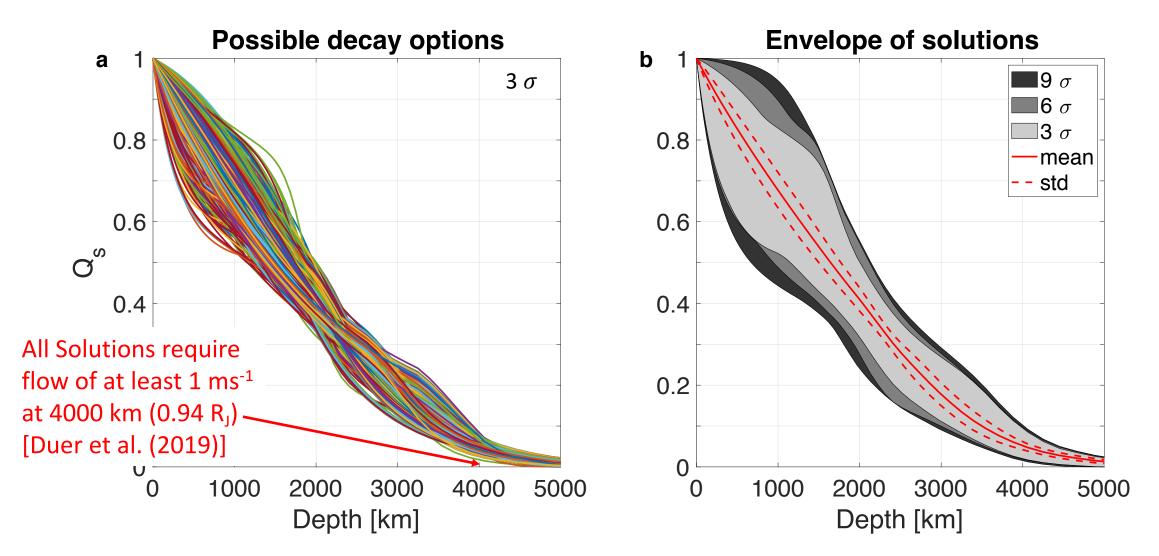
$$U(r,\theta) = U_{\text{proj}}(r,\theta) \cdot Q_s(r)$$



Analysis \ensuremath{I} - solutions of the vertical decay profile

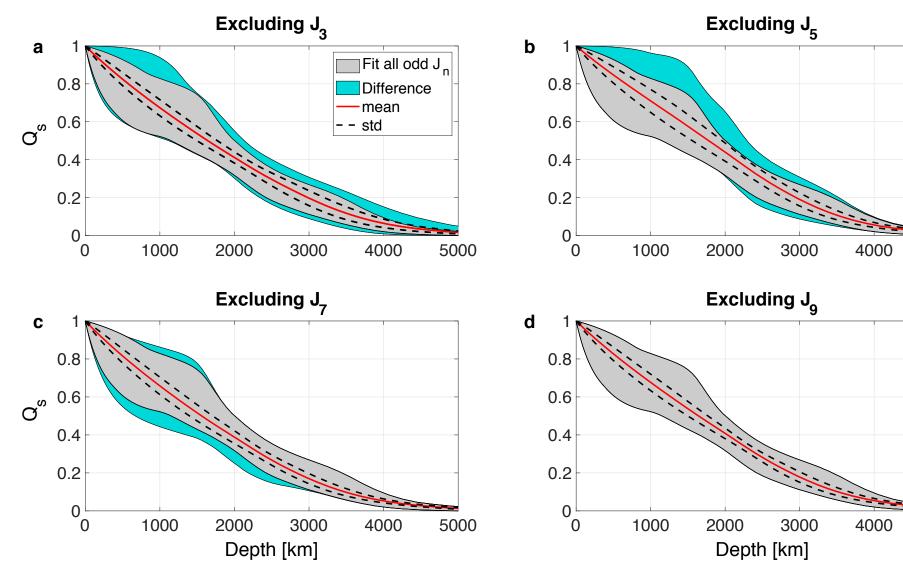


Analysis $I\,$ - solutions of the vertical decay profile



~1% of the sample population generated odd gravity harmonics within the uncertainty range

Analysis I - Excluding one harmonic



Each harmonic is sensitive in different regions.

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J₉ does not constrain the vertical flow profile.

Duer et al. (2020)

Analysis $\boldsymbol{\mathrm{II}}$ - vary the meridional profile

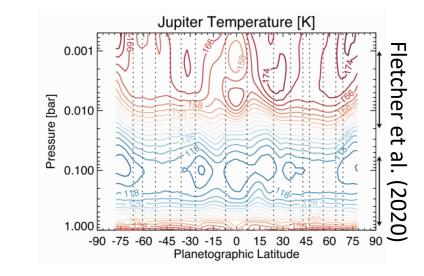
A somewhat different meridional profile might exist below the cloud level, due to:

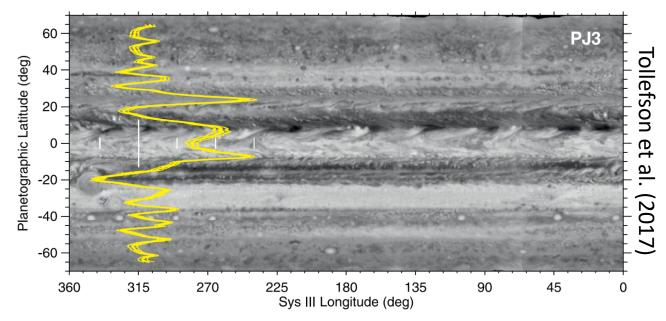
- Measurement uncertainty
- Internal dynamics

Evidence comes from:

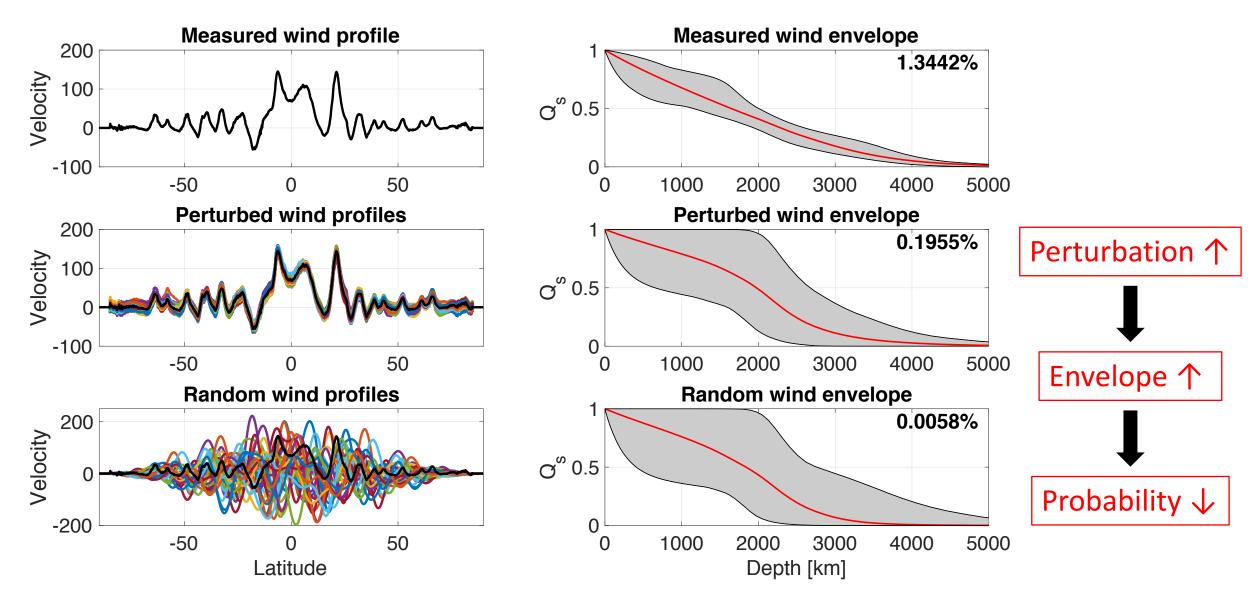
- Cloud tracking
- Thermal IR (Cassini)
- Juno's MWR measurement (see analysis III)

But are such cases likely to happen?





Analysis $\mathrm{I\hspace{-1.4mm}I}$ - Possible solutions of the wind profiles



Conclusions

- Jupiter's asymmetric gravity field confines the vertical profile of the flow to a narrow deep envelope.
- J_3 (and the magnetic field) bound the flow between 3000 to 5000 km.
- J₉ does not constrain the flow *if* the other three harmonics are within the uncertainty range.
- Increasing the meridional perturbation leads to an increase in the width of the envelope of possible solutions while the possibility to find a solution decreases.
- Deep zonal flows with a meridional profile significantly different from that of the cloud-level are possible, but statistically unlikely.

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