A statistical study of the features of ion acceleration events in the Jovian magnetotail using Juno/JEDI data

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Vogt et al. (2020)

Motivation

Data Sources

 Planetary magnetospheres are very efficient accelerators of charged particles

 The energization processes of magnetotail plasma populations are thought to share similarities among the various magnetospheres

 In this study we focus on the investigation of the characteristics of ion acceleration processes in the Jovian magnetosphere



- JEDI Jupiter Energetic particle Detector Instrument (JEDI-090)
- "Puck" EPDs: Flux, angular distribution and composition of incident ions with energies of a few keV to several MeV
- H⁺: ~50 keV ~3 MeV
 O + S: ~140 keV ~400 keV
 O: ~400 keV > 5 MeV
 S: ~400 keV > 5 MeV
 e⁻: ~30 keV ~1 MeV



 Instrument: MAG – Magnetometer

 Provides measurements of magnetic field components with a time resolution of 1 s per vector

Previous Studies

Vogt, M. F., Connerney, J. E. P., DiBraccio, G. A., Wilson, R. J., Thomsen, M. F., Ebert, R. W., et al. (2020): Magnetotail reconnection at Jupiter: A survey of Juno magnetic field observations, observations. Journal of Geophysical Research: Space Physics, 125, e2019JA027486.

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 \odot July 2016 – October 2018 (first 16 Juno Orbits): 232 dipolarization events detected based on B_{\theta} variations





Event Categories



Event Properties



Interesting Examples



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Future goals

> Extract the ion plasma moments to acquire an overview of the actual plasma flows

Investigate further the characteristics of ion acceleration and search for possible mechanism(s)

The physical processes that result in the acceleration of energetic particles in the terrestrial magnetosphere remain object of active scientific research

Exploit the multi-species, multi-charge state plasma of Jupiter to test acceleration theories and conduct a comparative study of charged particle acceleration processes in the magnetospheres of Earth and Jupiter.