The Submillimetre Wave Instrument (SWI) on JUICE: NECP, PCWs & LEGA Preparations

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JUICE science themes



Emergence of habitable worlds around gas giants

- Ganymede as a planetary object and possible habitat
- Europas's recently active zones
- Callisto as a remnant of the early jovian system



The Jupiter system as an archetype for gas giants

- Jovian atmosphere
- Jovian magnetosphere
- Jovian satellite and ring systems

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Broad and interdisciplinary science

European Space Agency

Hubble & JWST





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Juno



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Voyager 1, 1979 ©NASA

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South pole of Jupiter in IR, Juno, 2019 ©NASA





2014 WFC3/UVIS

125 years



Great Red Spot in 1890 Length: 22,370 miles = 2.8 Earths Great Red Spot in 2015 Length: 9,630 miles = 1.2 Earths

20 Years

How will the great rot spot look like in 2032??₈

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Investigations of the Jupiter atmosphere



Structure of Jupiter's atmosphere



Zonal wind (u) & meridional wind deviations from u at 60 mb

MPI-JGCM: Sethunadh, 2014; Medvedev, 2013, Hartogh et al, 2005









Letter to the Editor

First direct measurement of auroral and equatorial jets in the stratosphere of Jupiter

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Wind speeds up to 1300 km/h detected at 0.1 hPa. Coupling mechanism between aurora and thermosphere/stratosphere not understood yet

D/H in the solar system



Hartogh et al., Nature 2011, updated: status 2020

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Geysers on Europa?







A measurement of water vapour amid a largely quiescent environment on Europa

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Previous investigations proved the existence of local density enhancements in Europa's atmosphere, advancing the idea of a possible origination from water plumes. These measurement strategies, however, were sensitive either to total absorption or atomic emissions, which limited the ability to assess the water content. Here we present direct searches for water vapour on Europa spanning dates from February 2016 to May 2017 with the Keck Observatory. Our global survey at infrared wavelengths resulted in non-detections on 16 out of 17 dates, with upper limits below the water abundances inferred from previous estimates. On one date (26 April 2016) we measured $2,095 \pm 658$ tonnes of water vapour at Europa's leading hemisphere. We suggest that the outgassing of water vapour on Europa occurs at lower levels than previously estimated, with only rare localized events of stronger activity.

Nature astronomy, March 2020

Persistent water atmosphere of Europa

 Models predict a water atmosphere created by sputtering, radiolysis and to a small amount by sublimation. Total mass: 20-100 tons. HST/Keck 3 sigma sensitivity 1800 tons (Roth 2014, Paganini 2020). SWI sensitivity << 1 ton.



Plainaki et al, 2018

	SURFACE HABITATS		DEEP HABITATS				
	Shallow water		Trapped oceans		Top oceans		
	The Earth	Mars	Ganymede	Callisto	Titan	Europa	Enceladus
		THEN					
Liquid Water							
Stable Environ- ment							
Essential elements							
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JUpiter ICy Moons Explorer

ESA's first Large Class mission (L1) of the Cosmic Vision 2015 – 2025 Program

Launch (baseline): 14 April 2023 Cruise Time: 8.2 years Science Mission duration: 3.5 years (December 2035)

Science Payload: 10 PI Instruments

- 3GM: Radio Science
- GALA: Ganymede Laser Altimeter
- JANUS: Camera System
- J-MAG: Magnetometer
- MAJIS: Infrared Imaging Spectrometer
- PEP: Particle Environment Package
- **RIME:** Subsurface Radar (9 MHz)
- **RPWI:** Radio & Plasma Wave Investigation
- SWI: Submillimeter Wave Heterodyne Spectrometer
- UVS: Ultraviolet Imaging Spectometer





Why heterodyne spectrometer?

- SWI has a spectral resolution of 100 kHz at 1280 GHz \sim 1E7
- Other mostly non-coherent spectroscopy techniques are limited to a resolution of ~ 1E5 (e.g. CRIRES+)
- Line shapes contain important information about the observed gas (density, speed of molecules, temperature).
- Measurement of exact line shape fundamental requirement

MIRO H2O(16,18) spectra + geometry

30km SC distance



Simulation non-Ite water vapour spectrum Ganymede (rotational ground state ortho-water)

Compare spectral resolution of ~ 1.9x10⁶ (does not resolve the line) and 5.6x10⁷ (resolves the line)





PFM: TRU and EU & connected (MPS clean room)



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Receiver Unit 600 GHz and 1200 GHz



530 – 630 GHz, Trec ~ 1000 K DSB 1066 – 1280 GHz Trec ~ 2500 K DSB

15 years Effelsberg: first astronomical obs. with CTS (1986)



Dimensions: 19", 12 HU Power consumption: ~ 1 kW Mass: ~ 30 kg Bandwidth: 40 MHz No of spectral channels: 1024

1990-2001: Rosetta MIRO



Dimensions: 30x20x10 cm³ Power consumption: 15 W Mass: 2,3 kg Bandwidth: 180 MHz Resolution: 44 kHz No. of channels: 4096

Launched in 2004, now stored on 67P

Chirp Generator ASIC (130 nm SiGe, 16 GHz clock)



Preprocessor ASIC (65 nm ST rad hard)



JUICE-SWI Chirp Transform Spektrometer



Dimensions: 15x12x4,3 cm³ . Power consumption: 5 W Mass: 680 g, Bandwidth: 1000 MHz Spectral resolution: 100 kHz / 10000 channels

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ESA Lorentz Facility and JUICE SWI near field measurements set up (SWI pilot exp)Lorentz Antenna Test Facility



Parameter	Value
Scanner Measurement range	1 x 1 x 0.1 m
Position accuracy (after calibration)	~3 µm
Cold volume diameter	2.5 m
Cold volume length	2 m
Temperature	90 K (4K)

JUICE SWI Antenna

Parameter	Value
Diameter	0.29 m
Rotation	+-75 deg
Low F band	560 GHz
High F Band	1.1 THz
Temperature	90 K (4K) ₃₈

Photos of the set-up

Overview of the chamber at ESA test centre

JUICE SWI mounted in Lorentz facility





Near field scan of antenna aperture, raw phase and amplitude

555.42 GHz, M1 angle 0 Degrees, R36a dataset



High frequency band – measurement is more challenging

Measure complex beam map for R034a set, F=1145.04 GHz, M1 angle = -45deg



Far field at 555 and 1145 GHz

F=1145.04 GHz, M1 angle = -45deg



NECP results on pointing and co-alignment

Far field beam characterization 600/1200 GHz receivers



43x43 map, 0.5&1 arcmin step resolution

- 4 s integration time per step ~22 million km distance from Earth
- Upper panel: 557 GHz map on Earth Lower Panel: 1113 GHz map on Earth Beams are diffraction limited Beamwidths 557 GHz: 8.3 (8.4 NF) arcmin Beamwidths 1113 GHz: 4.5 (4.5 NF) arcmin Misalignment 600/1200 : ~ 0.5 (~ 2 NF) arcmin NF measurement (AT): 0 degrees (nadir) NECP measurement (AT): ~ 20 degrees

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Constraining water vapour and temperature profiles (Earth)



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Jupiter & satellites science

- Strukture, dynamics and composition of the stratosphere of Jupiter
- Coupling mechanism between Jupiter's troposphere and thermosphere
- Strukture, dynamics and composition of the atmospheres/exospheres of the Galilean moons, search for cryovolcanic activity
- OPR of water
- Origins: determination of important isotopic ratios in the atmospheres of Ganymede, Europa and Jupiter
- Thermophysical and electrical properties of the surfaces and sub-surfaces of Ganymede, Callisto and Europa, search for recent activity.
- "Flyby Science"

Detection of wind and temperature: 557/1256 GHz from 20 RJ





NLTE limb spectra 557 und 1162 GHz – different tangential heights



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SWI sensitivities (potential plumes compositions)

(similar for isotopologues of C, S und N)

SWI can be tuned on more than 70 different molecules

Molecule	Column (m ⁻²)	Molecule	Column (m ⁻²)
H ₂ O	5 x 10 ¹⁴	H ₂ O+	3 x 10 ¹⁴
H ₂ ¹⁸ O	5 x 10 ¹⁴	SO	8 x 10 ¹⁵
H ₂ ¹⁷ O	5 x 10 ¹⁴	SO ₂	2 x 10 ¹⁶
HDO	5 x 10 ¹⁴	NaCl	1 x 10 ¹⁴
H ₂ O ₂	5 x 10 ¹⁵	KCI	2 x 10 ¹⁴
0 ₂	1 x 10 ¹⁹	MgCl	3 x 10 ¹⁵
CH₃OH	4 x 10 ¹⁵	H ₂ CO	2 x 10 ¹⁶
СО	2 x 10 ¹⁷	NaOH	1 x 10 ¹⁴
H ₂ CO	4 x 10 ¹⁶	MgO	1 x 10 ¹⁴
HCN	2 x 10 ¹⁵	CH ₃ CN	2 x 10 ¹⁵
NH ₃	1 x 10 ¹⁵	PO	4 x 10 ¹⁴

Molecules in the SWI tuning ranges

Red: Chemical energy; Blue: CHNOPS

- C3H, CH3CC, CH3CCH, CH3CN, CH3D, CH3OH, 13-CH4, ClO, CN, CN-CO,
- CO+, 13-CO, CO-17, CO-18, CS, CS-36, CS-33, CS-34, DCN, FeO, H-13CN
- H2O, H2O+, H3O+, H2-17O, H2-18O, H2O2, H2CO, H2CS, H2S, HCl,
- HCI-37, HCN, HC-13-N, HC-15-N, HCNH+, HCP, HC3N, HCO+, HDO, HF
- HNC, HO2, HCO+, HOC+, KCl, KCl-37, MgCl, MgO, N-15-H3, N2-H+, NaCl
- NaCl-37, NaOH, N2H+, NH2D, NH2S, NS, O-18-CO, OO-16, OO-17,
- OO-18, O3, OCS, PH3, PO, SiO, SO+, SO-18, SO2, SOO-18, SO, SO-18,
- S-34-O, S-34-O2, SiC

Lunar gravity assist: diurnal variations of H absorption at equator detected by LEND. Goal: detection of water vapor by SWI



LEND results and discussion

- H and H₂ escape to a large extend
- Heavier molecules fall back to the surface (H_2O, CH_4, NH_3)
- Zonally averaged water-equivalent hydrogen suppression is 0,0046 wt%, or 0,0069 g/cm² => 2.3 x 10²⁰/cm² for regolith density of 1,5 g/ cm³
- From the speed of desorbed volatiles diffusing across the terminator: about 1 % of the volatiles will be above the surface at the terminator.
- Conclusion: the amount of water vapour above the dawn terminator is 1.6 x 10¹⁸/cm² based on LEND detection. (The lower limit given by NIR spectroscopy is 5 x 10¹³/cm²). SWI sensitivity: 5 x 10¹⁰/cm²

(Livengood et al, 2015)

Earth submm spectrum in SWI bands



Earth swingby planned line detections (limb stare at 40 km)

Molecule	Freq /GHz	dTb (K) max
H ₂ O	557 & 1113	> 100
0 ₂	1121	> 100
0 ₃	566 & 1180	> 100
HCI	626 & 1256	~ 60
СО	576 & 1152	> 10
N ₂ O	552	> 10
NO	552 & 1153	> 10
HNO ₃	544	> 10
HO ₂	569 & 1265	<10
HOCI	599 & 1075	< 10
BrO	602	< 10
HDO	600 & 1278	< 10
H ₂ ¹⁷ O	552 & 1107	< 10
H ₂ ¹⁸ O	548 & 1102	< 10

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Phosphine gas in the cloud decks of Venus

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Measurements of trace gases in planetary atmospheres help us explore chemical conditions different to those on Earth. Our nearest neighbour, Venus, has cloud decks that are temperate but hyperacidic. Here we report the apparent presence of phosphine (PH₃) gas in Venus's atmosphere, where any phosphorus should be in oxidized forms. Single-line millimetre-waveband spectral detections (quality up to ~15\sigma) from the JCMT and ALMA telescopes have no other plausible identification. Atmospheric PH₃ at ~20 ppb abundance is inferred. The presence of PH₃ is unexplained after exhaustive study of steady-state chemistry and photochemical pathways, with no currently known abiotic production routes in Venus's atmosphere, clouds, surface and sub-surface, or from lightning, volcanic or meteoritic delivery. PH₃ could originate from unknown photochemistry or geochemistry, or, by analogy with biological production of PH₃ on Earth, from the presence of life. Other PH₃ spectral features should be sought, while in situ cloud and surface sampling could examine sources of this gas.



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No evidence of phosphine in the atmosphere of Venus from independent analyses

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Venus swingby: SWI limb view PH3 (70-90 km) spectra

Limb sounding works only above 70 km.

5 ppb (Encrenaz et al. 2020 upper limit).

Pointing altitude 80 km, 1 hour integration time

3-sigma upper limits:35 ppt (600 GHz)15 ppt (1200 GHz)



•Thanks for your attention!