Investigation of the noise sources in the electric field antenna on the ESA JUICE satellite

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Nyquist (Thermal) noise

Thermal noise/Nyquist noise/Johnson noise

Thermal agitation of charge carriers



Shot noise

Discrete nature of charge



$$I(t) = q \sum_{k} \delta(t - t_{k})$$

 $\boxed{I_{\omega}^{2} = 2q\overline{I}} \qquad (\Rightarrow V_{\omega}^{2} = 2q\overline{I}|Z|^{2})$



Quasi-thermal noise (QTN)

Electric field fluctuations



Two different models



DC electrostatic double-probes



Small signal equivalent circuit model



Ganymede's ionosphere

Cold and dense plasma: 300 cm^{-3} , 0.1 eV

$$V_{bias} = 1 \text{ V}$$

$$V_{float} = -0.221 \text{ V}$$





Jupiter's magnetosphere

Hot and tenuous plasma: 0.2 cm^{-3} , 130 eV

$$V_{bias} = 1 \text{ V}$$

$$V_{float} = 3.874 \text{ V}$$



Jupiter's magnetosphere

"Intermediate" conditions: 50 cm $^{-3}$, 40 eV

$$V_{bias} = 1 \text{ V}$$

$$V_{float} = -119.4 \text{ V}$$



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Ganymede's ionosphere



Jupiter's magnetosphere

Body	Io	Europa	Ganymede
Radius (km)	1815	1565	2640
Distance from Jupiter (R _i)	5.9	9.4	15.0
Orbital period (days)	1.8	3.6	7.2
Relative co-rotation velocity (km/s)	45-57	84	127
$N_{\rm e}$, Jovian magnetosphere (cm ⁻³)	4000	50	4
Co-rotational dynamic pressure (nPa)	400	12	2
Average Ionospheric $T_{\rm e}$ (eV)	4	43	130
Average Ionospheric T_i (eV)	43	52	60
Ionospheric thermal pressure (nPa)	30	0.8	0.1
Jovian magnetic field (nT)	1800	450	100
Intrinsic B field (eq. surface, nT)	1300?	Small	700
Alfvén velocity (km/s)	130	300	250
Acoustic velocity (km/s)	19	26	37
Magnetosonic velocity (km/s)	133	310	250

QTN antenna impedance

 300 cm^{-3} , 0.1 eV

0.2 cm⁻³, 130 eV

