

Comparing Jupiter interior structure models to *Juno* gravity measurements and the role of a dilute core

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Key Points:

- Precise gravity measurements allow better predictions of interior structure and core mass.
- *Juno*'s gravity measurements imply an increase in the abundance of heavy elements deep in the planet, at or inside of its metallic region.
- The inferred structure includes a dilute core, expanded to a significant fraction of Jupiter's radius.

Abstract

The *Juno* spacecraft has measured Jupiter’s low-order, even gravitational moments, J_2 – J_8 , to an unprecedented precision, providing important constraints on the density profile and core mass of the planet. Here we report on a selection of interior models based on *ab initio* computer simulations of hydrogen-helium mixtures. We demonstrate that a dilute core, expanded to a significant fraction of the planet’s radius, is helpful in reconciling the calculated J_n with *Juno*’s observations. Although model predictions are strongly affected by the chosen equation of state, the prediction of an enrichment of Z in the deep, metallic envelope over that in the shallow, molecular envelope holds. We estimate Jupiter’s core to contain an 7–25 Earth mass of heavy elements. We discuss the current difficulties in reconciling measured J_n with the equations of state, and with theory for formation and evolution of the planet.

1 Introduction

The *Juno* spacecraft entered an orbit around Jupiter in July of 2016, and has begun measuring since then has measured Jupiter’s gravitational field to high precision [Bolton *et al.*, 2017]. Here we present a preliminary suite of interior structure models for comparison with the low order gravitational moments (J_2 , J_4 , J_6 and J_8) measured by *Juno* during its first two perijoves [Folkner, 2017].

A well constrained interior structure is a primary means of testing models for the formation of the giant planets. The abundance and distribution of elements heavier than helium (subsequently referred to as “heavy elements”) in the planet is key in relating gravity measurements to formation processes. In the canonical model for the formation of Jupiter, a dense core composed $\sim 10 M_{\oplus}$ (Earth masses) of rocky and icy material forms first, followed by a period of rapid runaway accretion of nebular gas [Mizuno *et al.*, 1978; Bodenheimer and Pollack, 1986; Pollack *et al.*, 1996]. Recent formation models suggest that even in the core accretion scenario, the core can be small ($\sim 2 M_{\oplus}$) or be diffused with the envelope [Venturini *et al.*, 2016; Lozovsky *et al.*, 2017]. If Jupiter formed by gravitational instability, i.e., the collapse of a region of the disk under self-gravity [Boss, 1997], there is no requirement for a core, although a core could still form at a later stage [Helled *et al.*, 2014]. Even if the planet initially formed with a distinct rock-ice core, at high pressures and temperatures these core materials become soluble in liquid metallic hydrogen

[Stevenson, 1985; Wilson and Militzer, 2012a,b; Wahl et al., 2013; Gonzalez et al., 2013].

As a result, the core will erode and the heavy material will be redistributed outward to some extent. In this study we consider the effect of such a dilute core, in which the heavy elements have expanded to a significant fraction of Jupiter’s radius.

Significant progress has been made in understanding hydrogen-helium mixtures at planetary conditions [Saumon et al., 1995; Saumon and Guillot, 2004; Vorberger et al., 2007; Militzer and Hubbard, 2008; Fortney and Nettelmann, 2010; Nettelmann et al., 2012; Militzer, 2013; Becker et al., 2013; Militzer et al., 2016], but interior model predictions are still sensitive to the hydrogen-helium equation of state used [Hubbard and Militzer, 2016; Miguel et al., 2016]. In Section 2.1 we describe the derivation of barotropes from a hydrogen-helium equation of state based on *ab-initio* materials simulations [Militzer, 2013; Hubbard and Militzer, 2016], make comparison’s to other equations of states, and consider simple perturbations to better understand their affect on the models. In Section 2.2 we describe details of these models including a predicted layer of ongoing helium rain-out [Stevenson and Salpeter, 1977a,b; Morales et al., 2009; Lorenzen et al., 2009; Wilson and Militzer, 2010; Morales et al., 2013], with consideration of a dilute core in Section 2.3. We then describe the results of these models in terms of their calculated J_n (Section 3.2) and heavy element mass and distribution (Section 3.3). Finally, in Section 4 we discuss these results in relation to the present state of measurements of, as well as theory for the formation and evolution of Jupiter.

2 Materials and Methods

2.1 Barotropes

In this paper we consider interior density profiles in hydrostatic equilibrium,

$$\nabla P = \rho \nabla U, \quad (1)$$

where P is the pressure and ρ is the mass density. In order to find a consistent density profile, we use a barotrope $P(\rho)$ corresponding to isentropic profiles constructed from various equations of state.

Most of the results presented are based on density functional theory molecular dynamics (DFT-MD) simulations of hydrogen-helium mixtures from Militzer [2013] and Militzer and Hubbard [2013] (MH13). For densities below those determined by the *ab*

85 *initio* simulations ($P < 5$ GPa), we use the *Saumon et al.* [1995] equation of state (SCvH),
 86 which has been used extensively in giant planet modeling. The benefits of this simula-
 87 tion technique lie in its ability to determine the behavior of mixture through the metalliza-
 88 tion transition, and to directly calculate entropy for the estimation of adiabatic profiles. The
 89 barotropes are parameterized in terms of helium and heavy element mass fraction Y and
 90 Z , and specific entropy S as a proxy for the adiabatic temperature profile; for additional
 91 details see Supplementary Section S1.

92 For comparison, we consider models using the *ab initio* equations of state of hydro-
 93 gen and helium calculated by *Becker et al.* [2013](REOS3) with the procedure for estimat-
 94 ing the entropy described by *Miguel et al.* [2016]. Finally, we also consider models using
 95 the SCvH EOS through the entire pressure range of the planet. Although the SCvH EOS
 96 does not fit the most recent data from high-pressure shockwave experiments [*Hubbard and*
 97 *Militzer, 2016; Miguel et al., 2016*], it is a useful for comparison given since it has been
 98 used to constrain Jupiter models in the past [e.g. *Saumon and Guillot, 2004*].

99 Different equations of state affect model outcomes in part by placing constraints on
 100 the allowable abundance and distribution of heavy elements. The DFT-MD isentrope con-
 101 sistent with the *Galileo* probe measurements has higher densities, and a less steep isen-
 102 tropic temperature profile than SCvH in the vicinity of the metallization transition [*Mil-*
 103 *itzer, 2013; Militzer et al., 2016*]. The H-Reos equation of state has a similar shape to the
 104 $T(P)$ profile, but has an offset in temperature of several hundred K through much of the
 105 molecular envelope [*Nettelmann et al., 2012; Hubbard and Militzer, 2016; Miguel et al.,*
 106 *2016*].

107 DFT-MD simulation is currently the best technique at present for determining densi-
 108 ties of hydrogen-helium mixtures over most of conditions in a giant planet ($P > 5$ GPa).
 109 There is, however, a poorly characterized uncertainty in density for DFT-MD calcula-
 110 tions. Shock-wave experiments are consistent with DFT, but can only test their accuracy
 111 to, at best $\sim 6\%$ [*Knudson et al., 2004; Brygoo et al., 2015*]. Moreover, there is a neces-
 112 sary extrapolation between ~ 5 GPa, where the simulations become too computationally
 113 expensive [*Militzer, 2013; Militzer and Hubbard, 2013*], and ~ 10 bar where the deepest
 114 temperature measurements from the *Galileo* probe were obtained [*Seiff et al., 1997*]. We
 115 consider perturbations to the MH13 equation of state in the form of an entropy jump, ΔS ,
 116 at a prescribed pressure in the outer, molecular envelope; Increases of S from 7.07 up to

117 7.30 (with S in units of Boltzmann constant per electron) are considered. These perturba-
 118 tions test the effect of a density decrease through the entire envelope ($P = 0.01$ GPa), at
 119 the switch from SCvH to DFT (5.0 GPa), and near the onset of the metalization transition
 120 (50.0 GPa).

121 Gravitational moments for the models are calculated using the non-perturbative con-
 122 centric Maclaurin spheroid (CMS) method [Hubbard, 2012, 2013; Hubbard and Militzer,
 123 2016; Wahl *et al.*, 2016]; see Supplementary Section S2 for additional details.

124 2.2 Model assumptions

125 One of the most significant structural features of Jupiter's interior arises from a
 126 pressure-induced immiscibility of hydrogen and helium, which allows for rain-out of he-
 127 lium from the planet's exterior to interior [Stevenson and Salpeter, 1977a,b]. *Ab initio* sim-
 128 ulations [Morales *et al.*, 2009; Lorenzen *et al.*, 2009; Wilson and Militzer, 2010; Morales
 129 *et al.*, 2013] predict that the onset of this immiscibility occurs around ~ 100 GPa, over a
 130 similar pressure range as the molecular to metallic transition in hydrogen. At higher pres-
 131 sures, the miscibility gap closure temperature remains nearly constant with pressure, such
 132 that in the deep interior temperatures are sufficient for helium to become miscible again.

133 The MH13 adiabats cross the Morales *et al.* [2013] phase diagram such that helium
 134 rain-out occurs between ~ 100 -300 GPa [Militzer *et al.*, 2016]. This is consistent with the
 135 sub-solar Y measurement made by the *Galileo* entry probe [von Zahn *et al.*, 1998]. The
 136 REOS3 adiabats are significantly warmer and require adjustments to the phase diagram in
 137 order to explain the observations [Nettelmann *et al.*, 2015]. Although the detailed physics
 138 involved with the formation and growth of a helium rain layer is poorly understood [Fort-
 139 ney and Nettelmann, 2010], the existence of a helium rain layer has a number of important
 140 consequences for the thermal and compositional structure of the planet.

141 We calculate the abundance of helium in the both the upper helium-poor (molecular
 142 hydrogen) region and lower helium-rich (metallic hydrogen) region by enforcing a helium
 143 to hydrogen ratio that is globally protosolar. We also allow for a compositional gradient
 144 of heavy elements across the layer with a mass mixing ratio that changes from Z_1 in the
 145 lower layer to Z_2 in the upper layer.

2.3 Dilute Core

The thermodynamic stability of various material phases in giant planet interiors has been assessed using DFT-MD calculations [Wilson and Militzer, 2012a,b; Wahl *et al.*, 2013; Gonzalez *et al.*, 2013]. These calculations suggest that at the conditions at the center of Jupiter, all likely abundant dense materials will dissolve into the metallic hydrogen-helium envelope. Thus, a dense central core of Jupiter is expected to be presently eroded or eroding. However, the redistribution of heavy elements amounts to a large gravitational energy cost and the efficiency of that erosion is difficult to assess [see Guillot *et al.*, 2004]. It was recently shown by Vazan *et al.* [2016], that redistribution of heavy elements by convection is possible, unless the initial composition gradient is very steep. Some formation models suggest that a gradual distribution of heavy elements is an expected outcome, following the deposition of planetesimals in the gaseous envelope [Lozovsky *et al.*, 2017]. The formation of a compositional gradient could lead to double-diffusive convection [Chabrier and Baraffe, 2007; Leconte and Chabrier, 2013] in Jupiter’s deep interior, which could lead to a slow redistribution of heavy elements, even on planetary evolution timescales.

In a selection of the models presented here, we consider Jupiter’s “core” to be a region of the planet in which Z is enriched by a constant factor compared to the envelope region exterior to it. This means that the model core is a diffuse region composed largely of the hydrogen-helium mixture. In fact, this configuration is not very different from the internal structure derived by Lozovsky *et al.* [2017] for proto-Jupiter. Given the current uncertainty in the evolution of a dilute core, we consider models with core in various degrees of expansion, $0.15 < r/r_J < 0.6$. In a few models, we also test the importance of the particular shape of the dilute core profile by considering a core with a Gaussian Z profile instead. Fig. 1 demonstrates the density profiles resulting from these different assumptions about the distribution of core heavy elements.

3 Results

3.1 Comparison to *Juno*

The even zonal moments observed by *Juno* after the first two perijoves [Folkner, 2017] are broadly consistent with the less precise predictions of Campbell and Synnott [1985] and Jacobson [2003], but inconsistent with the more recent JUP310 solution [Ja-

177 *cobson*, 2013]. Table 1 compares these observations with a few representative models.
 178 Although the solid-body (static) contribution dominates this low-order, even part of the
 179 gravity spectrum [Hubbard, 1999], a small dynamical contribution above *Juno*'s expected
 180 sensitivity must be considered [Kaspi *et al.*, 2010]. For sufficiently deep flows, these con-
 181 tributions could be many times larger than *Juno*'s formal uncertainties for J_n [Kaspi *et al.*,
 182 2017], and thus represent the conservative estimate of uncertainty for the purpose of con-
 183 straining the interior structure. Thus, ongoing gravity measurements by *Juno*, particularly
 184 of odd and high order, even J_n , will continue to improve our understanding of Jupiter's
 185 deep interior [Kaspi, 2013]. Marked in yellow in Fig 2, is the possible uncertainty consid-
 186 ering a wide range of possible flows, and finding a corresponding density distribution as-
 187 suming the large scale flows are to leading order geostrophic [Kaspi *et al.*, 2009]. The rel-
 188 atively small range in our model J_6 and J_8 compared to these uncertainties suggests flow
 189 in Jupiter are shallower than the most extreme cases considered by Kaspi *et al.* [2017].

190 3.2 Model Trends

191 It is evident that the J_n observed by *Juno* are not consistent with the “preferred”
 192 model put forward by Hubbard and Militzer [2016], even considering differential rotation.
 193 Nonetheless, we begin with a similar model (Model A in Tab. 1) since it is illustrative
 194 of the features of the model using the MH13 equation of state with reasonable pre-*Juno*
 195 estimates for model parameters. A detailed description of the reference model is included
 196 Supplementary Section S3.

197 In order to increase J_4 for a given planetary radius and J_2 , show that one needs to
 198 either increase the density below the 100 GPa pressure level or conversely decrease the
 199 density above that level [Guillot, 1999, their Fig. 5]. We explore two possibilities: either
 200 we raise the density in the metallic region by expanding the central core, or we consider
 201 the possibility of an increased entropy in the molecular region.

202 Fig. 2 shows the effect of increasing the radius of the dilute core on J_4 and J_6 .
 203 Starting with the MH13 reference model with $r/r_J = 0.15$ (Model A), the core radius
 204 is increased incrementally to $r/r_J \sim 0.4$, above which the model becomes unable to fit J_2 .
 205 Therefore, considering an extended core shifts the higher order moments in the towards
 206 the *Juno* values, but is unable to reproduce J_4 , even considering a large dynamical con-
 207 tribution to J_n . Supplementary Fig. S1 shows a similar trend for J_8 , although the relative

208 change in J_8 with model parameters compared to the observed value is less significant
 209 than for J_4 and J_6 .

210 Precisely matching *Juno*'s value for J_4 with the MH13 based models presented here,
 211 requires lower densities than the reference model through at least a portion of the outer,
 212 molecular envelope. In the absence of additional constraints, this can be accomplished by
 213 lowering Y or Z , or by increasing S (and consequently the temperature). In Fig. 2 this
 214 manifests itself as a nearly linear trend in J_4 and J_6 (black '+' symbols), below which
 215 there are no calculated points. This trend also improves the agreement of J_4 and J_6 with
 216 *Juno* measurements, but with a steeper slope in J_6/J_4 than that from the dilute core. For
 217 $\Delta S \sim 0.14$ applied at $P = 0.01$ GPa, a model with this perturbed equation of state can
 218 match the observed J_4 , with a mismatch in J_6 of $\sim 0.1 \times 10^{-6}$ below the observed value
 219 (Model F). When the ΔS perturbation is applied at higher pressures ($P = 5.0$ and 50.0
 220 GPa), the larger a ΔS is needed to produce the same change in J_4 .

221 We also consider a number of models with both a decrease in the density of the
 222 outer, molecular layer and a dilute core. Here we present MH13 models where the core
 223 radius is increased for models with outer envelope $Z = 0.010$, 0.007 or 0.0 . Above $Z \sim$
 224 0.010 the models are unable to simultaneously match J_2 and J_4 . The models with $Z =$
 225 0.010 and $Z = 0.007$ can both fit J_4 , but with a $J_6 \sim 0.1 \times 10^{-6}$ above the observed value
 226 (Models C & D). These models also require extremely dilute cores with $r/r_J \sim 0.5$ in
 227 order to match J_4 . A more extreme model with no heavy elements ($Z = 0$) included in
 228 the outer, molecular envelope (Model B) can simultaneously match J_4 and J_6 within the
 229 current uncertainty, with a less expansive core with $r/r_J \sim 0.27$. The dilute core using the
 230 Gaussian profile and an outer envelope $Z = 0.007$ (Model E), has a very similar trend in
 231 J_4 - J_6 , although it is shifted to slightly lower values of J_6 .

232 There are a number of other model parameters which lead to similar, but less pro-
 233 nounced, trends than the dilute core. Starting with Model C, we test shifting the onset
 234 pressure for helium rain, between 50 to 200 GPa, and the entropy in the deep interior,
 235 $S = 7.07$ to 7.30 (lower frame in Fig. 2). Both modifications exhibit a similar slope in
 236 J_4 - J_6 to the models with different core radii, but spanning a smaller range in J_4 than for
 237 the dilute core trend.

238 The models using REOS3 have a significantly hotter adiabatic T profile than MH13.
 239 Models R and S (1) are two example solutions obtained with the REOS3 adiabat, for a

240 3-layer model with a compact core, and when adding a dilute core, respectively. Because
 241 of the flexibility due to the larger Z values that are required to fit Jupiter’s mean density,
 242 there are a wide range of solutions [Nettelmann *et al.*, 2012; Miguel *et al.*, 2016] with J_4
 243 values that can extend all the way from -599 to -586×10^{-6} , spanning the range of values
 244 of the MH13 solutions. Model T corresponds to a model calculated with the same ΔZ
 245 discontinuity at the molecular-metallic transition as Model S but with a compact instead of
 246 dilute core. This shows that, as in the case of the MH13 EOS, with all other parameters
 247 fixed, a dilute core yields larger J_4 values.

248 For both DFT-based equations of state, we find that heavy element abundances must
 249 increase in the planet’s deep interior. The required ΔZ across the helium rain layer is in-
 250 creased when hotter REOS3 equation of state, and decreased by considering a dilute core.
 251 Regardless of the EOS used, including a diffuse core has a similar effect on J_6 , increas-
 252 ing the value by a similar amount for similar degree of expansion, when compared to an
 253 analogous model with a compact core. Thus J_6 may prove to be a useful constraint in as-
 254 sessing the degree of expansion of Jupiter’s core.

255 3.3 Predicted Core Mass

256 Fig. 3 displays the total mass of heavy elements, along with the proportion of that
 257 mass in the dilute core. Models using MH13 with dilute cores, have core masses be-
 258 tween 10 and 24 M_{\oplus} (Earth masses), with gradual increase from 24 to 27 M_{\oplus} for the
 259 total heavy elements in the planet. Of the models able to fit the observed J_4 , those with
 260 heavy element contents closer to the *Galileo* value have more extended cores containing a
 261 greater mass of heavy elements.

262 The perturbation of the equation of state with an entropy jump, has an opposite ef-
 263 fect on the predicted core mass with respect to the dilute core, despite the similar effect
 264 on the calculated J_n . For increasingly large ΔS perturbations, core mass decreases, to
 265 $\sim 8 M_{\oplus}$, while total heavy element mass increases. As this perturbation is shifted to higher
 266 pressures the change in core mass becomes less pronounced, for a given value of ΔZ . In
 267 all the cases considered here, the MH13 equation of state predicts significantly larger core
 268 masses and lower total heavy element mass than the SCvH equation of state.

269 All of the models depicted in Fig. 3 represent fairly conservative estimates of the
 270 heavy element mass. For any such model, there is a trade-off in densities that can be in-

271 introduced where the deep interior is considered to be hotter (higher S), and that density
 272 deficit is balanced by a higher value of Z . It is also possible, that a dilute core would in-
 273 troduce a superadiabatic temperature profile, which would allow for a similar trade-off in
 274 densities and additional mass in the dilute core. Constraining this requires an evolutionary
 275 model to constrain the density and temperature gradients through the dilute core [*Leconte*
 276 *and Chabrier*, 2012, 2013], and has not been considered here. Shifting the onset pressure
 277 of helium rain can shift the core mass by $\sim 2 M_{\oplus}$ in either direction. If the majority of the
 278 heavy core material is denser rocky phase [*Soubiran and Militzer*, 2016], the correspond-
 279 ing smaller value of ρ_0/ρ_Z results in a simultaneous decrease in core mass and total Z of
 280 $\sim 2-4 M_{\oplus}$.

281 Using the REOS3, both models with a small, compact core of $\sim 6 M_{\oplus}$ or a diluted
 282 core of $\sim 19 M_{\oplus}$ are possible, along with a continuum of intermediate solutions. These
 283 models have a much larger total mass of heavy elements, 46 and $34 M_{\oplus}$, a direct conse-
 284 quence of the higher temperatures of that EOS [see *Miguel et al.*, 2016]. The enrichment
 285 in heavy elements over the solar value in the molecular envelope correspond to about 1
 286 for model R and 1.4 for model S, pointing to a water abundance close to the solar value
 287 in the atmosphere of the planet. In spite of the difference in total mass of heavy element,
 288 the relationship between core mass and radius is similar for MH13 and REOS3.

289 In lieu of additional constraints we can likely bracket the core mass between 6–
 290 $25 M_{\oplus}$, with larger masses corresponding to more dilute profile of the core. These masses
 291 for the dilute core are broadly consistent those required by the core-collapse formation
 292 model *Pollack et al.* [1996], as well as models that account for the dissolution of planetes-
 293 imals [*Lozovsky et al.*, 2017]. The mass of heavy element in the envelope, and thus the
 294 total heavy element mass is strongly affected by the equation of state, with MH13 predict-
 295 ing $5-6\times$ solar fraction of total heavy elements in Jupiter and REOS3 around $7-10\times$ solar
 296 fraction.

297 **4 Conclusion**

298 After only two perijoves the *Juno* gravity science experiment has significantly im-
 299 proved the measurements of the low order, even gravitational moments J_2-J_8 [*Folkner*,
 300 2017]. The formal uncertainty on these measured J_n is already sufficiently small that they
 301 would be able to distinguish small differences between interior structure models, assuming

302 that the contribution to these low order moments arises primarily from the static interior
 303 density profile. Considering a wide range of possible dynamical contributions increases
 304 the effective uncertainty of the static J_2 – J_8 by orders of magnitude [Kaspi *et al.*, 2017].
 305 It is expected that the dynamical contribution to J_n will be better constrained following
 306 future perijove encounters by the *Juno* spacecraft with measurements of odd and higher
 307 order even J_n [Kaspi, 2013].

308 Even with this greater effective uncertainty, it is possible to rule out a portion of the
 309 models presented in this study, primarily on the basis on the observed J_4 . The reference
 310 model, using a DFT-MD equation of state with direct calculation of entropy in tandem
 311 with a consistent hydrogen-helium phase-diagram is incompatible with a simple interior
 312 structure model constrained by composition and temperature from the *Galileo* entry probe.

313 Our models suggest that a dilute core, expanded through a region 0.3–0.5 times the
 314 planet’s radius is helpful for fitting the observed J_n . Moreover, for a given J_4 the degree
 315 to which the core is expanded affects J_6 and J_8 in a predictable, model independent man-
 316 ner, such that further constraining J_6 and J_8 may allow one to determine whether Jupiter’s
 317 gravity requires such an dilute core. Such a core might arise through erosion of an ini-
 318 tially compact rock-ice core, or through a differential rate of planetesimal accretion during
 319 growth, although both present theoretical challenges.

320 Using the REOS3 approach leads to a wider range of possibilities which include
 321 solutions with the standard 3-layer model approach or assuming the presence of a dilute
 322 core. In any case, as for the MH13 solutions, the REOS3 solutions require the abundance
 323 of heavy elements to increase in the deep envelope. This indicates that Jupiter’s envelope
 324 has not been completely mixed.

325 These results present a challenge for evolutionary modelling of Jupiter’s deep in-
 326 terior [e.g. Vazan *et al.*, 2016; Mankovich *et al.*, 2016]. The physical processes involved
 327 with the formation and stability of a dilute core are not understood. It strongly depends
 328 on the formation process of the planet and the mixing at the early stages after formation,
 329 and also enters a hydrodynamical regime of double diffusive convection where competing
 330 thermal and compositional gradients can result in inefficient mixing of material [Leconte
 331 and Chabrier, 2012; Mirouh *et al.*, 2012]. The timescale for the formation and evolution
 332 of such features, especially on planetary length scales is still poorly understood. In partic-
 333 ular, it is not known whether there would be enough convective energy to expand $10 M_{\oplus}$

334 or more of material to 0.3 to 0.5× Jupiter’s radii. It is also presently unknown whether it
 335 is plausible to expand the core to this degree without fully mixing the entire planet, and
 336 without resorting to extremely fortuitous choices in parameters. Since Jovian planets are
 337 expected to go through periods of rapid cooling shortly after accretion [*Fortney and Net-*
 338 *telmann, 2010*], if they are mostly convective, it is likely that much of the evolution of an
 339 dilute core would have to occur early on in the planet’s history when the convective en-
 340 ergy is greatest. This presents a challenge for explaining interior models requiring a large
 341 ΔZ across the helium rain layer, as such a would form after the period of most intense
 342 mixing.

343 In our preliminary models, those able to fit J_4 have lower densities in portions of
 344 the outer molecular envelope than MH13. These be achieved though modifying abun-
 345 dances of helium and heavy elements to be than those measured by the *Galileo* entry
 346 probe, or invoking a hotter non-adiabatic temperature profile. Some formation scenarios
 347 [e.g. *Mousis et al., 2012*] can account for relatively low envelope H₂O content ($\sim 2\times$
 348 solar), but our models would require even more extreme depletions if for this to be ex-
 349 plained by composition alone. Alternatively there might be an overestimation of the den-
 350 sity inherent to the DFT simulations of MH13 by on the order of $\sim 3\%$ for $P < 100$

351 Interior models could, therefore, be improved through further theoretical and exper-
 352 imental studies of hydrogen-helium mixtures, particularly in constraining density in the
 353 pressure range below ~ 100 GPa, where the models are most sensitive to changes in equa-
 354 tion of state. More complicated equation of state perturbations, including the onset and
 355 width of the metallization transition [*Knudson and Desjarlais, 2017*] may be worth con-
 356 sidering in future modelling efforts. Similarly, the interior modeling effort will be aided
 357 by an independent measurement of atmospheric H₂O from *Juno*’s microwave radiometer
 358 (MWR) instrument [*Helled and Lunine, 2014*].

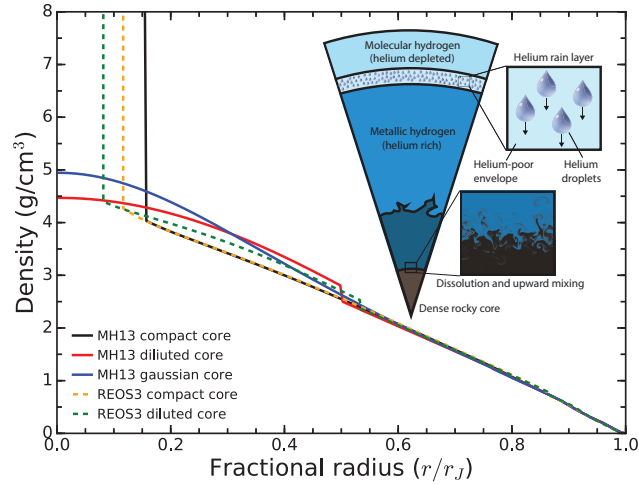
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Table 1. Comparison of selected models to observed gravitational moments

Model Description ^a	Z_1^c	Z_2	J_2	J_4	J_6	J_8	J_{10}	C/Ma^2	r_{core}/r_J	M_{core}	$M_{Z,\text{env}}$	$M_{Z,\text{total}}$	Z_{global}
<i>Juno observed</i> ^b		-14696.514 ±0.272	-586.623 ±0.363	34.244 ±0.236	-2.502 ±0.311								
A MH13, Z_{Gal} , compact core	0.0169	0.0298	14696.641	-594.511	34.998	-2.533	0.209	0.26391	0.150	13.2	10.5	23.6	0.0744
B MH13, dilute core	0.0000	0.0451	14696.641	-586.577	34.196	-2.457	0.202	0.26400	0.270	10.4	13.9	24.2	0.0762
C MH13, dilute core	0.0100	0.0114	14696.467	-586.613	34.360	-2.481	0.205	0.26396	0.498	18.5	7.3	25.8	0.0812
D MH13, dilute core	0.0071	0.0199	14696.641	-586.585	34.392	-2.486	0.205	0.26396	0.530	21.3	5.1	26.4	0.0831
E MH13, Gaussian	0.0071	0.0087	14696.467	-586.588	34.336	-2.479	0.204	0.26397	-	23.5	3.3	26.8	0.0843
F Perturbed MH13, compact core	0.0169	0.0526	14696.466	-586.588	34.117	-2.444	0.200	0.26400	0.150	9.3	15.9	25.1	0.0791
G SCvH, compact core	0.0820	0.0916	14696.641	-587.437	34.699	-2.541	0.212	0.26393	0.150	1.5	32.7	34.2	0.1076
R REOS3, compact core	0.0131	0.1516	14696.594	-586.631	34.186	-2.457	0.202	0.26443	0.110	6.21	40.0	46.2	0.1454
S REOS3, dilute core	0.0209	0.0909	14696.755	-586.658	34.346	-2.480	0.204	0.26442	0.533	19.2	14.5	33.7	0.1061
T REOS3, compact core, low J_4	0.0293	0.0993	14696.381	-593.646	34.933	-2.529	0.209	0.26432	0.122	8.9	27.0	35.9	0.1129

^aEquation of state used, dilute or compact core, Z_{Gal} denotes model with Z_1 matching *Galileo* probe measurement. ^b*Folkner* [2017].^c Z_1 denotes the heavy element fraction in molecular envelope, Z_2 denotes heavy element fraction in the metallic envelope, but exterior to the core.



359 **Figure 1.** Density profiles of representative models. Solid lines denote models using MH13, while dashed
 360 use REOS3. In black is a model with S , Y and Z matching that measured by the *Galileo* entry probe, and a
 361 core with constant enrichment of heavy elements inside $r/r_J=0.15$. In red (Model D) $Z=0.007$ in the molec-
 362 ular envelope and constant Z -enriched, dilute core expanded to $r/r_J \sim 0.50$ to fit the J_4 observed by *Juno*.
 363 In blue (Model E) with $Z=0.007$ also fitting J_4 with Gaussian Z profile. In orange (Model X) and green
 364 (Model Y) are profiles for the REOS3 models fitting J_4 with a compact and dilute core, respectively. (Inset)
 365 Schematic diagram showing the approximate location of the helium rain layer, and dilute core.

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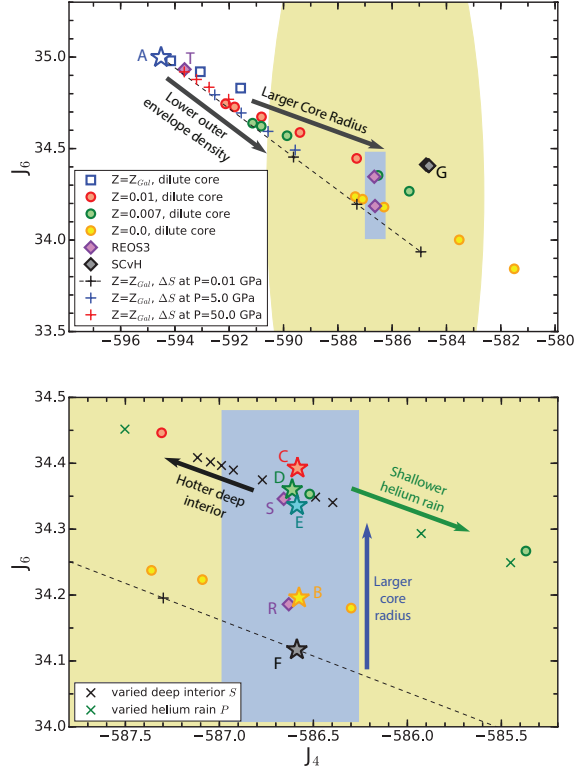
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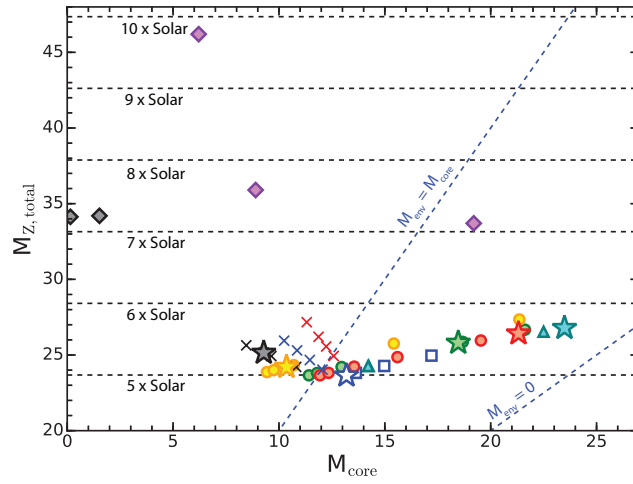
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366 **Figure 2.** Zonal gravitational moments J_4 and J_6 for interior models matching the measured J_2 . (Upper)
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 376 REOS3 EOS (Models X and Y). Black and green 'x's show models starting with the green star (dilute core,
 377 $Z=0.007$) and changing the S of the deep interior or the onset pressure of helium rain. Red, green and cyan
 378 stars show models fitting the measured J_4 with the radius of the dilute core. Black Star shows model fitting J_4
 379 with with the entropy jump magnitude ΔS .



380 **Figure 3.** Mass of heavy elements in the core of the model versus the total heavy element mass in Jupiter
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Supporting Information for

“Comparing Jupiter interior structure models to *Juno* gravity measurements and the role of an expanded core”

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S1. Equations of State

The *ab initio* simulations for MH13 were performed at a single, solar-like helium mass fraction, $Y_0 = 0.245$. The precise abundance and distribution for both helium and heavy element fractions are, *a priori* unknown. These are quantified in terms of their local mass fractions, Y and Z . Our models consider different proportions of both components by perturbing the densities using a relation derived from the additive value law [Hubbard and Militzer, 2016]. For the helium density we use the pure helium end-member of SCvH. We assume a density ratio of heavy element to hydrogen helium mixture, ρ_0/ρ_Z , of 0.38

for pressures below 100 GPa, corresponding to heavy element composition measured by the *Galileo* entry probe [Wong *et al.*, 2004], and 0.42 for a solar fraction at higher pressures; see discussion in Hubbard and Militzer [2016]. The MH13 equation of state uses density functional theory molecular dynamics (DFT-MD) simulations in combination with a thermodynamic integration to find the entropy of the simulated material. This allows one to directly characterize an adiabat for the *ab initio* equation of state as the $T(P)$ path in which the simulated entropy per electron $S/k_B/N_e$ remains constant. Here k_B is Boltzmann’s constant and N_e is the number of electrons. In the following discussion, the term “entropy” and the symbol S are used interchangeably to refer to the particular adiabatic temperature profile through regions of the planet presumed to be undergoing efficient convection. In this work, we assume that the compositional perturbations have a negligible effect on the isentropic temperature profile [Soubiran and Militzer, 2016].

Models calculated with REOS3 followed the approach described by Miguel *et al.* [2016]: We fitted separately the core mass and composition in heavy elements. The helium content of the molecular region was fixed to the Galileo value while the increase in helium abundance in the metallic region was calculated to reproduce the protosolar value. The abundance of heavy elements was allowed to be different in the molecular and metallic regions.

1 S2. Calculation of Gravitational Moments

The unprecedented precision of *Juno*’s gravity measurements presents a challenge, as they are more precise than the perturbative methods historically used to calculate J_n from an interior structure model, [e.g. Zharkov and Trubitsyn, 1978]. For the results presented here, we instead use the non-perturbative, *concentric Maclaurin spheroid* (CMS) method [Hubbard, 2012, 2013; Hubbard and Militzer, 2016; Wahl *et al.*, 2016]. In this method, the density structure is parameterized by N nested, constant-density spheroids and the gravitational field is calculated as a volume-integrated function of all of the spheroids. The method uses an iterative approach to find the shape of each spheroid, such that the surface of each follows an equipotential surface of the total effective potential, U , from the planet’s self-gravity and the rotation. The result is a model with a self-consistent shape, internal density distribution and gravitational field. The method has been shown to be precise and efficient, and has been benchmarked against an independent, non-perturbative method [Wisdom and Hubbard, 2016].

The CMS models presented here parameterize the spheroid radii using progressively smaller Δr from deep to shallow. The outermost layer has a Δr of 1 km in thickness, which allows the model to resolve the density structure consistent with $P = 1$ bar at the outer surface. We use an axisymmetric version of the CMS method with 510 spheroids, and a spherical harmonic expansion up to order $n = 16$.

S3. Reference Interior Model

The reference model (model A) fixes parameters in the outer (molecular) envelope to those measured by the *Galileo* entry probe: $S = 7.074$, $Y = 0.2333$ and $Z = 0.0169$. It should be noted that the Z from *Galileo* is based on a measurement showing sub-solar ratio of H_2O to other ices (i.e. CH_4 and NH_3) [Wong *et al.*, 2004]. It has been hypothesized that the entry probe may have descended through an anomalously dry region of Jupiter's atmosphere, in which case this value of Z may be an underestimate. The helium ratio of the deep (metallic) envelope is chosen assuming that the *Galileo* Y was depleted from a solar composition by helium rain, and the deep entropy is chosen as a moderate enhancement across the helium rain layer, $S = 7.13$. An upper and lower pressure of the helium rain layer are determined by finding where the two adiabatic profiles for the inner and outer envelope intersect the [Morales *et al.*, 2013] phase diagram. This step is done self-consistently for all values of S , except in a few extreme cases where the corresponding adiabat does not intersect the phase diagram.

The interior structures of the REOS3 models presented here differ in the treatment of the helium rain, assuming a 3-layer boundary with a sharp transition between the molecular and metallic envelopes. The difference J_6 between the REOS3 model with the compact core (model X) and the perturbed EOS (model F) can be attributed to this structural difference.

The MH13 models assume that the helium-rain layer is superadiabatic, a natural consequence of inefficient convection [Militzer *et al.*, 2016]. In the case of the REOS3 models, because the adiabat is significantly warmer, the presence of such a superadiabatic region has minor quantitative consequences on the solutions and was not considered. In that case, we used the approach described in Miguel *et al.* [2016].

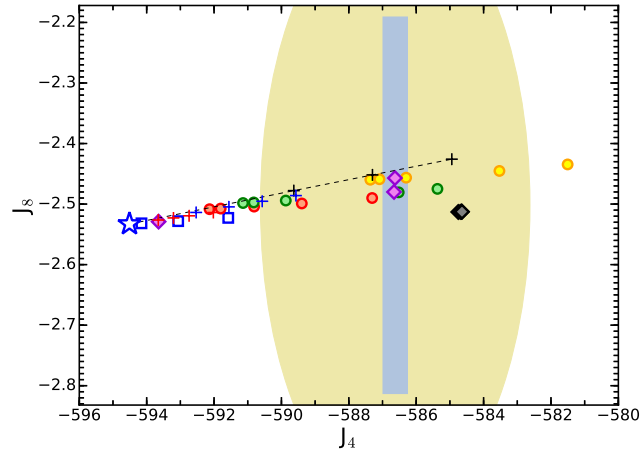


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