

DICTAT Update for Jovian Missions

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Jovian Environment

Earth-like magnetic field structure

- 1. Stronger magnetic field
- 2. Larger magnetosphere
- 3. More intense radiation belts
- 4. Harder radiation belt electron spectrum

Galilean moons orbit inside the magnetosphere

Proposed Laplace mission

- 1. Candidate in ESA's Cosmic Vision
- 2. To visit Jupiter/Callisto/Ganymede/(Europa)
- 3. Radiation effects are crucial factor
 - Dose effects
 - Internal charging effects







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Internal Charging



This is a familiar cause of upsets and damage on terrestrial spacecraft.

Voyager-1 experienced 42 anomalies during Jovian fly-by in 1977 [Leung et al 1986]



Jupiter Galileo probe instruments also had anomalies for which internal charging ESD is the likely cause [Fieseler et al 2002]

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Critical Charging Currents



Critical charging currents

- 1. 0.1pA/cm2
- NASA-HDBK-4002
- ECSS-E-ST-20-06C (>25°C)
- 2. 0.02pA/cm2
- ECSS-E-ST-20-06C (<25°C)

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Shielding to below critical charging current is difficult around Jupiter. Need to show that the internal charging level is acceptable by simulation.

Internal Charging Simulation



Internal charging assessment is part of the spacecraft design process

Dielectric Internal Charging Threat Assessment Tool (DICTAT)

- Accessible via SPENVIS (www.spenvis.oma.be), or stand-alone
- 1-d analytical code

- Planar or cylindrical geometry
- Models:
 - Electron transport and deposition
 - Dose-rate
 - Conductive flow
 - Conductivity variation with temperature, dose-rate and electric field
- Currently version 3 available

Range 'R' and straggle distance 'a'





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Calculation of deposited charge



DICTATv3 calculates deposited charge based on Range and straggle

- Range formula of [Weber 1964], valid for Al up to 10MeV
- Straggle formula of [Sorensen 1996]
- assumes all materials can be equated to Aluminium

At Jupiter

- We need to simulate higher energy electrons (up to 30MeV)
- We need to model Tantalum

Tabata's work on Range.	[Tabata, Ito & Okabe, 1972]	Experimental fit	0.3keV to 30MeV
	[Tabata, Andreo & Shinoda, 1996]	Monte Carlo and experimental fit	1keV to 100MeV
	[Tabata, Moskvin, Andreo, Lazurik & Rogov, 2002]	Monte Carlo fit	100keV to 50MeV

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Range calculation





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Ratio of Rex for Aluminium



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Ratio of Rex for Tantalum

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Calculation of deposited charge



DICTATv4 also uses Range and straggle

- Range formula of [Tabata, Ito & Okabe, 1972]
- Applicable to a wide range of materials (Z=6-92)
- New straggle formula fitted to net current



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Loss of electrons from front surface



Net Beam fraction at front surface



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Current-depth curve

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Current-depth curve

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Example run





Material	Density (g/cm³)	Dark conductivity (Ω ⁻¹ m ⁻¹)	Dielectric constant	K_p (Ω ⁻¹ m ⁻¹ rad ^{-Δ} s ⁻¹)	Δ	Ea (eV)
FR4	1.94	1.E-18	4	1.E-15	0.75	1.7
1mm						
0°C						

$$\sigma = k_p \dot{D}^{\Delta}$$
 $\sigma = \frac{const.}{kT} \exp\left(-\frac{E_A}{kT}\right)$

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- 1. Shielding to reduce charging current to below critical current levels is difficult around Jupiter.
- We can make a reasonable quantitative assessment of whether the internal charging level is acceptable by simulation using DICTATv4
- **3.** From examination of simple example cases:
 - Worst case Jovian environment is more severe than terrestrial GEO
 - Shielding of a few mm Al is required
 - Ta is more effective than Al

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