

0.1 High level goals

Juno is a NASA spacecraft orbiting Jupiter. Built by Lockheed Martin and operated by NASA, it was launched by Atlas V551 on 5 August 2011. After 5 years, during which many manoeuvres occurred, including an Earth flyby, Juno entered a polar orbit around Jupiter and started its observation, which lasts to this day. Its aim is to study the planet to understand its composition and evolution, analyzing its gravitational and magnetic fields and its atmosphere dynamics. The mission should have ended in 2017, but is still ongoing and it will end in a deorbit destroying the spacecraft into the planet's atmosphere to avoid contaminating the environment.

Through an analysis of the mission and payload, the main goals of the mission can be highlighted.

DLA ATBELLA CON I GOALS O I SCIENTIFIC OBJECTS? CHE PERO SONO PRATICAMENTE UGUALI PER TUTTO

1. How did Jupiter form and influence the solar system?.

Since Jupiter is the biggest planet of the solar system, it has influenced the formation of all other planets. Its composition has remained unchanged ever since, making it like a time capsule: understanding how and where it has formed can give knowledge on Earth and the whole solar system's origin and characteristics.

2. What's Jupiter's deep structure?

One important aspect of the mission the analysis of Jupiter's deep structure through measurement of radiations, magnetic and gravitational fields. This allows to comprehend whether or not the planet has a solid nucleus and if so how large it is. Moreover, Juno will possibly reveal if Jupiter is rotating as a solid body or if the rotating interior is made up of concentric layers.

3. What's the structure of Jupiter's atmosphere?

One of Juno's goals is to study the composition and dynamics of Jupiter's atmosphere, composed by stripes and dots made of different gasses and vapors, including water, whose percentage in the composition has to be defined. A significant aspect of the analysis is the red spot, a swirling mass of gas bigger than Earth, which resembles a hurricane but is very different in the way it works. The movement of stripes and dots is dictated by the weather, characterized by lightning and thunderstorms, which are observed by Juno.

4. What do the poles look like and what are the physical processes generating auroras?

A distinctive aspect of the mission is the poles observation, which has never been possible before without a polar orbit. This allows to study Jupiter's auroras, representative of the interaction between charged particles and the atmosphere. This can allow a better understanding of the atmospheric composition and the magnetic field's structure and extension, analyzing also the layer of 'metallic hydrogen', compressed so much that it loses its electrons creating a conducting layer.

Goal 1	description
Goal 2	description
Goal 3	description

Table 1: High level goals

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