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Key Points:

- We present composite electron energy spectra combining all Juno particle data from 07/2017 to 08/2022 at Ganymede's orbit
- We study the variability of electron fluxes inside and outside the Jovian magnetodisk as well as within Ganymede's magnetosphere
- Galileo-based models underestimate the electron fluxes observed by Juno in particular at high energies

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<u>್.</u>ಗಿ **Temporal and Spatial Variability of the Electron Environment at the Orbit of Ganymede as Observed by Juno**

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Abstract The thermal and energetic electrons along Ganymede's orbit not only weather the surface of the icy moon, but also represent a major threat to spacecraft. In this article, we rely on Juno plasma measurements to characterize the temporal and spatial variability of the electron environment upstream of Ganymede. In particular, we find that electron spectra observed by Juno have fluxes larger by a factor of 2–9 at energies above 10 keV than what was measured two decades earlier by Galileo. This result will advance our understanding of the surface weathering and may be a concern for the radiation safety of the JUICE mission. Furthermore, the June 2021 close fly‐by of Ganymede through the moon's wake reveals that the open field line regions of its magnetosphere attenuate electron fluxes at all energies by a factor of 1.6–5, thereby offering a natural shelter to visiting spacecraft crossing this region.

Plain Language Summary Ganymede, the only magnetized moon in our Solar System, orbits deep inside the giant magnetosphere of Jupiter where it interacts with the temporally and spatially variable magnetized disk of plasma in corotation around the planet, its magnetodisk. The intensities of ions and electrons precipitating to the surface of Ganymede in particular depend on the location of the moon with respect to the Jovian magnetodisk. In this work, we provide a full quantification of electron properties along the orbit of Ganymede as observed by Juno. This is done by combining observations from two instruments in order to build composite electron energy spectra and derive their omnidirectional fluxes, densities, and pressures. We report that the average electron omnidirectional fluxes are significantly attenuated when measured above or below the magnetodisk, as well as strongly inside the magnetosphere of the moon where its intrinsic magnetic field provides additional shielding. We confirm that the electron total density is dominated by the thermal population, whereas the total pressure is dominated by the suprathermal one. When comparing our results with Galileobased observations and models, we find that the latter the latter two underestimate fluxes in particular at high energies, and we put these observations in context for the future exploration of Ganymede by JUICE.

1. Introduction

Ganymede isthe largest moon in oursolar system and the only moon known to possess an intrinsic magnetic field. The interaction of the magnetic field, ionosphere, and subsurface ocean of Ganymede with the magnetized, sub‐ Alfvénic, subsonic, Jovian plasma results in a mini‐magnetosphere around the Galilean moon. Since Ganymede orbits near the edge of Jupiter's most intense radiation belts (Evans et al., 2013), it is constantly bombarded by trapped electrons and ions that precipitate, impact, and alter the properties of its surface. Electrons in particular play an important role in modifying the structural, optical, and thermal properties of the surface (Baragiola, 2003; Cooper et al., 2001; Schaible et al., 2017). Observed albedo differences have been found correlated with the magnetic field configuration near the moon, leading to asymmetries between polar and equatorial regions as well as between the trailing and leading hemispheres (Khurana et al., 2007). Electron weathering of the poles of Ganymede has recently been related to the formation of peroxide observed there (Trumbo et al., 2023).

The upstream electron distribution informs on the state of the Jovian magnetosphere and governs the Ganymedemagnetosphere interaction (Fatemi et al., 2016; Liuzzo et al., 2020; Plainaki et al., 2015; Poppe et al., 2018), electron precipitation to the surface (e.g., Liuzzo et al., 2020), and ionization of the moon exosphere (e.g., Vorburger et al., 2022; Leblanc et al., 2017, 2023). Whereas both short‐ and long‐term dynamics as well as

latitudinal, longitudinal, M‐shell, and local time variability of the Jovian magnetic field and plasma at the orbit of Ganymede have been previously reported (Bagenal et al., 2016; Jun et al., 2005; Krupp et al., 2004; Mauk et al., 1999, 2020; Vogt et al., 2022), the impact of this variability for incident charged particle fluxes has however not been fully explored in those previous studies. Paranicas et al. (2021) recently reported electron differential fluxes measured by Juno (Bolton et al., 2017) near Ganymede's orbital distance significantly higher than previously considered, although they acknowledged that their study only provided a single snapshot of the prevailing plasma and energetic particle conditions there at the time of their measurements.

The objective of this paper is therefore to provide a more complete characterization and quantification of the temporally and spatially variable electron environment at the distance of Ganymede's orbit. This is of prime importance for both surface, exosphere, and magnetosphere modeling and measurements, as well as for the radiation environment encountered by spacecraft in orbit around Ganymede like the Jupiter Icy Moons Explorer (JUICE) of the European Space Agency (ESA).

This paper is organized asfollows: Section 2 details the method applied and data used in order to derive composite electron spectra and moments in the Jovian magnetosphere from Juno multi-instrument observations. Section 3 summarizes the spatially and temporally variable properties of electron populations observed at the distance of Ganymede's orbit, and compares/contrasts our new Juno observations with those from past missions as well as with predictions from various empirical models of the Jovian electron populations. Section 4 concludes our study.

2. Instrument Description and Methodology

2.1. Searching for the Time Periods When Juno Crossed the Environment Where Ganymede Orbits

Ganymede orbits Jupiter at a jovicentric radial distance of 15 (\pm 0.1) $R₁$, where 1 $R₁$ corresponds to one equatorial planetary radius and equals to 71,492 km. During its orbit the magnetic latitude of the moon varies from − 10° to 10°. We first identify all time periods when Juno crossed the environment where Ganymede orbits by constraining the radial distance of the spacecraft to be between 14 and 16 $R₁$ and its magnetic latitude to vary from -11° to 11°. Our conditional search applied between July 2017 (PeriJove (PJ) PJ7) and April 2023 (PJ50) initially resulted in a catalog of 43 time intervals with duration ranging between 10 and 180 min.

2.2. Combining Observations From the JADE and JEDI Instruments

For each time interval identified in our catalog we then looked at in situ 1 and 0.5 s resolution electron data obtained by the Jupiter Auroral Distribution Experiment (JADE, McComas et al., 2017) and the Jupiter Energetic Particle Detector Instrument (JEDI, Mauk et al., 2017) onboard Juno, respectively. We combined JADE and JEDI measurements in order to obtain composite energy spectra of electrons over the full JADE plus JEDI energy range as JADE observes electrons from 100 eV to 100 keV, 50 eV to 100 keV, and 32 eV to 32 keV, and JEDI observes 30 keV to 1 MeV electrons using measurements pixilated into small and large pixels with different sensitivities during the different time intervals within the time period used. The JADE-E electron sensors consist of two identical electrostatic analyzers with a 120° field of view in spacecraft azimuth, JADE‐E060 and JADE‐E180. The three electron detectorsThe three high-energy electron detectors, JEDI-90, JEDI-180, and JEDI-270, each consist of six different telescopes that are looking at different directions. The JEDI‐90 and JEDI‐270 sensors view within the horizontal plane of Juno, while the JEDI-180 sensor views perpendicular to the equatorial plane of the spacecraft. All the electron sensors ofJADE and JEDI combined with the 30 sspin of Juno allows a good coverage (>130°) in the pitch angle domain depending on the orientation of the spacecraft. The availability of simultaneous JADE and JEDI observations for each of the time intervals of our catalog led to a reduction from 43 to 35 useable cases.

2.3. Intercalibration of the JADE and JEDI Omnidirectional Electron Fluxes

The JADE and JEDI monodirectional fluxes *F* are taken from the Planetary Data System (PDS, see Data Availability section) and combined into omnidirectional electron fluxes j_e using

$$
j_e = \sum_i F_i \times \sin(\alpha_i) \times (\alpha_{i+1} - \alpha_i),
$$
\n(1)

Figure 1. Composite electron energy spectrum for one of the time interval in our catalog (15 September 2020, 09:55–11:05 UT). The JADE and JEDI omnidirectional fluxes are displayed using orange and blue triangles, respectively. The red dashed and dash-dotted lines correspond to the first and second term of the bi-kappa distribution covering JADE and JEDI energies, respectively. The black solid line corresponds to the bi-kappa distribution given by Equation 2 when the two terms are summed. The black dash-dotted line represents the absolute value of the difference between the observations and the bi-kappa fit.

with α_i the pitch angles associated to each JADE or JEDI looking directions *i*. As described in the Supporting Information of Mauk et al. (2017, 2023), PDS electron fluxes early in the mission have not been corrected the minimum ionization effect for the detection efficiency of high-energy electrons, while those later in the mission include the correction introduced by Mauk et al. (2017). In addition, Paranicas et al. (2022), their Figure 2, showed raw versus electron data corrected for minimum ionization effect at Ganymede and this only amounts to (at most) a factor of 2 issue. Therefore we will ignore this additional correction here. Moreover, we are aware of the highly dynamic aspect of the magnetosphere where Ganymede orbits. Interchange events are frequently observed in that region, where the cold and dense plasma originating from Io moves from the inside to the outside of the magnetosphere, while the warm and lower density plasma from the outer magnetosphere moves inward (Achilleos et al., 2015). Mauk et al. (1999) have shown that injection events with highly variable fluxes of charged particles are also observed in the region of interest here. These events can last a long time and merge with followon injections, adding significant complexities to the characterization of the charged particle environment encountered at the distance of Ganymede's orbit. However, we noticed that when observed in our catalog such interchange/injection events are short lived, and represented only a small fraction of our time intervals considered (less than 10%). It is consistent with previous observations so we didn't remove their time periods of our calculations when they were observed since they can be neglected. In addition, our time intervals did not encompass any of the large‐scale energetic electron injections with a characteristic time scale of one hour as reported by Mauk et al. (1999) and Haggerty et al. (2019). However, we acknowledge that we may not have been able to see such a large injection event if it would have started before the start of one of our time interval.

Figure 1 displays the resulting averaged composite electron spectrum for one particular time interval of our catalog. In this particular case as well as in all the other cases, we could identify some slight discrepancies for a limited number of energies where the JADE and JEDI data sets overlap, mainly due either to the reduced efficiency of the Solid‐State Detectors (SSD) of JEDI in its low‐energy range, or to penetrating particles measured by JADE in its high‐energy range, or to the different response functions of these instruments at these overlapping energies. Concerning the discrepancies of JEDI, we noticed interesting changes in pattern through time, with higher counts observed at low energies on each energy spectra until PJ 19, then lower ones until PJ 36, and finally both higher and lower ones mixed on each energy spectra for the rest of the PJ. In the rest of our analysis we did not include these energies (typically the last five energies of JADE and the energies below 30 keV for JEDI), as done by Paranicas et al. (2021).

There were also a few discarded cases where the JADE and JEDI data sets did not match significantly. Overall, JADE and JEDI provided similar fluxes in their overlapping range for 73% of the time intervals included in our catalog. This resulted in a final workable catalog reduced to 27 time intervals, from PJ10 to PJ44. Our catalog does not include any events prior to the end of 2017 since Juno crossed the equatorial magnetosphere farther out from the distance of Ganymede's orbitJuno was not in the range of radial distances and magnetic latitudes used in our conditional search.

2.4. Modeling of the Observed Electron Populations With Bi‐Kappa Distribution Functions

Since Voyager it is known that the plasma trapped by Jupiter's magnetic field is composed of different electron populations in the energy range covered by JADE and JEDI (Krimigis et al., 1981; Scudder et al., 1981), including the low-energy thermal component of the magnetospheric plasma below 100s eV, the keV suprathermal hot electrons, and the high-energy tail extending into the MeV energy range as at Saturn (van Allen, 1979). In order to determine the electron distribution functions from our composite electron spectra, we relied on an extended kappa distribution introduced in Hawkins III et al. (1998) which is known to fit better the extended tails of the magnetospheric plasmas:

$$
j_e = j_1 \left(\frac{E}{E_1}\right)^{\gamma_1} \left(1 + \frac{E}{E_1}\right)^{-\gamma_1 - \kappa_1} + j_2 \left(\frac{E}{E_2}\right)^{\gamma_2} \left(1 + \frac{E}{E_2}\right)^{-\gamma_2 - \kappa_2},\tag{2}
$$

where *j* are electrons per cm²-s-sr-keV, *E* are energies in keV, and *κ* and *γ* are invariant indices. The first term of the right-hand side of Equation 2 mainly covers the JADE energy range whereas the second term of the right-hand side of Equation 2 mainly covers the JEDI energy range. In order to estimate the eight governing parameters of Equation 2 we followed exactly the method detailed in Paranicas et al. (2021). Figure 1 illustrates the well-fitness of the data and our bi-kappa model with $j_1 = 4e9 \text{ cm}^2$ -s-sr-keV, $E_1 = 0.043 \text{ keV}, \gamma_1 = 0.4$, and $\kappa_1 = 1.7, j_2 = 5e6$ cm²-s-sr-keV, $E_2 = 85$ keV, $\gamma_2 = 0.3$, and $\kappa_2 = 3.2$ for one of the time interval in our catalog, with residuals ranging between 10% and 20% of the observations.

2.5. Determination of the Position of Juno Relative to the Jovian Magnetodisk

Jupiter's magnetic field is tilted by about 10° with respect to the planet's spin axis, and this implies that along its orbit Ganymede is either embedded within the magnetodisk of Jupiter, or above it, or below it. Depending on these three different configurations, the electron spectra differ and this results in different intensities for the electron bombardment of Ganymede's surface. Therefore, it is necessary to determine the region encountered by Juno for each of the time interval included in our catalog. In order to do this, we modeled the scale height (*H*) of the plasma using the following formula taken from Bagenal and Delamere (2011):

$$
h = a_1 + a_2 r + a_3 r^2 + a_4 r^3 + a_5 r^4,
$$
\n(3)

with $h = \log_{10}(H)$ and $r = \log_{10}(R)$, and R the jovigraphic radial distance normalized to Io's radial distance (6 R_1). The a_1 , a_2 , a_3 , a_4 , and a_5 coefficients are constants equal to -0.116 , 2.14, -2.05 , 0.491, and 0.126, respectively. For the orbital constraints considered in our conditional search the plasma scale height varies between 2.6 R_J and 3 *R*J. The position of each point of the centrifugal equator at east longitude *Elon* is defined by its jovigraphic distance *R* and its jovigraphic latitude *θc* given by the following formula taken from Phipps and Bagenal (2021):

$$
\theta_c(R, Elon) = [a \tanh(b \tRe - c) + d] \sin(Elon - e), \tag{4}
$$

The *a*, *b*, *c*, *d*, and *e* are constants equal to 1.66°, 0.131°, 1.62°, 7.76°, and 249°, respectively. Juno's latitude in a 2D centrifugal frame (assuming *Elon* is fixed in *Z*), θ_{cf} is given by $\theta_{cf} = \lambda_{Juno} - \theta_c$ with λ_{Juno} its System III latitude, so that the height of Juno from the centrifugal equator is given by $R_{Juno} \times \sin(\theta_{cf})$.

From this, we sorted out our data considering two cases: Case 1 for time intervals when Juno lies within the magnetodisk of Jupiter, and Case 2 for time intervals when Juno is above or below the magnetodisk. In total, this results in 26 time intervals corresponding to 53 hr and 20 min of data cumulated for Case 1, and 6 time intervals corresponding to 1 hr and 25 min for Case 2 with one single time interval corresponding to Juno being below the magnetodisk. Table A1 in Appendix A summarizes the orbital properties for each of the time intervals included in our catalog. All events correspond to different latitudes, longitudes, M‐shells, and local time. In particular the latter only variesM‐shells covered in our catalog vary between 14.1 and 19.5, whereas the covered local time only vary between 19:00 and 03:30 and, therefore, only a partial coverage in local time is obtained. However, Khurana et al. (2022) reported no significant local time variations for the thickness of the magnetodisk inside 30 R_I and, hence, at the distance of Ganymede's orbit. The local time variations are therefore assumed negligible in the present study.

2.6. Derivation of the Electron Density and Pressure

We finally assumed that electron distributions are isotropic at all energies and integrated the observed bi-kappa distributions in energy space in order to estimate their zeroth- and second-orders moments that correspond to the density and pressure, respectively. The reader is referred to Paschmann et al. (1998) for more details. We estimated with two methods the total density and pressure by integrating over the full JADE plus JEDI energy range (a) our observed composite electron spectra, as well as (b) our fitted extended bi‐kappa distribution. The two methods gave almost similar values (a 2% difference was observed). In addition, we also estimated the partial density and pressure of the thermal and suprathermal electron populations by integrating separately the first and the second terms of the fitted extended bi-kappa distribution over the JADE energy range and the JEDI energy range, respectively. We did not estimate the temperature of the thermal and suprathermal electron populations since they can easily be obtained by dividing their partial pressure with their partial density. Table B1 in Appendix B summarizes the values for each of the time intervals included in our catalog.

3. Results

3.1. Spatial and Temporal Variability of Electron Fluxes

The first panel of Figure 2 presents the energy spectra of the omnidirectional electron fluxes accumulated during all the time intervals of Table A1 far upstream of Ganymede. Measurements in the magnetodisk (Case 1) and above it (Case 2) are shown in pink and gray, respectively. The second and third panels of Figure 2 detail the measurements for Case 1 and Case 2 only, respectively, together with the corresponding averages of all electron omnidirectional fluxes measured in those regions. The fourth panel summarizes the average fluxes for Case 1 (in red) and Case 2 (in black), together with the average flux along one complete (7.15 days) orbit of Ganymede around Jupiter (in green). The latter is calculated considering that during its orbit Ganymede is approximately 55% of the time outside the magnetodisk, and 45% within it. Table C1 in Appendix C provides the values for the parameters of the bi‐kappa distributions fitting the average fluxes presented in this panel.

As expected, the first and fourth panels of Figure 2 show that the fluxes of low‐energy electrons are higher inside the magnetodisk rather than above it, as expected, by a factor of 3 on average. Energetic electron fluxes exhibit a lower in-and-out difference of a factor of around 1.5. This is consistent with the quasi-isotropic pitch angle distributions of energetic electrons in this region (Ma et al., 2021; Nénon et al., 2022; Tomás et al., 2004). Whereas in the JEDI range the 100–500 keV is higher in the magnetodisk, this is also where MeV electrons contribute to the signal, so we will need to investigate this further in a future study. Figure 2 also reveals a clear variability of electron spectra from one crossing of the orbit of Ganymede to another. At the highest energies observed by JEDI, this variability reaches an amplitude of a factor of 10, consistent with the time variability observed by Galileo for MeV electrons (Jun et al., 2005). We also note a variability of a factor of 10 for the lowestenergy electrons. Suprathermal electrons in the energy range of 5–30 keV may have a less pronounced variability (factor of 3) than the other energies.

Figure 2 shows that electron fluxes are on average less intense when located outside the magnetodisk. This result is not really surprising, but what is interesting is that there seems to be a greater difference for low‐energy electrons in the JADE data.

On average, there are 3.2 times more low-energy electrons in the magnetodisk plasma than above. For highenergy electrons, the difference is significantly less, with an average factor of 1.5. There is also a fairly large temporal variation in the fluxes of high‐energy electrons, for instance if we focus on the individual fluxes encountered in the magnetodisk we can see a factor of an order 10 on the second panel of Figure 2. These variabilities are even more important since they are never taken into account in simulations of Ganymede's magnetosphere. Then, we computed and characterized the total and partial electron densities and pressures by assuming the electron fluxes are omnidirectional.

3.2. Contributions of the Various Electron Populations to the Plasma Density and Pressure

From the method presented in Section 2.6, we calculated for each time interval considered the total electron density and pressure from the omnidirectional electron fluxes and their energy. We decided to study the temporal and spatial variation of these parameters, that is to say their values depending on the height *z* of Juno during the

Figure 2. First panel: Electron omnidirectional fluxes sorted according to their origin (in pink, those measured inside the magnetodisk corresponding to Case 1; in gray, those measured above it corresponding to Case 2). Second panel: Electron omnidirectional fluxes for Case 1 together with their average (in red). Third panel: Electron omnidirectional fluxes for Case 2 together with their average (in black). Fourth panel: Red represents the average flux measured inside the magnetodisk, black the average flux measured above the magnetodisk, and green the average flux along one complete orbit of Ganymede around Jupiter.

data collection respectively to the height *H* of the magnetodisk's plasma, as shown in Figure 3. In this figure, we can also look at the contribution of thermal and suprathermal electron populations in both of these parameters.

In the first and third panels of Figure 3, we can remark that the total electron density and pressure show variability over the 5 years of data taken into account during this study, ranging from 1 to 12 cm⁻³ and from 0.6 to 2.9 nPa, 21699402, 2024, 5, Downloaded from https://agupubs.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1029/2023JA032043 by Cochrane France, Wiley Online Library on [20/11/2024]. See the Terms and Conditions (https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/terms-and-conditions) on Wiley Online Library for rules of use; OA articles are governed by the applicable Creative Commons License

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Figure 3. First panel: variation of the total electron density (in cm^{−3}) with Perijove number (#). Second panel: same for the density estimated over the JADE energy range and divided by the total density. Third panel: variation of the total electron pressure (in nPa) with Perijove. Fourth panel: same for the pressure estimated over the JADE energy range and divided by the total pressure. Red represents the densities and pressures of electron fluxes in the magnetodisk (Case 1), whereas black and gray represent the densities and pressures for electron fluxes located above and below the magnetodisk (Case 2), respectively.

confirming respectively the work published in Bagenal & Delamere, 2011 (derived from a summation of currents measured across the 10–6000 eV energy range) and Mauk et al. (1996) (derived from energies greater than 200 keV). However, it is important to note that the Juno densities and pressures are calculated from electrons of energies between 0.05 and 1155 keV. Although this energy range is quite large, we must not forget that it may

represent only a part of the population of electrons around Ganymede and anything below the low‐energy cutoff of JADE in particular will contribute significantly to the density.

We can also notice in the first and third panels of Figure 3 that the densities and pressures of the electron fluxes encountered in the magnetodisk (in red) are significantly higher than those of the surrounding fluxes (in black and gray). This conclusion is not surprising if we consider the difference in electron fluxes between those encountered in the magnetodisk or not. In addition, the total densities and pressures of electrons below (in gray) or above (in black) the magnetodisk are certainly less important but it can also be noted that they appear to be about equal. Electron populations on both sides of the magnetodisk therefore appear to be similar. However, we have only one case characterizing the lower environment, so it is best to take this analysis cautiously.

In the second and fourth panels of Figure 3, we can observe the contribution of thermal (observed by JADE) electron populations to the total density and pressure. It seems that the cold electron population still largely dominates the electron density, representing on average more than 93% of the total density. On the other hand, the hot electron population dominates the electron pressure, at a rate of more than 75% of the total pressure with more temporal variation. The work done here on the contribution of the different populations of electrons highlights the need to take into account both populations to completely study the plasma in this region of the Jovian magnetosphere.

3.3. Comparison With Galileo‐Based Empirical Models and Observations: Implications for the JUICE Mission

We now compare our electron omnidirectional fluxes observed at the time of Juno with Galileo-based observations and models by superimposing the Juno-based average observations displayed in our Figure 2 onto Figure 3 of Liuzzo et al. (2020). Figure 4 is divided into two panels in order to show the results of this comparison. The first panel includes observations (in dark blue) obtained during the G2 and G7 Galileo flybys of Ganymede from the Energetic Particle Detector (EPD, Williams et al., 1992) and PLasma Science (PLS, Frank et al., 1992), as presented in Paranicas et al. (1999), as well as observations (in light blue) obtained during the G2 flyby of Ganymede from EPD, as presented in Cooper et al. (2001). An additional fit (in orange) combining a Maxwellian and kappa distribution is also shown, as presented by Jun et al. (2019). To compare these ambient energetic electron fluxes with the thermal electron population, a fit (in yellow) of a Maxwellian distribution of the ambient plasma near Ganymede is added using average values from Kivelson et al. (2004). The G7 encounter happened at a local time (19:44) covered by some of our Juno events, which makes the comparison directly relevant. This is also probably still valid for the G2 Ganymede flyby, although it happened at a local time (10:45) not covered by any Juno event, since there are no significant local time variations for the thickness of the magnetodisk inside 30 R_1 and, hence, at the distance where Ganymede orbits, as reported by Khurana et al. (2022) from magnetic field measurements.

The second panel includes average fluxes near Ganymede's orbit estimated from the GIRE (in purple) and GIRE2 (in green) models, as presented in Garrett et al. (2003), Jun et al. (2019), and de Soria‐Santacruz et al. (2016), respectively, as well as from the engineering JOSE model (in pink) developed by Sicard‐Piet et al. (2011) and used by ESA in order to design its JUICE mission to Jupiter and Ganymede (Grasset et al., 2013).

First, the quantitative comparison presented in the first panel of Figure 4 shows that the Galileo-based observations and fits seem consistent at low energies with the new Juno-based observations. Both match almost perfectly (orange and red curves) for the case where the moon is embedded within the Jovian magnetodisk, whereas the Galileo-based fluxes are higher than the Juno-based fluxes in the case when the moon is above or below the Jovian magnetodisk (orange and black curves). This may be explained by the fact that the Galileo‐based observations and models are mainly representative of the case when the moon is embedded within the Jovian magnetodisk. Second, the Galileo-based observations and models deviate more strongly from the new Juno-based observations at high energies, where they underestimate the fluxes by an average factor of 11, regardless of the various cases considered. At these energies, the second panel of Figure 4 showsthat the GIRE2 model remains the closest to the new Juno‐based observations (green red, and black curves) but the latest present an harder spectrum. This could be due either to changes in the dynamics and energetic particle content of Jupiter's magnetosphere between the Galileo and Juno epochs, separated in time by 20 years.

Figure 4. Electron differential number fluxes reproduced from Figure 3 of Liuzzo et al. (2020) superimposed with our Juno-based average electron omnidirectional fluxes for Case 1 (in red) and Case 2 (in black). First panel: Dark blue represents measurements from Paranicas et al. (1999), light blue represents measurements from Cooper et al. (2001), orange represents a combined Maxwellian and kappa distribution from Jun et al. (2019), and yellow represents a Maxwellian distribution of the ambient plasma near Ganymede from Kivelson et al. (2004). Second panel: Purple, green, and pink represent the average fluxes near Ganymede's orbit estimated by the GIRE, GIRE2, and mean JOSE models, respectively. See text for more details.

We also compared in the second panel of Figure 4 our Juno-based observations with the mean JOSE model (see Table D1 in Appendix D). Again, the model strongly underestimates (pink, red, and black curves), for all the energies they have in common and by a factor ranging from 2 to 9, the observed Juno-based fluxes in the ambient, undisturbed plasma near Ganymede. It is worth mentioning that the observed change in slope or hump in the Juno spectra that begins between about 100 and 400 keV can be due to roughly 1 MeV or greater electrons that fully penetrate the detector. These electrons leave a fraction of their energy in the JEDI SSD detectors, which mimics the energy loss expected for 100–200 keV electrons (Paranicas et al., 2022) and correspond to the minimum ionizing effect of Mauk et al. (2017). As shown in Paranicas et al. (2022), their Figure 2, this contamination only amounts to (at most) a factor of 2 issue at Ganymede, and, therefore, can not explain the more significant difference reported here between the observed Juno-based fluxes and the models. This difference may have important implications in term of signal-to-noise ratio (SNR) for future particle measurements to be obtained by JUICE instruments during its flybys of Ganymede as well as during its orbital phases around the moon. However, during all these phases, JUICE will likely spend a significant part of its time within the magnetosphere of Ganymede where it will encounter a significantly different plasma environment (Allegrini et al., 2022).

3.4. Juno's Ganymede Flyby: Estimation of the Shielding Role of the Magnetosphere

Almost 20 years after the end of the Galileo mission, the flyby of Ganymede by Juno on 07 June 2021 offers a unique opportunity to compare the electron omnidirectional fluxes observed inside its mini‐magnetosphere to closest approach (1,049 km from the surface) with those observed outside of it. This flyby is included in one time interval in our catalog that corresponds to the case when Juno lies within the magnetodisk. Since Juno crossed different plasma regions during the flyby (Allegrini et al., 2022), we further subdivided this particular time interval into three time sub‐intervals: two of them, from 15:25 to 16:50 (interval A) and from 17:05 to 18:15

(interval C), when Juno is outside the magnetosphere of Ganymede, in the ambient, undisturbed Jovian plasma near Ganymede, and a third one from 16:50 to 17:00 (interval B) when Juno is embedded into the open field line regions of the magnetosphere of Ganymede, with an altitude relatively relative to the surface confined between 1,049 and 3,890 km. Allegrini et al. (2022), Valek et al. (2022) and Ebert et al. (2022) reported the JADE measurements during the Ganymede fly-by, while Clark et al. (2022) documented JEDI observations. However, previous authors did not investigate the amplitude of the reduction of electron omnidirectional flux offered by the mini‐magnetosphere of Ganymede.

The first and second panels of Figure 5 display the average electron omnidirectional fluxes observed during our three time sub-intervals. The first panel of Figure 4 shows that the properties of the plasma and energetic particles encountered before and after the crossing of the magnetosphere appear similar. The average flux observed during the time sub‐intervals when Juno is outside of the magnetosphere of Ganymede agrees remarkably well with the average flux derived in Figure 2 for the case where Juno lies within the magnetodisk of Jupiter (Case 1). This confirms the findings of Vogt et al. (2022) obtained from magnetic field measurements only that the magnetospheric conditions at the time of the flyby were very close to the average. The second panel of Figure 4 shows that a significant reduction in the electron omnidirectional flux at all energies is observed when Juno crossed the moon's wake and is embedded into the open field line regions of the magnetosphere of Ganymede, well below the average flux corresponding to the external conditions and superimposed onto the figure. The observed flux also matches very well the flux predicted for the GCO5000 phase of the JUICE mission (in green, see Table D1 in Appendix D) when the spacecraft will be inserted first into elliptical and then into almost polar 5,000 km altitude orbits around Ganymede. Table C1 in Appendix C provides the values for the parameters of the bi-kappa distribution corresponding to observations obtained during interval B. The third panel of Figure 5 provides a more quantitative estimate of this reduction and gives the ratio of fluxes observed inside versus outside of the magnetosphere of Ganymede during the flyby. The observed energy-dependent reduction factor gives on average 1.6 and 5 times lower electron fluxes in the JADE and JEDI energy ranges inside the magnetosphere of Ganymede, respectively. The JEDI flux reduction isin agreement with previous Galileo fly‐by measurements (? (?) and references therein). Although weWe acknowledge that our estimated reduction is limited to observations made during a single flyby and for the particular case of a crossing of the moon's wake where the absorption by the moon itself plays undoubtedly a signficant role. Particle tracing to see the global precipitation pattern within this open field line region at Juno's altitude will be required for any more quantitative discussion on the observed reduction the reader must be reminded that these observations were interestingly obtained during magnetospheric conditions very close to average conditions when Juno lies within the magnetodisk of Jupiter.

This reduction is of great importance may nevertheless be important in the context of the JUICE mission of ESA that was launched on 14 April 2023. JUICE will become the first spacecraft to orbit another planet's moon, Ganymede, at the end of its mission. During its orbits around Ganymede, as shown in this study, JUICE will regularly cross the moon's wake inside Ganymede's magnetosphere where it will encounter reduced electrons fluxes, and, therefore, benefit from the radiation shielding offered by the moon and its magnetic field (Allioux et al., 2013) in this particular region.

4. Conclusions and Perspectives

The work done here extends the case study published by Paranicas et al. (2021) and makes use of 54 hr of Juno JADE and JEDI measurements obtained over 5 years of the mission in order to characterize the spatial and temporal variability of the electron omnidirectional fluxes, densities, and pressures at the orbit of Ganymede. Our current results are obtained with the best understanding of the instrument responses to date.

In summary:

- 1. Electron omnidirectional fluxes experience strong energy-dependent temporal variations. The flux of thermal electrons varies by a factor of 24, while that of suprathermal electrons varies by a factor of 10;
- 2. Electron omnidirectional fluxes experience strong energy-dependent spatial variations whether they are measured within the Jovian magnetodisk, or above, or below it. Within the magnetodisk the flux of thermal and suprathermal electrons are enhanced by a factor 3 and 1.5, respectively;
- 3. The June 2021 close flyby of Ganymede by Juno reveals that the electron omnidirectional fluxes observed outside of Ganymede's magnetosphere closely match the average fluxes determined for the case when the moon is embedded within the Jovian magnetodisk. The observed fluxes are however strongly reduced at all

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Figure 5. First panel: Average electron omnidirectional fluxes for intervals A (represented by triangles) and C (represented by crosses) during the Juno's Ganymede flyby when the spacecraft is outside the magnetosphere of Ganymede. JADE data are represented in orange whereas JEDI data are represented in blue. Our average electron omnidirectional flux measured inside the magnetodisk (Case 1) is represented in red. Second panel: Same, for interval B when Juno is embedded within the magnetosphere of Ganymede. The average differential trapped electron fluxes predicted for the JUICE mission during its initial phase in orbit around Ganymede (including its Ganymede Insertion Orbit, elliptical orbits, and circular orbits around Ganymede at an altitude of 5,000 km) is represented in green. Third panel: Average electron omnidirectional fluxes observed during interval B divided by those averaged during intervals A and C.

energies within the open field line regions of Ganymede's magnetosphere through the moon's wake. Whereas the suprathermal electron fluxes are attenuated by a factor of 2.5–5, the thermal electron fluxes are attenuated by a factor of 1.6–3;

- 4. The total electron density is dominated by the thermal electron population measured by JADE (up to 93%) and ranges from 1 to 12 electrons per cm⁻³. The total electron pressure is dominated by the suprathermal electron population measured by JEDI (up to 75%) and ranges from 0.6 to 2.9 nPa;
- 5. The comparison of the electron omnidirectional fluxes observed during the Juno mission with Galileo‐based observations and models shows a closer agreement at low energies than at high energies where Galileo

observations are on average 11 times less intense than the fluxes observed by Juno as also noticed by Paranicas et al. (2021) in their very limited sample;

6. The comparison of the electron omnidirectional fluxes observed at the time of Juno with the empirical radiation model JOSE used by the European Space Agency for the design of its JUICE mission shows that the latter underestimates by a factor of 2–9 on average the suprathermal electron fluxes between 20 keV and 2 MeV at the distance where Ganymede orbits.

Assuming electrons are isotropic, the electron omnidirectional fluxes observed by Juno where Ganymede orbits are directly proportional within the open magnetic field line region to the fluxes precipitating to the surface of the icy moon Liuzzo et al. (2020); Vorburger et al. (2022). Future studies could use our findings in order to revisit the alteration of Ganymede's surface by precipitating electrons, and address the modifications of its physical, chemical, and optical properties, as done for the ions by, for example, Plainaki et al. (2022). Our results in particular suggest that the surface alteration by electrons with energies greater than 10 keV can be 2 to 9 times greater than estimated in previous studies.

The method developed during this study can be adapted and applied to characterize the electron and ion plasma environments where Galilean moons orbit. Such a detailed characterization will make it possible to constrain input parameters for numerical simulations dedicated to the study of planetary space weather and the moonmagnetosphere interactions at Jupiter, as well as to refine empirical environmental and radiation models at each of them for current and future space missions like JUICE.

Appendix A: Catalog of Events: Temporal and Spatial Coverage

See Table A1

Table A1

Start/Stop Time Values for the Orbital Parameters (IAU Latitude in Degree, IAU Longitude in Degree, Local Time in Hour, *M‐Shell) Corresponding to Particular PJ for Each of the Time Intervals Included in Our Catalog*

Note. The time intervals when Juno is within the magnetodisk are indicated in red, whereas the ones when Juno is above or below it are indicated in black and gray, respectively. M‐shells are estimated using the JRM33 + CON2020 magnetic field model of Connerney et al. (2022).

Appendix B: Catalog of Events: Values for the Parameters of the Bi‐Kappa Distributions and Electron Moments

See Table B1

Table B1

Values for the Parameters of the Bi-Kappa Distributions Presented in Equation 2 for Each of the Time Intervals Included in *Our Catalog*

Note. Same colour code as in Table B1. The only case when Juno is below the magnetodisk is indicated in gray, but the fit to the bi-kappa distribution is not converging so no parameters are returned. All the omnidirectional fluxes *j* are in electrons per cm^2 -s-sr-keV and all the energies E_1 and E_2 are in keV.

Appendix C: Summary of the Parameters of the Bi‐Kappa Distributions Representing Average Electron Omnidirectional Fluxes for the Various Regions Studied

See Table C1

Table C1

Values for the Parameters of the Bi-Kappa Distributions Presented in Equation 2 for the Average Electron Omnidirectional *Fluxes in the Key Regions of Our Study*

Note. All the omnidirectional fluxes *j* Are in electrons per cm²-s-sr-keV and all the energies E_1 and E_2 Are in keV.

Appendix D: JUICE Radiation Environment Models Considered

See Table D1

Table D1

Predicted Average Differential Trapped Electron Flux for the Mean JOSE Model and the GCO5000 Phase of the JUICE *Mission Covering the JADE and JEDI Energy Ranges, Extracted From the JUICE Environment Specifications, JS–14–09, Version 4.9 (Table 40) and Version 5.6 (Table 19, Phase 5a)*

Note. j_e is in electrons per cm²-s-sr-keV and the energy *E* is in keV.

Data Availability Statement

The JADE and JEDI data used in this study can be found in the JNO-J-SW-JAD-3-CALIBRATED-V1.0 data set (Allegrini, 2023) and in the JNO‐J‐JED‐3‐CDR‐V1.0 (Mauk, 2022) data set publicly available from the Planetary Plasma Interactions (PDS‐PPI, [https://pds‐ppi.igpp.ucla.edu/](https://pds-ppi.igpp.ucla.edu/)) node of the Planetary Data System. The magnetic field data used for JADE pitch angles are provided in the JADE files. JEDI pitch angles are directly provided in the JEDI files. The Juno and Ganymede orbital information can be found in the corresponding spice kernels publicly available from the Navigation and Ancillary Information Facility (NAIF, [http://naif.jpl.nasa.gov\)](http://naif.jpl.nasa.gov). Part of the analysis have been done with the publicly‐available AMDA software (<https://amda.cdpp.eu>, Génot et al., 2021) provided by the french national data center for natural plasmas of the solar system CDPP [\(https://www.cdpp.eu/\)](https://www.cdpp.eu/) as well as with the publicly-available CLWeb software ([http://clweb.irap.omp.eu\)](http://clweb.irap.omp.eu) developed by E. Penou at IRAP.

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