

## **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

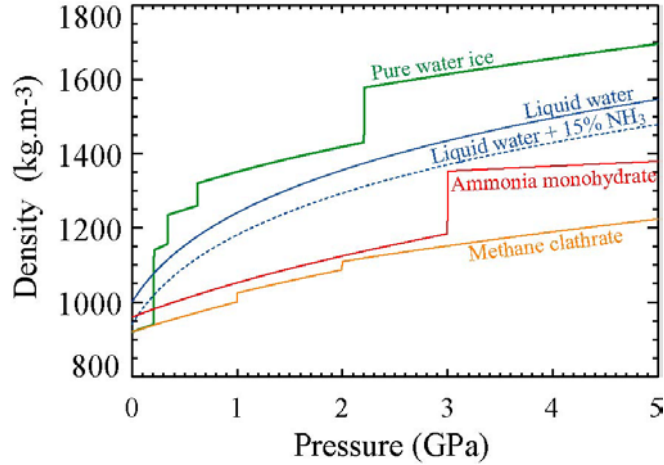
### **1. INTERIOR DIFFERENTIATION AND METHANE CLATHRATE STABILITY**

#### **1.1 Density of materials composing Titan's interior:**

The differentiation of Titan is mainly driven by the density differences among materials composing the interior. In order to quantify this effect, we compute the density  $\rho$  of different materials as a function of pressure from the experimentally determined bulk modulus following Croft *et al.* (1988):

$$\rho = \rho_0(T_0, P_0) \times \left[ \frac{K'_0 P}{K_0} + 1 \right]^{1/K'_0} \quad (1),$$

where  $\rho_0$  is the density at the reference pressure  $P_0$ ,  $K_0$  is the isothermal bulk modulus and  $K'_0$  is the pressure derivative of the bulk modulus. Table 1 summarizes the parameter values used for each material. For the ammonia-water system, those parameters are computed following Croft *et al.* (1988). For methane hydrate and ammonia hydrate, the density at reference pressure is calculated from the mean molecular volume  $V_{mol}$  and the molecular mixing ratio of water given by Loveday *et al.* (2001) and Loveday and Nelmes (2003). Densities as a function of pressure are displayed on Figure 1. For the liquid ammonia-water solution, two different ammonia concentration values are considered: 0% and 15%. Whatever the pressure values methane hydrate is the least dense material, being equal in density to water ice at low pressure ( $P < 0.2$  GPa). Even for 15% ammonia-water liquid, methane clathrate is still 2% less dense. The computed value corresponds to the maximum value because full cage occupancies are assumed. In practice, small cage filling has been reported to be significantly lower than (but still of order) 1 at low pressure (Klapproth *et al.* 2003). For small and large cage filling values of 0.7 and 0.9 respectively, the methane hydrate density is equal to  $900 \text{ kg.m}^{-3}$ , 2% less than water ice. Due to its very low density (Fig. 1), methane clathrate irremediably rises toward the surface, forming a methane clathrate-enriched layer. The accumulation of methane clathrate in the outer layer depends on the amount of methane initially trapped or produced within the interior and the rate of its release.



**Figure 1:** Density of different materials composing Titan's interior: pure water ice in green, liquid water with an ammonia mass fraction of 0 and 15% in blue, ammonia monohydrate in red and methane clathrate hydrate in orange. Methane hydrate is the least dense material for pressure over 200 MPa and has a density similar to low pressure phase ice (ice I) below 200 MPa.

**Table 1:** Parameters to compute the density as a function of pressure

	Reference pressure $P_0$ (GPa)	Density at $P_0$ $\rho_0$ (kg.m <sup>-3</sup> )	Isothermal bulk modulus $K_0$ (GPa)	$K'_0$	Reference
<b>Ammonia-water</b>	$10^{-4}$	Computed at T=300K <sup>a</sup>	Computed at T=300K <sup>a</sup>	Computed at T=300K <sup>a</sup>	Croft <i>et al.</i> 1988
<b>Ice</b>					
Ice I	$10^{-4}$	920	9.2	5.5	Sotin <i>et al.</i> 1998
Ice III	0.207	1140	8.5	5.7	Sotin <i>et al.</i> 1998
Ice V	0.34	1235	13.2	5.2	Sotin <i>et al.</i> 1998
Ice VI	0.62	1320	14.9	6.6	Sotin <i>et al.</i> 1998
Ice VIII	2.21	1460	24	4.15	Hemley <i>et al.</i> 1987
<b>Methane Hydrate</b>					
MHI	$10^{-4}$	920	$\sim 10^b$	4	Loveday <i>et al.</i> 2001
MHII	1	1025	$\sim 15^b$	4	Loveday <i>et al.</i> 2001
MHIII	2	1120	$\sim 25^b$	4	Loveday <i>et al.</i> 2001
<b>Ammonia MonoHydrate</b>					
AMHI	$10^{-4}$	960	8.9	4.2	Loveday and Nelmes 2003
AMHIV	3	1355	$\sim 100^b$	4	Loveday and Nelmes 2003

<sup>a</sup> We follow the method presented in Croft *et al.* (1988) to compute the reference density  $\rho_0$ , the isothermal bulk modulus  $K_0$  and its derivative  $K'_0$  of the ammonia-water solutions.

<sup>b</sup> Isothermal bulk modulus estimated from the data provided in Loveday *et al.* (2001) and Loveday and Nelmes (2003).

## 1.2 Stability curves of methane clathrate in presence of ammonia:

To parameterize the stability curve of methane clathrate hydrate in water solutions, we have performed a polynomial fit of the available experimental data over a wide range of pressure (Dyadin et al. 1997, Sloan 1998):

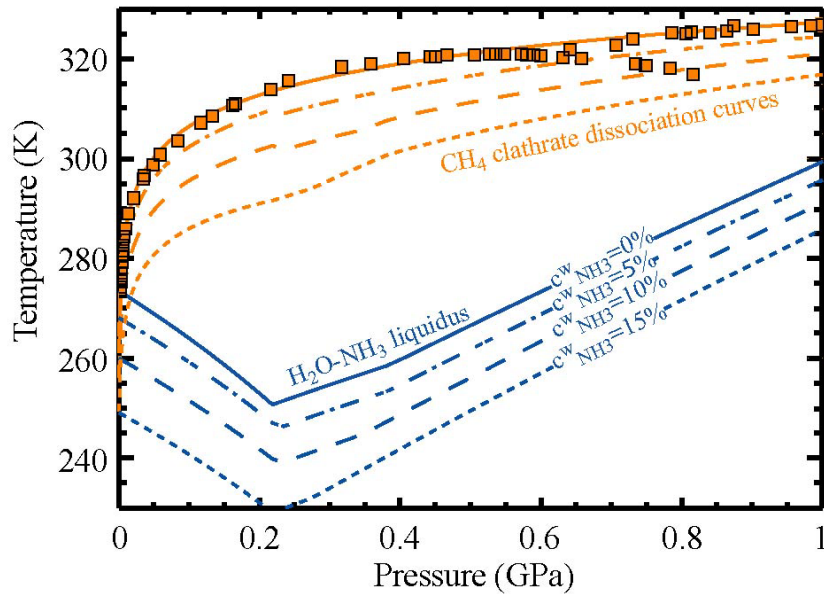
$$T_d^0 = 264.395 + 21.105 \times \log_{10} P - 0.0424805 \times (\log_{10} P)^2, \quad (2)$$

with  $T_d^0$  the dissociation temperature in the binary water-methane system in Kelvins,  $P$  the pressure in MPa. To take into account the well-know inhibiting effects of ammonia on methane clathrate (Sloan 1998), we use the parameterization proposed for salt water solutions (Dickens and Quinby-Hunt 1997) using the data on the binary ammonia-water system (Grasset and Pargamin 2005):

$$T_d^{xNH_3} = \left\{ \frac{1}{T_d^0} - \frac{n\Delta H_f}{\Delta H_d} \left[ \frac{1}{T_f^0} - \frac{1}{T_f^{xNH_3}} \right] \right\}^{-1} \quad (2),$$

where  $T_f^0$  and  $T_f^{xNH_3}$  are the fusion temperature of ice for the pure water system and ammonia-water system, respectively, computed using the method described by Grasset and Pargamin (2005).  $\Delta H_d$  is the enthalpy of dissociation for methane clathrate to liquid water and methane gas,  $n$  is the hydration number ( $\Delta H_d / nR$  is estimated to 1090 K).  $\Delta H_f$  is the enthalpy of fusion for pure water to ice (6008 J.mol<sup>-1</sup> at 273.2 K, Dickens and Quinby-Hunt 1997).

As Fig. 2 illustrates, ammonia reduces the stability of methane clathrate at almost the same extent that it decreases the crystallization point of ammonia-water solutions. The net effect is small and is equivalent to a change in the steady-state temperature of the interior ocean. Therefore any methane clathrate released during the overturn that formed a discrete rock core would ascend to the top of the outer liquid layer without being dissociated. Moreover, even if heating in the proto-core were to have induced local dissociation of methane clathrate during core formation (i.e.  $T_{core} > 400$  K), methane should have been re-enclathrated before reaching the surface due to the high stability of clathrate within the temperature-pressure regime of the ammonia-water ocean (Grasset and Pargamin 2005).



**Figure 2:** Stability curve of methane clathrate hydrate in orange compared to the melting curve of ice in blue for different ammonia mass fractions in the liquid phase. Orange squares represent experimental data given by Dyadin *et al.* (1997). Curves with similar line styles correspond to the same ammonia fraction.

## 2. LONG TERM EVOLUTION MODELS OF TITANS INTERIOR

The model we used in this study is a modified version of the model used and described in Tobie *et al.* (2005a). As in the former version, the cooling and crystallisation of Titan's interior, including ammonia, are computed simultaneously with tidal dissipation and orbital evolution. Additional developments in the present study consist of the incorporation of methane clathrate hydrate within the outer layer above the internal ocean. Accordingly, the numerical scheme has been modified to take into account the particular thermo-mechanical properties of methane clathrate hydrate, which are very different from water ice. The main effect of methane hydrate is to modify the heat transfer through, and equilibrium temperature at the base of, the outer icy layer. The evolution is computed using a fully implicit numerical scheme and the timestep is fixed at a value of  $10^5$  years. At each time step, heat transfer through the outer layer and tidal dissipation within the interior are computed, a new value of radius for each interface is derived, and the eccentricity decay is calculated with respect to global tidal dissipation. Each element of the models is described further below.

### 2.1 Evolution of the silicate core

A fully differentiated structure is unlikely to exist just after Titan's accretion. More probably, a mixed ice-rock core may exist below a silicate mantle and an outer H<sub>2</sub>O layer

once its accretion is achieved (Kirk and Stevenson 1987, Lunine and Stevenson 1987). The complete segregation of ice and rock mixture within the core occurs roughly 500 million years after accretion (Lunine and Stevenson 1987). We start the evolution of Titan at  $t=0.5$  Ga once the core overturn is achieved and once the rapidly declining rate of meteoritic bombardment can be safely neglected.

We consider three different silicate compositions, having different density  $\rho_{\text{sil}}$  and initial radiogenic heating  $H_0$ , and corresponding to different core size  $R_{\text{sil}}$  and global mass fraction  $x_{\text{sil}}$  in order to fit Titan's measured mean density:

1- Hydrated silicate :  $\rho_{\text{sil}}=3000 \text{ kg.m}^{-3}$ ,  $H_0=3.10^{-11} \text{ W.kg}^{-1}$ ,  $R_{\text{sil}}=1900 \text{ km}$ ,  $x_{\text{sil}}=0.64$ .

2-Silicate similar to Earth's upper mantle:  $\rho_{\text{sil}}=3300 \text{ kg.m}^{-3}$ ,  $H_0=4.10^{-11} \text{ W.kg}^{-1}$ ,  
 $R_{\text{sil}}=1800 \text{ km}$ ,  $x_{\text{sil}}=0.6$ .

3- Anhydrous silicate:  $\rho_{\text{sil}}=4000 \text{ kg.m}^{-3}$ ,  $H_0=5.10^{-11} \text{ W.kg}^{-1}$ ,  $R_{\text{sil}}=1625 \text{ km}$ ,  $x_{\text{sil}}=0.53$ .

Heat flow coming out of the silicate core is determined by both the amount of radiogenic elements and the efficiency of heat transfer. Tidal dissipation within the silicate interior is very low and can be neglected (Sohl *et al.* 2003, Tobie *et al.* 2005b). The early thermal evolution of a homogeneous chondritic core is characterized by a temperature increase controlled by diffusive heating. Depending on the composition of the silicates there, we assume the core becomes unstable against thermal convection for internal temperature of 1400K, 1500K, 1600K, corresponding to core composition 1, 2 and 3, respectively. Indeed, silicate hydration is known to lower the silicate viscosity (e.g. Karato and Wu 1993), and then to make the silicate core unstable at lower temperature. Once the core start convecting at 1.8, 2.0 and 2.6 Ga for core composition 1, 2 and 3 respectively, an equilibrium state is reached only few hundred million years after the onset of convection (Tobie 2003). Then the global heat power coming out of the silicate core includes contributions from both radiogenic decay and secular cooling, so that after initiation of convection the interior expels more heat than provided by radiogenic decay. We have tested the effect of silicate thermal conductivity and heat capacity over a reasonable range of values [ $k_{\text{sil}}=3-5 \text{ W.m}^{-1}.\text{K}^{-1}$ ,  $c_{\text{sil}}=800-1200 \text{ J.kg}^{-1}.\text{K}^{-1}$ ]. Varying the heat capacity changes the time at which the critical core temperature is reached and therefore of the onset of convection: in scenario 1,  $2.0 < t_{\text{onset}} < 3.1$  Ga; in scenario 2,  $1.6 < t_{\text{onset}} < 2.5$  Ga, in scenario 3,  $1.5 < t_{\text{onset}} < 2.1$  Ga. Variations of the thermal conductivity change the heat flux during the diffusive stage by 10-15% and only slightly the onset time of convection. Even though uncertainties in the heat capacity values as well as the possible formation of an iron core, especially in scenario 3, may change the time of convection onset, the change is not sufficient to alter qualitatively the overall evolution of the silicate core. We believe that the three examples represented on Fig. 1 in the letter give a reasonable range of possible core evolutions.

## 2.2 Tidal dissipation and orbit evolution

Body tide dissipation is calculated by integrating the equations of motions and Poisson's equation from the centre of the satellite to its surface, and by imposing the tide-generating potential induced by Saturn at the surface (Tobie *et al.* 2005b). Assuming a compressible Maxwell rheology, the viscoelastic properties of each layer are defined from the values of the elastic S- and P-wave velocities,  $V_S$  and  $V_P$  respectively, and the effective Newtonian viscosity  $\eta$  (see Table 2). The elastic shear and bulk moduli,  $\mu_E$  and  $K_E$  respectively, are related to the S- and P- wave velocities (listed in Table 2 for each internal layer) by the following relationship:  $\mu_E = \rho V_S^2$ , and  $K_E = \rho V_P^2 - 4/3 \mu_E$ . Temperature dependent viscosity of ice Ih and methane clathrate is evaluated from the homologous temperature  $T/T_m^0$  (e.g., Kirk and Stevenson 1987) and assuming that methane clathrate viscosity is 50 times higher than water ice at the same temperature (Durham *et al.* 2003):

$$\eta(T, x_{MH}) = [1 - x_{MH} + x_{MH} / 50]^{-1} \eta_{m,0} \exp\left(\frac{E_a}{RT_m^0} [T_m^0 / T - 1]\right), \quad (3),$$

where  $T_m^0$  is the melting temperature of pure water ice Ih,  $\eta_{m,0}$  is the viscosity of pure ice Ih at the melting point,  $E_a$  is the activation energy (see Table 2), and  $x_{MH}$  is the methane hydrate mass fraction. The same formulation is used for the temperature dependence of high-pressure ices, and the homologous temperature  $T/T_m^0$  is assumed constant through the high-pressure ice layer. For the numerical computation of Titan's radial functions (see Tobie *et al.* 2005b), the outer layer is divided into five sublayers in the conductive part and ten sublayers in the convective part, in the liquid layer and in the high-pressure layer. The radial functions of the satellite are not re-computed at each time step, but only when the cumulative radius variations at all interfaces, as defined in Table 2, exceed 2 km.

The global dissipation rate  $dE/dt$  is computed by integrating the specific dissipation rate  $H_{tide}$  calculated in each layer of the model. From the global tidal dissipation rate  $dE/dt$ , the temporal evolution of Titan's orbital parameters is assessed using the conservation of angular momentum under the assumption of orbital synchronicity. Peale (1977) showed that even if Titan spun rapidly after its accretion, tides raised on the satellite by Saturn must have slowed down its rotation toward synchronicity before core overturn was achieved ( $t < 0.5$  Ga). Then, the loss of Titan's orbital energy appears as a reduction in orbital eccentricity (Sears 1995), and the change in eccentricity due to tidal dissipation is given by (Sohl *et al.* 1995):

$$\frac{de}{dt} \frac{e}{1-e^2} = \frac{-a}{GM_S M_T} \frac{dE}{dt}, \quad (4)$$

where  $M_S$  and  $M_T$  are the mass of Saturn and Titan, respectively,  $e$  is the eccentricity,  $a$  is the semi-major axis of the orbit. In addition, the conservation of orbital angular momentum implies:  $a(1-e^2) = a_c(1-e_c^2) = a_0(1-e_0^2)$ . The indices  $0$  and  $c$  refer to the initial and current state, respectively. This formulation does not take into account the tidal expansion of Titan's orbit due to dissipation of tides raised by Titan on Saturn. However, for realistic values of dissipation factors,  $Q_T$  and  $Q_S$ , within Titan and Saturn, ( $Q_T < 500$

(this study) and  $Q_S > 10^4$  (Peale 1999)), the effect of dissipation within Saturn corresponds to less than 2% of the effect of dissipation within Titan on the eccentricity variation, and therefore can be safely neglected.

### 2.3 Heat transfer through the outer layer

Heat can be transferred either by thermal diffusion or convection, depending on layer thickness and on its composition. Viscosity and thermal diffusivity as a function of depth within the layer are assumed to be dependent on composition (ice and methane clathrate) and temperature. Only the ice fraction is temperature-dependent. For the methane fraction, no temperature dependence of thermal conductivity  $k_{MH}$  and of heat capacity  $c_{MH}$  are seen in the available experimental data. Therefore, we assume the thermal conductivity and heat capacity of methane clathrate to be constant. The thermal conductivity  $k_{I/MH}$  and heat capacity  $c_{I/MH}$  of the mixture are expressed as:

$$k_{I/MH} = x_{MH} k_{MH} + (1 - x_{MH}) \times (k_1 / T + k_2),$$

$$c_{I/MH} = x_{MH} c_{MH} + (1 - x_{MH}) \times (c_1 T + c_2),$$

where the indices I, MH, I/MH refer to ice I, methane hydrate and the mixture, respectively.  $x_{MH}$  is the mass fraction of methane hydrate. See table 2 for constant values.

We have developed a new numerical scheme to parameterize thermal convection within a layer heated both from within and from below. Energy from within and from below are provided by tidal dissipation within the layer and by radiogenic heating in the core plus tidal dissipation within the high pressure ice layer, respectively. As long as the outer layer is stable against thermal convection, the temperature profile is computed by solving the diffusion equation including tidal dissipation and temperature- and composition-dependent diffusivity with a Crank-Nicholson scheme. One hundred sublayers are used to resolve the temperature profile in the diffusive layer. The whole layer (methane clathrate sublayer + ice I sublayer) becomes unstable against convection when the Rayleigh number associated with the ice I layer, defined as  $Ra = \alpha_I \rho_I g \Delta T b^3 / \kappa_I \eta_I$  exceeds 1100 (Stengel et al. 1982). Then the outer layer is divided into two sublayers: an upper conductive layer made of methane clathrate and a lower isoviscous convective layer made of a mixture of methane clathrate and ice I. Due to the low thermal conductivity of methane clathrate, the temperature gradient is very steep within the conductive lid and the conductive lid is about 2-3 km thin just after the onset of convection. As previously, the temperature profile in the conductive lid is computed by solving the diffusion equation including tidal dissipation and temperature- and composition-dependent diffusivity with a Crank-Nicholson scheme. In the convective sublayer, the homologous  $T/T_m$  is assumed to be constant. The evolution of the convective sublayer is determined through scaling laws relating heat fluxes and temperature differences across the thermal boundary layers

(Grasset and Parmentier 1998, Dumoulin *et al.* 1999, Deschamps and Sotin 2001, Tobie 2003). In order to self-consistently include heating from within and from below, those scaling laws are constrained from numerical experiments of thermal convection including viscosity-dependent tidal heating (Tobie *et al.* 2003, Tobie 2003). Heat fluxes at the base and at the top of both convective and conductive ice Ih sublayers, as well as internal heating due to tidal dissipation in the convective sublayer are used to compute the temperature evolution of the well-mixed convective sublayer and the evolution of the thickness of the overlying conductive lid. For this purpose, we use the formulation proposed by Schubert and Spohn (1990).

## 2.4 Evolution of the liquid layer and clathrate dissociation

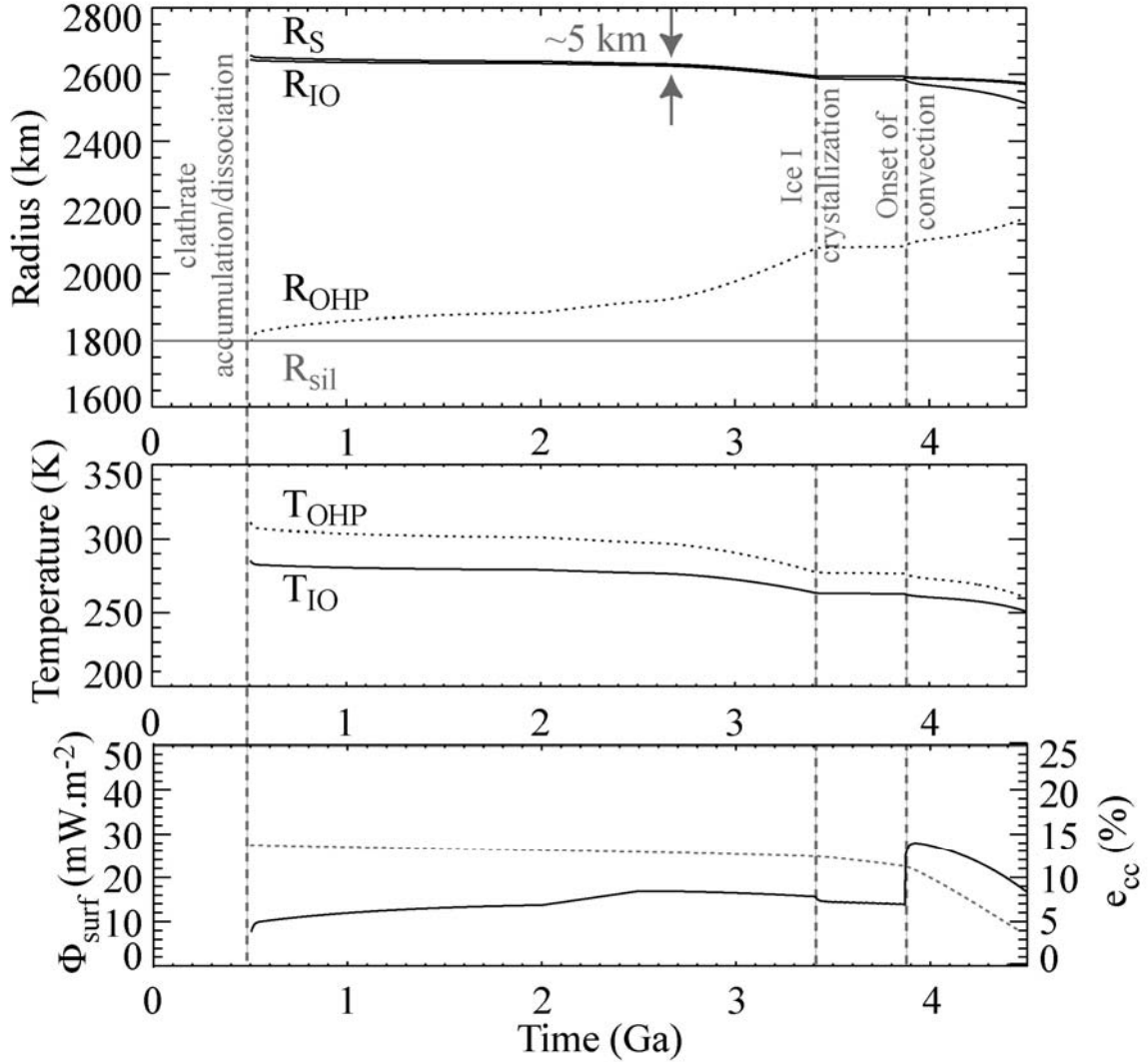
The evolution of the liquid layer depends on the rate of methane clathrate dissociation and on the rate of ocean crystallization. Thickness and temperature variations of the liquid water layer are determined using heat flux values obtained at the base of the outer layer,  $R_{IO}$ , and at the top of the high-pressure ice layer,  $R_{OHP}$ , (i.e. heat flow from the silicate core – due mainly to the radiogenic decay of isotopic elements - plus tidal dissipation in the high-pressure ice layer). We use the numerical scheme proposed by Grasset and Sotin (1996) for the evolution of the liquid water layer, which we have modified to take into account methane clathrate dissociation. Depending on the composition (ice I or methane clathrate) at the base of the outer layer, the interface temperature is controlled by the methane clathrate dissociation temperature (see “Stability curves of methane clathrate in presence of ammonia”) or the  $NH_3$ - $H_2O$  liquidus. The temperature evolution of each solid/liquid interface,  $T_{IO}$  and  $T_{OHP}$ , during the ocean crystallization or during the clathrate dissociation, and the variation of ammonia concentration  $C_{NH_3}^w = M_{NH_3} / M_{liquid}$  in the liquid layer (where  $M_{NH_3}$  and  $M_{liquid}$  are the mass of ammonia and the mass of the liquid layer respectively), are calculated accurately using a new algorithm describing the liquidus in the  $H_2O$ - $NH_3$  system (Grasset and Pargamin 2005). When the pressure-dependent dissociation temperature of methane clathrate is reached, we set the ocean/clathrate interface temperature,  $T_{IO}$ , to be the dissociation temperature,  $T_d^{xNH_3}$ , and we compute the rate of clathrate dissociation required to equilibrate heat flux through the interface ( $R_{IO}$ ). Then we determine the new upper and lower interface positions,  $R_{IO}$  and  $R_{OHP}$ , of the liquid water layer. Note that the methane dissociation temperature can be met only at the upper interface,  $R_{IO}$ . The methane outgassing rate is calculated from the clathrate dissociation rate assuming that all clathrate cages are filled with one methane molecule (1 kg of methane clathrate gives 134 g of gaseous methane); see above for a brief discussion of this assumption. Note that the methane outgassing rate during the last episode triggered by thermal convection within the outer layer is not computed in the same way. For the last episode, the clathrate dissociation is not controlled by the temperature at the upper interface of the ocean anymore, but by the temperature within hot icy plumes that penetrate the clathrate layer. We assume that the outgassing rate is proportional to surface heat flux and we display as figure 2 in the Letter itself an estimate of the outgassing rate assuming alternatively that 10% or 50% of the entire reservoir is outgassed. When the upper interface temperature,



$T_{IO}$ , is between the methane dissociation temperature and the crystallization temperature of ammonia-water solution  $T_f^{xNH_3}$ , and the outer layer is only made of clathrate, we compute the rate of cooling or warming of the ocean. Then we determine the new ocean temperature and the new lower interface position,  $R_{OHP}$ . When the upper interface,  $R_{IO}$ , reaches the crystallization temperature of ammonia-water solution  $T_f^{xNH_3}$  (or the melting temperature of water ice), the cooling (or warming) rate of the ocean and the new interface positions,  $R_{IO}$  and  $R_{OHP}$ , are computed following the Grasset and Sotin scheme.

The values of gravity and pressure, the adiabatic temperature profile in the ocean, and the equilibrium temperature at each ice-ocean interface--all required to derive the thickening/thinning rate of both the outer layer and the high-pressure ice layer--are calculated by integrating the differential equations for mass, acceleration of gravity and pressure (e.g., Sohl *et al.* 2002). The surface radius of Titan,  $R_s$ , is not prescribed and is re-calculated at each time step in our evolution model, as the ice layers crystallize or melt. Only the global mass of silicate  $M_{sil}$ , water  $M_{H_2O}$ , ammonia  $M_{NH_3}$ , and methane  $M_{CH_4}$  are prescribed in our model. The accurate calculation of the temperature evolution at the interface ocean-ice Ih is fundamental, considering the strong coupling between heat transfer and tidal dissipation via the temperature dependence of the ice Ih viscosity.

Figure 3 displays the interface position,  $R_{IO}$  and  $R_{OHP}$ , and temperature,  $T_{IO}$  and  $T_{OHP}$ , evolution as well as surface heat flux,  $\Phi_{surf}$ , and eccentricity,  $e_{cc}$ , evolution for a typical simulation.



**Figure 3:** Surface radius  $R_s$  [solid line], and upper [solid line] and lower [dotted line] ocean interface radius,  $R_{IO}$  and  $R_{OHP}$  (upper graph), corresponding interface temperature,  $T_{IO}$  and  $T_{OHP}$  (middle graph), surface heat flux  $\Phi_{surf}$  [solid line], and eccentricity  $e_{cc}$  [dotted line] (lower graph), as a function of time. In this simulation, we use scenario 2 for the evolution of the silicate core and we assume an ammonia fraction of 5% and a value of  $10^{14}$  Pa.s for the viscosity of ice close to its melting point. Furthermore, the initial eccentricity is set to 13.5% in order to fit today's eccentricity value.

**Table 2: Model parameters**

	<i>Parameters</i>	<i>Symbol</i>	<i>Unit</i>	<i>Value</i>	<i>Reference</i>
<b>Orbit</b>	Saturn's mass	$M_S$	kg	$5.68 \times 10^{26}$	Sohl et al. 1995
	Initial eccentricity	$E_0$		[0.04-0.4]	<i>Free parameter</i>
	Current eccentricity	$e_c$		0.029	Sohl et al. 1995
	Current semimajor axis	$a_c$	km	$1.2208 \times 10^6$	Sohl et al. 1995
	Current frequency	$\omega_c$	rad.s <sup>-1</sup>	$4.56 \times 10^{-5}$	Sohl et al. 1995
<b>Internal structure</b>	Titan's mass	$M_T$	kg	$1.346 \times 10^{23}$	Sohl et al. 1995
	Mass of silicate	$M_{\text{sil}}$	kg	$8.62 \times 10^{22}$	Sohl et al. 1995
	Mass of H <sub>2</sub> O+NH <sub>3</sub>	$M_{\text{H}_2\text{O-NH}_3}$	kg	$4.84 \times 10^{22}$	Sohl et al. 1995
	Ammonia mass fraction (= $M_{\text{NH}_3}/M_{\text{H}_2\text{O-NH}_3}$ )	$x_{\text{NH}_3}$	%	[0-8]	<i>Free parameter</i>
	Surface temperature	$T_s$	K	95	Sohl et al. 1995
	Surface pressure	$P_s$	Pa	$1.5 \times 10^5$	Sohl et al. 1995
<i>Interfaces</i>	Surface	$R_s$	km	Computed	
	Ice I/ liquid	$R_{\text{I/O}}$	km	Computed	
	Liquid/HP ice	$R_{\text{O/HP}}$	km	Computed	
	HP ice/silicate	$R_{\text{sil}}$	km	1900	Sohl et al. 1995
<i>Ice I</i>	Density	$\rho_I$	kg.m <sup>-3</sup>	920	Sotin et al. 1998
	S- and P- wave velocity	$V_S/V_P$	m.s <sup>-1</sup>	1880/4000	Sotin et al. 1998
	Thermal conductivity $k_I(T)=k_1/T+k_2$	$k_I/k_2$	W.m <sup>-1</sup> .K <sup>-1</sup>	488/0.4685	Kirk and Stevenson 1987
	Heat capacity $c_I(T)=c_1T+c_2$	$C_1/C_2$	J.kg <sup>-1</sup> .K <sup>-1</sup>	7.037/185	Kirk and Stevenson 1987
	Latent heat of fusion	$L_I$	J.kg <sup>-1</sup>	$284 \times 10^3$	Kirk and Stevenson 1987
	Thermal expansion	$\alpha_I$	K <sup>-1</sup>	$1.56 \times 10^{-4}(T/250)$	Kirk and Stevenson 1987
	Melting temperature -of pure water ice -in presence of ammonia	$T_m^0$ $T_m^{\text{NH}_3}$	K	Computed Computed	
	Newtonian viscosity	$\eta_I$	Pa.s	Eq. (1)	
	Viscosity at $T=T_m^0$	$\eta_{m,0}$	Pa.s	$[5.10^{13}-5.10^{14}]$	<i>Free parameter</i>
	Activation energy	$E_a$	J.mol <sup>-1</sup>	$50 \times 10^3$	Tobie et al. 2003
<i>Methane clathrate</i>	Density	$\rho_{\text{MH}}$	kg.m <sup>-3</sup>	920	Loveday et al. 2001
	Thermal conductivity	$k_{\text{MH}}$	W.m <sup>-1</sup> .K <sup>-1</sup>	0.5	Sloan 1998
	Heat capacity	$c_{\text{MH}}$	J.kg <sup>-1</sup> .K <sup>-1</sup>	1600	Sloan 1998
	Latent heat of dissociation	$L_{\text{MH}}$	J.kg <sup>-1</sup>	$300 \times 10^3$	Sloan 1998
<i>Liquid water</i>	Density	$\rho_w$	kg.m <sup>-3</sup>	1000	Tobie et al. 2003
	S- and P- wave velocity	$V_S/V_P$	m.s <sup>-1</sup>	0/1500	Tobie et al. 2003
	Heat capacity	$c_w$	J.kg <sup>-1</sup> .K <sup>-1</sup>	4180	Kirk and Stevenson 1987
	Thermal expansion	$a_w$	K <sup>-1</sup>	$3 \times 10^{-4}$	Grasset et al. 2000
<i>High pressure ice</i>	Density	$\rho_w$	kg.m <sup>-3</sup>	1310	Grasset et al. 2000
	S- and P- wave velocity	$V_S/V_P$	m.s <sup>-1</sup>	1880/4000	Sotin et al. 1998
	Latent heat of fusion	$L_{\text{HP}}$	J.kg <sup>-1</sup>	$294 \times 10^3$	Kirk and Stevenson 1987
	Heat capacity	$c_{\text{HP}}$	J.kg <sup>-1</sup> .K <sup>-1</sup>	1925	Kirk and Stevenson 1987
<i>Silicate</i>	Density	$\rho_{\text{sil}}$	kg.m <sup>-3</sup>	3000	Sohl et al. 1995
	S- and P- wave velocity	$V_S/V_P$	m.s <sup>-1</sup>	4500/8000	Tobie et al. 2003
	Radiogenic heating	$H_0$	W.kg <sup>-1</sup>	$4 \times 10^{-11}$	Deschamps and Sotin 2001
	Decay constant	$\lambda$	s <sup>-1</sup>	$1.38 \times 10^{-17}$	Deschamps and Sotin 2001

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