

Research Note

The mutual phenomena of the Galilean satellites of Jupiter: predictions for the 1991 occurrence

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Abstract. This paper gives the predictions of the mutual events of the Galilean satellites of Jupiter which will occur in 1991. We call for as many observations as possible for these events.

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1. Introduction

In 1991 a favorable period of about 7 months will allow the observation of mutual phenomena involving the Galilean satellites of Jupiter. The positive declination of Jupiter is favorable for observatories in the northern hemisphere, and it is desirable to try to observe as many events as possible.

2. The mutual phenomena

The configuration of the orbits of the Galilean satellites of Jupiter induces phenomena between the satellites themselves twice each Jovian year of 11.6 years. The four satellites have orbits which are nearly in the equatorial plane of Jupiter. When the Earth goes through this plane, i.e. when the Jovian declination of the Earth becomes zero, the satellites may occult one another for a terrestrial observer. Similarly, when the Sun goes through the equatorial plane of Jupiter, i.e. when the Jovian declination of the Sun becomes zero, the satellites may enter the umbra or the penumbra of the other satellites. Because of the small size of the satellites and the very small inclination of their orbits to the Jovian equator, mutual phenomena do not occur for each geocentric conjunction (for the occultations) or heliocentric one (for the eclipses) during the favorable period. This favorable period occurs when the jovicentric declinations of the Earth and the Sun are smaller than a defined quantity. These phenomena are easily predictable with modern computers and their observation – which presents no major difficulties – gives interesting information about the Galilean satellites themselves. In 1991, the mutual events do not occur exactly during the opposition of Jupiter with the Sun, and are thus less favorable than in 1985. However, the declination of Jupiter is greater, so they are more favorable in the northern

hemisphere where observatories are more numerous than in the southern hemisphere.

3. Basis of the predictions for 1991

For the calculations, we used the same algorithm as for the previous periods (Arlot, 1978, 1984). This algorithm gives a precision which varies with each phenomenon: the faster the relative velocity between the involved satellites, the greater the precision (generally better than 6 seconds of time). For the calculations of the dates of the phenomena, we used the G-5 ephemerides (Arlot, 1982) of the Galilean satellites. We used also the ephemerides of the planets of the JPL DE102 (Newhall et al., 1983) and the radii of the satellites given by Voyager (Morrison, 1983). These radii are: for J1, 1816 km; for J2, 1563 km; for J3, 2638 km, and for J4, 2410 km.

4. Explanation of the tables

Table 1 gives the dates of the predicted phenomena. These dates are given in the TDB time-scale (Temps Dynamique Barycentrique, cf. Connaissance des Temps for 1990). This time-scale is very close to the Ephemeris Time (ET) or to the International Atomic Time plus 32 s (TAI + 32 s). One obtains the times of the mutual phenomena in the Universal Time scale (UT) by subtracting about 57 seconds of time from the times in Table 1. The exact value to be subtracted should be confirmed nearer the time of the events.

Are given in Table 1:

Columns 1–3: year, month, day of the instant of maximum of the considered phenomenon.

Columns 4–7: type of phenomenon: 1 OCC 2 means J1 occults J2; 3 ECL 4 means that J3 eclipses J4; C means very close approach with possible event; P means partial phenomenon – nothing is indicated when an eclipse is by the penumbra –; A means annular and T means total (dates of the beginning of the totality are given in the notes).

Table 1. Dates of the mutual events in 1991 (notes are explained in the text)

Year	Month	Day	Event	Date of the maximum	Flux drop	Duration (s)	Notes	Year	Month	Day	Event	Date of the maximum	Flux drop	Duration (s)	Notes
1990	10	29	2 OCC 3 C	18 59 48	0.0	0	(2)	1991	1	10	4 OCC 2 P	15 55 21	0.246	590	
1990	11	5	2 OCC 3 C	22 24 53	0.0	0	(2)	1991	1	11	2 OCC 1 P	9 10 20	0.002	226	(2)
1990	11	13	2 OCC 3 P	1 48 34	0.064	393		1991	1	11	2 OCC 1 P	17 48 29	0.407	1778	(7)
1990	11	13	2 OCC 4 C	5 39 29	0.0	0	(2)	1991	1	11	2 ECL 1 A	19 1 34	0.718	2038	(7)
1990	11	20	2 OCC 3 P	5 11 11	0.171	552		1991	1	12	2 ECL 1 A	1 54 16	0.747	1445	
1990	11	21	1 OCC 2 C	9 21 53	0.0	0	(2)(3)	1991	1	12	2 OCC 1 P	3 6 23	0.189	838	
1990	11	24	1 OCC 2 C	22 25 22	0.0	0	(2)(3)	1991	1	13	3 OCC 1 C	1 57 10	0.0	0	(2)
1990	11	27	2 OCC 3 P	8 33 18	0.256	656		1991	1	13	3 OCC 1 C	11 37 59	0.0	0	(2)(7)
1990	11	28	1 OCC 2 C	11 28 26	0.0	0	(2)(3)	1991	1	14	2 OCC 1 P	22 31 7	0.009	425	(2)
1990	12	2	1 OCC 2 C	0 31 2	0.0	0	(2)(3)	1991	1	15	2 OCC 1 A	5 42 30	0.149	1884	(7)
1990	12	3	2 OCC 1 C	8 10 7	0.0	0	(2)	1991	1	15	2 ECL 1 P	6 40 54	0.618	1861	(7)
1990	12	4	2 OCC 3 A	11 55 2	0.479	737		1991	1	15	2 OCC 1 P	16 21 9	0.212	762	
1990	12	5	1 OCC 2 C	13 33 15	0.0	0	(2)(3)	1991	1	16	2 ECL 3 A	7 43 43	0.318	1867	
1990	12	6	2 OCC 1 C	21 18 45	0.0	0	(2)(6)	1991	1	16	2 OCC 3 A	9 41 4	0.480	2197	
1990	12	9	4 OCC 1 C	0 12 35	0.0	0	(2)	1991	1	16	2 OCC 3 C	22 14 50	0.0	0	(2)
1990	12	10	2 OCC 1 C	10 26 55	0.0	0	(2)	1991	1	18	2 OCC 1 P	12 1 29	0.023	769	
1990	12	11	2 OCC 3 A	15 17 46	0.479	815		1991	1	18	2 OCC 1 P	17 28 19	0.384	2172	(3)
1990	12	13	2 OCC 1 C	23 35 50	0.0	0	(2)(7)	1991	1	18	2 ECL 1 P	18 17 55	0.479	1890	(3)
1990	12	17	2 OCC 1 C	12 44 23	0.0	0	(2)(7)	1991	1	19	2 ECL 1 A	4 59 47	0.725	959	
1990	12	18	2 OCC 3 A	18 41 16	0.479	900		1991	1	19	2 OCC 4 C	5 19 47	0.0	0	(2)
1990	12	21	2 OCC 1 C	1 53 58	0.0	0	(2)	1991	1	19	2 OCC 1 P	5 34 15	0.238	706	
1990	12	24	2 OCC 1 C	15 3 17	0.0	0	(2)	1991	1	20	3 OCC 1 C	5 52 11	0.0	0	(2)
1990	12	25	2 ECL 3	18 59 40	0.027	635		1991	1	20	3 OCC 1 C	10 13 17	0.0	0	(2)
1990	12	25	2 OCC 3 A	22 8 2	0.479	1014		1991	1	22	2 OCC 1 P	1 48 26	0.055	1778	
1990	12	28	2 OCC 1 C	4 14 8	0.0	0	(2)	1991	1	22	2 OCC 1 P	5 1 32	0.271	3150	
1990	12	28	2 OCC 1 P	19 52 46	0.060	4616	(5)	1991	1	22	2 ECL 1 P	5 48 25	0.315	2242	
1990	12	31	2 OCC 1 C	17 25 3	0.0	0	(2)	1991	1	22	2 ECL 1 A	18 23 36	0.716	848	
1991	1	1	2 OCC 1 P	6 31 27	0.206	2396		1991	1	22	2 OCC 1 P	18 44 17	0.266	665	
1991	1	1	2 ECL 3 P	22 53 59	0.123	1763		1991	1	23	2 ECL 3 A	14 5 20	0.314	4815	(5)
1991	1	2	2 OCC 3 A	1 40 47	0.479	1186		1991	1	25	2 OCC 3 A	16 39 41	0.480	14941	(5)
1991	1	4	2 OCC 1 C	6 38 20	0.0	0	(2)	1991	1	26	2 OCC 1 P	7 53 40	0.297	630	(4)
1991	1	4	2 OCC 1 P	18 6 34	0.270	1886	(3)	1991	1	26	2 ECL 1 A	21 1 0	0.330	602	(4)(6)
1991	1	5	2 OCC 1 P	0 20 35	0.152	1172	(7)	1991	1	29	2 ECL 1 A	21 3 49	0.701	704	(4)(6)
1991	1	7	2 OCC 1 C	19 52 19	0.0	0	(2)	1991	2	2	2 OCC 1 P	10 8 14	0.365	576	
1991	1	8	2 ECL 1 A	7 38 37	0.753	2806		1991	2	2	2 ECL 1 A	10 21 27	0.697	654	
1991	1	8	2 ECL 1 A	11 59 7	0.750	2305		1991	2	2	2 ECL 1 P	13 23 14	0.399	553	
1991	1	8	2 OCC 1 P	13 46 5	0.169	960		1991	2	5	2 OCC 1 P	23 37 1	0.697	615	
1991	1	9	2 ECL 3 P	3 3 39	0.238	1291		1991	2	5	2 ECL 1 A	23 37 1	0.697	602	
1991	1	9	2 OCC 3 A	5 26 8	0.480	1487		1991	2	9	2 OCC 1 A	12 20 2	0.148	530	

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Year	Month	Day	Event	Date of the maximum	Flux drop (s)	Duration	Notes	Year	Month	Day	Event	Date of the maximum	Flux drop (s)	Duration	Notes
1991	2	9	2 ECL 1 A	12 52 10	0.698	581		1991	3	31	2 OCC 1 P	3 33 49	0.045	195	
1991	2	13	2 OCC 1 A	1 24 58	0.148	509		1991	3	31	2 ECL 1 P	5 24 7	0.508	363	
1991	2	13	2 ECL 1 A	2 5 47	0.701	554									
1991	2	16	2 OCC 1 A	14 30 15	0.148	487		1991	4	1	1 ECL 2 P	12 16 14	0.210	241	(3)
1991	2	16	2 ECL 1 A	15 19 13	0.705	530		1991	4	1	3 ECL 2	22 57 27	0.384	428	
1991	2	20	2 OCC 1 P	3 34 48	0.404	465		1991	4	3	2 OCC 1 P	16 40 18	0.030	169	
1991	2	20	2 ECL 1 A	4 31 29	0.709	509		1991	4	3	2 ECL 1 P	18 32 46	0.459	351	
1991	2	20	3 OCC 4 P	15 57 48	0.010	2943		1991	4	4	4 ECL 1	14 42 32	0.102	1141	(5)
1991	2	21	3 OCC 4 P	2 2 41	0.180	7781	(5)	1991	4	5	1 ECL 2 P	1 23 4	0.290	256	(3)
1991	2	23	2 OCC 1 P	16 39 50	0.365	443		1991	4	5	1 ECL 3 P	10 54 21	0.084	1706	
1991	2	23	2 ECL 1 A	17 43 43	0.711	490		1991	4	5	4 ECL 1	13 49 52	0.000	95	(2)
1991	2	27	2 OCC 1 P	5 44 20	0.324	420		1991	4	7	2 OCC 1 P	5 47 18	0.019	142	
1991	2	27	2 ECL 1 A	6 54 60	0.712	474		1991	4	8	1 ECL 2 P	14 29 58	0.377	267	
1991	3	1	4 OCC 2 C	9 45 32	0.0	0	(2)	1991	4	9	3 ECL 2 P	2 12 14	0.742	482	
1991	3	1	4 ECL 2 P	16 31 59	0.739	2014		1991	4	10	2 OCC 1 P	18 54 19	0.011	116	
1991	3	2	4 ECL 2	5 12 32	0.059	1548		1991	4	10	2 ECL 1 P	20 49 49	0.356	326	
1991	3	2	2 OCC 1 P	18 49 21	0.284	397		1991	4	12	1 ECL 2 P	3 36 55	0.469	279	(3)
1991	3	2	2 ECL 1 A	20 6 16	0.710	459		1991	4	12	3 OCC 4 P	10 31 30	0.172	3851	(5)
1991	3	2	2 ECL 1 A	20 6 16	0.710	459		1991	4	13	1 ECL 4	16 10 6	0.046	352	
1991	3	6	2 OCC 1 P	7 54 1	0.244	374		1991	4	13	2 ECL 4	21 16 45	0.014	332	
1991	3	6	2 ECL 1 A	9 16 47	0.706	445		1991	4	14	2 OCC 1 P	8 1 49	0.005	90	(2)
1991	3	9	2 OCC 1 P	20 59 15	0.207	349		1991	4	14	2 ECL 1 P	9 58 11	0.304	313	
1991	3	9	2 ECL 1 A	22 27 19	0.697	432		1991	4	15	3 ECL 4 P	1 35 32	0.334	1331	
1991	3	10	2 ECL 4	3 44 57	0.167	689		1991	4	15	1 ECL 2 P	16 43 57	0.561	289	(3)
1991	3	13	2 OCC 1 P	10 4 17	0.172	325		1991	4	16	3 ECL 2 P	5 27 54	0.961	512	
1991	3	13	2 ECL 1 A	11 37 15	0.682	420		1991	4	16	3 ECL 1	12 11 6	0.002	109	(2) (8)
1991	3	16	2 OCC 1 P	23 9 51	0.140	299		1991	4	17	2 OCC 1 P	21 9 22	0.002	65	(2)
1991	3	17	2 ECL 1 A	0 47 11	0.661	408		1991	4	17	2 ECL 1 P	23 6 17	0.252	299	
1991	3	17	4 OCC 3 C	19 18 23	0.0	0	(2)	1991	4	19	1 ECL 2 P	5 51 3	0.651	298	
1991	3	17	4 OCC 3 P	23 45 24	0.050	12255	(5)	1991	4	20	4 ECL 3	23 12 58	0.024	519	
1991	3	18	3 ECL 2	16 29 31	0.005	160		1991	4	21	2 OCC 1 P	10 17 20	0.000	39	(2) (6)
1991	3	18	4 ECL 2	19 44 25	0.261	538		1991	4	21	2 ECL 1 P	12 14 22	0.201	286	(6)
1991	3	20	2 OCC 1 P	12 15 18	0.111	274		1991	4	21	4 ECL 1	18 54 11	0.432	455	(6) (9)
1991	3	20	2 ECL 1 A	13 56 36	0.631	397		1991	4	22	4 ECL 2	13 28 46	0.011	287	
1991	3	20	4 ECL 3	23 10 22	0.008	667	(2)	1991	4	22	1 ECL 2 P	18 58 14	0.731	305	(3)
1991	3	24	2 OCC 1 P	1 21 20	0.085	248		1991	4	23	3 ECL 2 P	8 43 48	0.953	521	
1991	3	24	2 ECL 1 A	3 6 3	0.596	386		1991	4	23	3 ECL 1	14 55 56	0.050	263	
1991	3	25	3 ECL 2	19 43 7	0.101	338	(6)	1991	4	24	2 OCC 1 P	23 25 23	0.000	17	(2)
1991	3	27	2 ECL 4	11 57 11	0.051	424		1991	4	25	2 ECL 1 P	1 22 14	0.153	270	
1991	3	27	2 OCC 1 P	14 27 17	0.063	222		1991	4	26	1 ECL 2 P	8 5 29	0.800	312	(3)
1991	3	27	2 ECL 1 A	16 15 4	0.554	374		1991	4	28	2 OCC 1 P	12 33 47	0.000	13	(2)
1991	3	29	1 ECL 3	6 18 13	0.018	541		1991	4	28	2 ECL 1	14 30 3	0.110	252	

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1991	4	29	1 ECL 4	20 58 38	0.456	556	(3)	1991	5	23	2 OCC 1 P	8 37 34	0.053	155	
1991	4	29	1 ECL 2 A	21 12 48	0.854	318	(3)	1991	5	24	1 ECL 2 P	17 6 49	0.628	333	
1991	4	29	2 ECL 4 A	22 18 8	0.439	2020		1991	5	25	4 ECL 3	18 31 15	0.525	807	(3)
1991	4	30	3 ECL 2 P	12 0 21	0.746	508		1991	5	26	1 ECL 3 P	4 10 9	0.283	383	(8)
1991	4	30	3 ECL 4	15 38 32	0.128	649		1991	5	26	2 ECL 3 P	11 1 40	0.140	440	
1991	4	30	3 ECL 1	17 42 9	0.200	349		1991	5	26	2 OCC 1 P	21 47 22	0.077	171	
1991	5	2	2 OCC 1 P	1 42 18	0.000	35	(2)	1991	5	28	1 ECL 2 P	6 14 54	0.554	332	
1991	5	2	2 ECL 1	3 37 43	0.073	233		1991	5	28	3 OCC 2 P	21 45 27	0.000	23	(2)
1991	5	3	1 ECL 2 A	10 20 14	0.886	323		1991	5	29	3 ECL 2	1 13 51	0.000	79	(2)
1991	5	4	1 ECL 3	19 52 28	0.009	228	(2)	1991	5	29	3 ECL 1 A	5 18 51	0.991	621	
1991	5	5	2 OCC 1 P	14 51 6	0.002	57	(2)	1991	5	30	2 OCC 1 P	10 57 14	0.107	186	
1991	5	5	2 ECL 1	16 45 20	0.045	211		1991	5	31	1 ECL 2 P	19 23 15	0.483	330	
1991	5	6	1 ECL 2 A	23 27 44	0.890	326		1991	6	2	1 ECL 4	11 2 34	0.021	309	(3)
1991	5	7	3 ECL 2 P	15 17 21	0.436	476		1991	6	2	2 ECL 3 A	14 16 22	0.284	481	
1991	5	7	3 ECL 1 P	20 30 13	0.458	413		1991	6	3	2 OCC 1 P	0 7 16	0.143	199	
1991	5	8	4 ECL 1 P	1 26 17	0.587	1026		1991	6	3	3 OCC 4 C	22 6 16	0.0	0	(2)
1991	5	8	4 ECL 1 P	10 52 40	0.809	1328	(7)	1991	6	4	1 OCC 2 C	6 53 10	0.0	0	(2)
1991	5	9	4 ECL 1 A	3 37 59	0.732	684		1991	6	4	3 ECL 4 P	7 12 43	0.331	1247	
1991	5	9	2 OCC 1 P	4 0 0	0.005	79	(2)	1991	6	4	1 ECL 2 P	8 31 35	0.415	327	
1991	5	9	2 ECL 1	5 52 47	0.025	186		1991	6	5	3 OCC 2 P	1 17 15	0.085	326	
1991	5	10	4 ECL 3 A	4 45 10	0.675	1409		1991	6	5	3 ECL 1 P	8 32 58	0.983	752	
1991	5	10	1 ECL 2 A	12 35 22	0.866	329		1991	6	5	3 ECL 1 P	23 39 29	0.411	1682	
1991	5	11	1 ECL 3	22 40 18	0.051	308		1991	6	6	3 ECL 1 P	6 4 59	0.336	1324	
1991	5	11	2 ECL 3	4 30 10	0.002	178	(2)	1991	6	6	2 OCC 1 P	13 17 24	0.185	210	
1991	5	12	2 OCC 1 P	17 9 11	0.011	100		1991	6	7	1 OCC 2 C	20 4 38	0.0	0	(2)
1991	5	12	2 ECL 1	19 0 11	0.012	157		1991	6	7	1 ECL 2 P	21 40 15	0.352	324	
1991	5	14	1 ECL 2 P	1 43 1	0.822	332		1991	6	9	2 ECL 3 A	17 30 36	0.369	494	
1991	5	14	3 ECL 2	18 35 7	0.163	417		1991	6	10	2 OCC 1 P	2 27 38	0.235	219	
1991	5	14	3 ECL 1 P	23 21 10	0.724	475		1991	6	10	4 ECL 3	4 11 1	0.208	791	
1991	5	16	3 ECL 4 A	0 56 39	0.613	886		1991	6	11	4 ECL 1	4 51 20	0.115	889	(3)
1991	5	16	2 OCC 1 P	6 18 27	0.021	119		1991	6	11	1 OCC 2 C	9 16 22	0.0	0	(2)
1991	5	16	2 ECL 3 P	1 25 54	0.146	355	(6)	1991	6	12	3 OCC 1 C	8 51 23	0.0	0	(2)
1991	5	16	2 ECL 1	8 7 27	0.004	116		1991	6	12	3 ECL 2 P	10 48 54	0.293	322	
1991	5	17	1 ECL 4	6 16 25	0.421	521		1991	6	11	4 ECL 1	17 8 45	0.162	689	
1991	5	17	1 ECL 2 P	14 50 52	0.765	333		1991	6	12	3 OCC 2 P	4 51 41	0.217	437	
1991	5	19	1 ECL 3 P	1 25 54	0.146	355	(6)	1991	6	12	3 ECL 1 P	10 13 39	0.583	803	
1991	5	19	2 ECL 3	7 46 18	0.036	359	(6)	1991	6	12	3 ECL 1 P	12 11 0	0.955	1065	
1991	5	19	2 OCC 1 P	19 27 59	0.034	138		1991	6	12	3 ECL 1 P	21 51 54	0.769	1506	(7)
1991	5	19	2 ECL 1	21 14 41	0.000	59	(2)	1991	6	13	3 ECL 1 P	10 13 39	0.583	803	
1991	5	21	1 ECL 2 P	3 58 43	0.700	333		1991	6	13	2 OCC 1 P	15 37 58	0.290	226	
1991	5	21	3 OCC 2 C	18 17 2	0.0	0	(2)	1991	6	14	1 OCC 2 C	22 28 36	0.0	0	(2)
1991	5	21	3 ECL 2	21 54 1	0.035	315		1991	6	14	1 ECL 2 P	23 57 55	0.239	317	
1991	5	22	3 ECL 1 P	2 16 41	0.912	540		1991	6	16	2 ECL 3 A	20 44 37	0.342	482	

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Year	Month	Day	Event	Date of the maximum	Flux drop (s)	Duration (s)	Notes	Year	Month	Day	Event	Date of the maximum	Flux drop (s)	Duration (s)	Notes
1991	6	17	2 OCC 1 P	4 48 23	0.351	231		1991	7	5	2 OCC 4 P	6 29 32	0.040	259	
1991	6	18	1 OCC 2 P	11 41 3	0.003	72	(2)	1991	7	6	1 OCC 2 P	5 50 1	0.255	331	
1991	6	18	1 ECL 2 P	13 6 54	0.191	312		1991	7	6	1 ECL 2	6 56 14	0.042	270	
1991	6	18	1 OCC 4 C	13 20 55	0.0	0	(2)	1991	7	7	1 OCC 3 C	19 4 17	0.0	0	(2)
1991	6	19	3 OCC 2 T	8 29 14	0.259	496	(10)	1991	7	7	1 ECL 3	20 31 55	0.118	351	(3)
1991	6	19	3 OCC 1 C	12 34 0	0.0	0	(2)	1991	7	8	2 OCC 3 C	4 30 35	0.0	0	(2)
1991	6	19	1 ECL 3 P	18 20 10	0.118	4965	(5)	1991	7	8	2 ECL 3	6 23 44	0.012	256	
1991	6	19	1 ECL 4	20 19 16	0.000	101	(2)	1991	7	8	2 OCC 1 P	11 52 15	0.171	190	(3)
1991	6	19	3 ECL 4	20 33 39	0.050	539		1991	7	9	1 OCC 2 P	19 5 0	0.323	357	
1991	6	19	3 OCC 1 C	23 59 43	0.0	0	(2) (7)	1991	7	9	1 ECL 2	20 6 48	0.028	263	
1991	6	20	2 ECL 4	4 48 47	0.028	442		1991	7	10	3 OCC 2 P	19 41 33	0.062	391	
1991	6	20	3 ECL 1 P	13 37 36	0.834	663		1991	7	11	3 OCC 1 C	21 10 28	0.0	0	(2)
1991	6	20	2 OCC 1 P	17 58 54	0.412	233		1991	7	11	3 ECL 1 P	22 36 37	0.722	461	
1991	6	22	1 OCC 2 P	0 54 5	0.032	164		1991	7	12	2 OCC 1 P	1 3 4	0.097	162	(3)
1991	6	22	1 ECL 2 P	2 16 21	0.149	305		1991	7	13	1 OCC 2 P	8 20 54	0.388	381	
1991	6	23	2 ECL 3 A	23 58 1	0.221	444		1991	7	13	1 ECL 2	9 18 10	0.019	249	
1991	6	24	2 OCC 1 A	7 9 27	0.148	233		1991	7	13	4 OCC 2 C	23 37 6	0.0	0	(2)
1991	6	25	1 OCC 2 P	14 7 18	0.076	220		1991	7	14	4 OCC 1 P	1 52 54	0.360	379	
1991	6	25	1 ECL 2	15 25 46	0.113	298		1991	7	14	4 OCC 3 P	19 52 21	0.098	394	
1991	6	26	3 OCC 2 T	12 9 40	0.259	513	(11)	1991	7	14	1 OCC 3 P	22 3 30	0.098	252	
1991	6	26	4 OCC 2 P	15 37 47	0.117	539		1991	7	14	1 ECL 3	23 18 17	0.046	313	
1991	6	26	3 OCC 1 P	17 42 54	0.049	1475		1991	7	15	2 OCC 3 P	8 1 32	0.068	236	(8)
1991	6	26	3 OCC 1 P	21 18 37	0.029	1433		1991	7	15	2 OCC 1 P	14 13 53	0.035	119	(3)
1991	6	27	4 ECL 2	13 49 40	0.028	1111		1991	7	16	1 OCC 2 T	21 37 2	0.425	402	(12)
1991	6	27	3 ECL 1 P	16 44 57	0.976	584		1991	7	16	1 ECL 2	22 29 34	0.012	228	
1991	6	27	4 OCC 1 C	20 8 30	0.0	0	(2)	1991	7	17	3 OCC 2 P	23 34 11	0.001	95	(2)
1991	6	27	2 OCC 1 P	20 20 5	0.404	229		1991	7	19	3 OCC 1 P	0 18 16	0.018	165	
1991	6	27	4 OCC 2 C	21 14 16	0.0	0	(2)	1991	7	19	3 ECL 1 P	1 25 49	0.408	398	
1991	6	28	4 ECL 2	19 30 5	0.412	867		1991	7	19	2 OCC 1 C	3 24 45	0.0	0	(2) (3)
1991	6	29	1 OCC 2 P	3 21 11	0.130	263		1991	7	20	1 OCC 2 T	10 54 12	0.425	420	(13)
1991	6	29	4 OCC 3 P	4 3 38	0.095	830		1991	7	20	1 ECL 2	11 41 55	0.007	210	(2)
1991	6	29	1 ECL 2	4 35 44	0.083	290		1991	7	22	1 OCC 3 P	1 5 23	0.266	343	
1991	6	29	4 ECL 3	10 11 17	0.005	531	(2)	1991	7	22	1 ECL 3	2 6 45	0.013	256	
1991	6	30	1 OCC 3 C	16 7 6	0.0	0	(2)	1991	7	22	1 OCC 4 P	5 35 13	0.047	392	
1991	7	1	2 ECL 3	3 11 16	0.079	376		1991	7	22	2 OCC 3 A	11 32 38	0.479	338	(8)
1991	7	1	2 OCC 1 P	9 30 45	0.330	221		1991	7	22	2 OCC 1 C	16 35 36	0.0	0	(2) (3)
1991	7	2	1 OCC 2 P	16 35 13	0.190	299		1991	7	22	1 OCC 4 P	16 43 7	0.201	830	(3)
1991	7	2	1 ECL 2	17 45 39	0.060	280		1991	7	23	1 OCC 4 P	8 17 30	0.328	492	
1991	7	3	3 OCC 2 P	15 53 31	0.171	485		1991	7	24	1 OCC 2 P	0 11 42	0.381	435	
1991	7	4	3 ECL 1 P	19 43 26	0.942	521		1991	7	24	1 ECL 2	0 54 23	0.004	188	(2)
1991	7	4	2 OCC 1 P	22 41 29	0.250	208		1991	7	24	3 OCC 4 P	9 30 17	0.315	1022	
1991	7	5	3 OCC 4 C	1 19 58	0.0	0	(2)	1991	7	25	3 OCC 2 C	3 33 1	0.0	0	(2)

Table 1 (continued)

Year	Month	Day	Event	Date of the maximum	Flux drop	Duration (s)	Notes	Year	Month	Day	Event	Date of the maximum	Flux drop	Duration (s)	Notes
1991	7	26	3 OCC 1 P	3 22 9	0.159	294		1991	8	27	1 OCC 3 P	16 32 51	0.181	533	(1)
1991	7	26	3 ECL 1	4 12 36	0.142	324		1991	8	28	1 OCC 2 C	15 15 42	0.0	0	(1) (2)
1991	7	26	2 OCC 1 C	5 46 30	0.0	0	(2) (3)	1991	8	28	1 OCC 2 C	19 47 46	0.0	0	(1) (2)
1991	7	27	1 OCC 2 P	13 30 32	0.321	448		1991	8	30	3 OCC 2 P	5 5 59	0.092	4546	(1) (5)
1991	7	27	1 ECL 2	14 8 3	0.002	163	(2)	1991	8	30	3 OCC 2 T	10 3 11	0.260	6827	(1) (5) (15)
1991	7	29	1 OCC 3 A	4 11 14	0.356	394	(1)	1991	8	30	3 ECL 2 P	12 9 57	0.997	4109	(1) (5)
1991	7	29	1 ECL 3	4 58 29	0.001	161	(1) (2)	1991	8	31	3 ECL 2 P	13 28 21	0.626	1226	(1)
1991	7	30	4 OCC 3 P	7 4 14	0.190	546	(1)	1991	8	31	3 OCC 2 P	14 28 22	0.103	838	(1)
1991	7	31	1 OCC 2 P	2 49 53	0.263	459	(1)	1991	9	3	1 ECL 3	19 17 39	0.001	177	(1) (2)
1991	7	31	1 ECL 2	3 21 59	0.001	131	(1) (2)	1991	9	3	1 OCC 3 P	20 3 48	0.001	89	(1) (2)
1991	7	31	4 OCC 1 C	12 6 8	0.0	0		1991	9	7	3 ECL 2 P	17 35 5	0.990	1134	
1991	8	1	3 OCC 2 C	7 38 48	0.0	0	(1) (2)	1991	9	7	3 OCC 2 T	18 57 2	0.259	900	(16)
1991	8	2	3 OCC 1 T	6 22 57	0.321	330	(1) (14)	1991	9	14	3 ECL 2 P	21 28 7	0.990	996	
1991	8	2	3 ECL 1	6 57 8	0.024	221	(1) (3)	1991	9	14	3 OCC 2 P	23 10 8	0.206	714	
1991	8	3	1 OCC 2 P	16 11 2	0.209	468	(1)	1991	9	22	3 ECL 2 P	1 11 27	0.632	819	
1991	8	3	1 ECL 2	16 37 32	0.000	87	(1) (2)	1991	9	22	3 OCC 2 P	3 12 17	0.000	77	(2)
1991	8	5	1 OCC 3 P	7 23 12	0.277	421	(1)	1991	9	29	3 ECL 2	4 48 28	0.140	592	
1991	8	7	1 OCC 2 P	5 33 0	0.160	473	(1)								
1991	8	8	3 OCC 2 C	11 55 23	0.0	0	(1) (2)	1991	10	6	3 ECL 2	8 20 55	0.000	97	(2)
1991	8	9	3 OCC 4 C	0 28 11	0.0	0	(1) (2)	1991	10	20	3 OCC 1 C	7 51 19	0.0	0	(2)
1991	8	9	3 OCC 1 P	9 21 53	0.303	313	(1) (3)								
1991	8	10	1 OCC 2 P	18 57 34	0.117	477	(1)	1991	11	3	3 ECL 1	8 13 59	0.051	897	(7)
1991	8	25	1 OCC 2 P	1 13 24	0.008	402	(1) (2)								
1991	8	26	1 OCC 3 P	18 54 55	0.056	841	(1)	1992	3	22	2 ECL 3 A	8 54 55	0.362	5525	(5)
1991	8	27	1 OCC 3 P	1 18 20	0.314	1692	(1)	1992	3	22	2 ECL 3	15 33 43	0.010	2345	
1991	8	27	1 ECL 3 P	2 3 52	0.330	1585	(1)	1992	3	29	2 OCC 2 A	10 9 6	0.480	5047	
1991	8	27	1 ECL 3	16 1 58	0.058	555	(1)	1992	4	5	2 ECL 3 P	2 45 17	0.218	3145	(3)

Columns 8–10: for G-5 ephemerides: the date of the maximum of the phenomenon (minimum of light).

Column 11: the flux drop at the minimum of light (from 0 for no event to 1 for total disappearance; note that the flux drop is calculated referred to the light-flux of both satellites for the occultations and of the only eclipsed satellite for the eclipses – so that the flux drop may never be 1 for the occultations–).

Column 12: the duration of the event in seconds of time.

Column 13: Notes to the table, which are as follows:

(1) Phenomena for which the apparent distance Jupiter-Sun is less than 15°.

(2) Grazing phenomena: their light-flux drops are less than 0.01. Such events are very difficult to observe. Anyway, it can appear that the real amplitude is larger than the predicted one, so the phenomenon is easily observable.

(3) Phenomena occurring at a distance of less than one Jovian radius from the limb of Jupiter.

(4) Special multiple events: an occultation of J1 by J2 just followed by an eclipse of J1 by J2 on January 29 and vice versa on January 26.

(5) Very long phenomena: during them the 2 implied satellites have the same apparent speed so that the precision of the calculated dates is not good.

(6) Events for which the apparent distance to the Moon is less than 5 degrees.

(7) Events occurring in the front of the disk of Jupiter.

(8) and (9) Events occurring just after an eclipse by Jupiter.

(10) Total event from 8^h28^m14^s to 8^h30^m15^s on June 19.

(11) Total event from 12^h9^m3^s to 12^h10^m18^s on June 26.

(12) Total event from 21^h36^m50^s to 21^h37^m13^s on July 16.

(13) Total event from 10^h54^m4^s to 10^h54^m20^s on July 20.

(14) Total event from 6^h22^m41^s to 6^h23^m12^s on Aug. 2.

(15) Total event from 9^h49^m57^s to 10^h16^m25^s on Aug. 30.

(16) Total event from 18^h55^m22^s to 18^h58^m41^s on Sept. 7.

In Table 1, mutual phenomena occurring behind Jupiter or in the shadow of Jupiter are of course not given, nor are phenomena occurring when the apparent distance Jupiter-Sun is less than 5°.

Table 2 gives the number of phenomena for each satellite. Table 3 gives the number of events as a function of their duration. Close approaches for 58 events with a 0-second duration may be mutual events because of the uncertainty on the impact parameter due to theoretical causes.

Table 4 gives the number of events observable from several observatories (grazing events have been eliminated, as well as events which are difficult to observe). We selected phenomena occurring when Jupiter is more than 5°, 25°, and 45° above the horizon and the Sun is greater than 5° below the horizon. It is clear that the best observational conditions are obtained for the

Table 2

Satellite	Number of occultations	Number of eclipses
1	101	70
2	54	60
3	32	38
4	15	15

Table 3. Statistics on the durations of the mutual events

Duration (s)	Occultations	Eclipses
1 to 99	13	5
100 to 299	37	38
300 to 599	47	82
600 to 999	18	25
1000 to 1499	7	14
1500 to 2499	10	14
2500 to 3999	3	4
4000 to 5999	2	4
6000 to 8499	2	0
8500 to 14941	1	0

Table 4. Visibility of the mutual events

Observatories	Elevation of Jupiter			
	>45°	>25°	>5°	>45°
(elevation of the Sun < -5°)				
Purple Mountain (China)	34	44	64	76
Canary Islands (Spain)	32	48	63	66
San Pedro Martir (Mexico)	30	46	64	74
Dodaira (Japan)	31	50	62	69
Mauna Kea (Hawaii)	31	41	59	74
McDonald (USA)	28	47	61	71
Wise Observatory (Israel)	28	47	66	66
Catania (Italy)	26	42	64	61
OHP (France)	26	45	70	59
Brasopolis (Brazil)	13	39	58	26
Pulkovo (USSR)	13	37	65	35
La Silla (Chile)	1	33	55	1
AAT (Australia)	0	30	52	1
Sutherland (South Africa)	0	27	55	0

Notes: 1) Difficult-to-catch events have been eliminated. 2) For the last column, no constraints have been made on the elevation of the Sun.

observatories whose latitudes are close to the declination of Jupiter (about +16° to +20° during the period of the mutual phenomena). The last column of Table 4 gives the number of events occurring when Jupiter is more than 45° above the horizon even with the Sun above the horizon: in daylight, observations are possible at 2.2 μm that increases the possibilities of observations. If someone wishes to have the list of phenomena observable from a special observatory, please contact the author.

5. Observation campaign

Observations of the mutual phenomena of the Galilean satellites are always of great interest and we encourage observers to observe them. As in 1985 (Arlot and Thuillot, 1988), we will organize a campaign of observations. If you wish to join us, and to receive Technical Notes made in order to help the observers, please, contact the author. In these notes, we will describe possible

instruments (single-channel photometers, two-dimensional receptors) as well as observational techniques and methods used for the reduction of the data. Because of the great interest of such observations, I look forward to very good observational data in 1991.

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