The HDO/H₂O and D₂O/HDO ratios in solar-type protostars

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Cold regions (10-20 K) : backwards reactions not efficient despite the high H₂ abundance

• Subsequent reactions will deuterate more and more molecules.

• Atomic D/H ratio increases in the gas phase and consequently the deuterium fractionation of molecules formed on the grain surfaces increases

Water deuterium fractionation



van Dishoeck et al. 2013 PPVI

Water deuterium fractionation



High

water

D/H

ratios

High water D/H ratios

Water deuterium fractionation



Low water D/H ratios

Origin of terrestrial water

Delivery of water on Earth by comets and/or asteroids through impacts

Where does the water contained in comets and asteroids come from?
How and when did this water form?



Altwegg et al. 2015



Spitzer Science Center IR Compendium

Detection of water in the inner regions of solar-type protostars



Jørgensen & van Dishoeck (2010)

First spatially and spectrally resolved image of water vapor around a **Class 0 protostar** (NGC 1333 IRAS 4B) through millimeter wavelength observations of the **H**₂¹⁸**O isotopologue** with the PdBI (Jørgensen & van Dishoeck 2010)





Compact emission consistent with thermal desorption of the icy grain mantles in the warm inner region of the protostar (T > 100 K)

HDO in the inner regions of solar-type protostars

- HDO detected in the warm inner regions of Class 0 protostars (Codella et al. 2010, Persson et al. 2013, 2014, Taquet et al. 2013, Coutens et al. 2014) with interferometers
- Compact emission as seen for H₂¹⁸O
- Assuming $H_2^{16}O/H_2^{18}O \sim 500$ (Solar System value)
- LTE modeling used to derive the HDO/H₂O ratio



Persson et al. (2014)

*The HDO/H*₂*O ratios in the inner regions of solar-type protostars*



Persson et al. (2014)

The HDO/H₂O ratios in the inner regions of solar-type protostars



Detection of D₂O in the inner region of a solar-type protostar

- First interferometric detection of D₂O towards the Class 0 protostar NGC1333 IRAS2A with the PdBI (Coutens et al. 2014)
- LTE modeling (HDO, D₂O, H₂¹⁸O)
- $D_2O/HDO \sim 1.2 \times 10^{-2}$
- HDO/H₂O ~ 1.7×10^{-3}

 $D_2O/HDO \sim 7 \times HDO/H_2O$

Expectations :

- Statistically
 D₂O/HDO ~ 1/4 × HDO/H₂O
- *Surface grain chemical models also predicted* D₂O/HDO ≤ HDO/H₂O



Coutens et al. (2014, ApJL)

Is D₂O/HDO > HDO/H₂O common in low-mass protostars?

• ALMA program accepted to study water deuteration in the low-mass protostar IRAS 16293-2422 (binary source, A and B)



observations of several HDO, D₂O and H₂¹⁸O transitions

- Partly observed
- Resolution of 0.3" (~35 AU): possible to study the dynamics with spatially resolved lines



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Natural consequence of the evolution in the early cold stages of low-mass star formation (Furuya et al. 2016)



Furuya et al. 2016

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Water deuterium fractionation in the cold outer regions of protostars





- Deep absorptions for the fundamental HDO lines at 894 GHz and 465 GHz detected with *Herschel*/HIFI and the JCMT/APEX observed towards low-mass protostars
- 3 fundamental D₂O lines detected in absorption towards IRAS 16293-2422 with Herschel/HIFI (Vastel et al. 2010, Coutens et al. 2013) and the JCMT (Butner et al. 2007)



Probe of the cold regions



Water deuterium fractionation in the cold outer regions of protostars

- Spherical non-LTE modeling of the HDO lines
- Presence of a water rich layer surrounding the low-mass protostars (Coutens et al. 2012, 2013)
- Probably formed by photodesorption by the external/cosmic ray induced UV field or chemical desorption
- High HDO/H₂O ratio ~ 5% and D₂O/HDO ~ 11% for the outermost regions of the protostar IRAS 16293





Decrease of the water D/H ratio from the cold outer regions to the warm inner regions

In agreement with chemical models including layered structure of the icy grain mantles (Taquet et al. 2014, Furuya et al. 2016)

Summary

• Water deuteration helpful to constrain the water formation mechanisms in the interstellar medium and to follow the evolution of water during the star formation process

• Combination of the D₂O/HDO and HDO/H₂O ratios is a useful tool to reveal the past history of water formation

- Inner HDO/H₂O ratios consistent in some cases with cometary values
- Inner regions of the protostar NGC1333 IRAS2A : D₂O/HDO > HDO/H₂O

• Decrease of the water deuterium fractionation from the cold outer regions to the warm inner regions



Result of the evolution of water formation during the early cold stages of low-mass star formation (molecular cloud + prestellar core, Furuya et al. 2016)

Future

Measurements of the HDO/H₂O ratios at different stages (Class I, Class II) would help us to understand the evolution of water during the star formation process.

