

P152a High $\text{NH}_2\text{D}/\text{NH}_3$ ratios around the low-mass protobinary NGC1333 IRAS4A

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Investigating molecular isotopic ratios such as D/H ratios around low-mass protostars is essential to understand the chemical origin of our Solar system. In the hot ($\gtrsim 100$ K) region around protostars, major volatiles such as H_2O , CH_3OH , and NH_3 have sublimated from the dust grain surface to the gas phase, allowing us to constrain its abundance or isotopic ratio with radio molecular line observations. We observed multiple NH_3 and NH_2D transitions toward the protobinary system NGC1333 IRAS4A (4A1 and 4A2) with Karl G. Jansky Very Large Array (VLA) at a high angular resolution ($\sim 1''$ or ~ 300 au). We detected NH_3 high excitation lines toward both of the binary, indicating the hot NH_3 gas in the vicinity of the protostars. Two NH_2D high excitation lines are also tentatively detected. Employing the local thermodynamical equilibrium (LTE) analysis, we found remarkably high $\text{NH}_2\text{D}/\text{NH}_3$ ratios of ~ 0.9 and ~ 0.5 with excitation temperatures of ~ 90 K and ~ 150 K for 4A1 and 4A2, respectively. Such high $\text{NH}_2\text{D}/\text{NH}_3$ ratios may indicate relatively late formation of NH_3 ices in the parental molecular cloud, or spatially unresolved physical and/or chemical structures as also hinted by the narrower line widths of NH_2D lines. The higher $\text{NH}_2\text{D}/\text{NH}_3$ ratio and lower excitation temperature in 4A1 may be explained as follows; only the outer surface of layered ices, which has a higher molecular D/H ratio, have sublimated in 4A1 due to its lower temperature, while ices have fully sublimated in 4A2.