Seasonal variation of the HDO/H$_2$O ratio in the atmosphere of Mars at the middle of northern spring and beginning of northern summer

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**Abstract**

We present the seasonal variation of the HDO/H$_2$O ratio caused by sublimation–condensation processes in a global view of the martian water cycle. The HDO/H$_2$O ratio was retrieved from ground-based observations using high-dispersion echelle spectroscopy of the Infrared Camera and Spectrograph (IRCS) of the Subaru telescope. Coordinated joint observations were made by the Planetary Fourier Spectrometer (PFS) onboard Mars Express (MEX). The observations were performed during the middle of northern spring ($\text{Ls} = 52^\circ$) and at the beginning of summer ($\text{Ls} = 96^\circ$) in Mars Year 31. The retrieved latitudinal mean HDO/H$_2$O ratios are $4.1 \pm 1.4$ ($\text{Ls} = 52^\circ$) and $4.4 \pm 1.0$ ($\text{Ls} = 96^\circ$) times larger than the terrestrial Vienna Standard Mean Ocean Water (VSMOW). The HDO/H$_2$O ratio shows a large seasonal variation at high latitudes. The HDO/H$_2$O ratio significantly increases from $2.4 \pm 0.6$ wrt VSMOW at $\text{Ls} = 52^\circ$ to $5.5 \pm 1.1$ wrt VSMOW at $\text{Ls} = 96^\circ$ over the latitude range between $70^\circ$N and $80^\circ$N. This can be explained by preferential condensation of HDO vapor during the northern fall, winter, and spring and sublimation of the seasonal polar cap in the northern summer. In addition, we investigated the geographical distribution of the HDO/H$_2$O ratio over low latitudes at the northern spring in the longitudinal range between $220^\circ$W and $360^\circ$W, including different local times from 10 h to 17 h. We found the HDO/H$_2$O ratio has no significant variation ($5.1 \pm 1.2$ wrt VSMOW) over the entire range. Our observations suggest that the HDO/H$_2$O distribution in the northern spring and summer seasons is mainly controlled by condensation-induced fractionation between the seasonal northern polar cap and the atmosphere.

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**1. Introduction**

Since the first discovery of water vapor in the martian atmosphere using ground-based observations (Spinrad et al., 1963), the investigation of the water cycle on Mars has been one of the central topics of martian planetary science. Space-borne observations have revealed that the global and seasonal distribution of water vapor is mainly controlled by dynamics and sublimation–condensation process between the atmosphere and the polar caps. Sublimation of water ice from the northern polar cap during spring and summer provides water vapor to the whole planet, and the water vapor re-condenses to the polar cap in fall and winter (e.g., Farmer et al., 1977; Smith, 2002; Fedorova et al., 2006; Fouchet et al., 2007; Maltagliati et al., 2008; Smith et al., 2009a). In addition to the polar latitudes, the observations have revealed the geographical distribution of water vapor at the low-middle latitudes. Two local maxima of the water vapor amount located over Tharsis ($\sim 120^\circ$W) and Arabia Terra ($\sim 330^\circ$W) were identified at mid latitudes. The maxima could be caused by atmospheric dynamics or possible release of water from the subsurface. In addition to the presence of water vapor, water ice clouds form when water vapor in the atmosphere is saturated. Thus far, two major distributions of water ice clouds have been identified (e.g., Montmessin et al., 2004). One is observed at particular low-latitude regions and is called as the “equatorial cloud belt (ECB).” This is where the air is cooled in the ascending branch of the Hadley cell during the northern spring–summer season (e.g., Smith, 2004). The other major distribution of water ice clouds occurs at middle–high latitudes and is referred to as the “polar hood clouds”. These appear during the fall and spring seasons (e.g., Benson et al., 2011). In addition to the ice clouds in the atmosphere, the Gamma Ray Spectrometer (GRS) onboard Mars Odyssey...
discovered signals associated with subsurface water ice in the upper ~1–2 m of soil (e.g., Boynton et al., 2002; Feldman et al., 2004). Hydrogen-rich deposits (between 20% and 100% water-equivalent by mass) were found at high latitudes (>50°). It suggests that there are large underground water reservoirs at high latitudes. In fact, Phoenix uncovered a shallow ice table at the landing site (68.22°N) (Smith et al., 2009b). Moreover, the hydrogen-rich deposits were found not only at high latitudes, but also in low-latitude regions. The water content in low-latitude regions never drops below ~2% water-equivalent hydrogen by mass and can be as high as 8–10% around 330°W and 175°W. It implies that the subsurface water ice may present at low-latitude regions.

Water on Mars exists as vapor in the atmosphere, ice in the form of ice clouds, surface ice, and subsurface ice. The phase change between vapor and ice occurs via a sublimation–condensation process. Spatial and temporal variation of water vapor on Mars should be inseparably connected with this sublimation–condensation process. However, from the currently available observations of atmospheric H₂O on Mars, we cannot discriminate between several different physical mechanisms, e.g., atmospheric dynamics circulation, sublimation from and condensation to polar cap ice or ice clouds, and exchange with the subsurface reservoir. Mapping of the HDO/H₂O ratio allows us to infer the sublimation–condensation process. In the terrestrial case, global mapping of the HDO/H₂O ratio from a space satellite identified regions of strong evapotranspiration and condensation of water vapor (e.g., Frankenberg et al., 2009). Similar mapping of isotopic fractionation in water vapor is expected to provide deeper insight into the physical processes of the water cycle on Mars. The key theory is that the condensation process induces isotopic fractionation of water vapor due to the difference in vapor pressure. Heavier HDO vapor preferentially condenses compared to lighter H₂O vapor (e.g., Fouchet et al., 2002). Montmessin et al. (2005) calculated seasonal variations of the HDO/H₂O ratio using the General Circulation Model (GCM). They predicted that the HDO/H₂O ratio changes by a factor of 2 owing to condensation-induced fractionation in the polar region. On the other hand, no isotopic fractionation has been expected during sublimation owing to very slow molecular rate of diffusion within ice. However, a recent experimental study reported that the HDO/H₂O ratio of the sublimated gas is decreased from the bulk ratio when mineral dust present in the water ice such as the martian polar caps (Moore et al., 2012). Thus, it is still an open question whether isotopic fractionation occurs or not during sublimation of the polar caps on Mars.

HDO/H₂O ratio also has been used as a proxy to understand the atmospheric evolution of Mars. Previous observations showed that the mean HDO/H₂O ratio in the current martian atmosphere is 5–6 times larger than the terrestrial standard (Vienna Standard Mean Ocean Water, VSMOW; HDO/H₂O = 3.11 × 10⁻⁴). This is probably due to atmospheric evolution, i.e., preferential escape of H atoms from the atmosphere into space for an extended period of time (e.g., Owen et al., 1988; Krasnopolsky et al., 1997; Webster et al., 2013). Understanding of the current water isotope variations in time and space can help to reveal the water history of Mars, because such variations can constrain the distribution of water reservoirs on Mars (e.g., Fisher, 2007).

So far, the distribution of the HDO/H₂O ratio has been investigated using only a few ground-based observations (e.g., Fisher et al., 2008; Novak et al., 2011). Fisher et al. (2008) showed that the HDO/H₂O ratio was not uniform but it varied within a range between 2 and 10 wrt VSMOW depending on latitude and season using the data by Mumma et al. (2003) and Novak et al. (2011) found latitudinal gradients of the HDO/H₂O ratio at Ls = 50° (northern middle spring). Relatively low ratios at high latitudes were interpreted as the effect of condensation of HDO vapor over high latitudes at the middle of the northern spring. Recently, Villanueva et al. (2015) reported global maps of HDO/H₂O ratio at Ls = 335° (northern late winter), Ls = 50° (northern middle spring), and Ls = 80° and 83° (northern late spring). They claimed that the averaged HDO/H₂O ratio is ~7 wrt VSMOW, which is larger than the previous observations by Owen et al. (1988) and Krasnopolsky et al. (1997). Moreover, they found correlation among HDO/H₂O ratio, atmospheric temperature, and H₂O column abundance, and possible anti-correlation between HDO/H₂O ratio and surface altitude. In addition, they found very low HDO/H₂O ratio (1–3 wrt VSMOW) at the winter hemisphere. Isotopic fractionation induced by sublimation–condensation process could explain some of the latitudinal variability, however, the phase change fractionation could not explain the reported non-uniform distribution. It might imply existence of multiple ice reservoirs having different HDO/H₂O ratios depending on their size, accessibility, and location (Fisher, 2007).

To improve our observational knowledge of this topic, we investigated the HDO/H₂O ratio during two different seasons, the northern spring (Ls = 52°) and summer (Ls = 96°), to reveal the seasonal variation. The comparison of two different seasons is expected to assist in the identification of the physical processes that cause the non-uniform distribution of HDO/H₂O. We performed ground-based observations using high-dispersion echelle spectroscopy (λ/Dλ ~ 20,000) of the Infrared Camera and Spectrograph (IRCS) of the Subaru telescope (8.2 m) at the Mauna Kea observatory and coordinated joint observations with the Planetary Fourier Spectrometer (PFS) onboard the Mars Express (MEX).

2. Observations

2.1. Ground-based observations with Subaru/IRCS

Our ground-based observations by Subaru/IRCS were performed on January 4–5, 2012 and April 13, 2012. Table 1 summarizes the observation conditions. The observed seasons on Mars correspond to spring (Ls = 52.4° and Ls = 52.9°) and summer (Ls = 96.2°) in the northern hemisphere of Mars for January 2012 and April 2012, respectively. The observational diameters of Mars were 9.3–9.4 and 11.5 arcsec on January 4–5 and on April 13, respectively. Doppler shift between Mars and Earth was ~15 km/s on January 4–5 and ~11 km/s on April 13. During these observations, the longitude of the sub-Earth point varied from 256°W to 302°W at 23.6°N on January 4, from 237°W to 294°W at 23.6°N on January 5, and from 34°W to 60°W at 22.3°N on April 13. The longitude of the sub-solar point varied from 292°W to 339°W at 19.7°N on January 4, from 273°W to 330°W at 19.8°N on January 5, and from 344°W to 19°W at 25.0°N on April 13, 2012.

IRCS is designed to deliver diffraction-limited images at 2–5 μm, as well as to provide spectroscopy with grisms and a cross-dispersed echelle (Kobayashi et al., 2000). We used the high-dispersion echelle mode in L-band (2.85–11.7 μm) and the camera with a J-band filter (1.25 ± 0.16 μm) as a slit viewer. IRCS has a 1024 × 1024 pixel InSb array detector with a pixel size of 0.055 arcsec (slit length direction) × 0.068 arcsec (slit width direction). The longest and nearest slit (6.69 arcsec × 0.14 arcsec) was used to maximize the spatial coverage and spectral resolving power that features an instrumental resolving power of ~20,000 with a sampling rate of ~40,000. The high spectral resolution of IRCS is essential for this study because the lines of martian HDO and H₂O are quite narrow (line width ~0.005 cm⁻¹).

The slit was placed along the north–south direction to investigate latitudinal distribution covering the northern pole during the observations on January 5 and April 13. The slit was fixed at the sub-Earth longitude that advances at a rate of about...
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Since the martian H₂O and HDO lines appear on the wings of the deep terrestrial ones (the martian lines are shifted ~2 pixels from the terrestrial lines due to the Doppler shift), the contribution from the terrestrial atmosphere should be separated in order to extract the martian lines. The extraction requires special considerations of the narrowness of the martian lines (~1/10 of the IRCS spectral resolution) and of the intrinsic (anamorphic) optical properties of IRCS that lead to an irregular mapping of the spatial and spectral dimensions on to the detector array. For removal of telluric absorptions, co-measured spectra of nearby reference stars are often used in ground-based observations. However, extrapolating the reference star (point-source) signal to an extended object introduces systematic errors. In addition, since the method with standard stars requires atmospheric stability and the same observed air mass between the target and reference stars, it does not always guarantee the quality of the calibration. To solve these problems, we numerically synthesized the terrestrial atmospheric opacity by developing a dedicated line-by-line radiative transfer model and fitted it to the measurement spectra to obtain the telluric absorptions during our observations.

Our model is based on clear-sky atmosphere model and takes into account the atmospheric opacities due to terrestrial lines of 15° in martian longitude per hour local time (due to planetary rotation of Mars). During the observation on January 4, however, the slit was oriented along the east–west direction to investigate longitudinal distribution. For this latter case, we obtained the spectra at 15 latitudes from 0°N to 40°N by manually setting the slit on different positions.

We nodded the telescope along the slit observing Mars and sky in the A and B positions, respectively, with a difference of 30 arcsec. Subtraction of (A–B) removes the telluric emissions and other instrumental features. Flat field was obtained immediately before and after the observations. In addition, we performed standard star (Denebola on January 4–5 and Regulus on April 13) measurements at the beginning, middle, and end of each observation and Ar lamp measurements in order to investigate the instrumental line shape of IRCS.

An example of the spectrum measured by IRCS is shown in Fig. 1. Owing to the cross-dispersion, we could measure the following five spectral bands simultaneously: 2.94–3.01 μm (Order-19 of the IRCS grating), 3.01–3.18 μm (Order-18), 3.28–3.36 μm (Order-17), 3.49–3.57 μm (Order-16), and 3.72–3.81 μm (Order-15). The observed spectra exhibit strong absorption lines of CO₂ (627), CO₂ (628), and HDO at Order-15, CO₂ (626) at Order-16, CH₄ at Order-16 and 17, and H₂O at Order-17, 18, and 19. The wide spectral coverage of IRCS allows us to observe H₂O and HDO features simultaneously. The spatial resolution of our measurements is mainly restricted by the atmospheric seeing on the observation dates, ~0.8 arcsec on January 4–5 and ~0.5 arcsec on April 13. For the H₂O and HDO analysis, the measured spectra were binned over 10 pixels (~0.55 arcsec) along the slit to increase signal to noise ratio.

### 2.2. Coordinated joint observation by MEX/PFS

PFS is a double-pendulum interferometer mainly designed for atmospheric analyses, such as measuring the 3-D temperature field in the lower atmosphere, the variations of minor constituents, and the optical properties of aerosols (Formisano et al., 2005). It has two spectral channels, one is the Short Wavelength Channel (SWC) and the other is the Long Wavelength Channel (LWC). The SWC covers the spectral range between 1750 and 8200 cm⁻¹ and the LWC covers the spectral range between 250 and 1700 cm⁻¹, both with a sampling step of 1.0 cm⁻¹. The spectral resolution is 1.3 cm⁻¹ without apodization and 2 cm⁻¹ when a Hamming function is applied to the interferograms. One of the advantages of PFS is its wide spectral coverage combined with relatively high spectral resolution.

We planned and performed coordinated joint measurements by MEX/PFS from April 10 to 16 (within ±3 days from the Subaru/IRCS observation). The original purpose of this joint observation was to compare H₂O retrievals between IRCS and PFS. However, the abundances of H₂O could not be retrieved from the IRCS data because of the high terrestrial humidity during the joint observation. Therefore, the PFS measurements were used to retrieve H₂O abundances and were subsequently coupled with the HDO data from Subaru/IRCS to derive the HDO/H₂O ratio (there was no problem retrieving both H₂O and HDO from Subaru/IRCS data for the other observations carried out in January 2012). During the planned period (April 10–16) of the coordinated observations, PFS observations were performed in 26 orbits across Mars (MEX orbit #10541–10567). Unfortunately, PFS had some problems with the motion of the double-pendulum during this period of simultaneous observation with the Subaru/IRCS. However, PFS worked nominally in the 4 orbits listed in Table 2 and these observations have been successfully included in this work (as quasi simultaneous observations).

### 3. Method of analysis

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**Table 2**

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the database of the high-spectral-resolution observation performed by the ACE/FTS (Hase et al., 2010). The instrumental line shape of IRCS was retrieved from Ar lamp measurements. Since this analysis is sensitive to the line shape and especially to its wing, accurate characterization of the ILS is indispensable to retrieve the martian H2O and HDO abundances correctly. We found that the instrumental line shape can be expressed as a function of one parameter (its width \( W(\lambda) \) depending on pixel position over the detector, and this function can be defined by a combination of two Gaussian functions (see Appendix A in detail). For calculations of the terrestrial lines, we considered 32 atmospheric layers from 4 km to 50 km. The vertical profiles of temperature, pressure, water vapor, and O3 in the terrestrial atmosphere were obtained from US standard atmosphere. Since the line shapes of the terrestrial atmosphere are dominated by molecular collisions, we considered the collisional line width at each atmospheric layer and summed the optical depths along the 32 atmospheric layers:

\[
\tau_2(x) = \sum \eta_j N_j S(T_j) x_0(T_j, P_j)/d\omega \times z_j,
\]

where \( \tau_2(x) \) is the total optical depth at x pixel-point, \( \eta \) is the telluric air mass, \( N_j \) is the column abundance of the gas at the jth layer, \( T_j \) is the temperature at the jth atmospheric layer, \( S(T_j) \) is the line strength at \( T_j \), \( x_0 \) is the collisional line width, \( d\omega \) is the dispersion of the IRCS echelle mode in L-band (0.763 Å/pixel at order-18, 0.809 Å/pixel at order-17, and 0.914 Å/pixel at order-15), \( x_0 \) is the central pixel-point of the terrestrial line, and \( z_j \) is the thickness of the layer. The temperature correction of the line intensity is referred to Rothman et al. (1998) by using the total internal partition sum from Gamache et al. (2000).

Line width of H2O and HDO in the martian atmosphere is dominated by the Doppler line width (e.g., Krasnopolsky et al., 2004), because the pressure in the atmosphere is relatively low. Therefore, we computed the optical depth considering the Doppler line widths:

\[
\tau_D(x) = \sum \mu_j N_j S(T_j) \exp \left( -\left( \frac{x - x_0 + ds/d\omega}{x_0(T_j)/d\omega} \right)^2 \right) \times z_j,
\]

where \( \tau_D(x) \) is the total optical depth at x pixel-point, \( \mu \) is the total air mass on Mars, \( x_0 \) is the Doppler line width, and \( ds \) is Doppler shift. For the martian atmosphere, we considered 10 atmospheric layers from 0 km to 20 km, and the vertical profiles of temperature, pressure, and water vapor were derived from Mars Climate Database ver-4.3 (http://www-mars.lmd.jussieu.fr/mars/access.html). We assumed the effects of dust and ice aerosols to be negligible at this wavelength; accordingly, these were not included in the radiative transfer calculation.

The measured signals include both solar radiation reflected at the martian surface (2-way path in the martian atmosphere: Sun–Mars–Earth) and the thermal radiation of the martian surface (1-way path: Mars–Earth). Thus, the total air mass \( \mu \) is given by

\[
\mu = r_i (\mu_i + \mu_e) + (1 - r_i) \mu_e,
\]

where \( r_i \) is the rate of solar radiation, \( (1 - r_i) \) represents the rate of the thermal radiation, \( \mu_i \) is the Sun-to-surface air mass, and \( \mu_e \) is the surface-Earth air mass. Our radiative transfer model showed that the contribution of thermal radiation from the martian surface is negligible (i.e., \( r_i = 1.0 \)) at the H2O spectral range. Conversely, at the HDO spectral range, the contribution of thermal radiation must be taken into account. The rate \( r_i \) was retrieved using a strong solar line at 2669.7849 cm\(^{-1}\) by comparing the observed spectrum with the synthetic spectrum of the solar line. Fig. 2 shows the retrieved rate of surface radiation \( (1 - r_i) \) retrieved from the IRCS data. The rates are variable depending on surface albedo and temperature. The enhancement of surface radiation rate \( (1 - r_i) \) at 280–320\(^\circ\)W and 0–20\(^\circ\)N appeared in the January data can be explained by low surface albedo (Christensen et al., 2001), and the latitudinal gradient appeared in the April data can be explained by decrease of surface temperature toward polar region. The relatively high rate at high-latitude region (>70\(^\circ\)N) found in January data is probably caused by high surface albedo due to the presence of the seasonal polar cap on the ground.

### Table 3

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Fig. 2. Rate of surface radiation in the observed IRCS signals at HDO spectral range. Differences in colors show the observing latitudes or longitudes. (For interpretation of the references to color in this figure legend, the reader is referred to the web version of this article.)
For retrieval, the synthetic spectra were calculated in the limited spectral range of ±7 pixels (~± 0.5 cm⁻¹) from the line center for each H₂O line, and ±5 pixels (~±0.3 cm⁻¹) from the line center for each HD O line. We retrieved the following five parameters: scaling factor for the continuum (a and b), center pixel-point of the deep terrestrial line x₀, width of instrumental line shape w₁₂₅, total column density of the terrestrial water vapor, and total column density of the martian water vapor. We set the spectral resolution as an unknown parameter because it varies along the slit and dispersion direction. The total column density of the terrestrial water vapor was assumed as a constant value along the slit. The retrieval was performed by setting a parameter domain for the column density of martian water vapor from 0 pr-µm to 25 pr-µm with intervals of 1 pr-µm for H₂O and 0 pr-µm to 100 pr-µm with intervals of 1 pr-µm for HD O. Then, for each condition of martian H₂O and HD O abundances, we retrieved the other 5 parameters using Levenberg–Marquardt non-linear minimization algorithm. Finally, we derived the martian H₂O and HD O column densities that provide the minimum values for chi-squares. To check our retrieval scheme, we applied the retrieval algorithm to standard star data as well as Mars observations. Figs. 3 and 4 show examples of the fitting analysis in the H₂O and HD O spectral ranges, respectively. No residual signal is present from the standard star observation, as expected. This indicates that the signal derived from Mars data represents the real martian contribution.

There are two sources of error in the retrieved martian H₂O and HD O abundances: instrumental noise and uncertainty in the forward (radiative transfer and IRCs instrumental) model. The instrumental noise was estimated from standard deviation (1-sigma) of the residuals between IRCs data and best-fit synthetic spectrum. Regarding the forward model error, the dominant factor is uncertainty in the temperature profile obtained from the Mars Climate Database, whose uncertainty is expected to be ~5% (Sindoni et al., 2011). This uncertainty propagates to the errors in the retrieved H₂O abundances of ~7% and ~1% at 3035 cm⁻¹ and 3216 cm⁻¹, and those in the retrieved HD O abundances of ~5% and ~4% at 2672 cm⁻¹ and 2677 cm⁻¹, respectively. Finally, the uncertainties in the retrieved H₂O or HD O abundances σ were given by

\[ \sigma = \sqrt{\sigma_a^2 + \sigma_b^2} \]

where \( \sigma_a \) is error due to instrumental noise, and \( \sigma_b \) represents error due to the model.

After the errors were evaluated, the H₂O abundances retrieved from the absorption lines at 3035 cm⁻¹ and 3216 cm⁻¹ and the HD O abundances from the lines at 2672 cm⁻¹ and 2677 cm⁻¹ were compared. We excluded results of the two retrieved values (H₂O or HD O abundances) that were inconsistent beyond 2σ as “low confidence” results. Note that the inconsistent results were less than 15% of the whole data set. Lastly, the derived H₂O abundances, HD O abundances, and their errors were calculated from the weighted averages:

\[ y = \frac{w_0y_a + w_by_b}{w_a + w_b} \]

\[ \sigma = \frac{1}{\sqrt{w_a + w_b}} \]

where y represents the derived H₂O or HD O abundance, \( y_a \) and \( y_b \) are the values retrieved from each of the lines, and \( w_a \) and \( w_b \) are given by

\[ w_a = \frac{1}{\sigma_a^2} \]

\[ w_b = \frac{1}{\sigma_b^2} \]

where \( \sigma_a \) and \( \sigma_b \) are the errors retrieved from each of the lines.

### 3.2 Retrieval of H₂O abundances from MEX/PFS data

We retrieved H₂O abundances from PFS observations listed in Table 2. For the H₂O retrievals, the absorption band from 3780 to 3950 cm⁻¹ at the Short Wavelength Channel (SWC) was used (Tschimmel et al., 2008; Sindoni et al., 2011). We averaged 9 consecutive spectra with a sampling rate of every two spectra in order to improve the SNR and the accuracy of the retrieved H₂O abundances. Fig. 5 shows an example of averaged PFS spectrum in the considered spectral range, and the best-fit synthetic spectrum. We retrieved H₂O abundances using a fast radiative transfer model developed for PFS data processing (Ignatiev et al., 2005) and least-squares method. The details of the retrieval algorithm can be found in Sindoni et al. (2011). The uncertainty in the retrieved H₂O mixing ratio is about 19% in total (Sindoni et al., 2011).

### 4. Latitudinal distribution at Ls = 52° (northern spring)

Fig. 6 shows latitudinal distribution of column-integrated H₂O and HD O abundances retrieved from Subaru/IRCS observations carried on January 5, 2012 (Ls = 52°) and the H₂O abundances taken from Mars Climate Database (MCD) ver-5.0 (http://www-mars.lmd.jussieu.fr/mars/access.html) for comparison. Different colors indicate the observed longitudes. These values have been normalized by surface pressure in order to remove the effect of topography. The retrieved H₂O abundances range from 4 pr-µm to 15 pr-µm (1 pr-µm = 3.34 × 10¹⁸ cm⁻²), and exhibit maximum values around 60–70°N. On the other hand, the H₂O abundances predicted by MCD range from 5 pr-µm to 15 pr-µm, and show a maximum value around 60°N. Our observed H₂O abundances show general agreement with those from the MCD in terms of absolute values and latitudinal distribution. In addition, the longitudinal trend at the edge of Arabia Terra (over 302°W and 298°W at middle latitudes) appears both in the observation and model.

In the northern spring season (Ls = 52°), the edge of the northern polar cap is expected to be around 70°N, according to the observations by near-infrared spectroscopy (e.g., Appéré et al., 2011). Since surface temperature exceeds water condensation temperature at the edge of the polar cap, sublimation of the water ice cap would occur there. Indeed, the previous observations of water vapor during this season exhibit its enhancement at the edge of polar cap (e.g., Fouchet et al., 2007; Pankine et al., 2010). Thus, the enhancement of H₂O shown in our observations is likely due to sublimation of water ice.

The latitudinal distribution of HD O appears slightly different to that of H₂O. The retrieved HD O abundances range from 3 pr-µm to 17 pr-µm (1 pr-µm = 3.34 × 10¹⁵ cm⁻²) and have a maximum value around 30–40°N. The difference between H₂O and HD O produces latitudinal gradients in the HD O/H₂O ratio. Fig. 7 shows the latitudinal distribution of the HD O/H₂O ratio retrieved from the Subaru/IRCS observation (left panel), their mean values averaged over the faced longitude (256–302°W), and values predicted by the GCM model of Montmessin et al. (2005) (right panel). The derived mean HD O/H₂O ratio ranges between 5.0 ± 0.9 wrt VSMOW (at 30°N) and 2.4 ± 0.6 wrt VSMOW (at 80°N). The global mean value of the HD O/H₂O ratio and its standard deviation are 4.1 ± 1.4 wrt VSMOW. The distribution exhibits a maximum around sub-solar latitudes (20–40°N) and decreases at high latitudes (>60°N). As shown in Fig. 7, such a latitudinal gradient was also predicted by the GCM model based on condensation-induced fractionation (Montmessin et al., 2005). The model predicted that the HD O/H₂O ratio would decrease from 5 wrt VSMOW to 2 wrt VSMOW owing to preferential condensation of HD O vapor at high latitudes. We consider this depletion of HD O around 50–80°N is mainly due to the condensation of water vapor on the polar cap.
Fig. 3. Examples of the fitting analysis with Mars (top) and standard star (bottom) H$_2$O lines. In the upper spectra at each panel, the IRCS data are shown in black and the best-fit synthetic spectra with and without martian contributions are in red and blue, respectively. The bottom spectra show residual spectra after removing the terrestrial contributions (Black: IRCS data, Red: the best-fit spectra). The martian spectra were measured on January 5, 2012 over the latitude 35°N. Retrieved column densities of martian H$_2$O are 8 (±2) pr-μm from 3035 cm$^{-1}$ ranges and 11 (±1) pr-μm from 3216 cm$^{-1}$ ranges (1 pr-μm equals 3.34 × 10$^{18}$ molecules/cm$^2$). (For interpretation of the references to color in this figure legend, the reader is referred to the web version of this article.)
In fact, the previous observation of surface composition detected the formation of a water ice cap over the polar cap at 70–90°N (e.g., Appéré et al., 2011) and the GCM suggested the formation of polar hood clouds at 50–90°N (Montmessin et al., 2004).

5. Latitudinal distribution at Ls = 96° (northern summer)

We retrieved the latitudinal distribution of the HDO/H2O ratio during the northern summer (Ls = 96°) using HDO abundance.
obtained by Subaru/IRCS data and H$_2$O abundances retrieved from
MEX/PFS data in order to investigate seasonal variation. HDO could
not be detected from IRCS data with enough accuracy below 40
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owing to the high terrestrial humidity during the ground-based
observation. Fig. 8 shows the latitudinal distribution of the H$_2$O
column density retrieved from PFS/SWC data (left panel) and the
HDO column density retrieved from Subaru/IRCS data (right panel).
These values have been normalized by surface pressure to remove
the effect of topography. We found that both H$_2$O and HDO column
densities have a large value in the polar region during the northern
summer (Ls = 96°).

In order to derive the HDO/H$_2$O ratio from these data, we calcu-
lated the mean profile of H$_2$O column density retrieved from PFS
with the latitudinal grid of the SUBARU observation. For that, the
H$_2$O column densities within the latitudinal footprint of SUBARU
observation (i.e., atmospheric seeing during the observation) were
averaged. The red curve in the left panel of Fig. 8 shows the mean
profile of H$_2$O column density. The black points shown in Fig. 9
represent the HDO/H$_2$O ratio calculated by the profiles, and the
red curve shown in Fig. 9 is the averaged HDO/H$_2$O ratio in order
to compare with that of Ls = 52° (the blue curve shown in Fig. 9).
The mean value (averaged over all observed longitudes and lati-
tudes) of the HDO/H$_2$O ratio at Ls = 96° and its standard deviation
are 4.4 ± 1.0 wrt VSMOW. Although the error values are relatively
large (mainly owing to the standard deviation of the H$_2$O column
density from PFS data and longitudinal variability), the latitudinal
distribution of HDO/H$_2$O ratio at Ls = 96° is more uniform profile
than the one observed at Ls = 52°. An interesting result from
Fig. 9 is the seasonal variation of HDO/H$_2$O ratio over the latitude
range between 70°N and 80°N. We found that the HDO/H$_2$O ratio
increased from 2.4 ± 0.6 wrt VSMOW (Ls = 52°) to 5.5 ± 1.1 wrt
VSMOW (Ls = 96°) at the high latitude. As described in Section 4,
the relatively low value of the HDO/H$_2$O ratio at Ls = 52° can be
explained by condensation of water vapor. Since the water vapor
abundances in the polar region exhibit a drastic increase from
Ls = 52° to Ls = 96°, the seasonal increase of the HDO/H$_2$O ratio
from Ls = 52° to Ls = 96° can be considered to be due to sublimation
of the polar water ice cap. Moreover, this relatively uniform latitu-
dinal distribution of HDO/H$_2$O ratio Ls = 96° implies that the iso-
topic fractionation during sublimation is small and is beyond the
sensitivity of this analysis. The observed seasonal variation sug-
gests that the sublimation–condensation process can induce a
change in the isotopic fractionation by a factor of 2.

Fig. 5. An example of retrieval of H$_2$O abundance from PFS/SWC data at 13.3°N. The
black curve shows the averaged PFS spectrum and the red one represents the best-
fit synthetic spectrum. The retrieved H$_2$O mixing ratio is 150 ± 28 ppm. The
uncertainty in the retrieved H$_2$O mixing ratio is about 19% in total (Sindoni et al.,
2011).

Fig. 6. (Left) Latitudinal distribution of H$_2$O abundances measured by Subaru/IRCS. (Middle) Latitudinal distribution of H$_2$O abundances predicted by the Mars Climate
Database (ver5.0). (Right) Latitudinal distribution of HDO abundances measured by Subaru/IRCS. Differences in colors show the observing longitudes. The values are divided
by ($P_{surf}$/6.1) to remove the effect of topography, where $P_{surf}$ is surface pressure in mbar. The horizontal bars show the estimated error values and the vertical bars represent
the latitudinal footprints of the binned 10 pixels. (For interpretation of the references to color in this figure legend, the reader is referred to the web version of this article.)
Fig. 7. (Left) Latitudinal distribution of the HDO/H$_2$O ratio (relative value to SMOW) measured by Subaru/IRCS. Differences in color represent the observed longitudes. The horizontal bars show the estimated error values and the vertical bars represent the latitudinal footprints of the binned 10 pixels. (Right) Latitudinal mean values of the HDO/H$_2$O ratios are shown in the top panel. The error bars correspond to standard deviations. The triangle symbols show the predicted values by GCM of Montmessin et al. (2005). The values are extracted from the zonal averaged map of the HDO/H$_2$O ratio shown in Fig. 2 of Montmessin et al. (2005). (For interpretation of the references to color in this figure legend, the reader is referred to the web version of this article.)

Fig. 8. (Left) Latitudinal distribution of the H$_2$O column density retrieved from MEX/PFS–SWC observations. The light blue, blue, yellow, and green curves represent orbit10542 (16°W, 10/April), orbit10547 (167°W, 12/April), orbit10542 (162°W, 14/April), and orbit10542 (109°W, 14/April), respectively. The red curve corresponds to the longitudinal mean profile and the error bars represent standard deviation. The black points show the H$_2$O column density at $L_s = 52°$ (northern spring) retrieved by Subaru/IRCS. (Right) Latitudinal distribution of the HDO column density retrieved from Subaru/IRCS observations. The red and black points represent the values at $L_s = 96°$ (northern summer) and $L_s = 52°$ (northern spring), respectively. The blue curve denotes the longitudinal mean profile of the retrieved HDO column density at $L_s = 96°$ and the error bars represent standard deviation. These values have been normalized by surface pressure in order to remove the effect of topography. (For interpretation of the references to color in this figure legend, the reader is referred to the web version of this article.)
Therefore, we assume that the systematic error in the HDO/H2O ratio over low latitudes at the northern spring (IRCS: 9–10 h, PFS: 16 h). This may cause significant longitudinal distribution over Arabia Terra. The systematic error in the derived HDO/H2O ratio reported by the space-borne observations. For example, MGS/TES and Viking/MAWD results determined that the longitudinal mean abundances at this season are between 10 pr-µm and 15 pr-µm (e.g., Smith, 2002). The retrieved longitudinal distribution of water vapor exhibits a local maximum over Arabia Terra (~330°W), according to both H2O and HDO abundances. Fig. 11 illustrates the longitudinal distribution of the HDO/H2O ratio retrieved from the Subaru/IRCS observations (top panel) and the value averaged over all latitudes (bottom panel). The global mean value of the derived HDO/H2O ratio and its standard deviation are 5.1 ± 1.2 wrt VSMOW. The local enhancement of water vapor abundances over Arabia Terra has been depicted in a seasonal-averaged map of water vapor using spacecraft-borne measurements with MGS/TES (Smith, 2002) and MEX/PFS (Fouchet et al., 2007; Tschimmel et al., 2008; Sindoni et al., 2011). On the other hand, as shown in Fig. 11, there is no significant longitudinal variation in the HDO/H2O ratio. Although the results cannot constrain the sources of local enhancement, i.e., atmospheric dynamics or sublimation from subsurface ice, we have demonstrated that there is no significant longitudinal distribution over Arabia Terra. These observations also covered different local times ranging from 10 h to 17 h, although not for the same longitudes. Fig. 12 shows the local time distribution of H2O and HDO abundances normalized by surface pressure. The retrieved water vapor exhibits a local maximum around 12–13 h that corresponds to Arabia Terra (~330°W). Fig. 13 represents the local time dependence of the HDO/H2O ratio retrieved from the Subaru/IRCS observation. It shows that the distribution of HDO/H2O is no significant variation (5.1 ± 1.2 with respect to VSMOW) in the local time range between 10 h and 17 h. Note that recent observations reveal a significant depletion of HDO at dawn that may be explained by condensation-induced fractionation due to cloud formation (Villanueva et al., 2008, 2013; Novak et al., 2014). Further observation is needed to address this issue because the dawn side was not covered by our observations.

Fig. 9. Seasonal variation of the HDO/H2O ratio (relative to VSMOW). The red curve represents the distribution observed at Ls = 96° and the black curve indicates the distribution at Ls = 52° (similar to the right panel of Fig. 7). The error values of the HDO/H2O ratio at Ls = 96° are estimated from standard deviations of both H2O and HDO mixing ratios. (For interpretation of the references to color in this figure legend, the reader is referred to the web version of this article.)

Fig. 10. (Top) Longitudinal distribution of H2O column abundances. (Bottom) Longitudinal distribution of HDO column abundances. Differences in colors represent the observing latitudes. The values are divided by (Psurf/6.1) to remove the effect of topography, where Psurf is surface pressure in mbar. The vertical bars denote the estimated error values and the horizontal bars represent the longitudinal footprints of the binned 10 pixels. (For interpretation of the references to color in this figure legend, the reader is referred to the web version of this article.)

Note that the IRCS and PFS measurements were taken at different local times on Mars (IRCS: 9–10 h, PFS: 16 h). This may cause systematic error in the retrieved HDO/H2O ratio. However, Phoenix measurements showed no significant difference in H2O abundance between 9 h and 16 h (Smith et al., 2009b). Moreover, recent remote-sensing studies by MEX/SPICAM and MGS/TES show that local time variation of total H2O column is small at this season (e.g., Pankine and Tamppari, 2015; Trokhimovskiy et al., 2015). The systematic error in the HDO/H2O ratio can be estimated to be less than ~10%. Therefore, we assume that the systematic error in the HDO/H2O ratio due to using the different local time observations by IRCS and PFS can be less than ~10%. The seasonal increase of HDO/H2O ratio over the latitude range between 70°N and 80°N is still significant even if the systematic error is taken into account.

6. Geographical distribution over low latitudes at Ls = 52° (northern spring)

We investigated the geographical distribution of the HDO/H2O ratio over low latitudes at the northern spring (Ls = 52°) in the longitudinal range between 220°W and 360°W, including various local times from 10 h to 17 h. Fig. 10 shows the longitudinal distribution of column-integrated H2O and HDO abundances retrieved from the Subaru/IRCS observations carried out on January 4, 2012. These values have been normalized by surface pressure in order to remove the effect of topography. The retrieved H2O abundances are distributed in the range from 4 pr-µm to 19 pr-µm, and the HDO abundances range from 5 pr-nm to 19 pr-nm. The retrieved H2O abundances are consistent with the typical abundance during this season reported by the space-borne observations. For example, MGS/TES and Viking/MAWD results determined that the longitudinal mean abundances at this season are between 10 pr-µm and 15 pr-µm (e.g., Smith, 2002).
Fig. 11. (Top) Longitudinal distribution of the HDO/H$_2$O ratio (relative value to VSMOW; HDO/H$_2$O = 3.11 $ \times $ 10$^{-6}$). Differences in colors signify the observing latitudes. The vertical bars show the estimated error values and the horizontal bars represent the longitudinal footprints of the binned 10 pixels. (Bottom) Latitudinal-mean values of the HDO/H$_2$O ratios shown in the top panel. The error bars correspond to their standard deviations. (For interpretation of the references to color in this figure legend, the reader is referred to the web version of this article.)

Fig. 12. (Top) Local time distribution of H$_2$O column abundances. (Bottom) Local time distribution of HDO column abundances. Differences in colors represent the observing latitudes. (For interpretation of the references to color in this figure legend, the reader is referred to the web version of this article.)

7. Comparison with the previous observations

The latitudinal mean HDO/H$_2$O ratios retrieved from our observations are 4.1 $\pm$ 1.4 (Ls = 52°) and 4.4 $\pm$ 1.0 (Ls = 96°) wrt VSMOW, which agrees with the global mean values reported with previous ground-based observations by Owen et al. (1988) [6 $\pm$ 3 wrt VSMOW] and Krasnopolsky et al. (1997) [5.5 $\pm$ 2.0 wrt VSMOW] but smaller than the value reported by Villanueva et al. (2015) [~7 wrt VSMOW]. One possible explanation for this discrepancy is temporal variation of the HDO/H$_2$O ratio (seasonal, localtime, or inter-annual variation). The other possible explanation is due to systematic error in the analysis. For instance, in this analysis, the effect of dust and water ice was not taken into account. This may give an impact the retrieved HDO abundance (see SOM of Villanueva et al., 2015). The implementation of the aerosol effect in our retrieval is one of the future works.

As shown in Fig. 7, we found that the retrieved latitudinal distribution at Ls = 52° exhibits a maximum around sub-solar latitudes (20–40°N) and decreases at high latitudes (>60°N), which was also found by Novak et al. (2011). The observation by Novak et al. (2011) was performed in the same season (Ls = 50°) as our observation but for a different martian year (MY 29), longitude (153°W), and local time (9:40) by the IRTF/CSHELL. The HDO/H$_2$O ratio retrieved by Novak et al. (2011) peaks at 6.9 $\pm$ 0.2 wrt VSMOW in the sub-solar region and decreases to 3.8 $\pm$ 0.3 toward the pole. Although our values are smaller than those obtained by Novak et al. (2011), the two observations have a similar distribution that peaks near the sub-solar latitude and decreases toward the pole. Moreover, Villanueva et al. (2015) reported the map of HDO/H$_2$O ratio taken by the IRTF/CSHELL in the same season (Ls = 50°), the same martian year (MY 29), and including same longitude (153°W) of the observation by Novak et al. (2011). However, the map by Villanueva et al. (2015) does not show the depletion of HDO at the high latitudes region. Villanueva et al. (2015) also revealed correlation between HDO/H$_2$O ratio and H$_2$O column abundance. The positive correlation is agreed with the concept of the Rayleigh distillation considered in the GCM model (Montmessin et al., 2005). On the other hand, Fisher et al. (2008) reported that the HDO/H$_2$O ratio is very large when the atmosphere's water vapor column is small from the data by Mumma et al. (2003). The anti-correlation between H$_2$O column density and HDO/H$_2$O ratio was interpreted as the possible effect of existence of multiple ice reservoirs having different HDO/H$_2$O ratios depending on their size, accessibility, and location. Fig. 14 shows the relationship between H$_2$O column density and HDO/H$_2$O ratio from our results. Our result at Ls = 52° also suggests the anti-correlation. Further observations are necessary to constrain these issues. Furthermore, Villanueva et al. (2015) reported possible anti-correlation between HDO/H$_2$O ratio and surface altitude. Although possible regionalism could be seen in our results, we cannot make sure if it is real variation since the error values are large. Regionalism of HDO/H$_2$O is beyond the scope of this paper.

As shown in Fig. 11, we found that the HDO/H$_2$O ratio was no significant variation (5.1 $\pm$ 1.2 wrt VSMOW) in the longitudinal range between 220°W and 360°W at Ls = 52.4°. Novak et al. (2014, conference proceeding) reported the longitudinal distribution of HDO/H$_2$O ratio over the same area but at different season (Ls = 72.5°). The HDO/H$_2$O ratio at Ls = 72.5° reported by Novak...
et al. (2014) is distributed between 2 and 5 wrt VSMOW (see the Fig. 3B of Novak et al. (2014)). The HDO/H2O values are lower than those of our results at Ls = 52.4°. Although the reason is not clear at the moment, the seasonal variation of HDO/H2O ratio at low latitudes could be related with the fact that Villanueva et al. (2015) found very low HDO/H2O ratio (1–3 wrt VSMOW) at the winter hemisphere. Similar seasonal decrease of the HDO/H2O ratio at the low-latitude region also can be seen in the maps (at Ls = 50° and 80°) reported by Villanueva et al. (2015).

8. Summary

In this study, seasonal variation of HDO/H2O distributions by latitude during the northern spring (Ls = 52°) and summer (Ls = 96°)

Fig. 14. HDO/H2O ratio with H2O column density from our measurements at Ls = 96° (left) and Ls = 52° (right).

Fig. 15. Sublimation–condensation process in the martian water cycle and the HDO/H2O ratio in water vapor during the northern spring (Ls = 52°) and summer (Ls = 96°), inferred from our observations.
was investigated. The derived seasonal variation of the HDO/H₂O ratio and global view of the water cycle on Mars inferred from our observations is summarized in Fig. 15. We found seasonal increase of the HDO/H₂O ratio at the polar region (70–80°N), from 2.4 ± 0.6 wrt VSMOW (Lₜ = 52°) to 5.1 ± 0.7 wrt VSMOW (Lₜ = 96°). The seasonal increase can be explained by the interaction between the atmosphere and the north polar cap: condensation of water vapor occurs as polar hood clouds and/or the seasonal polar cap form in the northern spring (Lₜ = 52°), and sublimation of the polar water ice cap occurs in the northern summer (Lₜ = 96°). On the other hand, the latitudinal mean HDO/H₂O ratios do not show a significant seasonal variation, with values of 4.1 ± 1.4 (Lₜ = 52°) and 4.6 ± 0.7 (Lₜ = 96°). We found the HDO/H₂O ratio has no significant variation (5.1 ± 1.2 wrt VSMOW) over low latitudes during the northern spring in the longitudinal range between 220°W and 360°W for different local times from 10 h to 17 h. As shown in Fig. 15, we did not take into account the effects of subsurface–atmosphere interaction in the interpretation of the results since it is still unknown that how much the ground ice interacts with atmospheric water vapor and how much they induce isotopic fractionations. However, our results suggest that HDO/H₂O distribution in the atmosphere is mainly controlled by condensation-induced fractionation between the northern polar cap and the atmosphere.

Still, further observations are necessary to conduct open issues. For example, relationship between H₂O column density and HDO/H₂O ratio and its interpretation are not fully understood. Very low HDO/H₂O ratio (1–3 wrt VSMOW) at the winter hemisphere reported by Villanueva et al. (2015) might be related to sub-surface–atmosphere interaction in the interpretation of the results since it is still unknown that how much the ground ice interacts with atmospheric water vapor and how much they induce isotopic fractionations. However, our results suggest that HDO/H₂O distribution in the atmosphere is mainly controlled by condensation-induced fractionation between the northern polar cap and the atmosphere.

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Appendix A. Retrieval of instrumental line shape of IRCS
Since line widths of the martian H₂O and HDO lines are ~10 times smaller than the spectral resolution of IRCS, the observed line shapes reflect the instrumental line shape (ILS) of IRCS. Therefore, characterization of the ILS is important to perform retrieval accurately. Here, we retrieved the ILS using Ar lamp measurements carried out in a similar configuration to the Mars observation. The lamp measurements were performed for 2.5 h in order to obtain sufficient signal to noise ratio. Line widths of Ar lamps are so narrow (~0.02 cm⁻¹, Engleman et al., 2003) that the observed line shapes represent the ILS of IRCS. There are five independent lines in the measured spectral ranges (3016.7336 cm⁻¹, 3023.0817 cm⁻¹, 3040.5647 cm⁻¹, 3191.5201 cm⁻¹, and 3272.9622 cm⁻¹), and we used lines at 3040.5647 cm⁻¹, 3191.5201 cm⁻¹, and 3272.9622 cm⁻¹ for retrieval of the ILS. Fig. A1 shows all the measurements for the three lines. We found that full width at half maximum (FWHM) of the ILS is not constant but depends on pixel position on the detector.

We attempted to retrieve the ILS as a function of FWHM. As the first attempt, Gaussian and sinc-squared functions were applied to fit these data since these functions are well known as a line shape of echelle spectroscopy. However, as shown in Fig. A2, both functions could not reproduce the observed line shape, especially in the wings. Therefore, we assumed that the ILS is a combination of two functions, one for line center and the other for wings. We tested the six cases listed in Table A1 and determined the most accurate one by using the least squares method. We derived the switching spectral point of the two functions and the relationship between their FWHMs in the retrieval process.

As shown in Table A1, the combination of two Gaussian functions is most accurate for the ILS of IRCS. The retrieved ILS of IRCS is given by

![Fig. A1. Ar lamp spectra measured by IRCS at 3049.5647 cm⁻¹ (left), 3191.5201 cm⁻¹ (center), and 3272.9622 cm⁻¹ (right). All observed data (all pixels in the slit) are shown together.](image-url)
and \(0\) are FWHM of the Gaussian functions. The FWHM of \(\frac{x}{2}\) at the 1.9 pixel far from the observed wavelength.

Fig. A3 shows the Ar lamp spectra shown in Fig. A1 and their best-fit spectra with Gaussian function (red curves) and sinc-squared function (blue curves). (For interpretation of the references to color in this figure legend, the reader is referred to the web version of this article.)

![Ar lamp spectra and best-fit spectra](image)

Table A1

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