

The Ratio of D to H in the Milky Way

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What Do We Know About D/H?

- D/H within ~ 1 kpc of sun highly variable.
- Depletion on interstellar carbonaceous grains likely the cause.
- Highest D/H ratios may provide a lower limit to the total D in the Galaxy.

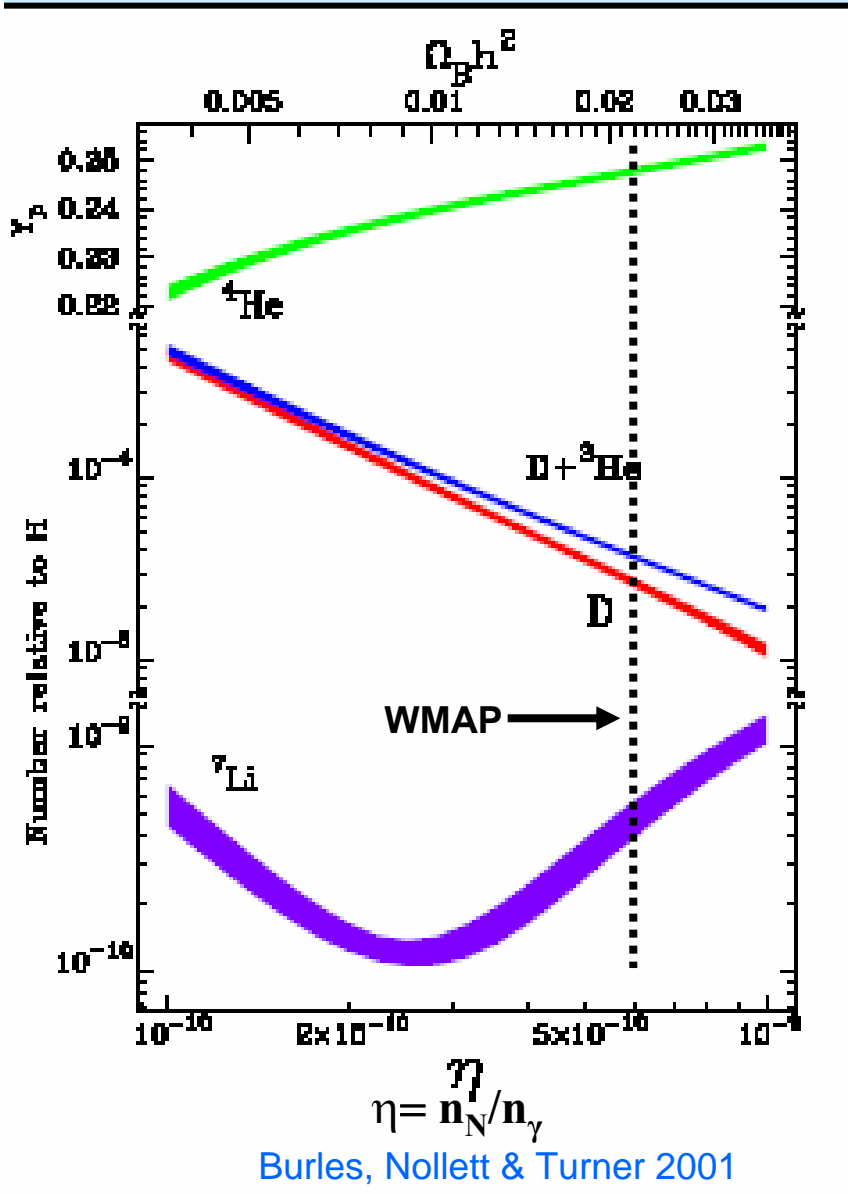
Introduction

**D is a sensitive indicator of Ω_B .
More baryons \Leftrightarrow less D.**

**In IGM, $D/H = 27.8 \pm 4.4 / -3.8$ ppm (Kirkman et al. 2003). WMAP:
 $\Omega_b h^2 = 0.0224 \pm 0.0009$ (Bennett et al. 2003) $\Rightarrow D/H = 26$ to 27.5 ppm (nuclear reaction rate dependent).**

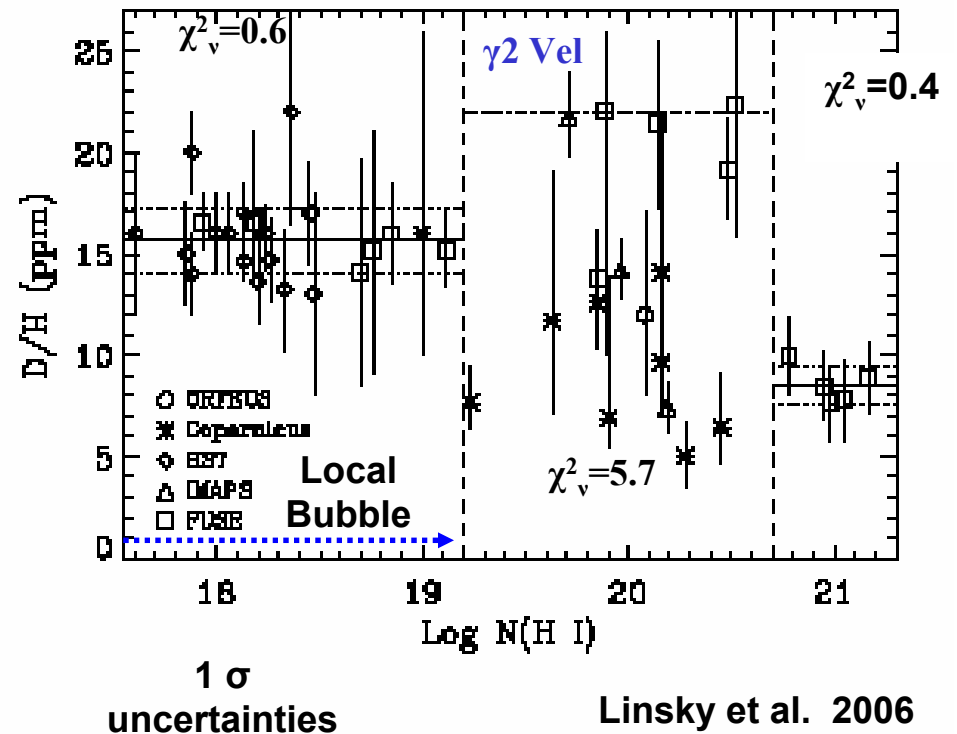
D is destroyed inside stars. No sources other than the BB. D/H in the Milky Way provides a lower limit to the primordial value

What is the Milky Way Value?



Summary of Milky Way Values of D/H

- Variability large beyond LB.
- Weighted mean of four high values = 21.9 ± 2.7 ppm. Total D/H? (Linsky et al. 2006)



- Five low sightlines for $N(\text{H I}) > 10^{20.7}$. Wt. Mean = 8.6 ppm.
- If the high mean is the true Milky Way value, astration is low, $f_d \sim 1.25$. For the low mean, astration is high, $f_d \sim 3$.
- Rogers et al. 2005, 327 MHz hyperfine transition, report $D/H = 23^{+15}_{-13}$ ppm (3σ) in the $l=183^\circ$, $b=0^\circ$ direction.

O Does not Vary as much as D

- $(O/H)_{LB} = 345 \pm 19$ ppm. $(O/H)_{ISM} = 347 \pm 16$ ppm for $R < 800$ pc and $\langle n \rangle \equiv N(HI)/R < 1$ (Oliveira et al. 2004, Cartledge et al. 2005).
 - $(O/H)_{ISM}$ changes by less than 30% for even larger distances and higher volume densities.

- Why does D vary much more than O?

Variable Infall and/or Astration as a Cause?

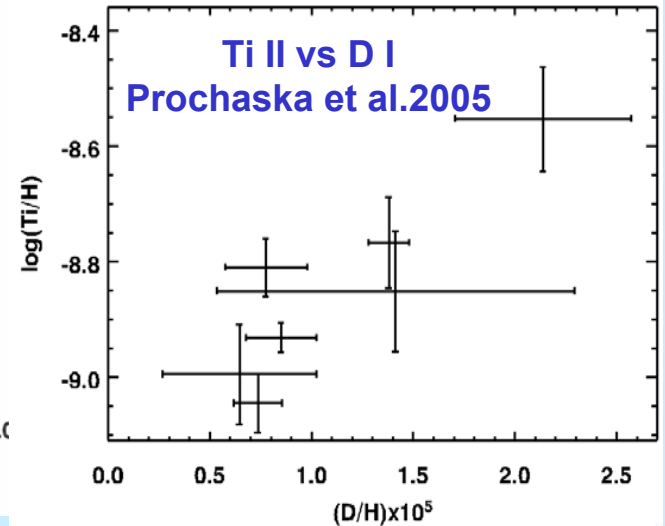
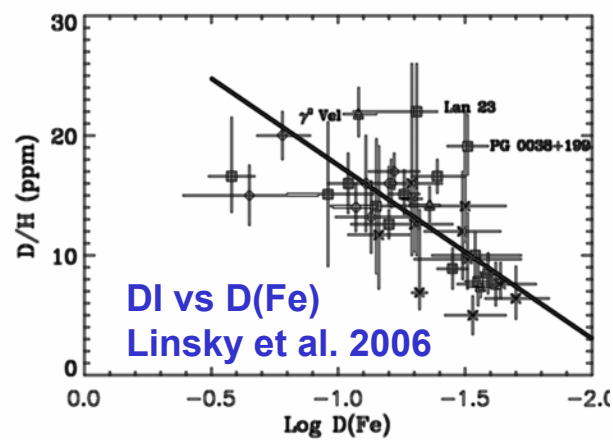
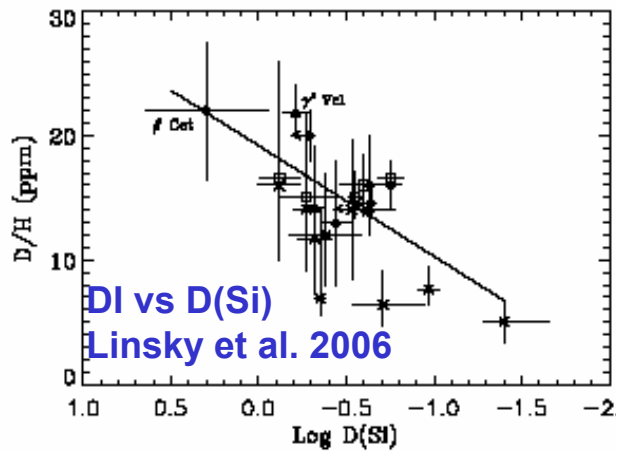
- Infall => increases D/H but decreases O/H;
Astration => decreases D/H but increases O/H.
However O/H largely constant even in LB. Also D/H or D/O vs O/H => Scatter plots.
 - Goldilocks solutions may be possible

What about Chemical Effects?

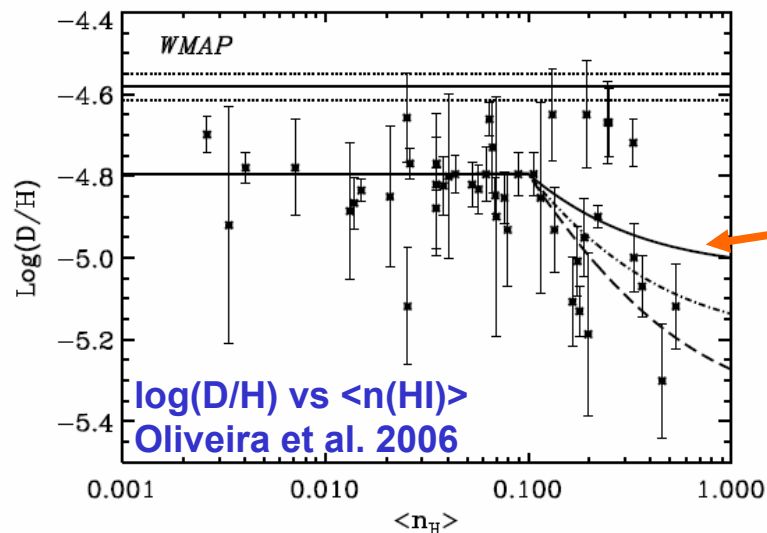
- H (and D) are highly reactive. D/H is 156 ppm in the earth's oceans, 10 times that of the LB. The stratosphere is 44% higher.
- **Interstellar medium chemistry may be important => Depletion**
- Jura 1982 => dust depletion.
- Draine (2005, 2006) $\Delta E = 0.083$ eV => carbonaceous interstellar grains, polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), as a possible repository for D.



If D is depleted onto dust grains, D and metals will be correlated. Grain destruction in shocks should release both D and depleted metals.



- D will be more depleted in cooler, denser gas.



Depletion models similar to Jenkins, Spitzer & Savage 1986

SUMMARY

- **D/H has been measured in the Milky Way Disk over a wide range of sightlines from Sirius to HD90087: 2.6 pc to 2700 pc and $\log(\text{HI})=17.60$ to $\log(\text{HI})=21.22$.
D/H varies much more than O I/H I
 - **Did not review D/O (e.g. Hebrard 2006, Oliveira 2006). Similar, but fewer high points.****
- **Discussed potential mechanisms: variable astration, infall and depletion.**
- **Correlations of D/H with Fe II, Si II, Ti II and $\langle n \rangle$ are evidence for depletion.**
- **The high values of D/H can be interpreted as a lower limit for total Milky Way $\text{D/H} \geq 22$ ppm. Interesting lower limit to WMAP and extragalactic values: 26-28 ppm.**

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