

Comparison of solar wind He implantation profiles between Genesis collectors separately implanted fast-speed flow, low-speed flow, and coronal mass ejection flow components

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NASA's Genesis mission collected samples of solar wind that can be analyzed with high precision in laboratories. Sputtered neutral mass spectrometry (SNMS) with tunneling ionization has been applied to measure ⁴He profiles in Genesis Bulk collector [1], of which apparatus was Laser Ionization Mass nAno Scope (LIMAS). The instrument can quantify ⁴He presented at tens of ppma from an area of few-microns across of a solid surface. Depth profiling was carried out for isotope analysis of He and Ne of solar wind from a Genesis diamond-like carbon film on a silicon (DOS) substrate, which was irradiated by bulk solar wind for 2.3 years. The depth profile of ⁴He in deep (>100 nm) was comparable with a background ⁴He as residual gas a sample chamber of LIMAS [1]. The residual gas corresponded to $\sim 3 \times 10^{-4}$ He⁺ count per mass scan (cpms). Here we analyzed Genesis H, L, and E collectors of Genesis irradiated by high-speed or coronal hole flows, low-speed or interstream flows, and coronal mass ejection (CME), respectively.

Helium depth profiles for the three collectors should be different each other on the basis of ACE/SWICS data [2]. A measurement condition for the depth profiling was improved to distinguish each depth profile of the target isotopes. An ion pump of 410 l/s (Agilent VacIon plus 500) and a non evaporation getter (NEG) pump were replaced to reduce residual noble gases in the sample chamber. To increase ion intensity, we installed high power Ti-sapphire fs laser (Astrella, Coherent, Inc.) of 6 mJ per 30 fs pulse to increase ionization efficiency for He [3]. As a result, the background He abundance, which was the same measurement for sample without the primary beam pulse for sputtering, decreased from $\sim 3 \times 10^{-4}$ He⁺ cpms to $\sim 2 \times 10^{-5}$ cpms. The ion intensity of 2×10^{-5} cpms corresponds atom concentration of $\sim 10^{17}$ cm⁻³ (~ 1 ppma) under the same measurement condition. A useful yield of He are increased from 9×10^{-5} [1] to 5×10^{-4} . Control timing for the mass spectrometer [3] were also refined to measure multi-isotopes at the same time. Mass resolving power for He depth profiling was $\sim 13,000$ in 99% valley after 95 multi-turn of $m/z = 4$ in MULTUM II to separate ⁴He⁺ from ¹²C³⁺ of the main element of the DOS.

Depth profiles for ⁴He and ^{20,22}Ne of the DOS samples from the three Genesis collectors were measured at the same time. A ⁴He depth profile of the H collector showed relatively symmetric with a peak of 35 nm. A profile of the L array showed that ⁴He was concentrated less than 40 nm and the peak was 10–20 nm, which was close to the limit of the depth resolution of 30 keV Ga⁺ beam. The E array demonstrated broad ⁴He profile and observed ⁴He in deep (>100 nm) as well as the bulk collector. On the other hand, He in deeper than 150 nm of the Genesis H and L arrays were equivalent to the background level. This He in deep indicates that the ⁴He in deep should be derived from the questionable very high-speed flows (Halloween event of 2003) during October 23–November 3 2003 [2]. The depth of the 35 nm for the H collector corresponds to the speed of 600 km s⁻¹. The L collector profile should be corresponded to 400 km s⁻¹ of the solar wind. The ⁴He deeper than 100 nm of the E collector represents faster than 1000 km s⁻¹ derived from the Halloween event of 2003.

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