

Evidence of fossil record of ^7Be in a CAI: Implications for the early Solar system

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^7Be , that decays to ^7Li with half life of 53.06 ± 0.12 days [1], is a key short-lived now-extinct radionuclide to derive information about early solar system event and processes. Lithium-beryllium-boron (Li-Be-B) isotope systematics studies in the first forming solar system solids, Ca-Al-rich inclusions (CAIs) provide a unique opportunity of utilising two isotope decay systematics of ^7Be and ^{10}Be to ^7Li and ^{10}B , respectively, to understand cosmochemical/astrophysical conditions and plausibly also chronology of the events and processes in the early solar system [2-4]. A first unambiguous detection of ^7Be along with fossil records of ^{10}Be corresponding to $^7\text{Be}/^9\text{Be}$ of $(1.2 \pm 1.0) \times 10^{-3}$ (95% conf.) and $^{10}\text{Be}/^9\text{Be}$ of $(1.6 \pm 0.32) \times 10^{-3}$ is being inferred from the regression of the in situ isotopic data obtained using secondary ion mass spectrometer in a pristine type B CAI from Efremovka (CV~3.1-3.4). Isotopic records of ^7Be , ^{10}Be and ^{26}Al in a type B CAI from Efremovka (E40) allow to make following very important inferences: (1) Nascent Sun underwent *multiple episodes* of enhanced magnetic activity (2) the *later episode* of enhanced irradiation occurring at the end of “class I” stage of pre-main sequence evolution was *more intense* (3) *Irradiation* is the *prime source* of ^7Be and also ^{10}Be . An intense irradiation by a super flare (X-ray luminosity $L_x \approx 10^{32}$ ergs) during the terminal class I stage of a CI (carbonaceous chondrite) composition precursors near the reconnection region for about an year can concurrently explains the isotopic properties (^7Be , ^{10}B , ^{26}Al), morphology (texture, modal grain sizes), and petrology (mineral compositions) of CAI, along with preservation of faster diffusing lithium isotope records.

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