

**CHEMICAL COMPOSITION OF THE GALACTIC COSMIC RAYS BY THE TRACK INVESTIGATION IN OLIVINE CRYSTALS FROM THE MARJALAHTI PALLASITE.** N. M. Okat'eva<sup>1</sup>, N. G. Polukhina<sup>1</sup>, A. B. Alexandrov<sup>1</sup>, A. V. Bagulya<sup>1</sup>, M. S. Vladimirov<sup>1</sup>, L. A. Goncharova<sup>1</sup>, A. I. Ivliev<sup>2</sup>, G. V. Kalinina<sup>2</sup>, L. L. Kashkarov<sup>2</sup>, N. S. Konovalova<sup>1</sup>, A. S. Roussetski<sup>1</sup>, N. I. Starkov<sup>2</sup>. <sup>1</sup>Lebedev Physical Institute, RAS, Moscow 119991 Russia. E-mail: [poluhina@sci.lebedev.ru](mailto:poluhina@sci.lebedev.ru). <sup>2</sup>Vernadsky Institute of Geochemistry and Analytical Chemistry, RAS, Moscow 119991 Russia. E-mail: [leokash@mail.ru](mailto:leokash@mail.ru)

**Introduction:** In the framework of OLYMPIA project [1] there was developed a basic method for the heavy and super heavy galactic cosmic ray (GCR) nuclei charge determination. The preliminary experimental results of the determined nucleus charges were presented in [2, 3].

**Method of the nuclei charge determination.** Geometrical (track-length L) and dynamical (track-etch rate  $V_{TR}$ ) parameters of chemically etched tracks in non-annealed olivine crystals from the Marjalahti pallasite are analyzed [4]. The method for identification of GCR heavy and super-heavy nuclei includes precise measurements of the L and  $V_{TR}$  for step-by-step chemical etching of the olivine crystals. Parameters of individual tracks are recorded with a help of a unique highly effective measuring facility PAVICOM [5]. For the calibration of track parameters the olivine crystals from Marjalahti pallasite were exposed with Xe and U beams of UNILAC accelerator in Darmstadt.

**Results.** There was held the detailed analysis for 853 registered tracks. The distribution for the identified charge values of the registered nuclei in comparison with the data of apparatus measuring [6, 7] shows the trend lines are in good agreement and coincidence with accuracy (1 – 2) charge unit.

Relative abundance of some groups of the GCR super-heavy ( $Z > 56$ ) nuclei detected for tracks from the Marjalahti pallasite olivine crystals is given in table.

Charge group	$N_Z$ (*)	Track density, $\text{cm}^{-3}$	Relative abundance
$23 \leq Z \leq 28$	~3000	$(1 - 5) \times 10^9$	1
$56 \leq Z \leq 59$	133	$6.0 \times 10^4$	$2 \times 10^{-5}$
$60 \leq Z \leq 69$	282	$1.3 \times 10^5$	$4.3 \times 10^{-5}$
$70 \leq Z \leq 79$	146	$6.6 \times 10^4$	$2.2 \times 10^{-5}$
$80 \leq Z \leq 89$	8	$3.6 \times 10^3$	$1.2 \times 10^{-6}$
$90 \leq Z \leq 92$	4	$1.8 \times 10^3$	$6 \times 10^{-7}$

(\*) Number of tracks registered in  $\sim 2.2 \text{ mm}^3$  of 27 olivine crystals.

**Conclusions:** The obtained by now data of the GCR super-heavy nuclei group ( $Z > 50$ ) charge spectrum bring to following conclusions. (1) In the total number of the 853 registered tracks with the charge  $Z > 50$  four of them must correspond to Th-U nuclei group. (2) The ratio of up to day registered nuclei with  $Z > 50$  to nuclei of iron group ( $23 < Z < 28$ ) makes  $\sim 1.2 \times 10^{-6}$  and  $\sim 6 \times 10^{-7}$  for the Pt-Pb and Th-U groups correspondingly.

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