

Artificial radioactivity in the nonequilibrium plasma of the glow discharge in Pd-D and Ni-H from the point of view of nuclear-chemical reactions

It is shown that artificial radioactivity can be initiated in conditions of nonequilibrium plasma glow discharge. The analysis of the isotope and elemental composition in the near-surface layers of *Pd* and *Ni*, the original and after 40-hour exposure in deuterium- or protium-containing plasma by the ICP mass spectrometry (ICP-MS) has revealed significant changes in isotope composition of impurity elements. The significant reduction in *Pt* and *Pb* impurities in *Pd-D* systems in times have found.

In addition, an increase in the content of *W* isotopes was found in the *Pd-D* system, which correlated with a decrease in the content of *Pt* isotopes.

In the *Pd-D* experiment the content of *Pb* isotopes (masses 206, 207, 208) decreased by ~ 200 times and *Pt* isotopes by ~ three times, and in the *Ni-H* experiment, *Fe* (by ~3-10 times) and *Zn* (from 20 to 1000 times).

Table 1 Reducing the content of *Pb* and *Pt* isotopes in *Pd* after exposure in *D* plasma (ICP)*

<i>Pb</i> in <i>Pd</i>	204	206	207	208	
Before exposure, %	1.51	24.64	19.67	54.18	
After exposure, %	6.29	23.67	19.98	50.06	
The remaining isotope, %	< 0.1	<0.57	< 0.61	<0.55	
<i>Pt</i> in <i>Pd</i>	192	194	195	196*	198*
Before exposure, %	0.76	32.66	32.41	26.27	7.90
After exposure, %	0.81	32.27	34.26	25.05	7.61
The remaining isotope, %	< 30.9	< 28.5	< 30.5	< 27.5	< 27.8

*In *Pd* σ for impurity elements in 15 dimensions varies from (0.01 to 1-3) %.

Table 2 Reducing the content of *Fe* isotopes in *Ni* after processing in hydrogen plasma

<i>Fe</i> in <i>Ni</i>	54	56	57
Before exposure, %	6.55 ± 0.02	91.22 ± 0.10	2.23 ± 0.01
After exposure, %	18.85 ± 0.10	79.56 ± 0.26	1.59 ± 0.02
The remaining isotope, %	37.6	11.4	9.3

<i>Zn</i> in <i>Ni</i>	64	66	67	68	70
Before exposure, %	46.9 ± 0.02	28.36 ± 0.02	4.34 ± 0.01	19.62 ± 0.02	0.71 ± 0.00
After exposure, %	98.7 ± 0.33	0.32 ± 0.01	0.13 ± 0.01	0.80 ± 0.03	0.01 ± 0.00
The remaining isot., %	5.5	0.03	0.08	0.1	0.07

The processes of decay of impurities and other transformations (transmutations) in the nonequilibrium plasma of the glow discharge are considered from the point of view of nuclear-chemical reactions.

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