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PURPOSE: This report is intended for geophysicists concerned with cosmic radiation.

COVERAGE: This report contains the papers read at the six plenary sessions of the conference. Some of the problems dealt with include nuclear emulsions, extensive air showers and the program of cosmic ray measurements planned for the International Geophysical Year. Most of the reports are followed by references. Soviet scientists in the field of cosmic radiation who attended the conference are: E.L. Andronikashvili, N.A. Dobrotin, I.I. Gurevich, S.I. Nikolskiy and S.N. Vernov. The articles are written in English, German and Russian without parallel translations.

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INFLUENCE OF THE EARTH'S MAGNETIC FIELD ON  
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L. N. BELYUKH and I. E. SUTTORP  
USSR Academy of Sciences, U.S.S.R. Academy of Sciences  
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SPATIAL DISTRIBUTION OF THE PARTICLES IN  
 INTENSIVE AIR SHOWERS PRODUCED BY PRIMARY  
 COSMIC RAYS OF VARIOUS ENERGIES. S. P.  
 DOBSON, *et al.*, *Journal of Geophysical Research*,  
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The spatial distribution of charged particles in the  
 central region of extensive air showers produced by pri-  
 mary cosmic ray particles of various energies was ex-  
 perimentally investigated. It has been found that within  
 the limits of experimental error, the spatial distribution  
 is independent of the energy of the primary particle  
 producing the shower in the energy region of  $10^{11}$  to  $10^{15}$   
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ENERGY SPECTRUM OF  $\gamma$  RADIATION IN KALININGRA  
KUPCHENKO, V. I., and S. I. NIKOLAI  
R. A. MOSEV, and S. I. NIKOLAI (Academy of Sciences  
USSR) *Soviet Phys. JETP* 4, 101, 1957, 107

The energy spectrum of  $\gamma$  radiation in extensive air  
showers of varying primary energy was studied in  
the energy range from 0.5 to 0.5 Mev. The measurements  
were carried out at mountain altitudes. It was found that in  
the aforementioned energy range the energy spectrum of  
 $\gamma$  radiation is independent of the energy of the primary par-  
ticle which initiated the shower. The mean number of  $\gamma$   
decreases with the distance from the shower axis (width)

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**AUTHOR** DOVZHENKO O.I., NELEPO B.A., NIKOL'SKIY S.I. PA - 2957  
**TITLE** The Energy Spectrum of Myons in the Broad Atmospheric Showers of Cosmic Rays.  
(Energeticheskiy spektr Myonov v shirokikh atmosfericheskikh livnyakh kosmicheskikh luchej.- Russian)  
**PERIODICAL** Zhurnal Eksperim. i Teoret. Fiziki 1957, Vol 52, Nr 3, pp 463 - 466 (USSR).  
**ABSTRACT** Received: 6/1957 Reviewed: 7/1957  
The authors carried out experiments for the determination of the shape of the energy spectrum of myons at three different distances from the axis of a broad atmospheric shower in the Pamir (3860 m sea level) in the fall of 1954. Besides, they compared the spectra of myons in showers with different primary energies. The energy of the myons was determined from their absorption in lead and in the ground. The general scheme of the experimental order and the section of the pit dug into the ground are shown in form of drawings. The control system consisted of three groups of GEIGER-MULLER counters which were located above the detectors of the penetrating particles as well as at a distance of 100 and 300 m from them. Above the detectors of the penetrating particles many hodoscopic counters for the investigation of the electron-photon components of the showers

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The Energy Spectrum of Myons in the Broad Atmospheric Showers  
of Cosmic Rays.

of the broad atmospheric shower.  
(2 Illustrations and 2 tables)

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NIEOL'KIJ, S.I., SELEZNEV, V.M.  
The Spatial Distribution of Electron-Photon-Components on the  
Periphery of Broad Atmospheric Cosmic Showers. (Raspredeleniye  
elektronno-fotonnoy komponenty na periferii shirokikh atmosferykh  
livney kosmicheskogo izlucheniya, Russian)  
Zhurnal Eksperim. i Teoret. Fiziki, 1957, Vol 32, Nr 5,  
pp 1250 - 1252 (U.S.S.R.)

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ABSTRACT:

A large number of counting tubes which were established at different distances from one another (of up to 1000 m) in an altitude of 3860 m, were used to measure the current density of all charged particles of the shower. The counters were screened by means of a thin Al-foil and by wood.

From the formula  $\rho(r) = \frac{1}{\sigma} \ln \frac{n}{n-m}$  the current density of the particles at the distance  $r$  from the axis of the shower can be computed, where  $n$  denotes the number of counting tubes which had responded,  $m$  - the total number of counting tubes, and  $\sigma$  the surface of a counting tube. Three groups of broad showers with accurately determinable axis were investigated. The first group comprised such showers as contained from  $5 \cdot 10^4$  to  $1 \cdot 10^7$  charged particles. The energy of the primary particles causing these showers can be assumed to be  $1,6 \cdot 10^{14}$  eV. For the 2nd and 3rd group the corresponding figures are:

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**AUTHOR** VAVILOV, Yu. N., NEVSTICHNEV, Yu. F., NIKOL'SKIY, S. I.

**TITLE** Investigation of the Penetrating Component of Extensive Cosmic Ray Air Showers (-Russian)  
(Issledovaniye pronikayushchey komponenty shirokikh atmosfericheskikh livney kosmicheskogo izlucheniya -Russian)

**PERIODICAL** Zhurnal Eksperim. i Teoret. Fiziki, 1957, Vol 32, Nr 6, pp 1319-1327 (U.S.S.R.)

**ABSTRACT** The present paper investigates the spatial distribution of myons in broad atmospheric showers, which are caused by primary particles with different energy. These measurements were carried out in an altitude of 3860 m (Pamir) in the summer and fall of 1954.  
Experimental order: The spatial distribution of the charged particles was investigated by the method of the individual investigation of the showers by means of numerous counters (which were connected with a hodoscopic device). The general scheme of the experimental order is illustrated by means of a drawing.  
The spatial distribution of Myons in the shower: The density of the myon flux in the showers investigated did not suffice for measuring them in an individual shower if detectors with the usual surface area are used. The mean value of the density of the myon flux in the showers with assumed number of particles was determined by counting the myon passages through the detector. The varying influence exercised by the angle of emission of the pions upon the spatial distribution of the soft and the penetrating component of the broad atmo-

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**KRASIL'NIKOV, D.D.; NIKOL'SKIY, S.I.**

Continuous recorder of extensive atmospheric showers of cosmic rays.  
Nauch. soob. IAFAN SSC no.1:66-71 '58. (MIRA 17:1)

KOVAL'SKAYA, A.I.; KRASIL'NIKOV, D.D.; NIKOL'SKIY, S.I.

Preliminary results on barometric and temperature effects caused  
by extensive atmospheric showers near the sea level. Trudy IPAN  
Sov. Ser. fiz. no. 2:88-92 '58. (NINA 11:7)  
(Cosmic rays) (Atmospheric temperature) (Atmospheric pressure)

*Nikol'skiy S. I.*

**AUTHORS:** Zatsepin, G. T., Krugovikh, V. V. 56-2-4/51  
Murzina, Ye. A., Nikol'skiy, S. I.

**TITLE:** The Study of High-Energy Nuclear-Active Particles by Means of an Ionization Chamber (Nablyudeniye yaderno-aktivnykh chastits vysokoy energii pri pomoshchi ionizatsionnykh kamer)

**PERIODICAL:** Zhurnal Eksperimental'noy i Teoreticheskoy Fiziki, 1958. Vol 34, Nr 2, pp 298-300 (USSR)

**ABSTRACT:** In autumn 1955 the authors investigated at an altitude of 3860 m above sea level nuclear-active particles of high energy ( $E > 10^{11}$  eV). The apparatus used for these measurements consisted of 6 impulse-ionization chambers which were mounted below a lead layer of variable thickness. The ionization chambers consisted of brass cylinders. An electronic device made possible the registration of the intensity of the ionization impulse in each of the 6 chambers. Beside the ionization chambers there was a system of 972 hodoscopic counters with a total surface of  $\sim 10$  m<sup>2</sup>. The distribution of frequencies of the ionization bursts as

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of an Ionization Chamber

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a function of their intensity (below different filters) it shown in a diagram. The integral spectra of the bursts with  $N > 2000$  relativistic particles can be expressed by an exponential law:

$$V (\gg N) = A/N^{\gamma}$$

Here the exponent  $\gamma$  is the same with all three spectra (20, 50 and 80 cm thick lead layers); it is on the average  $\gamma = 1,5 \pm 0,15$ . The absolute frequencies of the ionization bursts below 20 cm and 50 cm of lead coincide within the range of error, limits. The range for the absorption of the nuclear active component in air is  $\sim 120 \text{ g.cm}^{-2}$ . This value is obtained in different ways. In the analysis of the correlation of ionization bursts with atmospheric showers the cases observed were divided into two groups:  
1.- Ionization bursts which are accompanied by an atmospheric shower of small density. 2.- Ionization bursts which are accompanied by a broad atmospheric shower of more than  $10^3$  particles. The result of this analysis is shown in a

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diagram as follows: With increasing intensity of the ionization burst also the probability of air escort increases (vozduzhnoye soprozhdeniye). In 25 % of the cases the authors observed bursts which can be explained by a simultaneous entrance into the detector of at least two nuclear active particles of high energy. The authors investigated the showers with a number of particles from  $7 \cdot 10^4$  to  $7 \cdot 10^5$ . The distribution of the frequency of the ionization bursts produced by the nuclear-active particles of the wide atmospheric shower with respect to their density is shown in a diagram. The frequency of bursts decreases with increasing thickness of the lead layer. The distribution with respect to the density of the showers accompanying wide atmospheric showers can be represented by the exponential function with the exponent  $\gamma = 0,9 \pm 0,2$ . The spectrum of the nuclear active component in a wide atmospheric shower of  $\sim 10^5$  particles can be represented in the interval of energies of from  $5 \cdot 10^{11}$  to  $10^{13}$  eV in the form  $E^{-0,9 \pm 0,2}$ . But the real spectrum can be different from the one given here because of the simultaneous entrance of

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several nuclear-active particles on the surface of the detector.  
There are 3 figures, 1 table, and 1 reference, 1 of which are Slavic.

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1. Ionization chambers-Performance Characteristics
2. Ionization chambers-Characteristics
3. Particles-Study and teaching

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Nicol'skiy, S. I., Rakobol'skaya, I. V.

**TITLE:** Cloud Chamber Investigation of the Electron-Photon  
Component of Extensive Atmospheric Showers Near the Axis  
at an Altitude of 3860 m by Means of Vil'son Camera  
(Issledovaniye elektronno-fotonnoy komponenty shirokikh  
atmosfernykh livney vblizi osi livnya na vysote 3860 m s  
pomoshch'yu kamery Vil'sona)

**PERIODICAL:** Zhurnal Eksperimental'noy i Teoreticheskoy Fiziki, 1958,  
Vol. 34, Nr 3, pp. 541-547 (USSR)

**ABSTRACT:** The present work is a continuation of a paper by I. A.  
Ivanovskaya and others (Ref 1), and it investigates the  
energy spectra of the electron-photon component in extensive  
atmospheric showers. The measurements were carried out on the  
Pamir by means of a rectangular cloud-chamber and with 1000  
counters (connected to a hodoscopic device) in autumn 1955.  
Seven lead plates of different thickness were mounted within  
this cloud chamber. The cases of passage of an extensive  
atmospheric shower were separated by means of a system of

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of Extensive Atmospheric Showers Near the Axis of the Shower at an Altitude  
of 3860 m by Means of Wilson Camera

coincidence and anticoincidence pulses in some groups of counters. The registered distribution of the showers on the number of particles is shown in a diagram. The position of the shower axis and the total number of particles within the shower were determined from the spatial distribution of the charged particles. The energy of the electrons and photons which caused the shower in the lead plates inside the chamber was determined by means of the comparison of the total number of particles within the shower with the number of particles computed from the cascade curves for lead. In order to compare the experimental results with the predictions of electromagnetic cascade theory the authors computed the integral energy spectra of the electrons. The results of these spectra coincide with one another in the case of an energy of  $10^9$  eV for the distances of from 2 to 4 m from the axis. These and also other mentioned experimental results make possible the following final conclusions: Near the axis of an extensive atmospheric shower deficiency of electrons and photons with high energies is

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observed. This obviously is connected with a flow of photons of low energy near the axis as well as with the fact that in the production of the electron-photon component of the shower nuclear-active particles with an energy of from  $10^{10}$ - $10^{12}$  eV play a part. The spectrum of the electron-photon component in extensive atmospheric showers caused by primary particles with an energy of  $\leq 2 \cdot 10^{14}$  eV remains unchanged with a change of the observational altitude. This can be explained by the equilibrium of the electron-photon component of extensive atmospheric showers with nuclear-active particles of high energy as well as by the predominant registration of extensive atmospheric showers (which formed at a certain absolute altitude above the observation level in the depth of the atmosphere).

There are 8 figures, 3 tables, and 8 references, 6 of which are Soviet

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Cloud Chamber Investigation of the Electron-Photon Component  
of Extensive Atmospheric Showers Near the Axis of the Shower at an  
Altitude of 3060 m by Means of Vil'son Camera

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**TITLE:** The Energy Spectrum of the Nuclear-Active Particles in the Extensive Air Showers (Energeticheskiy spektr yaderno-aktivnykh chastits v shirokikh atmosferynykh livnyakh)

**PERIODICAL:** Zhurnal eksperimental'noy i teoreticheskoy fiziki, 1950, Vol. 34, Nr 6, pp. 1637-1639 (USSR)

**ABSTRACT:** As a supplement of their previous paper (Ref 1) the authors investigated (at an altitude of 3860 m) the above mentioned energy spectrum. The nuclear-active particles were separated from the total particle flow in the extensive air shower according to the generation of an electron nuclear shower in lead plates which were located within a great rectangular cloud chamber. The total thickness of the lead plates was  $\sim 100 \text{ g/cm}^2$ . A criterion is given for the separation of the cases with electron-nuclear showers from the cases with electromagnetic showers. The experiments were carried out in 2 different ways. In the first one there was no absorber above the cloud chamber, but in the second way -  $\sim 100 \text{ g/cm}^2 \text{ Al}$ . A sketch of the experimental apparatus is given, its registrat-

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ed the extensive air showers with total particle numbers from  $10^4$  to  $10^6$ . As a result of the measurements carried out for 52 nuclear interactions the authors obtained the integral energy spectra of the nuclear-active particles in the energy interval 2 - 50 BeV for distances from 0 - 9 m from the axis of the extensive air shower. As the form of the energy spectrum was identical for both of the above-mentioned experimental variants their results were averaged. The integral energy spectrum of the nuclear-active particles obtained for the energy region 10 - 50 BeV may be approximated by an exponential function of the type  $E^{-k}$  with  $k = 0,95 \pm 0,25$ . By comparison of the observed number of the nuclear-active particles with the density of the electron flow in the showers recorded by the authors' apparatus, it was possible to estimate the share of the nuclear-active particles with  $> 2$  BeV in the total flow of the charged particles in the extensive air showers located within distances of 0 - 9 m from the axis. This share amounts to  $(1,3 \pm 0,3) \%$ , which is in good agreement with previous results obtained by means of a hodoscopic detector. There are 2 figures and 6 references, 6 of which are Soviet.

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AUTHORS: Nikol'skiy, S. I., Pomanskiy, A. A. SOV/56-35-3-2/21

TITLE: Investigation of Extensive Atmospheric Showers of Cosmic Radiation Under Dense Substances (Issledovaniye shirokikh atmosferykh livney kosmicheskogo izlucheniya pod plotnym veshchestvom)

PERIODICAL: Zhurnal eksperimental'noy i teoreticheskoy fiziki, 1958, Vol 35, Nr 3, pp 618 - 630 (USSR)

ABSTRACT: The present paper deals with investigations of the absorption of atmospheric shower particles in an absorber with a low atomic number in an altitude of 3860 m above sea-level (Pamir Plateau, 1955). Measurements were carried out by means of a special arrangement of ionization chambers and groups of hodoscope counters (Fig 1). For the description see reference 4. The results obtained by measurements appear to prove that in extensive air showers with particle numbers of  $10^4 < N < 10^5$  there is, on the average, equilibrium between the nuclear active and electron-photon components

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of the shower. This is in contradiction to the hypothesis according to which the formation of extensive showers is assumed to be a result of acts of nuclear interaction with total dissipation of the energy of primary particles; it also indicates the comparatively insignificant part played by fluctuations. The energy of the nuclear active component of a shower with  $N < 10^5$  in the lowermost third of the atmosphere exceeds the energy of the electron-photon component by the 1.7-fold of its amount. A considerable part of this energy ( $\sim 60\%$ ) is used for the production of myons and neutrinos. The variation of the absorption coefficient of an extensive air shower as well as the change of the structure of the shower core in transition from showers with  $N < 10^5$  to showers with  $N > 10^5$  agrees with the assumption (Ref 14) that the character of the elementary act of nuclear interaction is modified at an energy of  $E \approx 3 \cdot 10^{14}$  eV. The measured data obtained seem to show that the absorption of shower particles increases at transition to  $N > 10^5$ . Measurements were

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carried out with the participation of a large group of collaborators of the Fizicheskiy institut AN SSSR (Physics Institute AS USSR) as well as diplomated students of the Fizicheskiy fakul'tet MSU (Faculty of Physics of Moscow State University). The authors thank Professor S.N.Vernov, Professor N.A.Dobrotin, and Professor G.T.Zatsepin for discussing results. There are 7 figures, 3 tables, and 14 references, 11 of which are Soviet.

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TITLE: The Observation of Nuclear-Active Particles of Cosmic Radiation with an Energy of  $> 10^{13}$  eV (Nablyudeniye yaderno-aktivnykh chastits kosmicheskogo izlucheniya s energiyey  $> 10^{13}$  eV)

PERIODICAL: Zhurnal eksperimental'noy i teoreticheskoy fiziki, 1959, Vol 35, Nr 5, pp 1228-1300 (USSR)

ABSTRACT: In the Fall of 1957 the current intensity of nuclear-active high-energy cosmic radiation particles was measured in an altitude of 2960 m above sea level. The detector of nuclear-active particles consisted of 7 ionization chambers which were surrounded by lead. The arrangement of the ionization chambers is shown by a schematical drawing. An analysis of measuring results shows the following: Nuclear-active particles having an energy of more than  $2 \cdot 10^{12}$  eV are accompanied in  $91 \pm 5\%$  cases by extensive atmospheric showers of more than  $3 \cdot 10^3$  particles. In the case of  $> 1.5 \cdot 10^{13}$  eV nuclear-active particles this percentage is  $93 \pm 4\%$ . Thus, the percentage of high-energy particles accompanied by showers depends only to a small extent on the energy of nuclear-active particles.

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The Observation of Nuclear-Active Particles of Cosmic Radiation With an  
Energy of  $\geq 10^{13}$  eV

A diagram shows the integral energy spectrum of nuclear-active particles observed in an altitude of 3860 m above sea level. The energy spectrum may be represented in the form

$P(>E) \sim 1/E^{1.53 \pm 0.07}$  in the energy interval of between  $10^{12}$  and  $10^{13}$  eV, which is in agreement with the energy spectrum of the primary cosmic radiation of corresponding energy. Much fewer particles with  $> 3 \cdot 10^{13}$  eV were, by the way, found than might have been expected. The authors thank Professor N. A. Dobrotin and G. T. Zatsepin for useful discussions of the results obtained. There are 2 figures and 3 references, 2 of which are Soviet.

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**TITLE:** Investigation of Extensive Atmospheric Showers of Cosmic  
Radiation (Issledovaniye shirokikh atmosferykh livnoy kos-  
micheskogo izlucheniya)

**PERIODICAL:** Doklady Akademii Nauk SSSR, 1958, Vol. 118, Nr 5, pp.899-902  
(USSR)

**ABSTRACT:** In autumn 1955 the energetic characteristics of extensive at-  
mospheric showers were investigated at an altitude of 3860 m  
above the sea level. The lay-out of the experimental  
equipment is illustrated in a diagram. Extensive atmospheric  
showers caused by primary particles with an energy of from  
 $2 \cdot 10^{13}$ - $10^{16}$  eV were separated by fourfold discharges in two  
groups of counters (with a mutual distance of two meters).  
A number of about  $4 \cdot 10^4$  extensive atmospheric showers were  
recorded. A great number of counters was employed in these  
measurements. The energy spectrum of the myons at a distance

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## Investigation of Extensive Atmospheric Showers of Cosmic Radiation

fluence of the neutral pions with energies above  $10^{10}$  eV on the electron-photon component of the shower is assumed. Filters of various thickness of different materials were mounted above the ionization chambers. This permitted to measure the energy flow, which is carried by the electron-photon component of the shower at various distances from the shower axis and also the determination of the energy of the nuclear-active shower particles. The energy of the particle with the highest energy in the core of the extensive atmospheric showers with less than  $10^7$  particles amounts to 10% in the mean of the energy of the electron-photon component of the shower at the observation altitude. The remaining nuclear-active particles in the shower are distributed according to the law  $\sim 1/E^n$ , E denoting the energy of the nuclear active particles and  $n = 0,9 \pm 0,2$  holding. The cores of the extensive atmospheric showers with a number of particles exceeding  $10^{15}$  are very complicated. There are 3 figures, and 6 references, 6 of which are Soviet.

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DIFFERENT CHARACTERISTICS OF EXTENSIVE AIR SHOWERS AS FUNCTIONS OF THE TOTAL  
OF SHOWER PARTICLES

S.I. Nikol'skiy, A.A. Pomanskiy

1. Using composite apparatus, a general description of which was given at the cosmic-ray conference at Varenna, a study was made (at 3060 m altitude) of the absorption of the total particle flux of extensive air showers in a dense material close to air in its mean atomic number.

The number of particles under the absorber was measured by means of ionization chambers. Showers were registered with the total number of particles from  $10^4$  to  $10^6$ .

2. An analysis has been made of the absorption of the flux of shower particles in showers with different number of particles. Experimental data indicate that particle flux in showers with the number of particles from  $10^5$  to  $5 \times 10^5$  is absorbed in a dense material more intensively than particle flux in a shower with a smaller number of particles. This more rapid absorption of particle flux in showers with the total number of particles ranging from  $10^5$  to  $5 \times 10^5$  may be due to the relatively small number of nuclear-active particles in showers with the number of particles lying in this range. This was noted in earlier experiments.

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3. A number of other shower characteristics are considered. The spatial distribution both of all the charged particles and the electrons in the shower is found to only slightly sensitive to the number of particles in the shower. According to the cascade theory and the nuclear-cascade scheme of the development of extensive air showers one might expect that with an increase in the number of particles in the shower, the function of spatial distribution would manifest a peak (parameter  $S$  would diminish).

Experimental data point to the opposite. The spatial distribution and energy spectrum of  $\mu$ -mesons are independent of the number of particles in the shower within the range of the total number of particles  $10^4 - 10^6$ . However, a comparison of different investigations shows that the dependence of the number of  $\mu$ -mesons in the shower of the total number of particles varies slightly when passing from showers with the number of particles to a larger shower.

4. The experimental data are compared with calculations of nuclear-cascade avalanches caused by primary nucleons of energy  $10^{12} - 10^{16}$  ev.

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ENERGY SPECTRA OF THE ELECTRON-PHOTON COMPONENT IN EXTENSIVE AIR SHOWERS  
NEAR THE SHOWER AXIS

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1. The study was carried out in 1957-1958 at sea level with a cloud chamber triggered by a system of counters.
2. The triggering counter system made it possible to select air showers, the axes of which fall near the cloud chamber. In addition, during the study, the system was altered so as to register most effectively showers with a given number of particles:  $\bar{N} = 8 \times 10^3$ ;  $\bar{N} = 1.2 \times 10^4$ ;  $\bar{N} = 3 \times 10^4$ . The position of the shower axis and the number of particles in it were determined from the readings of the hodoscope counters. A total of 4500 showers were registered.
3. The rectangular cloud chamber (60 x 60 cm) with a depth of 30 cm had 6 plates of lead making a total thickness of 120 g/cm<sup>2</sup>. When an electron or photon entered the chamber, a cascade shower was observed produced by these particles in the lead sheets. The energy of the electrons and photons was determined from the total number of particles registered between the lead sheets in the cascade showers.
4. As a result of these measurements we have obtained the integral energy spectra of a sum of electrons and photons for each of the shower groups; the fraction of high-energy electrons and photons ( $\geq 10^9$  ev) in the total number

of electrons of all energies in the 0-3 metre distance range from the shower axis was also determined. A comparison of experimental data with calculations based on cascade theory shows that energy spectra near the shower axis (0-3 m) are depleted in the high-energy region ( $10^9 - 10^{10}$  ev).

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THE SPECTRUM OF EXTENSIVE AIR SHOWERS ACCORDING TO THE NUMBER OF PARTICLES; THE  
COEFFICIENT OF ABSORPTION OF EXTENSIVE AIR SHOWERS  
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1. Utilizing the method of correlated hodoscopes, which permits determining the position of the axis and the number of particles in a shower, we have obtained data on shower spectra level and at sea level.
2. At 1860 m above sea level and the interval of particle-number variation in the shower from  $3 \times 10^6$  to  $10^7$ , the spectrum is well approximated by power law  $N^{-k}$ , where  $k = 1.6 \pm 0.1$ . At sea level there is a greater probability that the spectrum will be irregular in the range  $10^6 < N < 10^7$  (for  $N < 10^6$   $k = 2.1 \pm 0.5$ , and for  $N > 10^7$   $k = 1.5 \pm 0.2$ ).
3. The shower absorption coefficient obtained from a comparison of absolute number of showers with a number of particles greater than that given at mountain altitudes and at sea level, amounts to  $\approx 1/(180-20) \text{ g/cm}^2$ .

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AUTHORS: Kulikov, G. V., Mesterova, N. M., Nikol'skiy, S. I., Solov'yeva, V. I., Khristiansen, G. B., and Chudakov, A. Ye.

TITLE: Number spectrum of extensive air showers at altitudes of 200 and 3860 m above sea level

SOURCE: International Conference on Cosmic Radiation. Moscow, 1959. Trudy. v. 2. Shirokiye atmosferye livni i kas-kadnyye protsessy, 87-91

TEXT: Number spectra of extensive air showers were investigated in detail at the Physics Institute of the AS USSR and at Moscow State University. The spectra were investigated at an altitude of 3860 m and at sea level. Those at sea level were studied over a range  $N = 4 \cdot 10^3$  to  $3 \cdot 10^7$ . For showers with small  $N$  ( $10^3$  to  $5 \cdot 10^4$ ), the statistical method was used. The apparatus incorporated hodoscoped Geiger-Müller counters, whose disposition is shown in a figure. The experiments yielded the number of anti-coincidences  $n$  per unit time

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for counters of different  $\sigma$ ; ( $\sigma$  varied between 0.4 and  $1.65 \cdot 10^{-2} \text{ m}^2$ ).  
 By comparing the measurements and the calculations, the integral  
 spectrum of the showers was obtained:  $F(>N) = 2.5 \cdot 10^{-3} N^{-(1.45 \pm 0.03)}$ ,  
 $\text{cm}^{-2} \text{ sec}^{-1}$ , with  $N = 4 \cdot 10^3$  to  $10^5$ . For large  $N$ , the spectrum was ob-  
 tained by individual study of the showers, at sea level. For this  
 purpose, the majority of the counters were disposed in a circle. +  
 The position of the axis and the number of particles in each shower  
 were determined by means of the electronic computer "Strela". There-  
 upon the integral spectrum was found for  $N = 8 \cdot 10^4$  to  $8 \cdot 10^5$ , viz.

$$F(>N, 0) = (1,95 \pm 0,14) \cdot 10^{-10} \left( \frac{N}{10^5} \right)^{-1,5 \pm 0,1} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ sec}^{-1} \text{ sterad}^{-1}$$

Both series of measurements coincide in the range  $N \approx 10^5$ . In order  
 to determine the absolute number of extensive air showers in the

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range  $N > 10^7$ , the apparatus was divided into 4 groups of counters. Further, extensive air showers were studied at an altitude of 3860 m. The apparatus was controlled by photomultipliers, recording the Cherenkov radiation [Abstractor's note: See article on p. 47, this Trudy.]. The shower axis and the number of particles were determined by means of a simulator. Showers with  $N = 2 \cdot 10^4$  to  $10^7$  were investigated. From the obtained results, the integral spectrum of showers with  $N = 2.5 \cdot 10^4$  to  $1.3 \cdot 10^7$  was constructed, viz.

$$P(>N, 0) = (4,6 \pm 1,4) \cdot 10^{-11} \left( \frac{N}{10^6} \right)^{-(1,60 \pm 0,15)} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ sec}^{-1} \text{ sterad}^{-1}$$

The absorption length  $\lambda$  of showers was also determined; for showers with  $N 10^5$ ,  $\lambda = 156 \pm 22 \text{ gm/cm}^2$ . There are 4 figures and 2 Soviet-bloc references.

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3, 24/0 (1559, 2105, 2405)

AUTHORS: Dovzhenko, O. I., Nikols'kiy, S. I., and Rakobol'skaya, I. V.

TITLE: Study of electron-photon component of extensive air showers near the shower axis

SOURCE: International Conference on Cosmic Radiation. Moscow, 1959. Trudy. v. 2. Shirokiye atmosferynye livni i kaskadnyye protsessy, 132-138

TEXT: The electron-photon component was investigated by a cloud chamber containing lead plates; thereby, cascade showers were created by the electrons and photons on passage through the chamber. In contradistinction to other investigations, the energy of the electrons and photons was not determined by the overall sum of particles in the entire cascade shower, but by the number of particles in the upper 5 sections of the chamber, in the region of the shower maximum. The present investigation was carried out in the fall of 1955 at an altitude of 3860 m (at Pamir Mountain), and during 1957-

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1958 at sea level (at Moscow). Two different methods of shower selection were used. In 70% of the cases the axes of the extensive air showers passed at a distance of 0 to 3 m from the cloud chamber. The total number of particles was determined by means of a hodoscope. In the Pamir investigations, 300 showers were recorded

with number of particles per shower  $\bar{N} = 10^5$ . At Moscow, 2370 showers with  $\bar{N} = 8 \cdot 10^3$  were registered. 1830 showers with  $\bar{N} = 1.2 \cdot 10^4$ , and 436 showers with  $\bar{N} = 3 \cdot 10^4$ . As a result of the experiments, the integral energy-spectra of the electron-photon component were obtained. From these spectra, the fraction of high-energy electrons and photons (with respect to the total number of particles in a shower) was determined. The results obtained for showers of various number of particles agree with each other within the limits of experimental error. No increase was observed in the high-energy electron and photon fraction with increasing number of particles. A comparison of experimental results with the predictions of cascade shower theory showed that the experimental spectra in the vicinity

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of the shower axis, are deficient in high-energy electrons. Subsequently, the energy spectra of electrons were computed for showers in which the electron-photon component is in equilibrium with the nuclearactive component. The integral energy spectrum was constructed for distances of 0 to 3 m. from the shower axis. A considerable discrepancy was found between the theoretical and experimental curves. This may be due to the fact that the theoretical calculations did not properly take into account the initial conditions of creation and development of the electron-photon component. Further, the lateral distribution of high-energy electrons and photons in the core region was found (at distances of 0 to 0.3 m from the shower axis). If certain conditions were simultaneously fulfilled, then the core was considered to pass through the cloud chamber. For electrons and photons with energies  $>10^9$  ev., the density distribution of the particles can be expressed by  $\rho(>10^9) \sim r^{-n}$ , where  $n = 1.2 \pm 0.3$ . From data obtained at the Pamir Mountain, it follows that  $n = 1.6 \pm 0.3$  at distances of 1 to 7 m. A figure shows the distribution of electrons and photons, obtained at Moscow and the

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Pamir Mountain, respectively. The energy spectra of electrons and photons were constructed on the basis of 12 cases when the core passed through the chamber (for distances of 0 to 0.3 m from the axis). The mean energy per charged particle in the region of the axis was approximately  $3 \cdot 10^9$  ev., and at 0.3 to 3 m from the axis - approx.  $4 \cdot 10^8$  ev. The obtained values for the mean energy and the mean density are in good agreement with the results of T. Kaneda et al. (Ref. 7: This Trudy, p. 56). There are 2 figures, 1 table and 8 references: 6 Soviet-bloc and 2 non-Soviet-bloc (including one translation). The reference to the English-language publication reads as follows: W. Hazen. Phys. Rev., 85, 455, 1952.

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3.2410 (3265, 2705, 2805)

AUTHORS: Nikol'skiy, S. I., and Tukish, Ye. I.

TITLE: Distribution of energy flux of electron-photon and nuclearactive component of extensive air showers at an altitude of 3860 m above sea level

SOURCE: International Conference on Cosmic Radiation. Moscow, 1959. Trudy. v. 2. Shirokiye atmosferynye livni i kas-kadnyye protsessy, 139-143

TEXT: The investigations were carried out at the Pamir Mountain (3860 m). The apparatus was described in detail in publications of the earlier International Conference on Cosmic Radiation (Ref. 1: Dobrotin et al., Nuovo Cim. Suppl., 8, 612, 1958). The density of the energy flow was determined by 12 ionization chambers placed under lead absorbers of various thickness. In some of the experiments, the absorbers were removed. The apparatus permitted determining the density distribution of the energy flow at distances of 0.2 to 30 m.

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from the shower axis (for showers with numbers of particles from  $2 \cdot 10^5$  to  $4 \cdot 10^5$ ) and at distances of 0.2 to 20 m from the shower axis (for showers with number of particles from  $6 \cdot 10^4$  to  $12 \cdot 10^4$ ). The density of particle flow was defined as the sum of the integrals

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$$P_E = B \int_0^{53} N(t) dt + B \int_{53}^{\infty} N(t = 53) e^{-\frac{t}{53}} dt$$

where  $B = 6.4 \cdot 10^6$  ev. is the critical energy for electrons in lead,  $t$  - the absorber depth, and  $N(t)$  - the particle-flow density at depth  $t$ . A figure shows the density distribution of particle-flow in showers with  $\bar{N} = 3 \cdot 10^5$  and  $\bar{N} = 10^5$  particles. The obtained distributions are independent of the number of particles in the show-

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er, and have the form:  $\rho_E \sim r^{-1.8}$  for  $0.5(r \leq 8$  m, and  $\rho_E \sim 1/r^2$  for  $8 < r < 30$  m. For small depth  $t$ , the contribution by  $\pi^0$ -mesons to the total ionization is small. Hence it is assumed that to a depth  $t=5$  cm Pb, the ionization is entirely due to the electron-photon component. The energy-flow density of the nuclearactive component was determined as the difference between the density of of the total energy flow and the density of the electron-photon component. The energy of the nuclearactive and of the electron-photon component were calculated for a circle of radius  $R = 30$  m, for 2 groups of showers (with  $\bar{E} = 3 \cdot 10^5$  and  $10^5$ , respectively). The results are listed in Table 1 (see table). A discrepancy was found between the expected value of  $10^{14}$  ev. of the energy of the nuclearactive component and the experimentally obtained value of  $3.3 \cdot 10^{13}$  ev.; this discrepancy cannot be explained by measurement error. The possible source of the error is analyzed. Finally, the mean energy per electron is plotted on a figure (as a function of the distance from the shower axis). There are 4 figures, 1 table and 8 references:

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7 Soviet-bloc and 1 non-Soviet-bloc. The reference to the English-language publication reads as follows: Kraybill, Phys. Rev., 93, 1362, 1954.

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N	$\Sigma \cdot 10^8$	$10^8$
$E_{\text{ph}}(30)$	$4.5 \cdot 10^{10}$	$1.6 \cdot 10^{10}$
$E_{\text{ph}}(30)$	$3.3 \cdot 10^{10}$	$1.1 \cdot 10^{10}$
$E_{\text{ph}}(30)$	$0.6 \cdot 10^{10}$	$2.3 \cdot 10^{10}$
$E_{\text{ph}}(30)$	0.33	0.33
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AUTHORS: Dovzhenko, O. I., Zatssepia, G. T., Murzina, Ye. A., Nikol'skiy, S. I., and Yakovlev, V. I.

TITLE: Energy spectrum of nuclearactive component of cosmic radiation at 3860 m, and related extensive air showers

SOURCE: International Conference on Cosmic Radiation. Moscow, 1959. Trudy. v. 2. Shirokiye Atmosfernyye livni i kas-kadnyye protsessy, 144-151

TEXT: Two series of experiments are described, of 1955 and of 1957. The apparatus used in 1957 permitted detecting extensive air showers exceeding 1000 particles only. The relation is established between the nuclearactive particles and the ionization bursts in the chambers. Computations showed that if the integral energy-spectrum of the incident nuclearactive particles is expressed by the power law  $f(>E) = AE^{-\gamma}$ , then the ionization spectrum is also described by a power law with the same  $\gamma$ . The experimentally obtained

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energy spectrum of the nuclearactive component is plotted in a figure. From the figure it is clear that the integral energy spectrum of nuclearactive particles in the range of  $10^{12}$  to  $5 \cdot 10^{13}$  ev., can be expressed in the form  $f(>E) = AE^{-\gamma}$ , where  $\gamma = 1.5 \pm 0.1$ . The absolute intensity of the nuclearactive particles with energy  $>10^{12}$  ev. is  $5.5 \pm 0.6 \text{ hour}^{-1} \text{ sterad}^{-1}$ . By comparing the obtained intensity with the spectrum of the primary radiation and the number of low-energy nuclearactive particles at sea level, one obtains the absorption length for nuclearactive particles. In order to detect the air showers accompanying the nuclearactive particles, 15 cylindrical ionization chambers were used. The obtained integral number-spectrum is shown in a figure. It was found that the percentage of nuclearactive particles, accompanied by air showers, increases monotonically with the energy of the nuclearactive particles, varying between 76 and 88% for energies of  $2 \cdot 10^{12}$  to  $2.5 \cdot 10^{13}$  ev. The inter-

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action free-path was calculated by the change in the number of the recorded nuclearactive particles as a function of increasing thickness of the graphite layer above the ionisation chamber. It was also found that the integral energy spectrum of nuclearactive particles can be expressed in the form  $F(>E) \sim E^{-m}$ , where  $m = 0.9 \pm 0.2$ . This formula apparently characterises the spectrum of the nuclearactive component as a whole. Further, the energy spectra of nuclearactive components for showers of different total number of particles is determined, as well as for various distances from the shower axis. The procedure used for this purpose is described. The air showers under investigation were divided into 3 groups (according to total number of particles). A peculiar feature of the spectrum at distances of 0 to 1 m was the absence of nuclearactive particles with energies below  $10^{11}$  ev. The integral spectra of nuclearactive particles for the 3 groups of showers are shown in a figure. The spectra are characterized by smooth shape even in the region where a shower contains 1 to 2 particles. By averaging, one obtains the

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3.2410 (1559, 2205, 2405)

AUTHORS: Kalachev, B. V., Nikol'skiy, S. I., Pomanskiy, A. A.,  
and Tukish, Ye. I.

TITLE: On fluctuations in the number of  $\mu$ -mesons in extensive  
air showers

SOURCE: International Conference on Cosmic Radiation. Moscow,  
1959. Trudy. v. 2. Shirokiye atmosferynyy livni i kas-  
kadnyye protsessy, 166-168

TEXT: The results are given of experiments for detecting fluctua-  
tions in the number of mesons and electrons in showers with number  
of particles  $10^5 < N < 2 \cdot 10^6$ . The experiments were conducted at an al-  
titude of 3860 m (Pamir), in the fall of 1957. The apparatus con-  
sisted of hodoscoped counters, placed at 9 observation points. No  
fluctuations were observed which would have an appreciable effect  
on the mean values of the investigated quantities. The computed in-  
tegral number-spectra were compared with the experimental spectra

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for various distances from the shower axis. A larger number of showers with number of particles  $N \leq 10^6$  were observed than was to be expected by the computations. This may be due either to a considerable contribution of showers, in which the density of the  $\mu$ -meson component exceeds by many times the mean density as determined by Yu. N. Vavilov et al. (Ref. 2: ZhETF, 32, 6, 1319, 1957), or to the mean density having been underestimated. The second possibility is considered in more detail. Denoting the mean number of  $\mu$ -mesons in the shower by  $\bar{N}_\mu = \alpha N^B$ , one obtains (in the first approximation) the formula

$$\frac{\Delta C}{C} = \left( n - \frac{\alpha}{B} \right) \frac{\Delta \alpha}{\alpha}$$

for  $N \leq 10^6$ ; the left-hand side of the formula expresses the relative change in the number of recorded showers, and  $\Delta \alpha / \alpha$  expresses the relative error in determining  $\alpha$ . For distances of 40-50 m (as well

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as for other distances), the quantity  $\Delta C/C \approx 0.3$ , hence  $\Delta \alpha/\alpha \approx 20\%$ , which does not exceed the limits of statistical error. Hence no fluctuations were observed in the experiments conducted, so as to effect the mean values of the quantities. There are 2 figures and 2 Soviet-bloc references.

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3.2410 (2205, 2705, 2805)

AUTHORS: Nikol'skiy, S. I., and Pomanskiy, A. A.

TITLE: Dependence of various characteristics of extensive air showers on the total number of particles

SOURCE: International Conference on Cosmic Radiation. Moscow, 1959. Trudy. v. 2. Shirokiye atmosferynye livni i kas-kadnyye protsessy, 235-241

TEXT: Showers with number of particles  $N$  ranging from  $10^4$  to  $10^6$  were investigated. The showers were divided into 7 groups (according to the number of particles). It was found that the absorption of showers with  $N_0 > 10^5$  essentially differs from the absorption of showers with  $N_0 < 10^5$  ( $N_0$  denoting the total number of particles in a shower of a certain group). It was found that the nuclearactive particles,  $\tau$ , are not monotonically varying in the case of showers with  $N \sim 10^5$ . The dependence of the number of  $\mu$ -mesons on the  
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total number of particles is more regular, yet showers with  $N \sim 10^5$  exhibit a somewhat particular behavior in this respect, too. A qualitative study of these irregularities led to the conclusion of a change in the nature of elementary nuclear interactions for particle energies  $E \gg 10^{14}$  ev. Some quantitative results are given which would elucidate this change. A particle was considered, corresponding to a traveling wave in a hydrodynamic system. Its energy was set equal to approximately  $0.8 E_0 (E_0/\mu c^2)^{1/15}$ . The energy spectrum of the secondary particles was selected in accordance with statistical theory; the nucleonic component was assumed as 0.27. The method of successive generations was used for calculating the absolute intensity of extensive air showers with  $N = 10^4, 10^5$  and  $10^6$  respectively, the energy spectrum of primary particles, the number and energy of nuclearactive particles, and shower absorption in the atmosphere. After additional computations, the authors arrived at the following conclusions: Various irregularities were

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observed for showers with  $N \sim 10^5$ . These irregularities can be explained in two ways: a) In nuclear interactions, a sharp increase in the fragmentation of energy between secondary particles takes place, starting from energies of  $10^{14}$  to  $3 \cdot 10^{14}$  ev.; thereby it is necessary to assume that the elementary events called forth by  $\gamma$ -mesons differ from those due to the nucleons, or to postulate the appearance of some new particles; b) in collisions of nucleons with energies higher than  $10^{15}$  ev., it is possible that a considerable energy-fraction is transmitted to the electron-photon component. These two assumptions would also explain the experimental results. There are 7 figures, 1 table and 11 references: 9 Soviet-bloc and 2 non-Soviet-bloc. The reference to the English-language publication reads as follows: G. Cocconi, V. Cocconi-Tangiorgi, K. Greisen. Phys. Rev., 75, 1063, 1949.

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**TITLE:**

Investigation of the Cores of Broad Atmospheric Showers of Cosmic Rays by Means of a Cloud Chamber (Issledovaniye stvolov shirokikh atmosfernykh livney kosmicheskikh luchey pri pomoshchi kamery Vil'sona)

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**ABSTRACT:**

In the present paper investigations are described which were carried out (on sea level) in Moscow in 1957. Interest in investigations of extensive air showers increased considerably recently, because the investigation of structure, composition, energy distribution of particles as well as the Cherenkov radiation produced in the atmosphere can supply information concerning particles interaction at energies  $> 10^{13}$  eV. In this connection especially the investigation of shower cores is of importance, which also forms the subject of the present paper.

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For the investigation a rectangular cloud chamber and counters were used. The arrangement was such that such cases of

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shower passages were selected for measurements, in which the flux of shower particles above the cloud chamber was greater than that recorded by more distant counter groups (Fig 1). The device is then described. Furthermore, the differential shower spectrum is calculated according to the number of particles on the basis of the following assumptions: 1) The shower particles are symmetrically distributed round the shower axis in form of a circle. 2) The differential distribution spectrum is assumed to have the form:

$f(N)dN \sim N^{-(\alpha+1)}dN$ , where  $\mu(N)$  is taken from reference 3.

3) The number of shower axes with particle numbers  $N > 10^5$  amounts to  $7 \cdot 10^{-3}/m^2$  per hour (Ref 3). 4) The probability distribution of particle recording is assumed to correspond to the Poisson (Puaason) law. Calculation results are shown by figure 3.

Also the number of showers recorded per hour and the mean value of the density of charged particles was calculated, and calculated and experimental values are compared (Table 2). Agreement is good. Further, the number of shower cores of the electron-photon components for  $N < 3.5 \cdot 10^4$  and  $N > 3.5 \cdot 10^4$  are

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calculated. In the former case, calculation results in  $\sim 10$ , and the experimental result is 9; in the latter case the calculated result is  $\sim 3$ , the experimental result 2. For the number of nuclear-active particles with energies of  $\approx 10^{11}$  ev 5 and 1-2 was calculated, while the experimental value was 4 and 0 respectively for the two  $N$ -values. 4 photographs are attached: Figure 4 shows a cloud chamber photograph of a penetrating electron-photon shower with  $N \approx 10^4$ , figure 5 a nuclear interaction at an energy of nuclear active particles of  $> 10^{11}$  ev and  $N = 3.3 \cdot 10^4$ ; figure 6 also shows a nuclear interaction caused by charged particles in the first plate of the chamber, at an energy of nuclear active particles of  $\approx 2 \cdot 10^{11}$  ev and  $N = 2.5 \cdot 10^4$ , and figure 8 shows a nuclear interaction at an energy of  $< 10^{10}$  ev. The authors finally thank N. A. Dobrotin, Professor, and G. T. Zatsepin for their interest, N. G. Birger and D. S. Chernavskiy for discussing the

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There are 7 figures, 3 tables, and 7 references, 4 of which  
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**TITLE:** Decay Processes in the Development of Nuclear Cascades in the Atmosphere (Raspadnyye protsessy pri razvitii yadernykh kaskadov v atmosfere)

**PERIODICAL:** Zhurnal eksperimental'noy i teoreticheskoy fiziki, 1959, Vol 37, Nr 1(7), pp 197 - 201 (USSR)

**ABSTRACT:** As the energy of the primary particle is not directly measured in experiments on atmospheric showers, the development of avalanches must also be considered by giving the initial conditions in the depth of the atmosphere. The usual method of successive generations is not suitable for the solution of such problems. Nucleons and pions are assumed to participate in the nuclear cascade process. The effective cross section of nuclear collisions is assumed to be equally large for nucleons and pions. The initial conditions are assumed to be given in the depth  $x_0$ :  $N(E, x_0)dE$  and  $\bar{N}(E, x_0)dE$ , respectively, are assumed to denote the number of nucleons and  $\pi^+$ -mesons, respectively, with an energy

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of  $E, E + dE$  in the depth  $x_0$ . The kinetic equations are written down in the form  $\frac{\partial N(E, x)}{\partial x} = -N(E, x) + \int_0^{\infty} [N(E', x)W_{NN}(E', E) + N(E', x)W_{KN}(E', E)] dE', \frac{\partial N(E, x)}{\partial x} = -N(E, x)(1 + \frac{E}{E_c}) + \int_0^{\infty} [N(E', x)W_{NK}(E', E) + N(E', x)W_{KK}(E', E)] dE'$ .  $W_{NN}, W_{KN}, W_{NK}, W_{KK}$  denote the energy spectra of the particles corresponding to the second index which originate in the nuclear collision of a particle with the energy  $E'$  (which is designated by the first index).  $E_c = Mc\alpha_0 / \tau_0 \varphi(x_0) = 1.4 \cdot 10^{11}$  eV denotes the critical energy of the  $\pi^+$ -mesons, at which the probabilities of nuclear collision and of decay in the depth  $x=1$  are equal to each other;  $\varphi(x_0)$  denotes the density of air in  $g/cm^3$  in the depth  $x_0$ . The solution is written in the form of series  $N(E, x) = e^{-(x-x_0)} \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} N_i(E, x)$ ,  $N(E, x) = e^{-(x-x_0)} \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} N_i(E, x)$ . The series resulting by substi-

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tuting these series into the above-mentioned kinetic equations are represented step by step. In the special case  $x_0 = 0$ , the solutions pass over into the known solution of the method of successive approximations. In the present solution, all terms of the series are positive, and the series is always convergent if the total energy of particles at  $x_0$  is finite. The solution is, however, more extensive than in the case  $x_0 = 0$ . In some cases important for the interpretation of the experimental data, the role of the decay process can be considered in a much simpler way. The authors estimate which portion of the energy of the nuclear-active component (which is present in the showers at the altitude of the Pamir station) is consumed for the formation of muons and neutrinos in the further passage through the atmosphere. According to these calculations, at an energy spectrum of the type  $E^{-2}dE$  of the nuclear-active component of showers at the altitude of the Pamir, about 50% of its energy must be used up for the generation of muons and neutrinos, thus,

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being missing for the development of cascades. This conclusion is almost independent of the mechanism of the elementary process of nuclear collisions. There are 1 table and 6 references, 5 of which are Soviet.

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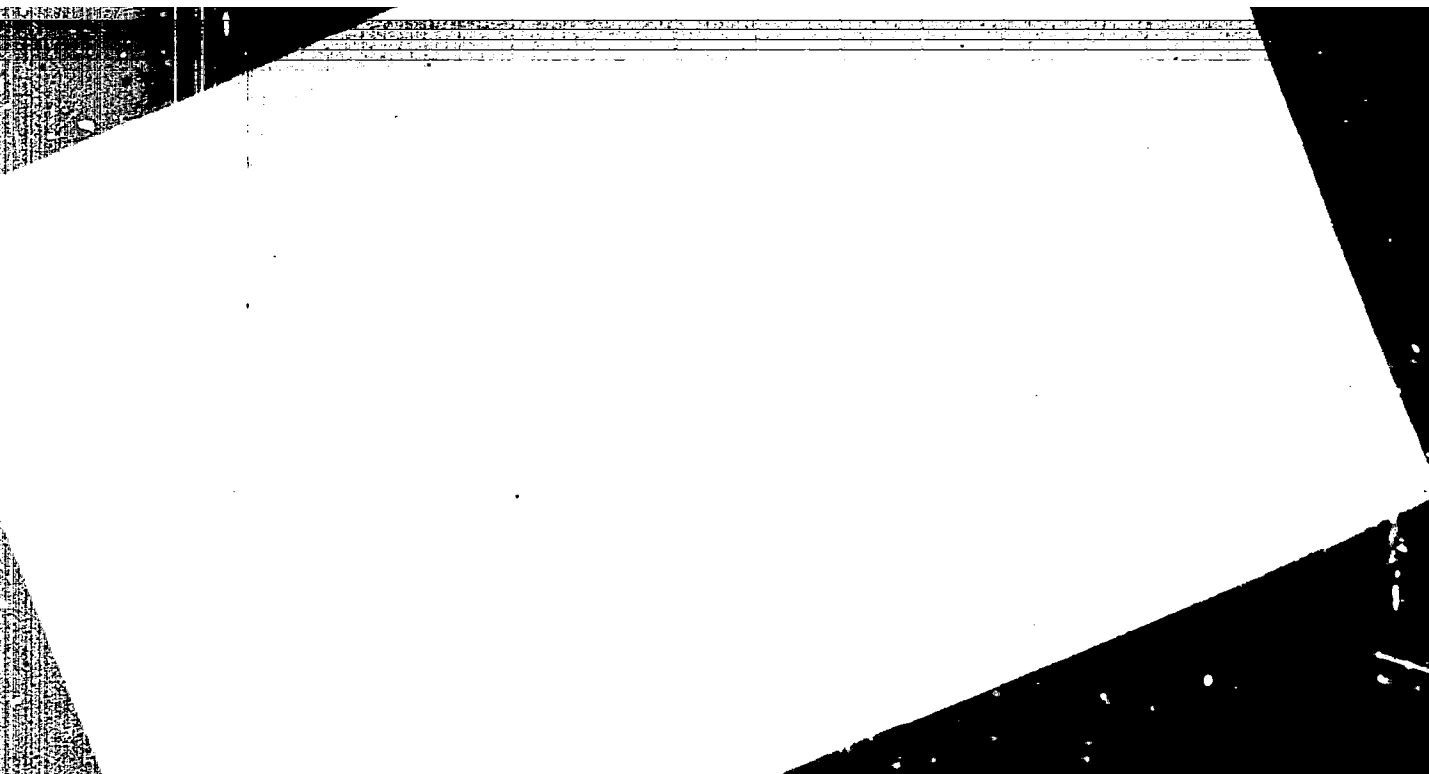
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Number of extensive air showers of cosmic rays near sea level.  
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TITLE:

The Energy Spectra of the Electron - Photon Component of  
Air Showers in the Neighborhood of the Shower Axis

PERIODICAL:

Zhurnal eksperimental'noy i teoreticheskey fiziki, 1960,  
Vol. 38, No. 5, pp. 1361-1369

TEXT: The results given in publications on this topic are inexact and contradictory. The authors have therefore investigated the electron photon energy spectrum within 3 m of the shower axis. The method of measurement and the experimental arrangement are described in detail. Fig. 1 shows the arrangement of the cloud chamber in which six lead plates of different thicknesses (total: 120 g/cm<sup>2</sup>) are placed over one another along with the surrounding counters for the two control systems. Only showers with low particle-flux densities ( $\bar{N} = 9 \cdot 10^3$ ,  $1.2 \cdot 10^4$ , and  $3 \cdot 10^4$ ) were selected for study. Of these, 2370, 1830, and 436 showers, respectively, were recorded. Nearly 70% of all particles lay within the chosen radius of 3 m. The spatial distribution of the charged particles in the showers with

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$\bar{N} = 9 \cdot 10^3$  is shown in Fig. 3; this may be represented by  $q(> 0) \sim r^{-n}$   
with  $n = 1.0 \pm 0.1$ . Fig. 4 shows the integral electron-photon spectrum of  
all three shower groups; Fig. 5 shows the ratio between the electron- and  
the photon flux densities in the showers with  $\bar{N} = 3 \cdot 10^4$  and  $\bar{N} = 1.2 \cdot 10^4$ .

The ratio  $\Delta = q(> 10^9)/q(> 0)$  between the three shower groups was calculat-  
ed to be  $16 \pm 4$ ,  $15 \pm 3$ , and  $13 \pm 3$ , respectively. The data of the present work  
are compared with those of Refs. 2-4 in Table 1. Numerical data referring  
to the radial distribution of the particles are given in Table 2. Fig. 6  
shows the integral distribution with respect to the number of electrons and  
photons of each group with  $E \geq 10^9$  ev. Experimental data are given as an  
average over all showers along with those measured for 12 cases of shower  
cores that passed through the cloud chamber. Poisson's distribution curves  
are shown for both these distributions. The experimentally observed dis-  
tribution does not agree with Poisson's. Fig. 7 shows the integral energy  
spectrum of electrons and photons within 3 m of the shower axis. Fig. 8  
shows the spatial distributions of electrons and photons having energies  
 $\geq 10^9$  ev for  $r \leq 0.3$  m. For these high-energy particles, the distribution

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law  $q(\geq 10^9) \sim r^{-n}$  holds, where  $n = 1.2 \pm 0.5$ . The results obtained are compared with those of the cascade theory, for which purpose data of S. Z. Belen'kiy and I. P. Ivanenko are used. The conclusions are summarized as follows: 1) No change in the fraction of high-energy electrons and photons could be observed in the showers with an increase in the total number of particles. 2) The observed fraction of high-energy electrons and photons is considerably smaller than the theoretical one; and this is so whether the primary energy is assumed to be infinite, or an equilibrium between the electron-photon and the nuclear active components is assumed. G. T. Zatsepin, I. P. Ivanenko, and L. I. Sarycheva are thanked for discussions; and D. F. Rikitin, O. N. Novoselov, I. A. Ivanovskaya, B. M. Mozharov, and L. K. Rocharov for their assistance in the experiments. There are 8 figures, 2 tables, and 8 references: 7 Soviet and 1 US. ✓

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Nikol'skiy, S. I., Smorodin, Yu. A.

TITLE:

Interpretation of Experimental Data on the Spectrum of  
Electron-Photon Cascades Having Energies  $> 10^{12}$  ev in the  
Upper Strata of the Atmosphere

PERIODICAL:

Zhurnal eksperimental'noy i teoreticheskoy fiziki, 1960,  
Vol. 39, No. 4(10), pp. 1156 - 1157

TEXT: At the International Conference on Cosmic Radiation (Moscow 1959)  
a report was given on the original results obtained for the energy  
spectrum of electron-photon cascades at an altitude of 10 - 12 km. It was  
found that the energy spectrum of these cascades deviates considerably  
from the energy spectrum of primary cosmic radiation within the corre-  
sponding energy range ( $\sim E^{-4}dE$  and  $\sim E^{-2.7}dE$ , respectively). As the  
assumption discussed at the conference that the energy fraction trans-  
ferred in the electron-photon component decreases with growing interaction  
energy of the particles is not applicable to the data of extensive air

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showers, the authors try to explain the data of energy spectra in a different way: they assume that the character of the elementary events of particle interaction at an energy from  $10^{14}$  to  $5 \cdot 10^{14}$  ev changes. The authors calculated the total energy flux carried away by electrons and photons with energies higher than  $10^{12}$  ev at an altitude of 10 - 12 km. The corresponding experimental data are given in a figure by circles (photoemulsion data) and squares (ionization chamber data). The total energy flux carried away by electrons and photons of energies  $> 10^{12}$  ev is, if recording is done by ionization chambers, higher than when determined in photoemulsions. In order to determine the experimentally observed total energy flux, it is necessary to extrapolate for high energies. If, on this occasion, it is assumed that the energy spectra retain their shape, the energy fluxes measured by the photoemulsion method are higher than those determined by means of ionization chambers. Agreement of experimental data may be obtained only by assuming that a large part of the electrons and photons with  $E > 10^{12}$  ev, which are observed in

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**TITLE:** Calculation of the Averaged Characteristics of Extensive Atmospheric Cosmic Ray Showers

**PERIODICAL:** Zhurnal eksperimental'noy i teoreticheskoy fiziki, 1960, Vol. 39, No. 5(11), pp. 1539-1546

**TEXT:** The present paper deals with a calculation of nuclear-cascade showers containing a given number of electrons at the observation level and also with a study of the distribution of the production altitude of extensive air showers containing total numbers of particles of  $10^4$ ,  $10^5$ , and  $10^6$  at sea level (Moscow) and at an altitude of 3860 m (Famir). The primary particles of such showers have an energy of  $10^{12}$  to  $10^{16}$  ev. The calculations are based on the following assumptions: The nuclear cascade consists of nucleons and charged pions which cause, in nuclear interactions, the production of neutral pions; the number of charged pions is also decreased because of  $W \rightarrow \mu$  decay. Other nuclear particles are

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supposed not to be produced. The elementary event of nuclear interaction of primary particles with  $E_0 > 10^{13}$  ev is considered by means of the hydrodynamic model, travelling waves being taken into account. The relations used for describing nuclear interaction events of nucleons with  $E_0 < 10^{13}$  ev differ from those for  $E_0 > 10^{13}$  ev only by an additional assumption on the particles corresponding to the travelling waves: they are supposed to be nucleons. For charged-pion interactions with  $E_0 < 10^{13}$  ev the same hydrodynamic model is used, but without travelling waves being taken into account. The mean free path for nuclear interactions in air is taken to be  $75 \text{ g/cm}^2$ .  $5.7 \cdot 10^9$  ev is taken as the minimum energy of particles involved in nuclear-cascade processes. A number of characteristics of these showers are averaged over various production altitudes and compared with the corresponding experimental data: The theoretical values are within the statistical limit of error of the latter. Considerations and comparisons are discussed by using diagrams and tables. Fig. 3 shows, e.g., the probability  $W$  that one shower observed at Pamir (the two upper diagrams)

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or Moscow (the two lower diagrams) with a given number of particles  $N$  is produced at a certain depth of the atmosphere. Fig. 4 shows the production probability of a shower with  $N = 10^5$  as a function of  $E_0$ . The authors thank Professor G. T. Zatsepin for discussions and G. Ya. Goryacheva for computations. N. L. Grigorov and V. Ya. Shestoporov are mentioned. There are 5 figures, 4 tables, and 19 references: 16 Soviet, 2 US, and 1 Italian.

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Legend to Table 3: 1) Altitude, 2) Energy of the nuclear shower component, 3) calculated, 4) experimental.

Legend to Table 4): 1) Altitude, 2) Energy of the electron-photon component of the shower, 3) calculated, 4) experimental, 5) mean total energy carried away by nuclear particles of a shower of  $N$  particles at the observation level  $x_0$ .

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Таблица 3

N	Высота, м	Энергия электро-активной компоненты ливня, eV	
		3 расчет	4 опыт
10 <sup>6</sup>	3660	6 · 10 <sup>18</sup>	~ 4,4 · 10 <sup>18</sup>
	0	8,8 · 10 <sup>18</sup>	~ 1,7 · 10 <sup>18</sup>
10 <sup>6</sup>	3660	4,6 · 10 <sup>18</sup>	~ 1,1 · 10 <sup>18</sup>
	0	7,7 · 10 <sup>18</sup>	~ 2 · 10 <sup>18</sup>
10 <sup>6</sup>	3660	4 · 10 <sup>18</sup>	~ 2,3 · 10 <sup>18</sup>
	0	8,2 · 10 <sup>18</sup>	~ 1,2 · 10 <sup>18</sup>

Таблица 4

N	Высота, м	Энергия электро-активной компоненты ливня, eV		E (N, z), eV
		3 расчет	4 опыт	
10 <sup>6</sup>	3660	2,8 · 10 <sup>18</sup>	2,3 · 10 <sup>18</sup>	4,1 · 10 <sup>18</sup>
	0	2,3 · 10 <sup>18</sup>	2 · 10 <sup>18</sup>	3,5 · 10 <sup>18</sup>
10 <sup>6</sup>	3660	3,2 · 10 <sup>18</sup>	2,3 · 10 <sup>18</sup>	3,8 · 10 <sup>18</sup>
	0	2,4 · 10 <sup>18</sup>	2 · 10 <sup>18</sup>	3,5 · 10 <sup>18</sup>
10 <sup>6</sup>	3660	3,4 · 10 <sup>18</sup>	2,2 · 10 <sup>18</sup>	4,1 · 10 <sup>18</sup>
	0	2,5 · 10 <sup>18</sup>	2 · 10 <sup>18</sup>	3,5 · 10 <sup>18</sup>

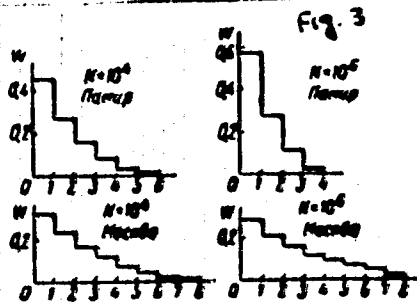


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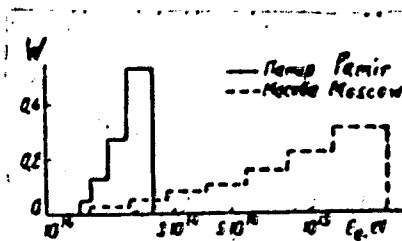


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"High Energy Nuclear-Active Particles and the Extensive Air Showers  
Which Accompany Them"

Report presented at the International Conference on Cosmic Rays  
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**TITLE:**

Observation of nuclear-active particles and electron-photon  
avalanches with energies greater than  $10^{12}$  ev at a height of  
3860 m above sea level

**PERIODICAL:** Zhurnal eksperimental'noy i teoreticheskoy fiziki, v. 40,  
no. 2, 1961, 419-425

**TEXT:** The nuclear-active and electron-photon component of high-energy  
cosmic radiation were studied to obtain additional data on the nature of  
nuclear interaction at energies  $\geq 10^{13}$  ev. The observations were made in  
1959 on the Pamir. The detector consisted of four rows of ionization  
chambers between which were placed lead and carbon, and over which were  
10 hodoscope groups containing 12 counters (330 cm<sup>2</sup> each). Besides, two  
cylindrical chambers were placed at a distance of 7 m from the middle of  
this setup, a hodoscopic point and detector of the energy density of the  
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electron-photon component were at a distance of 18 m from the center and served to study the fluctuations of the particle flux. If the axis of the extensive atmospheric shower hits the recording area of the detector, the number of particles in the shower may be determined from the formula  $N = 1000 q$ , where  $q$  is the effective particle density of the particle flux per  $m^2$ . Assuming that in every event, nucleons and pions impart  $1/3$  of their energy to the new resulting pions, the energy of the nuclear-active particles was found to be given by  $E = 2.5 \cdot 10^8 N^{1.04}$  ev which holds for the range  $10^{11}$  ev  $\leq E \leq 5 \cdot 10^{14}$  ev. In this energy range, the nuclear interaction cross section does not decrease with the increasing energy of the nucleons involved. From a comparison with the experimental data of other papers, the integral energy spectrum of the nuclear-active particles in the range  $10^{12} \div 10^{15}$  ev can be expressed in the form  $f(E) \sim E^{-n}$ , where  $n = 1.57 \pm 0.1$ . For energies of nuclear-active particles  $< 10^{15}$  ev, the energy spectra are determined from the spectral form of the primary particles with the help of the mean free path for nucleon interaction and the value of the inelasticity coefficient. In the intermediate range, the

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Particles with active nuclei and high energy avalanches of electrons and photons in the trunks of wide atmospheric showers of cosmic rays. Izv.AN SSSR.Ser.fiz. 26 no.5:668-673 Ap '62. (MIRA 15:5)

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TITLE:

Wide atmospheric showers of cosmic radiation

PERIODICAL:

Uspekhi fizicheskikh nauk, v. 70, no. 5, 1962, 365-410

TEXT: Experimental work on wide showers in the lower part of the atmosphere during the last 10 years is reviewed. The following nuclear-cascade conception is characteristic for the new point of view from which wide showers are regarded since 1948: (1) the primary cosmic rays are nucleons, (2) the first process is a nuclear interaction whose secondary products form the soft, the penetrating, and the nuclear-active component of the shower, (3) the secondary nuclear-active particles collide with the nuclei of the air atoms and form all components of the shower. The total number of particles  $N$  in the shower on the level of observation is chosen as parameter to characterize each recorded shower and the energy of its primary particle. For determining the axis of the shower and its total number of charged particles no assumptions about its structure are necessary except that of a symmetrical decrease of particle flux density

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and the reduction of the share of the total energy carried by the nuclear-active particles. There are two possible interpretations for the phenomena occurring when  $N$  exceeds  $10^5$ : (1) The energy spectrum and composition of primary particles suffers a change in the corresponding energy interval ( $10^{14}$ - $10^{15}$  ev), (2) The characteristics of elementary processes in collisions between nucleons change in the same energy interval, or there even are new processes which do not occur at lower energies. In case (2) the assumption of an increased inelasticity coefficient and of the production of groups of electrons or photons and  $\mu$  mesons with energies above  $10^{12}$  ev and transverse momenta of  $p_{\perp} < 10^8$  ev/c would allow to explain all experimental facts for  $N > 10^5$ . There are 28 figures and 4 tables.

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Inter-American seminar on cosmic rays. Vest. AN SSSR 39 no.3:  
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and  $\mu = 2.1 \times 10^8$  Mev on mountains. Spectra of high-energy secondary radiation were investigated by means of a special installation. Changes in the energy spectrum and the composition of primary cosmic rays occur simultaneously in the magnetic field, the strength of which determines the value of the diffusion coefficient. The energy spectrum and the composition of metagalactic rays differ from those of galactic origin. Metagalactic rays are rich in protons and light nuclei of the same energy as those of the galactic origin. The density of the muon flux in usual showers is found to be tens and hundreds of times greater than that obtained from theoretical computations. Orig. art. contains 5 figures, 19 formulas, and 3 tables.

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A possibility of investigating the composition of the primary cosmic radiation of superhigh energy

AN SSSR, Izvestiya Seriya Fizicheskaya, v. 18, no. 12, 1964, pp. 1933

Cerenkov flash, cosmic ray shower, primary cosmic ray, atmospheric upper atmosphere, heavy nuclei

ABSTRACT: An analysis of the composition of ultra-high energy cosmic rays of energy  $10^{14}$  ev has been made, based on data received during a large cosmic ray shower was passing through the atmosphere and the number of particles at the observation level. The fluctuations of the ratio of Cerenkov flashes to the number of particles in the shower obtained at higher elevations were compared with the calculations of the shower development.

Conclusion based on various assumptions and calculations using the composition of primary cosmic ray showers was computed





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ABSTRACT: The dependence of the number of nuclear active particles  $N_n$  on the total number of shower particles  $N$  has been measured for  $N = 3 \cdot 10^3 - 10^7$ . The experiments were conducted at the Tian-Shan Cosmic Ray Station of the FIAN (Lebedev Physics Institute of the Academy of Sciences USSR) during the winter and spring of 1961. Showers with a given number of particles and an axis which passed near the center of the experimental array were selected by combining coincidences and anticoincidences registered by counters covering a given

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area. The nuclear active particles were recorded by five neutron detectors which differed in effective area, thickness of lead absorber, and distance from center of the array. According to data obtained, the integral number spectrum (at 3330 meters above sea level) can be expressed by the following formulas:

$$S(>N) = (1.1 \pm 0.1) \cdot 10^{-3} \left( \frac{N}{2.5 \cdot 10^4} \right)^{-1.25} \text{ for } N < 2.5 \cdot 10^4.$$

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It is possible that, because of the effect of the change in the lateral distribution function of shower particles near the shower axis, the shower spectrum is reduced when  $N$  is small; however, the amount by which it is reduced does not exceed 0.1. The dependence of  $N_n$  on  $N$  can be represented by an exponential law with an exponent

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of  $0.72 \pm 0.06$ . The absolute flux of nuclear active particles is in satisfactory agreement with the results of Cocconi and Marsden obtained for the same threshold value, and leads to a reasonable result for the spectrum of nuclear active particles in showers with energies between  $2 \cdot 10^8$  and  $3 \cdot 10^9$  ev in comparison to the results of high energy measurements by Nikolsky and Legan. An estimate shows that the energy contribution of nuclear active particles is different for large and small showers. The results of various experiments on the dependence  $N_n$  on  $N$  show that a better approximation for the whole range  $3 \cdot 10^8 < N < 2 \cdot 10^9$  than that given by  $N_n \sim N^2$  (where  $B$  is a constant) is obtained by the following set of formulas:  $N_n \sim N^{0.79}$  for  $N < 5 \cdot 10^8$ ,  $N_n \sim N^{0.6}$  for  $5 \cdot 10^8 < N < 2 \cdot 10^9$ , and  $N_n \sim N^{0.86}$  for  $2 \cdot 10^9 < N < 2 \cdot 10^{10}$ . Orig. art. has: 14 formulas, 8 figures, and 3 tables.

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TITLE: Investigation of the composition of primary cosmic radiation using  
fluctuations of Cerenkov light in extensive air showers

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KEYWORDS: cosmic rays, cosmic radiation composition, primary cosmic radiation  
composition, extensive air shower, Cerenkov flash, shower particle number

ABSTRACT: A new procedure is reported for the analysis of the primary cosmic  
radiation at energies above  $10^{16}$  eV, based on the determination of the ratio of  
the intensity Q of a Cerenkov flash accompanying the passage of an extensive air

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at Mt. Paur (elev. 3880 m). The results indicate that the distributions of O/N  
 in extensive air shower depend strongly on the composition of the primary cosmic  
 rays. The approximate nature of the assumptions made and the low experimental  
 accuracy make it still impossible to conclude that the primary cosmic radiation  
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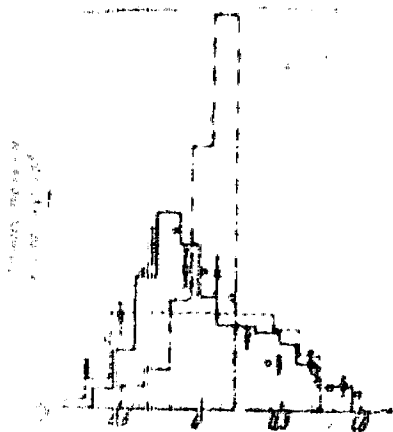
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ENCLOSURE 01



Distribution of relative values of the Cherenkov flash in extensive air showers at 3360 m above sea level. The abscissas are the quantiles  $(Q_i/N_i)/(Q/N) - 1$ . Calculated distributions: dash-dot -- for the case when all the showers are generated by protons; solid line - variant I, dashed line - variant II. Points - experimental data.

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Composition of primary cosmic radiation and corresponding number of extensive air showers observed at mountain altitudes

Composition	Cosmic ray composition at mountain altitudes (per cent)		Corresponding distribution of EAS at mountain altitudes (per cent)	
	Station I	Station II	Station I	Station II
P ( $\bar{A} = 1$ )	27	8	60	43
a ( $\bar{A} = 4$ )	27	11	24	13
M ( $\bar{A} = 14$ )	14	21	11	30
H ( $\bar{A} = 31$ )	19	12	12	27
VH ( $\bar{A} = 51$ )	13	28	7	25

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ABSTRACT: The question of air showers is treated at length on the basis of work done from 1962 to 1969. Pp. 18-39 deal with methods of studying extensive air showers. The method used by the 1962 Pamir expedition is described. Individual sections deal with each of the following: the method of correlated hodoscopes used in the measurement of shower



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Individual sections are devoted to: radial distribution of charged particles, shower spectra with regard to number of particles at observation height (3860 meters); energy spectra of electron-photon components; energy flux of electron-photon components, radial distribution of nuclear-active particles and their number in showers with various numbers of charged particles at observation level; energy and composition of active particles, radial distribution of  $\mu$  mesons and their number in extensive air showers with various numbers of charged particles;  $\mu$ -meson energy spectra, radial distribution of Cerenkov radiation; energy expended by particles at observation level; and fluctuation of Cerenkov bursts. Pp 73-92 deal with air-shower cores and high-energy nuclear-active particles with individual sec-

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