

**RAPID COOLING OF CHONDRULES TO PREVENT EVAPORATION OF FENI: CONSTRAINTS FROM EXPERIMENTAL CHONDRULES.** K.E. Cervantes-de la Cruz<sup>1</sup>, P. Hernández-Reséndiz<sup>2</sup>, A. Segura<sup>3</sup>, H. Cruz-Hernández<sup>3</sup>, B.S. Ángeles-García<sup>4</sup>, and A. U'Ren<sup>3</sup>. <sup>1</sup>Departamento de Física, Licenciatura en Ciencias de la Tierra, Facultad de Ciencias, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM), \*Av. Universidad 3000, CDMX, México Z.P.04510, karina-cervantes@ciencias.unam.mx, <sup>2</sup>Posgrado en Astrofísica, UNAM\*, <sup>3</sup>Instituto de Ciencias Nucleares\*, Instituto de Geología UNAM\*.

**Introduction:** Main components in chondrites are chondrules, matrix, Fe-Ni and sulphide minerals. Metal origin in chondrites are studied by several authors as Richter et al. [1] and Campbell et al. [2]. They emphasized on the “interplay between metal and silicate during chondrule formation and processes as volatilization/condensation of FeNi” [2]. The main objective of this work is to compare the grains of metal generated by olivine melted [3] against grains of FeNi of chondrules.

**Methodology:** We melting olivine precursors using a 50 W infrared laser at 0.77 atm according to [3] work. Thermal history are measured with a pyrometer. Natural chondrite and experimental chondrule are analyzed by SEM and EPMA techniques at Laboratorio Universitario de Petrología and Laboratorio de Microscopia Electrónica del Instituto de Geología, UNAM.

**Results:** Experimental chondrules were melted in temperature range from 800 to 1800 °C and crystallization take only a few cent of seconds, according to [3]. Tiny Fe-Ni grains are condensed at surface, into cristals and between olivine bars (Figure 1). This metal distribution is similar to metals in natural chondrules, as showing in the Figure 2.

**Discussion and conclusion:** Cooling rates at chondrule literature were estimated from 100 to 1000 °C/h [2], but quick time are necessary to prevent the volatilization of Fe-Ni. Cristals edges are natural frontiers where FeNi condensate during crystallization of chondrules. In future work we will characterize emission spectra of Fe during experimental chondrule melting.

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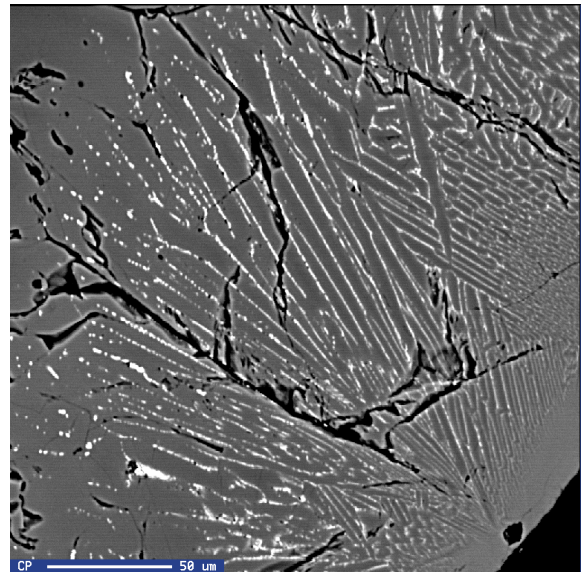


Figure 1. Chondrule-like experiment. FeNi tiny particles surround olivine cristals [according 3].

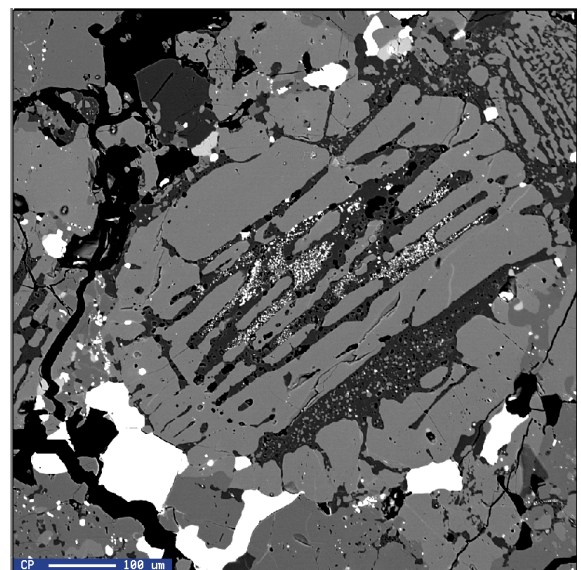


Figure 2. BO chondrule from Nuevo Mercurio H5 meteorite. FeNi tiny particles are between and into olivine bars.

