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The low-temperature phase transition of the Zn₆Sc cubic 1/1 approximant [1] has been investigated by X-ray diffraction. It is a crystalline approximant to a recently discovered quasicrystal Zn₆Sc₁₂ [2] and has a bcc lattice composed of a Tsai-type cluster with an orientationally disordered Zn tetrahedra at the centers [3]. The phase transition undergoes below 160K and has been attributed to the orientational ordering of the Zn tetrahedra along [110] direction of high-temperature phase [1, 4]. In order to obtain an insight into the ordering of the Zn tetrahedra along [110] direction of high -temperature phase, we observed a broad diffuse scattering has been measured. Well above the phase transition, orientational ordering occurring at the phase transition, diffuse scattering has been measured. Well above the phase transition at 220K (i.e. 60 K above) we observed a broad diffuse scattering intensity which sharpen and merges into a Bragg peak as the temperature decreases and reaches the transition temperature (Tₖ). This signature of short-range ordering above Tₖ will be discussed in details and compared to refined average structures obtained between Tₖ and room temperature by measuring Bragg peaks.


Keywords: Quasicrystalline approximant, Phase transition, Diffuse scattering

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Ir₄Zn₂₆₋₇ (n = 4, 6, 7): recurring γ-brass-like phases in the binary system iridium – zinc. Andreas Authmann, a Wolfgang Hornheckb, Ryan Hendersonc, Stephen Leeb, Bernd Harbrechtb. aDepartment of Chemistry, Philipps University Marburg, Germany. bDepartment of Chemistry and Chemical Biology, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY, USA. E-mail: harbrecht@chemie.uni-marburg.de

A recent systematic exploration of the Ir-Zn system disclosed the existence of at least 13 binaries, several of them of bewildering structural complexity. Among them there are six phases resembling γ-brass-related binaries: Ir₄Zn₁₀₋₃₅ (cF403-406), Ir₄Zn₁₃₆ (aC276), Ir₄Zn₁₄₀ (aC484), and Ir₄Zn₂₆₋₇ (n = 4, 6, 7). The only previously known phase Ir₄Zn₁₂₂ (cF52) adopts the ordinary cubic γ-structure. The members n = 6 and 7 with Pearson symbol hR78 conform to two distinct rhombohedral variants of the γ-phase. The compositionally narrow phase fields of some structurally complex phases are situated between those of the recurring γ-brass-type Ir₄Znₙ₉₆ phases. The present contribution deals essentially with the 3 Ir₄Znₙ₉₆ phases. Firstly, we discuss the coloring problem concerning the distribution of the constituting atoms in the structure by raising the question: Which component prefers which crystallographic site? Secondly, we present results of DFT calculations, dealing with a second question provoked by the answer of the first one: What is energetically favorable about the real atomic decorations in Ir₄Zn₉₆? We show that the calculated heats of formation of the derived structures fulfill - opposed to structures with various devised atomic decorations - thermodynamic stability criteria. Furthermore and most pronounced for Ir₄Zn₁₉, we find that the Fermi level of the electronic structures is positioned in or close to a pseudo-gap as expected for γ-phases stabilized by the Hum-Rothery mechanism. We conclude with deriving thermodynamic quantities of the Ir₄Znₙ₉₆ phases from isopiestic measurements at various Zn pressures. The experimental and calculated quantities are critically compared.

Keywords: brass-like phases, complex metal alloys, isopiestic measurement, heat of formation

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X-ray studies of martensitic transformation in the Fe-Ni alloys rapid quenched from melt. Ruslan M. Delidon, Vitaliy Y. Danilenko. Institute for Metal Physics National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine, Kyiv, Ukraine. E-mail: delrus@bigmir.net

Structure-phase state and characteristics of martensitic transformations in alloy (Fe – 31 wt. % Ni) ribbon quenched from melt were investigated by x-ray, optical microscopy and magnetometric methods. X-ray investigated shown the significant texture of austenite. Significantly different volume part of martensitic phase in the local areas of thin ribbons of alloys is associated with the distribution of initial austenitic grains in size. This distribution is determined by the difference in the rate of crystallization of an alloy in the local areas.

Keywords: Fe-Ni alloy, martensitic transformation, phase hardening, hardening from melt, texture, dimensional effect

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Crystal structure of the Li₁₅Cu₃Al₃ intermetallic compound. Grygoriy Dmytrytv, Volodymyr Pavlyuk, Ivan Tarasiuk, Helmut Ehrenberg, Igor Chumak, Hermann Pauly, aDepartment of Inorganic Chemistry, Ivan Franko Lviv National University, Lviv, Ukraine. bInstitute for Complex Materials, IFW Dresden, Germany. cMaterials Science, Technical University Darmstadt, Germany. E-mail: dgs@franko.lviv.ua

The Li₁₅Cu₃Al₃ intermetallic compound was synthesized from the pure elements in a sealed tantalum crucible. The reaction between the metals was carried out in an induction furnace at 1100°C. The crystal structure of this compound was investigated via X-ray single crystal method (BRUKER Kappa

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APEXIIL single crystal diffractometer, MoKα radiation) and has been solved by direct methods and refined using the SHELX-97 program package [1]: \( F_{\text{mm}} = 4.9484(7), b = 8.4367(7), c = 29.171(1) \) Å, \( R_p = 0.0549, 312 \) unique reflections, \( 45 \) variables. The final atomic parameters for the \( \text{Li}_8\text{Cu}_{15}\text{Al}_7 \) compound are summarized in the following table.

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Crystal structure of this compound is a derivative from the CuAl2 binary compound. Forming of the \( \text{Li}_8\text{Cu}_{15}\text{Al}_7 \) compound can be formally presented as additional lithium layers into CuAl2 with an expansion of the \( c \) parameter from 6.480 Å to 29.171 Å. Another peculiarity of the crystal structure of this compound is the formation of hexagonal columns which are filled by lithium atoms. Similar columns with lithium atoms in the crystal structures were established for \( \text{Li}_8\text{Cu}_{38}\text{Al}_{25} \) and \( \text{Li}_8\text{Cu}_{32}\text{Al}_{17} \) compounds [2,3].

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Keywords: lithium, intermetallic compound, crystal structure

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Fe-Ni-C alloy crystalline structure of tempered martensite, Viktor Iakovlev, Vitaly Danilchenko. G.V. Kurdyumov Institute for Metal Physics, Kyiv, Ukraine. E-mail: zvik83@mail.ru

High-carbon crystalline structure of iron-nickel-martensitic alloy after direct \( \gamma \)-\( \alpha \)- and reverse \( \alpha \)-\( \gamma \)-transition was studied using X-ray diffraction in single crystal specimens. The test material was Fe – 9.7 wt.%Ni – 1.54 wt.% austenite alloy. The direct transition occurred when cooling at liquid nitrogen and the reverse transition occurred when heating in salt bath at 700°C. The instability interval of retained austenite was partially overlapped by an interval of the reverse martensitic transition. This led to initiating the direct \( \alpha \)-\( \gamma \)-transition. The X-ray investigations were realized on single crystal specimens in rotating chamber RKV-86 with cobalt emission.

On three-phase dissolution stage during low-temperature tempering (100-200°C) two \( \alpha \)-solid solutions (\( \alpha \)-\( \gamma \)- and \( \chi \)-phases) with reduced content of carbon (1.2 % and 0.25% accordingly) were formed. Occurrence of reflections after tempering of \( \chi \)-martensite testified about first stage decomposition ending at 300°C. On the second one-phase dissolution stage further martensite depletion led to decreasing of \( \chi \)-phase lattice tetragonality up to 1 at 300°C. Heating up to 700°C has resulted in reverse \( \alpha \)-\( \gamma \)-martensitic transition. Orientation of the martensitic lattices with respect to initial austenitic lattice was equal.

Considering the position of martensitic reflections on the diffraction pattern of the single crystal specimens we can arrive at a conclusion that the orientation of martensitic lattices was similar to the initial austenitic lattice. This means that \( \alpha \)-\( \alpha \)- and \( \alpha \)-\( \gamma \)-transitions are associated only with the redistribution of carbon atoms and are not connected with the crystallographic restructuring of the metal lattice atoms.

Keywords: martensitic transformation, X-ray diffraction, single crystals

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Cd-rich Cadmides of the System Na/K/Cd. Viktoria Mihajlov, Caroline Röhr. Institut für Anorganische und Analytische Chemie, University of Freiburg, Germany. E-Mail: viktoria@goethite.chemie.uni-freiburg.de

Binary alkali metal (\( A \)) zinkides [1] and cadmides are only known in the \( A \)-poor region of the respective phase diagrams. The structure of the sodium cadmide \( \text{Na}_2\text{Cd}_{11} \), which was known from early film experiments [2] (\( \text{Mg}_2\text{Zn}_{11} \) type, cubic, \( Pm\bar{3}m \)), \( a = 958.75(9) \) pm, \( Z = 3 \), \( R_1 = 0.042 \) was confirmed and refined using single crystal data. The new ternary phase \( \text{KNa}_x\text{Cd}_{11-x} \) \((x = 0.87/0.53)\), tetragonal, \( P\bar{4}1\text{and} \), \( a = 1222.98(6)/1215.17(12) \) pm, \( c = 766.05(4)/769.05(7) \) pm, \( Z = 4 \), \( R_1 = 0.021/0.024 \) forms the BaCd11 type structure, which was previously unknown for alkali metal compounds. The Ba site of the basic structure type is occupied by K, whereas one Cd site is statistically occupied by Na and Cd. In the structure, the atoms of the two pure Cd positions form channels running along the tetragonal \( c \) axis, in which the K and Na/Cd atoms alternate. A similar structural motif is found in the second border compound \( \text{K}_{x}\text{Cd}_{1-x} \) formerly described as \( \text{K}_{x}\text{Cd}_{1-x} \) [4]. In the Cd channels the K atoms are no longer disordered: A detailed inspection of the diffraction images revealed satellite reflections indicating an almost commensurately modulated superstructure. In the new structural model with a quadrupled \( c \) axis (tetragonal, \( P\bar{4}1\text{and} \)), \( a = 915.2(6) \), \( c = 1159.0(4) \), \( Z = 2 \) the formerly singular K position splits into two, resulting in three potassium cations per channel. Both the significant structural factors (strongly changing radius of the \( A \)-cations) and the electronic criteria, which can be assessed from the pseudo band gap calculated using FP-LAPW-DFT methods, are discussed. A structural map that takes the radius ratios \( r_{A}/r_{X} \) and the v.e.c. into account nicely separates the different structure types of \( \text{Zn/Cd-rich \ A}^{1/2} \text{A}^{1/2} \) metalldies.


Keywords: alkali metals, cadmides, electronic structure