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Al-Ir-Ta (Aluminum-Iridium-Tantalum)

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Recently, [2005Miu] determined a partial liquidus projection and an isothermal section at 1650 °C for Ir-rich alloys of this system.

Binary Systems

The Al-Ir phase diagram in the Ir-rich region determined by [2005Miu] depicts a eutectic reaction between (Ir) and IrAl (*B*2, CsCl-type cubic) at 30.5 at.% Al and ~2020 °C. The other Al-Ir phases are: Ir_2Al_5 (cubic, space group $Pm\bar{3}n$), $IrAl_3$ ($D0_{18}$, Na_3As-type hexagonal), Ir_4Al_{13} (monoclinic) and Ir_2Al_9 ($D8_d$, Co_2Al_9-type monoclinic). The Ir-Ta phase diagram [Massalski2] has the following intermediate phases: Ir_3Ta (β; $L1_2$, $AuCu_3$-type cubic), γ (~42 at.% Ta; In-type tetragonal), δ (39-49.6 at.% Ta; orthorhombic), and σ (59-88.6 at.% Ta; $D8_b$, σCrFe-type tetragonal).

Ternary Phase Equilibria

With starting metals of 99.99% Al, 99.9% Ir, and 99.9% Ta, [2005Miu] arc-melted under Ar atm an Ir-rich alloy: 70Ir-20Al-10Ta (atomic percent). The sample was annealed at 1650 °C for 24 h. The phase equilibria were studied with scanning electron metallography, wavelength dispersive x-ray spectroscopy, and differential thermal analysis. The partial liquidus projection constructed by [2005Miu] is shown in Fig. 1. In the Ir-rich region, a U-type transition reaction L + Ir_3Ta ↔ (Ir) + IrAl is postulated by [2005Miu]. Figure 2 shows the partial isothermal section at 1650 °C. In the solid solution based on Ir_3Ta, Al substitutes for Ta up to the solubility limit of 5.6 at.%. No ternary phases were found in this region. Figure 1 and 2 may be considered tentative, in view of the very limited experimental results.

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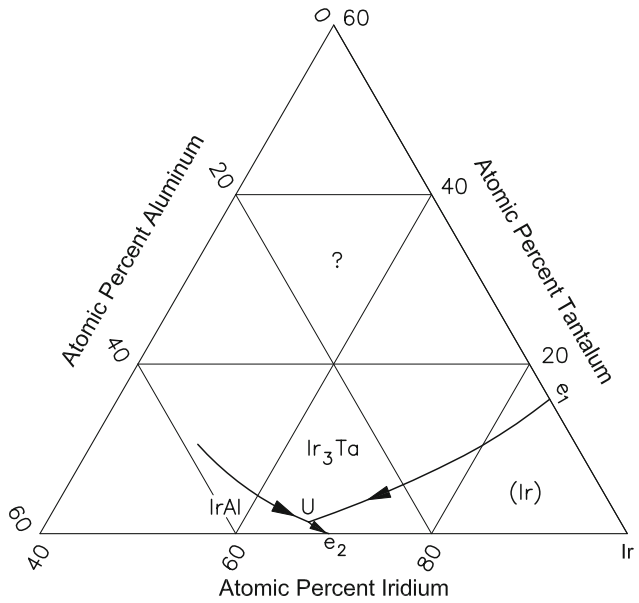

Fig. 1 Al-Ir-Ta partial liquidus projection for Ir-rich alloys [2005Miu]

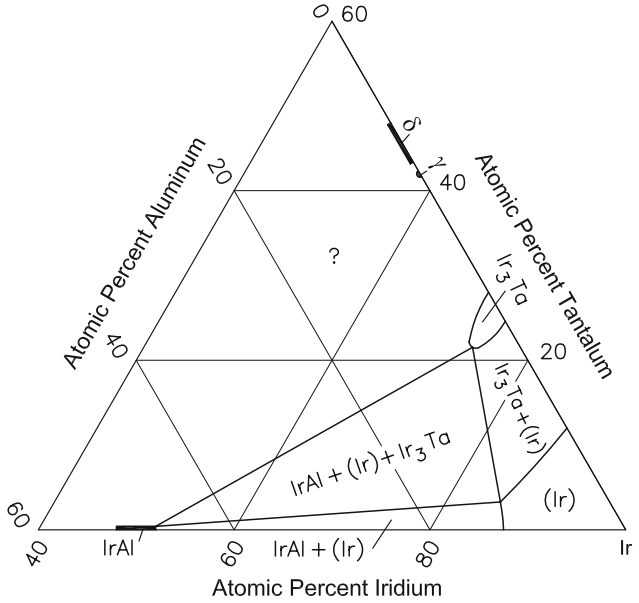

Fig. 2 Al-Ir-Ta partial isothermal section at 1650 °C for Ir-rich alloys [2005Miu]