

The Phase Relations in the System $\text{In}_2\text{O}_3\text{-}A_2\text{BO}_4\text{-BO}$ at Elevated Temperatures (A : Fe, Ga, or Cr; B : Mg, Co, Ni, or Cu): Part II

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The phase relations in the systems $\text{In}_2\text{O}_3\text{-Ga}_2\text{MgO}_4\text{-MgO}$ at 1300°C, $\text{In}_2\text{O}_3\text{-Fe}_2\text{NiO}_4\text{-NiO}$ at 1200°C, $\text{In}_2\text{O}_3\text{-Ga}_2\text{NiO}_4\text{-NiO}$ at 1200°C, $\text{In}_2\text{O}_3\text{-Cr}_2\text{NiO}_4\text{-NiO}$ at 1200°C, $\text{In}_2\text{O}_3\text{-Cr}_2\text{CoO}_4\text{-CoO}$ at 1200°C, and $\text{In}_2\text{O}_3\text{-Cr}_2\text{CuO}_4\text{-CuO}$ at 1000°C were determined by classical quenching methods. In the system $\text{In}_2\text{O}_3\text{-Ga}_2\text{MgO}_4\text{-MgO}$ there exist two ternary phases, namely, $\text{InGaO}_3(\text{MgO})$ with the YbFe_2O_4 -type crystal structure and $\text{InGaO}_3(\text{MgO})_2$ with the $\text{InFeO}_3(\text{ZnO})_2$ -type crystal structure. In the system $\text{In}_2\text{O}_3\text{-}A_2\text{NiO}_4\text{-NiO}$ ($A = \text{Fe, Ga, or Cr}$), there is a spinel solid-solution between InANiO_4 and $A_2\text{NiO}_4$. There is no ternary compound in the systems $\text{In}_2\text{O}_3\text{-Cr}_2\text{CoO}_4\text{-CoO}$ and $\text{In}_2\text{O}_3\text{-Cr}_2\text{CuO}_4\text{-CuO}$, respectively. The classification of the phase relations in the system $\text{In}_2\text{O}_3\text{-}A_2\text{BO}_4\text{-BO}$ (A : Fe, Ga, or Cr; B : Mg, Co, Ni, Cu, or Zn) is made in terms of the crystal structure of the ternary InABO_4 compound. © 1990 Academic Press, Inc.

Introduction

The rare earth elements (La-Lu, and including Y, In, and Sc) and transition elements can form many interesting condensed complex metal oxides with various types of crystal structures such as perovskite, garnet magnetoplumbite, K_2NiF_4 -, CaFe_2O_4 -, and YbFe_2O_4 -type. In order systematically to understand the physical and chemical properties of these complex oxides, as a first step, we must delineate the stability regions (for instance, the temperature, pressure, oxygen fugacity, or oxygen nonstoichiometry ranges) for these compounds, so as to prepare them reproducibly. So far we have determined the phase relations in the systems $\text{R}_2\text{O}_3\text{-Fe}_2\text{O}_3\text{-FeO}$ (R : La-Lu and Y) at ele-

vated temperatures under controlled oxygen partial pressures, and reported the stability regions of RFeO_3 (perovskite), $\text{R}_3\text{Fe}_5\text{O}_{12}$ (garnet), and $(\text{RFeO}_3)_n\text{FeO}$ ($n = 1, 2, \dots$) with layered structures (1). We then began studying systems containing In_2O_3 as one of the components in the ternary systems. The phase relations in the systems $\text{In}_2\text{O}_3\text{-Fe}_2\text{O}_3\text{-CuO}$ at 1000°C, $\text{In}_2\text{O}_3\text{-Ga}_2\text{O}_3\text{-CuO}$ at 1000°C, $\text{In}_2\text{O}_3\text{-Fe}_2\text{O}_3\text{-CoO}$ at 1300°C, and $\text{In}_2\text{O}_3\text{-Ga}_2\text{O}_3\text{-CoO}$ at 1300°C were reported (2), and in FeCuO_4 , InGaCuO_4 , and InGaCoO_4 with YbFe_2O_4 -type structure (3), $\text{In}_2\text{Fe}_2\text{CuO}_7$ and $\text{In}_2\text{Ga}_2\text{CuO}_7$ with $\text{Yb}_2\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_7$ -type structure (4), and $\text{In}_3\text{Fe}_3\text{CuO}_{10}$ with $\text{Yb}_3\text{Fe}_4\text{O}_{10}$ -type structure (5, 6) were obtained. InFeBO_4 (B : Mg or Fe(II)), InGaBO_4 (B : Mg, Mn(II), Fe(II), Ni(II), or Zn), InAlCuO_4 , ScGaBO_4 (B : Cu or Zn), ScAlCuO_4 , $(\text{InGaO}_3)_2(\text{ZnO})$,

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and $(\text{ScGaO}_3)_2(\text{CuO})$ were prepared; a systematic scheme was provided for classifying $(\text{InAO}_3)_n(\text{BO})_m$ (n and m : integer) compounds into four crystal structures: spinel, YbFe_2O_4 , $\text{In}_2\text{O}_3(\text{CuO})_2$, and CaFe_2O_4 (7, 8). There is a solid-solution between InFeCoO_4 and Fe_2CoO_4 with spinel structure (2). Nakamura *et al.* (9) reported the phase relations in the system $\text{In}_2\text{O}_3\text{--Fe}_2\text{ZnO}_4\text{--ZnO}$ at 1350°C , in which $\text{In}_2\text{O}_3(\text{ZnO})_m\text{--InFeO}_3(\text{ZnO})_m\text{--In}_{1-x}\text{Fe}_{1+x}\text{O}_3(\text{ZnO})_m$ ($m = 1\text{--}13$, $0 \leq x \leq 1$) is stable with the $\text{InFeO}_3(\text{ZnO})_m$ -type layered structures (10). In the system $\text{Yb}_2\text{O}_3\text{--Cr}_2\text{O}_3\text{--BO}$ (B : Co and Ni) at 1200 and 1300°C , and in the system $\text{Yb}_2\text{O}_3\text{--Ga}_2\text{O}_3\text{--NiO}$ at 1200 and 1300°C , no ternary compounds occur with the Yb Fe_2O_4 -type or spinel-type crystal structure, respectively (11). In the present paper, we report on the phase relations in the systems $\text{In}_2\text{O}_3\text{--Ga}_2\text{MgO}_4\text{--MgO}$ at 1300°C , $\text{In}_2\text{O}_3\text{--Fe}_2\text{NiO}_4\text{--NiO}$ at 1200°C , $\text{In}_2\text{O}_3\text{--Ga}_2\text{NiO}_4\text{--NiO}$ at 1200°C , $\text{In}_2\text{O}_3\text{--Cr}_2\text{NiO}_4\text{--NiO}$ at 1200°C , $\text{In}_2\text{O}_3\text{--Cr}_2\text{CoO}_4\text{--CoO}$ at 1200°C , and $\text{In}_2\text{O}_3\text{--Cr}_2\text{CuO}_4\text{--CuO}$ at 1000°C , all of which were determined by a classical quenching method. We also classify the phase relations in the system $\text{In}_2\text{O}_3\text{--A}_2\text{BO}_4\text{--BO}$ (A : Fe, Ga, or Cr; B : Mg, Co, Ni, Cu, or Zn) at elevated temperatures, based upon both the A_2O_3 and BO components.

Experimental

In_2O_3 (99.99%), Fe_2O_3 (99.9%), Ga_2O_3 (99.9%), Cr_2O_3 (99.9%), MgO (guaranteed reagent grade), CoO (99.9%), MnO (99.9%), NiO (99.9%), and CuO (guaranteed reagent grade) powders were used as starting compounds. Each of the mixtures in the system $\text{In}_2\text{O}_3\text{--Cr}_2\text{CuO}_4\text{--CuO}$ was heated in a Pt crucible in air. In order to prepare $\text{In}_{2x}\text{Fe}_{2-2x}\text{Mn(II)O}_4$ with the spinel structure, mixtures of calculated weight of powders of In_2O_3 , Fe_2O_3 , and MnO were shaped into a cylindrical form in a piston pressure vessel and put in alumina crucibles which were sealed

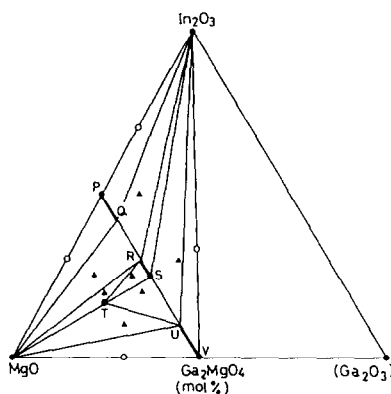


FIG. 1. Phase relations in the system $\text{In}_2\text{O}_3\text{--Ga}_2\text{MgO}_4\text{--MgO}$ at 1300°C . The points in the diagram represent the following chemical compositions [In_2O_3 : Ga_2O_3 : MgO (in mole ratio)]: P, In_3MgO_4 (spinel type) (0.50:0.00:0.50); Q, (0.42:0.08:0.50); R, (0.30:0.20:0.50); S, $\text{InGaO}_3(\text{MgO})$ (YbFe_2O_4 type) (0.25:0.25:0.50); T, $\text{InGaO}_3(\text{MgO})_2$ ($\text{InFeO}_3(\text{ZnO})_2$ type) (0.17:0.17:0.66); U, (0.10:0.40:0.50); and V, Ga_2MgO_4 (spinel type) (0.00:0.50:0.50). Symbols: ▲, three phases coexist; ○, two phases coexist; ●, a single phase exists.

in silica glass tubes, and heated at 1250°C for 2 hr. All of the other mixtures were sealed in Pt tubes and heated at selected temperatures. The experimental method and equipment used in these experiments have been described elsewhere (9).

Results and Discussion

1. *The phase relations in the system $\text{In}_2\text{O}_3\text{--Ga}_2\text{MgO}_4\text{--MgO}$ at 1300°C .* Figure 1 shows the phase relations in the system $\text{In}_2\text{O}_3\text{--Ga}_2\text{MgO}_4\text{--MgO}$ at 1300°C . There are two ternary phases, $\text{InGaO}_3(\text{MgO})$ and $\text{InGaO}_3(\text{MgO})_2$. $\text{InGaO}_3(\text{MgO})$ has the YbFe_2O_4 structure in the range from $\text{InGaO}_3(\text{MgO})$ to $\text{In}_{1+x}\text{Ga}_{1-x}\text{O}_3(\text{MgO})$ ($x = 0.20$). $\text{InGaO}_3(\text{MgO})_2$ has the $\text{InFeO}_3(\text{ZnO})_2$ -type structure ($a = 3.309(1)$ Å and $c = 22.08(1)$ Å; space group: $P6_3/mmc$). Both $\text{InGaO}_3(\text{MgO})$ and $\text{InGaO}_3(\text{MgO})_2$ belong to a series of homologous compounds, with

$\text{InFeO}_3(\text{ZnO})_m$ -type structures. There are two spinel phase regions, $\text{In}_2\text{MgO}_4\text{-In}_{2-x}\text{Ga}_x\text{MgO}_4$ ($x = 0.32$) and $\text{Ga}_2\text{MgO}_4\text{-Ga}_{2-x}\text{In}_x\text{MgO}_4$ ($x = 0.40$), which approach each other. There is no full solid-solution range from In_2MgO_4 to Ga_2MgO_4 including InGaMgO_4 with a spinel structure, but the ranges are separated by $\text{InGaO}_3(\text{MgO})$ with the YbFe_2O_4 -type structure. Barbier (12) reported the refinement by neutron powder diffraction of the crystal structure of $\text{In}_{1.2}\text{Ga}_{0.8}\text{MgO}_4$ with lattice constants $a = 3.3243(4)$ Å and $c = 25.9543(3)$ Å, which was synthesized between 1100 and 1400°C. Barbier's chemical composition and lattice constants indicate that his sample is near one of the endpoints in the $\text{InGaO}_3(\text{MgO})$ phase region. Kimizuka *et al.* (13) reported the phase relations in the system $\text{In}_2\text{O}_3\text{-Fe}_2\text{MgO}_4\text{-MgO}$ at 1300°C in which there is a full solid-solution range between In_2MgO_4 and Fe_2MgO_4 , including InFeMgO_4 with the spinel structure. As in the case of CoO in InFeCoO_4 (spinel type) and $\text{InGaO}_3(\text{CoO})$ (YbFe_2O_4 type) (2), InFeMgO_4 has the spinel structure, and $\text{InGaO}_3(\text{MgO})$ has the YbFe_2O_4 structure. However, we can safely assume that each region of the solid-spinel-type solutions in the system $\text{In}_2\text{O}_3\text{-Ga}_2\text{MgO}_4\text{-MgO}$ become more widely extended with rising temperature, and that $\text{InGaO}_3(\text{MgO})$ will be eventually transformed to a spinel structure, as is the case for $\text{InFeO}_3(\text{MnO})$ (14) which will be described later. Barbier (12) heated $\text{InGaO}_3(\text{MgO})$ with the YbFe_2O_4 structure at 1600°C for several days, but he could not obtain $\text{InGaO}_3(\text{MgO})$ in the spinel form. We believe that 1600°C may be too low to form a spinel-type $\text{InGaO}_3(\text{MgO})$ compound.

2. *The system $\text{In}_2\text{O}_3\text{-A}_2\text{NiO}_4\text{-NiO}$ (A: Fe, Ga, or Cr) at 1200°C.* Figure 2 shows the phase relations in the system $\text{In}_2\text{O}_3\text{-Fe}_2\text{NiO}_4\text{-NiO}$ at 1200°C, the system $\text{In}_2\text{O}_3\text{-Ga}_2\text{NiO}_4\text{-NiO}$ at 1200°C, and the system $\text{In}_2\text{O}_3\text{-Cr}_2\text{NiO}_4\text{-NiO}$ at 1200°C. There is a solid-solution between InANiO_4 and

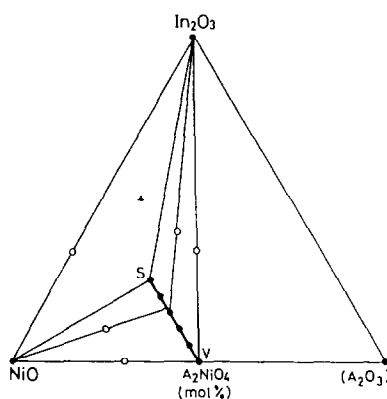


FIG. 2. Phase relations in the system $\text{In}_2\text{O}_3\text{-A}_2\text{NiO}_4\text{-NiO}$ at 1200°C (A: Fe, Ga, or Cr). S, InANiO_4 (spinel type) [$\text{In}_2\text{O}_3 : \text{A}_2\text{O}_3 : \text{NiO} = 0.25, 0.25, 0.50$ (in mole ratio)]; V, A_2NiO_4 (spinel) [$\text{In}_2\text{O}_3 : \text{A}_2\text{O}_3 : \text{NiO} = 0.00 : 0.50 : 0.50$ (in mole ratio)]. Symbols in this figure as in the legend to Fig. 1.

A_2NiO_4 with a spinel type of structure. The relations between each lattice constant and x in $\text{In}_x\text{A}_{2-x}\text{NiO}_4$ ($0 \leq x \leq 1$) are shown in Fig. 3. Both Fe_2NiO_4 and Ga_2NiO_4 form an inverse spinel and Cr_2NiO_4 forms a normal spinel (15).

These results are quite reasonable considering the characteristic properties of site preference effect of Cr(III) , Ni(II) , Fe(III) , and Ga(III) in oxide crystals. The Fe(III) cation distribution in InFeNiO_4 has been already determined by ^{57}Fe Mössbauer spectroscopy (14), and the cation distribution of $(\text{In(III)}_{0.45}\text{Ni(II)}_{0.11}\text{Fe(III)}_{0.44})[\text{In(III)}_{0.55}\text{Ni(II)}_{0.89}\text{Fe(III)}_{0.56}]\text{O}_4$ was investigated. Here, () and [] refer to the tetrahedral and the octahedral sites in the spinel structure, respectively. We did not experimentally measure the cation distribution in InGaNiO_4 or InCrNiO_4 ; however, we can reasonably advance the following distributions in first approximation: $(\text{Ga})[\text{InNi}]\text{O}_4$ and $(\text{Ni}_x\text{In}_{1-x})[\text{Ni}_{1-x}\text{In}_x\text{Cr}]\text{O}_4$, ($0 \leq x \leq 1$), respectively. The various slopes of the relations between the lattice constants and x in Fig. 3 support the above hypothesis for the cation distribution.

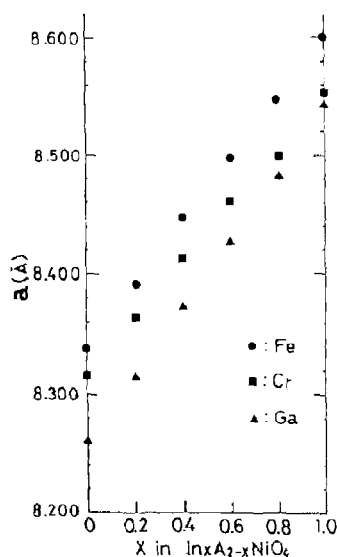


FIG. 3. Relations between the lattice constants of spinels and x in $\text{In}_x\text{A}_{2-x}\text{NiO}_4$ (A: Fe, Ga, or Cr) ($0 \leq x \leq 1$). Cr_2NiO_4 has a tetragonal unit cell at room temperature. (JCPDS Card 23-1273). $v^{1/3}$ ($v = a^2 * c$) at $x = 0$ in $\text{In}_x\text{Cr}_{2-x}\text{NiO}_4$ has been plotted in this figure. $\text{In}_x\text{Cr}_{2-x}\text{NiO}_4$ has a cubic unit cell ($0.20 \leq x \leq 1$).

3. *The system $\text{In}_2\text{O}_3\text{-Cr}_2\text{CoO}_4\text{-CoO}$ at 1200°C .* Figure 4 shows the phase relations in the system $\text{In}_2\text{O}_3\text{-Cr}_2\text{CoO}_4\text{-CoO}$ at 1200°C ; there is no ternary phase but a solid-solution of the spinel phase was obtained which points toward the hypothetical phase " InCrCoO_4 ."

4. *The system $\text{In}_2\text{O}_3\text{-Cr}_2\text{CuO}_4\text{-CuO}$ at 1000°C .* Figure 5 shows the phase relations in the system $\text{In}_2\text{O}_3\text{-Cr}_2\text{CuO}_4\text{-CuO}$ at 1000°C , in which there is a binary phase, $\text{In}_2\text{Cu}_2\text{O}_5$ (16), but no ternary phase. We listed in Table I each of the chemical compositions of the starting mixtures, heating periods, and phases obtained necessary for establishing the phase relations in the system $\text{In}_2\text{O}_3\text{-A}_2\text{BO}_4\text{-BO}$ [A: Ga, Fe, or Cr; B: Mg, Ni, Co, or Cu] at elevated temperatures. We did not quantitatively determine the various solid-solution ranges of In_2O_3 and BO (B: Mg, Co, Ni, or Cu) in the system $\text{In}_2\text{O}_3\text{-A}_2\text{BO}_4\text{-BO}$ at elevated temperatures.

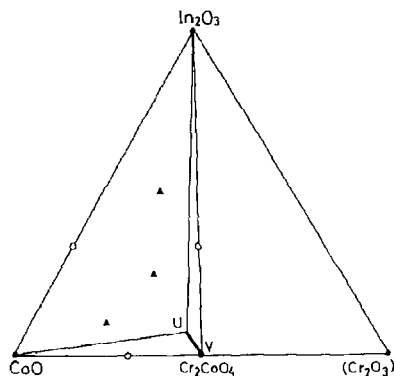


FIG. 4. Phase relations in the system $\text{In}_2\text{O}_3\text{-Cr}_2\text{CoO}_4\text{-CoO}$ at 1200°C . U, ($\text{In}_2\text{O}_3\text{:Cr}_2\text{O}_3\text{:CoO} = 0.08\text{:}0.42\text{:}0.50$); V, Cr_2CoO_4 (spinel) [$\text{In}_2\text{O}_3\text{:Cr}_2\text{O}_3\text{:CoO} = 0.00\text{:}0.50\text{:}0.50$ (in mole ratio)]. Symbols as in the legend to Fig. 1.

5. *The system $\text{In}_2\text{O}_3\text{-A}_2\text{MnO}_4\text{-MnO}$ (A: Fe or Ga).* In the system $\text{In}_2\text{O}_3\text{-A}_2\text{MnO}_4\text{-MnO}$ (A: Fe or Ga) at elevated temperatures, $\text{InGaO}_3(\text{MnO})$, $\text{InFeO}_3(\text{MnO})$, $\text{InGaO}_3(\text{MnO})_2$, and $\text{InGaO}_3(\text{MnO})_3$ with $\text{InFeO}_3(\text{ZnO})_m$ -type structures and $(\text{InGaO}_3)_2(\text{MnO})$ with $(\text{YbFeO}_3)_2(\text{FeO})$ -type structures have been already reported (13). We prepared $\text{InFeO}_3(\text{MnO})_2$ ($a = 3.368(1)$ Å, $c = 22.85(1)$ Å) with the $\text{InFeO}_3(\text{ZnO})_2$

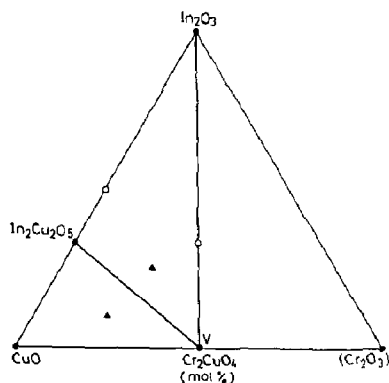


FIG. 5. Phase relations in the system $\text{In}_2\text{O}_3\text{-Cr}_2\text{CuO}_4\text{-CuO}$ at 1000°C . V, Cr_2CuO_4 (spinel) [$\text{In}_2\text{O}_3\text{:Cr}_2\text{O}_3\text{:CuO} = 0.00\text{:}0.50\text{:}0.50$ (in mole ratio)]. Symbols as in the legend to Fig. 1.

TABLE I
THE MIXTURES, HEATING PERIODS, AND PHASES OBTAINED IN THE SYSTEM
 $\text{In}_2\text{O}_3\text{-A}_2\text{BO}_4\text{-BO}$ (A: Ga, Fe, OR Cr; B: Mg, Ni, Co, OR Cu)

Starting mixture (in mole ratio) $\text{In}_2\text{O}_3 : \text{A}_2\text{O}_3 : \text{BO}$	Heating period (days)	Phases obtained
The system $\text{In}_2\text{O}_3\text{-Ga}_2\text{MgO}_4\text{-MgO}$ at 1300°C (Fig. 1)		
1: 1: 1	2 + 2	In_2O_3 , Ga_2MgO_4
3: 3: 4	2 + 3	InGaMgO_4 , In_2O_3 , Ga_2MgO_4
5: 1: 4	3 + 3	In_2O_3 , In_2MgO_4 , InGaMgO_4
25: 10: 65	2 + 2	InGaMgO_4 , MgO, In_2MgO_4
10: 25: 65	2 + 2	$\text{InGaO}_3(\text{MgO})_2$, MgO, Ga_2MgO_4
20: 25: 55	1 + 5	InGaMgO_4 , $\text{InGaO}_3(\text{MgO})_2$, Ga_2MgO_4
25: 20: 55	2 + 3	$\text{InGaO}_3(\text{MgO})_2$, InGaMgO_4
20: 15: 65	3 + 2	InGaMgO_4 , $\text{InGaO}_3(\text{MgO})_2$, MgO
7: 0: 3	1 + 5	In_2O_3 , In_2MgO_4
3: 0: 7	3 + 3	In_2MgO_4 , MgO
0: 3: 7	2 + 2	Ga_2MgO_4 , MgO
The system $\text{In}_2\text{O}_3\text{-A}_2\text{NiO}_4\text{-NiO}$ at 1200°C (A: Fe, Cr, or Ga) (Fig. 2)		
1: 1: 1	7 + 7	In_2O_3 , A_2NiO_4
1: 0: 2	7 + 7	In_2O_3 , NiO
1: 1: 2	7 + 7	InANiO_4 (spinel type)
1: 2: 7	7 + 7	spinel type, NiO
40: 25: 35	7 + 7	In_2O_3 , spinel type
50: 15: 35	7 + 7	In_2O_3 , spinel type, NiO
0: 3: 7	7 + 7	A_2NiO_4 , NiO
The system $\text{In}_2\text{O}_3\text{-Cr}_2\text{CoO}_4\text{-CoO}$ at 1200°C (Fig. 4)		
1: 1: 1	7 + 7	In_2O_3 , Cr_2CoO_4
1: 1: 2	7 + 7	In_2O_3 , Cr_2CoO_4 , CoO
1: 2: 7	7 + 7	Cr_2CoO_4 , In_2O_3 , CoO
0: 3: 7	7 + 7	Cr_2CoO_4 , CoO
3: 0: 7	7 + 7	In_2O_3 , CoO
The system $\text{In}_2\text{O}_3\text{-Cr}_2\text{CuO}_4\text{-CuO}$ at 1000°C (Fig. 5)		
1: 1: 1	7 + 7	In_2O_3 , Cr_2CuO_4
1: 1: 2	7 + 7	In_2O_3 , Cr_2CuO_4 , $\text{In}_2\text{Cu}_2\text{O}_5$
1: 2: 7	7 + 7	$\text{In}_2\text{Cu}_2\text{O}_5$, Cr_2CuO_4 , CuO
1: 1: 0	7 + 7	In_2O_3 , $\text{In}_2\text{Cu}_2\text{O}_5$

crystal structure by heating at 1000°C for 6 days. The d -spacings and relative intensities of X-ray powder diffraction of $\text{InFeO}_3(\text{MnO})_2$ will be sent to the Joint Committee of Powder Diffraction Standard. We show in Fig. 6 the binary and ternary compounds that have been synthesized so far in the system $\text{In}_2\text{O}_3\text{-A}_2\text{MnO}_4\text{-MnO}$ (A: Fe or Ga) and $\text{InFeO}_3(\text{MnO})_2$. Since the reaction rate in forming the ternary phases from In_2O_3 ,

Fe_2O_3 (or Ga_2O_3), and MnO powders was too slow, we could not present the phase relations $\text{In}_2\text{O}_3\text{-A}_2\text{MnO}_4\text{-MnO}$ at elevated temperatures. Gerardin *et al.* (14) synthesized InFeMnO_4 with the spinel structure at 1175°C for 2 hr. Both In_2MnO_4 (8) and Fe_2MnO_4 have the spinel structure, so we can safely infer that a spinel solid-solution between In_2MnO_4 and Fe_2MnO_4 including InFeMnO_4 should exist at about 1200°C. We

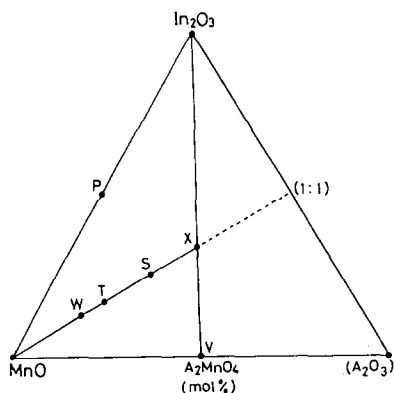


FIG. 6. Ternary compounds in the system $\text{In}_2\text{O}_3\text{-A}_2\text{MnO}_4\text{-MnO}$ (A : Fe or Ga) at elevated temperatures. P, In_2MnO_4 ; S, InAMnO_4 ; V, A_2MnO_4 ; T, $\text{InAO}_3(\text{MnO})_2$ (A : Fe or Ga); W, $\text{InGaO}_3(\text{MnO})_3$; X, $(\text{InGaO}_3)_2\text{MnO}$.

show in Fig. 7 the lattice constants of the solid-solutions with a spinel structure. So far neither $(\text{RAO}_3)_n\text{BO}$ ($n = \text{integer}$) nor $\text{RAO}_3(\text{BO})_m$ ($m = \text{integer}$) have been prepared coexistent in the same ternary system; however, $(\text{InGaO}_3)_2\text{MnO}$, $(\text{InGaO}_3)(\text{MnO})$, $\text{InGaO}_3(\text{MnO})_2$, and $\text{InGaO}_3(\text{MnO})_3$ do occur in the system $\text{In}_2\text{O}_3\text{-Ga}_2\text{Mn}$

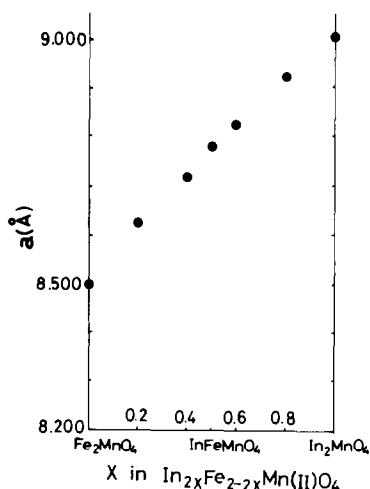


FIG. 7. The relation between the lattice constants of the spinel phase and x in $\text{In}_{2x}\text{Fe}_{2-2x}\text{MnO}_4$ ($0 \leq x \leq 1$).

$\text{O}_4\text{-MnO}$. Thus, we could bridge the compounds having the $(\text{YbFeO}_3)_n\text{FeO}$ -type crystal structures and the $\text{InFeO}_3(\text{ZnO})_m$ -type structures in the system $\text{In}_2\text{O}_3\text{-Ga}_2\text{MnO}_4\text{-MnO}$. We also encountered both $(\text{InGaO}_3)_2\text{ZnO}$ and $\text{InGaO}_3(\text{ZnO})_m$ in the system $\text{In}_2\text{O}_3\text{-Ga}_2\text{ZnO}_4\text{-ZnO}$ at 1350°C (17).

In order systematically to understand the phase relations in the systems $R_2\text{O}_3\text{-A}_2\text{BO}_4\text{-BO}$ (R : La-Lu, Y, In, and Sc; A : trivalent cation elements; B : divalent cation elements) at elevated temperatures which have been reported so far, we consider the following factors: (i) In(III) can occur in both the tetrahedral and octahedral sites of oxide crystals; however, the rare earth elements (La-Lu and Y) cannot reside on the tetrahedral sites. No $(\text{La-Lu})\text{ABO}_4$ compounds with a spinel-type structure have been reported so far; however, InABO_4 compounds crystallize in two kinds of structures, namely the spinel- and YbFe_2O_4 -types. RABO_4 (R : Lu, Yb, Tm, Er, Ho, or Y) has the YbFe_2O_4 structure. (ii) Both ZnO with the wurtzite structure and $\text{InGaO}_3(\text{ZnO})$ with the YbFe_2O_4 structure can be considered to be layered compounds with two-dimensional triangular lattices of nearly similar size. $\text{InGaO}_3(\text{ZnO})_m$ is formed by stacking of two of these layered types of structures. (iii) Both Ga(III) and Zn(II) with a tendency for tetrahedral site preference in oxide crystals, and both the spherical Mg(II) and Mn(II) ions can constitute phases having the YbFe_2O_4 -layered structures together with In_2O_3 . They cannot form the solid-solutions with A_2BO_4 having the spinel structure. (iv) $\text{InAO}_3(\text{NiO})$ and $\text{InFeO}_3(\text{BO})$ (A : Fe, Ga, or Cr; B : Mg or Co) have the spinel structure and can form solid-solutions with A_2BO_4 . (v) The combination of Ga(III) and Zn(II), Mn(II), or Mg(II) is the most favorable for forming both $(\text{InAO}_3)_n\text{BO}$ and $\text{InAO}_3(\text{BO})_m$ compounds with layered structures. (vi) In the binary system $\text{In}_2\text{O}_3\text{-BO}$ (B : Mg, Mn, Cu, Co, or Zn) there are In_2MgO_4 and In_2MnO_4 having a spinel-

type, $\text{In}_2\text{Cu}_2\text{O}_5$, and $\text{In}_2\text{O}_3(\text{ZnO})_m$ with layered structure (9, 18). Evans (19) shows that both In_2NiO_4 and In_2CoO_4 adopt the spinel structure; however, we did not encounter any binary phases in the $\text{In}_2\text{O}_3\text{-BO}$ (B: Ni or Co) under the present experimental condition. Recently, $\text{MnGa}_x\text{Cr}_{2-x}\text{S}_4$ ($1.50 < x < 1.80$) with the layered ZnIn_2S_4 -type structure was prepared (20), and the phase transformation between spinel type and ZnIn_2S_4 type was discussed. In ZnIn_2S_4 (space group: $R\bar{3}m$) the sulfur atoms are in a mixed close packing, the sequence along the c axis being . . . $hhcchcc$. . . The Zn atoms are on tetrahedral sites, and In occurs both on tetrahedral and octahedral sites (21). The higher order compounds, $\text{InGaS}_3(\text{ZnS})_2$ and $\text{InGaS}_3(\text{CdS})_2$, have also been investigated (22), because of their optical properties. Thus, AB_2X_4 ($X = \text{O}, \text{S}, \text{or Se}$) with the layered structure involving anions with the . . . $hhcchcc$. . . sequence covers many inorganic compounds, as does the spinel structure.

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