Syntheses and Single-Crystal Data of Homologous Compounds, $In_2O_3(ZnO)_m$ (m=3, 4, and 5), $InGaO_3(ZnO)_3$, and $Ga_2O_3(ZnO)_m$ (m=7, 8, 9, and 16) in the In_2O_3 —ZnGa₂O₄—ZnO System

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Homologous compounds, $In_2O_3(ZnO)_m$ $(m \ge 3)$, $(InGaO_3)_2$ ZnO, $InGaO_3(ZnO)_m$ $(m \ge 1)$, and $Ga_2O_3(ZnO)_m$ $(m \ge 7)$ phases (m = natural number) in the $In_2O_3-ZnGa_2O_4-ZnO$ system were synthesized at 1150-1550°C from In₂O₃, Ga₂O₃, and ZnO powders. The homologous compounds with smaller m are synthesized as temperature is elevated higher. Single crystals of In₂O₃(ZnO)_m (m = 3, 4, and 5), $InGaO_3(ZnO)_3$, and $Ga_2O_3(ZnO)_m$ $(m \ge 7, 8, 9, 9, 1)$ and 16) were grown by means of solid-state reactions in the mixtures of the starting compound powders with mixing ratio of $In_2O_3: ZnO = 1:m$ at 1550°C, $In_2O_3: Ga_2O_3: ZnO = 1:1:6$ at 1550°C, and Ga_2O_3 : ZnO = 1:m (in a mole ratio) at 1450-1550°C. The crystal data determined by means of a Weissenberg camera are as follows: $\ln_2 O_3(ZnO)_3$; a = 3.34 Å; and c = 42.6 Å; $In_2O_3(ZnO)_4$, a = 3.33 Å and c = 33.5 Å; $In_2O_3(ZnO)_5$, a = 3.32 Åand c = 58.4Å; and InGaO₃(ZnO)₃, a = 3.29Å and c = 41.8Å. The crystal data determined by means of a single-crystal X-ray diffractometer are as follows: $Ga_2O_3(ZnO)_7$, a = 3.2512(1)Å, b =19.654(3)Å, and c = 27.754(4)Å; $Ga_2O_3(ZnO)_8$, a = 3.2497(1)Å, b = 19.682(3)Å, and c = 30.684(3)Å; $Ga_2O_3(ZnO)_9$, a =3.2520(1)Å, b = 19.707(4)Å, and c = 33.603(5)Å; and $Ga_2O_3(ZnO)_{16}$, a = 3.2534(1)Å, b = 19.764(3)Å, and c =54.208(5)Å, orthorhombic crystal system in Cmcm space group (No. 63). $In_2O_3(ZnO)_m$ and $InGaO_3(ZnO)_m$ belong to R3m for m =odd or $P6_3/mmc$ for m = even, and their lattice constants are given in a hexagonal form. The crystal data for In₂O₃(ZnO)_m, $InGaO_3(ZnO)_m$, and $Ga_2O_3(ZnO)_m$ are discussed based upon the wurtzite-type crystal structure. © 1995 Academic Press, Inc.

INTRODUCTION

Indium sesquioxide (In_2O_3) is a useful compound for making transparent conductive electrodes and zinc oxide (ZnO) is used for varistors. Kasper (1) originally prepared $In_2O_3(ZnO)_m$ (m=2-5 and 7) and reported that they had layered structures related closely to the wurtzite structure. Kimizuka *et al.* (2) and Nakamura *et al.* (3-5) synthesized ($InGaO_3$)₂(ZnO) and $InMO_3(ZnO)_m$ (M=Fe,

Ga, or AI; m = 1-13) powders and estimated their crystal structures from those of LuMnO₃ (6), YbFe₂O₄ (7), and (YbFeO₃)₂FeO (8) which were determined by single-crystal structural analyses. Cannard and Tilley (9) analyzed $In_2O_3(ZnO)_m$ (m = 4-7, 9, and 11) by high-resolution electron microscopy, and concluded that their structures are composed of the stacking of the metal-oxygen layers perpendicular to the c-axis in the hexagonal crystal system. Isobe et al. (10) determined crystal structures of LuFeO₃(ZnO)_m (m = 1, 4-6) by single-crystal X-ray diffractometry, and concluded that they are composed of LuO_2^- and $(FeZn_m)O_{m+1}^+$ layers which were perpendicular to the c-axis in the hexagonal system. Crystal structures for $LuFeO_3(ZnO)_m$ (m = 1, 4, and 5) are shown in Fig. 1. The Lu is in the octahedral site and both the Fe and Zn are in the trigonal bipyramidal sites in LuFeO₃(ZnO)_m. $(RMO_3)_n(M'O)_m$ in the $R_2O_3-M_2O_3-M'O$ systems (R =In, Sc, Y, or one of the rare earth elements; M = Fe, Ga, or Al; M' = one of the divalent cation elements; n and mare integers) were reviewed from the viewpoints of thermochemistry, crystal chemistry, and solid-state physics (11). Nakamura et al. (4) determined the phase relations in the In₂O₃-ZnGa₂O₄-ZnO system at 1350°C by a classical quenching method, and reported that there were homologous phases having solid solutions (InGaO₃)₂ZnO₃ $In_{1.33}Ga_{0.67}O_3(ZnO)-InGaO_3(ZnO)-In_{0.92}Ga_{1.08}O_3(ZnO),$ $In_{1.68}Ga_{0.32}O_3(ZnO)_2-InGaO_3(ZnO)_2-In_{0.68}Ga_{1.32}O_3$ $(ZnO)_2$, and $In_2O_3(ZnO)_m-InGaO_3(ZnO)_m-In_{1-x}Ga_{1+x}$ $O_3(ZnO)_m$ (m = 3-13)(0 < x < 1). They measured the lattice constants of the solid solutions of the homologous phases by powder X-ray diffractometry and analyzed their data assuming $InGaO_3(ZnO)_m$ to be isostructural with LuFeO₃(ZnO)_m without any single-crystal data. In the ZnO-ZnGa₂O₄ system, they concluded, there existed no binary compounds, but a solid solution of the ZnO phase, $(Ga_2O_3)_x(ZnO)_{1-x}$ $(0 \le x \le 0.093)$ was detected. The ZnO phase (at x = 0) has a wurtzite structure, and the crystal structure of the solid solution containing Ga₂O₃ was distorted from the wurtzite structure to a

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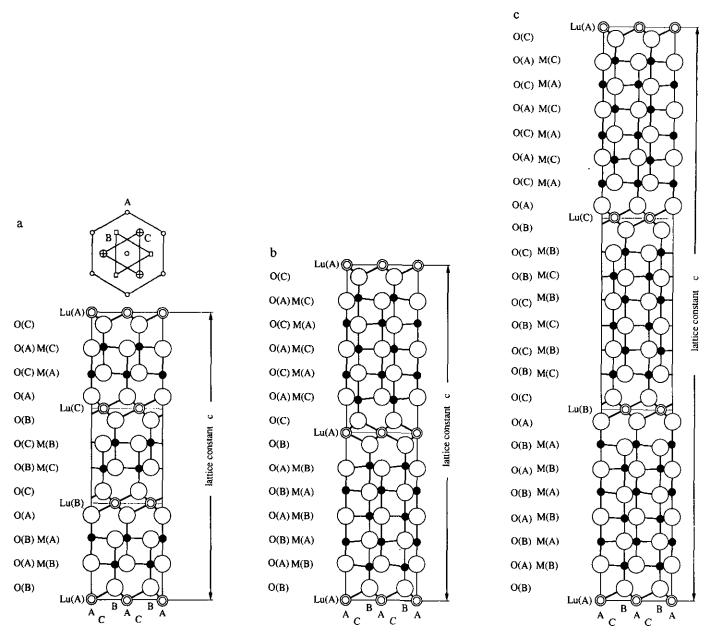


FIG. 1. Crystal structures for (a) LuFeO₃(ZnO), (b) LuFeO₃(ZnO)₄, and (c) LuFeO₃(ZnO)₅: A, B, or C represents one of the three kinds of triangular lattices; M sites are occupied by Fe and/or Zn ions, Lu, \bigcirc ; Fe and/or Zn ion, \bigcirc ; and O ion, \bigcirc .

structure with a lower symmetry with increasing x. Kimizuka et al. (12) determined single-crystal data for InFeO₃(ZnO)_m (m = 1, 2, 3, 7, 11, 13, 15,and 19) having LuFeO₃(ZnO)_m-type structure and Fe₂O₃(ZnO)_m-type structure. Recently, Giaquinta et al. (13) reported the single-crystal structure of InFeO₃ having a layered structure with triangular lattices. In the present paper, we report (i) syntheses of homologous compounds In₂O₃(ZnO)_m,

InGaO₃(ZnO)_m, and Ga₂O₃(ZnO)_m in the In₂O₃–ZnGa₂O₄–ZnO system in the temperature range 1150–1550°C and (ii) single-crystal data for In₂O₃(ZnO)_m (m = 3, 4, and 5), InGaO₃(ZnO)₃, and Ga₂O₃(ZnO)_m (m = 7, 8, 9, and 16) which were determined by a Weissenberg camera and/or a single-crystal X-ray diffractometer (see Fig. 2). The crystal structures of In₂O₃(ZnO)_m, InGaO₃ (ZnO)_m, and Ga₂O₃(ZnO)_m are discussed based upon the wurtzite-type structure.

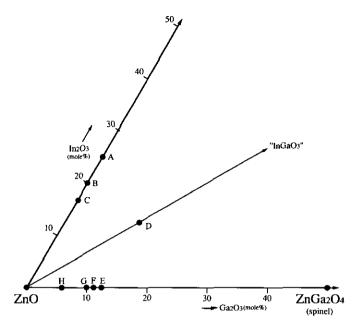


FIG. 2. Homologous compounds whose single-crystal X-ray data are obtained in the In₂O₃-Ga₂O₃-ZnO system at elevated temperatures: A, In₂O₃(ZnO)₃; B, In₂O₃(ZnO)₄; C, In₂O₃(ZnO)₅; D, InGaO₃(ZnO)₃; E, Ga₂O₃(ZnO)₇; F, Ga₂O₃(ZnO)₈; G, Ga₂O₃(ZnO)₉; and H, Ga₂O₃(ZnO)₁₆.

EXPERIMENTAL

1. Syntheses of the Homologous Compounds

In₂O₃(ZnO)_m, InGaO₃(ZnO)_m, and Ga₂O₃(ZnO)_m at

Elevated Temperatures

As starting compounds, we used In₂O₃(99.9%), Ga₂ $O_3(99.9\%)$, and ZnO(99.9%) powders. Prior to mixing these starting compounds, we heated In₂O₃ at 800°C for 1 day, Ga₂O₃ at 900°C for 1 day, and ZnO at 1000°C for half a day in air. Stoichiometric proportions of these starting compounds were weighed and mixed in an agate mortar for half an hour. Each mixture of In_2O_3 : ZnO = 1:m, $In_2O_3: Ga_2O_3: ZnO = 1:1:m$, or $Ga_2O_3: ZnO = 1:m$ (m = natural number) (in a mole ratio) was sealed in a Pt tube (25 mm in length and 7 mm in diameter) for heating at temperatures above 1350°C. For preparation below 1250°C, each mixture was heated in an unsealed Pt tube. For the system Ga₂O₃-ZnO, we heated mixtures above 1350°C, because the reaction rate in the Ga₂O₃–ZnO mixtures were too slow at and below 1250°C. All the samples were rapidly cooled to room temperature after each heat treatment. Chemical reactions between the samples and Pt tubes were visually checked under a microscope. Evaporation of the samples during each heat treatment at this condition was negligible within experimental errors. Since the reaction rate in the formation of homologous compounds was relatively fast at and above 1350°C, we could obtain the desired single-phase compounds within 1 week, except $In_2O_3(ZnO)_{2m}$ and $InGaO_3(ZnO)_{2m}$ (m \geq 4). However, at T = 1150 and 1250° C, the rates of the formation of $In_2O_3(ZnO)_{2m}$ and $InGaO_3(ZnO)_{2m}$ ($m \ge 3$) were so slow that the specimens in single phases were not obtained in our experimental conditions. $InGaO_3(ZnO)_m$ (m = 1-7) prepared at T = 1350 or 1500° C did not decompose at 1150 or 1250° C for 1 week. Experimental facilities and methods we used were described elsewhere in detail (2).

2. Single-Crystal Growth of In₂O₃(ZnO)_m, InGaO₃(ZnO)₃, and Ga₂O₃(ZnO)_m

Single crystals of $In_2O_3(ZnO)_m$ (m = 3, 4, or 5), $InGaO_3$ $(ZnO)_3$, and $Ga_2O_3(ZnO)_m$ (m = 7, 8, 9, and 16) were grown by solid-state reactions in the mixtures of In₂O₃: $ZnO = 1: m \ (m = 3, 4, and 5), In₂O₃: Ga₂O₃: ZnO =$ 1:1:6, and Ga_2O_3 : ZnO = 1: m (m = 4, 7, 8, 9, and 16) at elevated temperatures. As the first step, all the mixtures sealed in Pt tubes were heated for a desired period and rapidly cooled to room temperature. Single crystals of $In_2O_3(ZnO)_m$, $InGaO_3(ZnO)_3$, and $Ga_2O_3(ZnO)_9$ were reheated at 1350°C for 5 days. For growing single crystals of $Ga_2O_3(ZnO)_m$ (m=7, 8, and 9) with suitable sizes, the mixture of Ga_2O_3 : ZnO = 1:4 (in a mole ratio) was heated at 1450–1550°C for 5 days. $Ga_2O_3(ZnO)_m$ (m = 7, 8, and 9) coexisting with ZnGa₂O₄ (spinel phase) was obtained. All the single crystals obtained were of twodimensional thin plate. At and below 1550°C, we did not recognize a melt phase. We think crystal growth was occurred through vapor transport.

3. Determination of Crystal Data and Chemical Composition

Weissenberg photographs ($CuK\alpha$ radiation with a Ni filter) were taken of all the single crystals selected under a microscope, and their lattice constants and possible space groups were determined. The lattice constants for $Ga_2O_3(ZnO)_m$ were further refined using a single-crystal X-ray diffractometer ($MoK\alpha$ radiation with a graphite monochromator). $Ga_2O_3(ZnO)_m$ single crystals were supplied for EPMA analysis for determining their constituent chemical compositions, Ga_2O_3 and ZnO. We heated a mixture of $Ga_2O_3:ZnO=1:9$ (in a mole ratio) at $1350^{\circ}C$ and obtained a powder specimen whose X-ray diffraction peaks were successfully indexed based upon the single-crystal data, $Ga_2O_3(ZnO)_9$.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

1. Occurrence of the Homologous Compounds in the Systems In₂O₃-ZnO, InGaO₃-ZnO, and Ga₂O₃-ZnO at Elevated Temperatures

In Fig. 3, we show the homologous compounds obtained in the present work and reported so far in the

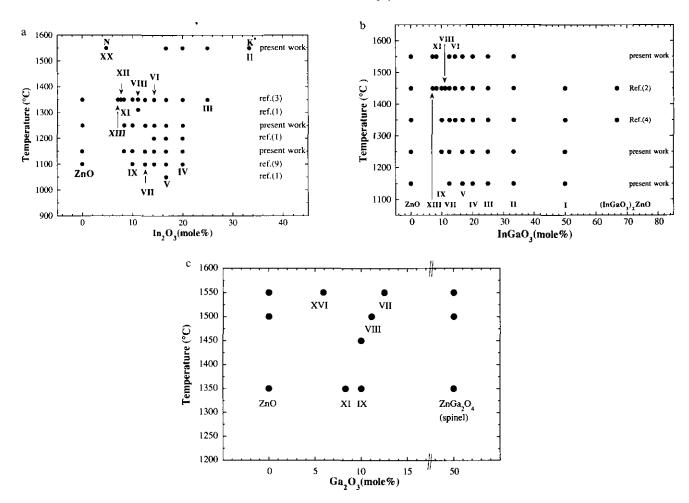


FIG. 3. (a) Homologous compounds, $In_2O_3(ZnO)_m$ obtained at various temperatures. K*: Kasper (1) synthesized $In_2O_3(ZnO)_2$ with a = 3.376(1) Å and c = 23.154(1) Å; however, we could not synthesize it. N: Nakamura *et al.* (3) synthesized $In_2O_3(ZnO)_{20}$. Roman numerals II, III, stand for phases with $m = 2, 3, \ldots$ (b) Homologous compounds $InGaO_3(ZnO)_m$ obtained at various temperatures. The results at 1350° C are cited from Ref. (4) and those at 1450° C are from Ref. (2). (c) Homologous compounds $Ga_2O_3(ZnO)_m$ obtained at various temperatures. $Ga_2O_3(ZnO)_9$ and Compounds and Compounds Com

In₂O₃-ZnO system, the InGaO₃-ZnO system, and the Ga₂O₃-ZnO system at elevated temperatures. Starting mixtures, heating periods, and phases obtained are summarized in Tables 1A-1C. We obtained In₂O₃(ZnO)_m $(m \ge 3)$ at and above 1350°C, and $In_2O_3(ZnO)_m$ $(m \ge 4)$ at 1150°C. (InGaO₃)₂ZnO which was synthesized at 1350°C was decomposed to In₂O₃ and ZnGa₂O₄ at 1250 °C. In $GaO_3(ZnO)_m$ ($m \ge 1$) was prepared at and above 1250°C. At T = 1150 and 1250° C, we could not obtain In_2O_3 $(ZnO)_{2m}$ and $InGaO_3(ZnO)_{2m}$ (m \geq 3) in a single-phase state from In₂O₃, Ga₂O₃, and ZnO powders. As we recognized in establishing the phase relations in the In₂O₃-ZnGa₂O₄-ZnO system at 1350°C (3), the formation reaction rate in InGaO₃(ZnO)_{2m} was much slower than that in $InGaO_3(ZnO)_{2m-1}$ at 1150°C and the formation rate in $In_2O_3(ZnO)_m$ was faster than that in $InGaO_3(ZnO)_m$.

In the Ga₂O₃-ZnO system, we heated the mixture, Ga_2O_3 : ZnO = 1:4 (in a mole ratio) and we obtained $[X_1 + ZnGa_2O_4]$ at 1350°C, $[X_2 + ZnGa_2O_4]$ at 1500°C, and $[X_3 + \text{ZnGa}_2\text{O}_4]$ at 1550 °C, in which X_1, X_2 , and X_3 are closely related to each other in their crystal structures. We picked up single crystals of X_1 , X_2 , and X_3 and determined their crystal data with a Weissenberg camera and/or a single-crystal X-ray diffractometer and their chemical compositions by EPMA. We list their chemical compositions and lattice constants in Table 4B below. We concluded that $X_1 = Ga_2O_3(ZnO)_9$, $X_2 = Ga_2O_3$ $(ZnO)_8$, and $X_3 = Ga_2O_3(ZnO)_7$. We show powder X-ray data for Ga₂O₃(ZnO)₉ synthesized at 1350°C in Table 2. (Their crystal structures will be discussed later; however, we can mention that the oxygen packings are composed of the ABABABAB . . . as in the wurtzite-type structure.)

TABLE 1A Homologous Compounds In₂O₃(ZnO)_m Synthesized at Various Temperatures

' TABLE 1B Homologous Compounds InGaO₃(ZnO)_m Synthesized at Various Temperatures

| Mixing ratio of tarting compounds, In ₂ O ₃ : ZnO (in a mole ratio) | T (°C) | Period (day) | Phase(s) obtained |
|---|--------|-----------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1:1 | 1150 | 9 + 5 + 7 | IV + In ₂ O ₃ |
| 1:4 | 1150 | 7 + 7 | IV |
| 1:5 | 1150 | 7 | V |
| 1:6 | 1150 | 8 + 8 | V + VI(?) + VII |
| 1:7 | 1150 | 9 | VII |
| 1:9 | 1150 | 7 + 9 + 5 | IX |
| 1:11 | 1150 | 7 + 9 + 5 | XI |
| 1:1 | 1250 | 7 + 8 | IV + In2O3 |
| 1:4 | 1250 | 8 + 8 | IV |
| 1:5 | 1250 | 7 | V |
| 1:6 | 1250 | 8 + 8 | V + VI(?) + VII |
| 1:7 | 1250 | 7 | VII |
| 1:9 | 1250 | 7 + 9 | IX |
| 1:11 | 1250 | 7 + 9 | XI |
| 1:3 | 1550 | 5 | Ш |
| 1:4 | 1550 | 5 | IV |
| 1:5 | 1550 | 5 | V |

Note. (s + t) days means the following: After heating a specimen for s days, it was rapidly cooled to room temperature. Subsequently, the specimen was carefully crushed in an agate mortar under ethyl alcohol and heated for t days again, followed by a rapid cooling to room temperature.

In the Ga_2O_3 –ZnO system, it is already known that there is a spinel phase, ZnGa₂O₄ (space group Fd3m, a=8.3349 Å) (JCPDS, Card No. 38-1240) with cubic rather than hexagonal oxygen packing, it is therefore reasonable to assume that the $Ga_2O_3(ZnO)_m$ phases are limited to high m values only in the vicinity of ZnO phase (the wurtzite-type crystal structure with a=3.250 Å and c=5.207 Å, and space group $P6_3/mmc$) (14). Nakamura $et\ al$. (3) recently reported a phase with a distorted wurtzite structure, $(Ga_2O_3)_x(ZnO)_{1-x}$ ($0 \le x \le 0.093$) in the ZnO–ZnGa₂O₄ system at 1350°C determined by powder X-ray

| Mixing ratio of starting compounds, In ₂ O ₃ : Ga ₂ O ₃ : ZnO (in a mole ratio) | T (°C) | Period (day) | Phase(s) obtained |
|--|--------|-----------------|----------------------------------|
| (InGaO₃)₂ZnOa | 1150 | 5 + 7 | In ₂ O ₃ + |
| | | | ZnGa ₂ O ₄ |
| 1:1:2 | 1150 | 7 | I |
| 1:1:3 | 1150 | 7 + 7 | I + II |
| 1:1:4 | 1150 | 7 | II |
| 1:1:5 | 1150 | 7 + 7 | II + III |
| 1:1:6 | 1150 | 7 | III |
| 1:1:7 | 1150 | 7 + 7 | III + IV |
| 1:1:8 | 1150 | 7 | IV |
| 1:1:9 | 1150 | 9 + 5 | IV + V |
| 1:1:10 | 1150 | 7 + 9 | V |
| 1:1:12 | 1150 | 7 + 9 + 5 | V + VI(?) + VI |
| 1:1:14 | 1150 | 9 + 5 | VII |
| 1:1:2 | 1250 | 7 | I |
| 1:1:3 | 1250 | 8 | I + II |
| 1:1:5 | 1250 | 8 | II + III |
| 1:1:7 | 1250 | 8 | III + IV |
| 1:1:8 | 1250 | 7 | IV |
| 1:1:10 | 1250 | 7 | V |
| 1:1:14 | 1250 | 8 + 8 | VII |
| 1:1:18 | 1250 | 8 + 8 | IX |
| 1:1:2 | 1550 | 3 | I |
| 1:1:4 | 1550 | 3 | II |
| 1:1:6 | 1550 | 3 | III |
| 1:1:8 | 1550 | 3 | IV |
| 1:1:10 | 1550 | 3 | V |
| 1:1:12 | 1550 | 3 | VI |
| 1:1:14 | 1550 | 3 | VII |
| 1:1:22 | 1550 | 3 | XI |
| 1:1:26 | 1550 | 3 | XIII |

^a The starting material (InGaO₃)₂ZnO synthesized at 1350°C.

TABLE 1C Homologous Compounds Ga₂O₃(ZnO)_m Synthesized at Various Temperatures

| Mixing ratio of starting compounds, Ga ₂ O ₃ : ZnO (in a mole ratio) | T (°C) | Heating Period (day) | Phase(s) obtained |
|---|--------|-------------------------|--|
| 1:4 | 1350 | 4 + 3 + 4 | Ga ₂ O ₃ (ZnO) ₉ + spinel |
| 1:7 | 1350 | 7 + 6 | Ga ₂ O ₃ (ZnO) ₉ + spinel |
| 1:9 | 1350 | 4 + 3 + 4 + 4 | Ga ₂ O ₃ (ZnO) ₉ |
| 1:11 | 1350 | 4 + 3 + 4 + 4 | $Ga_2O_3(ZnO)_{11}$ |
| 1:9 | 1450 | 4 + 5 | Ga ₂ O ₃ (ZnO) ₉ |
| 1:4 | 1500 | 2 + 2 | Ga ₂ O ₃ (ZnO) ₈ + spinel |
| 1:7 | 1500 | 2 + 2 | Ga ₂ O ₃ (ZnO) ₈ + spinel |
| 1:4 | 1550 | 2 + 2 | Ga ₂ O ₃ (ZnO) ₇ + spinel |

TABLE 2 X-Ray Powder Data of Ga₂O₃(ZnO)₉ Prepared at 1350°C

 $I_{\rm obs}~(\%)$ $d_{\rm obs}$ (Å) d_{caic} (Å) h k l3 00 2 16.69 16.78 40 9 2.9702 2.9726 1 60 5 2.9472 2.9486 5 310 2.9088 2.9127 1 14 312 2.8687 2.8698 2.8298 8 60 6 2.8309 12 3 1 3 2.8185 2.8187 2.7708 2.7731 <1 4 0 10 3 3 1 4 2.7509 2.7516 3 60 7 2.7072 2.7084 11 7 2.6649 2 2.6655 4011 2.5923 2.5934 100 9 118 2.5474 2.5477 3 2.4993 2.4999 511 512 2.4786 2,4794 13 80 0 2.4615 2.4617 13 513 2.4453 2.4462 4 17 119 2.4313 2.4314 17 4 0 12 2.4313 2.4318 1 516 2.2866 2.2876 2 2.2108 1 1 11 2.2104 3 2.0517 2 0 16 2.0515 3 2.0111 1 1 13 2.0109 6014 1.9356 1.9359 4 1 1 14 1.9205 1.9200 3 1.8967 1.8972 2 718 100 5 1.8893 1.8897 2 1 100 6 1.8581 1.8576 1.8479 1.8477 3 719 100 7 1.8222 <1 1.8217 918 1.6659 1.6659 5 919 10 1.6324 1.6321 120 2 1.6324 1.6334 10 02 0 1.6252 1.6251 11 8 0 16 1.5966 3 1.5966 120 2 1.6324 1.6334 10 02 0 1.6252 11 1.6251 8 0 16 1.5966 1.5966 3 22 2 1.5966 1.5961 3 9 1 10 1.5966 1.5966 3 11 1 2 1.5604 1.5614 1 026 1.5604 1.5606 1 0 0 22 1.5255 1.5255 14 11 1 6 1.5107 1.5100 129 1.4854 1.4855 3 3 3 1 20 1.4539 1.4540 5 12 0 11 1.4457 1.4453 1 62 4 1.4355 1.4349 140 3 1.3950 6 1.3957 4 2 11 1.3773 10 1.3771 13 1 0 1.3728 1.3731 7 13 1 2 1.3688 3 1.3685 2 140 6 1.3637 1.3642 3 629 1.3565 1.3566 82 0 1.3565 1.3562 8 0 22 1.2971 1.2967 160 0 1.2313 1.2309 1 180 4 1.0851 1.0849 1 13 1 1.0808 1.0812

TABLE 2—Continued

| h k ! | d _{obs} (Å) | d _{calc} (Å) | I _{obs} (%) |
|---------|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| 13 8 | 1.0476 | 1.0475 | 1 |
| 532 | 1.0420 | 1.0426 | 1 |
| 5 3 3 | 1.0405 | 1.0401 | 1 |
| 13 9 | 1.0381 | 1.0389 | 1 |
| 538 | 1.0140 | 1.0136 | 2 |
| 14 2 10 | 1.0140 | 1.0139 | 2 |

Note. Orthorhombic: a = 19.69(1)Å, b = 3.250(1)Å, c = 33.56(1)Å, and $v = 2148(1)\text{Å}^3$.

diffractometry. Although their solid solution range (x = 0.093) is reasonably close to m = 9 in $Ga_2O_3(ZnO)_m$ within experimental error, we conclude that there is no solid solution which can be expressed as $(Ga_2O_3)_x$ $(ZnO)_{1-x}$, but instead there are a series of homologous phases $Ga_2O_3(ZnO)_m$ (m is a natural number) in the $ZnO-Ga_2O_3$ system at elevated temperatures.

2. Crystal Structural Considerations for the Homologous Compounds In₂O₃(ZnO)_m, InGaO₃(ZnO)_m, and Ga₂O₃(ZnO)_m

In order to make the crystal structures of the homologous compounds clearer, we tried to grow their single crystals. Single-crystal growth conditions for In_2 $O_3(ZnO)_m$ (m=3, 4, and 5), $InGaO_3(ZnO)_3$, and $Ga_2O_3(ZnO)_m$ (m=7, 8, 9, and 16) are given in Table 3. All the crystal sizes we obtained were in the range $0.02 \times 0.1 \times 0.1$ mm³. Single-crystal data for $In_2O_3(ZnO)_m$, In $GaO_3(ZnO)_3$, and $Ga_2O_3(ZnO)_m$ are shown in Tables 4A and 4B. From the present single-crystal data, we can conclude the following:

(i) $In_2O_3(ZnO)_m$ and $InGaO_3(ZnO)_3$ are isostructural with $LuFeO_3(ZnO)_m$ (10) having space group $R\overline{3}m$ for m = odd or $P6/_3mmc$ for m = even and (ii) the crystal structural models for $In_2O_3(ZnO)_m$ and $InGaO_3(ZnO)_m$ estimated from powder X-ray data (3) are consistent with those from the present single-crystal data.

In previous papers (3-5), we obtained the linear relations between c and m, where c is the lattice constant for $In_2O_3(ZnO)_m$, $InFeO_3(ZnO)_m$, $InGaO_3(ZnO)_m$, or In $AlO_3(ZnO)_m$ in the hexagonal crystal system (see Table 5). These relations can be understood if the crystal structures are composed of Z pieces of InO_2^- layers and Z pieces of $(MZn_m)O_{m+1}^+$ layers (M = Fe, Ga, or Al) in which there are m pieces of ZnO layers. From the equations, we can see a common slope with 2.60-2.59 in the c-m diagram, which is in good agreement with $(\frac{1}{2}) \times (c = 5.200 \text{ (Å)})$ in which c = 5.200 Å is the lattice constant of ZnO (14) having wurtzite type. The lattice constants (a = 3.3270(2) Å) and c = 12.1750(1) Å) for InFeO₃ are re-

TABLE 3 Single-Crystal Growth Conditions for $In_2O_3(ZnO)_m$, $InGaO_3(ZnO)_3$, and $Ga_2O_3(ZnO)_m$ through Solid-State Reactions at Elevated Temperatures

| | Crystal growth conditions (Temp., period) | | | | |
|---|---|-----------------|-----------------|--|--|
| Compound | Starting mixture (In ₂ O ₃ : Ga ₂ O ₃ : ZnO | First step | Second step | | |
| $In_2O_3(ZnO)_3$ | 1:0:3 | 1550 °C, 5 days | 1350 °C, 5 days | | |
| $In_2O_3(ZnO)_4$ | 1:0:4 | 1550 °C, 5 days | 1350 °C, 5 days | | |
| $In_2O_3(ZnO)_5$ | 1:0:5 | 1550 °C, 5 days | 1350 °C, 5 days | | |
| InGaO ₃ (ZnO) ₃ | 1:1:6 | 1550 °C, 5 days | 1350 °C, 5 days | | |
| $Ga_2O_3(ZnO)_7$ | 0:1:7 | 1550 °C, 5 days | | | |
| $Ga_2O_3(ZnO)_8$ | 0:1:8 | 1550 °C, 5 days | | | |
| Ga ₂ O ₃ (ZnO) ₉ | 0:1:9 | 1450 °C, 5 days | | | |
| Ga ₂ O ₃ (ZnO) ₉ | 0:1:9 | 1550 °C, 7 days | 1350 °C, 5 days | | |
| $Ga_2O_3(ZnO)_{16}$ | 0:1:16 | 1550 °C, 5 days | • | | |

TABLE 4A
Single-Crystal Data for In₂O₃(ZnO)_m and InGaO₃(ZnO)₃

| | S | Single-crystal data | | | ~ | |
|---|---------|---------------------|-------------|---------------------------------------|-----------|---------------|
| Compound | | tice nts (Å) | Space group | Powder data" lattice constants (Å) | | |
| | a | c | | a | c | $c_{ m calc}$ |
| In ₂ O ₃ (ZnO) ₃ | 3.34(1) | 42.6(1) | R3m | 3.351(1) | 42.48(1) | 42.56 |
| In ₂ O ₃ (ZnO) ₄ | 3.33(1) | 33.5(1) | P6/3mmc | 3.337(1) | 33.53(1) | 33.56 |
| In2O3(ZnO)5 | 3.32(1) | 58.4(1) | $R\bar{3}m$ | 3.326(1) | 58.103(1) | 58.12 |
| $InGaO_3(ZnO)_3$ | 3.29(1) | 41.8(1) | $R\bar{3}m$ | 3.288(1) | 41,56(1) | 41.56 |

^a From Nakamura et al. (4).

TABLE 4B Single-Crystal Data for $Ga_2O_3(ZnO)_m$ (m = 7, 8, 9, and 16) [Space group: Cmcm (No. 63), Z = 8]

| Compound | La | attice constants (| Å) |
|---|-----------|--------------------|-----------|
| | a | | c |
| Ga ₂ O ₃ (ZnO) ₇ | 3.2512(1) | 19.654(3) | 27.745(4) |
| $Ga_2O_3(ZnO)_8$ | 3.2497(1) | 19.682(3) | 30.684(3) |
| Ga ₂ O ₃ (ZnO) ₉ | 3.2520(1) | 19.707(4) | 33.603(5) |
| $Ga_{2}O_{3}(ZnO)_{16}$ | 3.2534(1) | 19.764(3) | 54.208(5) |
| $Ga_2O_3(ZnO)_9^a$ | 3.250(1) | 19.69(1) | 33.56(1) |

^a The lattice constants were calculated by powder X-ray diffractometry.

TABLE 5 Relation between c (Å) and m in $In_2O_3(ZnO)_m$, $InFeO_3(ZnO)_m$, $InGaO_3(ZnO)_m$, and $InAlO_3(ZnO)_m$

| Compound | c (Å) | Ref. | |
|------------------|--|---------------------------|-----|
| $In_2O_3(ZnO)_m$ | $c = \{6.349 + 2.602 \times m\} \times Z,$ | m = 3-11, 13, 15, 20 | (3) |
| $InFeO_3(ZnO)_m$ | $c = \{6.105 + 2.596 \times m\} \times Z,$ | m = 1-11, 13, 15, 20 | (3) |
| $InGaO_3(ZnO)_m$ | $c = \{6.060 + 2.598 \times m\} \times Z,$ | m = 2-7, 9, 11, 13 | (4) |
| $InAlO_3(ZnO)_m$ | $c = \{5.932 + 2.598 \times m\} \times Z,$ | m = 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19 | (5) |

Note. c was determined from X-ray powder data.

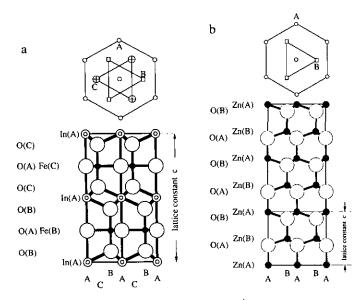


FIG. 4. Crystal structures for $InFeO_3$ and ZnO (wurtzite-type): (a) $InFeO_3$ and (b) ZnO.

ported by Giaquinta et al. (13). $(\frac{1}{2}) \times (c = 12.1750 \text{ Å})$ is also in good agreement with the present value, 6.105 Å. We listed c_{calc} for $\text{In}_2\text{O}_3(\text{ZnO})_m$ and $\text{In}\text{GaO}_3(\text{ZnO})_3$ from the equations in Table 4A. We conclude that c_{obs} and c_{calc} are actually identical within experimental errors.

Crystal structures for InFeO₃ (13) and ZnO (wurtzite type) (14) are schematically shown in Fig. 4. If we compare the crystal structure of LuFeO₃(ZnO) with those in InFeO₃ and ZnO, we can easily understand the structural relations among them, namely, if we introduce a ZnO layer between the InO $_2^-$ layer and the FeO $_2^+$ layer perpendicular.

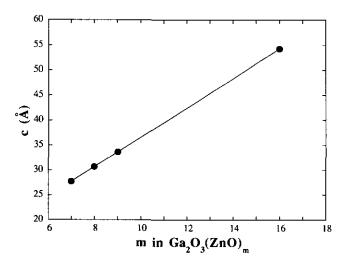


FIG. 5. The relation between the lattice constant, c, and m in $Ga_2O_3(ZnO)_m$ with orthorhombic unit cell c (Å) = 7.11(3) + 2.944(3) × m. c was determined from single-crystal data.

dicularly to the c-axis in the InFeO₃ structure, and randomly distribute zinc ions and iron ions in the tetrahedral/trigonal bipyramidal positions, we can obtain the crystal structure of InFeO₃(ZnO) which is isostructural with LuFeO₃(ZnO). If we introduce m pieces of ZnO layer, we can obtain InFeO₃(ZnO) $_m$.

Lattice constants for $Ga_2O_3(ZnO)_m$ (m=7, 8, 9, and 16) are listed in Table 4B together with a possible space group. From the Weissenberg photographs for Ga_2O_3 ($ZnO)_m$, we observed extinction relations of $h+k\neq 2n$ for hkl and $l\neq 2n$ for 0kl. The relations between c and m appears linear and given in Fig. 5. The analyses for the single-crystal structures are in progress by Isobe (15), however, from the tentative results obtained, we can conclude both the Zn and Ga are in tetrahedral sites and the crystal structures are constructed based upon the wurtzite-type structure.

Nakamura et al. (4) prepared powder samples with layered structures until In₂O₃(ZnO)₁₃, InFeO₃(ZnO)₁₃, and $Fe_2O_3(ZnO)_{13}$ in the system $In_2O_3-ZnFe_2O_4-ZnO$ at 1350°C and concluded that there are solid solution ranges between $In_2O_3(ZnO)_m$ and $Fe_2O_3(ZnO)_m$ $(m \ge 12)$ having layered structures. In the system In₂O₃-ZnGa₂O₄-ZnO at 1350°C, there is no full solid solution range between $In_2O_3(ZnO)_m$ and $Ga_2O_3(ZnO)_m$ (3). Since $Ga_2O_3(ZnO)_m$ does not have LuFeO₃(ZnO)_m- type structure to which both $In_2O_3(ZnO)_m$ and $InGaO_3(ZnO)_m$ belong, we think it is natural that there is no full solid solution range between $In_2O_3(ZnO)_m$ and $Ga_2O_3(ZnO)_m$. On the other hand, as already mentioned above, since $Fe_2O_3(ZnO)_m$ has the distorted LuFeO₃(ZnO)_m-type structure, it can become one of the end members of the solid solutions, $In_2O_3(ZnO)_m$ $InFeO_3(ZnO)_m - Fe_2O_3(ZnO)_m$.

In the systems ZnO-In₂O₃, ZnO-InFeO₃, ZnO-In- GaO_3 , $ZnO-InAlO_3$, $ZnO-RFeO_3$, $ZnO-RGaO_3$, ZnO- $RAIO_3$ (R = Lu, Yb, or Tm), and $ZnO-Fe_2O_3$, there are $In_2O_3(ZnO)_m$, $InFeO_3(ZnO)_m$, $InGaO_3(ZnO)_m$, $InAlO_3$ $(ZnO)_m$, $RFeO_3(ZnO)_m$, $RGaO_3(ZnO)_m$, $RAlO_3(ZnO)_m$, and Fe₂O₃(ZnO)_m which are isostructural with LuFeO₃ (ZnO)_m or with slightly distorted LuFeO₃(ZnO)_m; however, no layered compounds occurred in the systems $ZnO-R_2O_3$, $ZnO-Sc_2O_3$, $ZnO-Cr_2O_3$, or $ZnO-Al_2O_3$ at 1350°C (12), since R(III), Sc(III), and Cr(III) are unlikely to reside at a trigonal-bipyramidal site. Since Fe(III) can take octahedral sites and Ga(III) is not usually found octahedral sites in the oxide systems under a normal pressure, $Fe_2O_3(ZnO)_m$ can take distorted LuFeO₃ $(ZnO)_m$ -type structure, and $Ga_2O_3(ZnO)_m$ can have a structure in which both Ga(III) and Zn(II) take tetrahedral sites.

We obtained a series of new type of homologous phases, $Ga_2O_3(ZnO)_m$ ($m \ge 9$) having an orthorhombic unit cell instead of a solid solution $(ZnO)_{1-x}(Ga_2O_3)_x$ in the $ZnO-Ga_2O_3$ system at 1350°C. We are in process for

revising the phase relations in the In₂O₃-Ga₂O₄-ZnO system at 1350°C reported by Nakamura *et al.* (4).

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