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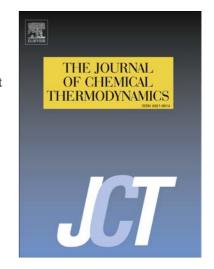
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principle calculations.

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Abstract.

In this paper we discuss the formation of the ternary compound  $Ti_5Sn_2Ga$  ( $\tau$ ) with the  $D8_m$ 

structure. Phase equilibria with participation of the  $\tau$ -phase were studied experimentally, and

partial solidus projection and isothermal section at 1300°C were plotted. At the solidus

temperatures the ternary compound is in equilibria with two continuous solid solutions: (1)

between Ti<sub>2</sub>Sn and Ti<sub>2</sub>Ga (named Ti<sub>2</sub>(Sn,Ga)) and (2) between Ti<sub>5</sub>Sn<sub>3</sub> and Ti<sub>5</sub>Ga<sub>4</sub> (named

Ti<sub>5</sub>(Sn,Ga)<sub>3-4</sub>). At 1300°C Ti<sub>2</sub>Sn and Ti<sub>2</sub>Ga do not form continuous solid solution, and the ternary compound participates in equilibria with Ti<sub>5</sub>(Sn,Ga)<sub>3-4</sub>, and Ti<sub>2</sub>Sn, Ti<sub>2</sub>Ga and Ti<sub>3</sub>Sn

based phases. The formation energy of the D8<sub>m</sub>-Ti<sub>5</sub>Sn<sub>2</sub>Ga compound is calculated by using

electronic density-functional theory (DFT) using pseudopotentials constructed by the

projector augmented waves (PAW) method in the generalized gradient (GGA) approximation

for the exchange and correlation energy. The calculated lattice parameters are in good

agreement with the experimental values. According to the experiments and the ab-initio

calculations, the D8<sub>m</sub>-Ti<sub>5</sub>Sn<sub>2</sub>Ga compound is stable and possesses a domain of off-

stoichiometry.

Keywords: D8m-(Ti<sub>5</sub>Sn<sub>2</sub>Ga), phase stability, ab-initio, ternary system

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