

Chemical and phase models of a ternary reciprocal system Li,K||F,CrO₄

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Abstract

Phase equilibria of the "liquid-solid" type in the three-component mutual system Li, K || F,CrO₄ was experimentally studied in this work. Method of study is differential thermal analysis (DTA) using the projection-thermographic method (PTGM). Experimental data on the system made it possible to construct a 3D model of the phase complex of the system and a chemical model. Under the model means the combination of chemical equations establishing communication amounts of reactants and reaction products in the system. Using the combination "chemical model + phase model" allows the forecasting of physicochemical processes for arbitrary composition of the system that occur during alloy fusion and further crystallization.

Analysis of the elements of faceting – binary systems – gives the following information: two systems LiF-Li₂CrO₄ and LiF-KF are eutectic-type systems, a congruent melting type compound is formed in the systems Li₂CrO₄-K₂CrO₄ and KF-K₂CrO₄. Before starting an experimental study of the ternary reciprocal system, the total number of individual components of which is six (two compounds LiKCrO₄ and K₃FCrO₄ are formed in the Li,K||F,CrO₄ system), the system is partitioned into stable simplexes – subsystems containing stable crystallizing phases. These systems can be studied separately. The tree of the phases of the system has a linear structure and consists of three stable triangles, separated by two stable secant (segments). The compound K₃FCrO₄ (D₂) is unstable in the LiF melt (the decomposition of this compound takes place on K₂CrO₄ and KF). Information on the stable elements and chemical reactions taking place in the system made it possible to create a chemical model of the system based on the equivalent balance of the components of the system. The model allows for a mixture with an arbitrary ratio of the components of the system to determine the stable phases formed during alloy fusion and crystallization, and the chemical reactions that proceed. The quasibinary system LiKCrO₄-LiF, which is a stable secant, the stable diagonal LiF-K₂CrO₄, as well as the stable triangles D₁-LiF-Li₂CrO₄, D₁-LiF-K₂CrO₄ and LiF-KF-K₂CrO₄ have been experimentally studied. These systems, apart from the latter, are eutectic-type systems. In the latter system, due to the nonvariant transformation at the point R 520: L + K₃FCrO₄ = K₂CrO₄ + KF, the K₃FCrO₄ compound changes the melting type from congruent to incongruent. The compounds K₂CrO₄, KF and LiF crystallize in the ternary eutectic E 490, so there is no triangulation in the system LiF-KF-K₂CrO₄.

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