

# $\text{Zr}_{1-x}\text{M}_x\text{WMoO}_{8-x/2}$ 和 $\text{Zr}_{1-x}\text{M}_x\text{W}_2\text{O}_{8-x/2}$ 固溶体的晶胞参数与晶格畸变的关系

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**摘要:** 合成了  $\text{Zr}_{1-x}\text{M}_x\text{WMoO}_{8-x/2}$  ( $M=\text{Er}, \text{Tm}, \text{Yb}, \text{Sc}, \text{In}, \text{Ga}, \text{Al}$ ) 和  $\text{Zr}_{1-x}\text{M}_x\text{W}_2\text{O}_{8-x/2}$  ( $M=\text{Eu}, \text{Er}, \text{Yb}, \text{Sc}, \text{In}, \text{Ga}, \text{Al}$ ) 2 个系列的固溶体, 前者具有  $\beta\text{-ZrW}_2\text{O}_8$  结构类型 (简称  $\beta$  相); 后者具有  $\alpha\text{-ZrW}_2\text{O}_8$  结构类型 (简称  $\alpha$  相)。建立了相和相的晶胞参数与  $\text{M}^{3+}$  离子浓度的 Vegard 方程, 测定了上述固溶体的固溶度。讨论了  $\text{M}^{3+}$  离子的化学性质与 Vegard 斜率  $S_v$  的关系。分析了  $\alpha$  相的  $S_\alpha^A$  与  $\beta$  相的  $S_\beta^A$  的关系; 揭示了  $\alpha\text{-Zr}_{1-x}\text{M}_x\text{W}_2\text{O}_{8-x/2}$  晶格中  $2[\text{WO}_4]$  四面体对的取向有序程度对晶格畸变的贡献。提出上述固溶体的晶胞参数随溶质浓度增加而减小, 主要是由于氧空位缺陷相互作用的结果。

**关键词:** 固溶体; 固溶度; 负热膨胀性质; Vegard 斜率

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## Effect of Lattice Parameters of $\text{Zr}_{1-x}\text{M}_x\text{WMoO}_{8-x/2}$ and $\text{Zr}_{1-x}\text{M}_x\text{W}_2\text{O}_{8-x/2}$ Solid Solutions on Lattice Distortion

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**Abstract:** The  $\text{Zr}_{1-x}\text{M}_x\text{WMoO}_{8-x/2}$  ( $M=\text{Er}, \text{Tm}, \text{Yb}, \text{Sc}, \text{In}, \text{Ga}, \text{Al}$ ) and  $\text{Zr}_{1-x}\text{M}_x\text{W}_2\text{O}_{8-x/2}$  ( $M=\text{Sc}, \text{In}, \text{Ga}, \text{Al}$ ) solid solutions were synthesized. Their XRD patterns show typical structure of  $\beta$ - and  $\alpha$ -  $\text{ZrW}_2\text{O}_8$ , respectively. The lattice parameters  $a'$ 's for both series of solid solutions are linear functions of the  $\text{M}^{3+}$  concentration<sup>M</sup> within the limited solubility, and could be described by Vegard equations with the slope of  $S_\alpha^M$  or  $S_\beta^M$  dependent of the difference in ionic radius and the electro-negativity of the  $\text{M}^{3+}$  ion. However,  $S_\alpha^M$  of  $\alpha\text{-Zr}_{1-x}\text{M}_x\text{W}_2\text{O}_{8-x/2}$  appears to be also associated with the partial orientation of  $2[\text{WO}_4]$  pair. In addition, the contraction of the lattice parameters observed for both series of the solid solutions are possibly caused primarily by the oxygen vacancy defect.

**Key words:** solid solution; solid solubility; negative thermal expansion; vegard slope

## 0 Introduction

$\text{ZrW}_{2-y}\text{Mo}_y\text{O}_8$  with cubic  $\text{ZrW}_2\text{O}_8$  ( $c\text{-ZrW}_2\text{O}_8$ ) type structure<sup>[1]</sup> is well-known as a class of materials of considerable isotropic thermal contraction over a wide temperature range<sup>[2]</sup>. Recently, it has been reported that the thermal stability and electric conductivity are improved in the equivalent substituted  $\text{Zr}_{1-x}\text{M}_x\text{W}_{2-y}\text{Mo}_y\text{O}_8$

( $M: \text{Hf}^{4+}, \text{Sn}^{4+}, \text{Ti}^{4+}$ )<sup>[3]</sup> and aliovalent substituted  $\text{Zr}_{1-x}\text{M}_x\text{W}_2\text{O}_{8-x/2}$  ( $M: \text{Sc}^{3+}, \text{In}^{3+}, \text{Y}^{3+}, \text{Lu}^{3+}, \text{Yb}^{3+}, \text{Er}^{3+}, \text{Eu}^{3+}$ ) solid solutions, and the phase transition temperature ( $T_c$ ) is adjusted even the  $\text{M}^{3+}$  substitution is as low as only a few percents<sup>[4]</sup>.

Among  $\text{ZrW}_{2-y}\text{Mo}_y\text{O}_8$  thermal contraction solid solutions,  $\text{ZrWMoO}_8$  with  $c\text{-ZrW}_2\text{O}_8$  type structure should be another favorable matrix besides  $\text{ZrW}_2\text{O}_8$ .

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Because the  $T_c$  of  $\text{ZrW}_2\text{O}_8$  is as low as 270 K<sup>[5]</sup> and its thermal stability is elevated up to 1 073 K<sup>[2b]</sup>. Therefore, we are interested in synthesizing the  $\text{Zr}_{1-x}\text{M}_x\text{W}_2\text{O}_8$  ( $M$ : trivalent metal ions) solid solutions and comparing their properties with  $\text{Zr}_{1-x}\text{M}_x\text{W}_2\text{O}_{8-x/2}$ .

The limited solid solubility of some  $\text{Zr}_{1-x}\text{Ln}_x\text{W}_2\text{O}_{8-x/2}$  ( $\text{Ln}^{3+}=\text{Eu}, \text{Er}, \text{Yb}$ ) solid solutions was reported in the previous work<sup>[2d]</sup>. In this work, supplemental solid solutions  $\text{Zr}_{1-x}\text{M}_x\text{W}_2\text{O}_{8-x/2}$  ( $M^{3+}=\text{Sc}, \text{In}, \text{Ga}, \text{Al}$ ) and another series of solid solutions  $\text{Zr}_{1-x}\text{M}_x\text{W}_2\text{O}_{8-x/2}$  ( $M^{3+}=\text{Er}, \text{Tm}, \text{Yb}, \text{Sc}, \text{In}, \text{Ga}, \text{Al}$ ) were synthesized and characterized. It is found that the lattice parameters  $\alpha$ s for these solid solutions are a linear function of  $M^{3+}$  concentration  $x^M$  and can be described by Vegard equations with slopes  $S_\alpha^M$  and  $S_\beta^M$ , which are dependent of the nature of the  $M^{3+}$  ions (therefore marked a superscript  $M$  by the item), especially the ionic radius and their electro-negativity.

## 1 Experimental

$\text{Zr}_{1-x}\text{M}_x\text{W}_2\text{O}_{8-x/2}$  ( $M=\text{Er}, \text{Tm}, \text{Yb}, \text{Sc}, \text{In}, \text{Ga}, \text{Al}$ ) and  $\text{Zr}_{1-x}\text{M}_x\text{W}_2\text{O}_{8-x/2}$  ( $M=\text{Sc}, \text{In}, \text{Ga}, \text{Al}$ ) solid solutions were prepared from commercially available  $\text{ZrOCl}_2 \cdot 8\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ,  $(\text{NH}_4)_{10}\text{W}_{12}\text{O}_{41} \cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ,  $(\text{NH}_4)_6\text{Mo}_7\text{O}_{24} \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ,  $\text{Al}(\text{NO}_3)_3 \cdot 9\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and  $\text{M}_2\text{O}_3$  ( $M=\text{Er}, \text{Tm}, \text{Yb}, \text{Sc}, \text{In}, \text{Ga}$ ) of AR reagents by the previously described procedures<sup>[2d]</sup>. Briefly, according to the stoichiometric requirement,  $\text{M}_2\text{O}_3$  was dissolved in a nitric acid (for  $\text{Al}$ ,  $\text{Al}(\text{NO}_3)_3$  was used) and added to  $\text{ZrOCl}_2/(\text{NH}_4)_6\text{Mo}_7\text{O}_{24}$  or  $\text{ZrOCl}_2$  aqueous solution for preparation of  $\text{Zr}_{1-x}\text{M}_x\text{W}_2\text{O}_{8-x/2}$  or  $\text{Zr}_{1-x}\text{M}_x\text{W}_2\text{O}_{8-x/2}$ , respectively. The solution was dropped under stirring into a  $(\text{NH}_4)_{10}\text{W}_{12}\text{O}_{41} \cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$  solution to give a white co-precipitate, and then dried at  $\sim 373$  K. After triturated, the obtained powder was annealed at 873 K for 3 h and used as the precursor.

The precursors were annealed at different temperatures using a Pt crucible and then followed by quenching in atmosphere. For  $\text{Zr}_{1-x}\text{M}_x\text{W}_2\text{O}_{8-x/2}$  ( $M=\text{Er}, \text{Tm}, \text{Yb}, \text{Sc}, \text{In}, \text{Ga}, \text{Al}$ ) the precursor pellets were annealed at 1 253 K for 1 h; for  $\text{Zr}_{1-x}\text{M}_x\text{W}_2\text{O}_{8-x/2}$  ( $M=\text{Sc}, \text{In}$ ) and  $\text{Zr}_{1-x}\text{M}_x\text{W}_2\text{O}_{8-x/2}$  ( $M=\text{Al}, \text{Ga}$ ), first at 1 473 K for 2 h or 1 453 K for 1 h, respectively, followed by annealing at 1 433 K for 3 h.

X-ray diffraction (XRD) patterns were collected by

the procedure described previously<sup>[2d]</sup>. The lattice parameter was calculated with the Unitcell program<sup>[6]</sup> by indexing the XRD reflections using  $\text{SiO}_2$  (PDF # 33-1161) as the internal standard.

## 2 Results and discussion

The XRD patterns of  $\text{Zr}_{1-x}\text{M}_x\text{W}_2\text{O}_{8-x/2}$  ( $M=\text{Er}, \text{Tm}, \text{Yb}, \text{Sc}, \text{In}, \text{Ga}, \text{Al}$ ) solid solutions displayed in Fig.1 (a) can be well indexed to the structure model of cubic  $\text{ZrW}_2\text{O}_8$  (Space Group:  $P\bar{6}3$ <sup>[7]</sup>, hereafter denoted as  $\beta$ - $\text{Zr}_{1-x}\text{M}_x\text{W}_2\text{O}_{8-x/2}$  solid solutions). The similar XRD patterns obtained for  $\text{Zr}_{1-x}\text{M}_x\text{W}_2\text{O}_{8-x/2}$  ( $M=\text{Sc}, \text{In}, \text{Ga}, \text{Al}$ ) solutions are shown in Fig.1 (b), but the substitution of the Mo by the second W ion in these cases leads to occurrence of a 310 diffraction of super-structure, which is related to an ordered structure characteristic for  $\alpha$ - $\text{ZrW}_2\text{O}_8$  type (Space Group:  $P2_13$ <sup>[1]</sup>; denoted as  $\alpha$ - $\text{Zr}_{1-x}\text{M}_x\text{W}_2\text{O}_{8-x/2}$  solid solutions).

As shown in Fig.2, the lattice parameter  $\alpha$  for all the solid solutions varies with the substitutions  $M^{3+}$  and the substituted concentration of  $M^{3+}$ ,  $x^M$ . The exhibited

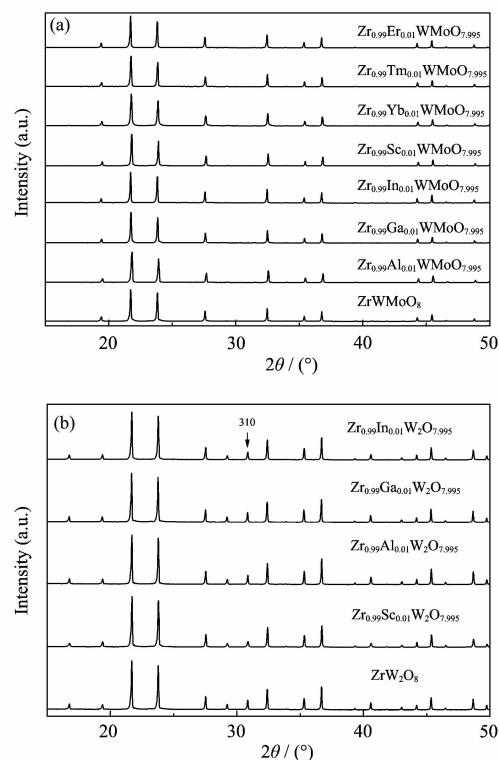


Fig.1 XRD patterns of (a)  $\text{ZrW}_2\text{O}_8$  and  $\text{Zr}_{0.99}\text{M}_{0.01}\text{W}_2\text{O}_{7.995}$ ; (b)  $\text{ZrW}_2\text{O}_8$  and  $\text{Zr}_{0.99}\text{M}_{0.01}\text{W}_2\text{O}_{7.995}$  solid solutions at room temperature

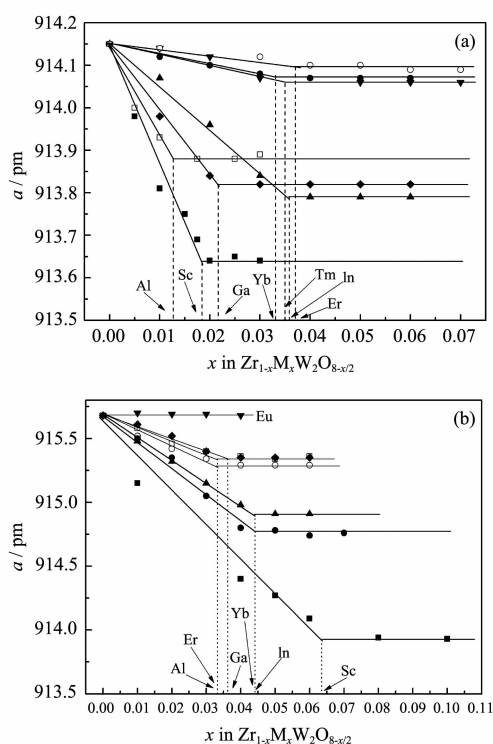
Data of  $\alpha\text{-Zr}_{1-x}\text{M}_x\text{W}_2\text{O}_{8-x/2}$  ( $M=\text{Eu}, \text{Er}, \text{Yb}$ ) refer to Ref.2d

Fig.2 Dependence of lattice parameter  $a$  on  $M^{3+}$  concentration  $x^M$  for solid solutions (a)  $\beta\text{-Zr}_{1-x}\text{M}_x\text{WMoO}_{8-x/2}$  ( $M=\text{Er}\circ, \text{Tm}\blacktriangledown, \text{Yb}\bullet, \text{Sc}\blacksquare, \text{In}\blacktriangle, \text{Ga}\blacklozenge, \text{Al}\square$ ) and (b)  $\alpha\text{-Zr}_{1-x}\text{M}_x\text{W}_2\text{O}_{8-x/2}$  ( $M=\text{Eu}\blacktriangledown, \text{Er}\circ, \text{Yb}\bullet, \text{Sc}\blacksquare, \text{In}\blacktriangle, \text{Ga}\blacklozenge, \text{Al}\square$ ) at room temperature

dependence of lattice parameter on  $x^M$  can be described by Vegard equation (1) when  $x_M < x_{th}^M$ , a “threshold”, above which lattice parameter approaches to a constant [2d], corresponding to the saturated solubility of the solid solutions (Table 1):

$$\begin{cases} a_\beta^M = a_\beta^0 + S_\beta^M \cdot x^M \\ a_\alpha^M = a_\alpha^0 + S_\alpha^M \cdot x^M \end{cases} \quad (x^M \leq x_{th}^M) \quad (1)$$

Where the lattice parameters for  $\beta\text{-Zr}_{1-x}\text{M}_x\text{WMoO}_{8-x/2}$  and  $\alpha\text{-Zr}_{1-x}\text{M}_x\text{W}_2\text{O}_{8-x/2}$  solid solutions are noted as  $a_\beta^M$  and

$a_\alpha^M$ , respectively. They are dependent of substitution  $M^{3+}$ .  $a_\beta^0$  (914.15 pm) and  $a_\alpha^0$  (915.68 pm) are lattice parameters of  $\text{ZrWMoO}_8$  and  $\alpha\text{-ZrW}_2\text{O}_8$  at room temperature. The slopes  $S_\beta^M$  and  $S_\alpha^M$  are characteristic parameters for the dependence of lattice distortion on the  $M^{3+}$  ionic radii involved in the  $\beta\text{-Zr}_{1-x}\text{M}_x\text{WMoO}_{8-x/2}$  and  $\alpha\text{-Zr}_{1-x}\text{M}_x\text{W}_2\text{O}_{8-x/2}$  solid solutions, respectively.

A close inspection of Fig.2 (ref Table.1) reveals that the slopes  $S_\beta^M$  and  $S_\alpha^M$  of Vegard equations (1) appear to be a function of the difference in radius,  $\Delta r$ , and the charge change,  $\Delta Z$ , of the ions involved  $M^{3+}$  and can be described by equations (2):

$$\begin{cases} S_\beta^M = C_{\beta 1} \Delta r - C_{\beta 2} \Delta Z \\ S_\alpha^M = C_{\alpha 1} \Delta r - C_{\alpha 2} \Delta Z \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

where  $\Delta r = r(M^{3+}) - r(\text{Zr}^{4+})$ ,  $\Delta Z = Z(M^{3+}) - Z(\text{Zr}^{4+}) = -1$ ,  $C_{\beta 1}$ ,  $C_{\beta 2}$  and  $C_{\alpha 1}$ ,  $C_{\alpha 2}$  are constants related to the relative size and charge difference of with respect to  $\text{Zr}^{4+}$ .

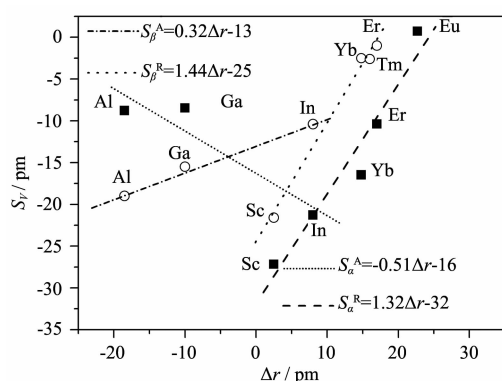
Fig.3 demonstrates the linear dependence of  $S_\beta^M$  or  $S_\alpha^M$  on  $\Delta r$ . It indicates that the Vegard slope is not only dependent on the difference of ionic radii  $\Delta r$ , but is also affected by the electronegativity difference between the substitution and substituted cations even as expatiated by Lubarda for alloy [9]. Based on the argument,  $S_\beta^M$  or  $S_\alpha^M$  of the investigated solid solutions are divided into two groups denoted as  $S_\beta^A$  ( $M \equiv A = \text{Al}, \text{Ga}, \text{In}$ ) and  $S_\beta^R$  ( $M \equiv R = \text{Er}^{3+}, \text{Tm}^{3+}, \text{Yb}^{3+}, \text{Sc}^{3+}$ ) with constants  $C_{\beta 1}^A$ ,  $S_{\beta 2}^A$  and  $C_{\beta 1}^R$ ,  $C_{\beta 2}^R$ , respectively, according to the closeness in electronegativity. The analogous correlation is also valid for  $S_\alpha^M$  which is divided into  $S_\alpha^A$  and  $S_\alpha^R$  with constants  $C_{\alpha 1}^A$ ,  $C_{\alpha 2}^A$  and  $C_{\alpha 1}^R$ ,  $C_{\alpha 2}^R$ .

It is interesting that the values of  $C_{v1}^R$  are larger than that of  $C_{v1}^A$  ( $v$  is a sign of  $\alpha$  or  $\beta$ ) in  $\alpha\text{-Zr}_{1-x}\text{M}_x\text{W}_2\text{O}_{8-x/2}$  or  $\beta\text{-Zr}_{1-x}\text{M}_x\text{WMoO}_{8-x/2}$  as shown in Fig.3. This phenomenon seems to be correlated to the fact that the

Table 1 Solid solubilities  $x_{th}^M$  and Vegard Slopes  $S_\beta^M$  and  $S_\alpha^M$  for  $\beta\text{-Zr}_{1-x}\text{M}_x\text{WMoO}_{8-x/2}$  and  $\alpha\text{-Zr}_{1-x}\text{M}_x\text{W}_2\text{O}_{8-x/2}$  solid solutions

$M^{3+}$	Eu	Er	Tm	Yb	Sc	In	Ga	Al
$r(M^{3+})^* / \text{pm}$	94.7	89.0	88.0	86.8	74.5	80.0	62.0	53.5
$x_{th}^M$ ( $\beta$ -phase)	/	0.037	0.035	0.033	0.018	0.036	0.021	0.015
$S_\beta^M / \text{pm}$	/	-1.0	-2.6	-2.5	-21.6	-10.4	-15.5	-19.0
$x_{th}^M$ ( $\alpha$ -phase)	0.016 [2d]	0.033 [2d]	/	0.044 [2d]	0.063	0.044	0.036	0.033
$S_\alpha^M / \text{pm}$	0.7	-10.3	/	-16.5	-27.1	-21.2	-9.3	-9.6

\*Shannon radius refers to ref [8].



Data of  $\alpha\text{-Zr}_{1-x}\text{M}_x\text{W}_2\text{O}_{8-x/2}$  ( $M=\text{Eu}, \text{Er}, \text{Yb}$ ) refer to Ref.2d

Fig.3 Dependence of  $S_v$  (the subscript  $v$  is  $\alpha$  or  $\beta$ ) on  $\Delta r$  in  $\beta\text{-Zr}_{1-x}\text{M}_x\text{W}_2\text{O}_{8-x/2}$  ( $M=\text{Er}, \text{Tm}, \text{Yb}, \text{Sc}, \text{In}, \text{Ga}$  and  $\text{Al}$ , legend as  $\circ$ ), and  $\alpha\text{-Zr}_{1-x}\text{M}_x\text{W}_2\text{O}_{8-x/2}$  ( $M=\text{Eu}, \text{Er}, \text{Yb}, \text{Sc}, \text{In}, \text{Ga}$  and  $\text{Al}$ , legend as  $\blacksquare$ )

electronegativity difference of the elements in the R group is larger than that in the A group with respect to that of O element. In other words, the ionicity is greater between  $\text{M}^{3+}$  and  $\text{O}^{2-}$  ion, the lattice distortion owing to the difference of the ionic radius ( $\Delta r$ ) is larger.

However, it is noticeable that the contrary sign of  $C_{\alpha\text{I}}^{\text{A}}$  and  $C_{\beta\text{I}}^{\text{A}}$  in Fig.3 is related to the different matrixes (ordered  $\alpha\text{-ZrW}_2\text{O}_8$  and disordered  $\beta\text{-ZrW}_2\text{O}_8$ ). The different properties in the two kinds of matrixes will be discussed in the last section.

When  $\Delta r=0$ ,  $C_{v2}^{\text{A}}$  or  $C_{v2}^{\text{R}}$  ( $v$  is a sign of  $\alpha$  or  $\beta$ ) in  $\alpha\text{-Zr}_{1-x}\text{M}_x\text{W}_2\text{O}_{8-x/2}$  or  $\beta\text{-Zr}_{1-x}\text{M}_x\text{W}_2\text{O}_{8-x/2}$ , which are the intercepts on the Vegard slope axis in Fig.3, reflects the effect of the introduction of the aliovalent substitution on the defect of  $\text{M}_{\text{Zr}}$  in the lattice. The effect is that a half amount of oxygen vacancy defects  $\square_{\text{O}}$

with double positive charge is introduced in the lattice to maintain the neutrality of the crystal, and the lattice volume is reduced because of the association of the oxygen vacancy defects<sup>[10]</sup>. As shown in Fig.3, it is the evidence for  $C_{v2}^{\text{R}} > C_{v2}^{\text{A}}$  that the interaction of oxygen vacancy in the solid solution substituted by the  $\text{M}^{3+}$  in R group is stronger than that of the  $\text{M}^{3+}$  in A group. The association of the oxygen vacancy dominates the contraction of the lattice volume although some radii of  $\text{M}^{3+}$  are larger than that of  $\text{Zr}^{4+}$ .

It is reasonable to suggest that the contrary trend of the Vegard slope  $S_{\beta}^{\text{A}}$  from  $S_{\alpha}^{\text{A}}$  in Fig.3 might be

caused by the additional lattice distortion  $\Delta a_{\beta-\alpha}^{\text{O}} = a_{\alpha}^{\text{O}} - a_{\beta}^{\text{O}}$  upon conversion of  $\beta\text{-ZrW}_2\text{O}_8$  to  $\alpha\text{-ZrW}_2\text{O}_8$  as well as associated with the change of the parameter  $\omega_{\text{T}}^{\text{M}}$  in orientational order degree of 2 $[\text{WO}_4]$  tetrahedral pair in  $\alpha\text{-ZrW}_2\text{O}_8$  defined as<sup>[2d,4b]</sup>:

$$\omega_{\text{T}}^{\text{M}} = \sqrt{\frac{[(I_{310}/I_{210})_{\text{Zr}_{1-x}\text{M}_x\text{W}_2\text{O}_{8-x/2}}]_{\text{T}}}{[(I_{310}/I_{210})_{\text{ZrW}_2\text{O}_8}]_{298\text{ K}}}} \quad (3)$$

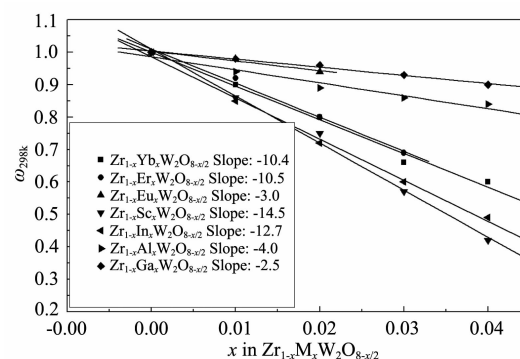
Where,  $\omega_{\text{T}}^{\text{M}}$  is the order degree parameter of 2 $[\text{WO}_4]$  tetrahedral pair orientation in  $\alpha\text{-ZrW}_2\text{O}_8$  structure;  $I_{hkl}$  represents the integrate intensity of  $hkl$  diffraction.

The  $\omega_{\text{T}}^{\text{M}}$  is deduced from equation (3) by determining the relative XRD intensity dependent of concentration  $x^{\text{M}}$  of the solute and the dependence of  $\omega_{298\text{ K}}^{\text{M}}$  on  $x^{\text{M}}$  is shown in Fig.4, where  $\omega_{298\text{ K}}^{\text{M}}$  linearly related to the concentration<sup>M</sup> of  $\text{M}^{3+}$  in solid solution describes as equation (4):

$$\omega_{298\text{ K}}^{\text{M}} = 1 - C^{\text{M}} x^{\text{M}} \quad (4)$$

The slope  $C^{\text{M}}$  can be understood as a structural parameter associated with substitution defect  $\text{M}_{\text{Zr}}$ . This defect is thought to be surrounded by disordered tetrahedral pair 2 $[\text{WO}_4]$  to form a local cluster. The total volume of cluster decreases with increasing the ionic radius. Hence, the slope i.e.,  $C^{\text{M}}$  will be different and inversely proportional to the difference in radii of the ions  $\Delta r = r(\text{M}^{3+}) - r(\text{Zr}^{4+})$ . The orientational order degree parameter  $\omega_{298\text{ K}}^{\text{M}}$  is dependent of the species and decreases with increasing the concentration  $x^{\text{M}}$  of substitution defects<sup>[4b]</sup>.

Therefore, the Vegard equation (1) for  $\alpha\text{-Zr}_{1-x}\text{M}_x\text{W}_2\text{O}_{8-x/2}$  solid solutions can be derived from that



Data of  $\alpha\text{-Zr}_{1-x}\text{M}_x\text{W}_2\text{O}_{8-x/2}$  ( $M=\text{Er}, \text{Yb}$ ) refer to Ref.2d

Fig.4 Relative order parameter ( $\omega_{298\text{ K}}^{\text{M}}$ ) as a function of the concentration of  $\text{M}^{3+}$  in  $\text{Zr}_{1-x}\text{M}_x\text{W}_2\text{O}_{8-x/2}$

of  $\beta\text{-Zr}_{1-x}\text{M}_x\text{W}_2\text{O}_{8-x/2}$  by including the contribution from the lattice increment  $\Delta a_{\beta'-\alpha}^0$  and orientational order parameter  $\omega_{298\text{ K}}^{\text{M}}$  induced by different substitution defect  $\text{M}_{\text{Zr}}$ , i.e.,

$$\begin{aligned} a_{\alpha}^{\text{M}} &= a_{\beta'}^{\text{M}} + \omega_{298\text{ K}}^{\text{M}} \Delta a_{\beta'-\alpha}^0 \\ &= a_{\beta'}^0 + S_{\beta'}^{\text{M}} x^{\text{M}} + (1 - C^{\text{M}} x^{\text{M}}) \Delta a_{\beta'-\alpha}^0 \\ &= a_{\alpha}^0 + (S_{\beta'}^{\text{M}} - C^{\text{M}} \Delta a_{\beta'-\alpha}^0) x^{\text{M}} \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

Where subscript  $\beta'$  denotes  $\beta\text{-Zr}_{1-x}\text{M}_x\text{W}_2\text{O}_{8-x/2}$ ;  $\Delta a_{\beta'-\alpha}^0$  is 0.82 pm.

Comparing equations (5) with (1) the relationship between  $S_{\alpha}^{\text{M}}$  and  $S_{\beta}^{\text{M}}$  presents as:

$$S_{\alpha}^{\text{M}} = S_{\beta}^{\text{M}} - C^{\text{M}} \Delta a_{\beta'-\alpha}^0 \quad (6)$$

Consequently the lattice distortion of  $\alpha\text{-Zr}_{1-x}\text{M}_x\text{W}_2\text{O}_{8-x/2}$  solid solution not only results from the different relative size and charge change between  $\text{M}^{3+}$  and  $\text{Zr}^{4+}$  ions but also from the orientational order degree change of the tetrahedral pair  $2[\text{WO}_4]$ . Equation (6) also can interpret the opposite sign of  $C_{\alpha\beta}^{\text{A}}$  against  $C_{\beta\alpha}^{\text{A}}$  in Fig.3 that the additional contribution  $C^{\text{M}} \Delta a_{\beta'-\alpha}^0$  of  $S_{\alpha}^{\text{A}}$  enhances the lattice distortion of  $\alpha\text{-Zr}_{1-x}\text{M}_x\text{W}_2\text{O}_{8-x/2}$  than  $S_{\beta}^{\text{A}}$  of  $\beta\text{-Zr}_{1-x}\text{M}_x\text{W}_2\text{O}_{8-x/2}$ , especially the minus slope of  $S_{\alpha}^{\text{In}}$  results from the larger slope of the dependence of  $\omega_{298\text{ K}}^{\text{In}}$  on  $x^{\text{In}}$  for  $\alpha\text{-Zr}_{1-x}\text{In}_x\text{W}_2\text{O}_{8-x/2}$  than that of  $\alpha\text{-Zr}_{1-x}\text{M}_x\text{W}_2\text{O}_{8-x/2}$  (Ga and Al) solid solutions.

### 3 Conclusions

Two series solid solutions of  $\beta\text{-Zr}_{1-x}\text{M}_x\text{W}_2\text{MoO}_{8-x/2}$  ( $\text{M}=\text{Er}, \text{Tm}, \text{Yb}, \text{Sc}, \text{In}, \text{Ga}, \text{Al}$ ) and  $\alpha\text{-Zr}_{1-x}\text{M}_x\text{W}_2\text{O}_{8-x/2}$  ( $\text{M}=\text{Sc}, \text{In}, \text{Ga}, \text{Al}$ ) were synthesized. The former has the  $\beta\text{-ZrW}_2\text{O}_8$  structure with disordered orientation of 2  $[\text{WO}_4]$  pair, while the latter has the  $\alpha\text{-ZrW}_2\text{O}_8$  structure with certain ordered 2  $[\text{WO}_4]$  pair orientation. For both series of solid solutions, the decrease in lattice parameter (a) with the increasing concentration of the substitutions can be expressed by Vegard equations; and the limited solid solubility of the solid solutions is determined by the threshold of the dependent concentrations. The slopes  $S_{\alpha}^{\text{M}}$  and  $S_{\beta}^{\text{M}}$  of Vegards equations are specific parameter characteristic for the dependence of lattice distortion on the  $\text{M}^{3+}$  ion. There is a linear dependence on the difference of ionic radii among the elements in the same group of the periodic table of elements. The lattice distortion is proportional

to the ionicity between  $\text{M}^{3+}$  and  $\text{O}^{2-}$  for  $\beta\text{-Zr}_{1-x}\text{M}_x\text{W}_2\text{MoO}_{8-x/2}$  and  $\alpha\text{-Zr}_{1-x}\text{M}_x\text{W}_2\text{O}_{8-x/2}$ . The orientational order degree also enhances the lattice distortion of  $\alpha\text{-Zr}_{1-x}\text{M}_x\text{W}_2\text{O}_{8-x/2}$  additionally. The minus Vegard slopes  $S_{\alpha}^{\text{M}}$  and  $S_{\beta}^{\text{M}}$  despite the positive  $C_{\alpha\beta}$  ( $v$  denotes  $\alpha$  or  $\beta$ ) and  $\Delta r$  prove that the association of the oxygen vacancy dominates the contraction of the lattice parameters.

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