Thermodynamics of Double Oxides III. Study of the CaO – Ga₂O₃ System by the emf Method and X-Ray Analysis

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Using the methods of X-ray and differential thermal analysis, four compounds $Ca_3Ga_2O_6$, $Ca_3Ga_4O_9$, $CaGa_3O_4$, and $CaGa_4O_7$ have been found in the subsolidus region of the phase diagram of the CaO- Ga_2O_3 system. The existence of the gallate $Ca_3Ga_4O_9$ discovered for the first time is confirmed by experiments on measuring the emf's of galvanic cells. Changes in Gibbs energy, enthalpy, and entropy for the reactions of formation of all four calcium gallates from oxides have been determined by the emf method with a solid $|F^-|$ -ionic electrolyte in the range 1100-1400 K. On the basis of the data obtained the relative stability of the compounds is analyzed and the activity of calcium oxide in the system under study is calculated.

The present paper which is a continuation of the systematic studies of the authors on the thermodynamics of refractory double oxide systems gives the results of study of the phase relationships and thermodynamic properties of compounds in the CaO-Ga₂O₃ system at high temperatures. The basis for such an investigation was the absence in the literature of any thermodynamic data characterizing the stability of phases formed in the course of crystallization of this system.

Experimental

The thermodynamic properties of gallates were determined by the emf method using electrochemical cells of the type

$$(-) \operatorname{Pt}, \operatorname{O}_{2} | \langle \operatorname{CaO} \rangle, \operatorname{CaF}_{2} | \operatorname{CaF}_{2} | \langle \operatorname{CaO} \rangle, \operatorname{CaF}_{2} | \operatorname{O}_{2}, \operatorname{Pt} (+) \\ \underset{\gamma'}{P_{\operatorname{O}_{2}}} | \mathcal{O}_{2}, \operatorname{Pt} (+) \rangle$$

which were first proposed by Benz and Wagner (1) and which we have used to determine the thermodynamic stability of some refractory double oxide systems (see, for example, Refs. (2-4)). In cells of this type the electrodes γ' and γ'' represent 0022-4596/81/070010-09\$02.00/0

mixtures of oxide phases, coexistent with each other according to the phase diagram, with additions of calcium fluoride.

According to Ref. (5), in the CaO–Ga₂O₃ system there exist three stable compounds: $Ca_3Ga_2O_6$, $CaGa_4O_7$, and $CaGa_2O_4$, the last-

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the thermodynamic properties of three calcium gallates, we have measured the emf values (E) of the cells

$$(-) Pt, O_2 | CaO, CaF_2 | CaF_2 | CaGa_4O_7, Ga_2O_3, CaF_2 | Pt, O_2 (+)$$
(I)

$$-) Pt, O_2 | CaO, CaF_2 | CaF_2 | CaGa_2O_4, CaGa_4O_7, CaF_2 | Pt, O_2 (+)$$
(II)

$$(-) Pt, O_2 | CaO, CaF_2 | CaF_2 | Ca_3Ga_2O_6, CaGa_2O_4, CaF_2 | Pt, O_2 (+)$$
(III)

 $\begin{array}{l} (-) \ Pt, \ O_2 \ | \ 0.17 \ CaO \ \cdot \ 0.83 \ ZrO_2, \ CaZrO_3, \ CaF_2 \ | \ CaF_2 \ | \ CaGa_4O_7, \ Ga_2O_3, \ CaF_2 \ | \ Pt, \\ O_2 \ (+) \ (IV) \end{array}$

$$\begin{array}{l} (-) \ Pt, \ O_2 | \ CaGa_2O_4, \ CaGa_4O_7, \ CaF_2 | \ CaF_2 | \ 0.17 \ CaO \cdot 0.83 \ ZrO_2, \ CaZrO_3, \ CaF_2 | \ Pt, \\ O_2(+) \quad (V) \end{array}$$

Gallates were obtained by 400-hr heat treatment in air at $1000-1100^{\circ}$ C of stoichiometric mixtures CaCO₃ (99.9% pure) and Ga₂O₃ (99.99% pure) with double intermediate grinding. The completeness of the reaction was checked by X-ray diffraction.

The studied electrodes of cells I to V were prepared from individual phases. The mole proportion $CaO:Ga_2O_3$ in the electrodes under study was: for cells I and IV, 1:4 or 1:6; for cells II and V, 1:1.33; for cell III, 2:1 or 1.25:1.

The reference electrodes of cells I to V were obtained as described in Refs. (3, 6). CaF₂ heat treated in vacuum (~1.10⁻⁵ Torr) was added to all electrodes according to Refs. (1-4). Discs cut from optically transparent single crystals CaF₂ (diam. = 6 mm, h = 3-4 mm) were used as electrolyte. The conditions of reversibility of cells I to V, the apparatus design, and the experimental technique are described in Refs. (3, 4).

For studying the phase relationships, the methods of X-ray and differential thermal analysis were used. X-Ray patterns were taken at room temperature in a Guinier camera of the "Nonius" Company (Cu $K\alpha$ radiation). Germanium was used as an in-

ternal standard. The thermoanalytical patterns T, DTA, TG, DTG were obtained simultaneously using the derivatograph of the F. Paulic, J. Paulic, and L. Erdey system, with the heating rate 8°C/min in the temperature range 25–1500°C. The mixtures $CaCO_3 + Ga_2O_3$ for the thermoanalysis were prepared every 5 mol%, and near the compositions, where after the previous investigations the compounds and the eutectics had been found, every 1–2 mol%.

The pellets of the mixtures were heat treated in air at $1000-1200^{\circ}$ C for 100-700 hr with multiple intermediate grindings until a constant phase composition was obtained. The specimens with a CaO content of more than 45 mol% were heat treated in platinum crucibles and the specimens rich in Ga₂O₃, in platinum and corundum crucibles. No interaction of the specimens with the material of the crucibles was detected by X-ray method.

Results and Discussion

a. The Galvanic Cell Study of the CaO-Ga₂O₃ System

The runs with cells I and II showed that at relatively low temperatures (800–900°C)

the equilibrium potentials were established extremely slowly. The temperature rise to 1000-1100°C resulted in a slow drop of the potential due to the acceleration of diffusion of oxygen ions from the reference electrode ($a_{(CaO)} = 1$) deep into the electrolyte and due to the resultant partial transfer of calcium oxide through the electrolyte into the electrode under study ($a_{(CaO)} \ll 1$) (4).*

According to Ref. (4), the reference electrode $|0.17 \text{ CaO} \cdot 0.83 \text{ ZrO}_2$, CaZrO₃, CaF₂| is characterized by low values of $a_{\langle \text{CaO} \rangle}$. The use of this electrode in cells IV and V enabled us to obtain the equilibrium values of *E* reproducible with increasing and decreasing temperature and stable in the course of experiments during ~(150-200) hr at 1173-1373 K.

In the runs on measuring the emf of cell III there was a drastic difference between the values of E depending upon the quantitative compositions of the electrodes under study. The emf values of the cell with the mole content $CaO: Ga_2O_3 =$ 2:1 in the electrode were 17-21 mV in the temperature range 1100–1250 K whereas with the proportion $CaO: Ga_2O_3$ = 5:4 for the same temperature the potentials of the cell were 60-80 mV higher. Such a considerable difference between the values of E for cell III with the different content of Ga₂O₃ in the electrode under study can be explained only by the formation of a new phase in the course of prolonged electrochemical experiments $(\sim 200 \text{ hr})$. In fact, the X-ray analysis of the electrodes studied, which was made after the experiments, confirmed the occurrence of a new previously unknown phase. Thus, the data we have obtained were inconsistent with the results of investigation of the phase relationships of the CaO-Ga₂O₃ system, (5) and stimulated an independent study of this part of the phase diagram. As a result of the studies made, we have discovered a new compound 3 CaO \cdot 2 Ga₂O₃ (Ca₃Ga₄O₉) which was not described earlier in the literature. In accordance with this, instead of cell III in the subsequent runs we measured the values of *E* of the cells

$$\begin{array}{c} (-) \ \text{Pt, } O_2 | \text{CaO}, \\ & \text{CaF}_2 | \text{CaF}_2 | \text{Ca}_3 \text{Ga}_4 \text{O}_9, \\ & \text{CaGa}_2 \text{O}_4, \ \text{CaF}_2 | \text{O}_2, \ \text{Pt} \ (+) \quad (\text{VI}) \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} (-) \ \text{Pt, } O_2 | \ \text{CaO}, \\ & \ CaF_2 | \ \text{Ca}F_2 | \ \text{Ca}_3 \text{Ga}_2 \text{O}_6, \\ & \ \text{Ca}_3 \text{Ga}_4 \text{O}_9, \ \text{Ca}F_2 | \ \text{O}_2, \ \text{Pt } (+) \quad (\text{VII}) \end{array}$$

The measured potentials of cells IV, V, VI, and VII in the chosen temperature ranges reached their equilibrium values several hours after the admission of oxygen into the reactor. The cells were held at constant temperature, as a rule, from 1 to 5 hr and sometimes up to 7-10 hr. At two relatively low temperatures 1083 and 1163 K, in order to check for constancy of the equilibrium potentials in time, cell VII was held for 62 and 56 hr, respectively. Sudden changes in temperature led to the deviation of the measured potentials from their equilibrium values by no more than 2-3 mV, the equilibrium values of E being reestablished rather rapidly (from 20-30 min at higher temperatures to 1-2 hr at low temperatures). With gradual temperature changes $(10-15^{\circ}/hr)$ the measured potentials were practically similar to the values of E kept constant in time, which indicates that they correspond to the equilibrium values and allows them to be used for calculating the thermodynamic properties of calcium gallates. To illustrate the behavior of the studied cells in time, Fig. 1 gives part of the kinetic curve obtained in one

^{*} The appearance of partial electron conductivity (σ_e) in the CaF₂ electrolyte saturated with calcium oxide at $T \ge 1273$ K is not excluded either. According to Ref. (7), the fraction of σ_e in CaO crystals at 1273 K is ~35%.



FIG. 1. Part of the kinetic curve of one of the runs with the cell Pt, $O_2 | Ca_{0.17} Zr_{0.83} O_{1.83}$, $CaZrO_3$, $CaF_2 | CaF_2 | CaG_4 O_7$, $Ga_2 O_3$, $CaF_2 | Pt$, O_2 .

of the runs with cell IV. Parallel runs were carried out with different batches of the electrodes. The temperature dependences of the emf's of cells IV to VII are given in Fig. 2 and the coefficients of the equations $E = a + b \times T$ are listed in Table I.

The dependences E = f(T) for cells I and II were found by combining the experimentally determined dependences E = f(T) for cells IV and V with the corresponding equation E = f(T) for the cell

(-) Pt,
$$O_2 | CaO$$
,
 $CaF_2 | CaF_2 | 0.17 CaO \cdot 0.83 ZrO_2$,
 $CaZrO_3, CaF_2 | Pt, O_2 (+)$ (VIII)

borrowed from Ref. (6).

The thermodynamic parameters of the cell reactions of cells I, II, VI, and VII



FIG. 2. The temperature dependence of the emf's of the cells

$$\begin{array}{c} \mbox{Pt, } O_2 [\mbox{CaO}, \mbox{CaF}_2 | \mbox{CaF}_2 | \\ Ca_3 Ga_4 O_9, \mbox{CaGa}_2 O_4, \mbox{CaF}_2 | \mbox{Pt, } O_2 \ \ (VI) \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{Pt, } O_2 \left| Ca_{0.17} Zr_{0.83} O_{1.83}, \ CaZrO_3, \ CaF_2 \right| CaF_2 \right| \\ CaGa_4 O_7, \ Ga_2 O_3, \ CaF_2 \left| \ Pt, \ O_2 \right. \ (1V) \end{array}$$

 $\begin{array}{c} {{\rm Pt},\,{\rm O_2}\left[{{\rm CaO},\,{\rm CaF_2}\left[{{\rm CaF_2}\left[{{\rm Ca}_3{\rm Ga_2}{\rm O}_6,\,{\rm Ca}_3{\rm Ga_4}{\rm O}_9,\,{\rm CaF_2} \right]} \right]} \\ {{\rm Pt},\,{\rm O_2} - \left({{\rm VII}} \right) \end{array} \end{array}$

$$\begin{array}{c} \mbox{Pt, } O_2 &| CaGa_2O_4, \ CaGa_4O_7, \ CaF_2 &| CaF_2 \\ & Ca_{0.17} Zr_{0.83}O_{1.83}, \ CaZrO_3, \ CaF_2 &| \ Pt, \ O_2 \ \ (V) \end{array}$$

 \bigcirc , The emf values kept constant in time; \bullet , the emf values measured during gradual temperature changes $(10-15^{\circ}/hr)$.

$$CaO + 2 Ga_{2}O_{3} \rightarrow CaGa_{4}O_{7}$$
 (1)

$$CaO + CaGa_4O_7 \rightarrow 2 CaGa_2O_4$$
 (2)

$$CaO + 2 CaGa_2O_4 \rightarrow Ca_3Ga_4O_9$$
 (3)

TABLE I

The COEFFICIENTS OF THE EQUATIONS $E = a + b \times T$ (mV) for Cells (I-VIII)^{*a*}

Cell	n ^b	а	$b \times 10^2$	$\pm t_{0.05} \times \sigma_{\rm E}$	$\pm t_{0.05} \times \sigma_a$	$rac{\pm t_{0.05} \times}{\sigma_{ m b} \times 10^2}$	$T_1 \div T_2$, (K)
IV	143(49)	- 98.3	13.50	2.8	8.0	0.62	1204-1363
V	114(60)	+47.0	-2.46	1.5	4.5	0.35	1193-1373
Vl	48(29)	- 101.0	16.41	4.7	20.4	1.72	1107-1248
VII	172(75)	- 1.9	1.81	2.2	4.4	0.37	1083-1273
VIIIc		+191.9	2.47	2.0	4.9	0.97	1200-1500
\mathbf{I}^d		+93.6	15.97	3.4	9.4	1.15	1204-1363
Π^d		- 144.9	4.93	2.5	6.7	1.03	1197-1373

"*n* is the number of pairs of the experimental values *E* and *T*; $t_{0.05} \times \sigma_E$, $t_{0.05} \times \sigma_a$, and $t_{0.05} \times \sigma_b$ are the confidence intervals of the quantities *E*. *a*, and *b*, and ($T_1 \div T_2$, K) are the temperature measuring ranges for cells I, II, and IV to VIII.

^b Given in parentheses is the number of experimental values of E kept constant in time.

^c According to the data of Ref. (6).

^d Found by combining the values belonging to cells IV and V with the values for cell VIII.

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Changes in the Gibbs Energy, Enthalpy, and Entropy of Cell Reactions 1–4 of Cells I, II, VI, and VII at 1100–1400 K

Cell	Reaction	$\Delta G^{\circ} = f(T)$ (kcal mole ⁻¹)	$\delta(\Delta G^\circ)$ (kcal mole ⁻¹)	ΔH° 1250 K (kcal mole ⁻¹)	$\Delta S^{\circ} 1250 \text{ K}$ (cal T ⁻¹ mole ⁻¹)
I	1	$-4.32-7.37 \times 10^{-3} \times T$	±0.16	-4.3 ± 0.4	7.4 ± 0.5
II	2	$-6.68-2.27 \times 10^{-3} \times T$	± 0.12	-6.7 ± 0.3	2.3 ± 0.5
VI	3	+4.66–7.57 \times 10 ⁻³ \times T	± 0.22	$+4.7 \pm 0.9$	7.6 ± 0.8
VII	4	$+0.26-2.57 \times 10^{-3} \times T$	± 0.30	$+0.3\pm0.6$	2.6 ± 0.5

 $3 \operatorname{CaO} + \operatorname{Ca}_3 \operatorname{Ga}_4 \operatorname{O}_9 \rightarrow 2 \operatorname{Ca}_3 \operatorname{Ga}_2 \operatorname{O}_6$ (4)

were found from the equations E = a + b \times T using the known relationships: ΔG° $= -nFE(T); \ \Delta H^{\circ} = -nF \ (E - T \ \partial E/\partial T)$ = -nFa; $\Delta S^{\circ} = nF(\partial E/\partial T)_{\rm P} = nFb$, where n is the number of equivalents of F^- ions transferred through the cell and F is Faraday's constant. The results are presented in Table II. In Table III the values of the Gibbs energies of reaction (1) obtained from the most stable emf values at the initial stage of one of the successful experiments with cell (column 3) are compared with the values found from the emf of cell IV (column 4). The agreement within the given errors of the values listed in columns 3 and 4 of

TABLE III

Comparison of the Gibbs Energy Values of the Reaction CaO + $2Ga_2O_3 \rightarrow CaO \cdot 2Ga_2O_3^a$

		$-\Delta G^{\circ}$ (kcal)			
T (K)	Holding time E of cell I (hr)	Calculation from <i>E</i> for cell I	Calculatior from E for cell IV		
1296	0.5	13.6 ± 0.2	13.9 ± 0.2		
1281	3.5	13.6 ± 0.2	13.8 ± 0.2		
1254	1.0	13.3 ± 0.2	13.6 ± 0.2		
1251	2.0	13.2 ± 0.2	13.5 ± 0.2		

^a Obtained from the emf's of the cells Pt, $O_2 | CaO$, $CaF_2 | CaF_2 | CaO \cdot 2Ga_2O_3, Ga_2O_3, CaF_2 | Pt, O_2 (I)$ and Pt, $O_2 | CaZrO_3, 0.17 CaO \cdot 0.83 ZrO_2,$ $CaF_2 | CaF_2 | CaO \cdot 2Ga_2O_3, Ga_2O_3, CaF_2 | Pt, O_2 (IV).$ Table III additionally confirms the reliability of the results of determination of the thermodynamic properties of the gallates $CaGa_4O_7$ and $CaGa_2O_4$ from the emf's of cells IV and V.

The isotherms of the activity of CaO in the subsolidus region of the CaO-G₂O₃ system, which were calculated using the data of Table I, are presented in Fig. 3. As is evident, the phase diagram falls into five heterogeneous regions, in which case in the temperature range covered as the concentration of calcium oxide decreases its activity falls off from unity to $\sim 5 \times 10^{-3}$.

b. Study of the Phase Relationships in the $CaO-Ga_2O_3$ System

T-X diagram of the CaO- G_2O_3 system (Fig. 4) was constructed in a wide temperature range on the basis of the data of the X-



FIG. 3. The dependence of the activity of calcium oxide on its content in the x CaO + y Ga₂O₃ system.



FIG. 4. The phase diagram of the $CaO-Ga_2O_3$ system.

ray and high-temperature differential thermal analysis. Each point on Fig. 4 is the mean value of the results of two to four DTA patterns obtained in different runs for the specimens of the same compositions of different batches of samples. In the system four individual compounds were found: $Ca_3Ga_9O_6$, $Ca_3Ga_4O_9$, CaGa₂O₄, and CaGa₄O₇. No noticeable regions of solid solutions were detected. Three compounds $Ca_3Ga_4O_9$, $CaGa_2O_4$, and $CaGa_4O_7$ melt congruently at 1350, 1375, and 1480°C, respectively, and Ca₃Ga₂O₆ melts incongruently with the decomposition into CaO and liquid at 1290°C. In the system four eutectics were found: 70 mol% $Ga_{2}O_{3}$ with a melting temperature of 1460°C; 56.5 mol% Ga_2O_3 (1310°C); 45 mol% Ga_2O_3 (1330°C), and 35 mol% Ga₂O₃ (1275°C).

The most significant distinction between our data and the data of Ref. (5) relates to the region of compositions with CaO concentration of more than 50 mol% where we found the formation of a compound $Ca_3Ga_4O_9$; there is a considerable difference between the temperature and the composition of the eutectic richest in calcium oxide and the temperature of the incongruent melting of $Ca_3Ga_2O_6$.

The X-ray pattern of the powder

 $Ca_3Ga_2O_6$ was interpreted under the assumption of rhombic syngony with the elementary cell parameters given in Table V. The correctness of identification, apart from the good agreement between $\rho_{exp} = 3.46$ and $\rho_{calc} = 3.47$, is confirmed by the value of the criterion of De Wolff (8) $M_{20} = 20$.

The phase $Ca_3Ga_4O_9$ is not identical with the so called metastable modification *m*- $CaGa_2O_4$ described in Ref. (5) (the forma-

TABLE IV X-Ray Powder Data for $Ca_3Ga_4O_9$

I	d	$10^4/d^2 \exp($	hkl	$10^4/d^2$ calc.
5	10.89	84.35	100	84.35
60	5.317	353.8	010	353.8
20	4.782	437.4	110	438.2
20	4.498	494.2	111	495.2
10	4.271	548.2	111	548.6
15	3.802	692.0	210	691.2
30	3.630	758.8	300: 103	759.2; 758.0
10	3.587	777.2	202	779.0
40	3.479	826.0	112	826.6
30	3.297	919.9	103; 212	918.2; 919.4
20	3.266	937.3	30Ž	934.0
70	3.000	1112	310;113	1112; 1111
10	2.974	1131	212	1133
20	2.832	1246	203	1251
100	2.805	1271	303; 113	1273; 1271
90	2.789	1285	213	1284
10	2.754	1318	104	1317
40	2.657	1416	020	1415
20	2.609	1469	$40\bar{2}$	1471
30	2.582	1501	120	1499
40	2.556	1531	104	1531
10	2.534	1558	121	1556
10	2.498	1603	213	1605
5	2.437	1683	41Î	1682
3	2.389	1752	220; 303	1753
3	2.370	1781	304; 221;	1779; 1782;
			122	1780
10	2.342	1823	214	1817
30	2.303	1886	221; 114;	1889; 1885;
			122	1887
5	2.182	2103	313	2107
10	2.147	2169	123	2173
5	2.110	2246	214	2245

Compound	Syngony	a(Å)	$b(\text{\AA})$	$c(\text{\AA})$	$lpha^\circ$	eta°	γ°
Ca ₃ Ga ₂ O ₆	Rhombic	11.50(1)	11.27(1)	10.4(1)	_	_	
Ca ₃ Ga ₄ O ₆	Monoclinic	11.03(1)	5.317(2)	11.07(1)	-	99.10(1)	
CaGa,O4(I)	Rhombic	10.53(4)	7.745(2)	9.013(3)			
CaGa, O ₄ (II)	Monoclinic	7.992(3)	8.830(4)	10.585(6)	_	94.72(2)	_
CaGa ₄ O ₇	Monoclinic	13.16(2)	9.119(3)	5.625(7)	-	105.4(5)	_

TABLE V

CRYSTAL STRUCTURE PARAMETERS OF THE COMPOUNDS IN CaO-Ga2O3 SYSTEM

tion of m-CaG₂O₄ was established by the authors of Ref. (5) in the range of compositions including 40 mol% Ga₂O₃). The basic lines on X-ray patterns of these phases do not coincide and the conditions of the formation of Ca₃Ga₄O₉ and m-CaGa₂O₄ are also different. The X-ray pattern of Ca₃Ga₄O₉ was interpreted under the assumption of monoclinic syngony (see Table IV). The possible elementary cell parameters are presented in Table V. The reasonable agreement between $\rho_{exp} = 3.98$ and $\rho_{calc} = 4.22$ and the value of the De Wolf criterion $M_{20} = 17$ assures us of the correctness of the interpretation.

The calcium monogallate under all chosen conditions of synthesis was obtained in the form of a mixture of two modifications: rhombic and monoclinic (Table V). The elementary cell parameters are close to those found in Refs. (9-11). By varying the conditions of heat treatment of the specimens it became possible to obtain X-ray patterns containing predominantly lines of a particular modification. No thermal effects indicative of the presence of polymorphic transformation were observed on the differential thermal curve up to the melting temperature of $CaGa_2O_4$. Since the structures of both phases are similar and differ only in the orientation of the double tetrahedrons of GaO_4 in six-membered rings it is possible that the melting temperatures of both modifications are very similar.

The melting temperature and the elementary cell parameters of $CaGa_4O_7$ are in good agreement with the data of Refs. (5, 12).

The liquidus line in the region rich in calcium oxide $(20-30 \text{ mol}\% \text{ Ga}_2\text{O}_3)$ is more sloping than it might be expected taking into account the high melting temperature of CaO. This may be due either to the existence of a miscibility gap or to the difficulty of equilibration of the samples in determination of the liquidus line of the CaO-rich region from DTA patterns, as

TABLE VI

THERMODYNAMIC FUNCTIONS OF THE REACTIONS OF FORMATION OF CALCIUM GALLATES FROM OXIDES AT 1100–1400K

, <u>, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , </u>			$-\Delta G^{\circ}_{\mathrm{T}}(\mathrm{kcal/mole})$			
Compound	$\Delta G^{\circ} = \hat{f}(T),$ (kcal/mole)	$\pm\delta(\Delta G^\circ)$	1173 K	1373 K	$-\Delta H^{\circ}_{1273K}$ (kcal/mole)	$\Delta S^{\circ}_{1273\mathrm{K}}$ (cal/mole · K)
$Ca_3Ga_2O_6$	$-3.04-9.89 \times 10^{-3} \times T$	0.21	14.64	16.62	3.0 ± 0.6	9.9 ± 0.6
Ca ₃ Ga ₄ O ₉	-6.34 -17.21 \times 10 ⁻³ \times T	0.30	26.53	29.97	6.3 ± 1.1	17.2 ± 1.1
CaGa ₂ O ₄	$-5.50-4.82 \times 10^{-3} \times T$	0.10	11.15	12.12	5.5 ± 0.3	4.8 ± 0.4
CaGa₄O ₇	$-4.32-7.37 \times 10^{-3} \times T$	0.16	12.96	14.44	$4.3~\pm~0.4$	$7.4~\pm~0.5$

CaO is known to dissolve slowly in oxide melts.

c. The Thermodynamic Stability of Calcium Gallates

The thermodynamic functions of the reactions of formation of calcium gallates from oxides at elevated temperatures were obtained by suitable combining of the dependances $\Delta G^{\circ} = f(T)$ and of the values ΔH°_{T} and ΔS°_{T} of reactions 1-4 listed in Table II. The results are presented in Table VI. As can be seen from this table, the heats of formation from oxides for all four calcium gallates are relatively small. A considerable decrease in Gibbs energy in the course of formation of these compounds from oxides is due to the entropy term. The increase of the entropy in the formation of calcium gallates from oxides qualitatively agrees with the decrease in the symmetry of the formed structures of gallates as compared with initial oxides.

As is evident from Fig. 5, the negative $\Delta G_{\rm T}^{\circ}$ values for all four gallates increase with temperature. It should be noted that the compounds coexistent with pure oxides are thermodynamically less stable than the



FIG. 5. Changes in the Gibbs energy, enthalpy (kcal g-form⁻¹) and entropy (cal g-form⁻¹ K⁻¹) for the reactions of formation of compounds in the CaO-Ga₂O₃ system from oxides.

compounds $Ca_3Ga_4O_9$ and $CaGa_2O_4$ belonging to the middle of the phase diagram of the $CaO-Ga_2O_3$ system. As regards the stability of $Ca_3Ga_4O_9$ and $CaGa_2O_4$, it is approximately equal. This indicates that in the interaction of calcium oxide with Ga_2O_3 the formation of $Ca_3Ga_4O_9$ or $CaGa_2O_4$ is thermodynamically more favorable than the formation of other gallates.

The diagram of the heats of formation of calcium gallates from oxides (Fig. 5) is of somewhat different character. The heat of formation of CaGa₂O₄ per gram formula of this complex oxide is twice or thrice as high as the heats of formation of the remaining three gallates. Noteworthy is the concave character of the curve of change of the values $\Delta H_{\rm T}^{\circ}$ as a function of the composition $nCaO \cdot mGa_2O_3$ near the compounds $Ca_3Ga_2O_6$, $Ca_3Ga_4O_9$, and $CaGa_4O_7$. This means that the reactions of formation of these compounds from the neighboring (according to the phase diagram) phases are endothermic. Nevertheless, due to the significant increase of the entropy, the occurrence of these reactions at sufficiently high temperatures turns out to be thermodynamically possible. The last fact is illustrated by the convex character of the curve of change of the values $\Delta G_{\rm T}^{\circ}$ over the whole range of the compositions nCaO · mGa₂O₃. It should be noted, however, that at temperatures below ~400°C the value of $\Delta G_{\rm T}^{\circ}$ for the reaction of formation of $Ca_3Ga_4O_9$ from the neighboring phases ($CaGa_2O_4$ and $Ca_3Ga_2O_6$) is positive. Hence, with a fairly slow cooling of the sintered specimens the gallate $Ca_3Ga_4O_9$ can fully or partly decompose into $Ca_3Ga_2O_6$ and $CaGa_2O_4$. It is not unlikely that precisely this circumstance prevented the authors of Ref. (5) from discovering and identifying the phase $Ca_3Ga_4O_9$.

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