

## **PREDICTING OF THE THERMODYNAMIC PROPERTIES FOR THE TERNARY SYSTEM Pb-Bi-Mg**

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### **Abstract**

*R*-function method for predicting the ternary thermodynamic properties from its binary ones was applied to the ternary system Pb–Bi–Mg. Activities, activity coefficients, partial and integral molar quantities for Pb, Bi and Mg for the quasibinary sections Pb–X (*X* = B, C, D, E, F) in the investigated ternary system Pb–Bi–Mg calculated by means of *R*-function method are given in this paper. Also, it was determined that results obtained by *R*-function method reach a good agreement with the experimental results obtained by Oelsen calorimetry.

**Keywords:** Pb–Bi–Mg system, thermodynamic parameters

### **Introduction**

Many formulae for predicting ternary thermodynamic properties from binary ones has been reported by several investigators, such as Kohler, Muggianu [1], Colinet [2], Toop [3], Hillert [4] and Chou [5–7]. These methods are specially useful in cases of experimental difficulties, such as: elevated temperatures, corrosive atmosphere, etc.

Investigated ternary system Pb–Bi–Mg is of the practical interest for the extractive metallurgy of lead [8]. During the refinement of lead from bismuth by magnesium, many processes in the ternary system Pb–Bi–Mg are occurring. In spite of the great importance of the thermodynamic determination of this sys-

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tem, there are just a few articles dealing with thermodynamic behaviour of the ternary system Pb-Bi-Mg [9-11]. The presence of magnesium, which oxidize easily, makes experimental measuring difficult (especially in the magnesium corner of the investigated system). That was the main reason for thermodynamic prediction applying.

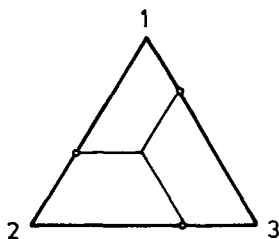


Fig. 1 The geometric representation of the  $R$ -function method

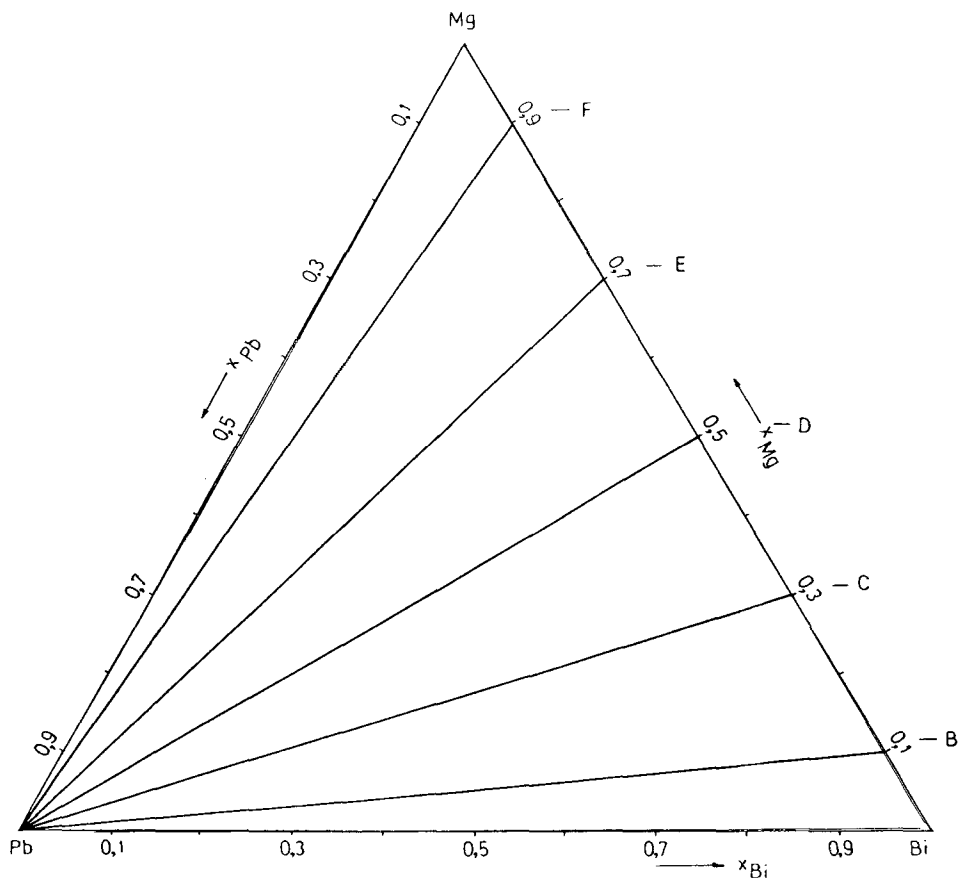


Fig. 2 Ternary system Pb-Bi-Mg

Table 1 Composition of the chosen alloys

Section N°	Molar content																	
	B			C			D			E			F					
	Pb	Bi	Mg	Pb	Bi	Mg	Pb	Bi	Mg	Pb	Bi	Mg	Pb	Bi	Mg	Pb	Bi	Mg
1	0.9	0.09	0.01	0.9	0.07	0.03	0.9	0.05	0.05	0.9	0.03	0.07	0.9	0.01	0.09	0.9	0.01	0.09
2	0.8	0.18	0.02	0.8	0.14	0.06	0.8	0.10	0.10	0.8	0.06	0.14	0.8	0.02	0.18	0.8	0.02	0.18
3	0.7	0.27	0.03	0.7	0.21	0.09	0.7	0.15	0.15	0.7	0.09	0.21	0.7	0.03	0.27	0.7	0.03	0.27
4	0.6	0.36	0.04	0.6	0.28	0.12	0.6	0.20	0.20	0.6	0.12	0.28	0.6	0.04	0.36	0.6	0.04	0.36
5	0.5	0.45	0.05	0.5	0.35	0.15	0.5	0.25	0.25	0.5	0.15	0.35	0.5	0.05	0.45	0.5	0.05	0.45
6	0.4	0.54	0.06	0.4	0.42	0.18	0.4	0.30	0.30	0.4	0.18	0.42	0.4	0.06	0.54	0.4	0.06	0.54
7	0.3	0.63	0.07	0.3	0.49	0.21	0.3	0.35	0.35	0.3	0.21	0.49	0.3	0.07	0.63	0.3	0.07	0.63
8	0.2	0.72	0.08	0.2	0.56	0.24	0.2	0.40	0.40	0.2	0.24	0.56	0.2	0.08	0.72	0.2	0.08	0.72
9	0.1	0.81	0.09	0.1	0.63	0.27	0.1	0.45	0.45	0.1	0.27	0.63	0.1	0.09	0.81	0.1	0.09	0.81

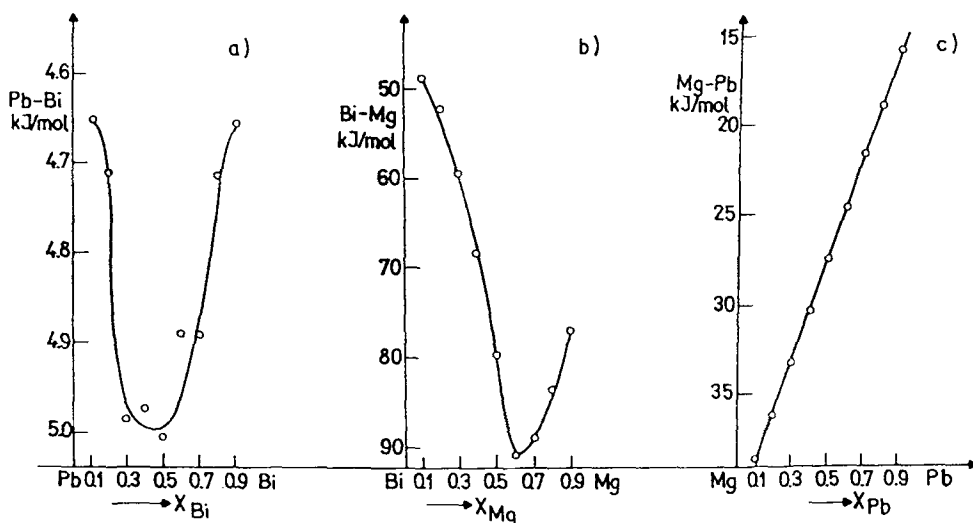


Fig. 3 The plot of  $\alpha$  function vs. mole fraction at 973 K (A - system Pb-Bi, B - system Bi-Mg, C - system Mg-Pb)

Table 2 Polynomial coefficients of  $\alpha$  function for Pb-Bi, Bi-Mg and Mg-Pb binary systems at 973K /J·mol<sup>-1</sup>

System	$a_0$	$a_1$	$a_2$	$a_3$
Pb-Bi	-4330	-3278	4838	-1742
Bi-Mg	-50604	58166	-401304	340639
Mg-Pb	-41789	29147	0	0

In this paper,  $R$ -function method for predicting thermodynamic properties from binary ones, proposed by Chou [5-7], was used for the thermodynamic investigation of the ternary system Pb-Bi-Mg. This method was chosen for its simplicity as compared with other methods of predicting.

According to Chou [5-7], the ternary molar excess free energy,  $\Delta G^{xs}$  can be expressed by the following equation

$$\Delta G^{xs} = x_2 \Delta G_{12}^{xs} / (1-x_1) + x_3 \Delta G_{23}^{xs} / (1-x_2) + x_1 \Delta G_{31}^{xs} / (1-x_3) \quad (1)$$

where  $\Delta G_{12}^{xs}$ ,  $\Delta G_{23}^{xs}$ ,  $\Delta G_{31}^{xs}$  indicate the binary molar excess free energies for the 1-2, 2-3, 3-1 binary systems respectively. The geometric representation is shown in the Fig. 1.

Equation (1) can be rewritten in the following form in terms of  $\alpha$  function

$$\Delta G^{xs} = x_1 x_2 \alpha_{12} + x_2 x_3 \alpha_{23} + x_3 x_1 \alpha_{31} \quad (2)$$

Table 3 Results of the thermodynamic predicting by R-function method in the ternary system Pb-Bi-Mg

Section	Thermodynamic quantities													
	$G_{Bi}^M / G_{Mg}^M / G_{Pb}^M /$ $J \cdot mol^{-1}$	$\gamma_{Bi}$	$\gamma_{Mg}$	$\gamma_{Pb}$	$a_{Bi}$	$a_{Mg}$	$a_{Pb}$	$G_{Bi}^M / G_{Mg}^M / G_{Pb}^M /$ $J \cdot mol^{-1}$	$\Delta G_{Bi}^{Mg} / \Delta G_{Pb}^{Mg} /$ $J \cdot mol^{-1}$	$\Delta G_{Mg}^{Mg} / \Delta G_{Pb}^{Mg} /$ $J \cdot mol^{-1}$	$\Delta G_{Bi}^{Mg} / \Delta G_{Pb}^{Mg} /$ $J \cdot mol^{-1}$			
B1	-4674	-17891	48	0.561	0.109	1.006	0.051	0.001	0.905	-24153	-55144	-805	-557	-3449
B2	-4696	-22314	163	0.559	0.634	1.02	0.101	0.001	0.816	-18568	-53960	-1643	-1162	-5730
B3	-4487	-25983	311	0.574	0.040	1.04	0.155	0.001	0.727	-15078	-54349	-2574	-1773	-7504
B4	-4125	-28952	473	0.601	0.028	1.06	0.216	0.001	0.636	-12389	-54991	-3660	-2360	-8856
B5	-3684	-31252	647	0.634	0.021	1.083	0.285	0.001	0.542	-10143	-55486	-4960	-2897	-9819
B6	-3231	-32869	877	0.671	0.017	1.114	0.362	0.001	0.446	-8216	-55628	-6535	-3366	-10388
B7	-2844	-33679	1311	0.704	0.016	1.176	0.443	0.001	0.353	-6581	-55189	-8429	-3756	-10538
B8	-2638	-33163	2483	0.722	0.017	1.359	0.519	0.001	0.272	-5296	-53593	-10537	-4056	-10208
B9	-2894	-28889	6844	0.699	0.028	2.33	0.566	0.003	0.233	-4589	-48368	-11783	-4260	-9256

Table 3 Continued

Section	Thermodynamic quantities											
	$G_{Bi}^M / G_{Bi}^M /$ J·mol <sup>-1</sup>	$\gamma_{Bi}$	$\gamma_{Mg}$	$\gamma_{Pb}$	$a_{Bi}$	$a_{Mg}$	$a_{Pb}$	$G_{Bi}^M / G_{Bi}^M /$ J·mol <sup>-1</sup>	$G_{Mg}^M / G_{Mg}^M /$ J·mol <sup>-1</sup>	$G_{Pb}^M / G_{Pb}^M /$ J·mol <sup>-1</sup>	$\Delta G^{29} / \Delta G^M /$ J·mol <sup>-1</sup>	
C1	-5273	0.521	0.129	1.008	0.036	0.004	0.907	-26785	-44963	-788	-809	-3933
C2	-5864	0.484	0.089	1.028	0.058	0.005	0.822	-21769	-42339	-1586	-1820	-6857
C3	-6240	0.462	0.068	1.054	0.097	0.006	0.738	-18865	-41243	-2458	-2970	-9394
C4	-6536	0.446	0.056	1.088	0.125	0.007	0.653	-16834	-40429	-3450	-4214	-11635
C5	-6896	0.426	0.050	1.137	0.149	0.008	0.568	-15389	-39517	-4572	-5521	-13599
C6	-7482	0.397	0.049	1.225	0.167	0.009	0.490	-14500	-38248	-5770	-6873	-15283
C7	-8497	0.349	0.054	1.425	0.171	0.011	0.428	-14268	-36229	-6873	-8261	-16661
C8	-10224	0.283	0.074	1.981	0.158	0.018	0.396	-14914	-32630	-7489	-9680	-17681
C9	-13119	0.198	0.158	4.187	0.124	0.043	0.419	-16856	-25498	-7042	-11131	-18208

Table 3 Continued

Section	Thermodynamic quantities										
	$G_{Bi}^M / G_{Mg}^M / G_{Pb}^M /$ $J \cdot mol^{-1}$	$\gamma_{Bi}$	$\gamma_{Mg}$	$\gamma_{Pb}$	$a_{Bi}$	$a_{Mg}$	$a_{Pb}$	$G_{Bi}^M / G_{Mg}^M / G_{Pb}^M /$ $J \cdot mol^{-1}$	$\Delta G^{30} /$ $J \cdot mol^{-1}$	$\Delta G^M /$ $J \cdot mol^{-1}$	
D1	-5856 -15389 43	0.485	0.149	1.005	0.024	0.007	0.905	-30090 -39623 -809	-1023	-4214	
D2	-7082 -17194 121	0.417	0.119	1.015	0.042	0.012	0.812	-25709 -35821 -1685	-2331	-7501	
D3	-8329 -18322 196	0.357	0.104	1.025	0.054	0.016	0.717	-23676 -33669 -2689	-3861	-10484	
D4	-9884 -18924 295	0.295	0.096	1.037	0.059	0.019	0.622	-22904 -31943 -3838	-5855	-13272	
D5	-12005 -19005 515	0.227	0.095	1.066	0.057	0.024	0.533	-23219 -30240 -5092	-7500	-15911	
D6	-14929 -18511 1047	0.158	0.101	1.138	0.047	0.030	0.455	-24668 -28251 -6366	-9613	-18422	
D7	-1886 -17086 2206	0.097	0.121	1.313	0.034	0.042	0.394	-27378 -25579 -7534	-11929	-20795	
D8	-24119 -14216 4499	0.051	0.172	1.744	0.020	0.069	0.349	-31531 -21625 -8521	-14434	-22968	
D9	-30911 -9010 8735	0.022	0.328	2.944	0.009	0.148	0.294	-37370 -15470 -9892	-17091	-24767	

Table 3 Continued

Section	Thermodynamic quantities													
	$G_{Bi}^M / G_{Mg}^M /$ J·mol <sup>-1</sup>	$G_{Pb}^M /$ J·mol <sup>-1</sup>	$\gamma_{Bi}$	$\gamma_{Mg}$	$\gamma_{Pb}$	$a_{Bi}$	$a_{Mg}$	$a_{Pb}$	$G_{Bi}^M /$ J·mol <sup>-1</sup>	$G_{Mg}^M /$ J·mol <sup>-1</sup>	$G_{Pb}^M /$ J·mol <sup>-1</sup>	$\Delta G^{25} /$ J·mol <sup>-1</sup>	$\Delta G^M /$ J·mol <sup>-1</sup>	
E1	-6439	-14243	-12	0.451	0.172	0.998	0.014	0.012	0.899	-34805	-35755	-865	-1201	-4325
E2	-8452	-15000	-116	0.352	0.157	0.986	0.021	0.021	0.789	-31211	-30905	-1921	-2700	-7737
E3	-11026	-15189	-359	0.256	0.153	0.957	0.023	0.032	0.669	-30505	-27814	-3244	-4433	-10857
E4	-14637	-14942	-728	0.164	0.158	0.914	0.019	0.044	0.548	-31789	-25239	-4860	-6377	-13798
E5	-19582	-14269	-1174	0.089	0.171	0.865	0.013	0.059	0.432	-34929	-22762	-6782	-8519	-16597
E6	-25985	-13086	-1637	0.040	0.198	0.817	0.007	0.083	0.327	-39856	-20104	-9049	-10828	-19237
E7	-33797	-11241	-2072	0.015	0.249	0.774	0.003	0.122	0.232	-46422	-17011	-11811	-13227	-21627
E8	-42806	-8549	-2487	0.005	0.348	0.735	0.001	0.194	0.147	-54351	-13239	-15507	-15558	-23560
E9	-52642	-4839	-2988	0.001	0.549	0.691	0.0004	0.346	0.069	-63233	-8577	-21615	-17651	-24638



Table 3 Continued

Section	Thermodynamic quantities													
	$G_{Bi}^M / G_{Mg}^M / G_{Pb}^{25} /$ $J \cdot mol^{-1}$	$\gamma_{Bi}$	$\gamma_{Mg}$	$\gamma_{Pb}$	$a_{Bi}$	$a_{Mg}$	$a_{Pb}$	$G_{Bi}^M /$ $J \cdot mol^{-1}$	$G_{Mg}^M /$ $J \cdot mol^{-1}$	$G_{Pb}^M /$ $J \cdot mol^{-1}$	$\Delta G^{25} /$ $J \cdot mol^{-1}$	$\Delta G^M /$ $J \cdot mol^{-1}$		
F1	-7035	-13141	-100	0.419	0.197	0.988	0.0004	0.018	0.889	-44289	-32620	-952	-1343	-4236
F2	-10057	-12881	-493	0.288	0.203	0.941	0.006	0.037	0.753	-41703	-26753	-2298	-2914	-7488
F3	-14504	-12078	-1291	0.166	0.225	0.852	0.005	0.061	0.597	-42870	-22670	-4177	-4600	-10331
F4	-20955	-10871	-2586	0.075	0.261	0.726	0.003	0.094	0.436	-46994	-19136	-6718	-6303	-12799
F5	-29459	-9344	-4475	0.026	0.315	0.575	0.001	0.142	0.288	-53693	-15804	-10082	-7915	-14837
F7	-50179	-5585	-10643	0.002	0.501	0.268	0.0001	0.316	0.080	-71691	-9323	-20383	-10224	-17007
F8	-59849	-3529	-15423	0.0006	0.646	0.149	0	0.465	0.029	-80281	-6186	-28443	-10413	-16565
F9	-66483	-1570	-21866	0.0003	0.824	0.067	0	0.667	0.007	-85962	-3275	-40492	-9442	-14438

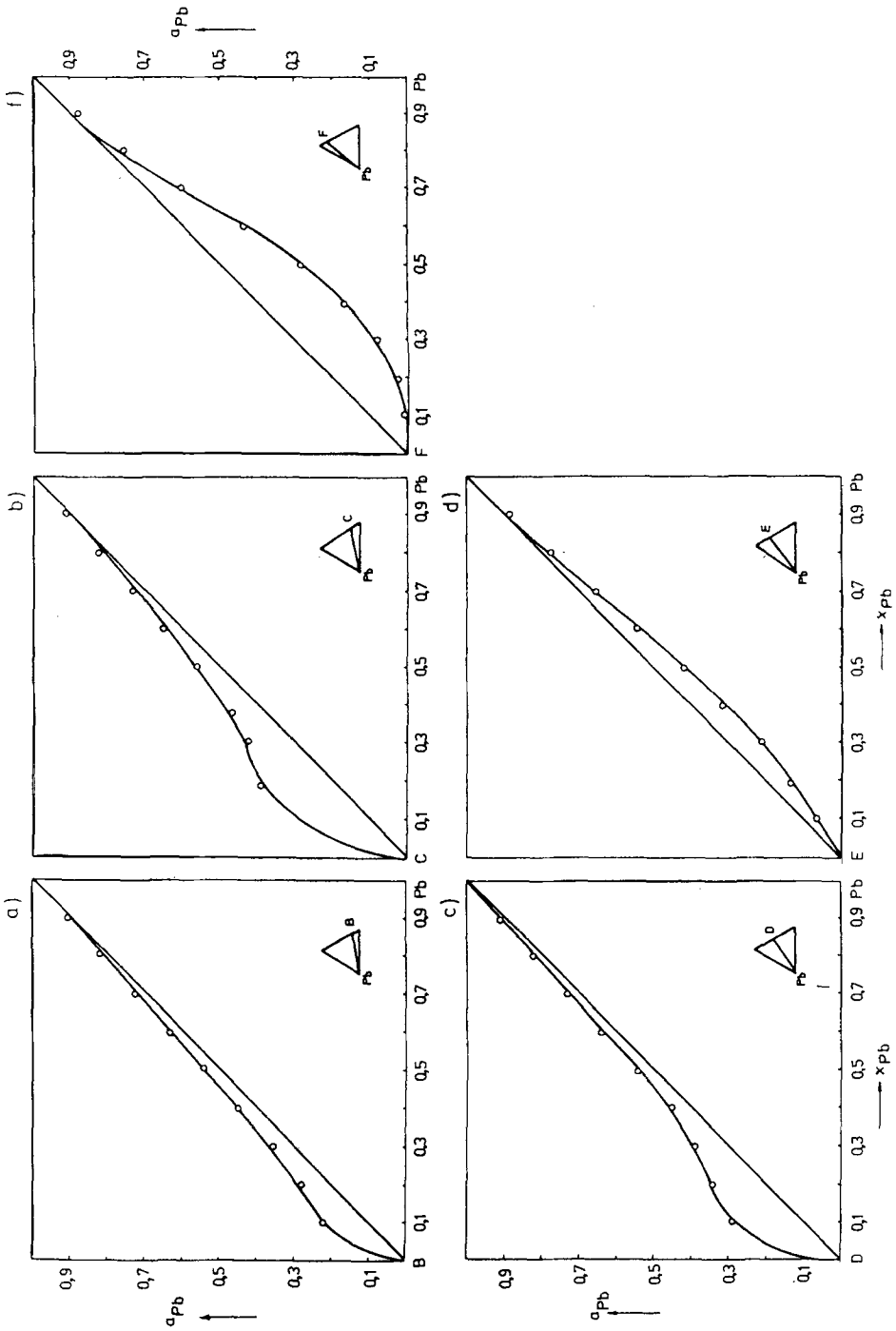


Fig. 4 Activity curves for Pb vs. mole fraction at 973 K (a - Pb-B, b - Pb-C, c - Pb-D, d - Pb-E, e - Pb-F)

where

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_{12} &= \Delta G_{12}^{obs} / x_1(1 - x_1) \\ \alpha_{23} &= \Delta G_{23}^{obs} / x_2(1 - x_2) \\ \alpha_{31} &= \Delta G_{31}^{obs} / x_3(1 - x_3) \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

R-function is defined as [5-7]

$$R = \Delta G^{obs} / (1 - x_1) = x_1(1 - y)\alpha_{12} + (1 - x_1)y(1 - y)\alpha_{23} + x_1y\alpha_{31} \quad (4)$$

where

$$y = x_3 / (1 - x_1) \quad (5)$$

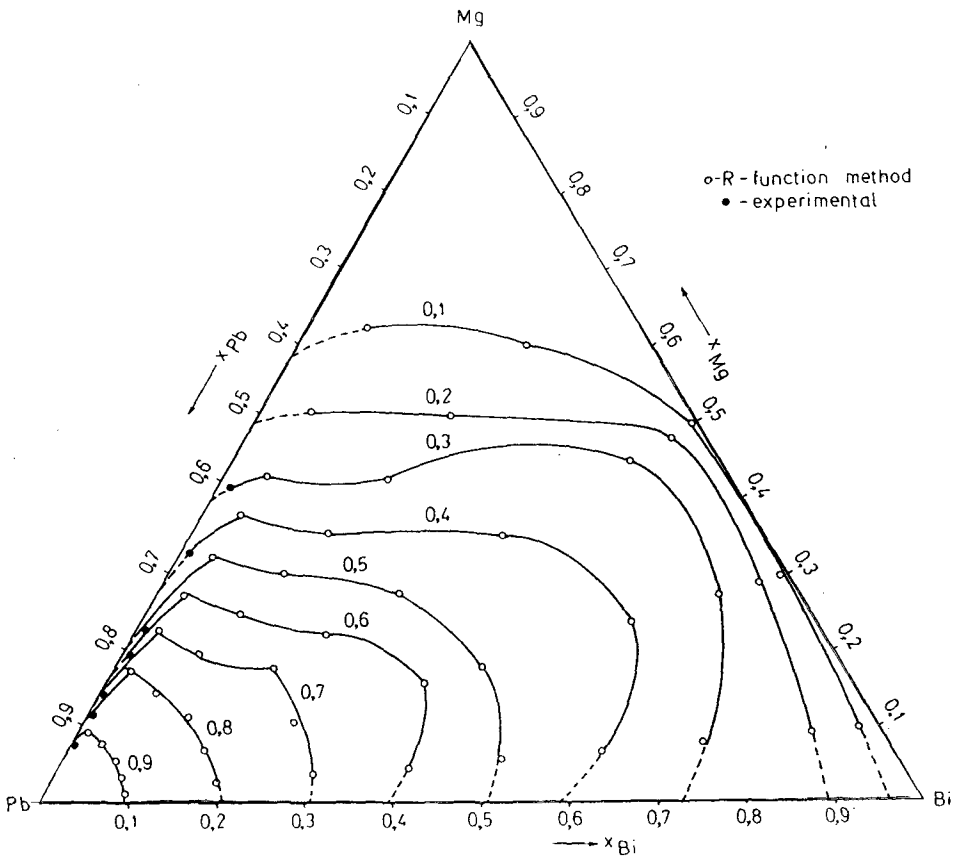


Fig. 5 Isoactivity curves for Pb in the ternary system Pb-Bi-Mg at 973 K

Substituting  $\alpha$  function expressions fitted by third degree polynom

$$\alpha = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + a_3x^3 \quad (6)$$

into Eq. (4) will obtain the value of  $R$ -function. The excess partial molar free energies  $G_1^{\text{ex}}$ ,  $G_2^{\text{ex}}$ ,  $G_3^{\text{ex}}$  can be calculated then

$$G_1^{\text{ex}} = (1 - x_1)(\sigma R / \sigma x_1)y$$

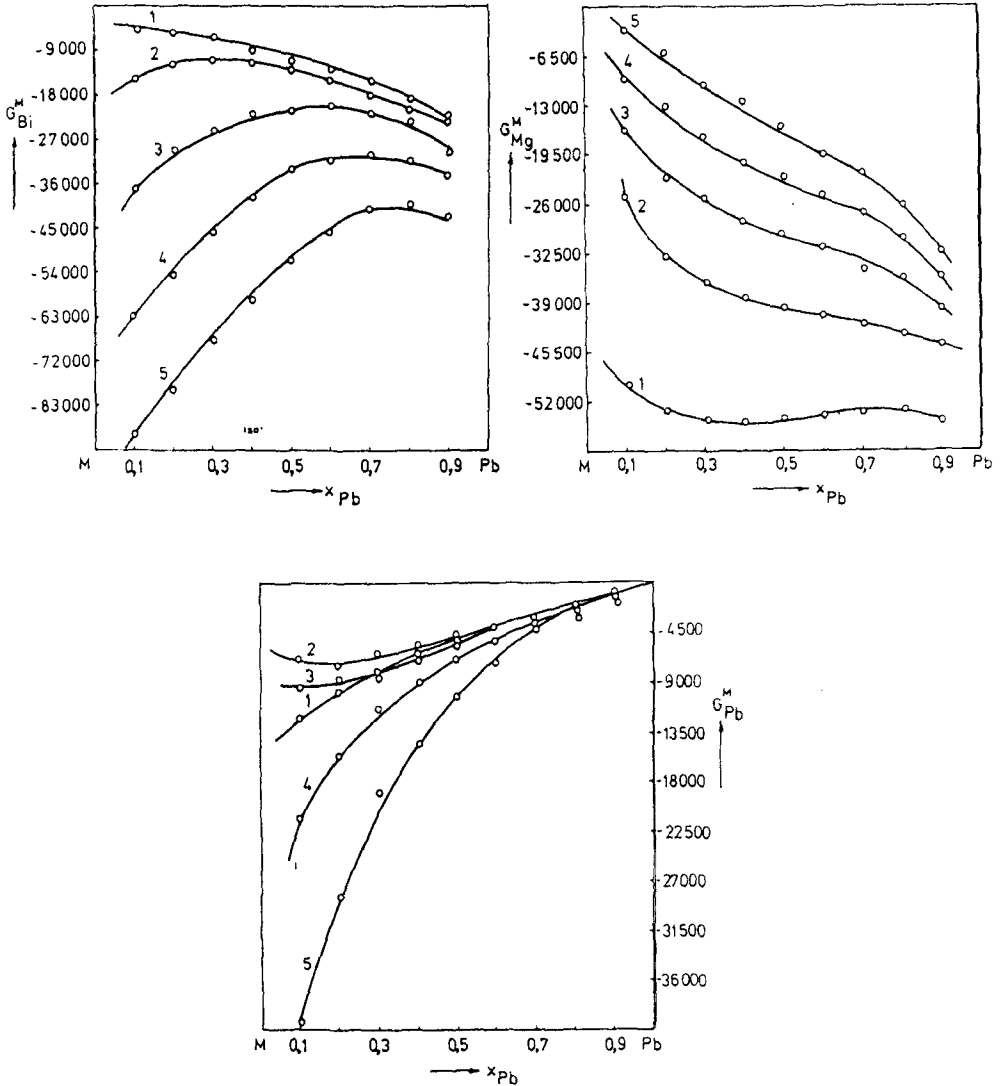


Fig. 6  $G_{\text{Pb}}^{\text{M}}$ ,  $G_{\text{Bi}}^{\text{M}}$ ,  $G_{\text{Mg}}^{\text{M}}$  vs. molar content at 973 K (J/mol) (1- Pb-B; 2- Pb-C; 3- Pb-D; 4- Pb-E; 5- Pb-F)

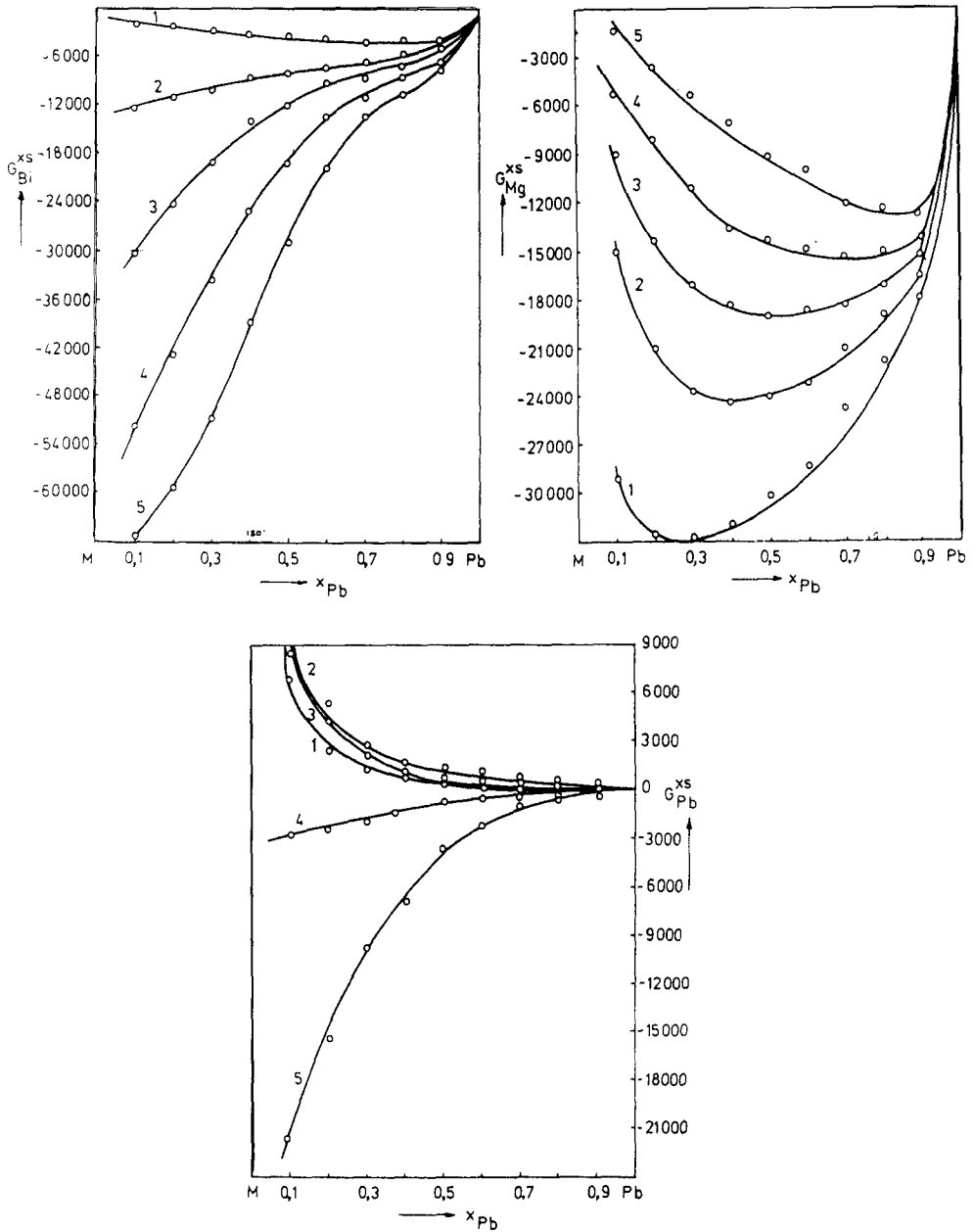


Fig. 7  $G_{\text{Pb}}^{\text{xs}}$ ,  $G_{\text{Bi}}^{\text{xs}}$ ,  $G_{\text{Mg}}^{\text{xs}}$  vs. molar content at 973 K (J/mol) (1- Pb-B; 2- Pb-C; 3- Pb-D; 4- Pb-E; 5- Pb-F)

$$G_2^{\text{ex}} = (\sigma(R/y) / \sigma(1-y))_{x_1} - x_1 G_1^{\text{ex}} / (1-x_1)$$

$$G_3^{\text{ex}} = (\sigma(R/(1-y)) / \sigma(1/(1-y)))_{x_1} - x_1 G_1^{\text{ex}} / (1-x_1) \quad (7)$$

## Results and discussion

In intention to cover the whole concentration area of the ternary system Pb-Bi-Mg, five quasibinary sections, Pb-X (X = B, C, D, E, F), were investigated and that is presented in the Fig. 2.

Composition of the chosen alloys in the investigated quasibinary sections is given in the Table 1.

The excess free energies of three binary systems Pb-Bi, Bi-Mg and Mg-Pb are taken from Hultgren *et al.* [12]. The plots of  $\alpha$  function of three binary systems vs. mole fraction  $x$  at the temperature 973 K are shown in Fig. 3.

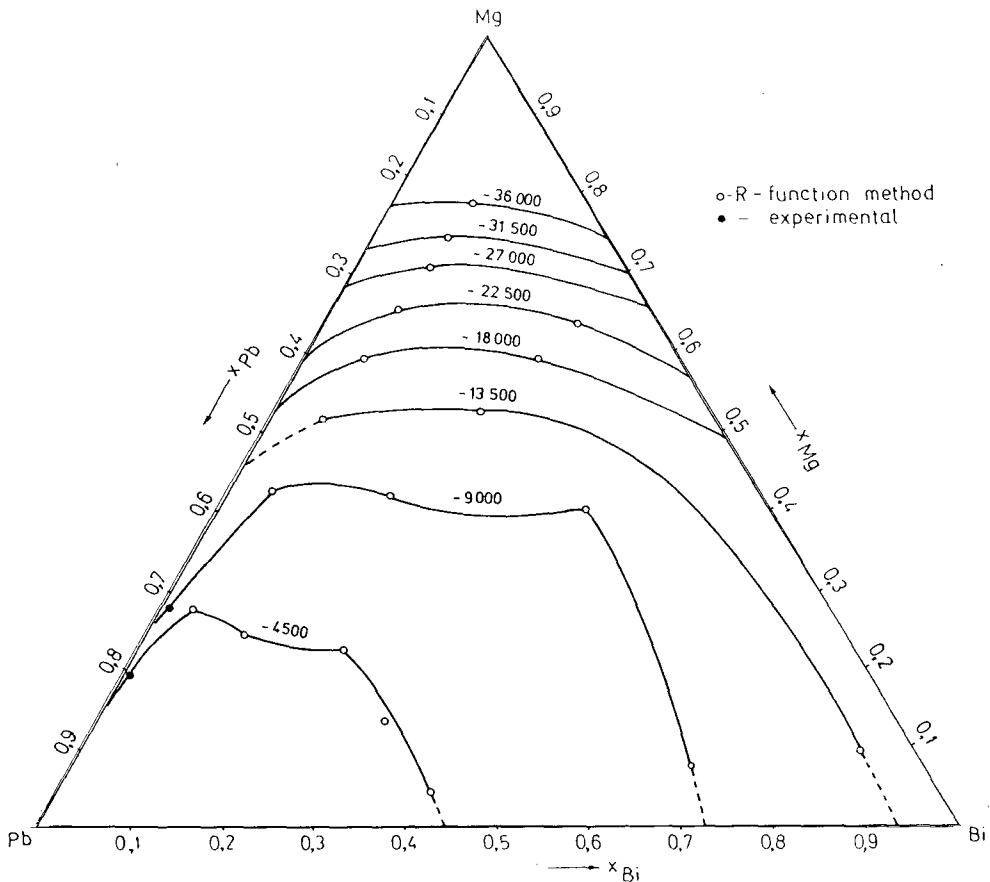


Fig. 8  $G_{\text{Pb}}^{\text{M}}$  in the ternary system Pb-Bi-Mg at 973 K (J/mol)

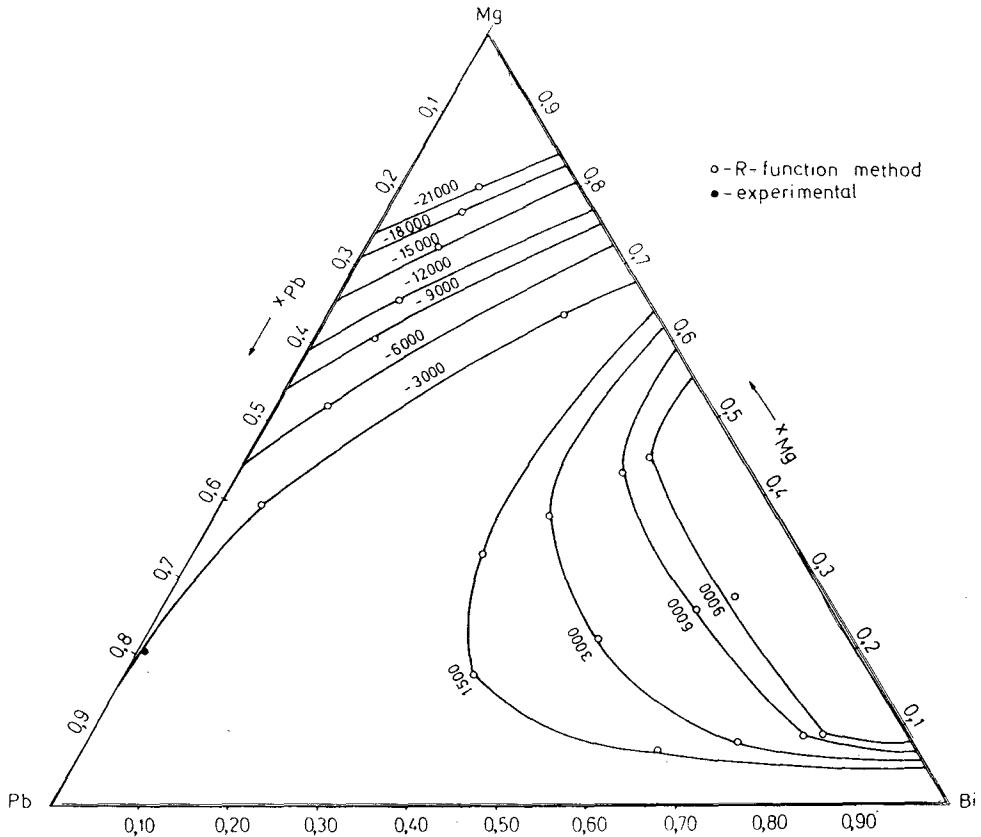


Fig. 9  $G_{Pb}^{\alpha}$  in the ternary system Pb-Bi-Mg at 973 K (J/mol)

$\alpha$  functions have been fitted by third degree polynomial and the fitting coefficients are listed in the Table 2.

Results of activities, activity coefficients and other partial and integral molar quantities for Pb, Bi and Mg for the investigated quasibinary sections Pb-X ( $X = B, C, D, E, F$ ) in the ternary system Pb-Bi-Mg predicted by means of R-function method are given in the following Table 3.

Activity curves for Pb at 973 K for all investigated sections in the ternary system Pb-Bi-Mg are given in the Fig. 4. Sections Pb-B, Pb-C and Pb-D show positive deviation from Raoult law, and the other sections Pb-E and Pb-F show negative deviation.

Isoactivity curves for Pb in the ternary system Pb-Bi-Mg at 973 K are shown in Fig. 5. Experimental values of lead activity at the same temperature obtained by Oelsen calorimetry [11] are also presented in the Fig. 5 and show

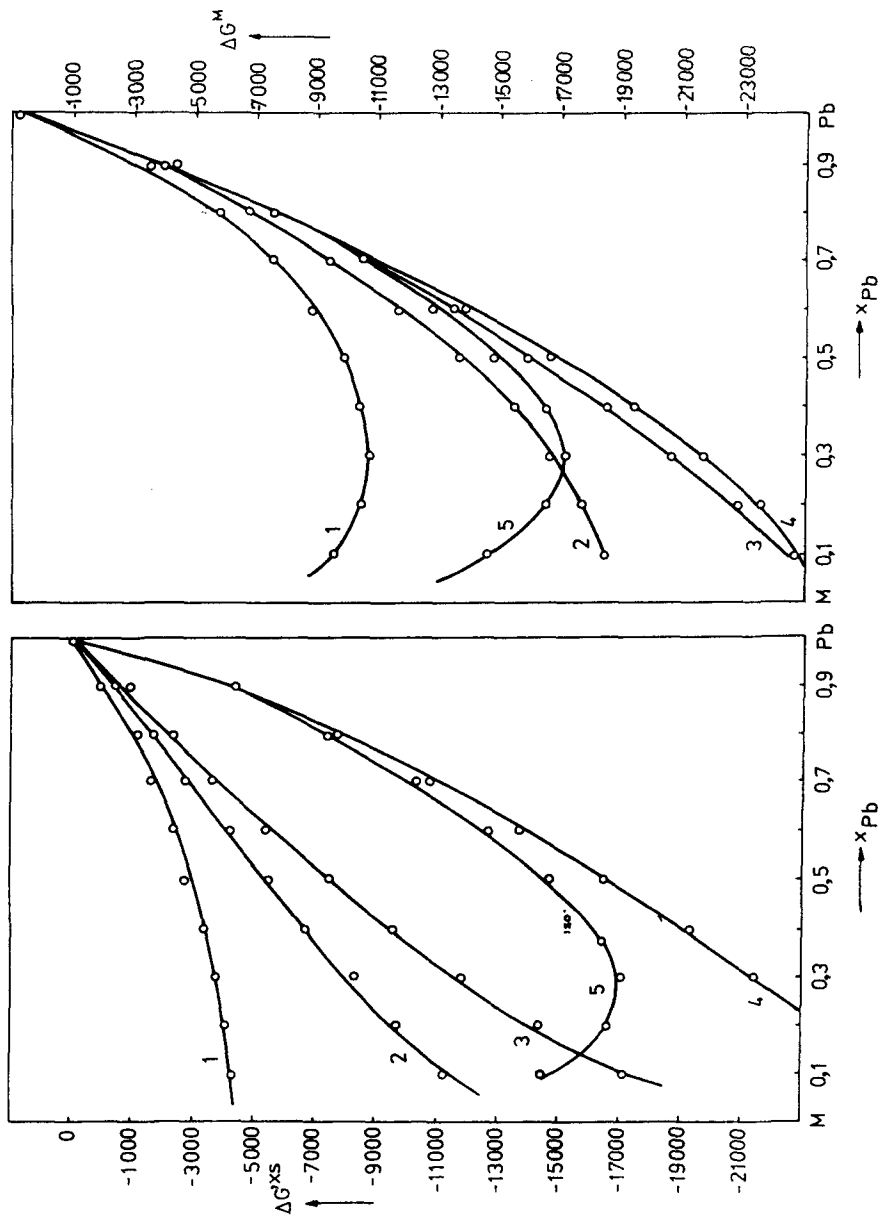


Fig. 10  $\Delta G^M$  and  $\Delta G^{XS}$  vs. molar content at 973 K (J/mol)



a good agreement with the predicted values calculated by means of *R*-function method.

Dependence of the partial molar free energies of mixing for Pb, Bi and Mg vs. molar content at 973 K for all investigated quasibinary sections is presented in the Fig. 6. Partial molar excess free energies curves for Pb, Bi and Mg vs. molar content under the same conditions are given in the Fig. 7.

Values of partial molar free energy of mixing and partial molar excess free energy for lead in the ternary system Pb-Bi-Mg at 973 K are given in the Figs 8 and 9, respectively. Experimental values for  $G_{Pb}^M$  and  $G_{Pb}^{ex}$  obtained by Olsen calorimetry [11] are presented at the same figure and show a good agreement with the calculated values.

The ternary molar excess free energy and ternary molar free energy of mixing vs. molar content for the ternary system Pb-Bi-Mg at 973 K are also presented (Fig. 10).

Figures 4 and 9 confirm the fact that quasibinary sections Pb-B, Pb-C and Pb-D shows positive deviation from Raoult law, which can be also concluded by positive values of  $G_{Pb}^s$  and  $\gamma_{Pb} > 1$  (Table 3). That points out on lead dividing from the solution in this part of the ternary system Pb-Bi-Mg. Thermodynamic behaviour of lead in the other sections can be determined in the same way. Figures 4 and 9 show negative deviation from Raoult law for quasibinary sections Pb-E and Pb-F, as well as negative values of  $G_{Pb}^{Pb}$  and  $\gamma < 1$  (Table 3). That points out on a good miscibility between components in this part of the ternary system Pb-Bi-Mg.

Also, results obtained by *R*-function method predicting reach a good agreement with the experimentally ones, which illustrates that calculated values are good consistent.

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**Zusammenfassung** — Am ternären System Pb–Bi–Mg wurde die *R*-Funktionsmethode zur Abschätzung der ternären thermodynamischen Eigenschaften anhand der binären angewendet. Vorliegend werden für die quasibinären Abschnitte Pb–X (*X* = B, C, D, E, F) des untersuchten ternären Systemes Pb–Bi–Mg die mittels der *R*-Funktionsmethode berechneten Aktivitäten, Aktivitätskoeffizienten, partiellen und integralen molaren Größen von Pb, Bi und Mg angegeben. Außerdem wurde ermittelt, daß die mittels der *R*-Funktionsmethode erhaltenen Resultate in guter Übereinstimmung mit den experimentellen Ergebnissen nach der Oelsen-Kalorimetrie stehen.