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Abstract

The electrical resistivity and the absolute thermoelectric power of the liquid $\text{Cu}_x\text{-Bi}_{(1-x)}$ system have been measured over the whole composition range from the liquidus to 1100°C. The thermal conductivity is deduced from measurements of these two properties. The experimental results are interpreted and discussed in term of the extended Faber-Ziman formula using the t-matrix formalism with hard-sphere structure factors. The concentration and energy dependence of the phase shifts have been taken into account for a complete conductivity and thermopower calculation.

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I Introduction

The aim of this paper is to report on the electrical resistivity and on the Absolute Thermoelectric Power (ATP) measurements of liquid $\text{Cu}_x\text{-Bi}_{(1-x)}$ alloys between the melting point and 1100°C and over the whole concentration range (by ten atomic per cent steps). The thermal conductivity due to electrons is linked by an exact relation to different electronic transport coefficient like the electrical resistivity and the thermopower (called indifferently Absolute Thermoelectric Power, ATP or thermopower). Its simplified relation is known as the Wiedemann-Franz law. These relations have been presented in solid state physics textbooks by Ziman [1,2] and by Barnard [3] in the thermoelectric power bible "Thermoelectricity in metals and alloys". We prefer the more tractable presentation by Young [4] discussed by Sar et al. [5]. To our knowledge no thermoelectric power measurements have been published. Only Takeuchi et al. [6] made some measurements by a less accurate "electrodeless technique" (five concentrations) on the resistivity of this system. The experimental method has been described by Sar [5], the theoretical formula and the main steps allowing the computation for pure metals and alloys have been presented by Chaïb et al. [7]. Our experimental results are presented and compared with the theoretical calculations.

II Theory

* Electronic transport properties

The pure metal Ziman formulation [8] of the electrical resistivity was extended to binary alloys by Faber-Ziman [9]. The resistivity of a liquid alloy can be written:

$$\rho = \frac{3\pi m^2 \Omega_o}{e^2 \hbar^3 k_F^2} \int_0^1 c_1 |t_1|^2 [1 - c_1 + c_1 a_{11}(q)] + c_2 |t_2|^2 [1 - c_2 + c_2 a_{22}(q)] + c_1 c_2 (t_1^* t_2 + t_1 t_2^*) [a_{12}(q) - 1] 4 \left(\frac{q}{2k_F}\right)^3 d\left(\frac{q}{2k_F}\right) \quad (1)$$

$a_{ij}(q)$ are the partial structure factors, Ω_o the atomic volume of the alloy, k_F the Fermi wave vector, $t(q, E_F)$ the one particle t matrix describing the amplitude for electron-ion scattering at

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4 Fermi energy E_F and momentum transfer q . We used the Faber-Ziman [10] partial structure
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6 factors $a_{ij}(q)$. These functions are calculated with the Ashcroft and Langreth [11] hard sphere
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8 model. The hard sphere diameters are obtained as in [7] and are held constant over the whole
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10 concentration range at constant temperature. It is well known that bismuth is one of the
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12 polyvalent elements which present a shoulder on the high angle side of the main peak, like
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14 germanium. The shoulder is the most important near the melting point and vanishes with
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16 temperature. Isherwood and Orton [12] measured the structure factor from 303 to 652°C . It is
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18 interesting to observe how the shoulder vanishes as the temperature is increased. It quasi
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20 disappeared at 950°C, the highest temperature tabulated in Waseda's book [13]. Our
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22 calculations are made at 1100°C, i.e. 830°C above the melting point. It is possible to consider
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30 The thermopower can be written:

$$31 \quad S = \frac{\pi^2 k_B^2 T_K}{3|e|E_F} \chi \quad \text{where } \chi = \left[\frac{\partial \ln \rho}{\partial \ln E} \right]_{E_F} \quad (2)$$

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33 where k_B is the Boltzman constant, T_K the temperature in Kelvin and χ the dimensionless
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35 thermoelectric parameter. The thermopower is the logarithmic derivative of the resistivity. The
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37 thermoelectric parameter χ can be expressed as : $\chi = 3 - 2\alpha - \beta / 2$. The expression of α and
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39 β can be found in ref. [7]. The energy dependent term β is difficult to calculate and is generally
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41 neglected. In this case we obtain a energy independent calculation of the thermopower. The
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43 result of this calculation will be written S_{local} . We have calculated the thermoelectric power by
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45 the numerical derivation of the resistivity as a function of energy for alloys. Thus it includes the
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47 energy-dependent term, which is very difficult to calculate analytically. The result of the full
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49 calculation will be written S . The thermal conductivity due to electrons is linked to the
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51 electrical resistivity and to the Seebeck coefficient by equation 3a. A simplified expression is
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53 called the Wiedemann-Franz law (equation 3b). More details are given in [14].
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$$3a) \quad \lambda = \frac{(L_0 - S^2)T_k}{\rho}$$

$$3b) \quad \lambda \approx \frac{L_0}{\rho} T_k = L_0 T_k \sigma$$

L_0 is the Sommerfield value of the Lorenz number ($2.45 \times 10^{-8} W \Omega . K^{-2}$), $\sigma = 1/\rho$ is the electrical conductivity. Recently, a review article on the calculation of electron transport properties in the framework of the extended Faber-Ziman theory has been published by Gasser [15].

* Muffin tin potential construction

The construction of the liquid copper and bismuth potentials is based on the superposition of neutral atomic charge densities and potentials following the well known Mattheiss prescription [16] established for solids and described for liquids in [7]. We use the Mukhopadhyay et al. [17] approach in the muffin tin potential construction in order to take care of the specific neighbour sites arrangement in the liquid. The exchange correlation part of the liquid potential has been expressed using Slater exchange approximation [18] and depends simply on the total electronic charge density at any distances r .

* Phase-shifts and Fermi energy

The phase shifts entering in the expression of the electronic properties are calculated from a muffin-tin potential as described in [7]. Once the phase shifts are given as function of energy, we have to estimate the Fermi energy which is the most important parameter in calculations of electronic transport properties. Esposito et al. [19] proposed a consistent method to determine E_F . This method has been described and used in [7].

III Experimental method

The experimental results were obtained using an automated device which measures jointly the electrical resistivity and the absolute thermopower. This method has been completely described by Sar et al.[5]. It combines a measurement of the electrical resistivity using a four-point probe technique, and a measurement of the absolute thermoelectric power employing a small ΔT method. The liquid metal is contained in a fused silica cell provided with sealed tungsten (W) and W-26 wt % Re electrodes. The geometrical constant of the cell was determined by measuring the well known resistivity of triple-distilled mercury at room temperature [20]. The thermoelectric power of tungsten and W-26 wt% Re were previously calibrated with a 'platinum 67' wire. Its absolute thermoelectric power was given by Roberts [21]. The error in the final results is estimated to be no more than $\pm 0.4\mu\Omega\cdot\text{cm}$ for the resistivity and $\pm 0.5\mu\text{V}/^\circ\text{C}$ for the thermoelectric power in the whole temperature range studied.

IV Experimental results and discussion

1 Pure bismuth

We represent the resistivity and the thermopower of pure bismuth respectively on figure 1 and 2. On figure 1 we observe a nearly linear temperature dependence of the resistivity of liquid bismuth. The difference with earlier measurements is lower than 0.7%. On figure 2 we observe a negative thermopower decreasing non linearly with temperature. The difference with earlier measurements is lower than $0.1\mu\text{V}/\text{K}$. Data of the present calculations with the Slater exchange are summarised in table 1. The energy dependence of the electrical resistivity $\rho(E)$ and of the thermopower $S(E)$ are plotted in figure 3 and 4 respectively using the $\eta_l(E)$ phase shift (figure 5). Once E_F is located by the filling of the band procedure, the phase shifts and their energy dependence at E_F can be calculated in order to evaluate the resistivity and the thermopower of the liquid metals. Furthermore, in case of the alloys we have taken into

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9 We have calculated the phase shifts as function of energy for pure bismuth (figure 5). To obtain
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12 of states through XPS and UPS measurements. The density of states obtained by ab initio
13 numerical calculations by Hafner et al. [24] leads to the same conclusions. The experimental,
14 free electron and calculated density of states are represented and compared on figure 6. It can
15 be objected that the experimental Hall effect of liquid bismuth measured by different authors
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17 electrons (near 8) which is obviously not physical. It is thus not possible to consider that free
18 electron formalism is adapted to explain the Hall coefficient of liquid bismuth. Indeed, Enderby
19 [28] introduces a correction corresponding to the Mott squared g factor. Ballentine and
20 Huberman [29] developed a theory of Hall Effect in liquid metals. They introduce a “skew
21 scattering” due to spin orbit coupling. Their calculation is made with numerical values of phase
22 shifts corresponding to 5 free conduction electrons, not to 3 as expected from DOS
23 measurements and Hafner’s [24] calculations. It is necessary to recall that the phase shifts are
24 strongly energy dependent. Thus the only conclusion is that we do not have a clear theoretical
25 situation allowing interpreting the Hall coefficient of heavy liquid metals. The calculated value
26 must result from a combination of energy dependent phase shifts, of spin orbit coupling and of
27 density of states correction all at the correct Fermi energy. We have thus taken the Fermi
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The resistivity versus energy is plotted in figure 3. For bismuth, the resistivity calculated using
the valence 3 shows an excellent agreement with the experiment ($\rho_{\text{exp}} = 163.6 \mu\Omega.cm$ compared
to $\rho_{\text{cal}} = 161.9 \mu\Omega.cm$) at 950°C . The calculations made with the valence 5 leads to a too low
resistivity (it represents nearly 46 % of the experimental value). The local calculation of the
thermopower versus energy (energy dependent term β neglected) gives a non physical high
positive thermopower (upper curve in figure 4). The full non local energy dependent
calculation gives a negative thermopower (as experimentally measured). In this case we can

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4 obtain the best agreement, contrary to the resistivity, by using the valence 5. However, we
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10 been made by Chaïb et al. [7].
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18 Our resistivity and thermopower measurements versus temperature are shown in figures 7 and
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20 8 respectively at different concentrations. The deduced thermal conductivity is plotted in figure
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22 9. On figure 8 and 9 a change of scale has been used for pure copper. We determined the least
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26 thermopower (table 3) for a better description of the experiment. The temperature dependence
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30 as can be observed directly on curve 7 and by the small second order term in table 2. The
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32 resistivity increases with bismuth concentrations (fig 7) when the thermoelectric power
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34 decreases rapidly from a high positive value for pure copper to a negative one for bismuth (fig
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36 8). The thermal conductivity is deduced from the knowledge of the electrical resistivity and the
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38 thermoelectric power following the formula 3b. Figure 9 shows the thermal conductivity as
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40 function of temperature. The thermal conductivity is a linear function of temperature and the
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42 slope is positive for all compositions. The scale is not the same for pure copper than for the
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44 other alloys. The thermal conductivity increases when adding copper.
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54 The resistivity as a function of the atomic concentration of bismuth (at 1100°C) is represented
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10 conductivity as function of bismuth concentration is plotted on figure 12. The accuracy is not
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22 for resistivity (figure 10), thermopower (figure 11) and thermal conductivity (figure 12). It can
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24 be clearly concluded that it is not possible to neglect the energy dependence in the
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26 thermopower calculation. The local term gives a large positive value, $25\mu\text{V}/\text{K}$ above the
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28 experimental one. Using the full calculation of thermopower, a reasonable difference is still
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32 side part of the phase diagram. However the calculated curve follows the shape of the
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36 curves is of about $6\mu\text{V}/\text{K}$. The thermal conductivity deduced from the experimental resistivity
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VI Conclusion

We have presented new experimental results of resistivity and thermoelectric power of the copper-bismuth liquid system. Thermal conductivity was deduced using equation (3a). To our knowledge, no thermoelectric power measurement of this system has been made before. Our resistivity measurements allowed us to confirm and complete Takeuchi's results. The theoretical interpretation was made in a very satisfactory way using the extended Faber-Ziman formula with phase shifts depending on the energy. A very good agreement with the experiment is obtained, for resistivity, by using the Esposito procedure [19]. The energy dependence cannot be neglected in the thermoelectric power formula. The total treatment of the thermoelectric power (by numerical differentiation of the resistivity as a function of energy) leads to a considerable improvement of the theoretical results on the local calculations. Differences still exist between theory and experiment. They cannot be explained by the use of hard-sphere structure factors as has been noticed ([30,31]) for alloys near the melting point of the polyvalent metal. As spin contribution and DOS have been invoked to explain the Hall coefficient of bismuth, such effects may also play a role on the resistivity and thermopower of pure bismuth and bismuth rich alloys. The situation is different on the copper rich side where the d band determined with the Lloyd formula [32] has a too important effect on the thermopower.

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Captions

Table 1: Parameters used for the calculation using Esposito's procedure for pure copper and bismuth (with valence 3 and 5). Experimental and calculated resistivities, Seebeck coefficients and thermal conductivities.

Table 2: Coefficients of the least squares fit on the resistivity of liquid $\text{Cu}_x\text{Bi}_{1-x}$ alloys:

$$\rho = a_0 + a_1T + a_2T^2. \quad (\rho \text{ in } \mu\Omega.cm \text{ and } T \text{ in Celsius}).$$

Table 3: Coefficients of the least squares fit on the absolute thermopower of liquid $\text{Cu}_x\text{Bi}_{1-x}$

alloys: $S = b_0 + b_1T + b_2T^2$. (S in $\mu V.K^{-1}$ and T in Celsius).

Figure 1: Experimental resistivity of pure liquid bismuth versus temperature.

Figure 2: Experimental absolute thermoelectric power of pure liquid bismuth versus temperature.

Figure 3: Energy dependence of the electrical resistivity for liquid bismuth. The Fermi energy with $Z=3$ and $Z=5$ is indicated.

Figure 4: Energy dependence of the thermopower for liquid bismuth. Local approximation (open circles) and full energy dependent calculation (full circles). The Fermi energy with $Z=3$ and $Z=5$ is indicated.

Figure 5: Energy dependence of phase shifts for liquid bismuth. The Fermi energy with $Z=3$ and $Z=5$ is indicated.

Figure 6: Experimental and theoretical density of states of liquid bismuth.

Figure 7: Experimental electrical resistivity of liquid $\text{Cu}_x\text{Bi}_{1-x}$ as function of temperature for different concentration.

Figure 8: Absolute thermoelectric power of liquid $\text{Cu}_x\text{-Bi}_{1-x}$ as function of temperature for different concentration.

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4 **Figure 9:** Thermal conductivity of liquid $\text{Cu}_x\text{Bi}_{1-x}$ as function of temperature for different
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6 concentration.

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9 **Figure 10:** Resistivity of liquid copper-bismuth alloys as function of concentration at 1100°C.

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11 **Figure 11:** Absolute thermoelectric power of liquid copper-bismuth as function of
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16 **Figure 12:** Thermal conductivity as function of concentration deduced by equation (3a) either
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18 from experimental resistivity and thermopower or from Faber-Ziman calculated ones.
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Metal	Copper at 1150°C	Trivalent bismuth at 950°C	Pentavalent bismuth at 950°C
Valency Z	1	3	5
Number of conduction electrons N_c	0.91	2.50	4.60
E_F (Ry)	0.45	0.44	0.66
$\eta_0(E_F)$	-0.280	-2.150	-2.460
$\eta_1(E_F)$	-0.011	0.960	0.990
$\eta_2(E_F)$	0.103	0.020	0.050
$\rho_{cal} (\mu\Omega.cm)$	8.5	161.9	74.9
$\rho_{exp} (\mu\Omega.cm)$	21.8	163.6	163.6
$S_{local} (\mu V / K)$	18.1	18.3	7.50
$S (\mu V / K)$	41.2	-8.30	-6.60
$S_{exp} (\mu V / K)$	17.8	-1.77	-1.77
$\lambda_{exp} (W / m.K)$	155.4	18.3	18.3
$\lambda_{cal} (W / m.K)$	371.15	20.69	-

Parameters used for the calculation using Esposito's procedure for pure copper and bismuth (with valence 3 and 5). Experimental and calculated resistivities, Seebeck coefficients and thermal conductivities.

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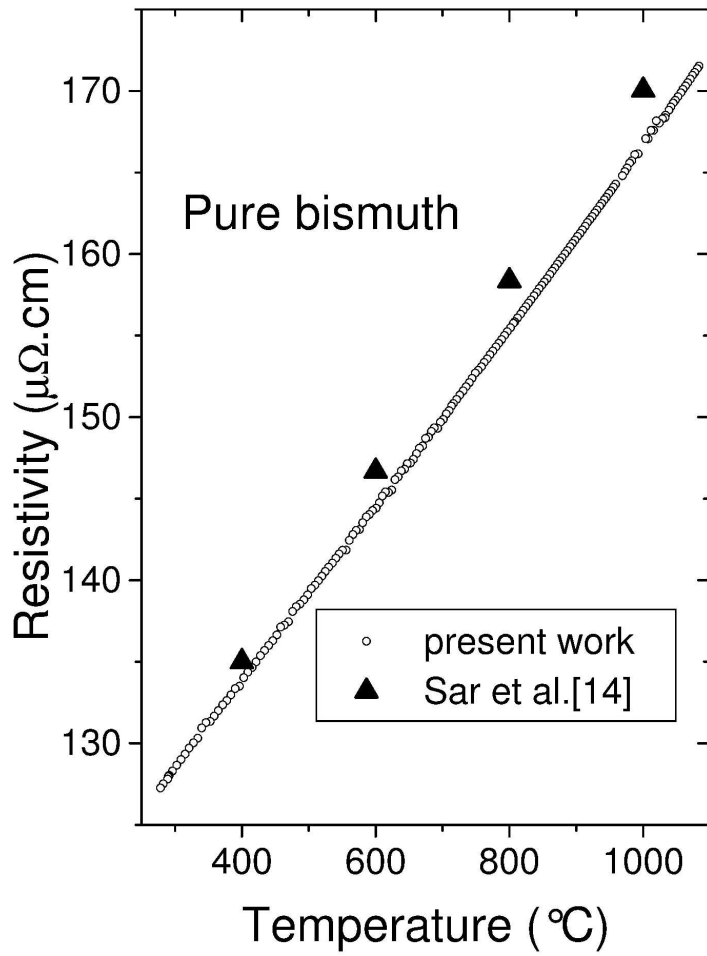
$\text{Cu}_x - \text{Bi}_{1-x}$	a_0	$a_1 \cdot 10^3$	$a_2 \cdot 10^5$
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x=0.80	98.016	-28.19	2.354
x=0.70	106.524	-7.27	1.507
x=0.60	116.875	8.86	1.123
x=0.50	137.527	-15.80	2.379
x=0.40	117.984	27.24	0.412
x=0.30	127.337	8.97	1.731
x=0.20	125.621	14.88	1.589
x=0.10	121.908	25.96	1.334
x=0	113.198	50.18	0.326

Coefficients of the least squares fit on the resistivity of liquid $\text{Cu}_x \text{Bi}_{(1-x)}$ alloys: $\rho = a_0 + a_1 T + a_2 T^2$.
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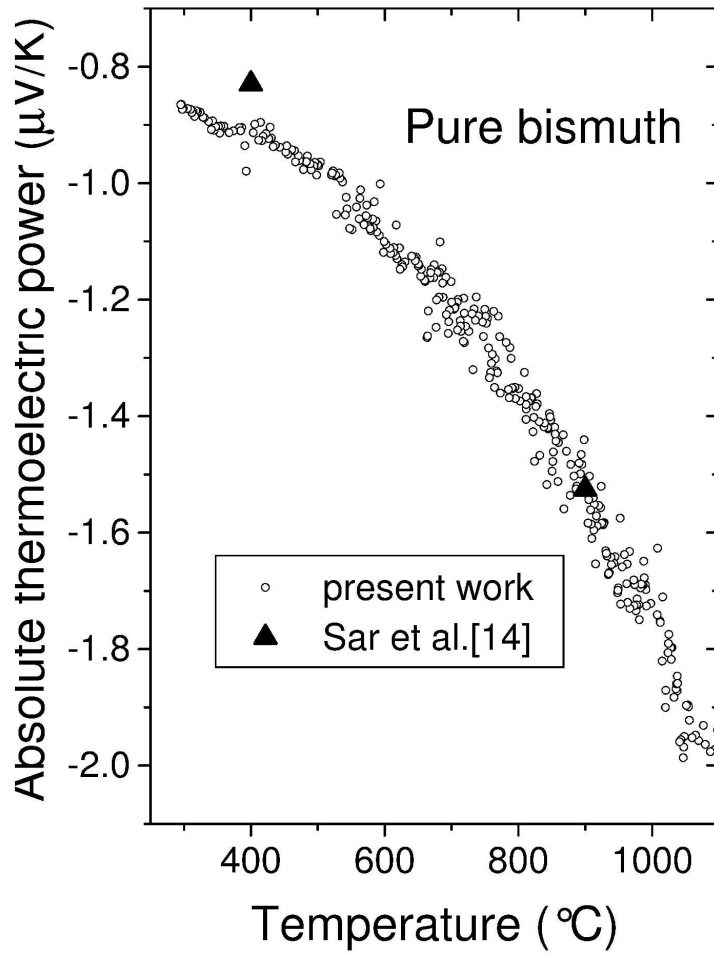
$\text{Cu}_x - \text{Bi}_{1-x}$	b_0	$b_1 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$b_2 \cdot 10^6$
x=1	23.224	-4.590	-
x=0.95	6.827	-1.78	-
x=0.90	5.081	-2.490	-
x=0.80	3.603	-2.180	-
x=0.70	1.421	-0.20514	-
x=0.60	0.287	0.70832	-
x=0.50	-0.077	0.50213	-
x=0.40	-0.227	-0.01424	-
x=0.30	-0.298	-0.48576	-
x=0.20	-0.163	-1.03	-
x=0.10	0.033	-1.73	-
x=0	-0.952	0.683	-1.490

Coefficients of the least squares fit on the absolute thermopower of liquid $\text{Cu}_x \text{Bi}_{(1-x)}$ alloys: $S = b_0 + b_1 T + b_2 T^2$. (S in $\mu\text{V K}^{-1}$ and T in Celsius).
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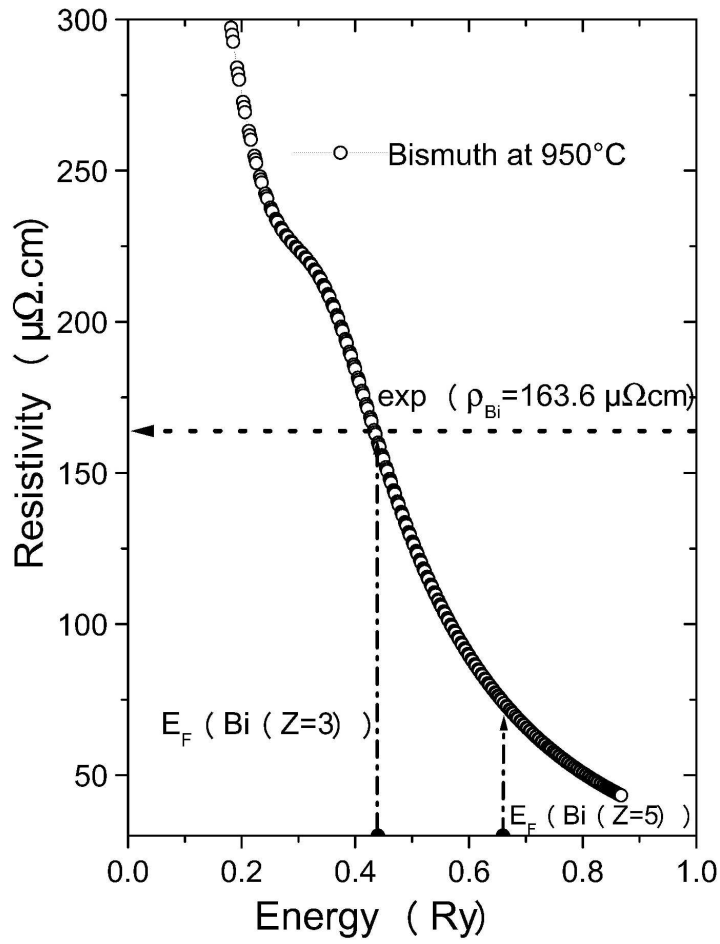
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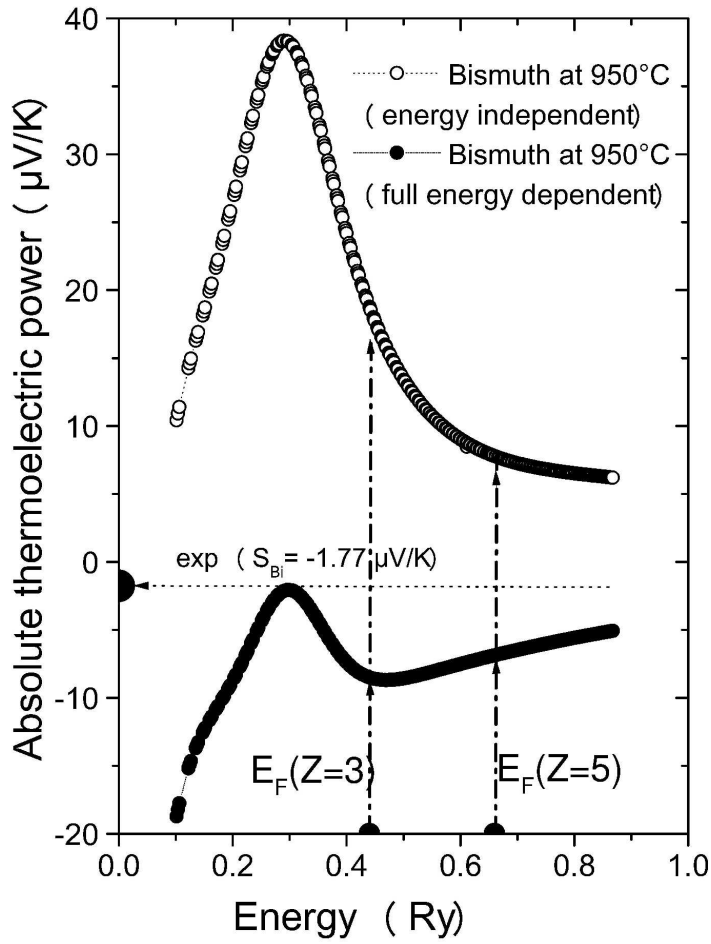
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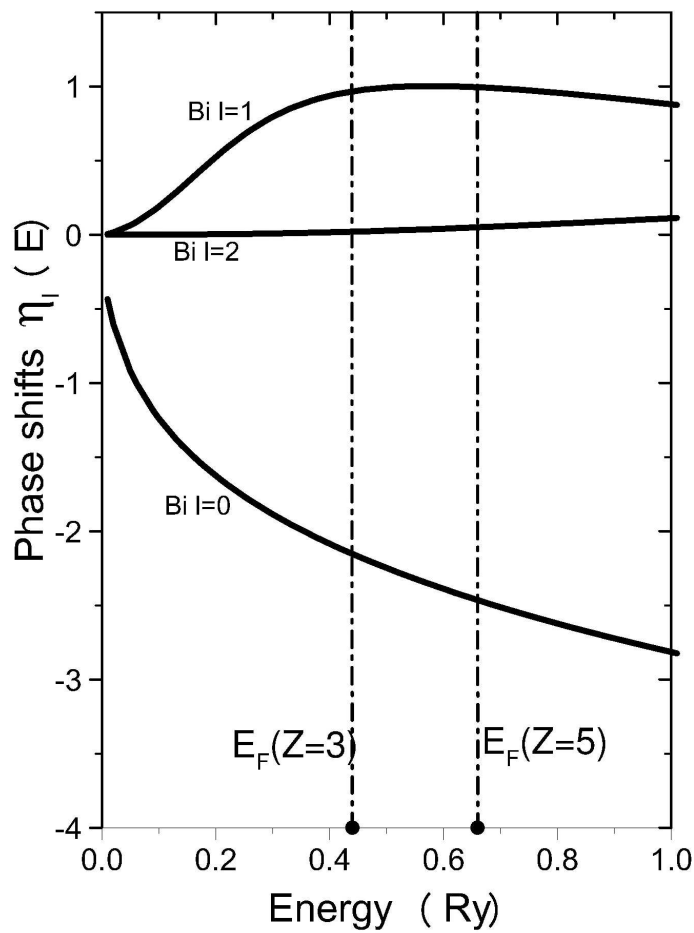


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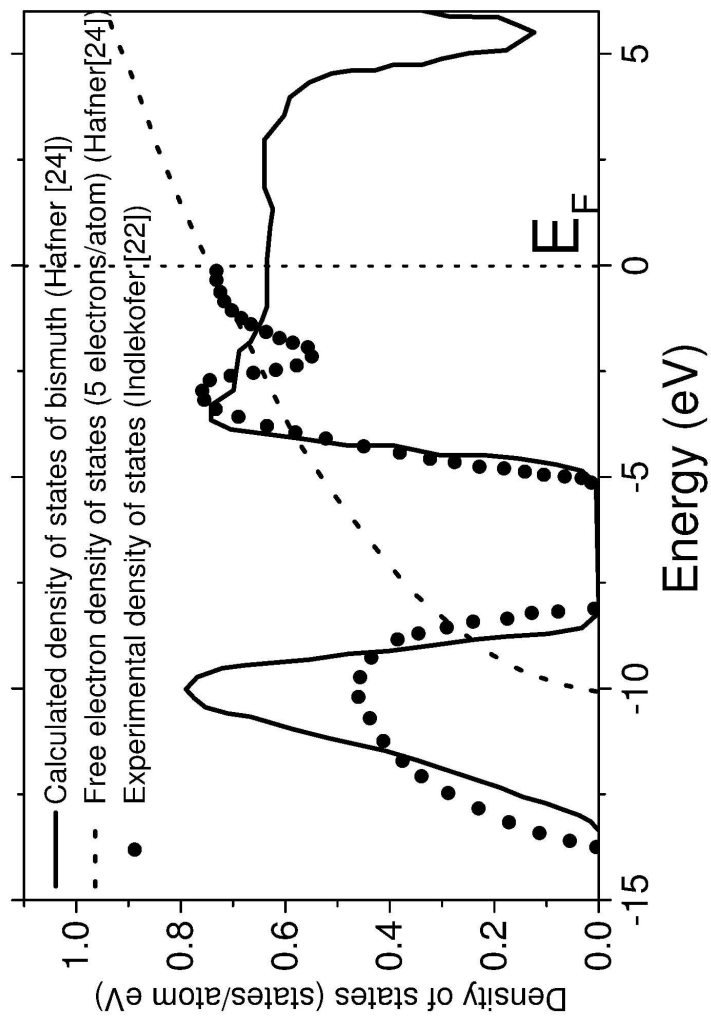
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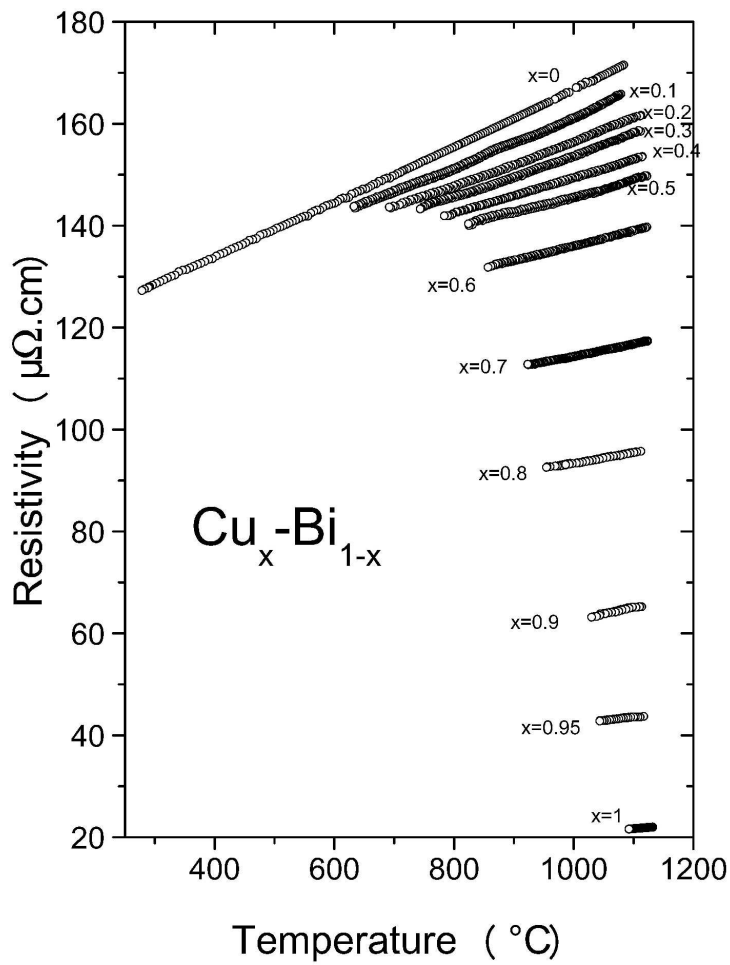
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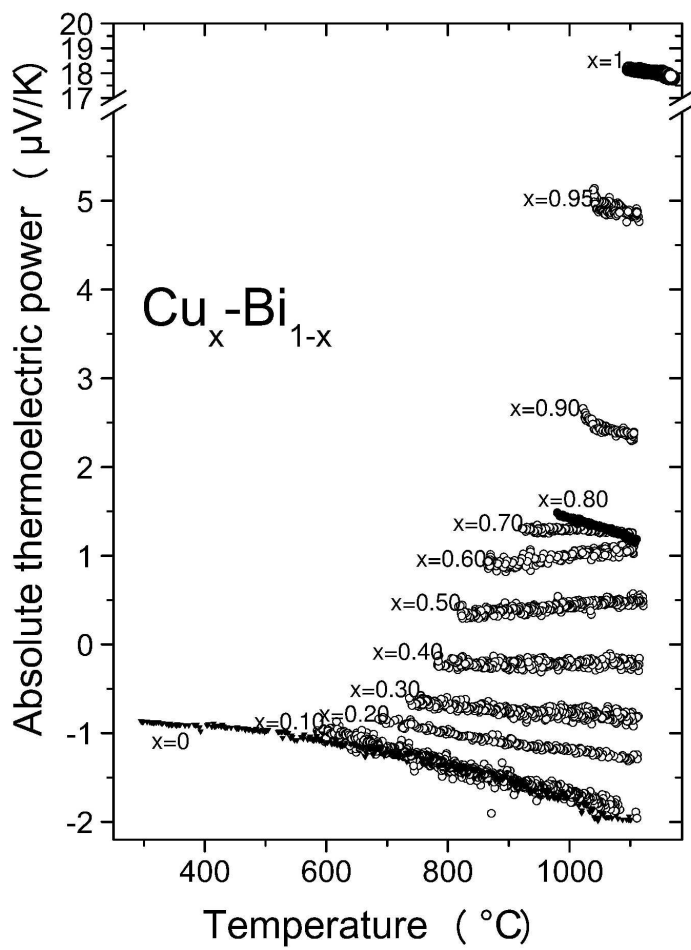


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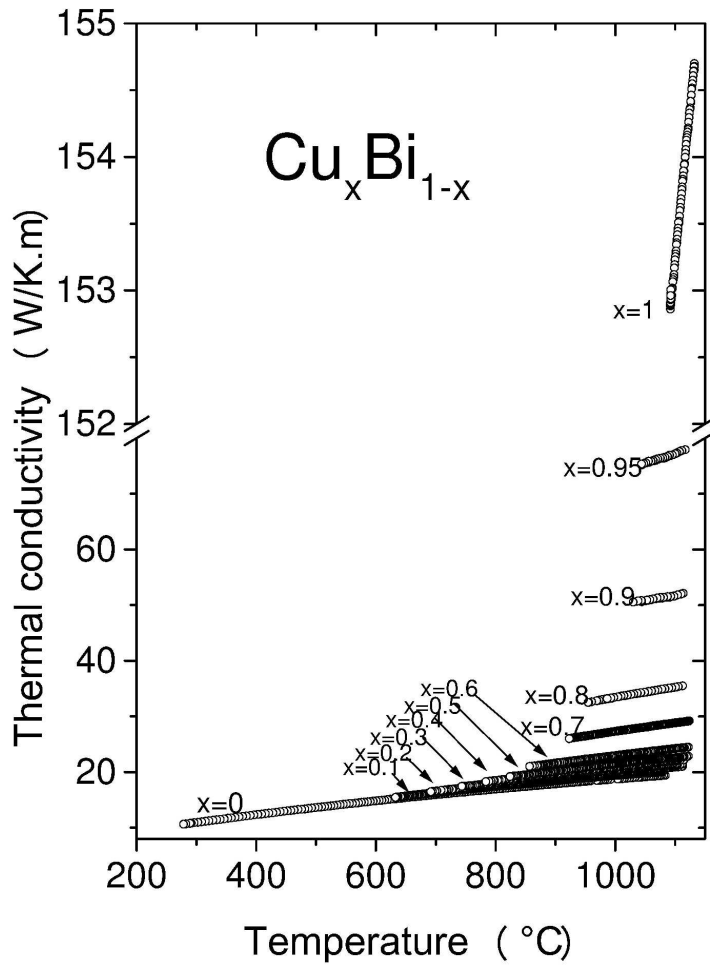
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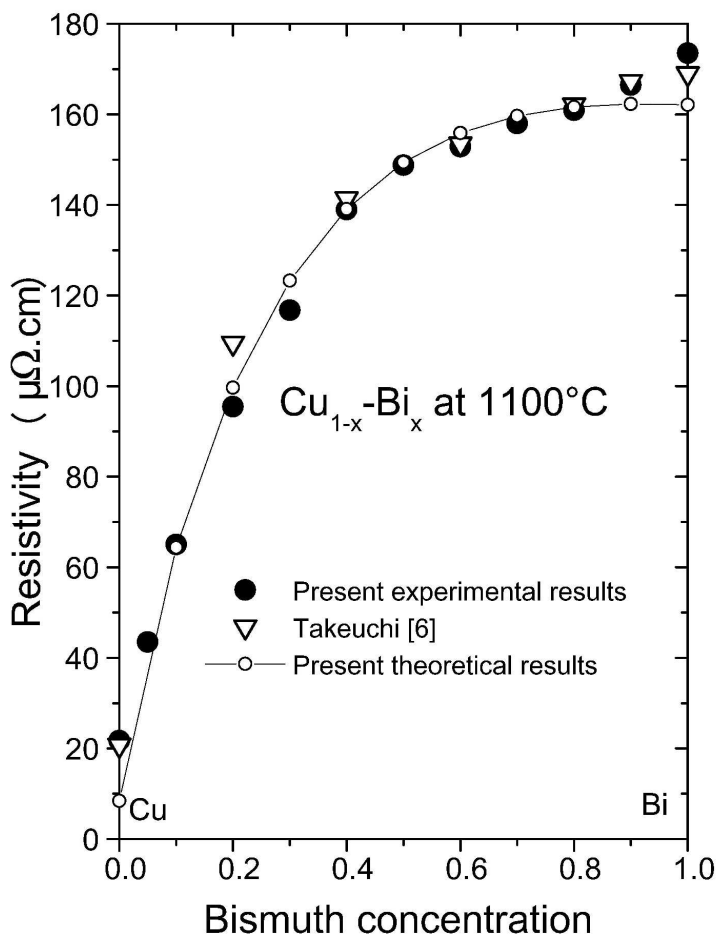
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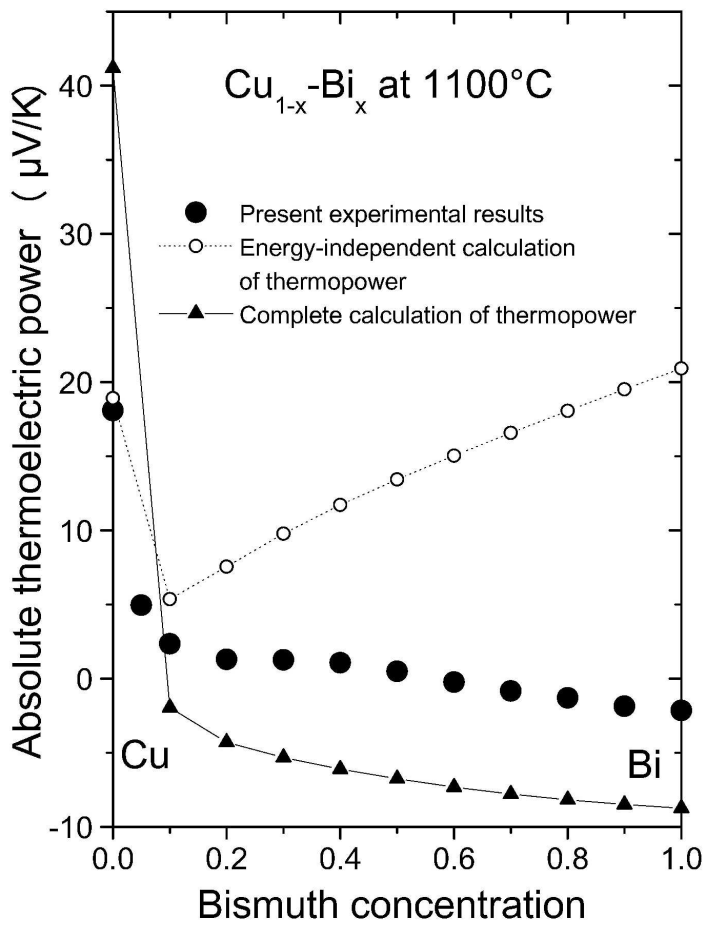
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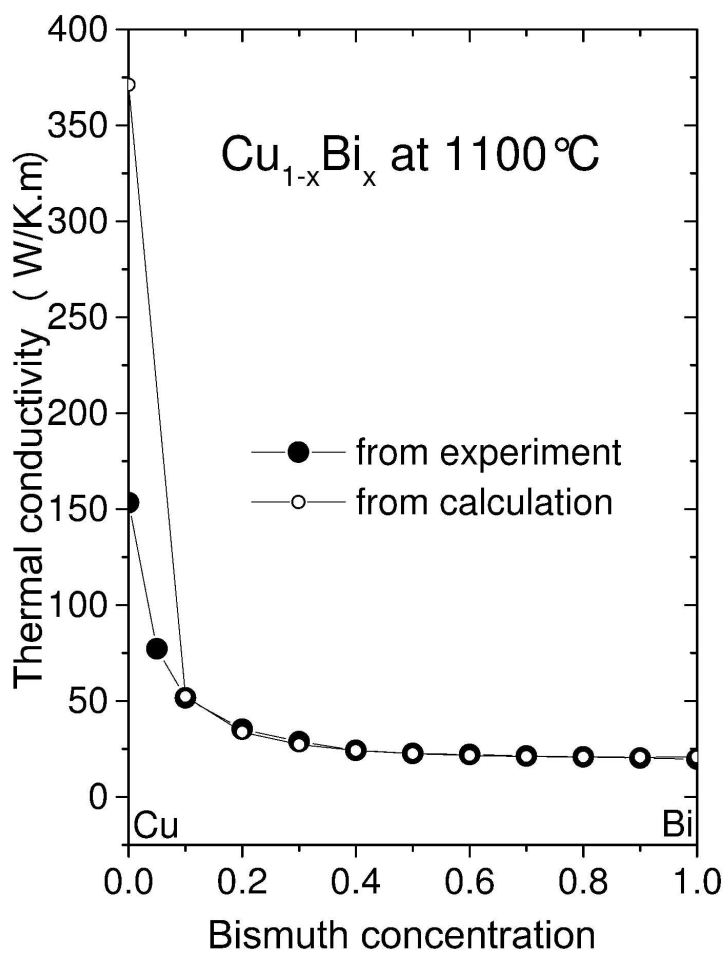
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