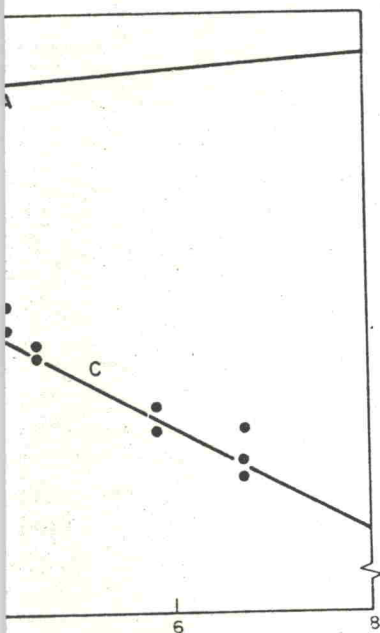


shows a comparison between electron model (b) of the three order corrections and (c) of the first order corrections. The agreement is good although the extreme



[110] cross-section in Al. The points are experimental (open circles). The lines represent theoretical calculations: A, calculation based on 3 order corrections; B, calculation based on 2 order corrections; C, calculation based on 1 order correction. (From Melz, 1966b.)

s. For our present purposes, the calculation can explain some of the features of the Fermi surface of Al. The agreement between experiment and theory, however, does not lend themselves so readily

effect of pressure on some extremely low temperatures of Pb and used their results to

estimate the variations with pressure of the appropriate Fourier coefficients of the pseudo-potential. They found also that model potential calculations correctly predicted the signs in the changes of  $V_{111}$  and  $V_{200}$  with pressure, although the magnitudes were wrong by a factor of 5 or so. They concluded that calculations using more exact forms for the potential were needed to make a satisfactory comparison between theory and experiment.

### 3. Effect of Pressure on the Fermi Surface of Zn

As already mentioned, O'Sullivan and Schirber improved their estimates of the pressure dependence of their  $S_2$  cross-section by using a three-OPW calculation based on a model potential rather like Harrison's calculations on Al. Their model potential did not altogether agree with deductions made from de Haas-van Alphen data of the Fermi surface under zero pressure. They assumed, however, that it might yield reasonable derivatives for the purpose of calculating pressure coefficients. Their results agreed within a factor of 2 with their experiments.

There have recently been further measurements of In and Be and in general it appears that the pseudo-potential theory in its simpler forms can give at least a qualitative account of the pressure effects.

### 4. The Monovalent Metals

Considerable experimental work on the properties of the noble metals under pressure at low temperatures has been done, and so we shall first look at the effect of pressure on the Fermi surface of these metals before turning to the alkali metals.

### 5. Experiments on the Noble Metals

The shape of the Fermi surfaces of the noble metals is now well established by a wide range of experimental techniques (see for example Shoenberg, 1962, and Roaf, 1962).

The shape of the Fermi surface of a noble metal together with the first Brillouin zone is illustrated in Fig. 12. This shows that the Fermi surfaces of the noble metals touch the Brillouin zone boundaries on the hexagonal {111} zone faces. The area of contact increases in the sequence Ag, Au, Cu. The Fermi surface of Ag thus departs least from