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tude in the lattice vibrations (which has no counterpart in ξ) we are left with the quantity $\partial \ln K/\partial \ln V$. A comparison between this quantity and ξ shows that the two are approximately proportional to each other. This is illustrated in Fig. 22. This figure shows not only the

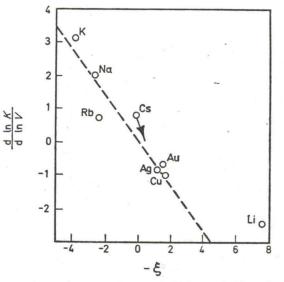


FIG. 22. Relationship between volume coefficient of K and thermoelectric power. Note that $-\xi$ is plotted. (From Dugdale and Mundy, 1961.)

values of $\partial \ln K/\partial \ln V$ and ξ for the metals under normal pressure, but, for Cs, it shows values for the compressed metal. The approximate proportionality is still valid (Dugdale and Mundy, 1961).

A possible interpretation of this relationship is as follows. Assume that the electrical conductivity σ is a function only of the Fermi energy, $E_{\rm F}$, the Debye temperature of the lattice, θ , and the temperature, T, i.e., we write $\sigma = \sigma(E_{\rm F}, \theta, T)$; likewise the resistivity $\varrho = 1/\sigma$ depends on the same variables. Then:

$$-\left(\frac{\partial \ln \varrho}{\partial \ln V}\right)_{T} \equiv \left(\frac{\partial \ln \sigma}{\partial \ln V}\right)_{T} = \left(\frac{\partial \ln \sigma}{\partial \ln E_{\rm F}}\right)_{\theta, T} \frac{\dim E_{\rm F}}{\dim V} + \left(\frac{\partial \ln \sigma}{\partial \ln \theta}\right)_{E_{\rm F, T}} \frac{\dim \theta}{\dim V}$$
(45)

This equation can be reduced on the basis of the following simplifying assumptions: