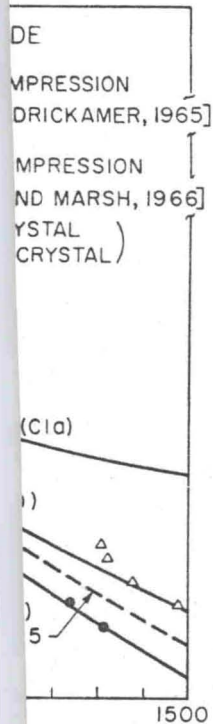


Experimental data permits the choice of  $C$  to vary considerably. In the case of aluminum oxide  $C = +5$  and  $C = -15$  would provide a reasonable fit of the single-crystal and polycrystal shock wave data, respectively. We have chosen  $C = -5$  ( $K_0'' = -2 \times 10^{-12}$  cm<sup>2</sup>/dyne) to represent an average fit, but we certainly should not attach any particular significance to this choice of  $C$  in view of the available data, which seem to indicate that the single-crystal and polycrystal behave somewhat differently. In this case the calculated curves are based on  $K_0'$  determined from the ultrasonic data for polycrystalline material. For  $\alpha$ -quartz  $C = 10$  ( $K_0'' = 27 \times 10^{-12}$  cm<sup>2</sup>/dyne) provides a reasonable fit of the shock wave data, whereas the high-pressure isothermal data suggest a smaller

value of  $C$  for a fit. For magnesium, Figure 4,  $C = \pm 2$  ( $K_0'' = \pm 5.8 \times 10^{-12}$  cm<sup>2</sup>/dyne) accommodates the scatter between the high pressure isothermal compression data.

The calculated curve for potassium (Figure 5) shows good agreement with experimental data by picking  $C = -0.6$  ( $K_0'' = -17.8 \times 10^{-12}$  cm<sup>2</sup>/dyne). Strangely, a positive value of  $C$  was required to fit the experimental data of the other alkali metal, sodium. In Figure 6 the calculated curve for sodium with  $C = 1.5$  ( $K_0'' = 24.3 \times 10^{-12}$  cm<sup>2</sup>/dyne) provides a very good fit of the experimental data to high pressures.

In Figure 7 the agreement between calculated and experimental data for lead is quite good over the entire pressure range for a value of



values of volume ratio  $v/v_0$  for sodium, and lead; the values are given in the text.

1. For equation 9,  $m = 5$  if  $C < 0$ , whereas for  $C > 0$  the value of  $K_0''$  was chosen to provide reasonable agreement with experimental compression data. The values are cited in the figures. This will clearly affect the apparent value of  $K_0'$  determined for a good fit. For the present, it is important to have a reliable value of  $K_0'$  so that confidence can be placed in the results. For example, a relative difference of 10% may very well account for the difference (in sign of  $K_0''$ ) between sodium and magnesium. Similarly, taking account of the difference in  $K_0'$  between single-crystal and polycrystalline aluminum oxide is likely to affect the conditions

for  $\alpha$ -quartz, and magnesium; the disparity between the ex-

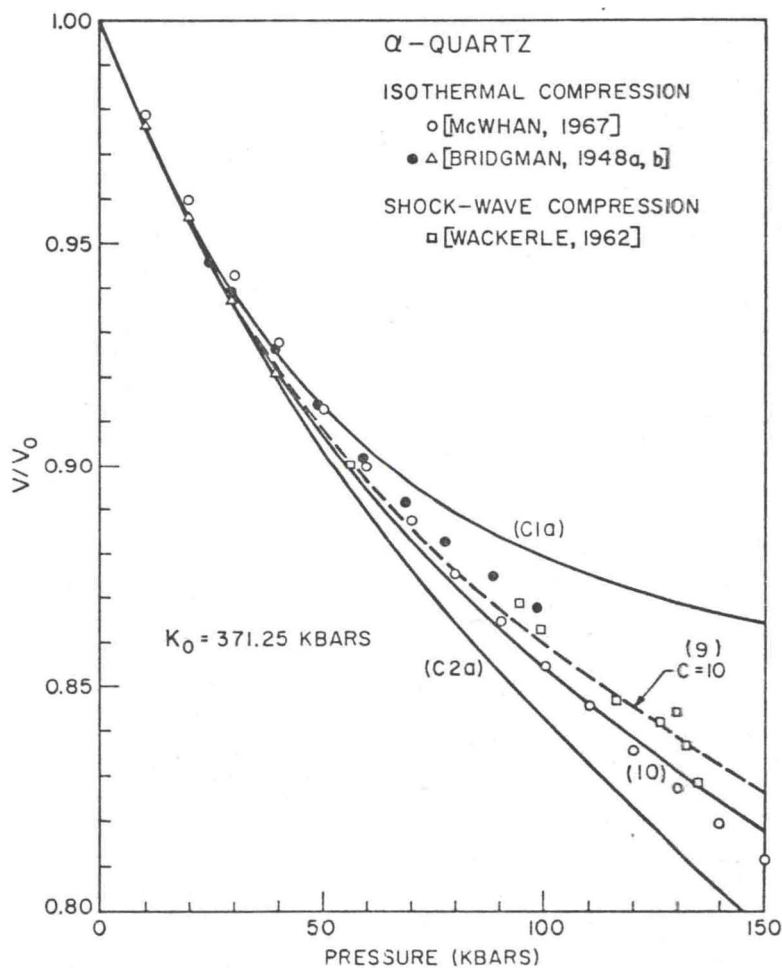


Fig. 3.