Experimental results on the pressure variation of the thermoelectric power, α , for n-type HgSe, HgTe and HgSe_xTe_{1-x} alloys have been reported which show that with increasing pressure $|\alpha|$ increases for HgSe and decreases for HgTe. If the samples studied were indeed extrinsic these results give information about the energy level ordering at k = 0, in particular that

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