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# The Absolute Thermoelectric Power of Some Dilute Liquid Sodium Alloys†

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**Abstract**—The absolute thermoelectric powers of liquid sodium and of dilute liquid alloys of sodium with silver, cadmium, indium and tin have been measured within the temperature range 100–460°C. The thermopower of liquid sodium is decreased by the addition of cadmium, indium or tin, with cadmium having the smallest and indium the greatest effect, whereas it is increased slightly on the addition of 1 at. % of silver. Values of the dimensionless thermopower parameter,  $\xi$ , derived from the experimental data, are compared with those predicted by the Faber–Ziman theory; the agreement is quite good for Na–Ag and Na–Cd but less satisfactory for Na–In and Na–Sn. The discrepancies are discussed in terms of the assumptions involved in the calculations, namely the use of only one structure factor and local dielectric screening of the ionic pseudopotentials.

## I. Introduction

Absolute thermoelectric power is a property which is intimately related to electrical conductivity and any theory which attempts to explain the resistance characteristics of a metal or alloy should also be able to account for its thermoelectric properties. The theory proposed by Ziman and his co-workers,<sup>1,2</sup> based on the Born approximation and on a model of nearly free conduction electrons, has been remarkably successful in predicting the electronic transport properties, including the thermopower, of many pure molten metals. Initially, the agreement with experiment was generally qualitative but subsequent improvements in pseudopotential<sup>3,4</sup> and phase-shift<sup>5</sup> data and the establishment of more reliable absolute thermopower data for counter-electrode materials, such as copper,<sup>6</sup> have resulted in much closer agreement between predicted and observed thermopowers, particularly for the molten alkali metals.<sup>7,8,9</sup>

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The theory was subsequently extended to the electronic properties of binary molten alloys<sup>10</sup> and detailed calculations have given good agreement with experimental resistivity data<sup>11,12,13,25</sup> for a wide range of alloys. The thermopower of liquid alloys has hitherto received relatively little theoretical attention, partly because of a paucity of useful and reliable experimental data and partly because its evaluation is critically dependent on precise structure and pseudopotential data. Howe and Enderby<sup>14</sup> successfully applied the theory to predict the thermoelectric behavior of a simple substitutional system, Ag-Au. However, much of the systematic experimental work that has been done has dealt with mercury-based alloys<sup>15,16,17</sup> but these are not easily amenable to theoretical interpretation since the thermoelectric behavior of pure liquid mercury is itself not understood.

The purpose of the present work was to investigate the thermoelectric properties of a series of dilute liquid sodium-based alloys and to compare the data with those predicted by the Faber-Ziman theory. Sodium was chosen as a solvent because it is a simple monovalent metal whose structure is relatively well established and because theory and experiment show particularly good agreement for the thermopower and resistivity of this pure metal.<sup>7,8</sup> The work was restricted to dilute solutions, as a first step, partly to avoid the uncertainties which, at the present level of our understanding, are associated with the determination of the three partial structure factors which characterize the structure of an alloy and partly for technical reasons.

## 2. Experimental

There are in principle two methods of obtaining the thermoelectric power of a circuit made up of two different metals. The first is to keep one junction at a constant temperature and to measure the Seebeck potential  $E$  as the temperature  $T$  of the other junction is varied; the thermopower is then simply  $dE/dT$ . The other method is to vary the temperature of both junctions and to keep a small difference  $\Delta T$  between them. The thermopower for the mean temperature of the couple is then  $\Delta E/\Delta T$  where  $\Delta E$  is the small Seebeck emf. This latter technique was employed for the present work since it was considered to be more convenient for measurements at elevated temperatures and to be sufficiently precise, in view of the numerous sources of error which can be anticipated when studying molten alkali metals.

The experimental set-up and technique were dictated to a large extent by the high reactivity of the liquid sodium. The cell, shown schematically in Fig. 1, was constructed of stainless steel and consisted of two sections,

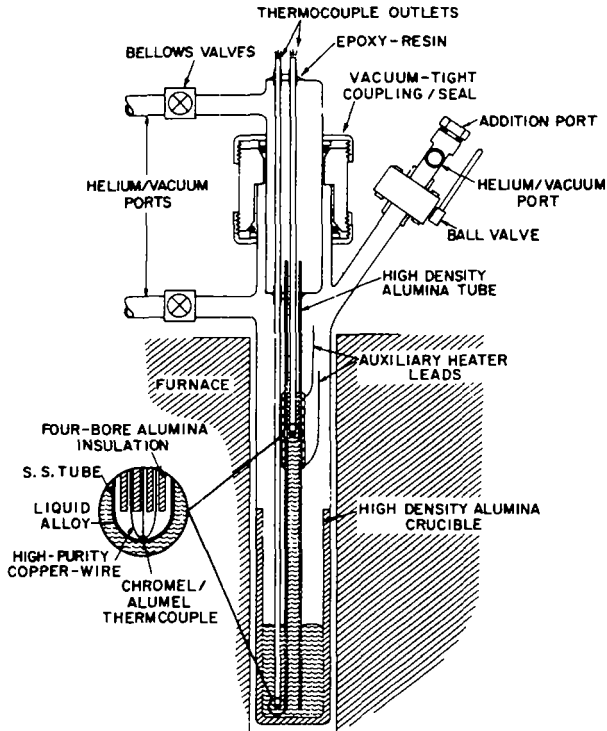


Fig. 1. Diagram of apparatus.

the inner of which could be raised and lowered relative to the other, without atmospheric contamination, by means of a vacuum-tight coupling seal. Sealed to the inner section, with epoxy-resin, was a high density alumina tube of  $\frac{1}{4}$ " O.D. and 18" long which, when in the lowered position, dipped into the liquid sodium alloy contained in a high-density alumina crucible. Containment of the liquid specimen in a crucible facilitated its removal for chemical analysis after completion of the measurements. Also passing through and sealed to the inner section were two insulated copper leads for the auxiliary heater, not shown in the diagram, and two  $\frac{1}{8}$ " O.D. thin walled closed-end stainless steel tubes, one centrally located and passing into the alumina tube and the other, about 9" longer and located radially,

reaching almost to the bottom of the crucible when in the lowered position. These tubes acted as thermocouple sheaths and intermediate metal since neither the couples nor the copper reference electrodes could be brought into direct contact with molten sodium; they were coated with "Glyptal" electrical insulating enamel where they passed into and out of the chamber.

Three ports were provided, one each to the inner and outer sections, respectively, for atmosphere control and the other to facilitate alloying additions; all ports could be connected either to a high vacuum system or to a purified helium supply, the total and differential pressures being monitored by means of gages. When the alumina tube was in the lowered position, the liquid could be raised inside it and thus complete the thermoelectric circuit. Heating was provided by a large clam-shell furnace; transient temperature variations and temperature gradients within the cell were greatly minimized by surrounding the cell with a large cylindrical copper block.

The thermocouples were constructed from 0.01" diam. chromel and alumel wire and threaded through  $\frac{1}{16}$ " O.D. four bore insulation. High purity copper, in the form of 0.01" diam. wire, was chosen as the counter-electrode metal since its absolute thermopower is better known than any other at elevated temperatures<sup>6</sup> and also it is thermoelectrically reproducible.

For  $300^\circ < T < 1300^\circ\text{K}$

$$Q_{\text{Cu}} = 0.05 + (5.45 \times 10^{-3})T \pm 0.15 \quad \mu\text{V } ^\circ\text{K}^{-1}.$$

The copper was threaded through the insulation with the couple and spot welded to the couple junction bead. Each thermocouple/copper junction was then spot-welded to the inside bottom of the respective thermocouple tube, this arrangement insuring good thermal and electrical contact with the stainless steel and hence with the liquid metal. Each tube was assumed to be isothermal across its bottom so, by the law of intermediate metals, the stainless steel had no effect on the copper/liquid metal circuit.

The chromel/alumel couple material was calibrated beforehand; and this calibration was used for estimating the overall liquid temperature. However, since the temperature difference between the two junctions was to be small, it was essential to have a very accurate knowledge of the *difference*, if any, between the calibrations of the two couples *after* they had been spot welded in place, this difference arising from inhomogeneities within the

materials and from different amounts of strain which they may have sustained during their construction and installation.

The thermopower of the liquid/copper couple is given by

$$Q_{\text{Liq}} - Q_{\text{Cu}} = \Delta E / \Delta T \quad (1)$$

where  $Q_{\text{Liq}}$  and  $Q_{\text{Cu}}$  are the absolute thermoelectric power of the liquid and copper respectively.

Let us assume that the calibrations of the two couples differ by  $\Delta T_{\text{corr}}$  when the real temperature difference is  $\Delta T$  and the observed temperature difference is  $\Delta T_{\text{obs}}$

$$\Delta T = \Delta T_{\text{obs}} \pm \Delta T_{\text{corr}}.$$

Before each measurement, the auxiliary heater was adjusted so that the outputs of the two chromel/alumel couples were exactly equal, then the emf of the liquid/copper couple,  $\Delta E_{\text{corr}}$ , corresponding to the real temperature difference, was noted

$$\Delta T_{\text{corr}} = \frac{\Delta E_{\text{corr}}}{Q_{\text{Liq}} - Q_{\text{Cu}}}.$$

Substituting and rearranging terms we find

$$(Q_{\text{Liq}} - Q_{\text{Cu}})\Delta T_{\text{obs}} \pm \Delta E_{\text{corr}} = \Delta E$$

$$Q_{\text{Liq}} = \frac{\Delta E + \Delta E_{\text{corr}}}{\Delta T_{\text{obs}}} + Q_{\text{Cu}}. \quad (2)$$

Hence the chromel/alumel couples were, in effect, calibrated in situ before each thermopower measurement. ( $\Delta T_{\text{corr}}$  was obtained at a temperature of  $\Delta T/2$  below the mean temperature but any error due to this was considered to be negligible.)  $\Delta T_{\text{corr}}$  was generally between 0.5 and 1.5°C depending on the temperature. The Seebeck emf's which were normally of the order 100 to 250  $\mu\text{V}$ , were measured with an accuracy of 0.3  $\mu\text{V}$  by a standard potentiometric method.

The sodium was supplied by MSA Research in a 10 lb drum containing an internal Zr hot trap and was specified 99.9(8)% pure, the principal impurities being the other alkali metals. The solute metals, Ag, Cd, In and Sb were purchased from American Smelting and Refining Co. and Sn from Johnson Matthey and Co.; all were specified 99.999% + pure. Sodium transfers were performed in an inert gas/vacuum dry box to minimize oxidation and all measurements were made below 460°C in order to pre-

clude intergranular attack of the alumina by the molten sodium and to keep the evaporation of the sodium at an acceptable level. Chemical analyses were performed for sodium and solute metal at the completion of each run.

### 3. Results

The system and technique were first tested with pure liquid sodium at temperatures ranging between 100° and 460°C; the absolute thermoelectric power of several different sodium samples is plotted in Fig. 2 together with

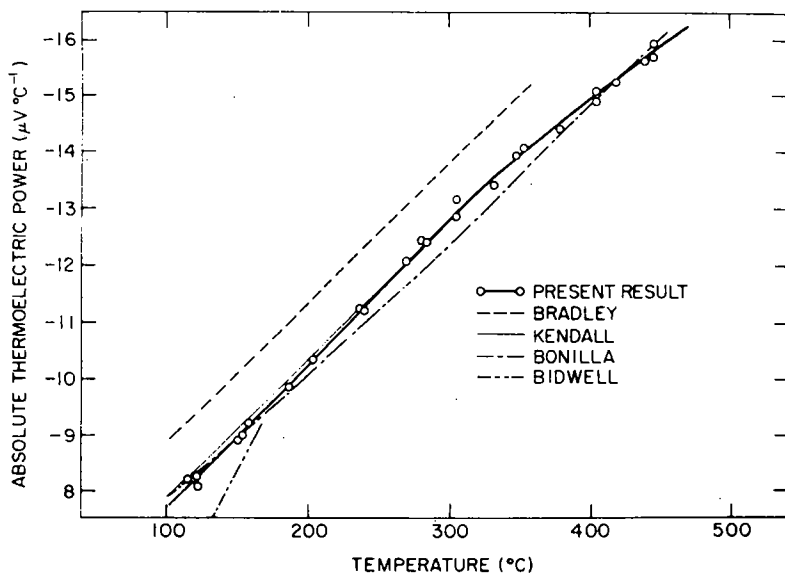


Fig. 2. The absolute thermoelectric power of pure liquid sodium. Published data are included for comparison [Bradley (Ref. 26), Kendall (Ref. 8), Bonilla *et al.* (Ref. 18), Bidwell (Ref. 27)].

other published data. The present results which show a scatter of less than  $\pm 0.2 \mu\text{V } ^\circ\text{C}^{-1}$  are in good agreement with the more recent and reliable of the literature data namely those of Kendall<sup>8</sup> and Bonilla *et al.*<sup>18</sup> Since these published data were obtained by the constant cold-junction temperature method, this close agreement was taken to be sufficient confirmation of the

precision of the present technique. The thermopower at the melting point is  $7.8 \mu\text{V}^\circ\text{C}^{-1}$  compared with the value of  $8.0 \mu\text{V}^\circ\text{C}^{-1}$  observed by Kendall and by Bonilla *et al.* It then increases linearly with temperature between the melting point and about  $300^\circ\text{C}$  but shows a slightly greater temperature dependence than was observed by Kendall; above  $300^\circ\text{C}$  the temperature dependence shows a slight curvature which is also suggested by the results of Kendall when copper counter-electrodes were used (it is interesting to note that the electrical resistivity of pure sodium also shows a marked deviation from linearity above  $300^\circ\text{C}$ ).<sup>19</sup>

Four binary sodium based alloy systems were studied, the solutes being Ag, Cd, In and Sn. Since the maximum working temperature was limited to about  $460^\circ\text{C}$ , the concentration range that could be studied was determined in each case by the liquidus of the alloy system—up to about 5 at. % being permissible for Na–Cd and Na–In but Na–Ag being limited to about 1 at. %. The absolute thermoelectric powers of one Na–Ag, three Na–Cd, two Na–In and three Na–Sn alloys are plotted as a function of temperature in Figs. 3, 4, 5 and 6, respectively. No published data could be found in the literature for any of these systems, for comparison. Within the experimental scatter which was less than  $\pm 0.2 \mu\text{V}^\circ\text{C}^{-1}$  the thermopower was, in all cases, a linear function of temperature. Equations of the form  $Q = B + AT$  were fitted to the data by the method of least squares and the derived constants  $A$  and  $B$  for the alloys studied are given in Table 1. The estimated overall error in the data is  $\pm 3\%$ .

TABLE 1 Values of the constants  $A$  and  $B$  for equations  $Q = B + AT$  fitted to the thermopower data for the sodium based alloys

Alloy	$A$	$B$
Na–1.0 at. % Ag	$-2.32(6) \times 10^{-2} \mu\text{V}^\circ\text{C}^{-2}$	$-5.79 \mu\text{V}^\circ\text{C}^{-1}$
–1.17 at. % Cd	$-2.31 \times 10^{-2}$	–5.38
–2.37 at. % Cd	$-2.14(8) \times 10^{-2}$	–5.56(5)
–5.87 at. % Cd	$-2.10 \times 10^{-2}$	–5.37(2)
–1.37 at. % In	$-2.15(4) \times 10^{-2}$	–4.75(4)
–3.92 at. % In	$-1.73(2) \times 10^{-2}$	–4.60(1)
–1.0 at. % Sn	$-2.05(6) \times 10^{-2}$	–5.46(4)
–2.0 at. % Sn	$-2.02(4) \times 10^{-2}$	–5.14(2)
–3.99 at. % Sn	$-1.85(5) \times 10^{-2}$	–5.34(1)



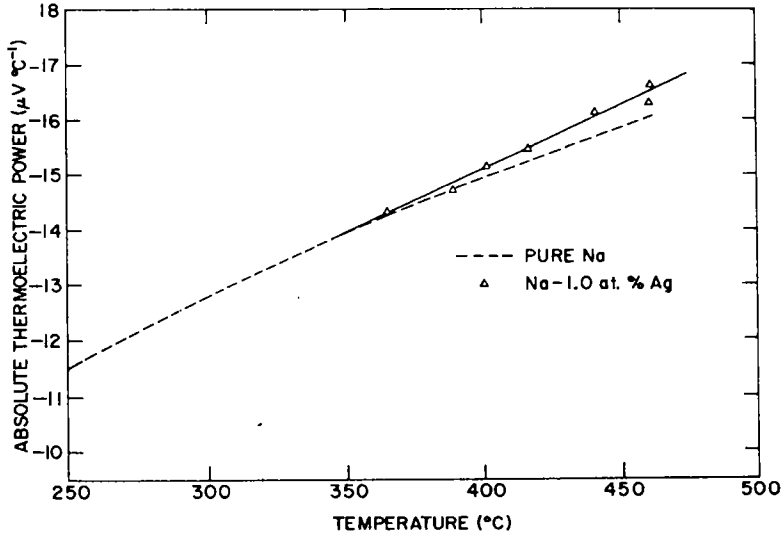


Fig. 3. Absolute thermopower of liquid sodium containing 1 at. % silver.

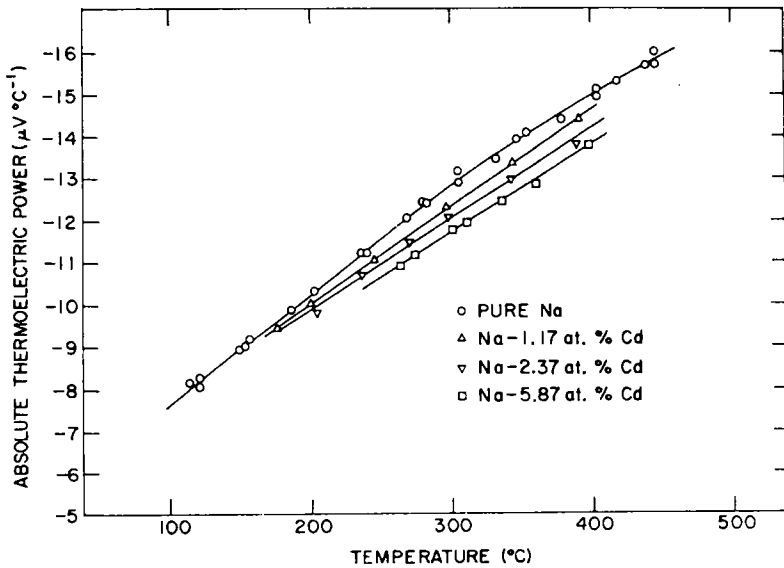


Fig. 4. Absolute thermopower of some liquid sodium-cadmium alloys.

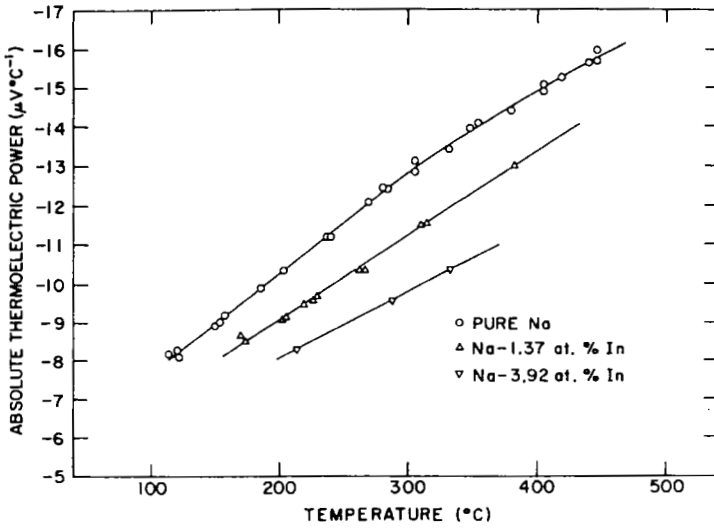


Fig. 5. Absolute thermopower of some liquid sodium-indium alloys.

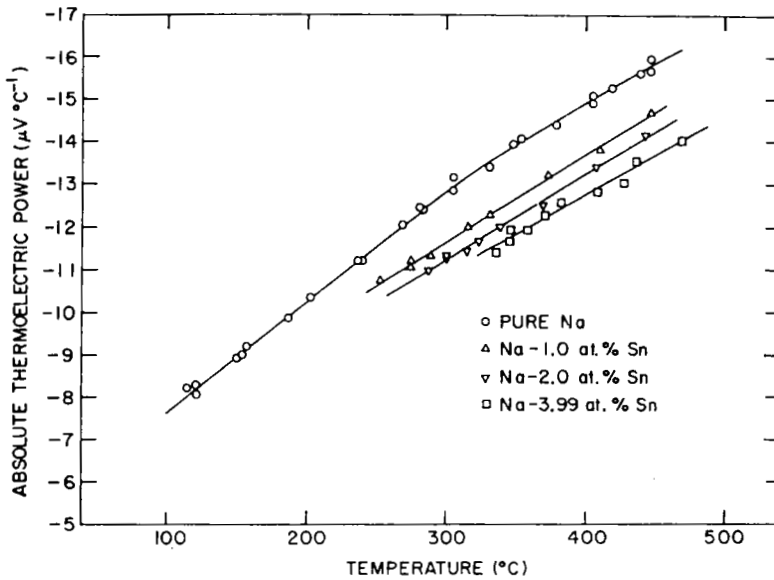


Fig. 6. Absolute thermopower of some liquid sodium-tin alloys.

It can be seen that the addition of cadmium, tin or indium lowers the absolute thermopower of molten sodium, whilst, over the temperature range covered, silver increases it. It is noteworthy that the thermopower of alloys containing silver, cadmium and tin extrapolate approximately to the value for pure sodium at its melting point. This may be purely fortuitous and a consequence of the small change in thermopower on alloying

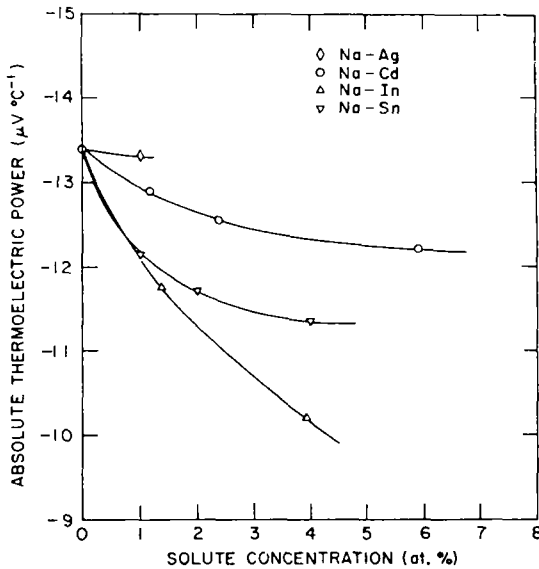


Fig. 7. Absolute thermopower-composition isotherms at 325°C for dilute sodium-based liquid alloys.

since the alloys containing indium, which show the greatest change, do not extrapolate to this value. Absolute thermopower/concentration isotherms at 325°C for the four systems are plotted in Fig. 7. (The temperature 325°C was chosen because, except for 100°C, this is the only temperature for which experimentally derived structure data are available for liquid sodium.) The thermopower change for a given solute concentration does not increase in strict order with increasing valence of the solute as is the case for resistivity,<sup>19</sup> indium having a greater effect than tin over most of the concentration range studied.

4. Theory and Discussion

The absolute thermoelectric power  $Q$  of a metal or alloy can be expressed by :

$$Q = \frac{-\pi^2 k^2 T}{3 |e| E_F} \cdot \xi \tag{3}$$

where  $E_F$  is the Fermi energy,  $T$  is the absolute temperature,  $k$  is Boltzmann's constant,  $e$  is the charge per electron and  $\xi$  is a dimensionless thermopower parameter given theoretically by :

$$\xi = -E_F \left[ \frac{d \ln \rho(E)}{dE} \right]_{E = E_F} \tag{4}$$

$\rho(E)$  is the electrical resistivity which the metal or alloy would have if its Fermi surface were at energy  $E$ .

According to the Faber-Ziman theory,<sup>10</sup> the resistivity of a molten binary alloy of metallic species 1 and 2 can be expressed on a free electron model as :

$$\rho = \rho_a + \rho_b$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \rho_a &= (3\pi V / \hbar e^2 v_F^2) [(c_1 - c_1^2) \langle u_1(x)^2 \rangle + (c_2 - c_2^2) \langle u_2(x)^2 \rangle - 2c_1 c_2 \langle u_1(x) u_2(x) \rangle] \\ \rho_b &= (3\pi V / \hbar e^2 v_F^2) [c_1^2 \langle a_{11}(x) u_1(x)^2 \rangle + c_2^2 \langle a_{22}(x) u_2(x)^2 \rangle \\ &\quad + 2c_1 c_2 \langle a_{12}(x) u_1(x) u_2(x) \rangle] \end{aligned} \tag{5}$$

$x$  is the scattering wave vector,  $K$ , expressed in units of twice the Fermi wave vector of the conduction electrons  $k_F$ ,  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  are the atom fractions of the two components;  $u_1(x)$  and  $u_2(x)$  are the effective atomic pseudo-potentials appropriate to the electron screening of the alloy;  $a_{11}(x)$ ,  $a_{22}(x)$ , and  $a_{12}(x)$  are the three partial structure factors representing the Fourier transforms of the pair correlation functions for 1-1, 2-2 and 1-2 pairs, respectively; the  $\langle \rangle$  brackets represent the integral

$$4 \int_0^1 f(x) x^3 dx$$

so that the scattering is integrated over all values of  $K$  up to the back scattering limit,  $v_F$  is the Fermi velocity of the conduction electrons and  $V$  is the average volume per atom.  $\hbar$  and  $e$  have their usual meaning.

If we restrict the analysis to very dilute solutions (of the order of 1 at. % solute or less), it can be assumed that interactions between solute-atoms

are negligible so that  $a_{22}(x)$  will approximate to unity over the whole range of  $x$  ( $=K/2k_F$ ). Density measurements on liquid Na-Cd<sup>20</sup> and Na-Sn<sup>21</sup> alloys have shown that the molar volume remains approximately unchanged up to about 1 at. % solute although at greater solute concentrations a great deal of contraction occurs. There is a measurable, although small, excess volume of mixing associated with a Na - 1 at. % In alloy<sup>21</sup> but for the purposes of the present analysis we shall assume that it, and any that may be associated with the Na - 1 at. % Ag alloy, are negligible. On this basis we can make the reasonable approximation that the structure of liquid sodium is not significantly altered by the addition of up to 1-at. % of these solutes so that, if the solute is randomly distributed, the cross partial structure factor  $a_{Na-2}(x)$  will approximate to that of the pure sodium,  $a_{Na}(x)$ .

The resistivity of a dilute liquid sodium alloy can then be approximated by:

$$\begin{aligned} \rho &= (3\pi V/\hbar e^2 v_F^2) [(1-2c)\langle a_{Na}(x) u_{Na}(x)^2 \rangle + c\langle u_{Na}(x)^2 \rangle \\ &\quad + c\langle u_2(x)^2 \rangle + 2c\langle a_{Na}(x) u_{Na}(x) u_2(x) \rangle - 2c\langle u_{Na}(x) u_2(x) \rangle] \\ &= (3\pi V/\hbar e^2 v_F^2) \langle \text{Alloy} \rangle \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

For a strictly free-electron case and where the pseudopotentials have local screening so that they are functions only of the momentum transfer and not also of the total electron momentum,<sup>2</sup> application of Eq. (4) to (6) gives the thermopower of a dilute sodium alloy as:

$$\begin{aligned} \xi &= 3 - \frac{2[(1-2c)(a_{Na}(2k_F) u_{Na}(2k_F)^2) + c(u_{Na}(2k_F)^2 + u_2(2k_F)^2)]}{\langle \text{Alloy} \rangle} \\ &\quad + \frac{2c(a_{Na}(2k_F) - 1)(u_{Na}(2k_F)u_2(2k_F))}{\langle \text{Alloy} \rangle} \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

For pure sodium, this expression reduces to simply:<sup>2</sup>

$$\xi = 3 - \frac{2[a_{Na}(2k_F) u_{Na}(2k_F)^2]}{\langle a_{Na}(x) u_{Na}(x)^2 \rangle} \quad (8)$$

Ashcroft<sup>4</sup> has proposed a simplified form for the pseudopotential which is applicable to the treatment of electronic properties involving  $x \leq 2$  and which is simpler to evaluate numerically than the detailed screened model potential of Heine and Abarenkov,<sup>3</sup> especially for the solute ions in these sodium alloys where the electron screening is drastically different from those in their pure states. This potential gave good agreement between theory and experiment for the resistivities of a wide range of alloy

systems.<sup>12</sup> For alloys comprised of ions with tightly-bound cores, the Ashcroft potential is given by

$$V_i(x) = - \frac{\lambda^2 \cos sx}{x^2 + \lambda^2 f(x)} \frac{z_i}{z^*} \frac{2(a_0 k_F)^2}{3} \quad (9)$$

where  $\lambda^2 = (\pi a_0 k_F)^{-1}$ ,  $a_0$  being the Bohr radius;  $z_i$  is the charge on the ion,  $z^*$  is the average electron density for the alloy;  $f(x)$  is the Lindhard dielectric function,<sup>22</sup> and  $s = 2k_F R_{\text{core}}$  where  $R_{\text{core}}$  represents an effective core radius outside of which the electron interaction is Coulomb-like and inside of which it is very weak and negligible.  $R_{\text{core}}$  for each of the elements involved in the present work was established by fitting the potential to the observed resistivity of the respective pure molten metal at its melting point.

Theoretical values of  $\xi$  were calculated for the four alloys from Eq. (7) and using this form of the potential. The neutron diffraction data of Gingrich and Heaton at 325°C<sup>23</sup> were used for the structure factor of liquid sodium. At low angles, below  $\sin \theta/\lambda \sim 0.06$ , the scattering data were not considered to be very precise so low-angle values of  $a_{\text{Na}}(x)$  were obtained by extrapolation of the higher-angle data to the compressibility value of  $a(0) = 0.043$ .

The calculated  $\xi$  for the four alloys and corresponding experimental values, derived from the experimental  $Q$  assuming free-electron values of  $E_F$  with effective mass unity, are given in Table 2 along with their respective atomic volumes and  $R_{\text{core}}$ . Included also are the predicted values of resistivity for the four alloys (Eq. (6)) and corresponding experimental data.<sup>19</sup>

The quantitative agreement between predicted and observed values of  $\xi$  is, superficially, fairly good but closer examination will show that, since  $\xi = 3 - 2q$ , the agreement is rather poor when we compare values of  $q$ . This is particularly true for pure liquid sodium where the value of  $q$  using the Ashcroft potential is 0.004 compared with the "experimental" value of 0.15. For this metal, the pseudopotential changes its sign very near to  $2k_F$  and hence a small absolute error in the potential would result in a very large relative error around  $2k_F$  and this would consequently have a much more pronounced effect on the numerator of  $q$  than on its denominator. Also, it can be seen in Eq. (7) for the thermopower of the alloys that an error in  $u_{\text{Na}}(2k_F)$  will not only cause a systematic error (from one alloy to another) associated with the first two terms of the numerator but also a

non-systematic error associated with the "cross" term involving  $u_{\text{Na}}(2k_{\text{F}}) u_2(2k_{\text{F}})$ . The absence of qualitative agreement between theory and experiment for the relative effects of the various solutes could therefore be accounted for, in part at least, by the failures of the Ashcroft potential as applied to the thermopower of pure sodium.

It has been shown<sup>5,6</sup> that the Heine–Abarenkov model potential yields a value of thermopower for pure liquid Na at its melting point in much better agreement with experiment than is obtained here. We, therefore, recalculated  $\xi$  for pure Na at 325°C using the Heine–Animalu<sup>24</sup> (H–A) potential data, corrected for volume change between 0 and 602°K then, by substituting the H–A value of  $u_{\text{Na}}(2k_{\text{F}})$  for the Ashcroft value in Eq. (7), recalculated the quantities  $q$  and  $\xi$  for the four alloys. These recalculated values are now in much better agreement with the experimental values. For pure sodium, the theoretical  $q$ , 0.16, is in excellent agreement with the value 0.15 derived from the experimental data. That Ag and Cd have a similar effect on  $q$  is successfully predicted although the order is reversed. The predicted resistivity increment for 1 at. % Ag and Cd are in satisfactory agreement with the corresponding observed values but that predicted for 1 at. % Sn is greater than the experimental value by a factor of almost 3. Such a large discrepancy cannot be readily explained but an error in the predicted resistivity would almost certainly lead to an erroneous value for the predicted thermopower. Although no experimental data are available, the predicted resistivity increment for Na–1% In would also seem to be somewhat high. The apparently satisfactory agreement between theory and experiment for the thermopower parameters of the indium and tin alloys should, therefore, be viewed with caution. For Na–1% In, an additional source of error could be that a small but significant negative excess volume of mixing ( $\sim 3.5\%$ ) occurs (in contrast to the almost ideal behavior of Na–1% Cd and Na–1% Sn) so that the validity of the assumption that  $a_{11}(x) = a_{12}(x)$  is open to doubt.

However, the most serious source of error in the calculation of the theoretical thermopowers probably arises from the assumption, particularly for the solutes, that the ionic pseudopotentials have local screening, i.e., they are independent of the electron energies. Bradley *et al.*<sup>2</sup> first drew attention to the possible importance of non-local screening; its effect on the thermopower expression is to add another term so that  $\xi = 3 - 2q - r/2$ . Young *et al.*<sup>9</sup> and Ashcroft<sup>22</sup> have subsequently elaborated on its quanti-

TABLE 2 Experimental and theoretical dimensionless thermopower parameters and electrical resistivities for liquid sodium and dilute liquid sodium alloys at 325°C. The corresponding atomic volumes, Fermi wave numbers and core parameters for the pseudopotentials are also presented

Alloy	Atomic Volume (ml.) (Refs. 20 and 21)	$k_F$ ( $\text{\AA}^{-1}$ )	Core Para. $R_{\text{core}}$ for Solute ( $\text{\AA}$ )	Experimental Thermopower Para. at 325°C		Thermopower Para. Using Ashcroft Pot. for Na and Solute		Thermopower Para. Using Heine-Animalu Value of $U_{\text{Na}}$ ( $2k_F$ )		Observed Resistivity $\mu\Omega$ cm. (Ref. 19)	Calculated Resistivity $\mu\Omega$ cm.
				$\xi$	$q$	$\xi$	$q$	$\xi = 3 - 2q$	$q$		
Pure Na	26.23	0.879	0.892	2.70	0.15	2.992	0.004	2.68	0.16	17.85	17.85
Na-1 at. % Ag	(26.0)	(0.881)	0.550	2.69	0.156	2.83	0.082	2.65	0.175	21.25	20.4
-1 at. % Cd	26.08	0.884	0.728	2.64	0.18	2.87	0.064	2.70	0.147	23.20	22.7
-1 at. % In	25.38	0.895	0.693	2.50	0.25	2.74	0.131	2.63	0.186	N/A	30.7
-1 at. % Sn	26.03	0.890	0.679	2.54	0.23	2.65	0.173	2.59	0.206	28.11	45.8



tative effect for pure alkali metals but the potential data for pure polyvalent metals would not, at present, seem to be sufficiently precise and detailed to justify extension of the treatment to these alloys.

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