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ABSTRACT

A thermally insulated, rigid-volume gas pycnometer system has been developed. The pycnometer chambers have been machined from solid PVC cylinders. Two chambers confine dry high-purity helium at different pressures. A thick-walled design ensures minimal heat exchange with the surrounding environment and a constant volume system, while expansion takes place between the chambers. The internal energy of the gas is assumed constant over the expansion. The ideal gas law is used to estimate the volume of solid material sealed in one of the chambers. Temperature is monitored continuously and incorporated into the calculation of solid volume. Temperature variation between measurements is less than 0.1 °C. The data are used to compute grain density for oven-dried Apache Leap tuff core samples. The measured volume of solid and the sample bulk volume are used to estimate porosity and bulk density. Intrinsic permeability was estimated from the porosity and measured pore surface area and is compared to in-situ measurements by the air permeability method. The gas pycnometer accommodates large core samples (0.25 m length x 0.11 m diameter) and can measure solid volume greater than 220 cm^3 with less than 1% error.

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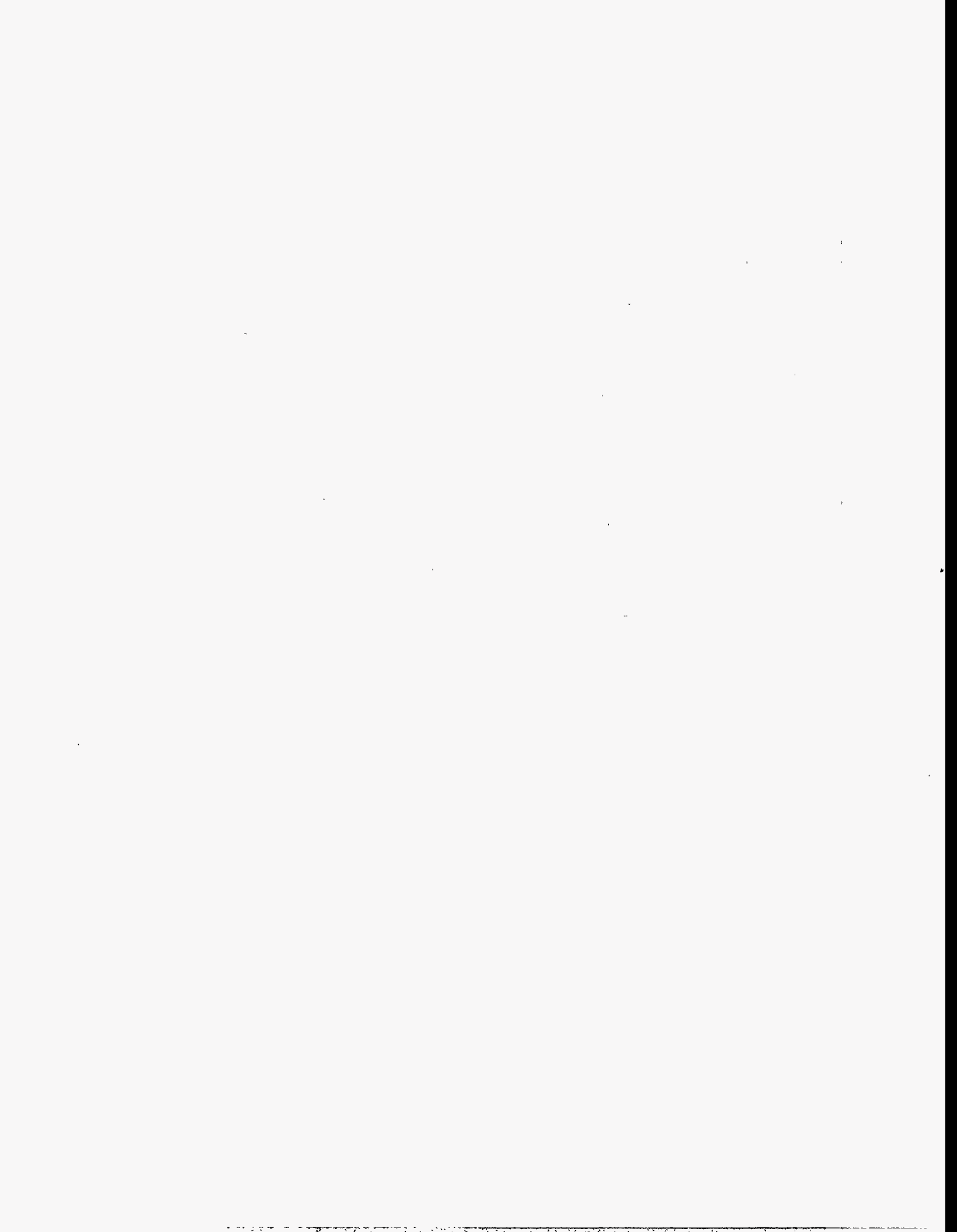
FOREWORD

This technical report was prepared by The University of Arizona under their research projects with the Waste Management Branch in the Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research (FINs L1282 and L1283). The report outlines research findings for completed laboratory testing and evaluations of site characterization methodologies, techniques, and instrumentation for unsaturated flow and transport in heterogeneous, fractured rock. The work reported focuses on a laboratory method for determining grain density by measuring the solid volume of tuff and is particularly well-suited for large core samples. Samples were collected at the Apache Leap Tuff Site (ALTS) in central Arizona that represents a hydrologic field analogue to an unsaturated zone high-level radioactive waste (HLW) repository site. Data sets from the ALTS field studies are being used to evaluate various conceptual models of flow and transport through unsaturated fractured media. This document presents information which assists in identifying key technical uncertainties associated with confirmation of DOE's site characterization and performance assessment studies for an unsaturated zone HLW repository site.

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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 SOLID VOLUME IN POROUS MATERIAL

The solid volume of a **regularly** shaped solid object (cube, sphere, right circular cylinder, etc.) can be calculated from direct measurements of the object. The solid volume is equivalent to the bulk volume for most regular solid shapes. If the mass of this object is measured, its bulk density is calculated as mass per volume. The solid volume of an **irregularly** shaped solid object (broken core sample, coffee cup, etc.) is more difficult to measure. An indirect measurement is needed to estimate the solid volume. For example: a known amount of liquid can be displaced by immersing the irregular object. The solid volume is not necessarily equivalent to the bulk volume in this case. The bulk volume is loosely defined as the volume enclosed by a surface covering the irregular shape. In the case of a coffee cup, the bulk volume would be much greater than the solid volume. The irregular object's bulk density can also be calculated from the ratio of its mass to bulk volume. Various terms such as material, skeletal, particle, or grain density are used to describe the ratio of mass to solid volume, all of which represent the density of the solid volume fraction of the bulk volume of an irregularly shaped object.

Porous objects can be considered as highly irregular solid shapes. For a liquid displacement method to accurately estimate a porous sample's solid volume, the fluid would have to permeate all of the pore space. If the material has a low permeability, it may take a long time for the fluid to enter all of the accessible pores. The fluid may never encounter some pores because of trapped air, pore throat restrictions, or completely sealed-off voids, all of which would be incorrectly interpreted as part of the solid volume. Further, the liquid may react with surfaces or hygroscopic minerals, causing them to increase their volume by swelling. A gas pycnometer is a device that has been used for many years to measure the solid volume of solid and porous materials. Sample materials have ranged from aerogel foam to diamonds. The pycnometry method requires that the object be placed in a gas-tight vessel, so that imposed gas pressure changes can be measured precisely. In the method presented here, the pressure and temperature of dry high-purity helium is measured before and after the imposed pressure change. Helium is able to enter much smaller pores than a permeating fluid such as water. The ideal gas law is used to compare the measured pressure changes against known volumes. This comparison is used to predict the solid volume of porous Apache Leap tuff core samples.

1.2 ORIGIN OF CORE SAMPLE GROUPS

Apache Leap is an elevated topographic feature protruding from a dacite tuff sheet located in central Arizona (Rasmussen et al., 1990). Its greatest relief is < 2 km from the Apache Leap Research Site (ALRS). The compacted pyroclastic fragments that formed this tuff give the rock an appearance and physical properties similar to fine-grained concrete. The area around the research station, including Magma Copper Company's Shaft #9 facility, is depicted in Figure 1.1. This field research site has been funded since 1986 by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to investigate physical properties of tuff and is operated by The University of Arizona (UA). The Apache Leap tuff has physical characteristics which resemble tuff found in the region of Yucca Mountain, Nevada, the current candidate site for high-level radioactive waste disposal. Physical parameters for 147 core samples from the ALRS have been estimated for this report. Three series of core samples are defined: the P, G, and Y2 series. The P and G series represent 113 core samples retrieved from the Deep Slant Borehole Site (DSB). The third series, Y2, represents 34 core samples from the Y2 borehole that have been in storage for several years. Both of these locations are indicated in Figure 1.1, with the DSBS and Y2 holes drawn approximately to scale. The Never Sweat Tunnel (NST) monitoring station, the Experimental Watershed, the site's Weather Station (WS), and the High and Low Flow Flume (HLFF) are also indicated.
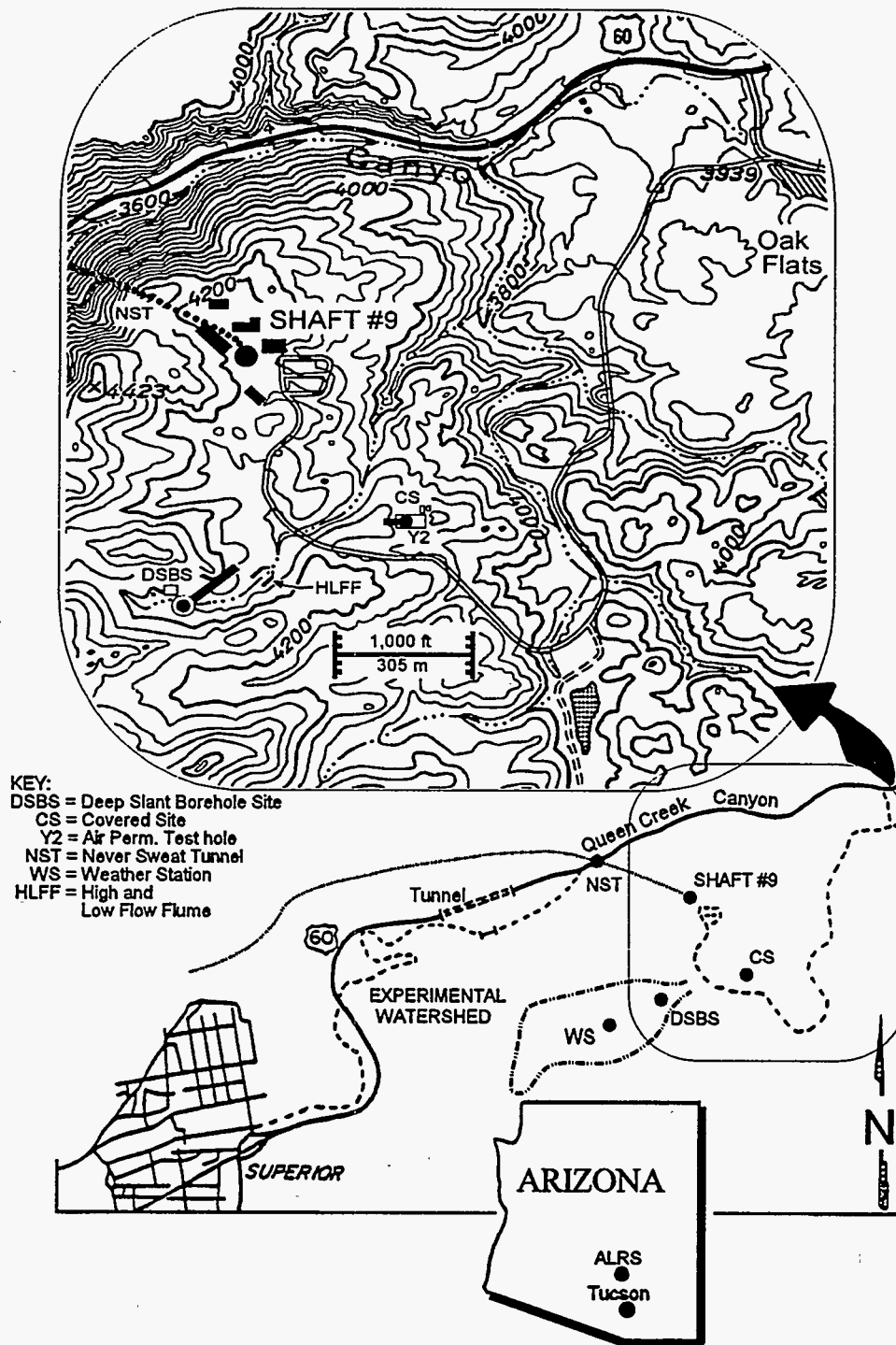
Figure 1.1. Location map for the Apache Leap Research Site.

1.3 PARAMETERS ESTIMATED IN THIS REPORT

The ratio of mass to solid volume for oven dry core samples is reported as grain density (ρ_g). The determination of grain density variation in tuff is particularly useful for defining major variations in lithology. Changes in lithology can indicate differences in chemical composition, mineral content, or hydraulic properties, all of which may affect physical flow characteristics of water. The bulk volume of core samples was estimated either by measuring the displaced water volume upon immersion of water-saturated samples or by direct measurement of the dimensions of samples that approximate a right circular cylinder. The difference between bulk volume and solid volume of a core sample is its porosity (ϕ). In this method, the effective, or connected, porosity is determined. Porosity variation in tuff yields important information about the material's ability to conduct liquid and gas. The bulk volume measurement also yields an estimate for bulk density (ρ_b) when divided into oven dry mass. An estimate of bulk density aids in describing the distribution of various chemical species in many bulk transport schemes. These three parameters are related mathematically through Equation (1):

$$\rho_b = \rho_g \ (1-\phi) \tag{1}$$

The intrinsic permeability (k) of a porous material may be closely related to its porosity. Permeability of the core samples is estimated using an empirical relationship by Kozeny-Carman (de Marsily, 1986). The relationship uses powers of porosity and pore surface area in the calculation of permeability and was established using nonindurated sediments. Volcanic rock contains vesicular porosity not found in most granular material, and significant error may result when applying the relationship to tuff. Pore surface area for Y2 core has been measured in a previous investigation (Rasmussen et al., 1990). The Kozeny-Carman permeability is compared to in-situ measurements made in Y2 by the air permeability method (Guzman, 1995).

1.4 PREVIOUS WORK

The following review represents references available in the technical literature; most are from soil science/agricultural applications or engineering journals. There has not been a great deal of published research specifically on this method; rather, it is used as a tool in part of a larger work.

Many gas pycnometers reported in the literature lose accuracy from improper selection of construction materials; either the material is thermally too conductive or too flexible. Instrument error can be minimized if the pycnometer system is operated under isothermal conditions and if low pressures are used. Flexible materials tend to yield error due to deformation of the system, which is assumed to have a constant volume. Rigid materials are required to accurately employ gas pycnometer technology.

Error resulting from the impact of heat flow on pressure measurement in the system tends to be a random phenomenon. It is associated with operation of the instrument in a regime not covered by the calibration. This situation could arise as the result of a misplaced hand, coffee cup, or other heat source. Internal energy of the gas will change as heat is conducted in and out of the system. This will alter the pressure reading in poorly insulated devices. A gas pycnometer made of aluminum has shown a pressure response to the heat of a hand (Detty, personal communication, 1991). This behavior is similar to the response of a constant volume gas thermometer. Thermal equilibrium between initial and final states of the system (at each measurement point) is required to cancel temperature from the ideal gas law. Most investigators have not measured temperature or have assumed it is constant between measurement points. Several soil science-based applications in the literature attempt to develop portable gas pycnometers. These instruments could be especially susceptible to error as temperature fluctuations are greater in the field than in the

laboratory. The response of these devices must differ in and out of direct sunlight, for example. These sources of error affect the precision of gas pycnometer measurements.

The choice of a uniform bulk-volume sample size also helps reduce error. This results when the pycnometer is calibrated to respond most accurately over a narrow range of solid volume, as is found in uniform bulk volume samples of similar media. A single point in the middle of this range is checked daily or prior to use, a technique employed by many investigators. Unfortunately, the uniform bulk volume chosen is usually small, on the order of 100 cm^3 or less. Uniformly porous material would yield the same porosity regardless of bulk volume, but most geologic media are not uniformly porous. The small sample chambers may require precise coring of tuff material, for example. Brittle phenocrysts might be undersampled in an attempt to cut small right circular cylinders. Information on larger scale properties could be lost. In addition, several of the investigators use barometric pressure as a reference pressure. They then assume it is constant from test to test. The resulting error is considered negligible and is typically not corrected for. Some commercially available pycnometers employ chambers that are sized to bracket-selected solid volume ranges. The error associated with each range is reported, and the devices are accurate and precise. The largest sample chamber among the most widely used devices is only 150 cm^3. Commercial gas pycnometers cost $7,000 or more. The pycnometer designed for this study has a sample chamber capacity of 2,300 cm^3.

1.4.1 Literature Review

Pycnometry is often thought of as the liquid method described by Blake and Hartage (ASTM, 1986). They employed a small glass flask (25 mL-100 mL) of precisely known volume which is fitted with a ground-glass stopper. A known weight of sieved soil is added, and the flask is filled with water (or some other fluid of known density). The difference between the expected weight of the flask if it contained only water and the weight of the flask containing both water and soil is determined. The soil solid volume is calculated using the density of water. This method is restricted to measuring a small volume of loose material. As mentioned earlier, the ability of water to enter very small pores is restricted by its surface tension. Furthermore, entrapped air may prevent complete filling of all pores. The volume of solid would be overestimated in a material such as tuff, resulting in a low estimate of grain density.

Torstensson and Eriksson (1936) described a laboratory method for determining porosity of the soil with a porosimeter. The porosimeter is actually an air pycnometer. Soil cylinders were used to sample a range of soil textures. A glass tube is inserted into the sample chamber and is connected to the pressure source with rubber vacuum tubing. Positive or negative air pressure can be imposed by moving a mercury manometer on a graduated slide. The use of glass can allow heat to move across system boundaries, and the rubber material might experience a change in volume as the pressure is altered. In fact, the two types of pressure (positive and negative) gave two different estimates of solid volume. This was attributed to the effect of the pressure on a flexible rubber packing used to hold a sample cylinder in the sample chamber. The porosity of oven-dried samples, as measured by this device, is compared to porosity calculated "in the usual way" by: (1) determining bulk density, and (2) determining grain density with the liquid pycnometer method. The two methods compare well (within 3%) with the porosimeter method predicting a larger grain density than the liquid pycnometer method. The lower value for grain density measured by the liquid method is attributed to floating plant residues in the fluid. Another reason may be that the air in the porosimeter enters more of the pore space, correctly measuring less solid volume, causing the grain density to be calculated higher. They do not measure nor discuss the effect temperature may have on their method.

Visser (1938) described a gas pycnometer for field use, following the example of Torstensson and Eriksson (1936). This intricate method uses water as the pressure monitoring fluid, and the test is performed with air at approximately twice atmospheric pressure. The volume of the empty sample chamber is estimated by measuring the movement of the water meniscus at two different pressures in a glass tube of known internal diameter. Solid blanks of known volume are used "to ensure proper operation of the instrument". They are attempting to measure the saturated, and then oven-dry volume of agricultural soil samples to determine the entrapped air volume. The values of porosity so obtained compare within 1% to the mass (volume) of water evaporated from saturated replicate samples. This is used as evidence for the absence of entrapped air during saturation of a diseased soil plot.

Stevens (1938) described a laboratory device for determining effective porosity by the gas-expansion method. In this method, air is drawn out of a small (<25 mL) sample chamber by moving a mercury reservoir vertically. Glass and rubber tubing are used in this design also. The author recognizes the need for an accurate bulk volume measurement to reduce error in the porosity estimate. Comparison with a mercury intrusion method is reported to agree within ± 0.3%. The disadvantages of using mercury, which prevents further testing such as permeability, are mentioned. These references show that accurate estimates of porosity have been possible for more than 50 years.

Kummer and Cooper (1945) described a laboratory device that uses mercury as the pressure monitoring fluid and compressed air to generate a 160 kPa operating pressure. Metal cylinders were used to hold the soil samples in the chamber, and copper tubing was used to conduct the gas into the sample chamber. A calibration step is included in which precisely weighed amounts of water are added to a known volume container. Daily adjustment for barometric pressure and temperature is said to be required, although temperature is not measured nor included in any of their analyses. The adjustment is described as a single point check of the calibration, followed by a change in the offset of the scale to compensate for any shift. Saturated soil samples are compared with the blotter tension method of Leamer and Shaw (1941) to determine non-capillary porosity. The authors reported that the porosity determined by the tension method needs to be increased by an amount equivalent to the lack of saturation (or entrapped air) in the saturated samples. The air pycnometer is again able to measure greater effective porosity by encountering more pores.

Page (1947) and Russell (1949) both presented pycnometers similar to those described previously and included calibration curves in their reports. Those calibration curves have been included in this report to demonstrate the type of behavior that occurs in some pycnometer applications. Figure 1.2 shows a calibration curve taken from Page (1947), and Figure 1.3 illustrates a calibration curve taken from Russell (1949). The calibration curves presented by both authors relate the percent of air-filled pores in a sample to the pressure indicated by their air pycnometer gage. The relationship between pressure change and volume change of a confined gas is linear. The curves are not linear as the ideal gas law would predict.

The portable pycnometer described by Page (1947) had metallic bellows that were soldered together to make a gage. This large reservoir of air may have been affected by heat sources in the environment surrounding the device, particularly in field applications if direct sunlight fell upon the device. Temperature variations were not considered significant by the author, and accuracy is reported as ± 0.38% of the free pore space. Comparison with the blotter method of Leamer and Shaw (1941) again shows that the pycnometer measures greater porosity, as complete saturation of soil samples is rarely achieved with water.

Russell's (1949) design was also a field pycnometer. Metallic bellows are used to change the volume of the system, and the resulting pressure change is measured with a mercury manometer.
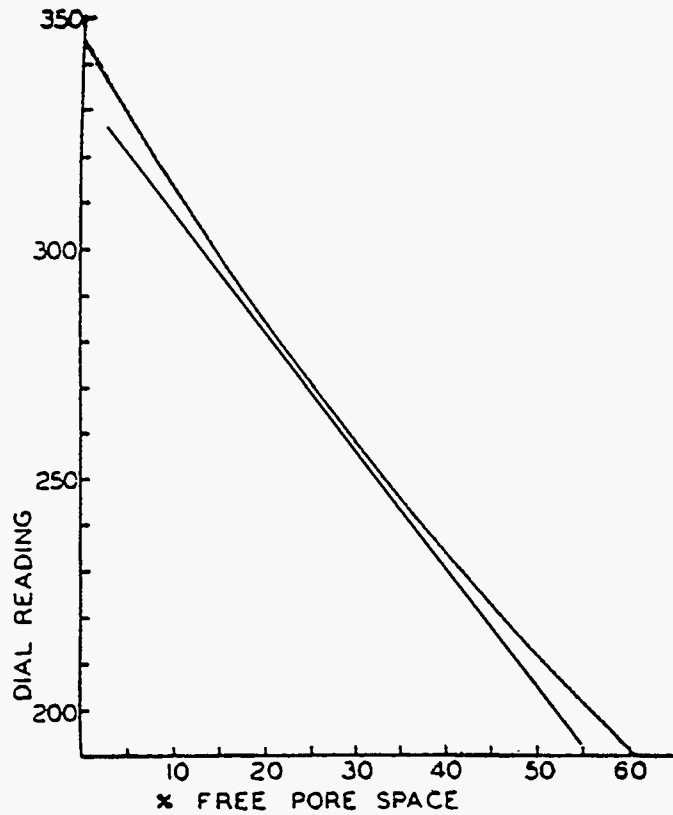
Figure 1.2. Calibration curve of Page (1947, Figure 2). The curve relates volume of pores to the pressure response of the instrument. The curve is not linear as the ideal gas law would predict (note line added for emphasis of this point) (used with permission).
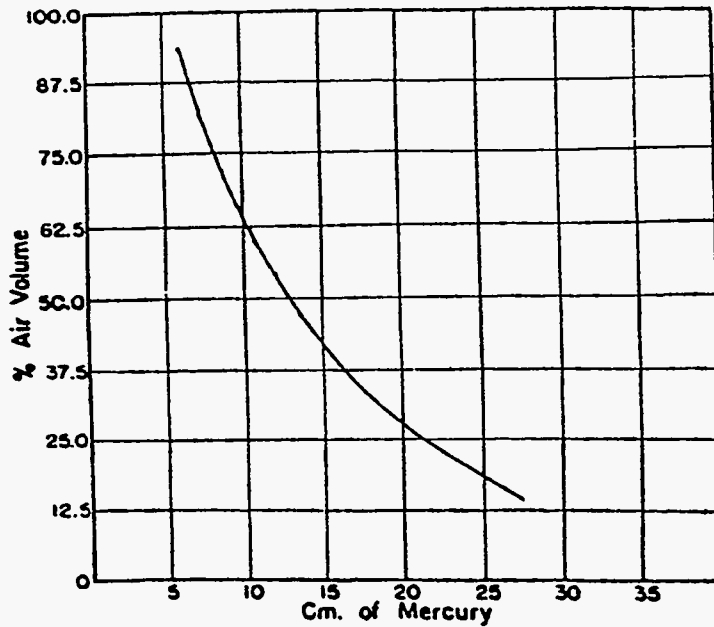
Figure 1.3. Calibration curve of Russell (1949, Figure 2). The curve is not linear as the ideal gas law would predict (used with permission).

He mentioned that temperature is required to be constant between measurement points and noted that the sealed system will function as a gas-filled thermometer in the presence of significant temperature changes. He did not, however, include temperature in his analyses. Barometric pressure was used as a reference pressure in his tests and was assumed constant between samples. Both pycnometers described by Page (1947) and Russell (1949) were constructed with all metal components. Copper tubing was used to conduct gas from the pressure-generating device into the sample chamber and to the pressure gage.

Joyce (1961) applied pycnometer theory to the volume determination of surface active materials and plastic foams. This publication represented the introduction of the Beckman Air Comparison Pycnometer, which is discussed below (see Section 1.4.2, Commercial Pycnometers). The author provided an excellent review of the engineering limitations of air pycnometry, and deformation of the sample by increased pressure is discussed. This would rarely occur in geologic materials. Adsorption of air by materials such as activated carbons and clays is found to cause a drift in the readings, and helium is suggested as an inert alternative to air.

DeBacker (1967) presented a schematic diagram of a piston displacement instrument containing a pressure cell. It was used to evaluate the effect of trapped air on water content during sorption-desorption cycles. A mercury manometer was used to measure pressure, but temperature was not measured. The need for isothermal conditions was indicated.

Hopmans and Dane (1986) imposed an isothermal environment in their gas pycnometer application. They attempted to determine the influence of entrapped air on the temperature coefficient of soil water pressure head. This more recent investigation employed electronic pressure transducers inside their constant temperature incubator. Temperature effects probably do not significantly impact their measurements. Temperature is cancelled out of the ideal gas law in their analyses and calculations.

Stonestrom and Rubin (1989) assumed isothermal conditions in their experiment and fabricated an air pycnometer from a syringe. The use of this instrument is part of a larger experiment to correlate change in trapped-air volume with change in water content using a pressure cell. The syringe is used to induce small pressure changes (0.2 kPa to 0.6 kPa) in the sample's accessible air-filled voids at a given water content. The syringe was hand-operated, and no mention was made of any possible heat transfer to the syringe body.

The above attempts at applying gas pycnometry to estimate void volume in porous material have provided the investigators with acceptable results. Instrument response was calibrated over a narrow range of expected porosities for a single bulk volume size, and consequently their methods worked quite well. When calibration was performed with known volumes of water, the authors did not discuss the impact of variable partial pressure of water vapor on the pressure measurement. In most cases, the pressure change was brought about by altering the volume of the system, which is a difficult mechanical process to control. In all cases, there is little discussion of environmental temperature effects.

The most thorough analysis published to date appears to be by Bielders et al. (1990). They measured the particle density of volcanic soils with a Beckman Air Comparison Pycnometer. They found that air pycnometry measurements gave larger values for particle density when compared to helium pycnometry. This was attributed to gas adsorption phenomena and found to be linearly related to the surface area of the soil samples as measured by ethylene glycol monoethyl ether. When air was used, the endpoint drifted to lower and lower pressure. The lower pressure implies a smaller solid volume, which in turn would cause the higher particle density value (for a given mass of sample). They tested silica gel desiccant and estimated density as large as 20 g/cm^3, which

is approximately ten times larger than typical values. This is used to identify water vapor as the primary adsorbed gas.

1.4.2 Commercial Pycnometers

Commercial pycnometers are used for process and manufacturing control in a wide range of applications. There are several commercially available gas pycnometers. Micromeritics manufactures the MultiVolume Pycnometer 1305 and the AccuPyc 1330. Beckman Instruments provides the Model 930 Air Comparison Pycnometer mentioned above. Use of product or trade names in this report does not constitute endorsement by The University of Arizona nor by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and is for identification purposes only. The specifications for each pycnometer are reported from recent product information circulars.

The Beckman Model 930 Air Comparison Pycnometer uses two chambers, each with its own piston. The pressure difference between the two chambers is measured with a differential pressure gage. The system is sealed, and both pistons are moved to keep a zero pressure difference between each chamber. The solid volume is determined from the position of the measuring piston, as read on a linearly calibrated scale. Two calibration spheres of different volume are provided. Sample bulk volume for the Model 930 is 50 cm^3, with a volumetric accuracy of <0.1 cm^3. This corresponds to an accuracy of 0.2% for a full sample chamber. The accuracy decreases when smaller volume samples are tested. Air is used as the test gas, and an optional purge manifold is provided for use with other gases such as helium (Beckman Instruments, Inc., 1981).

The Micromeritics MultiVolume Pycnometer 1305 can test samples with a bulk volume range of 0.5 to 150 cm^3, with an accuracy of <0.6 cm^3. This corresponds to an accuracy of 0.4% for a 150 cm^3 sample volume, and this accuracy is maintained for smaller volume samples by reducing the sample chamber volume. Three sample chambers are provided: 0.5 to 5 cm^3, 5 to 35 cm^3, and 35 to 150 cm^3. It is suggested that helium be used in the range of 230 kPa to 260 kPa absolute pressure (Micromeritics Instrument Corporation, 1993).

The AccuPyc 1330 gas pycnometer tests samples with a bulk volume range of 0.5 to 100 cm^3. Sample chamber modules can be purchased specific to the bulk volume being tested. This device is automated and converges on a solid volume estimate after five successive measurements are within a user-specified tolerance. Accuracy is reported to be within 0.03% of the solid volume estimate, plus 0.03% of the nominal full-scale sample chamber volume. This translates to 0.06 cm^3, or 0.06% for a 100 cm^3 sample volume. Precision is also reported in the product information for the Model 1330. It is claimed to have "typical reproducibility within ± 0.01% of the nominal full-scale sample chamber volume...guaranteed to within ± 0.02% of the nominal full-scale volume on clean, dry, thermally equilibrated samples." Research-grade helium is recommended as the gas to be used for testing (Micromeritics Instrument Corporation, 1993).

2. EXPERIMENTAL INSTRUMENTATION

2.1 System Description

A schematic diagram of the gas pycnometer system with cylinder dimensions and major components is given in Figure 2.1. The sample chamber (V_2) is approximately 1.5 times the volume of the reservoir chamber (V_1) (i.e., $1.5\ V_1 = V_2$). The internal volume of each cylinder is approximately 1,800 cm^3 and 2,700 cm^3 (V_1 and V_2), with the plugs inserted. This volume includes the connecting hardware associated with each chamber. The chambers were machined from solid cylinders of PVC using a lathe in the Chemical Engineering Machine Shop, (UA). The stock material was Geon 8761 PVC (Type I, Grade 1, normal impact, low shear cube compound for pipe extrusion). Precise machining is required only to provide gas tightness as the solid volume measurement is made relative to the ratio V_2/V_1 (this is discussed further in Chapter 3). The resulting chambers are extremely rigid as required for this application, and the cylinders are firmly secured adjacent to one another in a horizontal position. Core samples are placed into the sample chamber lengthwise. The plug of the reservoir chamber is secured in place with evenly torqued bolts and not opened during the period of calibration and core testing for this project.

A U-shaped clamp (not shown in Figure 2.1, see slots on base of sample chamber) is placed over the sample chamber cylinder, and a large acme-threaded screw is tightened to approximately 35 foot pounds against a metal plate (also not shown) affixed to the back of the plug. Operation of the gas pycnometer system for the purposes of calibration and core testing is discussed in Chapter 4.

2.2 Material Properties and Hardware Specifications

A list of material properties for the PVC resin and performance specifications for the pycnometer system's electrical components are presented in Table 2.1. Thermal conductivity of the PVC is reported as $K_T = 1.2$ BTU hr^{-1} in^{-1} $\cdot$ F^{-1} ft^{-2} (International Plastics Selector, 1980). Typical units for thermal conductivity are BTU hr^{-1} in^{-1} $\cdot$ F^{-1} or W m^{-1} $\cdot$ C^{-1} (Halliday and Resnick, 1981). The value for K_T is actually a heat flux per unit dimension, based on the geometry of a PVC tube (Personal Communication, R. Krolosinski, Plastics Engineer, B.F. Goodrich Company, 1993). The parameter K_T describes the number of BTUs transferred across a tube wall per hour, per inch of tube wall thickness, per $\cdot$ F temperature differential across the tube wall, per square foot of transfer area. The actual heat loss is found by replacing the unit wall thickness, unit transfer area, and unit temperature gradient, with the actual system conditions, over a given time period. For example, if the tube wall thickness is doubled, the heat loss is reduced by one-half.

This implies that heat loss during a 60-second period, from a tube similar to V_2, with a transfer area of approximately 1.2 ft^2 (0.11 m^2), a 2.0 inch (5.1 cm) wall thickness, and a 1.8 $\cdot$ F (1 $\cdot$ C) change in temperature established and maintained across the tube wall is approximately 5×10^{-3} BTUs, or 5 Joules. This heat loss is negligible with regard to deviation of the gas from ideal behavior, and the testing chambers are considered to be thermally well-insulated from their surroundings. Further, the temperature inside the sealed testing chambers is nearly identical to the temperature outside as the system is purged with dry high purity helium at ambient temperature, and the sample chamber is opened after each core is tested. A 1.0 $\cdot$ C temperature gradient has never been observed across system boundaries. At the end of a test, the temperature inside V_2 has not changed more than 0.5 $\cdot$ C relative to the laboratory room air temperature. The temperature does drift throughout the work day, but over a time period much longer than that required to test a core sample.
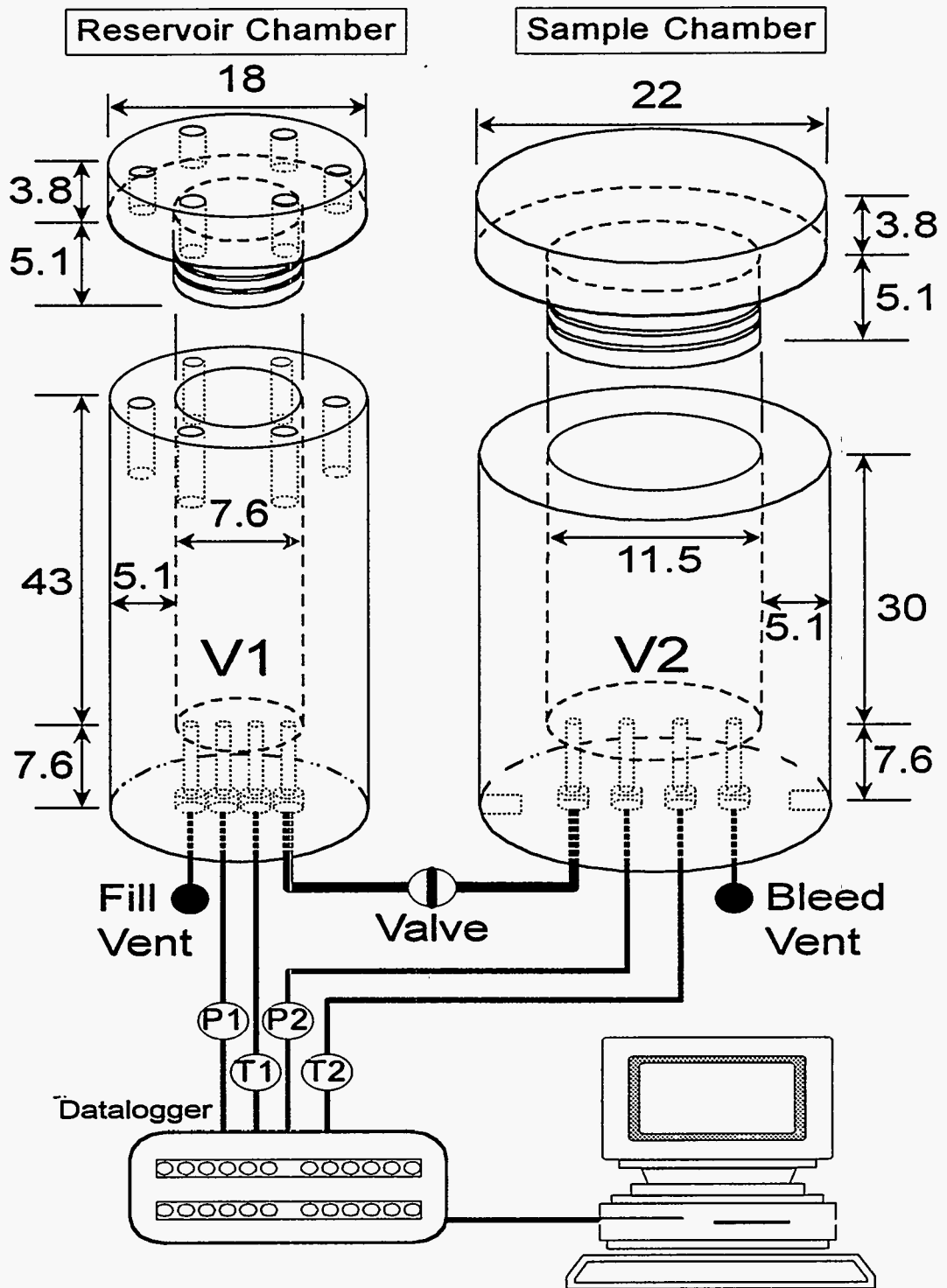
Figure 2.1. Schematic diagram of the gas pycnometer system (dimensions are in centimeters).

Table 2.1. PVC Physical Properties and Electrical Hardware Performance Specifications for the Gas Pycnometer System (see text for discussion).

SYSTEM PROPERTY	VALUE	UNITS	COMMENTS
K_T, Thermal Cond.	1.2	BTU/hr/° F/in/ft^2	*ASTM C 177(k)†‡
L_E, Linear Expansion	5.2 x 10^{-5}	cm/cm/° C	ASTM D 696†‡
Flexural Strength	103	MPa	ASTM D 790†‡
Tensile Strength	50	MPa	ASTM D 638†‡
Unconnected Porosity	˜20	%	†
Density	1.8	g/cm^3	ASTM D 792†‡
Druck PDCR 930	0.69	mV/psi/V	Press. Transducer‡
Omega ADCR 590	infinite	0.01 mV/ 0.01 K	Thermistor‡
21X Micrologger	+/- 50 mV	0.003 mV	Data Acquisition‡

† International Plastics Selector, 1980.
‡ Manufacturer's Circular.
* ASTM C 177(k) describes the achievement and measurement of steady-state heat flux through flat-slab specimens using a guarded-hot-plate apparatus (ASTM, 1993). The units for thermal conductivity are reported from the manufacturer (Personal Communication, R. Krolosinski, Plastics Engineer, B.F. Goodrich Company) to be: BTUs of heat conducted per hour across the wall of a tube, per ° F temperature differential across the tube wall, per inch of tube wall thickness, per ft^2 of transfer area. The same units can also be found in † and ‡. These units are discussed and converted to the more appropriate metric units in the text.

The linear expansion coefficient of the PVC is L_E = 5.2 x 10^{-5} cm/cm ° C (see Table 2.1). The units are expressed as length of expansion per length of PVC tubing, regardless of wall thickness. The sample chamber is conservatively approximated as a 30 cm long tube. The wall thickness of the tube is 5 cm. For a 0.5 ° C change experienced throughout the PVC, the coefficient implies a change in length of 0.001 cm. This translates to a change in volume of about 0.1 cm^3 for the sample chamber.

The flexural and tensile strengths of the hypothetical tube, as reported in Table 2.1, are 103 MPa and 50 MPa, respectively. The maximum testing pressure in the reservoir is typically 0.2 MPa (200 kPa). Increase in the volume of the gas pycnometer system as a result of the low pressures employed during testing is assumed negligible. The effect is further minimized by the fact that pressures used for calibration are identical to those used for core testing, which would account for

any volume change. In addition, the PVC behaves rheologically, which means there is no permanent deformation below the strength limits.

The Druck PDCR 930 (Druck, Inc., 1994) absolute pressure transducers are powered with 5V by a Campbell Scientific 21X Micrologger. The 5V supply reduces the full range output of the sensors to 50 mV. The reduced sensitivity equals 0.01 mV at atmospheric pressure (~90 kPa) and approximately 0.05 mV at maximum operating pressure (~200 kPa). The data logger is able to resolve ±50 mV into 0.003 mV intervals (Campbell Scientific, Inc., 1990). This allows measurement of absolute pressure to ± 0.02 kPa at full scale pressure transducer output. Thirteen-bit analog to digital conversion by the datalogger allows five digits to be retrieved from data logger memory.

The Omega AD 590 solid state temperature sensors claim 1 μA/K resolution and perfect linearity (Analog Devices, 1993). The output of two such sensors was monitored over a period of several days. They were found to differ from each other by approximately 4 °C. An offset coefficient for the thermistors was calculated by comparing their output to several glass thermometers. The thermometers reported a temperature between the output of the two sensors, and each thermistor was adjusted accordingly. A program to operate the above sensors on the datalogger, including the calibration coefficients, is included in Appendix A, Table A.1. LEMO, Inc. (1993) underwater electrical passthroughs are used to get the temperature sensors inside the testing chambers, providing leak-free insulated access for gas temperature measurement.

2.3 Pressure Transducer Calibration

Pressure transducer calibration took place in two stages. First, the pressure transducers were calibrated with a PRINCO fortin type mercury barometer (provided by the Dept. of Physics and Atmospheric Sciences, UA). This device is capable of measuring the absolute air pressure to approximately ± 0.02 inches Hg (~ 0.08 kPa) (PRINCO, 1983) and is corrected for temperature and gravity. (The power supply and data logger used to calibrate the transducers were also used while calibrating the gas pycnometer and during core testing to provide constant electrical source and monitoring conditions.) Normal atmospheric pressure fluctuation was monitored with the barometer, and the pressure transducer output in mV was recorded over a three-day period in the lab (the transducers were sheltered from moving air during this period). Plot B in Figure 2.2 shows these data, which were used to generate an estimate of atmospheric pressure during applied (gage) pressure calibration.

Second, an applied pressure calibration was performed on a tandem mercury and water manometer. The manometer design was adapted from a similar instrument in the Dept. of Soil and Water Science, UA. Plot A in Figure 2.2 illustrates the calibration curves for the applied pressure calibration. Gathering of data points on the low pressure end of the curves represents pressure generated by the water side of the manometer. Atmospheric pressure in the laboratory is typically near 93 kPa, and the absolute pressure range of transducer calibration is from atmospheric to 213 kPa. The maximum reservoir chamber pressure during calibration of the gas pycnometer, and core testing is approximately 117 kPa gage (210 kPa absolute). Transducer calibration was performed over this range to ensure measurement accuracy. Each point in Figure 2.2 represents 20 or more measurements over a 5-second time interval. These data were averaged to eliminate random electrical noise.

2.4 System Leak Testing

The system has been pressure tested many times and is found to leak at an acceptable rate. Gas tightness is attained using double 0.476 cm (3/16") O-rings on each chamber plug (see Figure
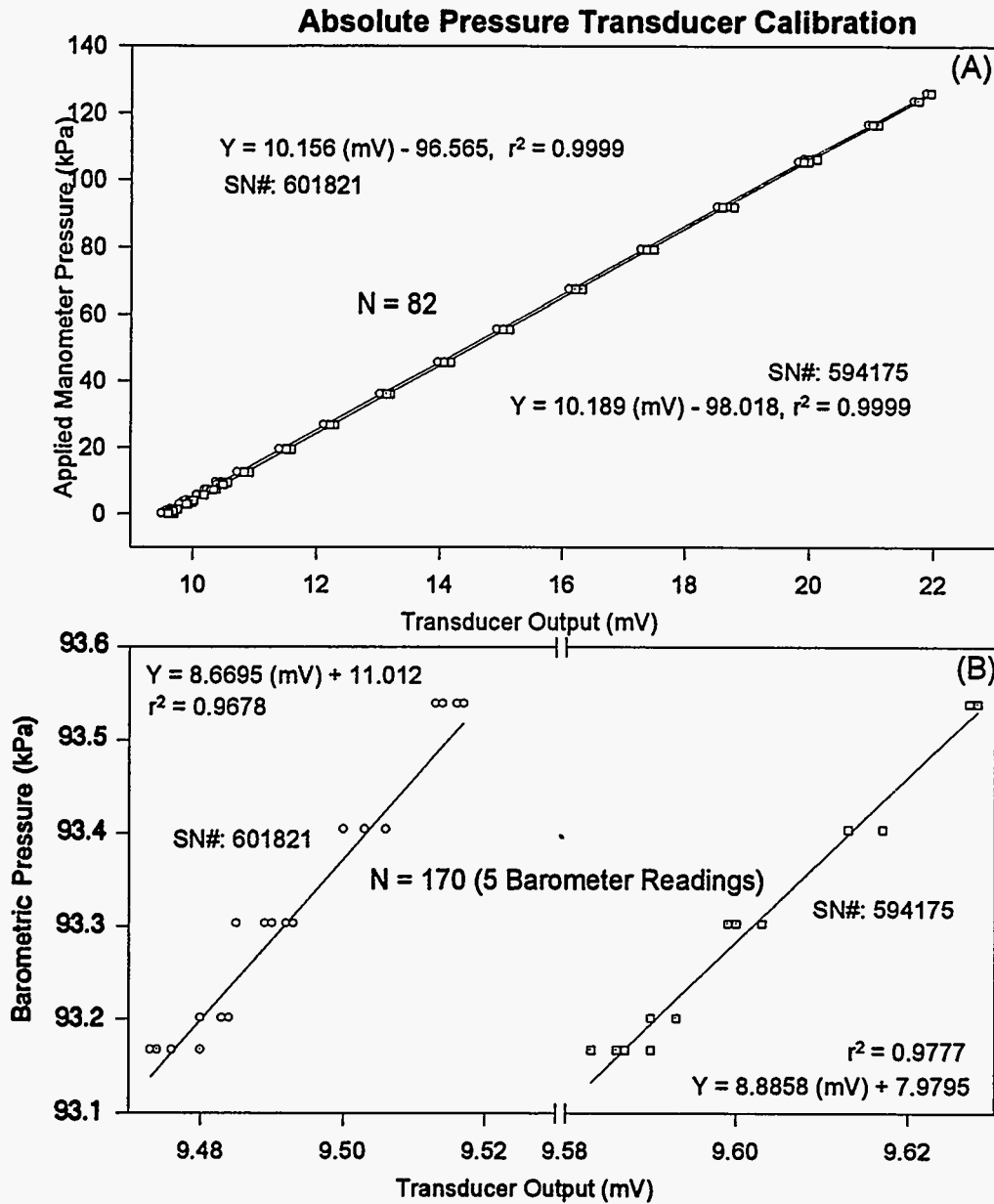
Figure 2.2. Druck PDCR 930 absolute pressure transducer calibration. In Plot (A), pressure was applied with a manometer. In Plot (B), barometric pressure was monitored in the lab for three days to establish an absolute pressure offset for the applied (gage) pressure calibration.

2.1). The plastic connecting hose is 1/2" O.D., 4,000 kPa (600 psi) rated, rigid-wall brake line material, and is kept as short as possible. The hose and its fittings are insulated with expandable spray foam and encased in clear polycarbonate plastic to protect the connections. The connecting hose is assumed not to expand during calibration and core testing and to be a poor conductor of heat. Access ports are 0.635 cm (1/4-inch) holes drilled through the base of each cylinder. These are enlarged and tapped directly into the PVC on the exterior as required (see Figure 2.1). Tank valve stems are used as fill and bleed vents.

Examples of leak tests are provided in Figure 2.3. Plot (A) illustrates the results of a 24-hour test period during which pressure was increased in both cylinders and the connecting valve was open. The pressure was increased to approximately 10 kPa greater than maximum core testing pressure. The temperature traces indicate the amount of unresolvable separation between thermistors, which appears to be on the order of 0.2 °C. Spikes on the temperature traces are artificial + 0.25 K markers to indicate midnight during overnight testing. The total system leak rate is very small, on the order of 1.4 Pa/minute. This is calculated as the slope of a line from the first to the last point of the test. Most core tests require about 1 minute to perform, and this pressure increment cannot be resolved, with the pressure transducers used, during that time. Figure 2.3, Plot (B), represents four overnight tests with the valve closed. One of the cylinders was pressurized and the record of that cylinder's pressure is shown. The other cylinder was left near atmospheric pressure; each cylinder was pressurized twice for Plot (B). The very slow leak rate could be the result of molecular diffusion effects of helium but has not been investigated further. For the measurements conducted during this investigation, it is assumed that the gas pycnometer system does not have any appreciable leakage.
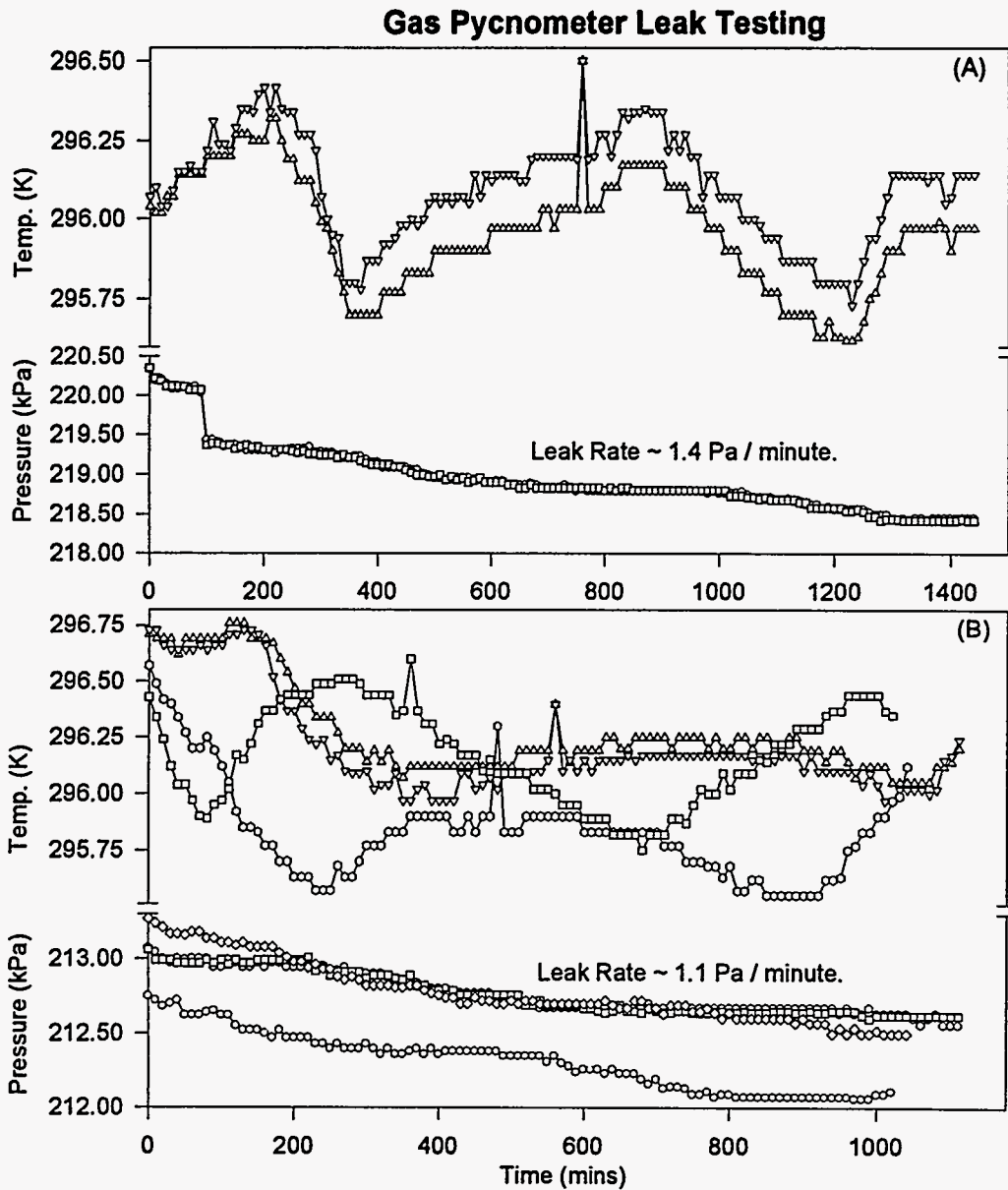
Figure 2.3. Leak testing of gas pycnometer system. Spikes on temperature traces are artificial +0.25 K markers indicating midnight during overnight testing. In Plot (A), the connecting valve is open; in Plot (B), the valve is closed and each cylinder was pressurized twice.

3. GAS PYCNOMETER THEORY AND CALIBRATION

3.1 GAS PYCNOMETER THEORY

As was mentioned earlier, gas pycnometry has been used for many years to measure the volume of solid material sealed in a gas tight system. This is accomplished by monitoring imposed pressure changes and solving the ideal gas law. The ideal gas law predicts a constant relationship between pressure, volume, and temperature of a confined gas. This well-known law is:

$$PV = nRT \tag{2}$$

where:

P = Absolute Pressure [Pa],
V = Volume [m^3],
n = moles of gas,
R = 8.314 [m^3 Pa mol^{-1} K^{-1}], and
T = Temperature [K].

Gas confined in the pycnometer exists in two different states when temperature and pressure are measured: an initial state and a final state. The initial state occurs when the connecting valve is closed (see Figure 2.1), the reservoir chamber (V_1) pressure has been increased to 2 atmospheres (absolute), while the sample chamber (V_2) is left at atmospheric pressure. The final state is imposed after the connecting valve is opened and the two chambers are allowed to come to equal pressure. The gas in V_1 expands into V_2. To apply the ideal gas law to this system, internal energy of the gas must be constant over the imposed pressure change. By this, it is meant that the system does no work on, and transfers no heat to, its surroundings. Then, according to the first law of thermodynamics, the internal energy remains constant through the change (Ohanian, 1985). If internal energy is not constant, the ideal gas law does not hold, and the relationship between pressure, temperature, and volume of the gas is not linear.

Internal energy of a gas is monitored by measuring its temperature. The first law requirements are also met if the temperature is equal at the initial and final states (in a constant volume system). When the valve is opened, however, the expanding gas causes the temperature in the system to drop. In poorly insulated devices, this results in a heat flux into the system. If the initial temperature was dependent on ambient conditions, then a single test cycle would require a period of time to allow the system to return to the initial (ambient) temperature prior to measurement of the final state. This may not occur for some time, or not at all, if the ambient temperature conditions are not constant. Heat sources in the immediate environment can also cause the temperature to vary between initial and final states. The pycnometer designed and employed for this report imposes the requirements of the first law on the gas. The system does not change volume between initial and final states, so the gas cannot do work on its surroundings. The thick-walled construction and insulated connecting tube does not allow any heat to be transferred across system boundaries. Internal energy of the gas remains constant over the change from initial to final states.

There is a temperature change in the system simultaneous with the change from initial to final states. A temperature measurement, therefore, should be incorporated into the ideal gas law to properly describe the volume change of gas. The temperature has not been incorporated into any previous analysis reported in the literature. The standard method described by Danielson and Sutherland (ASTM, 1986) uses Boyle's law to relate the change in gas volume between initial and final pressure states. Boyle's law is the ideal gas law without temperature. In the following analysis,

the temperature is left in the ideal gas law allowing for a more complete monitoring of system conditions.

As mentioned previously, P_1 is arbitrarily increased to near 2 atmospheres, and P_2 remains at atmospheric pressure. Therefore, the **initial system** can be described as follows. In the reservoir chamber:

$$\frac{P_1 V_1}{T_1} = n_1 R \tag{3}$$

and in the sample chamber:

$$\frac{P_2 V_2}{T_2} = n_2 R. \tag{4}$$

If the valve between the two chambers is opened, the **final system** can be described as:

$$\frac{P_3 V_3}{T_3} = n_3 R. \tag{5}$$

The volume of gas in V_1 expands into a new volume defined as V_3, which is simply V_1 and V_2 connected, i.e., $V_3 = V_1 + V_2$. Notice that the amount of gas does not change after the valve is opened, i.e., $n_1 R + n_2 R = n_3 R$. V_3 is eliminated in Equation (6) after substituting:

$$\frac{P_1 V_1}{T_1} + \frac{P_2 V_2}{T_2} = \frac{P_3 (V_1 + V_2)}{T_3}. \tag{6}$$

V_1 and V_2 are not accurately known and need not be determined individually, providing the response of the device is calibrated, against their ratio, using precisely known volumes. Solving for V_2/V_1 results in:

$$\text{Ratio} = \frac{V_2}{V_1} = \frac{\left(P_3 - P_1 \dfrac{T_3}{T_1}\right)}{\left(\dfrac{T_3}{T_2} P_2 - P_3\right)}. \tag{7}$$

T_3 is the temperature of V_3 at P_3. It is measured separately in both cylinders and averaged ($T_3 = (T_{1,f} + T_{2,f})/2$). Similarly, P_3 is measured separately in both cylinders and averaged ($P_3 = (P_{1,f} + P_{2,f})/2$). All variables on the righthand side of Equation (7) can be measured. This equation is solved over each testing cycle of opening the valve. Each core is tested through approximately 10 cycles (see Section 4.4.3, Core Testing Methodology). The temperature ratios, T_3/T_1 and T_3/T_2, are typically close to 1.000 +/- 0.001 (0.1%).

There are a variety of phenomena that take place in the application of gas pycnometry which could cause the pressure and temperature measurements to deviate from the ideal. For example, as the gas expands and temperature drops, heat can leave both the insulating material and the sample. There appears to be no way to prevent this and still perform the measurement. Core testing was performed under the same conditions as the calibration in an attempt to minimize the

impact of the measurement itself on the result. Frictional heating could occur as the helium molecules collide with pore walls, but this is considered negligible.

The largest source of nonideal behavior reported in the literature is associated with the adsorption of water vapor by surface active materials, such as clays, that may be found in a sample (Bielders et al., 1990). Dry high purity helium (99.995 mole %) is used in both the core testing and calibration performed for this report. The helium is passed through a Drierite water trap prior to filling the reservoir chamber. The trap and filling hose also allow the helium to equilibrate with room temperature after expansion out of the storage cylinder. It is assumed that water vapor effects do not impact the measurement performed for this report. There are several reasons for choosing helium. Most importantly, helium is an inert monatomic gas that closely obeys the ideal gas law (Matheson Gas Data Book, 6th ed., 1980). The helium molecule is small, allowing it to access pores and microfractures on atomic length scales. Furthermore, the root-mean-squared velocity of a gas is inversely proportional to its mass (Ohanian, 1985). Because helium is very light its velocity is very large. The wave of pressure that sweeps through a sample is assumed to equilibrate instantaneously throughout the accessible pore space.

3.2 GAS PYCNOMETER CALIBRATION

The internal volume of the reservoir chamber, sample chamber, and connecting hose are not precisely known and would be difficult to determine accurately. Fortunately, the ratio of Equation (7) obviates the need for this measurement. Calibration of the gas pycnometer entails altering the internal volume of the system by placing spheres of known volume into the sample chamber. The ratio V_2/V_1 is calculated at each volume increment. When core is tested, the ratio is again calculated, and the volume of solid is back calculated from the calibration curve.

The diameter of 22 nearly identical spheres (two sets of 11) were measured 5 times on different axes. A calibrated micrometer that had an instrument error of ± 0.0005 inches (± 0.0013 cm) was used. The average volume of all the spheres is 28.77 cm^3 ± 0.16 cm^3. However, each sphere's individually measured volume was used in the calibration calculations. The average diameter of all 22 spheres is 3.802 cm ± 0.004 cm, including the micrometer uncertainty. This deviation in the diameter measurement represents a volume of 0.18 cm^3 in the worst case. The sphere measurements and worst case calculation can be found in Table A.2 of Appendix A.

The spheres are actually miniature pool balls manufactured by the Belgian Aramith Company. They are precision ground to perfect spheres (product information sheet) and are made from a cast phenolic resin, the exact properties of which are proprietary to Belgian Aramith (Muller Sporting Goods sales representative). The spheres are assumed to have zero-connected porosity, as this is a characteristic of solidified phenolic resins. The spheres are also assumed to have a low heat capacity when compared to the various metallic materials that were considered for the calibration. The advantage of low heat capacity is rapid thermal equilibrium with the surroundings. They do not retain heat loss and become progressively cooler during calibration, to the extent that a metallic substance would. Additionally, they do not carry heat into the sample chamber. The spheres were used to calibrate both the gas pycnometer and the bulk volume estimator (see next section).

The reservoir chamber plug was inserted and the 6 plug bolts were tightened with a calibrated torque wrench to 45 ft. lbs. each (see Figure 2.1 for reference). The reservoir chamber plug was left in place during the entire calibration and core testing period. The sample chamber plug is inserted and a metal, U-shaped clamp is placed over the sample chamber. A 3/4-inch acme-threaded screw is tightened to 35 ft lbs. against a metal plate mounted on the back of the sample chamber plug (not shown in Figure 2.1). The torque is applied to ± 3 ft lbs. each time the plug is inserted. The screw prevents the plug from moving when the chamber is pressurized.

Calibration of the gas pycnometer proceeds as follows. A single valve opening cycle is described in detail. The cycle begins with the connecting **valve open**. The entire system is bled to atmospheric pressure through the bleed valve on V_2. The connecting **valve is closed**, and a small amount of gas is trapped in the valve body. This gas volume is consider part of V_2, as it remains at P_2 (atmospheric pressure). The reservoir chamber pressure P_1 is increased to approximately 210 kPa, ± 5 kPa, through the fill vent (see Figure 2.1). An exact pressure is not required. The system is allowed to stabilized, a condition defined as no change in temperature or pressure with each 2-second measurement update from the data logger. The temperature readings take longer to stabilize than the pressure. The readings are typically stable after 10-15 seconds, but approximately 30 seconds are allowed to pass to ensure the readings are not changing. P_1, T_1, P_2, and T_2 are recorded at this time.

These values are recorded by striking a key on the computer (see Figure 2.1). This initiates an automatic data collection sequence where each sensor output is measured in the following order: P_1, P_2, T_1, and T_2. All four sensors are read once in 0.2 seconds. Each sensor output is measured ten times (in 2 seconds), and the average value is stored in the data logger memory. This is done to reduce random electronic noise. The program used to collect data by this method on a Campbell Scientific 21X Micrologger is included in Appendix A, Table A.1.

The **valve is opened**. Thirty to 40 seconds after opening the valve, $P_{1,f}$, $P_{2,f}$, $T_{1,f}$, and $T_{2,f}$ are recorded with the same stability requirements, using the same automatic sequence. The ratio of Equation (7) can now be calculated. The system pressure is bled to atmospheric through the bleed vent, the **valve is closed**, and the next cycles starts without removing the sample chamber plug.

This "fill-open valve-bleed-close valve" cycle was performed manually over 4,000 times for this project. An example of the response obtained from all 4 sensors, at 5-second intervals, is shown in Figure 3.1. The temperature trace appears unstable for the first few cycles, but quickly becomes stable by the fifth cycle. The first few cycles may be affected by the presence of laboratory air in the system and is discussed further in Section 4.4.2, Core Testing Methodology. As P_1 is increased, T_1 increases. When the valve is opened, expansion creates a pressure drop in the reservoir and an increase in the sample chamber. The temperature change follows suit. Figure 3.2 shows a detailed portion of Figure 3.1. Location of measurement points for the ratio calculation are indicated as labeled circles. The pressure is stable well before the measurement point. The temperature becomes stable after 10-15 seconds.

This cycle was repeated 20 times with the system empty. The sample chamber was opened, one calibration sphere was inserted, and the system was again sealed with the U-shaped clamp and screw. The cycle was performed approximately 20 times for each sphere added to the sample chamber. A total of 22 spheres were eventually included in the sample chamber. This represents calibration of the gas pycnometer over a range of approximately 640 cm^3, and the result is shown in Figure 3.3. Maximum and minimum solid volume predicted for any sample tested is covered in the calibration range. The average solid volume is near 300 cm^3 which occurs in the middle of the range. Note that the 23 apparent points in this figure represent 469 cycles of the pycnometer. No raw data were excluded or otherwise rejected from this calibration curve. The instrument is believed to respond linearly over the range of laboratory conditions encountered. The calibration curve used for core testing is:

$$\text{Volume of Solid} = -1{,}798.86 \left(\frac{V_2}{V_1} \right) + 2{,}687.14, \ r^2 = 0.9999 \tag{8}$$

Open Valve Cycle Response Over a Typical Test
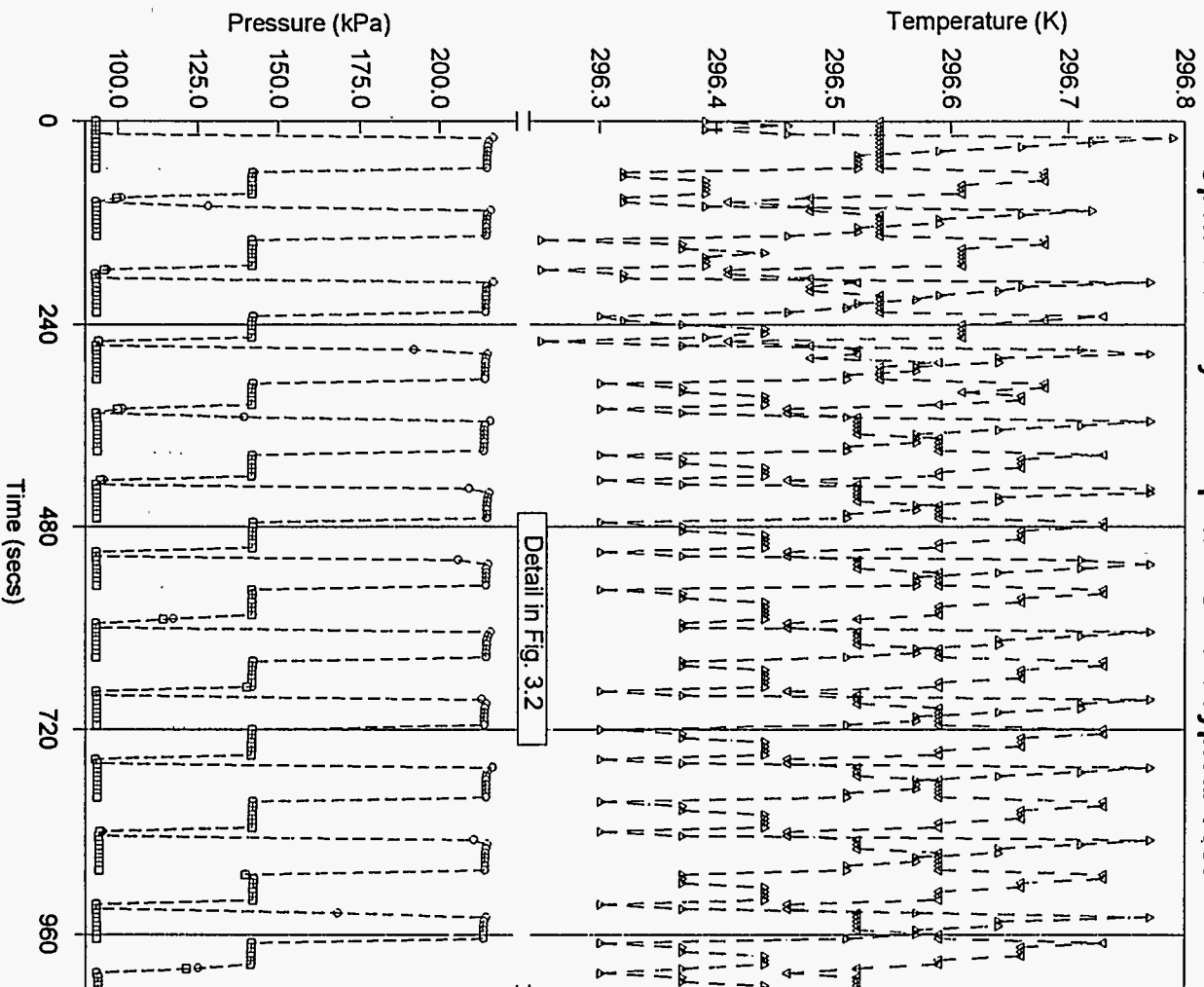
Figure 3.1. Example sensor response over 12 cycles. Data are collected every 5 seconds. The first few cycles are unstable. See Figure 3.2 for detail.
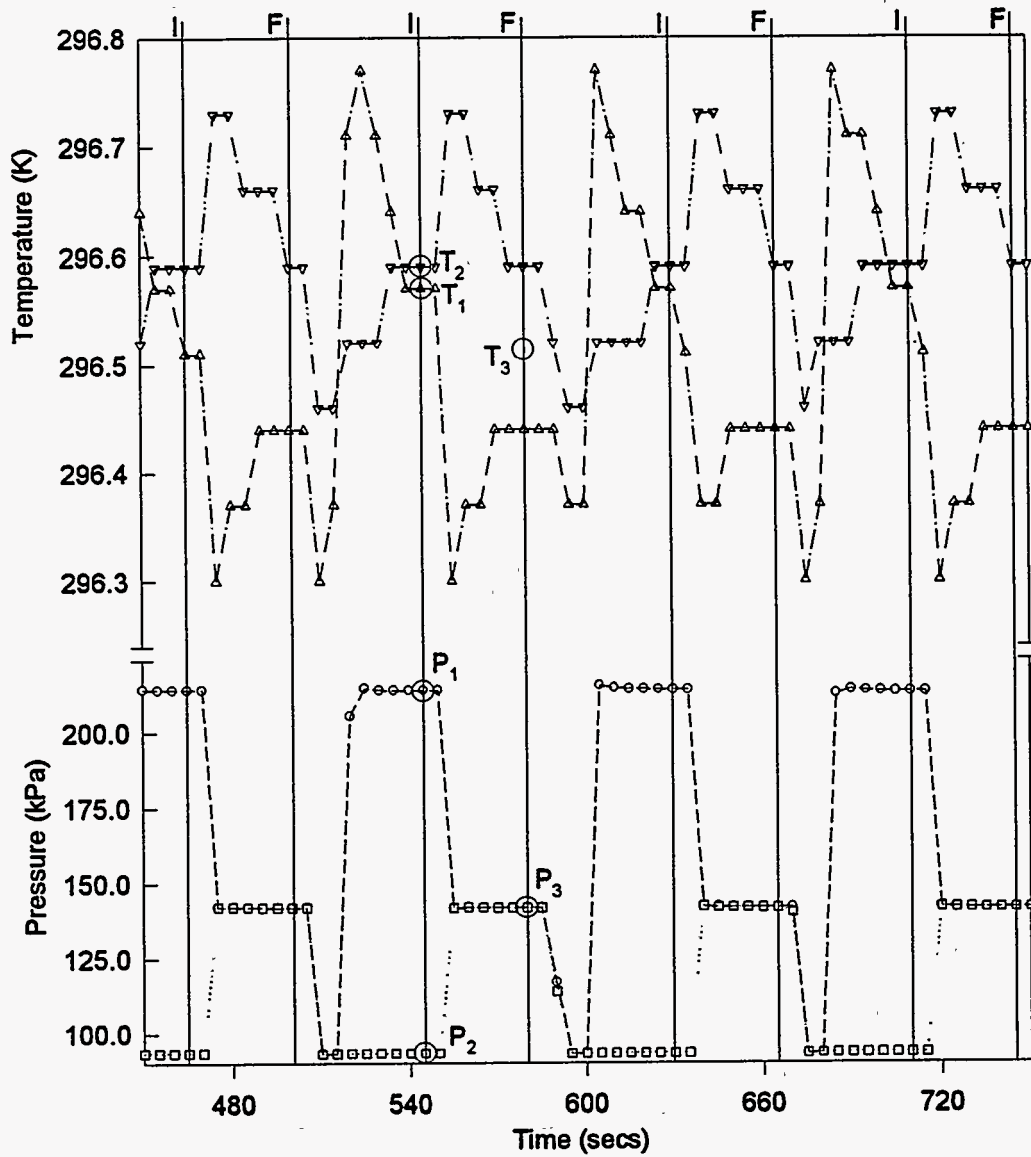
Figure 3.2. Detail of Figure 3.1. Vertical lines show measurement locations for initial and final conditions. Labeled circles indicate where measurements are taken to calculate the ratio, V_2/V_1, for a single cycle.

Gas Pycnometer Calibration Curve

$$VOL = -1798.86(V_2/V_1) + 2687.14$$

$$r^2 = 0.9999$$

$N = 469$

Std. Err. in VOL Est. = 1.9
Std. Err. in Slope = 0.8

Max. Core Solid Volume

11 Feb.

10 Feb.

Avg. Core Solid Volume

9 Feb.

Min. Core Solid Volume

Volume of Spheres (cm^3)

Ratio (V_2/V_1)
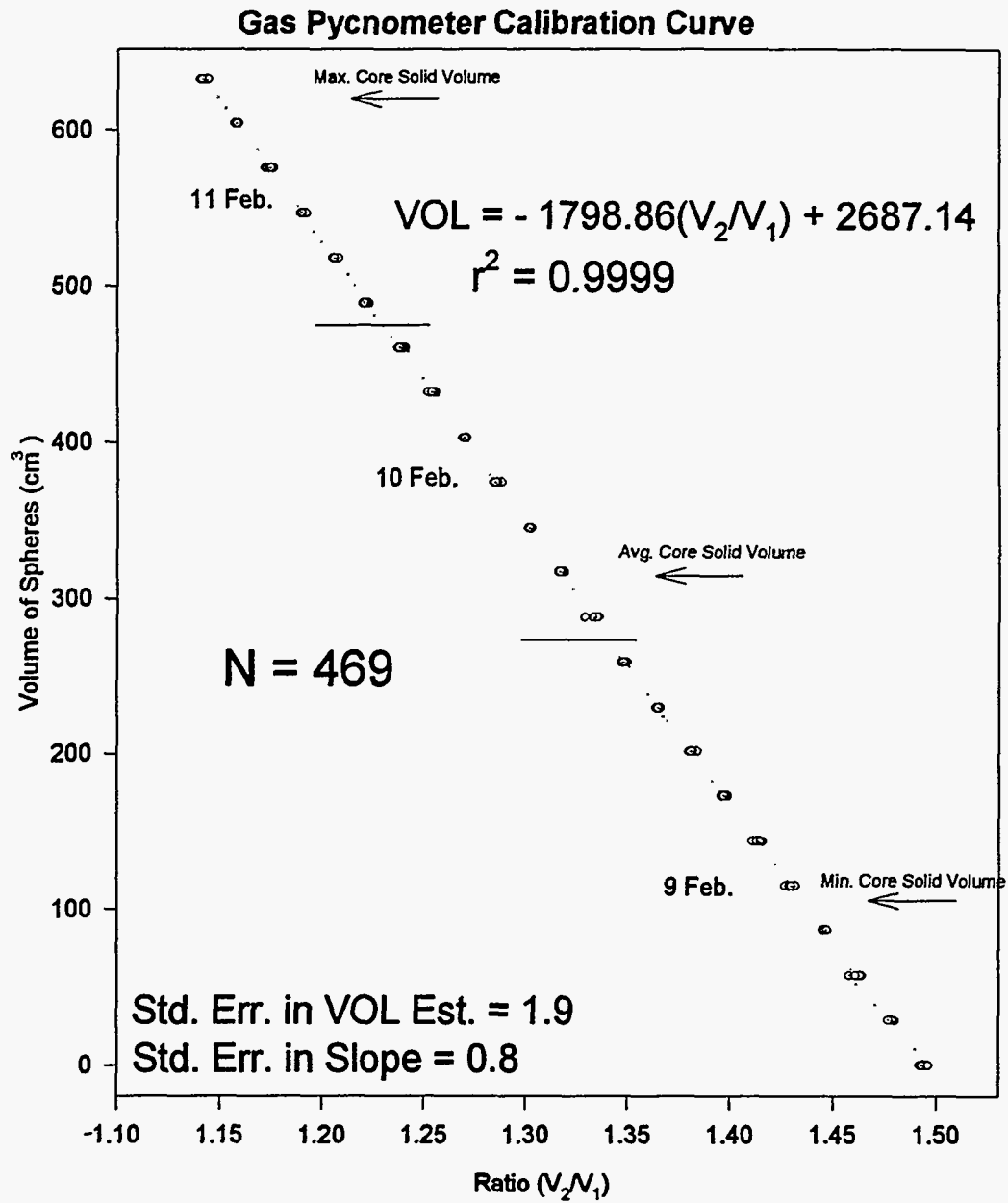
Figure 3.3. Gas pycnometer calibration curve. The instrument was cycled 469 times over a three-day period. The curve is linear as the ideal gas law would predict.

Plot (A) in Figure 3.4 depicts the difference between measured and predicted sphere volume as a function of measured sphere volume. Predicted sphere volume is calculated with Equation (8). There seems to be some diurnal pattern to the error, but no removable trend. Plot (B) shows these errors to be normally distributed about their mean. There does not seem to be a trend in error with solid volume measured, and the error is considered random. One standard deviation is equal to 1.88 cm^3, which is 1.24% of the smallest solid volume predicted (151.3 cm^3 for g12b). This percent error decreases to 0.62% for an average solid volume of 300 cm^3. The standard deviation is termed the "Std. Err. in VOL Est." in Figure 3.3. The random error can be decreased by testing a sample through multiple cycles and averaging. The total error is the sum of the instrument error and the random error. The instrument error is a function of the thermistor and pressure sensor calibrations and the change in volume of the assumed rigid system. The sensors respond linearly over the range of measurement. The error reported for the pressure transducer offset was 0.08 kPa, which is 0.08% of 95 kPa, the minimum pressure used. The error in the thermistor offset was ± 0.2 °C at 295 K, which equals 0.07%. The system is assumed rigid, so the sum of these three sources of instrument error is 0.15%. The total error, therefore, is estimated at 2.2 cm^3 (1.88 cm^3 + 0.15% (220 cm^3)), which implies an estimate of solid volume >220 cm^3 with <1% error.

3.3 BULK VOLUME ESTIMATOR CALIBRATION

A rather simple device was constructed that connects a buret to a graduated cylinder on a ring stand in order to measure bulk volume. They are mounted vertically, adjacent to one another, and are connected by means of a flexible hose at their base. The inside diameter of the graduated cylinder is approximately 1/2 inch (1.3 cm) greater than the outside diameter of the core samples. Water flows into the buret when the graduated cylinder is partially filled. When an object is immersed in the graduated cylinder, the water level rises in both tubes to an equal height. The fine gradations on the buret allow the operator to read the change of water volume to ± 0.1 mL (in the buret). The immersion of one calibration sphere in the graduated cylinder displaces the water in the buret approximately 1.0 mL. An average sphere volume of 28.8 cm^3 was assumed, which corresponds to an instrument error of ± 2.88 cm^3.

The device was calibrated by placing groups of spheres into the graduated cylinder and recording the change of water volume in the buret. In this way, the bulk volume estimate is independent of the amount of water initially in the device. This procedure was repeated 6-8 times for groups of 5 through 22 spheres and resulted in 107 calibration points. These points are shown in Figure 3.5. The calibration range covers bulk volume estimates from 143 cm^3 to 634 cm^3, which includes the minimum and average bulk volumes estimated.

One core sample, g-58, fell outside of this range with a bulk volume estimated to be 690 cm^3. The calibration curve for the bulk volume estimator is:

$$\text{Bulk Volume} = 29.17\,(\text{DISP}) - 1.667, \quad r^2 = 0.9994 \tag{9}$$

in which:

DISP = the volume of water displaced in the buret (mL).

Plot (A) in Figure 3.6 depicts the difference between measured and predicted sphere volume as a function of measured sphere volume. Predicted sphere volume is calculated with Equation (9). The error appears to be randomly distributed as a function of measured sphere volume. Plot (B) also shows these errors to be randomly distributed about their mean and approximately normal. One standard deviation is equal to 3.62 cm^3, which is 2.17% of the smallest bulk volume predicted

Gas Pycnometer Residual Error Analysis
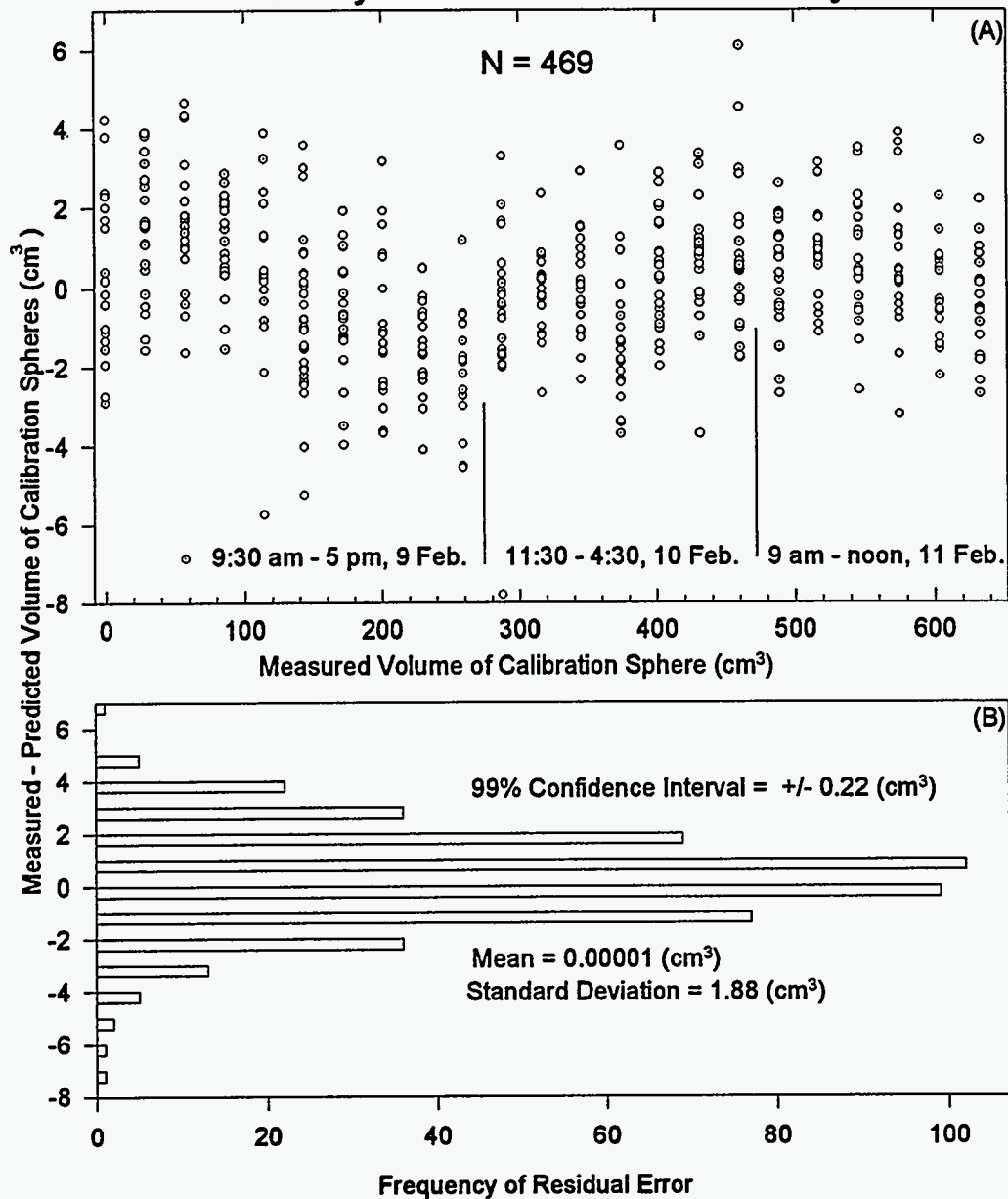
Figure 3.4. Gas pycnometer calibration error analysis. Plot (A) illustrates measured minus predicted volume of calibration spheres, as a function of measured sphere volume. Plot (B) is a histogram of the error frequency.

Bulk Volume Estimator Calibration Curve

VOL = 29.17 (DISP) - 1.667

r^2 = 0.9994

N = 107

Std. Err. in VOL = 3.63
Std. Err. in Slope = 0.07

Maximum Core Bulk Volume was 690 cm^3.

Avg. Core Bulk Volume

Min. Core Bulk Volume

Volume of Spheres (cm^3)

Meniscus Displacement (DISP) in Buret (mL)
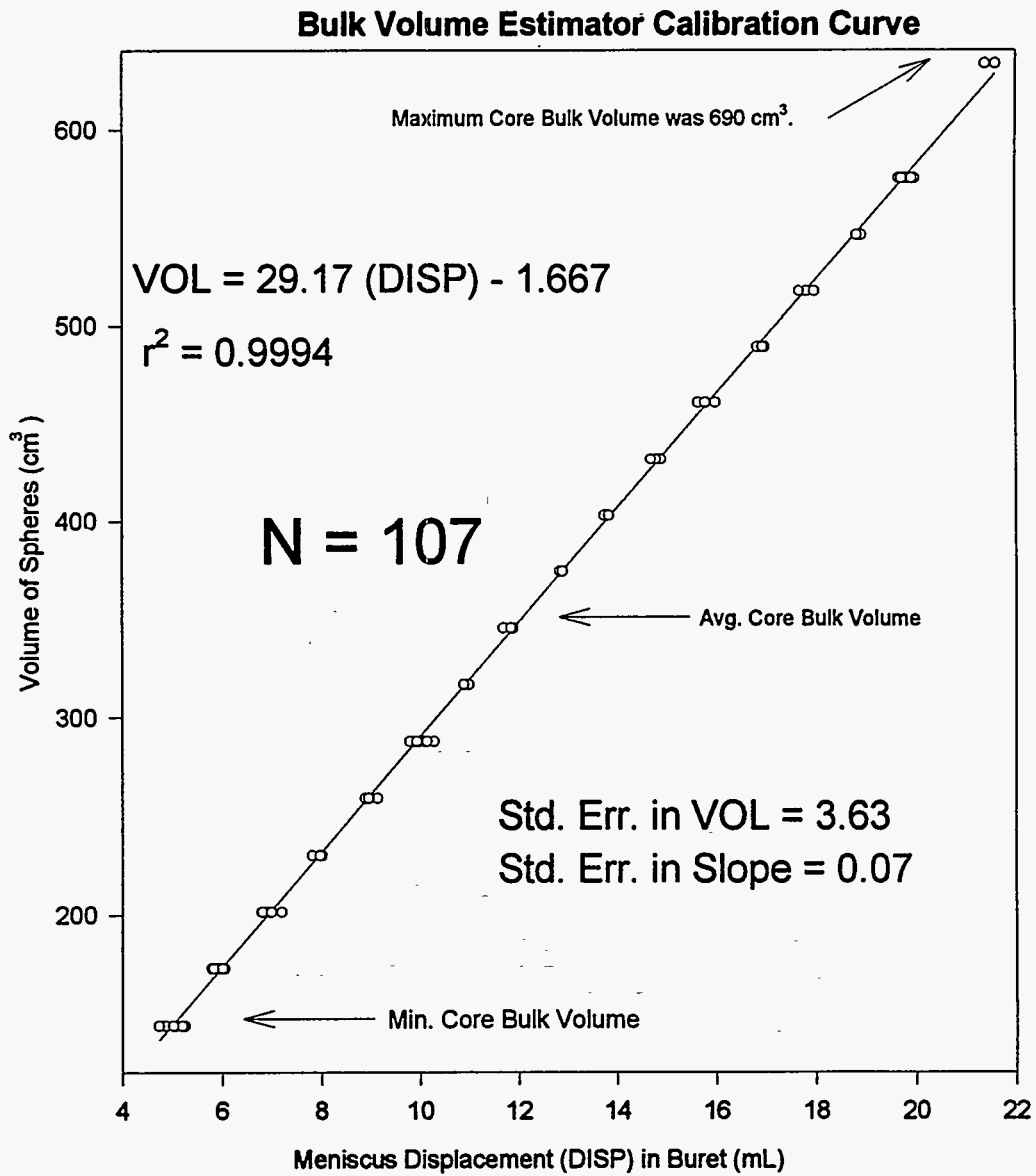
Figure 3.5. Bulk volume estimator calibration curve. The phenolic resin calibration spheres were used to generate 107 calibration points. The calibration covers a bulk volume range of 143 cm^3 to 634 cm^3. One core sample fell outside of this range.

Bulk Volume Estimator Residual Error Analysis
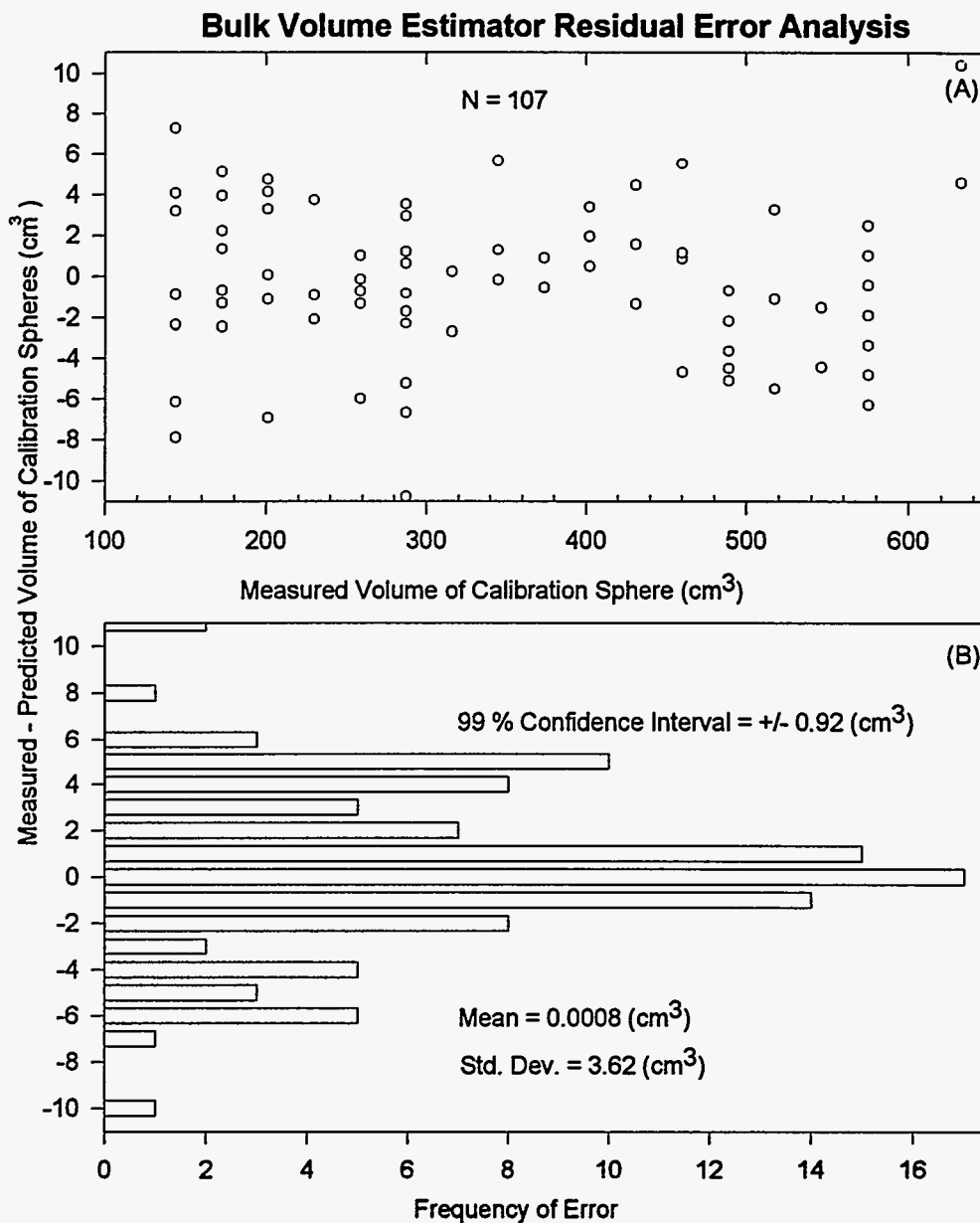
Figure 3.6. Bulk volume estimator calibration error analysis. Plot (A) represents measured minus predicted volume of calibration spheres as a function of measured volume. Plot (B) is a histogram of the error frequency.

(167 cm^3 for sample g12b). This percent error decreases to 1% for an average bulk volume of 360 cm^3. The standard deviation is termed the "Std. Err. in VOL Est." in Figure 3.5. The random error can be decreased by multiple testing of a sample. The total error is the sum of the instrument error and the random error. The total error for the bulk volume estimator is ± 6 cm^3.

4. EXPERIMENTAL METHODS

As mentioned earlier, 147 core samples have been processed through the gas pycnometer. The samples represent Apache Leap tuff from two locations at the ALRS: the Deep Slant Borehole site (DSB) and the Covered Site (CS) (see Figure 1.1). The samples are split into three groups: the G series and P series are from the DSB, and the Y2 series is from the CS. The core was retrieved using two different drilling methods. The core retrieval methods, core handling, and details of the gas pycnometry method are described below.

4.1 CORE RETRIEVAL METHOD

Thirty-four Y2 series core samples were retrieved from The UA Core Storage Facility. They have been stored in boxes since 1986 when they were retrieved from the CS using conventional drilling technology. The Y2 borehole was drilled using water as the cooling and chip-circulating fluid. It was drilled at 45° below horizontal for approximately 30 m (i.e., to a 20 m depth). Samples were obtained for this report that cover the length of the hole on an average 75 cm spacing. Core depths are approximate ($\pm$ 20 cm) as a result of previous sampling from these boxes. Core from this hole has been extensively tested (Rasmussen et al., 1990).

The DSB was cored during November and December 1992/1993. Gregg Davidson, Mike Henrich, Dr. Mark Smiley, and the author worked 12 hours on, 12 hours off, for nearly a month of drilling. An Ingersoll-Rand T4W with an angle package was employed by Tonto Drilling to core at 45° below horizontal for 202 m (i.e., to a 143 m depth). The G series samples were obtained at approximately 10-ft intervals, and the indicated depth represents the middle of a sample. The depth of each sample is accurate to $\pm$ 10 cm. The P series was sampled at duplicate locations and to fill in depth intervals where no G series sample was taken. The hole was drilled in a canyon stream bed that is located approximately 460 m (1500 feet) west of the CS (see Figure 1.1). The stream bed is dry most of the year, but flowed continuously during the drilling project. Surface facilities were constructed for the drilling project that now support a broad range of activity (a shed was constructed by TUFF Shed, Inc., Tucson, Arizona).

The first 230 ft (70 m) of core from the DSB was retrieved while overreaming and casing the formation by the ODEX method (or TUBEX; see manufacturer literature). The coring process can be visualized as follows: At the base of the hole, an annulus of tuff is being ground away, and a 2.5 in (6.4 cm) diameter core emerges into a sealed (dead air volume) core barrel. Air that has been injected with SF_6 at approximately 1 ppm is used as the cooling and chip-circulating fluid. The SF_6 acts as a tracer of atmospheric air for future gas sampling tests. This air is forced down the inside of the drill rod. Ambient downhole gage pressure is on the order of 600 kPa (90 psi), which is enough to blow the ground tuff powder back to the surface.

Core was retrieved from the hole by wire-line overshot, designed to break the core off near its base. The core barrel can hold a 10 ft (3 m) length of core. After 20 ft (6 m) of coring, the drill rods are removed from the hole, and a different drill bit is used to overream the hole an additional 1 inch in diameter. The ODEX casing is moved down right behind the reaming bit. In this way, the SF_6-laced air can circulate back up the hole, in the annulus outside of the drill pipe and inside the ODEX casing, without contacting the formation. The lower 2/3 of the hole was cored straight through without casing the formation.

Orientation of the core for vertical was performed after each core run. A small (<10 cm) piece of core was retained from the end of one run to orient the top of the next core run when possible. Orientation of the core was also performed using an "off-center weighted" wire line dummy which was lowered to the bottom of the hole through the coring rods. The dummy maintained orientation

with vertical. Playdough was affixed to its tip to form an impression of the stub left behind after the overshot break. Fun-Doh was found to be inferior to Playdough. It tended to lose shape upon drying and to be more crumbly, leaving residue on the top of the next core barrel. The colors were not as bright either.

Several single shot measurements were taken at various depths along the hole. This instrument exposes photographic film to a compass/leveling bulb that indicates orientation of the hole in space. The compass reading was unreliable as it was taken inside the metal ODEX casing. The dip reading indicates that the hole dives a few degrees beyond 45°. The hole was drilled toward the northeast (N55° E), perpendicular to the strike of a fracture set. The set is evident in aerial photographs. This was done in an attempt to pierce many of the fracture planes normally. Most of the core was retrieved in a broken condition, partly due to the drilling. Many evidently "natural" fractures were encountered.

Immediately upon removal of tuff from the core barrel, the sample was taken into the TUFF shed. The core was marked for vertical and depth with wax pencil and was logged on audio cassette and video taped. Every other 20 ft (6 m) section was cut into 4-inch (10 cm) lengths. The core was cut with a rock saw after logging and prior to sealing for storage. This was done in preparation for squeezing the water out of the core in a press (see G. Davidson, Ph.D. dissertation in progress, 1995). The entire 662 ft of core was wrapped in Barex, a puncture-resistant, cellophane-type material, and sealed in a ProtecCore envelope. This was done in 75 cm lengths, typically 3 to a core barrel. The ProtecCore is a foil and plastic laminate material which is designed to be a vapor barrier over extended periods when properly sealed. The envelope was flushed with high purity N_2 and sealed with a hot iron. These envelopes have been stored in boxes at The UA Core Storage Facility. A full core barrel was sealed in the protective envelope within 20 minutes after removal from the base of the hole.

4.2 CORE HANDLING AND GRAVIMETRIC WATER CONTENT

The Y2 core samples were scrubbed lightly with a wire brush while being rinsed under Tucson tap water. Any remaining dust and dirt from drilling, and any loose pieces of tuff material, were removed. This was done to assist in establishing a relatively constant dry weight by removing small bits of material that would eventually fall off over time as a result of handling. Additionally, lithologic contrast in the core record is much more evident on the cleaned samples.

Fifty-three samples of tuff were retrieved during the DSB drilling project. They were labeled g1-g53 (sample g12 broke cleanly into two pieces that were labeled g12a and g12b). The samples were wire brushed (dry) to remove any loose material and weighed within 30 minutes after removal from the base of the borehole. The samples were later dried in an oven and reweighed to determine gravimetric water content. Oven-drying core involves heating the samples at 105° C to a constant weight (Gardner, ASTM, 1986). Figure 4.1 shows gravimetric water content for the original 53 G series samples.

Gravimetric water content for the core samples was determined using the following equation (Gardner, ASTM, 1986):

$$w = \frac{(Mass_{wet} - Mass_{dry})}{Mass_{dry}} \tag{10}$$
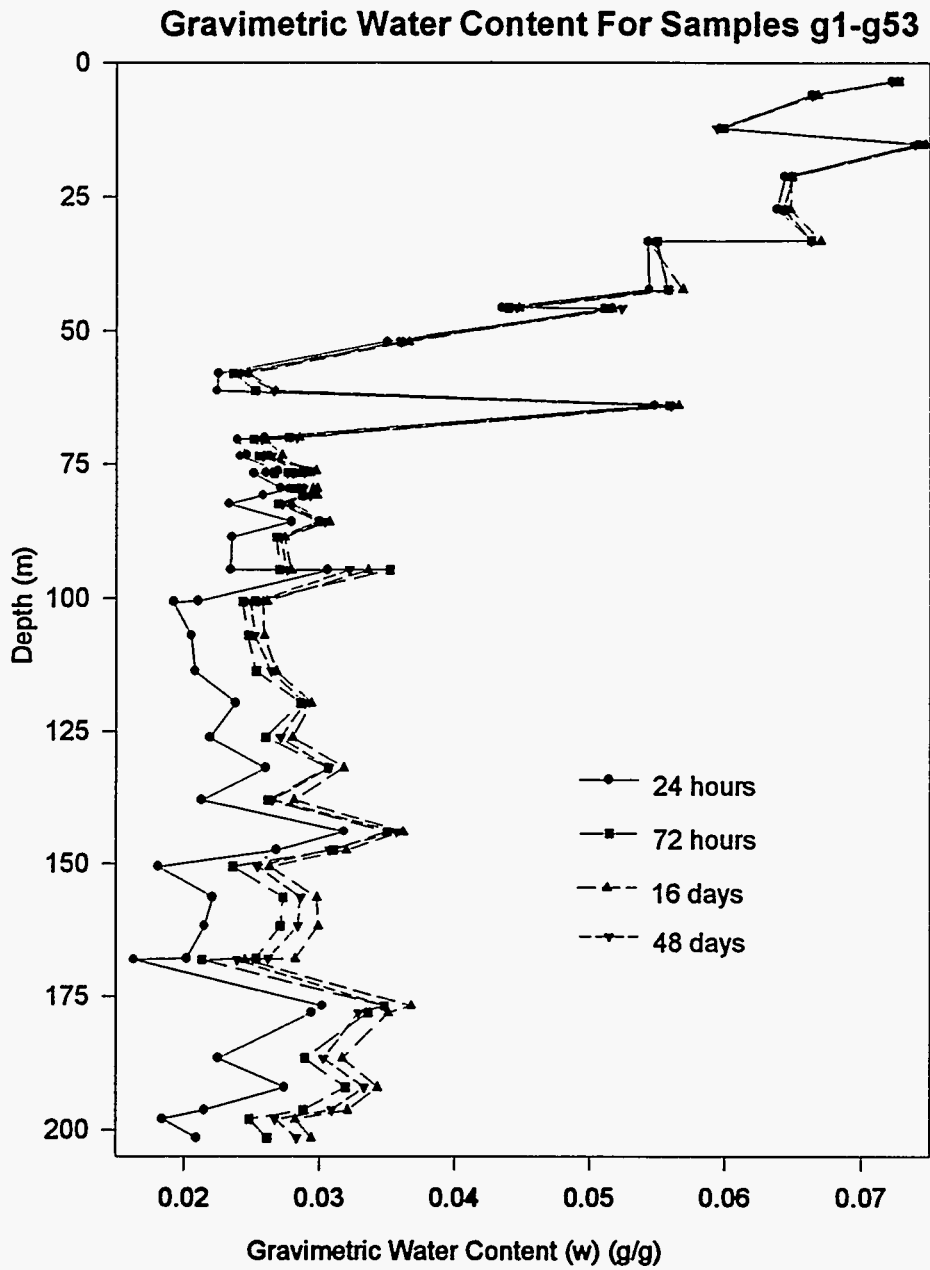
Figure 4.1. Gravimetric water content (w) with depth in the DSB. Gravimetric water content after 48 days of drying was slightly less than at 16 days for most samples below the 50 m depth.

The data used to generate Figure 4.1 can be found in Table B.1 of Appendix B. The spike near 65 m was from a sample that was taken immediately below a wet fracture. The fracture aperture was on the order of 20 cm and appeared to contain water-washed pebbles at the point where the borehole intersected it. The decrease in gravimetric water content from the surface down to 60 m (see Figure 4.1) could be the result of water flowing in the stream bed and infiltration down to that point. Volumetric water content is calculated and discussed in Section 5.1. The weight of most samples increased an average of 0.6 g between 16 days and 48 days of drying. This results in the calculation of a lower gravimetric water content. There is no explanation of this anomalous behavior. The 16-day data are assumed to be the true gravimetric water content. After the gravimetric analysis, the core samples were rinsed with Tucson tap water while being lightly scrubbed with a wire brush. The core was stored in cardboard core storage boxes.

Fourteen additional G series cores and the 42 P series cores were removed from their protective packages after approximately 8 months in storage. Water had condensed on the inside of the protective envelope, and no attempt was made to determine gravimetric water content of these samples. The 14 G series samples were labeled g54-g67. They were rinsed with Tucson tap water while being scrubbed with a wire brush. The P series core were sampled from storage by E. Hardin for the purpose of resistivity measurements and could not be wetted. The P series samples were dry brushed with a nylon brush.

Both of these subsets were taken from envelopes containing cut core; thus, their shape closely approximates a right circular cylinder. This allows their bulk volume to be estimated by measuring their length and diameter. Several of the original 53 G series samples were also from core that was cut in the field. None of the Y2 series core was cut.

4.2.1 Bulk Volume Estimation

An estimate of bulk volume was made for any core sample that closely approximated a right circular cylinder by measuring its length and diameter with a vernier caliper. The error involved in this method is a function of the condition of the core. If a sample is rough or chipped, the estimate is not very accurate. The error is probably similar in magnitude to the bulk volume estimator error, but has not been quantified. The bulk volume of all the G series and Y2 series core samples was estimated by the immersion method using the bulk volume estimator. This means that cut G series samples had their bulk volume estimated by both methods. Bulk volume of the P series cores was estimated by direct measurement only.

After a G series or Y2 series core sample was tested in the gas pycnometer, it was soaked in Tucson tap water for several days. The sample was removed from the water immediately prior to bulk volume estimation by the immersion method. The surface was quickly blotted to remove excess water. Core was immersed 5 or 6 times, and the water volume displaced in the buret was recorded each time. The core was held lengthwise with a single loop of 30 AWG electrical wire, the immersed volume of which is $< 0.2 \text{ cm}^3$. The bulk volume was then calculated using Equation (9) and the average displacement. The core was assumed to have acquired a saturated rind as a result of the soaking. This was done to reduce the amount of water a core might imbibe while being tested. To test this assumption, several samples were removed from the soaking tub, blotted, and immersed in the graduated cylinder. For each of these test pieces, the height of water in the buret was recorded initially and every 20 minutes for several hours. There was no significant change in the height of the water in the buret, and the samples were assumed not to imbibe any water in the several seconds required to estimate bulk volume by the immersion method.

The immersion bulk volume estimate is in lieu of developing core saturation procedures for measuring bulk volume with the gas pycnometer. At the pressure of operation, entrapped air could

affect this measurement if the samples were not completely saturated. In fact, this behavior is required for part of the entrapped air tests performed in the literature (see, for example, Stonestrom and Rubin, 1989). The water in the samples would move into the pores occupied by air at atmospheric pressure. This type of bulk volume estimate would also require a calibration of the pycnometer with water saturated air. Investigation of this additional behavior was deemed outside the scope of this research. Sealing the core with any substance that alters the tuff renders it useless for future testing in the pycnometer, or other comparative testing, and was not employed.

4.3 GAS PYCNOMETER TESTING METHODOLOGY

Approximately one year after the gravimetric analysis, all core samples were placed in the drying oven. The pycnometer was designed and built during this year. The 14 additional G series samples had been air-dried in cardboard core storage boxes for 4 months prior to being placed in the oven. The P series core had some resistivity work performed on them and had been stored in the drying oven for nearly a month prior to oven drying for pycnometer testing. After 5 days, several test pieces from all three core series were weighed. They were weighed again on each of the 5 following days and their weight was found to be constant.

Each core was weighed immediately after removal from the drying oven. Samples were then placed into one of two sealed cooling chambers that were partially filled with Drierite desiccant. The core was allowed to cool overnight (18 to 20 hrs) prior to testing in the gas pycnometer. The pressure in one of the dry boxes was lowered approximately 20 kPa (3 psi) below atmospheric pressure to remove a portion of the laboratory air that may have carried water vapor into the chambers. After the cooling period, the temperature inside the drying boxes was found to be identical to laboratory ambient temperature as reported by two mercury thermometers. The samples were then removed from the drying boxes, one at a time, and reweighed immediately prior to pycnometer testing. There was no change in sample weight during the cooling period in the samples from either box.

Core testing with the gas pycnometer is performed with the same pressure conditions and in the same temperature range as the calibration. Core samples are sealed in the sample chamber in an identical fashion as described in Section 3.2, Gas Pycnometer Calibration. The core samples are tested through approximately 10 cycles of the pycnometer. After each set of cycles, the core is removed and the inside of the sample chamber is wiped with a clean dry cloth. This is done to remove any small pieces of tuff material that might accumulate in the chamber and interfere with the O-rings (see Figure 2.1). The ratio is calculated using Equation (7), and the solid volume is estimated using Equation (8), for each cycle. Figure 4.2 shows the ratio estimate for 23 randomly selected G series core samples and indicates that the ratio estimate is fairly constant from cycle to cycle. The first ratio estimate of many tests appears slightly greater than the second or remaining ratio estimates. This is discussed below in Section 5.2.1, Re-Tested Core Data. The cycle number can be thought of as testing time, as each trace in the figure required approximately 20-30 minutes to generate. There does not appear to be any noticeable trend in the ratio estimate for successive cycles in the gas pycnometer.

Ratio Estimate for 23 Randomly Selected G Cores
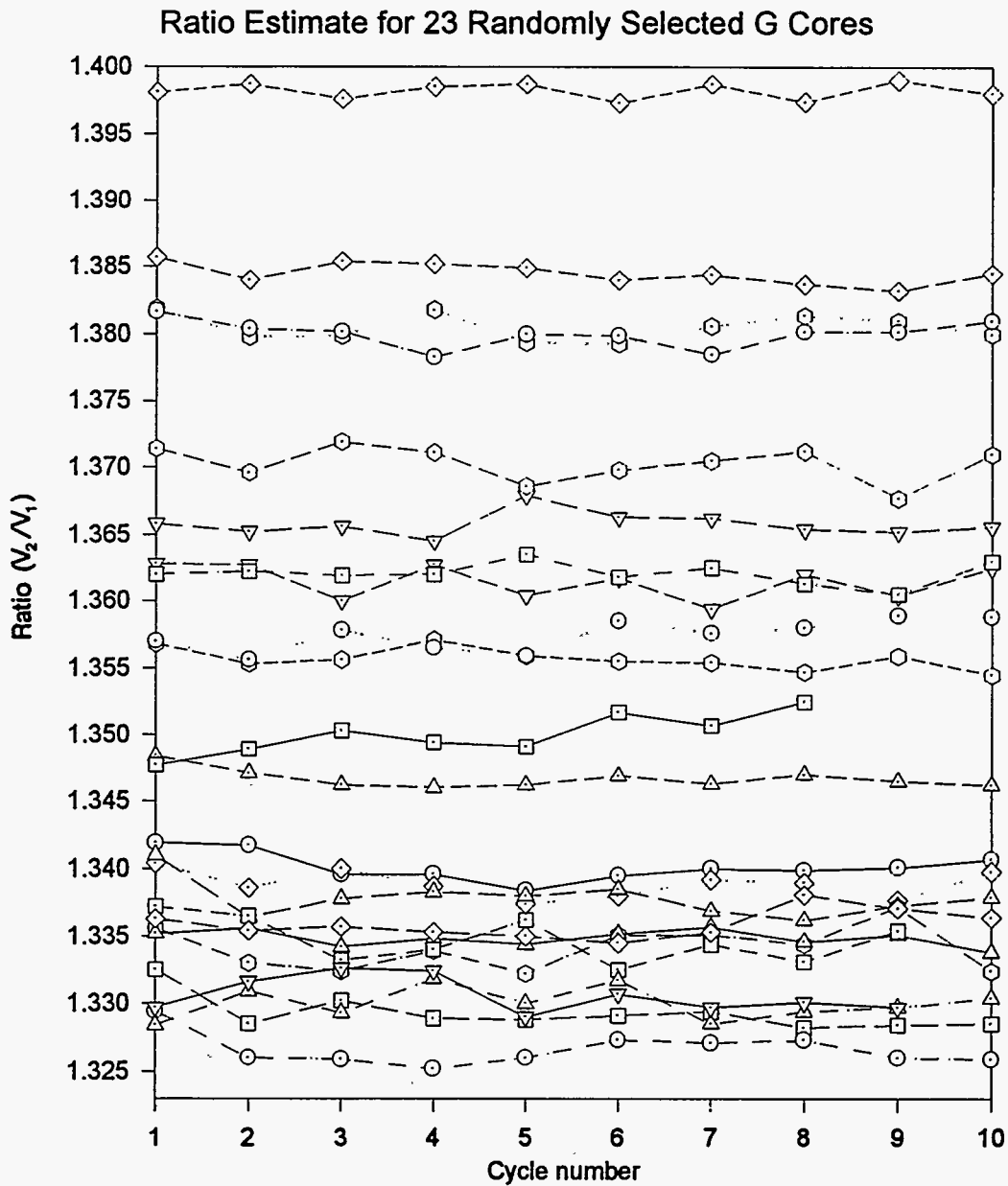
Figure 4.2. Ratio (V_2/V_1) estimate as a function of cycle number. The 23 G series cores were randomly selected. The ratio estimate shows no trend through a test and is consistent from cycle to cycle.

5. GRAPHIC RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

5.1 GRAPHIC RESULTS

Data from the gas pycnometer testing are reported in Appendix B, in four tables: Table B.3: Y2 Series Data; Table B.4: G Series Data; Table B.5: P Series Data; and Table B.6: Re-Tested Core Data. Each table is accompanied by a key that explains the meaning of the column headings. Table B.2 (Key to Condition Codes) describes column (a) in the G and P series data tables. The code is simply a report of observations made about lithologic characteristics of the samples and is not used to modify any data. All parameters are reported with depth along the borehole to coincide with core logs. Conversion to real depth is approximated by depth times cos (45°).

Trends in the estimated parameters with depth are best recognized graphically, and the data are presented in this format on the following pages. The first parameter to be calculated is grain density (ρ_g) (g/cm^3), which is the ratio of the oven-dry weight of a core sample to the volume of solids estimated by the pycnometer. Figure 5.1 shows the trend in grain density with depth in the DSB. Both the P series and G series are included. The data for this figure are taken from Tables B.4 and B.5. The volume of solid was changed for one core sample [p33, see Table B.5, column (f)]. The sample was initially determined to contain 289.7 cm^3 of solids, which was increased to 302.6 cm^3 as a result of the re-test. The original estimate of grain density for this sample was observed as an anomalous data point in Figure 5.1, and the new value more closely agrees with adjacent values.

Bulk volume of the samples has also been measured. Bulk density (ρ_b) (g/cm^3) is calculated as the ratio of oven-dry weight to bulk volume. After determination of grain density and bulk density, porosity ϕ (cm^3/cm^3) can be calculated using Equation (1). Figure 5.2 illustrates the trend in porosity and bulk density with depth in the DSB. Both P and G series samples are shown. The data are taken from Tables B.4 and B.5.

Volumetric water content can be calculated from gravimetric water content using Equation (11):

$$\theta = w\left(\frac{\rho_b}{\rho_w}\right) \qquad (11)$$

where:

ρ_w = water density (g/cm^3).

The density of water is assumed to equal 1.0 (g/cm^3). Figure 5.3 shows volumetric water content with depth in the DSB.

The Y2 series core was processed in the same way as the P and G series core. Grain density for the Y2 series core is shown in Figure 5.4, and porosity and bulk density for Y2 series core is illustrated in Figure 5.5.

5.1.1 Intrinsic Permeability

An estimate of intrinsic permeability has been made for the core samples. The Kozeny-Carman equation (de Marsily, 1986) is an empirical formulation that relates powers of pore surface area and porosity to permeability. This equation is:
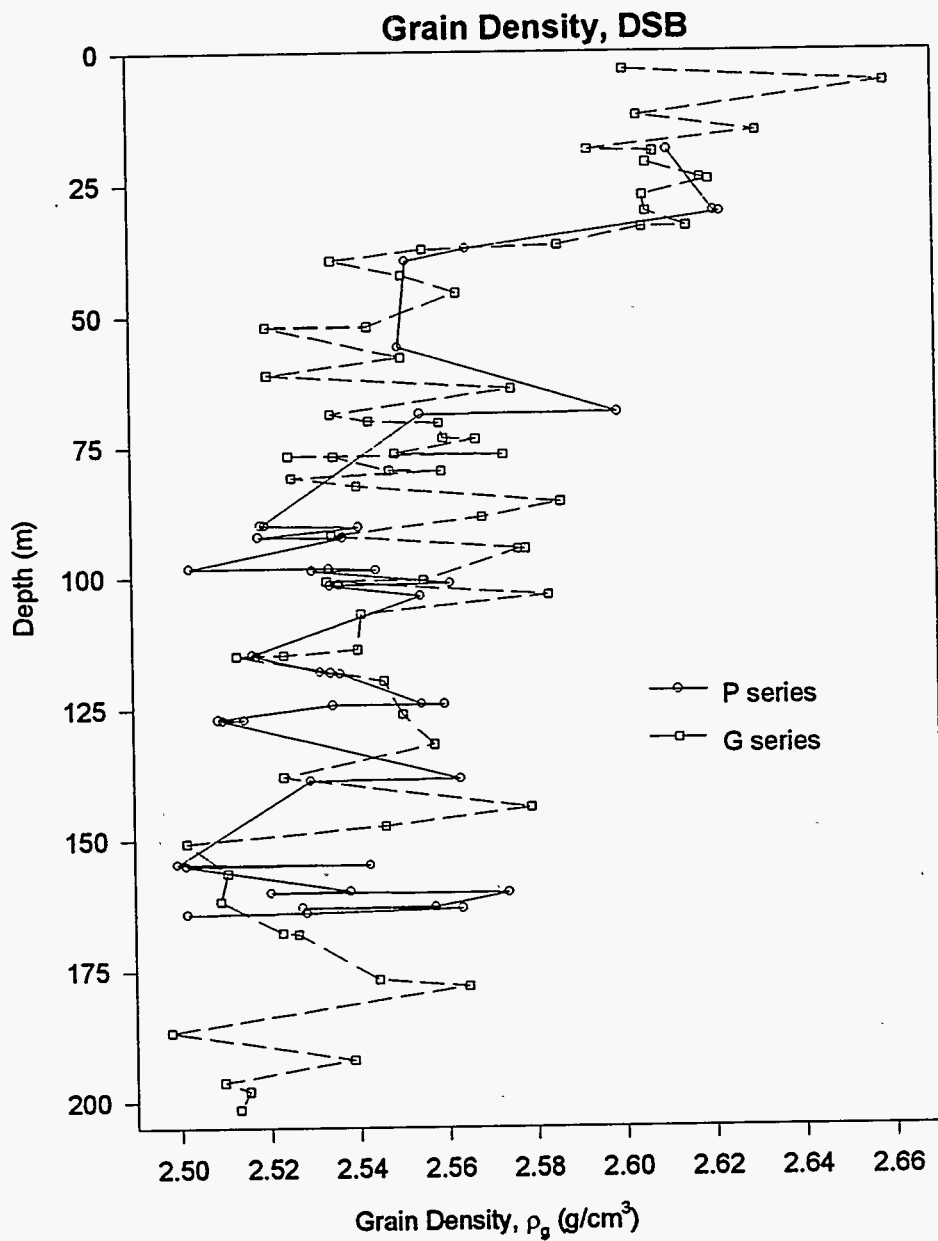
Figure 5.1. Grain density with depth in the DSB. Both P and G series are shown.
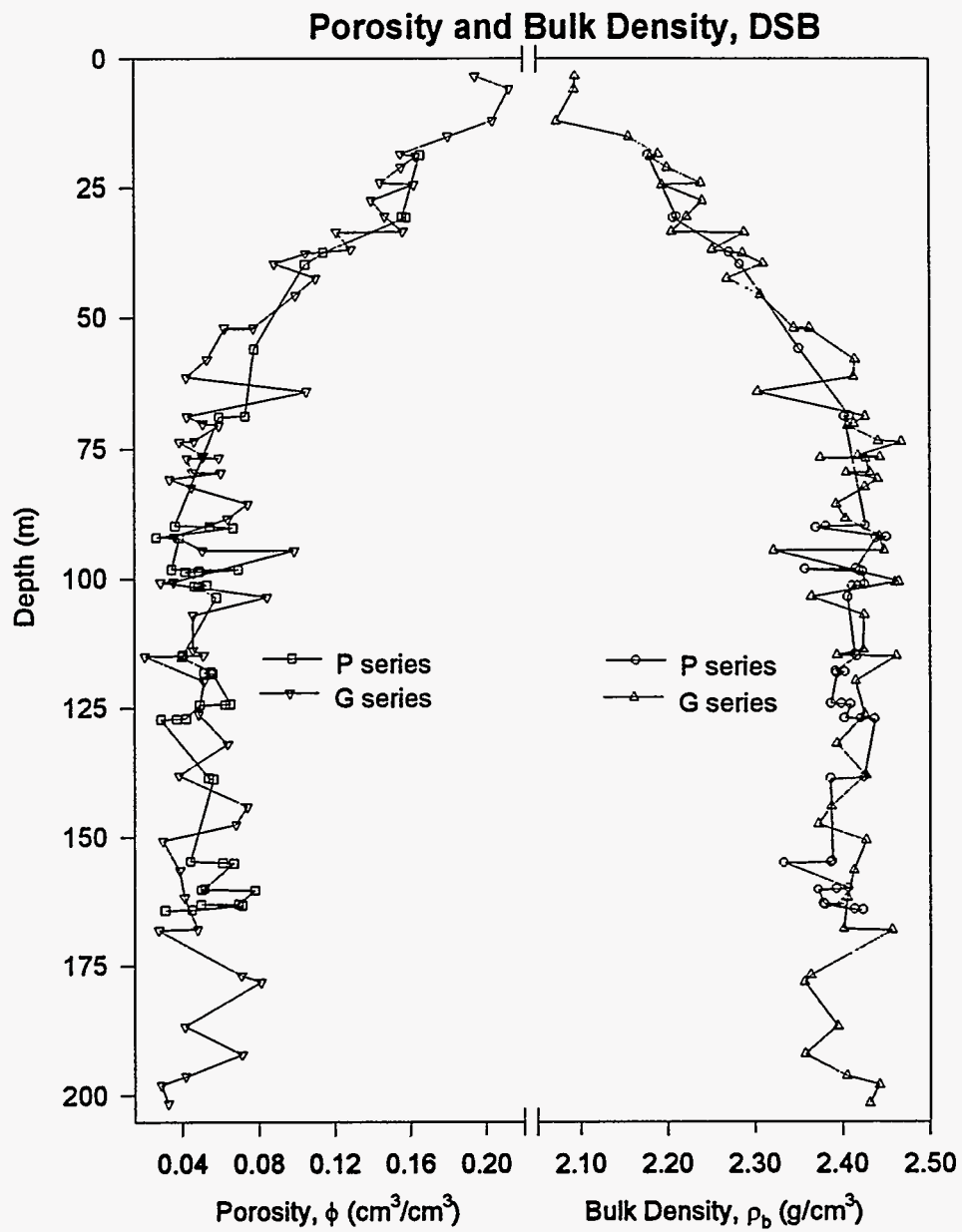
Figure 5.2. Porosity and bulk density with depth in the DSB. Both P and G series samples are shown.

Figure 5.3. Volumetric water content with depth in the DSB. This parameter is calculated from gravimetric water content and bulk density of G series core.
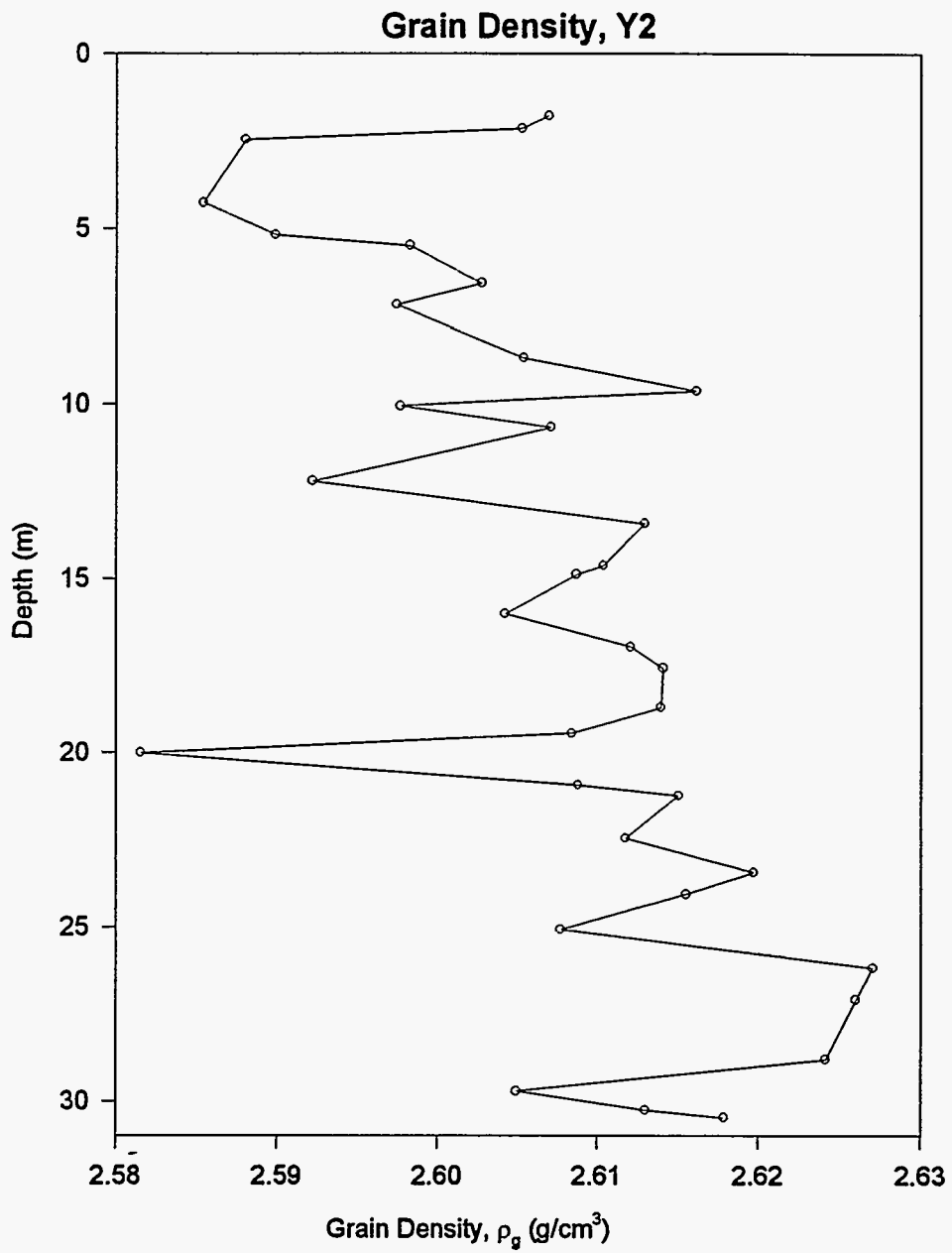
Figure 5.4. Grain density with depth in the Y2 borehole.
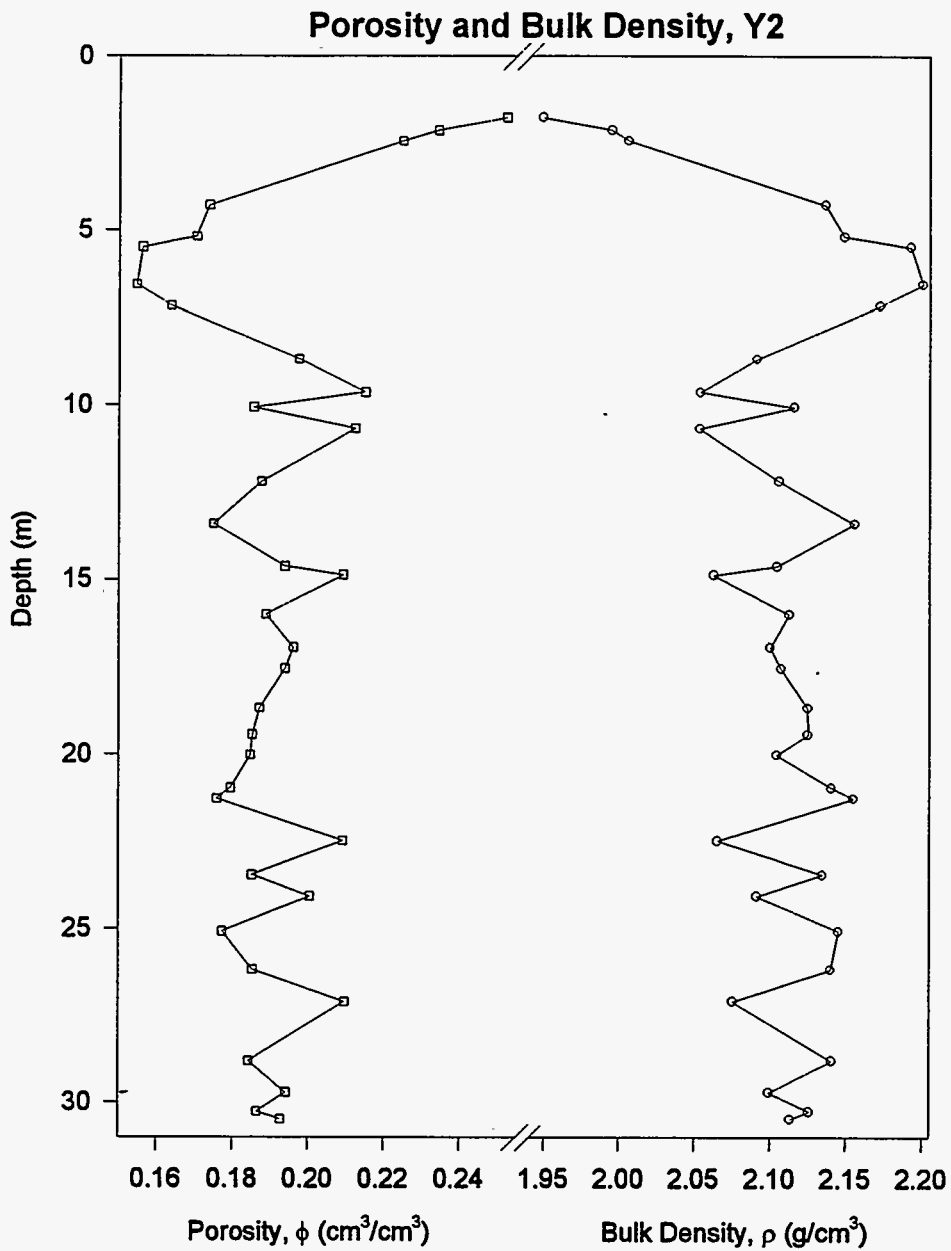
Figure 5.5. Porosity and bulk density with depth in the Y2 borehole.

$$k = \frac{\phi^3}{5 S^2 (1 - \phi)^2} \qquad (12)$$

where:

S = pore surface area per unit volume of solid (cm^2/cm^3), and
k = permeability (cm^2).

The permeability of G and P series core (Tables B.4 and B.5) is reported with the units of (m^2) and is calculated using a mean pore surface area of 3.5×10^4 cm^2/g and a grain density of 2.51 g/cm^3. These values are reported as the average gravimetric pore surface area and skeletal (grain) density of the medium size core segments in Rasmussen et al. (1990, Tables 4 and 3, respectively).

The pore surface area is defined as the interfacial area between the wetting fluid and the rock matrix, obtained using the mercury intrusion method. A brief description of this method and its assumptions follows (see Rasmussen et al., 1990). A sample is placed in a chamber that is evacuated and filled with mercury. A commercial device designed to perform the analysis is used (Micromeritics PoreSizer 9320). The volume of mercury intruded into the sample is recorded by monitoring the change of mercury volume in a reservoir. The mercury is intruded in pressure increments up to 175 MPa. The applied pressure is used to determine a pore diameter by employing capillary theory. The total work expended for each pressure increment is converted to pore surface area. This is accomplished by assuming a constant contact angle and surface tension of the mercury. The mean value given above is reported with a coefficient of variation of 65%. The pore surface area so measured ranged in value from 1960 m^2/kg to 16,510 m^2/kg.

Included in the analysis of Rasmussen et al. (1990) was the determination of pore surface area for 12 Y2 core samples. These data are included in Table 5.1 with their sample ID, depth along the borehole, and pore surface area on a gravimetric basis. Pore surface area is converted to a volume basis using the average grain density of Y2 core determined with the gas pycnometer (2.61 g/cm^3). An average volumetric pore surface area for Y2 core is 3,321 cm^2/cm^3, with a standard deviation of 798 cm^2/cm^3, was computed by excluding sample JE (see Table 5.1). This average value and porosity determined by the gas pycnometer was used to calculate the permeability reported in Table B.3. The intrinsic permeability of borehole Y2 has also been determined in-situ by the air permeability method (Guzman, 1994). The arithmetic average of in-situ tests on 50 cm intervals is compared to the Kozeny-Carman permeability in Figure 5.6.

5.2 DISCUSSION

The grain density illustrated in Figure 5.1 for the DSB ranges in value from 2.50 to 2.66 g/cm^3, and there is a trend toward lower grain density with depth. The figure indicates a shift to lower density near the 30 m depth. The maximum difference in adjacent samples is approximately 0.06 g/cm^3, but averages closer to 0.02 g/cm^3. The variability in grain density for Y2 samples (see Figure 5.4) is much lower. The range is from 2.58 to 2.63 g/cm^3, and there is a slight increase in grain density with depth. The maximum difference in adjacent samples is approximately 0.03 g/cm^3 (at 20 m), but averages closer to 0.01 g/cm^3.

Table 5.1. Pore Surface Area for Y2 Core Reported by Rasmussen et al. (1990).

Sample ID	Depth (m)	Pore Area (m^2/kg)	Pore Area (cm^2/cm^3)
JB	1.8	4,051	105,731
JC	3.3	3,429	89,497
JD	4.1	5,364	140,000
JE*	6.2	16,160	421,776
JF	9.3	2,291	59,765
JG	12.3	3,286	85,765
JH	15.3	3,077	80,310
JJ	18.5	2,916	76,108
JK	21.3	2,819	73,576
JM	24.5	3,570	93,177
JN	27.3	3,222	84,094
JP	30.3	2,500	65,250

* excluded from average pore surface area calculation

The porosity illustrated in Figure 5.2 for the DSB ranges from 0.21 cm^3/cm^3 near the surface to 0.02 cm^3/cm^3 at-depth. The porosity averages around 0.05 cm^3/cm^3 in the lower 2/3 of the borehole. It is this low porosity that is used to explain the extended drying times required for the gravimetric analysis. Figure 5.2 also shows bulk density with depth, in the range from 2.07 to 2.47 g/cm^3. Both parameters show remarkable consistency in trend with depth. The porosity and bulk density for Y2 samples again show a smaller range and lower variability from sample to sample. The porosity in Y2 initially decreases with depth away from the surface and averages 0.19 cm^3/cm^3 over most of the borehole. Bulk density shows the opposite near-surface trend and averages 2.11 g/cm^3. The Y2 samples were obtained from the same lithologic unit that occurs in the upper 30 m of the DSB. The parameters obtained over those depths in the DSB show close agreement to those obtained from Y2. The proximity and similar elevation of the two wellheads support this finding.

The volumetric water content illustrated in Figure 5.3 shows a decrease with depth near the surface and a relatively constant (or slightly increasing) value over the lower 2/3 of the borehole.
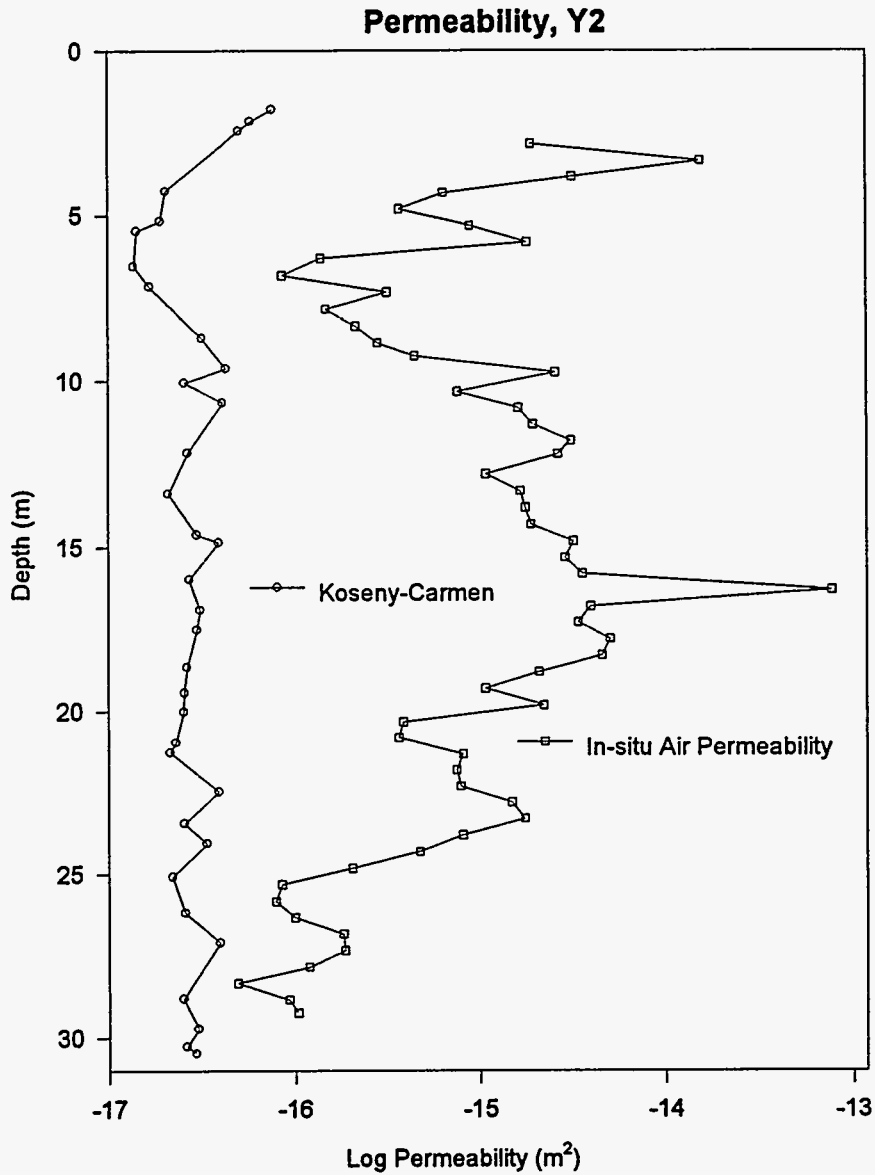
Figure 5.6. Intrinsic permeability with depth in Y2. There appears to be a similar trend between in-situ air permeability estimates (Guzman, 1994), and Kozeny-Carman permeability estimates based on gas pycnometer porosity, in the low permeability range (10^{-17} m^2 to 10^{-16} m^2).

As was mentioned previously in the gravimetric analysis, the spike at 65 m represents a sample obtained immediately below a wet fracture. The fracture aperture (approximately 20 cm) was large enough to contain coarse sand and fine gravel in significant quantities; nearly 0.5 liters was retrieved from the core barrel. The sediment was remarkably devoid of clay, and some of the larger rock fragments had the rounded appearance of water-washed pebbles, although some rounding can occur as a result of the drilling. The DSB was drilled in a stream bed that is dry most of the year. Precipitation was recorded at near-record levels over most of central Arizona immediately prior to and during the drilling. The stream flowed with water continuously during this time. The decrease in water content with depth away from the surface could, therefore, be interpreted as a wetting front. The porosity averages 20 cm^3/cm^3 over this depth range.

The permeabilities compared in Figure 5.6 for the Y2 borehole show interesting agreement in trend in the 10^{-17} to 10^{-16} m^2 range. The much larger permeabilities (from approximately 10^{-15} to 10^{-13} m^2) predicted by the in-situ air permeability method are associated with fractured zones (Guzman, 1995). The porosity and pore surface area based Kozeny-Carman permeability is only applicable to matrix permeability and is two orders of magnitude less overall. This implies that the air permeability method is a more accurate and conservative estimate of permeability than that of Kozeny-Carman in fractured tuffs.

A hypothesis was formulated prior to core testing that there would be some noticeable difference in grain density (and therefore bulk density and porosity) between cut samples and uncut samples in the DSB. The assumption was that weathering and secondary mineralization would alter tuff material adjacent to a fracture face. Most of the G series are uncut samples, many of which were retrieved with obvious natural fractures bounding them, while the P series are all cut samples, representing matrix material away from a fracture. There is no apparent difference in these subsets, as is most evident when comparing the P series and the G series in Figure 5.1.

Also reported in the data tables is the coefficient of variation (CV) in solid volume for a test sequence. This parameter is simply the ratio of the standard deviation in solid volume to the average solid volume (multiplied by 100) computed over the number of cycles indicated. The maximum CV in any test sequence was 1.59%, with an average of 0.7% for all tests.

5.2.1 Re-Tested Core Samples

The pycnometer was used to re-test 22 core samples and test three additional P series samples. Most of the re-tested core was selected randomly to cover the length of each borehole. Several samples were selected based on lack of agreement in grain density with adjacent samples. The re-tested data are reported in Table B.6. The solid volume is also included in Tables B.3, B.4, and B.5 for comparison purposes. The magnitude of the average difference in solid volume between the original test and the re-test of 21 of these samples is 1.6 cm^3, with a standard deviation of 1.3 cm^3. The re-tested values were not consistently higher or lower than the original data. The error computed for the calibration of the instrument was 2.2 cm^3, and the difference between the two tests is consistent with this. Sample p33 could have had an incorrect original estimate as a result of operator error. The close agreement in solid volume implies acceptable instrument precision.

Also reported for the re-tested core data (see Table B.6) is the solid volume predicted by excluding the first cycle of each test series and computing solid volume from the average of the remaining cycles. This is indicated as (N-1) and appears on the second line of data for each sample. This was done because it was observed that the first ratio estimate was greater than the second estimate for many of the tests illustrated in Figure 4.2. In most cases, exclusion of the first ratio estimate results in a slightly greater estimate of solid volume and a slightly lower coefficient of variation for the test. However, there is no physically meaningful difference in the parameters

estimated using either method, and all cycles of each test were used to calculate grain density, bulk density, porosity, and permeability. It is speculated that the first estimate suffers from the effect of opening the system to insert a new sample. The effect could be the result of water vapor in the laboratory air that enters the system, but is not investigated further.

6. CONCLUSIONS

Gas pycnometry is a simple and accurate technique for measuring the solid volume of porous material. It is especially useful when applied to material that has low matrix permeability and low porosity, as helium is able to enter the smallest accessible pores in a short time period. The pycnometer should be constructed with materials that are poor conductors of heat and do not change shape when operating pressures are applied. The pycnometer should be designed such that the sample chamber can accommodate large samples of variable size and shape. The optimal configuration is one in which the sample bulk volume is almost as large as the sample chamber. This is because the relatively constant random error becomes a smaller percent of the estimate as the solid volume increases. The inside diameter of the sample chamber should be just slightly larger than the outside diameter of the core sample, and the length of the core sample should approach the internal length of the sample chamber. The temperature of the system should be measured and incorporated into the analysis. The reasons are that theory requires it, and it is a simple way to monitor system conditions. In this way, operation of the instrument in a regime not covered in the calibration is easily recognized.

6.1 FUTURE WORK

The operation of the instrument could be enhanced with the use of automatic valves and automated data collection. A sample could be inserted into the chamber and an automated sequence initiated that would result in solid volume estimation to specified convergence criteria. This level of automation is used in some of the commercial devices.

A calibration could also be performed with water-saturated helium, and the device could be used to estimate volume of solid and liquid in a partially saturated core sample. This type of calibration would also be required if the device were used to estimate trapped air. The device is ruggedly constructed and could be employed near the borehole during drilling to estimate volumetric water content of freshly retrieved tuff samples.

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APPENDIX A: GENERAL INFORMATION

Table A.1: Datalogger Program

Table A.2: Calibration Sphere Measurements

Table A.1: Datalogger Operating Program

This program operates a Campbell Scientific 21X Micrologger and automatically collects data from the pressure and temperature sensors as described in Section 3.2 (Gas Pycnometer Calibration).

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Table 1 Programs
    01: 0.2    Sec. Execution Interval

01: P6     Full Bridge
    01: 1          Rep
    02: 4          500 mV slow Range
    03: 2          IN Chan
    04: 1          Excite all reps w/EXchan 1
    05: 5000       mV Excitation
    06: 2          Loc [:P-RES   ]
    07: 10.157     Mult
    08: -3.1406    Offset

02: P6     Full Bridge
    01: 1          Rep
    02: 4          500 mV slow Range
    03: 3          IN Chan
    04: 1          Excite all reps w/EXchan 1
    05: 5000       mV Excitation
    06: 3          Loc [:P-SAMP  ]
    07: 10.188     Mult
    08: -4.5628    Offset

03: P4     Excite,Delay,Volt(SE)
    01: 1          Rep
    02: 4          500 mV slow Range
    03: 7          IN Chan
    04: 2          Excite all reps w/EXchan 2
    05: 0          Delay (units .01sec)
    06: 5000       mV Excitation
    07: 7          Loc [:T-res   ]
    08: 1.0000     Mult
    09: -.76745    Offset
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04: P4      Excite,Delay,Volt(SE)
    01: 1        Rep
    02: 4        500 mV slow Range
    03: 8        IN Chan
    04: 2        Excite all reps w/EXchan 2
    05: 0        Delay (units .01sec)
    06: 5000     mV Excitation
    07: 8        Loc [:T-samp   ]
    08: 1.0000   Mult
    09: 2.4145   Offset

05: P91     If Flag
    01: 11       1 is set
    02: 30       Then Do

06: P32     Z=Z+1
    01: 28       Z Loc :

07: P89     If X<=>F
    01: 28       X Loc
    02: 3        >=
    03: 10       F
    04: 10       Set high Flag 0 (output)

08: P77     Real Time
    01: 0111     Day,Hour-Minute,Seconds

09: P78     Resolution
    01: 1        High Resolution

10: P71     Average
    01: 2        Reps
    02: 2        Loc P-RES

11: P71     Average
    01: 2        Reps
    02: 7.       Loc T-res

12: P95     End

13: P89     If X<=>F
    01: 28       X Loc
    02: 3        >=
    03: 10       F
    04: 30       Then Do

14: P86     Do
    01: 21       Set low Flag 1
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15: P30   Z=F
    01: 0   F
    02: 28   Z Loc :

16: P95   End

17: P   End Table 1

Input Location Assignments (with comments):
Key: T=Table Number   E=Entry Number   L=Location Number
    T: E: L:
    1: 1: 2: Loc [:P-RES   ]
    1: 2: 3: Loc [:P-SAMP   ]
    1: 3: 7: Loc [:T-res   ]
    1: 4: 8: Loc [:T-samp   ]
    1: 6: 28: Z Loc :
    1: 15: 28: Z Loc :

Table A.2: Calibration Sphere Measurements

The diameter of each calibration sphere has been measured on five different axes and is tabulated below. The spheres are made from a cast phenolic resin manufactured by the Belgian Aramith Co. They are precision ground to perfect spheres (product information sheet), are assumed to have zero connected porosity, and have a low heat capacity when compared to metallic material.

The diameter measurement is in inches.

Ball ID	M	B1	B2	C1	C2	AVG	Std Dev	Vol (cm3)
C	1.500	1.498	1.498	1.496	1.497	1.498	0.002	28.820
1	1.499	1.497	1.498	1.497	1.497	1.498	0.001	28.814
2	1.496	1.494	1.494	1.494	1.494	1.494	0.001	28.635
3	1.495	1.493	1.492	1.492	1.492	1.493	0.001	28.532
4	1.498	1.497	1.497	1.497	1.497	1.497	0.001	28.785
5	1.499	1.499	1.497	1.497	1.498	1.498	0.001	28.838
6	1.500	1.498	1.496	1.498	1.498	1.498	0.001	28.838
7	1.503	1.500	1.501	1.500	1.500	1.501	0.001	29.005
8	1.501	1.498	1.497	1.499	1.499	1.499	0.001	28.889
9	1.498	1.497	1.496	1.497	1.497	1.497	0.001	28.783
10	1.500	1.498	1.498	1.498	1.498	1.498	0.001	28.860
CX	1.494	1.492	1.491	1.492	1.491	1.492	0.001	28.494
1X	1.503	1.501	1.500	1.500	1.500	1.501	0.001	28.998
2X	1.495	1.492	1.492	1.493	1.493	1.493	0.001	28.547
3X	1.499	1.498	1.498	1.497	1.497	1.498	0.001	28.840
4X	1.500	1.500	1.498	1.499	1.498	1.499	0.001	28.898
5X	1.497	1.494	1.495	1.494	1.495	1.495	0.001	28.663
6X	1.492	1.490	1.489	1.490	1.489	1.490	0.001	28.372
7X	1.497	1.496	1.496	1.497	1.496	1.496	0.001	28.745
8X	1.500	1.497	1.498	1.497	1.498	1.498	0.001	28.843
9X	1.501	1.500	1.499	1.499	1.499	1.499	0.001	28.911
10X	1.499	1.498	1.497	1.497	1.498	1.498	0.001	28.825
						max=	0.002	
				Average Values=		1.497	0.001	28.769
				Std. Dev=		0.003	0.0002	0.160

Worst case calculation (see section 3.2):

Largest sphere diameter is 1.501 inches,

assume the average is mistakenly measured as 1.504 inches.

(+0.003" diameter = max std dev in diameter + micrometer uncertainty)

Volume Error = $1/6 * pi * (1.504^3 - 1.501^3) = 0.0106$ in^3 = 0.174 cm^3

APPENDIX B: DATA TABLES FOR ALRS TUFF

Table B.1: Gravimetric Water Content Data
Samples g1 - g53, ALRS-ASB-1, Jan. & Feb., 1993

Weights:

Gravimetric Water Contents:

w = (Wet Mass - Dry Mass) / Dry Mass

SAMP ID	DEPTH (ft)	DEPTH (m)	WET (in field) (g)	DRY-1 24-hrs (g)	DRY-2 48-hrs (g)	DRY-3 72-hrs (g)	DRY-4 16-days (g)	DRY-5 48-days (g)	W-1 (g/g)	W-3 (g/g)	W-4 (g/g)	W-5 (g/g)	Vol W.C. cm3/cm3
g1	11.4	3.46	664.9	620.1		619.9	619.9	620.1	0.072	0.073	0.073	0.072	0.15
g2	19.7	5.99	634.3	594.8	594.6	594.8	594.6	594.8	0.066	0.066	0.067	0.066	0.14
g3	39.9	12.16	727.6	686.7		686.5	686.7	686.8	0.060	0.060	0.060	0.059	0.12
g4	49.9	15.19	704.6	656.0		655.8	655.6	656.1	0.074	0.074	0.075	0.074	0.16
g5	69.4	21.14	717.4	674.0		673.7	673.7	673.7	0.064	0.065	0.065	0.065	0.14
g6	89.8	27.36	1287.4	1210.2		1209.6	1209.1	1209.5	0.064	0.064	0.065	0.064	0.15
g7	109.0	33.22	857.3	803.9		804.0	803.5	804.0	0.066	0.066	0.067	0.066	0.15
g8	109.4	33.35	743.9	705.6	705.1	705.1	705.5	705.2	0.054	0.055	0.054	0.055	0.12
g9	139.1	42.38	643.0	609.9		609.0	608.4	609.0	0.054	0.056	0.057	0.056	0.13
g10	150.0	45.70	657.7	630.3		630.0	629.5	629.6	0.043	0.044	0.045	0.045	0.10
g11	150.3	45.81	626.8	596.0		596.3	596.0	595.6	0.052	0.051	0.052	0.052	
g12	170.6	51.98	1474.7	1424.8		1423.5	1422.7	1423.4	0.035	0.036	0.037	0.036	0.09
g13	190.2	57.96	738.7	722.5		721.7	720.9	721.3	0.022	0.024	0.025	0.024	0.06
g14	201.0	61.25	745.8	729.5	728.0	727.5	726.4	726.5	0.022	0.025	0.027	0.027	0.06
g15	210.1	64.04	775.1	734.8		734.1	733.6	734.0	0.055	0.056	0.057	0.056	0.13
g16	230.0	70.10	911.8	888.8		887.3	886.5	886.7	0.026	0.028	0.029	0.028	0.07
g17	231.2	70.47	746.6	729.2	728.1	728.3	727.7	727.9	0.024	0.025	0.026	0.026	0.06
g18	241.0	73.46	1303.2	1271.9		1270.1	1268.8	1269.5	0.025	0.026	0.027	0.027	0.07
g19	241.5	73.61	1353.7	1321.9		1320.1	1319.1	1319.7	0.024	0.025	0.026	0.026	0.06
g20	250.3	76.29	717.6	698.8		697.5	696.9	697.2	0.027	0.029	0.030	0.029	0.07
g21	251.3	76.60	743.7	724.4		723.7	722.7	722.8	0.027	0.028	0.029	0.029	0.07
g22	251.7	76.72	576.4	561.8		560.7	560.0	560.7	0.026	0.028	0.029	0.028	0.07
g23	252.0	76.81	1104.4	1077.4		1075.8	1073.8	1074.7	0.025	0.027	0.028	0.028	0.07
g24	261.0	79.55	1027.2	1000.1		998.6	997.8	998.5	0.027	0.029	0.029	0.029	0.07
g25	261.3	79.64	518.7	504.7		504.5	503.7	504.2	0.028	0.028	0.030	0.029	0.07
g26	265.3	80.86	1586.4	1546.5	1544.2	1542.1	1540.5	1541.2	0.026	0.029	0.030	0.029	0.07

Table B.1: Gravimetric Water Content Data - continued

Samples g1 - g53, ALRS-ASB-1, Jan. & Feb., 1993

Weights: Gravimetric Water Contents:

w = (Wet Mass - Dry Mass) / Dry Mass

SAMP ID	DEPTH (ft)	DEPTH (m)	WET (in field) (g)	DRY-1 24-hrs (g)	DRY-2 48-hrs (g)	DRY-3 72-hrs (g)	DRY-4 16-days (g)	DRY-5 48-days (g)	W-1 (g/g)	W-3 (g/g)	W-4 (g/g)	W-5 (g/g)	Vol W.C. cm3/cm3
g27	270.6	82.46	722.3	705.9		703.4	702.7	703.2	0.023	0.027	0.028	0.027	0.07
g28	281.3	85.74	1282.7	1247.9		1245.5	1244.5	1244.9	0.028	0.030	0.031	0.030	0.07
g29	290.7	88.59	683.2	667.5		665.4	665.0	665.2	0.024	0.027	0.027	0.027	0.07
g30	310.6	94.66	759.4	742.1	740.1	739.4	738.8	739.0	0.023	0.027	0.028	0.028	0.07
g31	310.8	94.73	458.5	444.9		442.9	443.6	444.2	0.031	0.035	0.034	0.032	0.08
g32	329.9	100.55	1158.5	1134.7		1130.0	1129.0	1129.8	0.021	0.025	0.026	0.025	0.06
g33	330.3	100.68	1004.4	985.5		980.6	979.1	980.0	0.019	0.024	0.026	0.025	0.06
g34	350.9	106.94	772.4	756.9		753.8	752.9	753.4	0.020	0.025	0.026	0.025	0.06
g35	373.1	113.71	785.0	769.0		765.6	764.5	764.8	0.021	0.025	0.027	0.026	0.07
g36	392.9	119.74	694.4	678.3	676.1	675.1	674.6	674.9	0.024	0.029	0.029	0.029	0.07
g37	414.0	126.17	768.2	751.8		748.7	747.3	747.9	0.022	0.026	0.028	0.027	0.07
g38	432.9	131.95	956.7	932.5		928.3	927.2	928.2	0.026	0.031	0.032	0.031	0.08
g39	452.9	138.03	723.4	708.3		704.9	703.7	704.7	0.021	0.026	0.028	0.027	0.07
g40	472.5	144.02	836.1	810.3		807.8	806.9	807.3	0.032	0.035	0.036	0.036	0.09
g41	483.8	147.46	613.6	597.6		595.2	594.6	595.3	0.027	0.031	0.032	0.031	0.08
g42	494.1	150.59	756.2	742.8	740.7	738.8	736.8	737.5	0.018	0.024	0.026	0.025	0.06
f43	513.1	156.38	743.8	727.7		724.0	722.3	723.1	0.022	0.027	0.030	0.029	0.07
g44	530.6	161.73	739.5	723.9		720.0	718.0	719.1	0.022	0.027	0.030	0.028	0.07
g45	550.8	167.87	615.3	603.1		600.1	598.4	599.6	0.020	0.025	0.028	0.026	0.07
g46	551.5	168.08	861.5	847.7		843.5	840.9	841.4	0.016	0.021	0.024	0.024	0.06
g47	580.1	176.80	540.6	524.8	523.2	522.4	521.4	522.4	0.030	0.035	0.037	0.035	0.09
g48	584.3	178.09	613.0	595.5		593.1	592.2	593.5	0.029	0.034	0.035	0.033	0.08
g49	612.5	186.67	723.3	707.4		703.0	701.1	702.0	0.022	0.029	0.032	0.030	0.08
g50	630.2	192.08	536.2	521.9		519.6	518.4	518.9	0.027	0.032	0.034	0.033	0.08
g51	644.0	196.29	908.7	889.6		883.3	880.4	881.5	0.021	0.029	0.032	0.031	0.08
g52	649.6	197.98	1189.0	1167.5		1160.2	1156.4	1158.1	0.018	0.025	0.028	0.027	0.07
g53	661.1	201.50	860.9	843.3	840.6	839.0	836.3	837.2	0.021	0.026	0.029	0.028	0.07

Table B.2. Key to Condition Codes

The core physical condition code is used to describe roughness or chips of core missing from cut pieces (see Tables B.4 and B.5). The code is also used to indicate interesting lithologic features such as crystal inclusions or vugs. This information could be used to reduce the bulk volume estimated by direct measurement and the right circular cylinder assumption. It has not been employed to do so, but is included for completeness.

For example, a piece of cut core (see sample g2, Table B.4) is directly measured to have a bulk volume of 286.3 cm^3 and has a noticeable vug. It was tested in the bulk volume estimator and found to have a bulk volume of 283.0 cm^3. The high bulk volume estimate implies a low bulk density estimate which, in turn, implies a porosity estimate [see Equation (1)]. Sample g61 has a large chip and shows significant difference in the volume estimated by the two methods.

KEY: The volume of a Chip (C) > volume of Vug (Vj), which is > Rough (R).

Other descriptive codes:

D = dirty
~ cut = rough cut
ss = slickensides
Ph = phenocrysts
xtal = crystal
Hf = healed fracture
Ft = fracture trace

Table B.3. Y2 Series Data

The maximum, minimum, and average series values for each column are listed at the top of the table. The following is a key to column headings.

a = Core ID

b = Depth Z = depth of core sample in feet along the borehole (ft)

c = Depth Z' = depth of core sample in meters along the borehole (m)

d = Retest Vol Sol = volume of solid from Table B.6: ReTested Core Data (included for comparison purposes only)

e = Pyc Vol Sol = average volume of solid calculated using Equation (8) (cm^3)

f = Std Dev = standard deviation for core test (cm^3)

g = CV/.01 = coefficient of variation (f/e x 100) for core test (%)

h = # of cycles = the number of cycles pertaining to (f) and (e) (#)

i = Into Pyc Weight = the weight of the oven-dried sample immediately prior to testing in the gas pycnometer (g)

j = Immer Bulk Vol = bulk volume reported from the immersion method. It is this bulk volume that is used in all calculations. Y2 series core are not cut. (cm^3)

k = Immer Std Dev = standard deviation of 5 or 6 estimates by the immersion method. (cm^3)

l = Grain Dens = column (i) divided by column (e) (g/cm^3)

m = Dry Bulk Dens = column (i) divided by column (j) (g/cm^3)

n = Poros = porosity calculated as (1-m/l) (cm^3/cm^3)

o = Koz-Carm Perm = intrinsic permeability calculated by using Equation (12) and porosity (n) (m^2)

Table B.3: Y2-Series Core Summary Data - continued.

34 Y2 series core samples have been tested

Core ID	Depth Z (ft)	Depth Z' (m)	Re-Test VolSol (cm3)	Pyc VolSol (cm3)	Std Dev (cm3)	CV/.01 (%)	# of Cycle	Into Pyc Weight (g)	Immer Bulk Vol (cm3)	Immer Std Dev (cm3)	Grain Dens. (g) (cm3)	Dry Bulk Dens. (g) (cm3)	Poros. (cm3)	Koz-Carm Perm. (m2)
MIN	5.8	1.8		248.2	1.3	0.33	9.0	651.3	304.2	0.0	2.58	1.95	0.15	1.4E-17
MAX	100.0	30.5		529.9	3.5	1.11	11.0	1376.5	636.6	3.5	2.63	2.20	0.25	7.7E-17
AVG				374.4	2.3	0.64	10.0	976.2	463.0	1.3	2.61	2.11	0.19	3.0E-17
a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i	j	k	l (i/e)	m (i/j)	n (1-m/l)	o
1a	5.8	1.8	277.5	278.4	2.3	0.81	10	725.8	372.4	2.2	2.61	1.95	0.25	7.7E-17
1b	7.0	2.1		338.7	2.0	0.58	11	882.3	442.3	1.2	2.61	1.99	0.23	5.8E-17
1c	8.0	2.4		332.2	2.9	0.87	10	859.7	428.6	3.5	2.59	2.01	0.22	5.0E-17
2a	14.0	4.3		486.7	2.3	0.48	10	1258.3	589.0	0.9	2.59	2.14	0.17	2.0E-17
2b	17.0	5.2		360.7	2.8	0.77	10	934.1	434.7	1.1	2.59	2.15	0.17	1.9E-17
2c	18.0	5.5		392.2	1.3	0.33	10	1019.0	464.7	0.6	2.60	2.19	0.16	1.4E-17
2d	21.5	6.6	361.8	359.6	2.4	0.67	11	936.0	425.4	1.4	2.60	2.20	0.15	1.4E-17
3a	23.5	7.2		529.9	2.2	0.41	10	1376.5	633.6	0.7	2.60	2.17	0.16	1.7E-17
3b	28.5	8.7		404.4	1.7	0.42	9	1053.6	503.8	2.5	2.61	2.09	0.20	3.2E-17
4a	31.6	9.6		376.5	2.5	0.67	10	985.0	479.6	0.0	2.62	2.05	0.21	4.3E-17
4b	33.0	10.1		349.1	2.0	0.58	10	906.8	428.6	1.3	2.60	2.12	0.19	2.6E-17
4c	35.0	10.7		422.1	1.6	0.37	10	1100.5	535.9	1.2	2.61	2.05	0.21	4.1E-17
5a	40.0	12.2		333.7	1.7	0.52	10	865.1	410.8	0.6	2.59	2.11	0.19	2.7E-17
5b	44.0	13.4		369.7	2.0	0.54	10	966.0	448.1	1.2	2.61	2.16	0.18	2.1E-17
5c	48.0	14.6		344.1	3.1	0.91	10	898.3	426.8	1.4	2.61	2.10	0.19	3.0E-17

Table B.3: Y2-Series Core Summary Data - continued.

Core ID	Depth Z (ft)	Depth Z' (m)	Re-Test VolSol (cm3)	Pyc VolSol (cm3)	Std Dev (cm3)	CV/.01 (%)	# of Cycle	Into Pyc Weight (g)	Immer Bulk Vol (cm3)	Immer Std Dev (cm3)	Grain Dens. (g) (cm3)	Dry Bulk Dens. (g) (cm3)	Poros. (cm3) (cm3)	Koz-Carm Perm. (m2)
a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i	j	k	l (i/e)	m (i/j)	n (1-m/l)	o
6a	48.8	14.9		338.4	2.5	0.75	10	882.9	428.0	1.2	2.61	2.06	0.21	3.9E-17
6b	52.5	16.0		516.4	3.1	0.60	10	1344.8	636.6	1.2	2.60	2.11	0.19	2.7E-17
6c	55.6	16.9		473.6	3.5	0.74	10	1237.0	589.0	0.9	2.61	2.10	0.20	3.1E-17
7a	57.6	17.6		355.1	2.4	0.68	11	928.4	440.5	1.4	2.61	2.11	0.19	3.0E-17
7b	61.3	18.7		333.9	1.6	0.49	10	872.9	410.8	1.4	2.61	2.12	0.19	2.6E-17
7c	63.8	19.4		389.0	2.9	0.74	10	1014.6	477.4	1.3	2.61	2.13	0.19	2.6E-17
8a	65.7	20.0	260.5	259.3	2.9	1.11	10	669.3	318.0	1.4	2.58	2.10	0.18	2.5E-17
8b	68.8	21.0		400.0	3.4	0.85	10	1043.5	487.5	0.7	2.61	2.14	0.18	2.3E-17
8c	69.8	21.3		290.0	1.4	0.48	9	758.3	351.9	2.9	2.62	2.16	0.18	2.1E-17
9a	73.8	22.5		345.9	2.0	0.58	10	903.3	437.3	1.6	2.61	2.07	0.21	3.9E-17
9b	77.0	23.5		440.7	2.3	0.52	10	1154.6	540.9	1.8	2.62	2.13	0.19	2.5E-17
9c	79.0	24.1		405.4	2.6	0.65	10	1060.4	507.0	1.1	2.62	2.09	0.20	3.4E-17
10a	82.3	25.1		344.2	2.7	0.77	10	897.5	418.4	0.0	2.61	2.15	0.18	2.2E-17
10b	85.9	26.2	450.2	448.7	2.2	0.48	10	1178.8	550.8	0.6	2.63	2.14	0.19	2.6E-17
10c	88.9	27.1	327.7	328.1	1.8	0.55	10	861.7	415.2	2.3	2.63	2.08	0.21	3.9E-17
11a	94.5	28.8		248.2	2.3	0.94	10	651.3	304.2	0.6	2.62	2.14	0.18	2.5E-17
11b	97.5	29.7		361.6	2.2	0.61	10	942.0	448.7	1.4	2.60	2.10	0.19	3.0E-17
12a	99.3	30.3		330.4	2.1	0.62	10	863.4	406.1	0.7	2.61	2.13	0.19	2.6E-17
12b	100.0	30.5		443.0	2.7	0.60	10	1159.8	548.8	0.7	2.62	2.11	0.19	2.9E-17

Table B.4. G Series Data

The maximum, minimum, and average series values, for each column, are listed at the top of the table. The following is a key to column headings:

a = Cond = physical condition of core. See Table B.2.

b = Core ID

c = Depth Z = depth of core sample in feet along the borehole. (ft)

d = Depth Z' = depth of core sample in meters along the borehole. (m)

e = Re-Test VolSol = volume of solid from Table B.6: Re-Tested Core Data. Included for comparison purposes only.

f = Pyc VolSol = average volume of solid calculated using Eqn. (8). (cm^3)

g = Std Dev = standard deviation for core test. (cm^3)

h = CV/.01 = coefficient of variation (g/f x 100) for core test. (%)

i = # of Cycles = the number of cycles pertaining to (g) and (f). (#)

j = Into Pyc Weight = the weight of the oven dry sample immediately prior to testing in the gas pycnometer. (g)

k = Dia = core sample diameter measurement, for cut samples. (in)

l = Len. = length of core samples, for cut samples. (in)

m = Cut Bulk Vol = bulk volume calculated from (l) and (k). Included for comparison purposes only. The immersion bulk volume was used in all calculations. (cm^3)

n = Immer Bulk Vol = bulk volume reported from the immersion method. It is this bulk volume that is used in all calculations. (cm^3)

o = Immer Std Dev = standard deviation of 5 or 6 estimates by the immersion method. (cm^3)

p = Grain Dens. = column (j) divided by column (f). (g/cm^3)

q = Dry Bulk Dens. = column (j) divided by column (n). (g/cm^3)

r = Poros. = porosity calculated as (1- q/p). (cm^3/cm^3)

s = Kos-Carm Perm. = intrinsic permeability calculated by using Eqn. (12) and porosity (q). (m^2)

Table B.4: G-Series Core Summary - continued.

68 G series core samples have been tested.

Cond.	Core ID	Depth Z (ft)	Depth Z' (m)	Re-Test VolSol (cm3)	Pyc VolSol (cm3)	Std Dev (cm3)	CV/.01 (%)	# of Cycle	Into Pyc Weight (g)	If Cut Then Dia (in)	Len. (in)	Cut Bulk Vol (cm3)	Immer Bulk Vol Est. (cm3)	Immer Std Dev (cm3)	Grain Dens. (g)	Dry Bulk Dens. (g)	Poros. (cm3)	Koz-Carm Perm. (m2)
	MIN	11	3		151.3	1.0	0.28	6	384.8	2.47	3.43	273.9	164.0	0.0	2.50	2.07	0.02	2.3E-20
	MAX	661	202		608.9	3.7	1.30	12	1544.1	2.51	4.98	401.2	689.3	7.4	2.66	2.47	0.21	4.1E-17
	AVG				306.8	2.1	0.71	10	784.4	2.50	3.80	304.9	334.0	1.4	2.56	2.36	0.08	4.4E-18
a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i	j	k	l	m	n	o	p (j/f)	q (j/n)	r (1-q/p)	s
V	g1	11.4	3.5		237.7	1.6	0.66	10	618.3				295.1	1.1	2.60	2.10	0.19	3.0E-17
V	g2	19.7	6.0	226.0	222.8	2.9	1.30	11	592.5	2.49	3.60	286.3	283.0	0.5	2.66	2.09	0.21	4.1E-17
	g3	39.9	12.2	256.2	262.7	2.6	1.00	10	684.2				330.0	0.7	2.60	2.07	0.20	3.5E-17
	g4	49.9	15.2		248.5	1.4	0.56	10	653.8				303.1	3.1	2.63	2.16	0.18	2.3E-17
	g63	61.0	18.6		252.1	1.3	0.50	10	653.9				298.5	0.6	2.59	2.19	0.16	1.4E-17
	g64	62.5	19.1		230.7	2.8	1.22	11	601.6				275.7	1.4	2.61	2.18	0.16	1.6E-17
~cut	g5	69.4	21.1		258.0	2.3	0.91	10	672.4	2.47	3.91	308.2	305.5	1.2	2.61	2.20	0.16	1.4E-17
V,Ph	g58	78.8	24.0		589.7	3.3	0.55	10	1544.1				689.3	1.4	2.62	2.24	0.14	1.1E-17
V,Ph	g59	79.9	24.4		416.2	2.7	0.66	11	1090.7				496.8	1.9	2.62	2.20	0.16	1.6E-17
V	g6	89.8	27.4		463.4	3.3	0.70	8	1207.6				538.8	2.0	2.61	2.24	0.14	9.8E-18
	g60	99.5	30.3		223.8	2.9	1.30	10	583.2				262.3	0.9	2.61	2.22	0.15	1.2E-17
	g7	109.0	33.2		306.4	1.5	0.49	10	801.4				363.2	1.4	2.62	2.21	0.16	1.4E-17
D	g8	109.4	33.3		270.5	2.3	0.86	10	704.7	2.49	3.94	313.6	307.8	1.4	2.61	2.29	0.12	6.1E-18
	g55	120.5	36.7		253.6	2.5	1.00	10	656.0	2.49	3.71	296.4	291.2	1.1	2.59	2.25	0.13	7.5E-18
	g56	122.9	37.5		283.6	2.6	0.92	10	724.8	2.49	3.99	317.7	316.9	1.2	2.56	2.29	0.11	3.8E-18
	g54	129.5	39.5		306.9	2.0	0.65	10	778.0				336.7	0.0	2.54	2.31	0.09	2.2E-18
xtal	g9	139.1	42.4		238.0	2.2	0.92	10	607.3				267.6	3.0	2.55	2.27	0.11	4.5E-18
	g10	150.0	45.7		245.1	2.2	0.88	12	628.2	2.49	3.43	273.9	272.2	1.7	2.56	2.31	0.10	3.2E-18
	g11	150.3	45.8	230.2	232.2	2.1	0.91	10	594.1						2.56			
	g12b	170.6	52.0		151.3	1.7	1.12	10	384.8				164.0	2.7	2.54	2.35	0.08	1.4E-18
	g12a	170.6	52.0		411.1	2.7	0.65	10	1036.3				438.4	0.6	2.52	2.36	0.06	7.2E-19

Table B.4: G-Series Core Summary - continued.

Cond.	Core ID	Depth Z (ft)	Depth Z' (m)	Re-Test VolSol (cm3)	Pyc VolSol (cm3)	Std Dev (cm3)	CV/.01 (%)	# of Cycle	Into Pyc Weight (g)	If Cut Then Dia (in)	Len. (in)	Cut Bulk Vol (cm3)	Immer Bulk Vol Est. (cm3)	Immer Std Dev (cm3)	Grain Dens. (g) (j/f)	Dry Bulk Dens. (g) (j/n)	Poros. (cm3) (1-q/p)	Koz-Carm Perm. (m2)
a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i	j	k	l	m	n	o	p	q	r	s
	g65	181.5	55.3	302.4	302.1	2.1	0.71	10	762.9						2.53			
	g13	190.2	58.0		282.3	1.2	0.41	10	720.2		--		298.2	2.4	2.55	2.42	0.05	4.4E-19
	g14	201.0	61.2		287.8	1.5	0.52	9	725.4	2.49	3.75	300.4	300.5	1.1	2.52	2.41	0.04	2.2E-19
	g15	210.1	64.0		284.0	2.4	0.84	10	731.5				317.4	1.1	2.58	2.30	0.11	3.9E-18
	g62	225.5	68.7		365.9	2.2	0.61	10	927.5				382.2	1.1	2.53	2.43	0.04	2.2E-19
	g16	230.0	70.1		348.1	2.0	0.57	11	885.3		--		366.7	1.8	2.54	2.41	0.05	3.9E-19
	g17	231.2	70.5		284.0	1.8	0.65	10	726.9				302.0	0.6	2.56	2.41	0.06	6.3E-19
	g18	241.0	73.5		495.0	2.0	0.39	10	1267.3				519.0	0.9	2.56	2.44	0.05	2.9E-19
	g19	241.5	73.6	515.4	513.2	1.7	0.33	10	1317.7				533.9	1.1	2.57	2.47	0.04	1.7E-19
	g20	250.3	76.3		273.1	2.2	0.79	10	696.2				287.8	0.7	2.55	2.42	0.05	3.9E-19
	g21	251.3	76.6		278.7	1.9	0.67	6	717.3				293.5	1.5	2.57	2.44	0.05	3.8E-19
	g22	251.7	76.7		219.6	1.6	0.72	11	554.6		--		233.4	0.6	2.53	2.38	0.06	6.2E-19
	g23	252.0	76.8		423.2	2.0	0.48	10	1072.9				442.0	1.1	2.54	2.43	0.04	2.2E-19
V	g24	261.0	79.6		391.3	1.1	0.28	10	997.0				409.9	1.7	2.55	2.43	0.05	2.7E-19
	g25	261.3	79.6		196.6	1.3	0.68	10	503.3				209.2	1.2	2.56	2.41	0.06	6.5E-19
	g26	265.3	80.9		608.9	2.5	0.41	9	1538.1				630.1	2.7	2.53	2.44	0.03	1.1E-19
	g27	270.6	82.5		276.4	1.8	0.66	10	702.3	2.50	3.63	291.4	289.4	0.7	2.54	2.43	0.04	2.6E-19
HF	g28	281.3	85.7		480.6	2.0	0.41	10	1243.1				519.3	1.1	2.59	2.39	0.07	1.3E-18
	g29	290.7	88.6		258.6	2.7	1.03	8	664.4	2.50	3.43	276.7	276.3	2.7	2.57	2.40	0.06	7.9E-19
C	g61	301.7	92.0		294.5	2.2	0.75	10	746.4	2.50	3.87	312.3	305.5	0.7	2.53	2.44	0.04	1.3E-19
	g30	310.6	94.7		286.2	2.8	0.99	9	738.0	2.51	3.81	307.5	301.4	2.0	2.58	2.45	0.05	3.8E-19
HF	g31	310.8	94.7	172.3	172.0	1.0	0.61	10	443.2				190.8	7.4	2.58	2.32	0.10	3.1E-18
	g32	329.9	100.6	442.3	441.2	2.8	0.64	8	1127.4				457.4	1.2	2.56	2.46	0.04	1.3E-19

Table B.4: G-Series Core Summary - continued.

Cond.	Core ID	Depth Z (ft)	Depth Z' (m)	Re-Test VolSol (cm3)	Pyc VolSol (cm3)	Std Dev (cm3)	CV/.01 (%)	# of Cycle	Into Pyc Weight (g)	If Cut Then Dia (in)	Len. (in)	Cut Bulk Vol (cm3)	Immer Bulk Vol Est. (cm3)	Immer Std Dev (cm3)	Grain Dens. (g) (j/f)	Dry Bulk Dens. (g) (j/n)	Poros. (cm3) (1-q/p)	Koz-Carm Perm. (m2)
a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i	j	k	l	m	n	o	p	q	r	s
	g33	330.3	100.7	384.4	386.2	2.6	0.68	11	978.6	2.50	4.98	401.2	397.7	1.4	2.53	2.46	0.03	6.4E-20
	g57	339.5	103.5		210.3	1.3	0.62	10	543.2				229.6	2.7	2.58	2.37	0.08	1.8E-18
	g34	350.9	106.9		296.0	2.2	0.73	10	752.3	2.51	3.87	312.2	310.1	1.1	2.54	2.43	0.05	2.7E-19
V	g35	373.1	113.7		300.7	2.1	0.68	10	764.0	2.50	3.95	316.7	315.1	0.6	2.54	2.42	0.05	2.7E-19
	g67	376.5	114.8		281.0	2.3	0.82	10	709.2	2.50	3.71	297.1	296.1	0.6	2.52	2.39	0.05	3.8E-19
	g66	377.0	114.9	283.5	282.1	2.7	0.97	10	709.0	2.49	3.63	290.2	288.0	0.7	2.51	2.46	0.02	2.3E-20
R	g36	392.9	119.7		264.7	1.2	0.47	10	673.9	2.50	3.51	281.6	278.9	0.7	2.55	2.42	0.05	3.8E-19
	g37	414.0	126.2		292.5	3.7	1.27	9	746.1	2.50	3.86	309.3	307.5	1.8	2.55	2.43	0.05	3.3E-19
SS	g38	432.9	131.9		361.9	.1.8	0.49	10	925.5				386.6	2.3	2.56	2.39	0.06	7.6E-19
	g39	452.9	138.0		278.7	1.7	0.62	10	703.2				289.7	0.6	2.52	2.43	0.04	1.5E-19
	g40	472.5	144.0		312.3	1.5	0.48	10	805.4				337.3	0.7	2.58	2.39	0.07	1.2E-18
	g41	483.8	147.5		232.5	1.0	0.42	10	592.0				249.5	1.4	2.55	2.37	0.07	9.3E-19
	g42	494.1	150.6	296.0	294.1	2.2	0.74	10	735.8	2.50	3.79	304.0	303.1	0.9	2.50	2.43	0.03	7.2E-20
V	g43	513.1	156.4		287.2	2.8	0.98	10	721.1	2.50	3.74	300.4	298.8	0.9	2.51	2.41	0.04	1.6E-19
V	g44	530.6	161.7		285.9	1.0	0.36	10	717.4				298.2	0.7	2.51	2.41	0.04	1.9E-19
	g45	550.8	167.9		237.0	1.4	0.59	10	597.8				248.9	4.0	2.52	2.40	0.05	3.1E-19
	g46	551.5	168.1	332.0	332.2	2.5	0.74	10	839.3				341.7	1.5	2.53	2.46	0.03	5.7E-20
HF	g47	580.1	176.8		204.7	1.7	0.85	10	520.8				220.3	0.6	2.54	2.36	0.07	1.1E-18
HF	g48	584.3	178.1		230.3	1.6	0.69	10	590.7				250.6	1.3	2.56	2.36	0.08	1.6E-18
	g49	612.5	186.7		280.6	2.3	0.83	10	700.8				292.6	1.1	2.50	2.39	0.04	2.0E-19
HF	g50	630.2	192.1		203.8	1.7	0.82	10	517.4				219.4	2.0	2.54	2.36	0.07	1.1E-18
	g51	644.0	196.3		350.7	3.5	0.99	6	880.0				365.9	0.0	2.51	2.41	0.04	2.0E-19
	g52	649.6	198.0		459.5	1.3	0.29	10	1155.7				473.2	0.7	2.52	2.44	0.03	6.6E-20
	g53	661.1	201.5		332.0	1.8	0.54	10	834.2				343.1	0.7	2.51	2.43	0.03	9.4E-20

Table B.5. P Series Data

The maximum, minimum, and average series values, for each column, are listed at the top of the table. All P series samples are cut. The following is a key to column headings:

a =   Cond = physical condition of core. See Table B.2.

b =   Core ID

c =   Depth Z = depth of core sample in feet along the borehole. (ft)

d =   Depth Z' = depth of core sample in meters along the borehole. (m)

e =   Re-Test VolSol = volume of solid for samples p8 p9 p33, and p43, from Table B.6: Re-Tested Core Data. Used for those samples only.(cm^3)

f =   Pyc VolSol = average volume of solid calculated using Eqn. (8), except for p33. (cm^3)

g =   Std Dev = standard deviation for core test. (cm^3)

h =   CV/.01 = coefficient of variation (g/f x 100) for core test (g/e x 100 for samples p9, p8, and p43). (%)

i =   # of Cycle = the number of cycles pertaining to (g) and (f). (#)

j =   Into Pyc Weight = the weight of the oven dry sample immediately prior to testing in the gas pycnometer. (g)

k =   Re-Test Weight = weight of dry sample from Table B.6. Only used for samples p8, p9, p33, and p43. (g)

l =   Dia = core sample diameter measurement. (in)

m =   Len. = length of core samples. (in)

n =   Bulk Vol Est = bulk volume calculated from (m) and (l). (cm^3)

o =   Grain Dens. = column (j) divided by column (f). (g/cm^3)

p =   Dry Bulk Dens. = column (j) divided by column (n). (g/cm^3)

q =   Poros. = porosity calculated as (1- p/o). (cm^3/cm^3)

r =   Kos-Carm Perm. = intrinsic permeability calculated by using Eqn. (12) and porosity (q). (m^2)

Table B.5: P-Series Core Summary - continued.

45 P series core samples have been tested, 3 of which
were tested for the first time in the re-test.

Cond.	Core ID	Depth Z (ft)	Depth Z' (m)	Re-Test VolSol (cm3)	Pyc VolSol (cm3)	Std Dev (cm3)	CV/.01 (%)	# of Trys	Into Pyc Weight (g)	Re-Test Weight (g)	Dia (in)	Len. (in)	Bulk Vol Est (cm3)	Grain Dens. (g) (cm3)	Dry Bulk Dens. (g) (cm3)	Poros. (cm3)	Koz-Carm Perm. (m2)
	MIN	61.7	18.8		0.0	1.10	0.38	8	0.0		2.39	2.02	161.2	2.50	2.18	0.03	5.2E-20
	MAX	538.9	164.2		305.4	4.35	1.59	12	766.6		2.51	3.97	320.1	2.62	2.45	0.17	1.7E-17
	AVG				244.6	2.13	0.83	10	620.8		2.48	3.54	280.7	2.54	2.38	0.06	1.7E-18
a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i	j	k	l	m	n	o (j/f)	p (j/n)	q (1-p/o)	r
V,C	p11	61.7	18.8	209.2	207.7	1.66	0.80	10	542.3	542.1	2.48	3.14	248.8	2.61	2.18	0.17	1.7E-17
	p6	99.9	30.4		236.6	1.51	0.64	9	620.2		2.49	3.52	280.4	2.62	2.21	0.16	1.4E-17
	p5	100.3	30.6		202.8	1.88	0.93	10	532.0		2.50	3.00	240.9	2.62	2.21	0.16	1.5E-17
R	p3	122.5	37.3		269.5	1.78	0.66	10	691.6		2.49	3.82	304.3	2.57	2.27	0.11	5.0E-18
V,C	p1	130.2	39.7	272.6	274.0	2.52	0.92	8	699.2	699.1	2.49	3.82	306.0	2.55	2.28	0.10	3.8E-18
C	p12	183.5	55.9		246.5	1.71	0.69	10	628.6		2.50	3.31	267.3	2.55	2.35	0.08	1.5E-18
	p9	225.6	68.7	195.0	----	1.10	0.56	9	----	506.9	2.49	2.63	210.4	2.60	2.41	0.07	1.2E-18
R	p10	225.9	68.8		297.8	2.95	0.99	10	760.8		2.50	3.94	316.5	2.56	2.40	0.06	6.2E-19
	p30	295.3	90.0		280.7	1.64	0.58	10	707.0		2.50	3.61	291.2	2.52	2.43	0.04	1.4E-19
	p31	295.6	90.1		302.6	1.49	0.49	10	762.6		2.51	3.94	320.1	2.52	2.38	0.05	4.8E-19
	p32	296.5	90.4		259.0	2.80	1.08	10	658.2		2.50	3.45	277.6	2.54	2.37	0.07	9.0E-19
	p8	302.7	92.2	203.3	----	1.63	0.80	8	----	512.0	2.50	2.59	208.8	2.52	2.45	0.03	5.2E-20
	p7	303.0	92.3		287.9	1.69	0.59	9	730.6		2.50	3.71	299.5	2.54	2.44	0.04	1.6E-19
	p19	322.2	98.2	260.8	260.9	1.74	0.67	10	653.0	653.3	2.50	3.35	270.2	2.50	2.42	0.03	1.2E-19
R	p20	322.5	98.3		242.9	2.32	0.95	12	615.7		2.50	3.24	261.0	2.53	2.36	0.07	1.0E-18
	p17	323.5	98.6		301.2	2.38	0.79	10	766.5		2.50	3.93	316.6	2.54	2.42	0.05	3.4E-19
	p18	323.8	98.7		292.4	3.98	1.36	10	740.0		2.50	3.78	305.2	2.53	2.42	0.04	2.1E-19
	p33	332.1	101.2	302.6	289.7*	1.76	0.61	10	775.2*	775.1	2.50	3.97	319.4	2.56	2.43	0.05	4.3E-19
	p34	332.7	101.4		299.5	3.35	1.12	12	759.8		2.50	3.89	314.2	2.54	2.42	0.05	2.9E-19
	p35	333.0	101.5		289.7	1.76	0.61	10	734.2		2.50	3.78	304.4	2.53	2.41	0.05	3.3E-19
xtal	p4	339.8	103.6		293.6	2.77	0.94	10	750.1		2.51	3.85	311.6	2.55	2.41	0.06	5.7E-19
	p14	376.2	114.7		304.2	1.72	0.57	9	765.6		2.50	3.94	317.0	2.52	2.42	0.04	1.9E-19
	p15	377.4	115.0		268.3	4.28	1.59	12	675.6		2.50	3.49	279.5	2.52	2.42	0.04	1.8E-19
	p36	387.0	117.9		295.6	1.45	0.49	10	748.5		2.50	3.89	312.7	2.53	2.39	0.05	4.9E-19
C	p37	387.6	118.1		276.3	4.35	1.57	10	700.3		2.50	3.64	291.3	2.53	2.40	0.05	4.0E-19
R	p38	388.2	118.3		284.4	1.59	0.56	10	721.4		2.50	3.76	301.2	2.54	2.39	0.06	5.2E-19

* = not used   * = not used

Table B.5: P-Series Core Summary - continued.

Cond.	Core ID	Depth Z (ft)	Depth Z' (m)	Re-Test VolSol (cm3)	Pyc VolSol (cm3)	Std Dev (cm3)	CV/.01 (%)	# of Trys	Into Pyc Weight (g)	Re-Test Weight (g)	Dia (in)	Len. (in)	Bulk Vol Est (cm3)	Grain Dens. (g) (cm3)	Dry Bulk Dens. (g) (cm3)	Poros. (cm3)	Koz-Carm Perm. (m2)
a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i	j	k	l	m	n	o (j/f)	p (j/n)	q (1-p/o)	r
	p21	407.4	124.2		260.5	2.88	1.11	9	665.4		2.50	3.48	278.6	2.55	2.39	0.07	8.4E-19
	p22	407.7	124.3		274.8	2.51	0.91	10	703.5		2.49	3.66	293.2	2.56	2.40	0.06	7.4E-19
	p23	408.0	124.3		261.4	1.75	0.67	11	662.5		2.50	3.43	274.8	2.53	2.41	0.05	3.5E-19
V,D	p39	416.8	127.0		304.7	1.46	0.48	10	764.4		2.50	3.96	318.0	2.51	2.40	0.04	2.1E-19
	p40	417.1	127.1		297.4	1.31	0.44	10	748.0		2.50	3.84	308.9	2.51	2.42	0.04	1.4E-19
	p41	417.4	127.2	303.1	305.4	1.16	0.38	10	766.6	767.1	2.50	3.93	314.5	2.51	2.44	0.03	6.7E-20
	p43	454.4	138.5	152.5	---	2.38	1.56	8	---	390.9	2.49	2.02	161.2	2.56	2.43	0.05	4.6E-19
V	p42	455.3	138.8		277.0	1.14	0.41	10	700.6		2.51	3.63	293.5	2.53	2.39	0.06	5.3E-19
	p25	507.3	154.6		301.3	1.88	0.63	10	753.0		2.50	3.91	315.2	2.50	2.39	0.04	2.5E-19
R,D	p26	508.2	154.9		250.0	2.48	0.99	10	635.8		2.49	3.33	266.3	2.54	2.39	0.06	6.8E-19
C	p24	508.6	155.0		277.4	2.09	0.75	10	693.9		2.50	3.70	297.3	2.50	2.33	0.07	9.1E-19
	p29	524.7	159.9		240.8	2.66	1.11	11	611.1		2.40	3.43	253.8	2.54	2.41	0.05	4.0E-19
R,D	p28	525.5	160.2		194.5	2.66	1.37	10	490.3		2.39	2.79	204.8	2.52	2.39	0.05	3.7E-19
C	p27	525.9	160.3		229.0	2.66	1.16	10	589.5		2.39	3.38	248.4	2.57	2.37	0.08	1.5E-18
V	p47	534.7	163.0	216.2	214.8	2.09	0.97	9	549.4	550.2	2.39	3.14	230.9	2.56	2.38	0.07	1.0E-18
C	p48	534.9	163.0		260.3	1.86	0.72	11	658.0		2.40	3.69	274.0	2.53	2.40	0.05	3.6E-19
	p49	535.7	163.3		242.3	1.99	0.82	10	621.1		2.40	3.52	260.9	2.56	2.38	0.07	1.1E-18
	p46	538.3	164.1		272.0	1.59	0.59	11	687.6		2.40	3.84	284.8	2.53	2.41	0.04	2.6E-19
	p44	538.9	164.2		268.2	1.46	0.54	10	671.0		2.40	3.74	276.8	2.50	2.42	0.03	8.4E-20

Table B.6. Re-Tested Core Data

Each core sample has two rows of data. The maximum, minimum, and average values, for each column, are listed at the top of the table. The following is a key to column headings:

a = Core ID

b = First & Second Ratio = ratio estimate for the first and second cycle of the pycnometer for this core test. In most cases the second is slightly lower.

c = AVG. N&N-1 Ratio = average ratio estimate for all cycles (N), and average ratio estimate **excluding the first cycle** (N-1). The two averages are usually identical.

d = First & Second VolSol = volume of solid calculated using Eqn. (8), for the first and second ratio estimate. (cm^3)

e = AVG. N&N-1 VolSol = volume of solid calculated using Eqn. (8), for all (N) cycles, and N-1 cycles. **This is used to compute all parameters.** (cm^3)

f = N&N-1 Std. Dev. = standard deviation for all (N) cycles, and N-1 cycles. (cm^3)

g = N&N-1 CV/.01 = the coefficient of variation (f/e x100). (%)

h = The difference in coefficients of variation calculated each way. (%)

i = # of Cycles = the number of all cycles pertaining to (f) and (e). (#)

j = Into Pyc Weight = the weight of the oven dry sample immediately prior to testing in the gas pycnometer. (g)

k = If Cut Then Dia: = diameter measurement for cut samples. (in)

l = Len: = length of cut core samples. (in)

m = Bulk Vol Est. = bulk volume calculated either by (1) Immersion in the bulk volume estimator, or (2) Diameter and length of cut core samples. Where there are two estimates the immersion bulk volume is always used for calculations. (cm^3)

n = Std. Dev. = standard deviation of 5 or 6 estimates by the immersion method. (cm^3)

o = CV/.01 = coefficient of variation (n/m x100), as a percent. (%)

p = Grain Dens. = column (j) divided by column (e1 and e2). (g/cm^3)

q = Dry Bulk Dens. = column (j) divided by column (m, immersion). (g/cm^3)

r = Poros. = porosity calculated as (1 - q/(p1 or p2)). (cm^3/cm^3)

s = Kos-Carm Perm. = intrinsic permeability calculated using Eqn. (14) and the two

Table B.6: Re-Tested Core Data

25 core samples were processed for the re-test.

Core ID	First & Secon Ratio	AVG. N&N-1 Ratio	First & Secon VolSol (cm3)	AVG. N&N-1 VolSol (cm3)	N&N-1 Std. Dev. (cm3)	N&N-1 CV/.01 (%)	Diff (%)	# of Cycle	Into Pyc Weight (g)	If Cut Then Dia: (in)	Len: (in)	Bulk Vol Est. (cm3)	Std. Dev. (cm3)	CV/.0 (%)	Grain Dens. (g) (cm3)	Dry Bulk Dens. (g) (cm3)	Poros. (cm3)	Kos-Carm Perm. (m2)
MIN	1.207	1.207	149.3	152.5	0.63	0.17	-0.05	6	390.9	2.40	2.02	161.2	-1.67	-0.63	2.49	2.02	0.02	1.9E-20
MAX	1.411	1.409	516.3	515.9	2.91	1.56	0.83	10	1318.5	2.50	4.98	551.4	11.76	3.28	2.67	2.46	0.23	5.5E-17
AVG	1.334	1.333	287.8	289.6	1.76	0.66	0.18	8	742.4	2.49	3.43	321.9	0.66	0.19	2.56	2.31	0.10	1.2E-17
a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i	j	k	l	m	n	o	p (j/e)	q (j/m)	r (1-q/p)	s
g3	1.353	1.351	254.0	256.2	2.35	0.92	-0.00	10	684.6			333.2	-0.95	-0.29	2.67	2.05	0.23	5.5E-17
	1.353	1.351	253.6	256.4	2.36	0.92		9							2.67		0.23	5.5E-17
p9	1.385	1.385	195.1	195.0	1.10	0.56	-0.03	9	506.9						2.60		0.07	1.2E-18
	1.384	1.385	196.8	195.0	1.16	0.60		8		2.49	2.63	210.4			2.60	2.41	0.07	1.2E-18
p33	1.329	1.326	296.2	302.6	2.80	0.92	0.45	8	775.1						2.56		0.05	4.5E-19
	1.326	1.325	301.7	303.6	1.44	0.47		7		2.50	3.97	319.8			2.55	2.42	0.05	3.8E-19
p43	1.411	1.409	149.3	152.5	2.38	1.56	0.13	8	390.9						2.56		0.05	4.6E-19
	1.408	1.409	154.2	152.9	2.18	1.43		7		2.49	2.02	161.2			2.56	2.43	0.05	3.9E-19
p1	1.344	1.342	270.1	272.6	1.89	0.70	0.05	8	699.1						2.56		0.11	4.4E-18
	1.343	1.342	270.6	272.9	1.77	0.65		7		2.50	3.82	306.2			2.56	2.28	0.11	4.3E-18
10c	1.315	1.312	322.3	327.7	2.61	0.80	0.27	8	862.2			416.9	-0.74	-0.18	2.63	2.07	0.21	4.2E-17
	1.312	1.311	327.3	328.5	1.72	0.52		7							2.62		0.21	4.1E-17
10b	1.246	1.244	445.4	450.2	2.20	0.49	0.19	8	1179.1			551.4	1.16	0.21	2.62	2.14	0.18	2.4E-17
	1.244	1.243	449.5	450.9	1.34	0.30		7							2.62		0.18	2.4E-17
g11	1.365	1.366	231.8	230.2	2.27	0.99	-0.03	8	593.9			263.8	-1.67	-0.63	2.58	2.25	0.13	7.2E-18
	1.365	1.366	231.7	229.9	2.33	1.01		7							2.58		0.13	7.3E-18
1a	1.342	1.340	273.7	277.5	2.91	1.05	0.08	8	725.5			358.6	11.76	3.28	2.61	2.02	0.23	5.1E-17
	1.338	1.339	280.5	278.1	2.69	0.97		7							2.61		0.22	5.0E-17
p41	1.327	1.325	300.8	303.1	1.10	0.36	0.12	8	767.1						2.53		0.04	1.2E-19
	1.325	1.325	304.2	303.4	0.73	0.24		7		2.50	3.92	314.1			2.53	2.44	0.03	1.1E-19
p47	1.376	1.374	212.7	216.2	1.67	0.77	0.28	8	550.2						2.54		0.07	9.5E-19
	1.374	1.373	214.7	216.7	1.08	0.50		7		2.40	3.14	232.0			2.54	2.37	0.07	8.6E-19
p8	1.381	1.381	202.9	203.3	1.63	0.80	-0.05	8	512.0						2.52		0.03	5.3E-20
	1.381	1.381	202.9	203.3	1.73	0.85		7		2.50	2.59	208.8			2.52	2.45	0.03	5.1E-20

Table B.6: Re-Tested Core Data - continued

Core ID	First & Secon Ratio	AVG. N&N-1 Ratio	First & Secon VolSol (CM3)	AVG. N&N-1 VolSol (CM3)	N&N-1 Std. Dev. (CM3)	N&N-1 CV/.01 (%)	Diff (%)	# of Cycle	Into Pyc Weight (g)	If Cut Then Dia: (in)	Len: (in)	Bulk Vol Est. (cm3)	Std. Dev. (cm3)	CV/.0 (%)	Grain Dens. (g) (cm3)	Dry Bulk Dens. (g) (cm3)	Poros. (cm3)	Kos-Carm Perm. (m2)
a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i	j	k	l	m	n	o	p (j/e)	q (j/m)	r (1-q/p)	s
g32	1.248	1.248	441.6	442.3	1.92	0.43	-0.03	8	1128.4			461.2	0.88	0.19	2.55	2.45	0.04	2.0E-19
	1.250	1.248	439.0	442.4	2.03	0.46		7							2.55		0.04	2.0E-19
g33	1.282	1.280	380.2	384.4	1.81	0.47	0.20	9	979.0			403.2	-0.95	-0.24	2.55	2.43	0.05	4.2E-19
	1.280	1.280	384.0	385.0	1.06	0.27		8		2.50	4.98	401.6			2.54		0.05	3.8E-19
g46	1.313	1.309	326.0	332.0	2.50	0.75	0.44	8	840.4			344.9	-0.95	0.00	2.53	2.44	0.04	2.1E-19
	1.309	1.309	332.5	332.9	1.04	0.31		7							2.52		0.03	1.7E-19
g2	1.372	1.368	219.8	226.0	2.53	1.12	0.68	8	592.7			283.0	-0.58	-0.20	2.62	2.09	0.20	4.8E-17
	1.369	1.368	225.0	226.9	0.99	0.44		7		2.49	3.58	285.5			2.61		0.20	4.6E-17
g31	1.401	1.398	166.3	172.3	2.52	1.46	0.83	8	443.6			186.8	-0.58	-0.31	2.57	2.38	0.08	2.0E-18
	1.398	1.398	172.1	173.2	1.10	0.64		7							2.56		0.07	1.7E-18
2d	1.295	1.293	357.7	361.8	1.57	0.43	0.26	9	936.1			424.2	-0.07	-0.02	2.59	2.21	0.15	1.6E-17
	1.292	1.292	362.7	362.3	0.63	0.17		8							2.58		0.15	1.6E-17
g19	1.210	1.207	510.3	515.4	2.57	0.50	0.10	10	1318.5			541.2	-1.08	-0.20	2.56	2.44	0.05	4.5E-19
	1.207	1.207	516.3	515.9	2.03	0.39		9							2.56		0.05	4.2E-19
8a	1.352	1.349	254.6	260.5	2.34	0.90	0.46	9	669.4			313.1	5.62	1.79	2.57	2.14	0.17	2.6E-17
	1.349	1.349	260.4	261.2	1.14	0.44		8							2.56		0.17	2.5E-17
p19	1.350	1.349	258.7	260.8	1.50	0.58	0.05	8	653.3						2.50		0.03	1.3E-19
	1.348	1.349	262.4	261.1	1.36	0.52		7		2.50	3.35	269.5			2.50	2.42	0.03	1.2E-19
g66	1.337	1.336	282.0	283.5	1.82	0.64	-0.01	8	710.0			288.6	0.59	0.21	2.50	2.46	0.02	2.2E-20
	1.337	1.336	282.8	283.7	1.85	0.65		7		2.50	3.63	290.4			2.50		0.02	1.9E-20
g42	1.331	1.329	292.9	296.0	1.45	0.49	0.17	8	736.6			302.3	-0.95	-0.32	2.49	2.44	0.02	3.6E-20
	1.329	1.329	296.7	296.4	0.94	0.32		7		2.50	3.78	302.7			2.49		0.02	2.9E-20
p11	1.377	1.378	209.6	209.2	1.03	0.49	-0.02	9	542.1						2.59		0.16	2.1E-17
	1.378	1.378	209.0	209.1	1.08	0.51		8		2.49	3.13	248.4			2.59	2.18	0.16	2.1E-17
g65	1.325	1.326	303.6	302.4	1.76	0.58	-0.02	7	763.3			312.8	-0.95	-0.30	2.52	2.44	0.03	1.5E-19
	1.325	1.326	303.0	302.2	1.82	0.60		6							2.53		0.03	1.6E-19

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