

ANALYSIS OF MARMATON AND CHEROKEE GROUP CUTTINGS SAMPLES
FOR GAS CONTENT
-- DART CHEROKEE BASIN OPERATING COMPANY
#C4-19 SYCAMORE SPRINGS RANCH; N2 S2 NE SE sec. 19-T.31S.-R.15E.;
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, KANSAS

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SUMMARY

Eight cuttings samples from the Pennsylvanian Marmaton Group and Cherokee Group were collected from the Dart Cherokee Basin #C4-19 Sycamore Springs Ranch well, N2 S2 NE SE sec. 19-T.31S.-R.15E. in Montgomery County, KS. One sample (Little Osage Shale) did not have any coal present. The samples calculate as having the following gas contents:

- Mulberry coal at 889' to 891' depth² (133.7 scf/ton)
- Little Osage Shale at 1010' to 1012' depth¹ (15.1 scf/ton)
- Mulky coal/Excello Sh. at 1037' to 1039' depth³ (42.8 scf/ton)
- Bevier coal at 1070' to 1072' depth² (83.2 scf/ton)
- Croweburg coal at 1090' to 1092' depth² (46.5 scf/ton)
- Mineral coal at 1130' to 1132' depth² (216.8 scf/ton)
- Bluejacket coal at 1255' to 1257' depth² (163.1 scf/ton)
- Riverton coal at 1370' to 1372' depth² (333.4 scf/ton)

¹no coal in sample

²assuming accompanying dark shales in sample desorb 3 scf/ton

³reliability of result is unclear due to small amount of coal in the sample; desorption value should be considered a minimum value for the Mulky coal and a maximum value for the accompanying dark shale

BACKGROUND

The Dart Cherokee Basin #C4-19 Sycamore Springs Ranch well, N2 S2 NE SE sec. 19-T.31S.-R.15E. in Montgomery County, KS was selected for cuttings desorption tests in association with an on-going coalbed gas research project at the Kansas Geological Survey. The samples were gathered December 3 and 4, 2003 by K.D. Newell of the Kansas Geological Survey. Samples were obtained during normal drilling of the well, with no cessation of drilling before zones of interest (i.e., coals and dark shales in the Marmaton Group and Cherokee Group) were penetrated. The well was drilled using an air rotary rig owned by McPherson Drilling.

Lag times for samples to reach the surface (important for assessing lost gas) were determined by using the lag times from a nearby air-drilled well (Dart Cherokee Basin #CH-1 Holder; sec. 1-T.30S.-R.14E., Wilson County, KS), which was also drilled using this particular drilling rig. The lag times were determined by periodically noting the time it took for cuttings to reach the surface following resumption of drilling after new pipe was added to the drill string.

Eight cuttings samples from the Pennsylvanian Marmaton and Cherokee Groups were collected:

- Mulberry coal at 889' to 891' depth (213 grams dry wt.)
- Little Osage Shale at 1010' to 1012' depth (1536 grams dry wt.)
- Mulky coal/Excello Sh. at 1037' to 1039' depth (967 grams dry wt.)
- Bevier coal at 1070' to 1072' depth (666 grams dry wt.)

- Croweburg coal at 1090' to 1092' depth (1205 grams dry wt.)
- Mineral coal at 1130' to 1132' depth (2035 grams dry wt.)
- Bluejacket coal at 1255' to 1257' depth (1486 grams dry wt.)
- Riverton coal at 1350' to 1352' depth (1616 grams dry wt.)

The cuttings were caught in kitchen strainers as they exited the air-stream pipe emptying to the mud pit. The samples were then washed in water while in the kitchen strainers to rid them of as much drilling mud as possible before the cuttings were placed in desorption canisters. In case of small sample size (i.e., for the Mulberry coal sample -- less than 600 grams dry wt.), a concrete plug was placed in the desorption canister to decrease the volume of free space within the canister. The volume of this plug was 77 cubic inches (1262 cm³).

Temperature baths for the desorption canisters were on site, with temperature kept at approximately 75 °F. The canistered samples at the end of the second day were transported to the laboratory at the Kansas Geological Survey in Lawrence, KS and desorption measurements were continued at the same temperature. Desorption measurements were periodically made until the canisters produced negligible gas with daily testing for at least two successive days.

DESORPTION MEASUREMENTS

The equipment and method for measuring desorption gas is that prescribed by McLennan and others (1995). The volumetric displacement apparatus is a set of connected dispensing burettes, one of which measures the gas evolved from the desorption canister. The other burette compensates for the compression that occurs when the desorbed gas displaces the water in the measuring burette. This compensation is performed by adjusting the cylinders so that their water levels are identical, then figuring the amount of gas that evolved by reading the difference in water level using the volumetric scale on the side of the burette.

The desorption canisters were made in-house at the Kansas Geological Survey. On average, these canisters are approximately 15 inches long (38.1 cm), 3 inches (7.6 cm) in diameter, and enclose a volume of approximately 106 cubic inches (1740 cm³). Commercial canisters were also used, obtained from PEL-I-CANS (by J.R. Levine) in Richardson, TX. These canisters are 11.2 inches high (28.5 cm), 3.8 inches (9.7 cm) in diameter, and enclose a volume of approximately 127 cubic inches (2082 cm³). Commercial canisters from SSD, Inc. in Grand Junction, CO were also used. These canisters are 12.5 inches high (32 cm), 3 1/2 inches (9 cm) in diameter, and enclose a volume of approximately 150 cubic inches (2450 cm³).

The desorbed gas that collected in the desorption canisters was periodically released into the volumetric displacement apparatus and measured as a function of time, temperature and atmospheric pressure.

The time and atmospheric pressure were measured in the field using a portable weather station (model BA928) marketed by Oregon Scientific (Tualatin, OR). The atmospheric pressure was displayed in millibars on this instrument, however, this measurement was not the actual barometric pressure, but rather an altitude-compensated barometric pressure automatically converted to a sea-level-equivalent pressure. In order to translate this measurement to actual atmospheric pressure, a regression correlation was determined over several weeks by comparing readings from the Oregon Scientific instrument to that from a pressure transducer in the Petrophysics Laboratory in the Kansas Geological Survey in Lawrence, Kansas (Figure 1). The regression equation shown graphically in Figure 1 was entered into a spreadsheet and was used to automatically convert the millibar measurement to barometric pressure in pounds per square inch (psi).

A spreadsheet program written by K.D. Newell (Kansas Geological Survey) was used to convert all gas volumes at standard temperature and pressure. Conversion of gas volumes to standard temperature and pressure was by application of the perfect-gas equation, obtainable from basic college chemistry texts:

$$n = PV/RT$$

where n is moles of gas, T is degrees Kelvin (i.e., absolute temperature), V is in liters, and R is the universal gas constant, which has a numerical value depending on the units in which it is measured (for example, in the metric system $R = 0.0820$ liter atmosphere per degree mole). The number of moles of gas (i.e., the value n) is constant in a volumetric conversion, therefore the conversion equation, derived from the ideal gas equation, is:

$$(P_{\text{stp}}V_{\text{stp}})/(RT_{\text{stp}}) = (P_{\text{rig}}V_{\text{rig}})/(RT_{\text{rig}})$$

Customarily, standard temperature and pressure for gas volumetric measurements in the oil industry are 60 °F and 14.7 psi (see Dake, 1978, p. 13), therefore P_{stp} , V_{stp} , and T_{stp} , respectively, are pressure, volume and temperature at standard temperature and pressure, where standard temperature is degrees Rankine ($^{\circ}\text{R} = 460 + ^{\circ}\text{F}$). P_{rig} , V_{rig} , and T_{rig} , respectively, are ambient pressure, volume and temperature measurements taken at the rig site or in the desorption laboratory.

The universal gas constant R drops out as this equation is simplified and the determination of V_{stp} becomes:

$$V_{\text{stp}} = (T_{\text{stp}}/T_{\text{rig}}) (P_{\text{rig}}/P_{\text{stp}}) V_{\text{rig}}$$

The conversion calculations in the spreadsheet were carried out in the English metric system, as this is the customary measure system used in American coal and oil industry. V is therefore converted to cubic feet; P is psia; T is °R.

The desorbed gas was summed over the time period for which the coal samples evolved all of their gas. In the case of well cuttings from Dart Cherokee Basin #C4-19 Sycamore Springs Ranch well, the maximum time of desorption was 14 days.

Lost gas (i.e., the gas lost from the sample from the time it was drilled, brought to the surface, to the time it was canistered) was determined using the direct method (Kissel and others, 1975; also see McLennan and others, 1995, p. 6.1-6.14) in which the cumulative gas evolved is plotted against the square root of elapsed time. Time zero is assumed to be the moment that the rock is cut and its cuttings circulated off bottom. Characteristically, the cumulative gas evolved from the sample, when plotted against the square root of time, is linear for a short time period after the sample reaches ambient surface pressure conditions, therefore lost gas is determined by a line projected back to time zero. The period of linearity generally is about an hour for cuttings samples.

LITHOLOGIC ANALYSIS

Upon removal from the canisters, the cuttings were washed of drilling mud, and dried in an oven at 150 °F for 1 to 3 days. After drying, the cuttings were weighed and then dry sieved into 5 size fractions: >0.0930", >0.0661", >0.0460", >0.0331", and <0.0331". For large sample sizes, the cuttings were ran through a sample splitter and a lesser portion (approximately 75 grams) were sieved and weighed, and the derived size-fraction ratios were applied to the entire sample.

The size fractions were then inspected and sorted by hand under a dissecting microscope. Three major lithologic categories were differentiated: coal, dark shales (generally Munsell rock colors N3 (dark gray), N2 (grayish black), and N1 (black) on dry surface), and lighter-colored lithologies and/or dark and light-colored carbonates. The lighter-colored lithologies are considered to be incapable of generating significant amounts of gas. After sorting, and for every size class, each of these three lithologic categories was weighed and the proportion of coal dark shale and light-colored lithologies were determined for the entire cuttings sample based on the weight percentages.

DATA PRESENTATION

Data and analyses accompanying this report are presented in the following order: 1) lag time to surface for the well cuttings, 2) data tables for the desorption analyses, 3) lost-gas graphs, 4) "lithologic component sensitivity analyses" showing the interdependence of gas evolved from dark shale versus coal in each sample, 5) a summary component analysis for all samples showing relative reliability of the data from all the samples, and 6) a desorption graph for all the samples.

Graph of Lag-time to Surface for Well Cuttings (Figure 2)

Lag time of cuttings to surface varied, but there is a general trend of longer lag times for greater depth. The lag times accepted for cuttings were taken to be a visual average of

the trend (defined by the scatter of data points on this graph) at the depth at which the samples were taken.

Data Tables of the Desorption Analyses (Table 1)

These are the basic data used for lost-gas analysis and determination of total gas desorbed from the cuttings samples. Basic temperature, volume, and barometric measurements are listed at left. Farther to the right, these are converted to standard temperature, pressure and volumes. The volumes are cumulatively summed, and converted to scf/ton based on the total weight of coal *and* dark shale in the sample. At the right of the table, the time of the measurements are listed and converted to hours (and square root of hours) since the sample was drilled.

Lost-Gas Graphs (Figures 3-7)

Gas lost prior to the canistering of the sample was estimated by extrapolation of the first few data points after the sample was canistered. The linear characteristic of the initial desorption measurements is usually lost within the first hour after the cuttings leave the bottom of the hole, thus data are presented in the lost-gas graphs for only up to one hour after cuttings are off bottom. Lost-gas volumes derived from this analysis are incorporated in the data tables described above.

"Lithologic Component Sensitivity Analyses" (Figures 8-9)

The rapidity of penetration of an air-drilled well makes collection of pure lithologies from relatively thin-bedded strata rather difficult. Mixed lithologies are more the norm rather than the exception. Some of this mixing is due to cavings from strata farther up hole. The mixing may also be due to collection of two or more successively drilled lithologies in the kitchen sieve at the exit line, or differential lifting of relatively less-dense coal compared to other lithologies, all of which are more dense than coal.

The total gas evolved from the sample is due to gas being desorbed from both the coal and dark shale. Both lithologies are capable of generating gas, albeit the coal will be richer in gas than the dark-colored shale. Even though dark-colored shale is less rich in sorbed gas than coal, if a sample has a large proportion of dark, organic-rich shale and only a minor amount of coal, the total volume of gas evolved from the dark-shale component may be considerable. The lighter-colored lithologies are considered to be incapable of generating significant amounts of gas.

The total amount of gas evolved from a cuttings sample can be expressed by the following equation:

$$\text{Total gas (cm}^3\text{)} = [\text{weight}_{\text{coal}} \text{ (grams)} \times \text{gas content}_{\text{coal}} \text{ (cm}^3\text{/gram)}] + [\text{weight}_{\text{dark shale}} \text{ (grams)} \times \text{gas content}_{\text{dark shale}} \text{ (cm}^3\text{/gram)}]$$

A unique solution for *gas content_{coal}* in this equation is not possible because *gas content_{dark shale}* is not known exactly. An answer can only be expressed as a linear solution to the above equation. The richer in gas the dark shales are, the poorer in gas the admixed coal has to be, and visa versa. If there is little dark shale in a sample, a

relatively well constrained answer for $gas\ content_{coal}$ can be obtained. Conversely, if considerable dark shale is in a sample, the gas content of a coal will be hard to precisely determine.

The lithologic-component-sensitivity-analysis diagram therefore expresses the bivariant nature inherent in the determination of gas content in mixed cuttings. The gas content of dark shales in Kansas can vary greatly. Proprietary desorption analyses of dark shales in cores from southeastern Kansas have registered as much as 50 scf/ton, but can be as low as 2-4 scf/ton.

A value of 3 scf/ton for average dark shale is based on the assay of the gas content of cores of dark shales in nearby wells. However, high-gamma-ray shales (such as the Excello Shale), also colloquially known as "hot shales", typically have more organic matter and associated gas content than dark shales with no excessive gamma-ray level. Determination of gas content for a coal associated with a "hot" shale therefore carries more uncertainty than if the coal were associated with a shale without a high gamma-ray value. For example, the Mulky/Excello sample is a coal associated with a "hot shale".

In general, shale gas content does not have to be very much greater than 10 scf/ton before the associated coal starts to have a gas content less than that of the dark shale. In all the lithologic-component-sensitivity-analysis diagrams, a "break-even" point is therefore noted where the gas content of the coal is equal to that of the dark shale. This "break-even" point corresponds to the minimum gas content assignable to the coal and maximum gas content assignable to the dark shale. It can also be thought of the scf/ton gas content of the cuttings sample minus the weight of any of the lighter-colored lithologies, which are assumed to have no inherent gas content. Conversely though, to assume that all the gas evolved from a cuttings sample is derived solely from the coal would result in an erroneously high gas content for the coal.

Summary Component Analysis for all Samples (Figure 10)

This diagram is a summary of the individual "lithologic component sensitivity analyses" for each sample, all set at a common scale. The steeper the angle of the line for a sample, the more uncertainty is attached to the results (i.e., $gas\ content_{coal}$) for that sample. If the coal content is miniscule (i.e., < approximately 5%), the results are a better reflection of the $gas\ content_{dark\ shale}$.

Desorption Graph (Figure 11)

This is a desorption graph (gas content per weight vs. square root of time) for all the samples. The rate at which gas is evolved from the samples is thus comparable at a common scale. The final value represents the standard cubic feet of gas per ton (scf/ton) calculated for the sample, using the combined weight of the coal and dark shale in the sample.

RESULTS and DISCUSSION

The Little Osage Shale sample did not contain any Summit coal. Colors of the shale were gradational between very dark gray (N1) and light gray (N7), thus it was impossible to pick out any single, distinct shale in this sample that could have been representative of the Summit interval. Nearby cores of the Summit are not dominated by coal, but rather this zone is a carbonaceous shale having varying amounts of carbonaceous material, thus the sample is probably reflective of the Summit zone at this locality.

All samples contained less than 5% coal, which indicates that the coal is probably pulverized to dust by the air-drill percussion bit and not retained in the catching sieve. This lack of coal in the samples imparts some uncertainty to the desorption measurements, but an approximation of their gas content is nevertheless obtained. An estimate for gas content for the coal in this samples can be made, assuming the admixed dark shale in the sample desorb 3 scf/ton.

This Mulky/Excello sample contained little coal (2.2%). This sample was dominated by a very dark to black shale (N1, N2). Due to the small amount of coal in the sample, the calculated gas content of the coal varies greatly with any slight variation in gas content assumed for the accompanying shale in the sample. The Excello, however, is very rich in organic matter, and it may have a gas content close to that of the average gas content for the entire sample (i.e., 42.8 scf/ton). A similar problem was encountered for the Mulky/Excello sample (820') at Dart Cherokee basin #CH-1 Holder well (SE NE 1-T.30S.-R.14E.).

According to the summary diagram for the sensitivity analyses (Figure 19), the best constrained results (in which the resultant coal gas content varies the least with shale gas content) is for the Mulberry coal. The least constrained results are for the Riverton coal.

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FIGURES and TABLES

FIGURE 1. Correlation of field barometer to Petrophysics Lab pressure transducer.

FIGURE 2. Lag-time to surface for well cuttings.

TABLE 1. Desorption measurements for samples.

FIGURE 3. Lost-gas graph for Mulberry coal at 889' to 891' depth.
FIGURE 4. Lost-gas graph for Little Osage Shale at 1010' to 1012' depth.
FIGURE 5. Lost-gas graph for Mulky coal/Excello Sh. at 1037' to 1039' depth.
FIGURE 6. Lost-gas graph for Bevier coal at 1070' to 1072' depth.
FIGURE 7. Lost-gas graph for Croweburg coal at 1090' to 1092' depth.
FIGURE 8. Lost-gas graph for Mineral coal at 1130' to 1132' depth.
FIGURE 9. Lost-gas graph for Bluejacket coal at 1255' to 1257' depth.
FIGURE 10. Lost-gas graph for Riverton coal at 1350' to 1352' depth.

FIGURE 11. Sensitivity analysis for Mulberry coal at 889' to 891' depth.
FIGURE 12. Sensitivity analysis for Little Osage Shale at 1010' to 1012' depth.
FIGURE 13. Sensitivity analysis for Mulky coal/Excello Sh. at 1037' to 1039' depth.
FIGURE 14. Sensitivity analysis for Bevier coal at 1070' to 1072' depth.
FIGURE 15. Sensitivity analysis for Croweburg coal at 1090' to 1092' depth.
FIGURE 16. Sensitivity analysis for Mineral coal at 1130' to 1132' depth.
FIGURE 17. Sensitivity analysis for Bluejacket coal at 1255' to 1257' depth.
FIGURE 18. Sensitivity analysis for Riverton coal at 1350' to 1352' depth.

FIGURE 19. Lithologic component sensitivity analyses for all samples.

FIGURE 20. Desorption graph for all samples.

Correlation of Field Barometer to KGS Petrophysics Lab Barometer

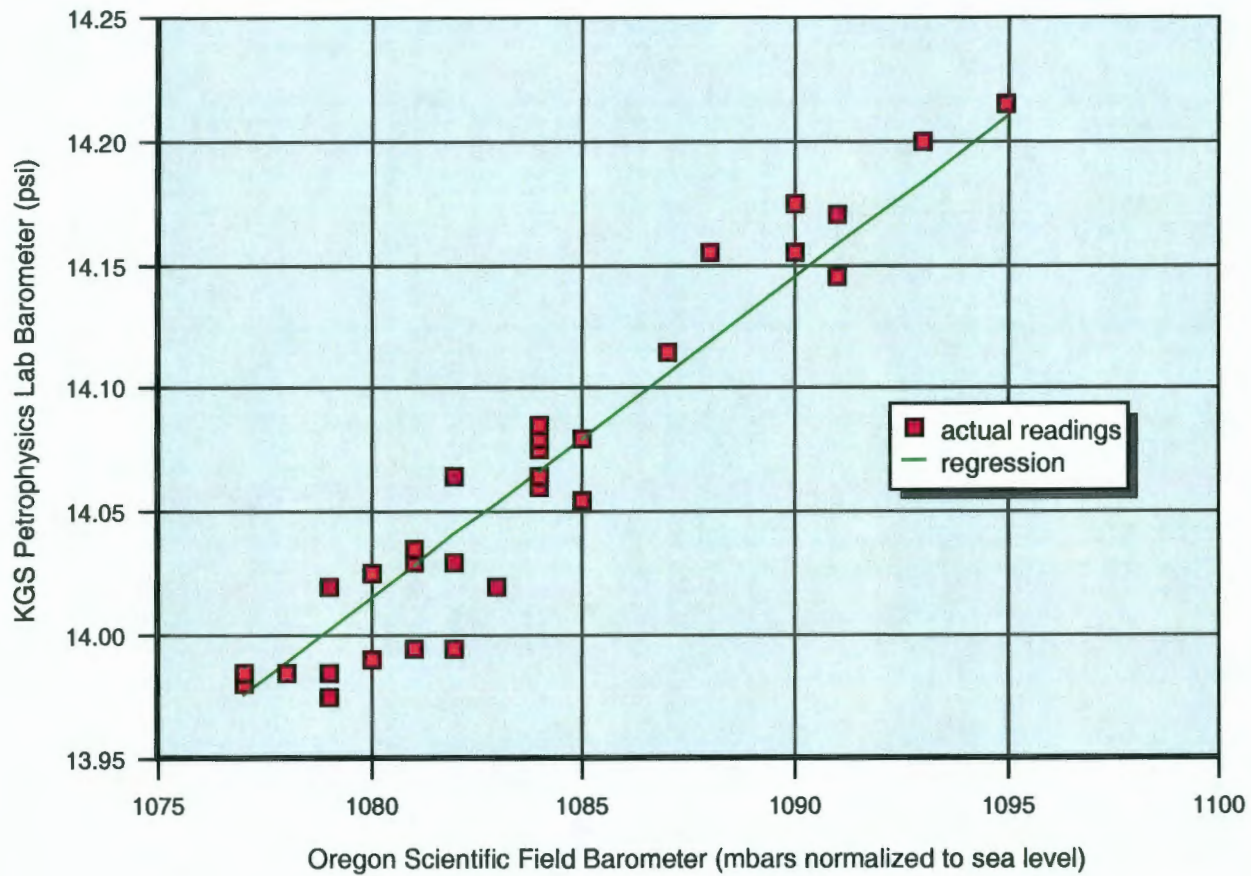
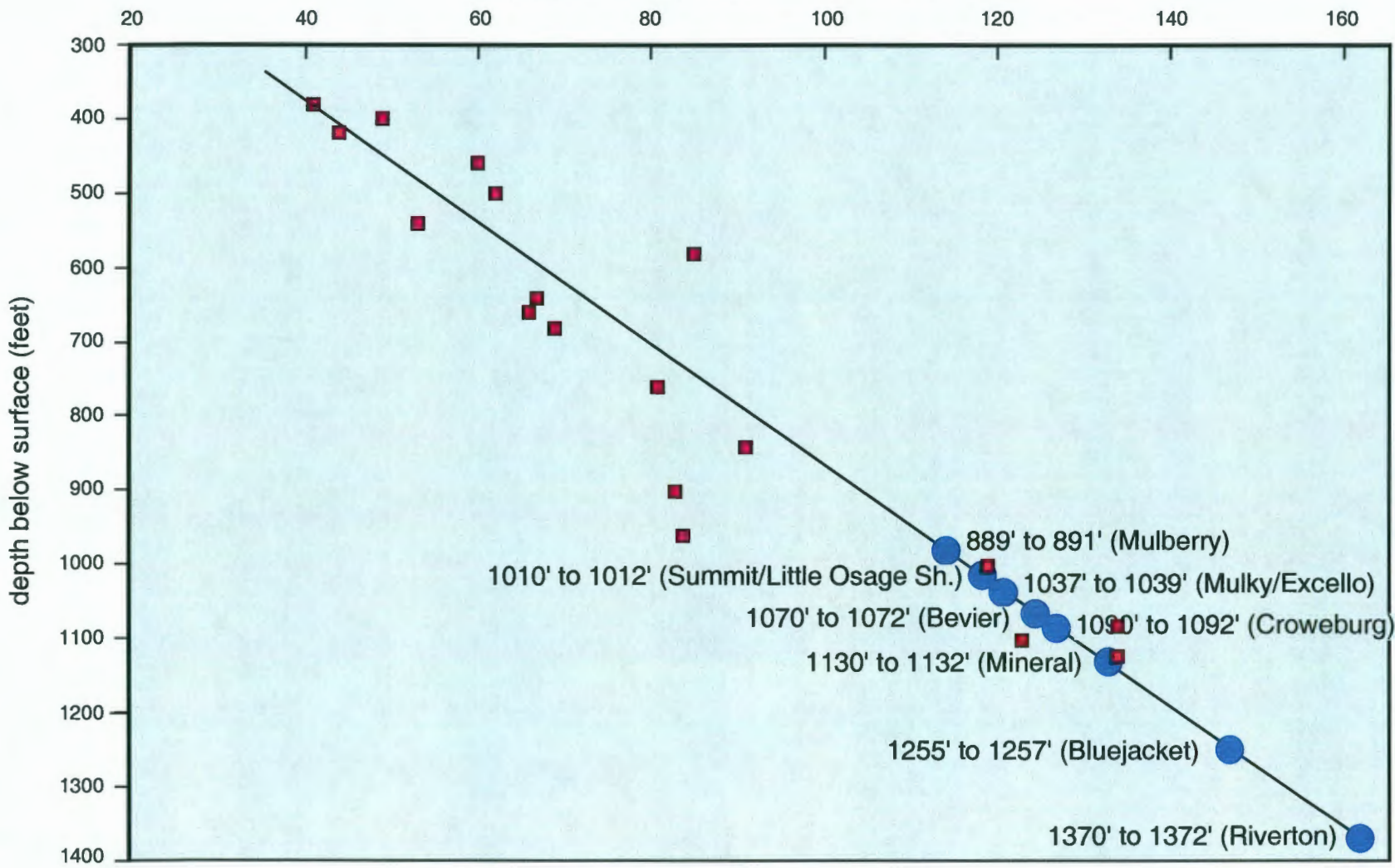


FIGURE 1.

Dart Cherokee Basin #C4-19 Sycamore Springs Ranch;
 N2 S2 NE SE sec. 19-T.31S.-R.15E., Montgomery County, KS
 (based on lag times from Dart Cherokee Basin #CH-1 Holder; sec. 1-T.30S.-R.14E., Wilson County, KS)

lag-time to surface for well cuttings

lag time of cutting to surface (seconds)



■ measured lag time of cuttings to surface after pipe connections

FIGURE 2.

TABLE 1 -- Desorption data for DART SYCAMORE SPRINGS RANCH #C4-19; N2 S2 NE SE 19-T.315-.R.15E.

SAMPLE: 889' to 891' (Mulberry coal) in canister Maggy 2

Table for sample 889' to 891' (Mulberry coal) in canister Maggy 2. Includes columns for dry sample weight (0.4690 lbs, 212.74 grams), conversion of rig/lab measurements to STP, cumulative volumes (SCF/TON), and elapsed time (18.7 minutes).

DESORPTION TERMINATED 12/10/2003 DUE TO NO MORE GAS BEING EVOLVED; dried in oven at 200 degrees F for 5 days

SAMPLE: 1010' to 1012' (Summit coal/Little Osage Sh.) in canister Maggy 3

Table for sample 1010' to 1012' (Summit coal/Little Osage Sh.) in canister Maggy 3. Includes columns for dry sample weight (3.3872 lbs, 1536.4 grams), conversion of rig/lab measurements to STP, cumulative volumes (SCF/TON), and elapsed time (12.0 minutes).

SAMPLE DECANISTERED 12/10/2003 DUE TO NO MORE GAS BEING EVOLVED; dried in oven at 200 degrees F for 14 days;

SAMPLE: 1037' to 1039' (Mulky coal/Excello Sh.) in canister Maggy 4

Table for sample 1037' to 1039' (Mulky coal/Excello Sh.) in canister Maggy 4. Includes columns for dry sample weight (2.1320 lbs, 967.06 grams), conversion of rig/lab measurements to STP, cumulative volumes (SCF/TON), and elapsed time (10.7 minutes).

16	77	1091	0.0006	537	14.161	0.000527077	14.93	0.004097959	116.04	2.50	4.25	12/4/03	8:52	1:17:42	1:08:00	1.137980668
65	76	1091	0.0023	536	14.161	0.002145243	60.75	0.006243202	176.79	3.81	5.58	12/4/03	10:04	2:29:27	2:19:45	1.578237414
223	78	1094	0.0079	538	14.200	0.007352637	208.20	0.013595839	384.99	8.30	10.04	12/5/03	9:48	26:13:27	26:03:45	5.120953687
41	75	1087	0.0014	535	14.109	0.001350712	38.25	0.014946551	423.24	9.12	10.87	12/6/03	23:31	63:56:27	63:46:45	7.996301228
29	76	1076	0.001	536	13.966	0.000943949	26.73	0.0158905	449.97	9.70	11.45	12/7/03	17:03	81:28:27	81:18:45	9.026304153
18	76	1071	0.0006	536	13.901	0.000583177	18.51	0.016473677	466.48	10.06	11.80	12/8/03	14:12	102:37:27	102:27:45	10.13035866
-14	74	1073	-0.0005	534	13.927	-0.000456131	-12.92	0.016017546	453.56	9.78	11.52	12/9/03	11:25	123:50:27	123:40:45	11.12637964
-28	73	1082	-0.001	533	14.044	-0.00092164	-26.10	0.015095906	427.47	9.21	10.96	12/10/03	12:37	149:02:27	148:52:45	12.2082281
-14	75	1091	-0.0005	535	14.161	-0.000462916	-13.11	0.01463299	414.36	8.93	10.68	12/12/03	10:35	195:00:27	194:50:45	13.96450858

SAMPLE DECANISTERED 12/13/2003 DUE TO NO MORE GAS BEING EVOLVED; dried in oven at 200 degrees F for 5 days

SAMPLE: 1370' to 1372' (Riverton coal) in canister 6

dry sample weight: lbs. 3.5633 grams 1616.28

est. lost gas (cc) = TIME OF: 46 off bottom 12/4/03 8:40 at surface 12/4/03 8:43 in canister 12/4/03 8:50 elapsed time (off bottom to canistering) 9.7 minutes

RIG/LAB MEASUREMENTS			CONVERSION OF RIG/LAB MEASUREMENTS TO STP (@60 deg F; 14.7 psi)				CUMULATIVE VOLUMES		SCF/TON	SCF/TON	TIME SINCE			TIME OF MEASURE		TIME SINCE	in canister	SCRT hrs. (since off bottom)
measured cc	measured T (F)	measured P	cubic ft	absolute T (F)	psia	cubic ft (@STP)	cc (@STP)	without lost gas	with lost gas	off bottom	at surface	in canister	off bottom	at surface	in canister	SCRT (hrs)		
14	77	1091	0.0005	537	14.161	0.000461192	13.06	0.000461192	13.06	0.26	1.17	12/4/03	8:56	0:16:12	0:06:30	0.519615242		
2	77	1091	7E-05	537	14.161	6.58846E-05	1.87	0.000527077	14.93	0.30	1.21	12/4/03	8:58	0:17:42	0:08:00	0.543139025		
7	77	1091	0.0002	537	14.161	0.000230596	6.53	0.000757672	21.45	0.43	1.34	12/4/03	9:01	0:21:27	0:11:45	0.597913037		
4	77	1091	0.0001	537	14.161	0.000131769	3.73	0.000889442	25.19	0.50	1.41	12/4/03	9:04	0:23:57	0:14:15	0.631796381		
5	76	1091	0.0002	536	14.161	0.000165019	4.67	0.00105446	29.86	0.59	1.50	12/4/03	9:08	0:27:42	0:18:00	0.67946057		
4	76	1091	0.0001	536	14.161	0.000132015	3.74	0.001186475	33.60	0.67	1.58	12/4/03	9:10	0:30:12	0:20:30	0.709459888		
4	76	1091	0.0001	536	14.161	0.000132015	3.74	0.00131849	37.34	0.74	1.65	12/4/03	9:13	0:32:42	0:23:00	0.736241153		
19	76	1091	0.0007	536	14.161	0.000627071	17.76	0.001945561	55.09	1.09	2.00	12/4/03	9:24	0:44:27	0:34:45	0.860716756		
9	76	1091	0.0003	536	14.161	0.000297034	8.41	0.002242595	63.50	1.26	2.17	12/4/03	9:31	0:50:57	0:41:15	0.921502396		
4	76	1091	0.0001	536	14.161	0.000132015	3.74	0.00237461	67.24	1.33	2.24	12/4/03	9:35	0:54:57	0:45:15	0.956991815		
6	76	1091	0.0002	536	14.161	0.000198022	5.61	0.002572632	72.85	1.44	2.36	12/4/03	9:39	0:59:27	0:49:45	0.995406115		
20	76	1091	0.0007	536	14.161	0.000660075	18.69	0.003232707	91.54	1.81	2.73	12/4/03	10:01	1:21:27	1:11:45	1.16511802		
151	78	1094	0.0053	538	14.200	0.004978691	140.98	0.008211399	232.52	4.61	5.52	12/5/03	9:50	25:09:42	25:00:00	5.016140615		
6	79	1087	0.0002	539	14.109	0.000196198	5.56	0.008407597	238.08	4.72	5.63	12/6/03	23:33	62:52:42	62:43:00	7.92958595		
-5	73	1076	-0.0002	533	13.966	-0.000163666	-4.63	0.008243931	233.44	4.63	5.54	12/7/03	17:04	80:23:42	80:14:00	8.966325892		
-2	76	1071	-7E-05	536	13.901	-6.47974E-05	-1.83	0.008179133	231.61	4.59	5.50	12/8/03	14:06	101:25:42	101:16:00	10.07116345		
-29	70	1073	-0.001	530	13.927	-0.000951974	-26.96	0.007227159	204.65	4.06	4.97	12/9/03	11:25	122:44:42	122:35:00	11.07903425		

SAMPLE DECANISTERED 12/09/2003 DUE TO NO MORE GAS BEING EVOLVED; dried in oven at 200 degrees F for 5 days

889' to 891' (Mulberry coal) in canister Maggy 2
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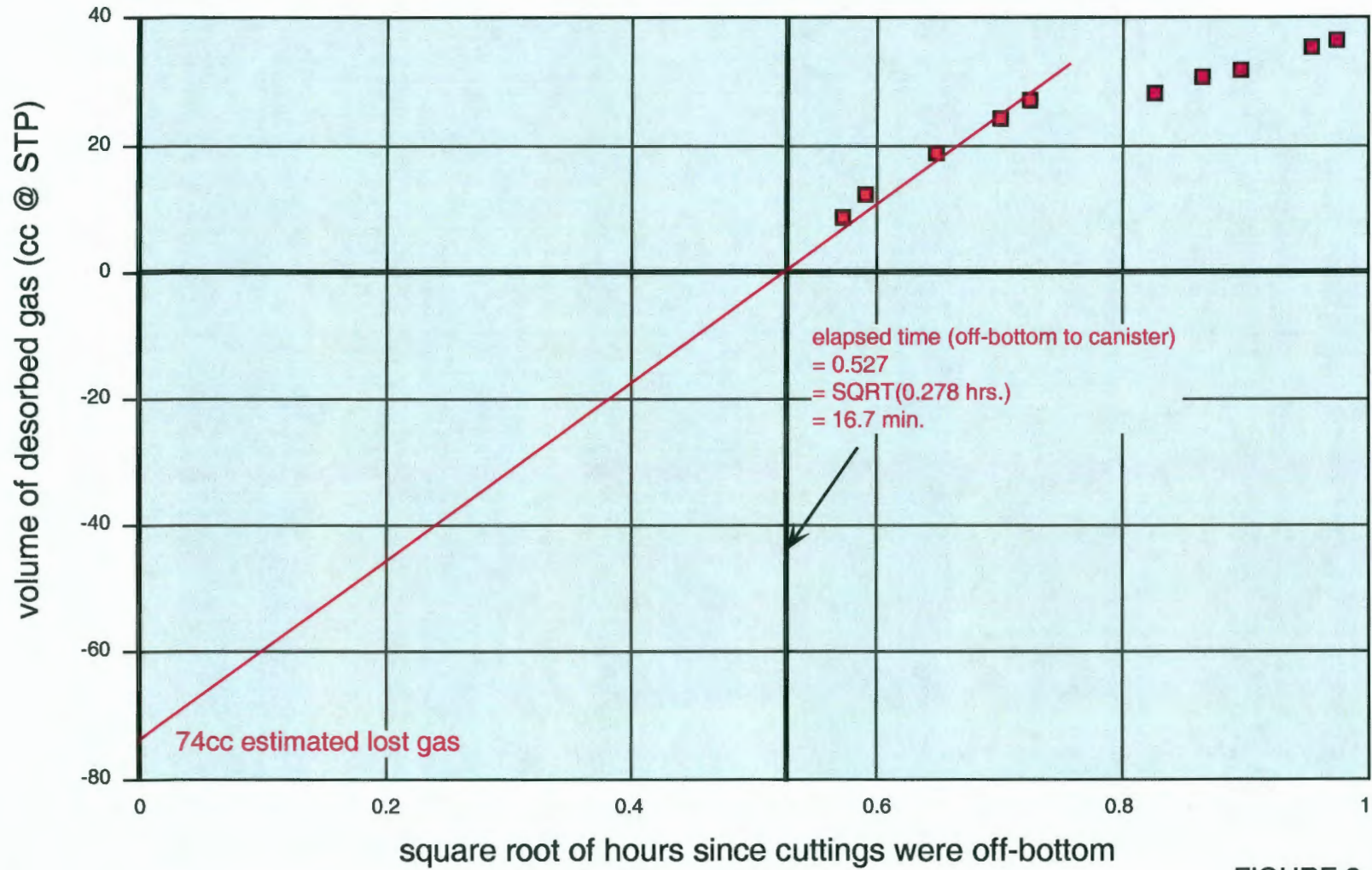


FIGURE 3.

1010' to 1012' (Summit coal/Little Osage Sh.) in canister Maggy 3
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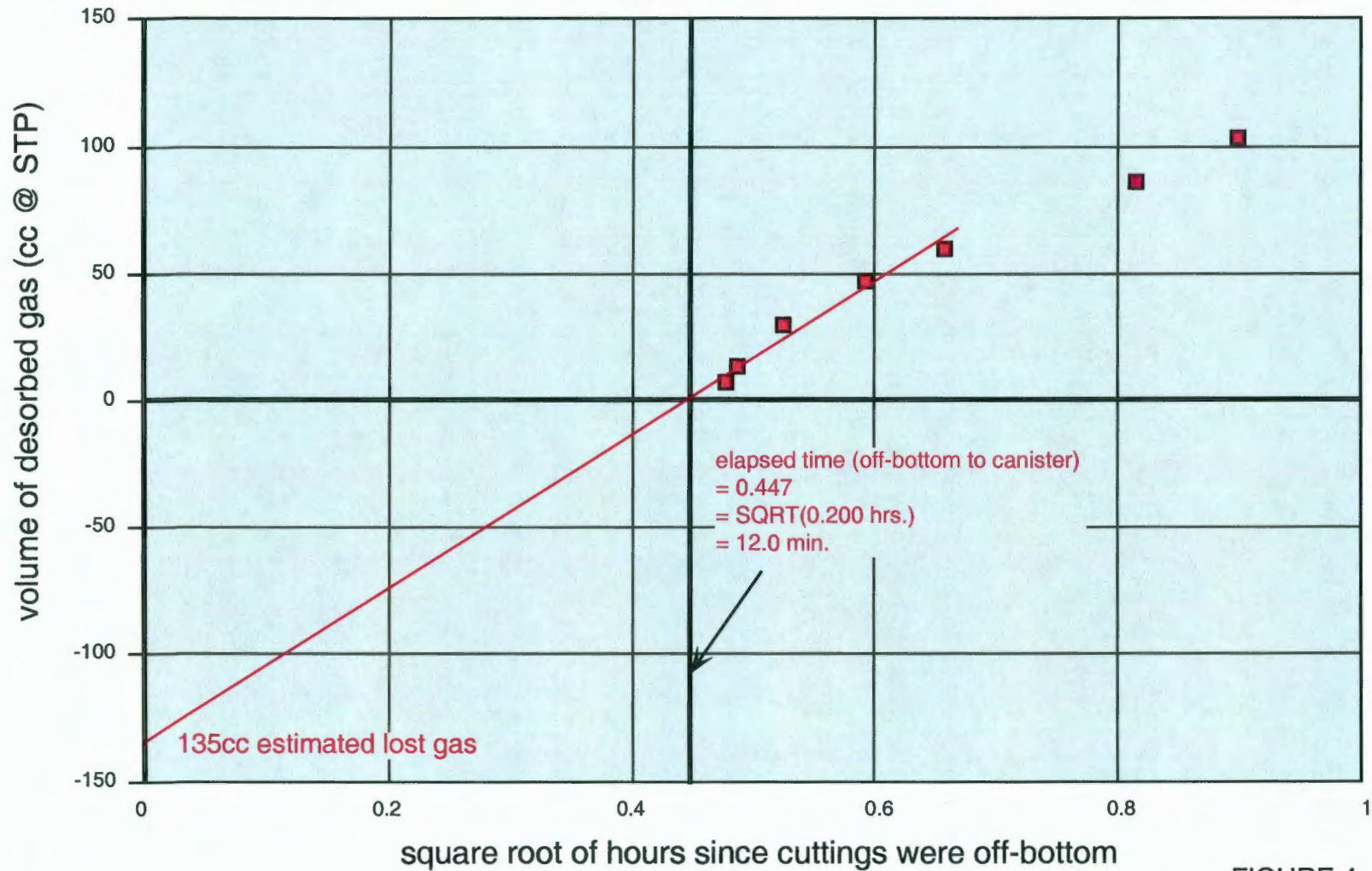


FIGURE 4.

1037' to 1039' (Mulky coal/Excello Sh.) in canister Maggy 4

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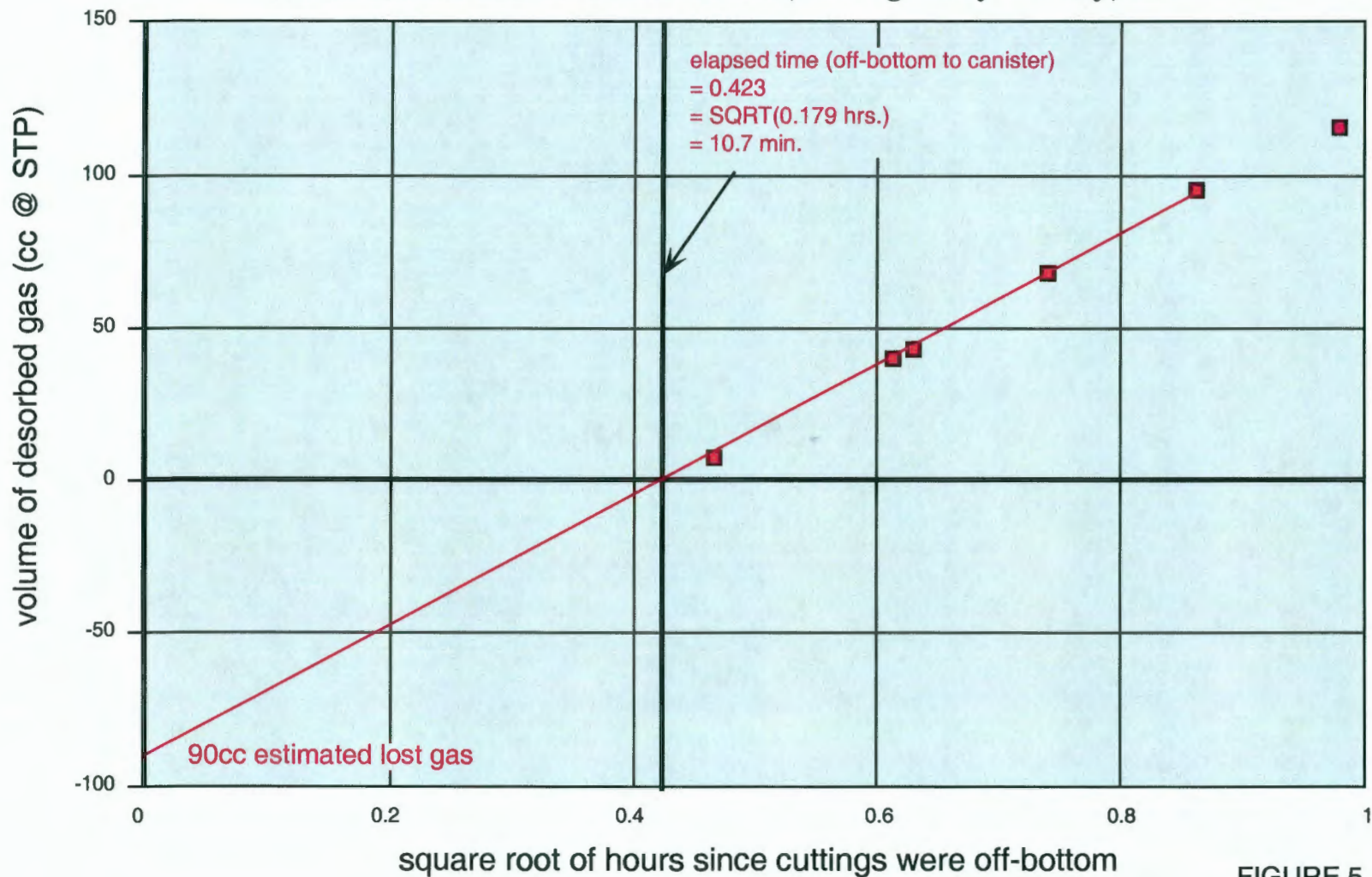


FIGURE 5.

1070' to 1072' (Bevier coal) in canister Brady 27
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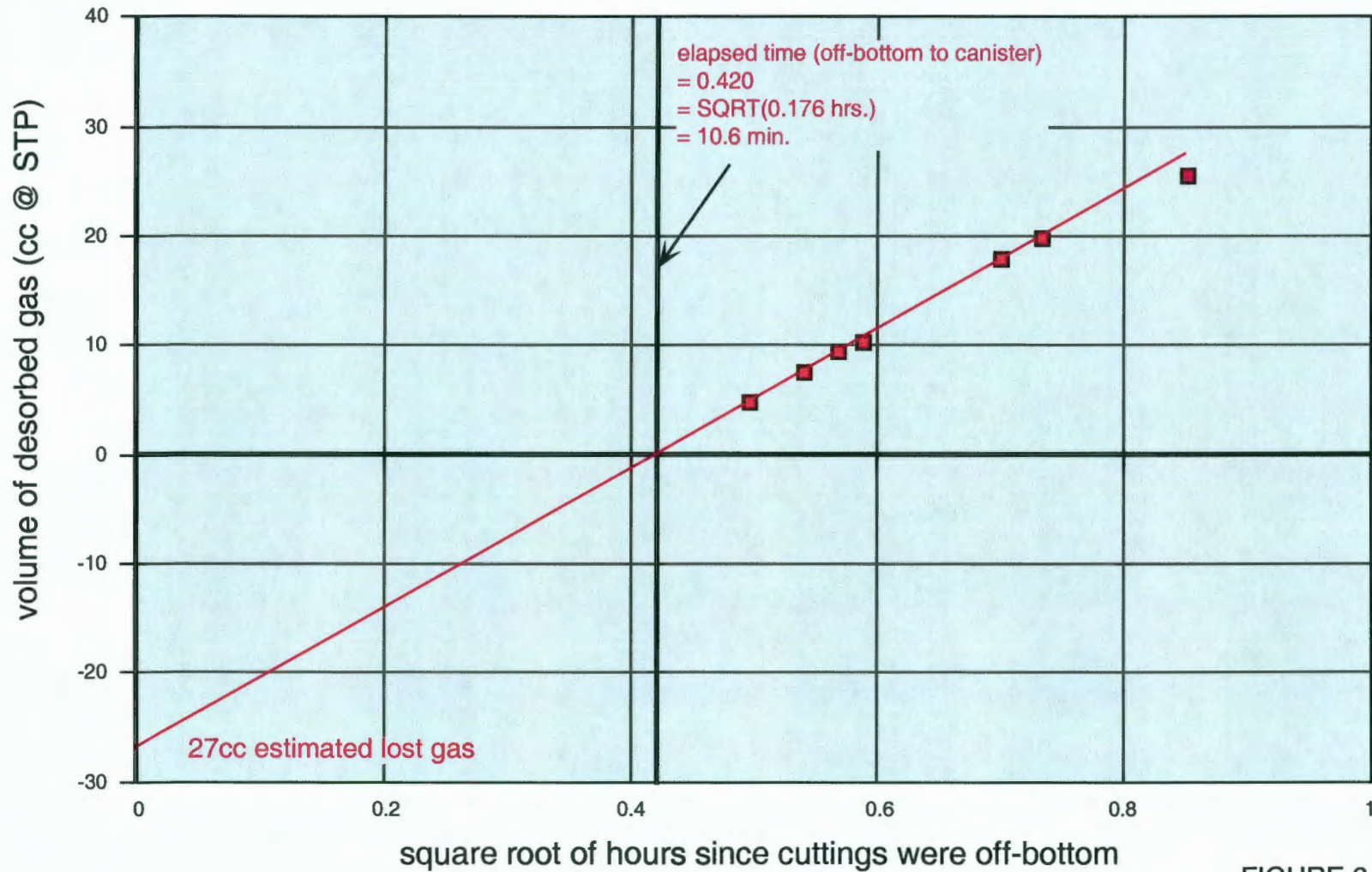


FIGURE 6.

1090' to 1092' (Croweburg coal) in canister MER 1

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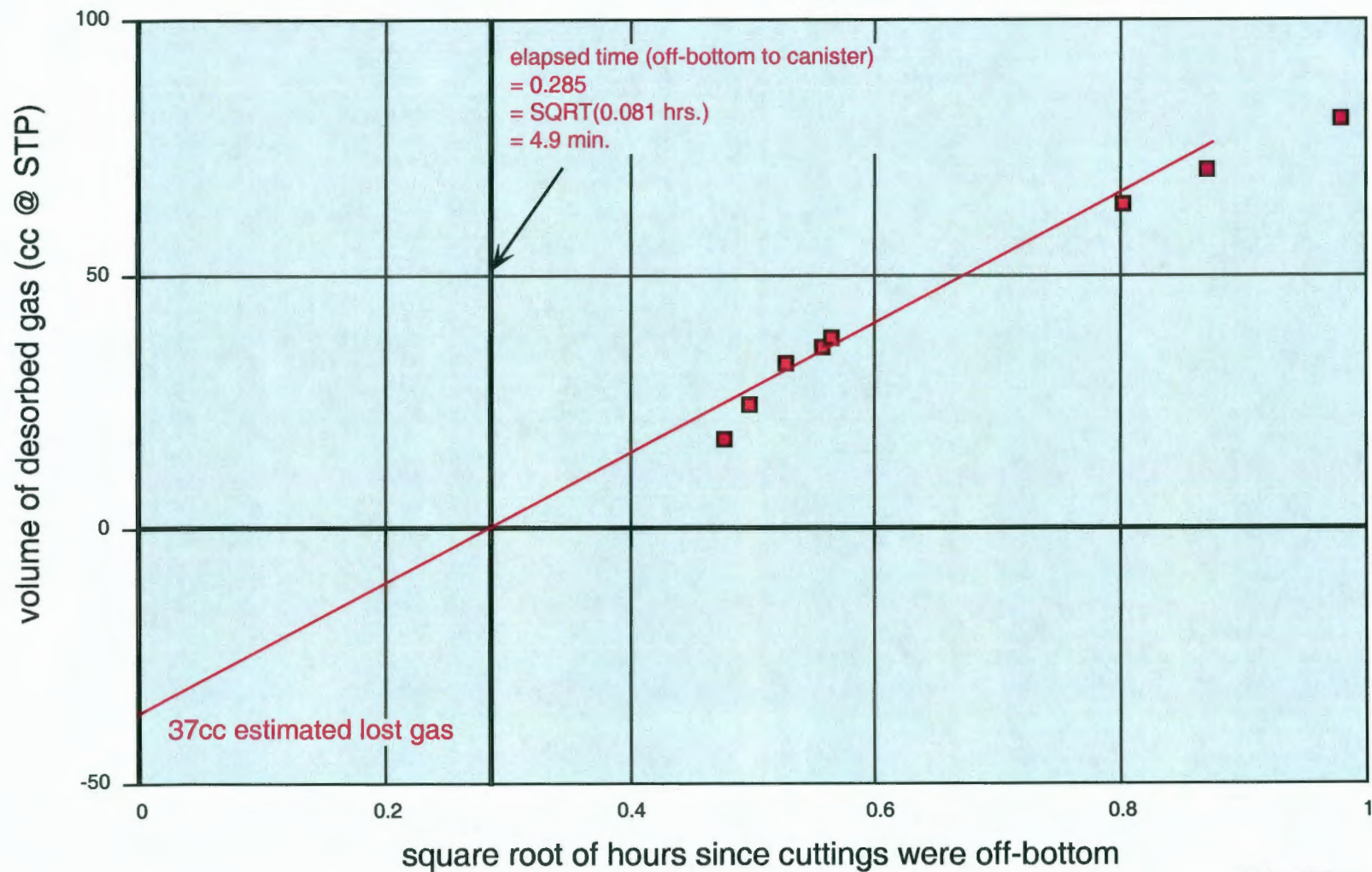


FIGURE 7.

1130' to 1132' (Mineral coal) in canister MER Fe
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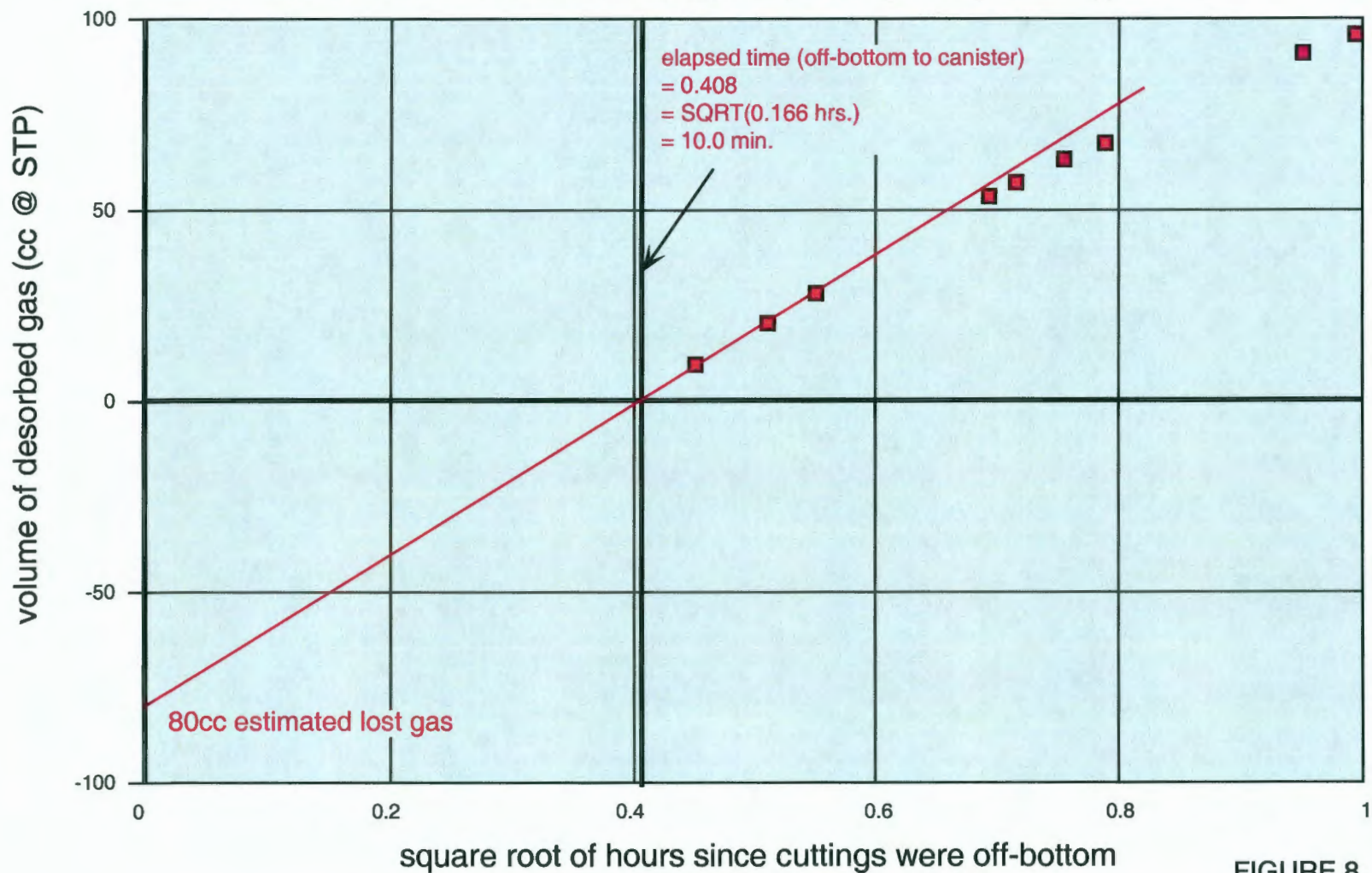


FIGURE 8.

1255' to 1257' (Bluejacket coal) in canister J
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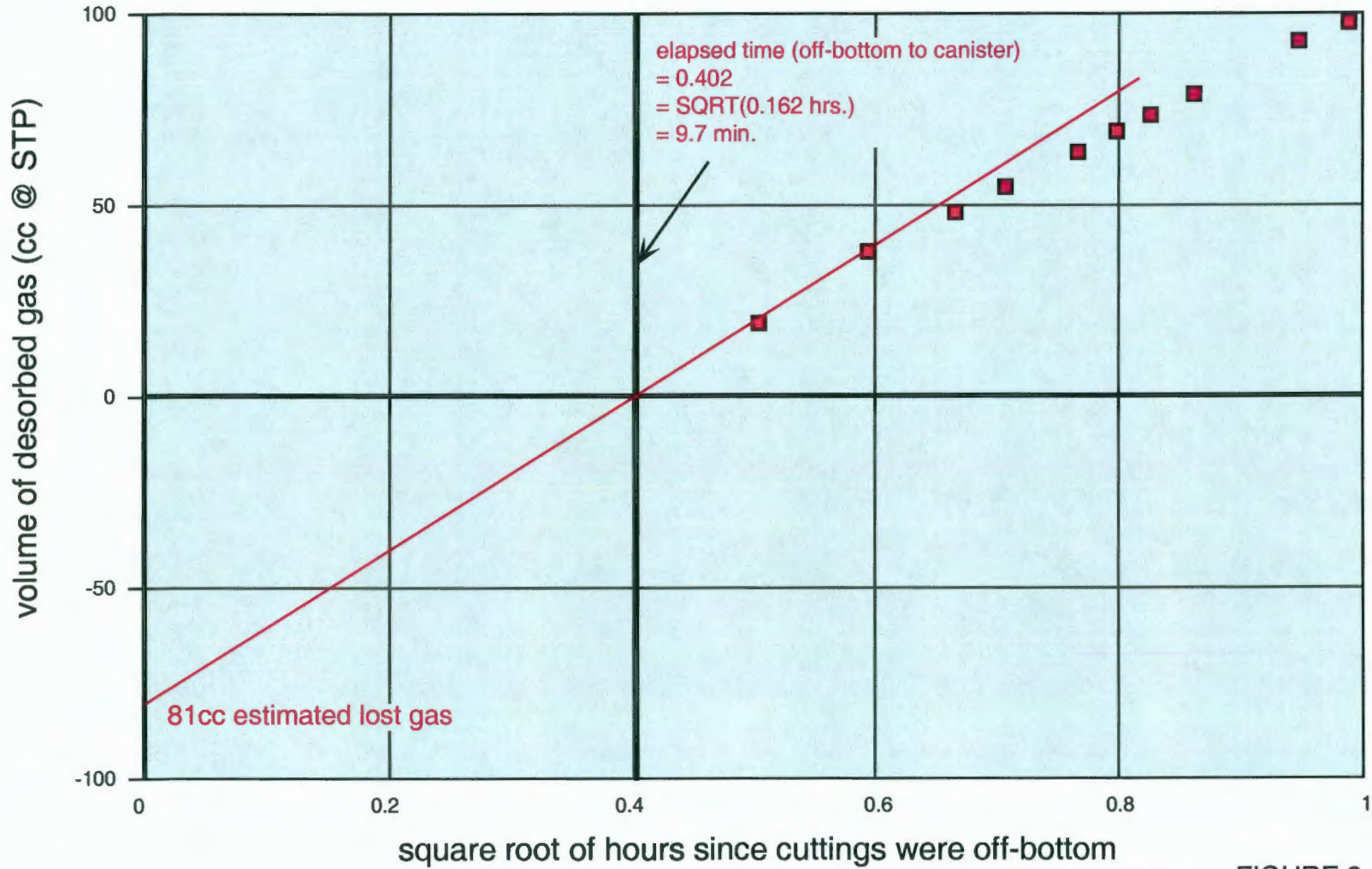


FIGURE 9.

1370' to 1372' (Riverton coal) in canister 6
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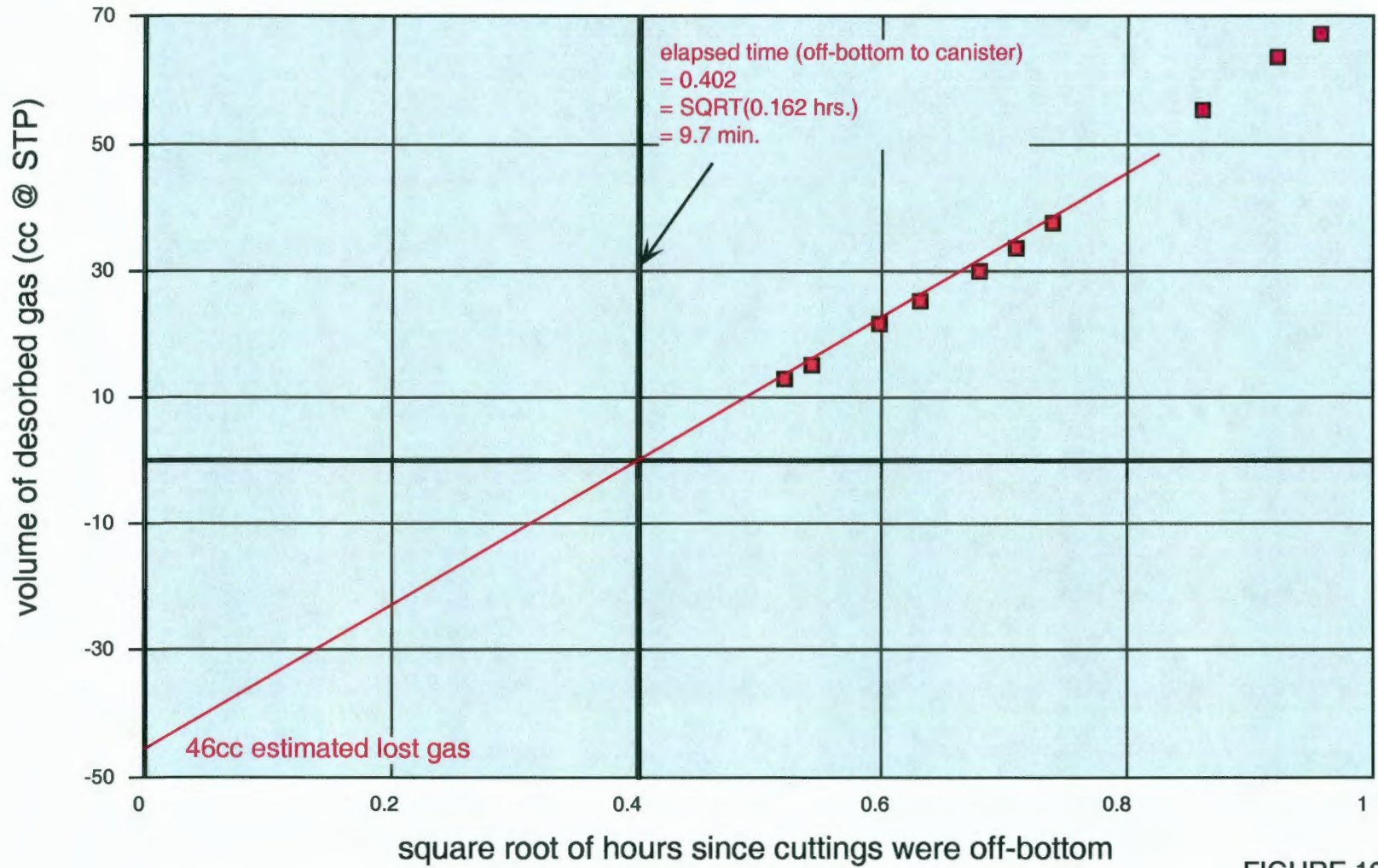


FIGURE 10.

Desorption Characteristics of Cuttings Samples

Dart Cherokee Basin #C4-19 Sycamore Springs Ranch;
N2 S2 NE SE sec. 19-T.31S.-R.15E., Montgomery County, KS

LITHOLOGIC COMPONENT SENSITIVITY ANALYSIS for calculation of gas content of Mulberry coal from 889-891'

$$\text{GAS CONTENT}_{\text{coal}} = \frac{\text{total gas desorbed} - ((\text{gas content}_{\text{dark shale}}) * (\text{weight}_{\text{dark shale}}))}{\text{weight}_{\text{coal}}}$$

total gas desorbed = 156 ccs

TOTAL DRY WEIGHT OF SAMPLE = 2572.02 grams

weight_{light-colored lithologies} = 2359.28 grams (91.7%)

weight_{dark shale} = 179.40 grams (7.0%)

weight_{coal} = 33.34 grams (1.3%)

sieve size	grams	% coal / % dark shale / % light-colored liths
>0.0930"	2258.50	1.25% / 7.56% / 91.20%
>0.0661"	208.39	1.34% / 2.08% / 96.58%
>0.0460"	85.28	2.54% / 4.35% / 93.12%
>0.0331"	12.09	1.07% / 2.67% / 96.26%
<0.0331"	7.75	1.55% / 4.17% / 94.29%
2572.02 TOTAL		

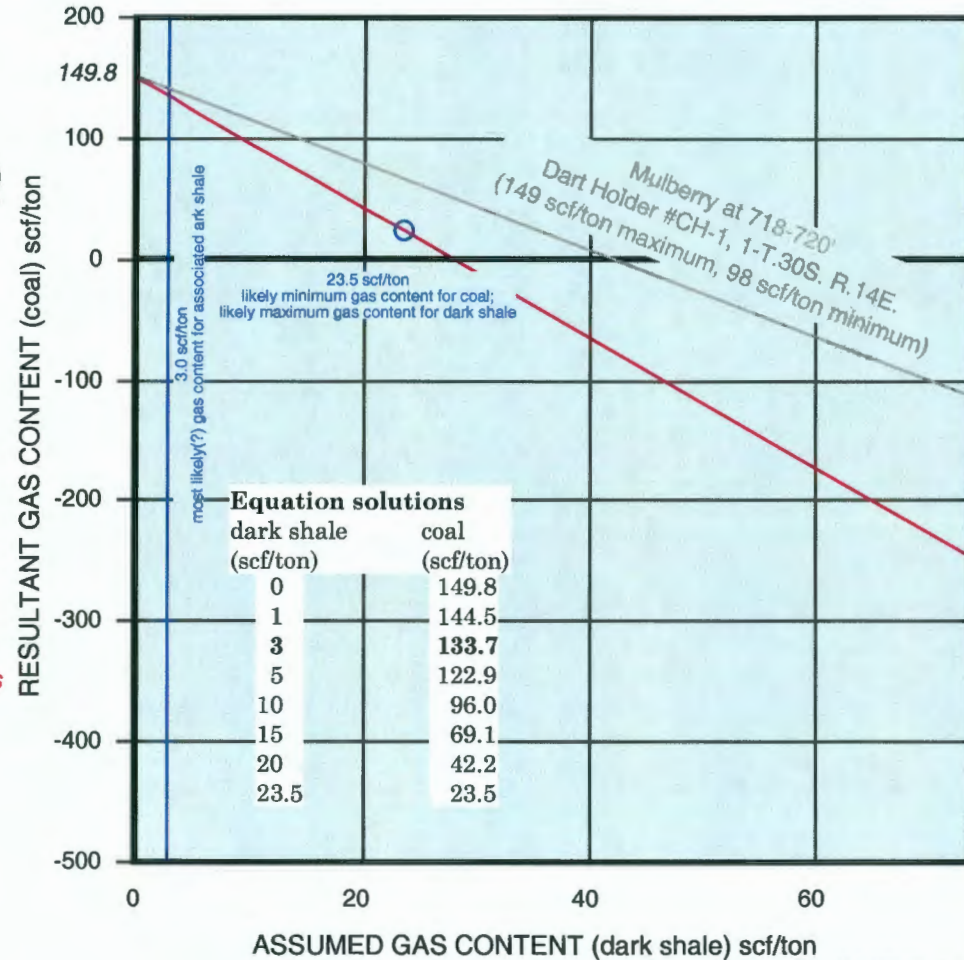


FIGURE 11.

Desorption Characteristics of Cuttings Samples

Dart Cherokee Basin #C4-19 Sycamore Springs Ranch;
N2 S2 NE SE sec. 19-T.31S.-R.15E., Montgomery County, KS

LITHOLOGIC COMPONENT SENSITIVITY ANALYSIS for calculation of gas content of Little Osage Shale from 1010-1012'

$$\text{GAS CONTENT}_{\text{coal}} = \frac{\text{total gas desorbed} - ((\text{gas content}_{\text{dark shale}}) * (\text{weight}_{\text{dark shale}}))}{\text{weight}_{\text{coal}}}$$

total gas desorbed = 725 ccs

TOTAL DRY WEIGHT OF SAMPLE = 1899.61 grams

weight_{light-colored lithologies} = 363.21 grams (19.1%)

weight_{dark shale} = 1536.40 grams (80.9%)

weight_{coal} = 0.00 grams (0.0%)

sieve size	grams	% coal / % dark shale / % light-colored liths
>0.0930"	1449.87	0.00% / 82.15% / 17.85%
>0.0661"	259.97	0.00% / 81.17% / 18.83%
>0.0460"	138.84	0.00% / 73.50% / 26.50%
>0.0331"	34.17	0.00% / 65.18% / 34.82%
<0.0331"	16.77	0.00% / 60.00% / 40.00%

1899.61 TOTAL

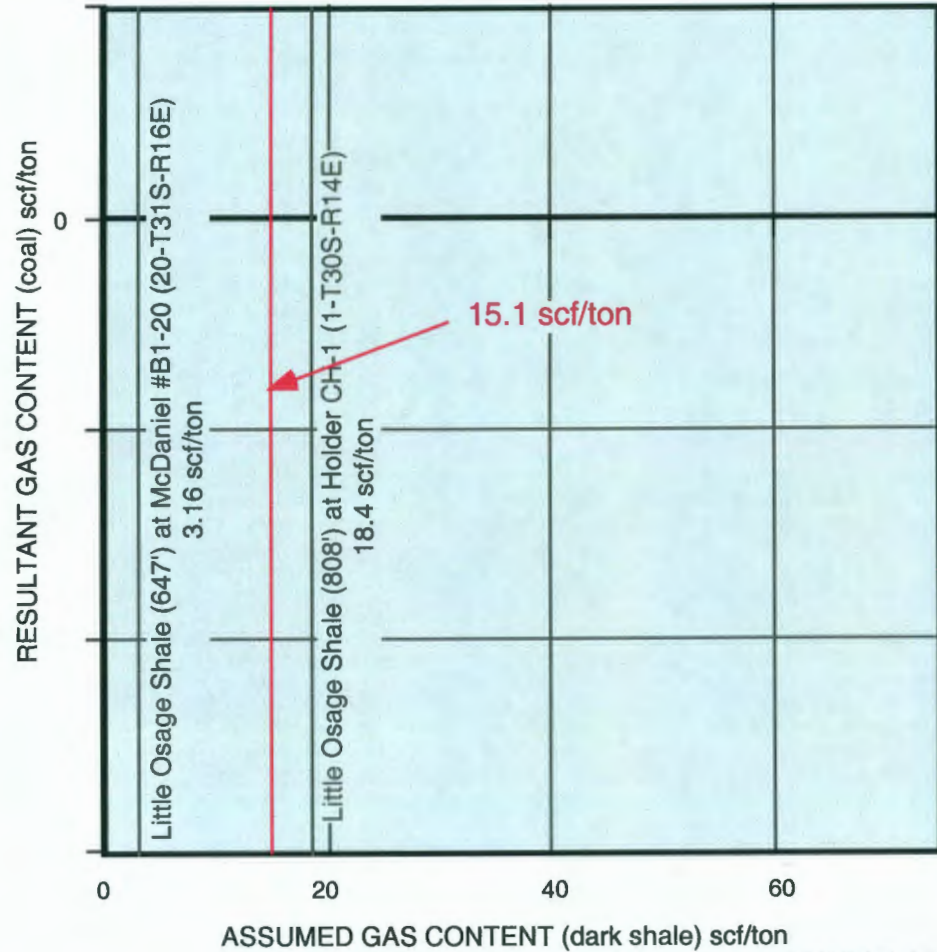


FIGURE 12.

Desorption Characteristics of Cuttings Samples

Dart Cherokee Basin #C4-19 Sycamore Springs Ranch;
N2 S2 NE SE sec. 19-T.31S.-R.15E., Montgomery County, KS

LITHOLOGIC COMPONENT SENSITIVITY ANALYSIS for calculation of gas content of Mulky coal from 1037-1039'

$$\text{GAS CONTENT}_{\text{coal}} = \frac{\text{total gas desorbed} - ((\text{gas content}_{\text{dark shale}}) * (\text{weight}_{\text{dark shale}}))}{\text{weight}_{\text{coal}}}$$

total gas desorbed = 1292 ccs

TOTAL DRY WEIGHT OF SAMPLE = 1324.38 grams

weight_{light-colored lithologies} = 357.32 grams (27.0%)

weight_{dark shale} = 938.60 grams (70.9%)

weight_{coal} = 28.46 grams (2.2%)

sieve size	grams	% coal / % dark shale / % light-colored liths
>0.0930"	1079.99	2.29% / 69.99% / 22.03%
>0.0661"	148.21	1.47% / 77.11% / 21.43%
>0.0460"	67.84	1.61% / 73.49% / 24.90%
>0.0331"	16.62	1.67% / 61.67% / 36.67%
<0.0331"	11.72	1.76% / 70.57% / 27.68%

1324.38 TOTAL

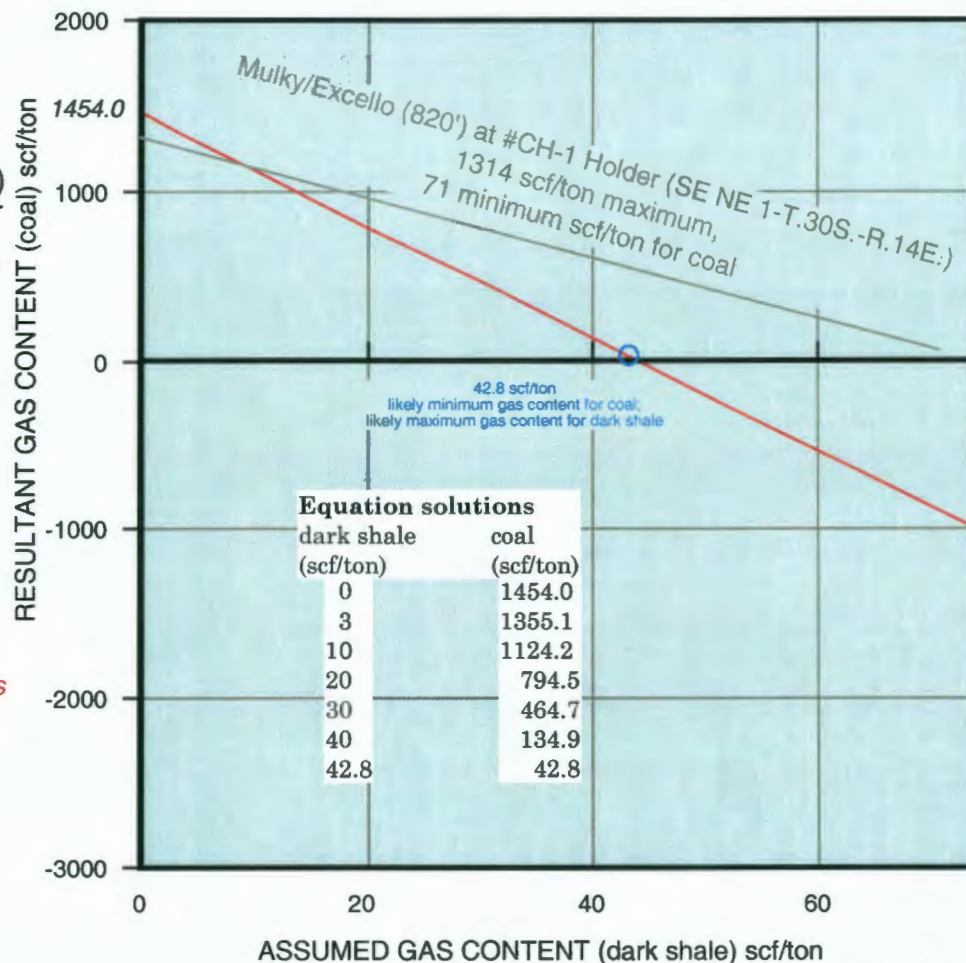


FIGURE 13.

Desorption Characteristics of Cuttings Samples

Dart Cherokee Basin #C4-19 Sycamore Springs Ranch;
N2 S2 NE SE sec. 19-T.31S.-R.15E., Montgomery County, KS

LITHOLOGIC COMPONENT SENSITIVITY ANALYSIS for calculation of gas content of Bevier coal from 1070-1072'

$$\text{GAS CONTENT}_{\text{coal}} = \frac{\text{total gas desorbed} - ((\text{gas content}_{\text{dark shale}}) * (\text{weight}_{\text{dark shale}}))}{\text{weight}_{\text{coal}}}$$

total gas desorbed = 123 ccs

TOTAL DRY WEIGHT OF SAMPLE = 1065.05 grams

weight_{light-colored lithologies} = 399.06 grams (37.5%)

weight_{dark shale} = 641.88 grams (60.3%)

weight_{coal} = 24.11 grams (2.3%)

sieve size	grams	% coal / % dark shale / % light-colored liths
>0.0930"	805.44	1.75% / 59.53% / 38.72%
>0.0661"	165.59	4.16% / 65.10% / 30.75%
>0.0460"	71.27	3.66% / 60.22% / 36.13%
>0.0331"	14.13	2.15% / 47.31% / 50.54%
<0.0331"	9.01	2.93% / 60.00% / 40.00%

1065.05 TOTAL

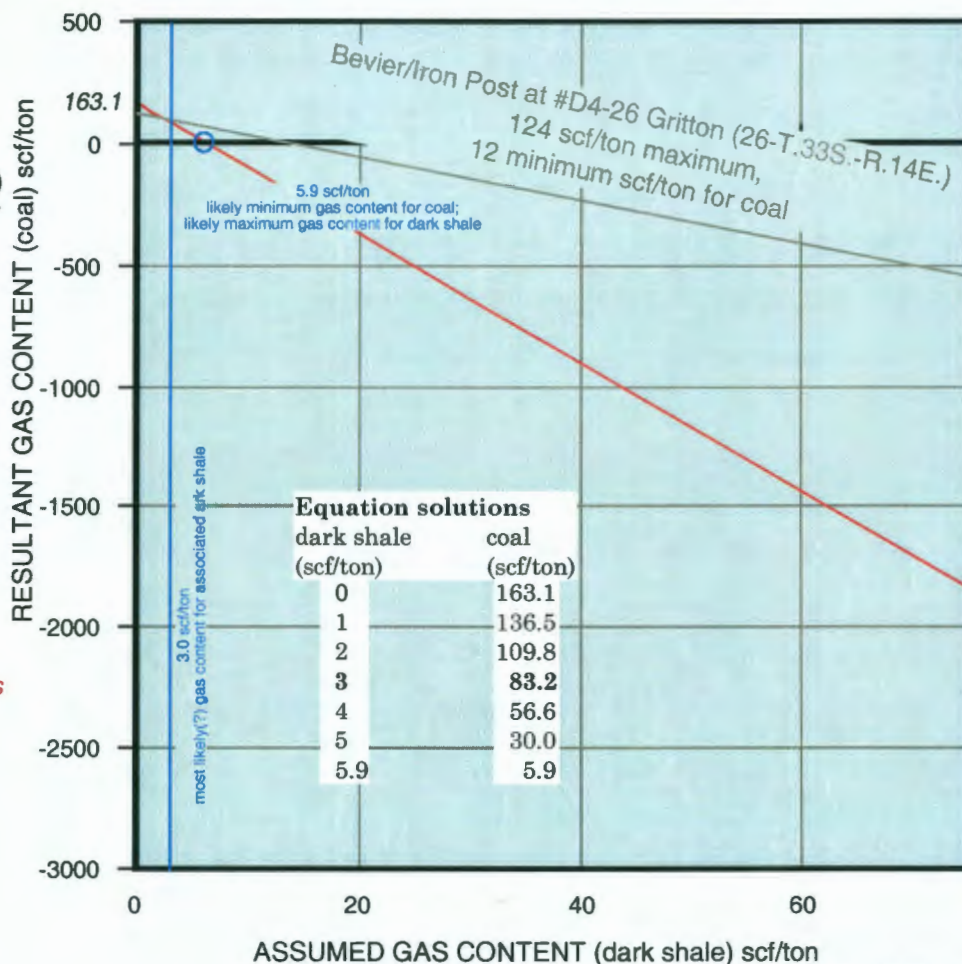


FIGURE 14.

Desorption Characteristics of Cuttings Samples

Dart Cherokee Basin #C4-19 Sycamore Springs Ranch;
N2 S2 NE SE sec. 19-T.31S.-R.15E., Montgomery County, KS

LITHOLOGIC COMPONENT SENSITIVITY ANALYSIS for calculation of gas content of Croweburg coal from 1090-1092'

$$\text{GAS CONTENT}_{\text{coal}} = \frac{\text{total gas desorbed} - ((\text{gas content}_{\text{dark shale}}) * (\text{weight}_{\text{dark shale}}))}{\text{weight}_{\text{coal}}}$$

total gas desorbed = 202 ccs

TOTAL DRY WEIGHT OF SAMPLE = 2100.39 grams

weight_{light-colored lithologies} = 894.97 grams (42.6%)

weight_{dark shale} = 1139.53 grams (54.3%)

weight_{coal} = 65.89 grams (3.1%)

sieve size	grams	% coal / % dark shale / % light-colored liths
>0.0930"	1230.90	3.90% / 46.05% / 50.05%
>0.0661"	470.13	2.38% / 65.55% / 32.07%
>0.0460"	309.17	1.64% / 66.32% / 32.04%
>0.0331"	63.17	1.46% / 67.96% / 30.58%
<0.0331"	9.78	2.35% / 61.47% / 36.19%

2100.39 TOTAL

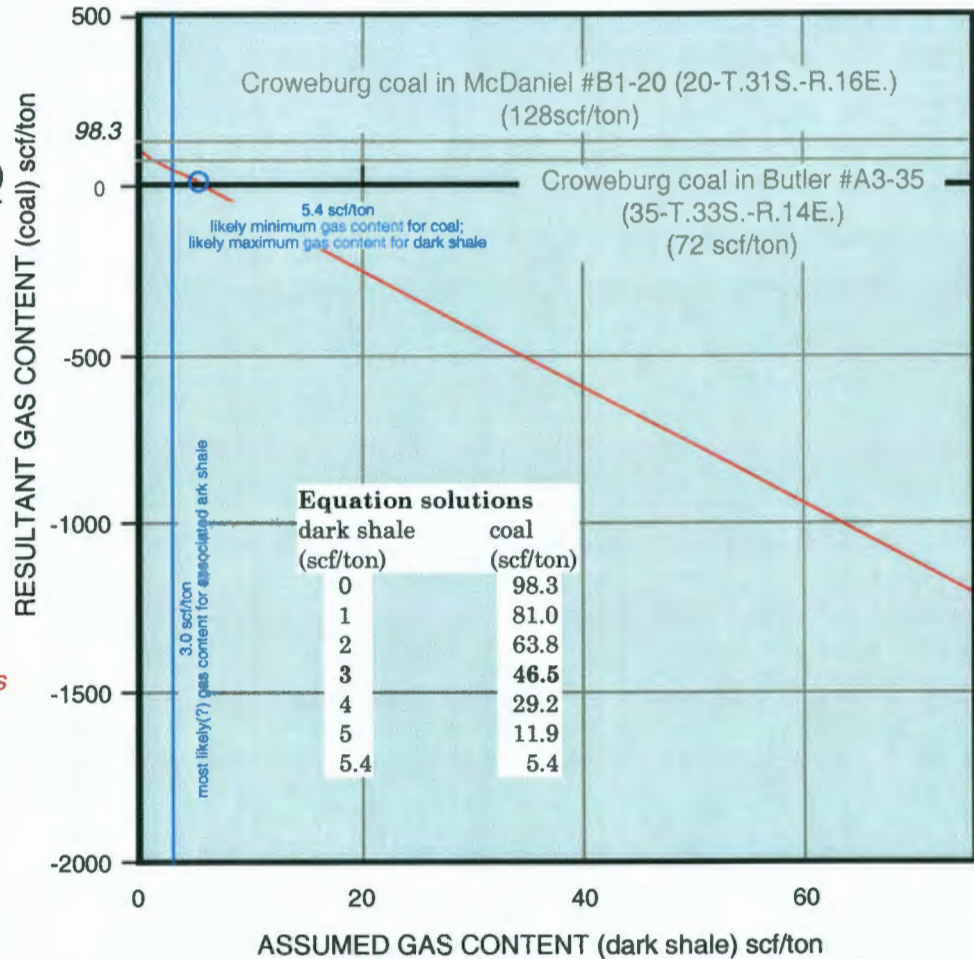


FIGURE 15.

Desorption Characteristics of Cuttings Samples

Dart Cherokee Basin #C4-19 Sycamore Springs Ranch;
N2 S2 NE SE sec. 19-T.31S.-R.15E., Montgomery County, KS

LITHOLOGIC COMPONENT SENSITIVITY ANALYSIS for calculation of gas content of Mineral coal from 1130-1132'

$$\text{GAS CONTENT}_{\text{coal}} = \frac{\text{total gas desorbed} - ((\text{gas content}_{\text{dark shale}}) * (\text{weight}_{\text{dark shale}}))}{\text{weight}_{\text{coal}}}$$

total gas desorbed = 544 ccs

TOTAL DRY WEIGHT OF SAMPLE = 2711.45 grams

weight_{light-colored lithologies} = 676.01 grams (24.9%)

weight_{dark shale} = 1982.48 grams (73.1%)

weight_{coal} = 52.96 grams (2.0%)

sieve size	grams	% coal / % dark shale / % light-colored liths
>0.0930"	2223.69	2.02% / 75.09% / 22.89%
>0.0661"	301.99	1.38% / 66.61% / 32.01%
>0.0460"	143.31	1.95% / 60.62% / 37.43%
>0.0331"	29.89	2.97% / 55.45% / 41.58%
<0.0331"	12.57	2.08% / 64.44% / 33.48%
2711.45 TOTAL		

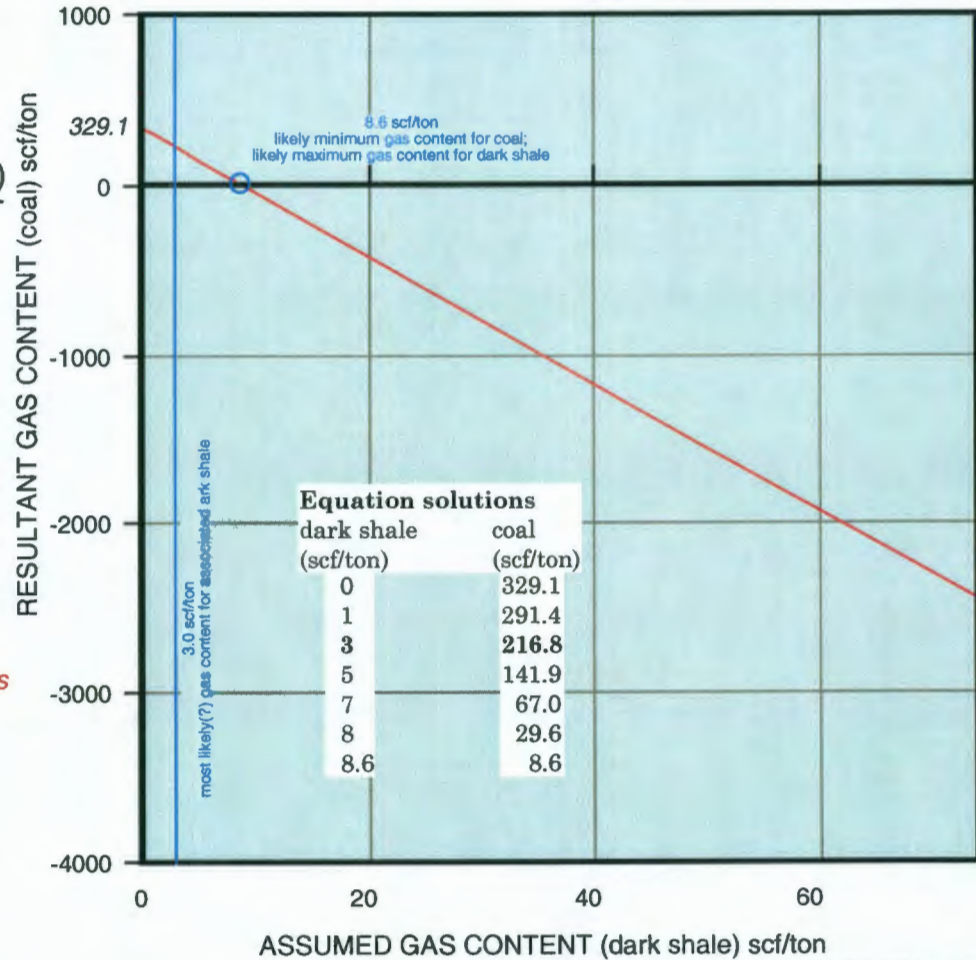


FIGURE 16.

Desorption Characteristics of Cuttings Samples

Dart Cherokee Basin #C4-19 Sycamore Springs Ranch;
N2 S2 NE SE sec. 19-T.31S.-R.15E., Montgomery County, KS

LITHOLOGIC COMPONENT SENSITIVITY ANALYSIS for calculation of gas content of Bluejacket coal from 1255-1257'

$$\text{GAS CONTENT}_{\text{coal}} = \frac{\text{total gas desorbed} - ((\text{gas content}_{\text{dark shale}}) * (\text{weight}_{\text{dark shale}}))}{\text{weight}_{\text{coal}}}$$

total gas desorbed = 547 ccs

TOTAL DRY WEIGHT OF SAMPLE = 1561.11 grams

weight_{light-colored lithologies} = 74.89 grams (4.8%)

weight_{dark shale} = 1404.52 grams (90.0%)

weight_{coal} = 81.70 grams (5.2%)

sieve size	grams	% coal / % dark shale / % light-colored liths
>0.0930"	1321.15	5.58% / 89.74% / 4.69%
>0.0661"	164.92	3.66% / 91.59% / 4.75%
>0.0460"	59.31	2.04% / 91.33% / 6.63%
>0.0331"	11.20	5.41% / 86.49% / 8.11%
<0.0331"	4.54	4.17% / 89.78% / 6.05%
1561.11 TOTAL		

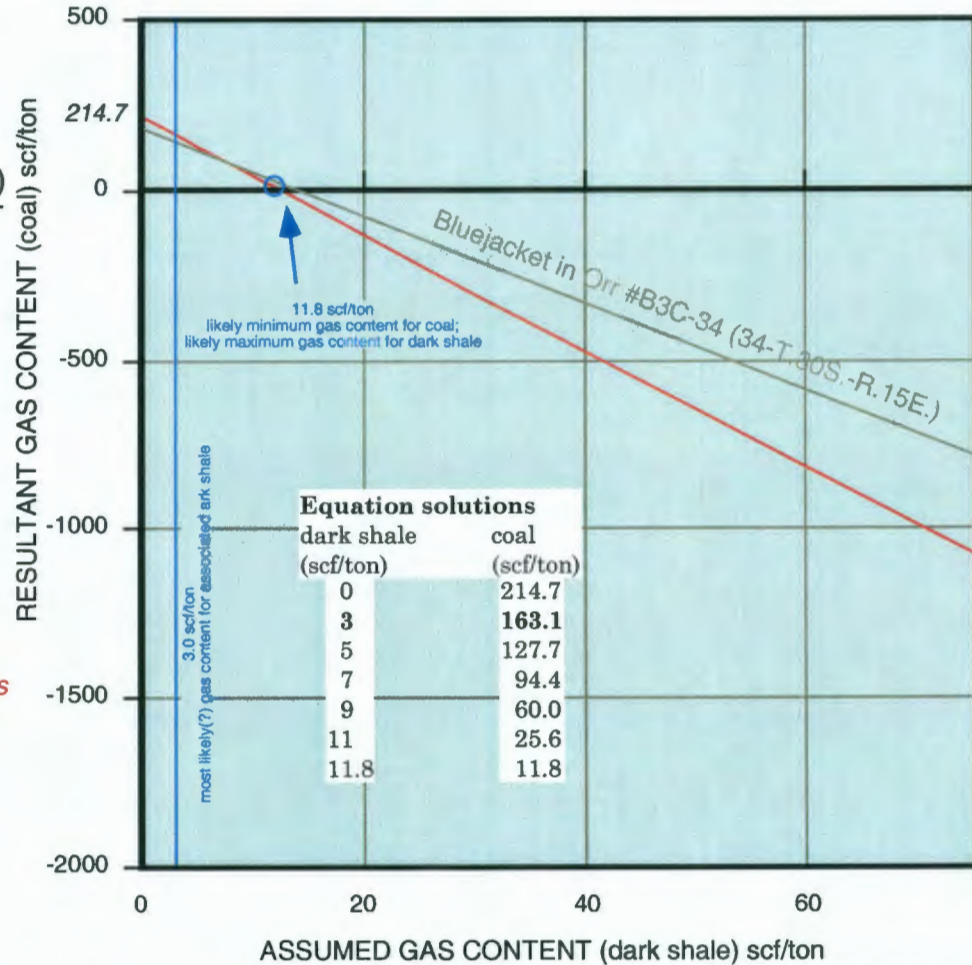


FIGURE 17.

Desorption Characteristics of Cuttings Samples

Dart Cherokee Basin #C4-19 Sycamore Springs Ranch;
N2 S2 NE SE sec. 19-T.31S.-R.15E., Montgomery County, KS

LITHOLOGIC COMPONENT SENSITIVITY ANALYSIS for calculation of gas content of Riverton coal from 1370-1372'

$$\text{GAS CONTENT}_{\text{coal}} = \frac{\text{total gas desorbed} - ((\text{gas content}_{\text{dark shale}}) * (\text{weight}_{\text{dark shale}}))}{\text{weight}_{\text{coal}}}$$

total gas desorbed = 284 ccs

TOTAL DRY WEIGHT OF SAMPLE = 2018.08 grams

weight_{light-colored lithologies} = 401.80 grams (19.9%)

weight_{dark shale} = 1603.41 grams (79.5%)

weight_{coal} = 12.87 grams (0.6%)

sieve size	grams	% coal / % dark shale / % light-colored liths
>0.0930"	1639.31	0.11% / 77.86% / 22.03%
>0.0661"	202.65	3.25% / 86.69% / 10.06%
>0.0460"	120.63	3.27% / 85.93% / 10.80%
>0.0331"	31.97	0.38% / 87.29% / 12.33%
<0.0331"	23.52	1.75% / 84.44% / 13.81%
2018.08 TOTAL		

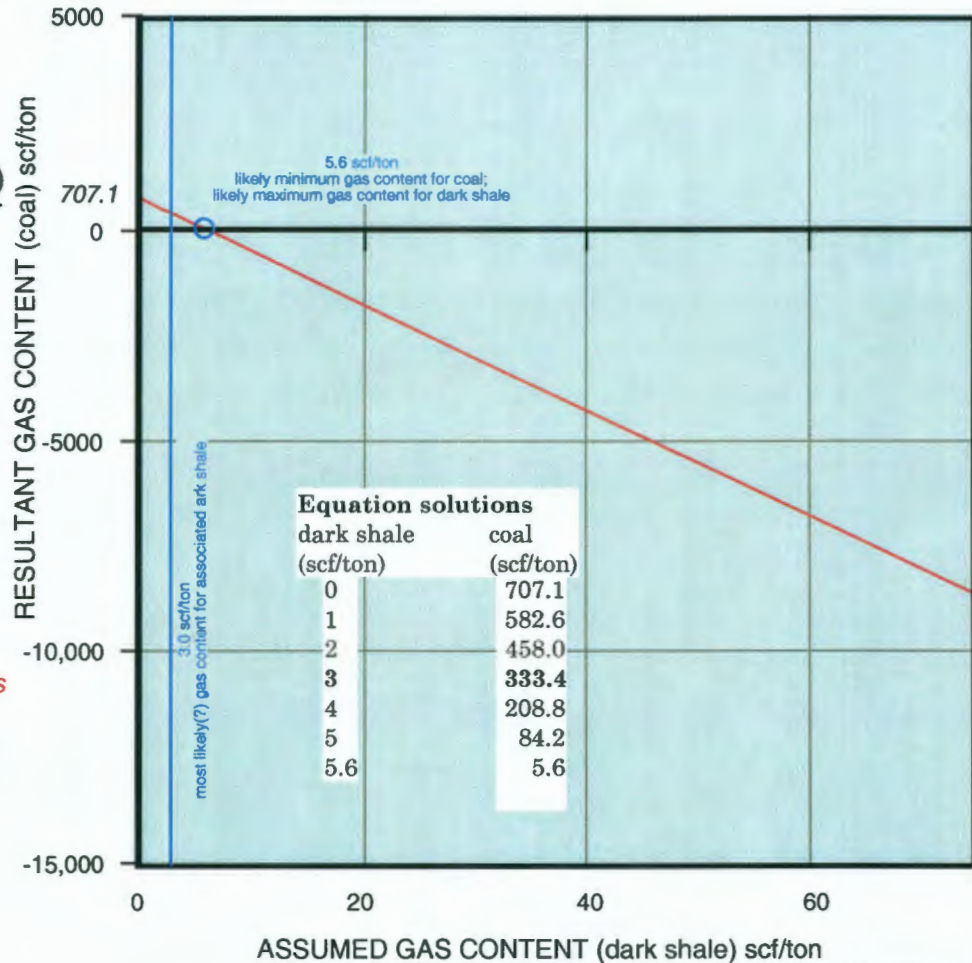


FIGURE 18.

Desorption Characteristics of Cuttings Samples

Dart Dart Cherokee Basin #C4-19 Sycamore Springs Ranch;
N2 S2 NE SE sec. 19-T.31S.-R.15E., Montgomery County, KS

surface

100'

200'

LITHOLOGIC COMPONENT SENSITIVITY ANALYSIS for all samples

300'	UNIT	coal in sample	scf/ton w/ shale @ 3 scf/ton	maximum scf/ton	minimum scf/ton
	Mulberry	1%	133.7	149.8	23.5
	Little Osage Sh.	0%	-----	15.1	15.1
	Mulky/Excello	2%	1355.1	1454.0	42.8
500'	Bevier	2%	83.2	163.1	5.9
	Croweburg	3%	46.5	98.3	5.3
	Mineral	2%	216.8	329.1	8.6
600'	Bluejacket	5%	163.1	214.7	11.8
	Riverton	1%	333.4	707.1	5.6

889'-891' Mulberry

1000'

1010'-1012' Little Osage Sh.

1037'-1039' Mulky/Excello

1070'-1072' Bevier

1090'-1092' Croweburg

1130'-1132' Mineral

1200'

1255'-1257' Bluejacket

1300'

1370'-1372' Riverton

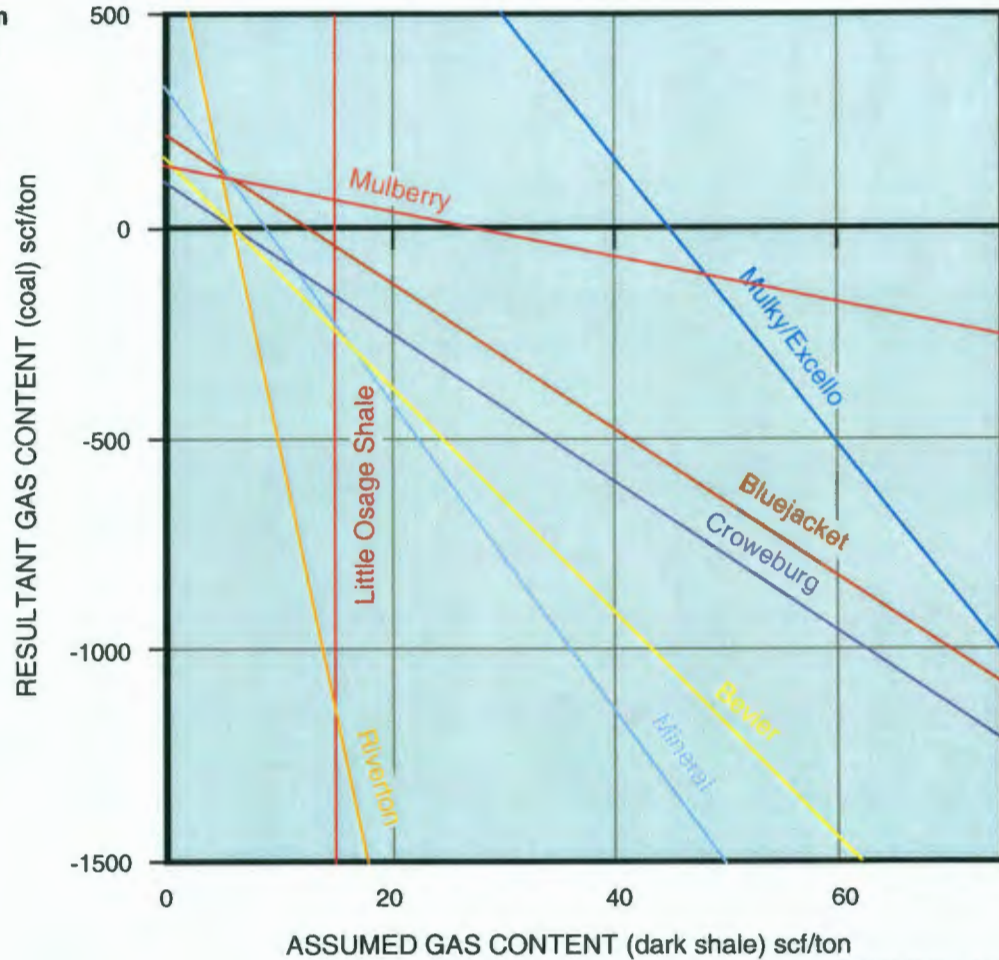


FIGURE 19.

Desorption Characteristics of Cuttings Samples

based on total weight of gas-generating lithologies (i.e., coal and dark shale) in sample
 Dart Cherokee Basin #C4-19 Sycamore Springs Ranch;
 N2 S2 NE SE sec. 19-T.31S.-R.15E., Montgomery County, KS

surface

100'

200'

300'

500'

600'

700'

800'

1000'

1200'

1300'

1370'-1372' Riverton

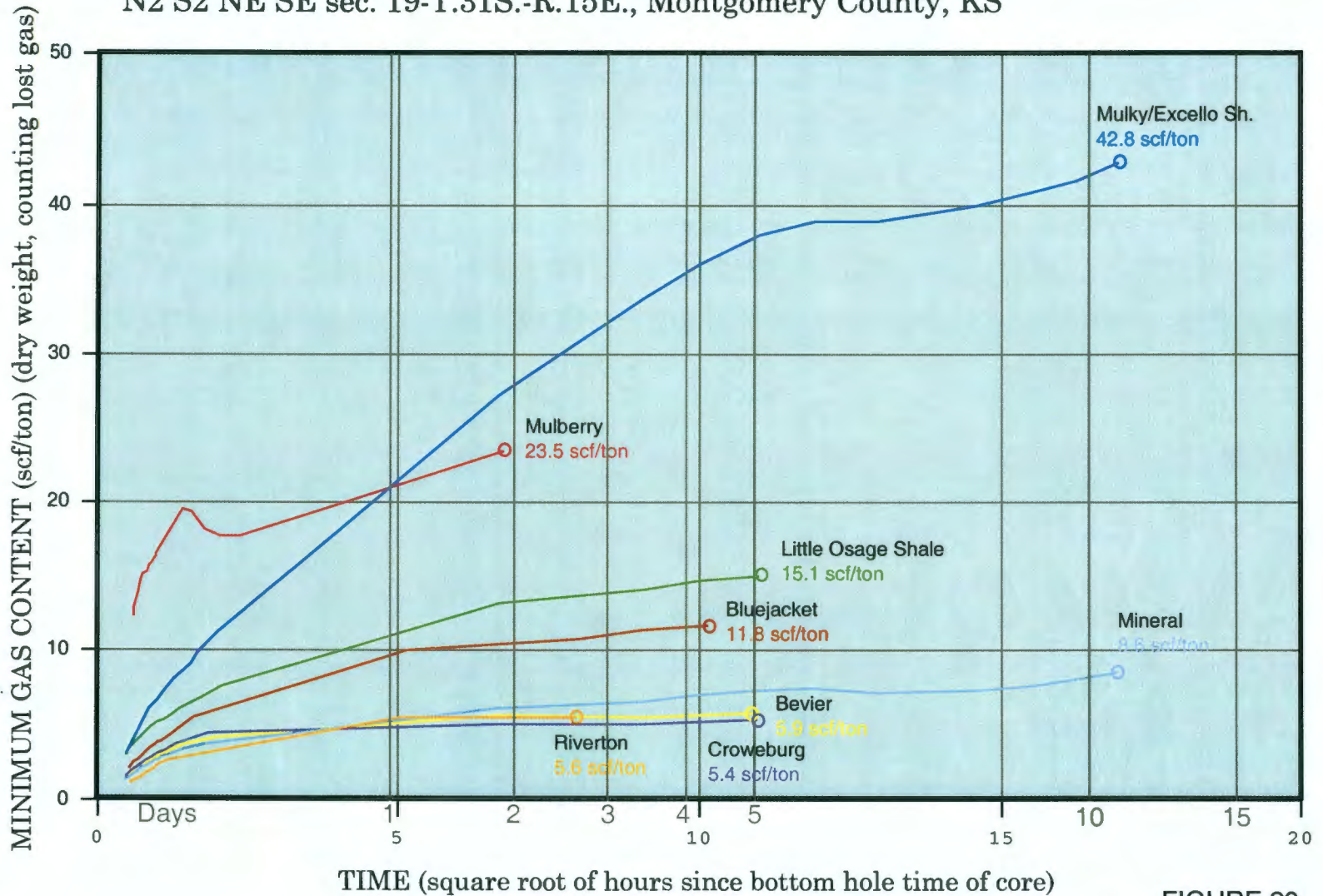


FIGURE 20.