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#### 1. SUMMARY

A reconnaissance geochemical survey carried out over the Katnook and associated prospects and leads to the west of Katnook in PEL 32 confirmed the area as having hydrocarbon potential.

The Katnook prospect has a relatively strong geochemical expression, although a sample taken at the Katnook -1 well was low in soil gas alkanes. Samples taken to the south-east of the Katnook prospect highlighted the presence of at least one other zone of interest with comparable concentrations of the alkanes. Several smaller zones of interest were also highlighted in the vicinity of Katnook by this survey.

About 40% of the samples in the present survey were collected away from the Katnook area to investigate several leads and prospects in the west of the survey area. Although this area doesn't appear as prospective as Katnook there is encouragment for further work to be done in the area. Several of the leads outlined by seismic in the western area have samples containing anomalously high concentrations of at least two of the alkanes tested.

#### 2. INTRODUCTION

Ultramar Australia Inc. commissioned Petrofocus to conduct a soil gas geochemical survey over PEL 32. The survey was carried out along seismic lines across paddocks, in conjunction with the Penola seismic survey and adjacent to roads and tracks away from the seismic survey.

The survey area is located over the central portion of the onshore part of the Otway Basin. Hydrocarbons are known to occur in the area as indicated by the recently drilled Katnook - 1 which recovered gas on test.

Two areas were covered in this survey the main area of interest was to the south-west of Penola township and covered the Katnook and associated prospects. It was a moderately detailed survey consisting of a first pass at a sample spacing of 1000m off the defined prospects and 500m over the prospects. The sample spacing was further reduced to between 200 to 250m over areas of interest highlighted by the first pass.

The second part of the survey was carried out to the west of the Penola seismic grid. Once again samples were taken at 1000m spacing off the leads and at 500m over the leads. No infill samples were taken in this area.

Since 1981, Petrofocus, and its predecessor Petrosearch, have carried out soil gas geochemical surveys, both in a broad-spaced reconnaissance mode in wildcat regions, and detailed, intensive sampling surveys over seismic survey leads and prospects. In addition, more than 20 orientation surveys have been carried out over and adjacent to oil and gas fields in the Surat, Eromanga and Amadeus Basins, and these show enhanced concentrations of the light alkane gases to be present in soils above or peripheral to the fields.

## 3.1 Introduction

Although success has been claimed over the past thirty or more years for various geochemical exploration techniques, enthusiasm for their employment is not widely shared by professionals in the petroleum industry.

Anomalous concentrations of hydrocarbon gases were first reported above petroleum reservoirs in the 1930's (Laubmeyer, 1933; Sokolov, 1933; Horvitz, 1939). These results quickly led to the development of techniques for use in petroleum exploration, and in 1959 Sokolov summarised successful applications of the techniques in the U.S.S.R. as follows:

"Under favourable geological conditions, the proportion of correct predictions (from geochemical surveys) is rather high - about 70 percent. For instance, in the North Caucasus (Kuban), predictions made by gas surveys were confirmed in thirteen cases out of seventeen."

Although successful uses of geochemical techniques have been documented in the western literature results obtained by industry users in the course of normal exploration have commonly produced negative or, at best, equivocal results which have led the techniques to disfavour. In many instances the unsatisfactory results can be attributed to poor sample collection, storage, preparation and analytical procedures. Most importantly, however, results of many surveys have not been interpreted properly. There is, in general, a poor understanding of what can be expected from geochemical methods and, particularly, of their limitations.

Within the past few years there has been, however, renewed interest in geochemical exploration techniques following the successful identification of surface anomalies above petroleum reservoirs by the Geosat Committee's study in which the Multispectral Scanner and the Thematic Mapper, now aboard Landsat 4, were flown over three test sites in the USA. The alteration features, verified on the ground, in soils, rocks and/or vegetation have been shown to result from leakage of light hydrocarbon gases from the moderately deep reservoirs (Rock, 1984; Patton and Manwaring, 1984; Matthews et al., 1984.

# 3.2 Microseeps

Successful employment of geochemical exploration techniques relies upon the phenomenom of vertical migration of light hydrocarbons that leak in trace amounts from petroleum reservoirs. This has been a hotly disputed issue, but the weight of evidence from reliable sources clearly demonstrates that vertical migration does, in fact, occur. It must now be conceded that light hydrocarbon gases do leak from at least some moderately deep to deep petroleum reservoirs and can be detected as microseeps located vertically above, or peripheral to, the surface projection of the reservoir as:

- (i) free gas in the soil or absorbed to soil minerals (Debnam, 1969; Devine and Sears, 1977; Horvitz, 1972, 1979; Jones and Drozd, 1983; Richers et al., 1982; Rock, 1984; Matthews et al., 1984), or
- (ii) as a chemical or mineralogical alteration of soil and surface rocks (Karstev, 1959; Donovan, 1974), or
- (iii) in vegetation as either morphological or chemical effects (Donovan and Dalziel, 1977; Richers et al., 1982; Rock, 1984).

In addition, case studies conducted by Petrofocus since 1980 unambiguously show anomalous concentrations of light hydrocarbon gases directly above or peripheral to the surface projection of 14 known petroleum reservoirs in the Surat, Cooper, Eromanga and Amadeus Basins.

# 3.3 Detection of Hydrocarbon Gas Microseeps

There are now in use several indirect techniques which exploit various manifestations of the vertical migration of hydrocarbons or associated gases leaking from deep petroleum reservoirs. These include magnetic electrical (electromagnetic and induced polarization), radiometric and helium emanometry methods. However, the principal disadvantage in employing these methods is that the effects they respond to can also be produced by causes unrelated to the leekage of hydrocarbon gases.

Clearly, it is advantageous to detect and quantify the hydrocarbon microseeps themselves - this is the approach adopted by Petrofocus in

which the light hydrocarbon gases in the soil are detected.

The detection of the light hydrocarbon gases was selected as the most reliable sampling medium since only gaseous hydrocarbons can pass directly through aquifers which are commonly present above petroleum reservoirs in many Australian sedimentary basins. On the other hand, hydrocarbons transported in solution, including dissolved gases, will be entrained in the aquifer or in the surficial groundwater system and may be released at some remote location which can not be related to the parent petroleum reservoir.

In Petrofocus surveys soil gas samples are carefully collected from depths ranging from 0.5 to 1 metres using a probe of proprietary design and pre-prepared microsyringes. The gas samples are carefully packed in airtight containers for shipment to the analytical facility, which is located at the field base camp. Samples are analysed for the light alkanes methane through butane by a gas chromatograph technique. The sensitivity of the chromatograph, as presently employed, is approximately 0.5 ppmV methane, 0.05 ppmV ethane, 0.02 ppmV propane, and 0.005 ppmV butane. The alkane concentrations of samples are determined by comparison with known concentrations in a specially prepared gas standard. Reproducibility of results is typically better than ±5%.

# 3.4 Interpretation of Results

Because of differences in the proportion of oil and gas from reservoir to reservoir, and in the composition of oil and gas phases, together with differences in reservoir parameters and in soil characteristics from region to region, an attempt is made to carry out orientation surveys over known reservoirs as close as possible to the survey area. By comparing results from the survey area with those from the known reservoir an estimate can be made of the type of hydrocarbons giving rise to the microseeps detected in the survey area. Estimates of the size of the hydrocarbon reservoir in the survey area are difficult to establish and can only be attempted in areas having closely similar reservoir and soil characteristics because the magnitude of an anomaly may be determined by the ease of the migration gases from the reservoir, rather than by the volume of gas in the reservoir. There is emerging some confidence that the ratios of the various alkanes present in soil gas can be an indication of the type of parent hydrocarbons in the reservoir (Jones and Drozd, 1983; Richers et al., 1982). The various

ratios which may include the "oilyness" of a reservoir are determined for each anomaly detected, but this serves only as a non-definitive indicator, since the parameters which govern the amount and type of hydrocarbon gases present in near-surface environments are only imperfectly understood. They include the following:

- (i) Depth of reservoir and the nature of the overlying rocks.
- (ii) Reservoir characteristics relating to the form of the reservoir, the integrity of its seal, the proportion of gas and the pressure under which it is constrained.
- (iii) Soil properties, particularly the clay content, degree of compaction and moisture content of the soil.
- (iv) Atmospheric variables, particularly atmospheric pressure, ambient temperature and rainfall.

When an area is re-surveyed it is commonly found that the location and intensity of soil gas anomalies has changed somewhat. The reasons for this are not always simple, but commonly conditions under which the later surveys are conducted are different from those pertaining during the original survey. The greatest effects are experienced after substantial rainfall when soil gas concentrations are greatly reduced due to their being flushed out of the near-surface zone. Anomalous areas defined by the original survey are much subdued after rainfall but generally can still be distinguished over depressed background readings.

However, the interpretation of results of soil gas surveys is more concerned with the anomaly to background contrast rather than with the absolute magnitude of anomalies. Comparison with results obtained over known reservoirs considerably facilitates interpretation of those obtained from survey areas, but when comparisons with known reservoirs in the same region is not undertaken estimates of the commercial significance of soil gas anomalies cannot be reliably given.

#### 4. OPERATIONS

PEL 32 is located in the south eastern part of South Australia adjacent to the border with Victoria and covers a portion of the onshore Otway Basin. Field operations and the analytical facility were established in the township of Penola to the north and east of the two areas of the survey.

The present survey was conducted over a period of eight days between 5th April and 12th April 1988 inclusive, including two days mobilisation/demobilisation. Mobilisation was from Sydney to Melbourne by air and then from Melbourne to Penola by rented four wheel drive vehicle.

Two hundred and eighty-seven samples were taken and analysed during the survey. As can be seen in the accompanying maps, enclosures 1, 2 & 3, three main areas of interest were surveyed, an area of new seismic lines south of Penola and two areas to the west of Penola which were over leads and prospects defined from earlier seismic. Sampling in the latter two areas was carried out from uncontaminated sites adjacent to roads, tracks and easements. In the seismic area samples were mainly collected from uncontaminated sites adjacent to 1988 seismic lines in the process of being "shot" across paddocks and fields. Initially, in all of these areas, samples were taken at 1km spacing off leads and prospects as defined by the operator and at 1/2km spacing over them. Thirty-seven samples, in addition to the original programme of 250, were taken in the seismic area at the request of the operator. Most of them were used to infill over zones that had encouraging results from the initial sampling and resulted in the sample spacing being reduced to between 200 to 250 m.

Access to most of the traverses and lines was good. In the area of the seismic survey, pegs were set at the vibration points and were used as markers for the samples. Table 1 lists the survey points and the corresponding sample points. Access away from the seismic area was along roads, farm tracks and along easements, no problems were encountered.

Soils in the area range from well developed black loams covering the farm lands to skeletal sandy soils in the forestry areas. The soil profiles were approximately 250 to 750cm deep and in the case of the black loams, organic rich. Care was taken to collect the samples from below any zones

which may have produced contamination from organically derived gases. The soils were often damp at depth and in some cases waterlogged such that it was impossible to draw a sample of gas through the probe, in these instances another nearby location was chosen. It should be noted that most of the area covered by the present survey is low lying and was, in fact, swampland until drained in the early part of this century.

During the survey the weather was mostly fine and dry. There were a few showers during the first day of sampling but the remainder of the survey was dry. Mild and overcast to warm and clear conditions predominated for the rest of the survey. Maximum daily temperatures ranged from 19 deg C to 28 deg C. Conditions were occasionally windy with quite strong winds blowing mainly from the south-west. Some rainfall had been recorded in the weeks prior to the survey and this may have had the effect of supressing concentrations of the alkanes tested in the soil gas.

#### 5. RESULTS

The methane, ethane, propane and n-butane concentrations in the soil gas samples collected in the present survey are in the moderately low to low range. Alkane concentrations in the soil gas are listed in Table 1. The range, mean and standard deviation of the sample population are shown at the end of the table.

The locations that the samples were taken from are shown in the accompanying maps, enclosures 1, 2 & 3.

The usual method of determining the areas of interest in a soil gas alkane survey is to establish threshold concentrations for each alkane from the study of cumulative frequency curves and distribution histograms. These are then used to define anomalous populations for each of the components which are then plotted onto a base map. Clusters of anomalous samples on the map usually indicate the presence of accumulations of hydrocarbons at depth. Over fifty percent of the samples in the present survey were taken over what has proved to be a quite petroliferous area resulting in a proportionally larger anomalous population than is usual. Plotting the anomalous samples in the Katnook seismic area in the manner described resulted in the map becoming visually cluttered. Discrete clusters were difficult to define so it was decided that the best way to define areas of interest in the Katnook area was to generate profiles of the concentrations along selected seismic lines and to use these in conjunction with distribution histograms, cumulative frequency curves and contoured maps to arrive at the zones of interest represented on the maps.

The distribution histograms and cumulative frequency curves for methane, ethane, propane and butane can be seen in figures 1 to 4. Profiles of the concentrations of the light alkanes are presented in figures 5 to 18.

Examination of figure 1a, the distribution histogram for the methane concentrations, shows a broad basically normal distribution with a slight skew to the lower concentrations. The cumulative frequency curve for the same values indicates that at least three populations are present. Ignoring the very high and very low values the gradient of the

joining the cumulative frequency points undergoes a slight change at around 4.5 ppm. This has been taken as the lower threshold for the anomalous population of methane and samples containing this concentration or greater are considered anomalous. Using this threshold value gives an anomalous population of approximately 20%, somewhat higher than expected.

Examination of the distribution histogram for the ethane concentrations shows a more or less normal distribution with a very slight skew towards the higher concentrations. There is no indication from this curve to suggest the presence of an anomalous population, however study of the cumulative frequency curve shows that the distribution is fairly complex. The cumulative frequency curve indicates the presence of up to five populations. Ignoring the upper- and lower-most populations the central portion of the curve has breaks in slope at approximately 0.55ppm and approximately 0.3ppm. The latter value has been choosen as the threshold value giving an anomalous population size of, once again, around 20%.

The distribution histogram for propane shows a relatively normal distribution but with a suggestion of an overlapping second generation starting at the 0.15 to 0.2ppm concentration. Examination of the cumulative frequency curve confirms this, it plots as a relatively straight line. However a closer analysis of the plot reveals a number of breaks in the slope. The break at approximately 0.2ppm has been chosen as the threshold, giving an anomalous population size of approximately 25%.

A somewhat truncated distribution is presented by the frequency distribution histogram for butane. There is a skewing of the distribution towards the higher values representing a distinct lack of low values in the whole population. However the histogram does show evidence of an overlapping anomalous population with the break between the two between 0.09 and 0.1ppm. This is confirmed on examination of the cumulative frequency curve for butane. If the highest and lowest data points are ignored a significant break in the slope can be seen at around the 0.1ppm level. This has been taken as the threshold for the anomalous population and results in an anomalous population of nearly 30%. This is significantly higher than the anomalous population sizes of the other components due to the skewing of the whole population distribution to the higher concentrations.

Subsequent plotting of profiles along several of the traverses made during the survey confirmed the results obtained from the statistical analysis. These profiles are presented in figures 5 to 18.

Examination of the profiles in association with the maps (enclosures 1, 2 and 3) shows that anomalous values are present over most of the leads and prospects defined in the survey area. Several of them show a charcteristic "bunny ears" profile, best seen in figures 5, 6, 7, 11 and 13. This phenomenon is well documented in the literature and is believed to be the

result of microseepage around the edges of an accumulation, the cap rocks directly over the accumulation having been made more impermeable due to seepage over time. Continued seepage over an accumulation, in some cases, leads to the precipitation of carbonate minerals often at the level of the water table. Calcite cement was seen in rocks immediately above the pay zone in Katnook -1 (pers. com.). If the density of the sampling is high enough over these types of areas to enable contouring of the values then a halo effect is seen where an arcuate or circular zone of anomalous samples partially or completely surrounds the area immediately above the hydrocarbon accumulation at depth. The patterns produced by the contouring of the propane values, as shown in enclosure 1, suggest that a halo is present over the Katnook area.

Another possible explanation, and probably the dominant mechanism in this area, is the preferential seepage or focusing of the seepage of the light alkanes along faults. Several of the leads and prospects covered in the present survey appear, from seismic mapping, to be fault bounded. It is most likely that the patterns of anomalous values seen at the surface in the Katnook area (see enclosure 1) are the result of a combination of both of these mechanisms with the structure and faulting having the greatest effect.

Figures 5, and 7 (profiles along seismic lines 88-081 and 88-071 respectively) show profiles over the Katnook structure. Examination of figure 7 reveals two areas with anomalously high values either side of the structures as defined with elevated concentrations over the top of the structure. Figure 5 shows a similar, but less well defined type of profile, also associated with the Katnook structure.

Figure 6 is a profile along one of the cross seismic lines (88-021) and shows elevated concentrations over the Katnook structure. The samples to the south eastern end of the line, between samples 47 and 89, show a similar magnitude of concentrations to those over the Katnook structure. Examination of figures 8 and 9, profiles over the south eastern anomalous zone seen in figure 6 reveals one peak on each of the profiles although the magnitudes are once again much the same as those over Katnook. It should be noted that the concentrations along these lines are generally elevated and a true background level is not seen on either of them.

Figure 14 is a profile of samples taken along an extension of line 88-071 to the south-west to Kalangadoo -1, a well drilled in the sixties and found to contain only insignificant amounts of hydrocarbon gas and carbon dioxide.

dioxide. The profile shows that although the concentrations are elevated near the well, the Katnook prospect has far more significant concentrations associated with it. (Figure 14 overlaps and extends figure 7).

Figures 17 and 18 complete the set of profiles plotted over the Katnook area. Figure 17 is a profile along the seismic line 88-091 and represents the north-western edge of the Katnook field as defined by seismic. There is an anomalous sample at the south western end of this line (sample 16) that suggests that there may be a further zone of interest to the south Examination of figure 18 reveals a similar situation to that seen along line 88-091. This profile may represent the eastern edge of the the Katnook structure.

Figure 10 shows a profile of concentrations in samples taken to the west of the Penola seismic area along roads and tracks. Several methane peaks can be seen possibly associated with near surface faults. Two samples (177 & 189) show anomalous concentrations of more than two of the heavier alkanes tested while two of the other methane peaks have associated ethane. Figure 16 (line G - G') shows generally low concentrations for all of the samples along its length. Generally this area of the survey appears to be of lower priority, the only area warranting any further work being around samples 177 and 189.

Figure 11 is an extension of the profile shown in figure 10. There is an overlap of the two profiles as shown between sample points 192 and 195. The anomalous zones in this southern area are rather more encouraging than those in the north. There are two comparitively moderate peaks that contain at least three of the four alkanes tested in anomalous proportions. As seen in the Katnook area the geochemical anomalies seem to be associated with the edges of leads mapped with seismic, suggesting that it may be fault governed and/or effected by the amount of cementation over the actual accumulation. Cross line D - D' (figure 13) also shows elevated concentrations associated with the leads defined as C, D and I, as does line C - C' (figure 12) in the same general area. Both of the areas at the southern end of line B - B' are suggested for further geochemical surveying.

Eleven samples taken along the road which passes Banyula - 1, a dry well, didn't show any significantly high concentrations in the samples nearest the well location. However samples 179 and 178 at the eastern end of this line (see profile F - F', figure 15) do show elevated concentrations of all four alkanes and may warrant further work if the geological and geophysical factors are favourable.

It should be noted that several of the profiles have extremely high methane peaks comprised of only one sample. This type of peak is often associated with faults which extend to the near-surface. Such is the case with samples 26 and 64 on lines 88-081 (figure 5) and 88-031 (figure 9) respectively.

#### 6. CONCLUSIONS

The present survey in PEL 32 has confirmed and enhanced the hydrocarbon prospectivity for the area.

The area around the Katnook - 1 gas well is charaterised by anomalous samples confirming the presence of hydrocarbons at depth, although a sample taken from adjacent to the well site contained only background levels of the gases. Further indications from this part of the survey are that there may be an additional similar accumulation of hydrocarbons to the south east of the Katnook well. Smaller anomalous areas are also highlighted by this part of the survey.

It is not clear from the surface geochemical expression whether the whole area in the vicinity of the Katnook prospect is a single large accumulation characterised by a halo effect modified by the preferential seepage along the many faults in the area or, as is more likely from a study of the seismic maps of the area, several smaller accumulations of hydrocarbons in this generally petroliferous area.

The western part of the survey, conducted off the Penola seismic survey indicates this area is not as significant as the Katnook area. However, there is some geochemical activity at the surface, particularly in the area of leads C, D and I, which warrants further investigation.

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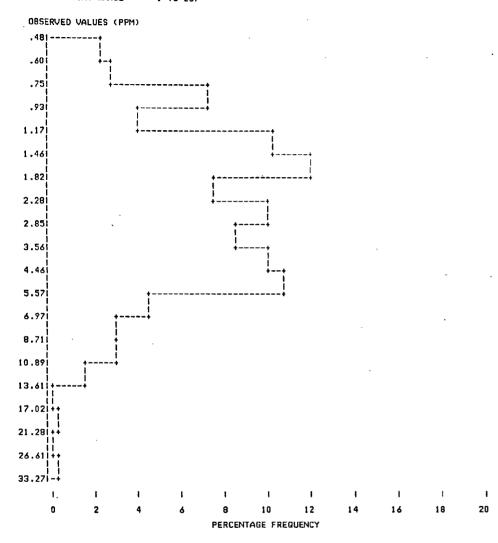
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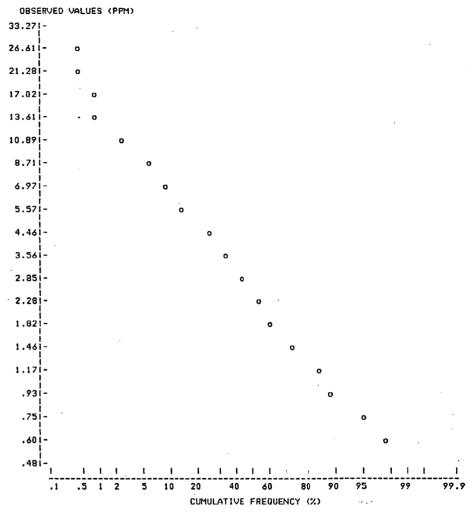




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 Figure 1(a):Histogram of methane concentrations of 287 soil gas samples from PEL 32.



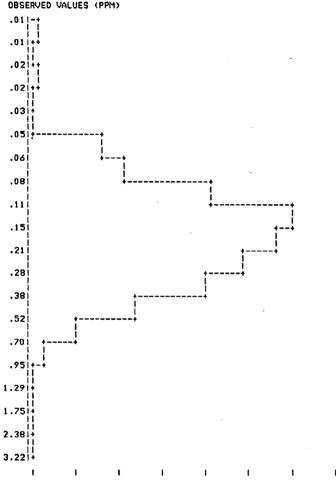


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Figure 1(b):Cumulative frequency curve derived from (a)



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SOIL GAS ALKANE SURVEY PEL 32 ULTRAMAR APRIL 1988 ETHANE

Figure 2(a):Histogram of ethane concentrations of 287 soil gas samples from PEL 32.

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PERCENTAGE FREQUENCY

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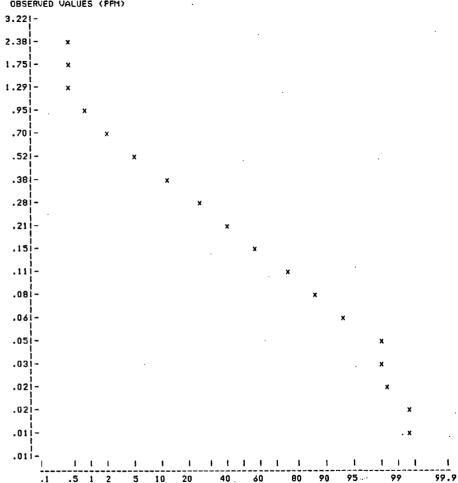
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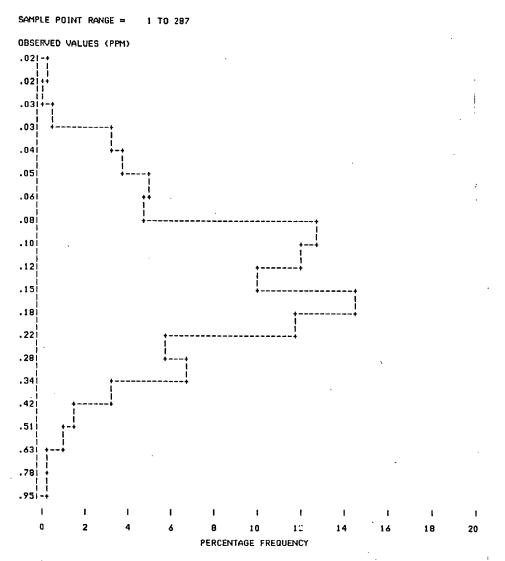




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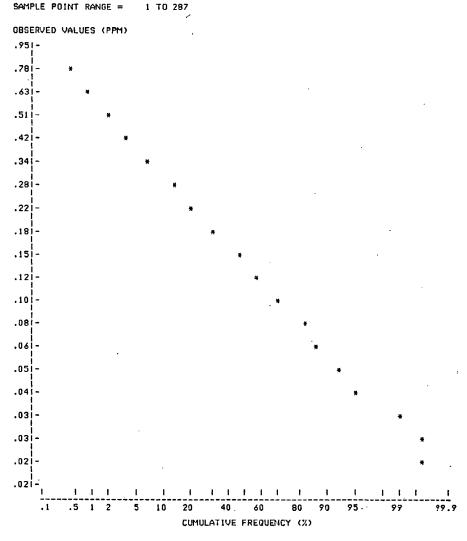
Figure 2(b):Cumulative frequency curve derived from (a)

CUMULATIVE FREQUENCY (%)



SOIL GAS ALKANE SURVEY PEL 32 ULTRAMAR APRIL 1988 PROPANE

Figure 3(a):Histogram of propane concentrations of 287 soil gas samples from PEL 32.



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SOIL GAS ALKANE SURVEY PEL 32 ULTRAMAR APRIL 1988 PROPANE

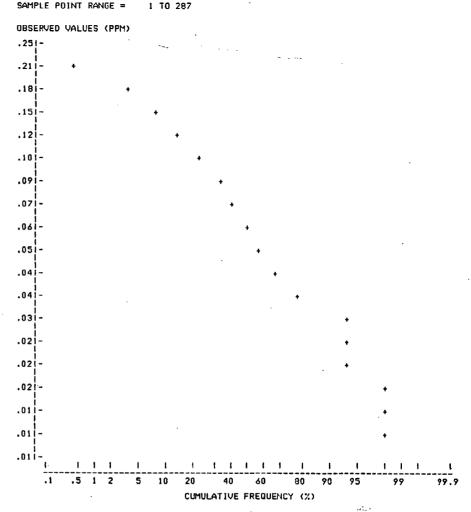
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PERCENTAGE FREQUENCY

SOIL GAS ALKANE SURVEY PEL 32 ULTRAMAR APRIL 1988 BUTANE

Figure 4(a):Histogram of n-butane concentrations of 287 soil gas samples from PEL 32.



SOIL GAS ALKANE SURVEY PEL 32 ULTRAMAR APRIL 1988 BUTANE

Figure 4(b):Cumulative frequency curve derived from (a)

