Equations for determining the gas and brine volumes in sea ice samples

Gordon F.N. Cox and Wilford F. Weeks
Equations are developed that can be used to determine the amount of gas present in sea ice from measurements of the bulk ice density, salinity and temperature in the temperature range of -2 to -30°C. Conversely these relationships can be used to give the density of sea ice as a function of its temperature and salinity, considering both the presence of gas and of solid salts in the ice. Equations are also given that allow the calculation of the gas and brine volumes in the ice at temperatures other than that at which the bulk density was determined.
PREFACE

This report was prepared by Dr. Gordon F.N. Cox, Geophysicist, and Dr. Wilford F. Weeks, Geologist, of the Snow and Ice Branch, Research Division, U.S. Army Cold Regions Research and Engineering Laboratory. The study was sponsored by Shell Development Company, and the Minerals Management Service of the U.S. Department of the Interior with support from Amoco Production Company, Arco Oil and Gas Company, Chevron Oil Field Research Company, Exxon Production Research Company, Gulf Research and Development Company, Mitsui Engineering and Shipbuilding Company, the National Science Foundation, Sohio Petroleum Company, Texaco, the U.S. Department of Energy, and the U.S. Coast Guard.

The authors thank Dr. Andrew Assur and Stephen Ackley of CRREL for technically reviewing the manuscript of this report.
EQUATIONS FOR DETERMINING THE GAS AND BRINE VOLUMES IN SEA ICE SAMPLES

Gordon F.N. Cox and Wilford F. Weeks

INTRODUCTION

A knowledge of the total porosity of sea ice is important in interpreting its physical properties. It has been shown, both theoretically and experimentally, that the mechanical, thermal, and electrical properties of sea ice vary with the relative volume of brine existing in the ice (Weeks and Assur 1967, Schwarz and Weeks 1977). However, the air or gas volume in the ice is also important. This is particularly true for low salinity sea ice, such as multiyear ice, where the gas volume may make up a major portion of its total porosity.

The gas volume of sea ice can be calculated given the density, salinity, and temperature of the ice. Generally, Assur's (1958) phase equilibrium table (Table III, p. 124) is used to perform such calculations. This table gives the relative masses of the different components in "standard sea ice" at temperature intervals of two degrees Celsius. These data are primarily based on the experimental determinations of Nelson and Thompson (1954) and Ringer (1928). Here the expression "standard sea ice" is used to refer to sea ice of such a composition that the relative concentrations of ions in its meltwater are the same as in normal sea water. From the density of the various components, the theoretical, or gas-free density of the sea ice can then be calculated and compared to the measured density to determine the actual gas volume present in the ice. However, since the table is based on standard sea ice having a salinity of 34.325 °/oo, it is first necessary to reduce the data to the appropriate ice salinity. This is done by multiplying the masses of all the components, except pure ice, by S/34.325 where S is the ice salinity in parts per thousand. The mass of pure ice is then 1000 g minus the total mass of brine and precipitated salts. Even though these calculations are straightforward, they are both time-consuming and prone to arithmetic errors. In fact they are rarely performed and estimates of the amount of gas present in sea ice and of the total void volume of the ice are rarely obtained.

In the present report, equations are derived from which the gas volume and brine volume can be directly calculated given the ice salinity, temperature, and density. The equations cover the temperature range from -2°C to -30°C and consider the presence of solid salts. Equations are also given to calculate sea ice density and the variation of gas and brine volume of a sea ice sample, if the temperature of the sample is changed from the temperature at which the ice density was originally obtained.

PREVIOUS WORK

Only a few investigators have advanced methods for calculating the density and gas volume in sea ice. Zubov (1945) calculated the density of gas-free sea ice and provided a table of values that could be used at temperatures of -23°C and higher. However, his work was done prior to Nelson and Thompson's (1954) experiments on the chemistry of sea ice brine. Zubov also did not take into account the presence of solid salts. Anderson (1960) published a table giving the density of gas-free sea ice at 14 selected temperatures in the temperature range between 0 and -50°C. This work was based on Assur's (1958) phase relations. As the exact method of calculation is not given, it is not clear whether Anderson considered the presence of
solid salts in the ice. The only relation available that calculates the gas volume of sea ice directly was developed by Schwerdtfeger (1963). However, it is only valid at temperatures warmer than -8.2°C, the Na₂SO₄ · 10 H₂O crystallization temperature. He also neglected the presence of solid salts and assumed that the volume of brine was equal to that of pure water. For warm sea ice these are reasonable approximations. At the conclusion of this report comparisons are made between the results of these previous authors and the present results.

It should also be noted here that Assur's (1958) brine volume table and the brine volume equations based on this table derived by Frankenstein and Garner (1967) assume a constant ice density of 0.926 Mg/m³. Consequently, these reports should be used with caution in gas volume calculations. The brine volume obtained from these sources should be multiplied by \( \frac{\rho}{0.926} \), where \( \rho \) is the gas-free theoretical density, or better still, the measured ice density in Mg/m³ at the temperature of interest, to determine the brine volume for a given sea ice density.

**DERIVATION OF EQUATIONS**

A sample of sea ice is composed of pure ice, brine, solid salts, and gas. In determining the gas volume of sea ice we are interested in the relative masses and volumes of the different components at a given ice salinity, temperature, and bulk density.

In the derivations to follow, \( m_a, \rho_a \) and \( V_a \) are the mass, density, and volume of component \( a \) where the subscripts \( a, b, i, s, \) and \( ss \) denote the component air, brine, pure ice, salt, and solid salts, respectively. \( M \) is the bulk mass, \( V \) the bulk volume, and \( \rho \) the bulk density. These should not be confused with the gas-free theoretical mass, volume, and density. The terms \( m^b_s \) and \( m^{ss}_s \) denote the mass of salt in the brine and mass of salt in the solid salts, respectively. The mass of gas in the ice is assumed to be negligible.

**Brine volume**

The salinity of the ice \( S_i \) is defined as

\[
S_i = \frac{m_s}{M} - \frac{m^b_s + m^{ss}_s}{m^b_s + m^{ss}_s + m_i}.
\]  

The salinity of the brine \( S_b \) is defined as

\[
S_b = \frac{m^b_s}{m^b_i}.
\]  

From these two relations an equation for the brine volume of sea ice can be derived. It should be noted that the brine salinity and the relative amounts of salt in the brine and solid salts are unique functions of ice temperature via phase relations.

From eq 1

\[
MS_i = m^s_s + m^b_s
\]

and

\[
m^b_s = MS_i - m^{ss}_s
\]

or

\[
m^b_s = MS_i - km^b_s
\]

where

\[
k = \frac{m^{ss}_s}{m^b_s}.
\]  

Solving for \( m^b_s \) from eq 3 and noting from eq 2 that

\[
m^b_s = \rho_b V_b S_b
\]

we obtain

\[
V_b = \frac{\rho S_i}{\rho_b S_b} \left( \frac{1}{1+k} \right)
\]

which because \( M = \rho V \) can also be written as

\[
\frac{V_b}{V} = \frac{\rho S_i}{\rho_b S_b} \left( \frac{1}{1+k} \right)
\]  

where \( V_b/V \) is the relative brine volume. If we neglect the salt present as solid salt, \( k = 0 \), eq 4 reduces to

\[
\frac{V_b}{V} = \frac{\rho S_i}{\rho_b S_b}
\]

a relation utilized earlier by Weeks and Lofgren (1967).

Because the brine density can be approximated (Zubov 1945, and Cox and Weeks 1975 by

\[
\rho_b (\text{Mg/m}^3) = 1 + 0.0008 S_b \ (\%\text{o})
\]

and because \( S_b \) and \( k \) are unique functions of temperature, the relative brine volume can be expressed as

\[
\frac{V_b}{V} = \frac{\rho S_i}{F_1(T)}
\]  

where \( S_i \) is in \( \%\text{o} \), \( \rho \) is in Mg/m³, and
Table 1. Values for $S_b$, $k$, $C$, $F_1(T)$, and $F_2(T)$ at different temperatures.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>$T$ (°C)</th>
<th>$S_b$ (°/oo)</th>
<th>$k \times 10^3$</th>
<th>$C \times 10^3$</th>
<th>$F_1(T)$ (Mg/m$^3$)</th>
<th>$F_2(T)$</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>-2</td>
<td>37.6</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>38.731</td>
<td>0.123</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-4</td>
<td>70.6</td>
<td>0.554</td>
<td>0.148</td>
<td>74.662</td>
<td>0.151</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-6</td>
<td>99.8</td>
<td>1.050</td>
<td>0.387</td>
<td>107.876</td>
<td>0.177</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-8</td>
<td>126.5</td>
<td>1.400</td>
<td>0.660</td>
<td>139.441</td>
<td>0.199</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-10</td>
<td>142.8</td>
<td>1.827</td>
<td>0.910</td>
<td>167.865</td>
<td>0.222</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-12</td>
<td>157.6</td>
<td>2.241</td>
<td>1.160</td>
<td>192.378</td>
<td>0.240</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-14</td>
<td>171.5</td>
<td>2.657</td>
<td>1.405</td>
<td>214.143</td>
<td>0.256</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-16</td>
<td>184.4</td>
<td>3.072</td>
<td>1.645</td>
<td>234.033</td>
<td>0.271</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-18</td>
<td>197.0</td>
<td>3.487</td>
<td>1.882</td>
<td>253.588</td>
<td>0.284</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-20</td>
<td>209.9</td>
<td>3.898</td>
<td>2.118</td>
<td>274.074</td>
<td>0.298</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-22</td>
<td>222.6</td>
<td>4.309</td>
<td>2.354</td>
<td>294.469</td>
<td>0.312</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-24</td>
<td>230.5</td>
<td>4.716</td>
<td>2.590</td>
<td>314.866</td>
<td>0.326</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-26</td>
<td>232.7</td>
<td>5.122</td>
<td>2.825</td>
<td>335.263</td>
<td>0.340</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-28</td>
<td>234.1</td>
<td>5.527</td>
<td>3.060</td>
<td>355.660</td>
<td>0.354</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-30</td>
<td>235.6</td>
<td>5.932</td>
<td>3.295</td>
<td>376.057</td>
<td>0.367</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

$F_1(T) = \rho_b S_b (1 + k)$.

Table 2. Coefficients for functions $F_1(T)$ and $F_2(T)$ determined by method of least-squares.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>$T$ (°C)</th>
<th>$a_0$</th>
<th>$a_1$</th>
<th>$a_2$</th>
<th>$a_3$</th>
<th>Correlation coefficient</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>$F_1(T)$</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>$-2 &gt; T &gt; -22.9$</td>
<td>-4.732</td>
<td>-2.245 x 10$^1$</td>
<td>-6.397 x 10$^{-1}$</td>
<td>-1.074 x 10$^{-2}$</td>
<td>0.9999</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>$-22.9 &gt; T &gt; -30$</td>
<td>9.899 x 10$^3$</td>
<td>1.309 x 10$^3$</td>
<td>5.527 x 10$^1$</td>
<td>7.160 x 10$^{-1}$</td>
<td>0.9999</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>$F_2(T)$</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>$-2 &gt; T &gt; -22.9$</td>
<td>8.903 x 10$^{-2}$</td>
<td>-1.763 x 10$^{-2}$</td>
<td>-5.330 x 10$^{-4}$</td>
<td>-8.801 x 10$^{-6}$</td>
<td>0.9999</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>$-22.9 &gt; T &gt; -30$</td>
<td>8.547</td>
<td>1.089</td>
<td>4.518 x 10$^{-2}$</td>
<td>5.819 x 10$^{-4}$</td>
<td>0.9999</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Solid salt volume

Also, via the phase relations, at any given temperature the mass of solid salts (if solid salts are present) is proportional to the mass of brine; that is

$$m_{ss} = C m_b$$

\begin{align*}
F_1(T) &= a_0 + a_1 T + a_2 T^2 + a_3 T^3 \\
F_2(T) &= a_0 + a_1 T + a_2 T^2 + a_3 T^3
\end{align*}
where \( C \) is a function of \( T \). The relative volume of solid salts, \( V_{ss}/V \), is then equal to

\[
\frac{V_{ss}}{V} = C \frac{\rho_b}{\rho_{ss}} \frac{V_b}{V}
\]  

(9)

where \( \rho_{ss} \) is the average solid salt density assumed to be constant at 1.5 Mg/m\(^3\).

**Pure ice volume**

The mass of pure ice is equal to

\[ m_i = M - m_b - m_{ss} \]

or from eq 8

\[ m_i = M - (1 + C) m_b. \]

Since

\[ m_i = \rho_i V_i \]
\[ M = \rho V \]
\[ m_b = \rho_b V_b \]

we have

\[ \rho_i V_i = \rho V - (1 + C) \rho_b V_b. \]

Solving for the relative pure ice volume, \( V_i/V \), we obtain:

\[
\frac{V_i}{V} = \frac{\rho}{\rho_i} - (1 + C) \frac{\rho_b}{\rho_i} \frac{V_b}{V}.
\]

(10)

**Air volume**

The relative air volume, \( V_a/V \), is equal to

\[
\frac{V_a}{V} = 1 - \frac{V_b}{V} - \frac{V_{ss}}{V}
\]

(11)

Substituting eq 9 and 10 into 11, we obtain

\[
\frac{V_a}{V} = 1 - \frac{\rho}{\rho_i} + \frac{V_b}{V} \left[ (1 + C) \frac{\rho_b}{\rho_i} - C \frac{\rho_b}{\rho_{ss}} - 1 \right].
\]

(12)

Equation 12 can be simplified by defining

\[
F_2(T) = \left[ (1 + C) \frac{\rho_b}{\rho_i} - C \frac{\rho_b}{\rho_{ss}} - 1 \right],
\]

(13)

substituting for \( (V_b/V) \) from eq 4, and recalling the definition of \( F_1(T) \) given in eq 6. The resulting relation is

\[
\frac{V_a}{V} = 1 - \frac{\rho}{\rho_i} + \rho \frac{F_2(T)}{F_1(T)}.
\]

(14)

Values for \( F_2(T) \) are given in Table 1 and plotted against temperature in Figure 2. \( C \) is determined from Assur’s (1958) phase equilibrium table. The lines through the data in Figure 2 are also least-squares of the same form as eq 7.

Coefficients for these curves are given in Table 2. In determining the value of \( F_2(T) \) at a given temperature, the pure ice density was calculated from (Pounder 1965):

\[ \rho_i (\text{Mg/m}^3) = 0.917 - 1.403 \times 10^{-4} T(\text{°C}). \]

---

*Figure 2. Function \( F_2(T) \) vs temperature. Curve determined by method of least-squares.*
Sea ice density

The sea ice density can be found from eq 14 by solving for $\rho$:

$$\rho = \left(1 - \frac{V_a}{V}\right) \frac{\rho_1 F_1(T)}{F_1(T) - \rho S_i F_2(T)}. \quad (15)$$

Unlike the calculated densities given in Schwerdtfeger (1963) and Anderson (1960), this equation considers the presence of both air and solid salts in the ice. A comparison between the different density estimates is given later in this report.

Gas volume at another temperature

The gas volume and brine volume of sea ice are determined by measuring the volume and mass of the ice sample at a given temperature and the salinity of the melted sample. If tests are conducted at a temperature different than the temperature at which the bulk density was determined, the air and brine volumes must be recalculated.

Equations are now derived to calculate the air and brine volumes at a temperature that differs from the temperature at which the ice density was determined. Primed variables denote the initial value of the different variables.

It is initially assumed that the brine and air pockets are interconnected. From eq 5 we know that

$$V_b = \frac{M S_i}{F_1(T)}. \quad (16)$$

Because the mass and bulk salinity of the ice do not change with temperature

$$\frac{V_b}{V} = \frac{F_1'(T)}{F_1'(T)}. \quad (16)$$

By rearranging eq 14, substituting for $\rho$ based on eq 5 and defining

$$F_3(S_i, T) = \frac{\rho_1 S_i}{F_1'(T) - \rho S_i F_2'(T)} \quad (17)$$

it can be shown that

$$V_b = (V - V_a) F_3(S_i, T). \quad (18)$$

Also dividing both sides of eq 16 by $V$ and noting that

$$V = \frac{\rho V'}{\rho} = \frac{V}{\rho} \frac{V'}{\rho}$$

we obtain for the new relative brine volume

$$\frac{V_b}{V} = \frac{\rho}{\rho'} = \frac{V_b'}{V} \frac{F_1'(T)}{F_1(T)}. \quad (19)$$

From eq 18 we can also conclude that

$$\frac{V_b}{V} = \frac{(V - V_a) F_3(S_i, T)}{(V - V_a) F_3'(S_i, T)}. \quad (20)$$

Substituting eq 19 into eq 20 and solving for $V_a/V$ we obtain for the new relative air volume

$$\frac{V_a}{V} = 1 - \left(1 - \frac{V_a}{V}ight) \left(\frac{\rho}{\rho'} \frac{F_3'(S_i, T) F_1'(T)}{F_3(S_i, T) F_1(T)}\right). \quad (21)$$

If the volume of the sample is not known at the new temperature, one can assume that the change in the external dimensions of the sample is due to the volumetric change in the ice matrix; that is

$$\frac{\rho}{\rho'} = \frac{\rho_1}{\rho_1} = 1.$$ 

In the temperature range where many investigations are carried out

$$\frac{\rho}{\rho'} \approx 1.$$ 

If the brine and gas pockets are not connected, a change in gas volume may also take place if the ice is warmed, that is, as less dense ice is melted to dilute the brine. In this case the new relative air volume is equal to

$$\frac{V_a}{V} = \frac{V_a'}{V} + 1 - \frac{\rho}{\rho'} \frac{F_3'(S_i, T) F_1'(T)}{F_3(S_i, T) F_1(T)} \quad (22)$$

and in many applications

$$\frac{\rho}{\rho'} \approx \frac{\rho_1}{\rho_1} \approx 1.$$ 

If the brine and air pockets are not connected and the ice is cooled, the relative air volume will not change. However, due to phase changes, some brine will be lost from the sample as a result of brine expulsion. The new relative brine volume can be calculated from eq 19.

DISCUSSION

As methods for calculating the gas content of sea ice invariably contain a calculation of the density of gas-free sea ice, it is interesting to compare the density estimates developed in this report with previously
Table 3. The calculated densities (Mg/m³) of gas-free sea ice at different temperatures and salinities as given by different authors.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Temperature</th>
<th>1°/oo</th>
<th>3°/oo</th>
<th>5°/oo</th>
<th>10°/oo</th>
<th>20°/oo</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>T = -2°C</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Zubov (1945)</td>
<td>0.922</td>
<td>0.926</td>
<td>0.930</td>
<td>0.939</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Anderson (1960)</td>
<td>0.9198</td>
<td>0.9252</td>
<td>0.9307</td>
<td>0.9447</td>
<td>0.9739</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Schwerdtfeger (1963)</td>
<td>0.9191</td>
<td>0.9233</td>
<td>0.9275</td>
<td>0.9379</td>
<td>0.9588</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>This report</td>
<td>0.9200</td>
<td>0.9254</td>
<td>0.9308</td>
<td>0.9448</td>
<td>0.9740</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>T = -8°C</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Zubov (1945)</td>
<td>0.920</td>
<td>0.923</td>
<td>0.925</td>
<td>0.932</td>
<td>0.944</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Anderson (1960)</td>
<td>0.9192</td>
<td>0.9216</td>
<td>0.9240</td>
<td>0.9301</td>
<td>0.9426</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Schwerdtfeger (1963)</td>
<td>0.9175</td>
<td>0.9186</td>
<td>0.9196</td>
<td>0.9222</td>
<td>0.9215</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>This report</td>
<td>0.9193</td>
<td>0.9218</td>
<td>0.9242</td>
<td>0.9303</td>
<td>0.9429</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>T = -10°C</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Zubov (1945)</td>
<td>0.920</td>
<td>0.922</td>
<td>0.925</td>
<td>0.929</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Anderson (1960)</td>
<td>0.9194</td>
<td>0.9216</td>
<td>0.9239</td>
<td>0.9296</td>
<td>0.9412</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>This report</td>
<td>0.9195</td>
<td>0.9218</td>
<td>0.9240</td>
<td>0.9297</td>
<td>0.9413</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>T = -30°C</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Anderson (1960)</td>
<td>0.9216</td>
<td>0.9230</td>
<td>0.9245</td>
<td>0.9281</td>
<td>0.9354</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>This report</td>
<td>0.9219</td>
<td>0.9233</td>
<td>0.9247</td>
<td>0.9281</td>
<td>0.9352</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

It is also interesting to use the relations that have been developed to examine the importance of considering the presence of solid salts in making gas volume calculations. For sea ice warmer than -8.2°C, Schwerdtfeger (1963) calculated the relative air volume from

\[
\frac{V_a}{V} = 1 - \frac{\rho}{1000} \left( \frac{1000 - S_i}{0.917} + \frac{4.98 S_i}{T} \right) \tag{23}
\]

where \(\rho\) is in Mg/m³, \(S_i\) in °/oo, and \(T\) in °C. As mentioned earlier he neglected the presence of solid salts and assumes that the volume of brine in the ice is equal to the volume of pure water. If we neglect the presence of solid salts in our equations, eq 12 simplifies to

\[
\frac{V_a}{V} = \left(1 - \frac{\rho}{\rho_i} \right) + \frac{\rho S_i}{S_b} \left( \frac{1 - \frac{\rho}{\rho_b}}{1 - \frac{\rho}{\rho_b}} \right) \tag{24}
\]

The results from eq 23 and 24 are compared to the results from eq 12 in Table 4. The air volume of sea ice of different assumed salinities, densities, and temperatures are calculated using these three equations. Schwerdtfeger’s results are given in column 1, our results neglecting solid salts in column 2, and our results considering solid salts in column 3.

All the calculated values at a given salinity, density, and temperature are in close agreement. This indicates that, even for sea ice below the NaCl·2H₂O eutectic temperature, neglecting the presence of solid
Table 4. Air volume (°/oo) calculations from three methods for sea ice having difference densities, salinities and temperatures (see text for explanation).

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>$\rho (\text{Mg/m}^3)$</th>
<th>T (°C)</th>
<th>1</th>
<th>2</th>
<th>3</th>
<th>1</th>
<th>2</th>
<th>3</th>
<th>1</th>
<th>2</th>
<th>3</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>0.890</td>
<td>-6</td>
<td>31.0</td>
<td>31.1</td>
<td>31.8</td>
<td>9.4</td>
<td>10.0</td>
<td>10.0</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>-10</td>
<td>32.0</td>
<td>32.1</td>
<td>31.8</td>
<td>10.2</td>
<td>10.4</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>-20</td>
<td>33.4</td>
<td>33.4</td>
<td>33.4</td>
<td>11.7</td>
<td>11.7</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>-30</td>
<td>34.8</td>
<td>34.6</td>
<td>34.6</td>
<td>13.1</td>
<td>12.9</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>0.910</td>
<td>S_i = 1 °/oo</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>-6</td>
<td>46.5</td>
<td>44.9</td>
<td>44.8</td>
<td>25.1</td>
<td>23.5</td>
<td>23.3</td>
<td>3.7</td>
<td>2.0</td>
<td>1.9</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>-10</td>
<td>42.7</td>
<td>42.7</td>
<td>42.7</td>
<td>21.2</td>
<td>21.2</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>-20</td>
<td>42.2</td>
<td>42.1</td>
<td>42.1</td>
<td>20.7</td>
<td>20.6</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>-30</td>
<td>43.1</td>
<td>41.0</td>
<td>41.0</td>
<td>21.6</td>
<td>19.4</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>0.930</td>
<td>S_i = 10 °/oo</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>-6</td>
<td>31.0</td>
<td>31.8</td>
<td>31.8</td>
<td>9.4</td>
<td>10.0</td>
<td>10.0</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>-10</td>
<td>32.0</td>
<td>32.1</td>
<td>31.8</td>
<td>10.2</td>
<td>10.4</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>-20</td>
<td>33.4</td>
<td>33.4</td>
<td>33.4</td>
<td>11.7</td>
<td>11.7</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>-30</td>
<td>34.8</td>
<td>34.6</td>
<td>34.6</td>
<td>13.1</td>
<td>12.9</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

salts in air volume calculations is a reasonable assumption. For warm, high density, high salinity sea ice (0.930 Mg/m$^3$), Schwerdtfeger's value differs by 1.8 °/oo, or nearly 100%. However, the brine volume of this ice is relatively much greater (85.1 °/oo) and there is little difference in the total ice porosity.

CONCLUSIONS

Equations have been derived to quickly calculate the air volume of sea ice considering the presence and absence of solid salts. The results show that neglecting the presence of solid salts is a reasonable assumption. However, in this era of computers and sophisticated hand calculators, we recommend considering the presence of solid salts and the use of eq 12 to calculate the air volume of sea ice. A program for making such calculations on a Hewlett-Packard 41C calculator is given in Appendix A.

Earlier we mentioned that very few direct determinations of the gas content of sea ice have been undertaken. This might lead the reader to question the usefulness of the calculations outlined here because of a lack of available comparisons between calculated gas porosities and measured gas porosities. Fortunately such a comparison has now been completed for first-year sea ice (Nakawo 1983) indicating a very good agreement between the calculated and measured gas porosities. Inasmuch as the calculation procedure we have developed is very rapid and the measurements required to utilize it are simple, it is hoped that gas volume will, in the future, join brine volume and specimen temperature as part of the sample description for all physical property tests on sea ice.

LITERATURE CITED

APPENDIX A. HP-41C AIR VOLUME PROGRAM

The following HP-41C program was written to calculate the gas volume (VA), brine volume (VB), and total porosity (N) of sea ice samples. The program first prompts the user for the ice density (g/cm³), salinity (%), and temperature (°C) at which the ice density was determined. The gas volume, brine volume, and total porosity are then calculated for this temperature. Next the program prompts the user for the test temperature and calculates the test gas volume, brine volume, total porosity, and new density. It is assumed that the brine and air pockets are interconnected.

To initialize the program, the contents of storage registers 32 to 50 are entered. The program is then executed and after each real time input (PROMPT), RUN is entered. During execution, storage registers 1 through 15 are used. A sample output is also given below.

MAIN PROGRAM

```
PRP "AIRYOL" 38 *
01+LBL "AIRYOL" 39 RCL 04 88 LBL 03 80+LBL 03
02 "DEN G/CC?" 40 / 81 XEQ 13
03 PROMPT 41 * 82 STO 09
04 STO 01 42 STO 07 83 XEQ 14
05 "SAL PPT ?" 43 RCL 50 84 STO 10
06 PROMPT 44 * 85+LBL 04
07 STO 02 45 FIX 1 86 RCL 06
08 "TEMP C ?" 46 "VA PPT = " 87 RCL 02
09 PROMPT 47 ARCL X 88 *
10 STO 03 48 AVIEW 89 RCL 04
11 -22.9 49 RCL 01 90 ENTER
12 X<Y? 50 RCL 02 91 RCL 02
13 X<Y? 51 * 92 RCL 02
14 GTO 01 52 RCL 04 93 *
15 XEQ 11 53 / 94 RCL 05
16 STO 04 54 STO 08 95 *
17 XEQ 12 55 RCL 50 96 -
18 STO 05 56 * 97 /
19 GTO 02 57 "VB PPT = " 98 STO 11
20+LBL 01 58 ARCL X 99 XEQ 15
21 XEQ 13 59 AVIEW 100 STO 12
22 STO 04 60 RCL 07 101 RCL 02
23 XEQ 14 61 RCL 08 102 *
24 STO 05 62 * 103 RCL 09
25+LBL 02 63 RCL 50 104 ENTER
26 XEQ 15 64 * 105 RCL 12
27 STO 06 65 "N PPT = " 106 RCL 02
28 1 66 ARCL X 107 *
29 ENTER 67 AVIEW 108 RCL 10
30 RCL 01 68 "TEST TEMP C ?" 109 *
31 RCL 06 69 PROMPT 110 -
32 / 70 STO 03 111 /
33 - 71 -22.9 112 STO 13
34 RCL 01 72 X<Y? 113 1
35 RCL 02 73 X<Y? 114 ENTER
36 * 74 GTO 03 115 1
37 RCL 05 75 XEQ 11 116 ENTER
38 * 76 STO 09 117 RCL 07
39 RCL 05 77 XEQ 12 118 -
40 / 78 STO 10 119 RCL 11
41 + 79 GTO 04 120 *
```

INITIALIZATION OF THE PROGRAM

R32 = -4.732 + 00
R33 = -2.245 + 01
R34 = -6.397 - 01
R35 = -1.074 - 02
R36 = 8.903 - 02
R37 = -1.763 - 02
R38 = -5.330 - 04
R39 = -8.801 - 06
R40 = 9.899 + 03
R41 = 1.399 + 03
R42 = 5.527 + 01
R43 = 7.160 - 01
R44 = 8.547 + 00
R45 = 1.899 + 00
R46 = 4.518 - 02
R47 = 5.819 - 04
R48 = 9.170 - 01
R49 = -1.483 - 04
R50 = 1.800 + 03

SAMPLE RUN

XEQ "AIRYOL"

DEN G/CC?

SAL PPT ?

TEMP C ?

VA PPT = 14.7
VB PPT = 18.3
H PPT = 33.0
TEST TEMP C ?

TEST VA PPT = 17.2
TEST VB PPT = 44.0
TEST H PPT = 61.2
TEST DEN G/CC = 0.909
DEN G/CC?
A facsimile catalog card in Library of Congress MARC format is reproduced below.

Cox, Gordon F.N.
ii, 13 p., illus.; 28 cm. (CRREL Report 82-30.)
Bibliography: p. 7.