

Curve-Fitting

The Science and Art of Approximation

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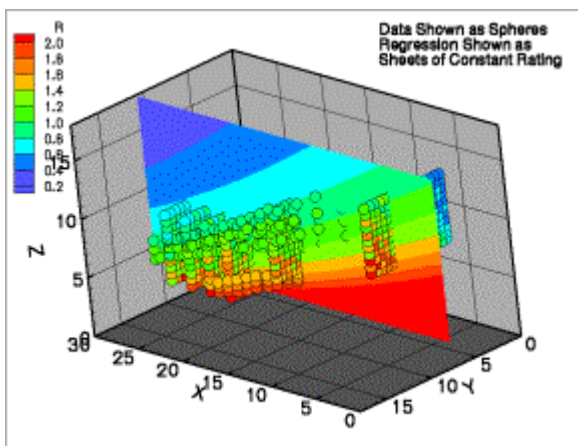
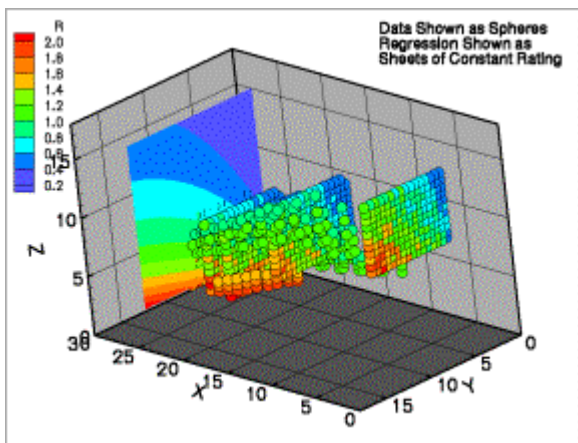
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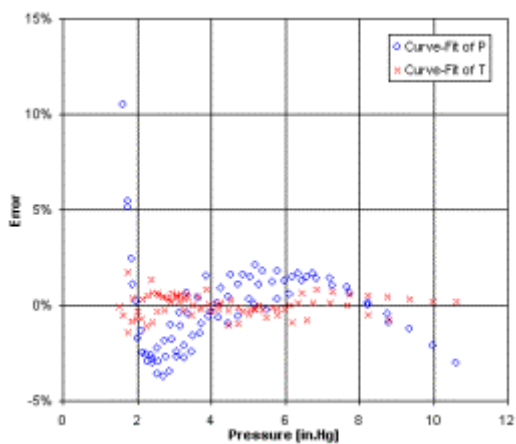
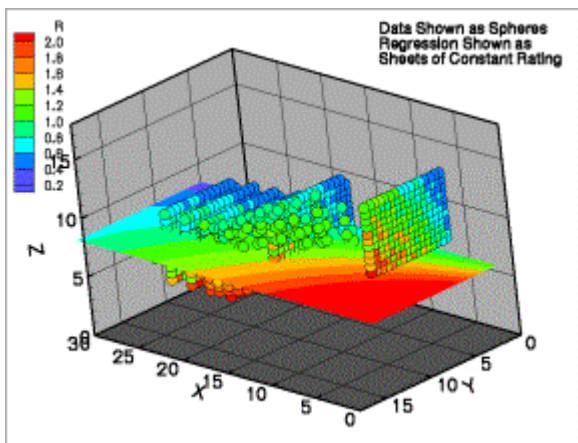
This is a how-to guide on the approximation of data. While this task is often viewed as trivial—simply open Excel® and select Add Trendline—developing an accurate and robust approximation can be quite complex, especially when the shape of the data doesn't correspond to one of the functions built into Excel®. Perhaps the most common example where Excel® is deficient would be data that approaches one or more asymptotic values. The asymptotic values may be constant or infinite. In either case, none of the functions built into Excel® exhibit this behavior.

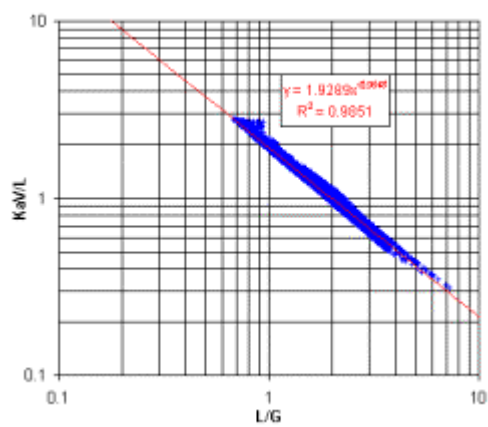
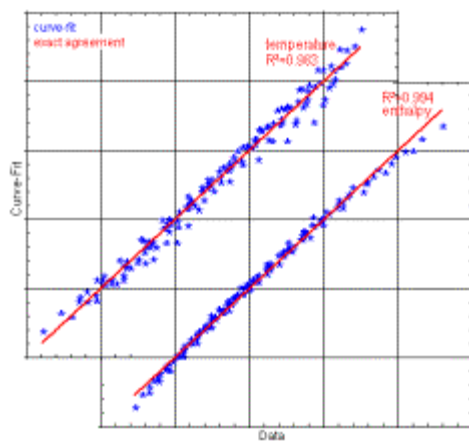
Efficient and accurate approximation of multi-variable data can be quite challenging. While Excel® can handle such data with the LINEST() function, this capability is limited. Knowing what to feed into the LINEST() function requires an understanding of the principles presented in this book. Many examples are provided and Excel® is used wherever possible to illustrate them.

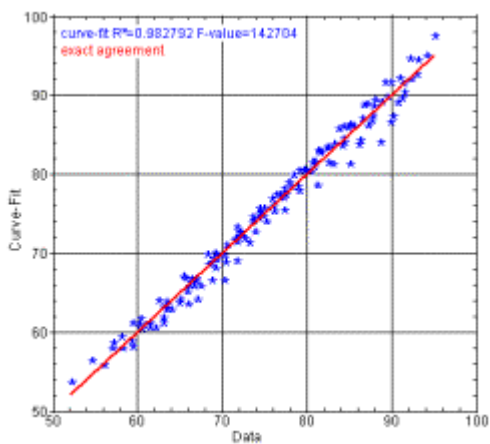
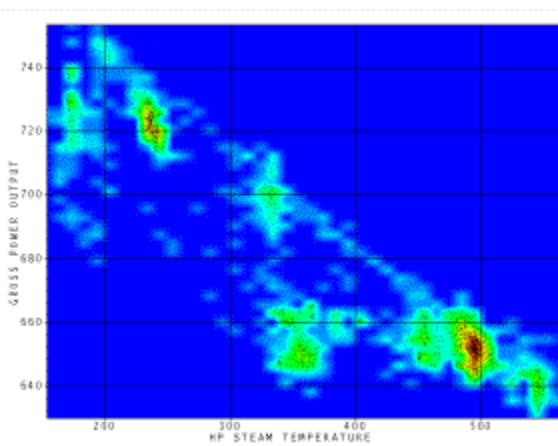
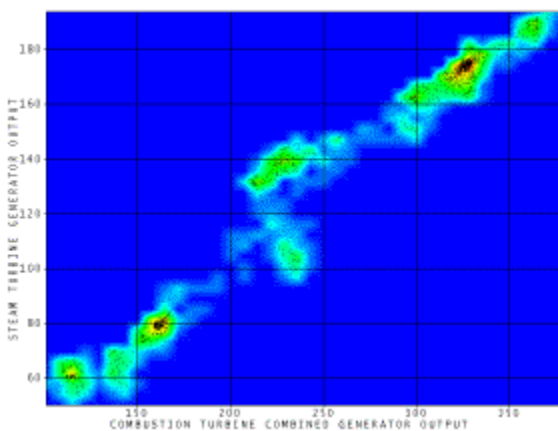
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(as well as a lot of free programs) are available at...*

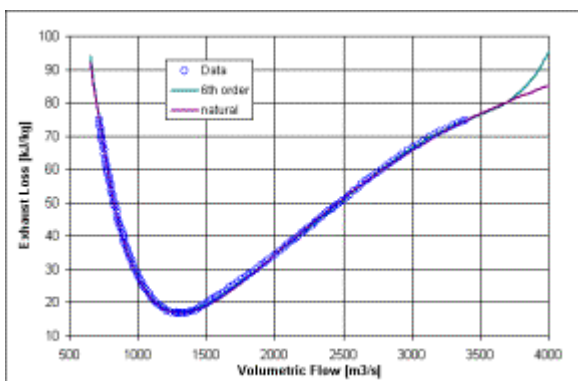
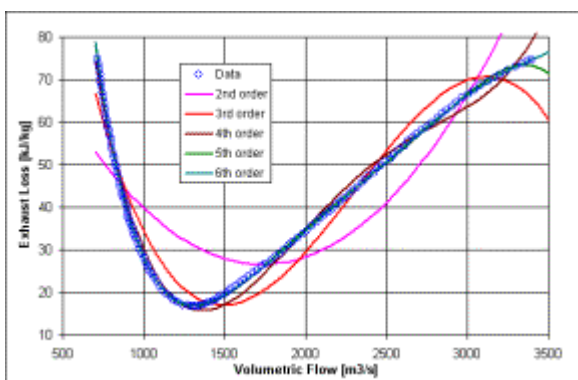
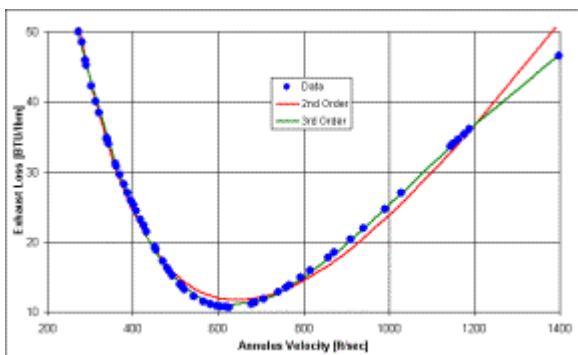
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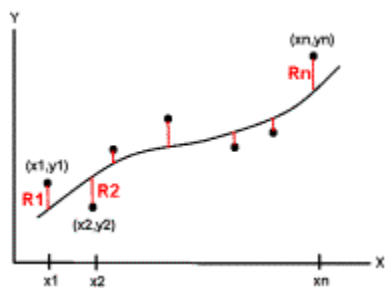
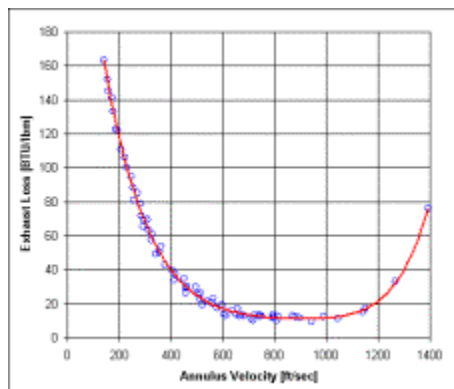
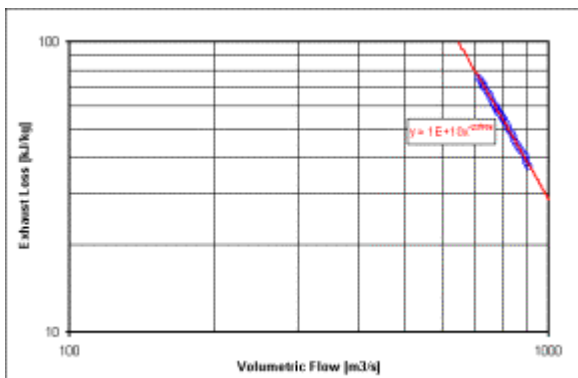


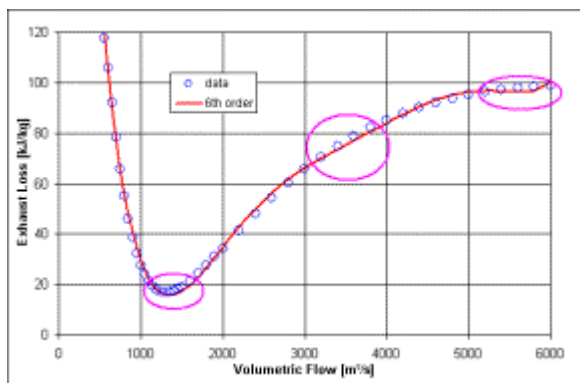


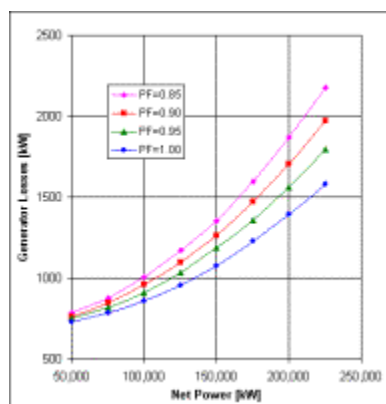
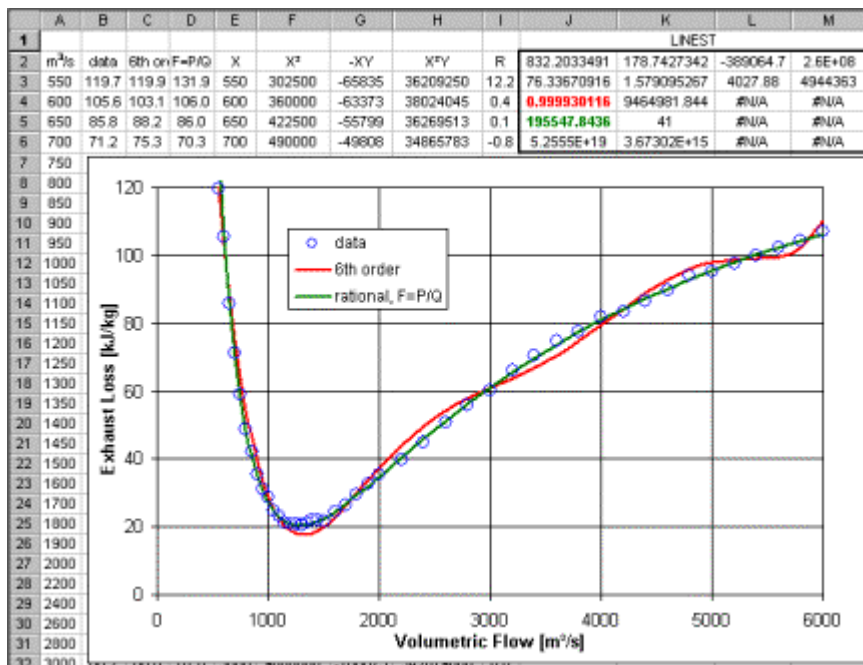


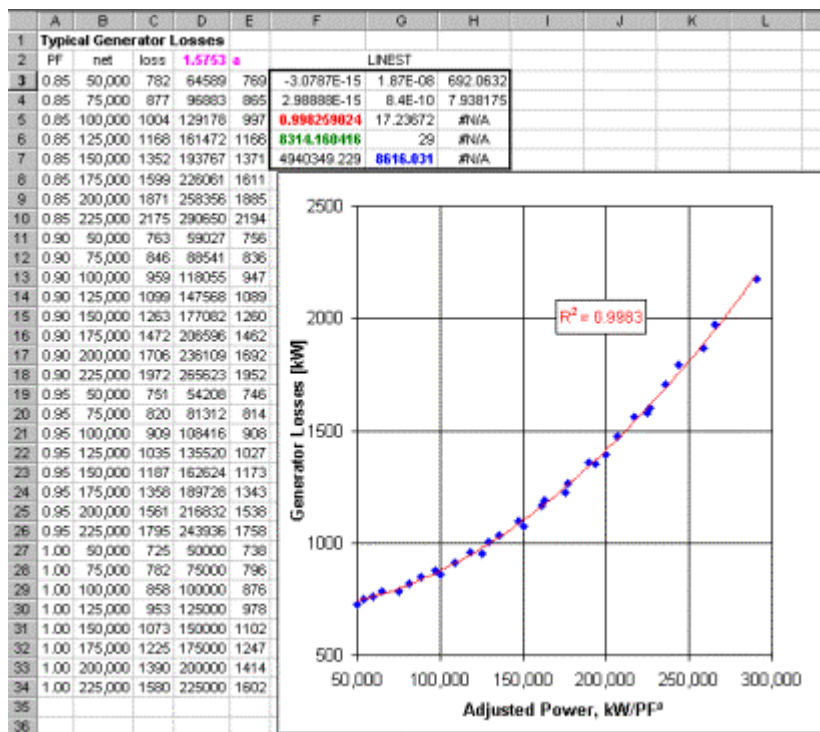
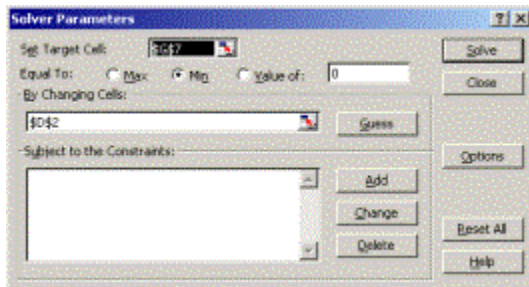


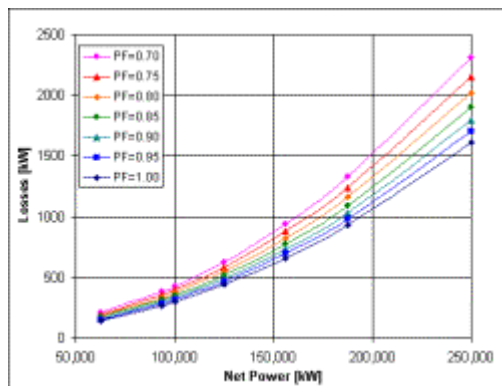




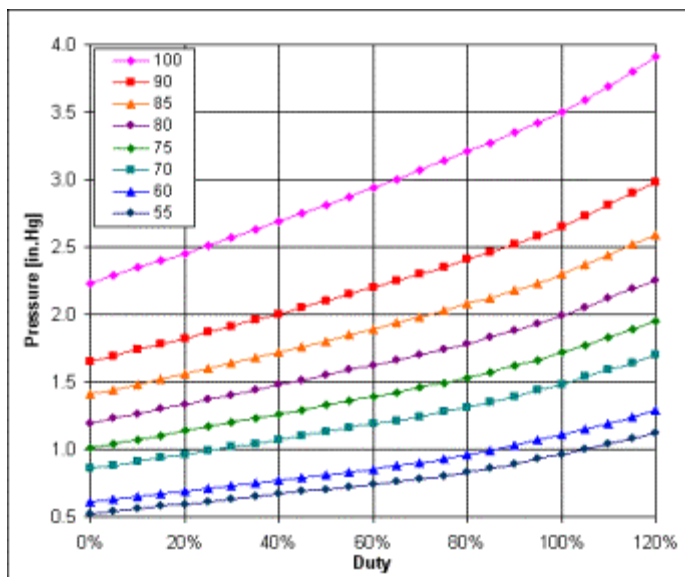




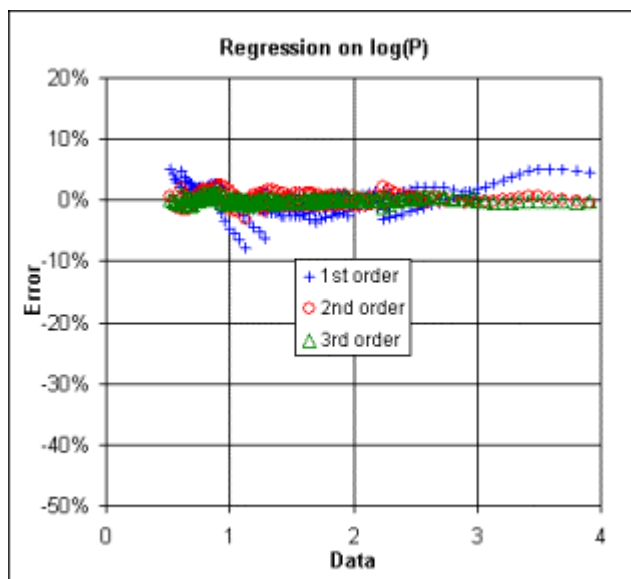
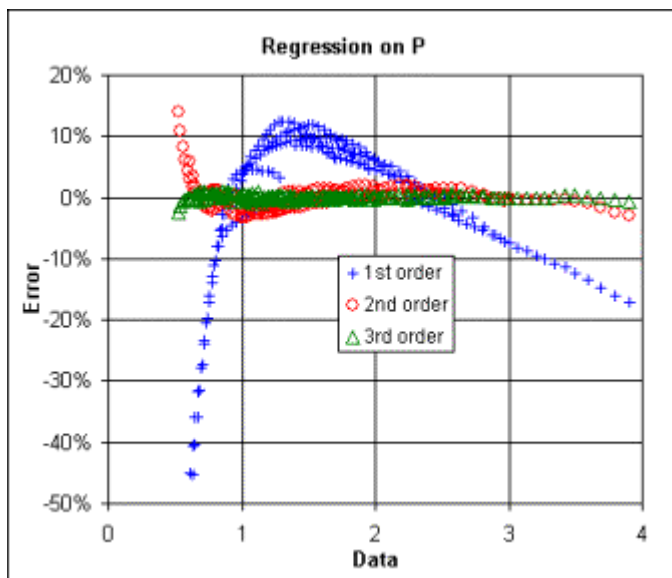


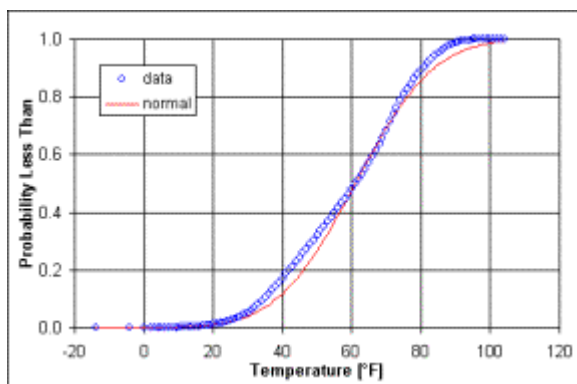
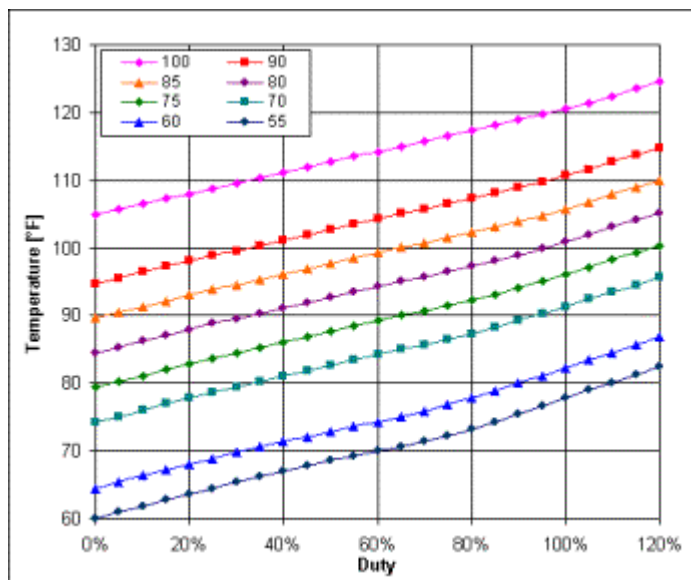


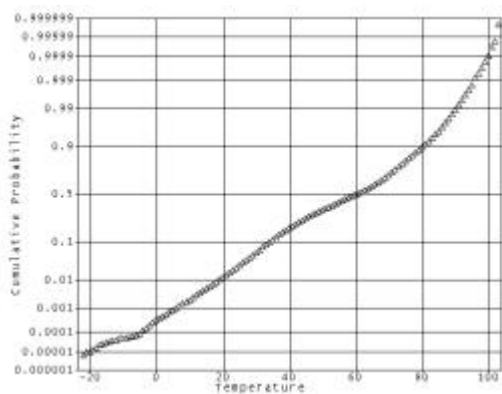
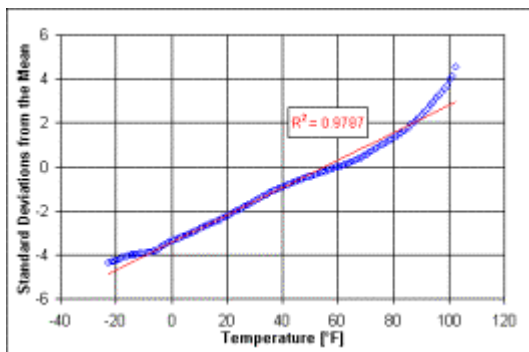
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1	Transformer Losses									
2	PF	kWh/et	Loss	0.5255	fit	LINEST				
3	0.70	62,500	206.9	75,385	195.8	-1E-15	2.5E-08	53.1174		
4	0.70	93,750	382.2	113,077	373.5	5.8E-16	1.7E-10	1.69472		
5	0.70	100,000	424.8	120,816	417.6	0.99995	4.28413	#N/A		
6	0.70	125,000	626.9	150,769	621.8	443690	46	#N/A		
7	0.70	156,250	941.6	188,462	940.1	1.6E+07	844.273	#N/A		
8	0.70	187,500	1297.5	230,454	1296.4					
9	0.7									
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1	Typical Condenser Curves					1st Order LINEST on P		
2	Tin	Duty	Pres.	1st	2nd	0.828249754	0.047653	-2.524188839
3	°F	%	in.Hg	in.Hg	in.Hg	0.033421384	0.000853	0.069616551
4	55	0%	0.52	0.10	0.59	0.949906641	0.170416	#N/A
5	55	5%	0.54	0.14	0.60	1867.828522	197	#N/A
6	55	10%	0.56	0.18	0.60	108.4898785	5.721217	#N/A
7	55	15%	0.58	0.22	0.61			
8	55	20%	0.59	0.26	0.62			2nd Order LINES
9	55	25%	0.61	0.30	0.63	0.285452599	0.018821	0.000673961
10	55	30%	0.63	0.35	0.64	0.014042801	0.00032	8.22771E-06
11	55	35%	0.65	0.39	0.65	0.999098606	0.023036	#N/A
12	55	40%	0.67	0.43	0.67	43005.64709	194	#N/A
13	55	45%	0.69	0.47	0.68	114.1081446	0.102949	#N/A
14	55	50%	0.70	0.51	0.70			
15	55	55%	0.72	0.55	0.72			
16	55	60%	0.74	0.59	0.74	0.32385156	0.002651	0.000223898
17	55	65%	0.76	0.64	0.76	0.010414942	0.000232	5.3251E-06
18	55	70%	0.78	0.68	0.79	0.999951926	0.005376	#N/A
19	55	75%	0.80	0.72	0.81	439119.0478	190	#N/A
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21	55	85%	0.86	0.80	0.86			





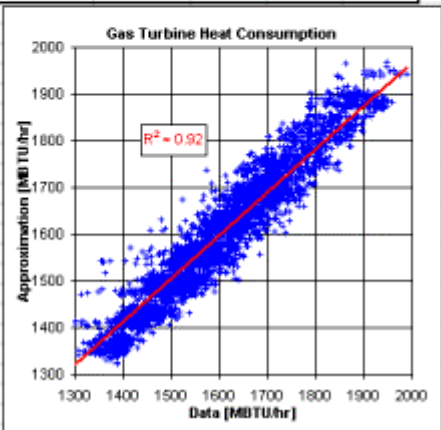


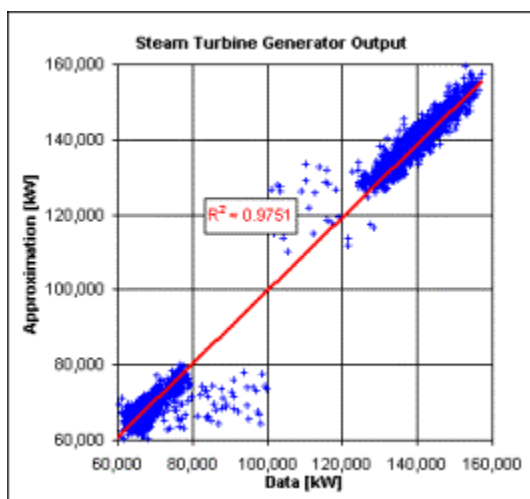
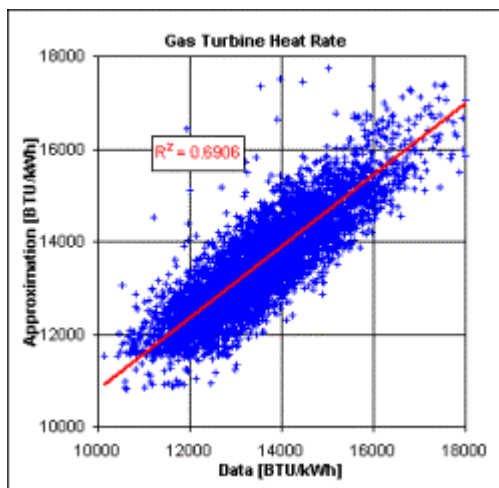
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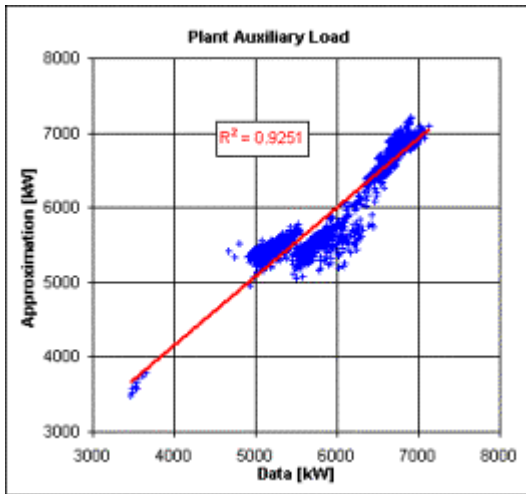
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1		GT	Tdb	RH	load	baro	OT	humidity	power	GT1	LHV	approx
2	date.time	#	°F	%	%	In.HgA	°F	lb/lb	kW	lb/hr	BTU/lb	kW
3	1/1/15 0:00	1	12.9	82%	100%	29.97	14.5	0.0494	161,335	73,660	25,830	169,092
4												
5									574	74,108	25,829	168,916
6									192	72,976	25,827	168,895
7									225	73,767	25,890	169,650
8									788	74,038	25,593	169,823
9									385	68,217	25,559	146,933
10									401	73,000	25,584	176,916
11									705	74,424	25,707	168,709
12									345	74,471	25,714	168,086
13									995	72,806	25,708	160,096
14									979	69,009	25,846	151,946
15									178	66,759	25,828	143,817
16									338	65,590	25,577	143,501
17									975	64,242	25,584	143,131
18									949	64,990	25,707	142,813
19									028	65,267	25,607	142,737
20									481	65,686	25,688	142,735
21									108	72,503	25,671	165,533
22									559	74,499	25,751	165,767
23									222	68,847	25,788	143,388
24									179	60,963	25,795	126,503
25									238	61,340	25,843	129,072
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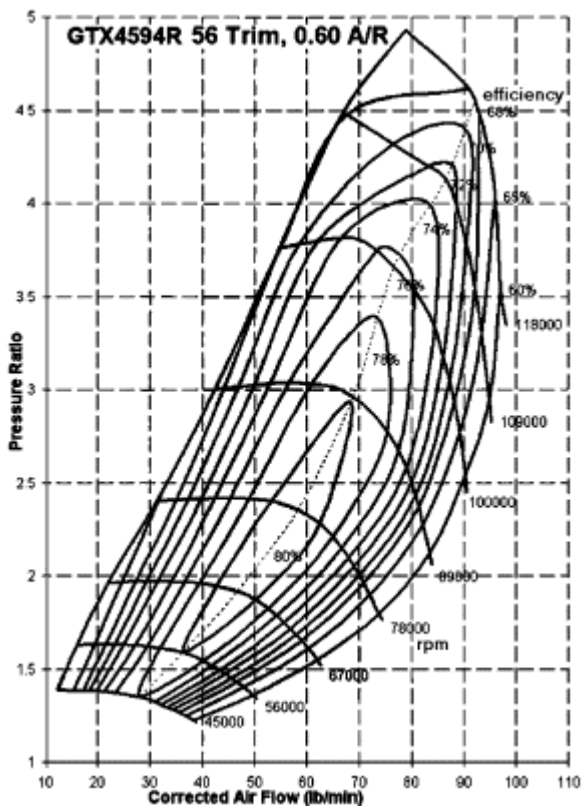
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heat	approx	LINEST(Power Output)				
MBTU/hr	MBTU/hr	758.2145352	-358.366771	1534.219	150282.2	-22090.57
1902.8	1851.9	311.9544883	6.362818035	456.5893	711.3123	13771.8
1899.3	1852.2	0.930832432	5215.646461	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
1870.2	1852.0	16835.51132	5004	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
1895.0	1849.8	1.8319E+12	1.36124E+11	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
1894.8	1849.0	826.7688191	-367.184341	1021.697	150258.9	-6434.051
1743.5	1649.2	LINEST(Heat Input)				
1867.6	1917.0	-12.8047653	1.167420869	14.52678	1337.817	62.40589
1913.2	1852.3	2.66470271	0.054350936	3.917251	6.076001	117.6382
1915.0	1854.4	0.919976756	44.55184259	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
1871.7	1789.2	14381.95787	5004	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
1769.8	1724.4	114185075.7	9932272.858	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
1710.9	1658.9					
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1842.3	1680.4					
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1775.4	1658.6					
1573.1	1524.1					
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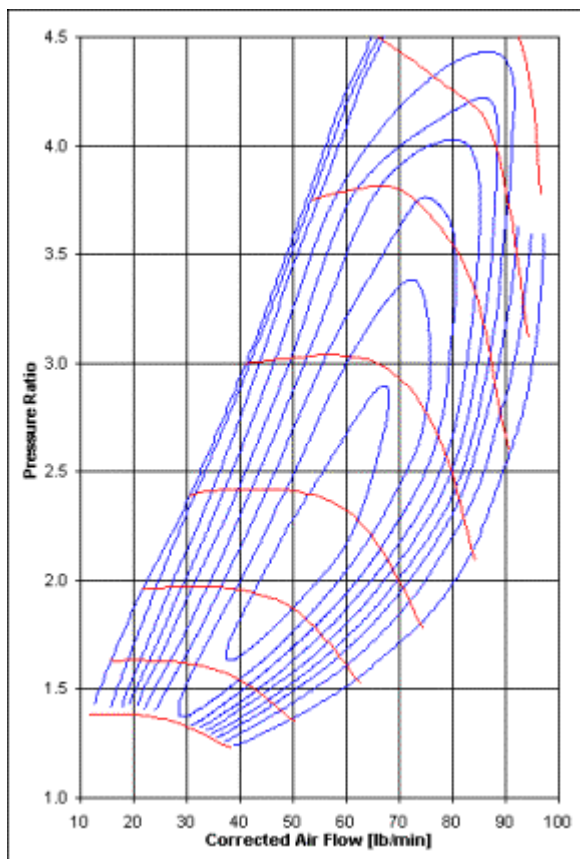


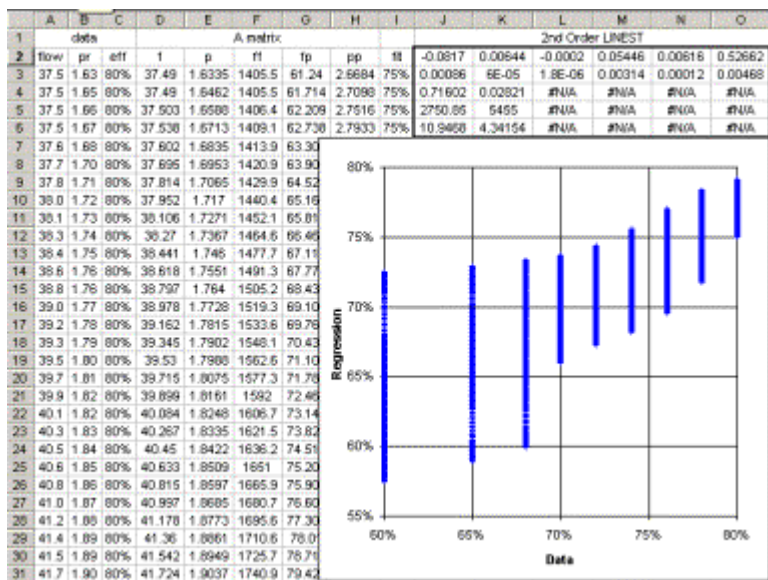




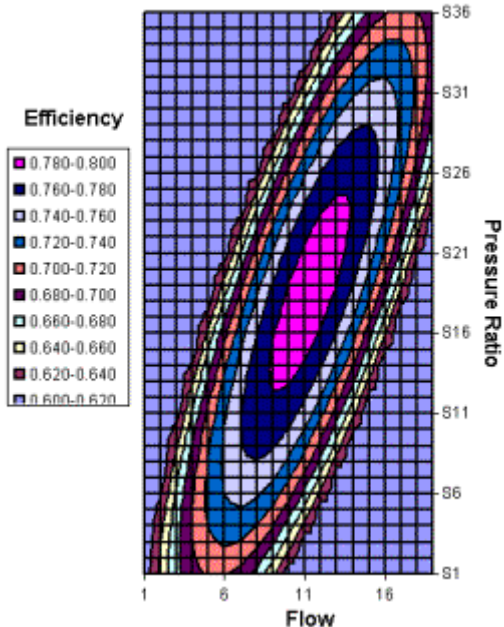
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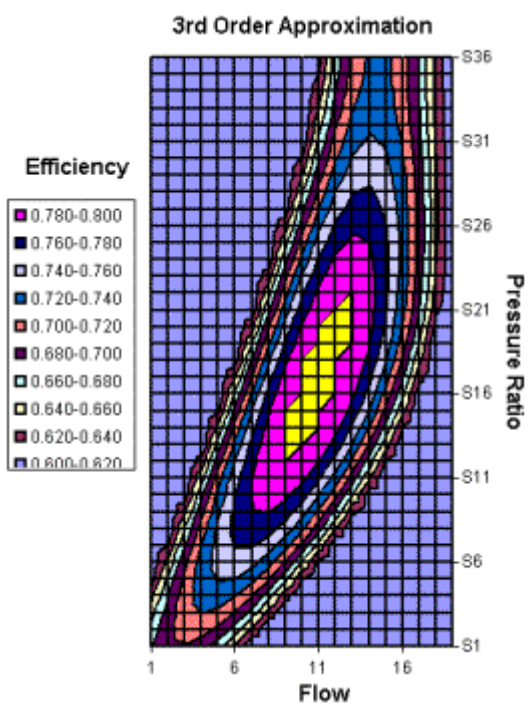
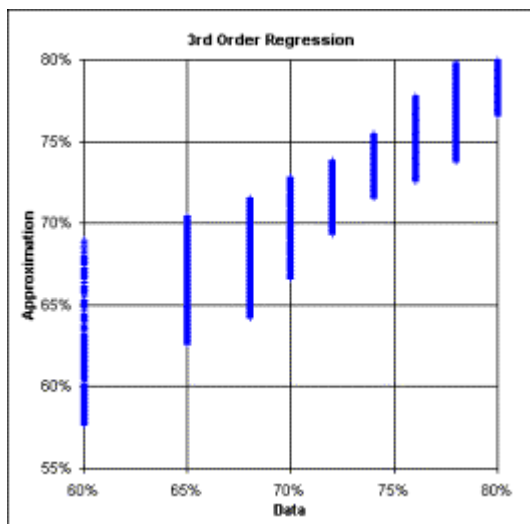


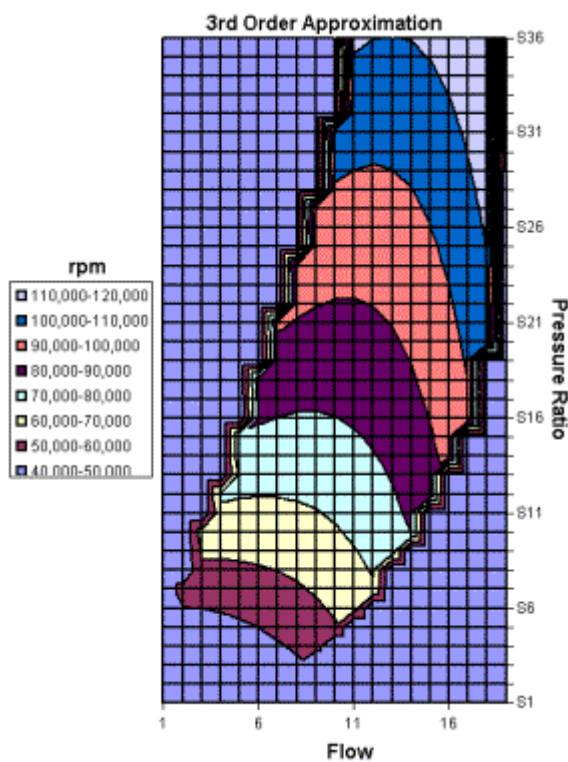
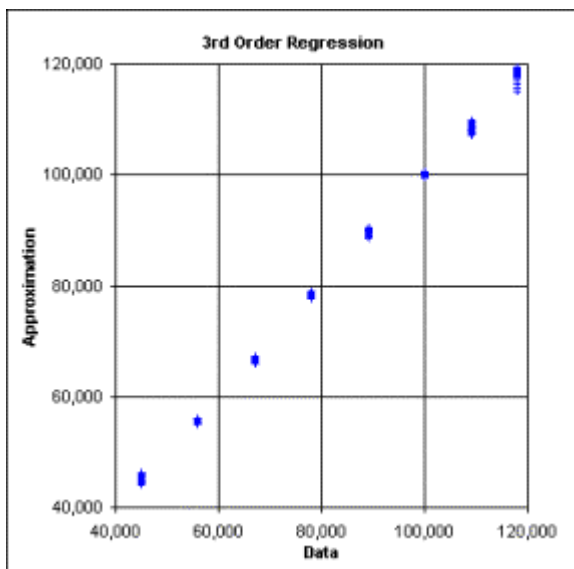


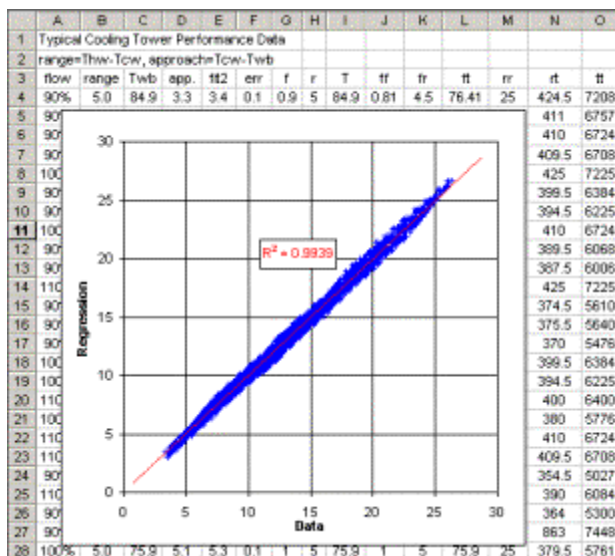
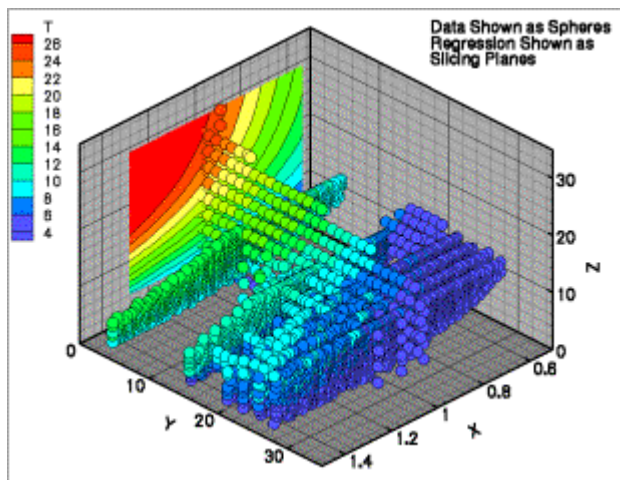


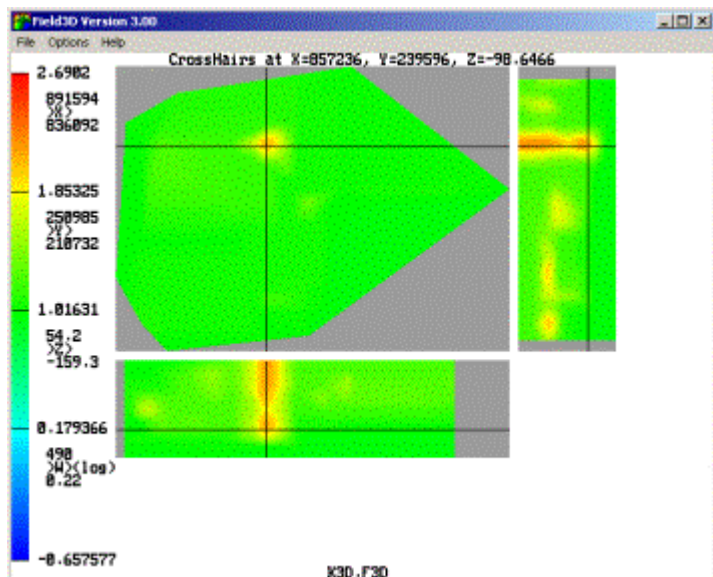
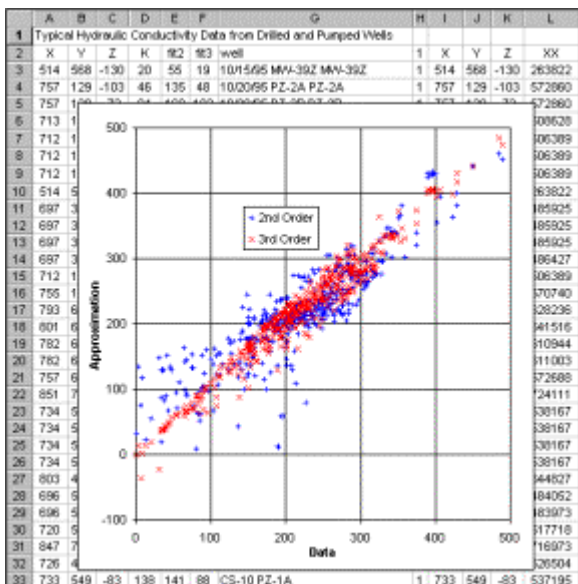
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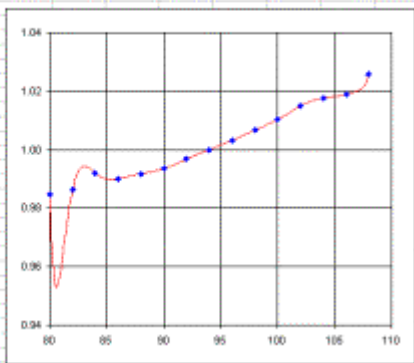


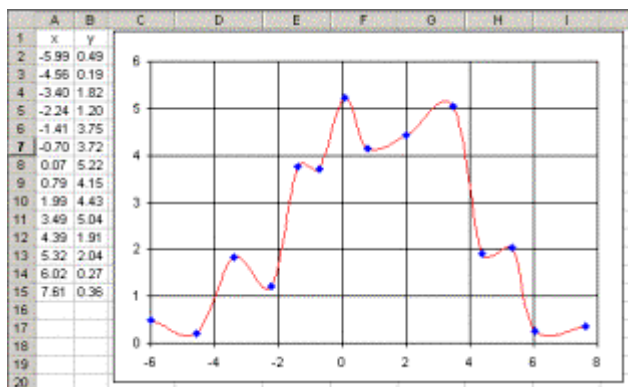
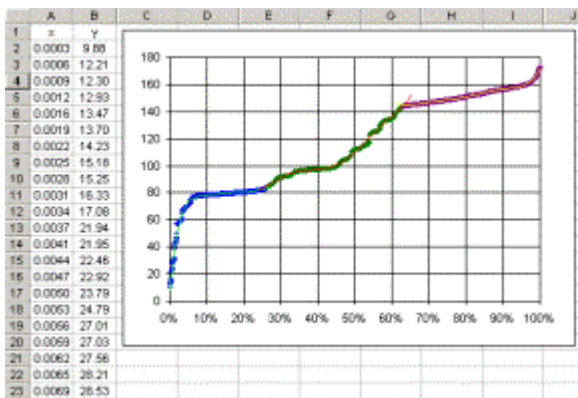




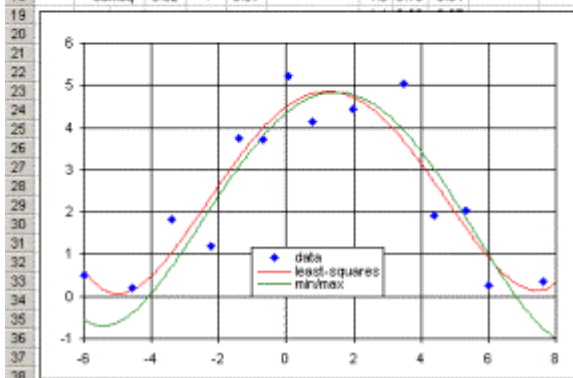
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1	Typical Plateau Data							
2	date.time	volts	approx	error	date.time	volts	approx	error
3	8/26/11 17:58:33	0.012	0.012	0.000	8/27/11 16:42:30	0.027	0.027	0.000
4	8/26/11 17:58:43	0.012	0.012	0.000	8/27/11 16:42:40	0.027	0.027	0.000
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24	approx	error	error	error	approx	error	error	error
25	8/26/11 18:02:13	0.149	0.151	0.002	8/27/11 16:46:10	0.174	0.174	0.000
26	8/26/11 18:02:23	0.149	0.151	0.002	8/27/11 16:46:20	0.173	0.174	0.001
27	8/26/11 18:02:33	0.150	0.151	0.001	8/27/11 16:46:30	0.175	0.174	-0.001
28								
29	8/26/11 18:00:29	5026	sumsq	1.388	8/27/11 16:44:30	5816	sumsq	0.044

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L
1	Lagrange Interpolation											
2	data interpolation											
3	x	y	x	y								
4	80	0.9847	80.0	0.9847								
5	82	0.9865	80.1	0.9739								
6	84	0.9920	80.2	0.9644								
7	86	0.9990	80.3	0.9568								
8	88	0.9918	80.4	0.9550								
9	90	0.9926	80.5	0.9532								
10	92	0.9967	80.6	0.9528								
11	94	1.0000	80.7	0.9535								
12	96	1.0033	80.8	0.9561								
13	98	1.0087	80.9	0.9572								
14	100	1.0104	81.0	0.9598								
15	102	1.0149	81.1	0.9627								
16	104	1.0177	81.2	0.9657								
17	106	1.0190	81.3	0.9688								
18	108	1.0257	81.4	0.9718								
19			81.5	0.9747								
20			81.6	0.9775								
21			81.7	0.9801								
22			81.8	0.9824								
23			81.9	0.9846								
24			82.0	0.9865								
25			82.1	0.9881								
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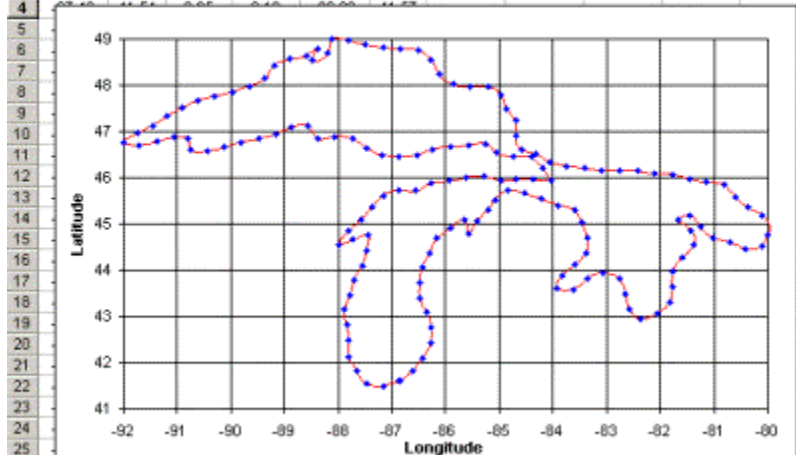


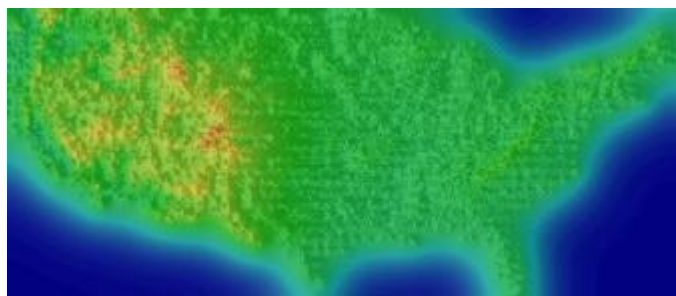
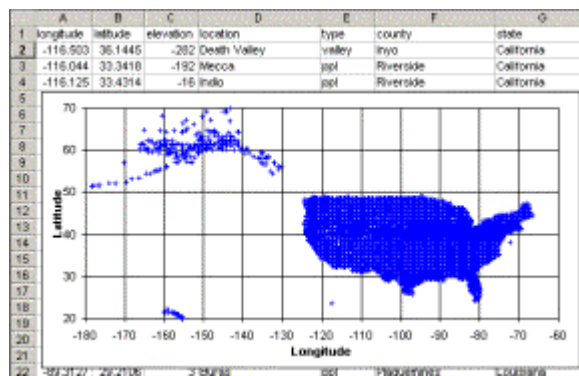
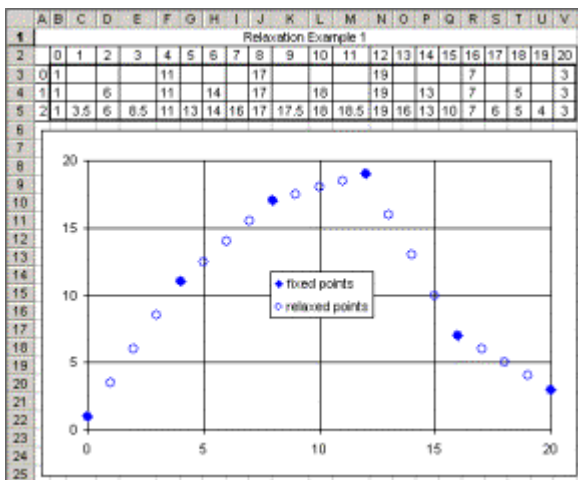


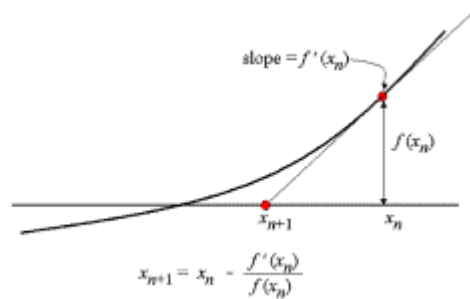
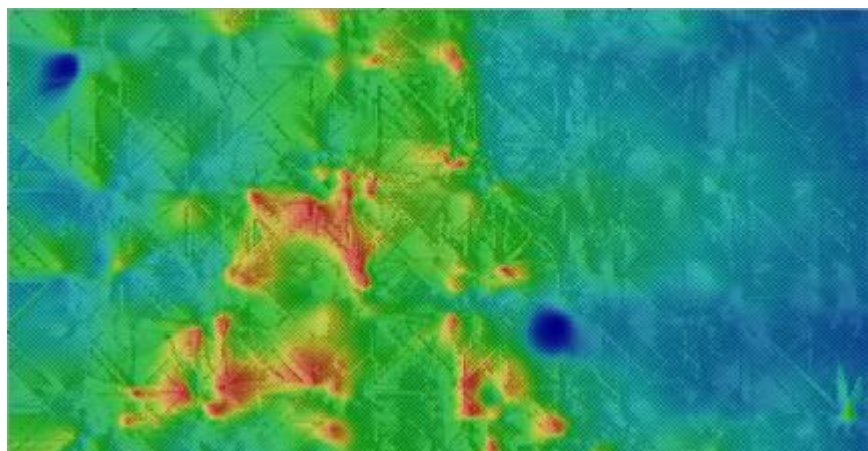
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1	data		least sq.		min/max		4th order	approximations				
2	x	y	fit	err	fit	err	least-squares	x	sq	min		
3	-5.99	0.49	0.61	0.12	-0.56	1.05	4.491900026	-5.0	0.62	-0.55		
4	-4.56	0.19	0.15	0.04	-0.38	0.58	0.580399094	-5.9	0.51	-0.60		
5	-3.40	1.82	1.04	0.78	0.71	1.11	-0.21789863	-5.8	0.41	-0.64		
6	-2.24	1.20	2.36	1.16	2.10	0.90	-0.01543159	-5.7	0.32	-0.67		
7	-1.41	3.75	3.30	0.45	3.08	0.67	0.003181404	-5.6	0.25	-0.69		
8	-0.70	3.72	3.98	0.26	3.79	0.07	4th order	-5.5	0.19	-0.70		
9	0.07	5.22	4.53	0.69	4.39	0.83	min/max	-5.4	0.14	-0.70		
10	0.79	4.15	4.81	0.66	4.73	0.58	4.345230041	-5.3	0.10	-0.69		
11	1.99	4.43	4.71	0.28	4.78	0.35	0.855767257	-5.2	0.06	-0.67		
12	3.49	5.04	3.68	1.36	3.94	1.10	-0.19945184	-5.1	0.06	-0.65		
13	4.39	1.91	2.72	0.81	3.02	1.12	-0.01463946	-5.0	0.06	-0.62		
14	5.32	2.04	1.64	0.40	1.88	0.16	0.002358918	-4.9	0.07	-0.57		
15	6.02	0.27	0.80	0.63	0.97	0.70		-4.8	0.08	-0.53		
16	7.61	0.36	0.16	0.20	-0.76	1.12		-4.7	0.11	-0.47		
17			max=	1.36	>	1.12		-4.6	0.14	-0.41		
18			sumsq=	6.32	<	9.31		-4.5	0.18	-0.34		



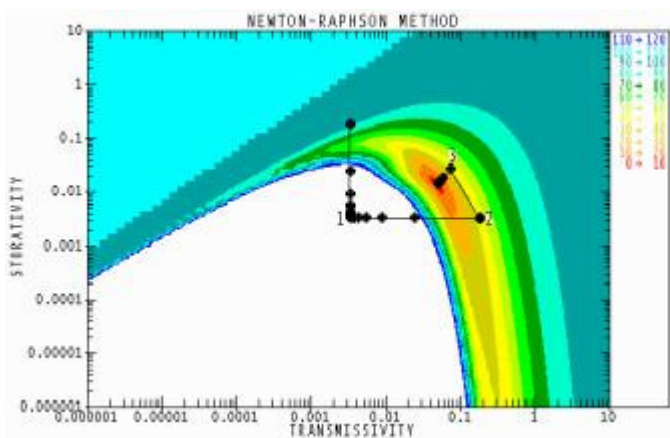
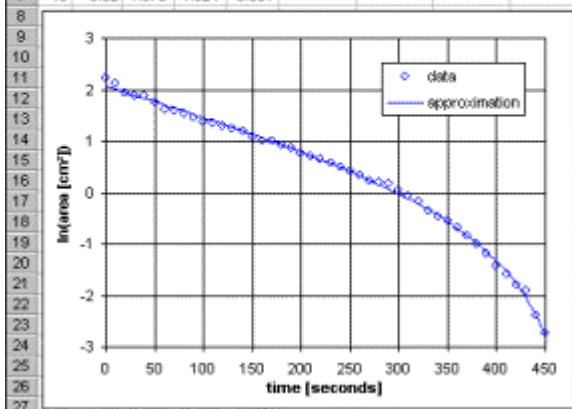
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1	longitude	latitude	distance	distance	longitude	latitude					
2	-86.85	41.61	0	0.00	-86.85	41.61					
3	-87.16	41.50	0.33	0.05	-86.89	41.59					
4	-87.46	41.51	0.65	0.16	-86.88	41.57					

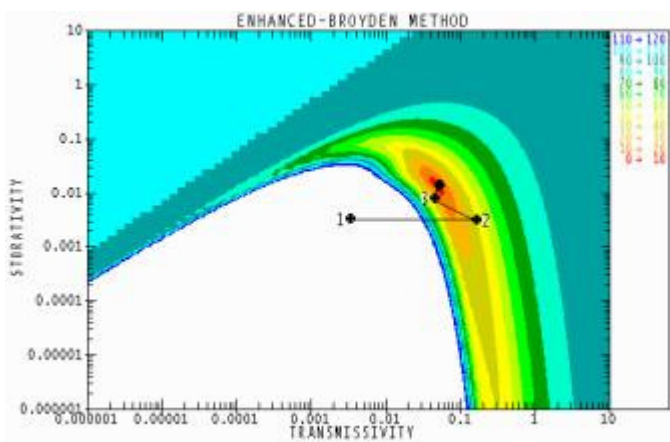
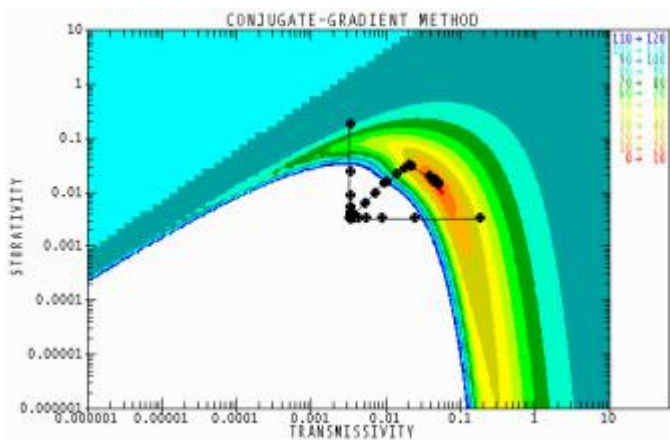






	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
1	approximating: $\ln(A) = C0*(C1-t)^*(C2-t)/(C3-t)$								
2	subject to: $C0=0, C1 \leftarrow C3 \leftarrow C2$					C0_C3			
3	0	9.24	2.224	2.062	-0.161	0.005068			
4	10	8.43	2.132	2.003	-0.129	296.7227			
5	20	6.98	1.943	1.944	0.001	722.8769			
6	30	6.51	1.873	1.884	0.011	527.0632			
7	40	6.52	1.875	1.824	-0.051				







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