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WELL RRGE-2 TO WELL RRG1-7

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

°C	degree centigrade
D.H.P.	downhole pressure
D.H.T.	downhole temperature
°F	degree Fahrenheit
ft	feet
gpd	gallons per day
gpm	gallons per minute
gpm/ft	gallons per minute per foot
HP	Hewlett Packard downhole temperature compensated pressure probe
kPa	kilopascals
lps	liters per second
m	meters
min	minute
m ² /s	square meters per second
N	north
NE	northeast
NW	northwest
perf.	perforations or slots in well casing
psia	pounds per square inch absolute
Q	flow/injection rate
r	distance between pumping point and observation point
S	storage coefficient
s	pressure change
s ₁₀	slope of semilog straight line per log cycle
sec	second
T	transmissivity
t	time of flow/injection/recovery in minutes
t ¹	time since shut-in
t/t ¹	Theis time ratio
t ₀	time, since production/injection began, of zero pressure change of the linear extension of the semilog straight line
WHP	wellhead pressure
WHP _H	wellhead pressure utilizing a Heise gauge
WHT	wellhead temperature
W(u)	well function of u

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INTRODUCTION

Well RRG1-7, Raft River, Idaho KGRA, was tested by injecting geothermal fluids produced at Well RRGE-2 during August 1979. The purpose of the testing was to evaluate the injection capabilities of RRG1-7 and determine if, through stimulation, the injection capacity could be improved. Data from RRGE-2 was not analyzed in this report.

The specific objectives included:

1. Determine if aquifer inhomogenities occur within the immediate vicinity of RRG1-7;
2. Determine aquifer and well performance during the injection of 93 to 132⁰C water;
3. Estimate aquifer and well capabilities to receive geothermal fluid produced by RRGE-1, during the upcoming testing of RRGE-1;
4. Estimate RRG1-7 specific capacity and well losses; and
5. Estimate RRG1-7 borehole flow characteristics.

SUMMARY OF RESULTS

The August 1979 test produced data greatly different from that of earlier tests. This is believed to be caused by thermal effects related to the injection of different temperature waters.

Temperature and flow meter borehole geophysical logs recorded by the U. S. Geological Survey during the 96-hour injection test (McCarthy, 1979) were compared with previous logs and the lithology to identify receiving zones within RRG1-7. Groundwater flow within RRG1-7 is apparently through porous sedimentary aquifers, in comparison to fracture controlled flows in other Raft River wells. Predictions based upon RRG1-7 data may therefore be more reliable than elsewhere in the Raft River KGRA.

The results of the August 1979 injection testing of RRG1-7 were used to predict the wellhead and downhole pressure which can be expected to occur at rates and times associated with the proposed RRGE-1 to RRG1-6 and RRG1-7 test.

The predictions indicate that at least 64.4 lps, the maximum rate of each RRG1-7 pump, could be injected into RRG1-7 over the 21 day long-term test from RRGE-1 without exceeding a wellhead pressure of 3100 kPa. This prediction assumed a constant linear pressure buildup and the injection of water hotter than 93°C. The 28.4 lps 96-hour test data and the ratio technique predicted pressure buildups within 90% of those actually seen at 300 minutes into the pulse tests and at shut-in of the 39.1 lps pulse test.

Conclusion drawn from the RRG1-7, August 1979 data include:

1. Thermal effects resulting from the injection of different temperature water greatly influence injection well performance.
2. RRG1-7 injectivity is greater than previously thought.
3. Stimulation should not be attempted without further testing and data evaluation.
4. A 96-hour injection test using water at temperatures approximately plant effluent will be necessary to verify predictions.

Test Procedure

The August 1979 injection testing of RRGE-7 was conducted under directions explicit in EG&G Idaho, Inc., Fluids Experiments and Testing, plan number FET-5-79 (Driscoll, 1979). Geothermal fluid was produced from RRGE-2 and injected into RRG1-7. The injection rate was maintained constant through use of an automatic Richer Flow Control Valve at RRG1-7. The injection rate was recorded on a continuous Soltec Strip Chart Recorder. The RRGE-2 production rate was allowed to vary upon requirements for a constant injection rate. The wellhead pressure and temperature were measured at RRG1-7 and RRGE-2. Bubbler pressure was measured at a depth of 610 m. in RRGE-2. A Hewlett-Packard (HP) Temperature Pressure Probe was installed at a depth of 1132 m. in RRG1-7.

The testing consisted of conducting two constant-rate variable-head pulse tests at 47.3 lps on August 9, and 39.1 lps on August 10, and a constant-rate variable-head long duration test at 28.4 lps on August 11-15. RRGE-2 was artesian flowed at approximately 6.3 lps into RRG1-7 for three days preceeding pulse testing, in an attempt to establish isothermal borehole conditions in the wells. The 47.3 lps pulse test was shut-in after 51 minutes of flow/injection due to equipment malfunction and was followed by 198 minutes of recovery. A second 47.3 lps pulse test followed and was conducted for 337 minutes.

The 39.1 lps pulse was conducted for 8 hours and the long term test for 97 hours. Flowmeter and temperature logs were recorded within RRG1-7 by the U. S. Geological Survey during the long term test. Recovery times between test portions are listed in Table 1.

Data Evaluation

Analysis Theory

The nonequilibrium method and the modified nonequilibrium method were utilized in analyzing RRG1-7 injection buildup data. The nonequi-

librium method (Theis, 1935) employs a graphic technique of matching a logarithmic (log-log) data graph to a log-log type curve(s) graph for determining aquifer coefficients. The nonequilibrium method does not yield reliable aquifer coefficients when used with production (injection) well data as pressure drawdown (buildup) related to well construction (well losses) translates the data curve from its correct type curve match. The oil industry uses log-log production (injection) well data graphs and curve matching techniques for estimating skin effects and fracture characteristics of the well.

The modified nonequilibrium method (Cooper and Jacob, 1946) utilizes a semilogarithmic (semilog) graph of wellhead pressure or change in wellhead pressure versus the log of production (injection) time. The data graphs as a straight line when the variable of intergration u (Theis, 1935) is less than or equal to 0.01. The semilog graph, from which aquifer coefficients are determined, cannot be used unless u is less than or equal to 0.01. The time required for the u assumption to be satisfied is determined from the formula:

$$t = \frac{r^2 S}{4 Tu} \quad (1)$$

where

$$u = 0.01$$

The u assumption is satisfied in less than a minute at well RRG1-7, assuming a transmissivity of $6.3 \times 10^{-4} \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$, a storage coefficient of 0.005 and an effective well radius of 0.3048 m.

Conventional aquifer test analysis involves the determination of the aquifer transmissivity and storage coefficient. The transmissivity can be calculated from production (injection) well data or observation well data (assuming the observation well penetrates the same aquifer). Data from observation wells are more desirable because the production (injection) well's pressure influence is integrated over a larger area of the aquifer. Transmissivity can be calculated from the nonequilibrium equation:

$$T = \frac{Q}{u\pi s} w(u) \quad (2)$$

where:

$w(u)$ is determined from type curves or tables

and the modified nonequilibrium equation:

$$T = \frac{2.3 Q}{4 \pi s_{10}} \quad (3)$$

Production (injection) well data cannot be used to determine the storage coefficient, which can only be estimated from observation well data. The storage coefficient can be estimated from the nonequilibrium equation:

$$S = \frac{4T tu}{r^2} \quad (4)$$

where:

u and t are determined by graphical methods and the modified nonequilibrium equation:

$$S = \frac{225 Tt}{r^2} \quad (5)$$

Equations 1-5 were developed on the basis of the following assumption: The aquifer is infinite in areal extent and is of the same thickness throughout; that it is homogeneous and isotropic; that the temperature of the fluid remains constant throughout the aquifer test; that the well has an infinitesimal diameter and penetrates the entire thickness of the formation; that the aquifer is artesian with an impermeable confining layer; that the confining layer releases no water from storage; and that vertical flow components are negligible. It has been found (Allman and others, 1979) that in geothermal aquifer test at Raft River the assumptions inherent in aquifer test theory are not satisfied. This report uses the ratio Q/s_{10} ,

which is analogous to transmissivity (see equation 3) to compare and evaluate aquifer tests.

Injection Rates

RRGE-2 was artesian flowed at approximately 6.3 lps into RRG1-7 preceding the pulse tests, in an attempt to establish isothermal borehole conditions. The preheating is not accounted for in data evaluation due to the erratic nature of flow rate. Variations of injection rates are presented in Table 2.

Receiving Zones

Borehole geophysical logs recorded during the long term test (McCarthy, 1979), and by the U. S. Geological Survey (Keys, 1979) and oil well service companies previous to the test were compared to determine the primary receiving zones within RRG1-7. The receiving zones are summarized in Table 3. The injected volumes could not be estimated due to stalling of the flowmeter below 1000 m. during geophysical logging. All receiving zones are apparently porous sedimentary rocks, with fractured zones currently not identified. Work is in progress on further definition of the receiving zones, and their correlation with receiving zones in RRG1-6 and lost circulation zones in RRGE-3.

RRGE-7 Buildup

The initial and shut-in RRG1-7 wellhead and HP pressures and temperatures are presented in Table 1. The differences in initial pressures and temperatures are related to the amount of preheating and, perhaps, incomplete recovery from the previous phase of testing.

Semilog graphs of the two 47.3 lps pulses (Figures 1 and 2), the 39.1 lps pulse (Figure 3) and the 28.4 lps long term test (Figure 4) show that the wellhead pressure buildup mirrors the change in injection water temperature. The 39.1 lps and 28.4 lps pressure data show an initial linear segment, followed by a sharp increase in pressure, to a second linear trend. It requires approximately the time of the initial linear segment to inject the volume (45,450 L.) of the cased borehole (623 m.) into the well. It is believed that the initial borehole volume is quasi-isothermal. Relatively small temperature changes can be seen to occur during this time. This initial segment, therefore, experiences relatively small viscosity and density effects, and may accurately express aquifer characteristics, assuming no aquifer inhomogenities. A large portion of the data scatter during the initial segment is caused by variations in the injection rate. The increase in pressure above the initial linear trend is presumed to be caused by the decreasing density and viscosity of the hotter water as injection progresses. The skip in pressure and temperature during the period of rapid pressure and temperature increase, (Figures 3 and 4) is believed related to cooler water in the injection pipeline. This hypothesis will be further investigated during the upcoming RRG-1 test, by inserting temperature probes at various points along the injection line.

A second linear trend becomes apparent in Figures 3 and 4 when thermal quasi-equilibrium is established with stabilization of injection temperature at approximately 127°C. The length of time required to reach the second linear segment depends on the injection rate, and the initial pressures and temperatures. Data scatter in the second linear segment is caused by variation in injection rate and/or aquifer inhomogenities. Differences in slope (s_{10}) between the linear trends is believed to be related to injection rate, rate of thermal changes and the initial pressures and temperatures. The differences in slope require further investigation.

The initial 47.3 lps pulse test (Figure 1) shows the initial linear segment and the thermally affected pressure increase. The data is influenced and interpretation complicated by a poor control of injection rate.

The second 47.3 lps (Figure 2) shows three linear segments. The second segment is believed to be caused by thermal effects. Erratic data after 300 minutes is due to the injection line strainers at RRG1-7 being back flushed.

The HP pressure-temperature probe has been found to be extremely sensitive to temperature changes (Allman and others, 1979). Only very early time qualitative interpretations can be made from the 47.3 lps (Figure 5) or the 39.1 lps (Figure 6) tests due to erratic data. The long term test (Figure 7) data returns to the initial linear trend once the temperature becomes relatively stable. The HP probe malfunctioned after 2800 minutes of injection during the long term test preventing conclusive determination of return to the linear trend. A decrease in injection water temperature can be seen in the HP data, as in the wellhead data.

Log-log graphs of the wellhead and HP pressure buildup, during the 28.4 lps test also show the effect of temperature. Linear data trends, between 20 and 100 minutes on both graphs, and erratic data are caused by pressure increases related to temperature. Curves could not be matched with standard Theis type curves.

Equations by (Papadopoulos and Cooper 1967), (Ramey, 1973) and (Schafer, 1978) were used to estimate if wellbore storage affected the early time data. The equations indicated that wellbore storage was a factor for the first 40 to 160 minutes (dependent on which equations are utilized) during the 38.4 lps test. However, it is believed that the pressure responses resembling wellbore storage are influenced by thermal related temporal density changes, as water is virtually incompressible and the wellbore was full before injection began.

RRGI-7 Falloff

Pressure fall-off data at RRG-7 was analyzed by two methods; the Theis time ratio plot and calculated recovery. The former is a graph of pressure or pressure change versus the log of the time since the start of injection divided by the time since shut-in (Theis time ratio).

The data should graph as a straight line when u is less than or equal to 0.01. The u condition is satisfied during falloff if it was satisfied during injection. Aquifer coefficients are calculated from the modified nonequilibrium equations. The parameter Q/s_{10} is again calculated for falloff (recovery) data. Pressure falloff increased more rapidly than anticipated due to the increasing density of the borehole column as the well cooled. Temperature data was not available at the wellhead during recovery. Borehole temperature profiles, not available, would be more meaningful.

The initial straight line segment of wellhead falloff data for the 47.3 lps pulse shown on Figure 8 perhaps best expresses aquifer behavior because thermal effects are minimal. The shift in wellhead pressure after ratio t/t_1 of 6.4 is mechanical, related to installation of the HP probe.

Bottom-hole pressure data is available for the falloff portion of the 47.3 lps and 39.1 lps pulse tests but was not available following the sustained 28.4 lps test.

Early bottom-hole falloff data following the 47.3 lps pulse (Figure 9) may be representative because bottom hole temperature is stable during this period. No bottom hole temperature information is available during falloff following the 39.1 lps pulse (Figure 10). For this reason calculated values may be less representative.

Figures 11 and 12 show wellhead pressure response to falloff after the 39.1 lps and 28.4 lps test respectively. These plots were analyzed by the Theis time ratio method. No wellhead temperature information is available to judge the representatives of calculated properties.

Calculated recovery data, a correction for residual pressure buildup should be used with either the nonequilibrium or modified nonequilibrium plots of recovery (t^1). Calculated recovery is plotted versus log shut-in time (t^1) in Figures 13 through 16. The graphs show a linear segment followed by non-linear data, related to thermal effects.

Table 4 lists the shut-in times at which the break from a linear trend to non-linear data was obvious. No relationship between injection rate, shut-in temperature and shut-in time could be determined. Additional studies concerning the problems of thermal effects are required.

A log-log type curve match of calculated recovery data from the 39.1 lps test produced parameters that were 65% of the semilog results for the same data. The variation is caused by the previously mentioned difficulties. No curve match was possible with the 28.4 lps recovery data.

Calculated Q/s_{10} values are summarized in Table 8.

Specific Injectivity

The specific injectivity, the pressure buildup at a given time divided by the injection rate, was calculated for wellhead data, after 10 and 60 minutes of injection. The values are plotted versus injection rate in Figure 17. The log mean specific injectivities for 10 and 60 minutes were 0.085 lps/kPa at well RRG1-6 (Allman and others, 1979b). The 8 and 24 hour specific injectivities were 0.053 lps/kPa and 0.050 lps/kPa for RRG1-7.

Well Losses

Well losses are a portion of the pressure response which occurs when pumping (injecting) a well and are caused by well construction and completion techniques. Well losses do not occur during recovery. Well losses can be estimated by comparing pressure buildup and calculated recovery, comparing drawdowns predicted by the nonequilibrium formula with the actual drawdown or calculating the well-loss constant from a variable-rate test (Jacob, 1946).

Well losses do occur in RRG-7, and may account for a substantial portion of total pressure buildup (Table 5). It is believed that thermally dependent density changes account for a large portion of the well losses. The comparison of buildup and calculated recovery data usually provides an accurate estimate of well losses. This comparison may yield too high an estimate in geothermal wells due to temporal thermally affected data. Well losses in geothermal wells may be an irrelevant term unless thermal effects are corrected out of the data.

Observation Well Data

RRGI-6, RRG-3 and MW 3-7 were used as observation wells for the RRG-2 to RRG-7 test. Pertinent well construction information is presented in Table 6.

RRGI-6

Wellhead pressure at RRG-6 apparently rose by approximately 5 kPa as a response to the injection of 28.4 lps into RRG-7 (Figure 18). The pressure increase was not related to any trend within the aquifer(s) penetrated by RRG-6 as the wellhead pressure had been decreasing slightly since July 30, 1979. A linear regression was performed on the data between 2000 and 7000 minutes. The results were a coefficient of determination of 0.953, and an equation of wellhead pressure trend equal to $35.14 \text{ psia} + 0.552 \log \text{ injection time}$. Based upon this equation the continuous injection of 28.4 lps into RRG-7 for 5 years would result in a 55 kPa increase in RRG-6 wellhead pressure. Interference measured at RRG-7 during testing of RRG-6 (Allman and others, 1979b) indicated an increase in wellhead pressure of 97 kPa after 5 years of injection. The differences are apparently greater than can be accounted for by the difference in injection rates. The differences are perhaps related to the more transmissive thief zone seen by well RRG-6 but not well RRG-7. The decreasing pressure trend in RRG-6 was not included in the analysis. The u assumption was not satisfied in the time pressure response was apparent at RRG-6. Therefore, the nonequilibrium method was attempted to evaluate the RRG-6 data (Figure 19). It was not possible to obtain a curve match, but the data curve is suggestive of a leaky artesian condition, or a recharge boundary.

RRGE-3

Figure 20 shows that decreasing wellhead pressures occurred at RRGE-3 during the 28.4 lps test. This was not the anticipated response caused by RRG-7 injection. Possible causes included reservoir dilation, drawdown caused by pumping of RRGE-2, and long term regional water level trends. Relatively stable wellhead pressure occurred between July 25 and August 1. RRGE-3 was produced on August 1 and 3 resulting in an increase in wellhead pressure, caused by the flow of hotter temperature, lower density water into the wellbore. An expected decreasing wellhead pressure occurred after the well was shut-in due to thermal effects. No attempt was made to obtain aquifer coefficients from the RRGE-3 data due to the anomalous data and the differing open hole intervals of the two wells.

Monitor Wells

The MW well data is discussed at length in the quarterly Monitor Well Report (McCarthy, 1979). No obvious responses were readily apparent in any monitor well.

RRGE-2 Response

Graphs of RRGE-2 wellhead pressure versus log production time (Figures 21, 22, 23, 24) could not be quantitatively evaluated as the production rate was allowed to vary. The Q/s_{10} value of the 28.4 lps the only graph with a readily apparent linear trend, of 0.2745 lps/kPa/log cycle, is substantially larger than calculated during previous testing (0.1076 lps/kPa/log cycle calculated from a 25.2 lps test). An in-depth analysis of RRGE-2 will be accomplished in a different report.

Discussion of Test Results

The results of the August 1979 testing are summarized in Table 7. The log mean of the Q/s_{10} values was 0.3750 lps/kPa/log cycle which is analogous to a transmissivity of $6.4 \times 10^{-4} \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$ for RRG-6 (Allman and others, 1979b). No definite boundaries were apparent in the RRG-7 data.

The Q/s_{10} values were graphed on log probability paper (Figure 25) to determine the distribution of the data. The coefficient of determination ($r^2 = 0.942$) is indicative of a normal data distribution. The extreme Q/s_{10} values were not used in the calculations of the coefficient of determination. The high Q/s_{10} value, from late time of the 47.3 lps pulse number two, supports the assumption that higher temperature, lower viscosity water has a greater apparent transmissivity. This test had the highest initial wellhead temperature, the most rapid temperature increase and achieved isothermal conditions sooner, relative to other tests. The low Q/s_{10} value cannot currently be explained.

It was thought that recovery data would yield higher values as we expect temperatures to change more slowly than during injection. Early time recovery data may thus yield more accurate aquifer coefficients. Wellhead temperatures during recovery must be recorded during future tests to evaluate this hypothesis.

The Q/s_{10} of a theoretical ideal well and aquifer is constant and independent of Q . As indicated by the low coefficient of determination ($r^2 = 0.115$), Q/s_{10} values are not constant. RRGI-7 pressure buildup predictions may be used with a degree of certainty if the Q/s_{10} is independent of Q and varies within establishable limits. The upcoming RRGE-1 to RRGI-6 and RRGI-7 test will help to evaluate the reliability of RRGI-7 predictions. The 28.4 lps test data and the ratio technique predicted pressure buildup within 90% of those seen during the other test phases.

RRGI-7 Pressure Predictions

Pressure predictions (Table 8) based on the August 10, 1979 test indicate that 69.3 lps of 127°C could be injected into RRGI-7 during a 21-day test without exceeding a wellhead pressure of 3100 kPa. The effect of injecting higher temperature fluid can be seen by comparing the August 1979 predictions with predictions derived from the November 1978 injection test. The injection of cool water, 14.4°C indicated that 20 days of continuous injection of 32.5 lps would result in a wellhead pressure of 3100 kPa. These predictions assume a constant linear pressure buildup (an homogeneous, isotropic aquifer).

The dependence of buildup curves on the temperature of the injection water results in uncertainties in predicting injection well performance during power plant operation. An injection test utilizing water of the temperature of power plant effluent should be conducted to evaluate these predictions. A testing program using rates and times identical to the August 1979 test would be preferable. Direct comparison of test results could then be made.

CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

1. No aquifer boundaries were recognized in the RRG1-7 data.
2. The data is thermally affected, therefore, RRG1-7 should be injection tested with water near the temperature of plant effluent. This test will help to predict well performance during actual plant operation.
3. Stimulation of RRG1-7 should not be attempted, without additional testing of RRG1-7.
4. The well efficiency of RRG1-7 is dependent on the temperature of the injection water.
5. Wellhead temperature measurements must be recorded during recovery to assist in the analysis of recovery data.
6. RRG1-7 could inject at the pumps maximum capacity 69.4 lps for the 21-day RRG1-1 test.
7. RRG1-7 and RRG1-6 do not have the capacity to continually inject 1577 lps for 5 years and maintain wellhead pressures below 3450 kPa.

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TABLE 1. RRG1-7 WELL TEST DATA
August 1979

<u>Q</u> <u>lps</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>t</u> <u>(min)</u>	<u>Initial</u> <u>WHP</u> <u>kPa</u>	<u>Shut-in</u> <u>WHP</u> <u>°C</u>	<u>Initial</u> <u>WHT</u> <u>kPa</u>	<u>Shut-in</u> <u>WHT</u> <u>kPa</u>	<u>Initial</u> <u>D.H.P.^a</u> <u>°C</u>	<u>Shut-in</u> <u>D.H.P.^a</u> <u>kPa</u>	<u>Initial</u> <u>D.H.T.</u> <u>°C</u>	<u>Final</u> <u>D.H.T.</u> <u>°C</u>
47.3	8/9/79	09:22:40 to 10:14:00	51	441.3	1220.4	103.1	114.7				
Recovery			198								
47.3	8/9/79	13:32:20 to 19:09:20	337	446.1	1337.6	106.7	131.4	11499.6	12292.0	97.2	122.4
Recovery			994								
39.1	8/10/79	11:43:00 to 19:43:00	480	401.3	1213.5	99.7	130.8	11546.0	12168.3	110.3	122.1
Recovery			805								
28.4	8/11/79	09:07:50 to 09:13:00	5765	450.9	1041.1	84.4	122.8	11601.1		112.2	112.2
Recovery											

^aProbe at a depth of 999.74 m. (3280 ft.) below land surface.

^bData questionable.

TABLE 2. RRG1-7 INJECTION RATES
August 1979

<u>Q</u>	<u>RANGE</u>	<u>% VARIATION</u>
47.3 lps #1	44.4 - 49.2 lps	10
47.3 lps #2	46.5 - 48.2 lps	3.5
28.4 lps	27.5 - 29.2 lps	5.9

where: Q = injection rate
Range = low and high injection rate

TABLE 3. RRG1-7 RECEIVING ZONES
(August 1979 Injection Test)

<u>DEPTH</u> <u>(m)</u>	<u>VOLUME</u> <u>lps</u>	<u>% FLOW</u>	<u>LITHOLOGY</u>
730 - 790	6.9	24	Bedded sandstones and siltstones.
804 - 829	4.7	17	Bedded sandstones and siltstones with possible solution openings.
844 - 905	8.21	29	Bedded sandstones and siltstones.
961 - 1000	3.8	13	Sandstone exhibiting variations in depth.
1000 - 1186	4.7	17	Sandstone and siltstone.

TABLE 4. TIME OF CESSATION OF RECOVERY LINEAR TREND

<u>TEST lps</u>	<u>METHOD OF MEASUREMENT</u>	<u>t/t¹</u>	<u>t¹ (min)</u>	<u>CALCULATED RECOVERY (min)</u>	<u>TEMPERATURE °C</u>
47.3	WHP	6	70	50	131
	HP	11	33	16	122
39.1	WHP	20	25	25 ^a	131
	HP	27	20	-- ^a	122
28.4	WHP	65	90	42 ^b	128
	HP	6.4	1127	-- ^b	122

^aNo calculated recovery due to poor definition of buildup trend.

^bNo calculated recovery due to HP malfunction.

TABLE 5. RRG1-7 WELL LOSSES OCCURRING AT 300 MINUTES

<u>Q</u> <u>lps</u>	<u>s</u> <u>kPa</u>	<u>Cal. Rec.</u> <u>kPa</u>	<u>Theis</u> <u>kPa</u>	<u>C</u> <u>kPa</u>
47.3	910	410 45%	210 23%	830 91%
39.1	807	340 43%	620 51%	---
28.4	517	410 80%	100 20%	480 93%

Cal. Rec. = well losses estimated by comparing buildup and calculated recovery data.

Theis = well losses estimated by comparing actual drawdown with drawdown predicted by the non-equilibrium equation.

C = well losses estimated from well losses.

% = percent of buildup caused by well losses.

TABLE 6. OBSERVATION WELLS USED DURING THE TESTING OF RRG1-7

<u>WELL</u>	<u>$\frac{r}{m}$</u>	<u>DIRECTION</u>	<u>DEPTH</u> <u>m</u>	<u>OPEN HOLE</u> <u>m</u>
RRGI-7			1176	623
RRGI-6	792	NE	1176	623
RRGE-3	792	NW	1803	1291
MW-3	1024	NW	152	perf. 140-152
MW-4	911	N	305	254 perf. 241-254
MW-5	1097	NE	152	136 perf. 124-136
MW-6	1167	NE	313	283
MW-7	597	NE	152	perf. 40-152

TABLE 7. RRG1-7 AUGUST 1979 INJECTION TEST RESULTS

<u>TEST</u>	<u>lps</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>s₁₀</u> <u>kPa/log cycle</u>	<u>Q/s₁₀</u> <u>lps/kPa/log cycle</u>
Aug. 9 #1 Injection WHP	47.3	1-23	150	0.3147
Aug. 9 #2 Injection WHP	47.3	1-20	170	0.2789
Aug. 9 #2 Injection WHP	47.3	170-340	27.6	1.715
Aug. 10 Injection WHP	39.1	1-20	131	0.2985
Aug. 10 Injection WHP	39.1	200-480	75.8	0.5155
Aug. 11-15 Injection WHP	28.4	1-20	48.3	0.5884
Aug. 9 #1 Injection HP	47.3			
Aug. 9 #2 Injection HP	47.3			
Aug. 10 Injection HP	39.1	1-450		
Aug. 11-15 Injection HP	28.4	0.5-2850	48.3	0.5884
Aug. 9 Recovery WHP	47.3	0.33-40	131	0.3611
Aug. 10 Recovery WHP	39.1	0.33-30	110	0.3544
Aug. 15 Recovery WHP	28.4	2-90	86.2	0.3295

TABLE 7. (CONTINUED)

<u>TEST</u>	<u>lps</u>	<u>TIME</u>	s_{10} <u>kPa/log cycle</u>	Q/s_{10} <u>lps/kPa/log cycle</u>
Aug. 15 Recovery WHP(Heise)	28.4	197-1127	221	0.1287
Aug.9-10 Recovery	47.3			
Aug.10-11 Recovery HP	39.1	4.5-19	176	0.2224
Aug. 15 Recovery HP	28.4			
Aug.9-10 Calculated Recovery WHP	47.3	1-60	128	0.3708
Aug. 9-10 Calculated Recovery HP	47.3	1-16	152	0.3118
Aug. 10-11 Calculated Recovery WHP	39.1	1-38	113	0.3458
Aug. 15 Calculated Recovery WHP	28.4	1-43	87.6	0.3243

NOTE: The Hewlett Packard Downhole Probe was installed at 1132 m.

TABLE 8. RRG1-7 PRESSURE PREDICTIONS BASED UPON AUGUST 1979 INJECTION TEST

(1)	<u>Test</u>	<u>Q</u> <u>lps</u>	<u>Data Used</u>	<u>Extrapolated</u> <u>8 hours</u> <u>kPa</u>	<u>Wellhead Pressure</u> <u>21 days</u> <u>kPa</u>
	Aug. 9 WHP	47.3	0-185 minutes	1440	1790
	(a) The ratio technique indicates that the injection of 75.7 lps for 8 hours will result in a wellhead pressure of 2300 kPa.				
	(b) The ratio technique indicates that the injection of 82.0 lps for 21 days will result in a wellhead pressure of 3100 kPa.				
(2)	<u>Test</u>	<u>Q</u> <u>lps</u>	<u>Data Used</u>	<u>Extrapolated</u> <u>8 hours</u> <u>kPa</u>	<u>Wellhead Pressure</u> <u>21 days</u> <u>kPa</u>
	Aug. 9 WHP	47.3	185-300 minutes	1360	1420
	(a) The ratio technique indicates that the injection of 75.7 lps for 8 hours will result in a wellhead pressure of 220 kPa.				
	(b) The ratio technique indicates that the injection of 100 lps for 21 days will result in a wellhead pressure of 3100 kPa.				
(3)	<u>Test</u>	<u>Q</u> <u>lps</u>	<u>Data Used</u>	<u>Extrapolated</u> <u>8 hours</u> <u>kPa</u>	<u>Wellhead Pressure</u> <u>21 days</u> <u>kPa</u>
	Aug. 10 WHP	39.1	200-480 minutes	1210	1350
	(a) The ratio technique indicates that the injection of 75.7 lps for 8 hours will result in a wellhead pressure of 2350 kPa.				
	(b) The ratio technique indicates that the injection of 88.3 lps for 21 days will result in a wellhead pressure of 3100 kPa.				

TABLE 8. (CONTINUED)

(4) Test	<u>Q</u> <u>lps</u>	<u>Data Used</u>	<u>Extrapolated</u> <u>8 hours</u> <u>kPa</u>	<u>Wellhead Pressure</u> <u>21 days</u> <u>kPa</u>
Aug.1-15 WHP	28.4	300-4750 minutes	980	1090
<p>(a) The ratio technique indicates that the injection of 75.7 lps for 8 hours will result in a wellhead pressure of 2600 kPa.</p> <p>(b) The ratio technique indicates that the injection of 80.7 lps for 21 days will result in a wellhead pressure of 3100 kPa.</p>				
(5) Test	<u>Q</u> <u>lps</u>	<u>Data Used</u>	<u>Extrapolated</u> <u>8 hours</u> <u>kPa</u>	<u>Wellhead Pressure</u> <u>21 days</u> <u>kPa</u>
Aug.11-15 HP Data	28.4	2-2800 minutes	119	120
<p>(a) The ratio technique indicates that the injection of 75.7 lps for 8 hours will result in a borehole pressure of 31.8 MPa at a depth of 1132 m.</p> <p>(b) The ratio technique indicates that the injection of 75.7 lps for 21 days will result in a borehole pressure of 32.1 MPa at a depth of 1132 m.</p>				

Assumptions:

- A. Q/s_{10} is not dependent on Q.
- B. No aquifer boundaries.
- C. No well interference.
- D. No change in temperature of injection or aquifer water.
- E. A constant injection rate is maintained.

TABLE 8. (CONTINUED)

<u>Test</u>	<u>Q</u> <u>lps</u>	<u>Q/s₁₀</u> <u>lps/kPa/log cycle</u>	<u>Extrapolated</u> <u>8 hours</u> <u>kPa</u>	<u>Wellhead</u> <u>Pressure</u> <u>kPa</u>	<u>Water</u> <u>Temperature</u> <u>°C</u>
Aug. 1978	53.0	0.03			
Nov. 1978	25.2	0.0347	880	2280	14-4 ⁰

(a) The ratio technique indicated that the injection of 75.7 lps for 8 hours will result in a wellhead pressure of 2650 kPa.

(b) The ratio technique indicated that the injection of 34.1 lps for 21 days will result in a wellhead pressure of 3100 kPa.

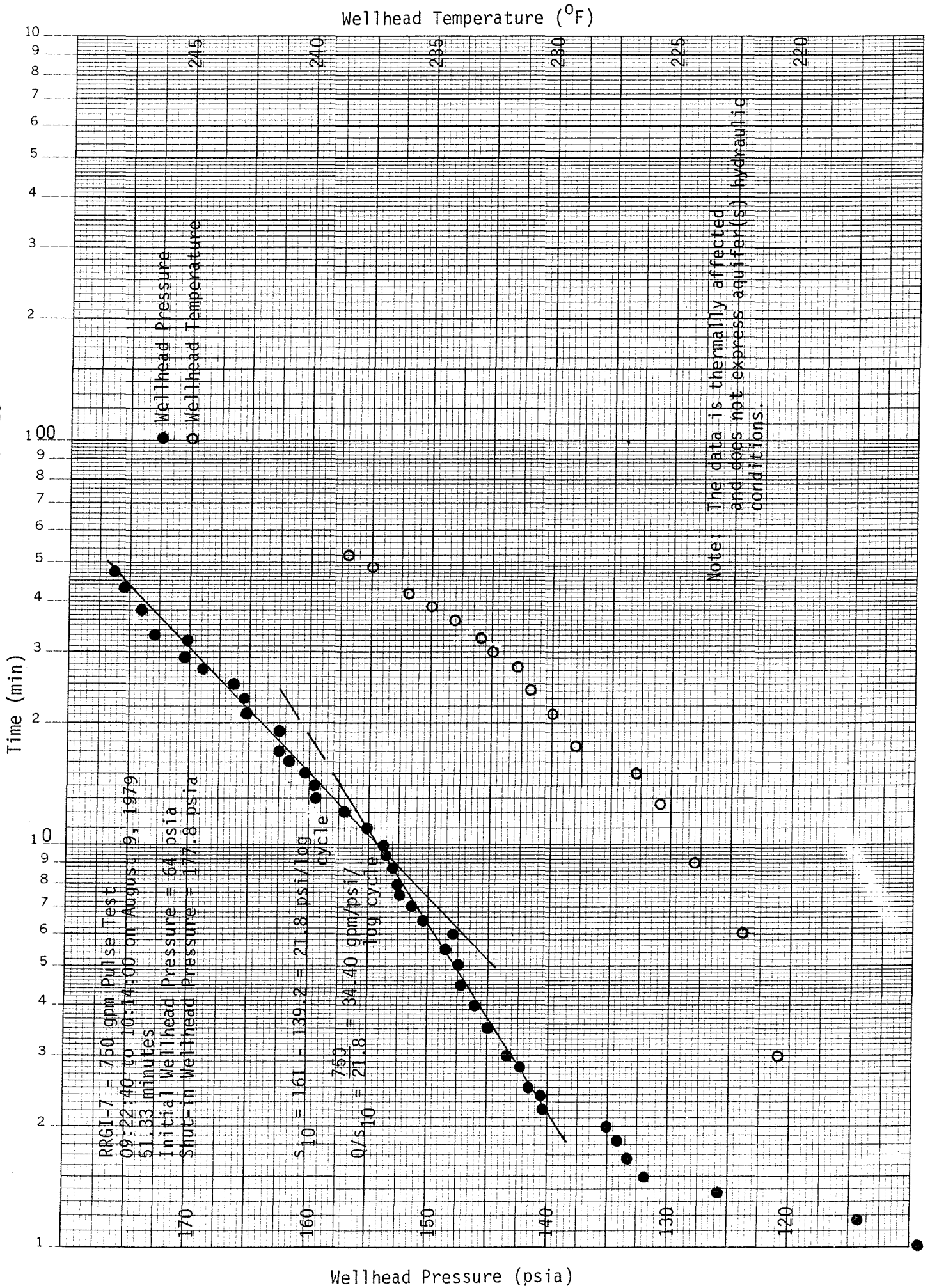


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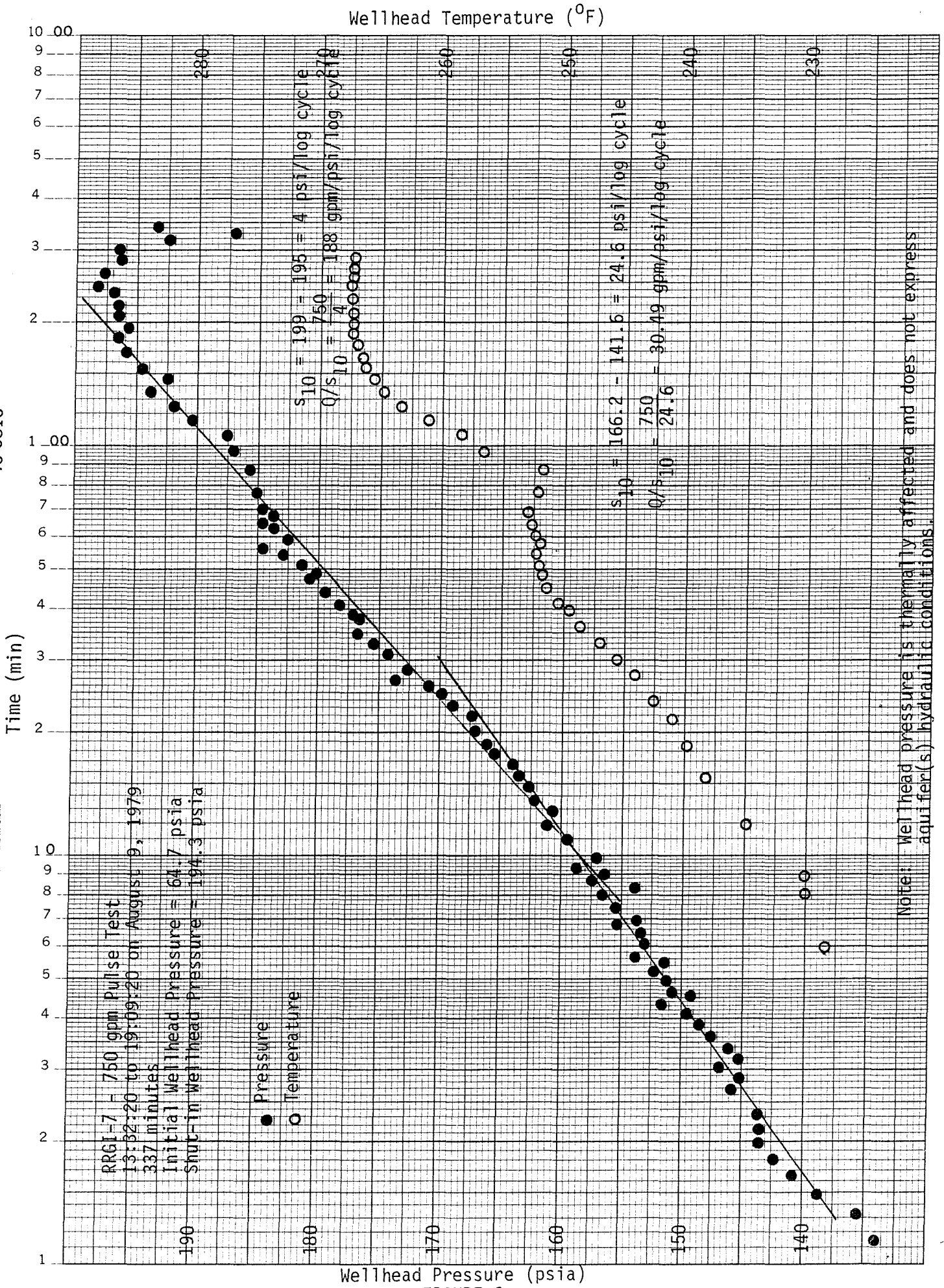
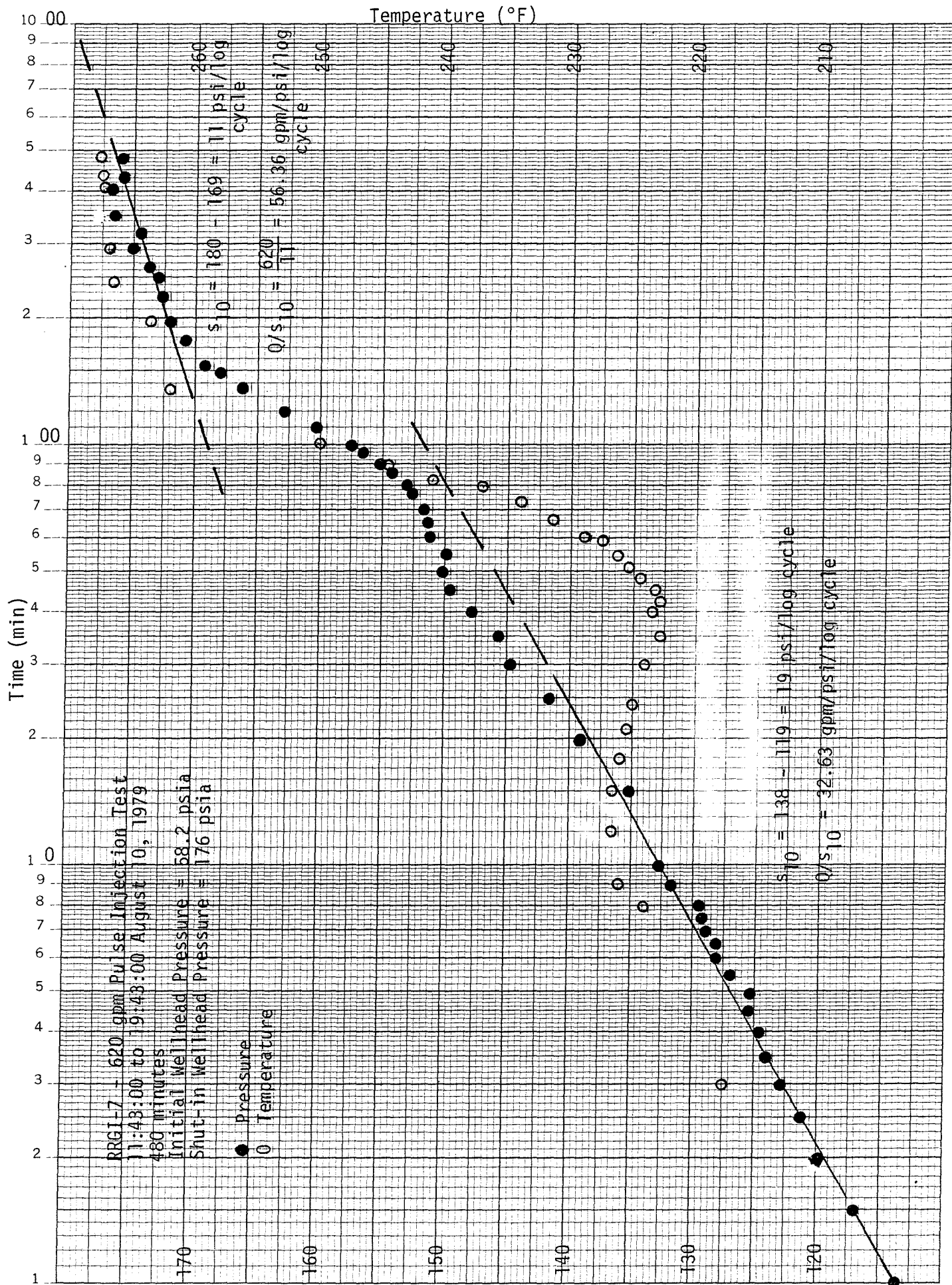


FIGURE 2



Wellhead Pressure (psia)
 FIGURE 3

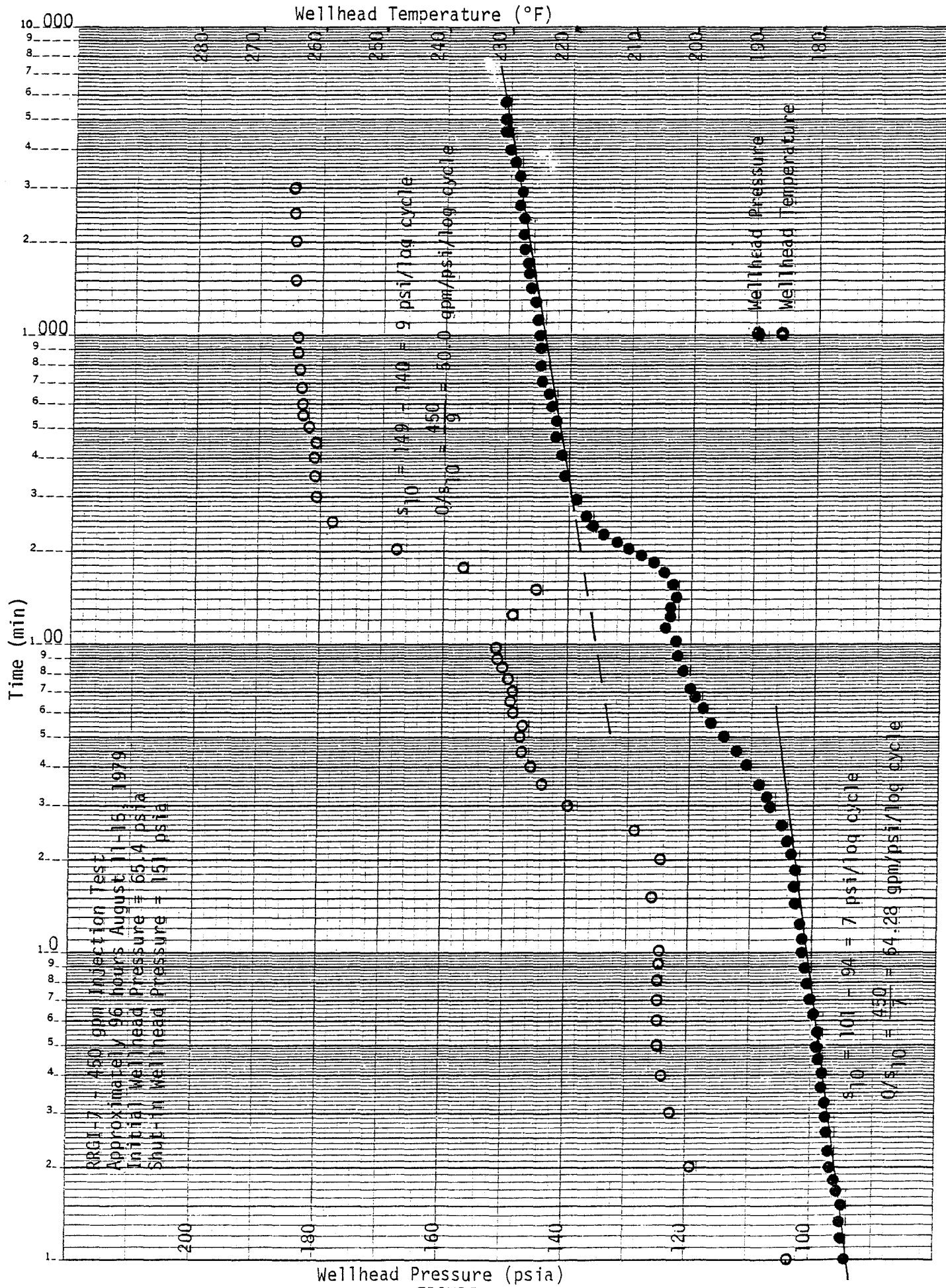


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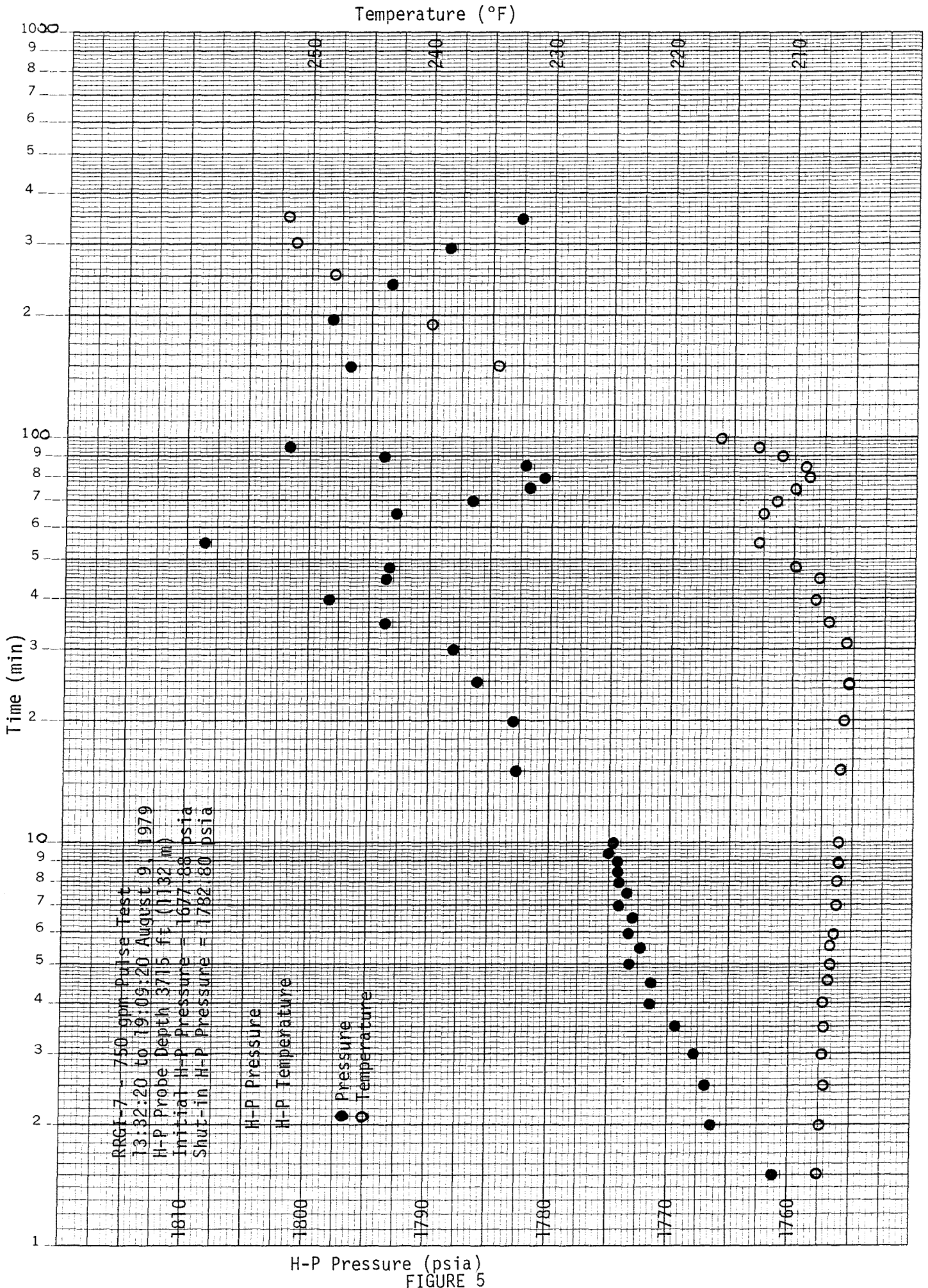


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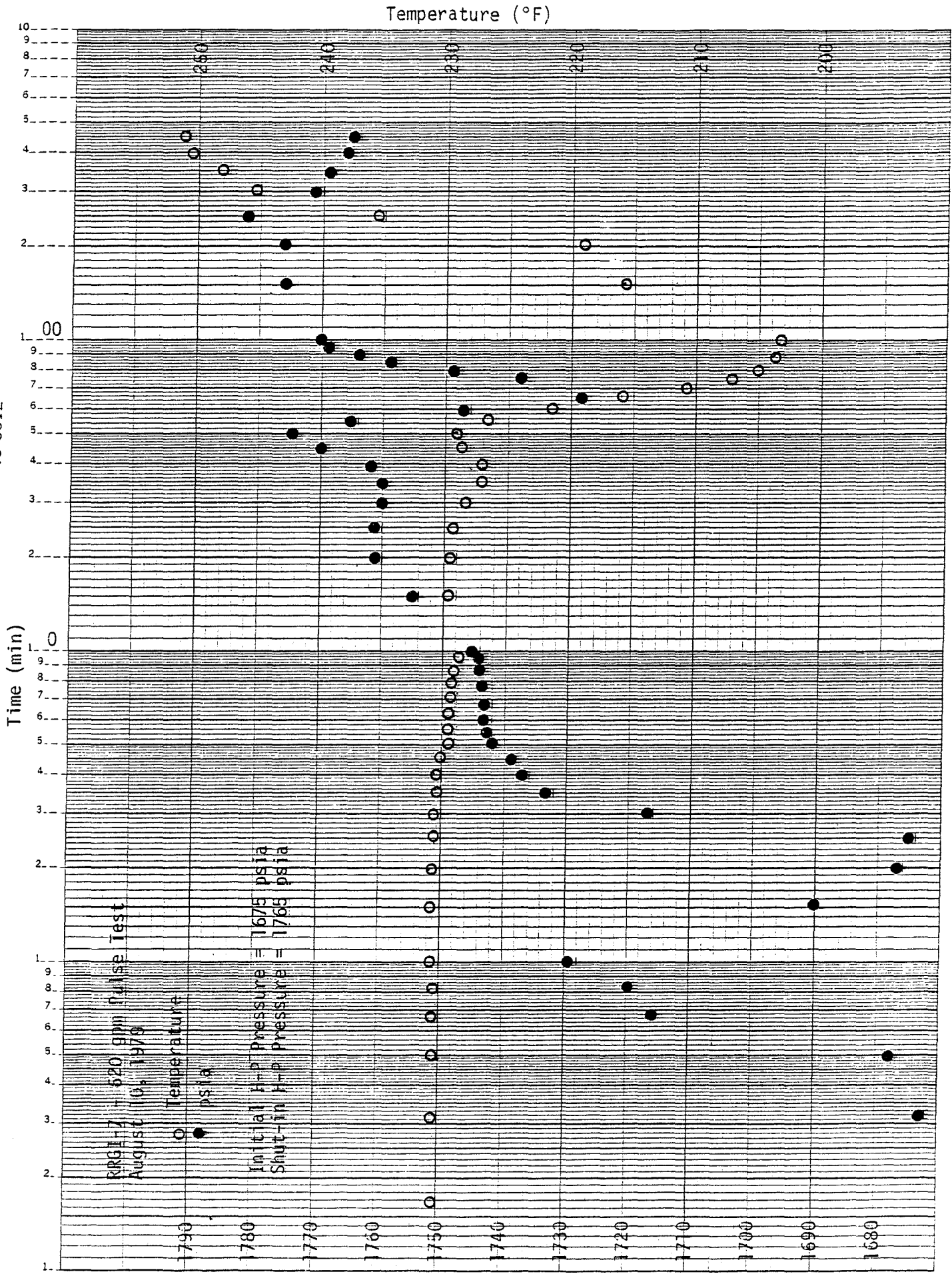
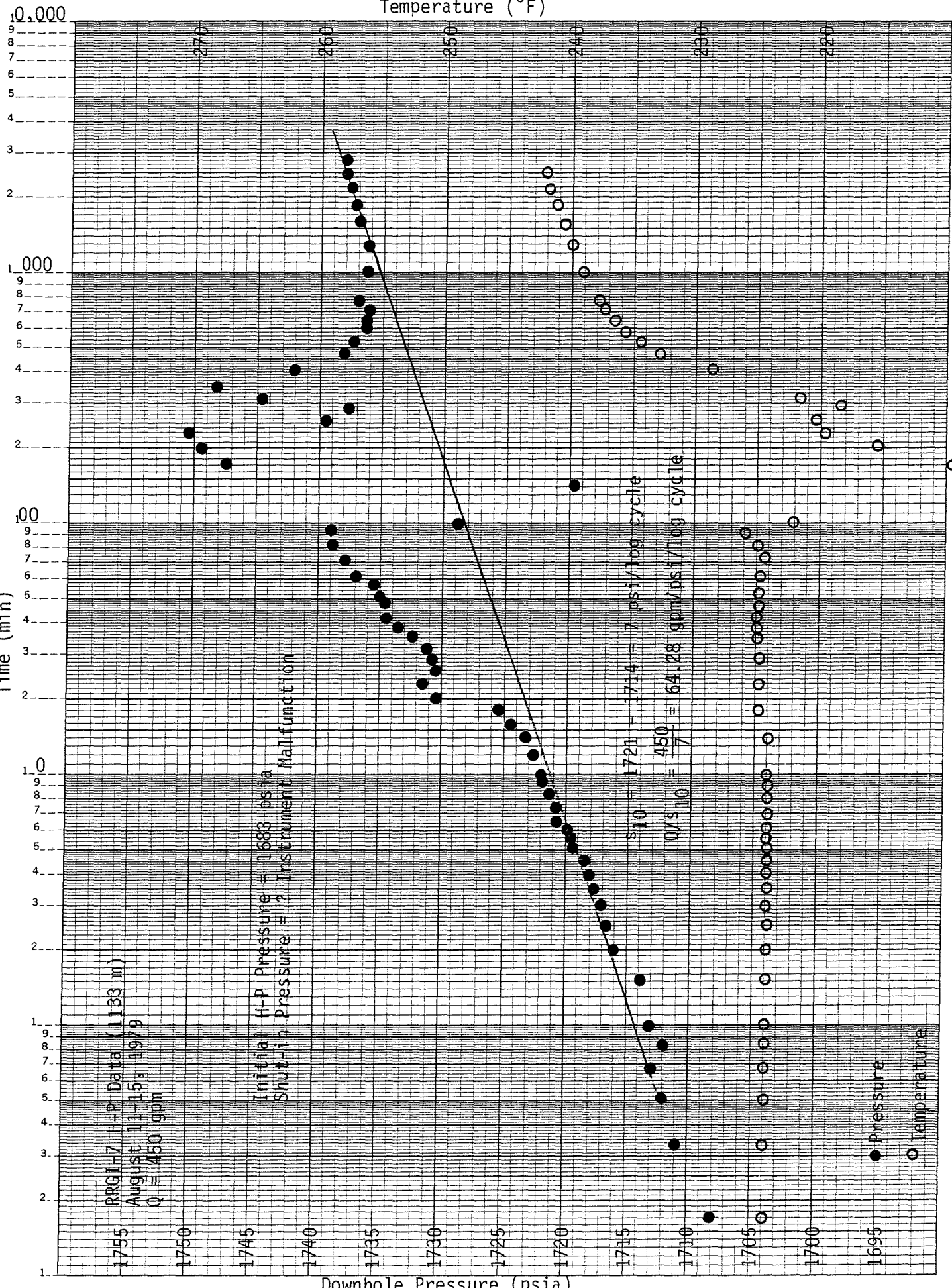


FIGURE 6

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Time (min)

Temperature (°F)



Downhole Pressure (psia)

FIGURE 7

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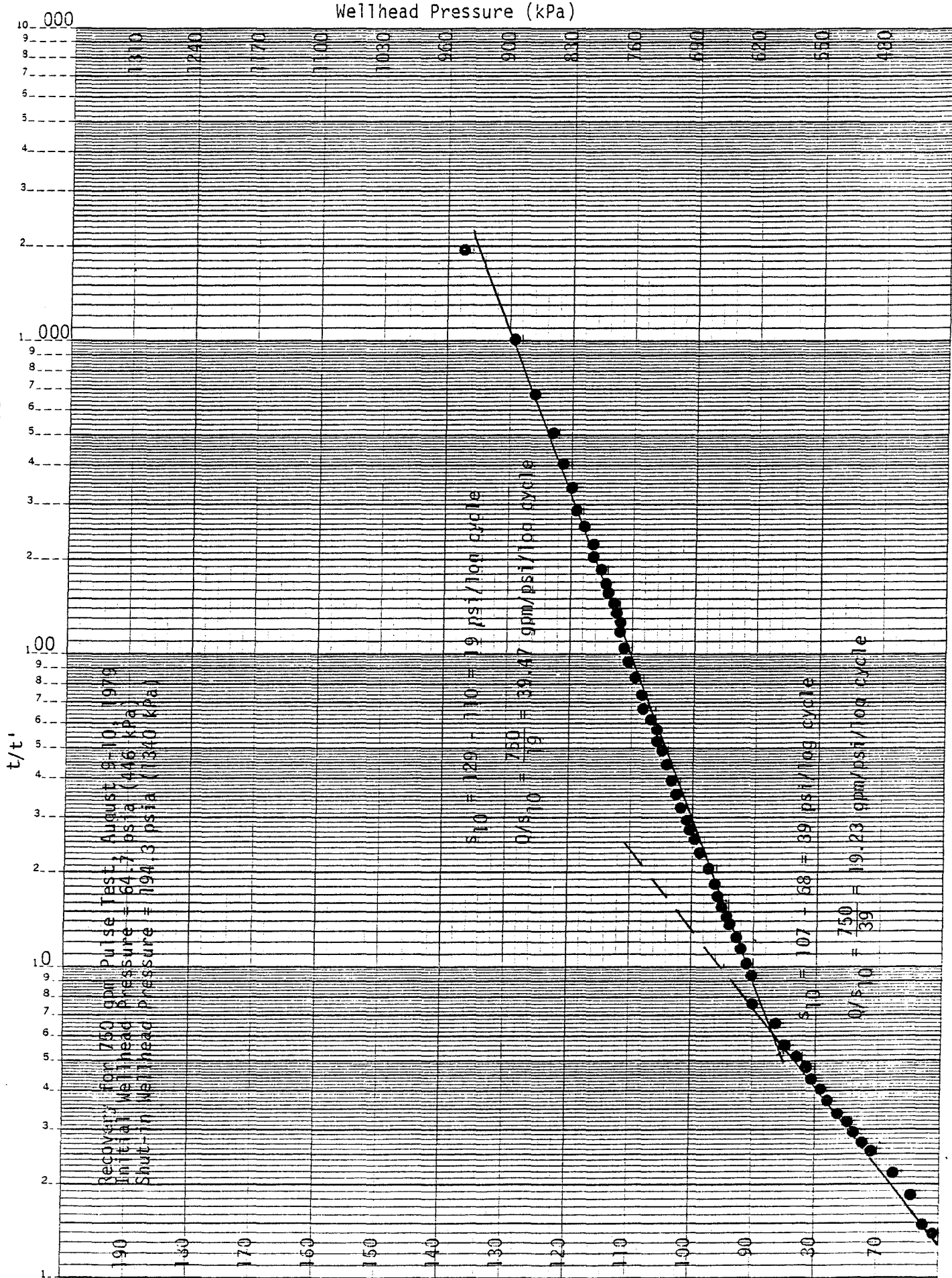
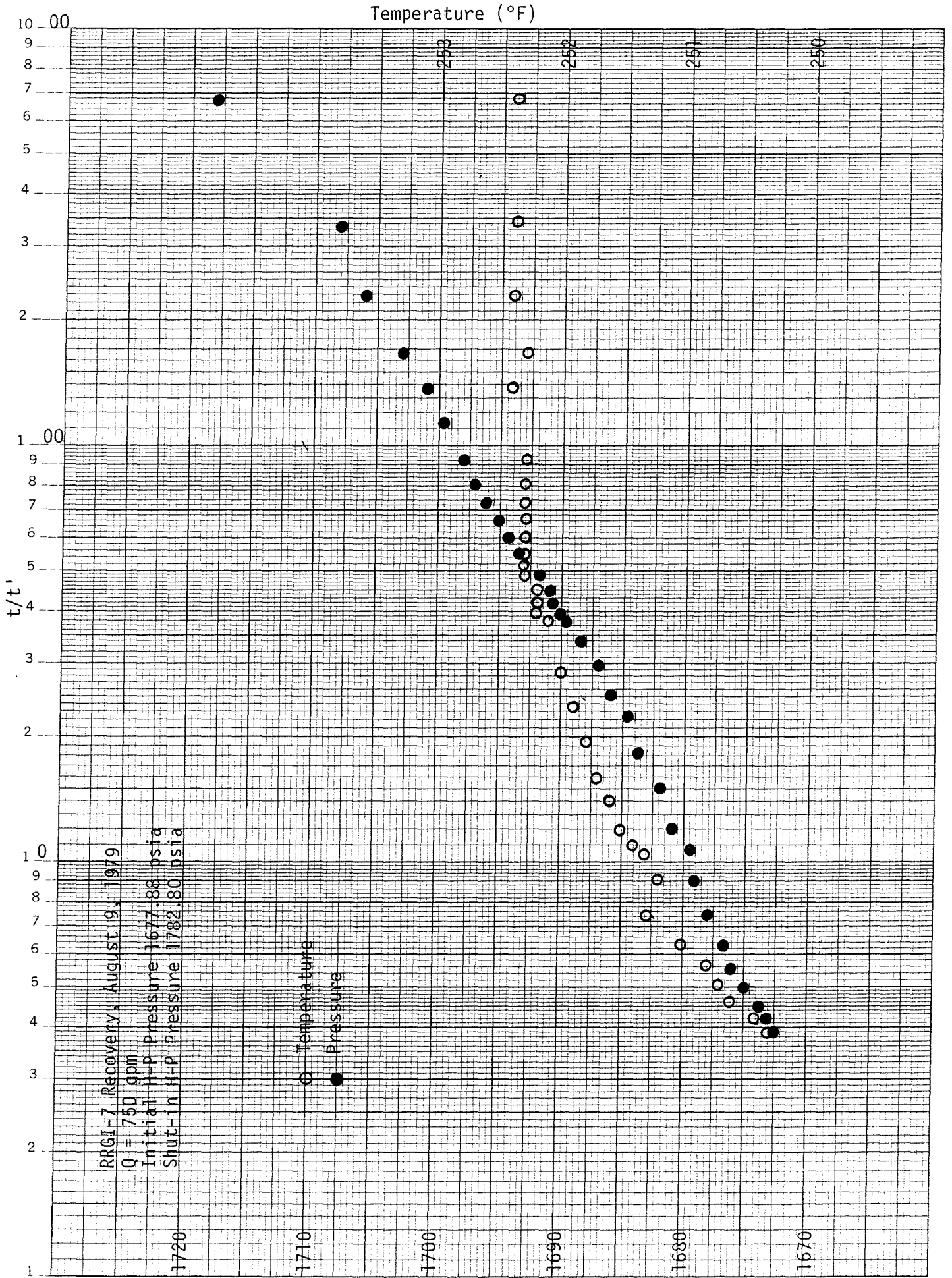
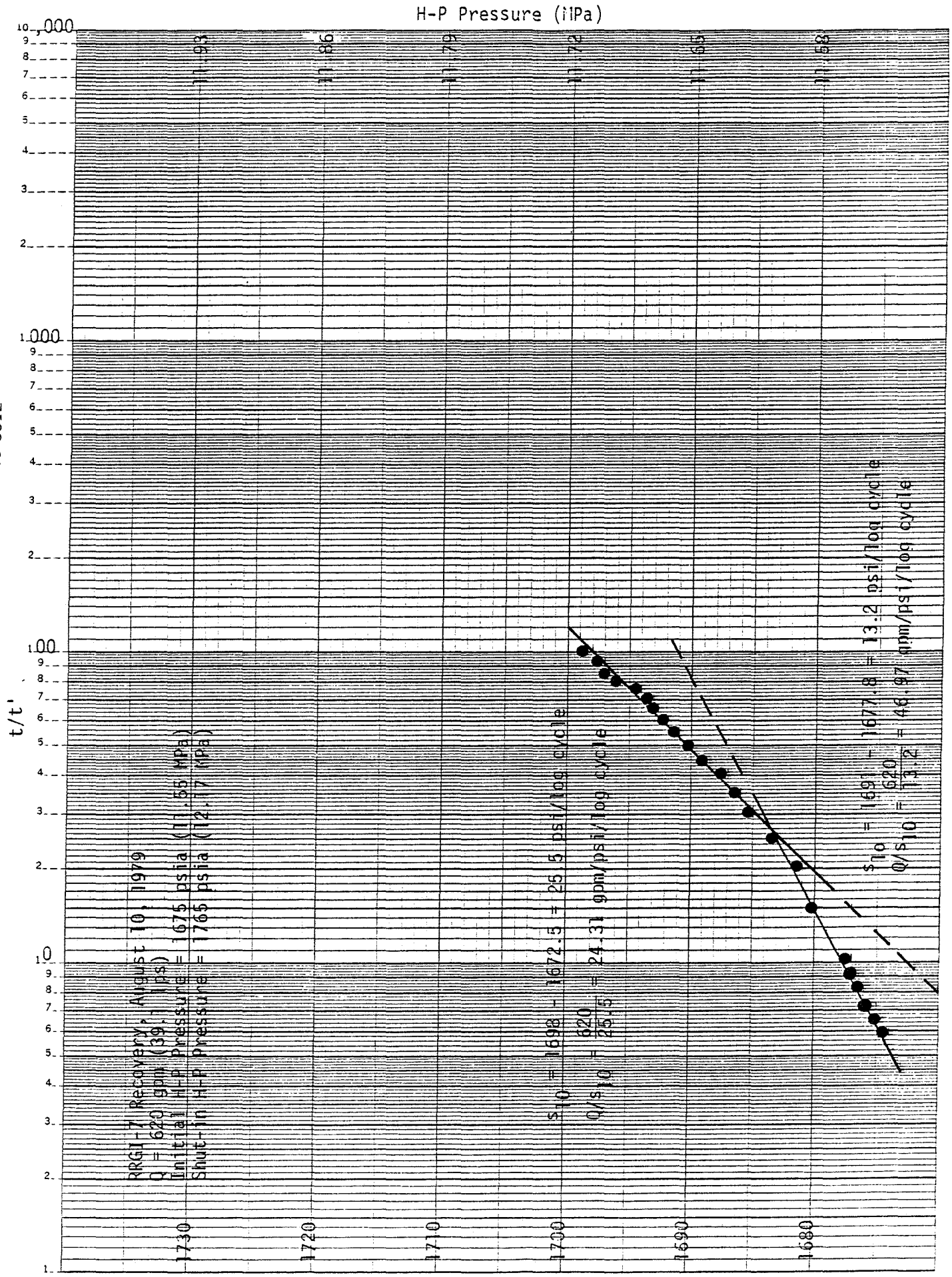


FIGURE 8

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H-P Pressure (psia)
FIGURE 9



H-P Pressure (psia)
 FIGURE 10

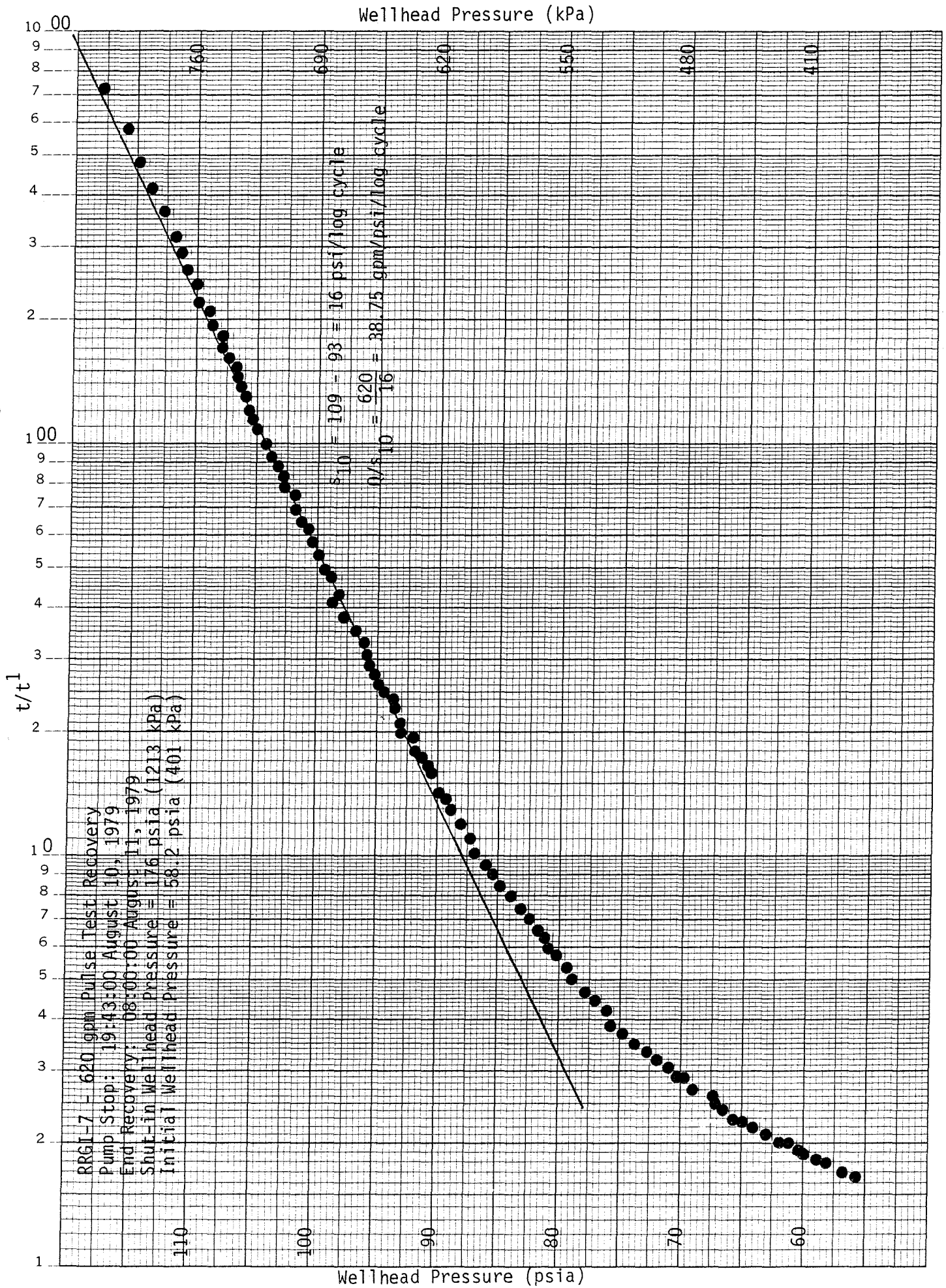
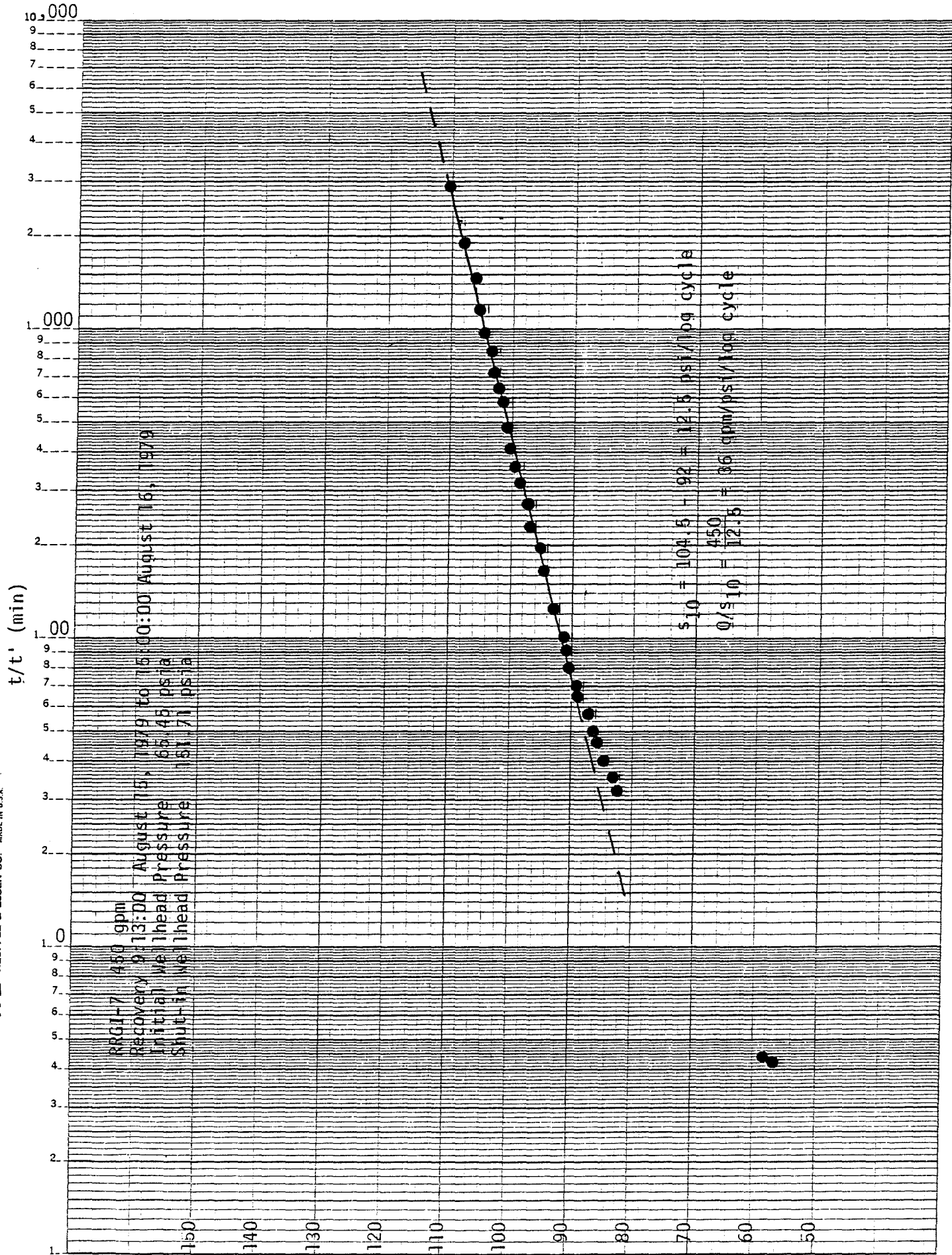
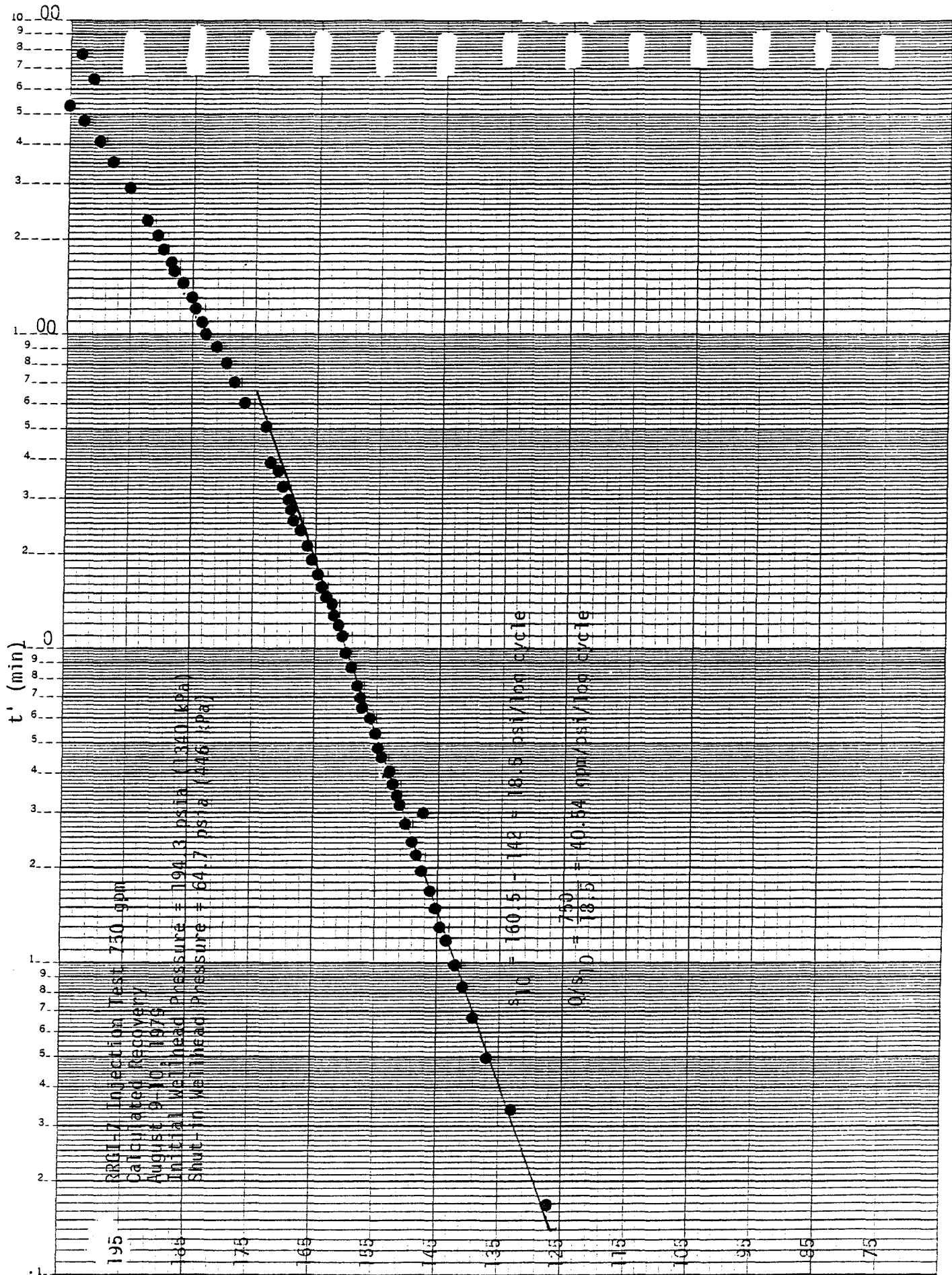


FIGURE 11



Wellhead Pressure (psia)
 FIGURE 12



Calculated Recovery (psia)
 FIGURE 13

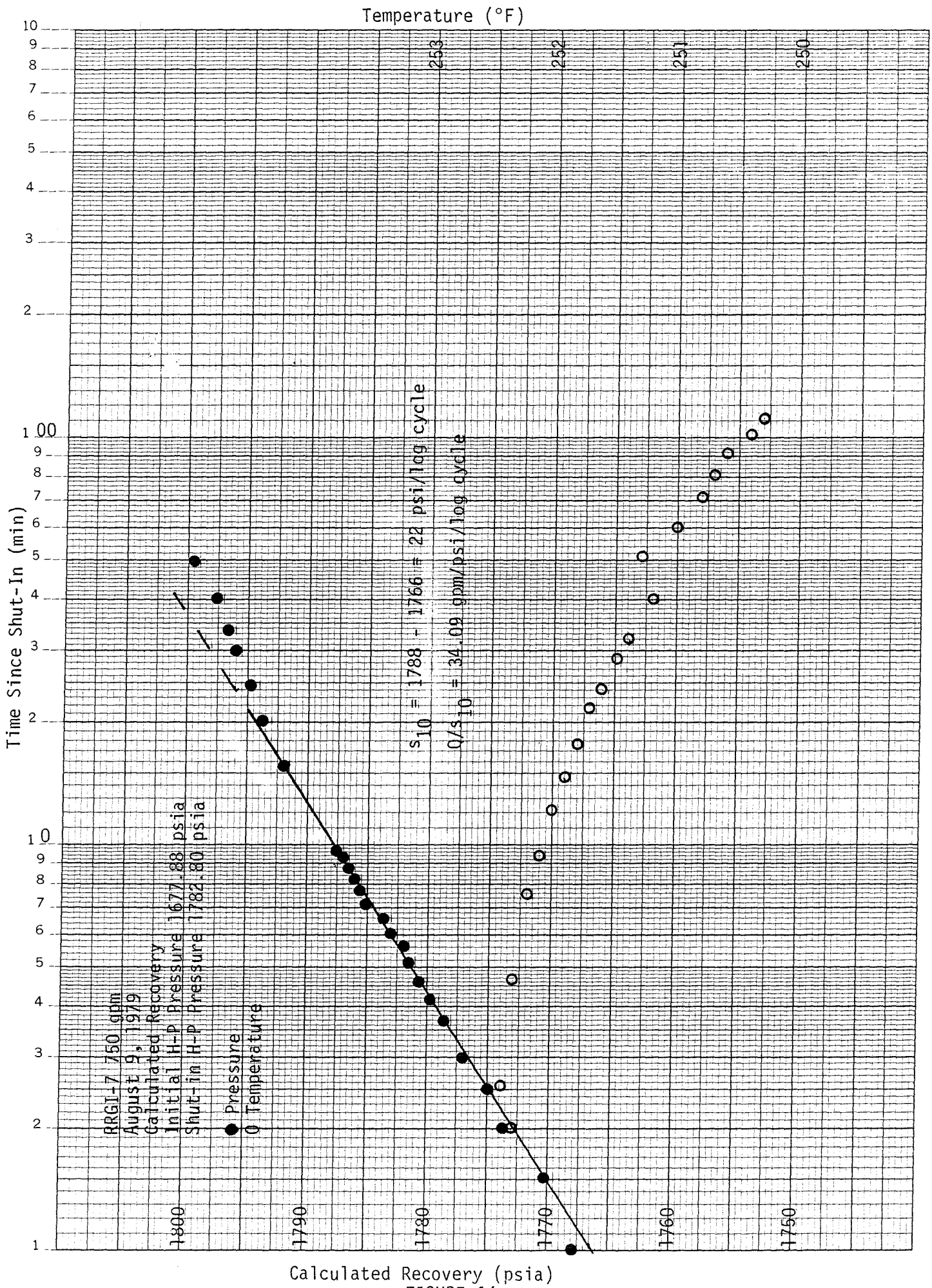
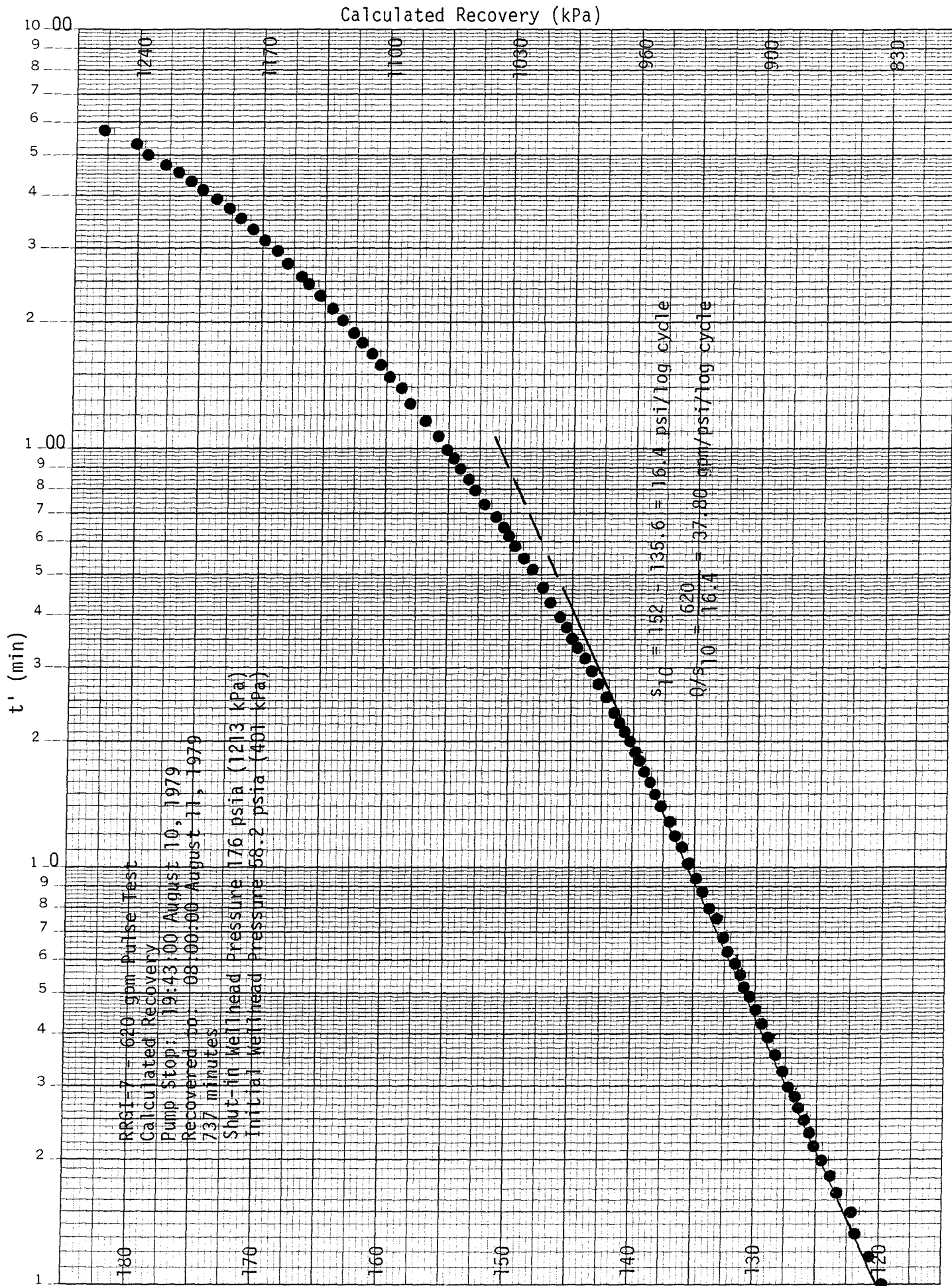


FIGURE 14



Calculated Recovery (psi)
FIGURE 15

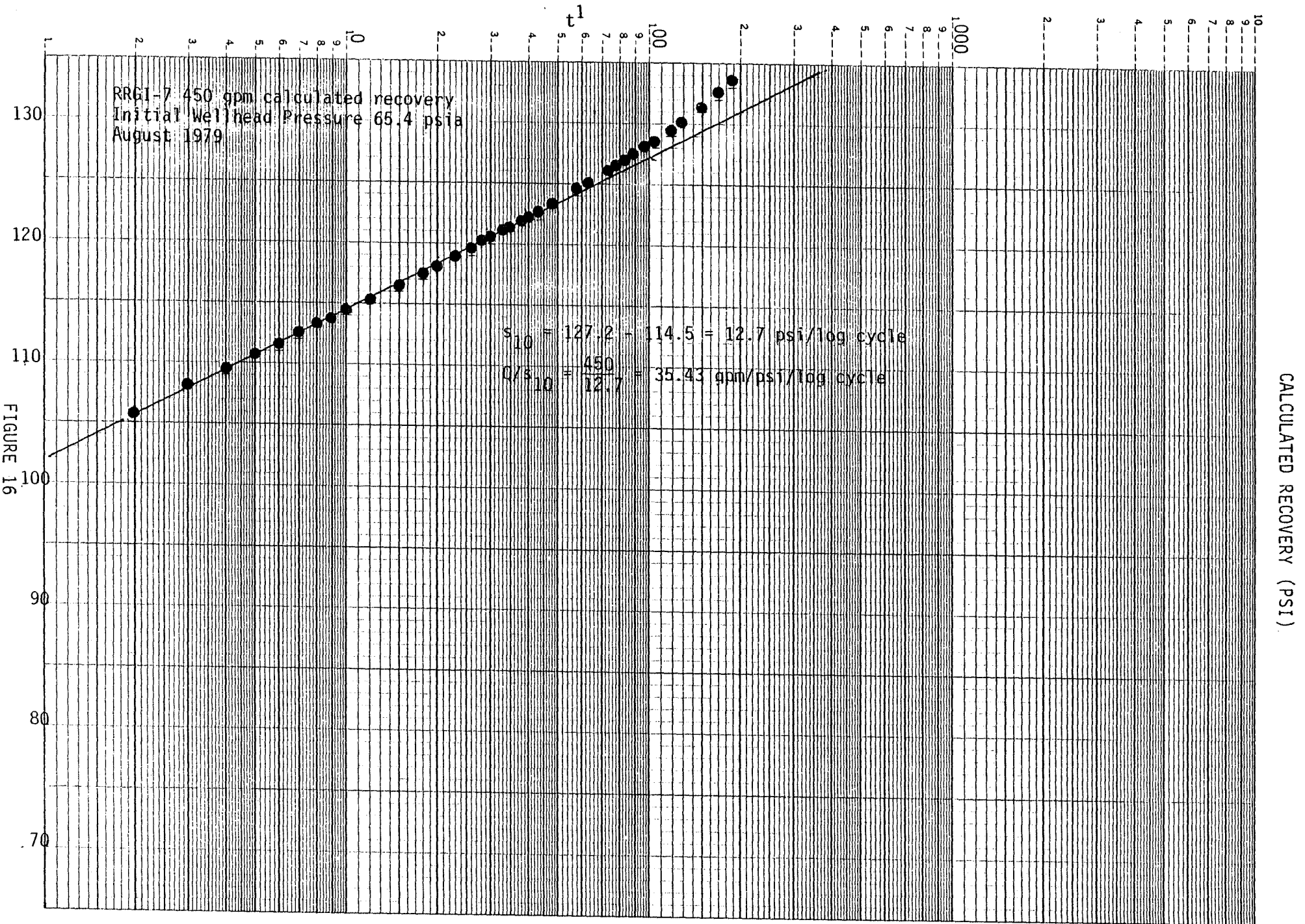
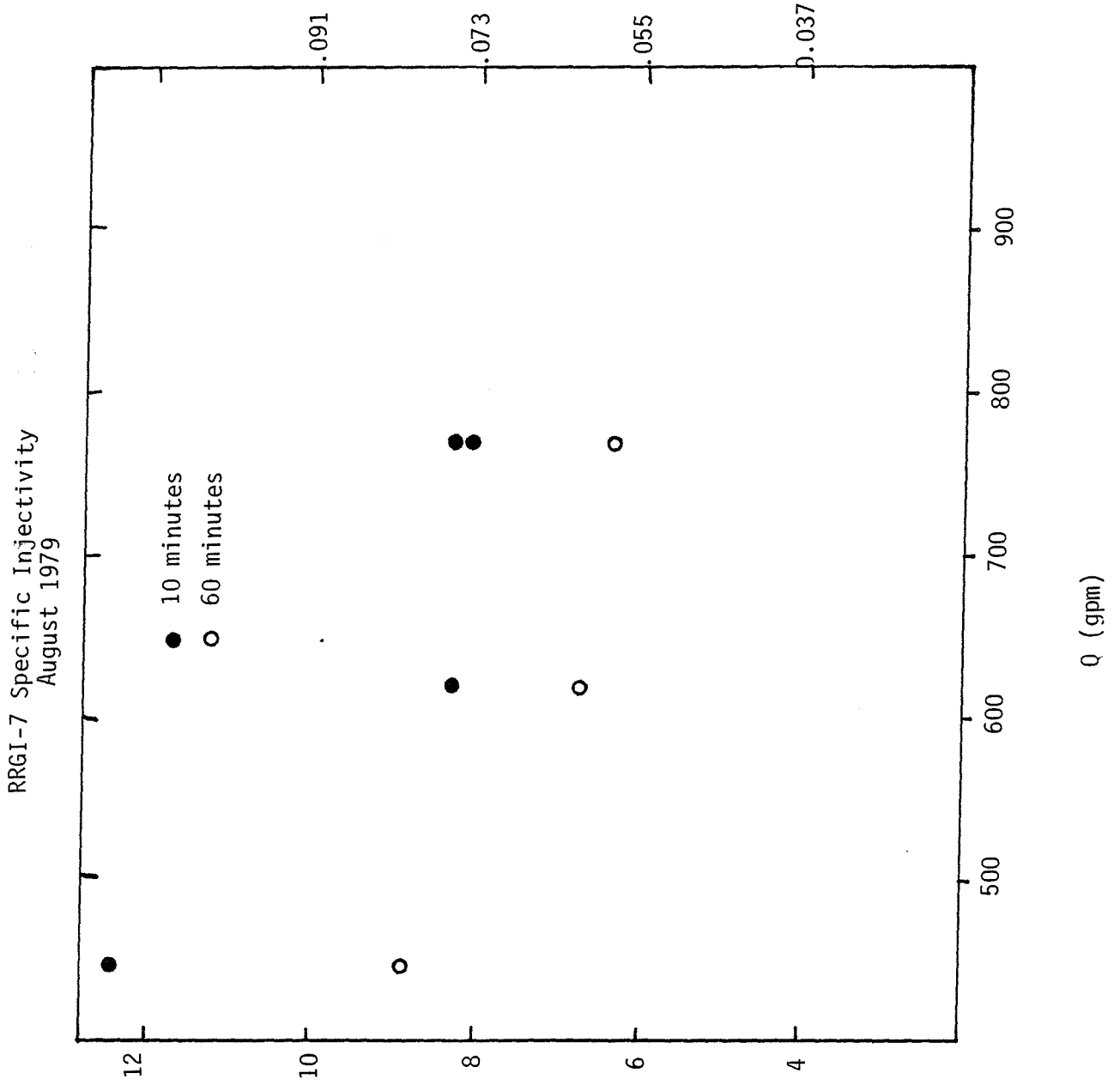


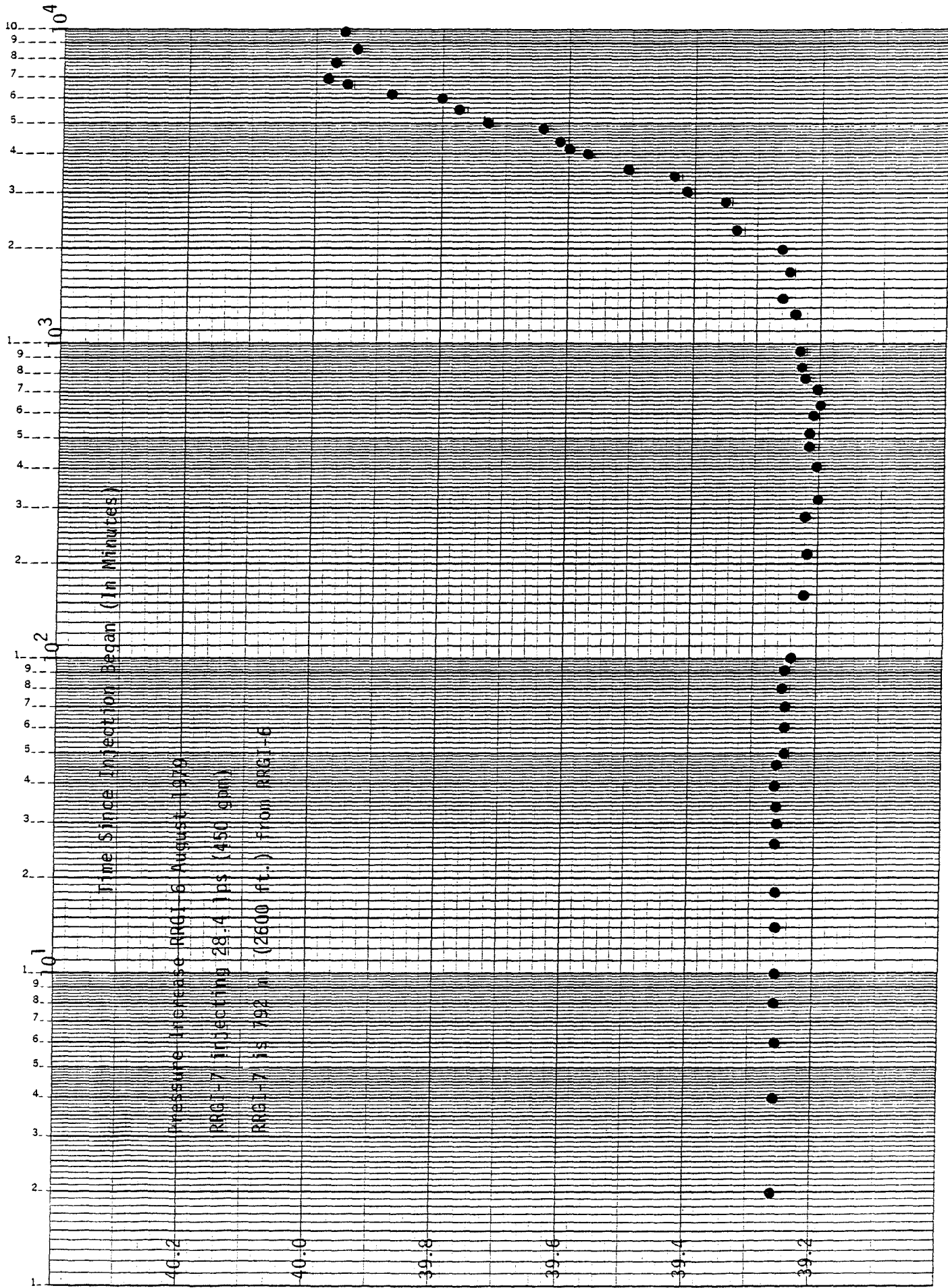
FIGURE 16

Specific Capacity in lps/kPa



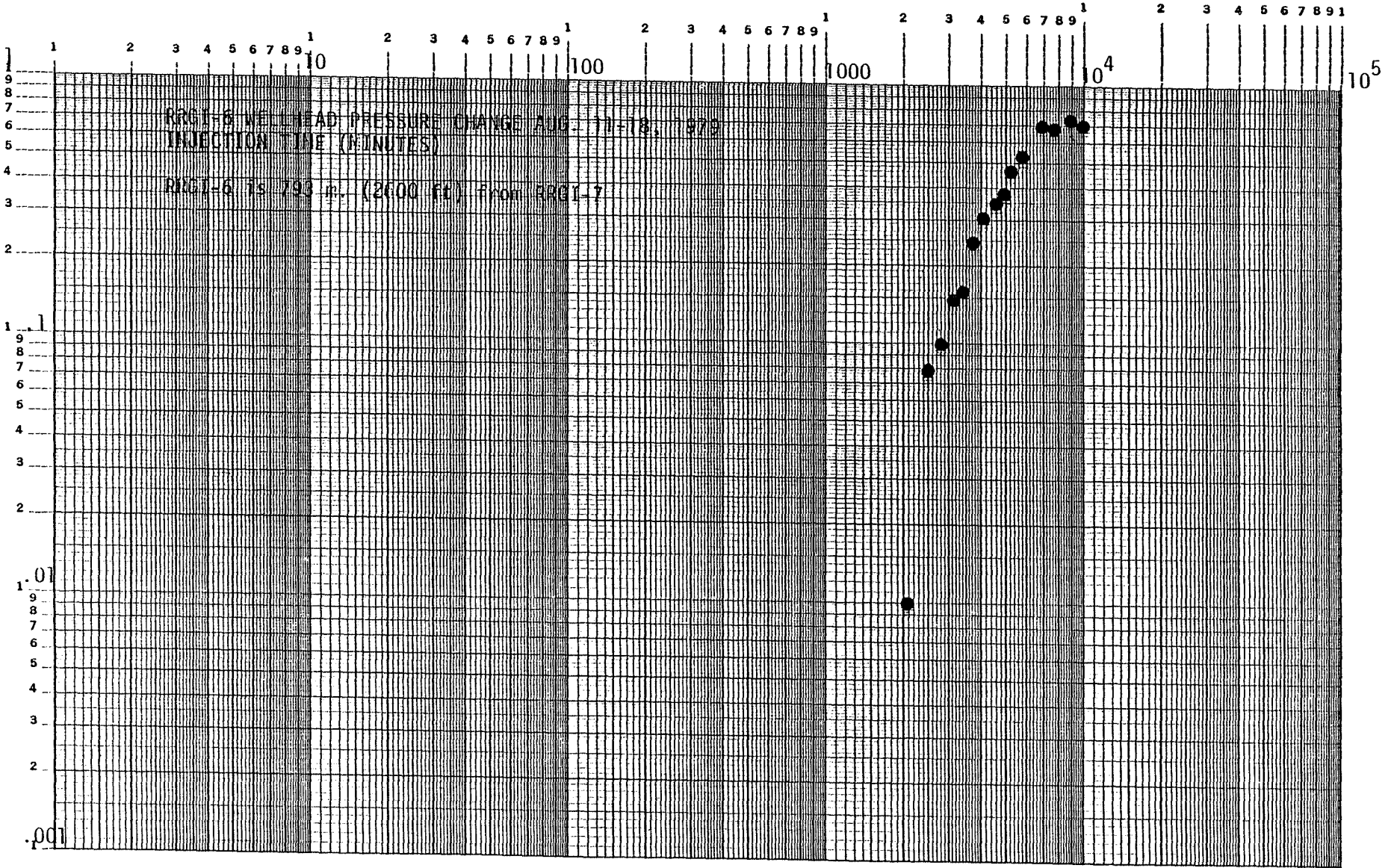
Specific Capacity in gpm/psi

FIGURE 17



Wellhead Pressure (PSI)
 FIGURE 18

FIGURE 19
WELLHEAD PRESSURE INCREASE (PSI)



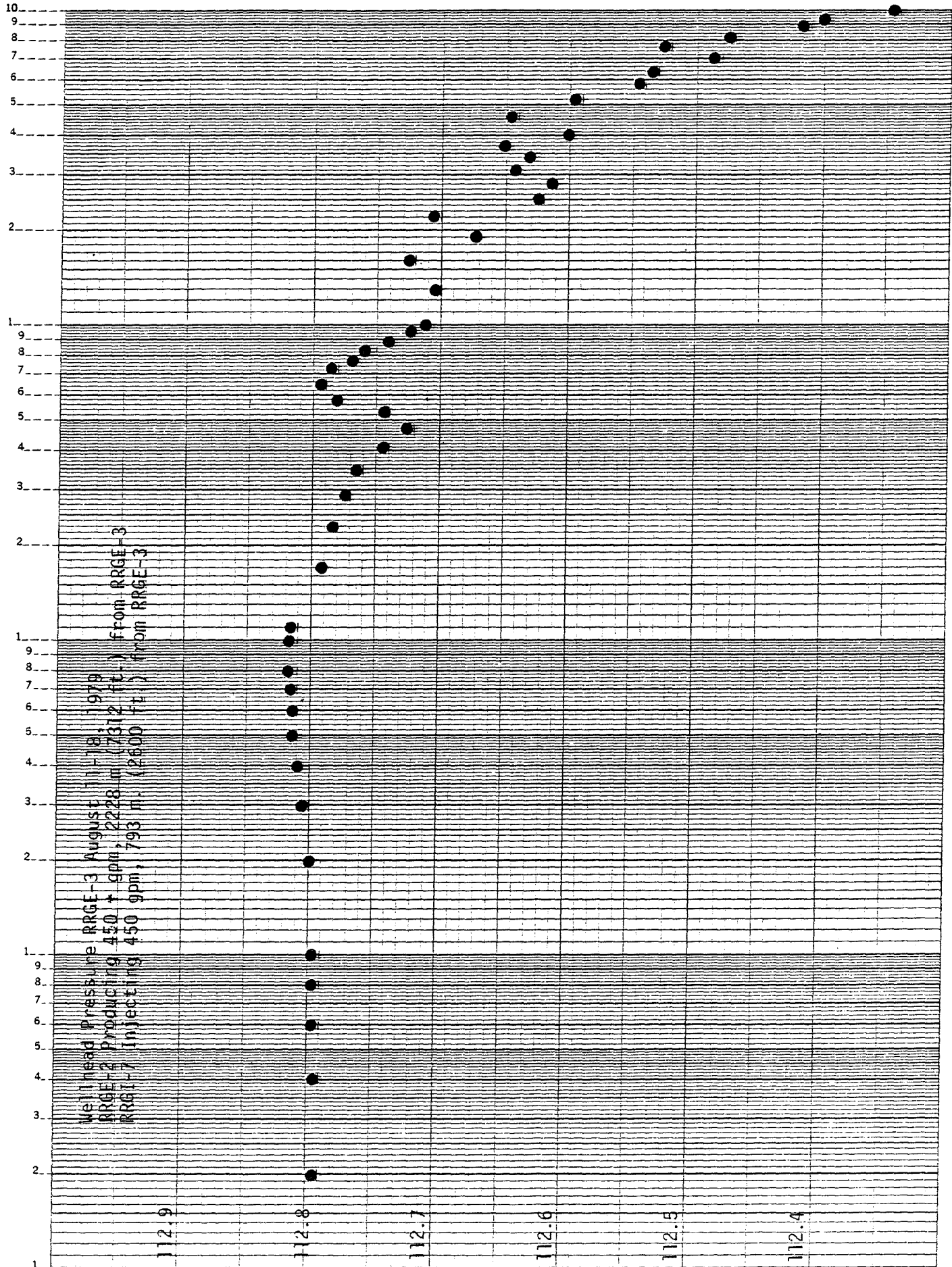
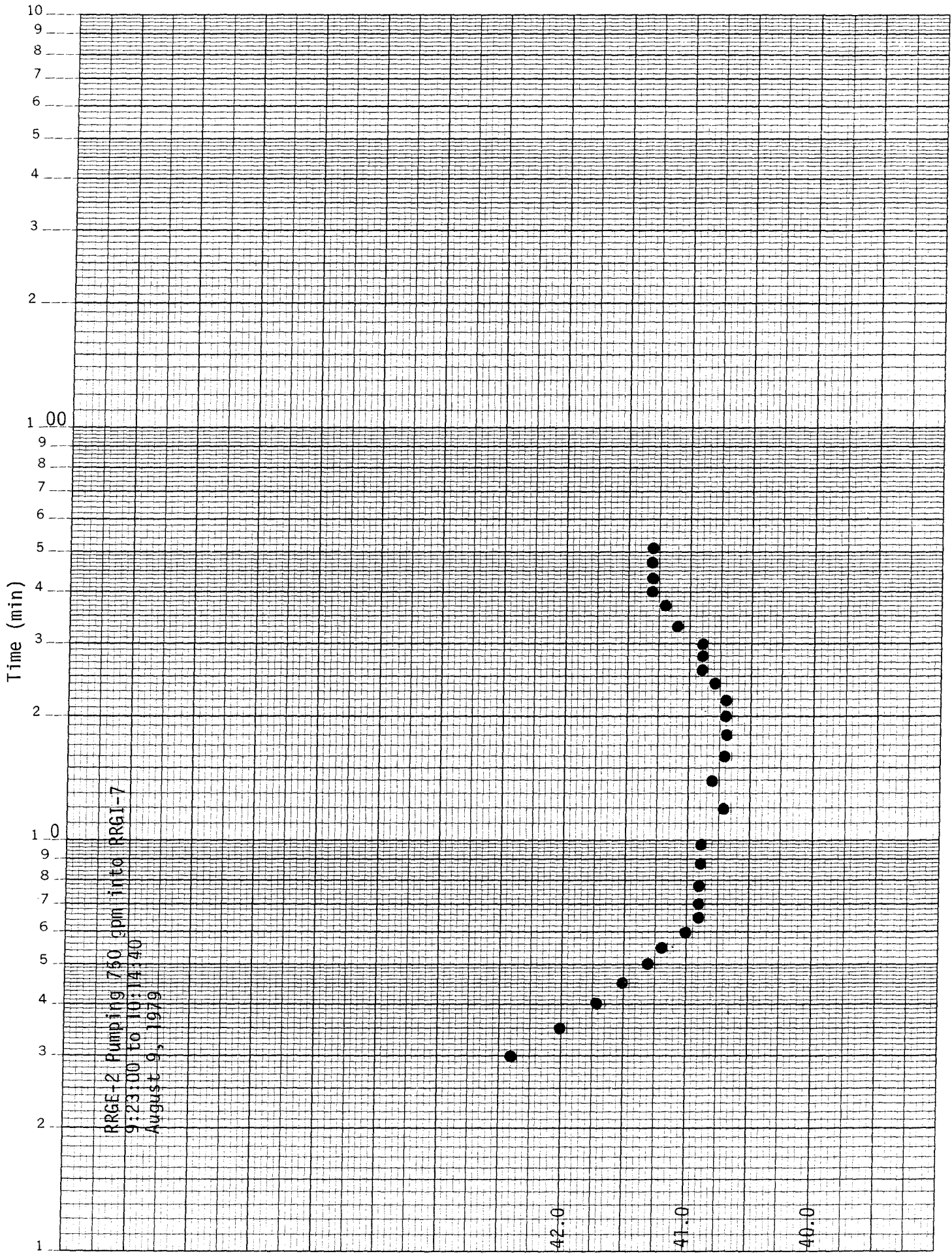


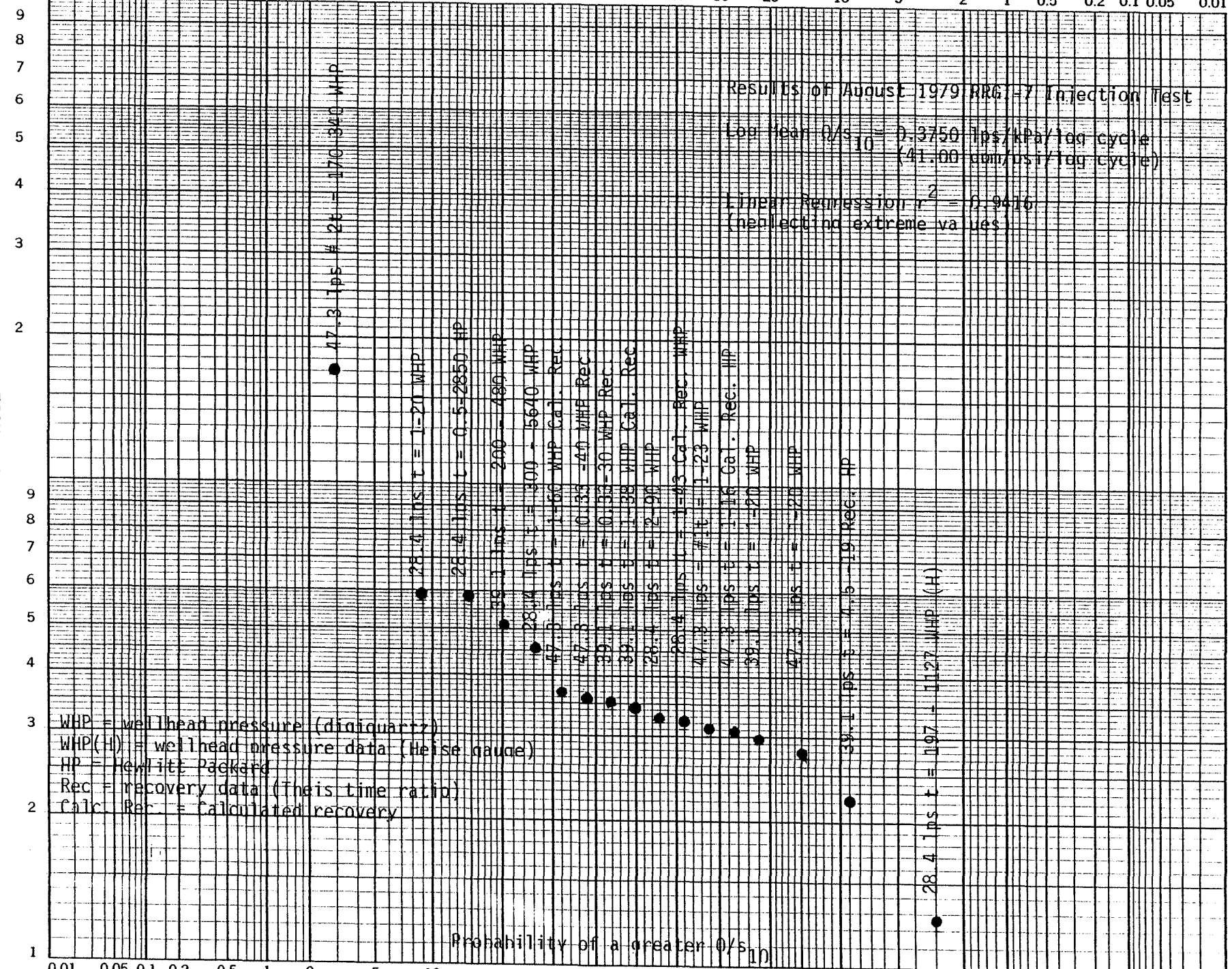
FIGURE 20
WELLHEAD PRESSURE (PSI)



Wellhead Pressure (psia)
FIGURE 21

Probability of a lower $0/s_{10}$

10 99.99 99.9 99.8 99 98 95 90 80 70 60 50 40 30 10 5 2 1 0.5 0.2 0.1 0.05 0.01



0/s₁₀ [lps/KPa/100 cycle]

FIGURE 25

WHP = wellhead pressure (diquartz)
 WHP(H) = wellhead pressure data (Heise gauge)
 HP = Hewlett Packard
 Rec = recovery data (Heise time ratio)
 Calc. Rec = calculated recovery

Probability of a greater $0/s_{10}$

0.01 0.05 0.1 0.2 0.5 1 2 5 10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90 95 98 99 99.8 99.9 99.99