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Scientific Notebook No. 545: Analysis of
Escalante Utah, Permeability Data for High
Velocity Flow Effects (08/27/2002 through
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Title: Analysis of Escalante, Utah Permeability Data for High Velocity Flow Effects

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Task Objective: Nearly 500 sets of Permeability will be analyzed for evidence of high velocity flow effects. Differential pressure squared vs. flow rate ($\Delta(P^2)$ vs. Q) will be plotted at each data location, as well as log-log plots of the same, $\frac{\Delta(P^2)}{Q}$ vs. Q , following procedures outlined in McCain (1997, 1998), and Rousseau et al. (1999). Information gathered through these methods of examining the data will ultimately be used to interpret any role that high velocity flow effects may be playing with respect to calculated permeability values. Appropriate actions will then be taken. Discussions of the Escalante, Utah data collection may be found in Dinwiddie (2001), and Current (2001), and general discussions of instrumentation employed are in CNR/LORA SN 526, as are discussions of methodology.

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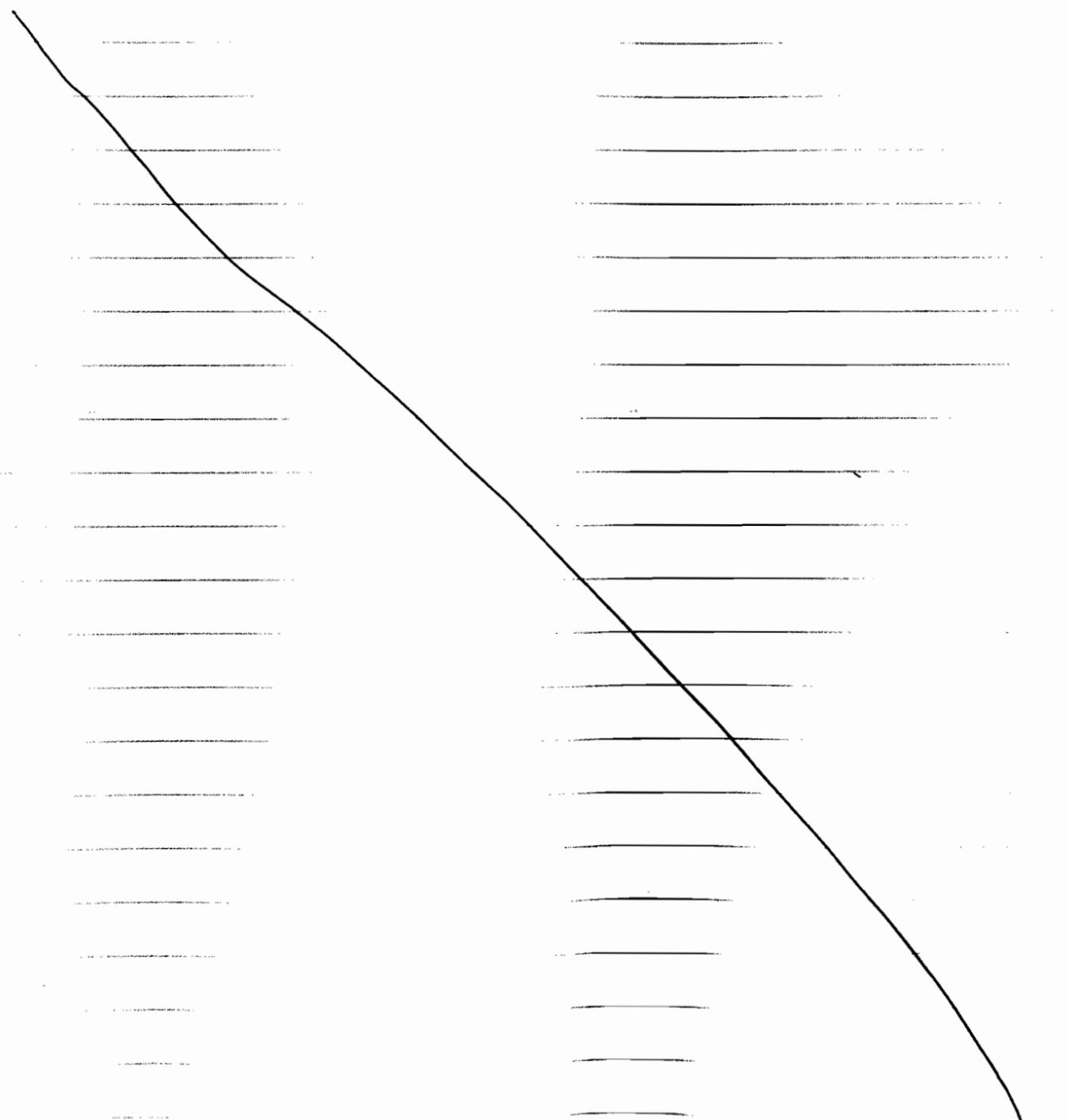
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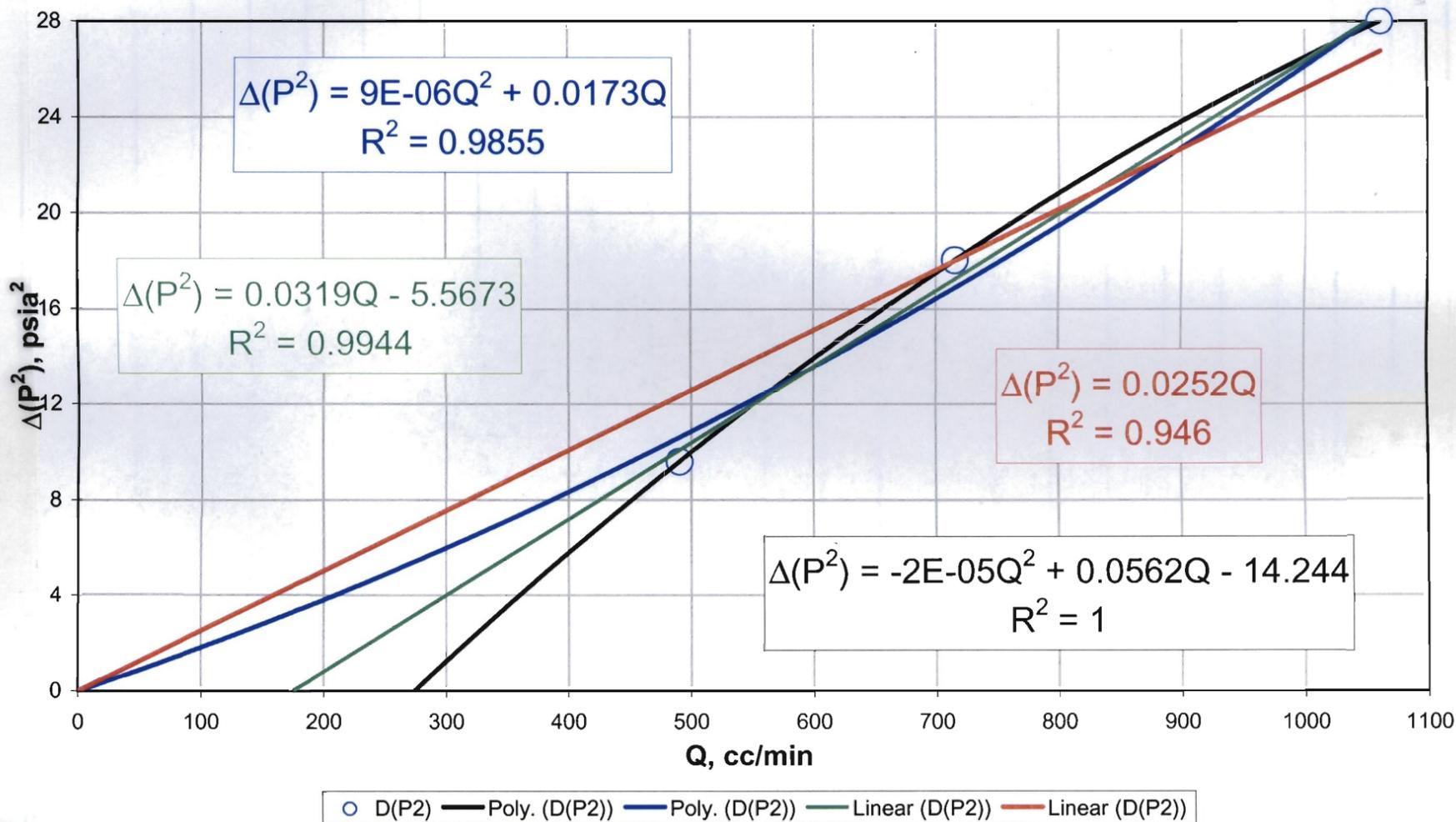
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Note: The following graphical information is a continuation of the CNWRA controlled scientific notebook # 537. The methodology of this information can be explained on pages 41 through 44 of that notebook.



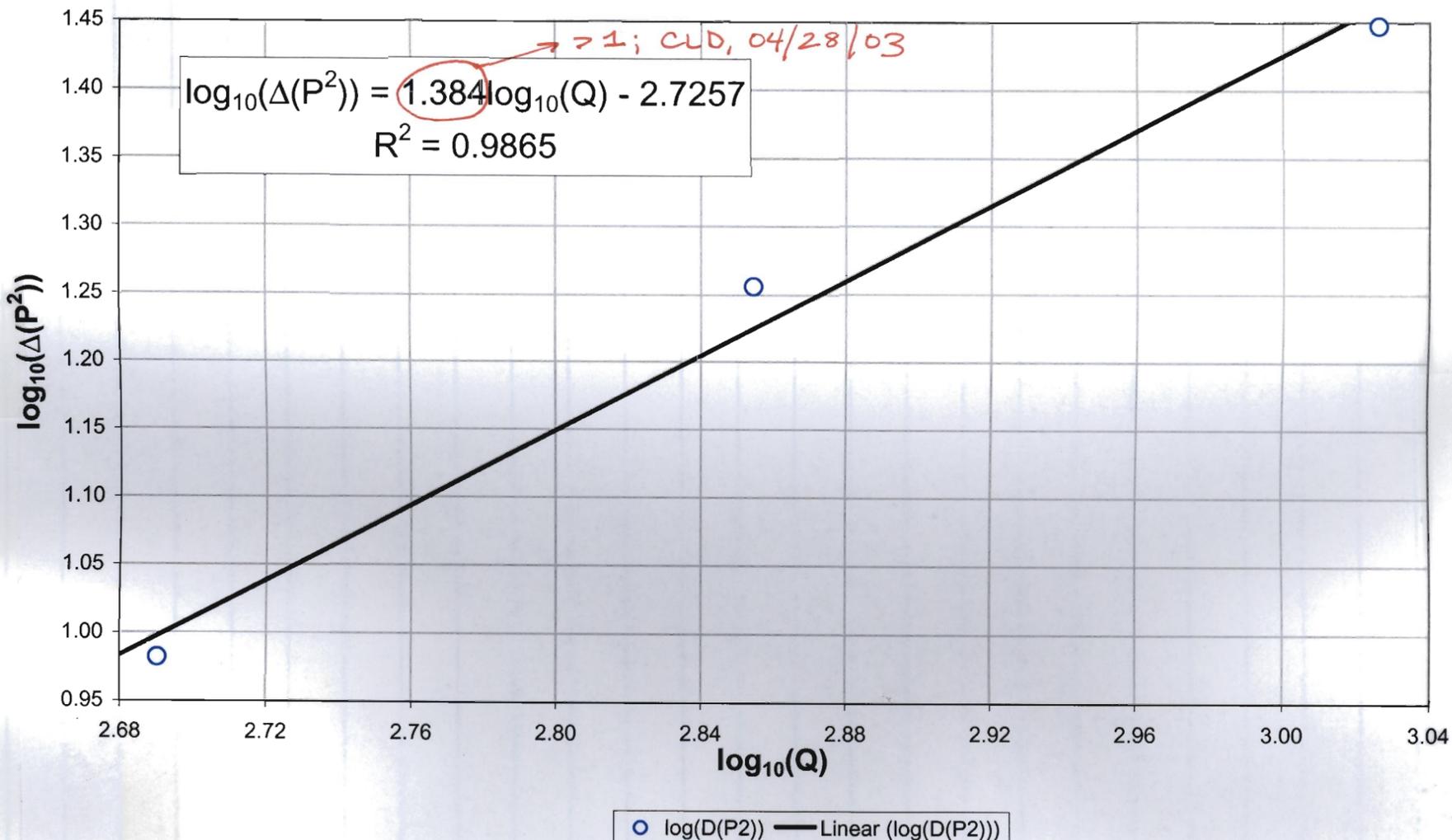
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 X Transect: Drillhole 32



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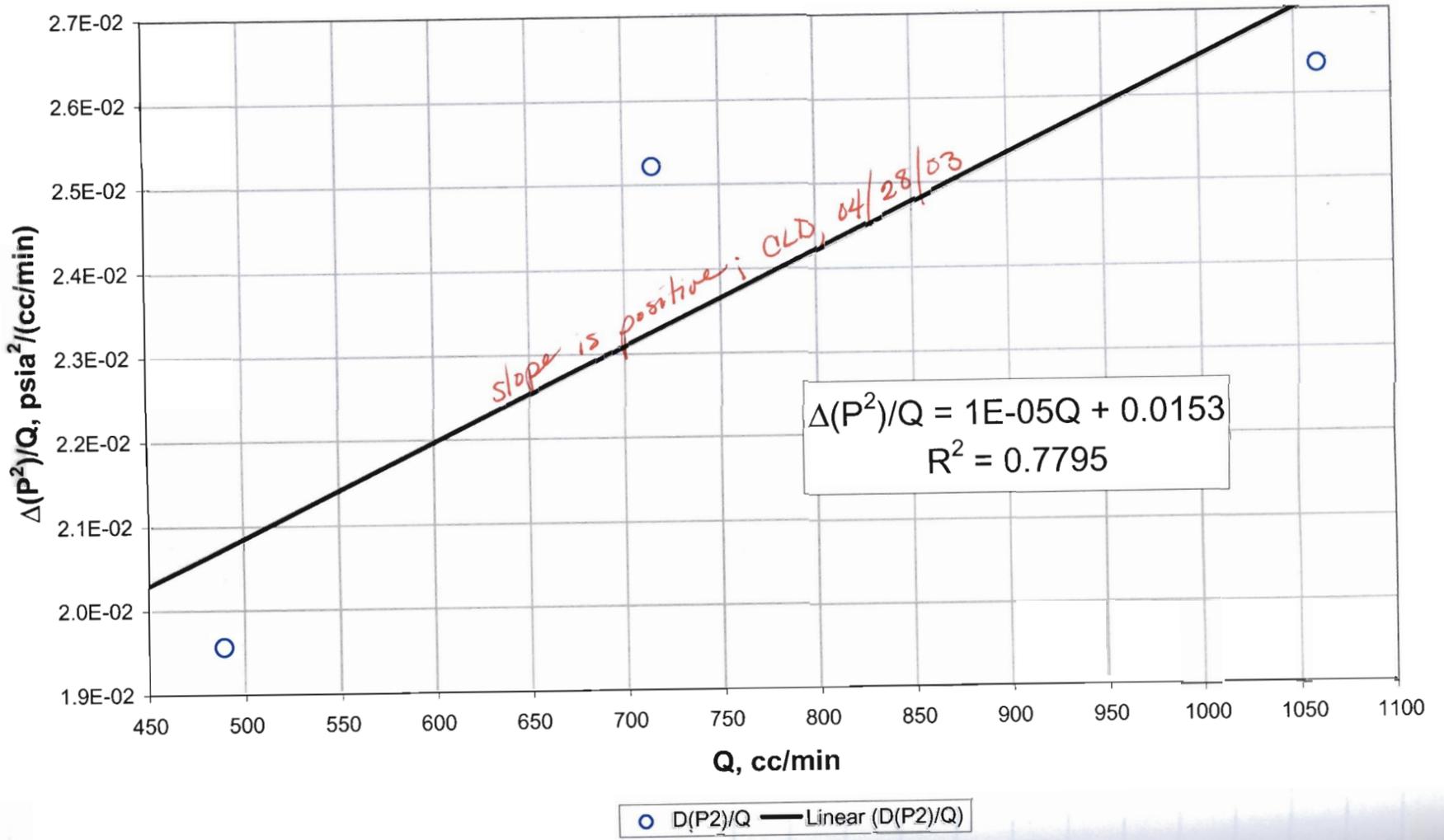
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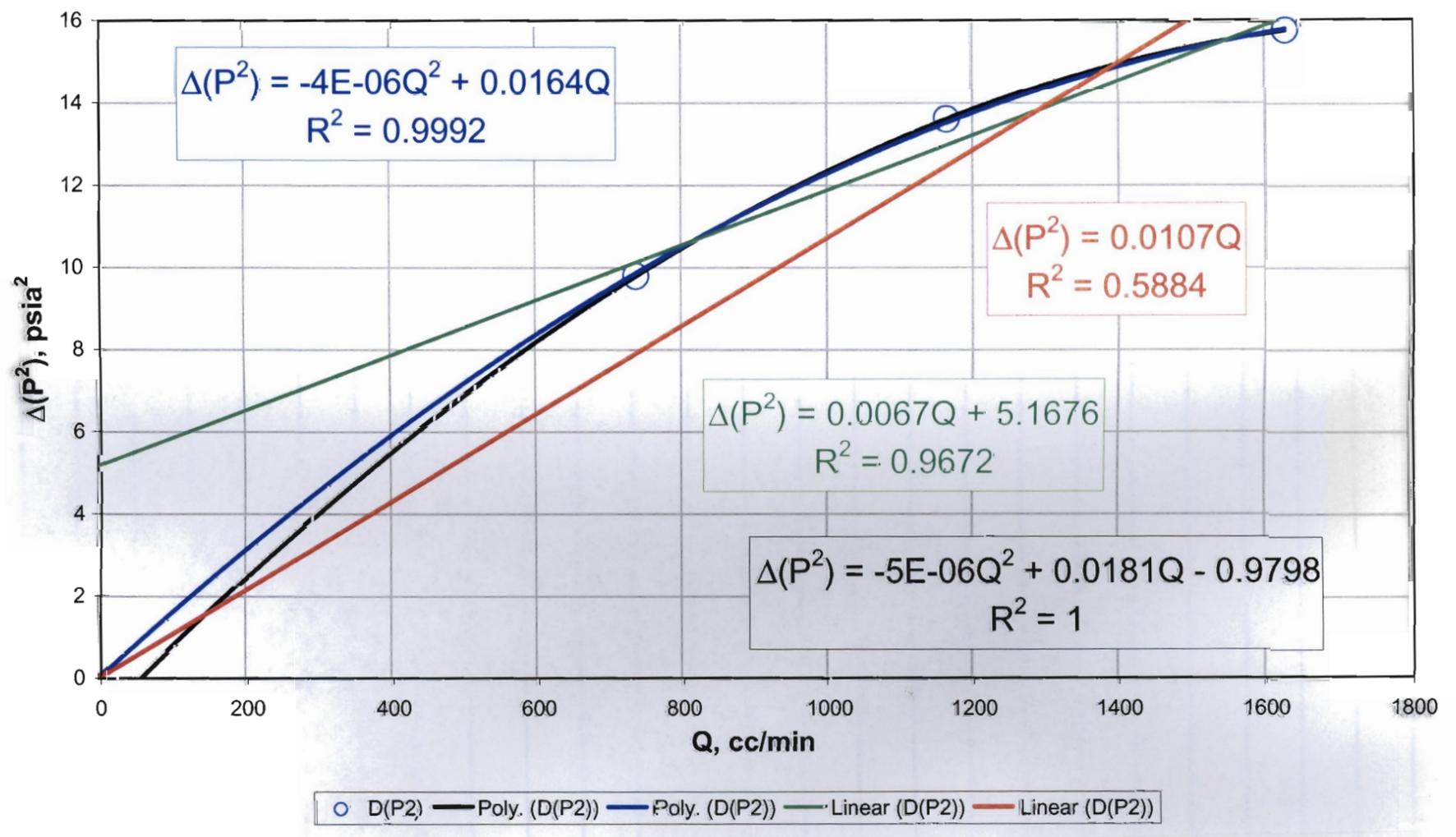
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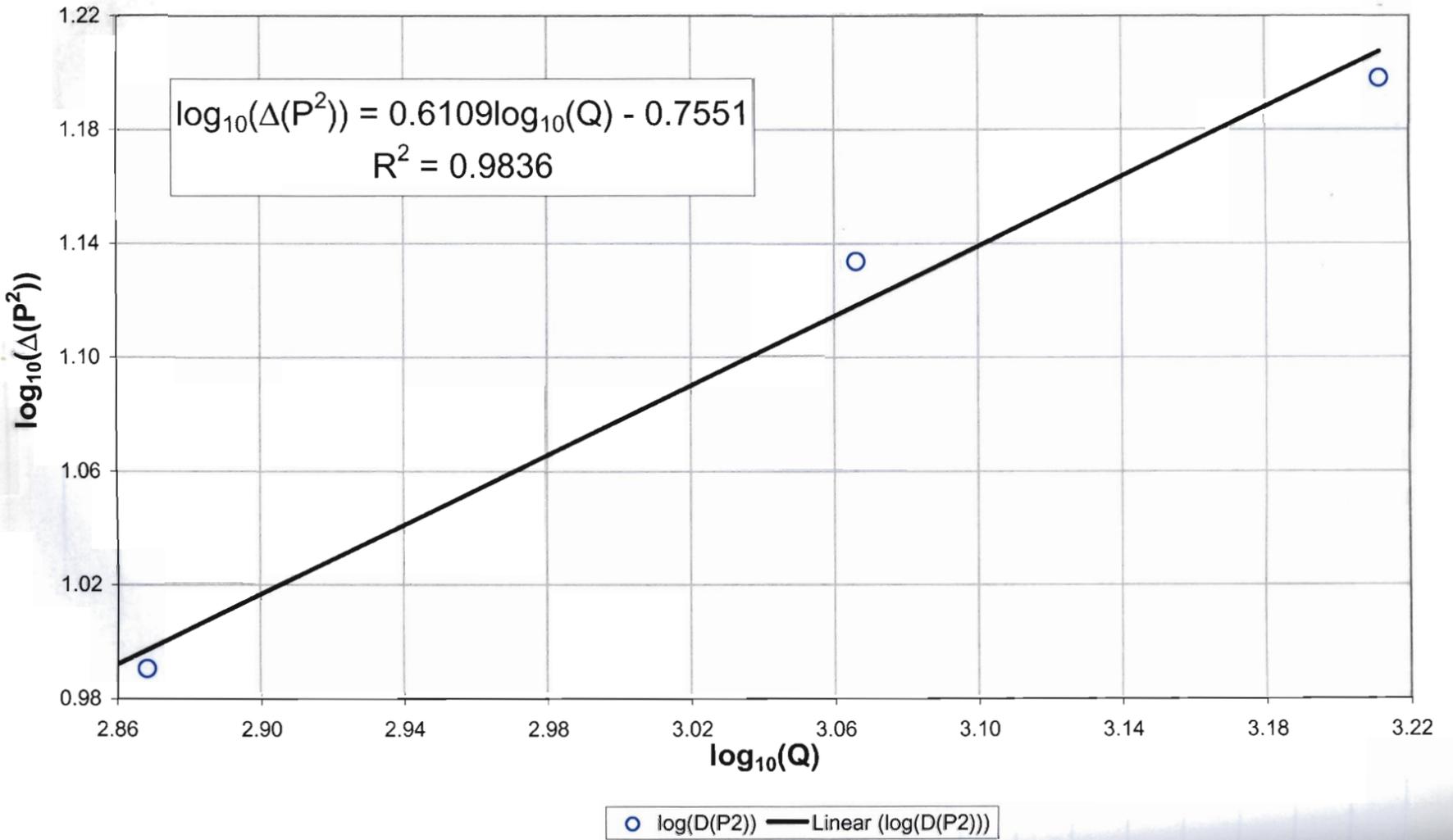


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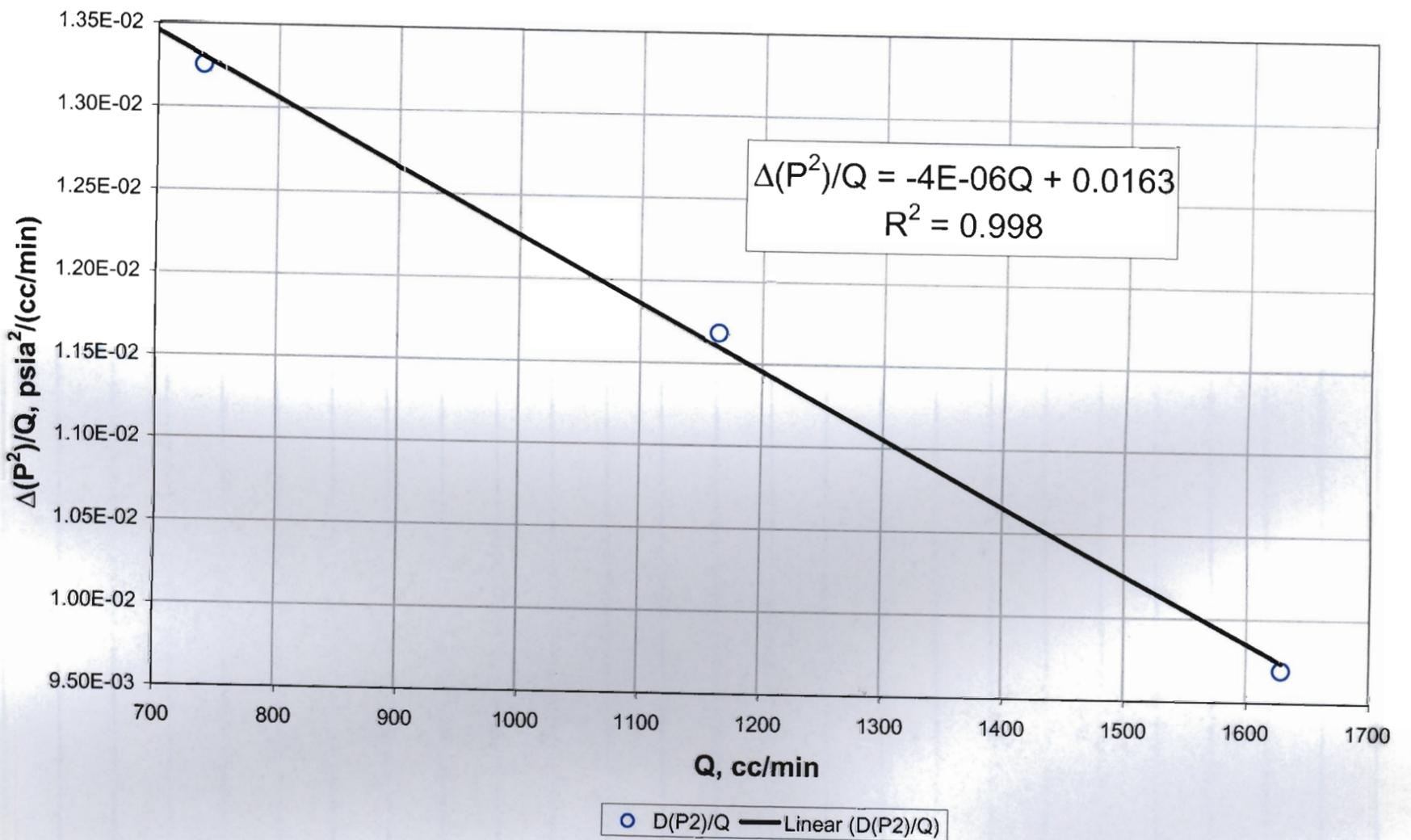


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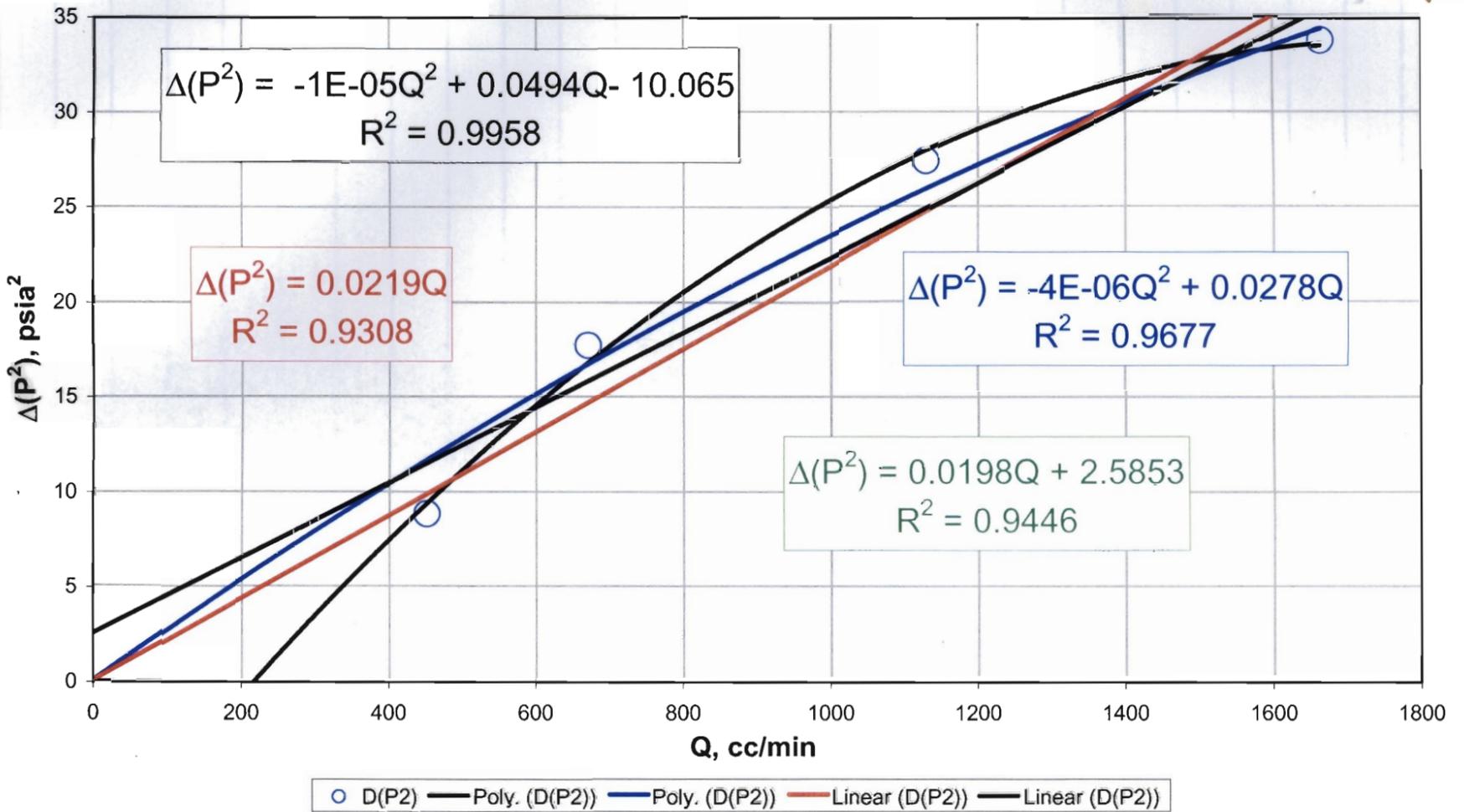
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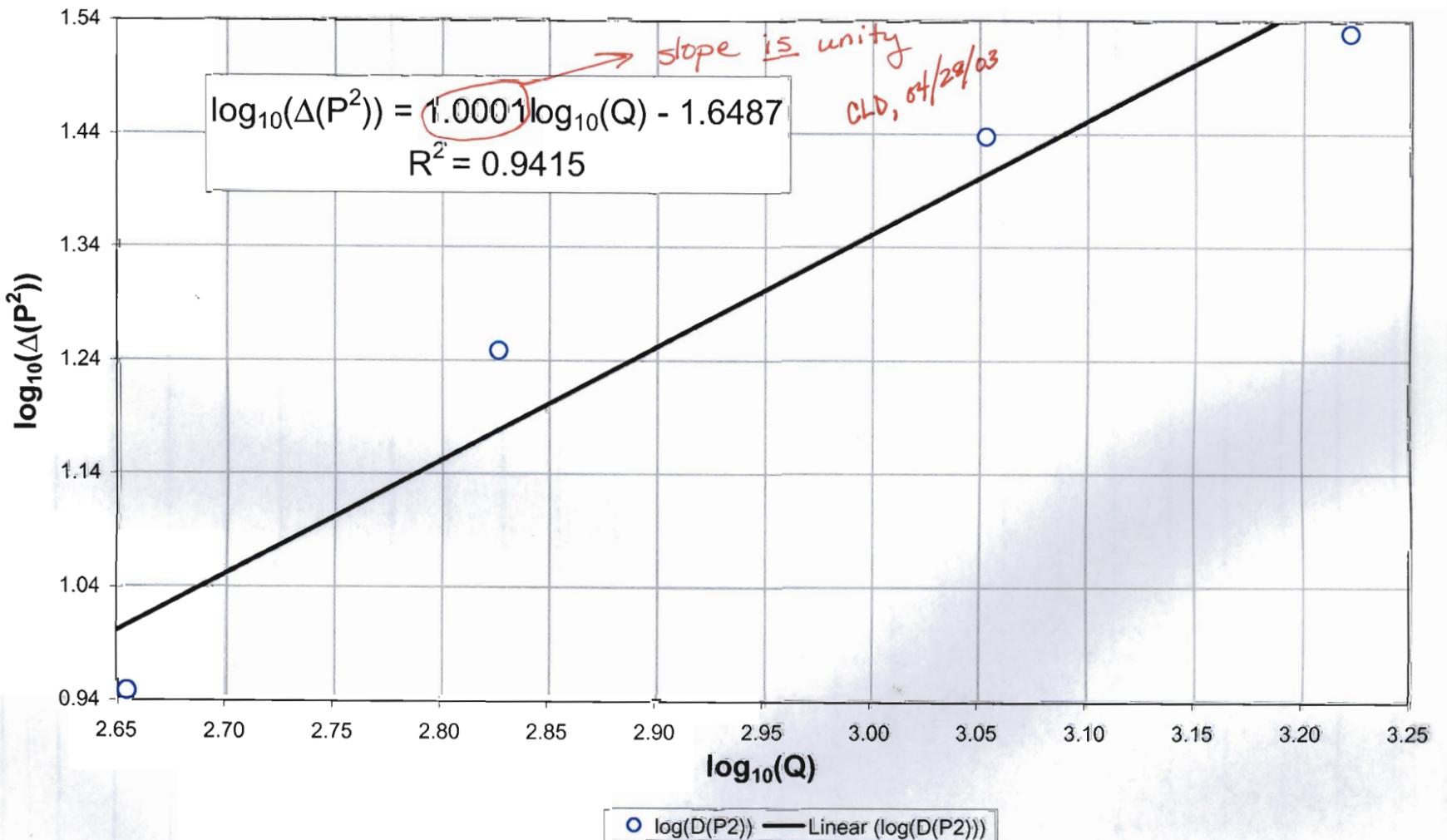
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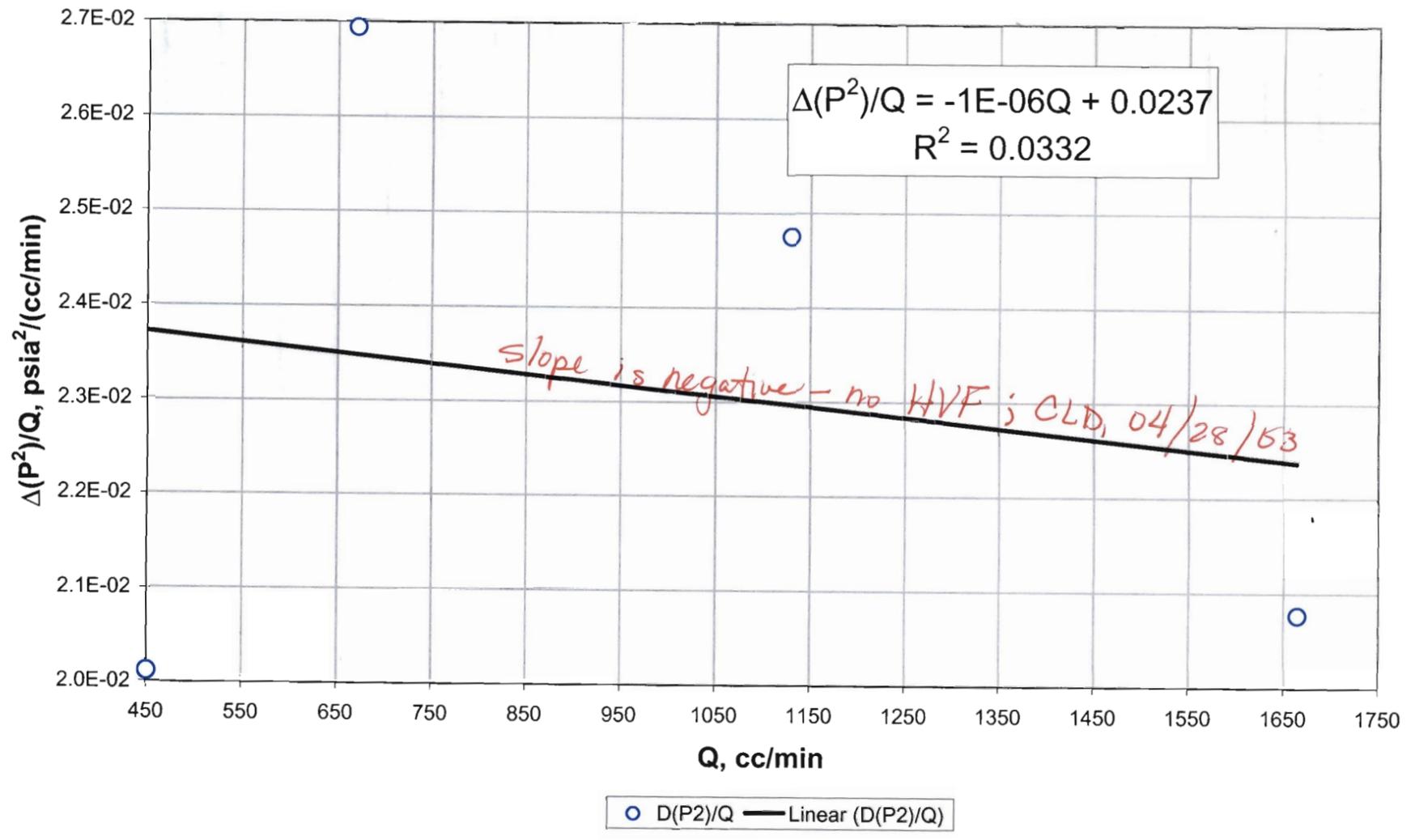
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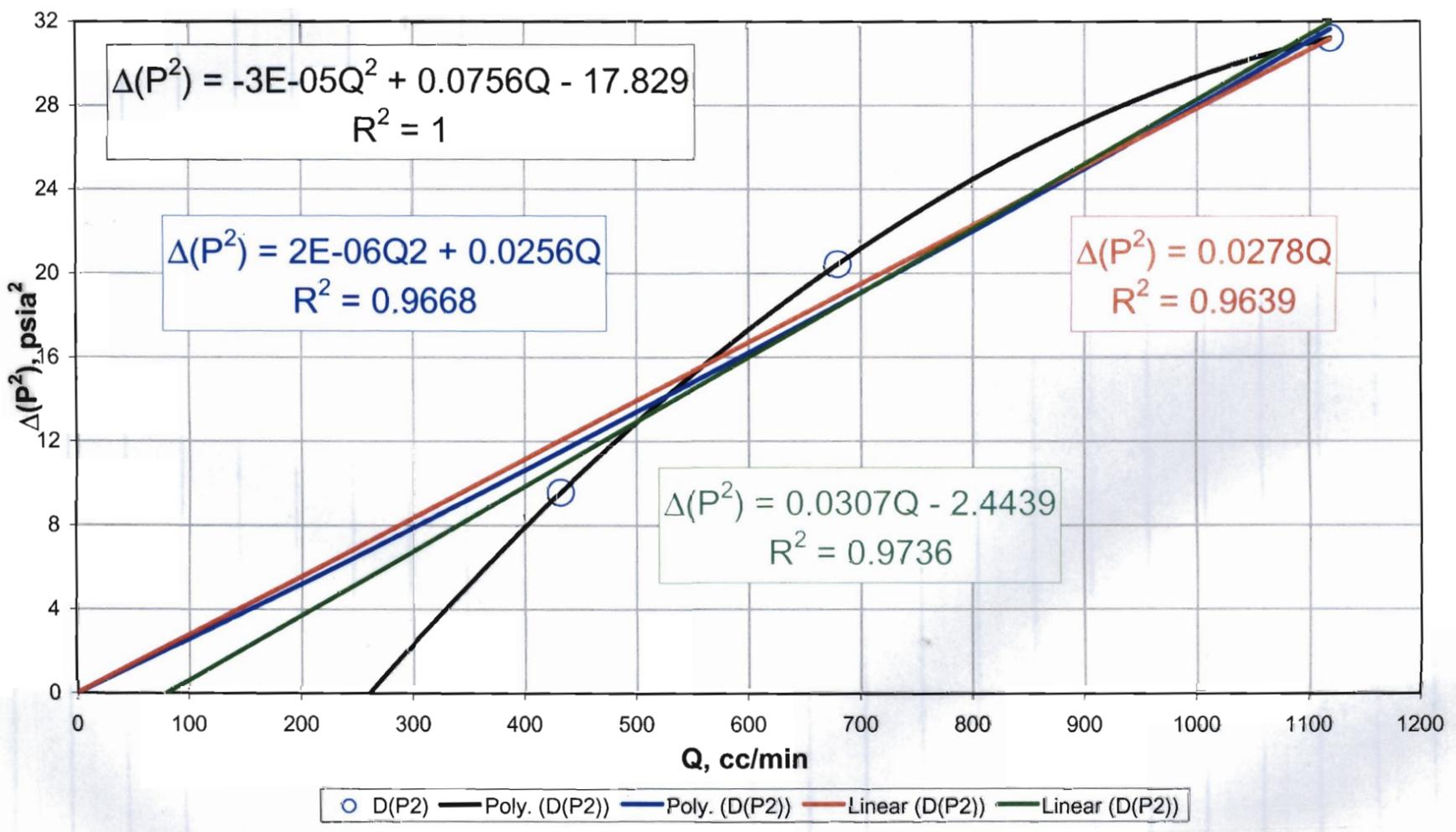
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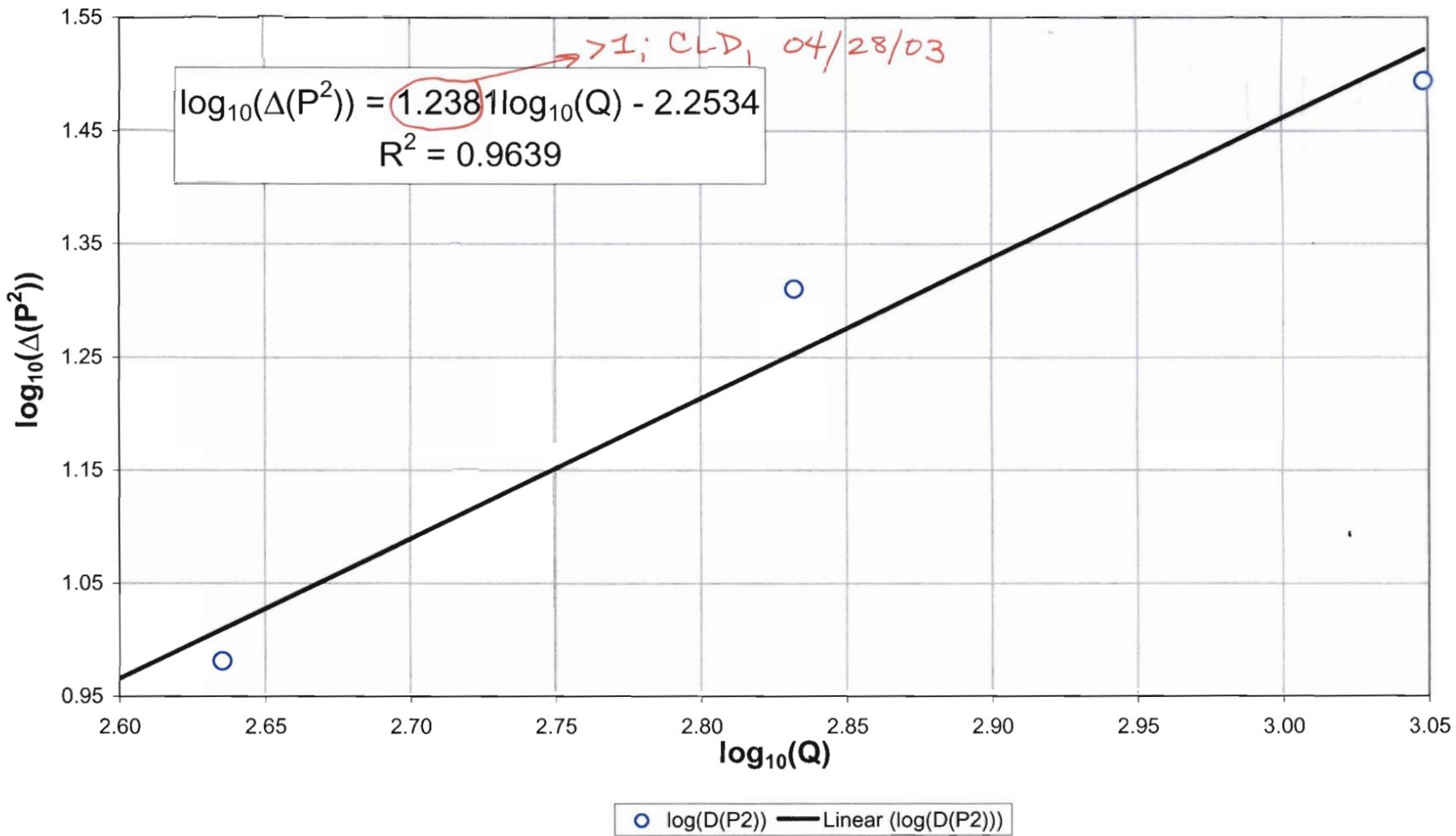
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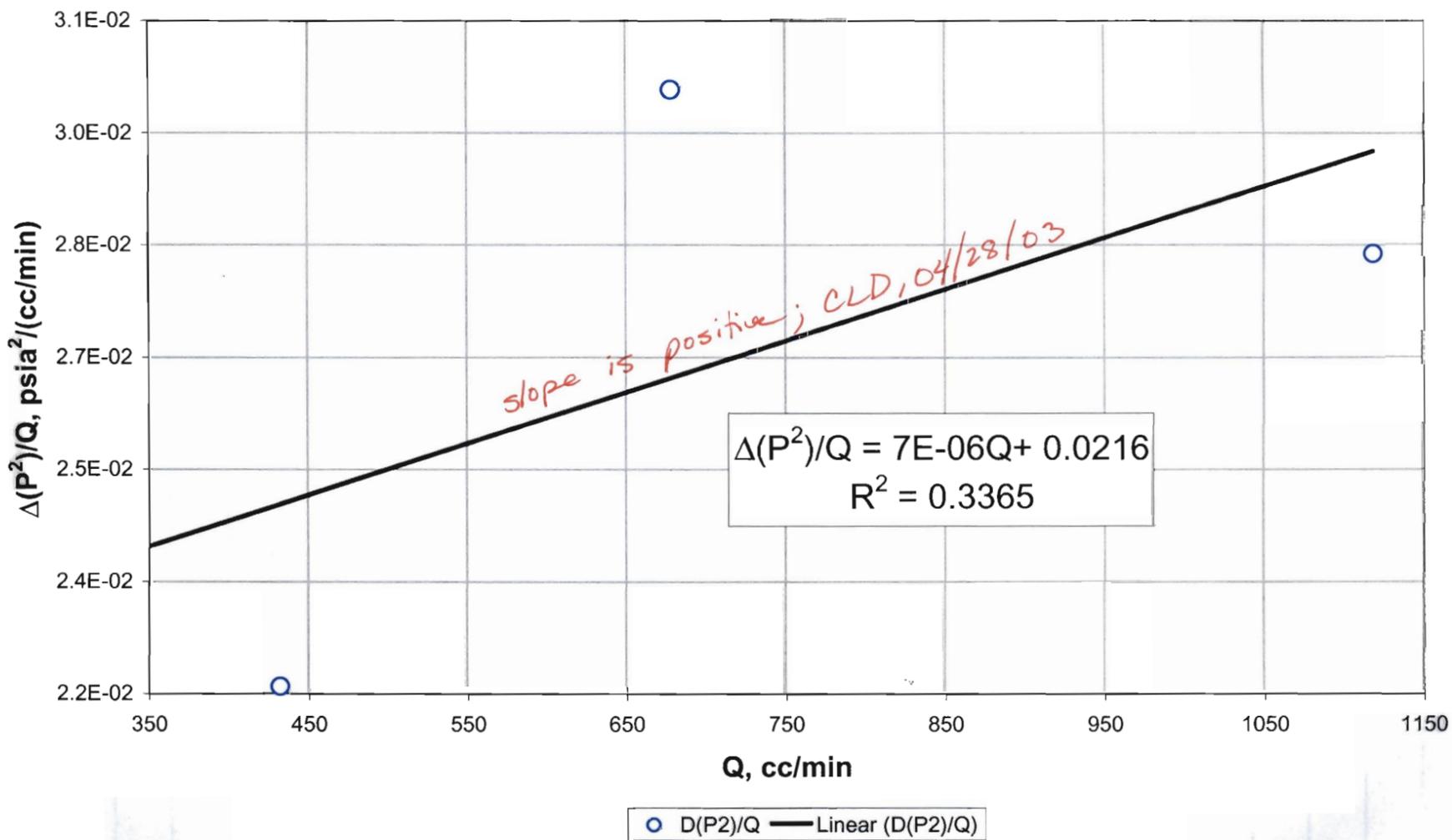
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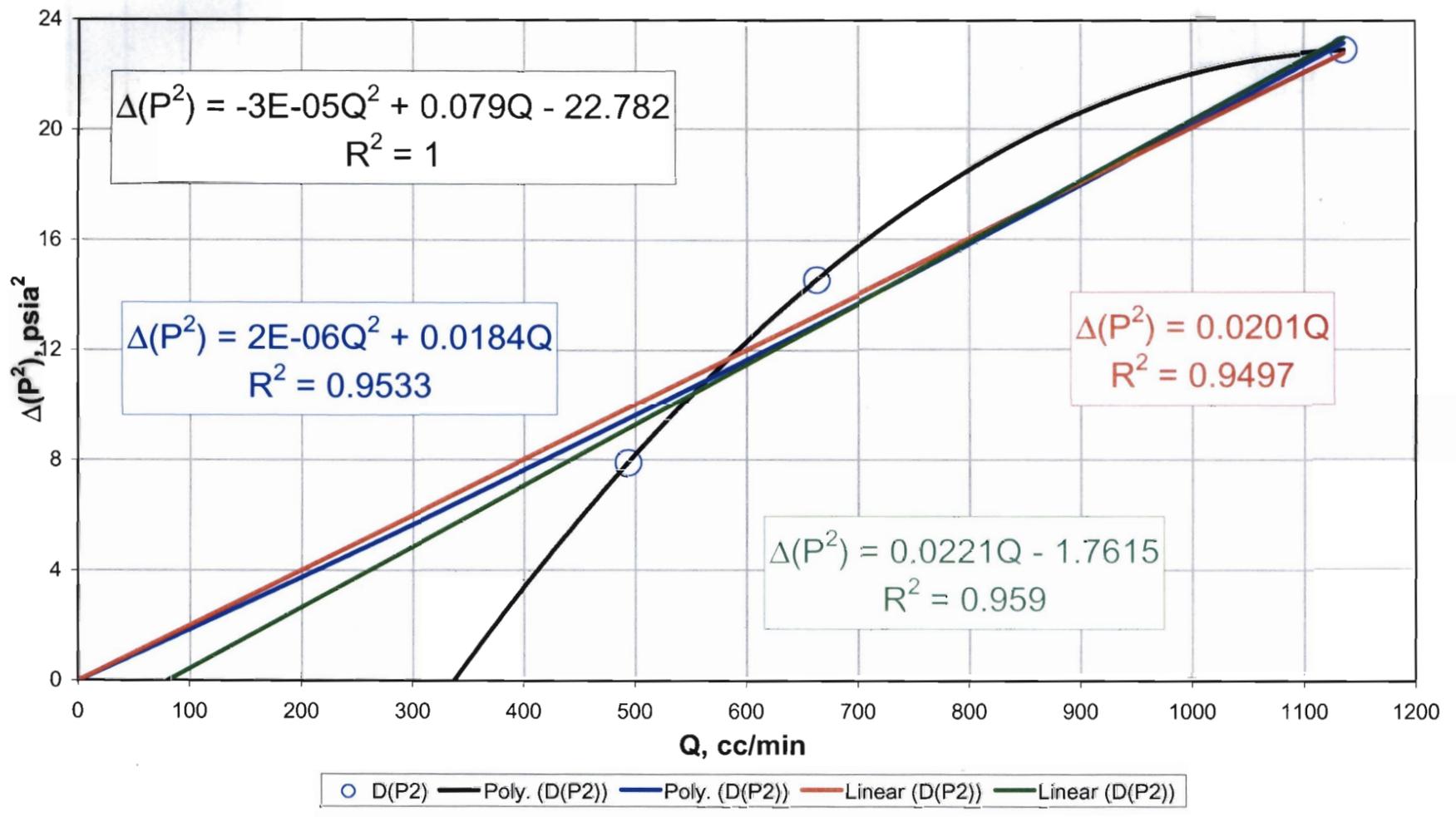
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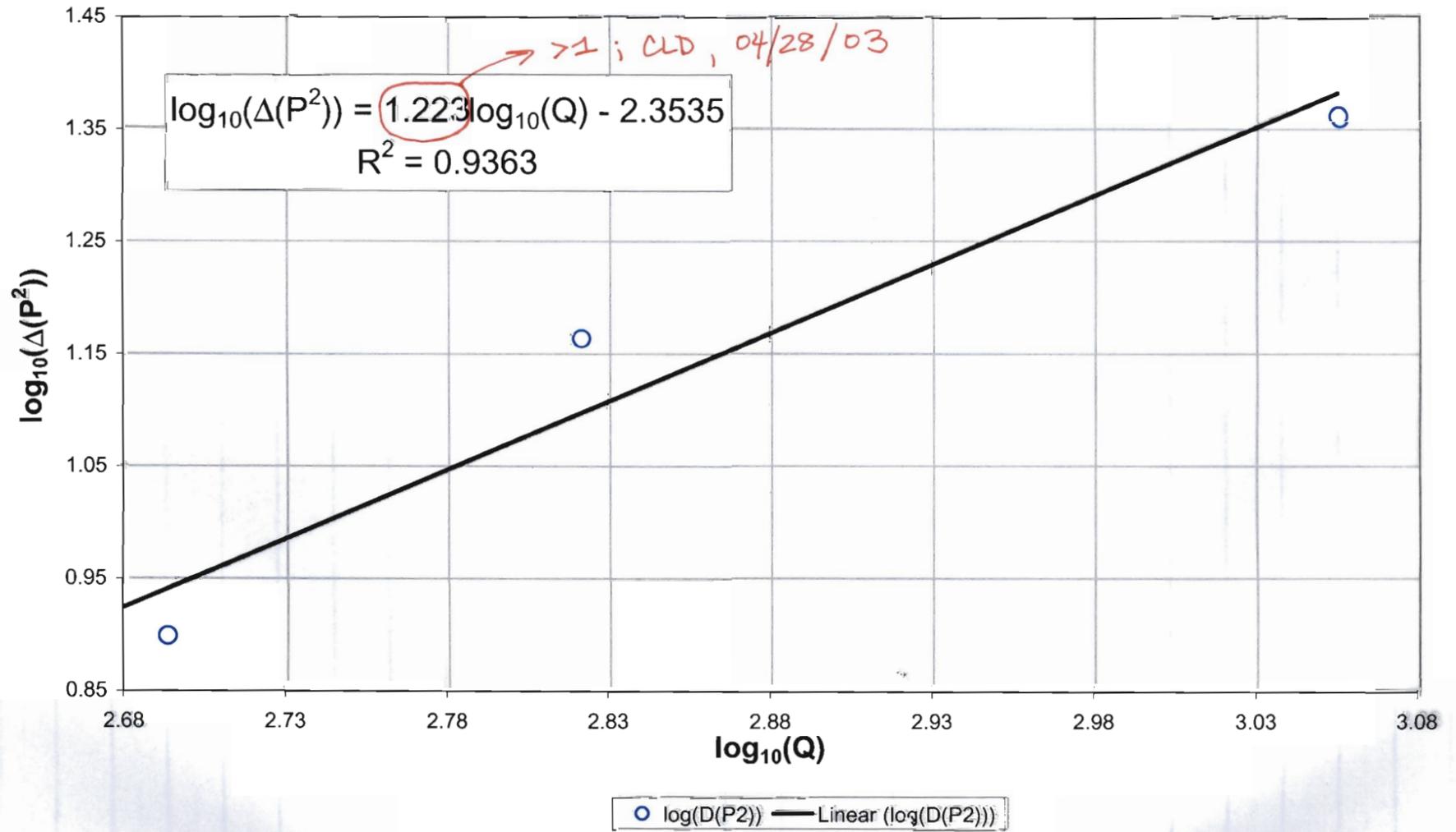
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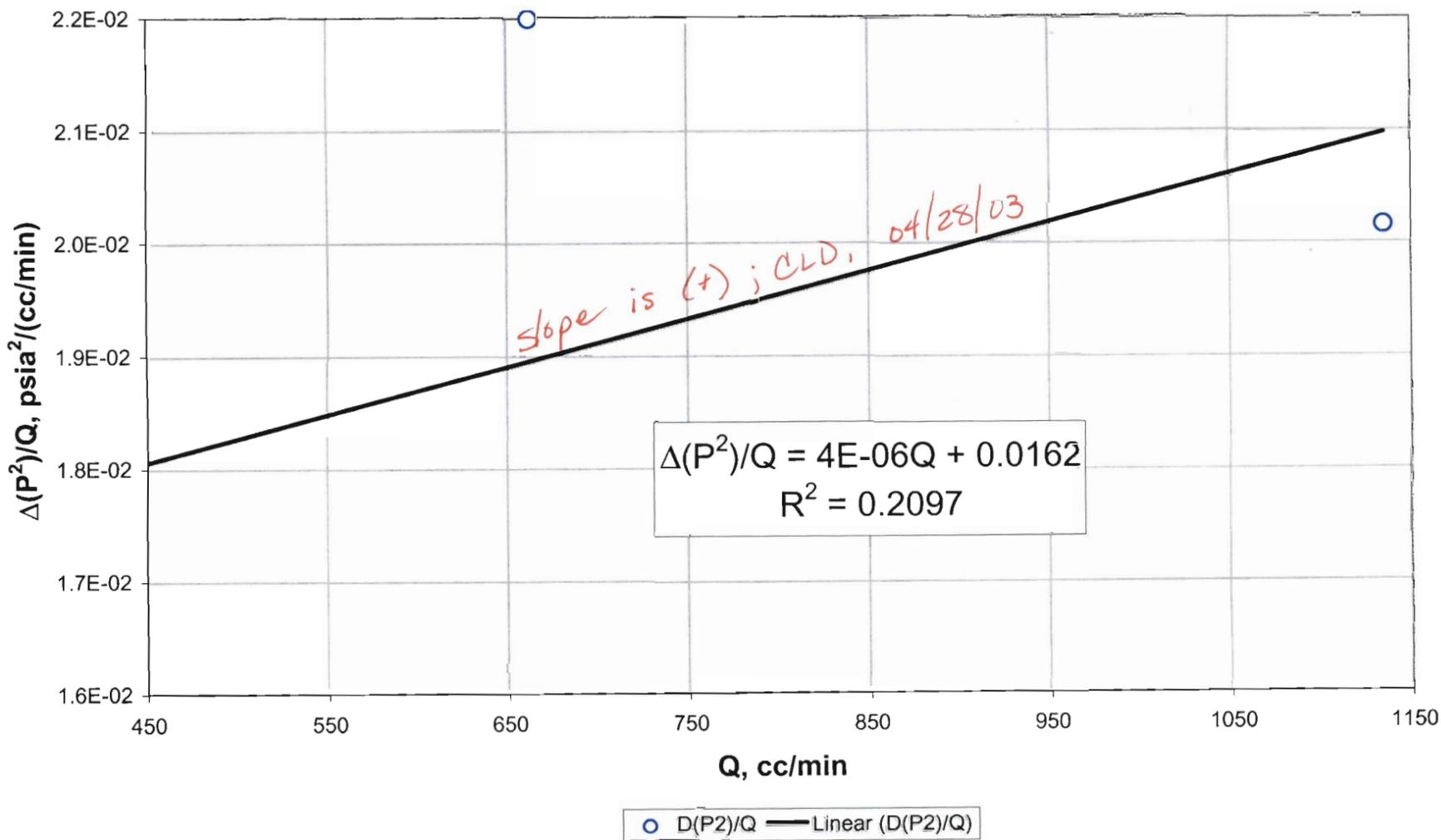
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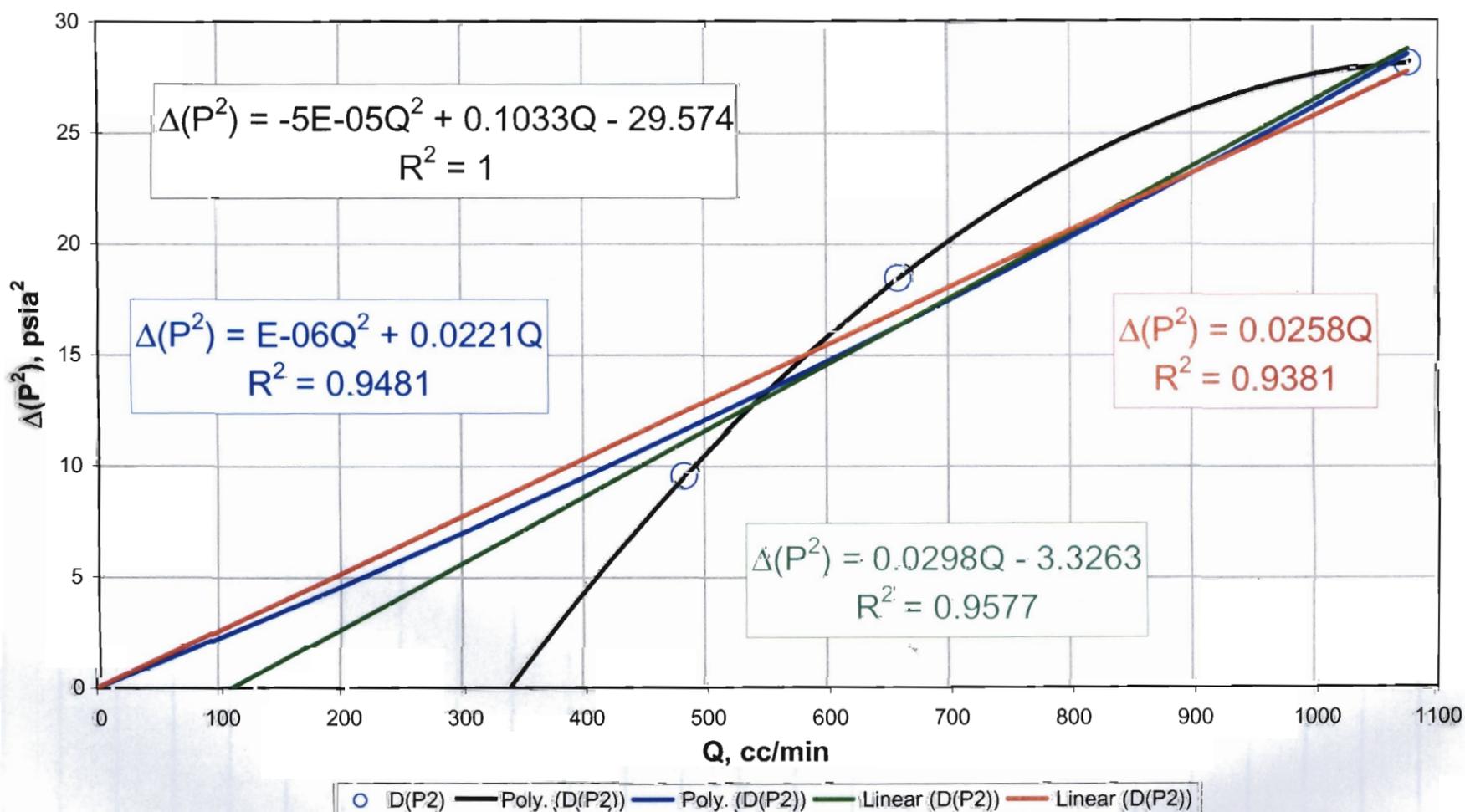
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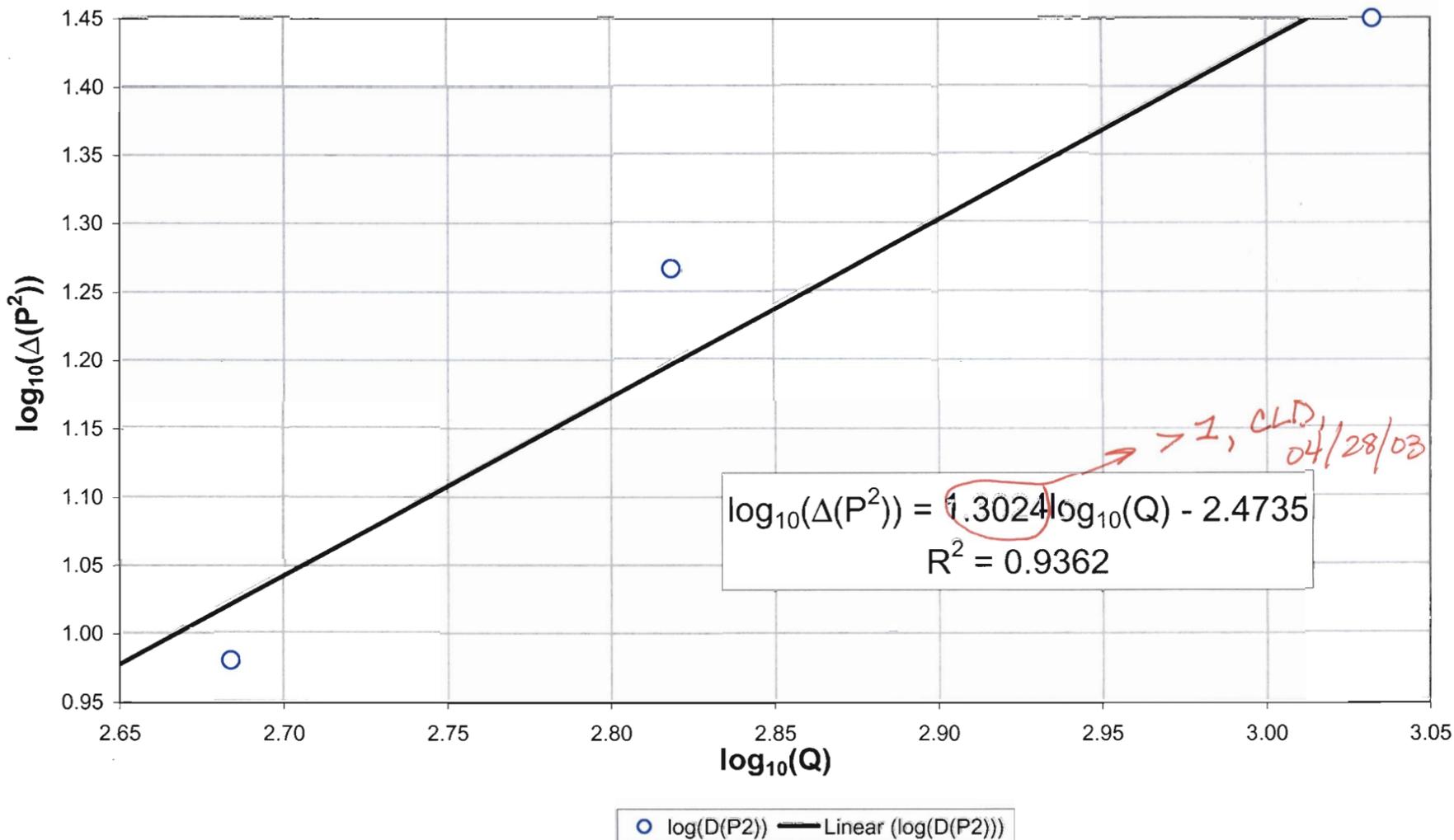


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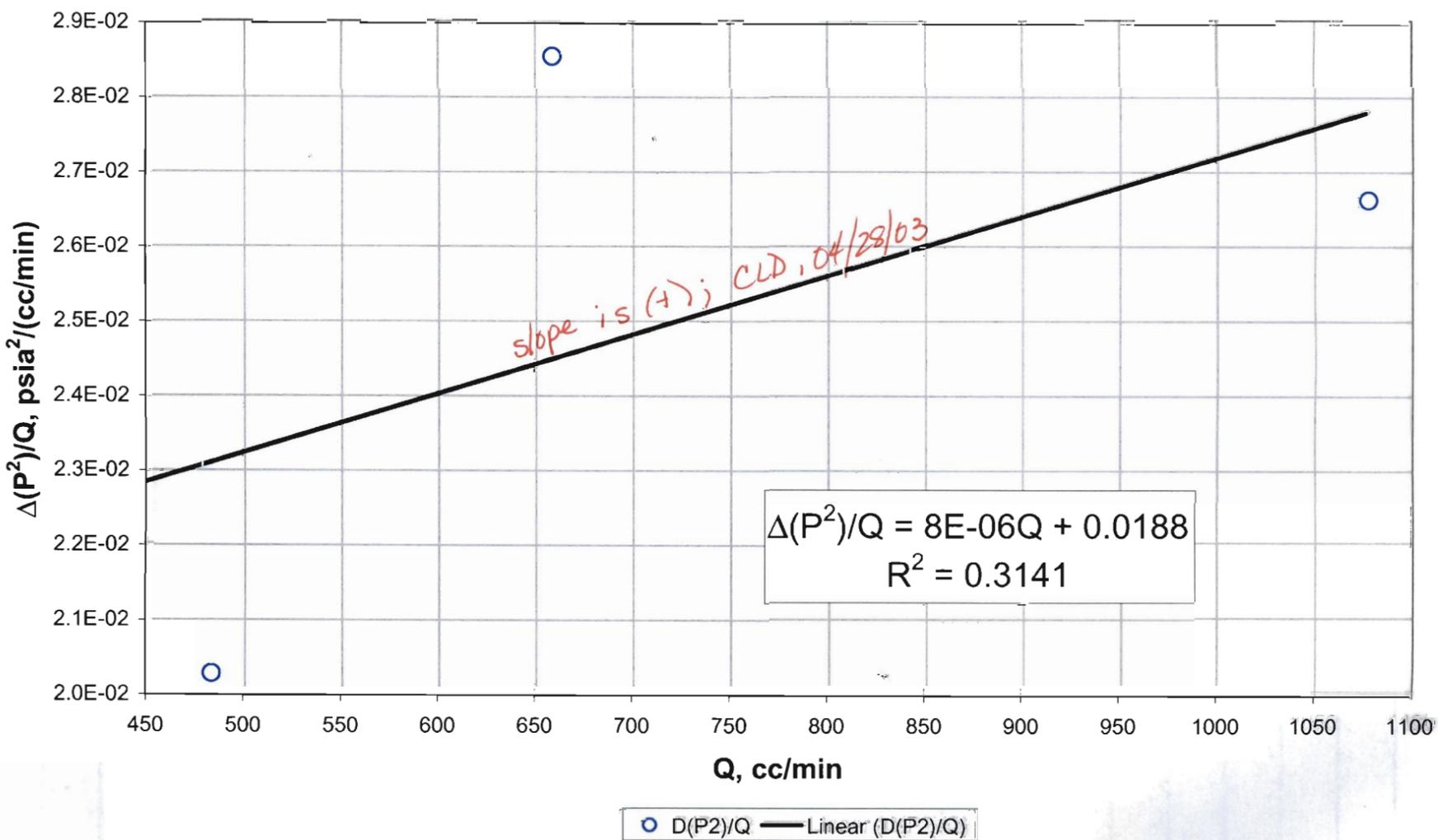
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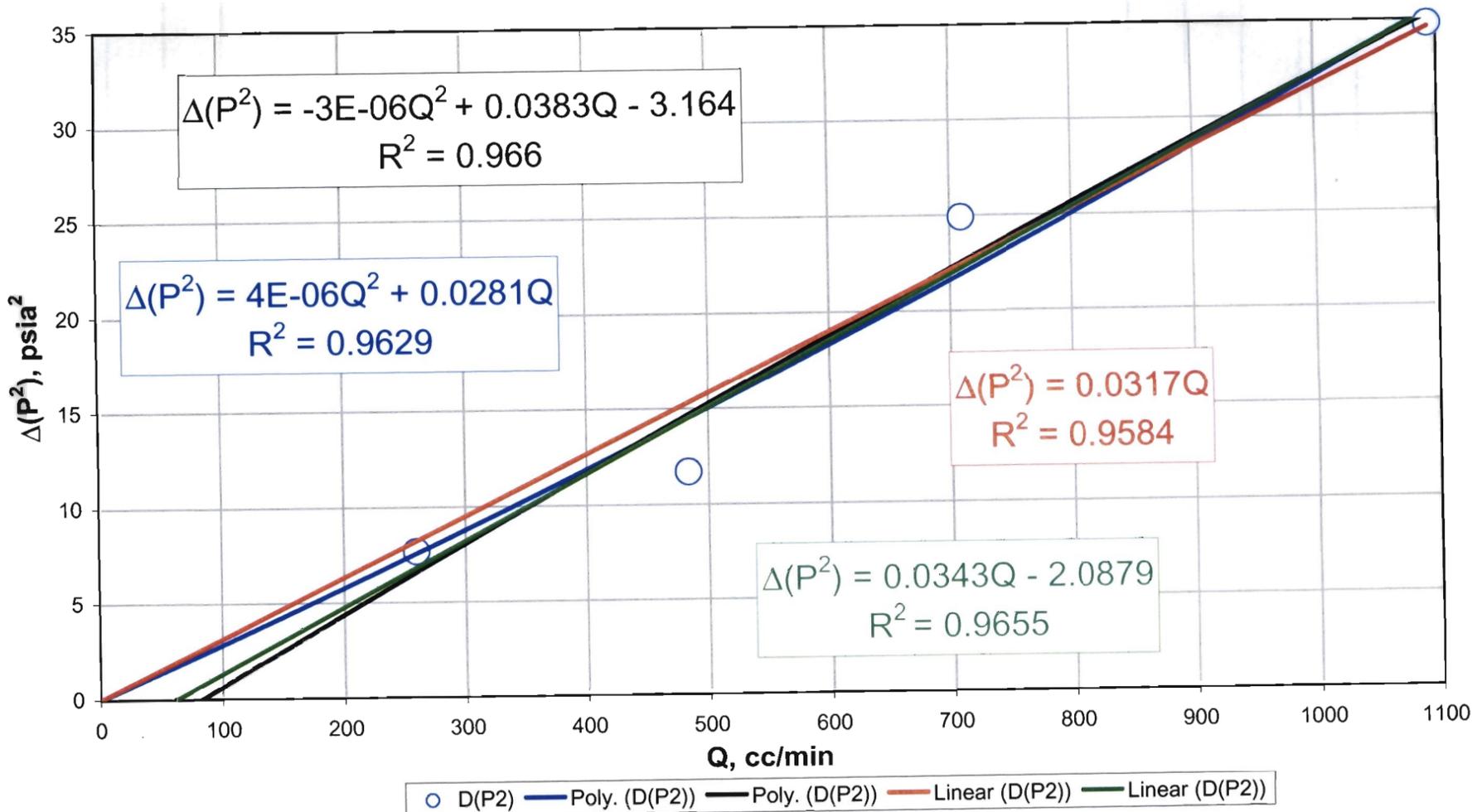
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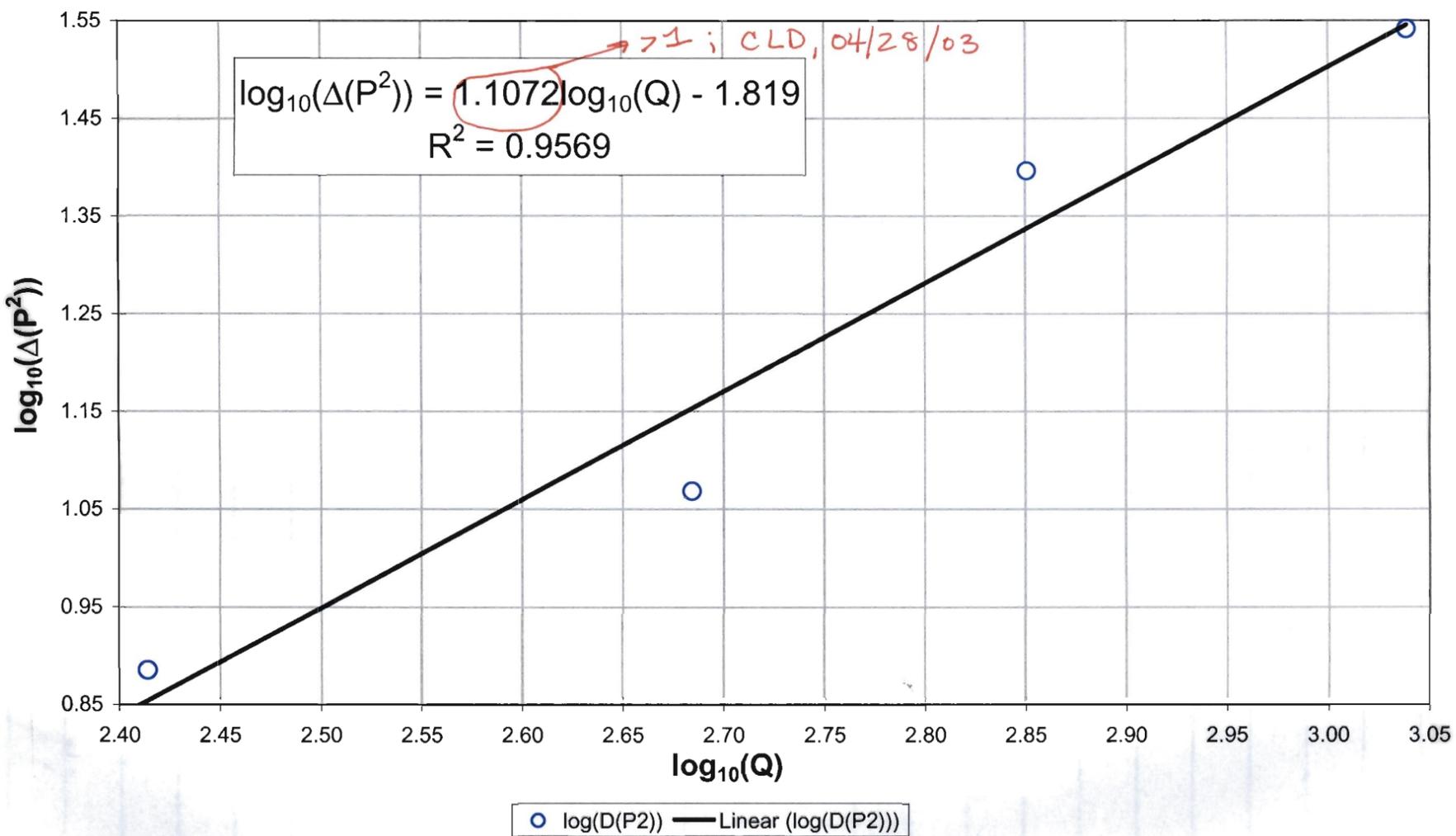


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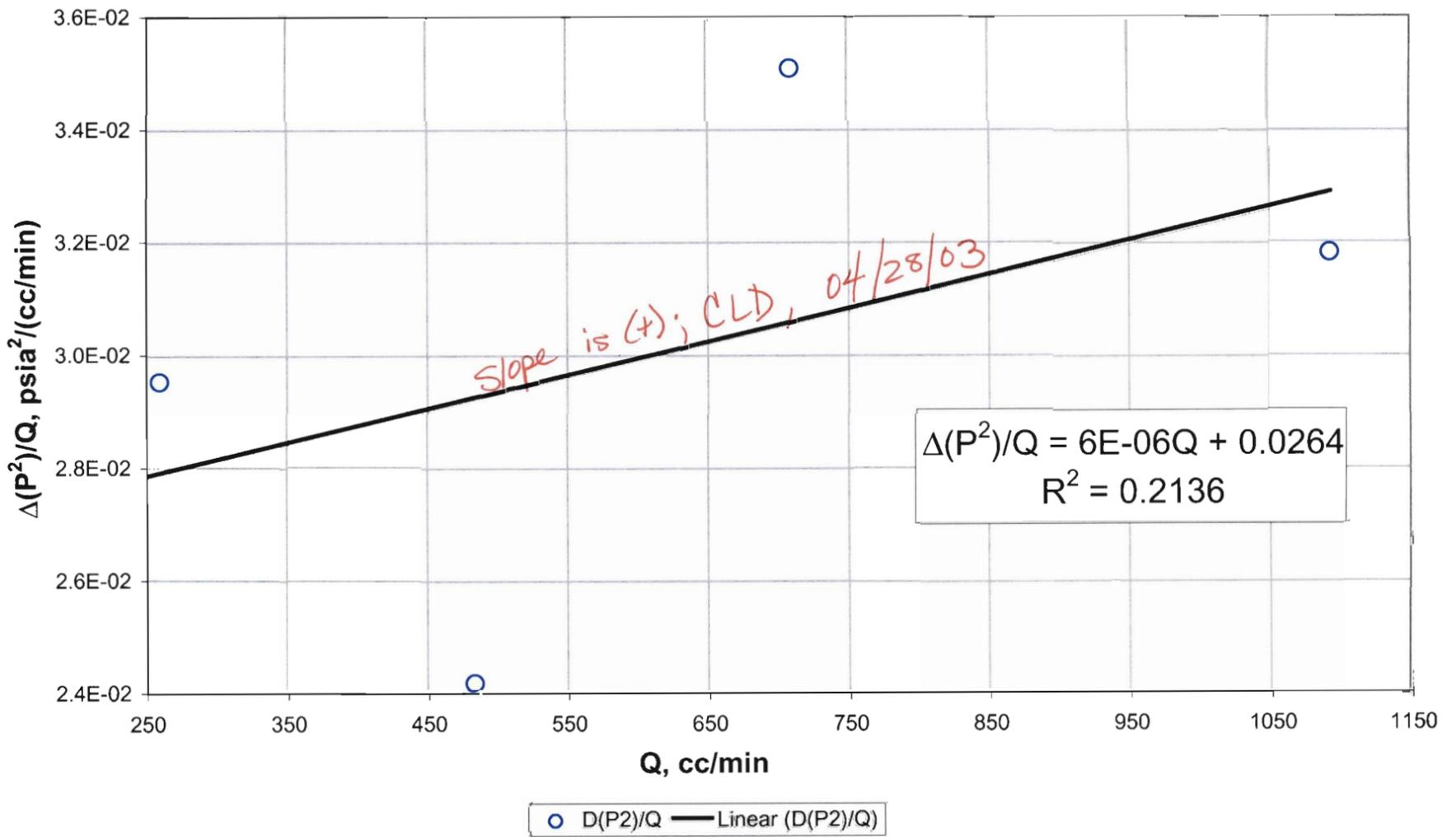
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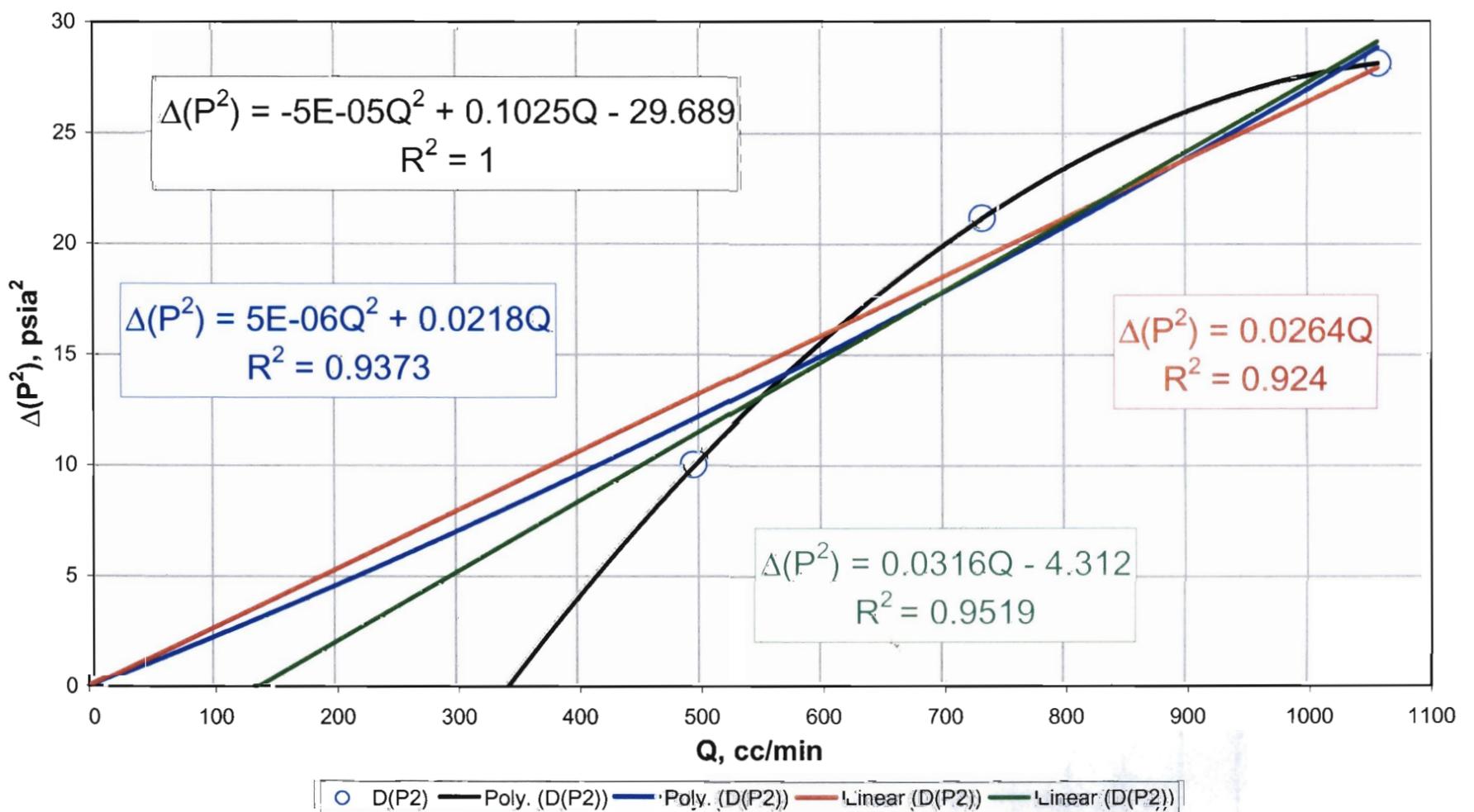
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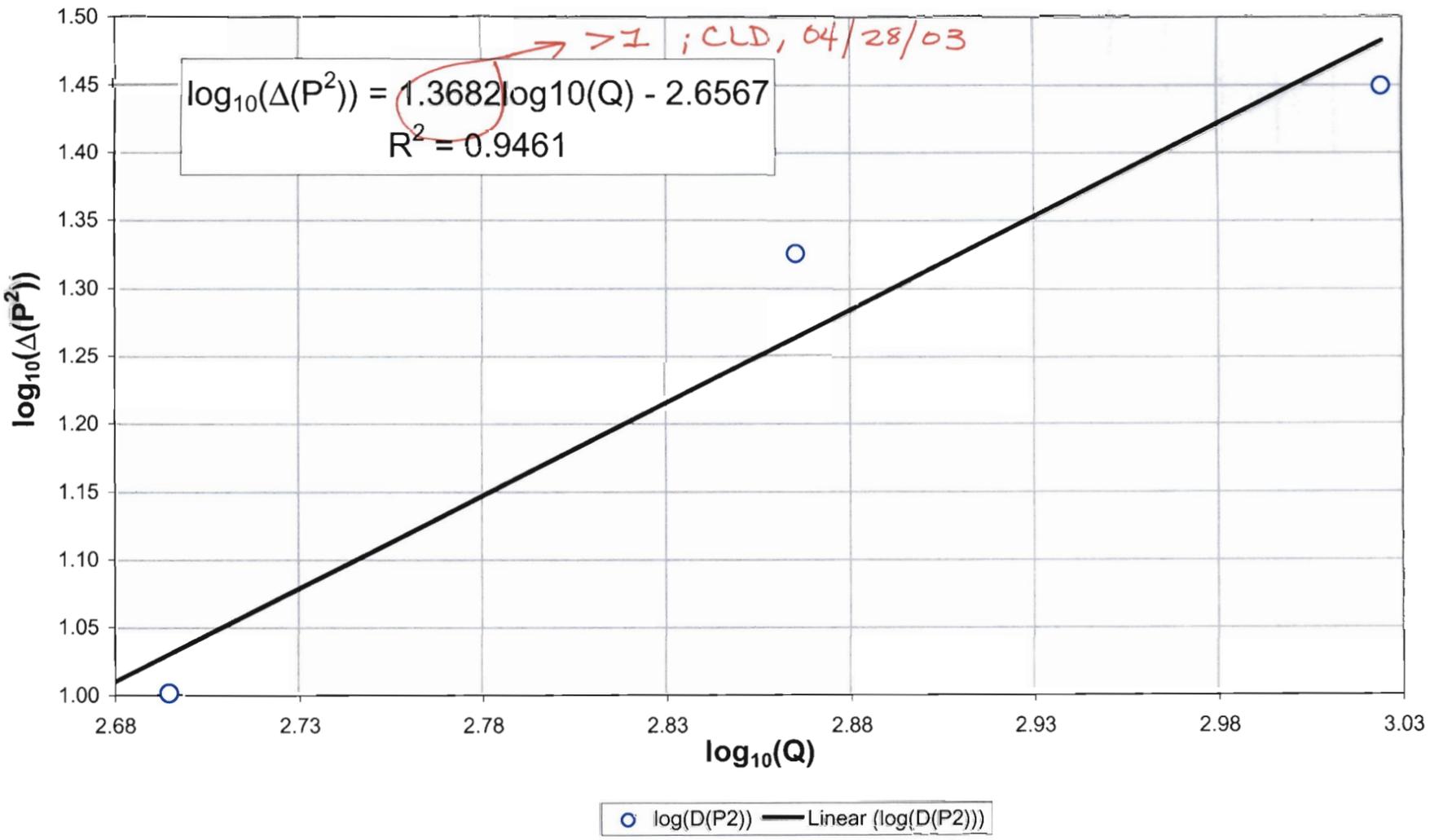
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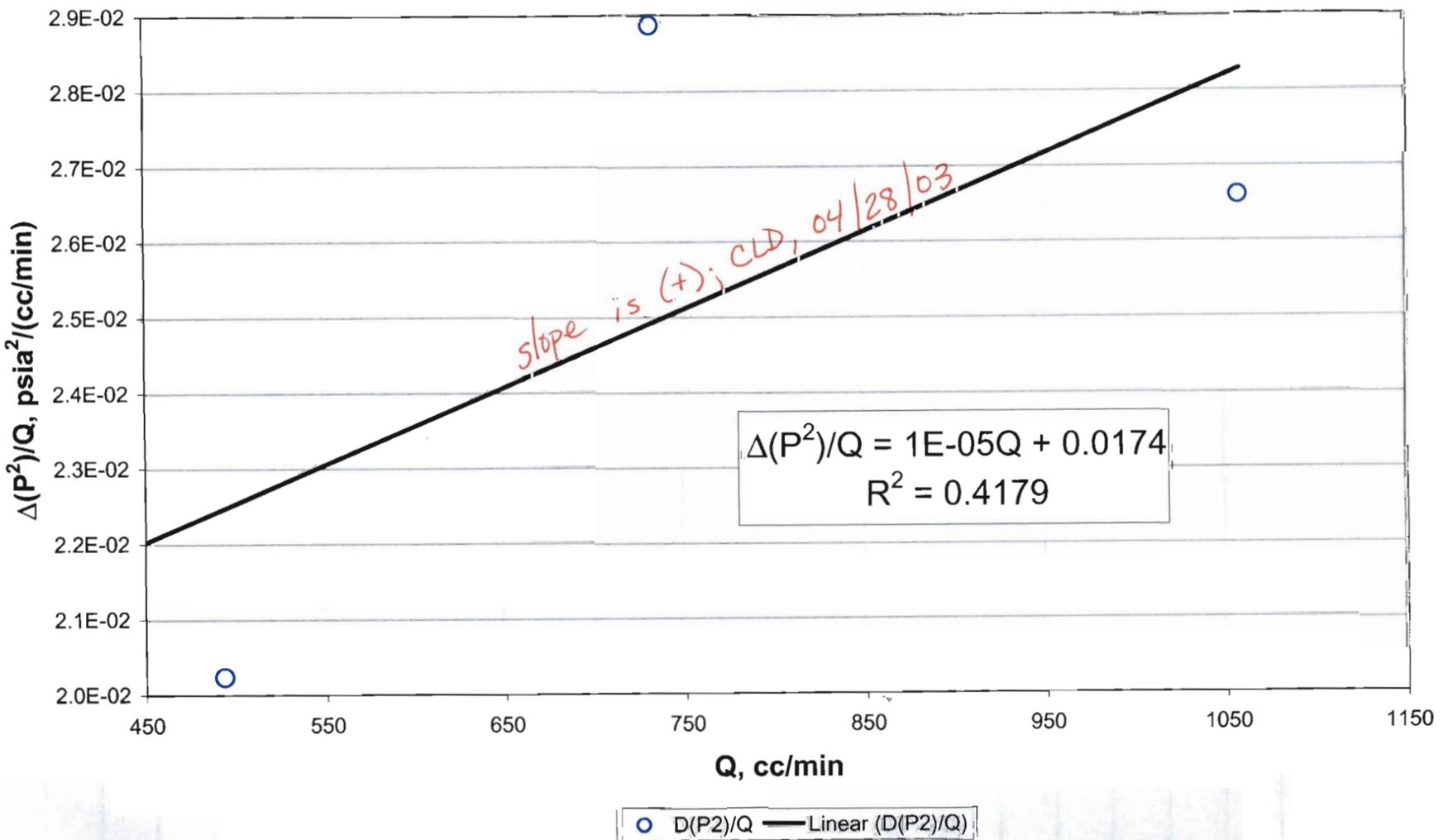
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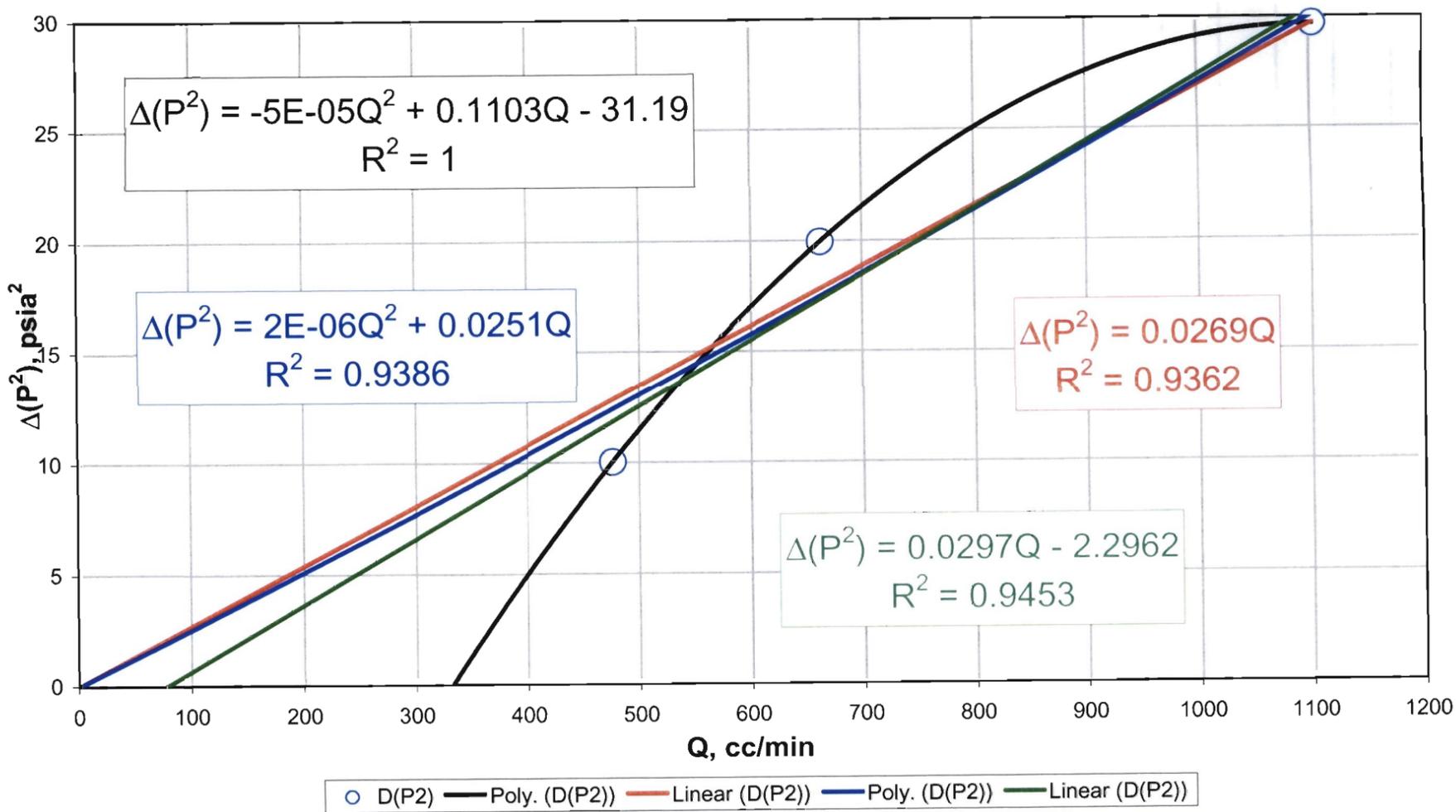
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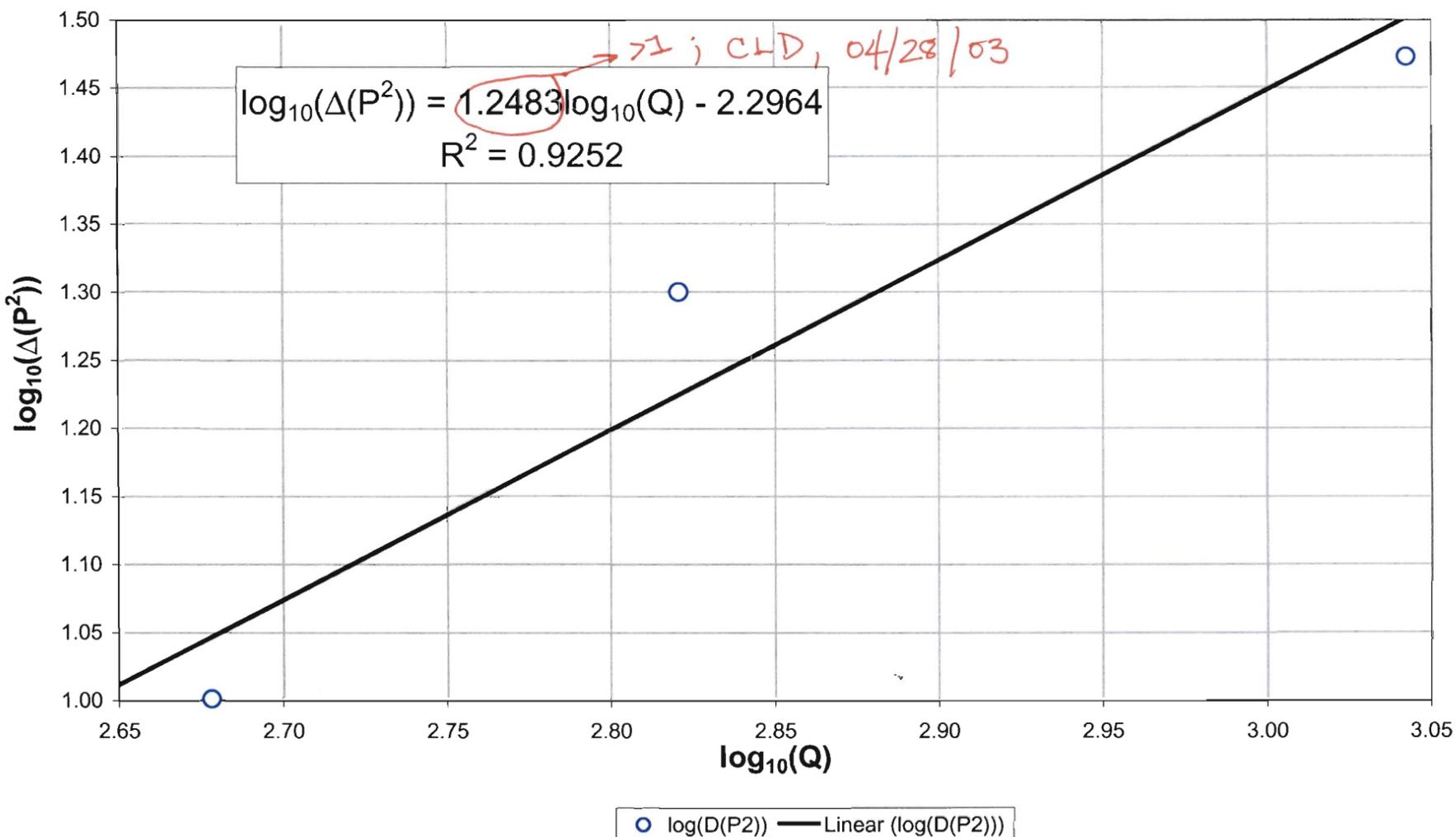
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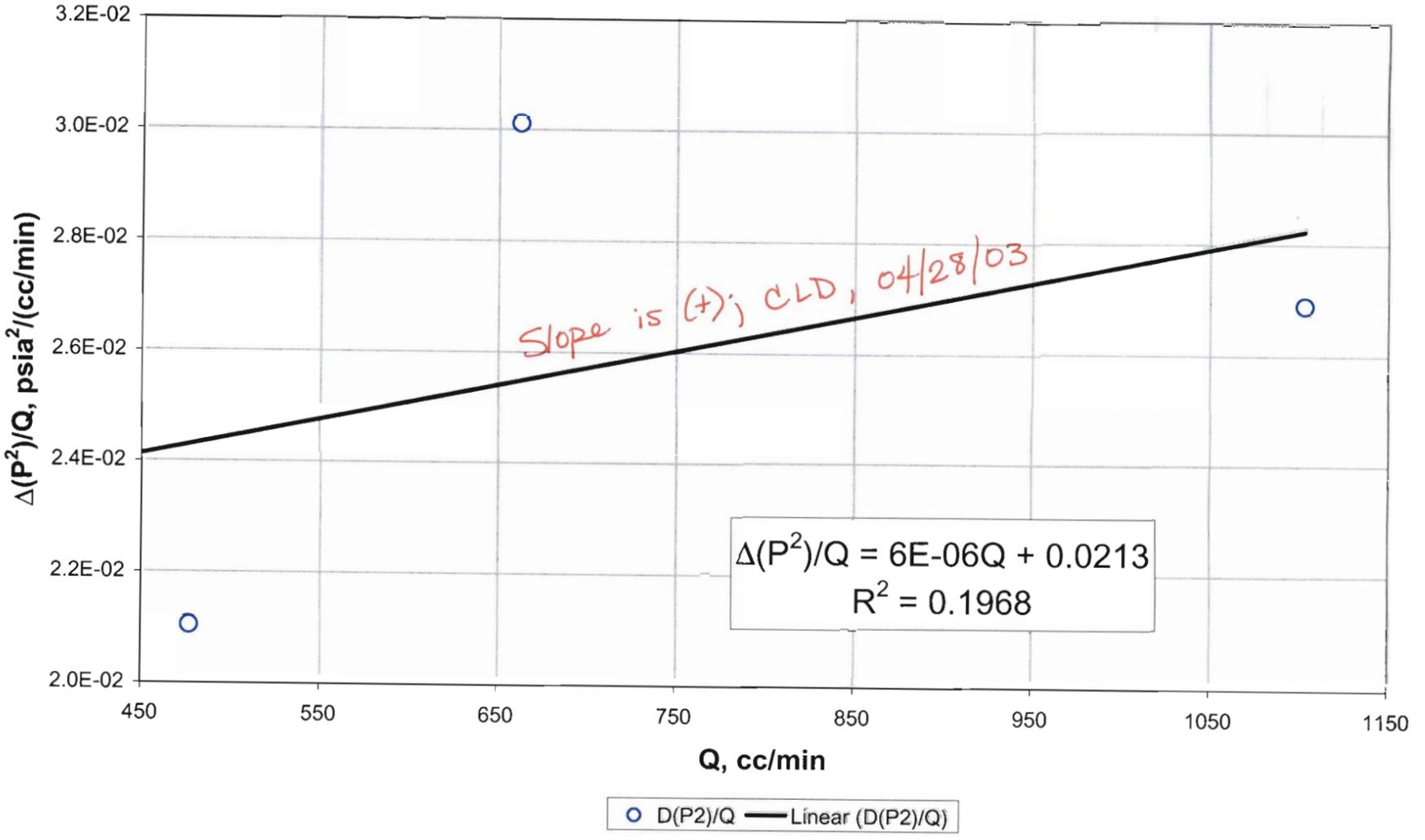
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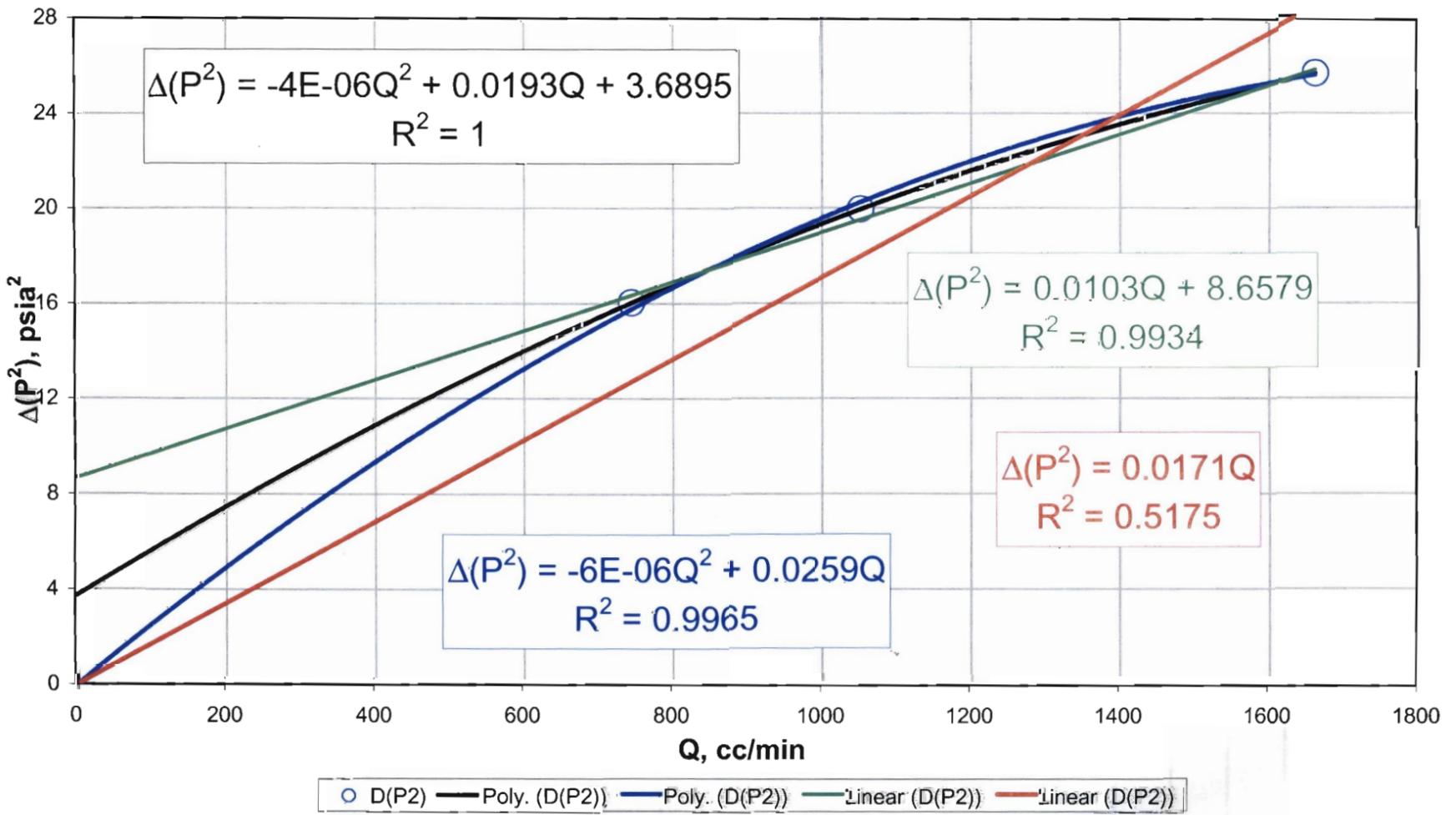
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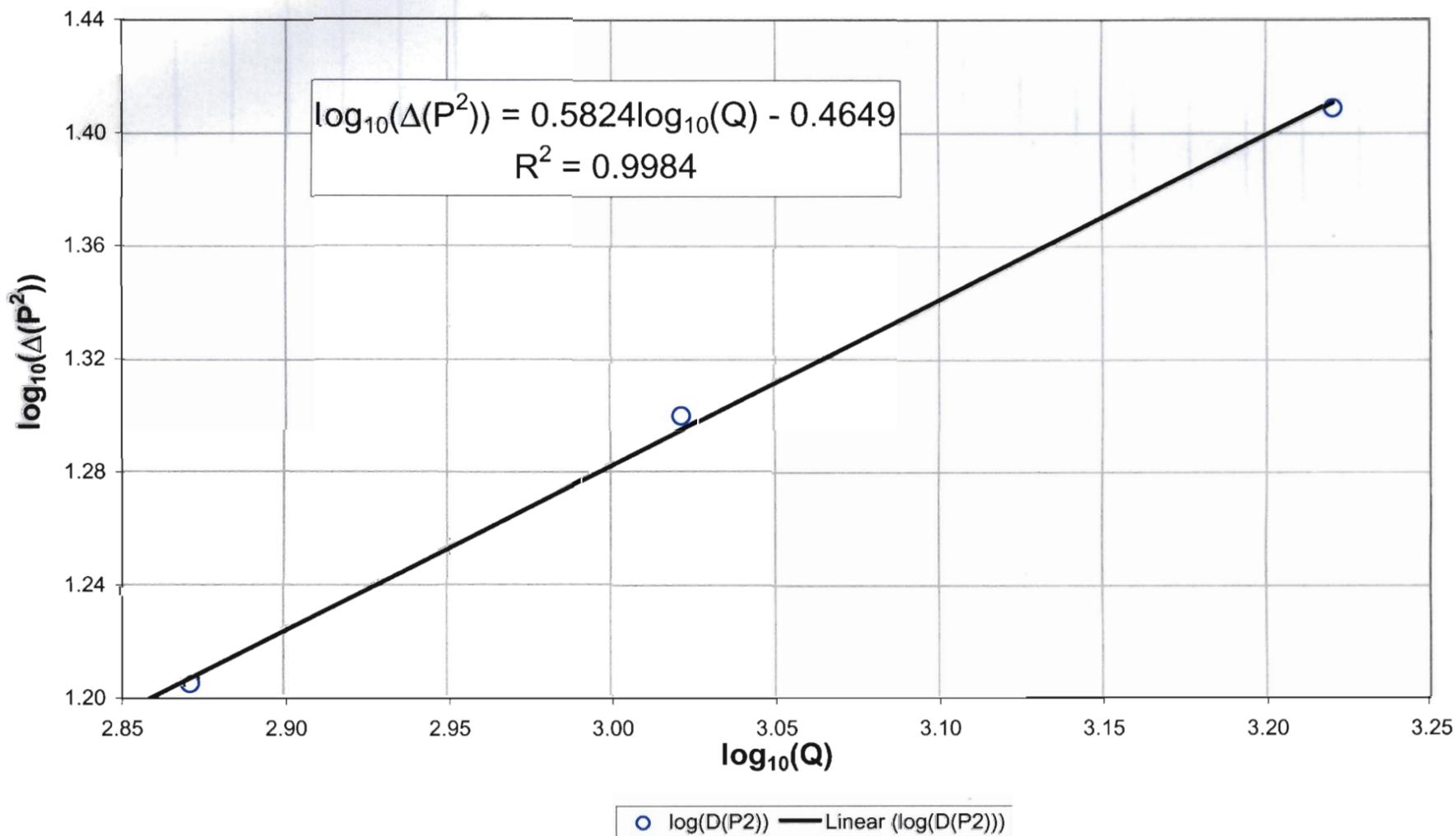
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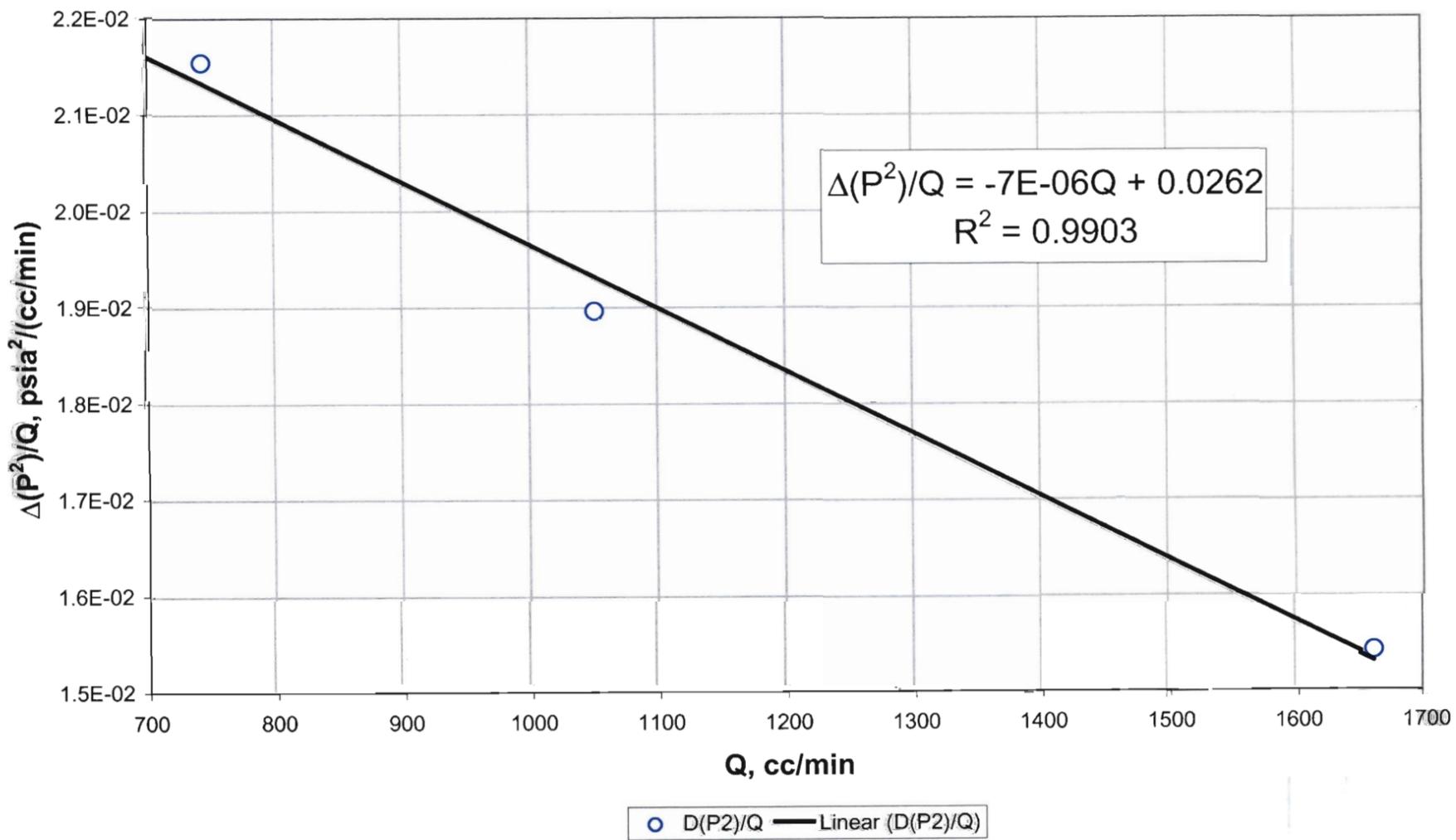
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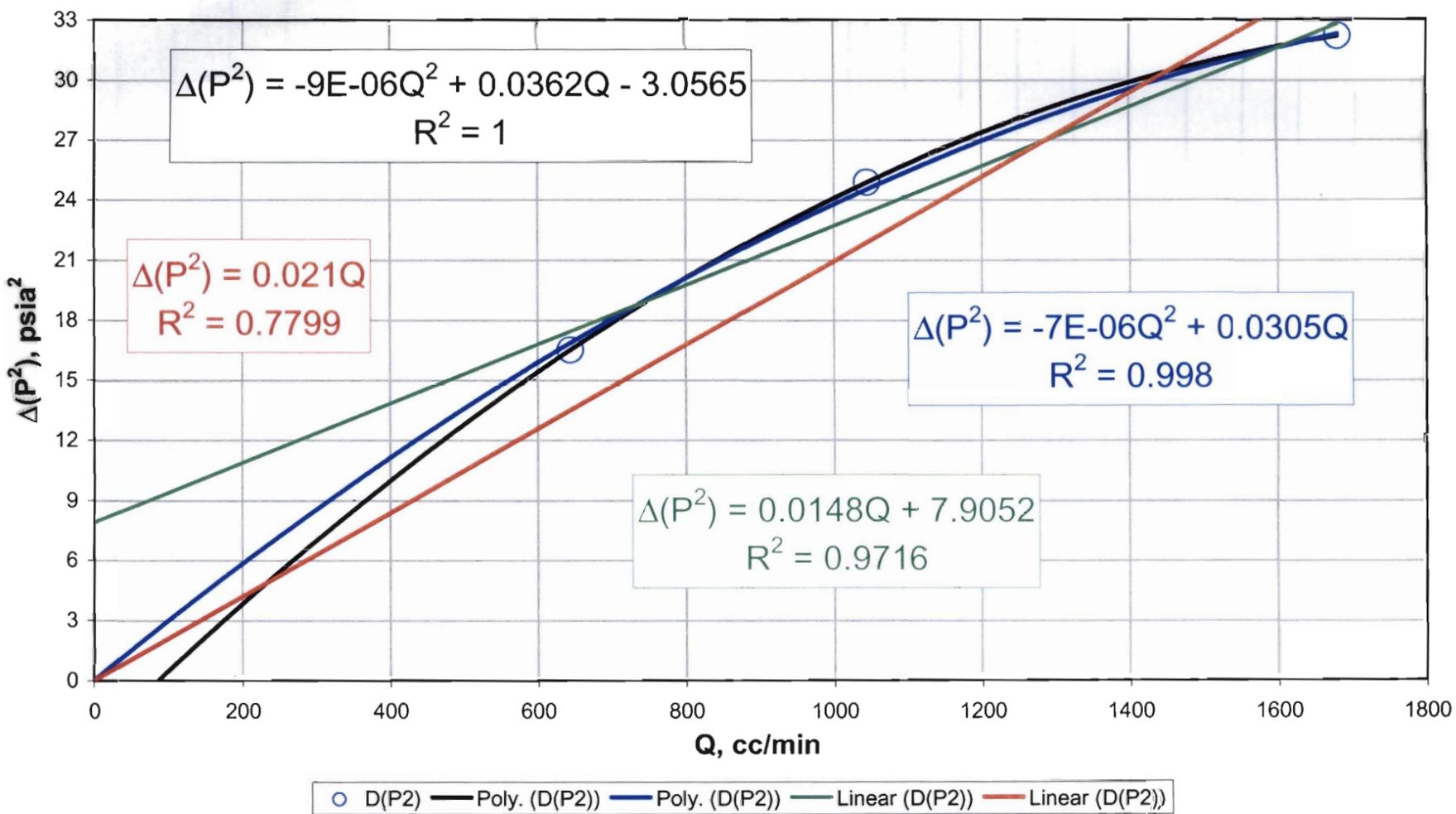
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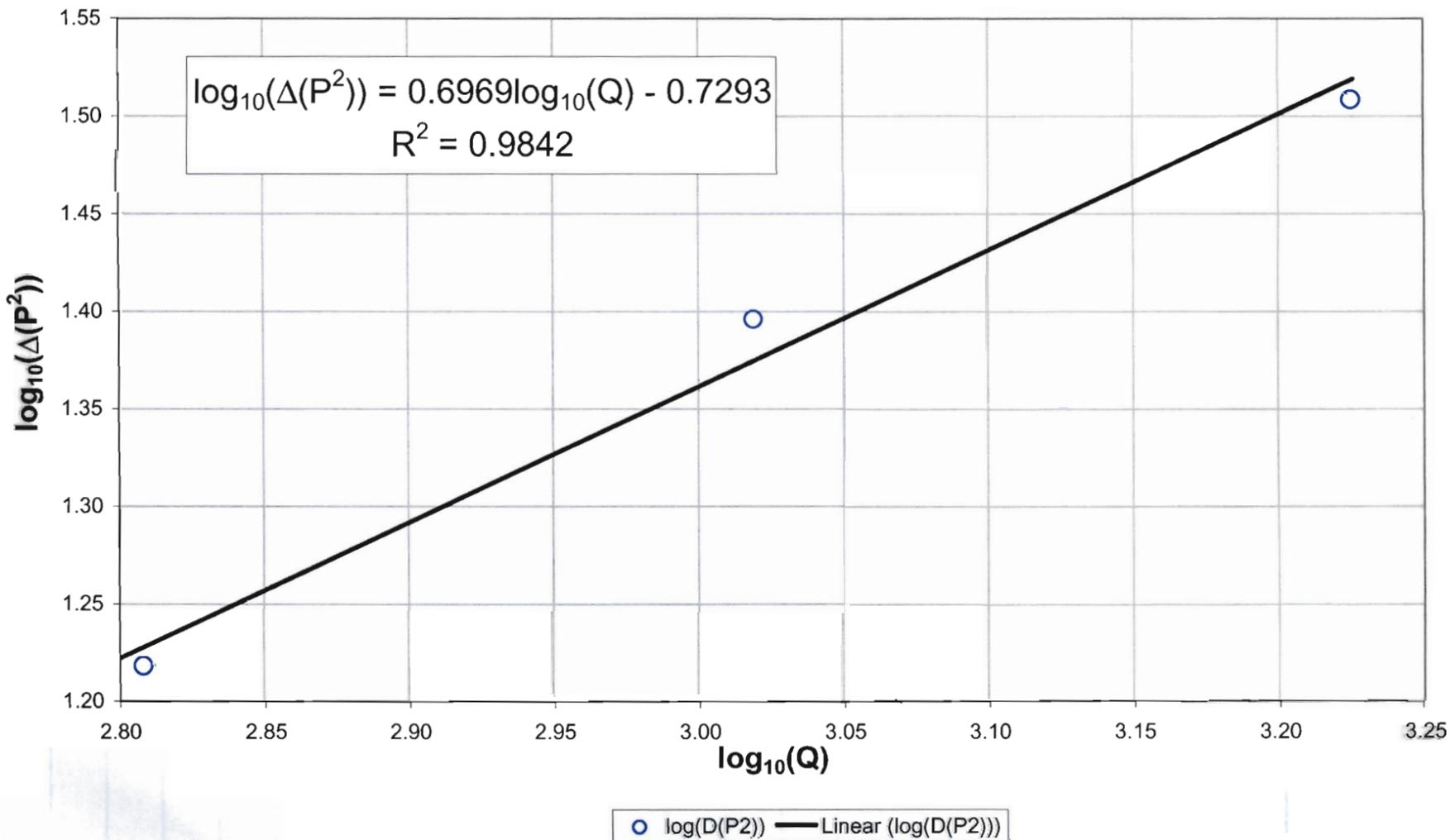
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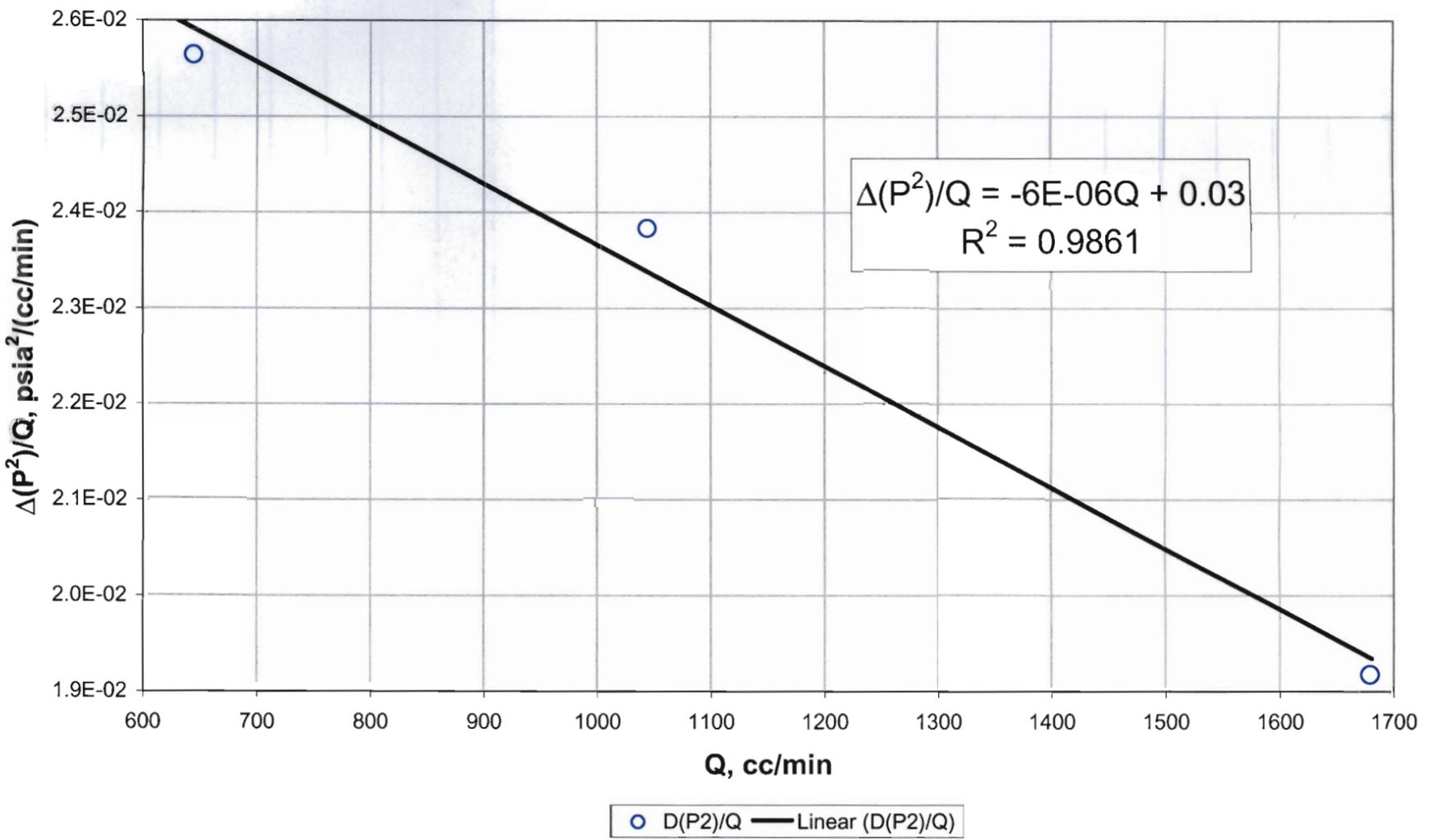
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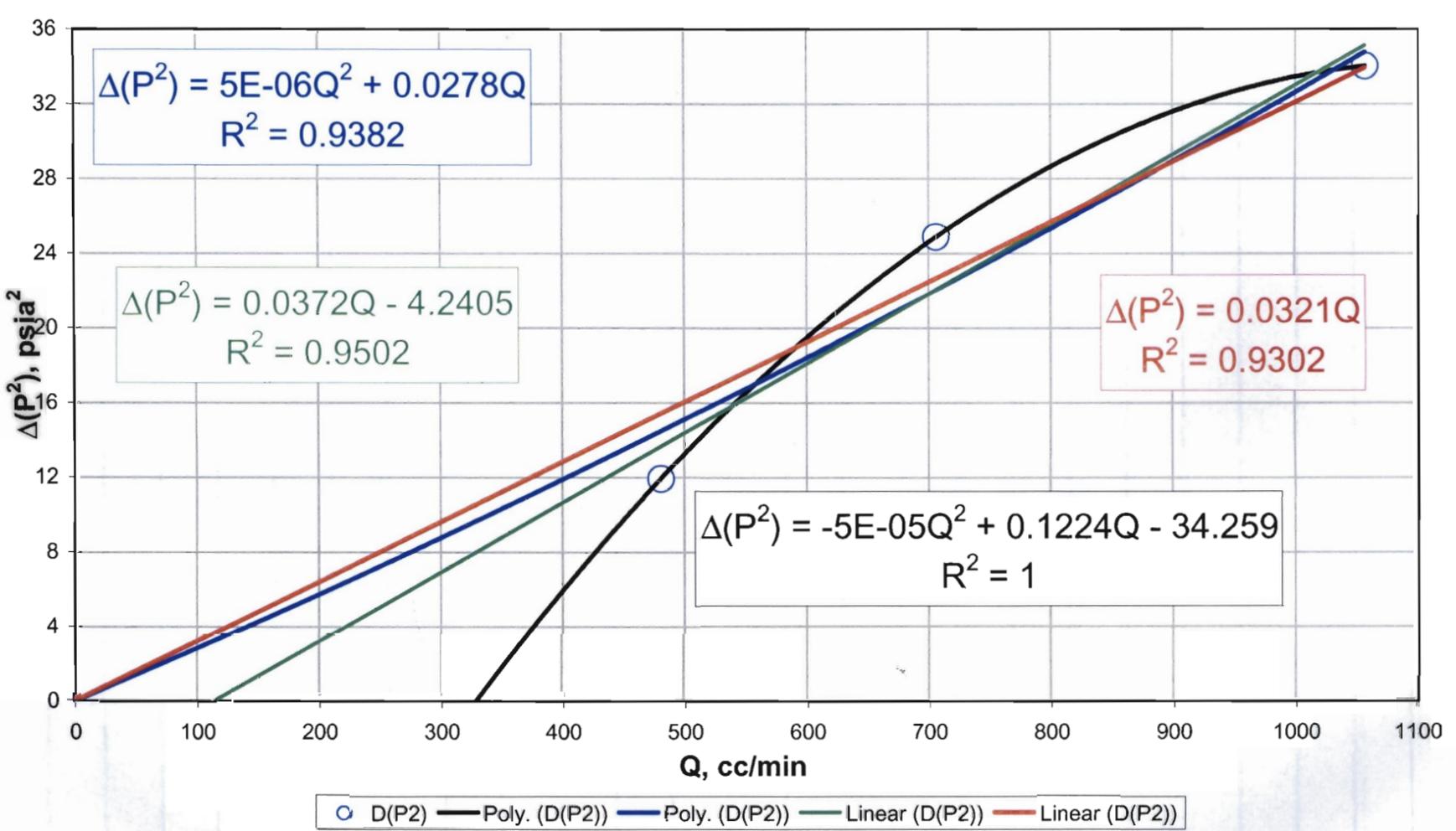
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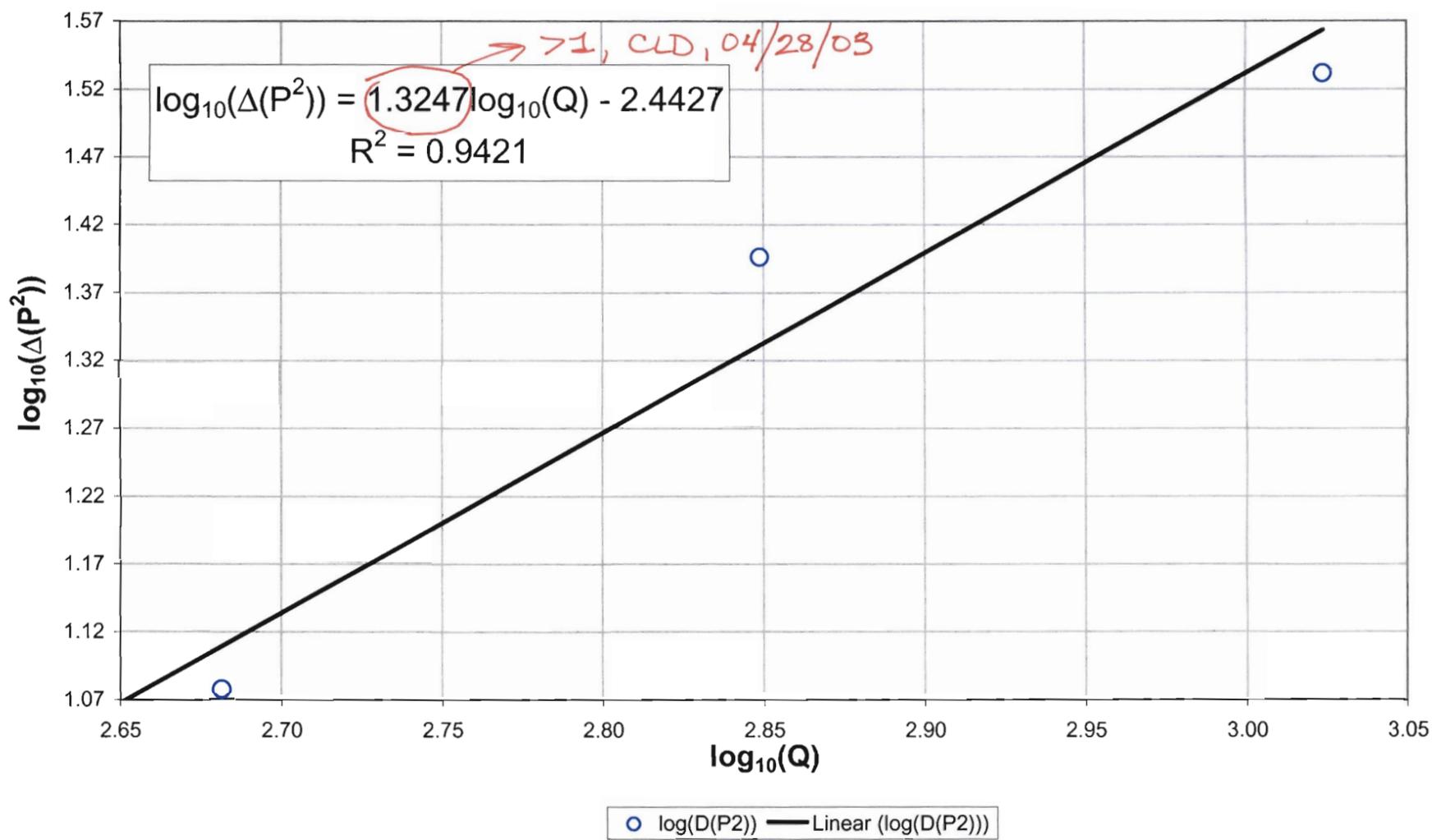
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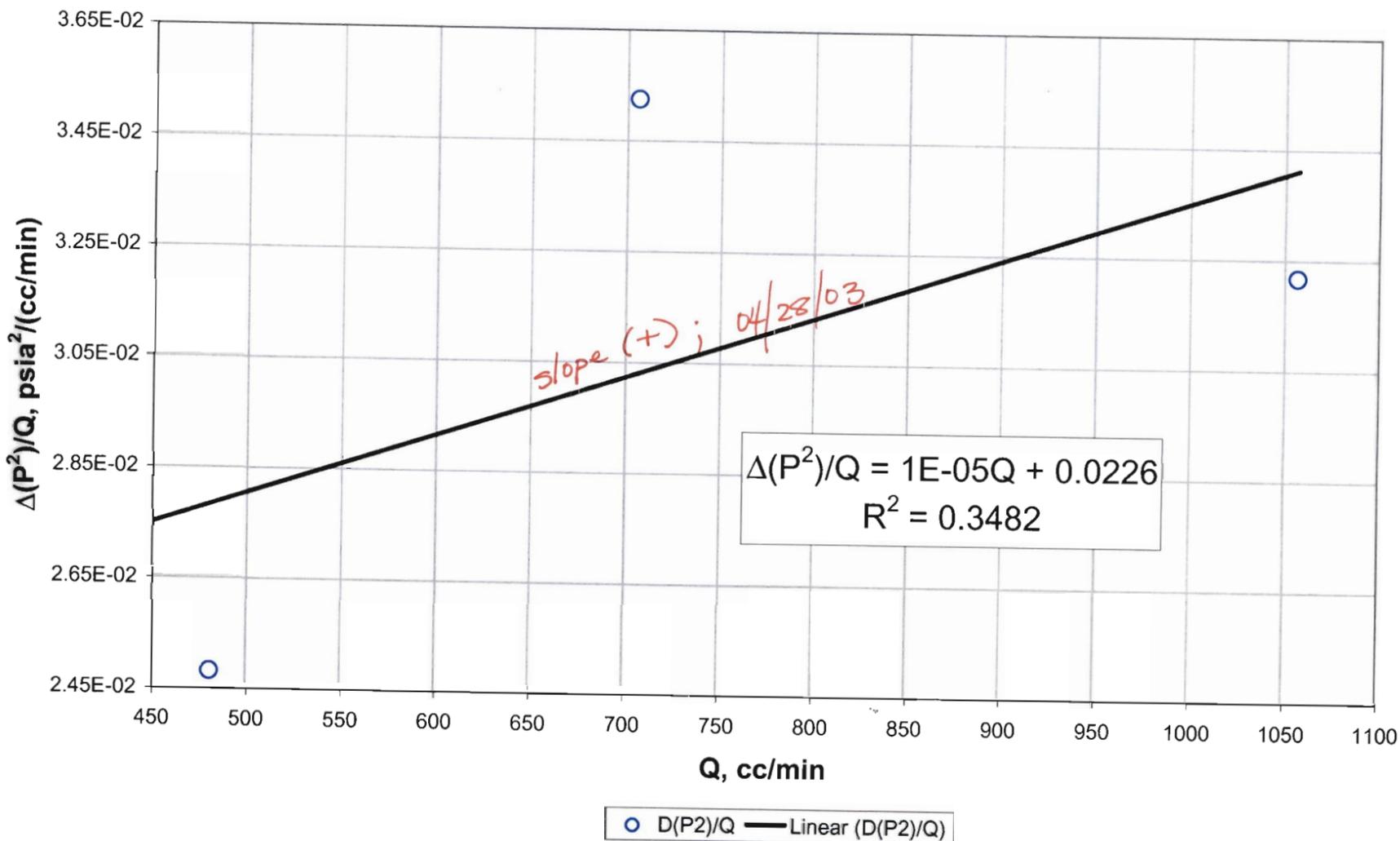
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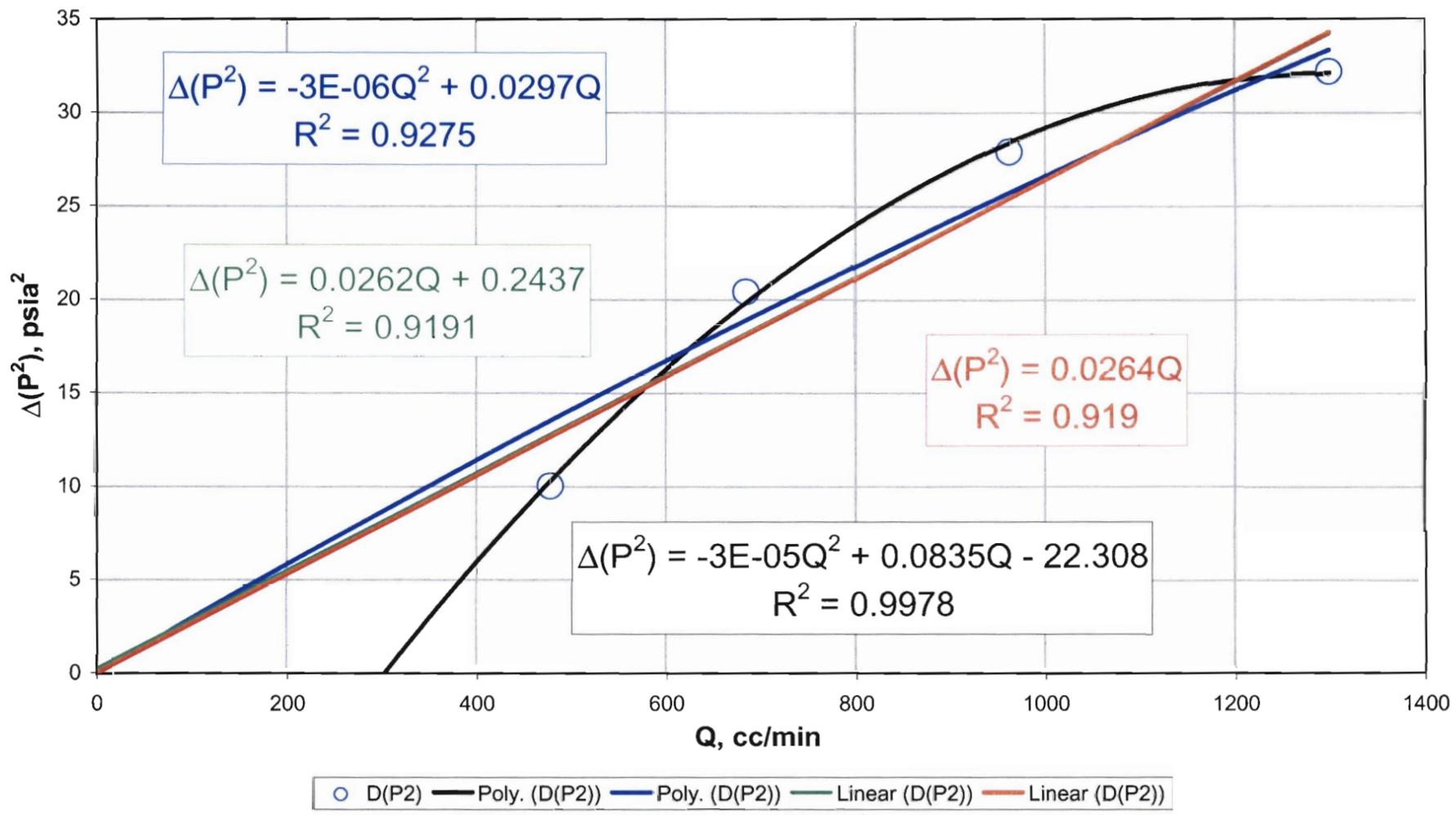


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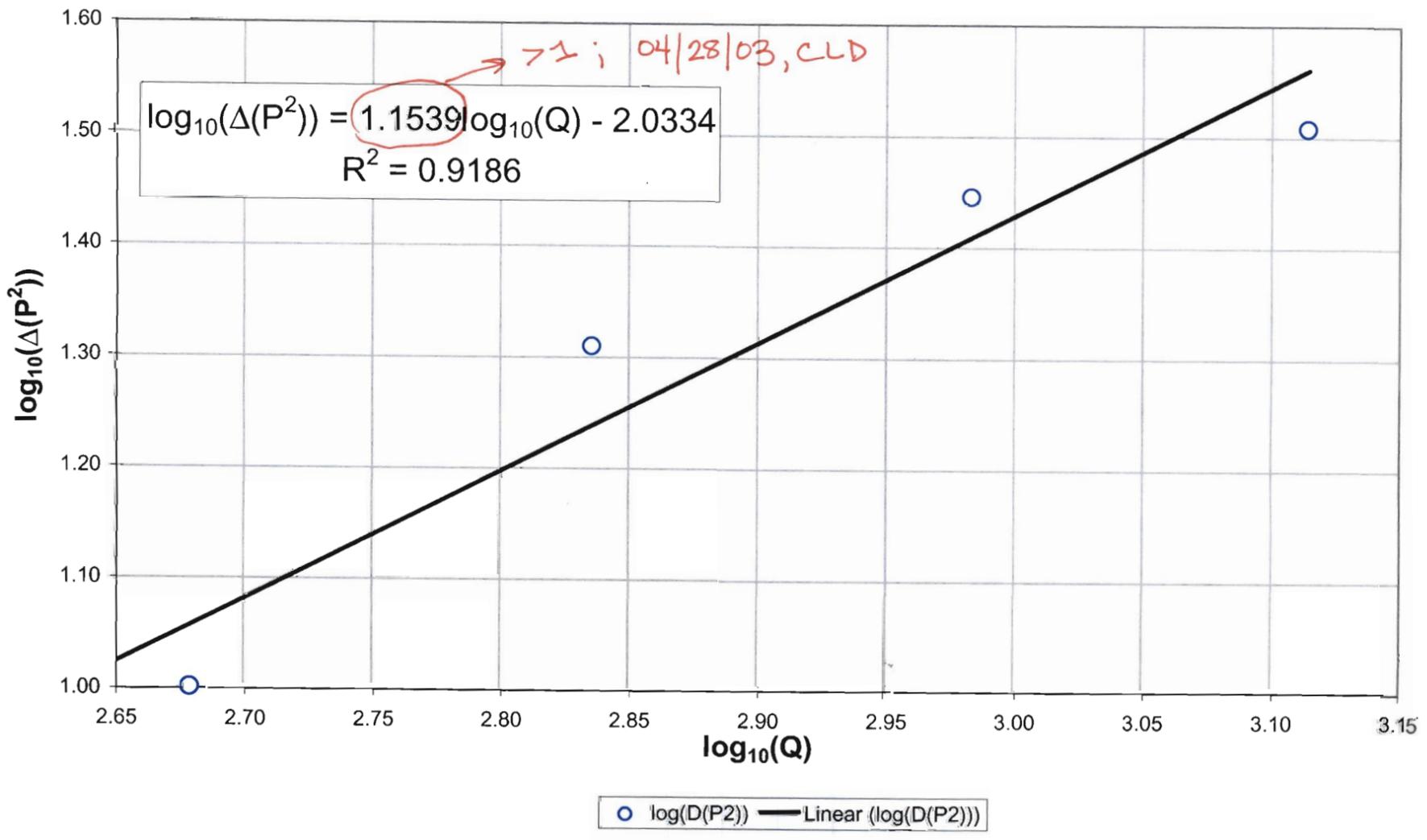


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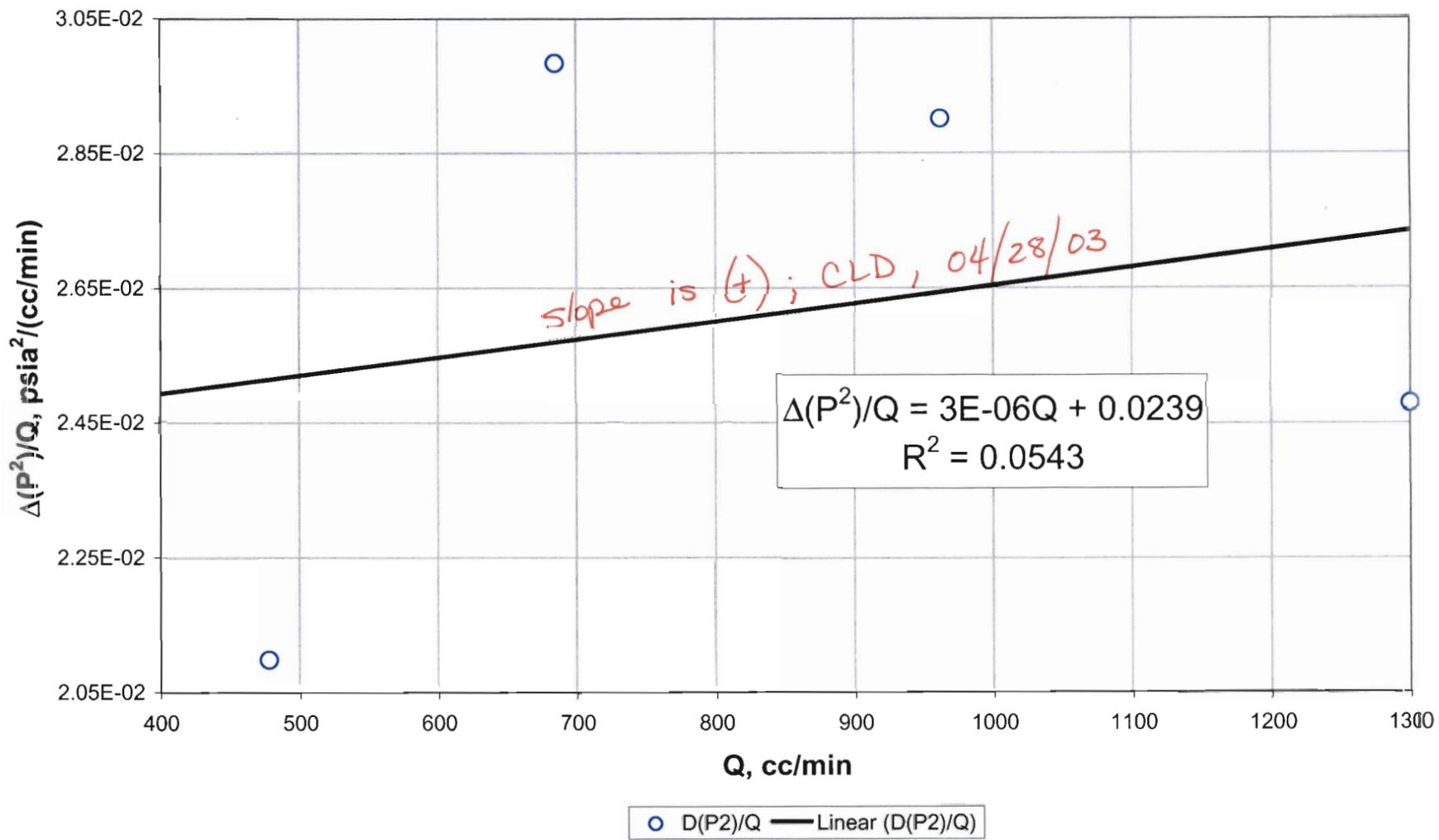
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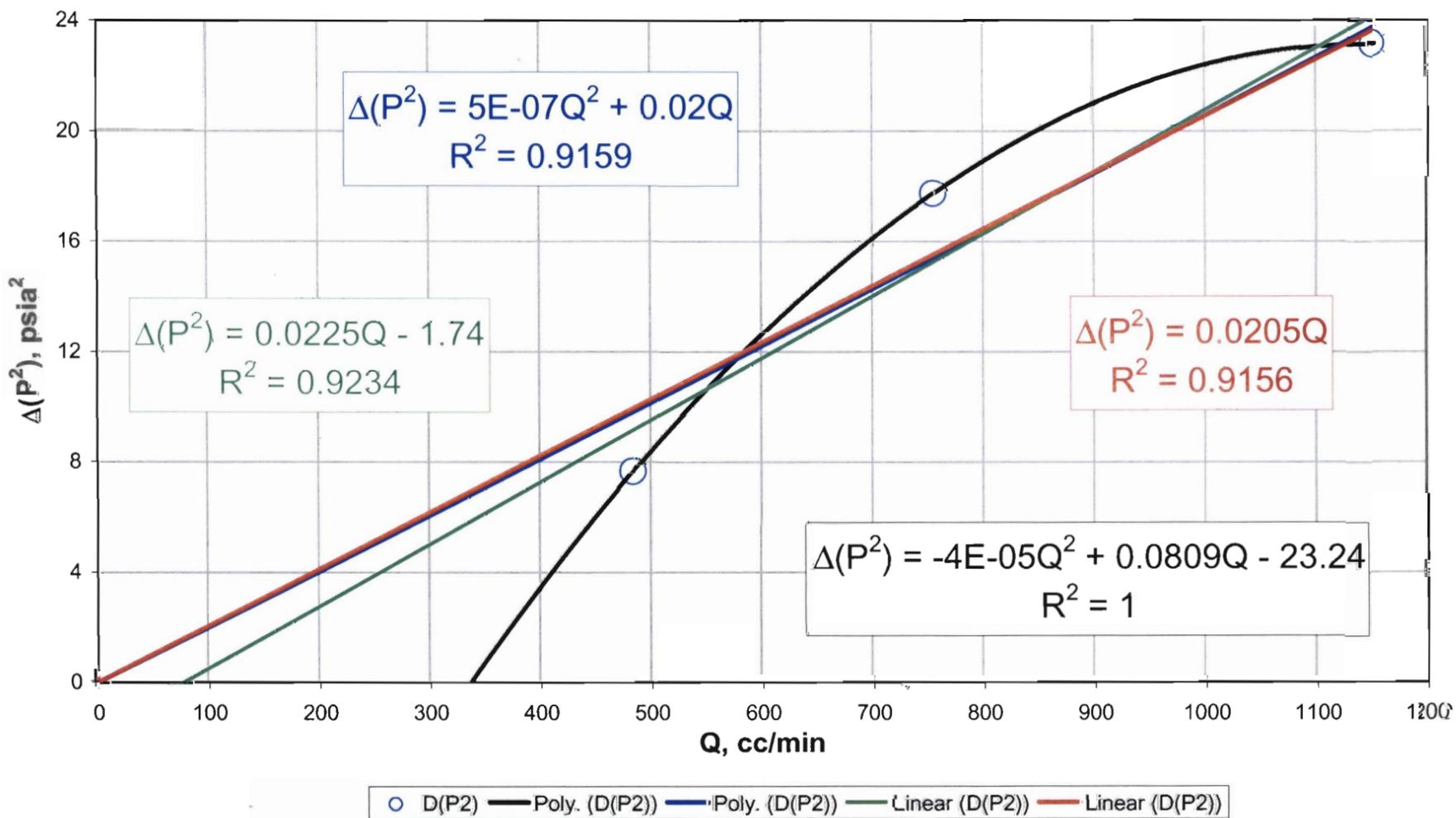
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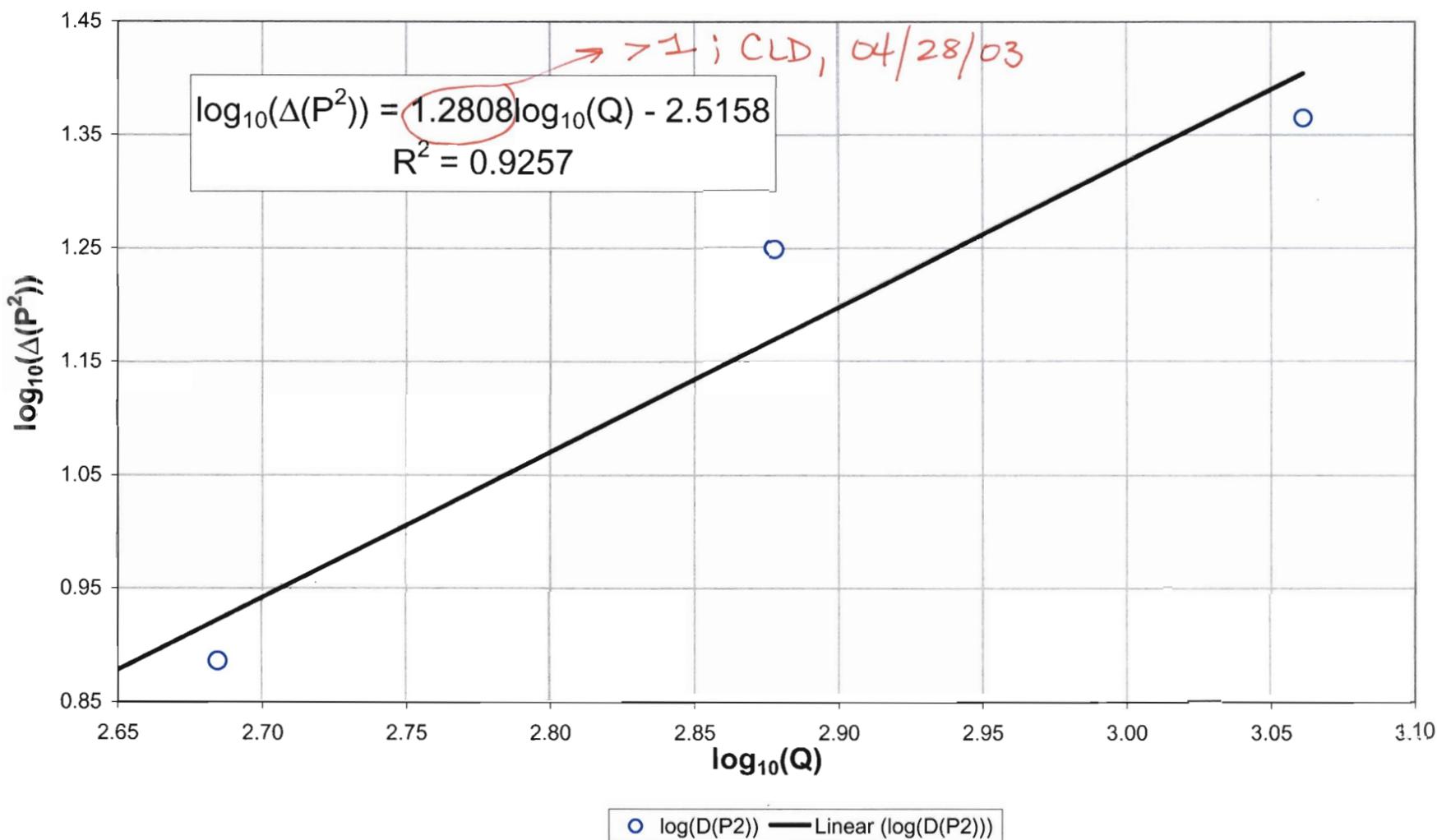
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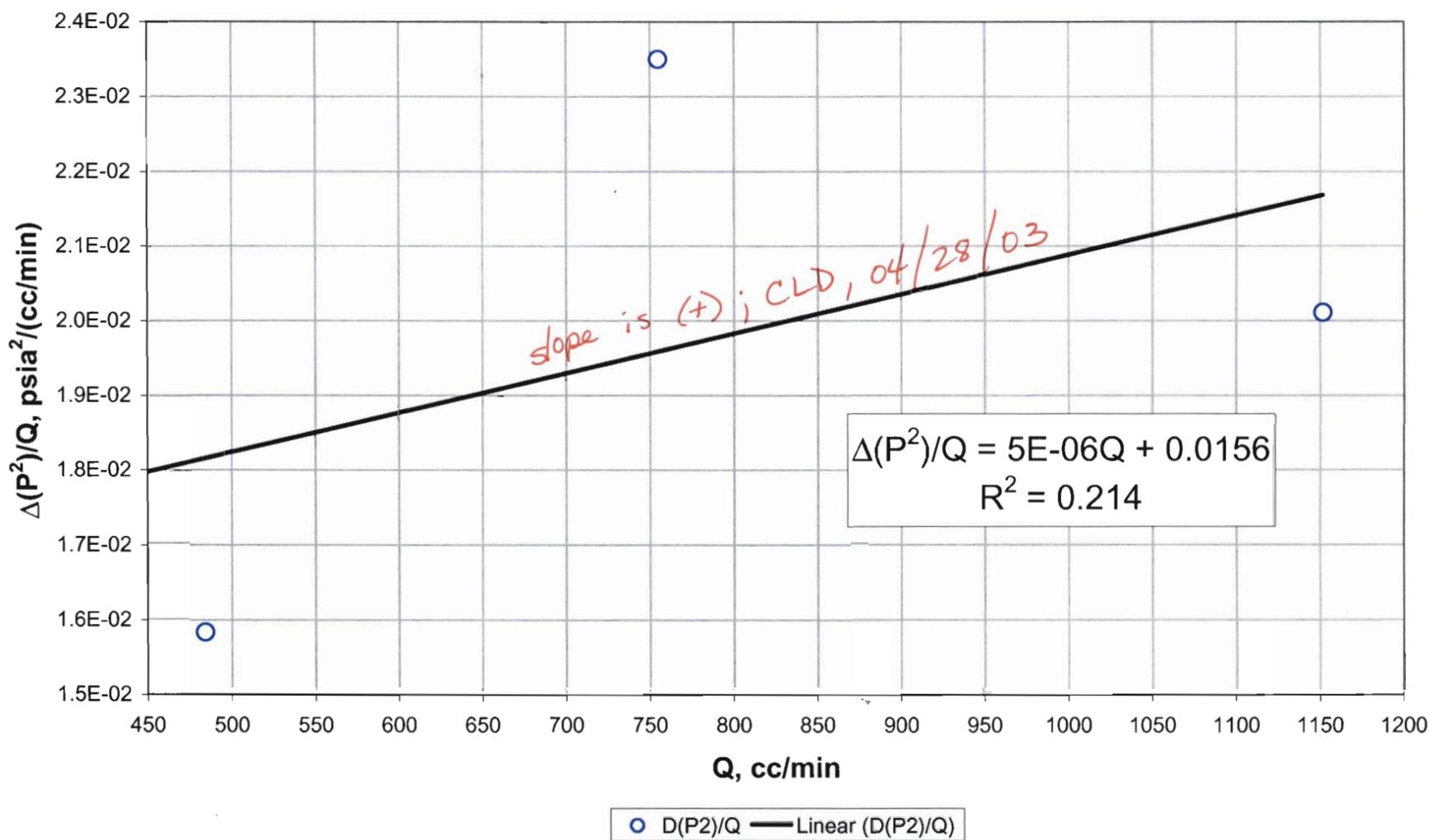
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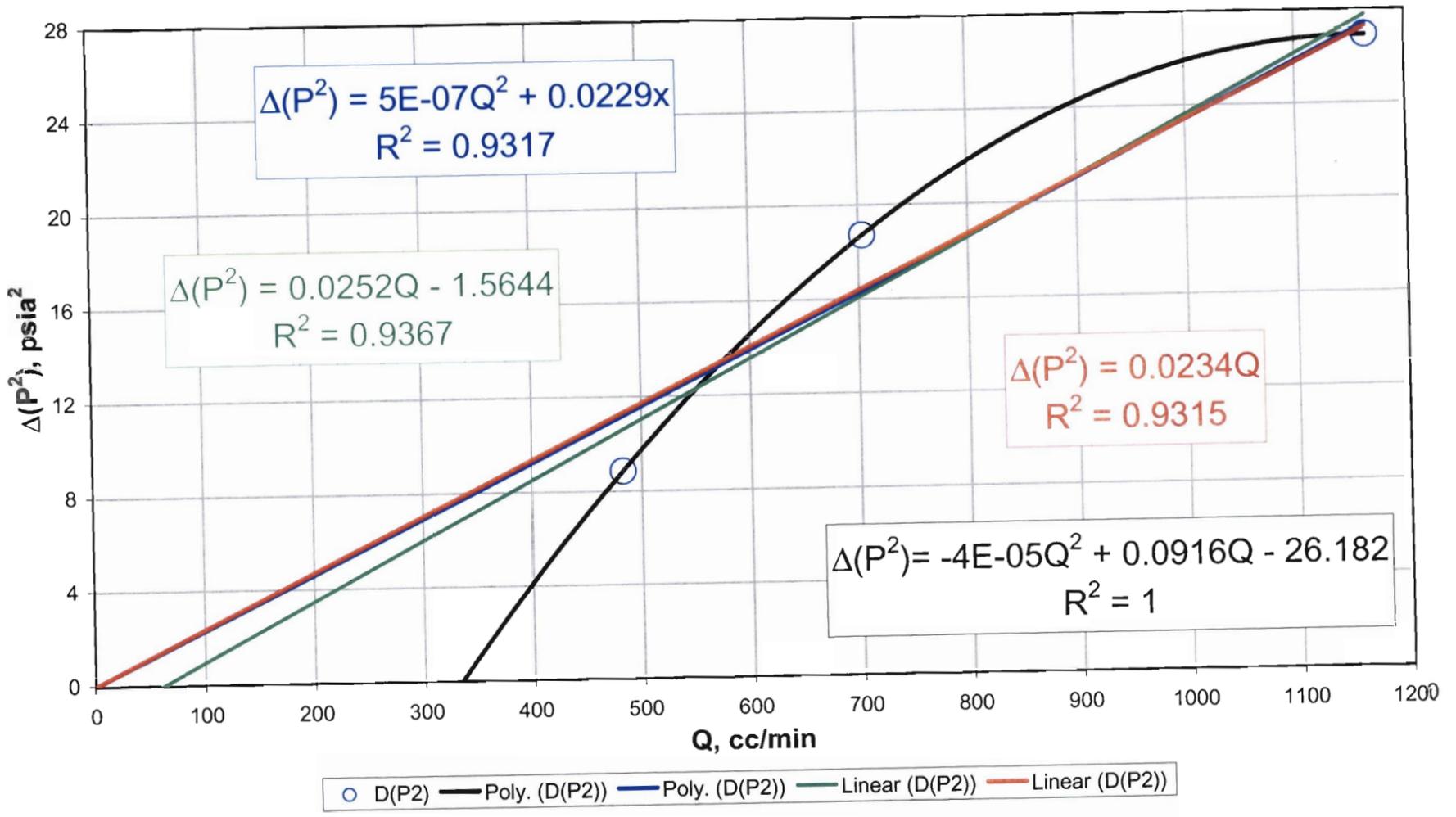
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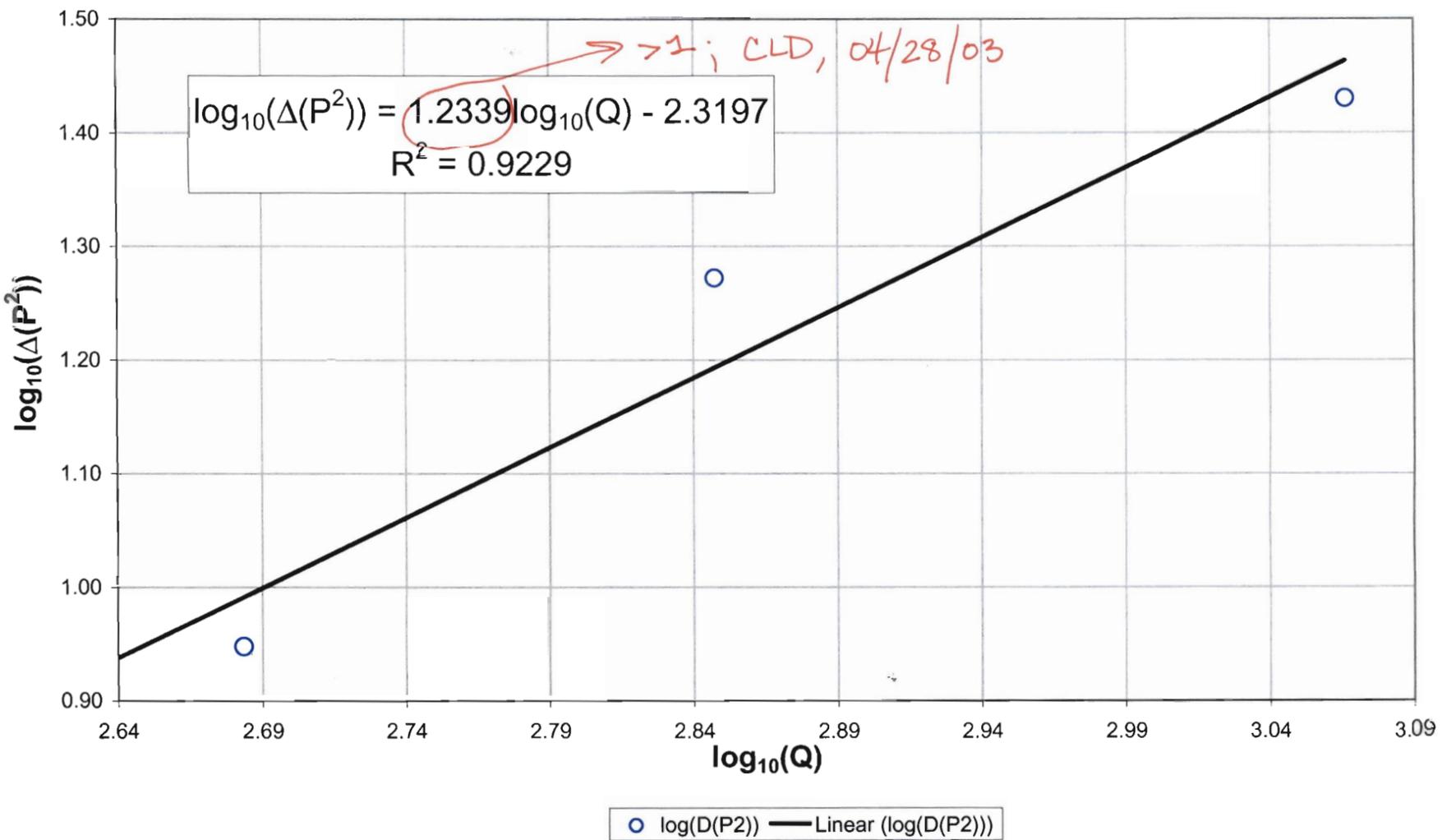
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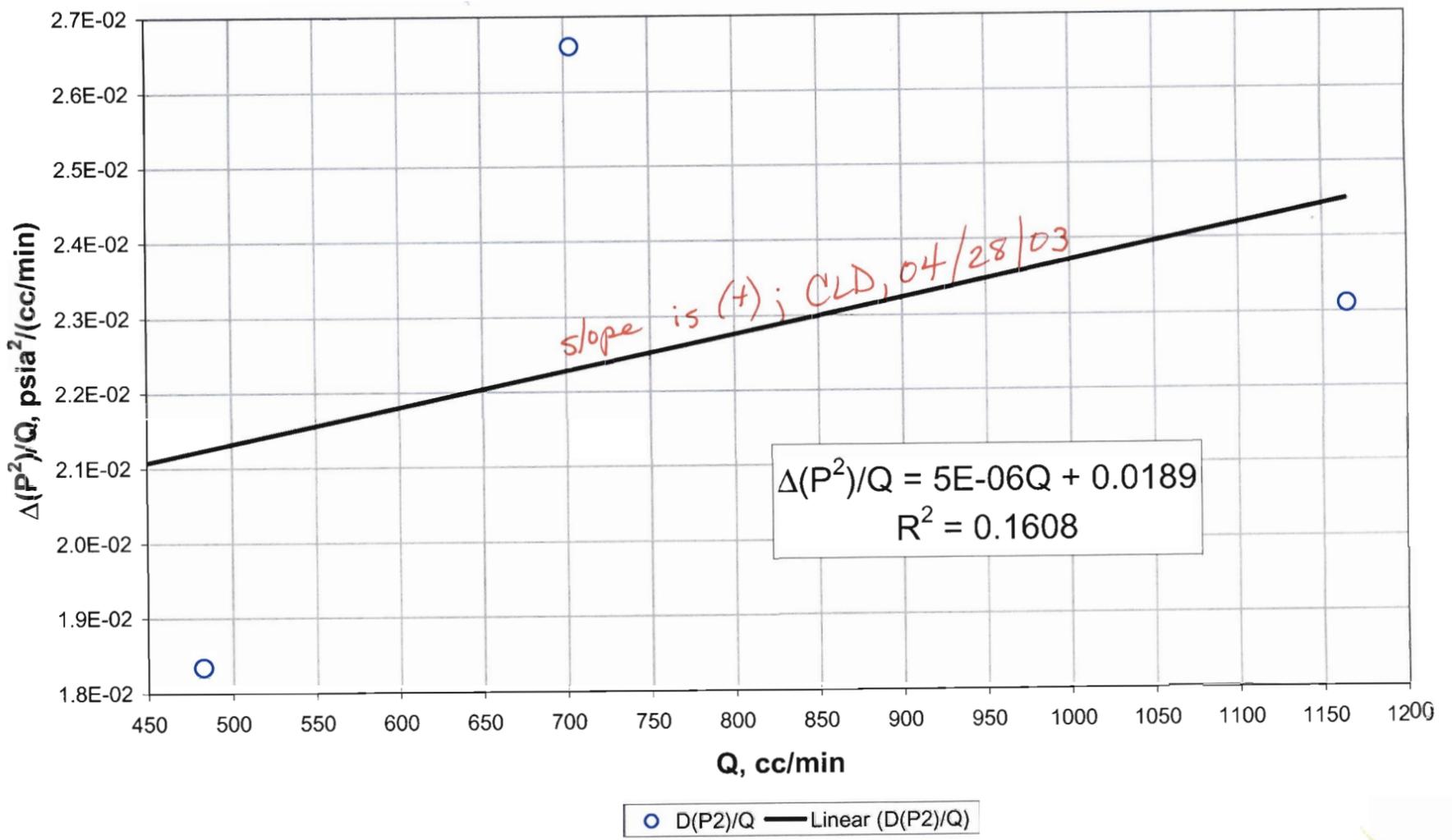
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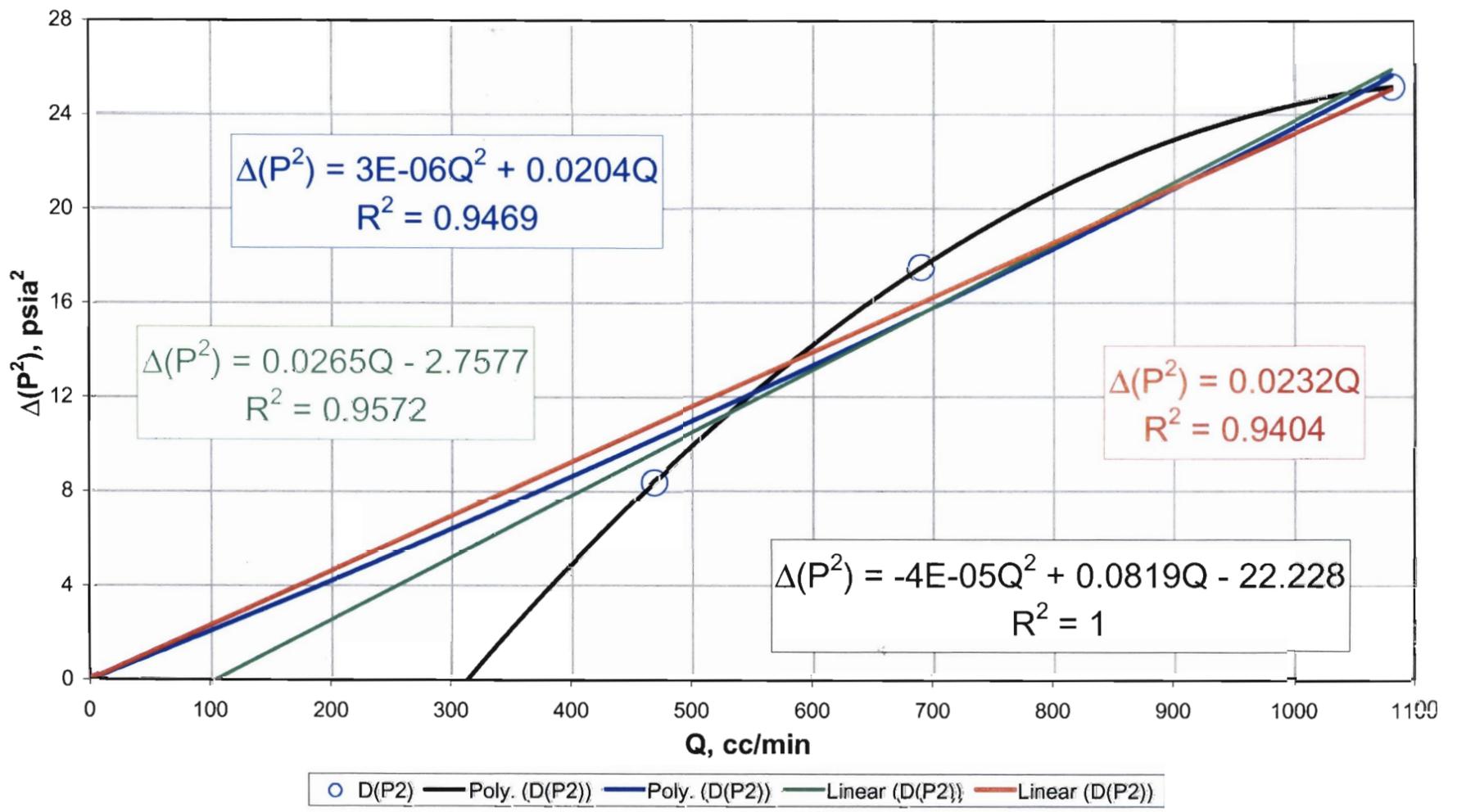
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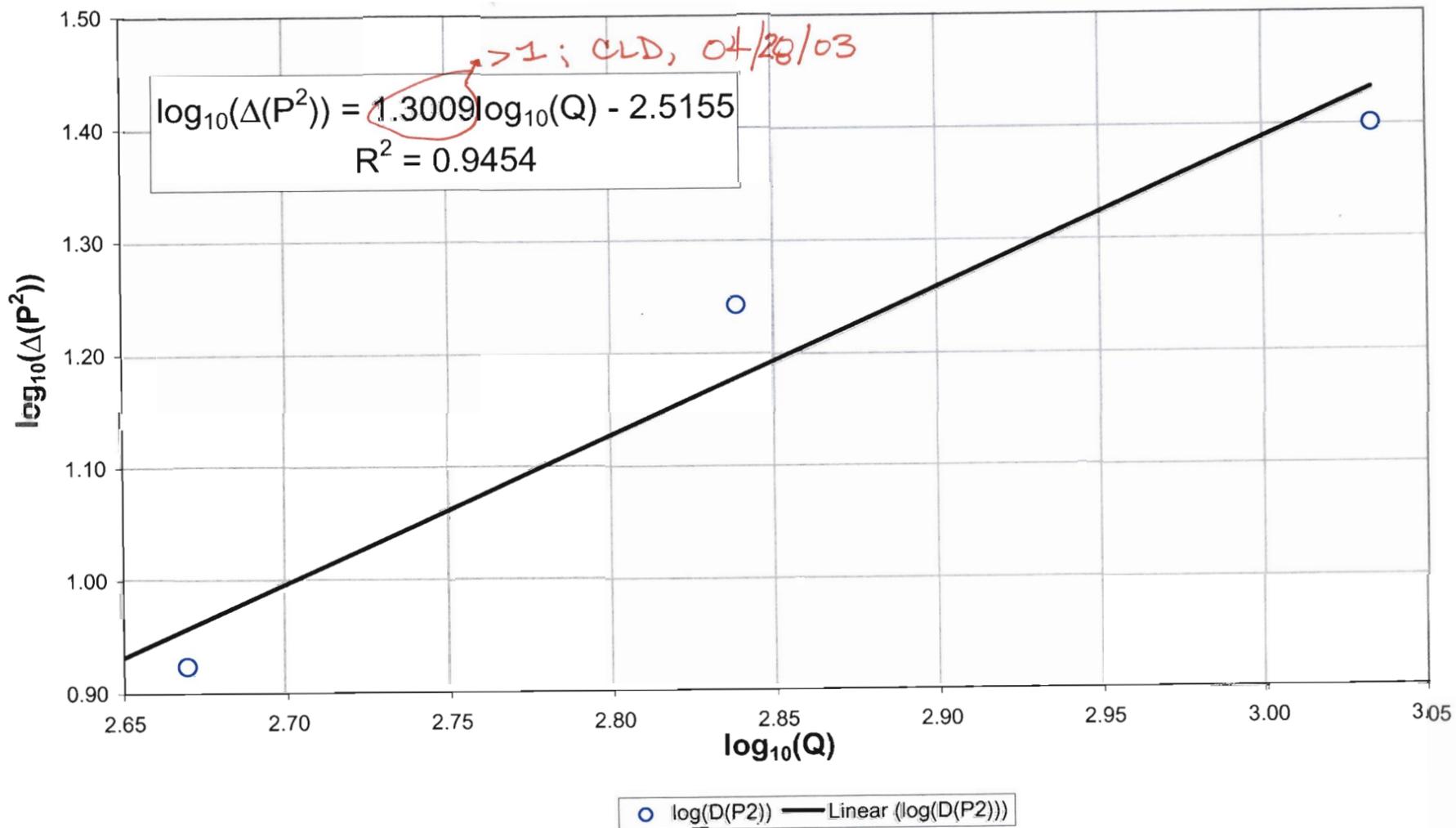
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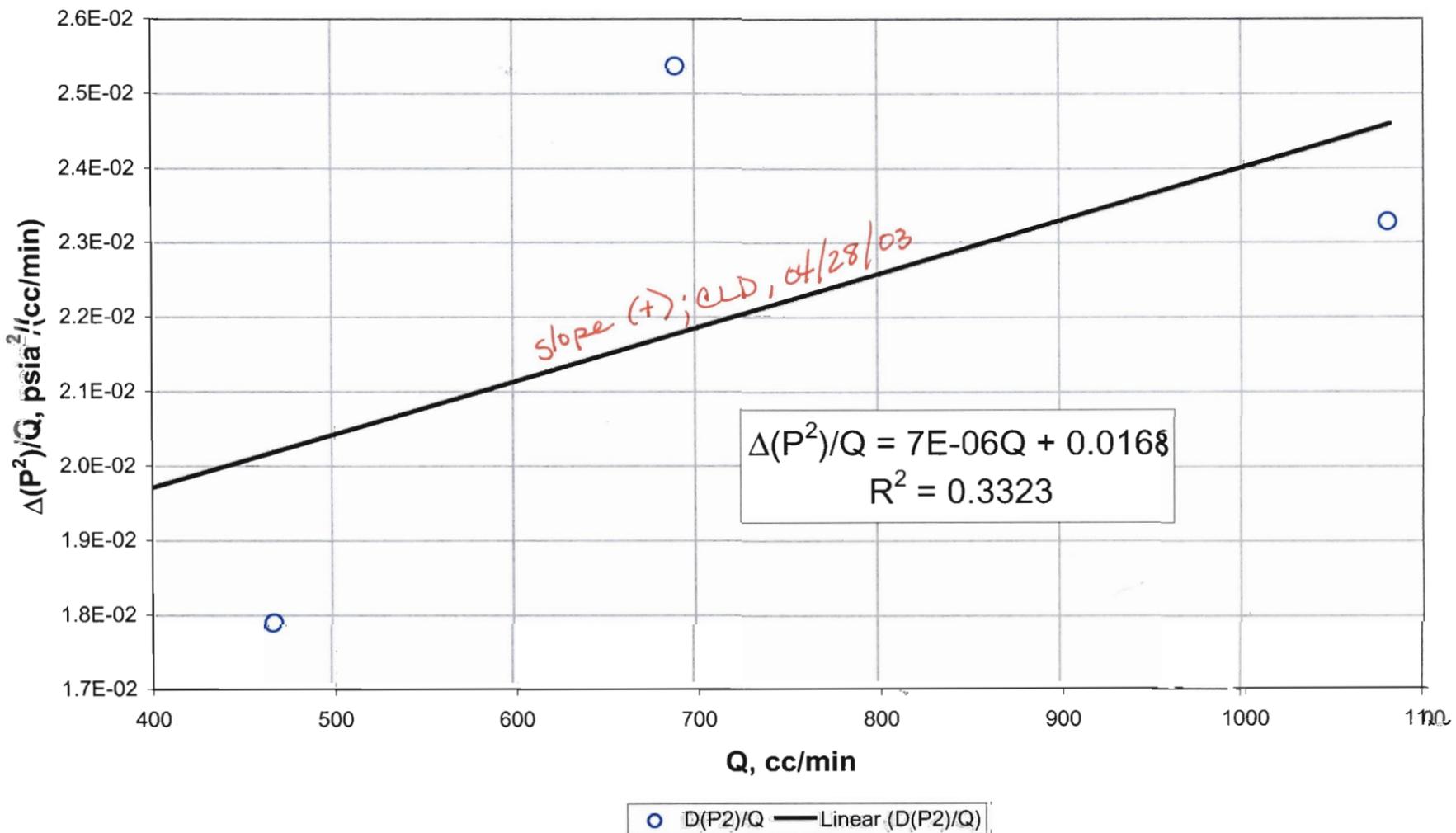
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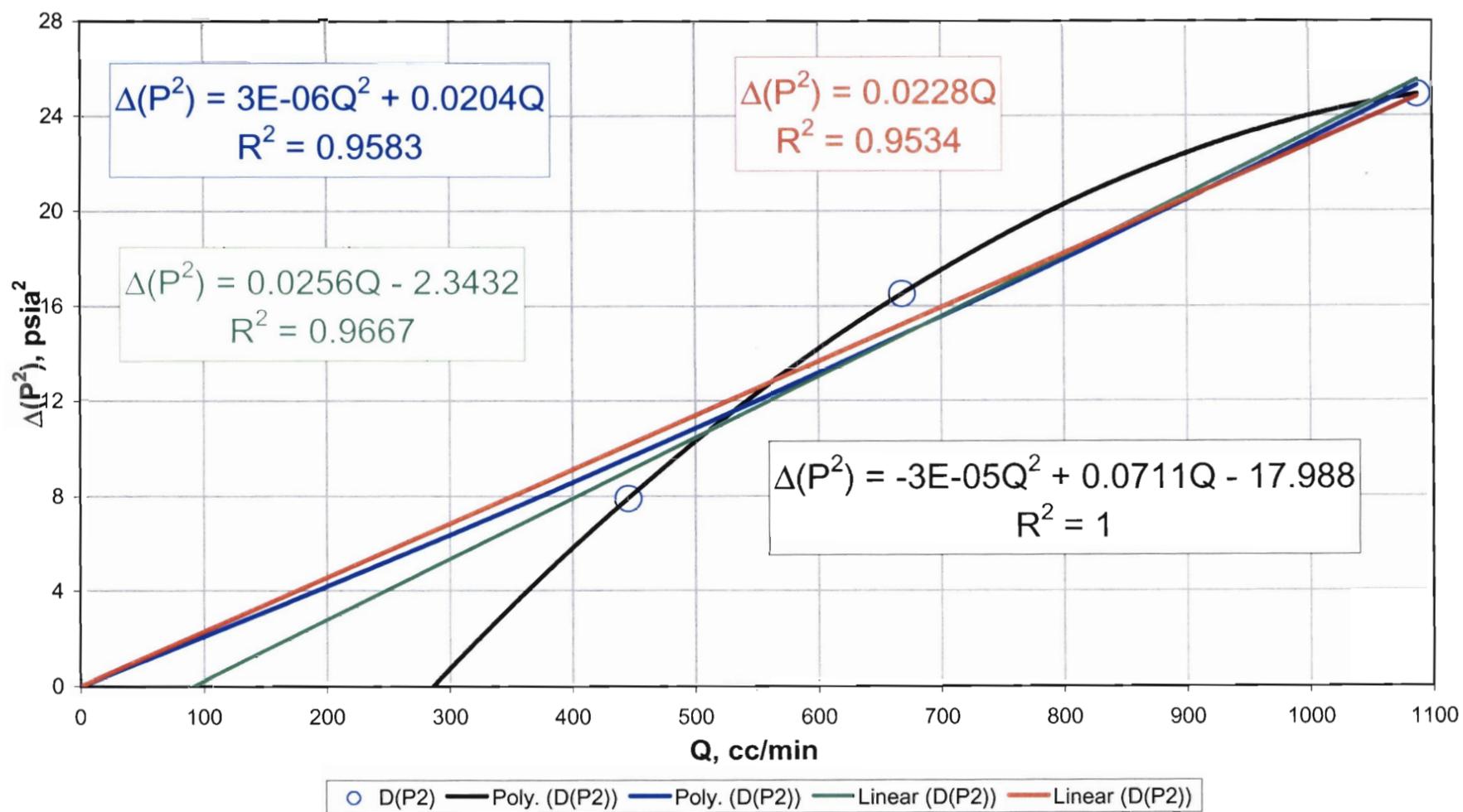
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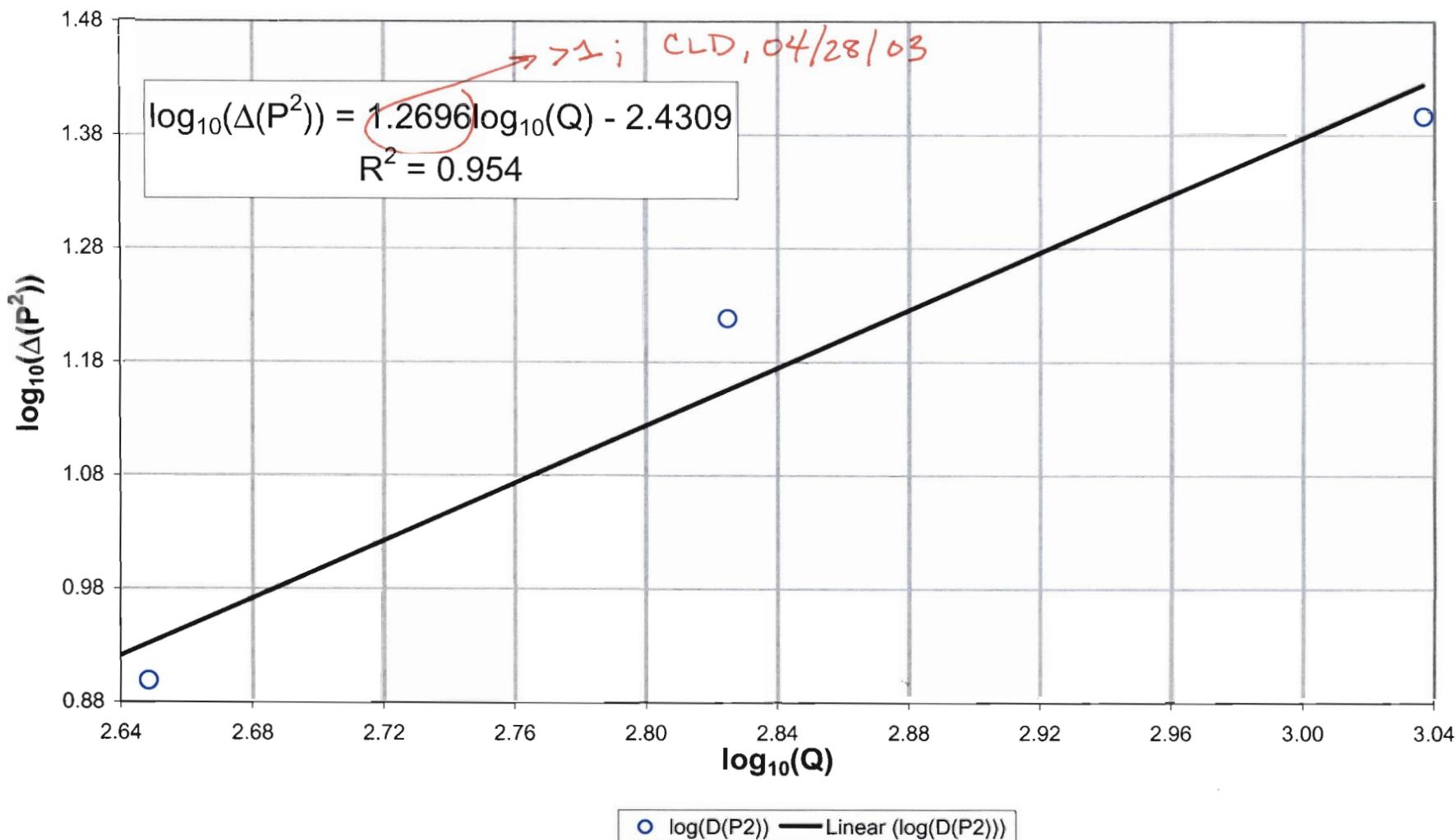
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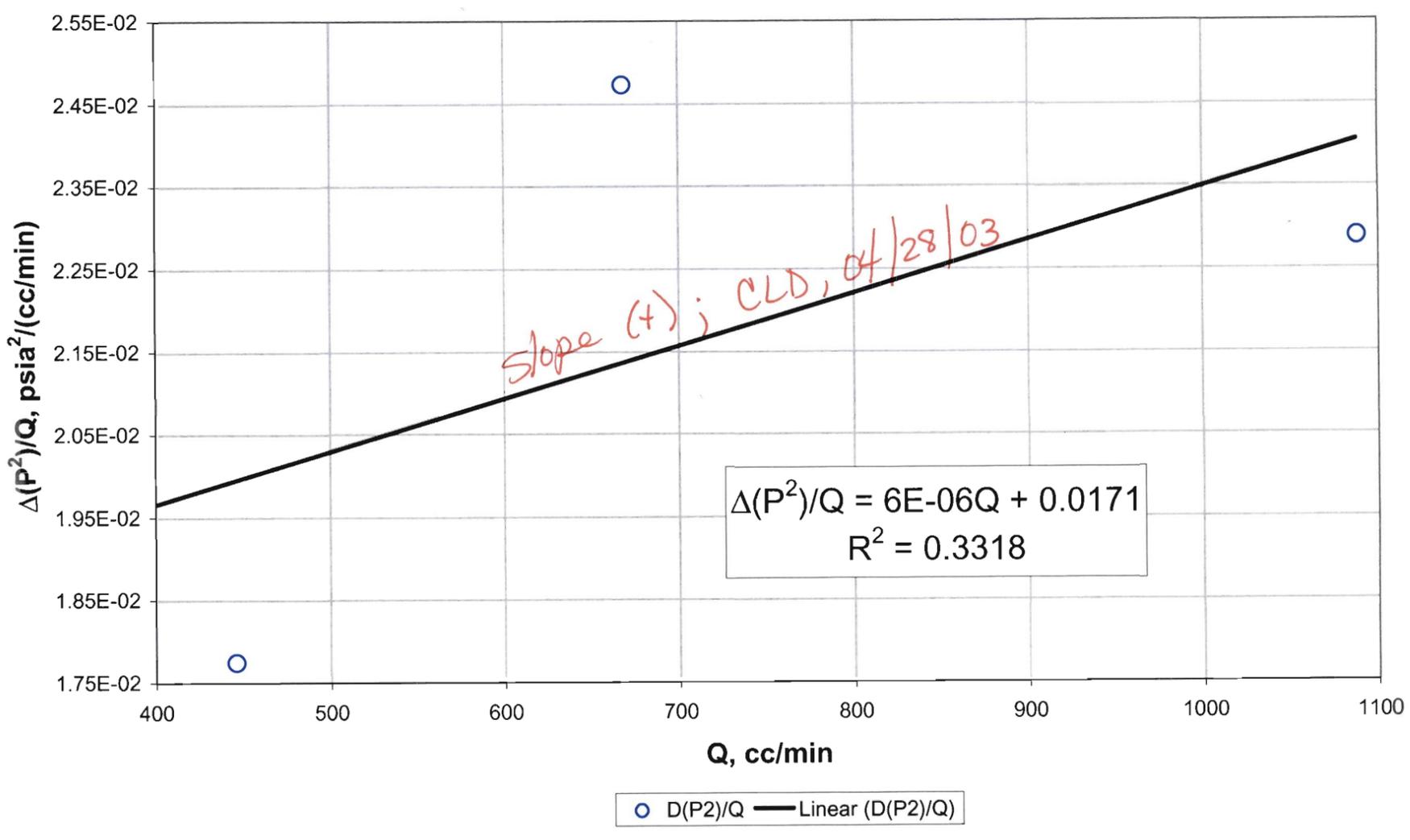
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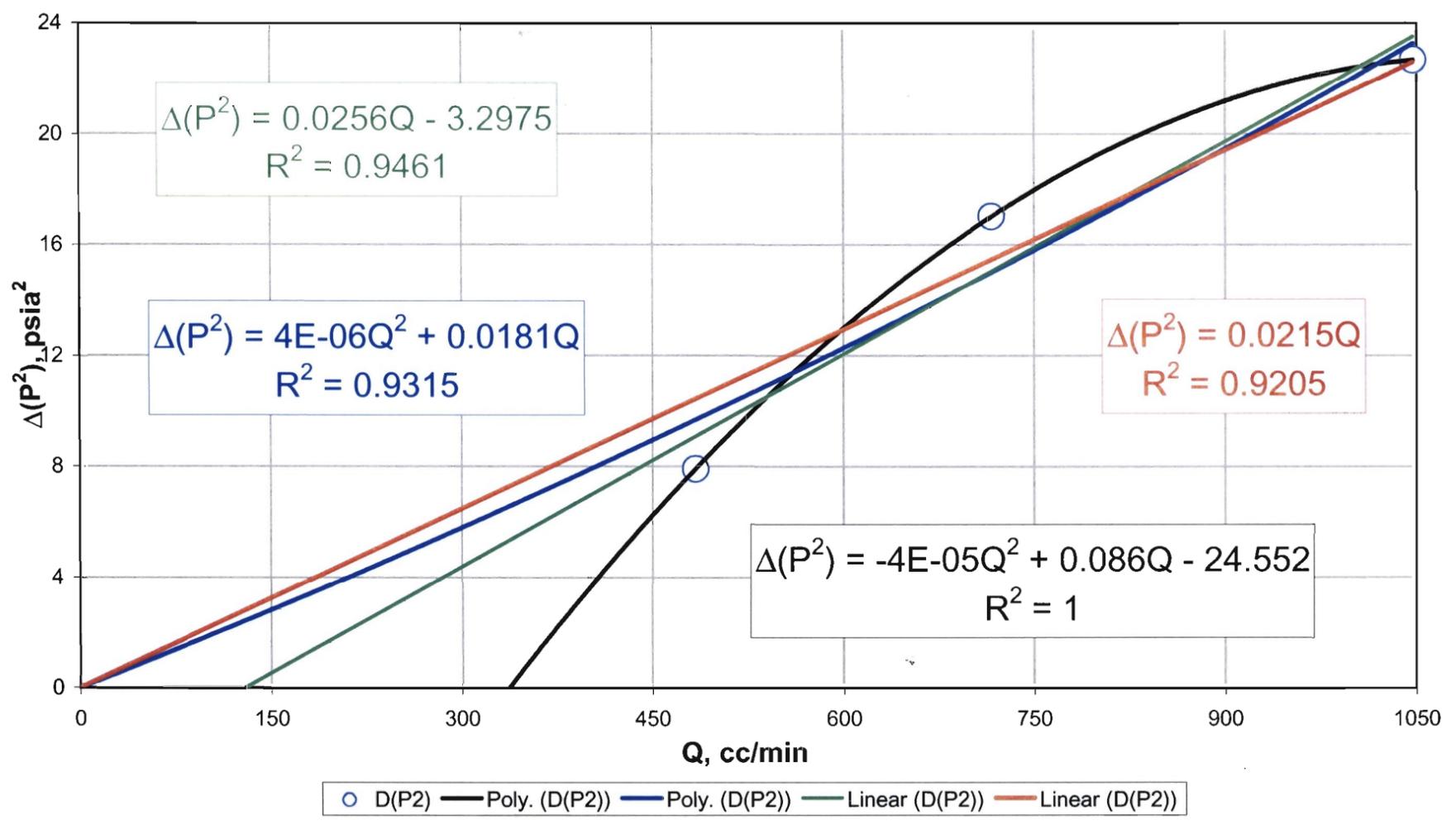
Final check for high velocity flow effects:
 High velocity flow effects are present when the slope is non-zero and positive.
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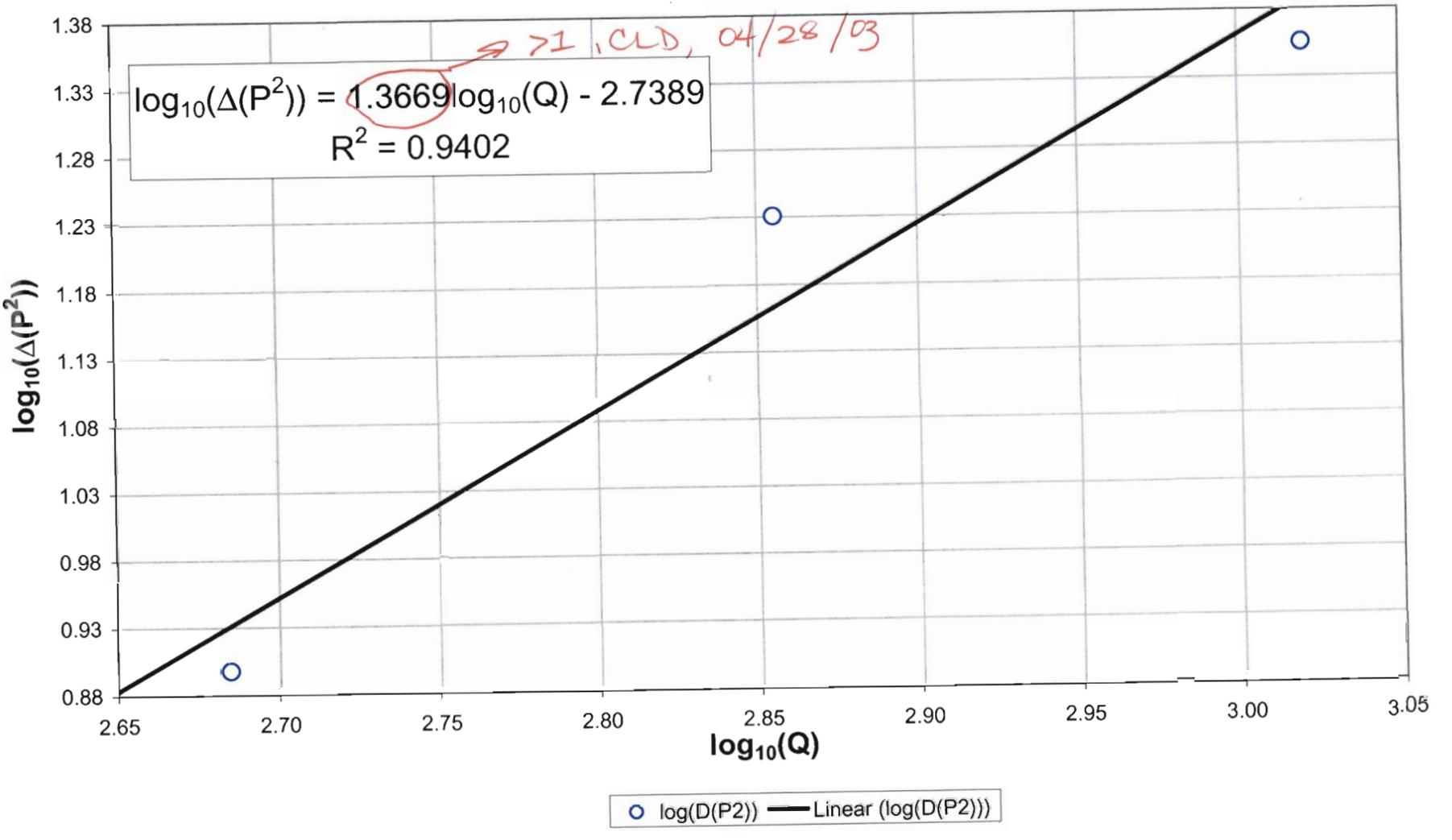


Relationship between steady-state differential pressures squared and flowrate:
 If relationship is linear, with the ordinate intercept nearly zero,
 there is no high velocity flow effect.
 X Transect: Drillhole 49

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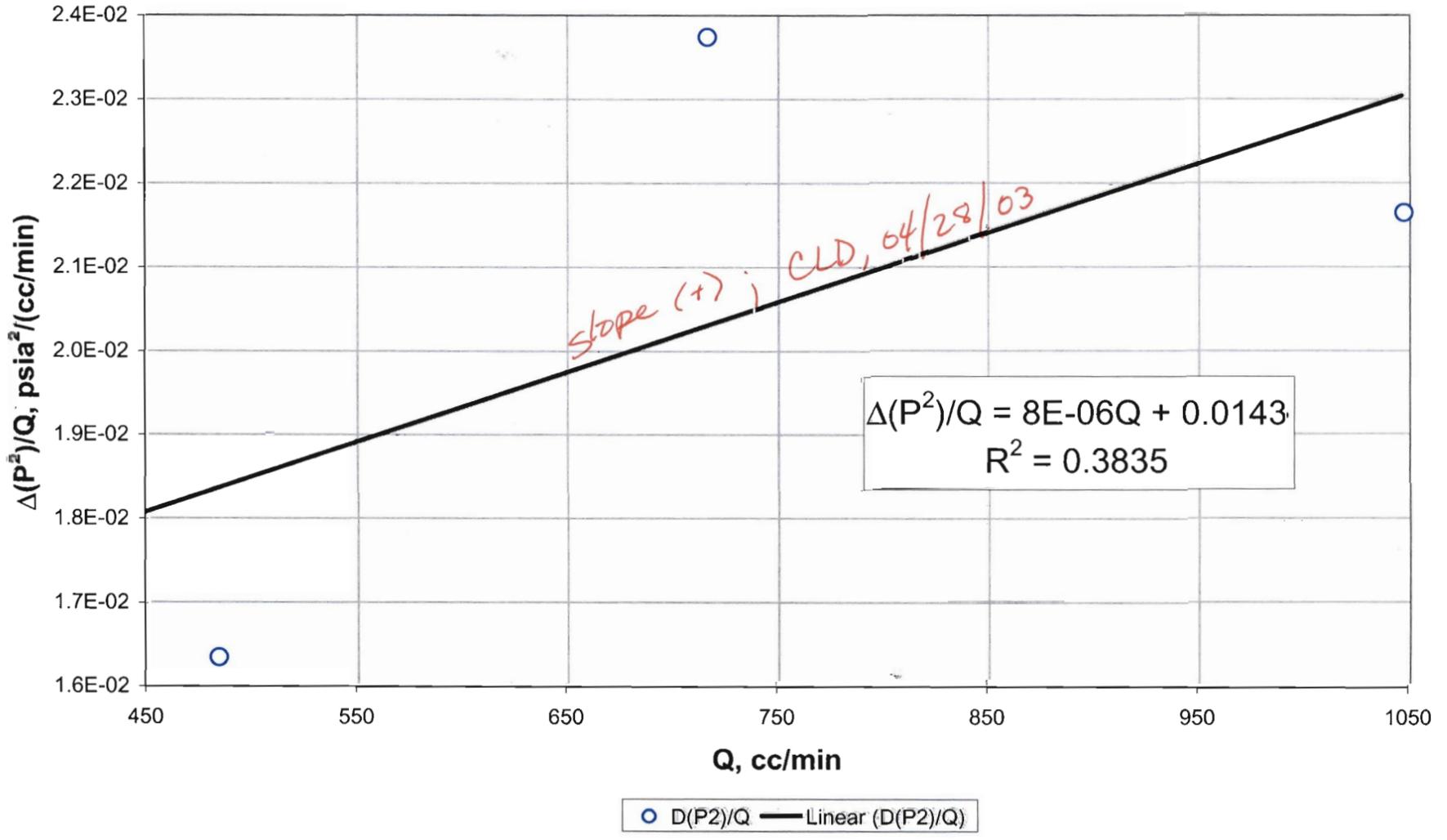


Log-Log plot of differential pressures squared vs. flowrate--used to identify the presence of high-velocity flow effects (when the slope is greater than unity)
 X Transect: Drillhole 49



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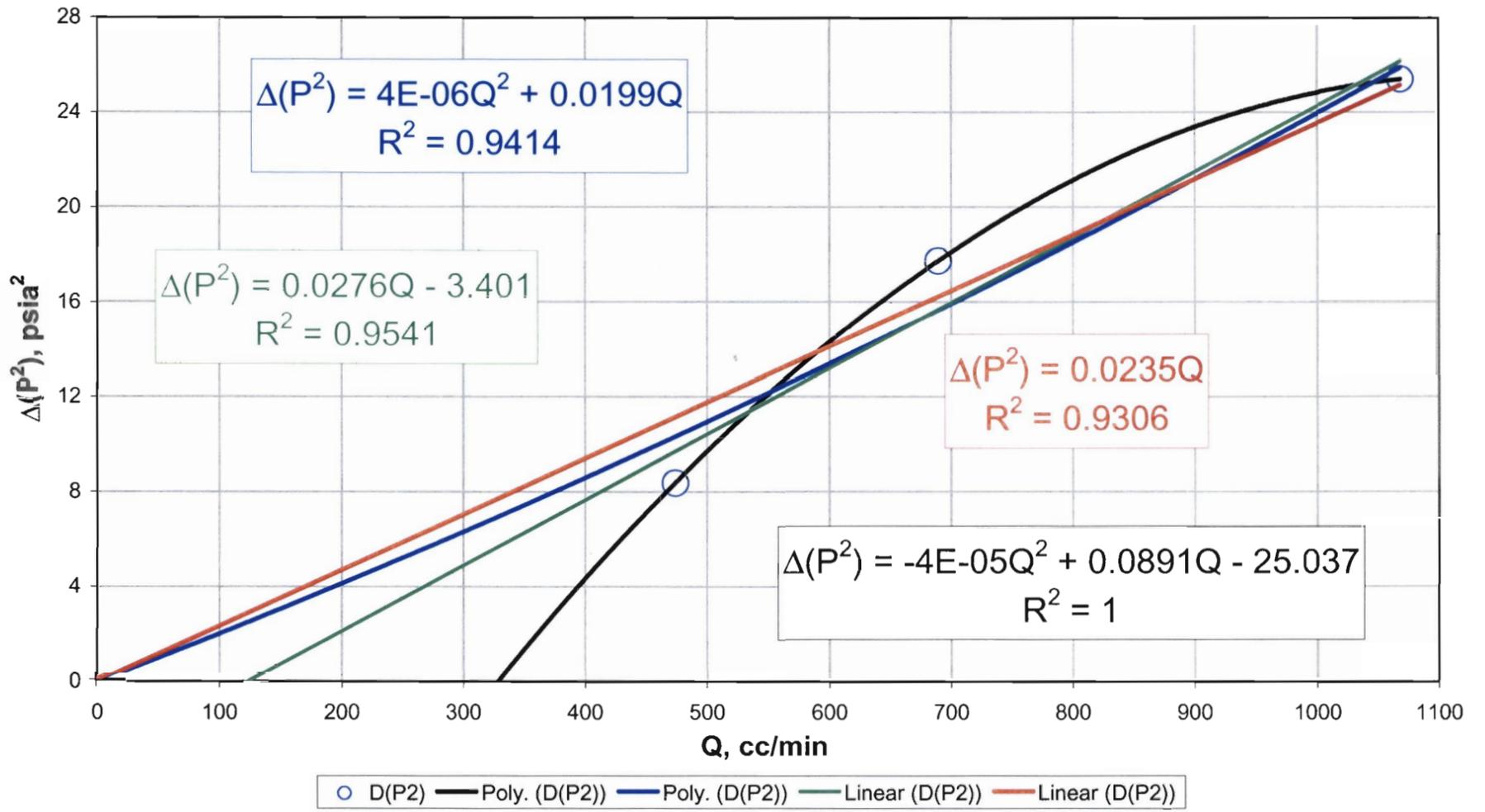
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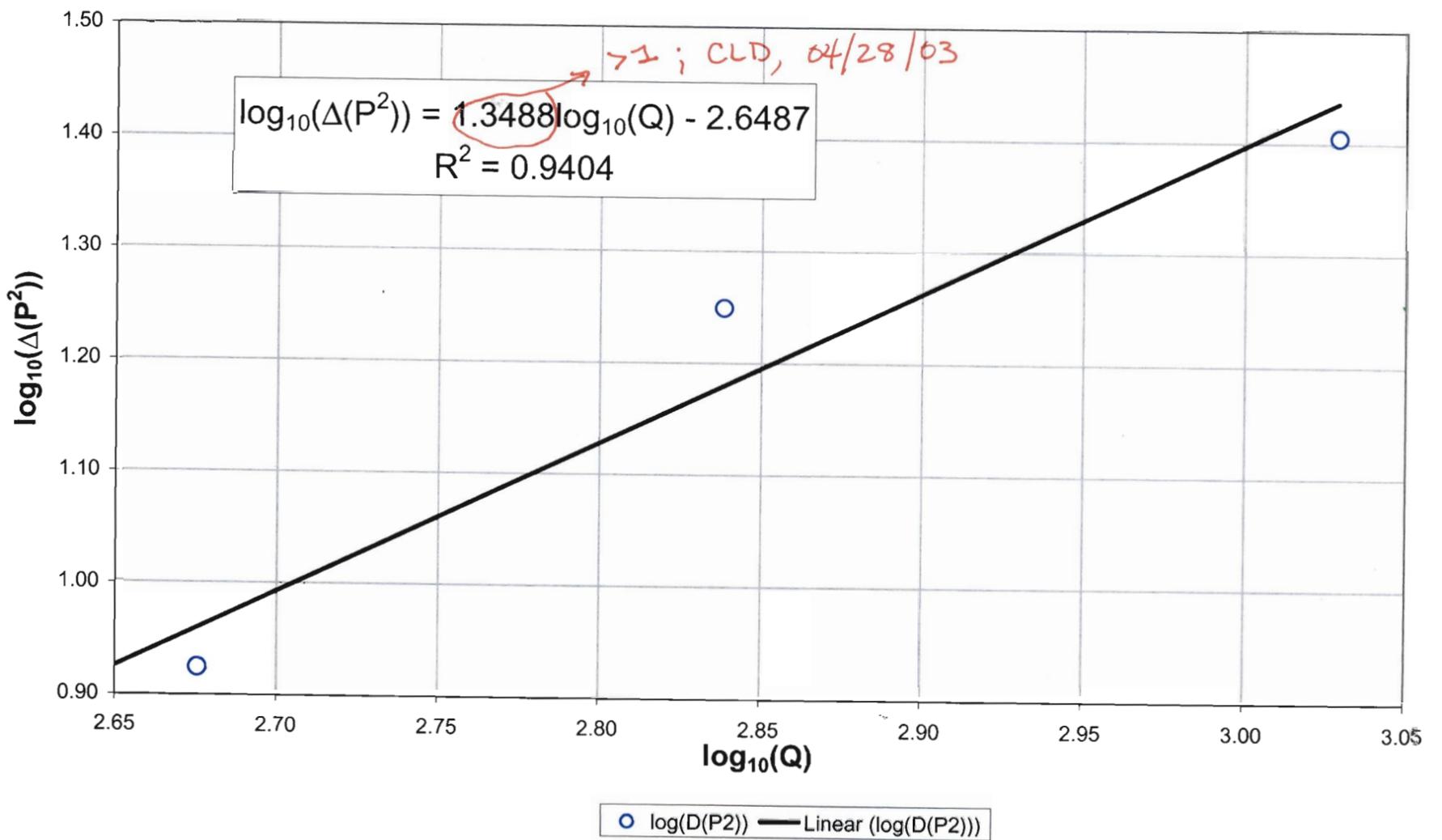
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 X Transect: Drillhole 50

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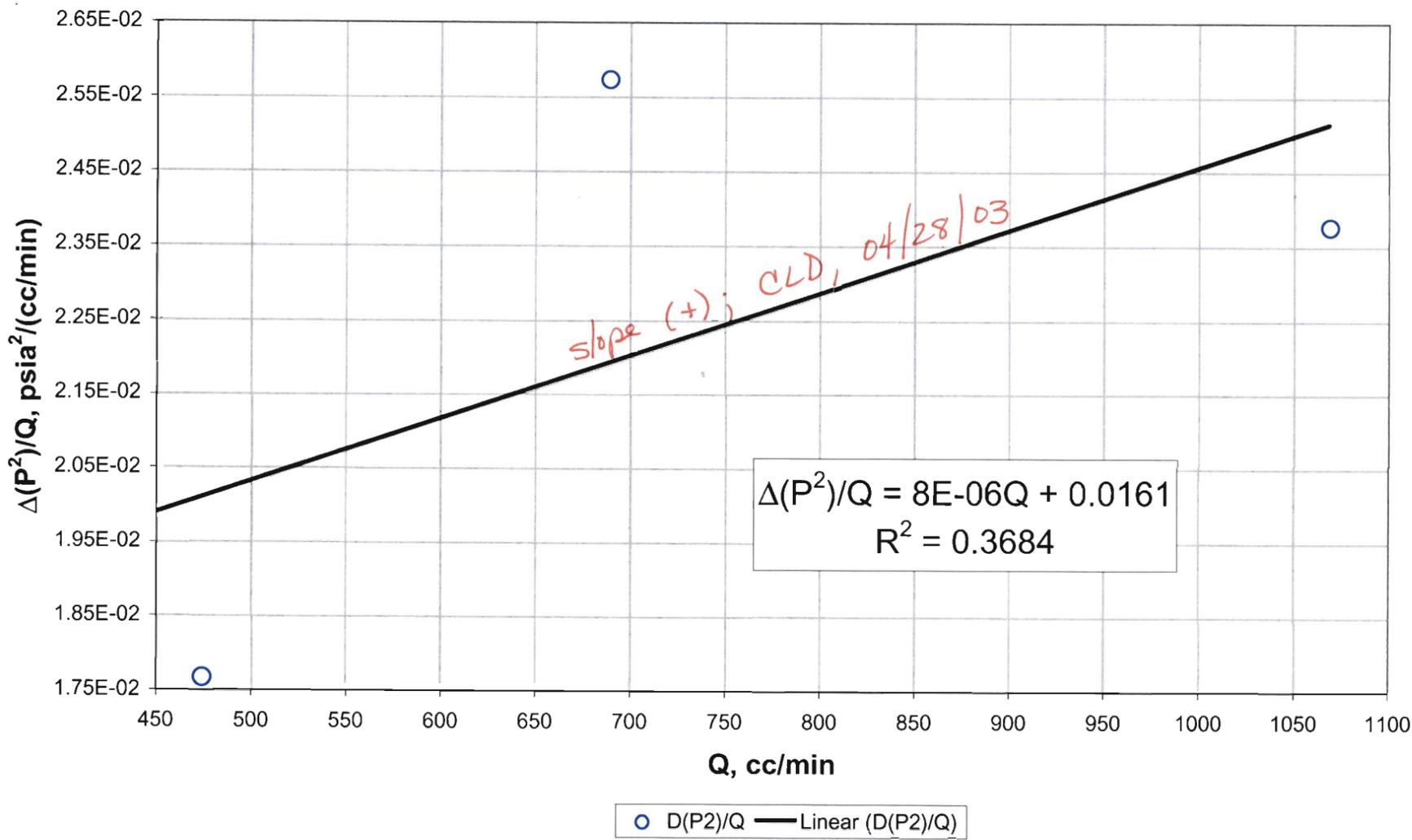
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 X Transect: Drillhole 50

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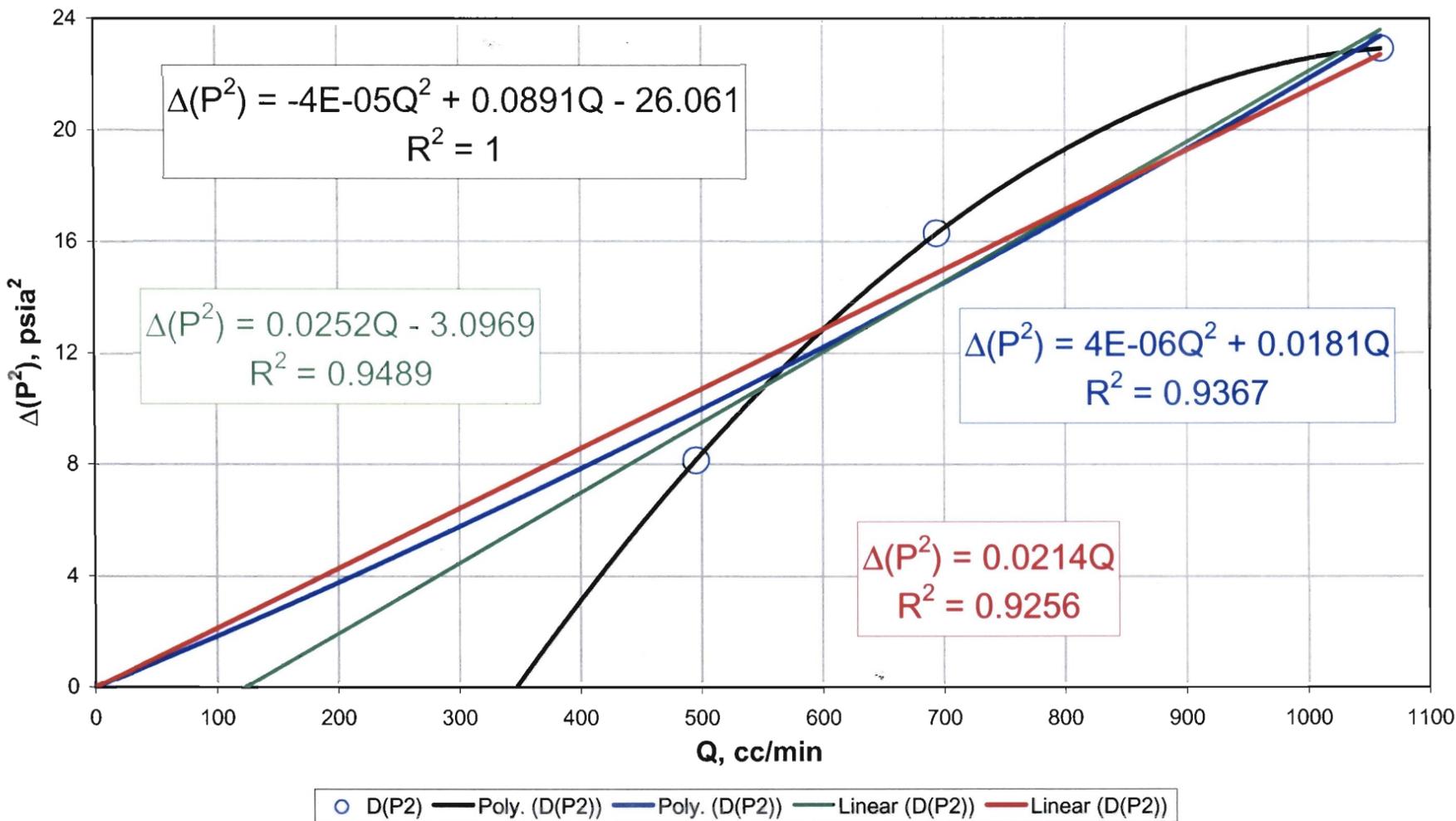
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 X Transect : Drillhole 50

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Relationship between steady-state differential pressures squared and flowrate:
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 X Transect: Drillhole 51

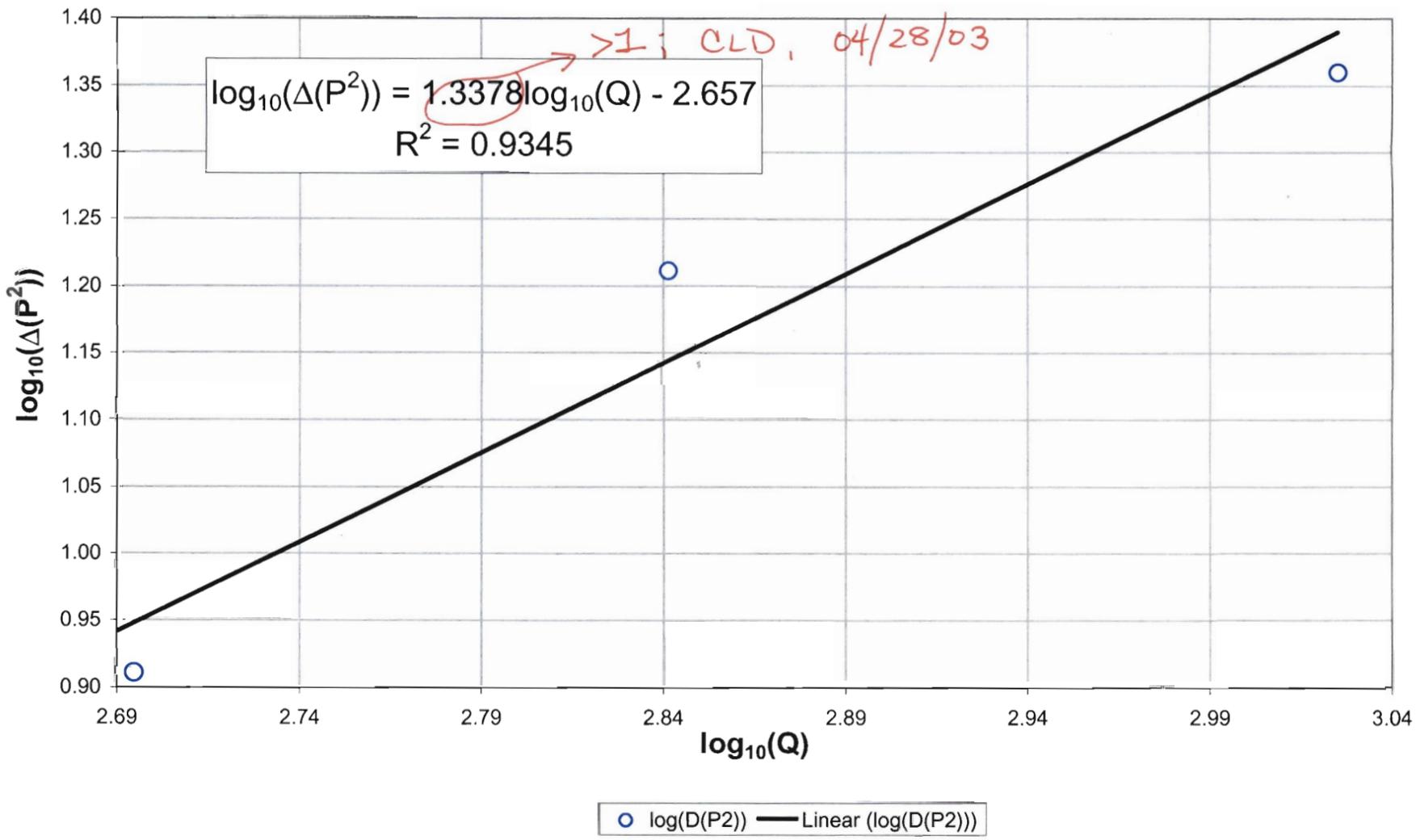
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Log-Log plot of differential pressures squared vs. flowrate--used to identify the presence of high-velocity flow effects (when the slope is greater than unity)

X Transect: Drillhole 51

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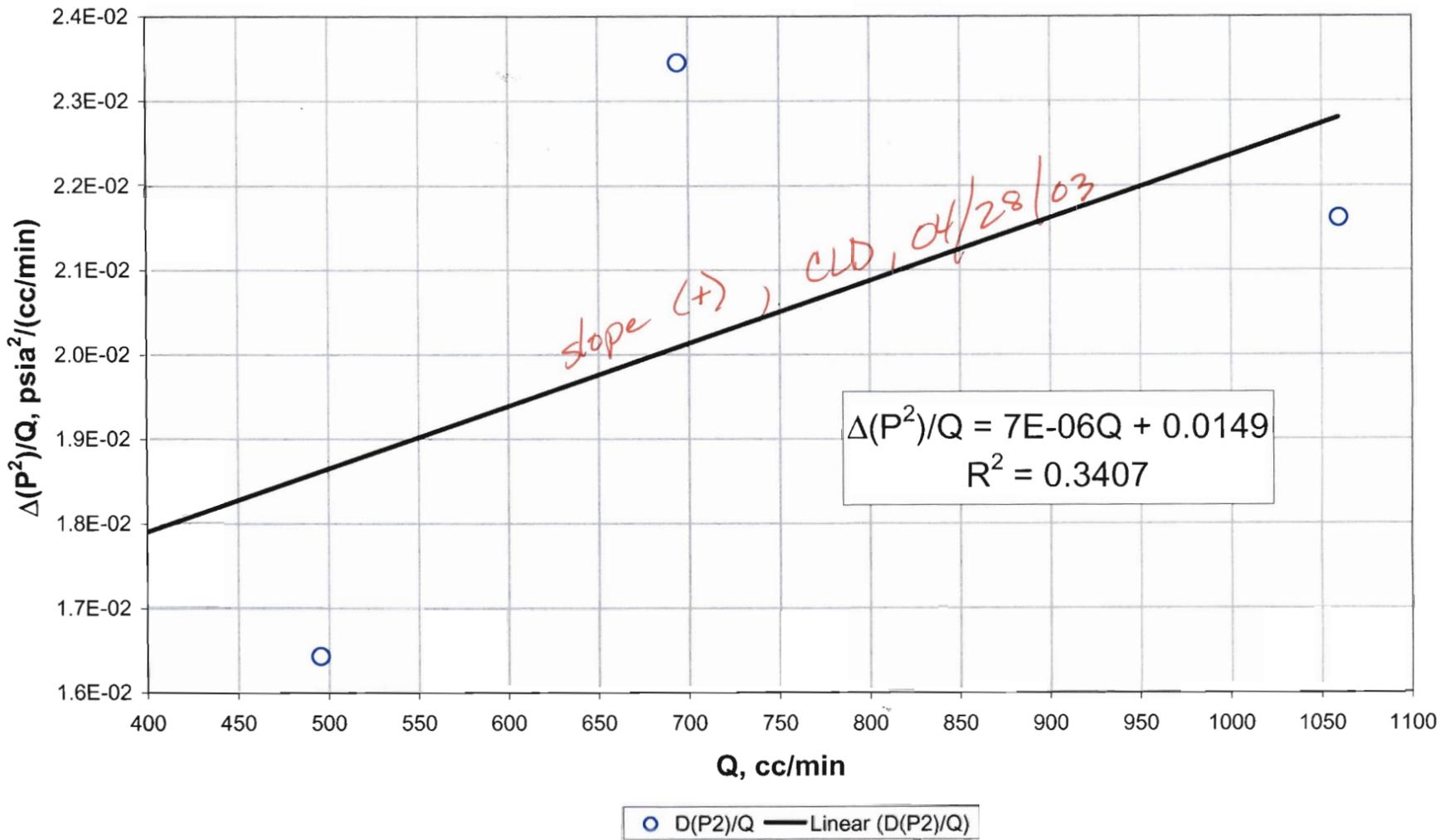


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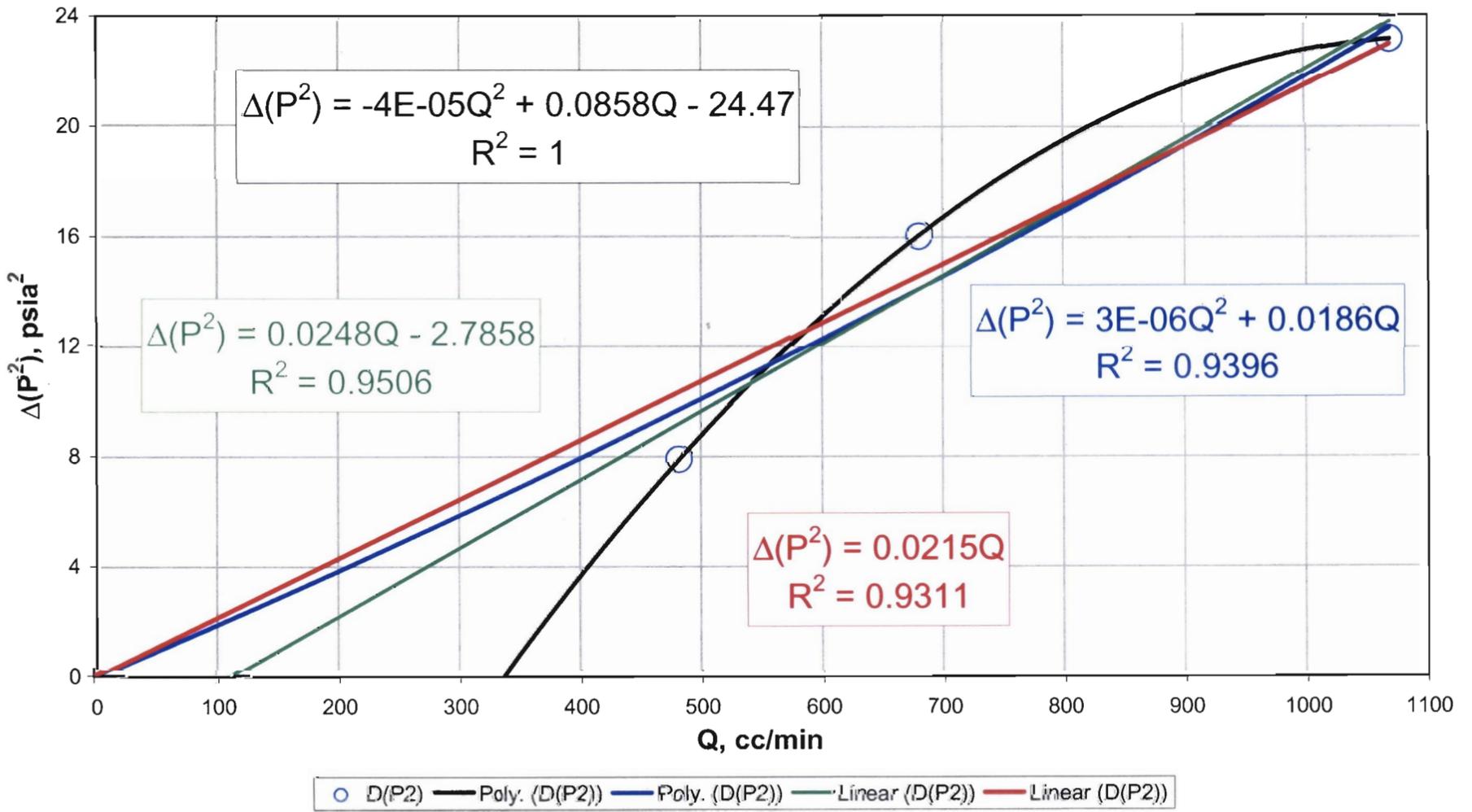
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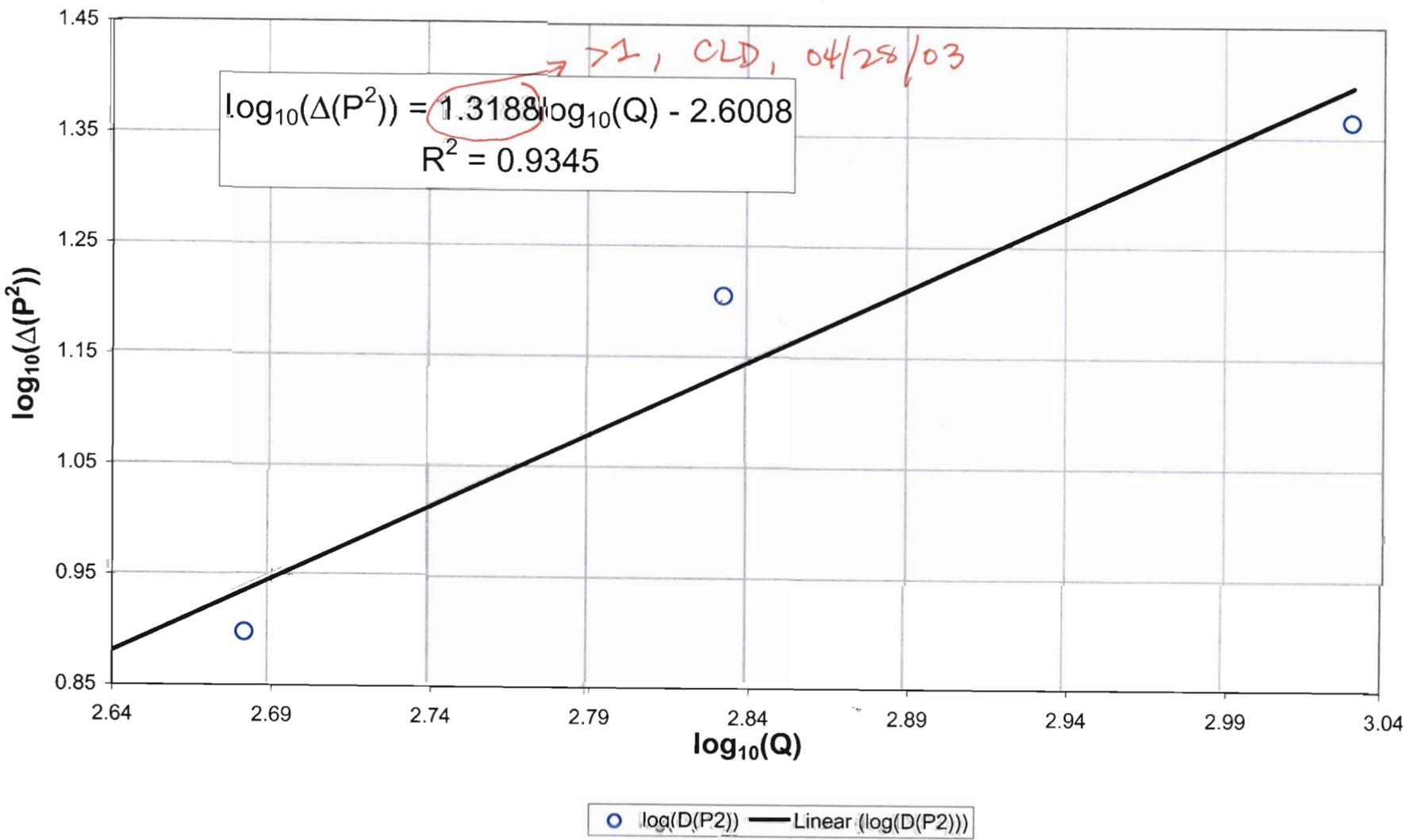
Relationship between steady-state differential pressures squared and flowrate:
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 X Transect: Drillhole 52

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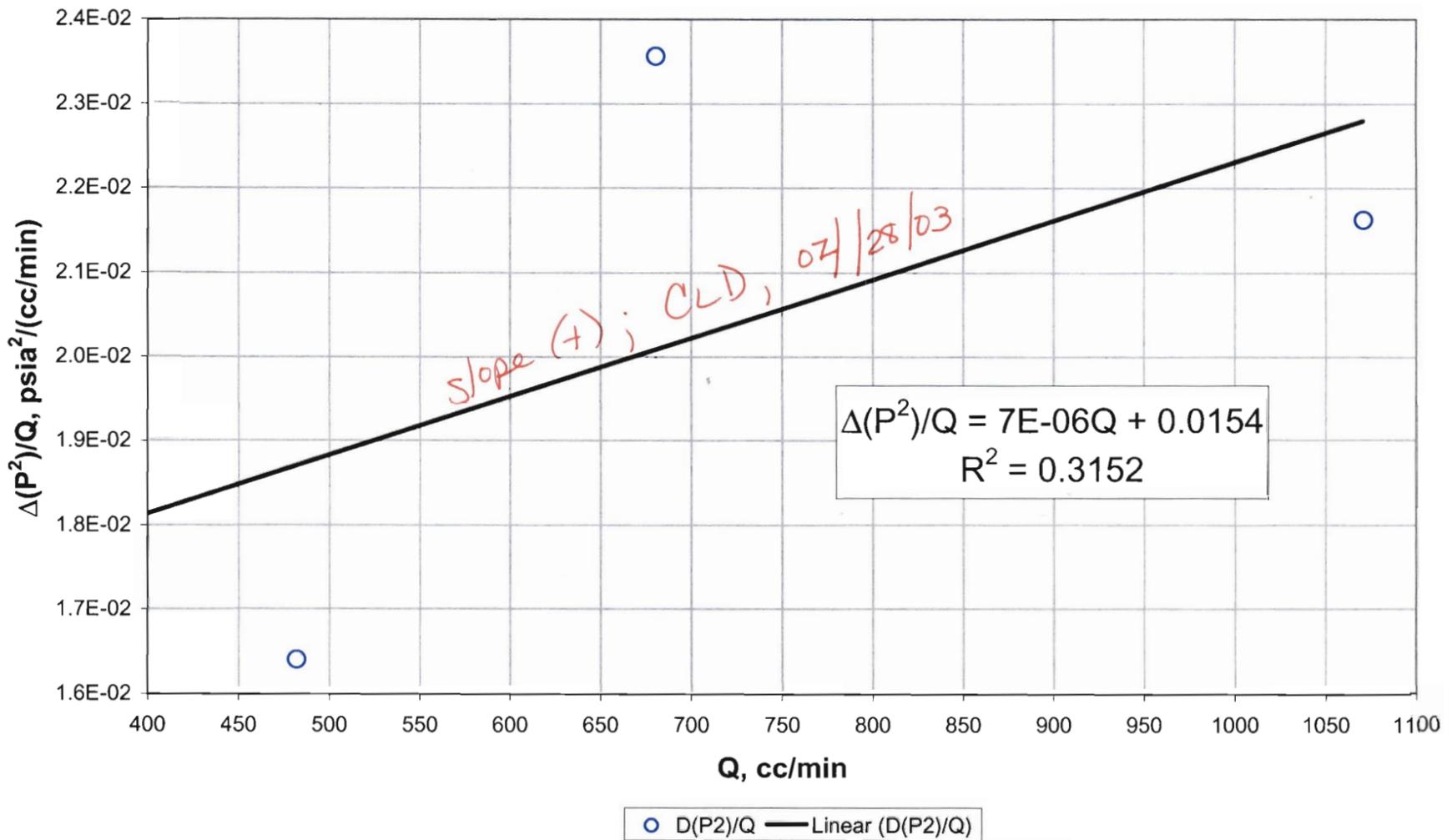


Log-Log plot of differential pressures squared vs. flowrate--used to identify the presence of
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 X Transect: Drillhole 52

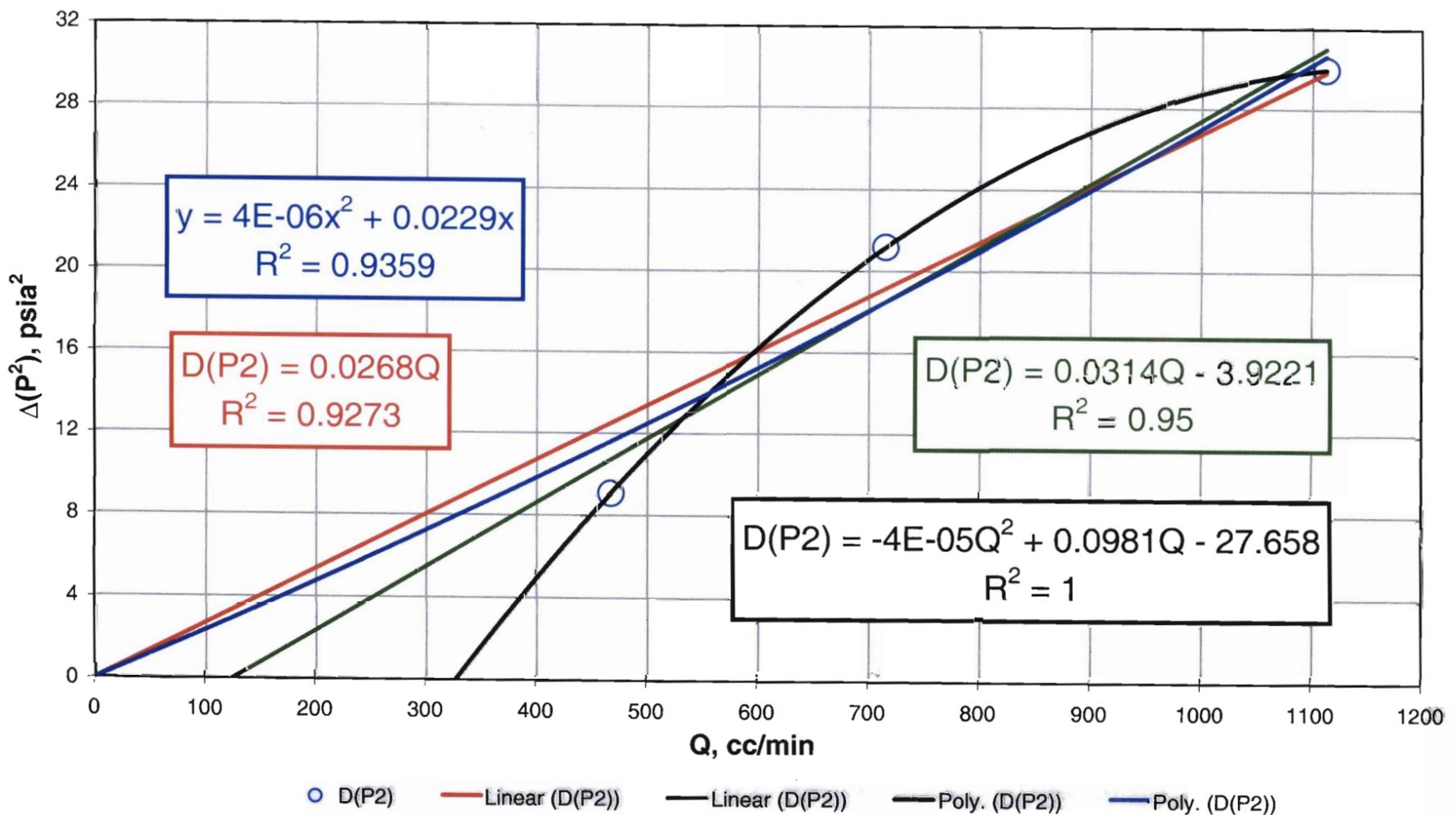
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 X Transect : Drillhole 52

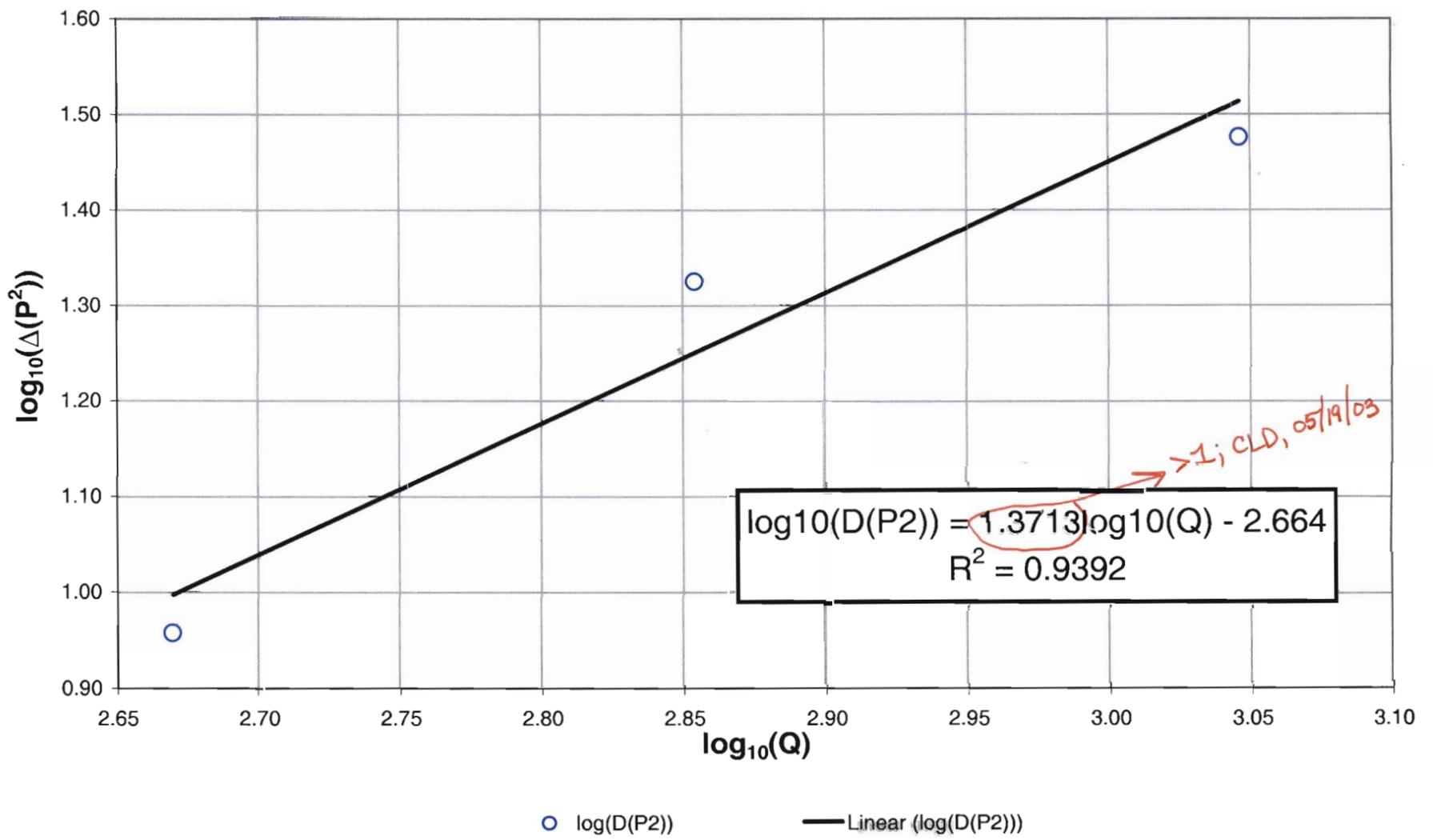


Relationship between steady-state differential pressures squared and flowrate:
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 there is no high velocity flow effect.
 X Transect: Drillhole 53



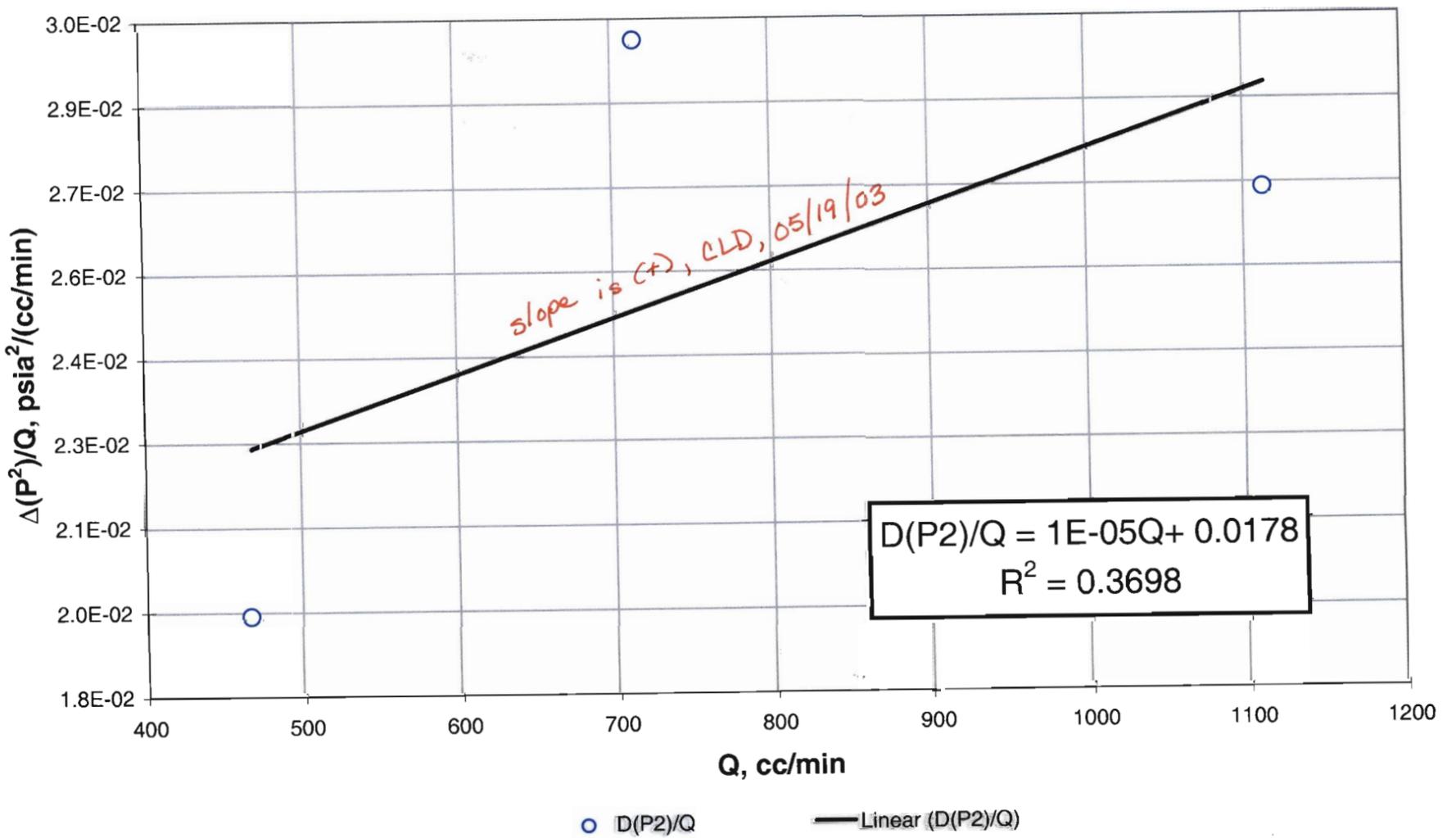
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Log-Log plot of differential pressures squared vs. flowrate--used to identify the presence of high-velocity flow effects (when the slope is greater than unity)
X Transect: Drillhole 53



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Final check for high velocity flow effects:
High velocity flow effects are present when the slope is non-zero and positive.
X Transect : Drillhole 53



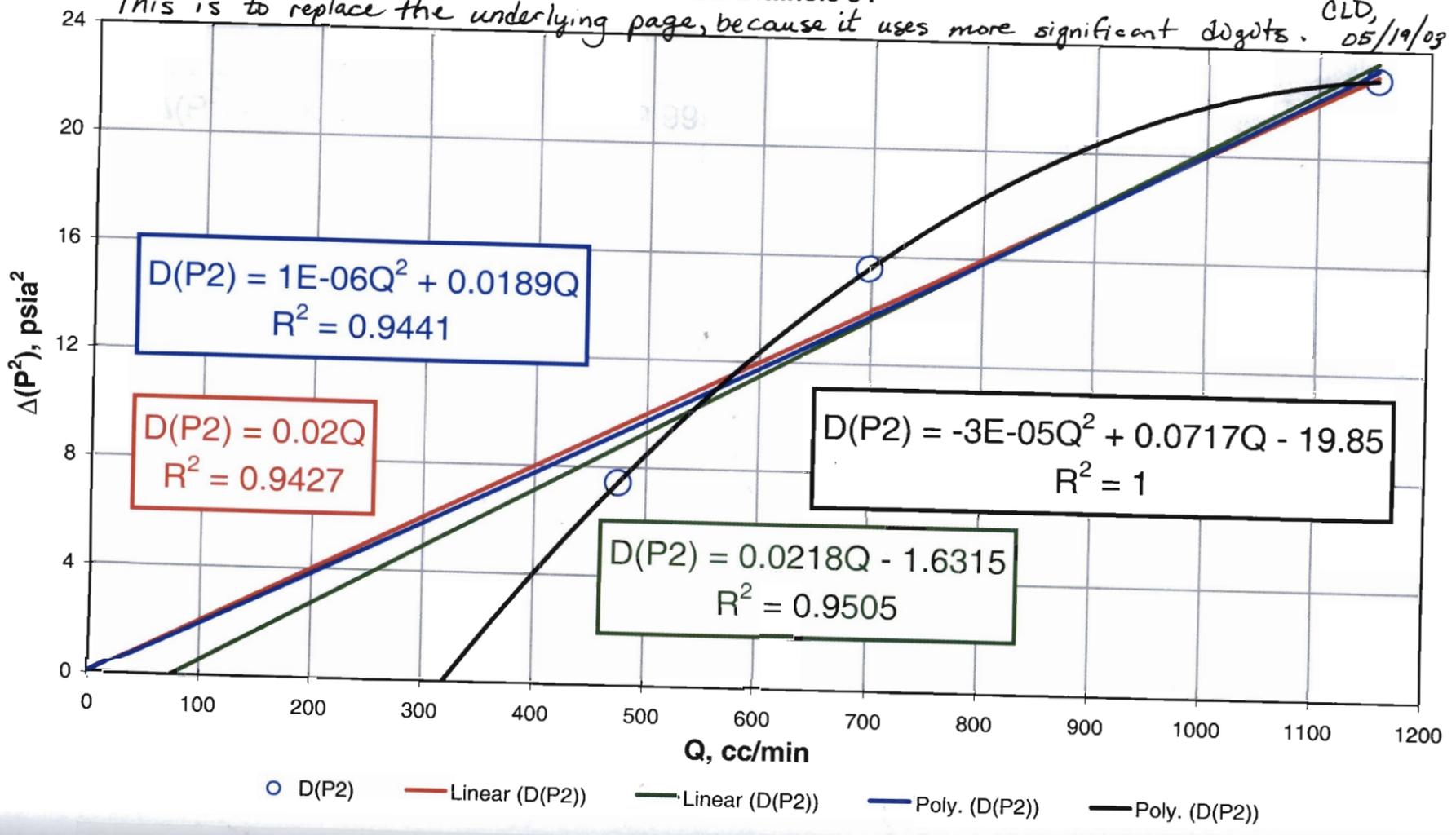
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Relationship between steady-state differential pressures squared and flowrate:
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X Transect: Drillhole 54

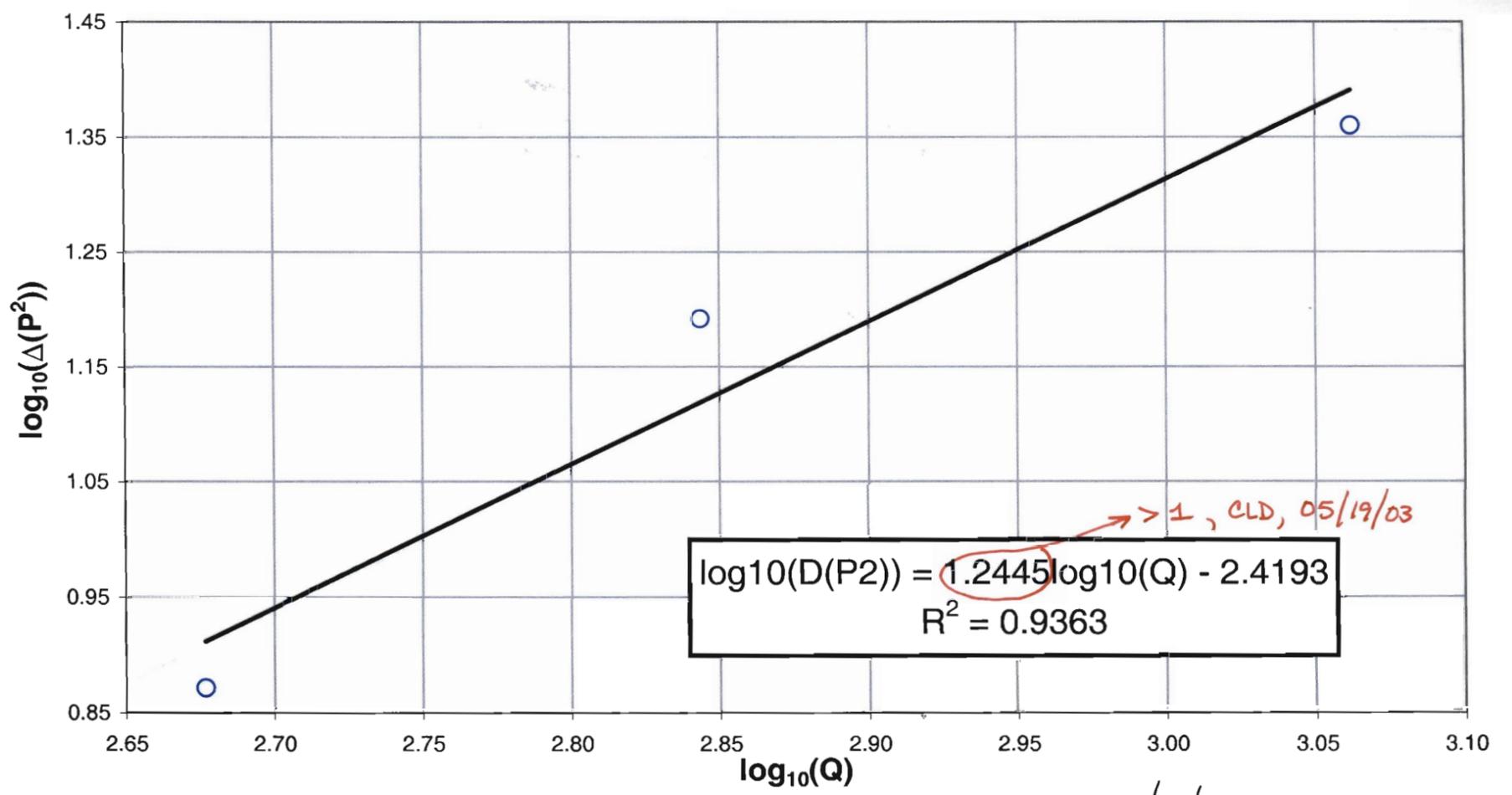
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Log-Log plot of differential pressures squared vs. flowrate--used to identify the presence of high-velocity flow effects (when the slope is greater than unity)
 X Transect: Drillhole 54

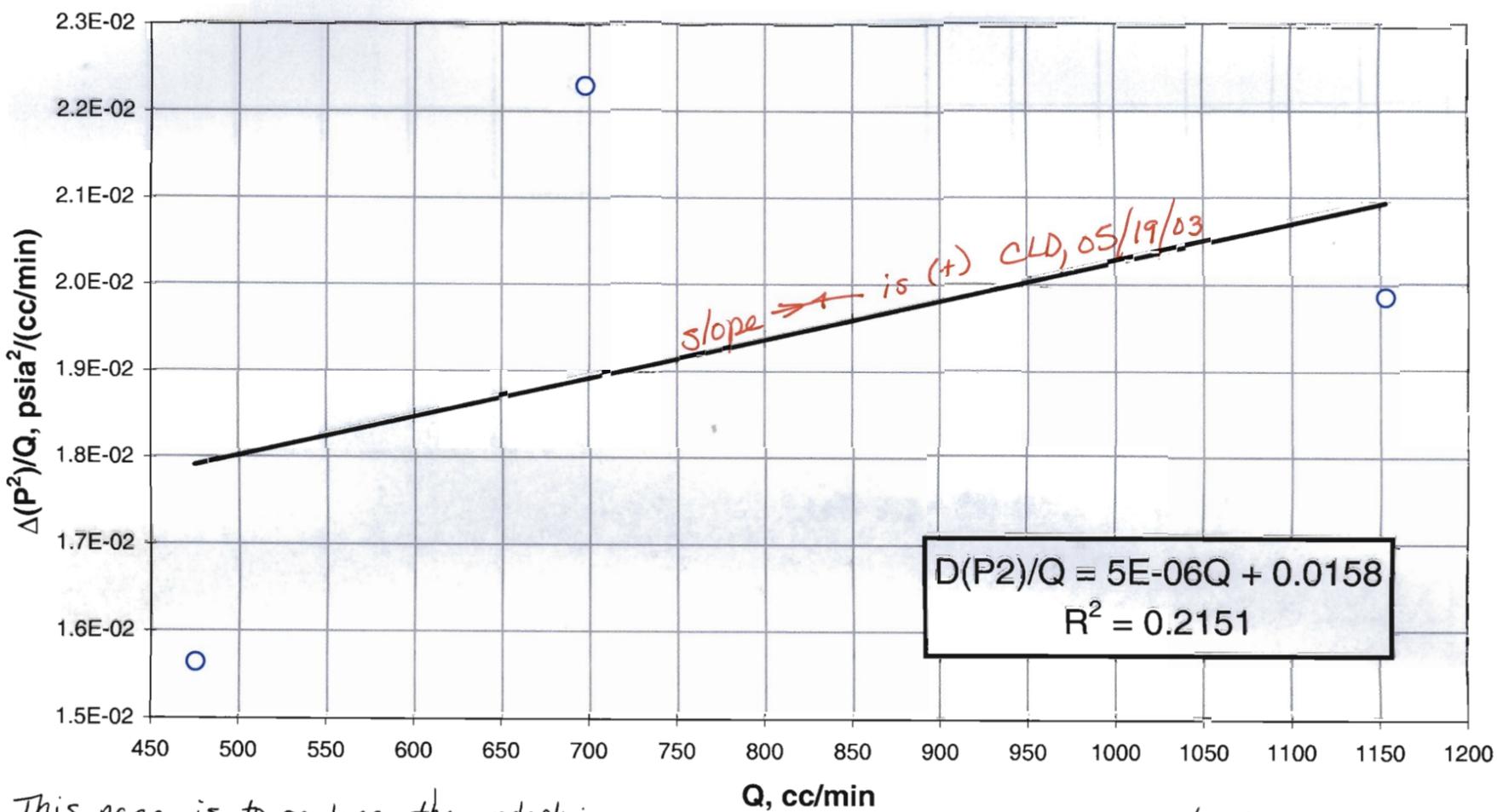
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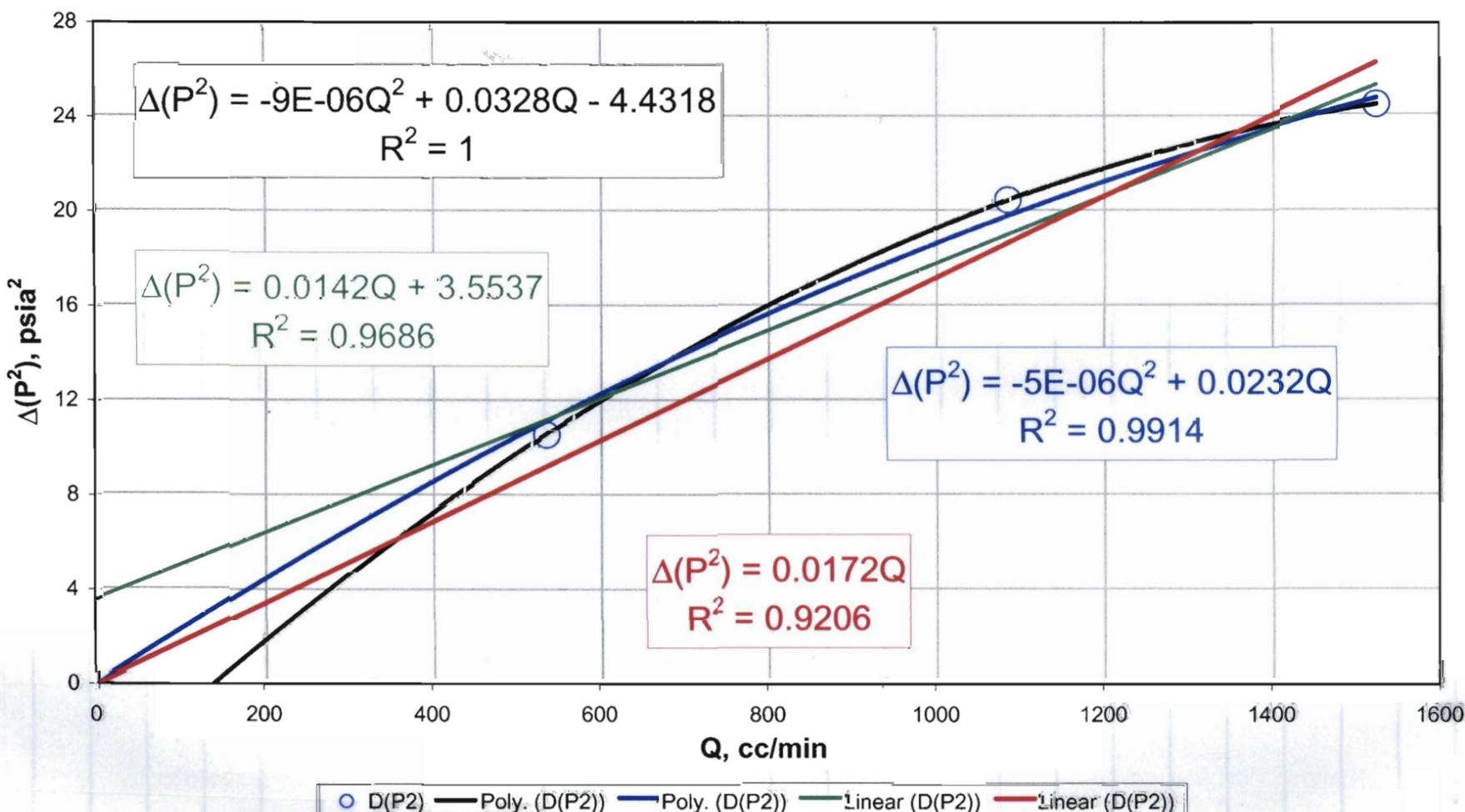
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 High velocity flow effects are present when the slope is non-zero and positive.
 X Transect : Drillhole 54



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 ○ D(P2)/Q — Linear (D(P2)/Q)

Relationship between steady-state differential pressures squared and flowrate:
 If relationship is linear, with the ordinate intercept nearly zero,
 there is no high velocity flow effect.
 X Transect: Drillhole 55

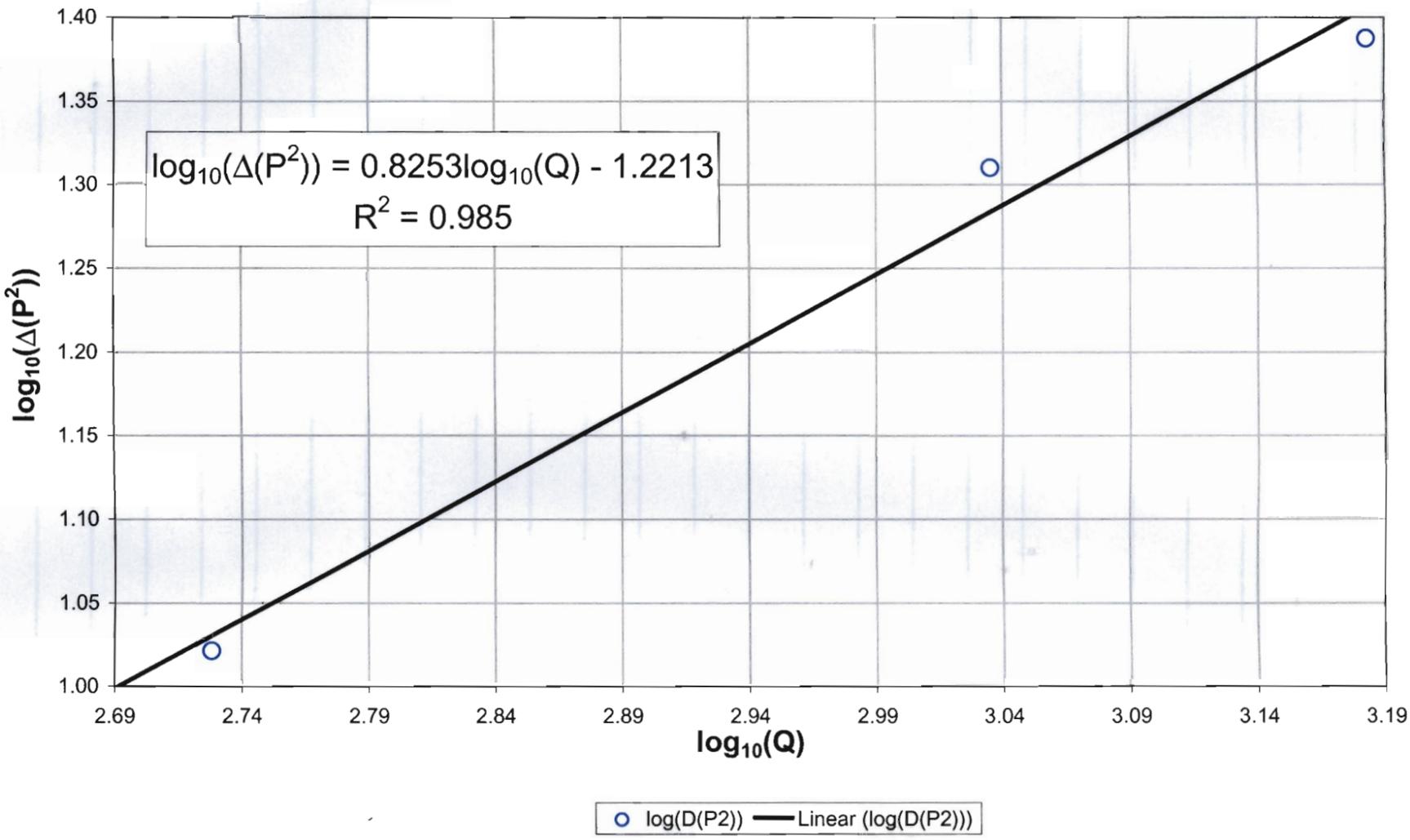


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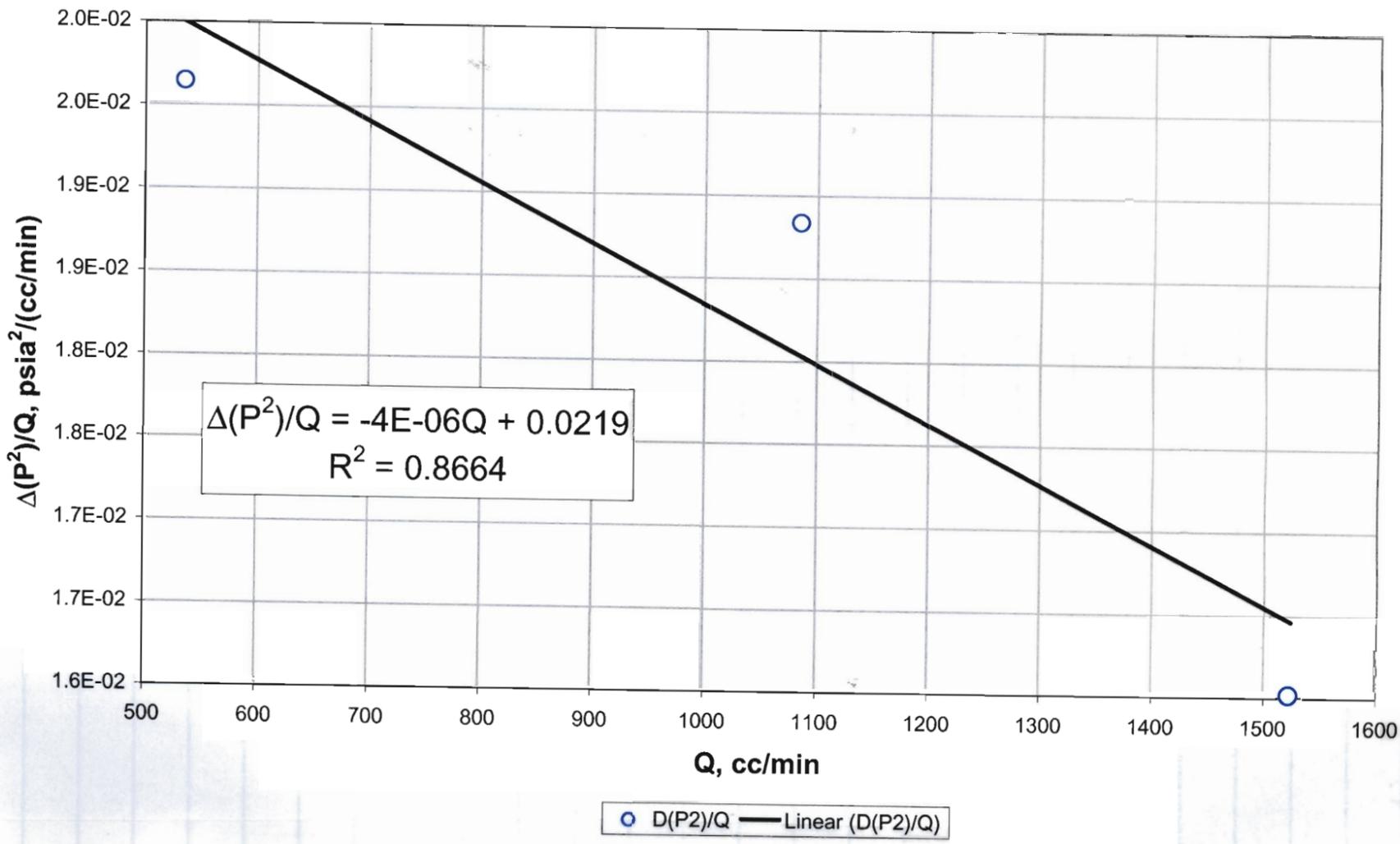
Log-Log plot of differential pressures squared vs. flowrate--used to identify the presence of high-velocity flow effects (when the slope is greater than unity)

X Transect: Drillhole 55



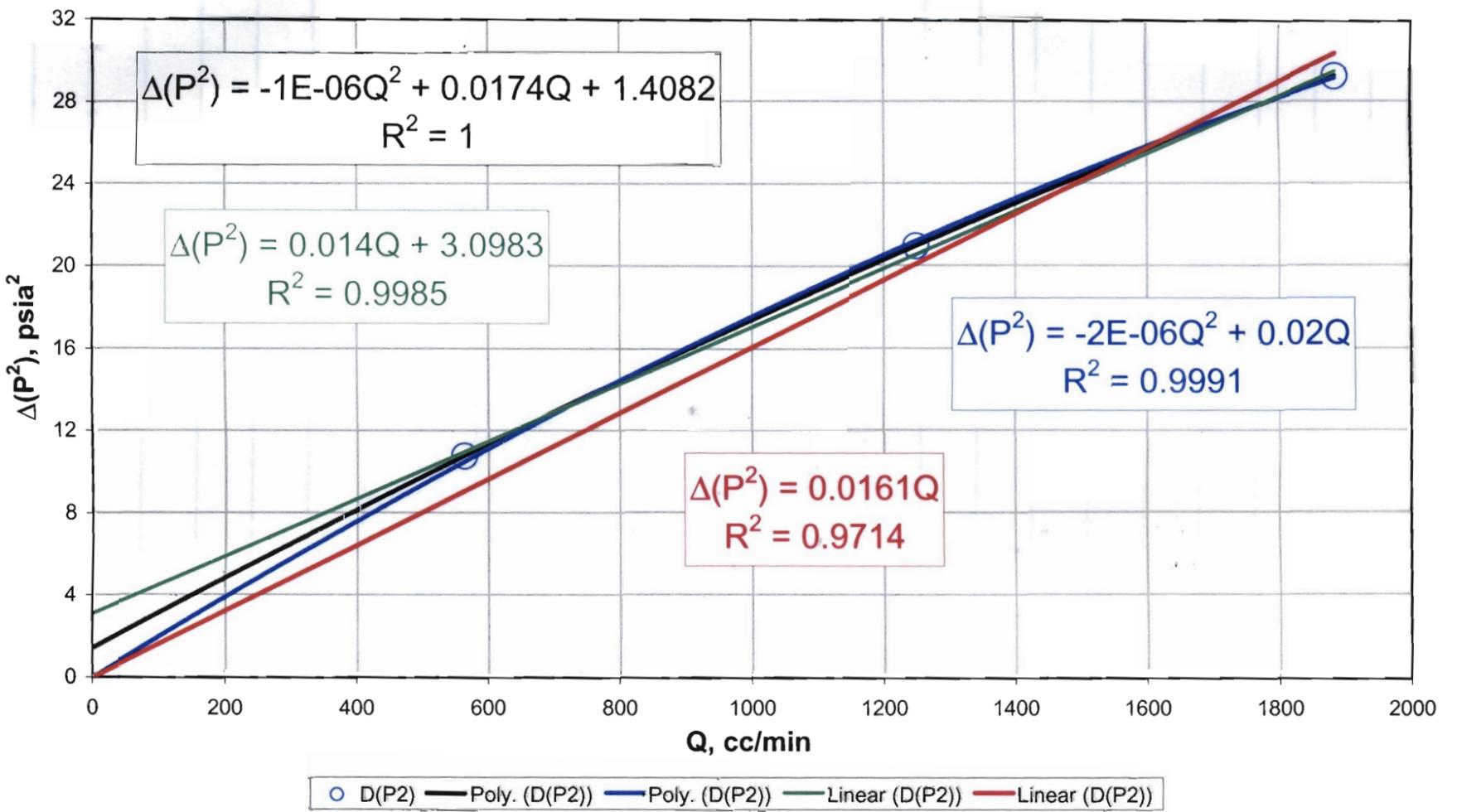
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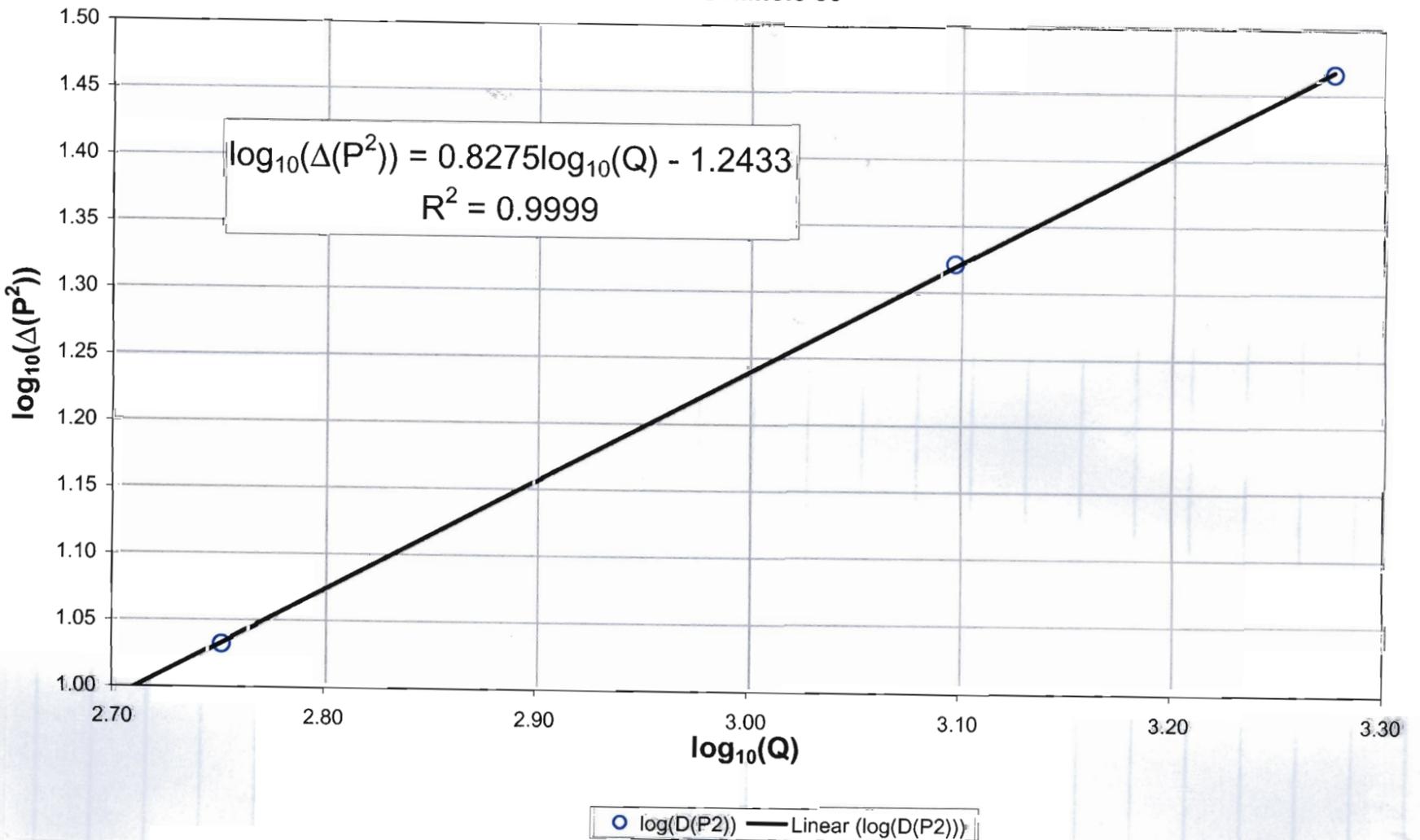
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Relationship between steady-state differential pressures squared and flowrate:
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 X Transect: Drillhole 56



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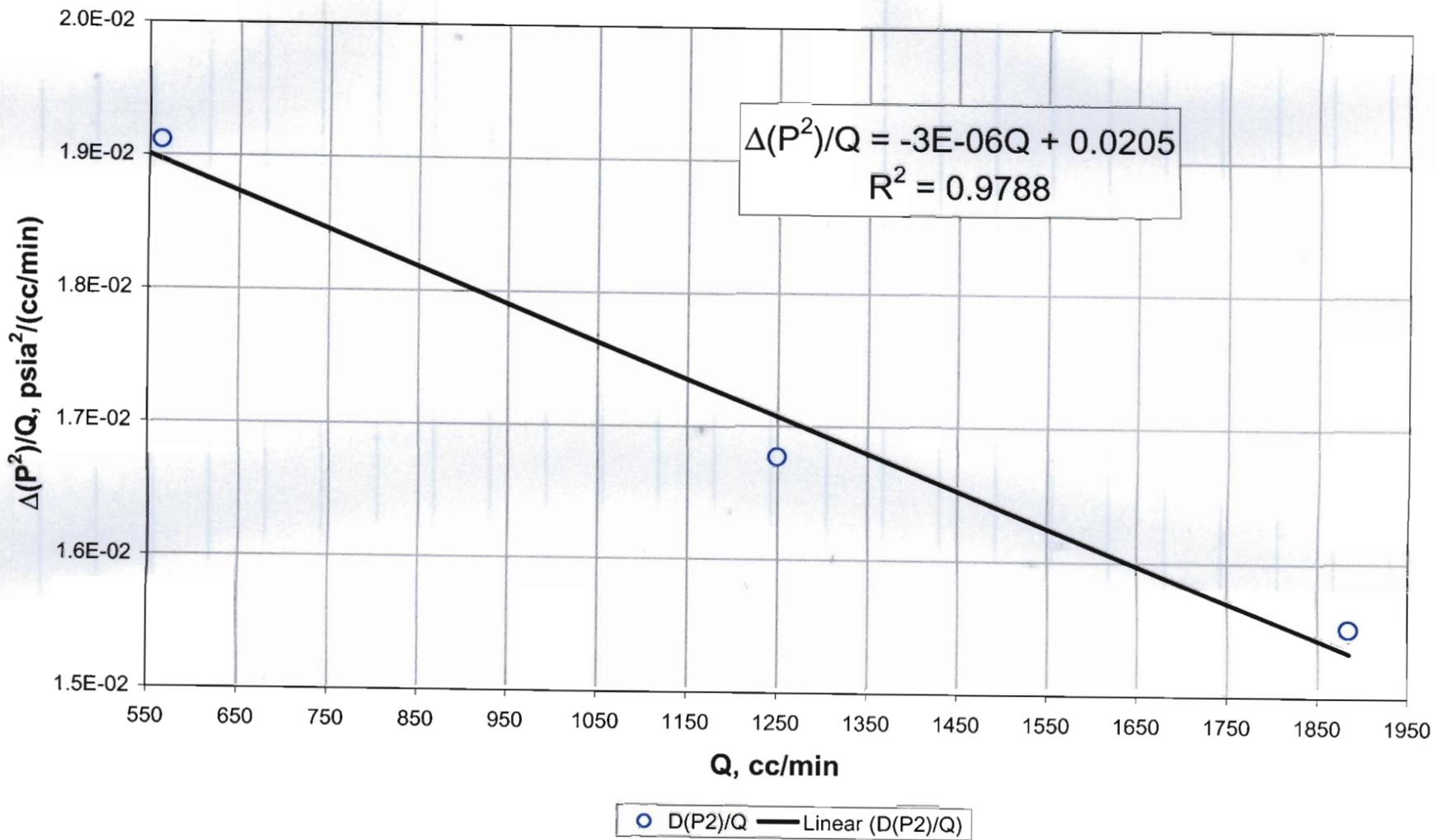
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 X Transect: Drillhole 56



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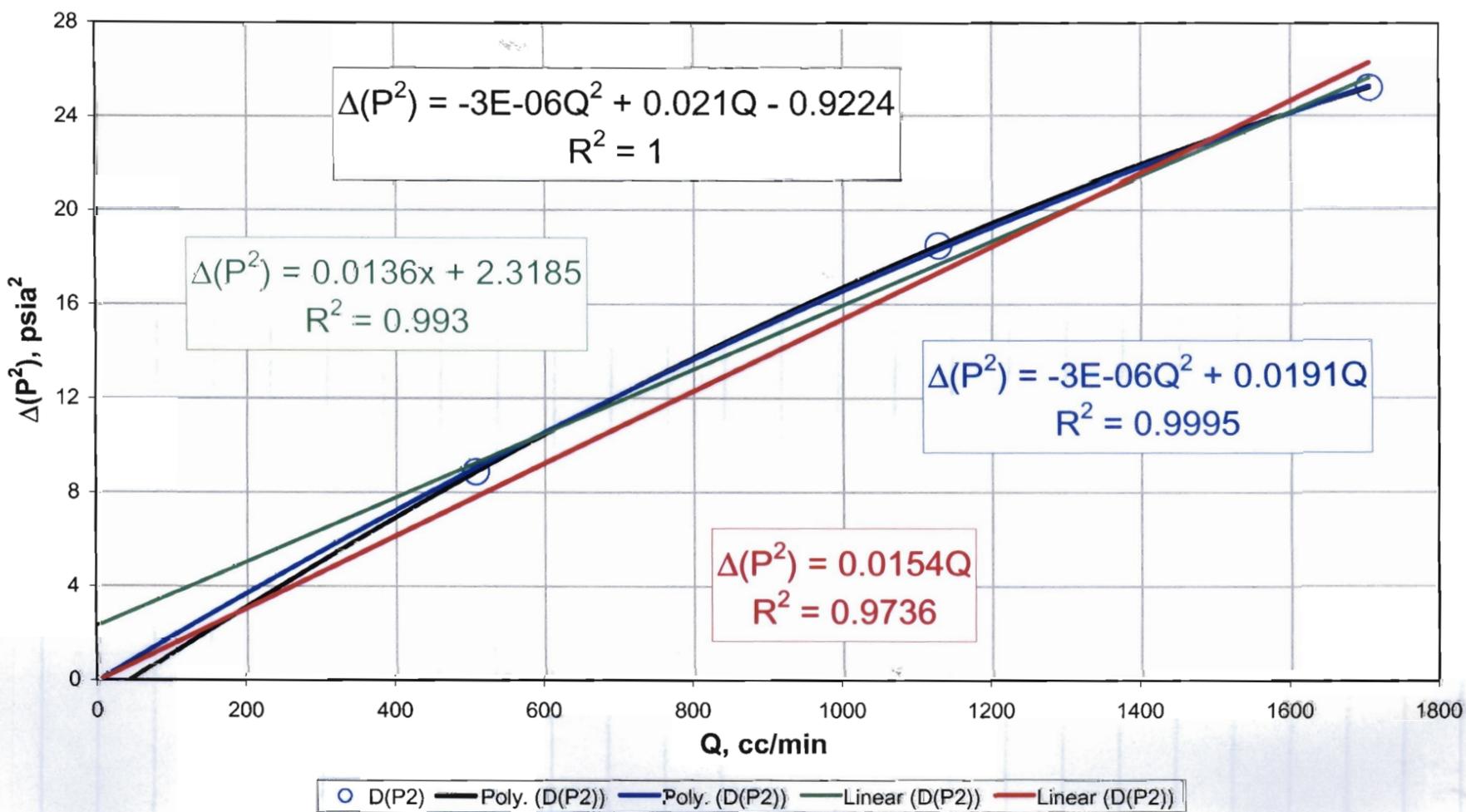
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 X Transect : Drillhole 56

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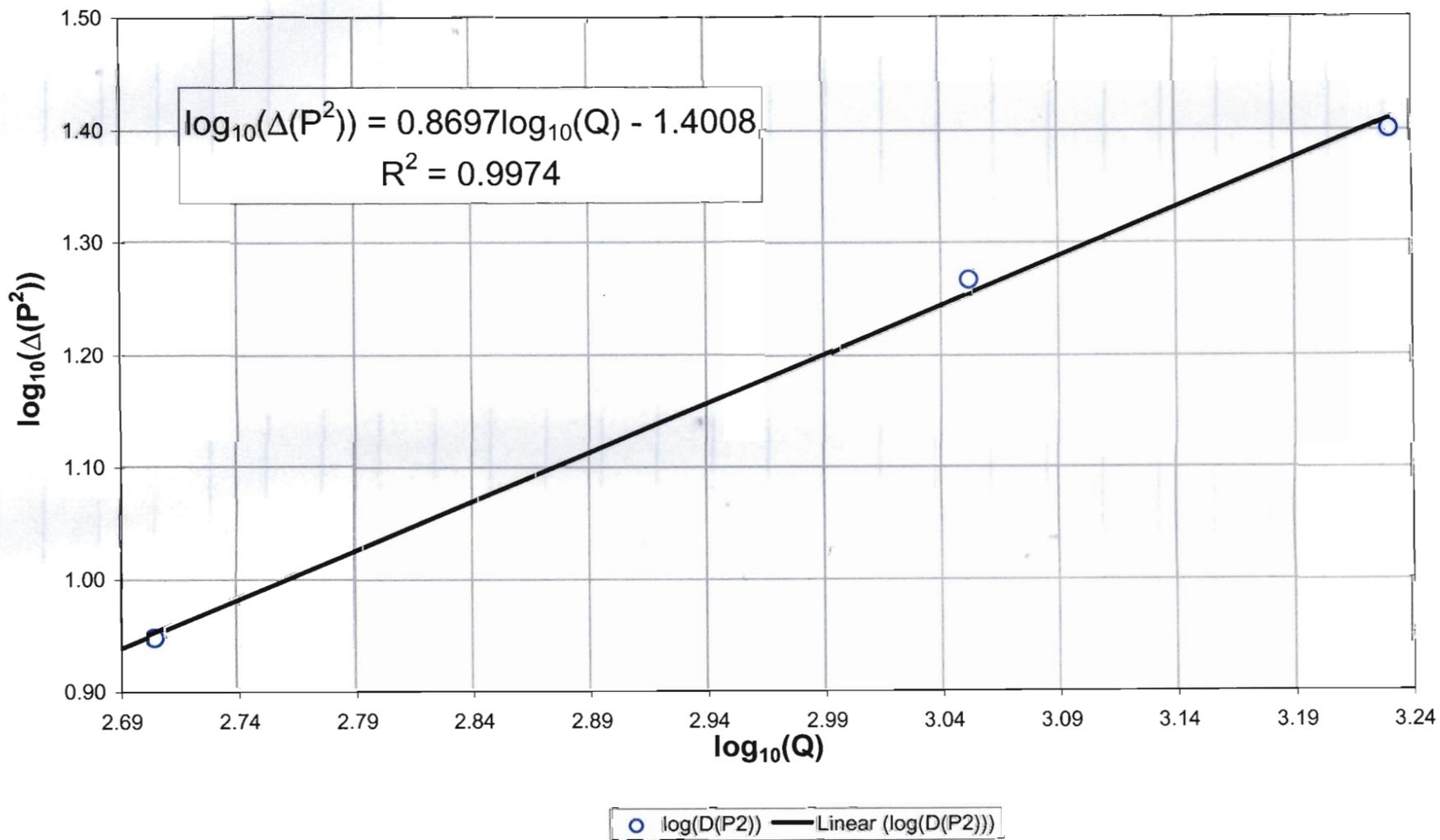
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 X Transect: Drillhole 57

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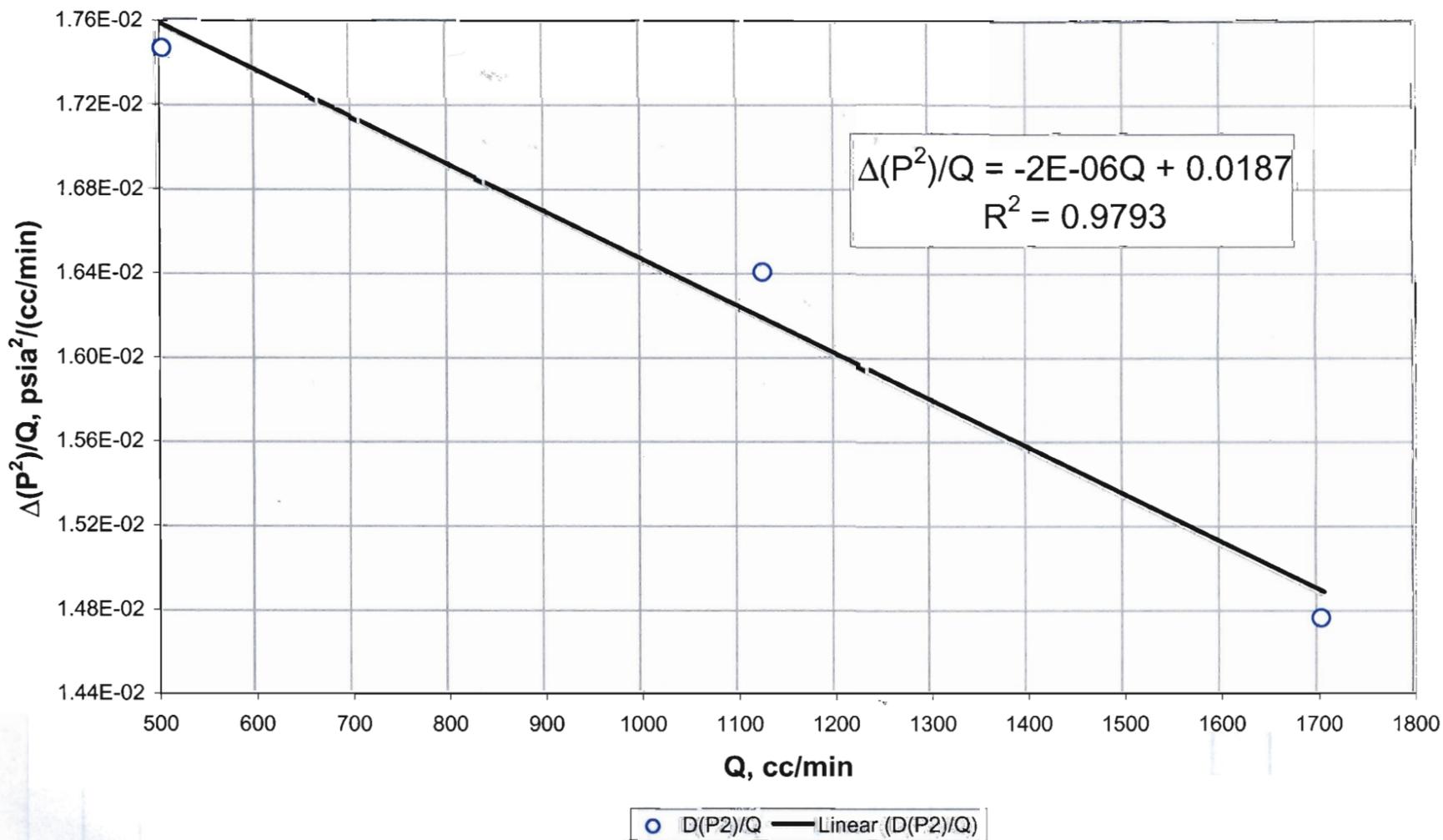
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X Transect: Drillhole 57

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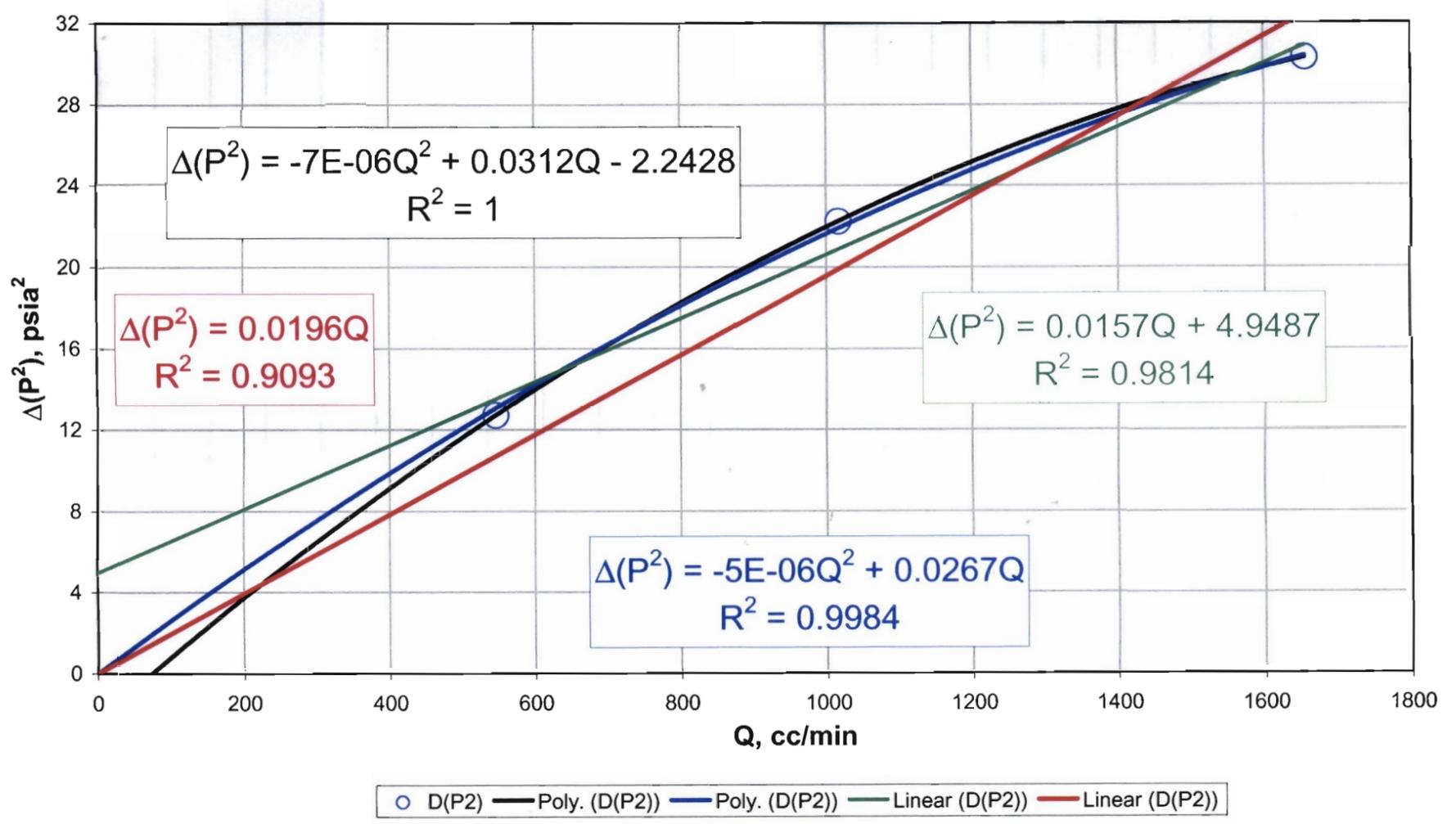
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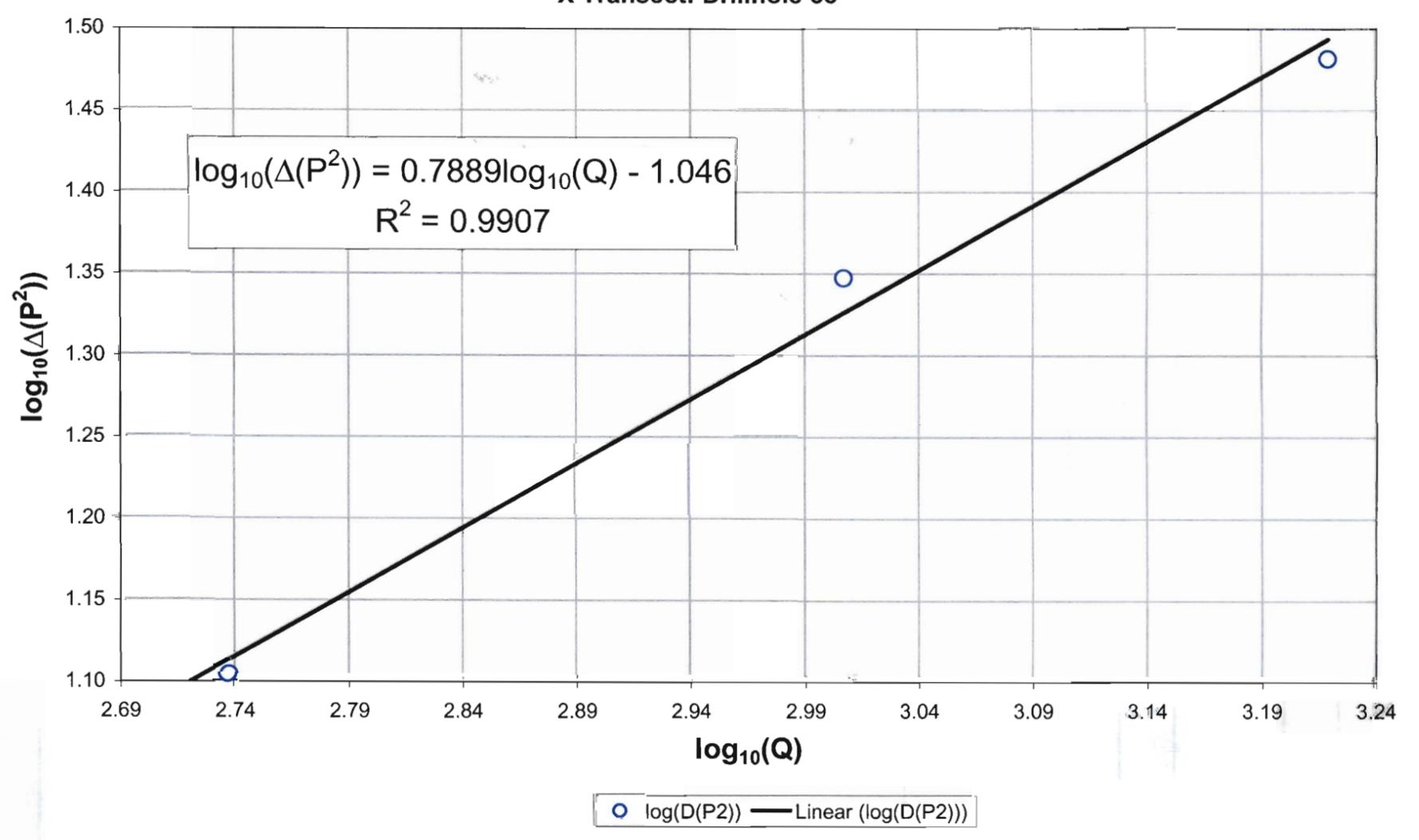
Relationship between steady-state differential pressures squared and flowrate:
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 X Transect: Drillhole 58

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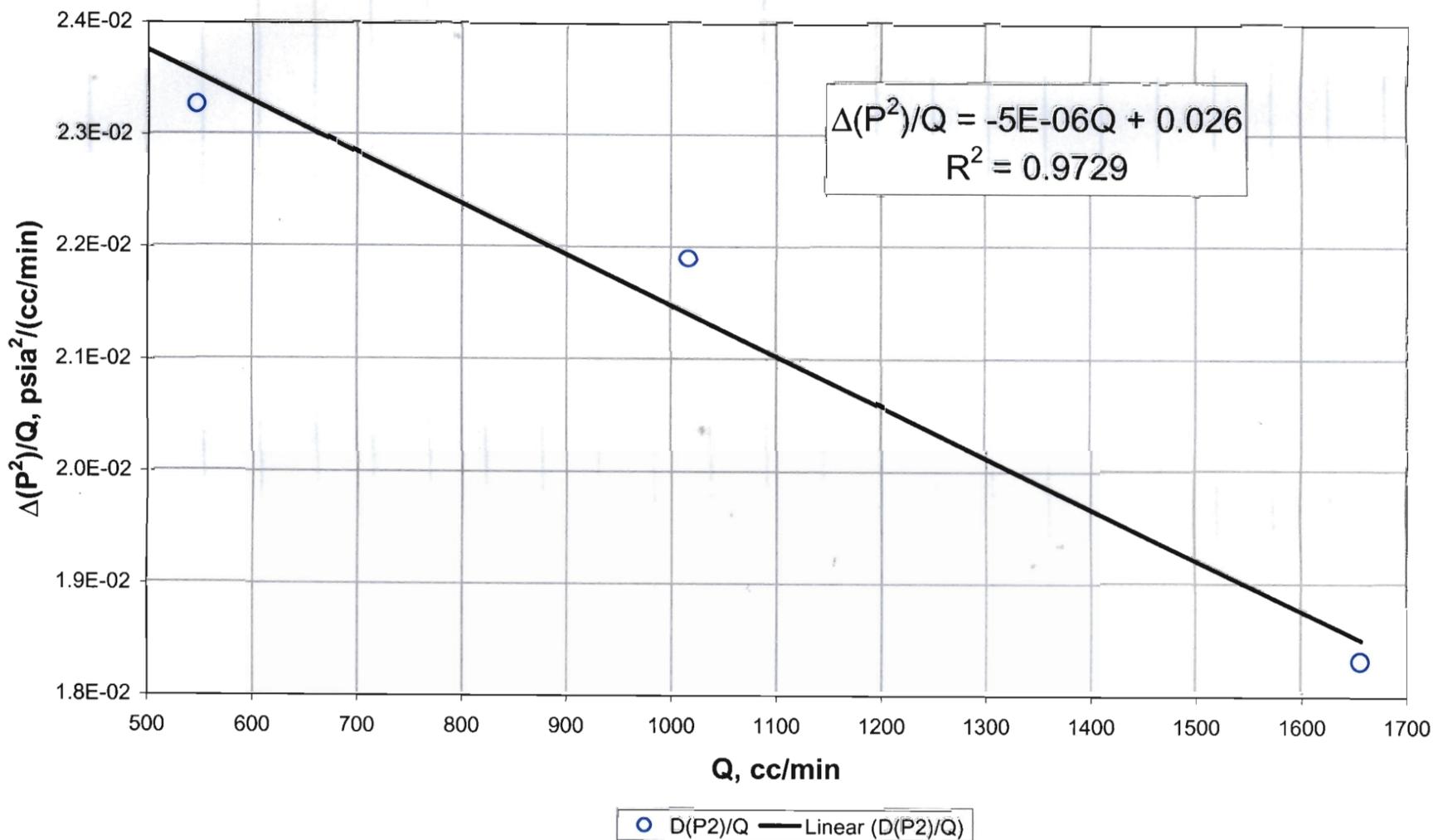


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 X Transect: Drillhole 58

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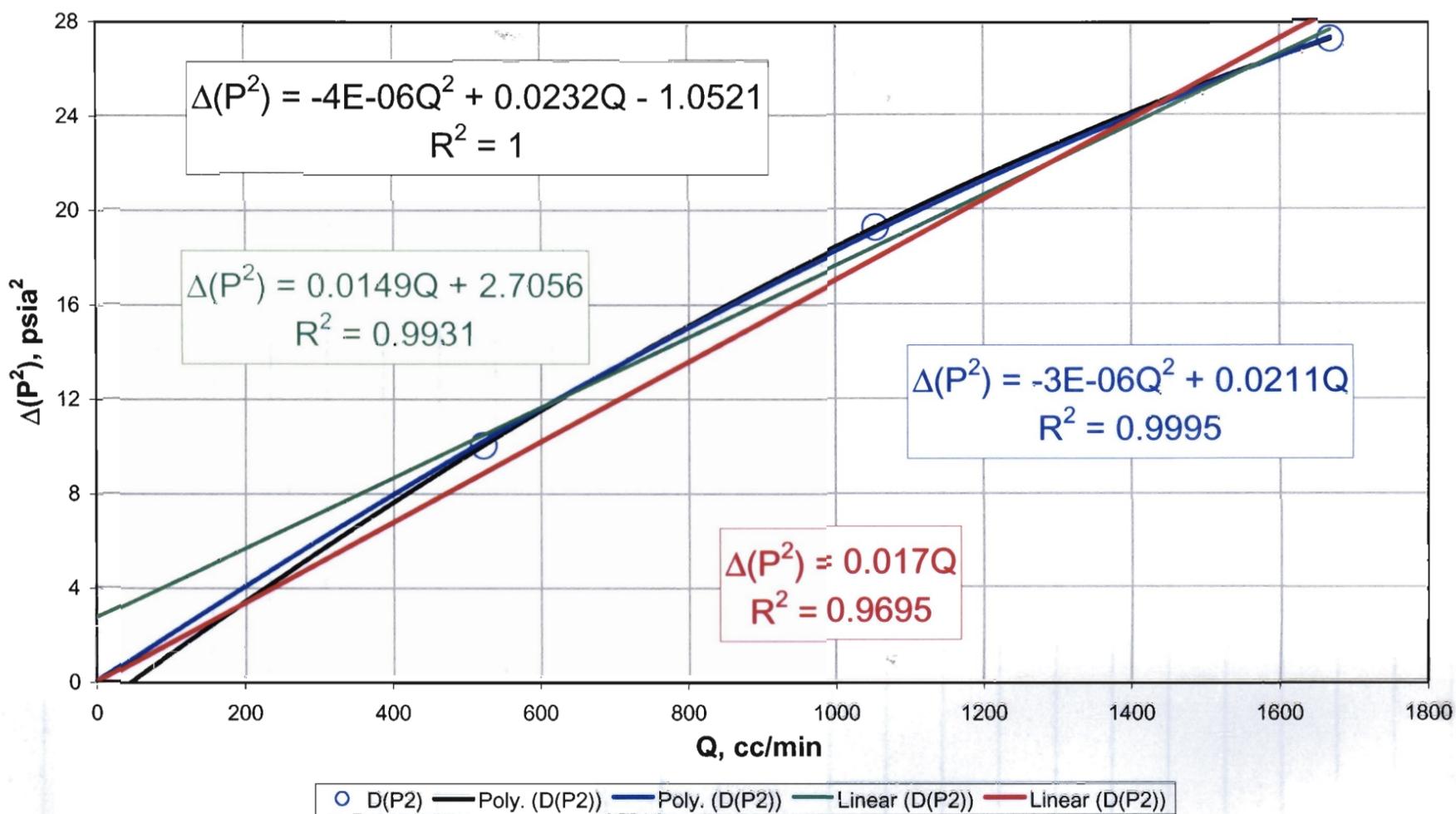


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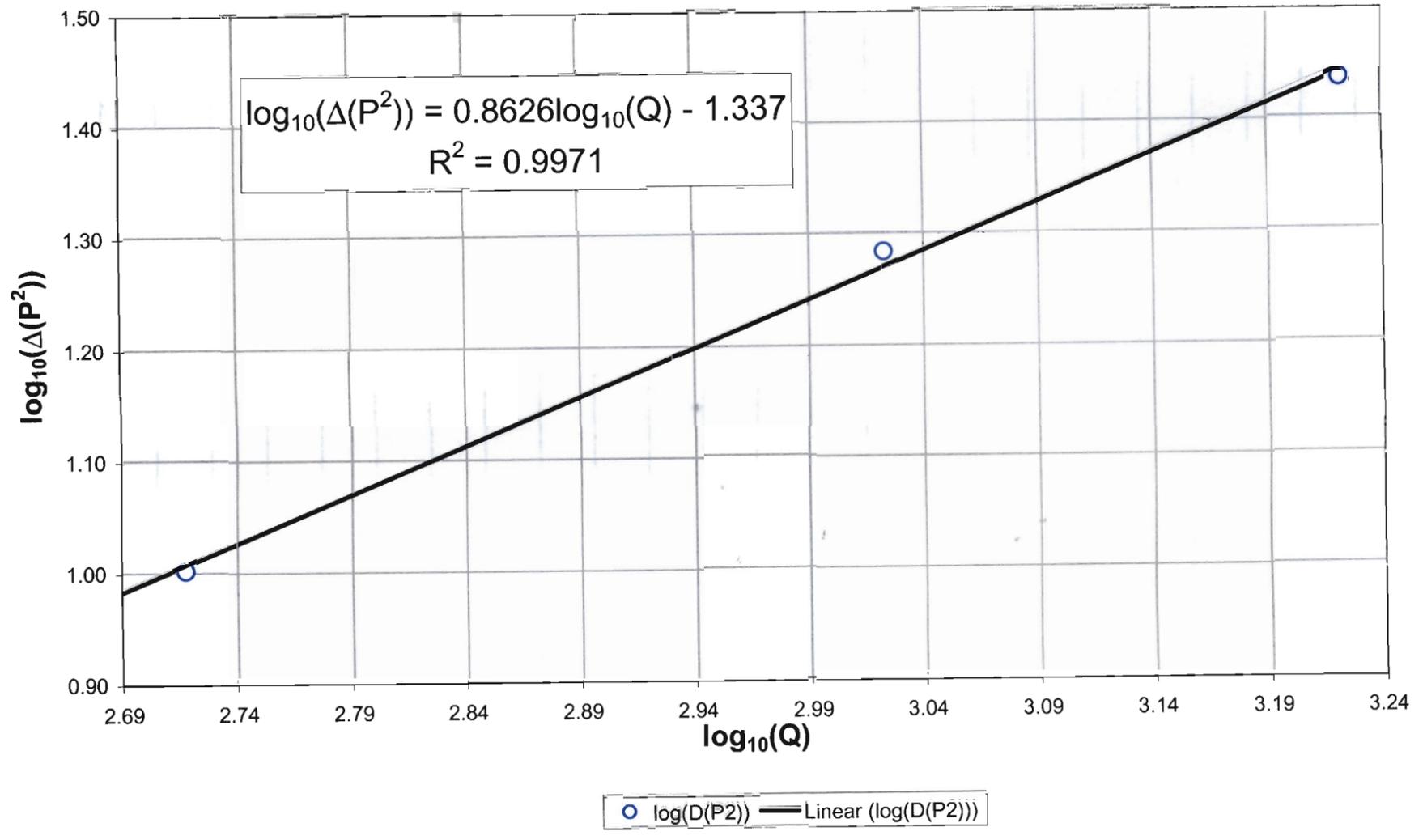
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 X Transect: Drillhole 59



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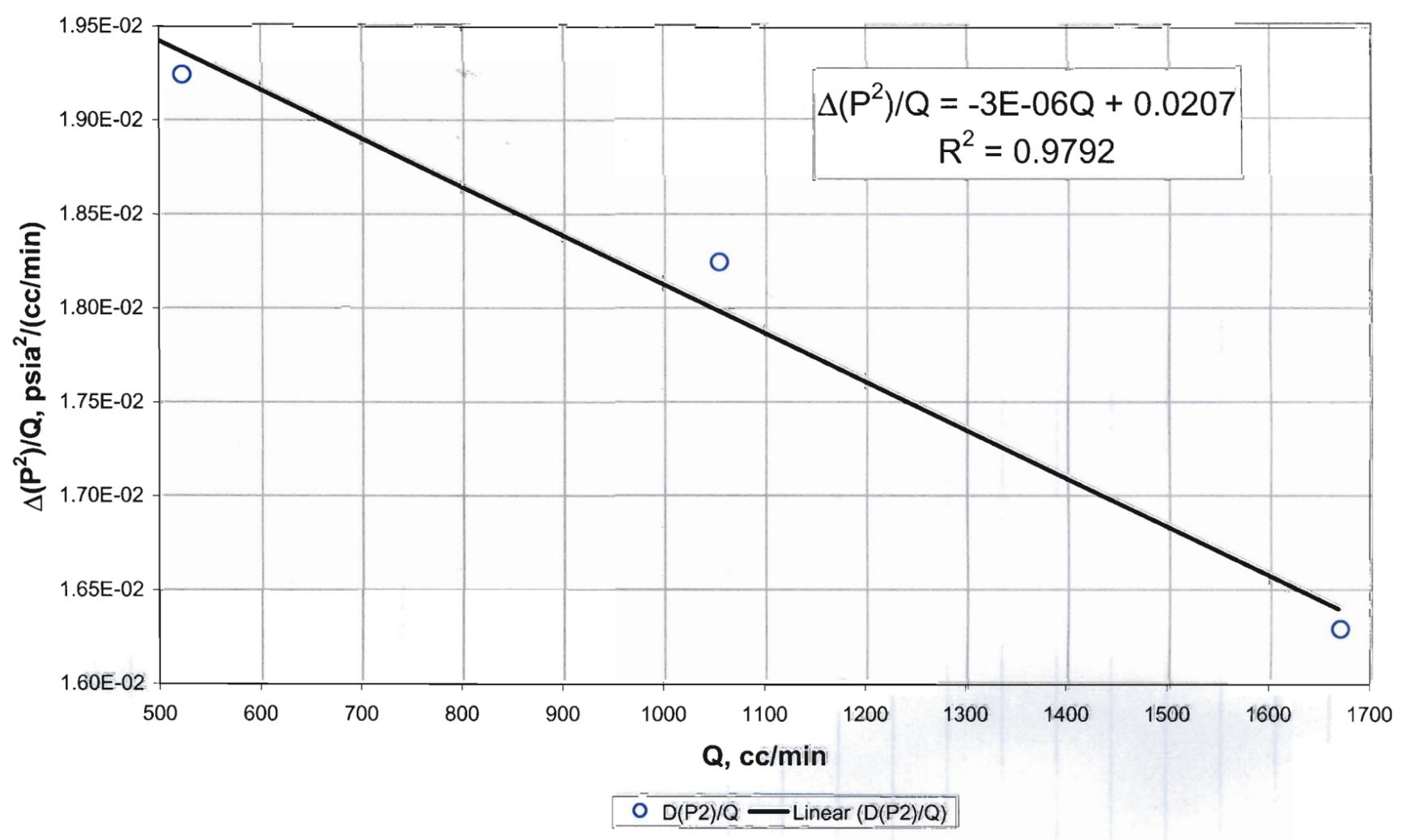
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 X Transect: Drillhole 59

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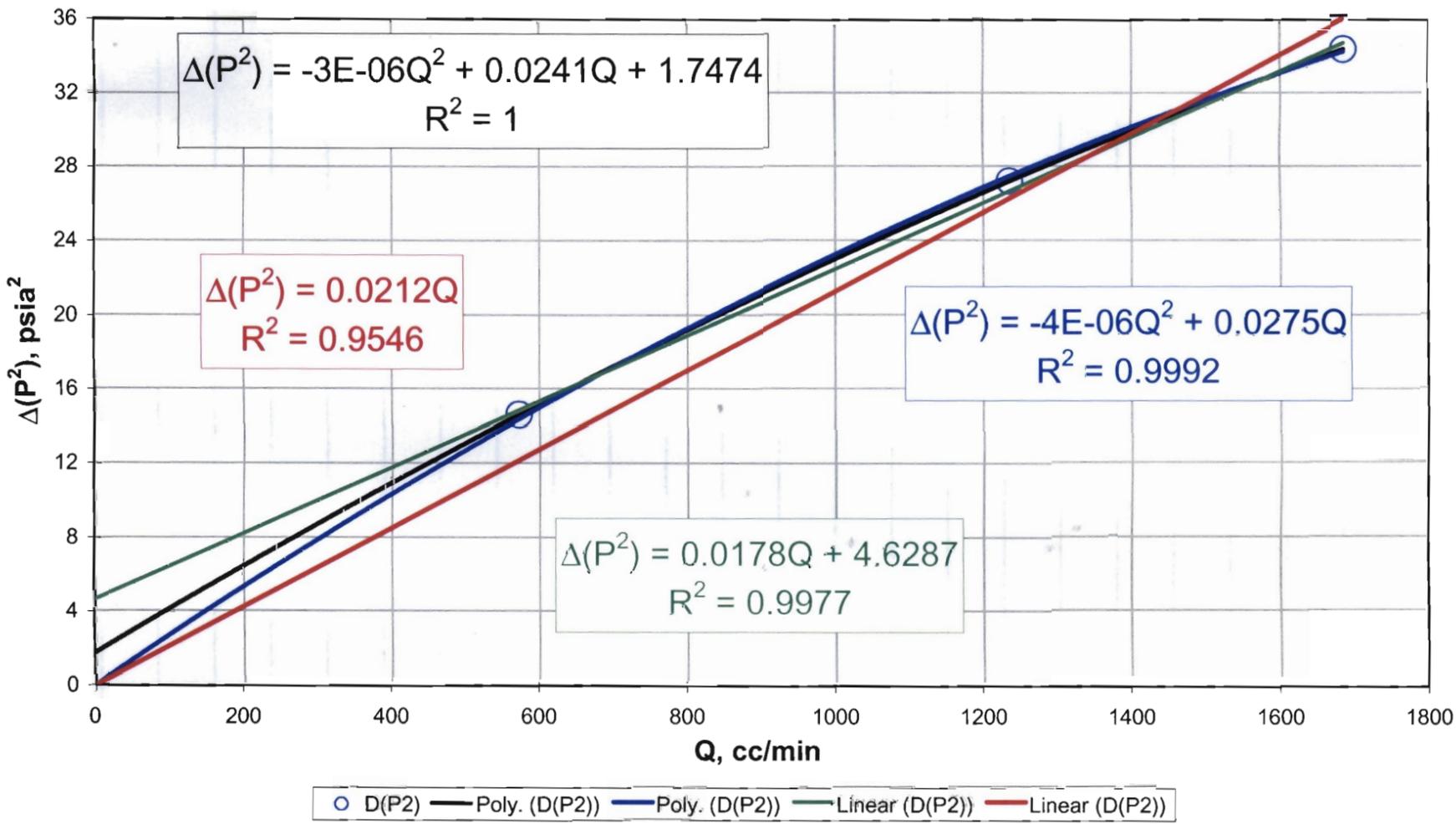
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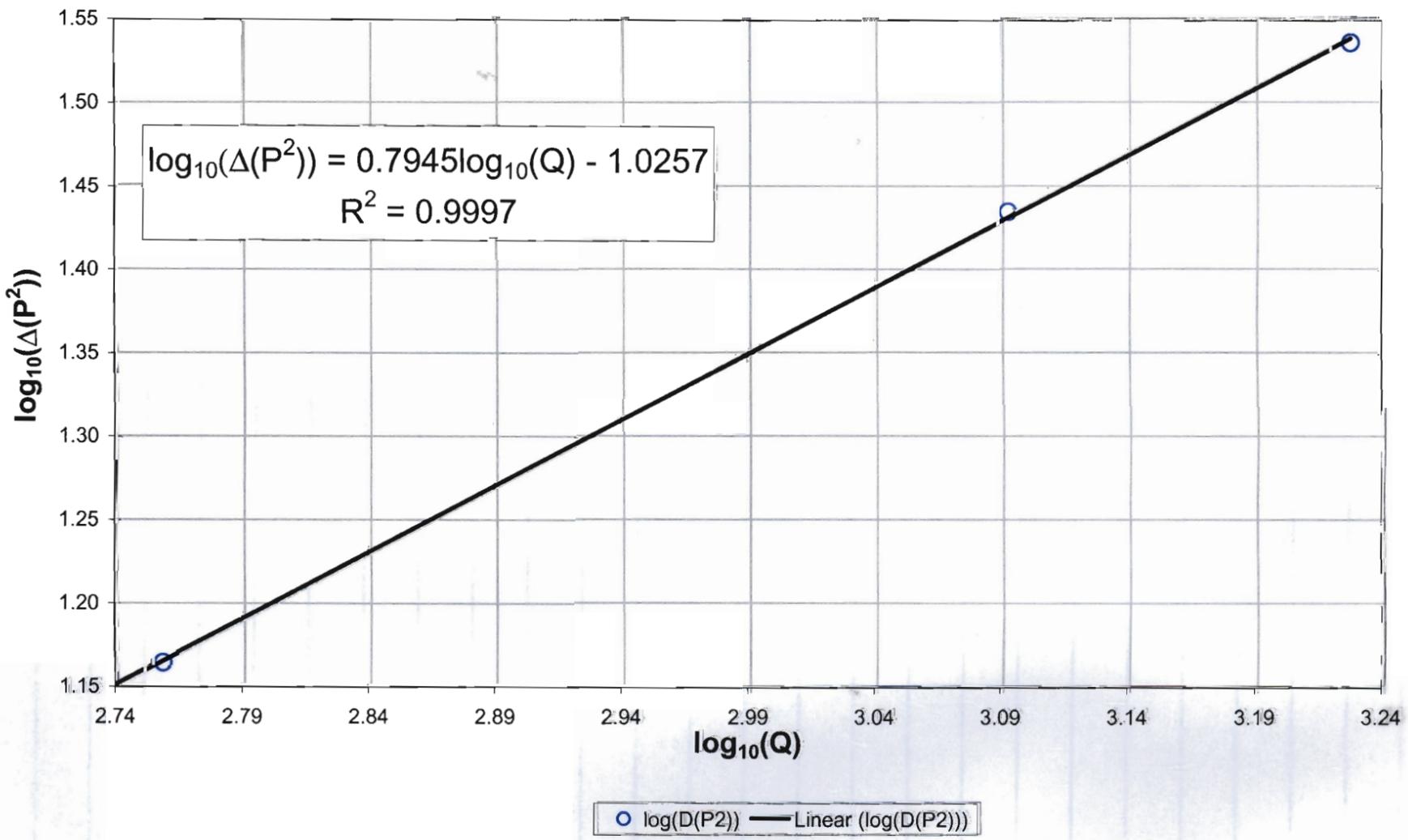
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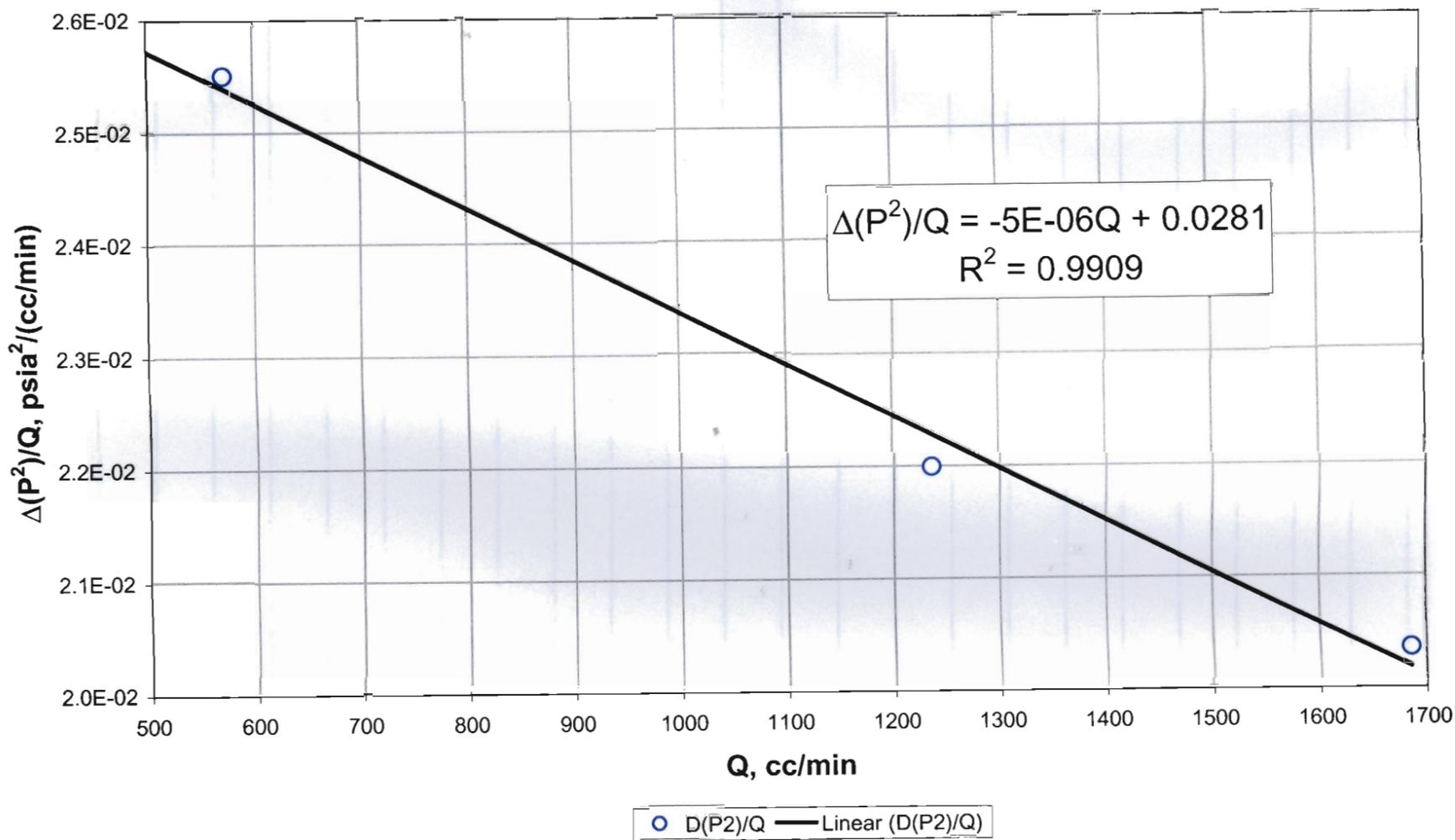


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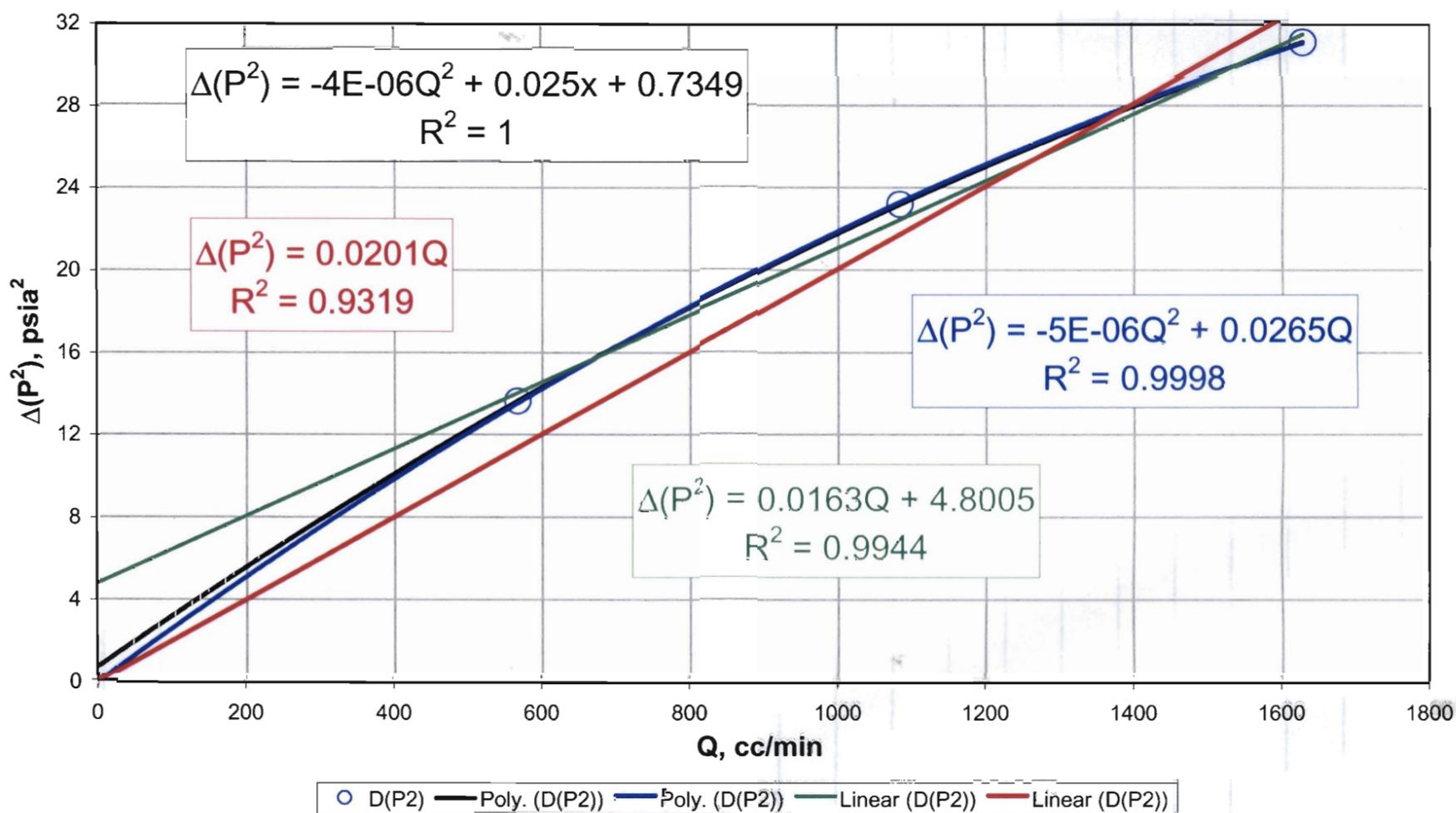


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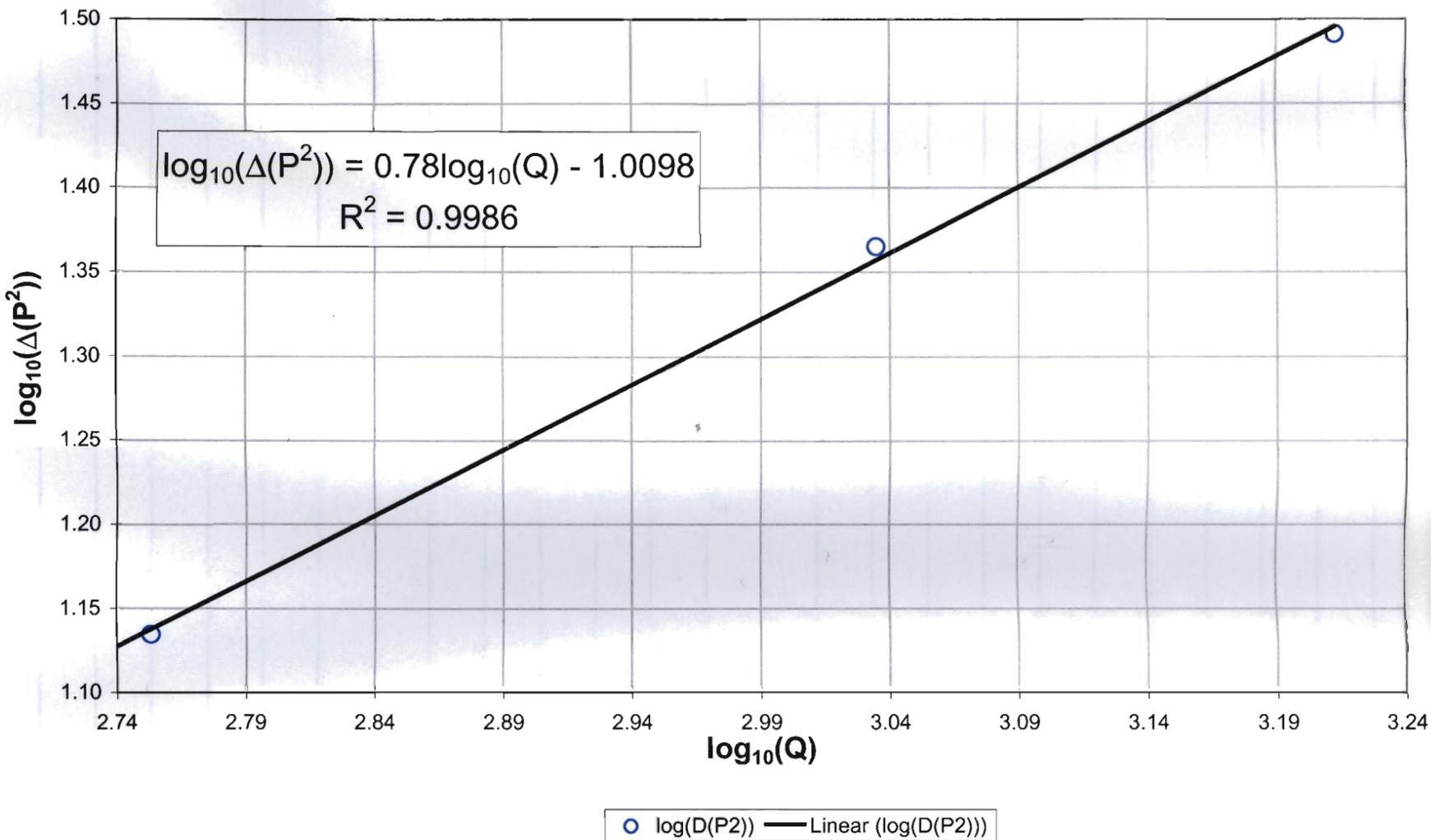
Relationship between steady-state differential pressures squared and flowrate:
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Log-Log plot of differential pressures squared vs. flowrate--used to identify the presence of high-velocity flow effects (when the slope is greater than unity)

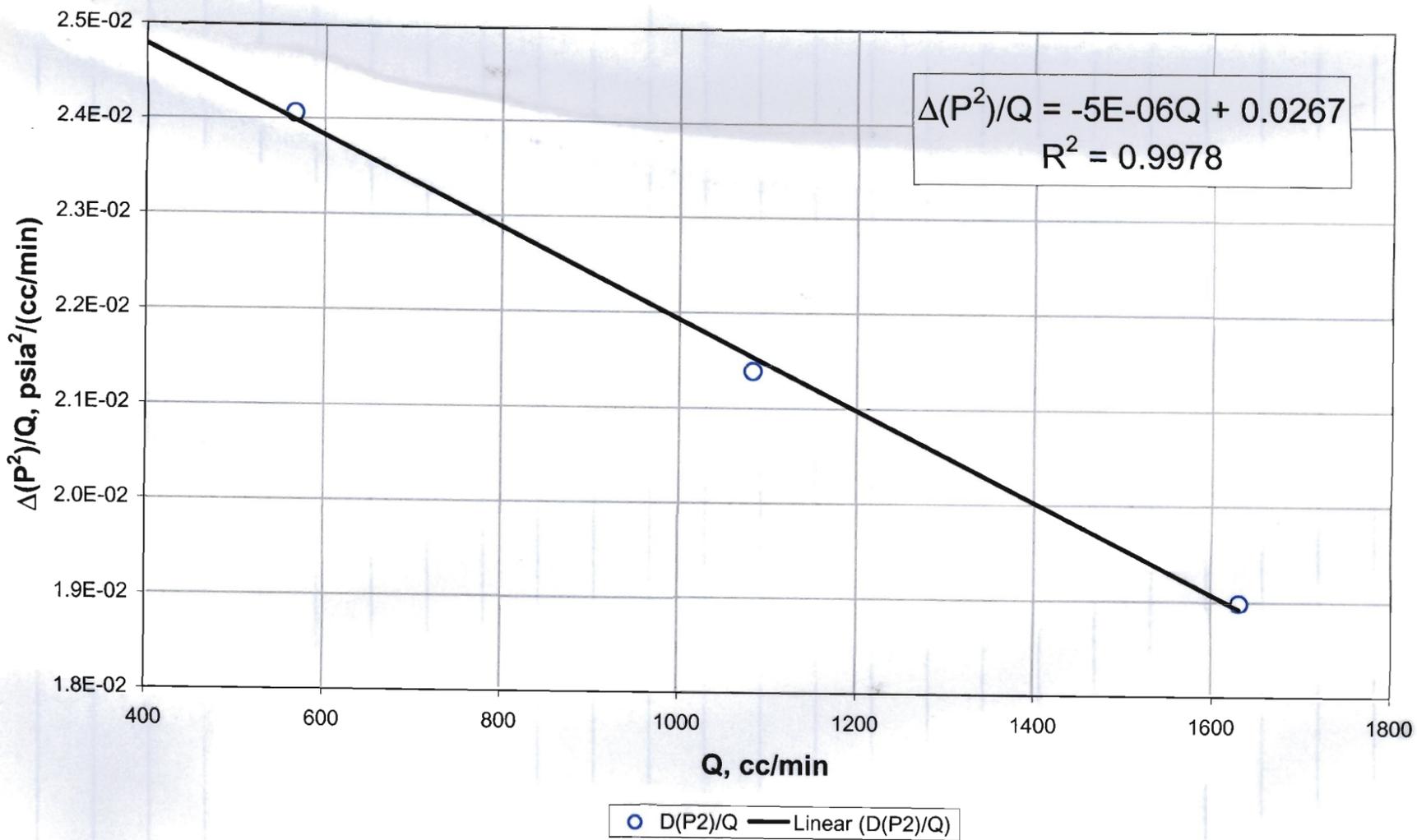
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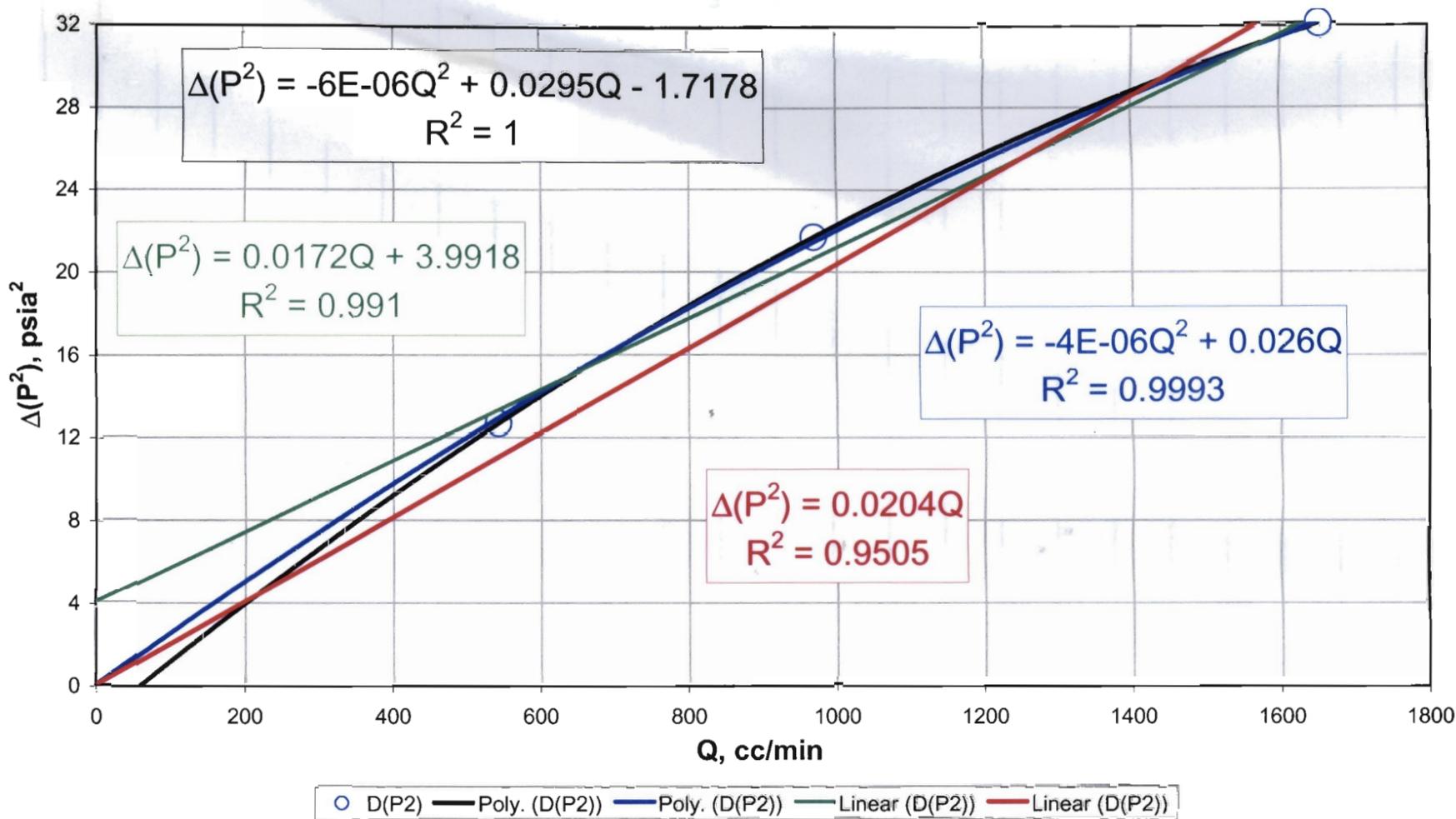
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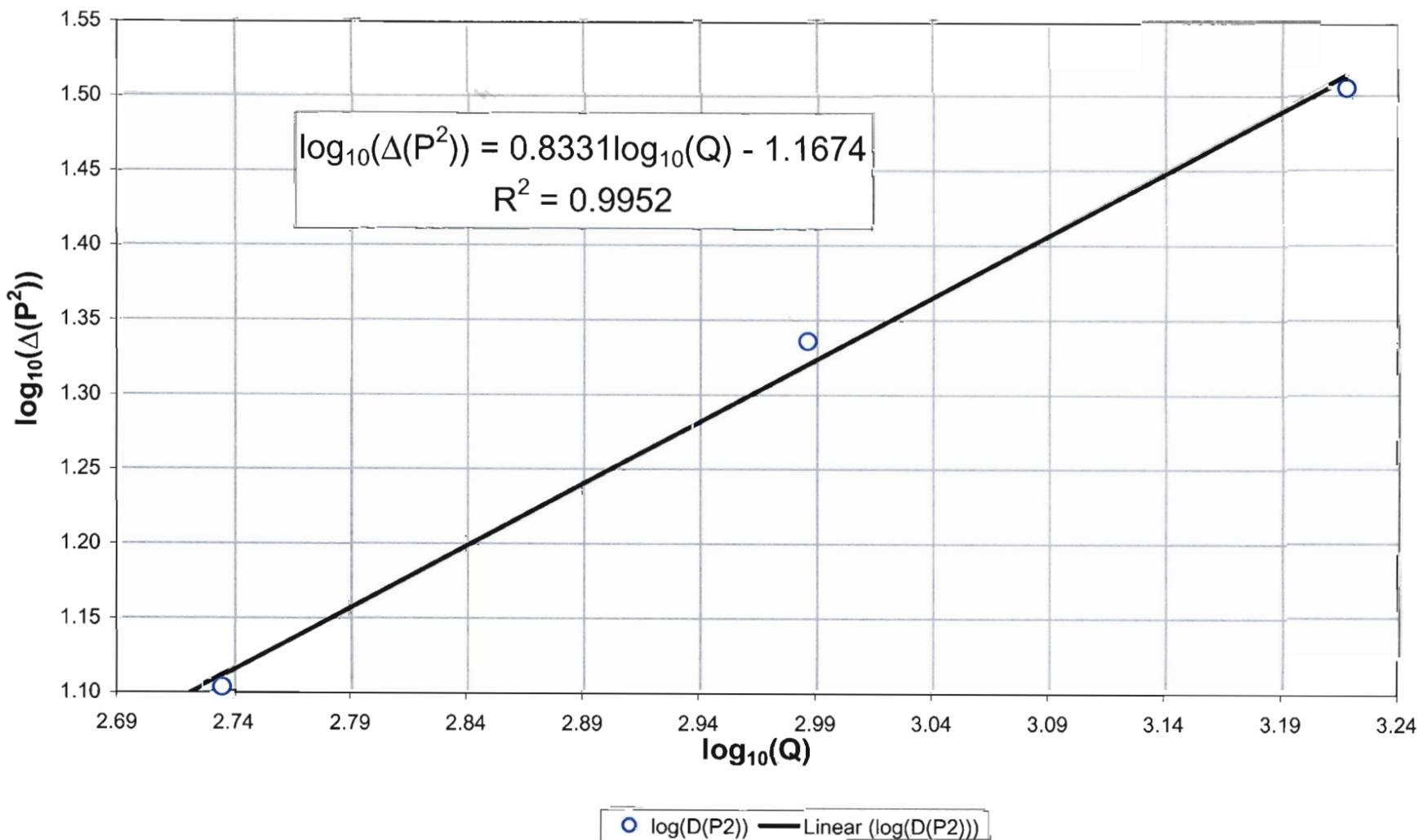
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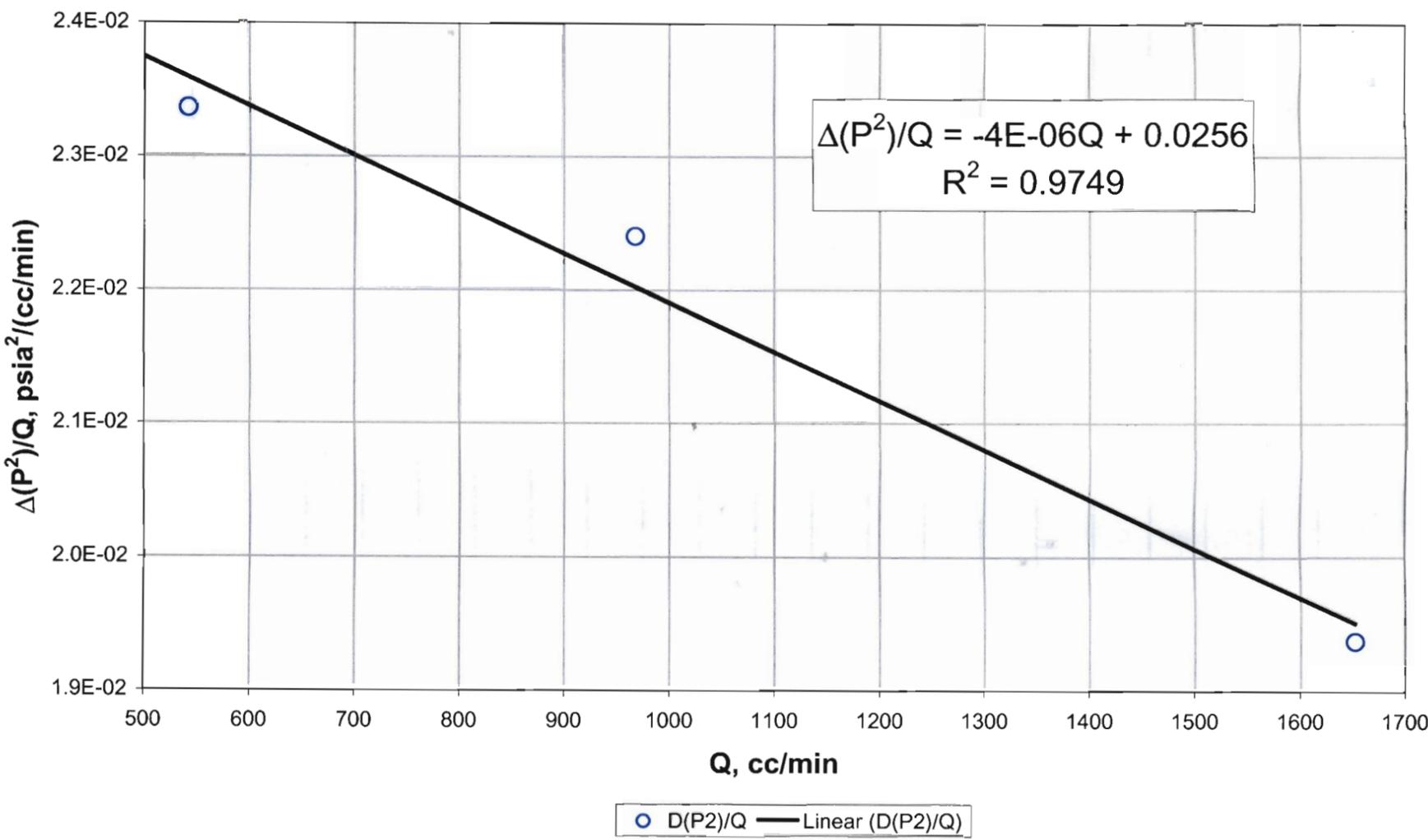


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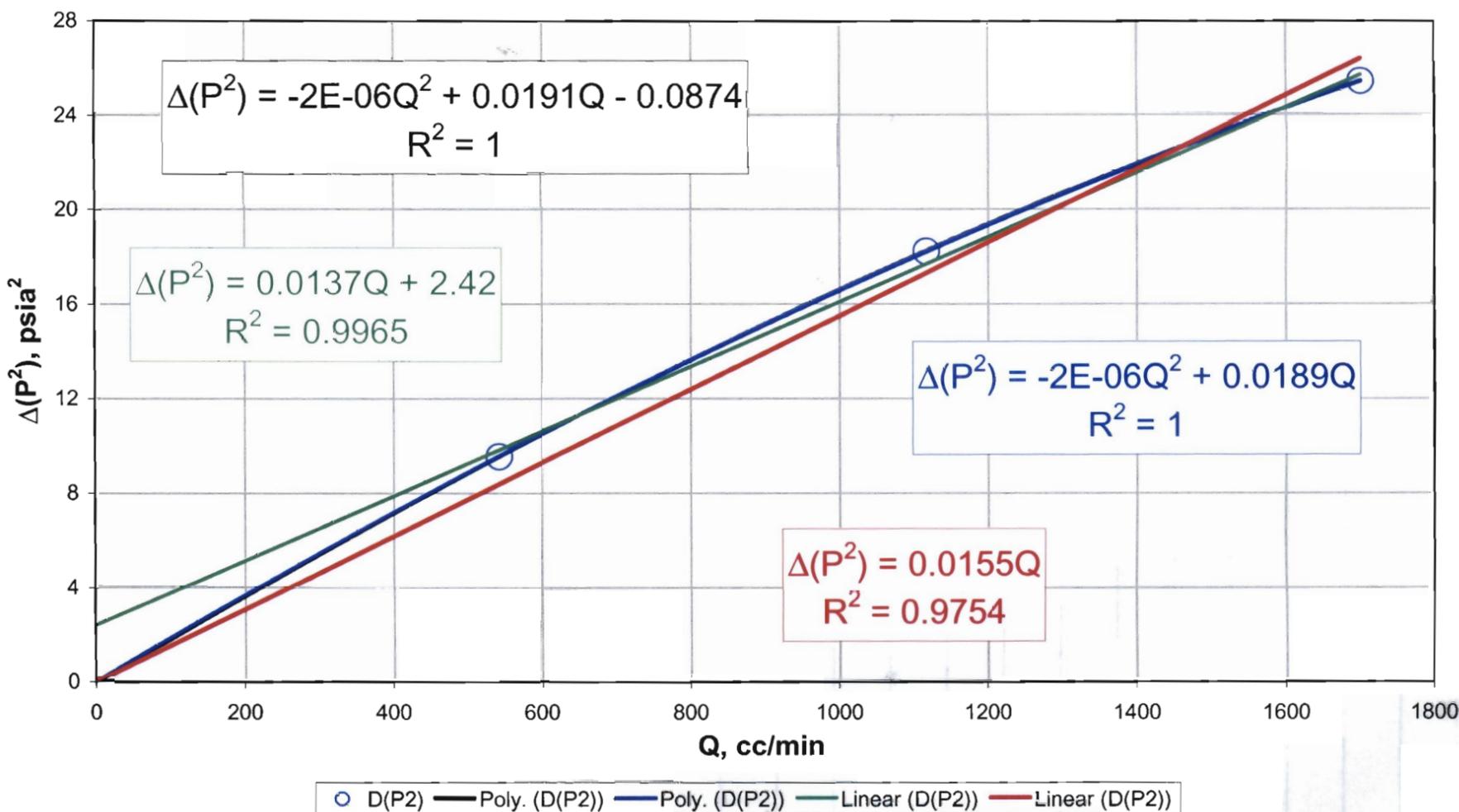


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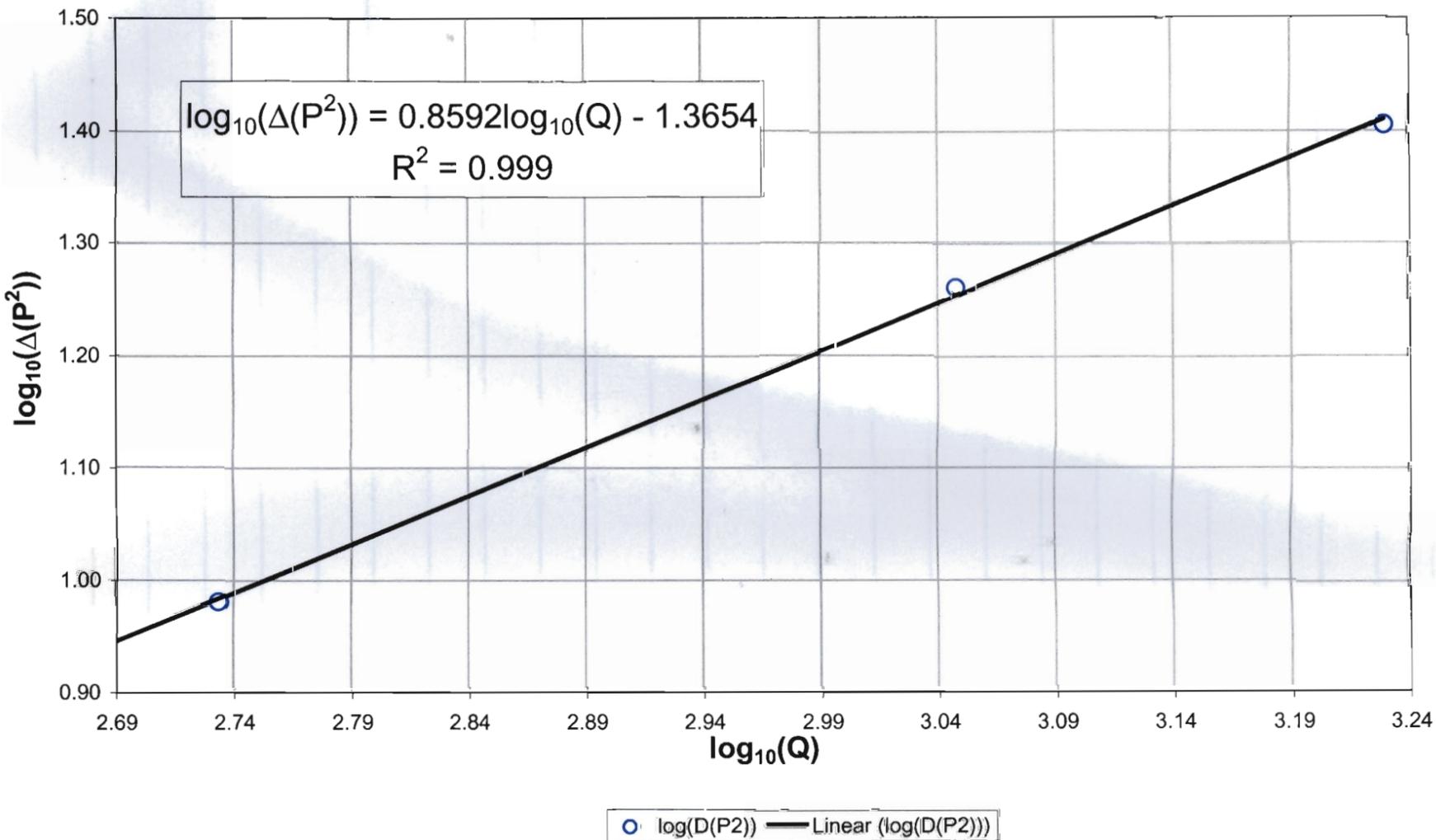
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Log-Log plot of differential pressures squared vs. flowrate--used to identify the presence of high-velocity flow effects (when the slope is greater than unity)

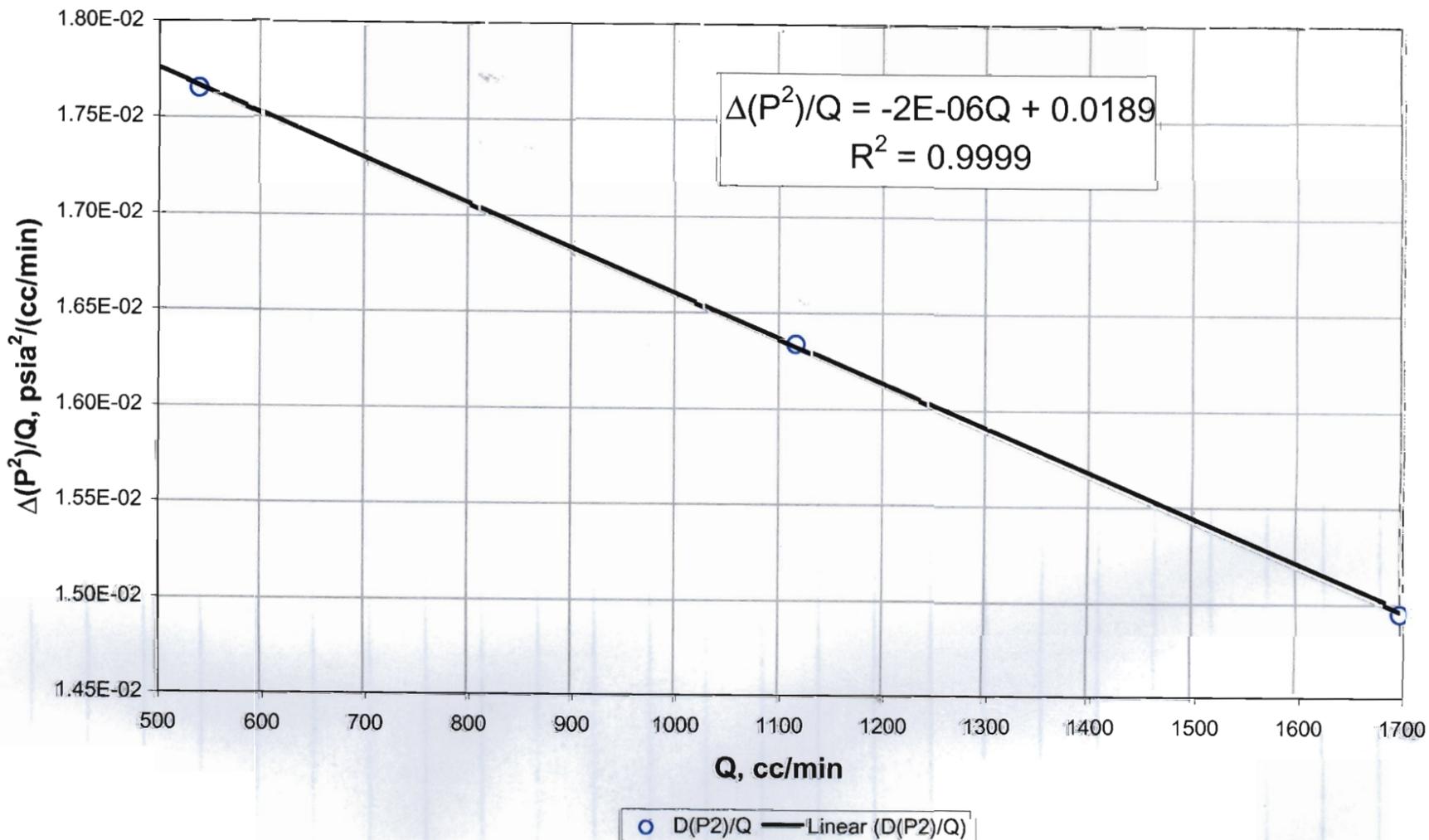
X Transect: Drillhole 63



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Final check for high velocity flow effects: High velocity flow effects are present when the slope is non-zero and positive.

X Transect : Drillhole 63



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