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Multiple Events per Crossing ?

Say we have $L = 1.0 \times 10^{27} / \text{cm}^2 / \text{sec}$ for gold and $L = 1.1 \times 10^{30} / \text{cm}^2 / \text{sec}$ for carbon (gold-gold and carbon-carbon). The total reaction cross sections (geometric) are $\frac{\pi}{100} 1.25^2 (A_1^{1/3} + A_2^{1/3})^2$ barns. This gives 1.03 barns for $^{12}\text{C} + ^{12}\text{C}$ and 6.65 barns for $^{197}\text{Au} + ^{197}\text{Au}$. The beam makes 78197 orbits/second. Thus on the average, there are

$$N/\text{crossing} = \frac{L \cdot \sigma}{(\# \text{ orbits/second}) (\# \text{ crossings/orbit})} \quad \text{events per crossing.}$$

We always have 57 crossings/orbit i.e. bunches. Then for carbon-carbon, there are 0.254 events/crossing and for gold-gold there are 0.00149 events/crossing, on the average.

A ^{normalized} Poisson distribution has the form $P_{\bar{n}}(n) = \frac{e^{-\bar{n}} (\bar{n})^n}{n!}$ $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

where n is the number of events and \bar{n} is the mean, given above. The variance equals the mean. The following table results for our two cases.

	C-C $L = 1.1 \times 10^{30}$	Au-Au $L = 1.0 \times 10^{27}$
n	$P_{\bar{n}}(n) = P_{0.254}(n)$	$P_{\bar{n}}(n) = P_{0.00149}(n)$
0	.776	.9985
1	.197	.001488
2	.0250	1.11×10^{-6}
3	.00212	5.51×10^{-10}
4	.000135	2.05×10^{-13}
5	.00000683	6.11×10^{-17}
6	2.89×10^{-7}	1.52×10^{-20}
7	1.05×10^{-8}	3.23×10^{-24}
8	3.33×10^{-10}	6.02×10^{-28}

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The gold numbers are just fine.

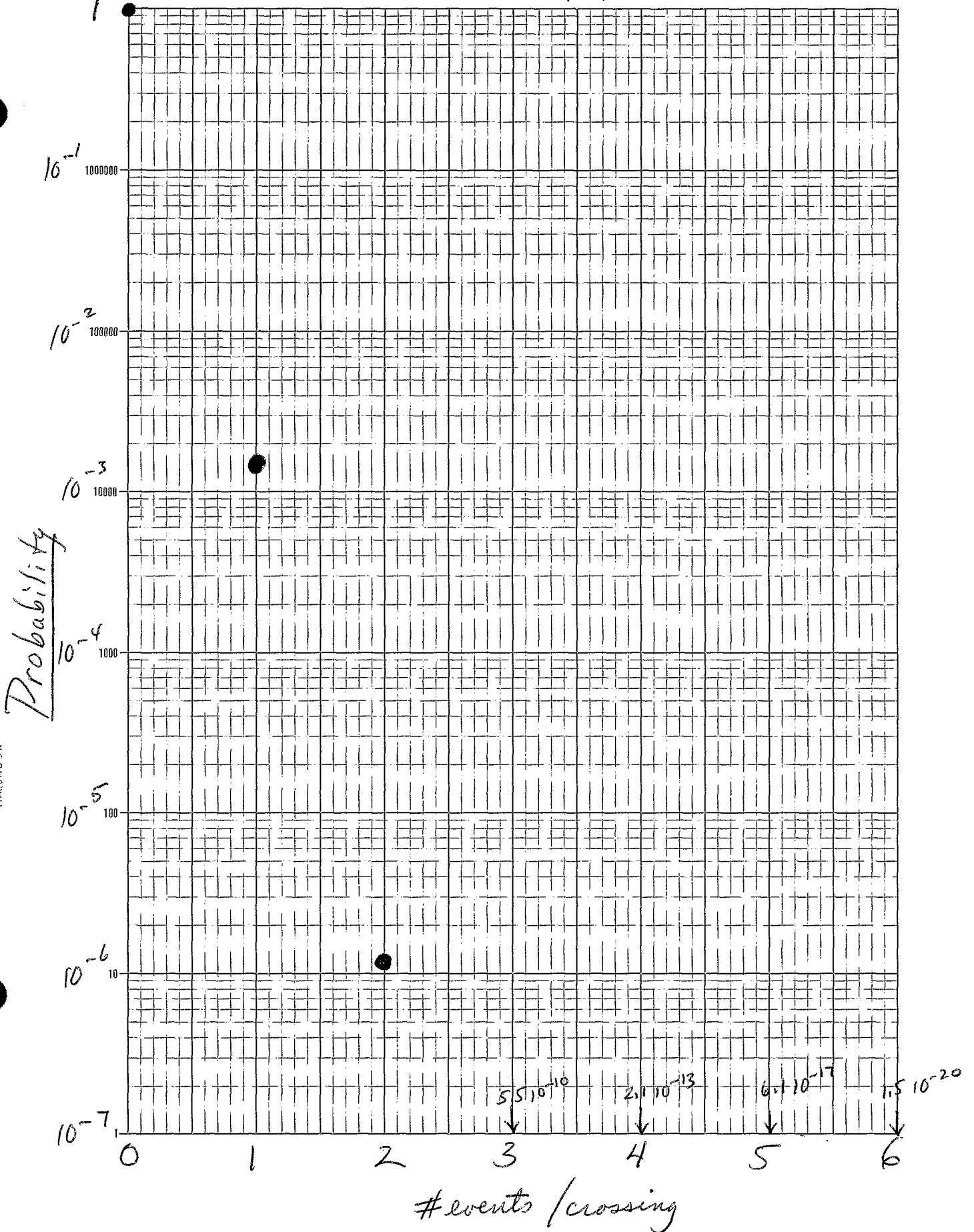
The carbon numbers for 2-4 events ^{per} crossing are perhaps unacceptable. If we lower the luminosity by a factor of ten, we get 0.0254 events/crossing, and the table becomes

n	C-C $P_{0.0254}(n)$	low L = $1.1 \cdot 10^{29}$ /cm ² /sec
0	.9749	
1	.02476	
2	.000314	
3	2.66 10^{-6}	
4	1.69 10^{-8}	
5	8.59 10^{-11}	
6	3.64 10^{-13}	
7	1.32 10^{-15}	
8	4.19 10^{-18}	

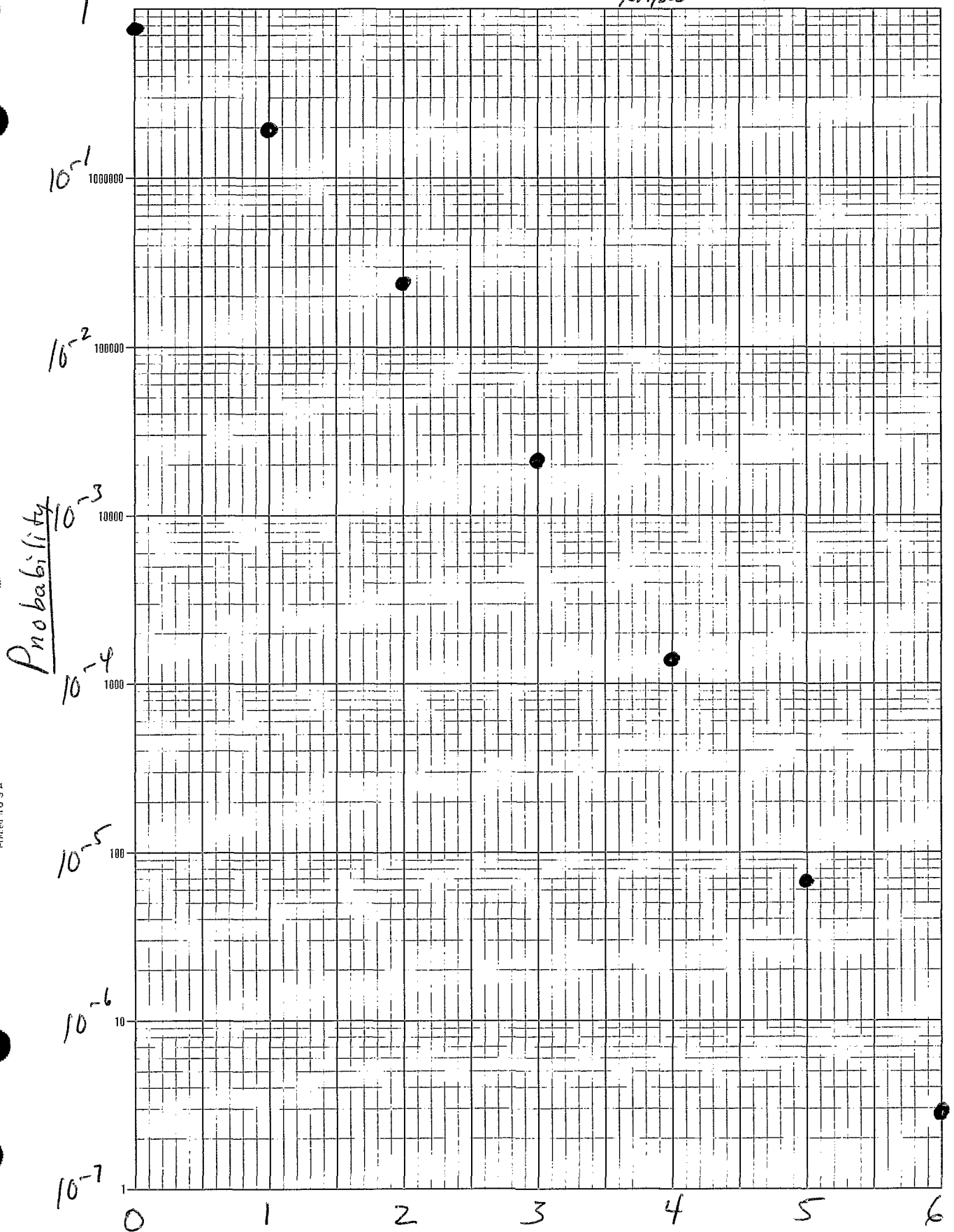
Arguing even half the cross section goes to fragmentation and thus events with little or no central rapidity activity, these values should be quite acceptable.

BOTTOM LINE : THIS AIN'T NO PROBLEM!

MODEL Gold-Gold $L = 1 \times 10^{27} \text{ km}^2/\text{sec}$ DATE 3/1/84



MODEL Carbon-Carbon at $L = 1.1 \times 10^{30} / \text{cm}^2 / \text{sec}$ DATE 3/1/84



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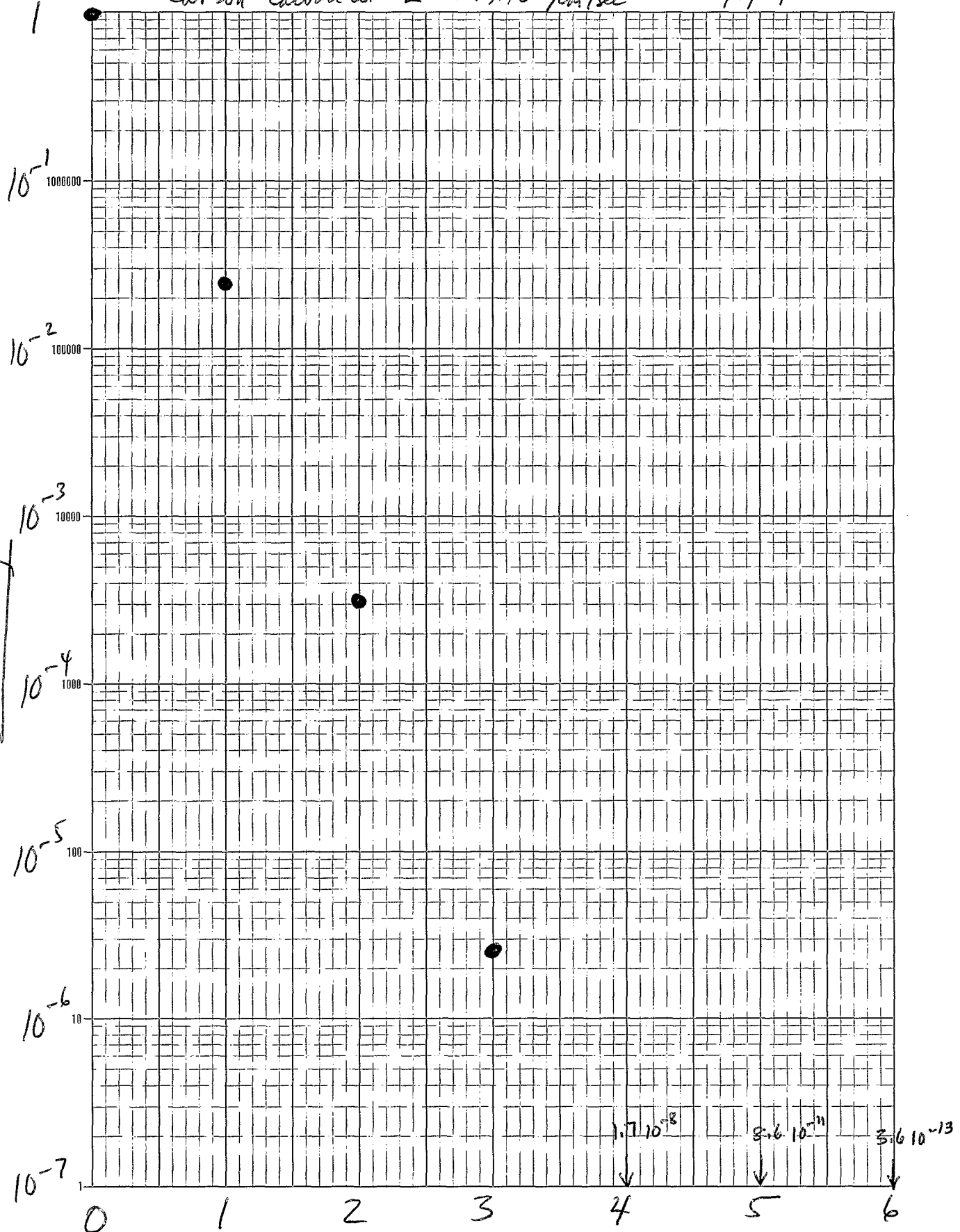
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