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Exploring and validating different relationships among various biomarkers by using both linear and nonlinear, single variable and multiple variables regression analysis models and collected big data of a type 2 diabetes patient based on GH-Method: math-physical medicine (No. 549)

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# Methods MPM Background

To learn more about the author's developed GH-Method: math-physical medicine (MPM) methodology, readers can select the following three papers from his  $\sim \! 500$  published medical papers.

The first paper, No. 386 describes his MPM methodology in a general conceptual format. The second paper, No. 387 outlines the history of his personalized diabetes research, various application tools, and the differences between biochemical medicine (BCM) approach versus the MPM approach. The third paper, No. 397 depicts a general flow diagram containing ~10 key MPM research methods and different tools.

In particular, paper No. 453 illustrates his GH-Method: math-physical medicine in great details, "Using Topology concept of mathematics and Finite Element method of engineering to develop a mathematical model of Metabolism in medicine in order to control various chronic diseases and their complications via overall health conditions improvement".

The Author'S Case of Diabetes and Complications

The author has been a severe type 2 diabetes (T2D) patient since 1996 and weighed 220 lbs. (100 kg, BMI 32.5) at that time. By 2010, he still weighed 198 lbs. (BMI 29.2) with an average daily glucose of 250 mg/dL (HbA1C of 10%). During that year, his triglycerides reached to 1161 (diabetic retinopathy or DR) and albumin-creatinine ratio (ACR) at 116 (chronic kidney disease or CKD). He also suffered five cardiac episodes within a decade. In 2010, three independent physicians warned him regarding his needs of kidney dialysis treatment and future high risk of dying from severe diabetic complications. Other than cerebrovascular disease (stroke), he has suffered most known diabetic complications, including both macro-vascular and micro-vascular complications.

In 2010, he decided to launch his self-study on endocrinology, diabetes, and food nutrition in order to save his own life. During 2015 and 2016, he developed four prediction models related to diabetes conditions: weight, PPG, fasting plasma glucose (FPG), and A1C. As a result, from using his developed mathematical metabolism index (MI) model in 2014 and the four prediction tools, by end of 2016, his weight was reduced from 220 lbs. (100 kg, BMI 32.5) to 176 lbs. (89 kg, BMI 26.0), waistline from 44 inches (112 cm, nonalcoholic fatty liver disease /NAFLD) to 33 inches (84 cm), average finger glucose reading from 250 mg/dL to 120 mg/dL, and lab-tested A1C from 10% to ~6.5%. One of his major accomplishments is that he no longer takes any diabetes medications since 12/8/2015.

In 2017, he has achieved excellent results on all fronts, especially his glucose control. However, during the pre-COVID period of 2018 and 2019, he traveled to approximately 50+ international cities to attend 65+ medical conferences and made ~120 oral presentations. This hectic schedule inflicted damage to his diabetes control, through dinning out frequently, post-meal exercise disruption, jet lag, and along with the overall metabolism impact due to his irregular life patterns through a busy travel schedule; therefore, his glucose control and overall metabolism state were somewhat affected during this two-year heavy travel period.

During 2020 and 2021 with a strict COVID-19 quarantine lifestyle, not only has he written and published ~400 medical papers in 100+ journals, but he has also reached his best health conditions for the past 26 years. By the beginning of 2021, his weight was further reduced to 165 lbs. (BMI 24.4) along with a 6.1% A1C value (daily average glucose at 105 mg/dL), without having any medication interventions or insulin injections. These good results are due to his non-traveling, low-stress, and regular daily life routines. Due to the knowledge of chronic diseases, practical lifestyle management experiences, and his developed various high-tech tools, they contributed to his excellent health status since 1/19/2020, which is the start date of being self-quarantine.

On 5/5/2018, he applied a continuous glucose monitoring (CGM) sensor device on his upper arm and checks glucose measurements every 5 minutes for a total of ~288 times each day. He has maintained the same measurement pattern to present day. In his research work, he uses the CGM sensor glucose at time-interval of 15 minutes (96 data per day). Incidentally, the difference of average sensor glucoses between 5-minute intervals and 15-minute intervals is only 0.4% (average glucose of 114.81 mg/dL for 5-minutes and average glucose of 114.35 mg/dL for 15-minutes with a correlation of 93% between these two sensor glucose curves) during the period from 2/19/20 to 8/13/21.

Therefore, over the past 11 years, he could study and analyze the collected ~3 million data regarding his health status, medical conditions, and lifestyle details. He applies his knowledge, models, and tools from mathematics, physics, engineering, and computer science to conduct his medical research work. His medical research work is based on the aims of achieving both "high precision" with "quantitative proof" in the medical findings.

The following timetable provides a rough sketch of the emphasis of his medical research during each stage:

- 2000-2013: Self-study diabetes and food nutrition, developing a data collection and analysis software.
- 2014: Develop a mathematical model of metabolism, using engineering modeling and advanced mathematics.
- 2015: Weight & FPG prediction models, using neuroscience
- 2016: PPG & HbA1C prediction models, utilizing optical physics, AI, and neuroscience.
- 2017: Complications due to macro-vascular research such as cardiovascular disease (CVD), coronary heart disease (CHD) and stroke, using pattern analysis and segmentation analysis.
- 2018: Complications due to micro-vascular research such as CKD, bladder, foot, and eye issues such as DR.
- 2019: CGM big data analysis, using wave theory, energy theory, frequency domain analysis, quantum mechanics, and AI.
- 2020: Cancer, dementia, longevity, geriatrics, DR, hypothyroidism, diabetic foot, diabetic fungal infection, linkage between metabolism and immunity, and learning about certain infectious diseases such as COVID-19.
- 2021: Applications of LEGT and perturbation theory from quantum mechanics on medical research subjects, such as chronic diseases and their complications, cancer, and dementia. Using metabolism and immunity.it's as the

base, he expands his research into cancers, dementia, and COVID-19. In addition, he has also developed a few useful analysis methods and tools for his medical research work.

To date, he has collected nearly 3 million data regarding his medical conditions and lifestyle details. In addition, he has written 536 medical papers and published 500+ articles in 100+ various medical journals, including 7 special editions with selected 20-25 papers for each edition. Moreover, he has given  $\sim$ 120 presentations at  $\sim$ 65 international medical conferences. He has continuously dedicated time and effort on medical research work

to share his findings and knowledge with patients worldwide.

### Results

Figure 1 shows a conclusion table of this particular study. It lists t selected cases for this stud which include case title, time period, observations, time-domain's predicted value versus measured value and prediction accuracy, space-domain's variances from both linear regression model and various nonlinear regression models, and observed key conclusions (see the Conclusions section).

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Figure 1: Information and data table of research findings and conclusions

Figures 2 and 3 show both time-domain and space-domain results of Case 1 of sensor PPG vs. carbs/sugar intake amount. In time-domain, his sensor PPG prediction accuracy using carbs/sugar as input is 98%; and his variances are 75% for linear model and 75%-76% for nonlinear model. *Although these variance* 

es are high but not high enough which indicate PPG is influenced partially by carbs/sugar amount (~60% contribution) and the other partial influential factor by post-meal exercise level (~40% contribution) is not included in this study.

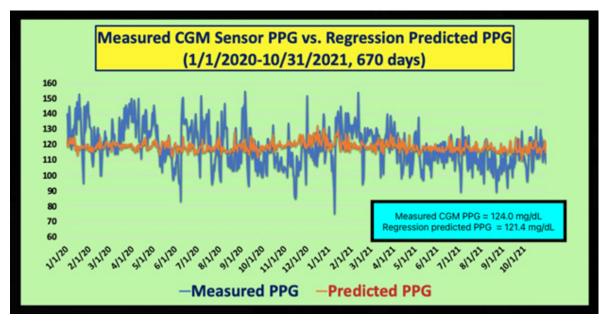


Figure 2: Time-domain analysis for Case 1 - sensor PPG vs. carbs/sugar

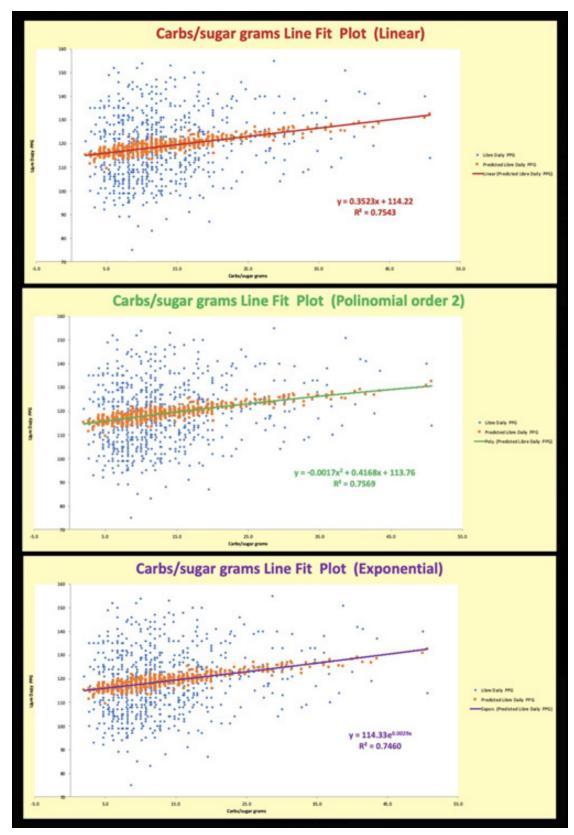


Figure 3: Space-domain analysis for Case 1 - sensor PPG vs. carbs/sugar

Figures 4 and 5 show both time-domain and space-domain results of Case 2 of sensor FPG vs. body weight. In time-domain, his sensor FPG prediction accuracy using body weight as input is 96%; and his variances for both linear model and nonlinear model are  $\sim 100\%$ . These extremely high variances are near ideal and perfect which indicate FPG is almost exclusively in-

fluenced by body weight situation and nonlinear model offers no value on variance improvement. It should be mentioned here that, from Case 5 findings, another hidden and even stronger influential factor of FPG is insulin resistance situation of T2D patient's pancreatic beta cells health situation.

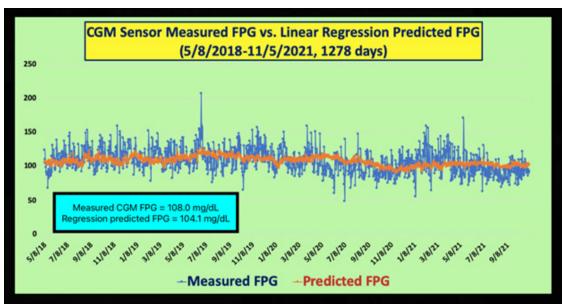


Figure 4: Time-domain analysis for Case 2 - sensor FPG vs. weight

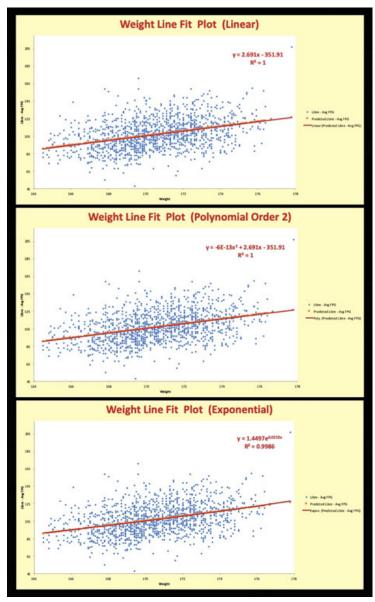


Figure 5: Space-domain analysis for Case 2 - sensor FPG vs. weight

Figures 6, 7, and 8 show both time-domain and space-domain results of Case 3, CVD risk vs. medical conditions and lifestyle details. In time-domain, his CVD risk probabilities prediction

accuracy between metabolism index (MI) based and regression analysis based using both of his medical conditions of chronic diseases and his lifestyle details as input is 100%.

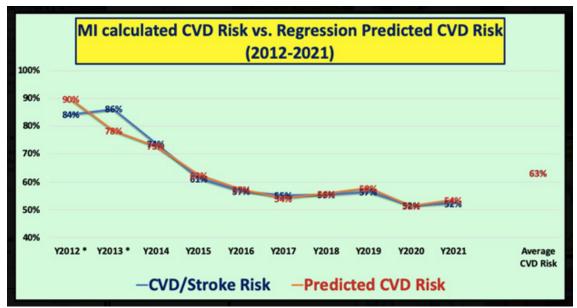


Figure 6: Time-domain analysis for Case 3 - CVD Risk vs. medical condition and lifestyle details

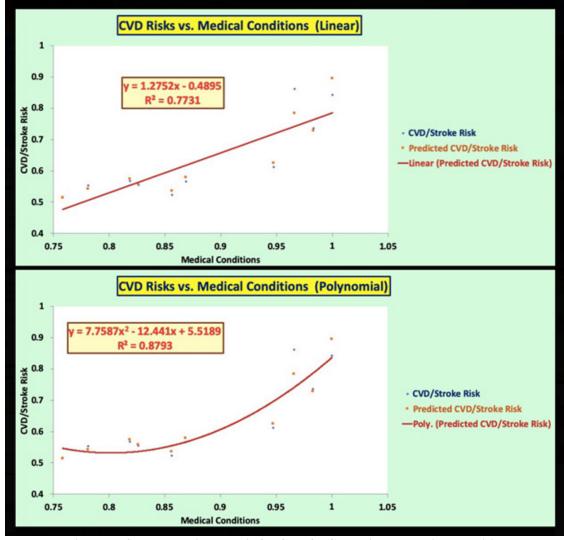


Figure 7: Space-domain analysis for Case 3 - CVD Risk vs. medical condition

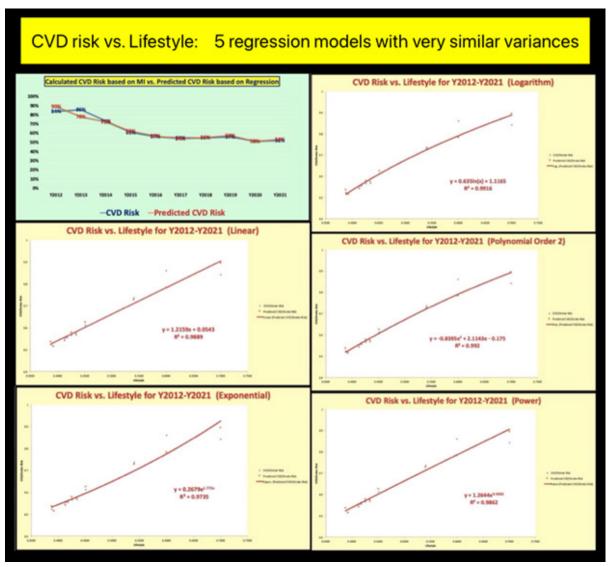


Figure 8: Space-domain analysis for Case 3 - CVD Risk vs. lifestyle details

In space-domain, his CVD risk vs. medical conditions variances for linear model is 77.3% and nonlinear model is 87.9%. This means that his CVD risk vs. medical conditions are high but not as high as lifestyle variance and the nonlinear model indeed offers some variance improvement.

In space-domain, his CVD risk vs. lifestyle details variances for linear model is 98.9% and nonlinear model is 97.4%-99.2%. This means that his CVD risk vs. lifestyle is accurate enough using a linear model and any nonlinear model will not be able

to offer more value on variance improvement. It also indicates that his lifestyle details are more important to predict his CVD risk than his existing chronic disease conditions.

Figures 9, 10, and 11 show both time-domain and space-domain results of Case 4, Weight vs. sleep and food quantity. In time-domain, the prediction accuracy between his measured body weight and regression predicted weight using both sleep and food quantity as input is 99%.

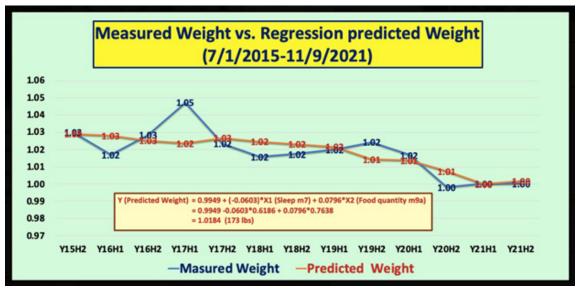


Figure 9: Time-domain analysis for Case 4 - Weight vs. sleep and food quantity

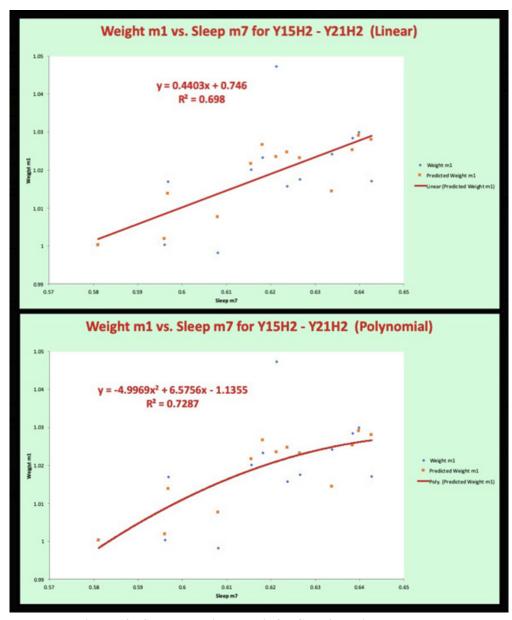


Figure 10: Space-domain analysis for Case 4 - Weight vs. sleep

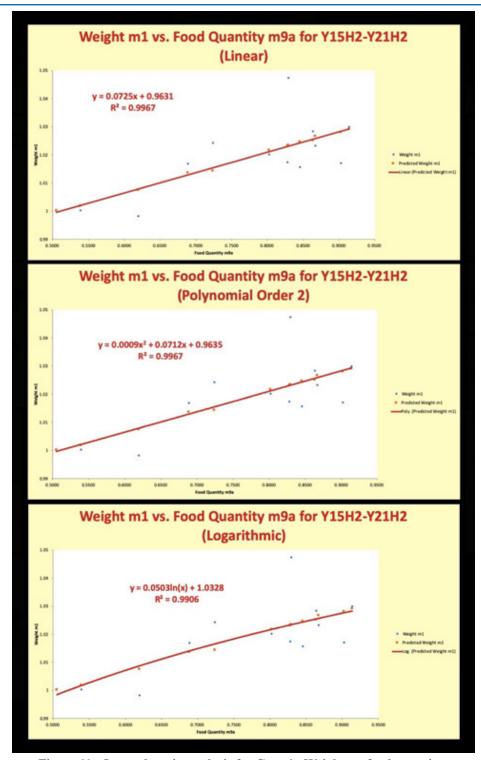


Figure 11: Space-domain analysis for Case 4 - Weight vs. food quantity

In space-domain, his weight vs. food quantity variances for linear model is 99.7% and nonlinear model is 99.1%-99.6% which is almost identical as the linear model. This means that the weight vs. food quantity linear model is good enough for the prediction and the nonlinear model has offered no value on variance improvement.

In space-domain, his weight vs. sleep variances for linear model is 69.8% and nonlinear model is 72.9%. This means that both linear model and nonlinear model of the weight vs. sleep are not extremely high and the nonlinear model offers very little

value on variance improvement. These findings also indicate that sleep is probably the secondary influential factor to determine the weight in early morning.

Figures 12, 13, 14, and 15 show both time-domain and space-domain results of Case 5, finger-piercing FPG vs. sleep, weight, and HbA1C. In time-domain, the prediction accuracy between his measured finger FPG and regression prediction finger FOG using sleep, weight, and A1C as input is 100% (both at 110.7 mg/dL).

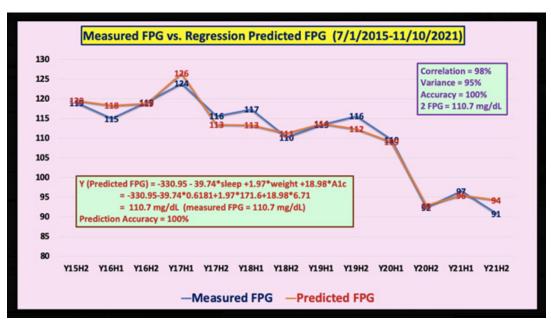


Figure 12: Time-domain analysis for Case 5 - Finger FPG vs. sleep, weight, and HbA1C

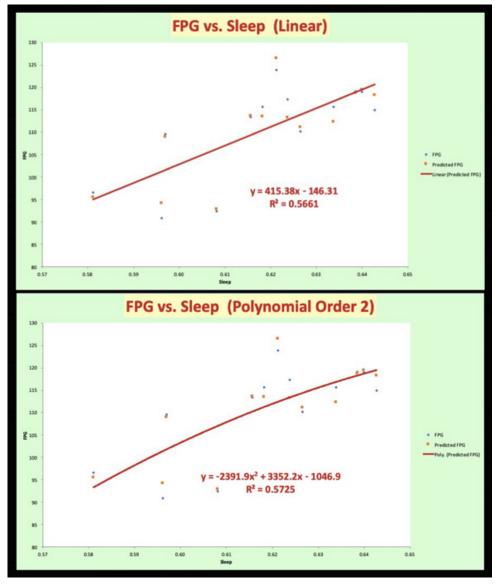


Figure 13: Space-domain analysis for Case 5 - Finger FPG vs. sleep

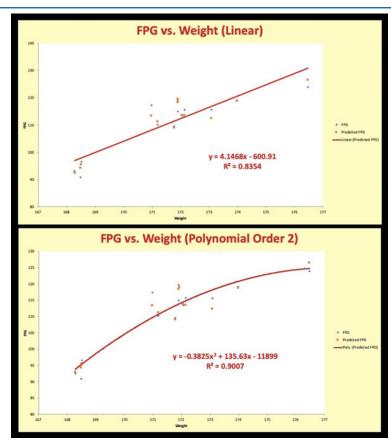


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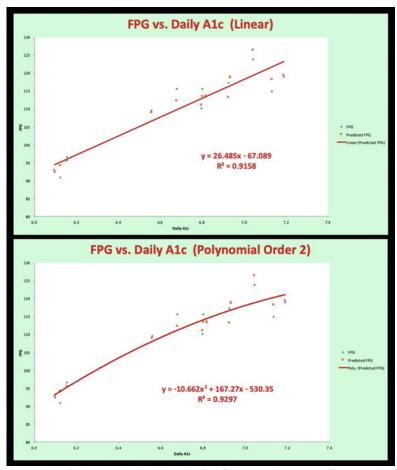


Figure 15: Space-domain analysis for Case 5 - Finger FPG vs. HbA1C

In space-domain, his finger FPG vs. sleep variances for linear model is 56.6% and nonlinear model is 57.3% which means sleep is a secondary influential factor and nonlinear model offers not much value on variance improvement.

In space-domain, his finger FPG vs. weight variances for linear model is 83.5% and nonlinear model is 90.1%. This means that weight is a strong influential factor to weight and, furthermore, from high variances of both linear model and nonlinear model, the nonlinear model indeed offer some visible variance improvement, but not significant though.

In space-domain, his finger FPG vs. HbA1C variances for linear model is 91.6% and nonlinear model is 91%. This means that HbA1C, the carrier of information of insulin resistance, is a very strong influential factor to finger FPG and, furthermore, from such a high variances of both linear model and nonlinear model, the nonlinear model offers no extra value at all on variance improvement.

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