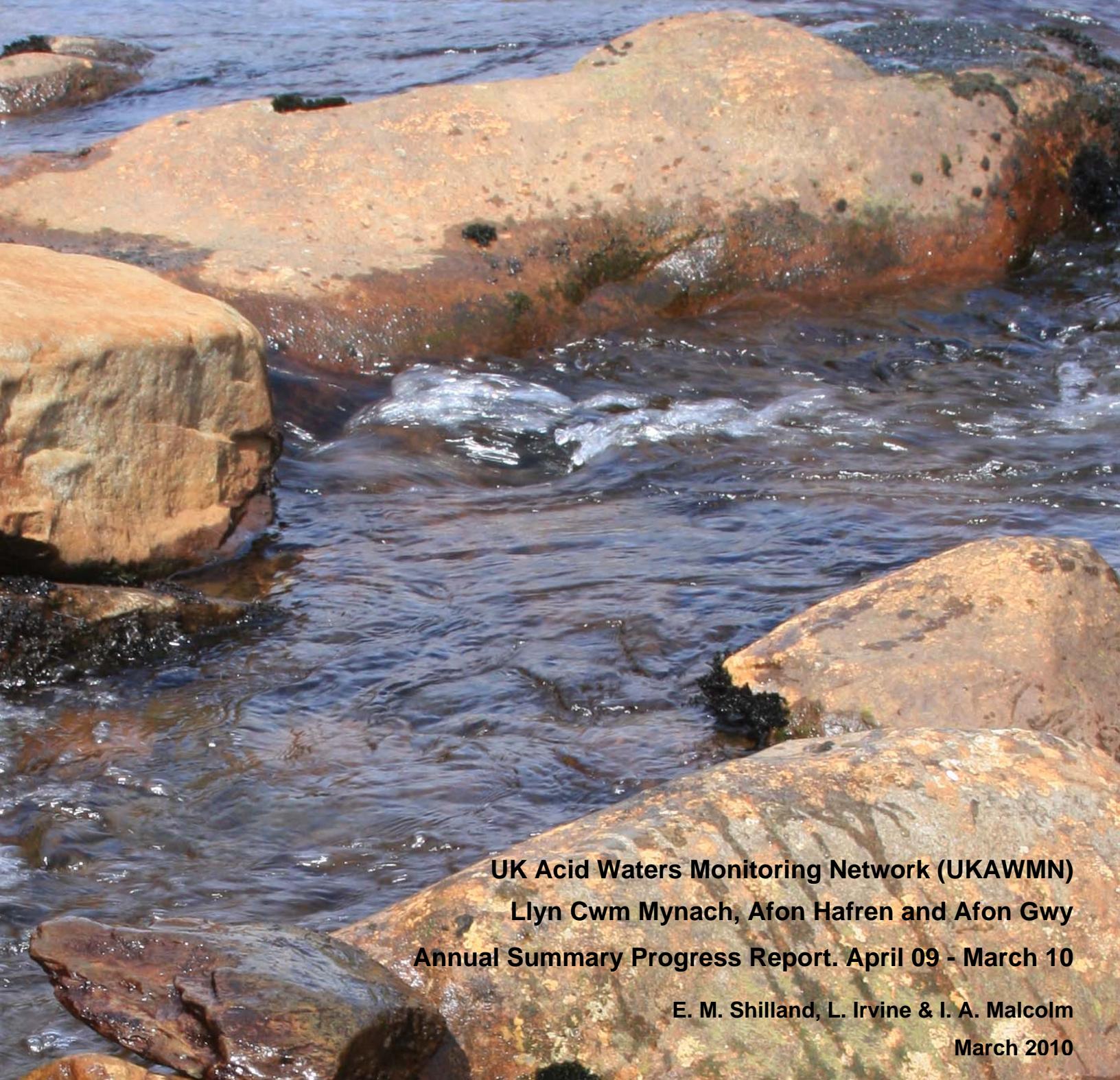




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3 Llyn Cwm Mynach



Figure 1 Llyn Cwm Mynach. Looking southeast through the trees from the northern end of the lake.

3.1 Summary Overview

Chemical and biological sample collection, analysis and data collation, quality control and archiving proceeded without any problems at Llyn Cwm Mynach during the period from April 2009 to March 2010.

3.2 Water Chemistry

Samples were collected by CEH in early June, September and December 2009, delivered to the analytical laboratories on schedule and have been analysed, quality controlled and archived in the UKAWMN central chemistry database at CEH Lancaster. March 2010 samples have been collected and are in the process of being analysed.

3.3 Sediment Traps

Sediment traps were recovered and replaced on the 4th of August 2009 by a team from ENSIS. Diatoms in the sediment retrieved from the traps are currently being analysed.

3.4 Thermistors

Lake top and bottom thermistors were removed and replaced on the 4th of August 2009 by a team from ENSIS. Both had functioned well during the previous year and the data were added to the ENSIS thermistor water temperature database.

3.5 Epilithic Diatoms

Epilithic diatoms were retrieved by a team from ENSIS from three sampling points around the lake on the 4th of August 2009. The samples have been made into slides and are currently in the process of being analysed.

3.6 Macroinvertebrates

Aquatic macroinvertebrates were sampled on the 17th April 2009 by a team from QMuL. Five 1 minute kick samples were performed. The samples were counted and the data sent to ENSIS Ltd. After quality screening the data was added to the UKAWMN biological database at ENSIS.

3.7 Fish

Fish surveying was performed on the 19th September 2009 by the Game and Wildlife Conservation Trust. The data has been forwarded to ENSIS Ltd. After quality screening the data will be added to the UKAWMN biological database at ENSIS.

3.8 Aquatic Macrophytes

Aquatic macrophytes were not surveyed in 2009, according to the AWMN protocol of surveying lake sites every two years.

3.9 Data Management and Reporting

No problems or hiatus with the collation and transfer of data within methodological programmes, or to the UKAWMN databases occurred during the period.

The 2008-2009 annual report is nearly ready to be uploaded to the AWMN web page in late March 2010, and the section on Llyn Cwm Mynach appears in section 3.12 below.

An interpretative report detailing 20 years of the UKAWMN is undergoing a final edit and will also be published in 2010.

Further publications from the contract period utilizing data from Llyn Cwm Mynach are detailed in section 3.10 below. Section 3.11 provides a bibliography for the site.

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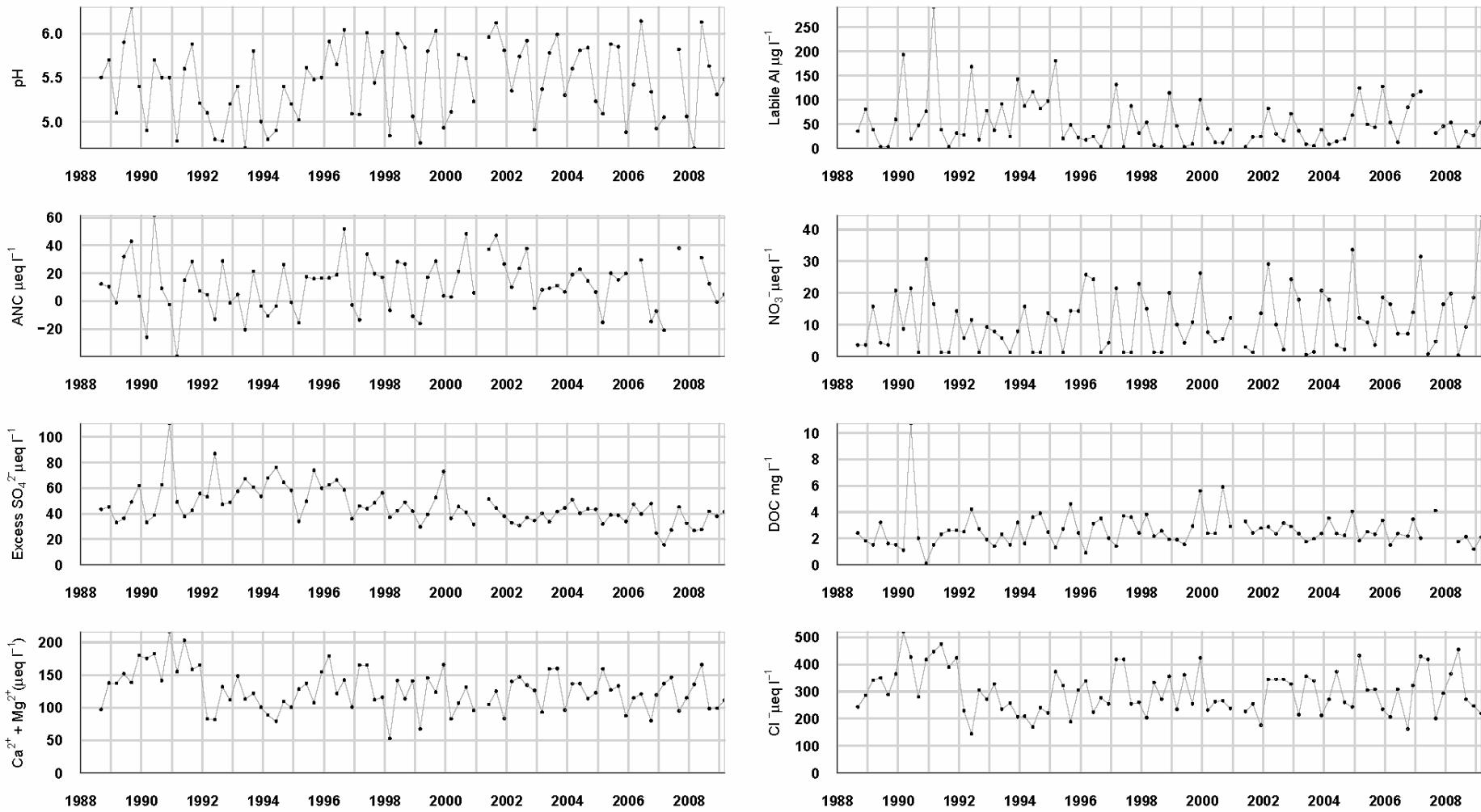
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3.12 Llyn Cwm Mynach Summary Data to March 2008

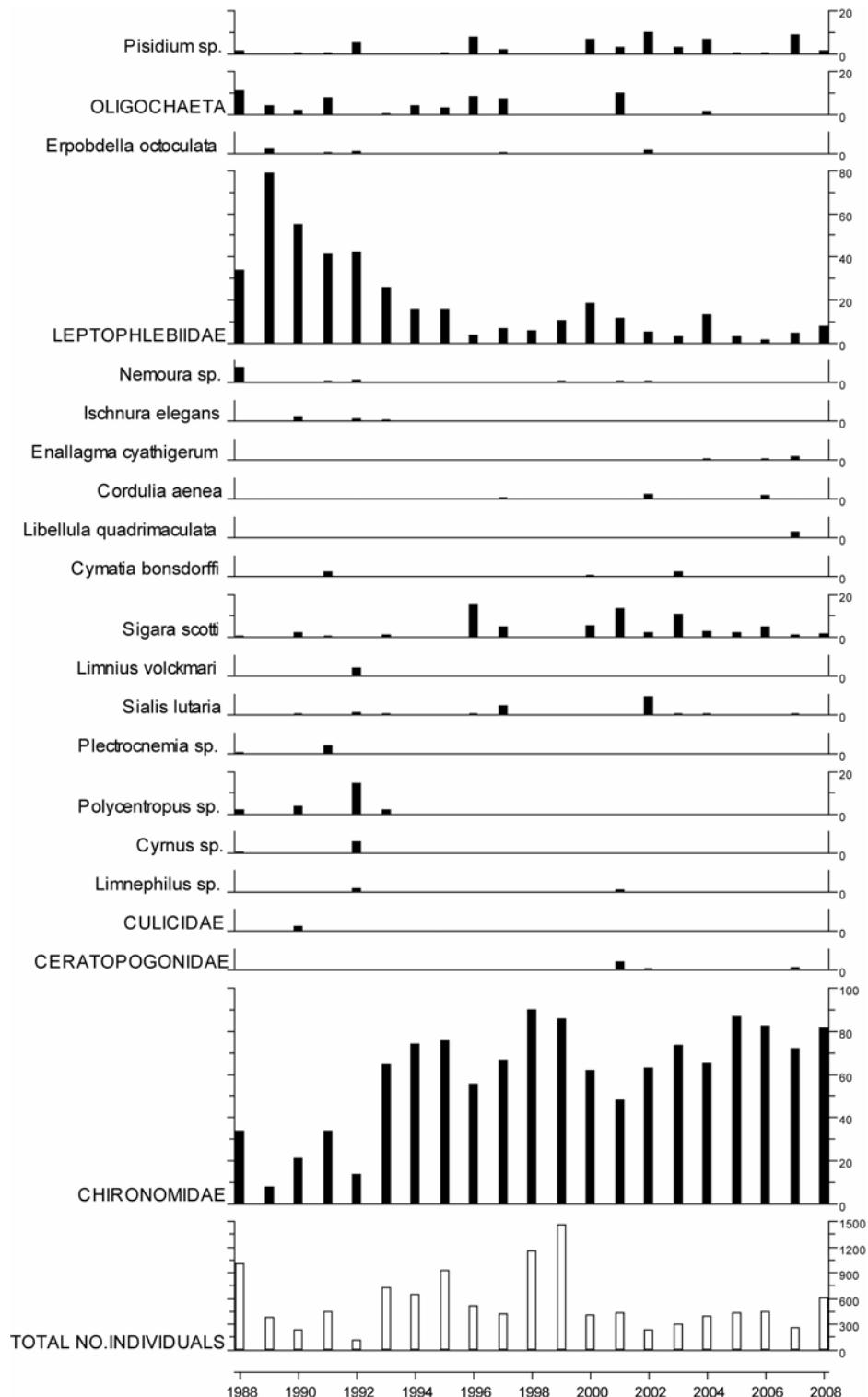
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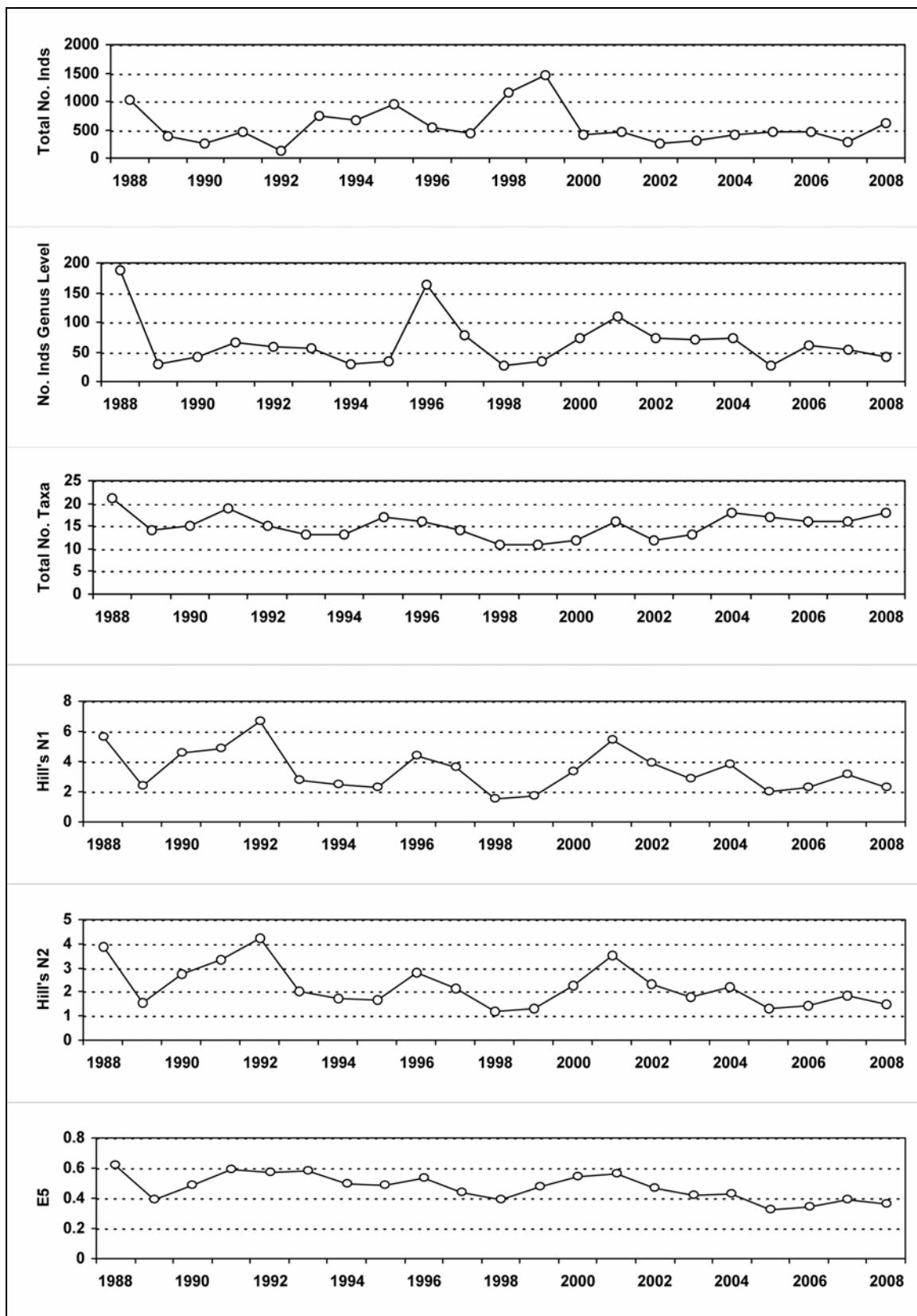
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Mean 1 st 5 yrs	5.35	7.68	77.79	67.45	291.02	3.36	110.75	66.58	337.67	88.32	52.91	9.40	2.50
08-09 mean	5.64	11.80	60.53	57.99	254.69	5.06	51.25	28.75	297.33	68.27	37.09	18.12	1.79
08-09 std dev	0.35	13.95	16.62	15.49	80.36	1.88	33.75	21.12	106.76	5.29	6.70	19.04	0.44

3.12.2 Macroinvertebrate data

3.12.2.1 Percentage abundance summary, Llyn Cwm Mynach

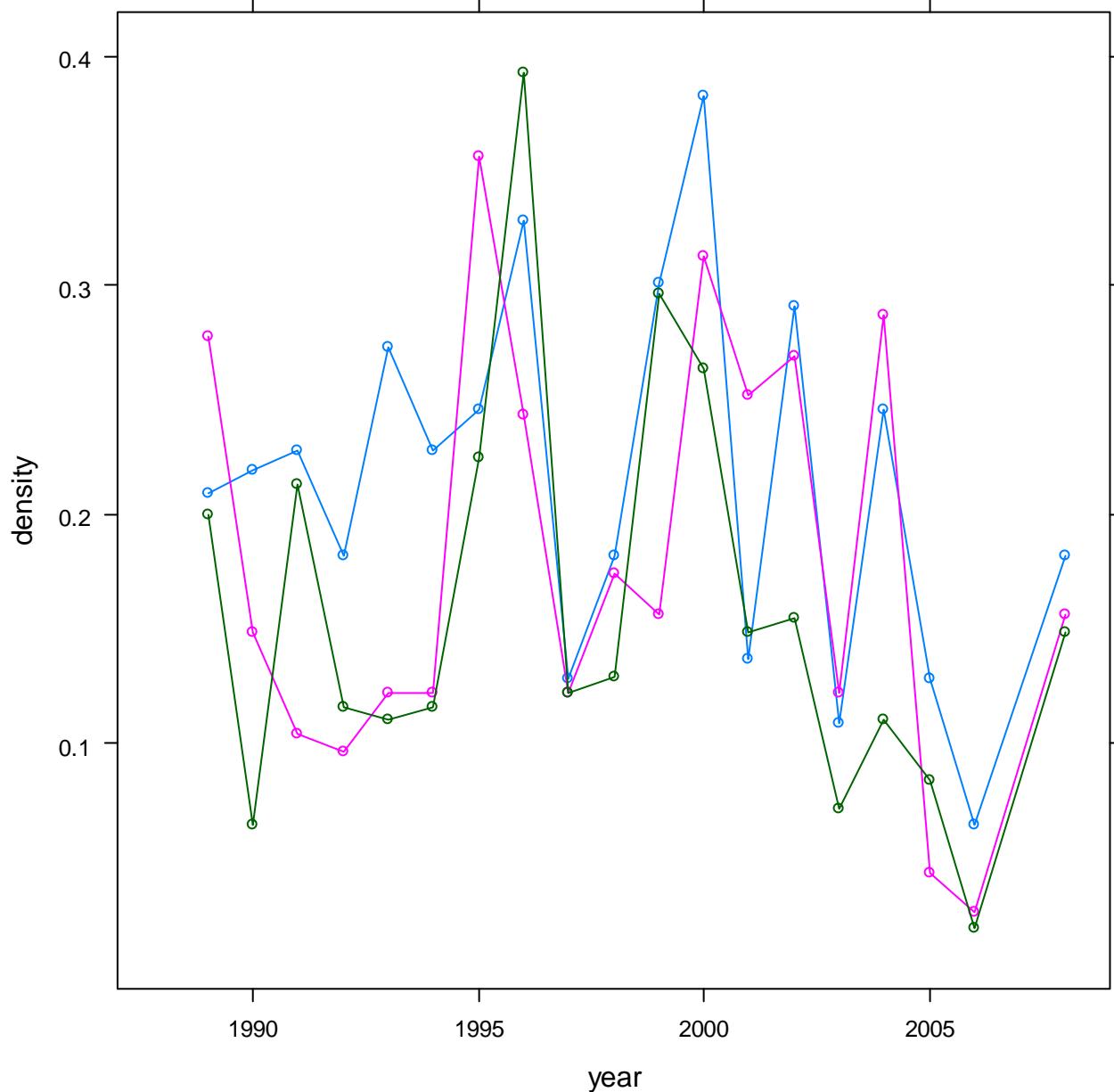


3.12.2.1 Macroinvertebrate summary statistics, Llyn Cwm Mynach



3.12.3 Fish data (for outflow stream)

3.12.3.1 Summary of Trout fry density (numbers m⁻²), Llyn Cwm Mynach

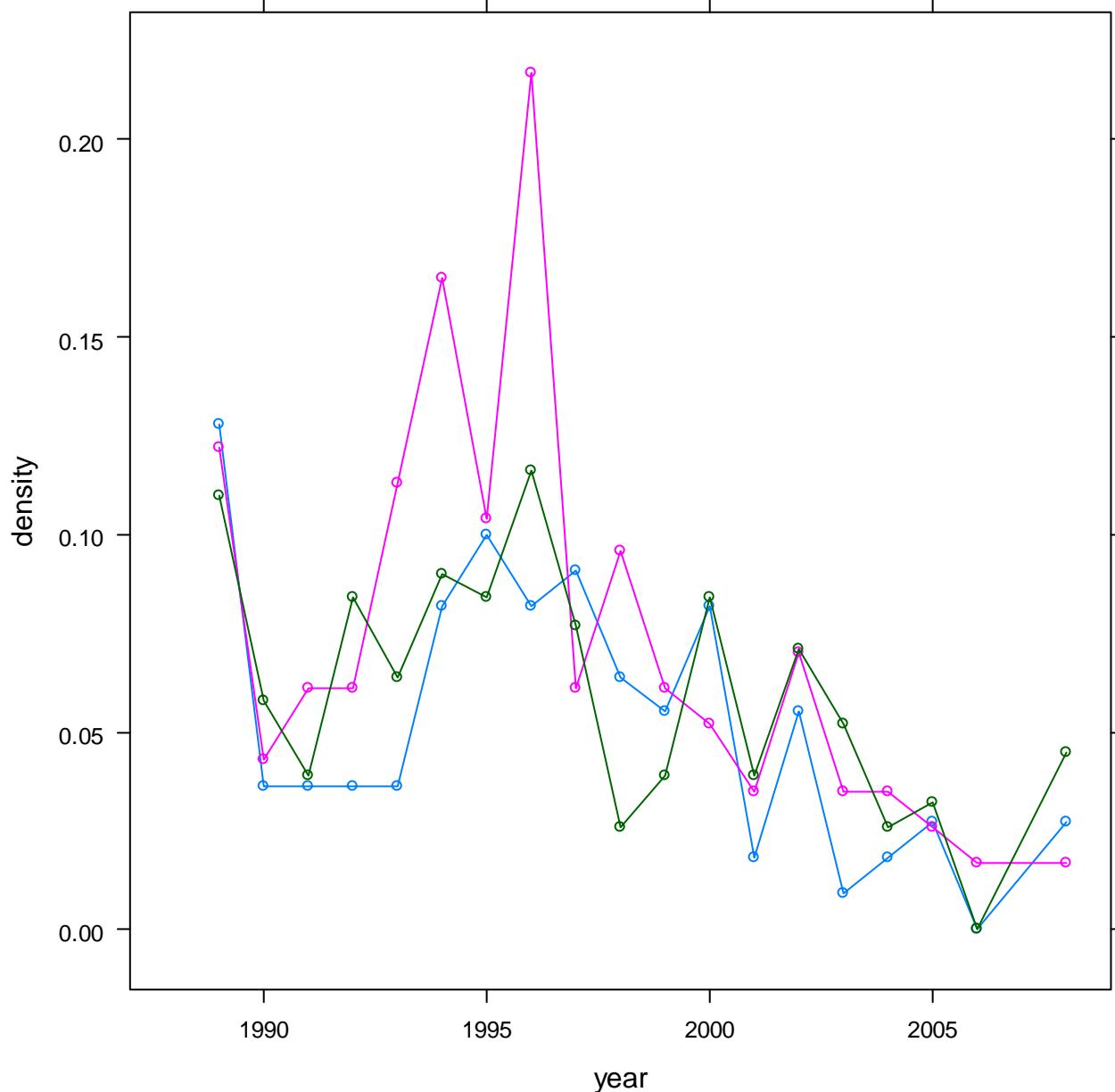


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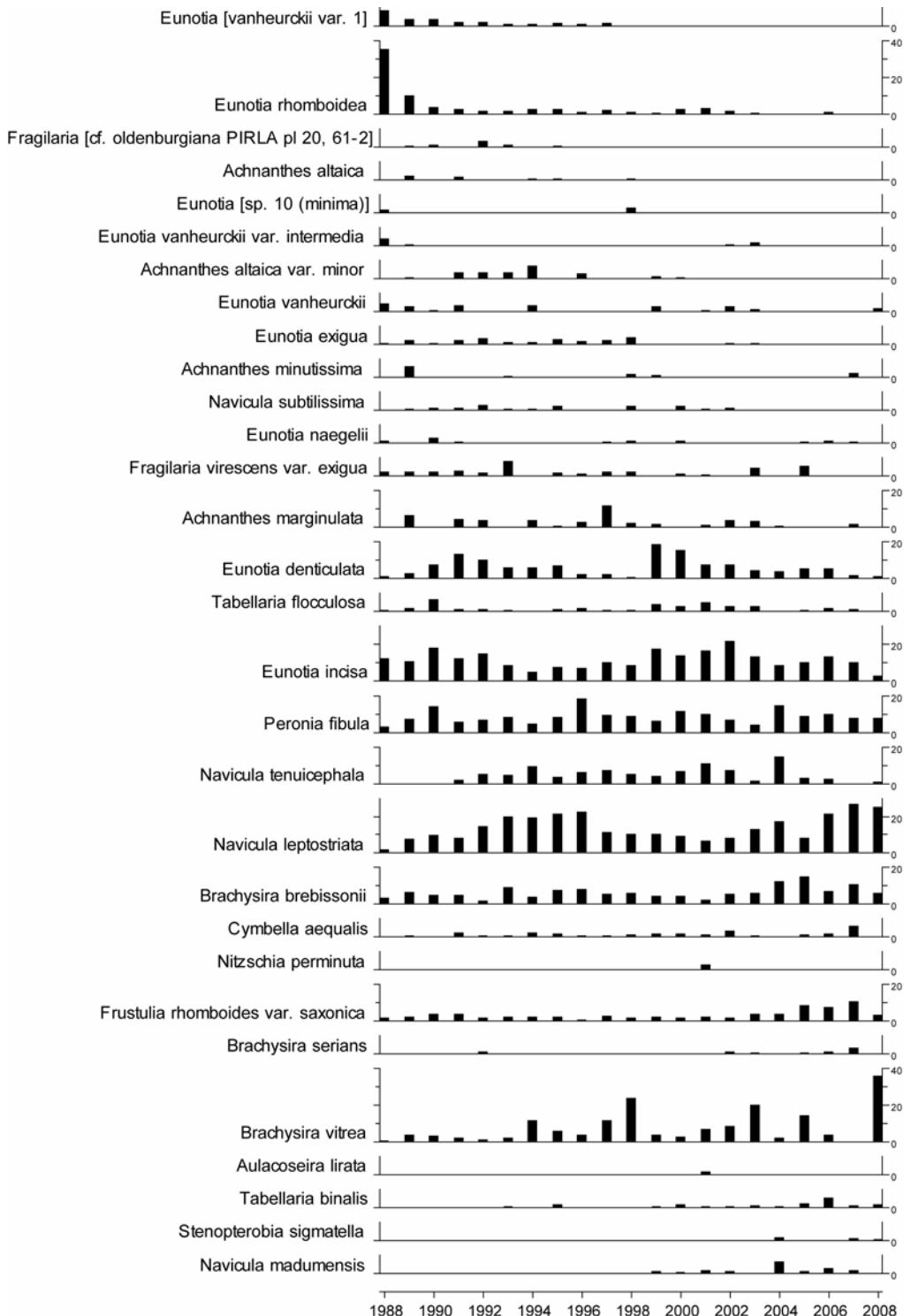
3.12.3.2 Summary of Trout parr density (numbers m⁻²), Llyn Cwm Mynach



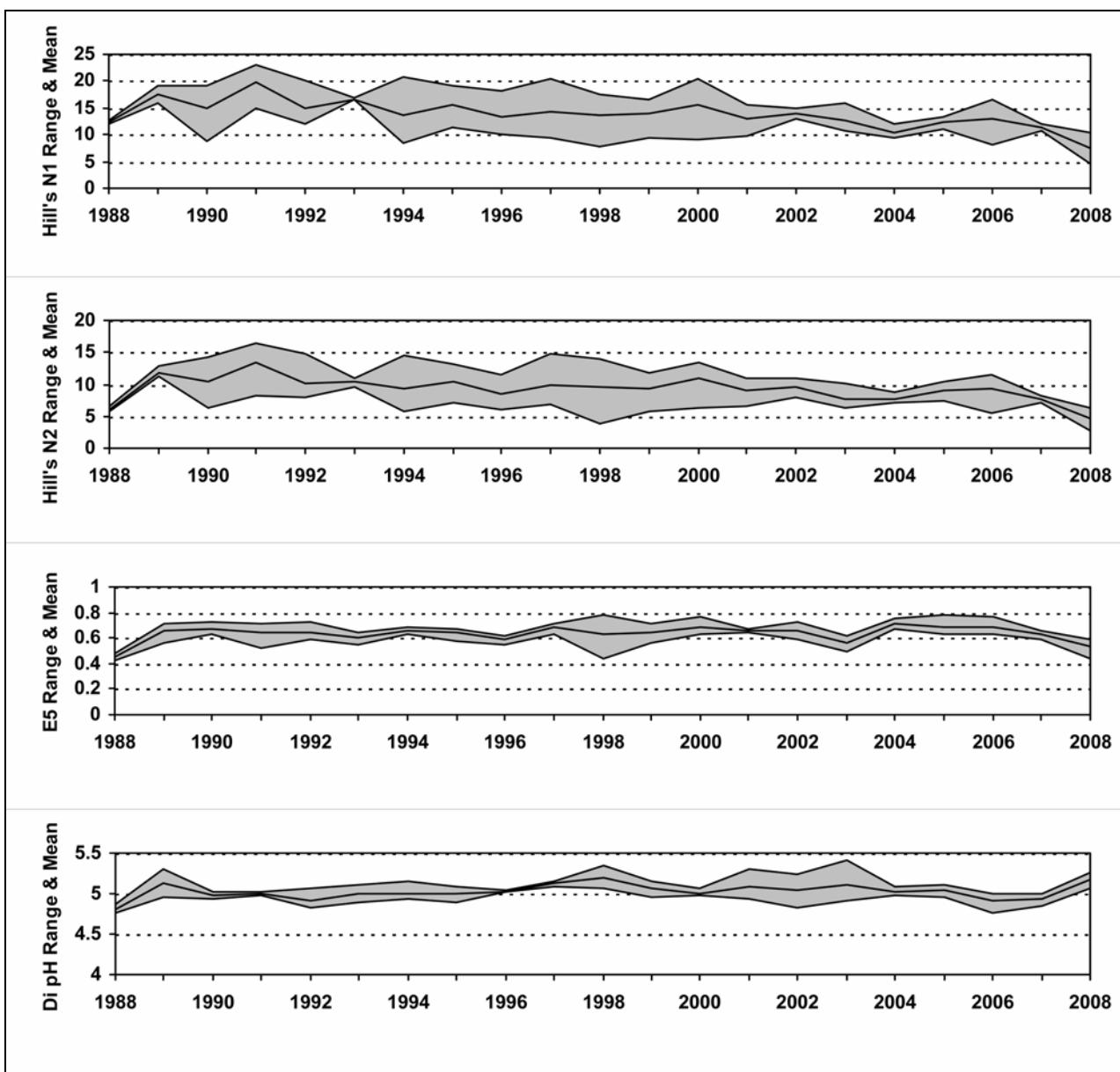
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3.12.4 Epilithic diatom data

3.12.4.1 Percentage abundance summary, Llyn Cwm Mynach

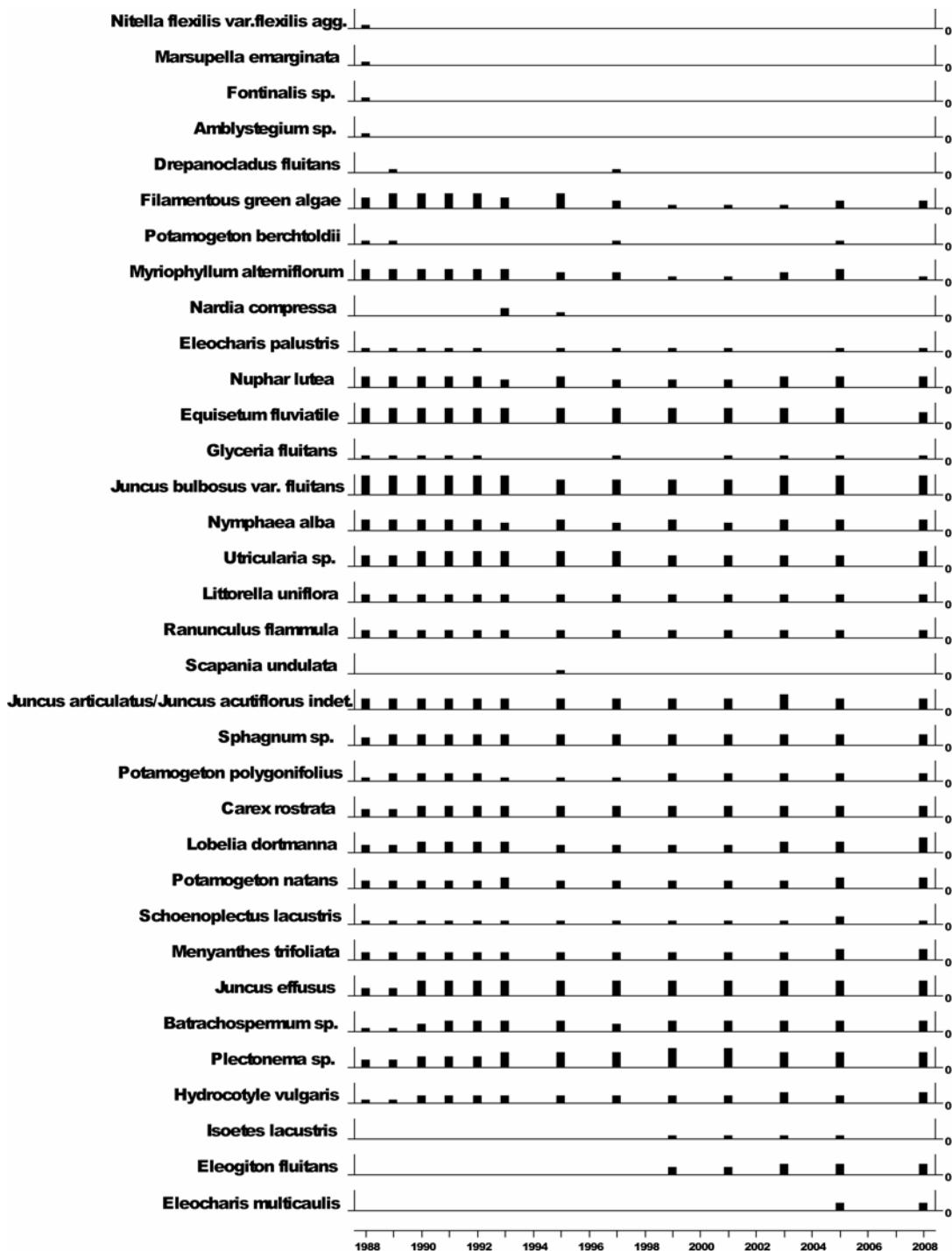


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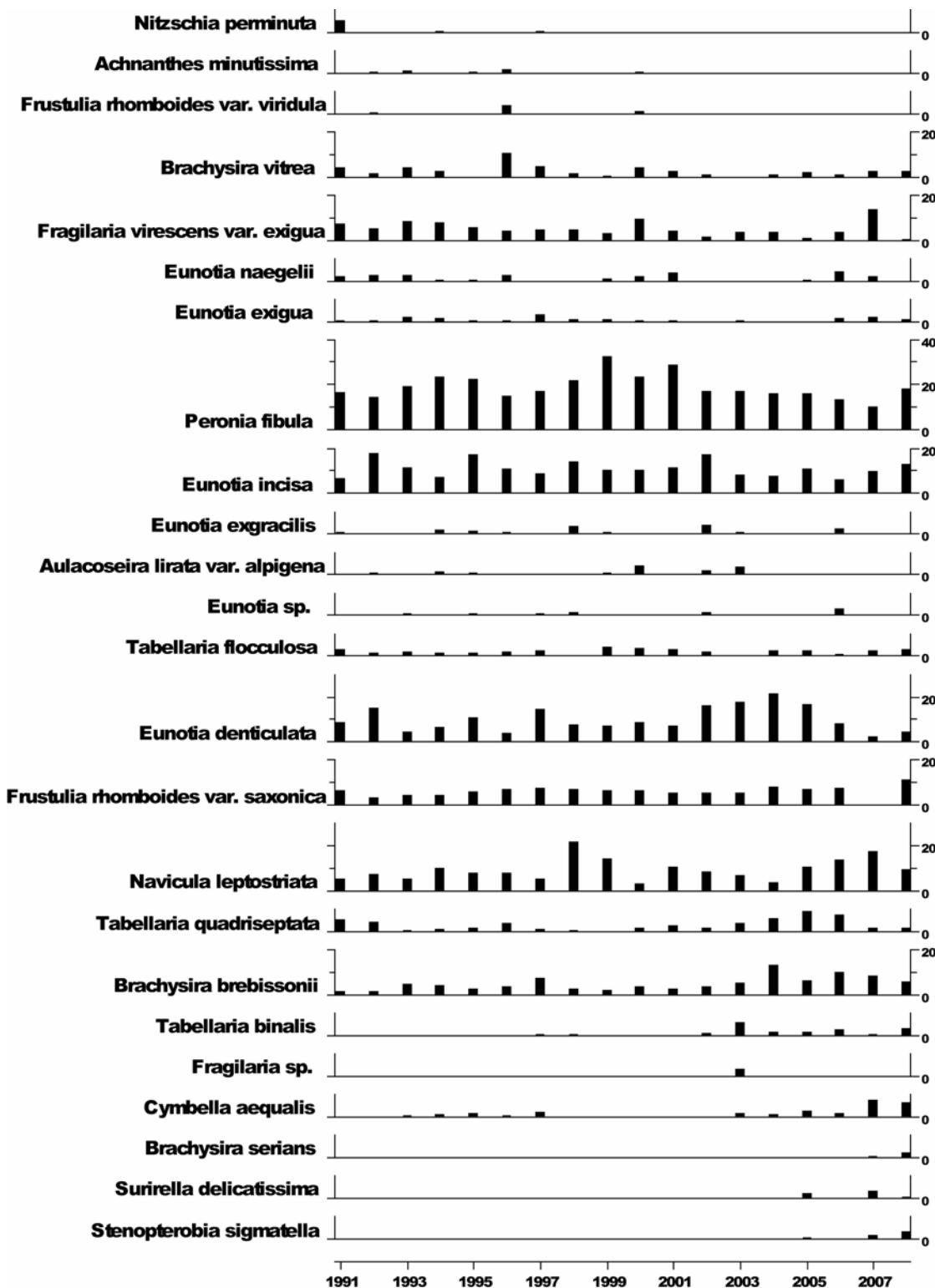
3.12.5 Aquatic macrophyte data, Llyn Cwm Mynach

Species Scores (1-5)

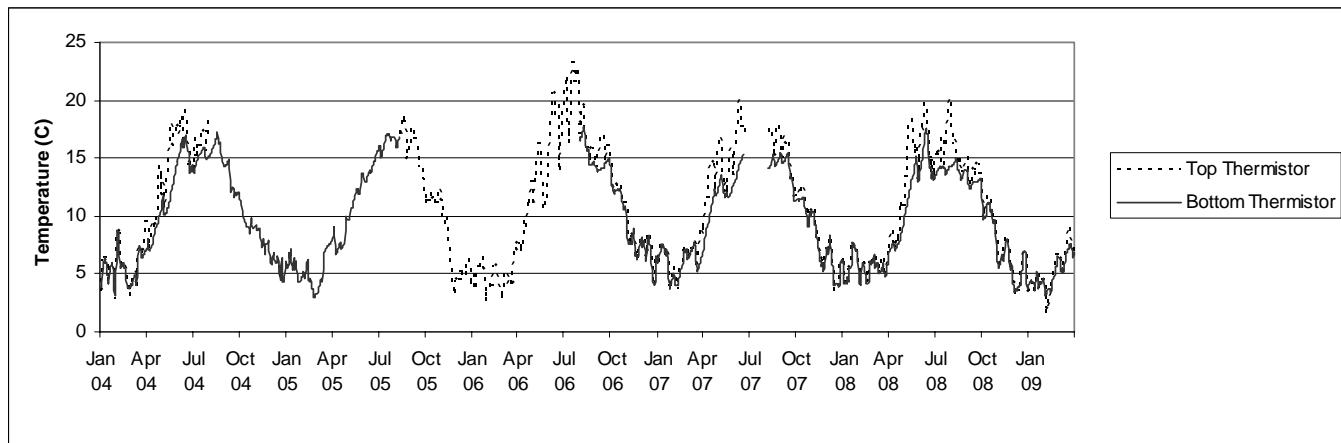


3.12.6 Sediment trap data, Llyn Cwm Mynach

Relative percentage frequency of diatom taxa



3.12.7 Thermistor data, Llyn Cwm Mynach



4 Afon Hafren



Figure 2 Afon Hafren biological survey section 10th July 2009

4.1 Summary Overview

Chemical and biological sample collection, analysis and data collation, quality control and archiving proceeded without any problems at Afon Hafren during the period from April 2009 to March 2010.

4.2 Water Chemistry

Samples were collected by CEH early every month throughout the period April 2009 to March 2010, delivered to the analytical laboratories on schedule and are in the process of being analysed, quality controlled and archived in the UKAWMN central chemistry database at CEH Lancaster.

4.3 Epilithic Diatoms

Epilithic diatoms were retrieved by a team from ENSIS from three sampling points in the stream on the 10th of July 2009, after high water levels had frustrated surveying efforts on an earlier visit. The samples have been made into slides and are currently in the process of being analysed.

4.4 Macroinvertebrates

Aquatic macroinvertebrates were sampled on the 17th April 2009 by a team from QMuL. Five 1 minute kick samples were performed. The samples were counted and the data sent to ENSIS Ltd. After quality screening the data was added to the UKAWMN biological database at ENSIS.

4.5 Fish

Fish surveying was performed on the 26th August 2009 by a team from the Environment Agency Wales. Unfortunately fish weights were not recorded. The data has been forwarded to ENSIS Ltd. After quality screening the data will be added to the UKAWMN biological database at ENSIS.

4.6 Aquatic Macrophytes

Aquatic macrophytes were surveyed by a team from ENSIS on 10th of July 2009. Percentage cover scores were recorded and data will be added to the ENSIS biological database after microscope confirmation of bryophyte identifications.

4.7 Data Management and Reporting

No problems or hiatus with the collation and transfer of data within methodological programmes, or to the UKAWMN databases occurred during the period.

The 2008-2009 annual report is nearly ready to be uploaded to the AWMN web page in late March 2010, and the section on Afon Hafren appears in section 4.10 below.

An interpretative report detailing 20 years of the UKAWMN is undergoing a final edit and will also be published 2010.

Further publications from the contract period utilizing data from Afon Hafren are detailed in section 4.8 below. Section 4.9 provides a bibliography for the site.

4.8 Afon Hafren Recent Publications

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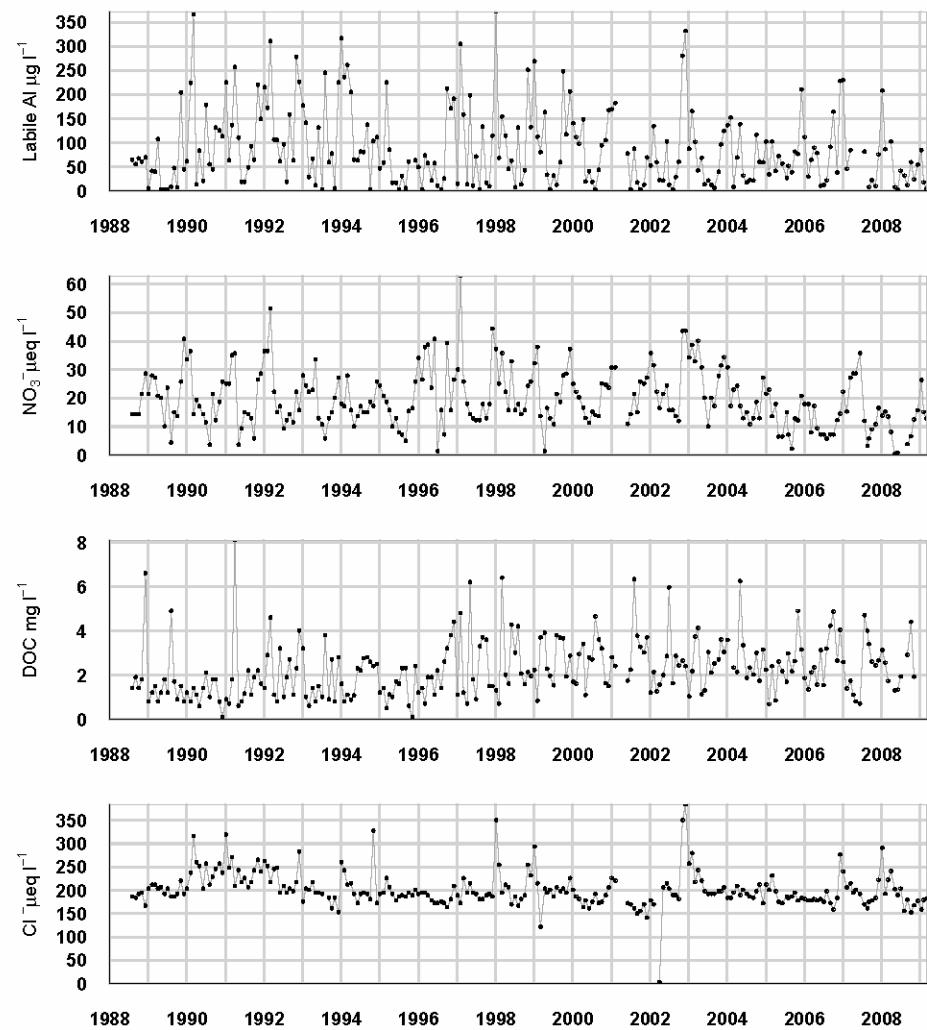
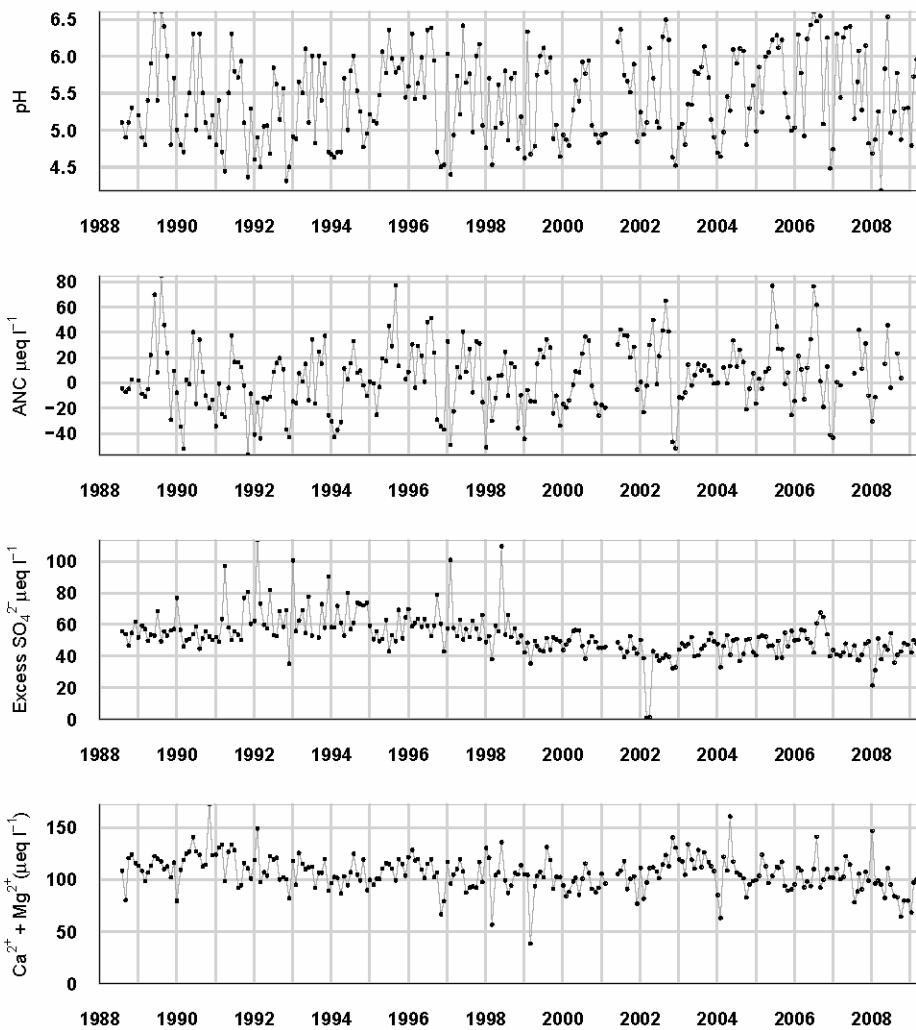
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4.10 Afon Hafren Summary Data to March 2008

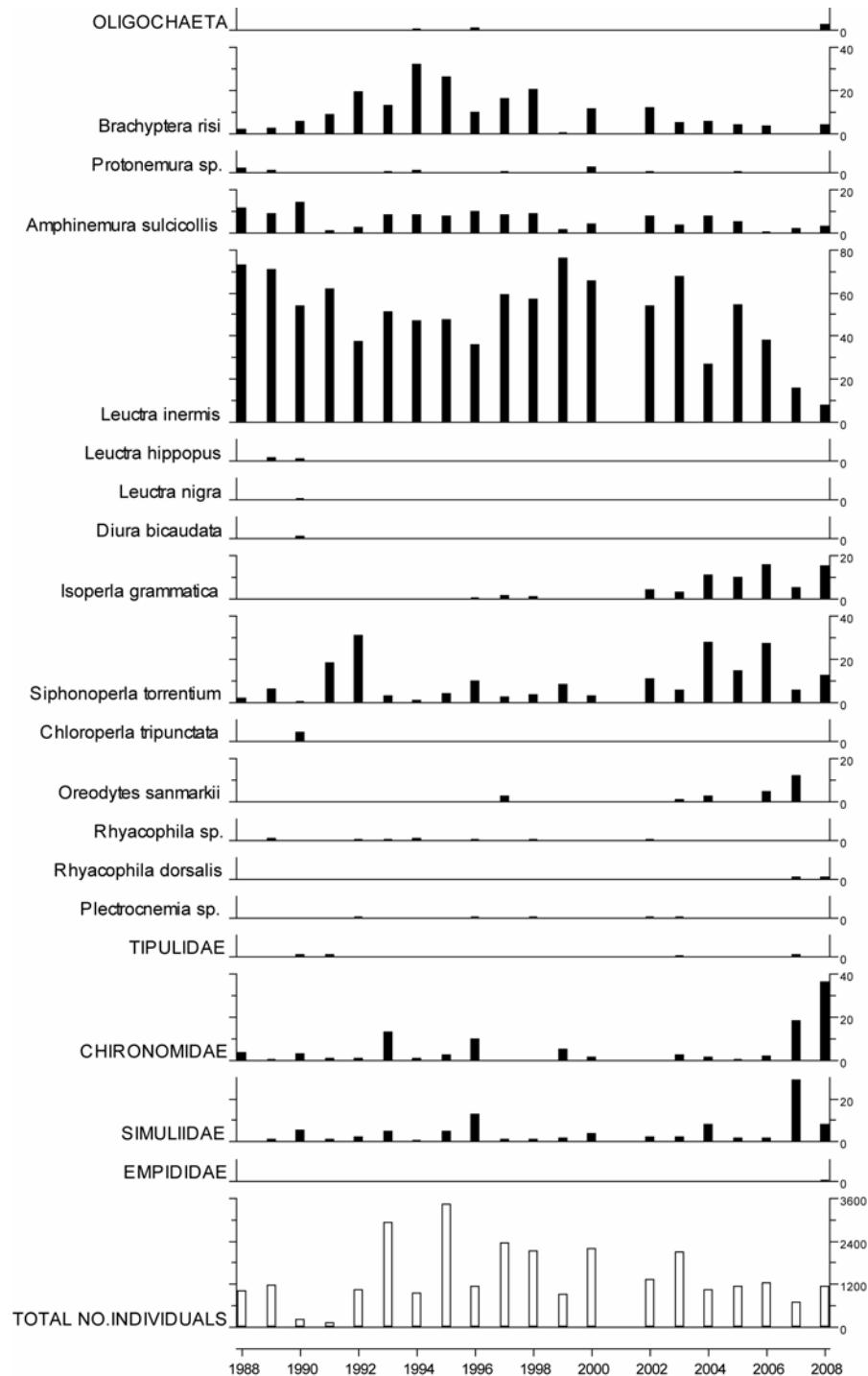
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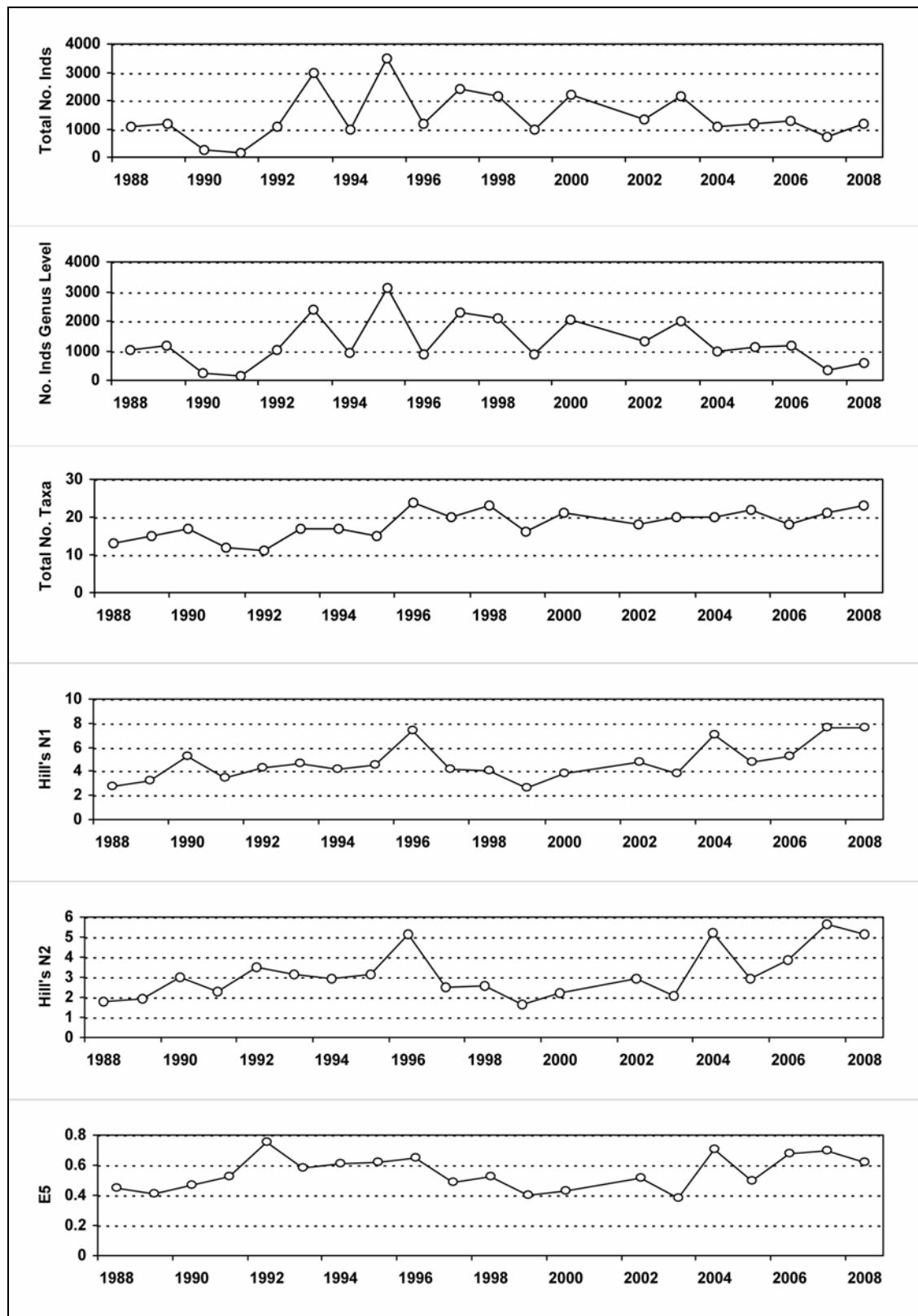
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Mean 1 st 5 yrs	5.29	-2.40	47.91	66.41	200.39	3.16	170.00	101.71	221.09	82.97	59.79	5.29	-2.40
08-09 mean	5.37	16.62	32.38	54.20	165.63	2.71	91.92	36.25	182.10	63.79	44.70	5.37	16.62
08-09 std dev	0.63	19.18	6.46	7.79	17.43	1.68	65.33	32.67	24.75	6.08	5.28	0.63	19.18

4.10.2 Macroinvertebrate data

4.10.2.1 Percentage abundance summary, Afon Hafren



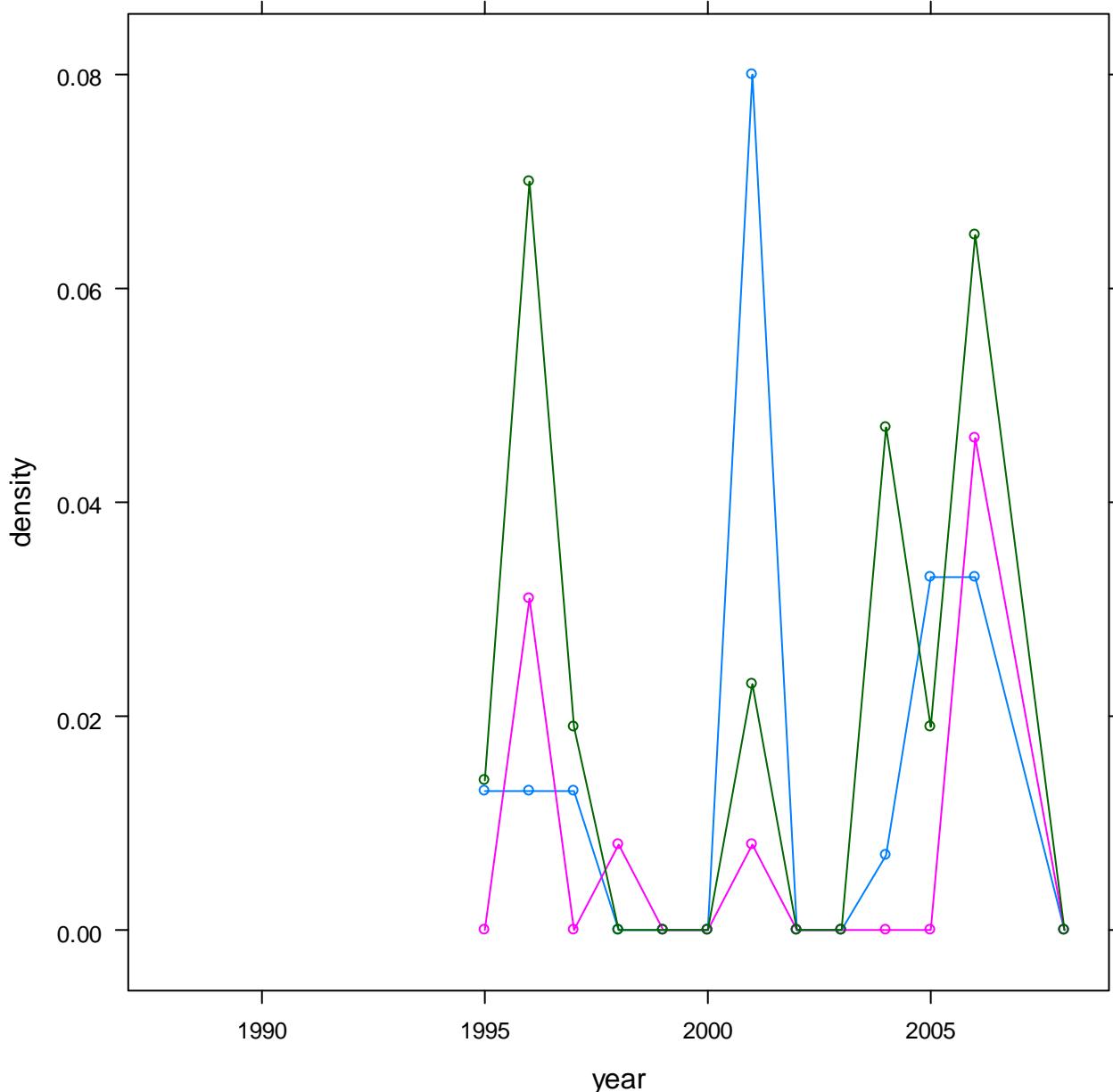
4.10.2.1 Macroinvertebrate summary statistics, Afon Hafren



No sampling in 2001 due to Foot and Mouth restrictions.

4.10.3 Fish data

4.10.3.1 Summary of Trout fry density (numbers m⁻²), Afon Hafren

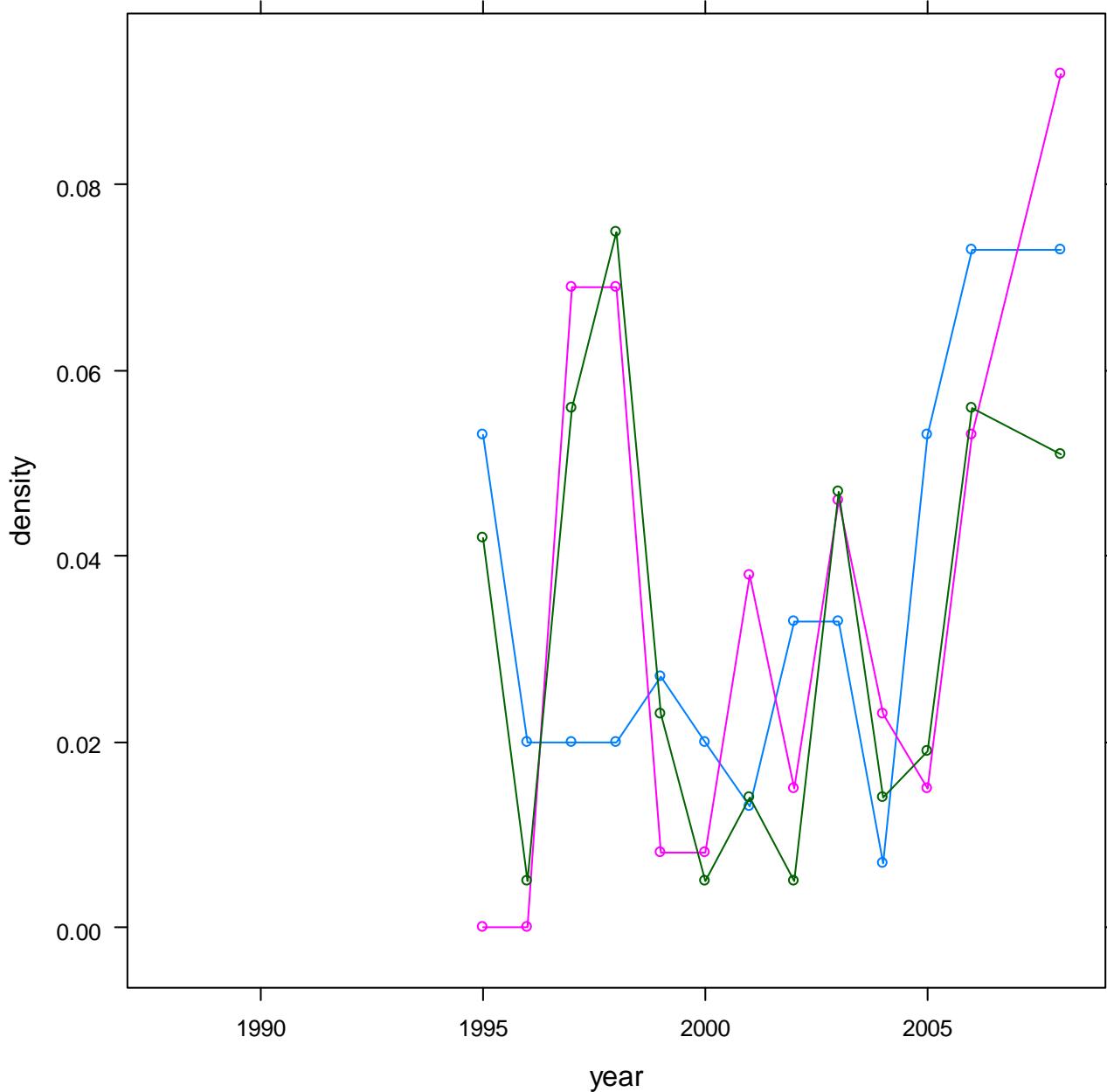


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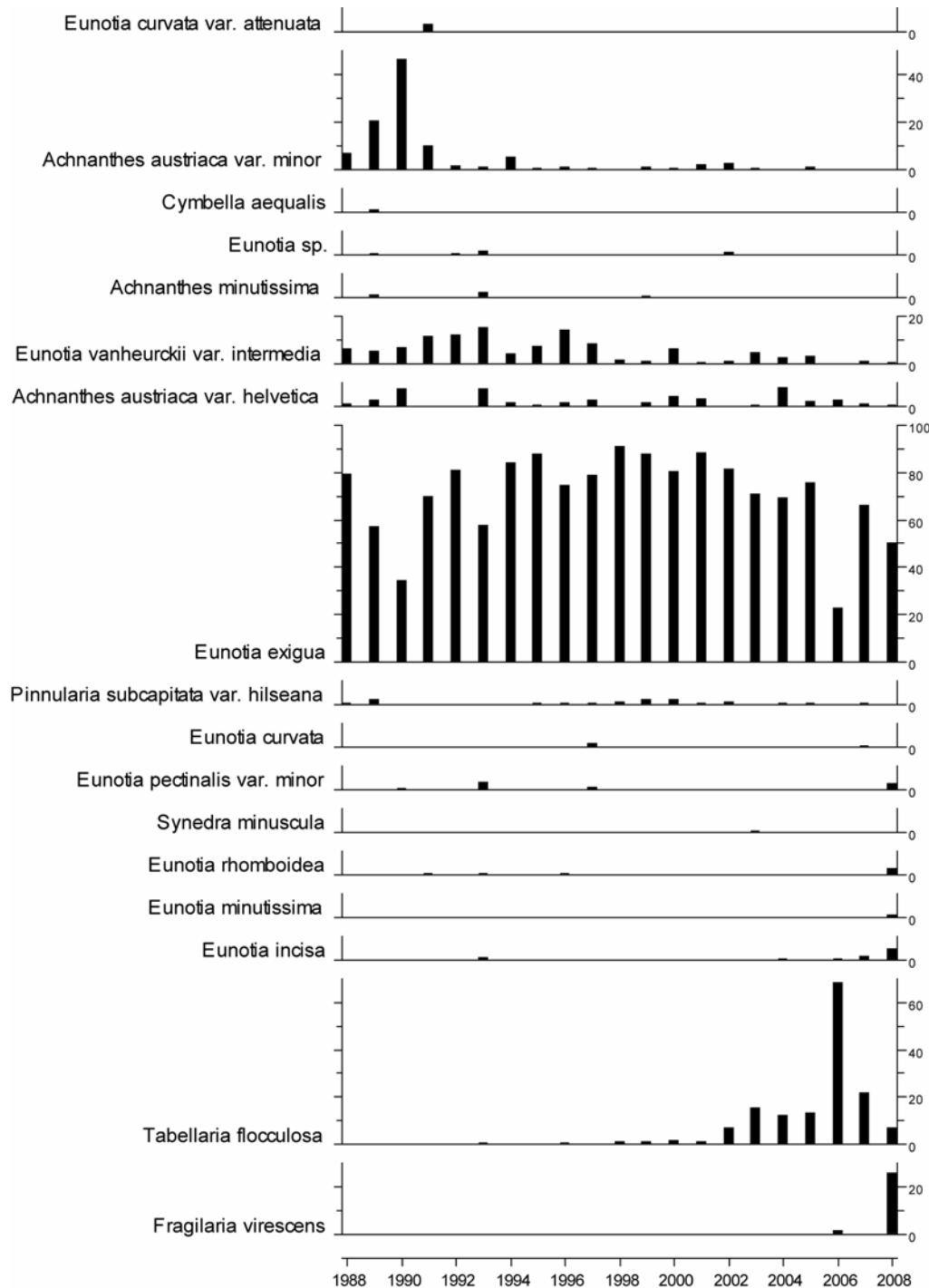
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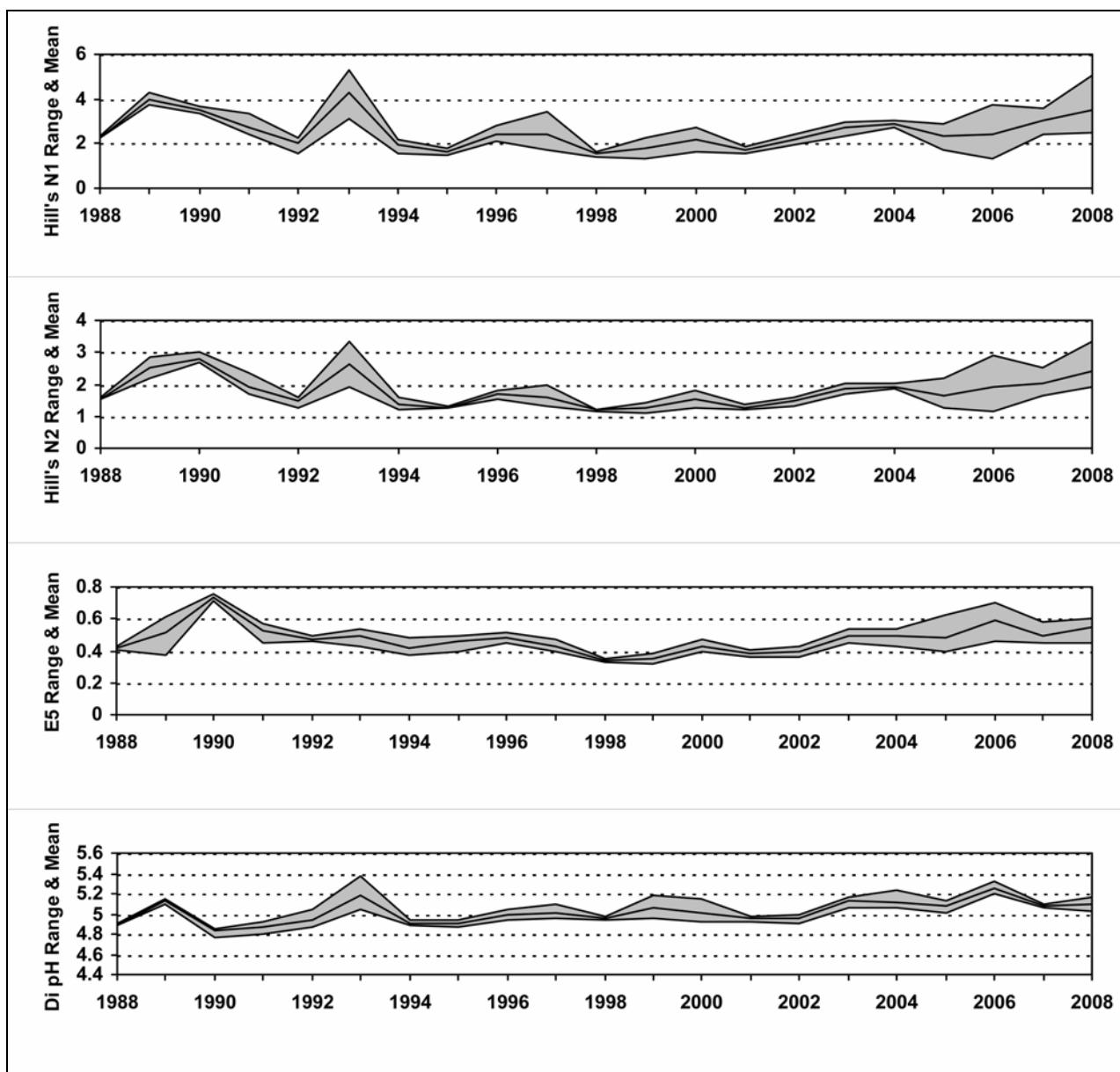
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4.10.4 Epilithic diatom data

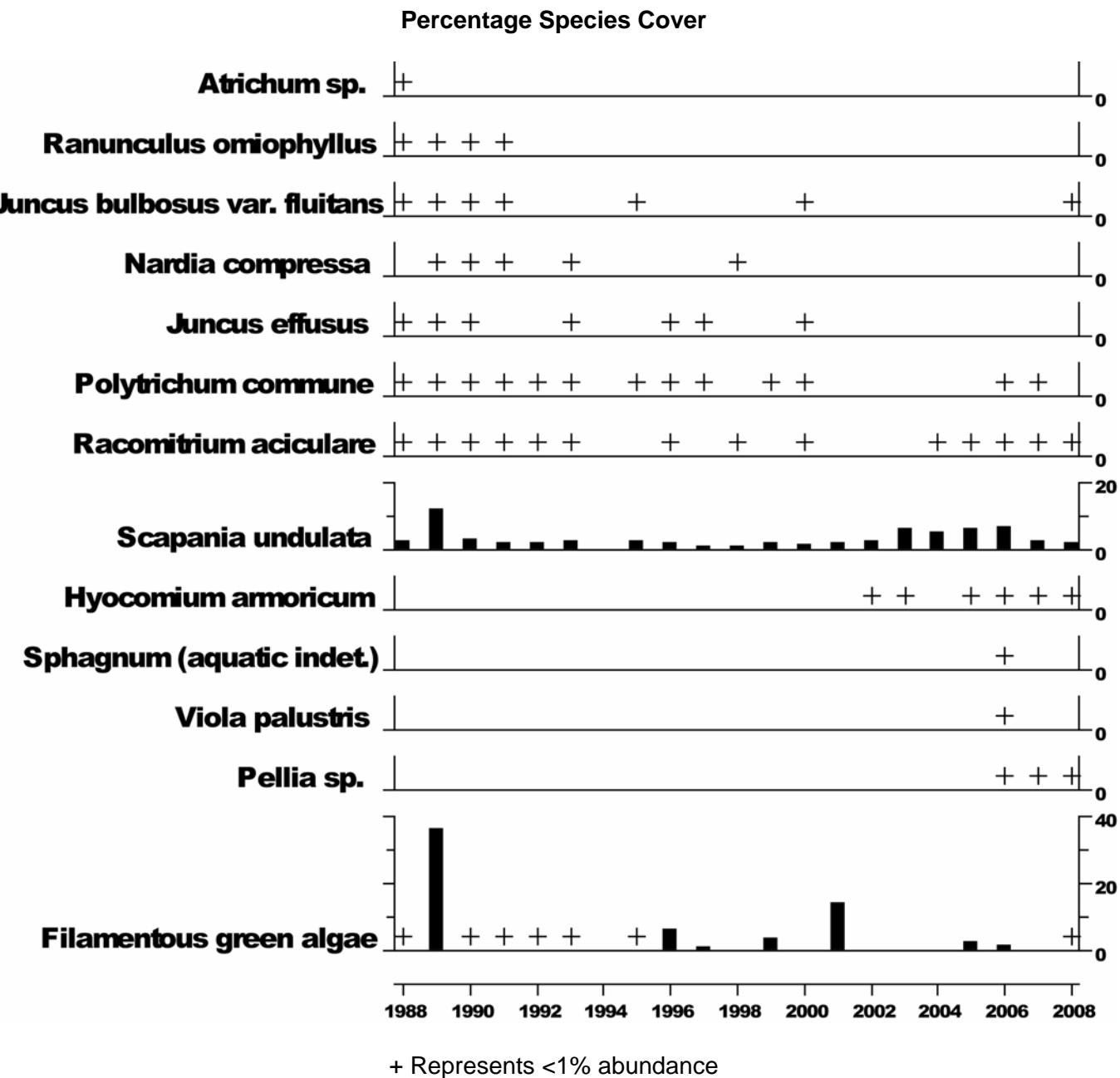
4.10.4.1 Percentage abundance summary, Afon Hafren



4.10.4.1 Diatom summary statistics, Afon Hafren



4.10.5 Aquatic macrophyte data, Afon Hafren



5 Afon Gwy



Figure 3 Afon Gwy biological survey section 10th July 2009

5.1 Summary Overview

Chemical and biological sample collection, analysis and data collation, quality control and archiving proceeded without any problems at Afon Gwy during the period from April 2009 to March 2010.

5.2 Water Chemistry

Samples were collected by CEH early every month throughout the period April 2009 to March 2010, delivered to the analytical laboratories on schedule and are in the process of being analysed, quality controlled and archived in the UKAWMN central chemistry database at CEH Lancaster. Unfortunately the water sample from 02/06/09 was lost.

5.3 Epilithic Diatoms

Ephilithic diatoms were retrieved by a team from ENSIS from three sampling points in the stream on the 10th of July 2009. The samples have been made into slides and are currently in the process of being analysed.

5.4 Macroinvertebrates

Aquatic macroinvertebrates were sampled on the 17th April 2009 by a team from QMuL. Five 1 minute kick samples were performed. The samples were counted and the data sent to ENSIS Ltd. After quality screening the data was added to the UKAWMN biological database at ENSIS.

5.5 Fish

Fish surveying was performed on the 25th August 2009 by a team from the Environment Agency Wales. Unfortunately fish weights were not recorded. The data has been forwarded to ENSIS Ltd. After quality screening the data will be added to the UKAWMN biological database at ENSIS. No Salmon were recorded in 2009.

5.6 Aquatic Macrophytes

Aquatic macrophytes were surveyed by a team from ENSIS on 10th of July 2009. Percentage cover scores were recorded and data will be added to the ENSIS biological database after microscope confirmation of bryophyte identifications.

5.7 Data Management and Reporting

No problems or hiatus with the collation and transfer of data within methodological programmes, or to the UKAWMN databases occurred during the period.

The 2008-2009 annual report is nearly ready to be uploaded to the AWMN web page in late March 2010, and the section on Afon Gwy appears in section 5.10 below.

An interpretative report detailing 20 years of the UKAWMN is undergoing a final edit and will also be published in 2010.

Further publications from the contract period utilizing data from Afon Gwy are detailed in section 5.8 below. Section 5.9 provides a bibliography for the site.

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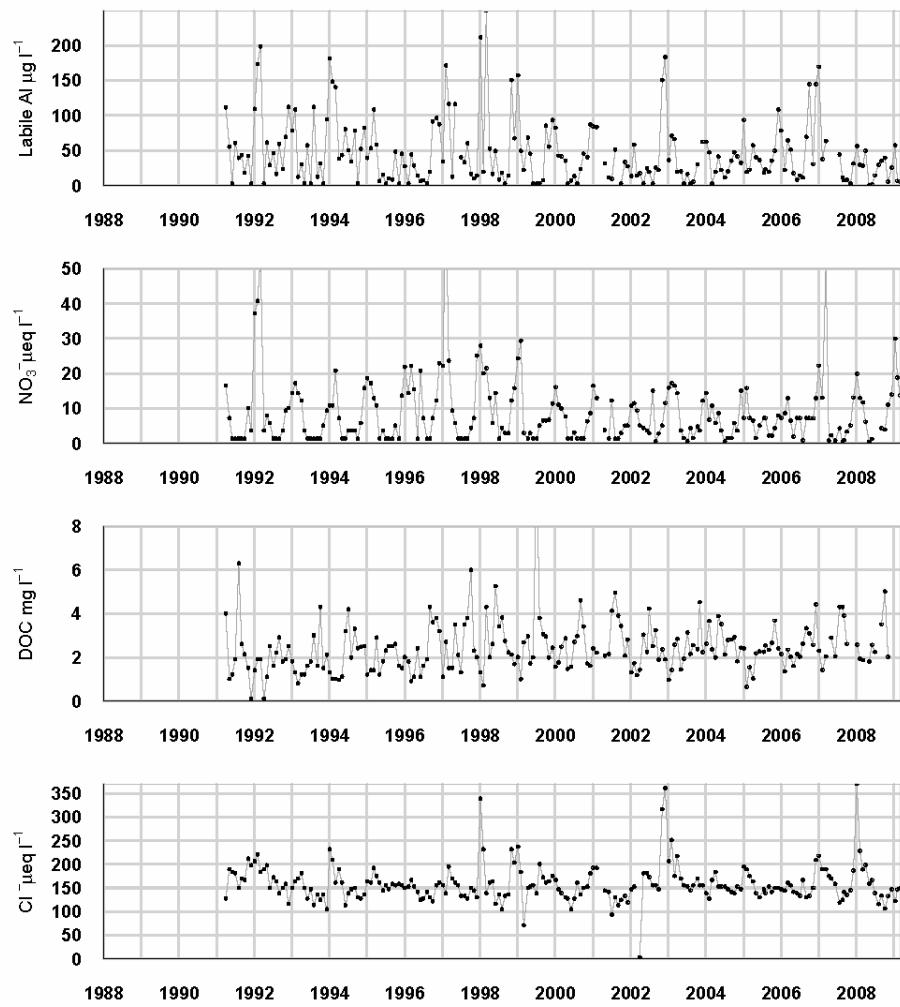
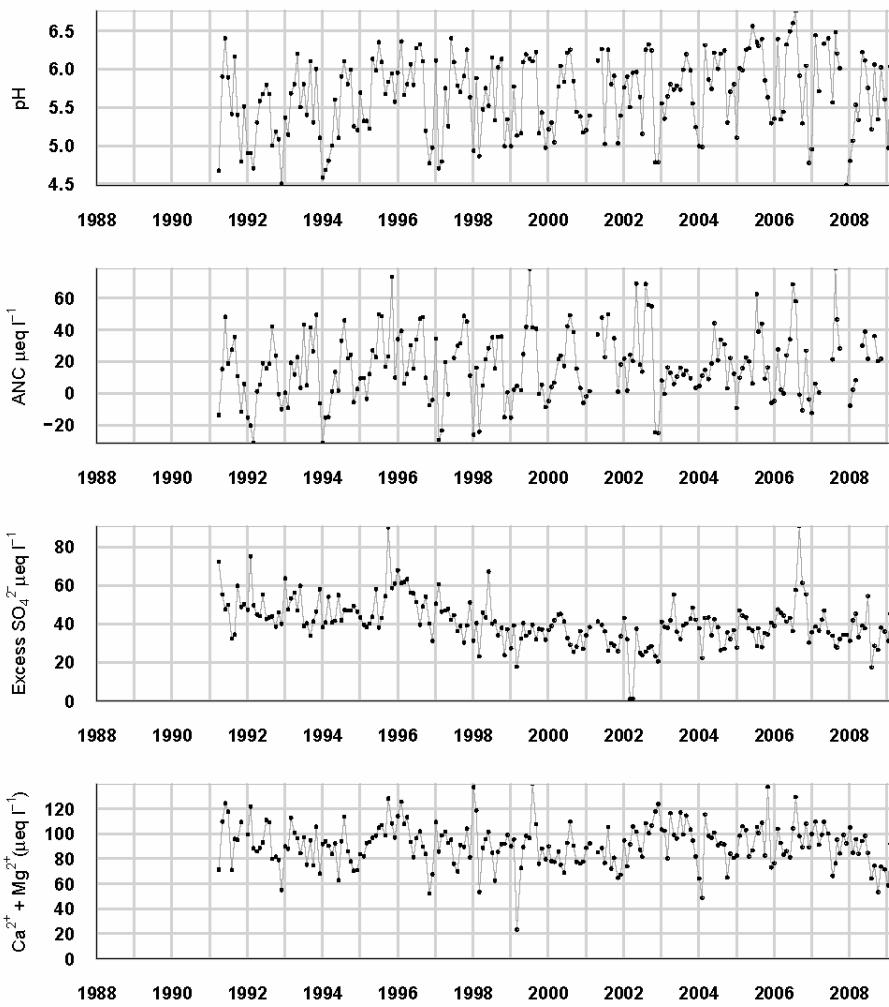
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5.10 Afon Gwy Summary Data to March 2008

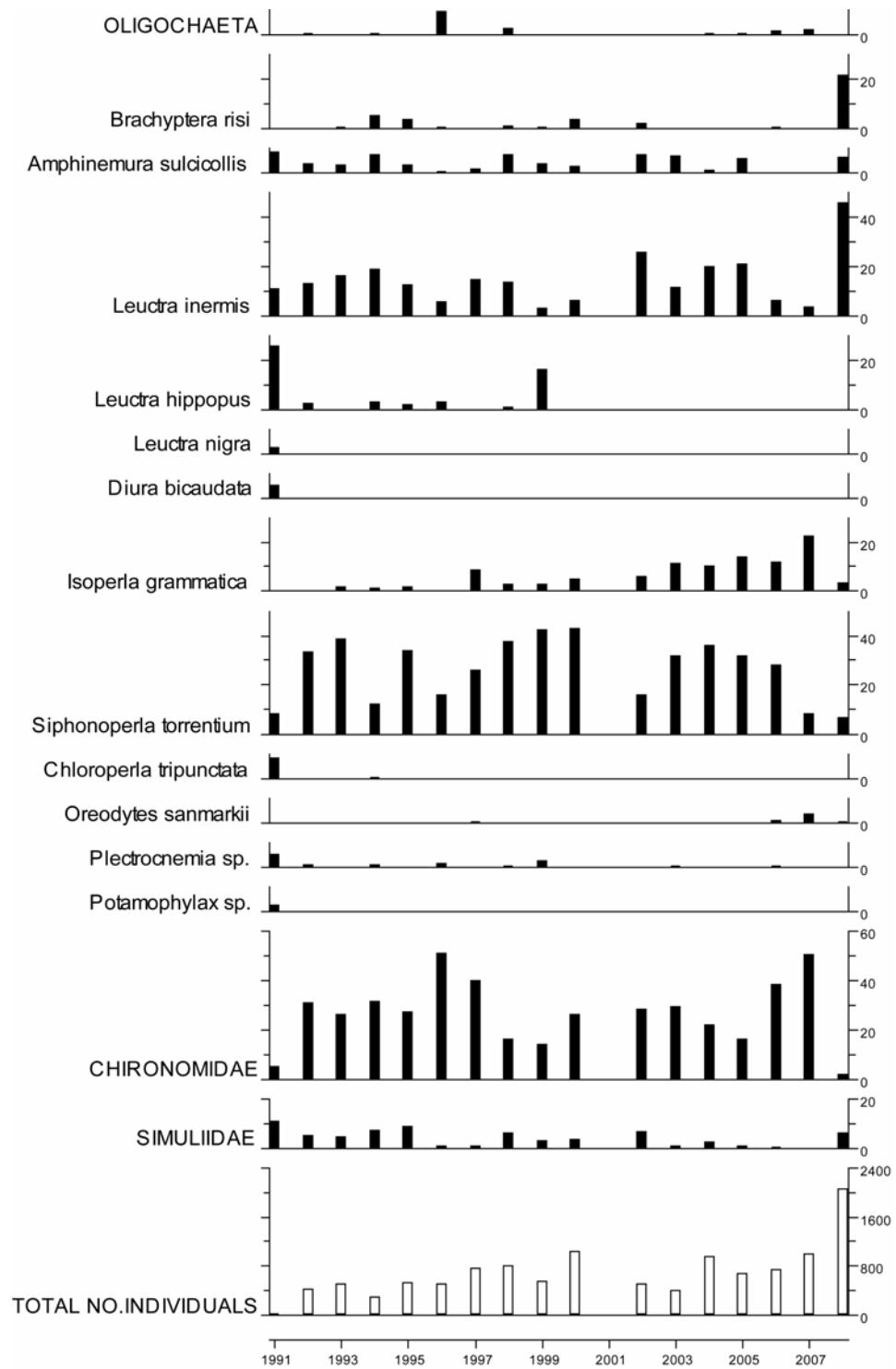
5.10.1 Spot sampled chemistry data



$\mu\text{eq l}^{-1}$, $*\mu\text{g l}^{-1}$, $**\text{mg l}^{-1}$	pH	ANC	Ca^{2+}	Mg^{2+}	Na^+	K^+	*Soluble Al	*Labile Al	Cl^-	$^*\text{SO}_4^{2-}$	$x\text{SO}_4^{2-}$	NO_3^-	**DOC
Mean 1 st 5 yrs	5.51	14.13	40.42	53.22	147.31	3.24	106.64	53.64	159.84	65.67	48.91	8.65	1.98
08-09 mean	5.73	27.96	30.44	47.70	135.29	2.99	57.83	22.08	142.51	51.09	36.14	10.27	2.85
08-09 std dev	0.42	8.07	7.24	8.21	23.15	1.76	46.08	19.76	24.60	11.18	10.00	9.17	1.21

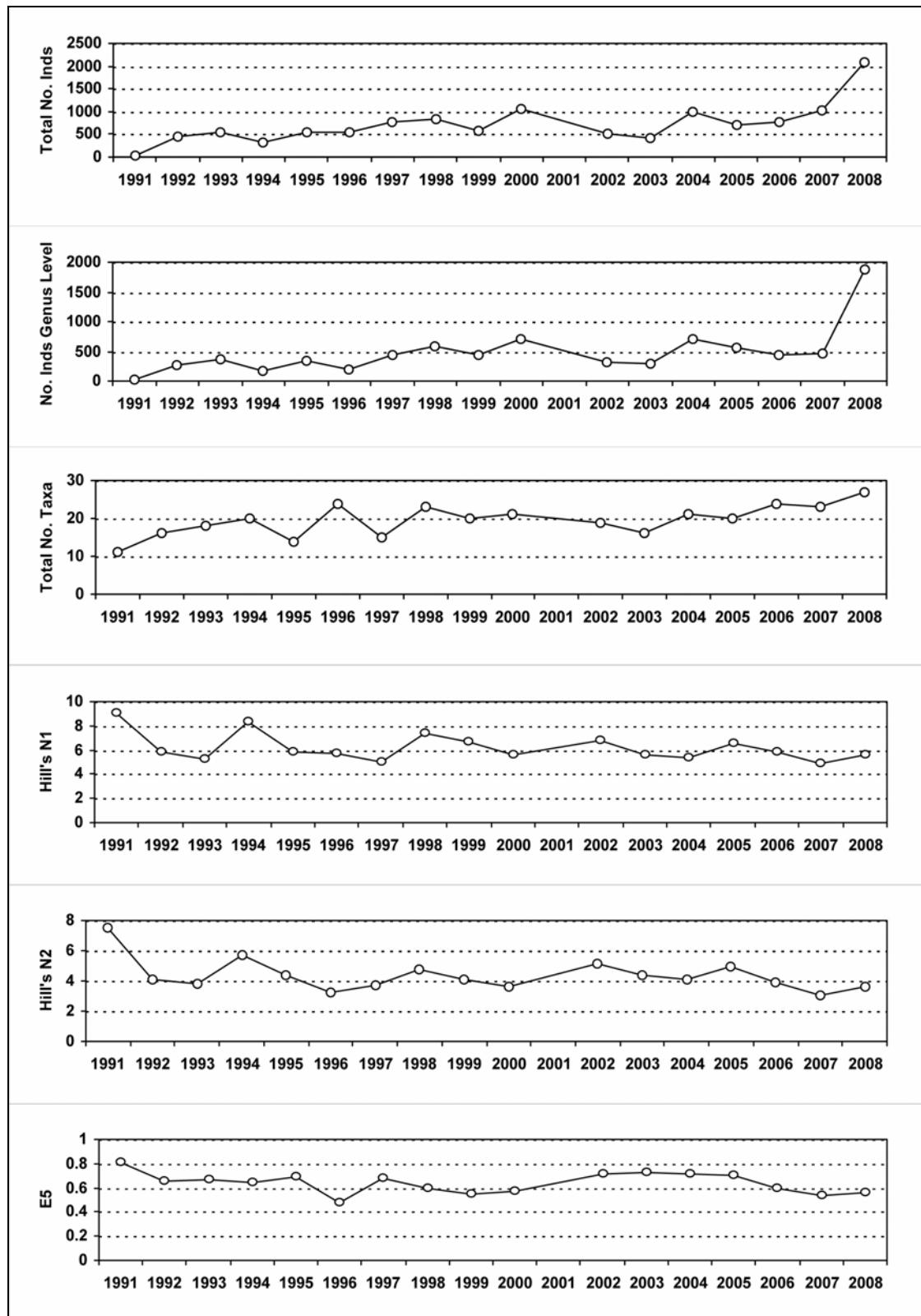
5.10.2 Macroinvertebrate data

5.10.2.1 Percentage abundance summary, Afon Gwy



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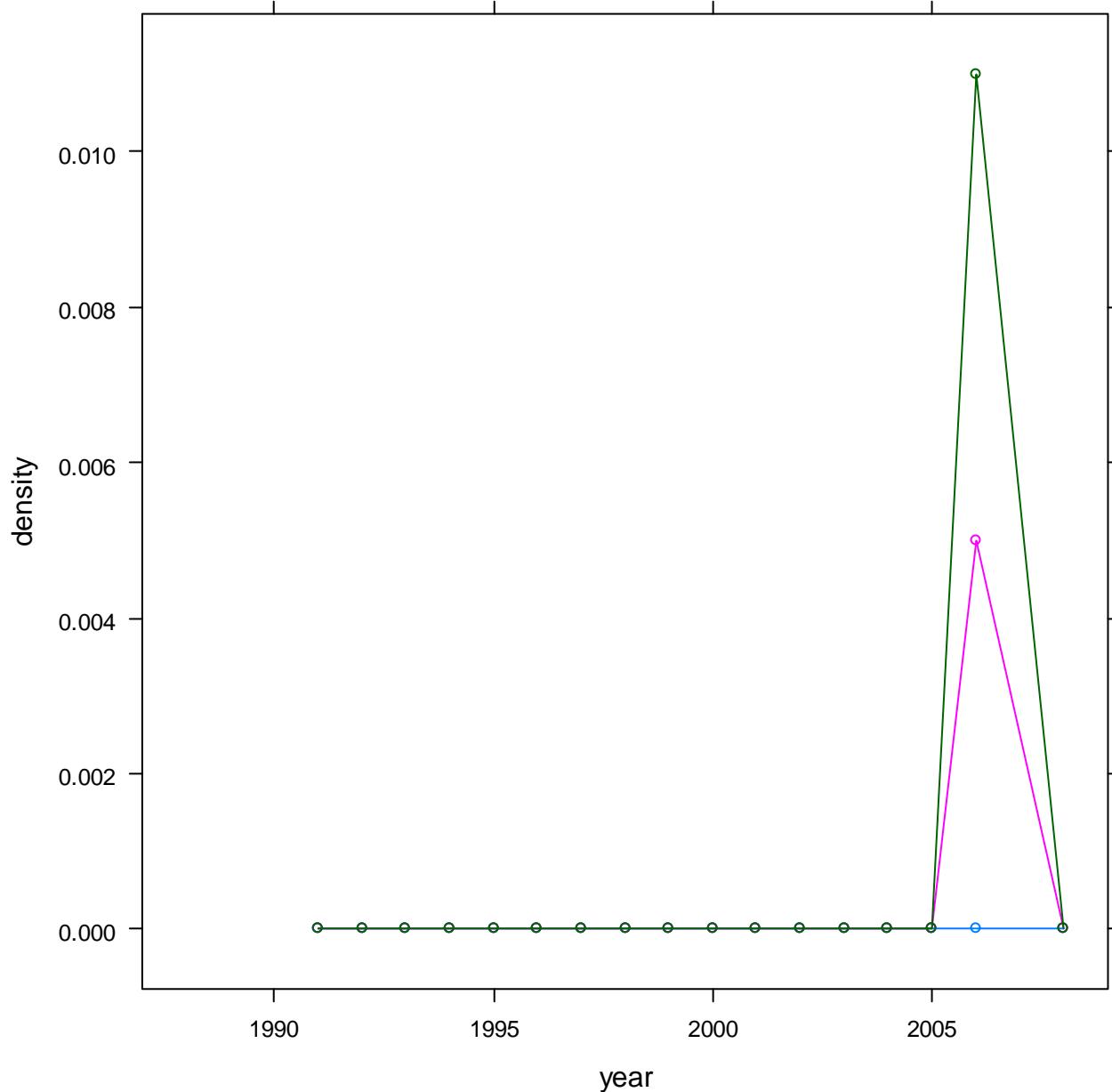
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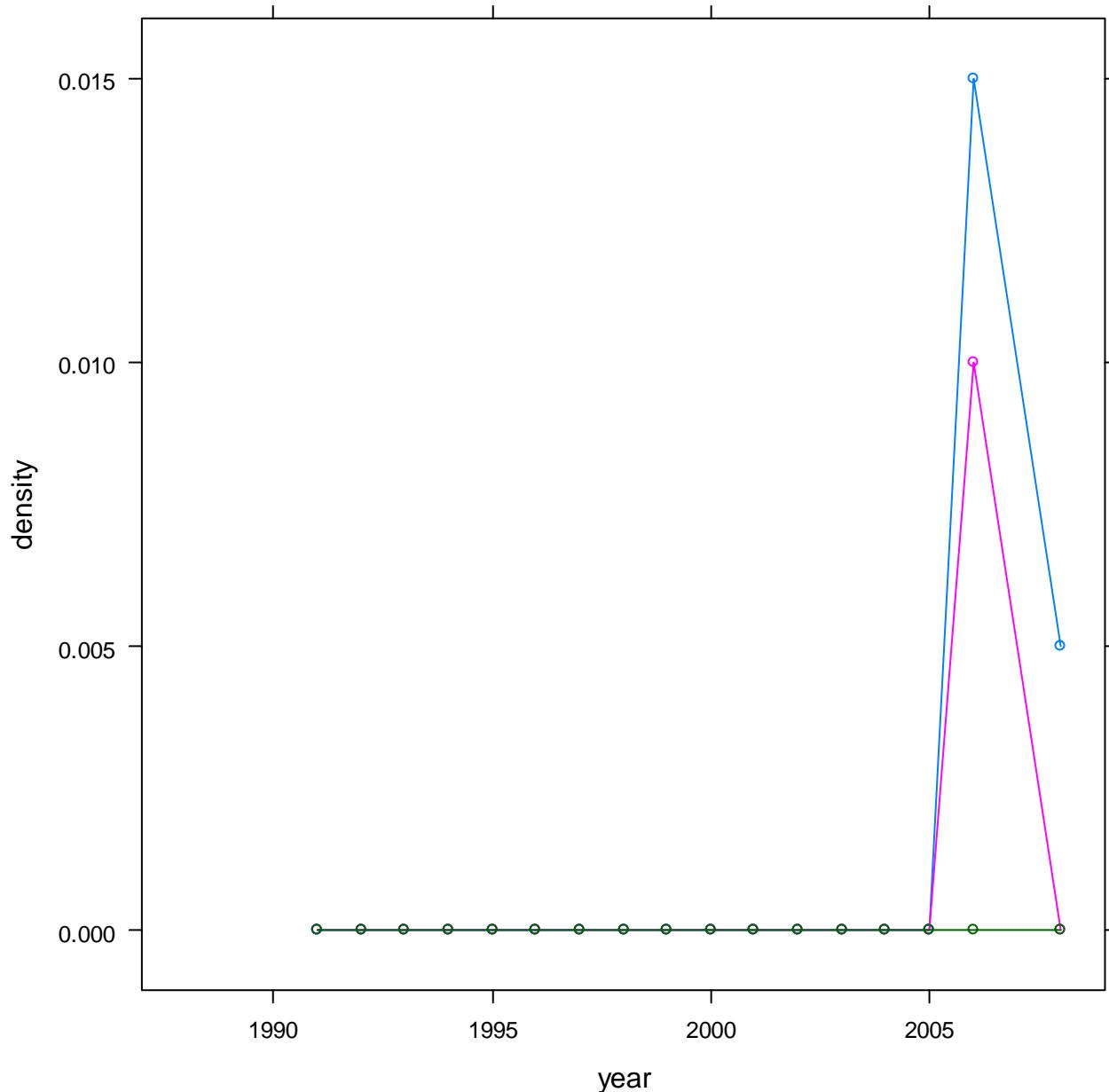
5.10.3 Fish data

5.10.3.1 Summary of Salmon fry densities (numbers m⁻²), Afon Gwy



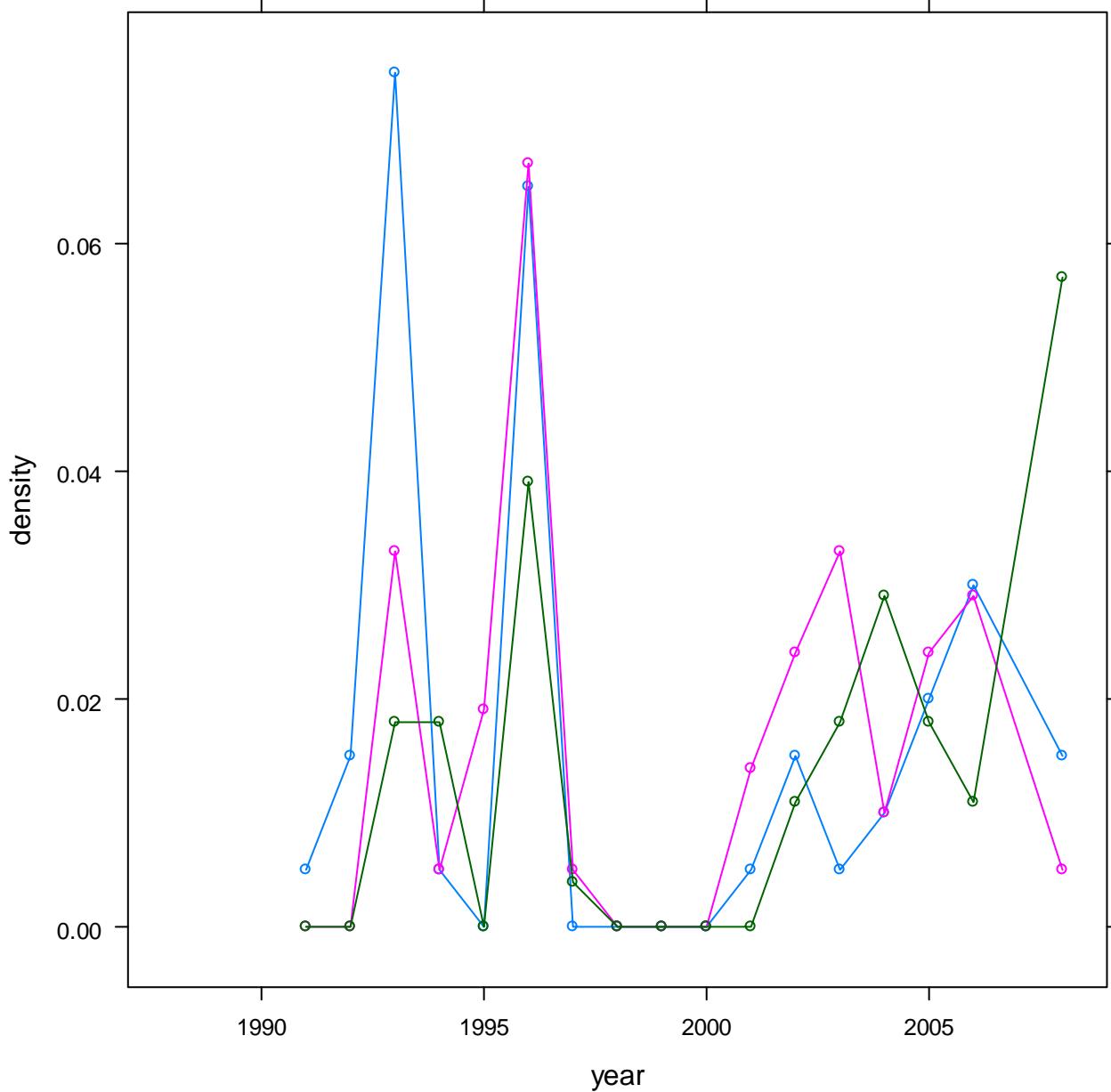
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Green series = Reach 3

5.10.3.2 Summary of Salmon parr densities (numbers m⁻²), Afon Gwy



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5.10.3.3 Summary of Trout fry density (numbers m⁻²), Afon Gwy

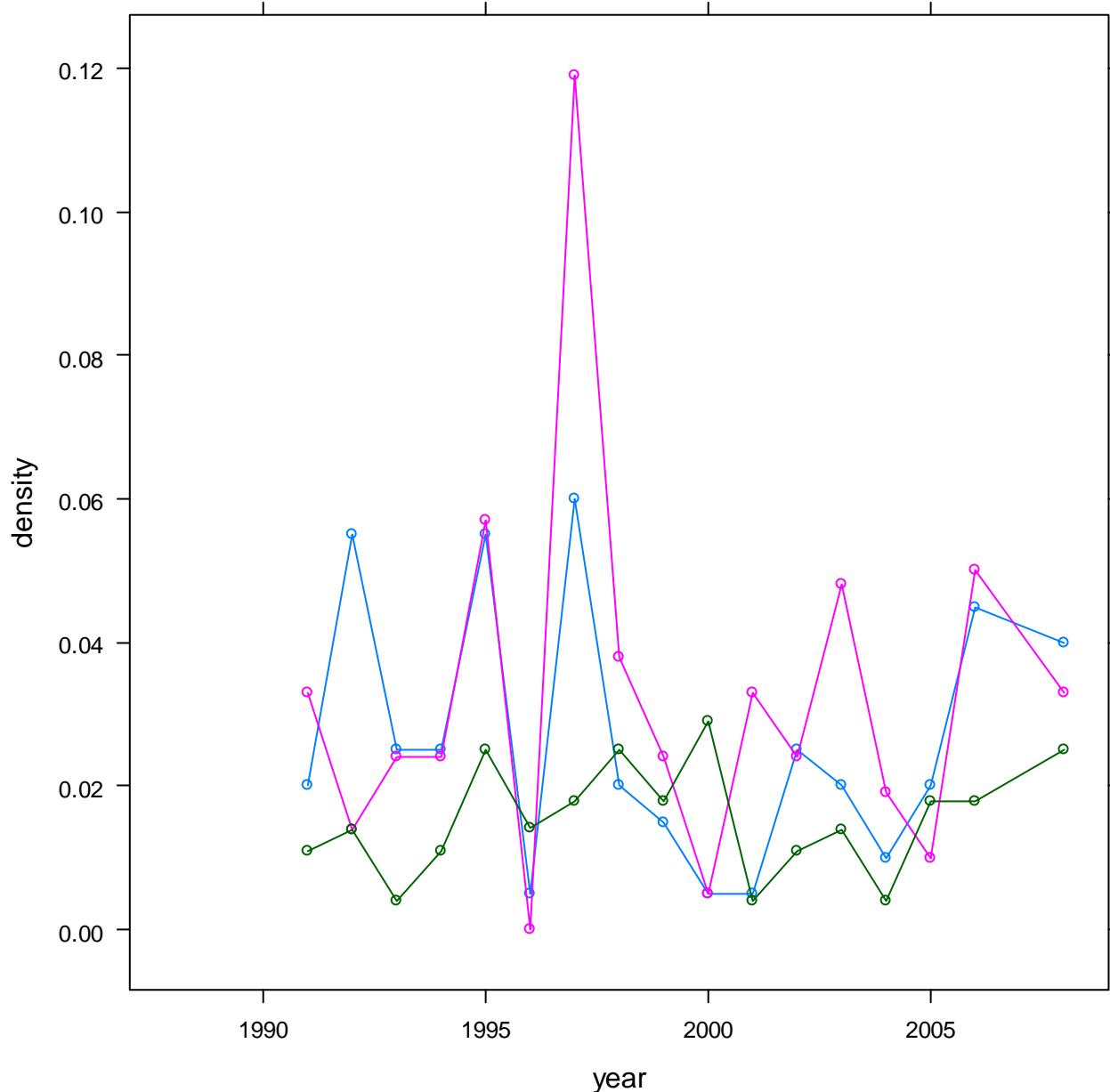


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5.10.3.4 Summary of Trout parr density (numbers m⁻²), Afon Gwy



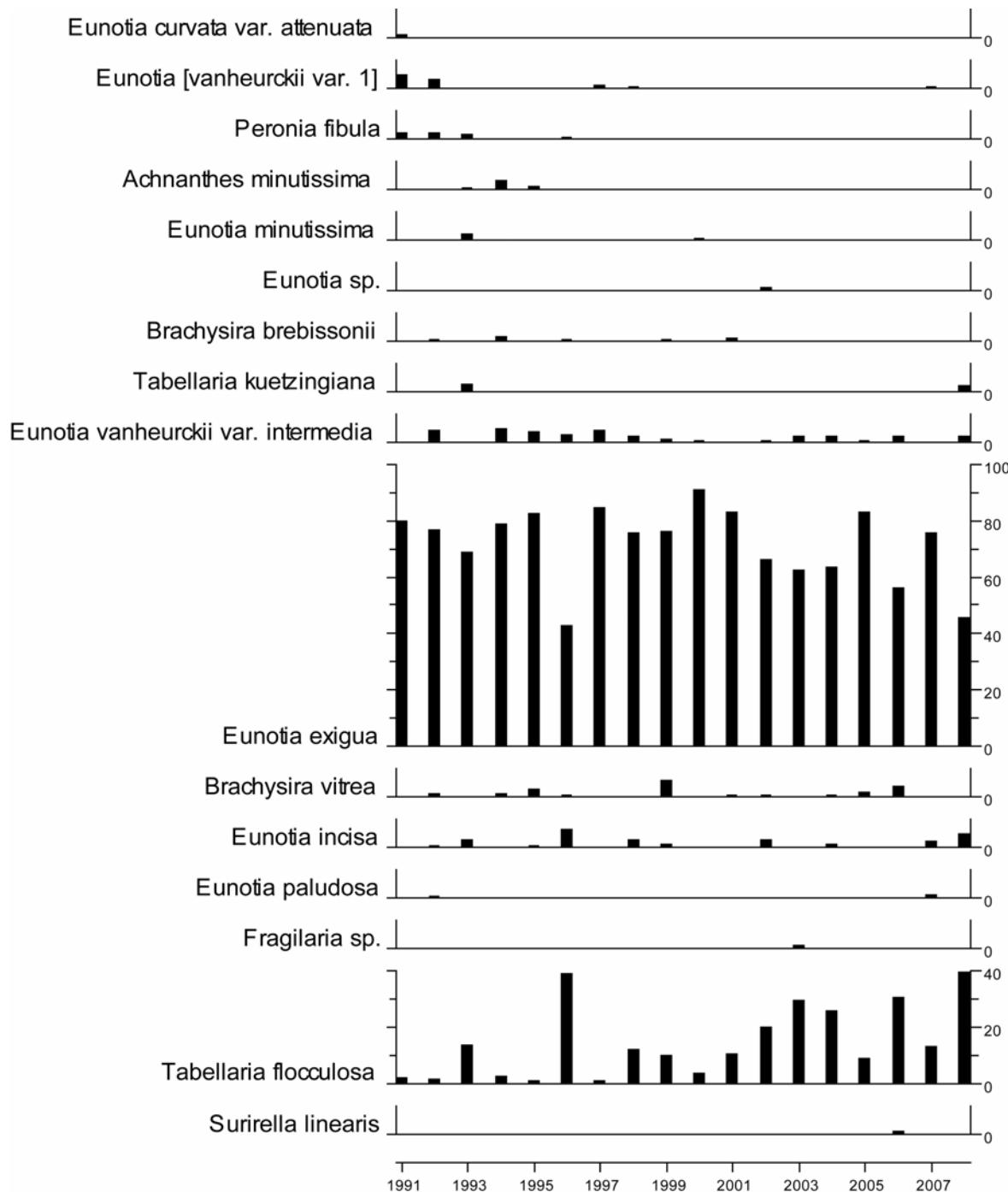
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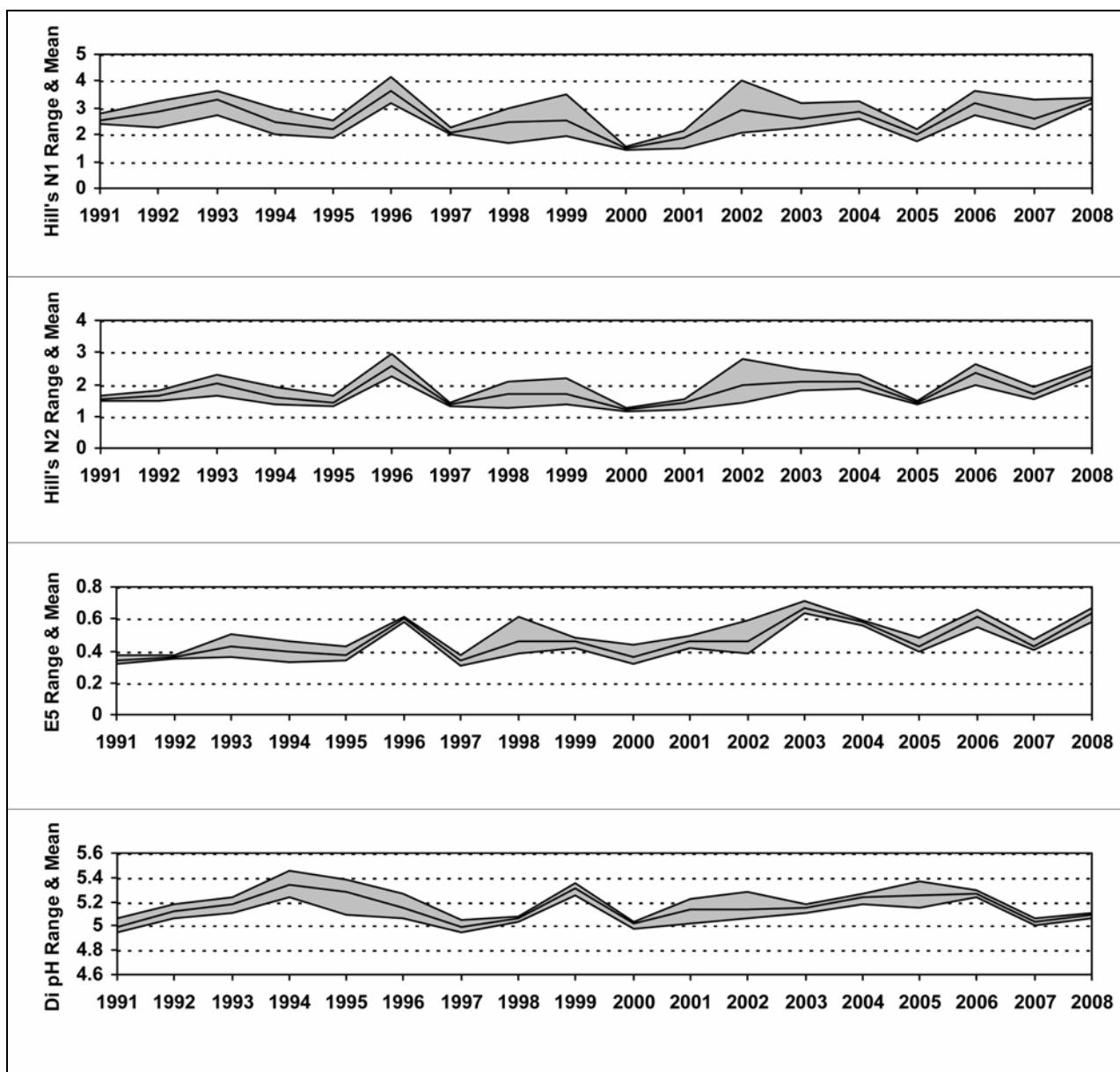
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5.10.4 Epilithic diatom data

5.10.4.1 Percentage abundance summary, Afon Gwy



5.10.4.2 Diatom summary statistics, Afon Gwy



5.10.5 Aquatic macrophyte data, Afon Gwy

Percentage Species Cover

