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Cover photo: Aquatic bryophytes on the weir at Afon Hafren. All photographs © Ewan Shilland



### **3 Llyn Cwm Mynach**



Figure 1 Llyn Cwm Mynach. Looking southwest from the north east end of the lake, 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2010.

#### **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 2010 to March 2011. Of note is that the site changed ownership during the reporting period and is now owned and managed by the Woodland Trust.

#### **3.2 Water Chemistry**

Samples were collected by CEH in early June, September and December 2010, 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 2011 samples have been collected and are in the process of being analysed.

#### **3.3 Sediment Traps**

Sediment traps were recovered and replaced on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of August 2010 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 3<sup>rd</sup> of August 2010 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 3<sup>rd</sup> of August 2010. 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 17<sup>th</sup> April 2010 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 16<sup>th</sup> August 2010 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 surveyed on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of August 2010 by a team from ENSIS Ltd. Surveys were performed using both the UKAWMN methodology and the Common Standards Monitoring methodology, compatible with the Water Framework Directive lake surveillance monitoring protocols. After quality screening the data will be added to the UKAWMN biological database at ENSIS and also forwarded to the EA.

### **3.9 Data Management and Reporting**

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

Work on the 2009-2010 annual report is underway and it should be uploaded to the AWMN web page in April 2011. The section on Llyn Cwm Mynach appears in section 3.12 below.

The UKAWMN website was updated and re-styled to match that of DEFRA. The new page detailing the Llyn Cwm Mynach is here: [http://awmn.defra.gov.uk/sites/site\\_16.php](http://awmn.defra.gov.uk/sites/site_16.php)

An interpretative report detailing findings from 20 years of the UKAWMN was published in 2010 and is available from the project website at the top of the page here: <http://awmn.defra.gov.uk/resources/interpreports/index.php>.

Further publications from the contract period utilizing UKAWMN 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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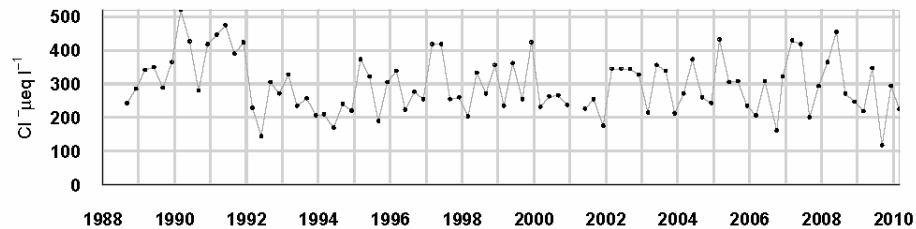
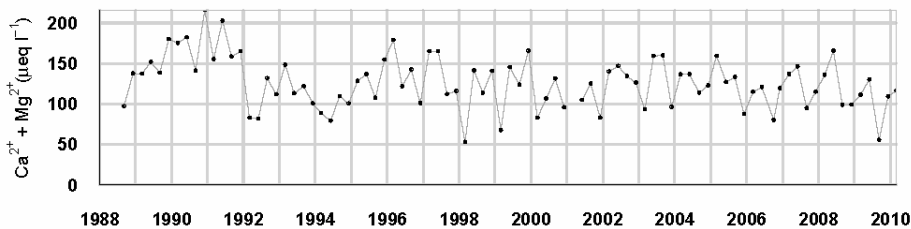
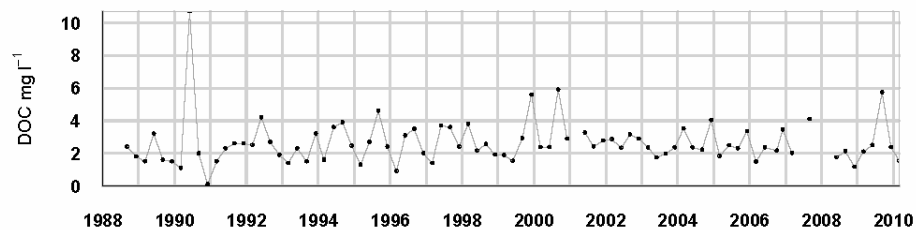
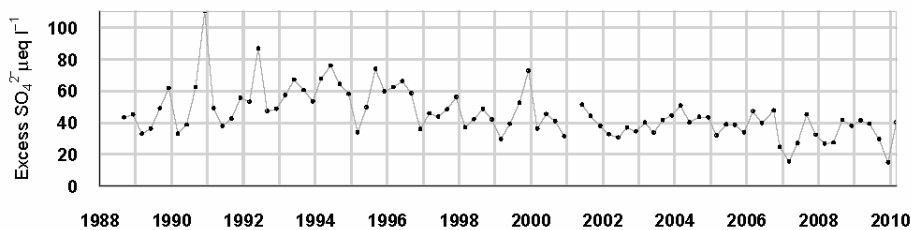
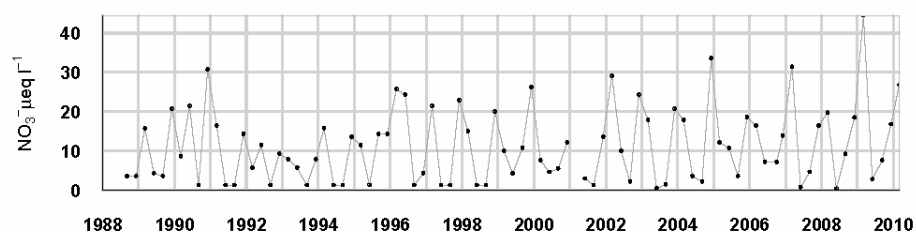
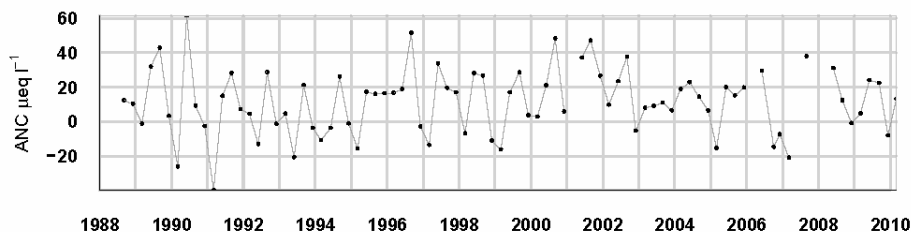
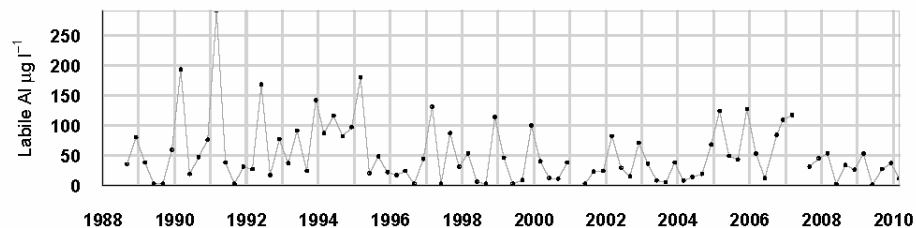
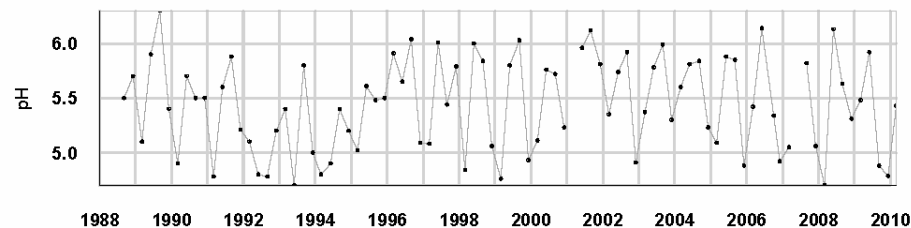


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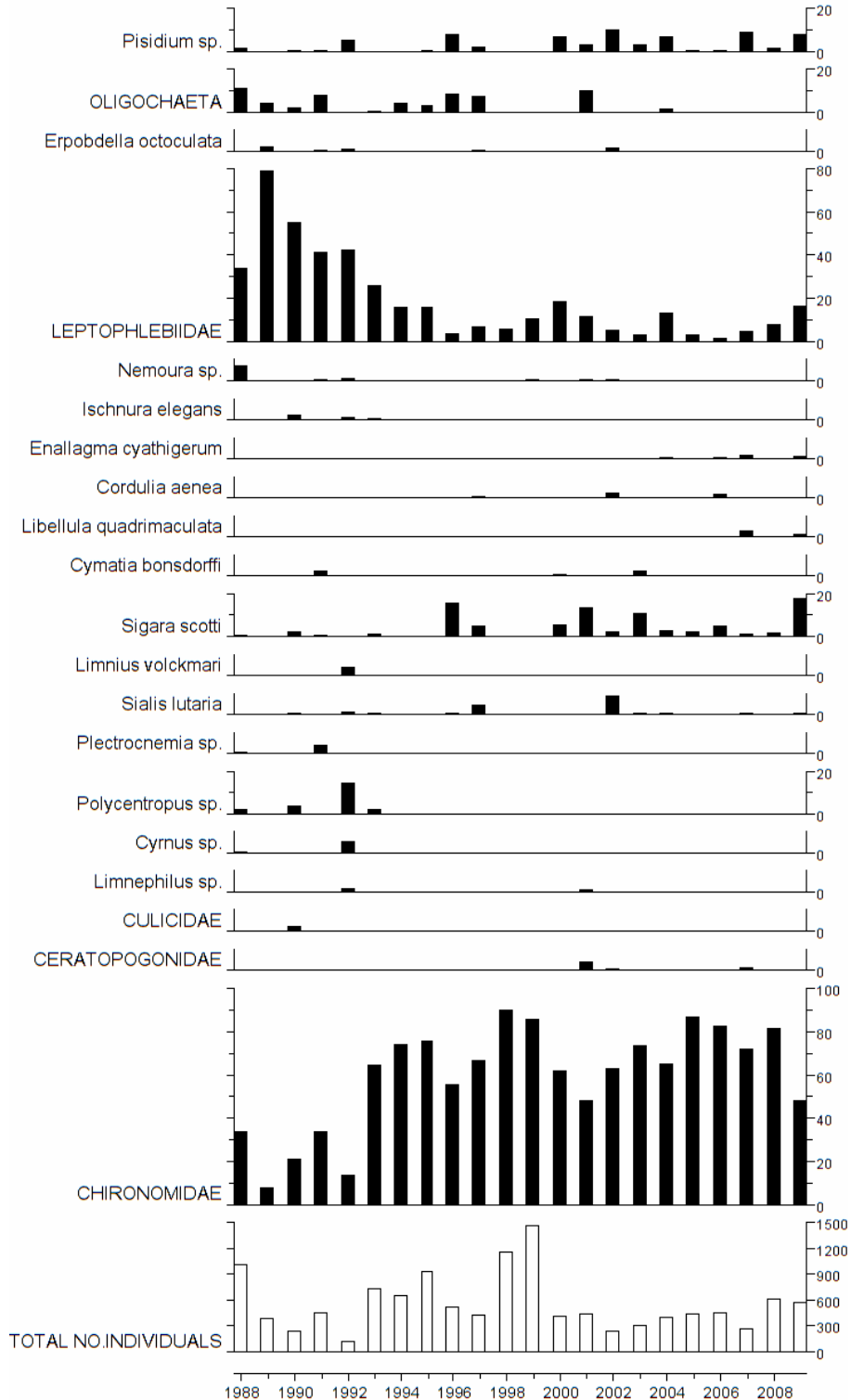
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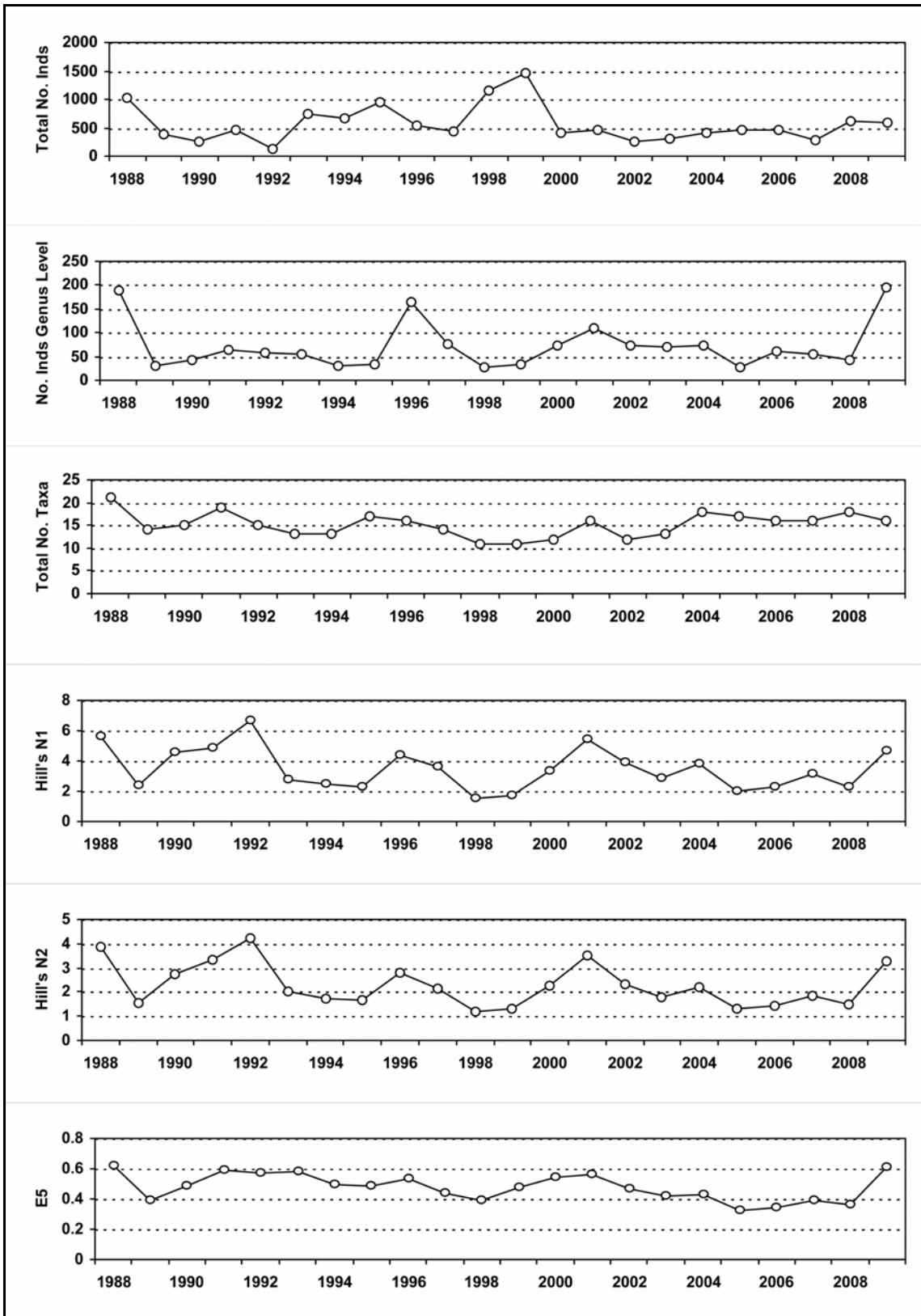
$\mu\text{eq l}^{-1}$ , * $\mu\text{g l}^{-1}$ , ** $\text{mg l}^{-1}$	pH	ANC	Ca <sup>2+</sup>	Mg <sup>2+</sup>	Na <sup>+</sup>	K <sup>+</sup>	*Soluble Al	*Labile Al	Cl <sup>-</sup>	*SO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup>	xSO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup>	NO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup>	**DOC
Mean 1 <sup>st</sup> 5 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

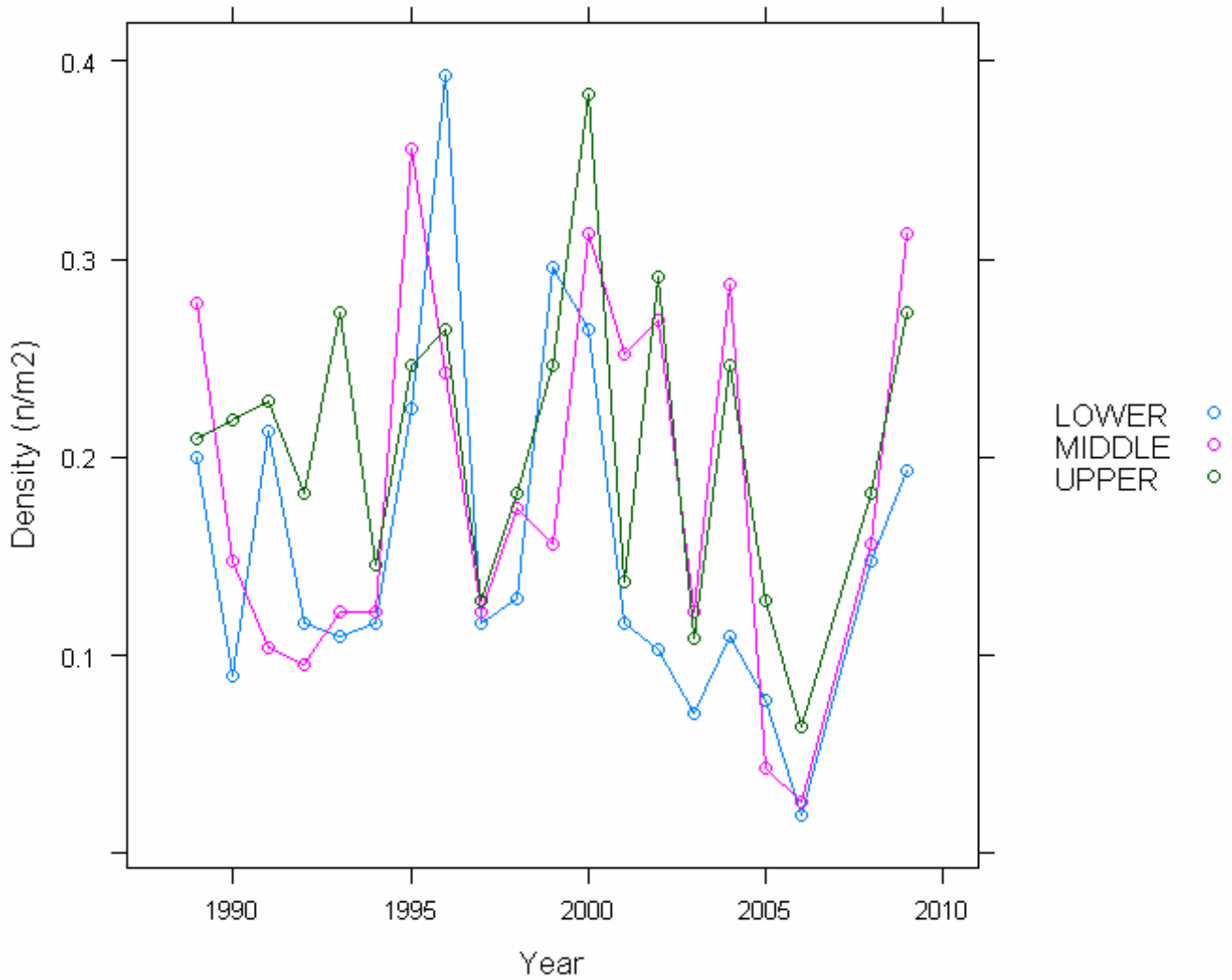


### 3.12.2.1 Macroinvertebrate summary statistics, Llyn Cwm Mynach



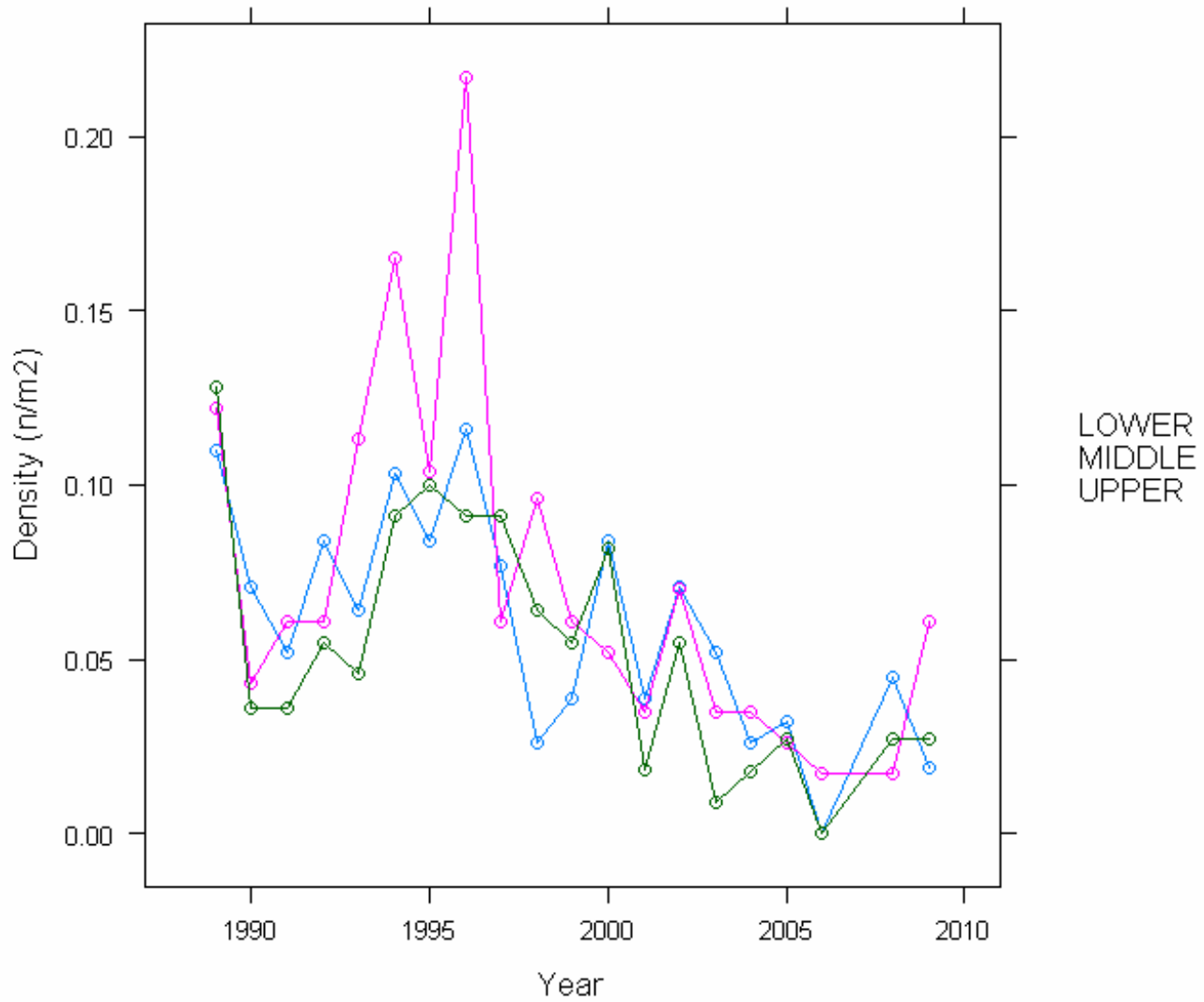
### 3.12.3 Fish data (for outflow stream)

#### 3.12.3.1 Summary of Trout fry density (numbers $m^{-2}$ ), Llyn Cwm Mynach



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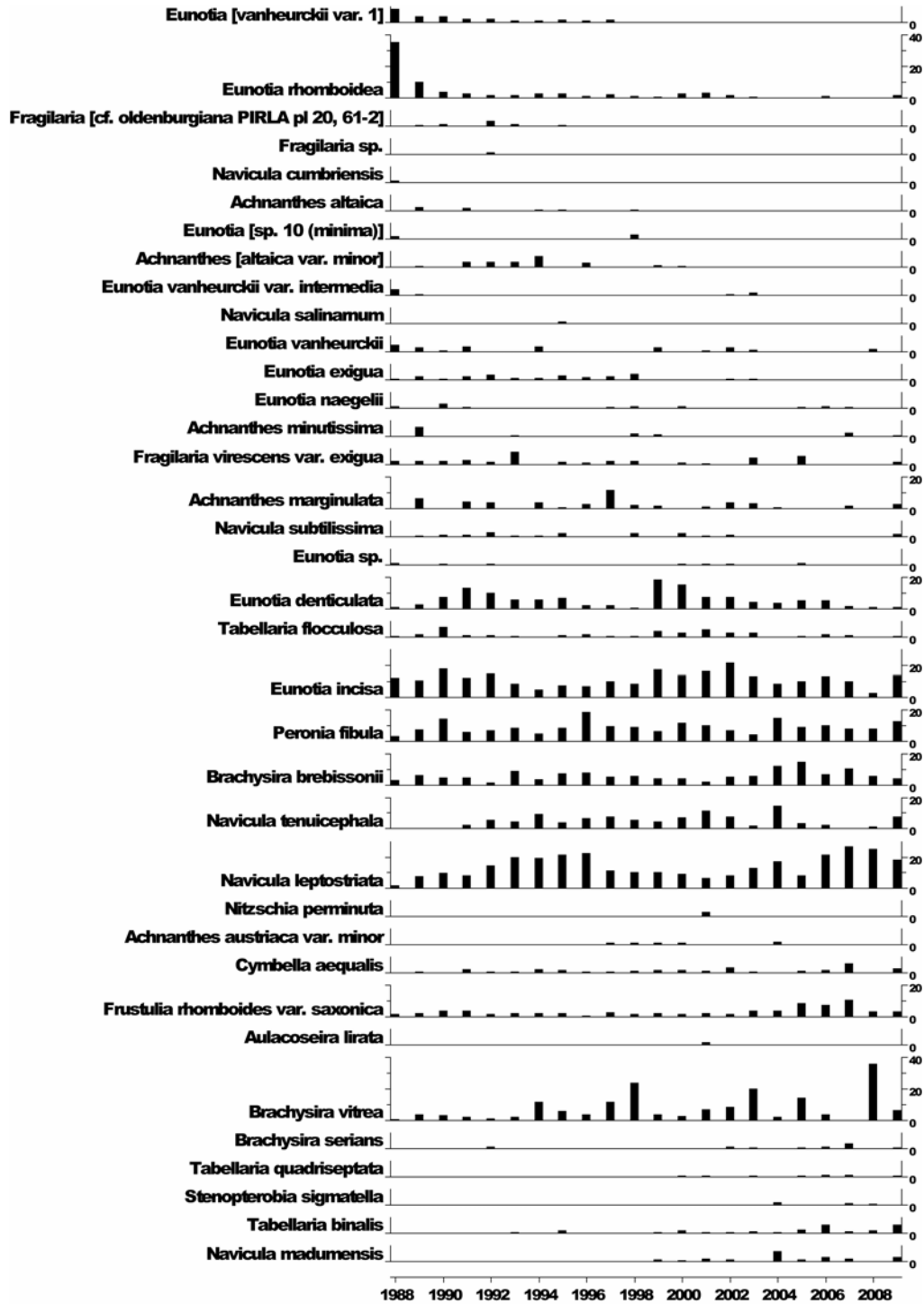
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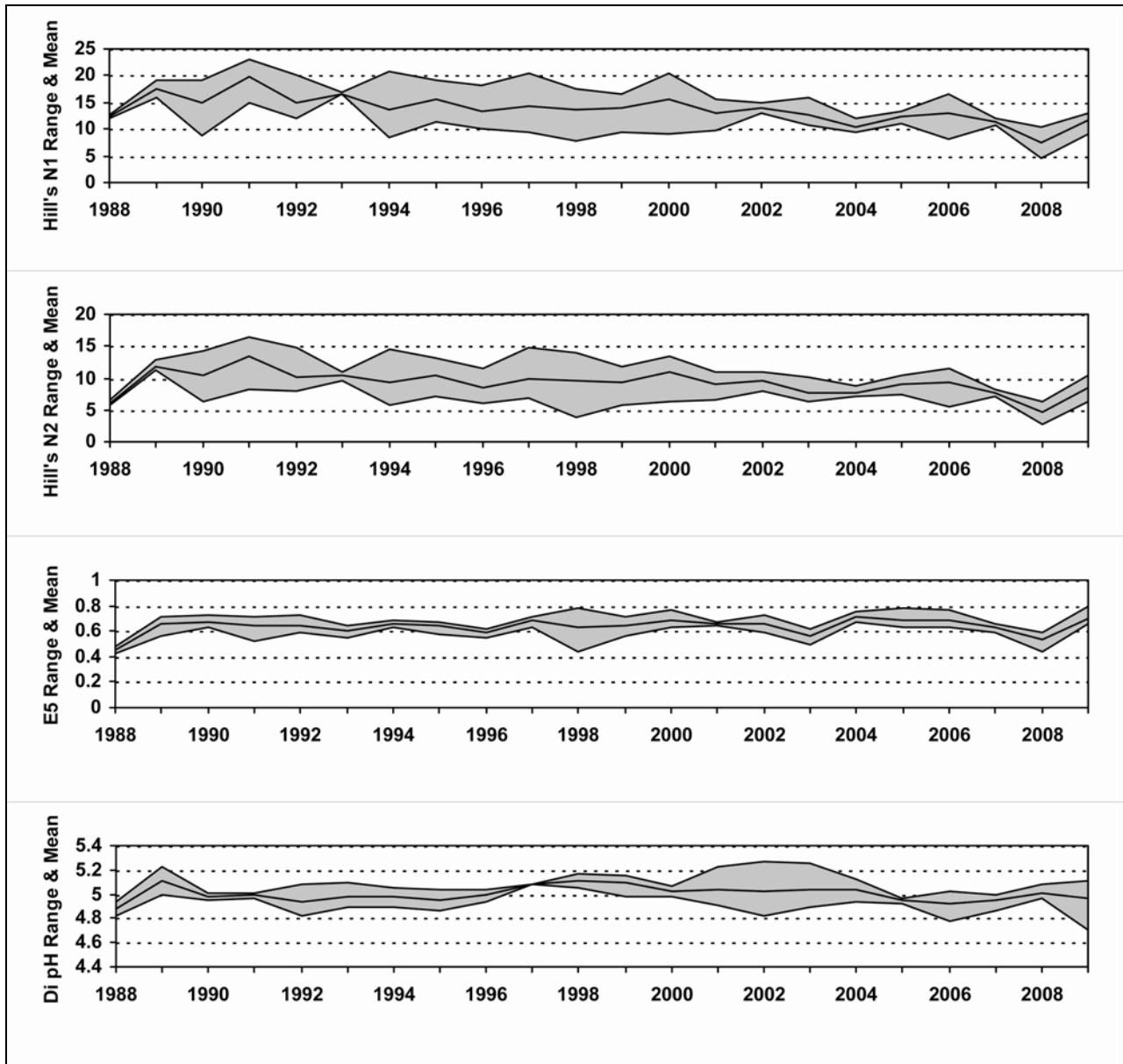
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### 3.12.4 Epilithic diatom data

#### 3.12.4.1 Percentage abundance summary, Llyn Cwm Mynach



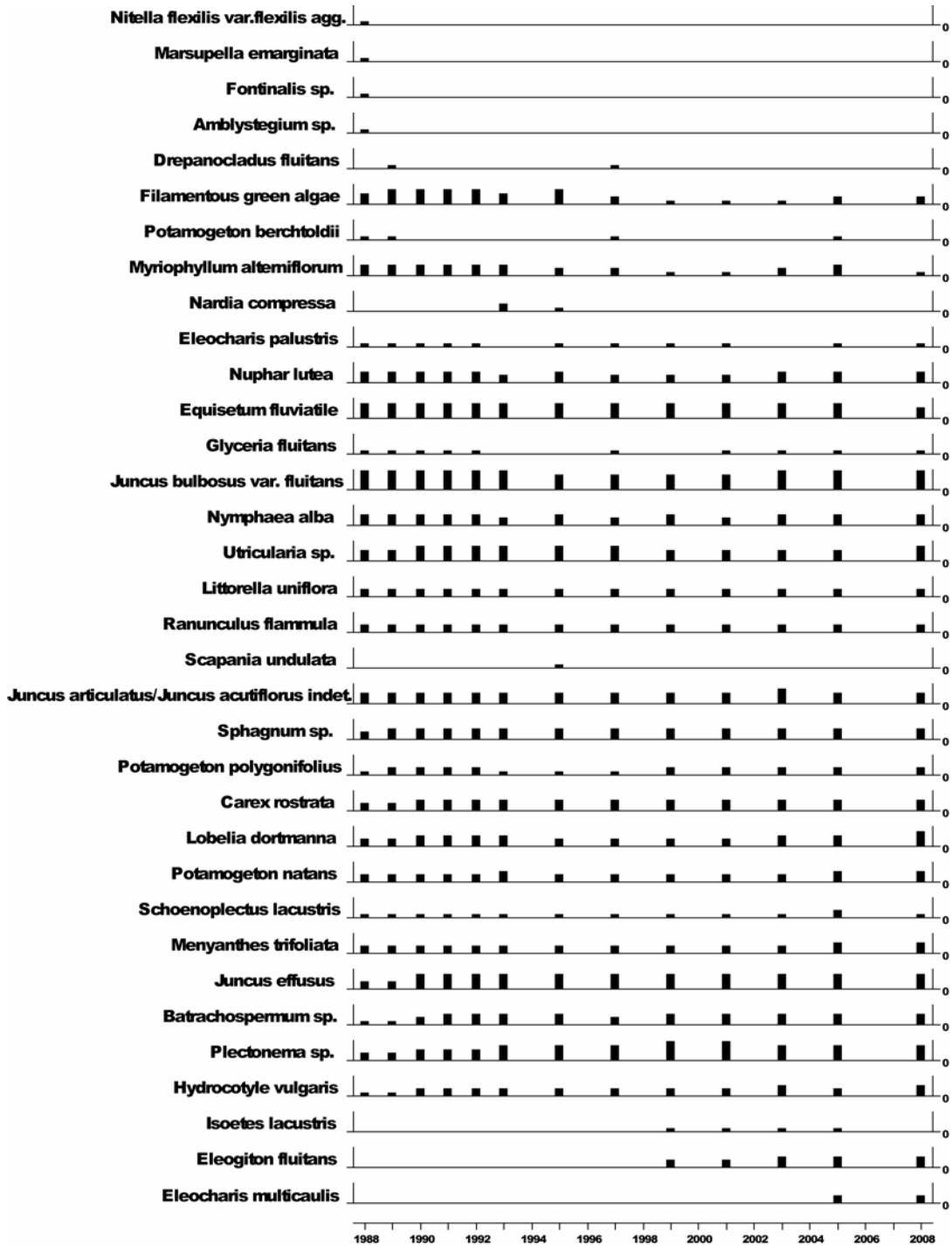
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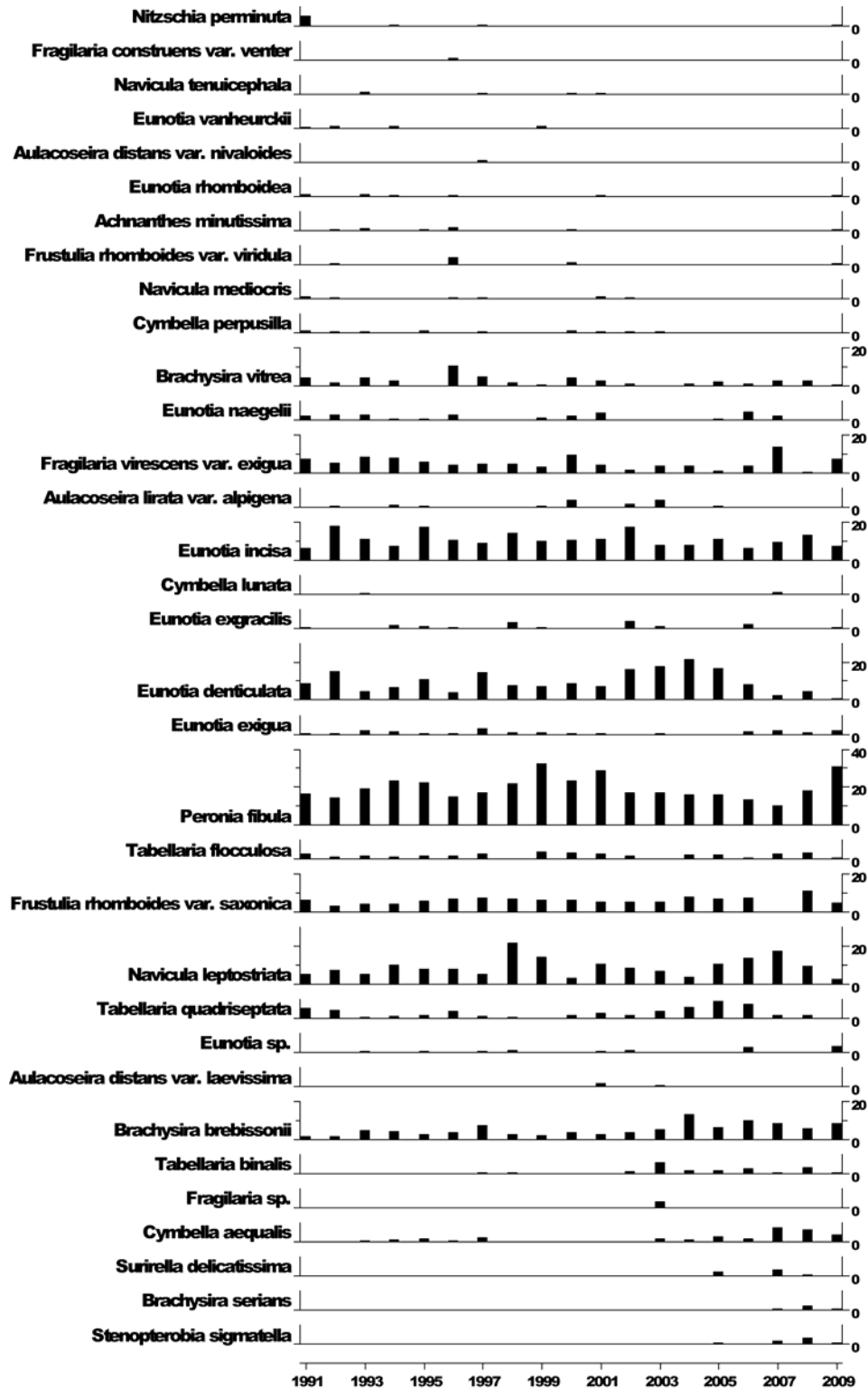
### 3.12.5 Aquatic macrophyte data, Llyn Cwm Mynach

#### Species Scores (1-5)

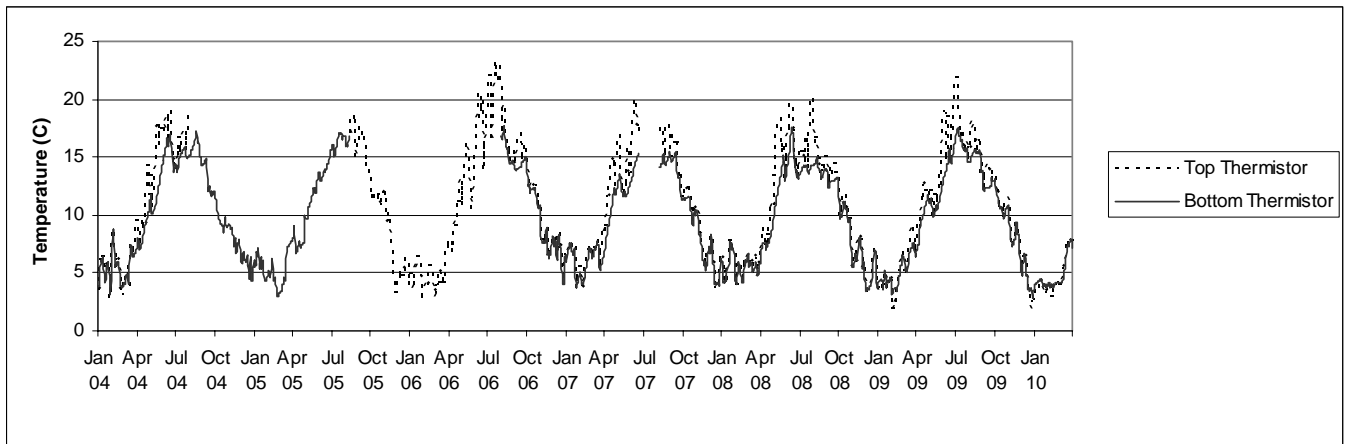


### 3.12.6 Sediment trap data, Llyn Cwm Mynach

Relative percentage frequency of diatom taxa



### 3.12.7 Thermistor data, Llyn Cwm Mynach



## 4 Afon Hafren



Figure 2 Afon Hafren biological survey section 6<sup>th</sup> July 2010

### 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 6<sup>th</sup> of July 2010. The samples have been made into slides and are currently in the process of being analysed by Roger Flower.

### **4.4 Macroinvertebrates**

Aquatic macroinvertebrates were sampled on the 17<sup>th</sup> April 2010 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 19<sup>th</sup> August 2010 by a team from the Environment Agency. Unfortunately individual 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 6<sup>th</sup> of July 2010. 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 occurred with the collation and transfer of data within methodological programmes, or to the UKAWMN databases, during the reporting period.

Work on the 2009-2010 annual report is underway and it should be uploaded to the AWMN web page in April 2011. The section on Afon Hafren appears in section 4.10 below.

The UKAWMN website was updated and re-styled to match that of DEFRA. The new page detailing the Afon Hafren is here: [http://awmn.defra.gov.uk/sites/site\\_17.php](http://awmn.defra.gov.uk/sites/site_17.php)

An interpretative report detailing findings from 20 years of the UKAWMN was published in 2010 and is available from the project website at the top of the page here: <http://awmn.defra.gov.uk/resources/interpreports/index.php>.

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

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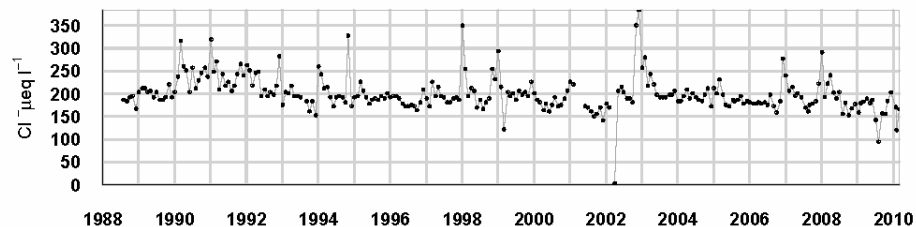
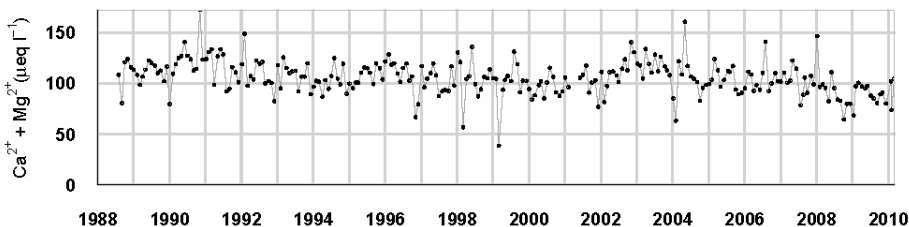
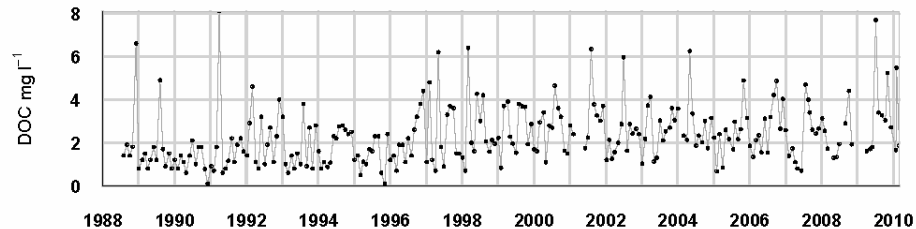
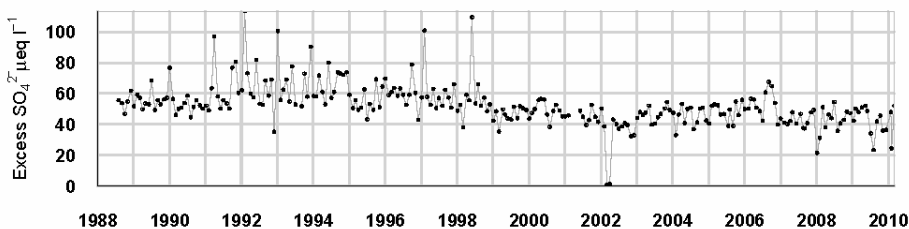
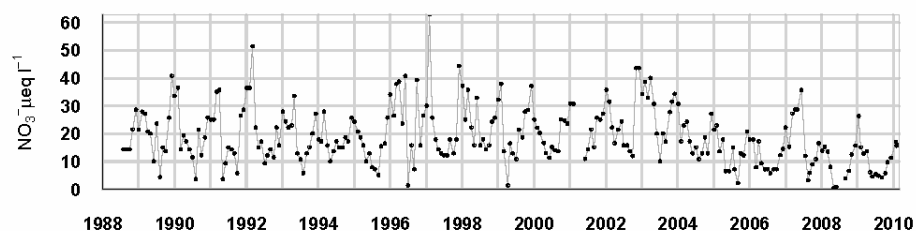
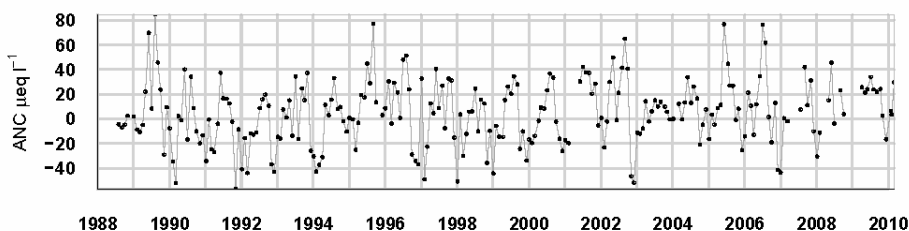
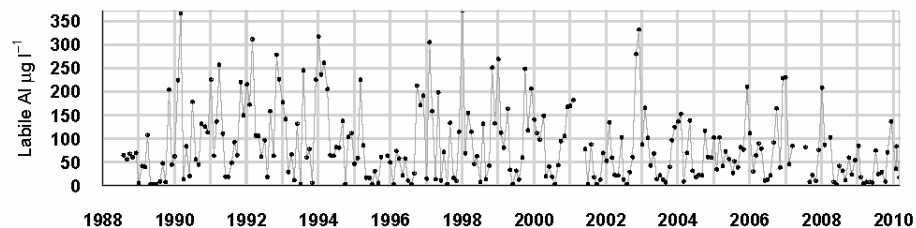
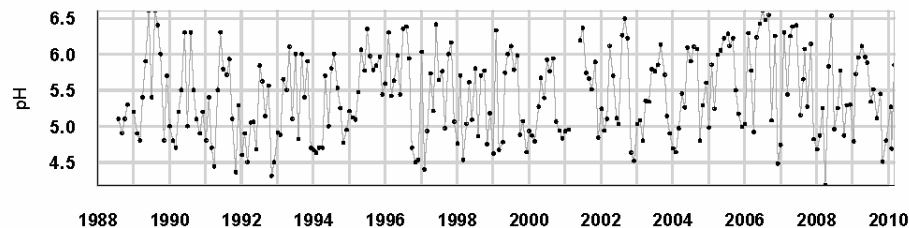
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## 4.10 Afon Hafren Summary Data to March 2010

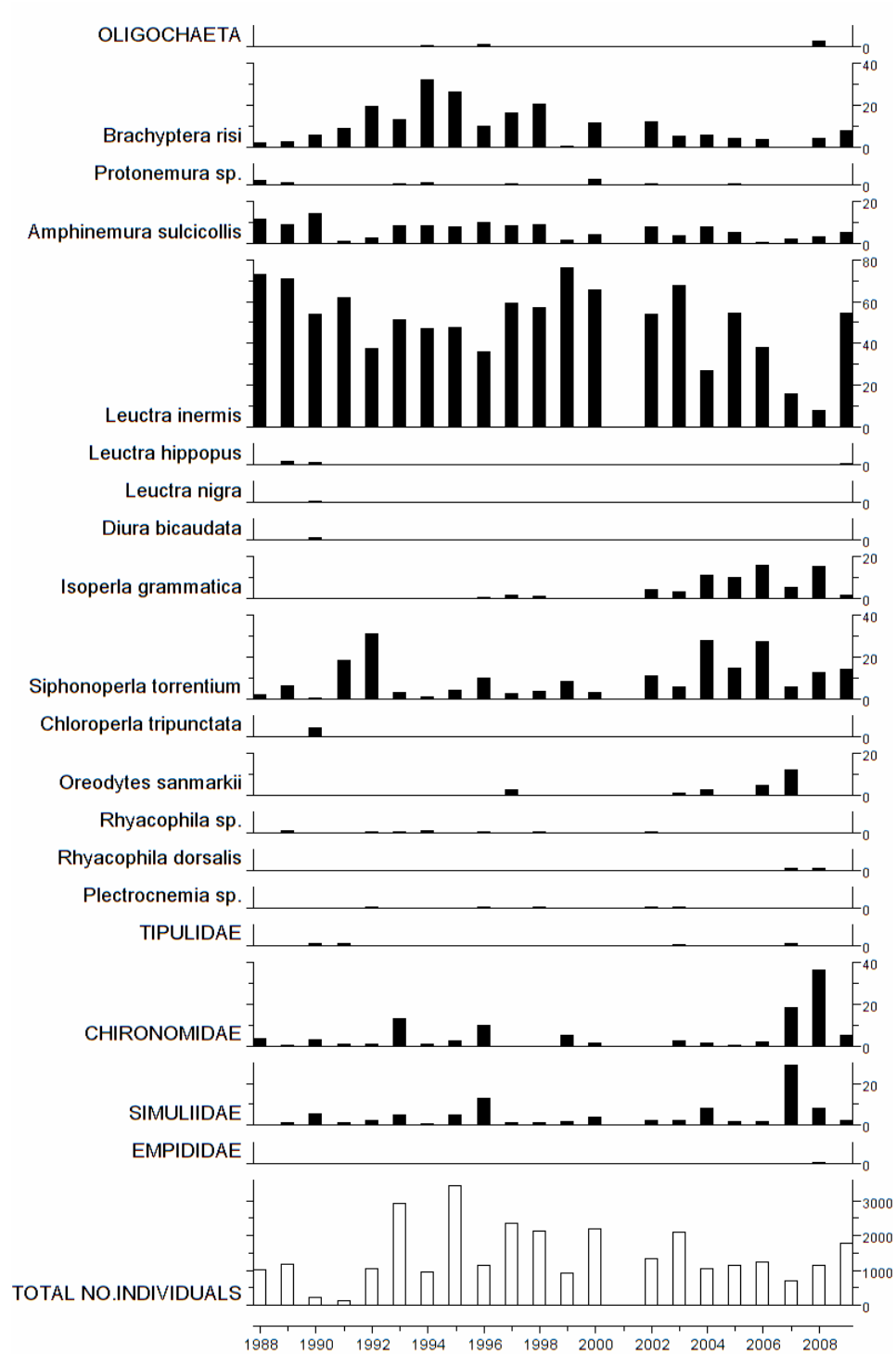
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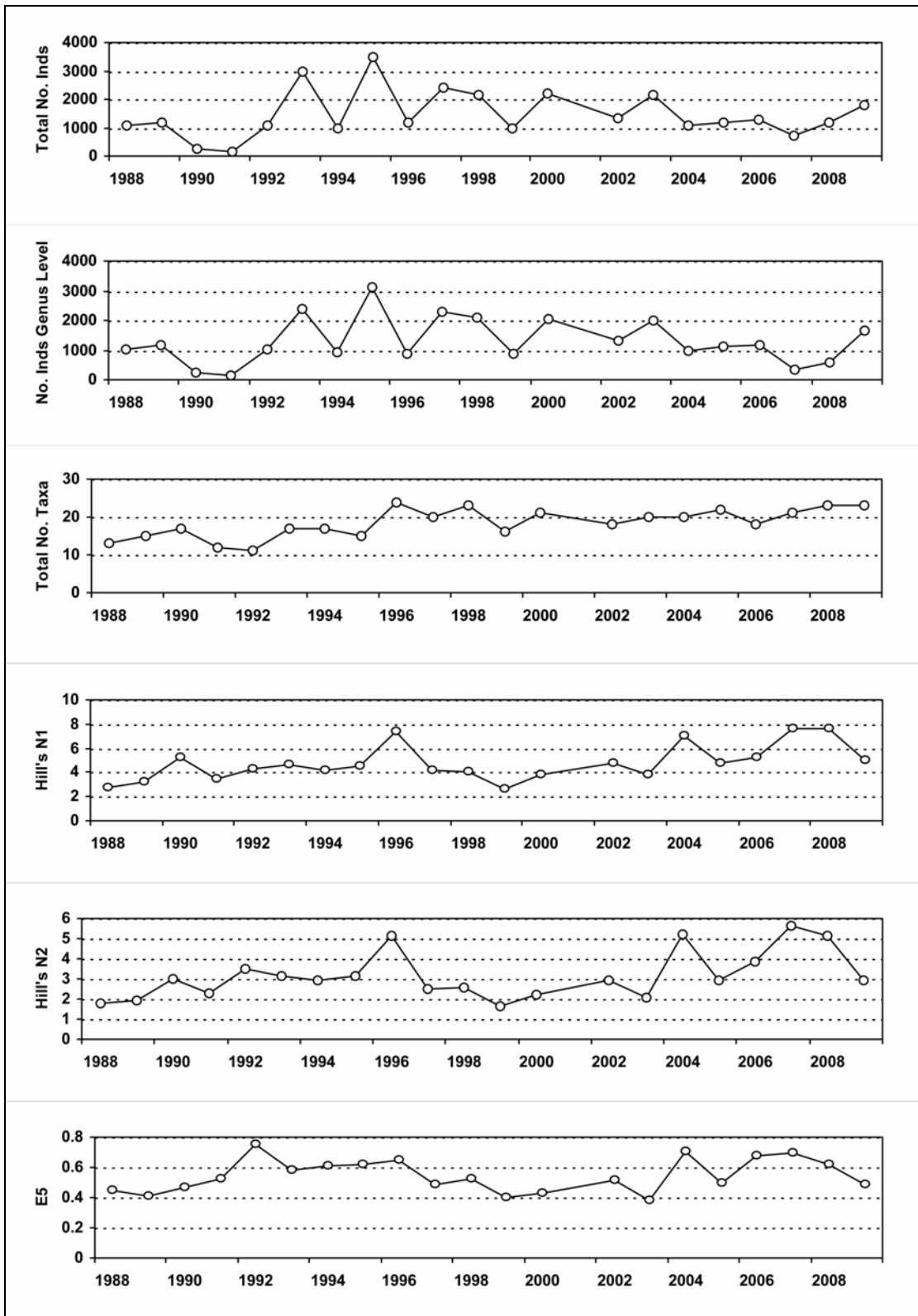
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Mean 1 <sup>st</sup> 5 yrs	5.29	-2.40	47.91	66.41	200.39	3.16	170.00	101.71	221.09	82.97	59.79	5.29	-2.40
08-09 mean	5.37	16.62	32.38	54.20	165.63	2.71	91.92	36.25	182.10	63.79	44.70	5.37	16.62
08-09 std dev	0.63	19.18	6.46	7.79	17.43	1.68	65.33	32.67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

## 4.10.2 Macroinvertebrate data

### 4.10.2.1 Percentage abundance summary, Afon Hafren



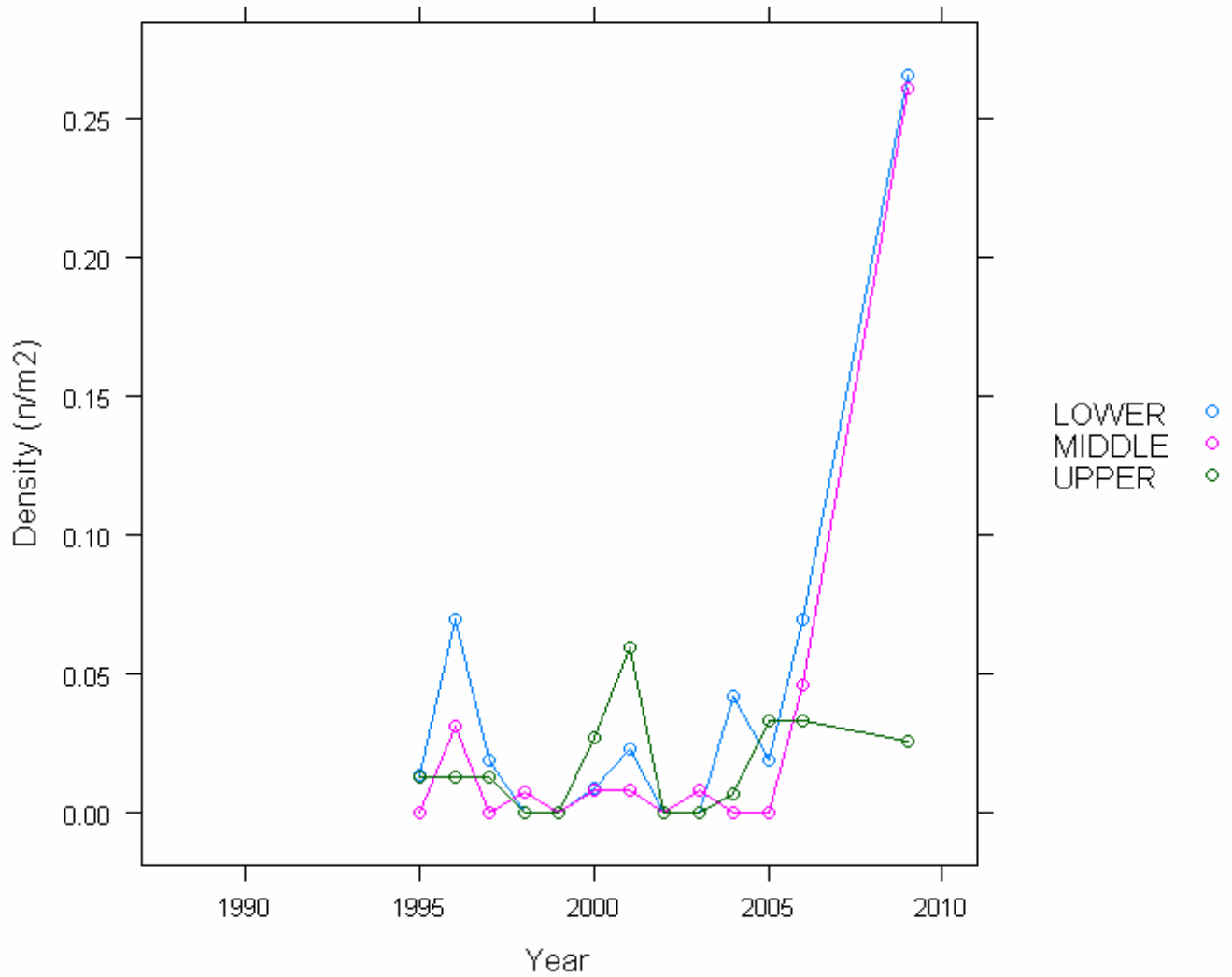
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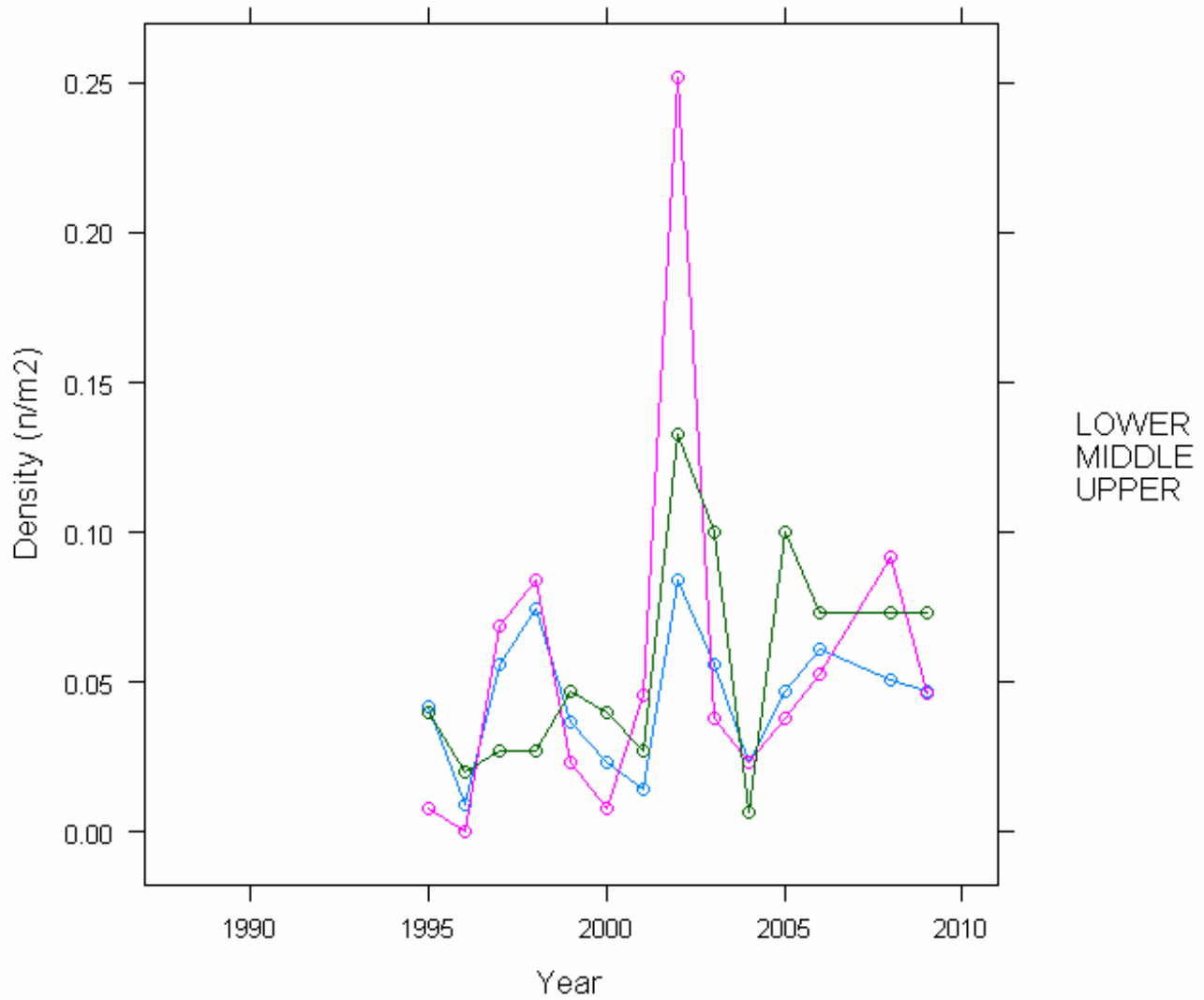
### 4.10.3 Fish data

#### 4.10.3.1 Summary of Trout fry density (numbers $m^{-2}$ ), Afon Hafren



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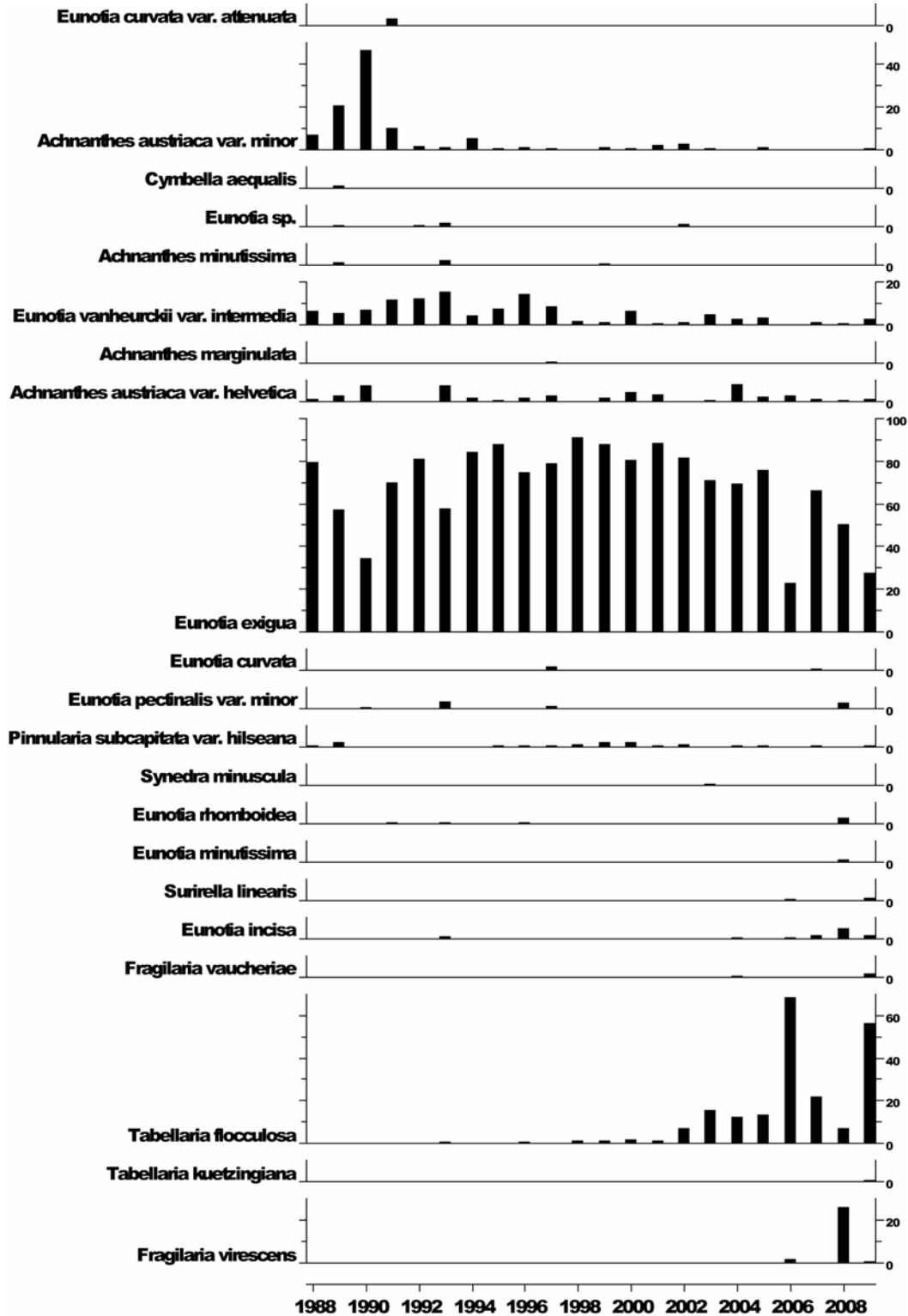
### 4.10.3.2 Summary of Trout parr density (numbers m<sup>-2</sup>), Afon Hafren



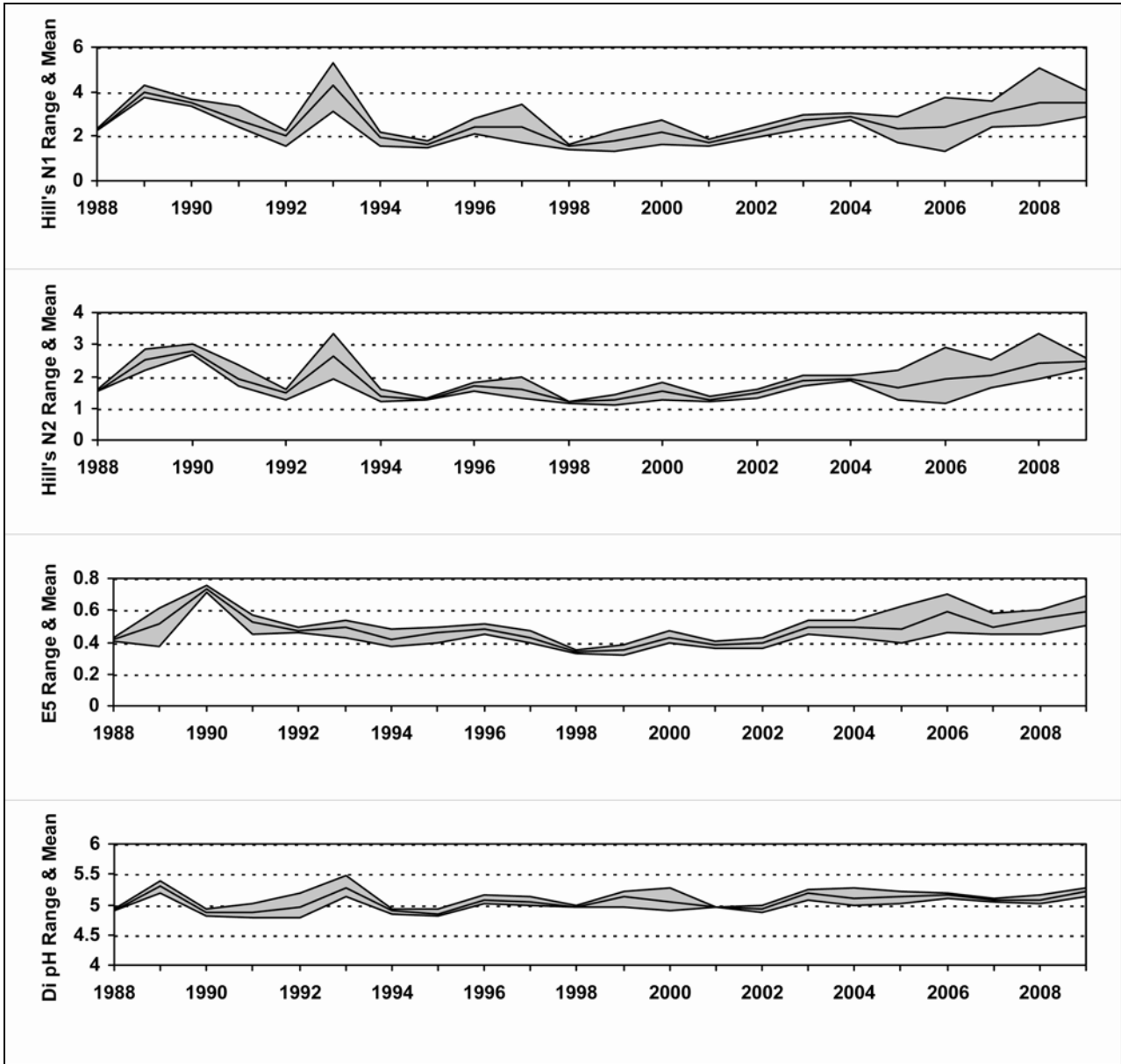
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## 4.10.4 Epilithic diatom data

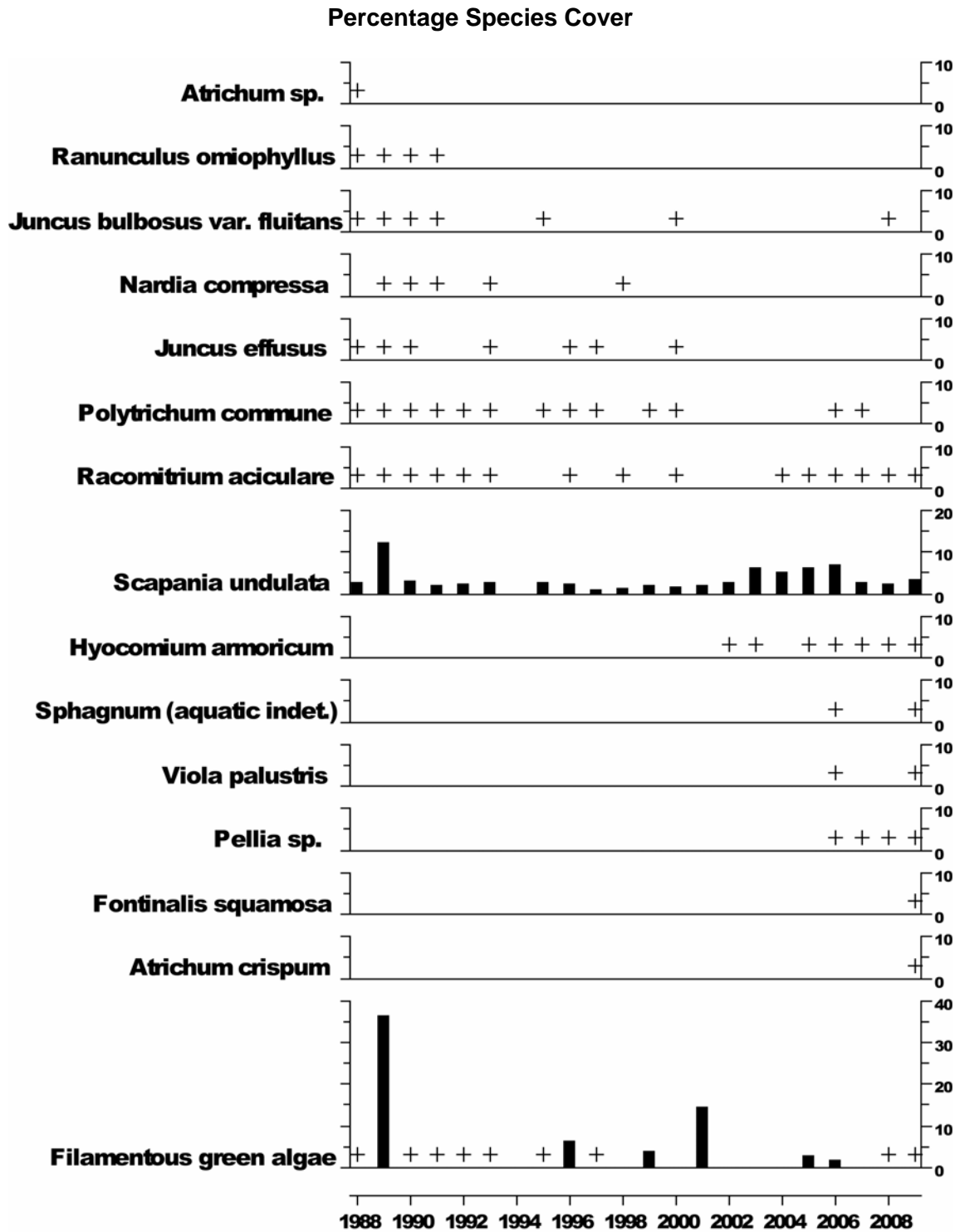
### 4.10.4.1 Percentage abundance summary, Afon Hafren



### 4.10.4.1 Diatom summary statistics, Afon Hafren



### 4.10.5 Aquatic macrophyte data, Afon Hafren



+ Represents <1% abundance



## 5 Afon Gwy



Figure 3 Afon Gwy biological survey section 6<sup>th</sup> July 2010

### 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 2010 to March 2011.

### 5.2 Water Chemistry

Samples were collected by CEH early every month throughout the period April 2010 to March 2011, 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.

### **5.3 Epilithic Diatoms**

Epilithic diatoms were retrieved by a team from ENSIS from three sampling points in the stream on the 6<sup>th</sup> of July 2010. The samples have been made into slides and are currently in the process of being analysed by Roger Flower.

### **5.4 Macroinvertebrates**

Aquatic macroinvertebrates were sampled on the 17<sup>th</sup> April 2010 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 18<sup>th</sup> August 2010 by a team from the Environment Agency. Unfortunately individual 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 2010.

### **5.6 Aquatic Macrophytes**

Aquatic macrophytes were surveyed by a team from ENSIS on 6<sup>th</sup> of July 2010. 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 occurred with the collation and transfer of data within methodological programmes, or to the UKAWMN databases, during the reporting period.

Work on the 2009-2010 annual report is underway and it should be uploaded to the AWMN web page in April 2011. The section on Afon Gwy appears in section 5.10 below.

The UKAWMN website was updated and re-styled to match that of DEFRA. The new page detailing the Afon Hafren is here: [http://awmn.defra.gov.uk/sites/site\\_18.php](http://awmn.defra.gov.uk/sites/site_18.php)

An interpretative report detailing findings from 20 years of the UKAWMN was published in 2010 and is available from the project website at the top of the page here: <http://awmn.defra.gov.uk/resources/interpreports/index.php>.

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

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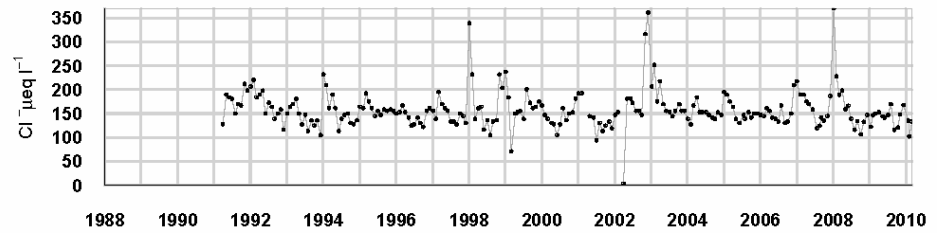
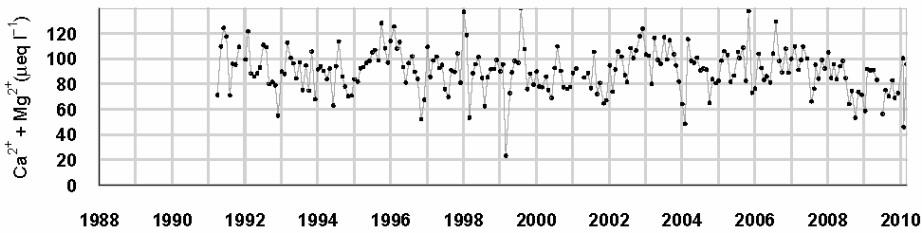
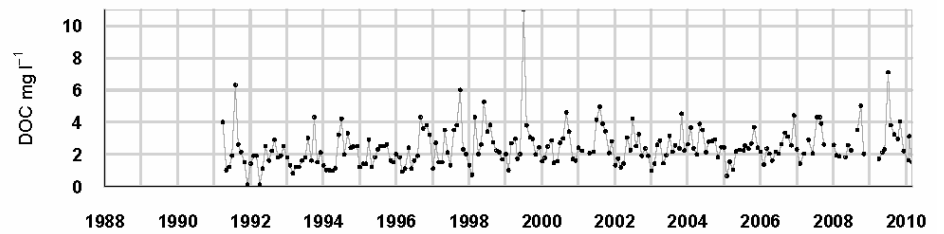
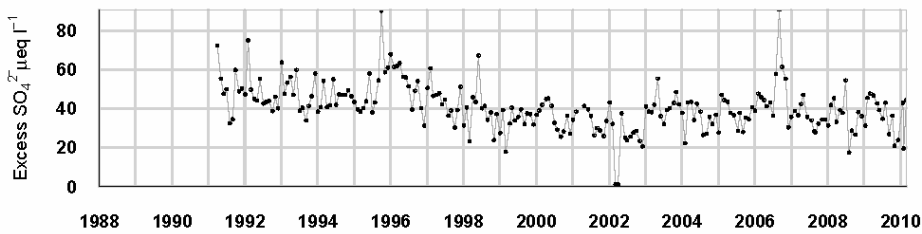
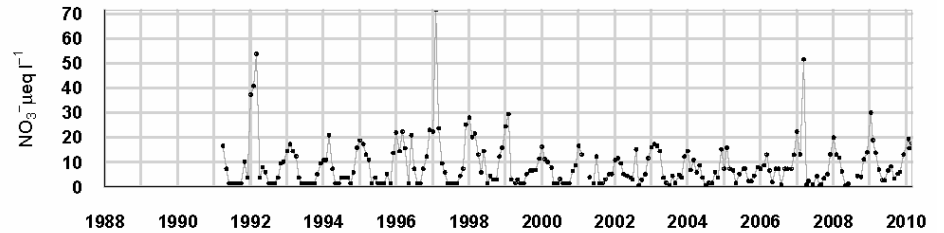
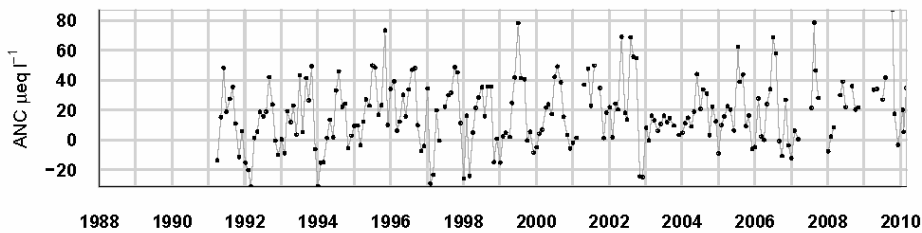
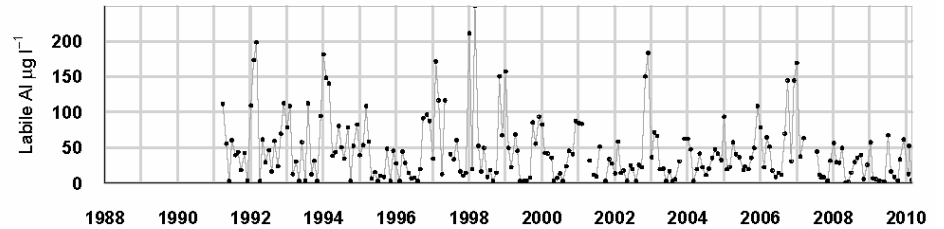
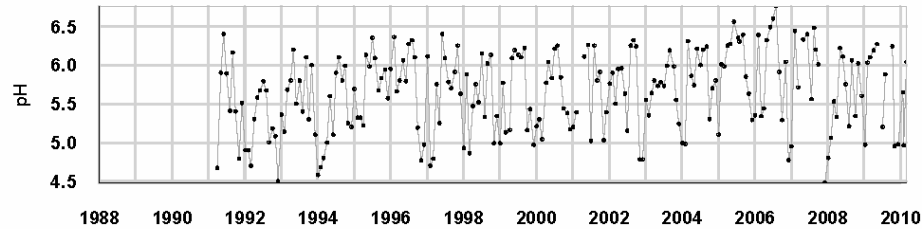
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## 5.10 Afon Gwy Summary Data to March 2010

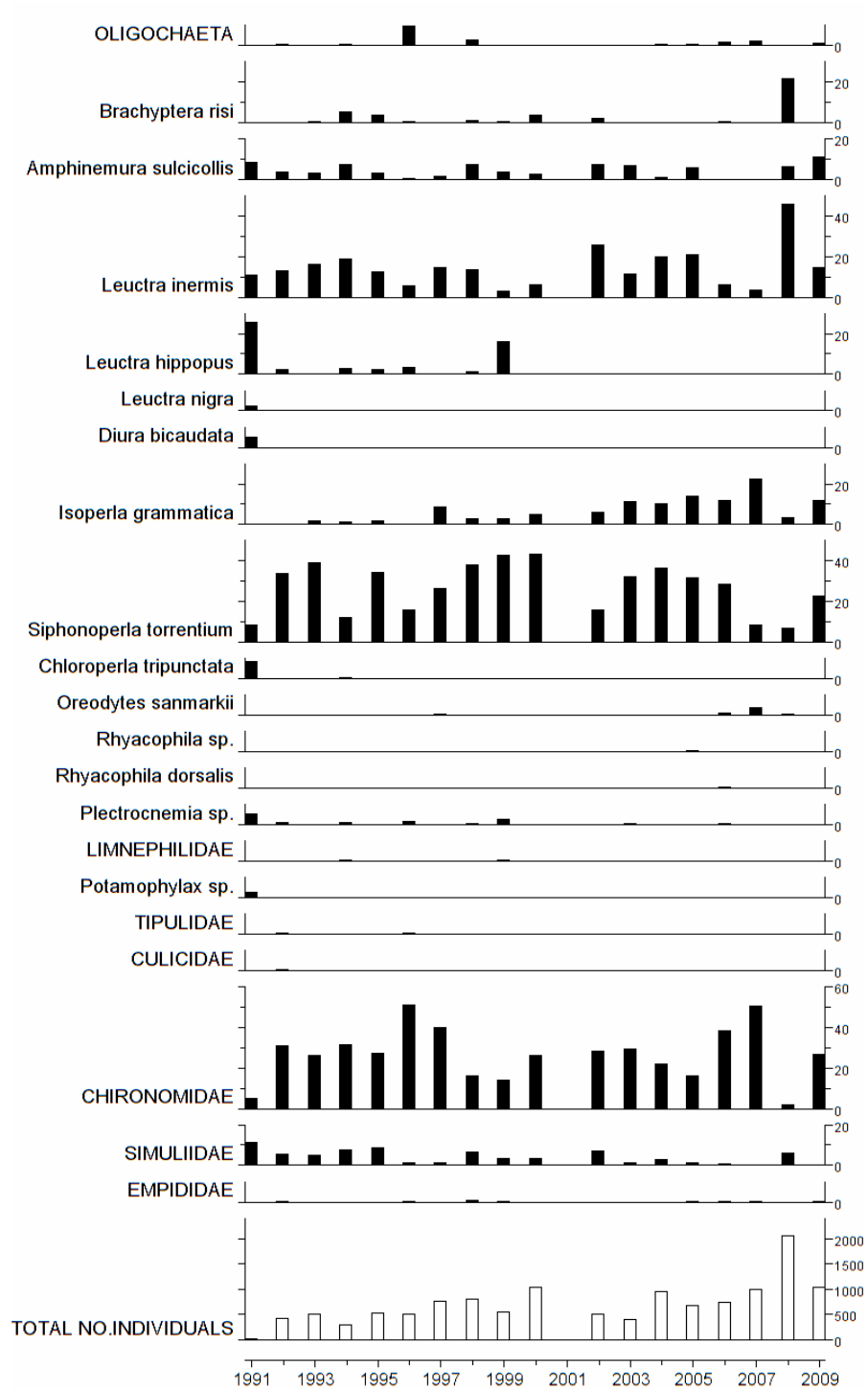
### 5.10.1 Spot sampled chemistry data



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Mean 1 <sup>st</sup> 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
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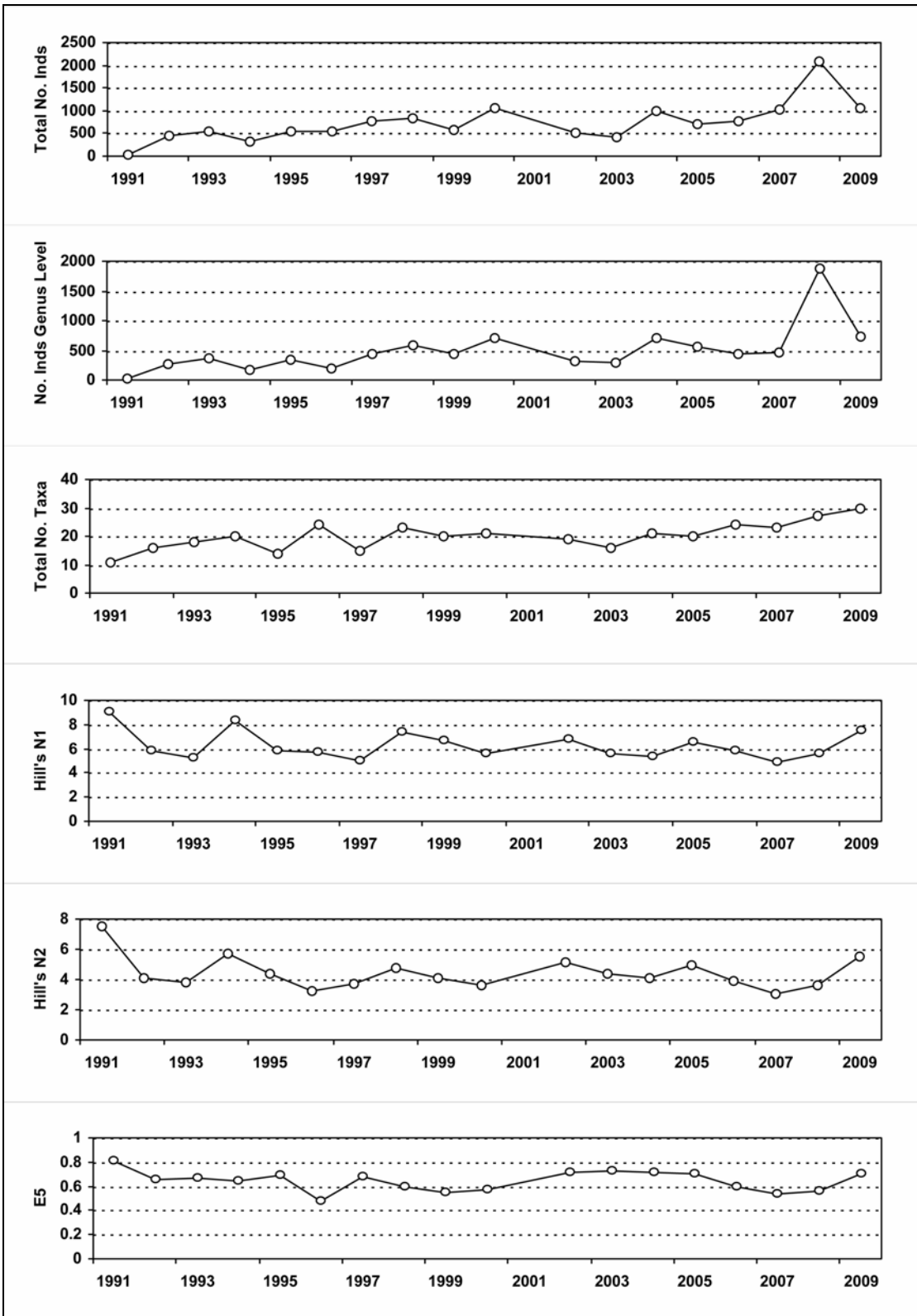
## 5.10.2 Macroinvertebrate data

### 5.10.2.1 Percentage abundance summary, Afon Gwy



No sampling in 2001 due to Foot and Mouth restrictions.

### 5.10.2.1 Macroinvertebrate summary statistics, Afon Gwy

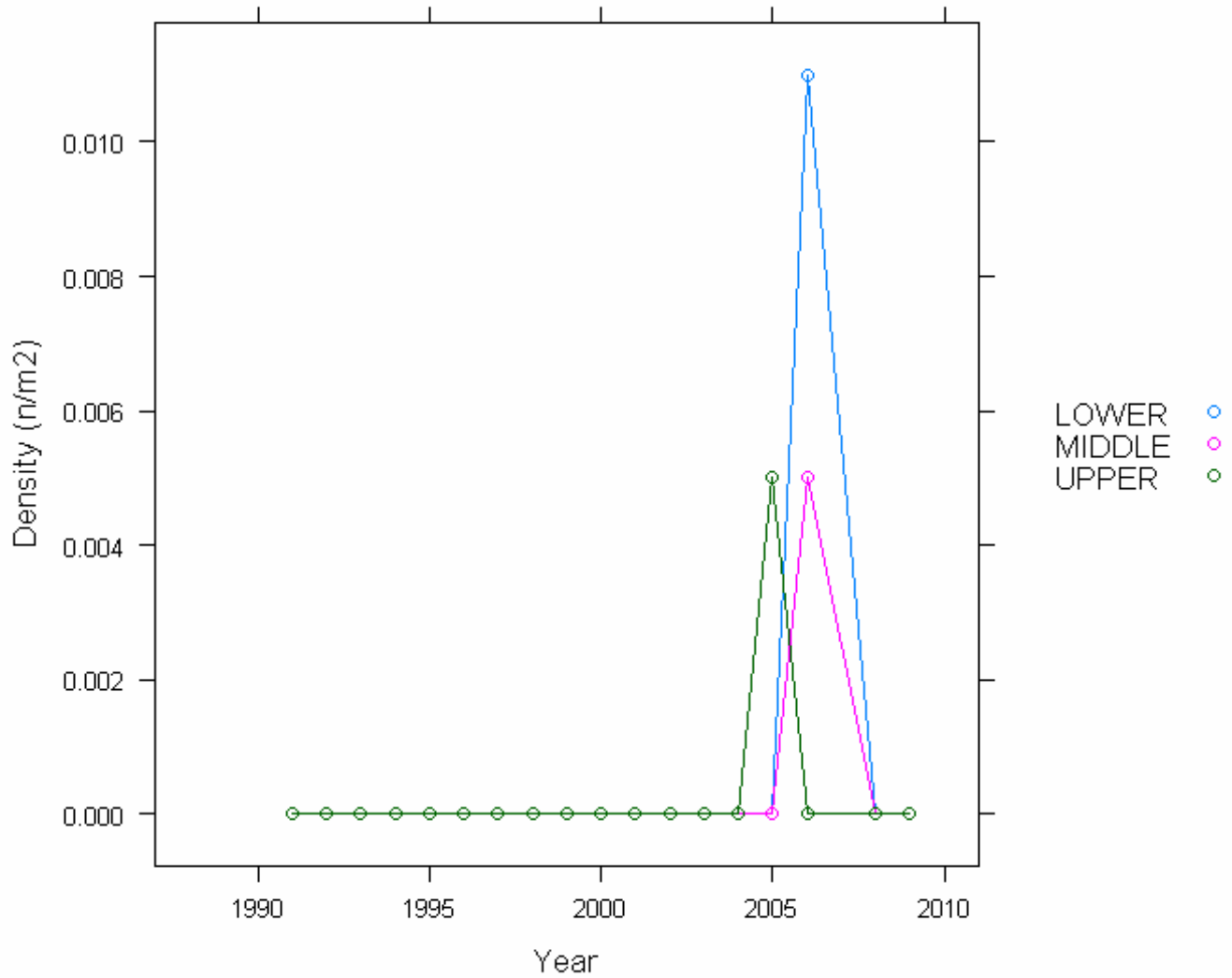


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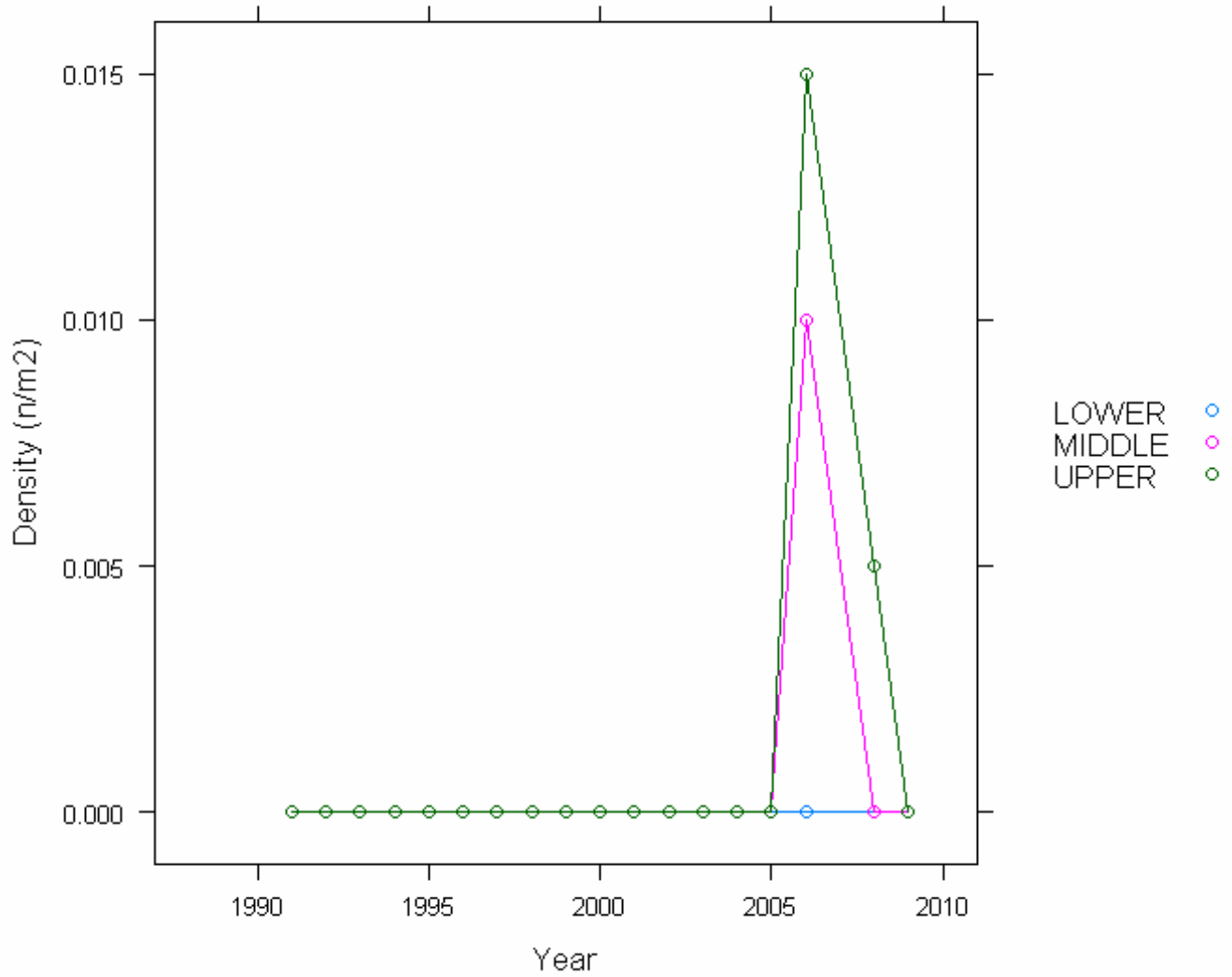
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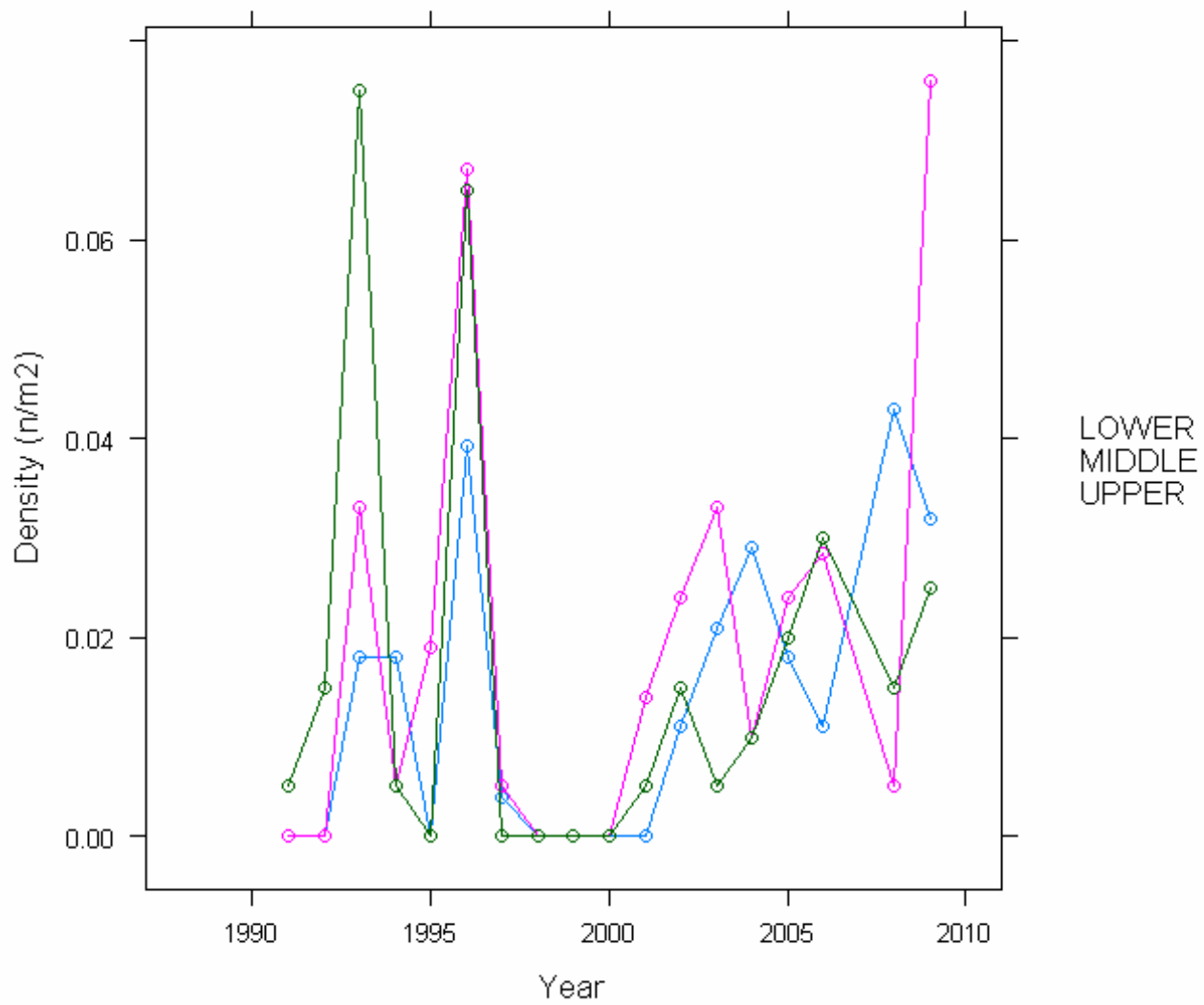
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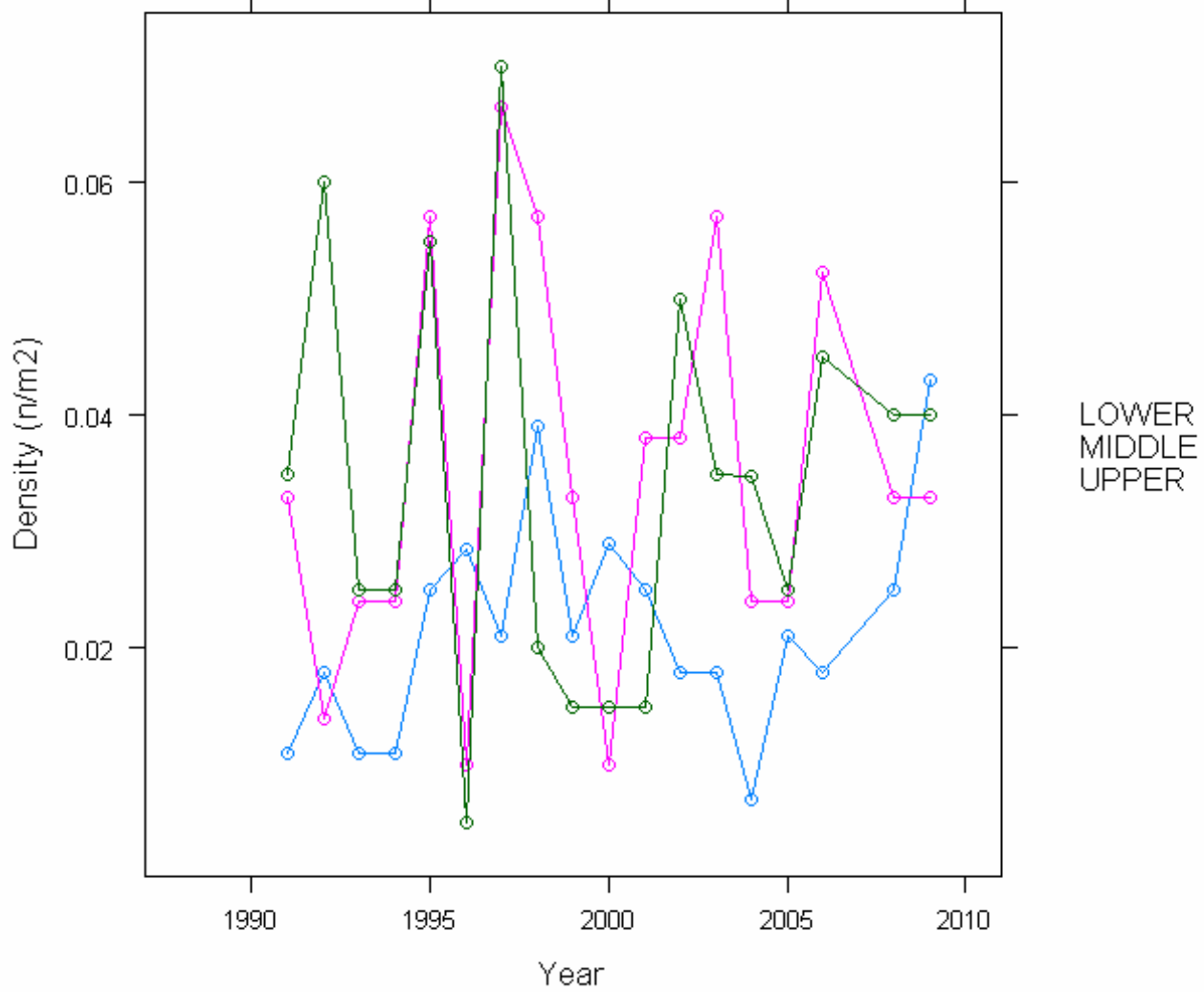
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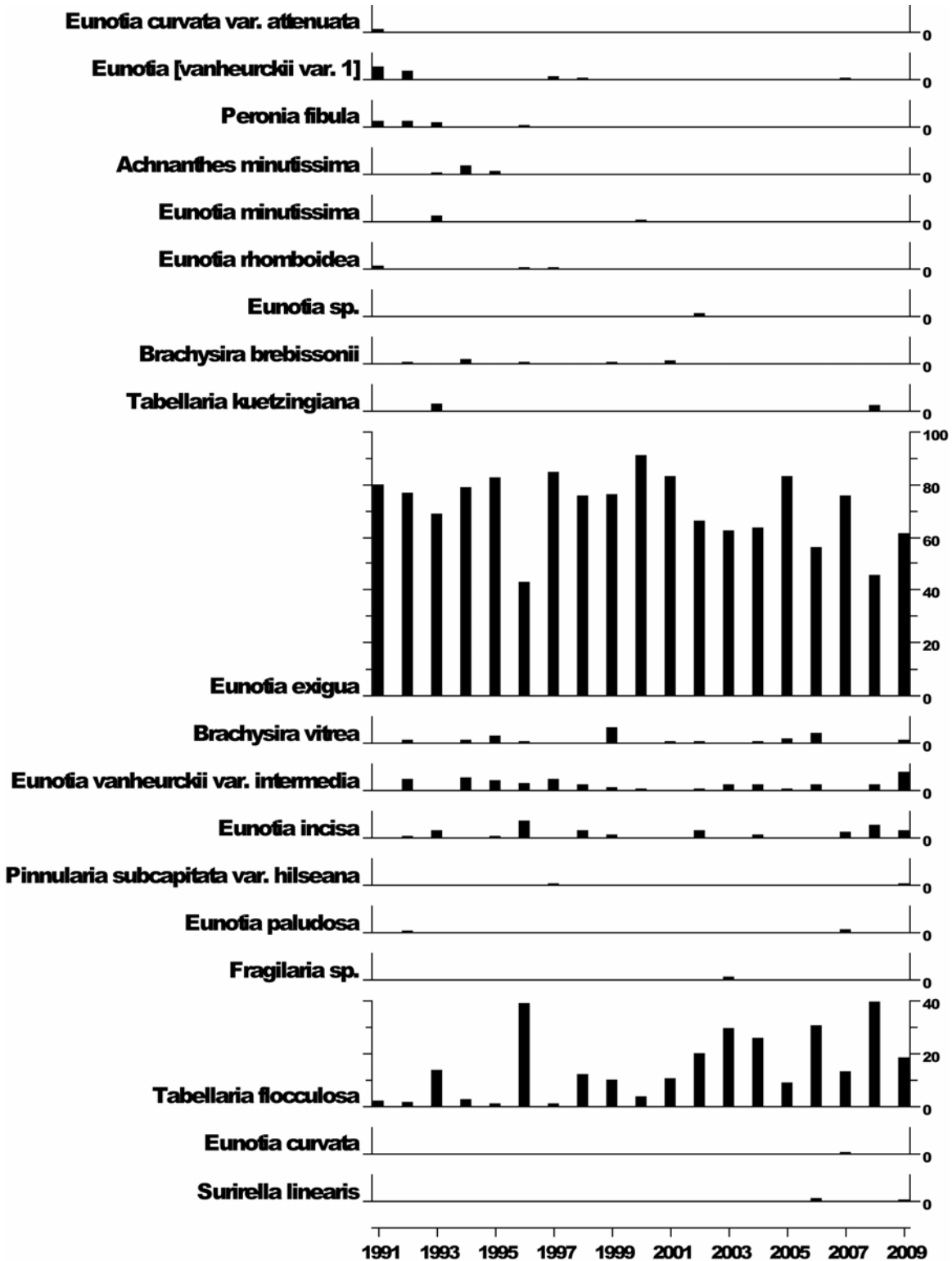
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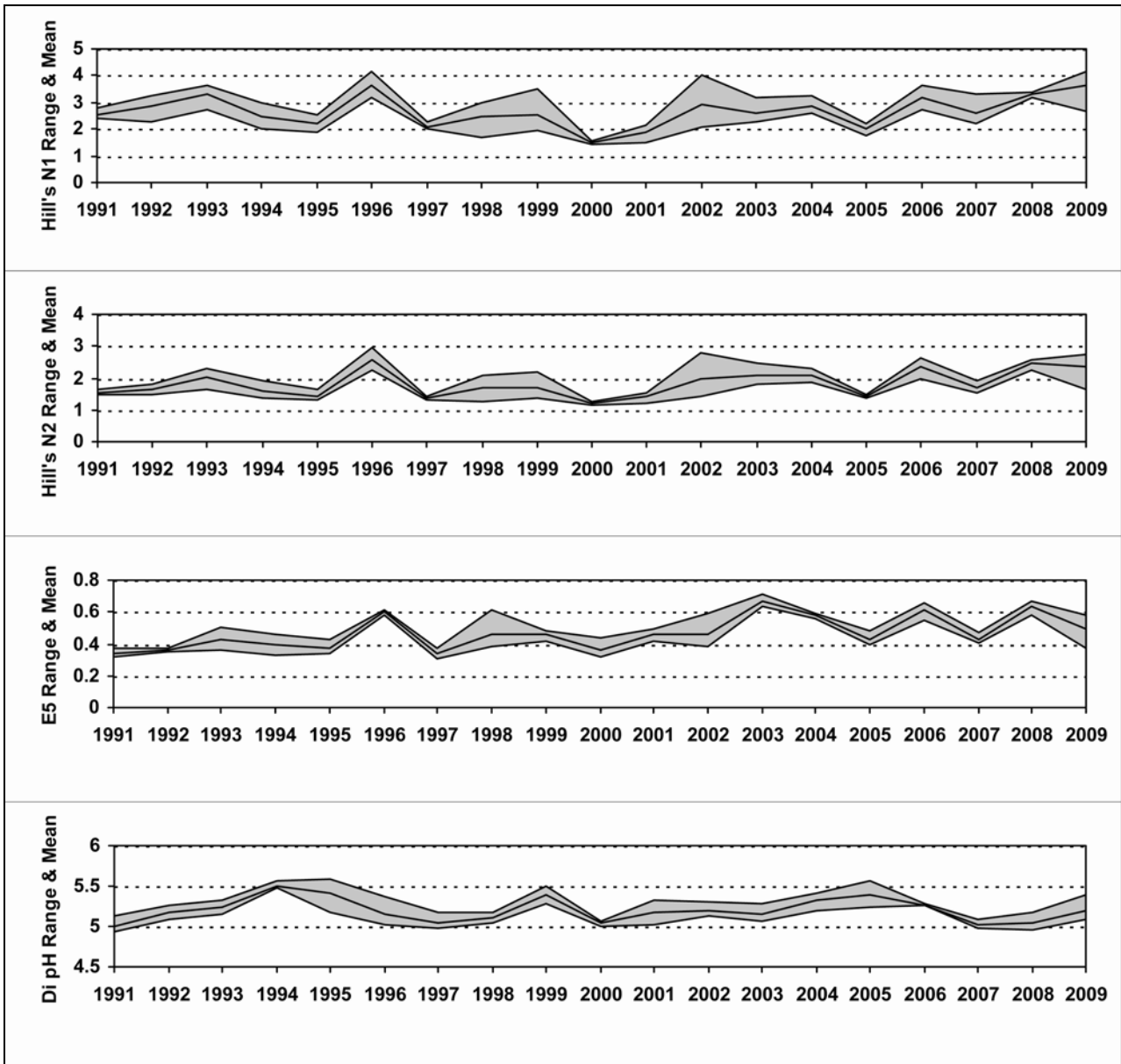
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## 5.10.4 Epilithic diatom data

### 5.10.4.1 Percentage abundance summary, Afon Gwy

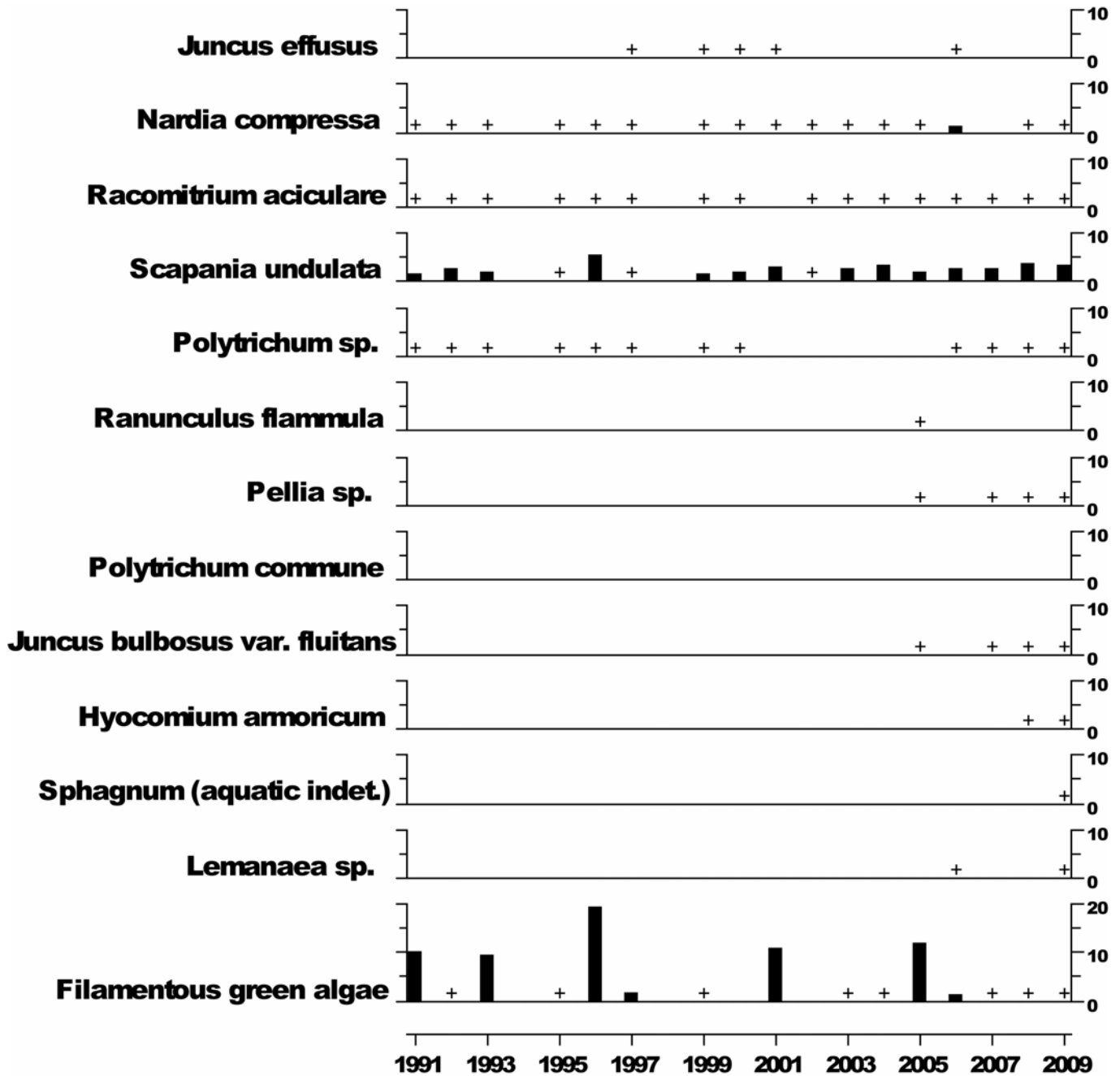


### 5.10.4.2 Diatom summary statistics, Afon Gwy



### 5.10.5 Aquatic macrophyte data, Afon Gwy

Percentage Species Cover



+ Represents <1% abundance