

Chapter 11: Model Perturbation Experiments

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11.1 Overview

At the request of the ELM Peer Review Panel, we examined the response ... *[Nov 15: TO BE DRAFTED]*

NOTE: This document was released in DRAFT form on Nov 15, 2006 in order to make the results of the “century-scale” perturbation experiments available to the ELM Peer Review Panel, in time for potential discussion during the Nov 16, 2006 Teleconference #5. Some of the interpretive text has not been completed.

11.2 Background

During the August 1-2, 2006 Workshop I of the ELM Peer Review¹, the Review Panel requested that they be provided with simulation results under a variety of different phosphorus (P) loads and initial conditions. The basic intent of this request was to understand the range of model responses to significant changes in P loads or initial P conditions. Moreover, while a 2-decade (ELM v2.5 calibration/validation period) simulation represents a long time scale for most hydrologic and water quality processes, there are longer time scales of interest for some ecological processes involving soil and habitat characteristics. Thus, the Panel also expressed the desire to view the behavior of the ELM over the very long time scales of a century duration.

In addition to the nominal (or historical) simulation, the Panel requested five simulations of varying P loads or initial conditions:

Initial P conditions	Phosphorus (P) Loading
Zero, or very-low	Nominal input concentrations
Double Nominal	Nominal input concentrations
Nominal	Zero P input concentrations
Nominal	Double P input concentrations
Nominal	Halve P input concentrations
Nominal	Nominal input concentrations

In response, we developed such simulation “perturbation” experiments for the regional ELM application of 20 year duration (for direct comparison to the Chapter 6 Model Performance historical simulation), delivering model output summaries on August 23, 2006. Following the delivery of these results, the Panel continued to maintain an interest in viewing results for longer (century) time periods. Data constraints made this a significantly more involved effort, and discussions with the Panel led us to formulate such simulations for new subregional applications. Questions that the Panel had posed regarding the results of the 20-year perturbation runs were also considered in producing the century-scale perturbation experiments, which were posted on the ELM web site in draft form during the Developer response time period on November 15, 2006.

The primary goal for initial development of the latter subregional applications was to respond to information needs from the panel, with the primary objective of documenting ELM responses to perturbations over very long time scales. Beyond this primary objective, we viewed this as an opportunity to initiate development of some model applications at fine spatial grain and large time domains that could be used in a research framework (also a Peer Review Panel recommendation). Using a combination of observed and synthetic data, we developed “Ridge & Slough” applications of the ELM. These applications continued to use algorithms and parameters that were unchanged from ELM v2.5, temporally extrapolating the effects of long-term interactions between ecosystem processes and landscape patterns in the Everglades. In this first step, we used the model to synthesize some of the simple process interactions that lead to maintenance

¹ ELM documentation and information on the Peer Review project are available at:
<http://my.sfwmd.gov/elm>

of an anisotropic pattern of habitats in the Everglades – a patterned habitat that has undergone significant degradation in response to decades of water management practices.

11.3 Data

The input data to these perturbation experiments took on a variety of forms, depending on the time and space scales of the application. Their simplest implementation involved the regional ELM within a 20-yr simulation time domain. Virtually all of the data used in those perturbation experiments are described in the Data Chapter 4 of the ELM v2.5 Documentation Report; the several modifications to data for perturbation experiments are summarized below. However, the century-scale simulations involved significantly more data preparation.

The Review Panel had expressed interest in viewing greater Everglades, regional simulations that spanned a century duration. This request involved significantly more data constraints than that of the shorter term (2 decade) perturbation experiments. The maximum length of time that regional models simulate hydrology in south Florida is across a 36 yr Period of Record (POR). The initial Panel request involved the perception that available climate and managed water control structure flow “drivers” of the ELM could be concatenated for a longer regional simulation to meet the perturbation experiment needs. However, a major constraint in generating regional ELM simulations across time periods longer than the available POR involves the managed flows among hydrologic basins. The available volumes of water at the ending time of a 36-yr period are different from those found at the initial time point. The concatenations of a 36-year period of input “forcing” data in a simulation of a century duration (or restarts of multiple simulations, with ending conditions being the initial conditions for another simulation) are significantly complicated by the often large mismatch between end-of-period stages in each basin and the subsequent restart/concatenation of managed (input data) flows that assume very different volumes of water to manage at the beginning of a period of record. Reconciling these managed flows with the available volumes would have required significant efforts to modify the flow and/or volume data, or would have required a new application of the SFWMM² for century long simulations using 36-yr concatenated meteorological data. Neither effort would be considered useful for future model applications (beyond the experiment for ELM perturbations across century time scales). Thus, creating a century-scale simulation of the regional ELM was not considered feasible within the time constraints of the ELM Peer Review Project.

For the century-scale model experiments, some new subregional applications were created. Compared to the regional application, the subregional applications were significantly simpler due to the removal of water management considerations within the model domain. Moreover, the domain was selected such that it was within the interior region of a hydrologic basin, and thus further simplified the boundary conditions by obviating the need to consider levee boundaries. Another consideration was the potential

² South Florida Water Management Model. The SFWMM has made hydrologic predictions for managed flows under 36 yr future scenarios, assuming variations in future climate inputs will be similar to the available 1965-2000 climate POR (for assessing relative comparisons among scenarios). Historical (observed) managed flows are only available for the entire region from 1981-2000 (and were used in ELM v2.5 calibration/validation described in the Model Performance Chapter 6).

application needs for century scale simulations: the domain was ultimately chosen to partially fulfill a significant research need, by investigating the fine scale, local ecosystem dynamics associated with water flows and depths within an anisotropic patterned mosaic of habitats in the central Everglades of Water Conservation Area 3A.

We created 1000 m, 500 m, 250 m, and 125 m applications of this subregional domain. For simplicity, and to focus on meeting the immediate information needs of the Peer Review Panel for century-scale perturbation experiments, we summarize here only the 250 m grid subregional application as it was configured for the perturbation experiments.

11.3.1 Common data

11.3.1.1 20-yr simulations (regional)

With the exceptions (described in later section) that were used to alter phosphorus loads or initial conditions for perturbations, the data used to initialize and drive the model for the 20-yr (1981-2000) regional simulations were identical to those documented in the ELM v2.5 Documentation Report.

11.3.1.2 108-yr simulations (subregional)

11.3.1.2.1 Domain

The domain was selected to encompass a subregion of central Water Conservation Area 3A, south of I-75 (Alligator Alley) and west of the Miami Canal. Figure 11.1 shows the location within the context of the larger region and other ELM subregional applications. The following are the bounding UTM (zone 17, NAD 1927) geographic coordinates of the ELMwca3RS250 (ELM Water Conservation Area Ridge & Slough), 250 m application:

northing:	2,888,989 m
southing:	2,877,989 m
easting:	537,211 m
westing:	526,211 m

For the model domain of this (and each of the other scales of the other ELMwca3RS applications), a bounding buffer of 2 grid cells was added outside of the active “on_map” area. The upper left corner of the active grid cells of this ELMwca3RS250 application (and all grid scale applications for this domain) is at 2,888,489 m northing, 526,711 m westing, which nests exactly within the regional ELM grid domain. The active grid cells have 40 rows (10 km) and 40 columns (10 km), while the entire domain is 44 rows x 44 columns.

11.3.1.2.2 Basins/Indicator Regions

The map of the Basins and Indicator Regions (Figure 11.1) defines the spatial distribution of hydrologic Basins and Indicator Regions (BIR). The largest spatial unit is Basin 0, the “basin” of the entire active grid cell domain. For the ELMwca3RS applications, the “basins” defined in this map are not distinct hydrologic units, but are defined merely for convenience to summarize dynamics along a gradient of 1 km grain across a 10 km distance.

11.3.1.2.3 Land surface elevation map

The map of the land surface elevation (Figure 11.3) for the ELMwca3RS250 perturbation experiments was generated by a series of coarse-scale neighborhood filters³ on an original 125 m resolution land surface elevation map. That original (125 m resolution) elevation map (Figure 11.4) was generated with anisotropic parameters applied in a “regularized spline with tension” interpolation method (GRASS GIS v.surf.rst module). After filtering, the resulting 250 m elevation map used in the perturbation experiments (i.e., Figure 11.3) did not retain any of the fine scale “ridge & slough” topographic pattern, and instead only reflected the coarse scale regional topographic gradient. Note that, unlike the regional ELM v2.5, this ELMwca3RS elevation data was maintained in the NAVD 1988 vertical datum in which the surveyed point data were collected.

11.3.1.2.4 Soil and aquifer maps

The maps of soil total phosphorus concentration, bulk density, and organic bulk density were resampled data from the ELM v2.5 regional application (Data Chapter 4). The resampled data (at 1 km resolution) were smoothed at the 250 m grid resolution using a 3-cell neighborhood filter operation. (The soil phosphorus concentration map was modified for two of the perturbation runs, as described below).

The map of hydraulic conductivity was resampled data from the ELM v2.5 regional application (Data Chapter 4). The resampled data (at 1 km resolution) were smoothed at the 250 m grid resolution using a 3-cell neighborhood filter operation.

11.3.1.2.5 Habitat and initial macrophyte biomass maps

For the perturbation experiments, we set the landscape to a homogenous habitat type of “sawgrass plain”. Finer scaled data on classified vegetation types are available, and were used in other applications of ELMwca3RS250. The initial macrophyte biomass was taken to be that of the “sawgrass plain” (habitat type #2) value used in the ELM v2.5 regional application (Data Chapter 4).

11.3.1.2.6 Canal and controlled flows

For the perturbation experiments, we placed a (1.5 m deep by 20 m wide) canal running east-west within ~50 m of the northern limits of the active model domain, and ~1 km distant from the east and west edges of the active domain. Flows from a single water control “structure” were input to the canal, which had no levees and thus was a source of canal-to-marsh inflow along the northern domain boundary of the ELMwca3RS250 as implemented for the perturbation experiments. The daily flow data were derived from a 36 year simulation of the SFWMM: one-tenth of each daily outflow from a Stormwater Treatment Area basin (STA 5) was used as input to the ELMwca3RS250. That 36 yr POR of data was concatenated twice, to create a “synthetic” data set that spanned 108 yr.

Overland outflows from the ELMwca3RS250 were calculated internally using new source code for ELM v2.6: a maximum water depth parameter⁴ contained in the “ModExperimParms_NOM” data file (see below) was checked during each hydrologic iteration, and a stage-based flux was calculated to reduce the water depth internal to the model towards that depth target. Such boundary condition outflows were allowed only in

³ The neighborhood filter operations effectively removed fine-scaled directionality of the original 125 m topographic surface, such that multiple scales of applications of the ELMwca3RS could be compared without the influence of finer-scaled directional flows induced by a directional ridge & slough pattern.

⁴ All perturbation runs maintained this maximum target depth at 60 cm.

the easternmost 6 km of the 10 km length of the southern domain boundary, and the southernmost 2 km of the 10 km length of the eastern domain boundary (approximating the topographic outflow pathway).

11.3.1.2.7 Climate

The longest climate record available for spatially explicit, regional simulation in the greater Everglades is a 36-yr data set from 1965-2000⁵. As described in the Data Chapter 4, the climate data inputs to the ELM are rainfall and potential evapotranspiration (pET). For the subregional application, we desired to have simple point time series data that could be readily concatenated temporally, and spatially interpolated across the local domain. Thus, we ran the regional ELM v2.5 for the 1965-2000 POR, with daily point time series output of both rainfall and pET for two locations situated along the northern and the southern boundaries of the ELMwca3RS250 active domain⁶. The data in these two (rain and pET) 36 yr daily point time series data files were concatenated into 108 yr data time series data, then used as climate data input to the subregional application.

11.3.2 Perturbation data changes

11.3.2.1 20-yr simulations (regional)

For the 20-yr perturbation experiments of the regional application of the ELM, Table 11.1 describes the changes that were made to input data. No source code change (and re-compilation) of the model was needed for these data modifications.

It is important to recognize that the only regional simulation that represents historical “reality” is that of the nominal simulation labeled “perf2.5.2” (whose history-matching performance is described in the Model Performance Chapter 6 of the ELM v2.5 Documentation Report). Significant alterations to model inputs in the other simulations represent very large deviations from historical dynamics of the Everglades.

⁵ As of November 2006, a) a new rainfall data set has become provisionally available for the period 1914-2000; and b) a potential evapotranspiration data set is soon to be available for a similar time span. Neither data set has not been fully evaluated for quality assurance.

⁶ Because there was trivial spatial variability in the climate data at the 10 km x 10 km scale of this domain, we simply chose a single point location for input data, and the ELM internal interpolation thus became a simple homogenous distribution of the data across the entire domain.

Table 11.1 Perturbation Runs 23-Aug-06

The "perturbation" runs are a series of greater Everglades regional simulations driven by many of the 1981-2000 observed input data, but with significant "perturbations" to the Everglades via altered phosphorus initial conditions or input loads. At the request of the ELM Peer Review Panel, these are newly provided with the objective of diagnosing or evaluating the long-term ELM response to such large deviations in environmental drivers.

The workbooks in this file (**see tabs below**) document the changes to input data that were needed to implement this series of simulations. The intent is to document only those changes; the original data and databases are fully documented in the ELM v2.5 Documentation Report (July 2006), which is found on the ELM web site.

Five perturbation runs were requested, as summarized here.

Run name	Initial P conditions	Phosphorus Loading
IColig_LoadHist	Extremely oligotrophic	Historical (1981-2000) input concentrations
IChist_Load0x	Historical (1981)	Zero P input concentrations
IChist_Load2x	Historical (1981)	Double P input concentrations (relative to historical)
IChist_Load0.5x	Historical (1981)	Halve P input concentrations (relative to historical)
IC2x_LoadHist	Double Historical	Historical (1981-2000) input concentrations
perf2.5.2	Historical (1981)	Historical (1981-2000) input concentrations

The "perf2.5.2" run is the historical simulation that was evaluated in the ELM v2.5 Documentation Report, Model Performance Chapter 6.

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Table 11.1 Perturbation Runs

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Managed-flow P loads**A) Time-varying phosphorus (TP) concentration in domain-inflow water control structure flows**

Changes to CanalData.struct_TP (data v2.2.3) (ELM v2.5 Documentation Report, July 2006), summarizing the changed concentrations for "perturbation" runs.

The two header rows are from the input data file(s). The "Simulation identity" field denotes the new simulation run's TP Load (Load_) identity

The "Load_hist" Simulation identity uses the unchanged (v2.2.3) data (used in ELM v2.5 documentation)

Simulation
identity

Load_hist	calib historical TP conc (ug/L TP) from a) Guy Germain, processed daily flow->conc; (see struct_TP.calib.v2.2.xls for details)																				
	year	mo	da	ACME12	G155	G200	G251	G310	L28WQ	S140in	S150in	S175	S18C	S332	S332D	S5A2SO1	S5A2SO2	S6in	S7in	S8in	S9
Load_hist			81-00_Mean:	58.8	121.4	46.0	21.0	40.1	71.1	67.4	66.1	4.6	8.7	8.5	5.2	169.7	169.7	126.3	91.5	102.8	19.1
Load_hist			81-00_Minimum:	50.0	20.0	5.0	6.0	17.7	13.0	4.0	8.0	4.0	1.0	1.0	0.3	4.0	4.0	19.0	10.0	14.2	3.0
Load_hist			81-00_Maximum:	348.0	514.0	423.0	64.0	111.0	666.0	688.0	679.0	15.0	59.0	57.0	15.0	581.0	581.0	872.0	845.2	933.0	172.0

Load_0.5x	calib HALVE the historical TP conc (0.5 * conc, ug/L TP) from Guy Germain, processed daily flow->conc; (see struct_TP.calib.v2.2.xls for details of orig, un-halved data)																				
	year	mo	da	ACME12	G155	G200	G251	G310	L28WQ	S140in	S150in	S175	S18C	S332	S332D	S5A2SO1	S5A2SO2	S6in	S7in	S8in	S9
Load_0.5x	81-00_Mean:			29.4	60.7	23.0	10.5	0.488747	35.5	33.7	33.0	2.3	4.3	4.3	2.6	84.8	84.8	63.1	45.8	51.4	9.6
Load_0.5x	81-00_Minimum:			25.0	10.0	2.5	3.0	0	6.5	2.0	4.0	2.0	0.5	0.5	0.2	2.0	2.0	9.5	5.0	7.1	1.5
Load_0.5x	81-00_Maximum:			174.0	257.0	211.5	32.0	55.5	333.0	344.0	339.5	7.5	29.5	28.5	7.5	290.5	290.5	436.0	422.6	466.5	86.0

Load_2.0x	calib DOUBLE the historical TP conc (2.0 * conc, ug/L TP) from Guy Germain, processed daily flow->conc; (see struct_TP.calib.v2.2.xls for details of orig, un-doubled data)																				
	year	mo	da	ACME12	G155	G200	G251	G310	L28WQ	S140in	S150in	S175	S18C	S332	S332D	S5A2SO1	S5A2SO2	S6in	S7in	S8in	S9
Load_2.0x			81-00_Mean:	117.6	242.8	92.1	42.1	2.0	142.2	134.9	132.1	9.3	17.4	17.1	10.3	339.4	339.4	252.6	183.1	205.7	38.2
Load_2.0x			81-00_Minimum:	100.0	40.0	10.0	12.0	0.0	26.0	8.0	16.0	8.0	2.0	2.0	0.6	8.0	8.0	38.0	20.0	28.4	6.0
Load_2.0x			81-00_Maximum:	696.0	1028.0	846.0	128.0	222.0	1332.0	1376.0	1358.0	30.0	118.0	114.0	30.0	1162.0	1162.0	1744.0	1690.4	1866.0	344.0

B) Constant (non-zero) phosphorus (TP) concentration in domain-inflow water control structure flows

Changes to CanalData.struct (data v2.5.3) (ELM v2.5 Documentation Report, July 2006), summarizing the changed concentrations for "perturbation" runs.

Three domain-inflow structures do not have time-series of observed data, and thus a constant concentration was applied to those inflows.

	Load_hist	Load_0.5x	Load_2.0x
Name	TP (ug/L)	TP (ug/L)	TP (ug/L)
NSIMP2	38	19	76
NSIMP3	38	19	76
S332B	7	3.5	14

C) Constant (all-zero) phosphorus (TP) concentration in domain-inflow water control structure flows

Changes to CanalData.struct (data v2.5.3) (ELM v2.5 Documentation Report, July 2006), summarizing the changed concentrations for "perturbation" runs.

For the Load_0.0x perturbation run, ALL domain-inflow structures had a constant 0.0 ug/L concentration applied to those inflows.

A new CanalData.struct_TP time series file is not needed (the string "tser" in CanalData.struct is replaced w/ the constant 0.0 ug/L)

Table 11.1 Perturbation Runs
Initial P Conditions

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Soil phosphorus concentration, 0-30 cm depth.

The Initial Condition map used in the historical "IC_hist" simulation identity (ELM v2.5 Documentation Report, July 2006) was changed for the two Initial Condition perturbation "Simulation identities" as follows:

Simulation identity	soilTP map operation	Minimum cell value (mg P / kg soil)	Maximum cell value (mg P / kg soil)
IC_hist	Spatially distributed, 1981_estimate (no change)	70	300
IC_olig	Spatially constant, 10 mg P / kg soil	10	10
IC_2x	Spatially distributed, 2.0 * 1981_estimate	140	600

Note that because soil organic bulk density and bulk density are spatially distributed, and vary spatially by more 5x and more than 10x, respectively, the total mass of phosphorus is still spatially distributed, despite a constant concentration in the "IC_olig" simulation identity.

Table 11.1 Perturbation Runs

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Initial P Conditions, Atmospheric P loads

Subset of GlobalParms_v2.5.xls (data v2.5.1) dbase (ELM v2.5 Documentation Report, July 2006), including only changes for "perturbation" runs.

"Parameter name", "Units", "Default Value", and "Brief documentation" fields unchanged from the v2.5.1 dbase (used in ELM v2.5 documentation).

The "Simulation identity" field denotes the new simulation run's TP Load (Load_) identity

The "diff?" field shows the calculation of $(\text{"Value Used"} - \text{"Default Value"}) / \text{"Default Value"} * 100$

Global parameters for input to ELM

Simulation identity	Parameter name	Value Used	Units	Default Value	diff?	Brief documentation
Load_0.0x	GP_TP_IN_RAIN=	0	mg/L	0.02	-100%	***TP concentration in rainfall (will be switching to new data for versions > ELMv2.4)
Load_0.5x	GP_TP_IN_RAIN=	0.01	mg/L	0.02	-50%	***TP concentration in rainfall (will be switching to new data for versions > ELMv2.4)
Load_2.0x	GP_TP_IN_RAIN=	0.04	mg/L	0.02	100%	***TP concentration in rainfall (will be switching to new data for versions > ELMv2.4)

11.3.2.2 108-yr simulations (subregional)

For the 108-yr perturbation experiments of the subregional application of the ELMwca3RS250, Table 11.2 describes the changes that were made to input data. No source code change (and re-compilation) of the model was needed among perturbation experiments, but some source code utilities required modification to implement the project for these century runs, as described in the next section.

It is important to recognize that the objective of these century long perturbation runs is to evaluate the algorithm/data behavior of ELM v2.5. The “synthetic” nature of much of the data does not allow inferences of historical dynamics within the geographic locale of this model application. This application is, specifically, to be used for model experiments only (at least at this stage).

Table 11.2 Century-Scale Perturbation Runs

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The century-scale "perturbation" runs are a series of Everglades WCA-3A subregional simulations driven by "synthetic" input data that are based on historical observations, but with significant "perturbations" to the Everglades via altered phosphorus initial conditions or input loads. At the request of the ELM Peer Review Panel, these are newly provided with the objective of diagnosing or evaluating the century-scale ELM response to such large deviations in environmental drivers.

The workbooks in this file (**see tabs below**) document the changes to input data that were needed to implement this series of simulations. The intent is to document only those changes; the original data and databases are fully documented in the ELM v2.5 Documentation Report (July 2006), which is found on the ELM web site.

Five perturbation runs were made, as summarized here.

Run name	Initial P conditions	Phosphorus Loading
IColig_LoadNom	Extremely oligotrophic	Nominal (1965-2072) input concentrations
ICnom_Load0x	Historical (ca. 1981)	Zero all P input concentrations
ICnom_Load2x	Historical (ca. 1981)	Double all P input conc. (re. nominal inflows)
ICnom_LoadOL10x	Historical (ca. 1981)	10x increase in overland inflow P input conc. (re. nominal inflows); nominal rainfall P
IC600grad_LoadNom	Double Max of Regional Historical; apply local gradient	Nominal (1965-2072) input concentrations
nominal	Historical (ca. 1981)	Nominal (1965-2072) input concentrations

The "nominal" run is the base simulation of the subregional ELM2.6wca3RS250 project, using synthetic input data for century-scale simulation. All of these century-scale simulations are considered "synthetic" rather than "historical", as they use input data that have been extrapolated in various ways to allow long-term model "experiments" that demonstrate the capabilities of the ELM v2.5 algorithms and parameters.

ELM web site:

<http://my.sfwmd.gov/elm>

**Table 11.2 Century-Scale Perturbation Runs
Initial P Conditions**

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Soil phosphorus concentration, 0-30 cm depth.

The Initial Condition map used in the nominal "IC_nom" simulation identity used a local window of the regional ELM data (ELM v2.5 Documentation Report, July 2006); for the two Initial Condition perturbation "Simulation identities", changes were made as follows:

Simulation identity	soilTP map operation	Minimum cell value (mg P / kg soil)	Maximum cell value (mg P / kg soil)
IC_nom	Spatially distributed, 1981_estimate (local domain)	234	247
IC_olig	Spatially constant, 10 mg P / kg soil	10	10
IC_600grad	Spatially distributed, steep gradient down from 2.0 * Max_regional_1981	150	600

"IC_600grad" doubles the 1981 regional maximum estimate ($300 \times 2 = 600$) in 160 cells of a 1 km swath along inflow border, with steep north-south synthetic gradient

Note that because soil organic bulk density and bulk density are spatially distributed, the total mass of P is still spatially distributed, despite a constant concentration in the "IC_olig" simulation identity.

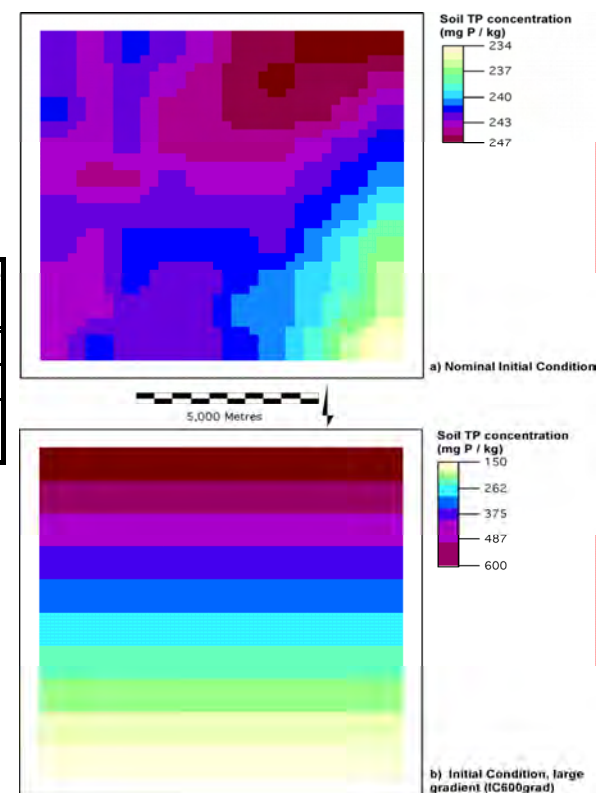


Table 11.2 Century-Scale Perturbation Runs

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Overland-inflow P loads**Constant phosphorus (TP) concentration in domain-inflow water control structure flows**

Changes to "CanalData.struct", summarizing the changed (constant) concentrations for "perturbation" runs.

	Load_nom	Load_0x	Load_2x	Load_OL10x
Name	TP (ug/L)	TP (ug/L)	TP (ug/L)	TP (ug/L)
North_in	10	0	20	100

The constant TP concentration was applied to all inflow volumes through the "structure" named "North_in".

Those structure flows were input to an un-leveed, east-to-west, canal along the northern domain boundary.

The chloride tracer concentration was modified in the same ratios, but the tracer results are not provided (due to lack of time).

Table 11.2 Century-Scale Perturbation Runs

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Atmospheric P loads

Subset of GlobalParms_v2.5.xls (data v2.5.1) dbase (ELM v2.5 Documentation Report, July 2006), including only changes for "perturbation" runs. "Parameter name", "Units", "Default Value", and "Brief documentation" fields unchanged from the v2.5.1 dbase (used in ELM v2.5 documentation).

The "Simulation identity" field denotes the new simulation run's TP Load (Load_) identity

The "diff?" field shows the calculation of ("Value Used" - "Default Value")/"Default Value" * 100

Global parameters for input to ELM

Simulation identity	Parameter name	Value Used	Units	Default Value	diff?	Brief documentation
nominal	GP_TP_IN_RAIN=	0.02	mg/L	0.02		***TP concentration in rainfall (will be switching to new data for versions > ELMv2.4)
Load_0.0x	GP_TP_IN_RAIN=	0	mg/L	0.02	-100%	***TP concentration in rainfall (will be switching to new data for versions > ELMv2.4)
Load_2x	GP_TP_IN_RAIN=	0.04	mg/L	0.02	100%	***TP concentration in rainfall (will be switching to new data for versions > ELMv2.4)
Load_OL10x	GP_TP_IN_RAIN=	0.02	mg/L	0.02		***TP concentration in rainfall (will be switching to new data for versions > ELMv2.4)

In order to better isolate the potential affects of very large P loading associated with overland inflows, the atmospheric P loading was kept at nominal conditions in the "Load_OL10x" simulation identity.

Dispersion parameter: a coding error was found in ELM v2.5, such that the Anti-Numerical Dispersion (AND) algorithm does not automatically scale the dispersion to maintain (approximately) the same dispersion among model application grid sizes (as intended - ELMv2.5 documentation). The source code will be corrected. But because of the error, the term dispersion "reference length" is not truly applicable to the parameter's use in ELM v2.5. While the encoded AND algorithm indeed modifies the extent of the numerical dispersion based an application's grid scale, the error is such that the regional ELM v2.5's "reference length" to grid size ratio needs to be matched at another grid scale (to approximately match dispersion among applications).

Thus, the dispersion "reference length" must be manually changed for each grid: for all of these 250m grid applications, the parameter was set to 1/2 of the grid size (250km-grid, GP_dispLenRef=125), to "match" dispersion in the 1000m grid applications that used a 500m dispersion "reference length" (regional 1km-grid ELMv2.5, GP_dispLenRef=500). See Chapter text for dispersive flux output data for different dispersion "reference lengths" in this 250m grid application.

11.4 Source code

11.4.1 20-yr simulations (regional)

No source code change of the model (ELM v2.5) was needed for these simulations.

11.4.2 108-yr simulations (subregional)

Because of the necessity to modify some source code, we will refer to the century simulations as using a “pre-release” of ELM v2.6. The following source code was added/modified in order to implement the century-scale simulations. Beyond the additions to overland and groundwater grid cell fluxes for synthetic perturbation experiments, the algorithms in ELM v2.6 are the same as those in ELM v2.5. Thus, the ELM v2.6 code changes did not affect the results of a “standard” (non-experimental) run of the ELM (i.e., if the new/optional data files described below do not exist in the “Data” directory of a model application, the outputs of an ELM v2.6 application are identical to those described in the ELM v2.5 documentation Chapter 6 Model Performance⁷).

- code to “GenericDriver.c” to check for the existence of (optional) input data files, which then establishes a) whether to use individual-point time series for rainfall and potential evapotranspiration inputs (intended primarily for subregional applications), and b) whether new stage-based synthetic boundary condition (fixed parameter) data are used to drive model experiments
- code to “UnitMod.c” to a) read a new (but optional) parameter file named “ModExperimParms_NOM” that is used in model experiments such as the century-scale perturbation runs and b) call (existing) code in “Serial.c” to interpolate point data across the model domain, “on-the-fly” (for daily atmospheric input data).
- code to “Fluxes.c” to accommodate synthetic, calculated boundary stages for use in the grid cell overland/groundwater fluxes, as opposed to existing use of daily, spatially explicit (map) data for external stages in those routines.
- code to “WatMgmt.c” that better organizes distinct input data functionalities into separate functions, that are called only if needed (i.e., increased the modularity of a segment of code).

11.5 Results

11.5.1 108-yr simulations (subregional)

Because of its spatial simplicity, it is most informative to present the results of the subregional, century-scale perturbation experiments prior to discussing the complexities of the managed regional system (simulated in the 20-yr perturbation experiments). For the century-scale subregional application, phosphorus was input into the model domain via the input water control structure, which flowed directly into the canal along the (higher elevation) northern periphery of the model domain, and (depending on local stage

⁷ See Appendix A, however, for description of a source code error found in ELM v2.5 that will need correction in the formal release of ELM v2.6.

differences) then flowed into the receiving marsh of Basin/Indicator (hereafter, Basin) 1. With the downslope topographic gradient in the north-to-south⁸ direction, flows are induced downslope to the Basins 2 – 9 that are numbered sequentially from north to south (depicted in Figure 11.2).

11.5.1.1 Total P budgets

Relative to that of living plants and (ground and surface) water, storages of P in the soil strongly dominated the total mass storage in all Basins (Figure 11.5). Moreover, Figure 11.5 shows that long term (century) changes in P storages along a gradient (induced by upstream inputs) were dominated by changes in the soils⁹. These are fundamental characteristics of an accreting wetland, as the soils represent a long term “integrator” of the interactions among the physics, chemistry, and biology over such long time scales.

The model perturbation experiments exhibited some output characteristics that were common to most scenarios. The following are summaries of output data that were aggregated (as part of the total inflows or outflows) within the budget summaries:

- P inflow was the sum of atmospheric, overland, and groundwater inputs to each basin. ***P inflow from atmospheric deposition was homogenous among all Basins*** in all of the simulations, averaging $25.0 \text{ mg m}^{-2} \text{ yr}^{-1}$ in each Basin in all but the ICnom_Load0x and ICnom_Load2x perturbations, for which all basins received 0.0 or $50.0 \text{ mg m}^{-2} \text{ yr}^{-1}$, respectively. (Note that we kept atmospheric P inputs at the nominal levels for the ICnom_LoadOL10x perturbation, in order to better isolate the effects of overland flow inputs from atmospheric inputs).
- ***The nominal scenario of P overland inflow into the northern receiving region*** (i.e., introduced into the domain) averaged (Basin 1, $19.0 \text{ mg m}^{-2} \text{ yr}^{-1}$) somewhat ***less than that of atmospheric deposition*** in that basin. This overland inflow load (averaged over a 1-km path length) is approximately half of that which appears likely to lead to eutrophic Everglades communities ($40 \text{ mg m}^{-2} \text{ yr}^{-1}$ above atmospheric loads, references in Model Application Chapter 8, p. 8-8).
- ***Groundwater flows of P were generally minor*** in most Basins and perturbations, never exceeding $1 \text{ mg m}^{-2} \text{ yr}^{-1}$, except in Basins 1 & 2 under the ICnom_LoadOL10x perturbation (outflow from Basin 1 = inflow to Basin 2 = $2.5 \text{ mg m}^{-2} \text{ yr}^{-1}$, compared to $69.7 \text{ mg m}^{-2} \text{ yr}^{-1}$ overland P inflow to Basin 2).

Figure 11.6 presents the 108-yr mean (total) P accumulation, P inflow, and P outflow within each of the 9 gradient Basins for each of the perturbation experiments. (Note that Basin 10 is not included; along three downstream sides of the domain, Basin 10 encompasses any potential boundary flow effects). These results include the total mass of all (live, dead, and water-borne) phosphorus storages.

⁸ More accurately, the directionality of the topographic gradient is roughly 340 degrees to roughly 155 degrees on the compass.

⁹ During every simulation of ELM, a variety of (spatially explicit time series of) phosphorus budgets are output: a) total P mass, b) total P mass per unit area, c) P mass (per unit area) associated with “dead” (soil-related) storage, d) P mass (per unit area) associated with living plants, and e) P mass (per unit area) associated with water. For specific variables output in each budget, see ELM v2.5 Documentation Report, User’s Guide Chapter 10, p. 10-13.

In Basin 0, which is the entire 100 km² active domain, P accumulation was equivalent among scenarios with nominal P loading, irrespective of the initial soil phosphorus concentration. *Due to spatial averaging, P accumulation was ~150% of the nominal scenario (averaged across the entire domain) with a tenfold (10x) increase in P load in (only) overland inflows* into the upstream end of the system. *Doubling the total load* (via both atmospheric and overland inflows) almost exactly *doubled the domain-wide P accumulation* in Basin 0 (from 25.4 to 50.9 mg m⁻² y⁻¹). This Basin 0 had a very slightly negative P accumulation in the scenario with zero external P loads.

The upstream receiving area, Basin 1, had inflow loads that were equivalent among scenarios with nominal P loading, irrespective of the initial soil phosphorus biomass. In the scenario with significantly *elevated initial soil TP concentration (IC600grad_LoadNom)*, *P accumulation was reduced* relative to the other nominal-load scenarios: while Basin 1 inflows were equivalent among those scenarios, the scenario with ~2.5x higher initial P storage in the soil had P outflows that were approximately 150% of those in the nominal scenario. As outlined below (in the soil budget analysis), long term *decomposition losses of P were greatly increased in this very eutrophic soil* (with P concentration of 600 mg kg⁻¹ in the upper 30 cm of the vertical profile), relative to the oligotrophic soils of the nominal initial condition scenarios. (Phosphorus is a limiting nutrient to the implicit microbial driver of this decomposition process).

When (all, atmospheric and overland) P inflows were 200% (ICnom_Load2x) of the nominal scenario, the receiving Basin 1 had a P accumulation rate that was 209% of the nominal value. This (relatively subtle) *non-linear response is demonstrative of the non-linear integration of ecosystem processes in ELM algorithms*. Increasing surface water column inflow concentrations from 10 to 20 ug l⁻¹ (and thus doubling the load) led to rapid uptake of the additional phosphorus in this severely P-limited ecosystem. In a positive feedback mechanism, P uptake by biota became accelerated as the biomass of that living storage increased, increasing the turnover of the biological communities. With increased turnover (of carbon and phosphorus), the increased biological uptake of P under increasing eutrophy was reflected in increased soil accumulation rates – the ultimate integrator of long term P dynamics in this wetland system. The extent to which this acceleration occurs in other local ecosystems distributed throughout the Everglades region (i.e., as seen in the regional ELM application, discussed in a later section) is highly dependent on the physical, chemical, and biological interactions in this spatially heterogeneous, complex system of managed flows amongst hydrologic units that are often sharply bounded.

Compared to the nominal scenario, a 10x increase in (only) the overland inflow P loads resulted in a very large increase (4.9x) in P accumulation in the receiving Basin 1. (The total inflow load in the ICnom_LoadOL10x scenario was 4.9x that of the nominal simulation, due to the atmospheric load contribution). *The accumulation rate of >140 mg m⁻² y⁻¹ P in this scenario is highly indicative of eutrophy, and the >60 mg m⁻² y⁻¹ P accumulation rate in the ICnom_Load2x scenario is indicative of probable/possible eutrophic ecosystem responses* (see Model Application Chapter 8).

It was evident (i.e., Figure 11.6) that the receiving Basin 1 was the subregion that was most strongly affected by changes in loads and/or initial conditions among the perturbation scenarios (due to their configurations): overland P loads from outside of the

model domain were introduced only into this Basin, which also had the largest relative difference in initial soil TP concentrations for the perturbation scenario of increased initial storages. *Perturbations that altered outflows from Basin 1 had cascading (and attenuating) effects downstream through Basins 2 – 9.* A primary example of these spatial interactions was demonstrated in the IC600grad_LoadNom scenario. With increased (relative to nominal) P outflow from that basin, the downstream basin(s) received larger P loads than in the nominal scenario. The P inflow to Basin 2 in the IC600grad_LoadNom scenario was 123% of that in the nominal scenario, resulting in a relative P accumulation that was 109% of that in the nominal scenario.

11.5.1.2 Soil (“dead”) P budgets

Figure 11.7 presents the 108-yr mean soil-specific P accumulation, P inflow, and P outflow within each of the 9 gradient Basins for each of the perturbation experiments.

Figure 11.8 presents the 108-yr mean soil P losses from decomposition within each of the 9 gradient Basins for each of the perturbation experiments.

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11.5.1.3 Integrated ecosystem variables

Figure 11.9a-c is a subset of selected variables (surface water TP concentration, soil TP concentration, soil elevation) in selected Basins (1-3, 9).

Appendix 11.1 contains all post-processed time series output for 9 ecological variables in Basins 0 - 9.

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11.5.2 20-yr simulations (regional)

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11.6 Figures

Figures 11.1 through 11.9 follow.

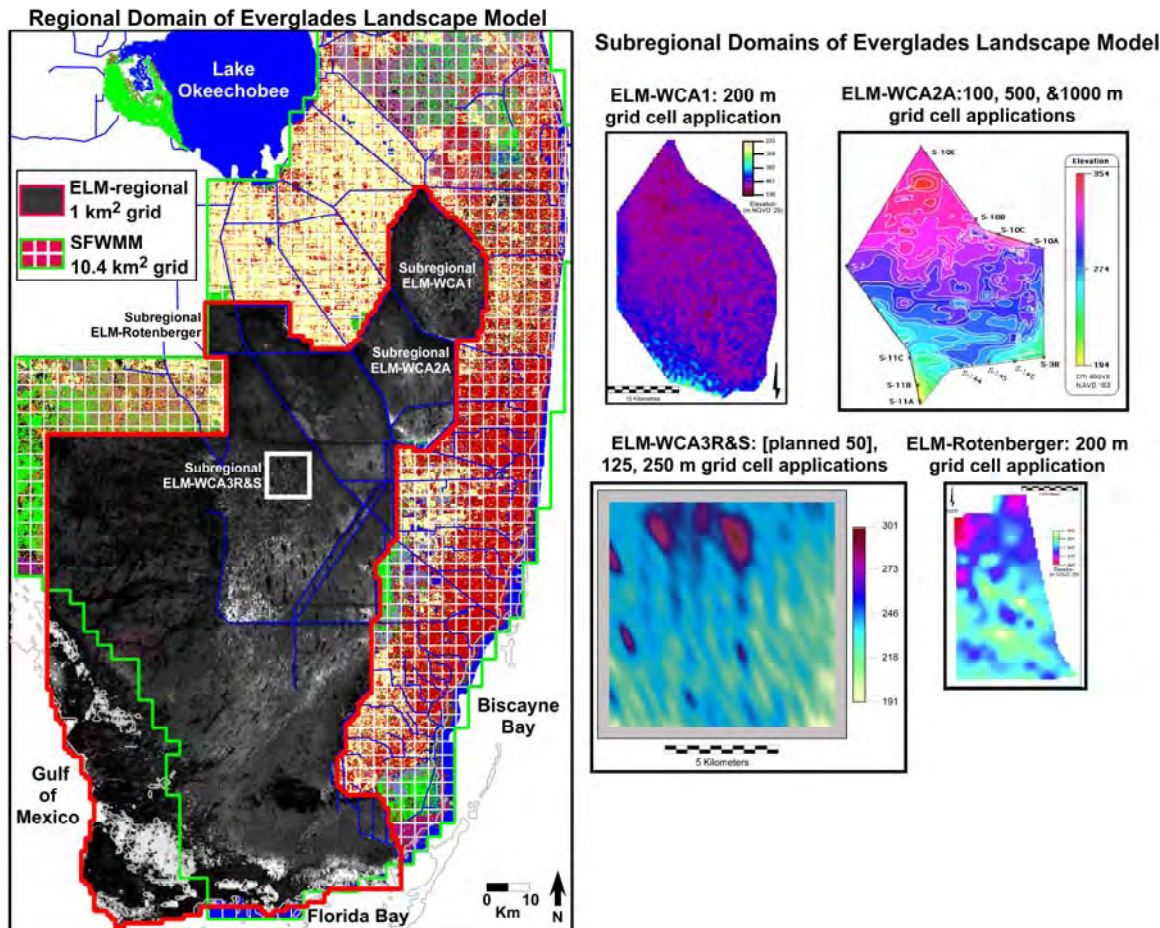


Figure 11.1. Location and scales of ELM regional and subregional applications. The ELMwca3RS has 1000, 500, 250, and 125 m applications.

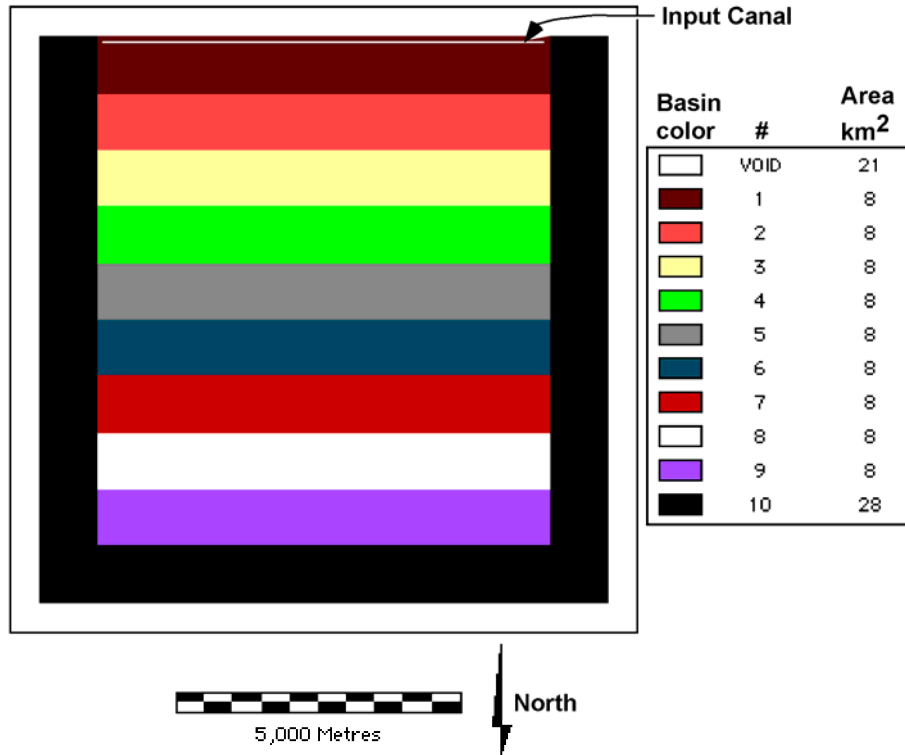


Figure 11.2. The basins used to summarize the ELMwca3RS250 output. Flow is completely unconstrained among all basins (and thus are not separate hydrologic units). Basin “0” is the sum of all basins in the active (non-void) model domain. Note that the square model grid cells are 250 meters on a side, while each basin is 1 km in the north-south dimension.

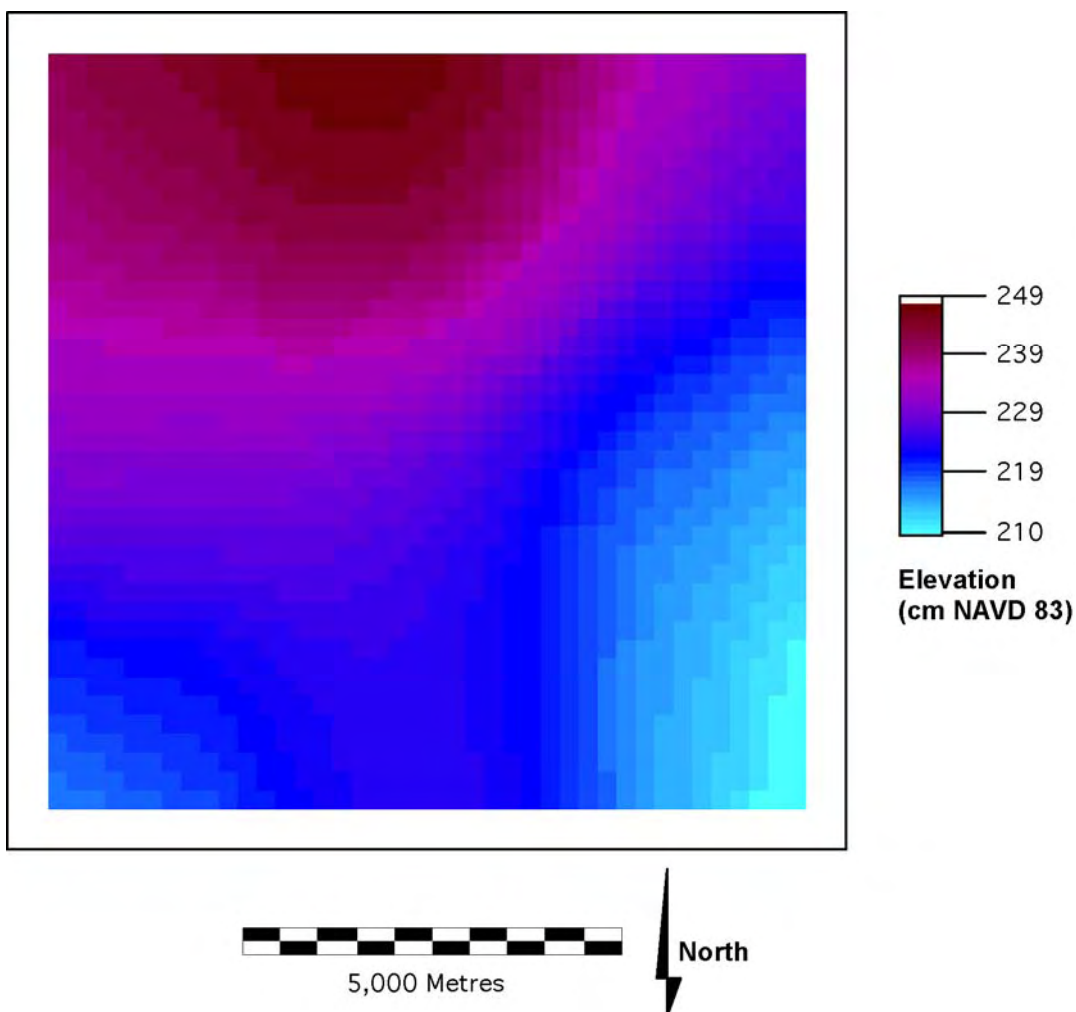


Figure 11.3. Land surface elevation of the ELMwca3RS250 application as implemented for the perturbation experiments. (This elevation surface is a smoothed representation of the finer scaled topographic features in another, original elevation map. Simulations of fine scale ridge and slough ecosystem dynamics utilized the original, unsmoothed map of elevation).

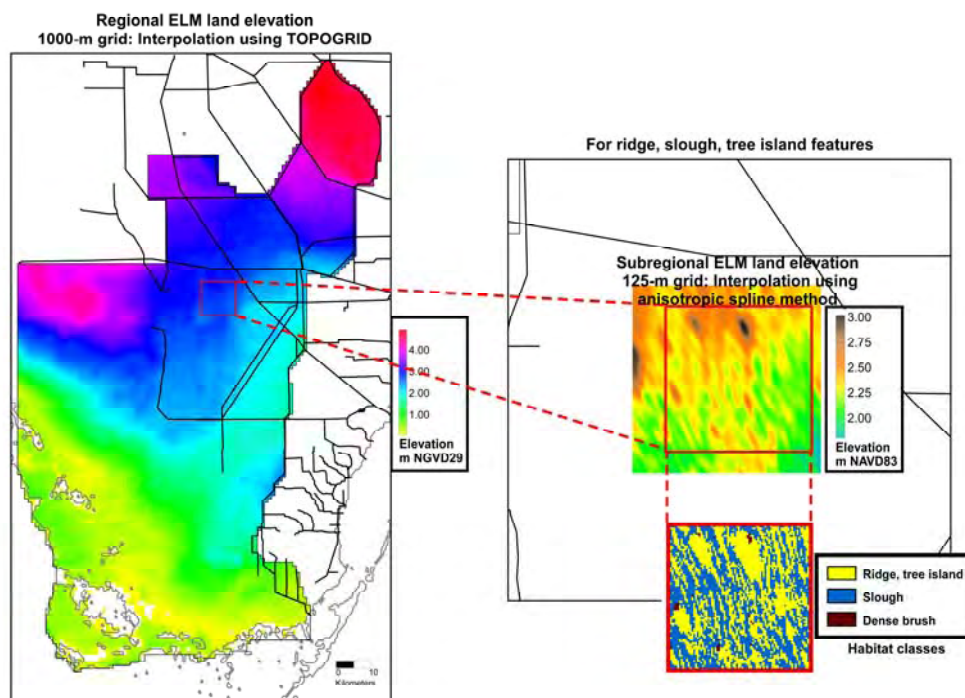
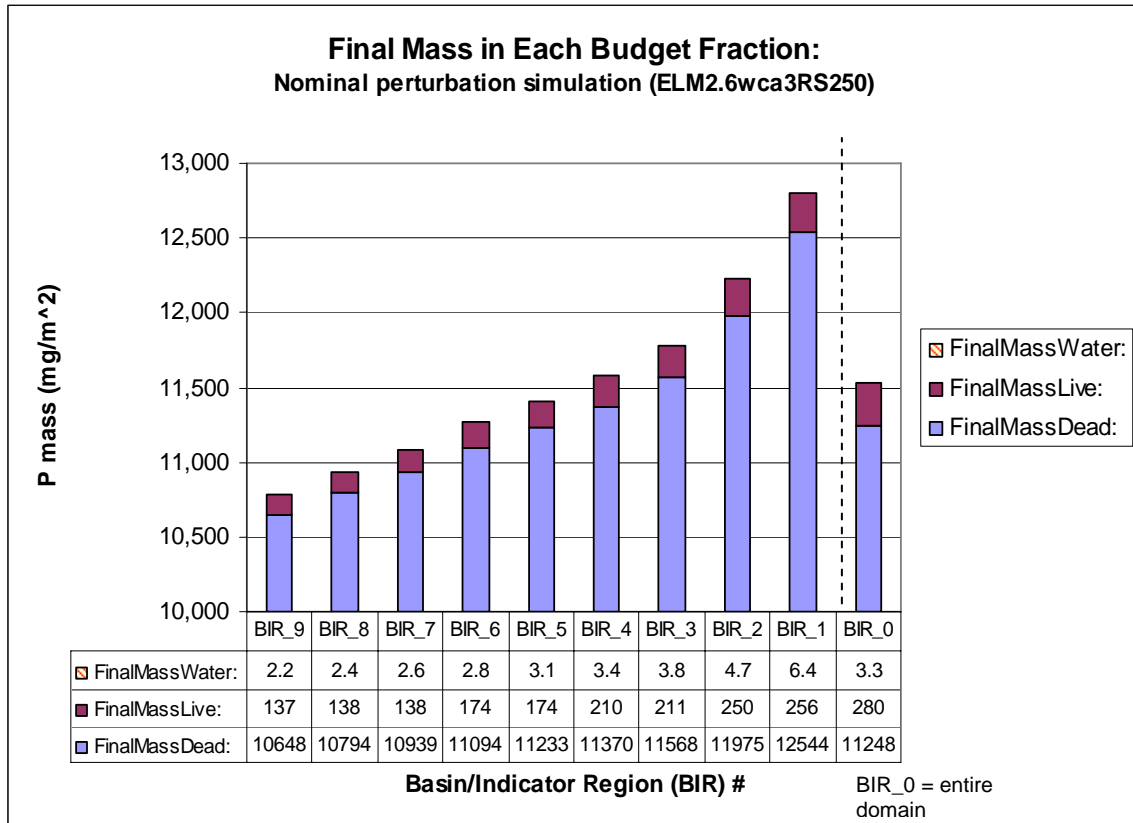


Figure 11.4. Land surface elevation and habitat distributions used in the ELMwca3RS125 application to investigate ecosystem processes and landscape patterns; these data were not directly used in the perturbation experiments. The regional ELM elevation data are shown for relative comparisons of the topographic patterns only.

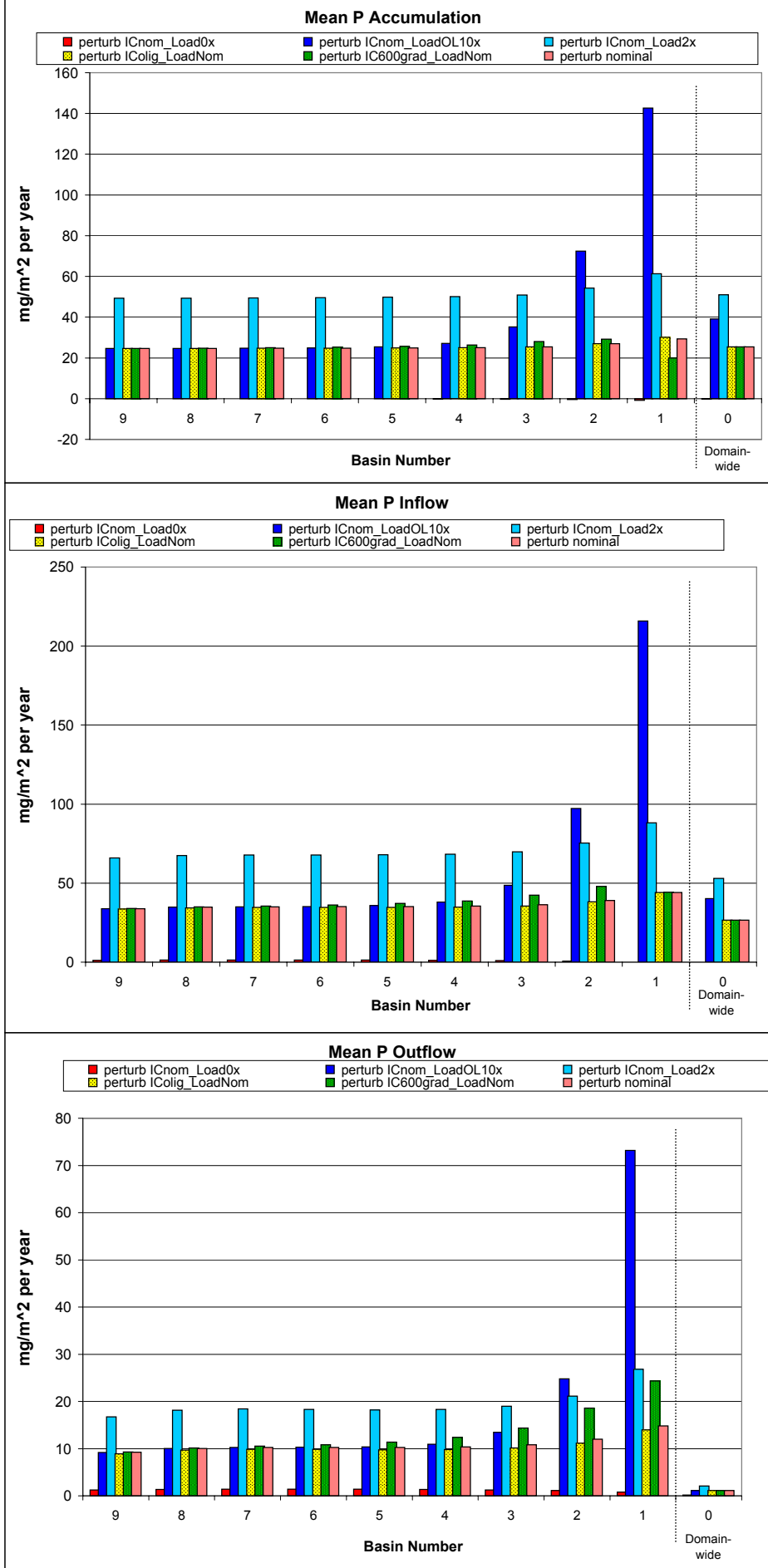
Figure 11.5. Phosphorus (P) mass in each Basin/Indicator Region (BIR) at the end of the 108 yr, nominal simulation of the perturbation experiments. The “MassDead” fraction of the total mass in any BIR includes organic soil P, organic floc (surficial soil) P, and inorganic P sorbed to soils. The “MassLive” fraction includes P in tissues of all live periphyton and all live macrophytes. The “MassWater” includes P in the surface water, unsaturated water, and saturated water storages.



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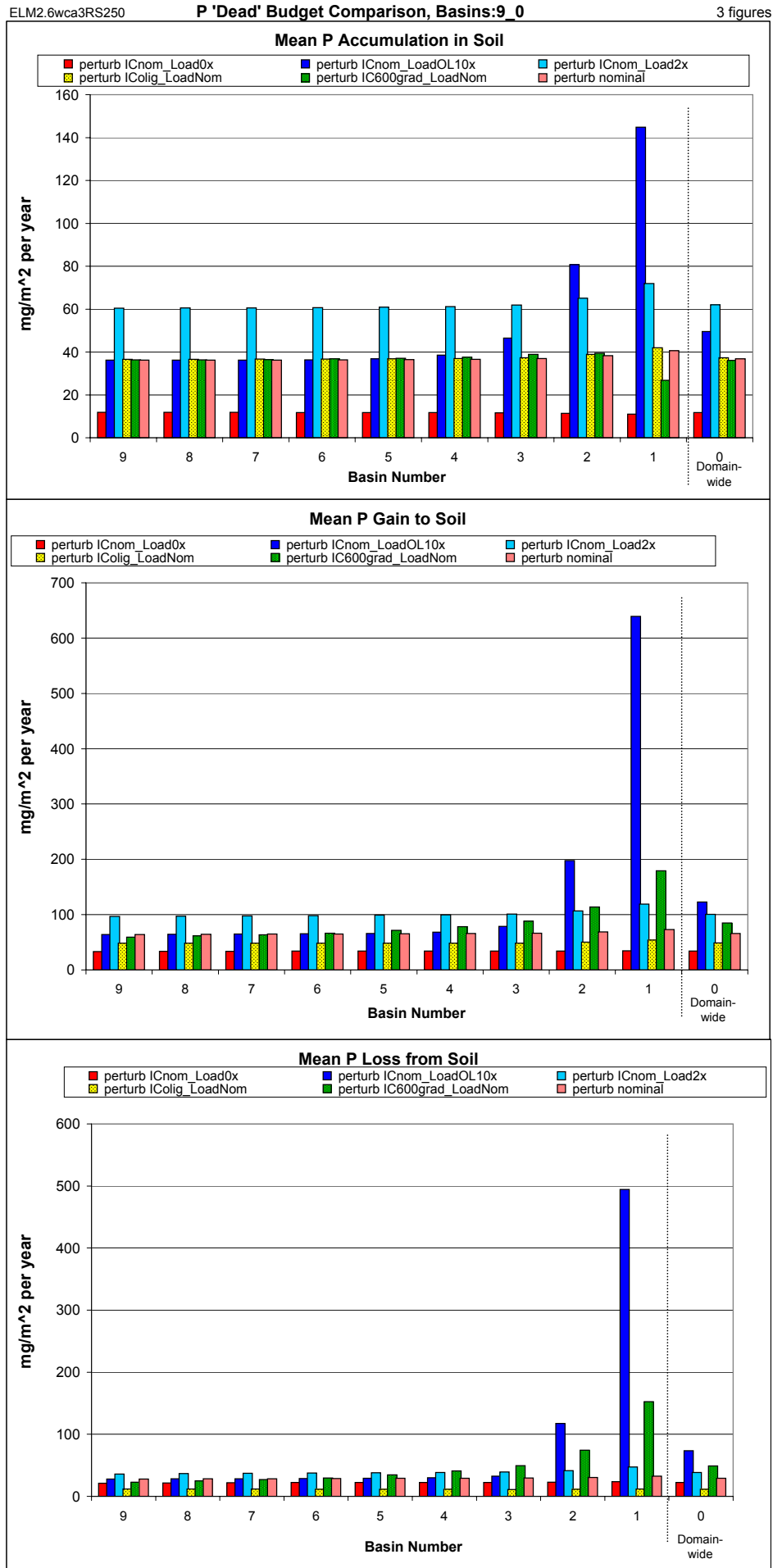


Figure 11.8. Phosphorus (P) mass loss due to soil decomposition in each Basin/Indicator Region (BIR) for each 108-yr perturbation experiment.

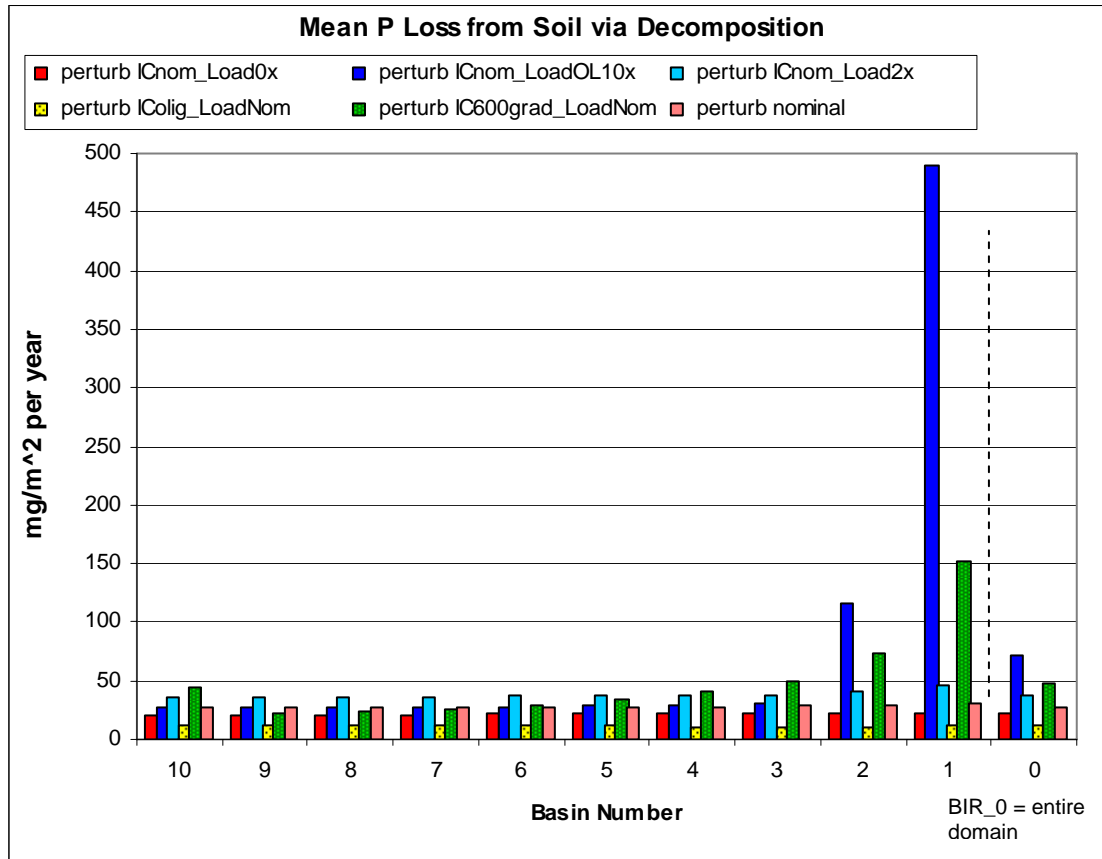


Figure 11.9a Surface water TP concentration in selected Basins along gradient for each 108-yr perturbation experiment.

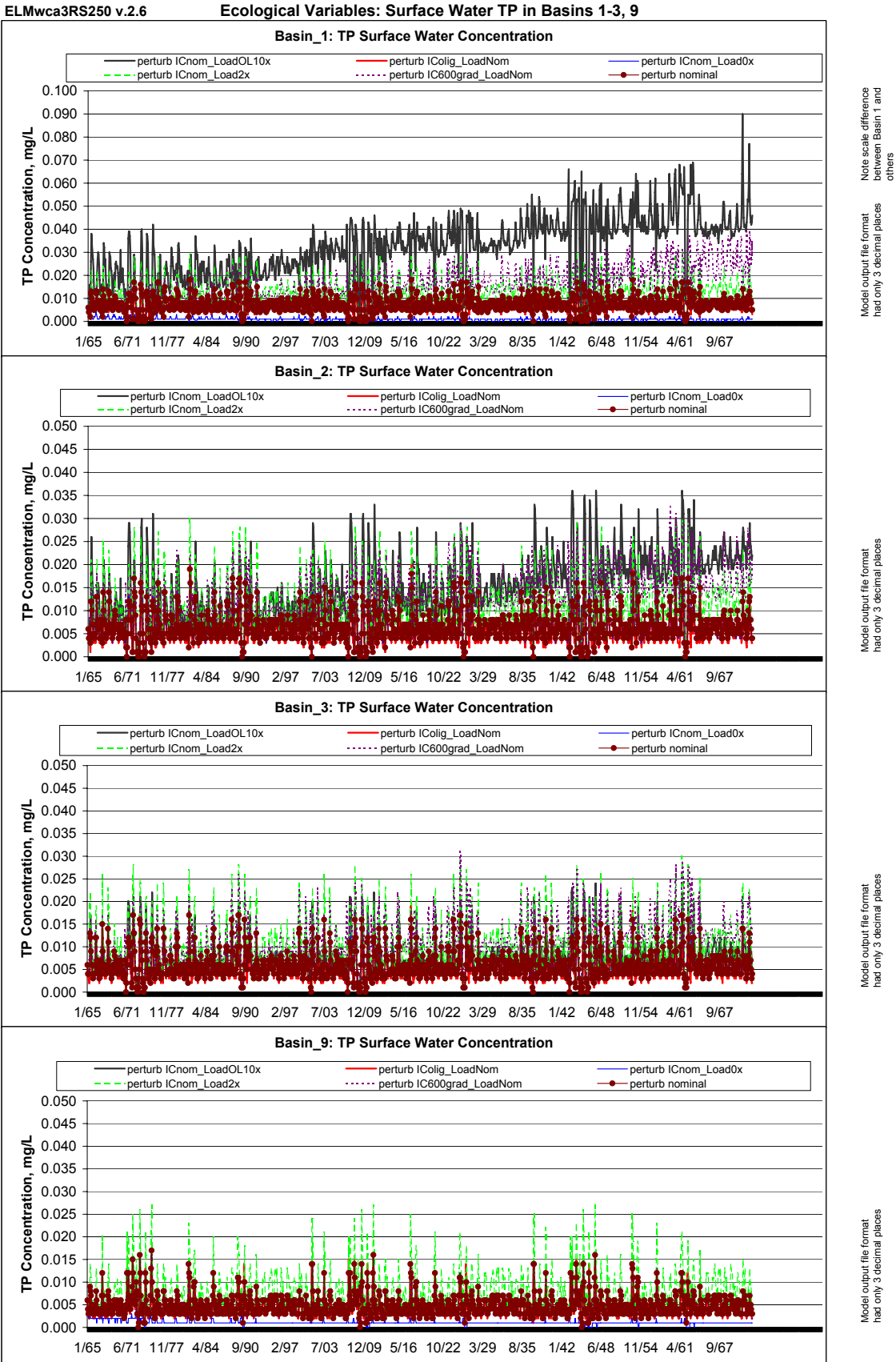


Figure 11.9b Soil TP concentration in selected Basins along gradient for each 108-yr perturbation experiment.

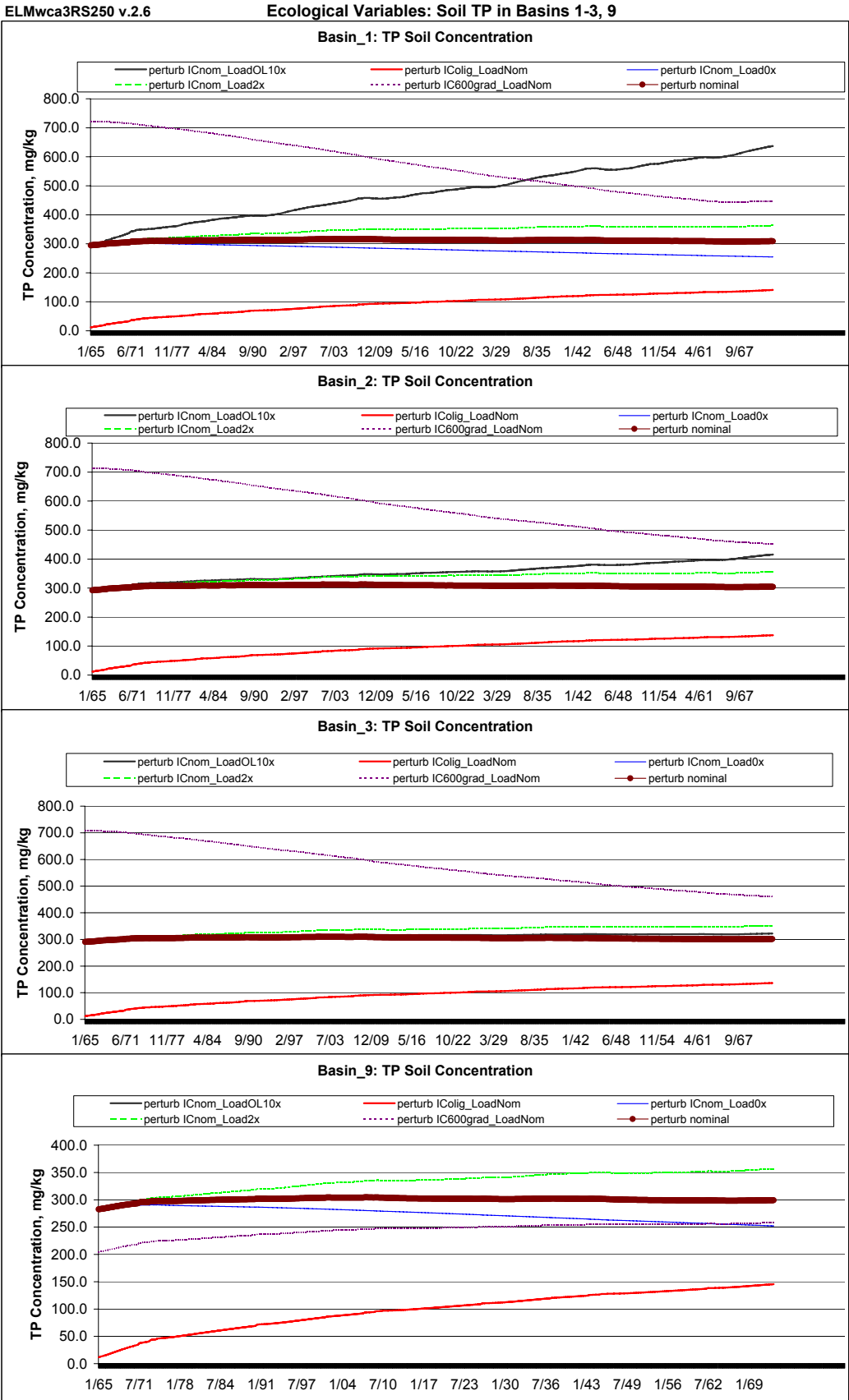
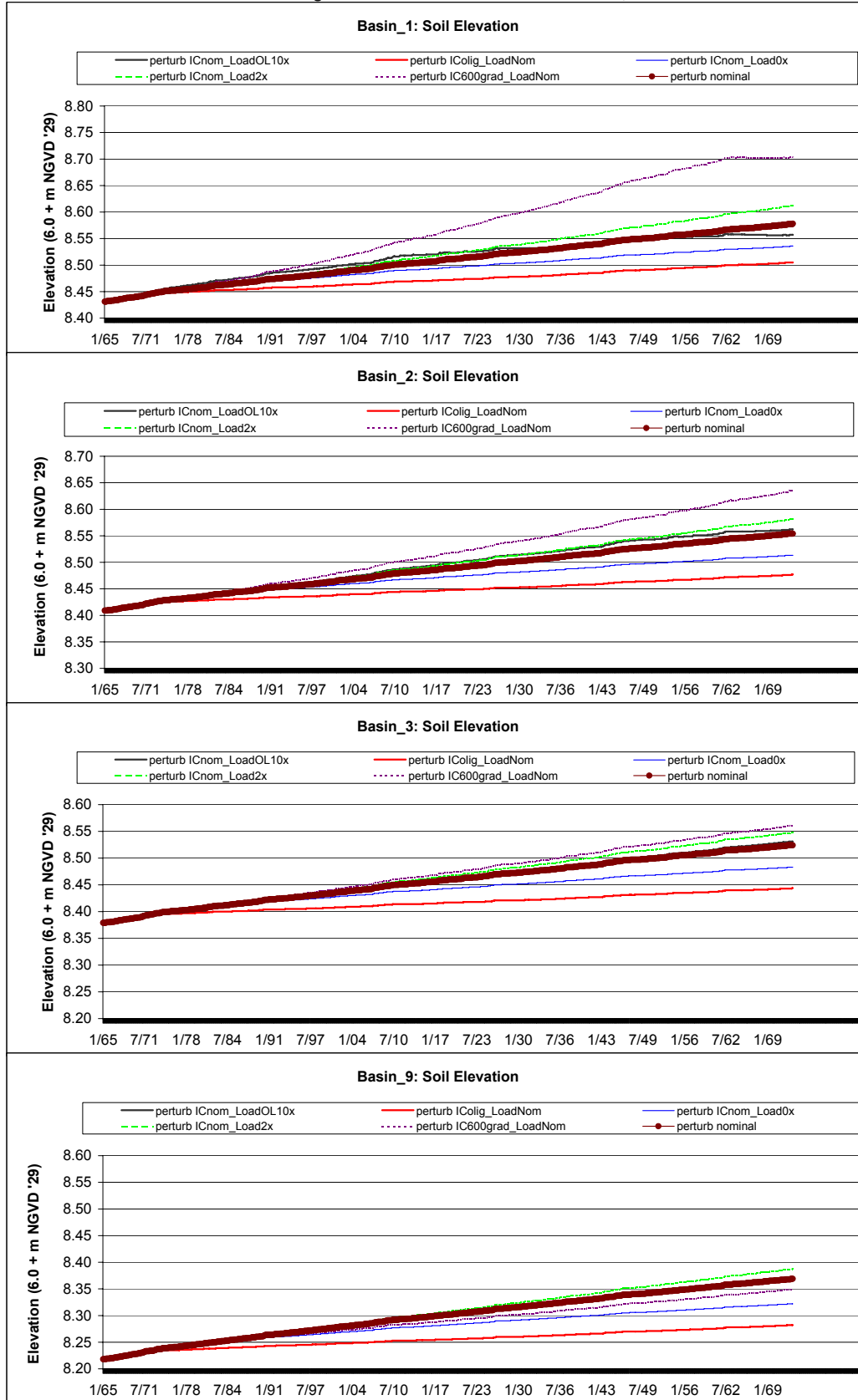


Figure 11.9c Soil elevation in selected Basins along gradient for each 108-yr perturbation experiment. (Datum is NAVD88).

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Ecological Variables: Elevation in Basins 1-3, 9



11.7 Appendix 11.1

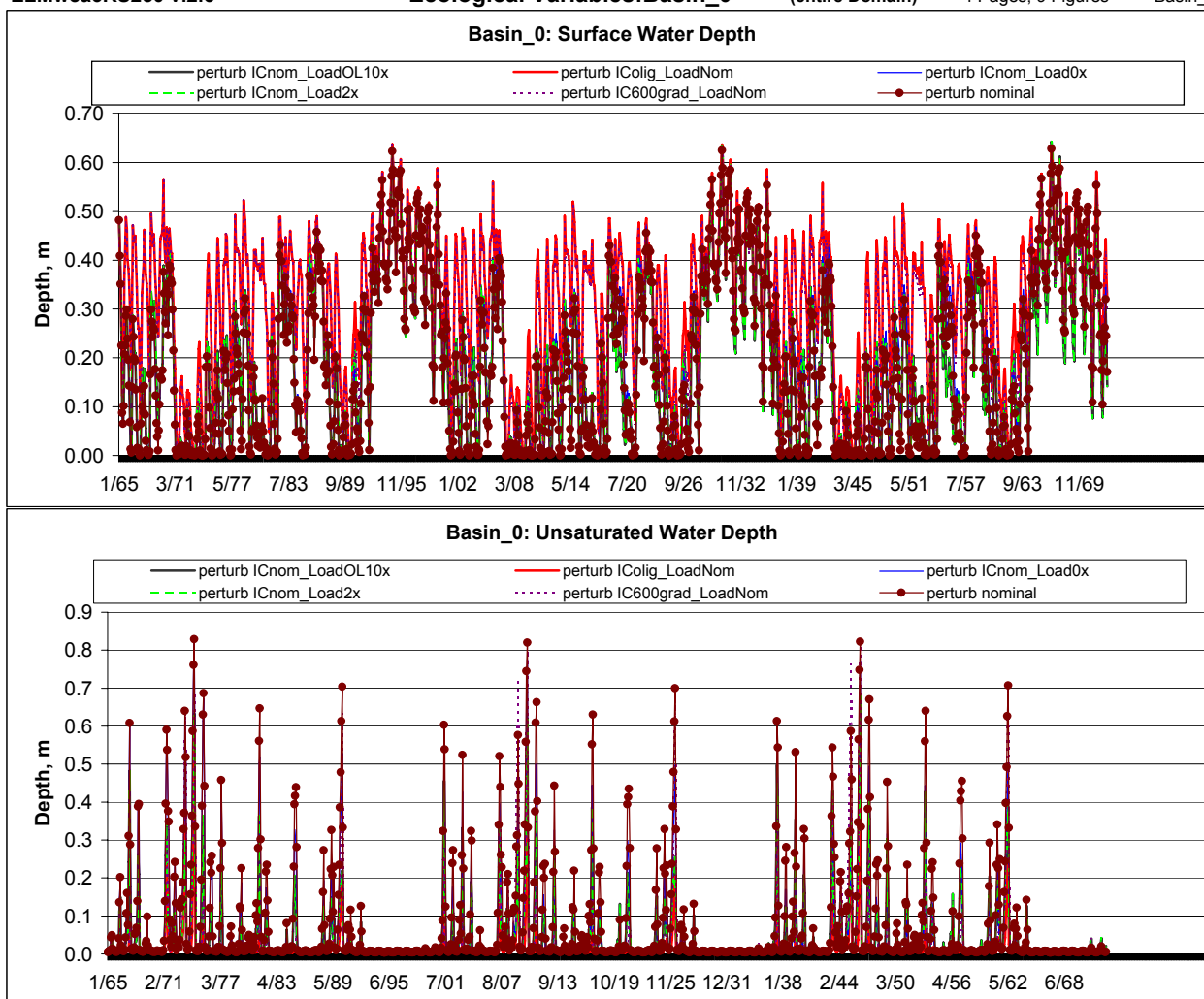
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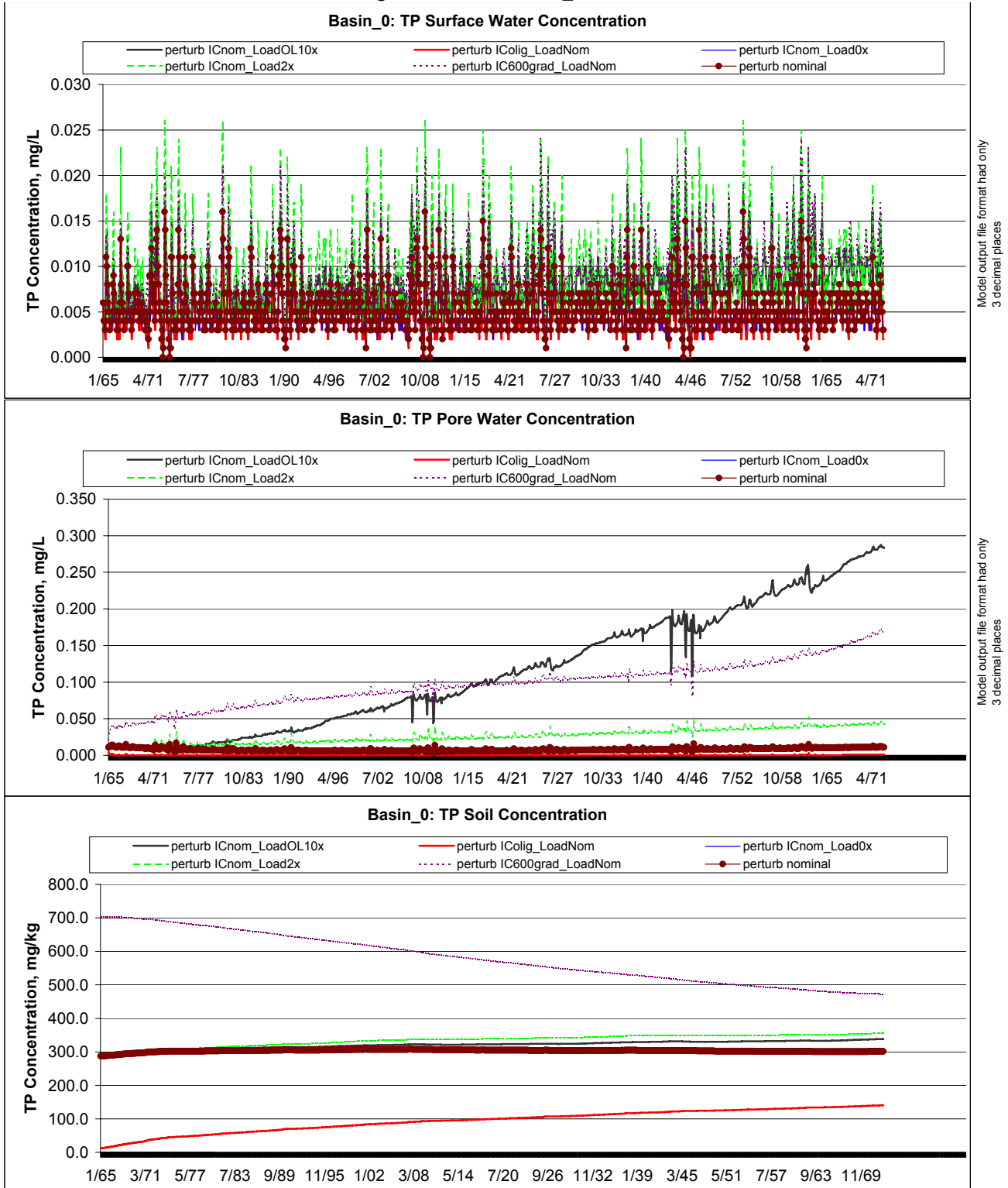
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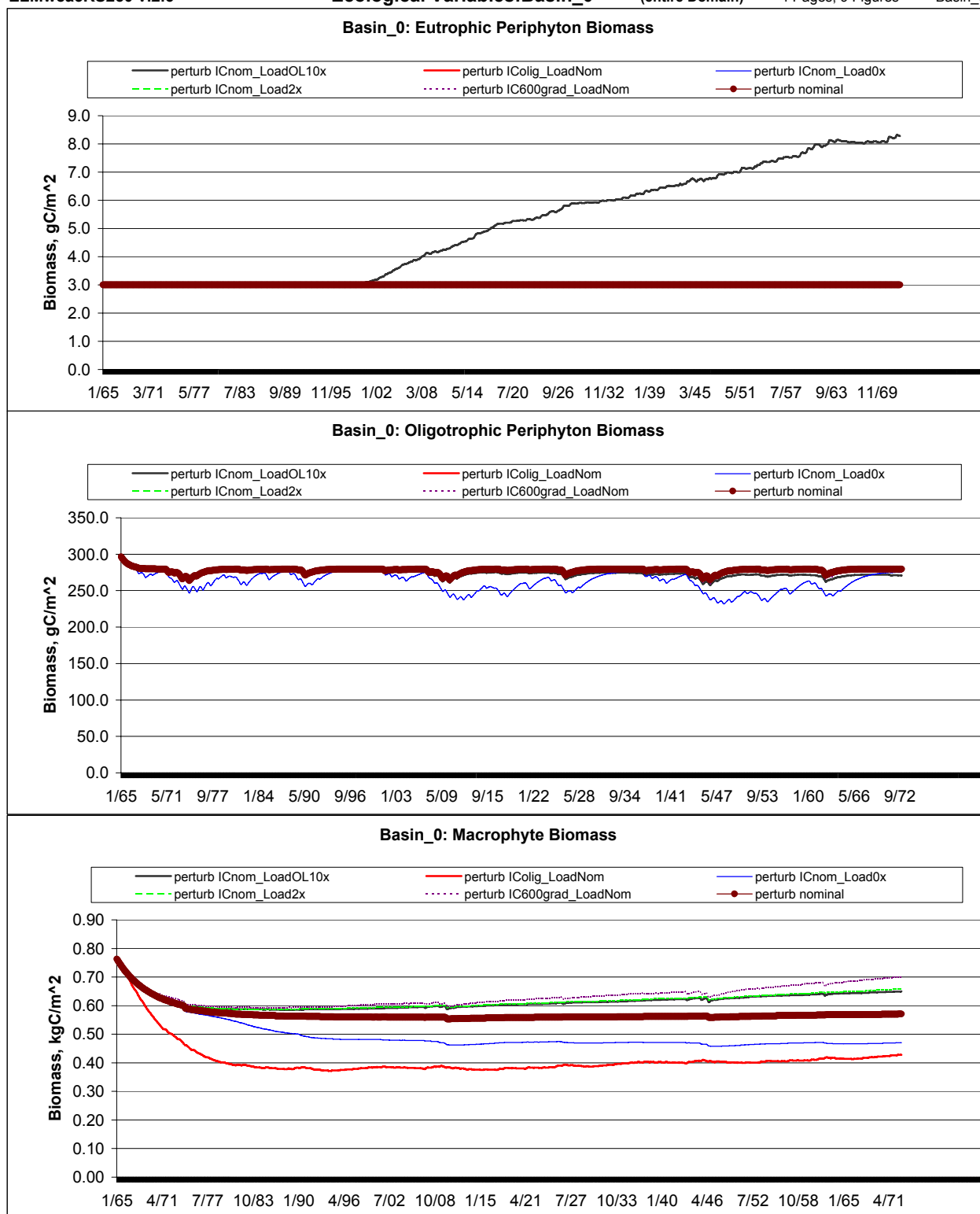
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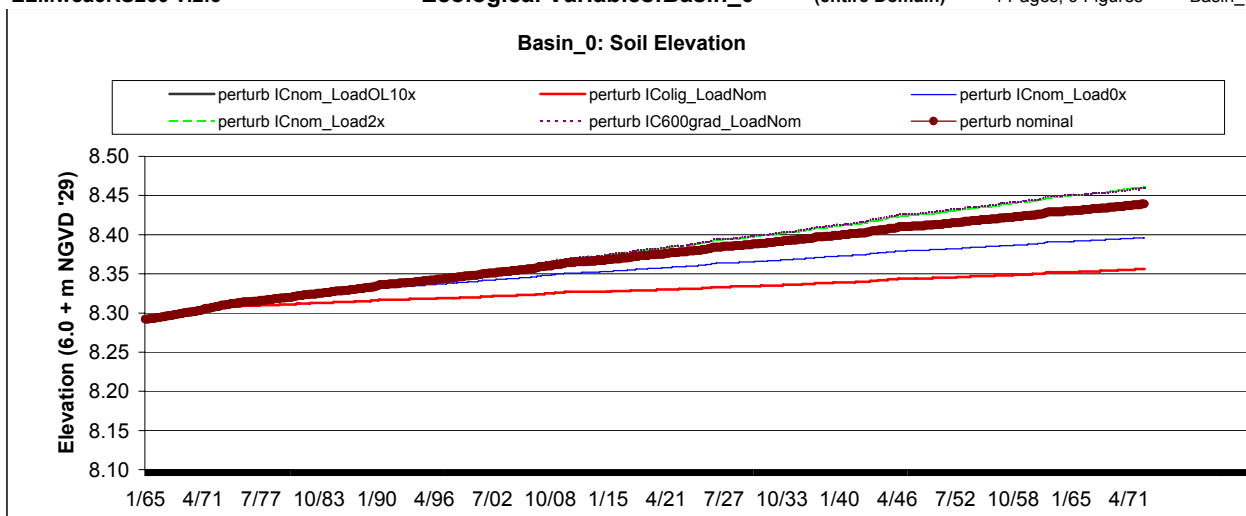
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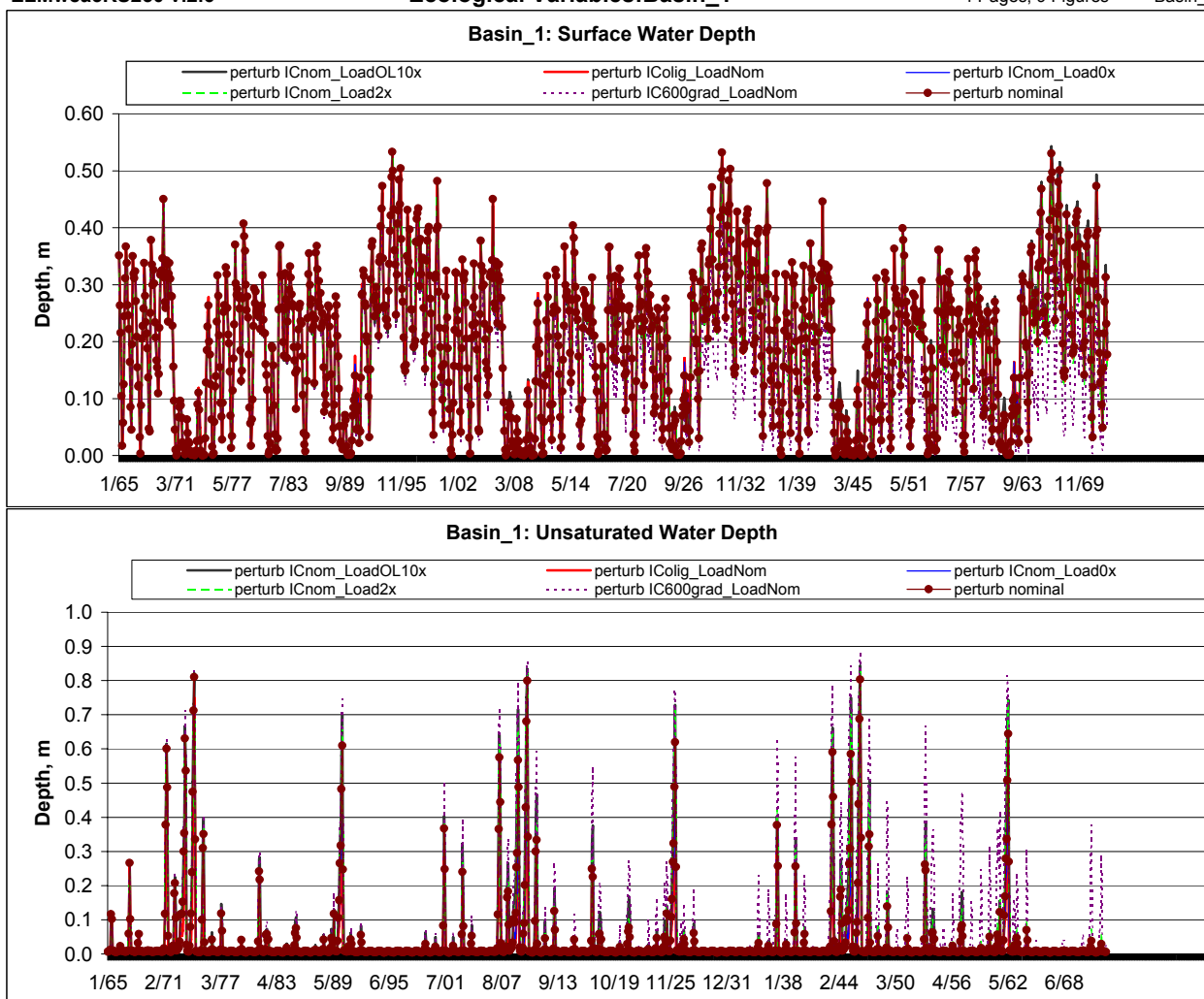


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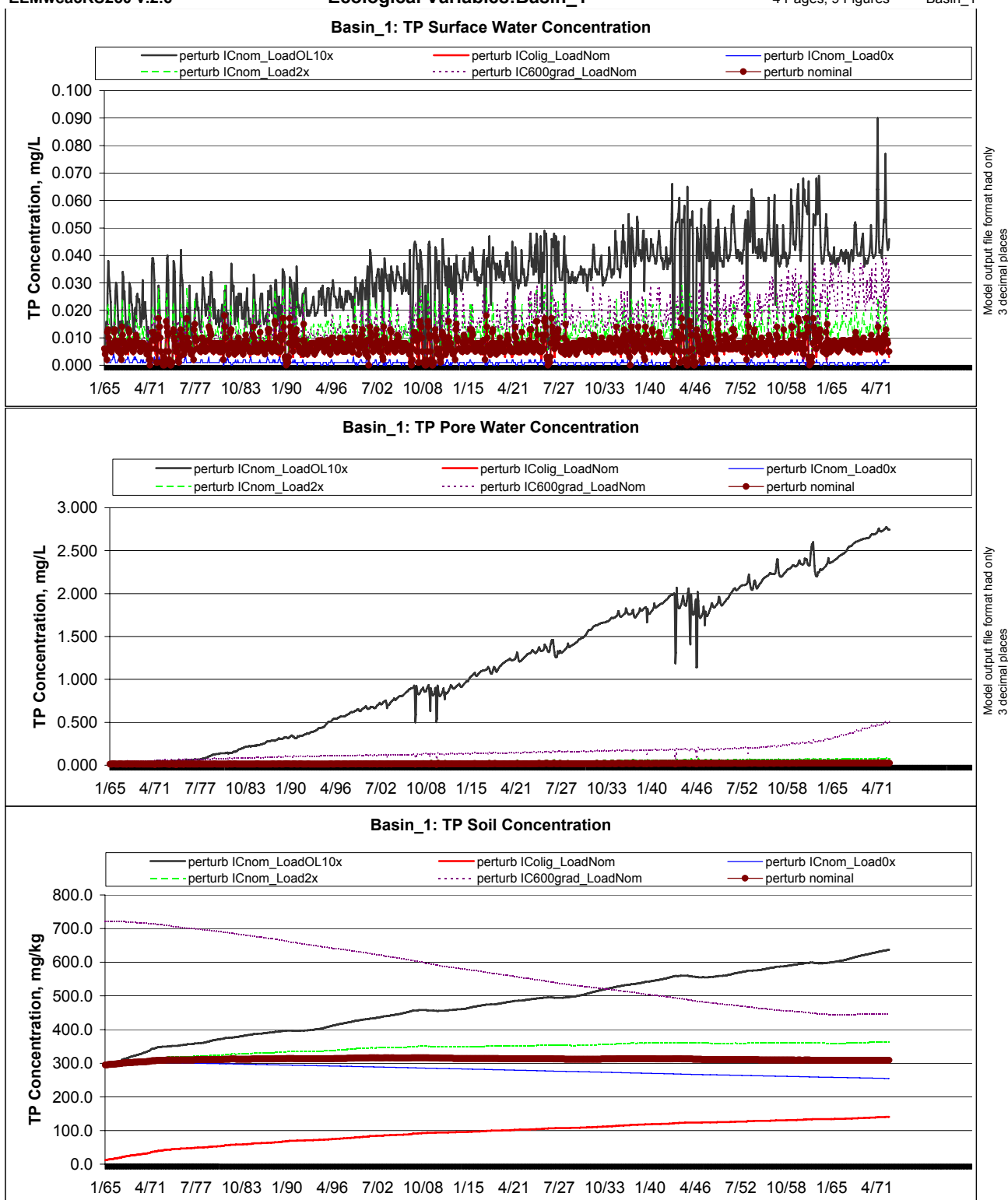


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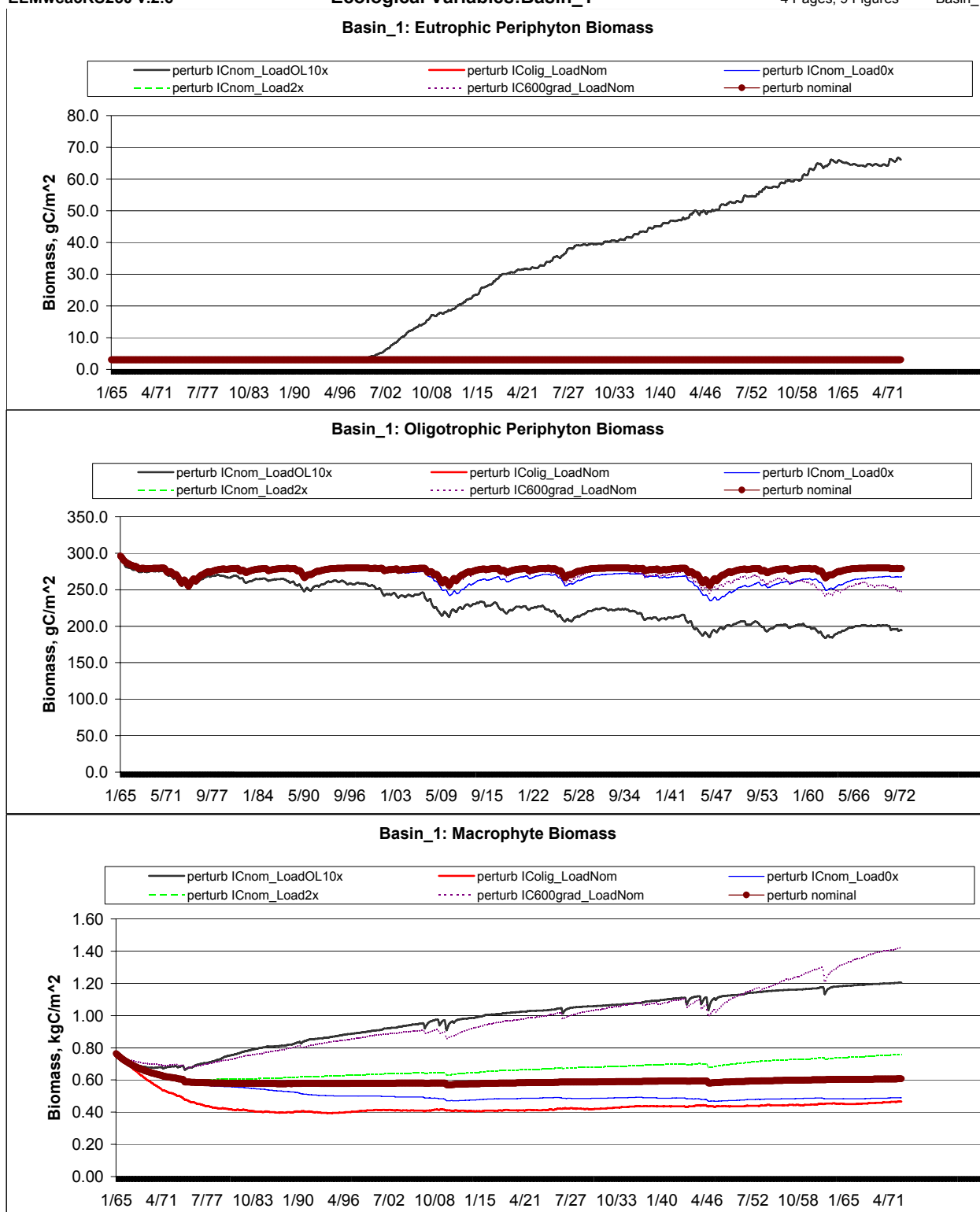


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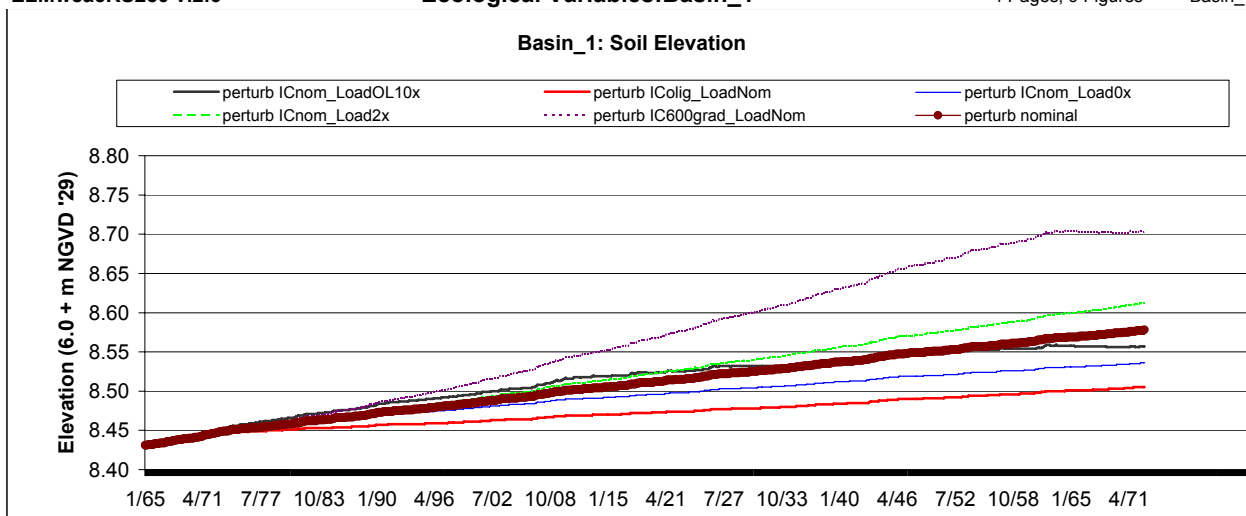


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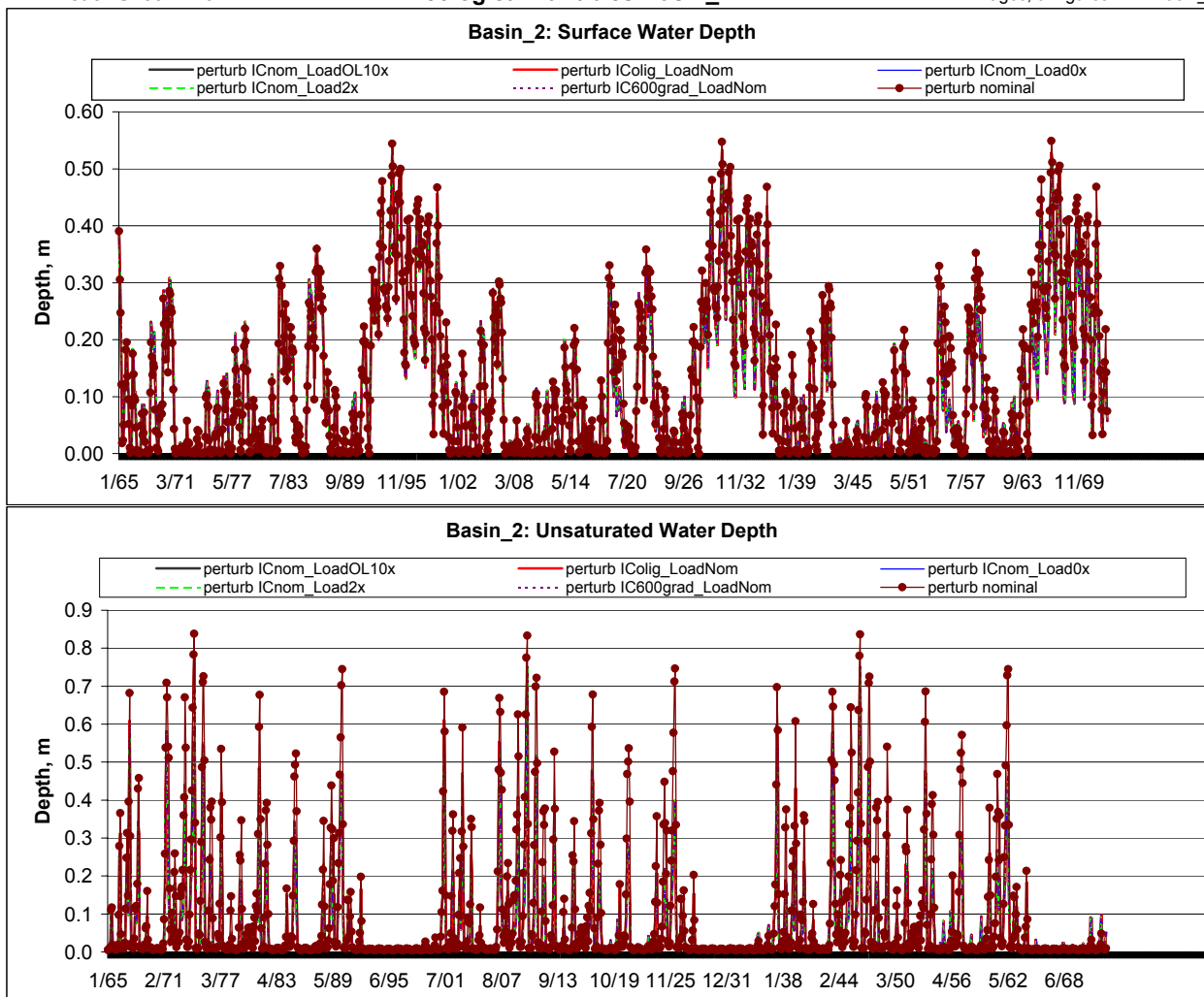


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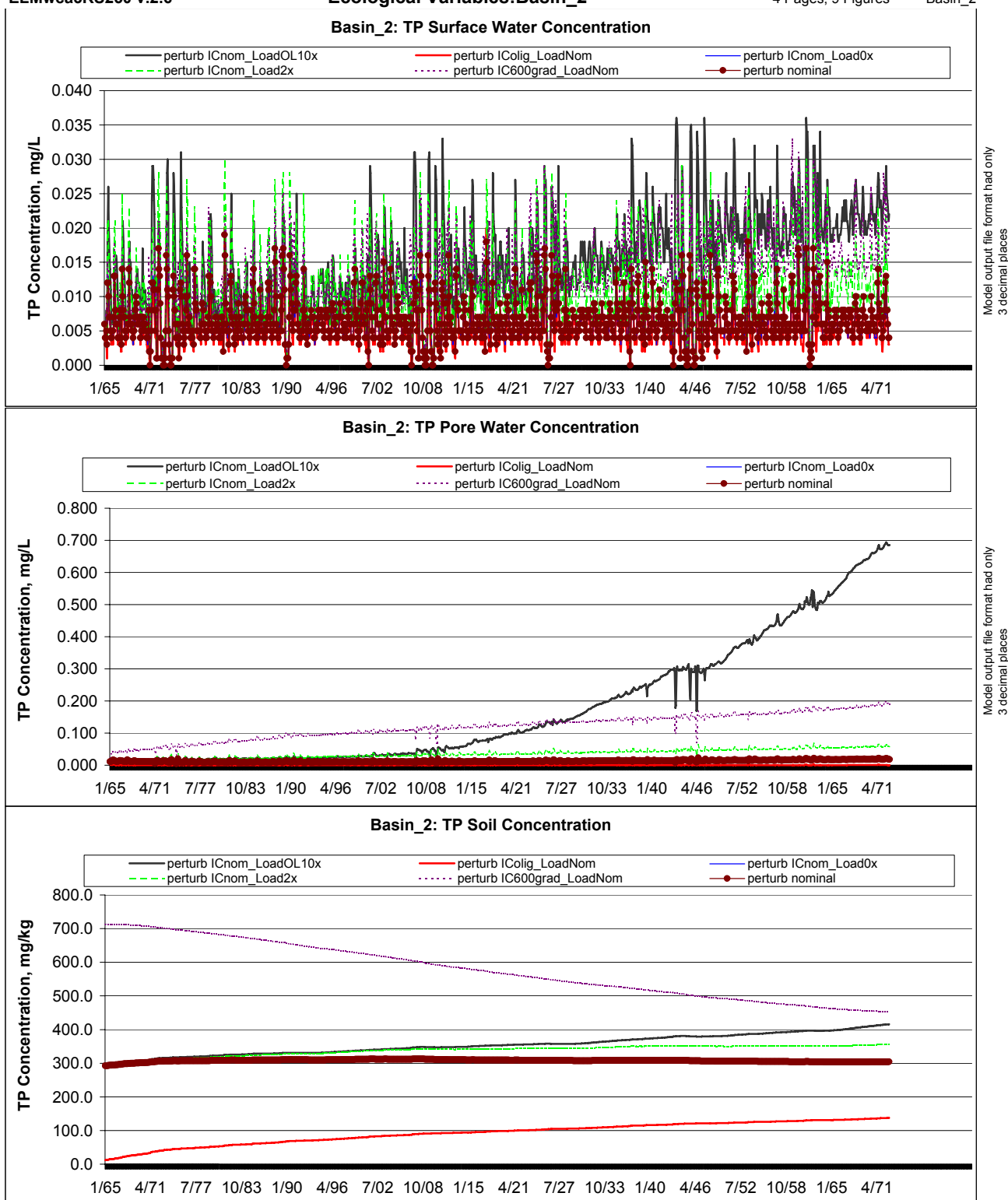


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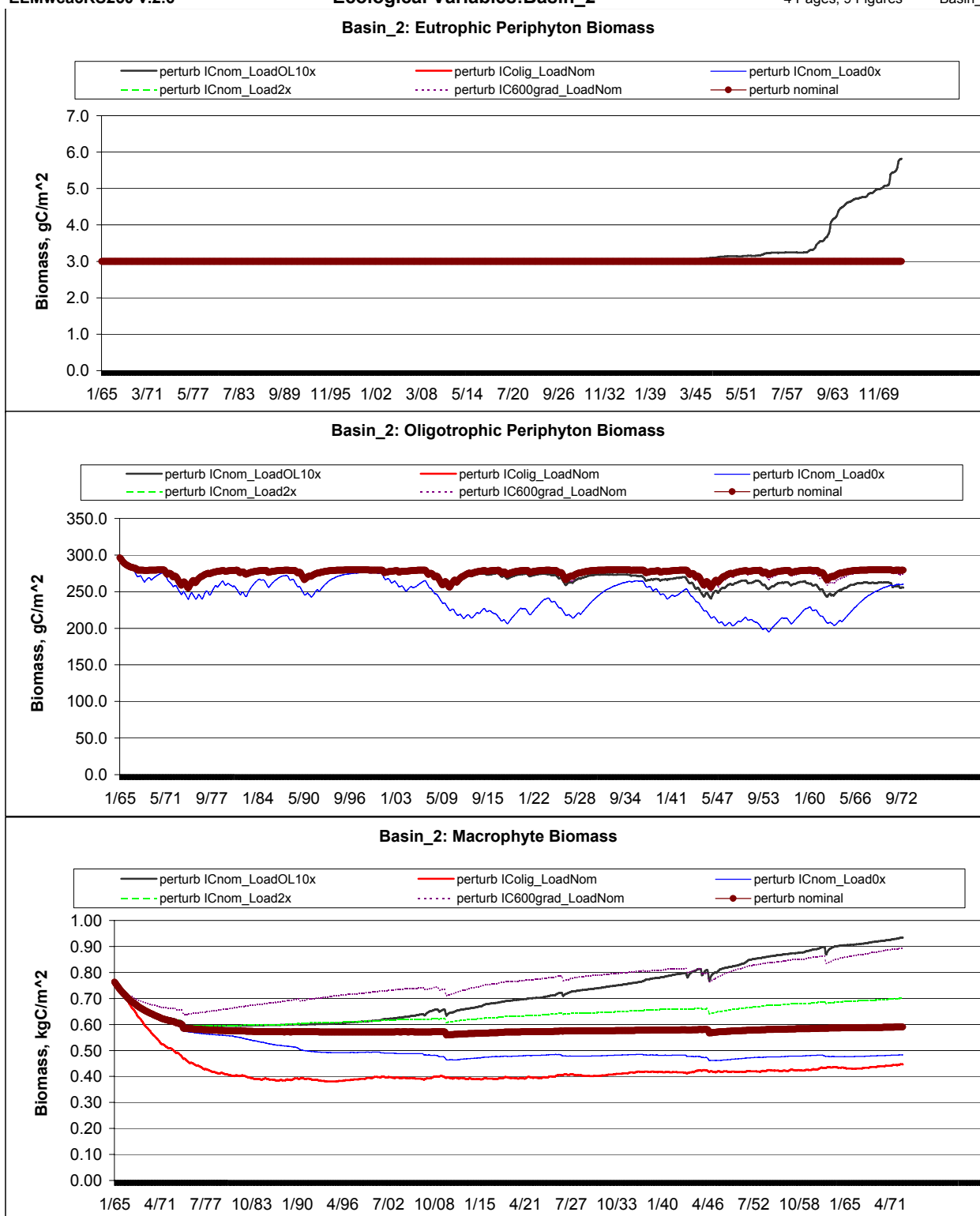


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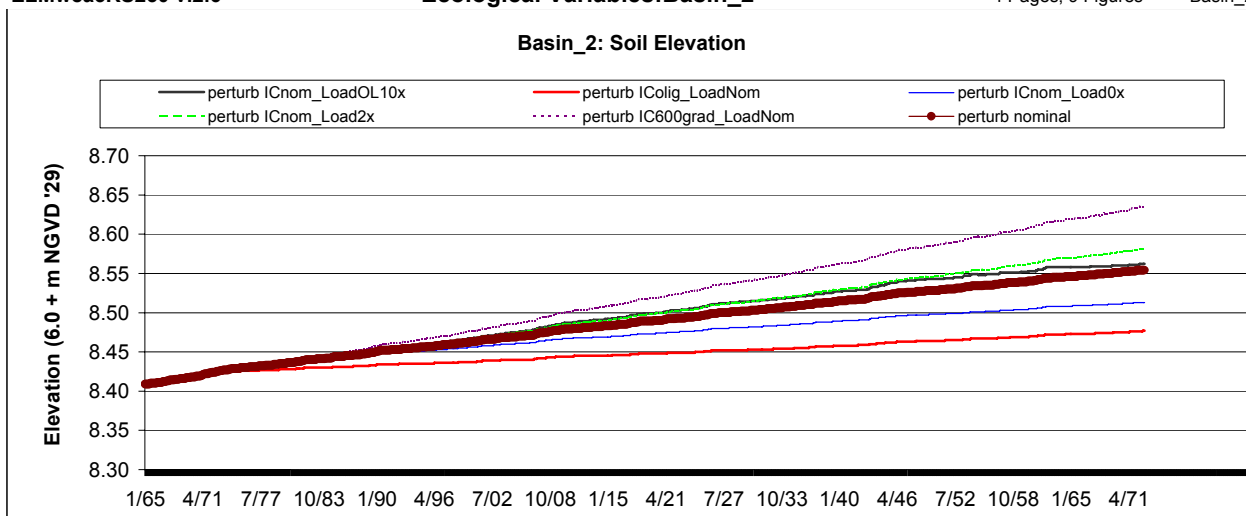


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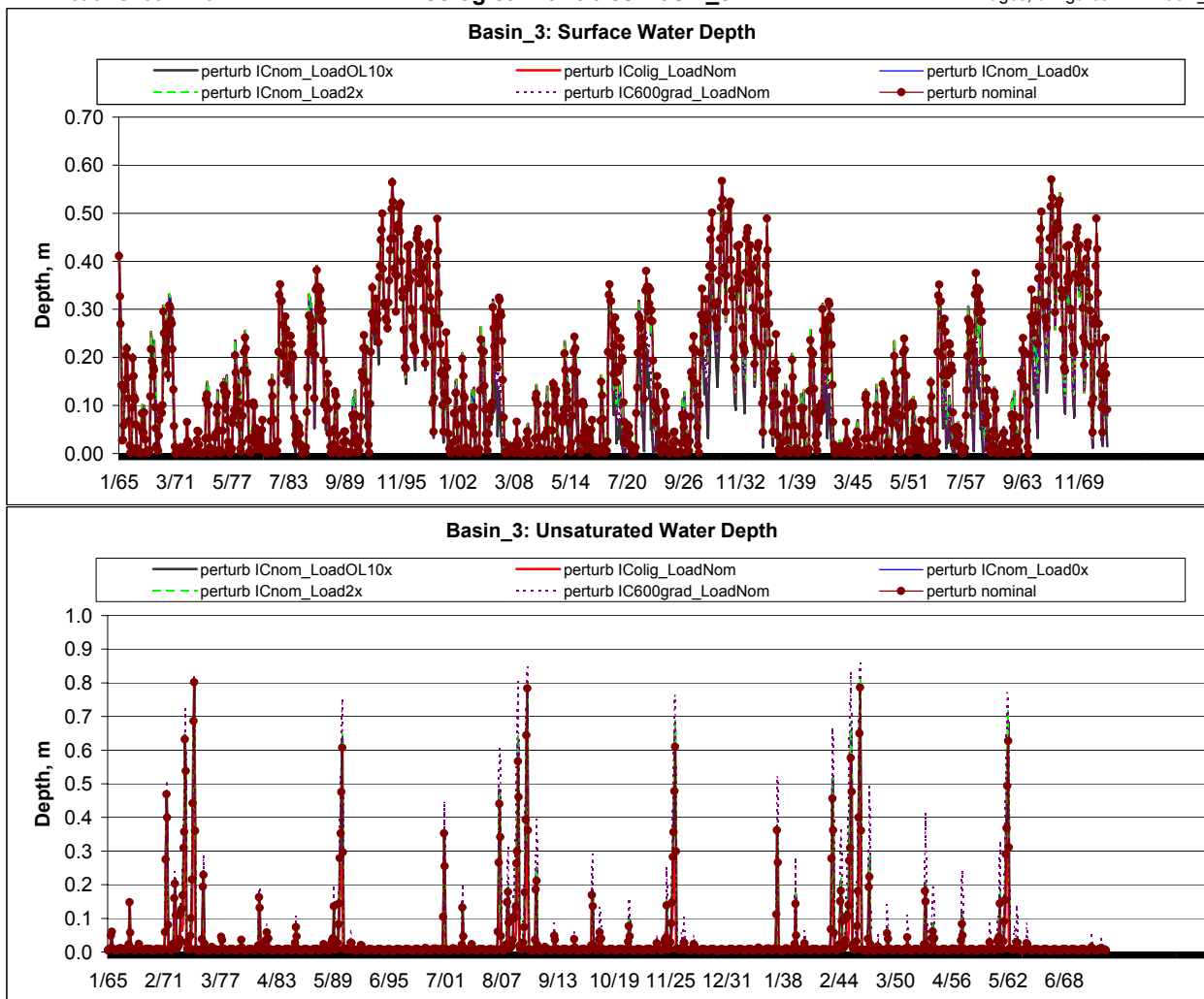


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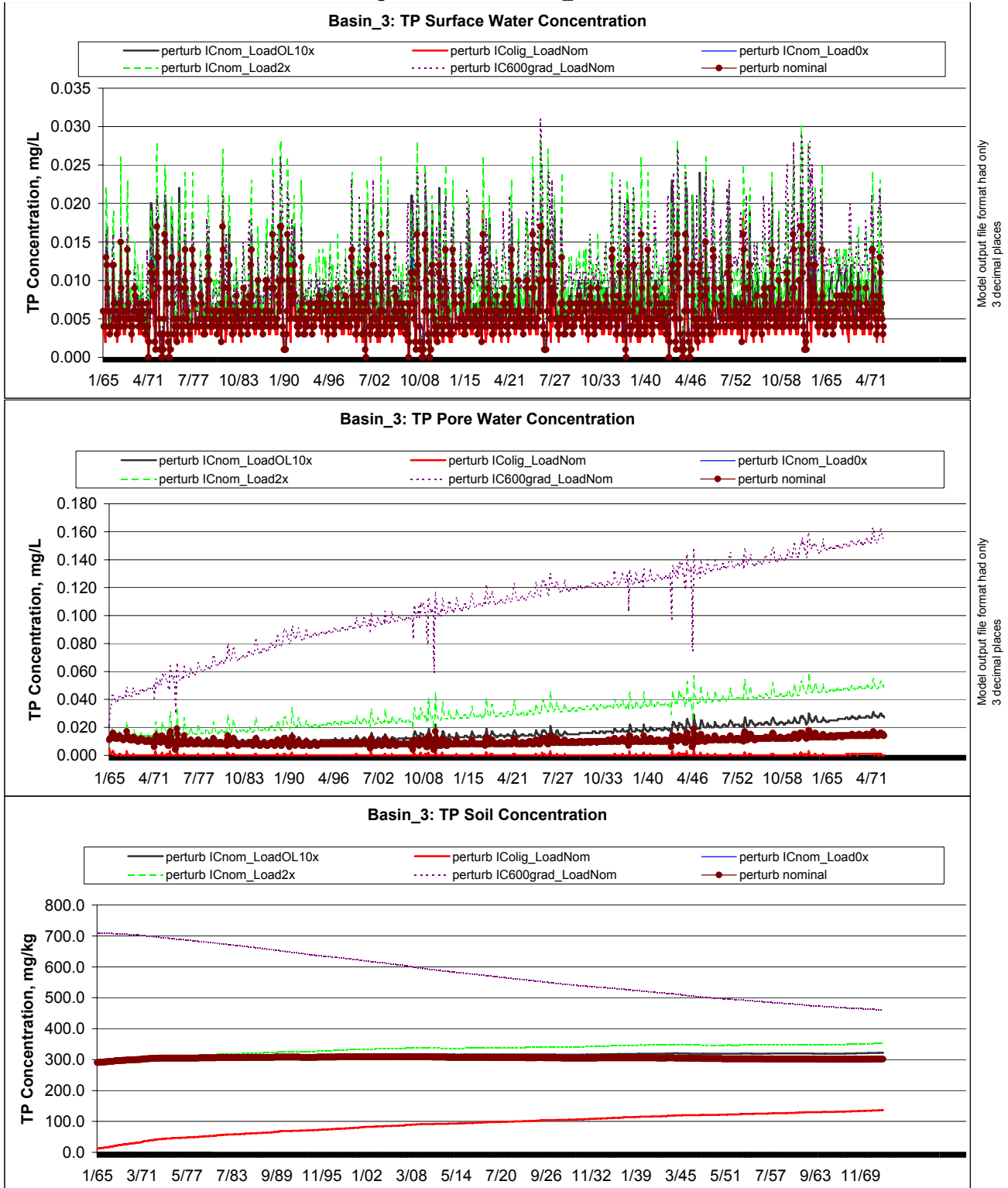


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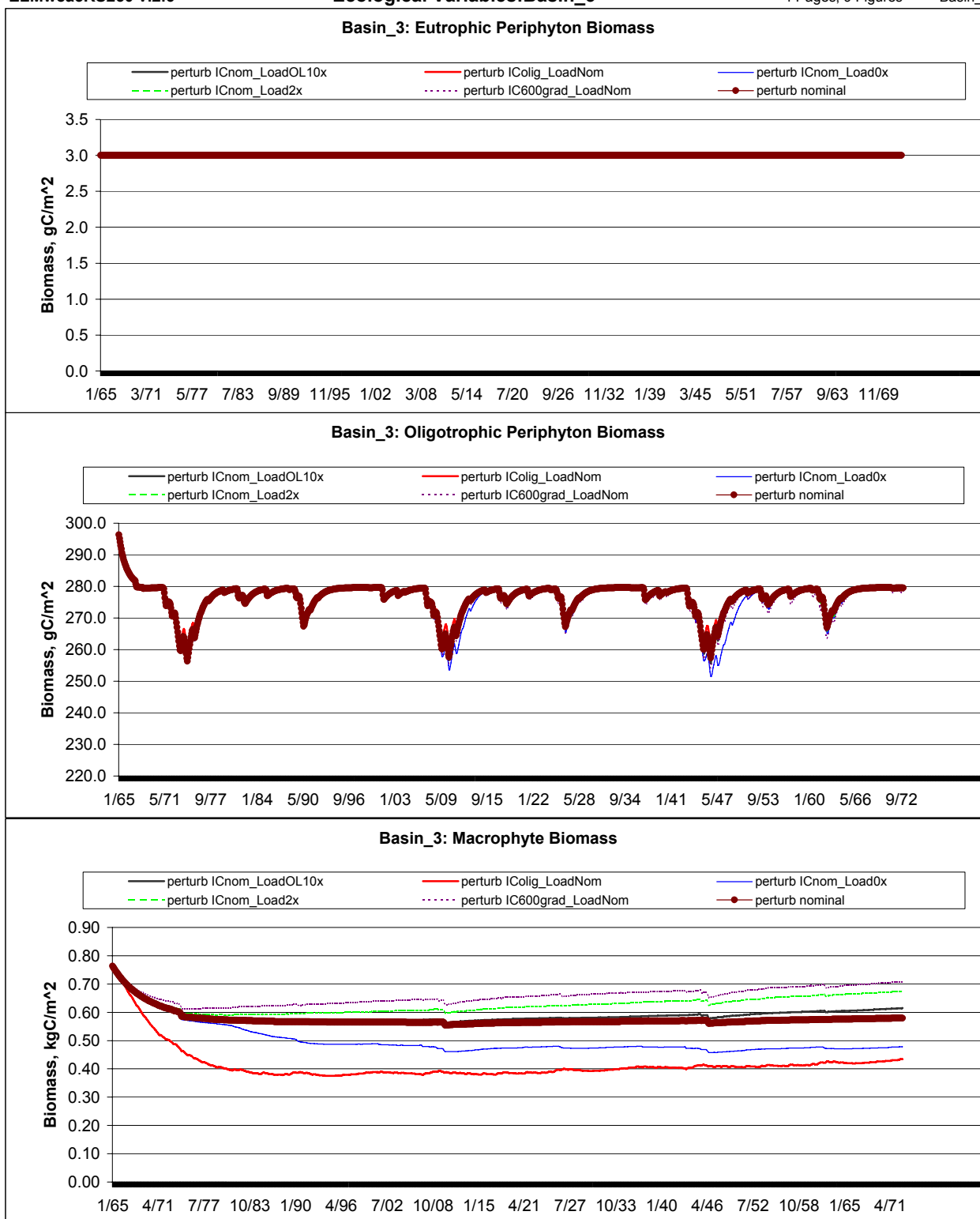


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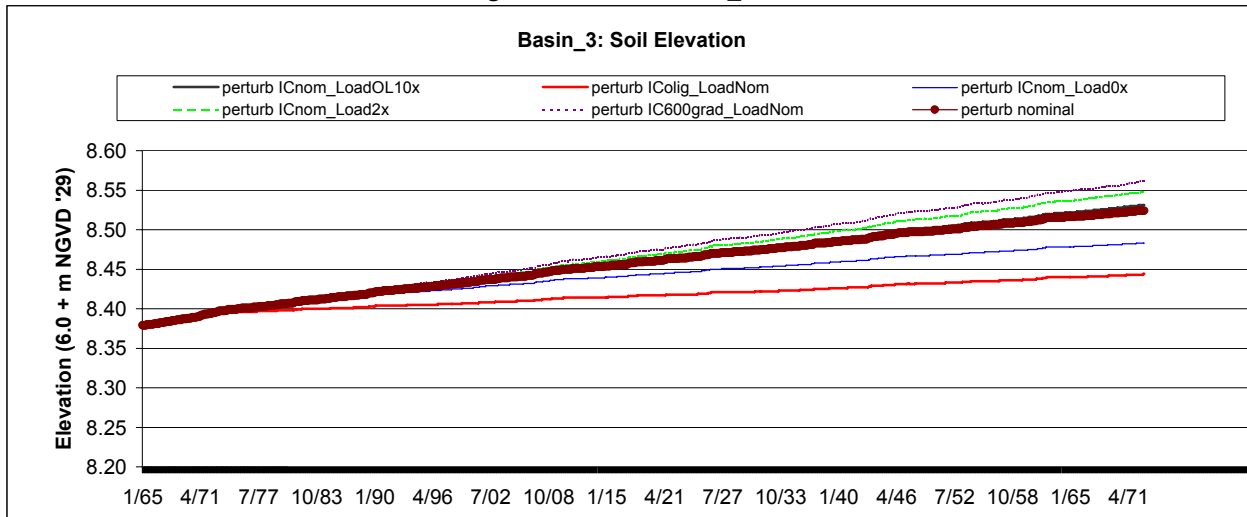


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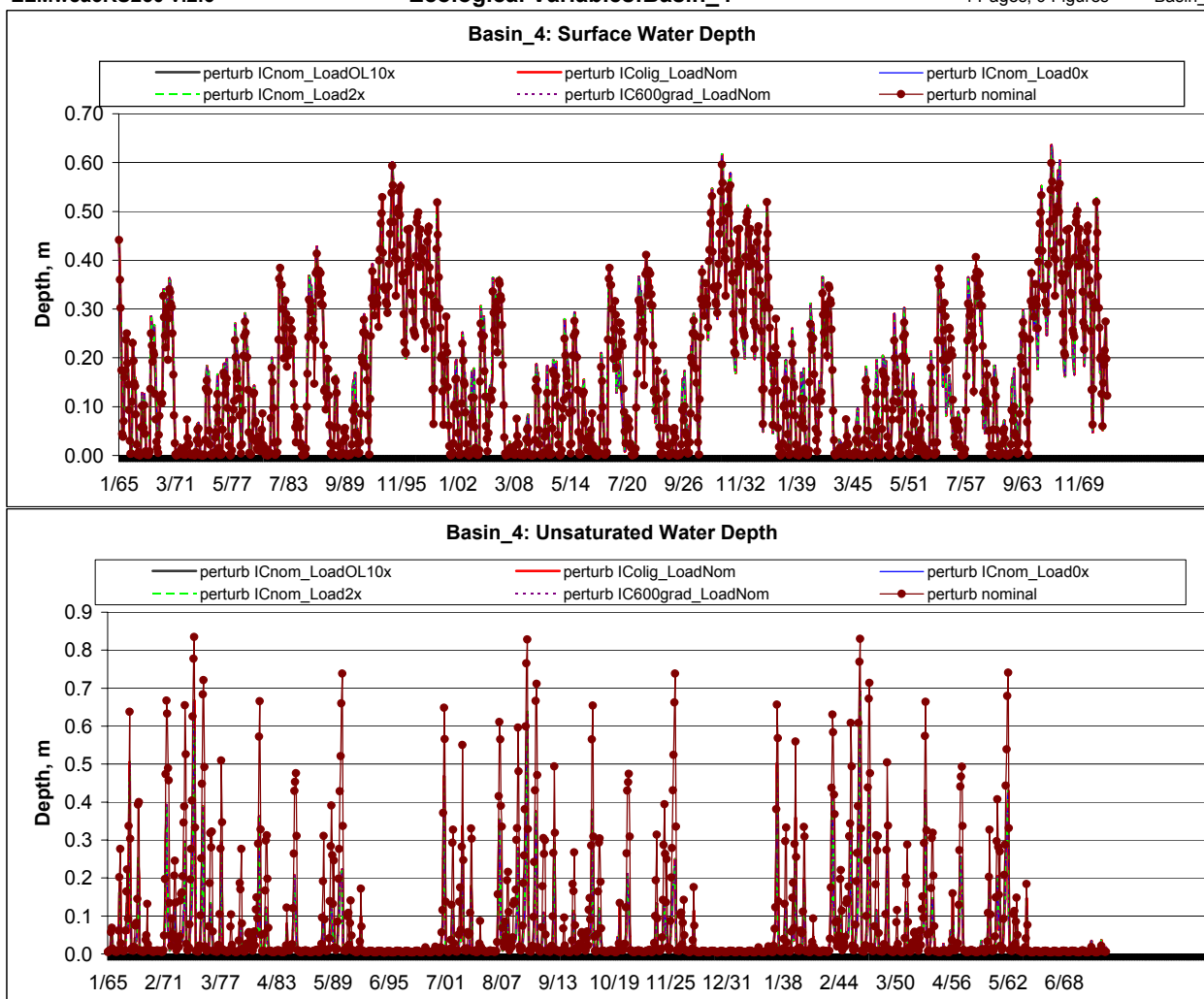


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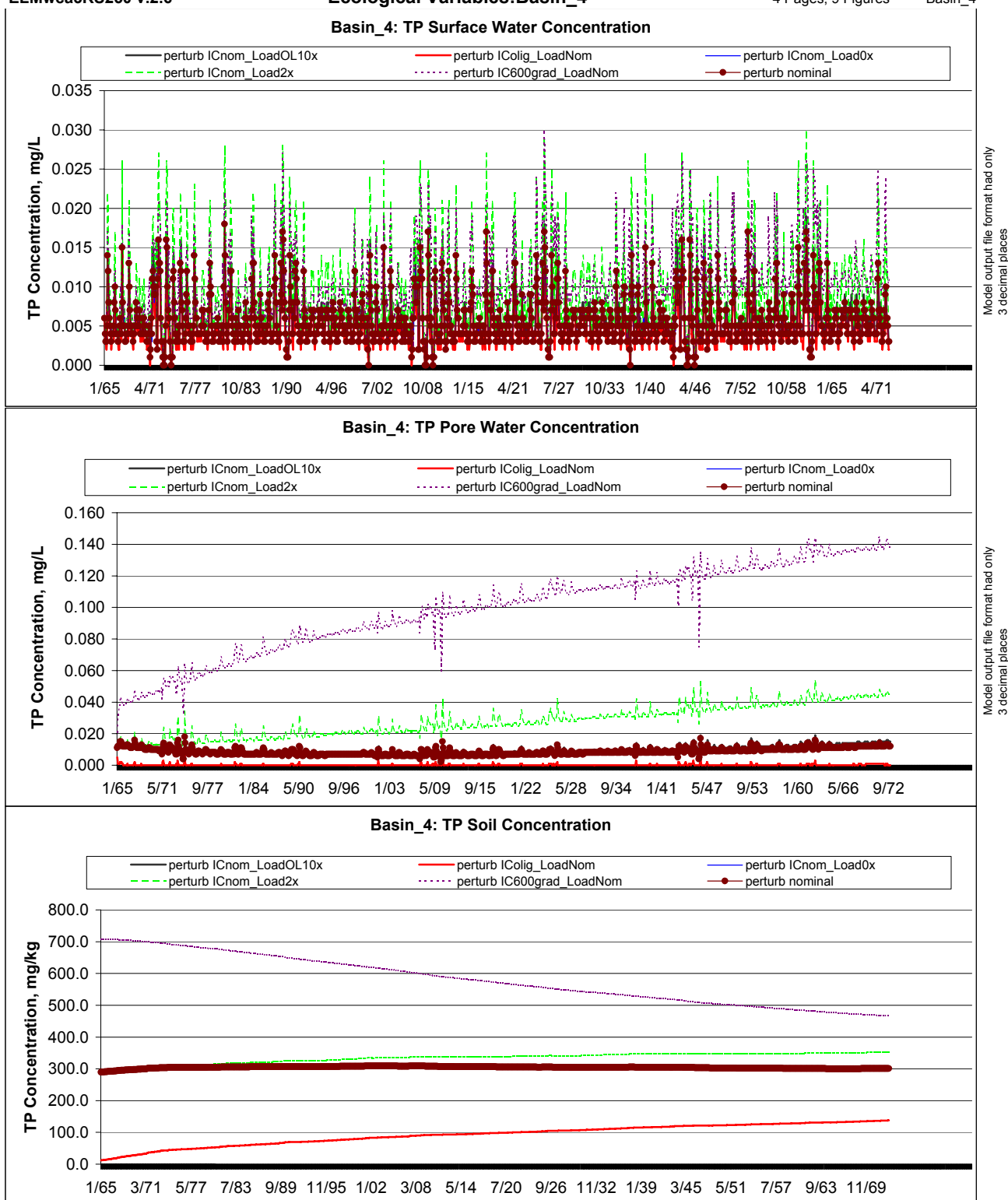


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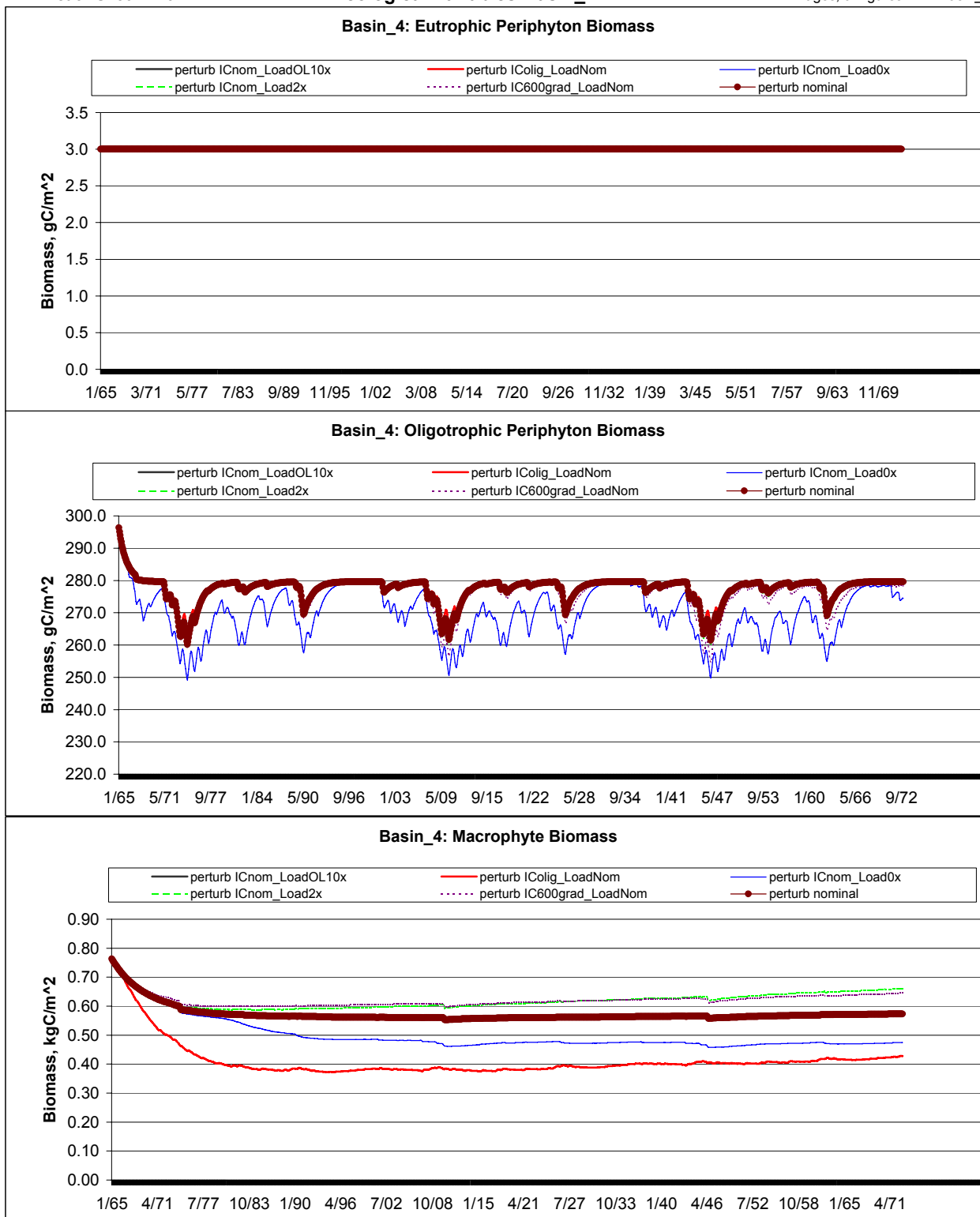


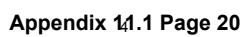
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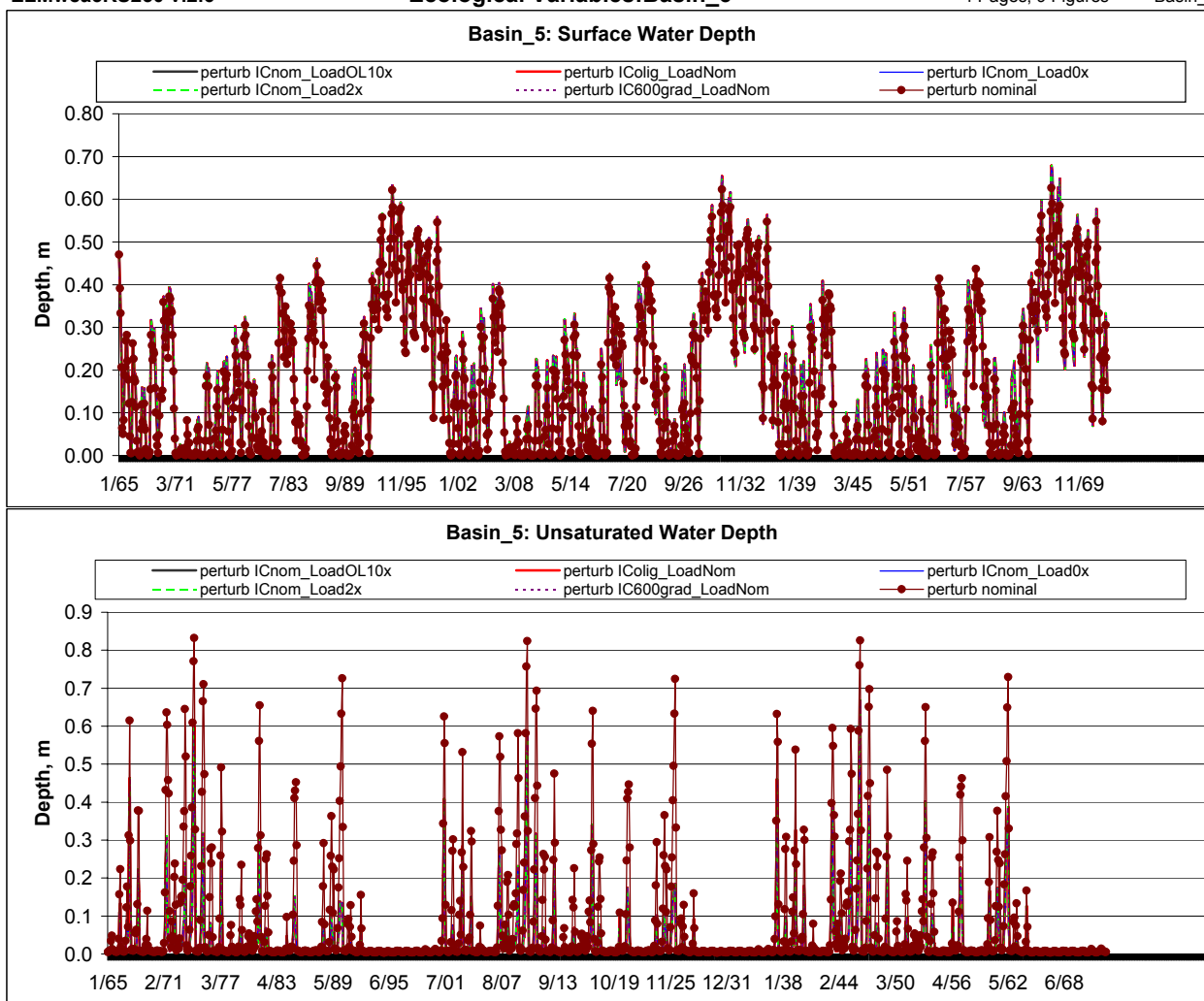


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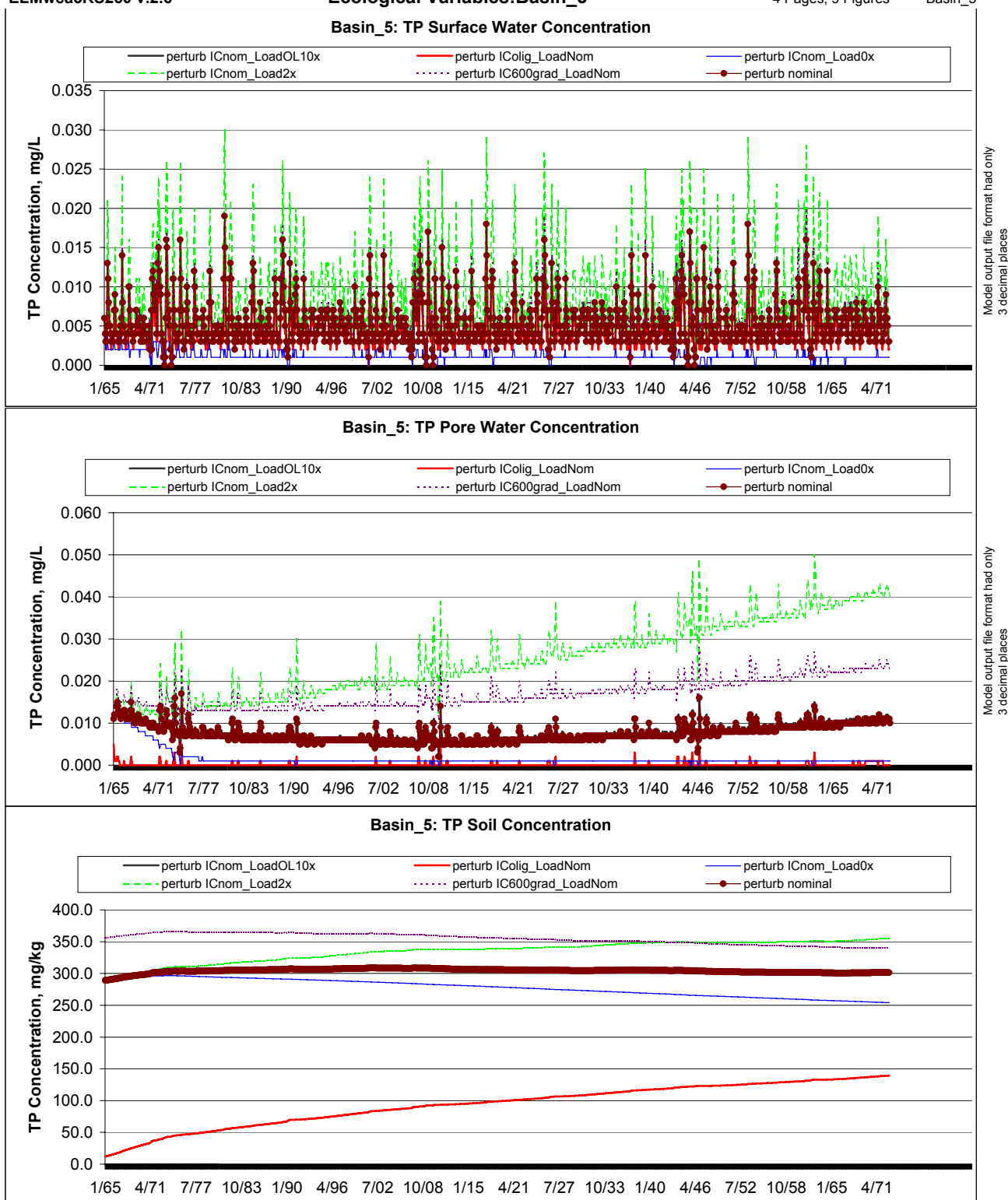


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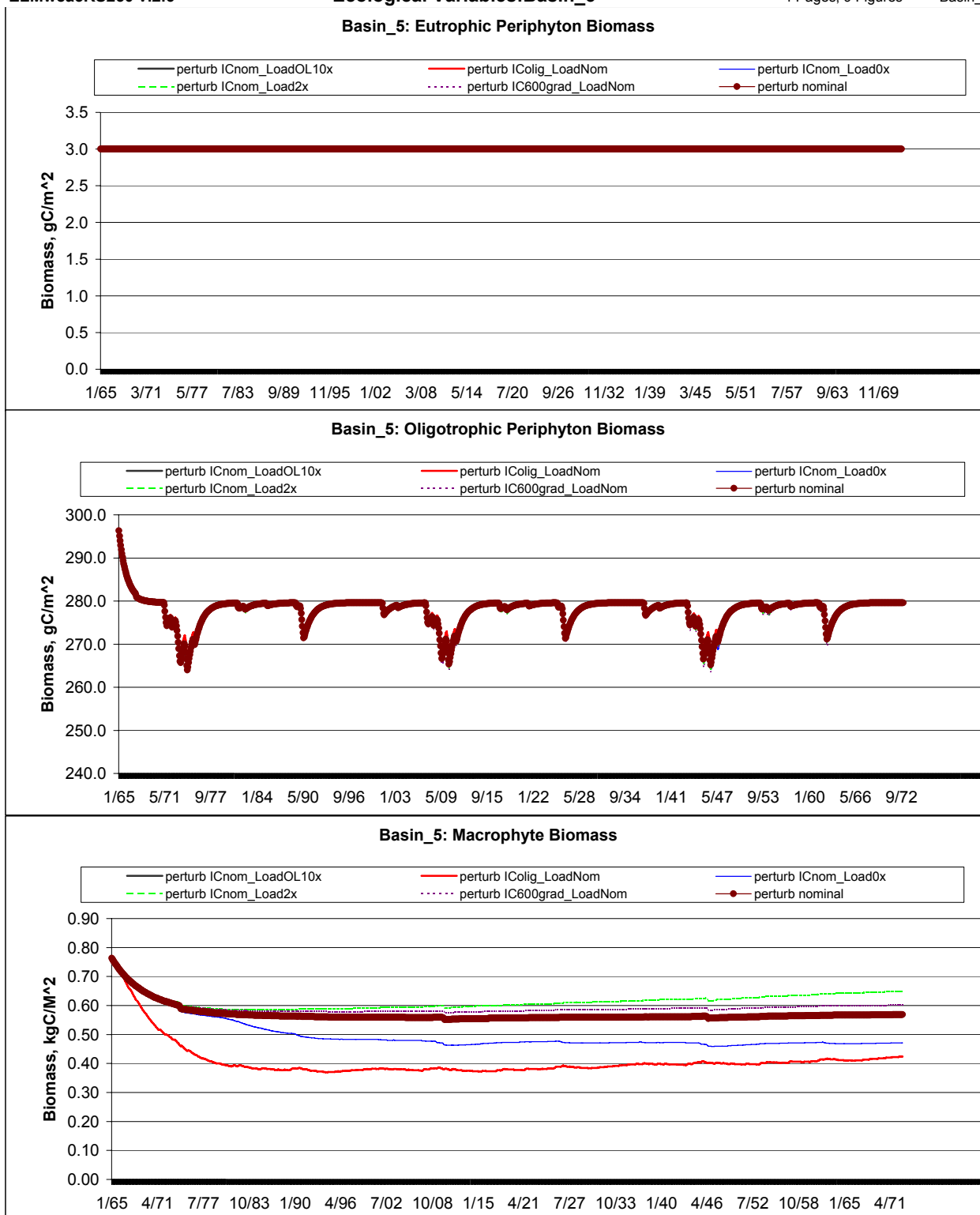


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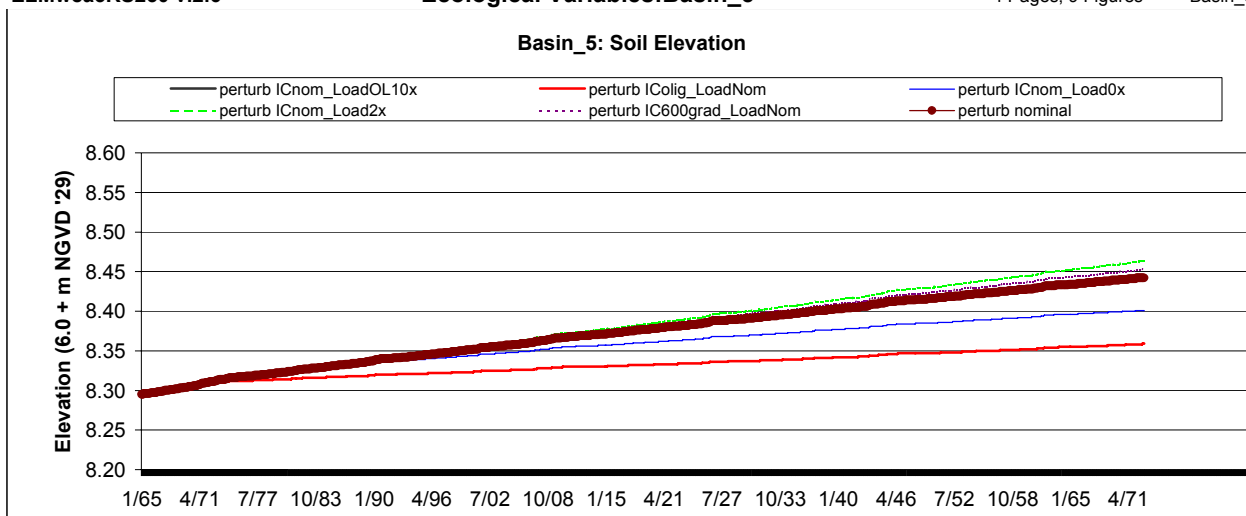


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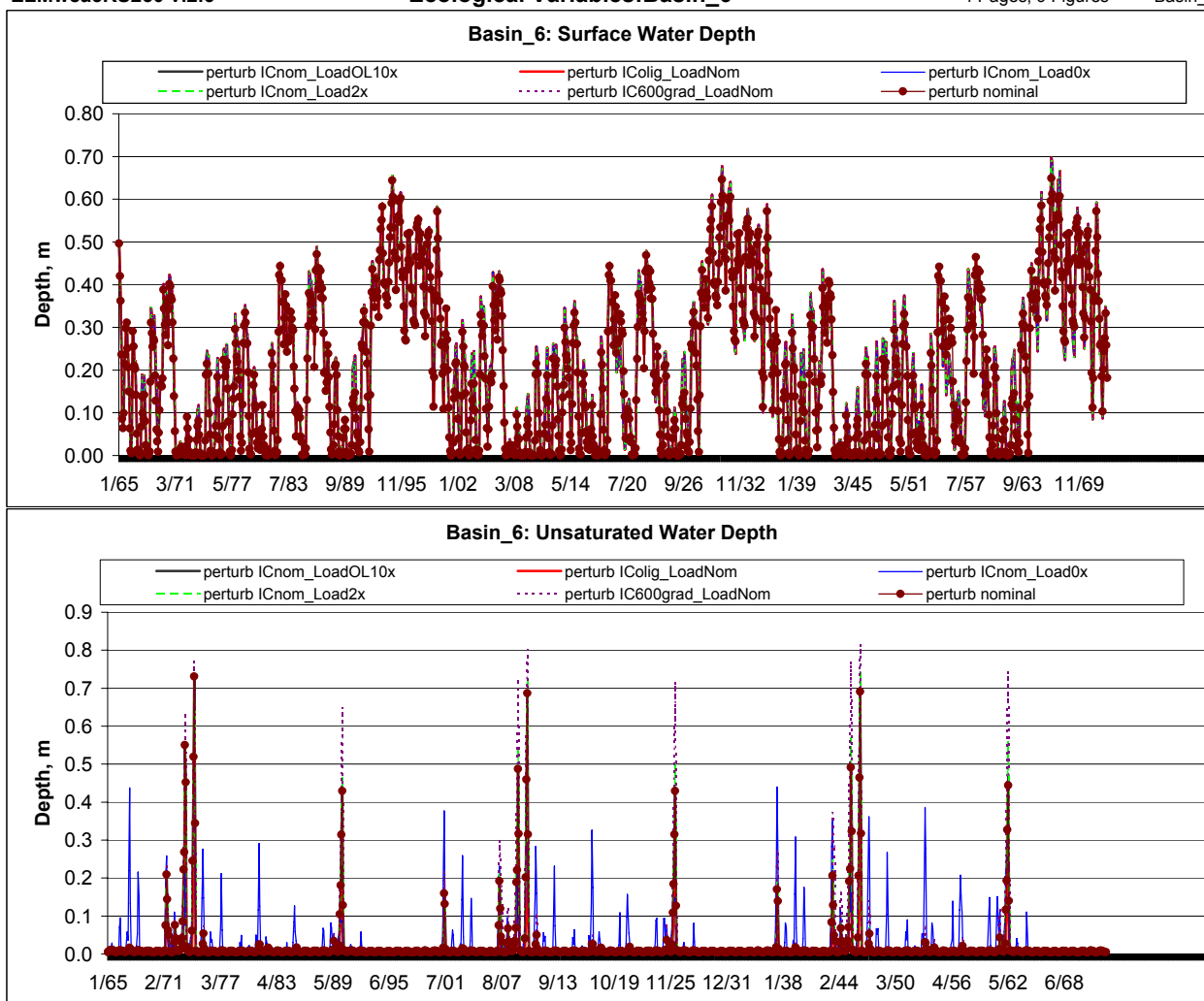


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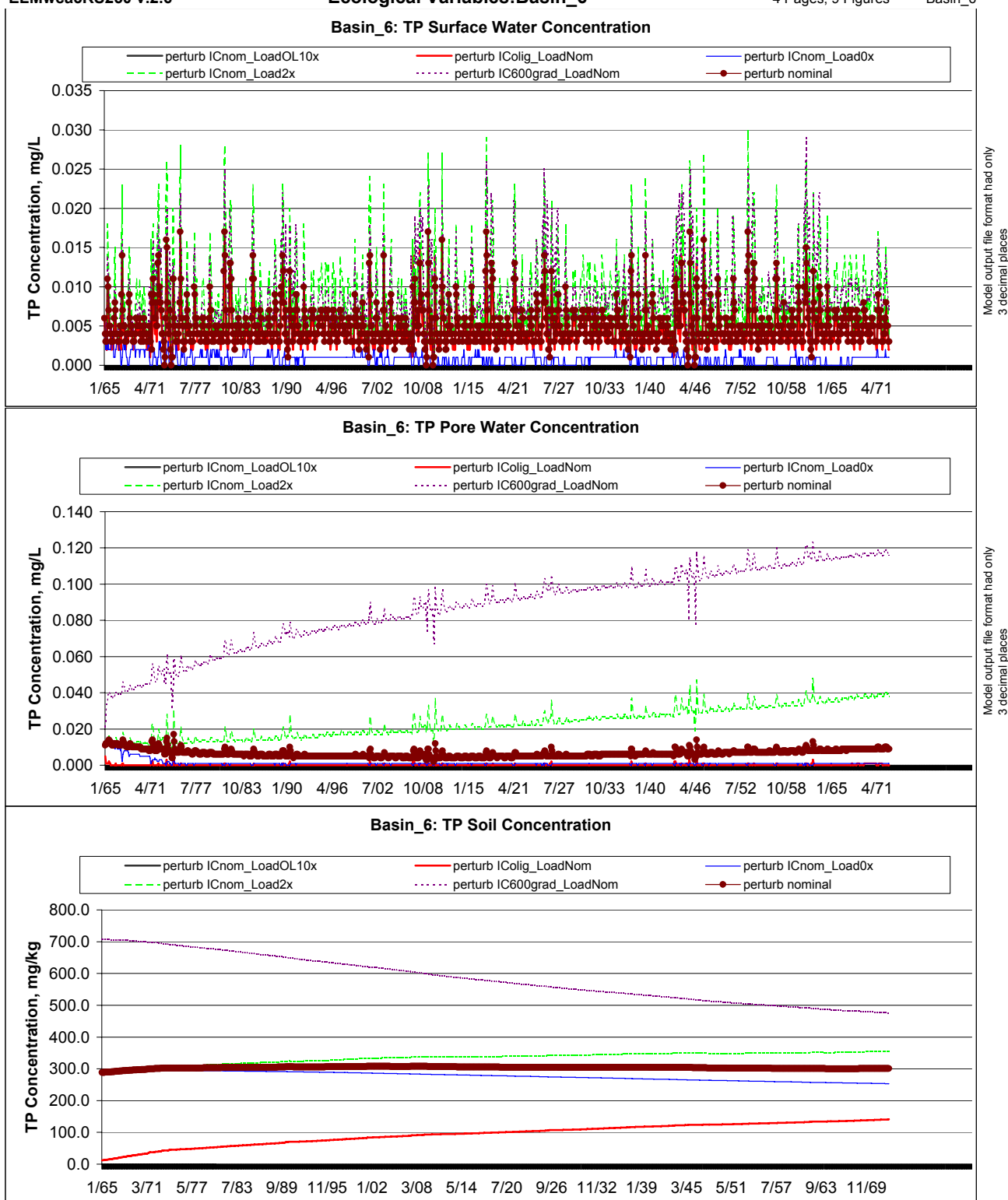


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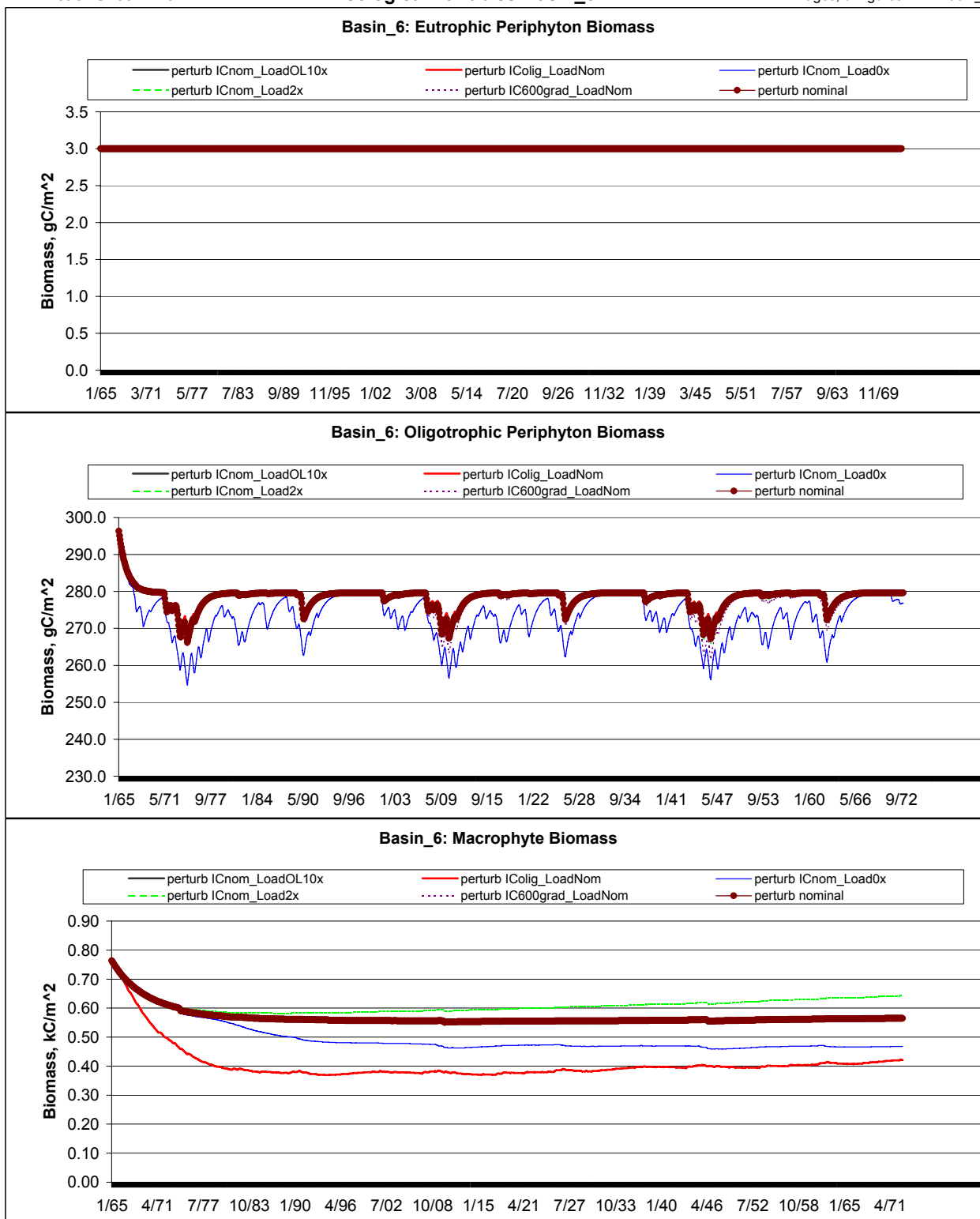


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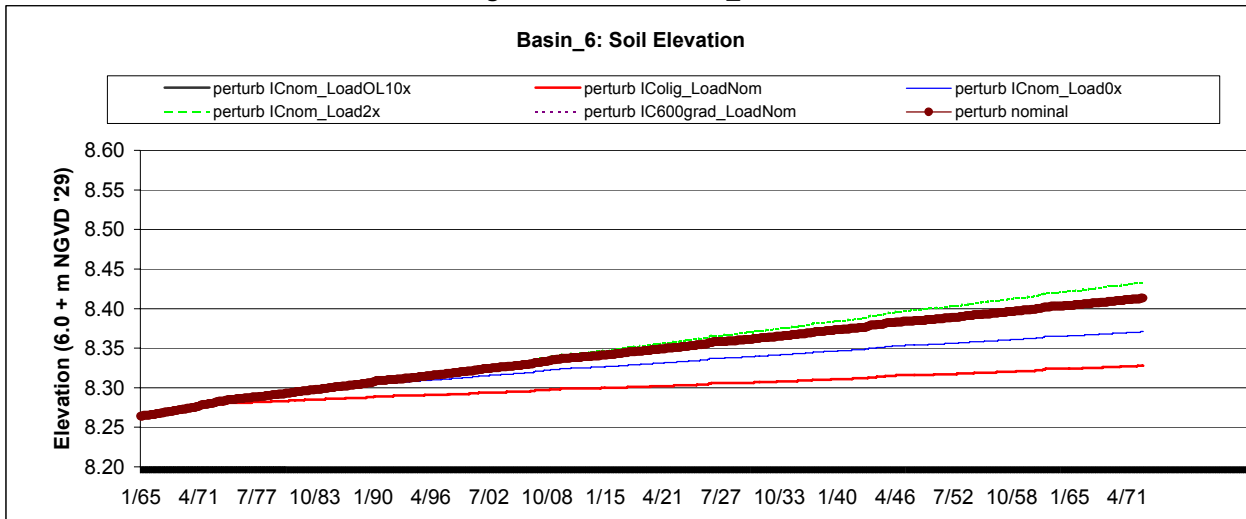


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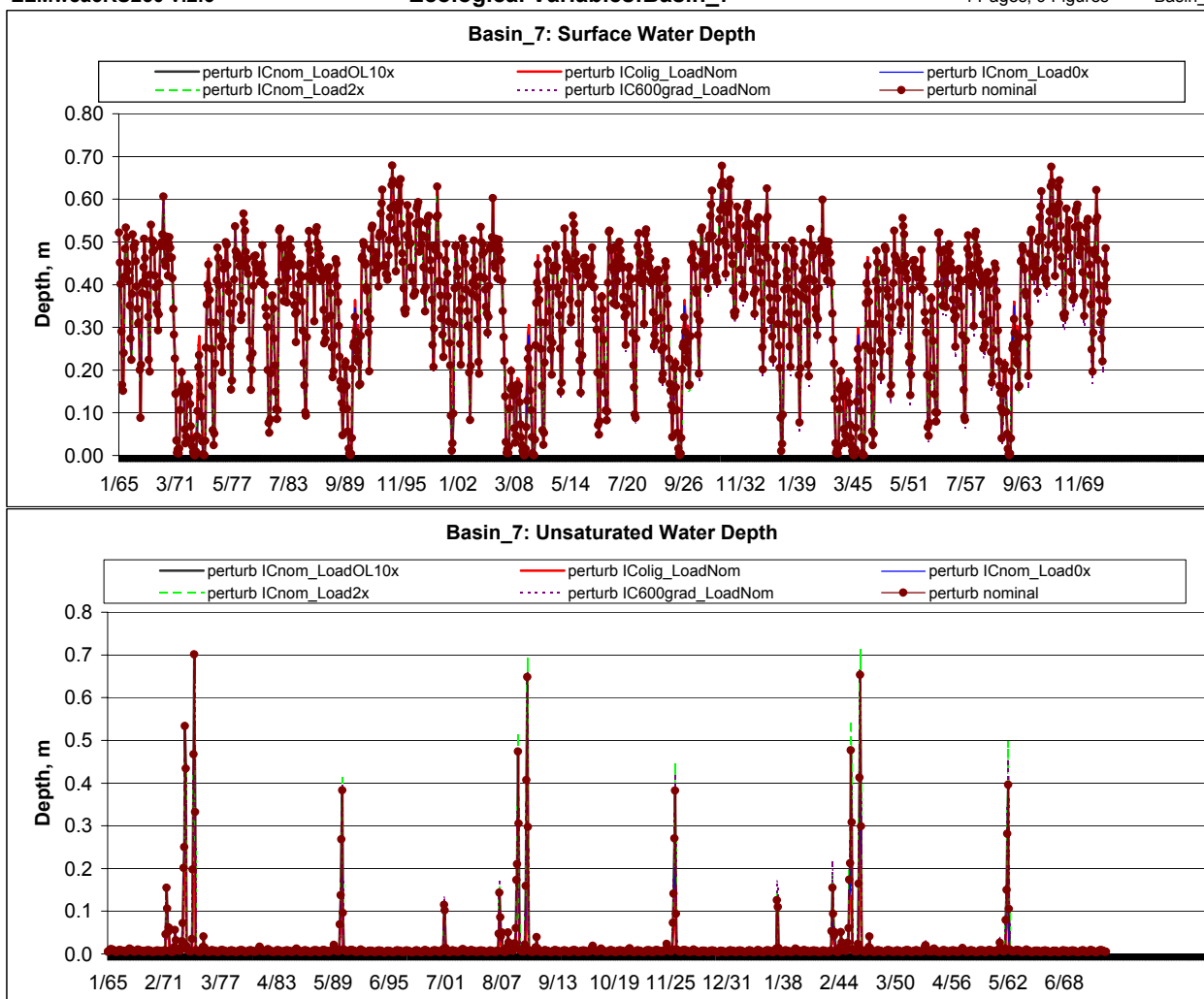


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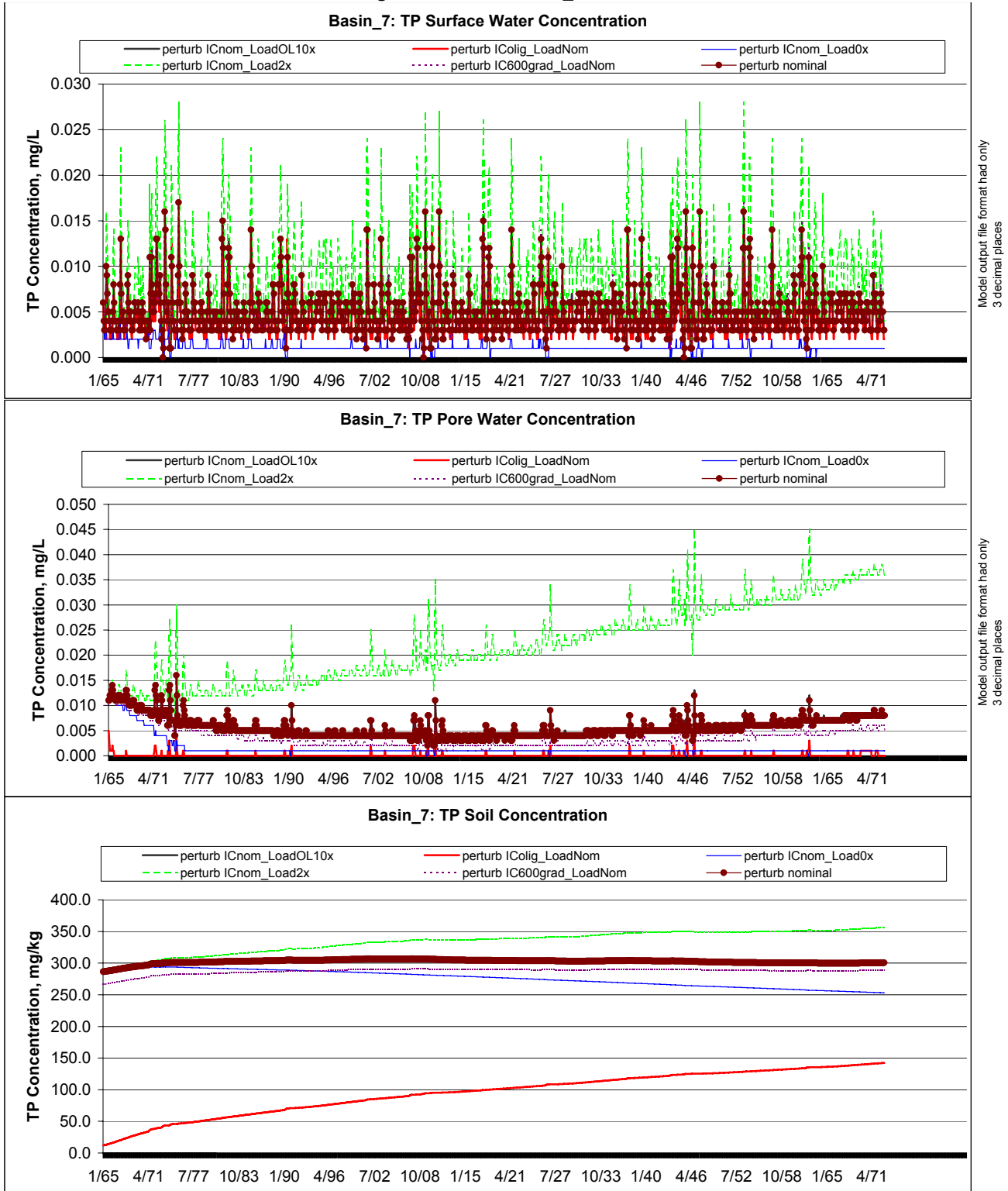


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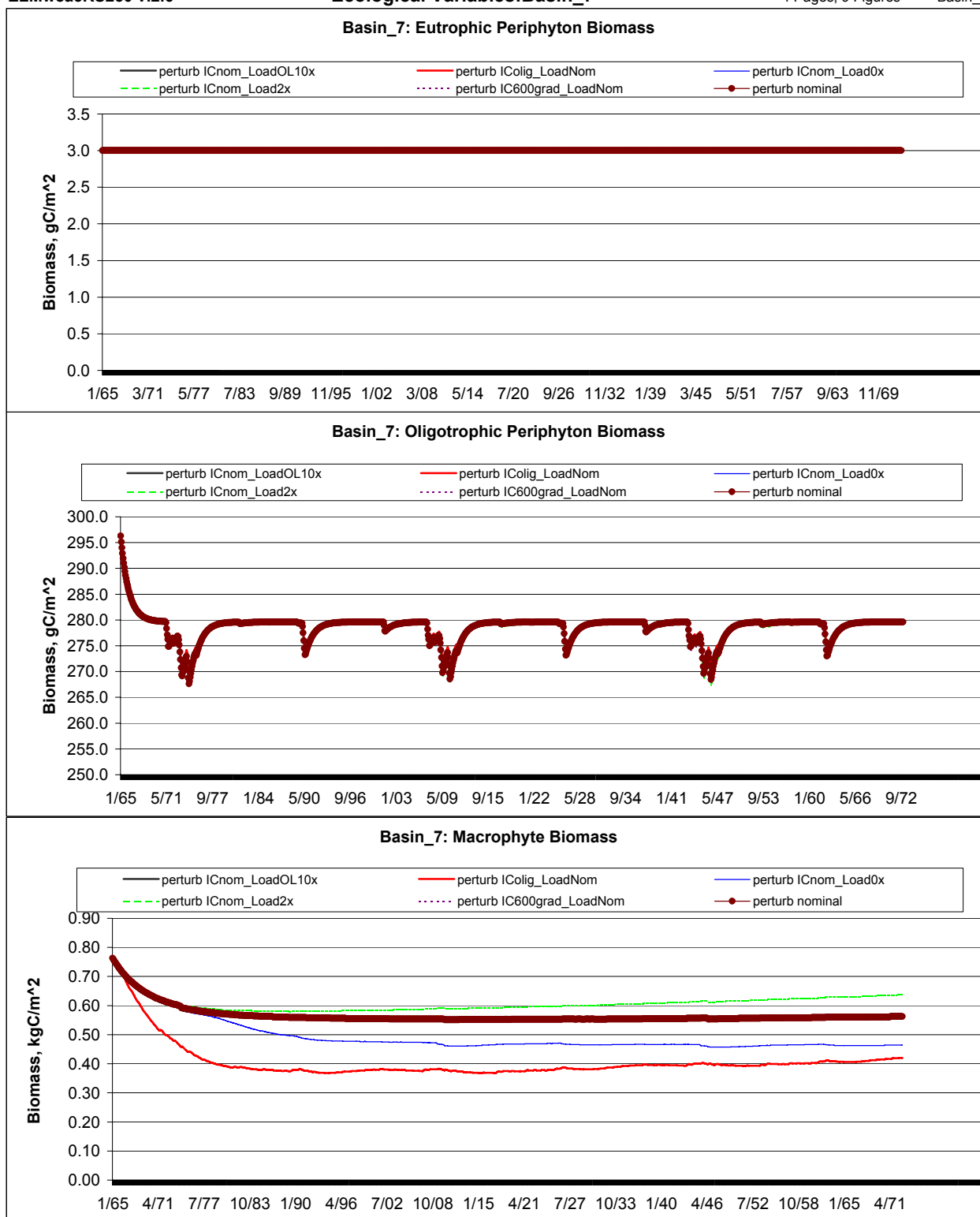


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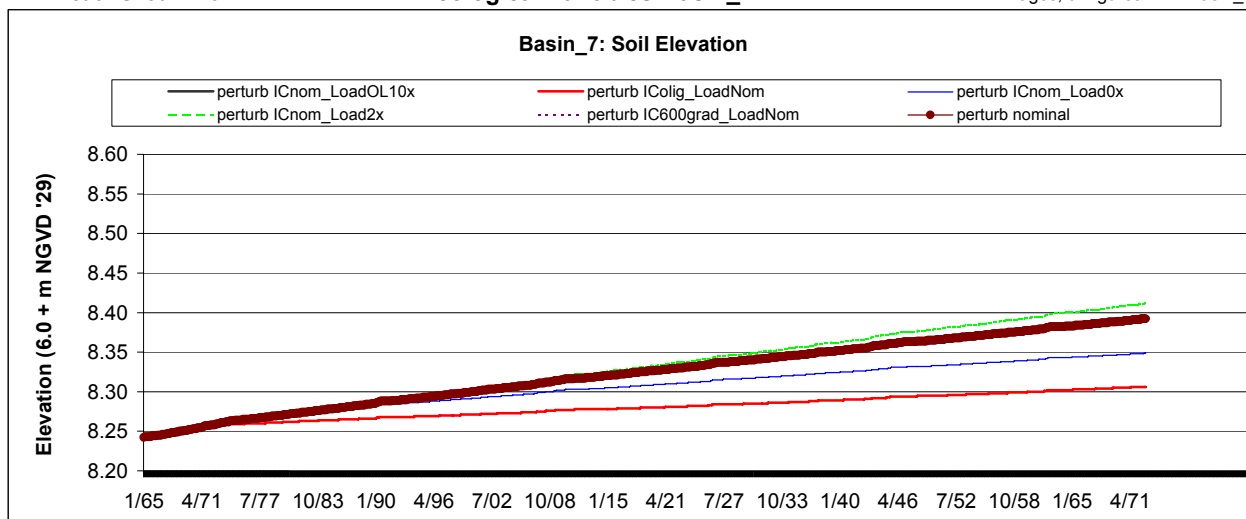


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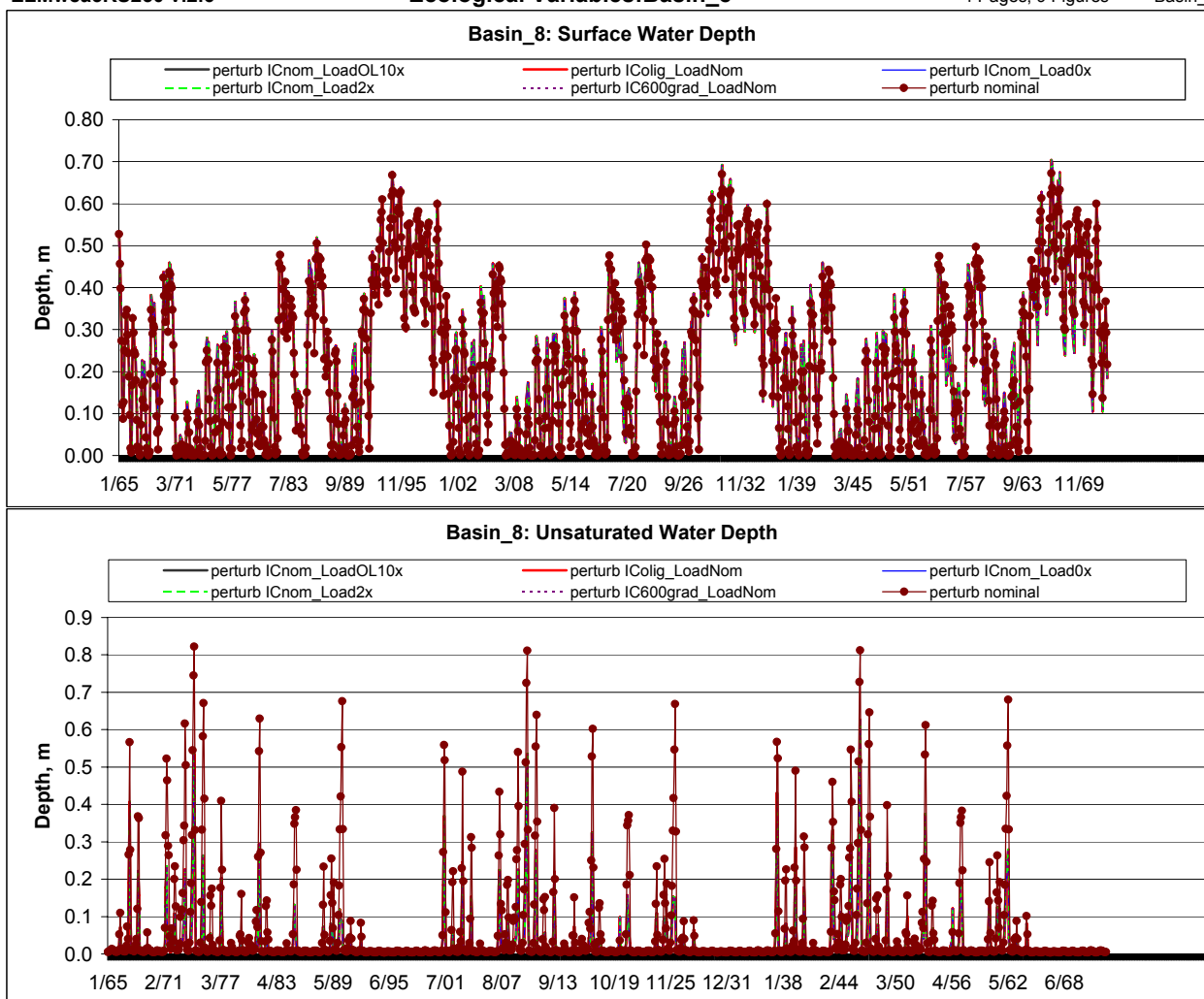


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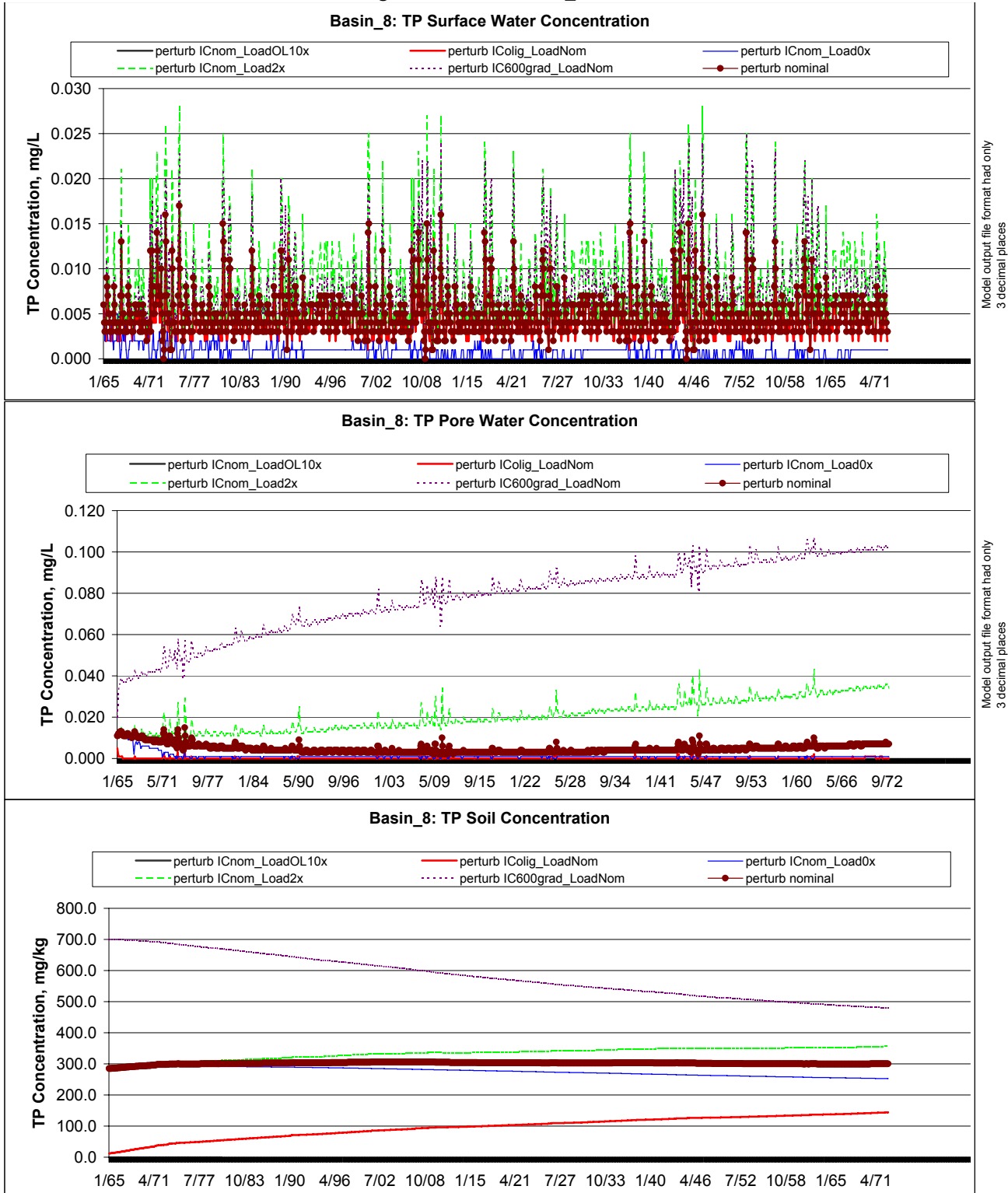


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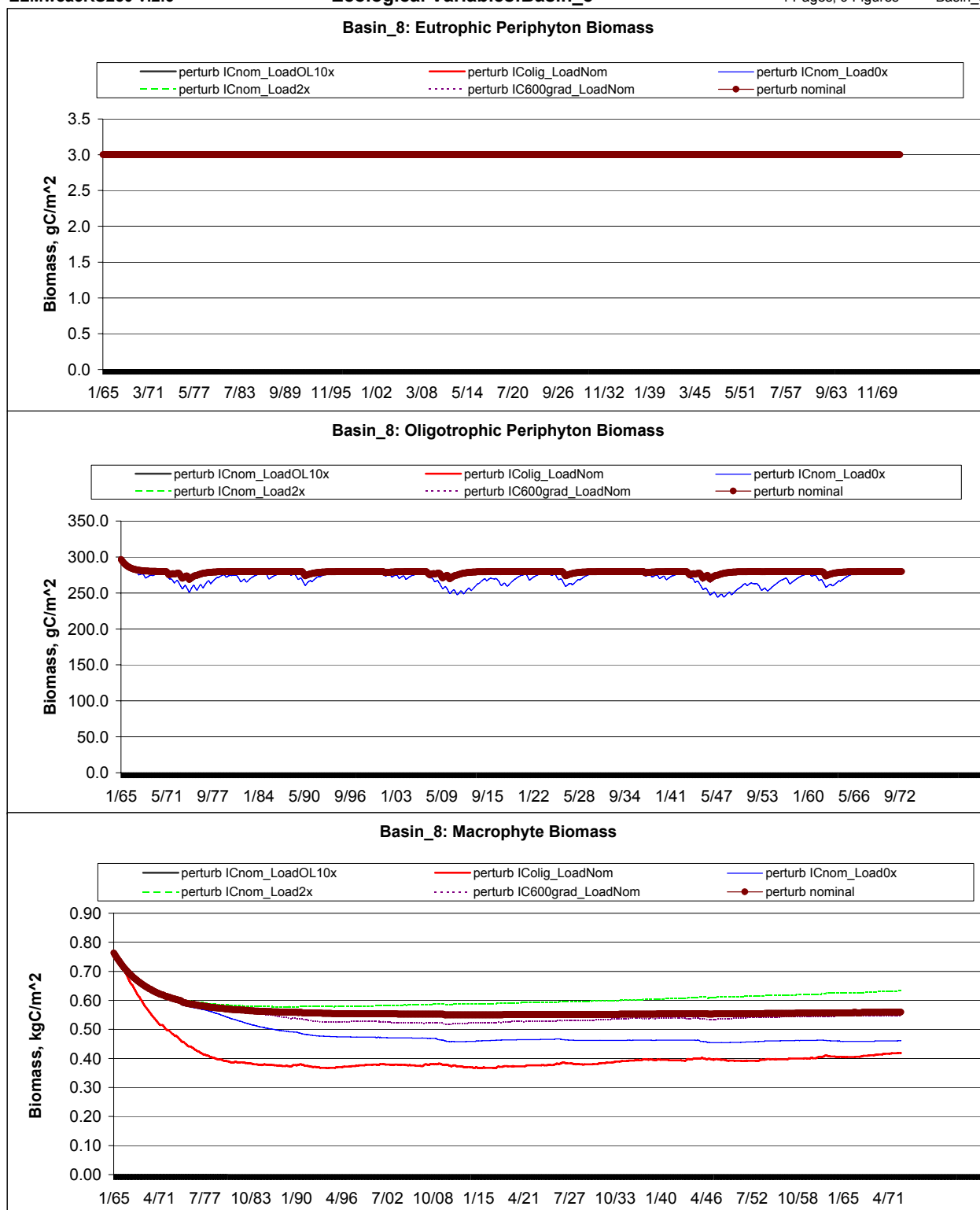


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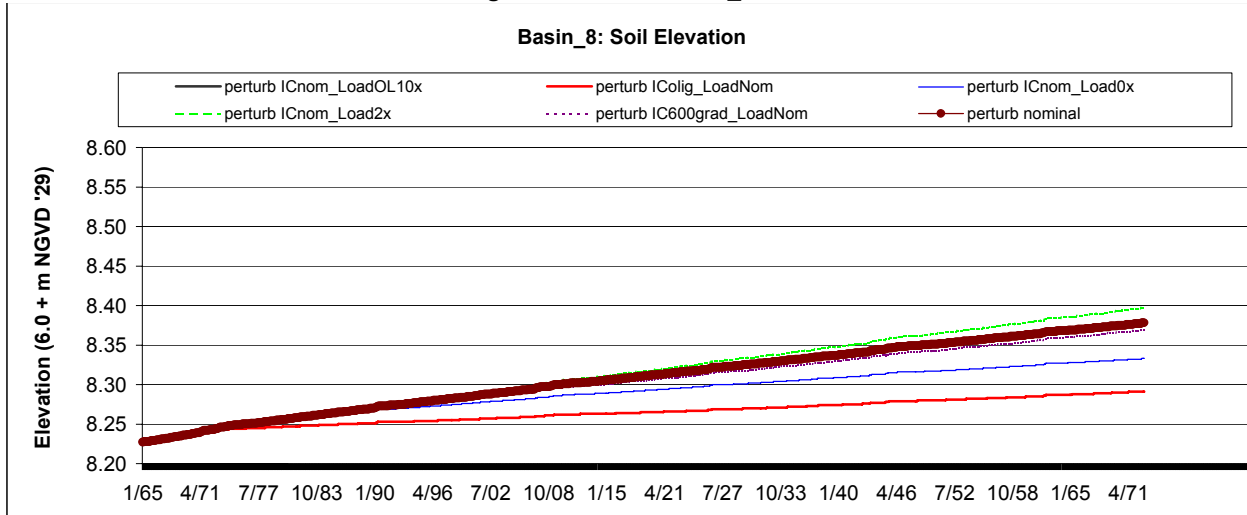


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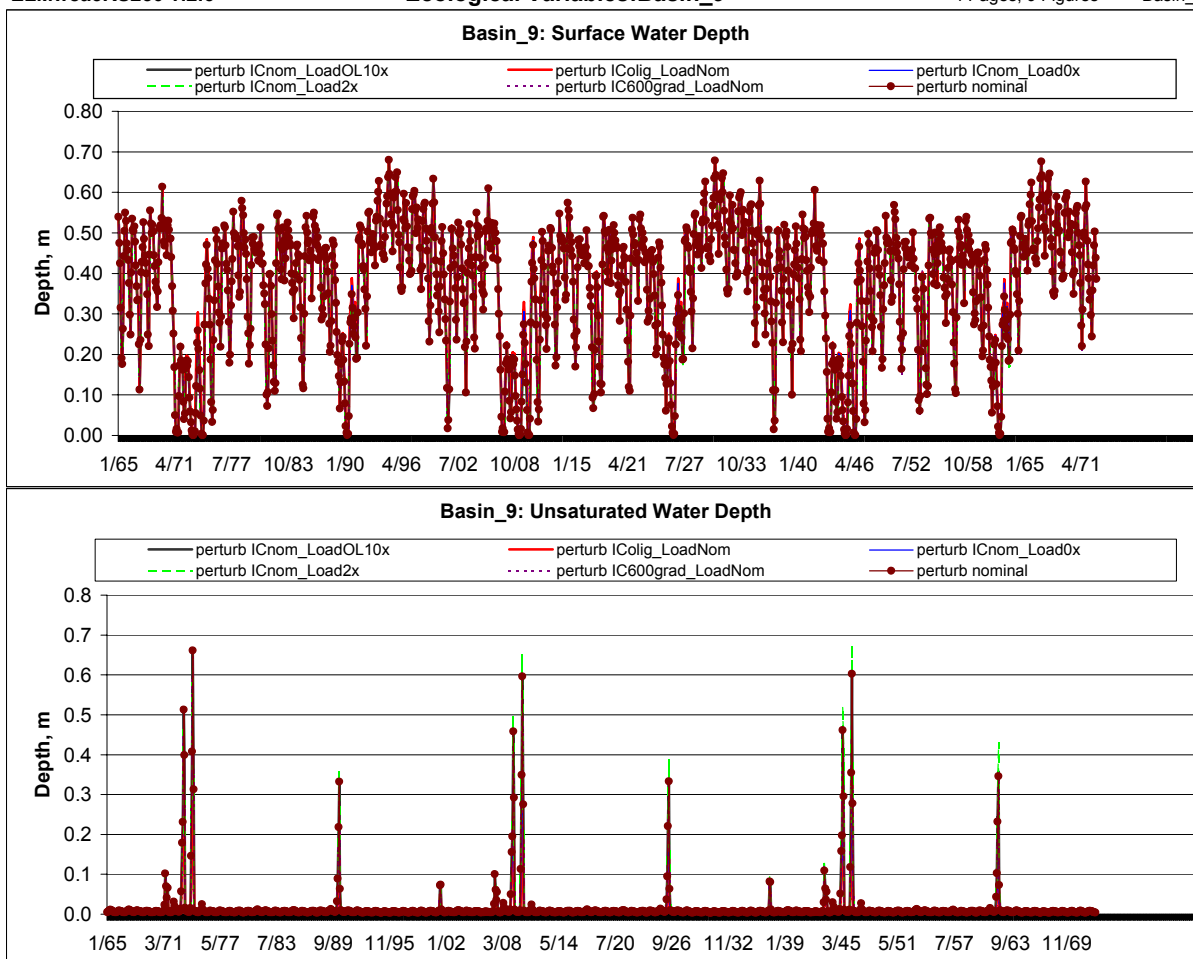


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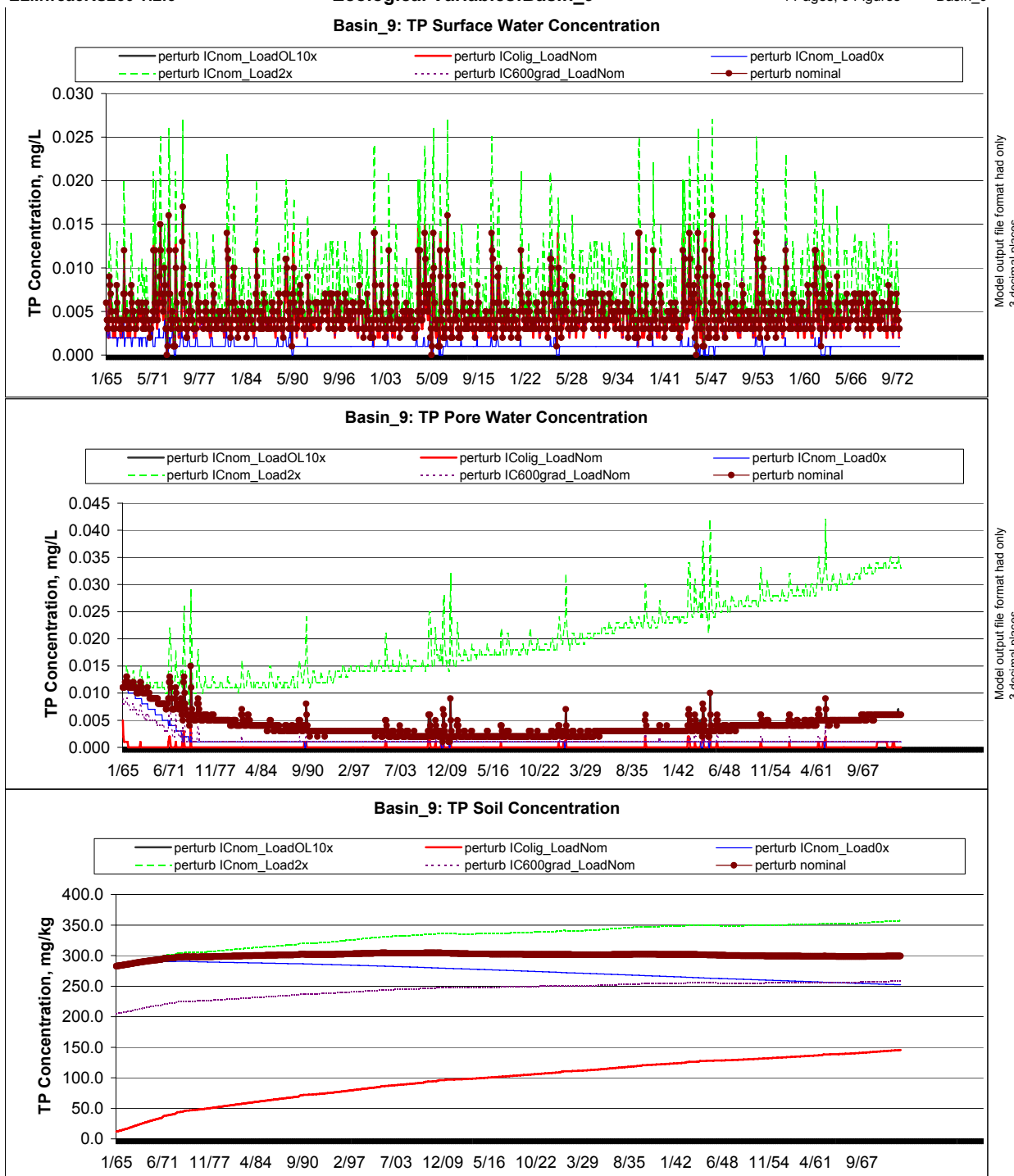


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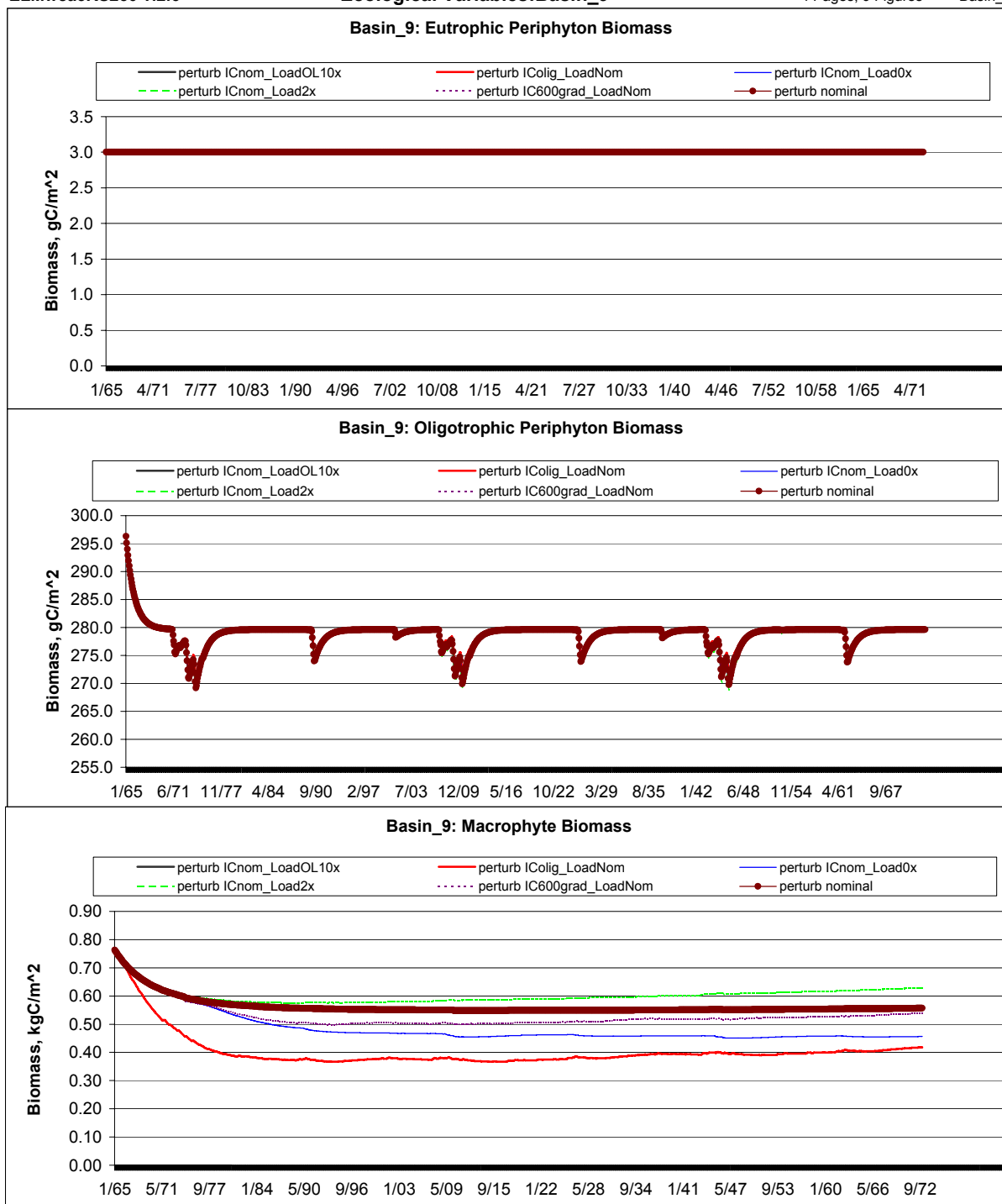


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