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Report 2007-6

Flow, Delta Export, Weather, and Water Quality Data Report:
2003-2007

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Introduction

This report presents graphs of flow, delta export, weather, and water quality in the lower Tuolumne River and San Joaquin River system, primarily over the past 5 years (Years 2003-2007); in some cases the period presented extends back to 1998. The report updates information provided in reports that covered the previous 5-year period of 1998-2002. Those reports were FERC Report 2002-6 for flow and delta export and FERC Report 2002-7 for water temperature, air temperature, and conductivity data.

Included are additional conductivity, turbidity, and dissolved oxygen data collected by the Turlock and Modesto Irrigation Districts (TID/MID) or U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) and the weather data now includes precipitation. However, data tables are not included in this report.

Data Sources

The recording sites for water temperature, conductivity, and flow data, obtained from the USGS and California Department of Water Resources (DWR), are shown in Figure 1. Flows for the Tuolumne River at La Grange and Modesto were graphed by water year (WY) as were San Joaquin River (SJR) basin flows for various locations. Daily average flow at Vernalis (SJR) and combined SWP and CVP delta exports were also graphed for the WY 2003-2007 period. In addition, the difference of Vernalis flow minus the combined delta export was graphed for the WY 2003-2007 period.

Water temperatures have been collected by TID/MID at sites along the Tuolumne River from below the La Grange Dam [River Mile (RM) 52.1] to the confluence with the San Joaquin River (RM 0.0) beginning in the spring of 1987 and continuing to the present. Some sites have varied over the years, but the entire Tuolumne reach has been represented by a minimum of five sites. There are currently nine sites located on the Tuolumne River. The two San Joaquin River sites are at Gardner Cove (RM 79.1) and Dos Rios Ranch (RM 86.2) - the sites are shown in Figure 2.

Water temperature data was originally collected by TID/MID using Ryan TempMentor (RTM) temperature recorders (thermographs). In November 2001 and June 2002, those were replaced with Optic Stowaway recorders and in August 2007 those were replaced by Hobo Pro V2 recorders. The thermographs are housed in protective cases and are placed in the water near shore in areas deep enough to prevent them from being dewatered. All thermographs used in the study were programmed to collect and store water temperatures at one-hour intervals. Data from the thermographs was typically downloaded twice a year. Other water temperature data was recorded by USGS or DWR.

The hourly water temperature data was converted to daily average, minimum, and maximum temperatures. Daily average water temperatures for groups of monitoring locations were graphed for the water year (WY) period of 2003-2007. The nine Tuolumne River sites and the

two San Joaquin River sites were also graphed by location using daily minimum and maximum temperatures. In addition to the TID/MID water temperature data, three USGS locations with water temperature recorders were also graphed using daily min/max data. Temperatures known or suspected to be inaccurate were omitted from the graphs.

Air temperature data was graphed by water year using daily minimum and maximum temperatures recorded by MID. Precipitation data recorded by MID at Modesto was graphed from January 1998 to January 2008.

Conductivity data was obtained from the (USGS) for Patterson and Vernalis on the San Joaquin River and for Modesto on the Tuolumne River and were graphed for WY 2003-2007. Additional measurements were taken during the TID/MID fishery studies along with turbidity and dissolved oxygen readings.

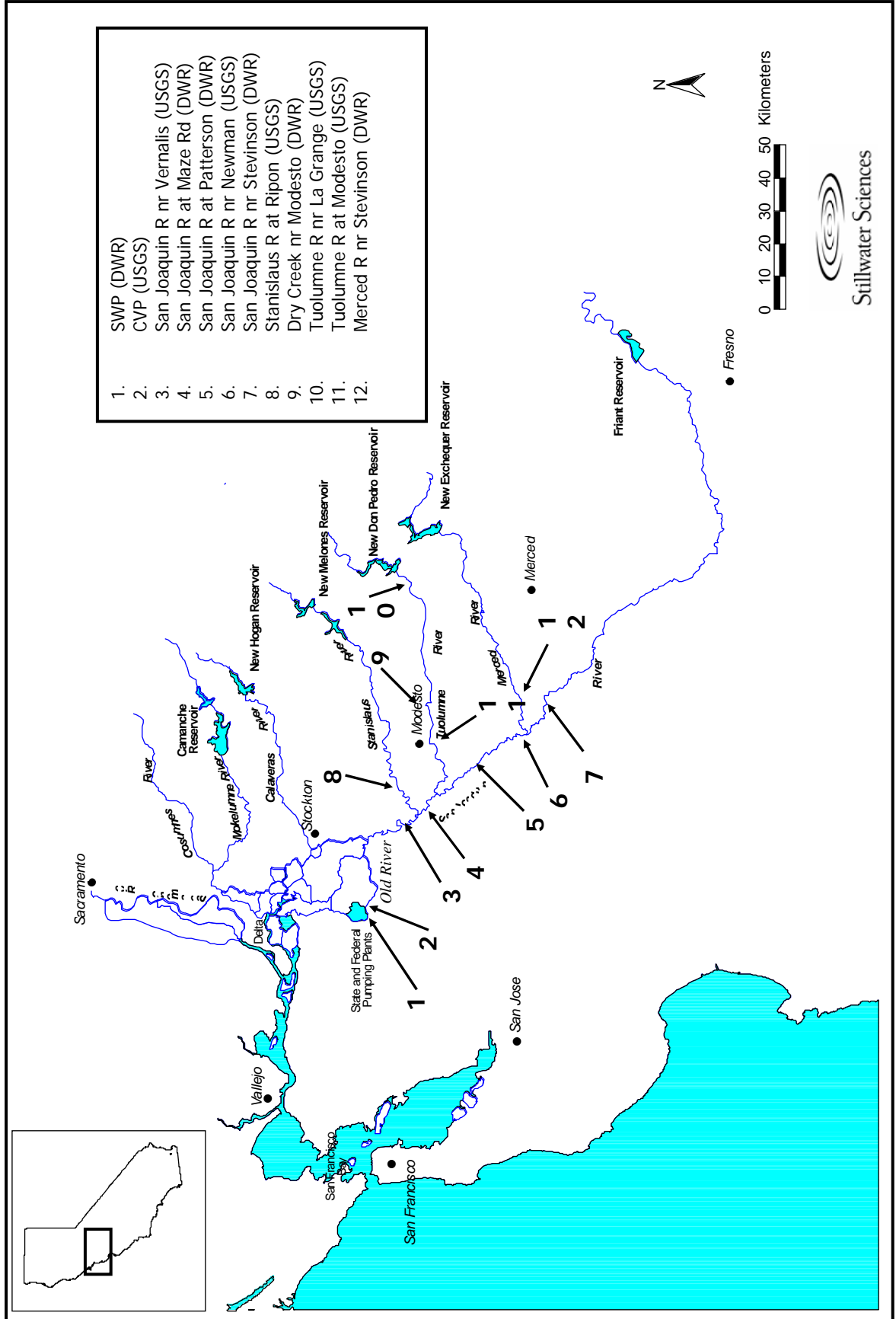


Figure 1. San Joaquin Basin measurement sites.

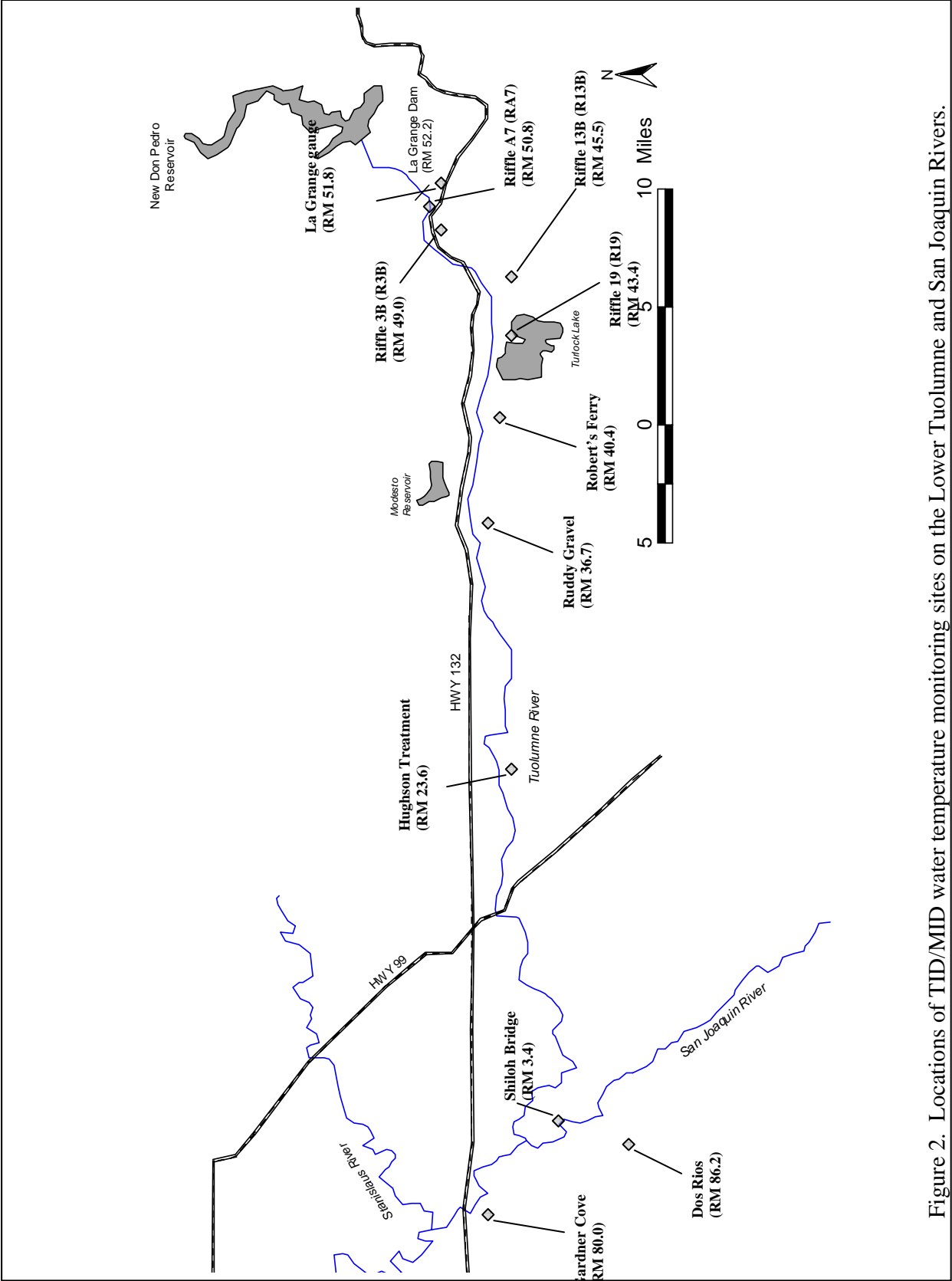


Figure 2. Locations of TID/MID water temperature monitoring sites on the Lower Tuolumne and San Joaquin Rivers.

APPENDICES

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Tuolumne River at La Grange and Modesto

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Riffle 13B to Roberts Ferry Bridge

Ruddy Gravel to Shiloh Bridge

Dos Rios (SJR) and Gardner Cove (SJR)

Daily minimum and maximum water temperature

All TID/MID locations

USGS locations: La Grange, Modesto, and Vernalis

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Daily minimum and maximum air temperature at Modesto, CA

Water Years 2003 to 2007

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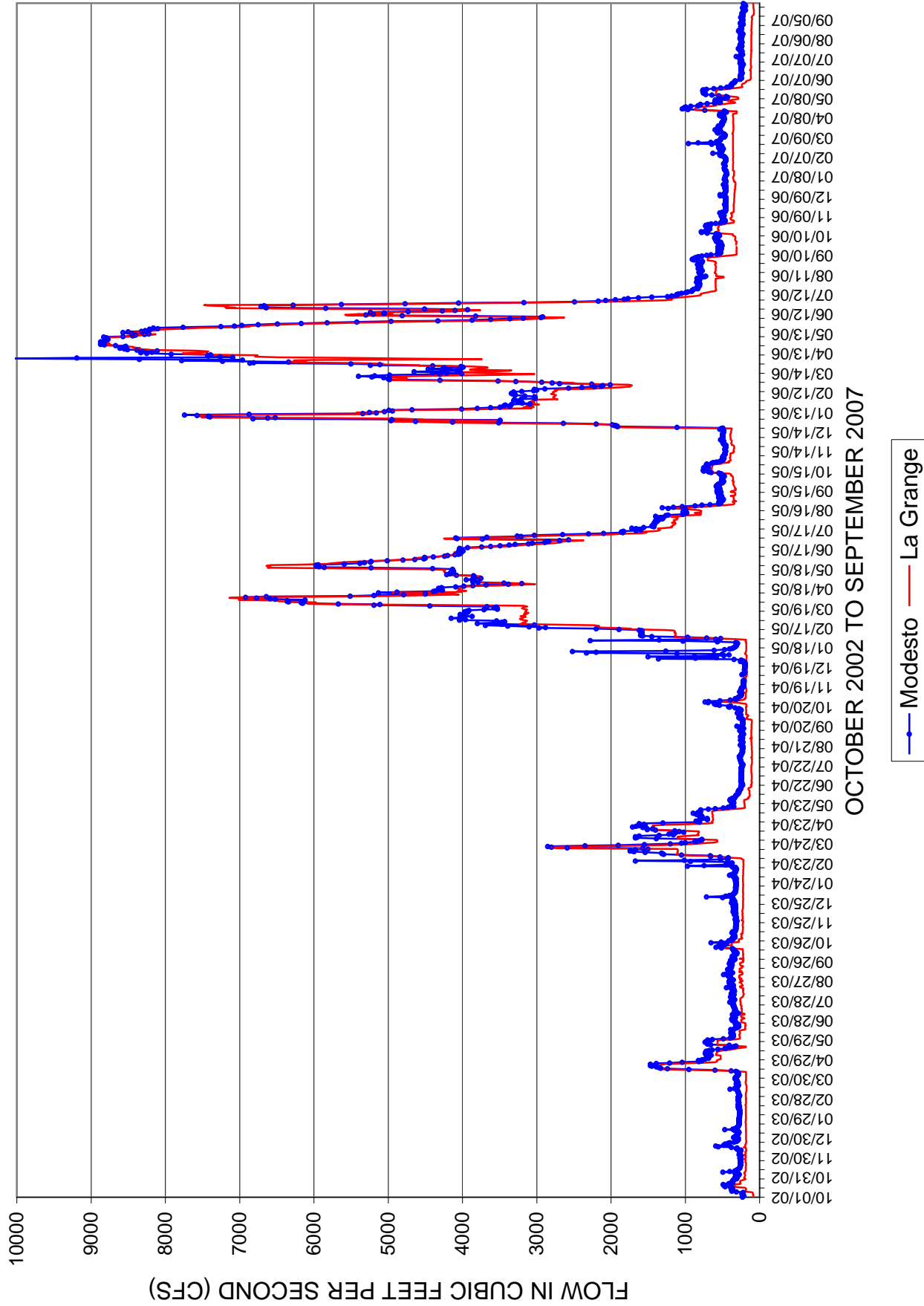
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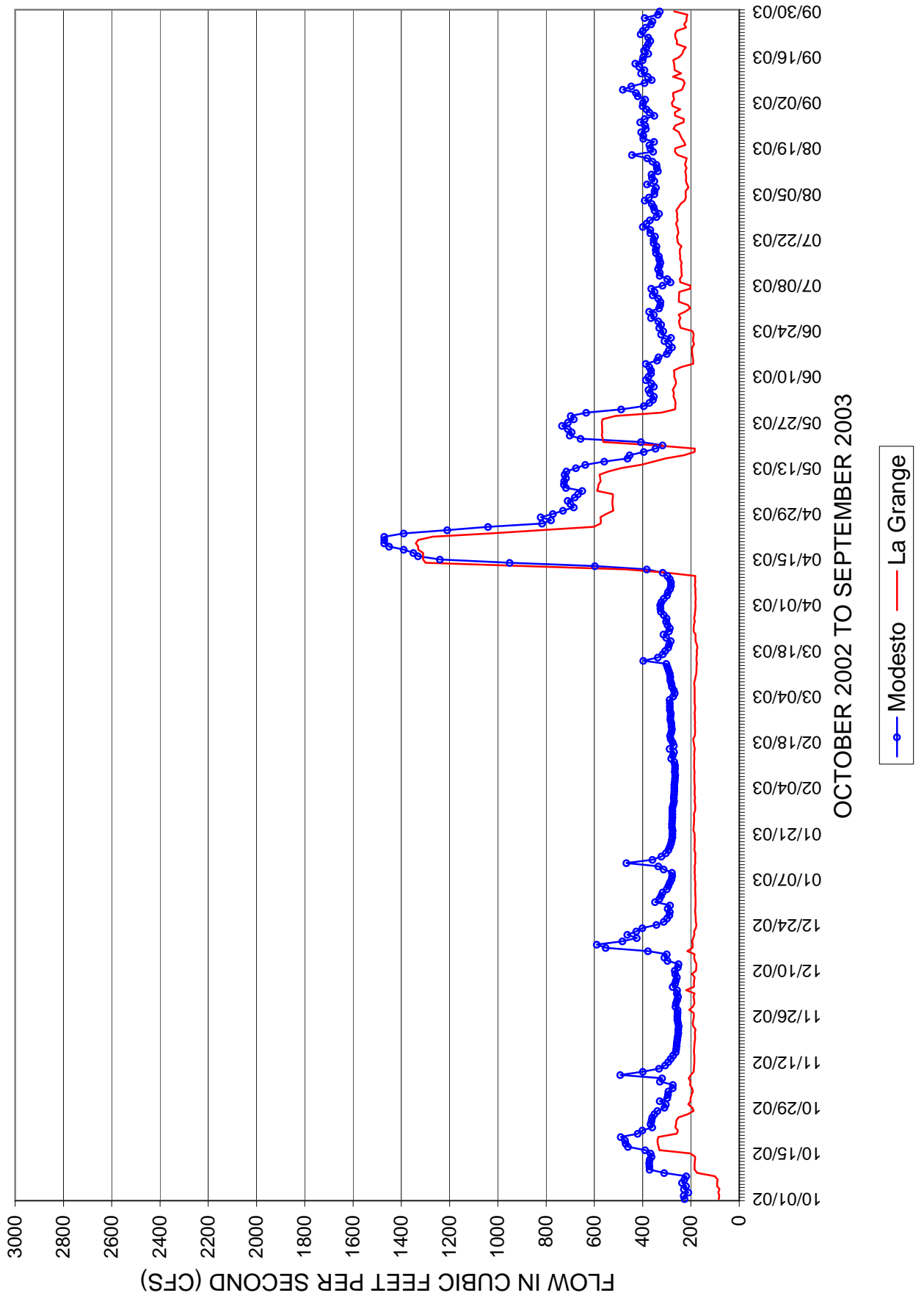
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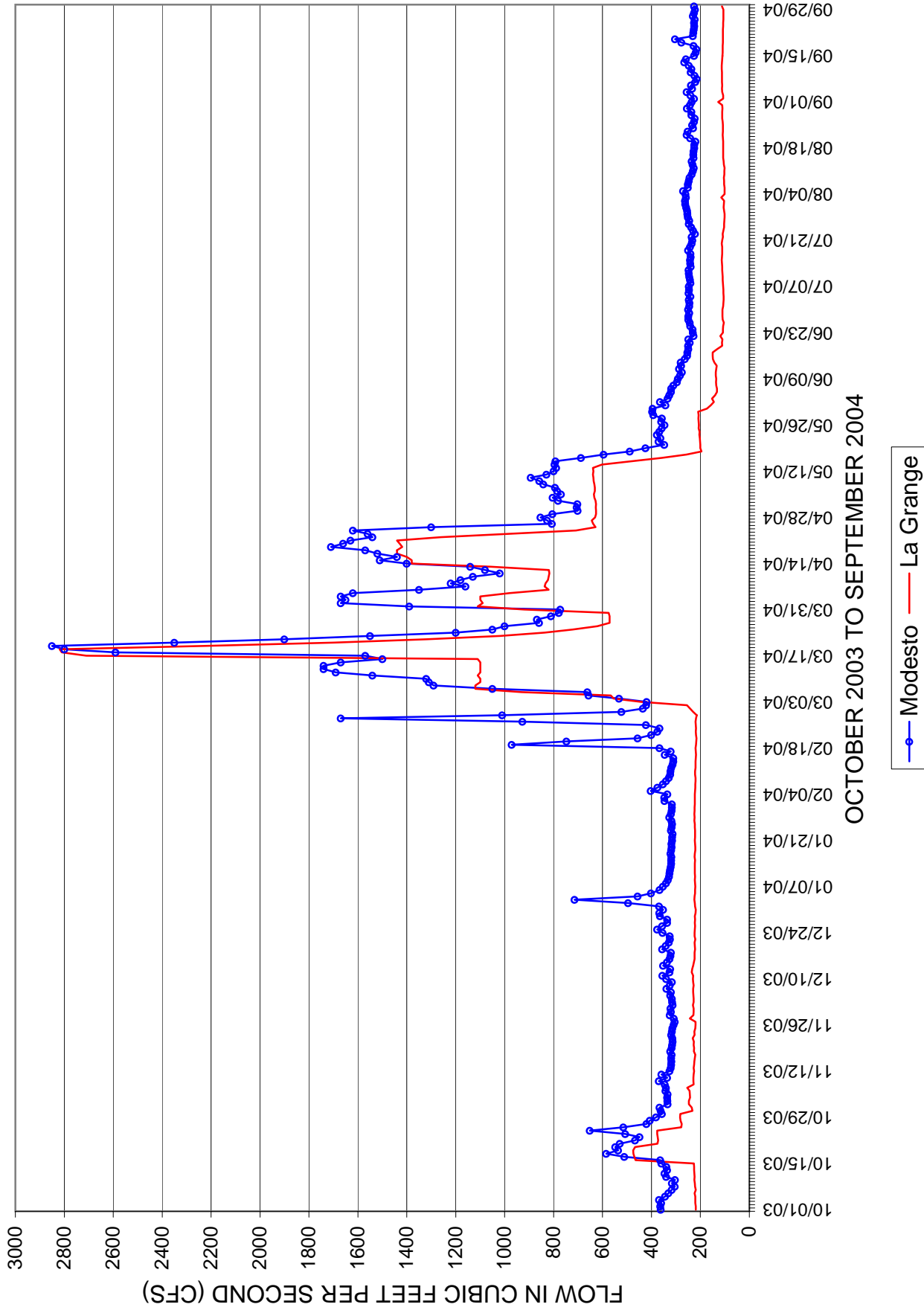
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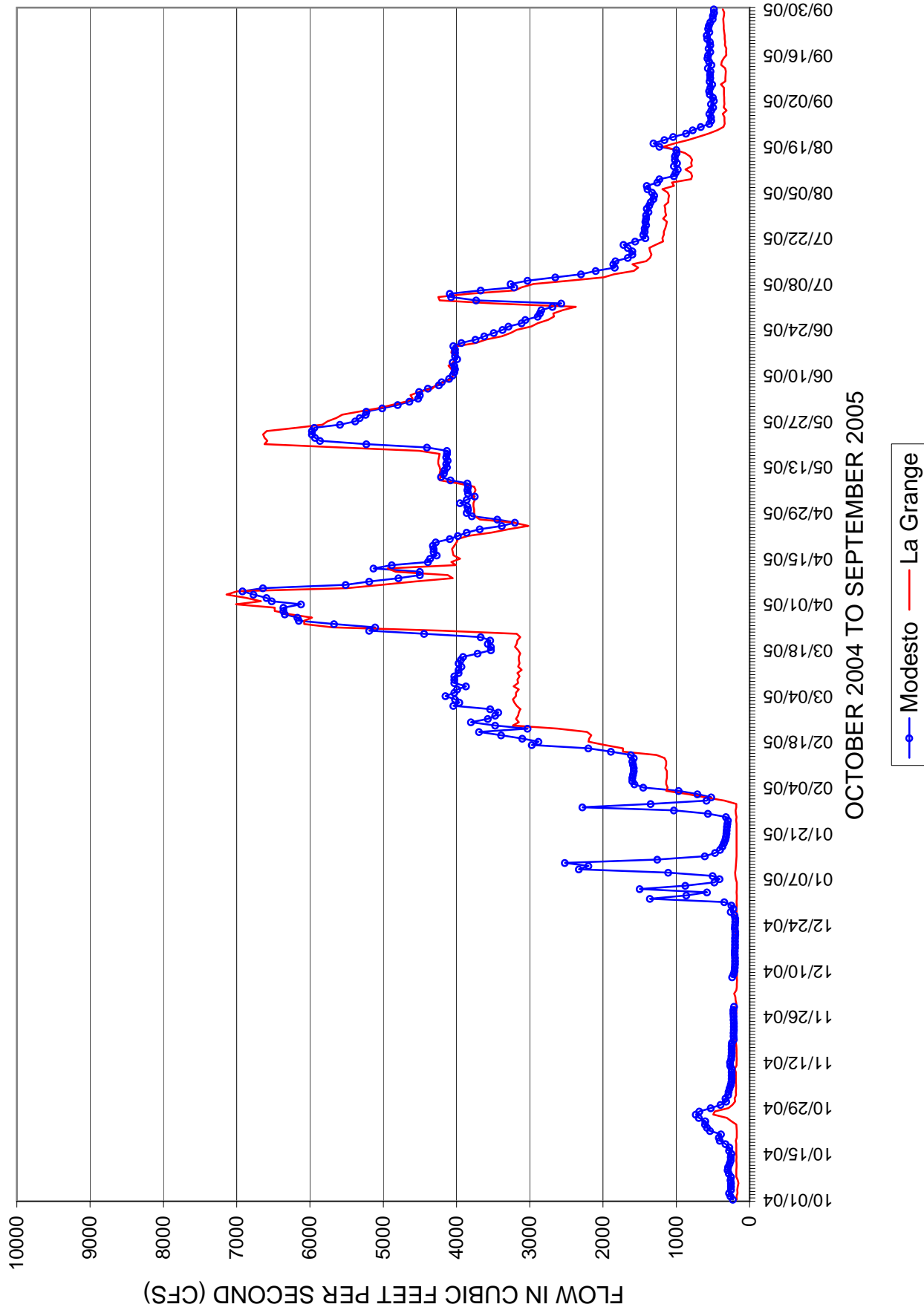
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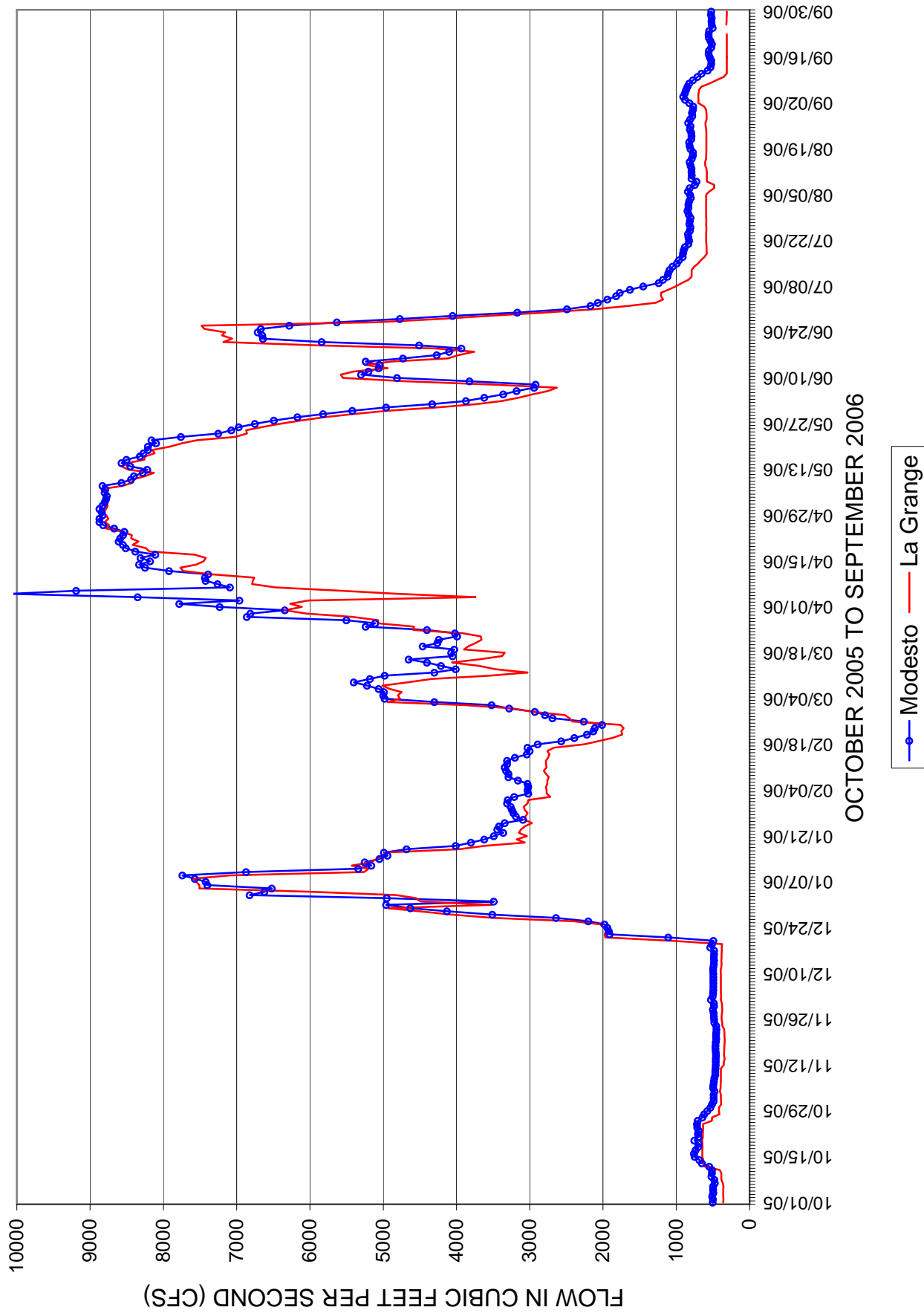
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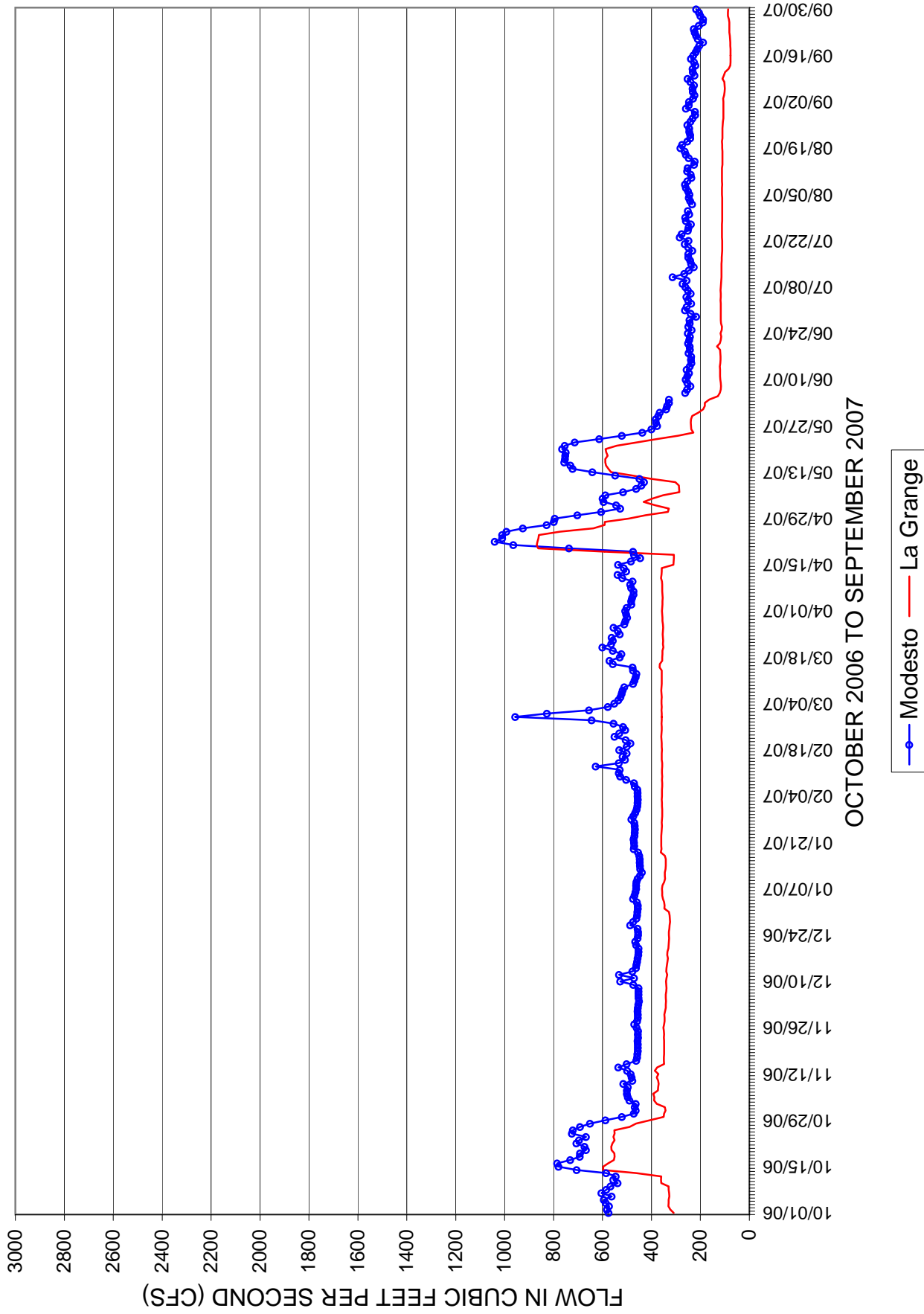
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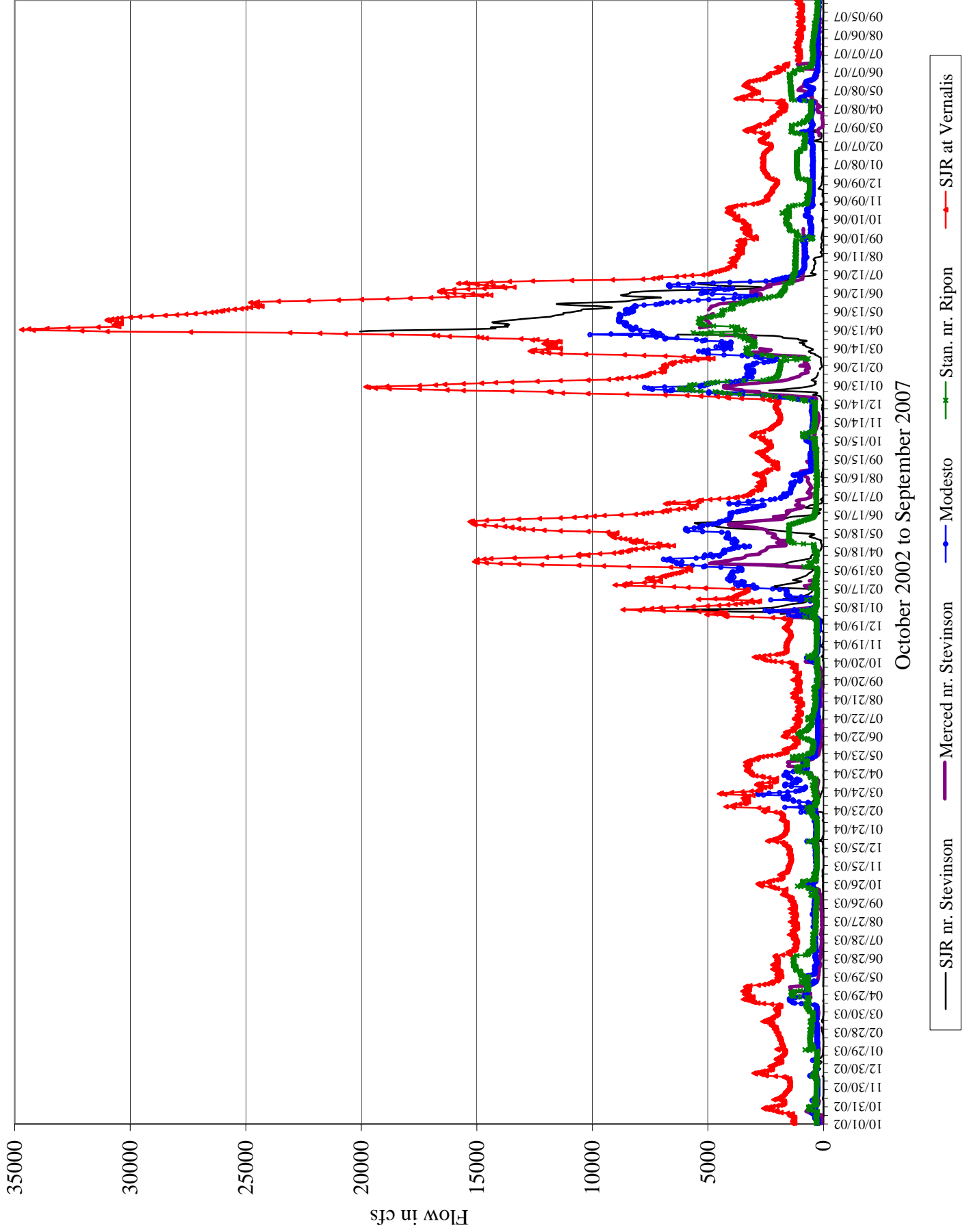
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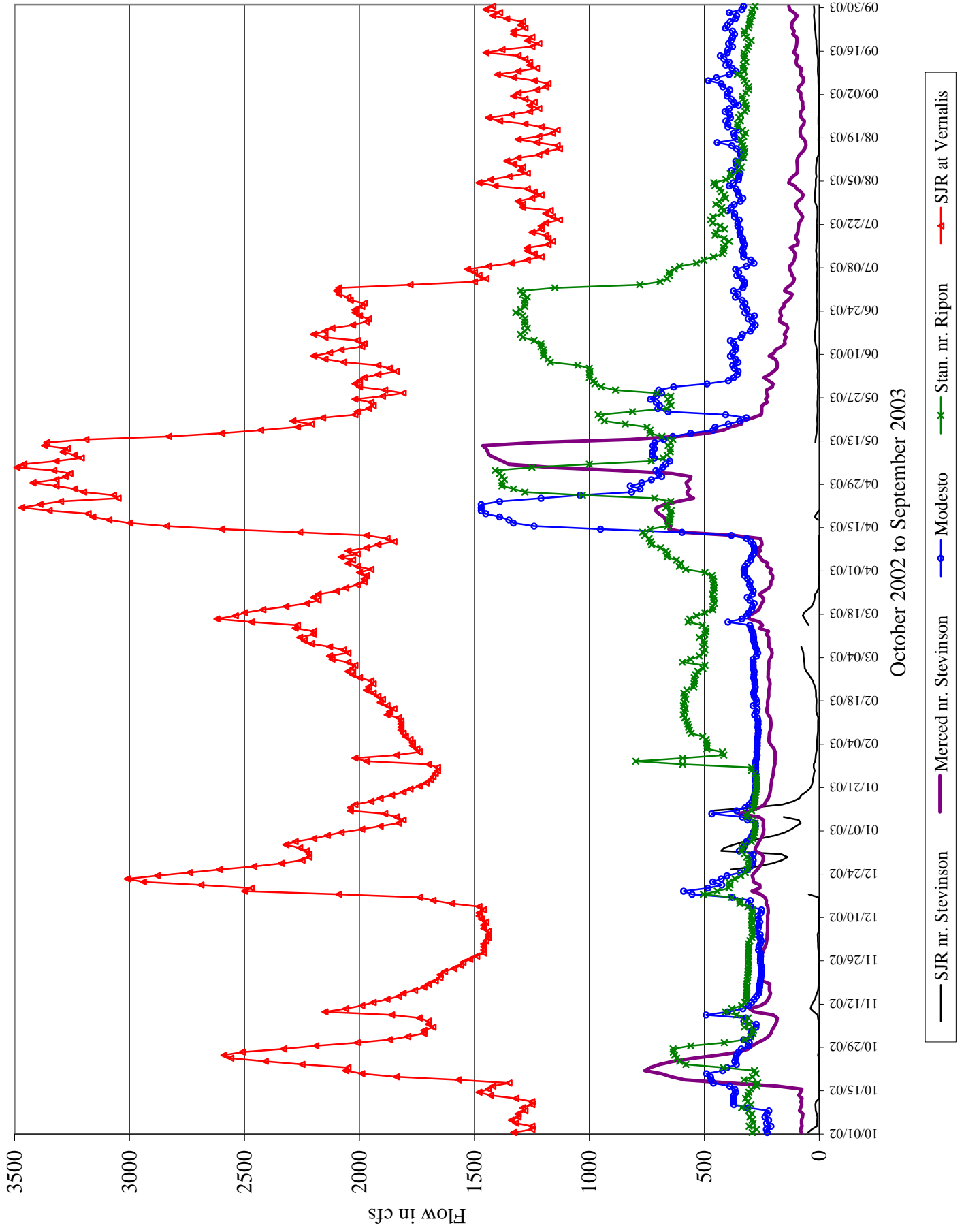
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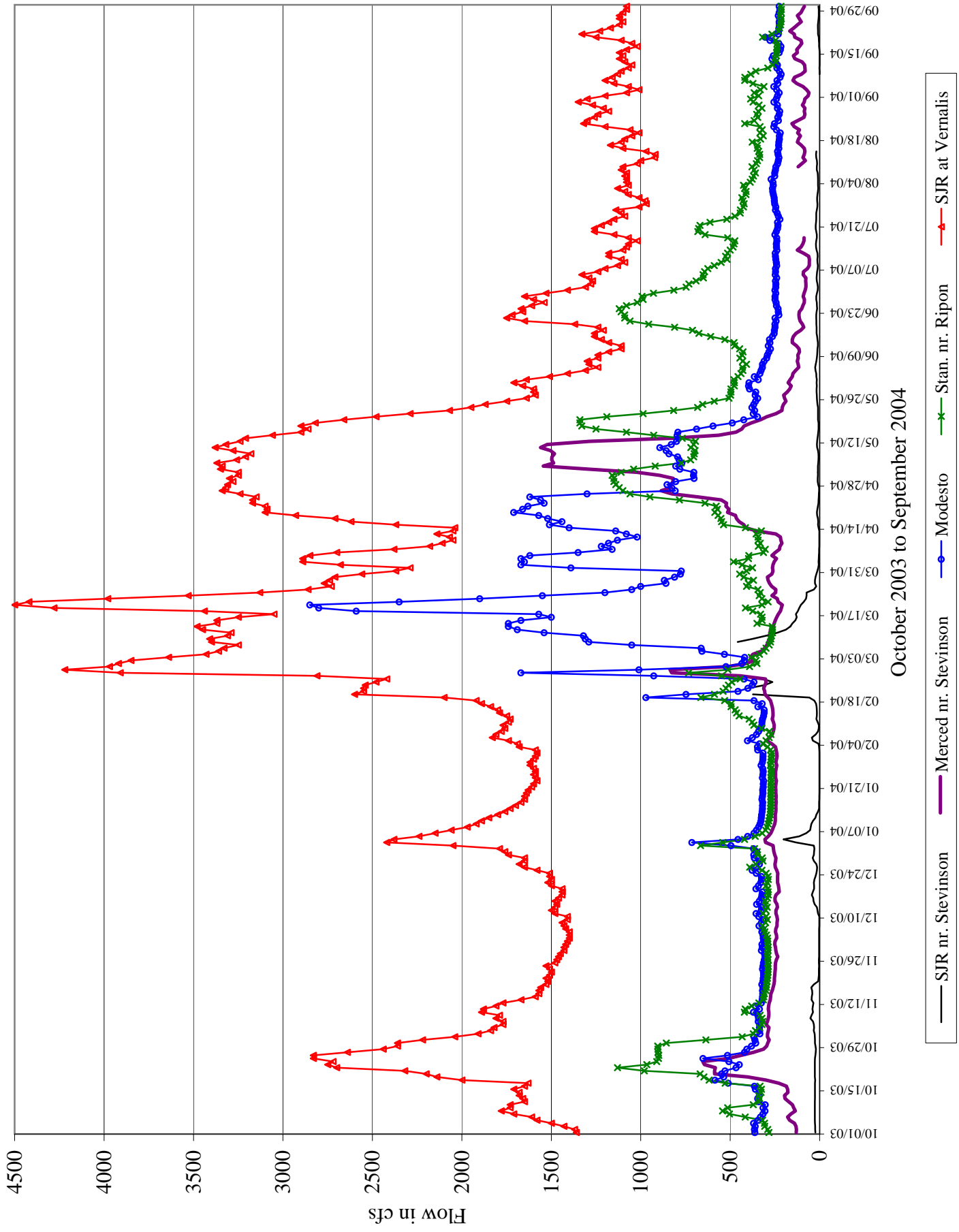
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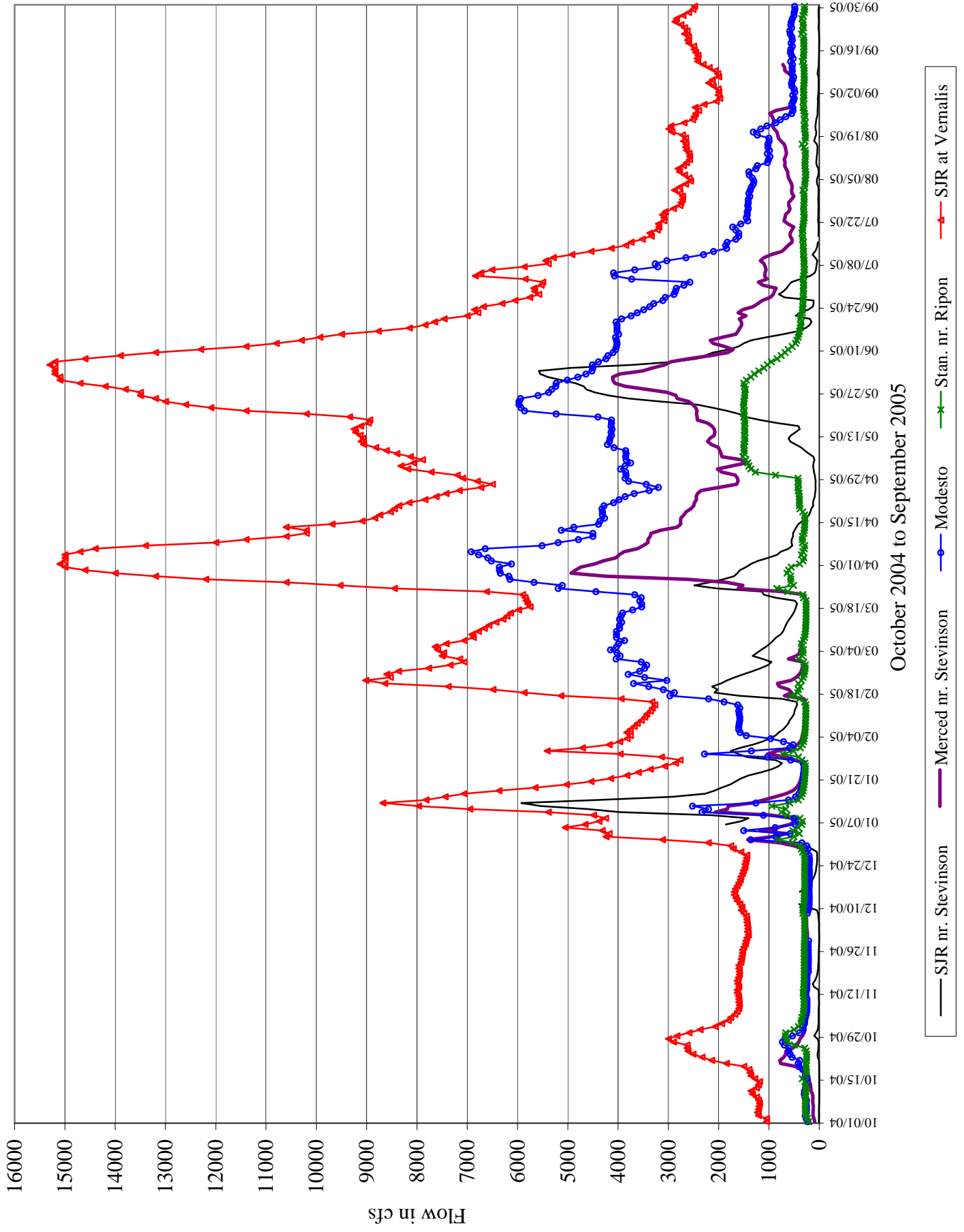
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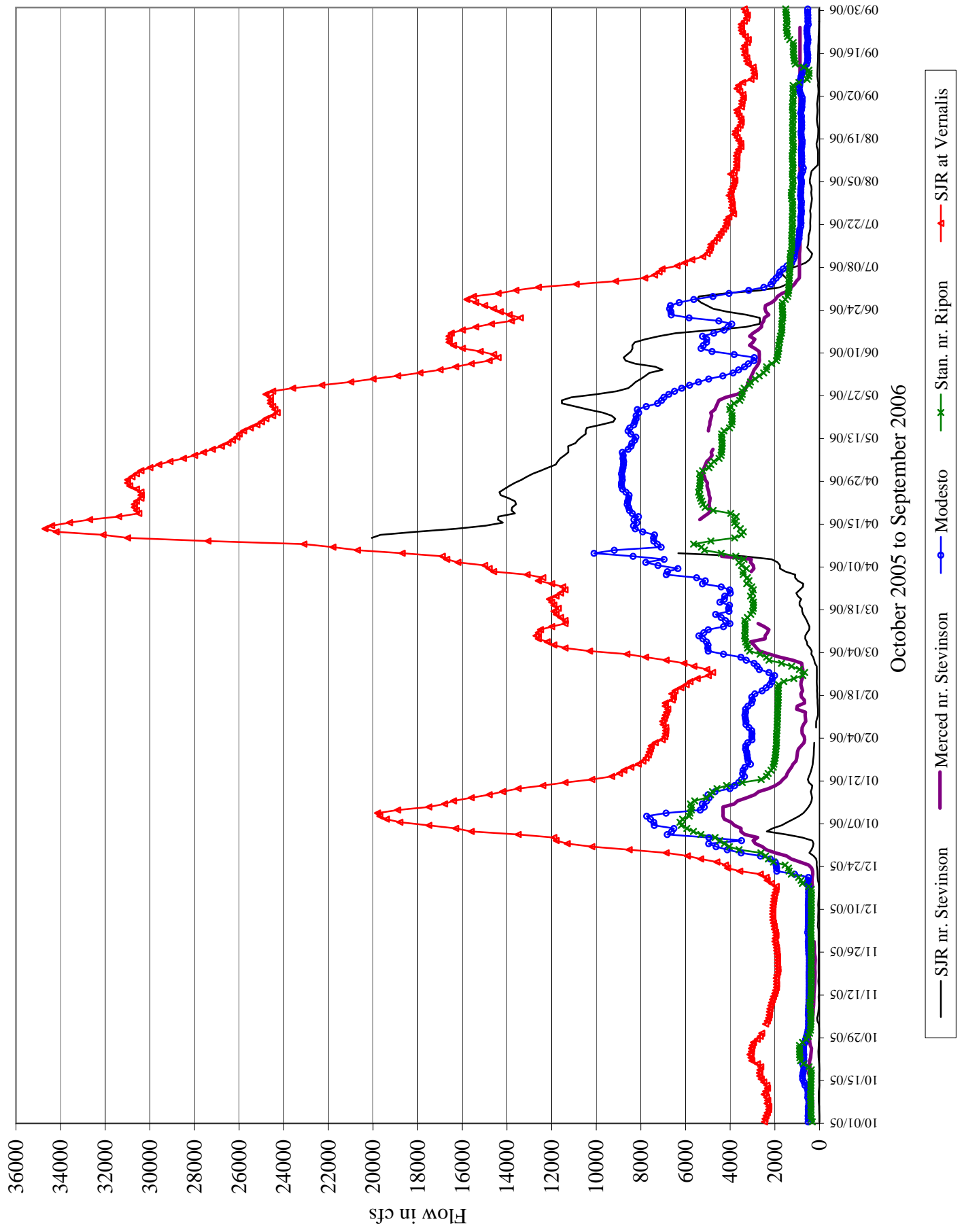
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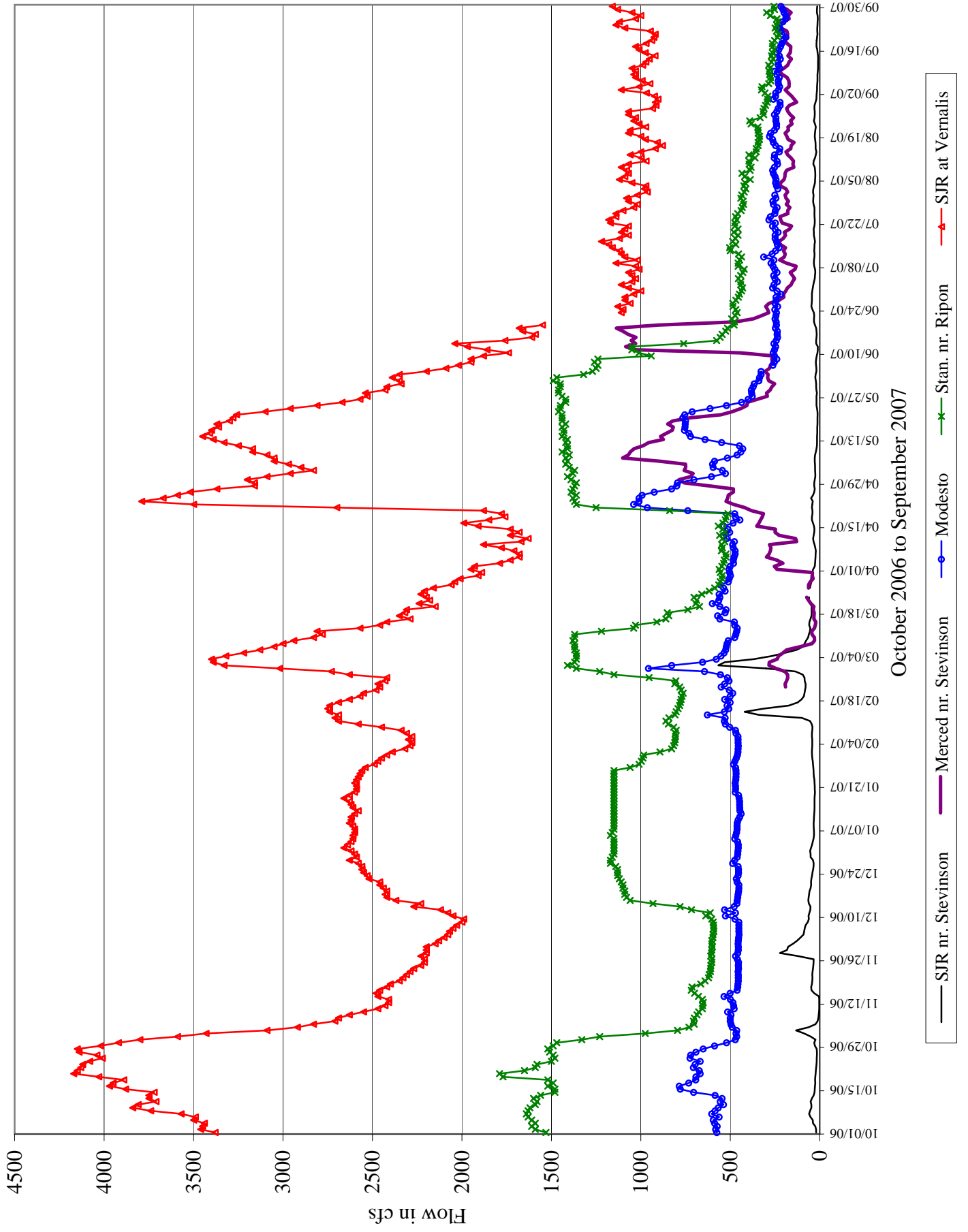
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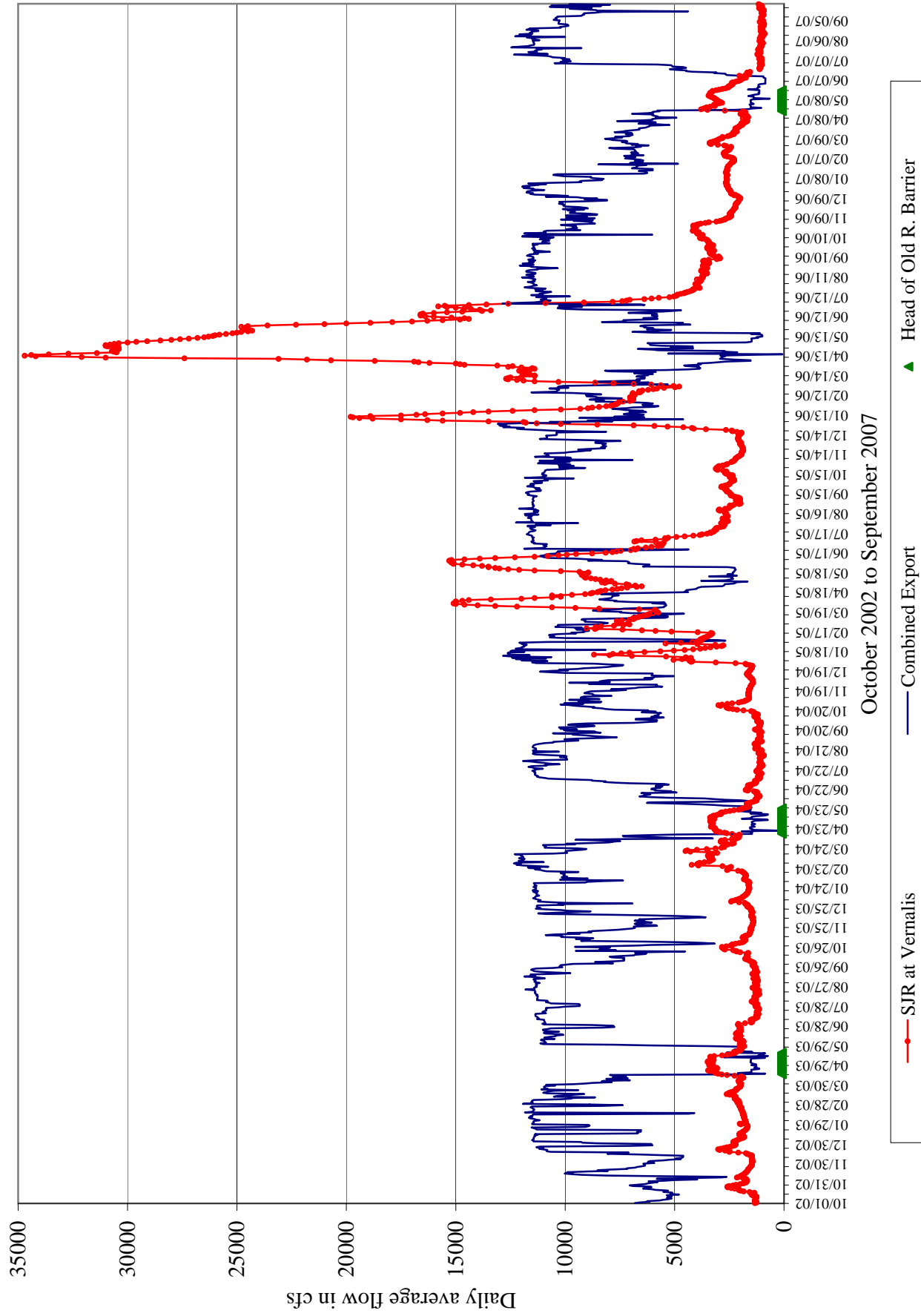
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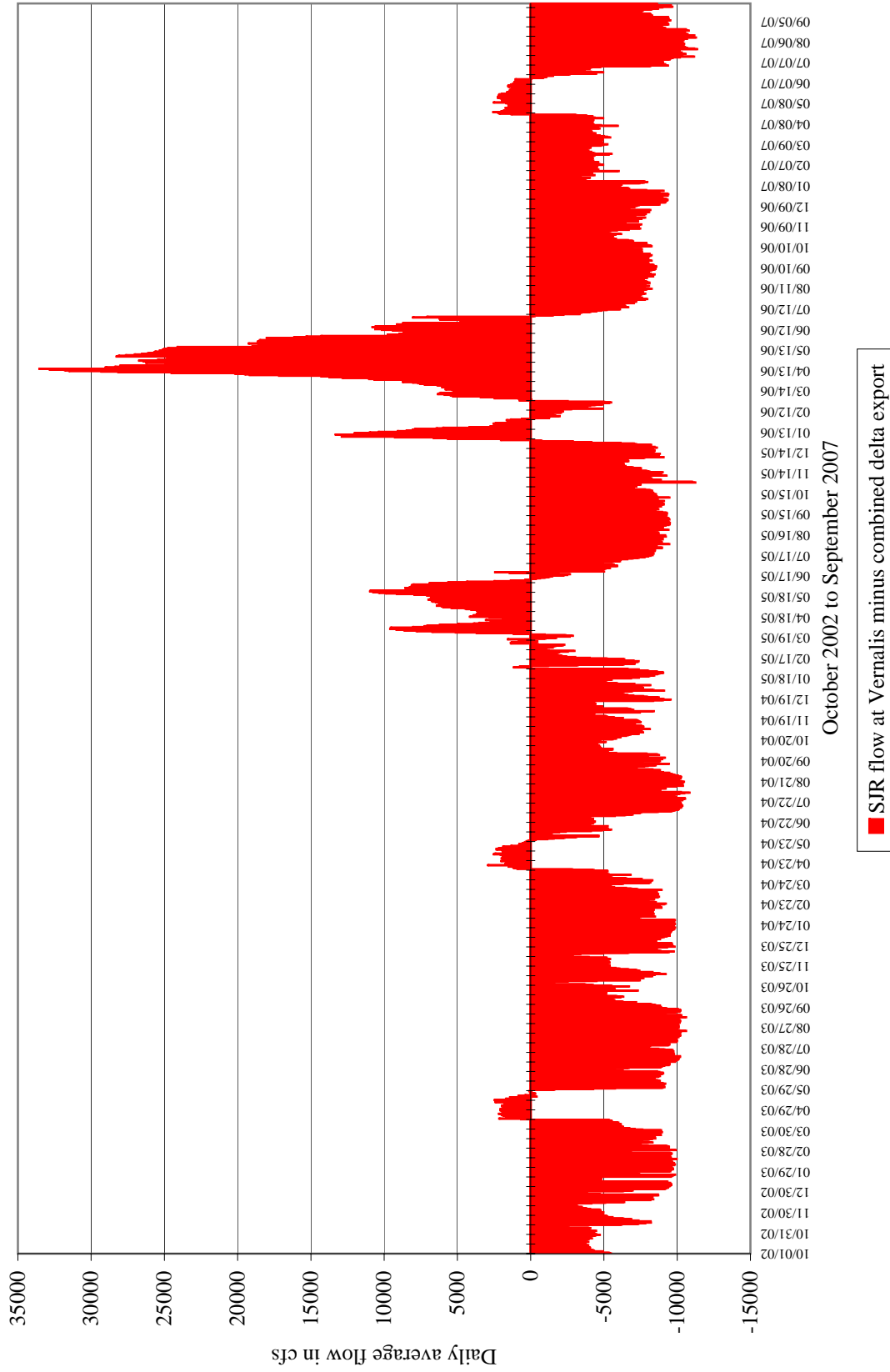
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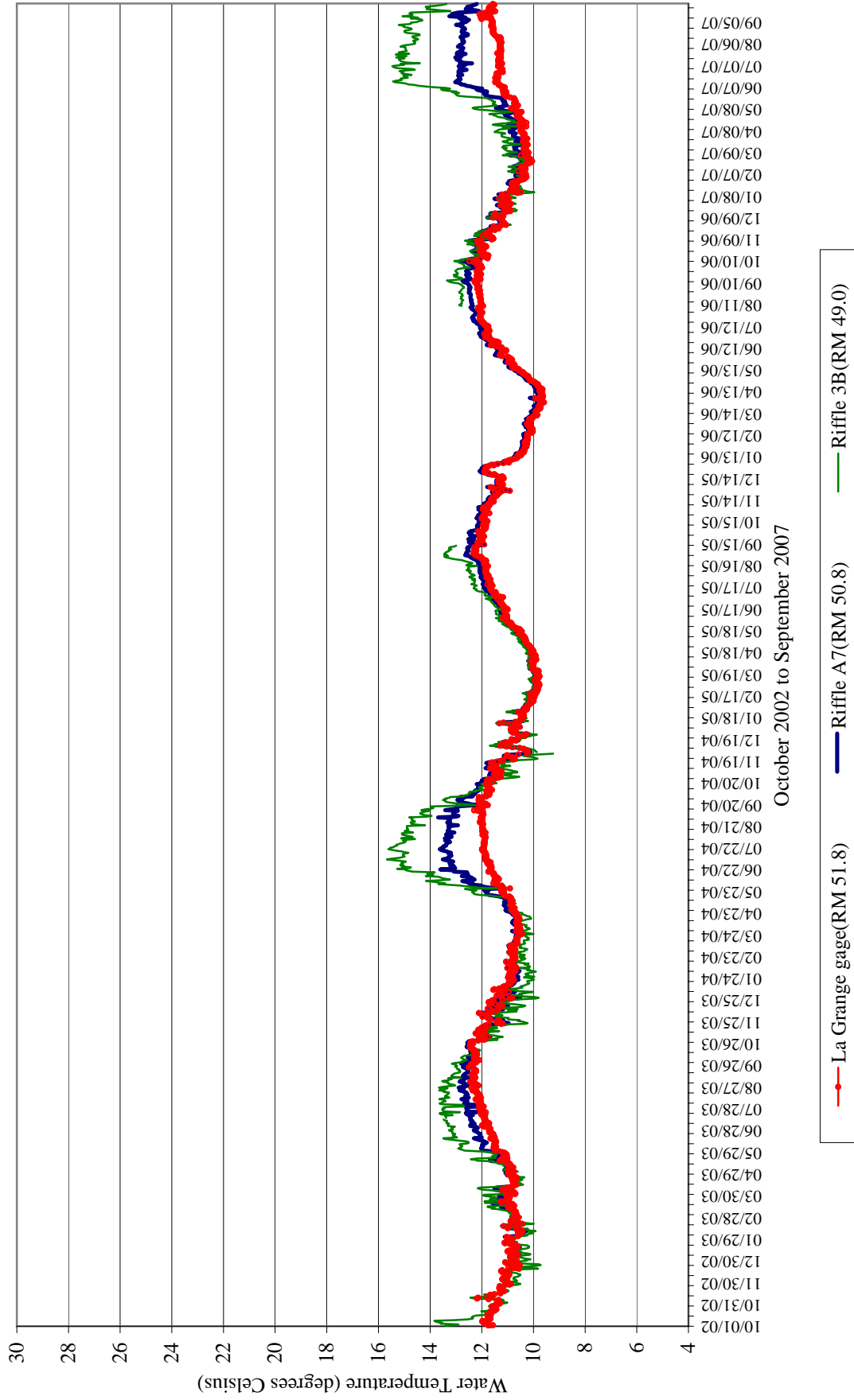
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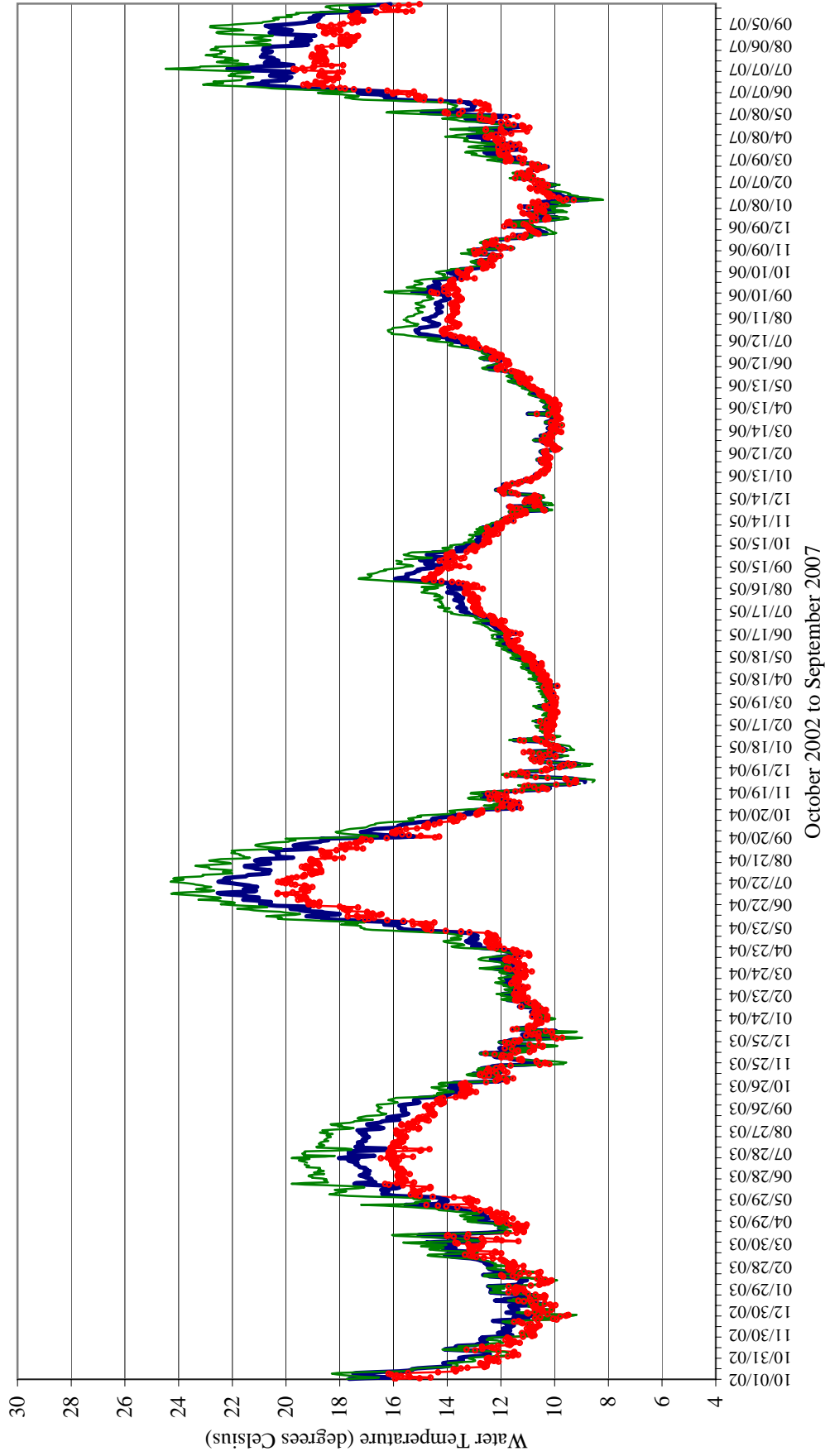
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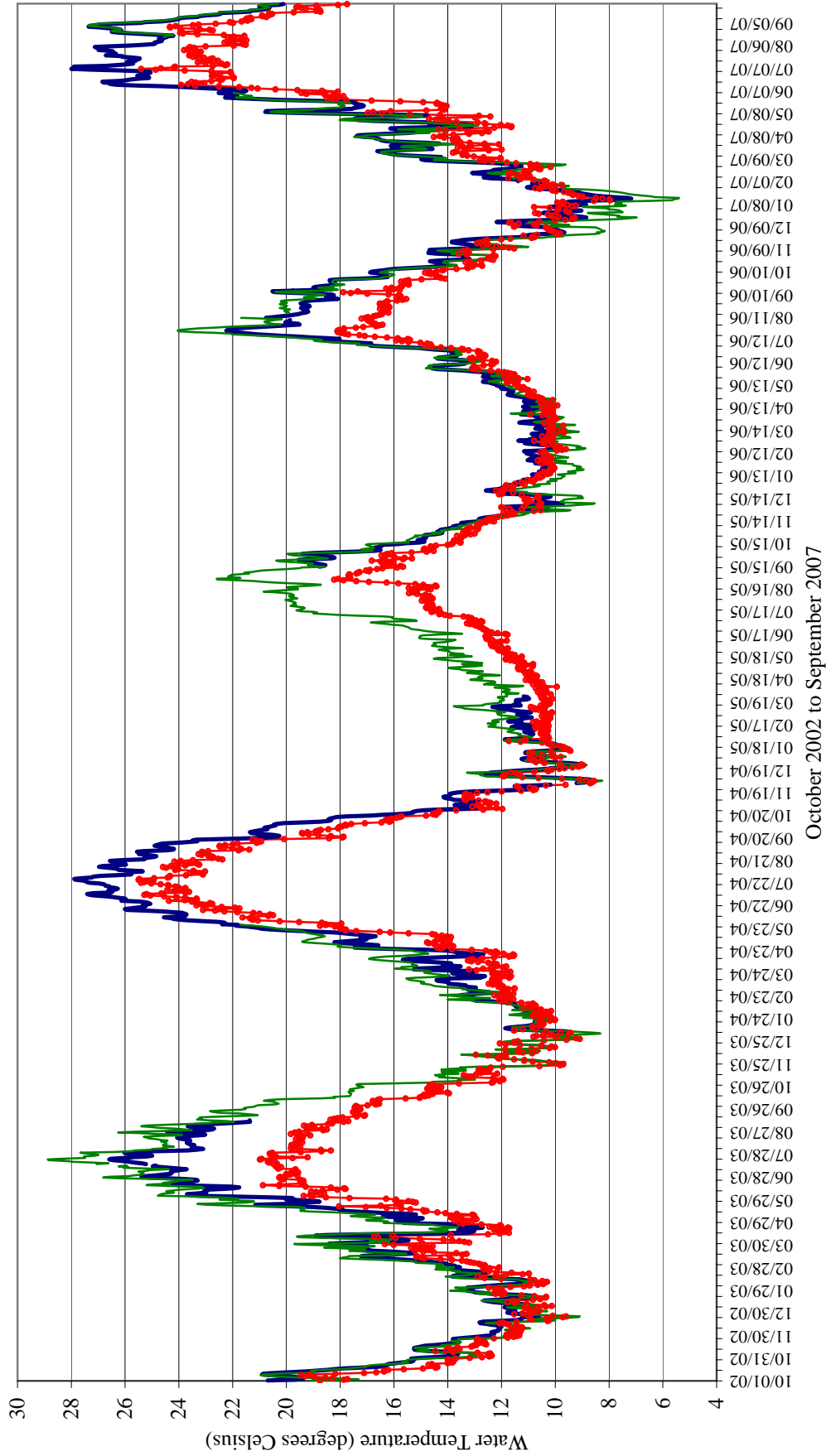
Tuolumne River Daily Average Water Temperature from La Grange gage to Riffle 3B



Tuolumne River Daily Average Water Temperature from Riffle 13B to Roberts Ferry Bridge



Tuolumne River Daily Average Water Temperature from Ruddy Gravel to Shiloh Bridge

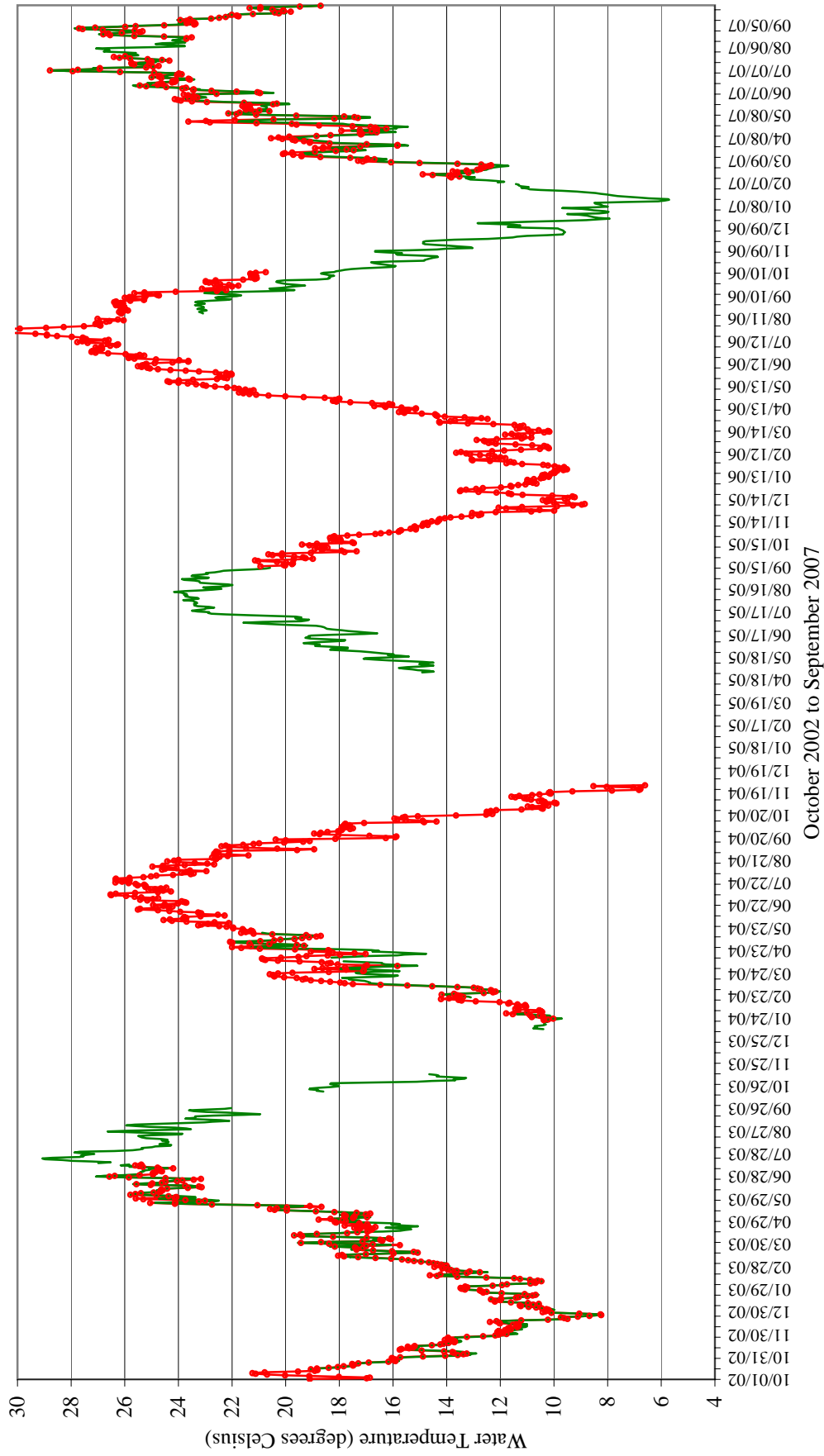


October 2002 to September 2007

Legend:

- Ruddy Gravel(RM 36.7) (Red line with dots)
- Hughson Sewer(RM 23.6) (Blue line)
- Shiloh Br. (RM 3.4) (Green line)

San Joaquin River Daily Average Water Temperature from Dos Rios Ranch to Gardner Cove

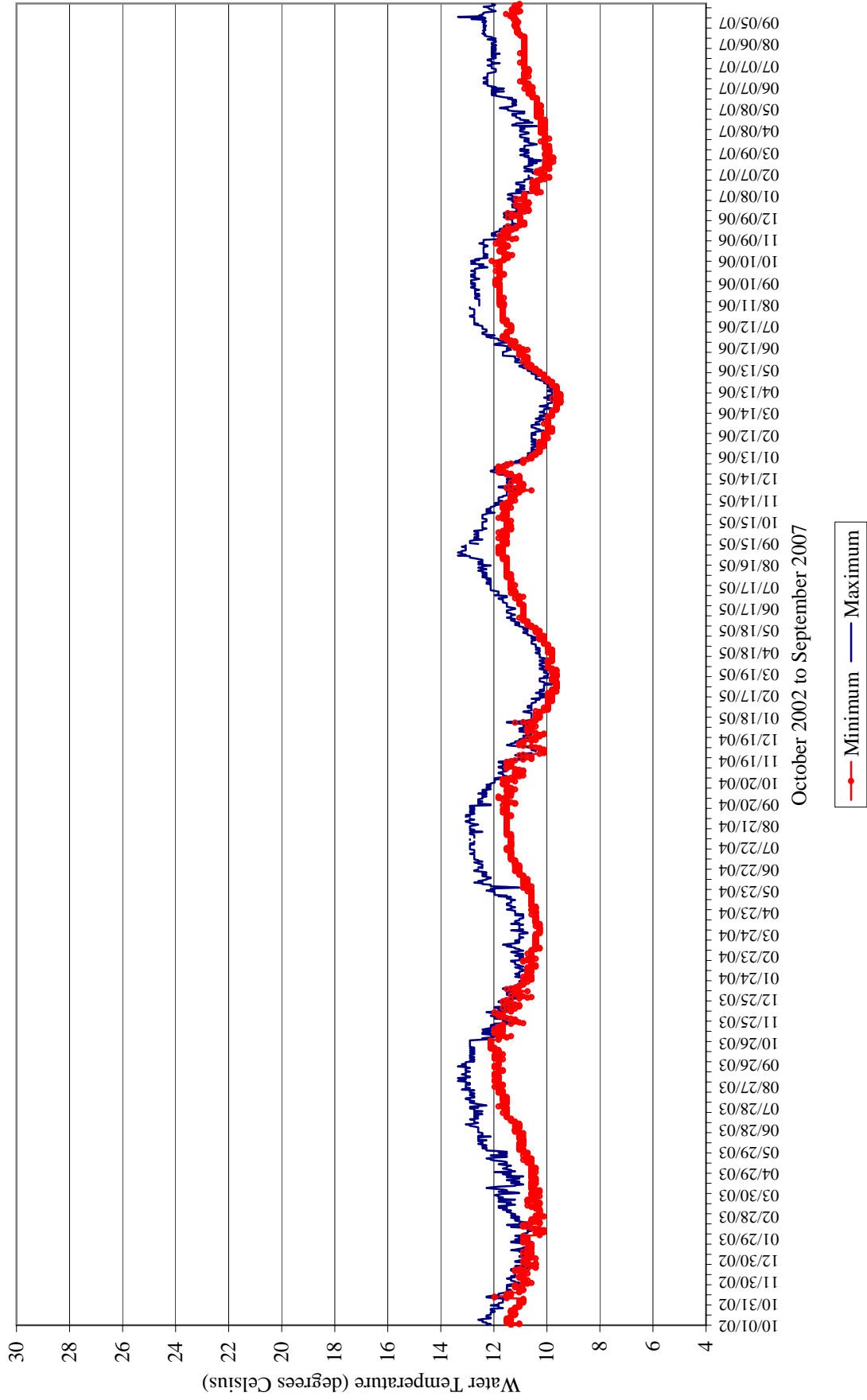


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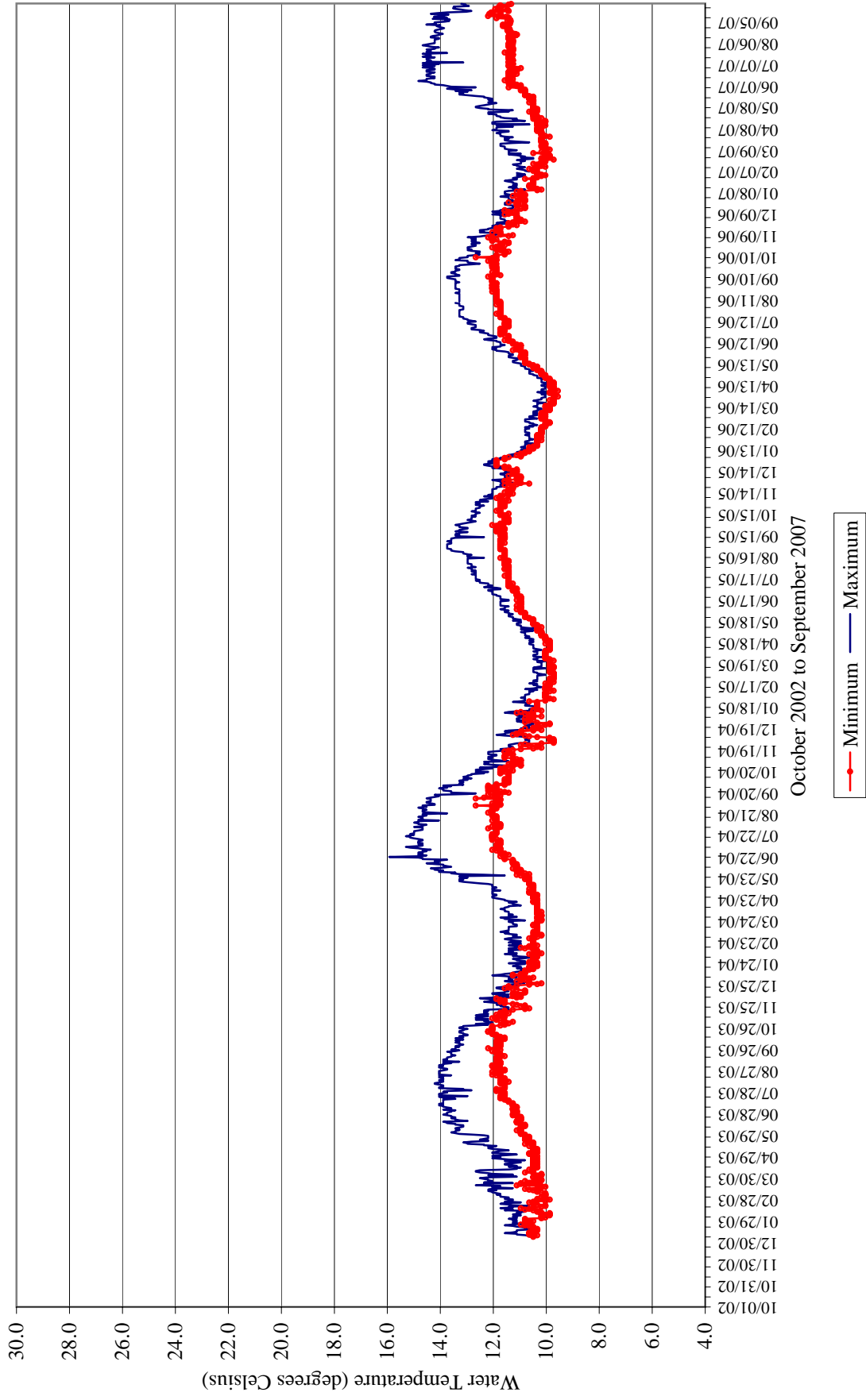
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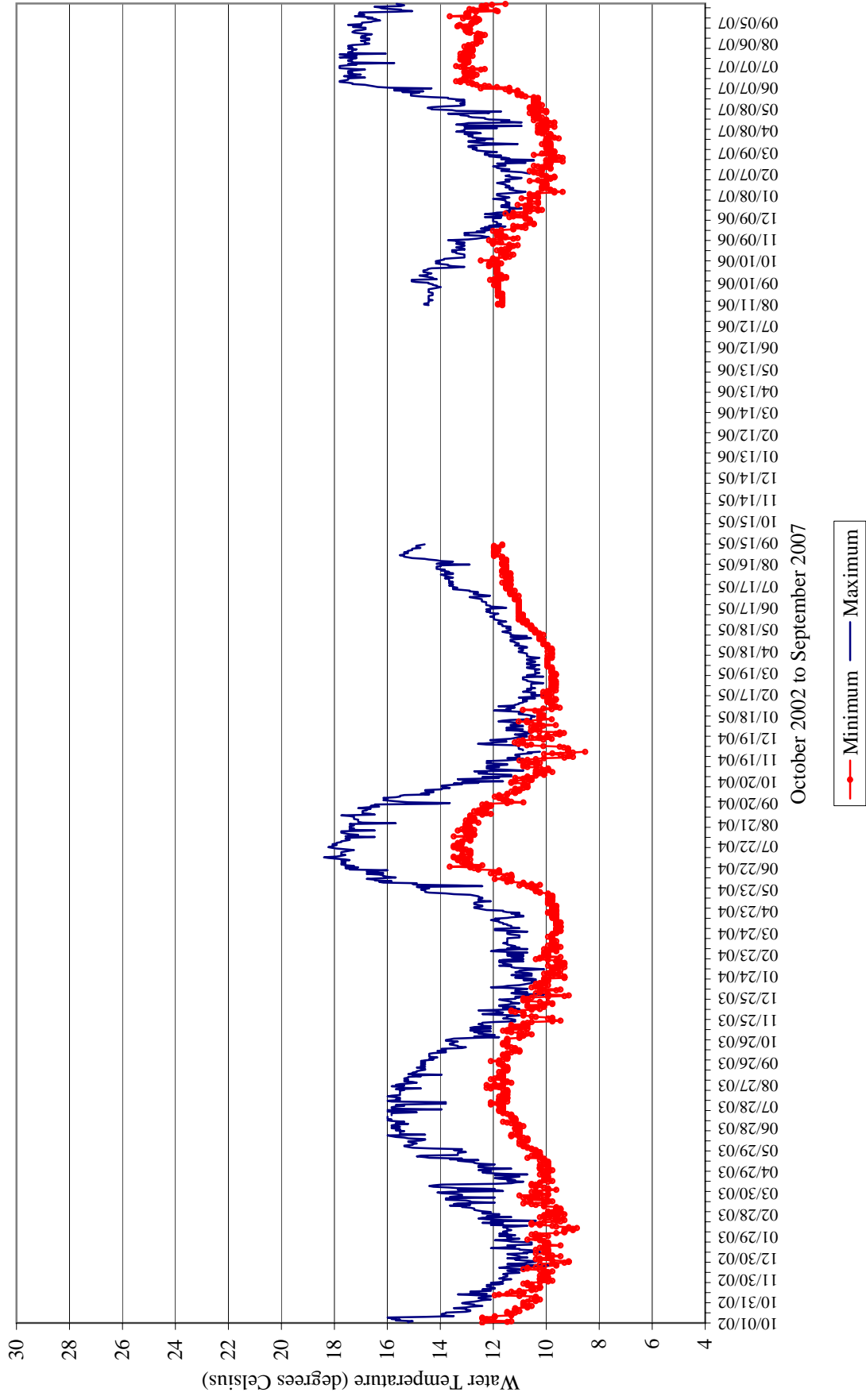
Tuolumne River at the La Grange gage (RM 51.8)



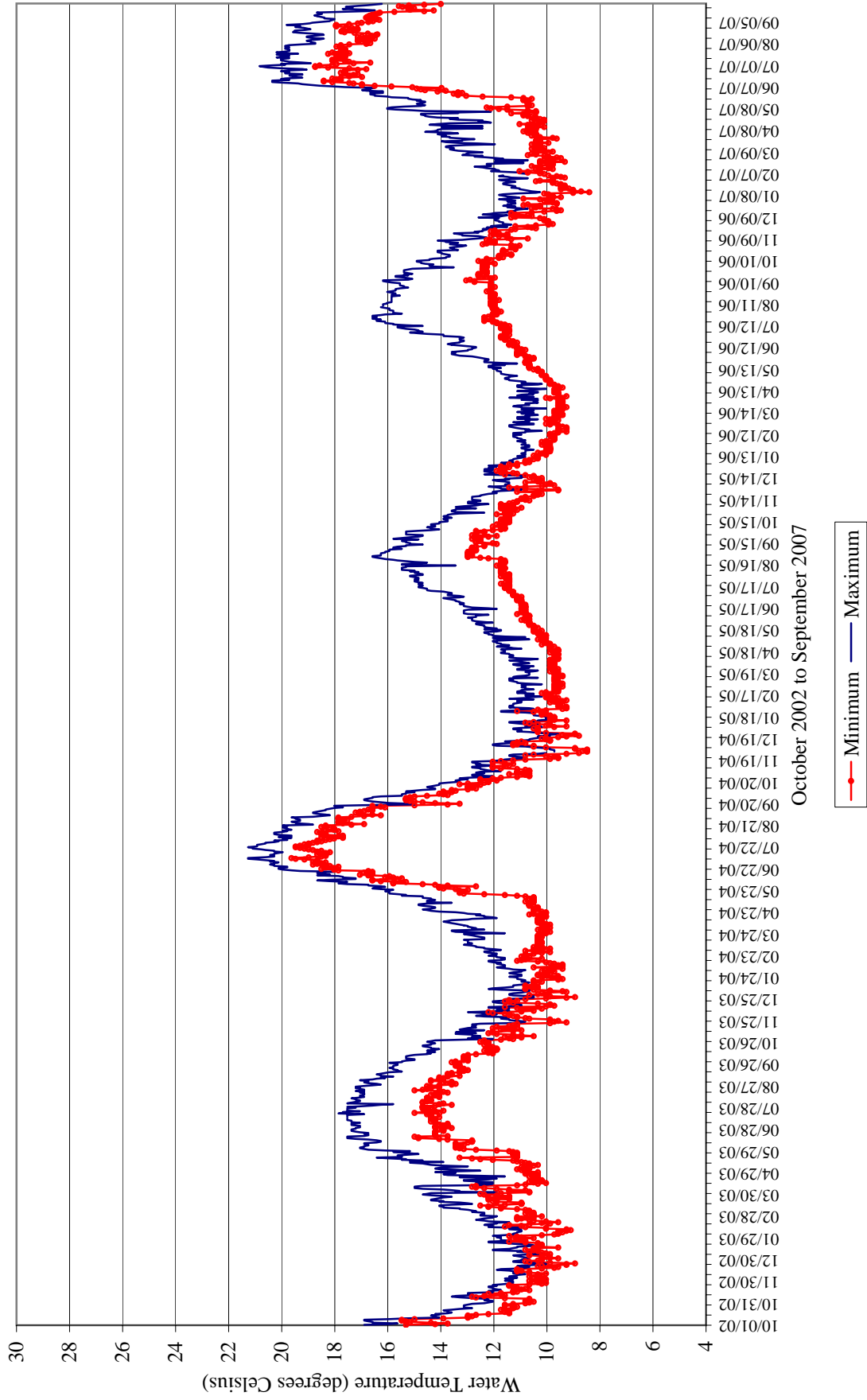
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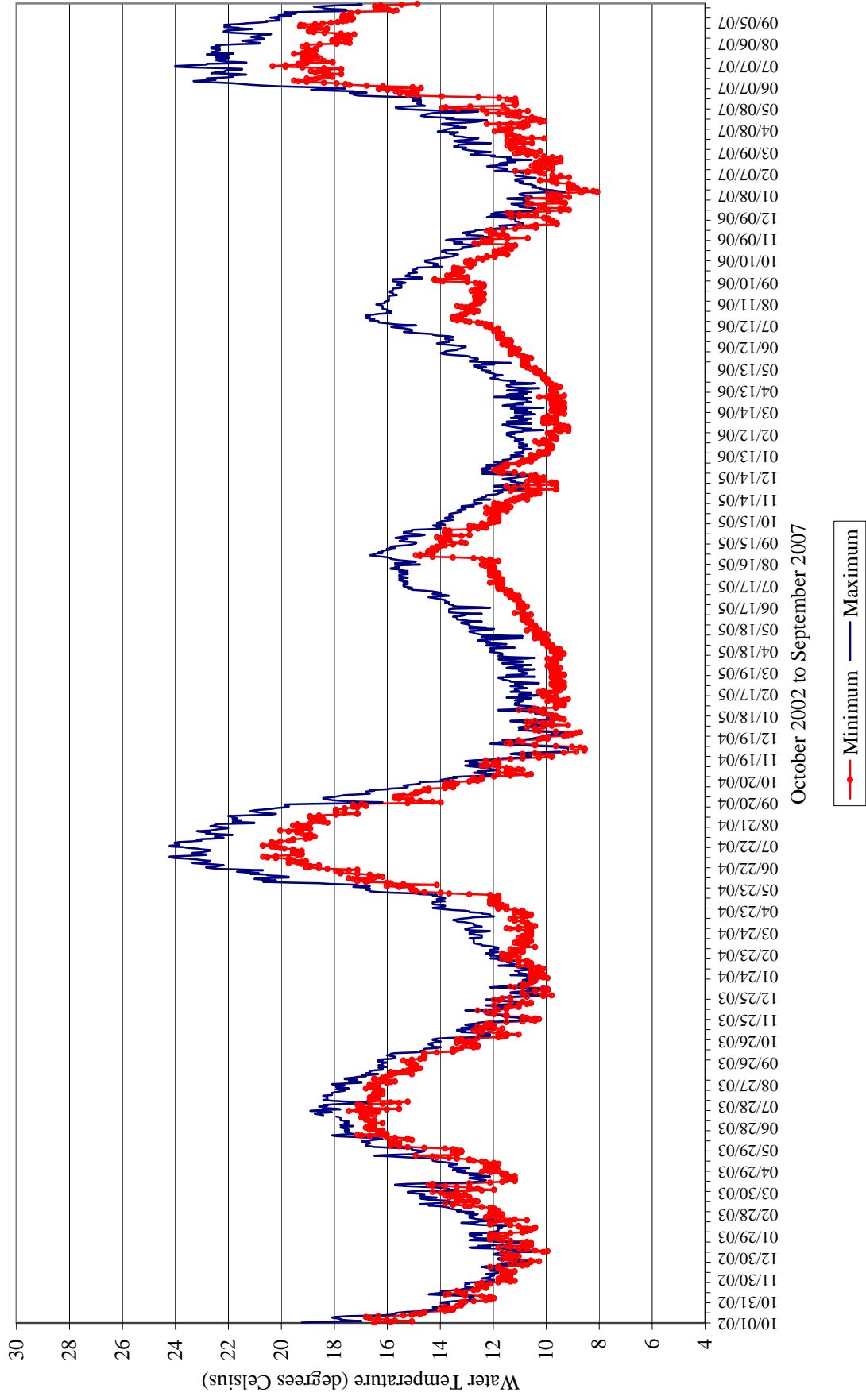
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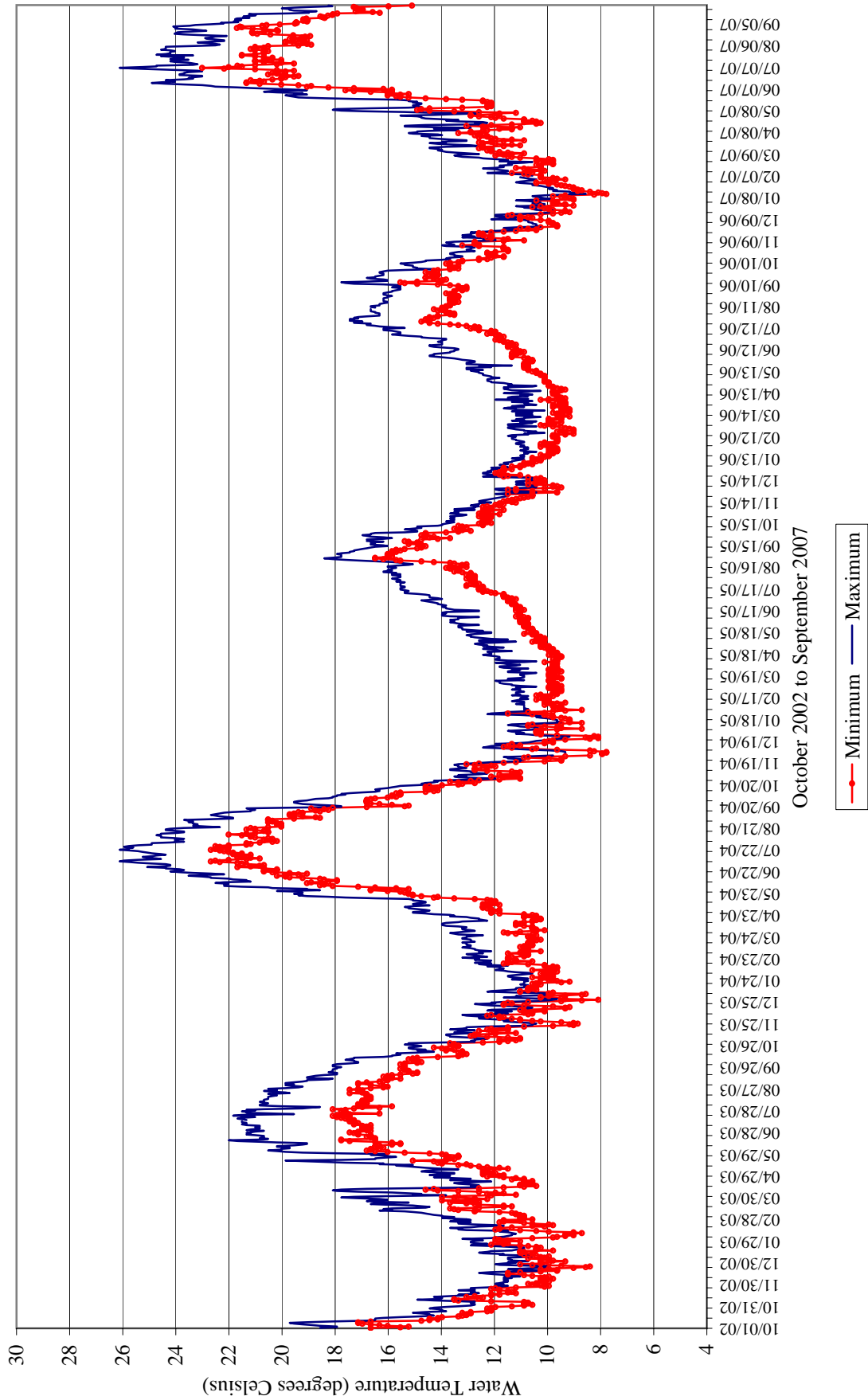
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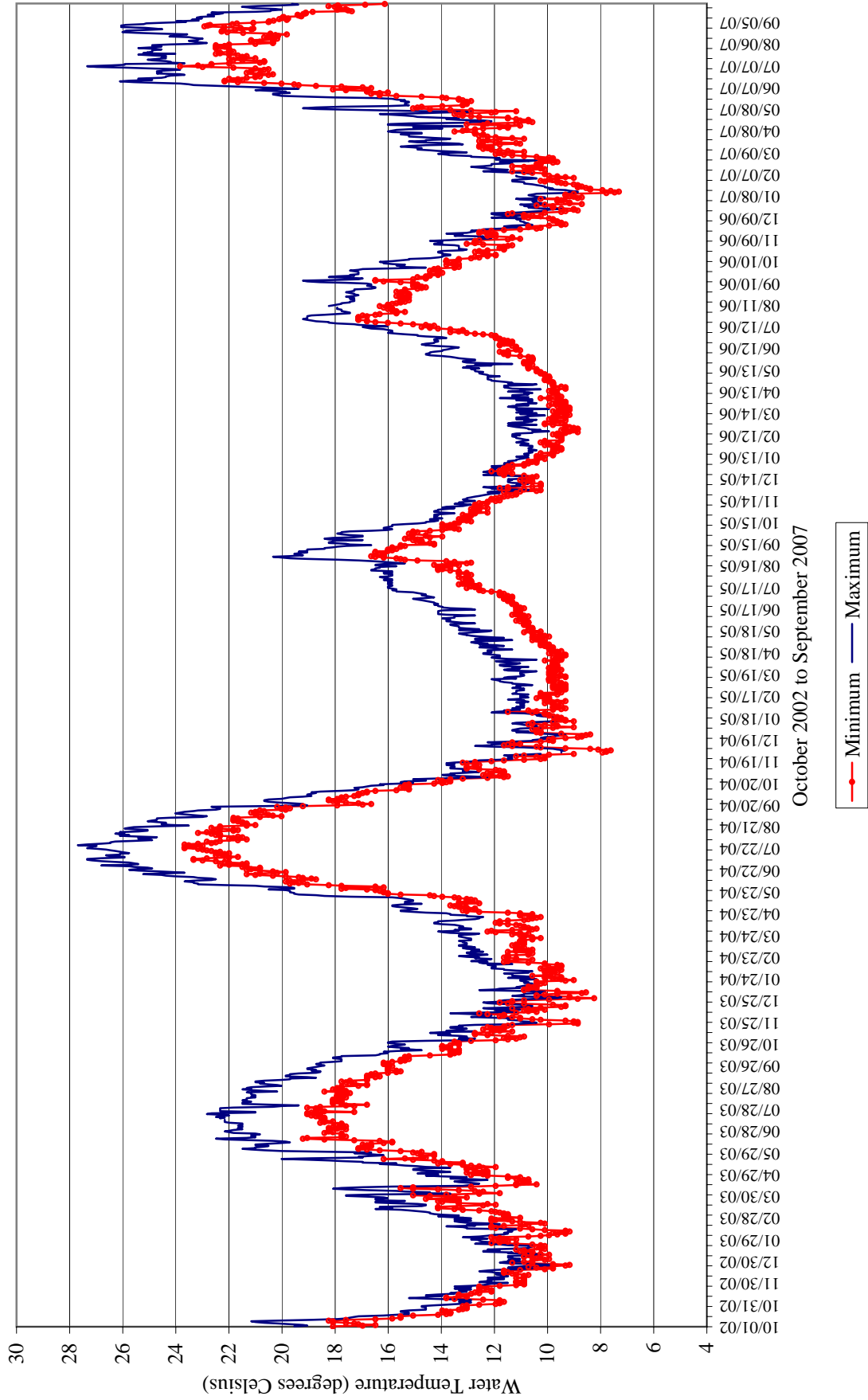
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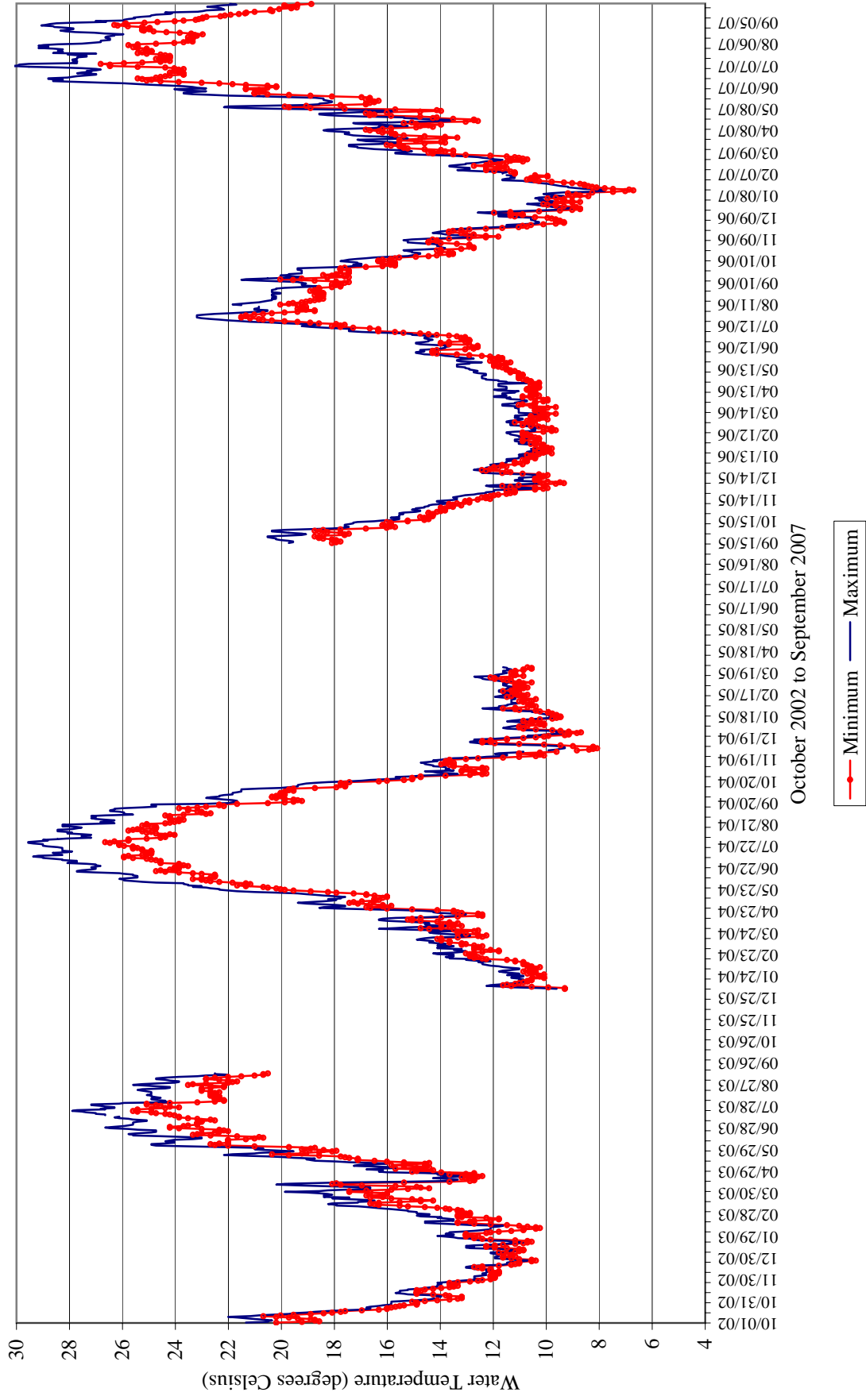
Tuolumne River at Roberts Ferry (RM 40.4)



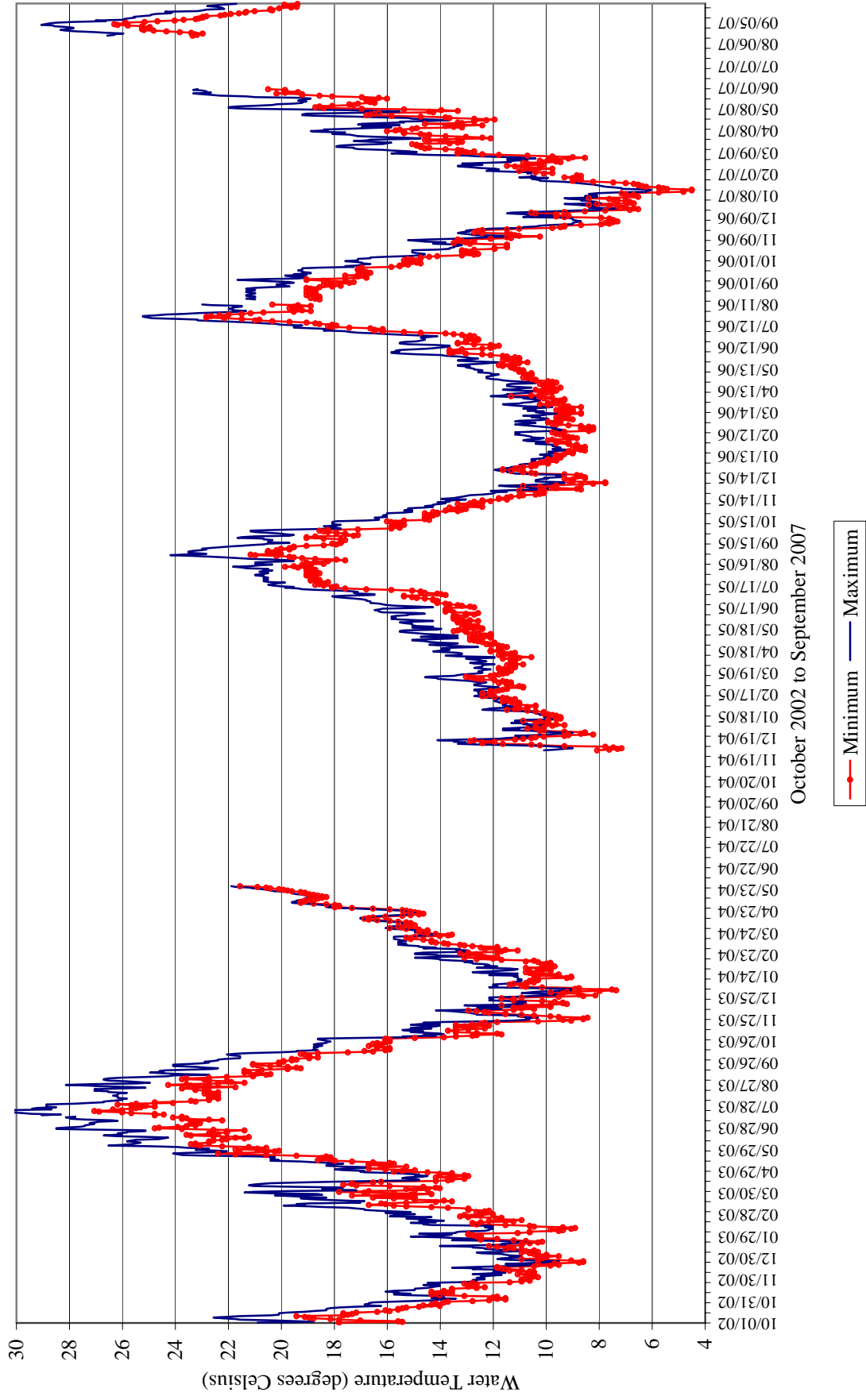
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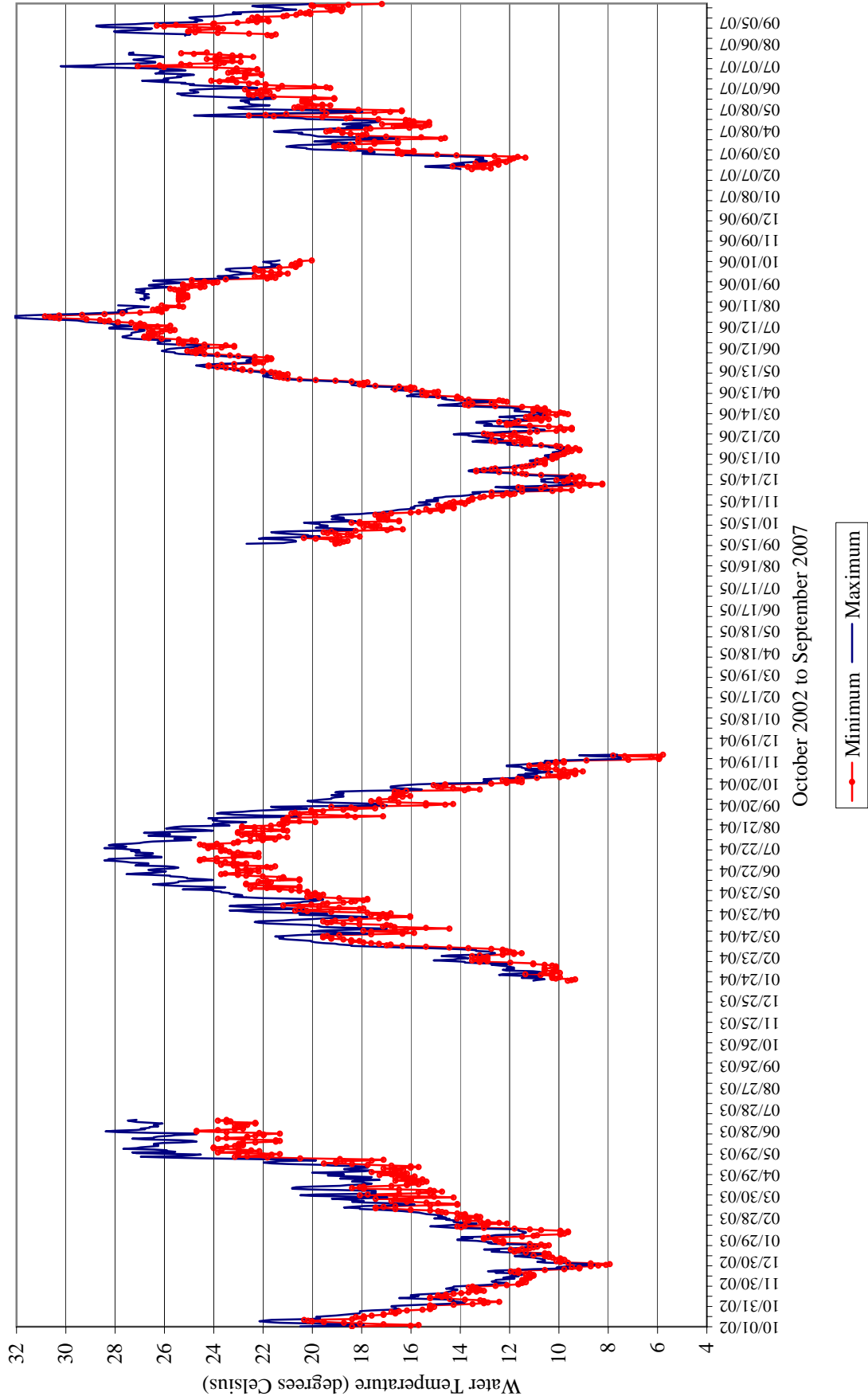
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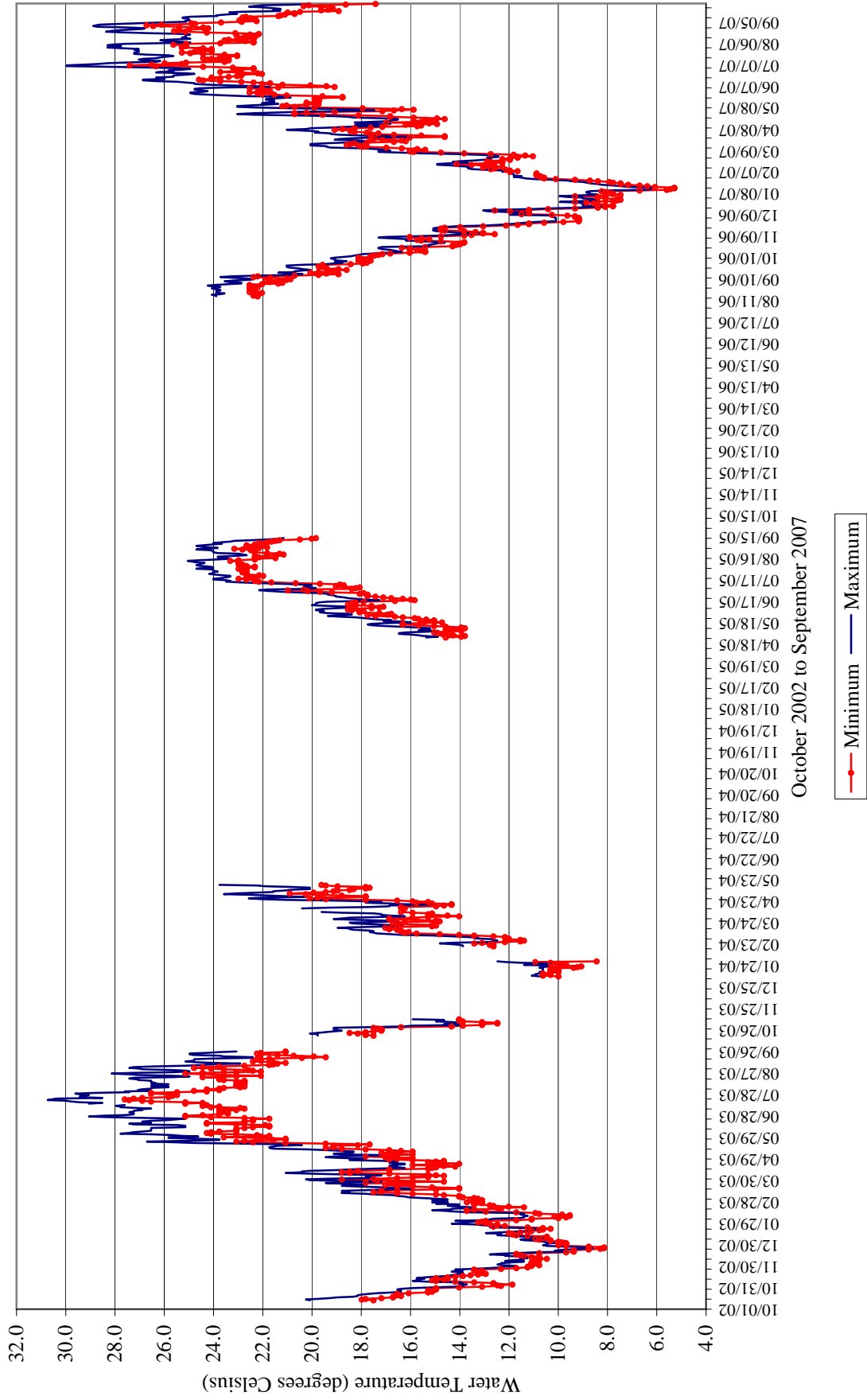
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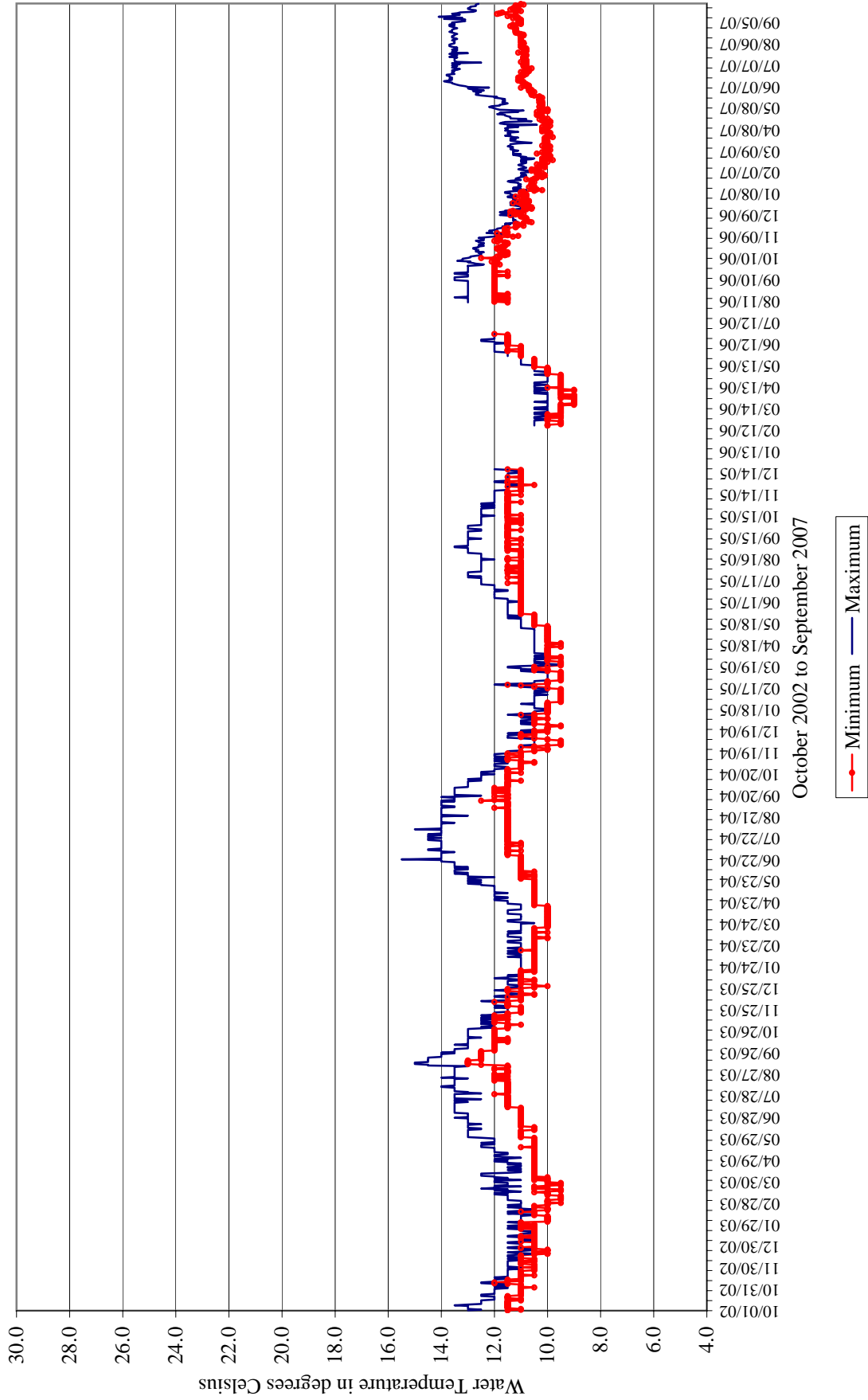
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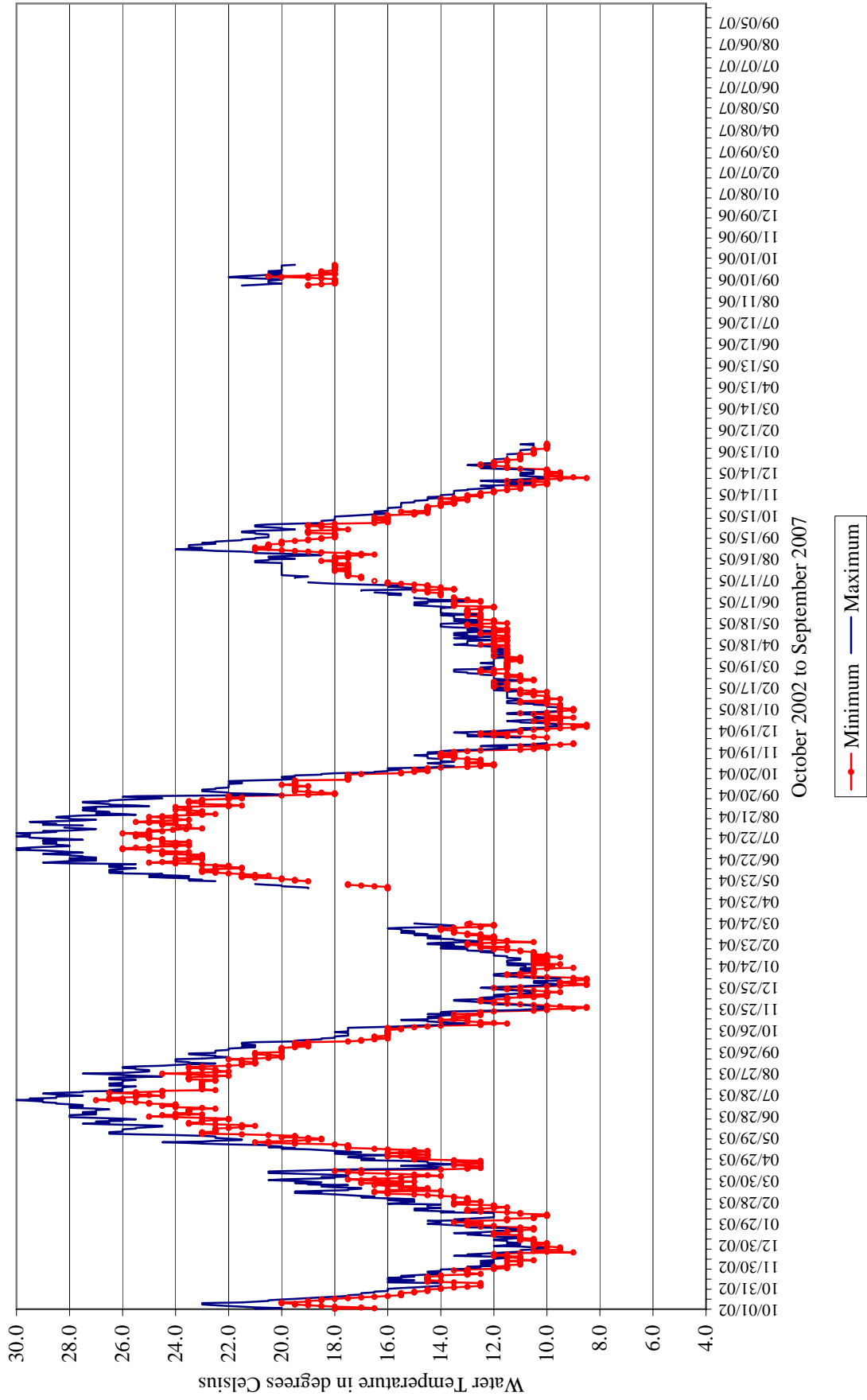
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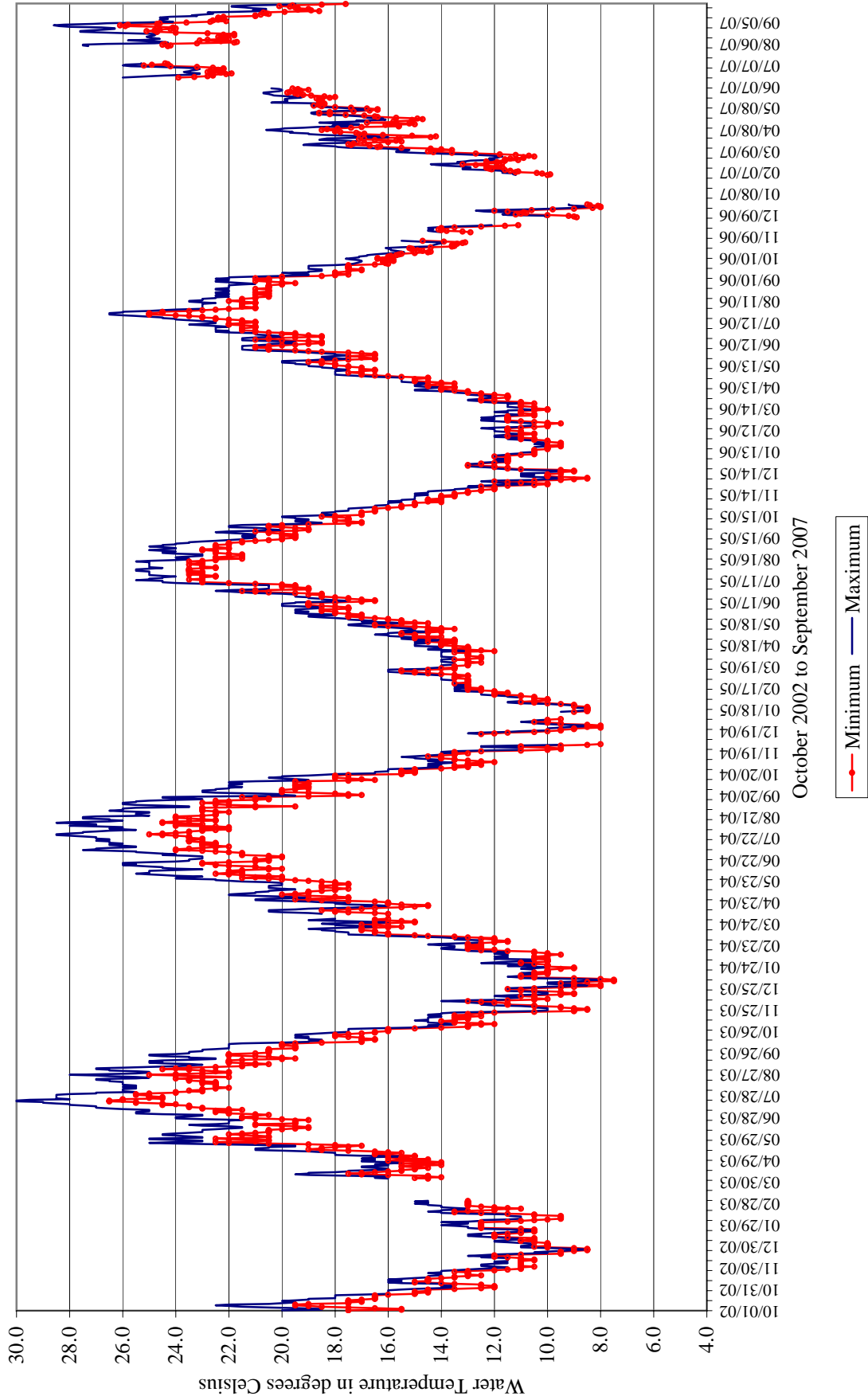
Tuolumne River Water Temperature at La Grange (USGS-RM 51.8)



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APPENDIX C – Air Temperature and Precipitation

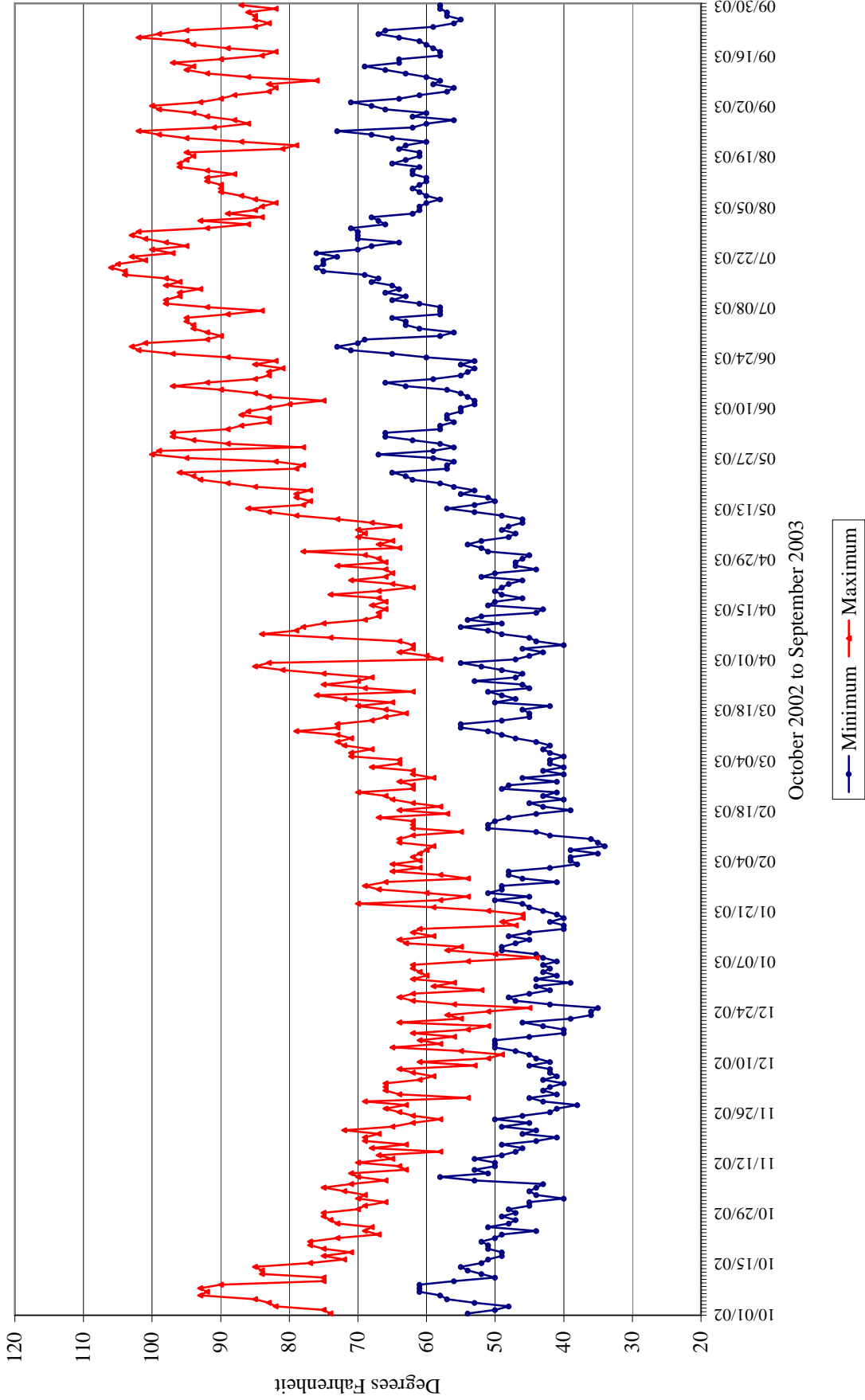
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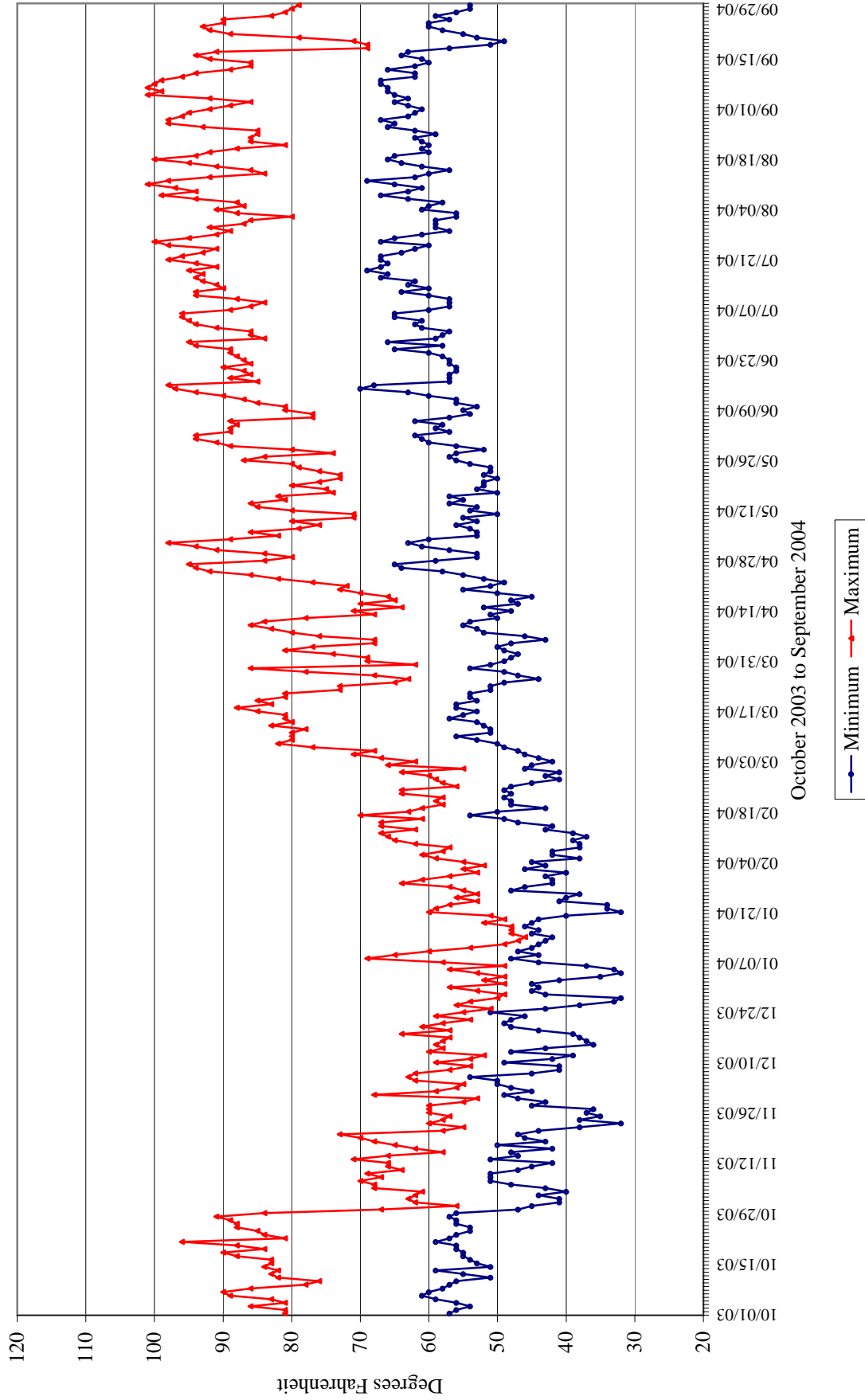
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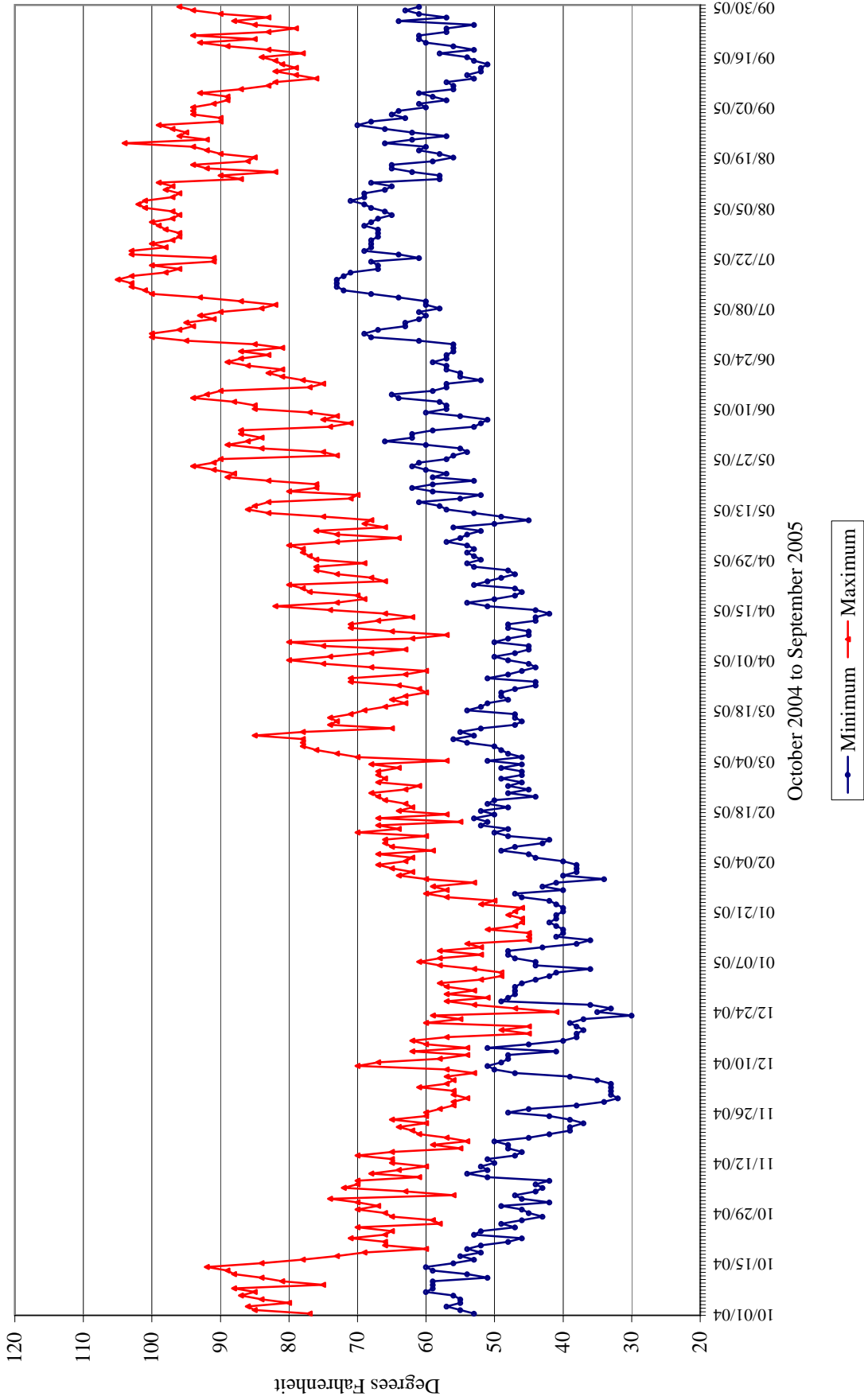
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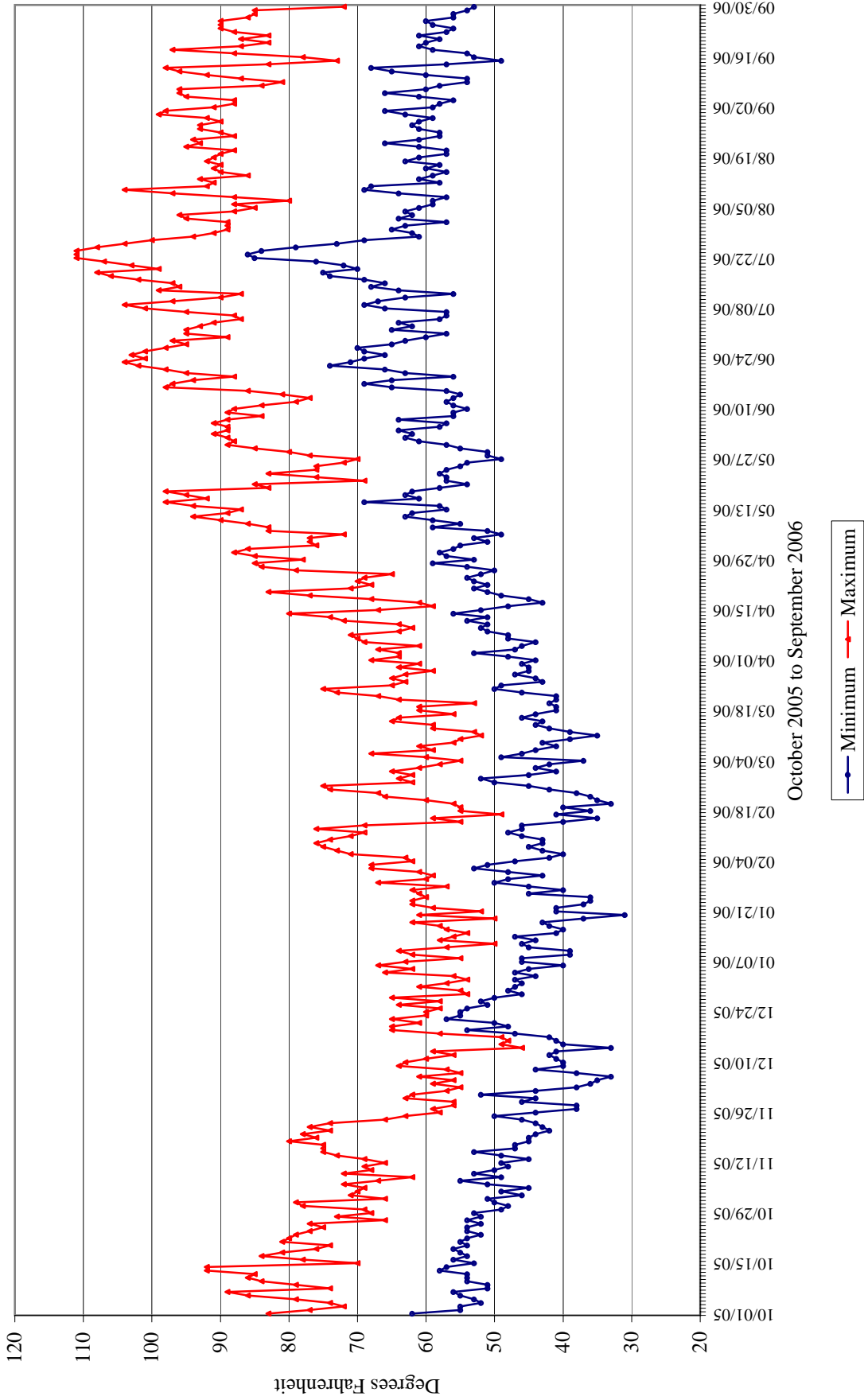
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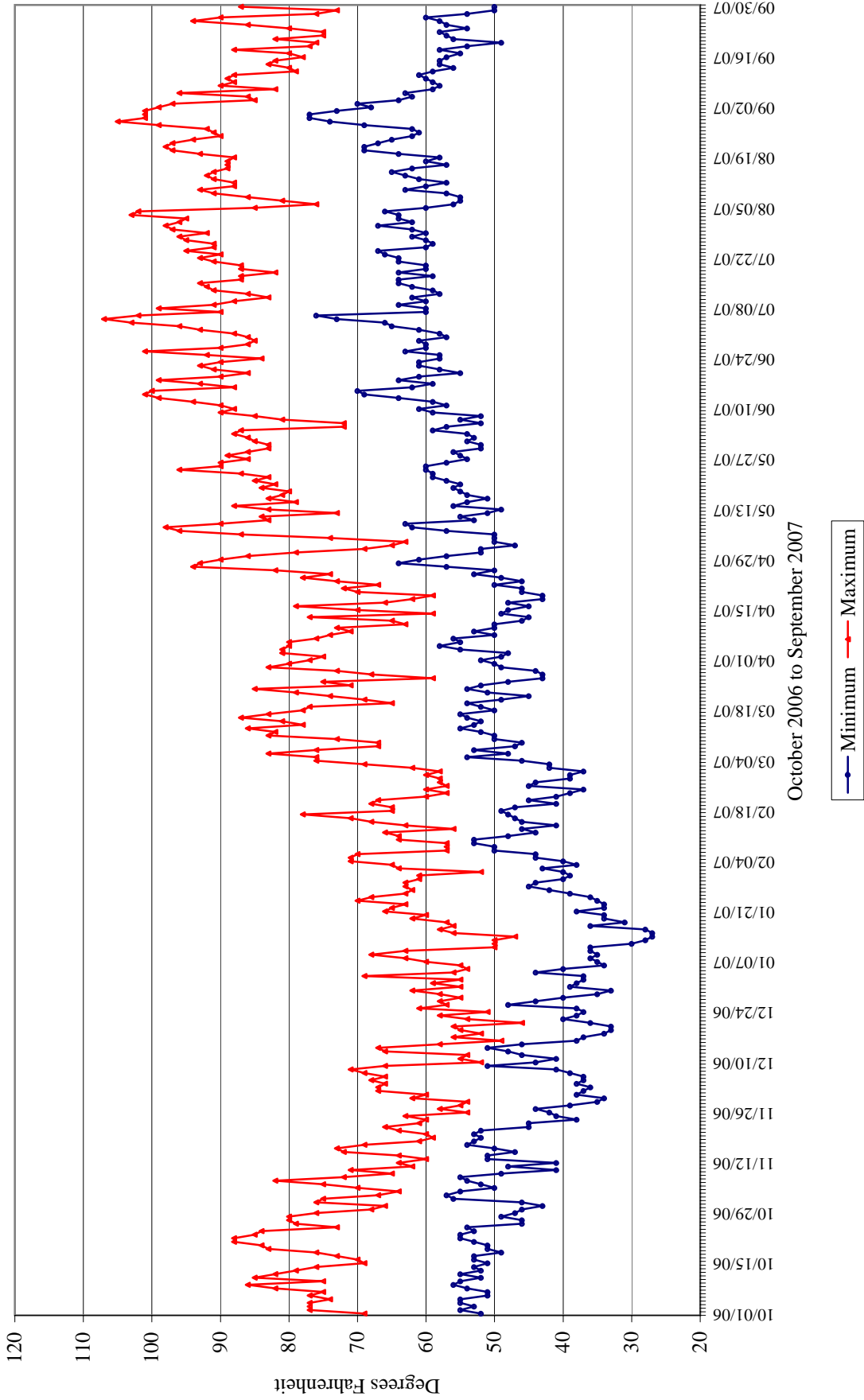
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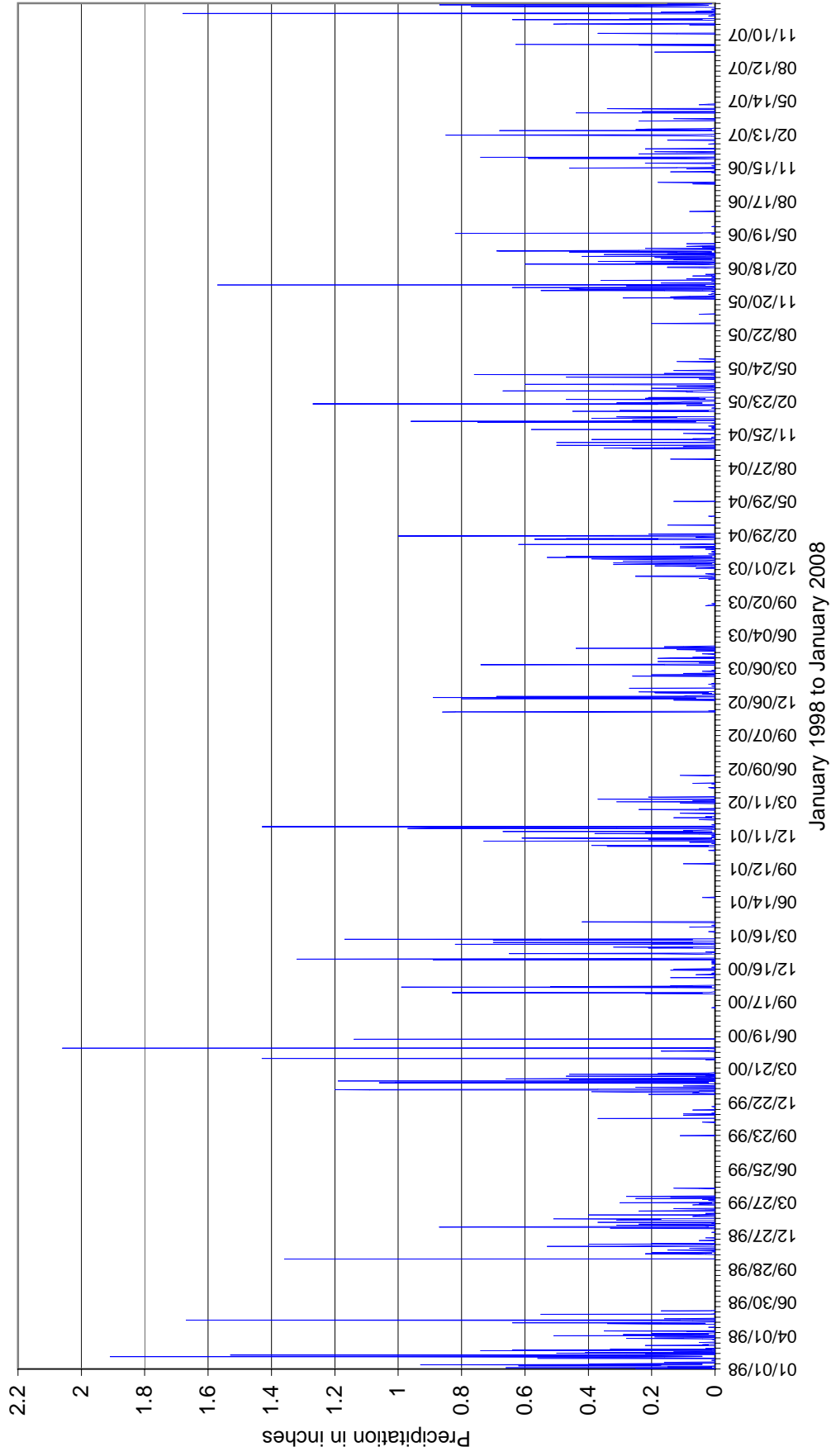
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Precipitation at the Modesto Irrigation District



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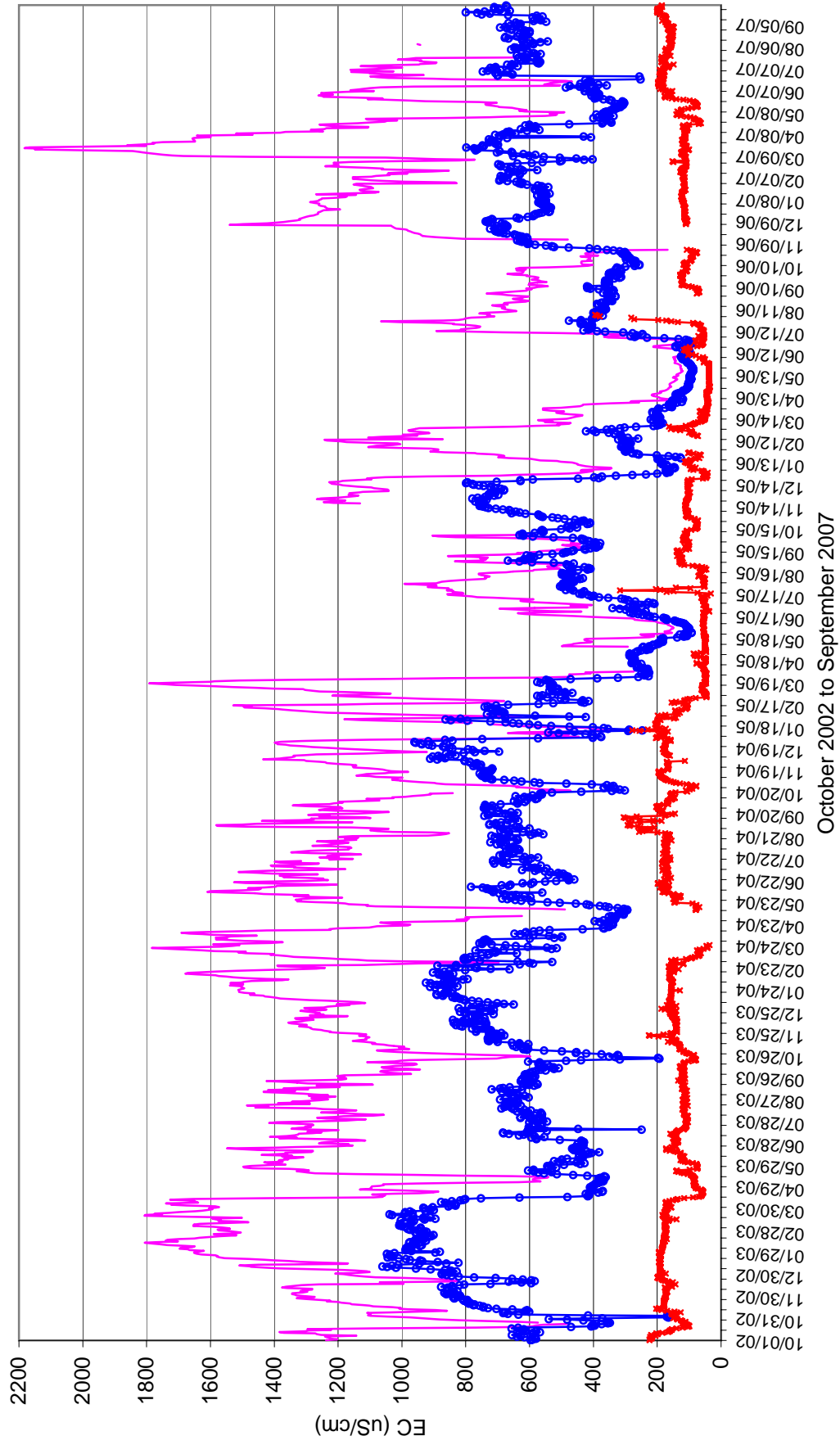
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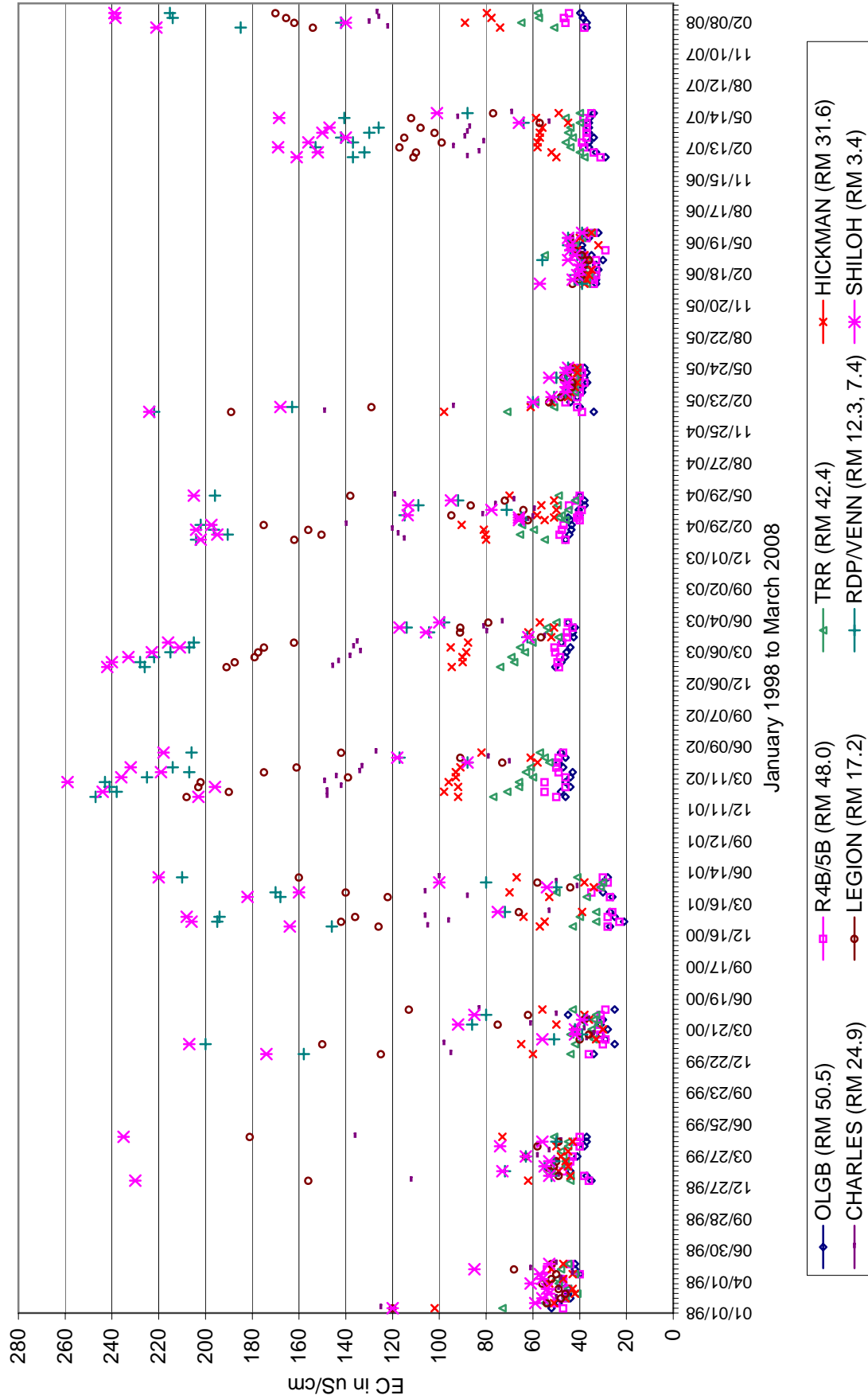
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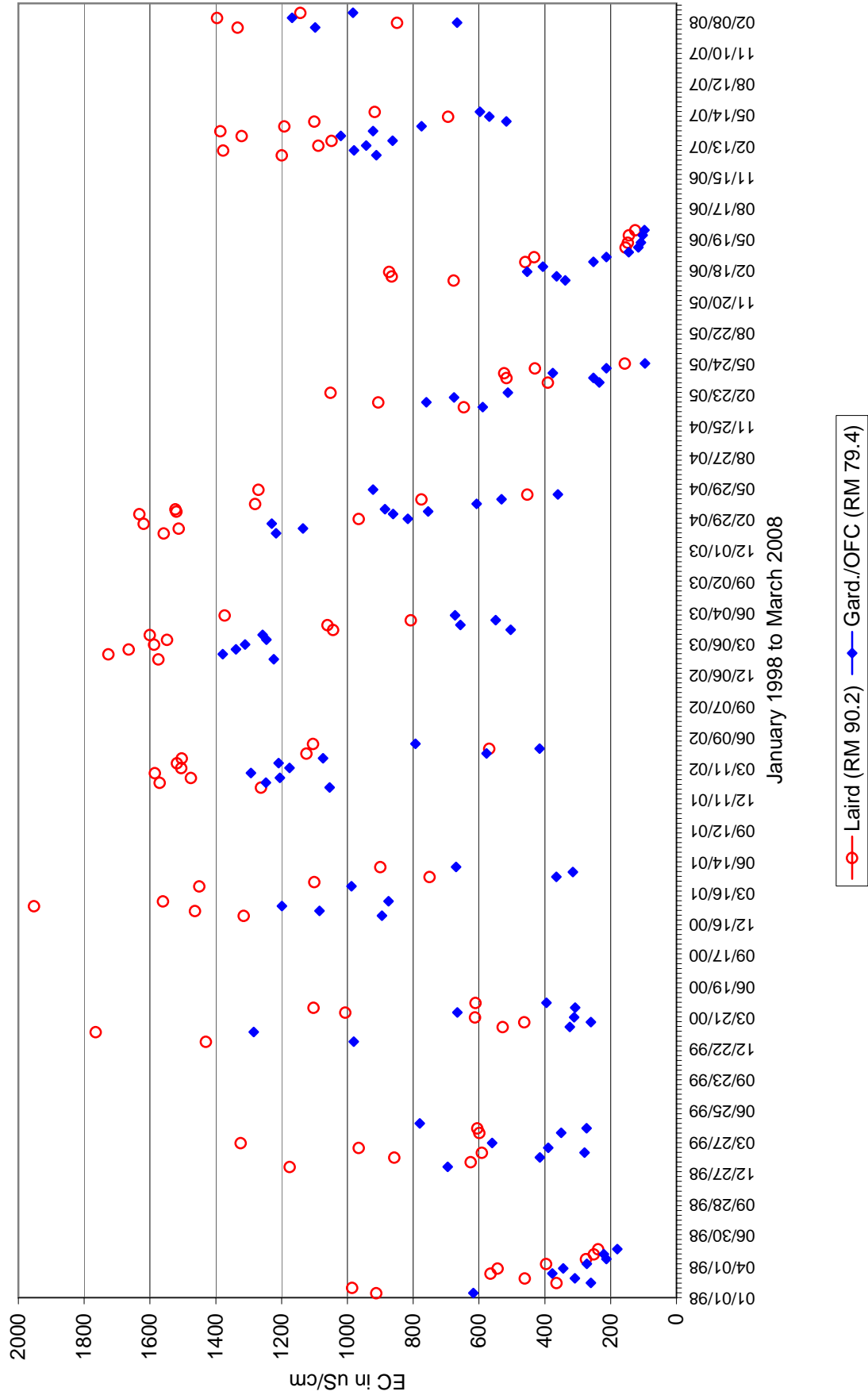
San Joaquin and Tuolumne River EC (DWR)



Tuolumne River EC taken during the seining studies.



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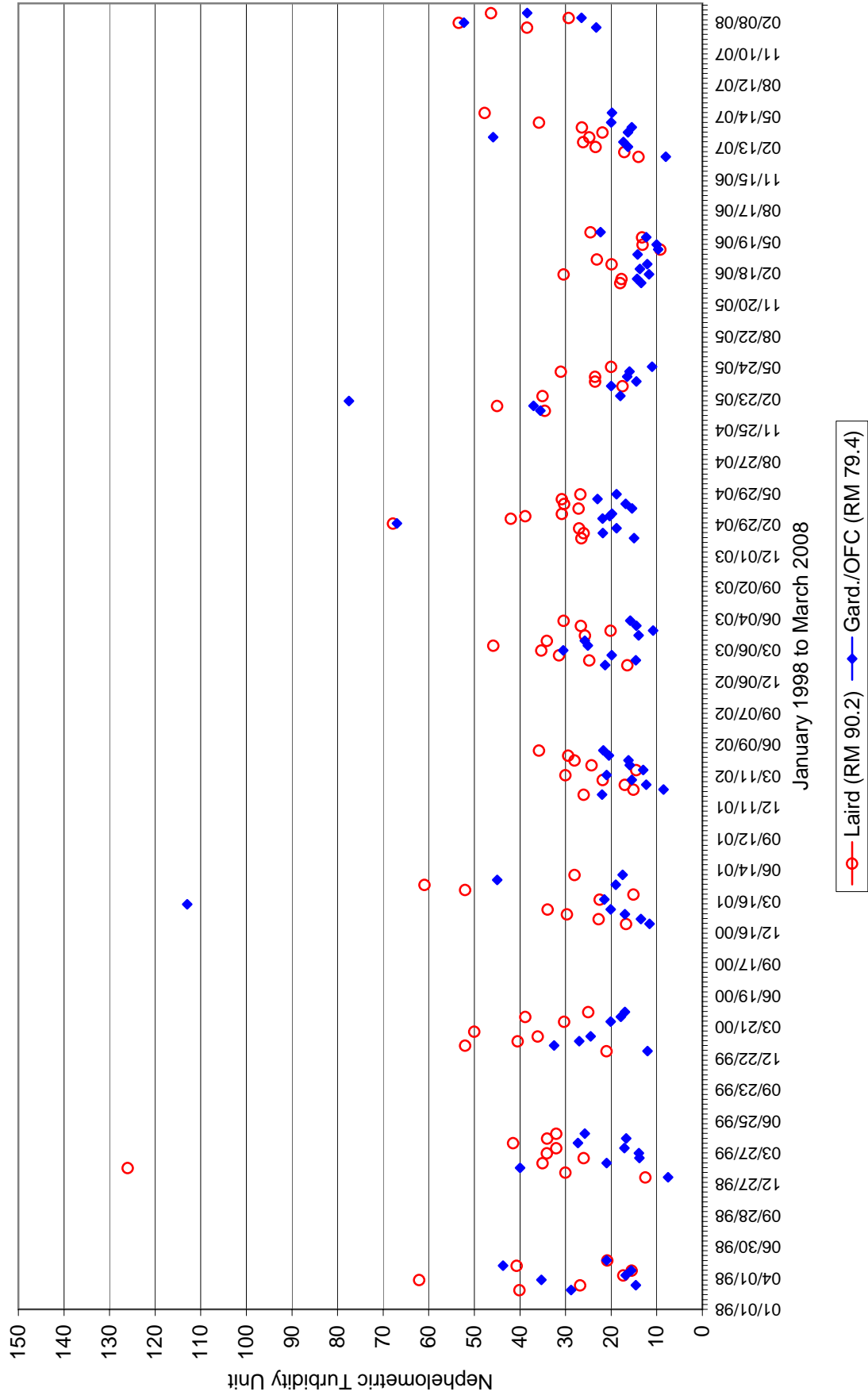


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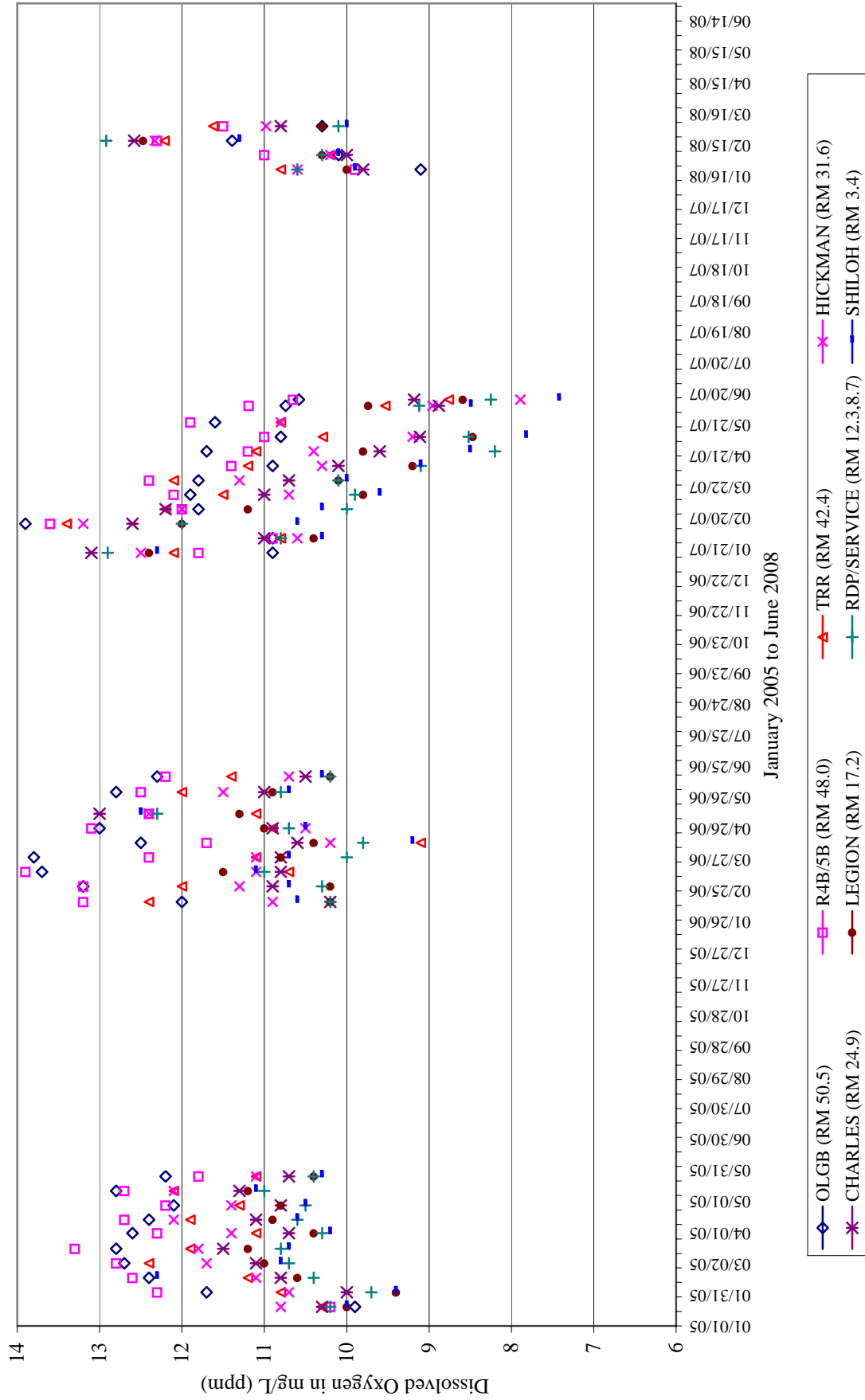
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San Joaquin River turbidity taken during the seining studies.



APPENDIX F – Dissolved Oxygen
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Tuolumne River Dissolved Oxygen measured during the seining studies



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