



## MEMORANDUM

To: Mike Mateyk; Jon Williams REF. NO.: 01069-20/pw/23  
FROM: Daniela Araujo; Wesley Dyck DATE: February 28, 2003  
**RE: Statistical Trend Analysis of Groundwater Monitoring Data  
Fourth Quarter 2002 Monitoring  
Hyde Park Landfill  
Niagara Falls, New York**

### 1.0 INTRODUCTION

Groundwater at the Hyde Park Landfill in Niagara Falls, New York (Site) is sampled quarterly and analyzed for indicator parameters including benzoic acid, chlorendic acid, phenolics, total chlorobenzoic acids, and total organic halides (TOX). As part of the evaluation of the quarterly monitoring data, a statistical analysis is performed to look for any evidence of increasing trends in indicator parameters at a given well over time.

This memorandum reports the findings of statistical evaluations of the Site groundwater monitoring data up to and including the fourth quarter 2002 samples.

### 2.0 STATISTICAL TREND ANALYSES

Helsel and Hirsch (1992) recommend a number of statistical trend analysis methods for application to environmental data sets. A typical pattern in groundwater constituent concentrations is a rapid decline in concentration immediately following a remedial action, which then slows and observed concentrations fluctuate up and down at a much lower level. This type of pattern has been observed at a number of Site monitoring wells, and may be observed in the concentration vs. time plots (Attachment A).

A recommended statistical procedure for trend assessment commonly applied to environmental monitoring data is the Mann-Kendall trend test. The Mann-Kendall test is a non-parametric (rank-based) method that evaluates a set of data for a monotonic (unidirectional) trend. The procedure makes no assumptions regarding the shape of the trend (e.g., linear, log-linear...), except that it is in a single direction (i.e., either consistently upward or downward). However, the Mann-Kendall procedure loses sensitivity if a large proportion of non-detected results is present.

For data sets with large proportions (> 50 percent) of censored data, logistic regression is recommended by Helsel and Hirsch. In this procedure, the numerical values of the monitoring data are not used, but instead the presence or absence of a detectable concentration of the analyte of interest is considered. Thus, the hypothesis tested as a measure of trend by logistic regression is that more detectable results are occurring later than earlier (increasing trend), or earlier than later (decreasing trend).

The Site groundwater monitoring data were assessed for trends on an individual well basis using either the Mann-Kendall trend test (if < 50 percent non-detects) or logistic regression (for 50-99 percent non-detects). Analytes that were not detected at a given well (i.e., 100 percent non-detects) during the time period of interest were not statistically evaluated.

### **3.0 SCOPE OF DATA**

The approach most applicable to assessing current trends in groundwater quality at the Site is to apply a given test to analytical data representative of the current groundwater conditions at the Site. This is accomplished for the Site by treating calendar years as a unit (i.e. either keeping or removing the four quarters of monitoring data for a calendar year) and ensuring that a minimum of 8 data points and maximum of 11 data points are used for the statistical evaluation. In the case of the fourth quarter 2002 data analysis, the analytical data include eight sampling events from 2001 to present. This data scope approach provides a moving two to three year comparison window. Over this period of time, some monitoring wells were dry on one or more occasions, which results in fewer than eight data points. The statistical analyses were performed using all available data from 2001 to present.

For the concentration vs. time plots (Attachment A), all historical data are included (1993 to present).

### **4.0 RESULTS**

The results of the trend analyses are presented in Table 1. No statistically significant ( $P<0.05$ ) increasing trend was identified. Four statistically significant ( $P<0.05$ ) decreasing trends were observed: TOX at well B1U, chlorendic acid at B1L, chlorendic acid at D2M and TOX at D2M.

Table 2 presents a comparison of results from the statistical trend analyses performed following monitoring events since the first quarter of 2001. Only wells/analytes with a significant trend identified during at least one evaluation are presented. This represents a total of 26 wells/analytes.

Comparing the present event's results to the previous round, none of the statistically significant (increasing or decreasing) trends from the third quarter 2002 evaluation were repeated, and four new decreasing trends were identified. This change is due to dropping the year 2000 data from the evaluation (see Section 3.0), and is representative of recent conditions at the Site.

Comparing the present event's results to those from one year ago, one decreasing trend (TOX at B1U) is consistent. The three increasing and three other decreasing trends observed in the fourth quarter 2001 evaluation have not persisted through 2002, and four new decreasing trends have been noted.

**5.0 CONCLUSIONS**

Statistical trend evaluations of Site groundwater monitoring data following the fourth quarter 2002 monitoring unit were carried out using either the Mann-Kendall trend test or logistic regression depending on proportion of non-detect values present. Data sets consisting entirely of non-detect results were not evaluated. Four statistically significant decreasing trends were identified as noted in Section 4.0 and on Table 1. This finding differs from the previous event and the previous year, with previously identified increasing trends not re-occurring, and new decreasing trends in parameter concentrations observed.

**6.0 REFERENCE**

Helsel, D.R. & R.M. Hirsch, 1992. Statistical Methods in Water Resources. Amsterdam: Elsevier.

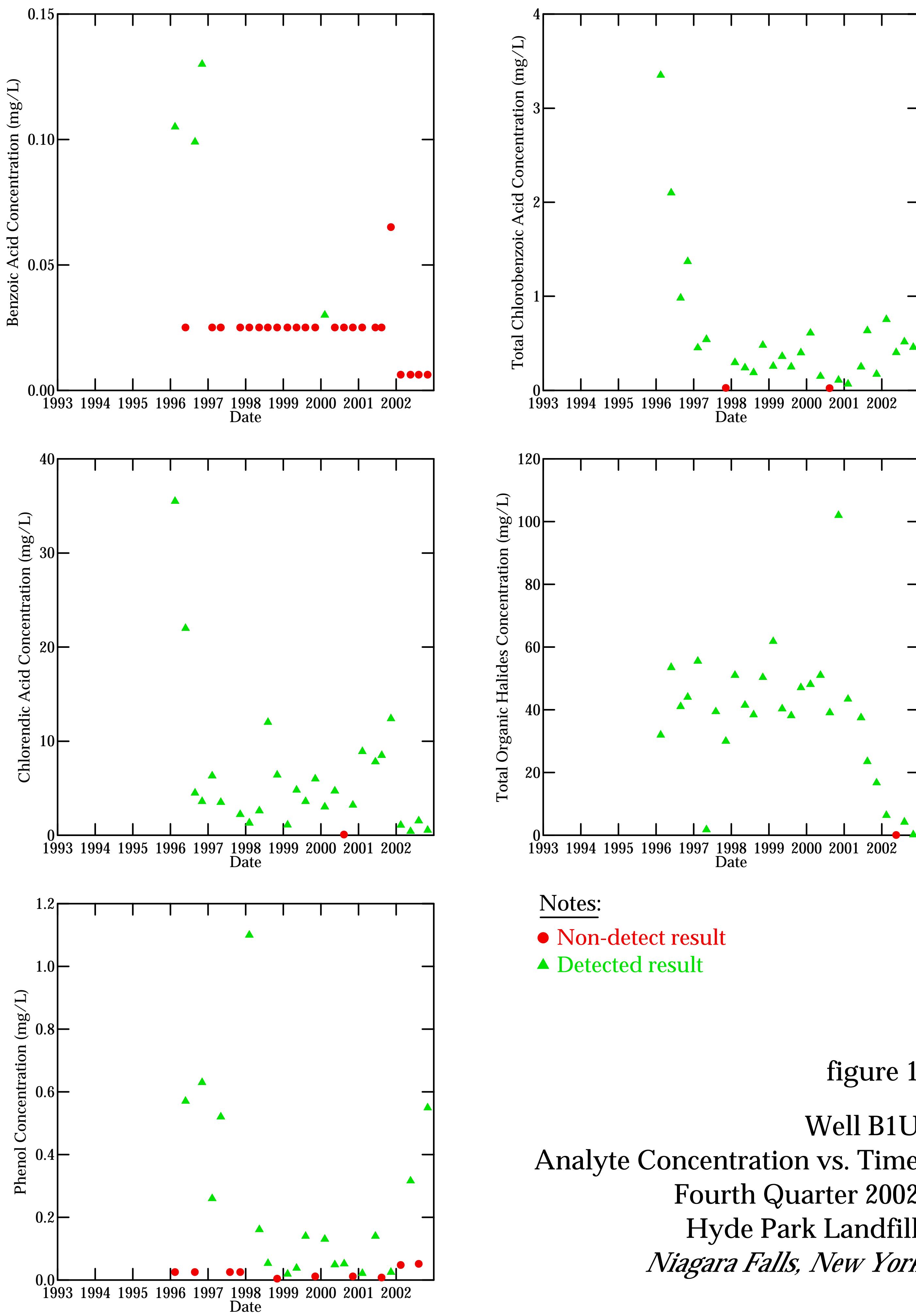


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Well B1U  
Analyte Concentration vs. Time  
Fourth Quarter 2002  
Hyde Park Landfill  
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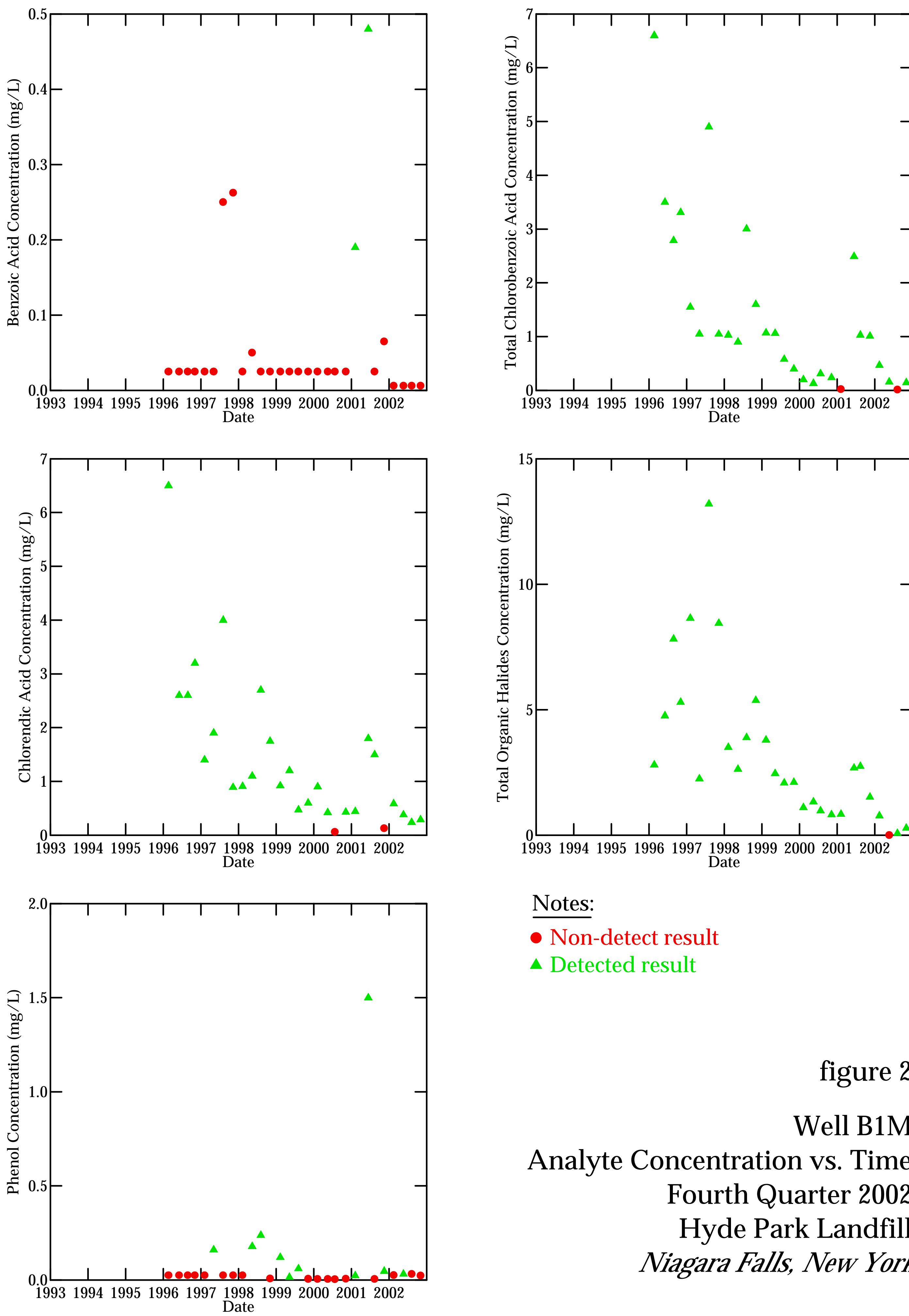
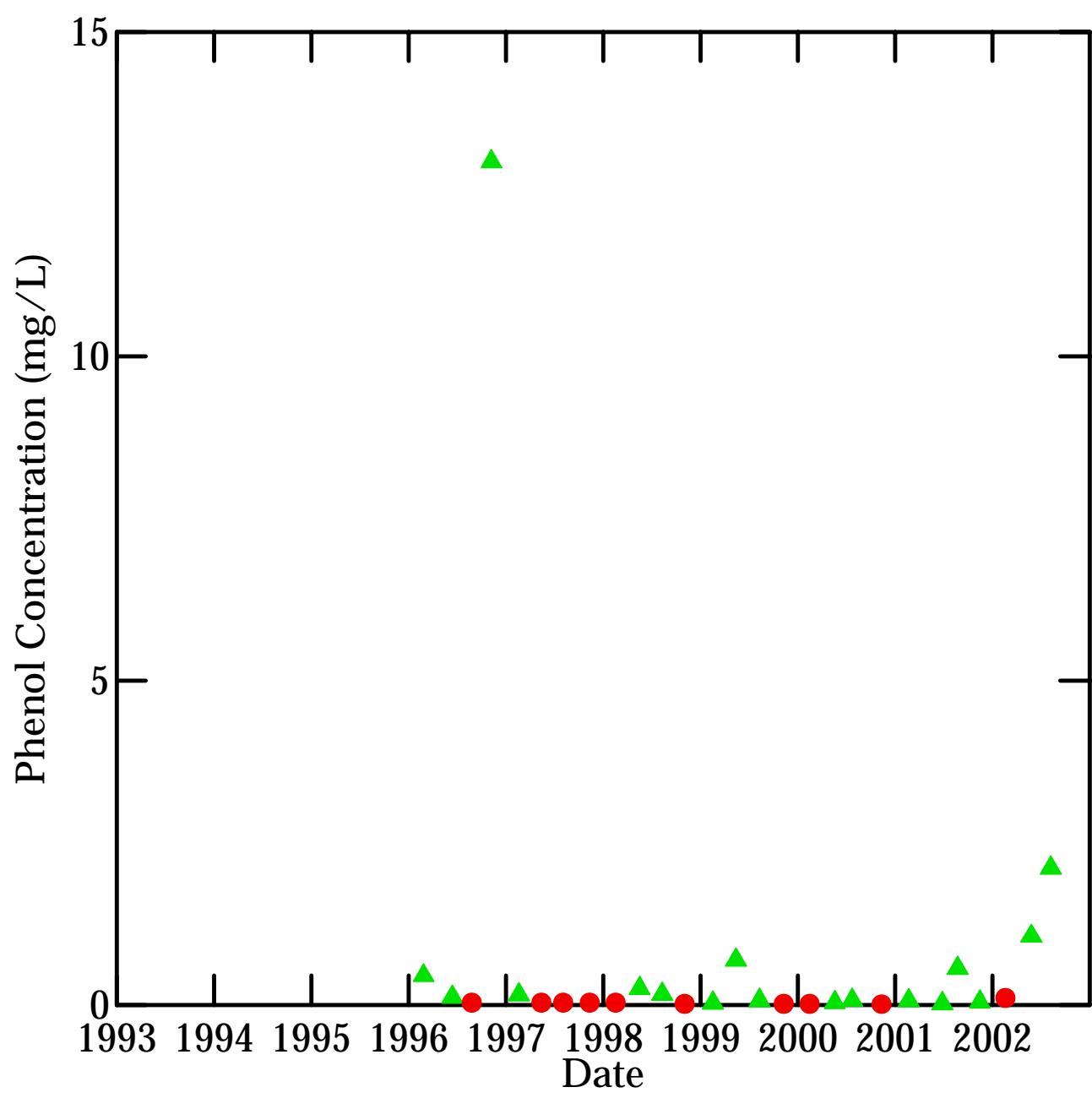
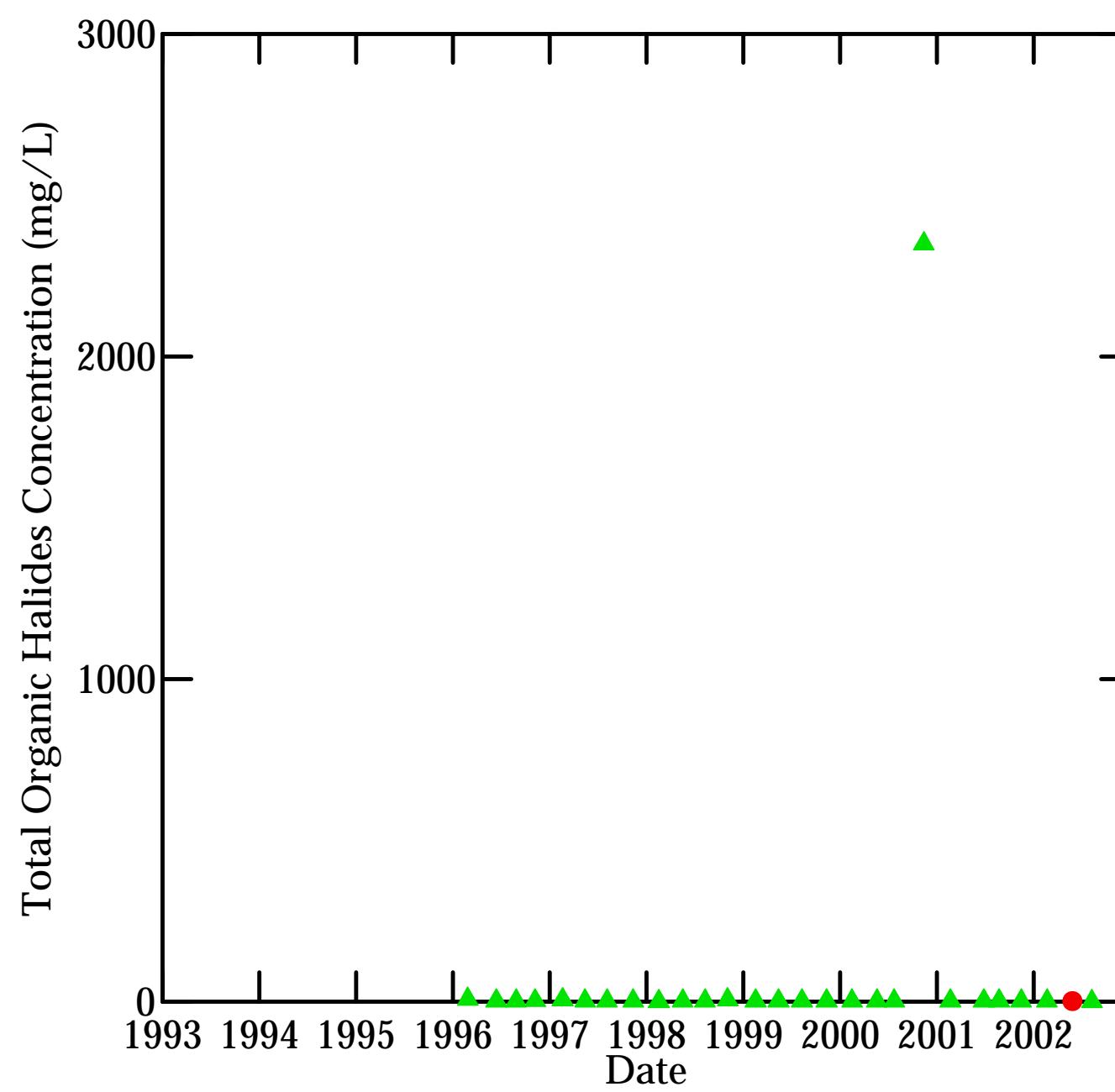
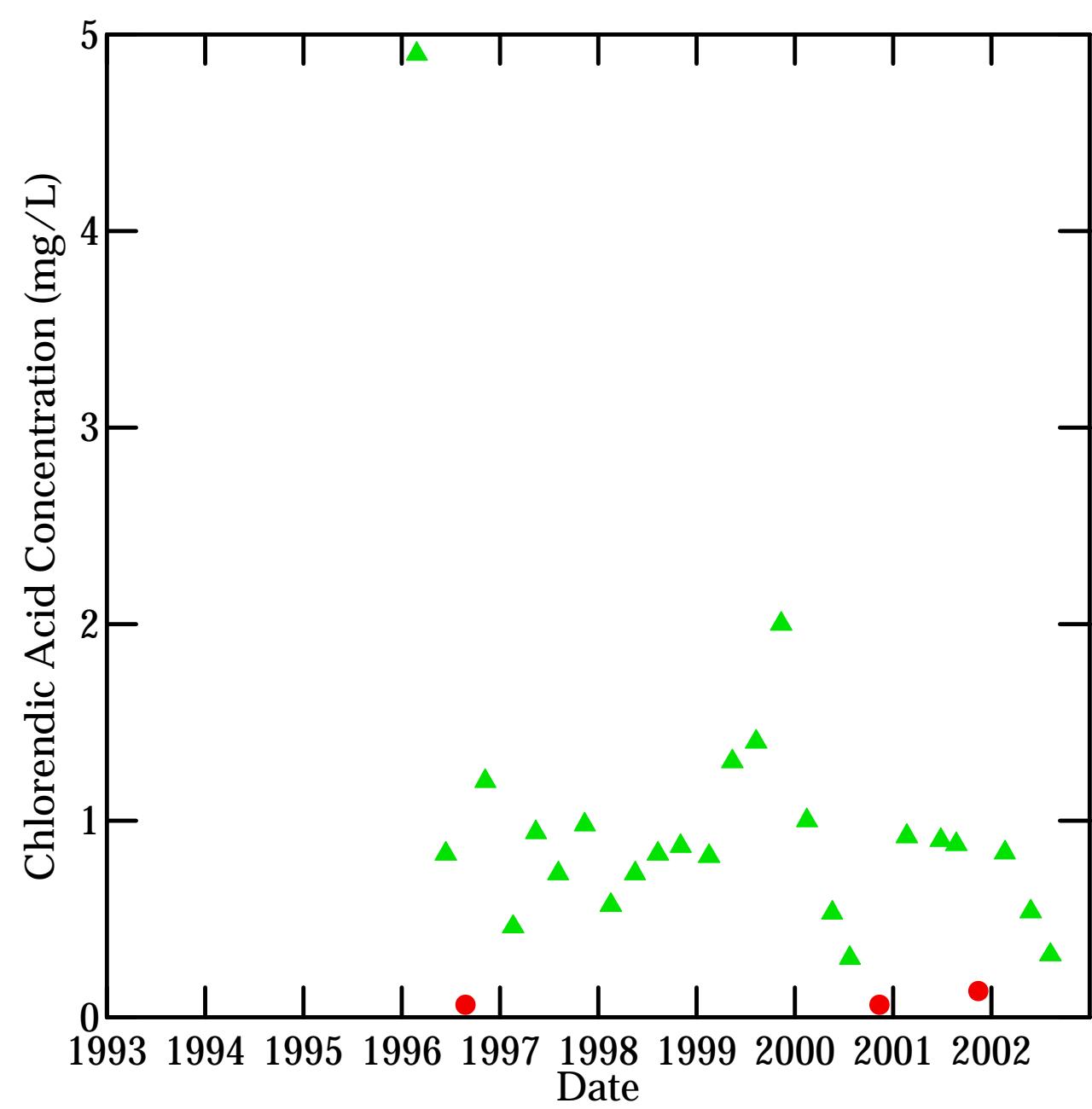
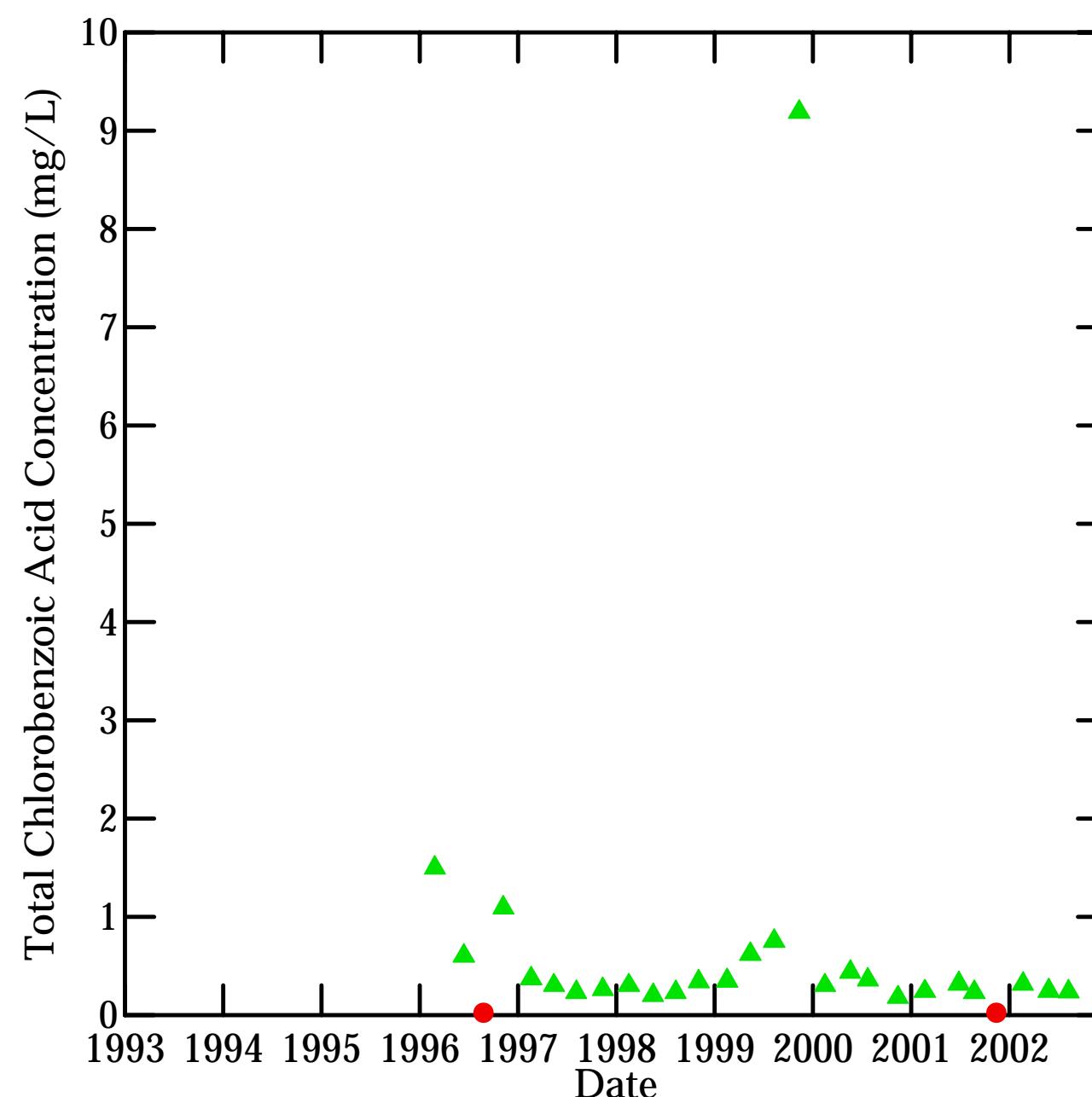
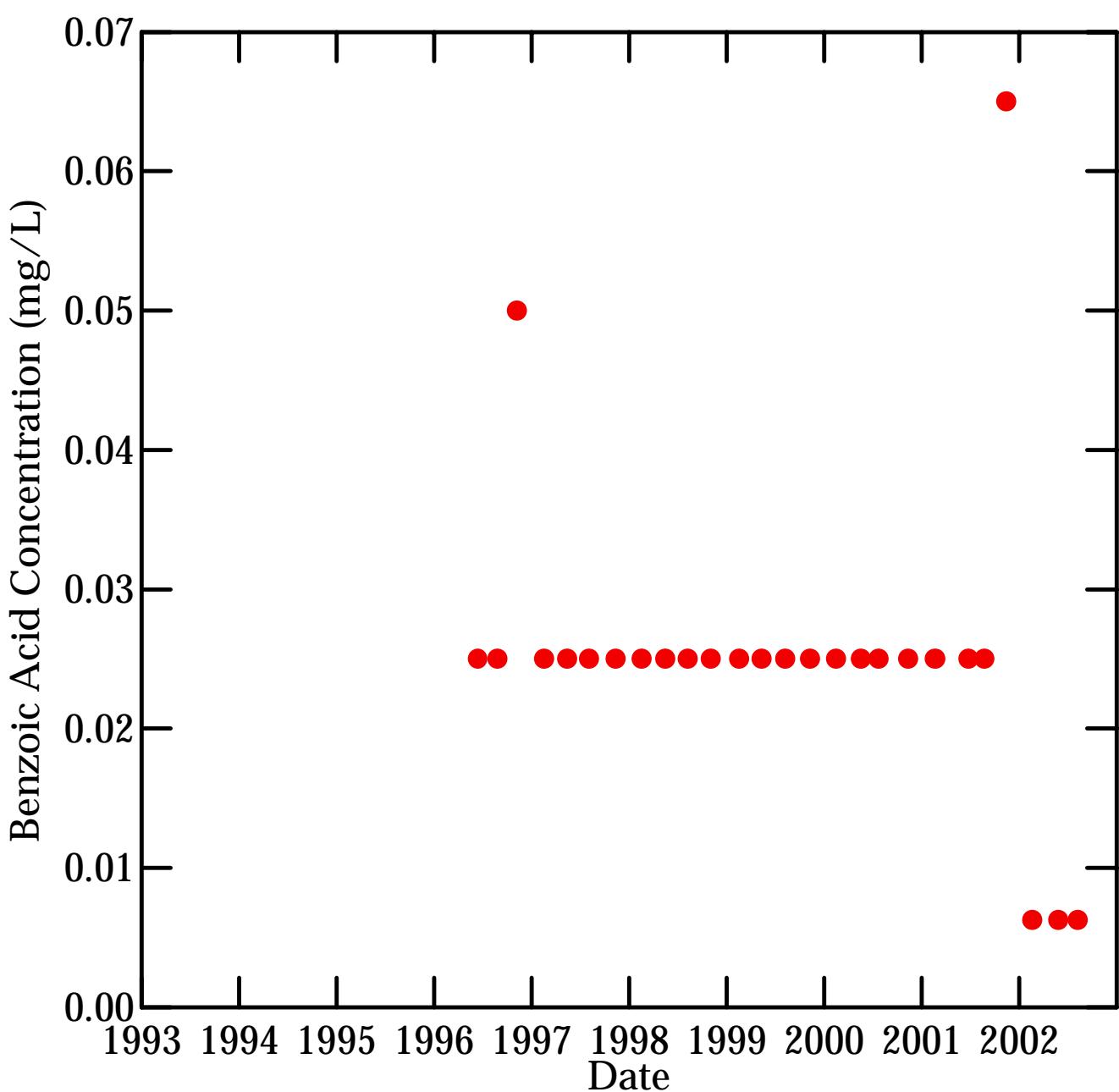


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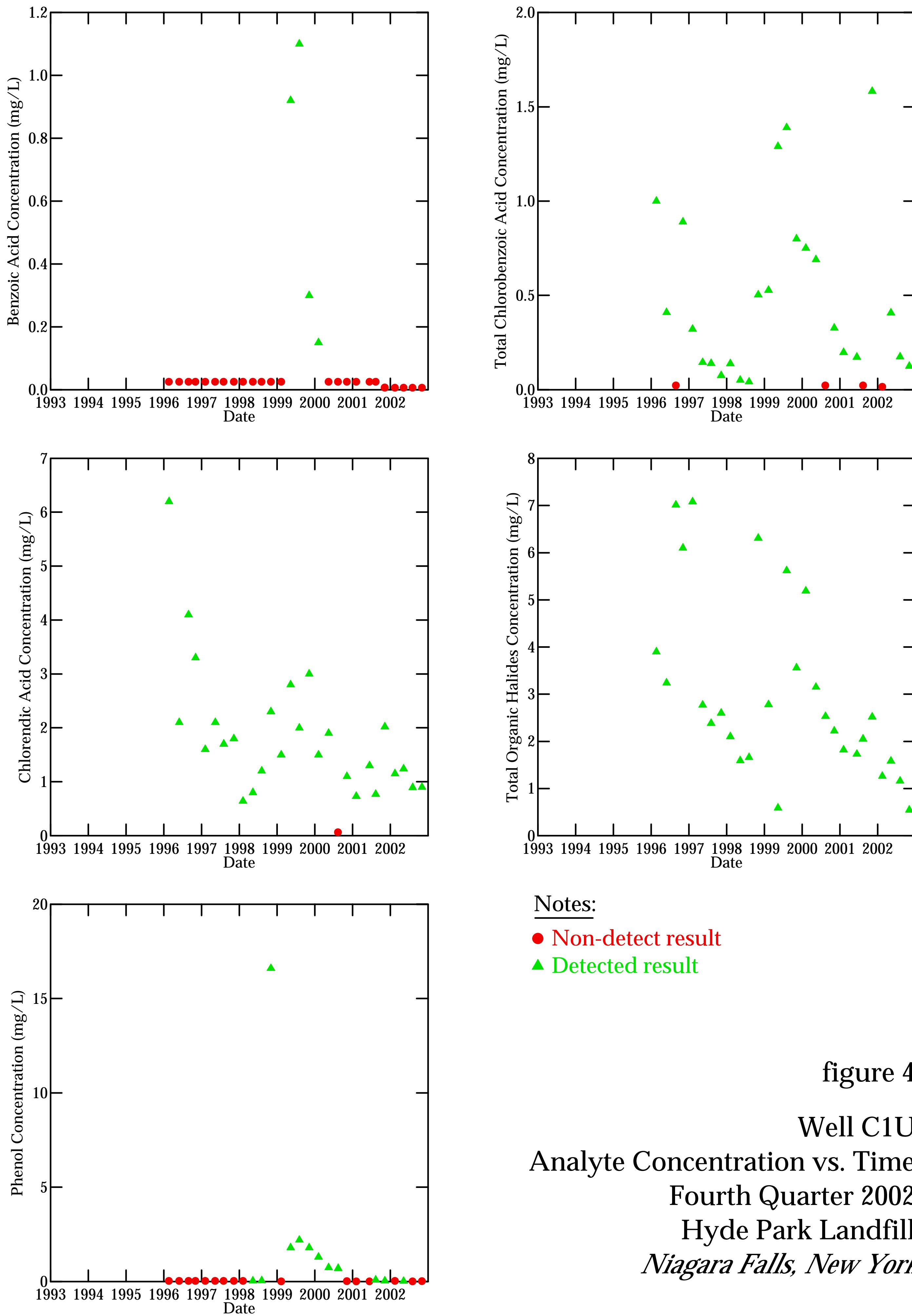


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Well B1L  
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Analyte Concentration vs. Time  
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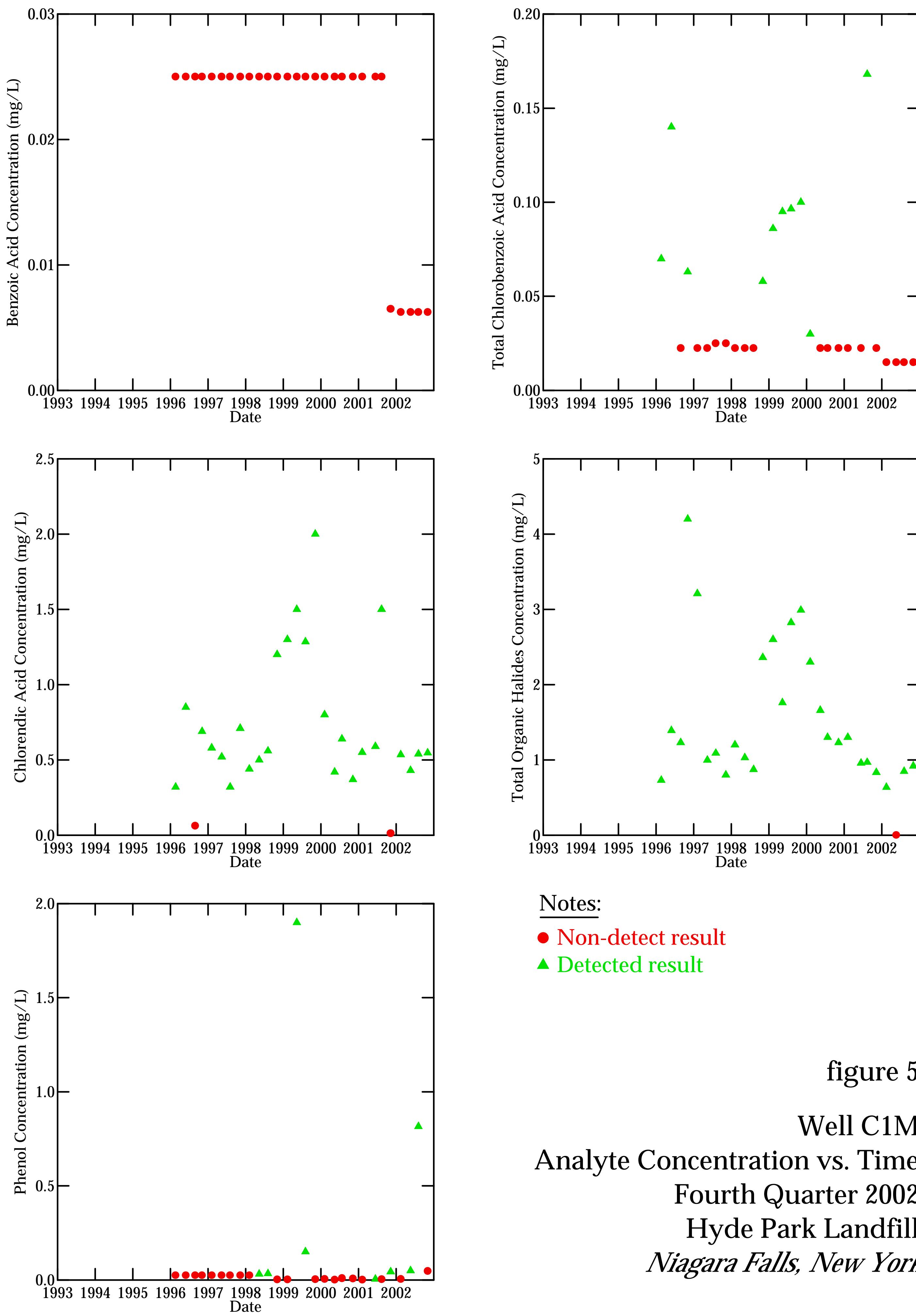


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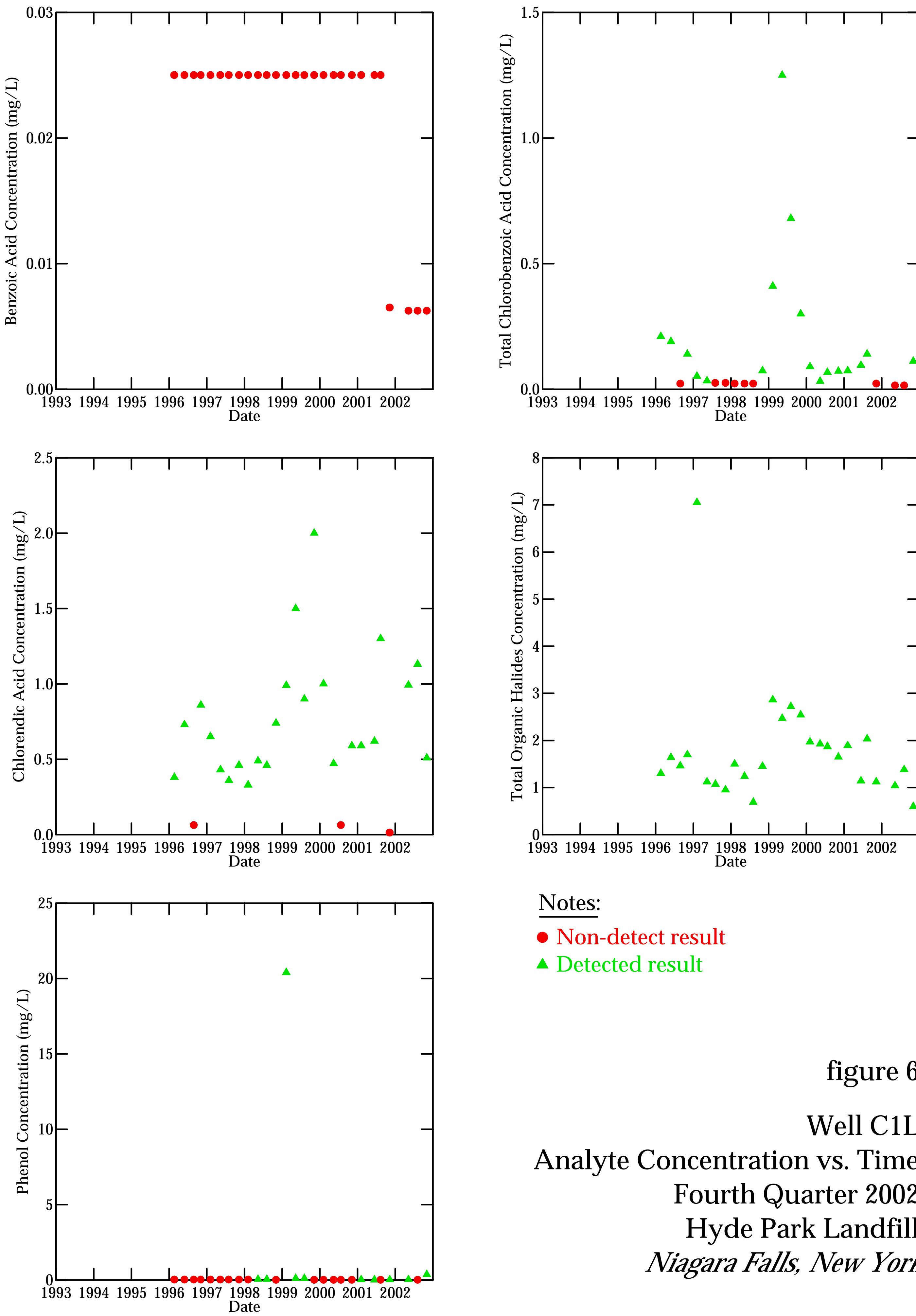
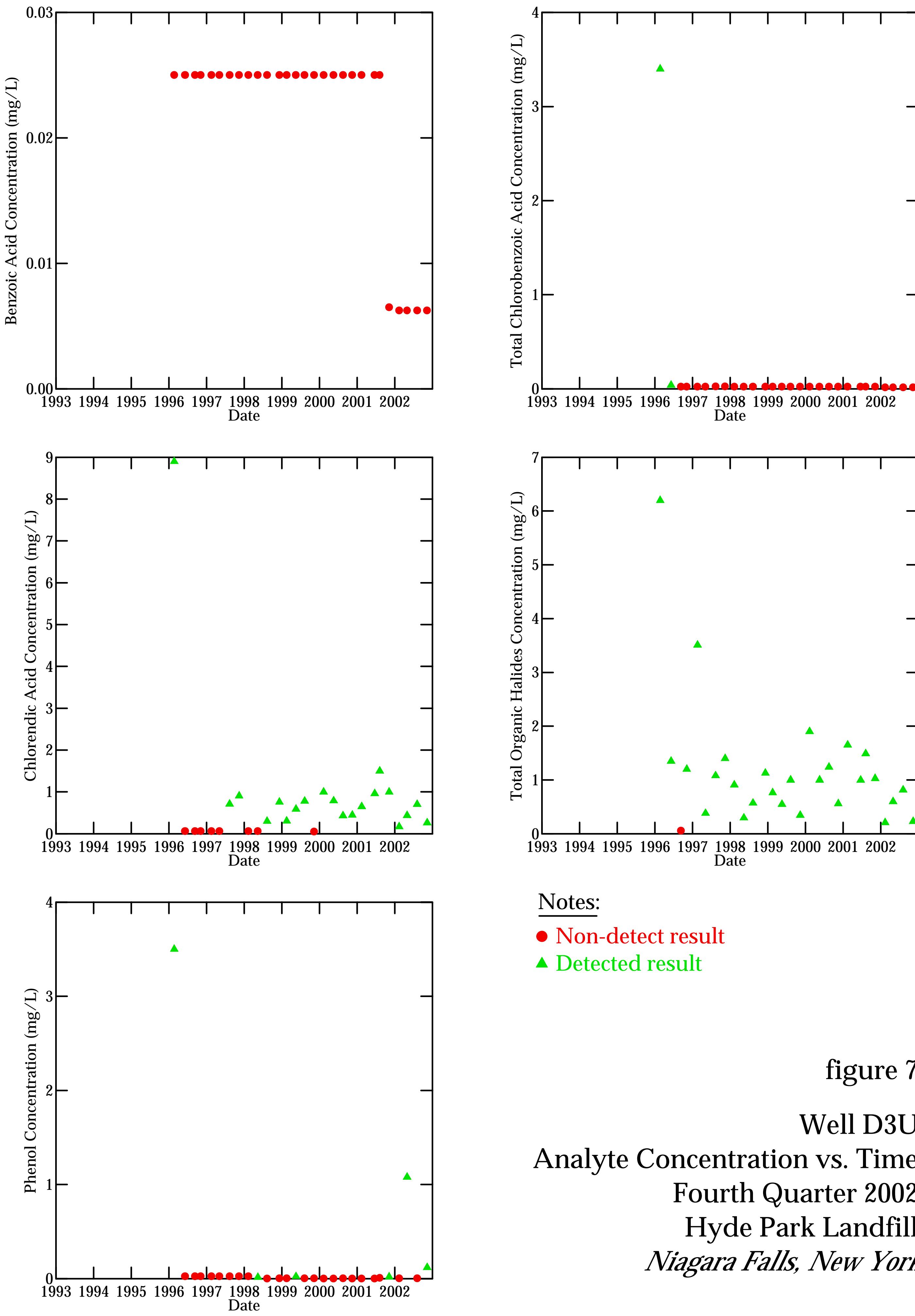


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Well C1L  
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Well D3U  
Analyte Concentration vs. Time  
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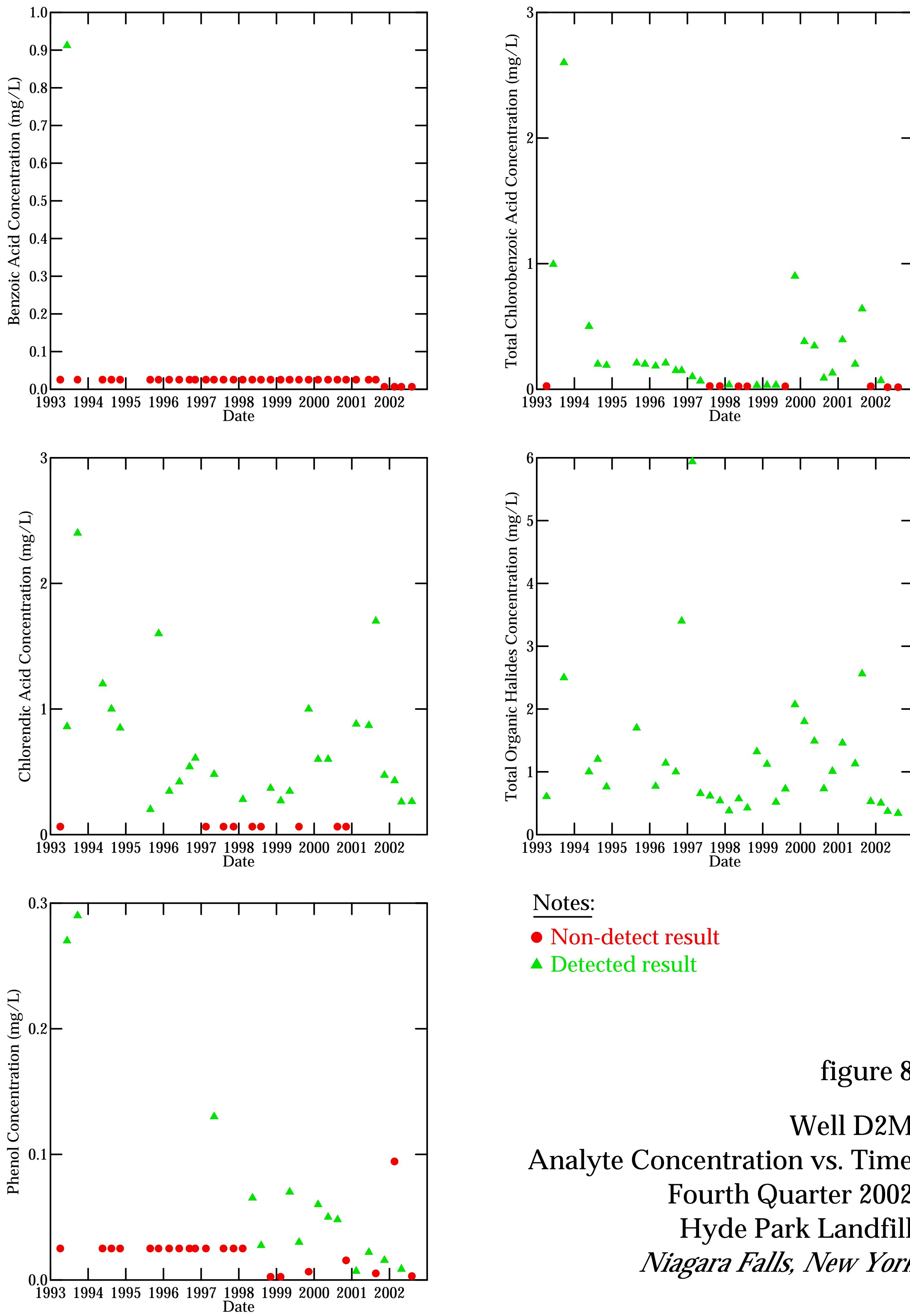


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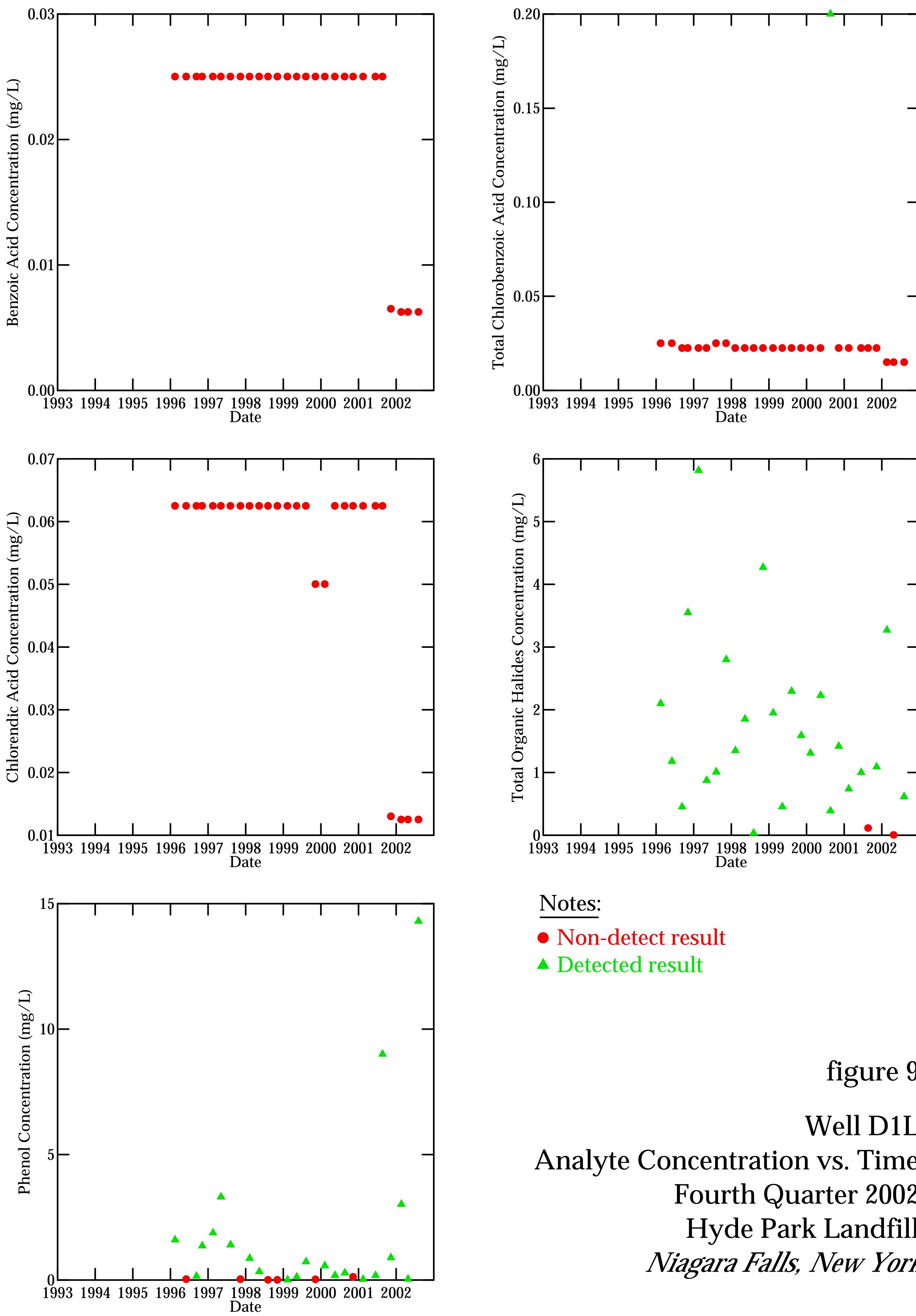


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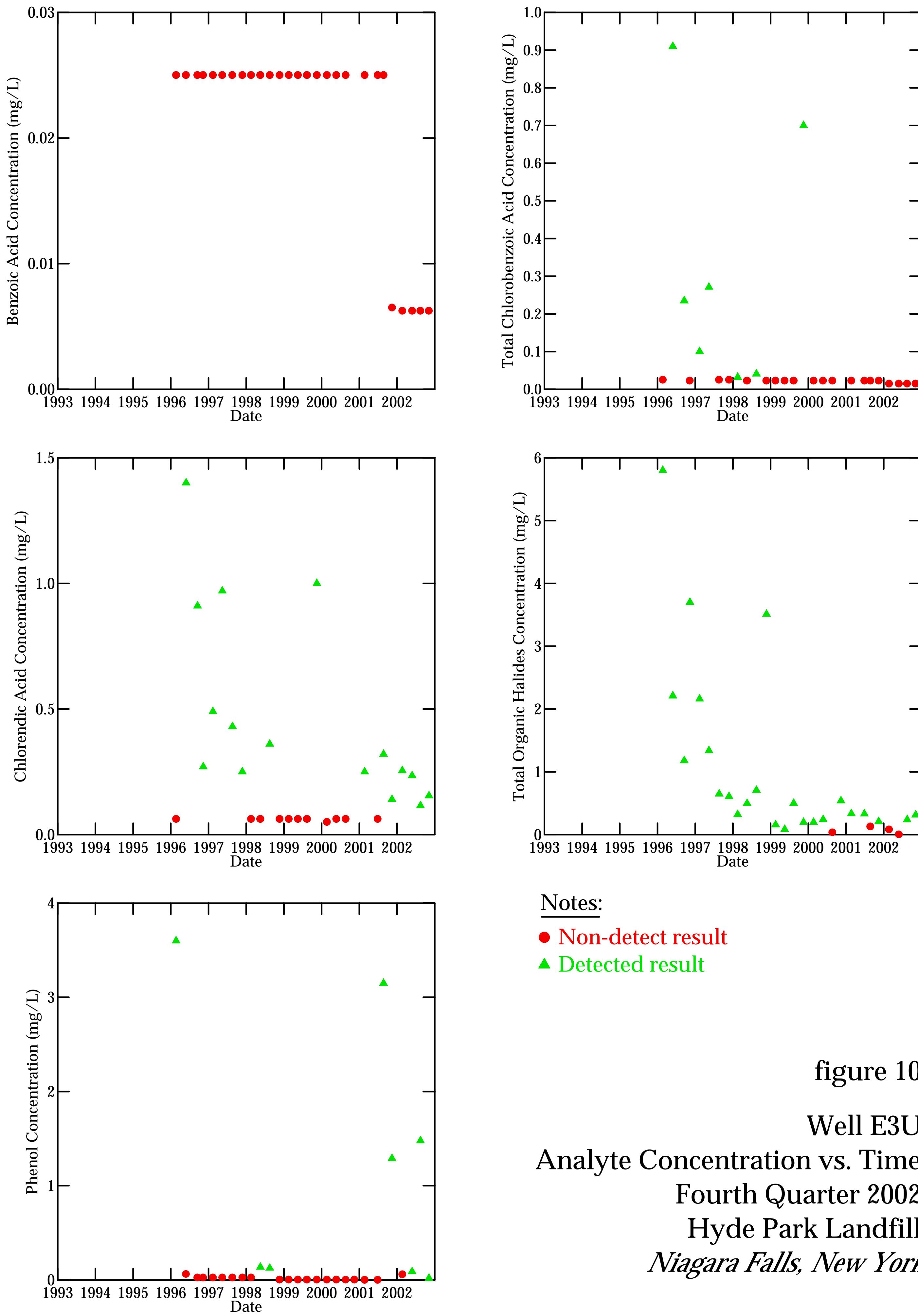
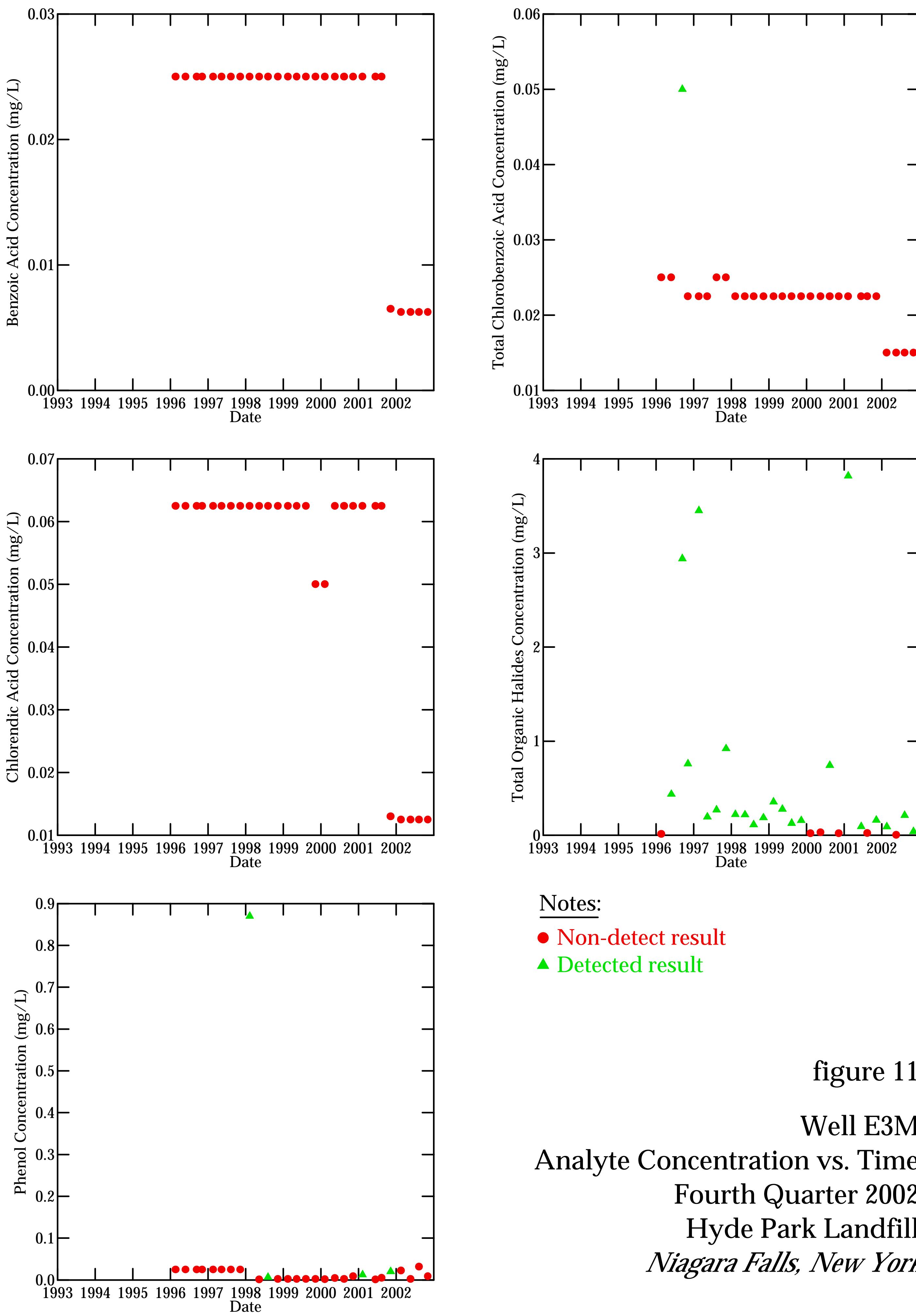


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Well E3U  
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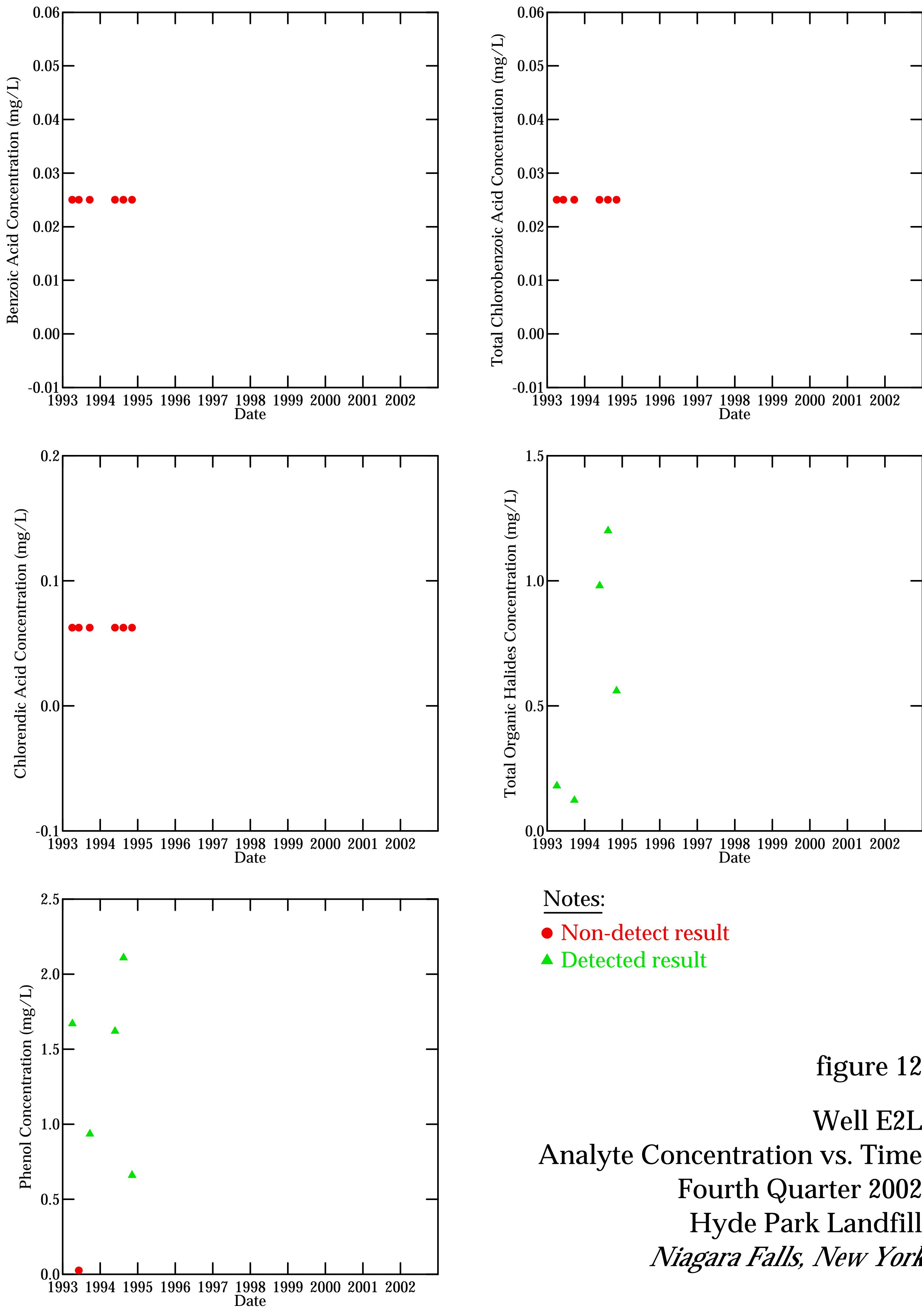


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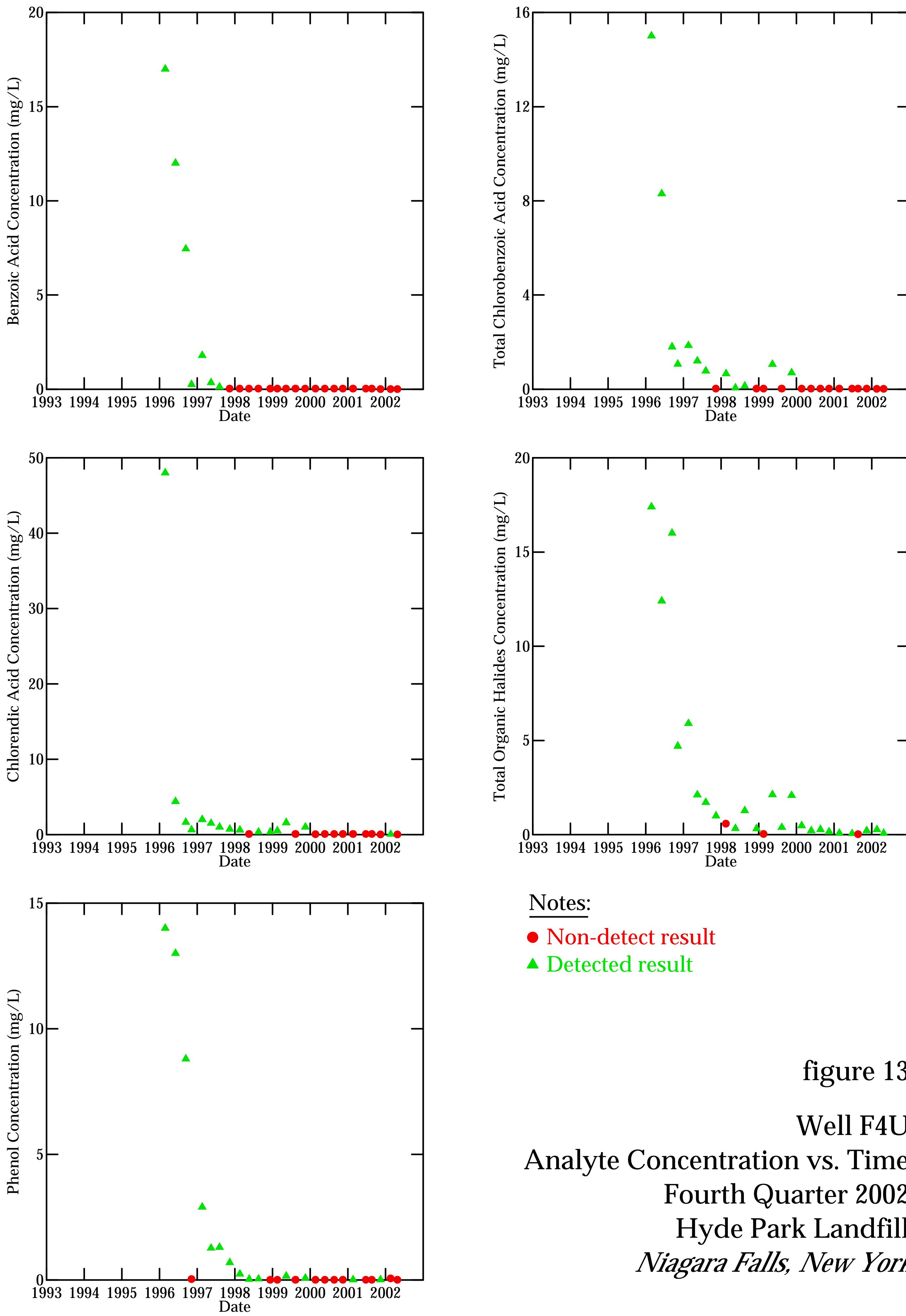
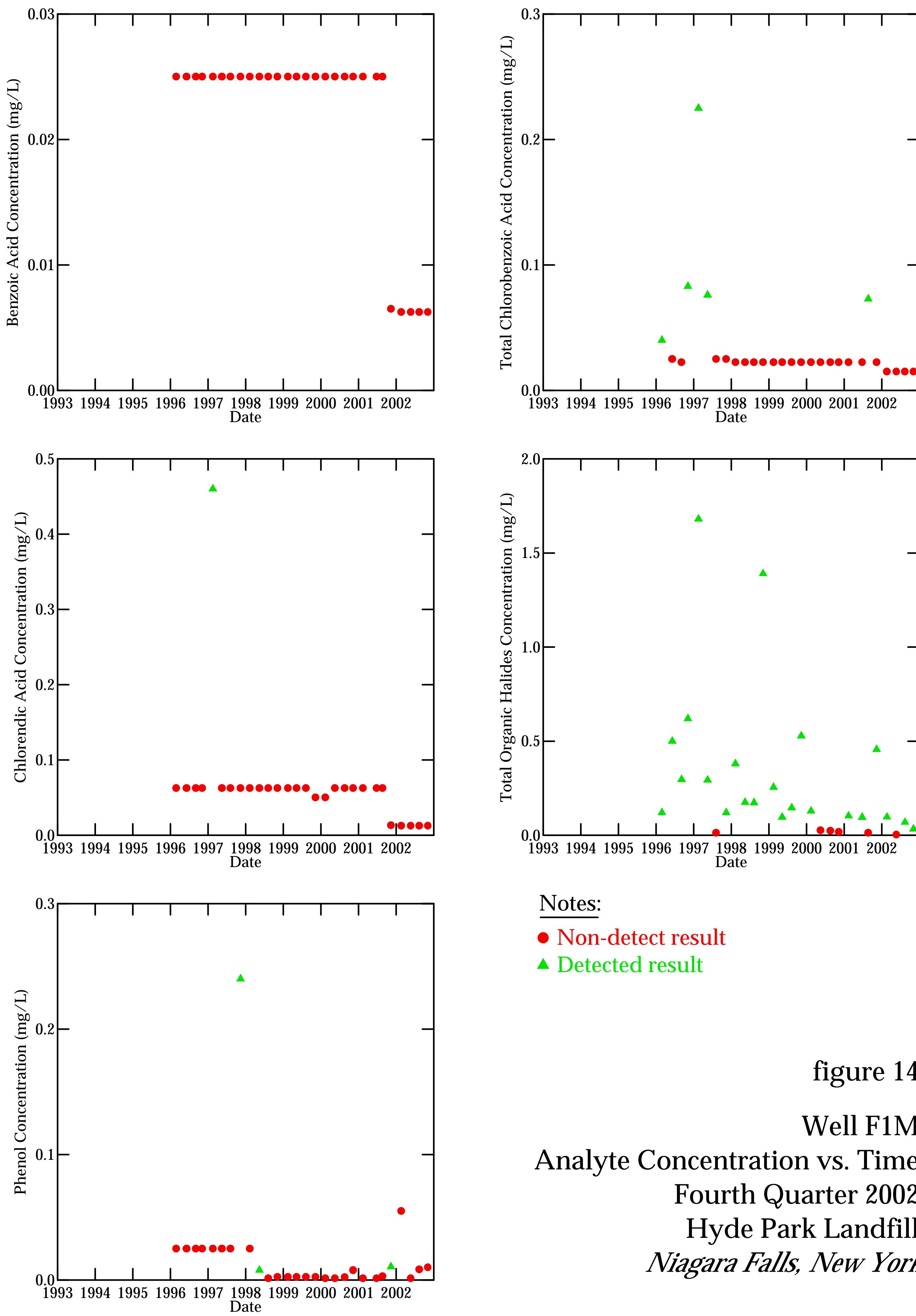
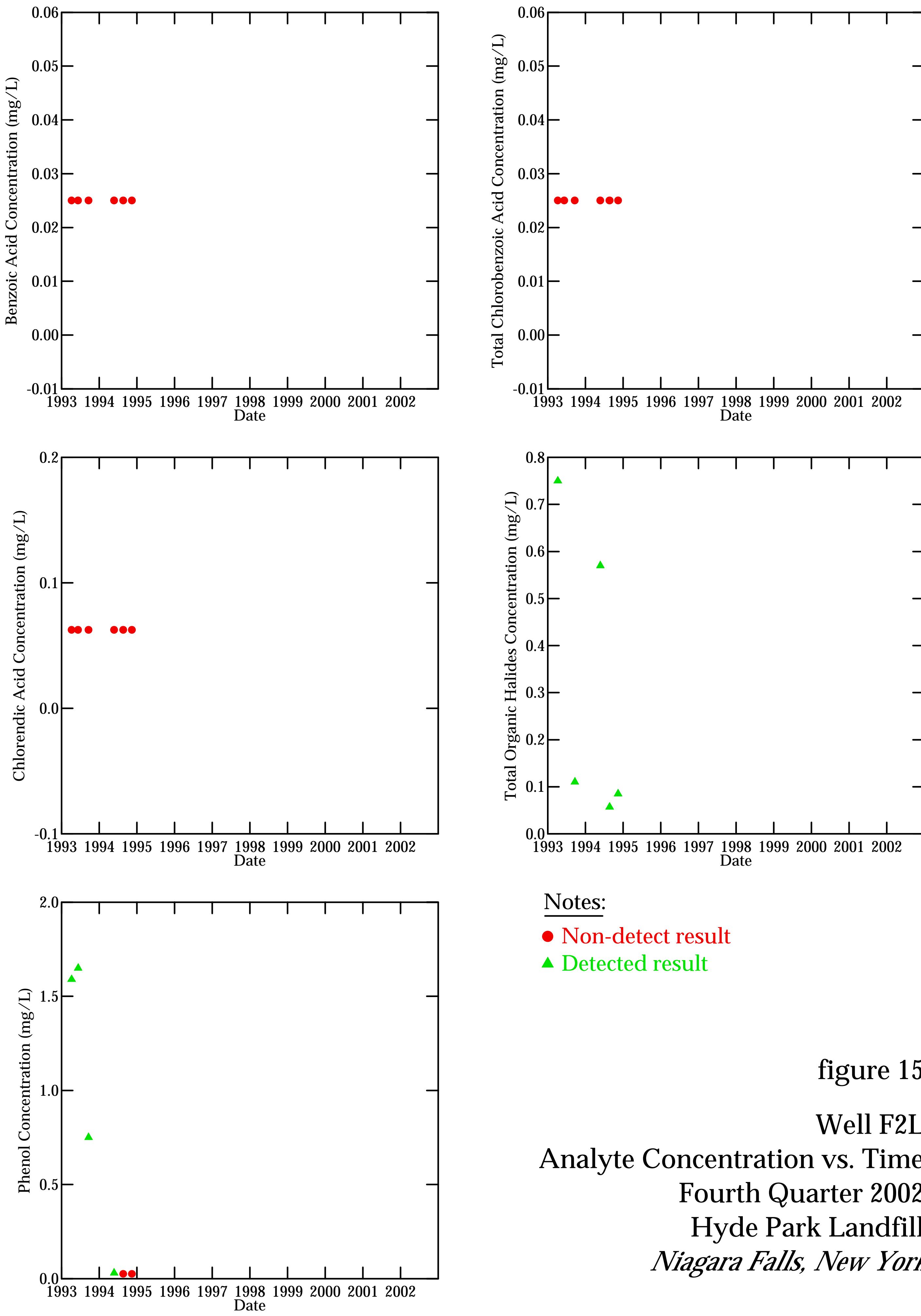


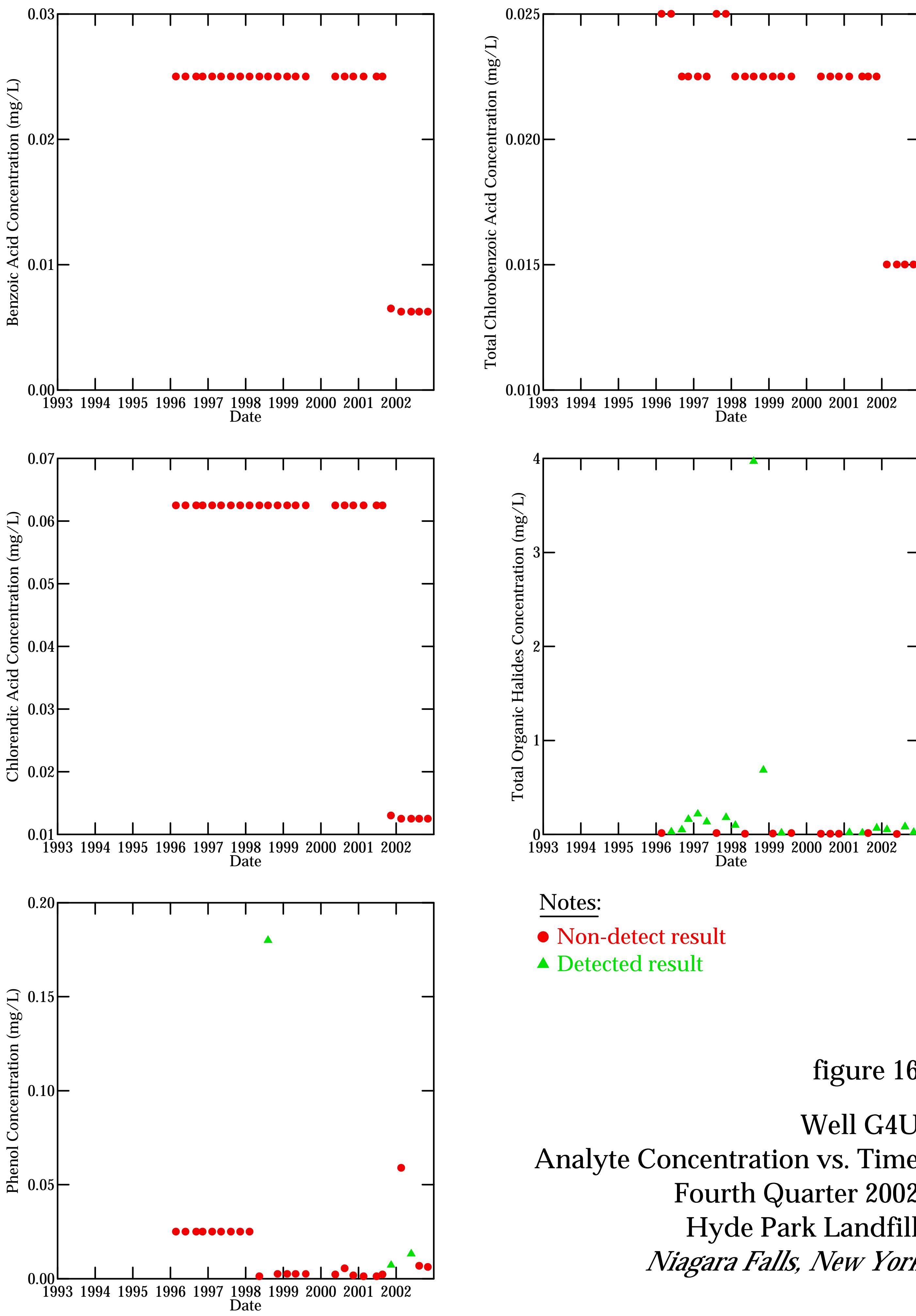
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Well F4U  
Analyte Concentration vs. Time  
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**Well F1M**  
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**figure 15**  
**Well F2L**  
**Analyte Concentration vs. Time**  
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**Well G4U**  
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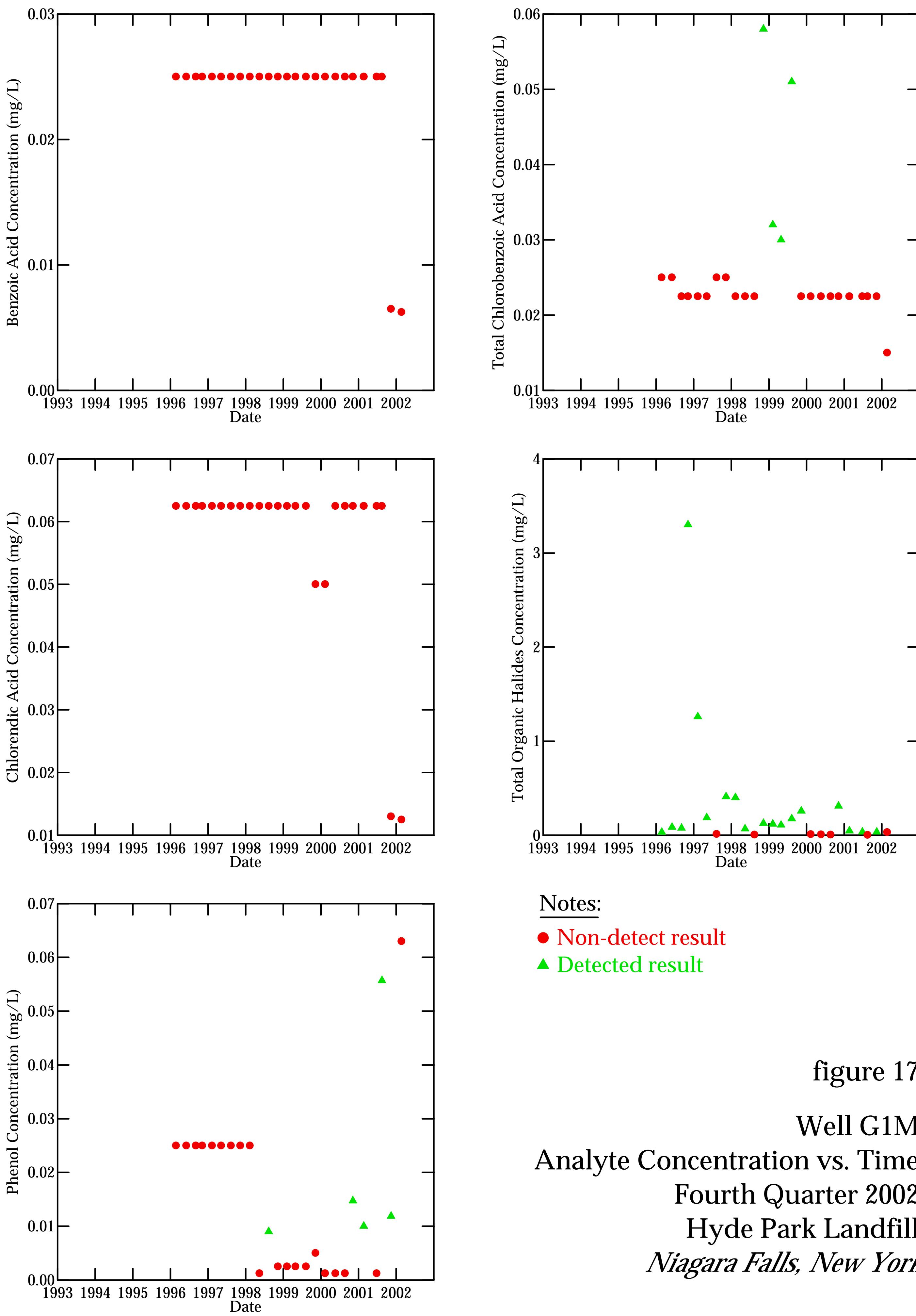


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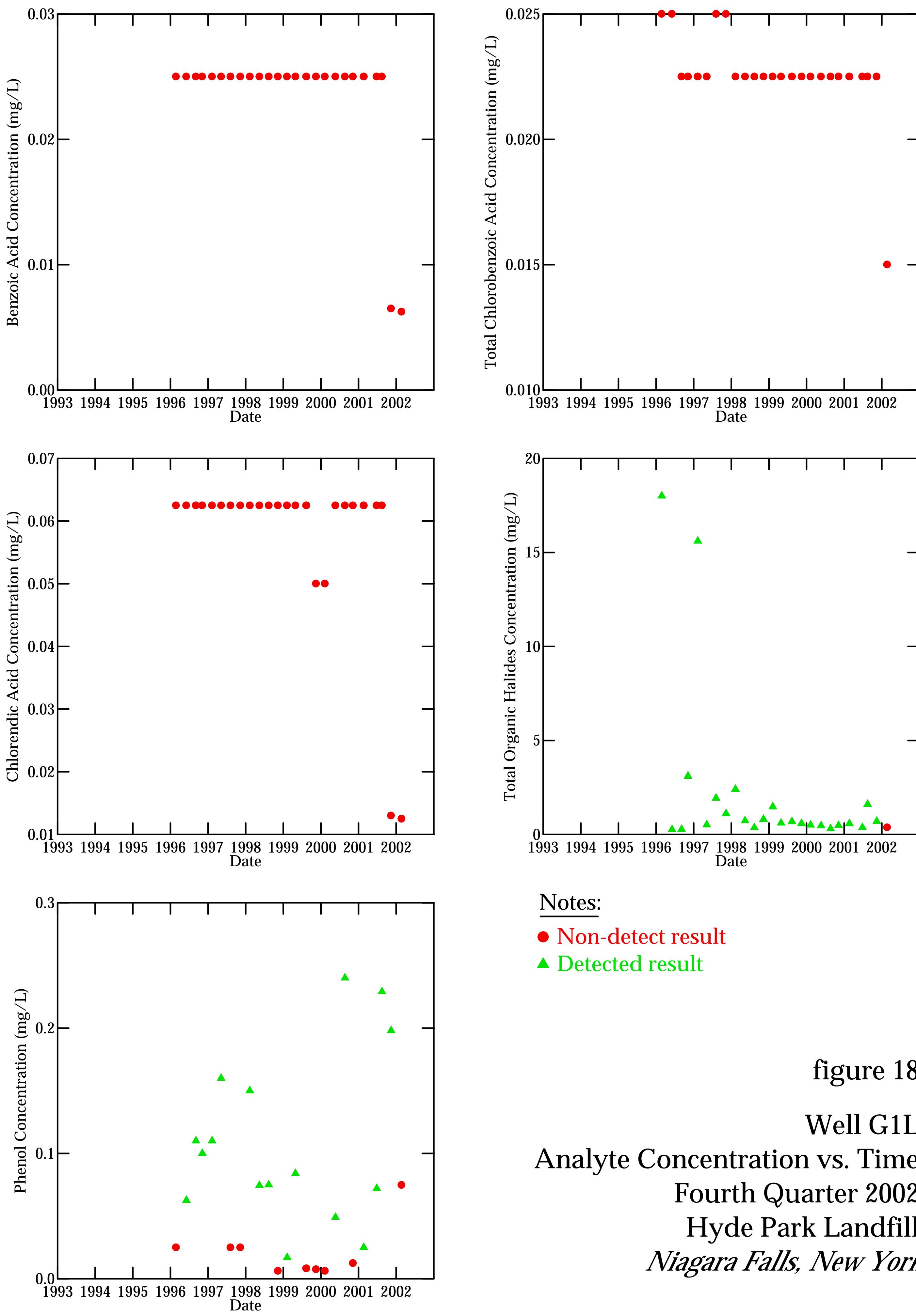
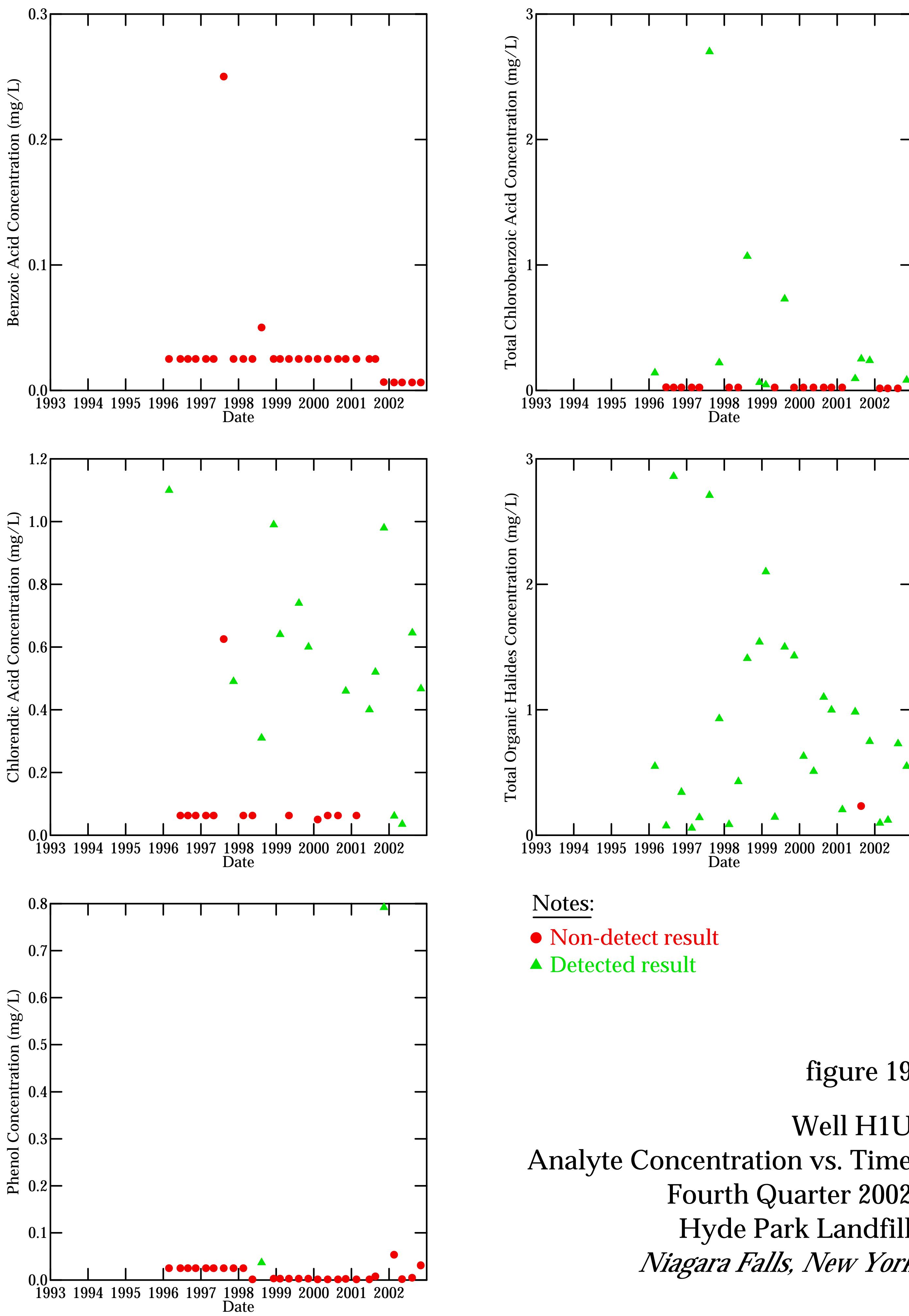


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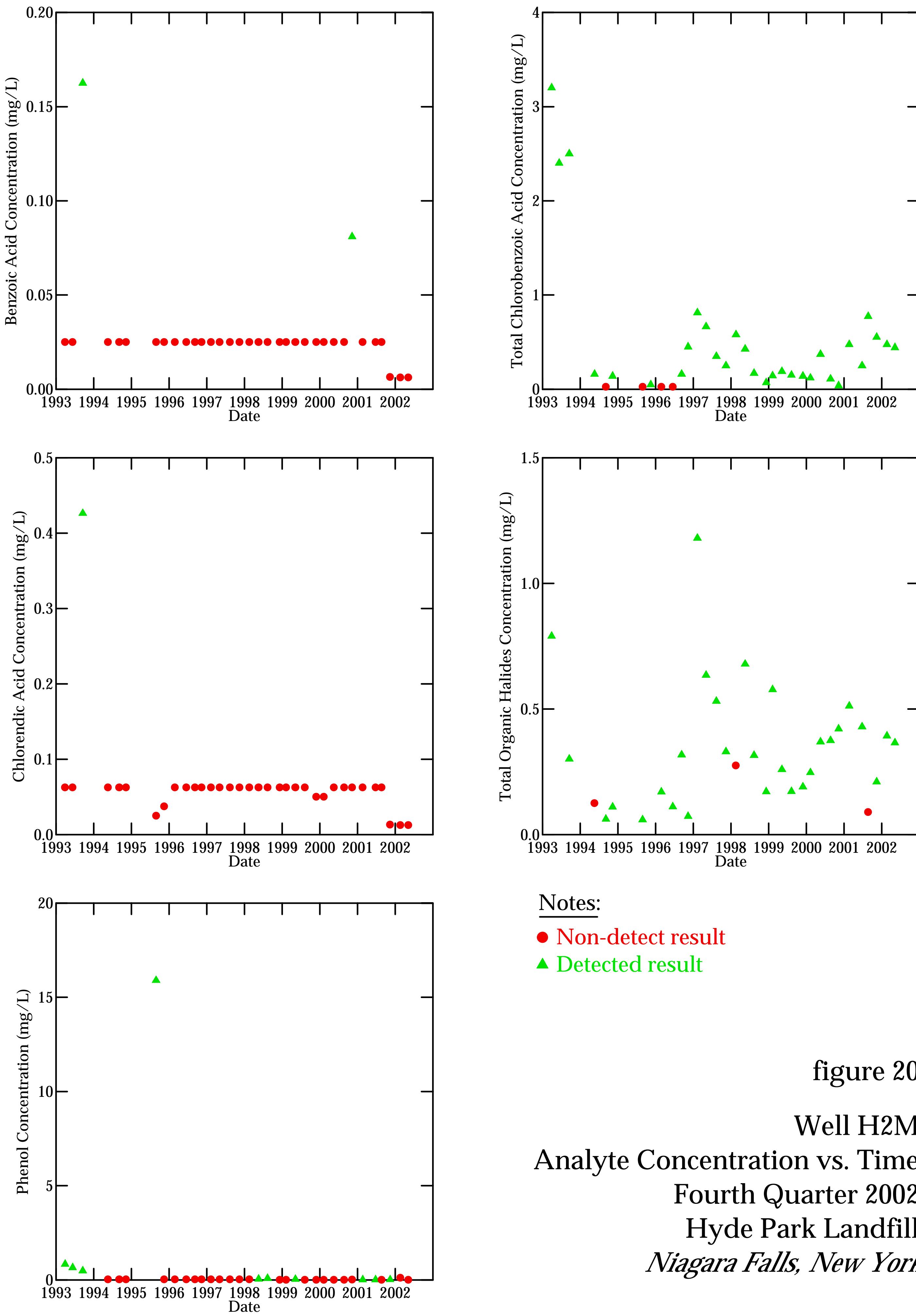


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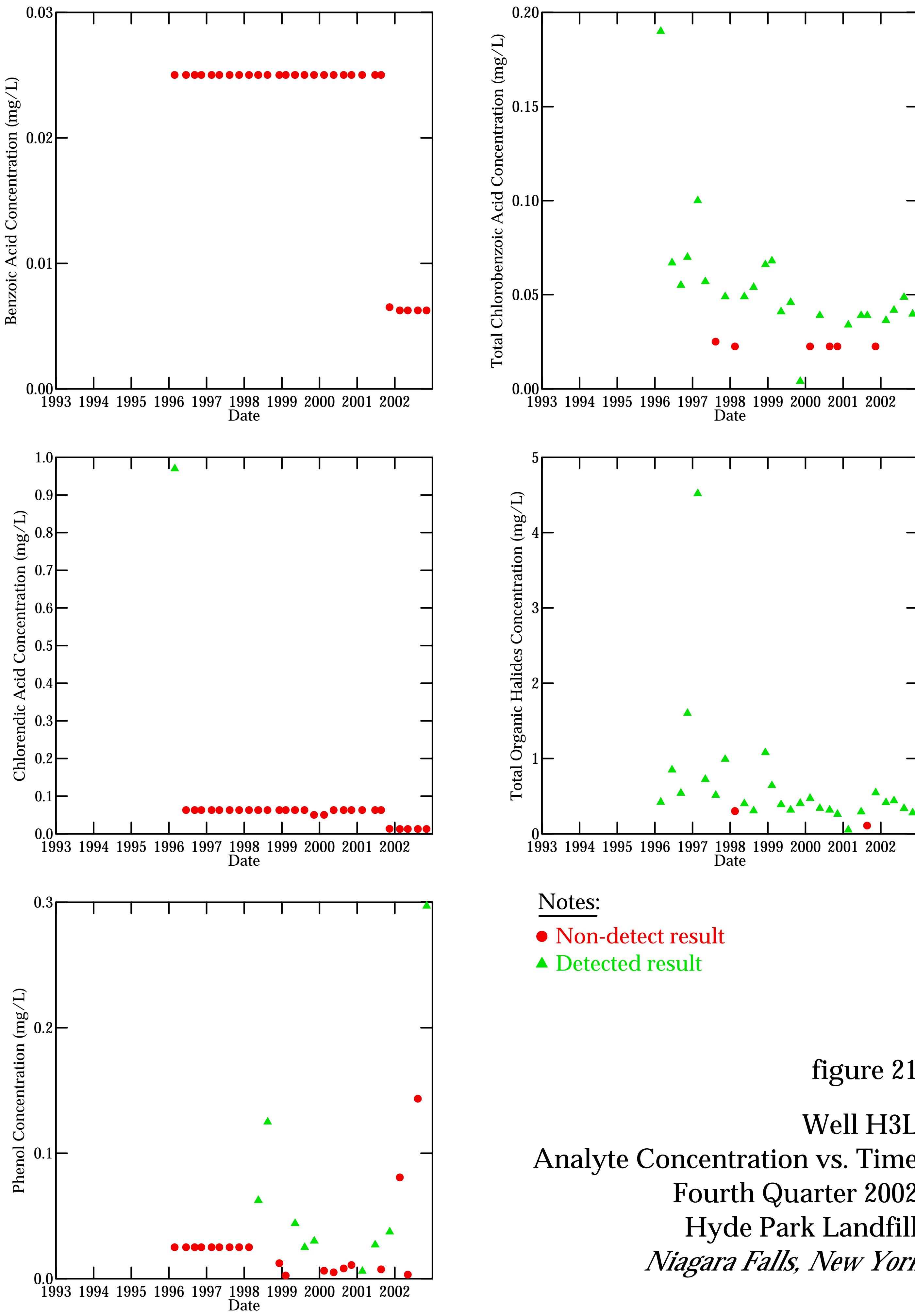


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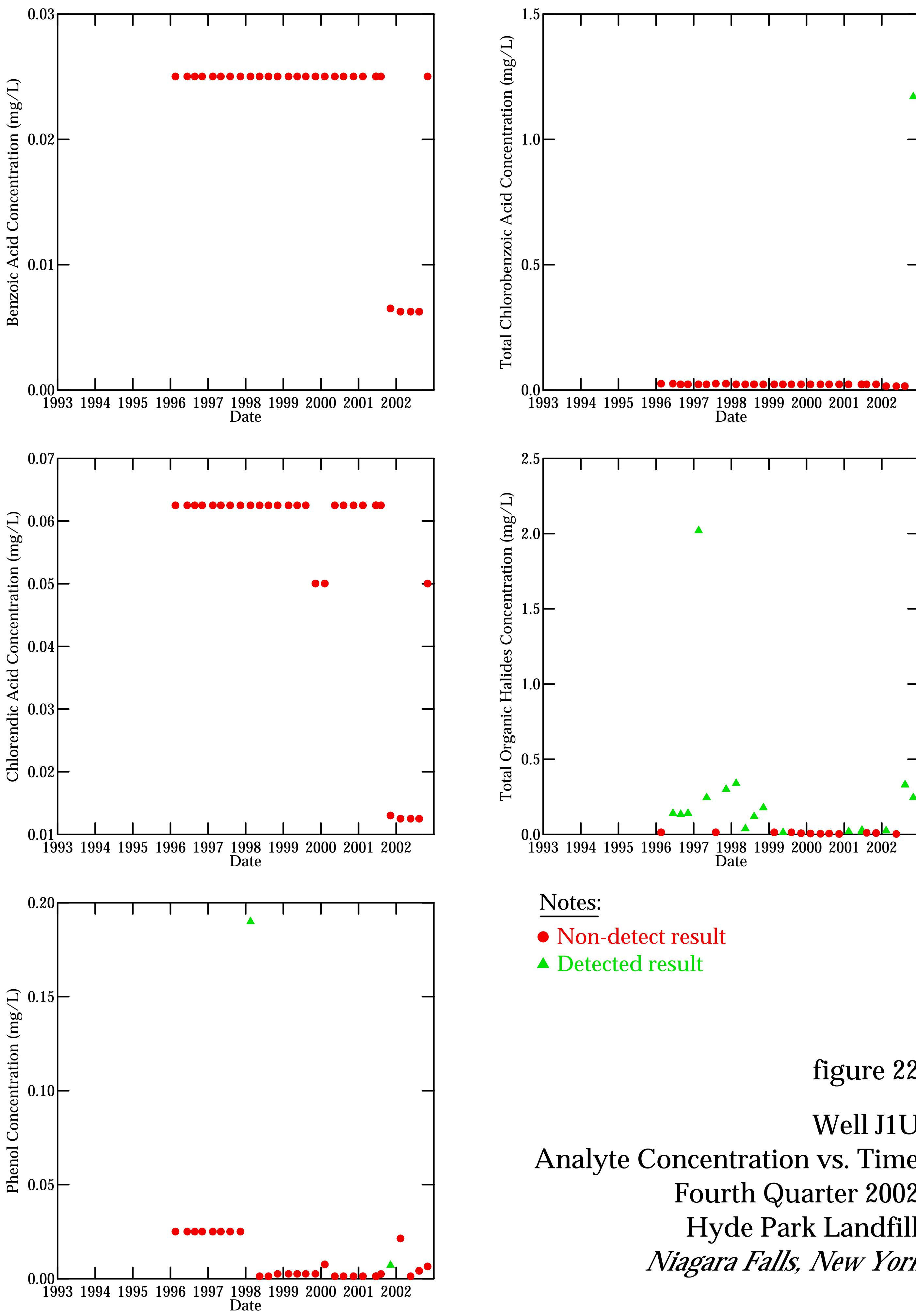
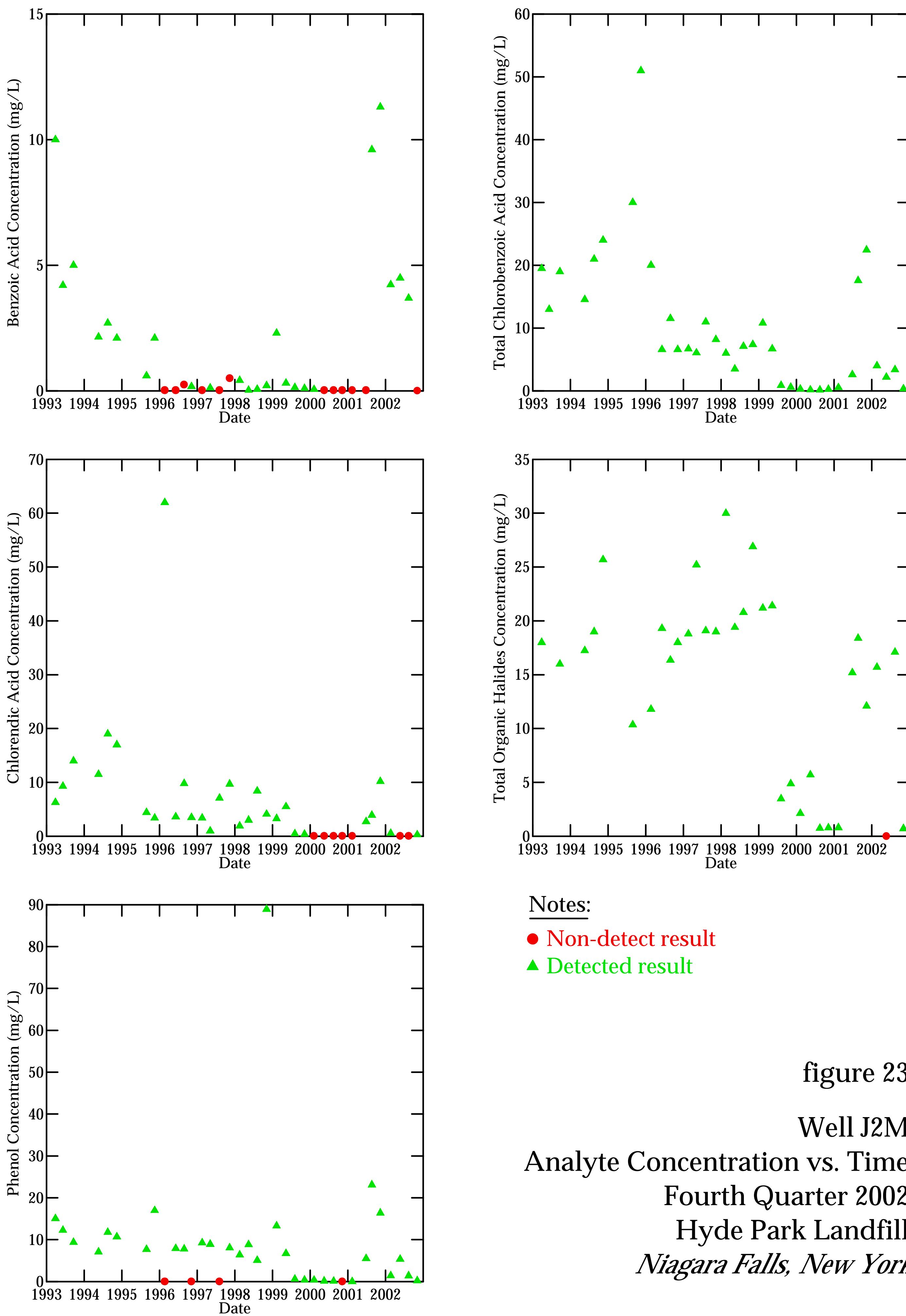
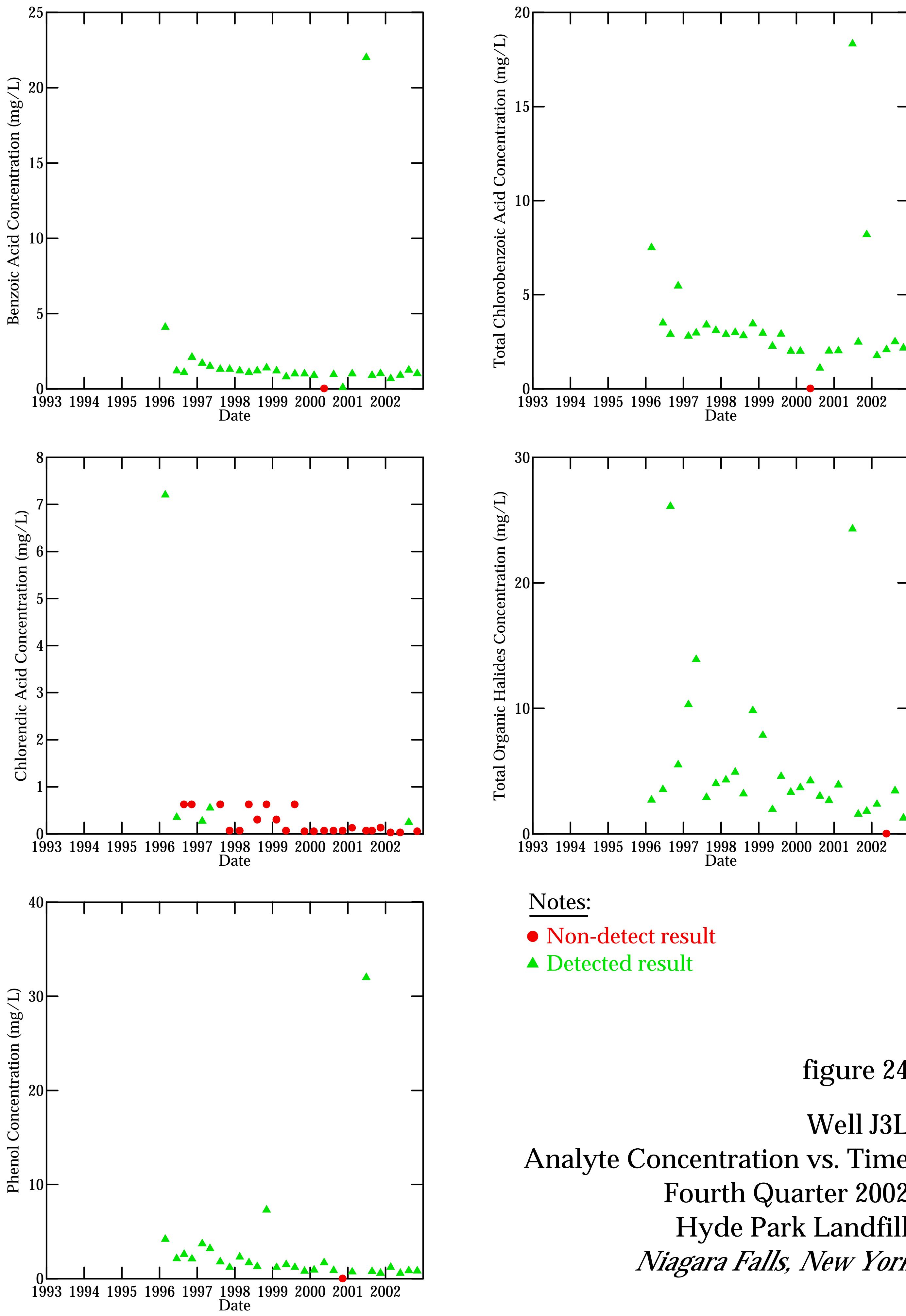


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Well J1U  
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**figure 23**  
**Well J2M**  
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figure 24  
Well J3L  
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TABLE 1

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**RESULTS OF STATISTICAL TREND ANALYSES GROUNDWATER MONITORING  
FOURTH QUARTER 2002  
HYDE PARK LANDFILL  
NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK**

<b>Location</b>	<b>Analyte</b>	<b>Number of Observations</b>	<b>Percentage Non-Detect</b>	<b>Trend Test</b>			
				<b>Method</b>	<b>Test Statistic</b>	<b>Probability</b>	<b>Conclusion</b>
H3L	Benzoic acid	8	100.0%	Non-detect	--	--	ND
H3L	Chlorendic acid	8	100.0%	Non-detect	--	--	ND
H3L	Phenolics (Total)	8	50.0%	Logistic Regression	-0.003	0.38	NST
H3L	Total Chlorobenzoic Acid	8	12.5%	Mann-Kendall	13	0.14	NST
H3L	Total Organic Halides (TOX)	8	12.5%	Mann-Kendall	6	0.54	NST
J1U	Total Chlorobenzoic Acid	8	87.5%	Logistic Regression	0.291	0.94	NST
J1U	Benzoic acid	8	100.0%	Non-detect	--	--	ND
J1U	Chlorendic acid	8	100.0%	Non-detect	--	--	ND
J1U	Phenolics (Total)	8	87.5%	Logistic Regression	-0.002	0.78	NST
J1U	Total Organic Halides (TOX)	8	37.5%	Mann-Kendall	6	0.54	NST
J2M	Benzoic acid	8	37.5%	Mann-Kendall	-3	0.80	NST
J2M	Chlorendic acid	8	37.5%	Mann-Kendall	-7	0.46	NST
J2M	Phenolics (Total)	8	0.0%	Mann-Kendall	-8	0.39	NST
J2M	Total Chlorobenzoic Acid	8	0.0%	Mann-Kendall	-4	0.71	NST
J2M	Total Organic Halides (TOX)	8	12.5%	Mann-Kendall	-2	0.90	NST
J3L	Benzoic acid	8	0.0%	Mann-Kendall	1	1.00	NST
J3L	Chlorendic acid	8	87.5%	Logistic Regression	0.01	0.35	NST
J3L	Phenolics (Total)	8	0.0%	Mann-Kendall	0	1.00	NST
J3L	Total Chlorobenzoic Acid	8	0.0%	Mann-Kendall	-2	0.90	NST
J3L	Total Organic Halides (TOX)	8	12.5%	Mann-Kendall	-10	0.27	NST

**Notes:**

Data used for the statistical tests include monitoring events from 2001 to present.

Logistic: Logistic regression used for trend test ( $\geq 50\% ND$ ).

Mann-Kendall: Mann Kendall method used for trend test ( $<50\% ND$ ).

ND: Parameter not detected at this location. No trend analysis performed.

NST: No statistically significant ( $P < 0.05$ ) trend detected.

Increasing: Statistically significant ( $P < 0.05$ ) increasing trend detected.

Decreasing: Statistically significant ( $P < 0.05$ ) decreasing trend detected.

N/A: no analytical data available for fourth quarter 2002 monitoring event, therefore no statistical analysis performed.



TABLE 2

**COMPARISON OF STATISTICAL TREND ANALYSES  
(QUARTERLY EVALUATIONS SINCE THE BEGINNING OF 2001) HYDE PARK LANDFILL  
NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK**

<b>Location</b>	<b>Analyte</b>	<b>First Quarter 2001</b>		<b>Second Quarter 2001</b>		<b>Third Quarter 2001</b>		<b>Fourth Quarter 2001</b>		<b>First Quarter 2002</b>		<b>Second Quarter 2002</b>		<b>Third Quarter 2002</b>		<b>Fourth Quarter 2002</b>	
		<b>Number of Samples</b>	<b>Conclusion</b>	<b>Number of Samples</b>	<b>Conclusion</b>	<b>Number of Samples</b>	<b>Conclusion</b>	<b>Number of Samples</b>	<b>Conclusion</b>	<b>Number of Samples</b>	<b>Conclusion</b>	<b>Number of Samples</b>	<b>Conclusion</b>	<b>Number of Samples</b>	<b>Conclusion</b>	<b>Number of Samples</b>	<b>Conclusion</b>
J2M	Benzoic Acid	9	Decreasing	10	NST	11	NST	8	NST	9	NST	10	NST	11	NST	8	NST
	Phenolics	9	Decreasing	10	Decreasing	11	NST	8	NST	9	NST	10	NST	11	NST	8	NST
	Total Chlorobenzoic Acid	9	Decreasing	10	NST	11	NST	8	Increasing	9	Increasing	10	Increasing	11	Increasing	8	NST
	Total Organic Halides	9	Decreasing	10	NST	11	NST	8	NST	9	NST	10	NST	11	NST	8	NST
J3L	Total Chlorobenzoic Acid	9	NST	10	NST	11	NST	8	Increasing	9	NST	10	NST	11	NST	8	NST

**Notes:**

No Trends: No statistically significant trends identified to date for any of the analytes at this well.

No Data: No data collected at this well for the year 2001 sampling rounds.

NST: No statistically significant ( $P<0.05$ ) trend detected.Increasing: Statistically significant ( $P<0.05$ ) increasing trend detected.Decreasing: Statistically significant ( $P<0.05$ ) decreasing trend detected.

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***Location*            *Analyte***

B1U	Chlorendic Acid Total Organic Halides
B1M	Total Chlorobenzoic Acid Total Organic Halides
B1L	Chlorendic Acid Total Organic Halides
C1U	Phenolics Total Organic Halides
C1M	Chlorendic Acid Total Chlorobenzoic Acid Total Organic Halides
C1L	Total Chlorobenzoic Acid Total Organic Halides
D3U	No Trends
D2M	Chlorendic Acid Phenolics Total Organic Halides
D1L	No Trends
E3U	No Trends
E3M	No Trends
E2L	No Data
F4U	Total Organic Halides
F1M	Total Organic Halides
F2L	No Data
G4U	No Trends
G1M	No Trends
G1L	Total Organic Halides
H1U	No Trends
H2M	Total Organic Halides
H3L	Total Organic Halides
J1U	No Trends

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***Location***      ***Analyte***

J2M    Benzoic Acid  
Phenolics  
Total Chlorobenzoic Acid  
Total Organic Halides

J3L    Total Chlorobenzoic Acid

formed.