

ALBERTA TRANSPORTATION AND
ECONOMIC CORRIDORS GRMP
NORTH CENTRAL (ATHABASCA AND FORT
McMURRAY DISTRICTS)
INSTRUMENTATION MONITORING - SPRING 2025



Site Number	Location	Name	Hwy	km
NC069	HWY 63:02 L1 32.020	South of Wandering River	63:02	Km 32
Legal Description: 3-27-70-17 W4		UTM Co-ordinates		
		12U E 403599	N	6105301

Current Monitoring:	30-May-2025	Previous Monitoring	13-June-2024
Instruments Read By:	Mr. Niraj Regmi, G.I.T and Mr. Godfred Etiendem, of Thurber		

Instruments Read During This Site Visit			
Slope Inclinometers (SIs): SI09-4, SI10-1 and SI13-14	Pneumatic Piezometers (PN): PN09-3 and PN10-1	Vibration Wire Piezometers (VW): VW13-11 and VW13-12	Standpipe Piezometers (SP): N/A
Load Cell (LC): N/A	Strain Gauges: N/A	SAAs: N/A	Others:

Readout Equipment Used			
Slope Inclinometers: Two RST Digital Inclinator probes with 2 ft wheelbases and RST Pocket PC readouts	Pneumatic Piezometers: RST C108 pneumatic piezometer reader	Vibration Wire Piezometers: GEOKON GK-404 vibrating wire readout	Standpipe Piezometers:
Load Cell:	Strain Gauges:	SAAs:	Others:
Notes:			

Discussion	
Zones of New Movement:	None
Interpretation of Monitoring Results:	SI09-4, installed in the vicinity of the crest of the west landslide area, showed a rate of movement of 0.4 mm/yr since the spring of 2024 readings. SI10-1, installed near the northern limit of the east landslide on the highway surface, showed no discernible movement since the spring of 2024 readings. SI13-14, installed within the footprint of the toe berm constructed in 2013 to stabilize the west landslide area, showed a rate of movement of 0.3 mm/yr since the spring of 2024 readings. Overall, the SIs have shown creep rates of movement over their respective movement zones over the past several years. The groundwater level decreased in PN09-3 by 0.02 m since the spring of 2024 readings. Vibrating wire piezometers VW13-11 and VW13-12 showed decreases in groundwater level of 0.12 m and 0.19 m, respectively, since the spring of 2024 readings.
Future Work:	The instruments should be read again in the spring of 2026.
Instrumentation Repairs:	Pneumatic piezometer PN10-1 could be repaired during the spring of 2026 readings. However, this instrument will require mechanical or

	hydrovac excavation to repair, as it is placed inside a steel flush mount protector. Additionally, traffic accommodation would be required to complete this instrument repair.
Additional Comments:	

Attachments:	• Table NC069-1 Spring 2025 – HWY 63:02 Slope Repair South of Wandering River, Slope Inclinator Instrumentation Reading Summary • Table NC069-2 Spring 2025 – HWY 63:02 Slope Repair South of Wandering River, Pneumatic Piezometer Instrumentation Reading Summary • Table NC069-3 Spring 2025 – HWY 63:02 Slope Repair South of Wandering River, Vibrating Wire Piezometer Instrumentation Reading Summary • Statement of Limitations and Conditions • APPENDIX A – NC069-1 SPRING 2025 - o Field Inspector's report - o Site Plan Showing Approximate Instrument Locations (Drawing No. 32122-NC069) - o SI Reading Plots - o Figure NC069-1 (Piezometric Elevations) - o Figure NC069-2 (Piezometric Depths)
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We trust this report meets your requirements at present. If you have any questions, please contact the undersigned at your convenience.

Yours very truly,
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Table NC069-1 Spring 2025 – Hwy 63:02 Slope Repair South of Wandering River Slope Inclinator Instrumentation Reading Summary

Date Monitored: May 30, 2025

INSTRUMENT #	DATE INITIALIZED	TOTAL CUMULATIVE RESULTANT MOVEMENT AND DEPTH OF MOVEMENT TO DATE (mm)	MAXIMUM RATE OF MOVEMENT (mm/yr)	CURRENT STATUS OF SI	DATE OF PREVIOUS READING	INCREMENTAL MOVEMENT SINCE PREVIOUS READING (mm)	CURRENT RATE OF MOVEMENT (mm/yr)	CHANGE IN RATE OF MOVEMENT SINCE PREVIOUS READING (mm/yr)
SI09-1	October 4, 2009	9.0 over 10.2 m to 12.6 m depth in 88° direction	25.1 on May 24, 2013	Sheared at 3.0 m	June 29, 2021	N/A	N/A	N/A
SI09-4	November 19, 2009	58.1 over 10.3 m to 12.1 m depth in 331° direction	1505.1 on November 21, 2009	Operational	June 13, 2024	0.4	0.4	-0.9
SI10-1	April 12, 2010	10.6 over 3.3 m to 6.4 m depth in 91° direction	7.3 on April 4, 2011	Operational	June 13, 2024	No discernible movement	N/A	0
SI13-14	September 3, 2013	16.9 over 7.5 m to 10.5 m depth in 333° direction	284.3 on September 10, 2013	Operational	June 13, 2024	0.3	0.3	-0.2

Drawing 32122-NC069 in Appendix A provides a sketch of the approximate location of the monitoring instrumentation for this site.

Table NC069-2 Spring 2025 – Hwy 63:02 Slope Repair South of Wandering River Pneumatic Piezometer Instrumentation Reading Summary

Date Monitored: May 30, 2025

INSTRUMENT #	DATE INITIALIZED	TIP ELEV. (m)	GROUND ELEV. (m)	CURRENT STATUS	HIGHEST MEASURED GROUNDWATER ELEVATION (m)	MEASURED PORE PRESSURE (kPa)	CURRENT GROUNDWATER ELEVATION (m)	PREVIOUS GROUNDWATER ELAVATION (m)	CHANGE IN WATER LEVEL SINCE PREVIOUS READING (m)
PN09-1	October 4, 2009	536.80	548.80	Malfunctioning	545.40 on September 10, 2018	No reading	No reading	544.56 (June 4, 2022)	N/A
PN09-3	October 4, 2009	538.07	546.07	Active	543.27 on September 3, 2009	44.7	542.63	542.65	-0.02
PN10-1	April 12, 2010	538.90	548.65	Damaged	544.37 on September 20, 2020	No reading	No reading	543.88 (June 4, 2022)	N/A

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Table NC069-3 Spring 2025 – Hwy 63:02 Slope Repair South of Wandering River Vibrating Wire Piezometer Instrumentation Reading Summary

Date Monitored: May 30, 2025

INSTRUMENT #	DATE INITIALIZED	TIP ELEV. (m)	GROUND ELEV. (m)	CURRENT STATUS	MAXIMUM GROUNDWATER ELEV. (m)	CURRENT GROUNDWATER ELEV. (m)	PREVIOUS GROUNDWATER ELEV. (m)	CHANGE IN WATER LEVEL SINCE PREVIOUS READING (m)
VW13-11 (25325)	May 6, 2013	539.51	547.74	Operational	540.66 on September 4, 2013	540.29	540.41	-0.12
VW13-12 (25323)	May 6, 2013	539.04	547.69	Operational	542.89 on September 4, 2013	541.54	541.73	-0.19
VW13-13 (25324)	May 6, 2013	539.59	544.88	Damaged	541.01 on August 28, 2013	No reading	538.74 (May 24, 2020)	N/A

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**ALBERTA TRANSPORTATION AND ECONOMIC CORRIDORS GRMP (CON0022163)
NORTH CENTRAL (ATHABASCA AND FORT McMURRAY DISTRICTS)
INSTRUMENTATION MONITORING RESULTS**

SPRING 2025

**APPENDIX A
DATA PRESENTATION AND SITE PLANS**

SITE NC069: HWY 63:02 SLOPE REPAIR SOUTH OF WANDERING RIVER

**ALBERTA TRANSPORTATION AND ECONOMIC CORRIDORS
NORTH CENTRAL REGION - ATHABASCA AND FORT McMURRAY DISTRICTS
INSTRUMENTATION MONITORING FIELD SUMMARY (NC069)
SPRING 2025**

Location: South of Wandering River (HWY 63:02 L1 32.020)	Readout: RST VW 2106, Unit 1/RST PN C108 Unit 8
File Number: 32122	Casing Diameter: 2.75/3.34
Probe: RST Set 5R and 8R	Temp (deg C): 25
Cable: RST Set 5R and 8R	Read by: NKR/GE

SLOPE INCLINOMETER (SI) READINGS

SI#	GPS Location (UTM 12)		Date	Stickup (m)	Depth from top of casing (ft)	Azimuth of A+ Groove degree	Current Bottom Depth Readings				Probe/ Reel #	Size (")	Remarks
	Easting	Northing					A+	A-	B+	B-			
SI09-4	403599	6105301	30-May-25	1.00	55 to 3	322	218	-213	-524	508	5R/5R	-	
SI10-1	403626	6105316	30-May-25	0.04	60 to 2	122	-103	81	59	-57	8R/8R	-	
SI13-14	403566	6105294	30-May-25	0.76	38 to 2	329	-259	269	58	-81	5R/5R	-	

PNEUMATIC PIEZOMETER (PN) READINGS

PN#	GPS Location (UTM 12)		Date	Reading kPa	Depth Below Ground Surface (m)	Identification Number
	Easting	Northing				
PN09-3	403602	6105296	30-May-25	44.7	8	032440

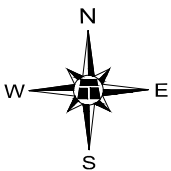
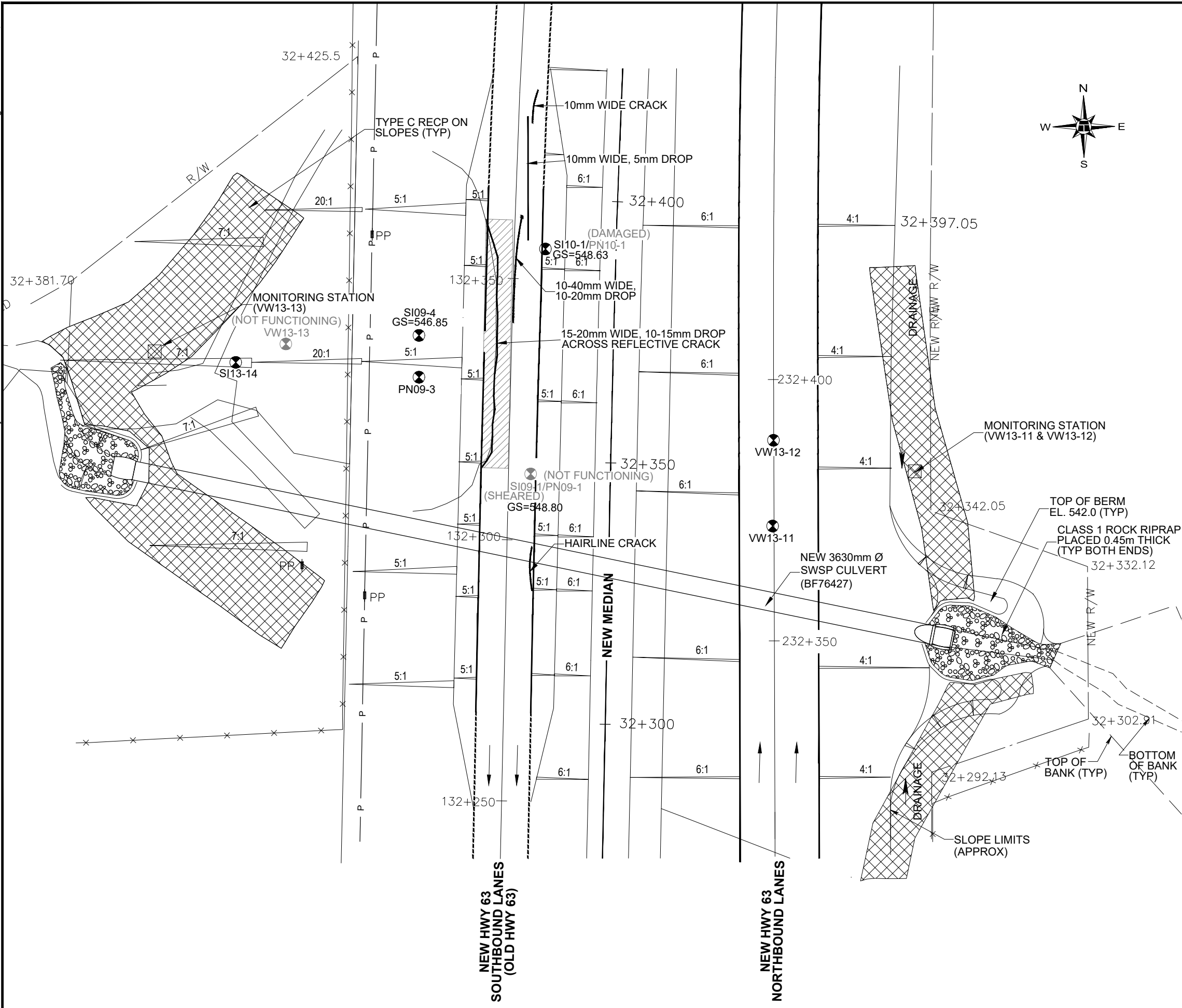
VIBRATING WIRE PIEZOMETER (VW) READINGS

VW#	GPS (UTM 12)		Date	Identification Number	Reading		Remarks
	Easting	Northing			B Unit	Temp (°C)	
VW13-11	6105263	403669	30-May-25	25325	8805.8	5	
VW13-12	6105279	403669	30-May-25	25323	8644.3	5.2	

INSPECTOR REPORT

SI09-4 was installed on November 17, 2009 to replace SI09-3. It has a red stick-up protector in the west ditch.
SI10-1 casing breaking apart @ 10 ft. use dummy probe/ camera for next reading.
PN10-1 cut off damaged since the Spring 2023 readings, requires mechanical excavation

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- LEGEND**
- INSTRUMENT LOCATION
 - MONITORING STATION
 - ACP PATCH
 - SI SLOPE INCLINOMETER
 - PN PNEUMATIC PIEZOMETER
 - VW VIBRATING WIRE PIEZOMETER
 - P OVERHEAD POWERLINE
 - X-X FENCE LINE
 - PP POWER POLE

- NOTE:**
1. OLD CULVERTS WERE GROUTED IN 2013.
 2. FUTURE HIGHWAY NORTHBOUND LANES AND THE NEW CULVERT WERE CONSTRUCTED IN 2013.



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**NC069: HWY 63:02 (km 13) SOUTH OF
WANDERING RIVER SLIDE REPAIR**

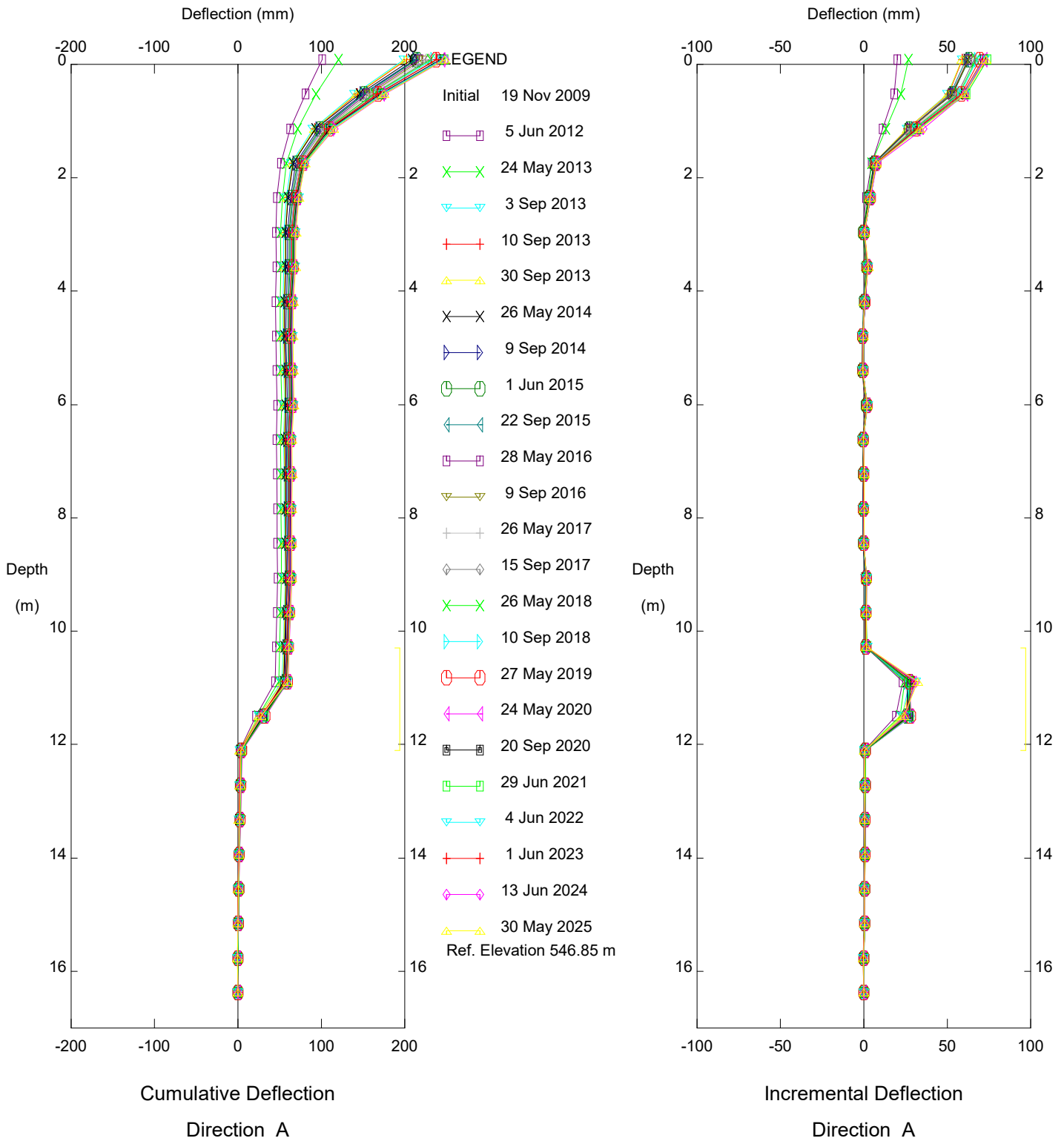
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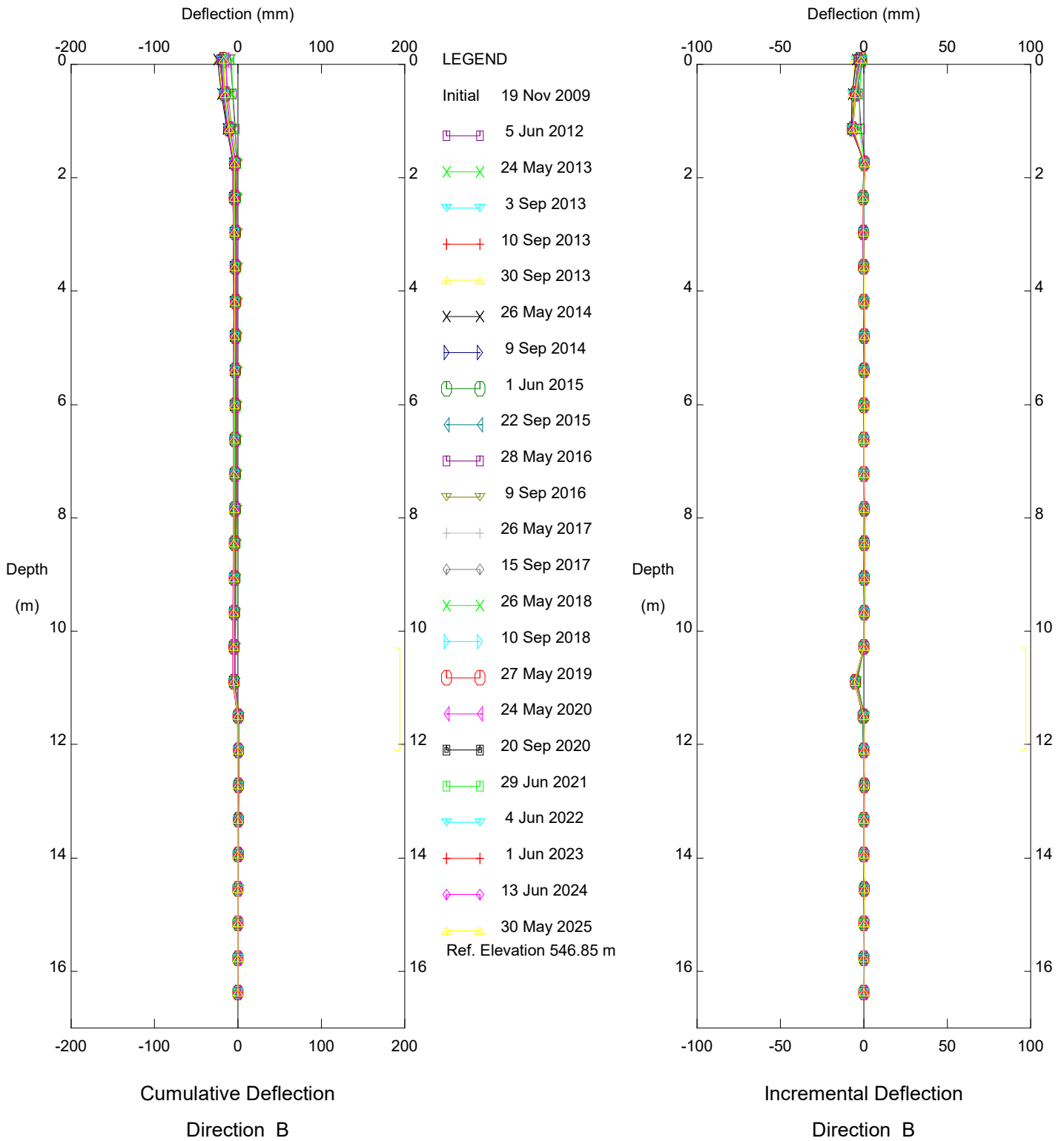
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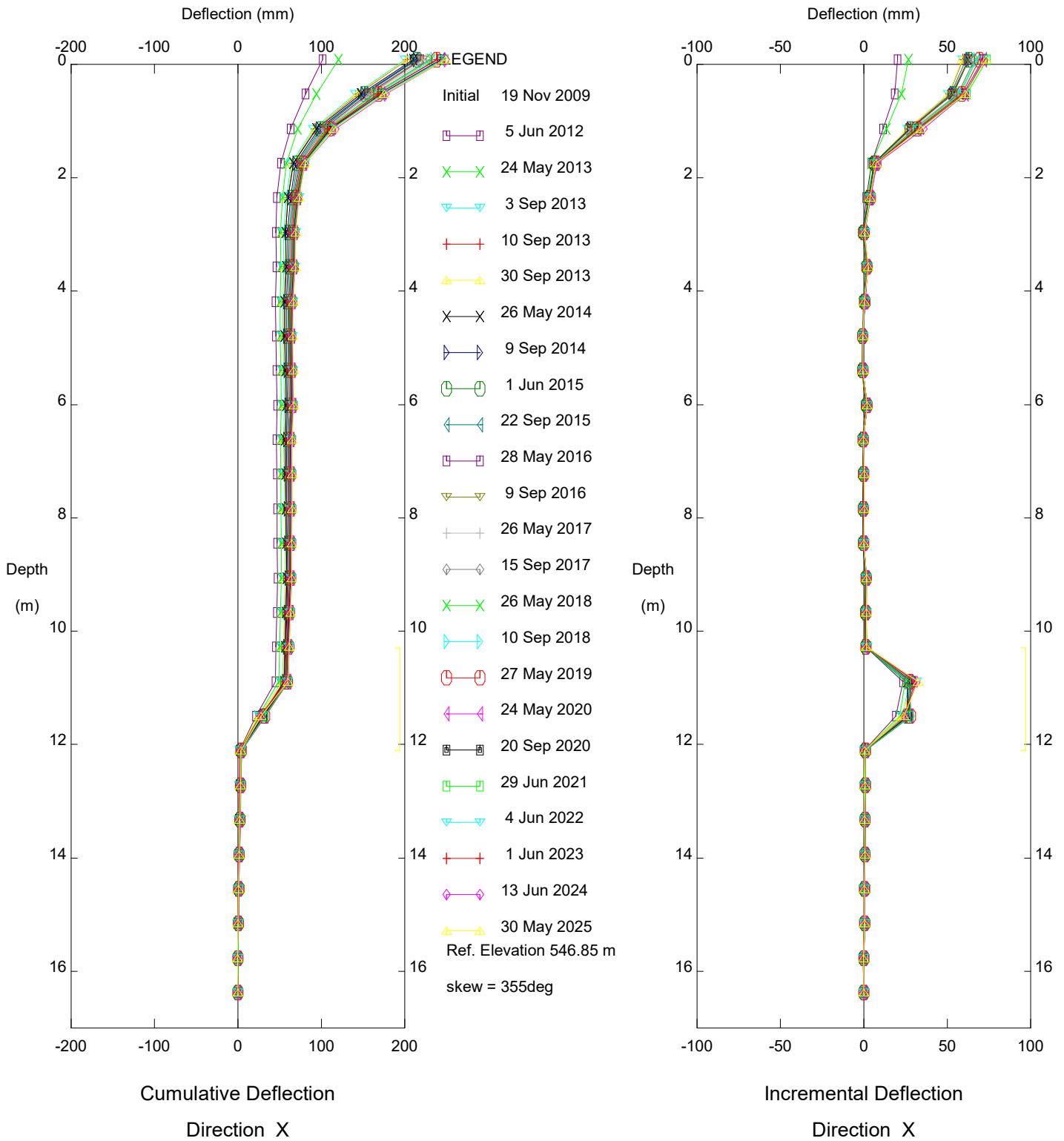
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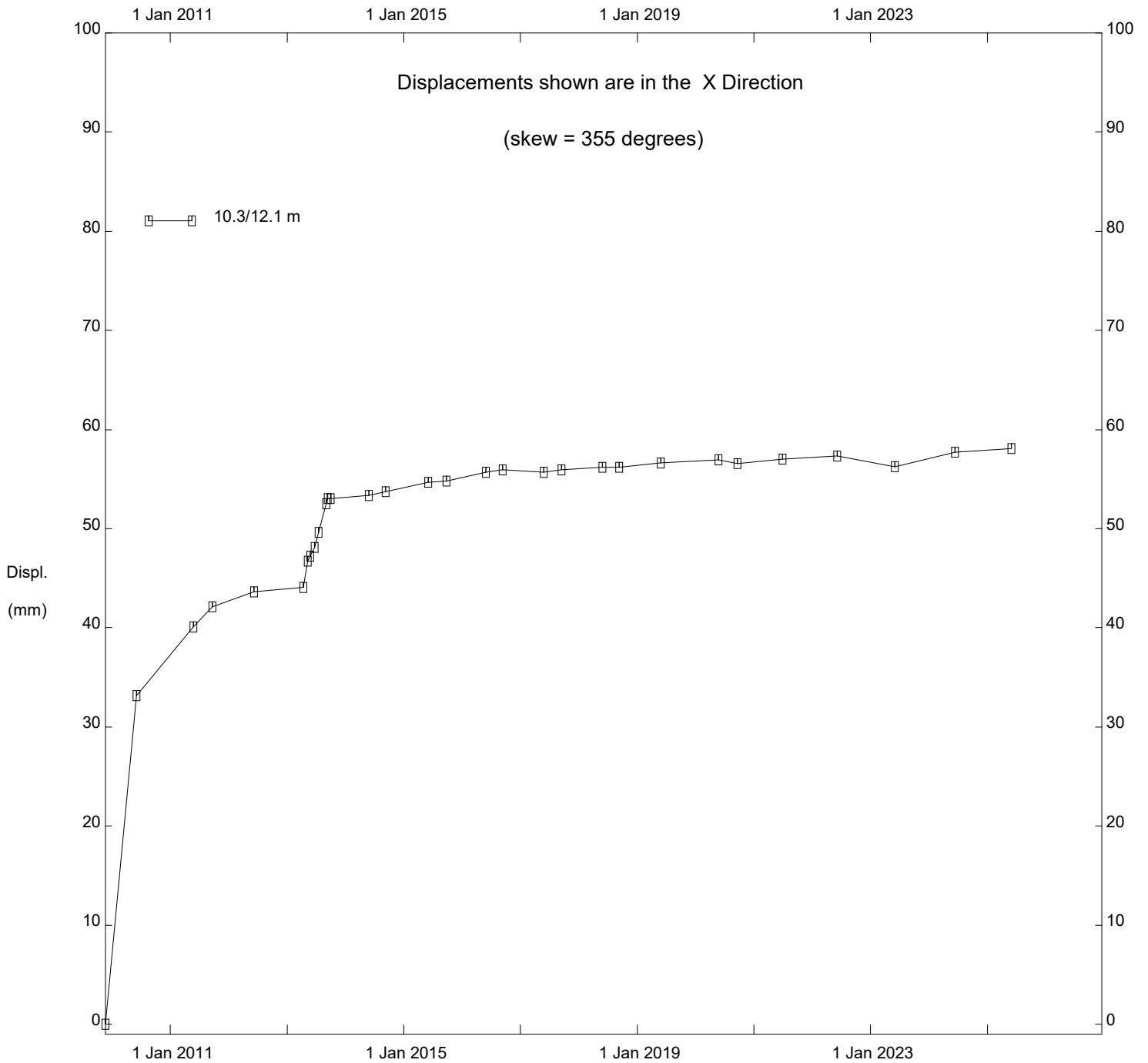
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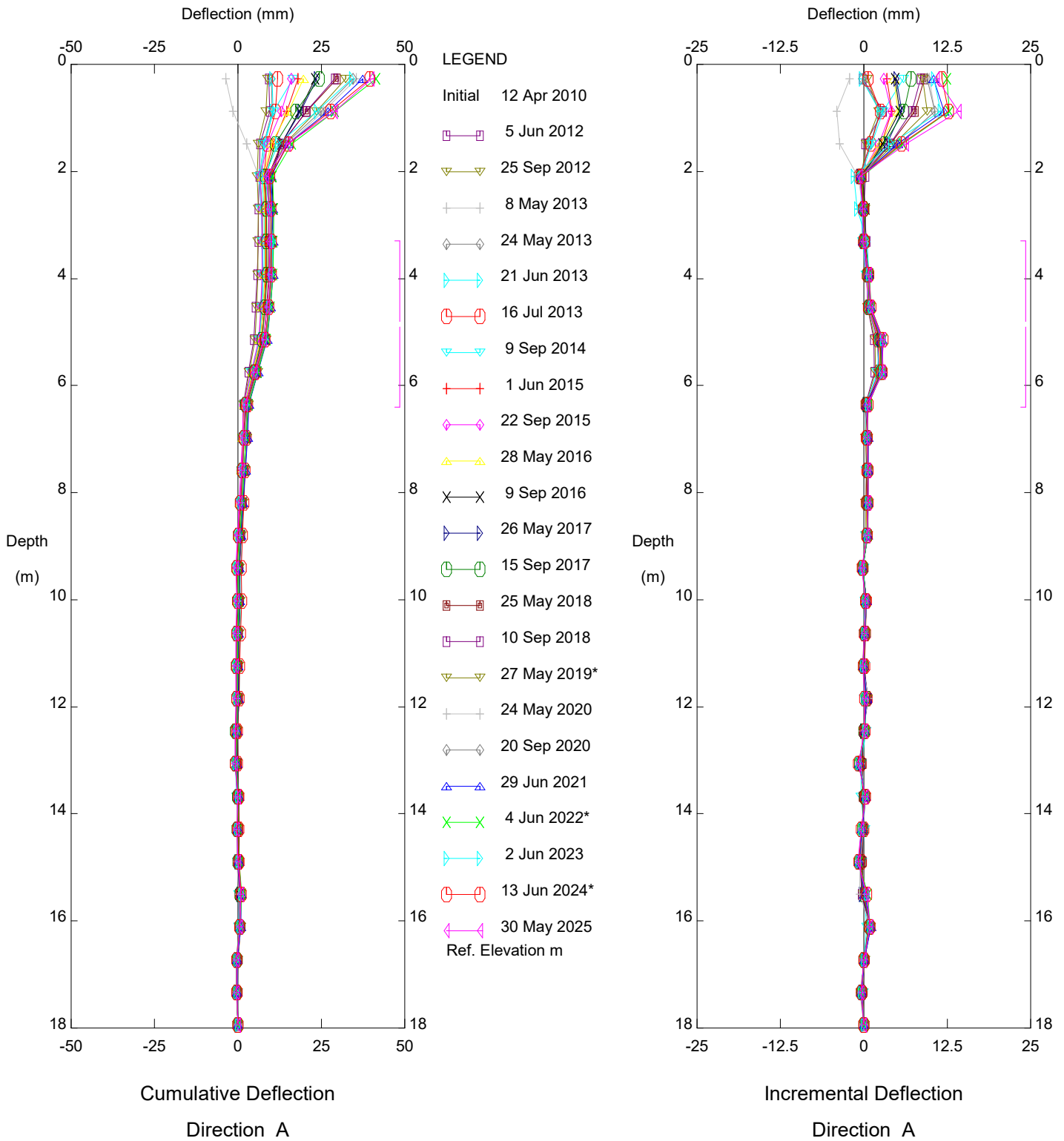
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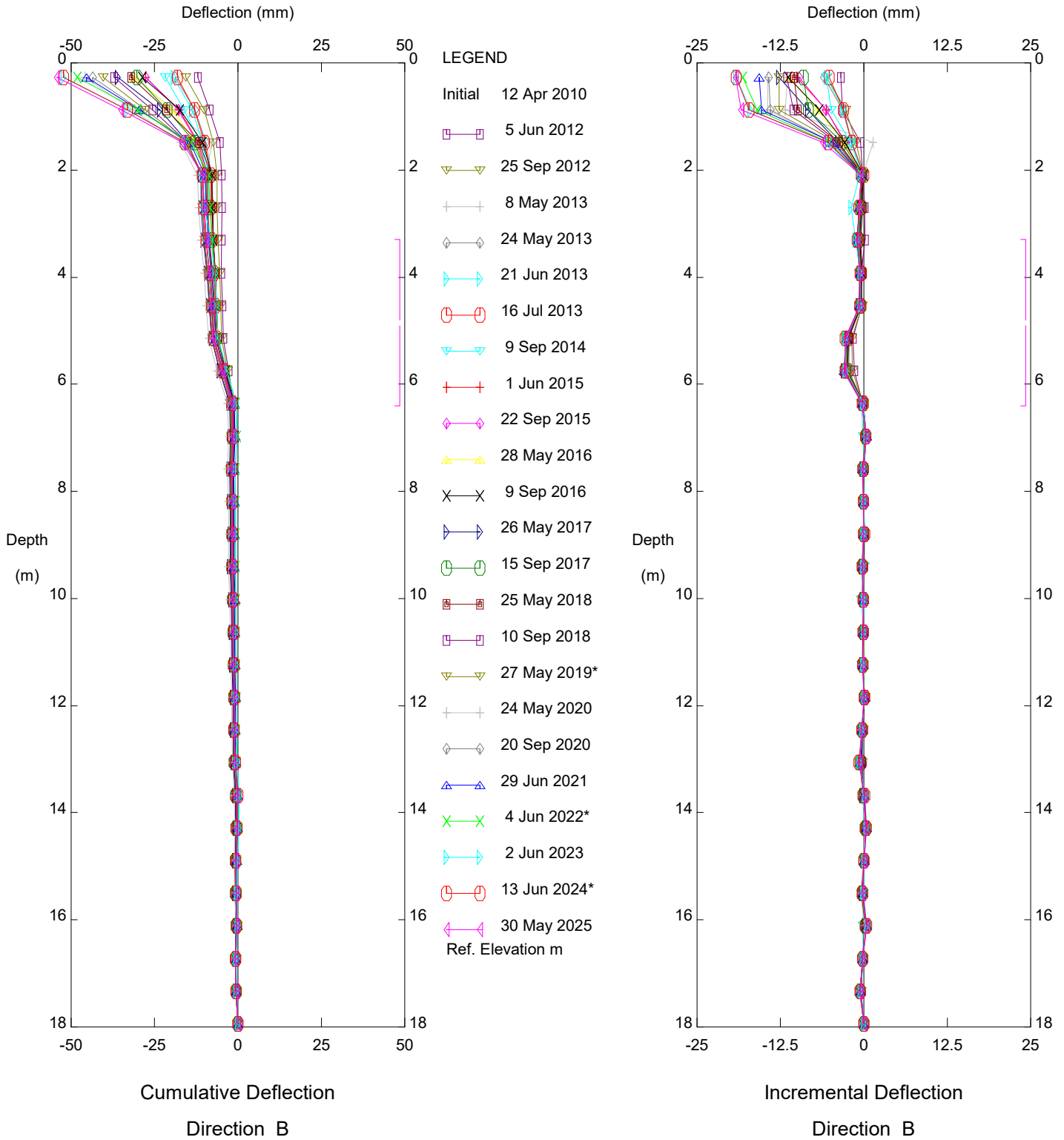


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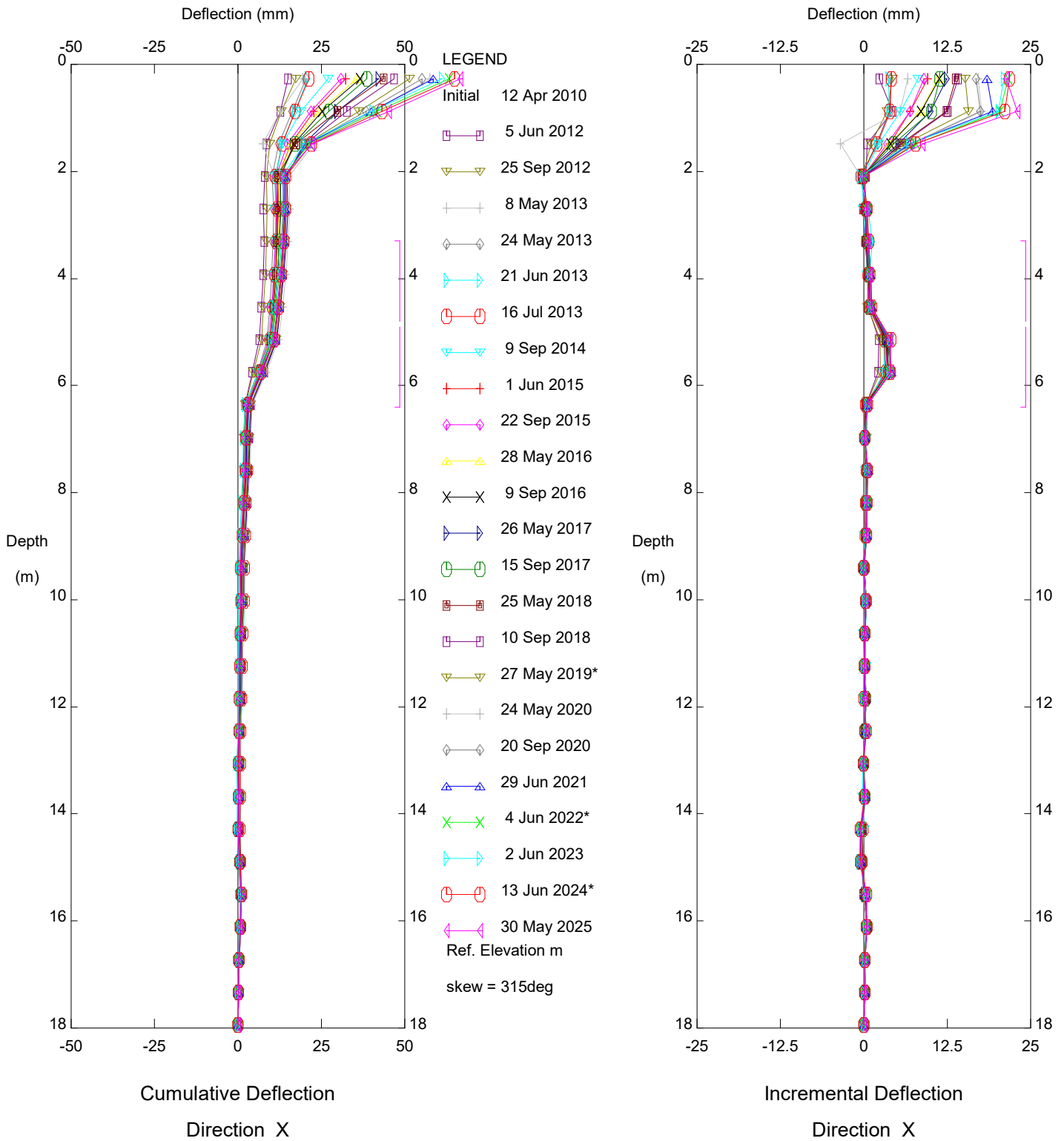


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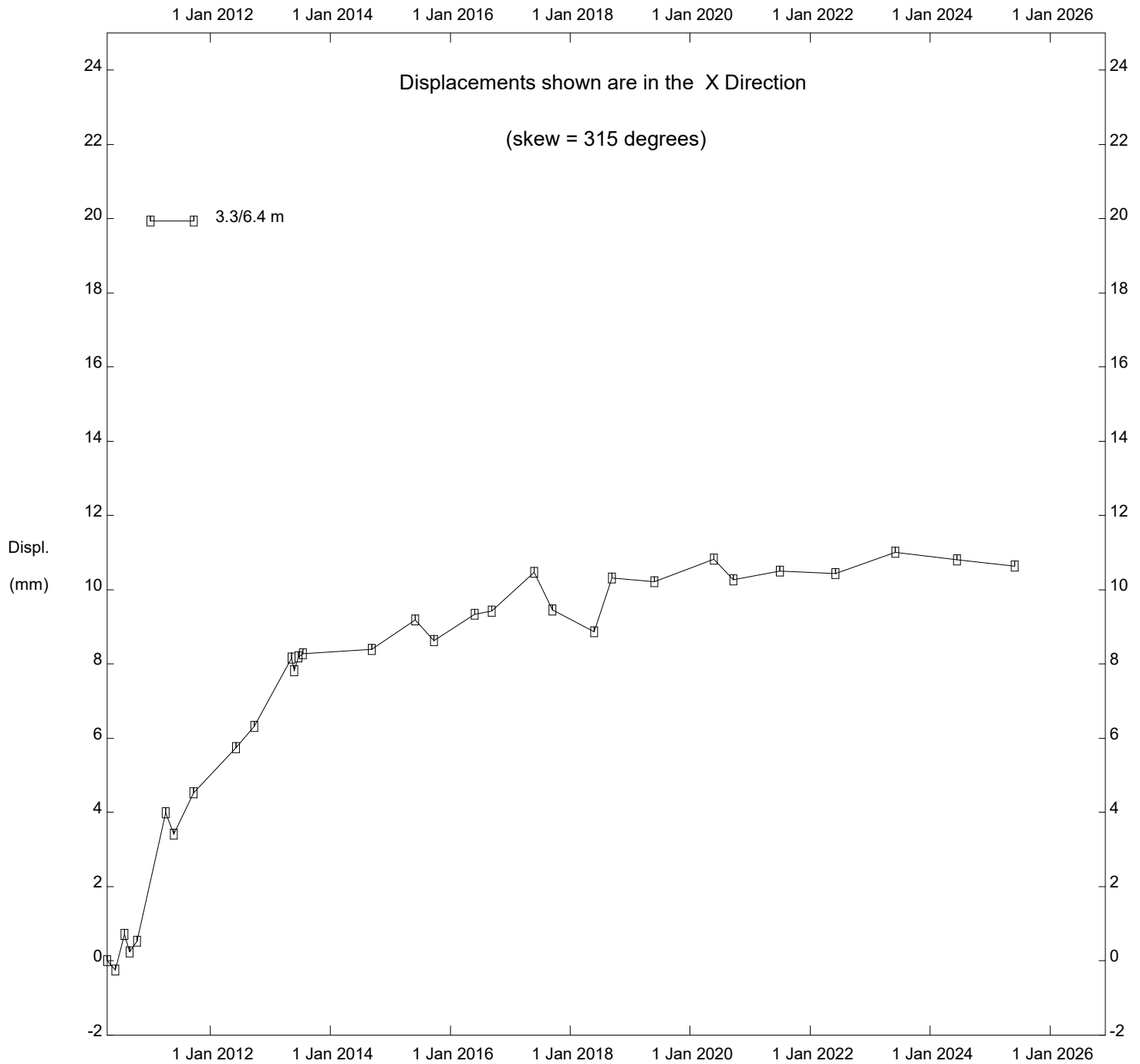


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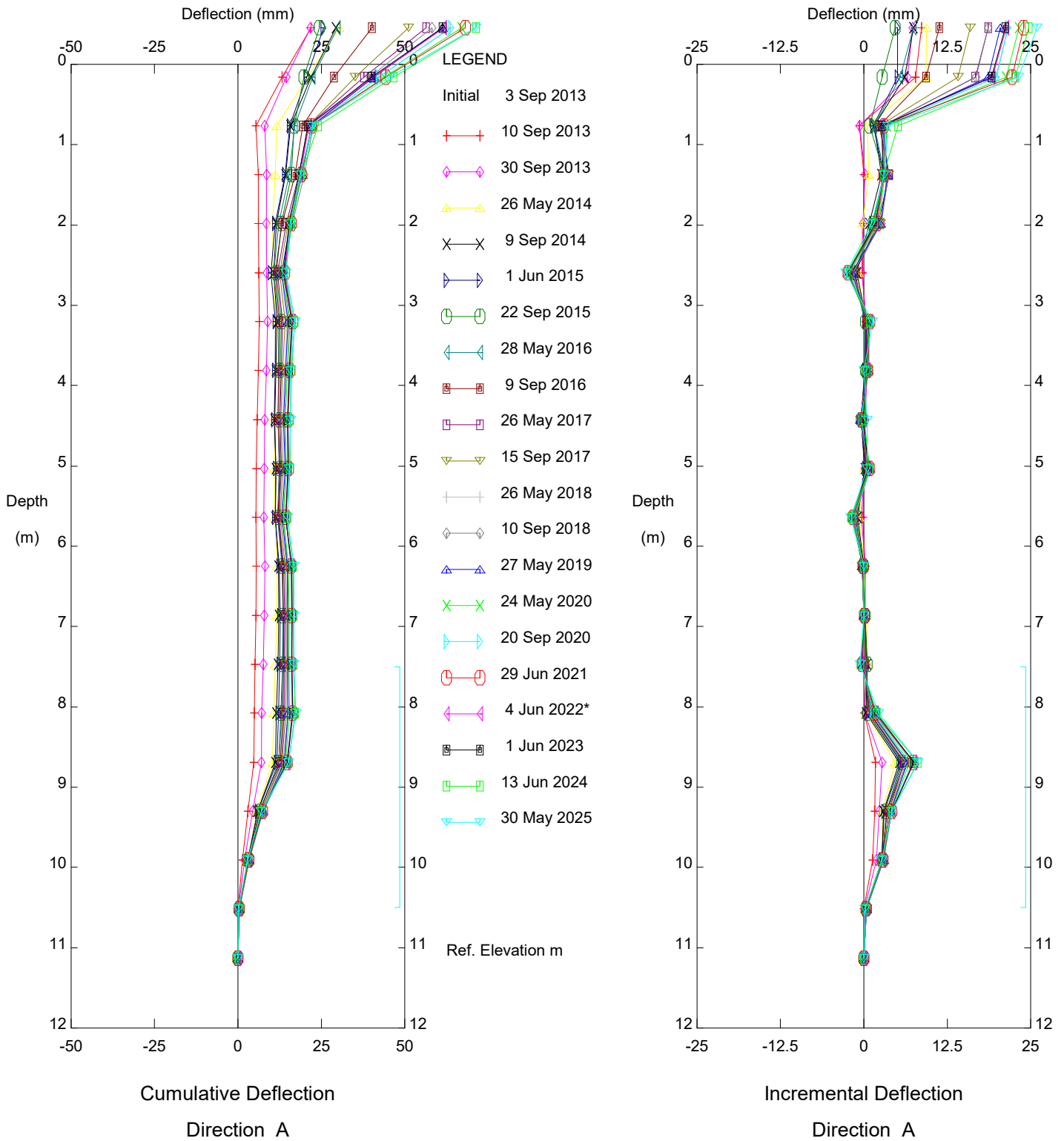
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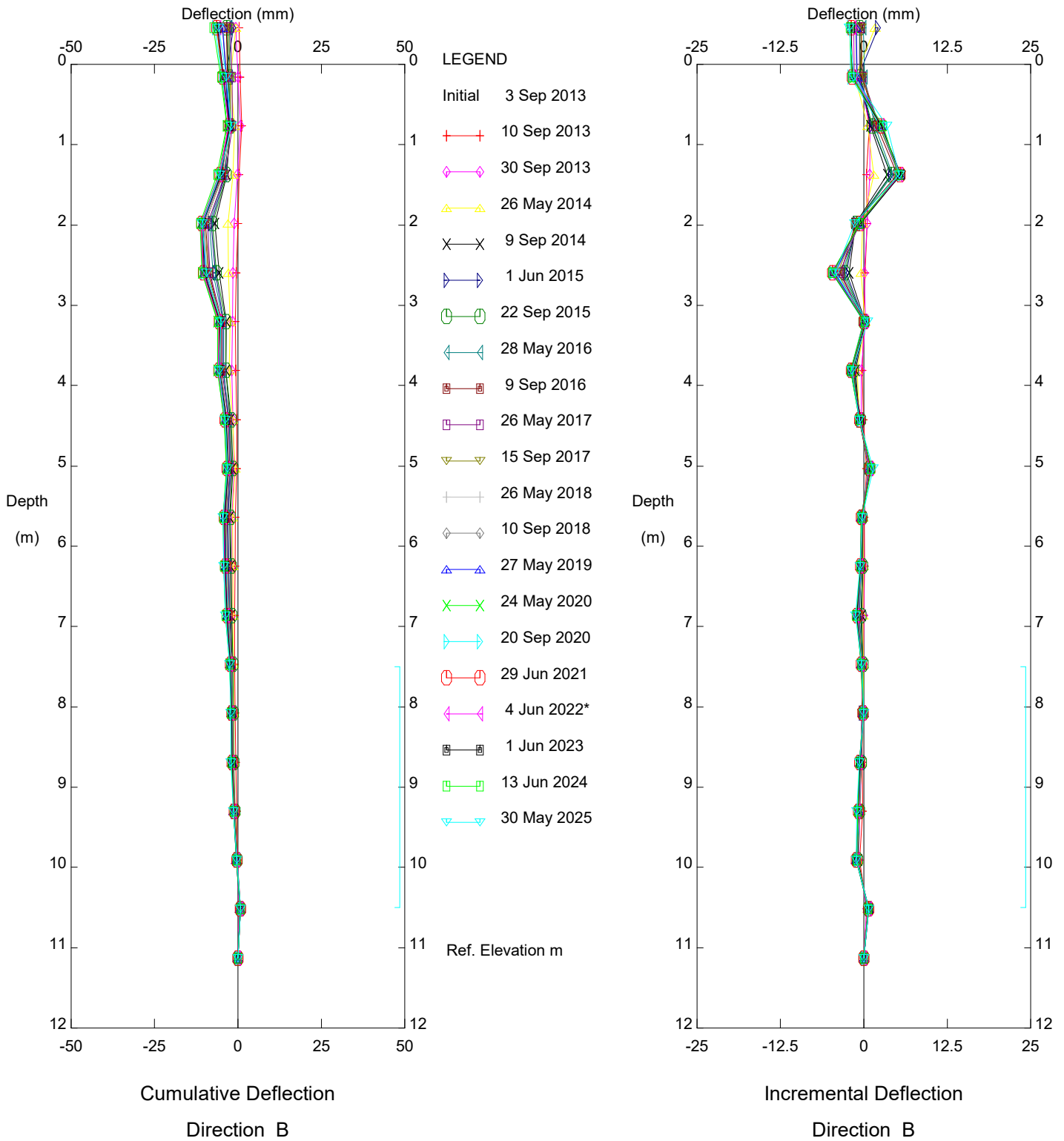


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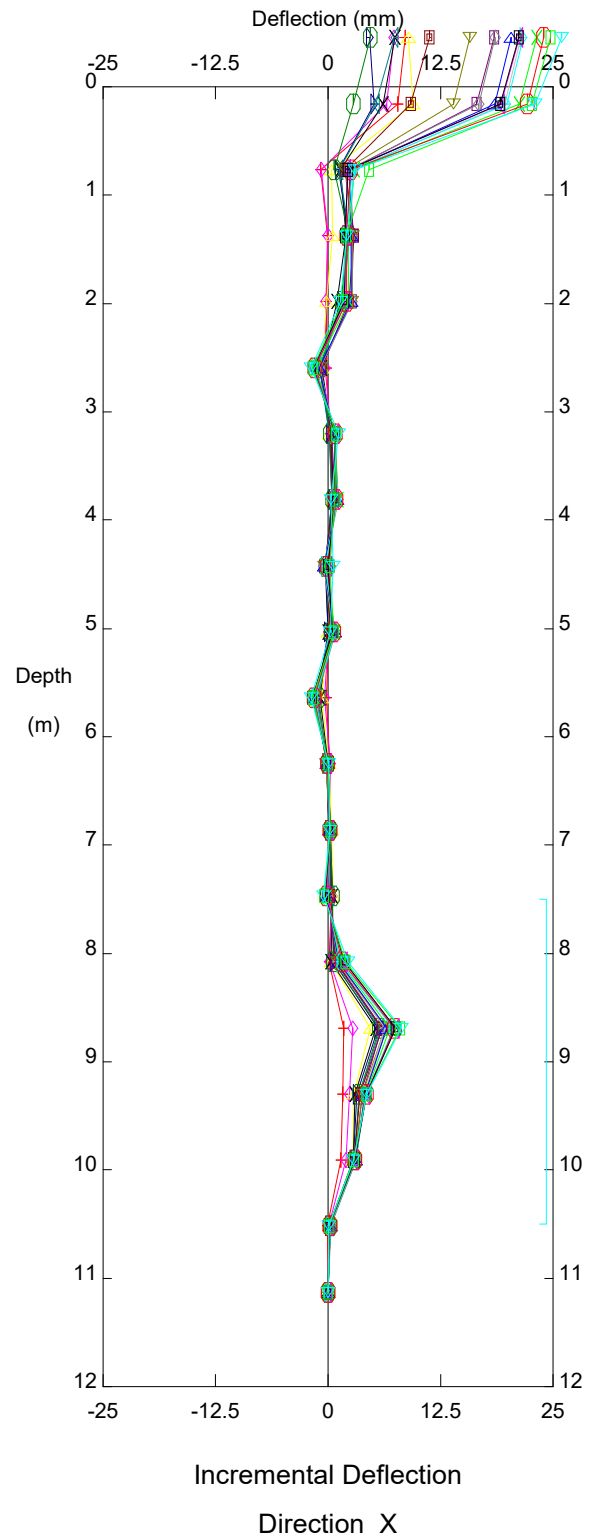
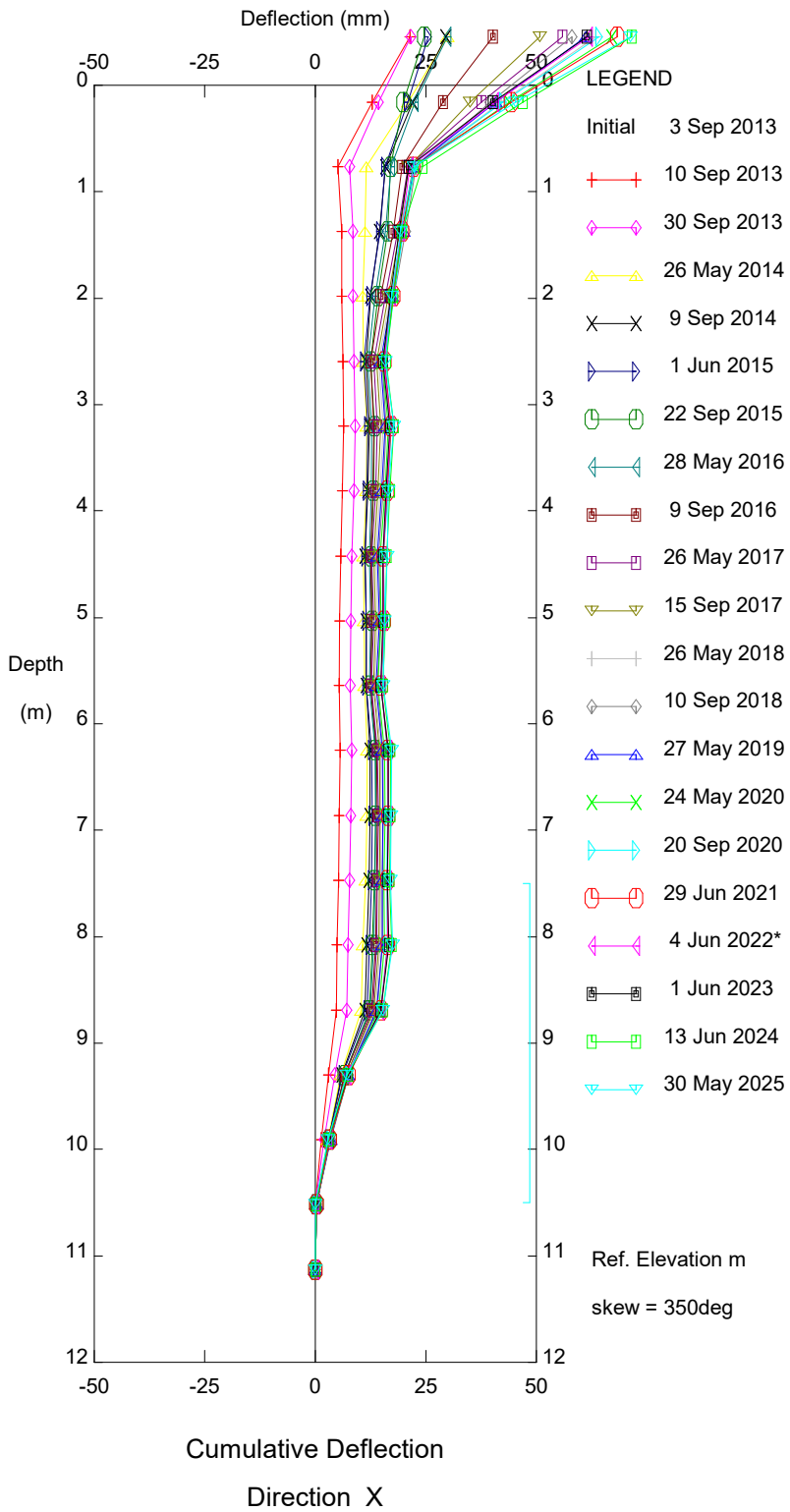


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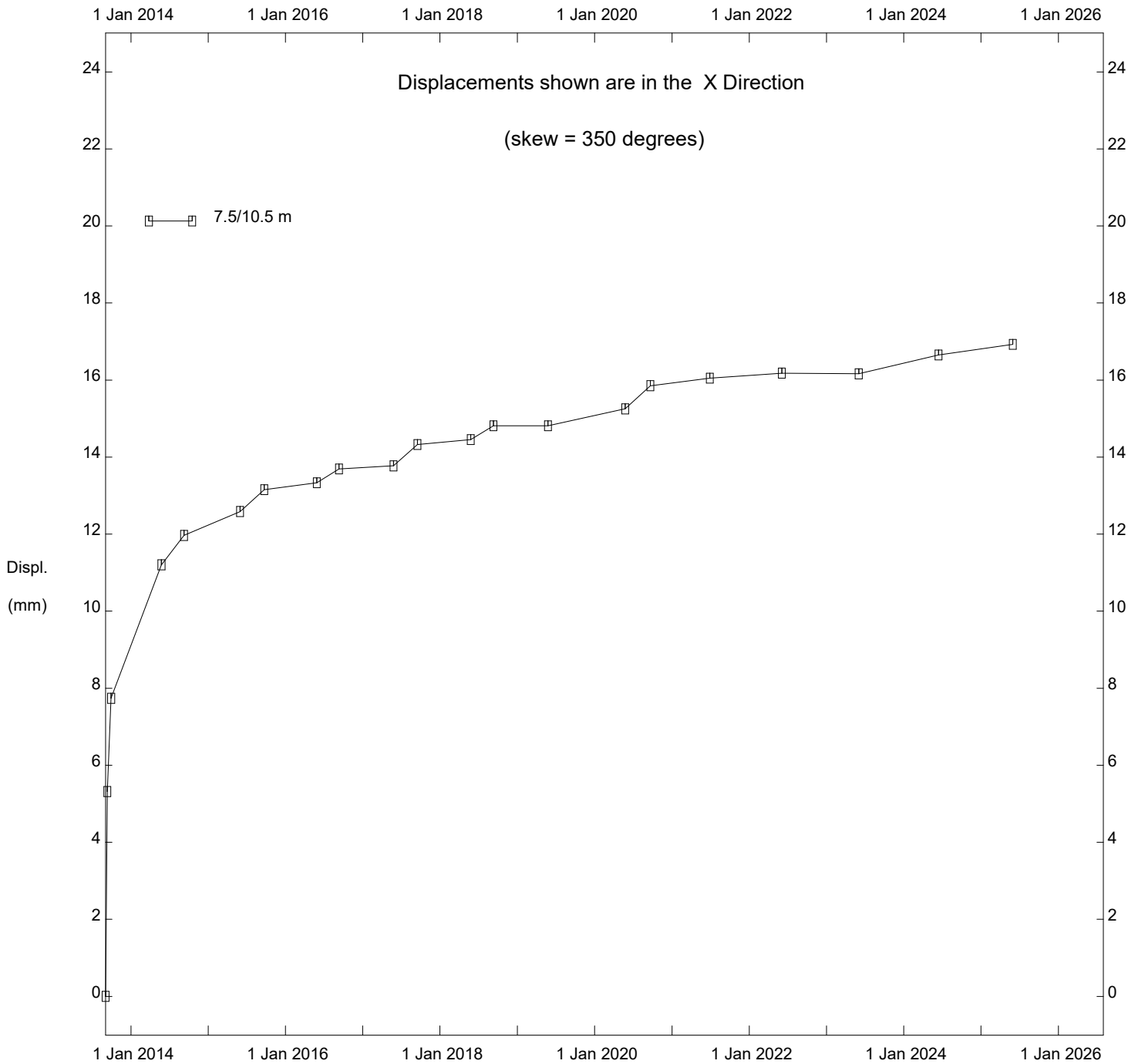


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PIEZOMETRIC ELEVATIONS FOR HWY 63:02 SLOPE REPAIR

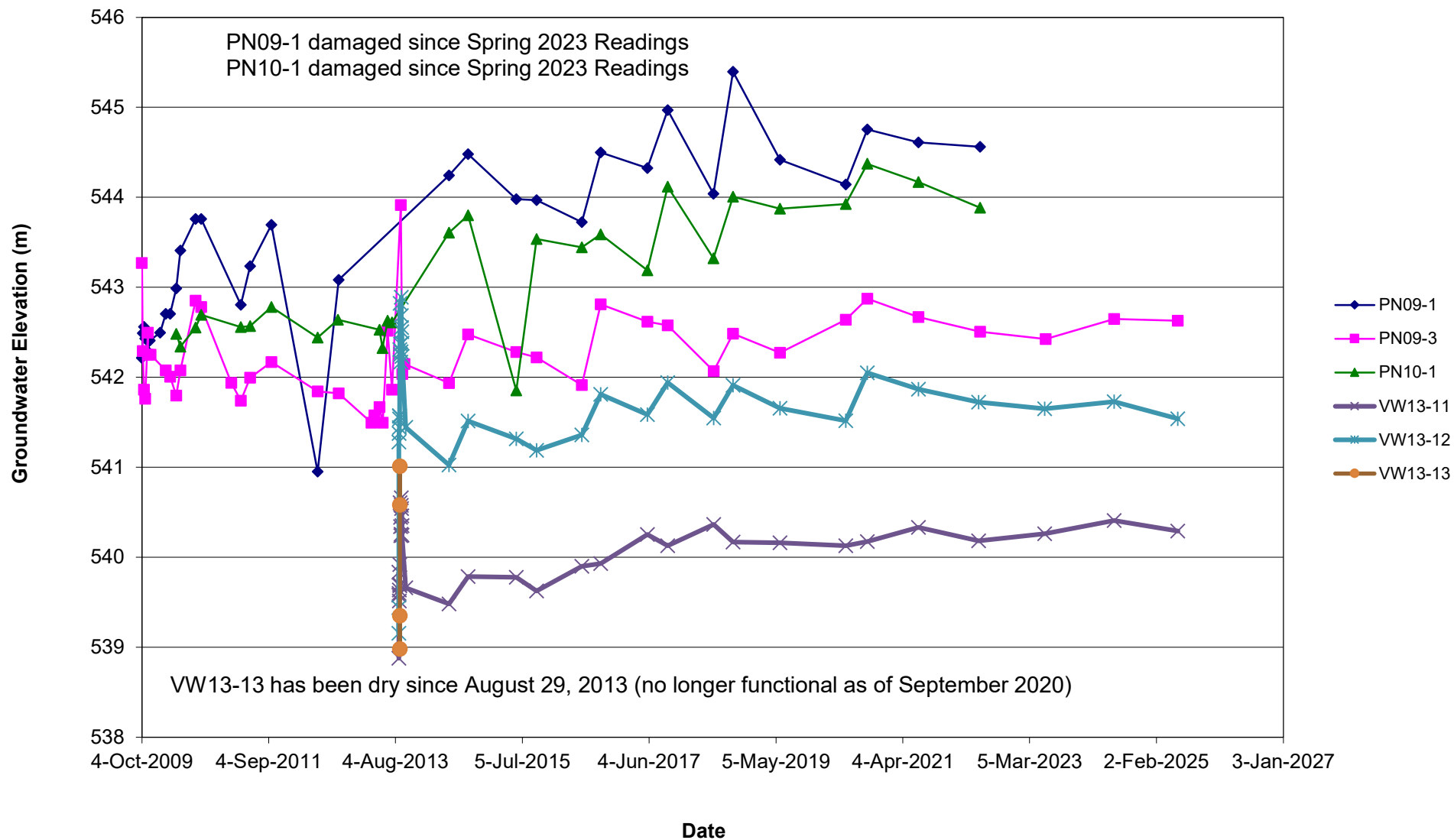


FIGURE NC069-2
PIEZOMETRIC DEPTHS FOR HWY 63:02 SLOPE REPAIR

