

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



Site Number	Location	Name	Hwy	km
NC089	HWY 63:12	Beacon Hill Backslope Slide	63:12	Km 8.7
Legal Description: 3-10-89-9 W4		UTM Co-ordinates		
		12U E 478503	N	6284103

Current Monitoring:	28-May-2025	Previous Monitoring	11-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): SI17-2 and SI17-7	Pneumatic Piezometers (PN): PN17-1A, PN17 1B, PN17-2A, PN17-2B, PN17-3A, PN17-3B, PN17-4, PN17-5A, PN17-5B, PN17-6A, PN17-6B, PN17-7A, PN17-7B, and PN17-7C	Vibration Wire Piezometers (VW): N/A	Standpipe Piezometers (SP): N/A
Load Cell (LC): N/A	Strain Gauges: N/A	SAA's: N/A	Others:

Readout Equipment Used			
Slope Inclinometers: RST Digital Inclinator probe with a 2 ft. wheelbase and a RST Pocket PC readout	Pneumatic Piezometers: RST C108 pneumatic piezometer reader	Vibration Wire Piezometers:	Standpipe Piezometers:
Load Cell:	Strain Gauges:	SAA's:	Others:
Notes:			

Discussion	
Zones of New Movement:	None
Interpretation of Monitoring Results:	SI17-2 showed no discernible movement over 1.8 m to 3.6 m depth, no discernible moment over 4.8 m to 7.3 m depth, and a rate of movement of 0.1 mm/yr over 16.4 to 17.6 m of depth since the spring of 2024 readings. SI17-7 showed a rate of movement of less than 1 mm/yr over 1.6 m to 3.4 m depth and 22.9 m to 24.1 m depth since the spring of 2024 readings. Pneumatic piezometers PN17-1A, PN17-1B, PN17-2A, PN17-2B, PN17-3A, PN17-3B, PN17-4, PN17-5B, PN17-6A, PN17-6B, PN17-7A and PN17-7B showed decreases in groundwater levels ranging from 0.01 m in PN17-7B to 0.57 m in PN17-7A since the spring of 2024 readings. PN17-5A and PN17-7C showed increases in groundwater levels of 0.10 m and 0.04 m, respectively, since the spring of 2024 readings. The groundwater level recorded in PN17-5A was 8.77 m

	below ground surface which is the highest recorded reading in the instrument since initialization.
Future Work:	The instruments should be read again in the spring of 2026.
Instrumentation Repairs:	No instrument repairs are required at this time.
Additional Comments:	

Attachments:	• Table NC089-1 Spring 2025 – HWY 63:12 Beacon Hill Backslope Slide (Km 8.7), Slope Inclinator Instrumentation Reading Summary • Table NC089-2 Spring 2025 – HWY 63:12 Beacon Hill Backslope Slide (Km 8.7), Pneumatic Piezometer Instrumentation Reading Summary • Statement of Limitations and Conditions • APPENDIX A – NC089-1 SPRING 2025 - o Field Inspector's report - o Site Plan Showing Approximate Instrument Locations (Drawing No. 32122-NC089) - o SI Reading Plots - o Figure NC089-1 (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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Partner | Senior Geotechnical Engineer

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Geotechnical Engineer

Table NC089-1: Spring 2025 – Hwy 63:12 Beacon Hill Backslope Slide (Km 8.7) Slope Inclinator Instrumentation Reading Summary

Date Monitored: May 28, 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)
SI17-2	September 18, 2017	35.6 mm over 1.8 to 3.6 m depth in 53° direction	58.9 on September 25, 2020	Operational	June 11, 2024	No Discernible Movement	N/A	-1.2
		7.1 mm over 4.8 to 7.3 m of depth in 80° direction	5.8 on September 25, 2020			No Discernible Movement	N/A	-0.3
		2.6 mm over 16.4 to 17.6 m depth in 53° direction	3.6 on October 18, 2017			0.1	0.1	-0.2
SI17-3	September 18, 2017	94.7 mm over 1.4 to 3.8 m depth in 20° direction	183.1 on September 25, 2020	Blocked at 1.2 m	September 25, 2020	N/A	N/A	N/A
SI17-4	September 18, 2017	1.0 mm over 2.0 to 3.2 m depth in 118° direction	2.9 on February 21, 2018	Blocked at 1.2 m	September 25, 2020	N/A	N/A	N/A
		1.0 mm over 13.0 to 14.8 m depth in 78° direction	3.5 on October 18, 2017			N/A	N/A	N/A
SI17-5	September 18, 2017	36.4 mm over 0.1 to 2.0 m depth in 56° direction	43.9 on September 17, 2018	Blocked at 1.2 m	May 28, 2020	N/A	N/A	N/A
		1.2 mm over 12.3 to 14.2 m depth in 56° direction	2.0 on September 17, 2018			N/A	N/A	N/A

Figure 32122-NC089 in Appendix A provides a sketch of the approximate location of the monitoring instrumentation for this site.

Table NC089-1 – Continued: Spring 2025 – Hwy 63:12 Beacon Hill Backslope Slide (Km 8.7) Slope Inclinometer Instrumentation Reading Summary

Date Monitored: May 28, 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)
SI17-7 (Replacement for SI12-09)	September 18, 2017	24.3 mm over 1.6 to 3.4 m depth in 28° direction	60.8 in September 2020	Operational	June 11, 2024	<0.1	<0.1	-0.6
		3.1 mm over 22.9 to 24.1 m depth in 28° direction	2.3 in September 2020			<0.1	<0.1	-0.3

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Table NC089-2: Spring 2025 – Hwy 63:12 Beacon Hill Backslope Slide (Km 8.7) Pneumatic Piezometer Instrumentation Reading Summary

Date Monitored: May 28, 2025

INSTRUMENT #	DATE INITIALIZED	TIP DEPTH (m)	CURRENT STATUS	HIGHEST MEASURED GROUNDWATER DEPTH (m)	MEASURED PORE PRESSURE (kPa)	CURRENT GROUNDWATER DEPTH (m)	PREVIOUS GROUNDWATER DEPTH (m)	CHANGE IN WATER LEVEL SINCE PREVIOUS READING (m)
PN17-1A (37677)	September 18, 2017	8.0	Operational	5.07 on June 11, 2024	28.1	5.14	5.07	-0.07
PN17-1B (37659)	September 18, 2017	15.5	Operational	10.43 on October 18, 2017	31.4	12.30	12.09	-0.21
PN17-2A (37666)	September 18, 2017	13.0	Operational	6.25 on June 3, 2022	62.1	6.67	6.54	-0.13
PN17-2B (37494)	September 18, 2017	21.6	Operational	21.20 on February 21, 2018	1.0	21.50	21.42	-0.08
PN17-3A (37665)	September 18, 2017	4.7	Operational	1.14 on May 30, 2023	33.8	1.25	1.21	-0.04
PN17-3B (37495)	September 18, 2017	14.6	Operational	9.33 on September 25, 2020	19.6	12.60	12.50	-0.10
PN17-4 (37674)	September 18, 2017	8.0	Operational	3.04 on June 11, 2024	35.7	4.36	3.04	-1.32

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Table NC089-2 – Continued: Spring 2025 – Hwy 63:12 Beacon Hill Backslope Slide (Km 8.7) Pneumatic Piezometer Instrumentation Reading Summary

Date Monitored: May 28, 2025

INSTRUMENT #	DATE INITIALIZED	TIP DEPTH (m)	CURRENT STATUS	HIGHEST MEASURED GROUNDWATER DEPTH (m)	MEASURED PORE PRESSURE (kPa)	CURRENT GROUNDWATER DEPTH (m)	PREVIOUS GROUNDWATER DEPTH (m)	CHANGE IN WATER LEVEL SINCE PREVIOUS READING (m)
PN17-5A (37667)	September 18, 2017	8.9	Operational	8.77 on May 28, 2025	1.3	8.77	8.87	0.10
PN17-5B (37660)	September 18, 2017	14.8	Operational	9.95 on September 25, 2020	44.6	10.25	10.10	-0.15
PN17-6A (37664)	September 18, 2017	9.7	Operational	5.35 on October 18, 2017	27.8	6.87	6.56	-0.31
PN17-6B (37493)	September 18, 2017	18.5	Operational	18.11 on February 21, 2018	0.3	18.47	18.46	-0.01
PN17-7A (37675)	September 18, 2017	8.0	Operational	5.91 on June 3, 2022	3.3	7.66	7.09	-0.57
PN17-7B (37477)	September 18, 2017	18.0	Operational	17.59 on February 21, 2018	0.3	17.97	17.95	-0.02
PN17-7C (37661)	September 18, 2017	28.0	Operational	21.77 on May 29, 2018	60.4	21.84	21.88	0.04

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NORTH CENTRAL (ATHABASCA AND FORT McMURRAY DISTRICTS)
INSTRUMENTATION MONITORING RESULTS**

SPRING 2025

**APPENDIX A
DATA PRESENTATION AND SITE PLANS**

SITE NC089: HWY 63:12 BEACON HILL BACKSLOPE SLIDE (km 8.7)

**ALBERTA TRANSPORTATION AND ECONOMIC CORRIDORS
NORTH CENTRAL REGION - ATHABASCA AND FORT McMURRAY DISTRICTS
INSTRUMENTATION MONITORING FIELD SUMMARY (NC089)
SPRING 2025**

Location: HWY 63:12 Beacon Hill Backslope Slide	Readout: RST PN C108, Unit 8
File Number: 32122	Casing Diameter: 2.75"
Probe: RST SET 8R	Temp: 29
Cable: RST Set 8R	Read by: NKR/GE

SLOPE INCLINOMETER (SI) READINGS

SI#	GPS Location (UTM 12)		Date	Stickup (m)	Readings Depth from top of casing (ft)	Azimuth of A+ Groove degree	Current Bottom Depth Readings				Probe/ Reel #	Size (")	Remarks
	Northing	Easting					A+	A-	B+	B-			
SI17-2	6284103	478503	28-May-25	0.95	82 to 2	60	-521	538	-166	169	5R/5R	2.75	
SI17-7	6284102	478453	28-May-25	0.55	98 to 2	40	1705	-1700	361	-363	5R/5R	2.75	

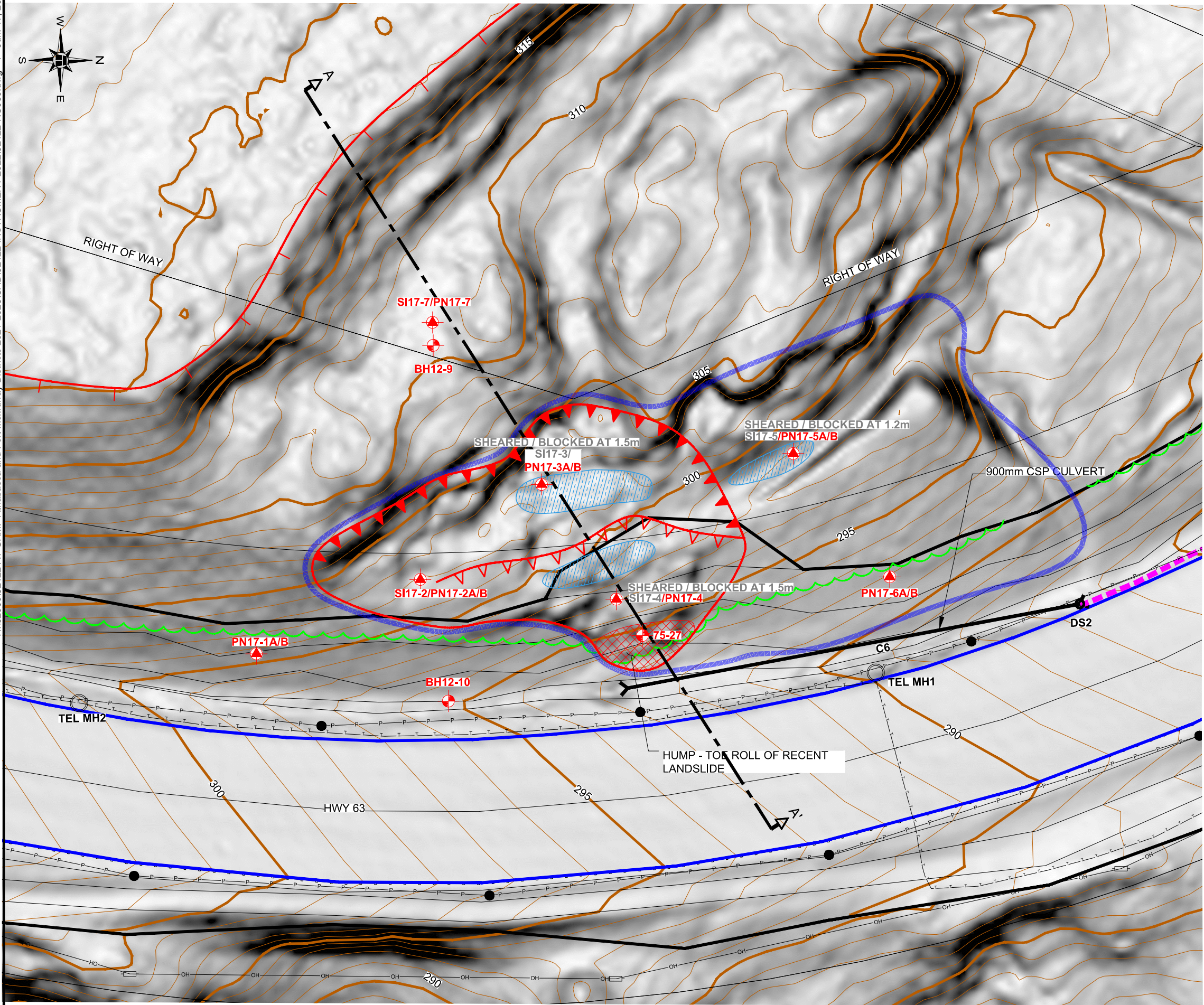
PNEUMATIC PIEZOMETER (PN) READINGS

PN #	Serial	GPS Location (UTM 12)		Location	Date	Reading (kPa)	Comments
		Northing	Easting				
PN17-1A	37677	6284070	478515		28-May-25	28.1	
PN17-1B	37659	6284070	478515		28-May-25	31.4	
PN17-2A	37666	6284103	478503	Attached to SI17-2	28-May-25	62.1	
PN17-2B	37494	6284103	478503	Attached to SI17-2	28-May-25	1	
PN17-3A	37665	6284125	478484	Attached to SI17-3	28-May-25	33.8	
PN17-3B	37495	6284125	478484	Attached to SI17-3	28-May-25	19.6	
PN17-4	37674	6284139	478507	Attached to SI17-4	28-May-25	35.7	*
PN17-5A	37667	6284177	478476	Attached to SI17-5	28-May-25	1.3	
PN17-5B	37660	6284177	478476	Attached to SI17-5	28-May-25	44.6	
PN17-6A	37664	6284194	478502		28-May-25	27.8	
PN17-6B	37493	6284194	478502		28-May-25	0.3	
PN17-7A	37675	6284102	478453	Attached to SI17-7	28-May-25	3.3	
PN17-7B	37477	6284102	478453	Attached to SI17-7	28-May-25	0.3	
PN17-7C	37661	6284102	478453	Attached to SI12-7	28-May-25	60.4	

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* Clear SI17-4, Water seepage and running down the slope.

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LEGEND

- APPROXIMATE LOCATION OF SLOPE INCLINOMETER (SI) / PNEUMATIC PIEZOMETER (PN)
- APPROXIMATE LOCATION OF PREVIOUS TEST HOLE
- HEADSCARP CRACK
- TENSION CRACK
- APPROXIMATE BOUNDARY OF ANCIENT LANDSLIDE BLOCK
- APPROXIMATE BOUNDARY OF RECENT ACTIVE LANDSLIDE
- APPROXIMATE VALLEY CREST
- TREE LINE
- GUARDRAIL
- OVERHEAD POWER LINE
- UNDERGROUND POWER LINE
- UNDERGROUND TELUS CABLE
- LIGHT STAND
- TELUS MANHOLE
- POWER POLE
- DROP STRUCTURE (DS#)
- STANDING WATER

NOTES:

- LIMITED SURVEY IN THE VICINITY OF THE HIGHWAY WAS CONDUCTED ON AUGUST 30, 2017 BY WSP.
- LIDAR, AS RECENT AS 2016, USED TO AUGMENT WSP SURVEY DATA.

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**NORTH CENTRAL
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NC089: HWY 63:11 BEACON HILL
BACKSLOPE SLIDE (km 8.7)
SITE PLAN SHOWING INSTRUMENT LOCATIONS**

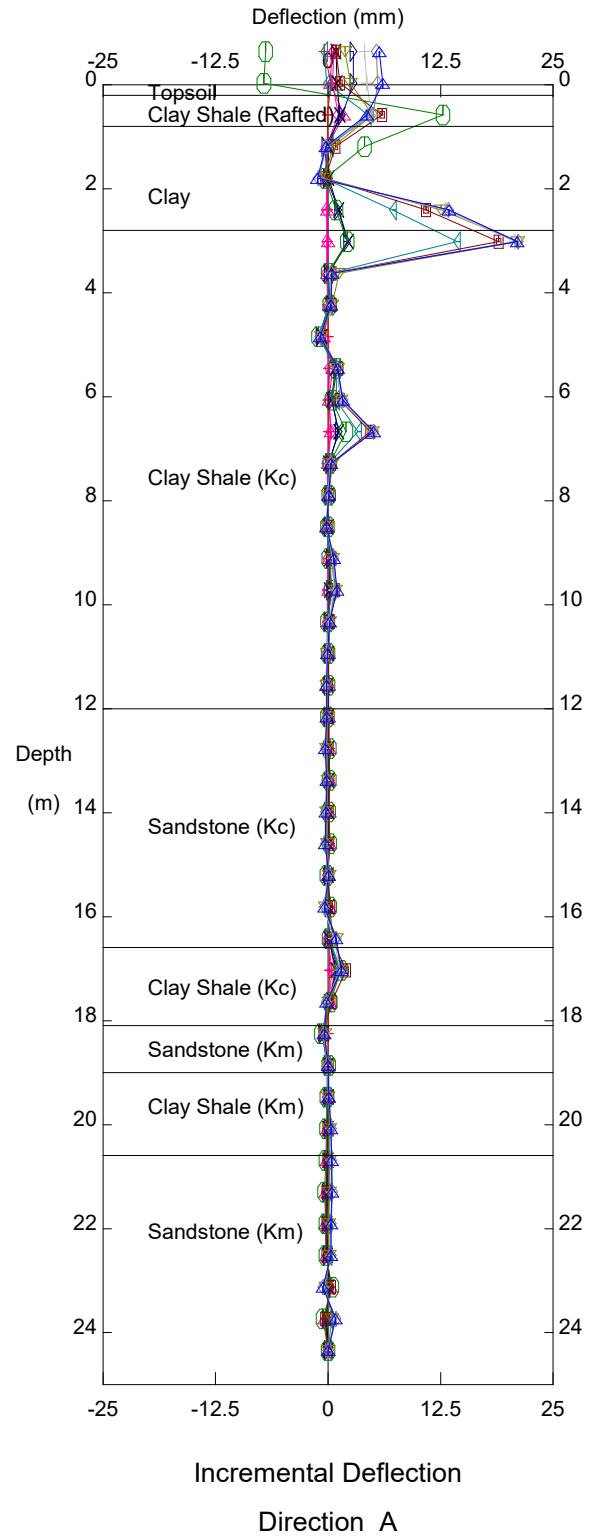
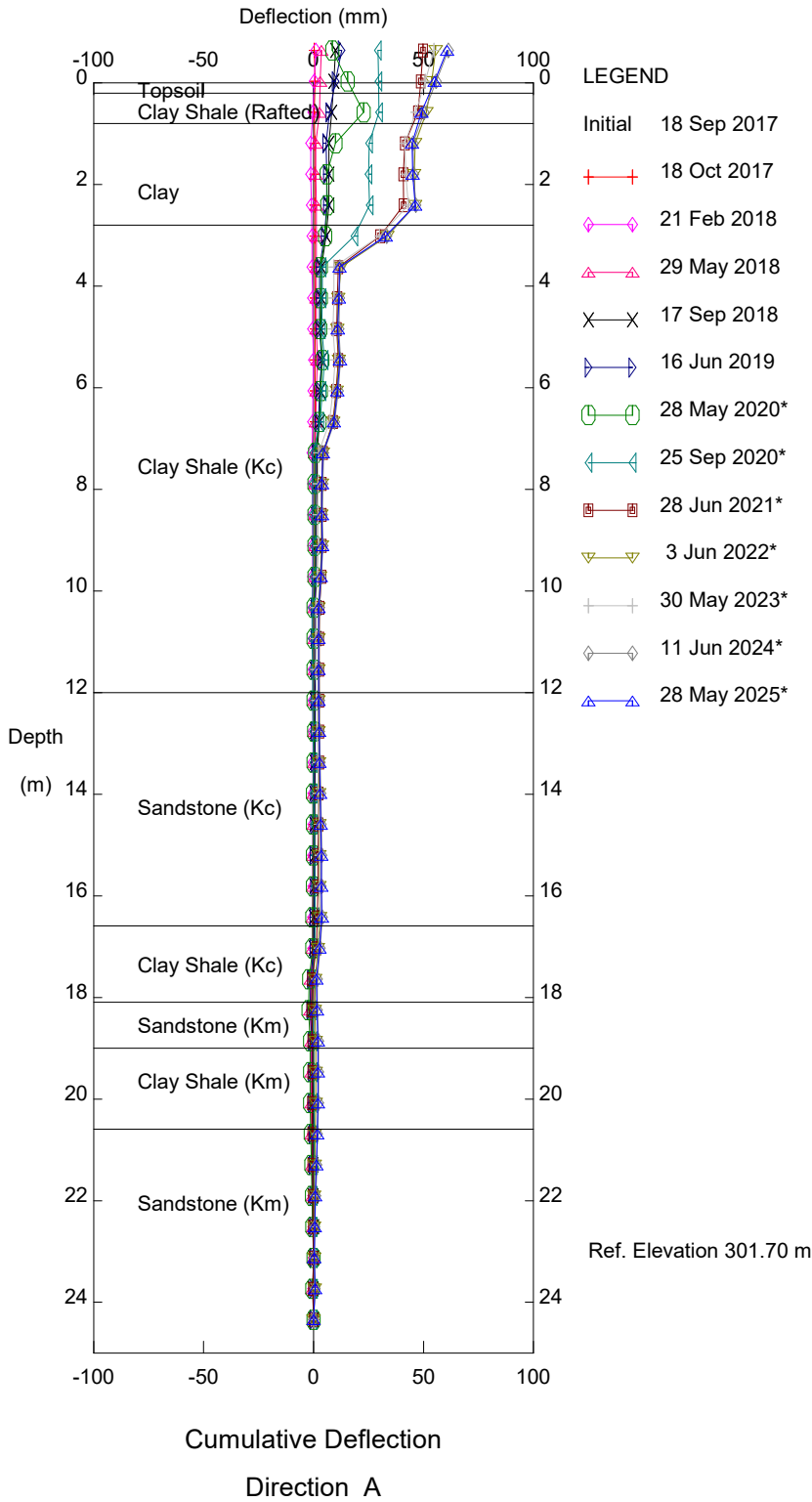
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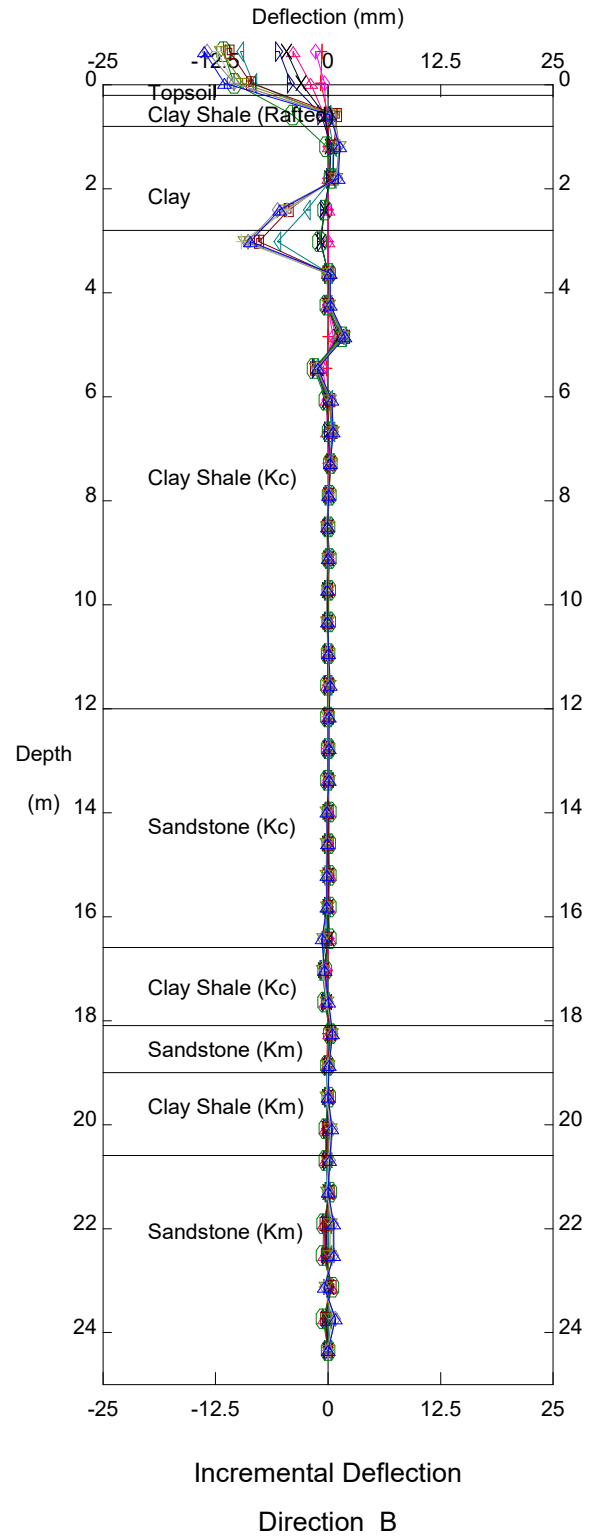
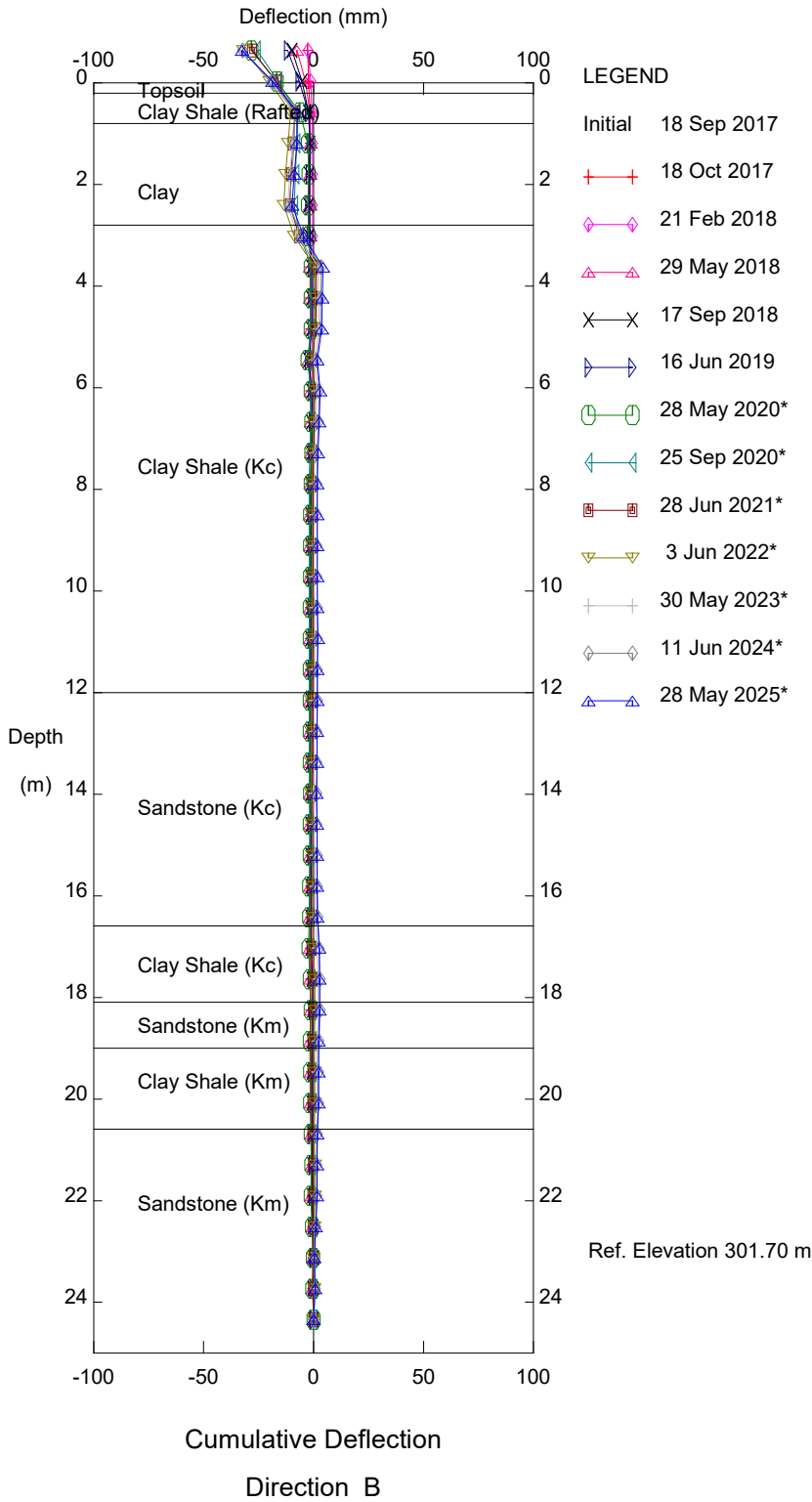


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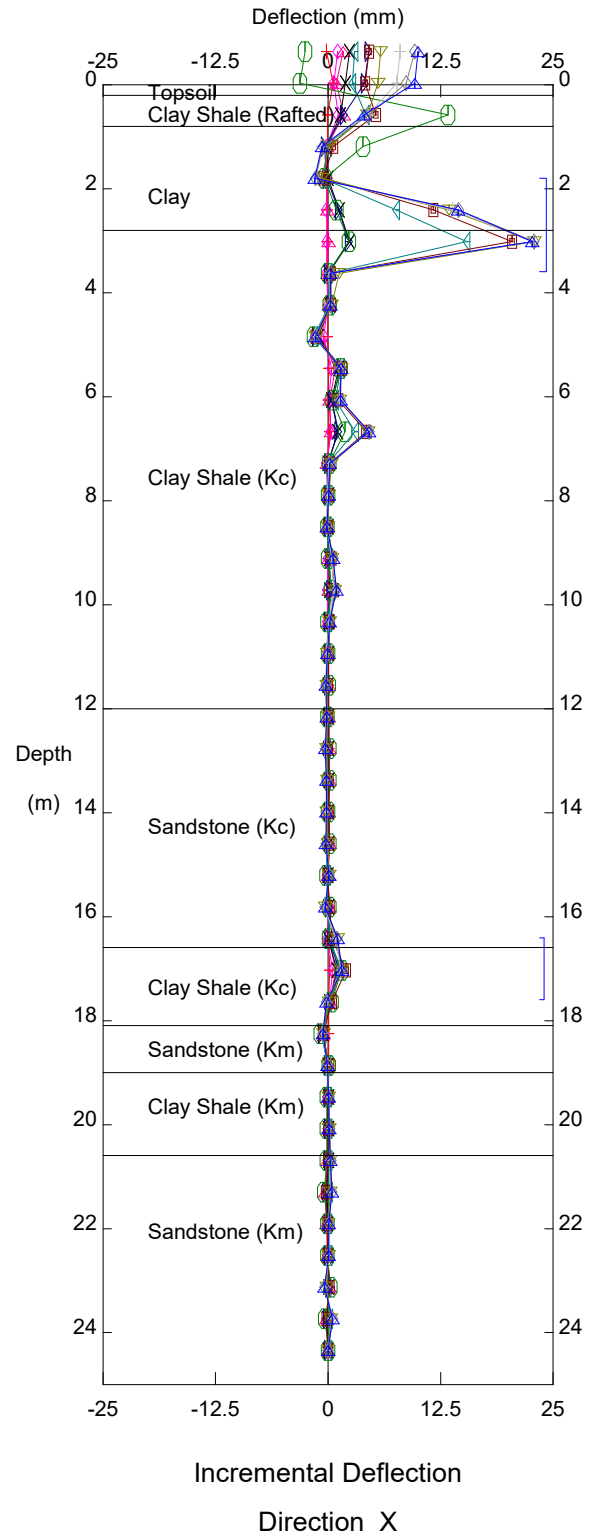
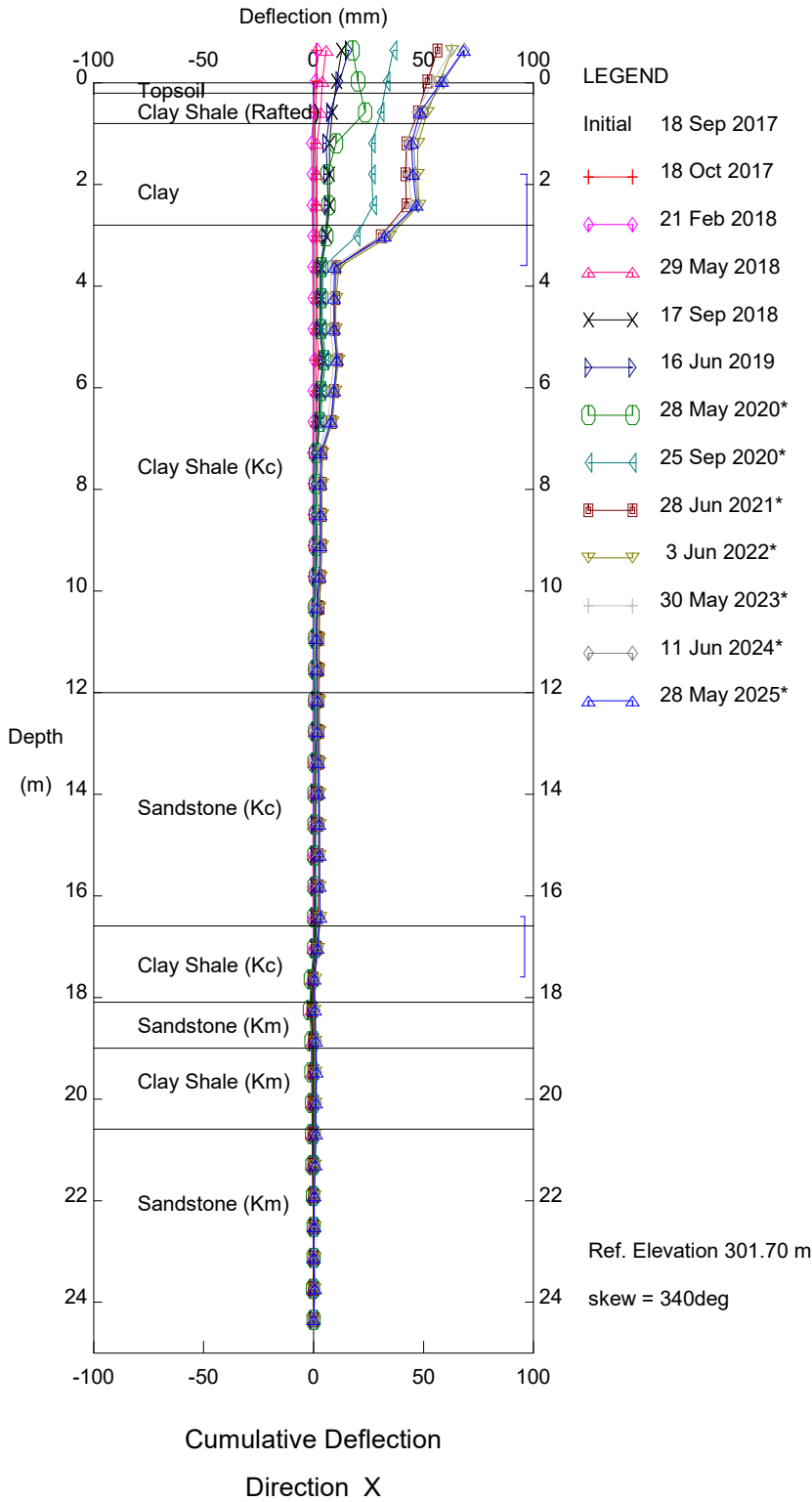


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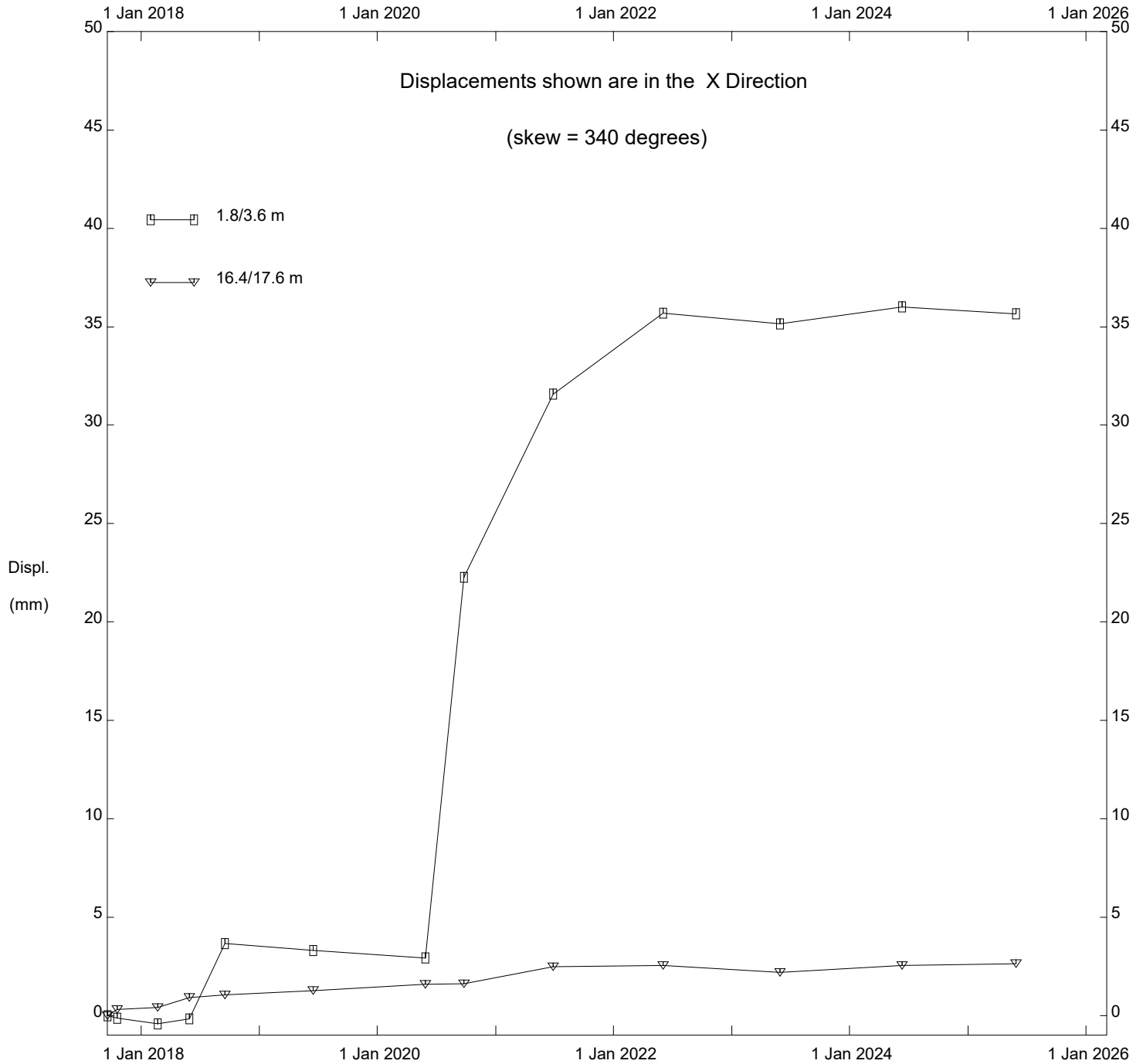


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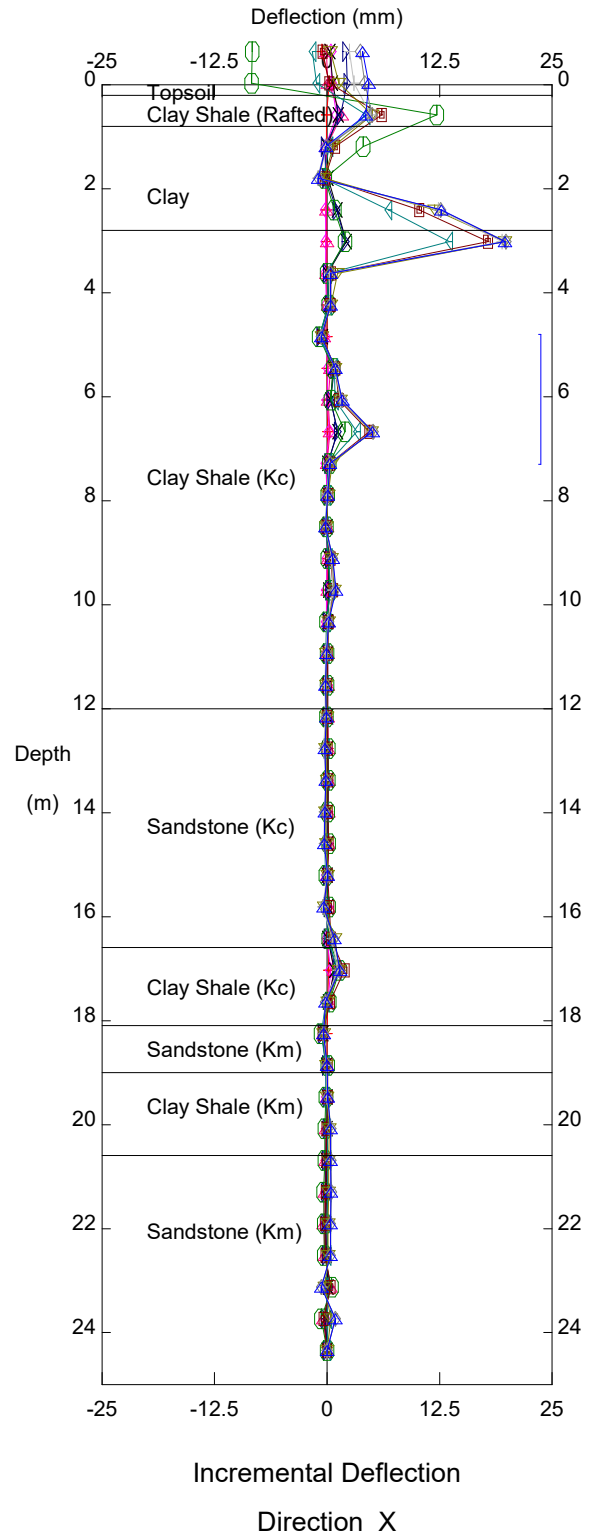
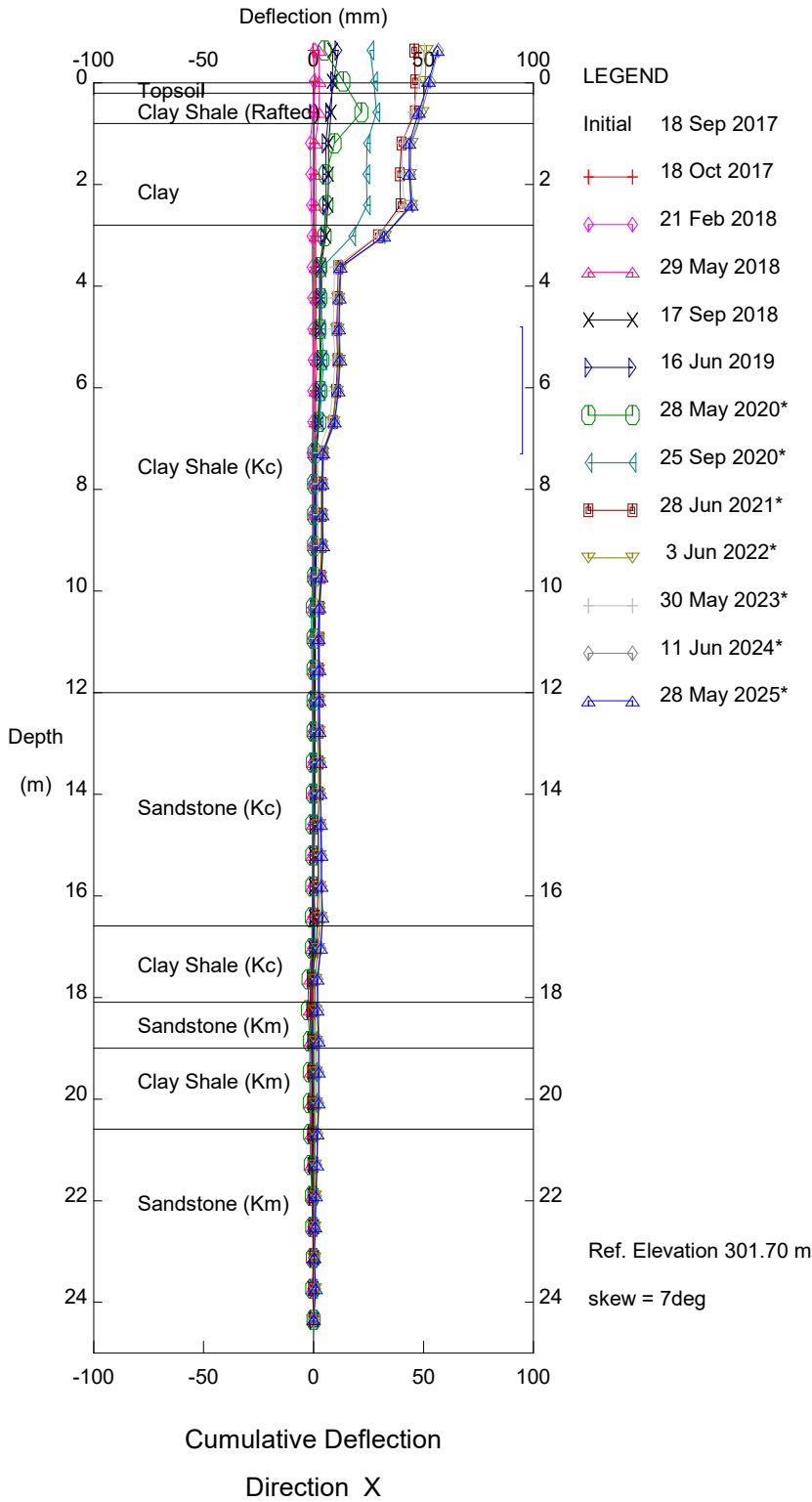
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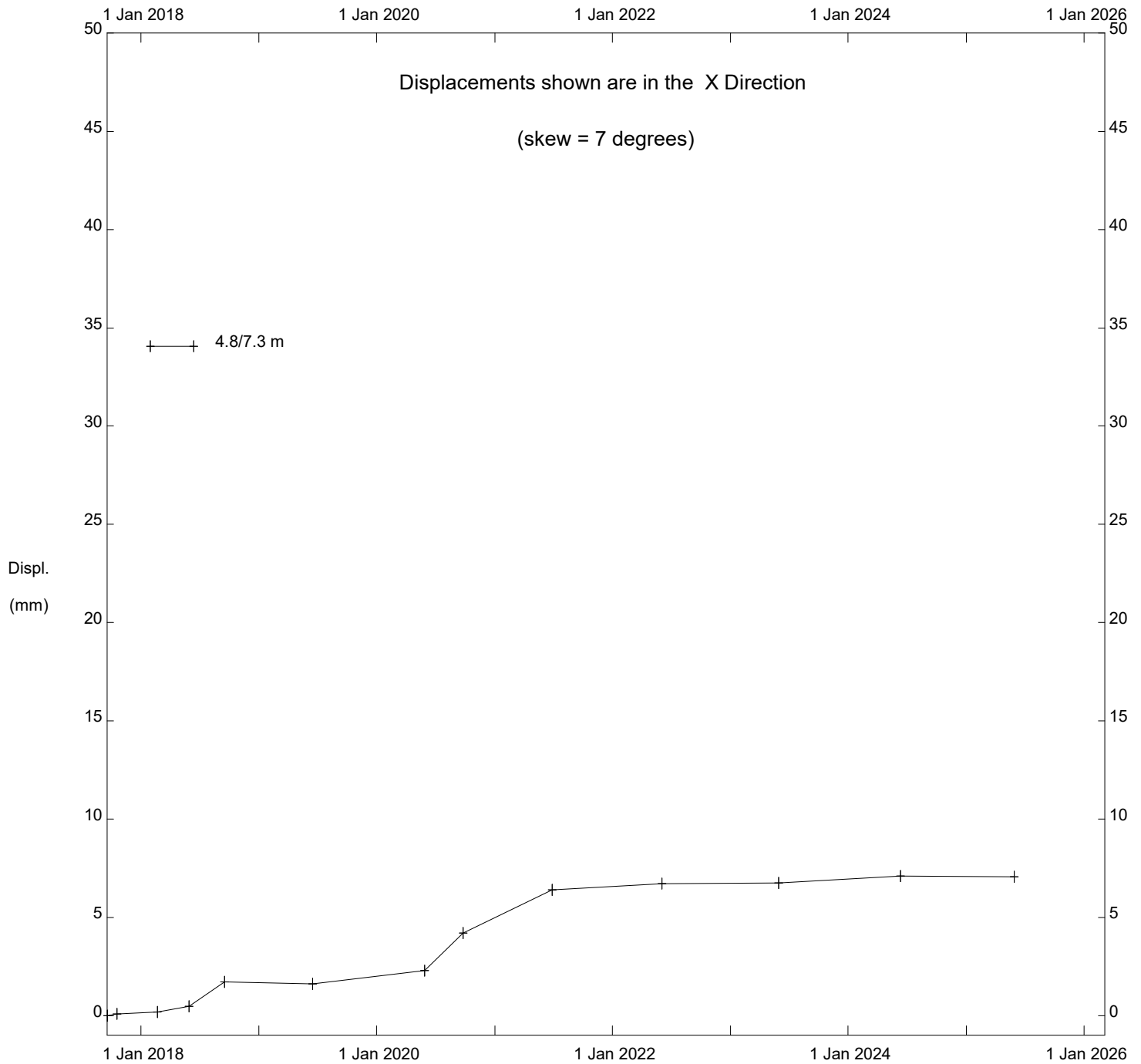


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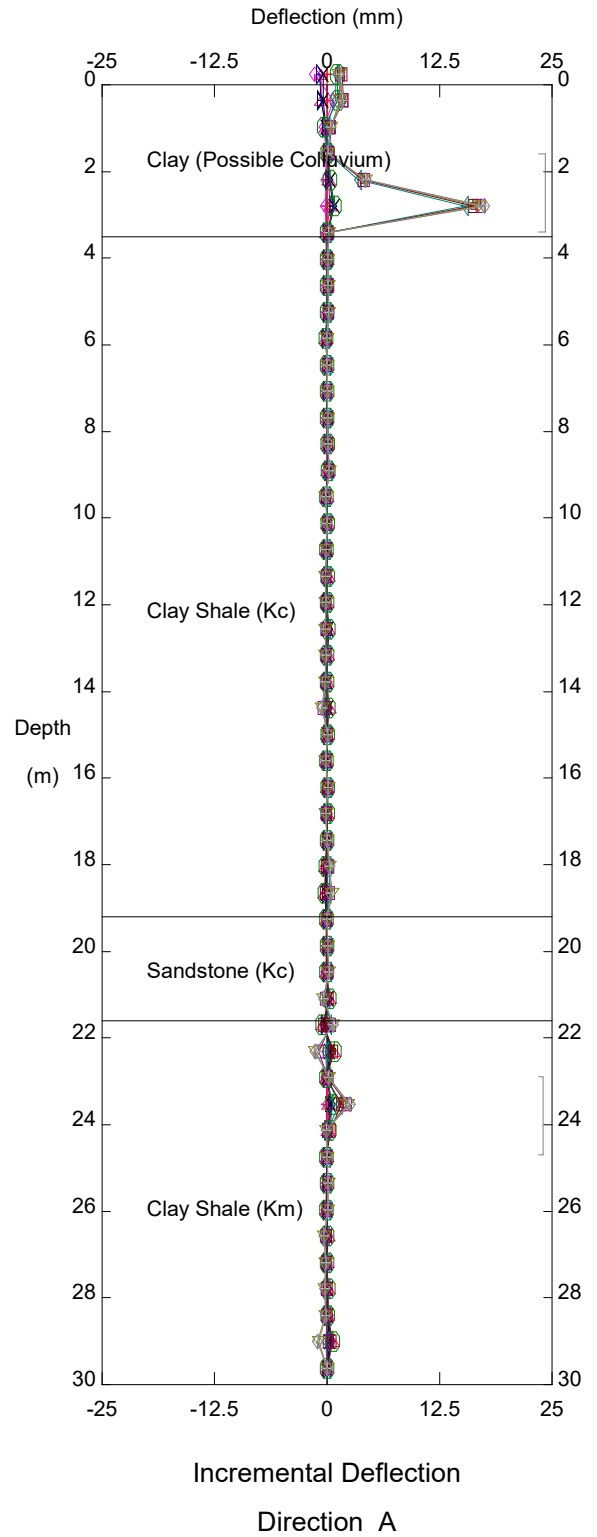
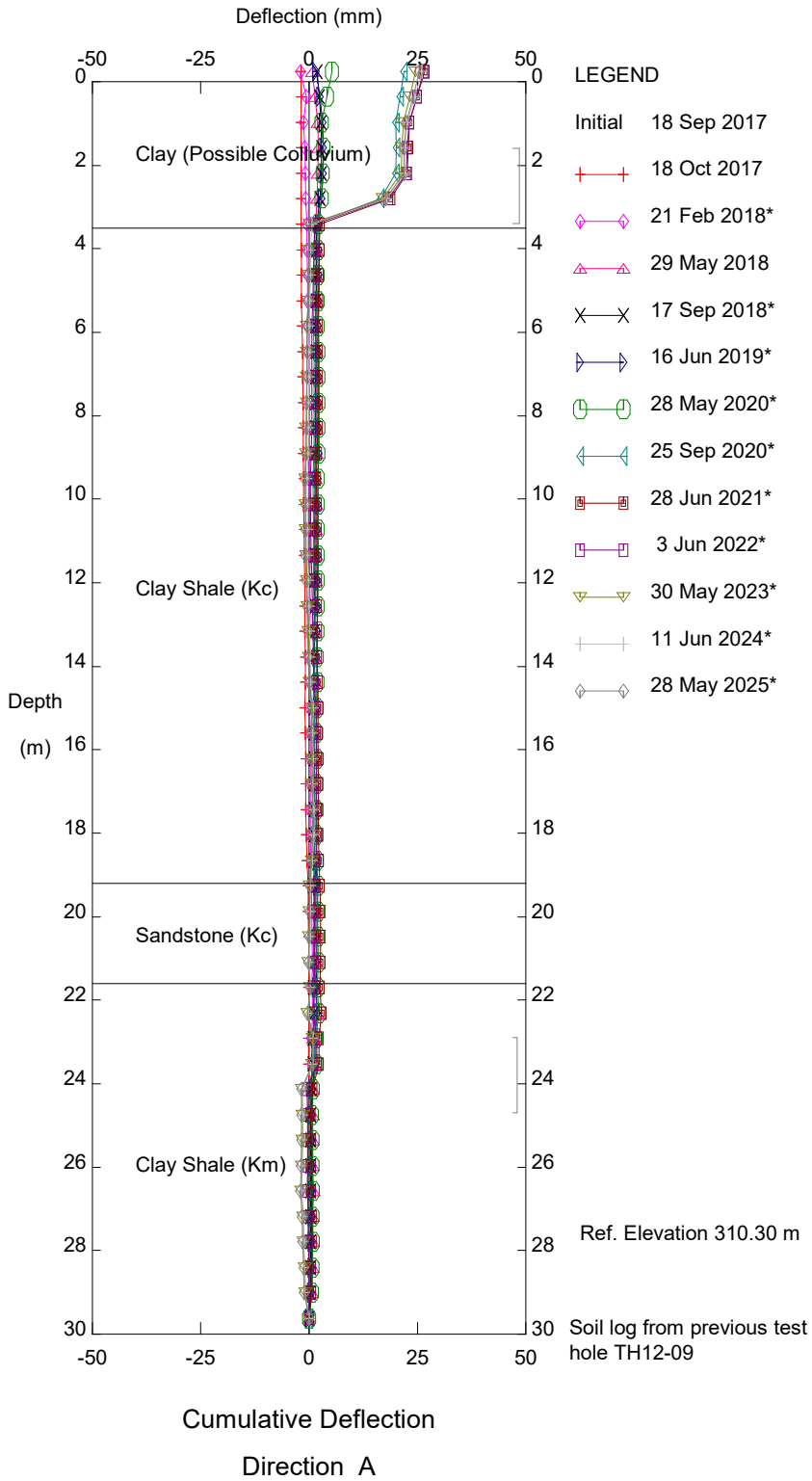
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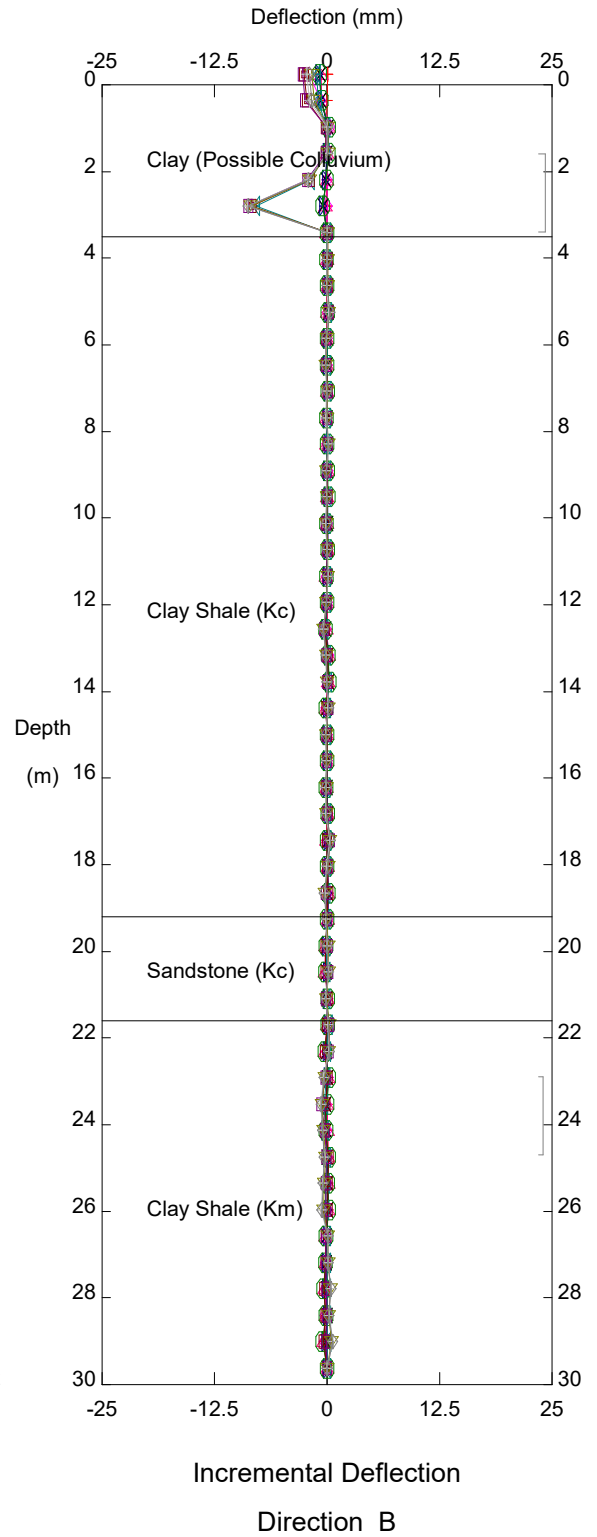
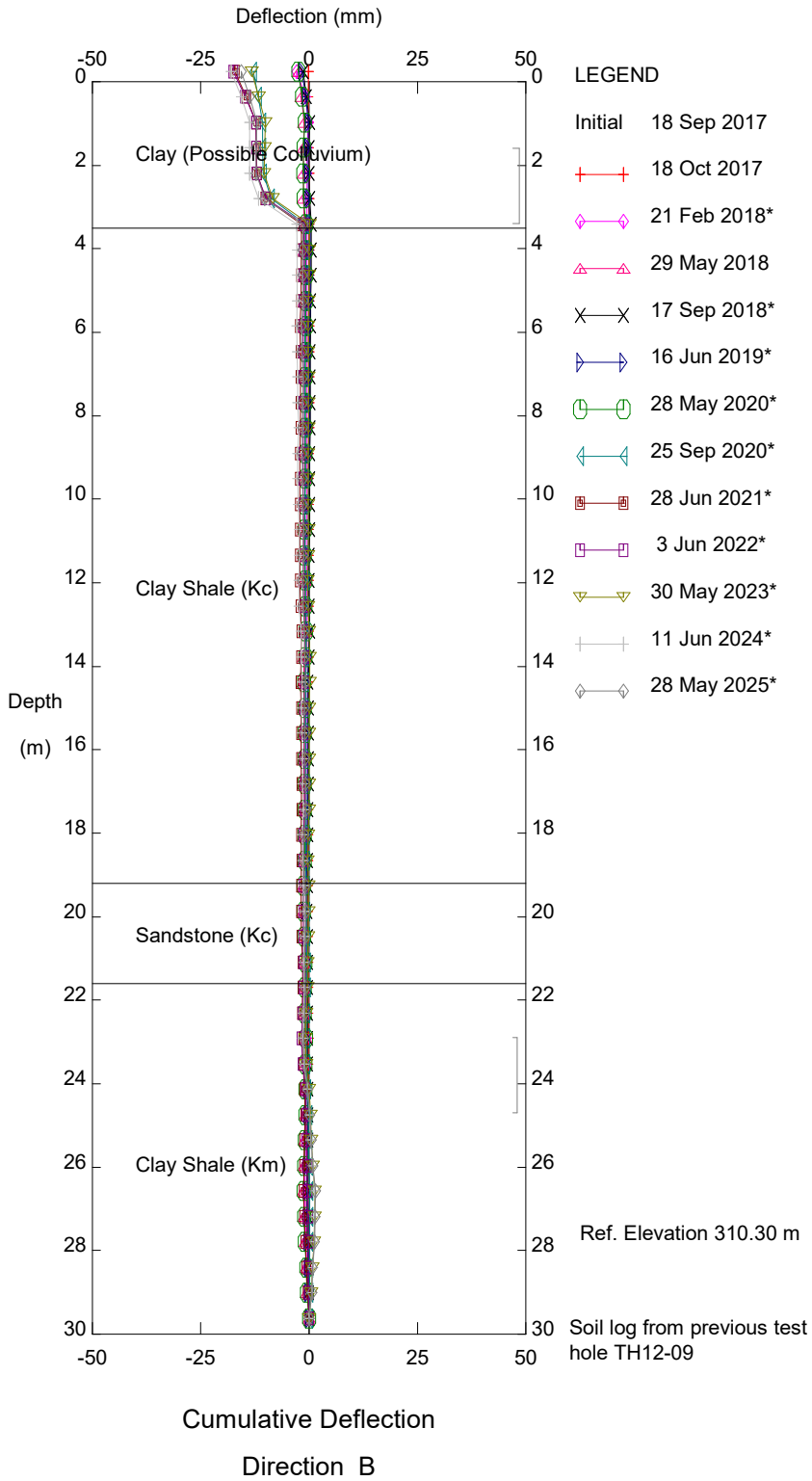


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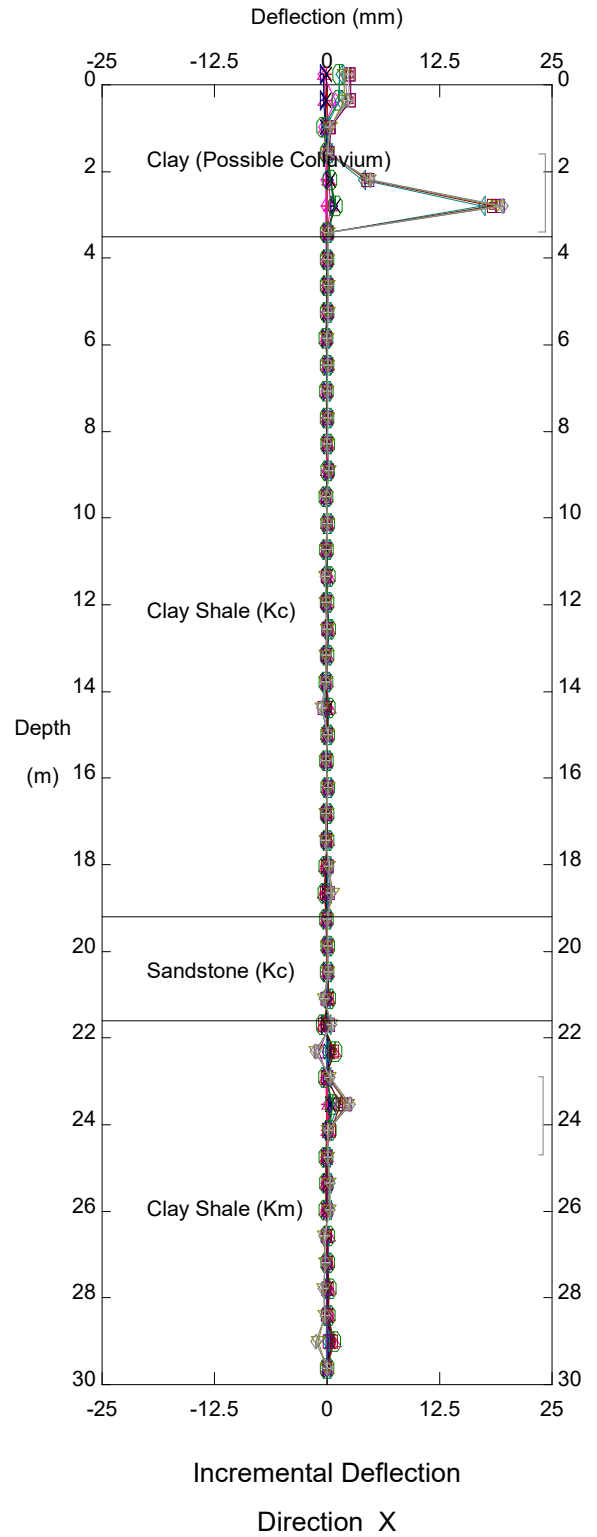
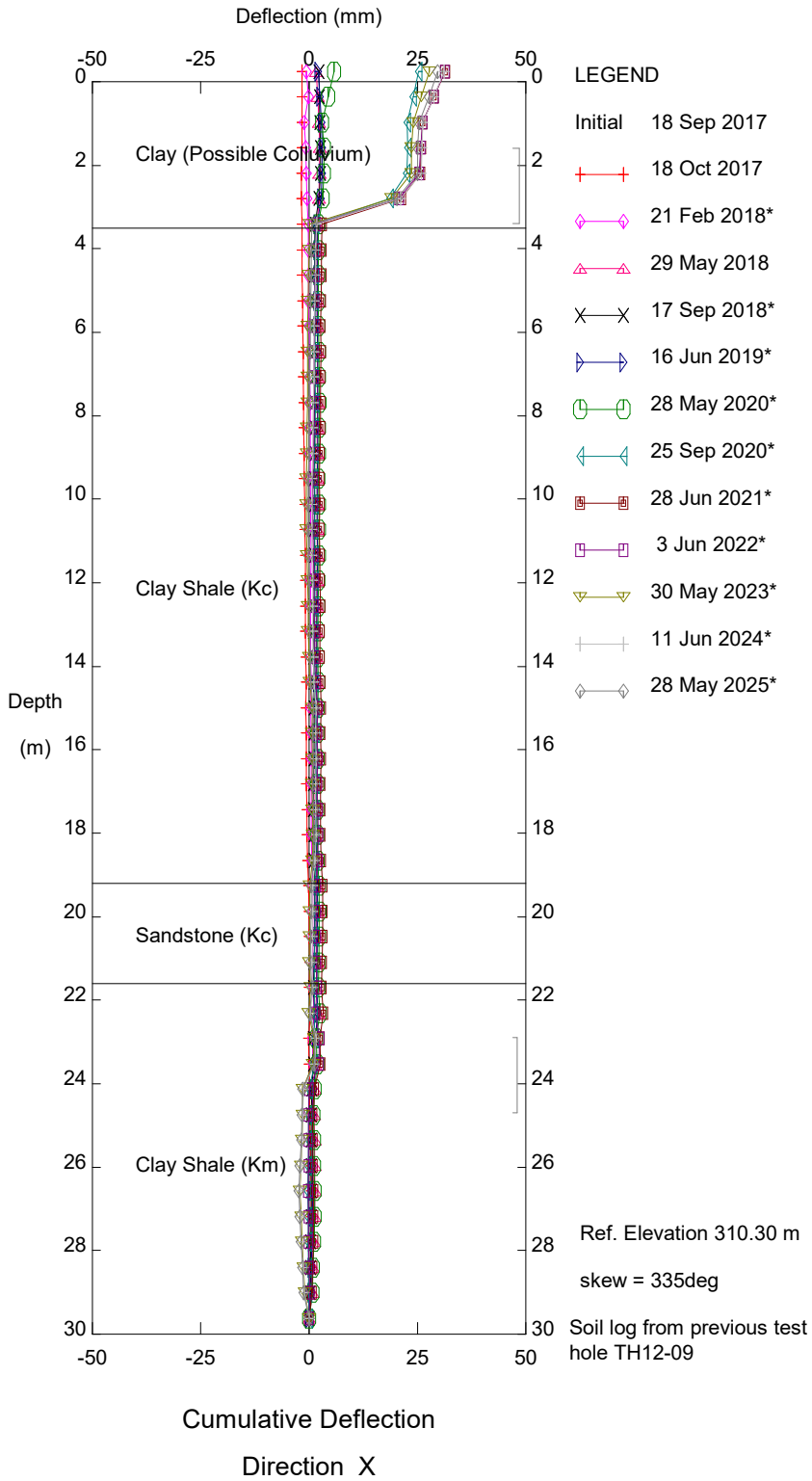


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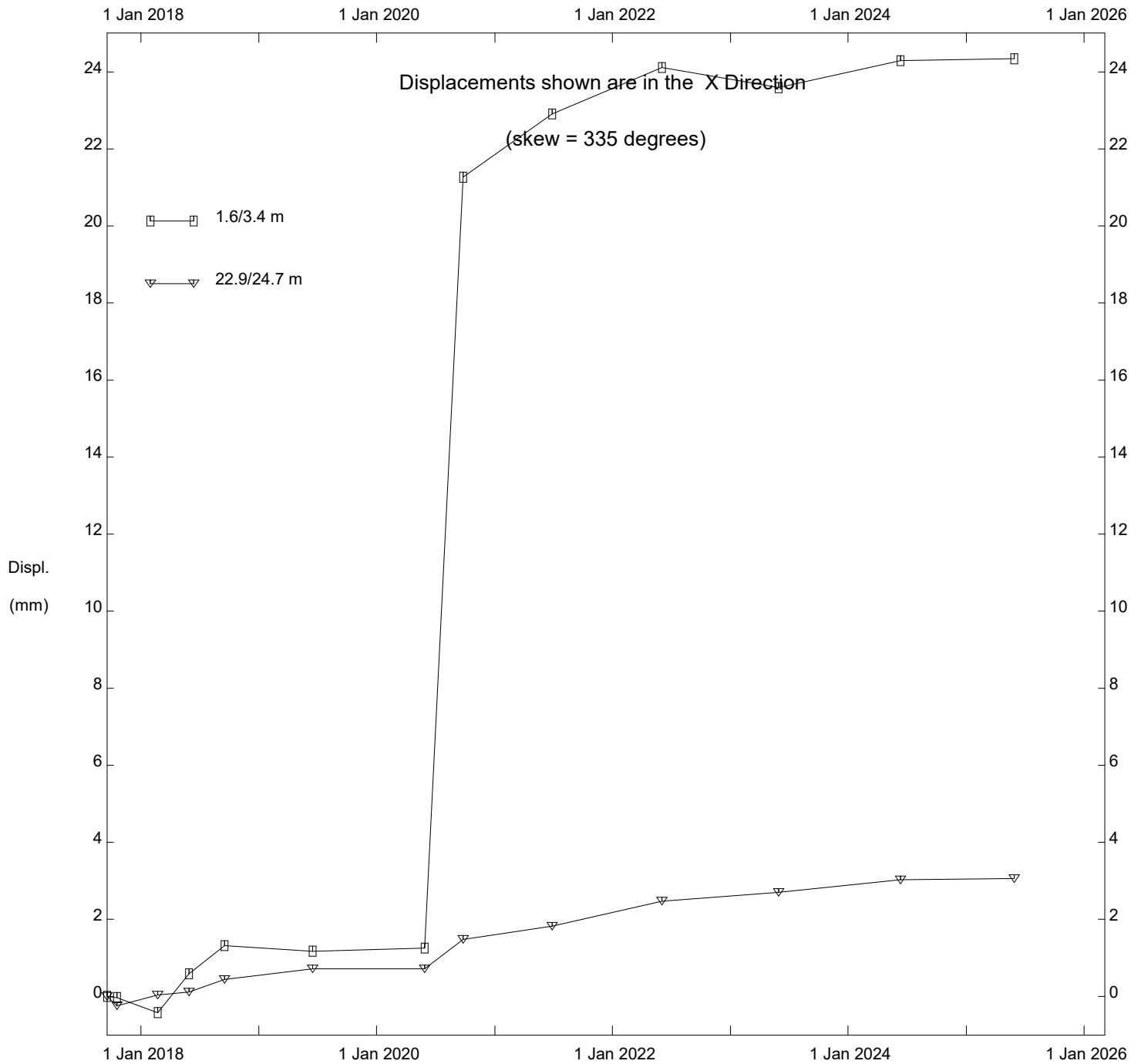


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FIGURE NC089-1
PIEZOMETER DATA FOR HWY 63:12 BEACON HILL

