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Dear Mr. Penney:

CON0022160 Central Region GRMP Instrumentation Monitoring Site C065; H585:02, km 16.136 East of Trochu Slides Section C – 2022 Fall Readings

1 GENERAL

Five slope inclinometers (SIs) (SI17-C65-01 and SI17-C65-02, and SI21-C65-01 through SI21-C65-03) and four vibrating wire piezometers (VWPs) (VW36843, VW42622, VW45895, and VW45897) were read at the C065 site in the Central Region on September 14, 2022 by Mr. Jorge Rodriguez, E.I.T. of Klohn Crippen Berger Ltd. (KCB). These instruments were read as part of the Central Region Geohazard Risk Management Program (GRMP). The site is located on Hwy 585:02, km 16.136, approximately 13 km east of Trochu, Alberta and 2 km west of the Tolman Bridge, which crosses the Red Deer River. The approximate site coordinates are 5746288 N, 359329 E (UTM Zone 12, NAD 83). A site plan is presented in Figure 1.

The C065 site consists of several geohazard subsites along an approximate 1 km length of Hwy 585:02. The subsites include: C065-I (Original Slide), C065-II (Pavement Dips), C065-III (Wasp Nest Slide), C065-IV (Upper Slide I), and C065-V (Upper Slide II). The geohazards consist of valley slope and embankment fill slides, and subsidence features associated with dispersive soils beneath the highway. Ongoing asphalt patching paving and guardrail maintenance has been required at the site.

In October 2017, KCB conducted a geotechnical site investigation at the C065 site to support design and construction work. Drilling was completed by Mobile Augers & Research Ltd. The encountered stratigraphy was as follows: asphalt, overlying variable embankment fill, overlying variable foundation materials (e.g., dispersive soils or silty clay colluvium), overlying bedrock (e.g., coal, claystone, siltstone, and/or sandstone).

In 2021, the following remedial actions were completed:

In March 2021, two H-pile walls (HP360x132) were installed at the C065-IV and -V sites. The
H-pile wall at the C065-IV (Upper Slide I) site was 10 m deep, 33 m long, and consisted of 56



piles. The H-pile wall at the C065-V (Upper Slide II) site was 10 m deep, 16 m long, and consisted of 27 piles.

- In August 2021, the highway embankment at the C065-I site was reconstructed with geogridreinforced granular fill and a shear key. A 200-mm-diameter perforated drainpipe was installed at the base of the shear key excavation.
- Between August and October 2021, the upper 1 m of the highway embankment at the C065-II site was removed and reconstructed with geogrid-reinforced granular fill. Drainage improvements to the ditches were also made, including excavating and replacing material along the ditch bottom and installation of a 600-mm diameter corrugated-steel-pipe (CSP) culvert below the highway.
- Between September and October 2021, the existing 1000-mm-diameter CSP culvert at the C065-III site was replaced, and a gabion-basket inlet structure and riprap apron were constructed at the culvert inlet and outlet, respectively.

1.1 Instrumentation

Instrumentation installation details are tabulated in Table 1.1. Instrument locations are shown in Figure 1.

In October 2017, KCB installed three SIs (SI17-C65-01 through SI17-C65-03) and six VWPs (VW45894 through VW45897, VW42622, and VW36843) at the C065-I, -III, and -IV sites to monitor depth of movement and ground water conditions, respectively. The instruments were installed in boreholes located in the westbound lane of Hwy 585:02 and are protected by flush-mounted casing protectors. In August 2021, instrumentation at the C065-I site (SI17-C65-03, VW45894, and VW45896) was removed during construction.

In March 2021, three SIs (SI21-C65-01 through SI21-C65-03) were installed to monitor deflections of the H-pile walls at the C065-IV and -V sites. SI21-C65-01 and SI21-C35-02 are located approximately one-third (11 m) from either end of the H-pile wall at the C065-IV site. SI21-C65-03 is located approximately in the middle of the H-pile wall at the C065-V site. Each SI was installed in the H-pile walls, in a rectangular opening created by tack-welding an L-shaped bracket (L102X102X6.4) to the web and flange of an H-pile. The space between the SI casing and rectangular opening was backfilled with fine-grained sand. The pile-wall SIs installed are protected by above-ground casing protectors.

The operable SIs were read using the same metric RST Digital MEMS Inclinometer System that has been used to read the SIs since they were installed.

The operable VWPs were read using an RST VW2106 vibrating wire readout.



Table 1.1 Instrumentation Installation Details

Instrument ID	Instrument Type	Site	Date Installed	UTM Coor)	Ground Surface	Stick Up (m)	Depth (mbgs²)	Condition	
				Northing	Easting	Elevation ¹ (m)				
SI17-C65-01	SI	C065-IV	Oct. 06, 2017	5746035	358741	823.0	-0.2	15.0	Operable	
SI17-C65-02	SI	C065-III	Oct. 07, 2017	5746105	358828	816.5	-0.1	13.6	Operable	
SI17-C65-03	SI	C065-I	Oct. 08, 2017	5746294	359524	765.5	-0.1	9.4	Inoperable³	
SI21-C65-01	SI	C065-IV	Mar. 30, 2021	5746041	358747	Unknown	1.1	9.6	Operable	
SI21-C65-02	SI	C065-IV	Mar. 30, 2021	5746033	358739	Unknown	0.8	9.4	Operable	
SI21-C65-03	SI	C065-V	Mar. 30, 2021	5745789	358604	Unknown	0.7	10.0	Operable	
VW45894	VWP	C065-I	Oct. 08, 2017	5746294	359524	765.5	N/A	4.8	Inoperable ³	
VW45895	VWP	C065-III	Oct. 07, 2017	5746105	358828	816.5	N/A	5.2	Operable	
VW45896	VWP	C065 I	Oct. 08, 2017	5746294	359524	765.5	N/A	9.2	Inoperable³	
VW45897	VWP	C065-III	Oct. 07, 2017	5746105	358828	816.5	N/A	13.4	Operable	
VW42622	VWP	C065-IV	Oct. 06, 2017	5746035	358741	823.0	N/A	2.7	Operable,	
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VW36843	VWP	C065-IV	Oct. 06, 2017	5746035	358741	823.0	N/A	14.8	Operable	

Notes:

2 INTERPRETATION

2.1 General

For the operable SIs, the cumulative displacement, incremental displacement, and displacement-time data was plotted in the A-direction (i.e., the direction of the A0-grooves) and, where applicable, the X-direction (i.e., the direction of maximum movement obtained at a skew angle from the A0-grooves). The A0-grooves of all the SIs are aligned approximately perpendicular to the highway. SI17-C65-02 has a skew angle of 285°, measured clockwise from the direction of the A0-grooves.

For the operable VWPs, the recorded porewater pressures were converted to an equivalent water/piezometric elevation and plotted relative to ground surface elevation and each instruments tip elevation.

The SI and piezometer plots are included in Appendix I, and a summary of the SI and piezometer data is provided in Table 2.1 and Table 2.2, respectively.

¹ Coordinates and ground surface elevations have not been surveyed and were estimated from September 2017 survey

² Meters below ground surface (mbgs).

³ SI17-C65-03, VW45894, and VW45896 were removed in August 2021 during construction.

Table 2.1 Slope Inclinometer Reading Summary

		Date					Depth of	Direction of	Movement (mm)		Rate of Movement (mm/year)		
Instrument ID	nstrument ID Site No.	Initialized	Previous Maximum Cumulative Movement Recorded	Previous Reading	Most Recent Reading	Ground Surface Elevation (m)	Movement (mbgs ¹)	Movement, Skew Angle ³	Maximum Cumulative	Incremental Since Previous Maximum Cumulative	Previous Maximum	Most Recent Reading	Change from Previous Reading
SI17-C65-01	C065-IV	Oct. 18, 2017	N/A – no discernible movement recorded	Jun. 27, 2022	Sep. 14, 2022	823.0	N/A – no discernible movement recorded						
SI17-C65-02	C065-III	Oct. 18, 2017	Jun. 27, 2022	Jun. 27, 2022	Sep. 14, 2022	816.5	5.4 – 7.4	X-Direction, 285°	79.1	4.2	66.8	19.2	13.4
SI17-C65-03 ²	C065-I	Oct. 18, 2017	May 22, 2018	May 15, 2019	N/A – inoperable ²	765.5	1.9 – 3.4	X-Direction, 47°	7.1	N/A – inoperable ²	25.1	N/A – inoperable ²	
SI21-C65-01	C065-IV	Apr. 21, 2021	N/A – no discernible movement recorded	Jun. 27, 2022	Sep. 14, 2022	Unknown	N/A – no discernible movement recorded						
SI21-C65-02	C065-IV	Apr. 21, 2021	Jun. 27, 2022	Jun. 27, 2022	Sep. 14, 2022	Unknown	0.0 – 6.5	A-Direction	3.2	0.4	10.7	9.3	8.9
SI21-C65-03	C065-V	Apr. 21, 2021	Jun. 27, 2022	Jun. 27, 2022	Sep. 14, 2022	Unknown	0.0 - 7.0	A-Direction	6.3	2.3	9.5	2.9	0.0

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Table 2.2 Vibrating Wire Piezometer Reading Summary

Instrument ID / Serial No.	Site No.	Date			Ground Surface	Tip Depth	Water Level			
		Installed	Previous Reading	Most Recent Reading	Elevation (m)	(mbgs ¹)	Previous Reading (mbgs ¹)	Most Recent Reading (mbgs ¹)	Change from Previous Reading (m)	
VW45894	C065-I	Oct. 08, 2017	May 15, 2019	N/A – inoperable ²	765.5	4.8	4.0	N/A – inoperable ²		
VW45896	C065-l	Oct. 08, 2017	May 15, 2019	N/A – inoperable ²	765.5	9.2	N/A – instrument is dry	N/A – inoperable ²		
VW45895	C065-III	Oct. 07, 2017	Jun. 27, 2022	Sep. 14, 2022	816.5	5.2	3.2	2.9	0.3	
VW42622	C065-III	Oct. 07, 2017	Jun. 27, 2022	Sep. 14, 2022	816.5	13.4	3.9	3.9	0.0	
VW36843	C065-IV	Oct. 06, 2017	Jun. 27, 2022	Sep. 14, 2022	823.0	2.7	N/A – instrument is dry			
VW45894	C065-IV	Oct. 06, 2017	Jun. 27, 2022	Sep. 14, 2022	823.0	14.8	9.7	10.0	-0.3	

Notes:

¹ Meters below ground surface (mbgs).

² SI-C65-03 was removed in August 2021 during construction.

³ Skew angle of X-direction measured clockwise from the A-direction.

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² VW45894 and VW45896 were removed in August 2021 during construction.

2.2 Zones of Movement

2.2.1 C065-I (Original Slide)

Before SI17-C65-03 was removed in August 2021 during construction, distributed movement was being recorded from ground surface to an approximate depth of 3.4 m below ground surface, in the fill and underlying high-plastic clay.

2.2.2 C065-III (Wasp Nest Slide)

Prior to the start of construction at the C065-III site in September 2021, signs of slope movement, including tension cracks, were noted adjacent to the channel, on the east side of the culvert outlet. The slope was noted to have slumped into the channel and a series of tension cracks were observed at the crest of the slope. This area was graded to a flatter slope during construction.

Discrete movement (i.e., movement occurring on a defined failure plane) is being recorded in SI17-C65-02 between an approximate depth of 6.0 m to 7.5 m below ground surface, at the interface between clay colluvium and bedrock. Since June 2021, a pinch has been felt in the SI casing at this depth.

2.2.3 **C065-IV (Upper Slide)**

No discernible movement has been recorded in SI17-C65-01 since installation.

The lowest depth of movement being recorded in one of the pile-wall SIs (SI21-C65-02) is near the base of the instrument. The H-pile wall is 10 m deep, and SI21-C65-01 and SI21-C65-02 are approximately 9.6 m and 9.4 m deep, respectively.

2.2.4 **C065-V (Upper Slide II)**

The lowest depth of movement being recorded in the pile-wall SI (SI21-C65-03) is near the base of the instrument. The H-pile wall and SI21-C65-03 are both 10 m deep.

2.3 Interpretation of Monitoring Results

2.3.1 C065-I (Original Slide)

In August 2021, the C065-I site was repaired and all instrumentation was removed.

2.3.2 C065-III (Wasp Nest Slide)

In September 2020 and 2021, an increased rate of movement (approximately 67 mm/year and 44 mm/year, respectively) was recorded in SI17-C65-02. The increase is 2020 was most likely attributed to wetter weather, while the 2021 increase was likely due to construction activities at the C065 site (e.g., heavy truck traffic, increased traffic in the westbound lane during eastbound lane closures, and channel excavation at the C065-III site). The rate of movement has since decreased and is now less than 20 mm/year (similar to the rate of movement before construction). More data is



needed to assess the response from backfilling the erosion gully and flattening the slope adjacent to the erosion gully to construct the riprap apron. Movement rates may increase, or additional displacements may occur in response to periods of heavy or prolonged rainfall, resulting in higher groundwater conditions.

Between June and September 2022, an increased rate of movement (approximately 19 mm/year) was recorded in SI17-C65-02 likely in response to wet weather in June and July 2022. The previous year and the spring of 2022 were relatively dry.

Approximately 79 mm of movement has been recorded in SI17-C65-02 since installation. Since the spring of 2021, a zone of tightness has been observed during readings of this instrument at an approximate depth of 7 m below ground surface. This instrument could shear soon depending on post-construction movement rates.

Since installation in October 2017, water levels recorded in VW45895 and VW45897 have been relatively steady varying from 2.5 m to 3.3 m below ground surface and 2.9 m to 3.9 m below ground surface, respectively. The September 2022 readings of W45895 and VW45897 were consistent with historical trends observed in these instruments.

2.3.3 C065-IV (Upper Slide I)

No discernible movement has been recorded in SI17-C65-01 since installation, which indicates the slide is either inactive or moving at a very slow rate of movement.

The depth of movement being recorded in SI21-C65-02 appears to be from ground surface to the base of the instrument (i.e., along the entire depth of the pile wall). This could indicate rotation around the toe of the pile-wall or that the pile-wall may not have intercepted a deeper failure plane. More data is needed to assess the movement trend for this instrument.

The September 2022 data obtained from the pile-wall SIs indicates that the top of the H-pile wall has deflected up to approximately 3 mm since installation. In the spring of 2021, shortly after construction of the H-pile wall, the maximum rate of movement recorded in these SIs was between approximately 3 mm/year and 11 mm/year. Between June and September 2022, an increased rate of movement (approximately 9 mm/year) was recorded in SI17-C65-02, likely in response to wet weather in June and July 2022. The previous year and the spring of 2022 were relatively dry.

Since installation in October 2017, water levels recorded in VW42622 and VW36843 have been relatively steady varying from 4.3 m to 4.5 m below ground surface and 9.4 m to 10.1 m below ground surface, respectively. The September 2022 readings of VW42622 and VW36843 were consistent with historical trends observed in these instruments.

2.3.4 C065-V (Upper Slide II)

The depth of movement being recorded in the pile-wall SI (SI21-C65-03) appears to be occurring from ground surface to near the base of the H-pile wall. This could indicate rotation around the toe of the



pile-wall or that the pile-wall may not have intercepted a deeper failure plane. More data is needed to assess the movement trend for this instrument.

The September 2022 data obtained from the pile-wall SI indicates that the top of the H-pile wall has deflected up to approximately 6 mm since installation. In the spring of 2021, shortly after construction of the H-pile wall, the maximum rate of movement recorded in this SI was approximately 10 mm/year. The rate of movement has since decreased and is now approximately 3 mm/year (unchanged between the spring and fall 2022 readings). KCB anticipated that the rate of movement shortly after installation would be highest and would decrease as the H-pile wall picked up load stabilizing the sliding mass.

Distributed movement (i.e., from top to bottom of casing) up to 5 mm has also been recorded in the B-direction of SI21-C65-03. It is unknown if this movement is due to post installation SI casing flexure, shifting in the steel pocket the SIs are installed in, or flexure/twist of the H-piles that is occurring due to the H-pile wall picking up load from the sliding mass. The rate of movement being recorded in the B-direction is slow (less than 5 mm/year).

2.3.5 Influence of Seasonal Precipitation on SI Data

Last year and the spring of 2022 were relatively dry. The increased rate of movement recorded in the SIs (excluding SI21-C65-03) between the June and September 2022 readings can most likely be attributed to wetter weather in June and July 2022. Additional movement may occur in response to increased precipitation (i.e., heavy or prolonged rainfall) or infiltration due to freshet resulting in higher groundwater conditions.

More data is needed to assess long-term trends for the pile-wall SIs (SI21-C65-01 through SI21-C65-03) that were installed in March 2021.

3 RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 Future Work

All operable instruments should continue to be read twice a year (spring and fall) until movements attenuate, and the rate of cracking and deformations of the pavement surface decrease.

The site should continue to be inspected by the Maintenance Contract Inspector (MCI) and as part of the Central Region GRMP Section B inspections.

Periodic MCI site visits should continue to assess if voids are still opening between the web and flanges of the H-piles. During the fall 2022 reading, several voids were observed at the top of the H-pile wall at the C065-IV site between SI21-C65-01 and SI21-C65-02. Additional sand backfill should be placed in the existing surface voids and any new surface voids that develop.



3.2 Instrument Repairs and Maintenance

No instrument repairs or maintenance is required.

4 CLOSING

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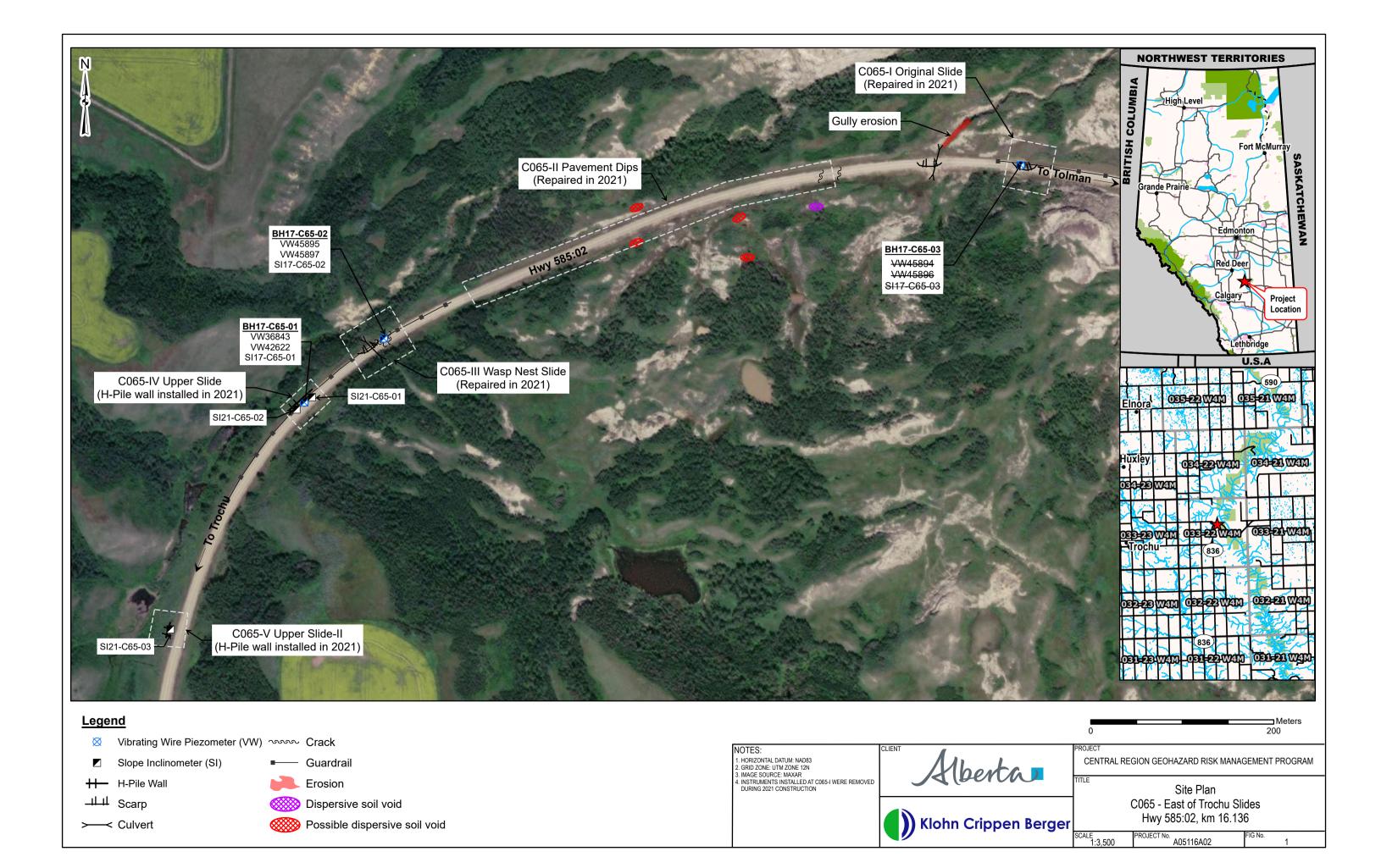
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Appendix I Instrumentation Plots

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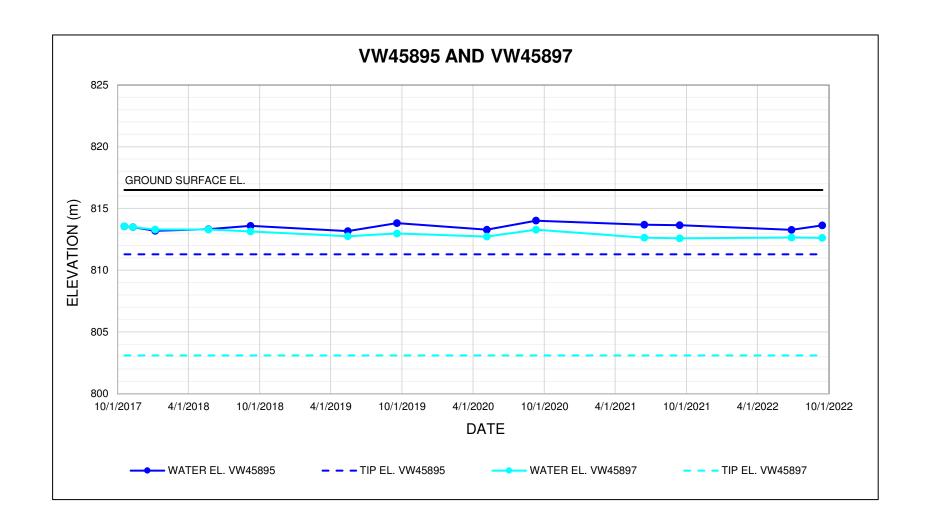
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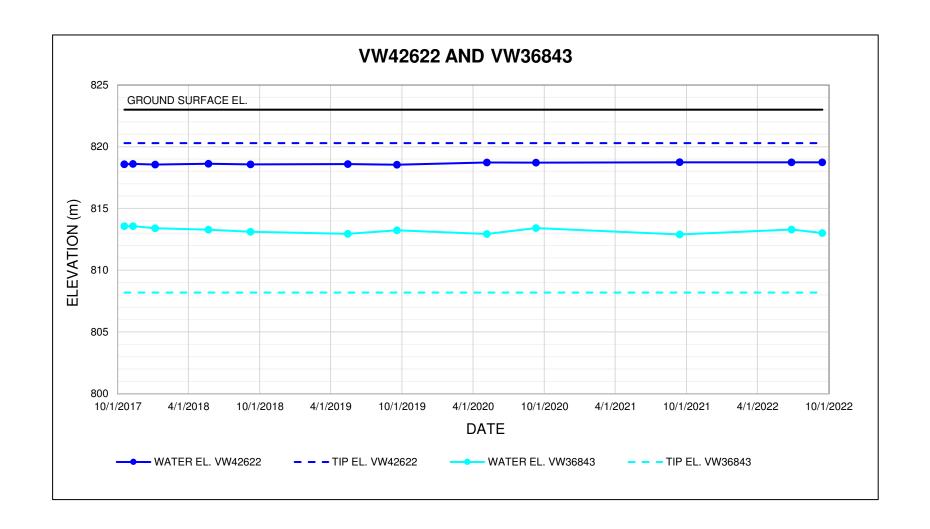
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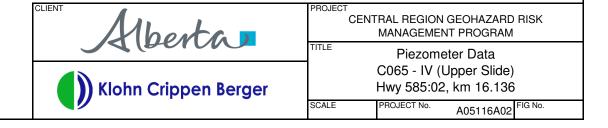


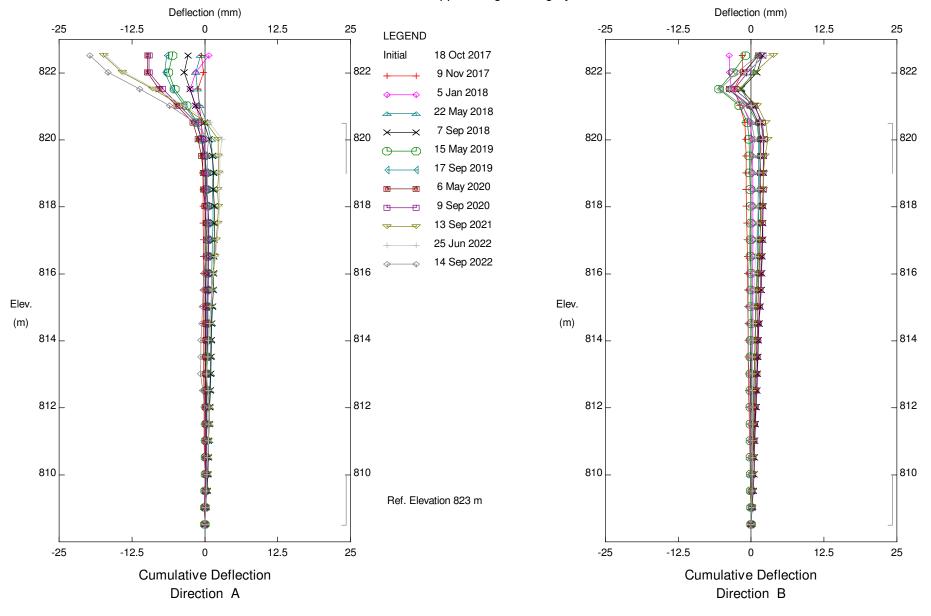
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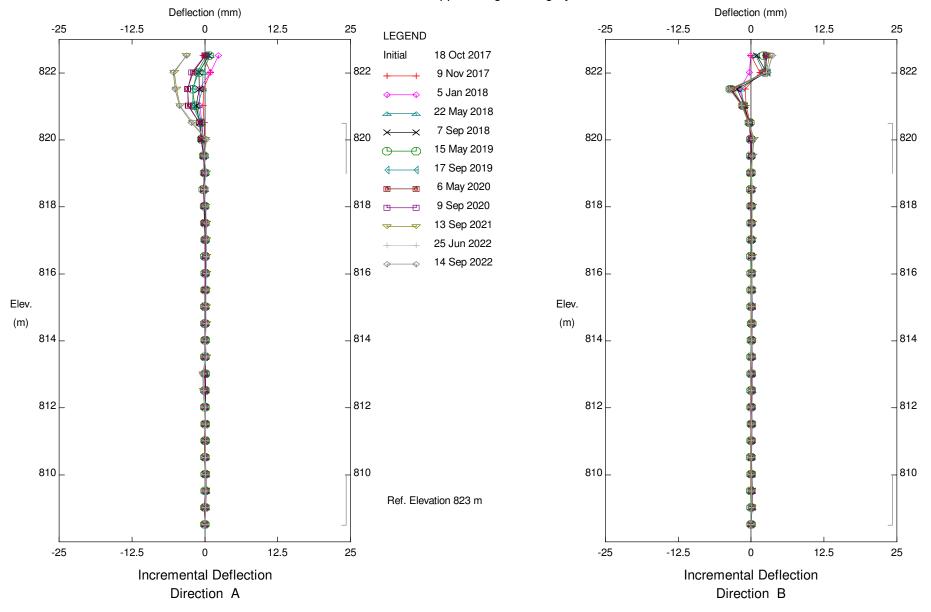




C065-IV; H585:02, East of Trochu, Inclinometer SI17-C65-01

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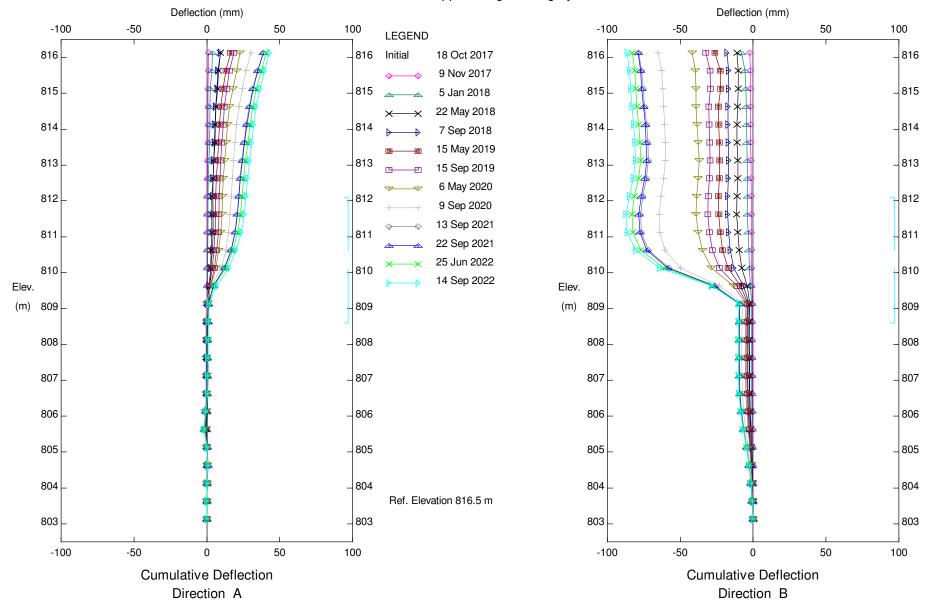
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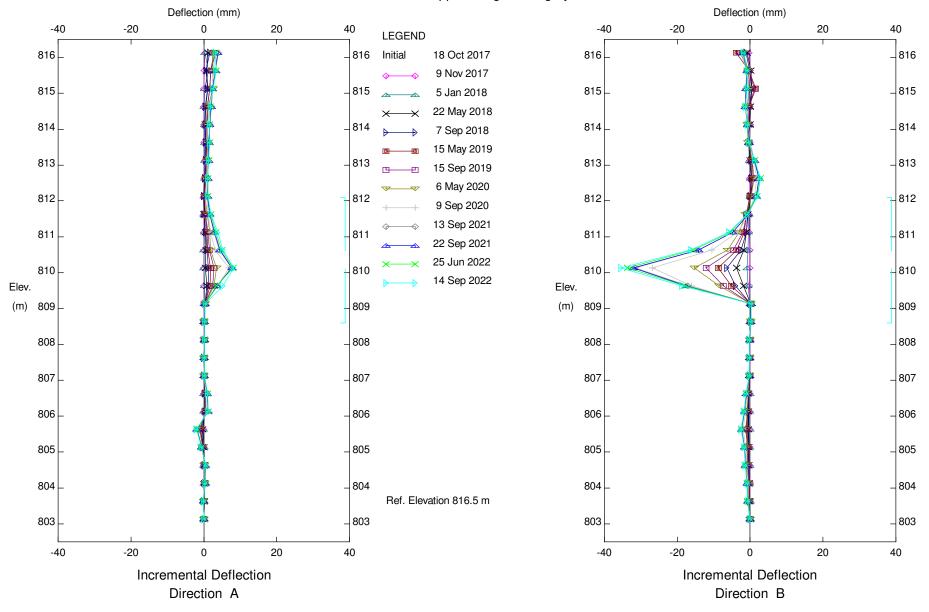
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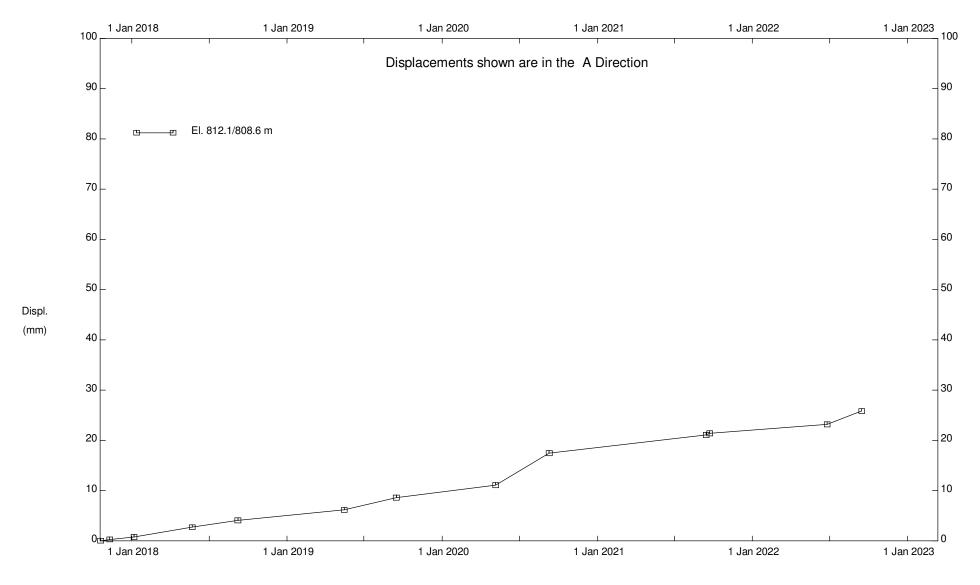
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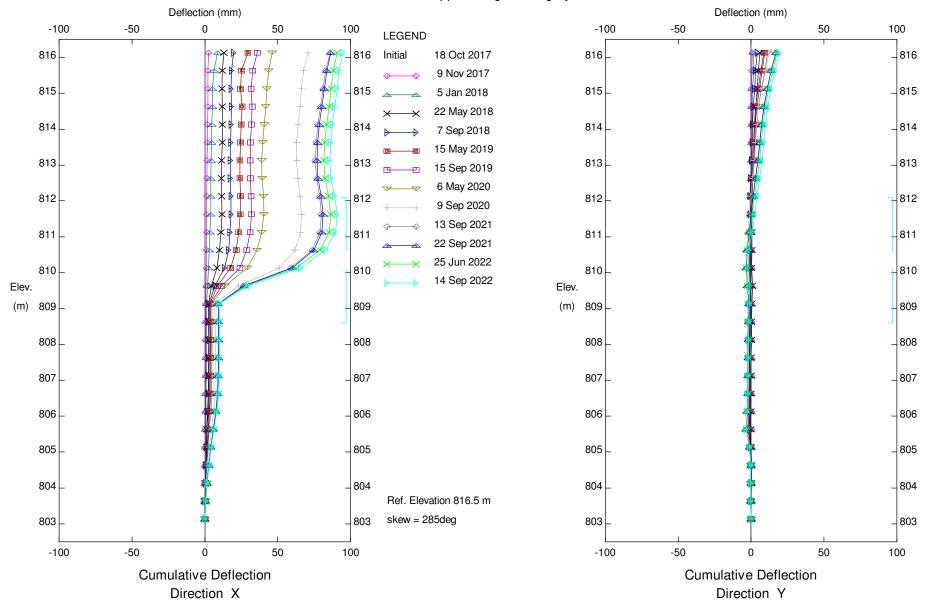
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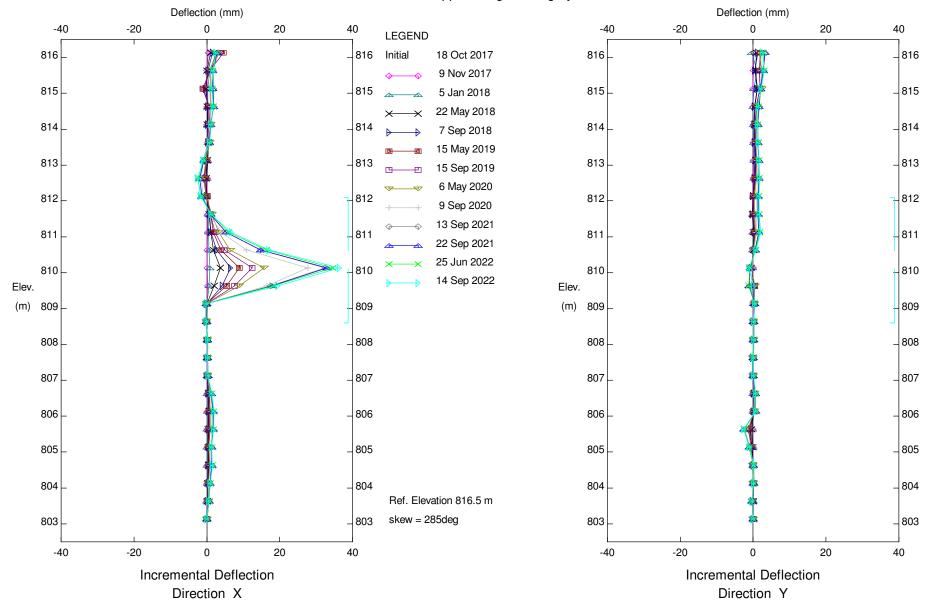


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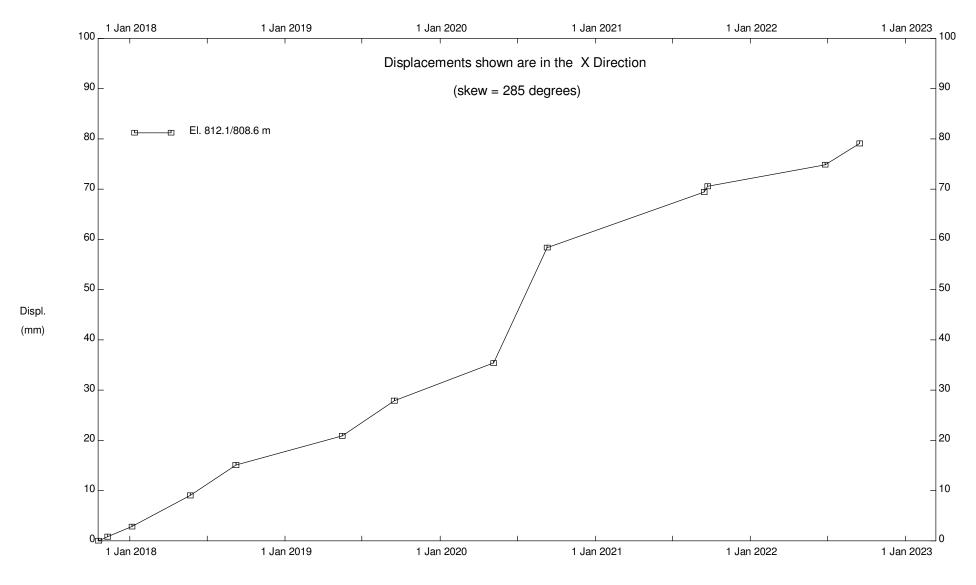
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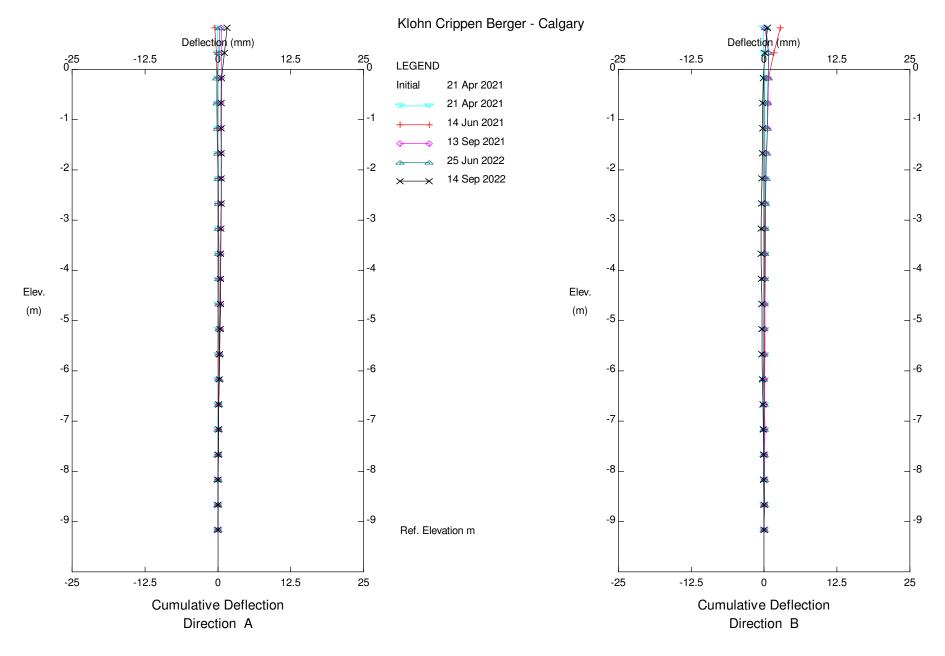


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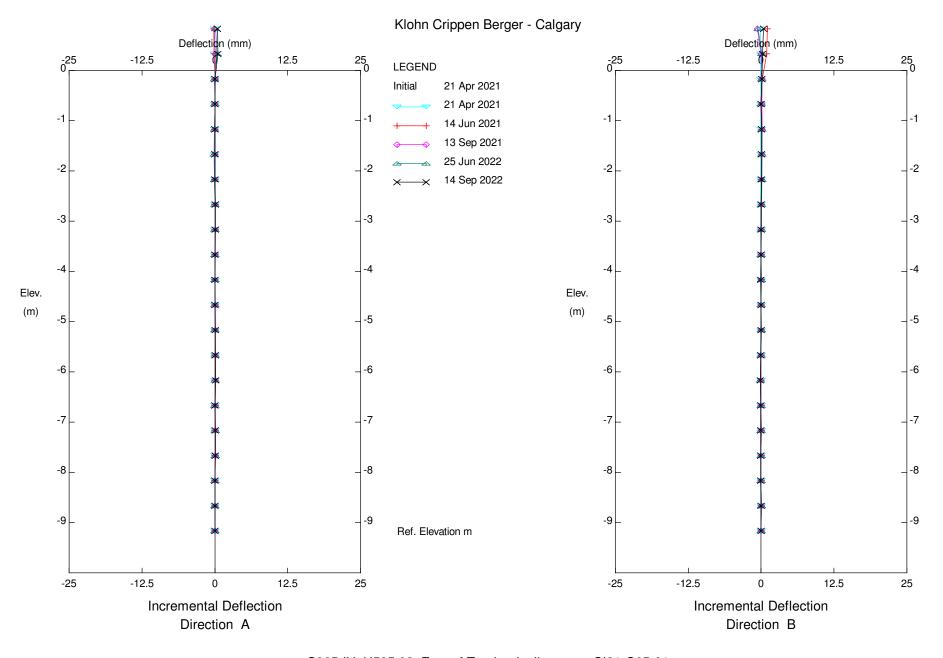


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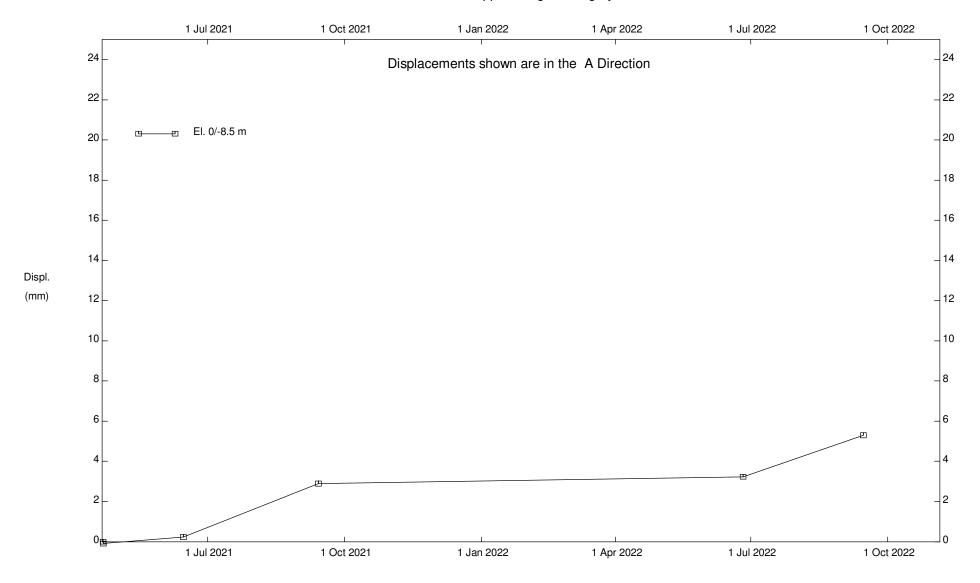
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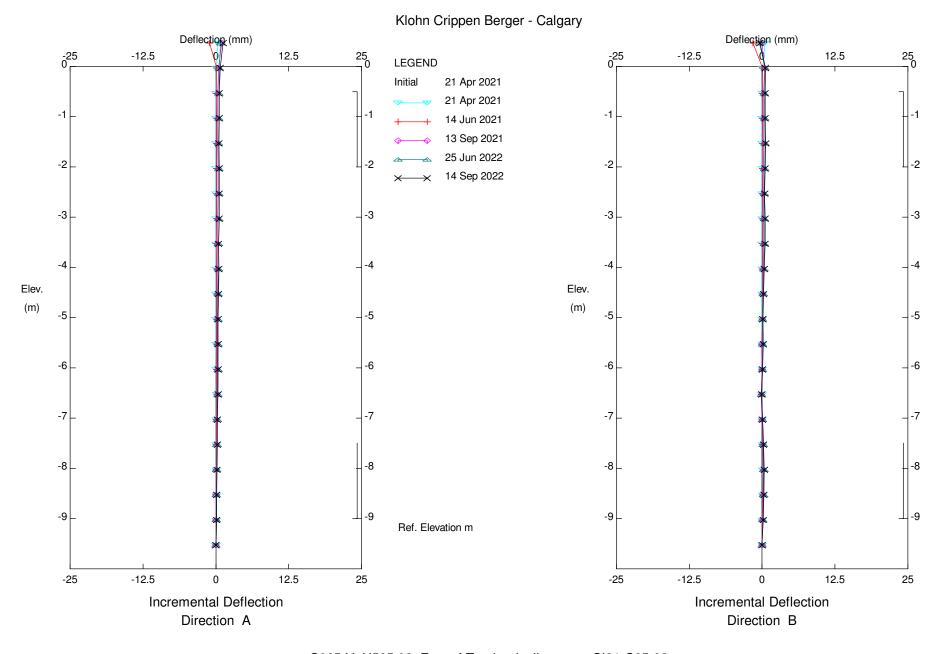


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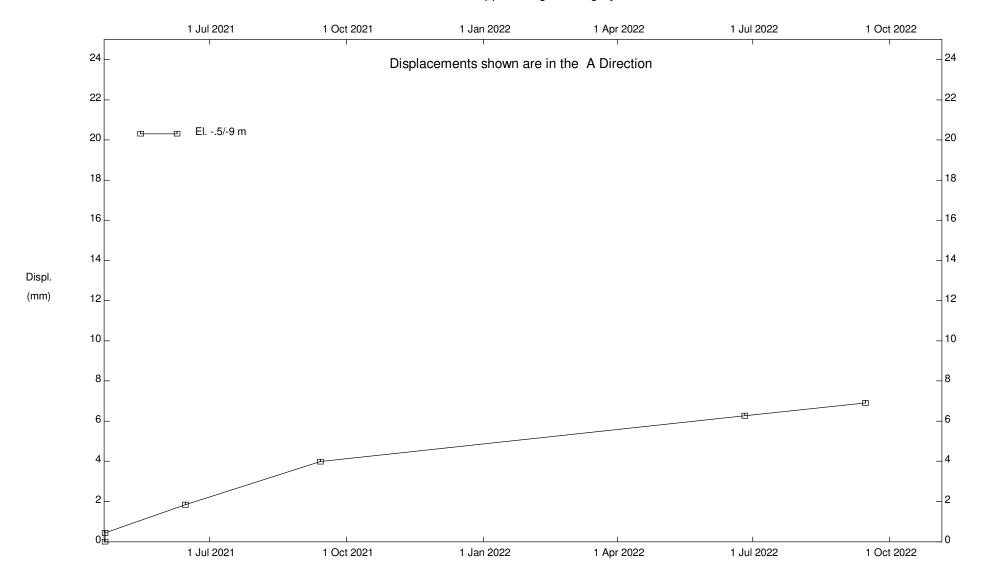
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