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Dear Mr. Senior:

CON0022166 Peace Region (Grande Prairie District – South) GRMP Instrumentation Monitoring Site GP003; H40:38, km 52.134 Cutbank River (South) Roseham Creek Section C – 2025 Spring Readings

1 GENERAL

Four slope inclinometer (SIs) (SI-2, SI25-1, SI25-2, and SI25-3), six vibrating wire piezometers (VWPs) (VW25-1A/B, VW25-2A/B, and VW25-3A/B), and two pneumatic piezometers (PNs) (PN-3 and PN-5) were read at the GP003 site in the Peace Region (Grande Prairie District – South) (GP South Region) on June 3, 2025, by Evan Hergott, E.I.T. and Min Hou, E.I.T. of Klohn Crippen Berger Ltd. (KCB). These instruments were read as part of the GP South Region Geohazard Risk Management Program (GRMP). The site is located on Hwy 40:38, km 52.134, south of the Cutbank River bridge. The approximate site coordinates are 6054593 N, 391085 E (UTM Zone 11, NAD 83). A site plan is presented on Figure 1.

The geohazard at the GP003 site consists of a series of slides/slope failures between Hwy 40:36 and Roseham Creek. Slide movements are exacerbated by creek erosion at the toe of the slope, a high groundwater table, seepage, and low-strength glacio-lacustrine deposits.

Previous remedial actions completed at the GP003 site include:

- 1996 – construction of a berm;
- 1997 – realignment of the highway into the backslope in combination with lightweight “hog fuel-wood waste” used as fill;
- 2000 – reconstruction of the slope to remove the hog fuel-wood waste (due to perceived environmental reasons), and installation of a drainage layer at the base and edge drains at the sides of the slope;
- 2003 – installation of rock weir barriers and live stakes along the creek channel, which were subsequently washed out, with installation of a subdrain along the west highway ditch and possibly a catchwater ditch (location unknown);

- 2016 – placement of an overlay in the location of a tension crack; and,
- 2019 and 2020 – cut back and flattening of the backslope to widen the highway for a passing/climbing lane.

Between 1994 and 1998, several geotechnical site investigations, which included installing instruments, were conducted at the GP003 site by the previous consultants. The encountered stratigraphy has not been provided to KCB.

In April 2025, KCB conducted a geotechnical site investigation with instrument installations at the GP003 site to improve the understanding of soil stratigraphy, movement, and groundwater conditions at the site. The stratigraphy encountered during the 2025 investigation generally consisted of silty clay from top to bottom of borehole. All three boreholes were drilled to an approximate depth of 21 m below ground surface.

1.1 Instrumentation

KCB has been reading the instruments at this site since the spring of 2021. Instrumentation installation details are tabulated in Table 1.1. Instrument locations are shown on Figure 1. Any instruments not included in Table 1.1 or shown on Figure 1 are assumed to be inoperable and are not presented or discussed herein.

Between 1994 and 1998, six SIs and three piezometers were installed at the site by the previous consultants to monitor movement and groundwater conditions, respectively. Some of these instruments are now inoperable (e.g., sheared or damaged) as indicated in Table 1.1. In April 2025, three SIs and six piezometers were installed at the site by KCB.

The operable instruments are protected by above-ground casing protectors.

The operable SIs were read using the same metric RST Digital MEMS Inclinator System that has been used to read the SIs since KCB took over the readings in June 2021. The operable VWPs and PNs were read using a GEOKON GK-404 vibrating wire readout and RST C109 pneumatic piezometer readout box, respectively.

Table 1.1 Instrumentation Installation Details^{1, 2}

Instrument Type	Instrument ID	Date Installed	UTM Coordinates (m)		Ground Surface Elevation (m)	Stick Up (m)	Depth (mbgs ³)	Condition
			Northing	Easting				
SI	SI-1	Dec. 14, 1997	Unknown					Inoperable
	SI-2	Dec. 13, 1997	6054137	391025	763.1	0.7	11.1	Operable
	SI-3	Dec. 14, 1997	6054221	390991	763.7	0.6	19.2	Inoperable
	SI-11	Oct. 05, 1997	Unknown					Inoperable
	SI25-1	Apr. 23, 2025	6054398	391009	753.2	0.6	20.2	Operable
	SI25-2	Apr. 22, 2025	6054475	391013	748.6	1.0	19.8	Operable
	SI25-3	Apr. 24, 2025	6054683	391002	736.2	0.4	20.3	Operable
VWP	VW25-1A	Apr. 23, 2025	6054398	391009	753.2	N/A	19.5	Operable
	VW25-1B					N/A	6.0	Operable
	VW25-2A	Apr. 22, 2025	6054475	391013	748.6	N/A	19.6	Operable
	VW25-2B					N/A	7.3	Operable
	VW25-3A	Apr. 24, 2025	6054683	391002	736.2	N/A	20.3	Operable
	VW25-3B					N/A	6.0	Operable
PN	PN-3	May 22, 1998	6054221	390991	763.1	N/A	9.1	Operable
	PN-5	May 22, 1998	6054193	391005	764.6	N/A	7.6	Operable

Notes:

¹ Instrument installation details for instruments installed in 1998 were taken from reports and data files prepared or provided by the previous consultant(s) or TEC. Instrument coordinates and stick ups (where applicable) were confirmed by KCB using a handheld GPS (accuracy of ± 5 m) and tape measure, respectively.

² Instruments installed in 2025 were surveyed in April 2025.

³ Meters below ground surface (mbgs). Bottom reading depth for SIs, and tip depth for piezometers.

⁴ SI-1 and SI-11 were reported as inoperable (damaged/destroyed) by a previous consultant. Instruments last read in October 2015 and May 2015, respectively.

⁵ SI-3 is pinched at an approximate depth of 1.7 m below ground surface. Instrument last read in June 2021.

2 INTERPRETATION

2.1 General

For the operable SIs, the cumulative displacement, incremental displacement, and displacement-time (if discernible movement recorded) 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). SI-2 has a skew angle of 340°, measured clockwise from the direction of the A0-grooves.

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

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 through Table 2.3. The SI data plots presented herein for SI-2 include data for readings taken with both the previous consultants' and KCB's SI reading equipment.

Table 2.1 Slope inclinometer Reading Summary

Instrument ID	Date				Ground Surface Elevation (m)	Depth of Movement (mbgs ¹)	Direction of Movement, Skew Angle ²	Movement (mm)		Rate of Movement (mm/year)		
	Initialized	Previous Maximum Cumulative Movement Recorded	Previous Reading	Most Recent Reading				Maximum Cumulative	Incremental Since Previous Maximum Cumulative	Previous Maximum	Most Recent Reading	Change from Previous Reading
SI-2 ³	Dec. 13, 1997	Jun. 06, 2023	May 24, 2024	Jun. 03, 2025	763.1	2.6 - 4.6	X-Direction, 340°	25.3	-0.3	19.1	-0.1	0.0
SI25-1	Jun. 03, 2025	N/A – Installed in April 2025 and initialized in June 2025.			753.2	N/A – Installed in April 2025 and initialized in June 2025. More data needed to assess trends.						
SI25-2	Jun. 03, 2025				748.6							
SI25-2	Jun. 03, 2025				736.2							

Notes:
¹ Meters below ground surface (mbgs).
² Skew angle of the X-direction measured clockwise from the A-direction. The azimuths of the A0-grooves in the SIs were measured by KCB with a magnetic compass in spring 2022 (SI-2) and spring 2025 (SI25-1 through 3).
³ There was a small data shift between the fall 2020 and spring 2021 readings, likely due to KCB changing the SI reading equipment when we took over readings from the previous consultant.

Table 2.2 Vibrating Wire Piezometer Reading Summary

Instrument ID	Serial No.	Date			Ground Surface Elevation (m)	Tip Depth (mbgs ¹)	Water Level		
		Installed	Previous Reading	Most Recent Reading			Previous Reading (mbgs ¹)	Most Recent Reading (mbgs ¹)	Change from Previous Reading (m)
VW25-1A	200103	Apr. 23, 2025	Apr. 23, 2025	Jun. 03, 2025	753.2	19.5	0.7	2.8	-2.1
VW25-1B	198591		Apr. 23, 2025	Jun. 03, 2025		6.0	3.3	3.5	-0.2
VW25-2A	200123	Apr. 22, 2025	Apr. 22, 2025	Jun. 03, 2025	748.6	19.6	3.0	4.8	-1.8
VW25-2B	198597		Apr. 22, 2025	Jun. 03, 2025		7.3	2.3	4.2	-1.9
VW25-3A	195828	Apr. 24, 2025	Apr. 24, 2025	Jun. 03, 2025	736.2	20.3	2.6	6.9	-4.3
VW25-3B	194380		Apr. 24, 2025	Jun. 03, 2025		6.0	1.8	6.1	-4.3

Notes:
¹ Meters below ground surface (mbgs).

Table 2.3 Pneumatic Piezometer Reading Summary

Instrument ID	Serial No.	Date			Ground Surface Elevation (m)	Tip Depth (mbgs ¹)	Water Level		
		Installed	Previous Reading	Most Recent Reading			Previous Reading (mbgs ¹)	Most Recent Reading (mbgs ¹)	Change from Previous Reading (m)
PN-3	9367	May 22, 1998	May 24, 2024	Jun. 03, 2025	763.1	9.1	5.1	4.9	0.2
PN-5	9378	May 22, 1998	May 24, 2024	Jun. 03, 2025	764.6	7.6	7.3	7.4	-0.1

Notes:
¹ Meters below ground surface (mbgs).

2.2 Zones of Movement

Distributed movement is being recorded in SI-2 from ground surface to bottom of casing, with some more defined movement being recorded at an approximate depth of 2.6 m to 3.6 m below ground surface.

During the spring 2022 readings, SI-3 was found to be pinched at an approximate depth of 1.7 m below ground surface despite no defined zones of discernible movement previously being recorded in the instrument.

SI25-1 through 3 were installed in April 2025 and initialized in June 2025. More data is needed to assess movement trends in these instruments.

2.3 Interpretation of Monitoring Results

SI-2 is located approximately 40 m from the toe of the highway embankment and Roseham Creek. The depth of defined movement recorded in SI-2 is approximately 1.5 m to 2.5 m above Roseham Creek. The rate of movement being recorded in SI-2 was relatively slow (less than 1 mm/year) between 1997 and 2015 before increasing to an approximate rate of 19 mm/year in late 2019. The increased rate of movement was also observed on site when a larger-than-typical asphalt crack was observed during the 2015 Section B inspection. The increased rate of movement may have been caused by creek erosion at the toe of the highway embankment and/or increased water level from an increase in groundwater seeping through the embankment fill. In the mid-2010s, an approximate 0.5 m to 1.0 m increase in porewater pressure was recorded in PN-3 and PN-5, and the rate of movement recorded in SI-2 correspondingly increased from less than 1 mm/year to an approximate rate of 19 mm/year. Since the mid- to late-2010s, an approximate 0.5 to 1.0 m decrease in porewater pressure has been recorded in PN-3 and PN-5. The rate of movement recorded in SI-2 also began to decrease in 2019/2020 and, since June 2022, has been less than 1 mm/year. It is noted that a negative rate of movement has been recorded during the past two readings indicating movement is within the accuracy of the SI reading equipment.

This decrease in porewater pressures and movement rates could be attributed to:

- possible seasonal variation or decreases in precipitation or freshet infiltration, or runoff or creek flow eroding the toe of the slope;
- cutting back and flattening the backslope to widen the highway for a passing lane in 2019 and 2020, reducing infiltration into the highway embankment and foundation and decreasing shear stresses applied to the foundation; and/or
- improving highway drainage to more effectively convey water downslope away from the slides.

VW25-1A/B, 2A/B, are VW25-3A/B have only been read once since installation in April 2025 and may still be stabilizing post-installation. More data is needed to assess trends for these instruments.

Overall, the spring 2025 readings were consistent with recent readings for the instruments.

3 RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 Future Work

The instruments installed in 2025 should be read once more in 2025 as part of the drilling scope of work to establish a baseline. Otherwise, all operable instruments should continue to be read once per year (spring). Spring readings should be completed after late-May or early-June, due to the risk of water inside the instrument casings being frozen earlier in the year.

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

3.2 Instrument Installs, Repairs, and Maintenance

No instrument installs, repairs, or maintenance is required.

4 CLOSING

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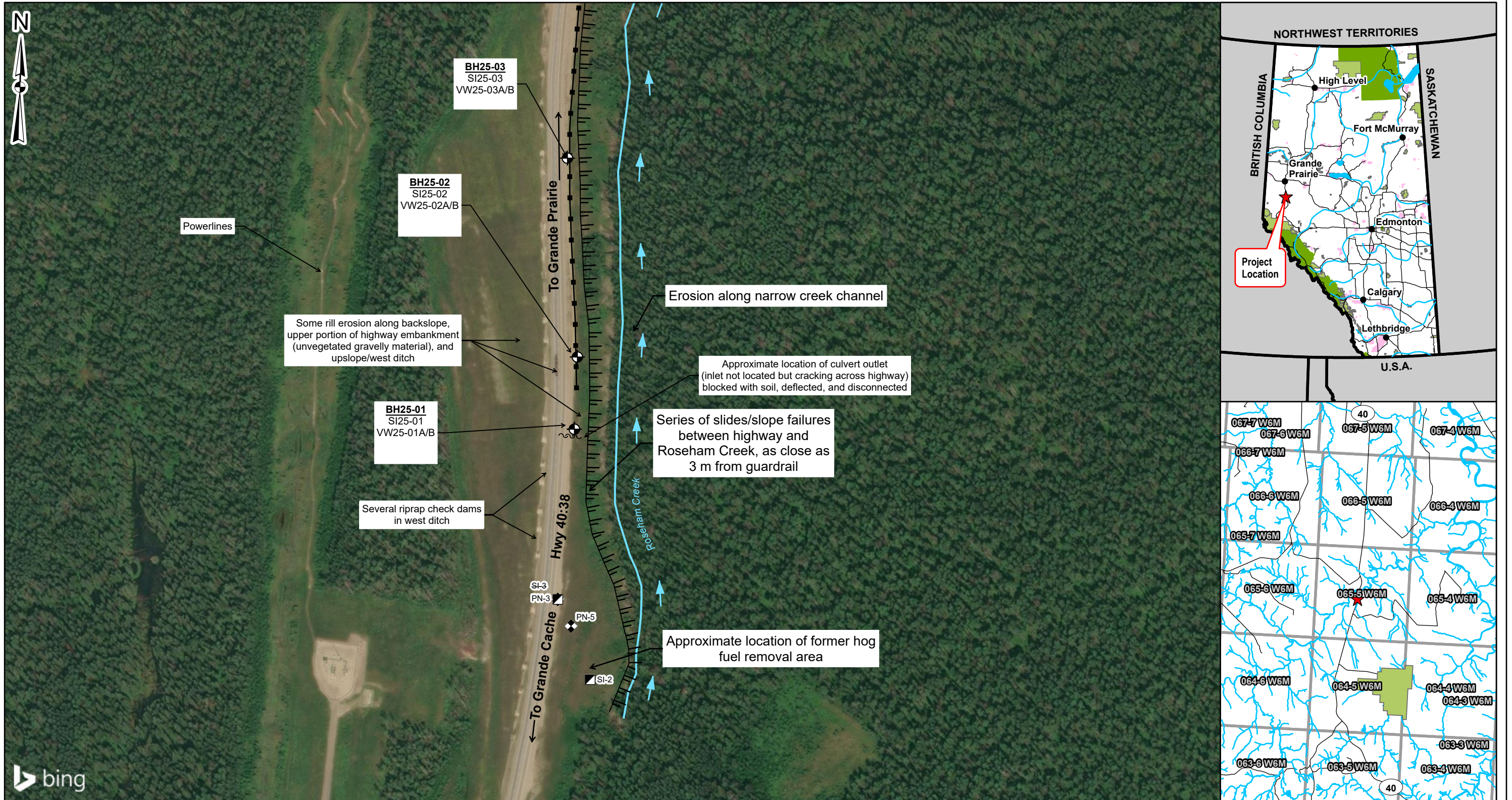
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Appendix I Instrumentation Plots

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Legend

- Pneumatic Piezometer (PN)
- Slope Inclinator (SI)
- Borehole/Instrument
- Guardrail
- Flow Direction
- Watercourse
- Scarp
- Crack

0 200 Metres

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2. GRID ZONE: UTM ZONE 11N
3. IMAGE SOURCE: 2025 MICROSOFT CORPORATION, 2025 MAXAR CNES, DISTRIBUTION AIRBUS DS
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GEOHAZARD RISK MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

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Hwy 40:38, km 52.134

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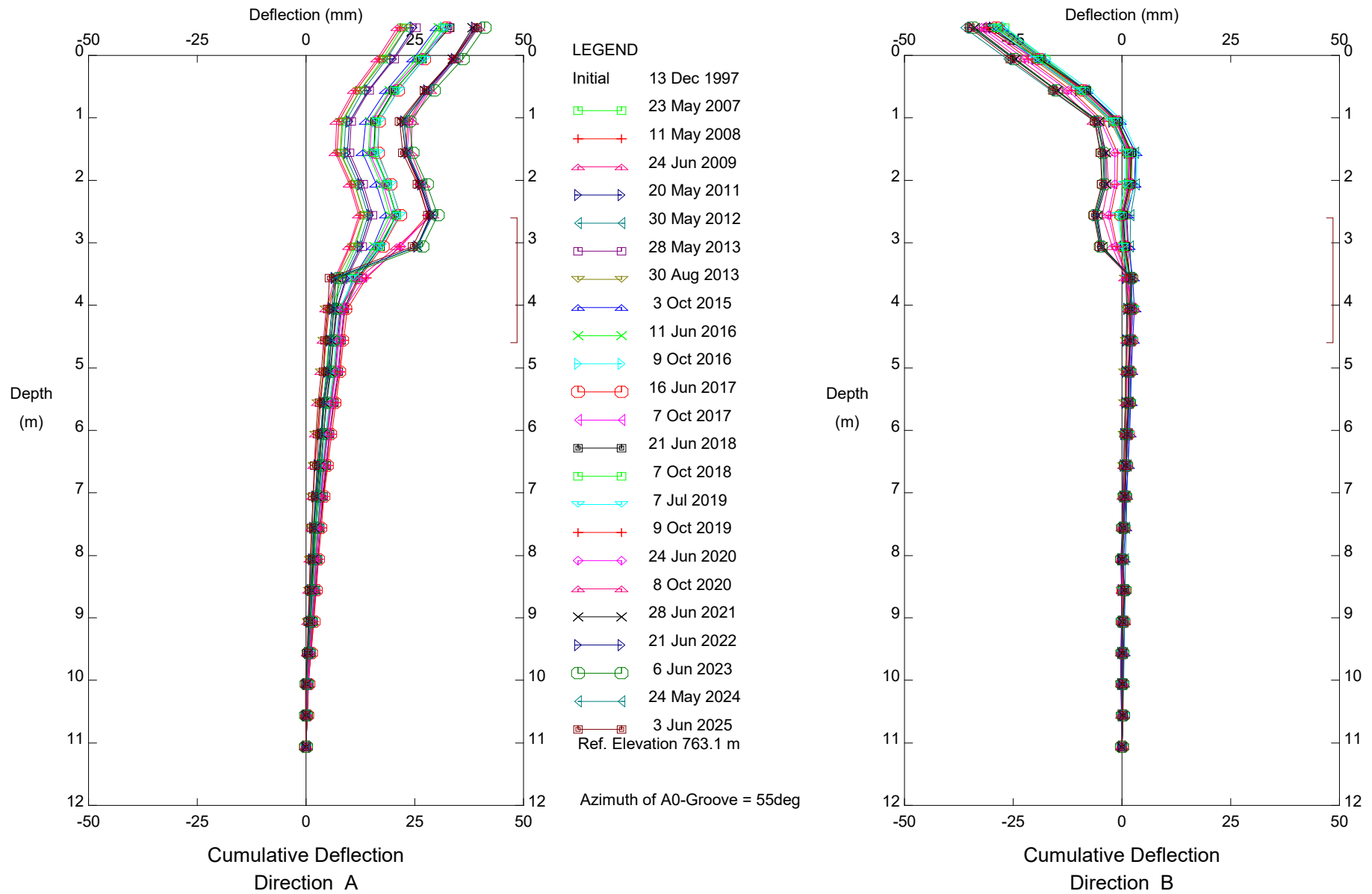
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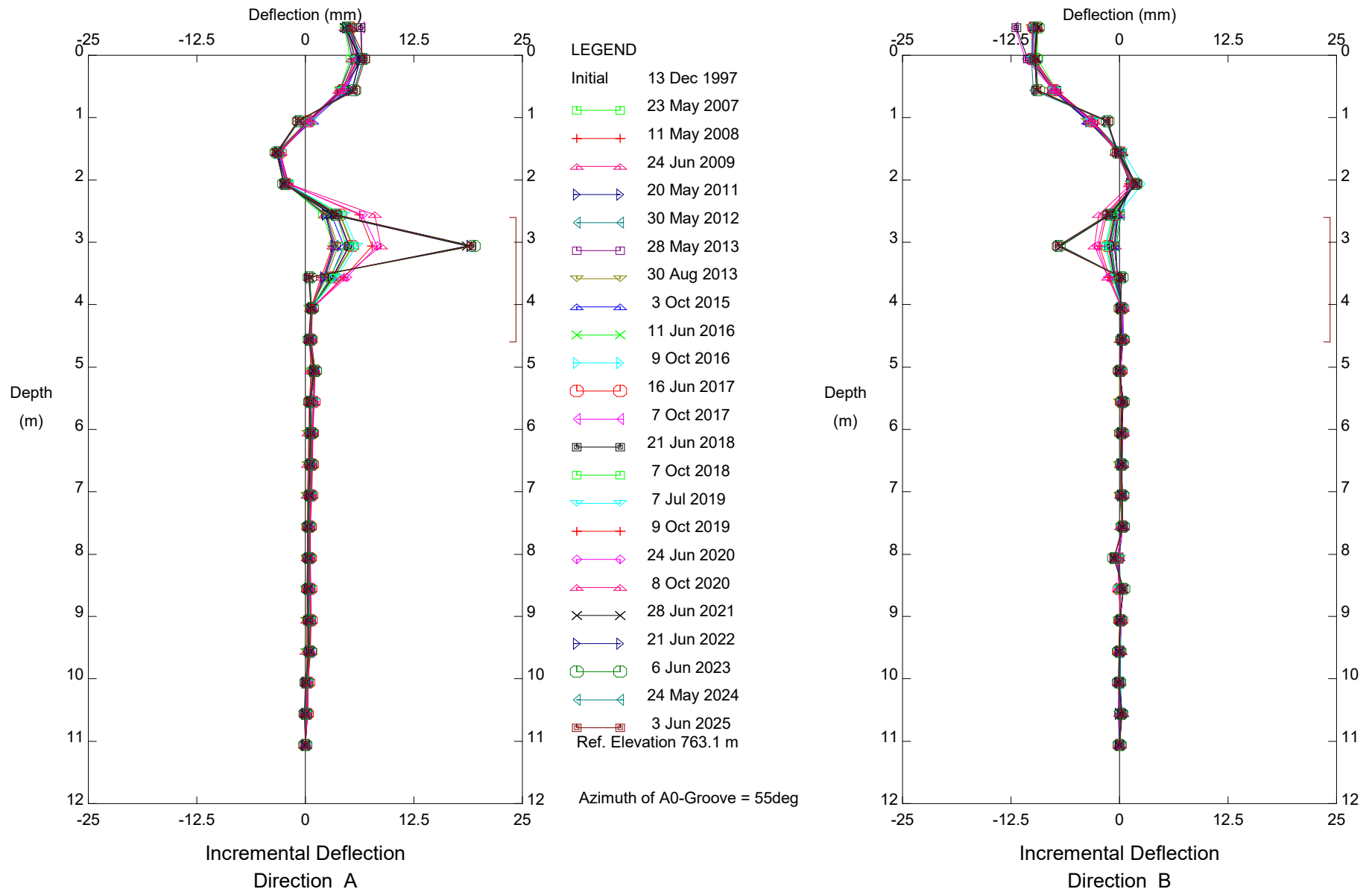
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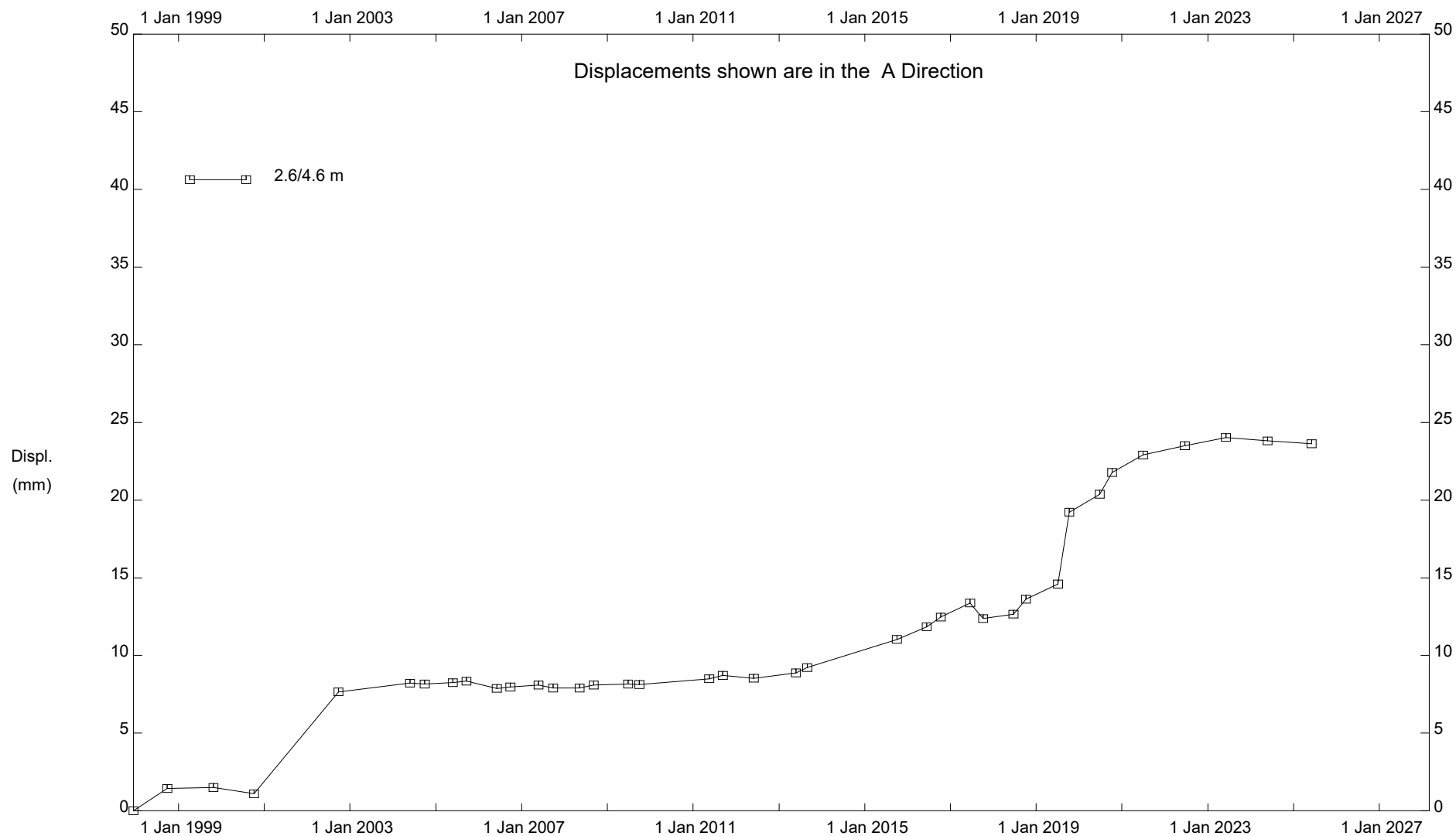
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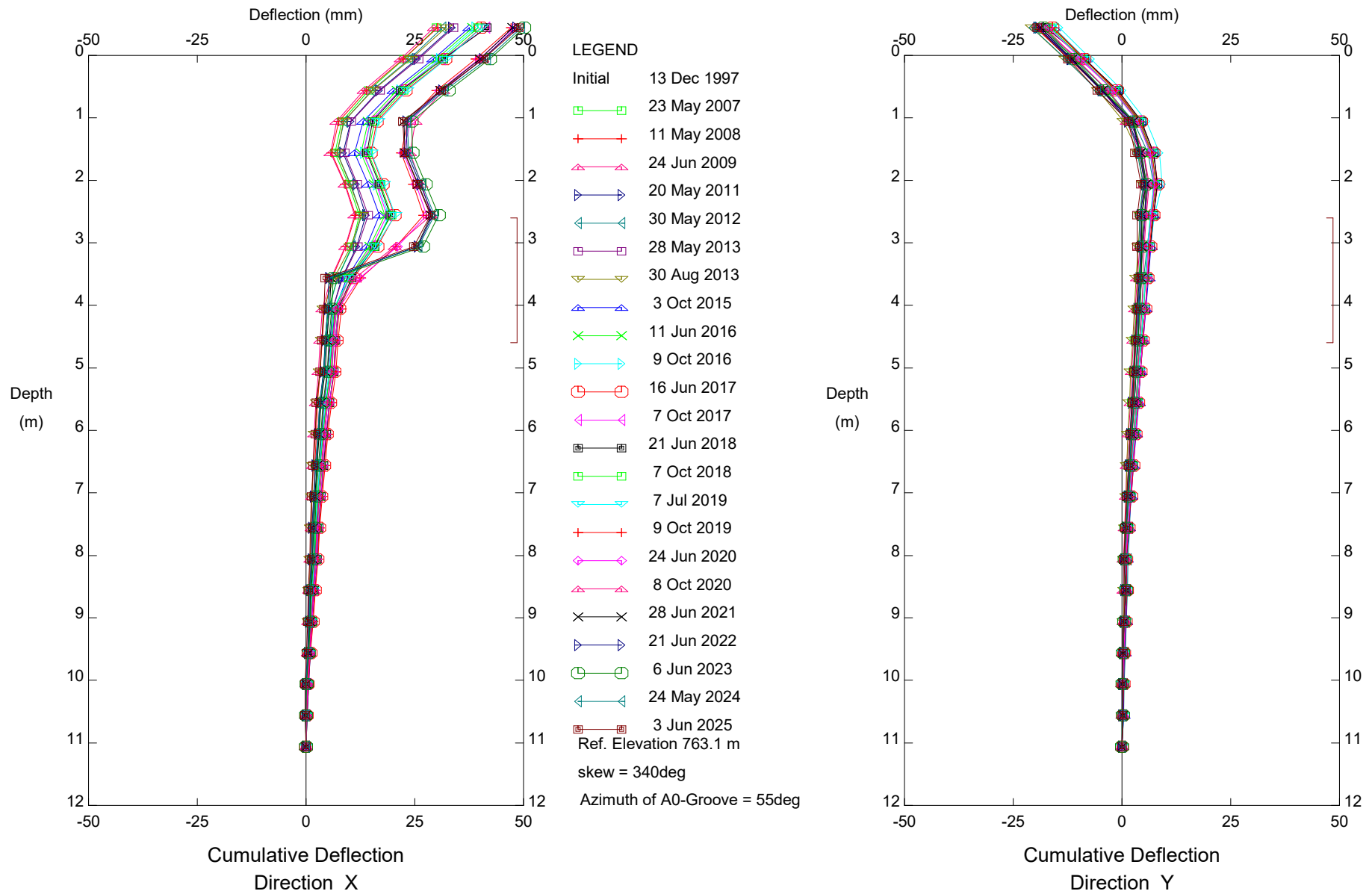
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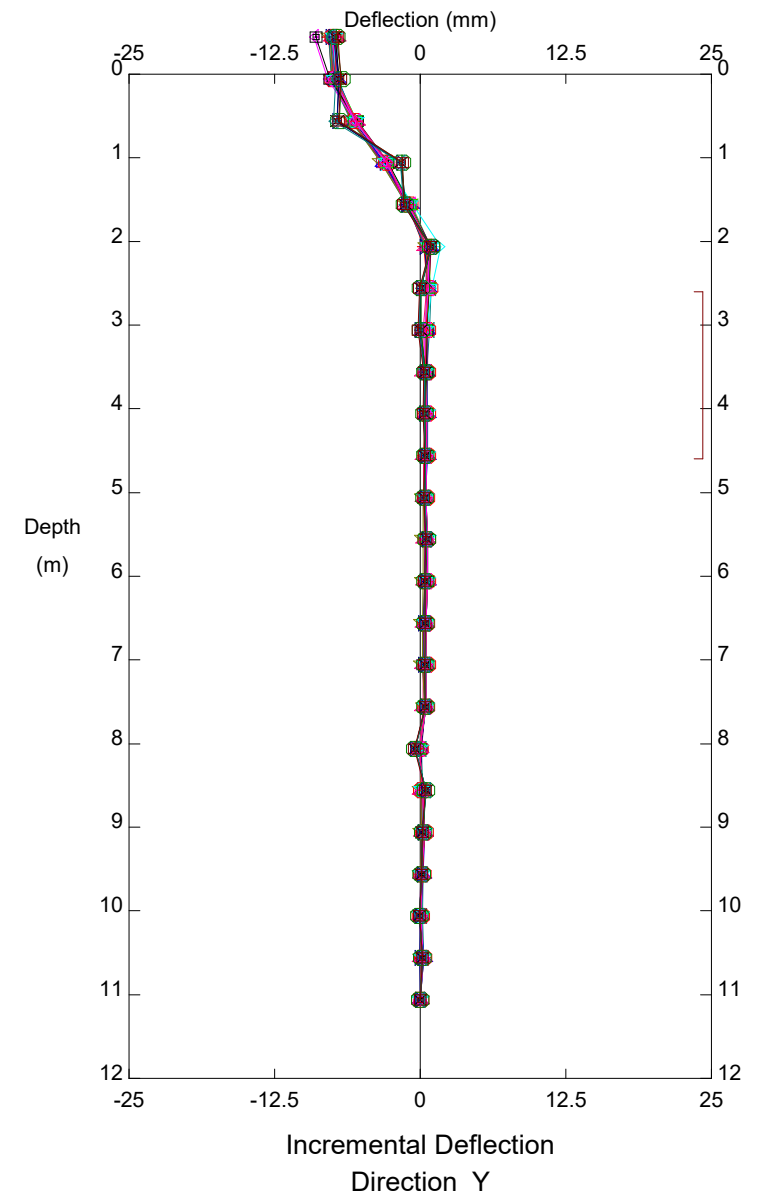
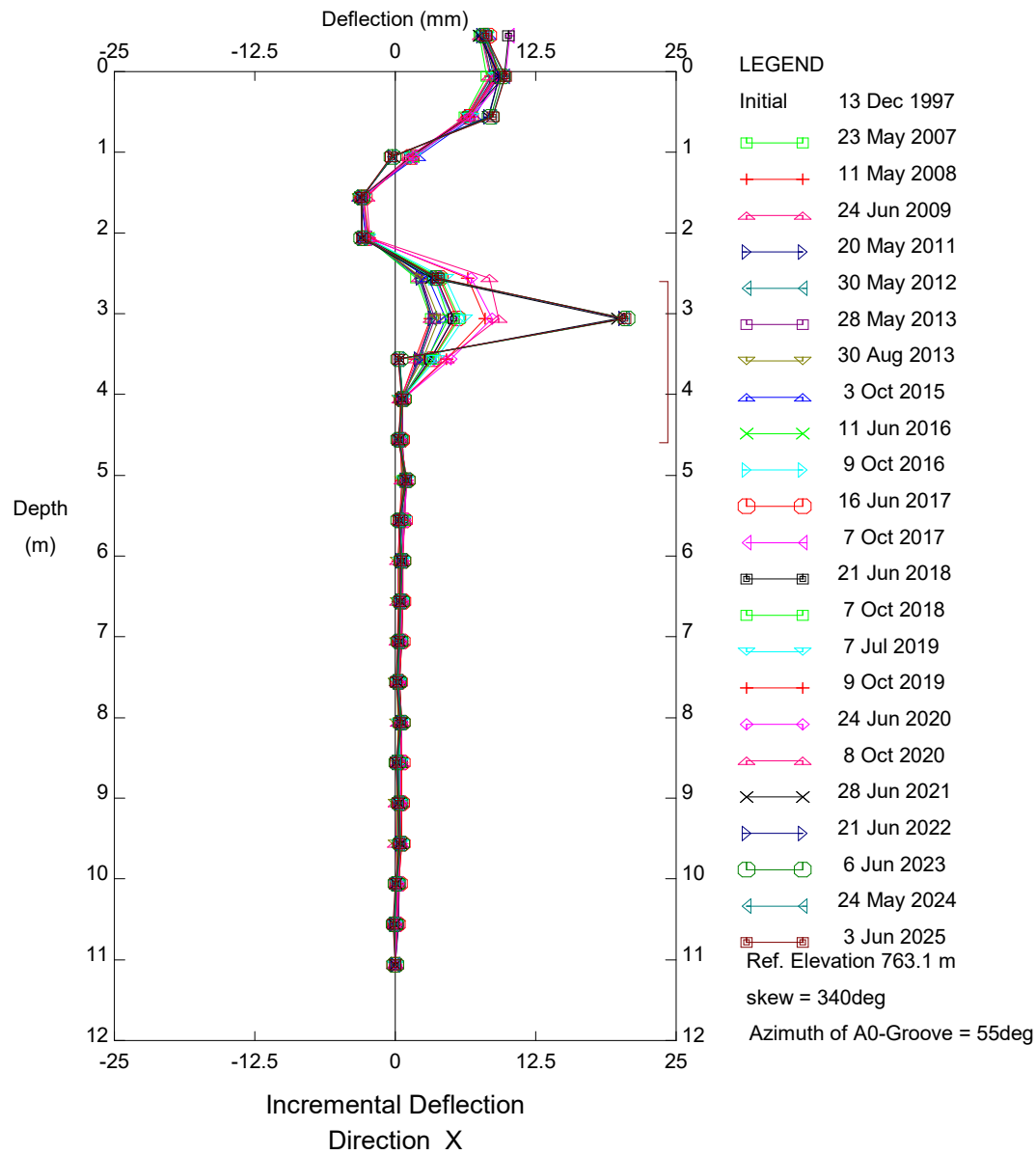
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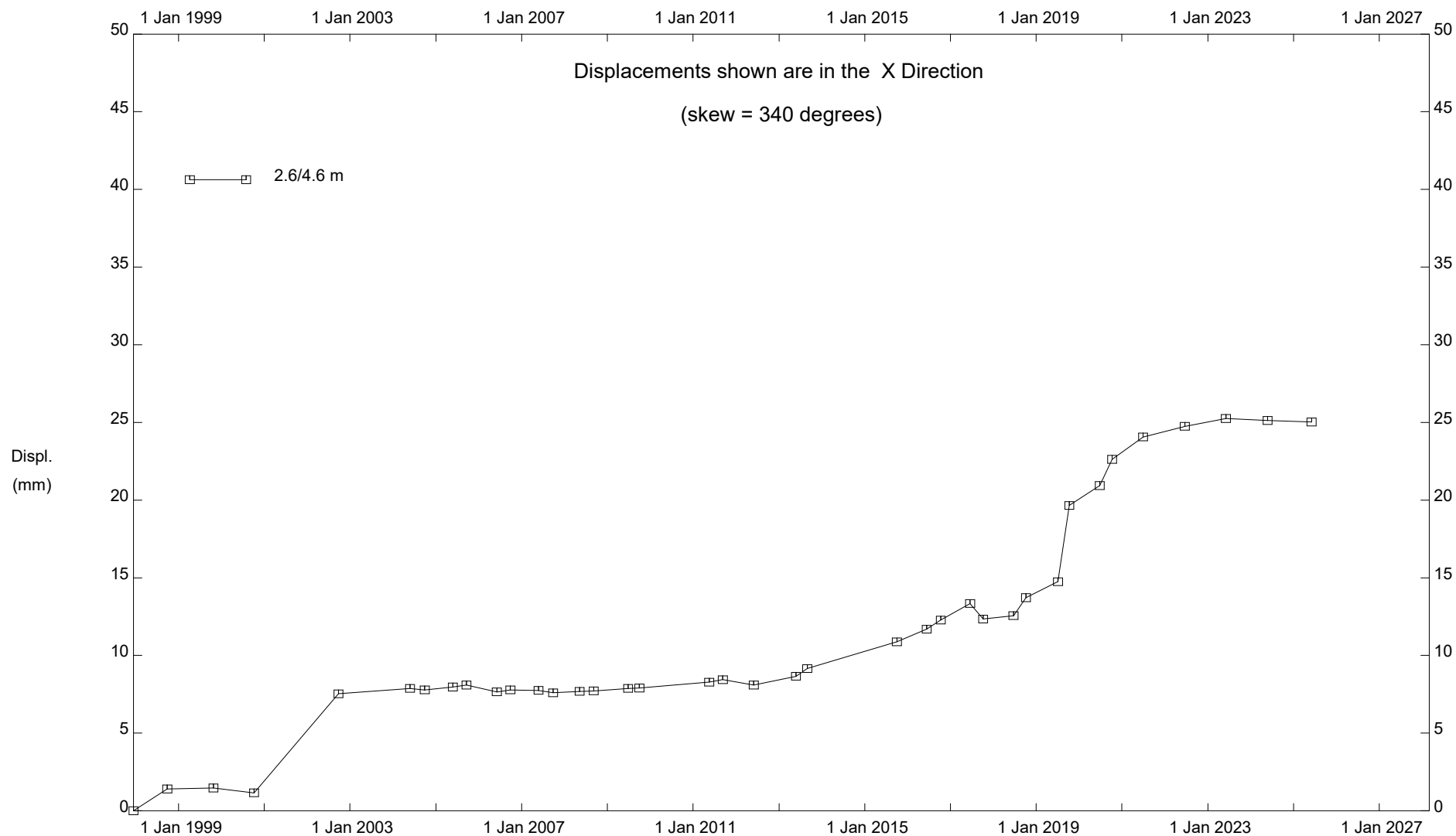
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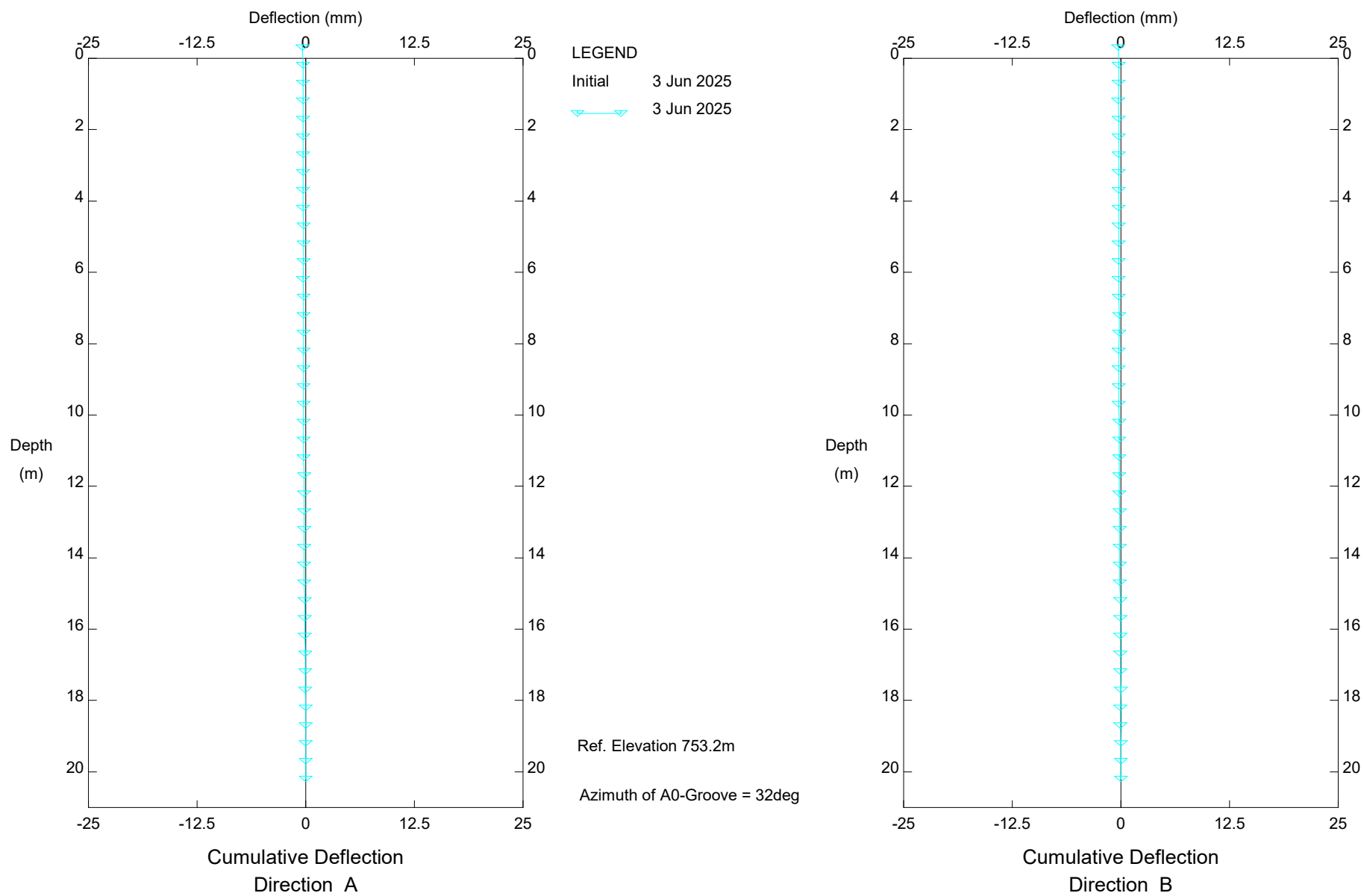
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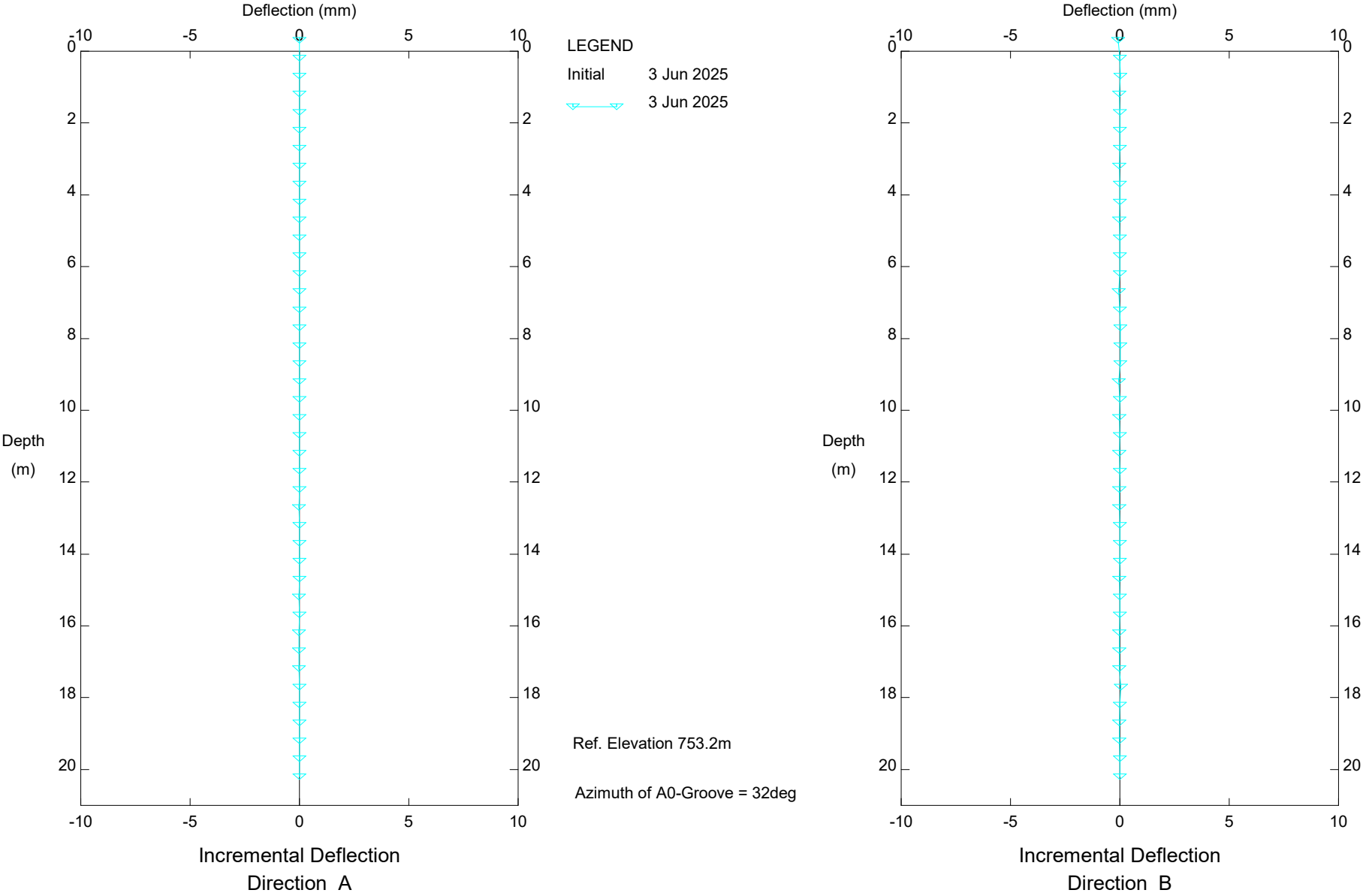
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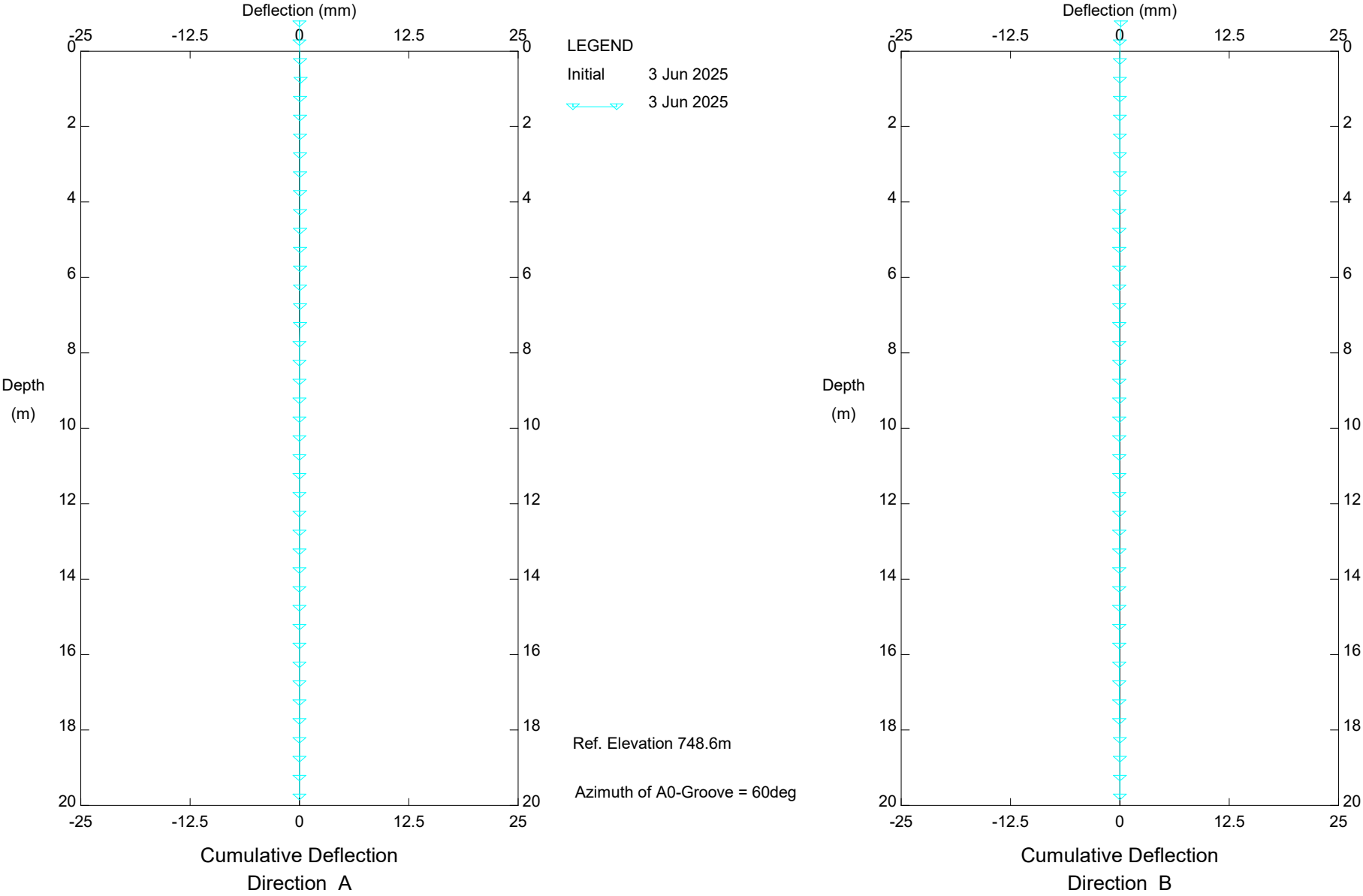
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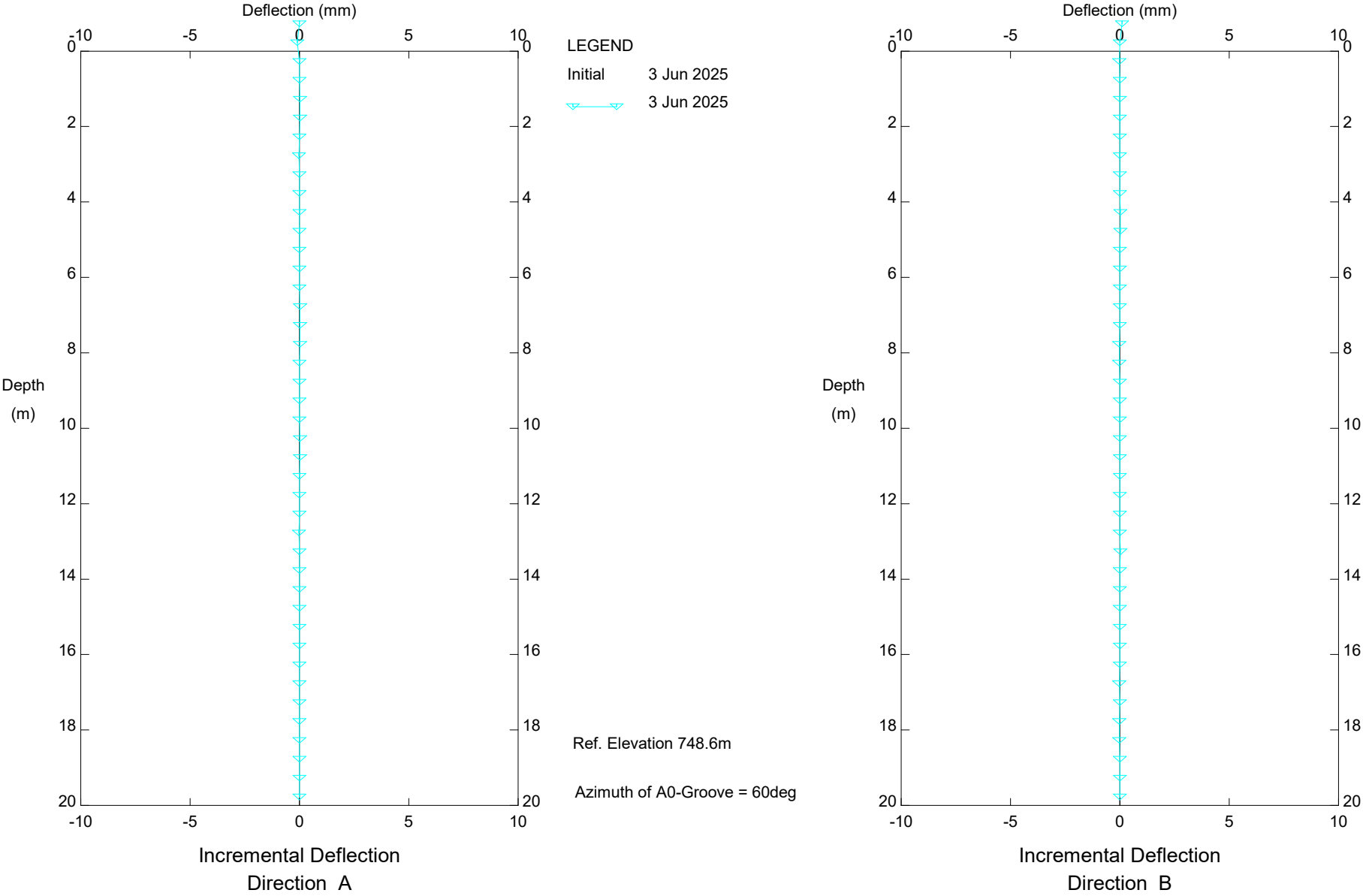
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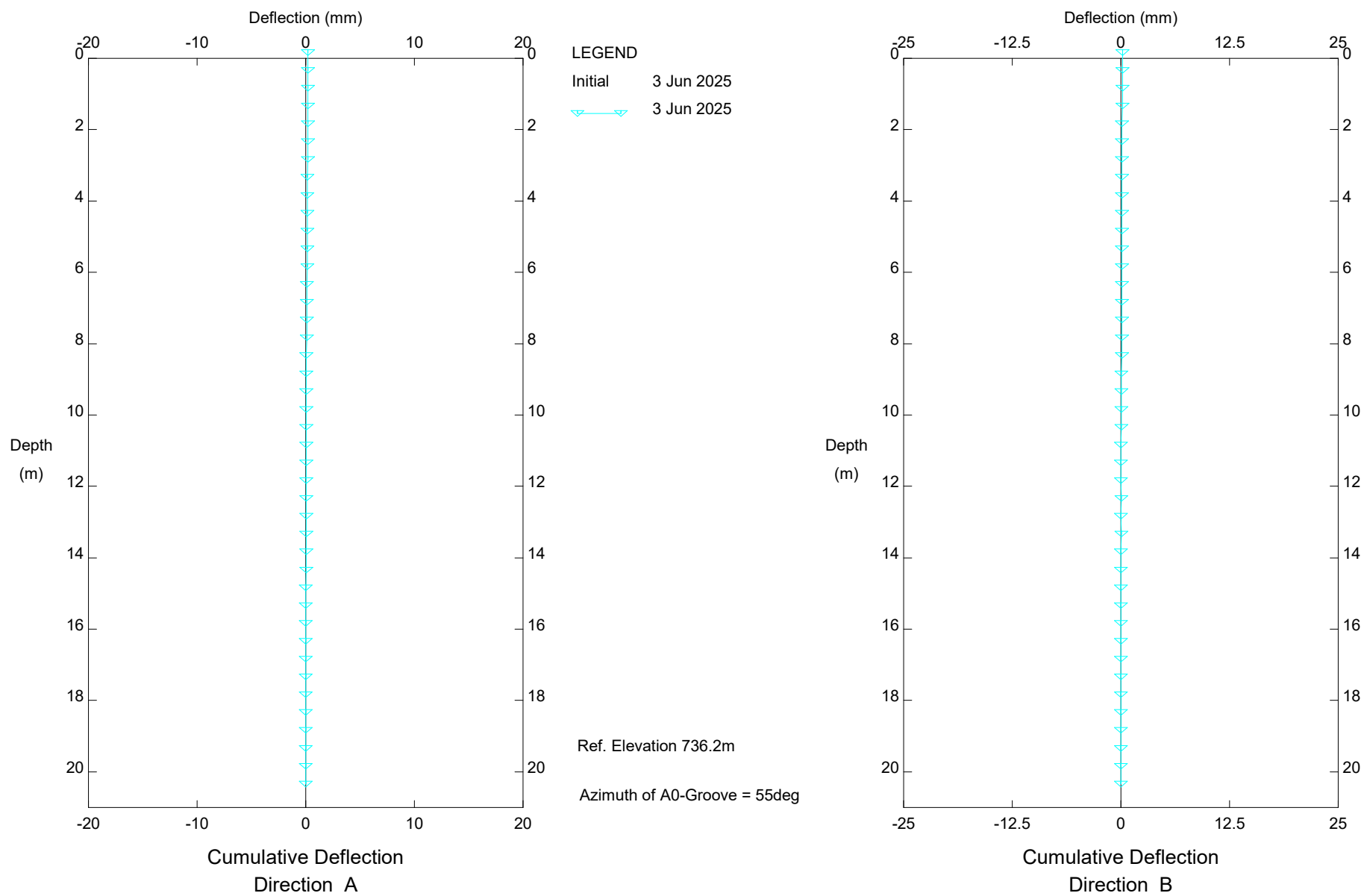
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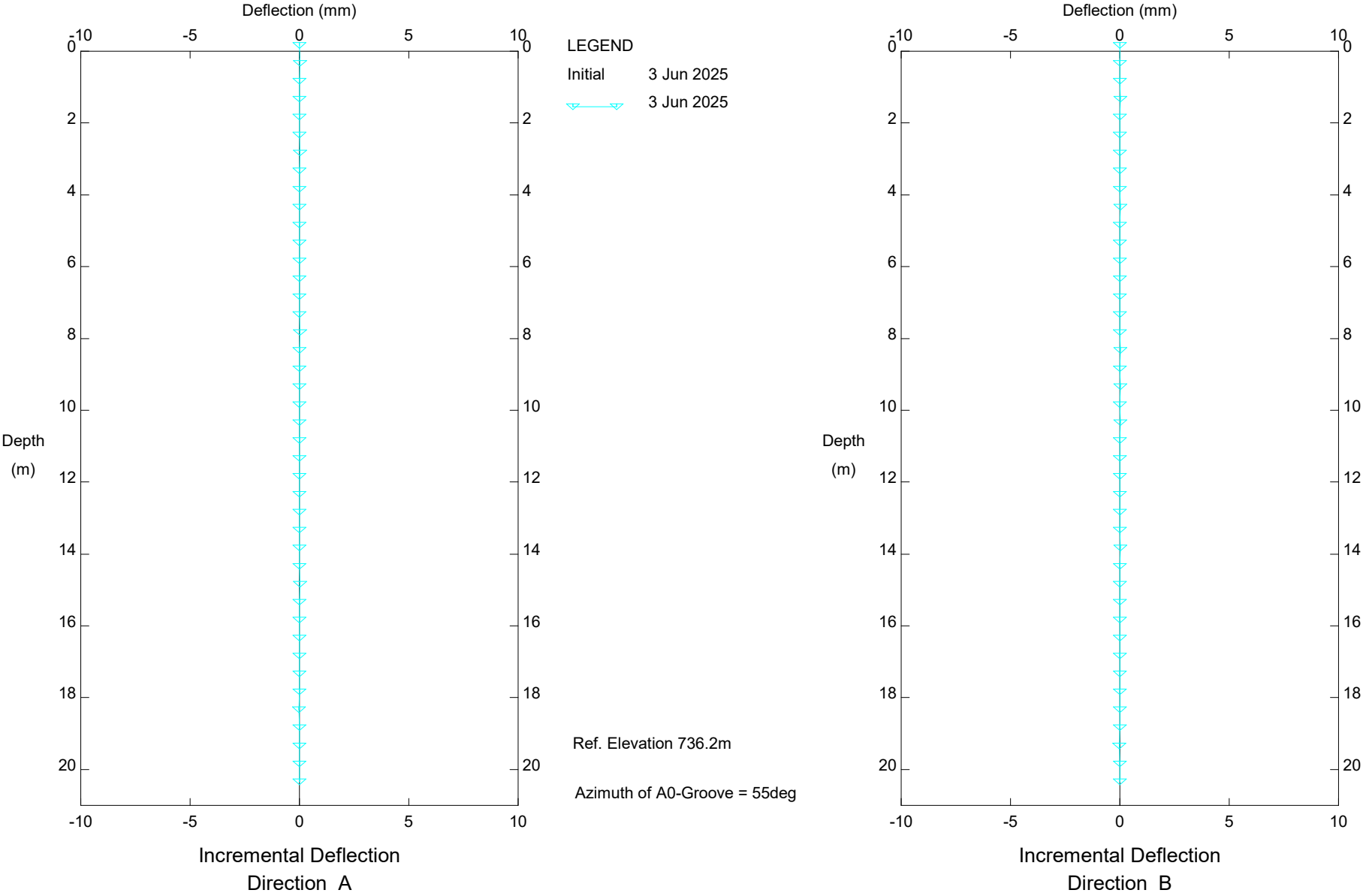
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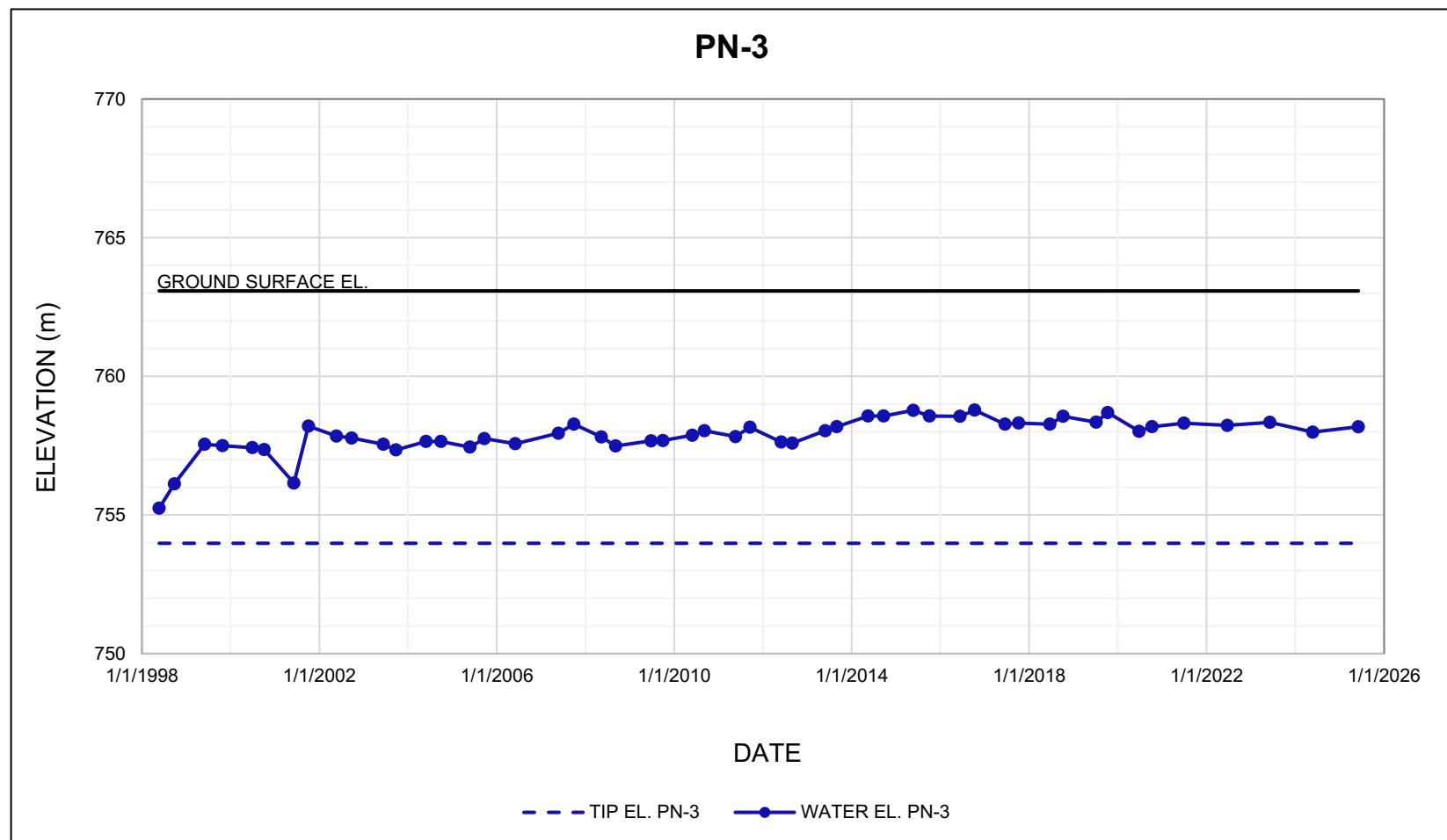


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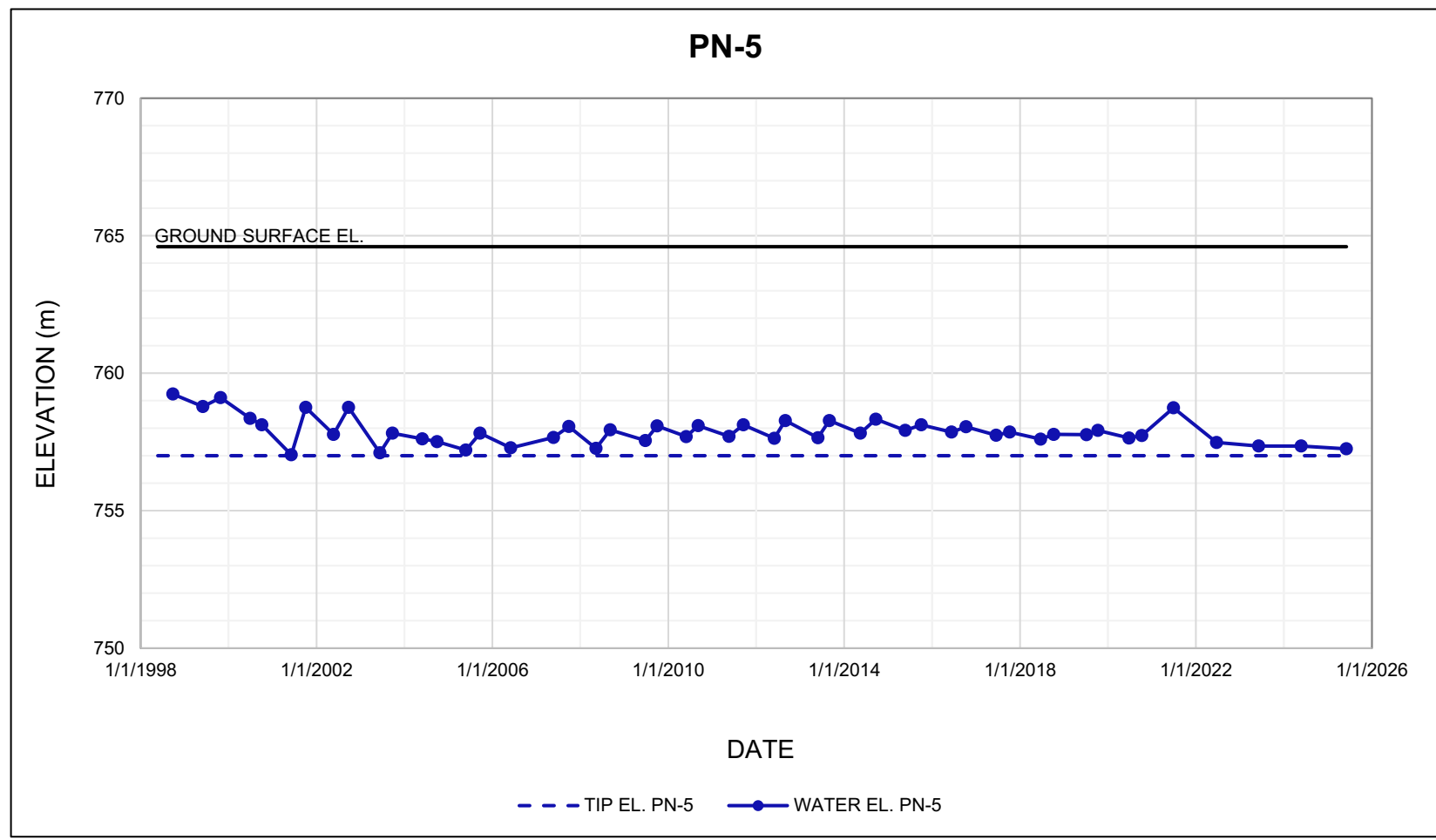
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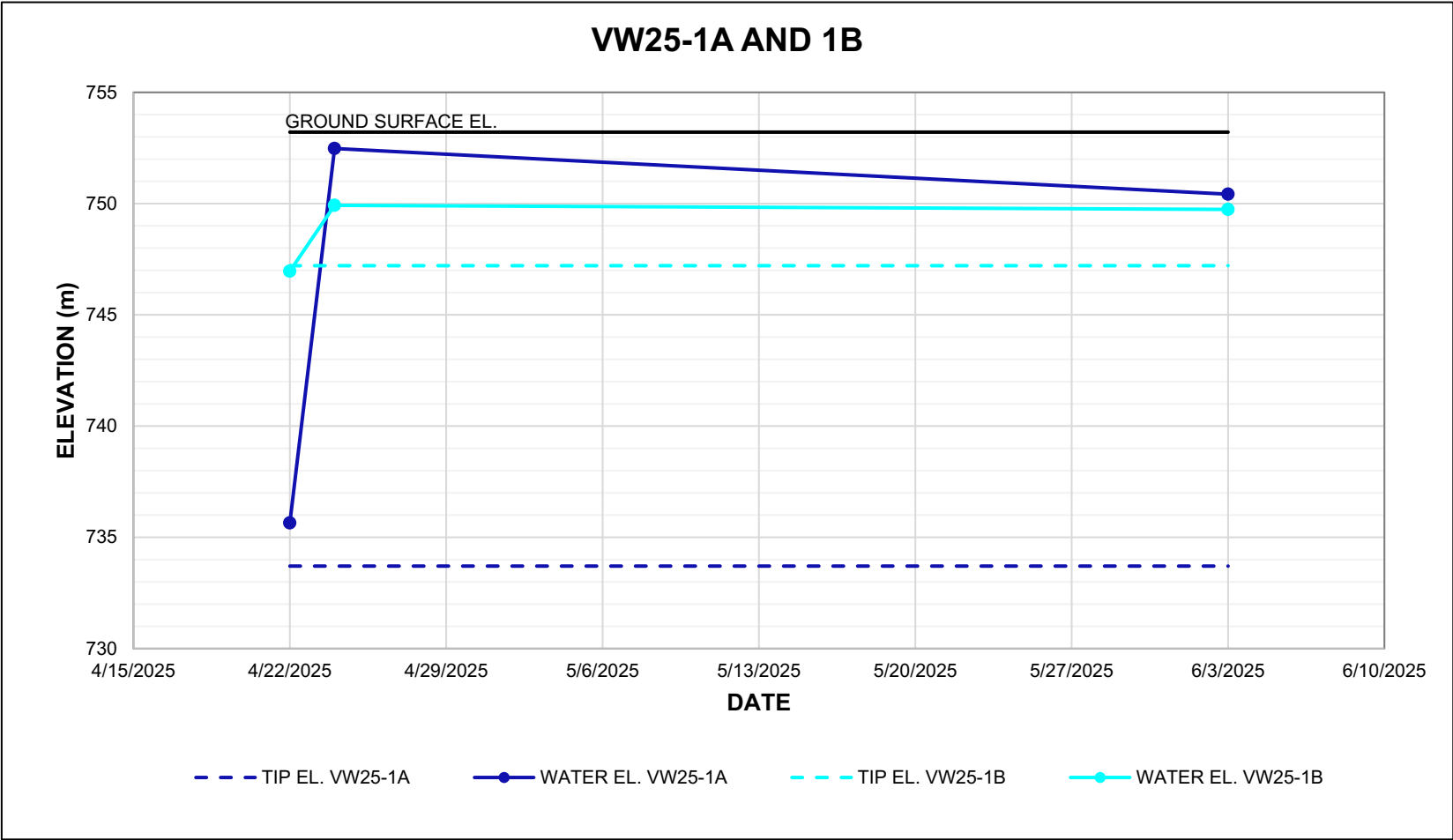
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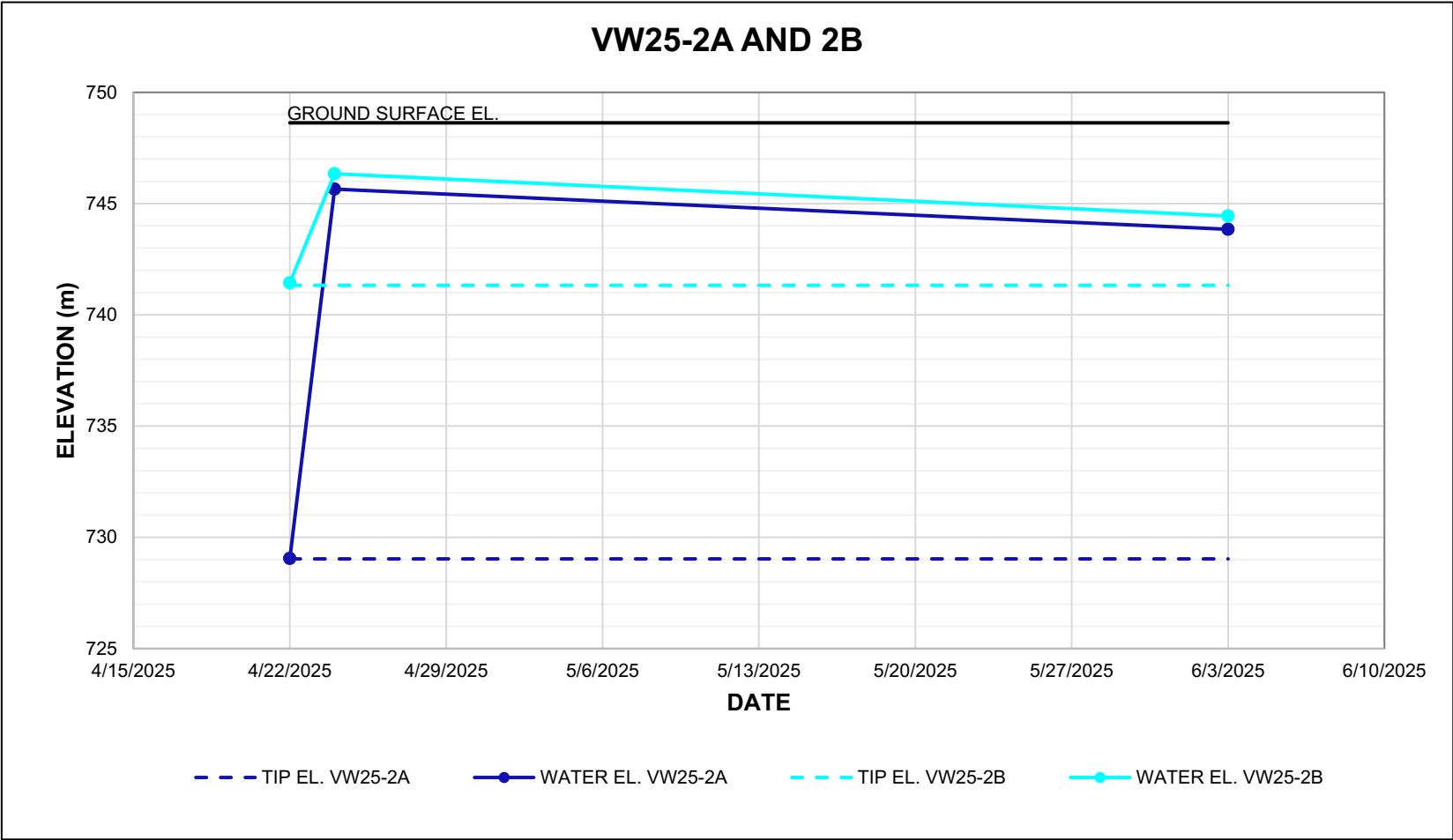
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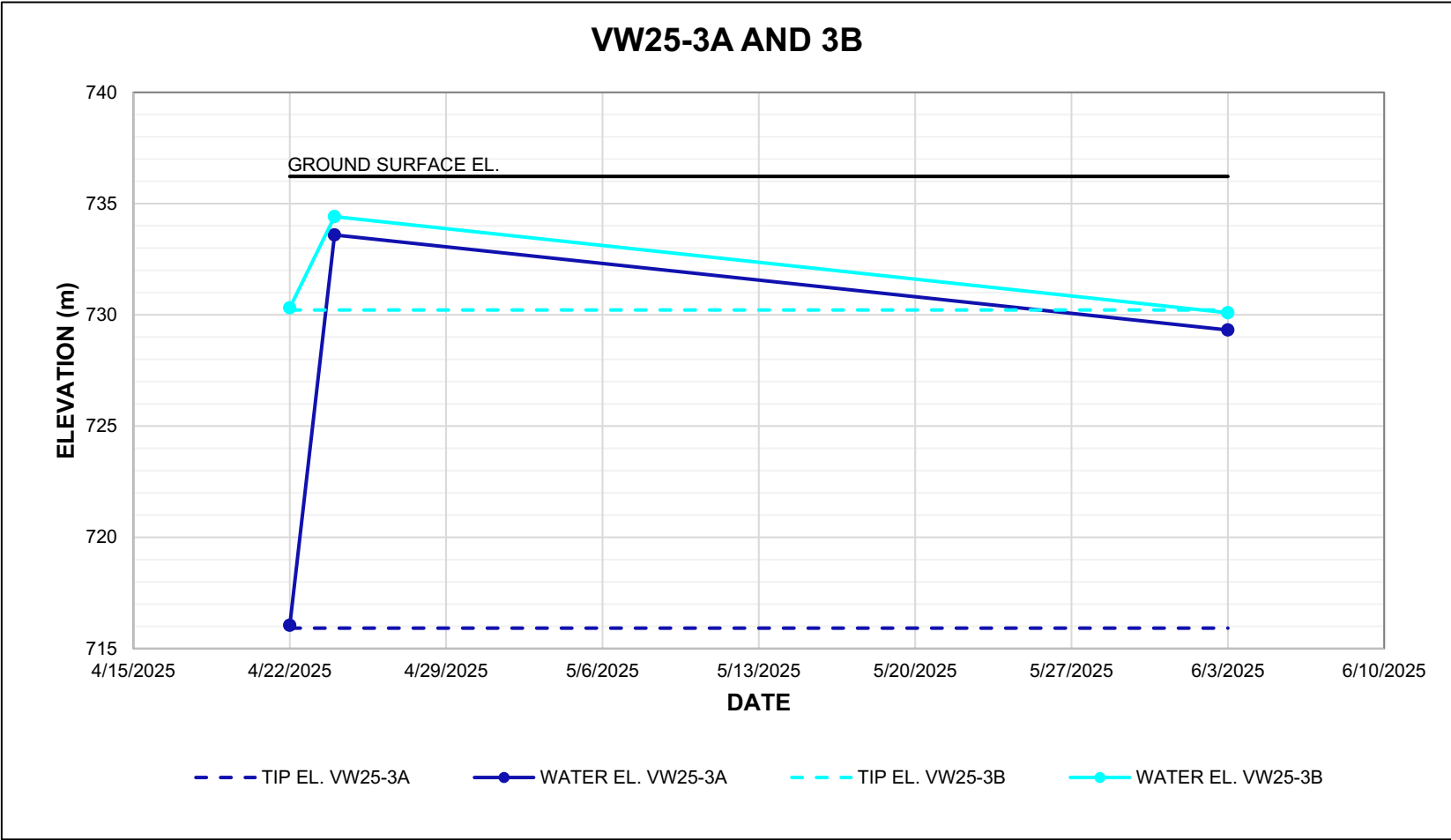
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