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Attention: Mr. Max Shannon

**ALBERTA TRANSPORTATION GRMP (CON0022164)  
PEACE REGION (PEACE RIVER DISTRICT)  
INSTRUMENTATION MONITORING RESULTS – SPRING 2022**

**SECTION C**

**SITE PH009A: HWY 684:02, BRICKS HILL**

Dear Mr. Shannon:

This report provides the results of the annual geotechnical instrumentation monitoring for the above-mentioned site as part of Alberta Transportation's Geohazard Risk Management Program for Peace Region – Peace River District (CON0022164).

It is a condition of this letter report that Thurber's performance of its professional services will be subject to the attached Statement of Limitations and Conditions.

**1. FIELD PROGRAM AND INSTRUMENTATION STATUS**

In 2018, a tangent cantilever pile wall was installed at the Hwy 684:02 Bricks Hill site to mitigate a landslide that had affected the eastbound highway lane. Three slope inclinometers (SI18-P6, SI18-P23 and SI18-P40) were installed in select piles during construction. In addition, there were two standpipe piezometers (SP17-2 and SP17-6) installed during a geotechnical investigation prior to construction that are still active at the site. The SIs and standpipe piezometers were read on June 11, 2022 by Mr. Niraj Regmi, G.I.T. and Mr. Jayden Del Cid, both of Thurber Engineering Ltd.

The SIs were read using a RST Digital Inclinometer probe with a 2 ft. wheelbase and a RST Pocket PC readout. Inclinometer reading depths were defined as per cable markings with respect to the top of the inclinometer casing. The standpipe piezometers were read using a DGSI dipmeter.



## **2. DATA PRESENTATION**

### **2.1 General**

SI plots with A and B directions are presented in Appendix A and are summarized below. Where movement has been recorded, the resultant plot (X direction, if applicable) and a rate of movement have also been provided. SI and piezometer summary tables are included below.

### **2.2 Zones of Movement**

No new zones of movement were observed since the spring of 2021 readings. Zones of movement have been defined in each of the SIs over the length of the pile and over the combined length of the pile and waler cap beam.

Zones of movement are summarized in Tables PH009A-1 below. These tables also provide a historical account of the total movement, the depth of movement and the maximum rate of movement that has occurred at this site since the initialization of the slope inclinometers.



**TABLE PH009A-1  
 SPRING 2022 – HWY 684:02 BRICKS HILL  
 SLOPE INCLINOMETER READING SUMMARY**

Date Monitored: June 11, 2022

<b>INSTRUMENT #</b>	<b>DATE INITIALIZED</b>	<b>TOTAL CUMULATIVE RESULTANT MOVEMENT AT NOTED DEPTH SINCE INITIAL READING (mm)</b>	<b>MAXIMUM RATE OF MOVEMENT (mm/yr)</b>	<b>CURRENT STATUS</b>	<b>DATE OF PREVIOUS READING</b>	<b>INCREMENTAL MOVEMENT SINCE PREVIOUS READING (mm)</b>	<b>CURRENT RATE OF MOVEMENT (mm/yr)</b>	<b>CHANGE IN RATE OF MOVEMENT SINCE PREVIOUS READING (mm/yr)</b>
SI18-P6	September 26, 2018	7.7 mm over 2.5 m to 17.1 m depth in 157° direction	3.7 mm/yr in October 2020	Operational	July 7, 2021	1.9	2.0	<0.1
		11.8 mm over 0.1 m to 17.1 m depth in 157° direction	5.2 mm/yr in June 2019			2.8	3.0	0.7
SI18-P23	September 26, 2018	12.2 mm over 2.5 m to 17.2 m depth in 155° direction	6.3 mm/yr in June 2019	Operational	July 7, 2021	1.6	1.7	-2.2
		17.7 mm over 0.1 m to 17.2 m depth in 155° direction	16.6 mm/yr in October 2020			2.8	3.0	0.2
SI18-P40	September 26, 2018	18.2 mm over 2.3 m to 16.9 m depth in 130° direction	9.9 mm/yr in June 2019	Operational	July 7, 2021	2.4	2.6	-1.6
		23.7 mm over 0.4 m to 16.9 m depth in 130° direction	13.5 mm/yr in June 2019			3.4	3.7	-1.6

Drawing 32121-PH009A in Appendix A provides a sketch of the approximate locations of the monitoring instrumentation for this site.



**TABLE PH009A-2  
 SPRING 2022 – HWY 684:02 BRICKS HILL  
 PNEUMATIC PIEZOMETER INSTRUMENTATION READING SUMMARY**

Date Monitored: June 11, 2022

<b>INSTRUMENT #</b>	<b>DATE INITIALIZED</b>	<b>TIP DEPTH (m)</b>	<b>GROUND ELEV. (m)</b>	<b>CURRENT STATUS</b>	<b>HIGHEST MEASURED WATER LEVEL BGS (m)</b>	<b>MEASURED PORE PRESSURE (kPa)</b>	<b>CURRENT WATER LEVEL BGS (m)</b>	<b>PREVIOUS WATER LEVEL BGS (m)</b>	<b>CHANGE IN WATER LEVEL SINCE PREVIOUS READING (m)</b>
<i>PN17-1-1 (37482)</i>	<i>June 9, 2017</i>	<i>9.14</i>	<i>433.03</i>	<i>Destroyed</i>	<i>426.07 on June 11, 2019</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>424.34 (June 2018)</i>	<i>N/A</i>
<i>PN17-1-2 (37422)</i>	<i>June 9, 2017</i>	<i>19.35</i>	<i>433.03</i>	<i>Destroyed</i>	<i>414.38 on September 28, 2017</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>414.02 (June 2018)</i>	<i>N/A</i>

Drawing 32121-PH009A in Appendix A provides a sketch of the approximate locations of the monitoring instrumentation for this site.

Notes:

PN - pneumatic piezometer.

BGS - below ground surface.



**TABLE PH009A-3  
 SPRING 2022 – HWY 684:02 BRICKS HILL  
 STANDPIPE PIEZOMETER INSTRUMENTATION READING SUMMARY**

Date Monitored: June 11, 2022

<b>INSTRUMENT #</b>	<b>DATE INITIALIZED</b>	<b>TIP DEPTH (m)</b>	<b>GROUND ELEV. (m)</b>	<b>CURRENT STATUS</b>	<b>MAXIMUM MEASURED WATER LEVEL BGS (m)</b>	<b>MEASURED WATER LEVEL BGS (m)</b>	<b>PREVIOUS READING BGS (m)</b>	<b>CHANGE IN WATER LEVEL SINCE PREVIOUS READING (m)</b>
SP17-2	June 6, 2017	14.79	433.03	Active	8.45 on June 9, 2020	8.60	9.40	0.80
SP17-6	June 6, 2017	9.73	444.08	Active	9.69 on October 10, 2020	Dry	Dry	N/A
SP17-7	June 6, 2017	11.60	440.30	Destroyed	428.73 on June 15, 2018	N/A	428.73 (June 2018)	N/A
SP17-8	June 6, 2017	8.67	436.10	Destroyed	428.84 on June 15, 2018	N/A	428.84 (June 2018)	N/A
SP17-9	June 6, 2017	9.85	428.48	Blocked/ sheared	DRY	N/A	DRY (June 2018)	N/A

Drawing 32121-PH009A in Appendix A provides a sketch of the approximate locations of the monitoring instrumentation for this site.



### **3. INTERPRETATION OF MONITORING RESULTS**

SI18-P6 showed a rate of movement of 2.0 mm/yr over the length of the pile from 2.5 m to 17.1 m depth and a rate of movement of 3.0 mm/yr over the combined length of the pile and water from 0.1 m to 17.1 m depth. SI18-P6 has shown a total pile head deflection of 7.7 mm to date. SI18-P23 showed a rate of movement of 1.7 mm/yr over the length of the pile from 2.5 m to 17.2 m depth and a rate of movement of 3.0 mm/yr over the combined length of the pile and water from 0.1 m to 17.2 m depth. SI18-P23 has shown a total pile head deflection of 12.2 mm to date. SI18-P40 showed a rate of movement of 2.6 mm/yr over the length of the pile from 2.3 m to 16.9 m depth and a rate of movement of 3.7 mm/yr over the combined length of the pile and water from 0.4 m to 16.9 m depth. SI18-P40 has shown a total pile head deflection of 18.2 mm to date.

There are no pneumatic piezometers currently active at the site. Historical pneumatic piezometers (prior to construction) are summarized in Table PH009A-2 above.

The groundwater level increased in standpipe piezometer SP17-2 by 0.8 m since the previous reading in the spring of 2021. SP17-6 was dry. The standpipe piezometer readings are summarized in Table PH009A-3. The pneumatic and standpipe piezometer readings are plotted on Figure PH009A-1 (by elevation) and PH009A-2 (by depth) in Appendix A.

### **4. RECOMMENDATIONS**

#### **4.1 Future Work**

The instruments should be read again in the spring of 2023.

#### **4.2 Instrumentation Repairs**

No instruments need repair at this site.



## 5. CLOSURE

We trust this report meets your requirements at present. If you have any questions, please contact the undersigned at your convenience.

Yours very truly,  
Thurber Engineering Ltd.  
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Principal | Senior Geotechnical Engineer

Bruce Nestor, P.Eng.  
Geotechnical Engineer  
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### Attachments:

- Statement of Limitations and Conditions
- Appendix A
  - Field Inspector's report
  - Site Plan Showing Approximate Instrument Locations (Drawing No. 32121-PH009A)
  - SI Reading Plots
  - Figure PH009A-1 (Piezometric Elevations)
  - Figure PH009A-2 (Piezometric Depths)



## STATEMENT OF LIMITATIONS AND CONDITIONS

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**ALBERTA TRANSPORTATION GRMP (CON0022164)  
PEACE REGION (PEAE RIVER DISTRICT)  
INSTRUMENTATION MONITORING RESULTS**

**SPRING 2022**

**APPENDIX A  
DATA PRESENTATION**

**SITE PH009A: HWY 684:02, BRICKS HILL**

**ALBERTA TRANSPORTATION  
PEACE REGION (PEACE RIVER DISTRICT)  
INSTRUMENTATION MONITORING FIELD SUMMARY (PH009A)  
SPRING 2022**

<b>Location:</b> Hwy 684:02 Bricks Hill (km 8.89 to km 9.45)	<b>Readout:</b> DGSI Dipmeter
<b>File Number:</b> 32121	<b>Casing:</b> 2.75
<b>Probe:</b> RST SI SET 8R	<b>Temp:</b> 13
<b>Cable:</b> RST SI SET 8R	<b>Read by:</b> NKR/JD

**SLOPE INCLINOMETER (SI) READINGS**

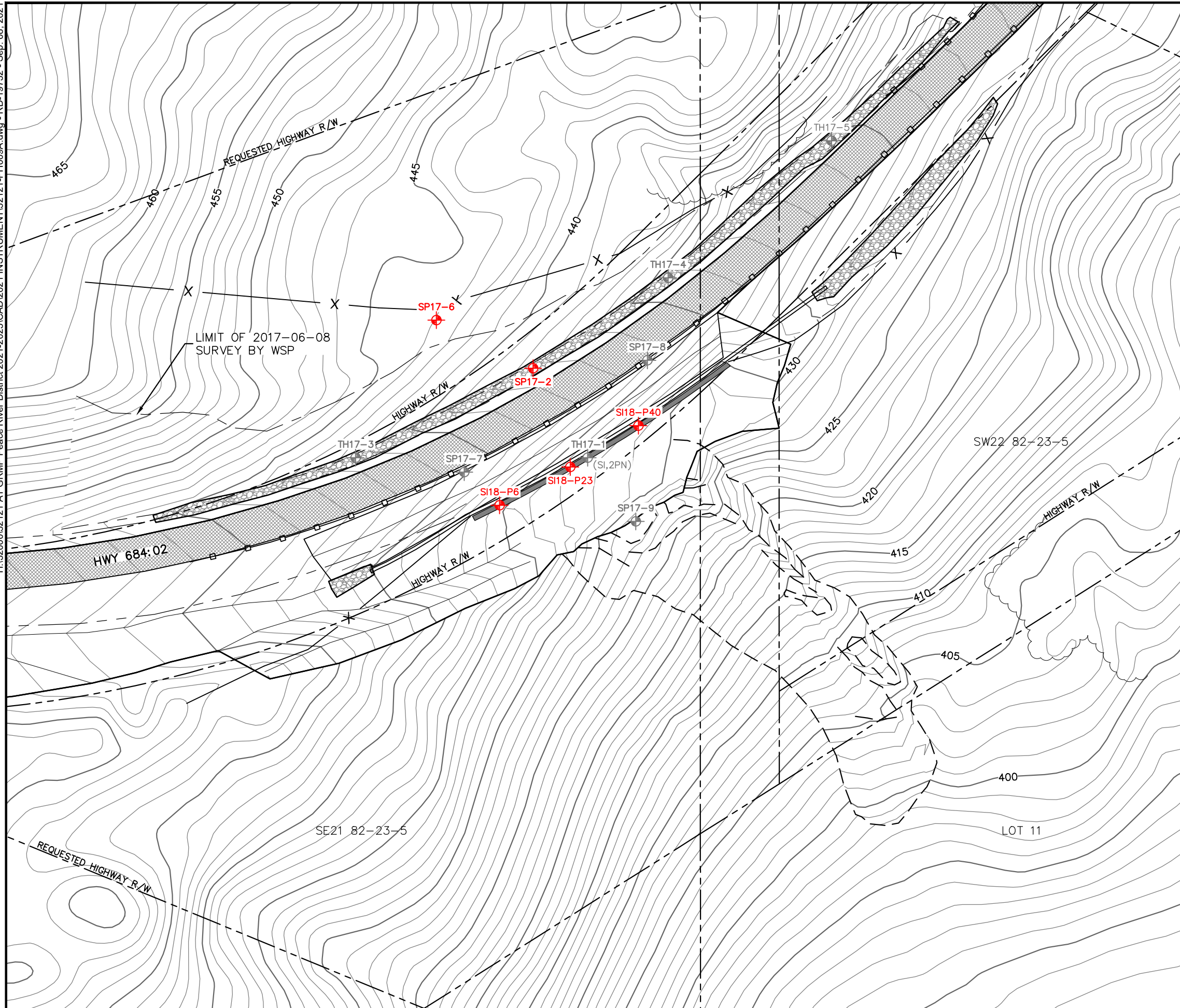
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	Easting (m)	Northing (m)					A+	A-	B+	B-		
SI18-P6	467291.00	6219675.00	11-Jun-22	0.84	58 to 2	126°	210	-201	23	-16	8R	
SI18-P23	467309.00	6219684.00	11-Jun-22	0.83	58 to 2	141°	472	-460	-522	529	8R	
SI18-P40	467326.00	6219694.00	11-Jun-22	1.10	58 to 2	102°	-92	102	244	-238	8R	

**STANDPIPE PIEZOMETER READINGS**

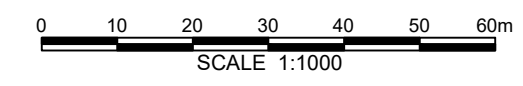
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	Easting (m)	Northing (m)				
SP17-2	467330.1	6219711	11-Jun-22	1	9.6	15.79
SP17-6	467276.1	6219721	11-Jun-22	0.95	Dry	10.68

**INSPECTOR REPORT**


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  - INSTRUMENT DAMAGED / NOT IN USE
  - STANDPIPE PIEZOMETER
  - SLOPE INCLINOMETER
  - PNEUMATIC PIEZOMETER
  - RIP RAP IN DITCH
  - SCARP CRACK
  - GUARD RAIL
  - BARBED WIRE FENCE
  - TREE LINE
  - CULVERT





**PEACE REGION (PEACE RIVER DISTRICT)**

**PH009A: HWY 684:02 BRICKS HILL  
SITE PLAN SHOWING INSTRUMENTATION LOCATIONS**

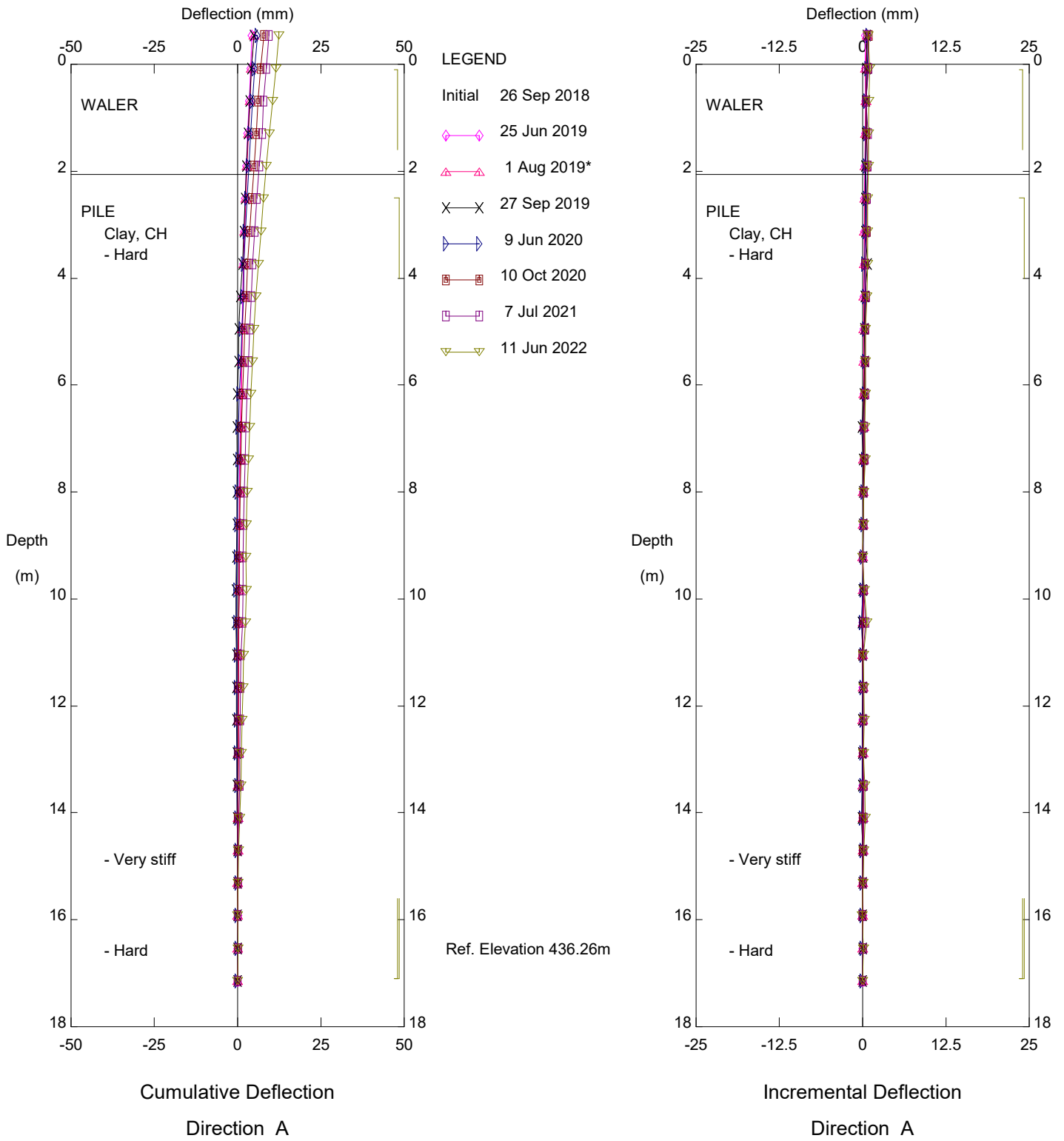
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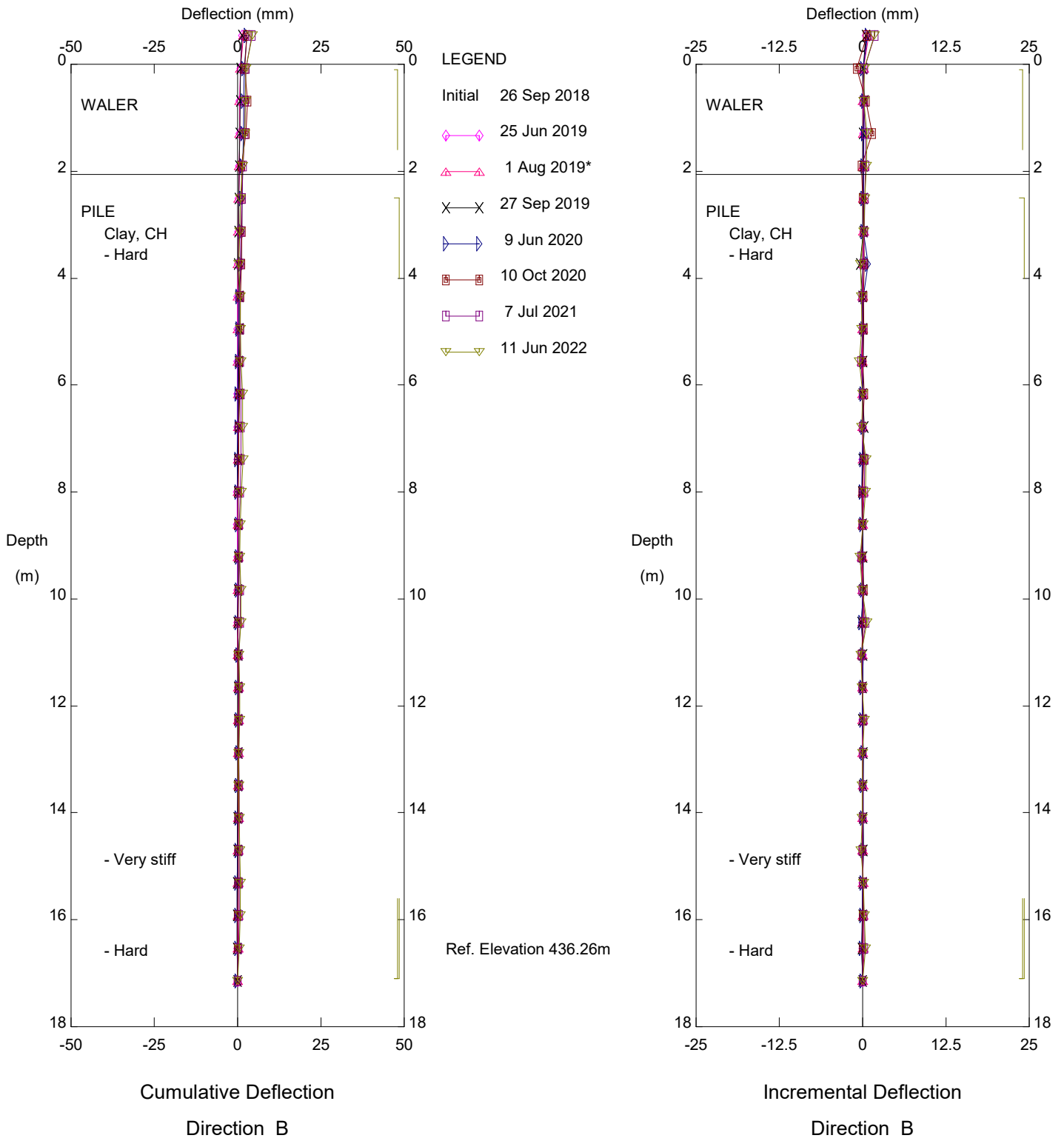


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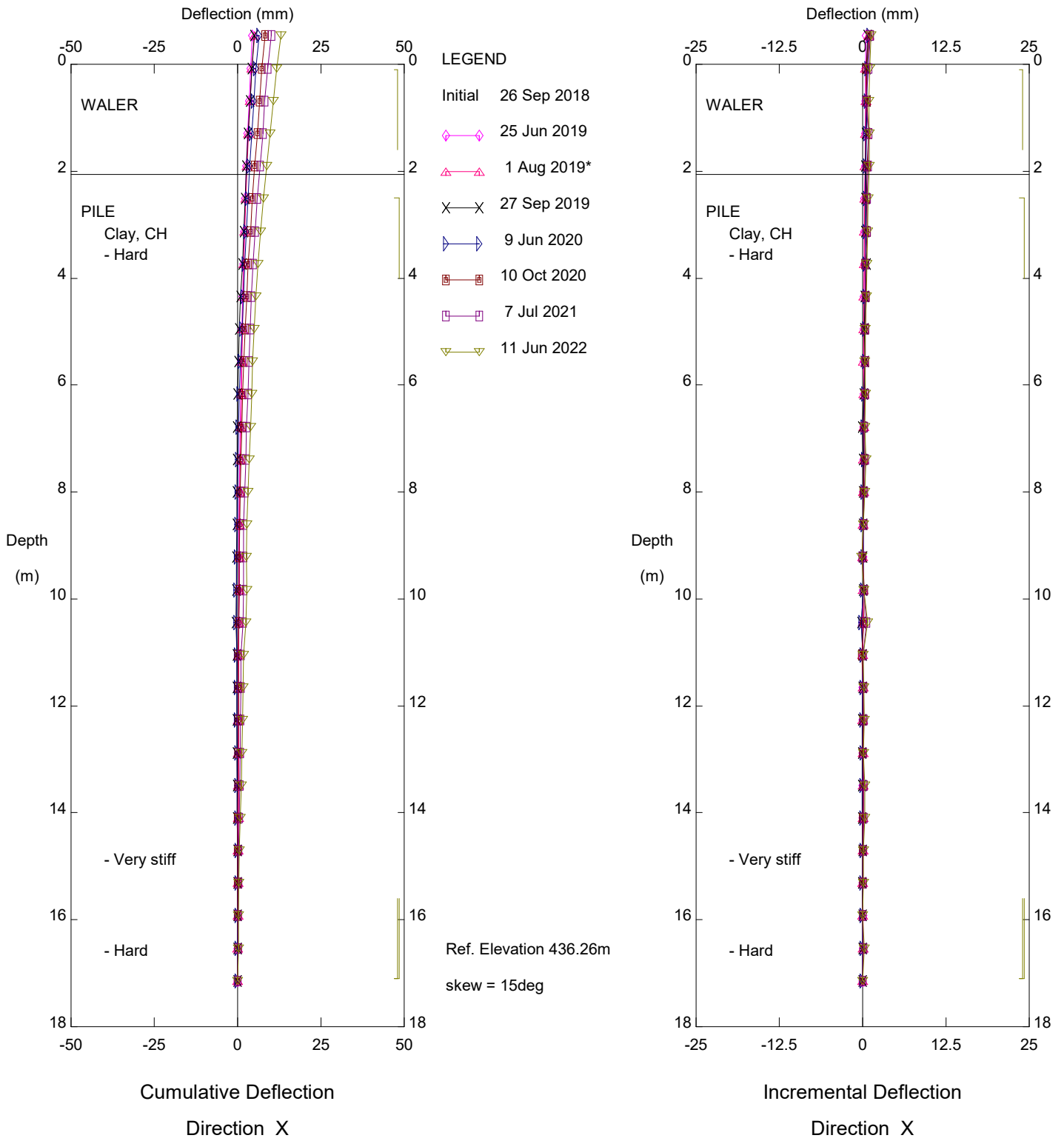


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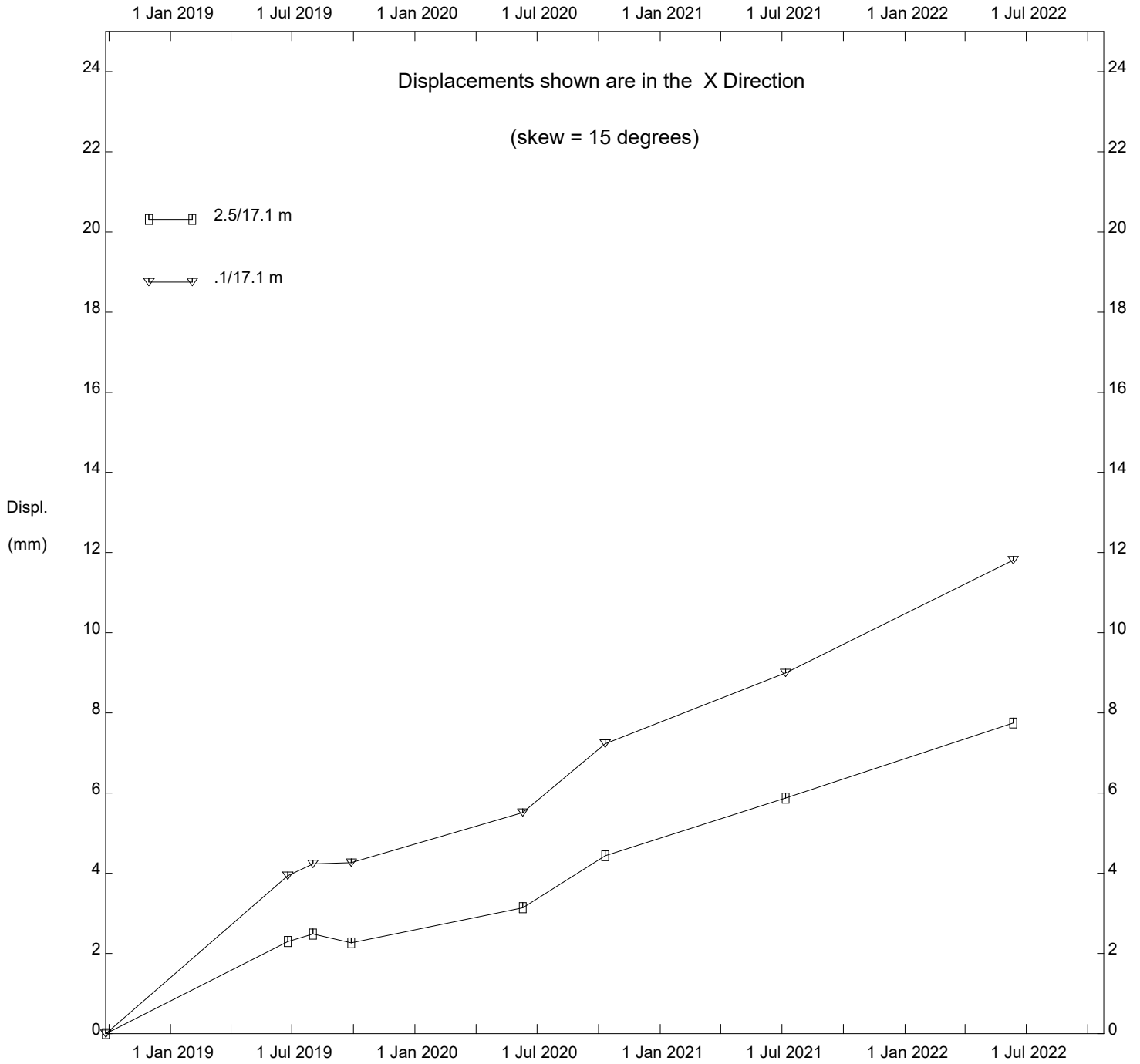


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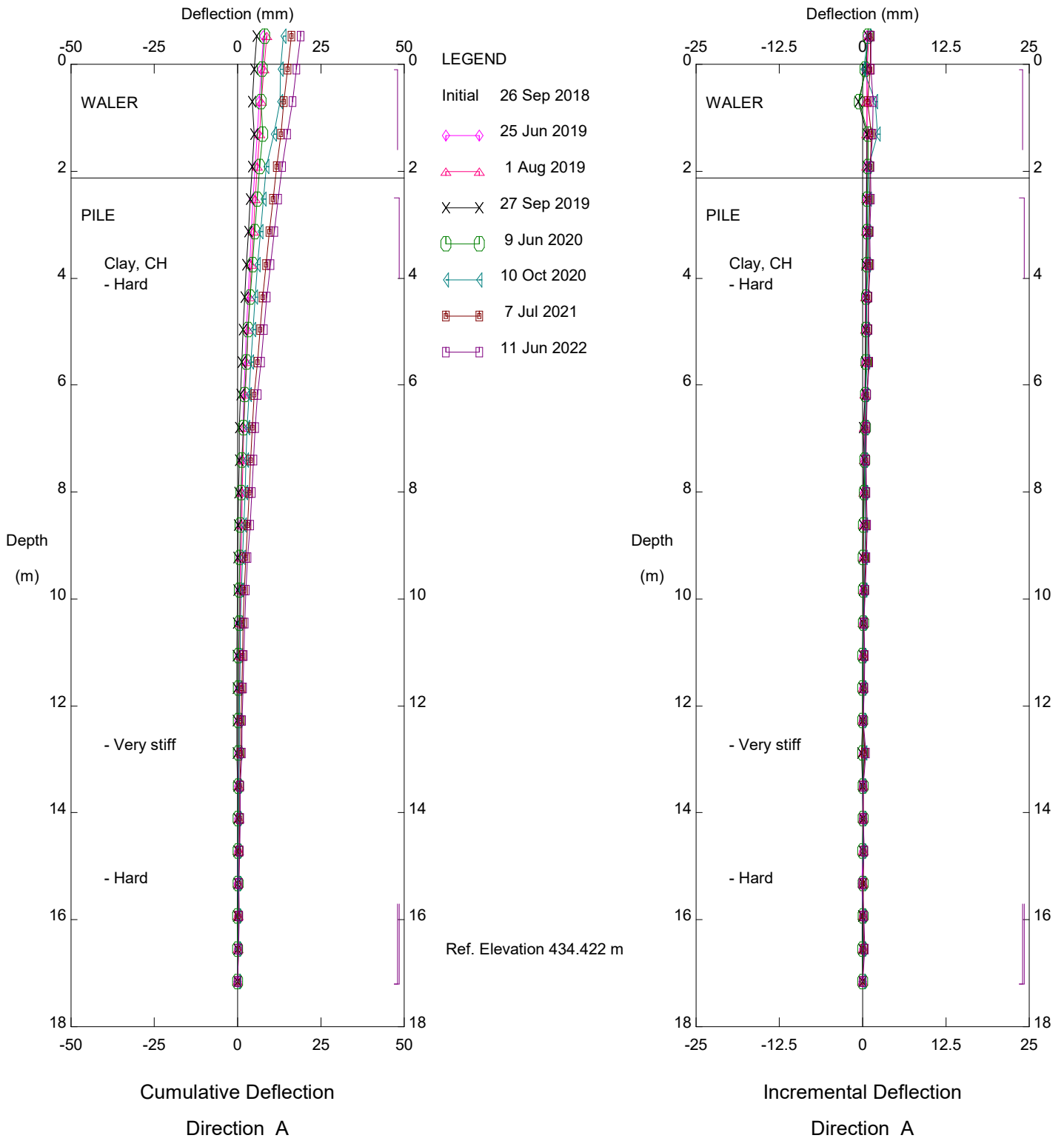
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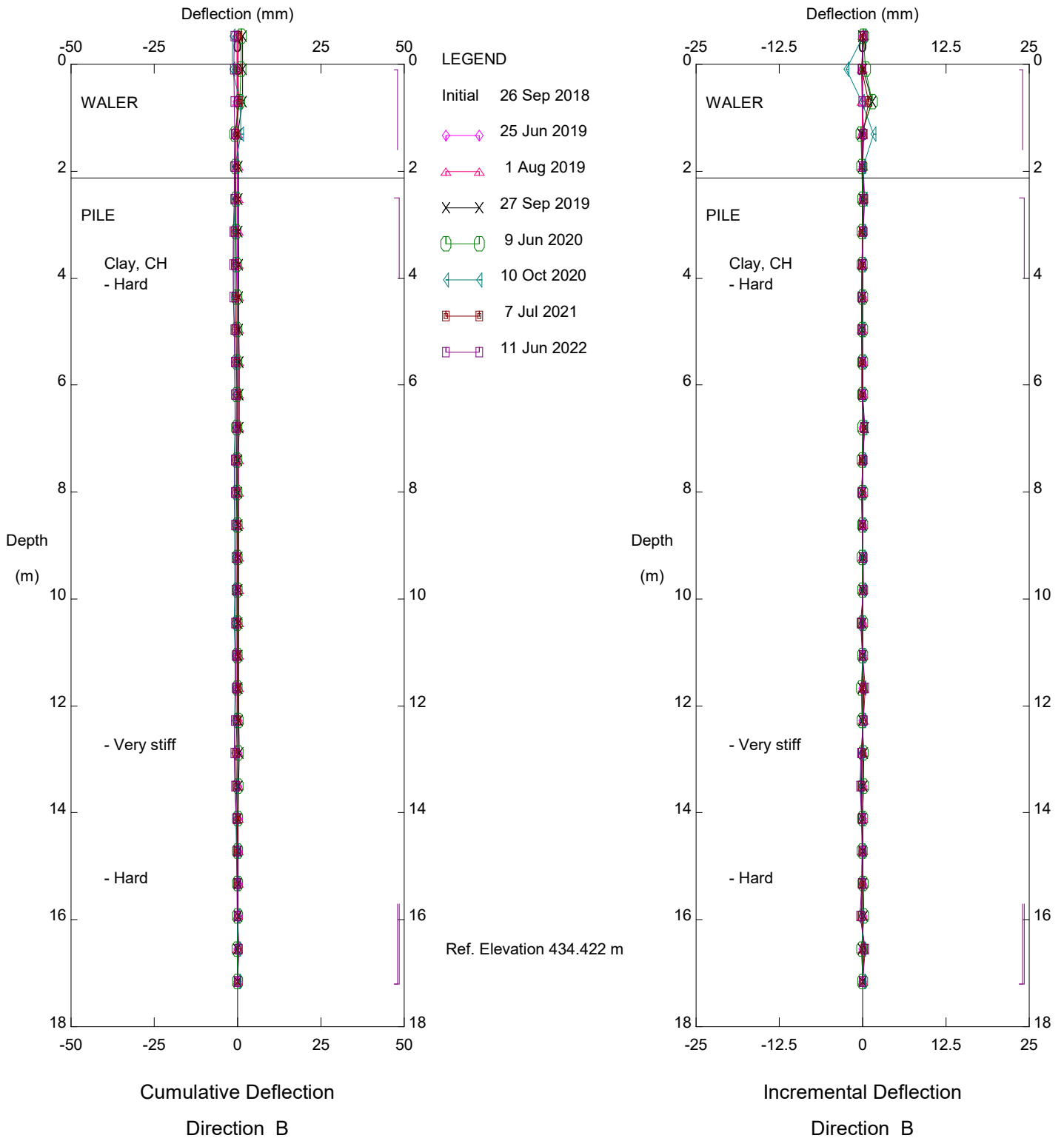


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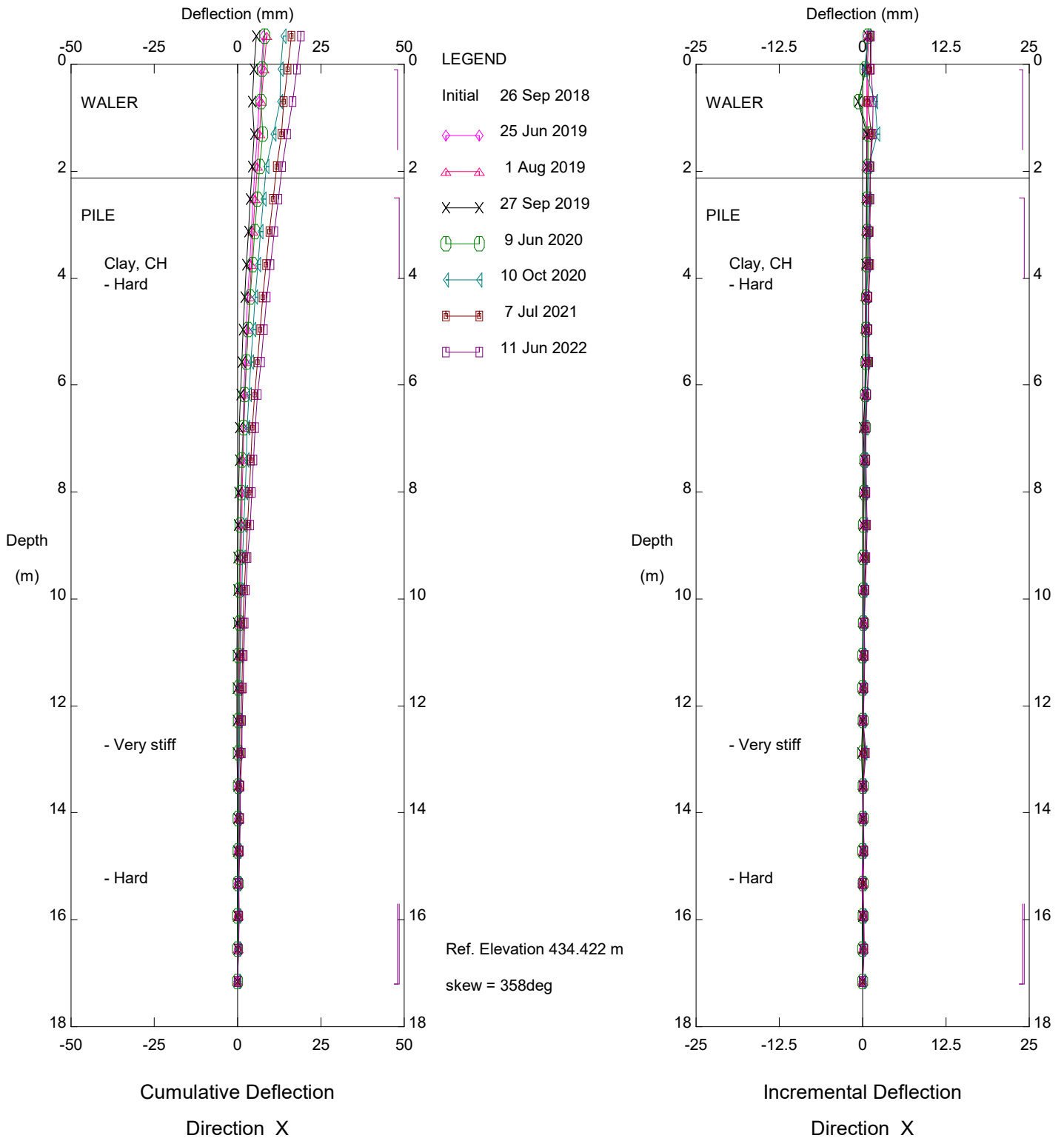
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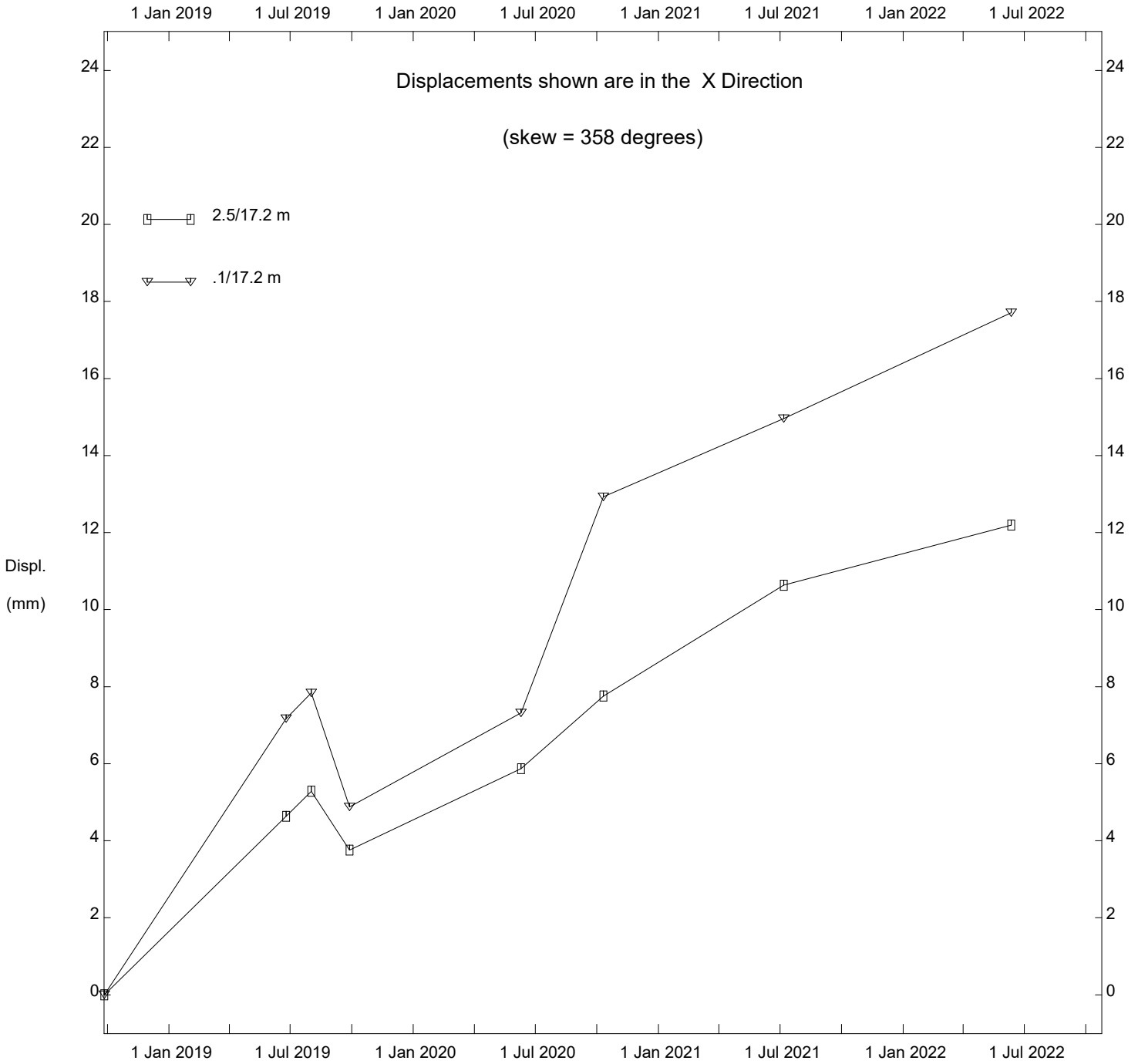
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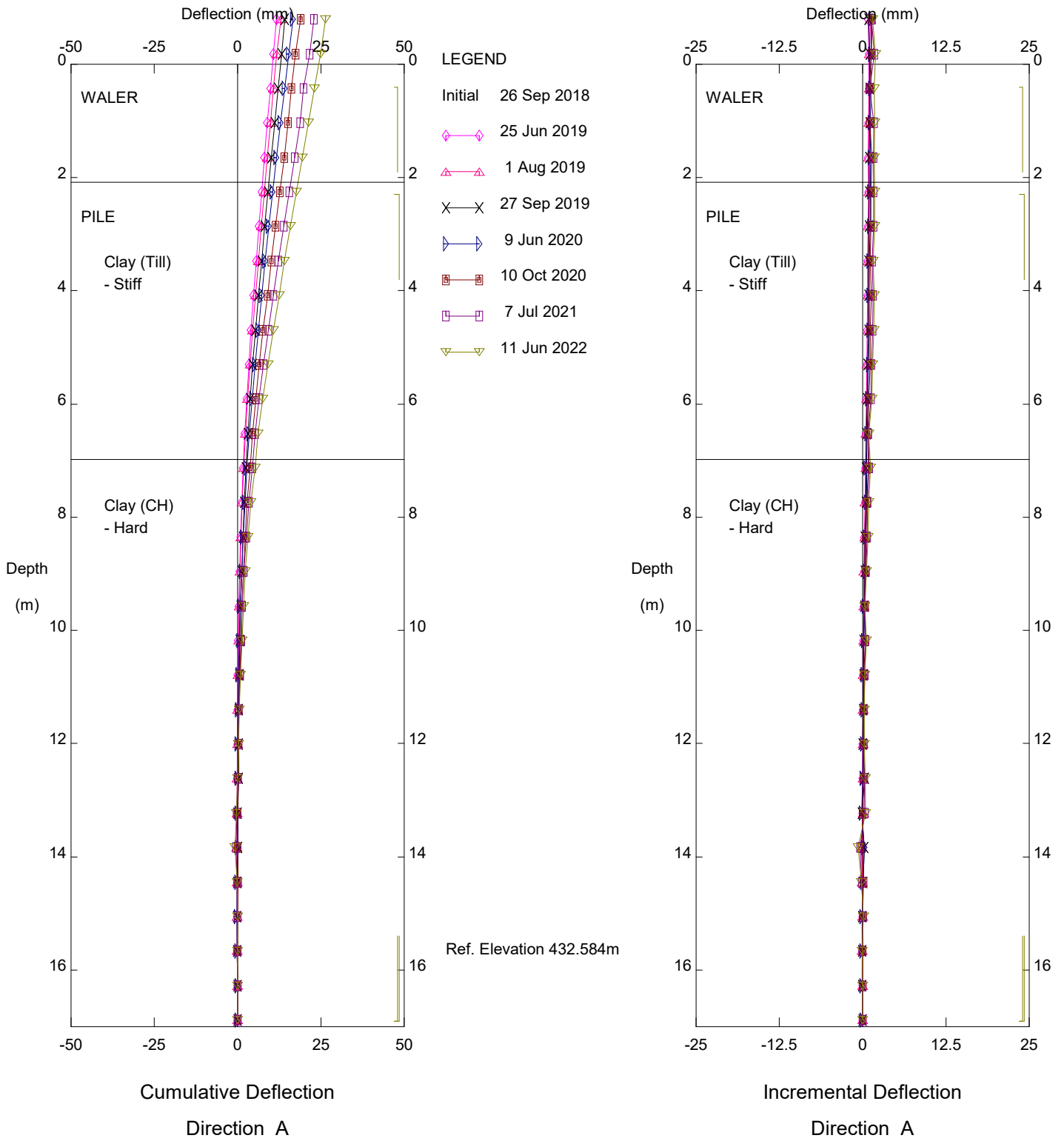
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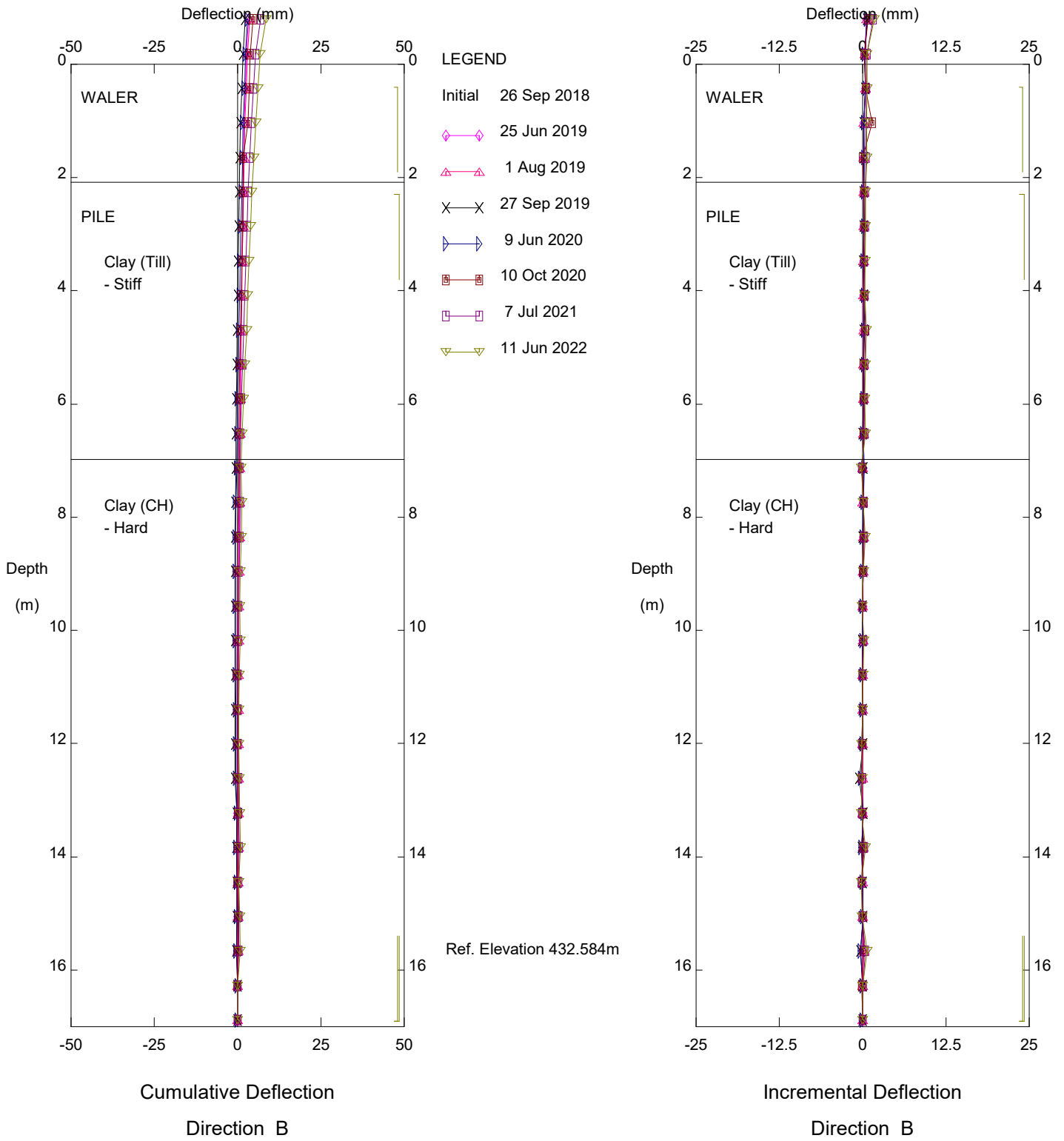
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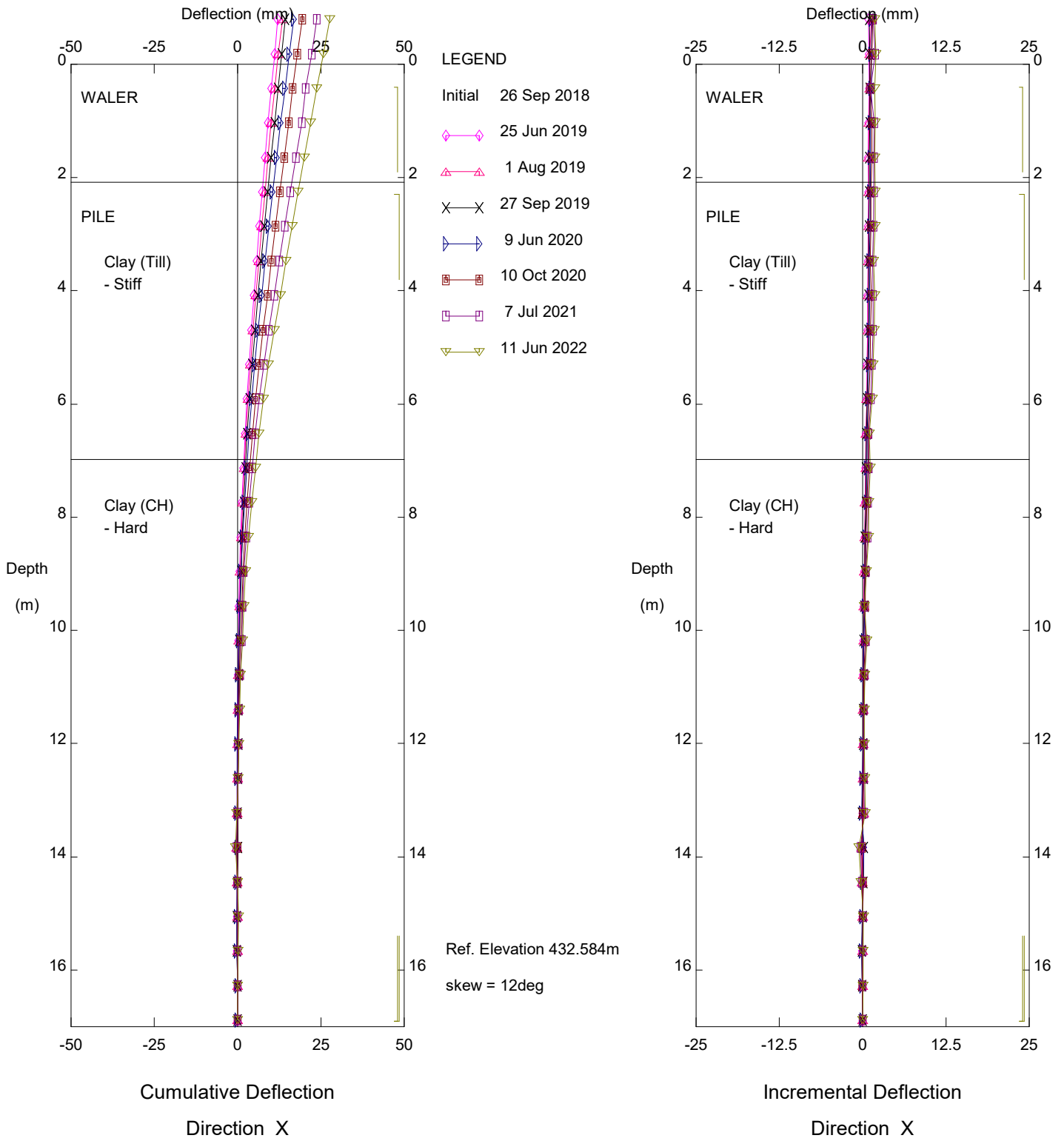
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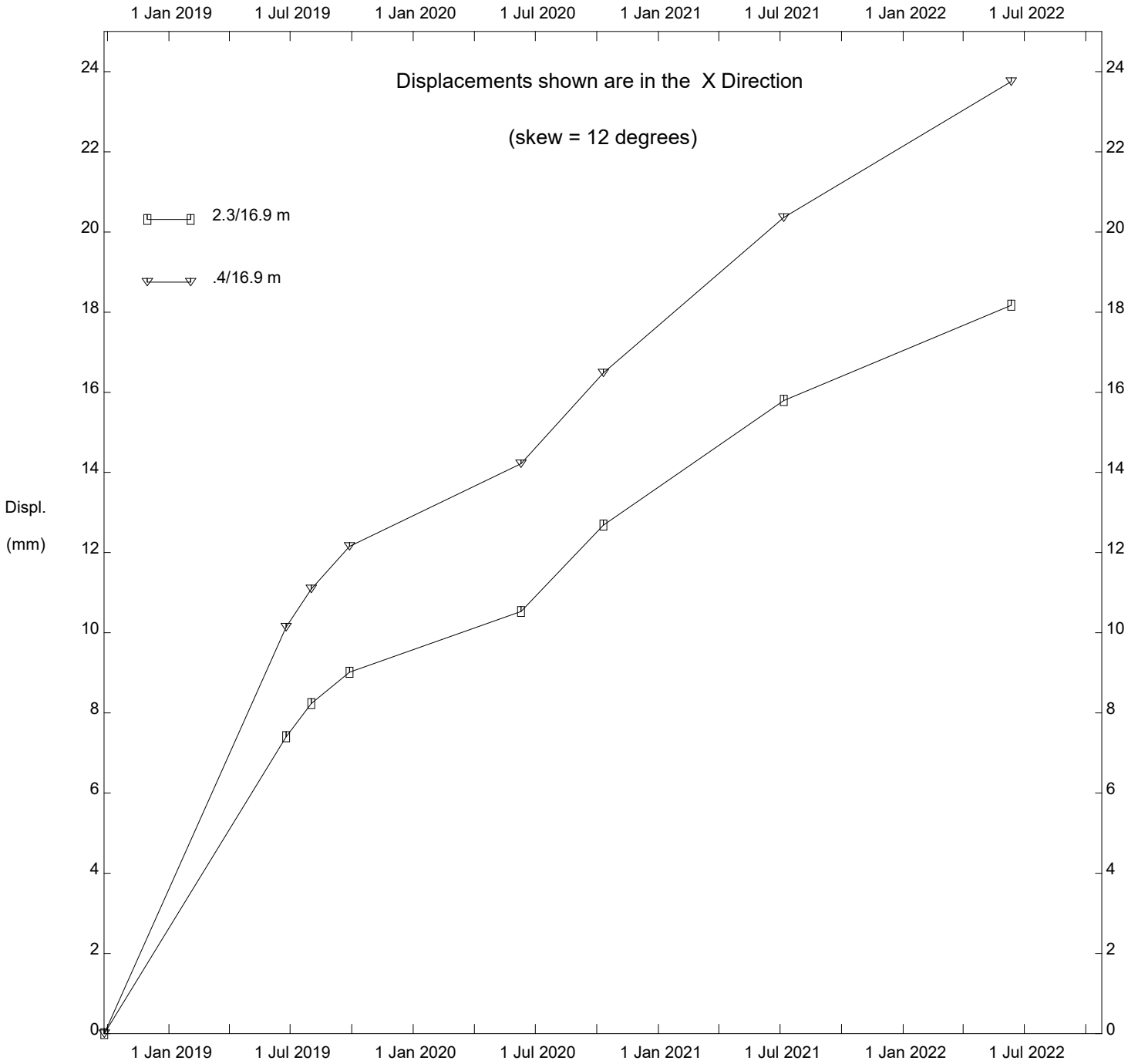
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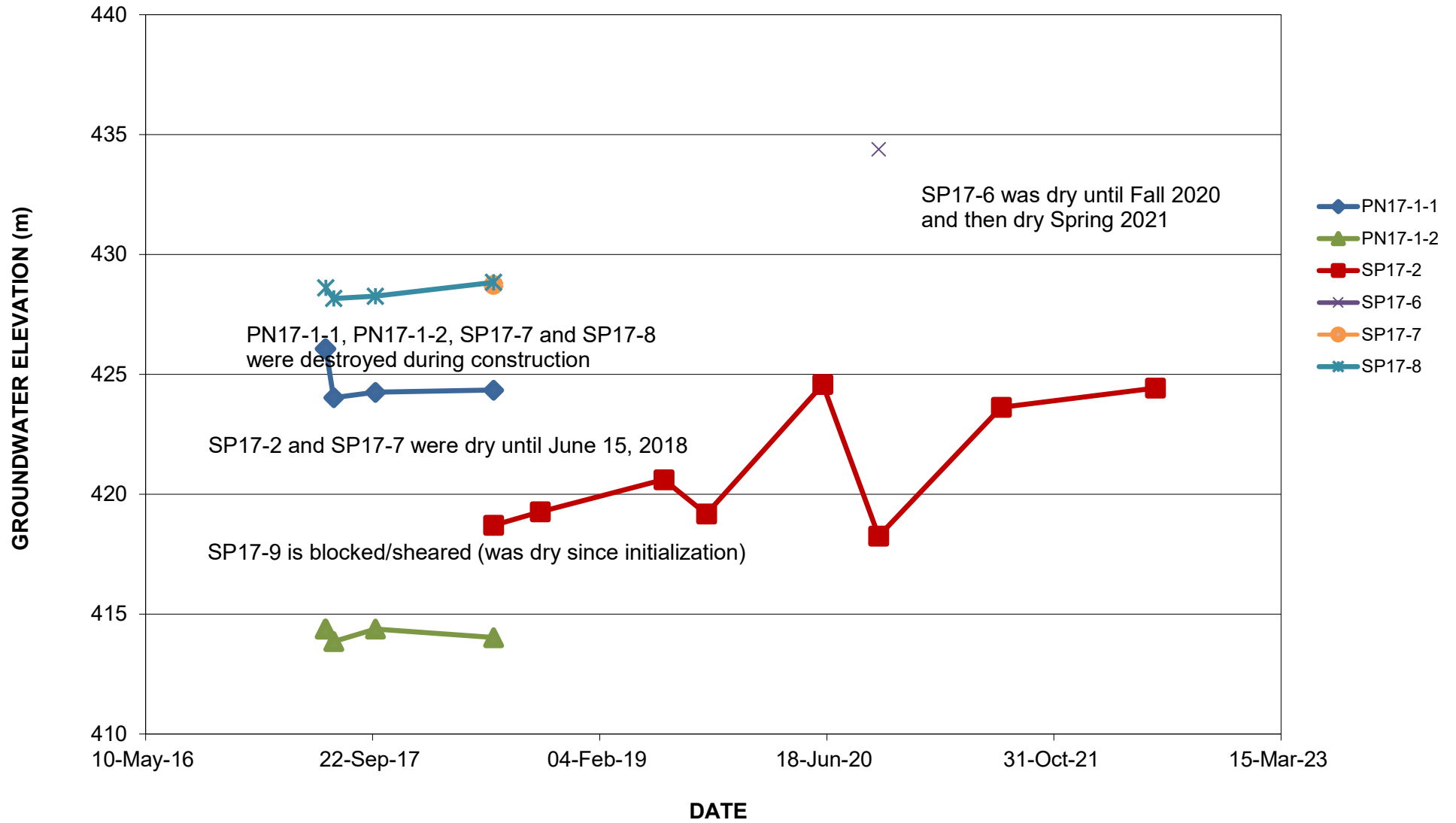
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Hwy 684:02 km 9 Bricks Hill

**FIGURE PH009A-1  
PIEZOMETRIC ELEVATIONS FOR HWY 684:02 BRICKS HILL**





**FIGURE PH009A-2  
PIEZOMETRIC DEPTHS FOR HWY 684:02 BRICKS HILL**

