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**CON0022161 Southern Region GRMP Instrumentation Monitoring**  
**Site S003; H22:16 km 9.9 Cochrane**  
**Section C – 2025 Spring Readings**

## **1 GENERAL**

Five slope inclinometers (SI) (SI18-01, SI23-01, SI23-02, SI23-03, and SI23-04), and two vibrating wire piezometers (VWPs) (VW18-01 and VW18-02) were read at the S003 site in Southern Region on May 20, 2025, by Mr. Bradley Lawson, P.Eng. of Klohn Crippen Berger Ltd. (KCB). VW18-03 was read on July 11, 2025 by Mr. Shawn Keegan, E.I.T. These instruments were read as part of the Southern Region Geohazard Risk Management Program (GRMP). The site is located on Hwy 22:16 km 9.9, south of Cochrane, Alberta, approximately 1 km south of the Bow River bridge. The approximate site coordinates are 5672089 N, 676024 E (UTM Zone 11, NAD 83), and the legal land description for the site is SW 34-25-4-W5. A site plan is presented in Figure 1.

The geohazard at the S003 site consists of a landslide along the south slope of the Bow River valley. The landslide encroaches approximately 3 m into the northbound lane of Hwy 22:16. Previous remedial actions at this site included the construction of a ditch berm (date unknown) in the northeast (northbound lane) ditch to reduce surface water runoff from discharging onto the landslide. However, in late 2020, the ongoing movement of the slide area had caused the settlement of the ditch berm such that ditch flows were directed onto the slide area. In fall 2023, a pile wall consisting of 133 H-piles, spaced at 0.72 m, center to center, was constructed on the east side of the highway in the slide zone to stabilize the slope. The ditch across the slide area was also repaired to prevent water from flowing out of the ditch onto the slide mass.

Geotechnical site investigations, which included the installation of instruments, were conducted at the S003 site in 1991, 1994, 2007, and 2009 by the previous consultants. In March 2018, KCB conducted a geotechnical site investigation, during which instruments were installed to monitor movement and groundwater conditions. Drilling was completed by Mayfield Drilling and Environmental Service Ltd. The encountered stratigraphy during the 2018 investigation was as

follows: medium-plastic clay, overlying medium-plastic clay till. As part of the 2023 construction, four (4) SIs were installed in the pile wall to monitor movement as the pile wall takes load from the slide mass.

## 1.1 Instrumentation

KCB has been reading the instruments at this site since 2016. Instrumentation installation details are tabulated in Table 1.1.

Instrument locations are shown in Figure 1. Any instruments not included in Table 1.1 or shown in Figure 1 are assumed to be inoperable and are not presented or discussed herein.

Between 1991 and 2007, eleven (11) SIs and two (2) piezometers were installed at the site by the previous consultants to monitor movement and groundwater conditions, respectively. By May 2020, most of these instruments were inoperable (e.g., destroyed, sheared, or lost). The pneumatic piezometer (BH2007-02) was found to be inoperable after the pile wall construction was completed, which could have been caused by slope movement observed downslope of the pile wall during construction activities.

In fall 2023, four (4) SIs were installed along the newly constructed pile wall (SI23-01, SI23-02, SI2103, and SI21-04). The remaining operable instruments, including those installed by KCB in 2018 and 2023, are protected by either flush-mounted or above-ground casing protectors. KCB replaced the SI reading equipment in May 2022 after the previous system became inoperative. Currently, KCB uses a metric RST Digital MEMS Inclinator System to read the SIs. The VWPs were measured using an RST VWP readout box and a Water Level Meter.

**Table 1.1 Instrumentation Installation Details**

Instrument ID	Instrument Type	Date Installed <sup>1</sup>	UTM Coordinates <sup>2</sup> (m)		Ground Surface Elevation (m)	Stick Up (m)	Depth (mbgs <sup>3</sup> )	Condition
			Northing	Easting				
SI#1	SI	Sep. 1991	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Inoperable
SI#2	SI	Sep. 1991	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Inoperable
SI#3	SI	Sep. 1991	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Inoperable
SI#2	SI	Sep. 1994	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	23.7	Inoperable
SI#3A	SI	Sep. 1994	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Inoperable <sup>4</sup>
SI#4	SI	Sep. 1994	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Inoperable <sup>4</sup>
SI#5	SI	Sep. 1994	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	28.6	Inoperable
SI#6	SI	Sep. 1994	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Inoperable <sup>4</sup>
SI#7	SI	Sep. 1994	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	20.2	Inoperable
SI2007-1	SI	Mar. 2007	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	19.7	Inoperable <sup>4</sup>
SI2007-3	SI	Mar. 2007	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	14.9	Inoperable
SI2009-1	SI	Jul. 2009	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	19.0	Inoperable <sup>4</sup>
SI18-01	SI	Mar. 2018	5672120	676028	1174.0	0.8	21.3	Operable
SI23-01	SI	Sept. 2023	5672156	675976	1171.0	1.3	15.0	Operable
SI23-02	SI	Sept. 2023	5672141	675990	1171.0	1.3	15.0	Operable
SI23-03	SI	Sept. 2023	5672108	676015	1171.0	1.1	15.0	Operable
SI23-04	SI	Sept. 2023	5672083	676035	1171.0	1.4	14.0	Operable
VW18-01	VWP	Mar. 2018	5672120	676028	1174.0	N/A	13.7	Operable
VW18-02	VWP	Mar. 2018	5672056	676047	1176.0	N/A	10.1	Operable
VW18-03	VWP	Mar. 2018	5672048	676027	1176.5	N/A	4.6	Operable
BH2007-02	PN	Mar. 2007	5672117	676020	1173.8	N/A	5.6	Inoperable

**Notes:**

<sup>1</sup> Instrument installation details taken from reports and data files prepared or provided by the previous consultant(s) or Alberta Transportation and Economic Corridors.

<sup>2</sup> Coordinates confirmed by KCB with a handheld GPS. The handheld GPS had a horizontal accuracy of +/- 5 m.

<sup>3</sup> Meters below ground surface (mbgs). Bottom casing depth for SIs and tip depth for piezometers.

<sup>4</sup> SI#3A, SI#4, SI#6, SI2007-1, and SI2009-1 have all sheared at depths between approximately 1.8 m and 4.0 m, respectively.

## 2 INTERPRETATION

### 2.1 General

The SI plots presented in the report include cumulative displacement, incremental displacement, and displacement-time data (Appendix I). The displacement-time data is plotted in the A-direction (i.e., the direction of the A0-groove). Since October 2021, KCB has been using a new Inclinator Probe and Reel, which might lead to slight differences in data compared to earlier readings. However, during the review of the SI data for this report, all prior data corrections were removed to facilitate better interpretation of displacement trends.

For the piezometers, the recorded porewater pressures were converted to an equivalent water/piezometric elevation and plotted relative to ground surface elevation of each instrument's tip elevation.

The SI and piezometer data 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. Monthly precipitation data is also plotted with the piezometer data. The data was obtained from the Alberta Climate Information Service (ACIS) database, referencing legal subdivision TWP026-04-W5.

## 2.2 Zones of Movement

Movement previously recorded from SIs that are now inoperable was at depths between 1.0 m and 4.0 m below ground surface (approximately El. 1172.5 m to El. 1170.0).

Distributed movement continues to be recorded in SI18-01 from ground surface to an approximate depth of 2.3 m below ground surface (approximately El. 1173.6 m to El. 1171.3), and possible discrete movement between 2.3 m and 3.8 m (approximately El. 1171.3 m to El. 1169.8). The casing also appears to be settling or buckling between an approximate depth of 3.8 m and 8.8 m as discussed in Section 2.3. SI18-01 is located near the middle of the slide on the downslope side of the highway.

Distributed movement has started to be recorded in the SIs installed in the pile wall (SI23-01, SI23-02, and SI23-03) in the top 4 m to 6 m below the ground surface, indicating that the pile wall has begun to take load from the slide mass.

## 2.3 Interpretation of Monitoring Results

Settlement or buckling is observed in SI18-01, from approximately 3.8 m to 8.8 m below the ground surface, which could indicate that the instrument is poorly grouted, possibly with a grout void. The readings in this segment also do not stabilize, which further indicates a possible problem with the grout or casing damage. The movements of the slide mass and the interpretation of the SI data are complicated by the potential for settlement or buckling of the SI casing within the poorly grouted segment.

In SI18-01, about 104 mm of movement was observed between the spring 2023 readings and the November 2023 measurement after pile wall construction. The measurement was from 3.8 meters below ground surface to the surface. During construction, downslope survey pins recorded horizontal movement of up to 67 mm at the surface within the slide zone. This movement is believed to result from added weight on the slope during pile installation, excess pore pressures caused by the installation, and vibrations from piling. Cumulative movement in SI18-01 from fall 2024 (post-construction) to spring 2025 continues to increase, with approximately 262 mm recorded since 2023 pile wall construction from 3.8 meters below ground to the surface. The instrument is likely to shear soon. SI18-01 was installed to support the design of an H-pile wall and drainage improvements to reduce slope movement impacts on Hwy 22:16.6.

The four SIs installed during construction were initialized in November 2023 once construction was completed. The new SIs were installed inside the H-Pile flanges in steel channels and backfilled with sand. Small amounts of distributed movement (up to approximately 2.5 mm) are being measured in the top 4 to 6 meters in SI23-01, SI23-02, and SI23-03, indicating that the pile wall has begun to take load from the slide mass. Additional readings will be needed to provide further interpretation of the

pile wall movement as it continues to take load from the slide mass. Readings taken since the installation in SI23-04 have not been consistent due to poor data quality, and they have been re-read several times to attempt to obtain consistent readings. Although the issue with the reading of SI23-04 will need to be investigated further, the readings are starting to show a trend in displacement that will need to be confirmed in subsequent readings.

The initial readings for the VVPs (VW18-01 through VW18-03) were taken immediately following grouting operations. KCB believes that the initial water levels recorded in the VVPs were artificially high due to the grouting. Water levels recorded in these instruments decreased up to 12 m within a month of installation.

Excluding the first reading, water levels recorded in VW18-01 (located within the slide mass, downslope from the highway) have varied from 8.8 m and 13.4 m below ground surface, and water levels in VW18-02 (located within the slide mass, on the east shoulder of the highway) have varied from approximately 7.7 m and 10.1 m below ground surface. These water levels are below the depth of movement recorded in the SI (between the ground surface and 4.0 m below the ground surface). The data indicates that slide movements are likely in response to periods of increased precipitation, when surface water infiltrates into the top few meters, destabilizing the slope.

Water levels recorded in VW18-03 (located in the west highway ditch) have been within 0.4 m of the ground surface since 2021. The 2024 fall reading and 2025 spring reading recorded water levels at 0.2 m below the ground surface. Rainfall data for periods after December 31, 2024, was not available at the time of writing this report.

Overall, the May 2025 readings for the VVPs were consistent with historical trends observed in these instruments. More data is needed to assess long-term trends for the piezometers installed in 2018.

Table 2.1 Slope Inclinometer Reading Summary

Instrument ID	Date				Ground Surface Elevation (m)	Depth of Movement (mbgs <sup>1</sup> )	Direction of Movement, Skew Angle	Movement (mm)			Rate of Movement (mm/year)		
	Initialized <sup>3</sup>	Previous Maximum Cumulative Movement Recorded	Previous Reading	Most Recent Reading				Previous Maximum Cumulative	Incremental Since Previous Maximum Cumulative	Total	Previous Maximum	Most Recent Reading	Change from Previous Reading
SI18-01	Oct. 23, 2018	May 8, 2024	Sep. 16, 2024	May 20, 2025	1174	0.5 – 2.3	A-Direction	70.6	0.2	70.8	7.4	0.3	-7.1
						2.3 – 3.8	A-Direction	260.7	4.8	262.5	48	2.6	-45.4
SI23-01	Nov. 28, 2023	N/A	Sep. 16, 2024	May 20, 2025	1171	0 – 5.9	A-Direction	3.1	0.2	3.3	2.7	0.2	-2.5
SI23-02	Nov. 28, 2023	N/A	Sep. 16, 2024	May 20, 2025	1171	0 – 4.4	A-Direction	2.2	-1.2	1.0	9.1	-1.8	7.3
SI23-03	Nov. 28, 2023	N/A	Sep. 16, 2024	May 20, 2025	1171	0 – 6.2	A-Direction	2.2	-1.3	0.9	6.6	-2.0	4.6
SI23-04	Nov. 28, 2023	N/A	Sep. 16, 2024	May 20, 2025	1171	1.2 – 15.2	A-Direction	80.7	65.3	146	50.7	-96.9	-46.9

**Note:**  
<sup>1</sup> Meters below ground surface (mbgs).  
<sup>2</sup> Skew angle of X-direction measured clockwise from the A-direction.  
<sup>3</sup> Initialized on October 23, 2018, due to an anomalous upslope deformation after installation.

Table 2.2 Vibrating Wire Piezometer Reading Summary

Instrument ID	Date			Ground Surface Elevation (m)	Tip Depth (mbgs <sup>1</sup> )	Water Level		
	Installed	Previous Reading	Most Recent Reading			Previous Reading (mbgs <sup>1</sup> )	Most Recent Reading (mbgs <sup>1</sup> )	Change from Previous Reading (m)
VW18-01	Mar. 5, 2018	Sep. 16, 2024	May 20, 2025	1174.0	13.7	12.5	12.5	0
VW18-02	Mar. 5, 2018	Sep. 16, 2024	May 20, 2025	1176.0	10.1	9.7	9.6	0.1
VW18-03	Mar. 5, 2018	May 8, 2024	Jul. 11, 2025	1176.6	4.7	0.2	0.2	0

**Note:**  
<sup>1</sup> Meters below ground surface (mbgs).

## 3 RECOMMENDATIONS

### 3.1 Future Work

All instruments should be read twice per year (spring and fall).

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

### 3.2 Instrument Repairs and Maintenance

It is possible that some of the sand backfills around the SI23-04 casing has migrated out from the welded channel on the H-pile, causing the SI casing to be loose in the pile.

## 4 CLOSING

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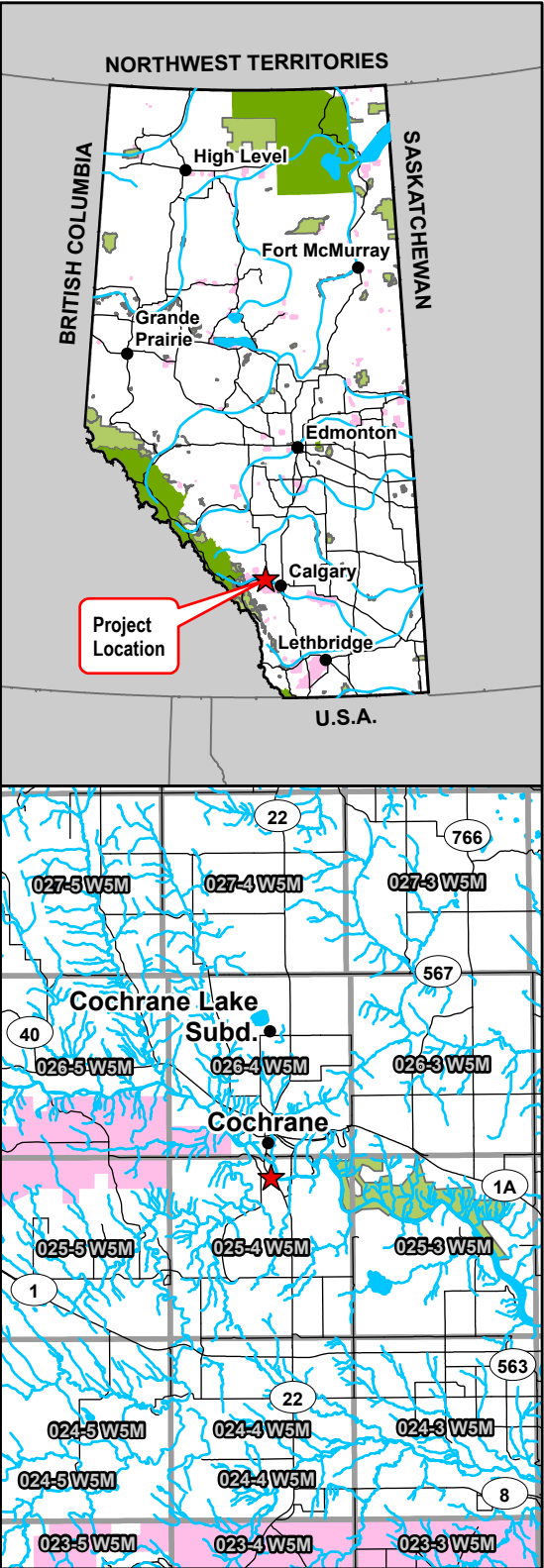
Figure  
Appendix I      Instrumentation Plots



## FIGURE

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**Legend**

- Slope Inclinometer (SI)
- ⊗ Vibrating Wire Piezometer (VW)
- Flow Direction
- └ Scarp
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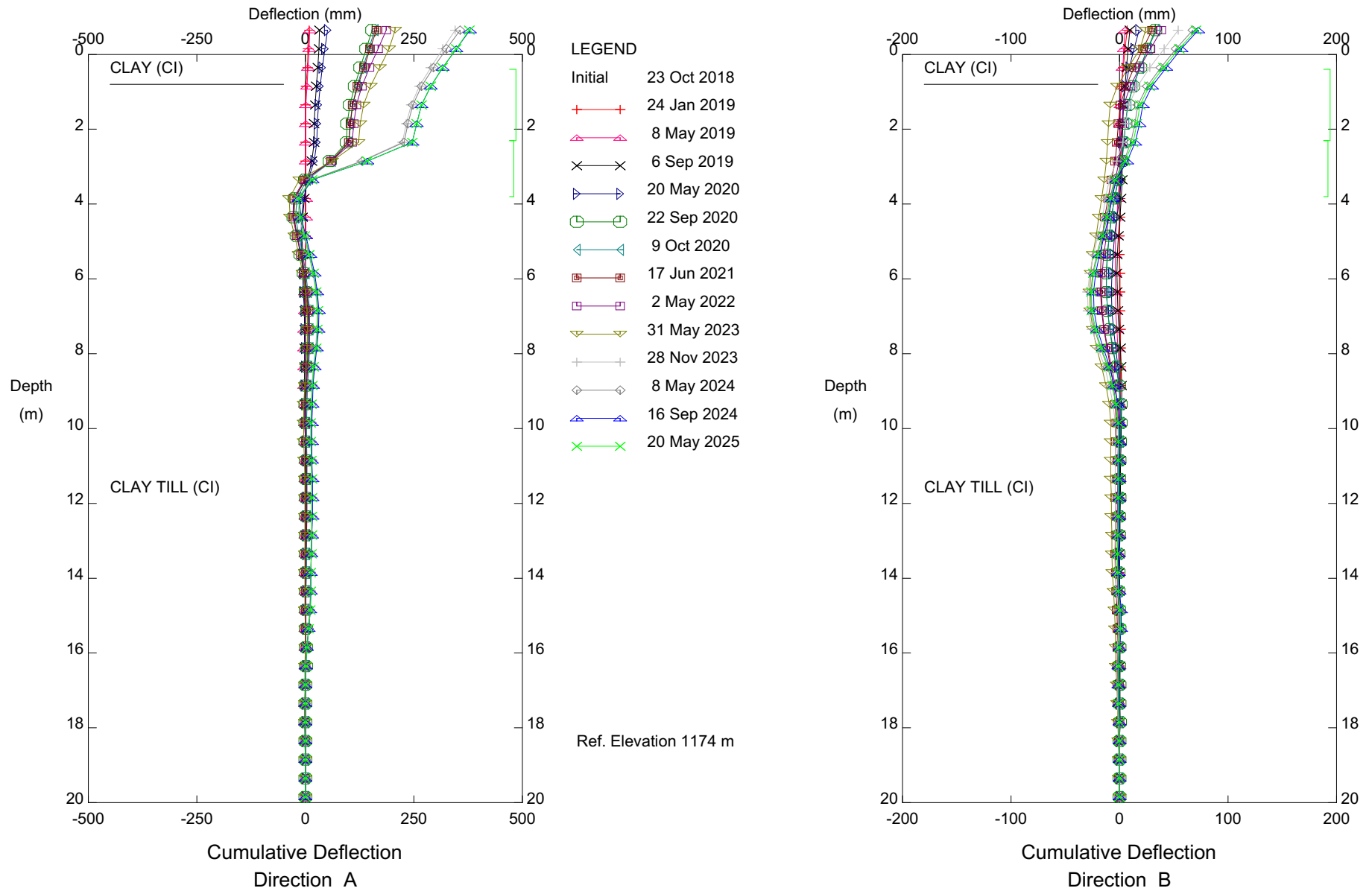


## APPENDIX I

### Instrumentation Plots

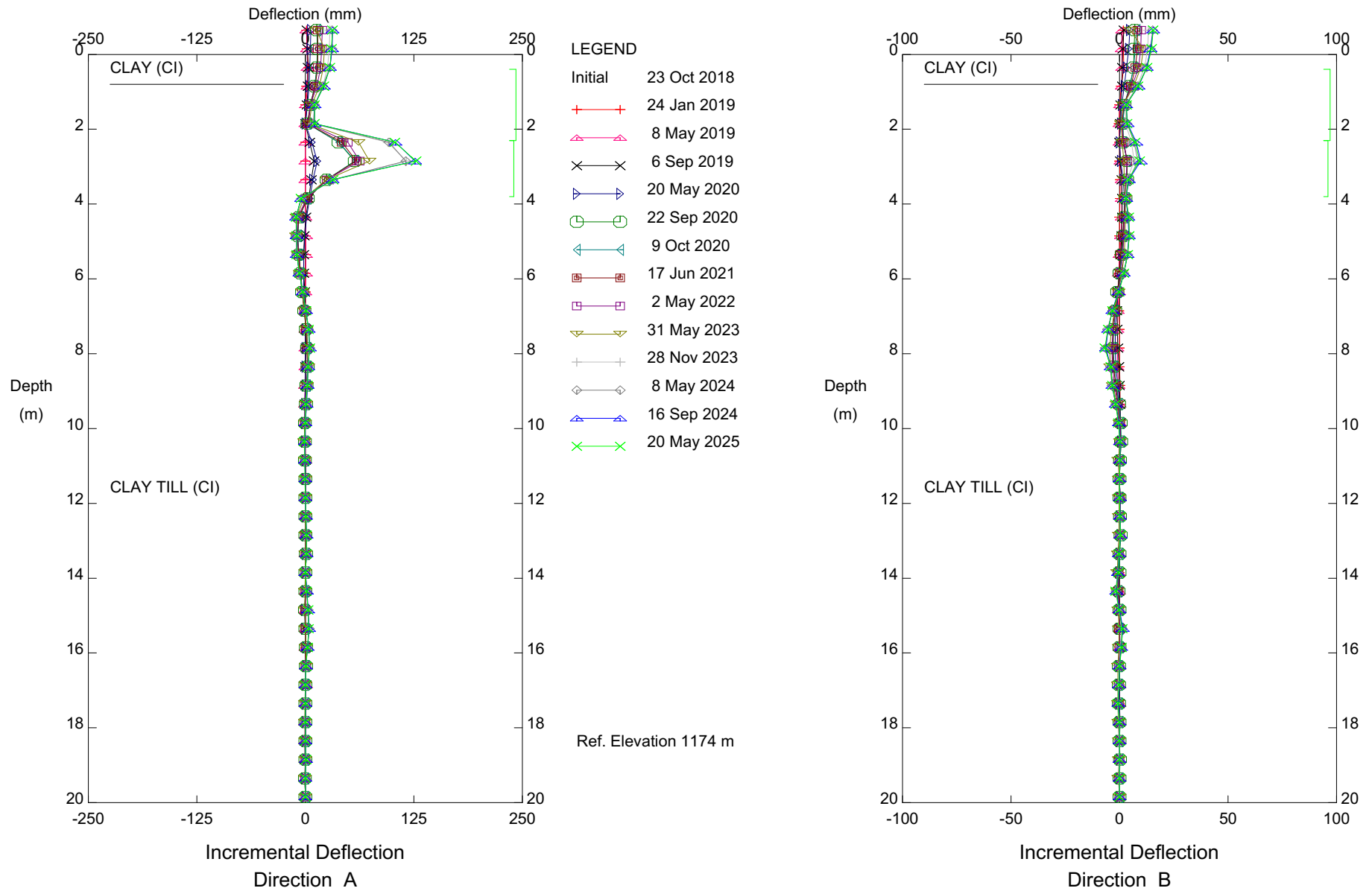
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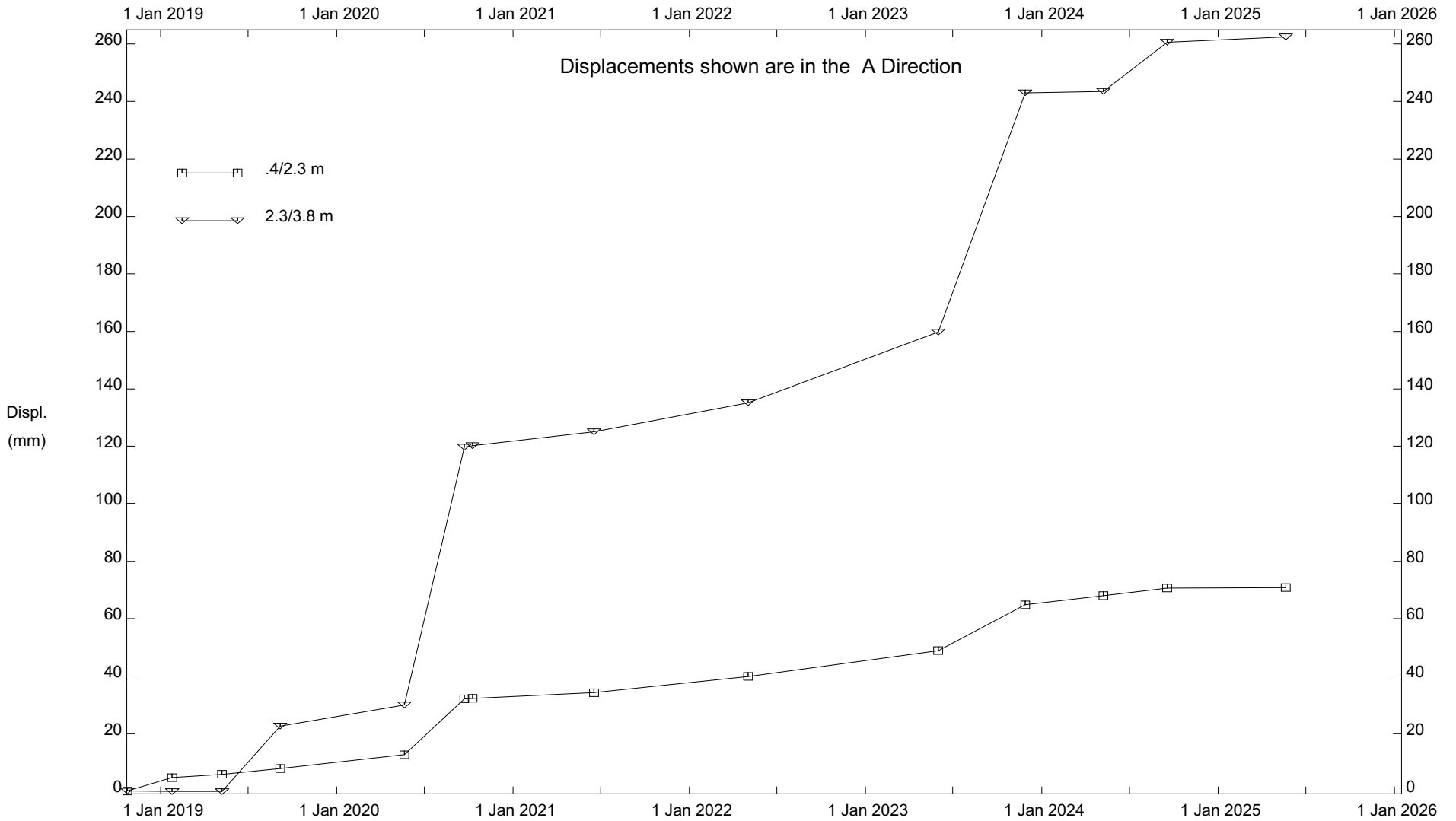
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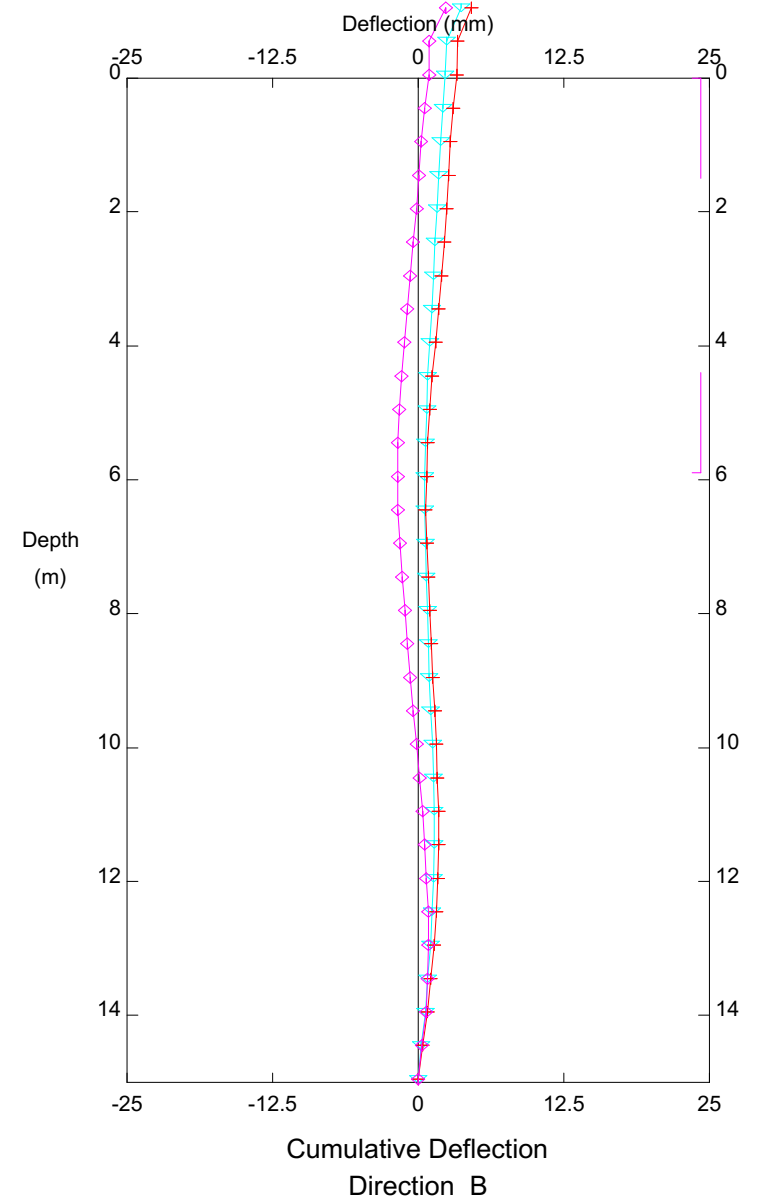
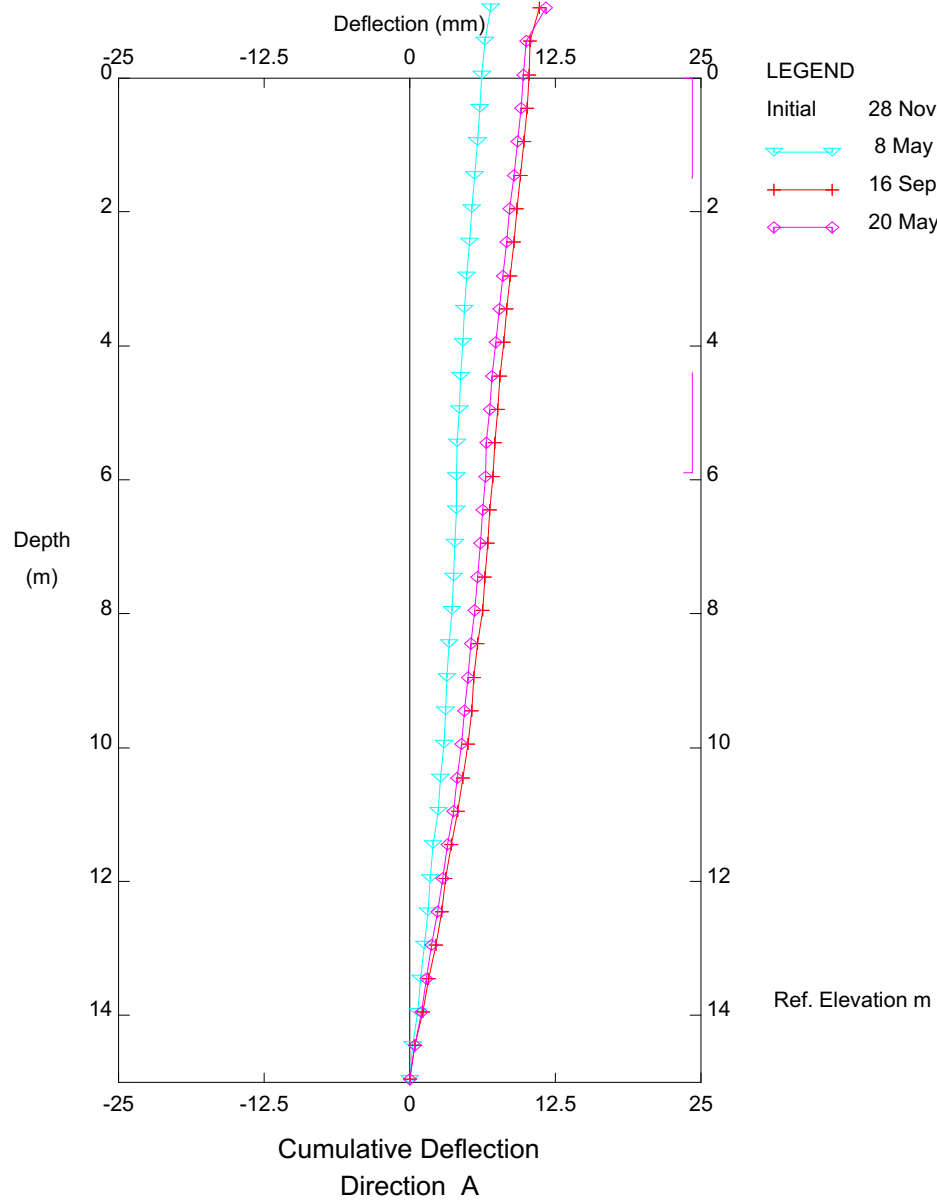
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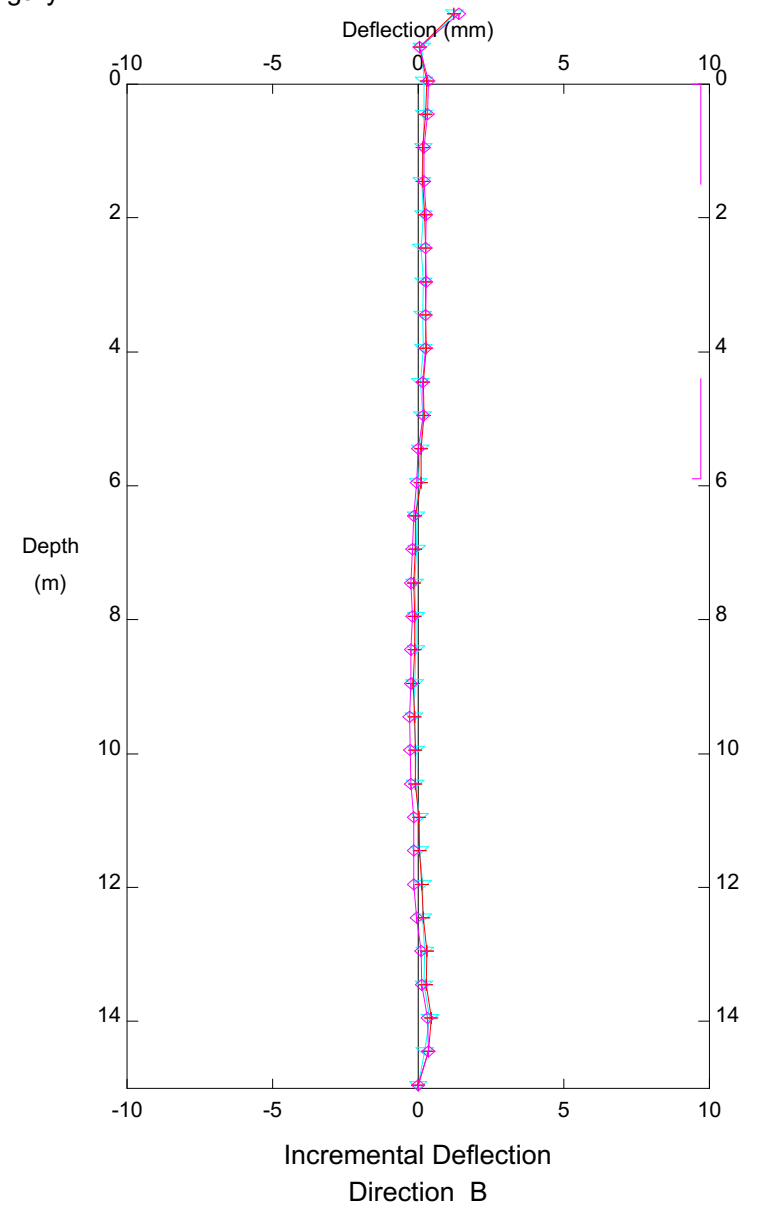
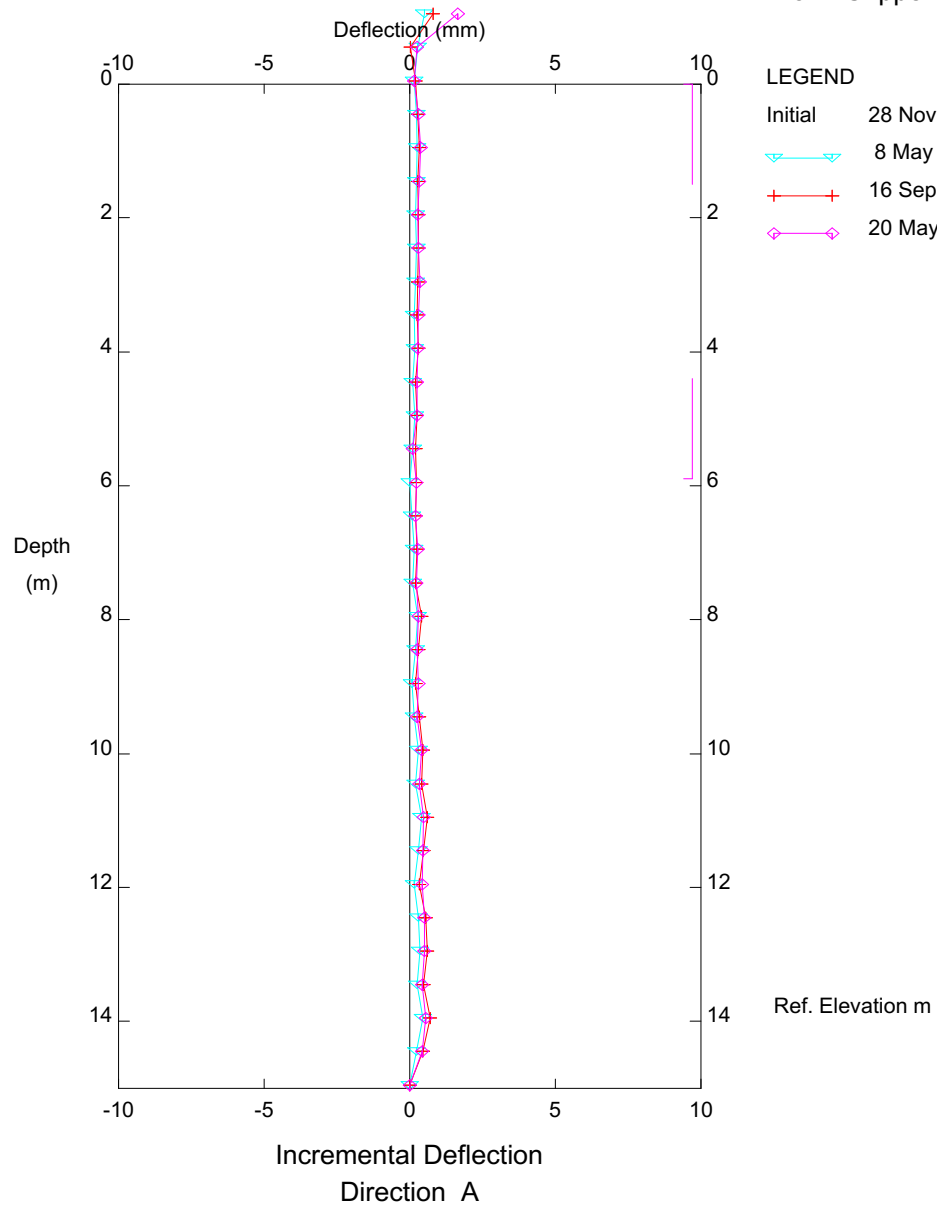
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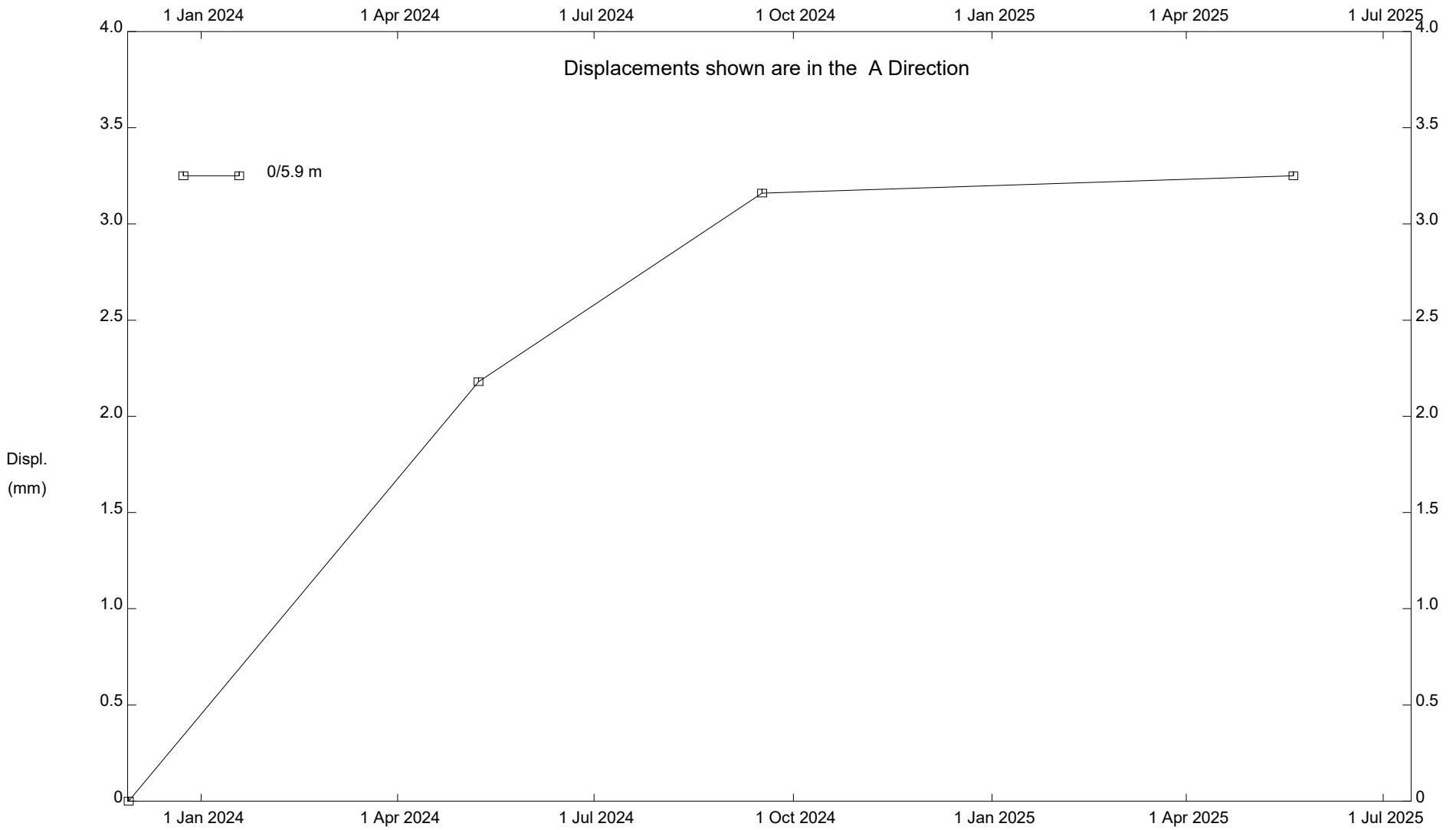
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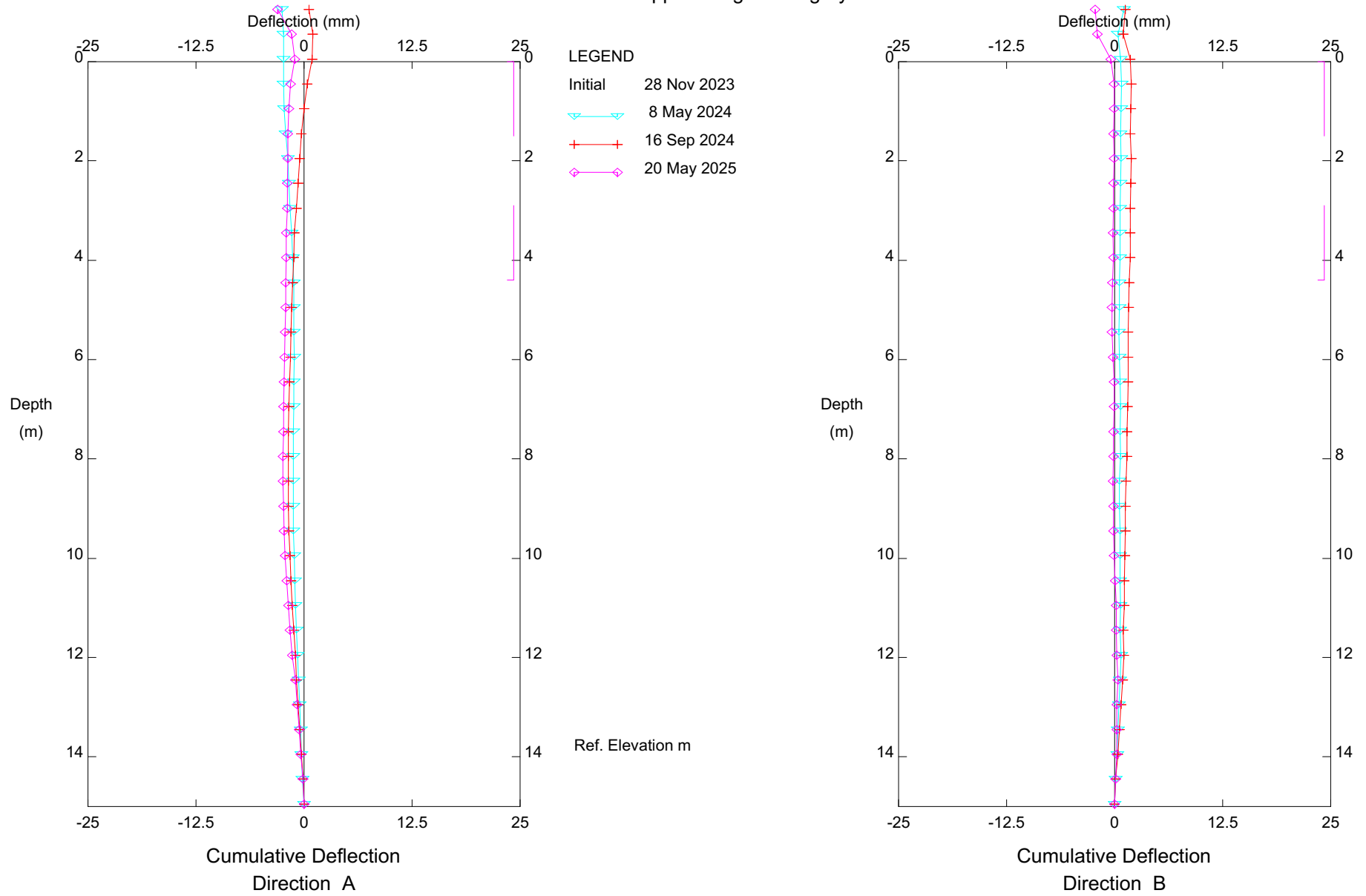


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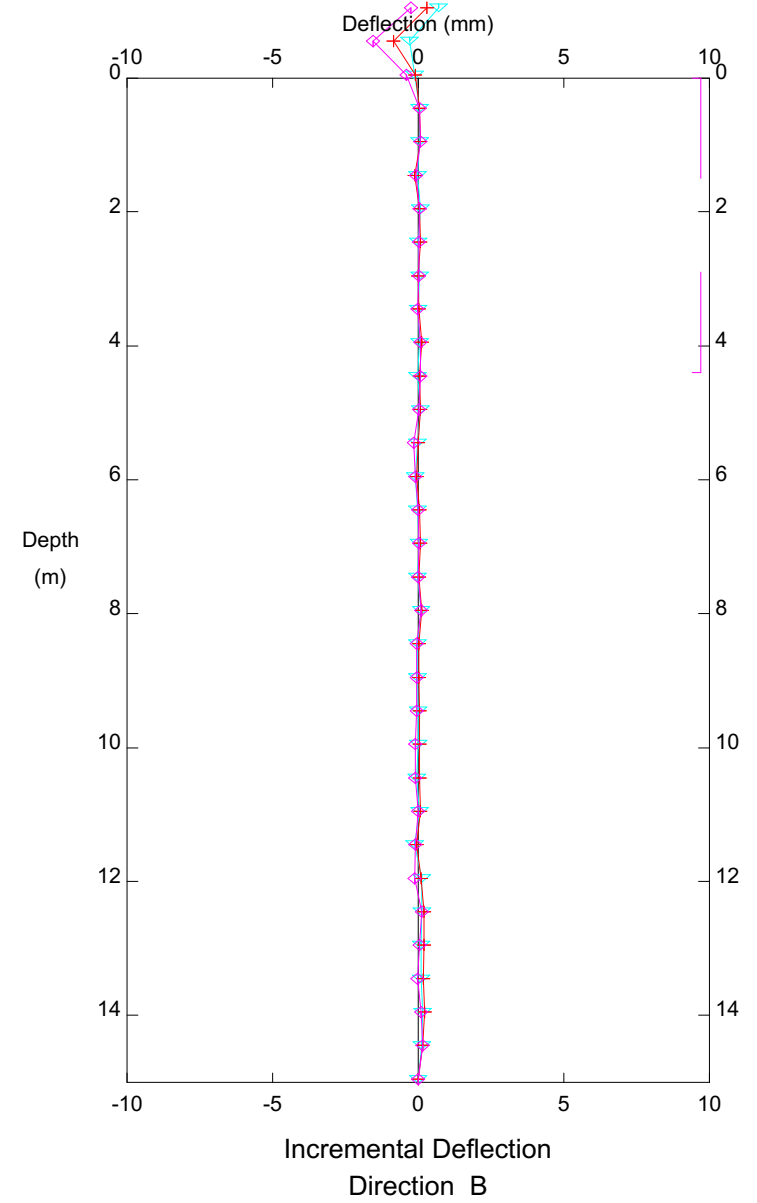
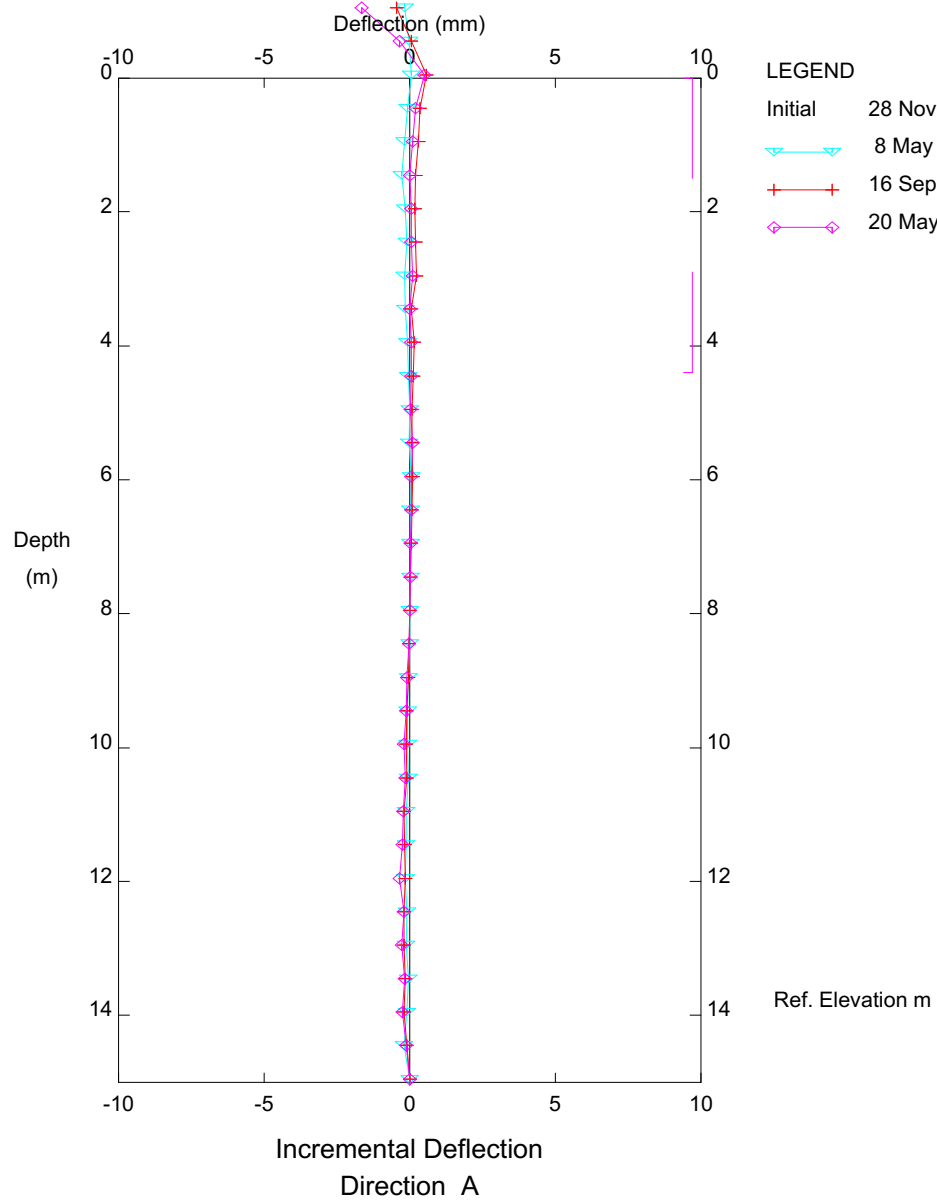
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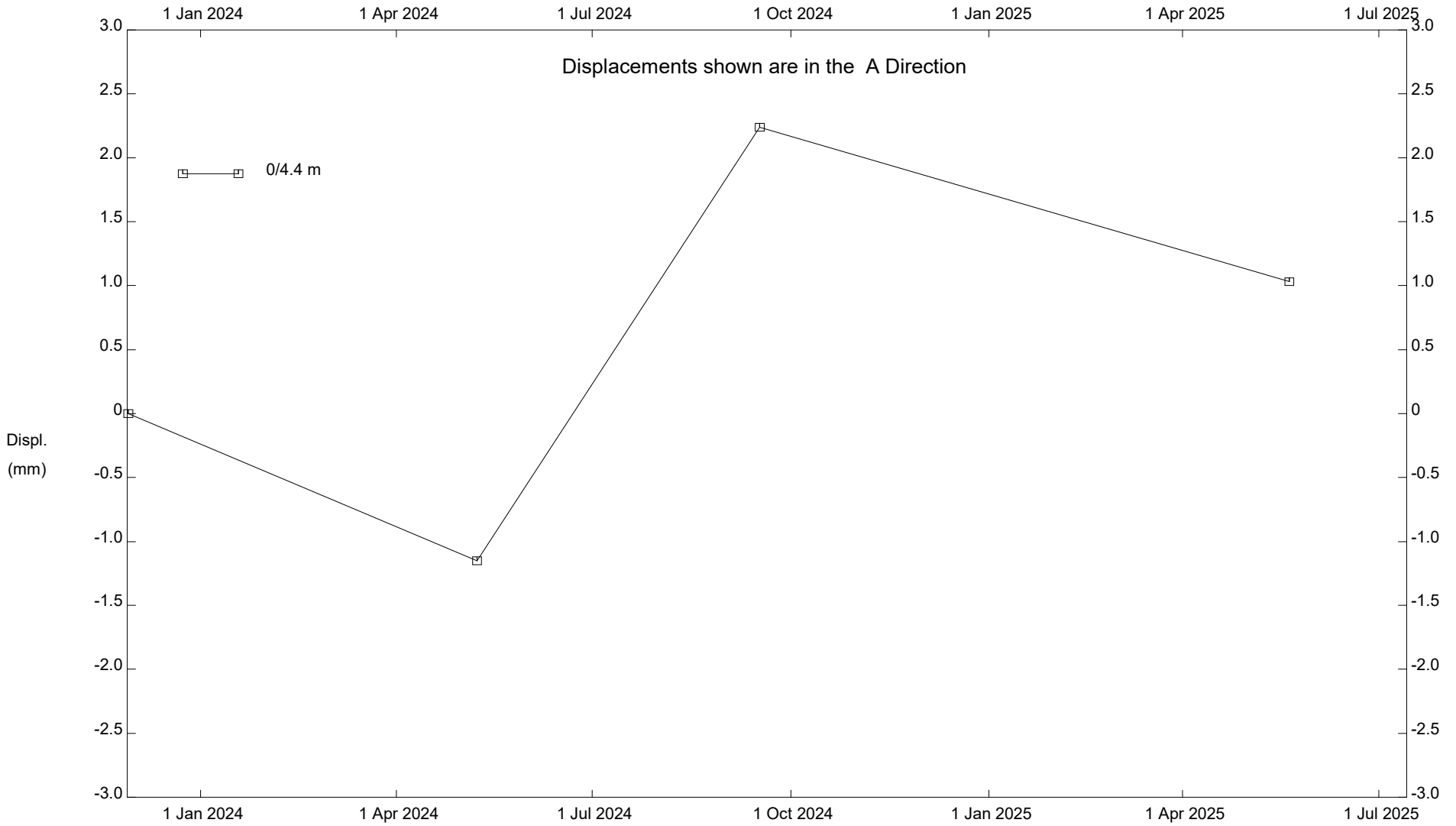
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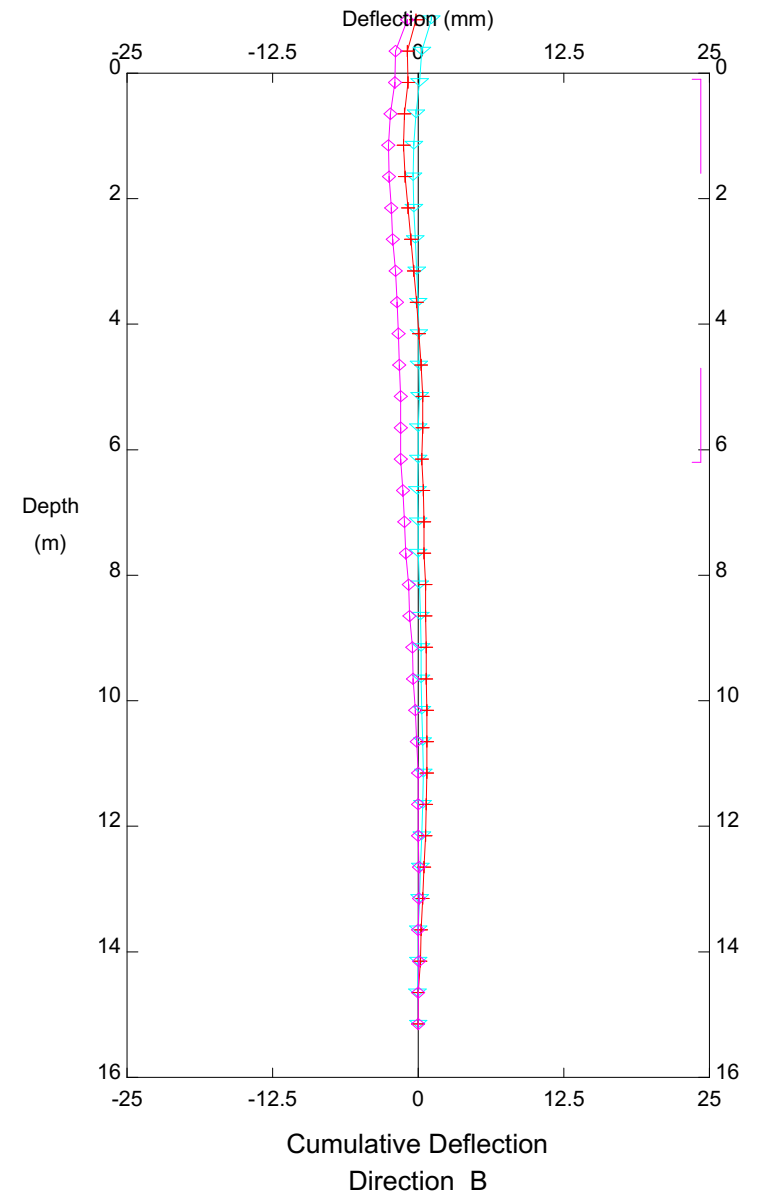
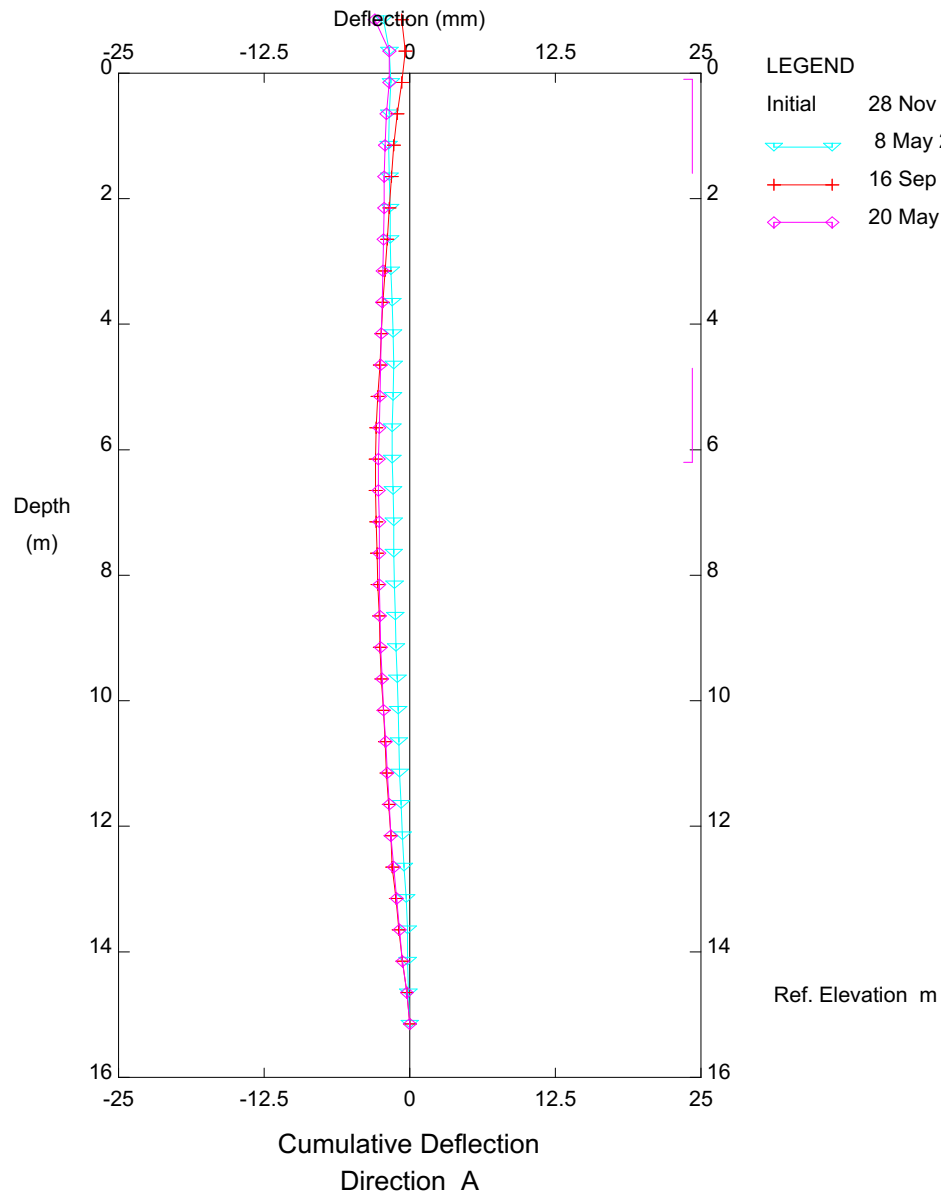
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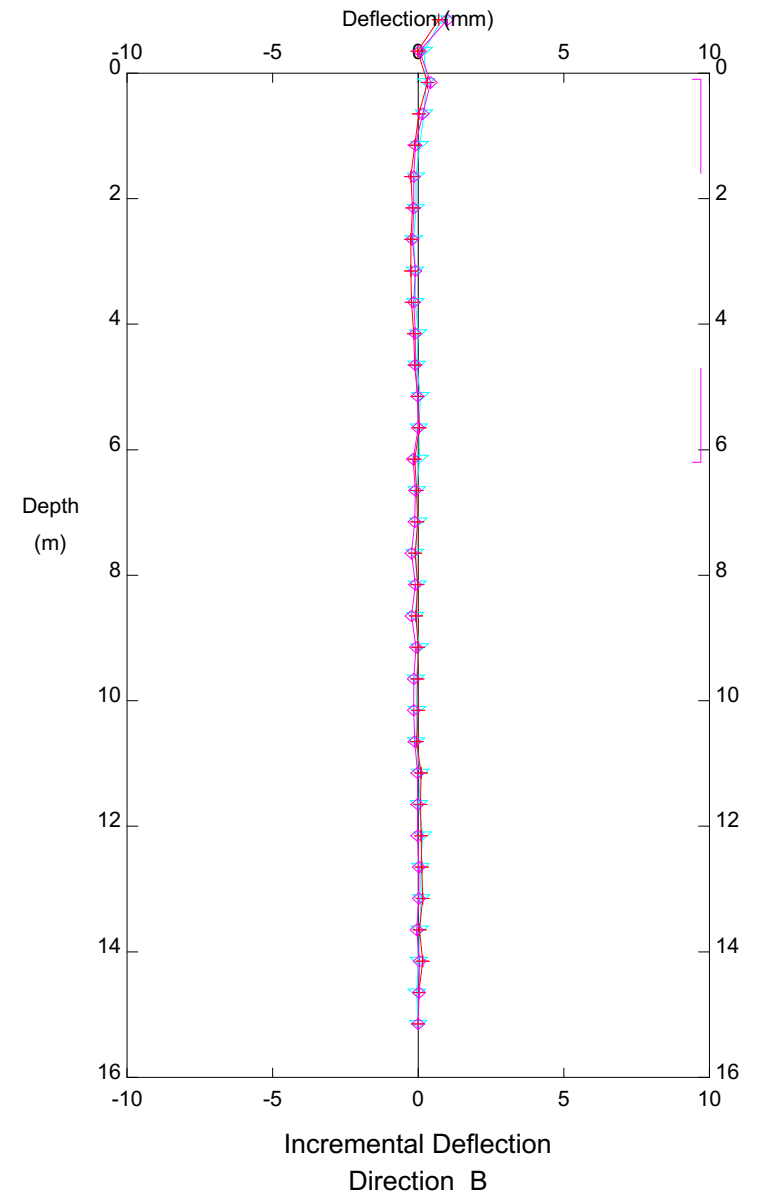
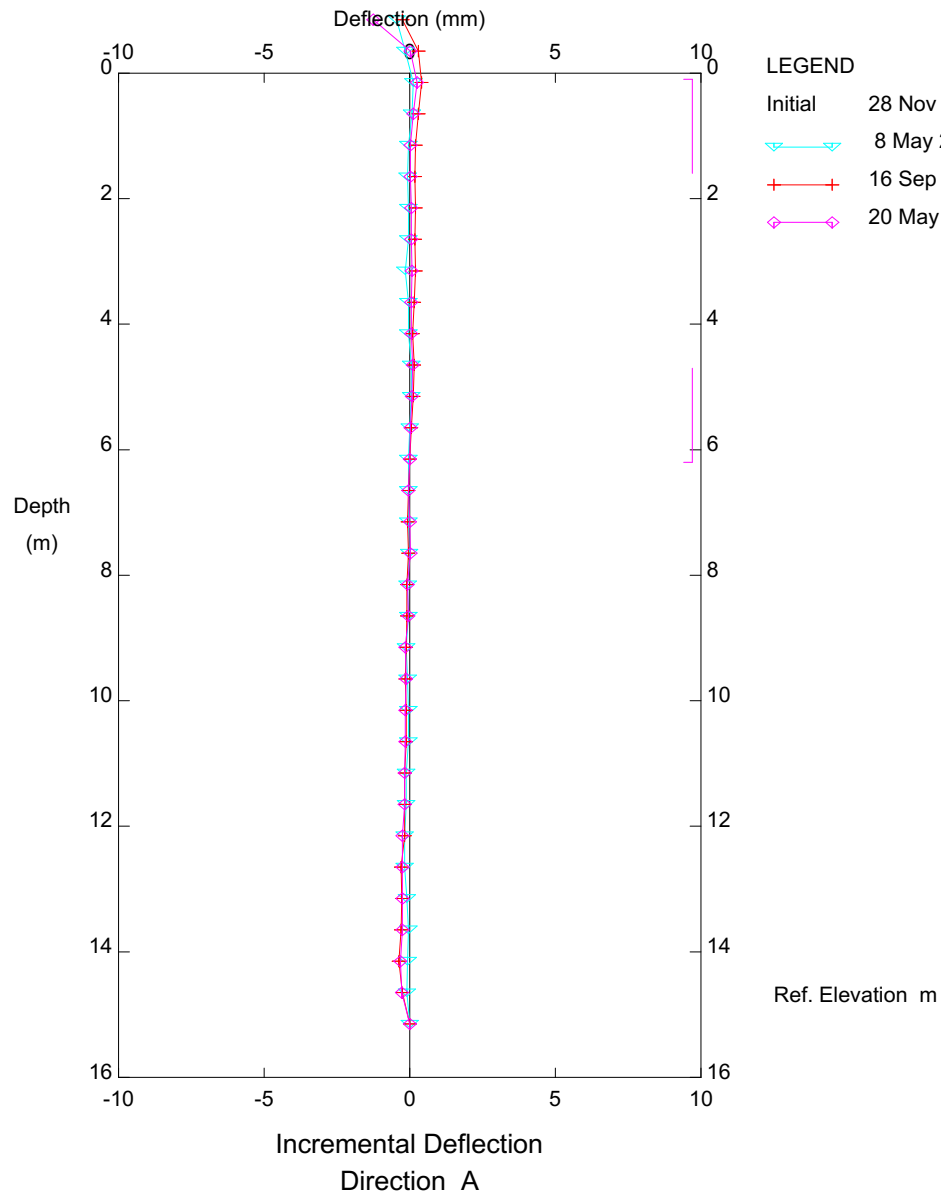
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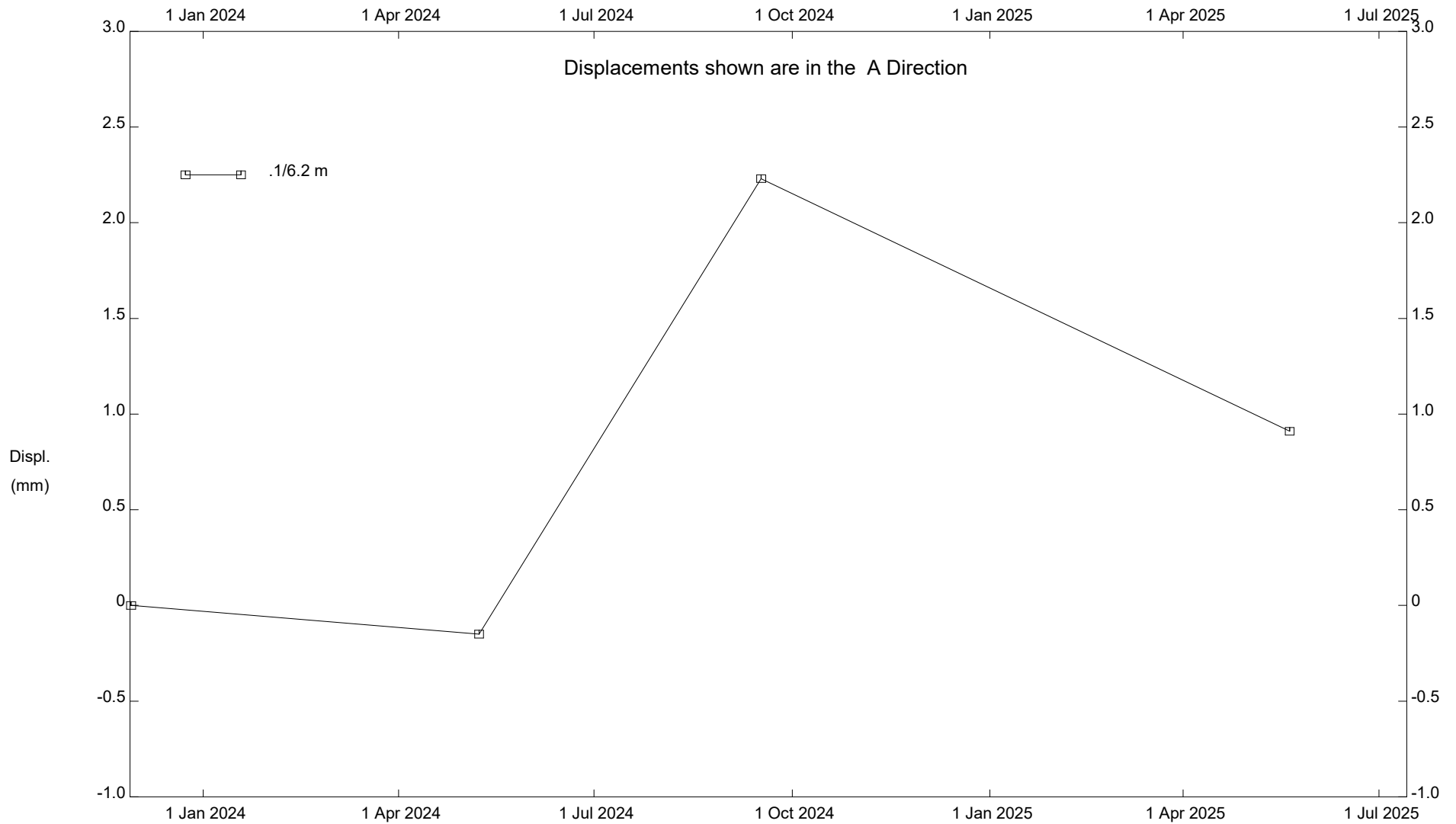
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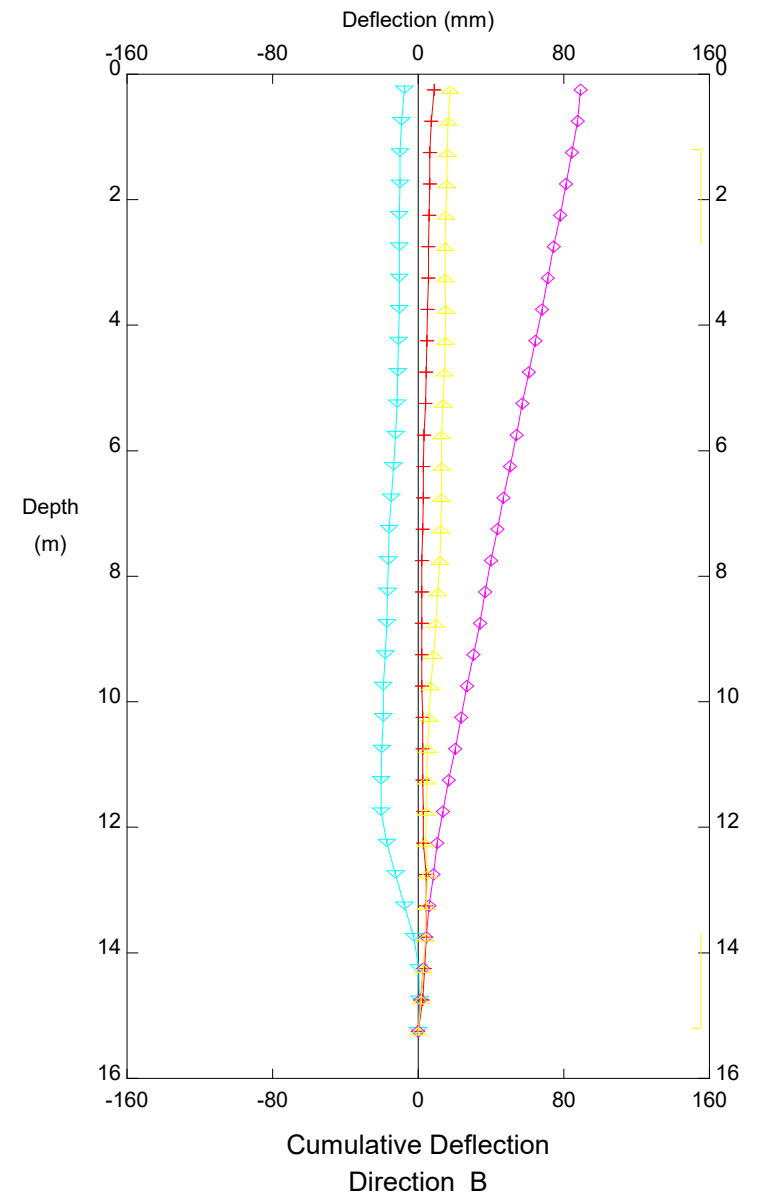
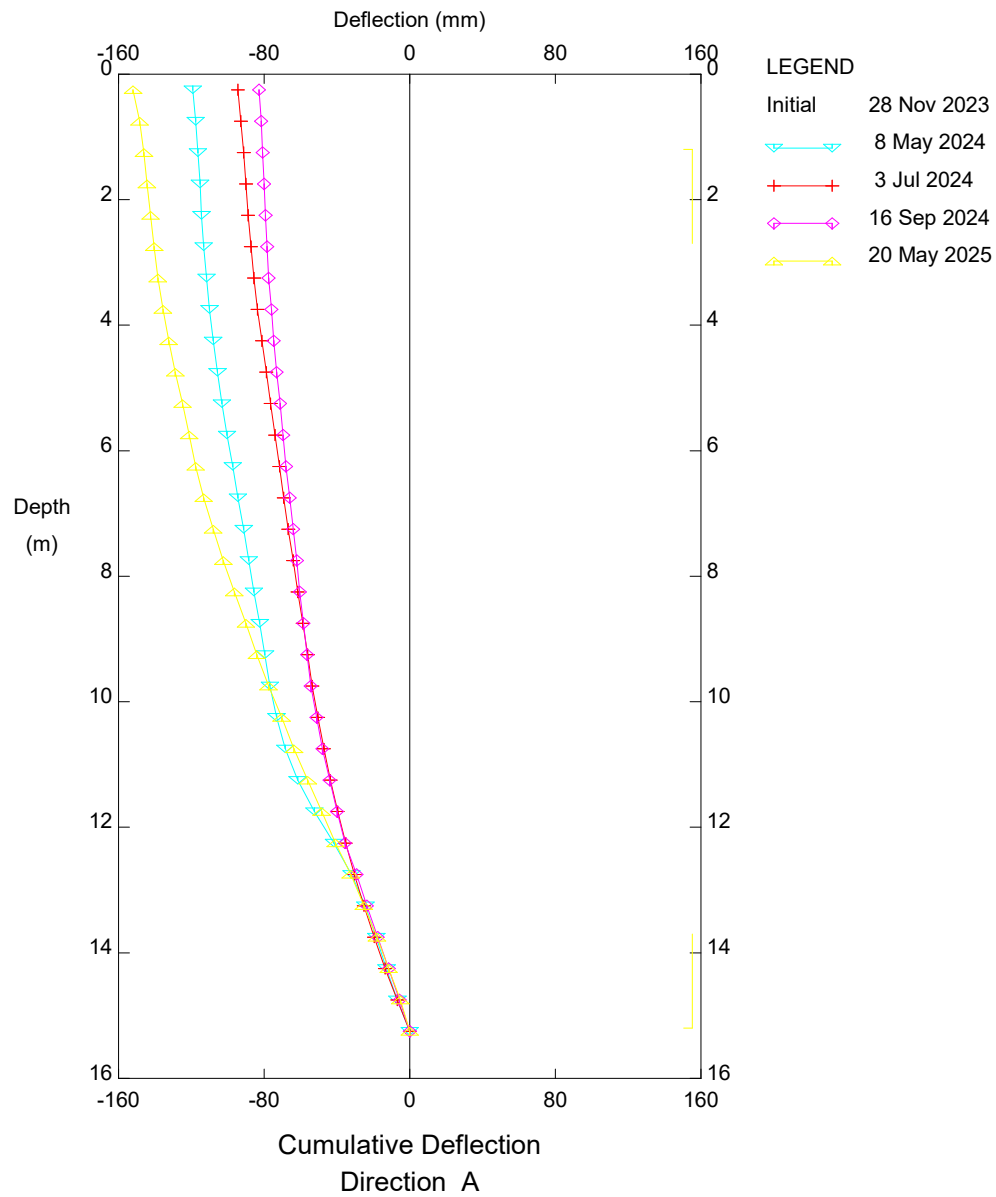
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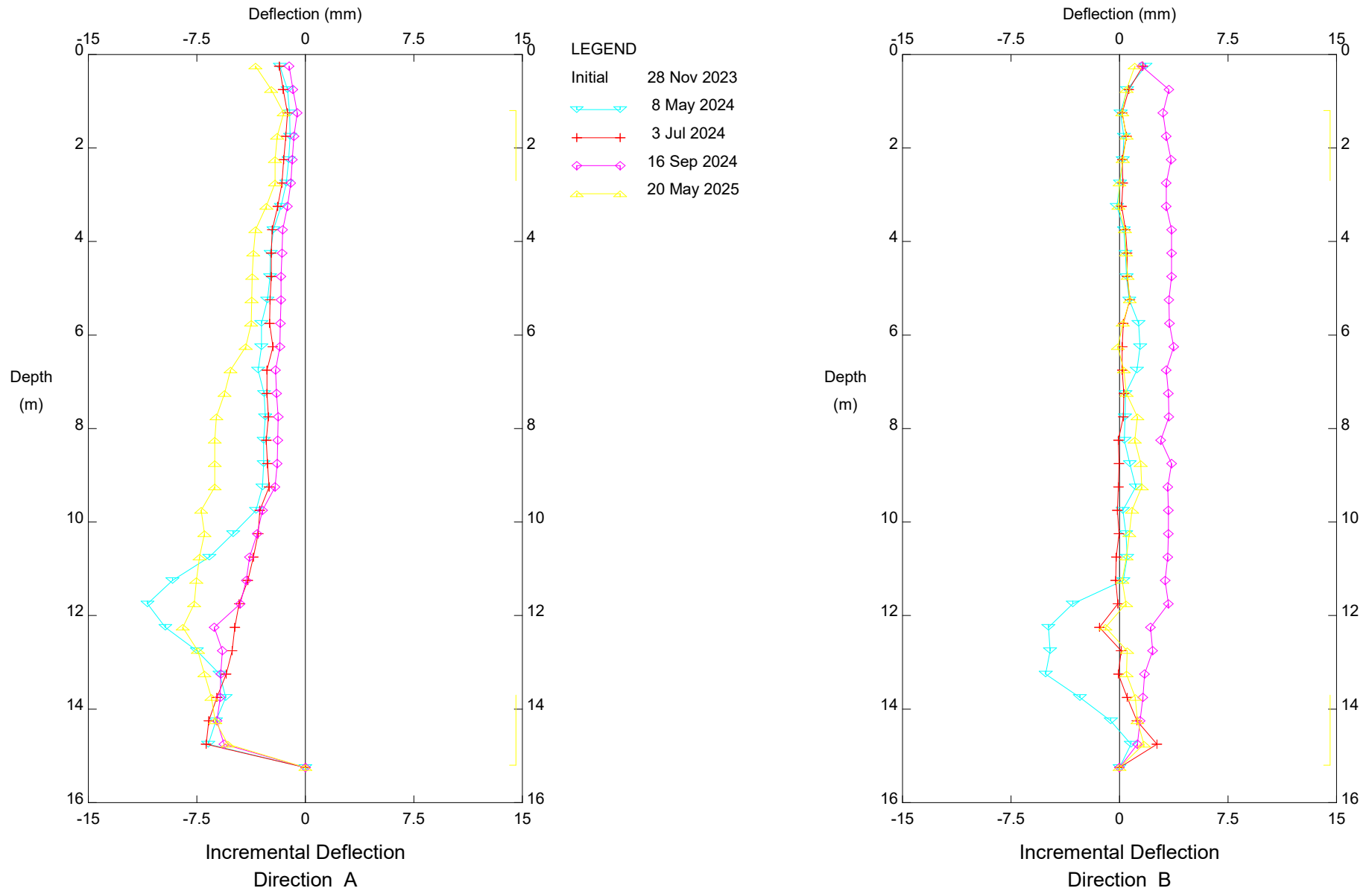
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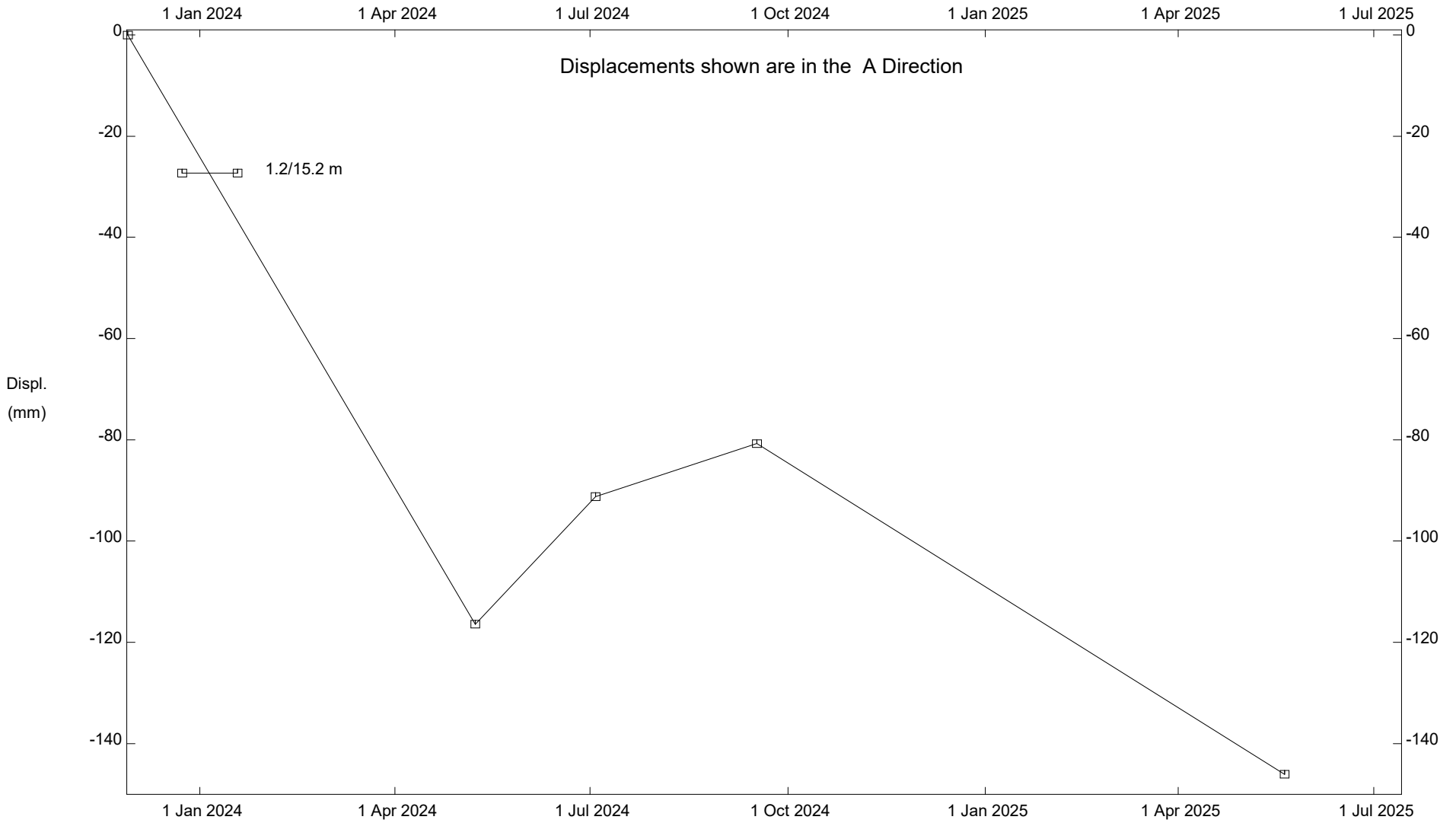


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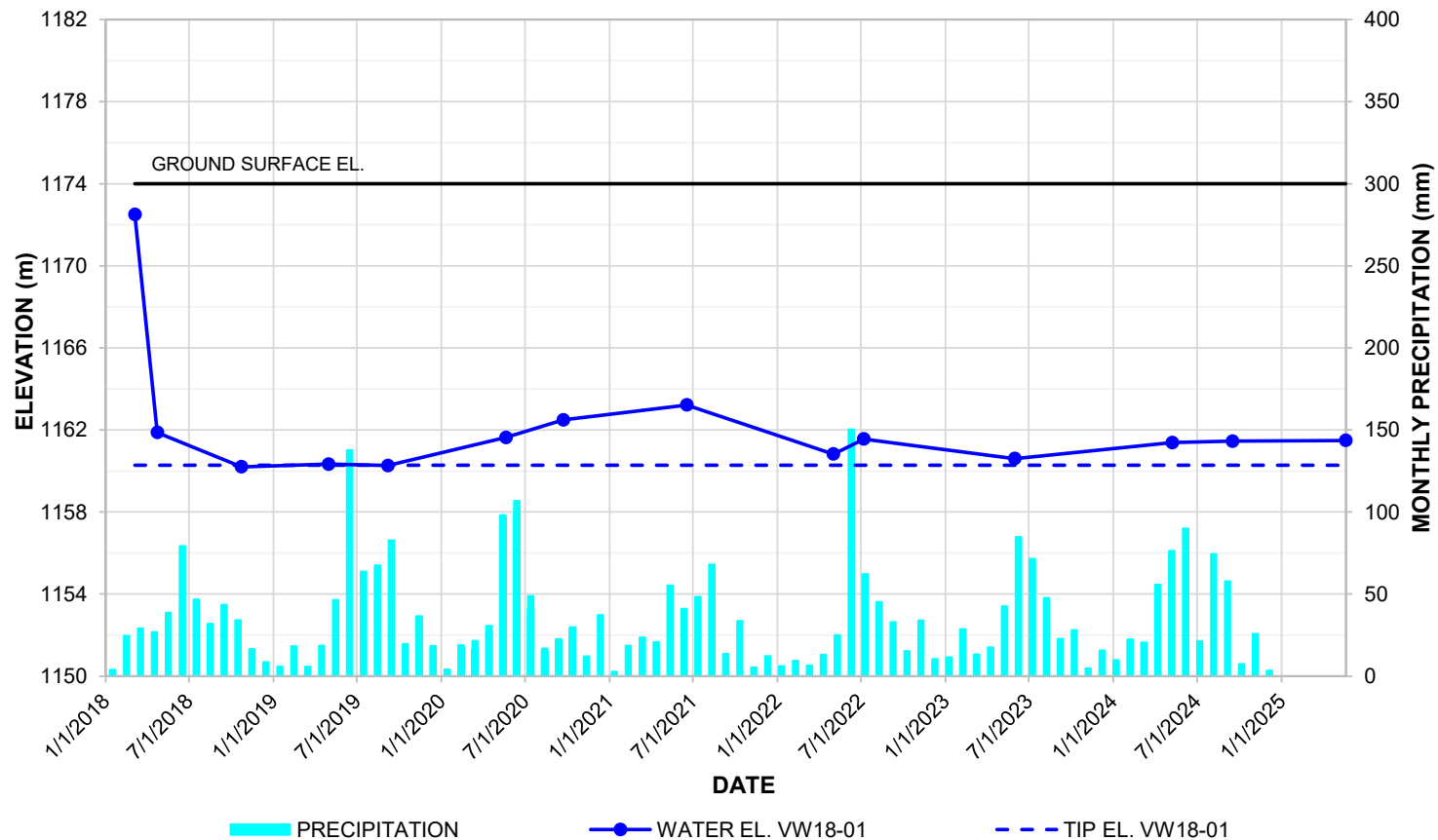
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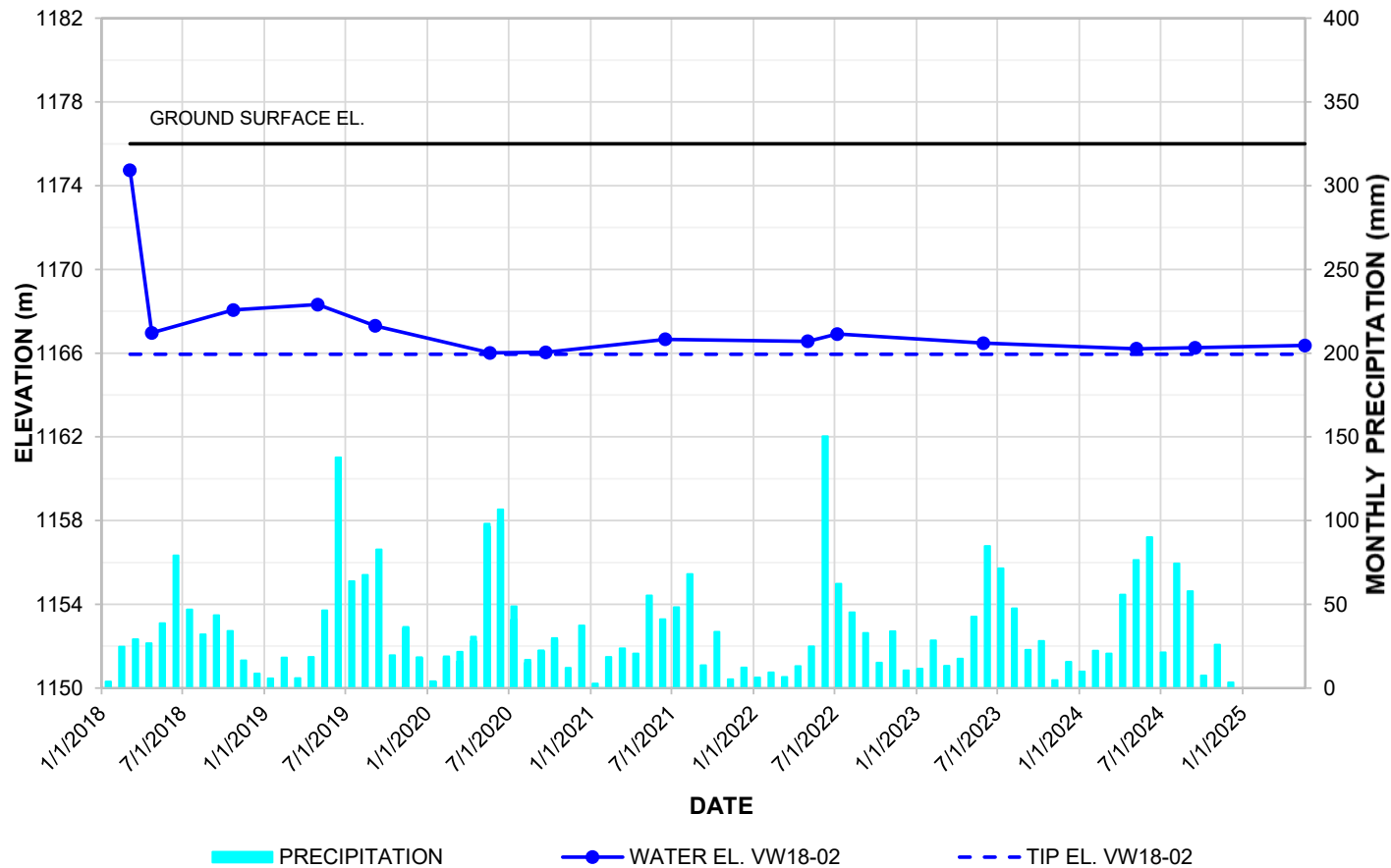
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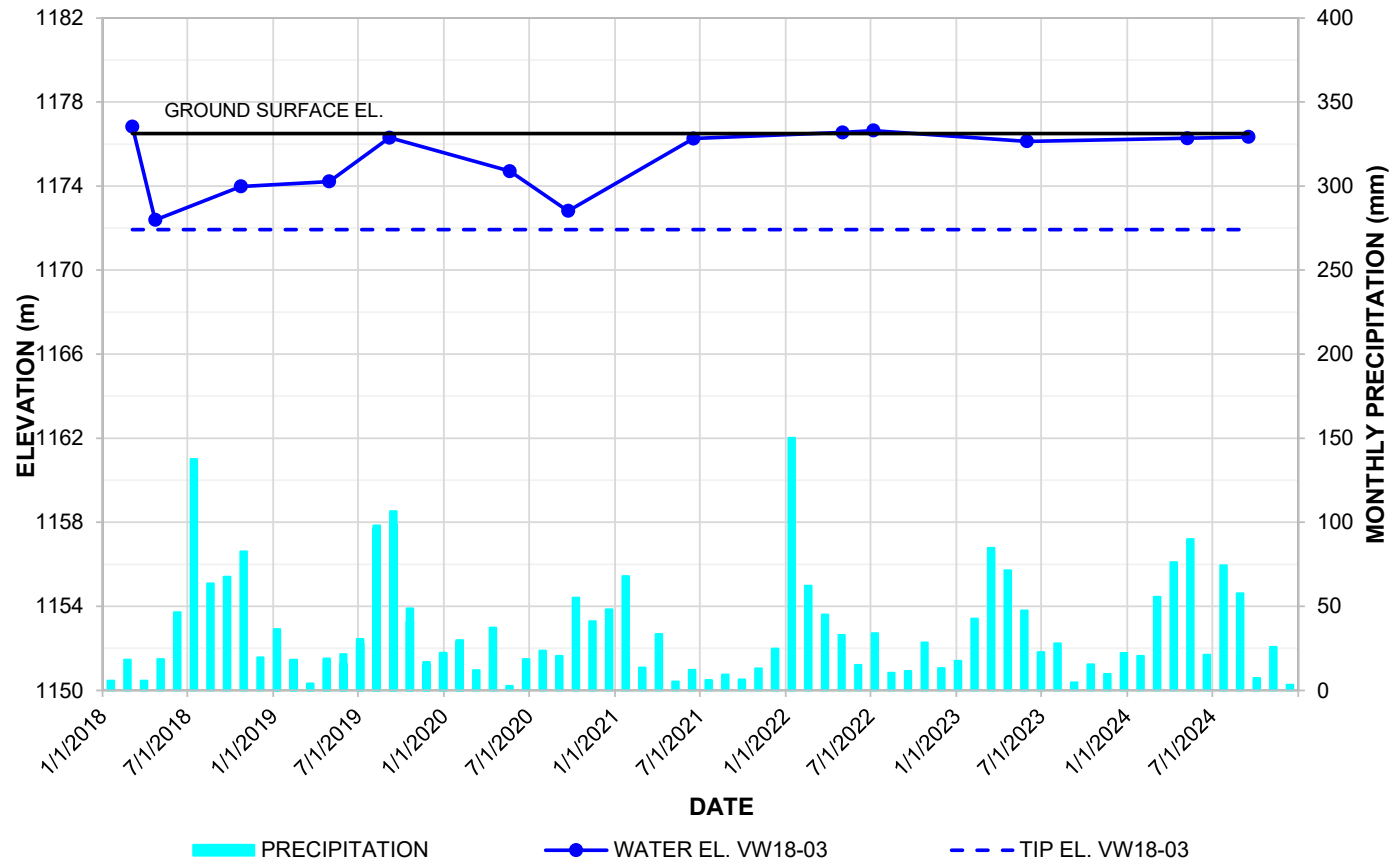
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