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Reference: North Central Region, Stony Plain, Site NC052 - Highway 621:02 Pembina River Bridge Abutment, Spring 2024 Instrumentation Monitoring Report

1.0 OBSERVATIONS

1.1 FIELD PROGRAM AND INSTRUMENTATION STATUS

The Spring 2024 reading cycle consisted of instrument readings of three slope inclinometers (SI-1, SI-2, and SI13-3), two pneumatic piezometers (PN-01 and PN-02), one vibrating wire piezometer (VW13-3), one standpipe piezometer (SP13-3A). PN-01 appears to have sustained damage since the previous reading as it was leaking and making a hissing sound during the current monitoring cycle. The site plan is shown on Figure 1 attached. The instrument readings were taken by Andres Padros, Technician and Olawale Odusi, Geotechnical Technologist on May 16, 2024.

The slope inclinometers (SI) were measured using an RST MEMS digital inclinometer probe with 0.5 m increments and handheld PC. Readings were taken based on cable markings in relation to the top of SI casing. The pneumatic piezometers (PN) were read with an RST Instruments C-109 Pneumatic Readout. The vibrating wire piezometers (VW) were read with an RST VW2106 readout box. Standpipe piezometers (SP) were read with a Heron Instruments water tape.

GPS coordinates of all instruments were obtained using a Garmin GPSmap 22x handheld GPS unit.

2.0 INSTRUMENTATION READINGS

2.1 GENERAL

SI plots are attached and summarized in the following sections. Displacement-time plots in the resultant x-direction (i.e., slope movement direction) along with movement rates, total cumulative movement, maximum movement rates, and incremental movements since initializing each SI are provided in Table NC052-1 and the attachments.

The groundwater levels from PN, VWP and SP readings are plotted in the attachments and summarized in Table NC052-2.

2.2 ZONES OF MOVEMENT

No new zones of movement were observed in the SIs. Table NC052-1 summarizes existing zones of movement, total movement, depth of movement, and the maximum rate of movement since initializing each SI. Directions of movement are referenced to the azimuth of the A+ groove in each SI casing.

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2.3 MONITORING RESULTS

2.3.1 Slope Inclinometers

SI-1 shows negligible movement over the zone of movement at about 11 m depth. Total cumulative movement observed since 2006 is about 3 mm.

SI-2 shows negligible movement rates over the two zones of movement at about 8 m and 14 m depth. It appears that the shallower zone of movement has been relatively stable with little movement recorded since 2013. There also appears to be a disturbance at the base of the SI that has been observed since Spring 2023.

SI13-3 has recorded about 6 mm of cumulative movement since 2014. The recorded movement is likely related to construction activities in winter 2014. Little to no movement was observed since 2015.

All slope inclinometers appear to show signs of creep movement except for SI13-3.

2.3.2 Piezometers

An attempt to monitor **PN-01** was made, however, the data is likely erroneous since it resulted in a decrease in piezometric elevation of about 18 m. The erroneous reading is likely due to a leak within the pneumatic piezometer tubing.

PN-02 had artesian conditions until 2014 where the pore pressure decreased as a result of remedial work to relieve pore pressures in the east slope. The current water level is at 2.6 m below ground surface, consistent with historical trends since 2014.

VW13-3 showed an negligible change (less than 0.1 m increase) in piezometric level since the previous reading in Fall 2023. The piezometric level in VW13-3 has been relatively stable since about 2015.

The water level in **SP13-3A** decreased by about 1.7 m after construction in winter 2014. The water level gradually increased to above pre-construction levels in May 2017. A 1.1 m drop was measured in September 2017 whereafter water levels increased again to above pre-construction levels until May 2020. Another significant drop in water levels was observed in September 2020. There appears to be a cycle developing where water levels increase for 2-3 years followed by a sharp drop in water levels. The current measured water level increased by 0.3 m bgs from previous reading cycle in Fall 2023 corresponding to a water level depth of 0.7 m bgs.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 FUTURE WORK

It is recommended that all instruments be read again for the Fall 2024 reading cycle.

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3.2 INSTRUMENTATION REPAIRS

The battery for tiltmeter TW1 should be replaced as soon as practicable. This can be done via ice access in the winter or with the use of a snooper truck. Alternatively, precise surveys of the bridge can be completed regularly to monitor its movement.

The cables connecting tiltmeters TE1 and TE2 to the datalogger have been ripped apart likely due to drift accumulation in 2023 and are likely unrepairable.

An attempt to repair PN-01 could be made since the ability to hear the hissing sound suggests the leak is within the exposed portion of cabling. If the leak location is identified, PN-01 could potentially be repaired by splicing below the leak.

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Table NC052-1: Spring 2024 Slope Inclinometer Reading Summary

Instrument Name	Date Initialized	Top of Casing Elevation (m aMSL)(1)	Coordinates (2) (UTM 11U, NAD1983) (m)		Total Cumulative Resultant Movement and Depth of Movement to Date* (mm)	Maximum Rate of Movement (mm/yr)	Current Status	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)
			Northing	Easting							
SI-1	Aug. 31 2006	828	5905058	621642	3 mm over 7.4 m to 11.9 m depth in 328º direction	4 mm/year; May 2016	Operational	20-Sep-23	< 1	< 1	<1
SI-2	Aug. 31, 2006	833	5905016	621726	27 mm over 6.8 m to 10.3 m depth in 191° direction	17 mm/yr; May 2014	Operational	20-Sep-23	<1	<1	<1
					-15 mm over 12.8 m to 14.8 m depth in 191° direction	9 mm/yr; Sept. 2022			<-1	<1	<1
SI13-3	May 23, 2013	833	5905023	621786	6.3 mm over 19.2 m to 21.2 m depth in 7° direction	397 mm/yr; Nov. 2013	Operational	20-Sep-23	Negligible movement rate since Oct. 2015 (less than 1 mm/yr)		

Note:
(1) aMSL = Above Mean Sea Level
(2) Updated May 16, 2024 with approximate accuracy of ± 3 m.

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Table NC052-2: Spring 2024 Pneumatic, Vibrating Wire, and Standpipe Piezometers Reading Summary

Instrument Name	Date Initialized	Top of Casing Elevation (m aMSL) (1)	Coordinates (2) (UTM 11U, NAD1983) (m)		Tip Elevation (m)	Current Status	Maximum Depth below Ground Surface [Elevation](3) (m)	Depth below Ground Surface(4) (m)	Piezometric Elevation (m)	Change in Piezometric Level Since Previous Reading (m)
			Northing	Easting						
PN-01 (30578)	Aug 31, 2006	828.0	5905058	621642	810.2	Operational	-6.7 [833.7 m] May 17, 2013	-	-	N/A
PN-02 (30579)	Aug 31, 2006	832.0	5905016	621726	809.2	Operational	-4.2 [835.9] June 5, 2012	2.6	829.2	0.9
VW13-3 (25255)	Apr 25, 2013	834.2	5905023	621786	814.4	Operational	0.2 [832.5] May 8, 2013	2.9	829.8	< 0.1
SP13-3A	May 23, 2013	834.6	5905027	621792	-	Operational	0.4 [832.4] May 20, 2020	0.7	832.0	0.3

Note:
(1) aMSL = Above Mean Sea Level
(2) Updated May 16, 2024 with approximate accuracy of ± 3 m.
(3) Negative value indicates artesian condition.

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4.0 CLOSING

We trust this instrumentation report meets your requirements. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

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Attachment:
Figure 1 – Site Plan
SI-1 Slope Inclinometer Plots
SI-2 Slope Inclinometer Plots
SI13-3 Slope Inclinometer Plots
Pneumatic Piezometer Elevation vs. Time Plot
Vibrating Wire Piezometer Elevation vs Time Plot
Standpipe Piezometer Elevation vs Time Plot
TE1 and TE2 Photo

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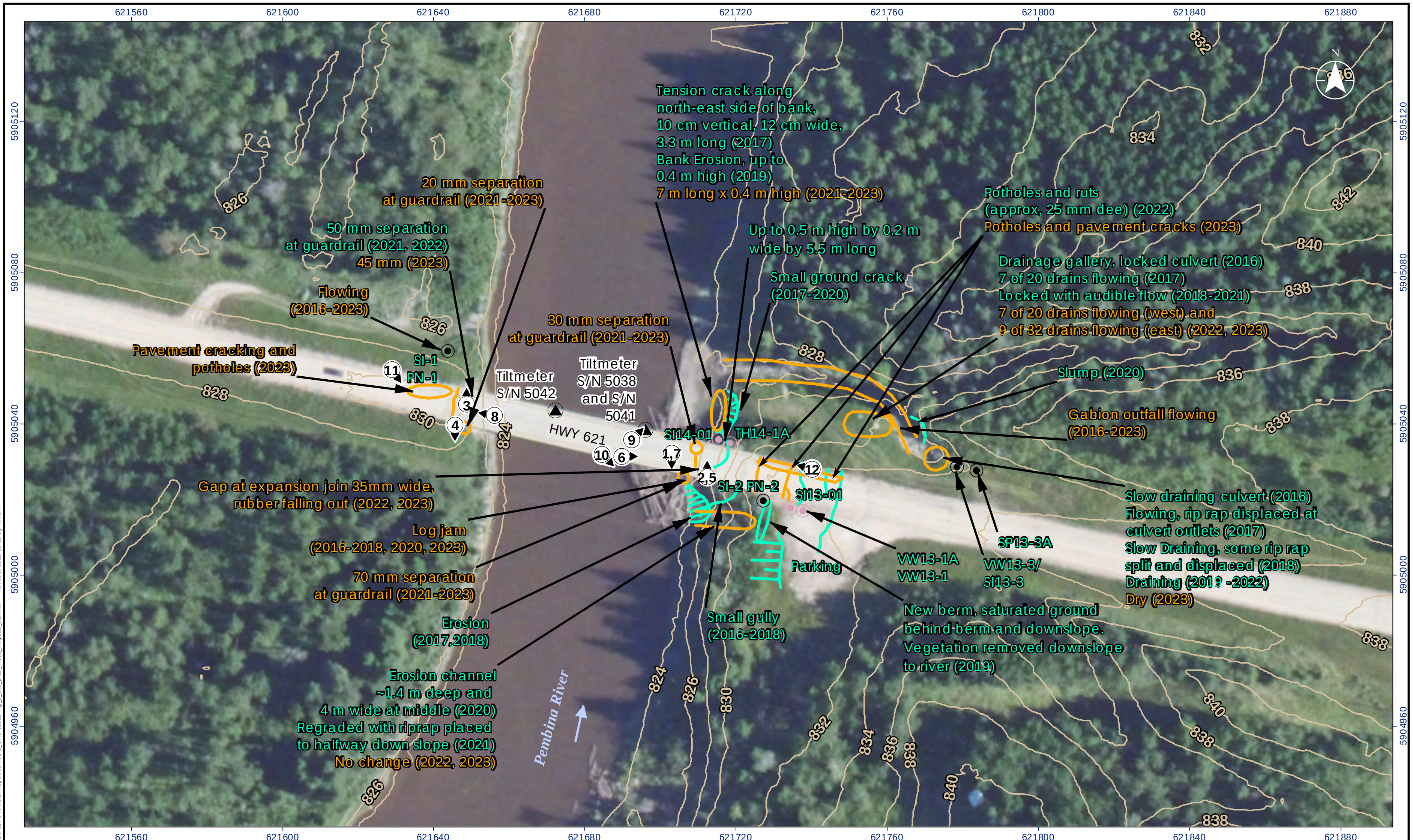

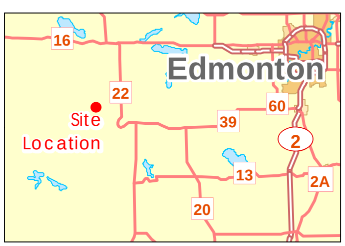

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- Instrument Location
- Instrument Location (non-operational)
- Tiltmeter Data Logger
- Previous Observation
- 2023 Observation
- Ground Elevation Contours (m AMSL, LiDAR June-Nov. 2012)

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Notes
1. Coordinate System: NAD 1983 UTM Zone 11N
2. Base features: Geogratis, ©Department of Natural Resources Canada, All rights reserved.
3. Imagery: Source: Esri, Maxar, Earthstar Geographics, and the GIS User Community

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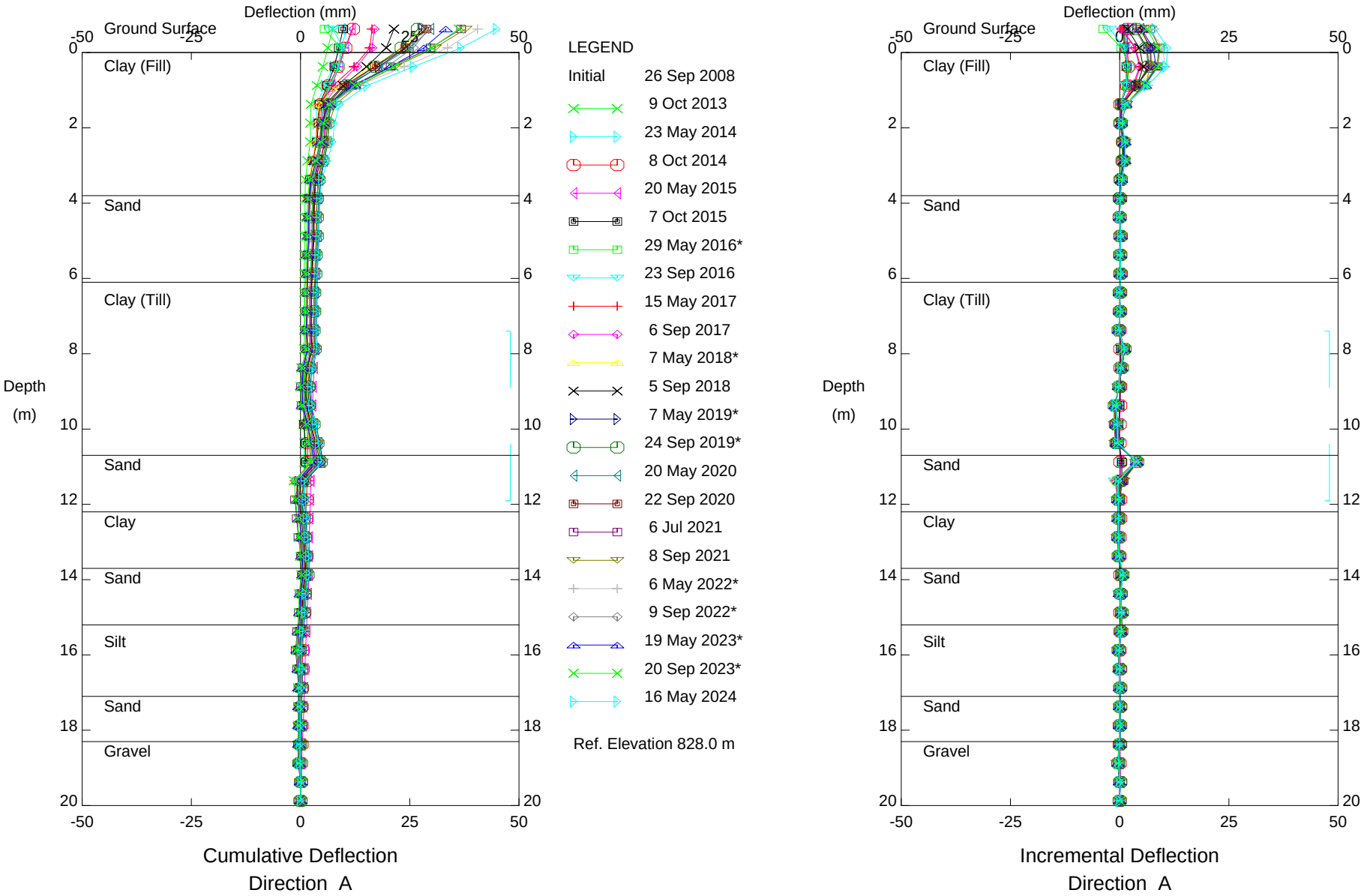

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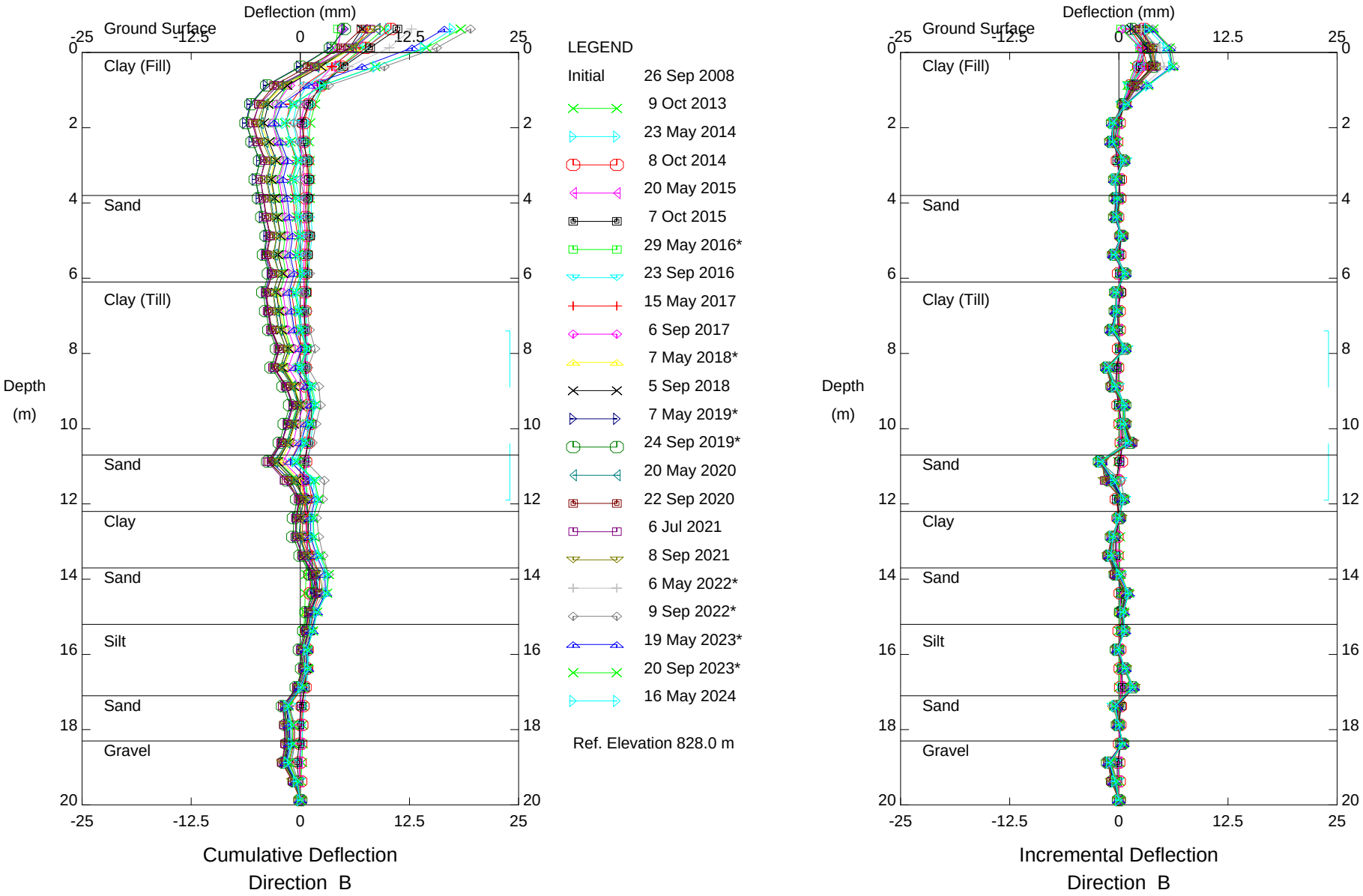

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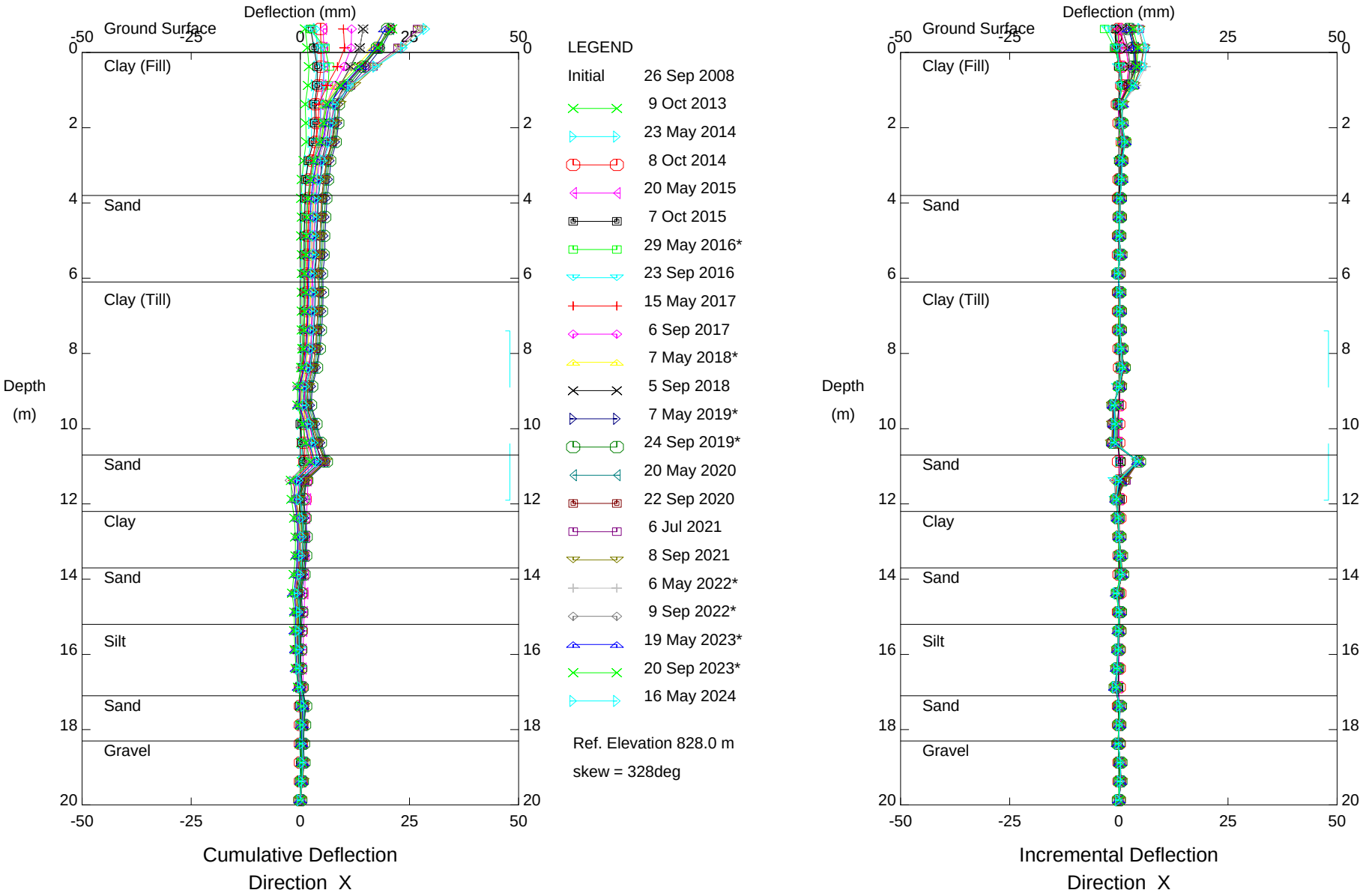

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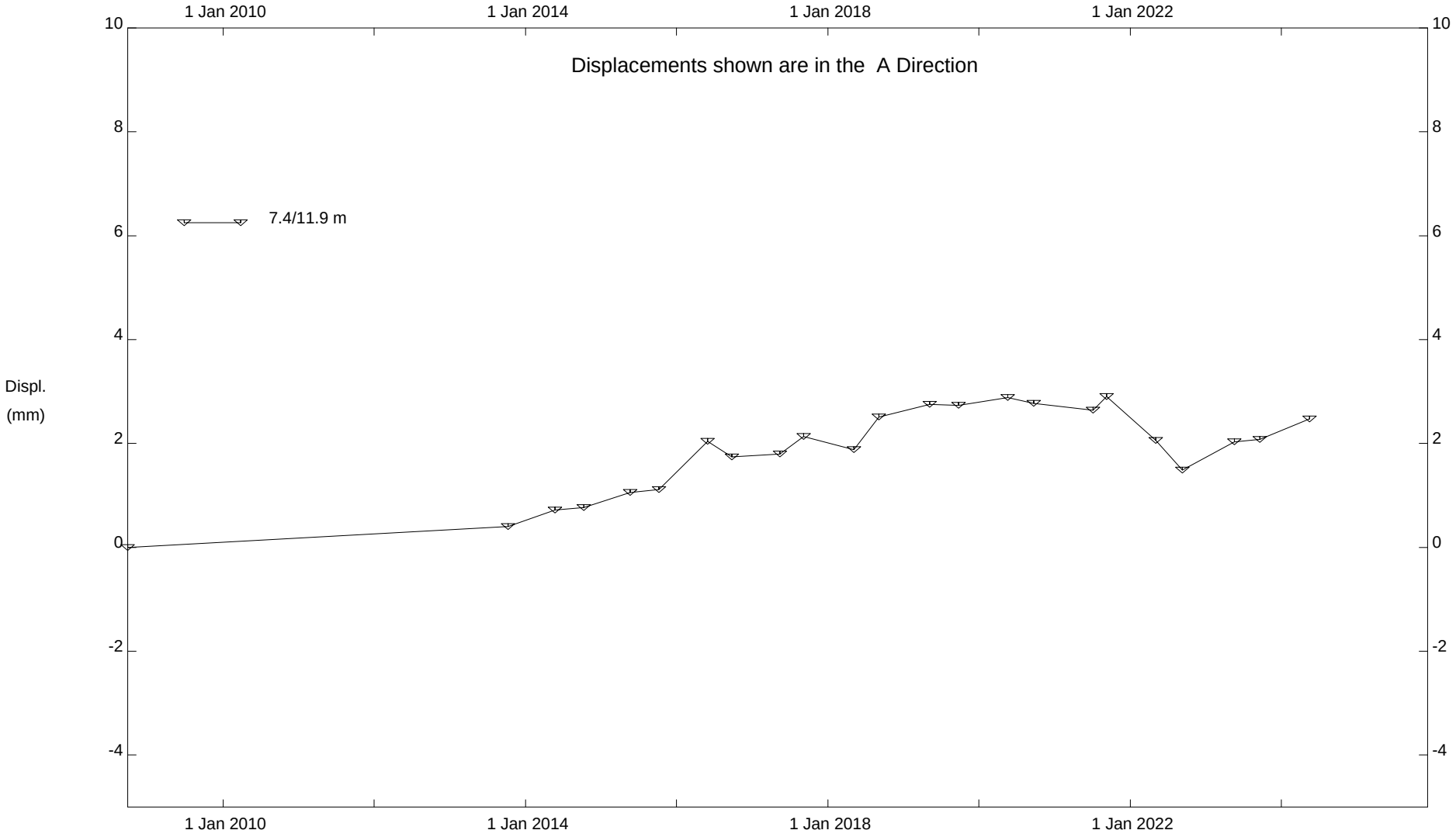

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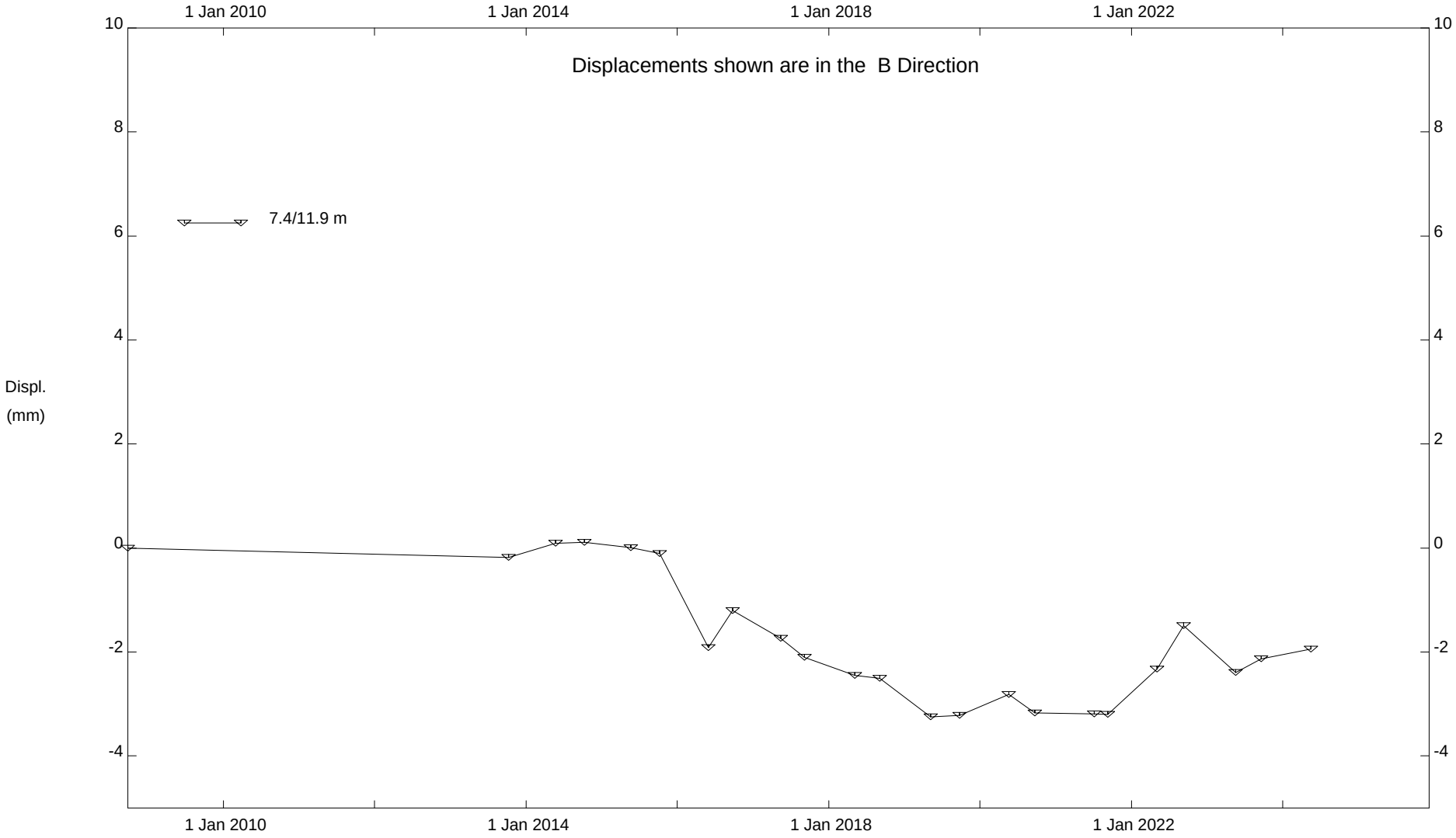

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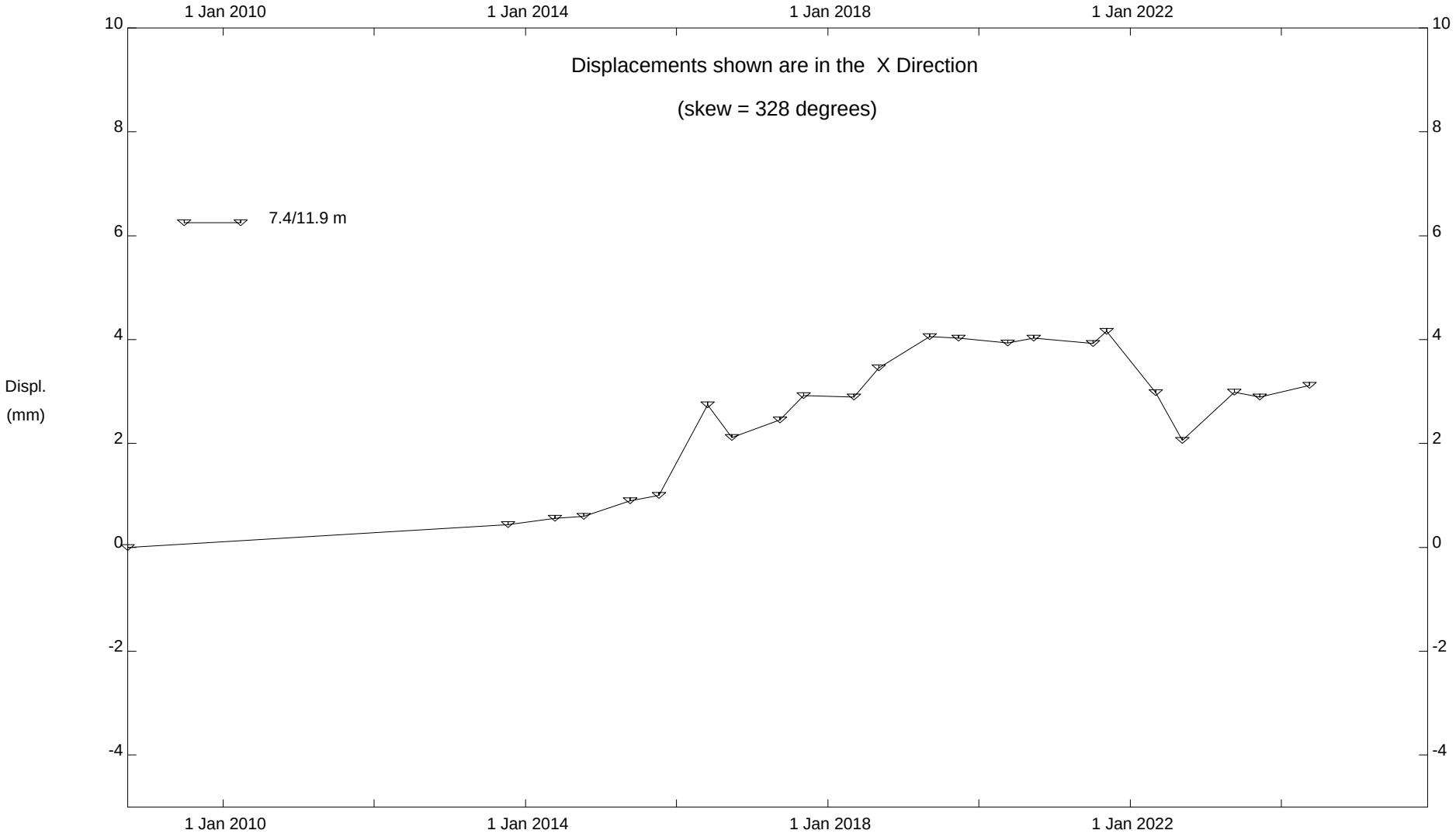

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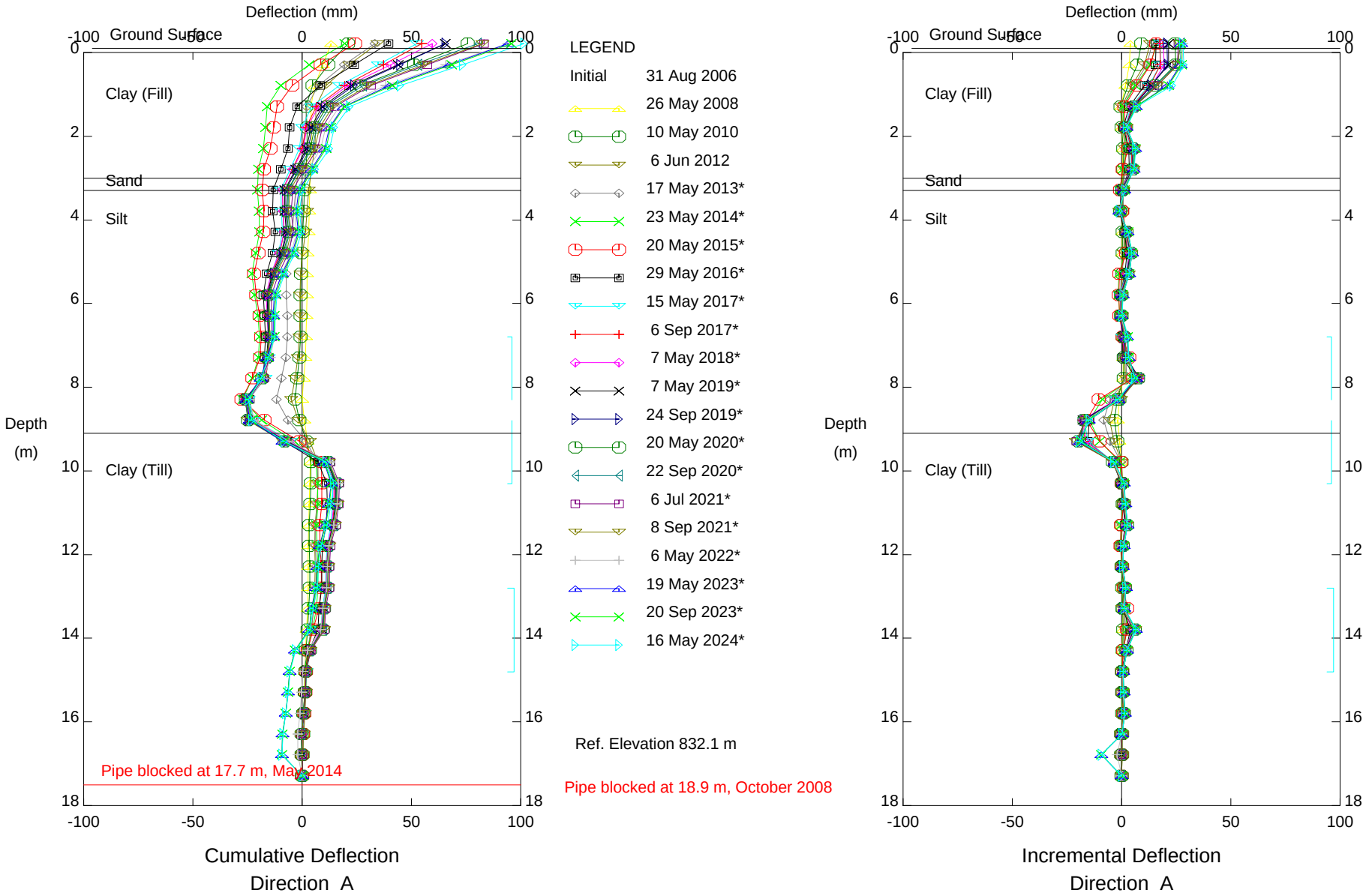

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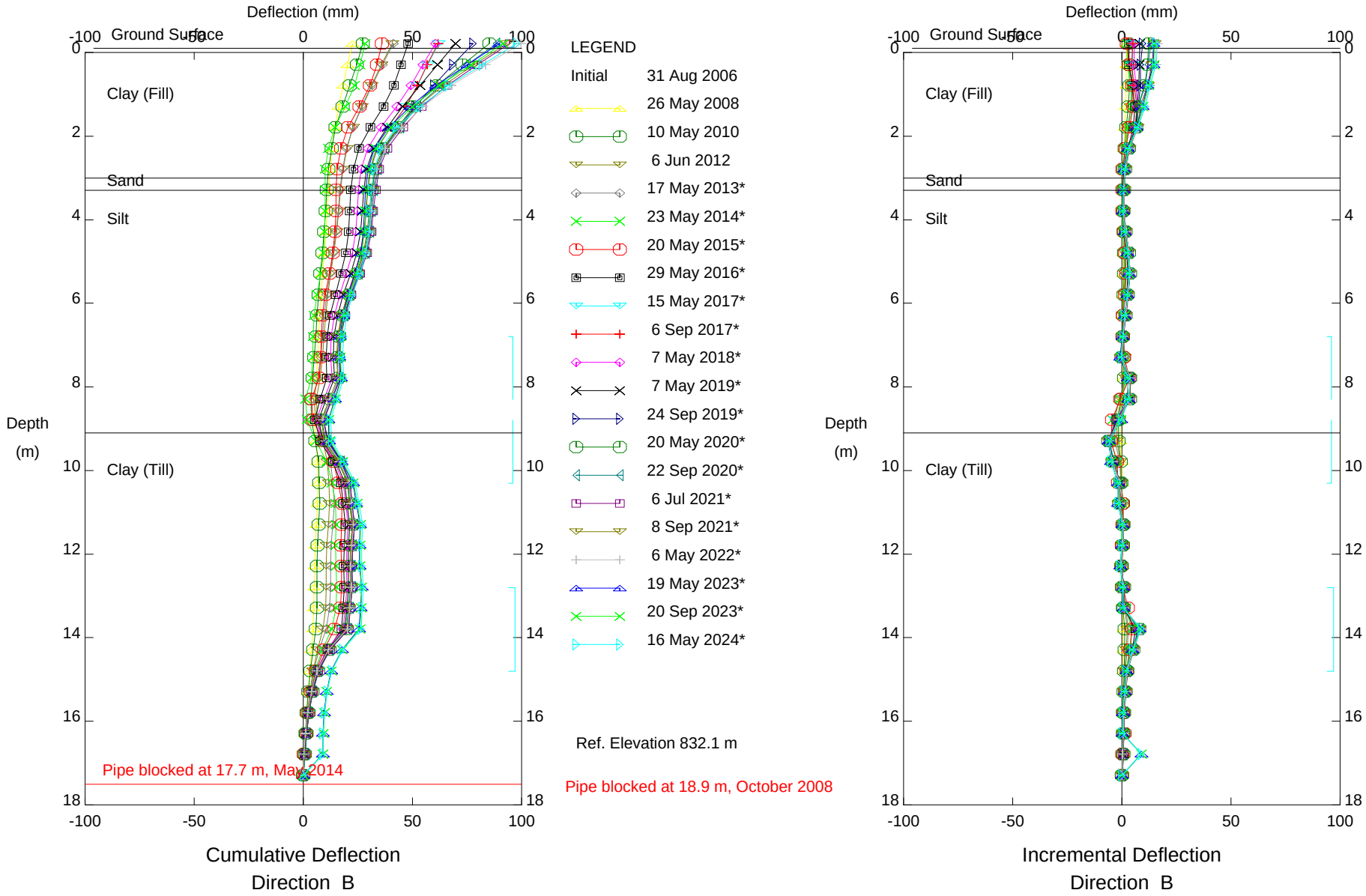

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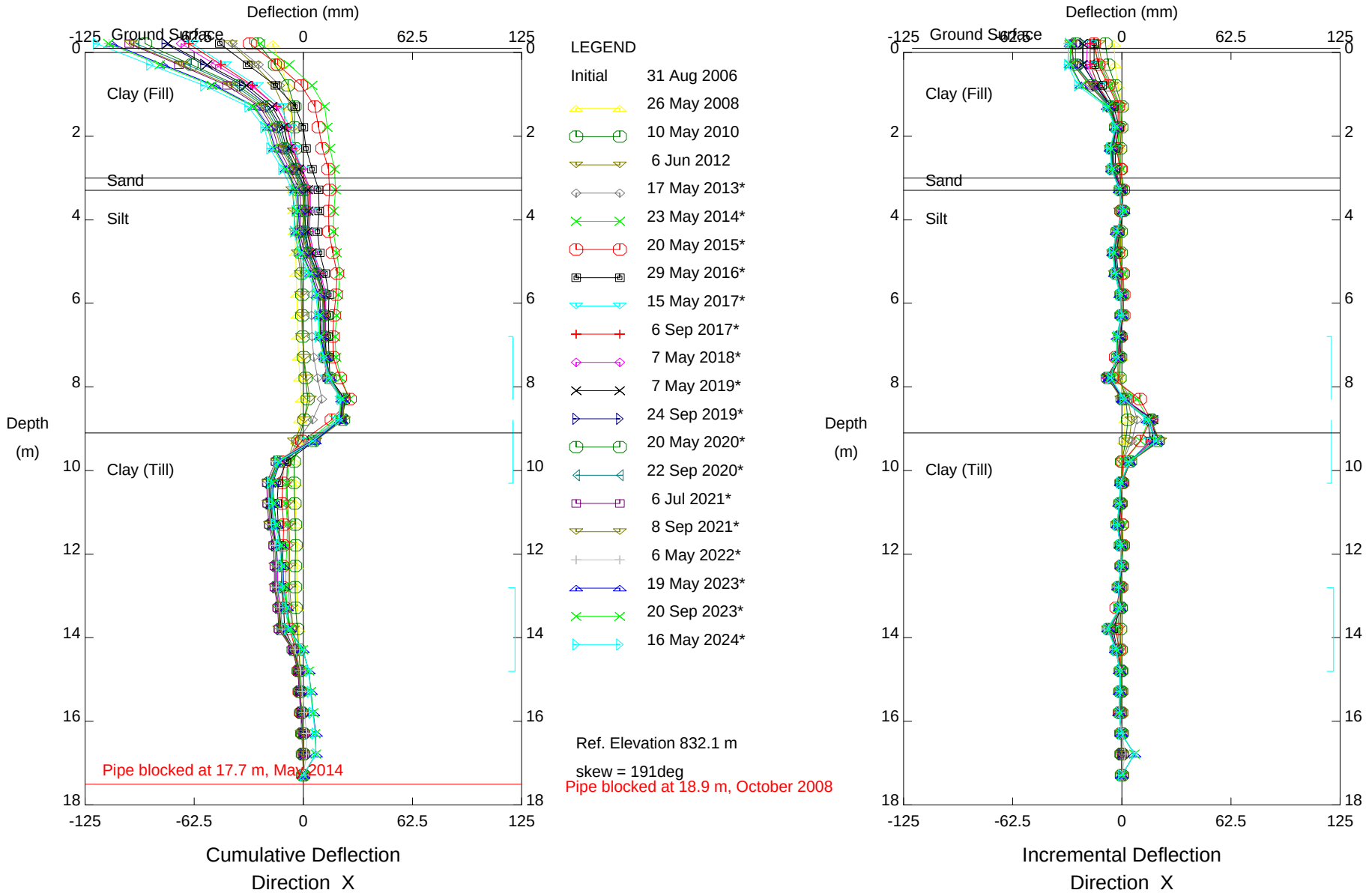

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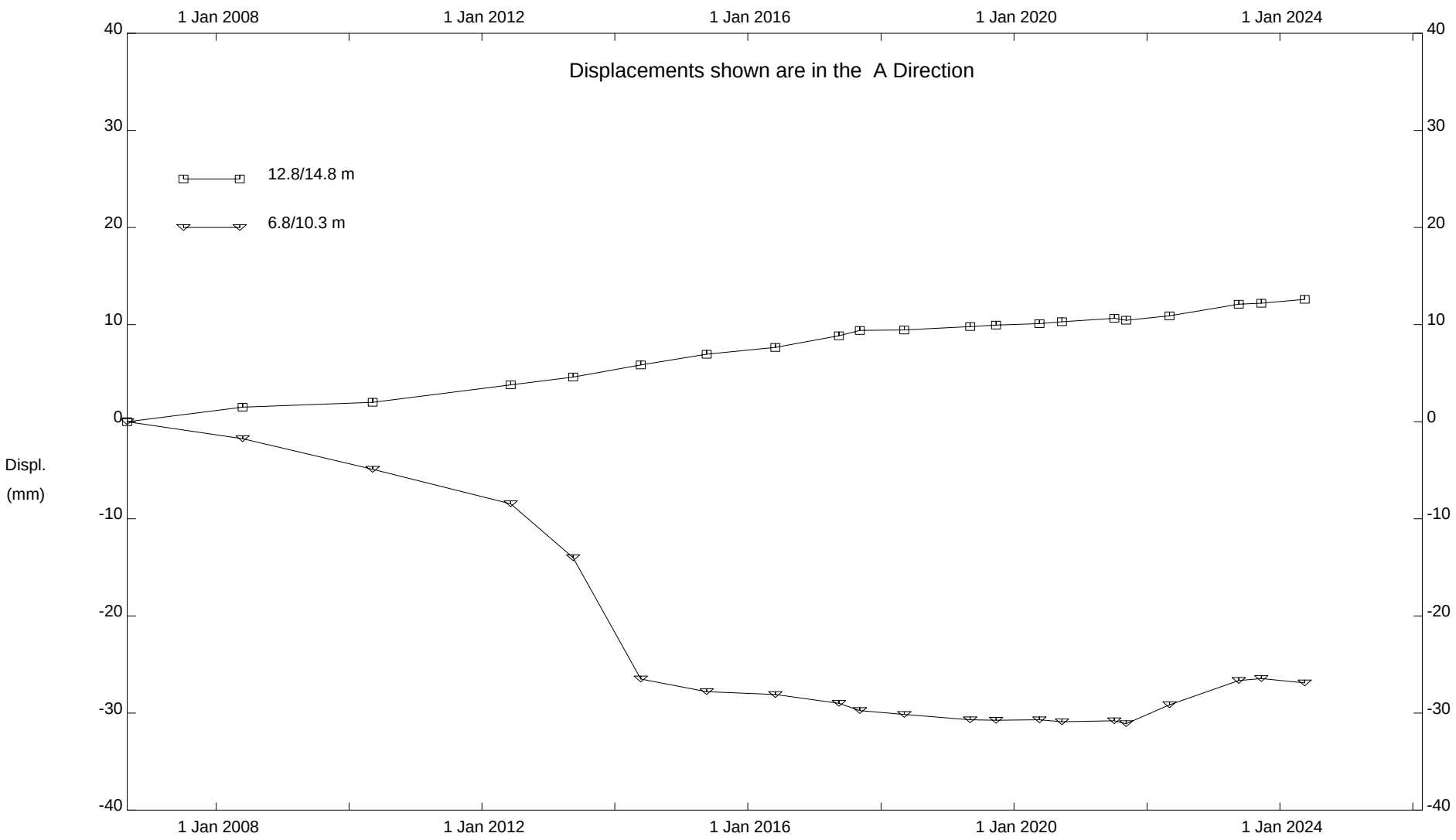

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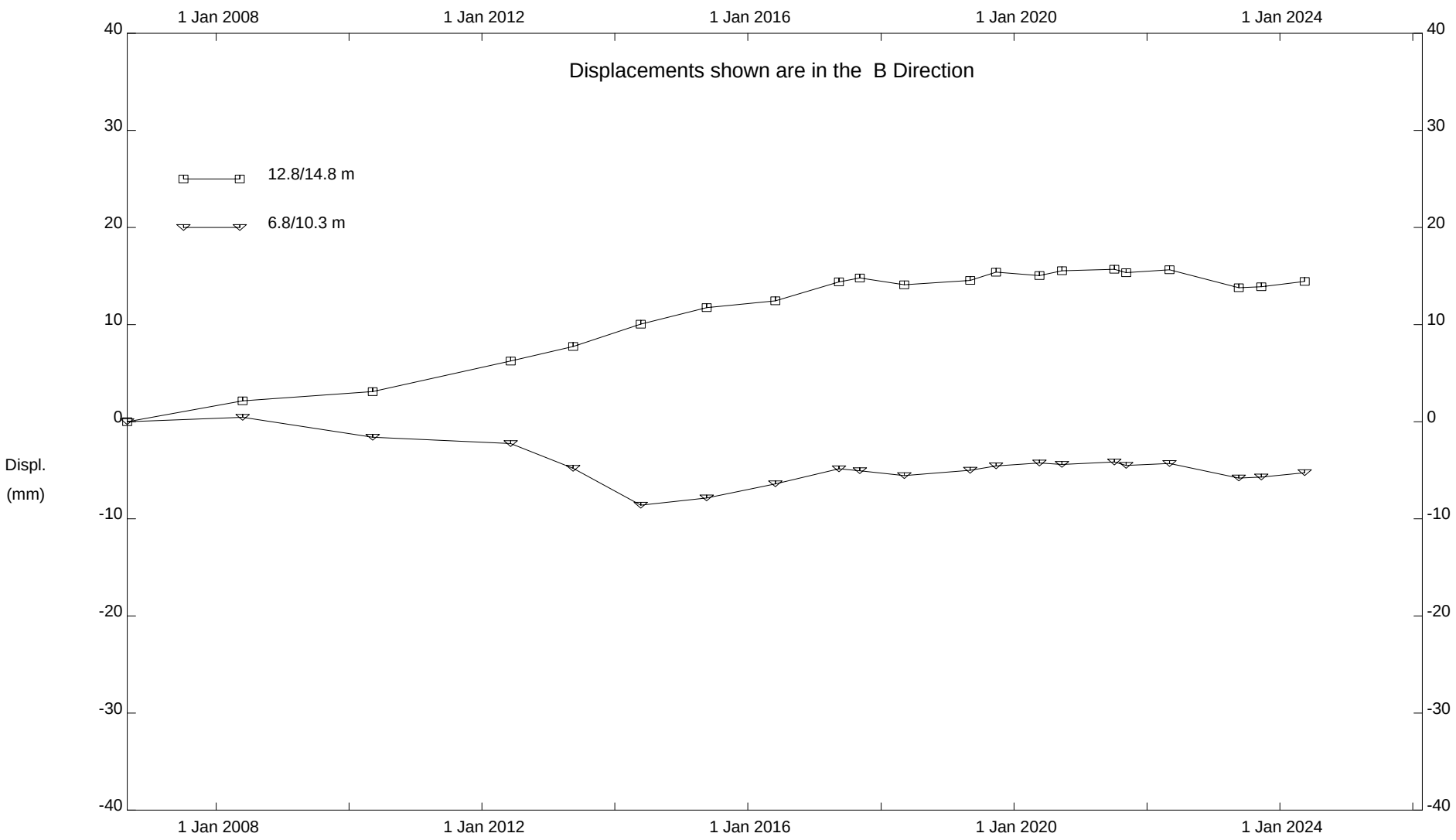

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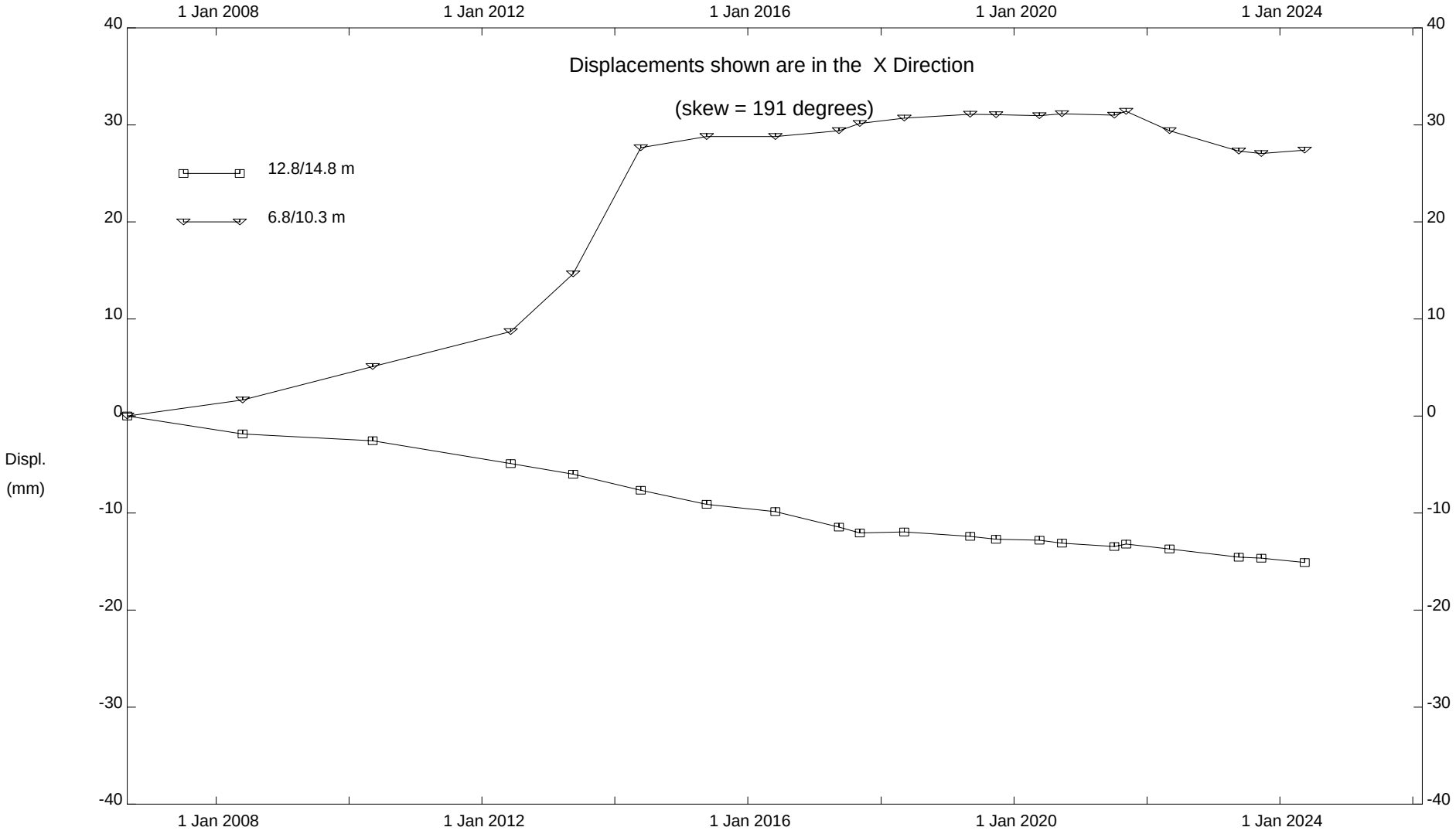

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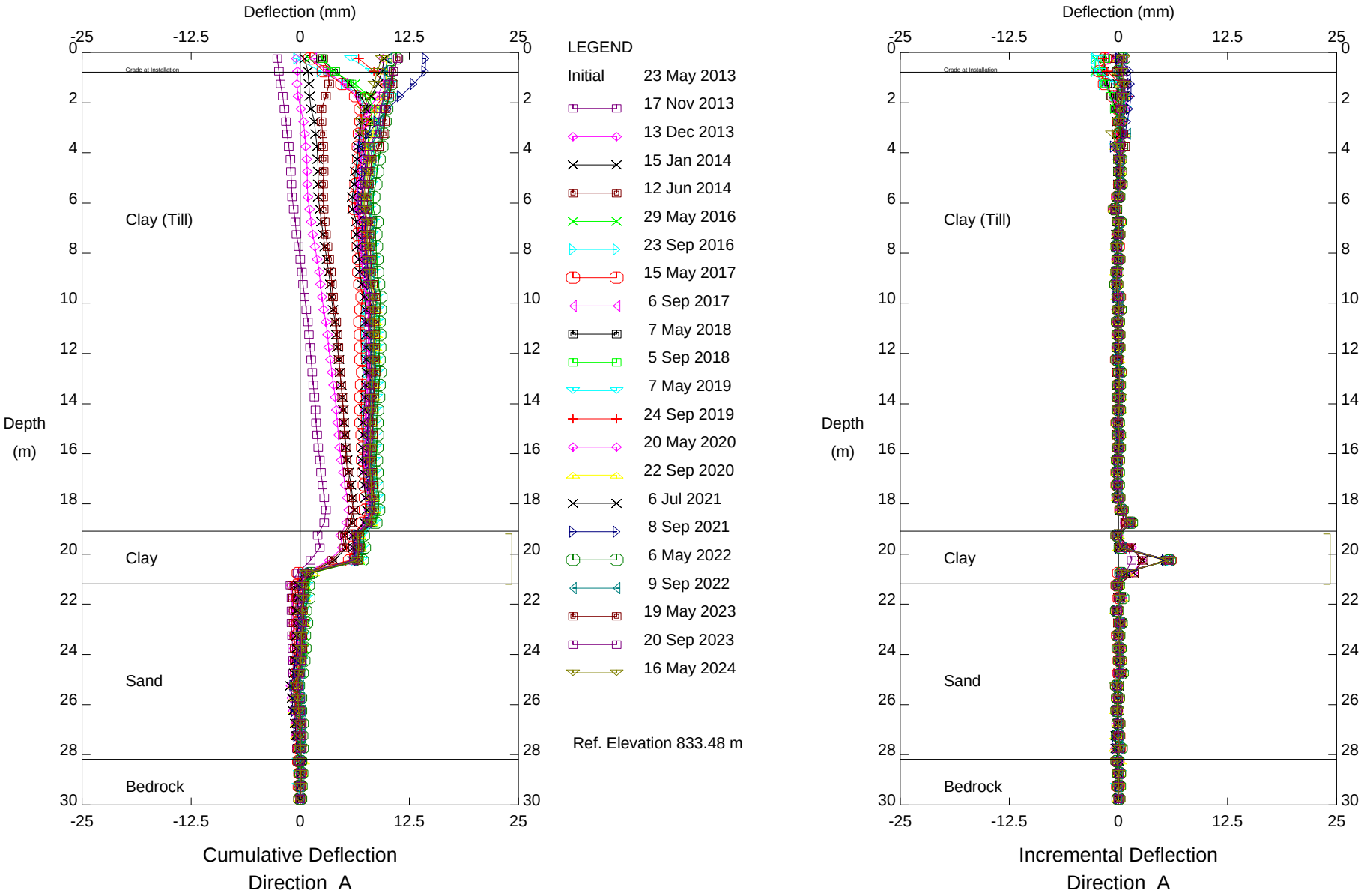

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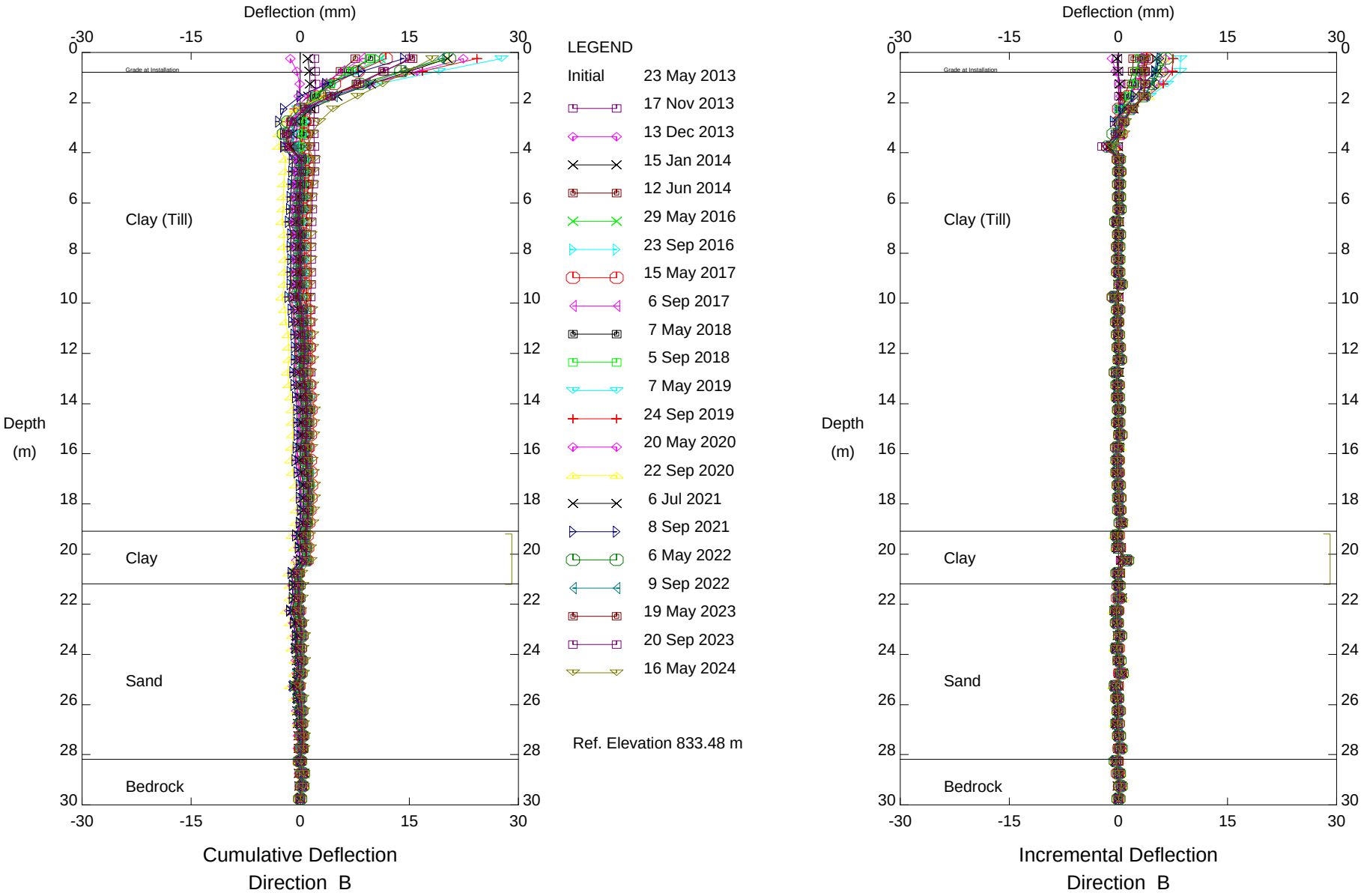

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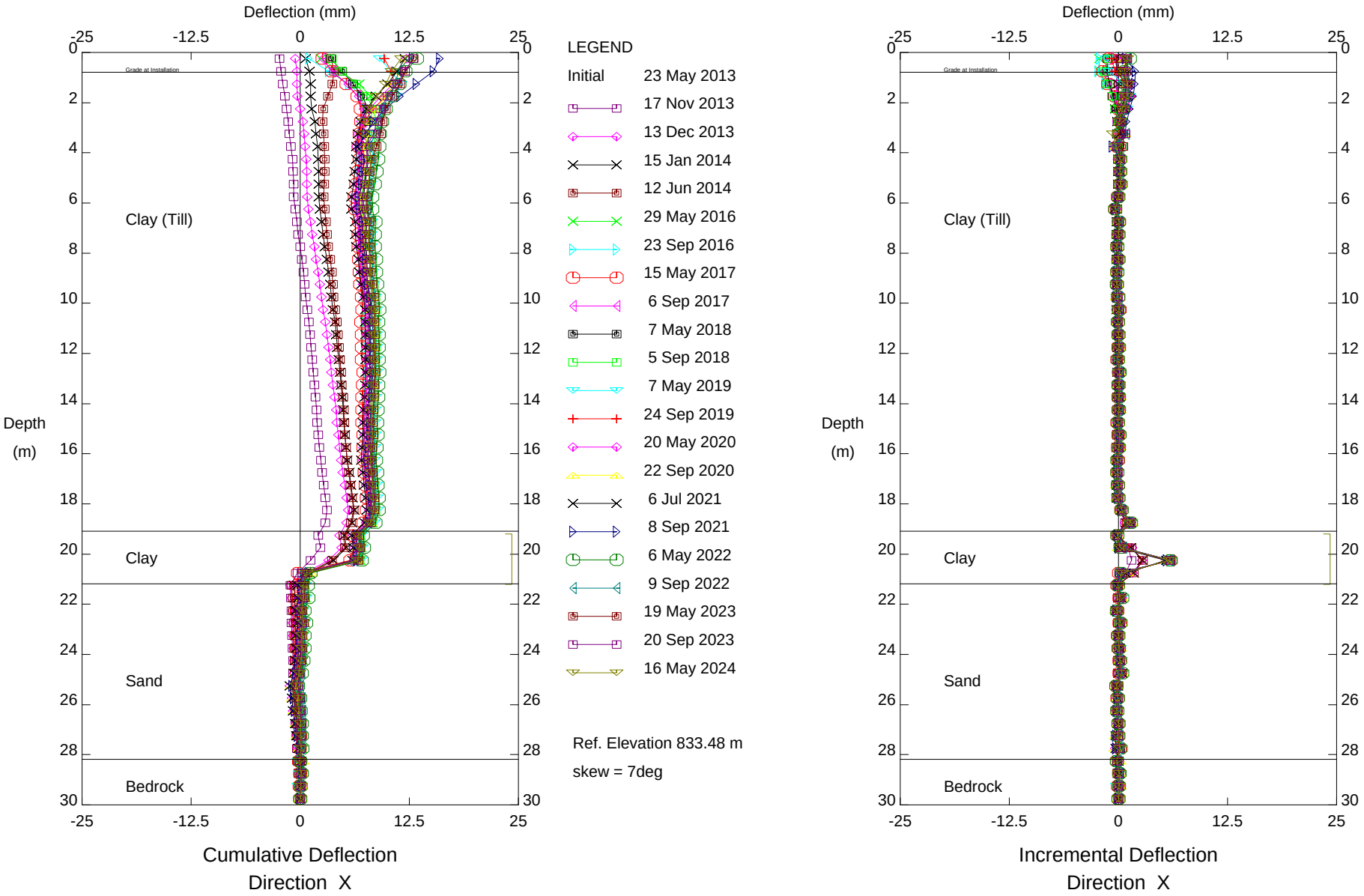

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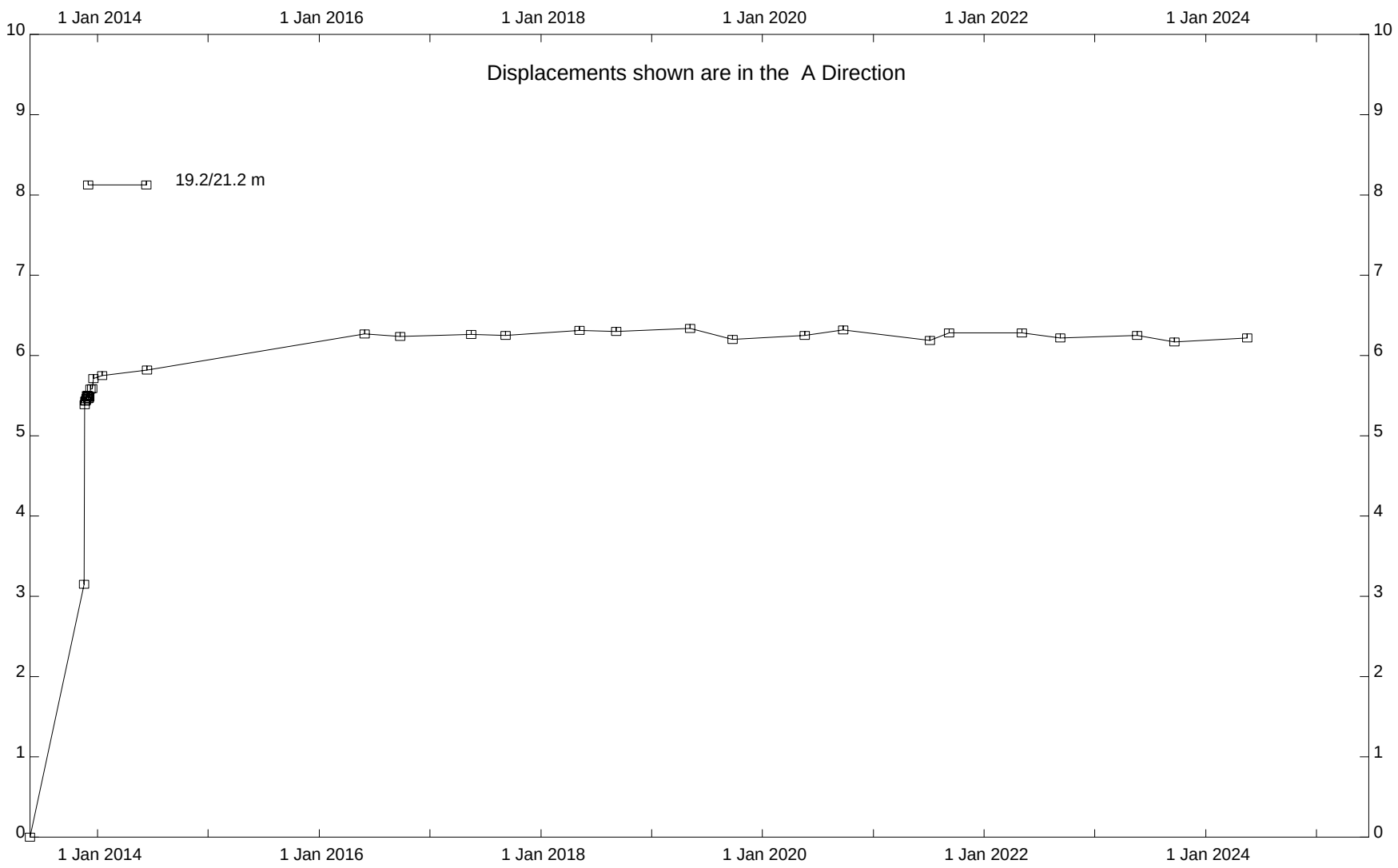

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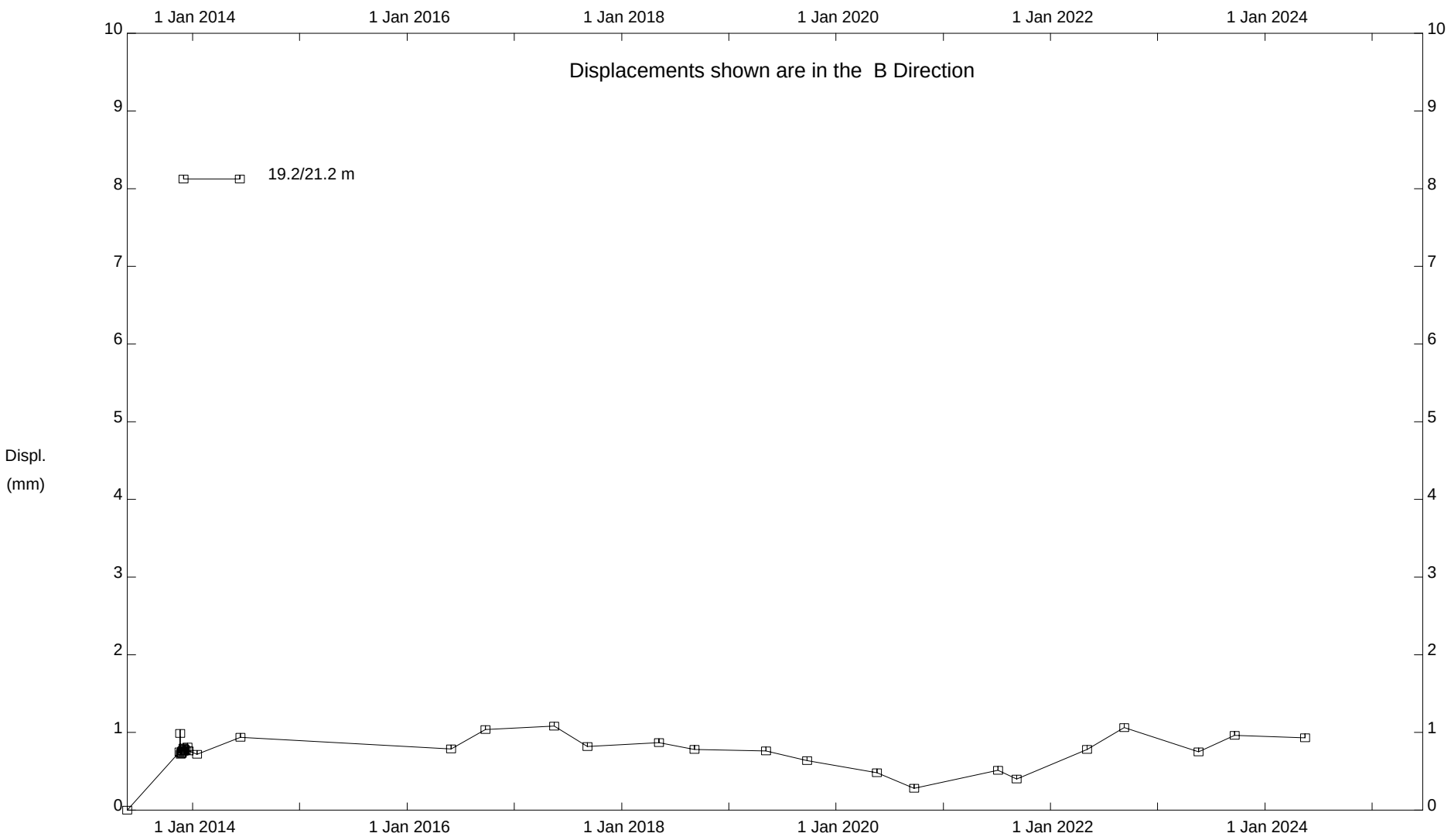

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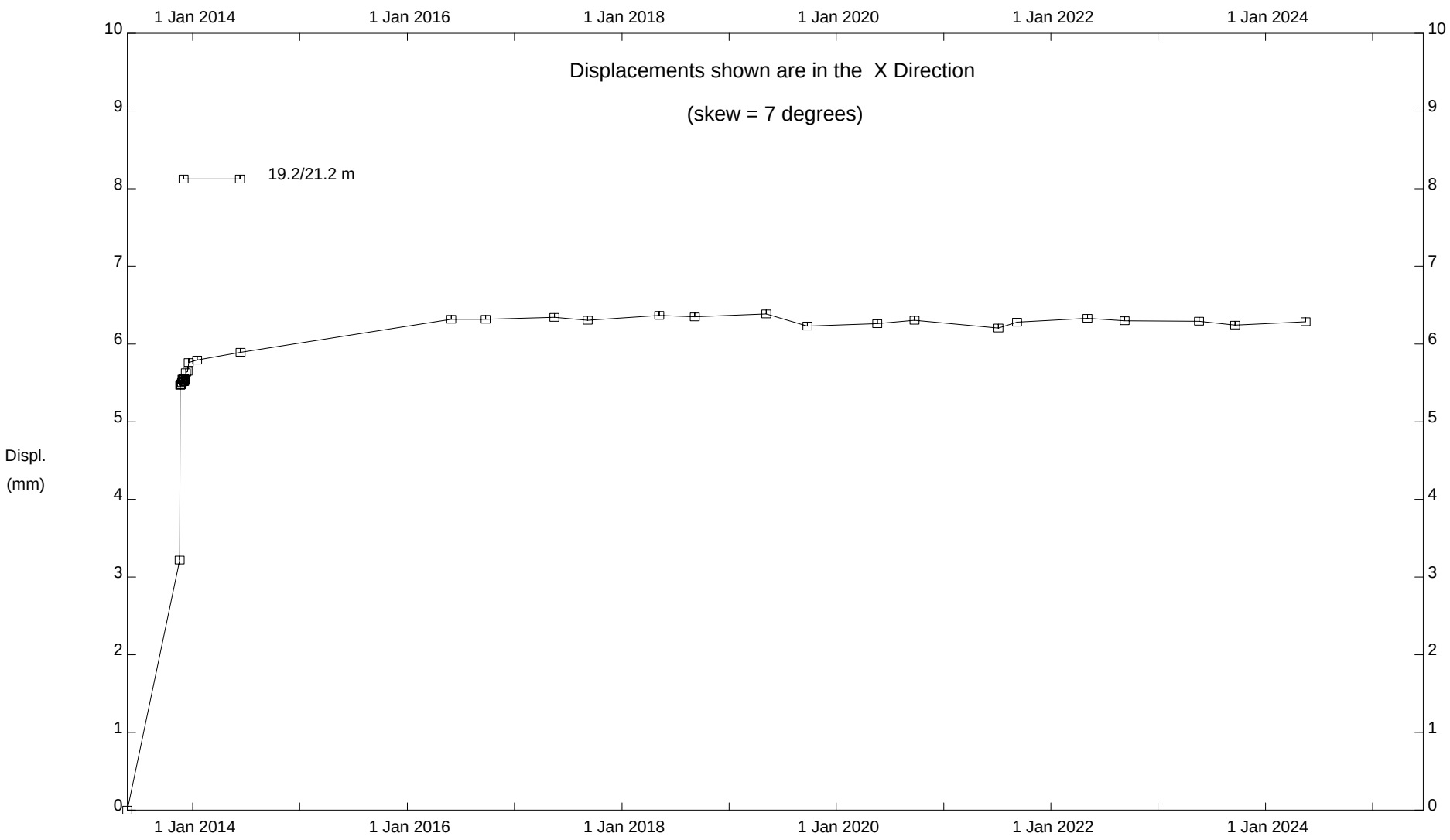

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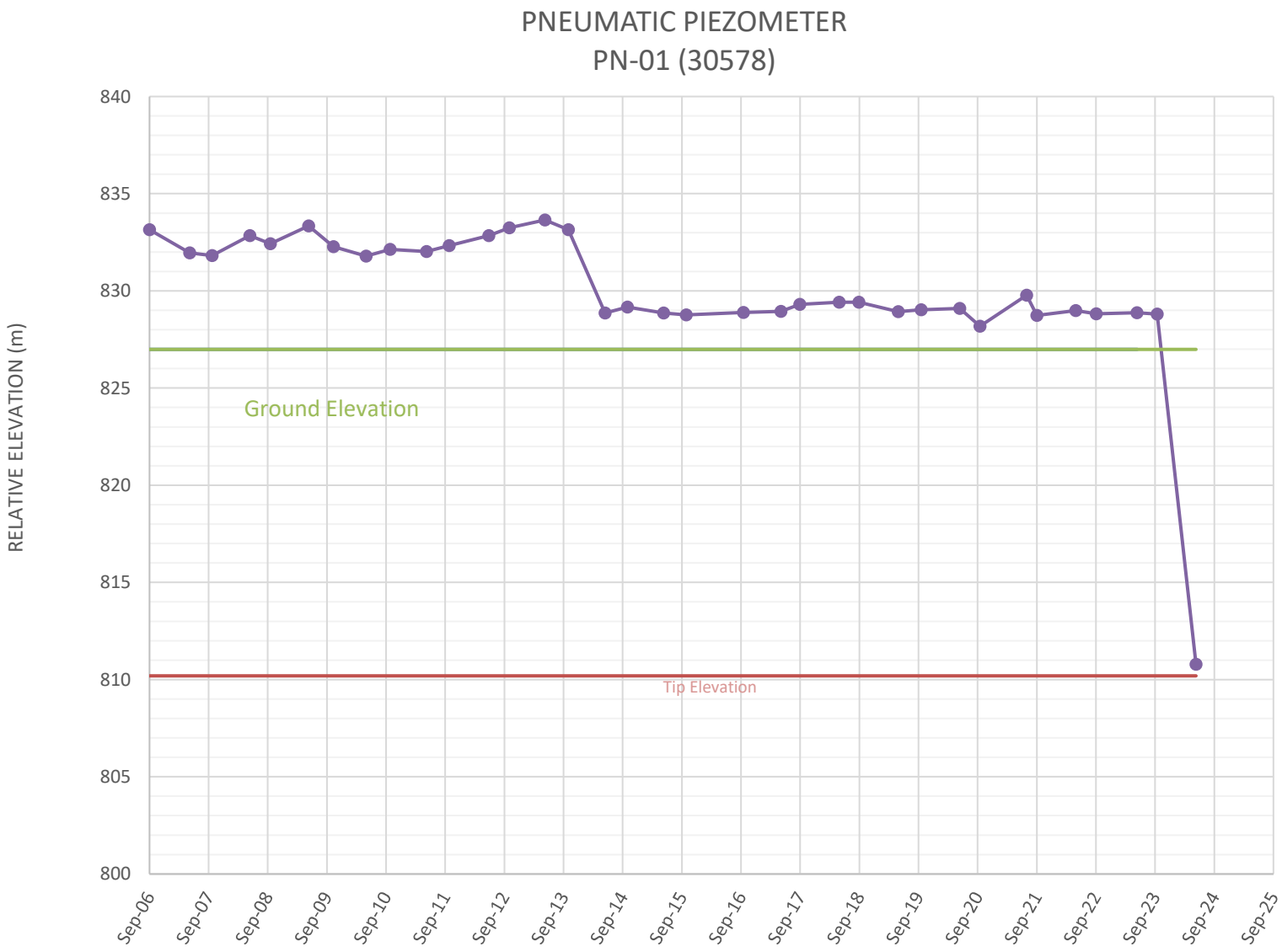
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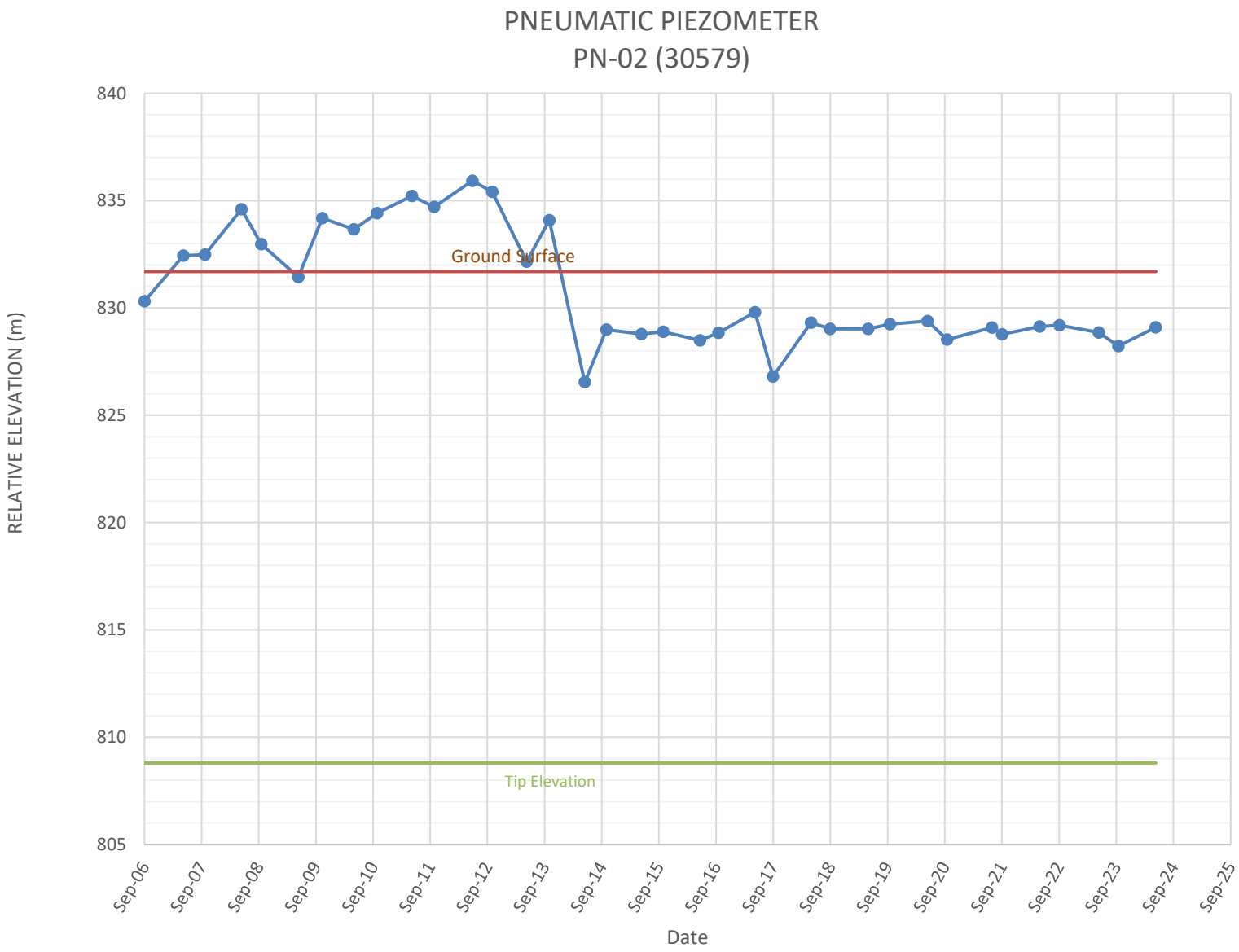
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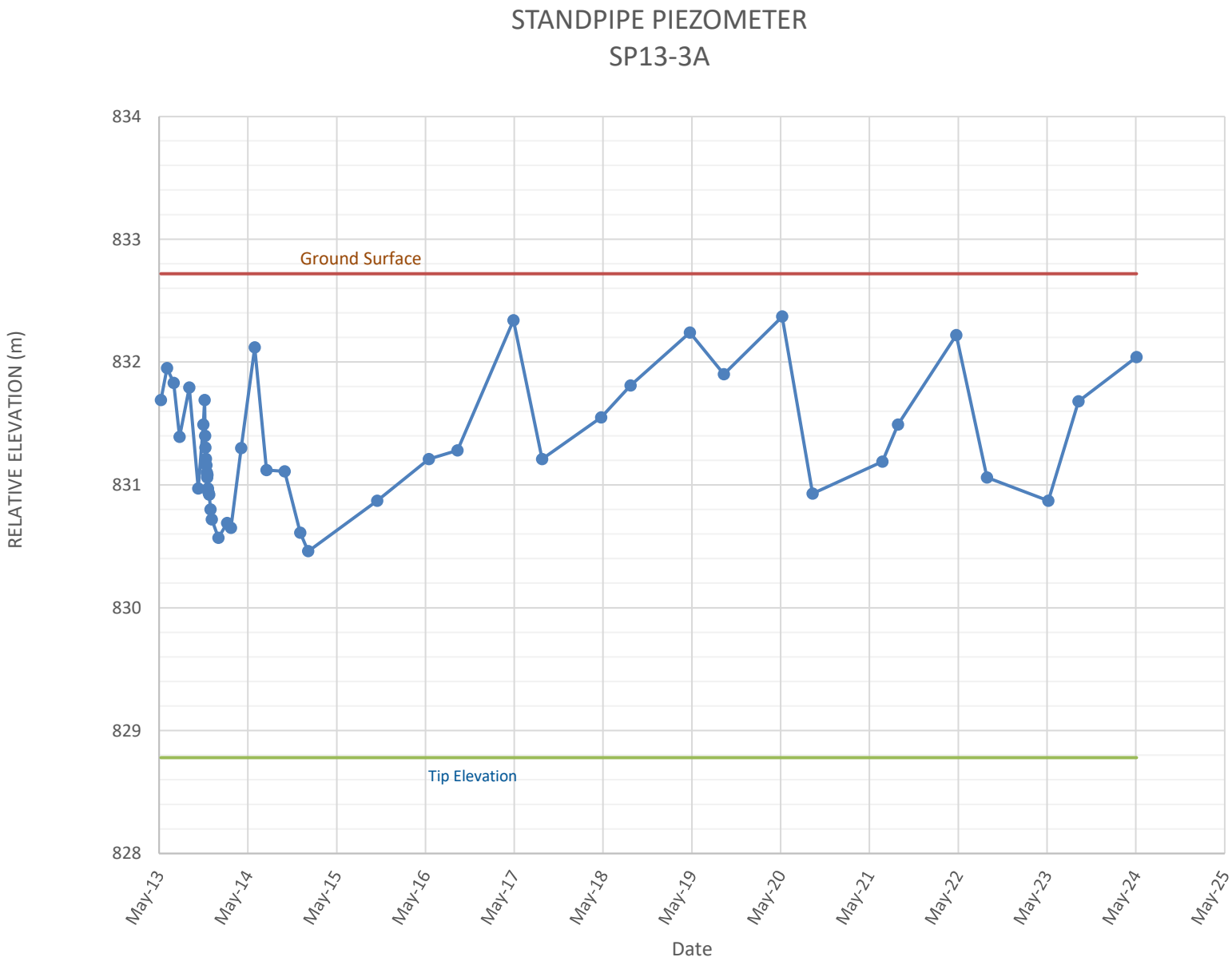
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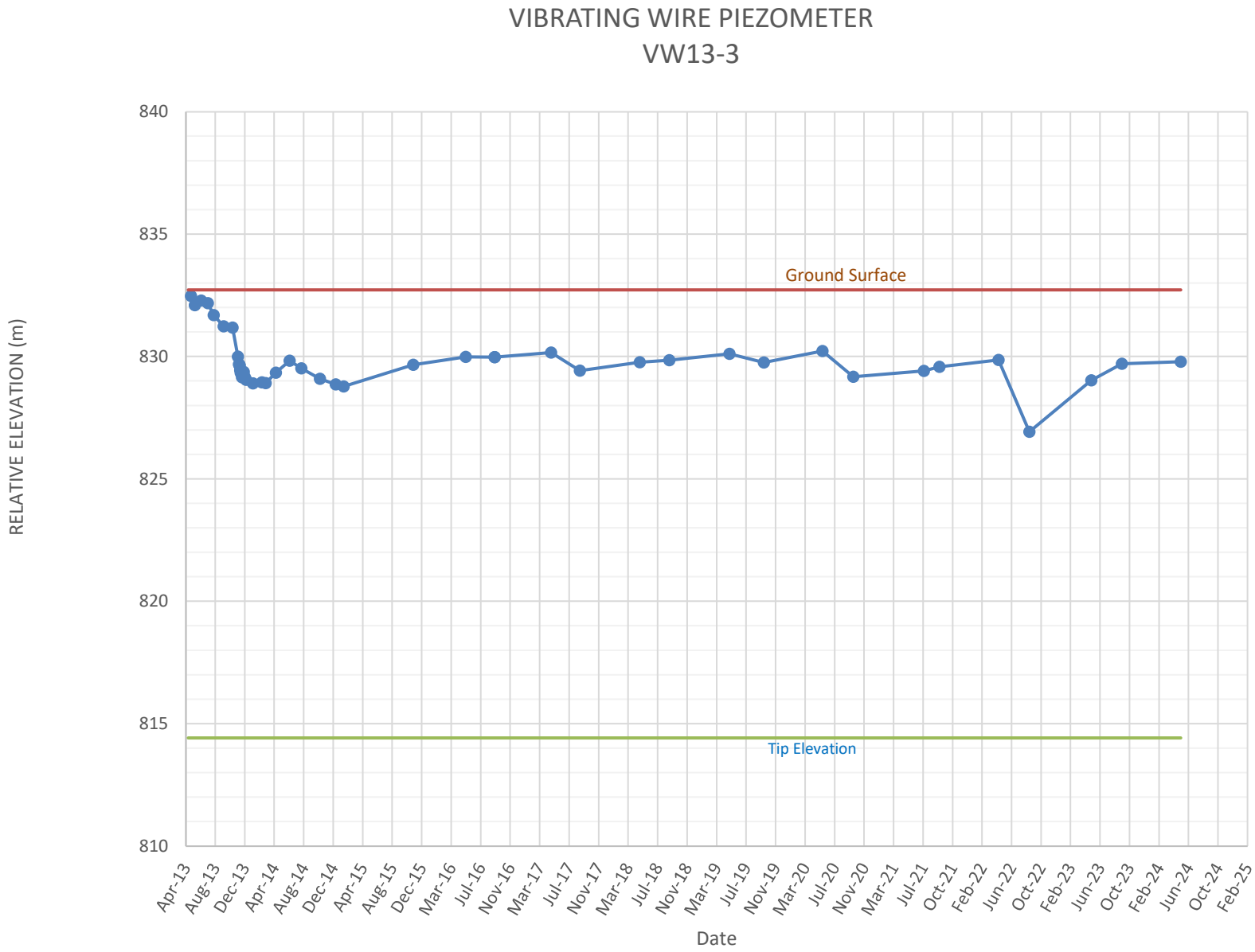
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