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CON0022161 Southern Region GRMP Instrumentation Monitoring
Site S003; H22:16 km 9.9 Cochrane
Section C – 2024 Spring Readings

1 GENERAL

Five slope inclinometer (SI) (SI18-01), and three vibrating wire piezometers (VWPs) (VW18-01 through VW18-03) were read at the S003 site in Southern Region on May 8, 2024, by Mr. Bradley Lawson, E.I.T. of Klohn Crippen Berger Ltd. (KCB). 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 include 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, ongoing movement of the slide area had caused settlement of the ditch berm such that ditch flows were directed onto the slide area. In fall 2023 a pile wall consisting of 133 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 so that water did not flow out of the ditch onto the slide mass.

Geotechnical site investigations, which included installing 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, respectively. 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.

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, 11 SIs and two 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 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, 4 SIs were installed along the newly constructed pile wall.

The remaining operable instruments, including those installed by KCB in 2018 and 2023, are protected by either a flush-mounted or an above-ground casing protector.

KCB changed the SI reading equipment in May 2022 after the previous equipment became inoperable. Currently, KCB is reading the SIs with a metric RST Digital MEMS Inclinometer System.

The VWPs were read using an RST VWP readout box and Water Level Meter, respectively.

Table 1.1 Instrumentation Installation Details

Instrument ID	Instrument Type	Date Installed ¹	UTM Coordinates ² (m)		Ground Surface Elevation (m)	Stick Up (m)	Depth (m bgs ³)	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 ⁴
SI#4	SI	Sep. 1994	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Inoperable ⁴
SI#5	SI	Sep. 1994	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	28.6	Inoperable
SI#6	SI	Sep. 1994	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Inoperable ⁴
SI#7	SI	Sep. 1994	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	20.2	Inoperable
SI2007-1	SI	Mar. 2007	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	19.7	Inoperable ⁴
SI2007-3	SI	Mar. 2007	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	14.9	Inoperable
SI2009-1	SI	Jul. 2009	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	19.0	Inoperable ⁴
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:

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

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

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

⁴ 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

For the operable SI, the cumulative displacement, incremental displacement, and displacement-time data was plotted in the A-direction (i.e., the direction of the A0-groove) and X-direction (i.e., the direction of maximum movement obtained at a skew angle from the A0-grooves).

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

Distributed movement is being 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. 1171.7), and possible discrete movement between 2.3 m and 3.8 m (approximately El. 1171.7 m to El. 1170.2). The casing also appears to be settling or buckling between an approximate depth of 3.8 m and 8.8 m as discussed below. SI18-01 is located near the middle of the slide on the downslope side of the highway.

2.3 Interpretation of Monitoring Results

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

Approximately 311 mm of cumulative movement has been recorded in SI18-01 since installation from a depth of 3.8 mbgs to ground surface. We expect this instrument may shear soon. SI18-01 was installed to support the design of an H-pile wall and drainage improvements to mitigate the impacts of the slope movement on Hwy 22:16.

Approximately 104 mm of movement was measured in SI18-01 between the spring 2023 reading and the reading taken post pile wall construction (November 2023) from a depth of 3.8 mbgs to surface. During construction, survey monitoring pins installed downslope of the pile wall measured horizontal movement up to 67 mm in the downslope direction in the slide zone at surface. This movement is believed to be due to added weight on the slope during pile installation from the piling rig and potential excess pore pressured in the slope due to pile installation.

Cumulative movement between the November 2023 and the spring readings measured an additional 4 mm of cumulative movement in the upper 3.8 m.

The four 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. No discernible movement was measured in the new SIs. Additional readings will be needed to provide further interpretation of the pile wall movement as it begins to take load from the slide mass. Readings taken since installation in SI23-04 have had poor data quality and have been re-read several additional times to try and get consistent readings. The issue with SI23-04 will need to be investigated further as the readings to date do not have consistent check sum values, resulting in displacement plots that are unable to be interpreted.

The initial readings for the VWPs (VW18-01 through VW18-03) were taken immediately following grouting operations, and KCB believes that the initial water levels recorded in the VWPs were artificially high due to 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 ground surface and 4.0 m below ground surface). The data indicates 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 ground surface since 2021. The spring 2024 was recorded at 0.2 m below ground surface. Periods of increased water levels recorded in spring can most likely be attributed to periods of increased precipitation. Rainfall data past March 31, 2024 was not available at the time of writing this report, further discussion on how the piezometers respond to increased rainfall will be discussed in subsequent reports once the data is available.

Overall, the May 2024 readings for the VWP's 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 ¹)	Direction of Movement, Skew Angle	Movement (mm)			Rate of Movement (mm/year)		
	Initialized ³	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	Nov. 28, 2023	Nov. 28, 2023	May 8, 2024	1174	0.5 – 2.5	A-Direction	64.9	3.1	68.0	57.3	7.1	1.6
						2.5 – 3.8	A-Direction	243.1	0.4	243.52	263.2	0.9	11.0
SI23-01	Nov. 28, 2023	Nov. 28, 2023	Nov. 28, 2023	May 8, 2024	1171	N/A	A-Direction	N/A – More readings needed to provide movement trends					
SI23-02	Nov. 28, 2023	Nov. 28, 2023	Nov. 28, 2023	May 8, 2024	1171	N/A	A-Direction						
SI23-03	Nov. 28, 2023	Nov. 28, 2023	Nov. 28, 2023	May 8, 2024	1171	N/A	A-Direction						
SI23-04	Nov. 28, 2023	Nov. 28, 2023	Nov. 28, 2023	May 8, 2024	1171	N/A	A-Direction						

Note:
¹ Meters below ground surface (mbgs).
² Skew angle of X-direction measured clockwise from the A-direction.
³ 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 ¹)	Water Level		
	Installed	Previous Reading	Most Recent Reading			Previous Reading (mbgs ¹)	Most Recent Reading (mbgs ¹)	Change from Previous Reading (m)
VW18-01	Mar. 5, 2018	May 31, 2023	May 8, 2024	1174.0	13.7	13.4	12.6	0.8
VW18-02	Mar. 5, 2018	May 31, 2023	May 8, 2024	1176.0	10.1	9.5	9.8	-0.3
VW18-03	Mar. 5, 2018	May 31, 2023	May 8, 2024	1176.6	4.7	0.4	0.2	0.2

Note:
¹ 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

Readings in SI23-04 to date have been providing poor quality data that is not useable. Additional readings and investigation into why these readings are providing poor quality data is required.

4 CLOSURE

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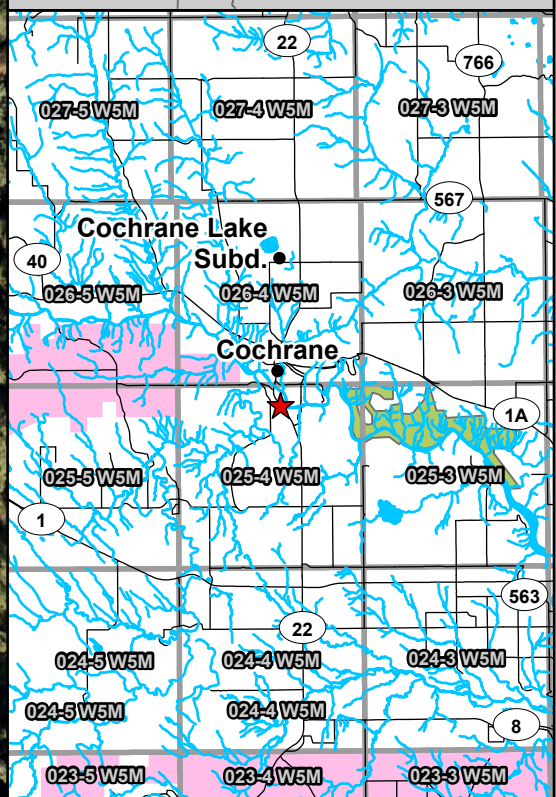
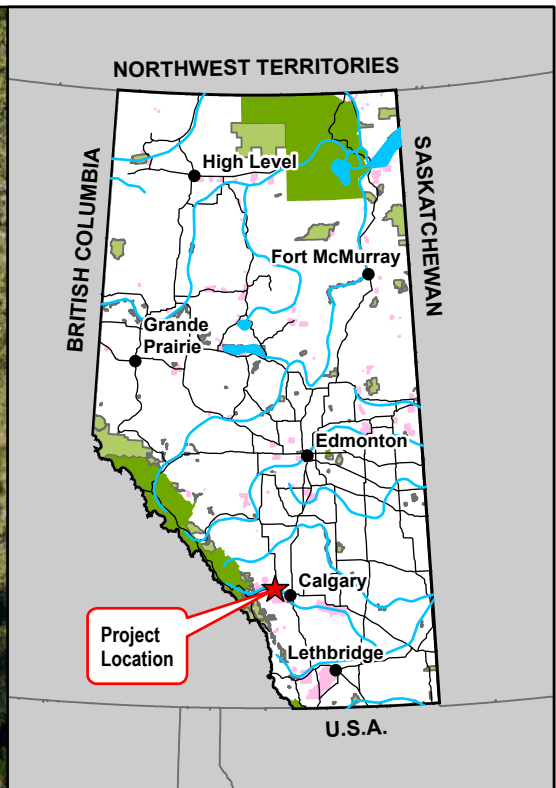
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ATTACHMENTS

Figure

Appendix I Instrumentation Plots

FIGURE



Legend

- ▣ Slope Inclinator (SI)
- ⊗ Vibrating Wire Piezometer (VW)
- ➡ Flow Direction
- ⊥ Scarp
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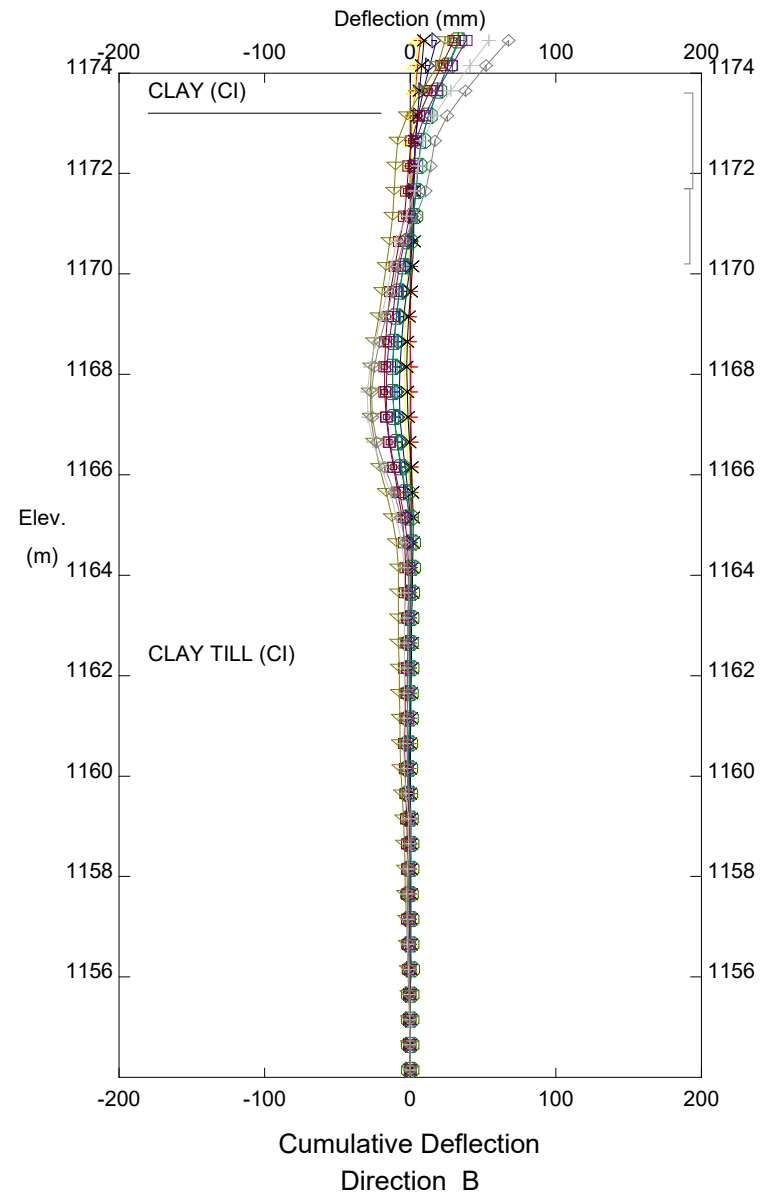
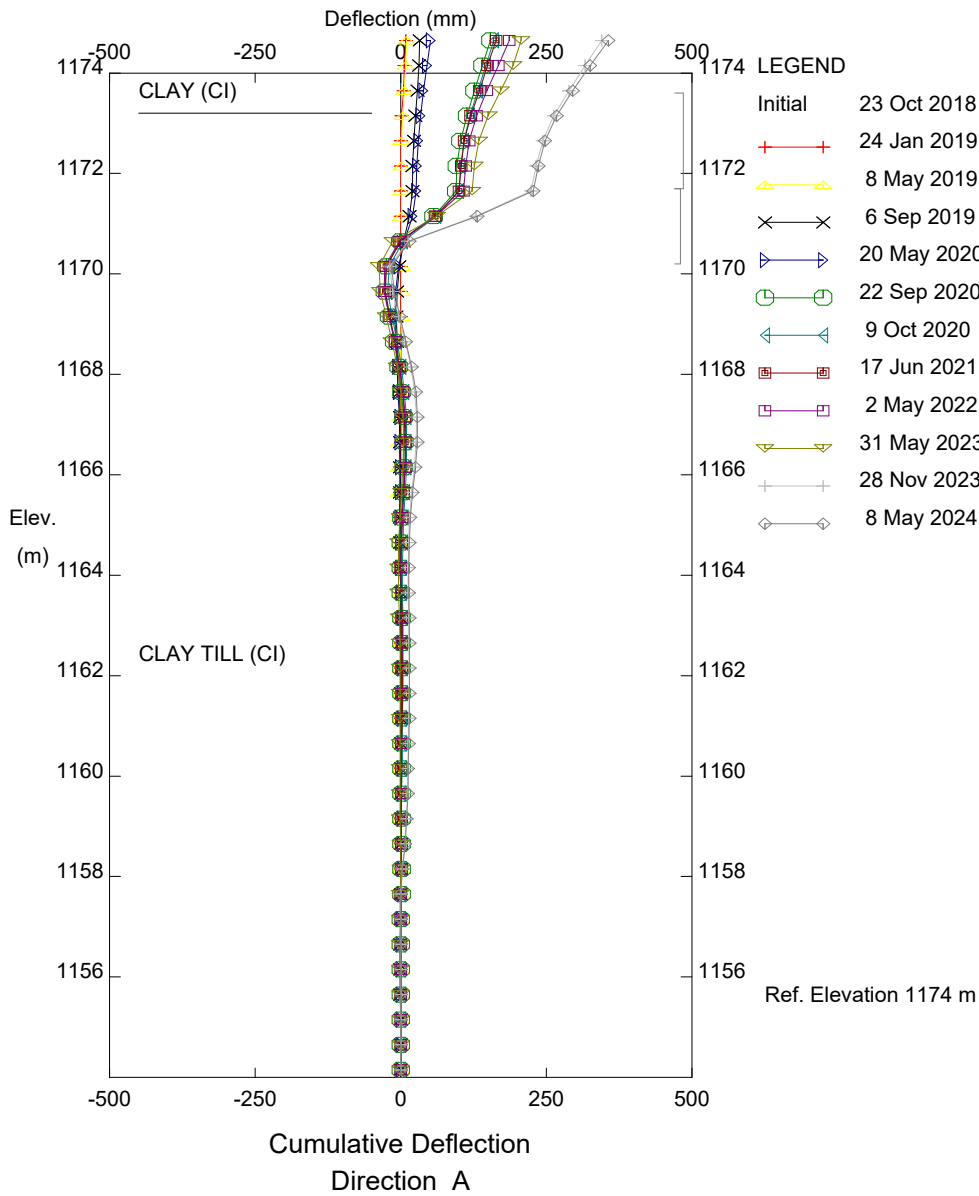
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APPENDIX I

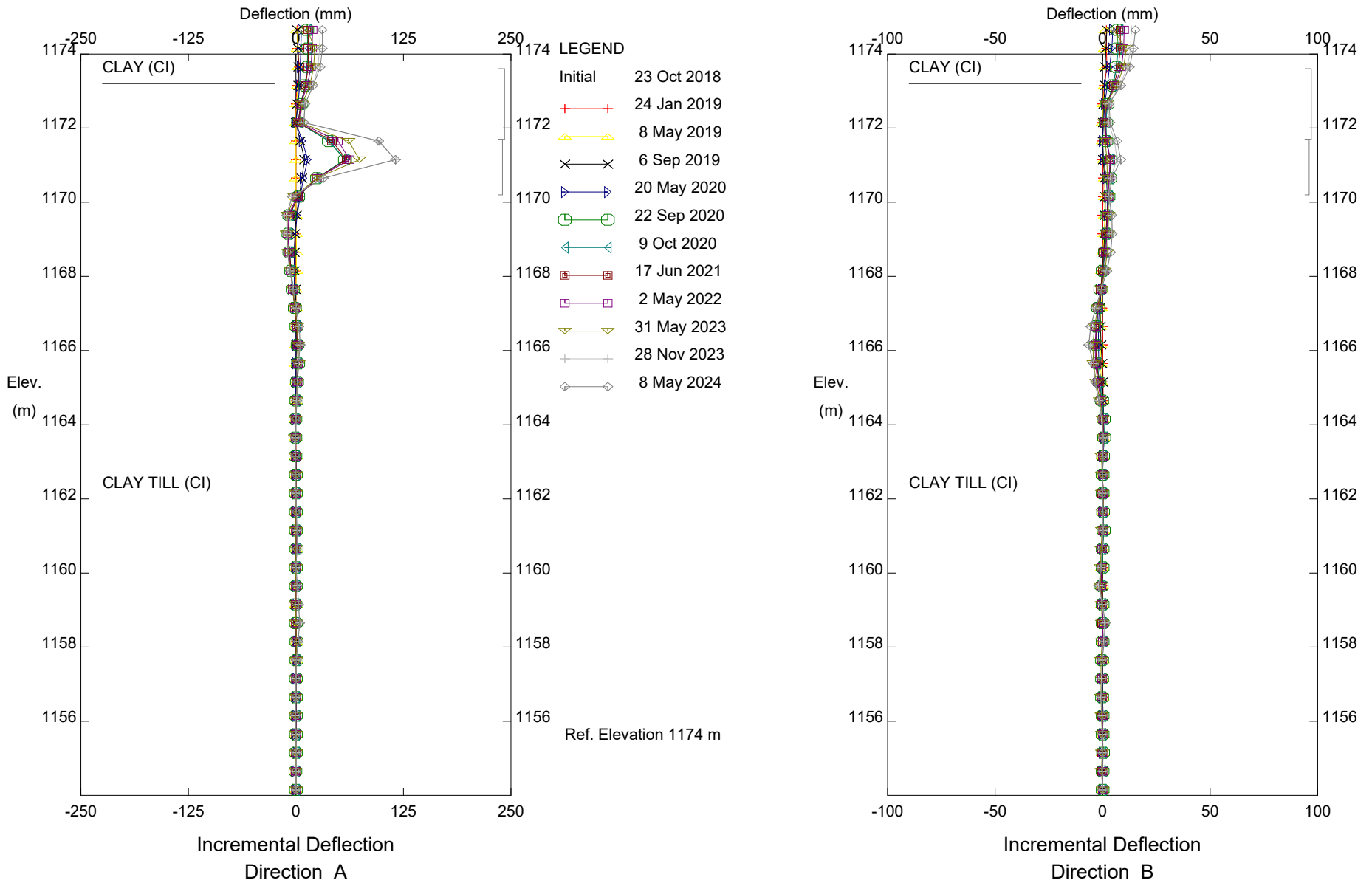
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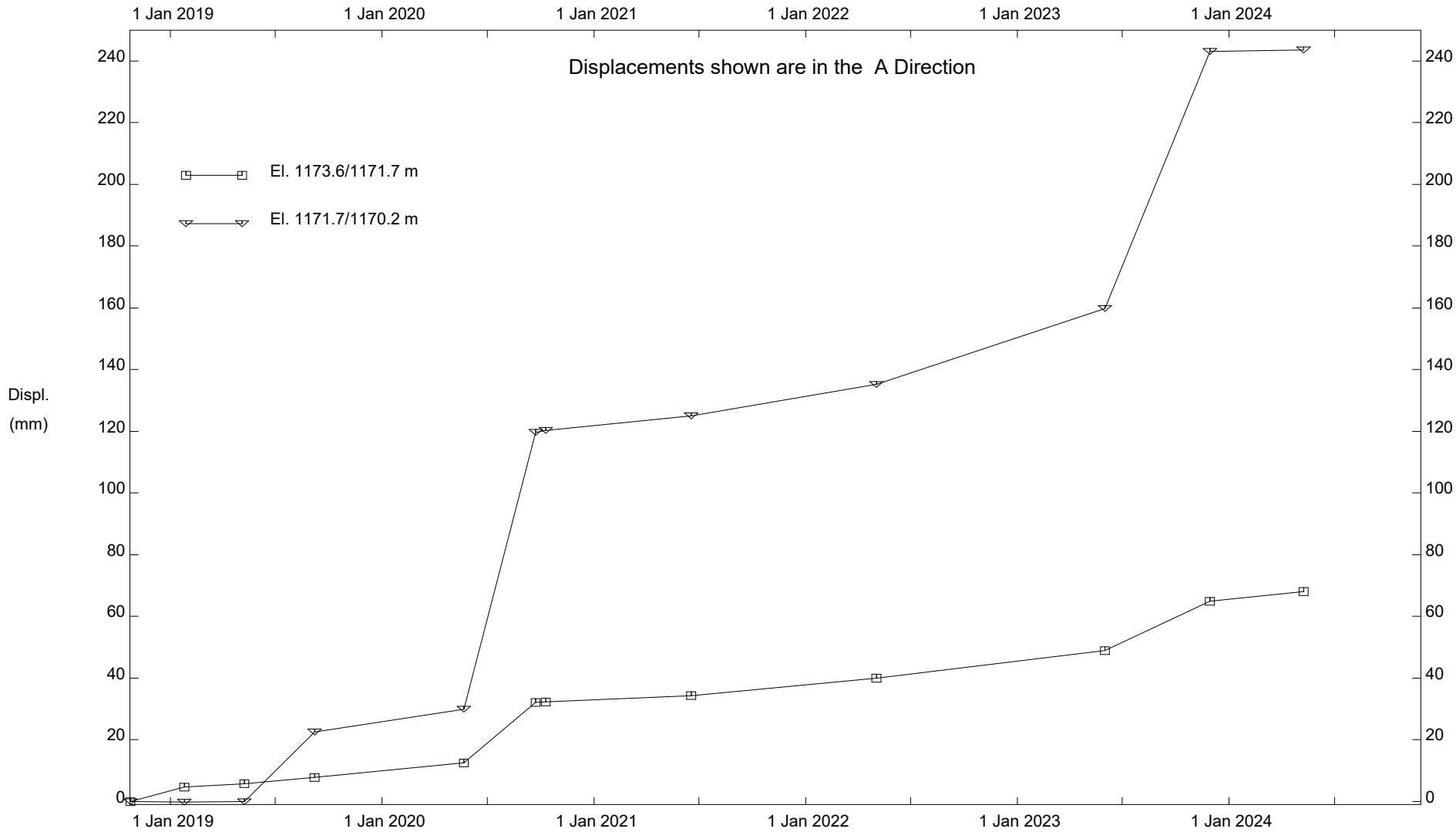
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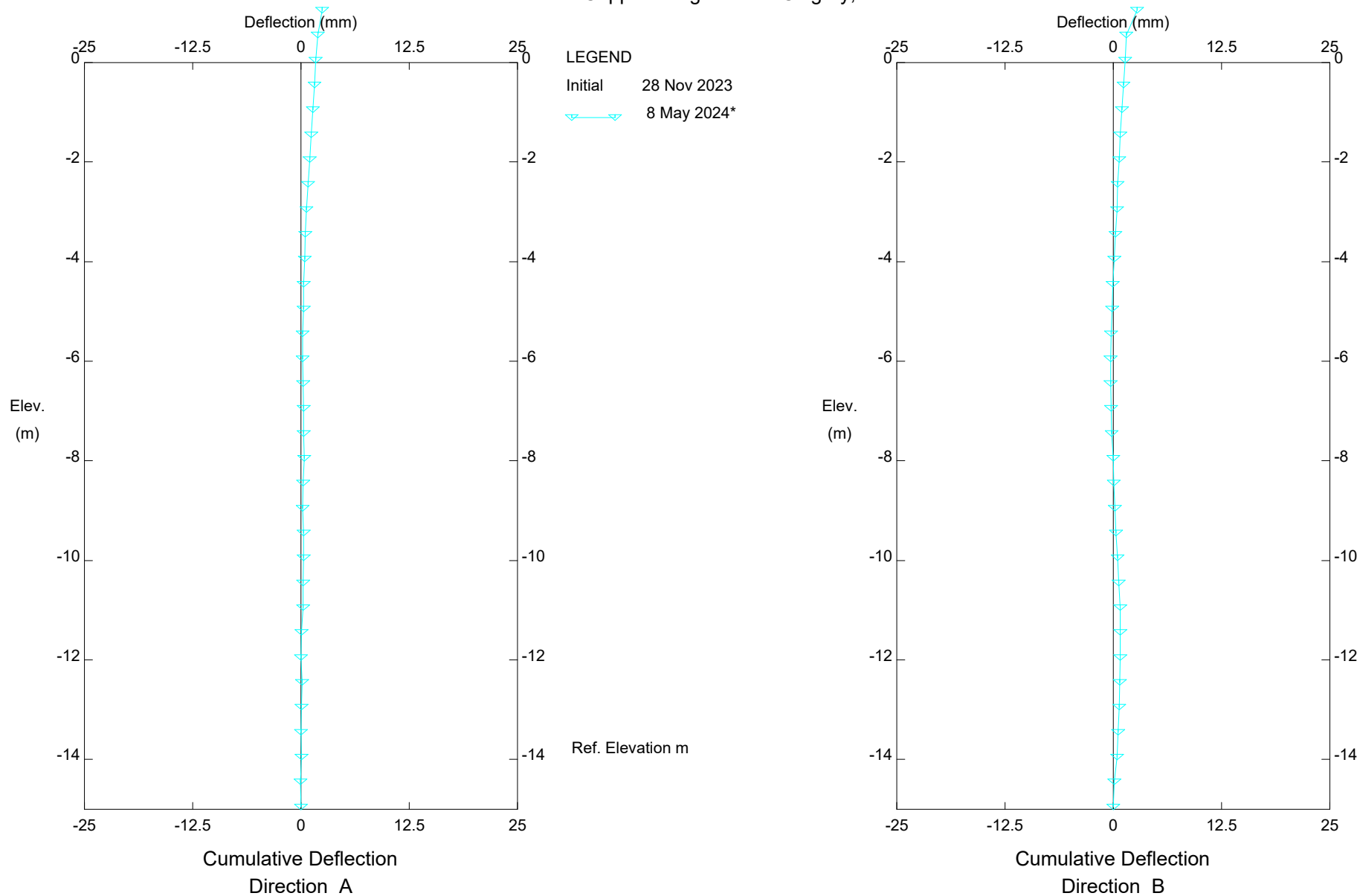
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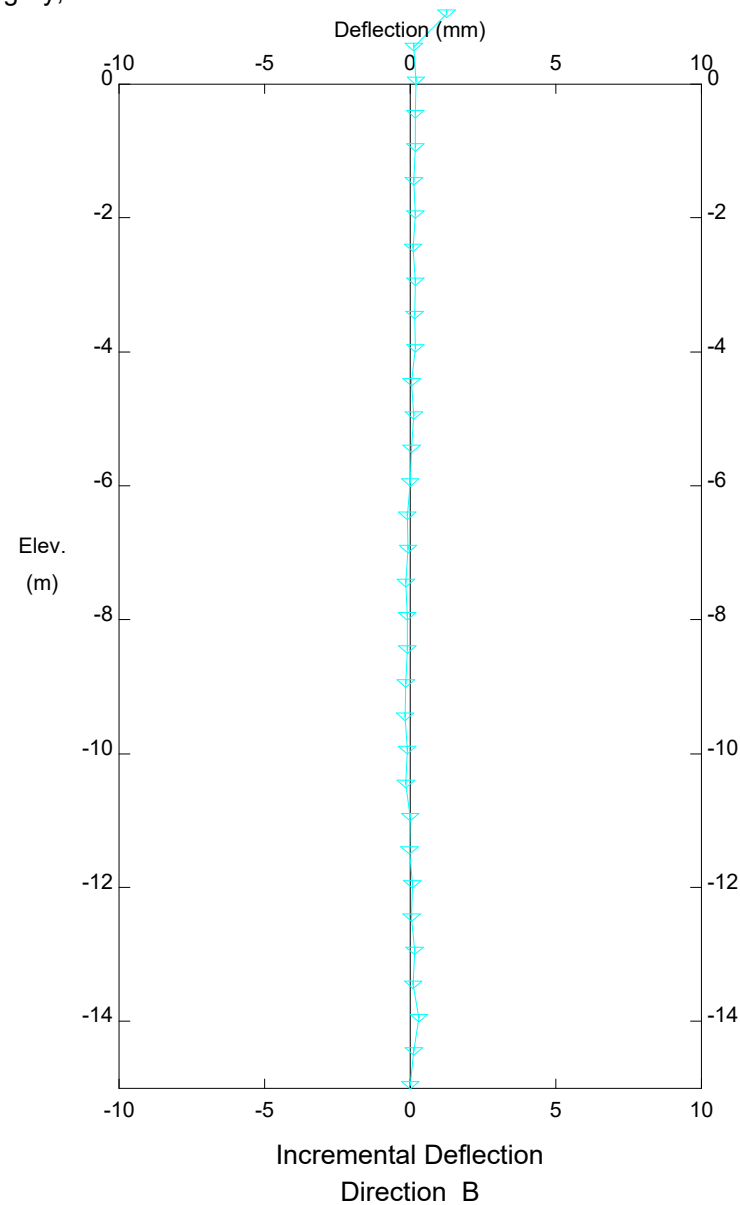
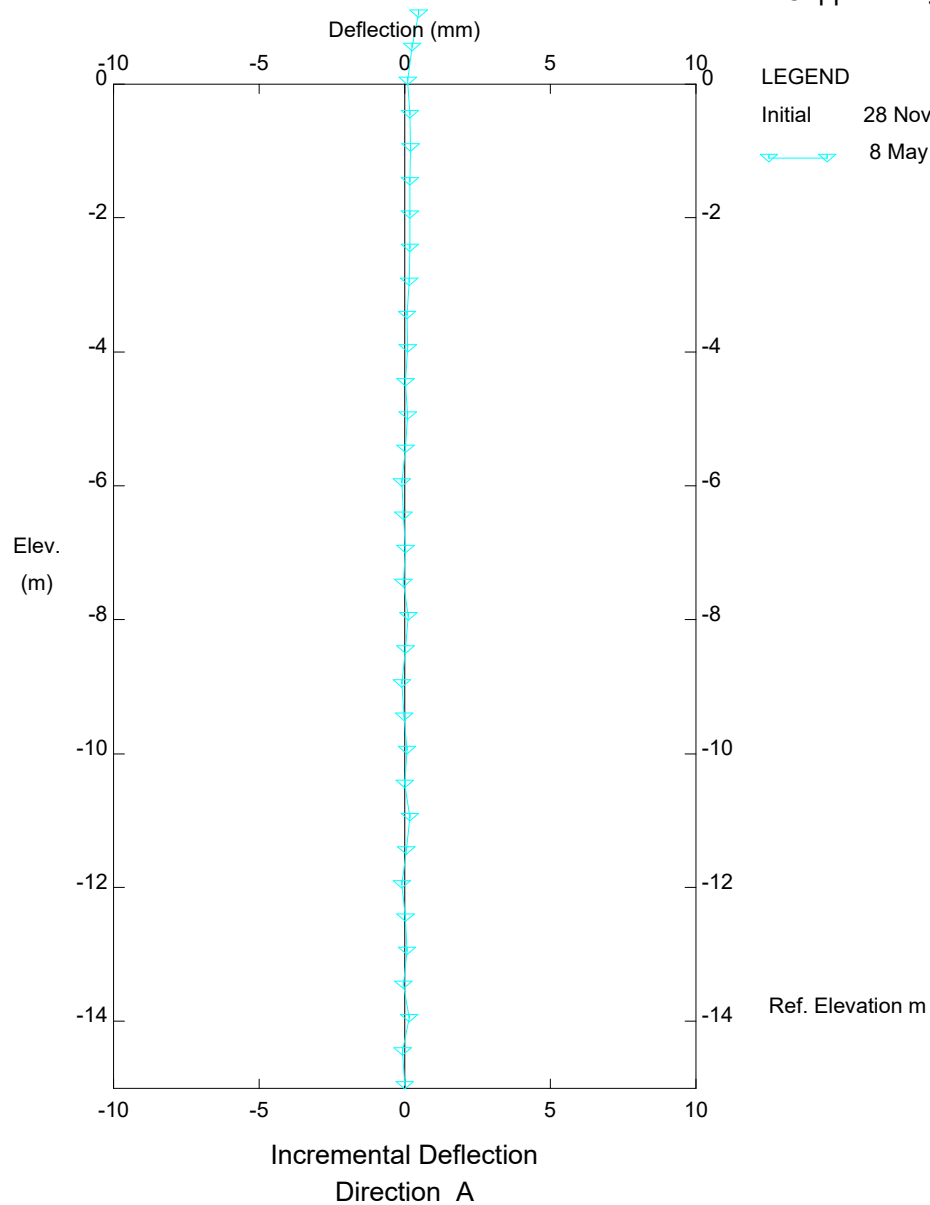
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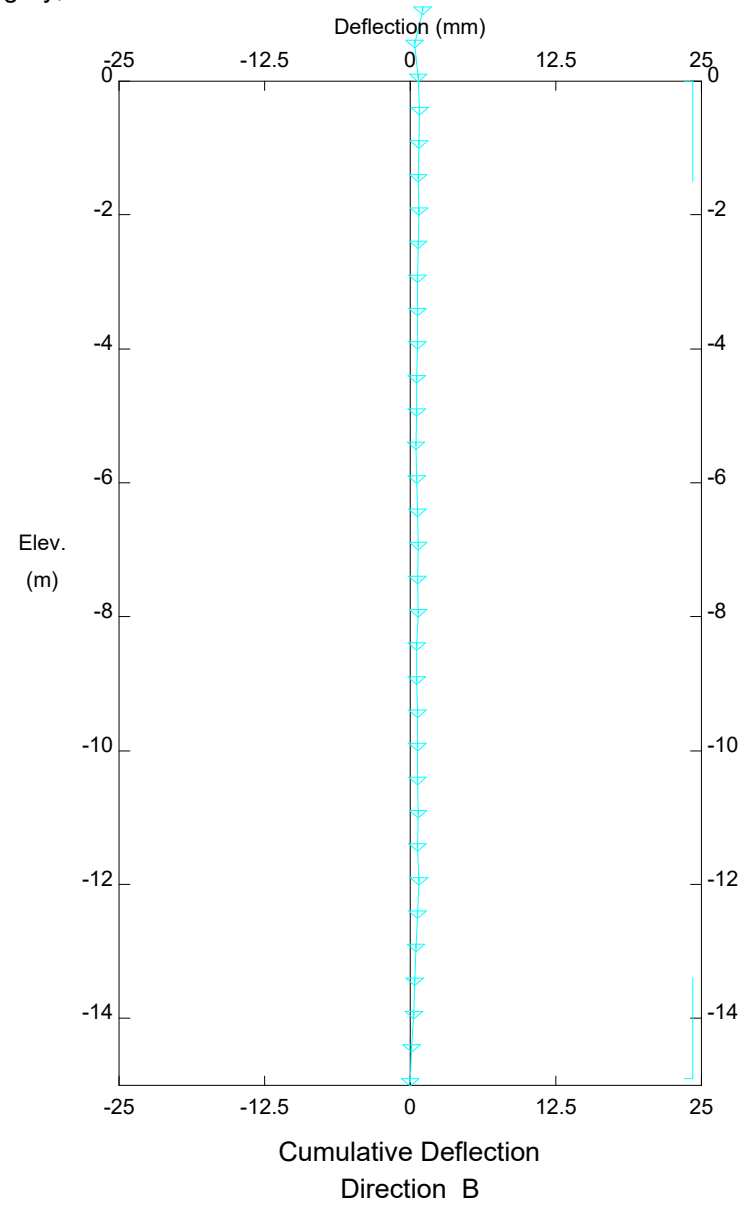
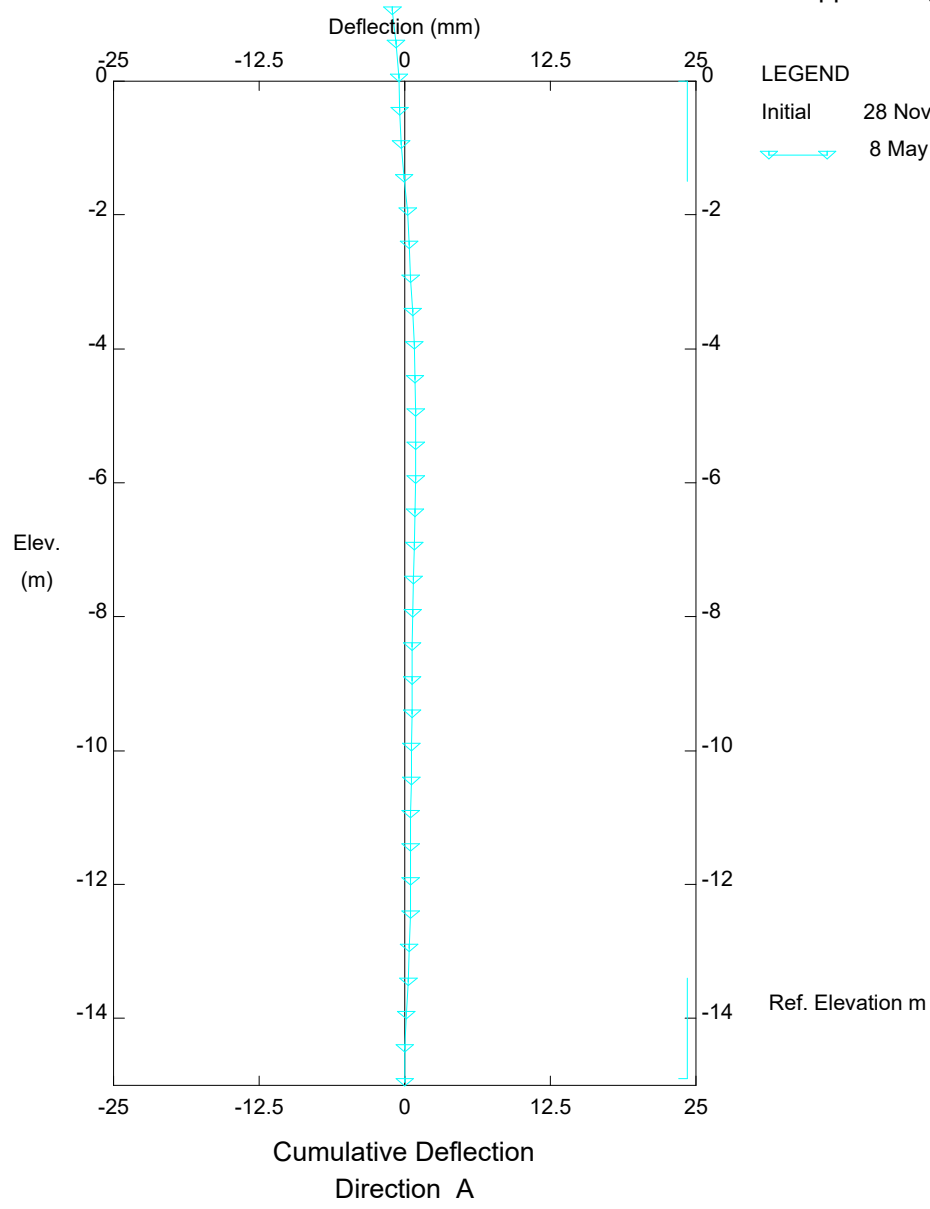
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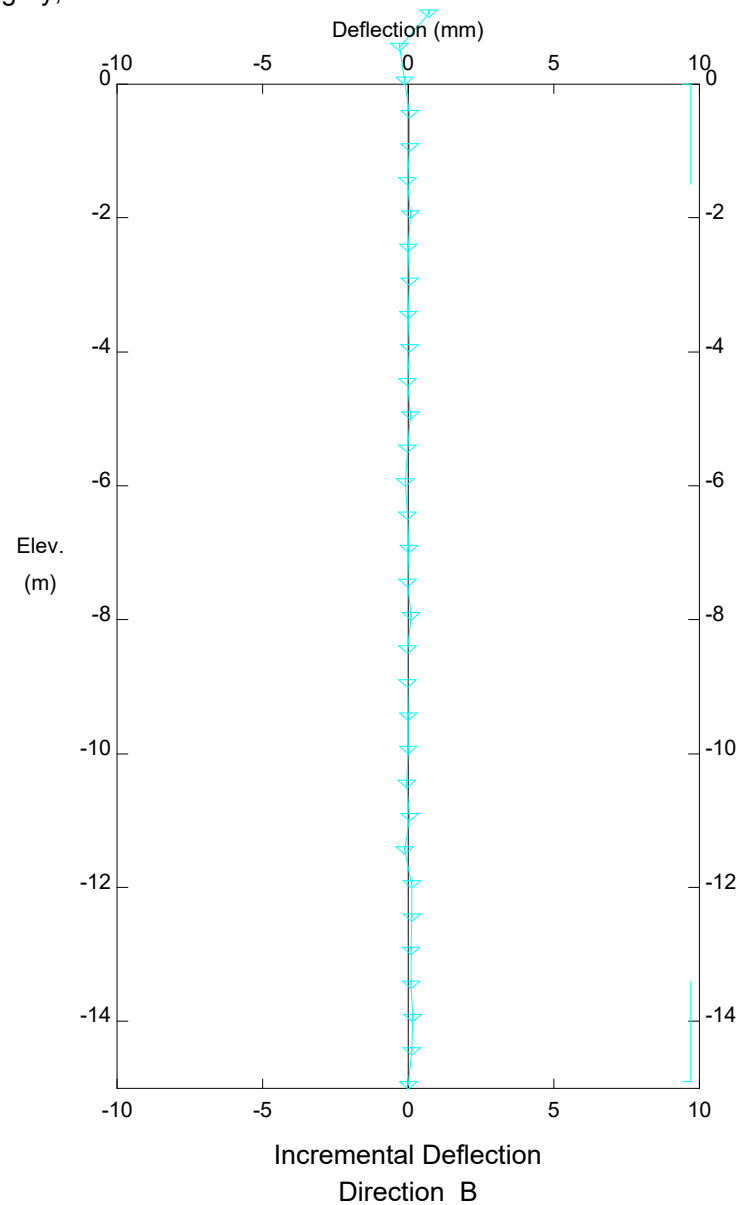
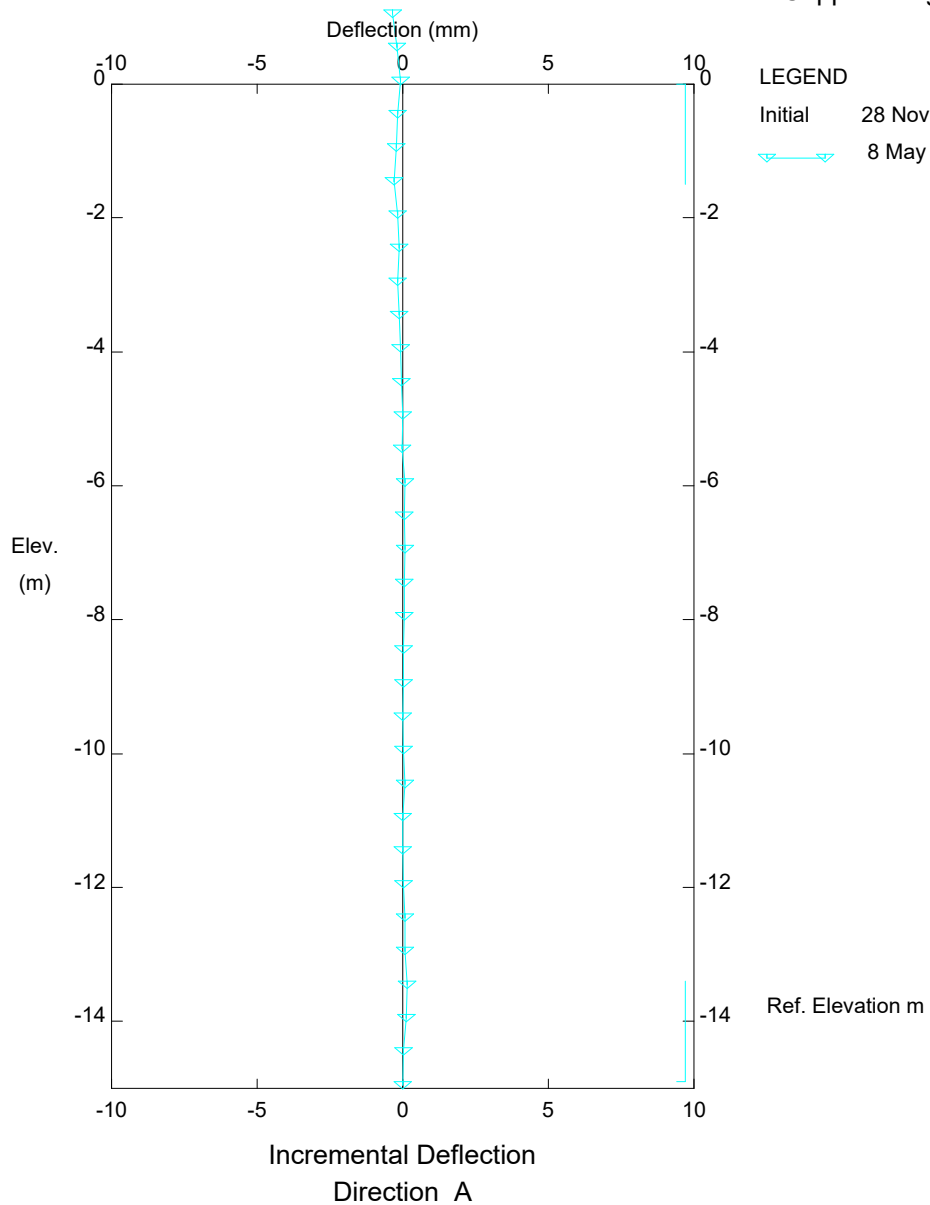
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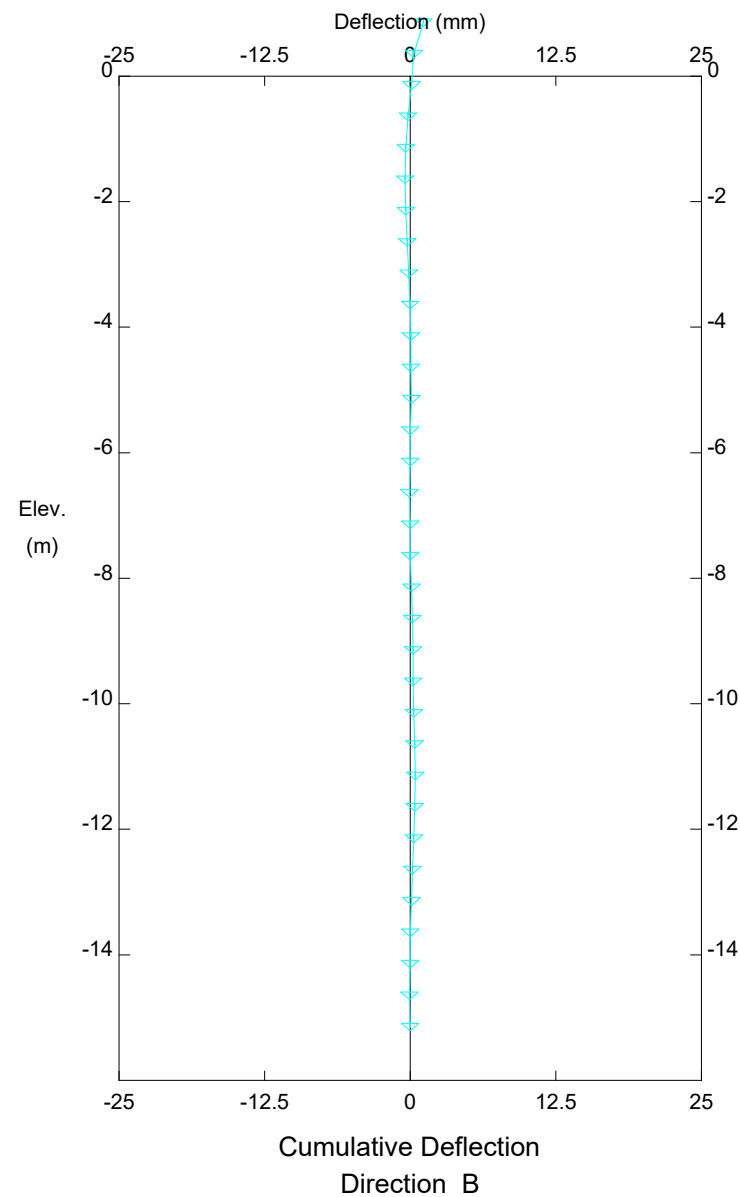
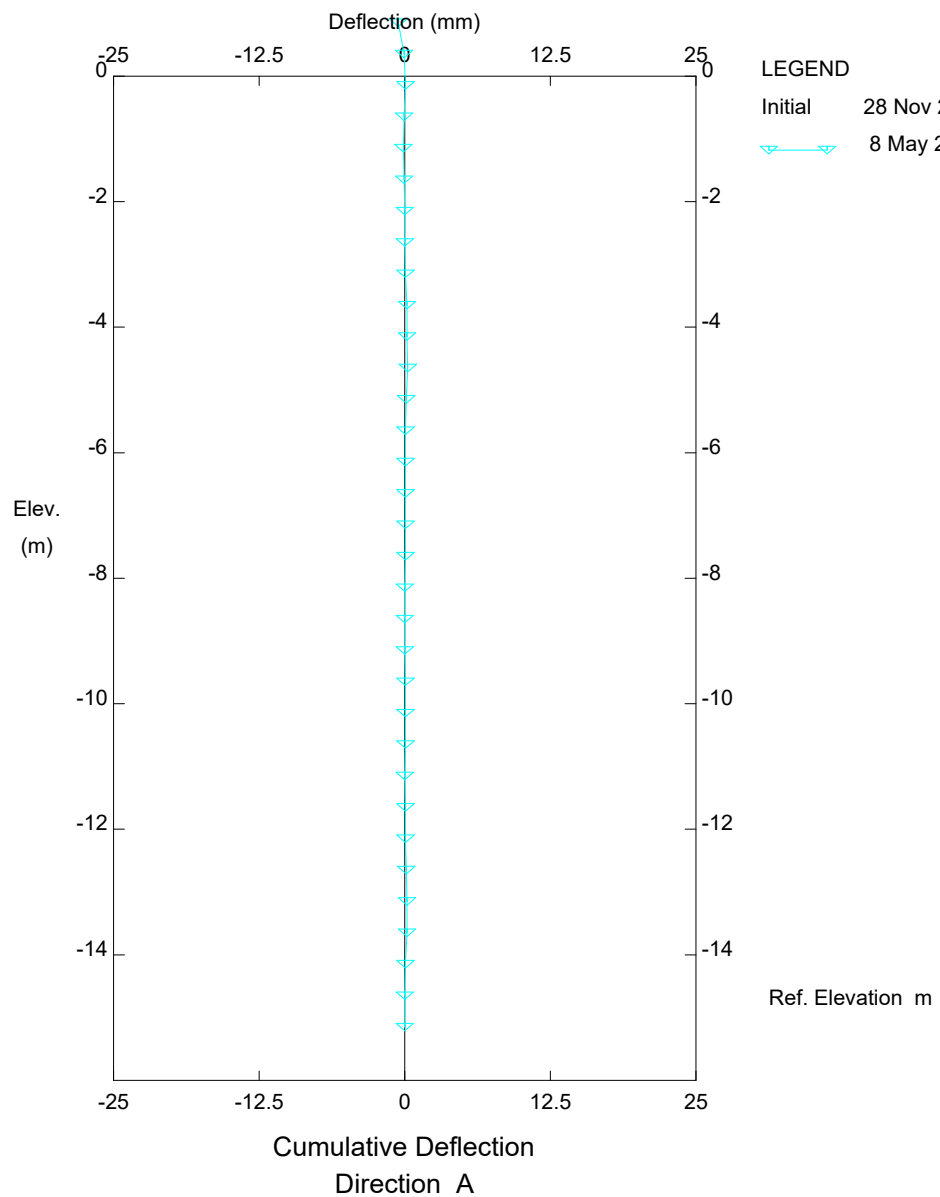
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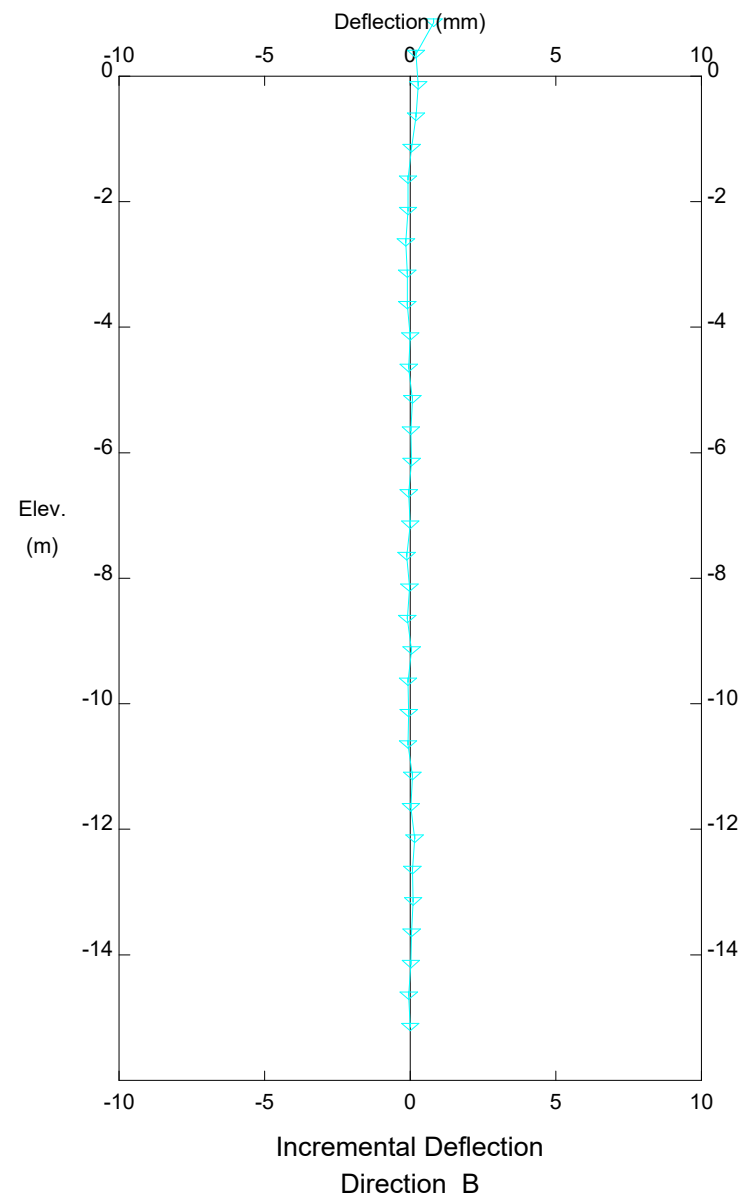
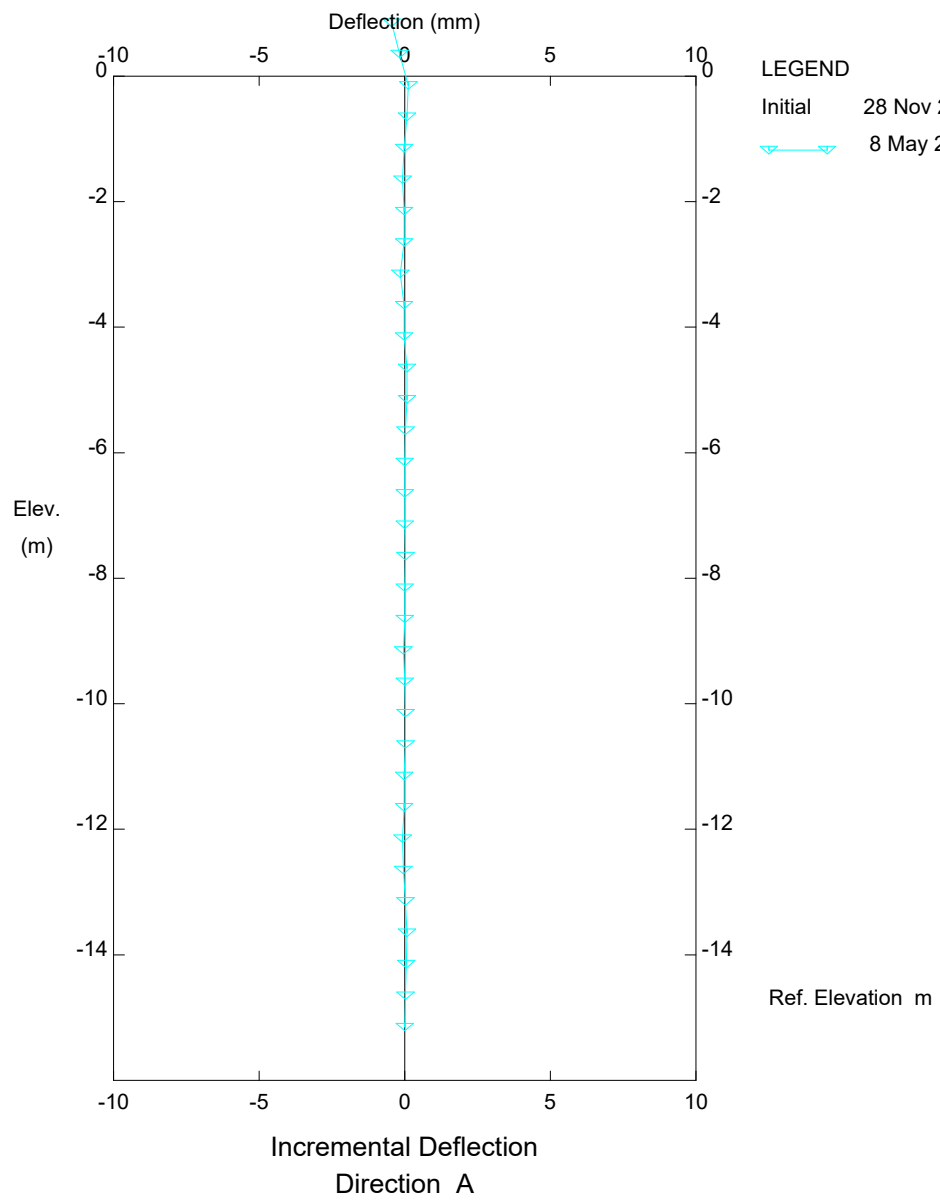
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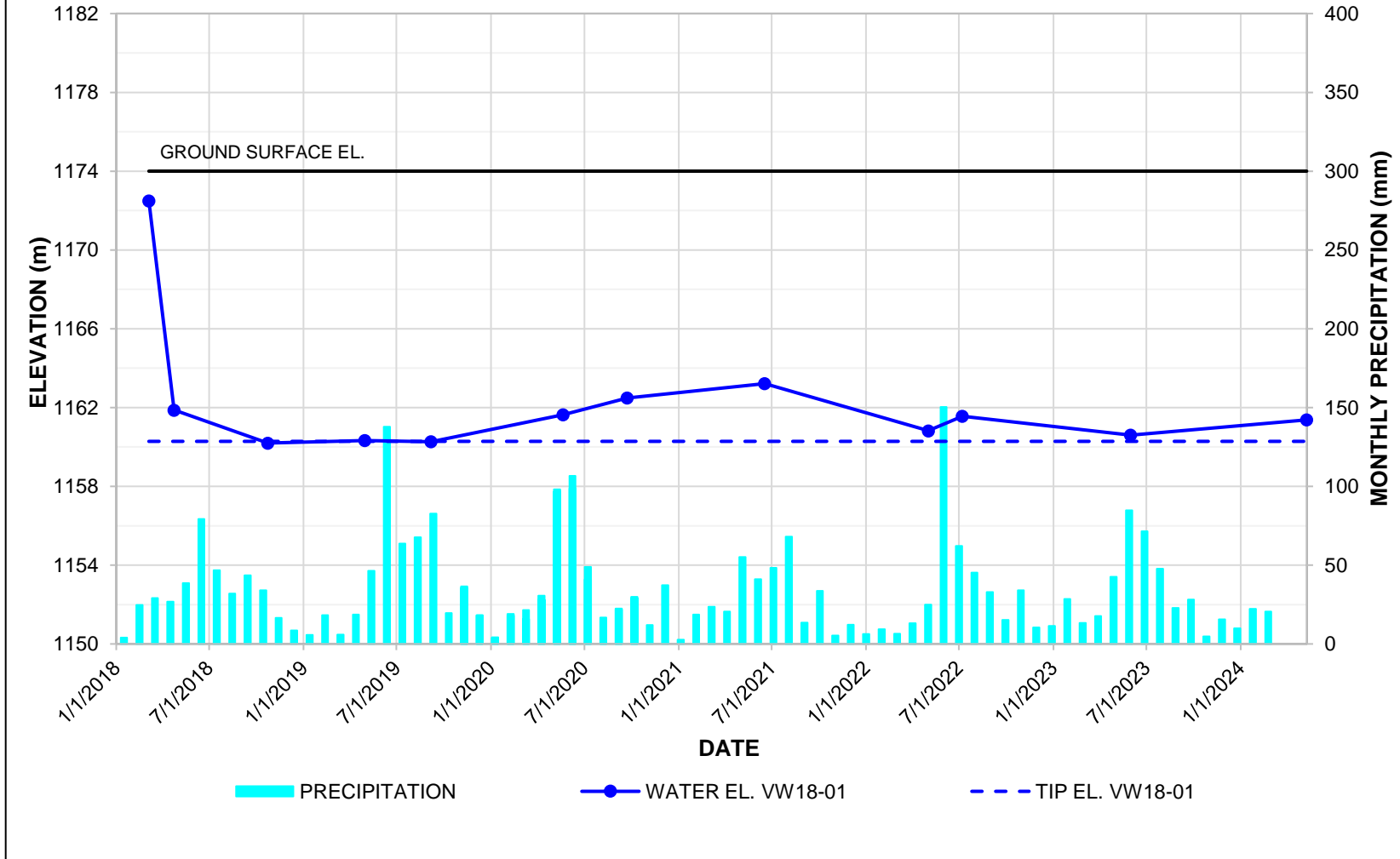
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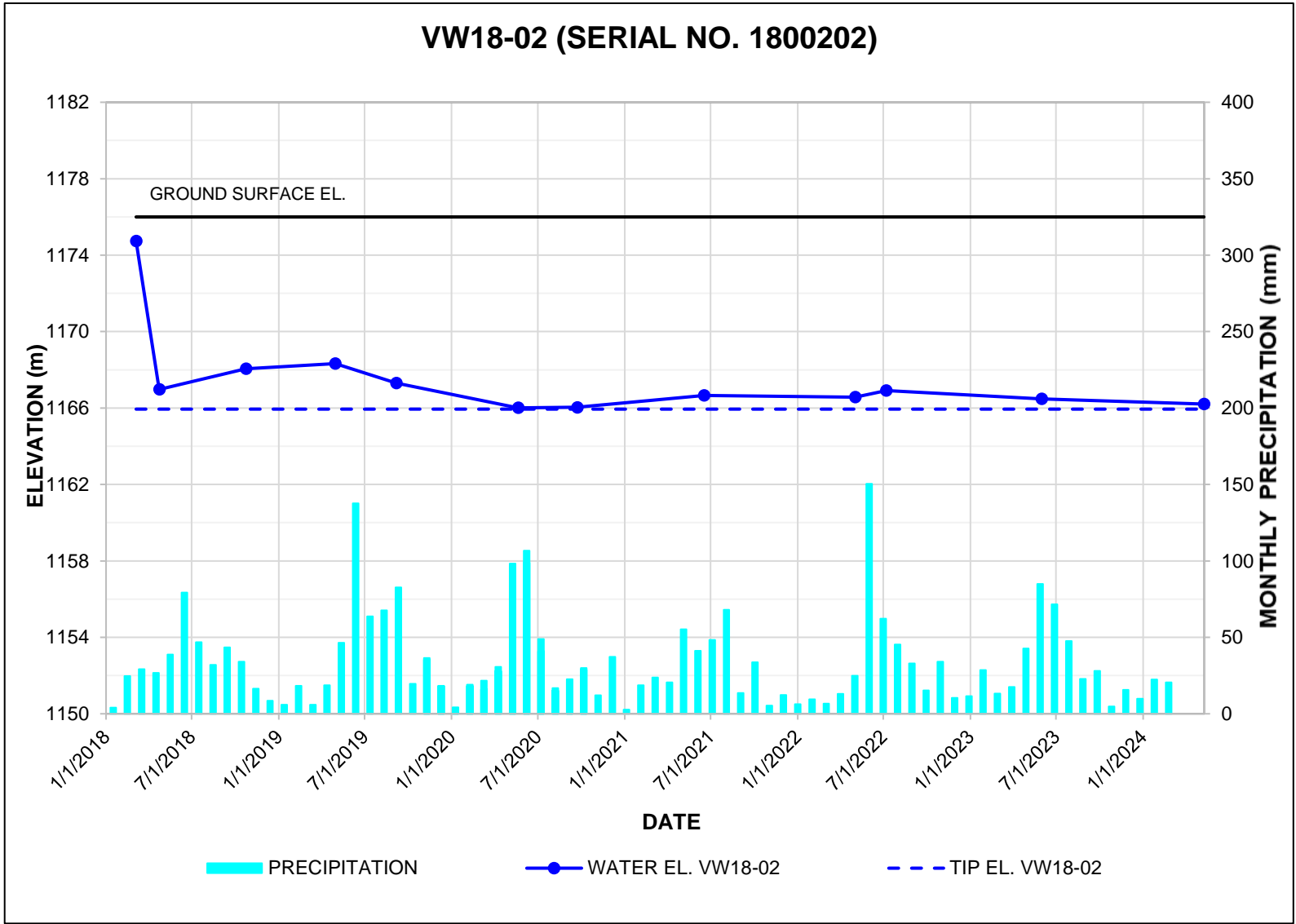
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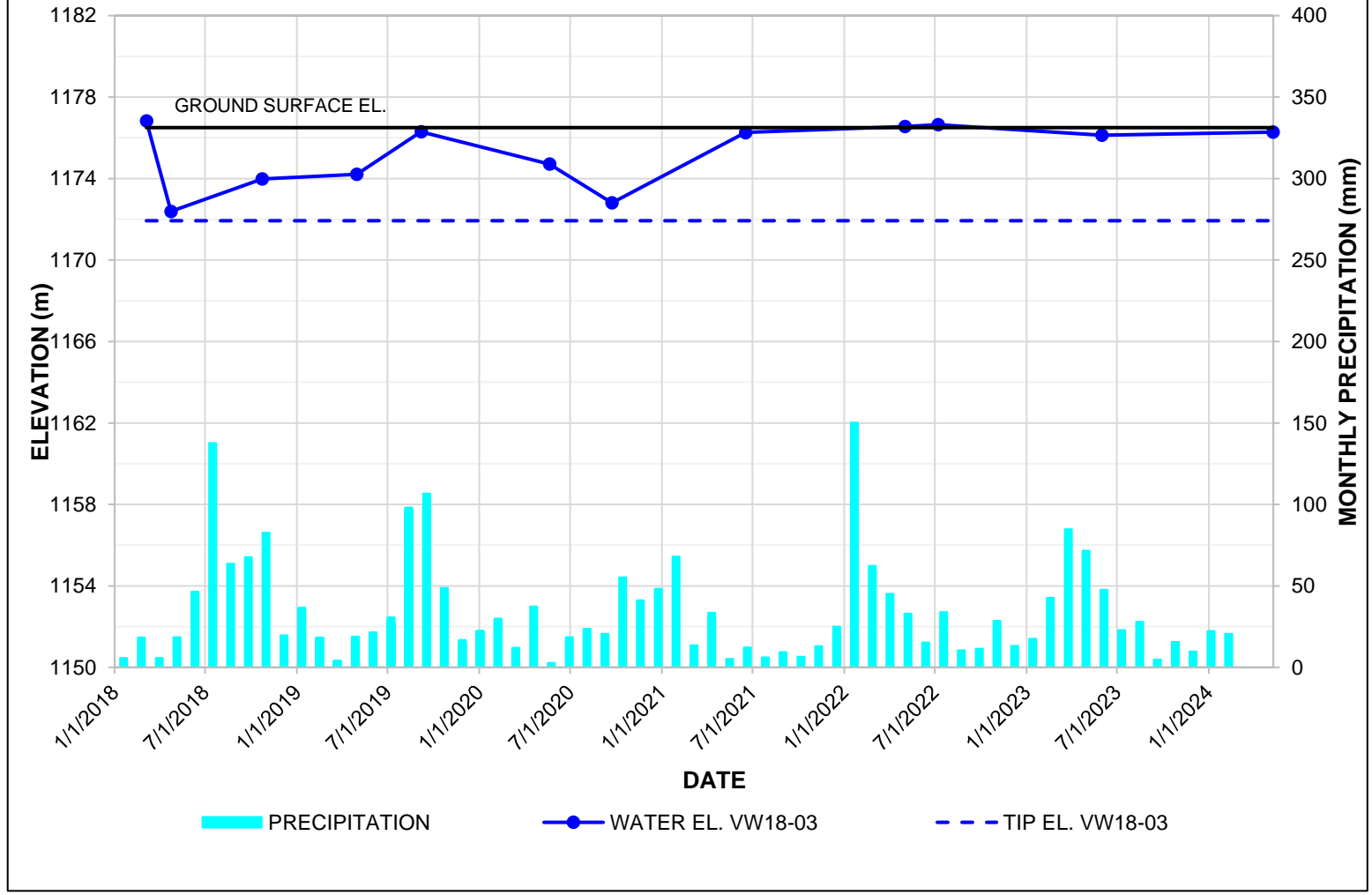
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