

October 16, 2024

From:

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**Re: Combined Monthly Surface Deformation Report – September 2024
Sulphur Mines Salt Dome, Louisiana**

Please find attached the combined monthly deformation report for Sulphur Mines dome which includes results from the precision tiltmeters and GNSS stations for the September monitoring period and the cumulative InSAR results as of month end.

Additional Notes:

- Due to an unsuccessful acquisition of the scheduled September 28, 2024 SNT satellite image, the report for the most recent September SNT dataset from September 16 has been included for this report

Status of a deformation alert plan. Additional time is still needed to create a deformation alert system with specific deformation readings from the tiltmeters, GNSS and InSAR monitoring efforts. A brief discussion on this topic is included in the attached tiltmeter/GNSS report. The deformation alert levels will include specific actions and updated reporting schedules as the alert levels progress in severity. In the meantime, while background ground motion values are established, any clearly anomalous deformation readings in any of the monitoring systems shall be promptly reported to the various stakeholders.

Sincerely,



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Attachment List

- A. Tiltmeter/GNSS Data Report - September 2024
- B. SNT InSAR report - September 16, 2024
- C. TSX/PAZ InSAR report - September 24, 2024
- D. Vertical & East-West 2D InSAR report – September 24, 2024

ATTACHMENT A

Tiltmeter/GNSS Data Report - September 2024

October 16, 2024

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Re: Tiltmeter/GNSS Data Evaluation – September 2024, Sulphur Mines Salt Dome

The tiltmeter/GNSS network, which includes twenty tiltmeters and five GNSS stations, has been operational since June 1, 2024. It was installed and is currently being operated by Halliburton's Pinnacle Group. Please refer to Figure 1 for the map of the tiltmeter and GNSS stations and Table 1 for their coordinates.

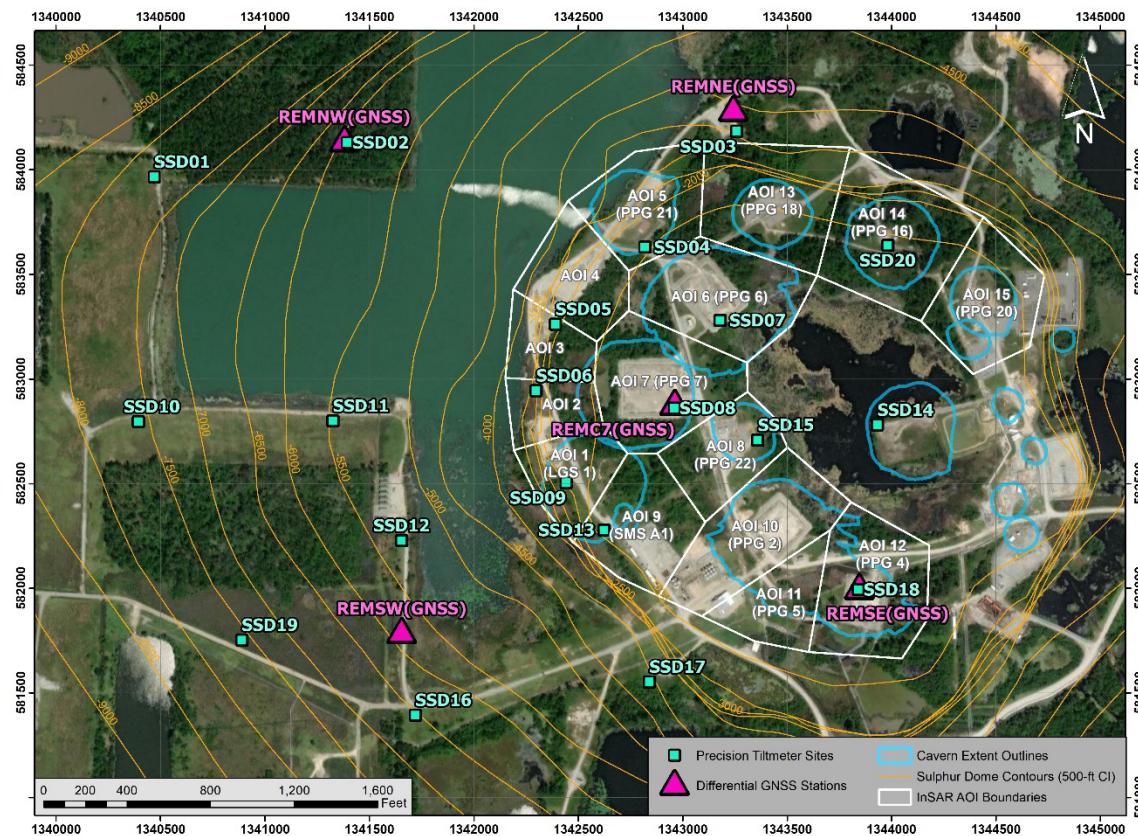


Figure 1. Map of the tiltmeter and GNSS network installed at Sulphur Mines dome. The cyan squares indicate the tiltmeter site locations. The GNSS stations are shown by pink triangles. The InSAR AOI boundaries are shown for reference. The surface projection of the various salt caverns is indicated by blue lines. The salt dome contours are in light orange. The backdrop is an aerial photograph of the Sulphur Mines salt dome.

Table 1. Location of GNSS and Tiltmeter Stations at Sulphur Mines Salt Dome (WGS 84)

Differential GNSS Stations		
Name	Latitude	Longitude
REMC7	30.253327	-93.414588
REMNE	30.257206	-93.413782
REMNW	30.256713	-93.419670
REMSE	30.250953	-93.411739
REMSW	30.250263	-93.418668
Off-dome Reference Station	30.257750	-93.426649

Precision Tiltmeter Sites		
Name	Latitude	Longitude
SSD01	30.256207	-93.422543
SSD02	30.256705	-93.419624
SSD03	30.256947	-93.413727
SSD04	30.255402	-93.415087
SSD05	30.254365	-93.416418
SSD06	30.253489	-93.416695
SSD07	30.254456	-93.413924
SSD08	30.253295	-93.414595
SSD09	30.252288	-93.416215
SSD10	30.252987	-93.422714
SSD11	30.253043	-93.419765
SSD12	30.251485	-93.418691
SSD13	30.251674	-93.415624
SSD14	30.253120	-93.411511
SSD15	30.252891	-93.413320
SSD16	30.249195	-93.418437
SSD17	30.249687	-93.414899
SSD18	30.250951	-93.411754
SSD19	30.250140	-93.421087
SSD20	30.255485	-93.411405

Introduction

This report describes tiltmeter and GNSS measurements from the Sulphur Mines Salt Dome collected in September 2024.

For each tiltmeter station, the report provides:

- Raw measurements of east and north tilt components at four-minute temporal resolution (measured in microradians), along with their linear trends
- Detrended east and north tilt components at four-minute temporal resolution
- Daily range of east and north tilt components
- Daily precipitation amount (measured in inches)
- Daily tilt direction distribution diagram, along with the direction to Cavern 7 and direction of the linear trend.

For each GNSS station, the report provides:

- Daily time series of east, north, and vertical deformation and their linear trends in the local reference frame.

For a more detailed description of the data visualization, please refer to the August 2024 report.

Summary of tiltmeter observations for September 2024

In September 2024, the tiltmeter network operated without interruption. During this time no signals related to processes in Cavern 7 were detected. The plots for each tiltmeter station are shown in Appendix 1 and described below.

The established tilt trends were disrupted by both precipitation events and mechanical activities near the sites. The rain events from September 4-6 affected the tilt response across the array to varying degrees. Not all sites were equally affected, possibly due to local site conditions or irregular precipitation patterns in the area. Significant tilt variations caused by precipitation require manual interpretation, which limits the development of automated monitoring techniques.

Large, short-duration tilt signals were linked to mechanical disturbances near the sites. These abrupt signals are considered outliers and are eliminated through filtering. Such a signal was observed at SSD14 on September 19-20th.

Additionally, small, somewhat random anomalies in the tiltmeter data were observed, not related to weather and likely linked to local, possibly shallow features in the near surface, such as movement in the cap rock.

Prolonged abnormal behavior was observed at SSD10 in September, with the tilt trend at this site changing several times. Currently, the site's behavior cannot be explained with certainty, but mechanical site disturbance and/or equipment failure are considered the most likely scenarios.

The established tilt trends reflect the current deformation processes, and an additional tilt due to failure at Cavern 7 will be superimposed on these established trends. Our objective is to learn how to accurately detect small but coherent signals at several sites. We are continuing to test various computational techniques for identifying such signals.

Presently, the tilt data are manually reviewed daily, using a 7-day rolling window, for any trend changes consistently observed at several tiltmeter sites over a period lasting at least a few days. With this approach, the September tiltmeter data shows no consistent pattern of ground movement that suggests deep-sourced deformation or any immediate concern with Cavern 7.

Summary of GNSS observations for September 2024

In September 2024, the GNSS network operated without interruption.

We have evaluated the full data history starting at the beginning of June 2024 for this report to improve measurement precision. The plots for each GNSS station are shown in Appendix 2.

The east, north, and vertical deformation time series at each GNSS site are used to compute the annual deformation rate in a local reference frame. These values are then shown on the rate vector map (Appendix 3). During September, daily measurements supported an established deformation trend, with a few of the GNSS sites recording horizontal motion directed approximately toward Cavern 7 and vertical motion indicating subsidence.

As previously described, the abnormally fast vertical motion at the NW GNSS station is related to field operations near the site in mid-July, and data from mid-July to the end of September appears to be stable.

Analysis Maps

Three maps have been created to visually summarize the results of the current analysis. These maps are shown below and are also provided in Appendix 3. Figure 2 is a rate vector map that portrays the direction and magnitude of the deformation rates that were identified for each tiltmeter and GNSS station by linear regression. Figure 3 portrays rose diagrams of the daily tilt direction frequency for each tiltmeter for the full data history

from June 2024 to present. Figure 4 portrays daily tilt direction frequency for the current monthly reporting period.

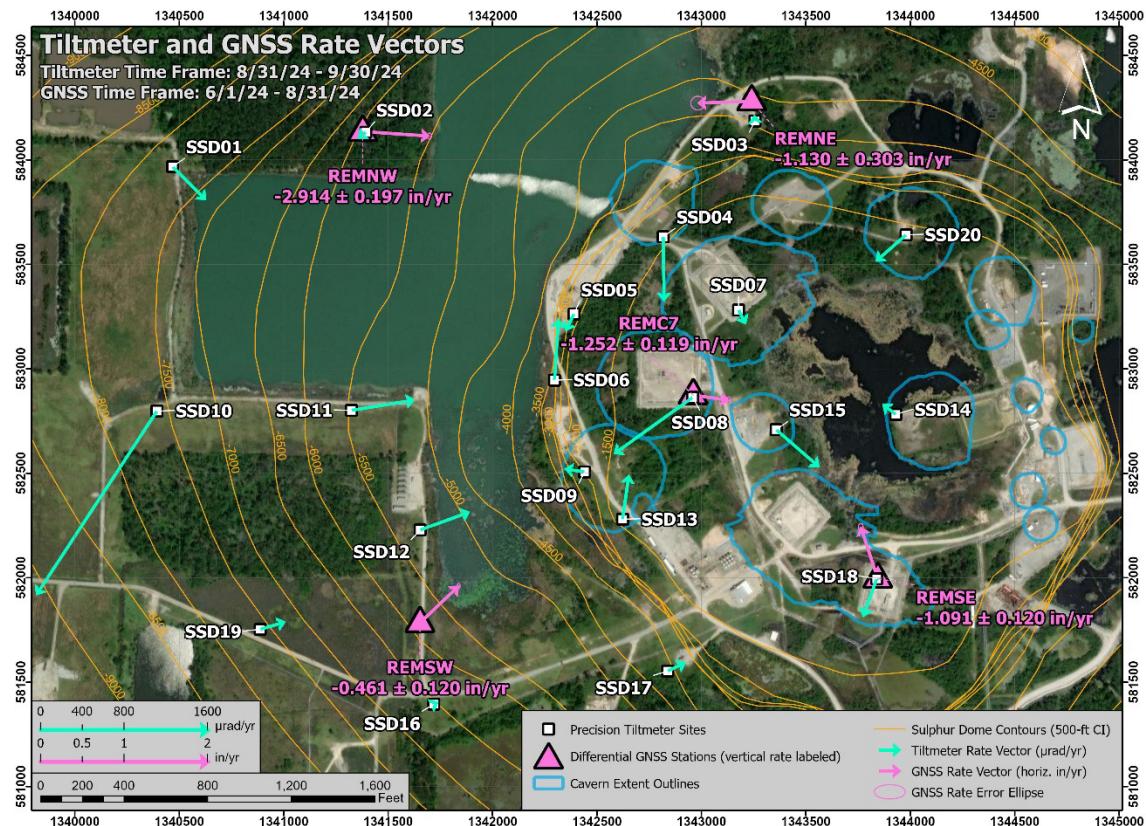


Figure 2. Map of deformation rate vectors for the tiltmeters and GNSS stations over their respective evaluated time frames. The tiltmeter vectors are shown in cyan and scaled according by their respective values in units of microradians per year. The GNSS vectors and their corresponding error ellipses (derived from east and north rate errors) are shown in pink representing inches of horizontal movement per year. The GNSS stations are additionally labeled with the vertical motion rate and corresponding error value.

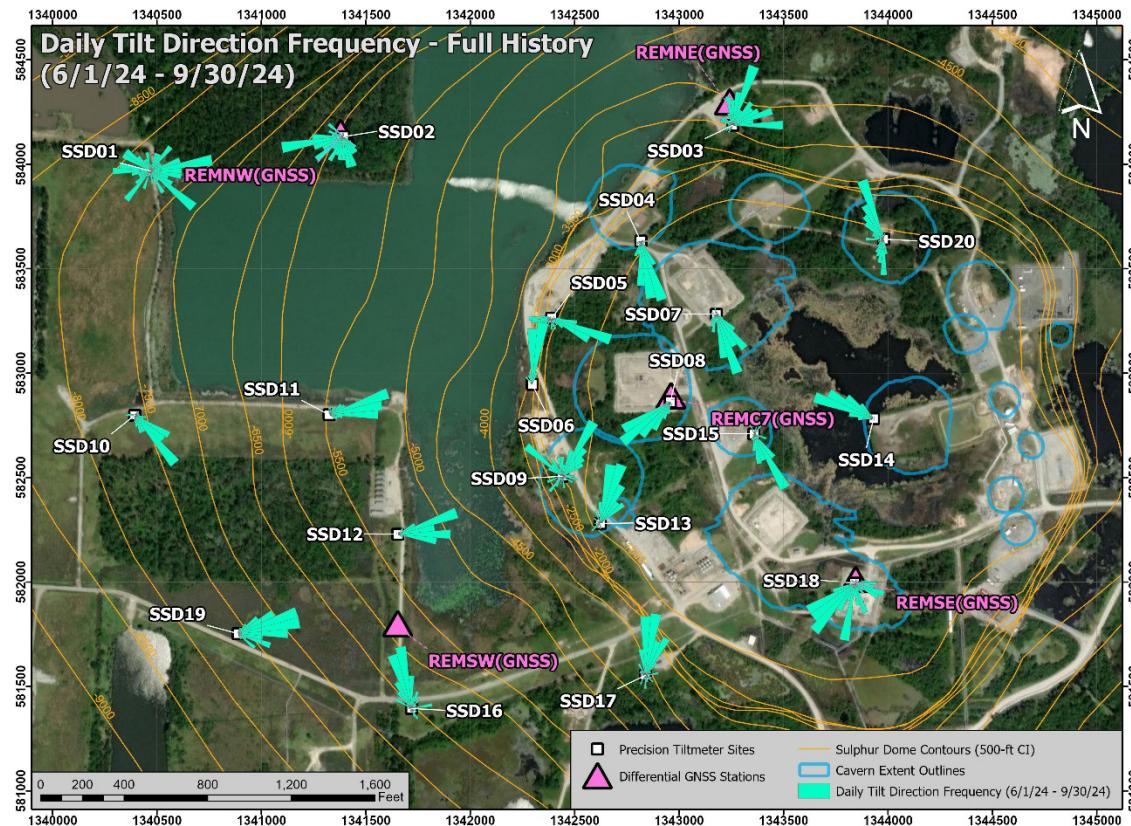


Figure 3. Map of daily tilt direction distribution for each tiltmeter for the full data history beginning in June 2024. Rose diagrams indicate the number of days that tilt was oriented along specific azimuths (bin size is 10°).

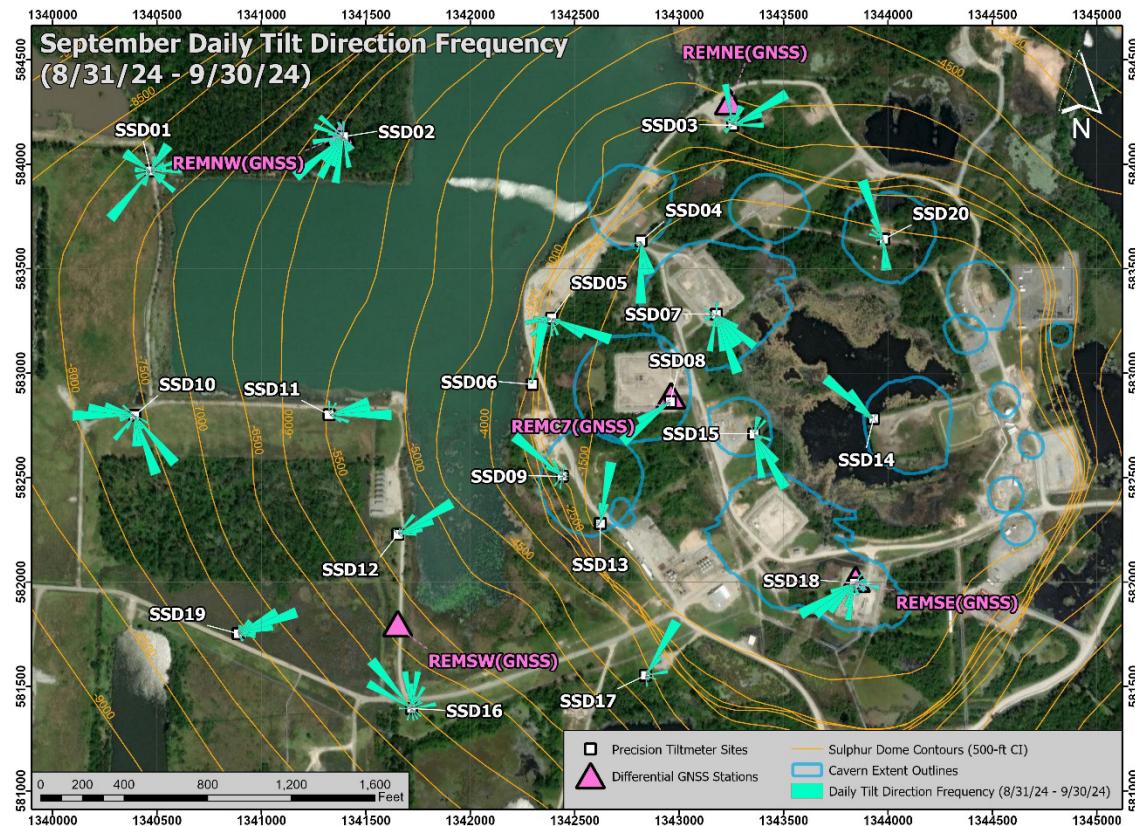


Figure 4. Map of daily tilt direction distribution for each tiltmeter for the current monthly reporting period. Rose diagrams indicate the number of days that tilt was oriented along specific azimuths (bin size is 10°).

Deformation Alert System

We continue working on developing a draft alert system that incorporates elements of both tiltmeter direction and magnitude. Over the past several months, we have observed that localized tilt changes are often linked to precipitation. The initial deformation alert "triggers" will likely take into account the consistency of tilt azimuth direction towards Cavern 7 or an area near to Cavern 7. These tilt changes must be observed across a large portion of the tiltmeter stations and persist for several days. Our Mogi modeling indicates that deep deformation associated with potential changes in volume at Cavern 7 (depth approximately 2500-3160 ft) is expected to impact the entire tiltmeter array. If the deformation moves upward from Cavern 7, we expect the corresponding tiltmeter response to narrow to the stations nearest the cavern and the tilt magnitude to increase.

In contrast, shallow deformation, such as movement in the cap rock, is likely to affect nearby tiltmeter sites only. It is unlikely that a short-term (hour-by-hour) alert system is

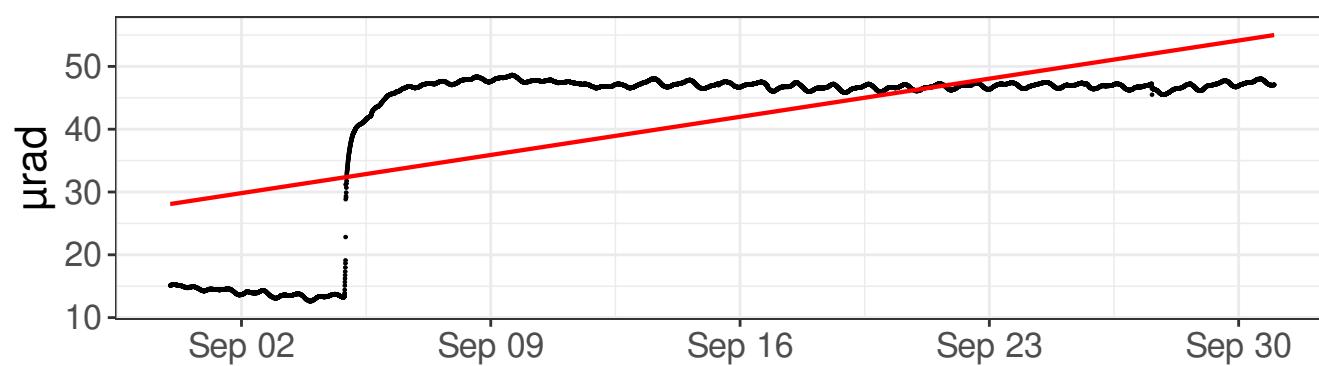
feasible for tiltmeter data. Our current plan is to establish a deformation alert that will trigger if a consistent pattern of tilt stations towards Cavern 7 is observed over a broad area for multiple days. The draft alert "levels" under consideration will also rely on supporting observations, such as Cavern 7 pressures, GNSS observations, InSAR trends, and microseismic activity.

APPENDIX 1

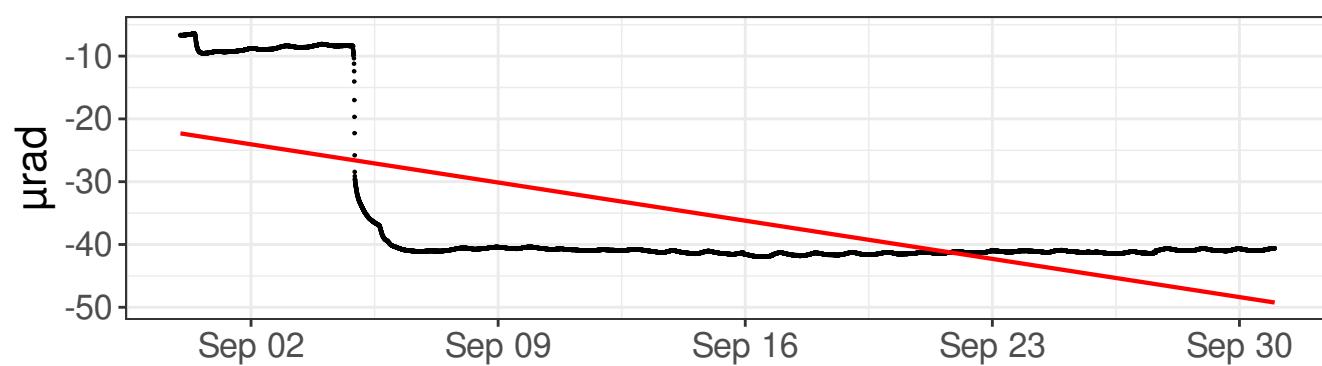
Tiltmeter Data Plots

SSD01, 08/31/2024 - 09/30/2024

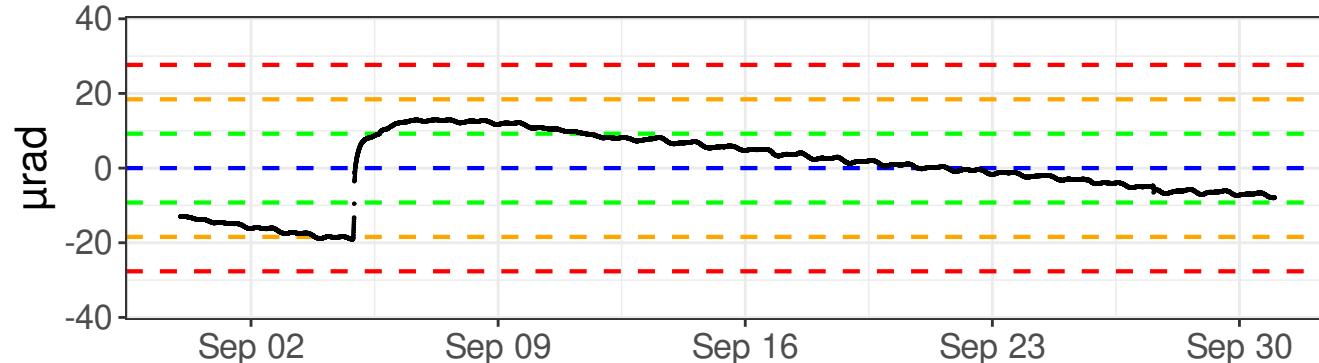
East tilt - raw values, Linear model R² 0.42



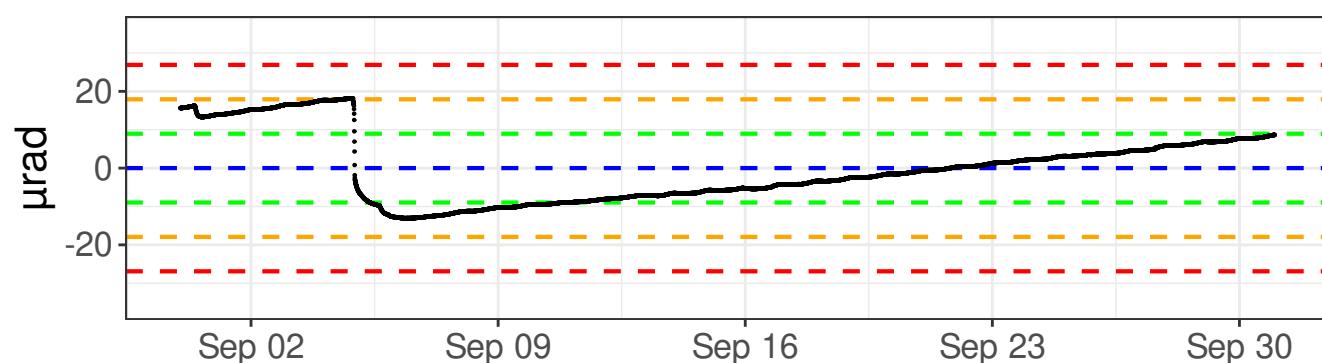
North tilt - raw values, Linear model R² 0.43



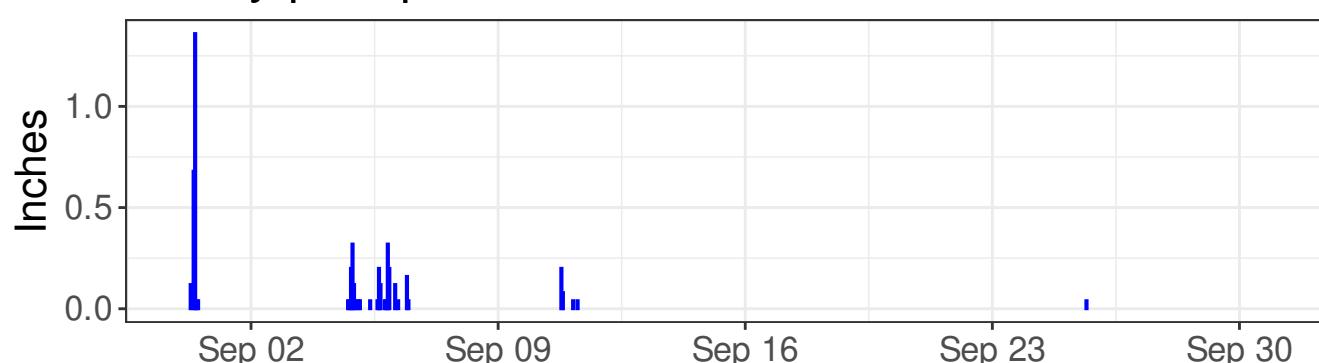
East tilt - detrended values



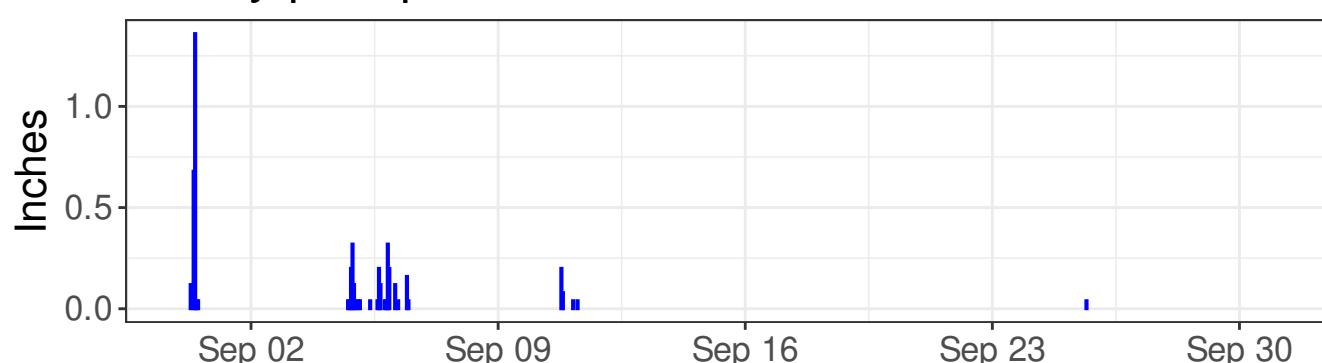
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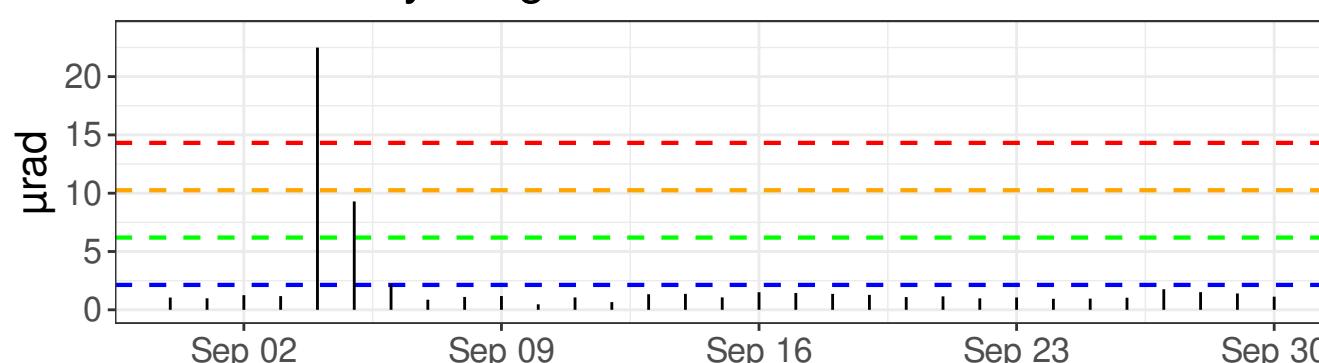
Hourly precipitation



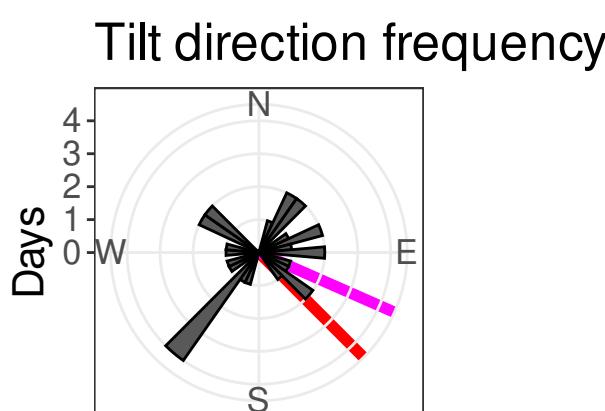
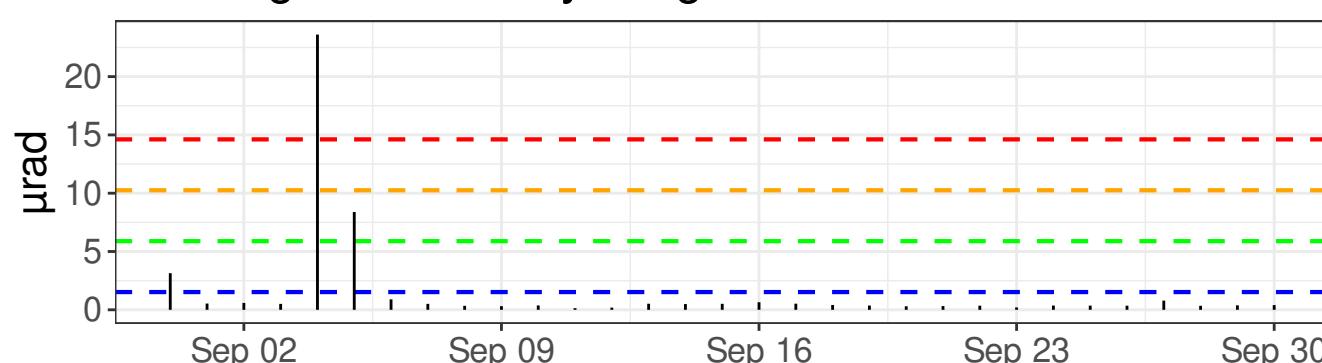
Hourly precipitation



East tilt - daily range



Tilt magnitude - daily range



East tilt rate: $317.71 \pm 3.56 \mu\text{rad/year}$

North tilt rate: $-318.04 \pm 3.46 \mu\text{rad/year}$

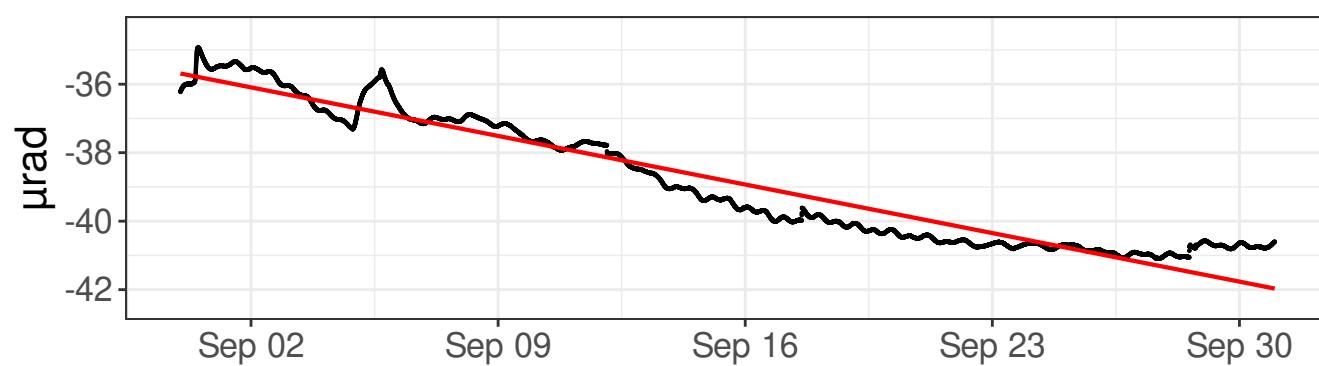
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Distance to C7: 2538 ft

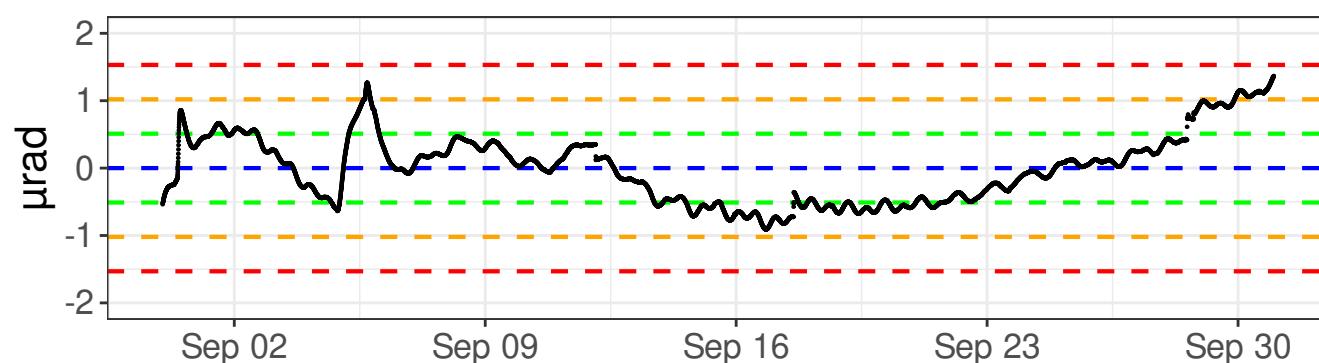
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 — Linear model — Azimuth to C7

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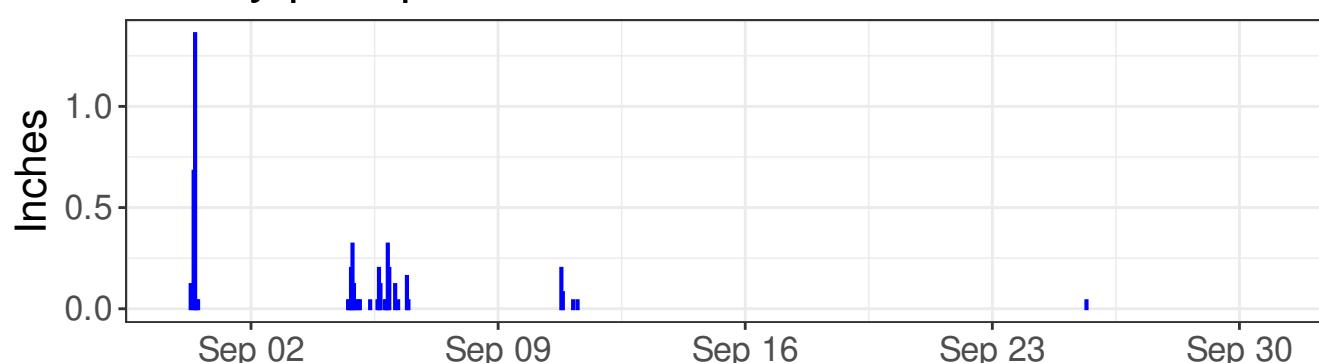
East tilt - raw values, Linear model R² 0.93



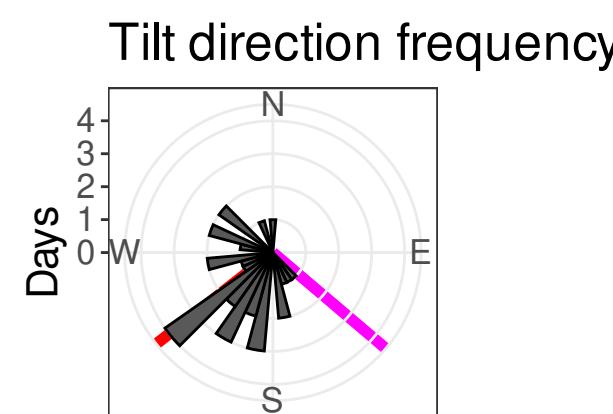
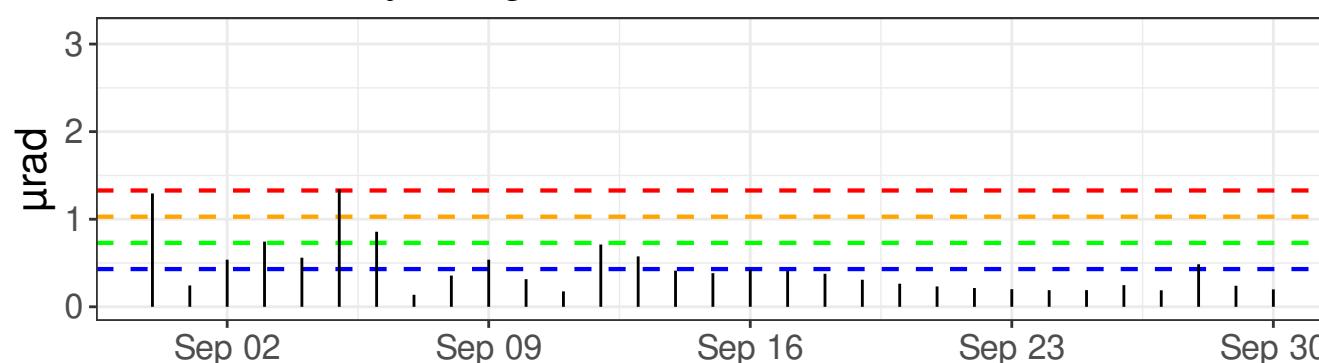
East tilt - detrended values



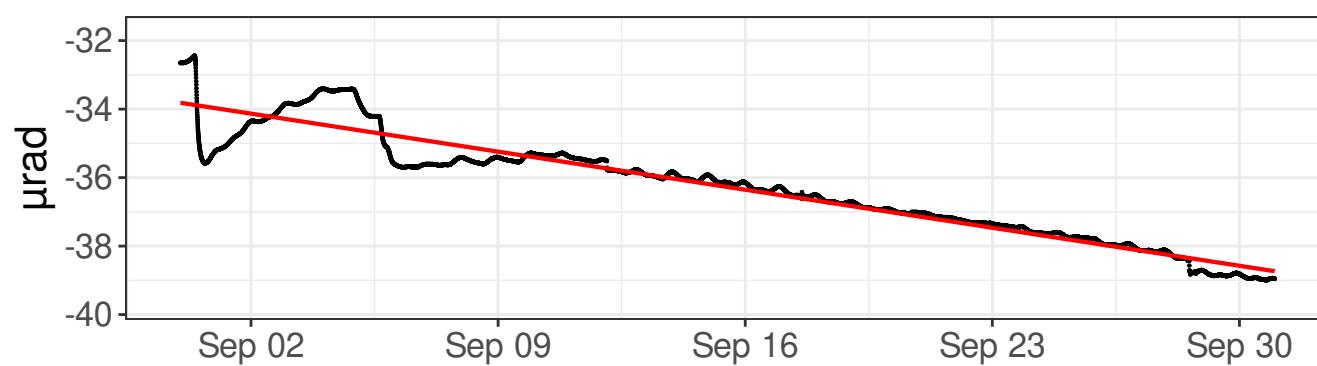
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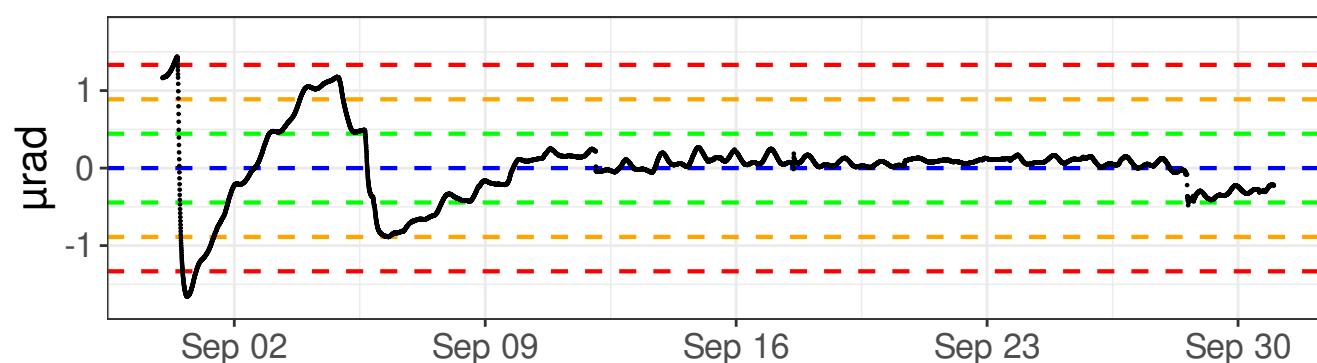
East tilt - daily range



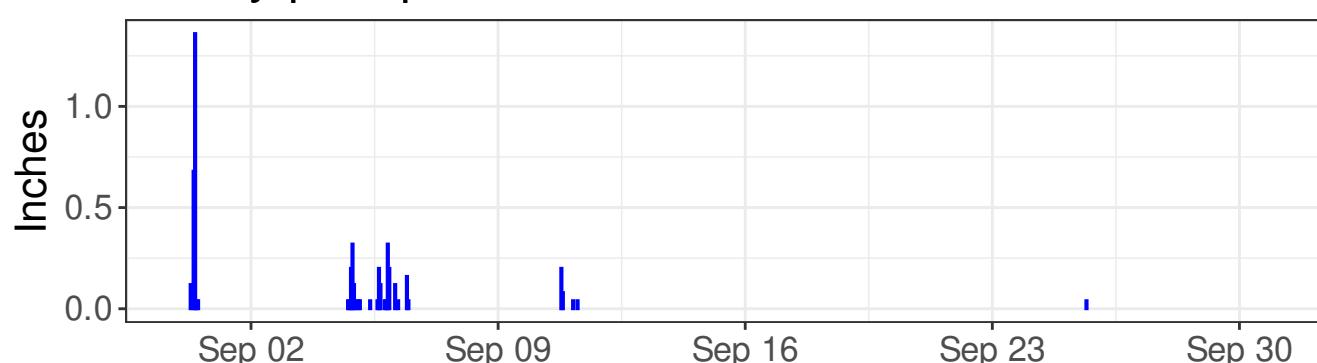
North tilt - raw values, Linear model R² 0.91



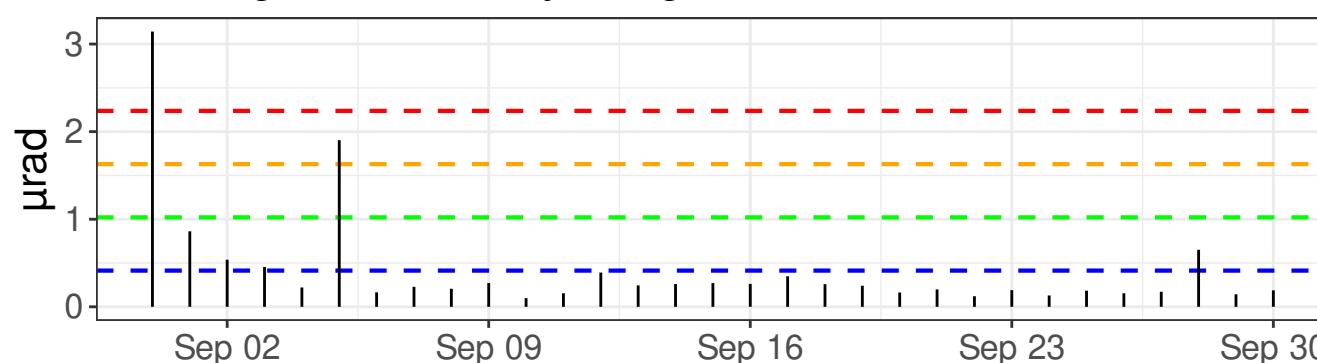
North tilt - detrended values



Hourly precipitation



Tilt magnitude - daily range



East tilt rate: $-74.15 \pm 0.20 \mu\text{rad/year}$

North tilt rate: $-58.08 \pm 0.17 \mu\text{rad/year}$

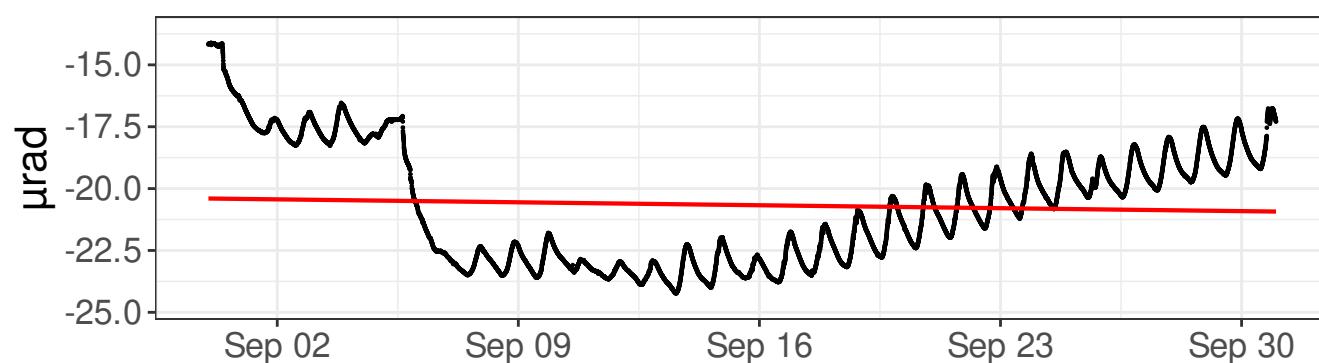
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Distance to C7: 1834 ft

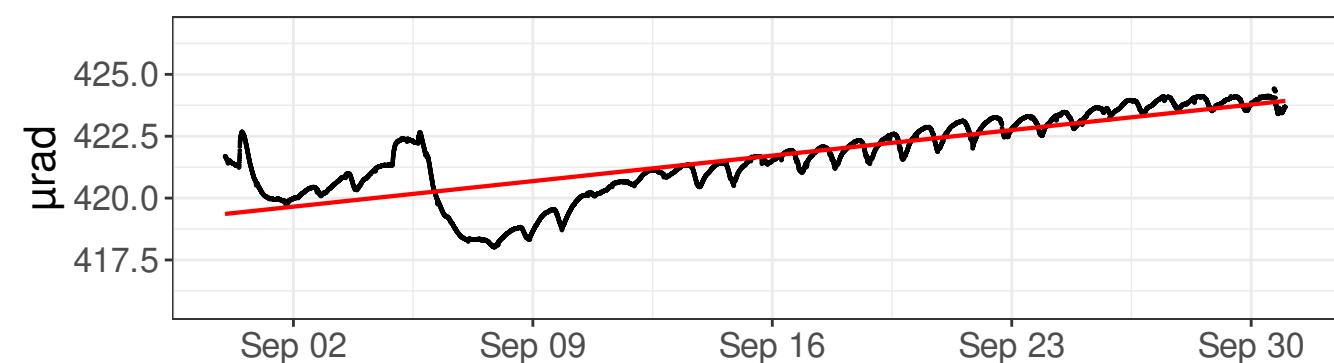
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Linear model Azimuth to C7

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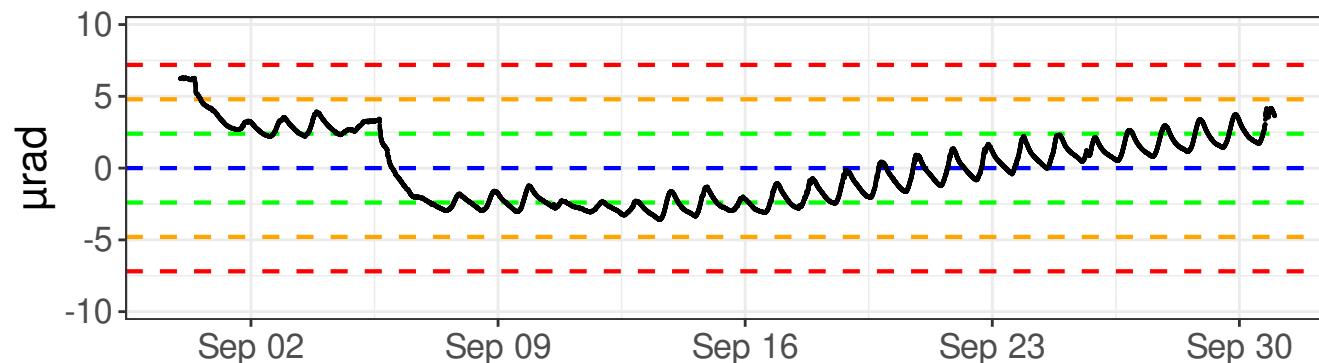
East tilt - raw values, Linear model R² 0.00



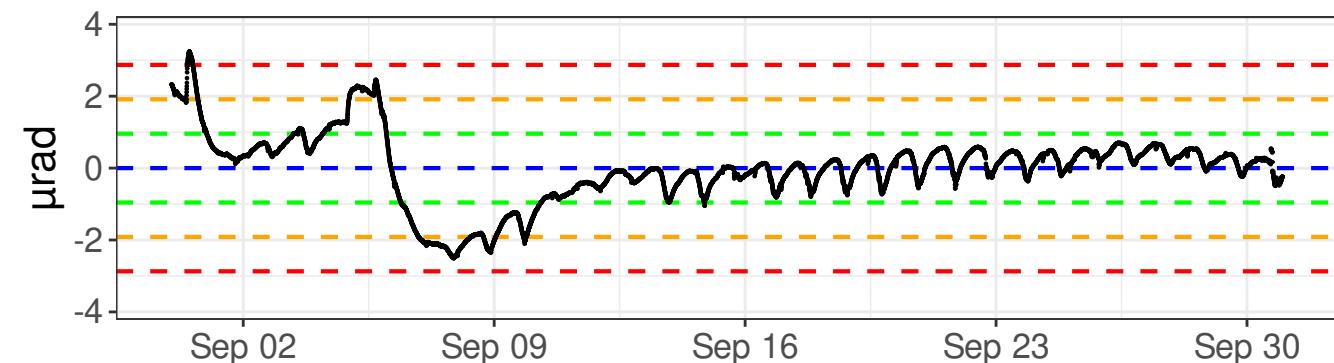
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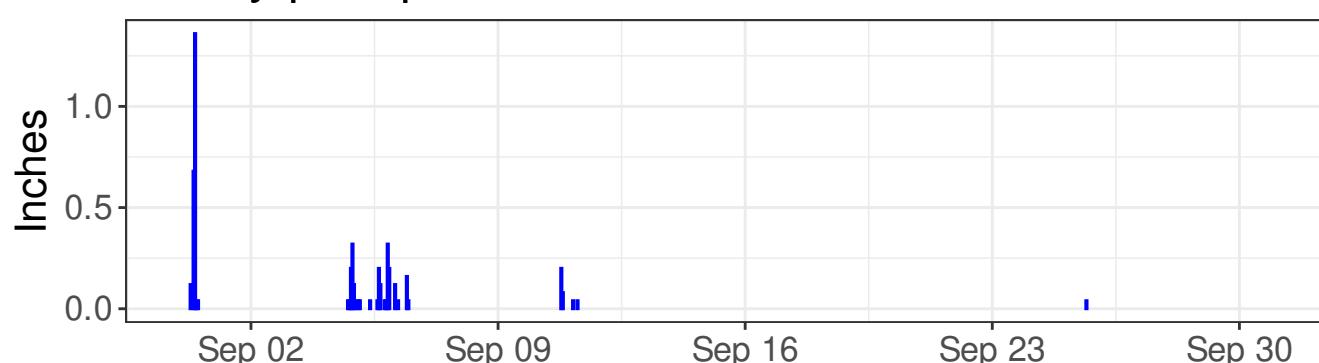
East tilt - detrended values



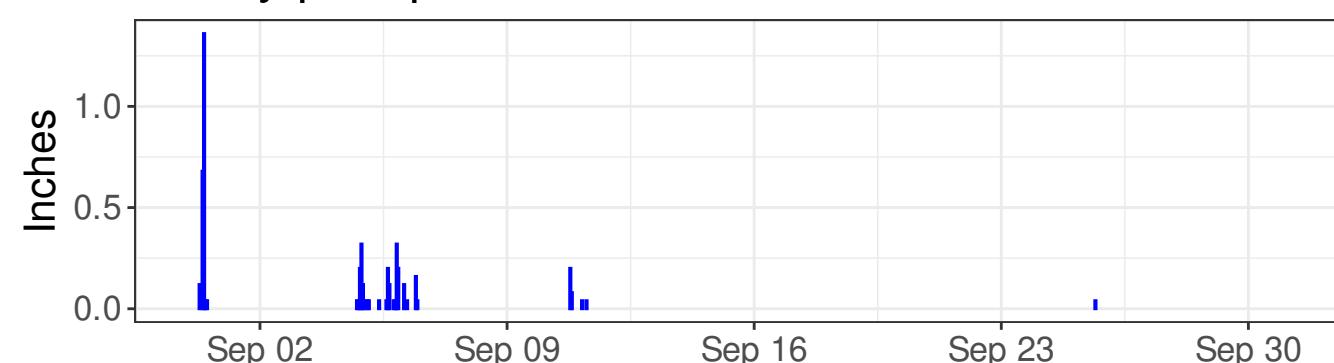
North tilt - detrended values



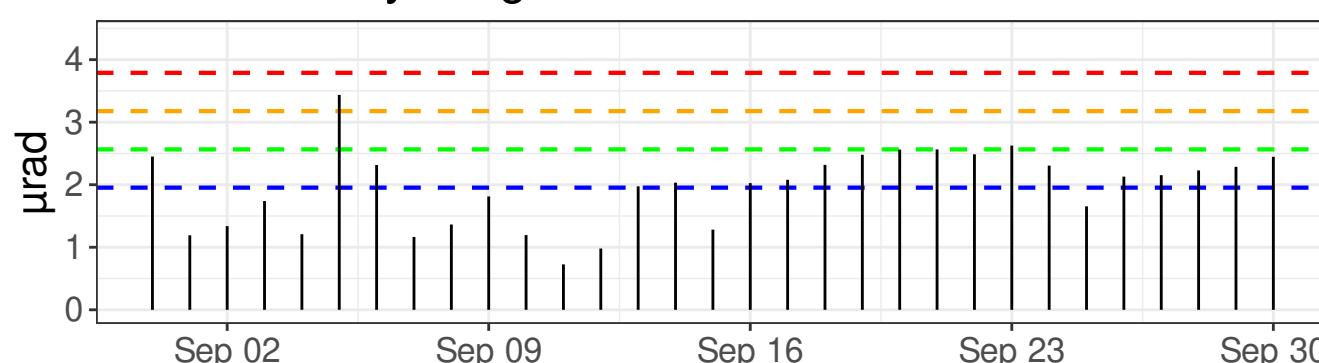
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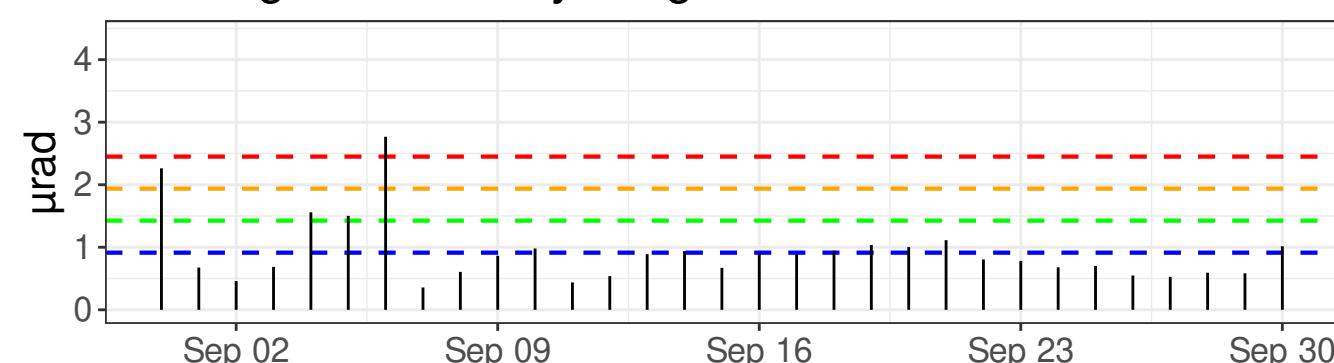
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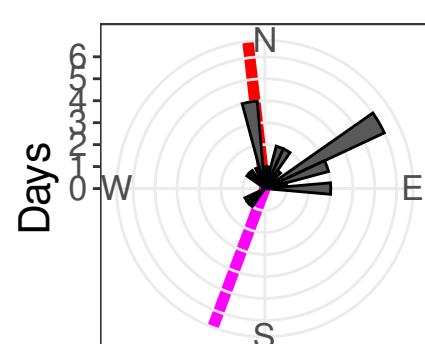
East tilt - daily range



Tilt magnitude - daily range



Tilt direction frequency



East tilt rate: $-6.22 \pm 0.93 \mu\text{rad/year}$

North tilt rate: $53.93 \pm 0.37 \mu\text{rad/year}$

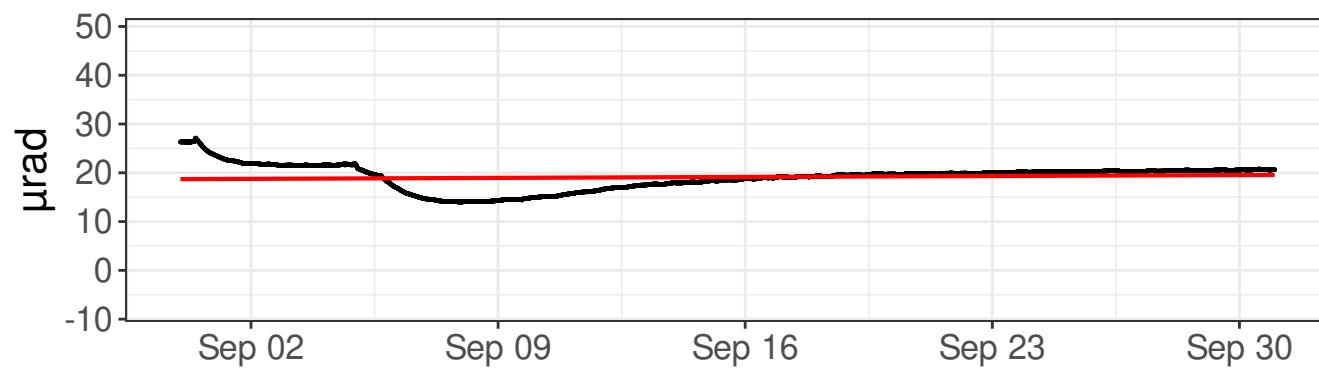
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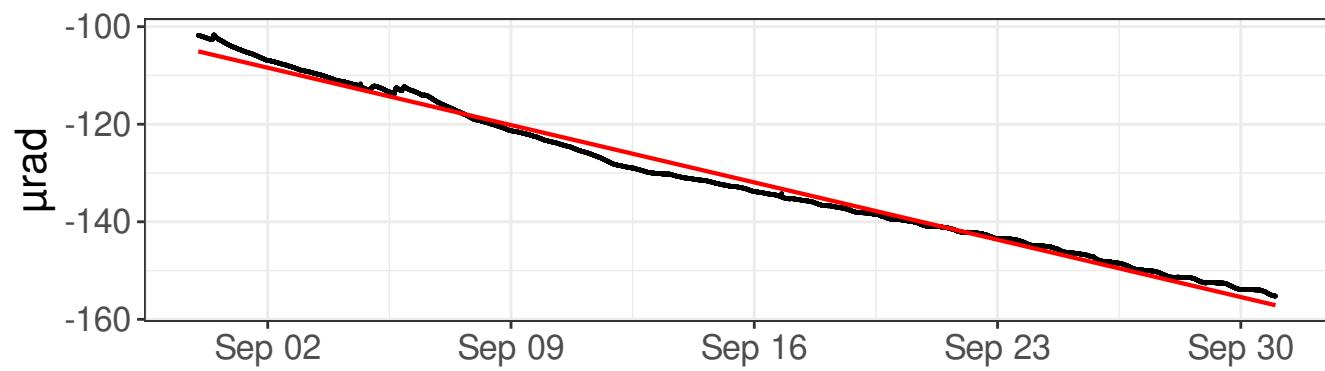
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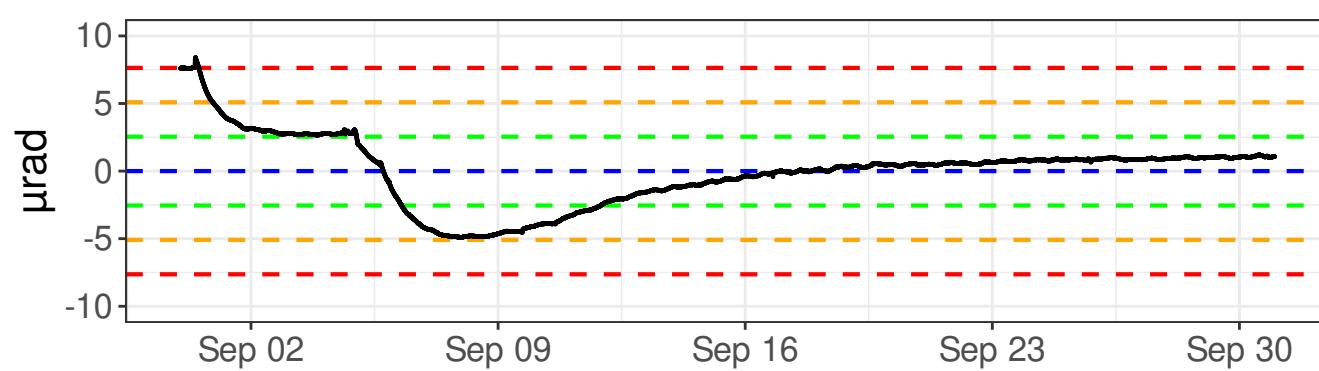
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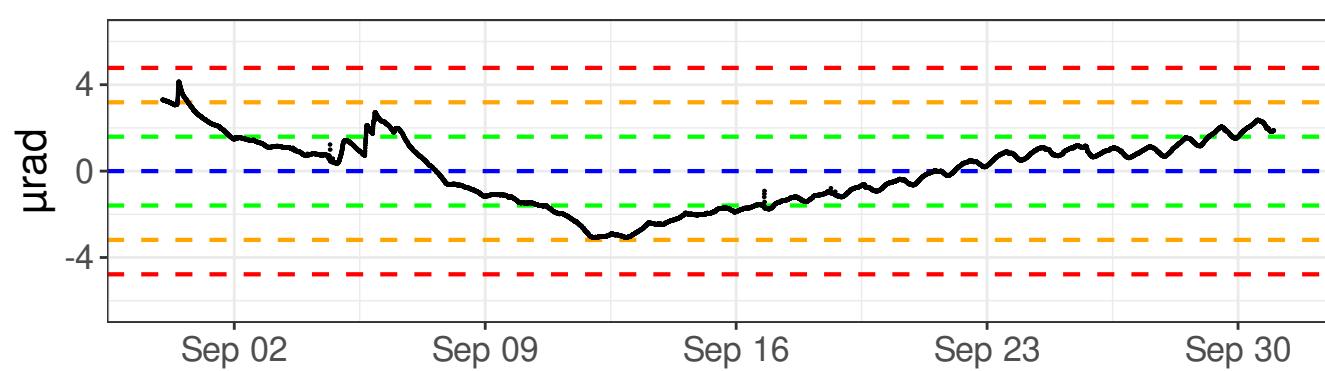
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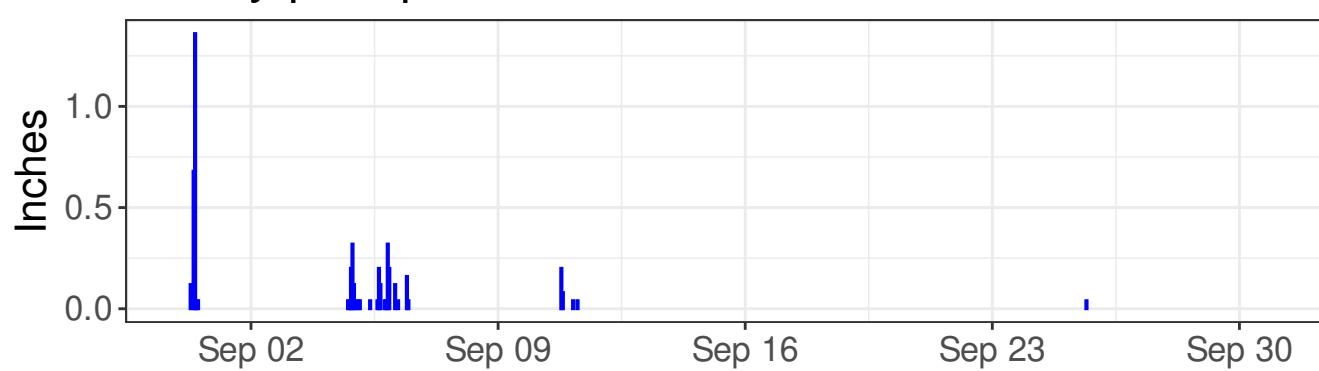
East tilt - detrended values



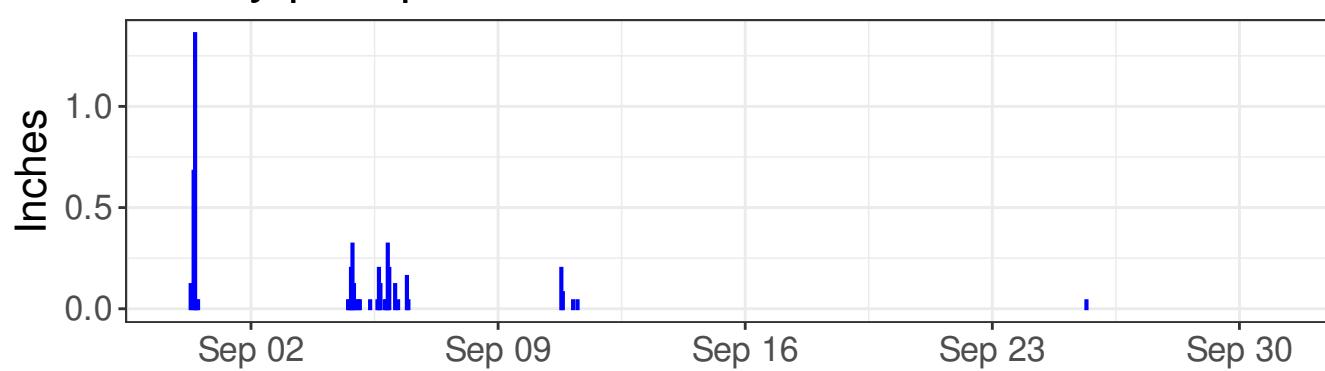
North tilt - detrended values



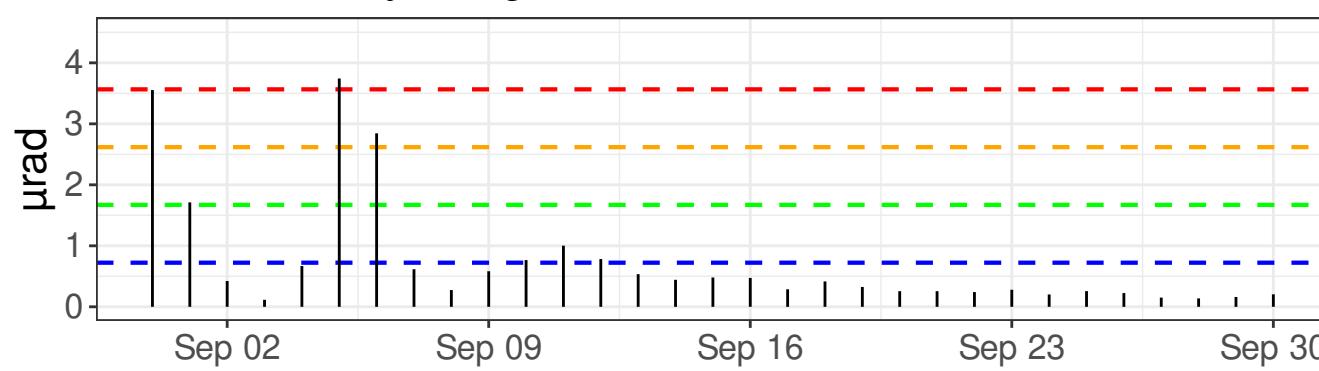
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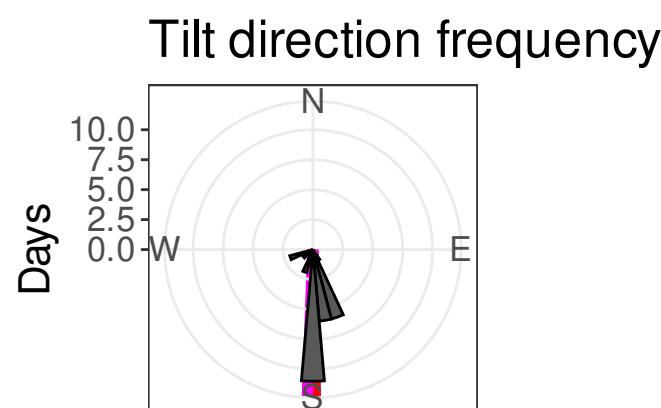
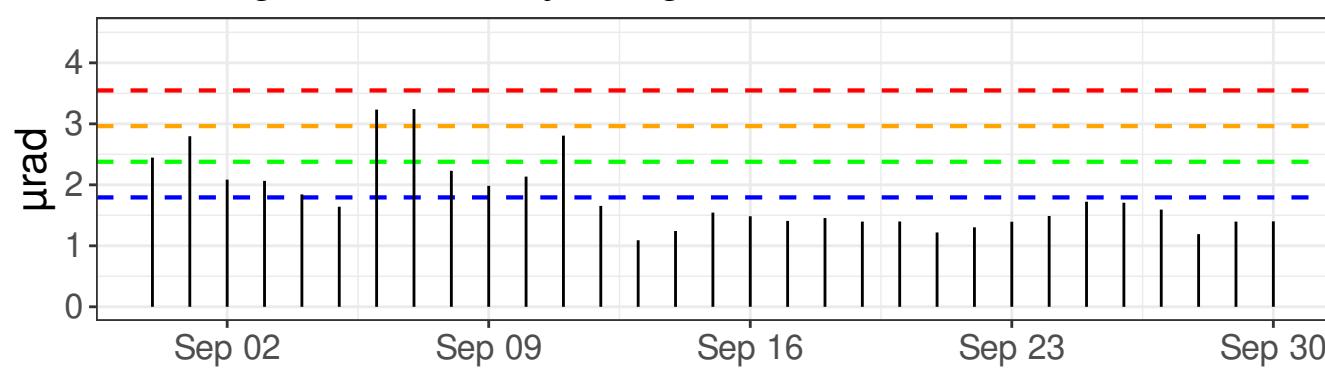
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East tilt - daily range



Tilt magnitude - daily range



East tilt rate: $10.14 \pm 0.98 \mu\text{rad/year}$

North tilt rate: $-614.51 \pm 0.62 \mu\text{rad/year}$

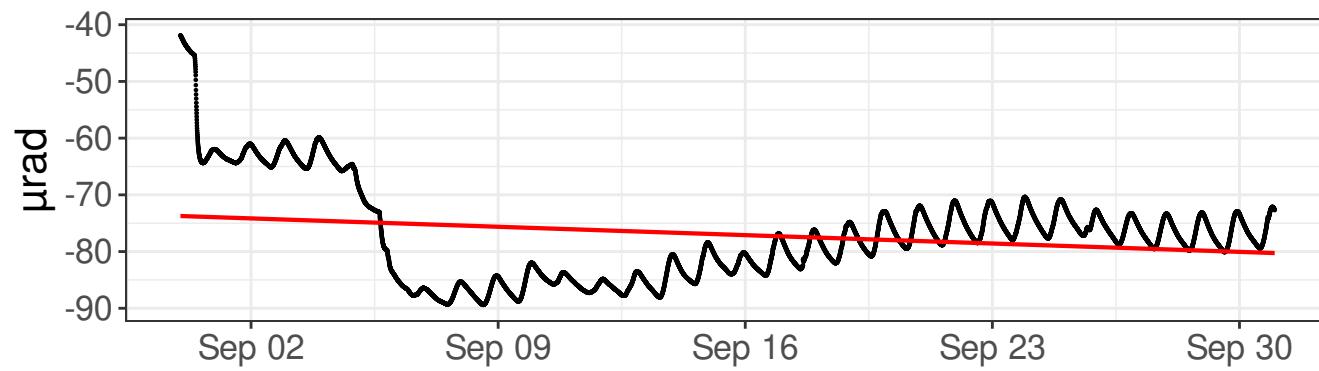
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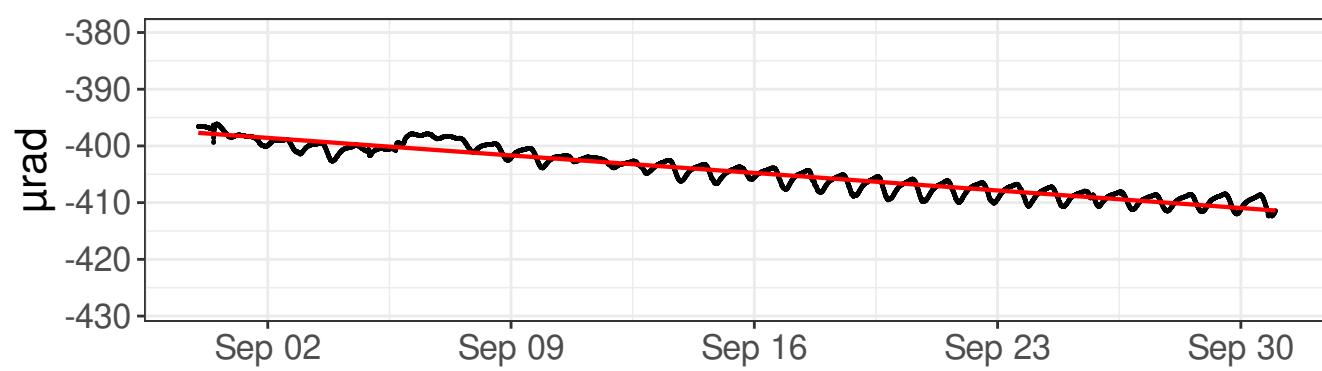
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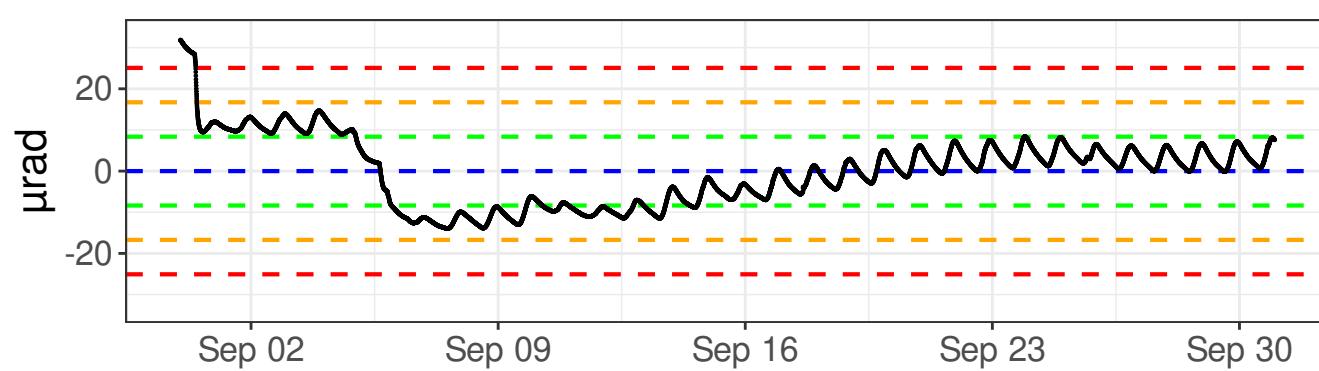
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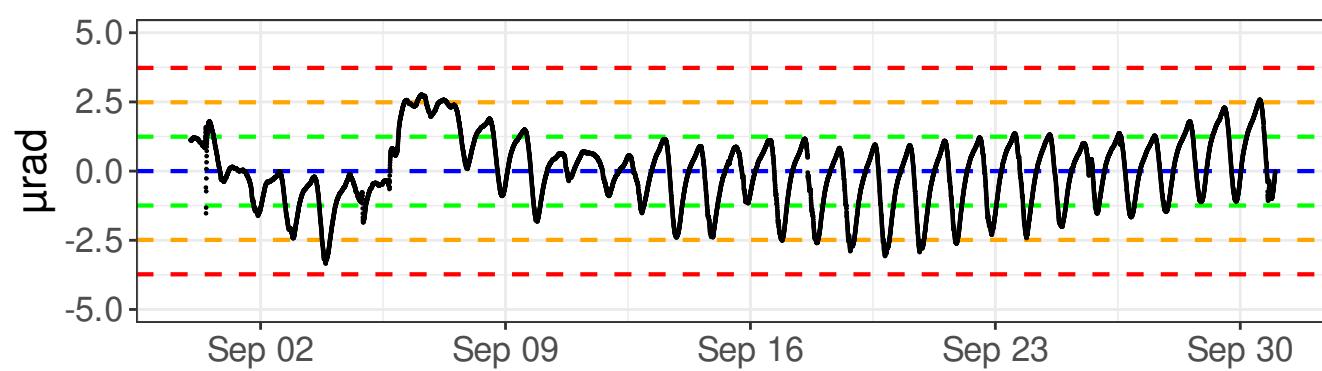
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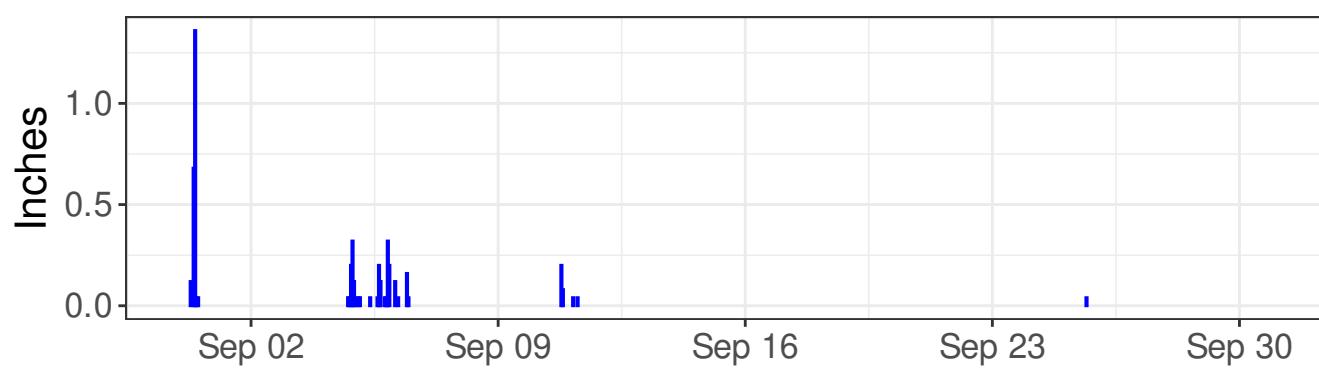
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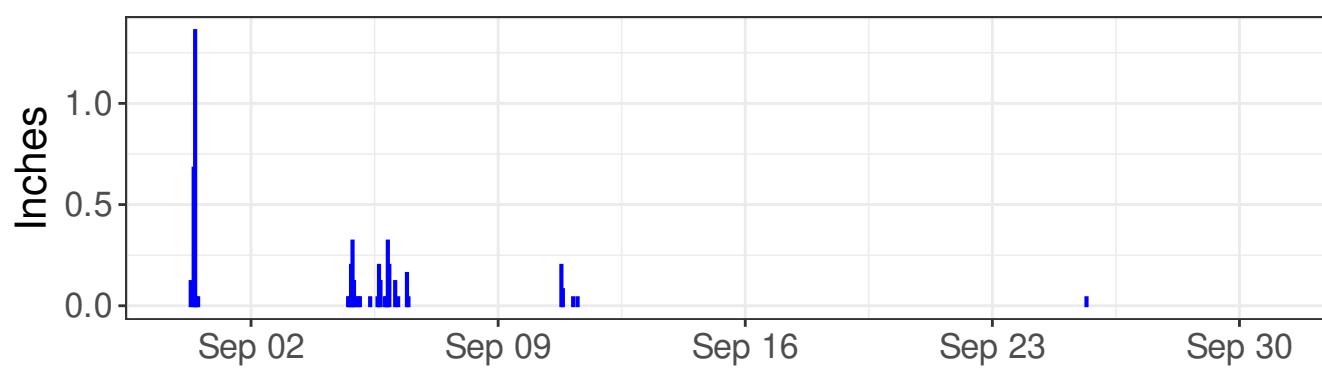
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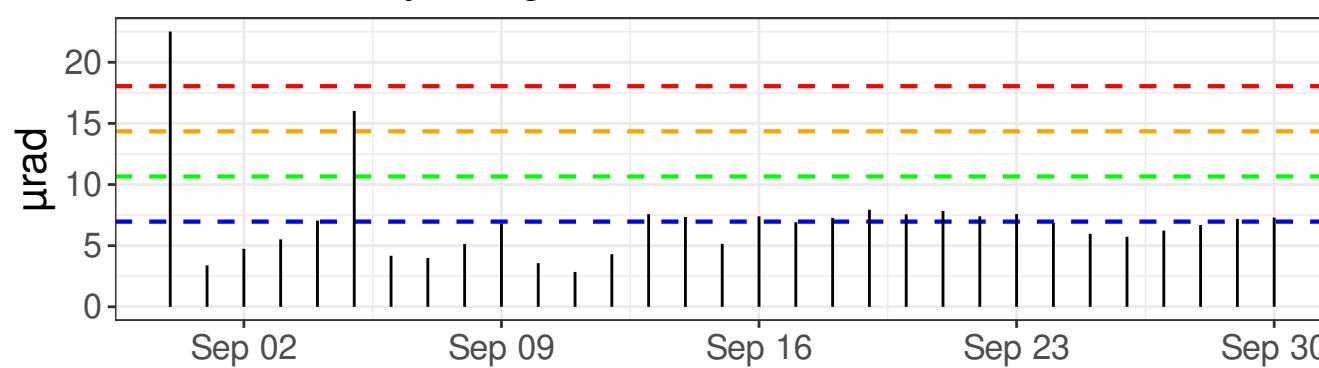
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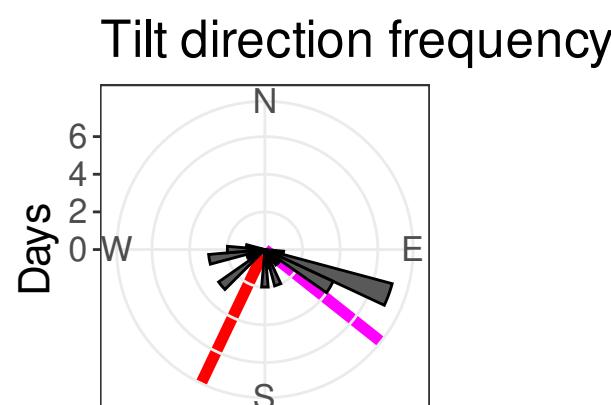
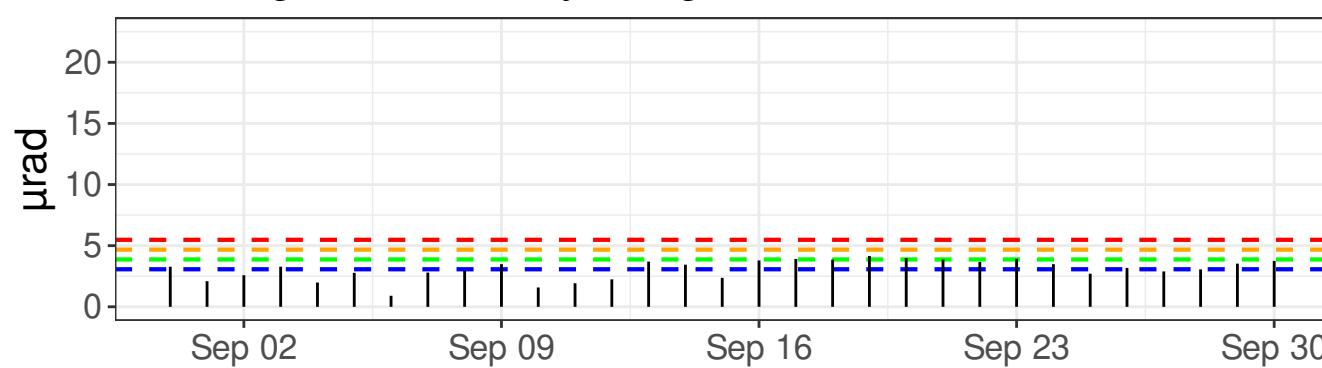
Hourly precipitation



East tilt - daily range



Tilt magnitude - daily range



East tilt rate: $-77.11 \pm 3.23 \mu\text{rad/year}$

North tilt rate: $-161.65 \pm 0.48 \mu\text{rad/year}$

Azimuth to C7: 128 deg

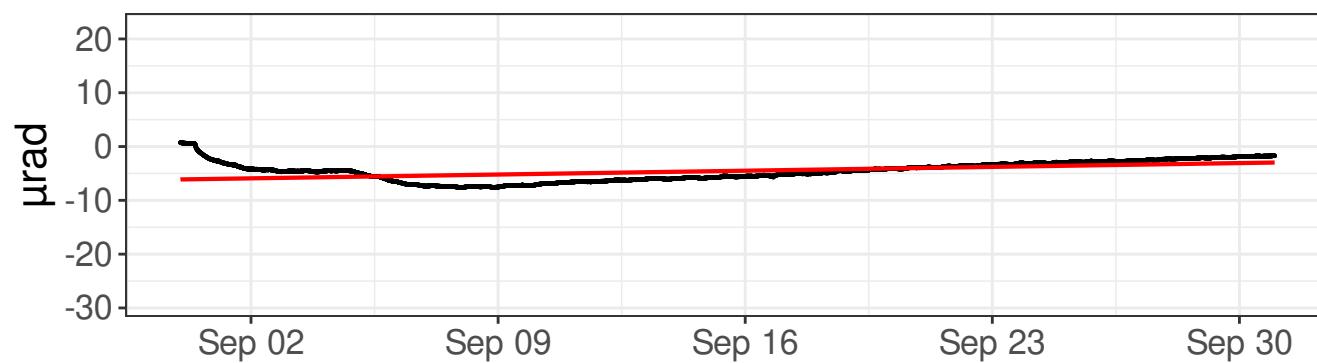
Distance to C7: 512 ft

0σ 1σ 2σ 3σ

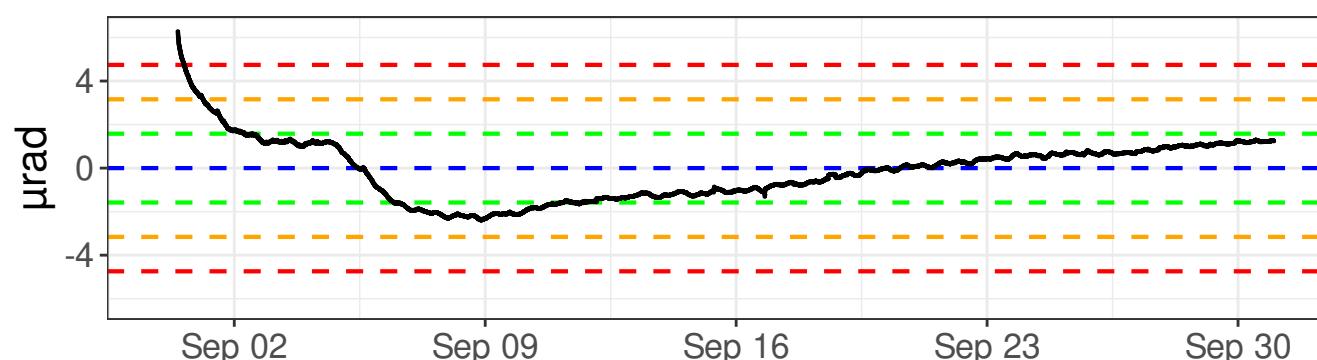
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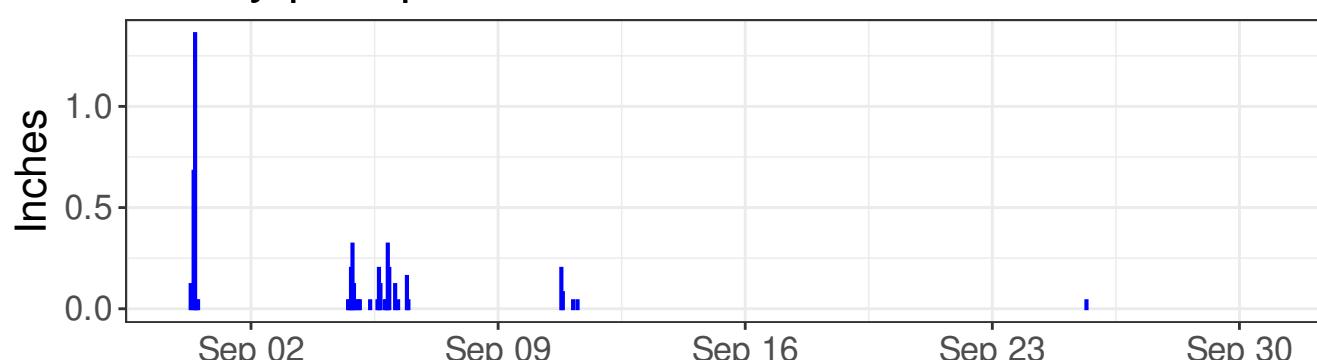
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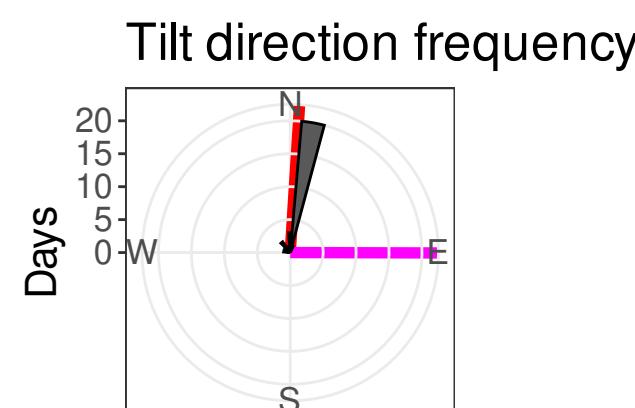
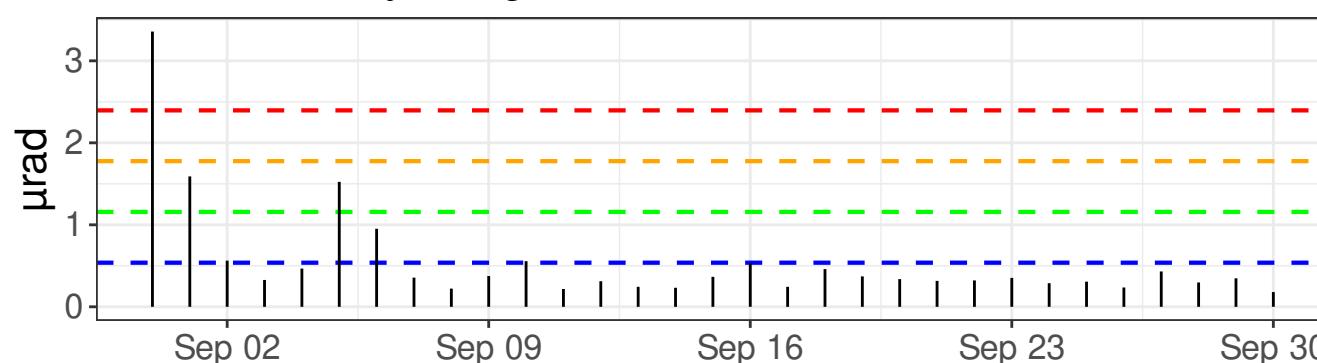
East tilt - detrended values



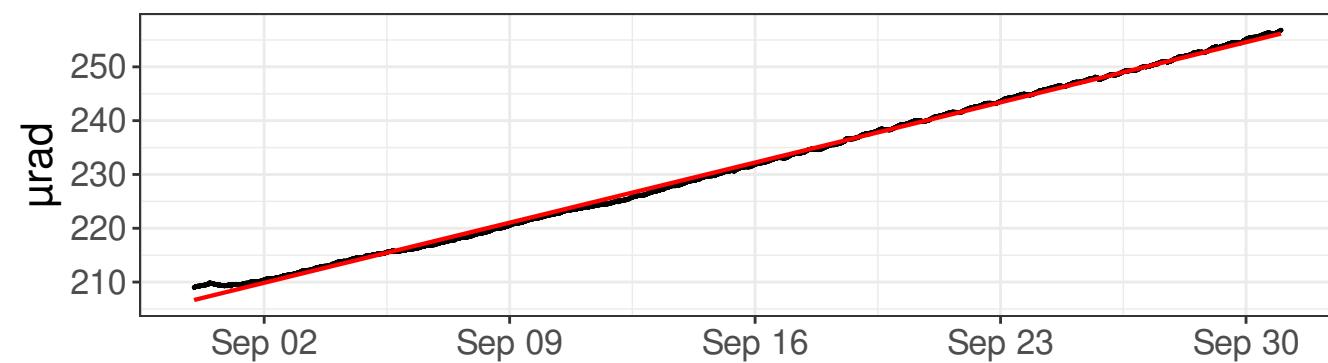
Hourly precipitation



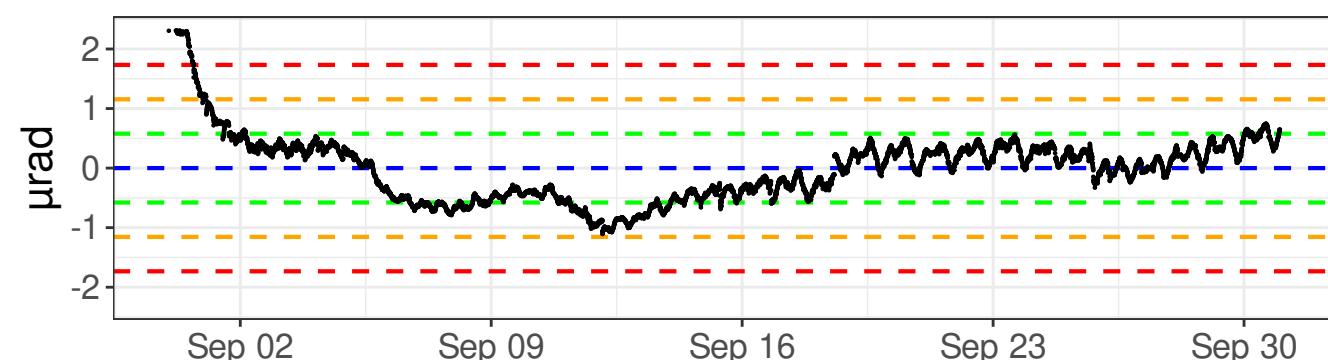
East tilt - daily range



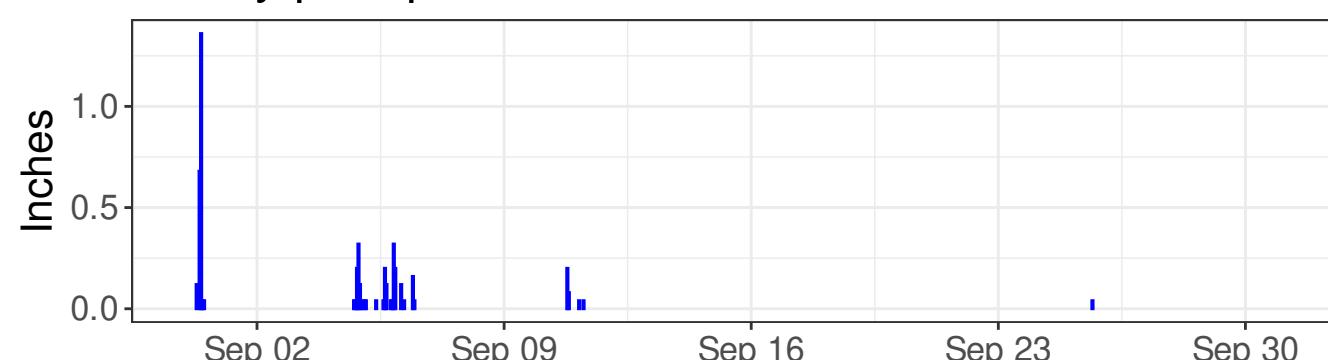
North tilt - raw values, Linear model R² 1.00



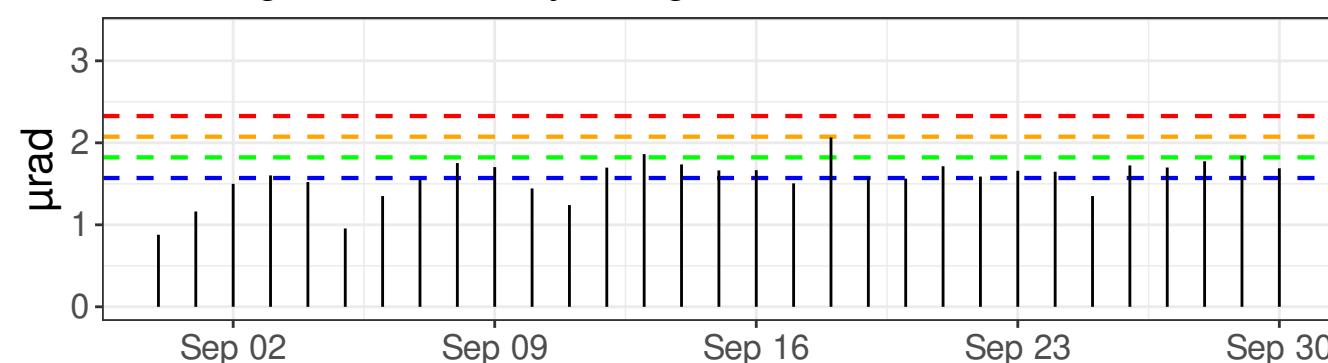
North tilt - detrended values



Hourly precipitation



Tilt magnitude - daily range



East tilt rate: $37.10 \pm 0.61 \mu\text{rad/year}$

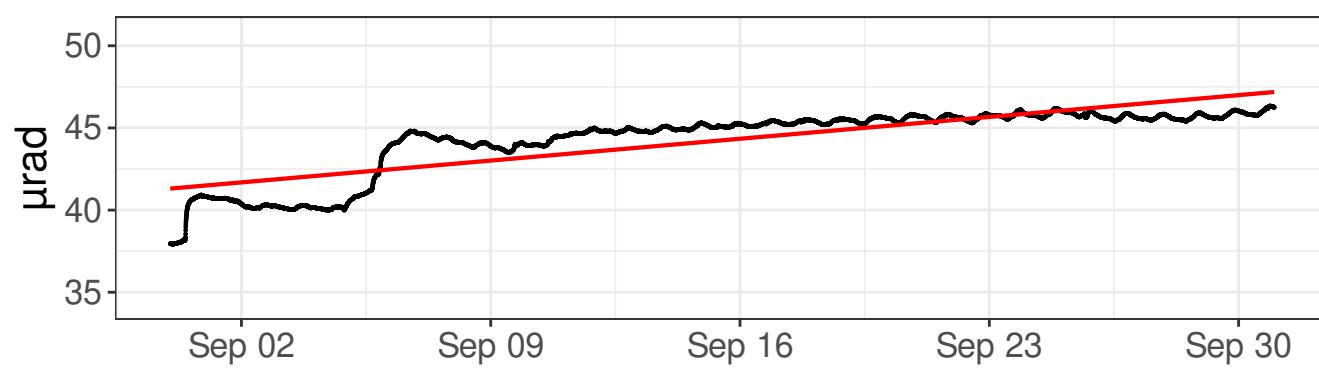
North tilt rate: $584.60 \pm 0.22 \mu\text{rad/year}$

Azimuth to C7: 90 deg

Distance to C7: 494 ft

SSD07, 08/31/2024 - 09/30/2024

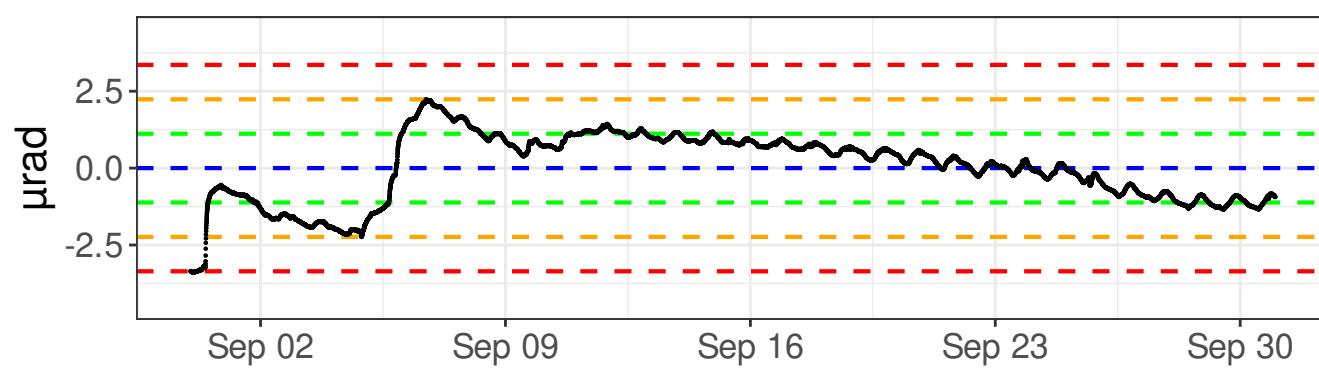
East tilt - raw values, Linear model R² 0.70



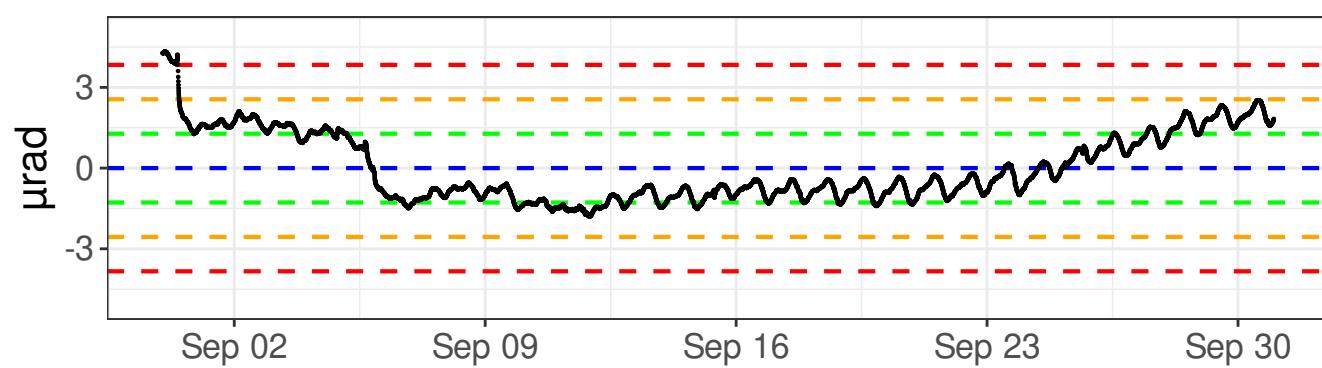
North tilt - raw values, Linear model R² 0.87



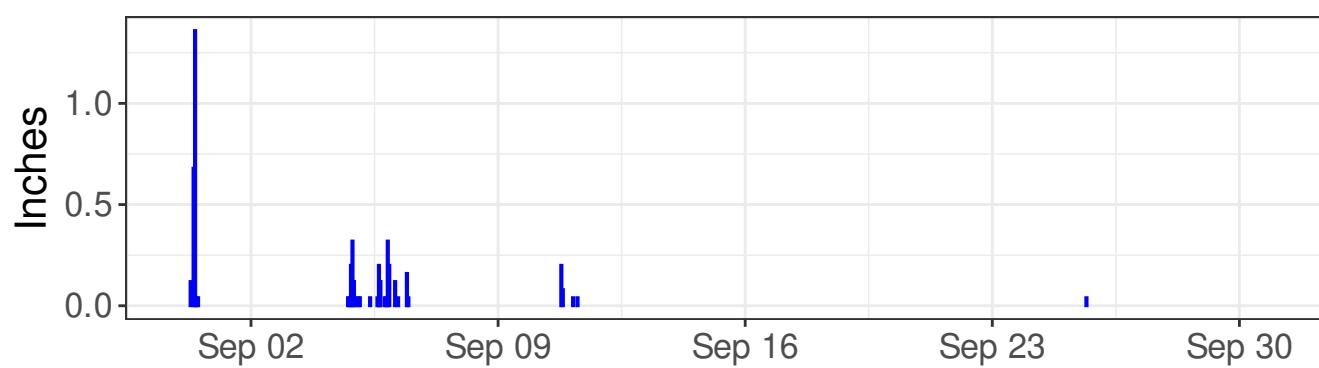
East tilt - detrended values



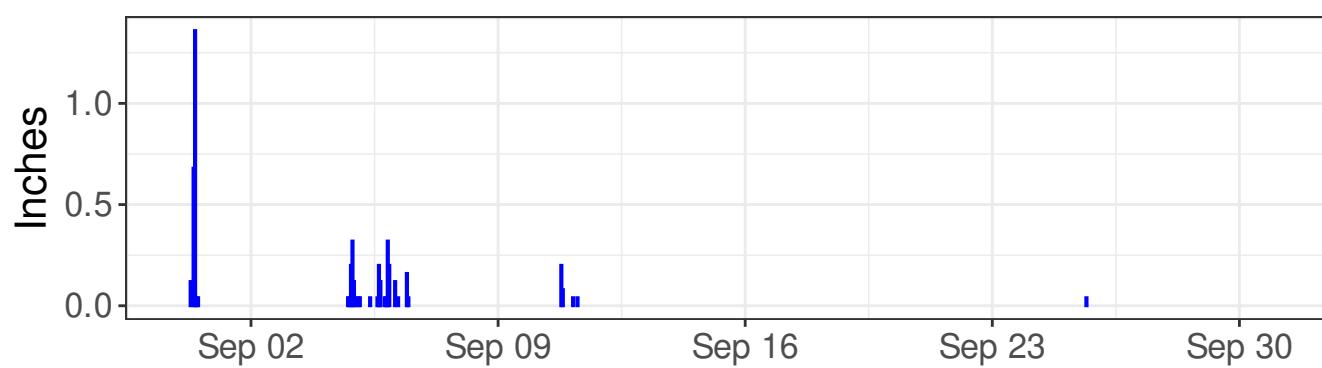
North tilt - detrended values



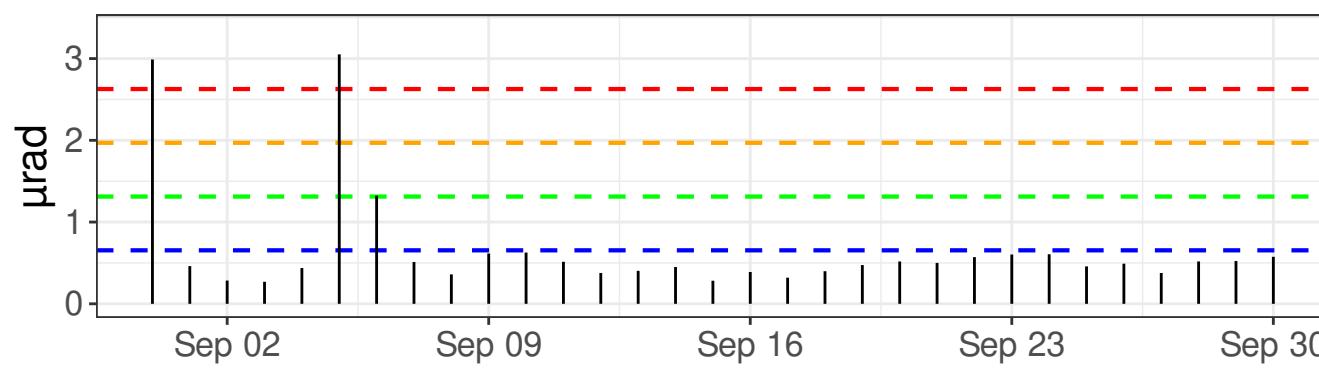
Hourly precipitation



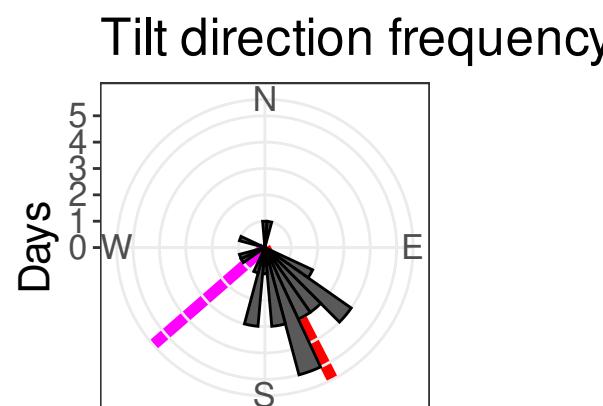
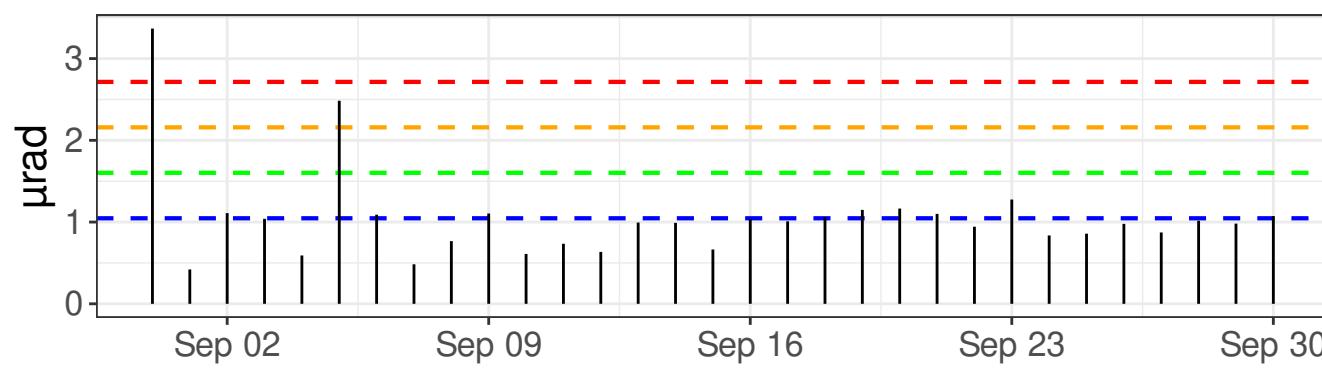
Hourly precipitation



East tilt - daily range



Tilt magnitude - daily range



East tilt rate: $69.41 \pm 0.43 \mu\text{rad/year}$

North tilt rate: $-135.02 \pm 0.49 \mu\text{rad/year}$

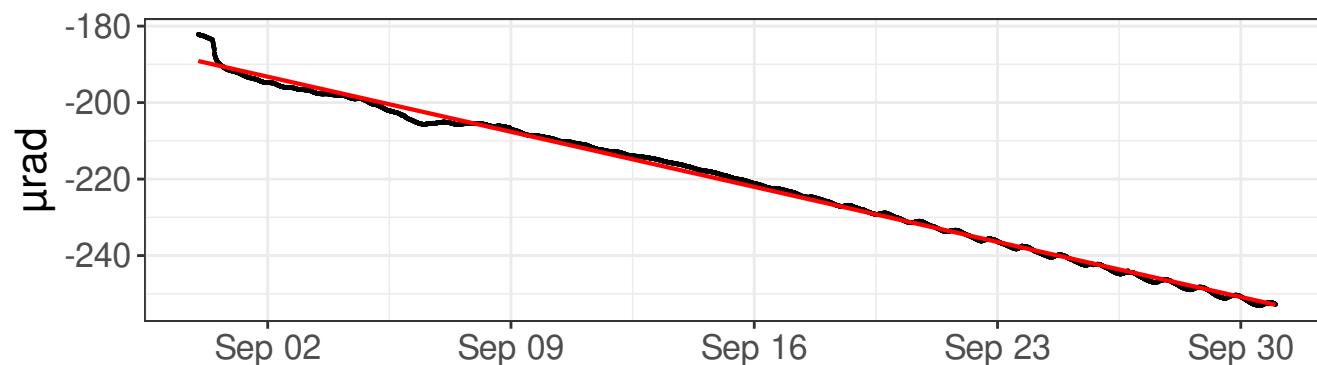
Azimuth to C7: 229 deg

Distance to C7: 513 ft

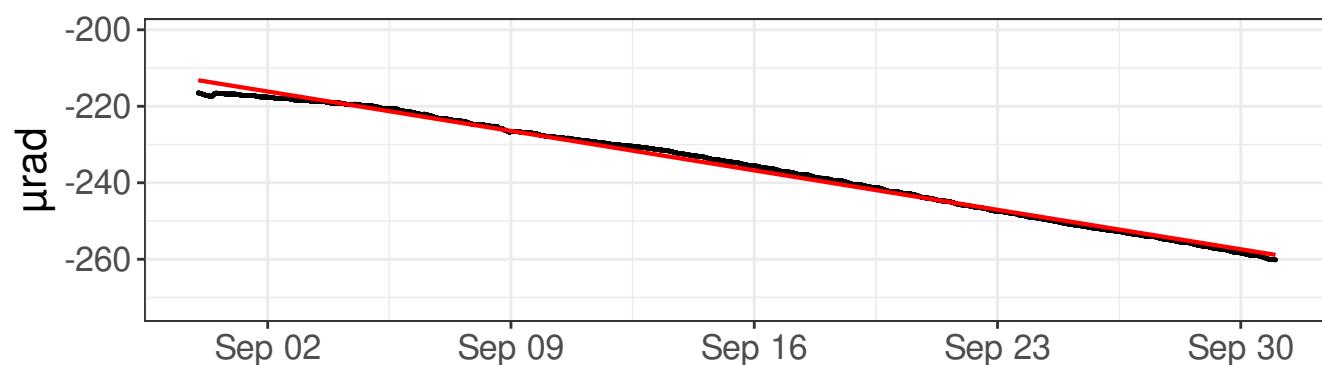
0σ 1σ 2σ 3σ
Linear model Azimuth to C7

SSD08, 08/31/2024 - 09/30/2024

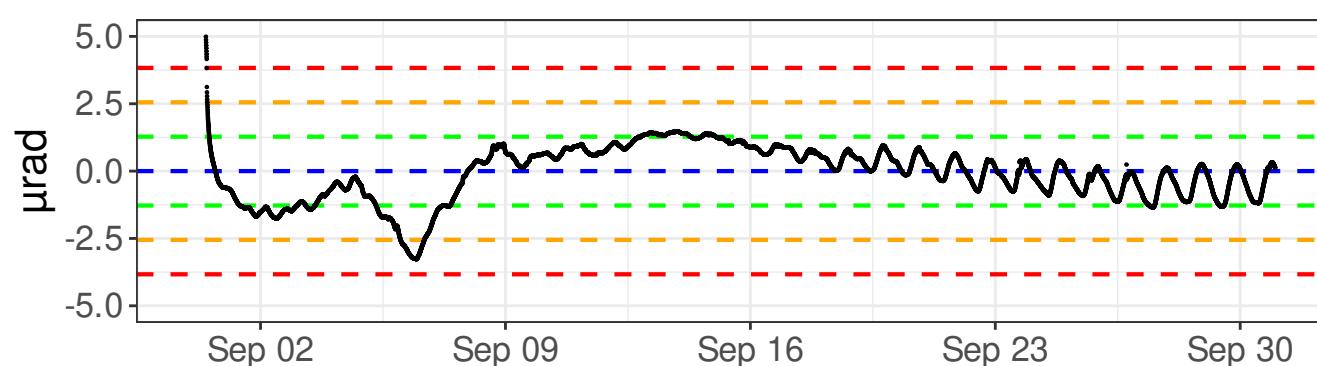
East tilt - raw values, Linear model R² 1.00



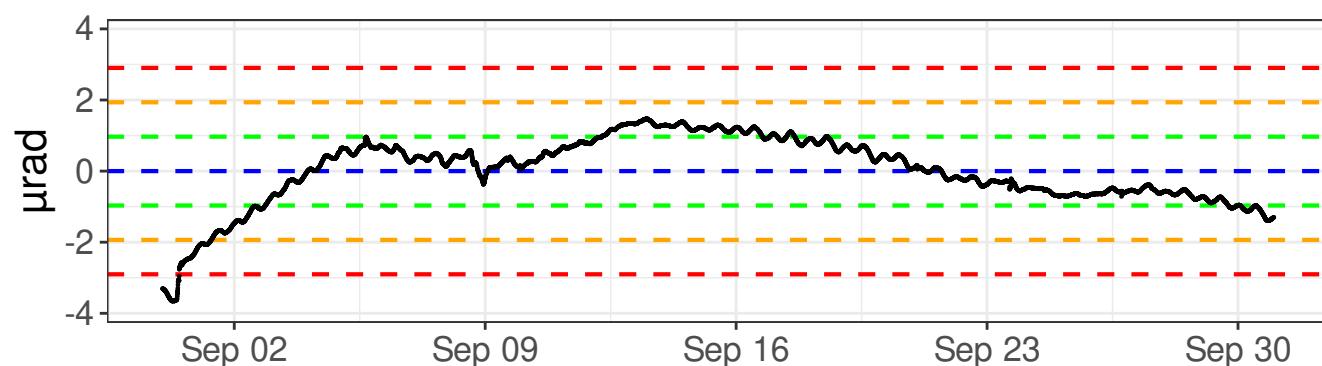
North tilt - raw values, Linear model R² 0.99



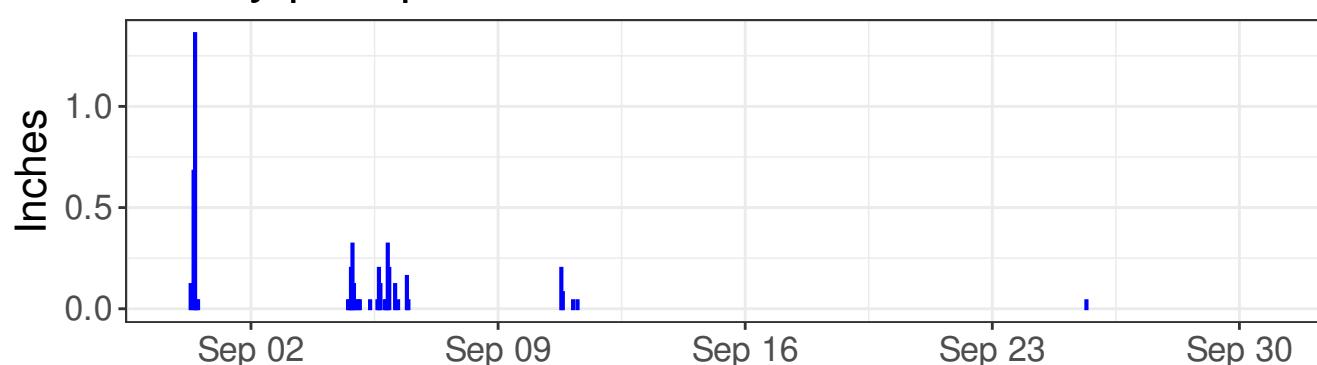
East tilt - detrended values



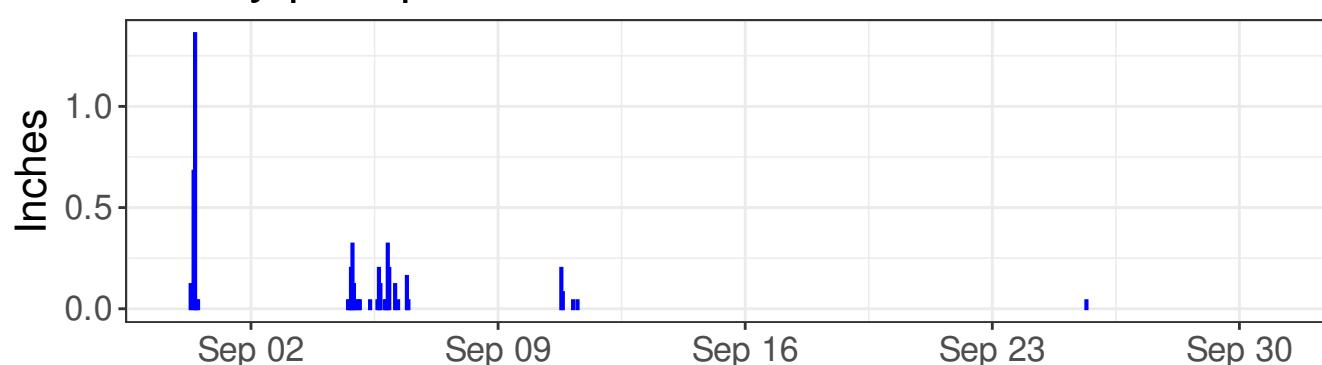
North tilt - detrended values



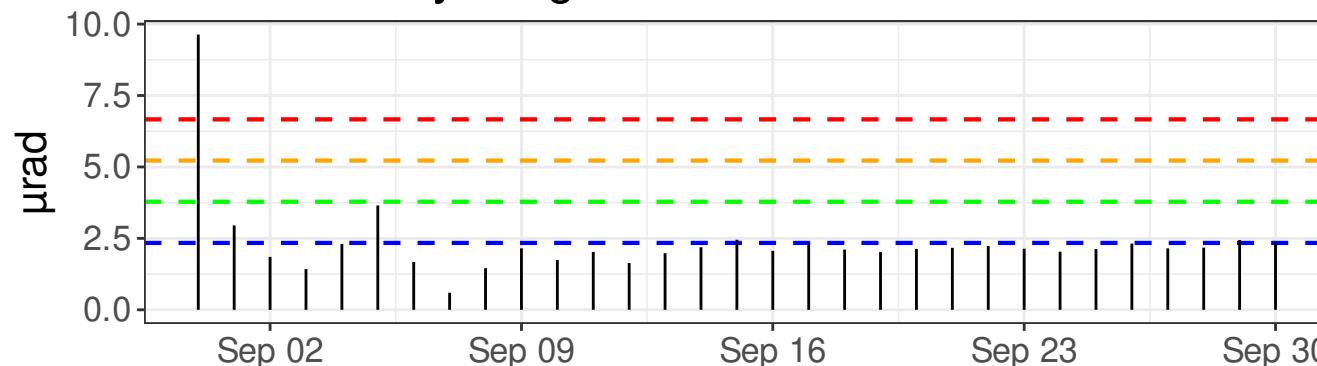
Hourly precipitation



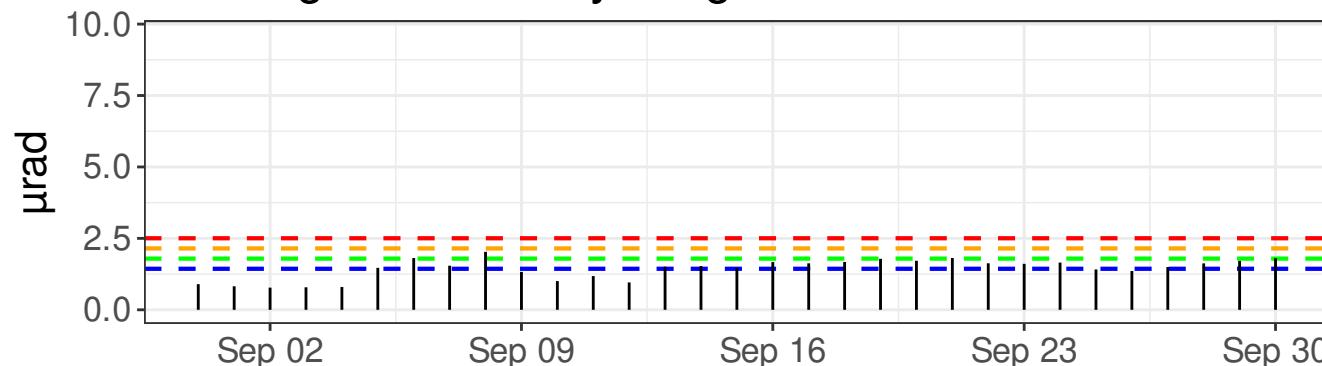
Hourly precipitation



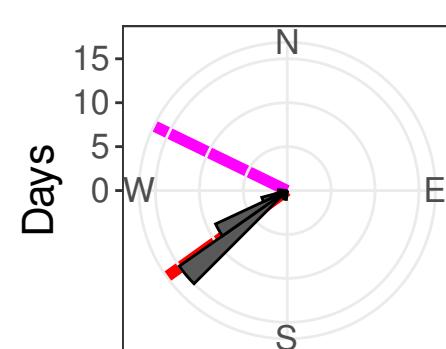
East tilt - daily range



Tilt magnitude - daily range



Tilt direction frequency



East tilt rate: $-752.83 \pm 0.49 \mu\text{rad/year}$

North tilt rate: $-539.22 \pm 0.37 \mu\text{rad/year}$

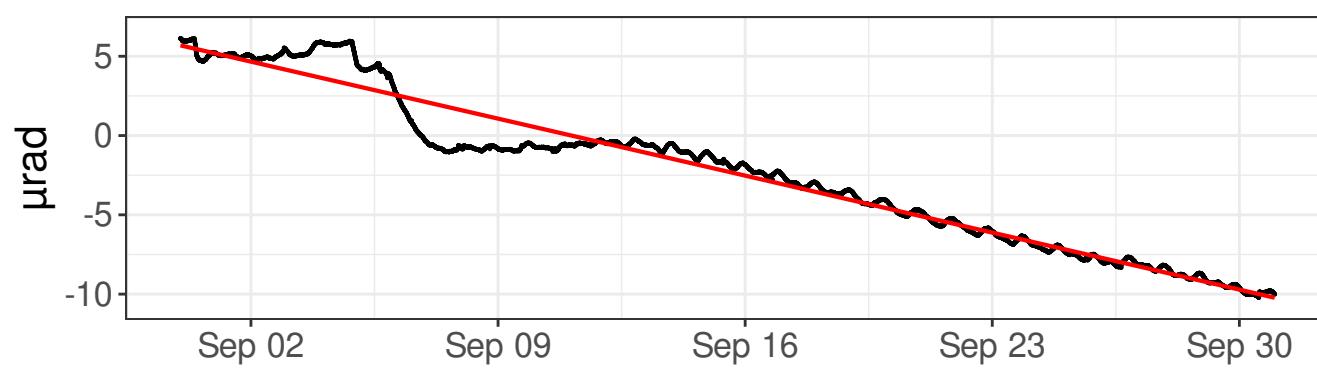
Azimuth to C7: 296 deg

Distance to C7: 186 ft

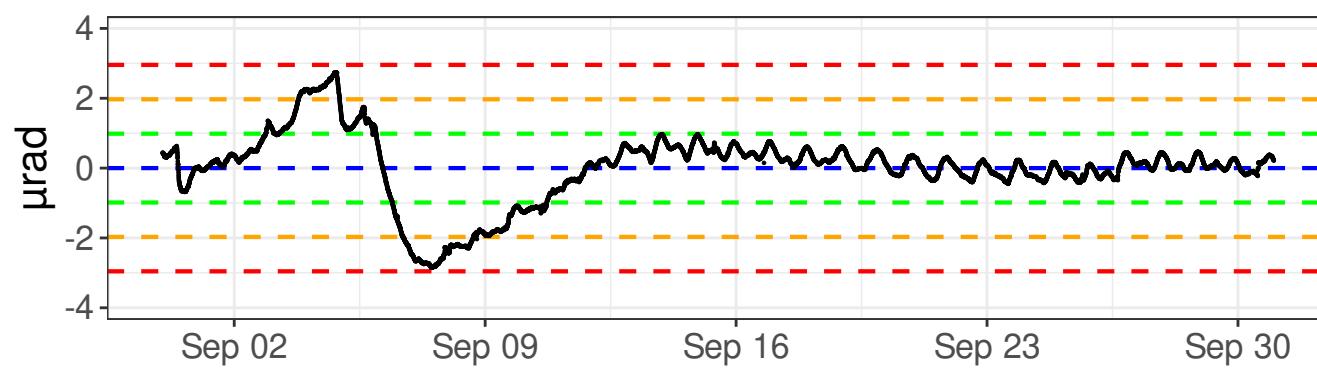
0σ 1σ 2σ 3σ
Linear model Azimuth to C7

SSD09, 08/31/2024 - 09/30/2024

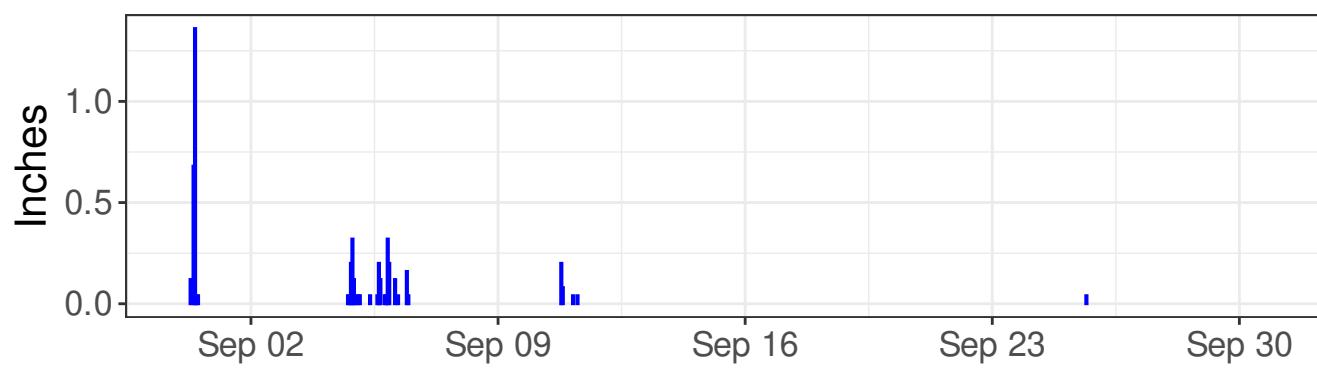
East tilt - raw values, Linear model R² 0.96



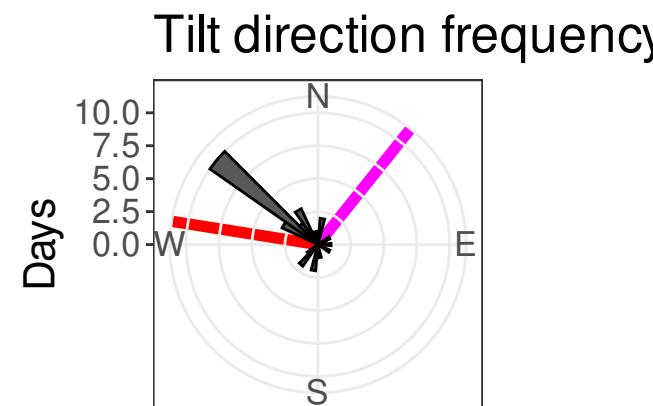
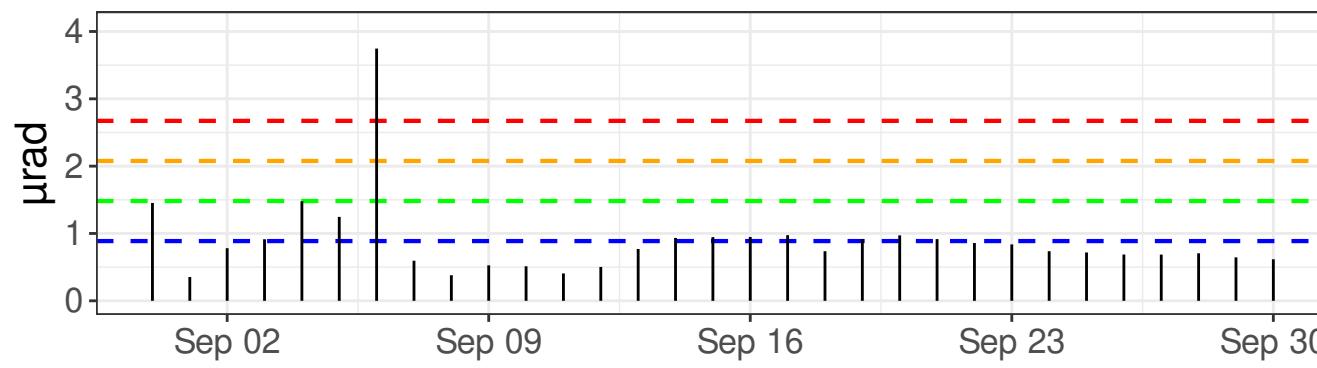
East tilt - detrended values



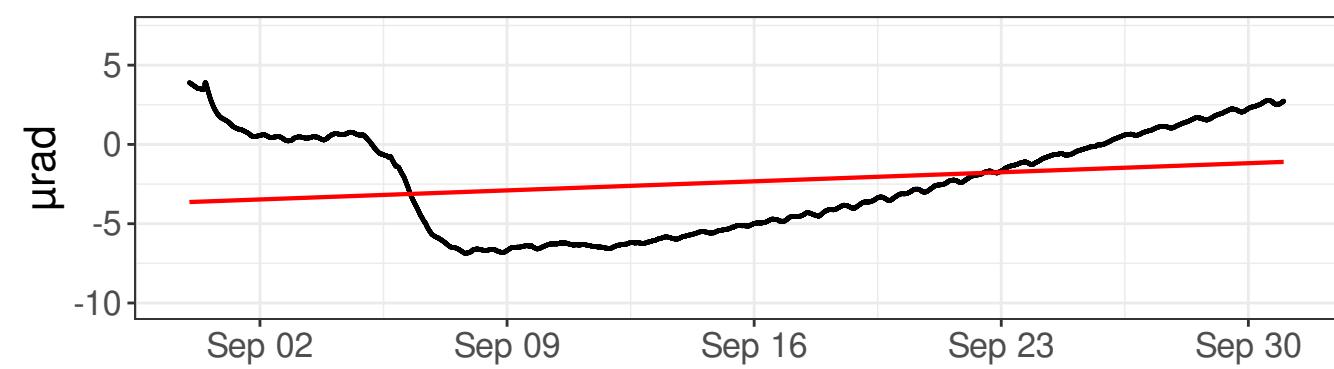
Hourly precipitation



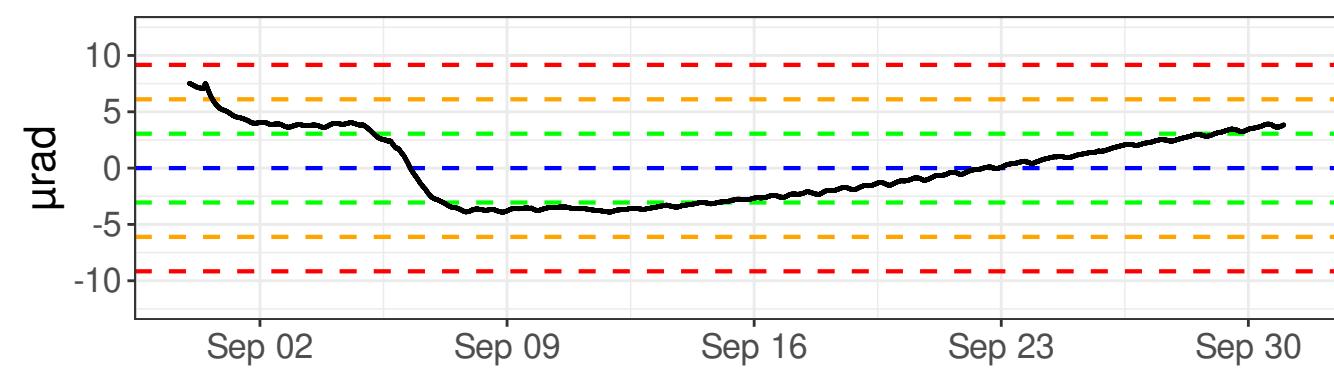
East tilt - daily range



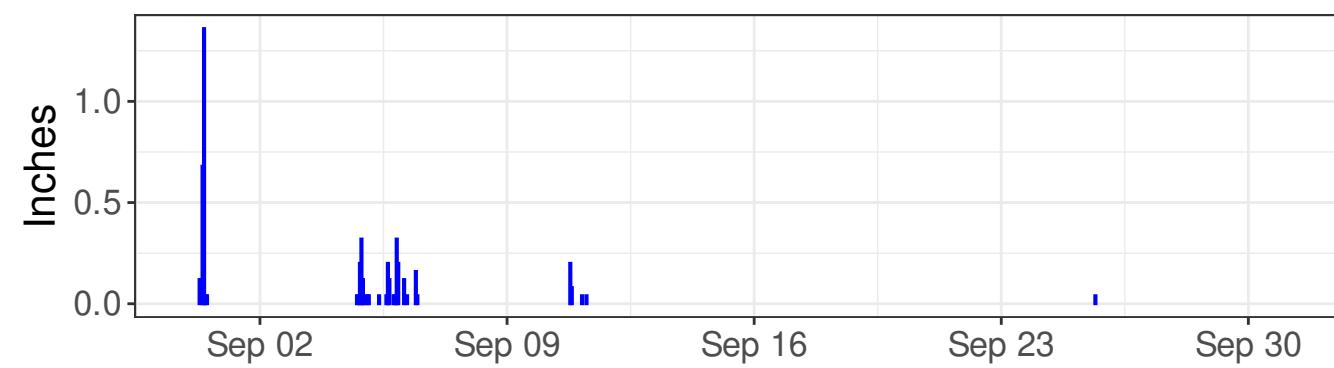
North tilt - raw values, Linear model R² 0.05



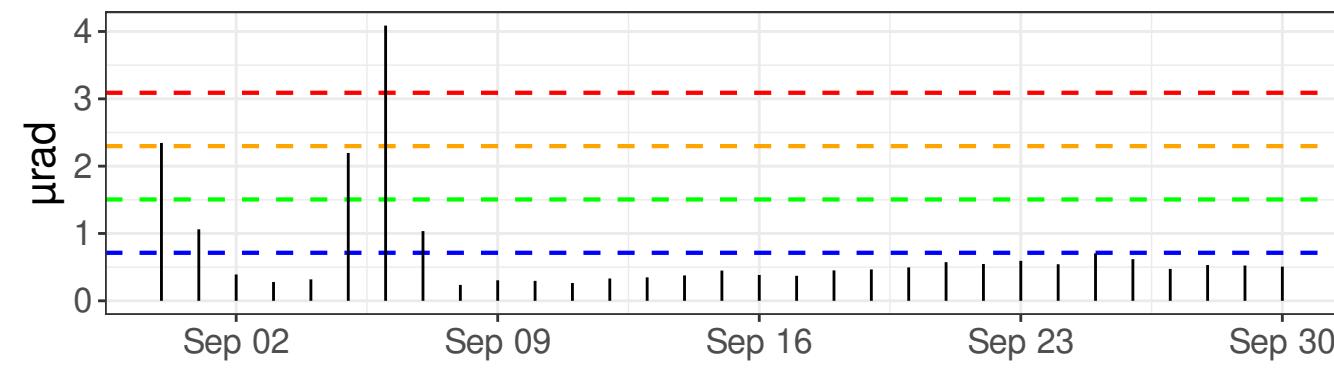
North tilt - detrended values



Hourly precipitation



Tilt magnitude - daily range



East tilt rate: $-187.92 \pm 0.38 \mu\text{rad/year}$

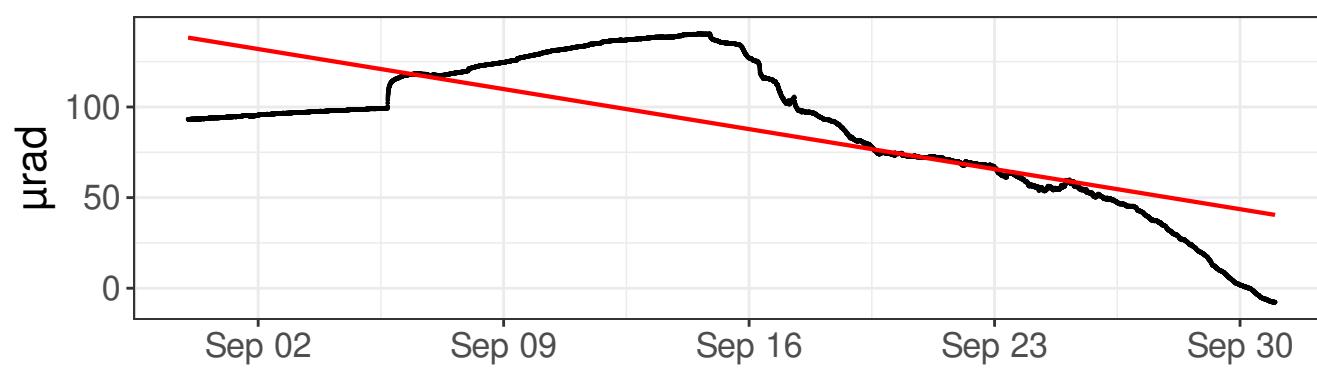
North tilt rate: $29.90 \pm 1.18 \mu\text{rad/year}$

Azimuth to C7: 39 deg

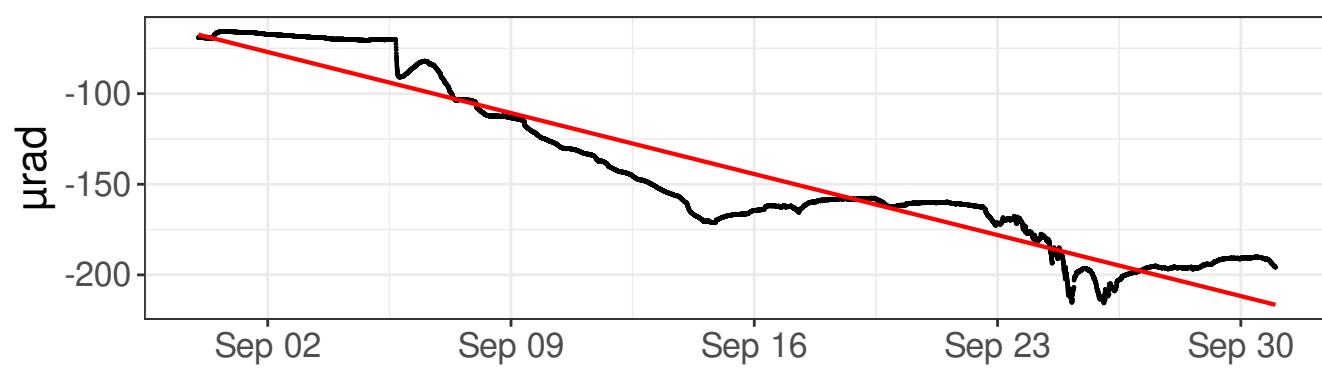
Distance to C7: 561 ft

SSD10, 08/31/2024 - 09/30/2024

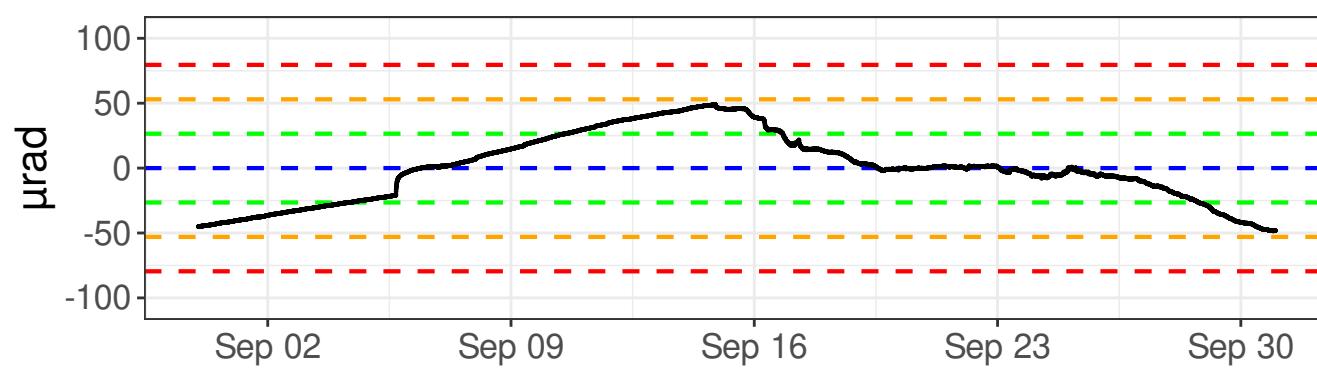
East tilt - raw values, Linear model R² 0.53



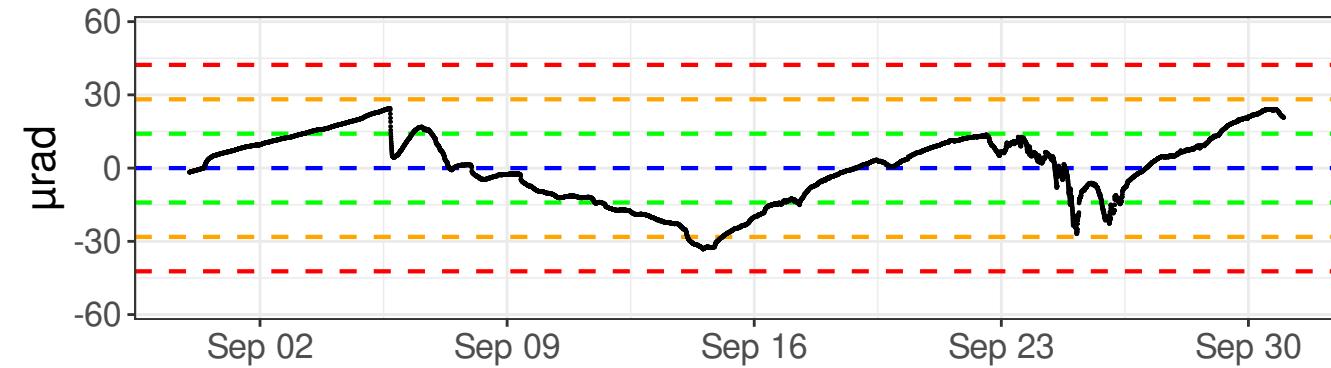
North tilt - raw values, Linear model R² 0.90



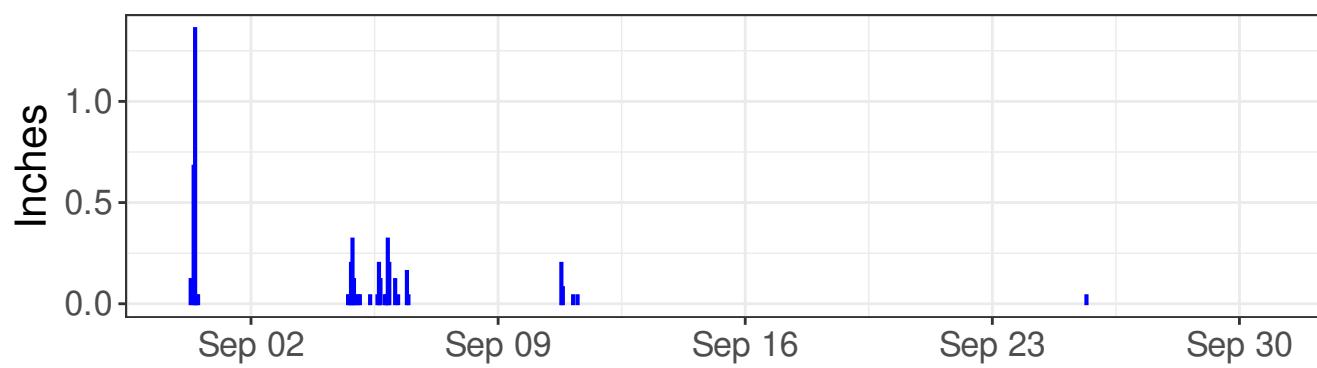
East tilt - detrended values



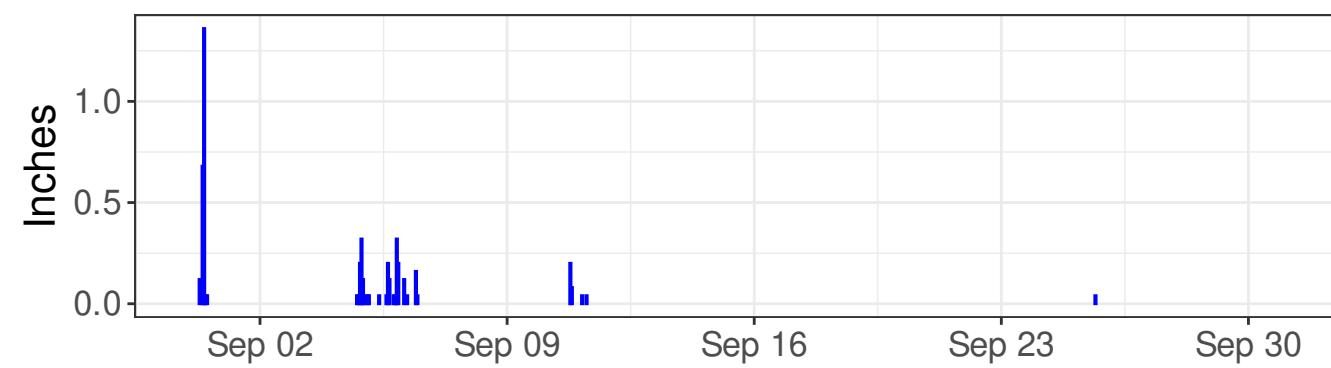
North tilt - detrended values



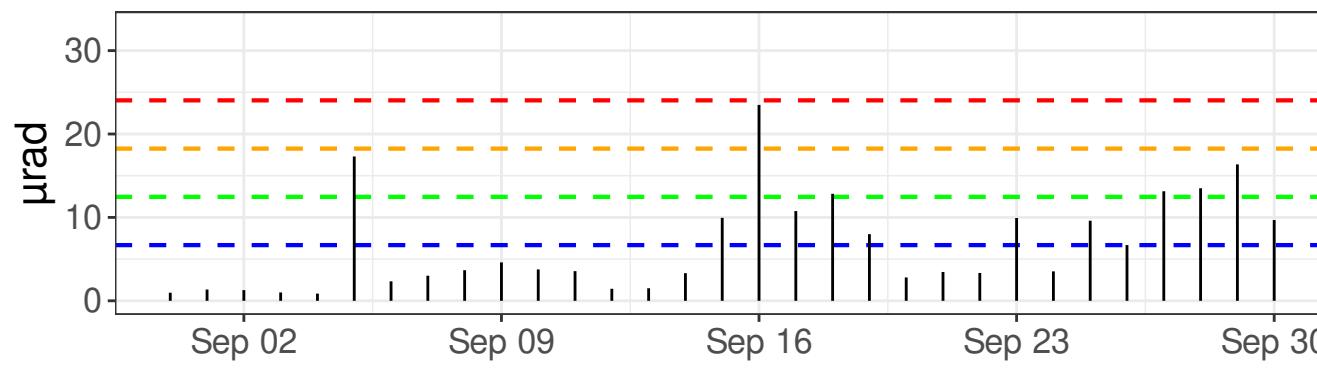
Hourly precipitation



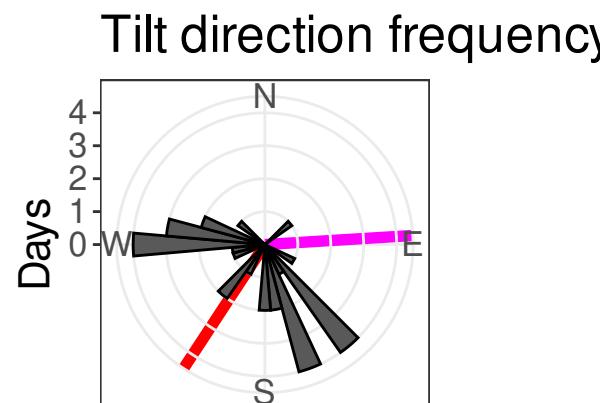
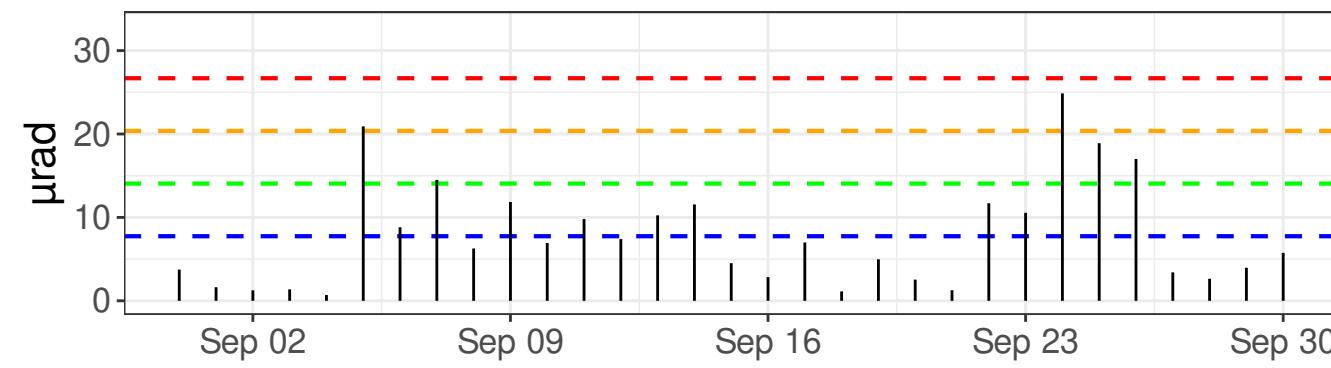
Hourly precipitation



East tilt - daily range



Tilt magnitude - daily range



East tilt rate: $-1154.97 \pm 10.24 \mu\text{rad/year}$

North tilt rate: $-1760.16 \pm 5.44 \mu\text{rad/year}$

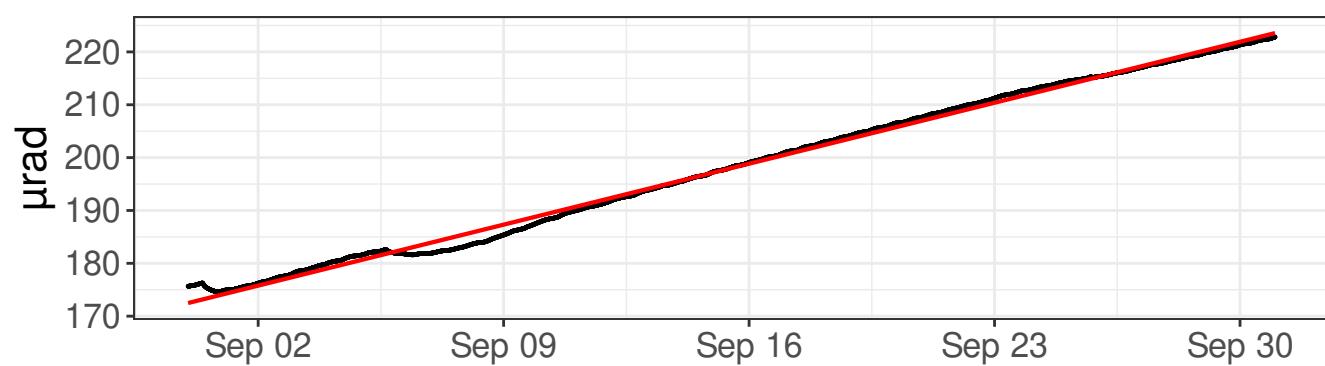
Azimuth to C7: 87 deg

Distance to C7: 2402 ft

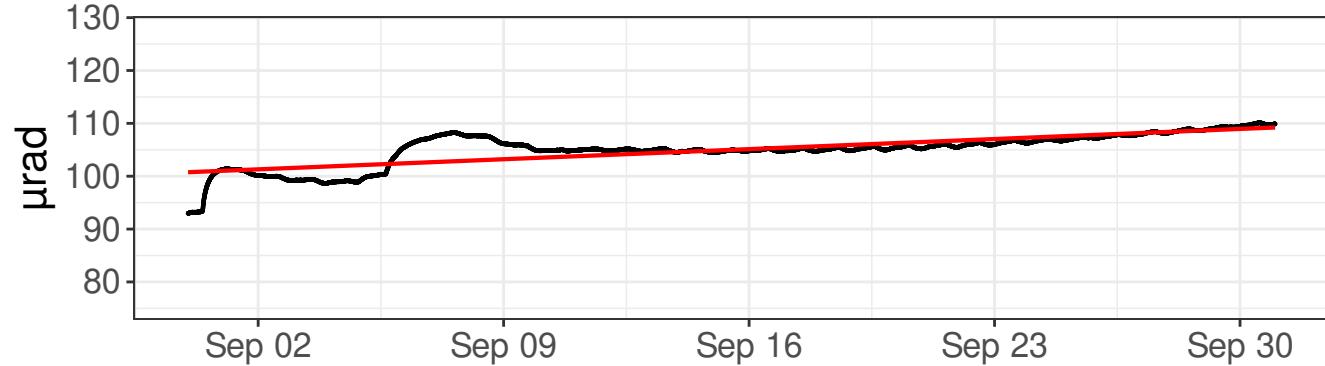
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Linear model Azimuth to C7

SSD11, 08/31/2024 - 09/30/2024

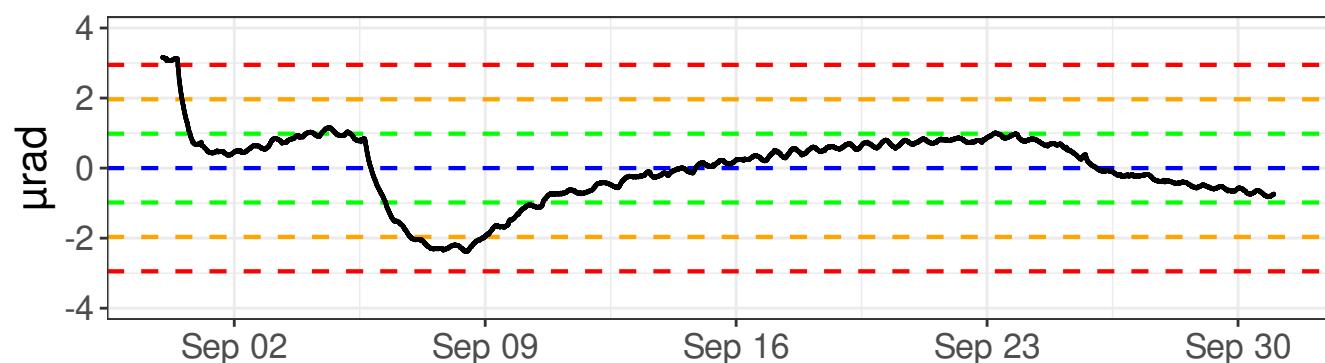
East tilt - raw values, Linear model R² 1.00



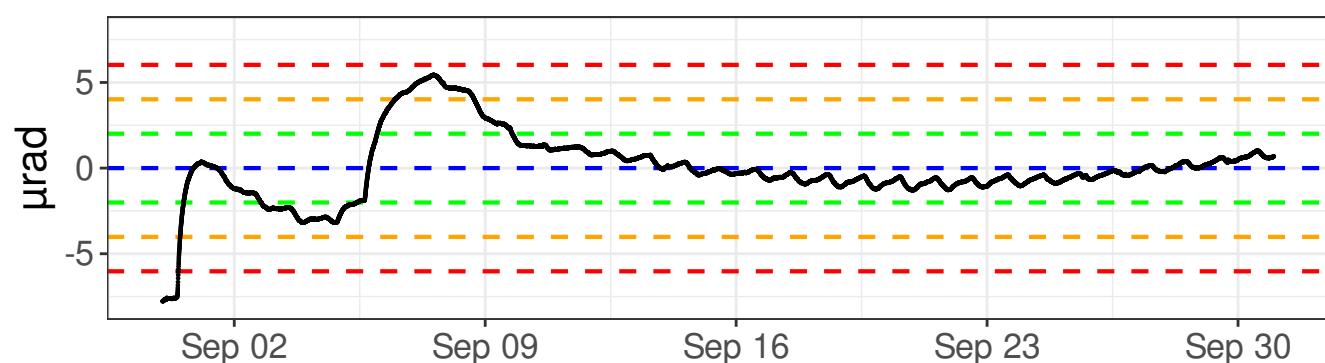
North tilt - raw values, Linear model R² 0.60



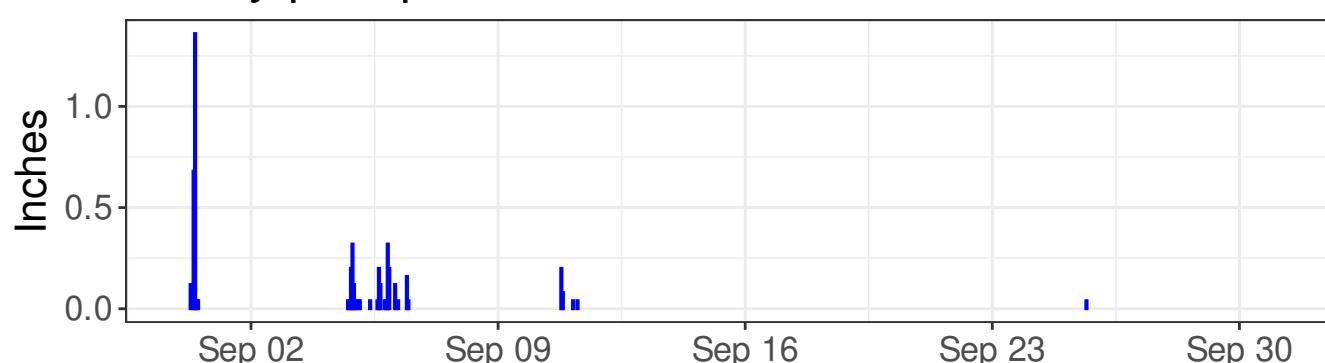
East tilt - detrended values



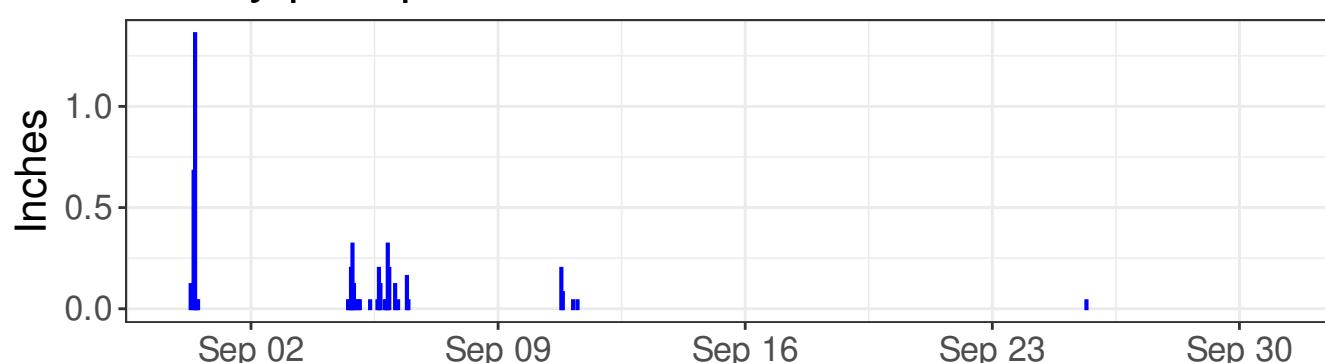
North tilt - detrended values



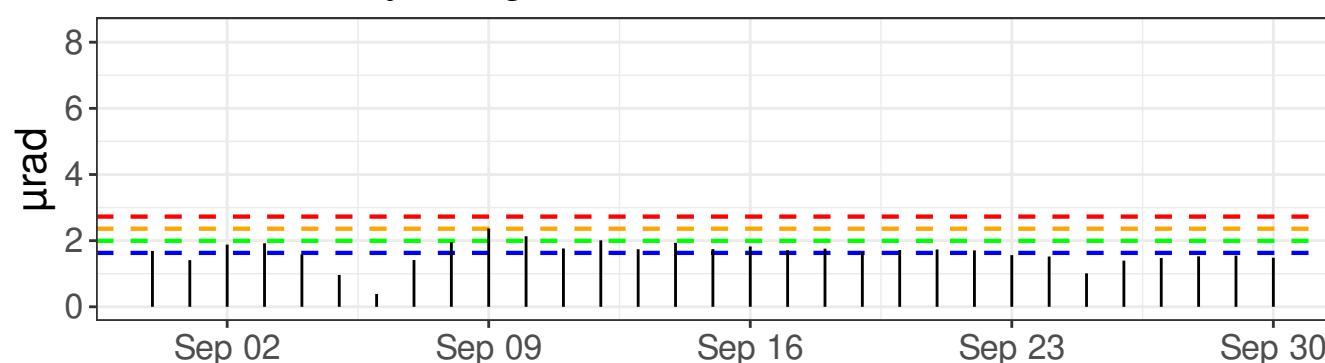
Hourly precipitation



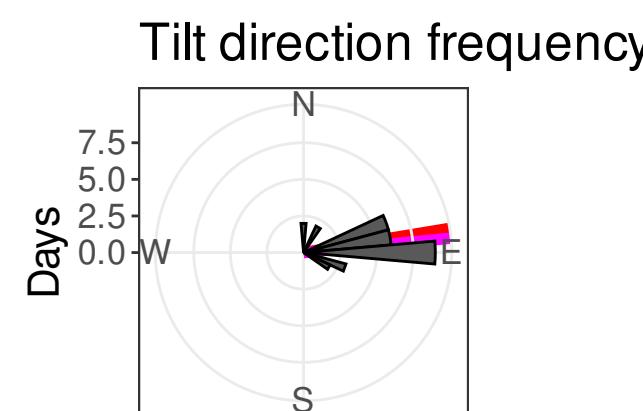
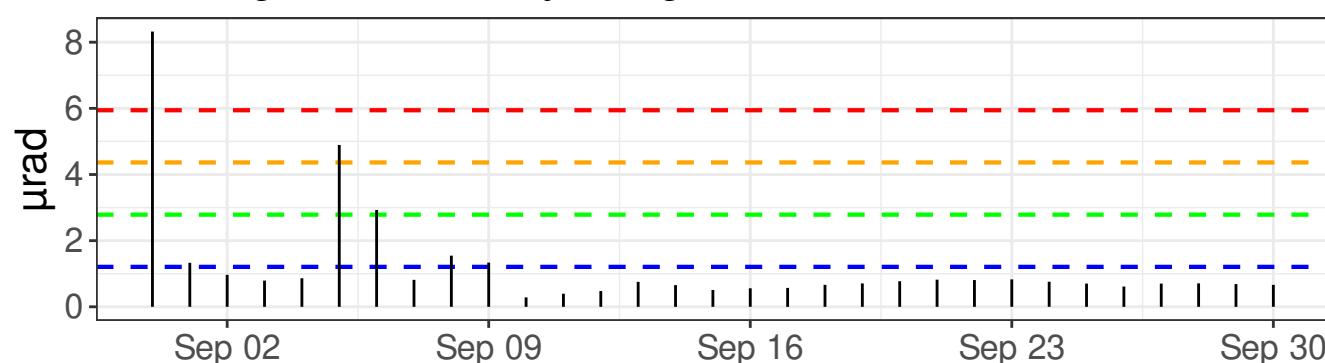
Hourly precipitation



East tilt - daily range



Tilt magnitude - daily range



East tilt rate: $603.04 \pm 0.38 \mu\text{rad/year}$

North tilt rate: $99.92 \pm 0.78 \mu\text{rad/year}$

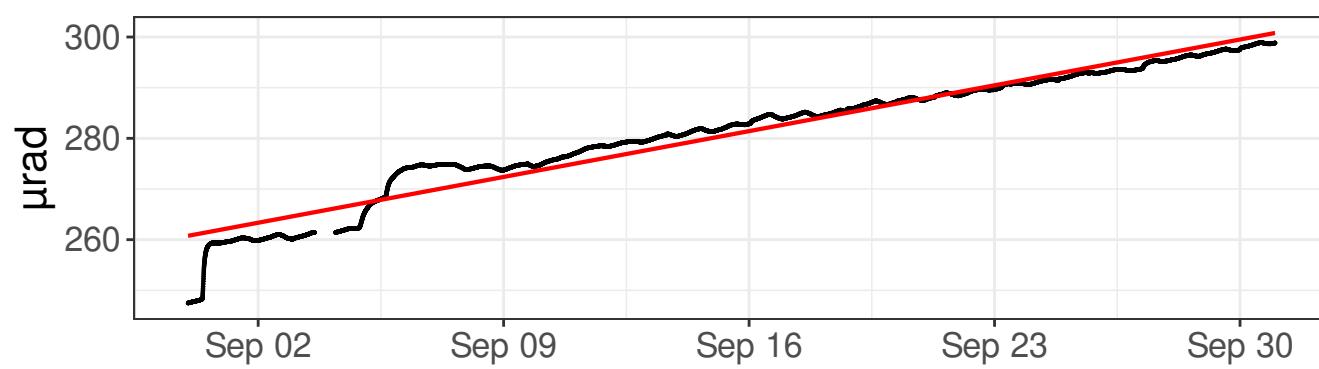
Azimuth to C7: 84 deg

Distance to C7: 1473 ft

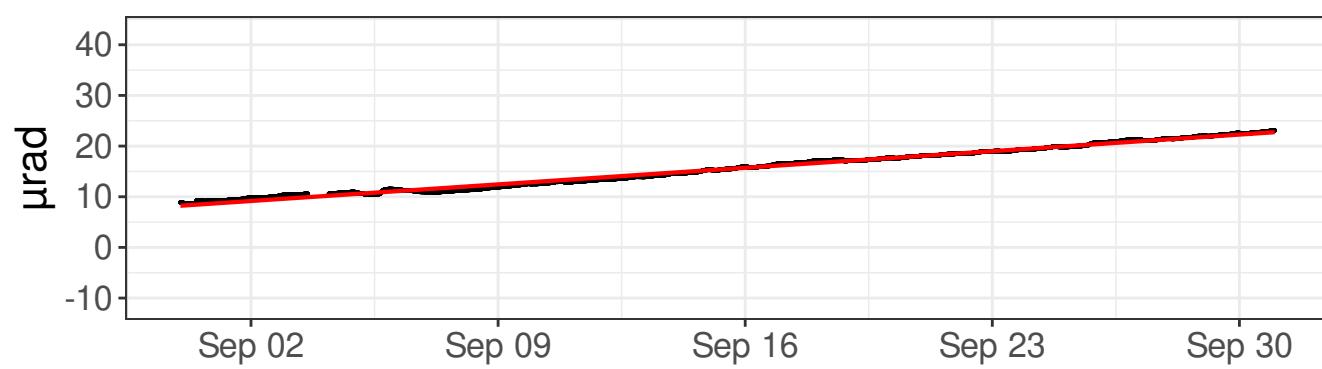
— 0σ - - - 1σ - - - - 2σ - - - - - 3σ
 — Linear model — Azimuth to C7

SSD12, 08/31/2024 - 09/30/2024

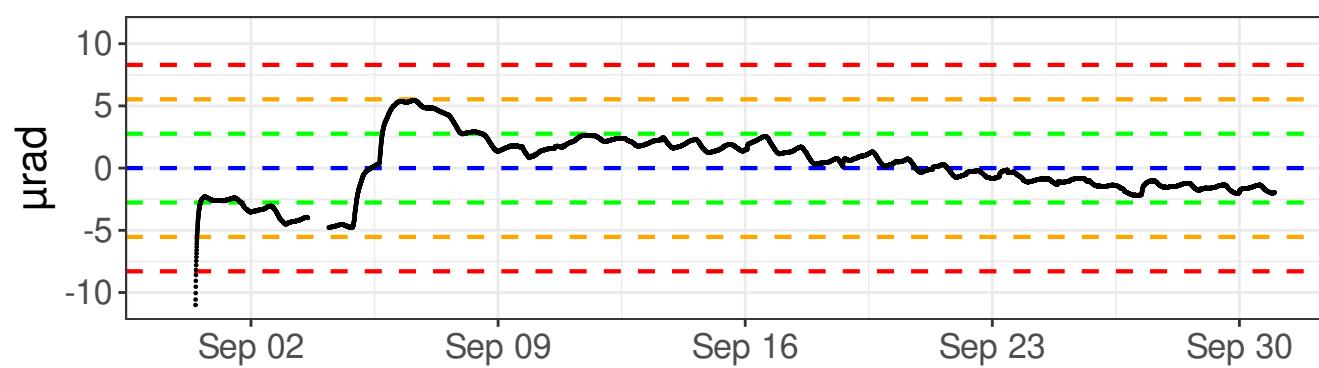
East tilt - raw values, Linear model R² 0.95



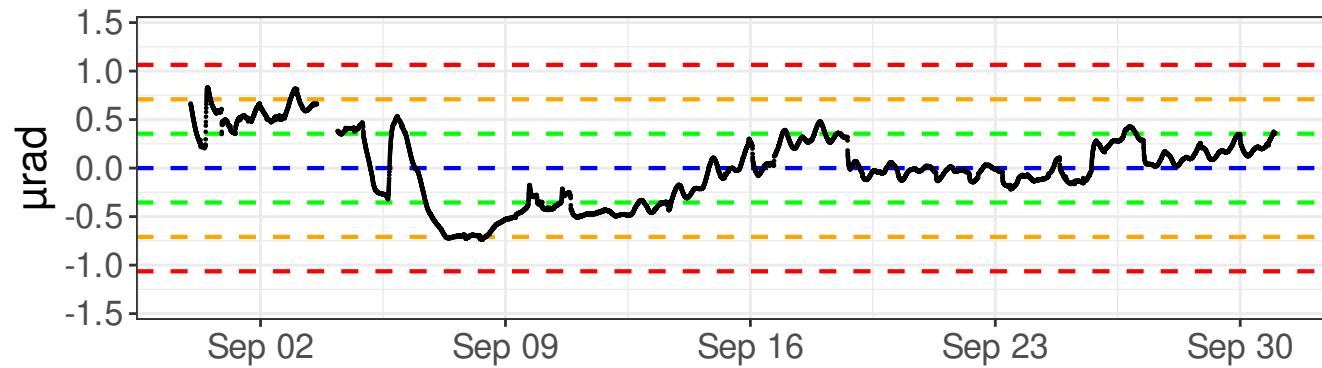
North tilt - raw values, Linear model R² 0.99



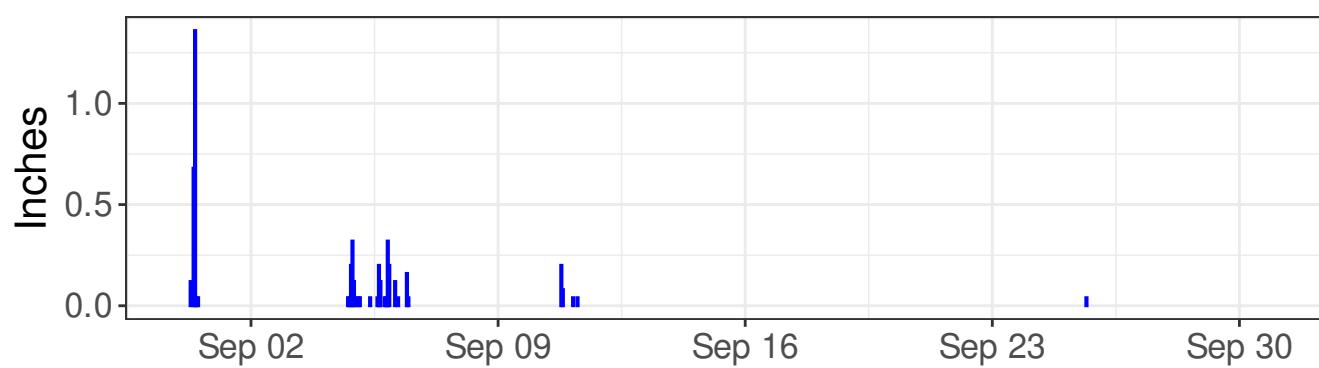
East tilt - detrended values



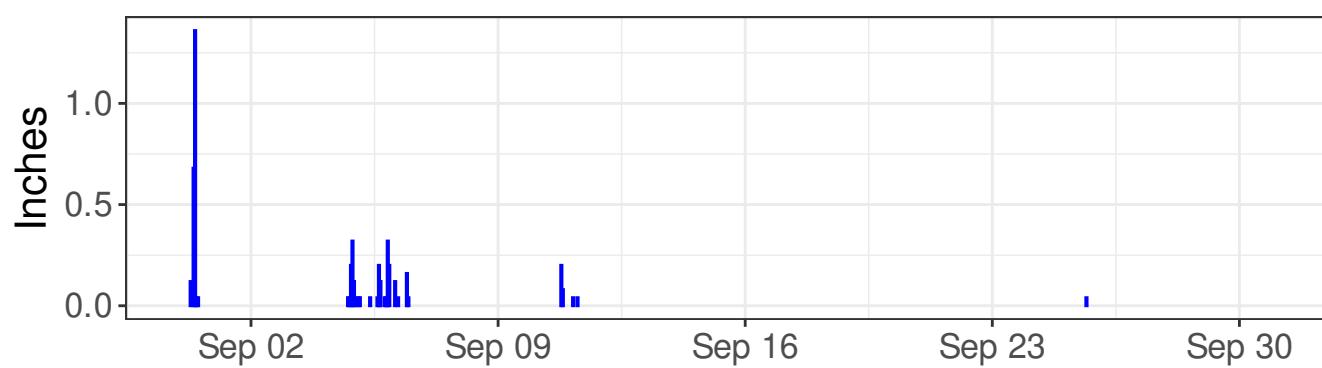
North tilt - detrended values



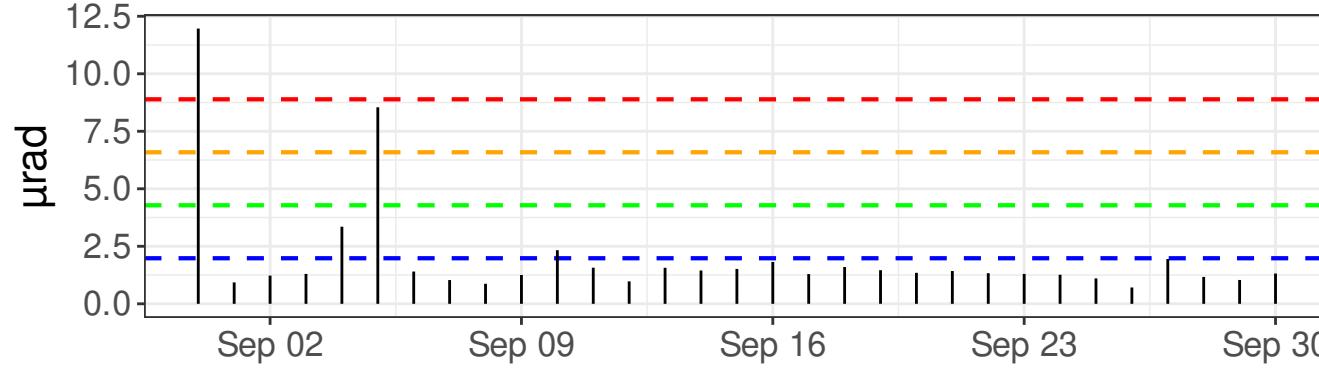
Hourly precipitation



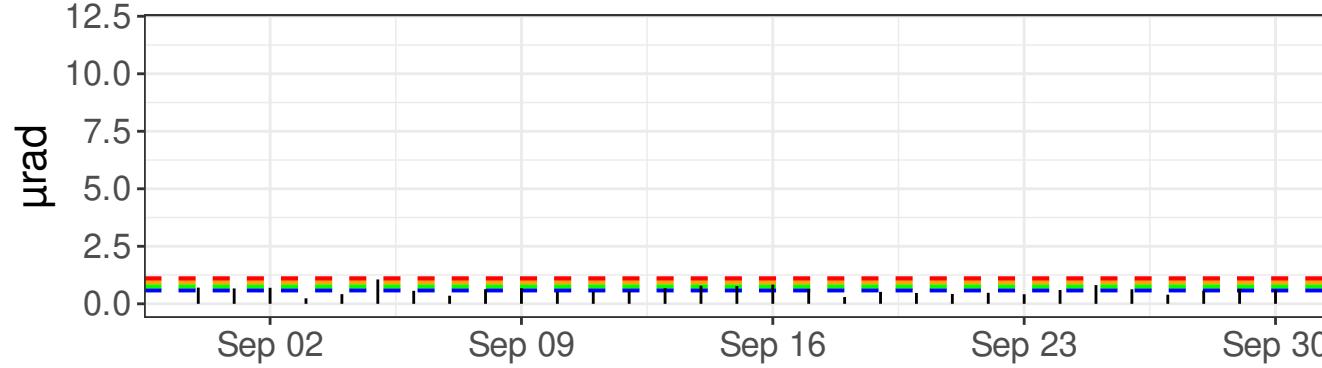
Hourly precipitation



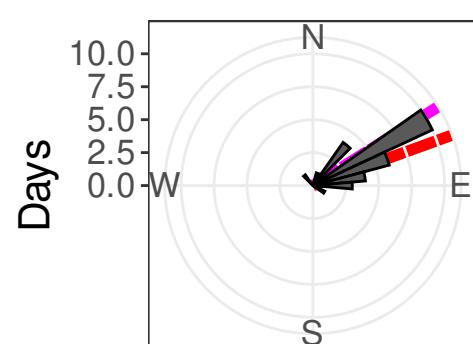
East tilt - daily range



Tilt magnitude - daily range



Tilt direction frequency



East tilt rate: $472.73 \pm 1.09 \mu\text{rad/year}$

North tilt rate: $171.33 \pm 0.14 \mu\text{rad/year}$

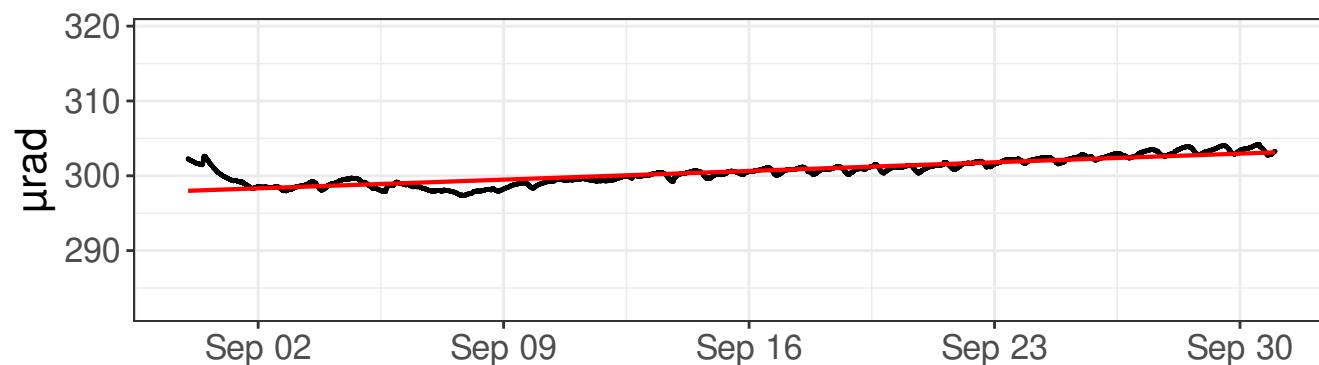
Azimuth to C7: 58 deg

Distance to C7: 1344 ft

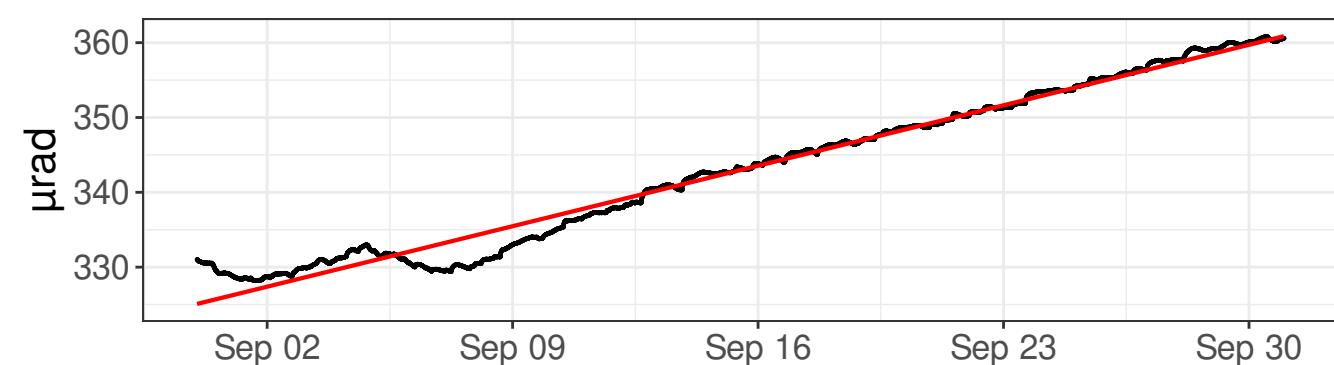
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 Linear model Azimuth to C7

SSD13, 08/31/2024 - 09/30/2024

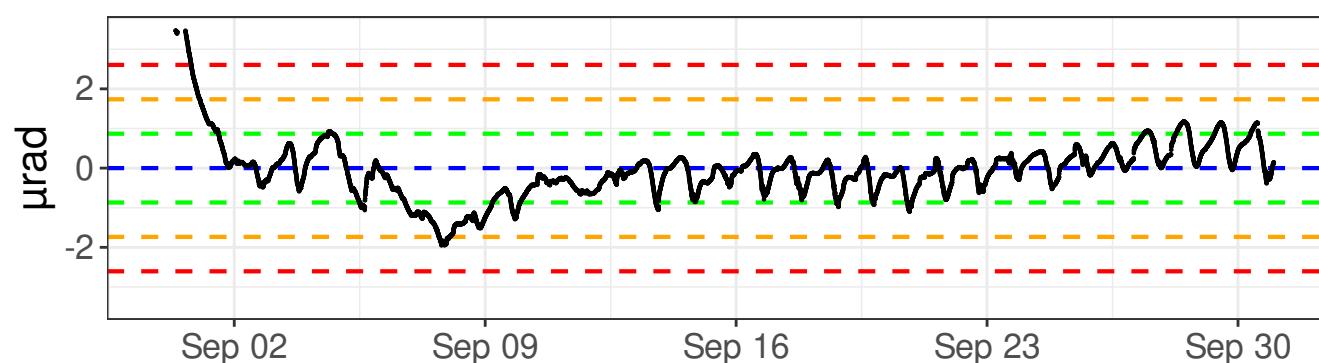
East tilt - raw values, Linear model R² 0.74



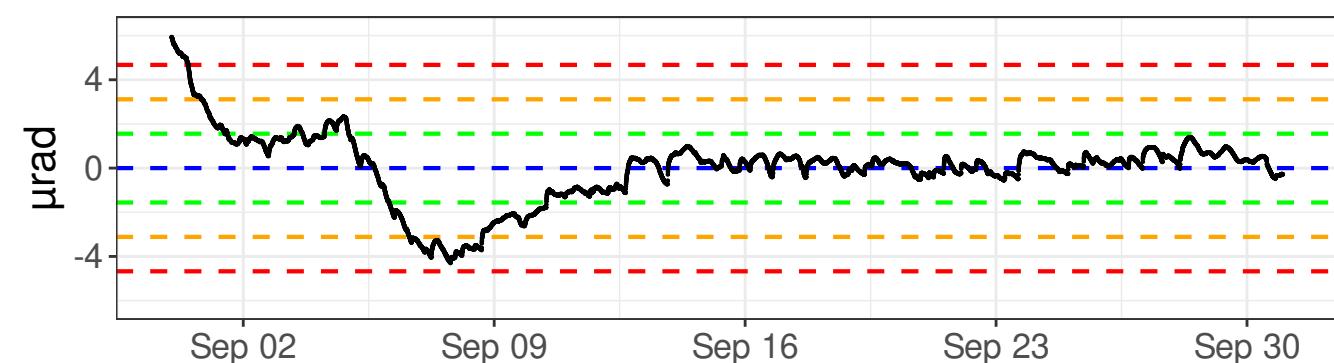
North tilt - raw values, Linear model R² 0.98



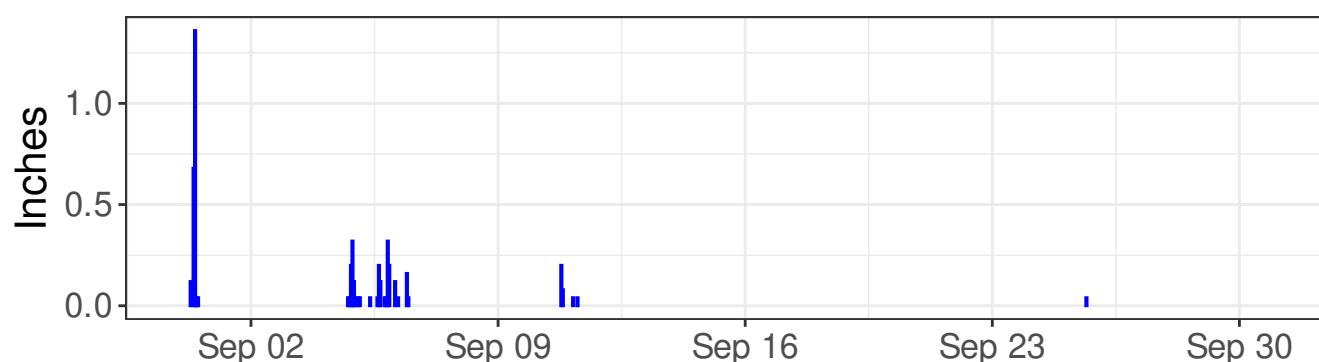
East tilt - detrended values



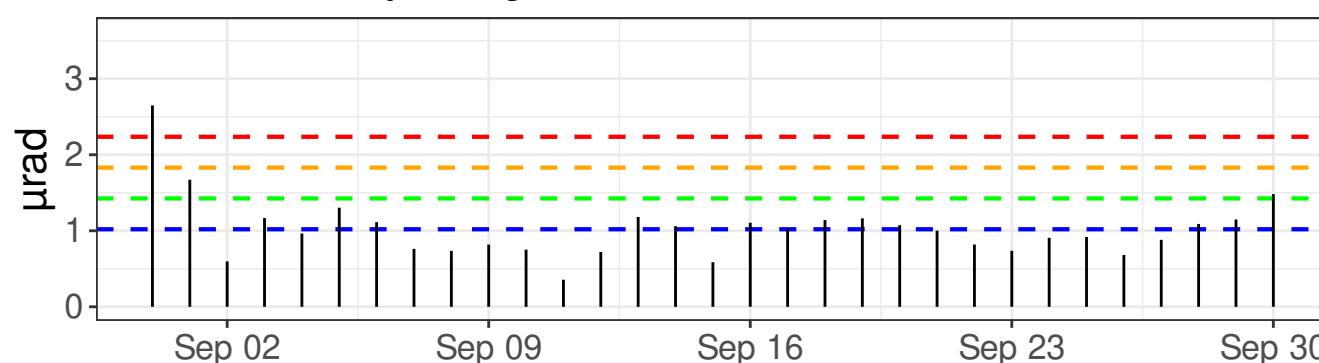
North tilt - detrended values



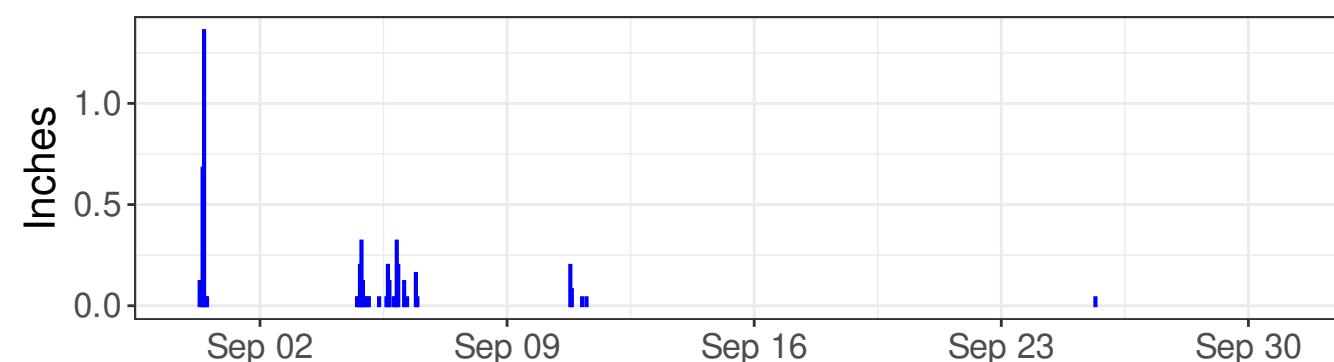
Hourly precipitation



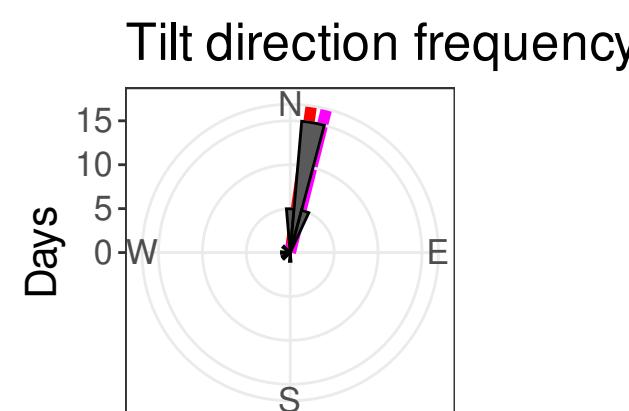
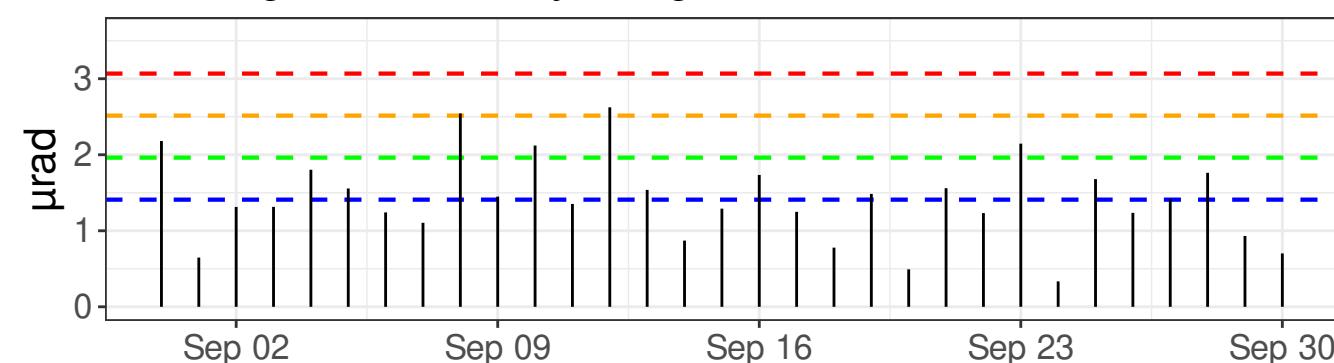
East tilt - daily range



Hourly precipitation



Tilt magnitude - daily range



East tilt rate: $60.65 \pm 0.34 \mu\text{rad/year}$

North tilt rate: $422.55 \pm 0.60 \mu\text{rad/year}$

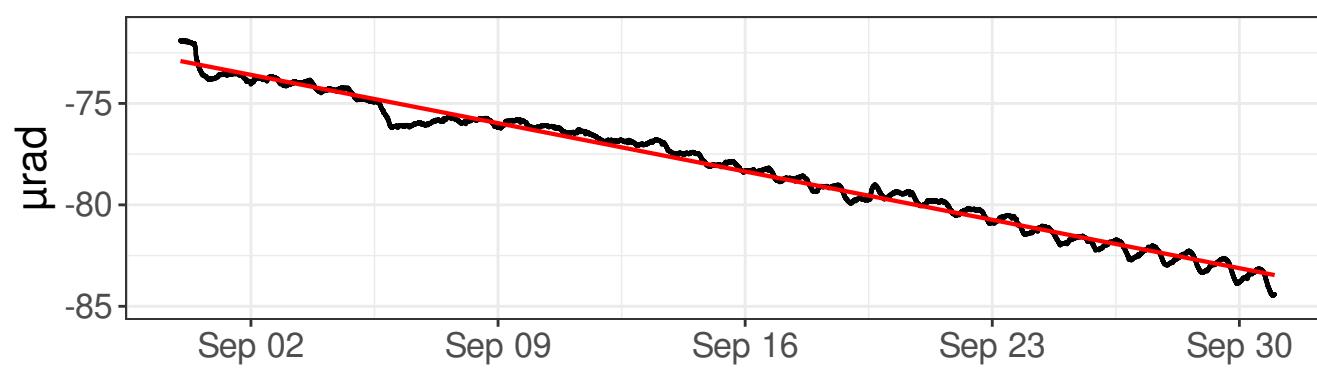
Azimuth to C7: 14 deg

Distance to C7: 686 ft

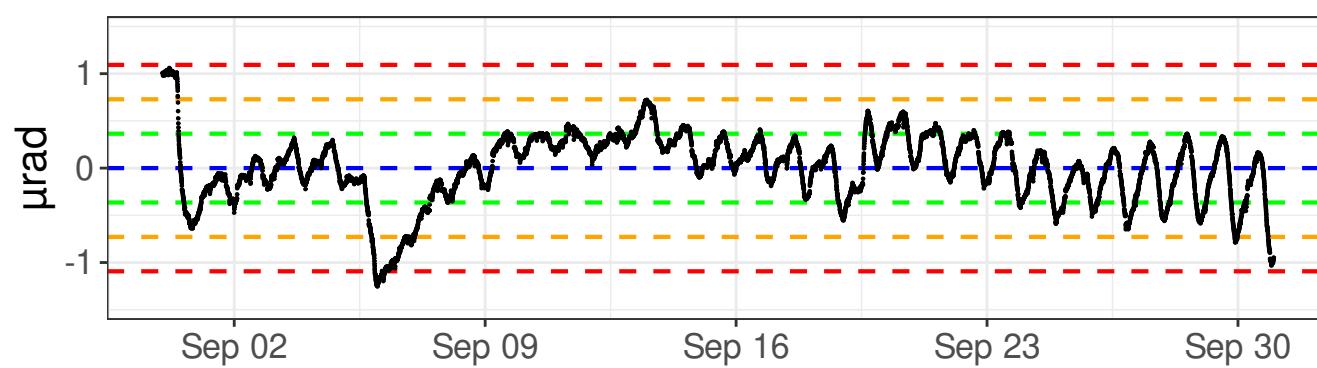
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 Linear model Azimuth to C7

SSD14, 08/31/2024 - 09/30/2024

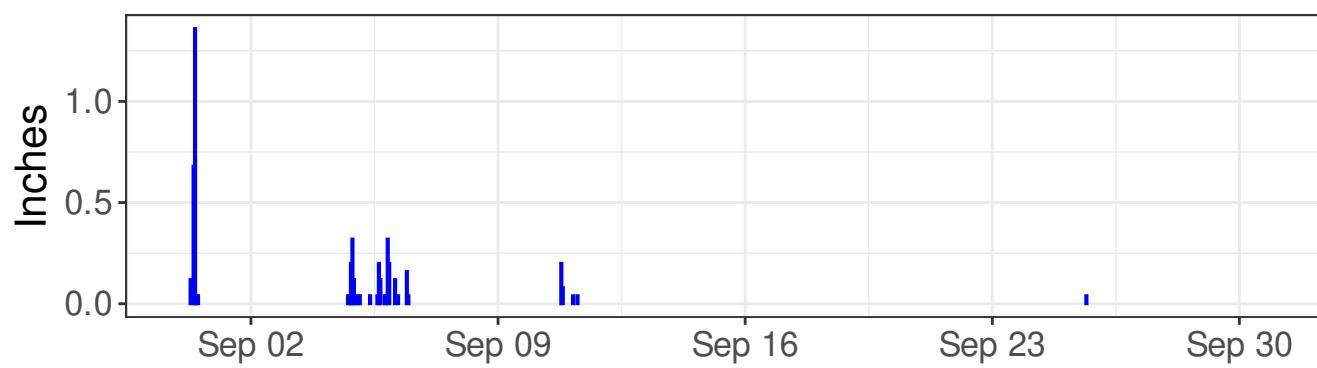
East tilt - raw values, Linear model R² 0.99



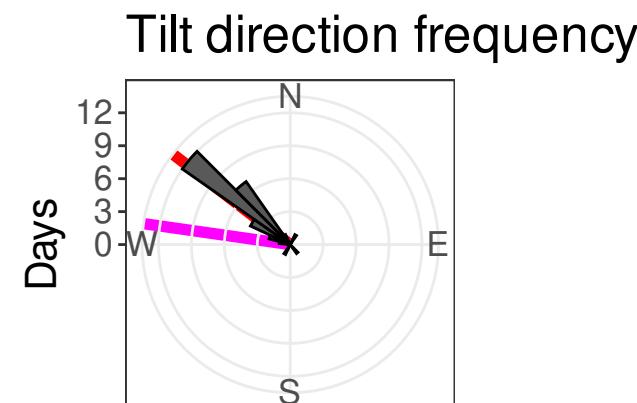
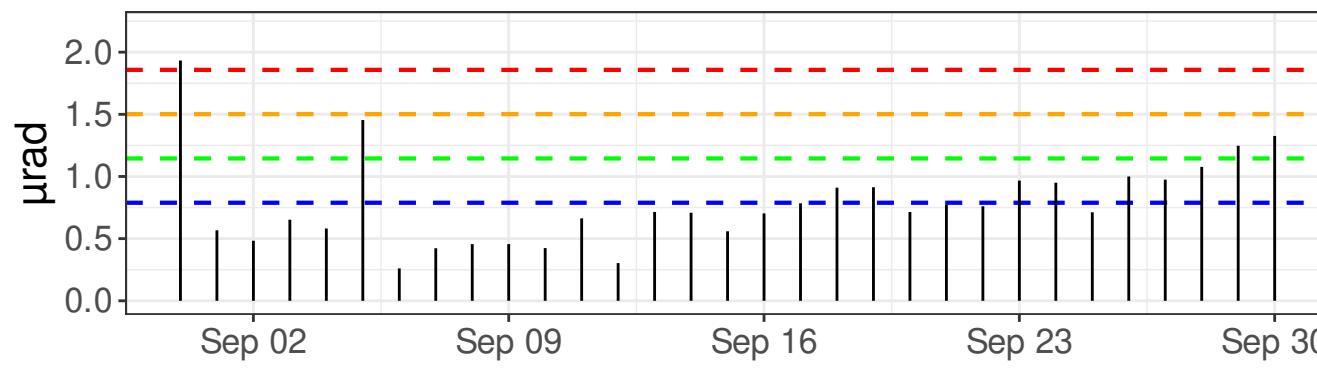
East tilt - detrended values



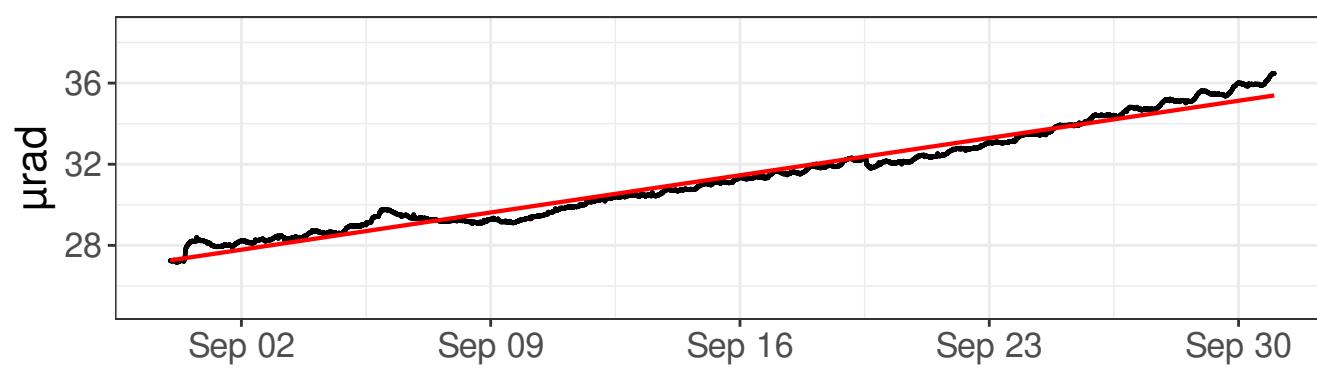
Hourly precipitation



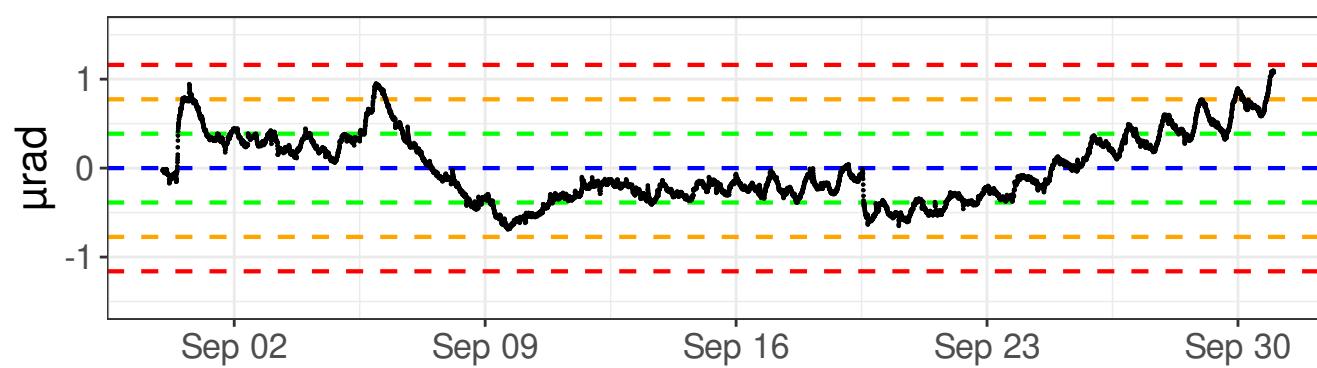
East tilt - daily range



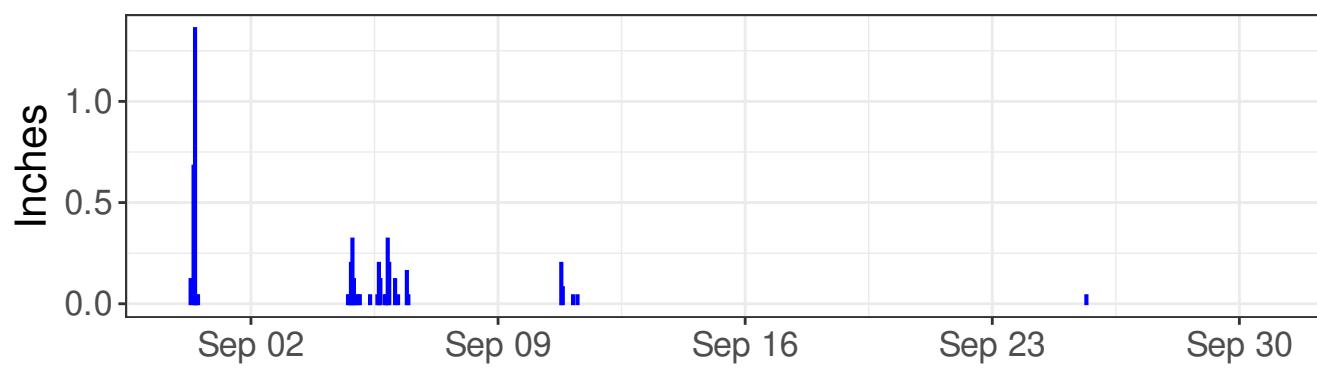
North tilt - raw values, Linear model R² 0.97



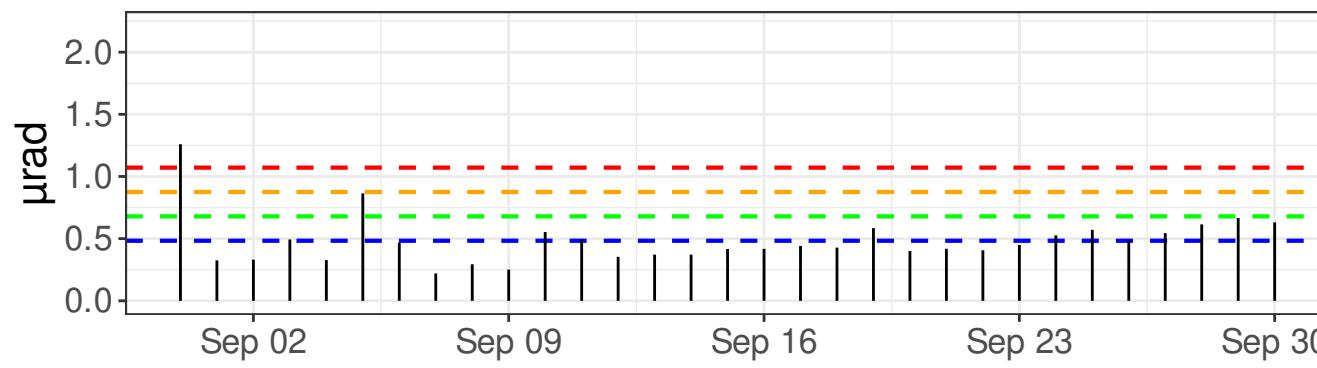
North tilt - detrended values



Hourly precipitation



Tilt magnitude - daily range



East tilt rate: $-124.58 \pm 0.14 \mu\text{rad/year}$

North tilt rate: $95.97 \pm 0.15 \mu\text{rad/year}$

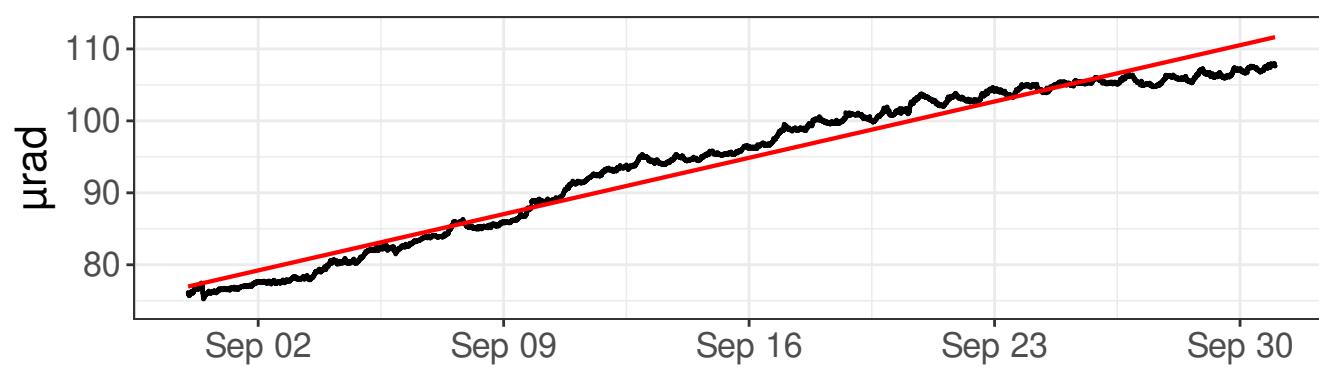
Azimuth to C7: 278 deg

Distance to C7: 1151 ft

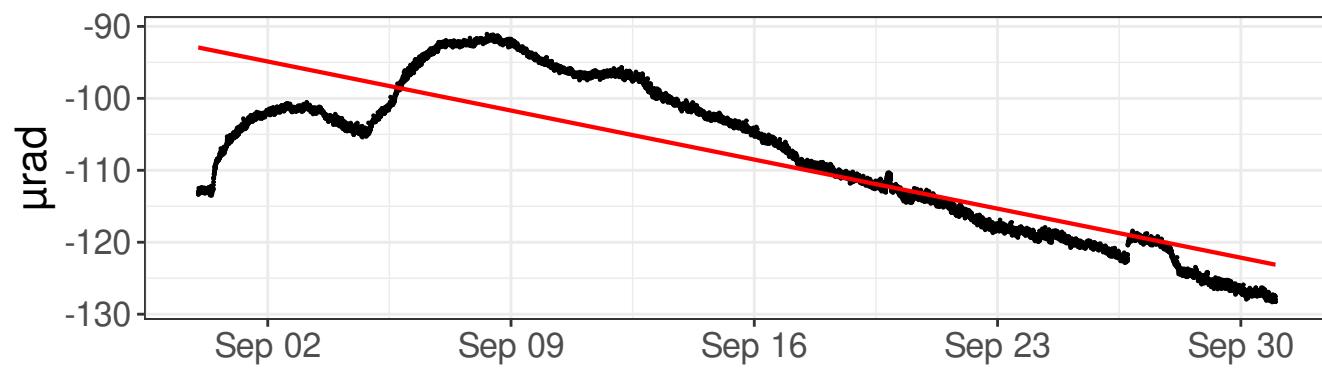
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Linear model Azimuth to C7

SSD15, 08/31/2024 - 09/30/2024

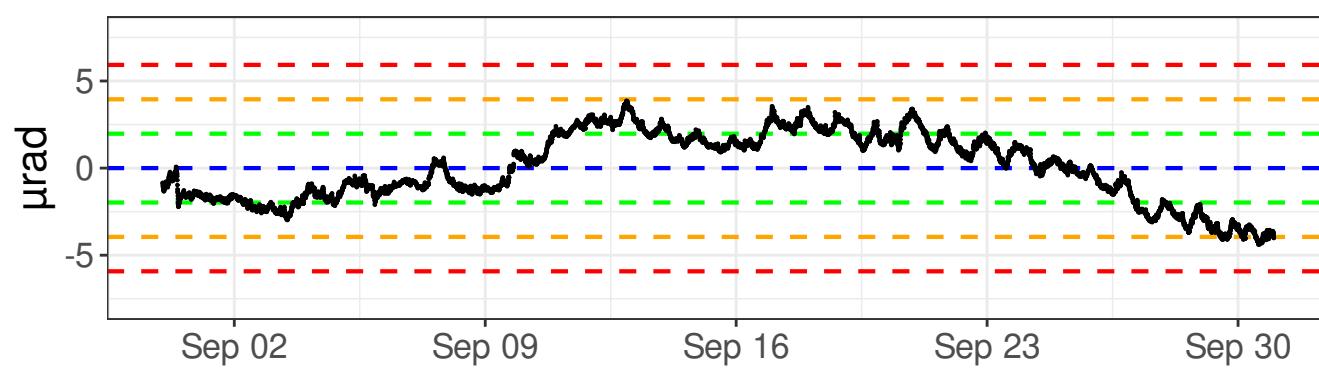
East tilt - raw values, Linear model R² 0.96



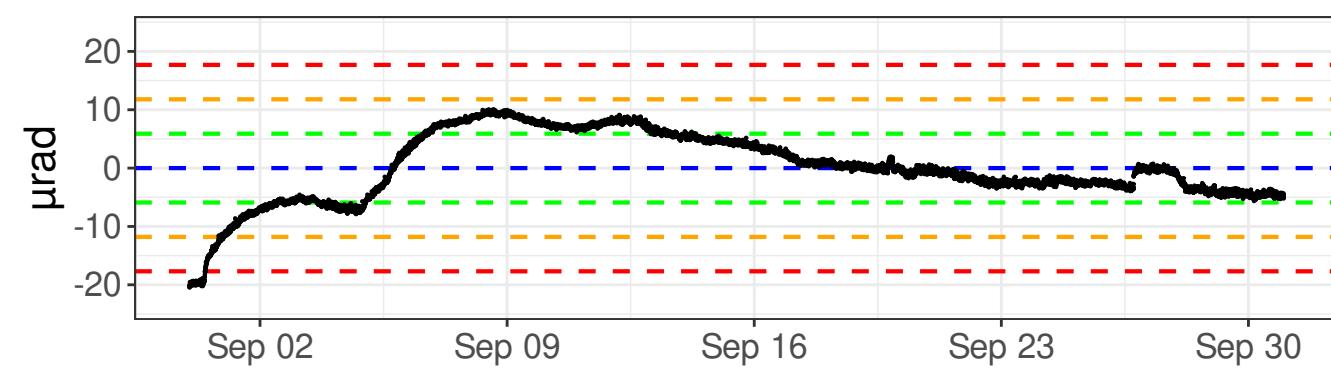
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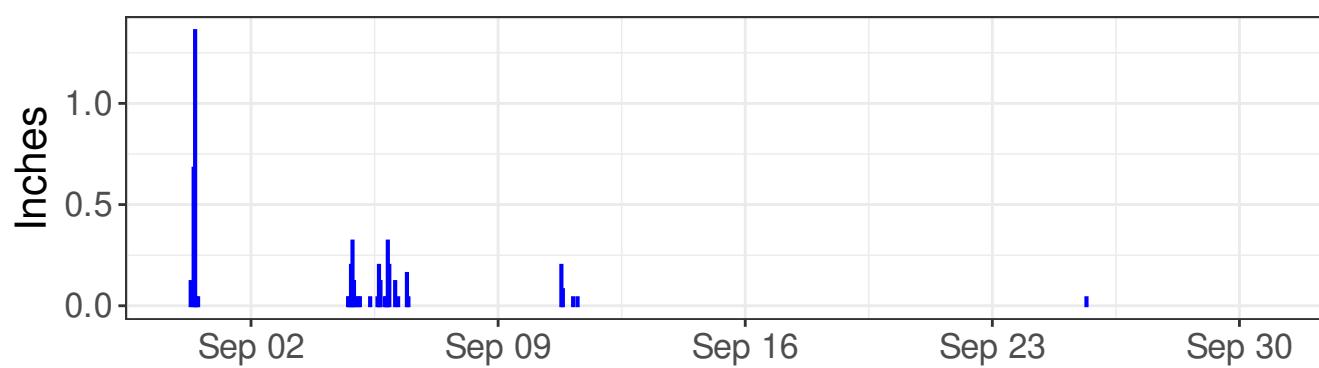
East tilt - detrended values



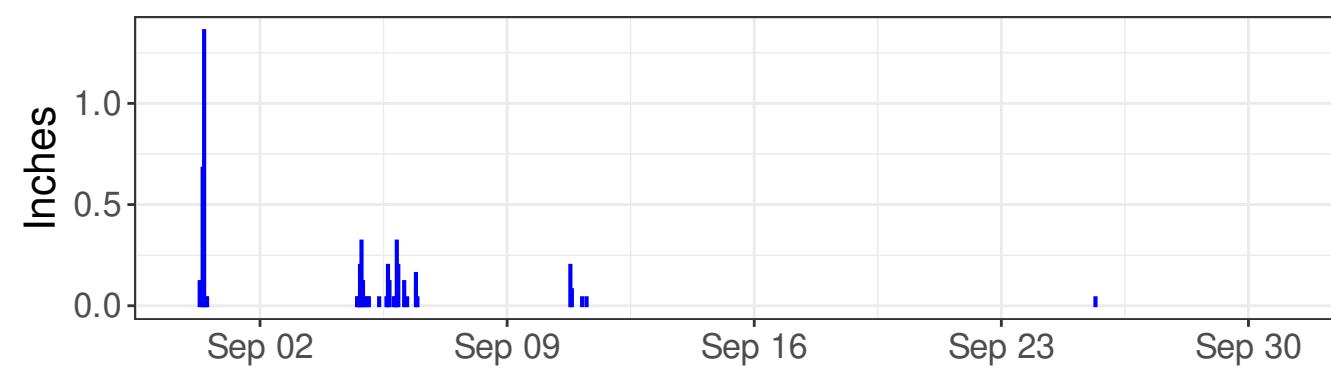
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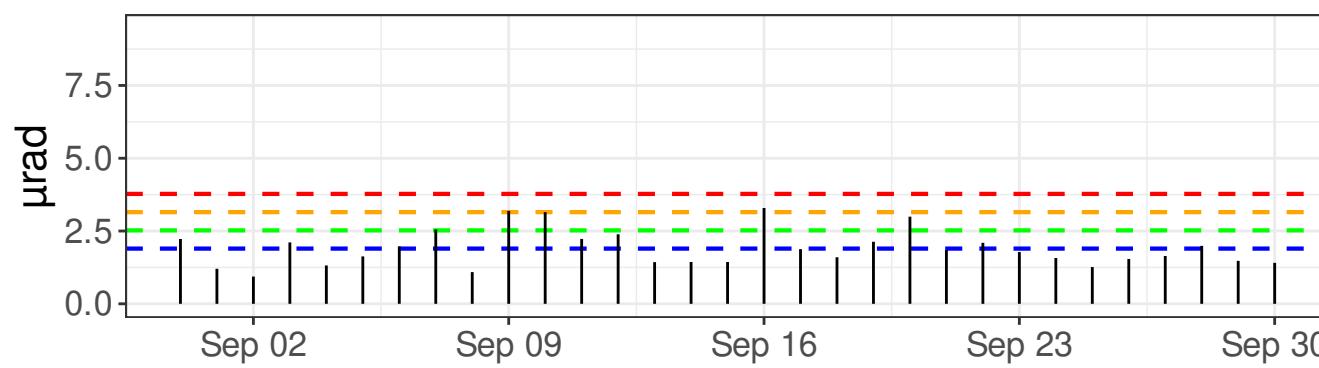
Hourly precipitation



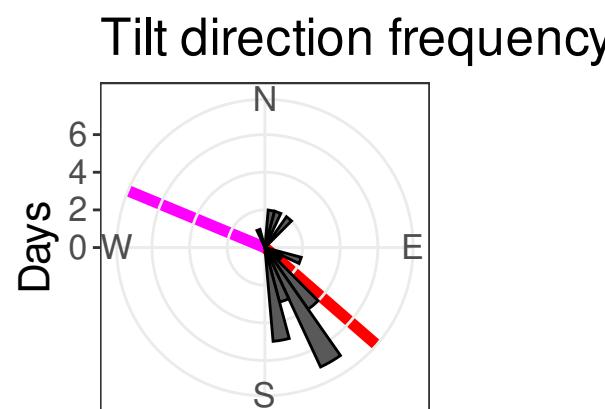
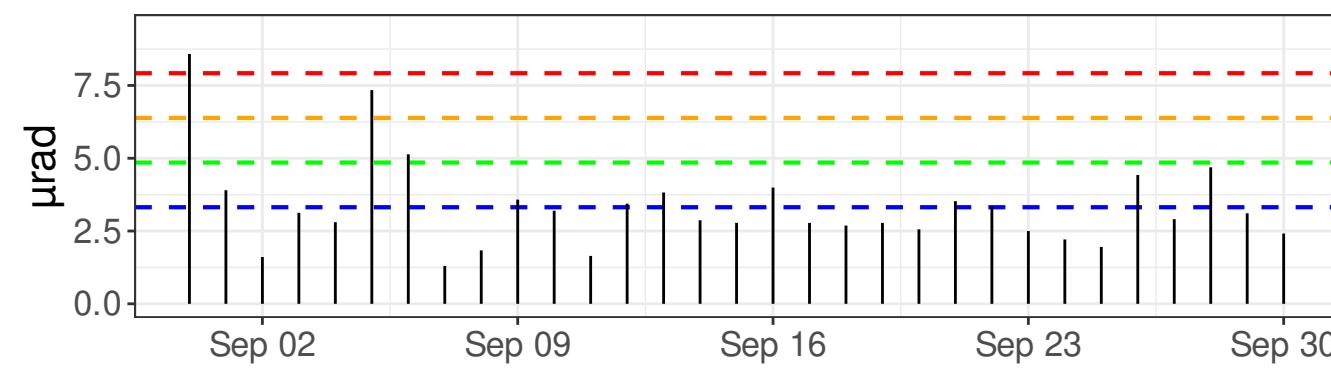
Hourly precipitation



East tilt - daily range



Tilt magnitude - daily range



East tilt rate: $409.24 \pm 0.76 \mu\text{rad/year}$

North tilt rate: $-356.44 \pm 2.28 \mu\text{rad/year}$

Azimuth to C7: 293 deg

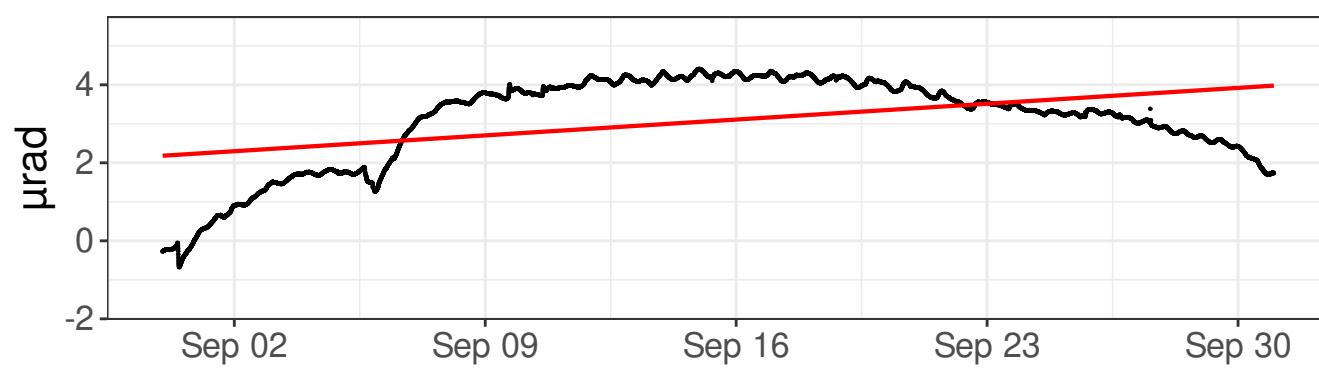
Distance to C7: 614 ft

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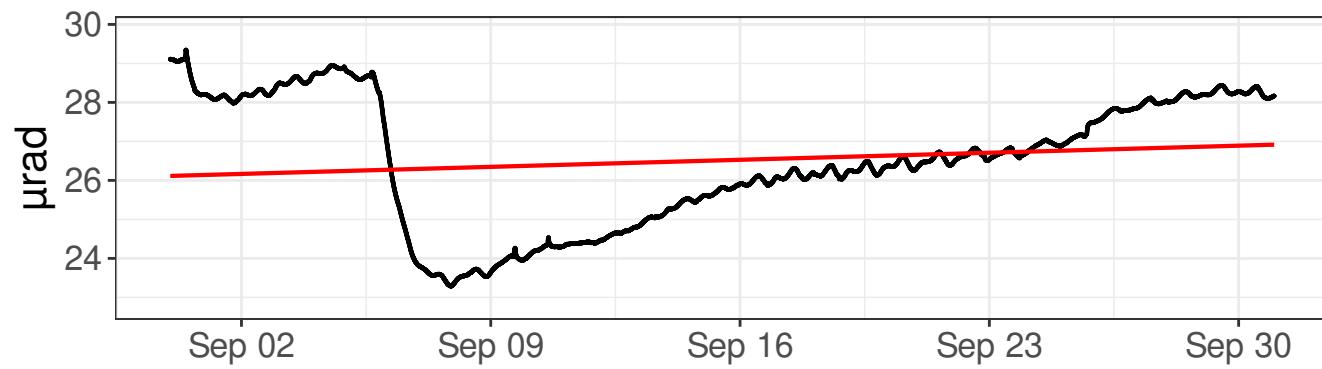
Linear model Azimuth to C7

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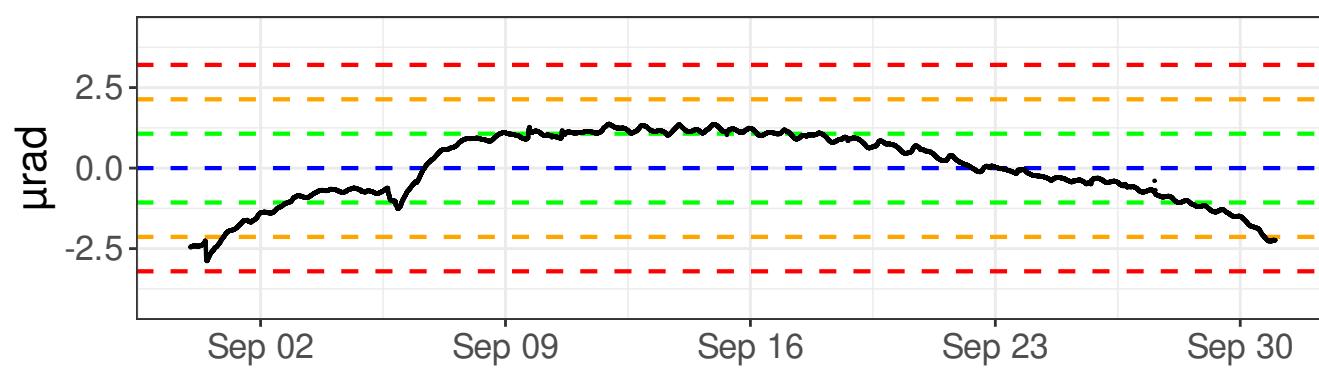
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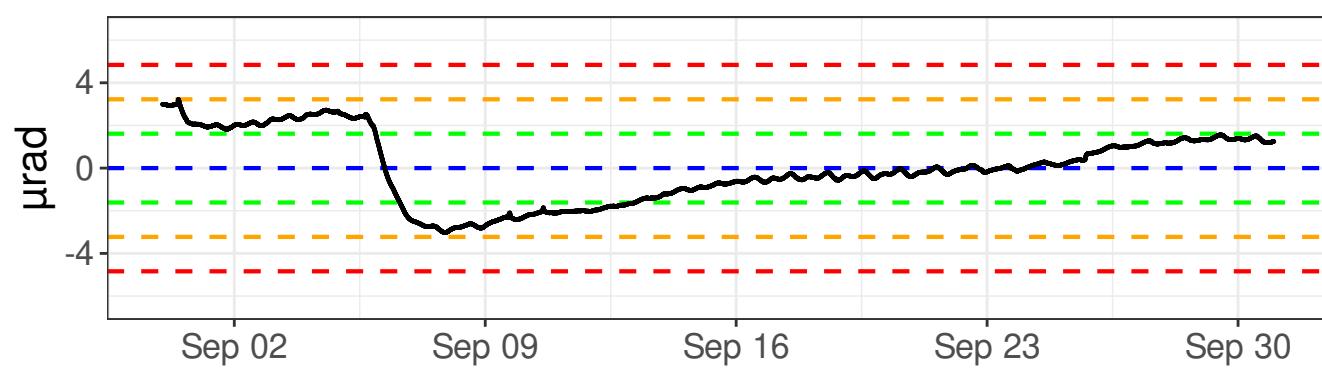
North tilt - raw values, Linear model R² 0.02



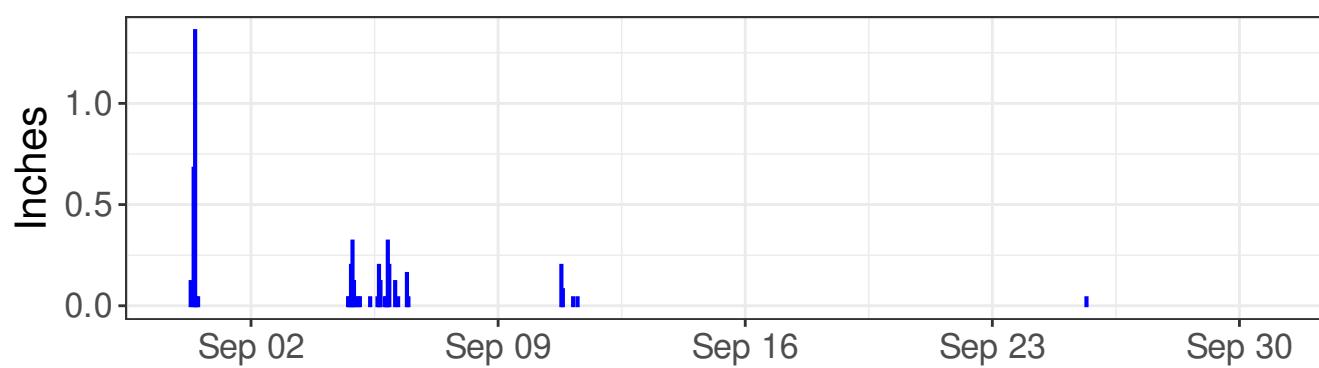
East tilt - detrended values



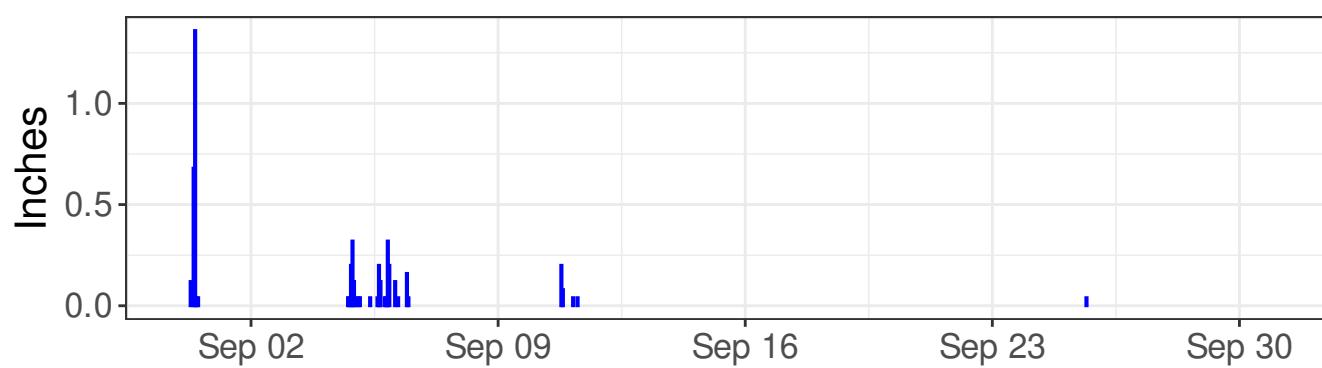
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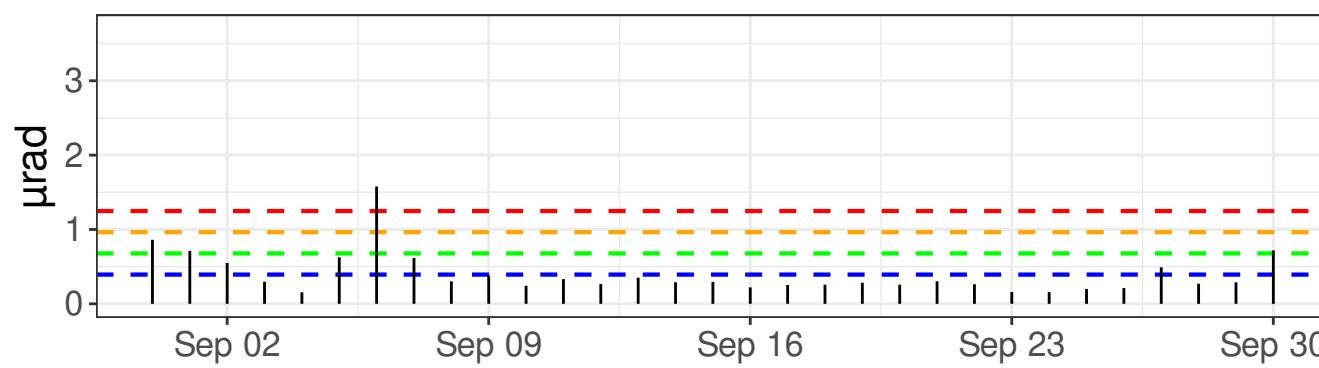
Hourly precipitation



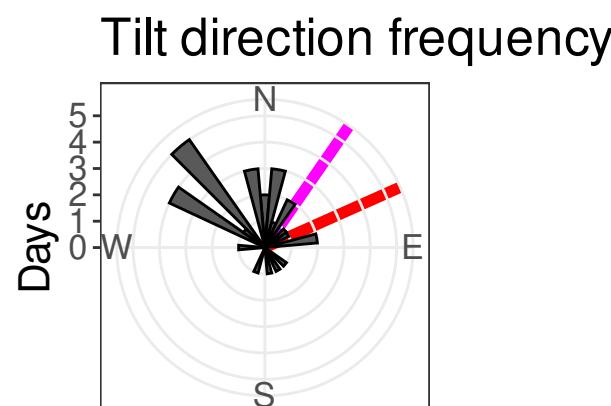
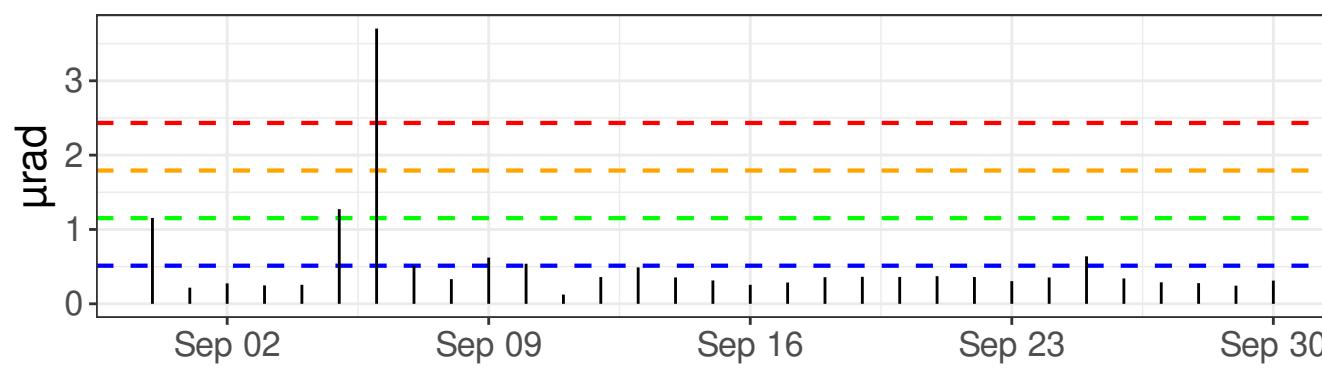
Hourly precipitation



East tilt - daily range



Tilt magnitude - daily range



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North tilt rate: $9.47 \pm 0.62 \mu\text{rad}/\text{year}$

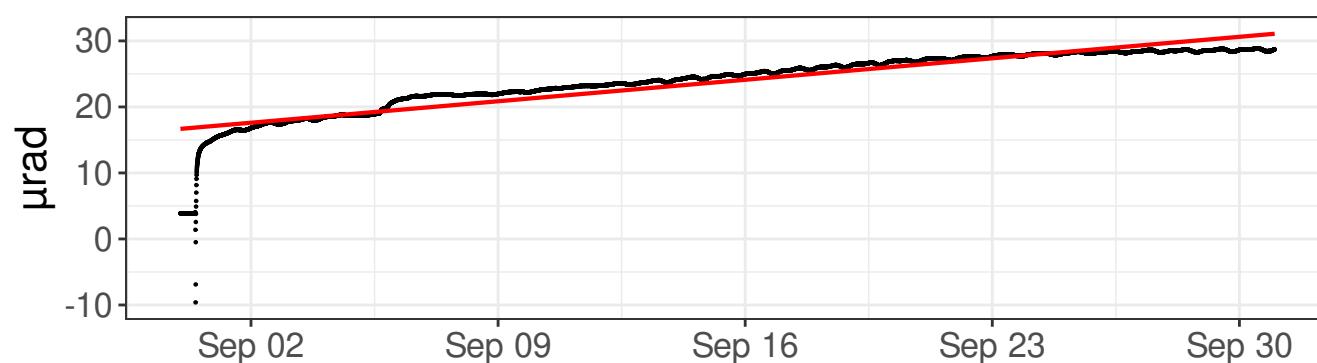
Azimuth to C7: 35 deg

Distance to C7: 1885 ft

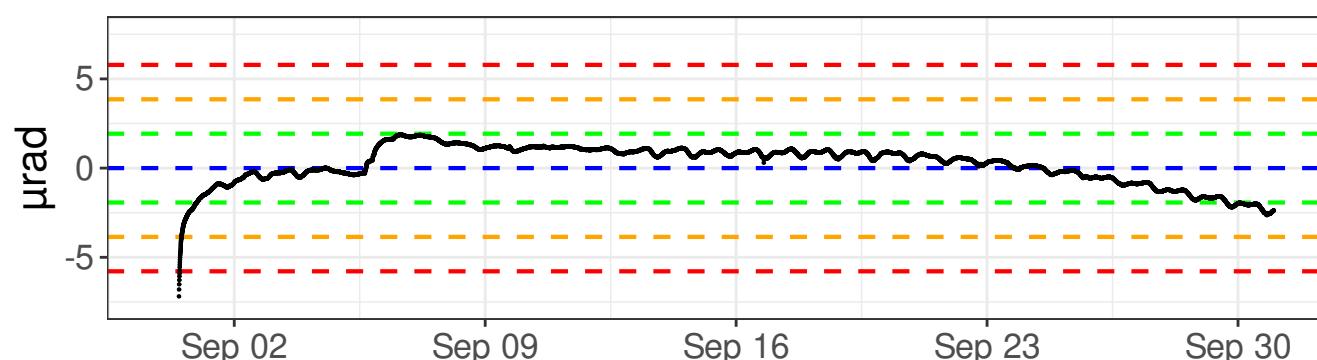
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Linear model Azimuth to C7

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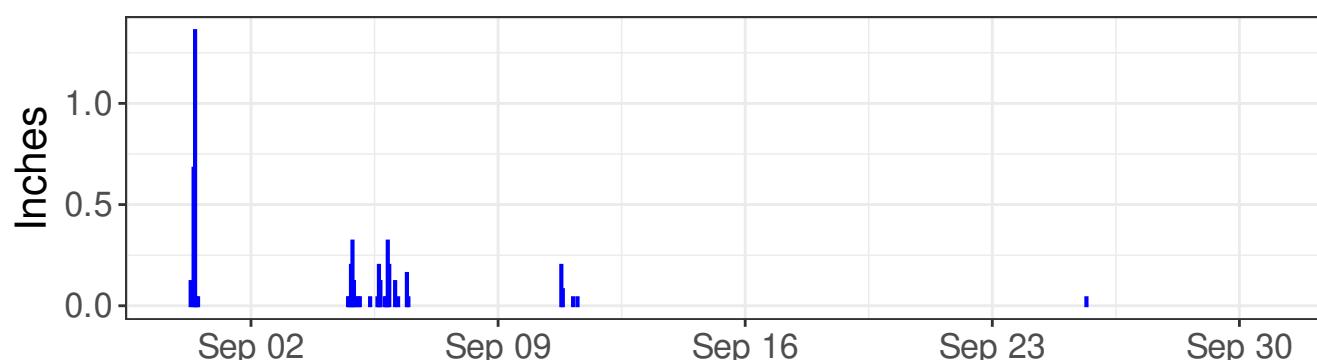
East tilt - raw values, Linear model R² 0.82



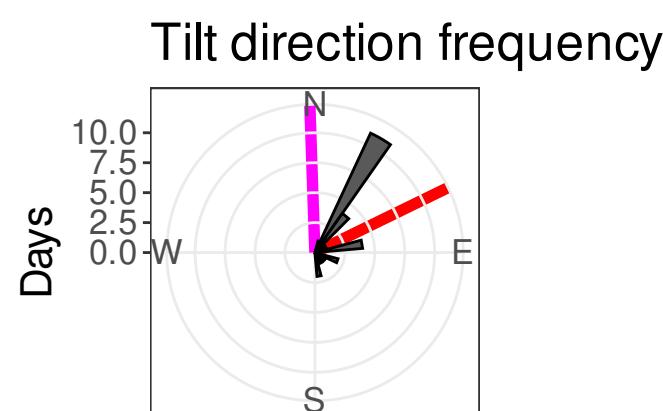
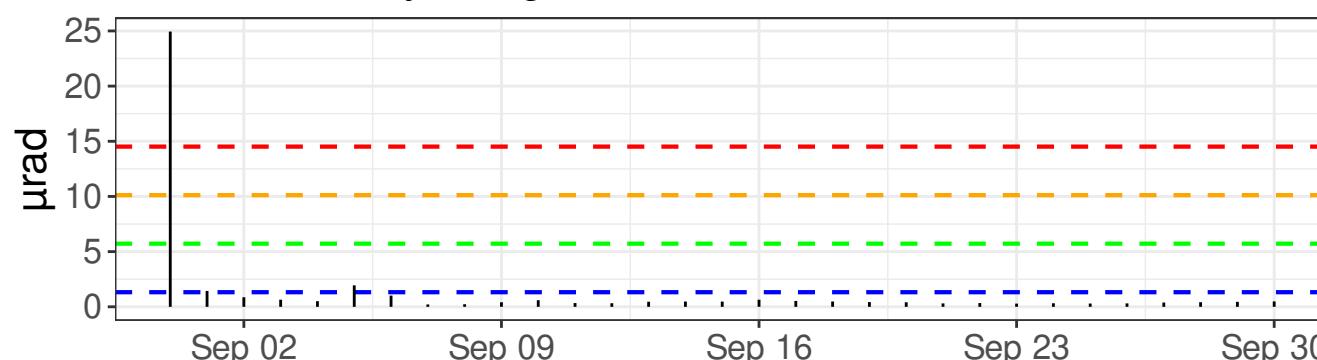
East tilt - detrended values



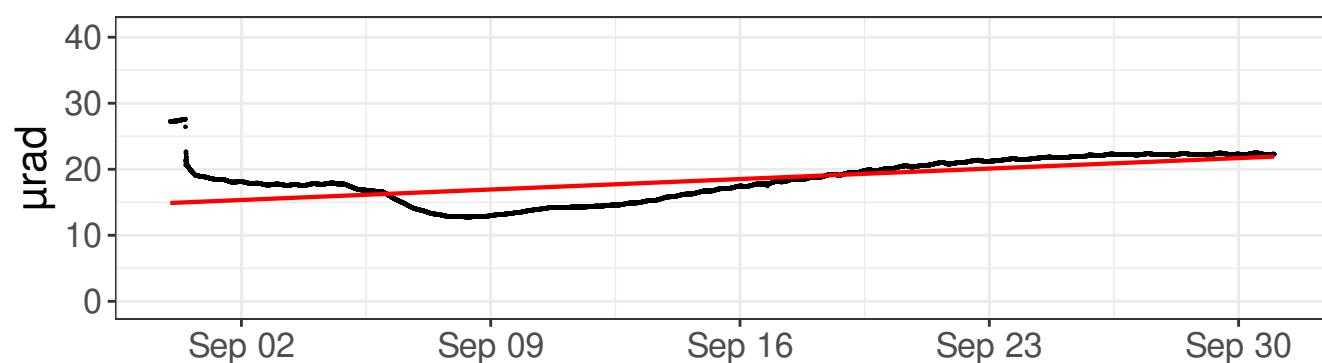
Hourly precipitation



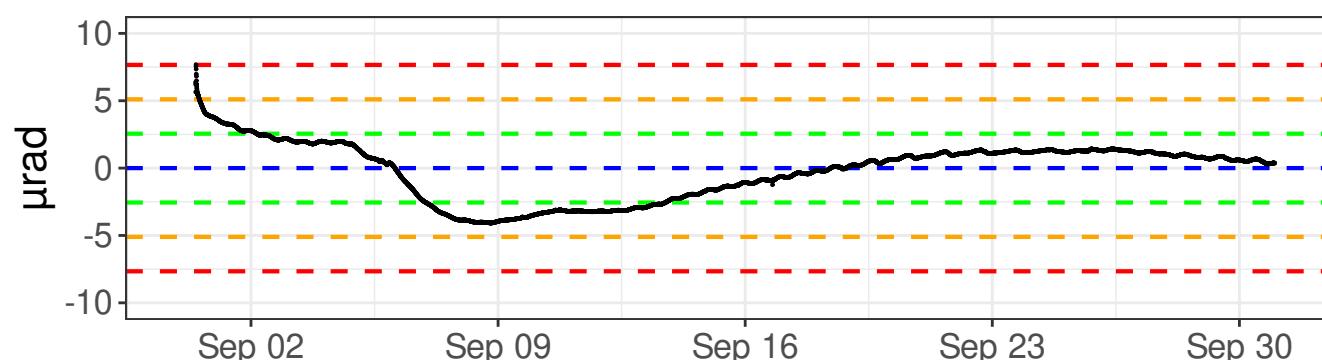
East tilt - daily range



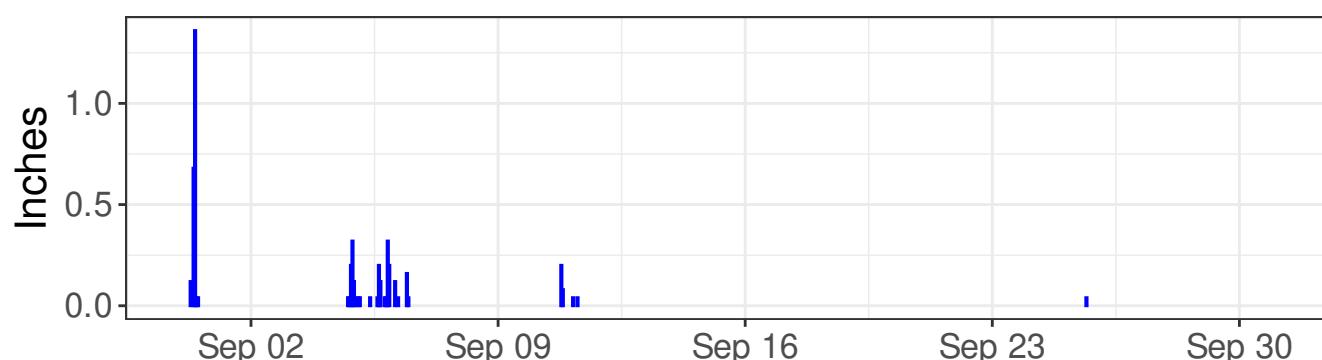
North tilt - raw values, Linear model R² 0.39



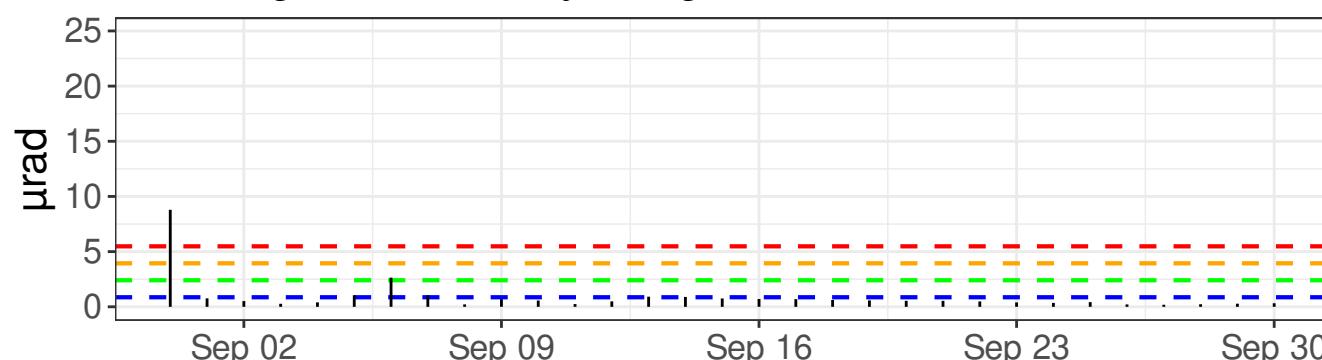
North tilt - detrended values



Hourly precipitation



Tilt magnitude - daily range



East tilt rate: $170.11 \pm 0.75 \mu\text{rad/year}$

North tilt rate: $82.94 \pm 0.99 \mu\text{rad/year}$

Azimuth to C7: 358 deg

Distance to C7: 1392 ft

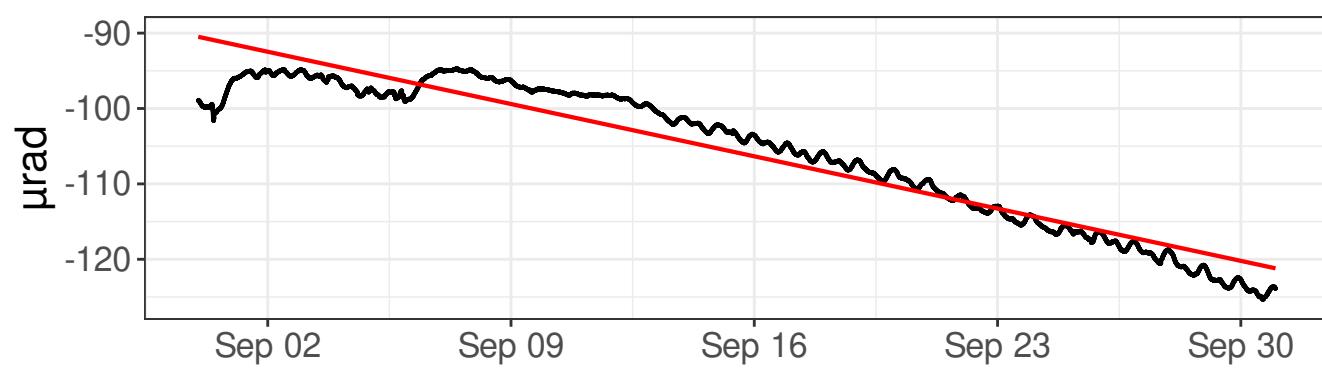
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— Linear model — Azimuth to C7

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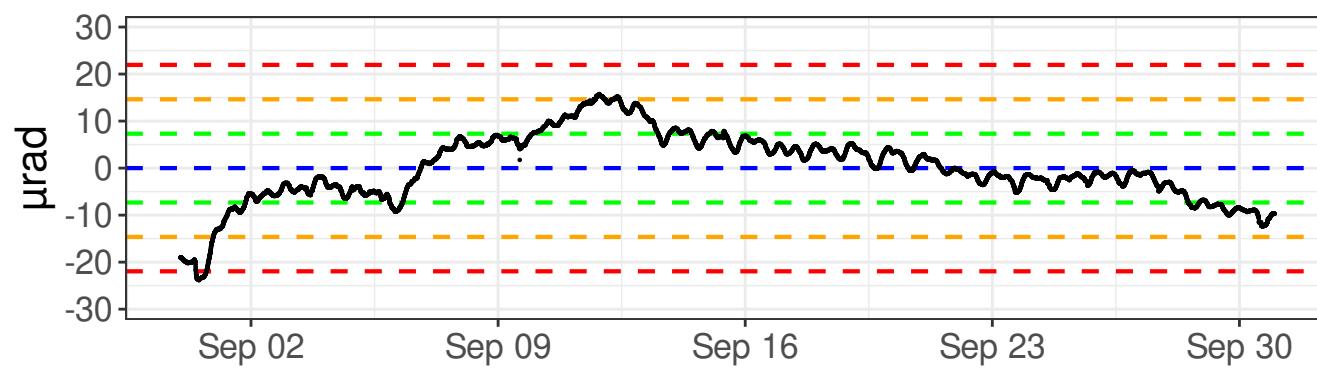
East tilt - raw values, Linear model R² 0.16



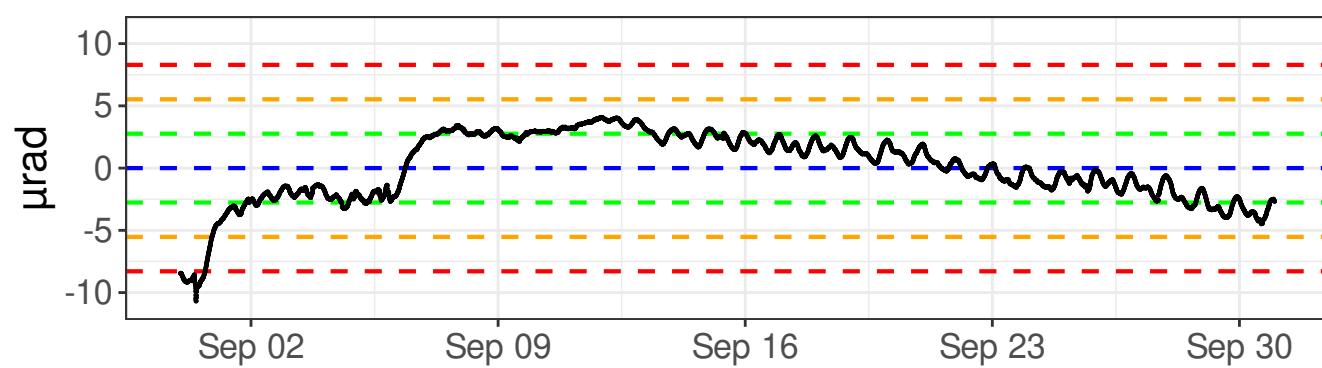
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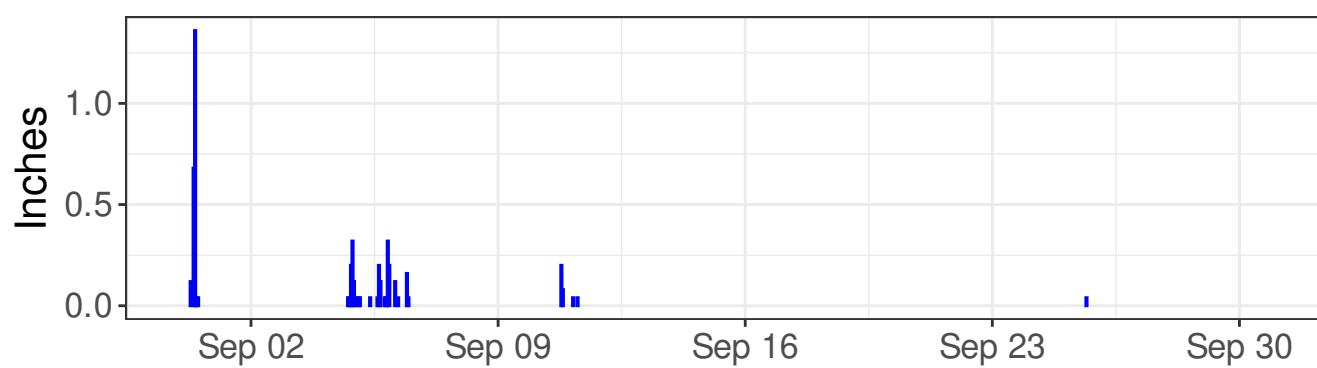
East tilt - detrended values



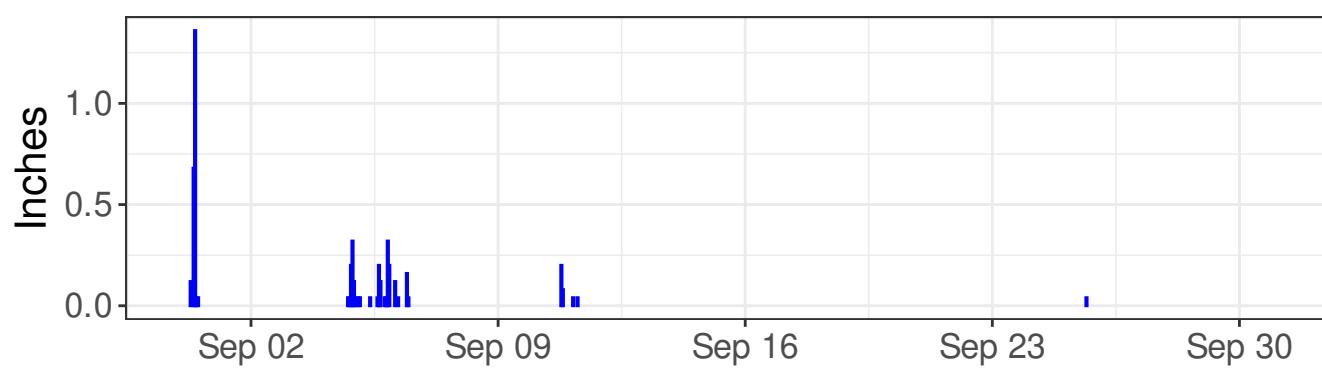
North tilt - detrended values



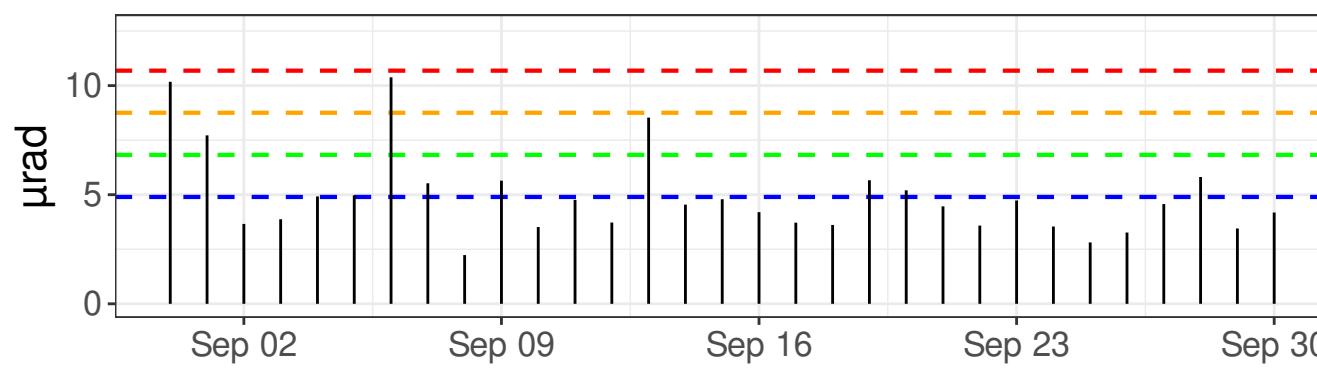
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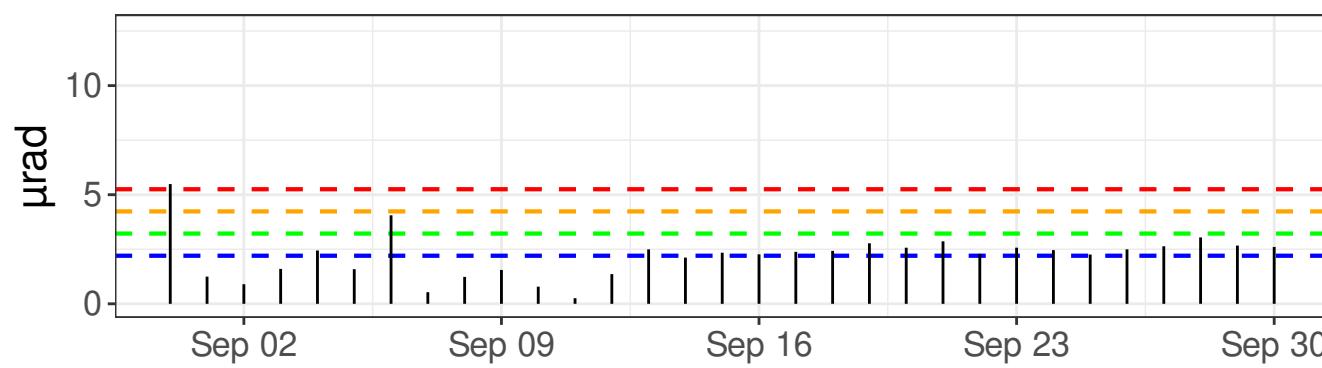
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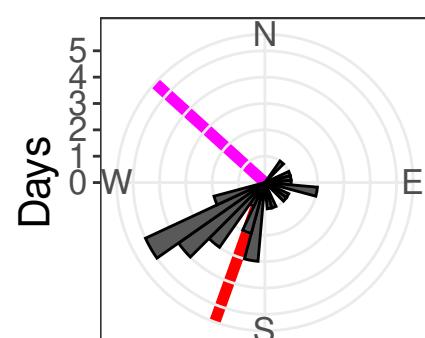
East tilt - daily range



Tilt magnitude - daily range



Tilt direction frequency



East tilt rate: $-130.35 \pm 2.83 \mu\text{rad/year}$

North tilt rate: $-362.61 \pm 1.07 \mu\text{rad/year}$

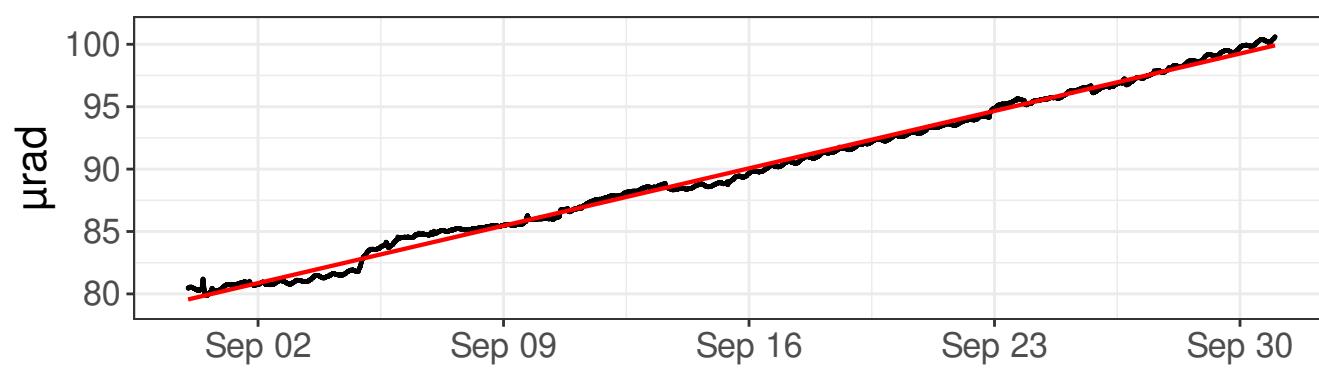
Azimuth to C7: 312 deg

Distance to C7: 1415 ft

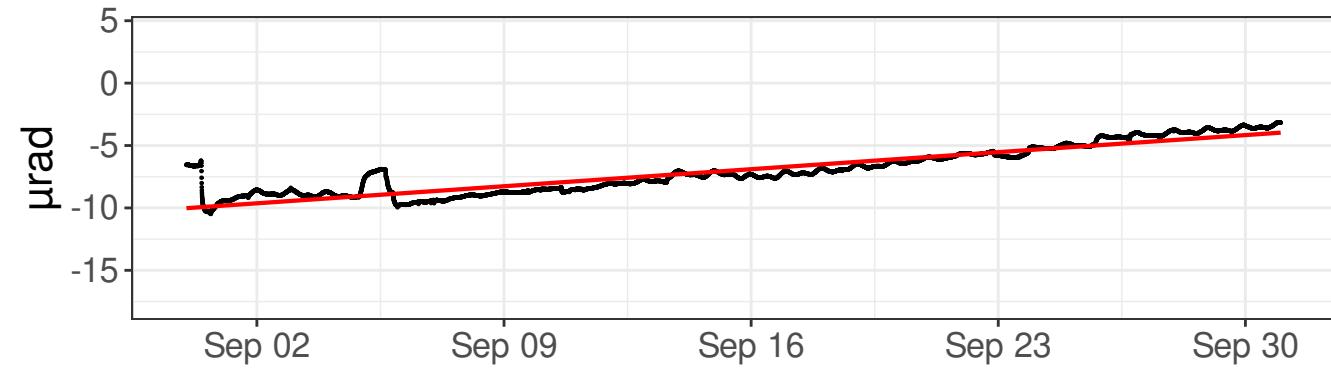
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Linear model Azimuth to C7

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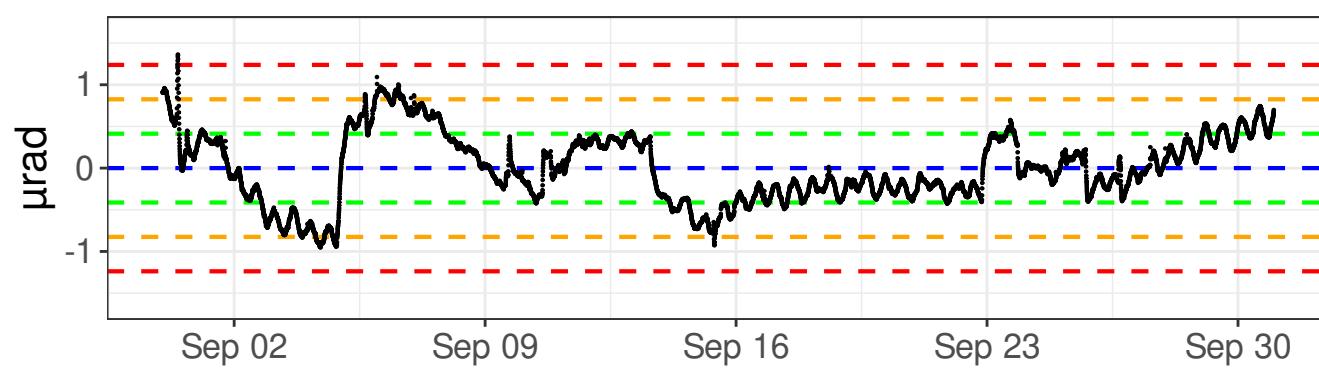
East tilt - raw values, Linear model R² 1.00



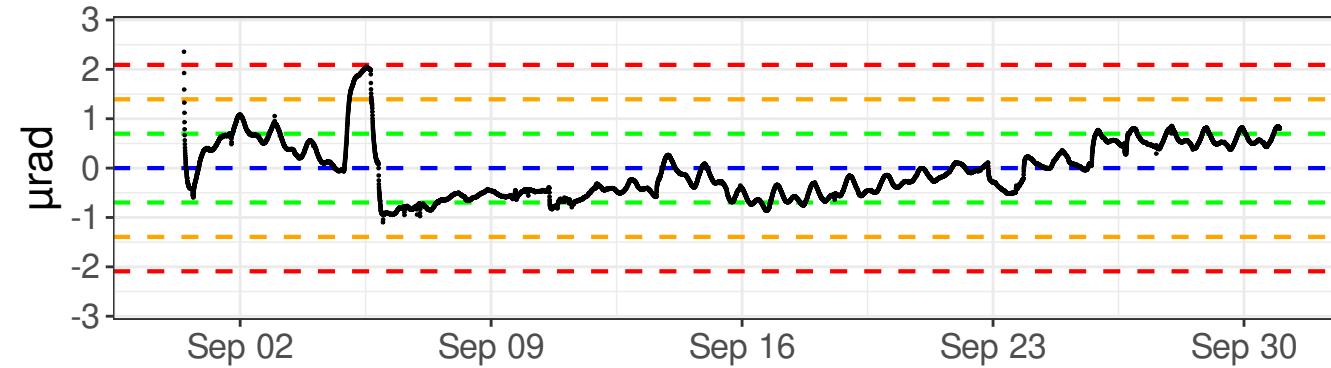
North tilt - raw values, Linear model R² 0.86



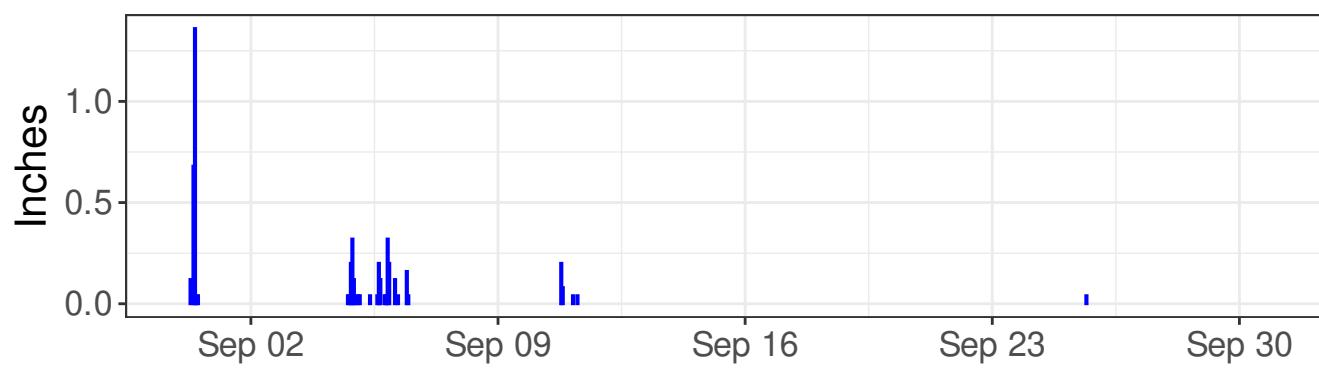
East tilt - detrended values



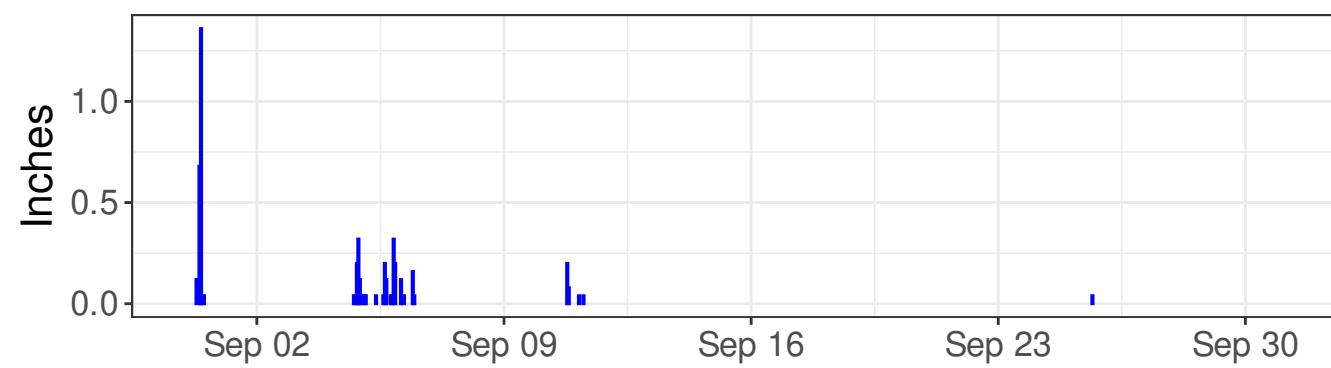
North tilt - detrended values



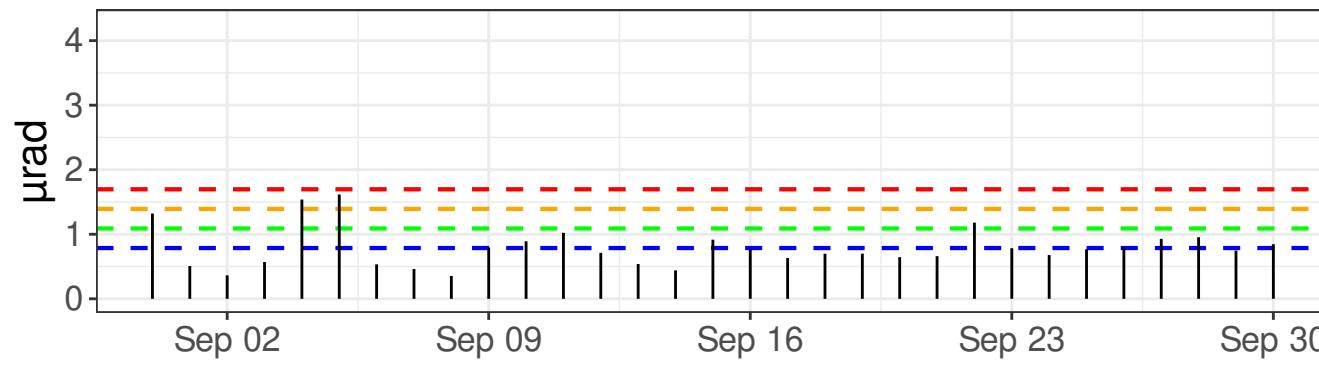
Hourly precipitation



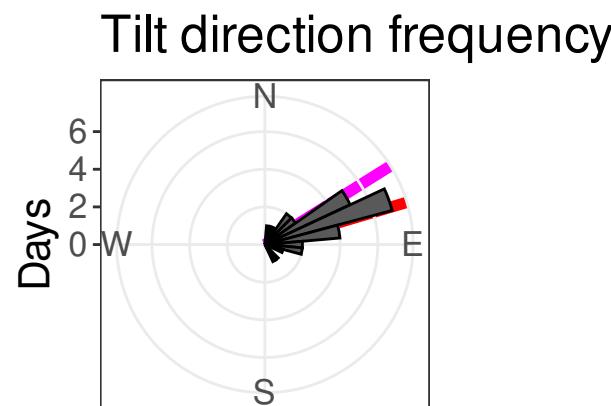
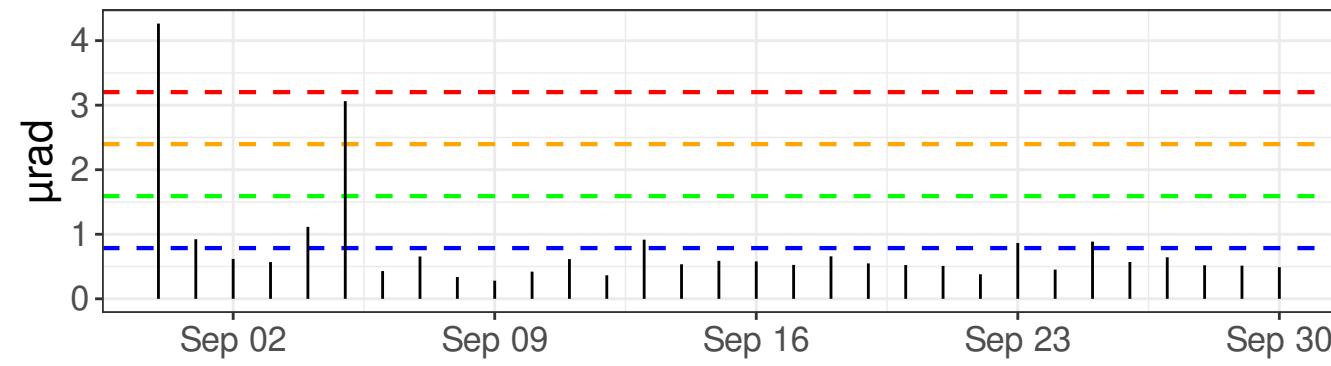
Hourly precipitation



East tilt - daily range



Tilt magnitude - daily range



East tilt rate: $240.37 \pm 0.16 \mu\text{rad/year}$

North tilt rate: $71.45 \pm 0.27 \mu\text{rad/year}$

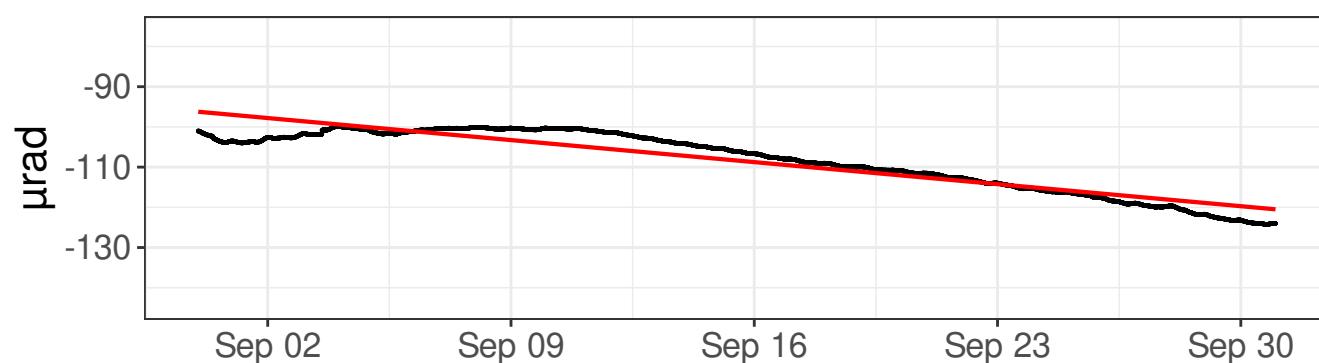
Azimuth to C7: 58 deg

Distance to C7: 2245 ft

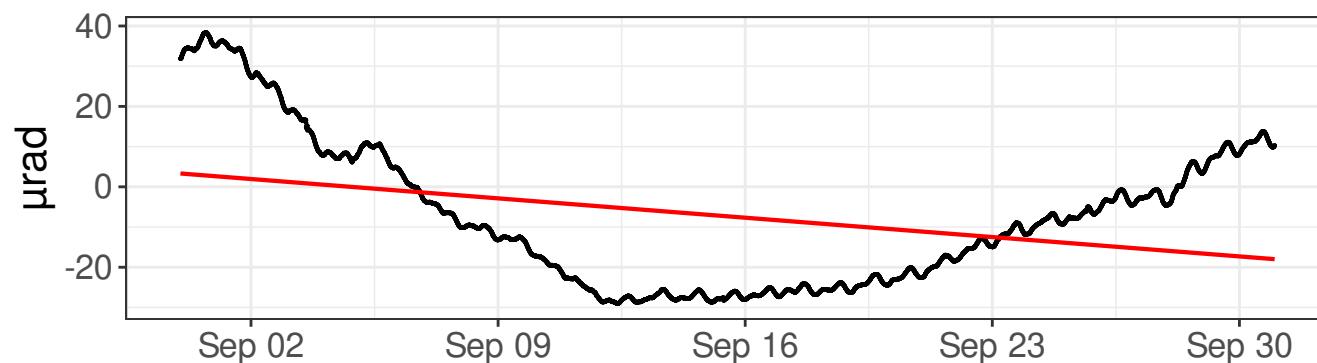
0σ 1σ 2σ 3σ
Linear model Azimuth to C7

SSD20, 08/31/2024 - 09/30/2024

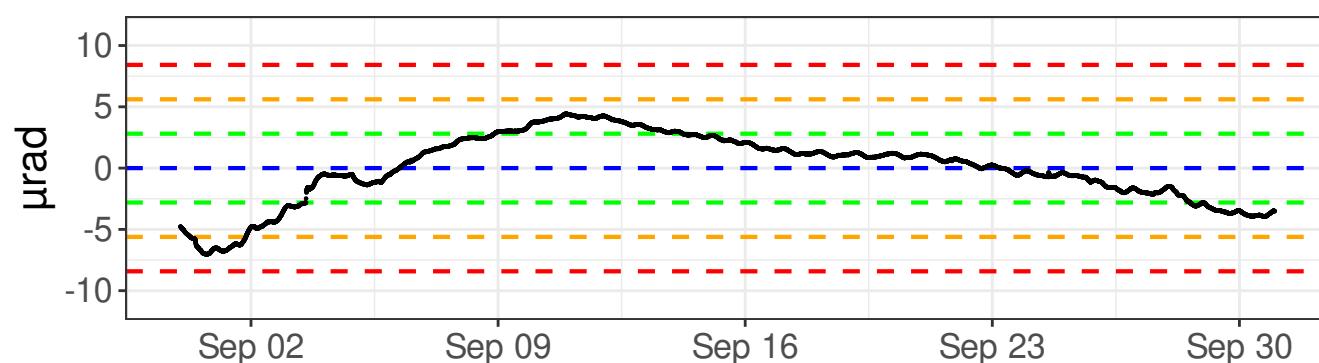
East tilt - raw values, Linear model R² 0.86



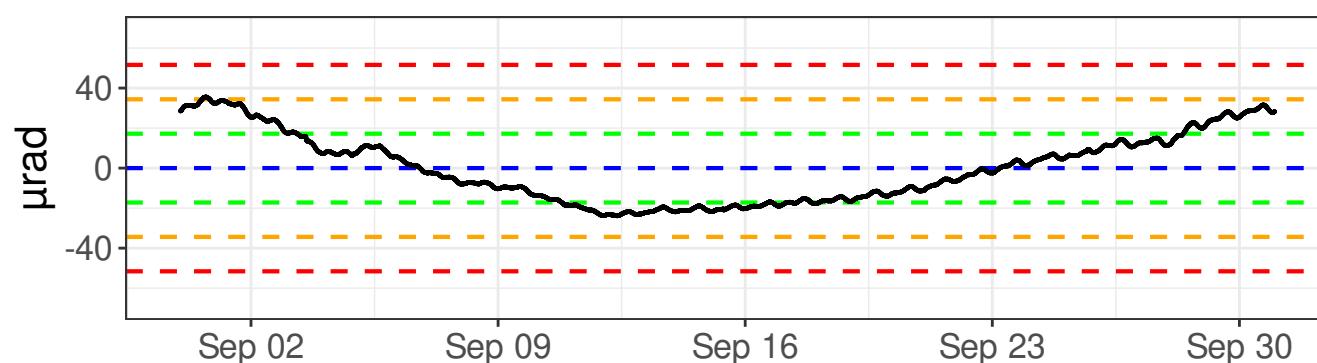
North tilt - raw values, Linear model R² 0.11



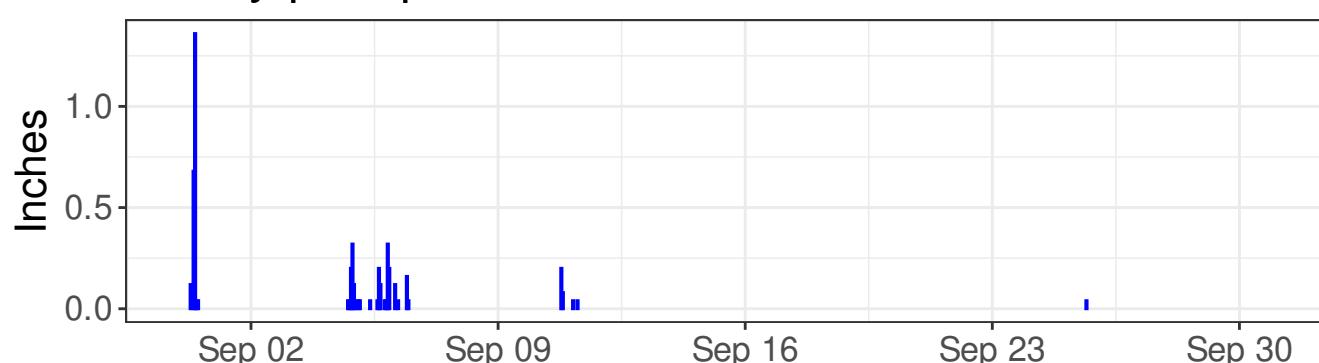
East tilt - detrended values



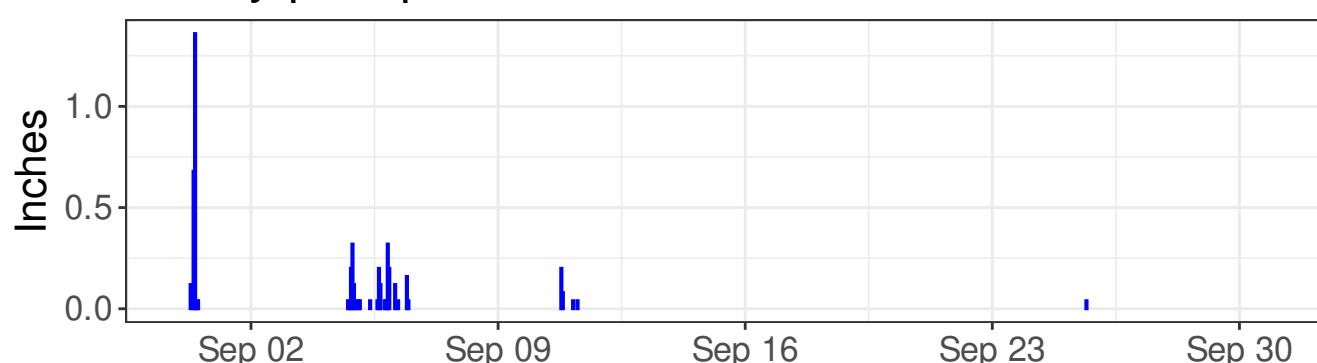
North tilt - detrended values



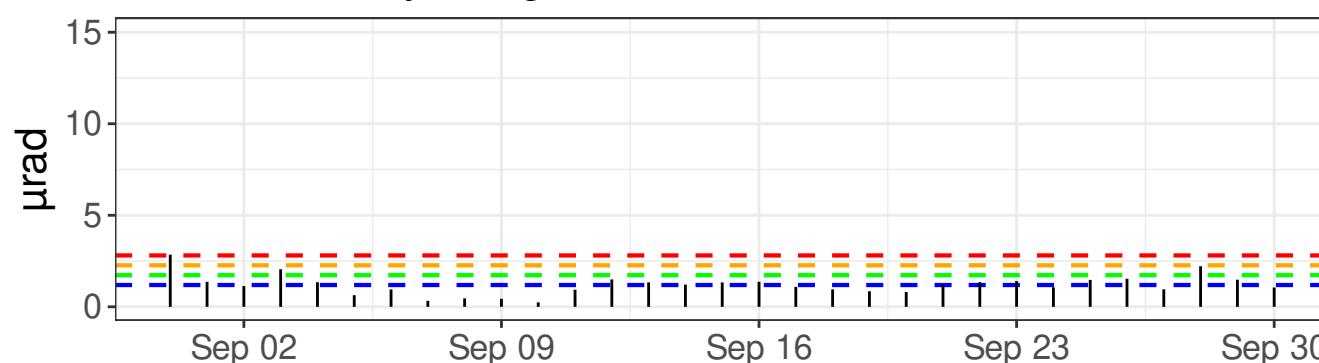
Hourly precipitation



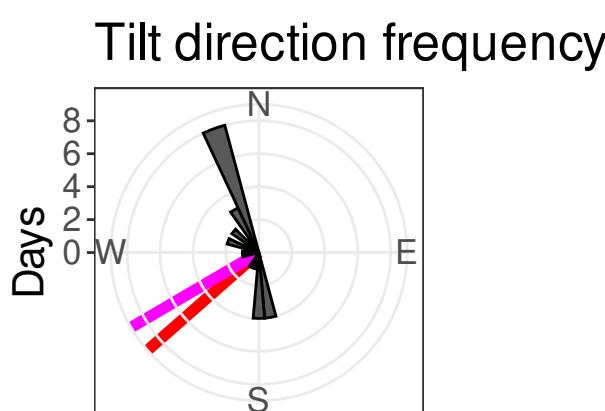
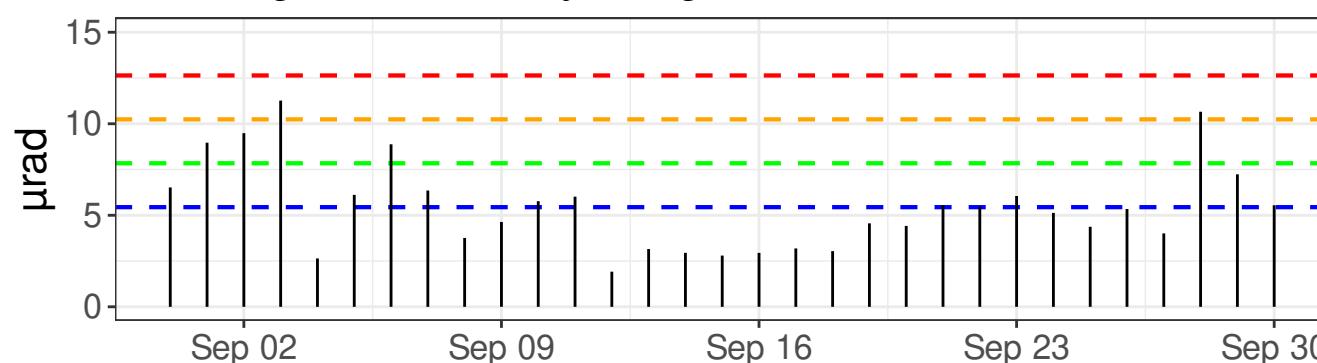
Hourly precipitation



East tilt - daily range



Tilt magnitude - daily range



East tilt rate: $-286.58 \pm 1.08 \mu\text{rad/year}$

North tilt rate: $-251.64 \pm 6.64 \mu\text{rad/year}$

Azimuth to C7: 240 deg

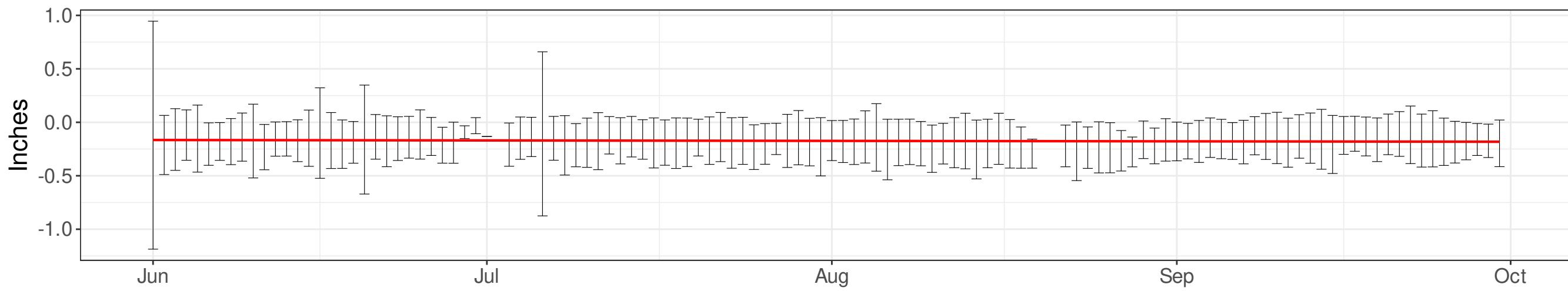
Distance to C7: 1378 ft

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Linear model Azimuth to C7

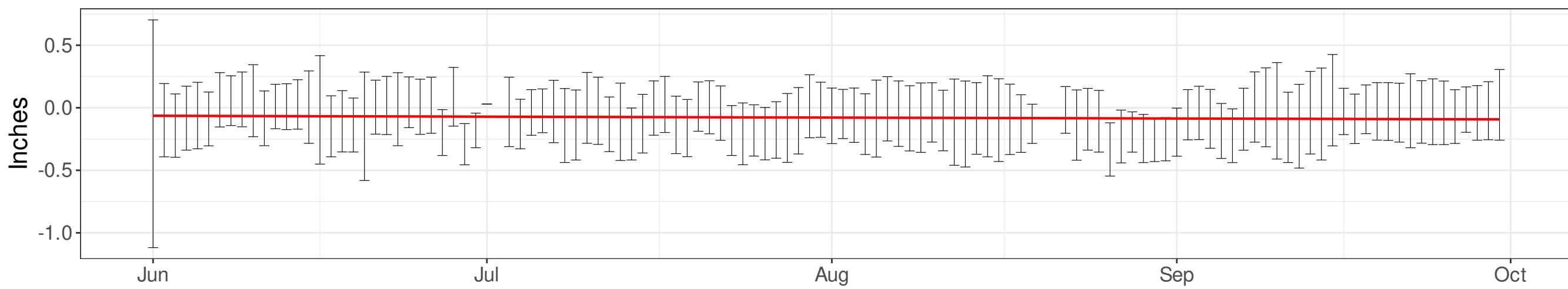
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GNSS Data Plots

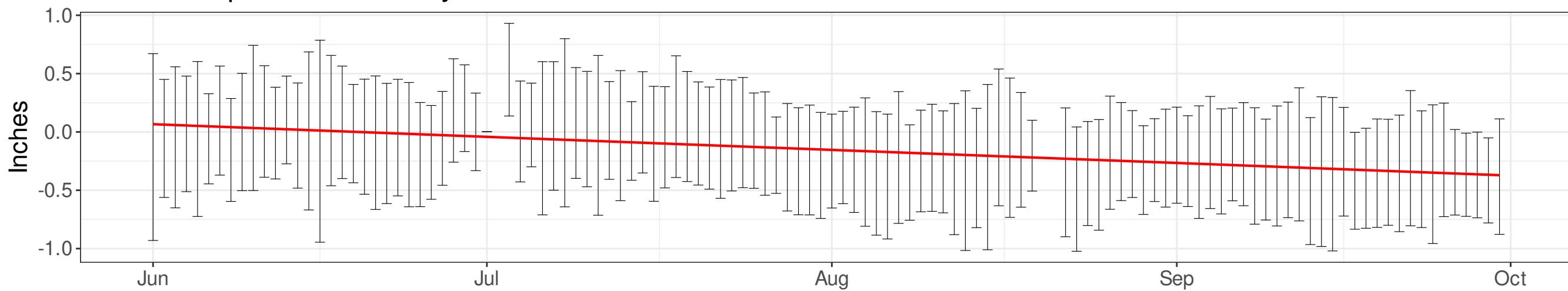
East displacement - daily values



North displacement - daily values



Vertical displacement - daily values



Local east rate: 0.427 ± 0.044 in/year, R²: 0.01

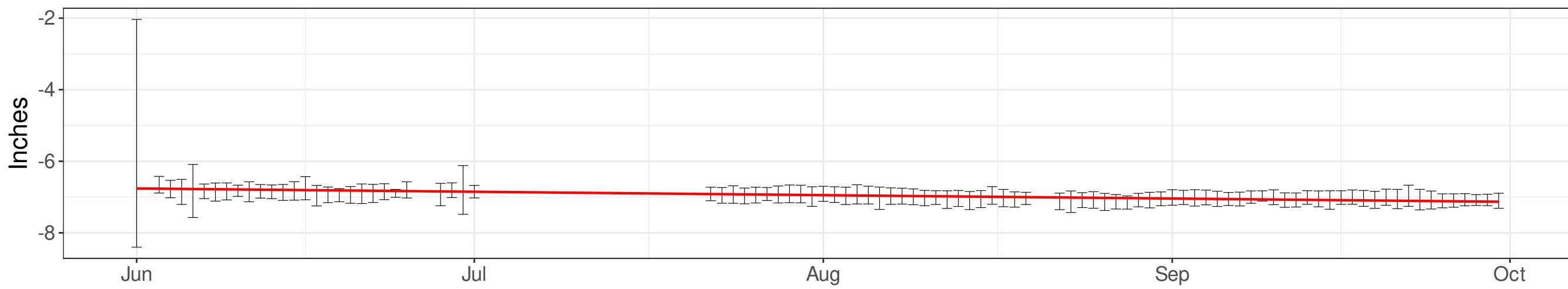
Local north rate: -0.064 ± 0.083 in/year, R²: 0.01

Local vertical rate: -1.252 ± 0.119 in/year, R²: 0.57

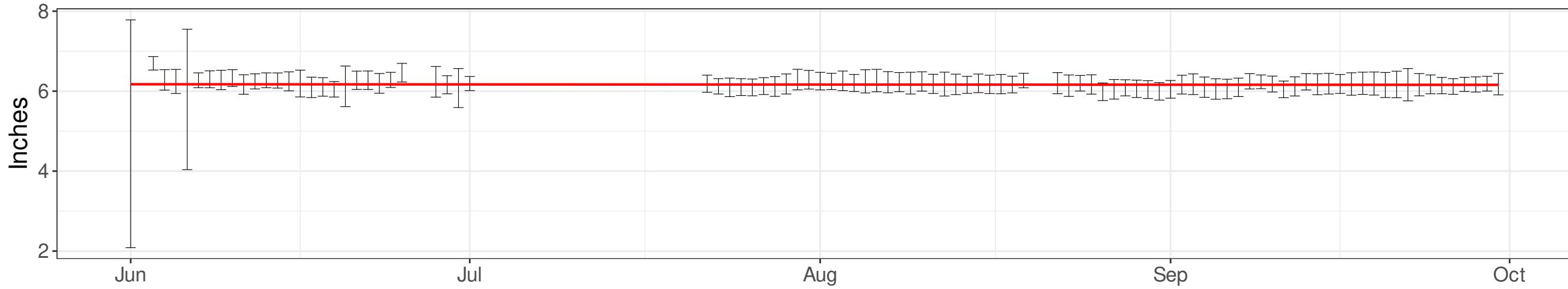
— Linear model

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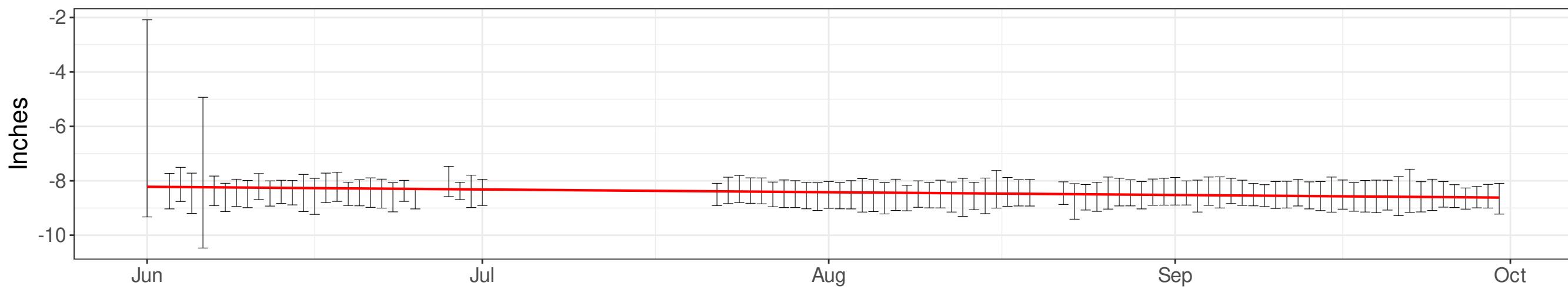
East displacement - daily values



North displacement - daily values



Vertical displacement - daily values



Local east rate: -0.643 ± 0.169 in/year, R²: 0.32

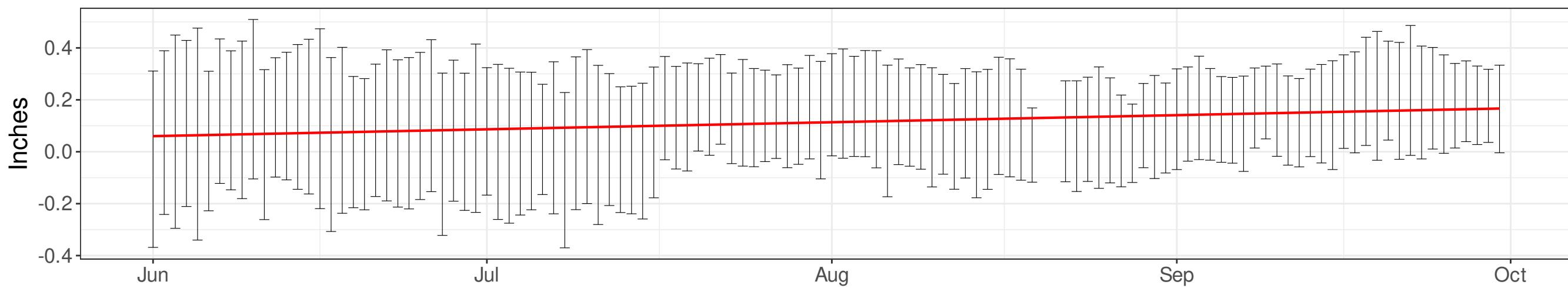
Local north rate: -0.022 ± 0.163 in/year, R²: 0.00

Local vertical rate: -1.130 ± 0.304 in/year, R²: 0.14

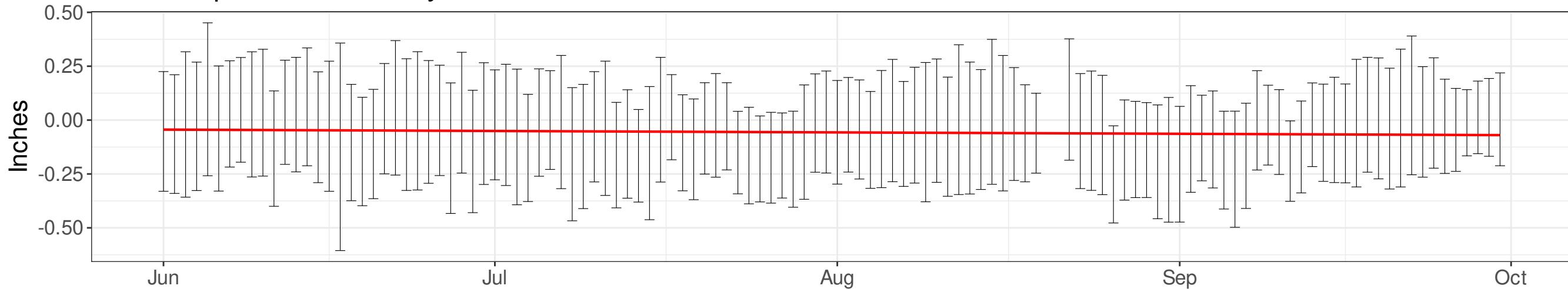
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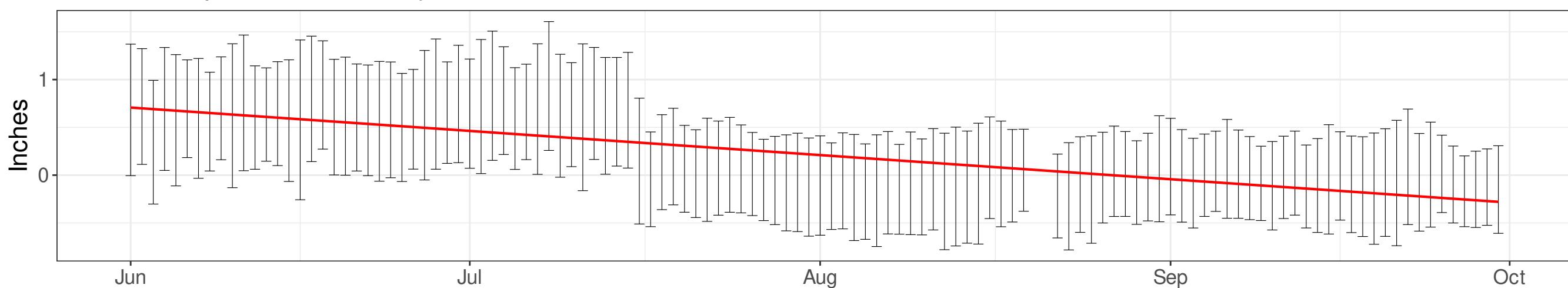
East displacement - daily values



North displacement - daily values



Vertical displacement - daily values



Local east rate: 0.798 ± 0.053 in/year, R²: 0.27

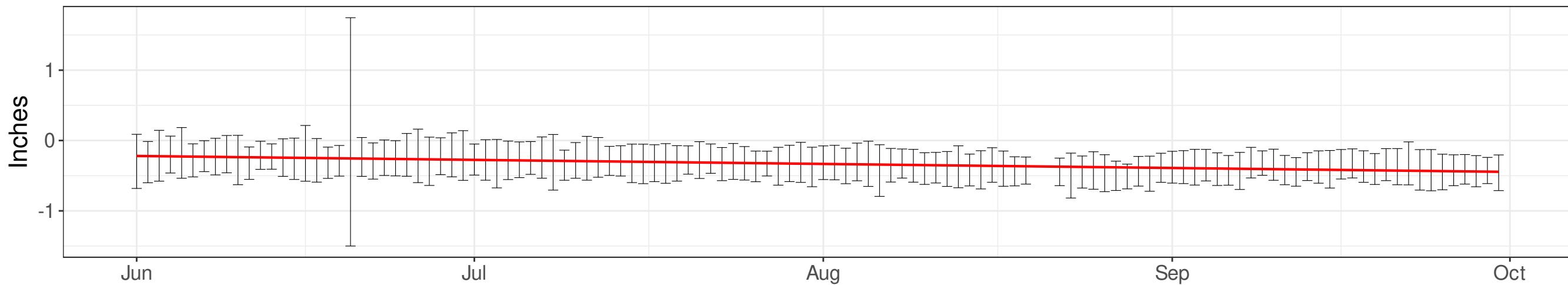
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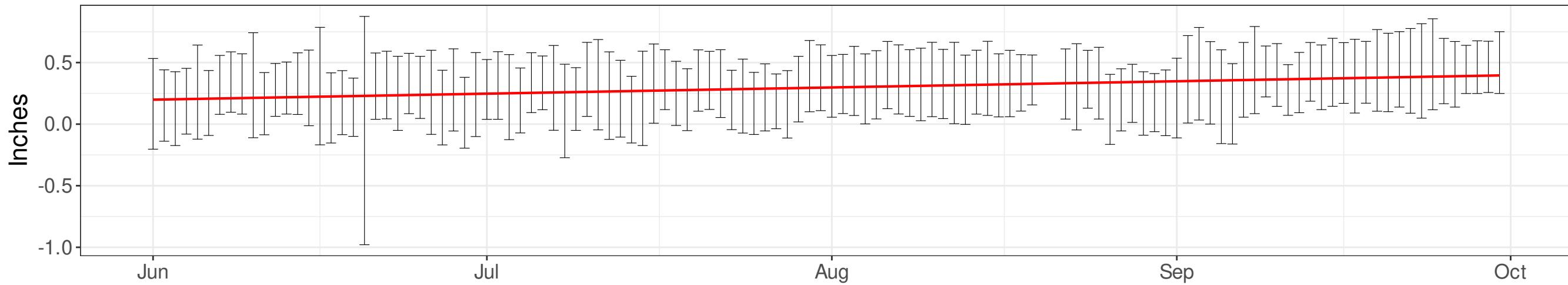
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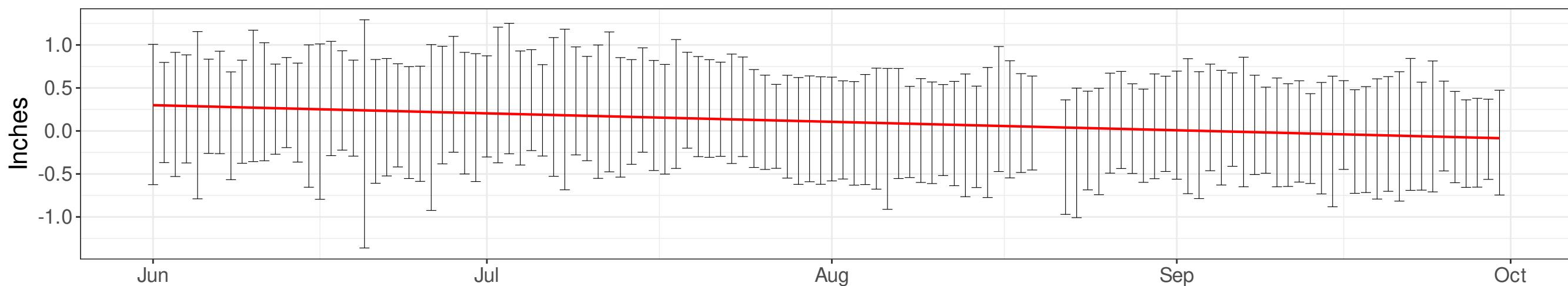
East displacement - daily values



North displacement - daily values



Vertical displacement - daily values



Local east rate: -0.204 ± 0.059 in/year, R²: 0.56

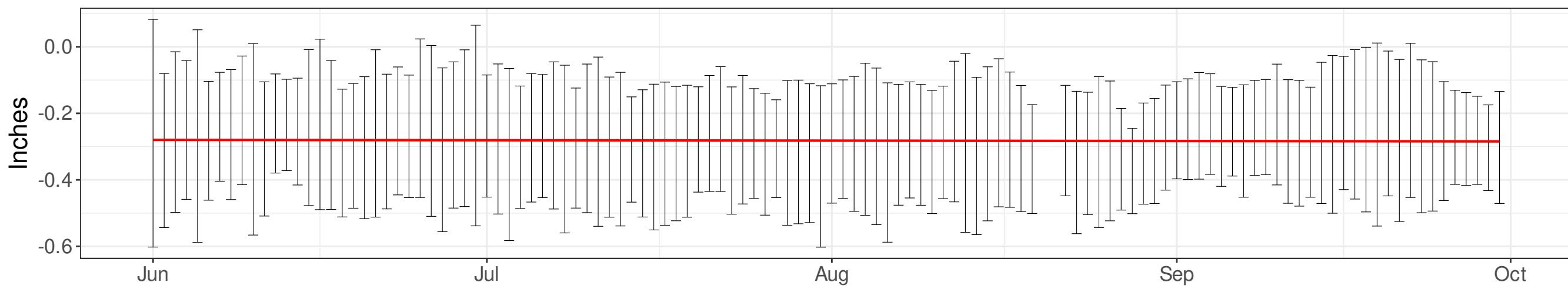
Local north rate: 0.618 ± 0.081 in/year, R²: 0.33

Local vertical rate: -1.091 ± 0.120 in/year, R²: 0.49

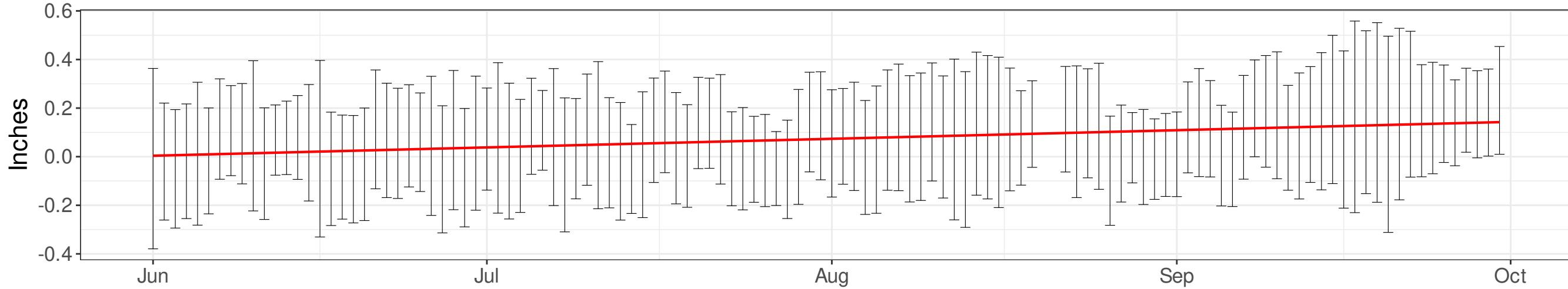
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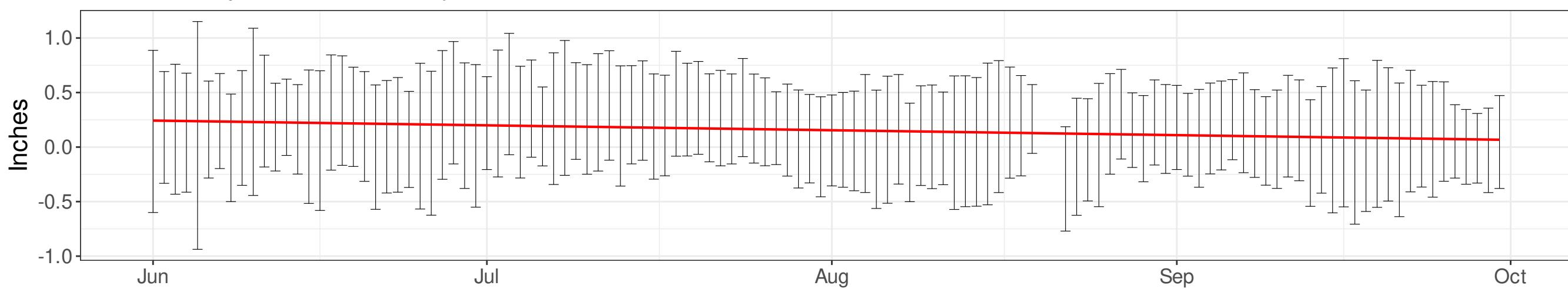
East displacement - daily values



North displacement - daily values



Vertical displacement - daily values



Local east rate: 0.462 ± 0.036 in/year, R²: 0.00

Local north rate: 0.441 ± 0.061 in/year, R²: 0.31

Local vertical rate: -0.462 ± 0.121 in/year, R²: 0.17

— Linear model

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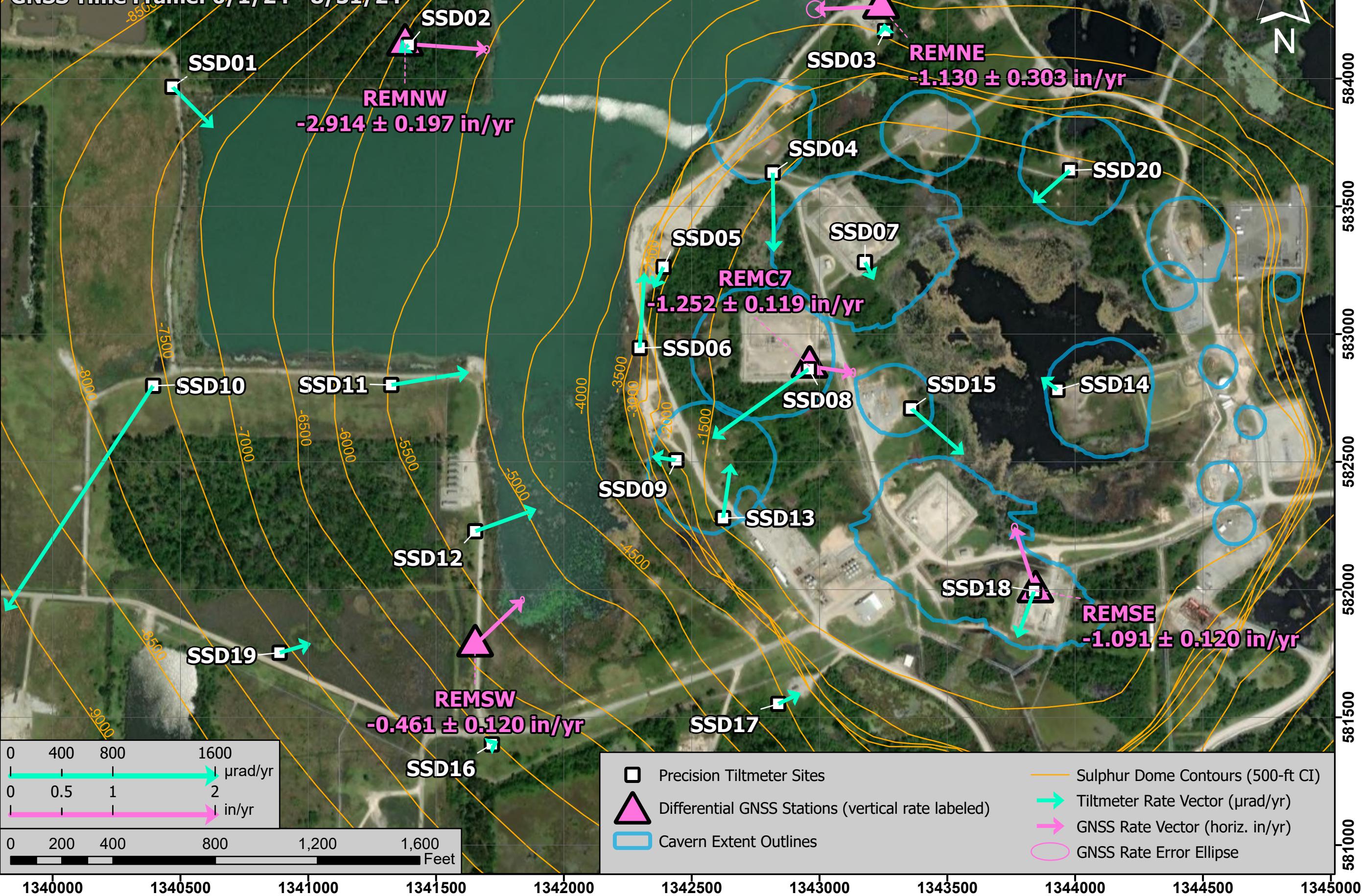
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Analysis Maps

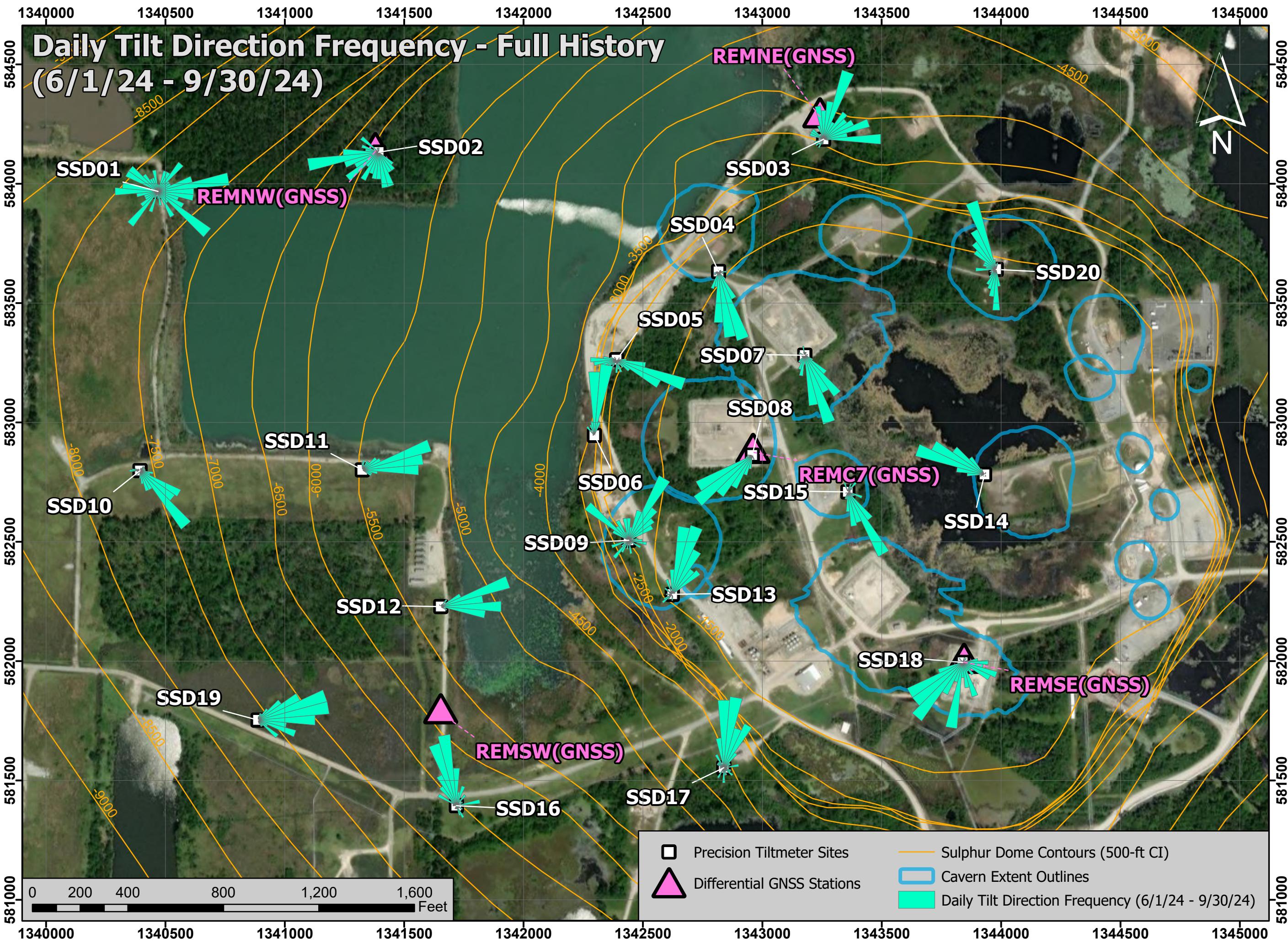
Tiltmeter and GNSS Rate Vectors

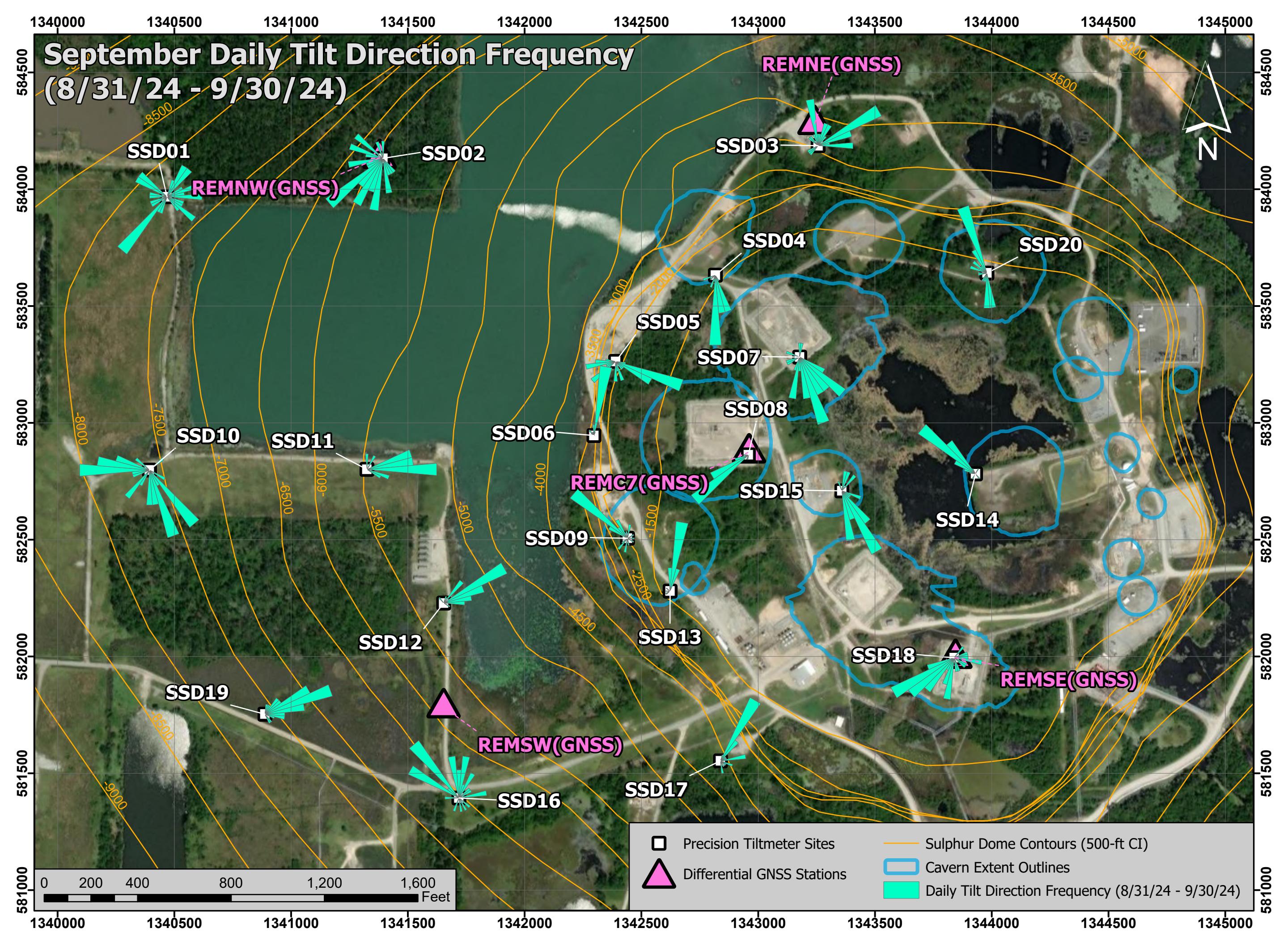
Tiltmeter Time Frame: 8/31/24 - 9/30/24

GNSS Time Frame: 6/1/24 - 8/31/24



Daily Tilt Direction Frequency - Full History (6/1/24 - 9/30/24)





ATTACHMENT B

SNT InSAR report - September 16, 2024

SNT Satellite Update

Continuous InSAR Monitoring of
Ground Displacement At Westlake Caverns
and Western Dome Flank

Sulphur Mines Salt Dome

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Dataset

Satellite Source
Sentinel-1 (SNT)
Most Recent Image Date
Monday, September 16, 2024

Analysis Report Date:
September 20, 2024

Dataset Information

Satellite Source	Sentinel-1 (SNT)
Revisit Frequency	12 days
Most Recent Image Date	Monday, September 16, 2024
Dataset Image Count	209
Dataset Time Range	October 4, 2016 - September 16, 2024
Dataset Length	7.95 Years
Satellite Line-of-Sight (LOS)	43° West of Vertical (Viewing site from the West)

Analysis Methodology

Time Series Charts

Trend lines were calculated for the averaged displacement values within each AOI. Quadratic regression was used to determine Velocity and Acceleration of LOS displacement. Trends calculated for the AOI point groups are depicted for each AOI in the Time Series section of this report.

Contour Maps

A quadratic trend was also calculated for each individual measurement point across the analysis region. Trend values for each point were used to generate Velocity and Acceleration contour maps to depict the spatial distribution of the movement trends. Negative velocity values indicate subsidence or eastward movement. Negative acceleration values indicate increasing rates of subsidence, increasing eastward movement, or slowing westward movement and positive acceleration values indicate slowing rates of subsidence, slowing eastward movement, or increasing westward movement. Maps depicting the individual data points colored by these trend values are also included in the last section of the report.

Recent vs. Historical Data

The multi-year SNT dataset timeframe allows for Recent data to be evaluated separately from Historical data and for trends from the two timeframes to be compared. The change in the velocities and accelerations from the two timeframes are provided in the Time Series and Contour Map sections. Velocity values are calculated for the final date in either the Recent or Historical datasets.

Observations

To-date there have been no acute deviations from established subsidence trends in the areas investigated.

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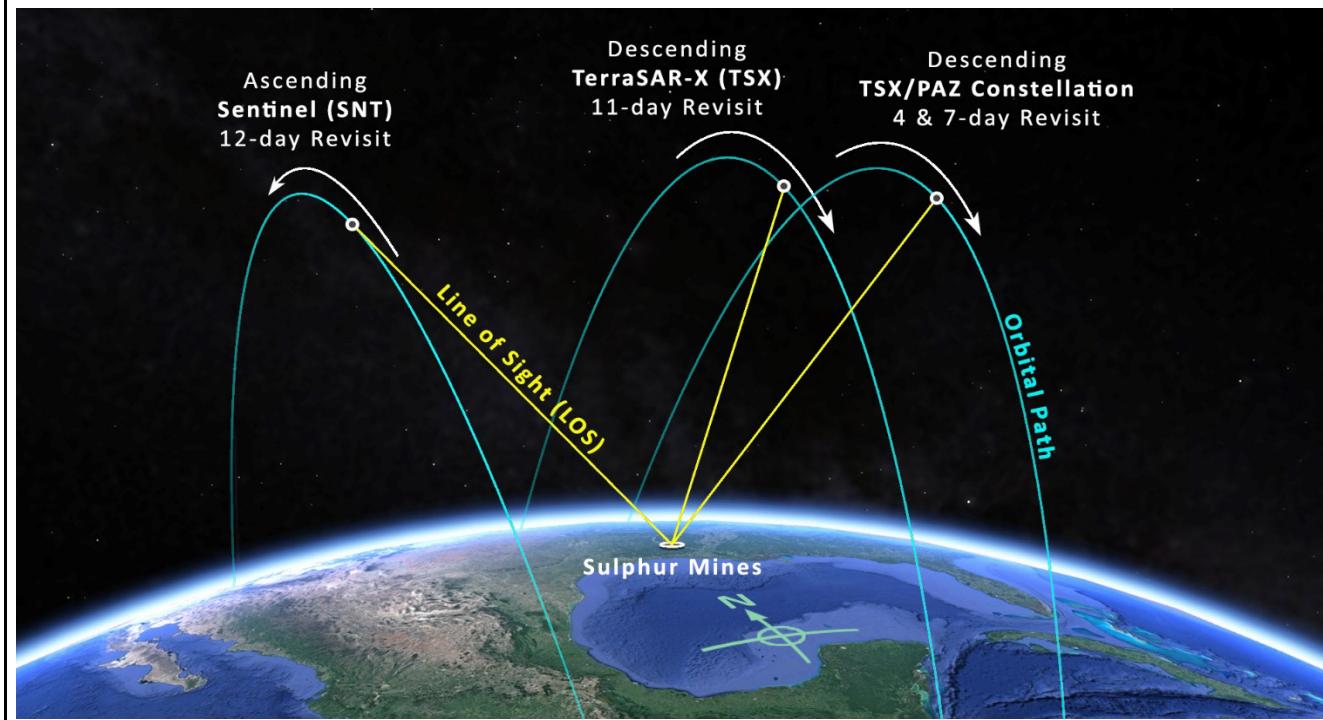
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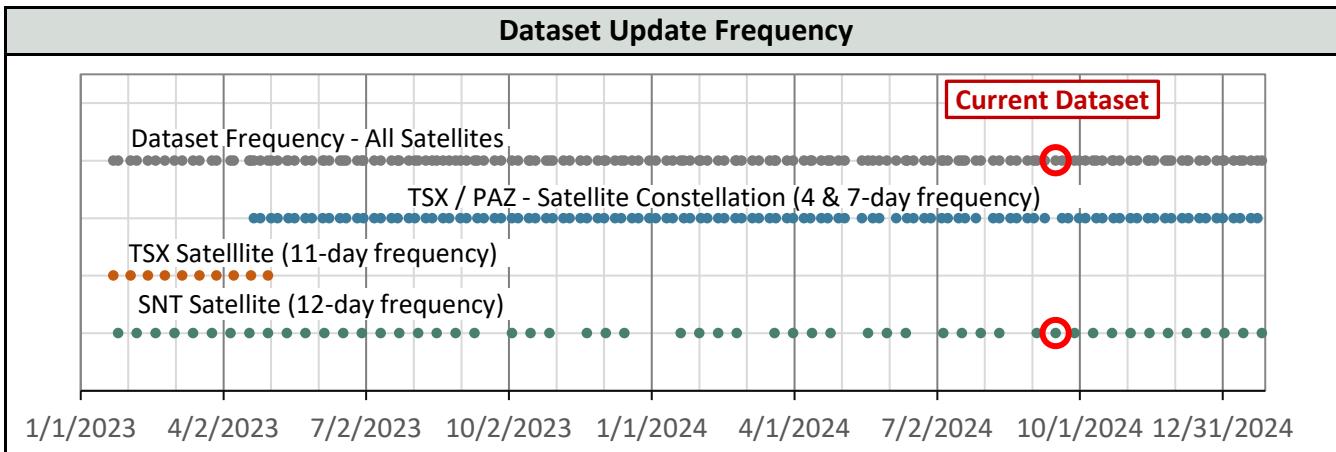
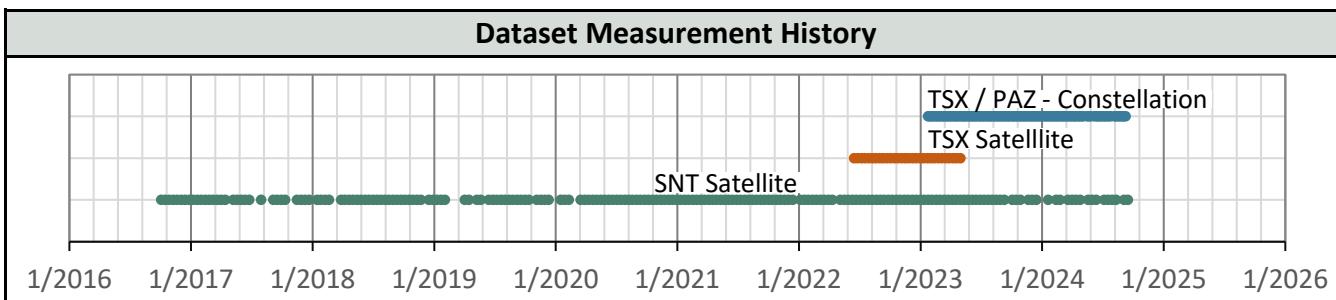
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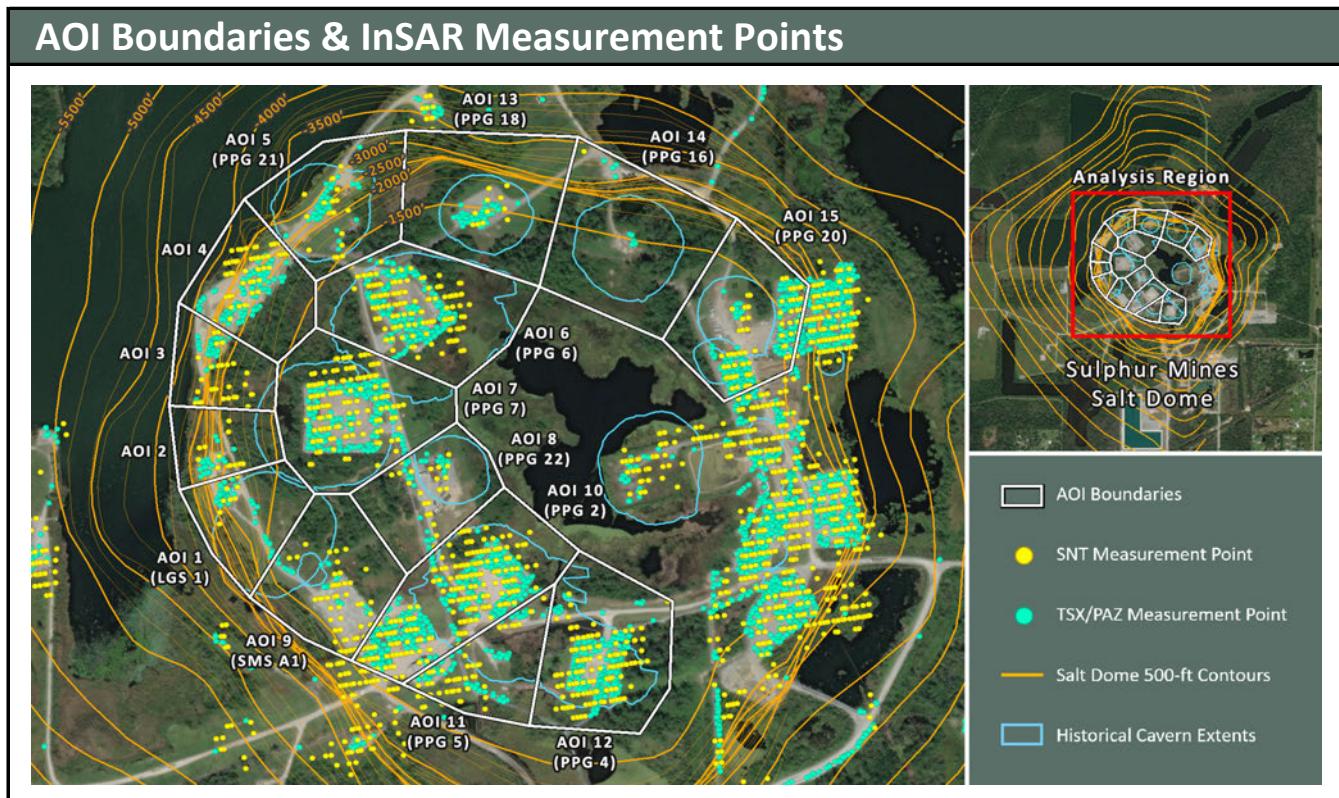
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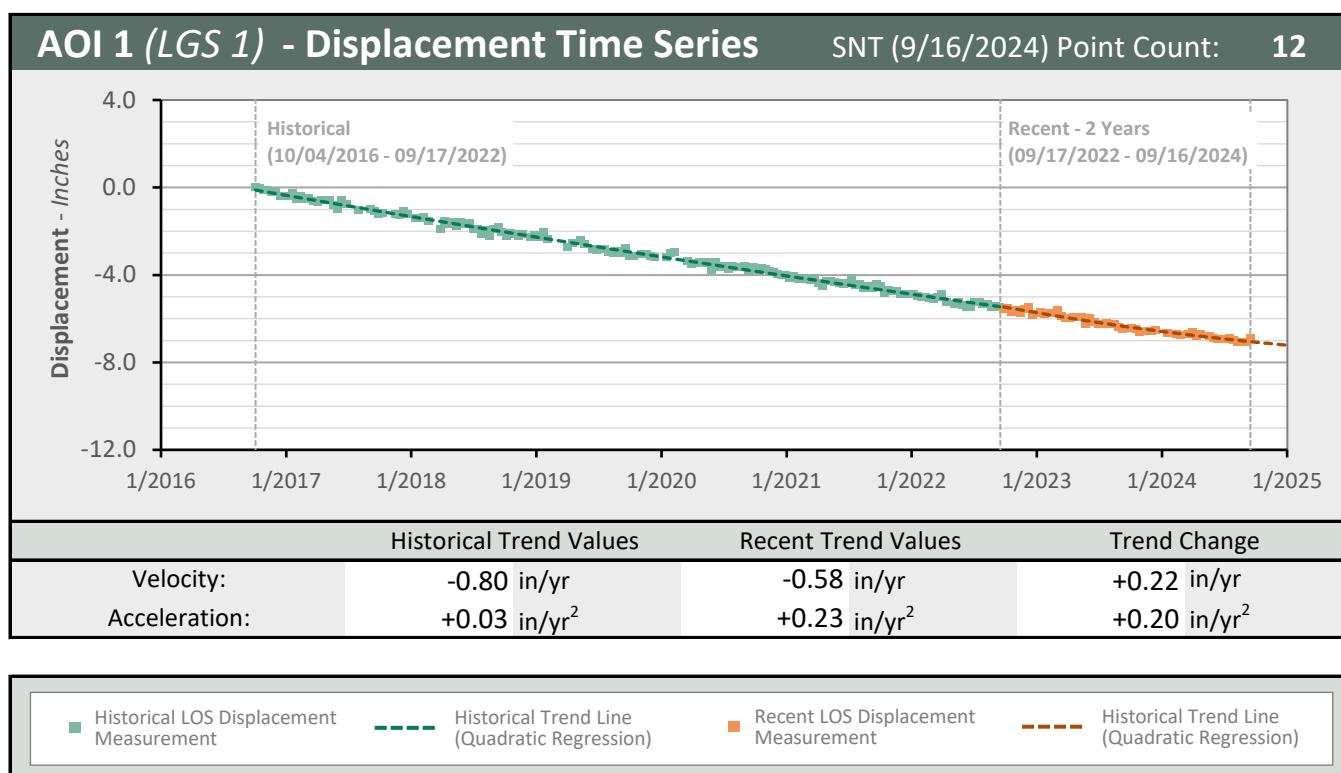
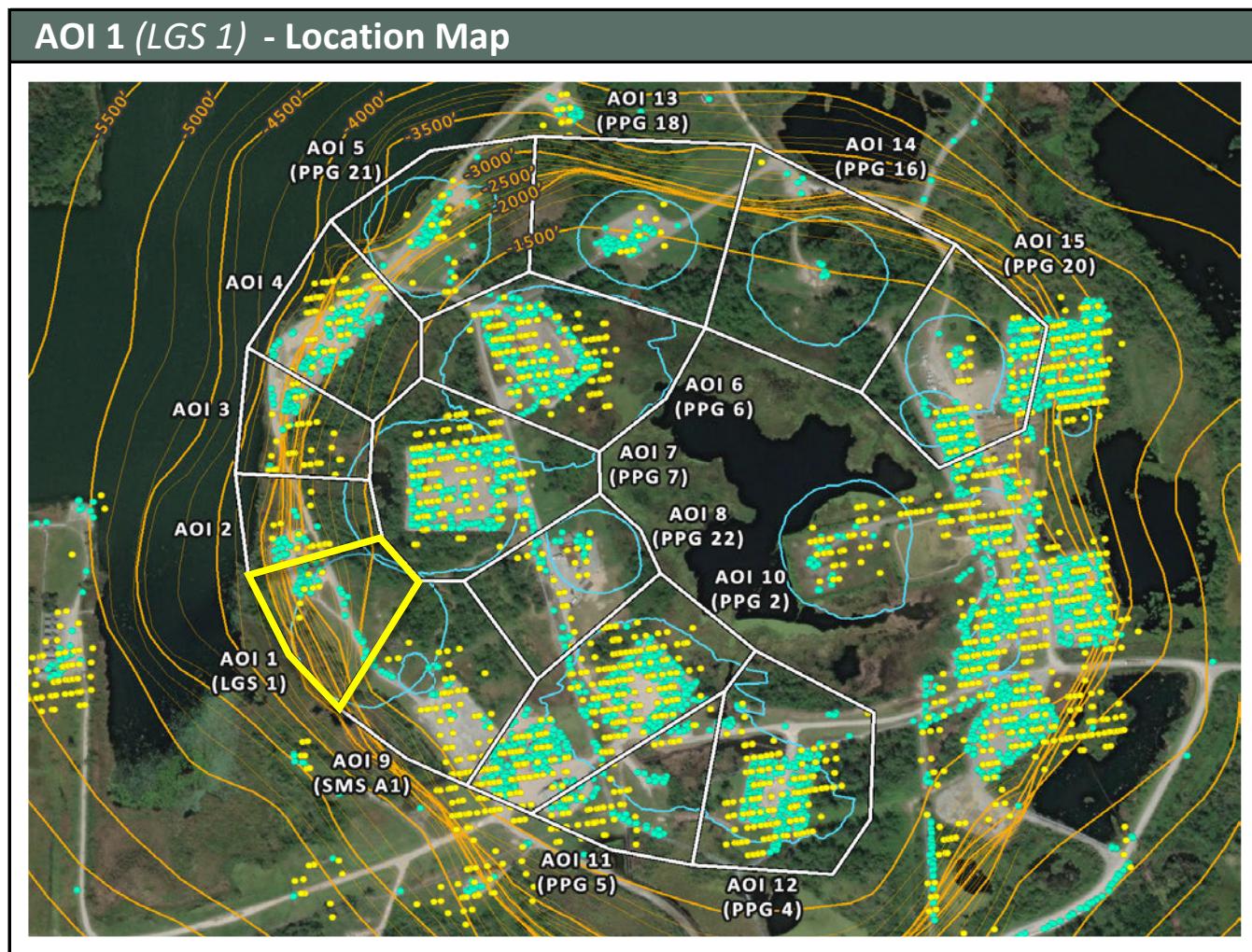


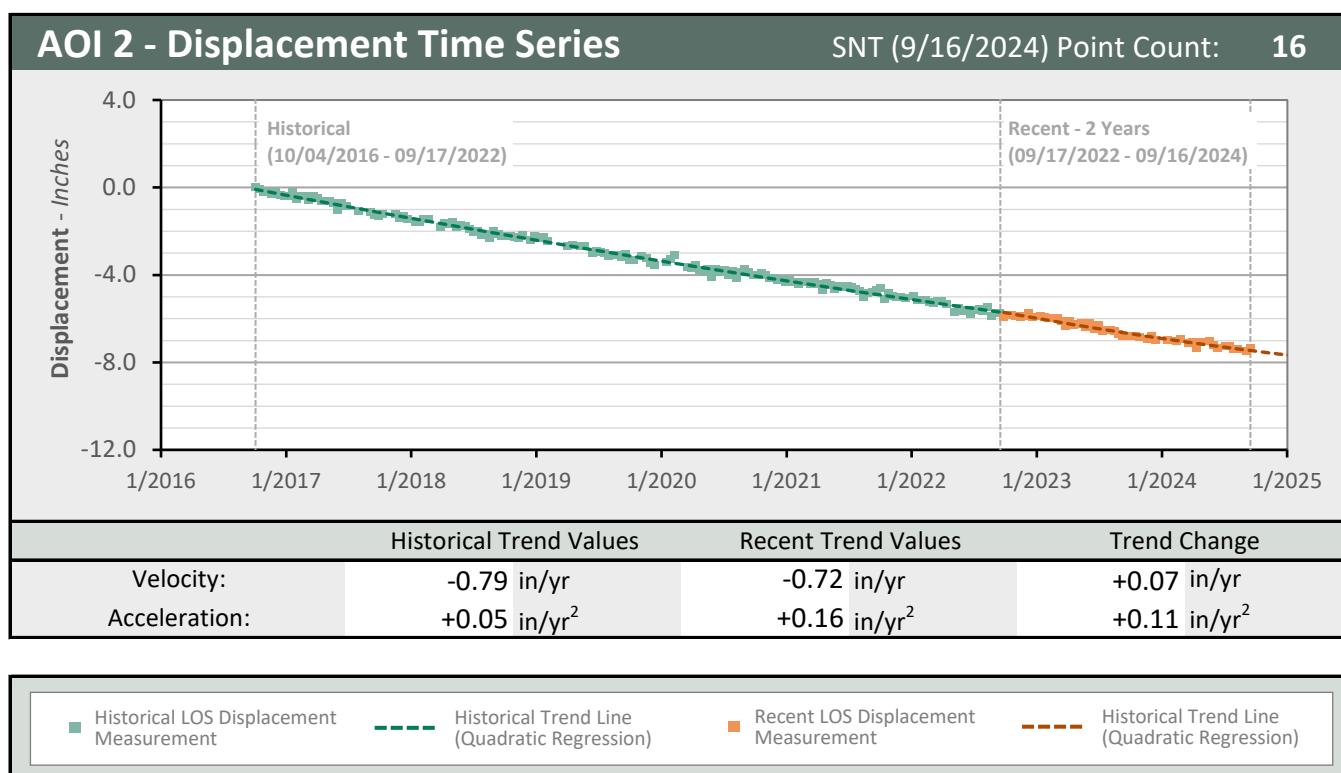
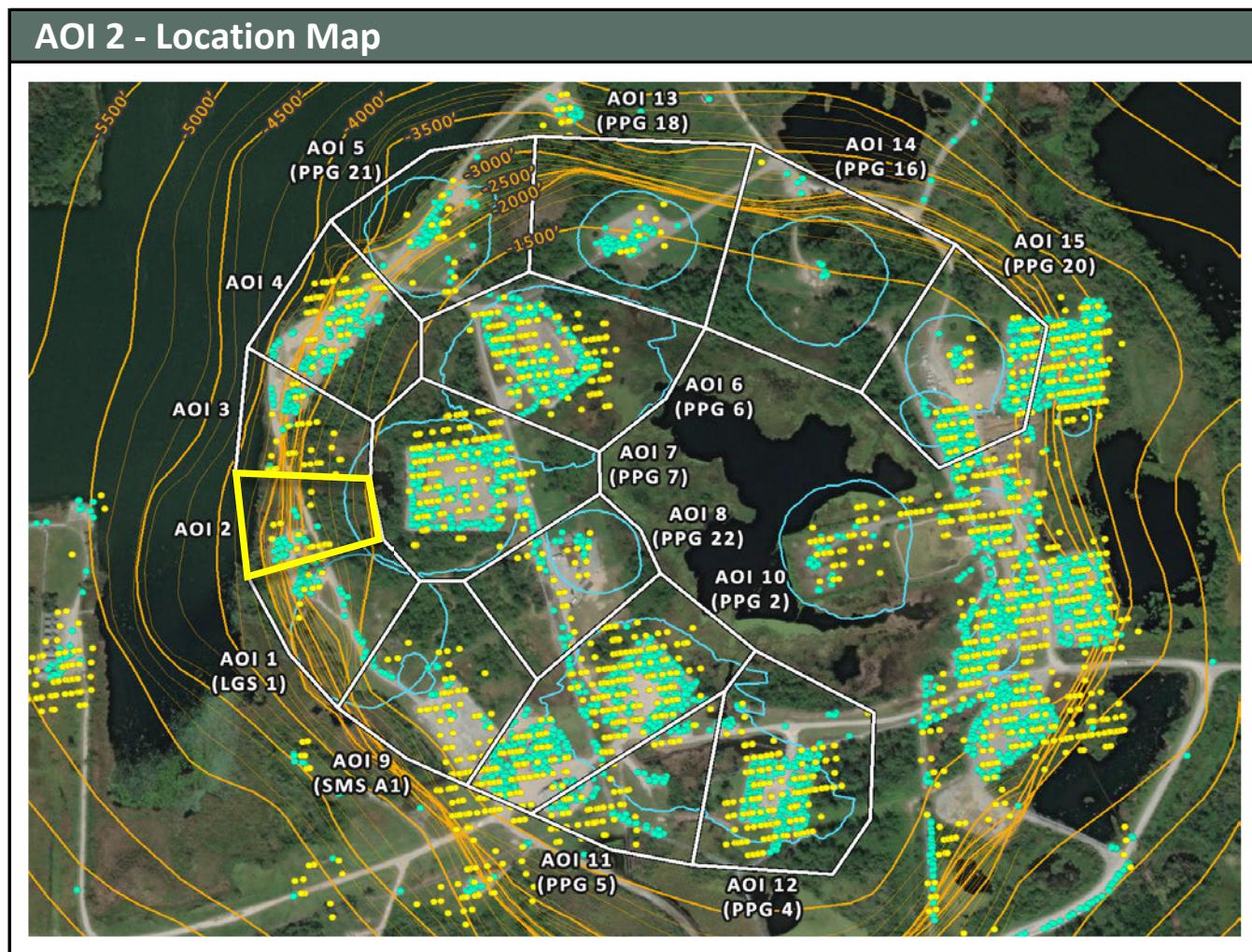


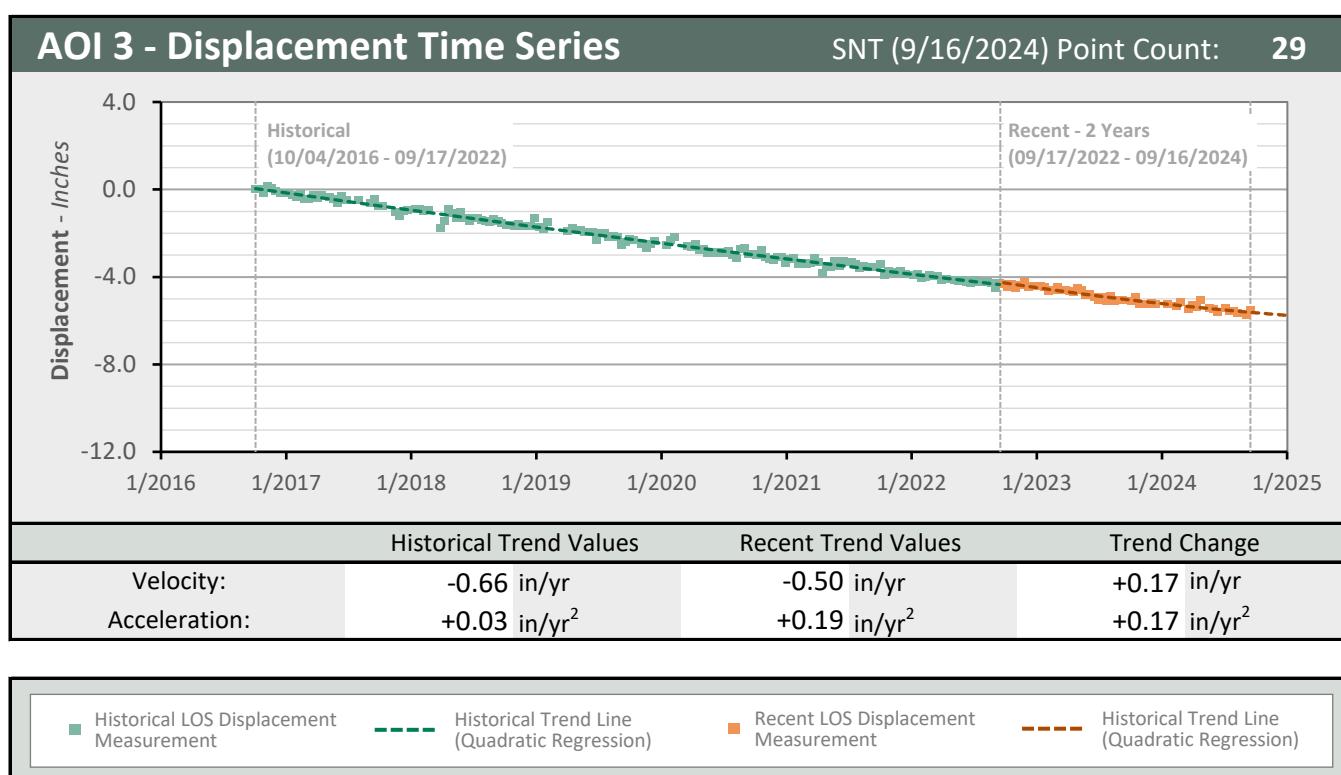
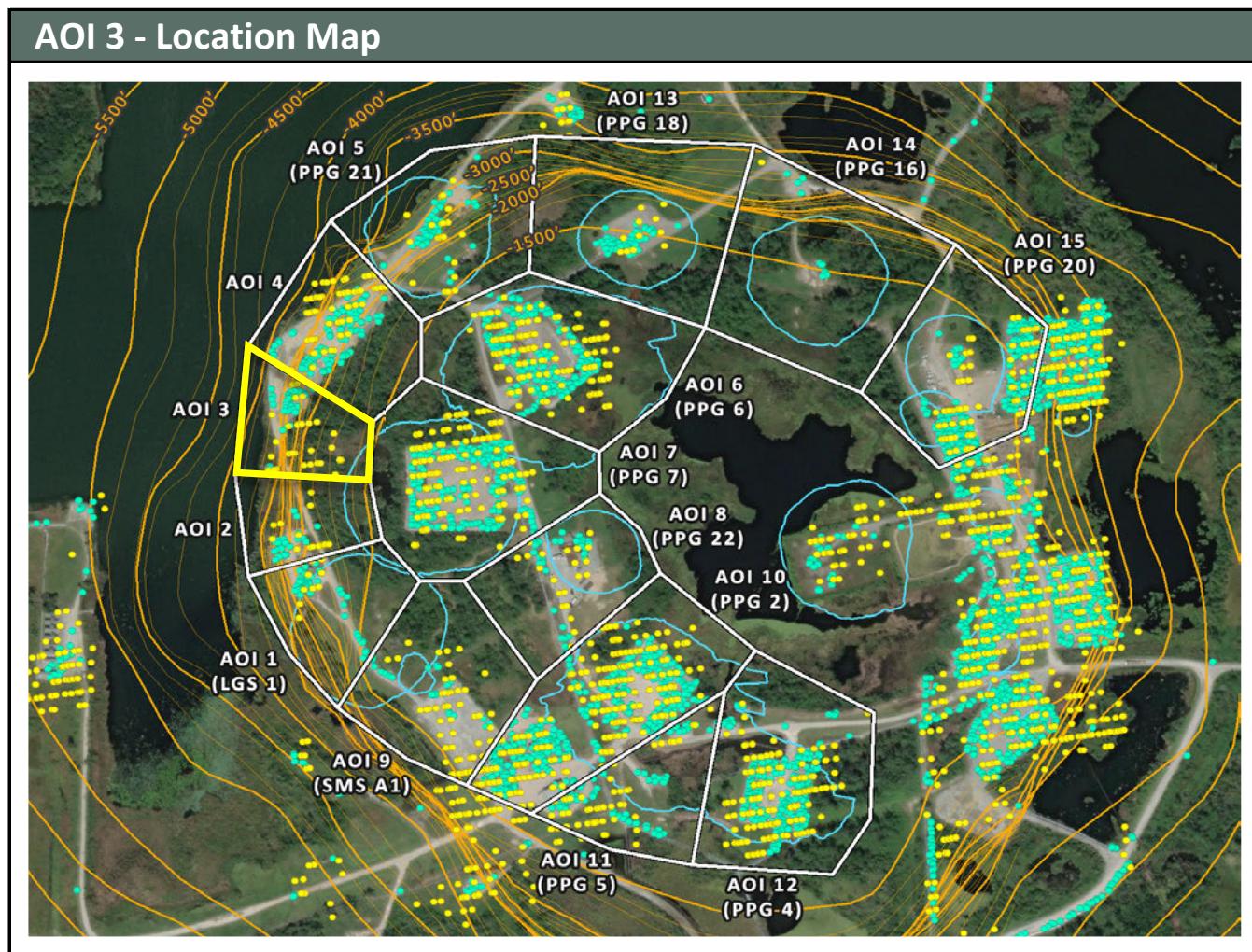
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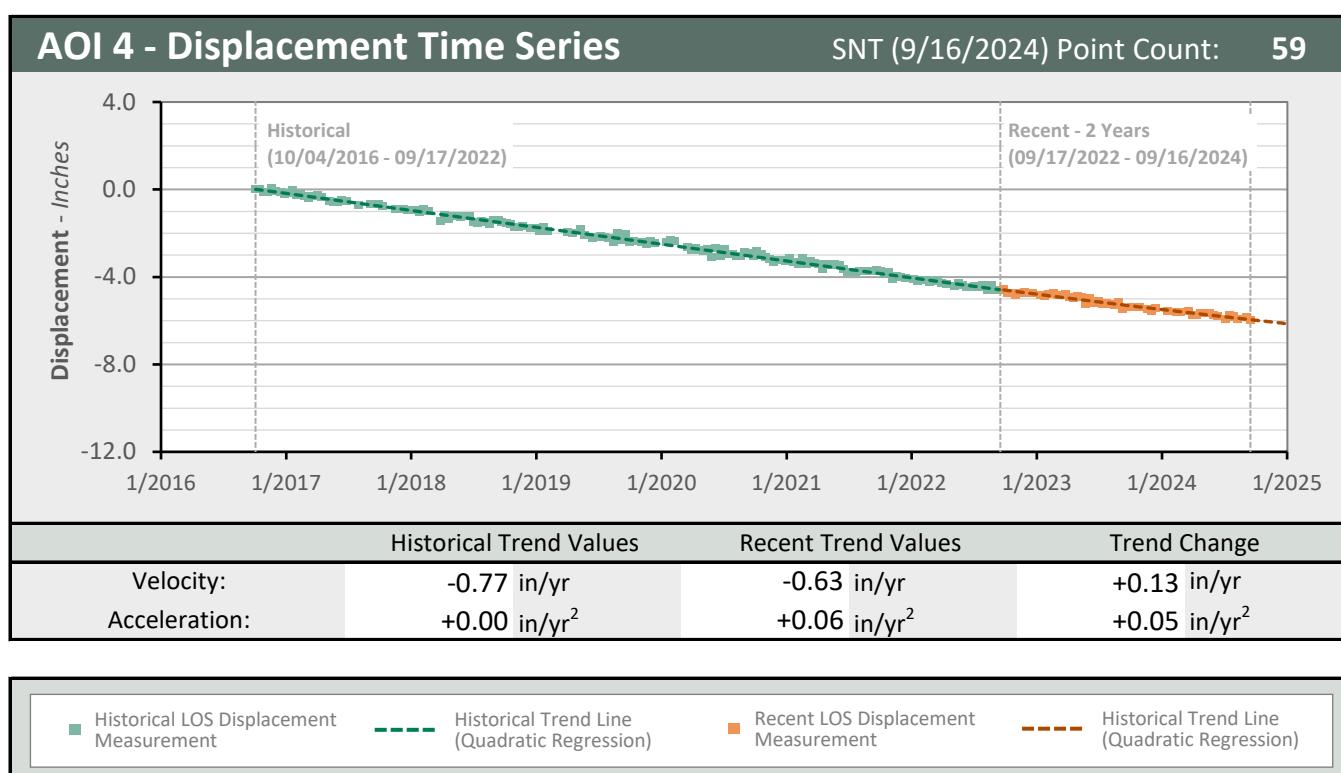
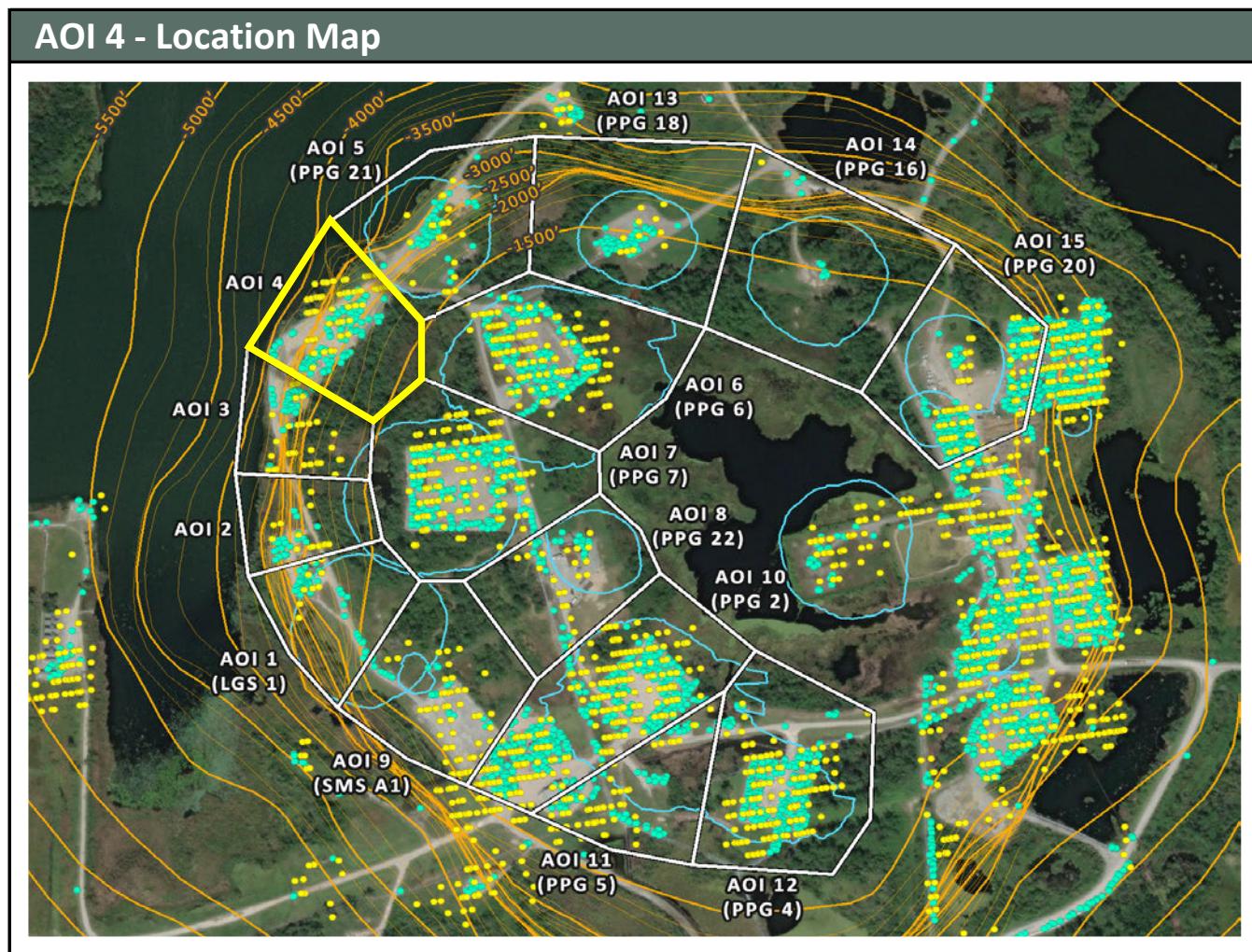
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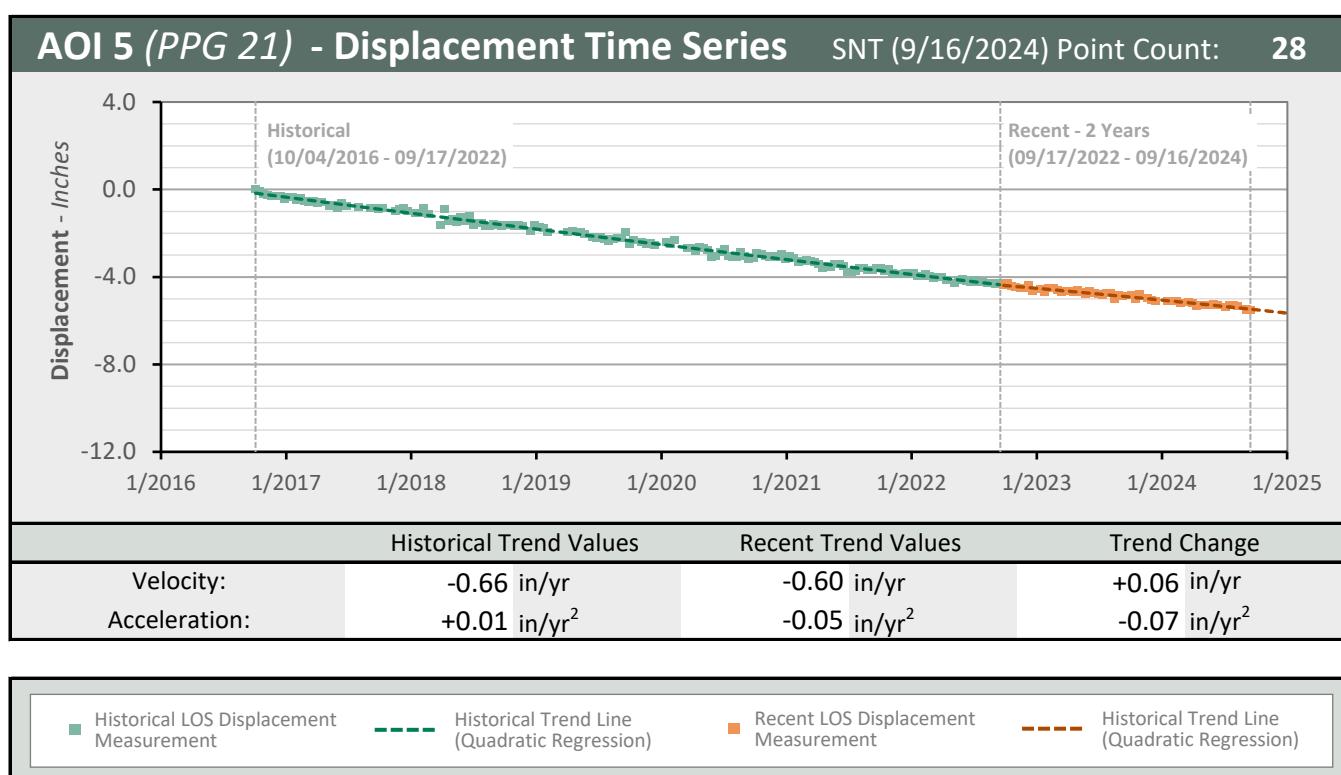
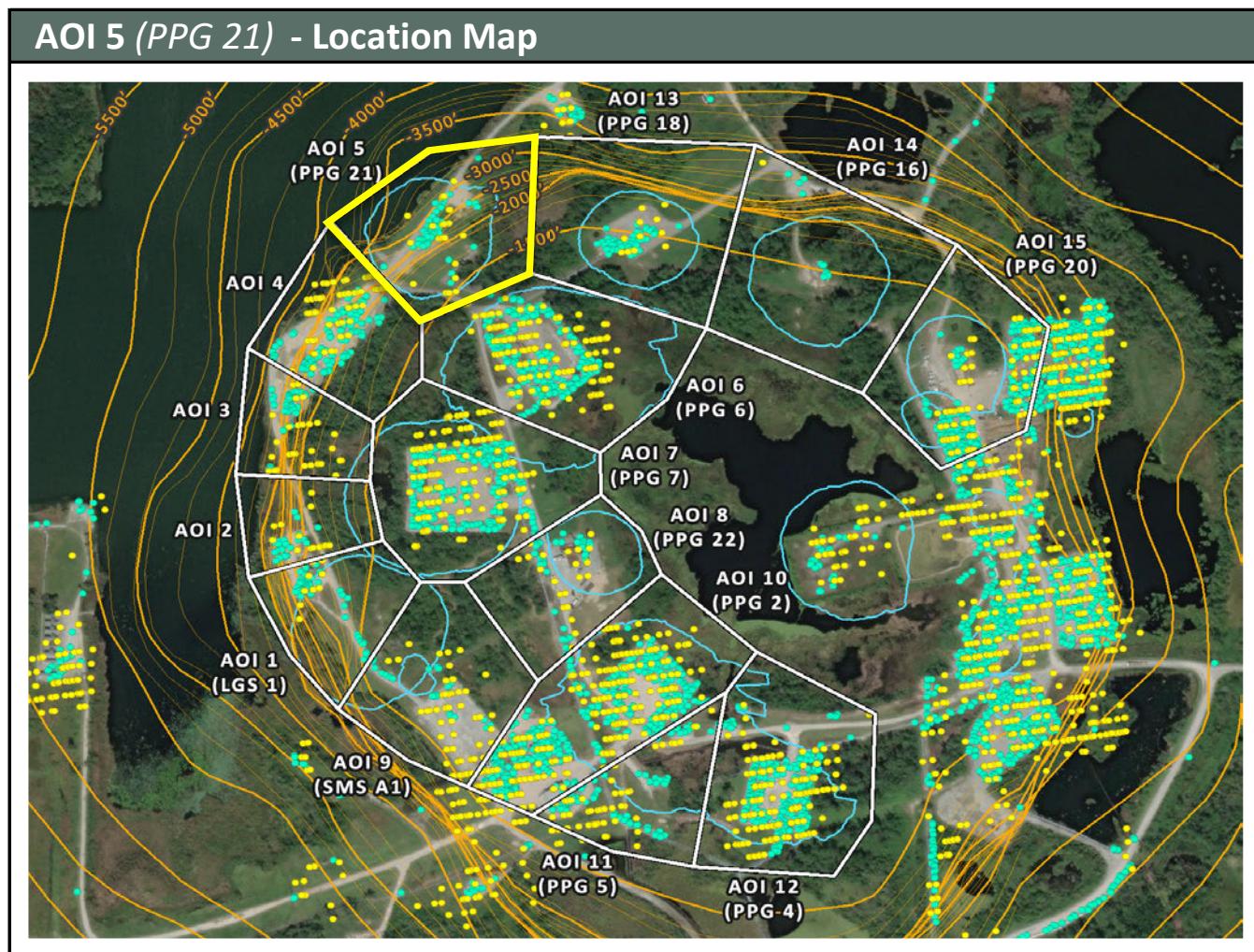
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AOI 3	29	-0.66	-0.50	+0.17	+0.03	+0.19	+0.17
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AOI 5 (PPG 21)	28	-0.66	-0.60	+0.06	+0.01	-0.05	-0.07
AOI 6 (PPG 6)	134	-0.87	-0.83	+0.03	+0.05	+0.03	-0.02
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AOI 8 (PPG 22)	20	-1.05	-1.19	-0.14	+0.11	+0.05	-0.06
AOI 9 (SMS A1)	59	-0.86	-0.69	+0.17	+0.07	+0.17	+0.10
AOI 10 (PPG 2)	231	-0.90	-1.02	-0.12	+0.09	-0.01	-0.09
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AOI 12 (PPG 4)	120	-0.73	-0.47	+0.27	+0.05	+0.21	+0.16
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AOI 14 (PPG 16)	1	-0.20	+0.30	+0.50	+0.06	+0.76	+0.69
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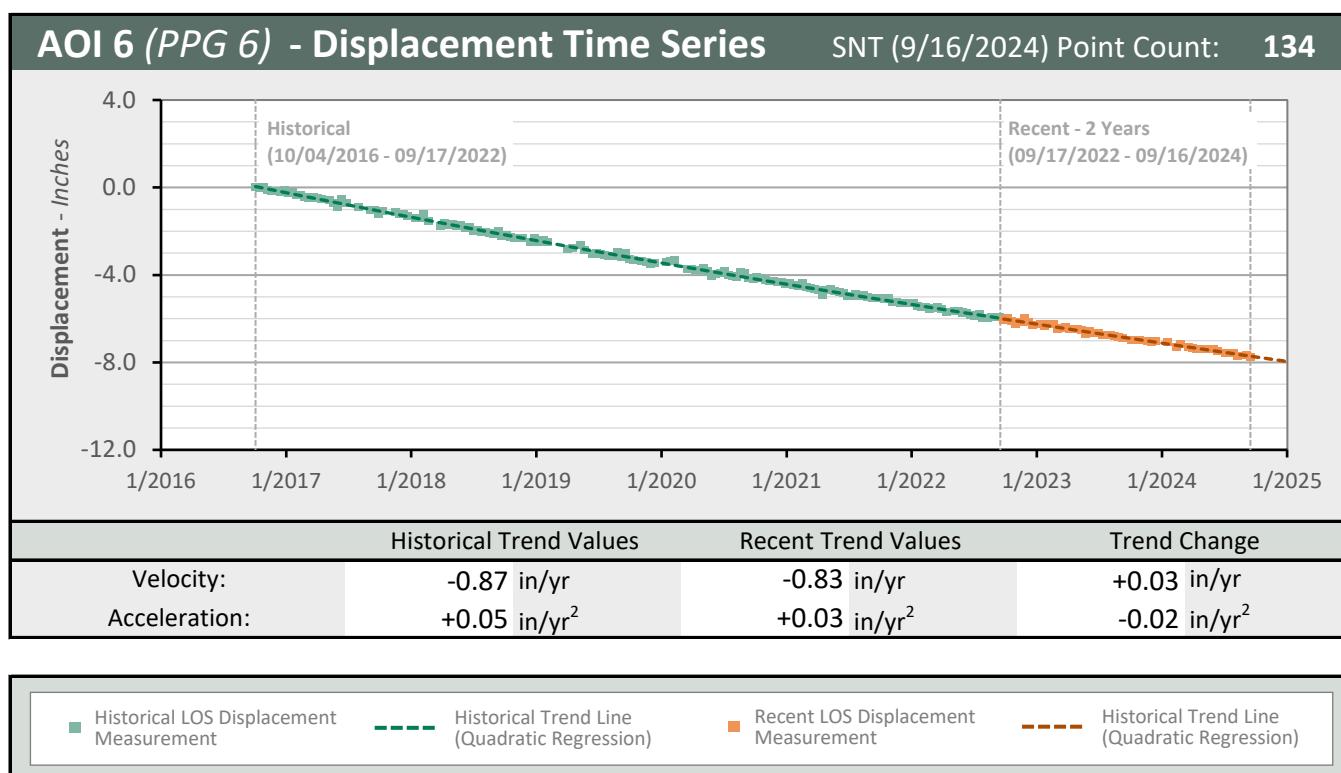
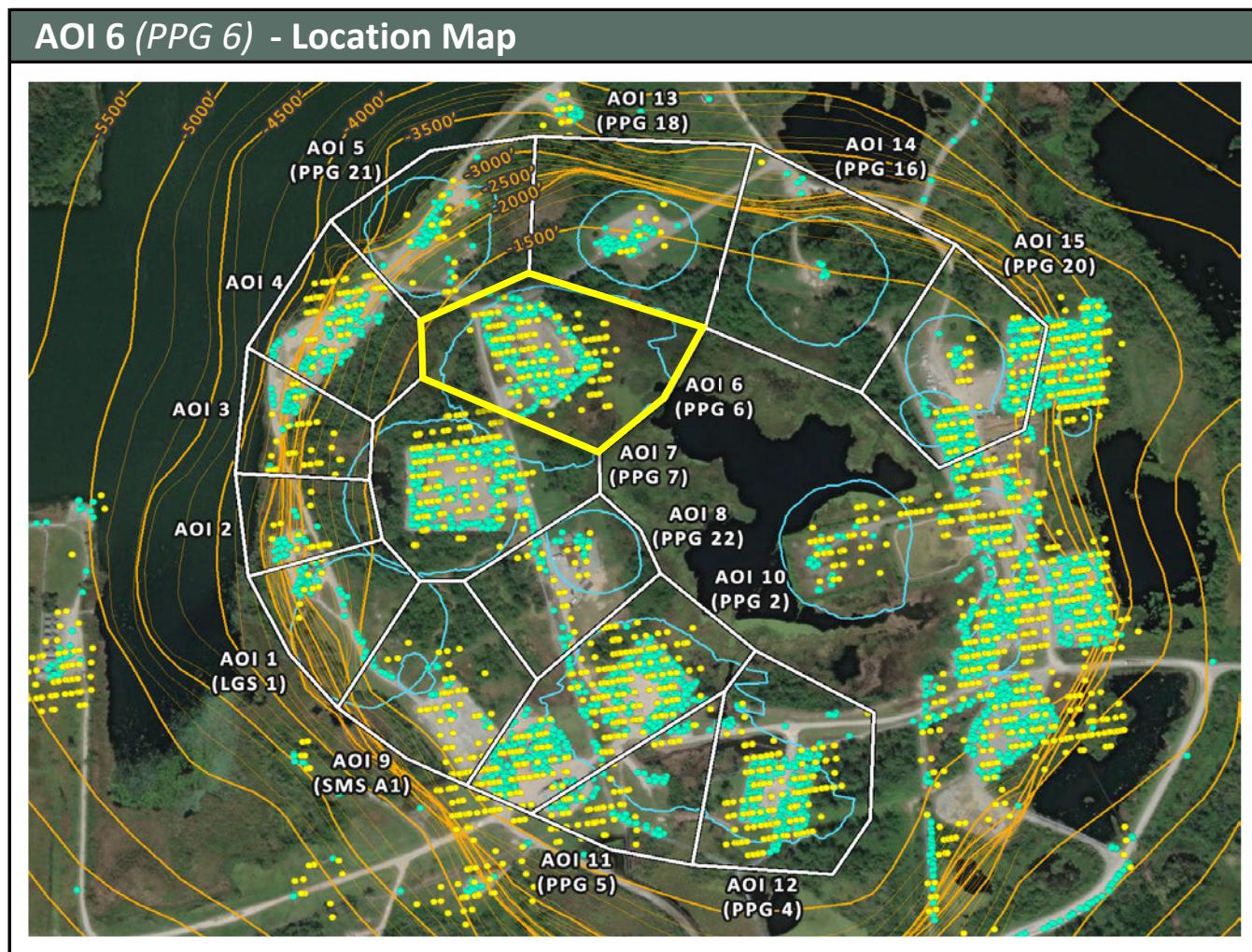


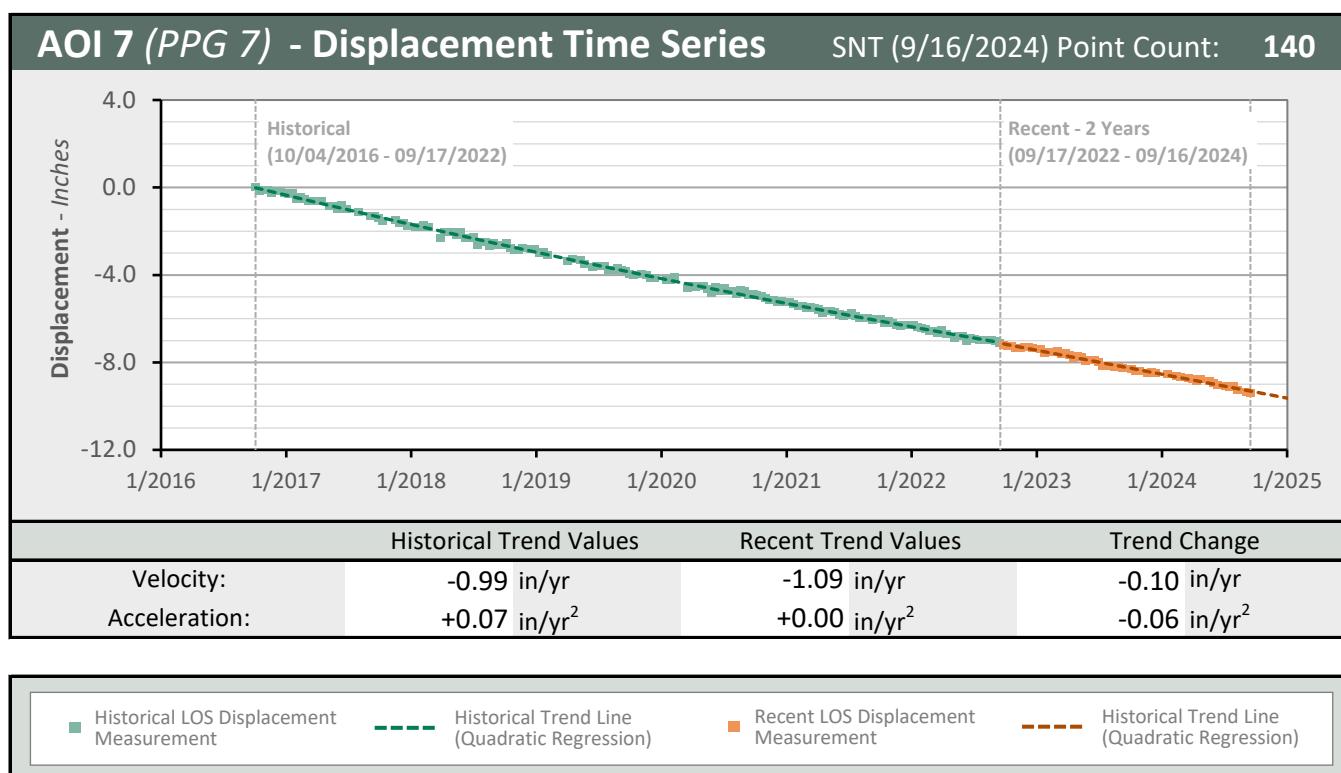
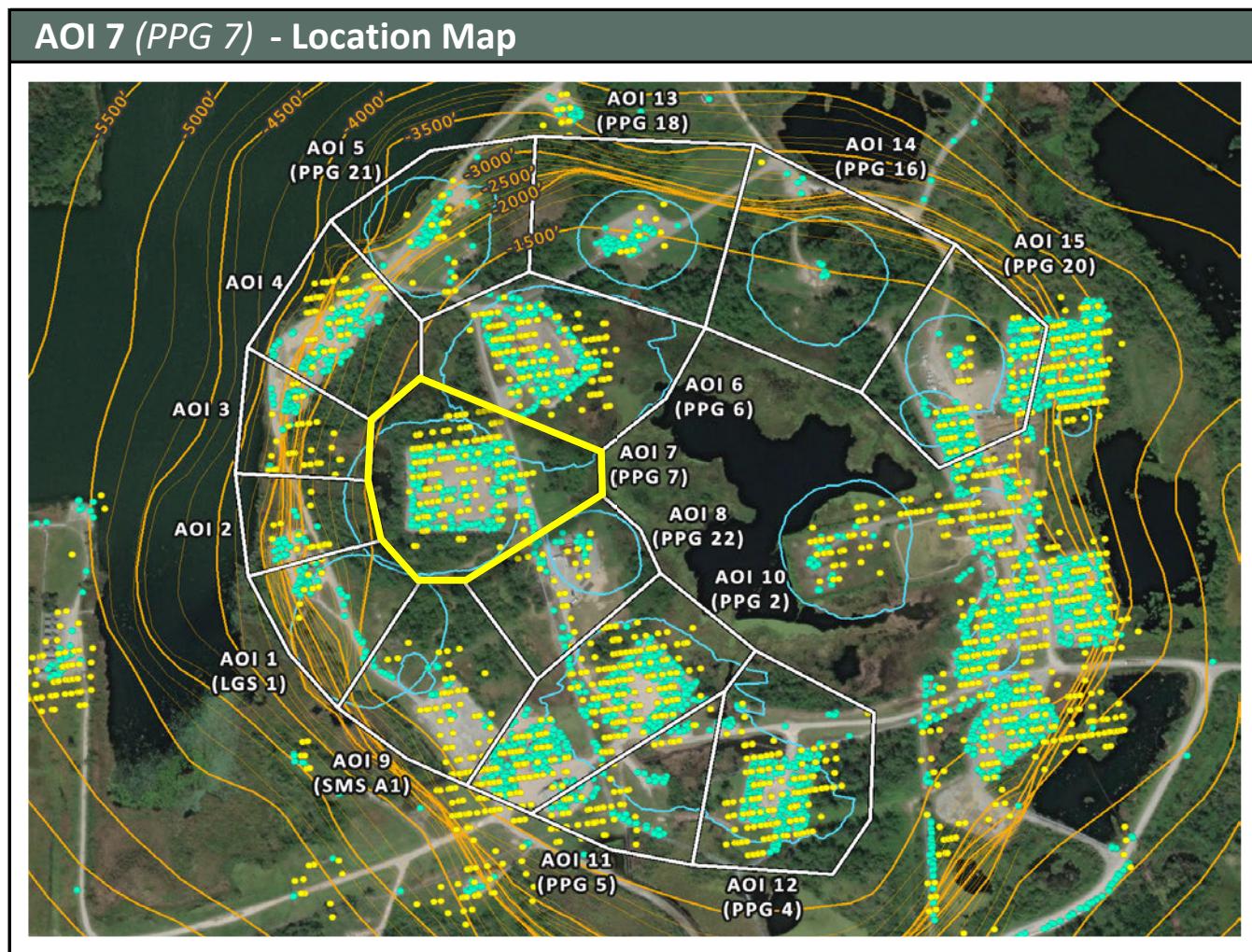


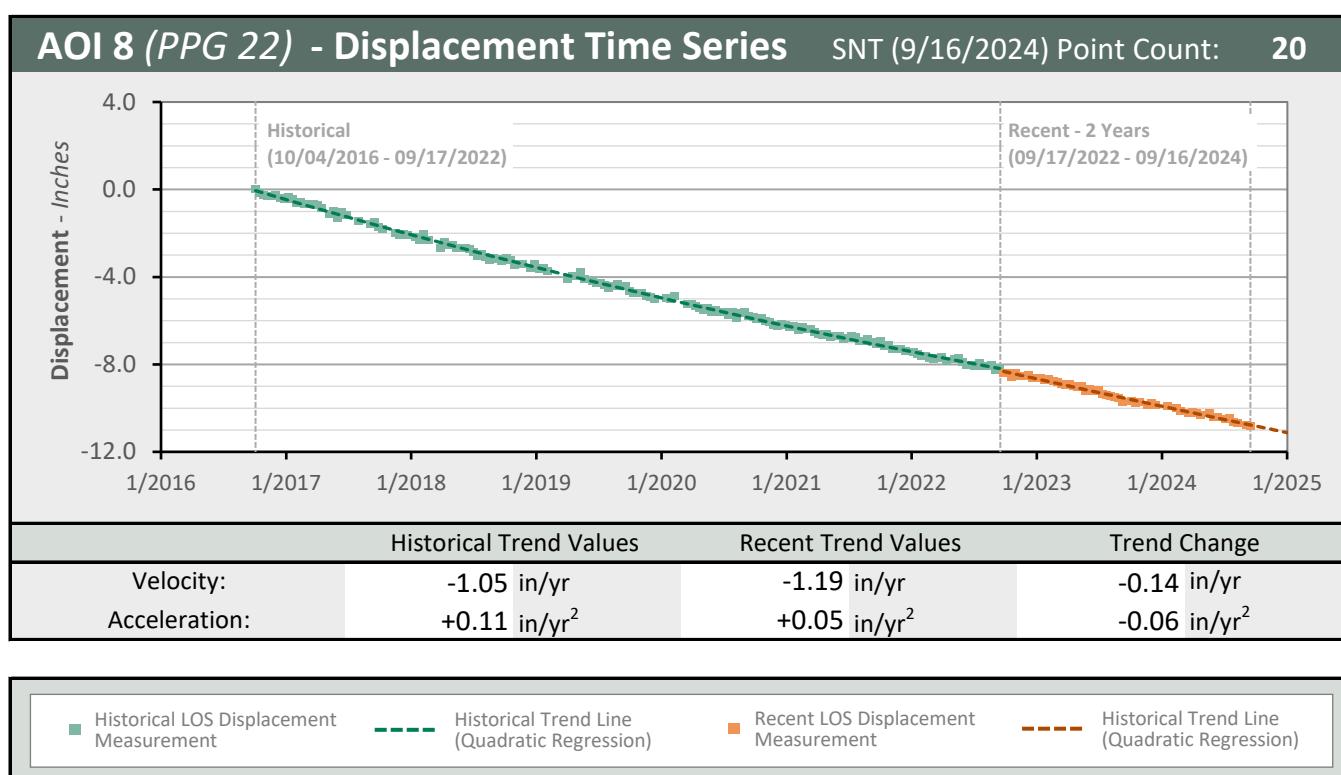
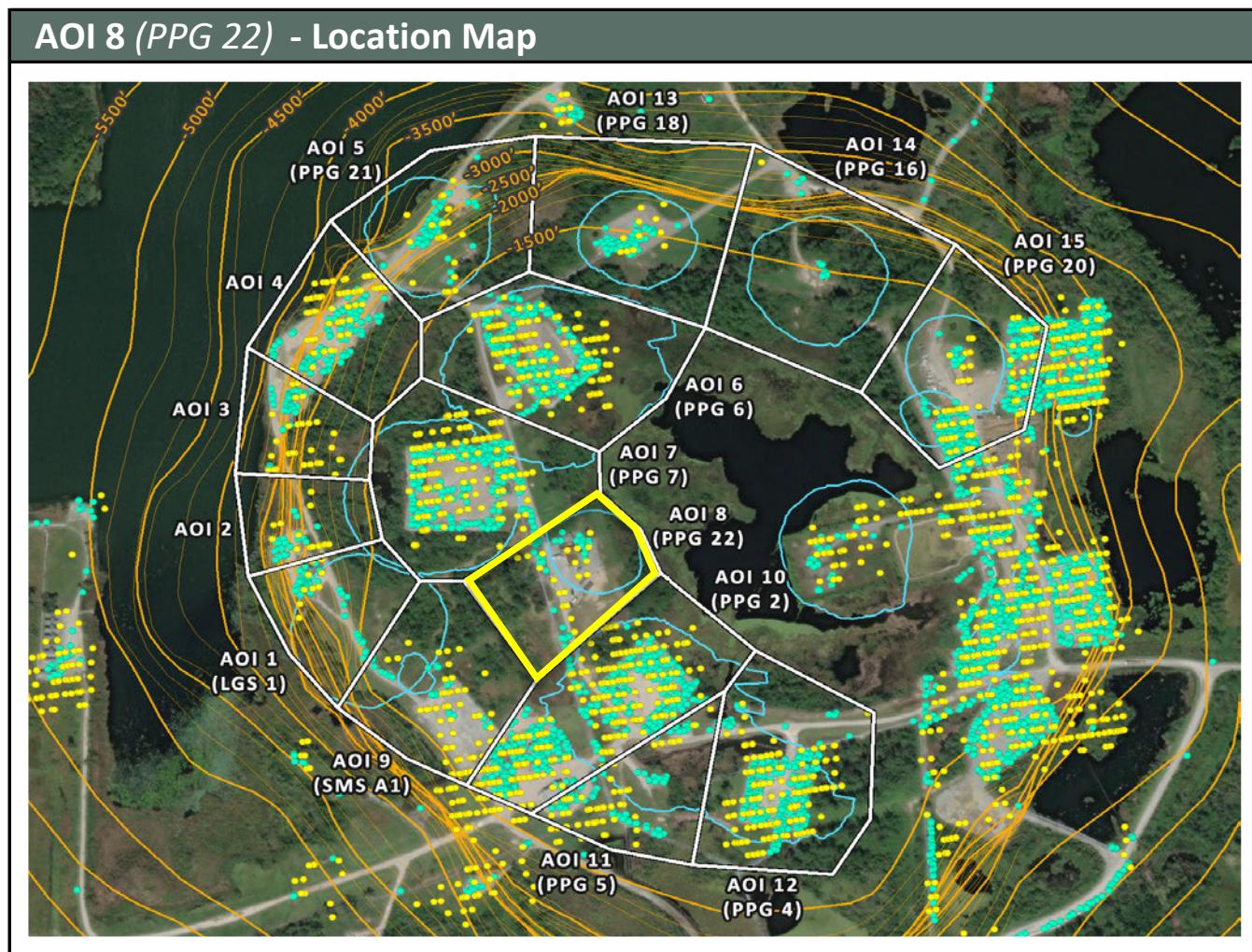


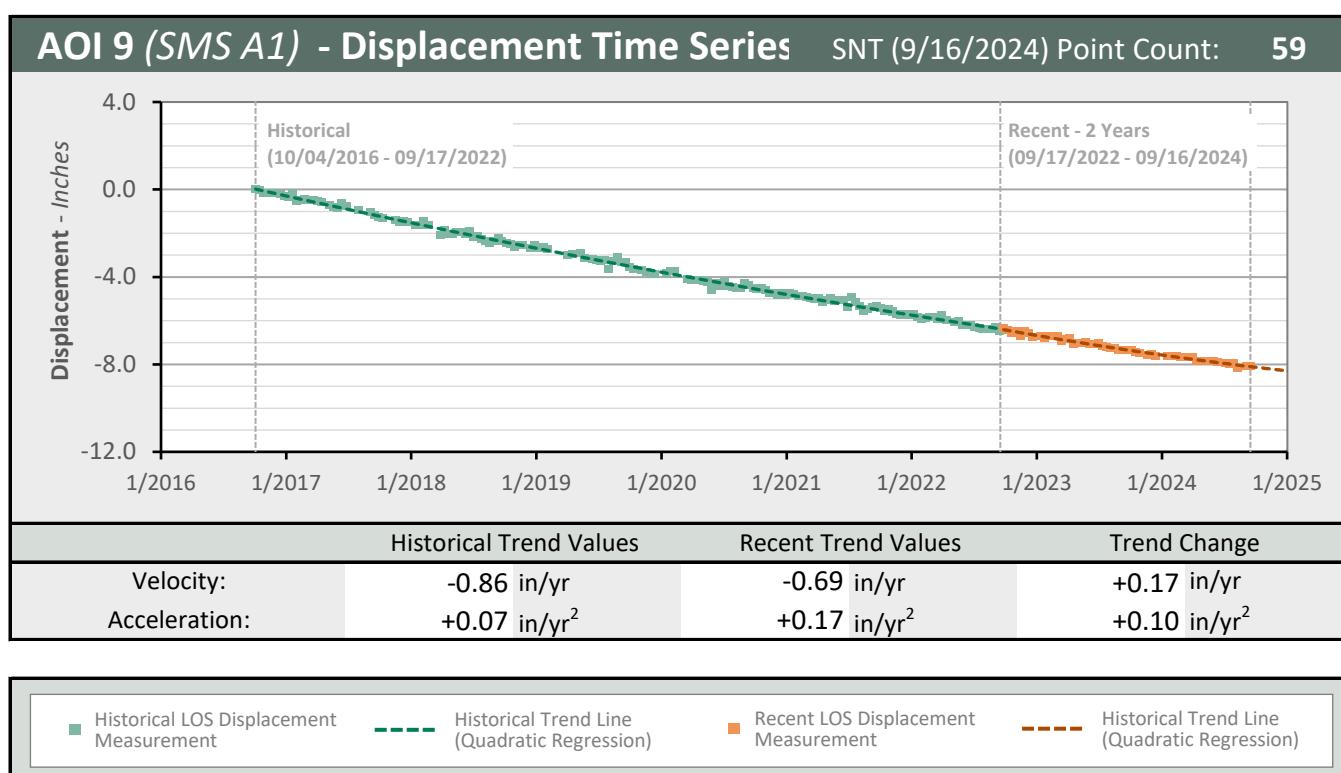
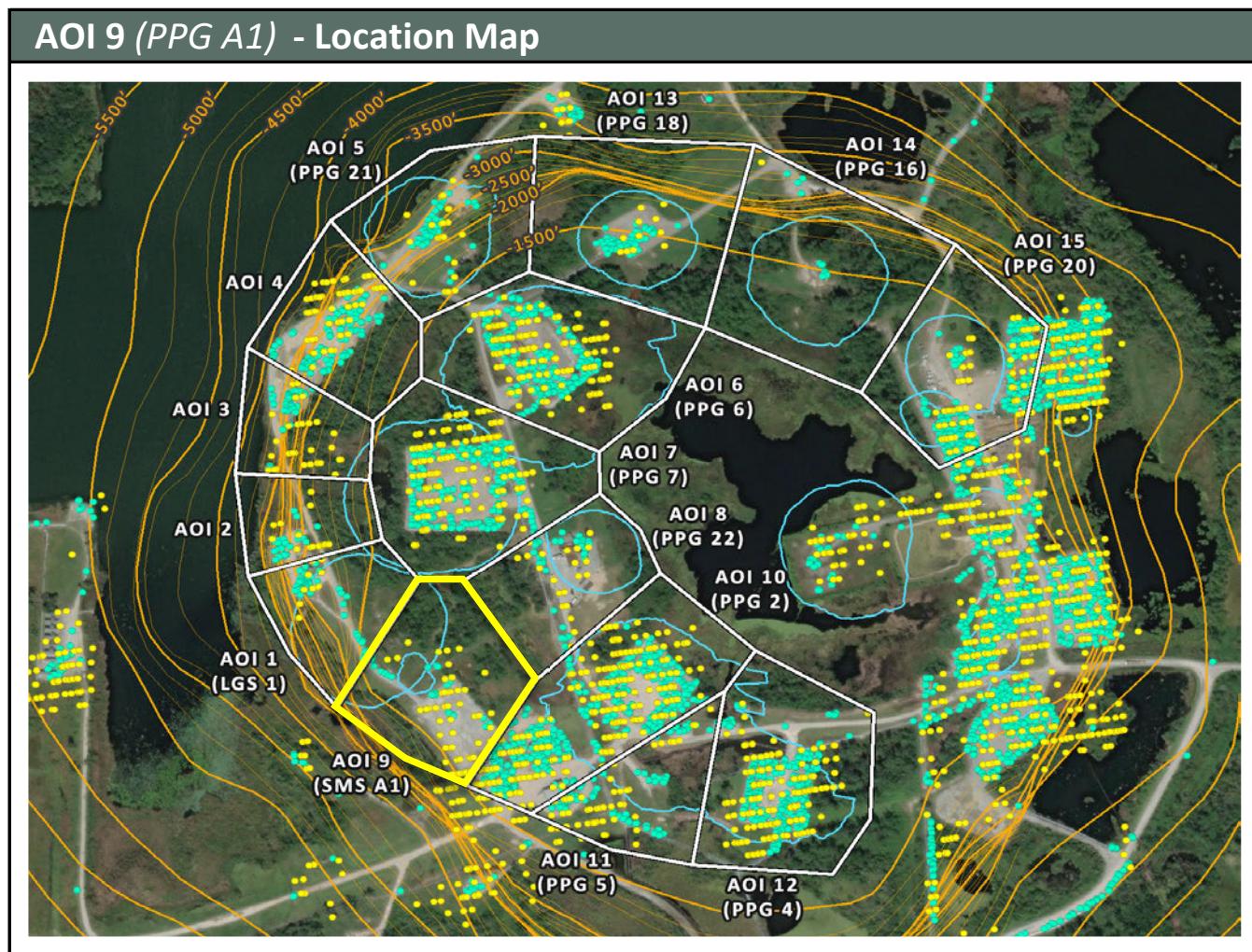


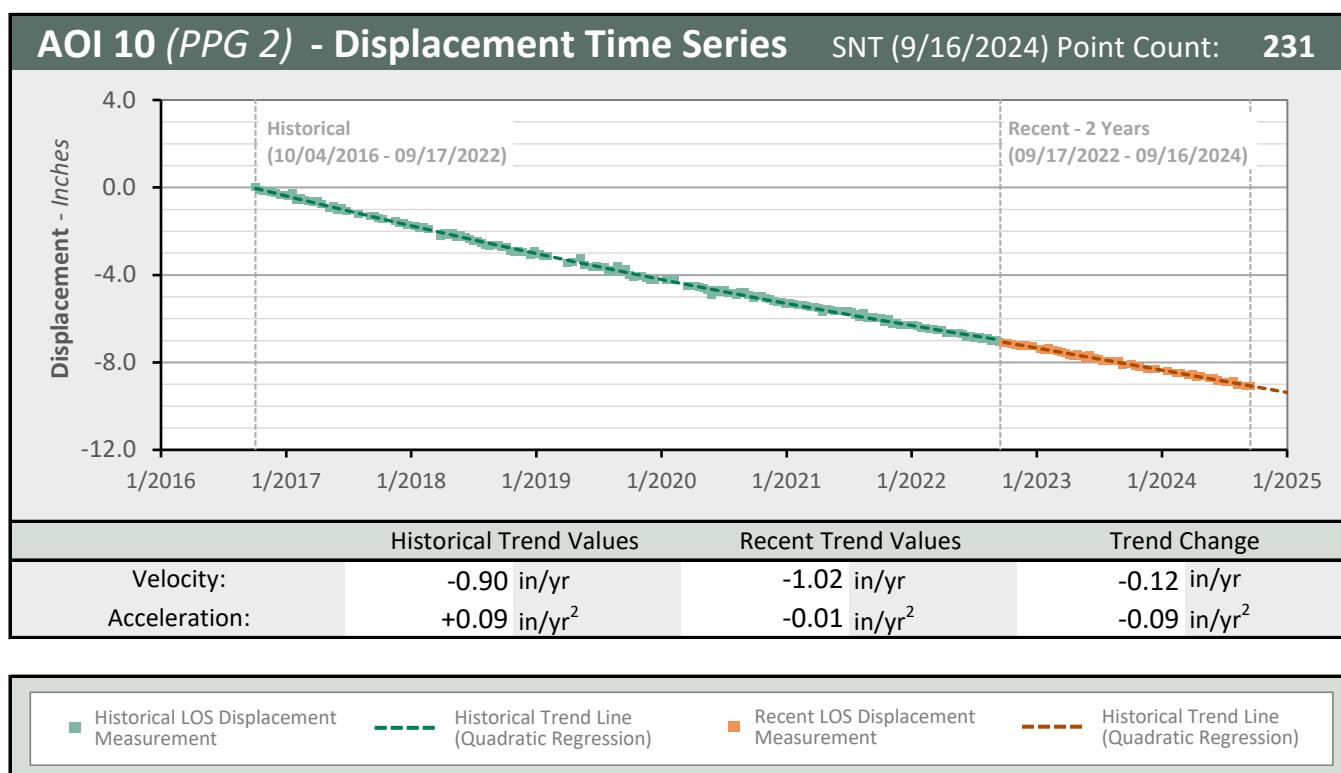
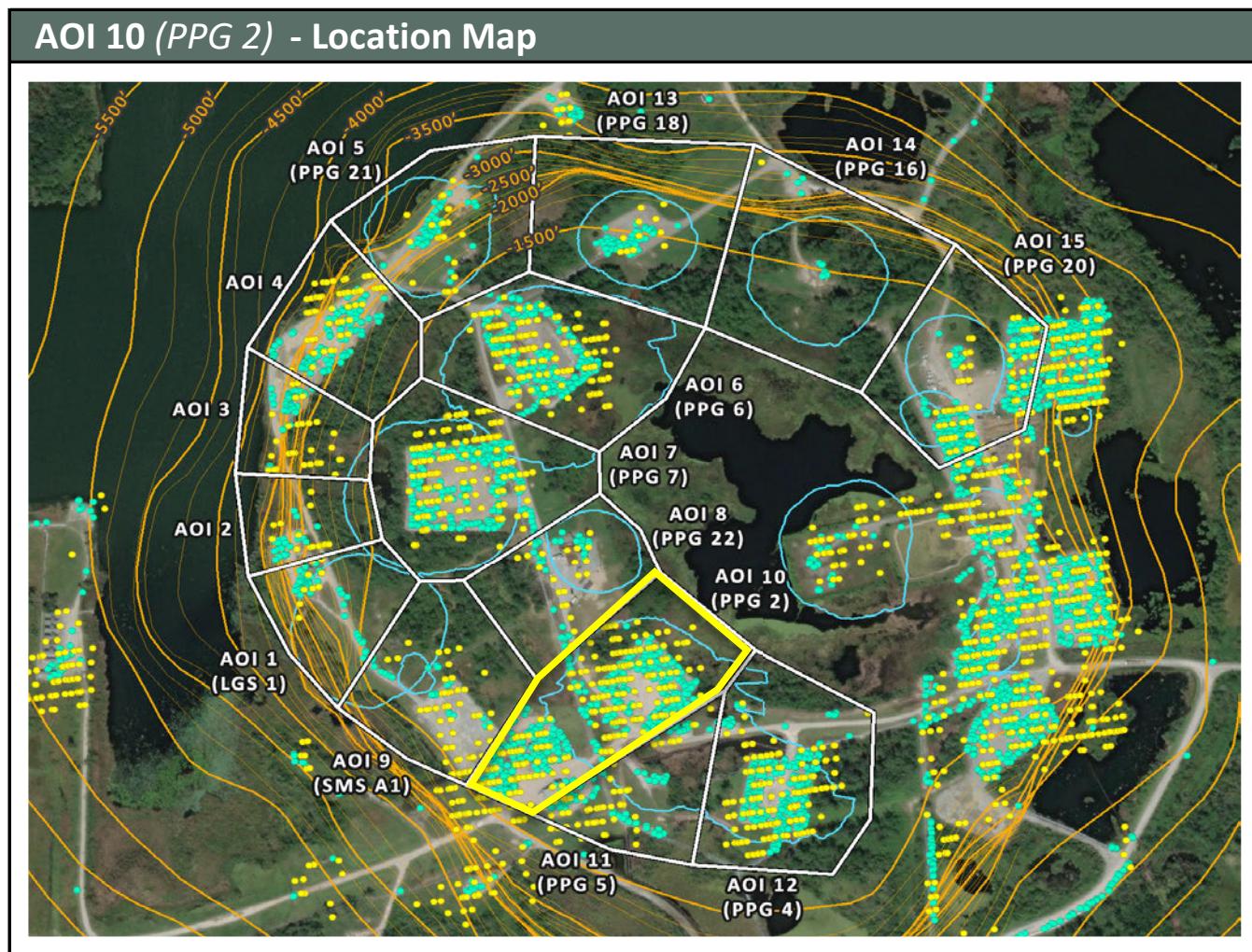


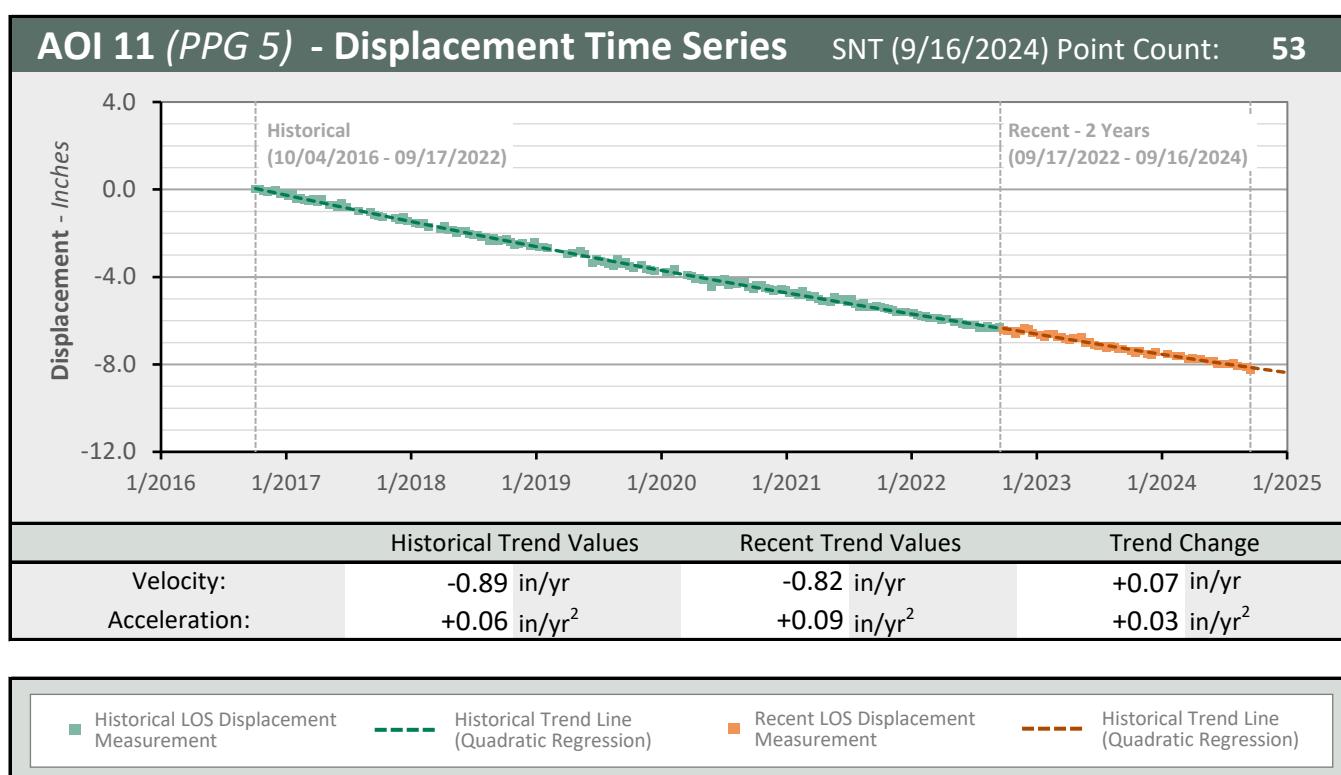
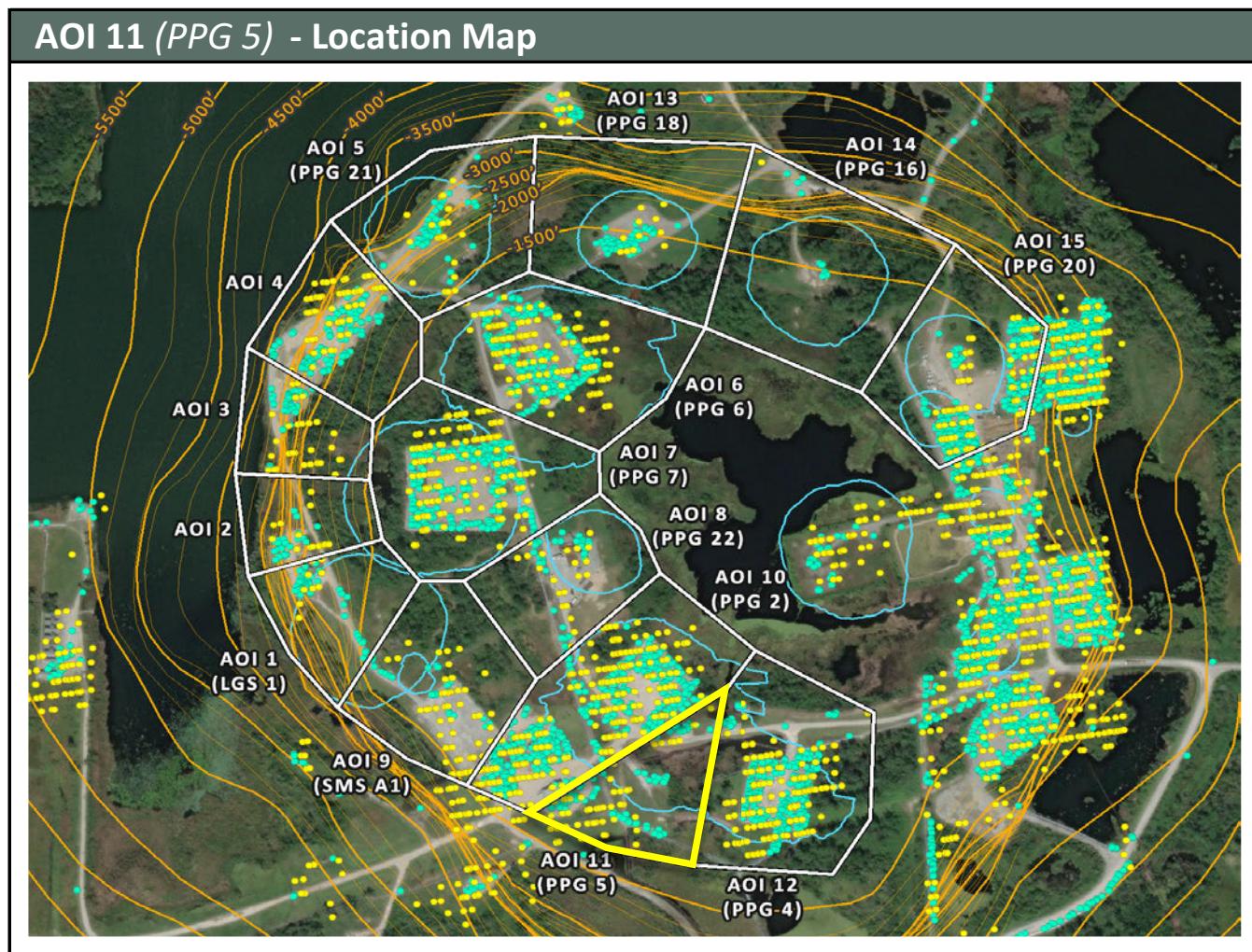


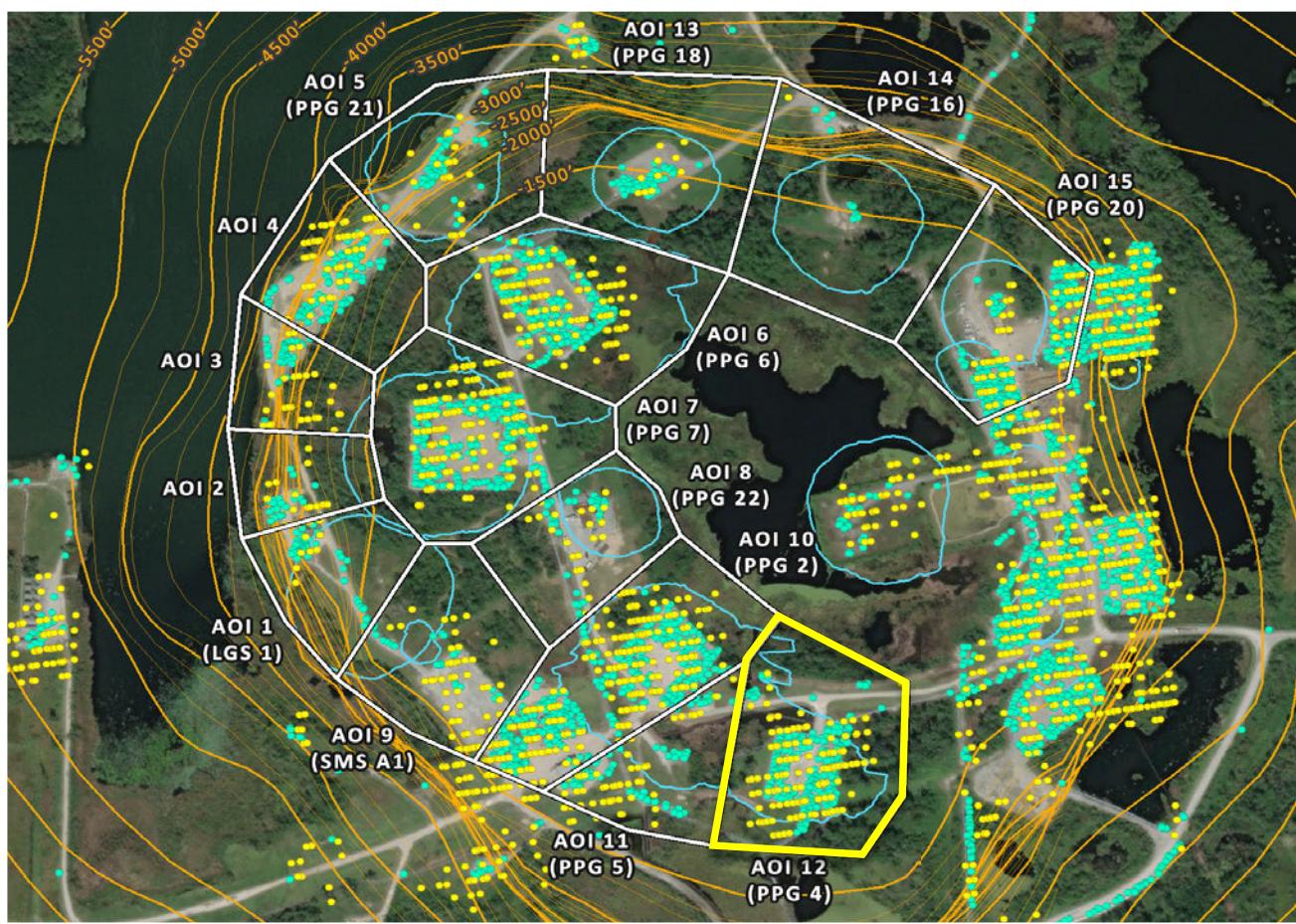
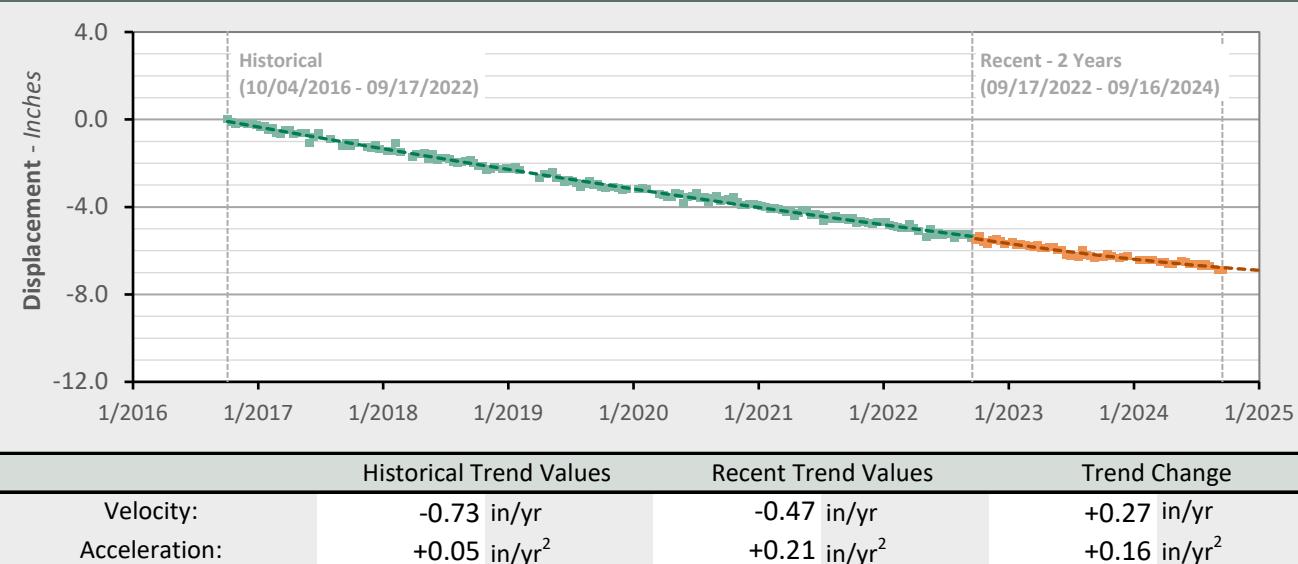










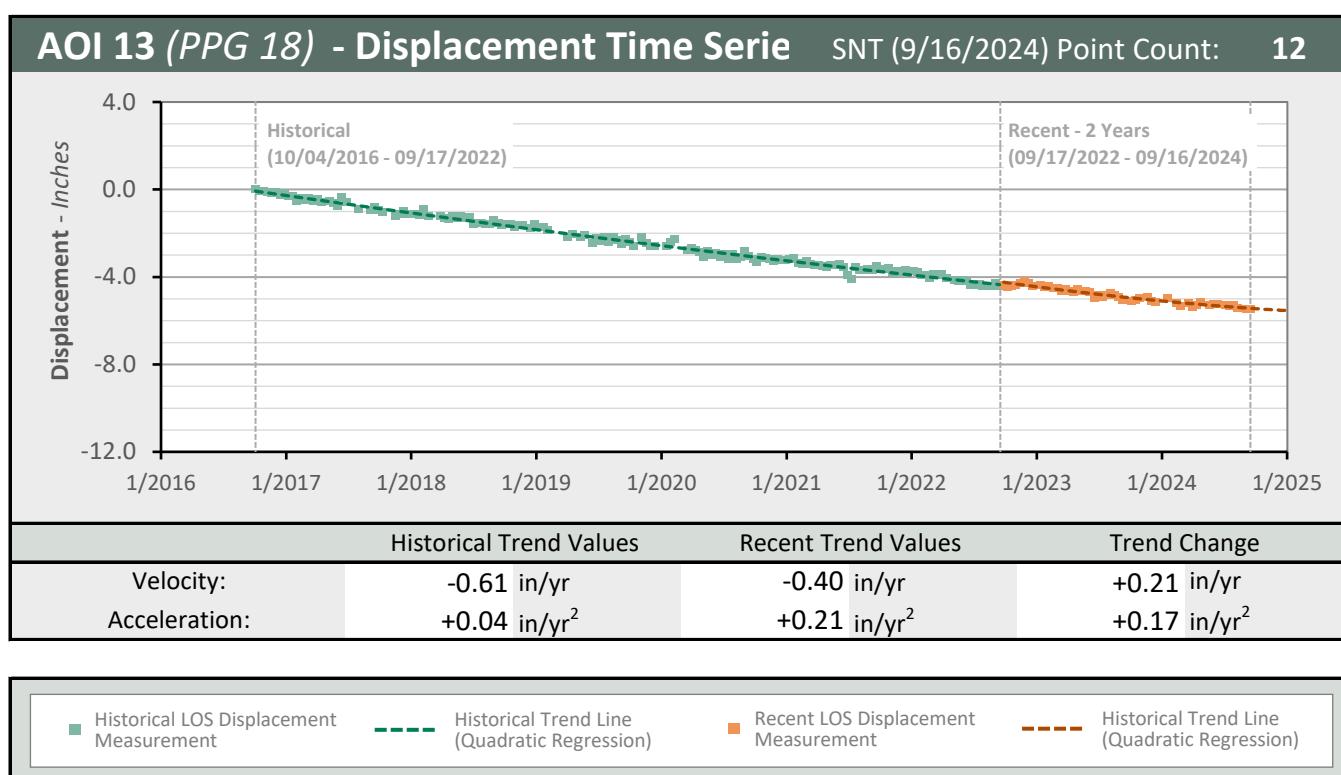
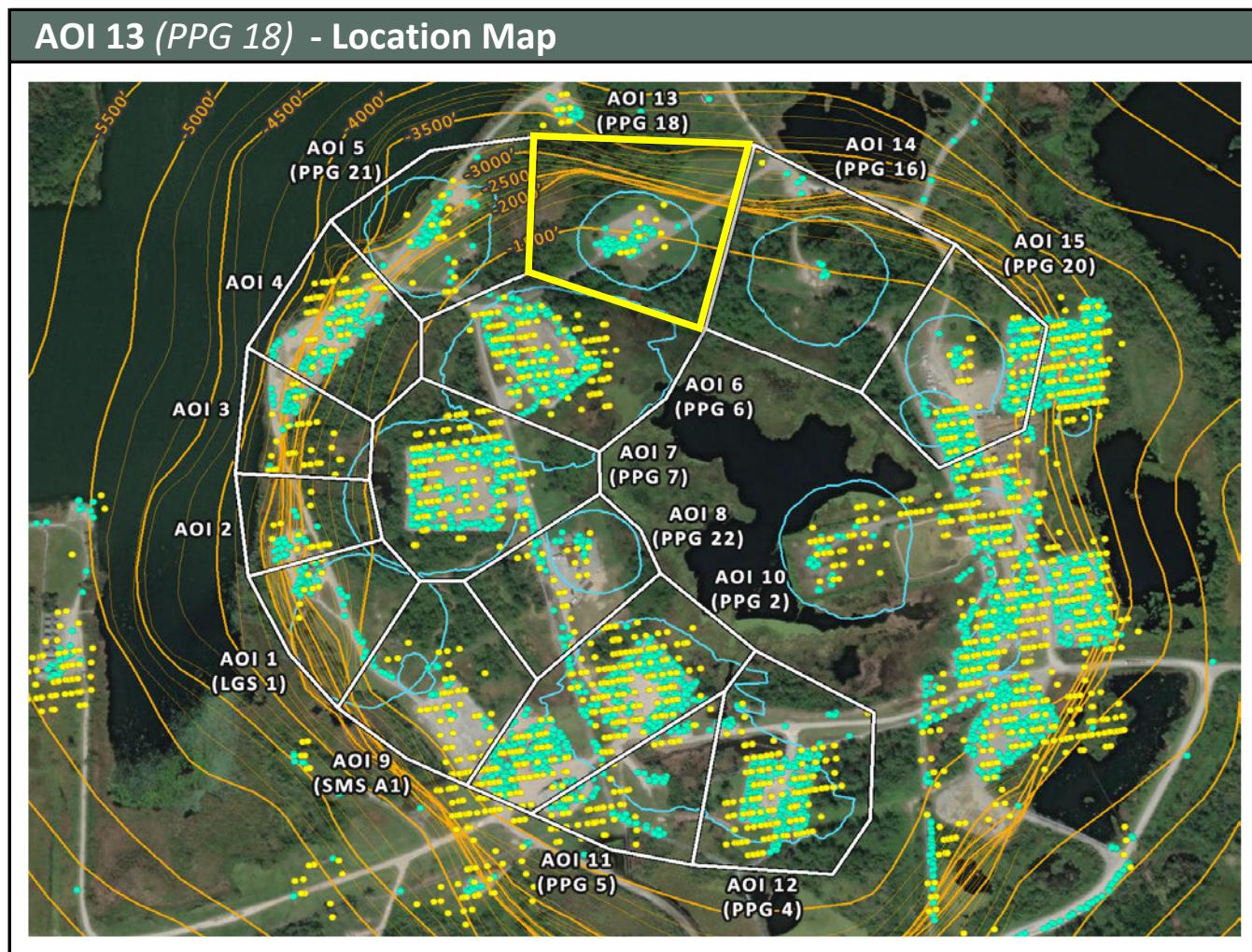
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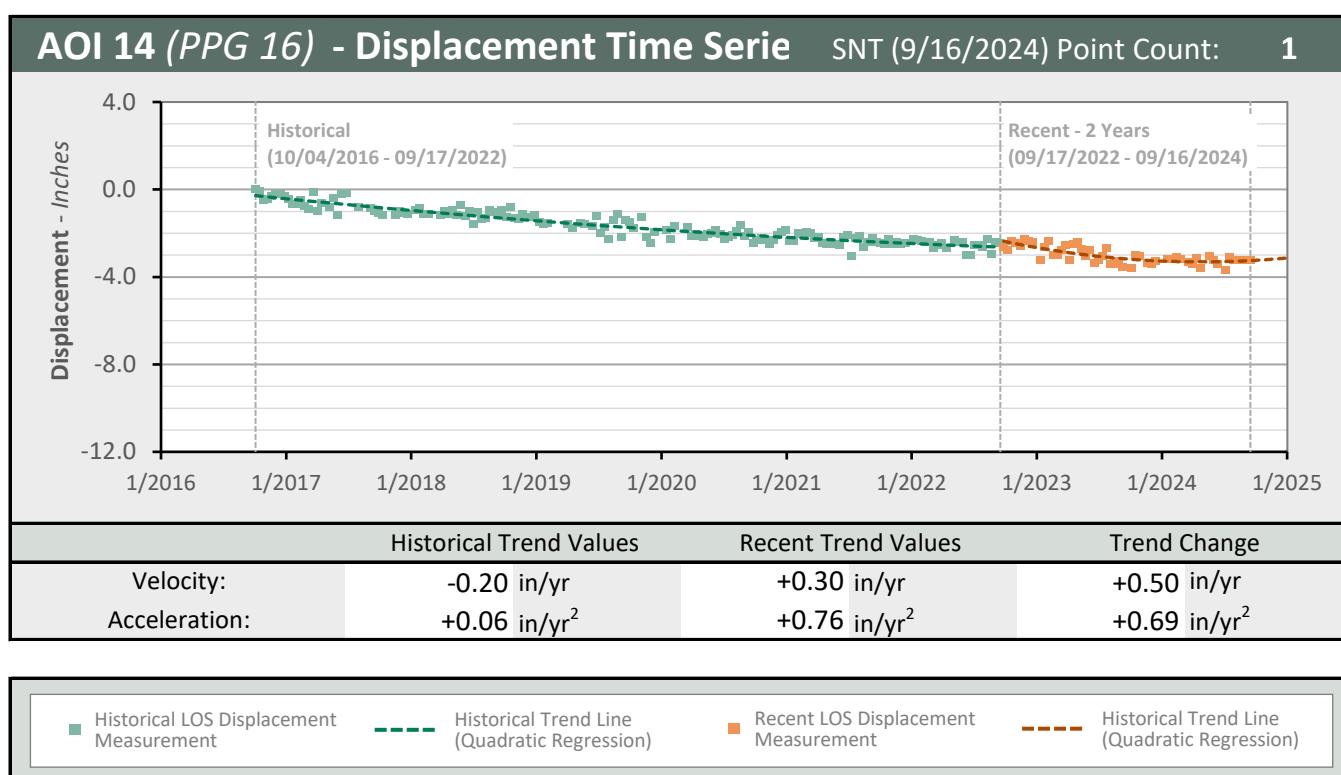
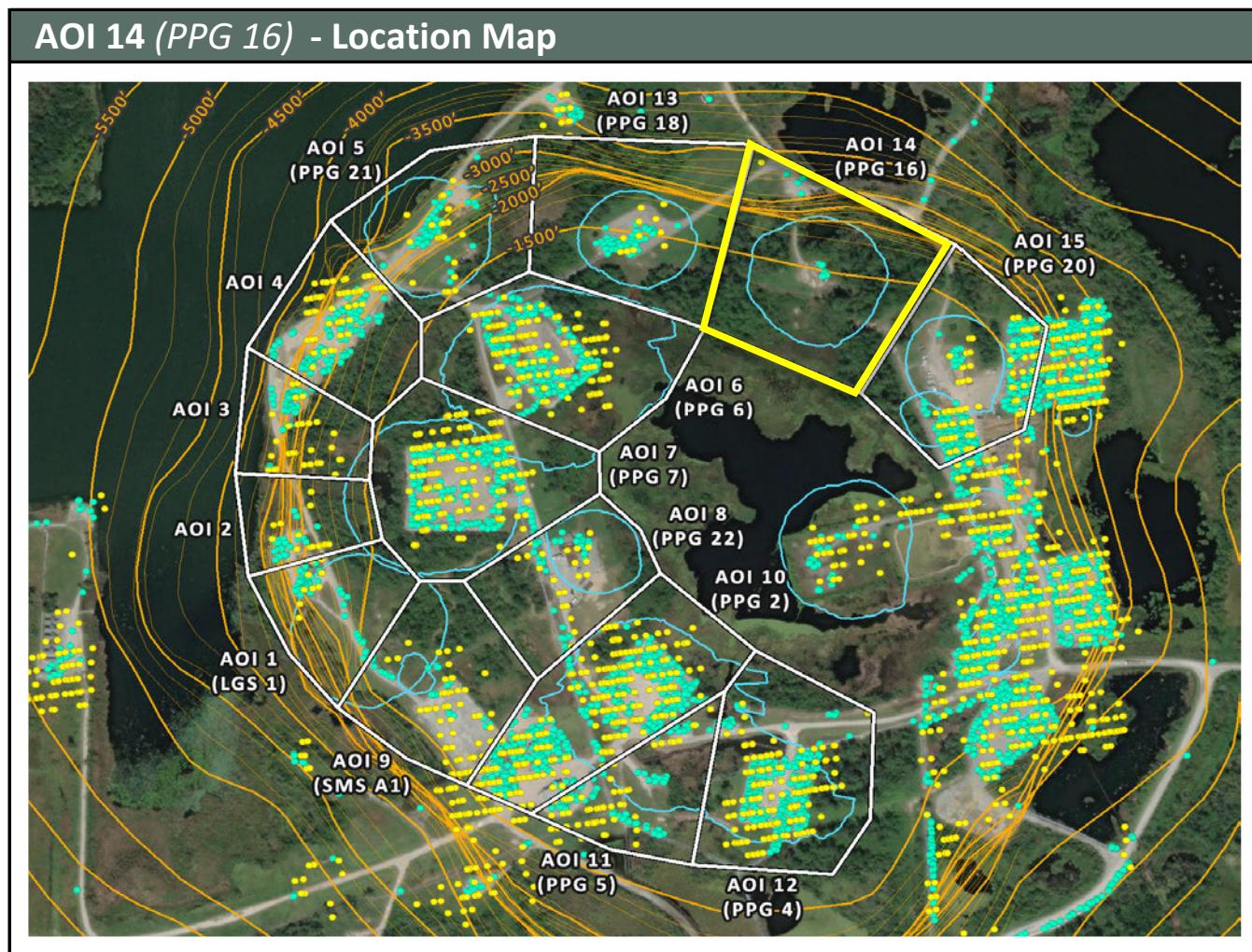
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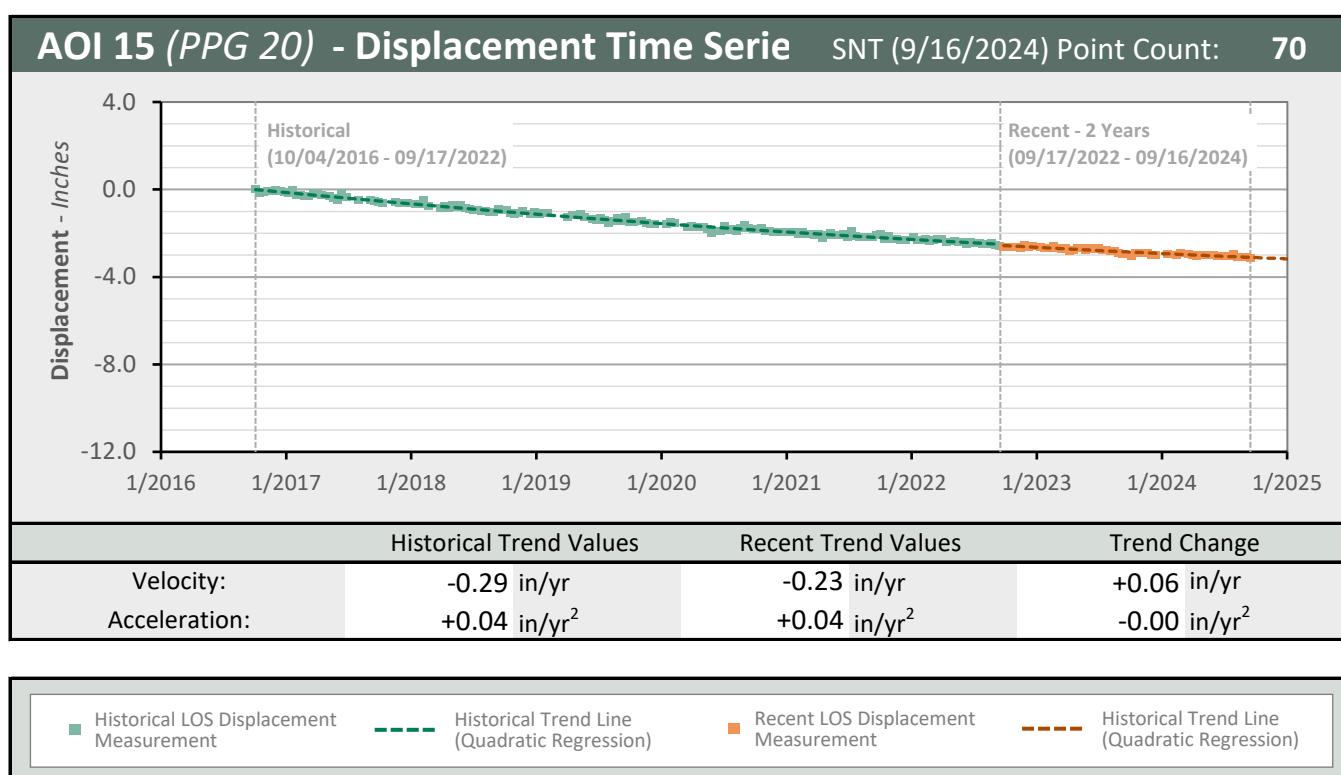
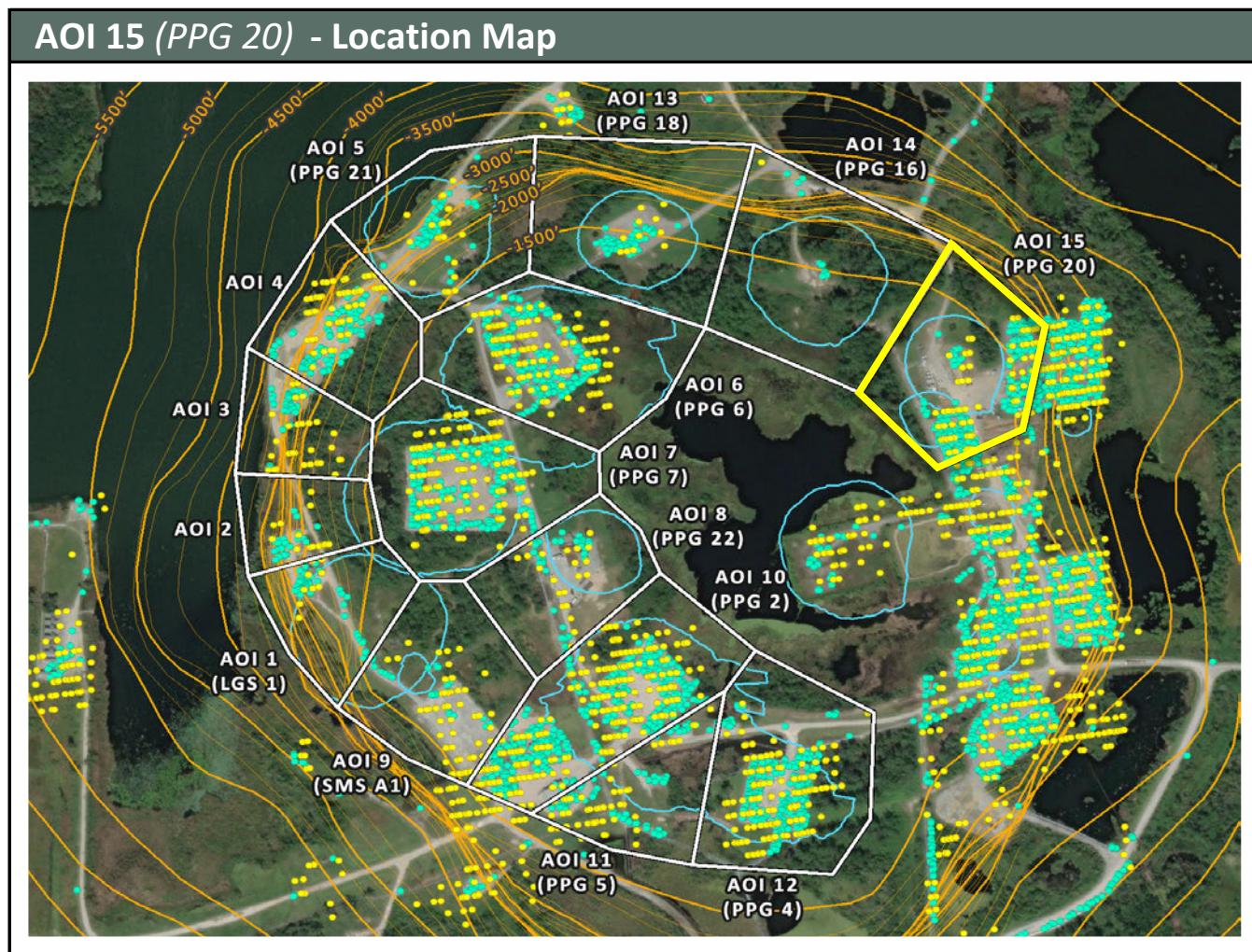
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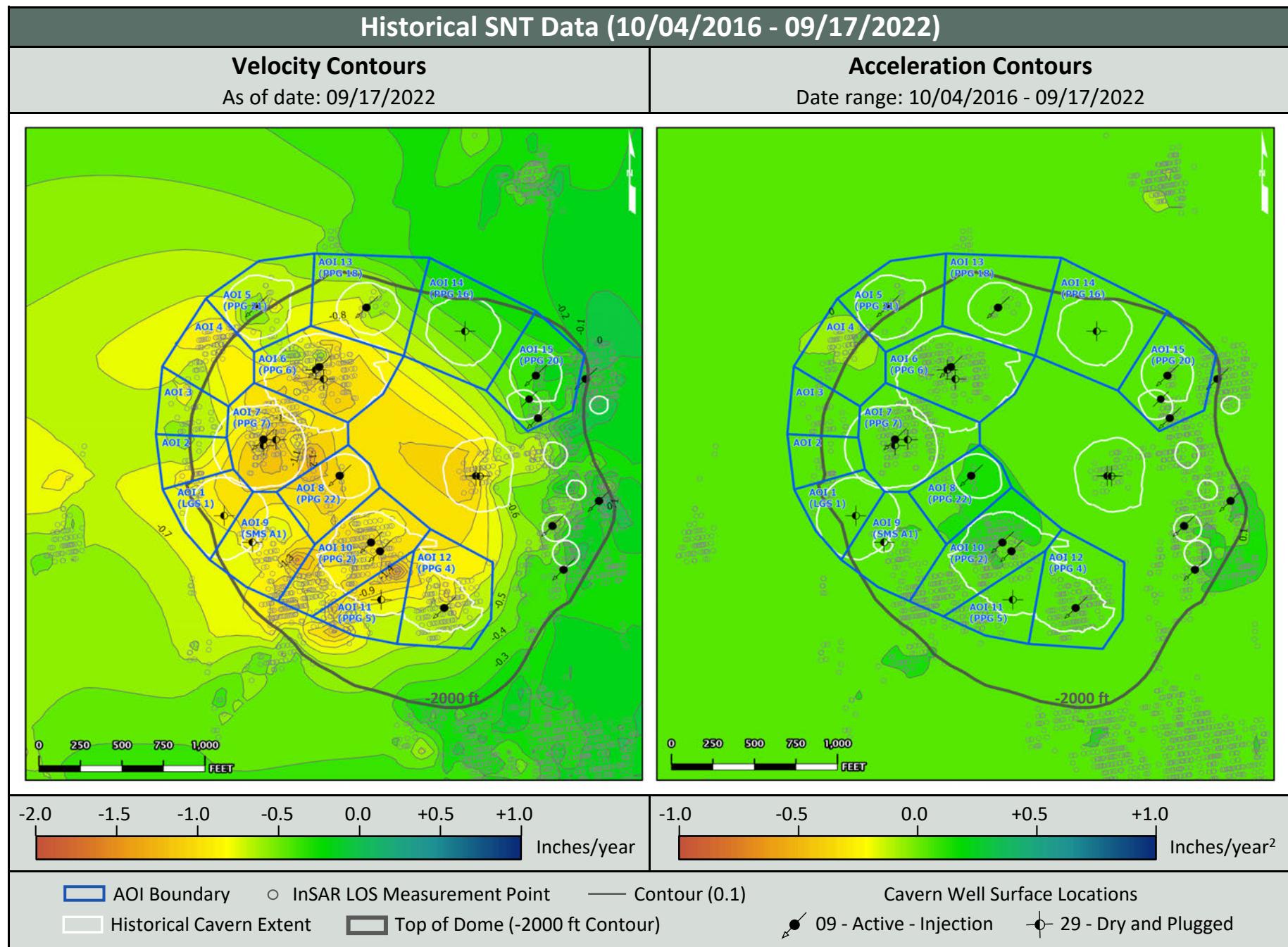
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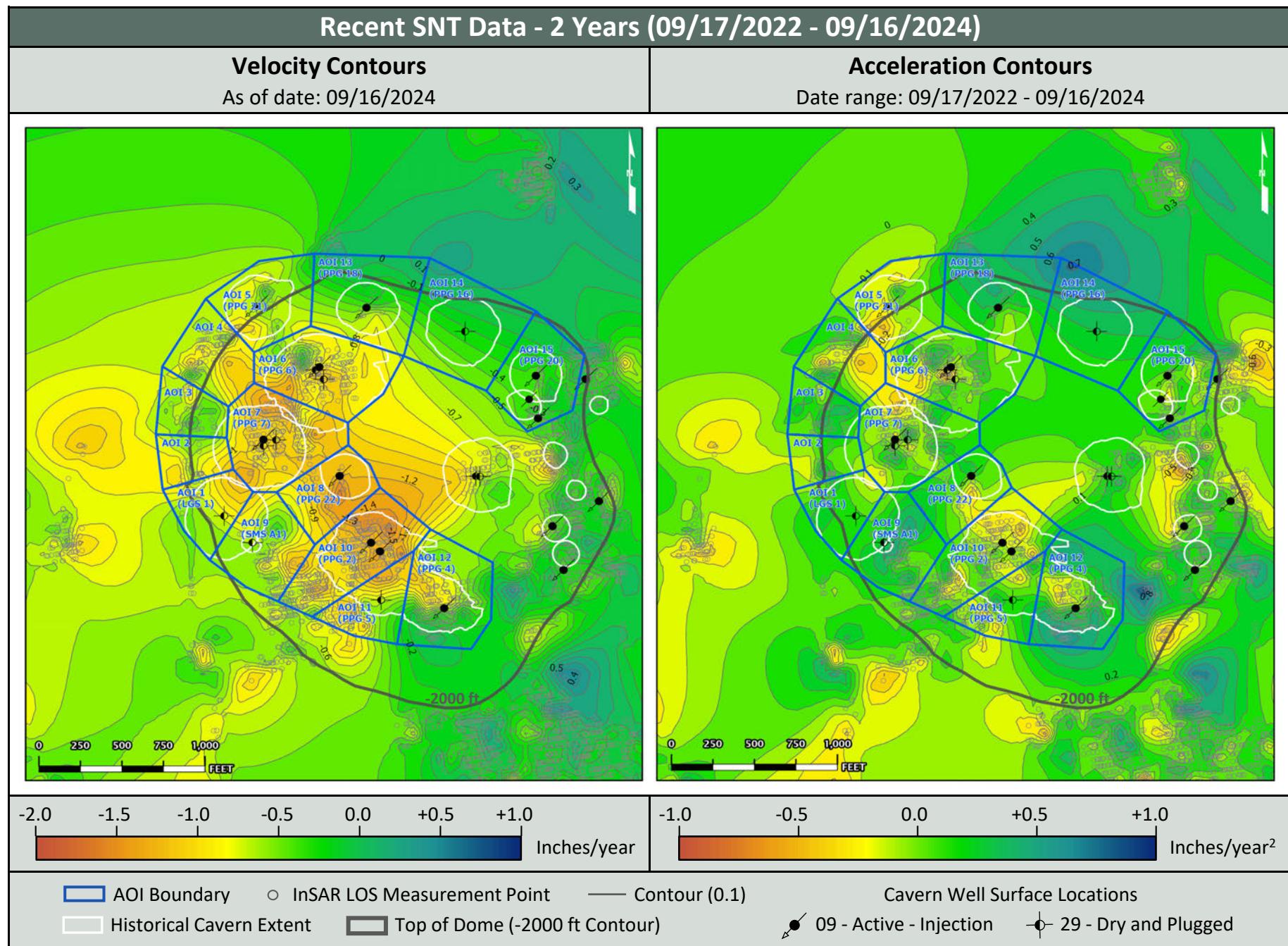
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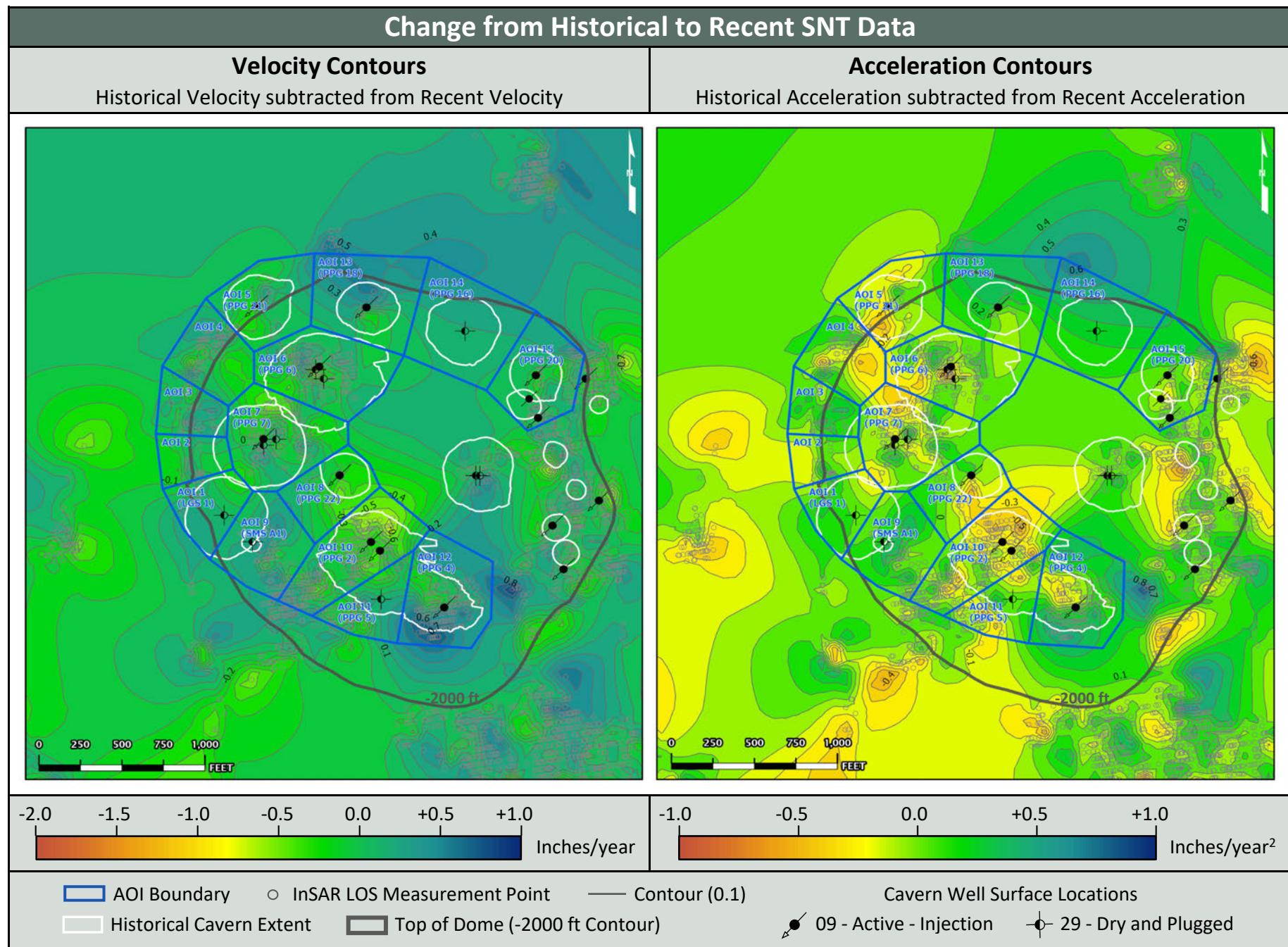


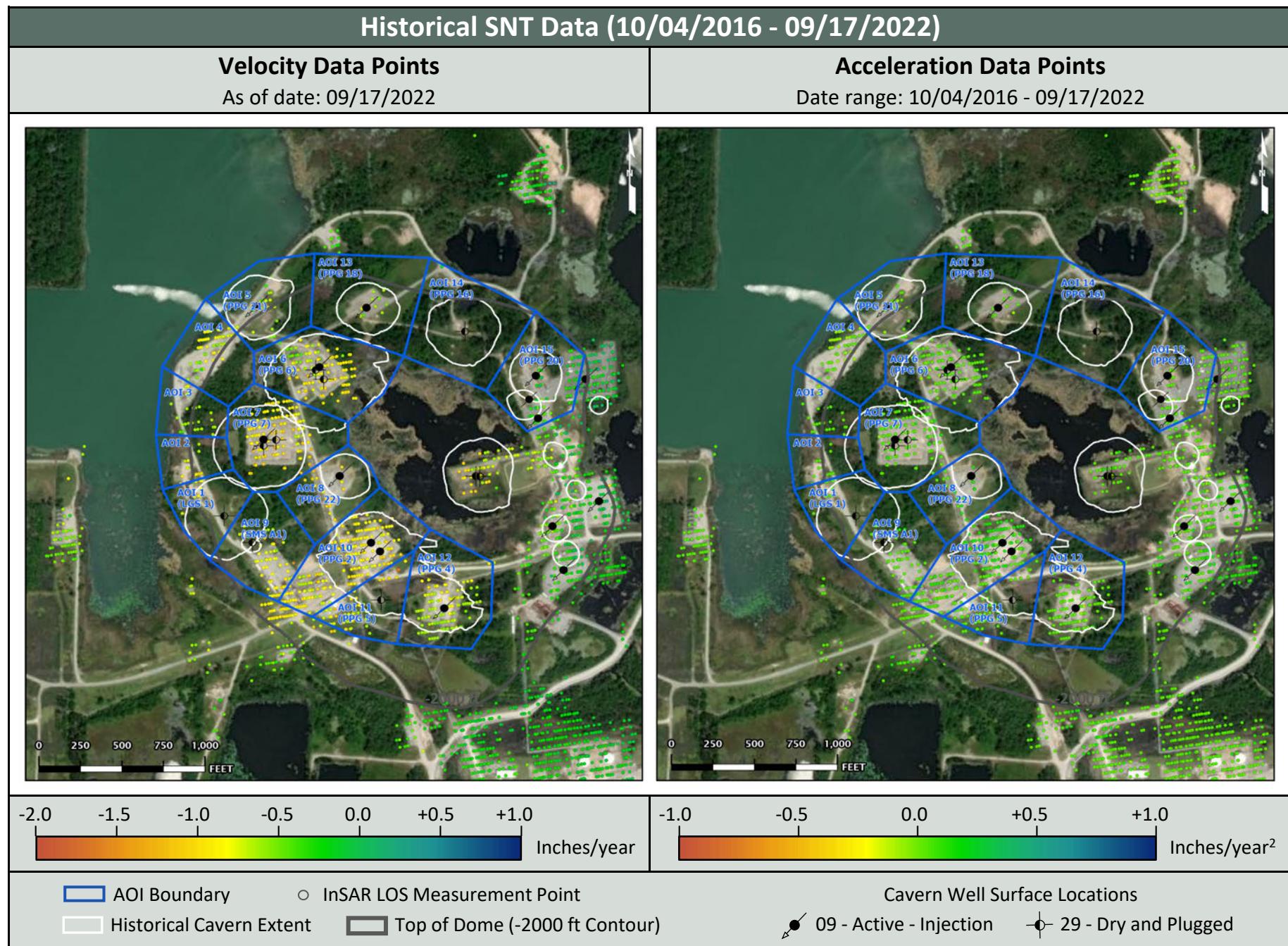


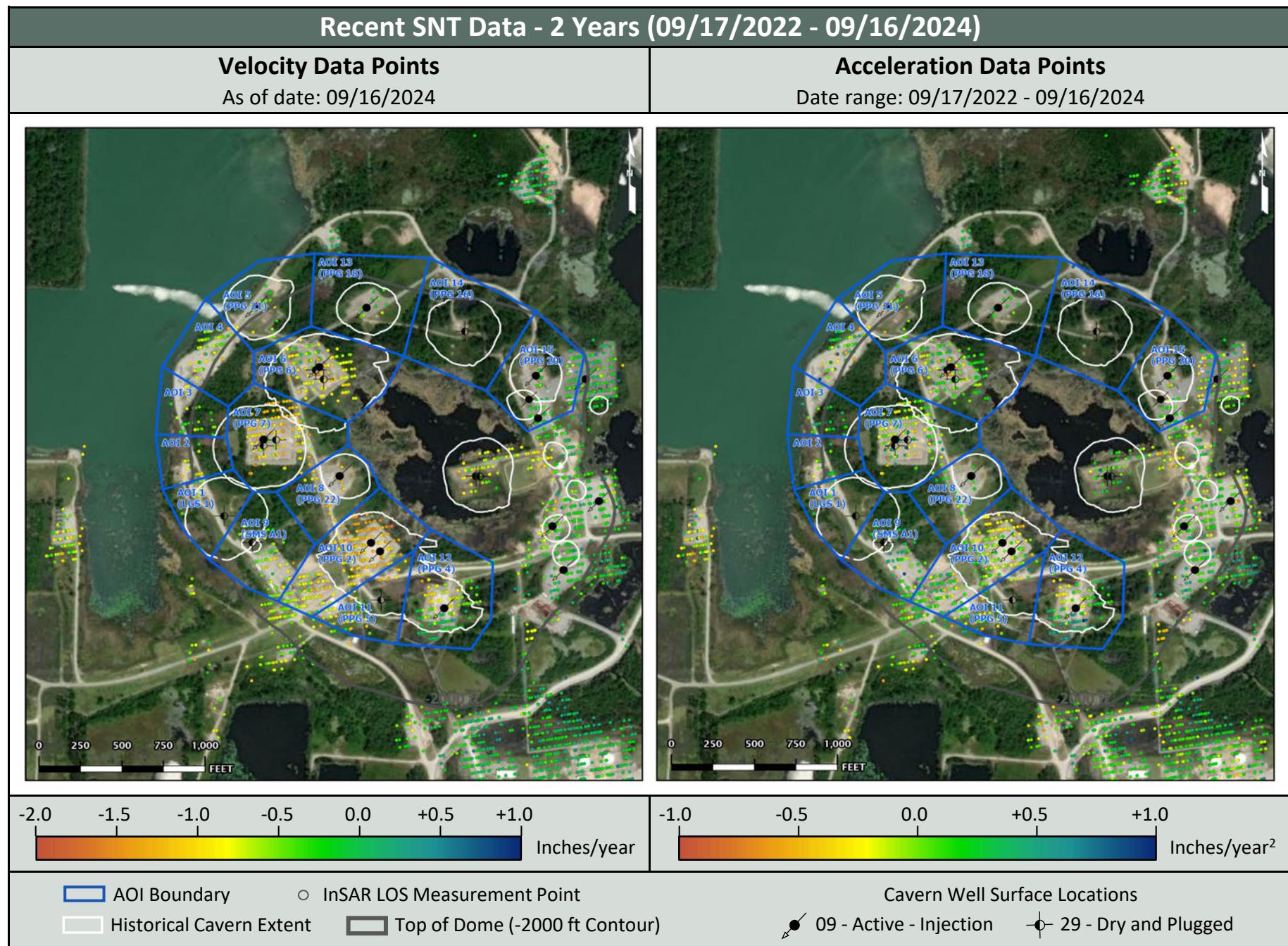


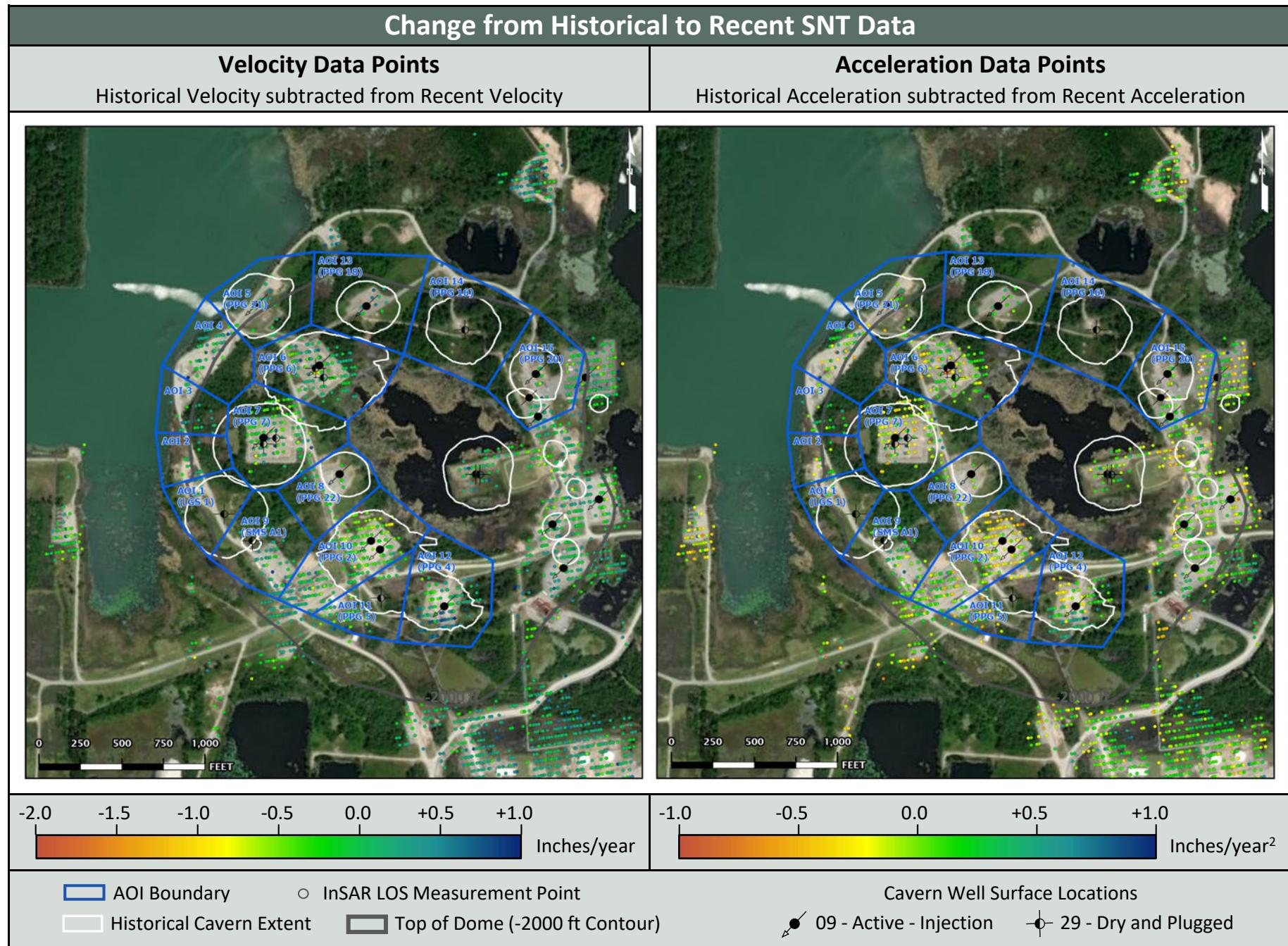












ATTACHMENT C

TSX/PAZ InSAR report - September 24, 2024

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Sulphur Mines Salt Dome

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Dataset

Satellite Source

TerraSAR-X - PAZ Constellation

Most Recent Image Date

Tuesday, September 24, 2024

Analysis Report Date:

September 27, 2024

Dataset Information

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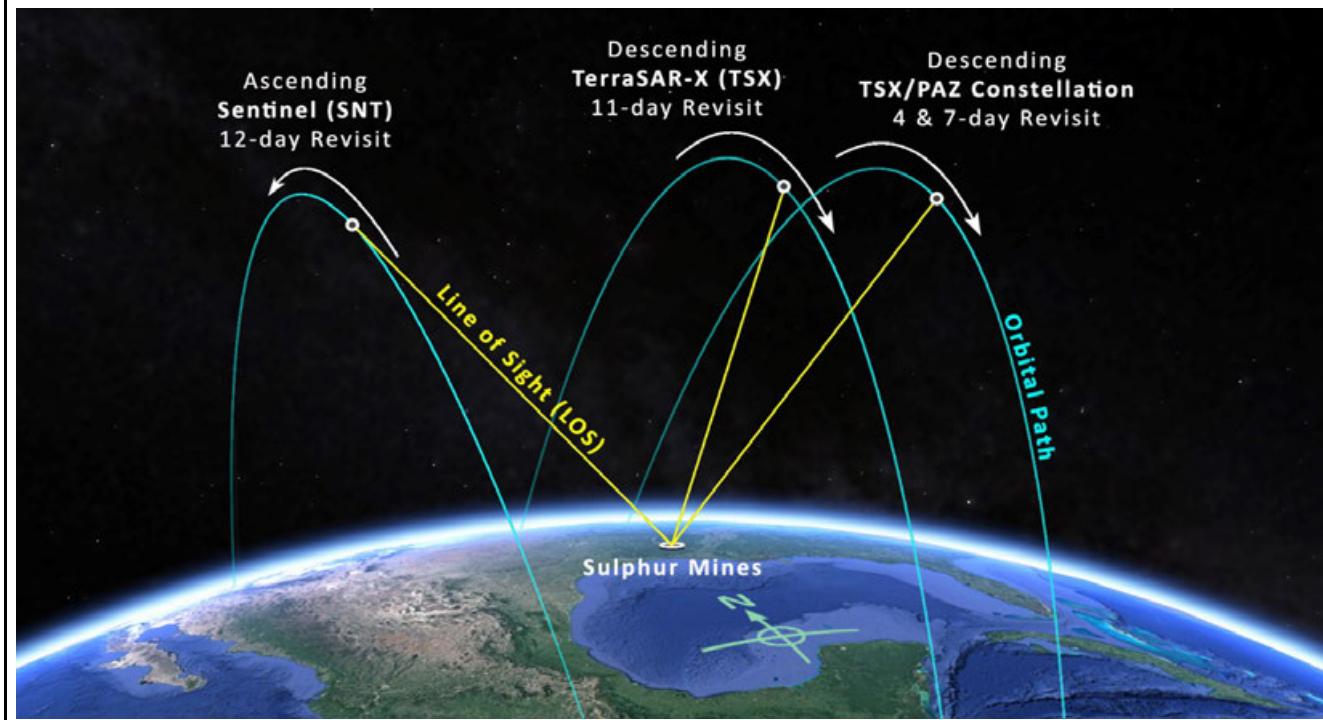
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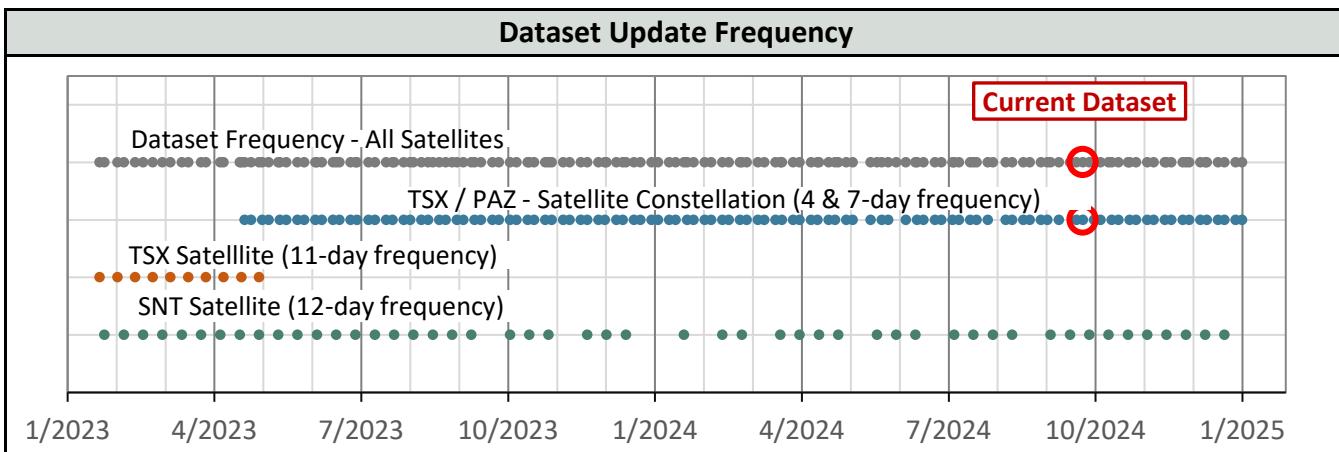
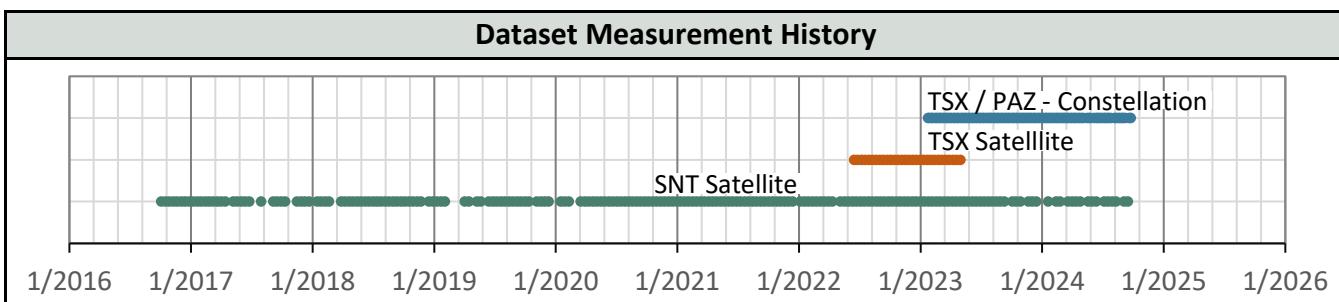
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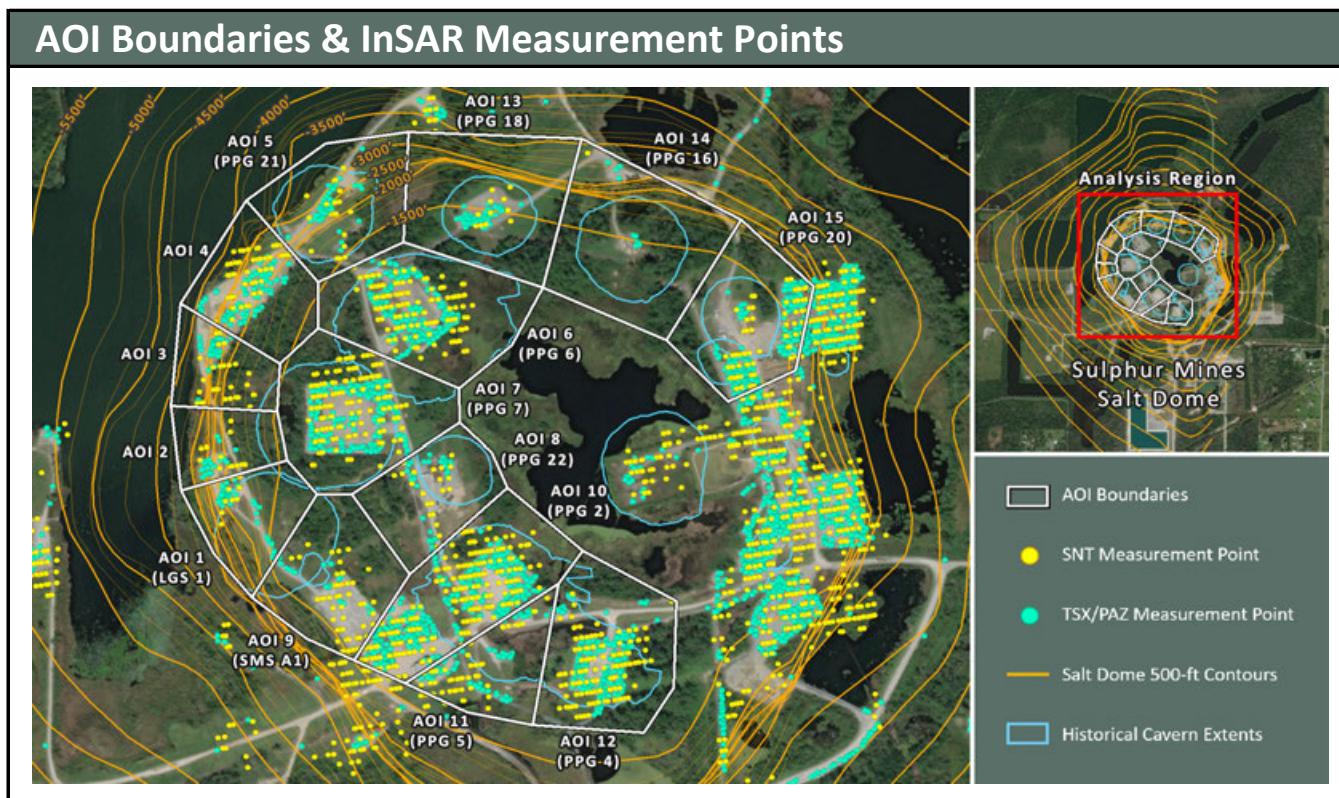
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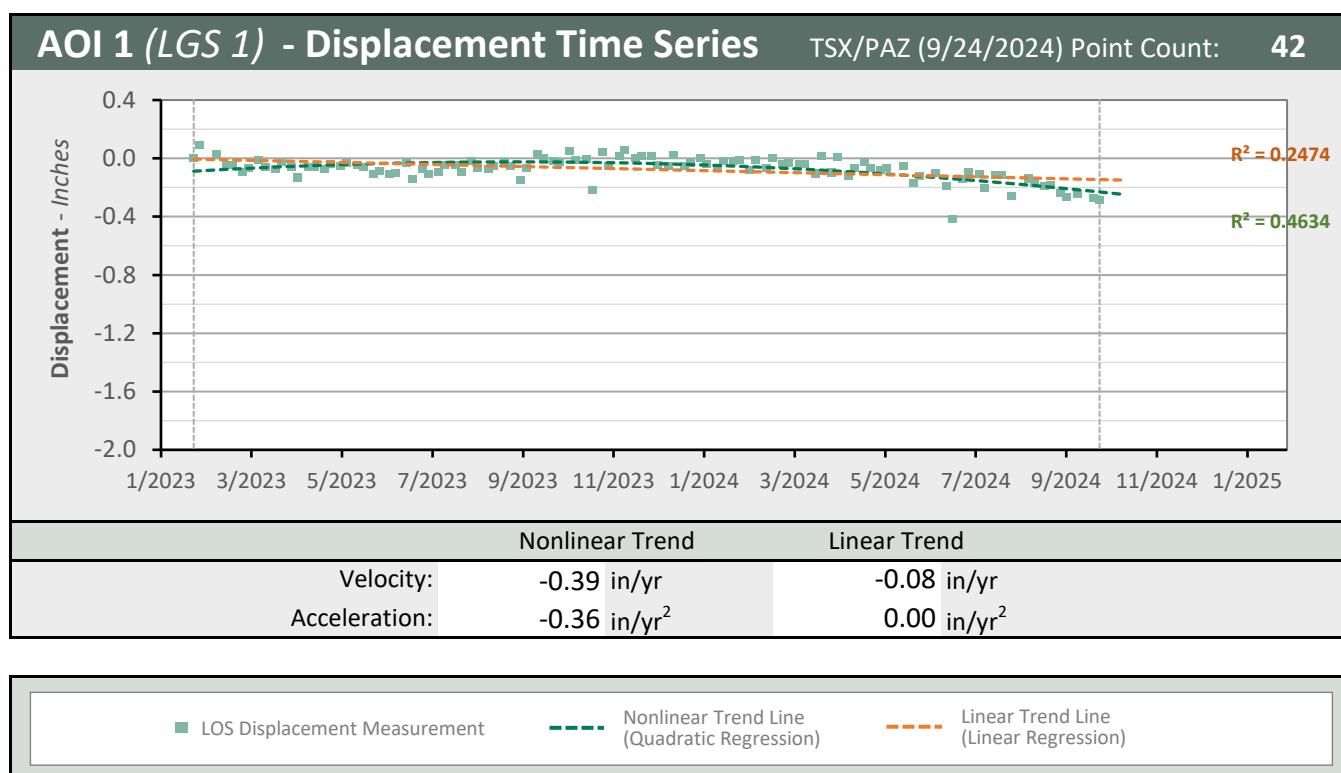
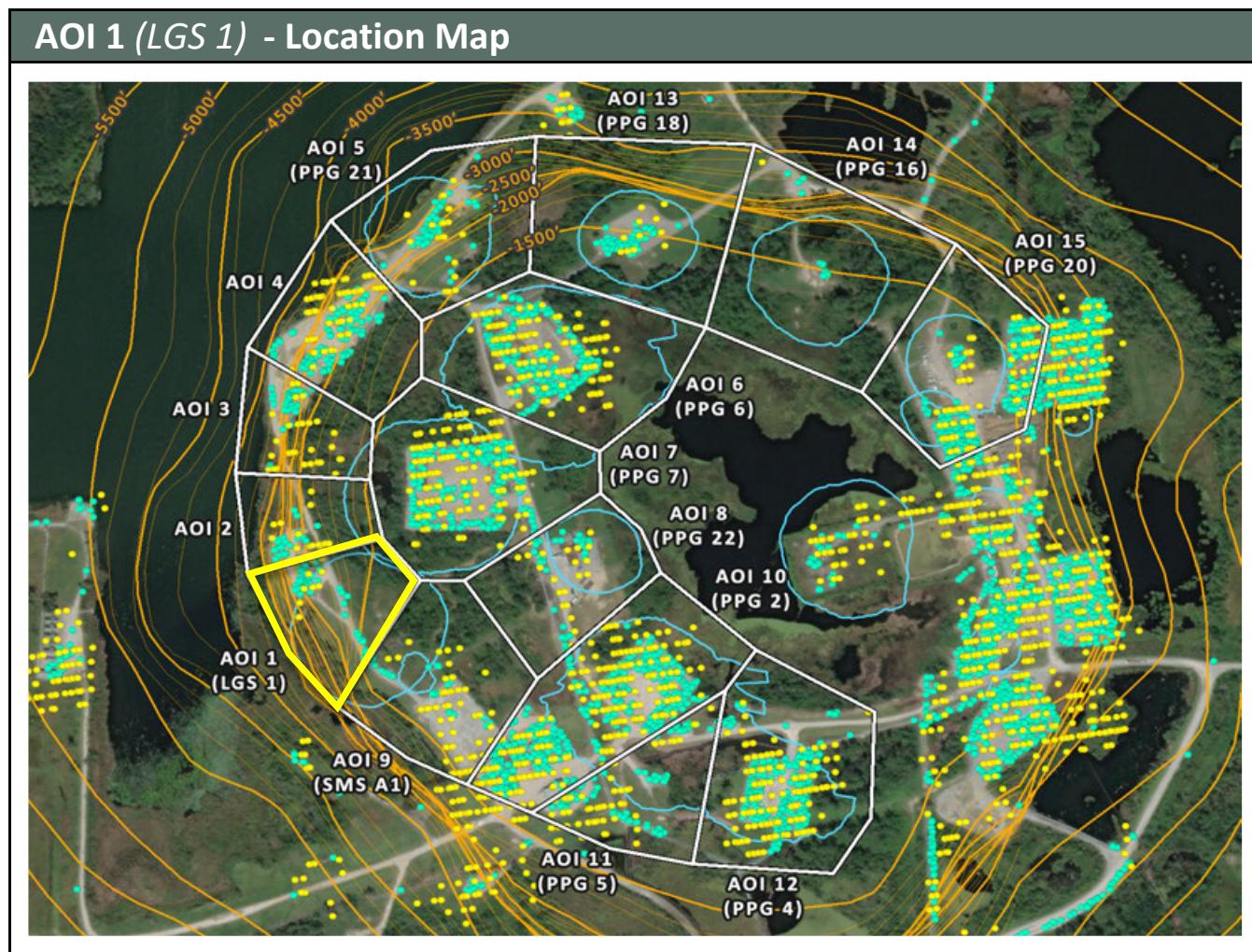


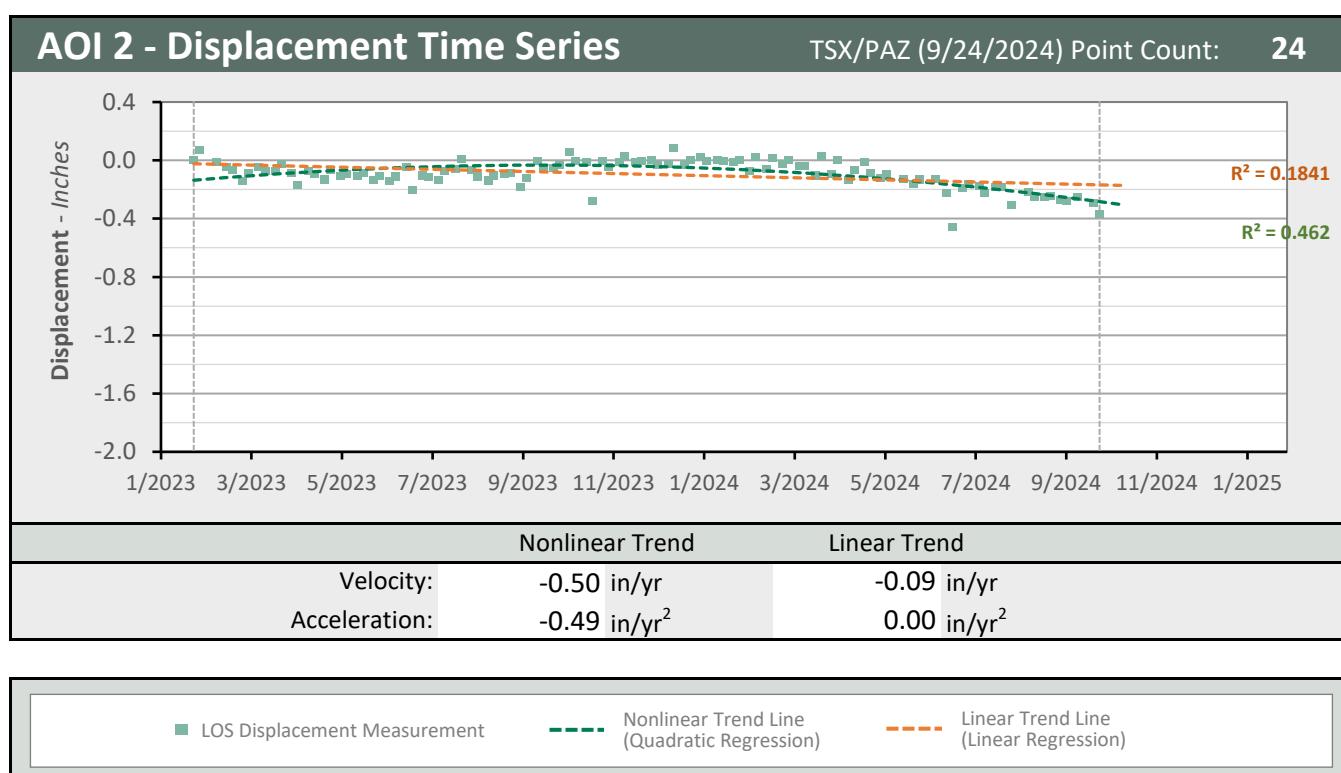
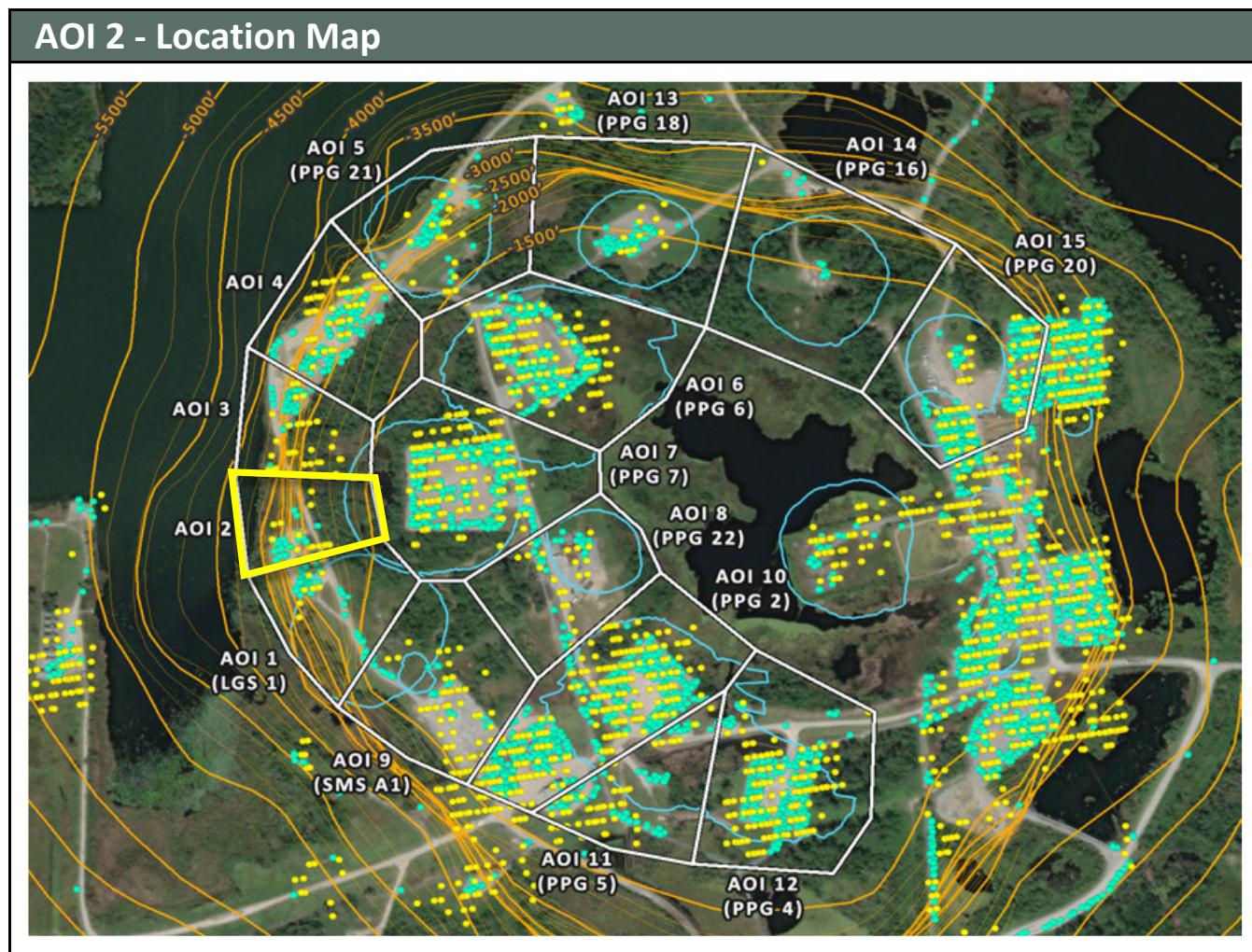


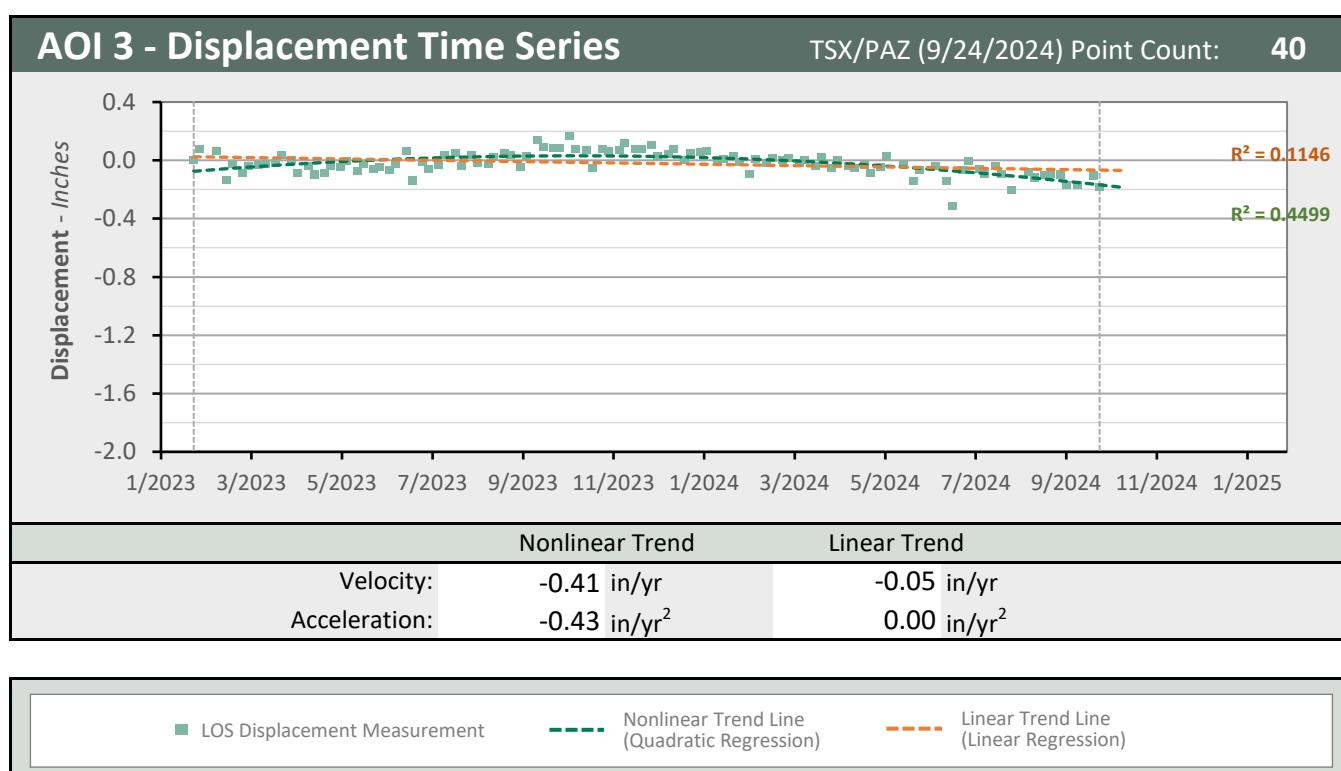
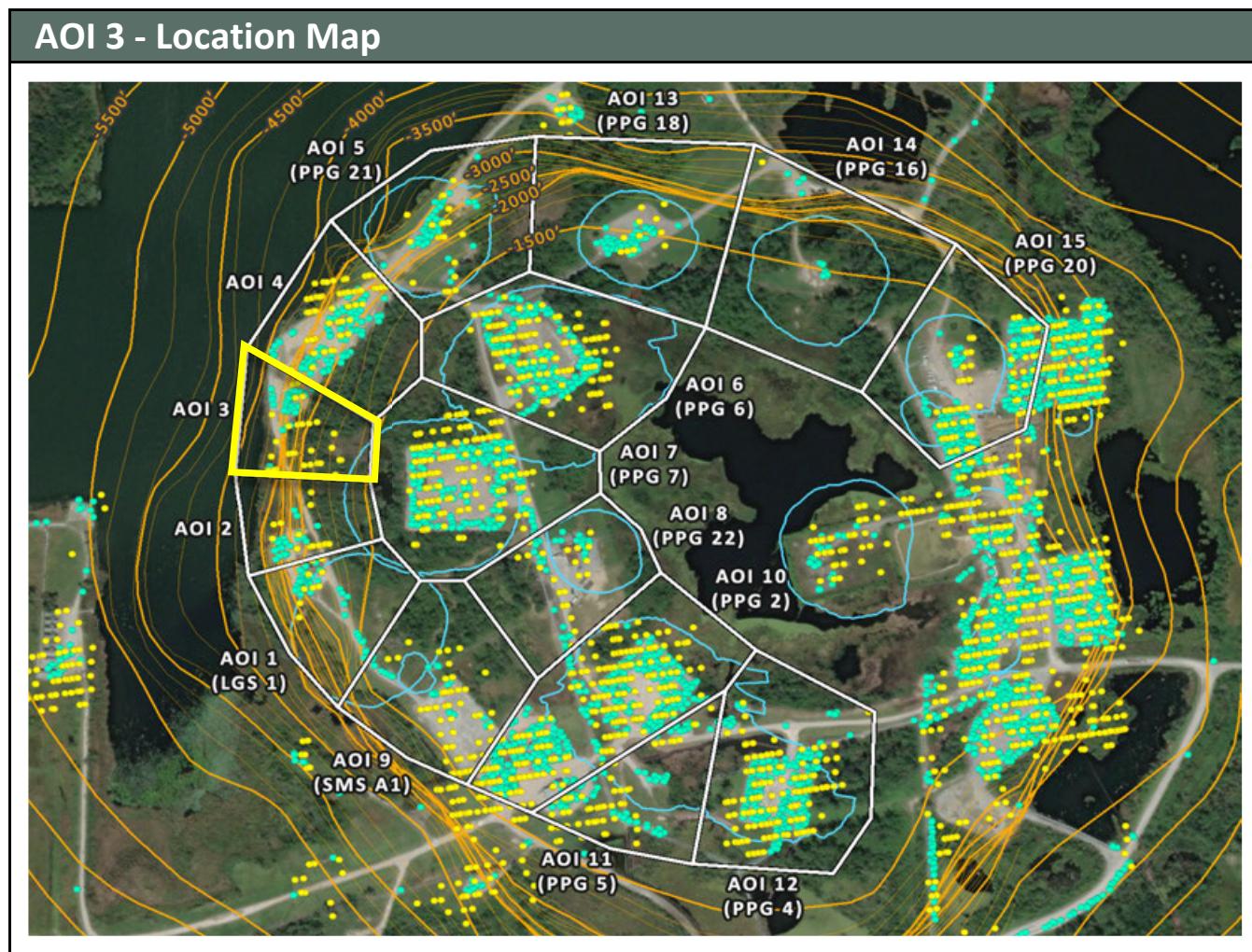
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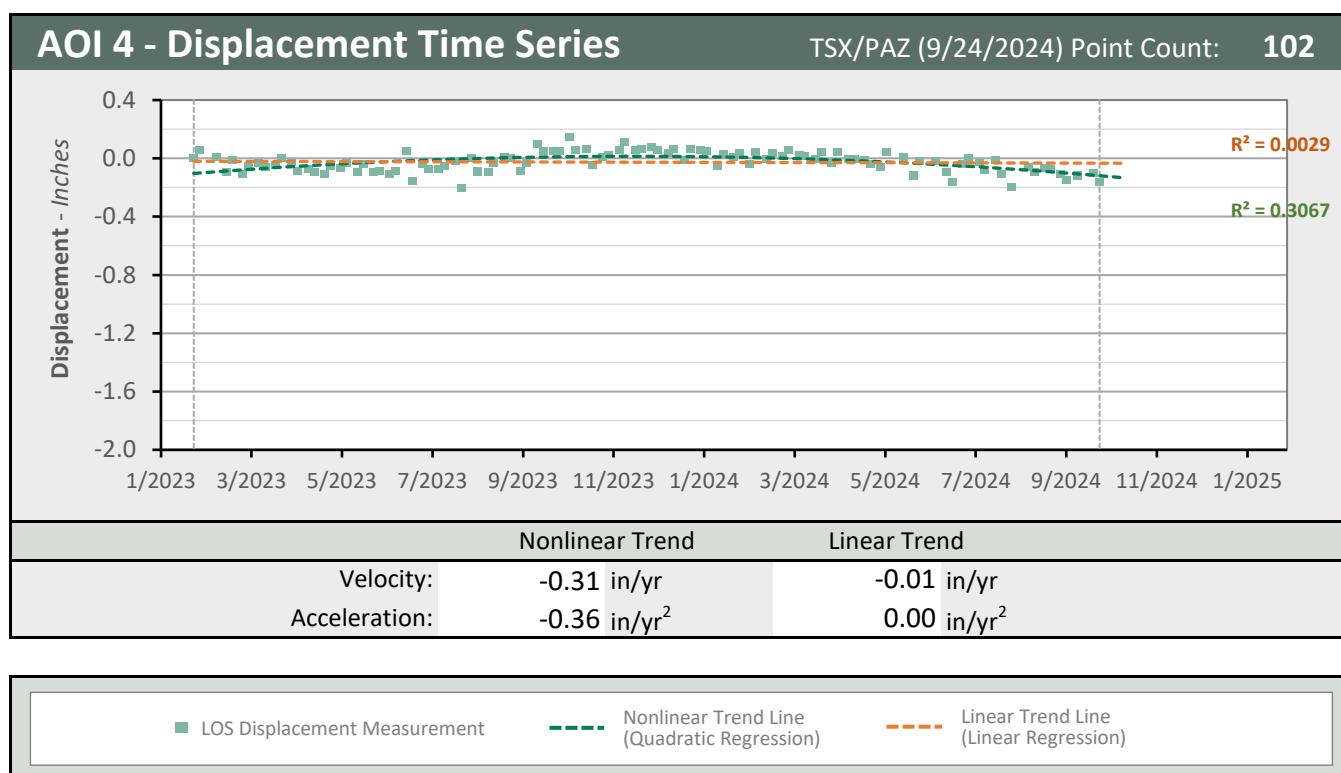
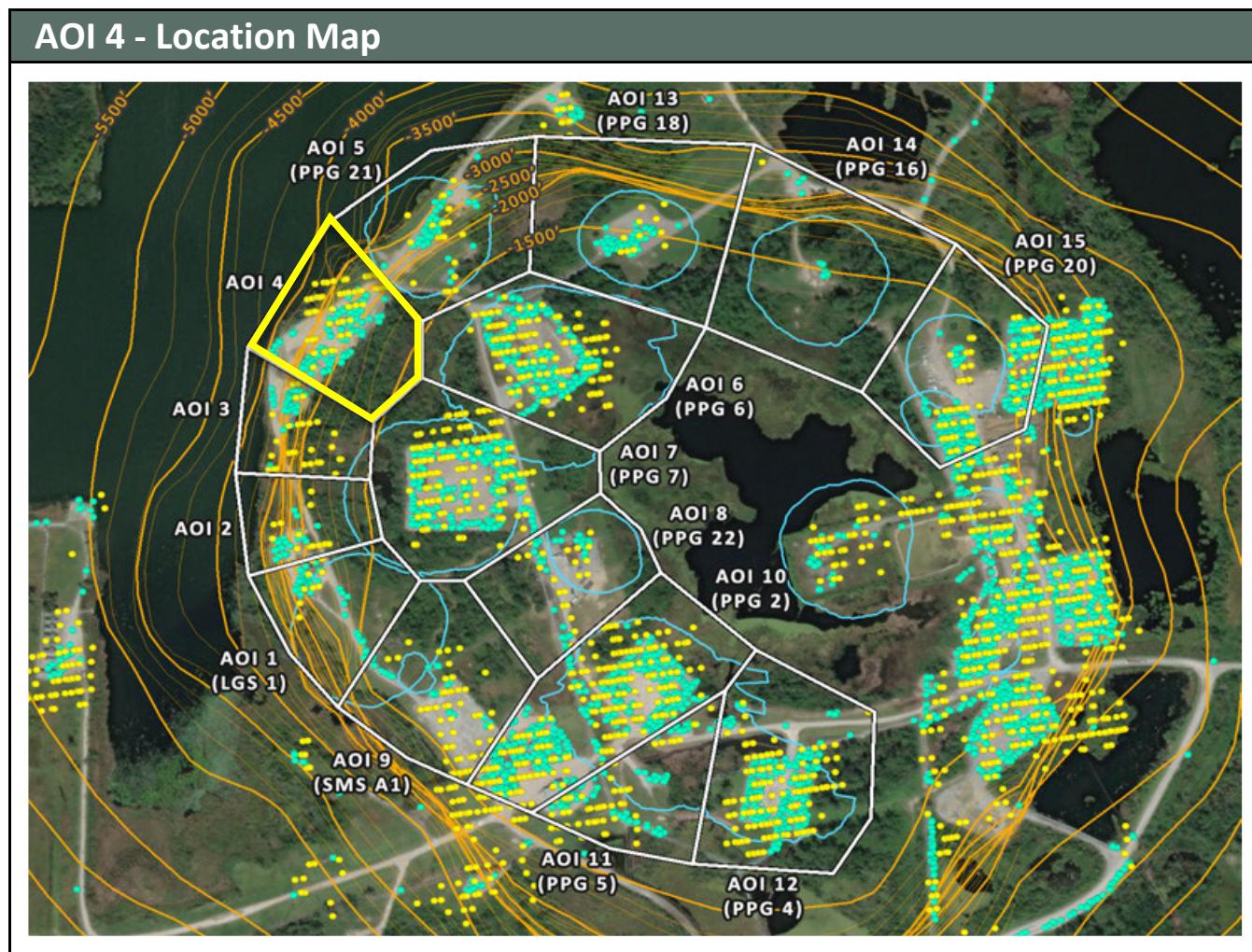
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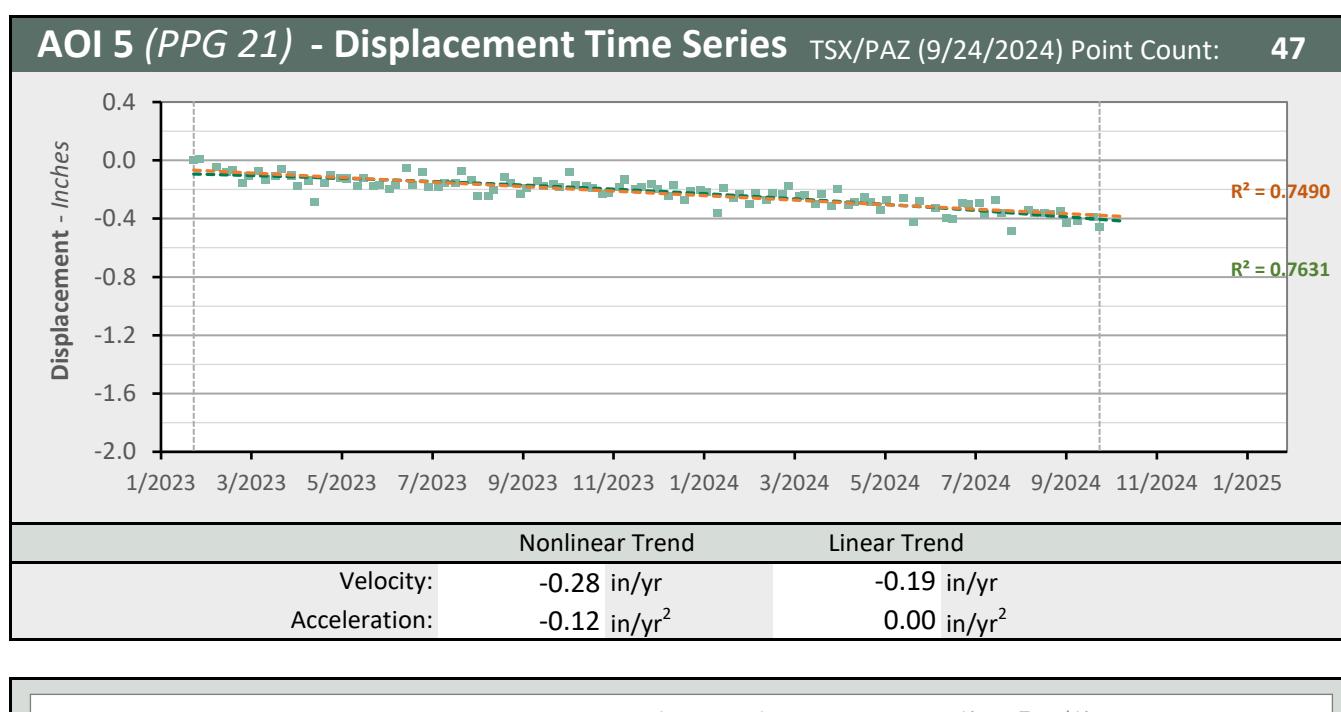
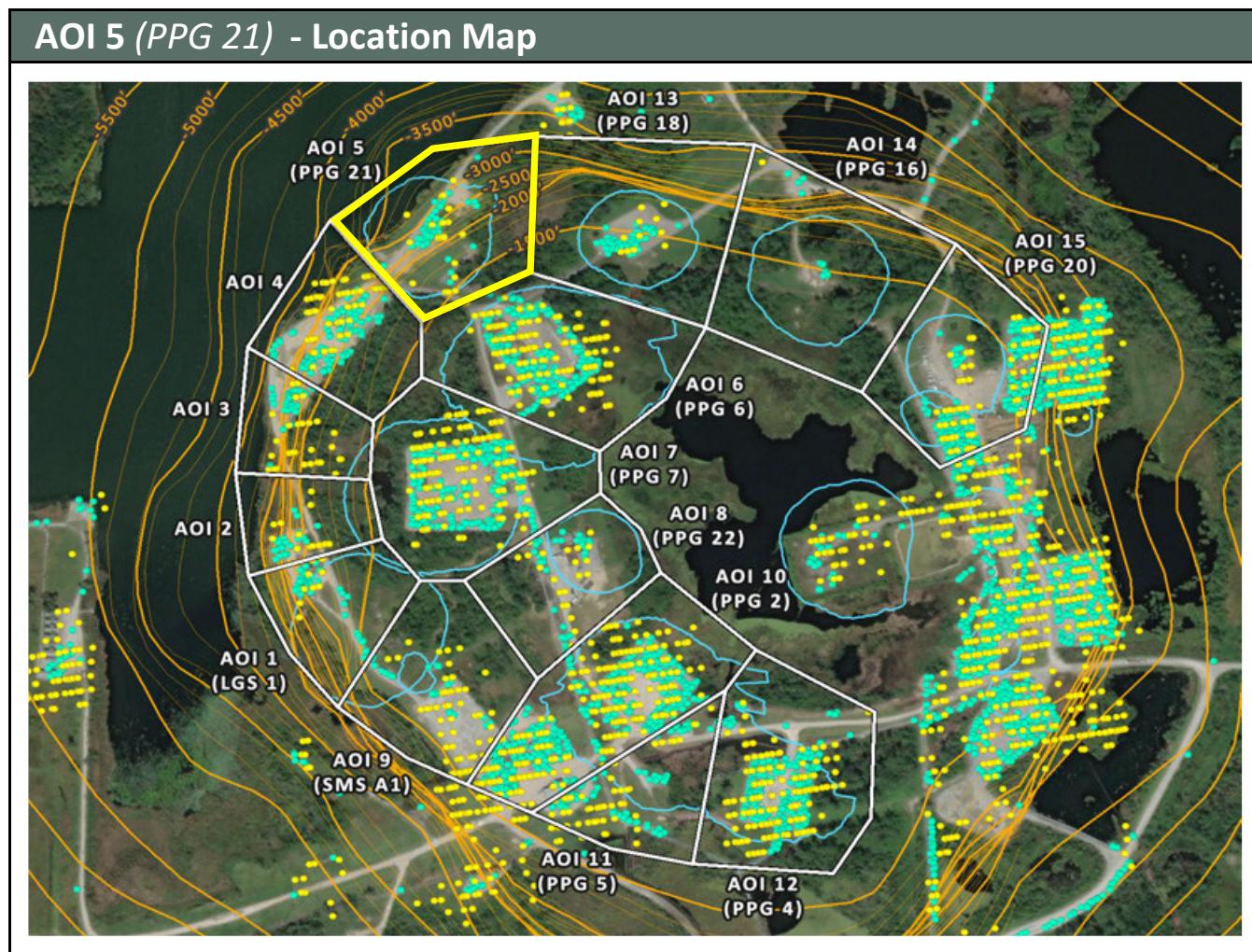
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		Point Count	Nonlinear	Linear	Nonlinear
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AOI 2	24	-0.50	-0.09	-0.49	0.00
AOI 3	40	-0.41	-0.05	-0.43	0.00
AOI 4	102	-0.31	-0.01	-0.36	0.00
AOI 5 (PPG 21)	47	-0.28	-0.19	-0.12	0.00
AOI 6 (PPG 6)	212	-0.70	-0.45	-0.31	0.00
AOI 7 (PPG 7)	216	-0.60	-0.32	-0.34	0.00
AOI 8 (PPG 22)	36	-0.79	-0.60	-0.22	0.00
AOI 9 (SMS A1)	23	-0.28	-0.26	-0.02	0.00
AOI 10 (PPG 2)	404	-0.79	-0.58	-0.25	0.00
AOI 11 (PPG 5)	85	-0.73	-0.49	-0.29	0.00
AOI 12 (PPG 4)	262	-1.07	-0.85	-0.26	0.00
AOI 13 (PPG 18)	52	-0.67	-0.46	-0.25	0.00
AOI 14 (PPG 16)	11	-0.53	-0.65	+0.14	0.00
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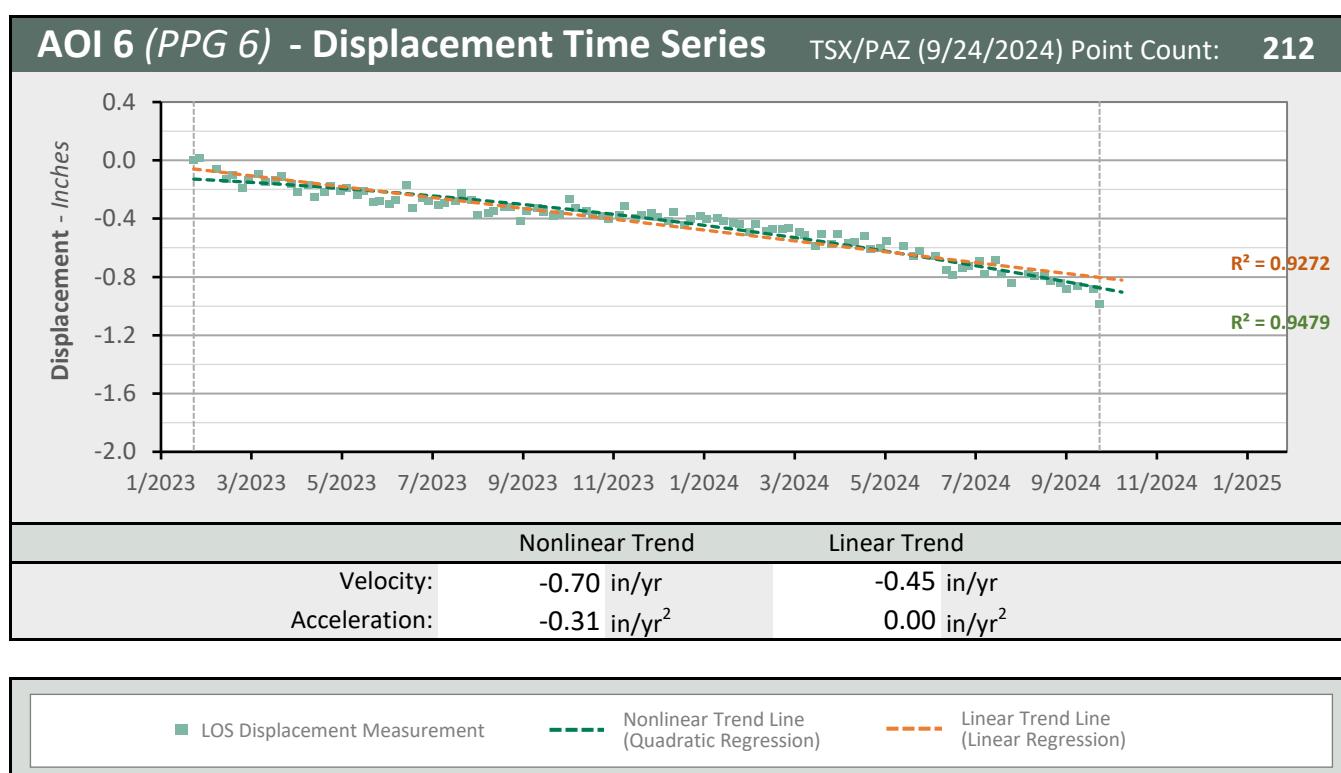
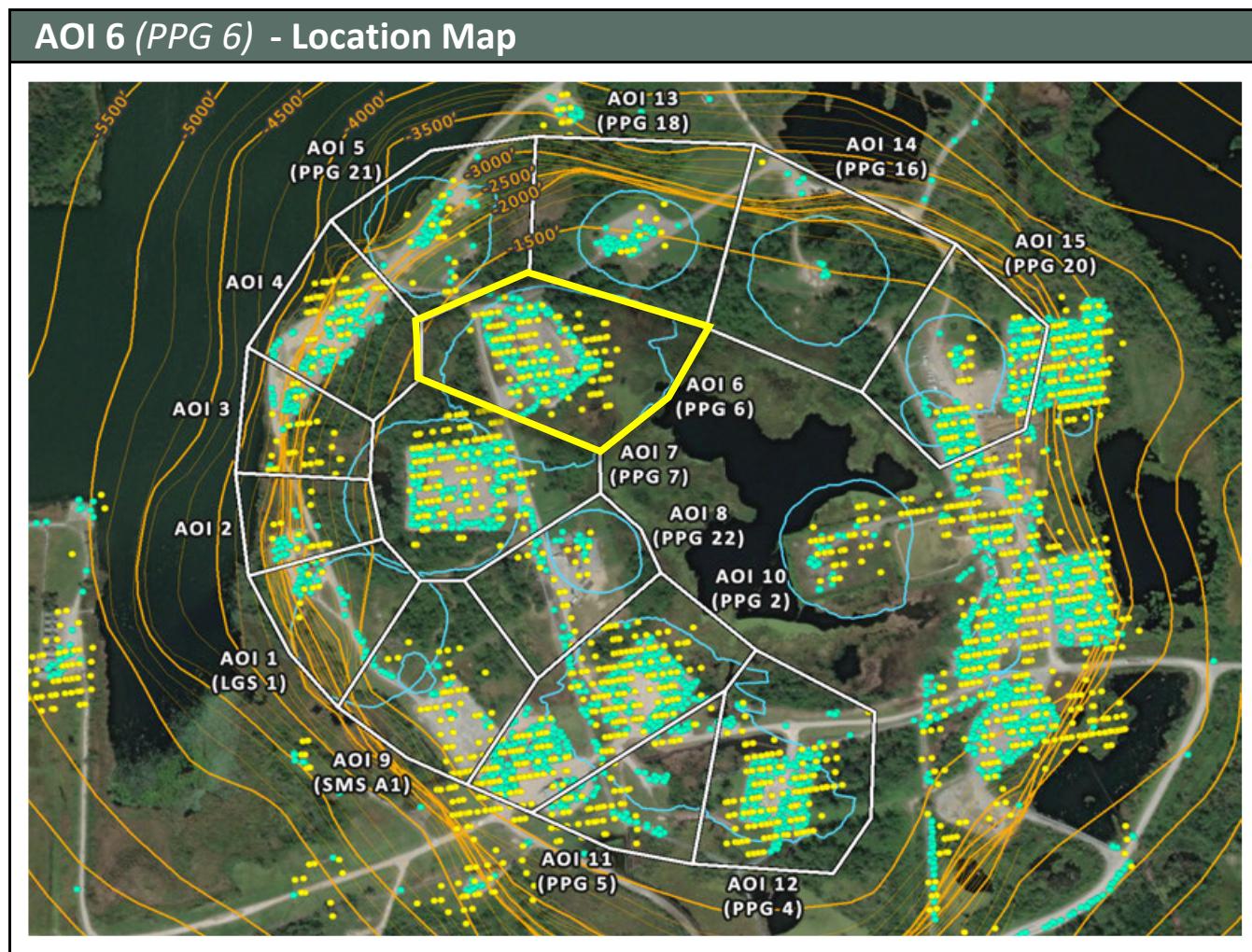


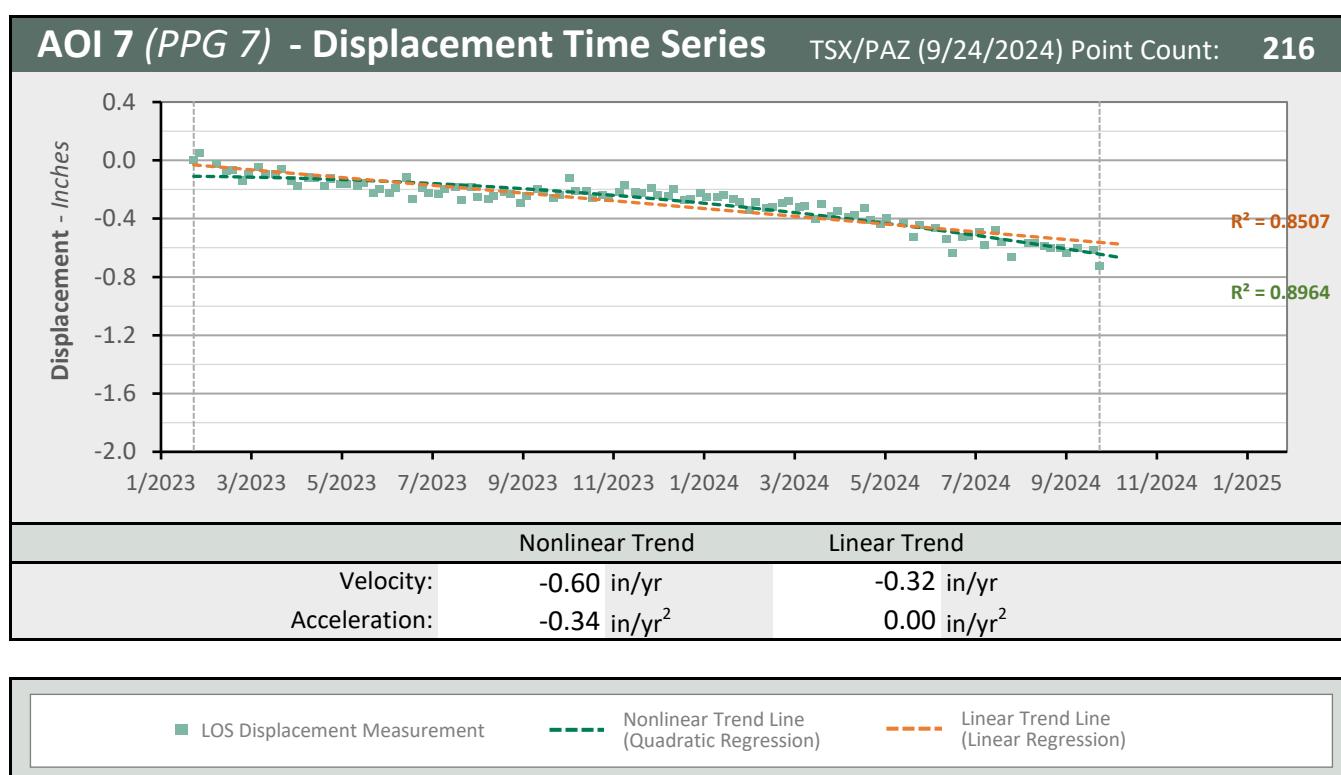
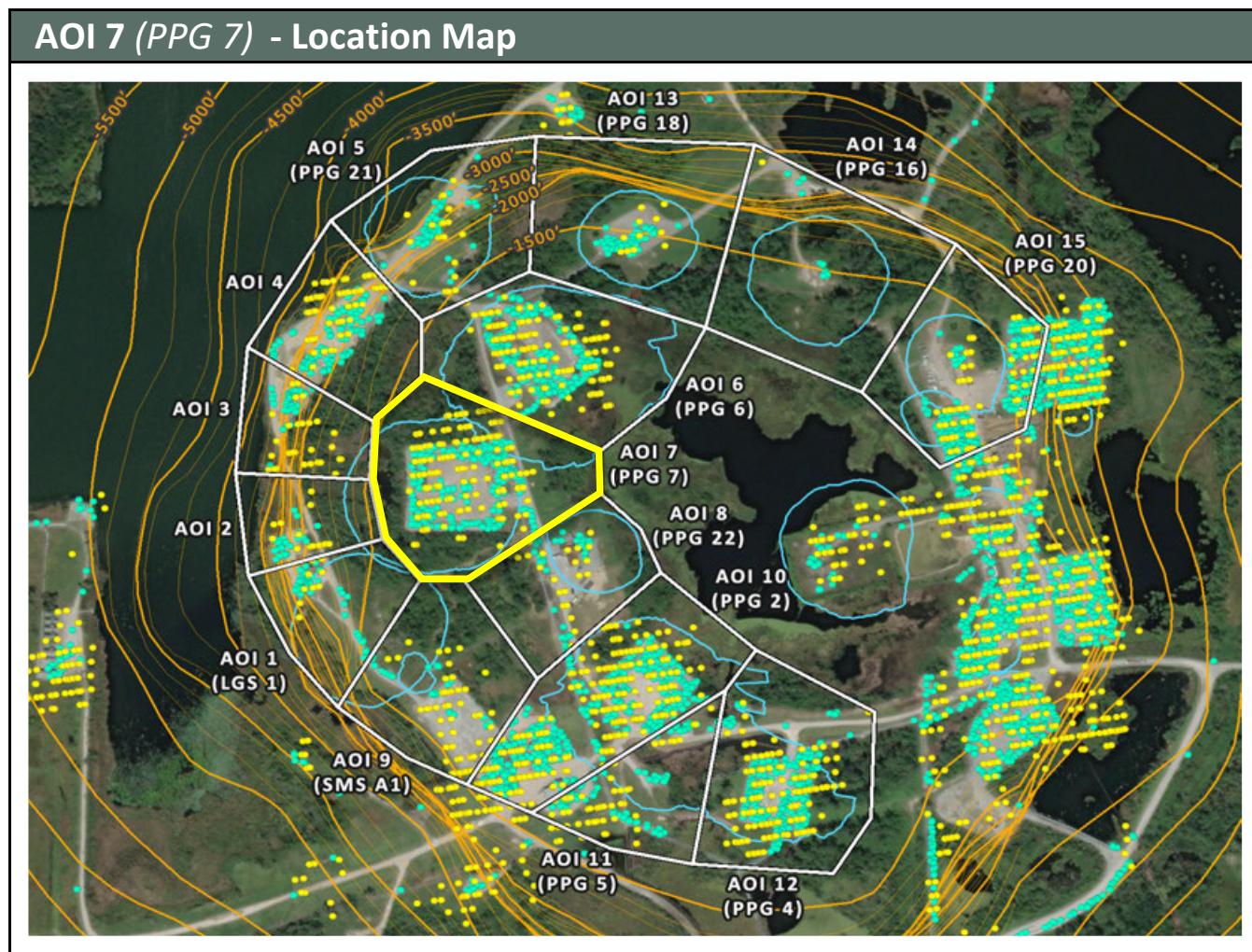


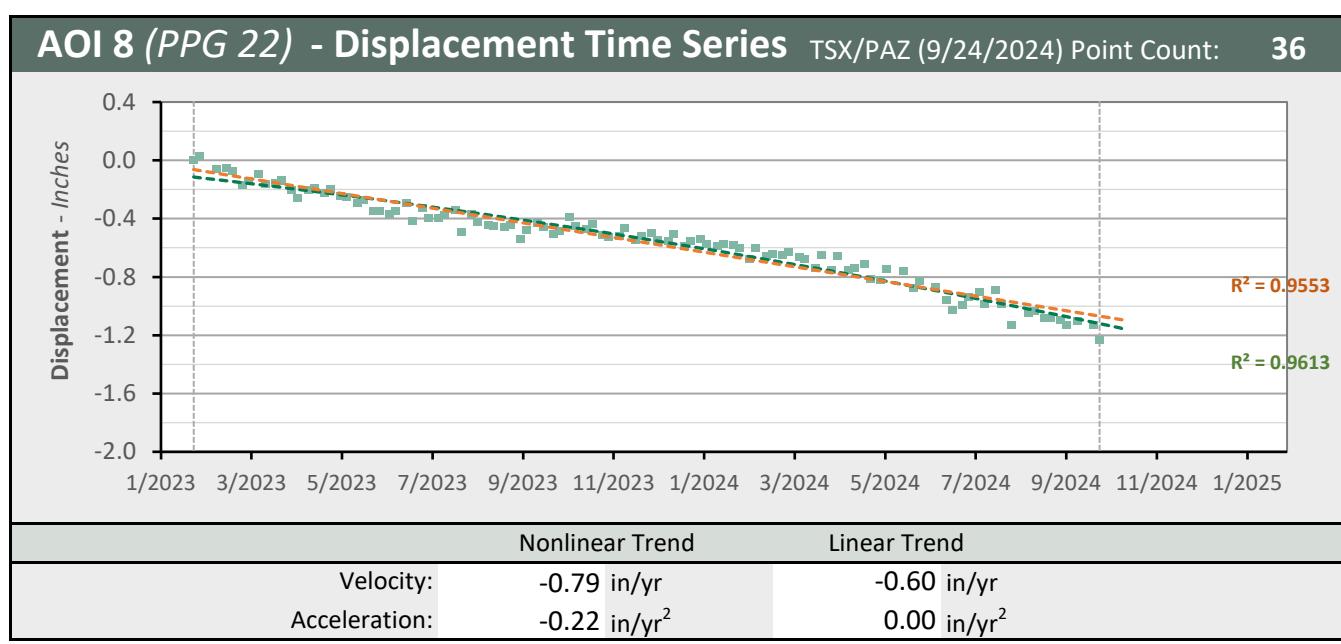
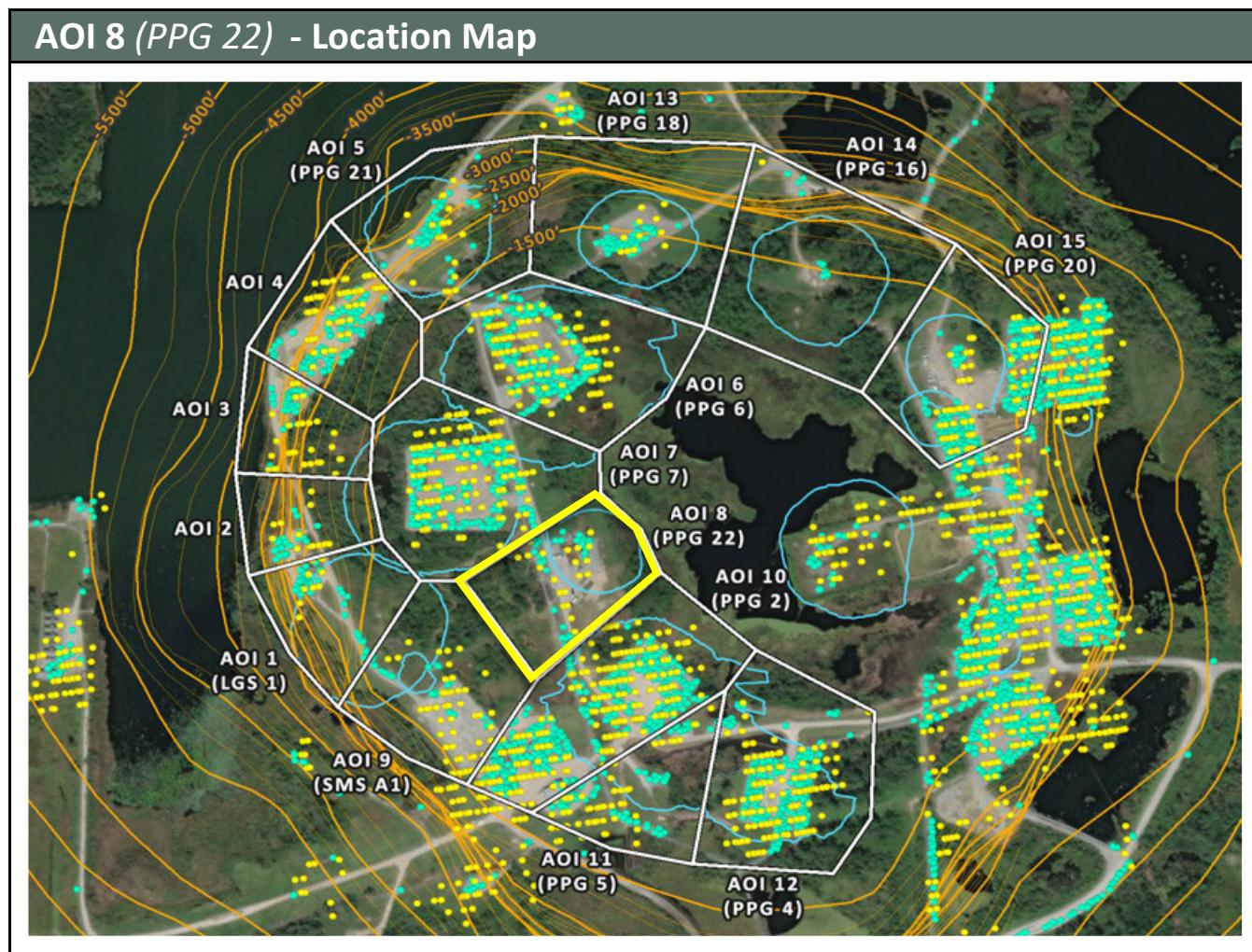








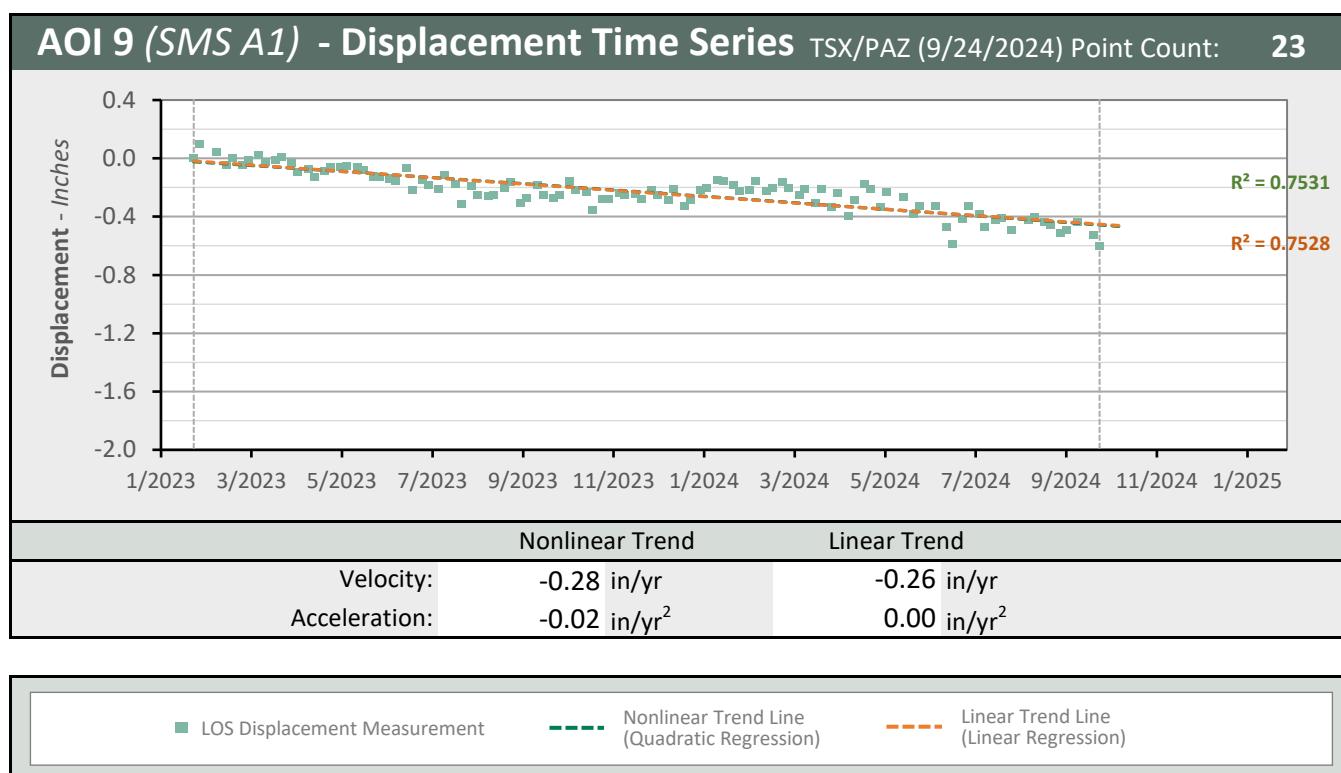
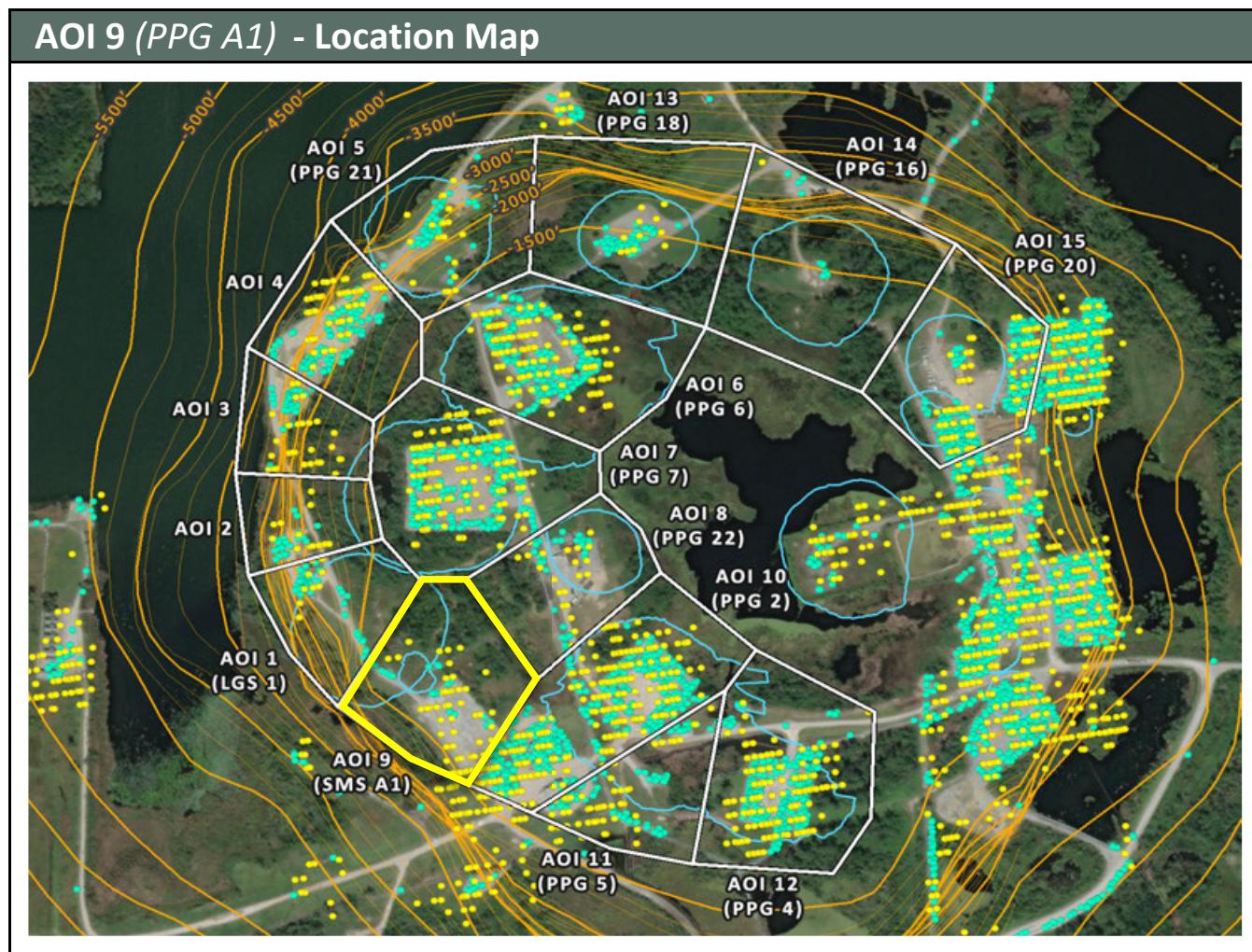


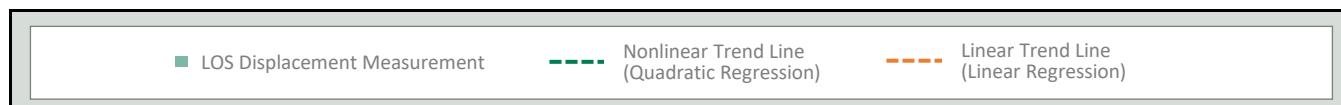
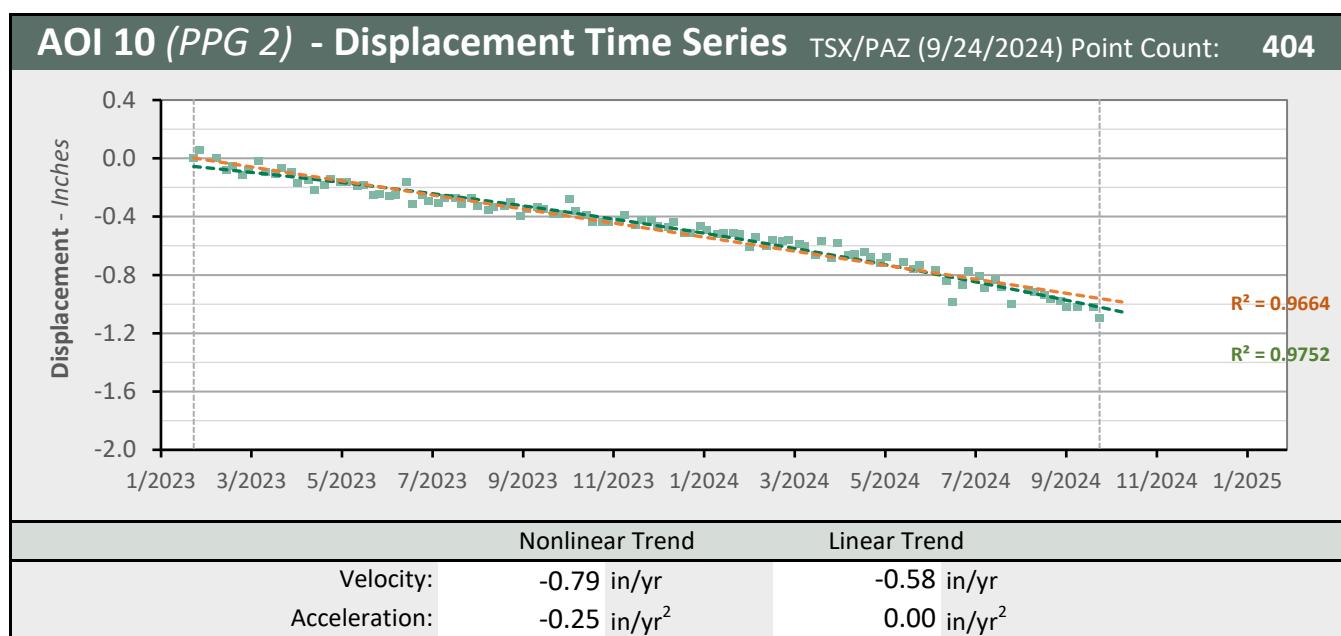
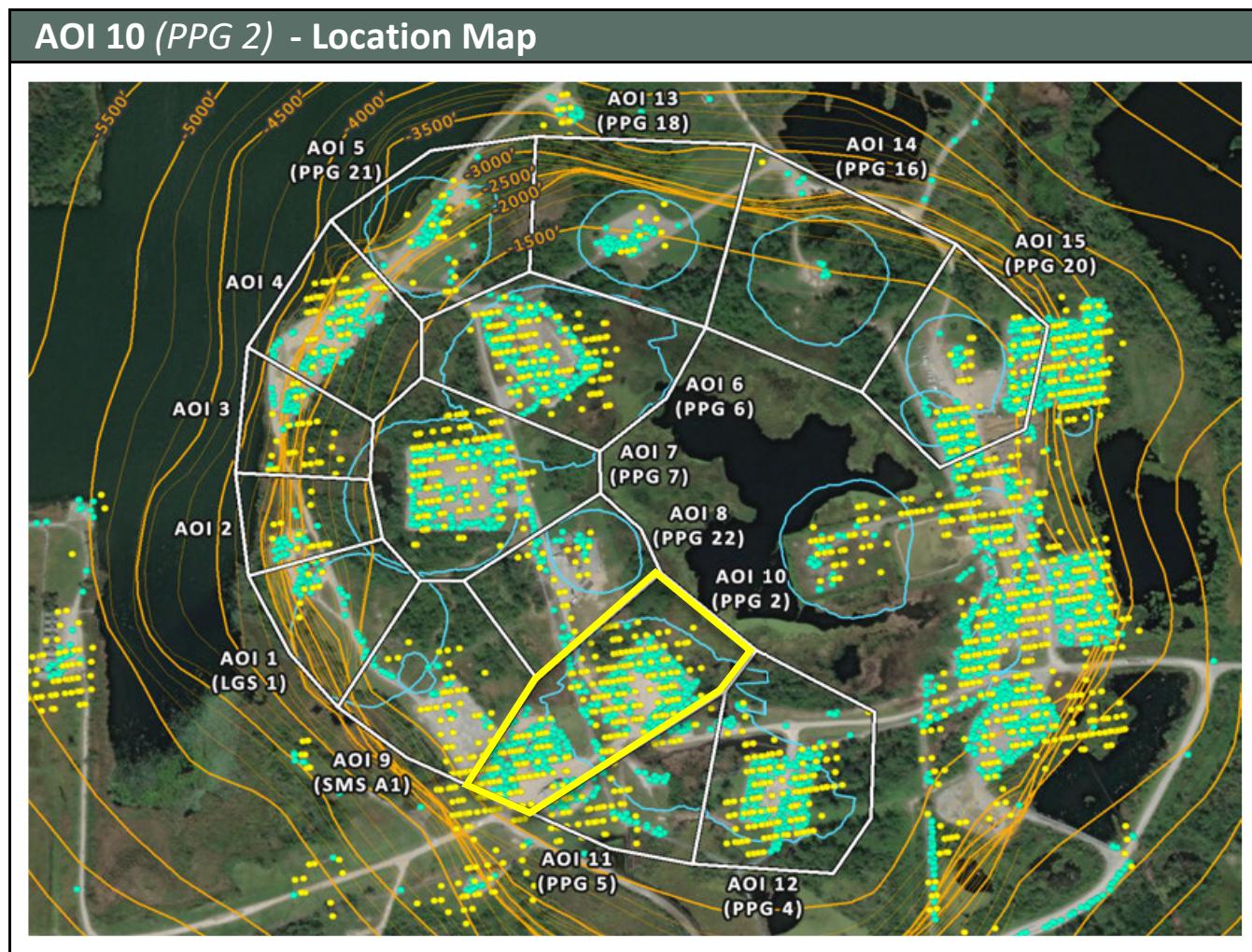


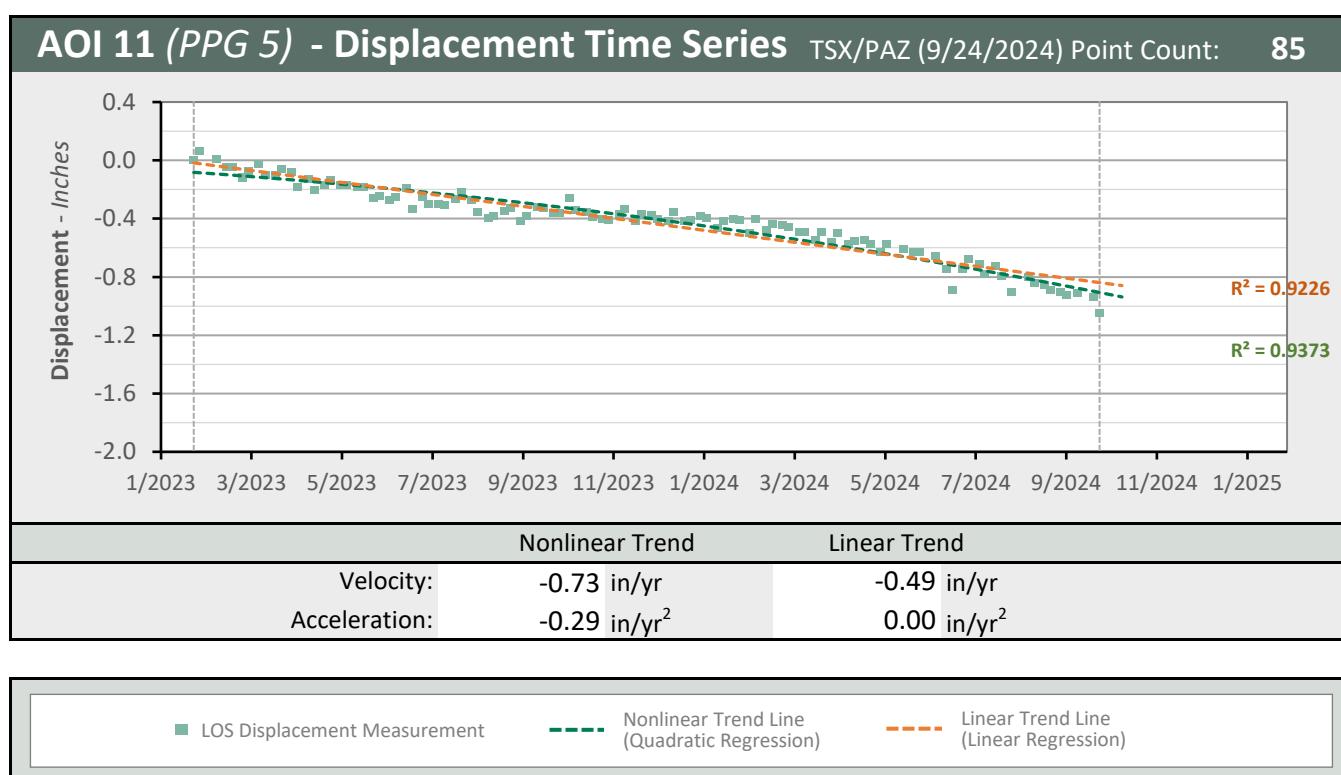
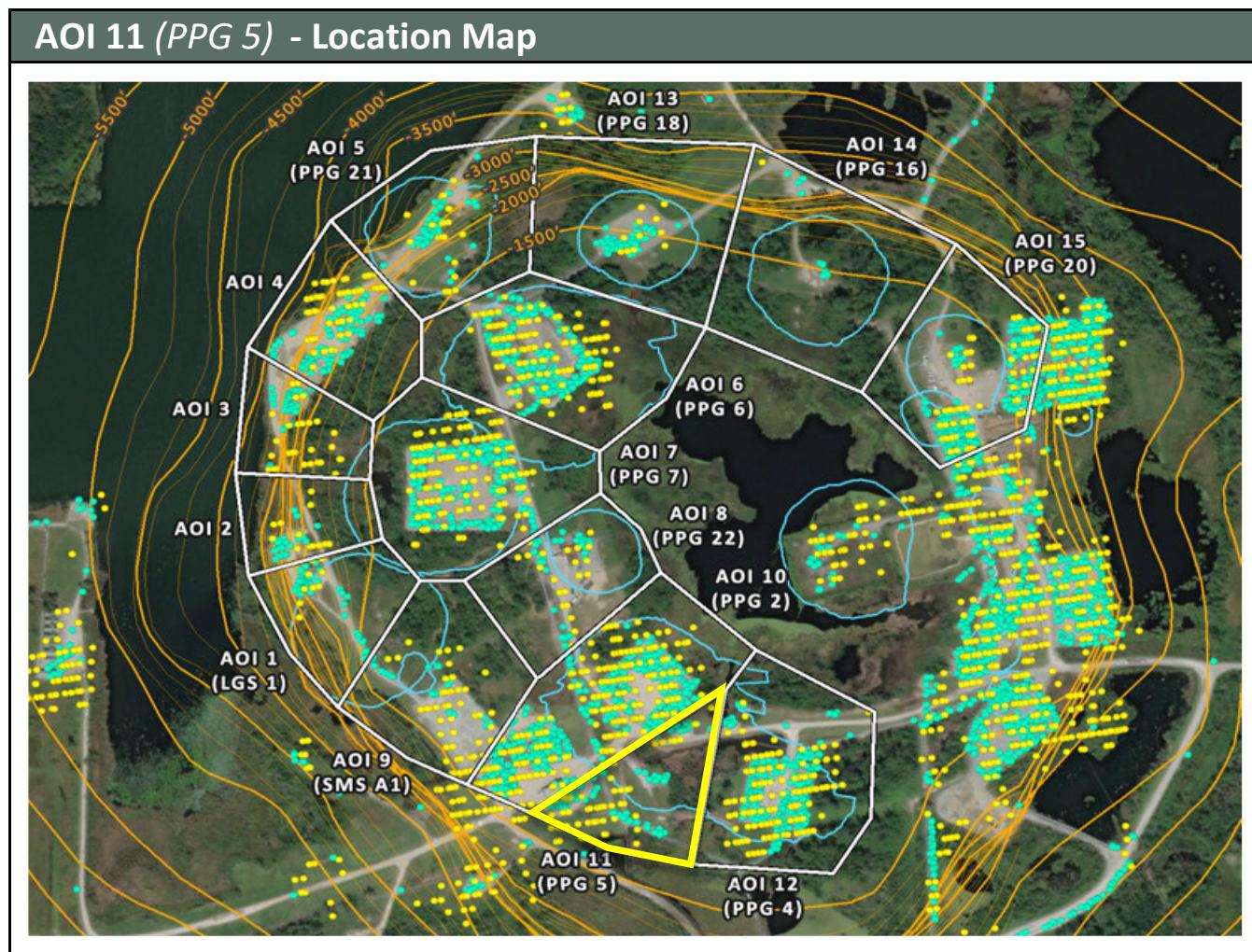
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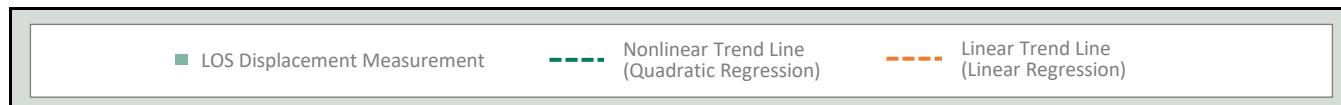
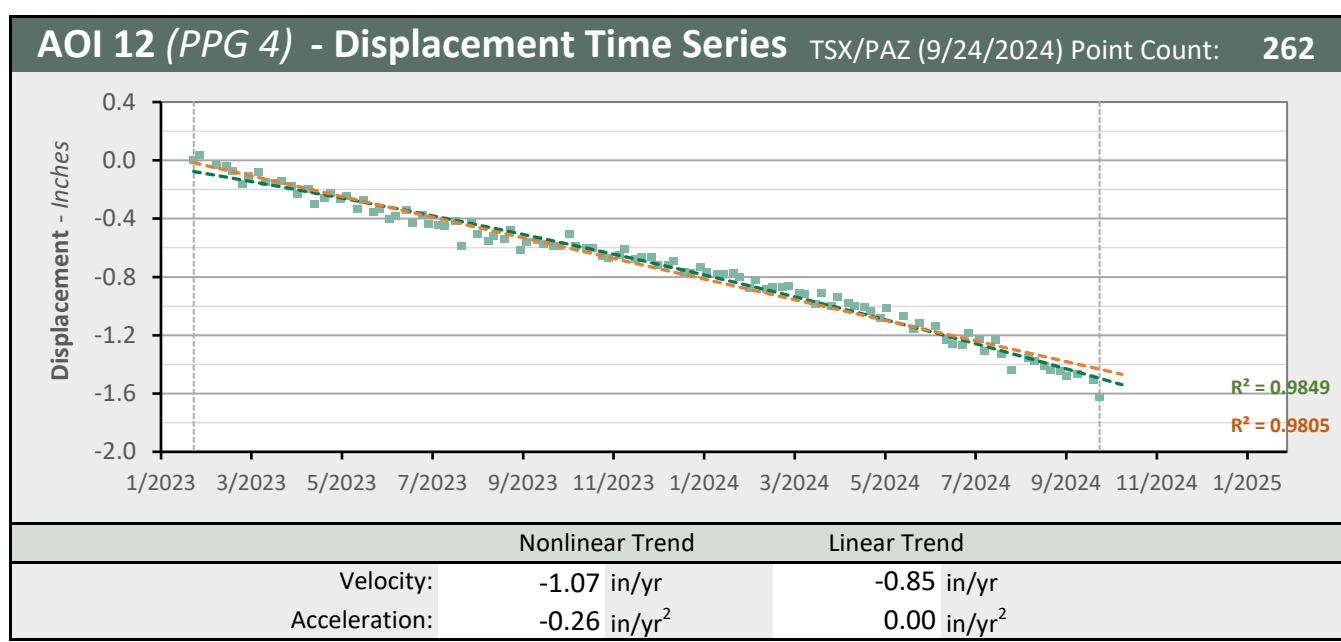
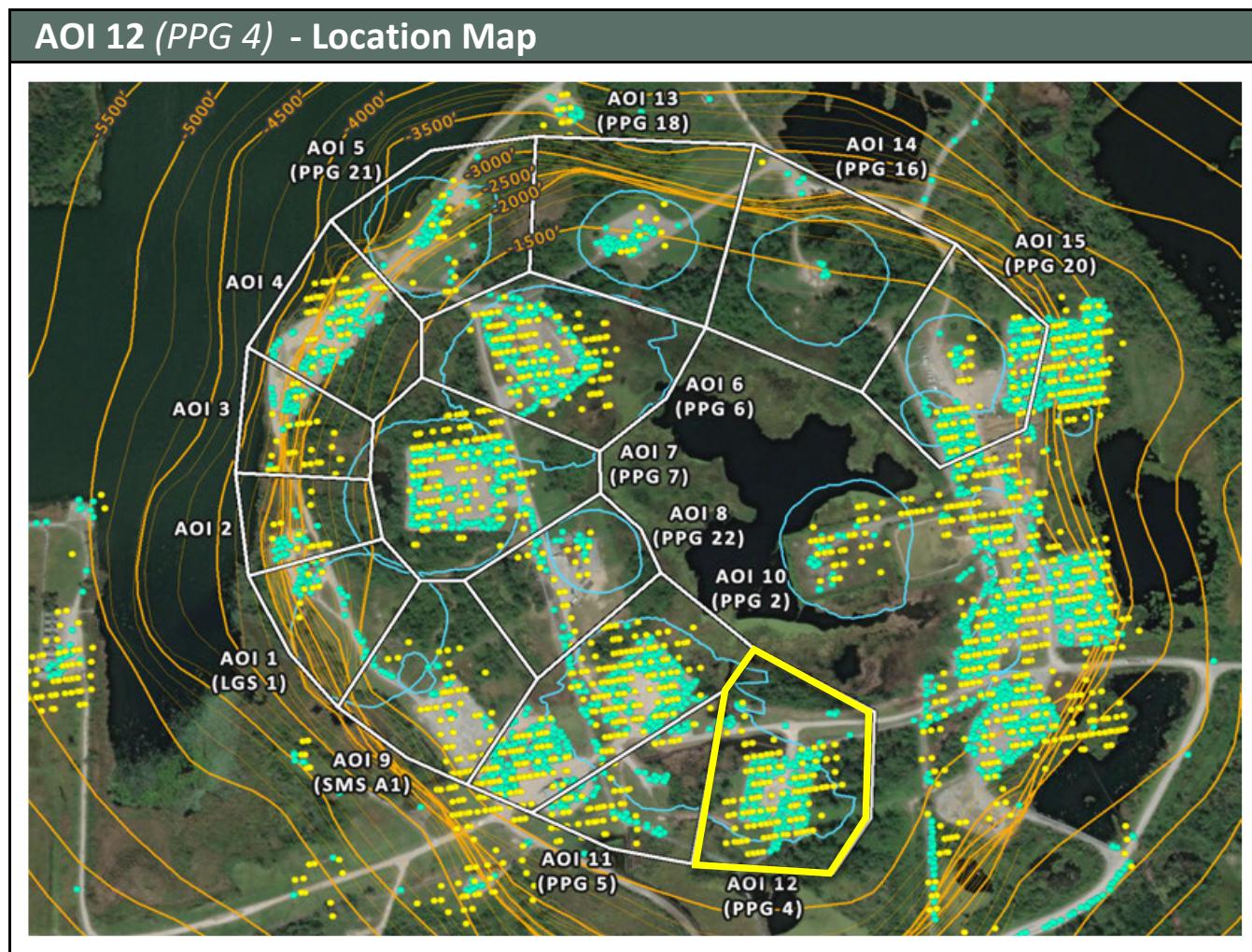
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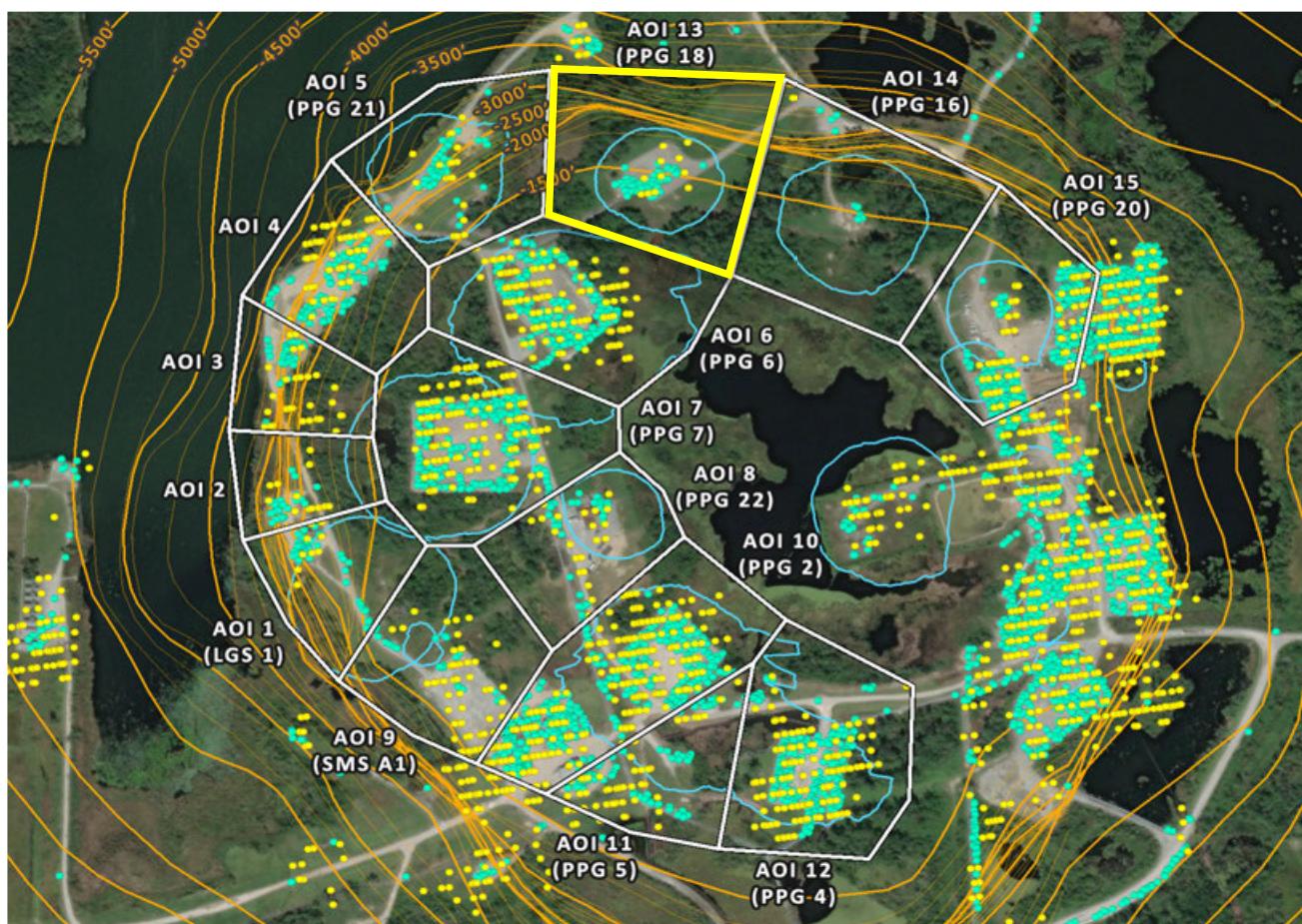
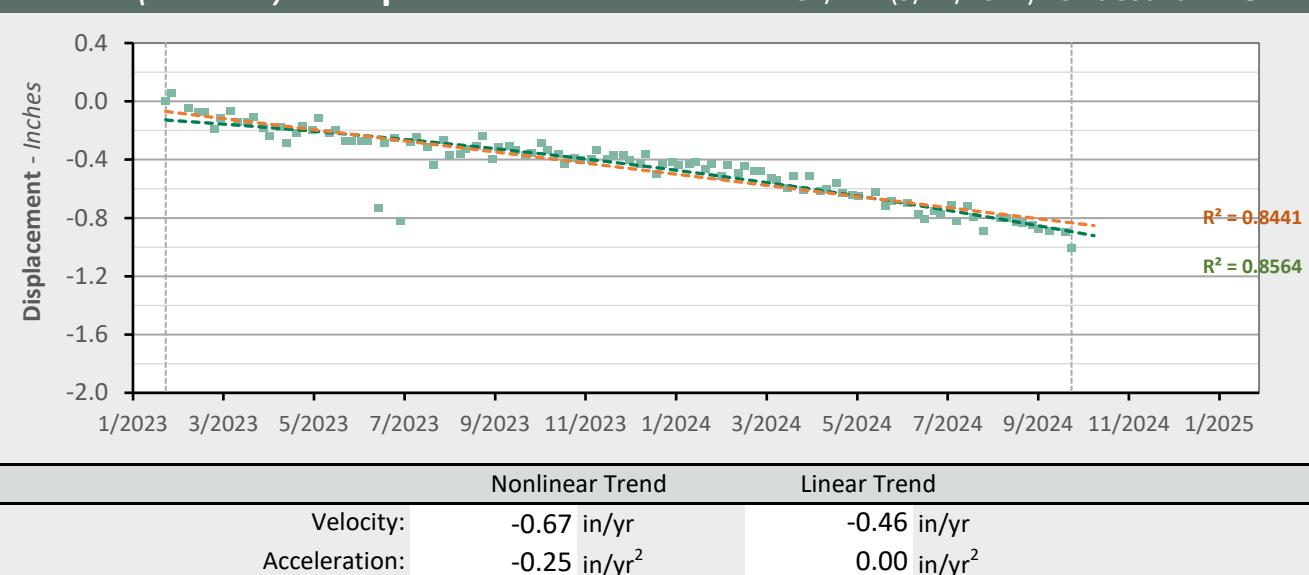
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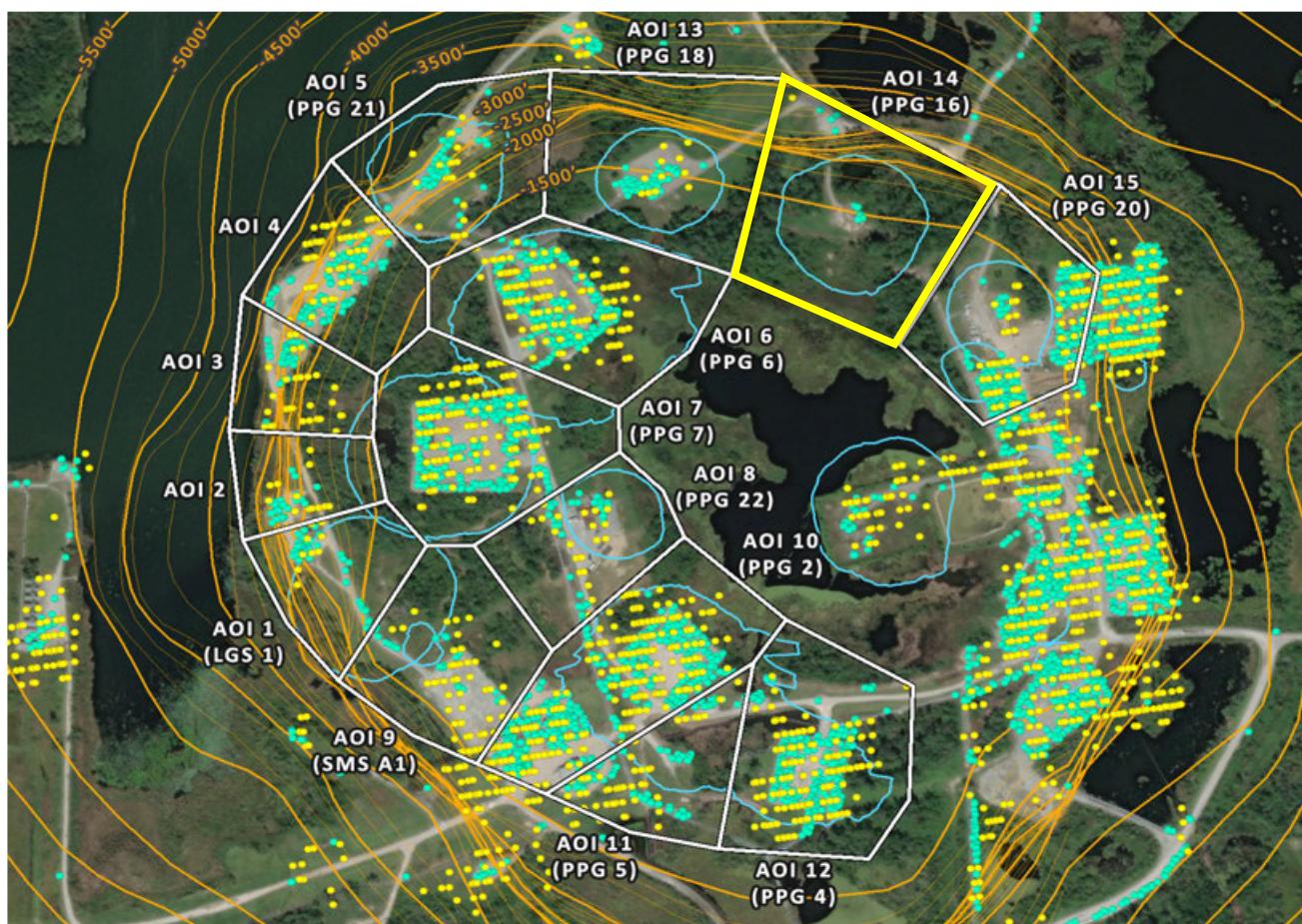
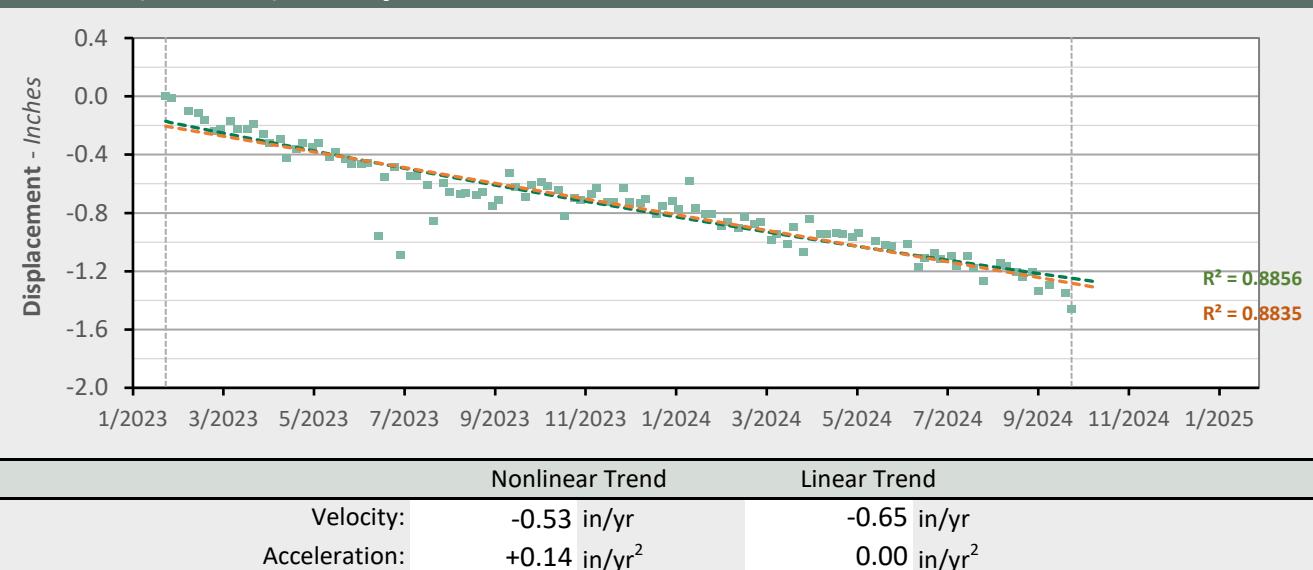


AOI 13 (PPG 18) - Location Map**AOI 13 (PPG 18) - Displacement Time Series** TSX/PAZ (9/24/2024) Point Count: 52

■ LOS Displacement Measurement

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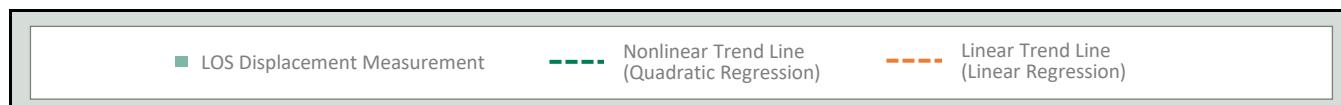
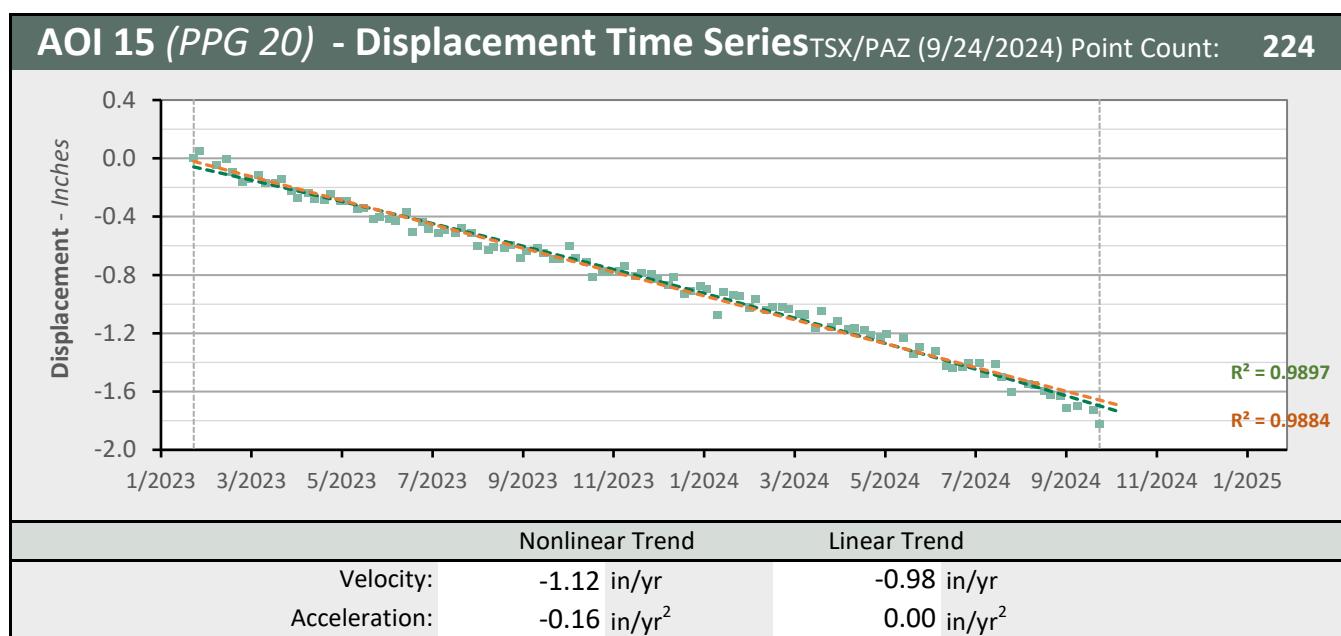
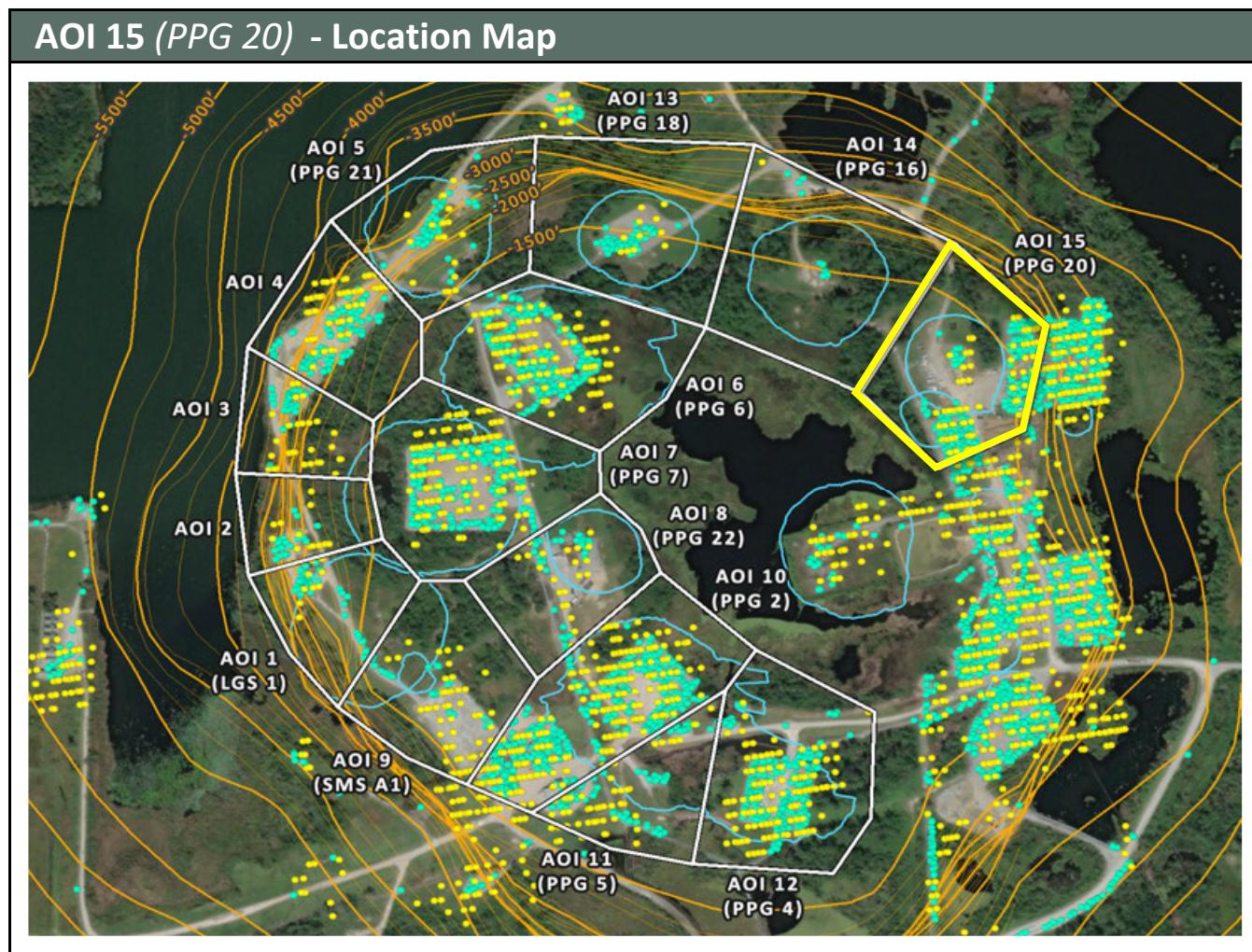
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AOI 14 (PPG 16) - Location Map**AOI 14 (PPG 16) - Displacement Time Series** TSX/PAZ (9/24/2024) Point Count: 11

■ LOS Displacement Measurement

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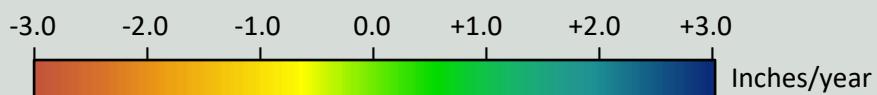
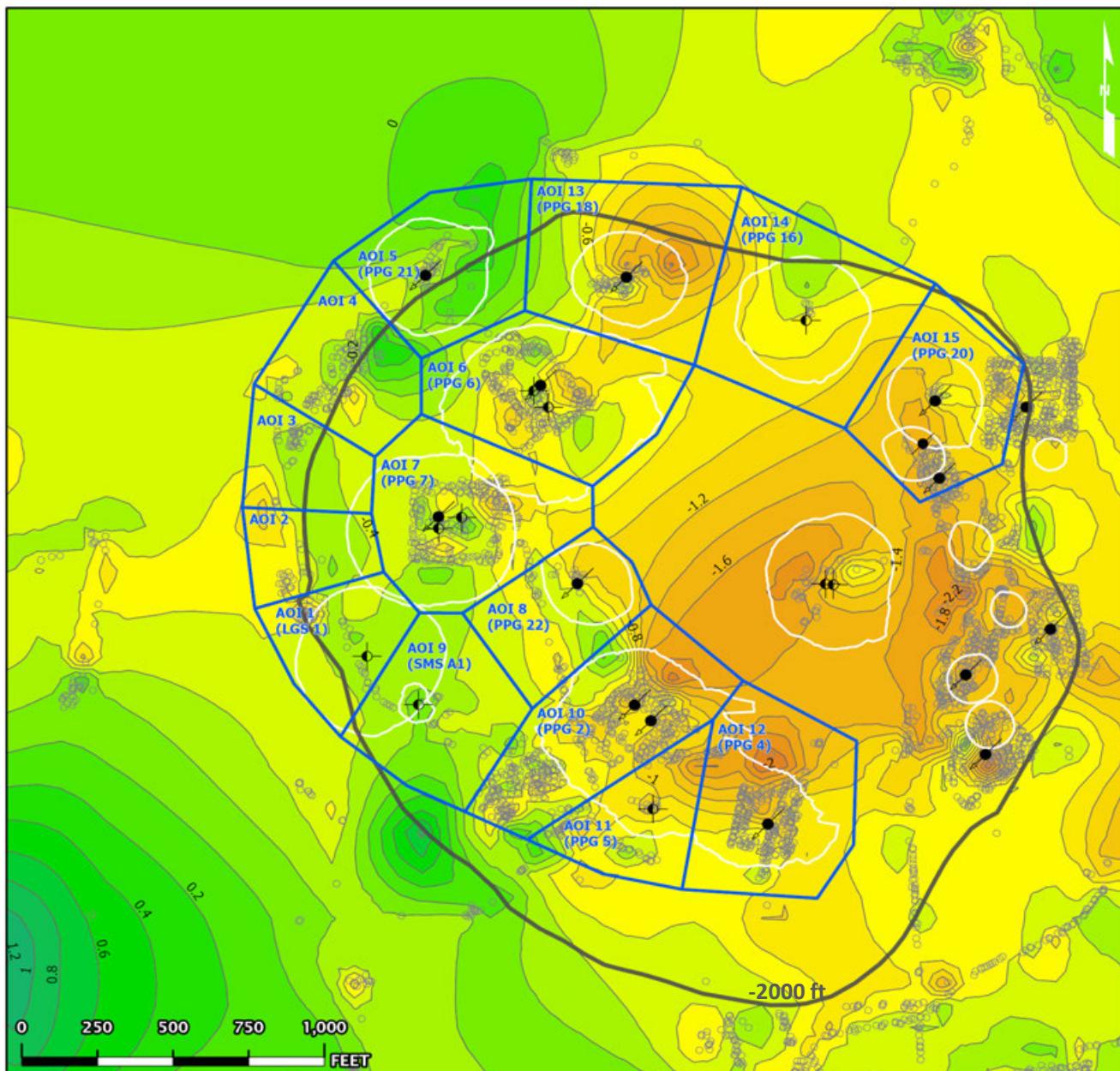
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TSX/PAZ Data (01/24/2023 - 09/24/2024)

Nonlinear Velocity Contours

As of date: 09/24/2024



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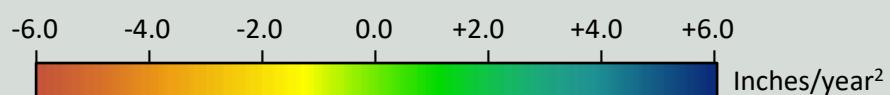
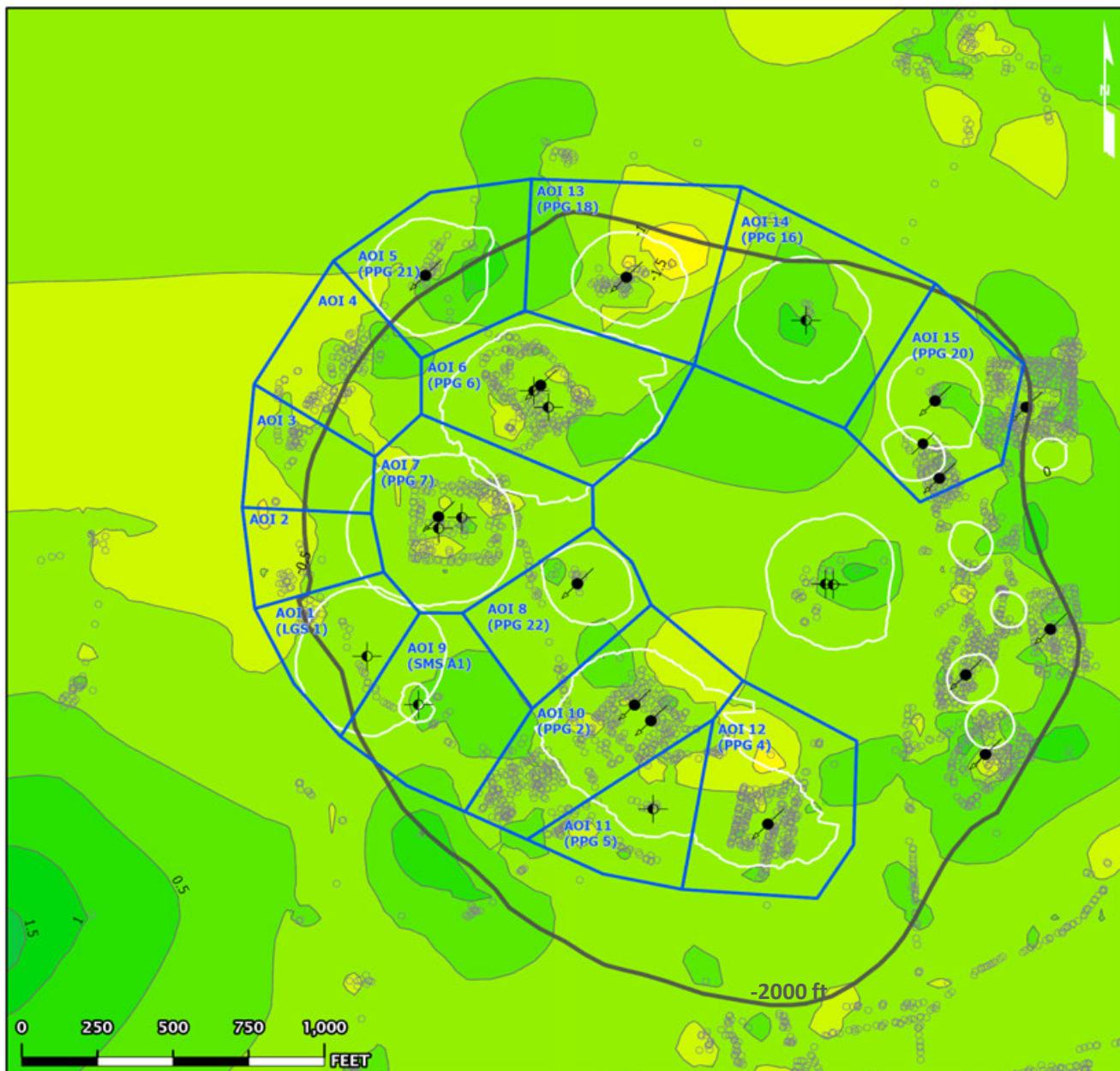
Cavern Well Surface Locations

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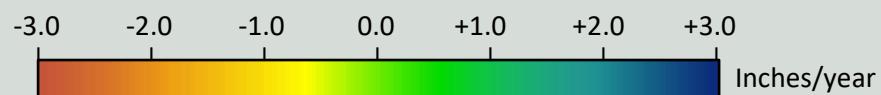
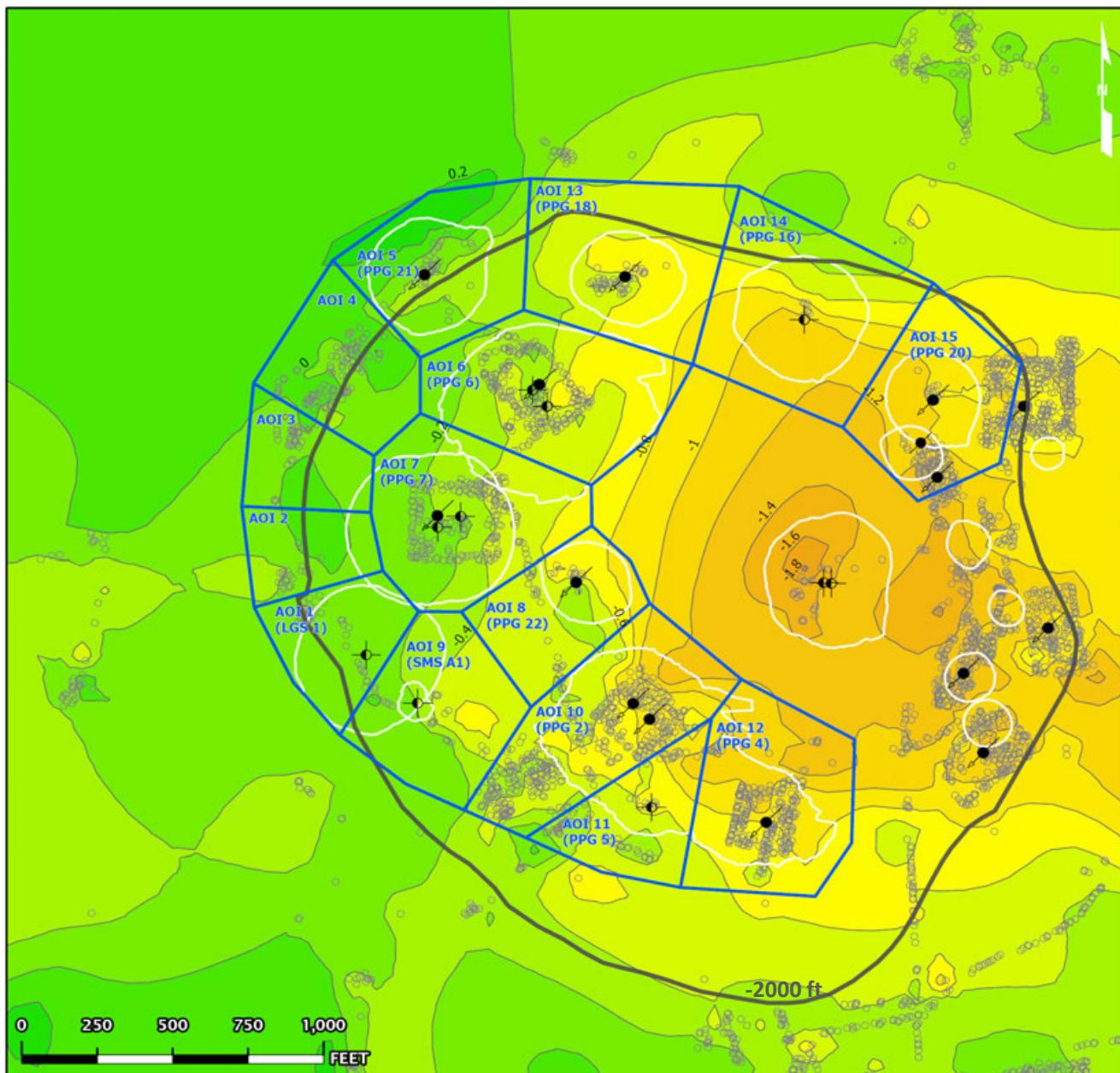
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TSX/PAZ Data (01/24/2023 - 09/24/2024)

Linear Velocity Contours

Date range: 01/24/2023 - 09/24/2024



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■ Historical Cavern Extent ■ Top of Dome (-2000 ft Contour)

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TSX/PAZ Data (01/24/2023 - 09/24/2024)

Nonlinear Velocity Data Points

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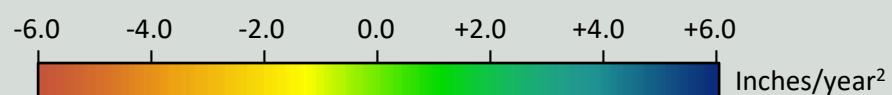
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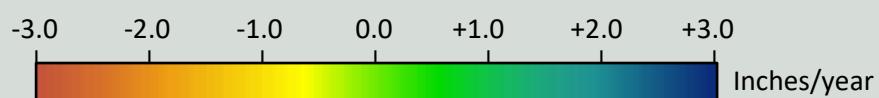
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ATTACHMENT D

Vertical & East-West 2D InSAR report - September 24, 2024

Vertical & E-W 2D Update

Continuous InSAR Monitoring of
Ground Displacement At Westlake
Caverns and Western Dome Flank

Sulphur Mines Salt Dome

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Dataset

Satellite Source

Sentinel-1 & TerraSAR-X - PAZ Constellation

Most Recent Image Date

Tuesday, September 24, 2024

Analysis Report Date:

October 16, 2024

Dataset Information

Satellite Source	Sentinel-1 & TerraSAR-X - PAZ Constellation
Update Frequency	12 days
Most Recent Image Date	Tuesday, September 24, 2024
Dataset Image Count	137
Dataset Time Range	January 24, 2023 - September 24, 2024
Dataset Length	1.67 Years
Measurement Directions	Vertical and East-West

Analysis Methodology

Time Series Charts

Trend lines were calculated for the averaged vertical and east-west displacement values within each AOI. Both a nonlinear (quadratic) and linear regression were applied to each AOI point group to identify rates of change in LOS displacement. These trends are displayed in the Time Series section of this report.

Contour Maps

A nonlinear (quadratic) and linear trend was also calculated for each individual measurement point across the analysis region. Nonlinear trend values for each point were used to generate Velocity and Acceleration contour maps to convey the spatial distribution of the calculated movement. The linear trend values for each point (which lack an acceleration component) were used to generate an additional Velocity contour map. Maps depicting the individual data points colored by these trend values are included after the contour maps.

Rate Interpretation

For the vertical data, positive velocity values indicate uplift and negative velocity values indicate subsidence. Positive acceleration values indicate increasing rates of uplift or slowing rates of subsidence, while negative acceleration values indicate slowing rates of uplift or increasing rates of subsidence. For the east-west data, positive velocity values indicate eastward horizontal movement and negative velocity values indicate horizontal westward movement. Positive acceleration values indicate increasing rates of eastward movement or decreasing rates of westward movement, while negative acceleration values indicate increasing rates of westward movement or decreasing rates of eastward movement.

Observations

To-date there have been no acute deviations from established subsidence trends in the areas investigated.

The calculated vertical displacement values indicate that subsidence is occurring with near-linear trends in all AOIs where data is present. Minor positive acceleration (slowing subsidence) is present in all of the calculated nonlinear AOI trends.

The calculated east-west displacement values generally indicate horizontal movement toward the dome center with the greatest rates of eastward movement occurring in the western AOIs and the greatest rate of westward movement occurring in the easternmost AOI. All AOIs indicate varying amounts of negative acceleration (slower eastward or faster westward displacement) with the most pronounced values occurring in AOI 1 and AOI 3. This likely correlates to the minor increases in negative acceleration recently noted in the TSX/PAZ LOS dataset reports.



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InSAR Data Sources

InSAR Data

Interferometric Synthetic Aperture Radar (InSAR) is the most well established method to continually evaluate small, normally undetectable, ground movement over a large area. Radar imagery collected via satellites over successive orbital passes is used to identify and define measurement points on the ground. Objects or ground features providing a stable reflection of radar energy such as buildings, roads, and infrastructure produce the highest quality measurement points. InSAR analysis identifies the change in distance between the satellite and each measurement point over time relative to a stable reference point within the imaged area.

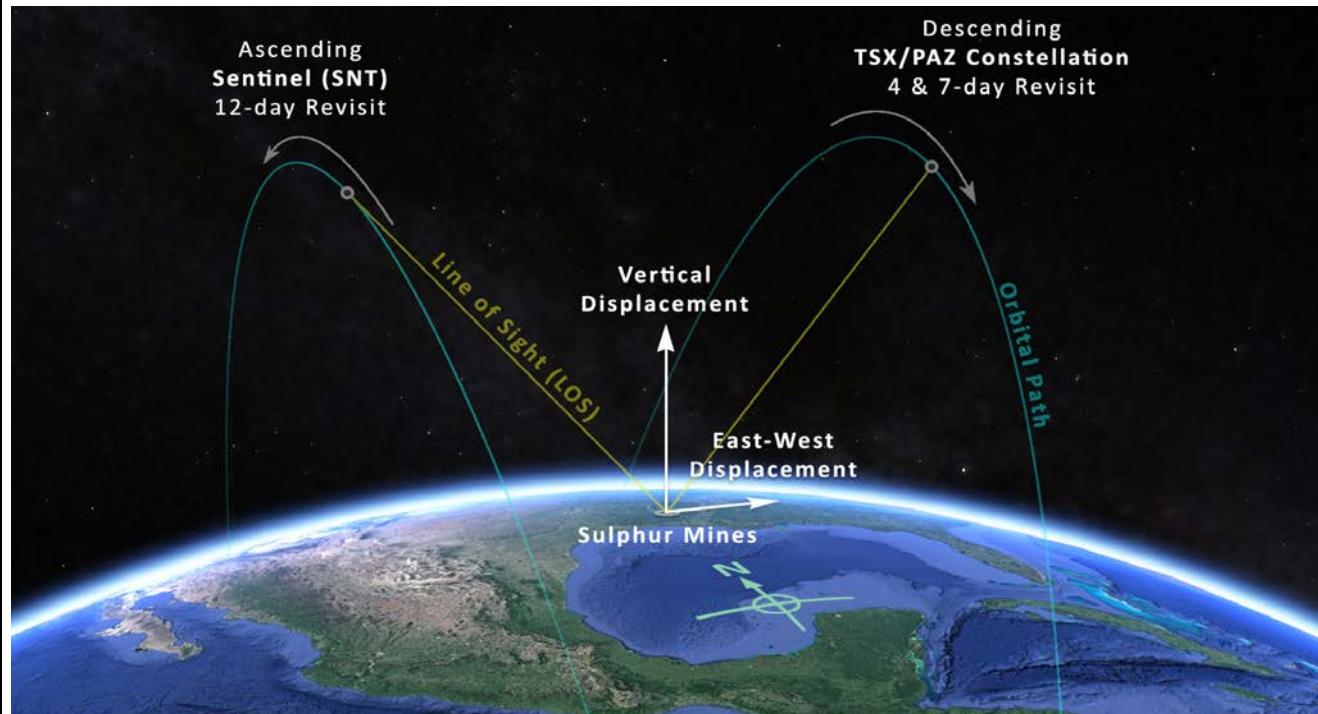
Satellite Sources

Two InSAR datasets are being used to evaluate subsidence over the Sulphur Mines Salt Dome. These datasets provide Line-of-Sight (LOS) displacement measurements from both ascending and descending orbits. An ascending orbit denotes the satellite's longitudinal course from south to north as it passes over the site, while a descending orbit denotes the satellite is moving from north to south.

The first dataset comes from a low-resolution Sentinel-1 (SNT) satellite on an ascending orbit that captures data from the west of the site on a 12-day frequency. The second comes from a pair of high resolution satellites that share the same descending orbit and capture data from east of the site. These are a TSX satellite and the PAZ satellite (TSX/PAZ constellation), both with an 11-day revisit frequency. Their orbits are offset with the PAZ satellite passing over the site 4 days after the TSX satellite.

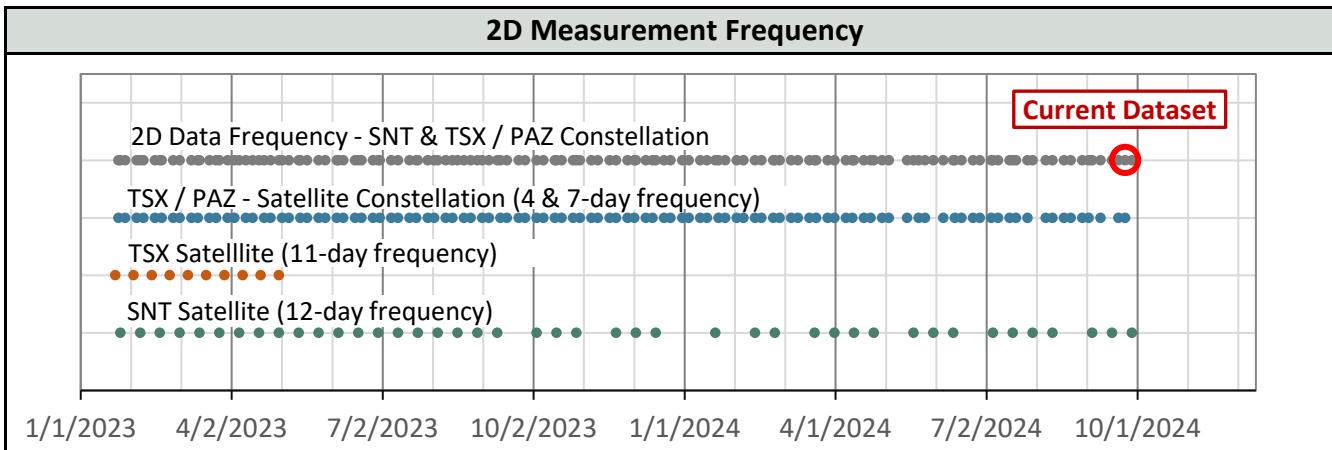
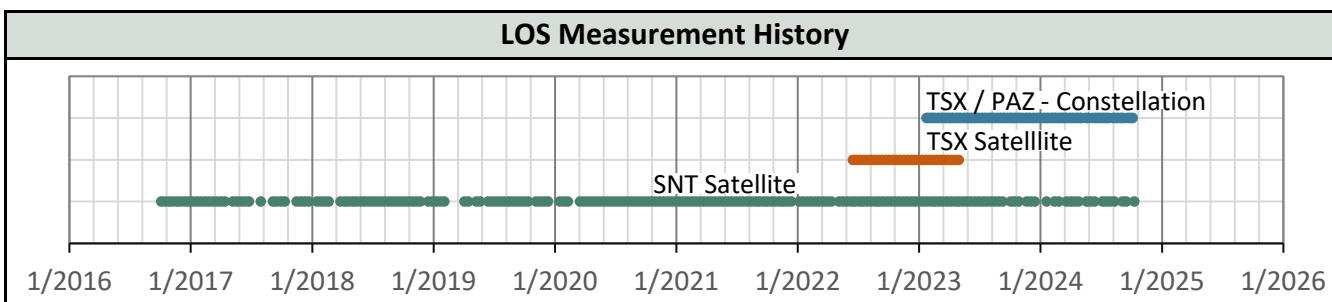
Each instance of data capture in either the SNT or TSX/PAZ constellation is used to generate 2D (two-dimensional) displacement values in the vertical and east-west directions for each measurement point within the 2D data grid. The image below depicts the orbital paths of the satellites in relation to the Sulphur Mines Salt Dome as well as the 2D components of the calculated displacement.

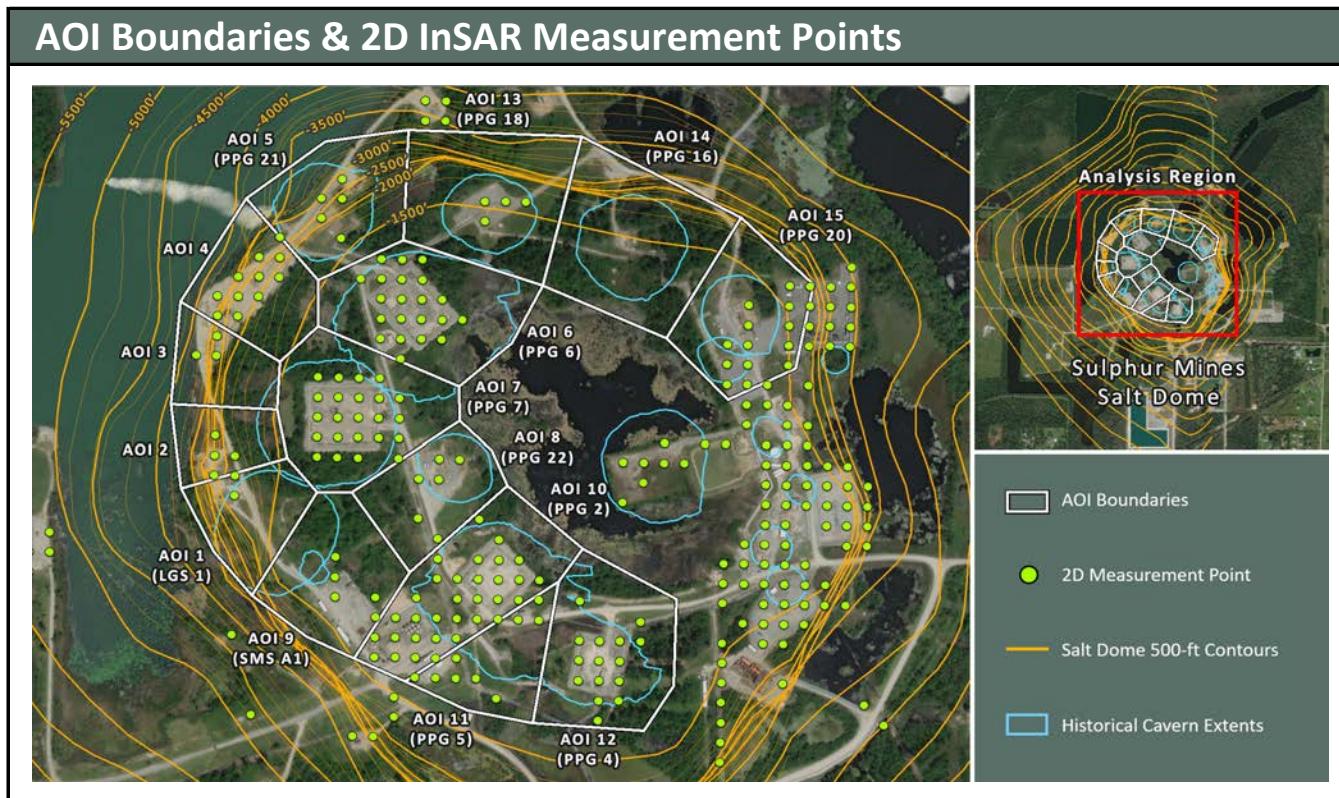
Satellite Orbital Diagram



InSAR 2D Vertical and East-West Data	<- West Side View East->
<p>LOS (line-of-sight) displacement measurements, which refer to a change in distance between the satellite sensor and the ground target, are used to triangulate the real movement along the 2D plane defined by the satellite positions and the ground target. The diagram to the right illustrates the geometric relationship between the Real Movement of a ground target, the LOS displacement measurements from two different satellite viewing directions, and the resulting vertical and east-west components of calculated 2D displacement. Ground targets are not consistent between LOS datasets so these calculations are performed on averaged LOS data within 82-ft square cells. One 2D measurement point is generated within each cell where data from both LOS sources are present.</p>	<p>The diagram shows a 'Ground Target' represented by a black dot. Two dashed lines represent the 'Ascending Satellite Perspective from West' (orange) and 'Descending Satellite Perspective from East' (blue). These lines intersect at the target, forming a triangle with the target as one vertex. The angle between the horizontal baseline and each line is labeled θ. A grey arrow labeled 'Real Movement' points from the target towards the bottom right. A vertical arrow labeled 'Vertical' points downwards. A horizontal arrow labeled 'E-W' points to the right. The 'LOS Displacement Distance' is indicated by arrows along the dashed lines.</p>

Satellite and Data Properties	SNT	TSX/PAZ Constellation
Band (Wavelength)	C-band (2.20 in)	X-band (1.22 in)
Track	T136	T67 & T120
Pixel resolution	65 x 16 ft	3 x 3 ft
Revisit frequency	12 days	4 & 7 days
Orbit (LOS Angle, θ)	Ascending (43°)	Descending (37°)
Data Start Date	10/4/2016	1/24/2023
Measurement error range	± 0.20 in	± 0.03 in

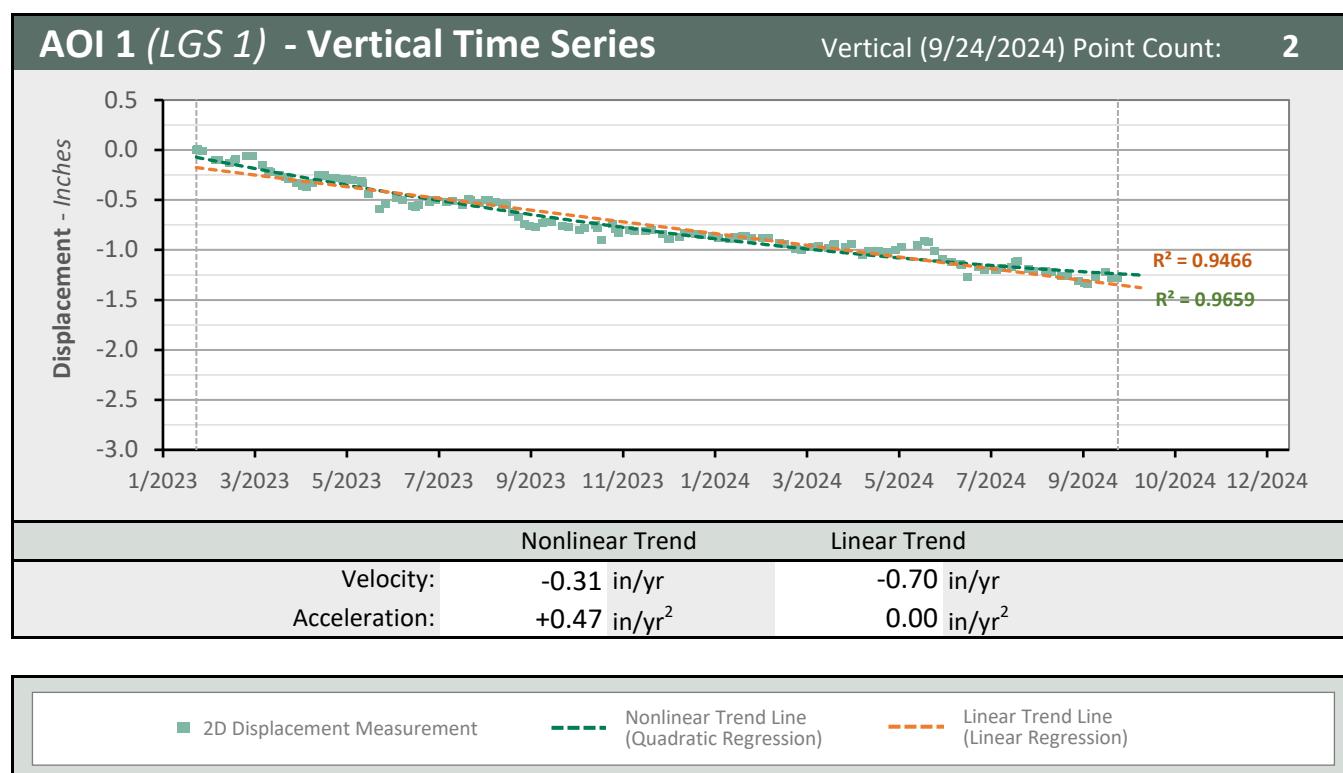




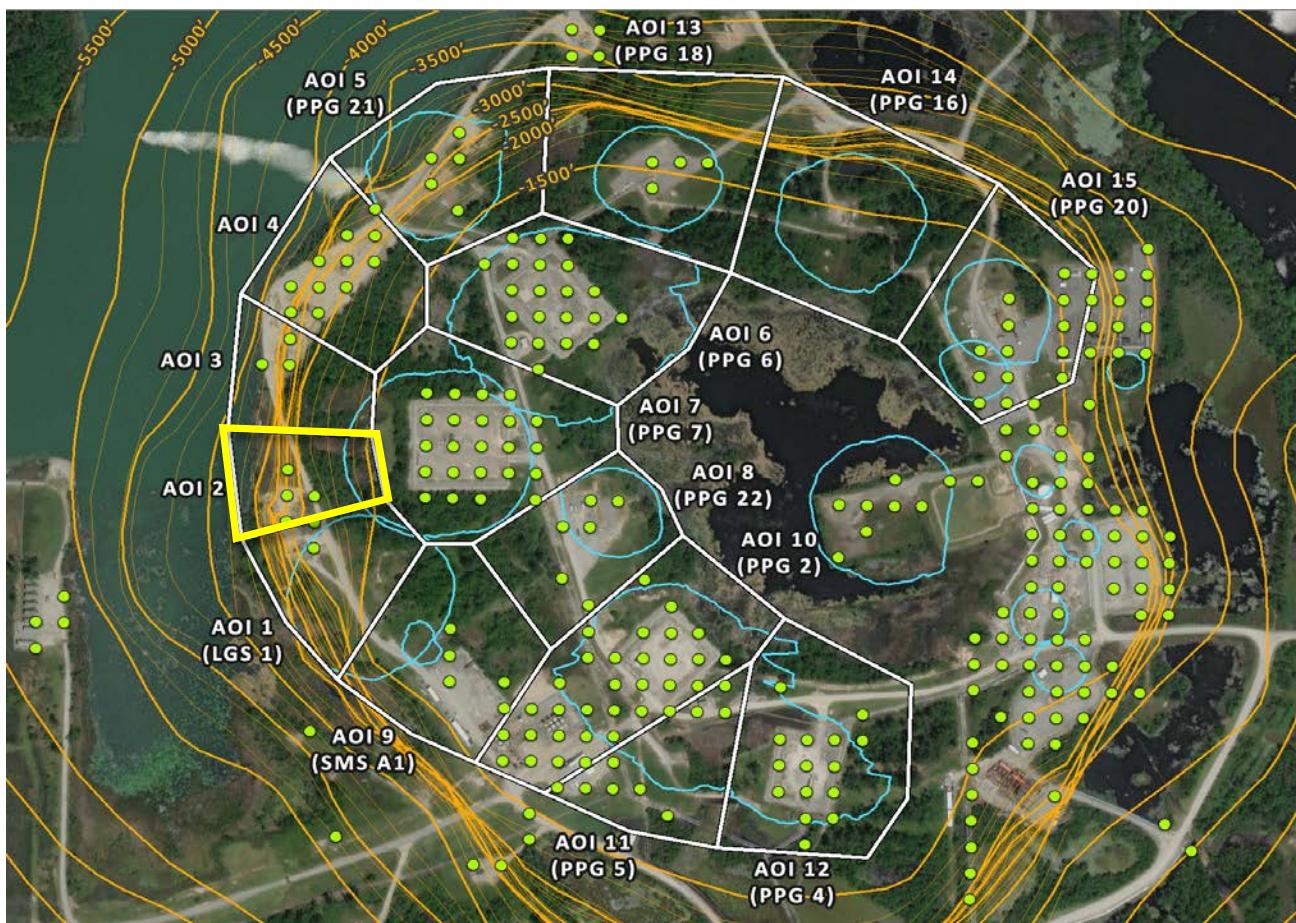
Subsidence Monitoring Areas of Interest (AOIs)

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AOI Name	Vertical (9/24/2024)	Vertical Velocity (in/yr)		Vertical Acceleration (in/yr ²)	
		Point Count	Nonlinear	Linear	Nonlinear
AOI 1 (LGS 1)	2	-0.31	-0.70	+0.47	0.00
AOI 2	4	-0.41	-0.57	+0.20	0.00
AOI 3	3	-0.21	-0.62	+0.48	0.00
AOI 4	11	-0.28	-0.52	+0.28	0.00
AOI 5 (PPG 21)	5	-0.35	-0.54	+0.23	0.00
AOI 6 (PPG 6)	21	-0.83	-0.90	+0.09	0.00
AOI 7 (PPG 7)	23	-0.89	-0.98	+0.10	0.00
AOI 8 (PPG 22)	6	-1.08	-1.26	+0.21	0.00
AOI 9 (SMS A1)	5	-0.45	-0.95	+0.59	0.00
AOI 10 (PPG 2)	31	-0.96	-1.12	+0.20	0.00
AOI 11 (PPG 5)	10	-0.79	-0.96	+0.20	0.00
AOI 12 (PPG 4)	15	-0.95	-1.10	+0.18	0.00
AOI 13 (PPG 18)	3	-0.66	-0.78	+0.15	0.00
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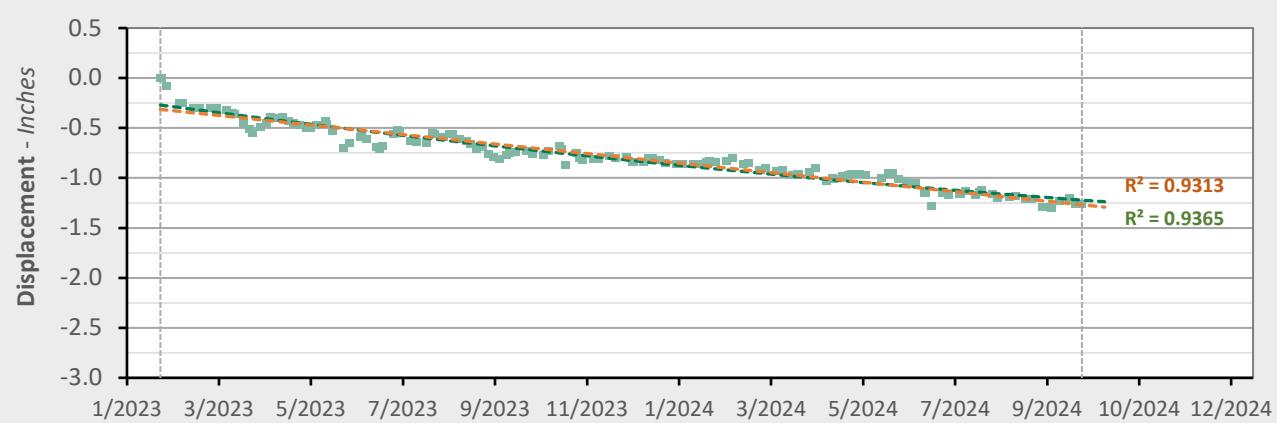


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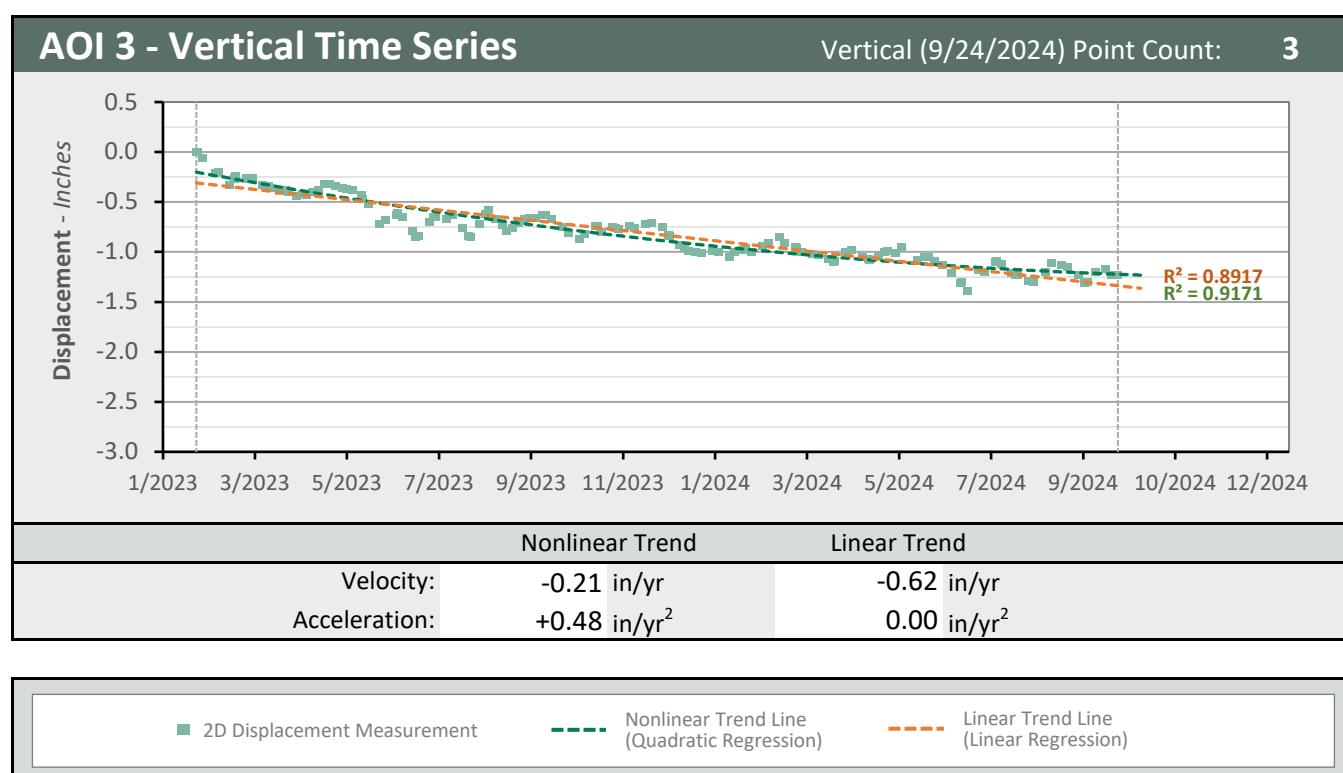
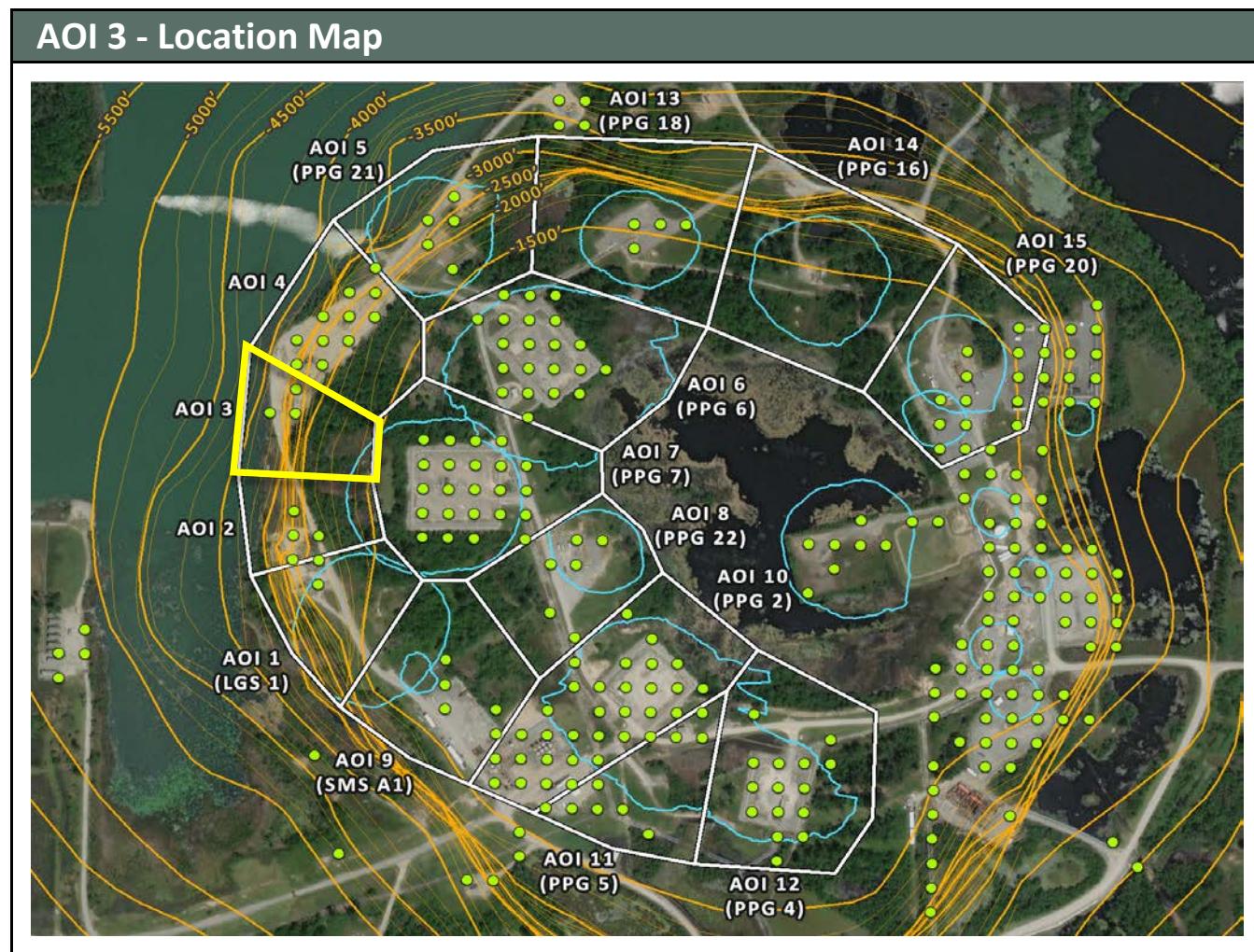
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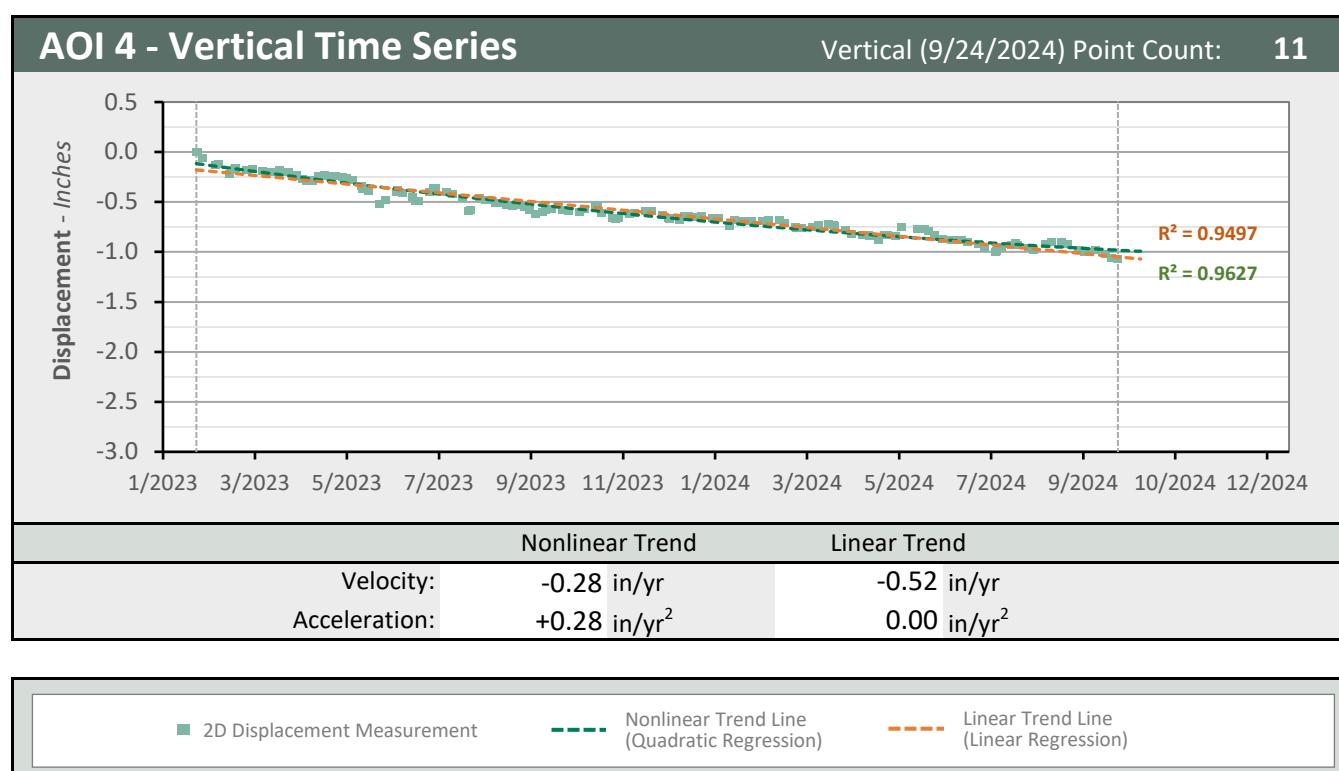
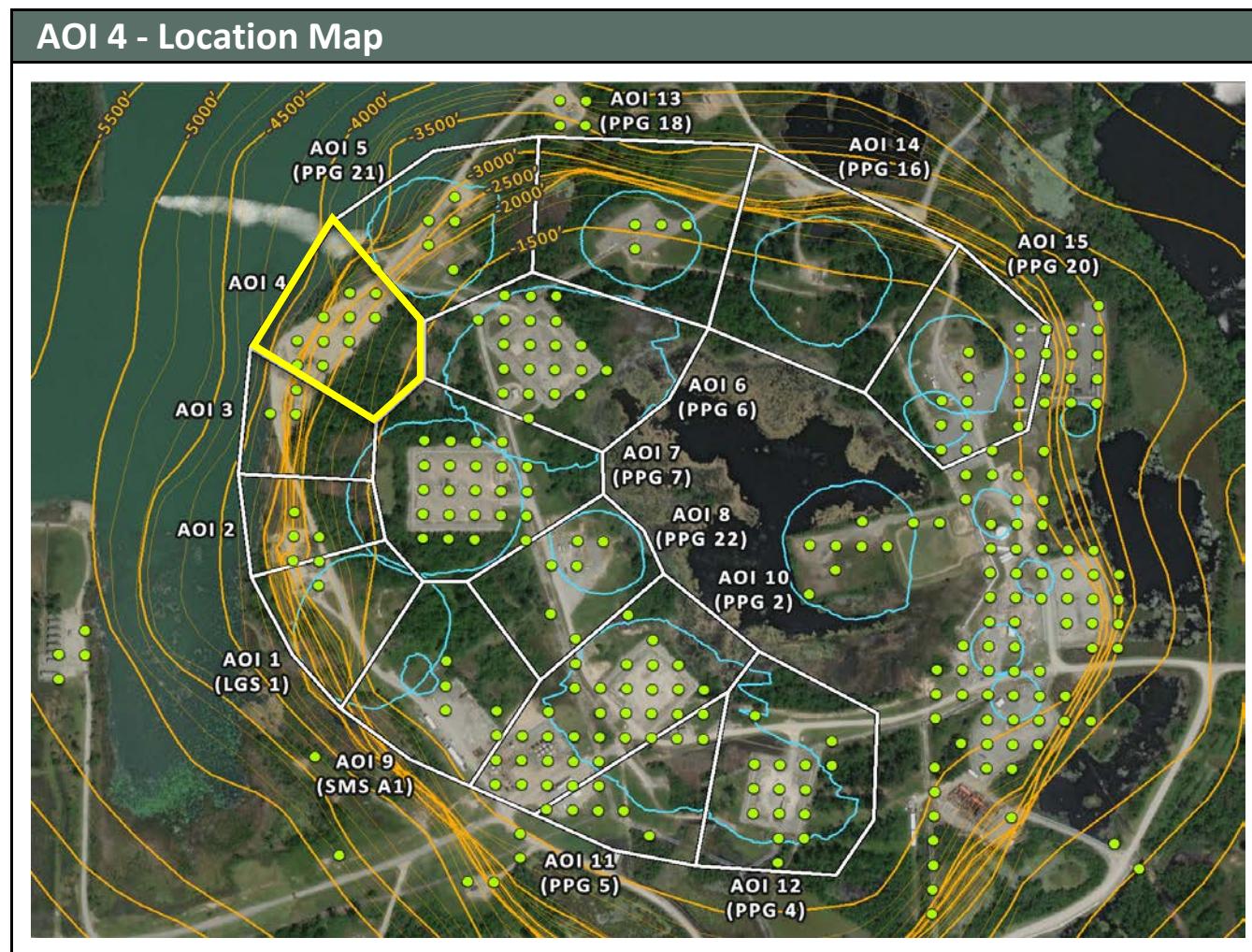
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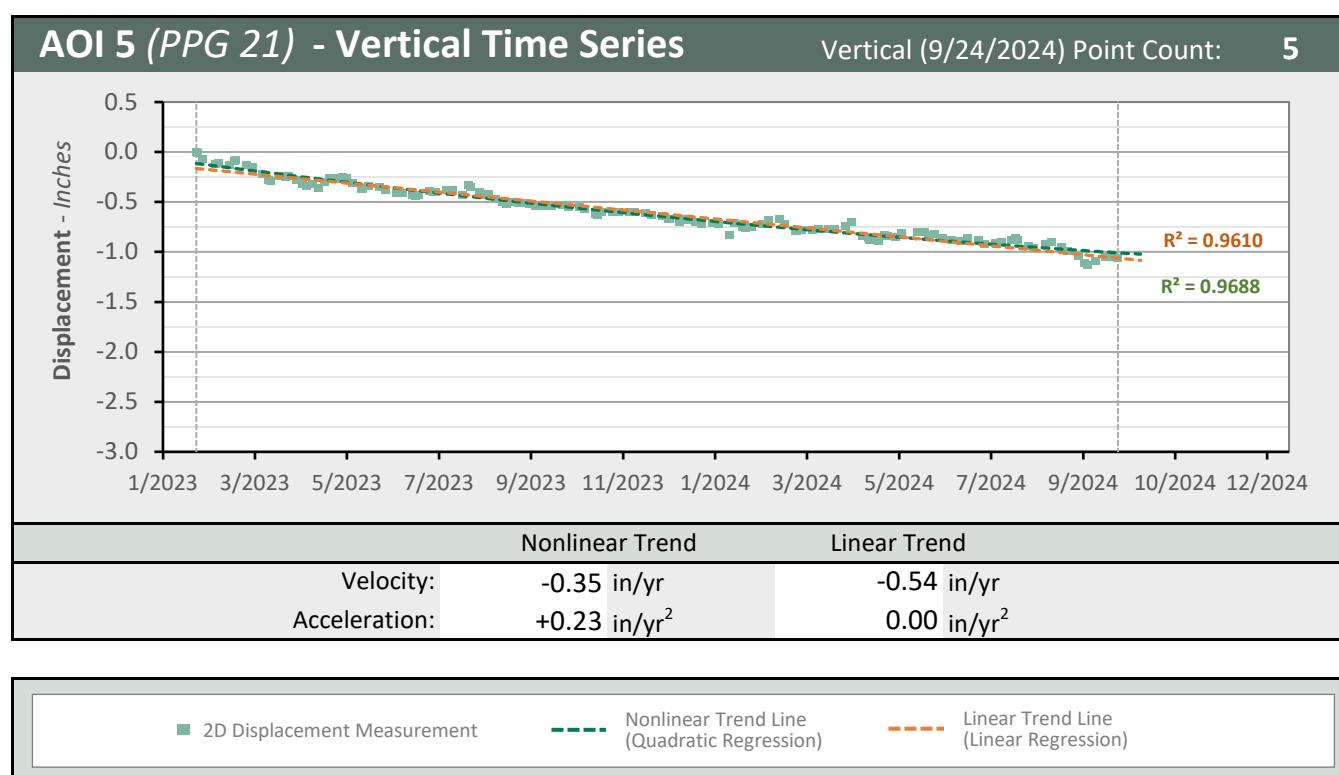
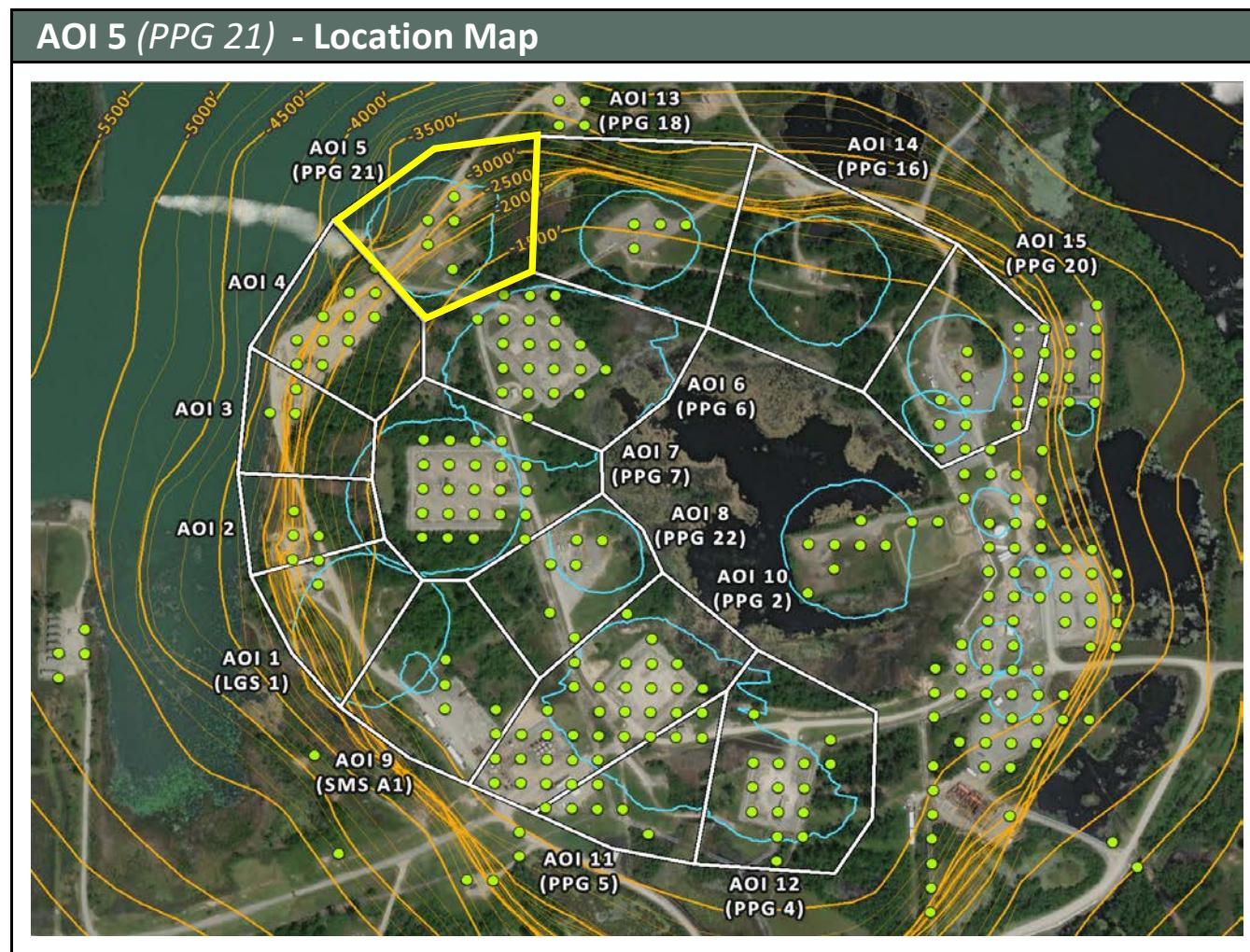


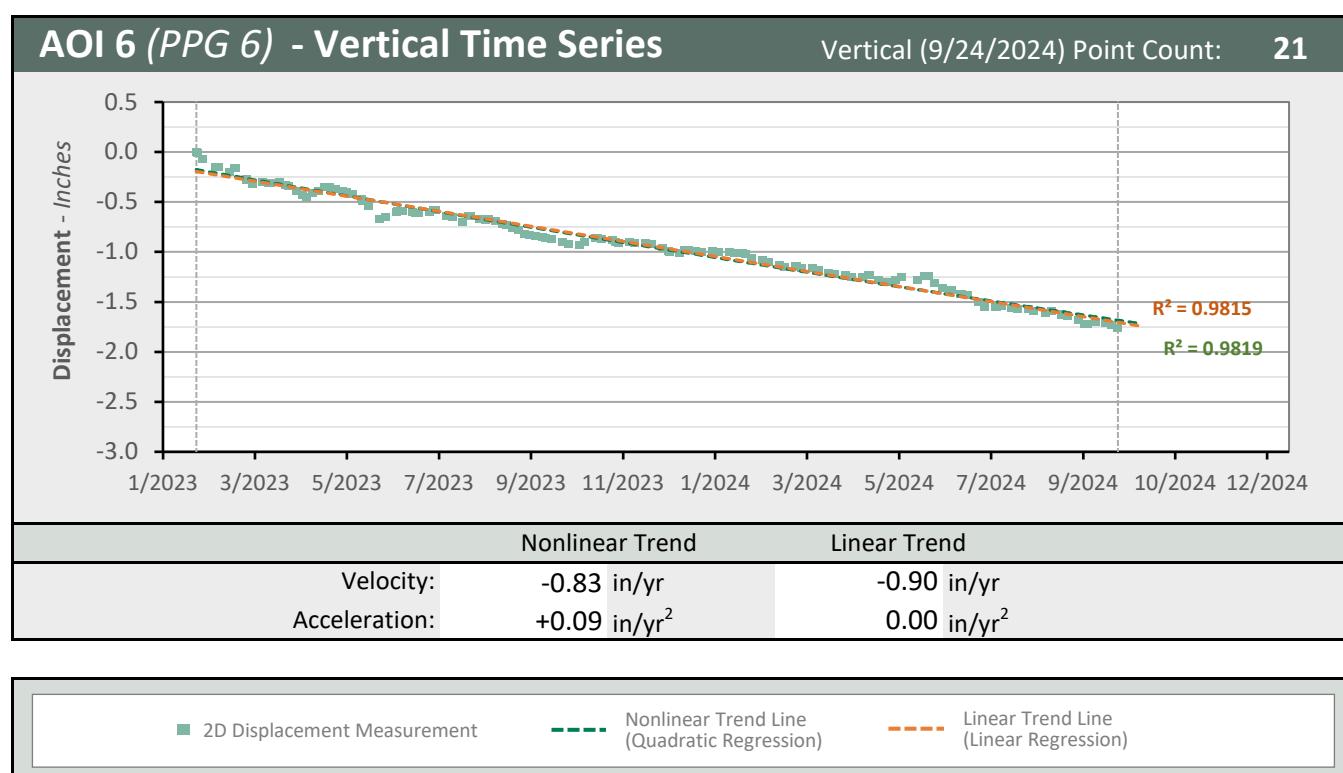
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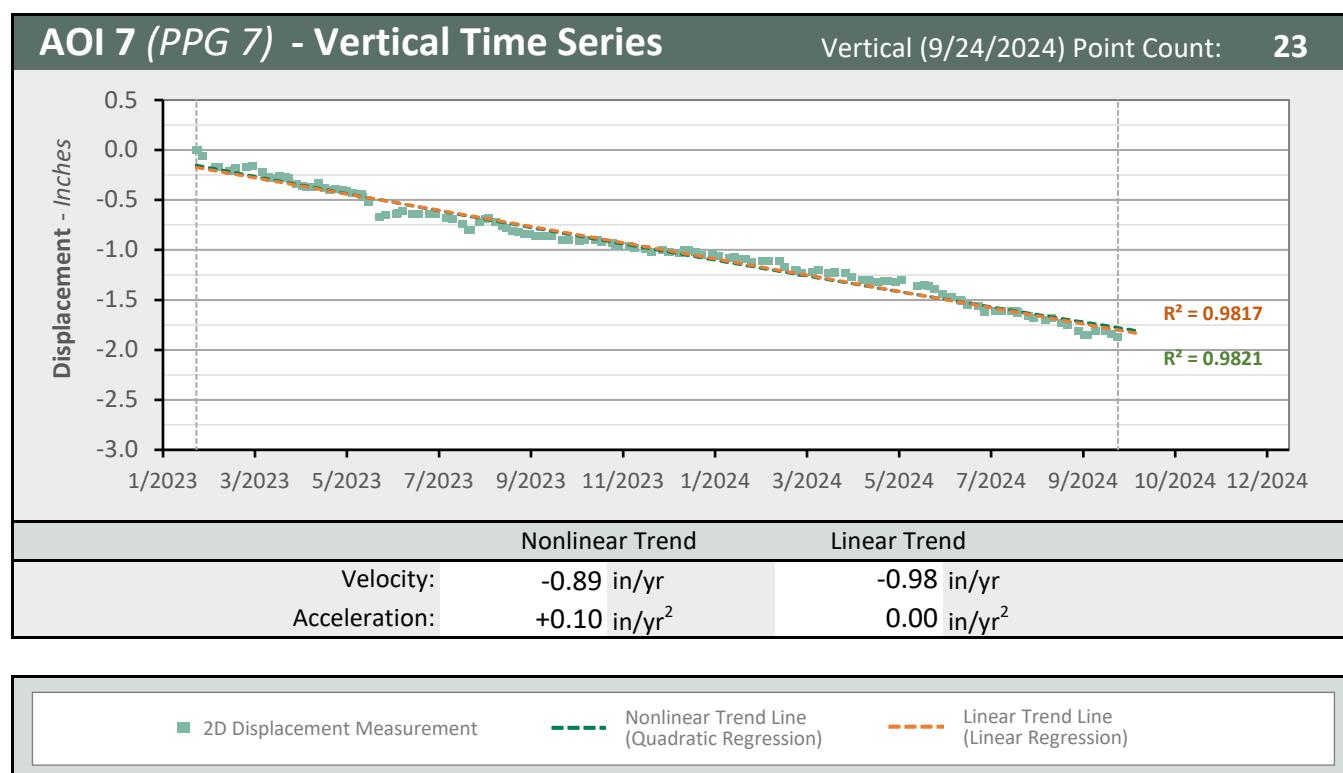
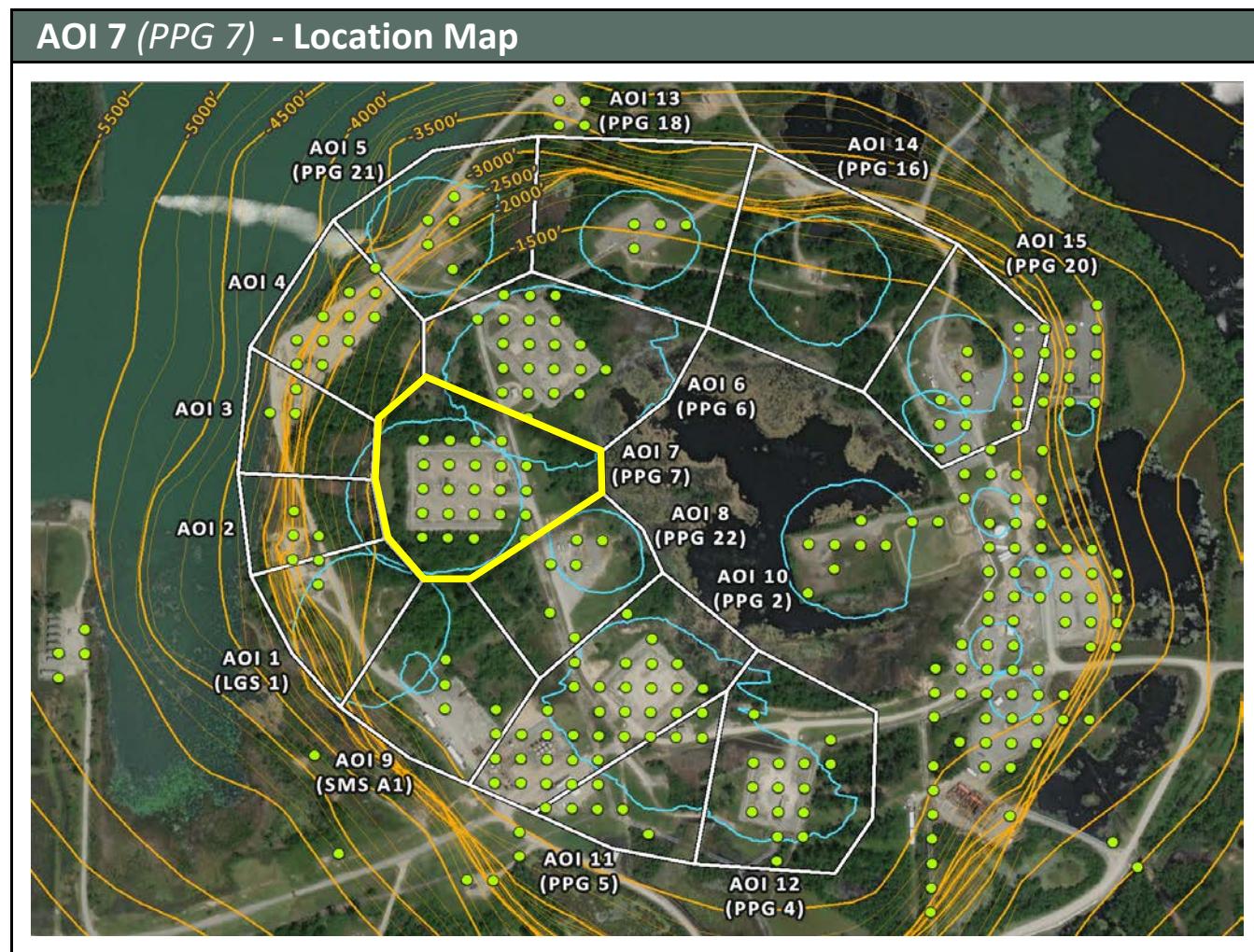
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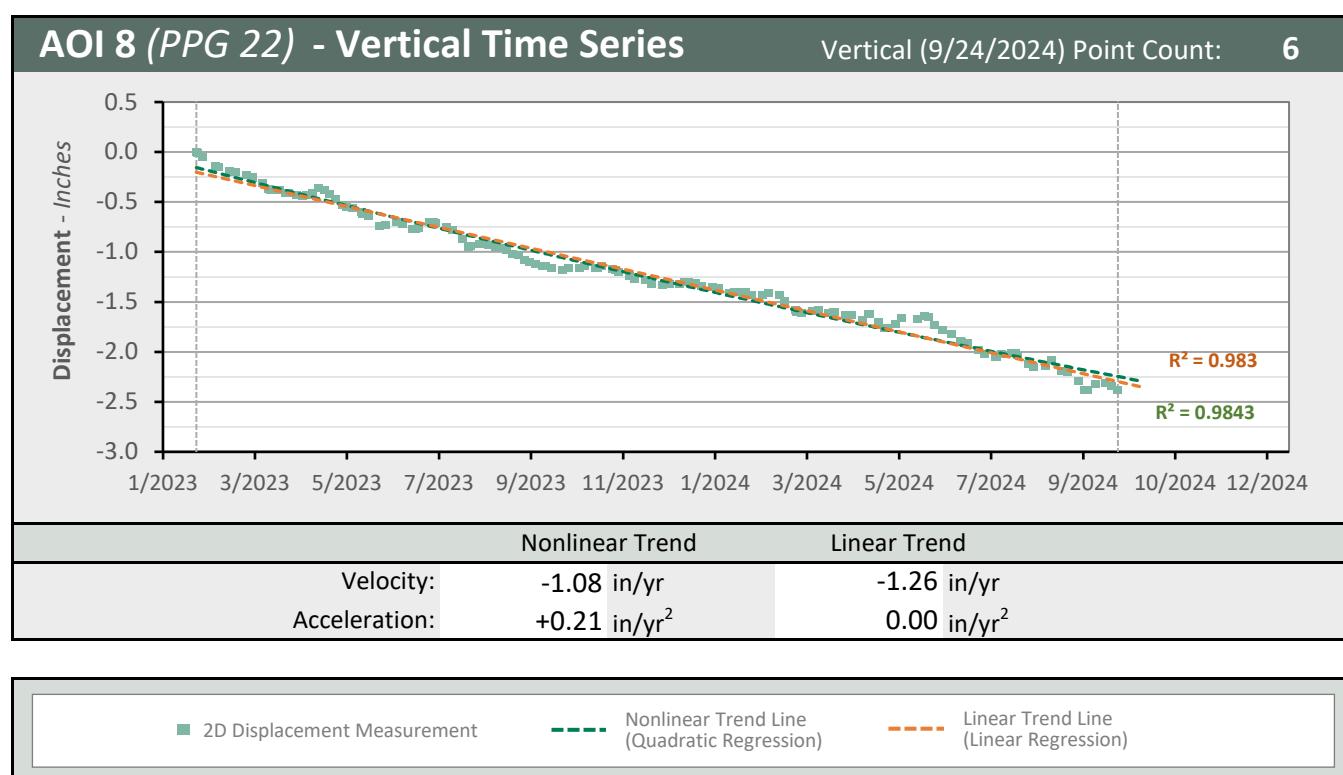
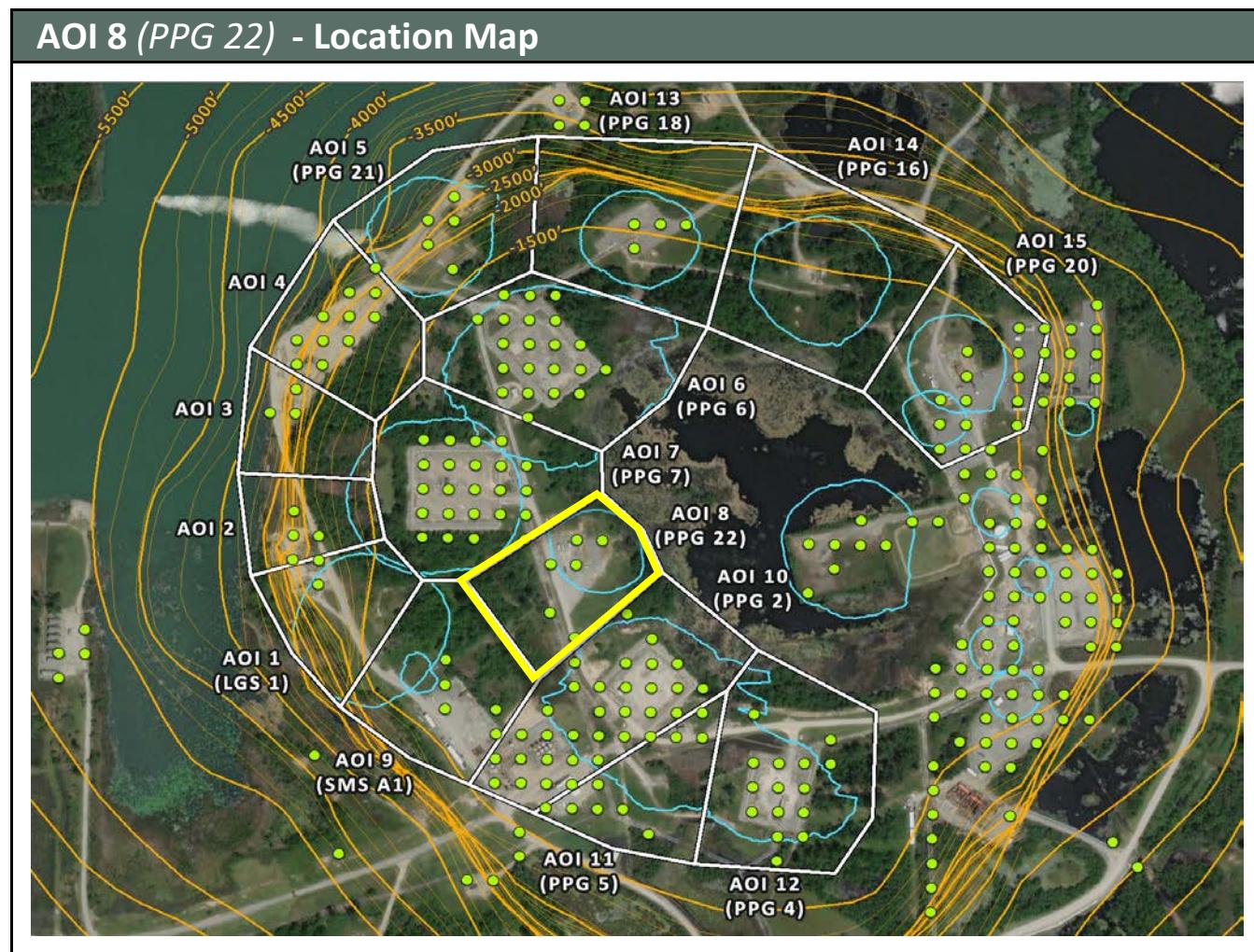


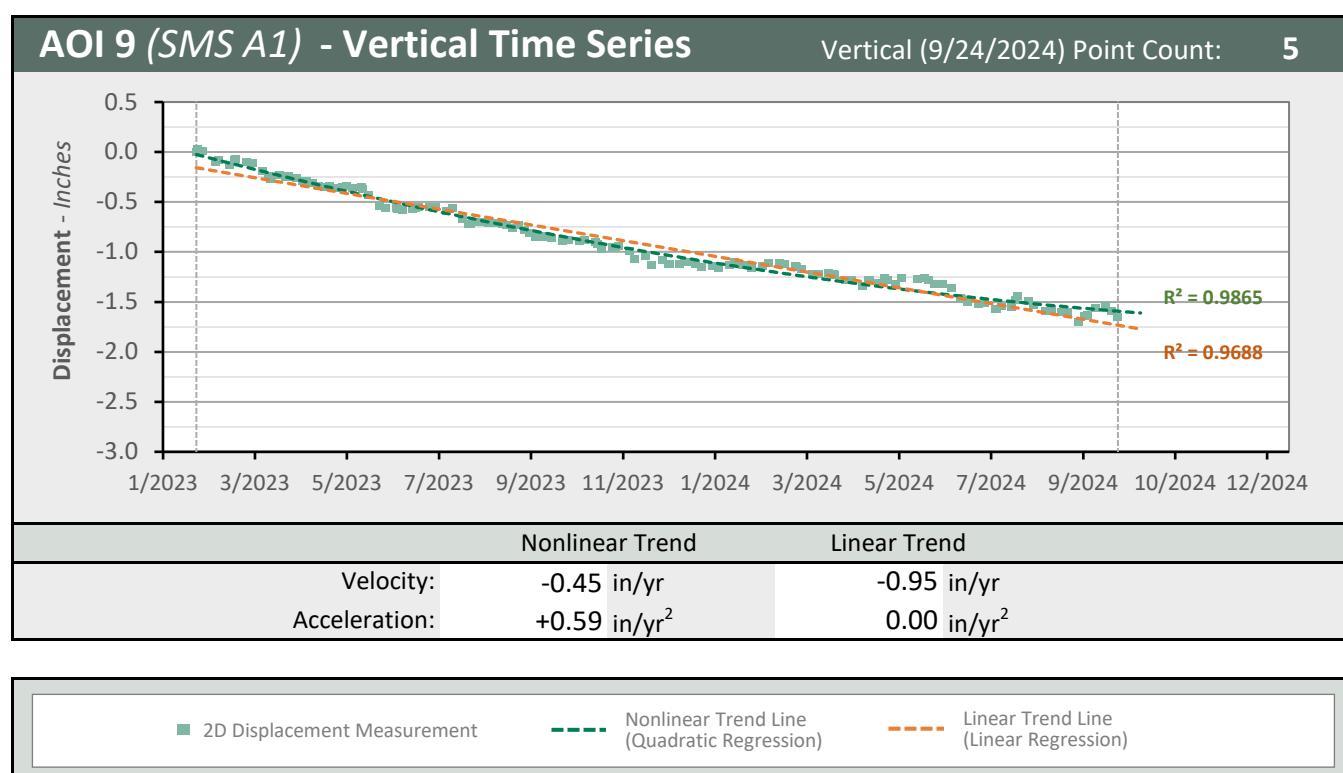
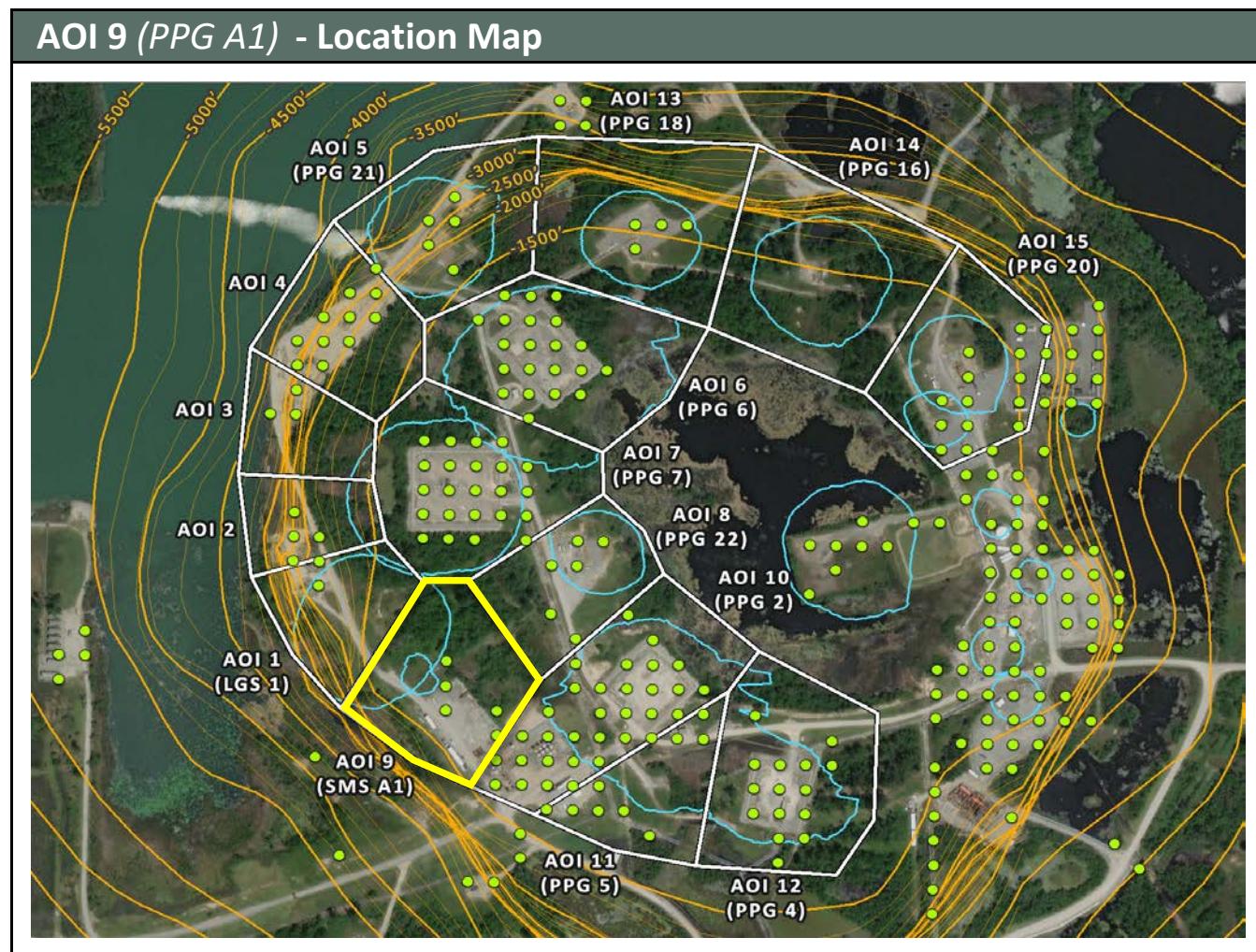


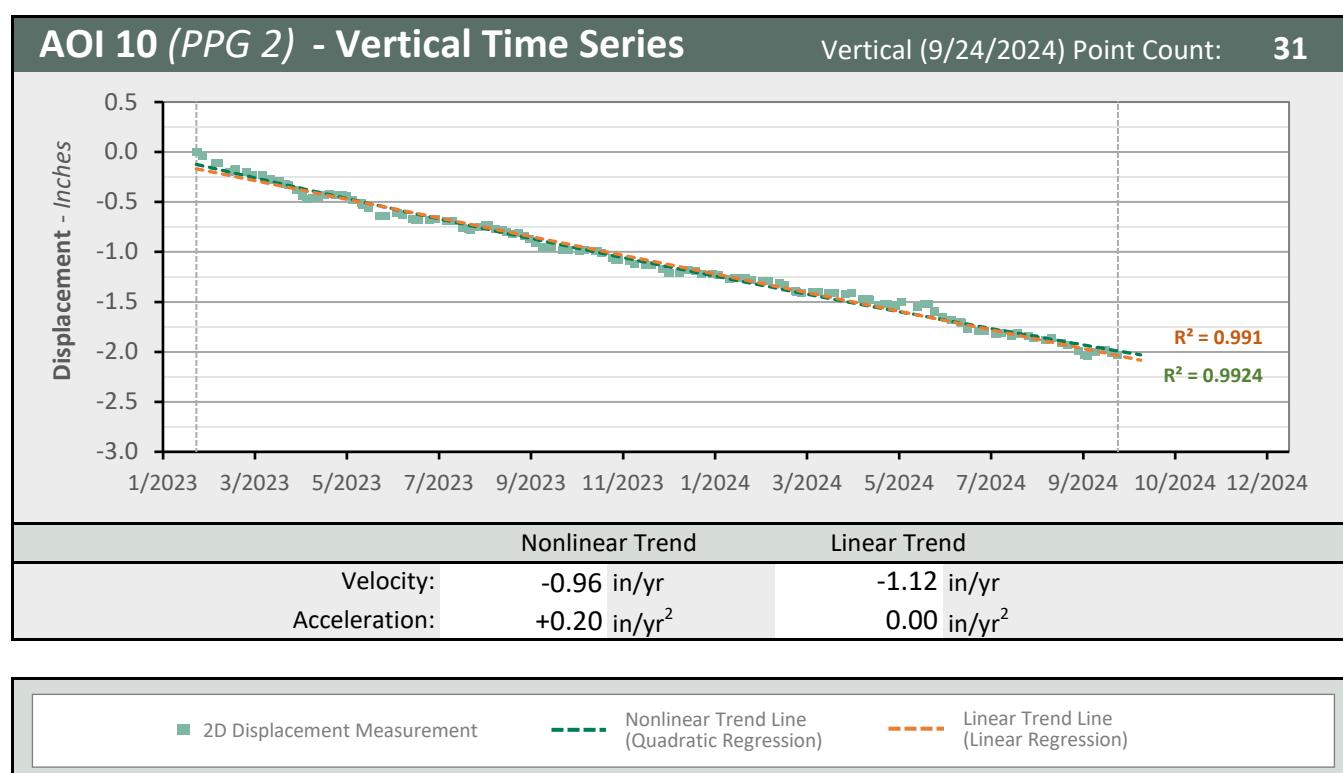
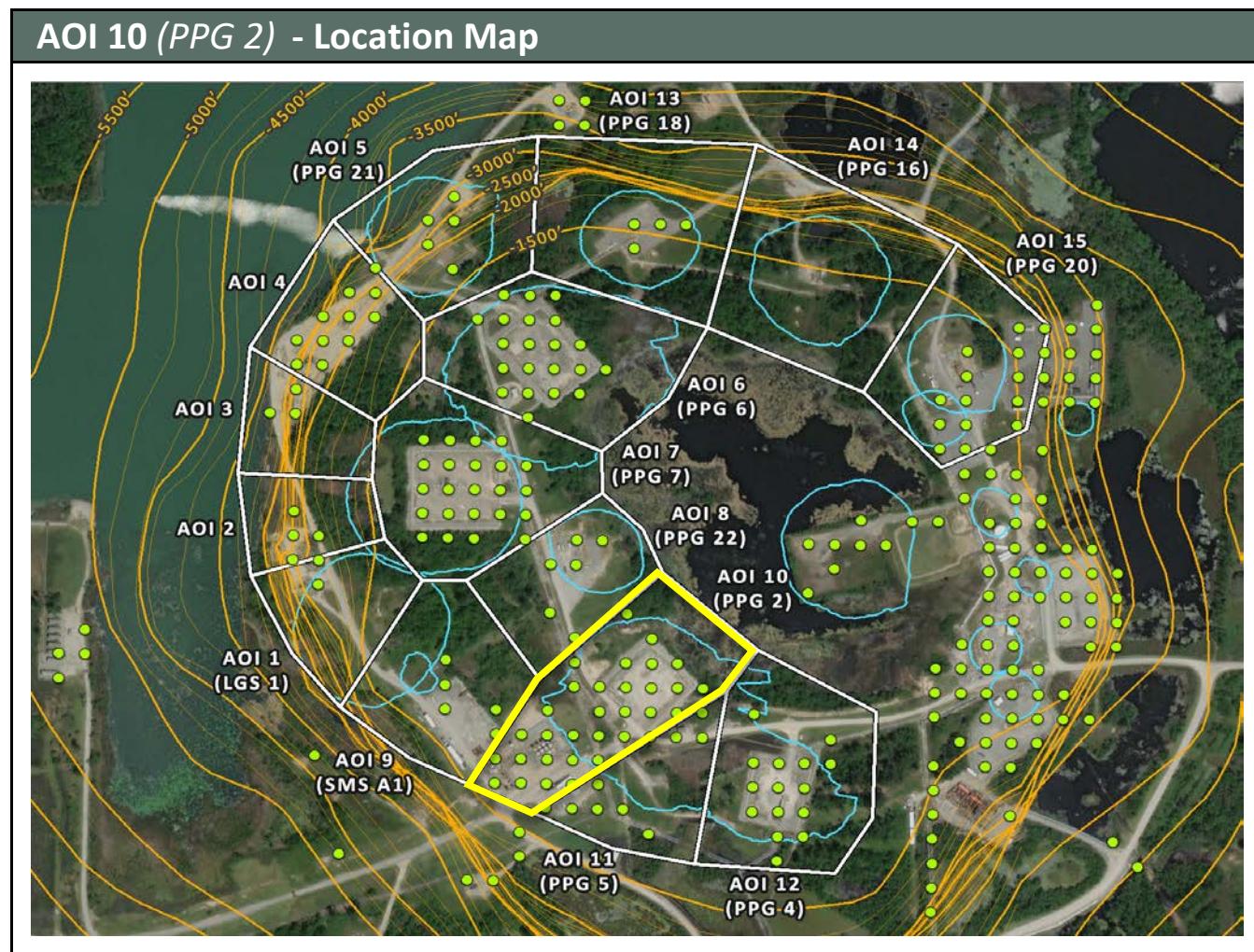


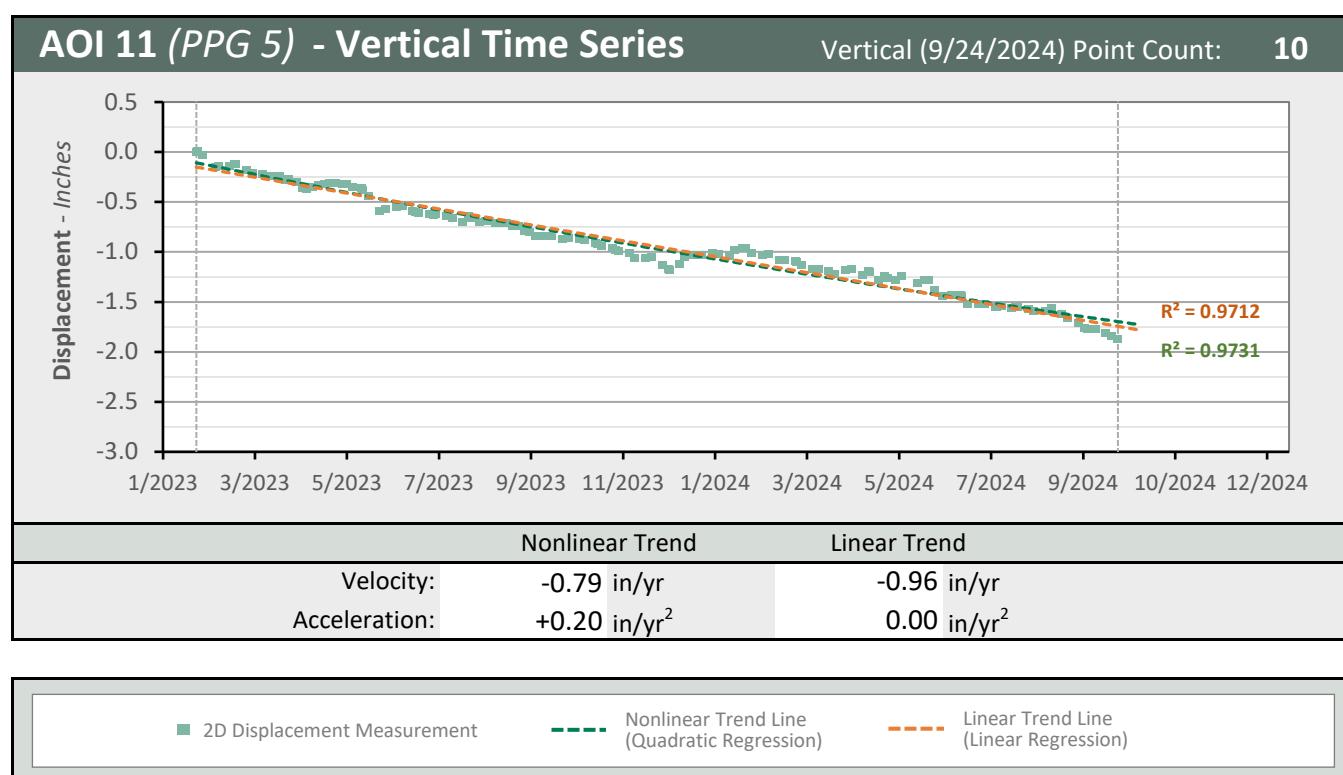
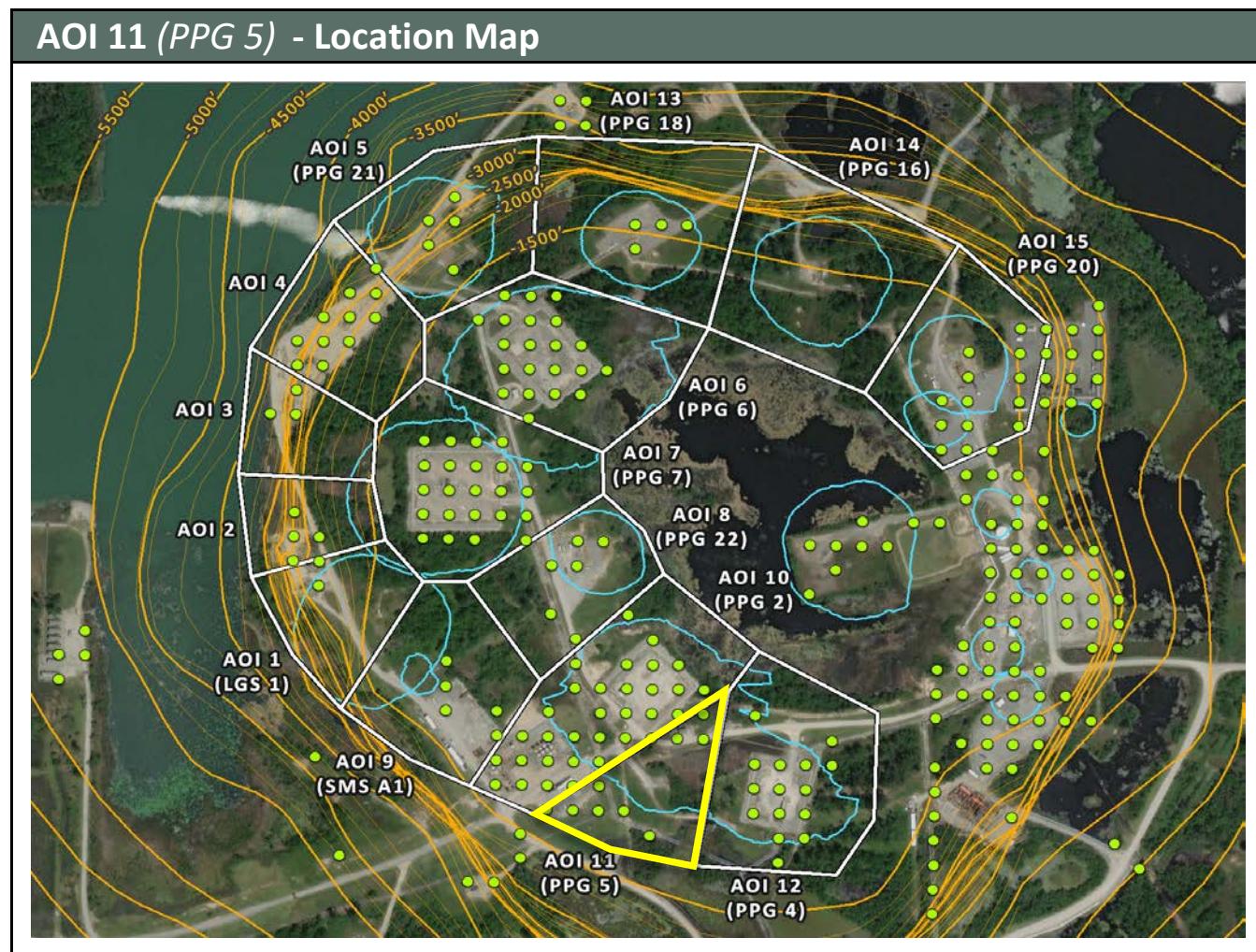


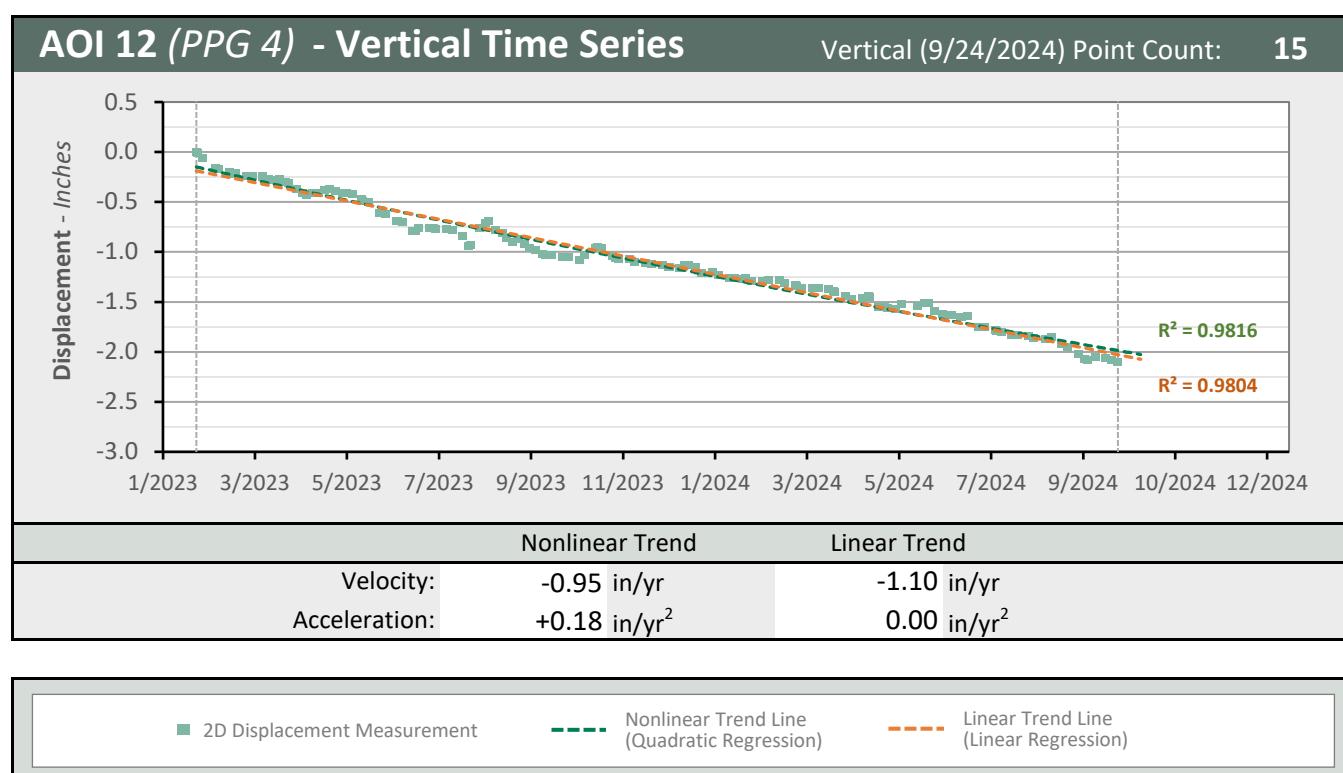
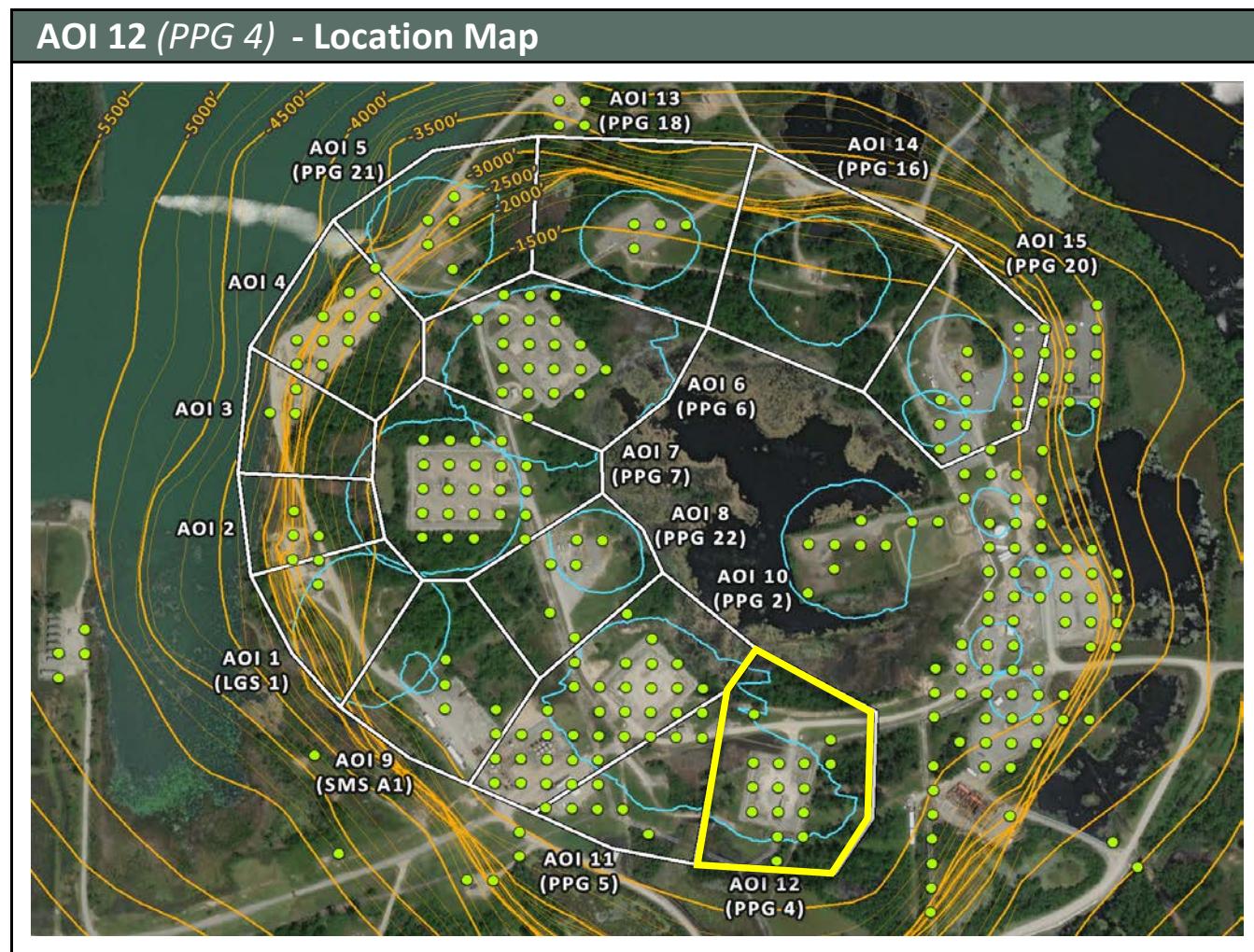


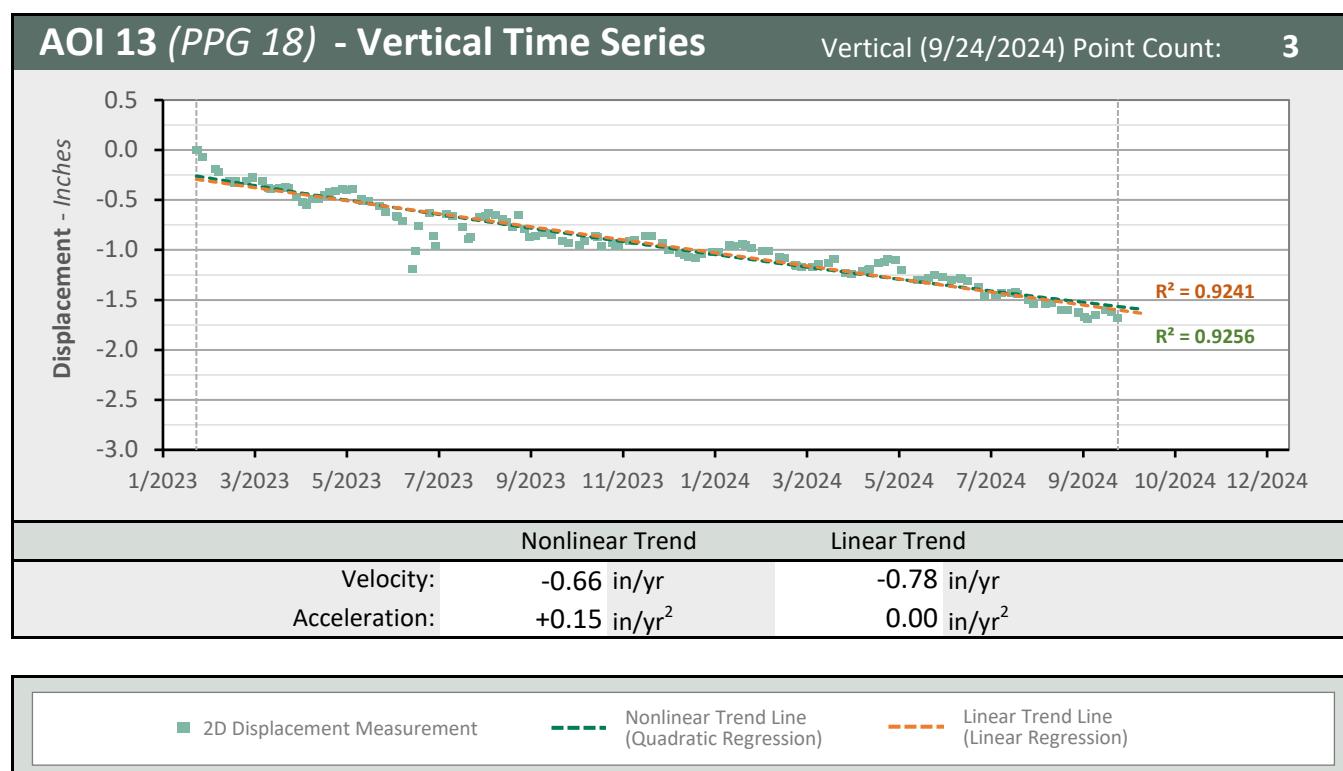
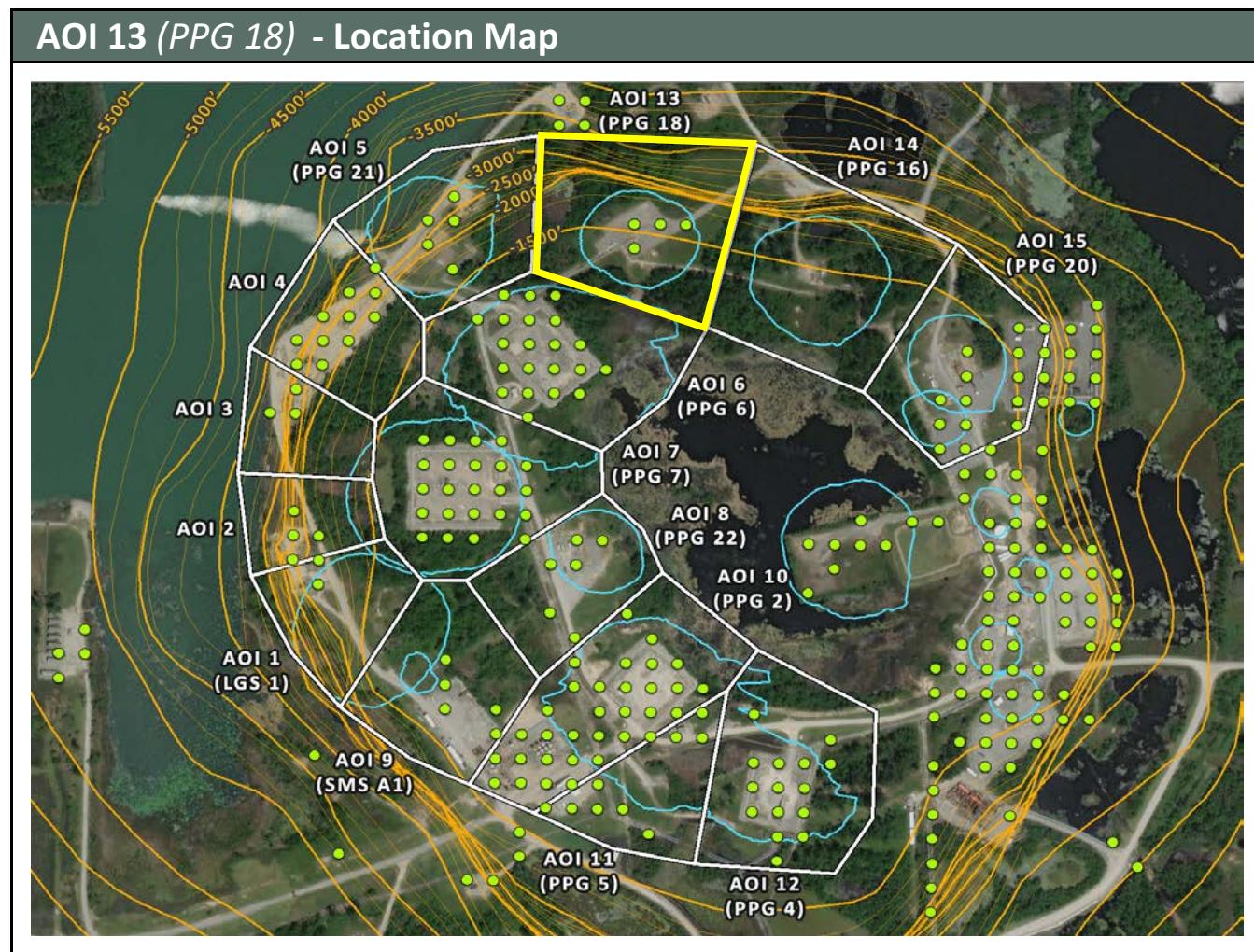


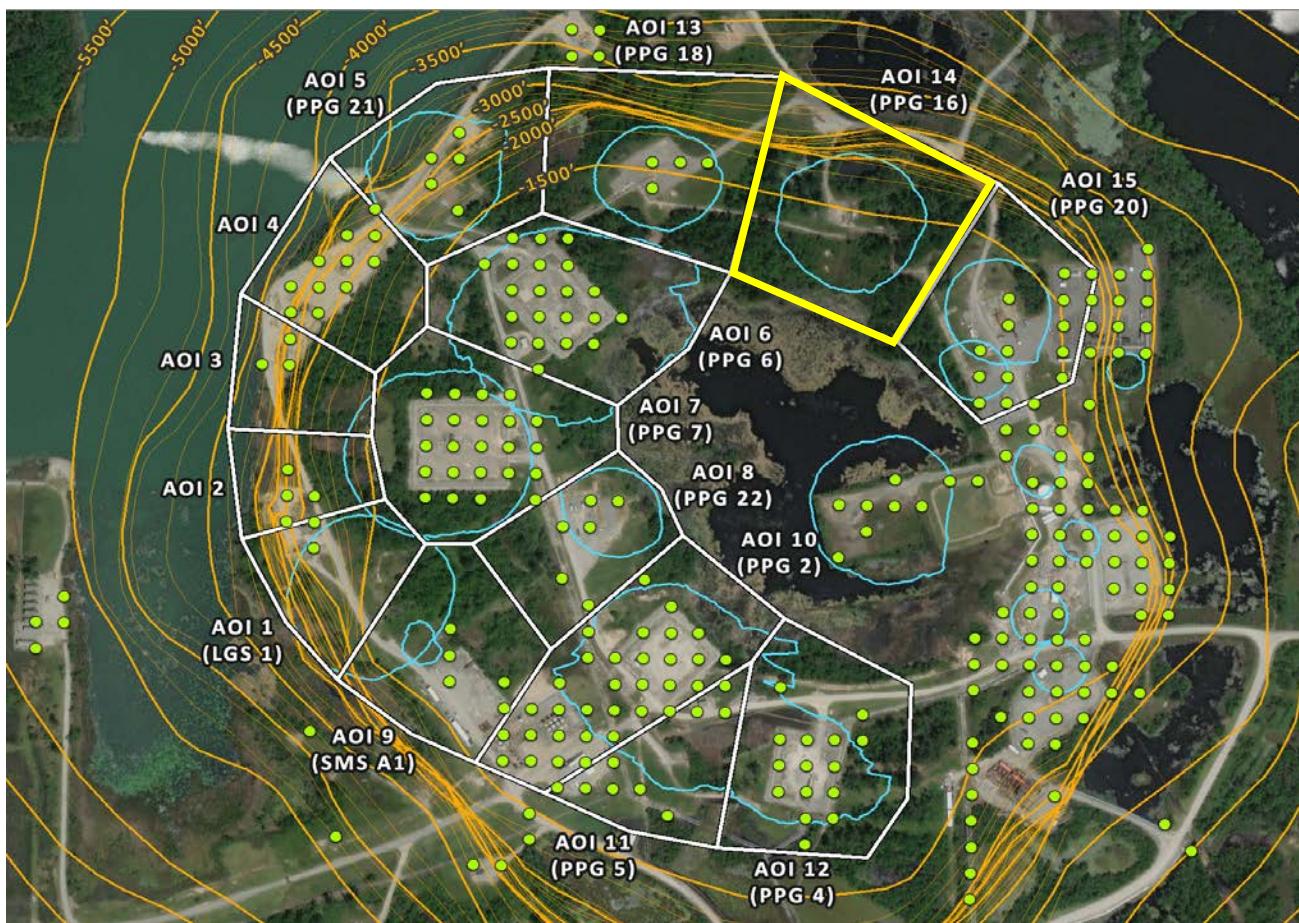




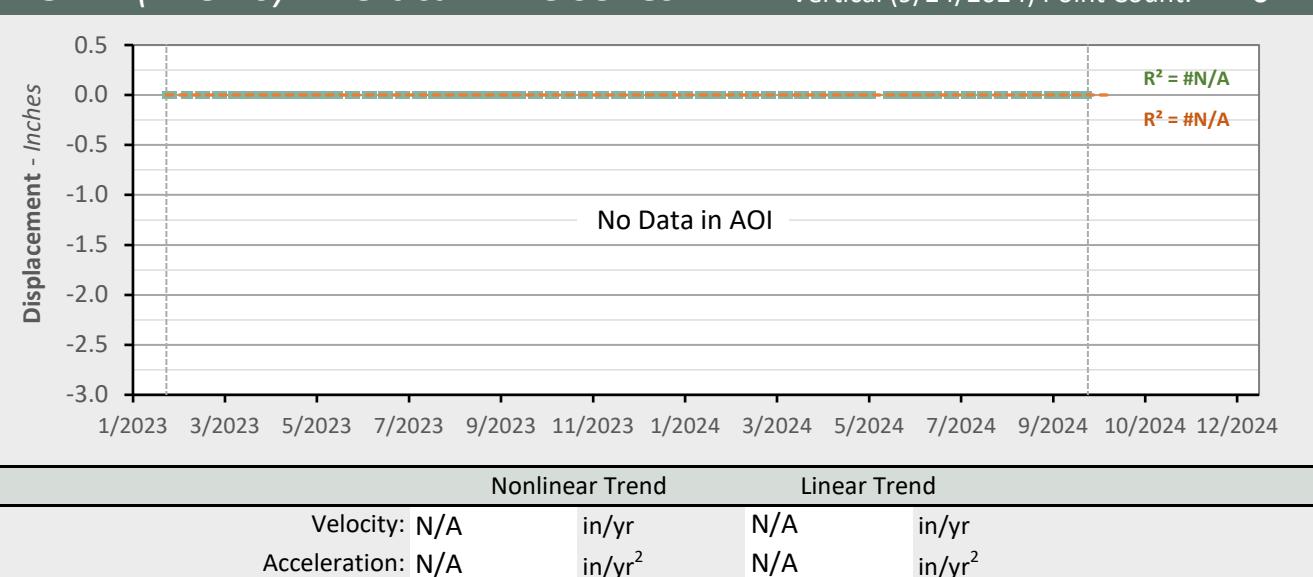






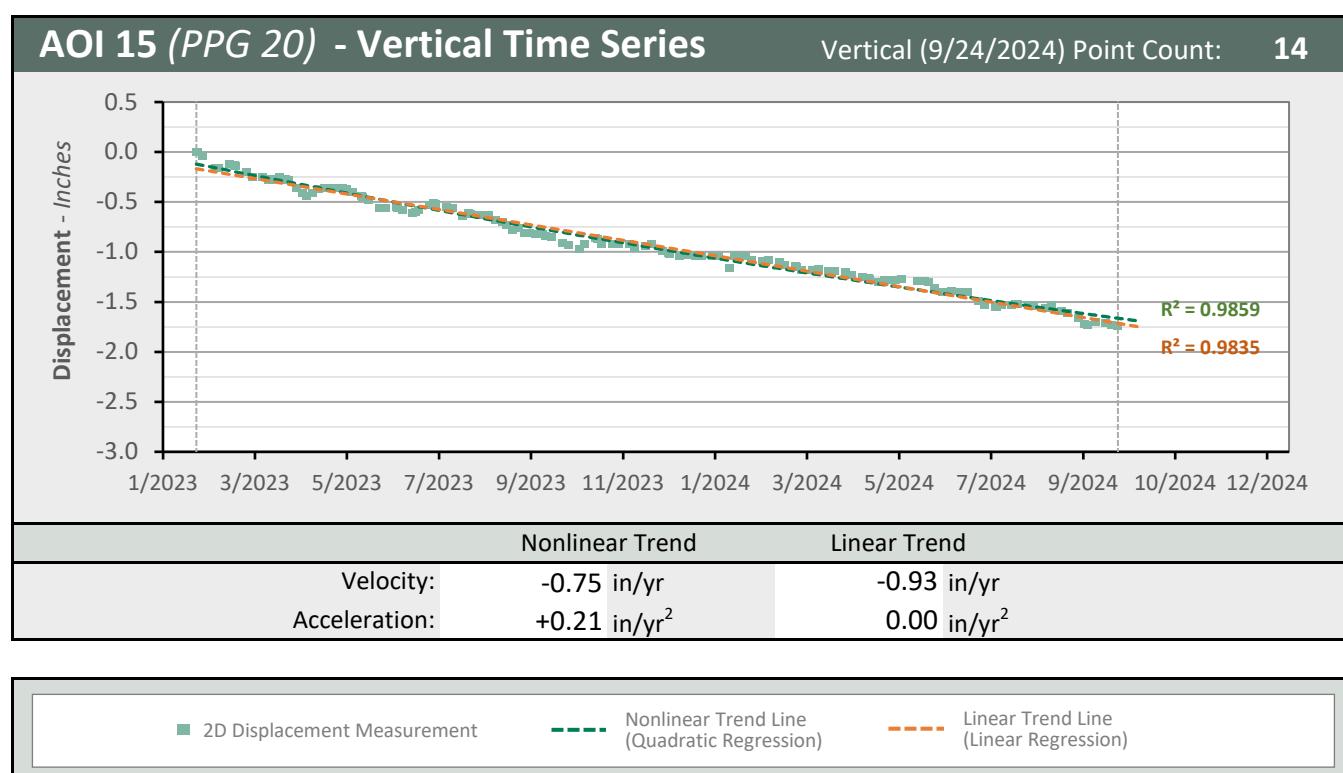
AOI 14 (PPG 16) - Location Map**AOI 14 (PPG 16) - Vertical Time Series**

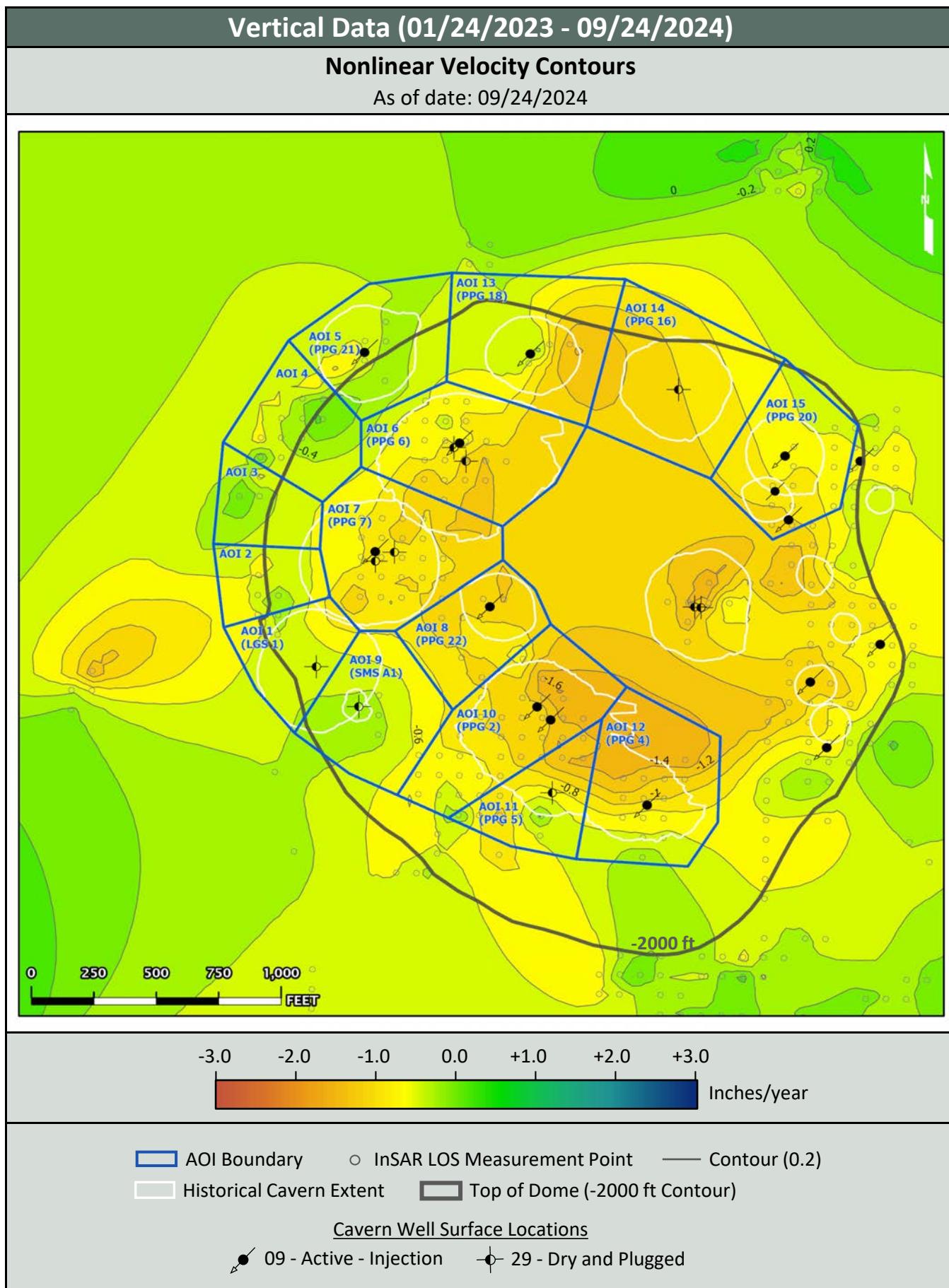
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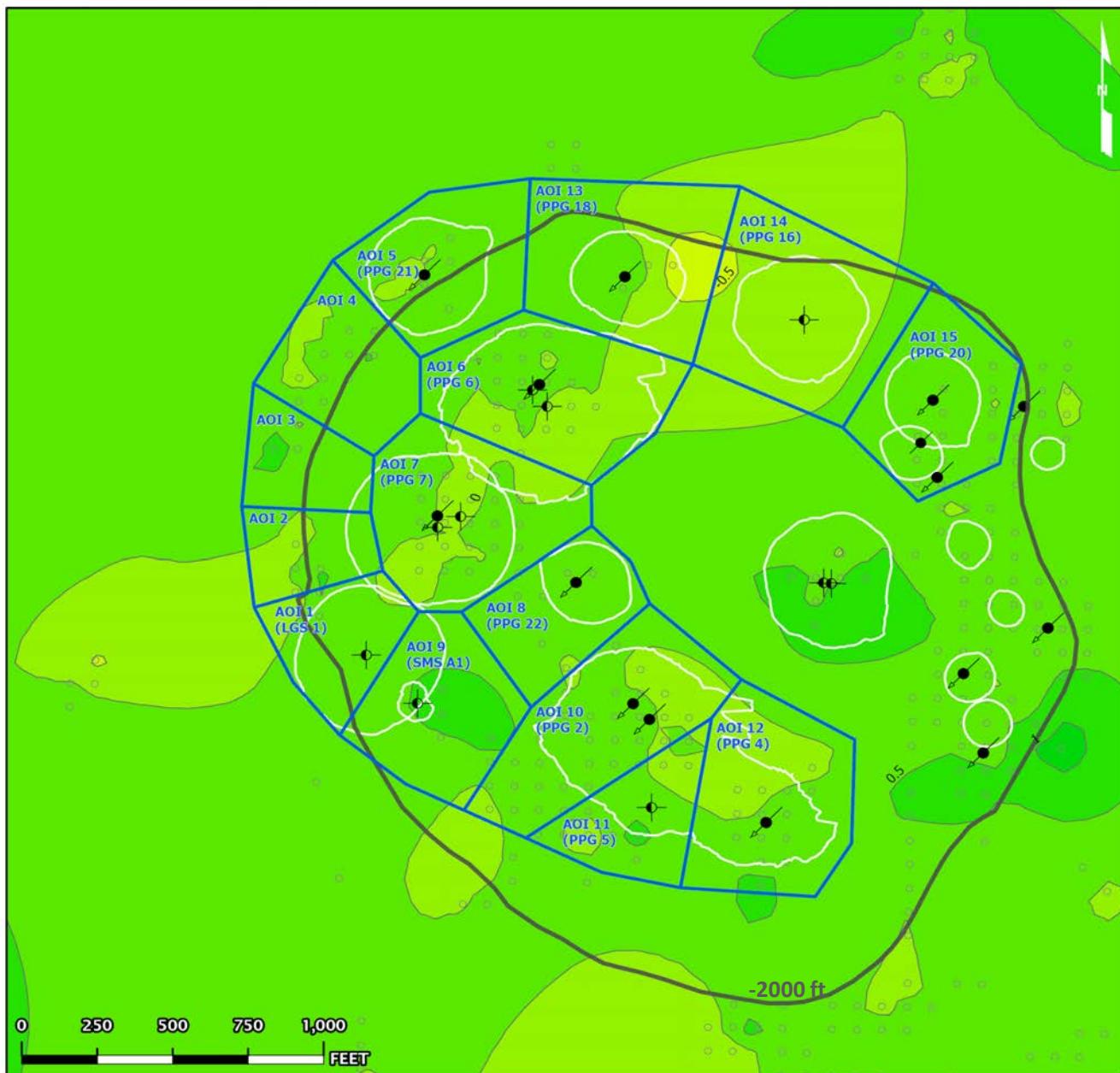
— Nonlinear Trend Line
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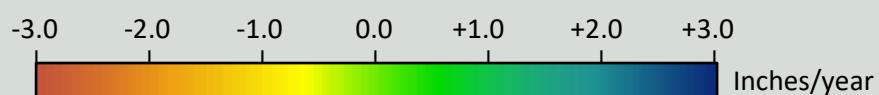
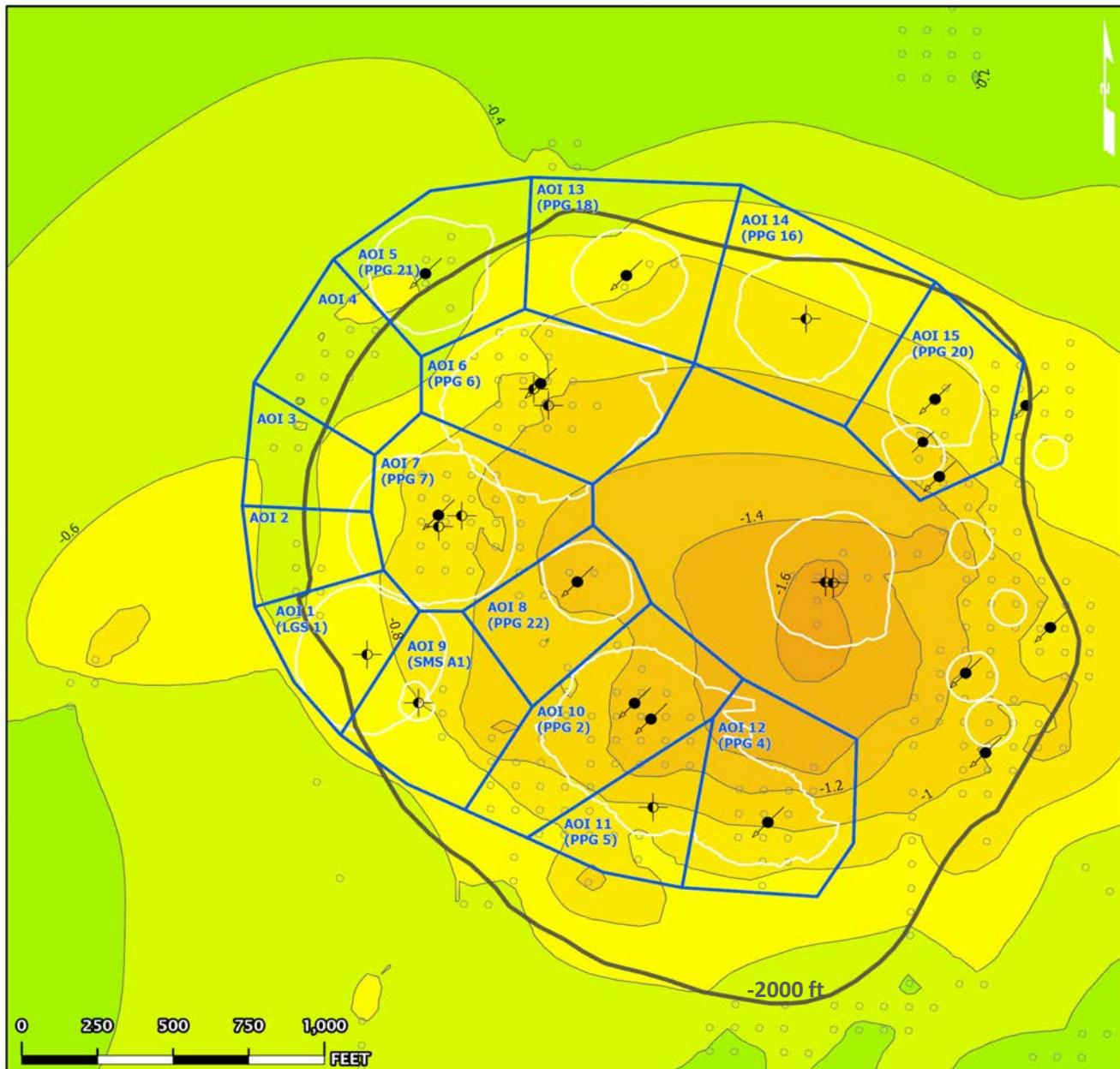


█ AOI Boundary ○ InSAR LOS Measurement Point — Contour (0.5)
█ Historical Cavern Extent █ Top of Dome (-2000 ft Contour)

Cavern Well Surface Locations
◆ 09 - Active - Injection ◆ 29 - Dry and Plugged

Vertical Data (01/24/2023 - 09/24/2024)**Linear Velocity Contours**

Date range: 01/24/2023 - 09/24/2024



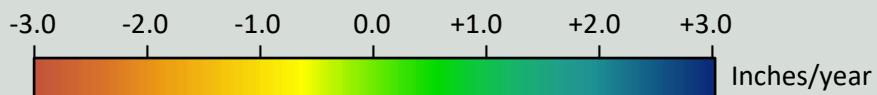
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Cavern Well Surface Locations

● 09 - Active - Injection ● 29 - Dry and Plugged

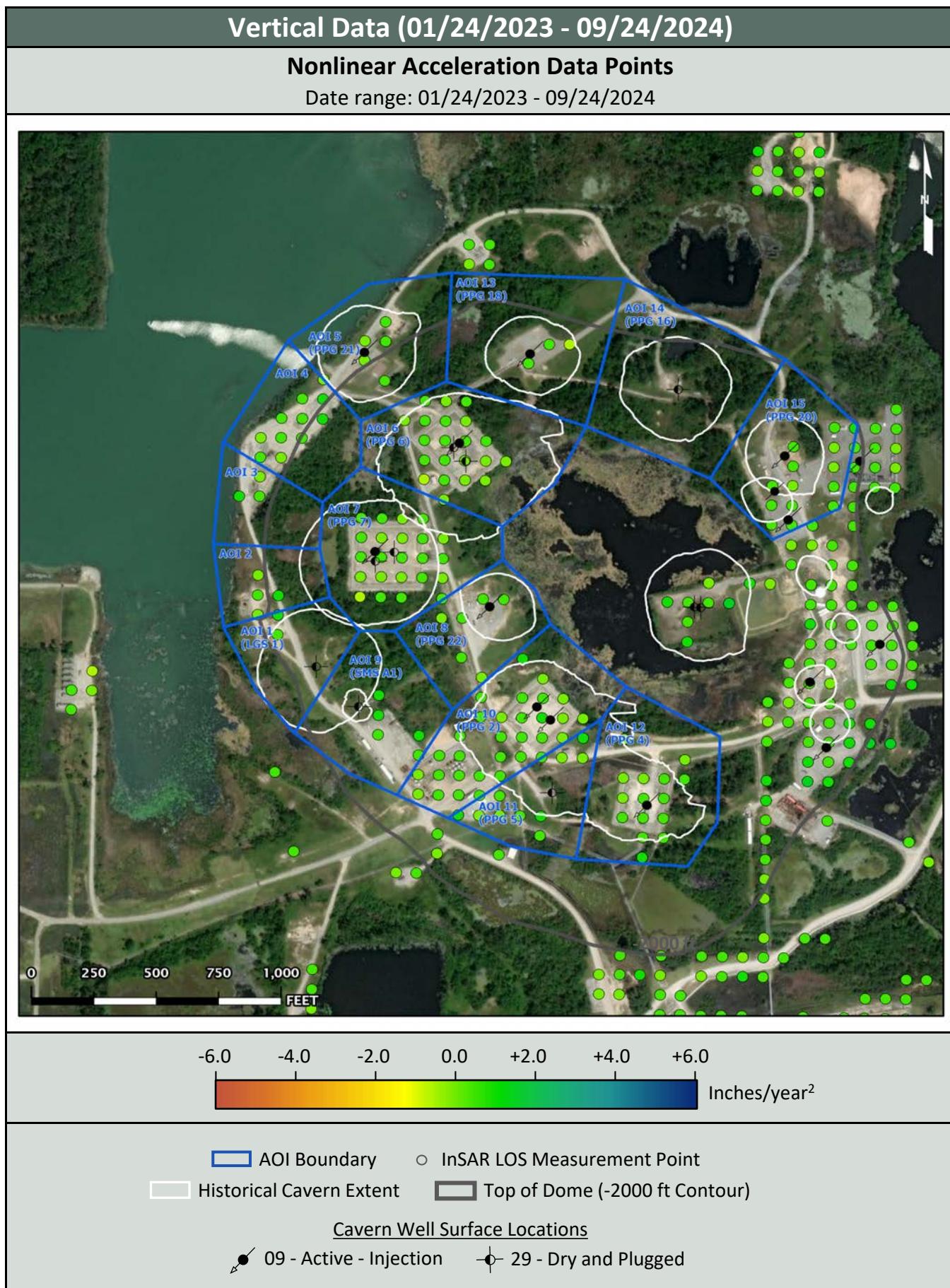
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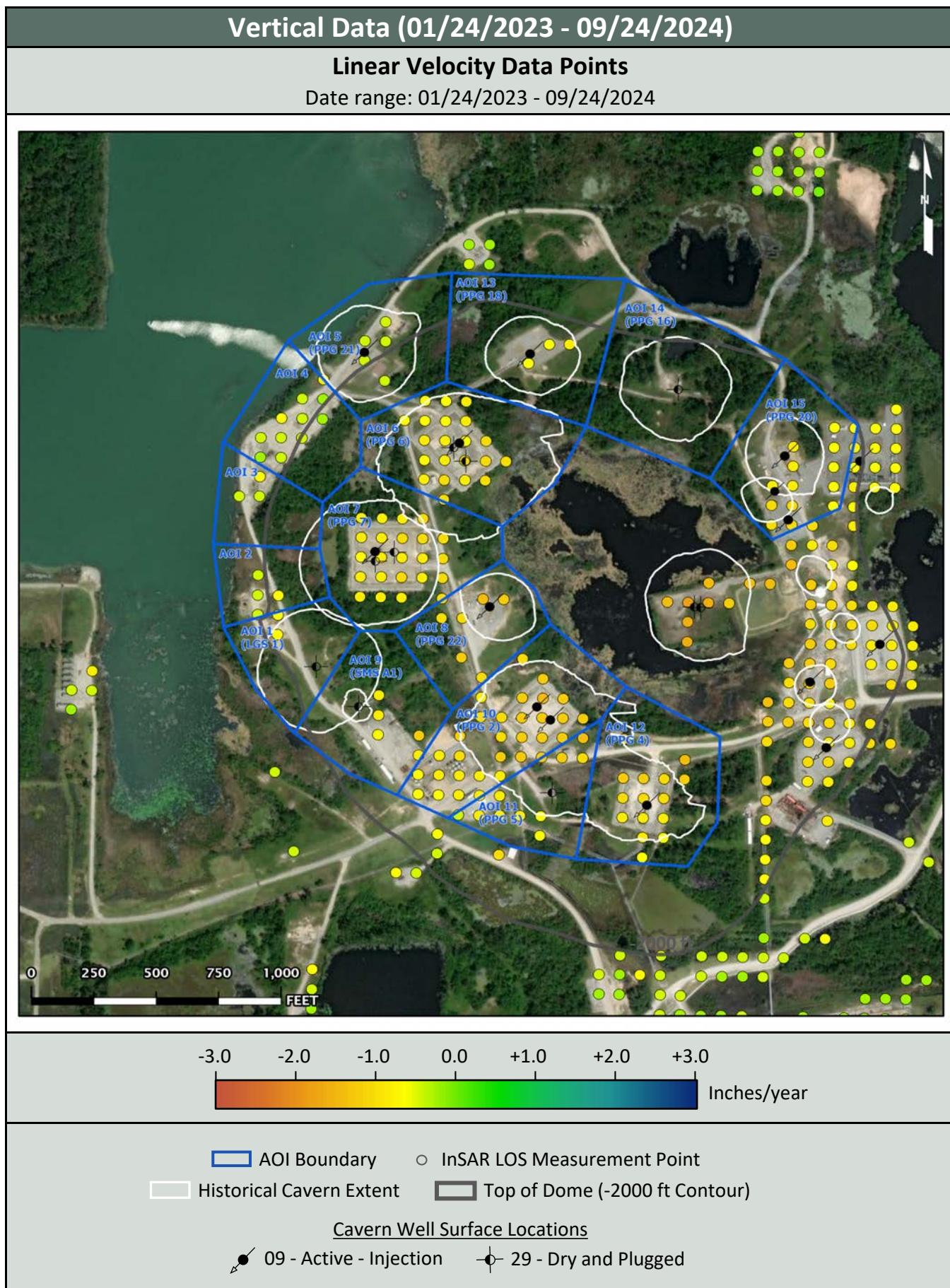
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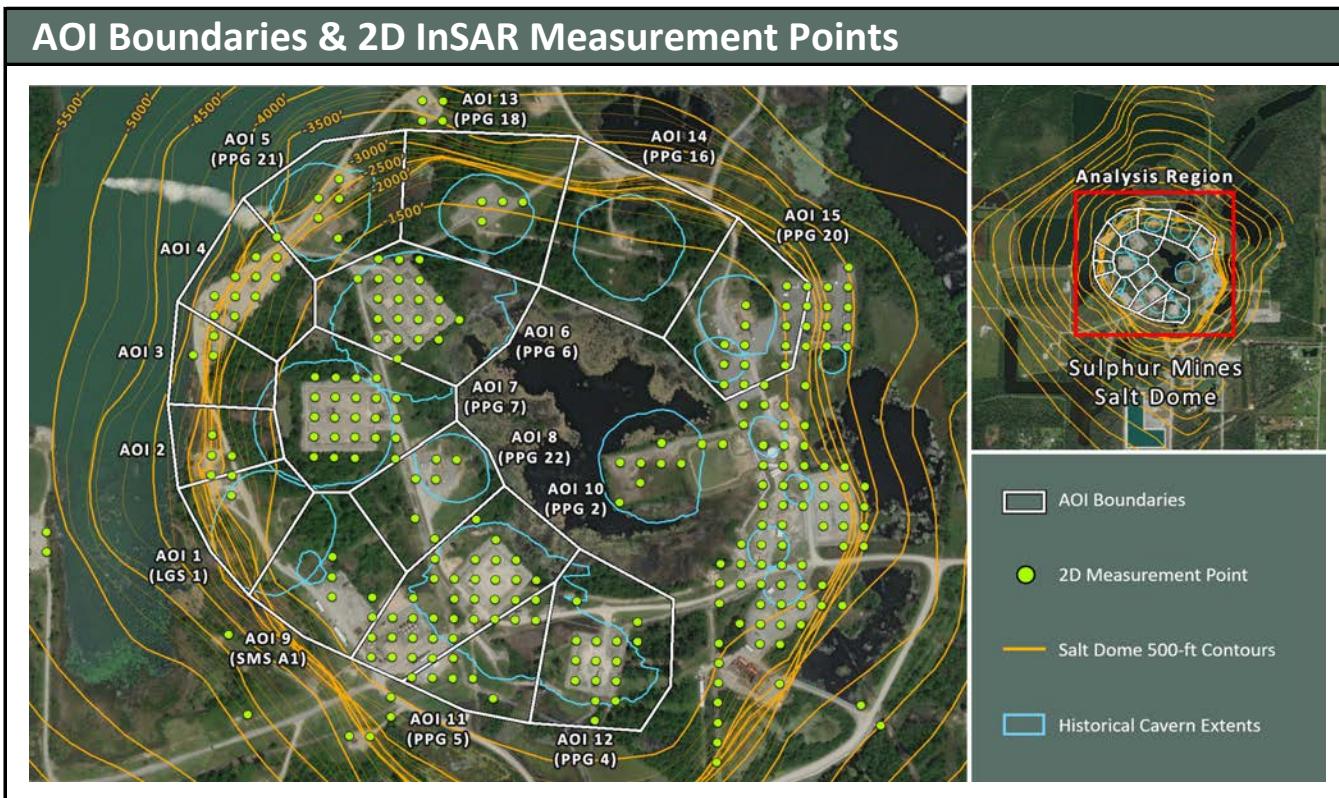


■ AOI Boundary ○ InSAR LOS Measurement Point
■ Historical Cavern Extent ■ Top of Dome (-2000 ft Contour)

Cavern Well Surface Locations
● 09 - Active - Injection ● 29 - Dry and Plugged



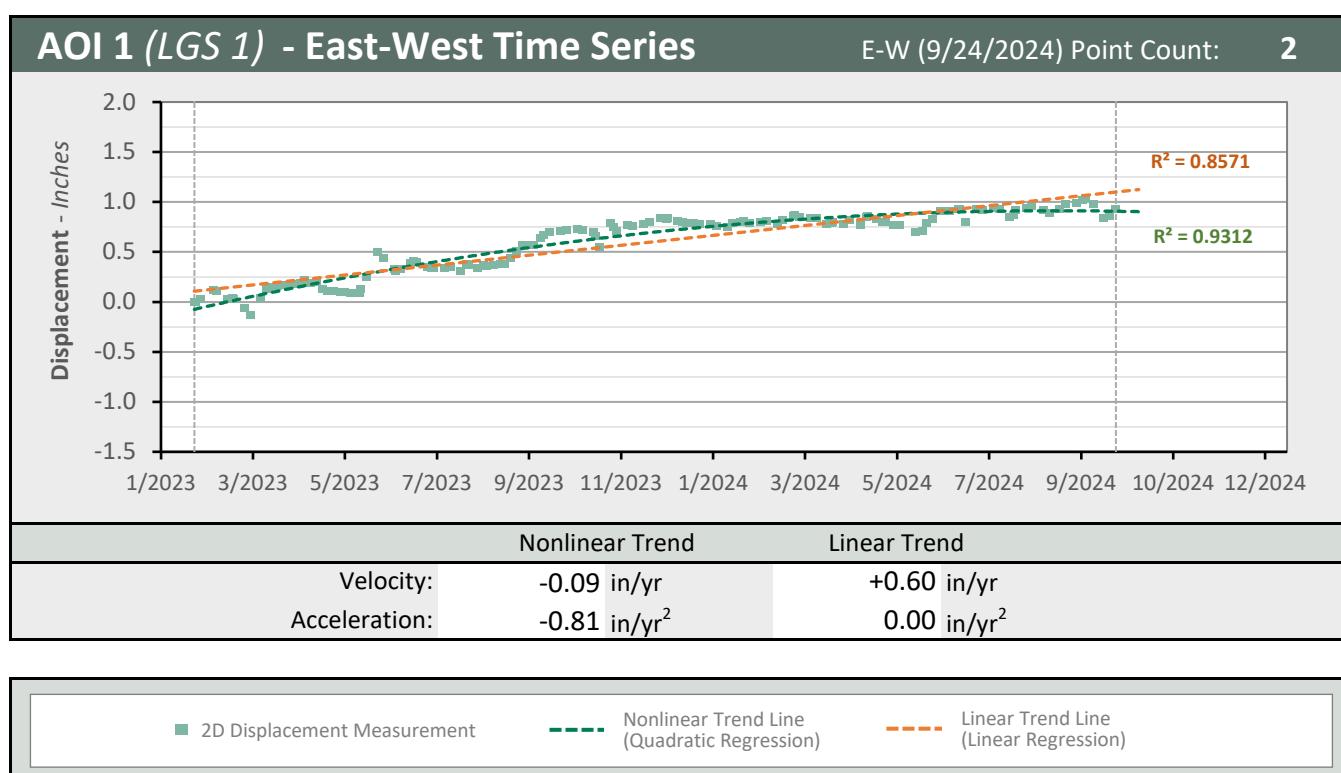


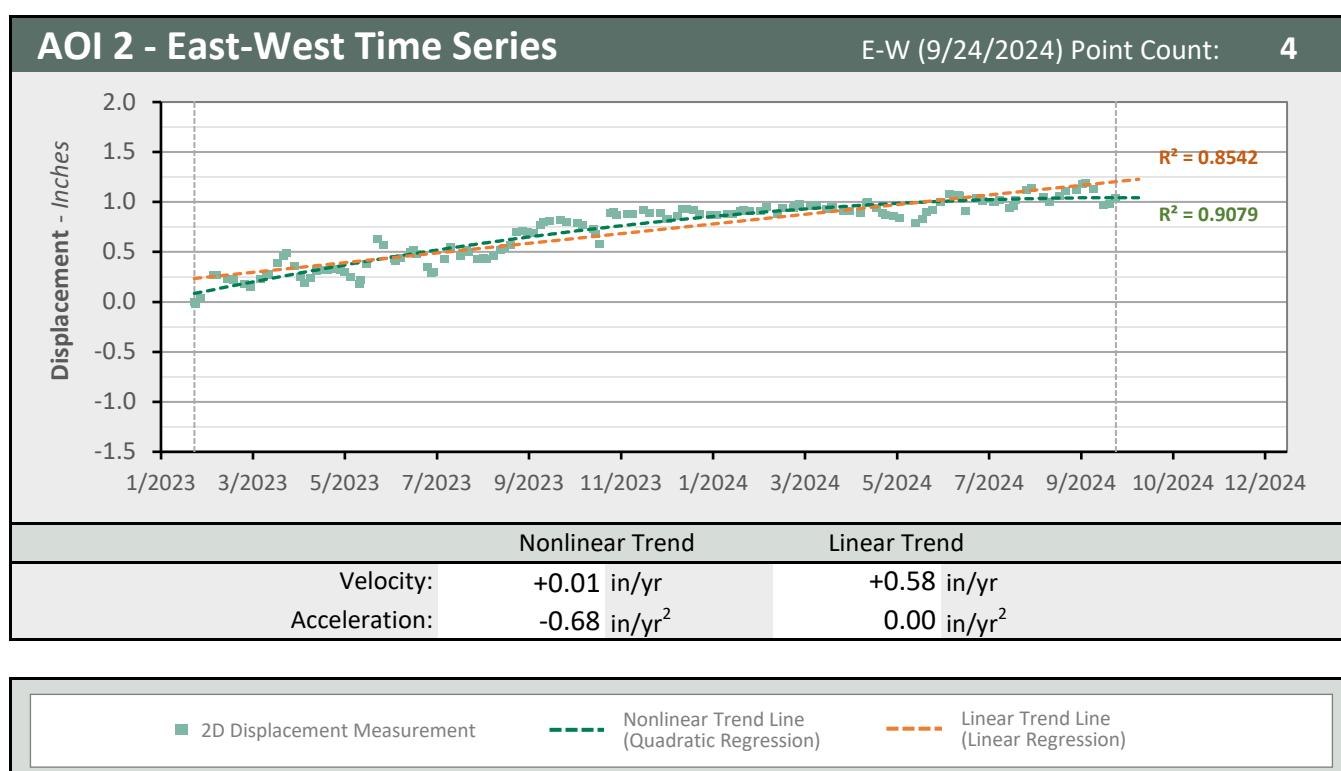


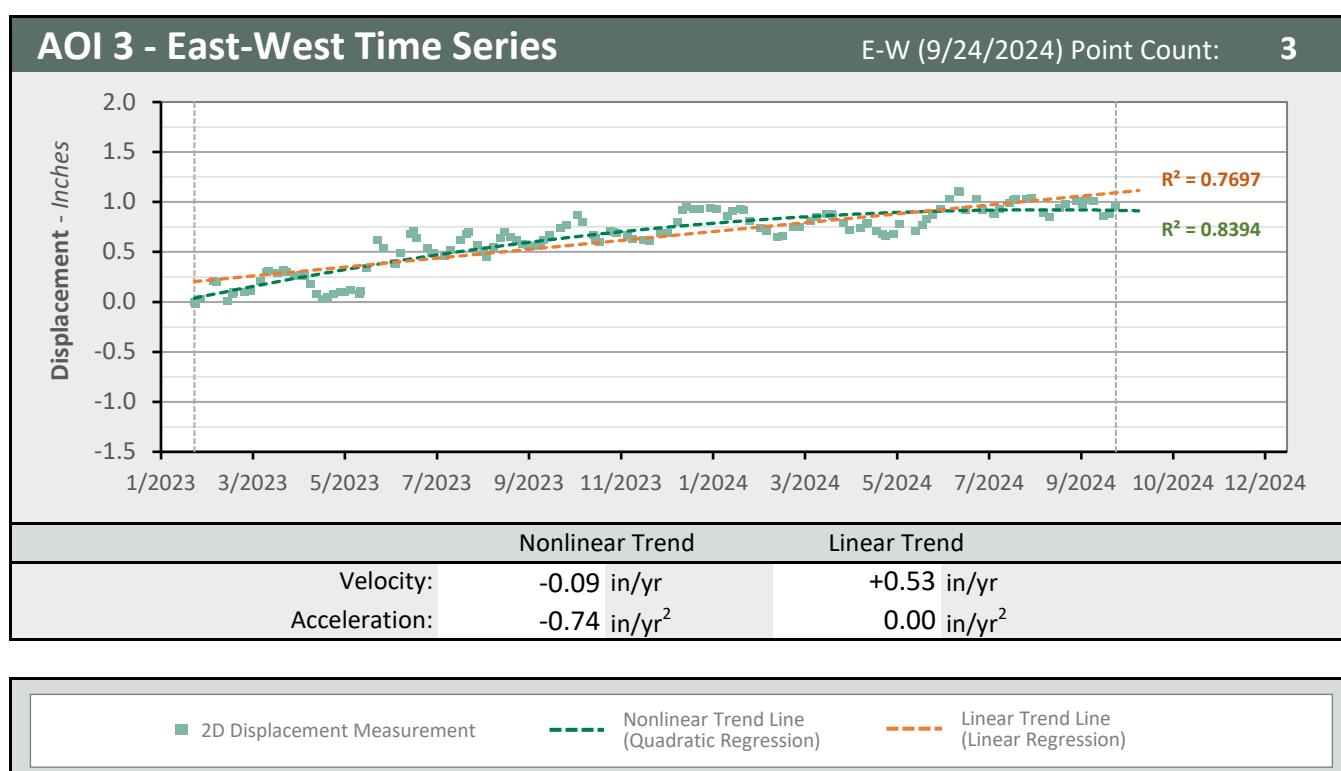
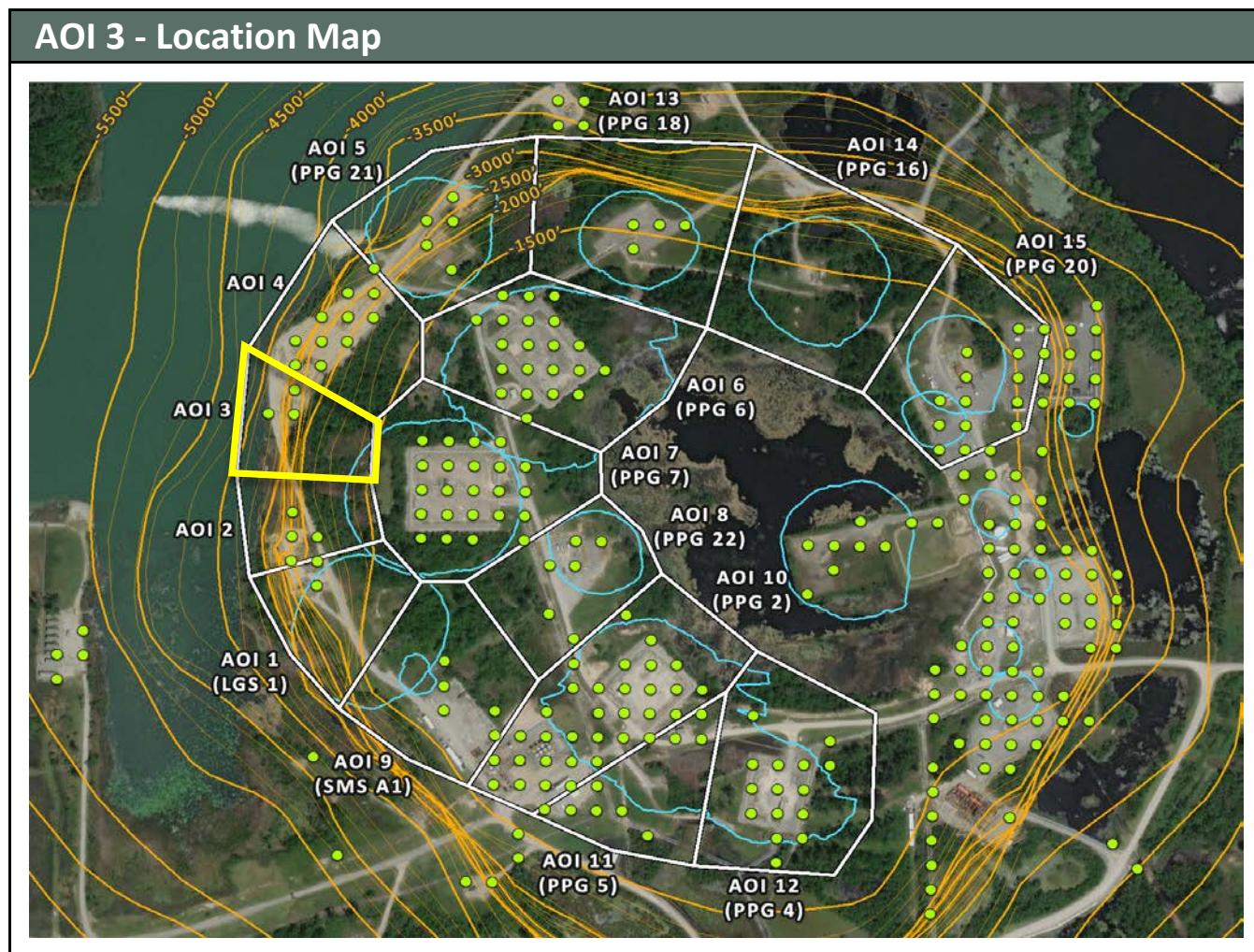
Subsidence Monitoring Areas of Interest (AOIs)

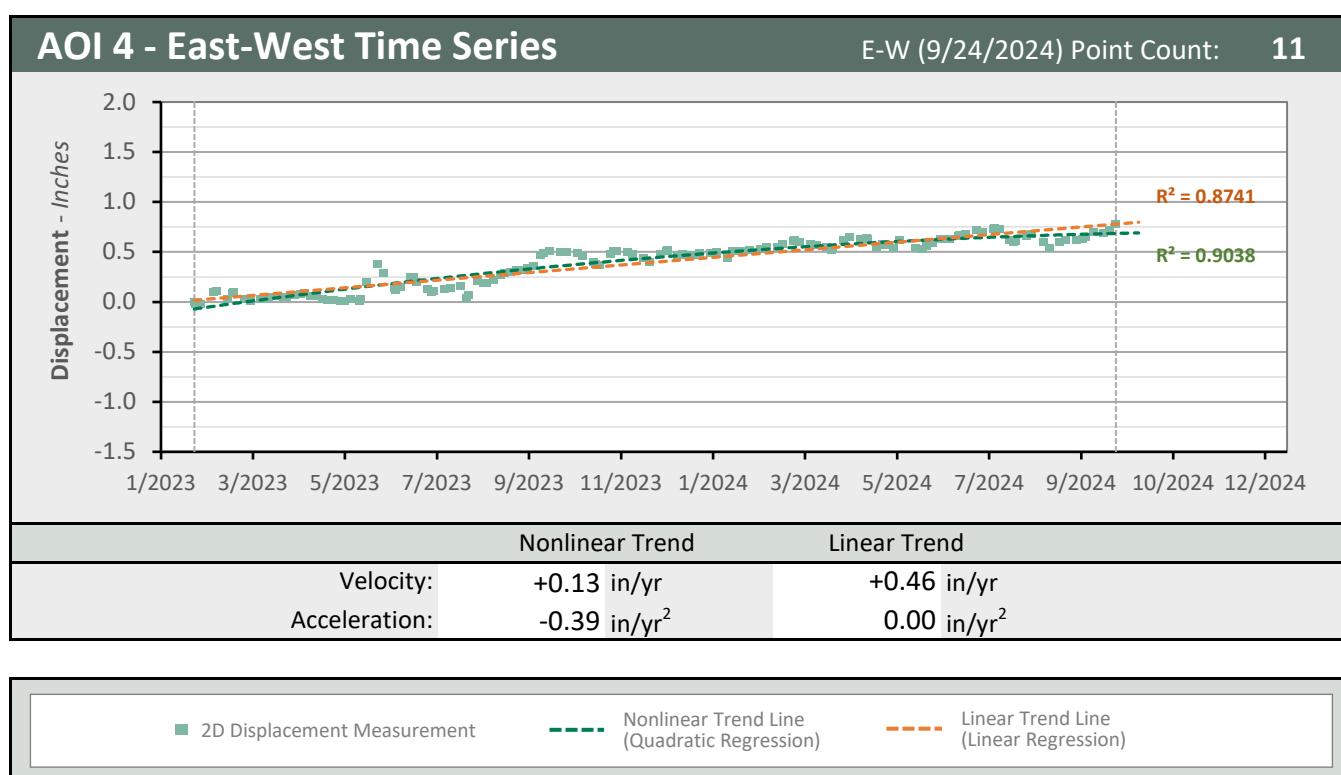
To visually convey and evaluate trend consistency for the East-West displacement time series of each ground target, measurement points were grouped and their displacement values were averaged. The point groups are referred to as Areas of Interest (AOIs) in this analysis and their boundaries are depicted on the above map. The below table lists the East-West trend values calculated in each AOI for the dataset evaluated in this report.

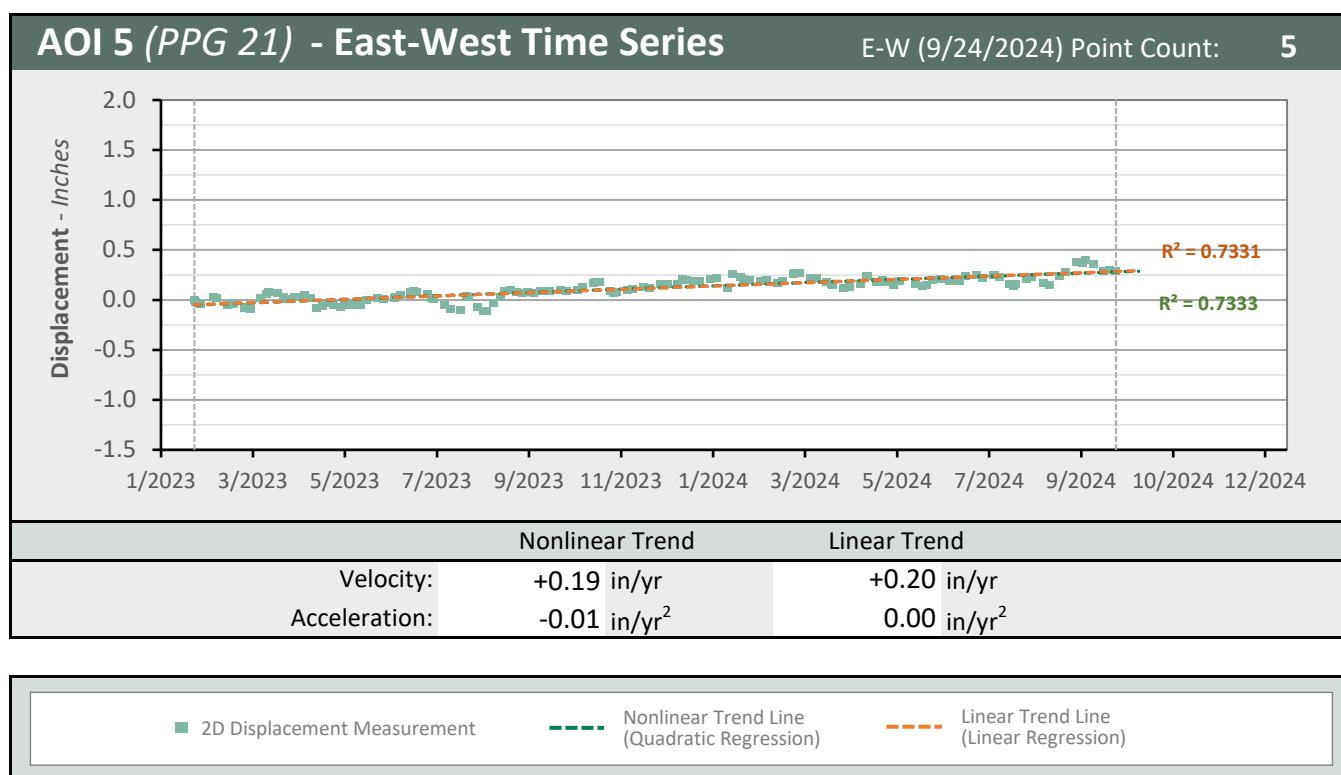
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		Point Count	Nonlinear	Linear	Nonlinear
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AOI 2	4	+0.01	+0.58	-0.68	0.00
AOI 3	3	-0.09	+0.53	-0.74	0.00
AOI 4	11	+0.13	+0.46	-0.39	0.00
AOI 5 (PPG 21)	5	+0.19	+0.20	-0.01	0.00
AOI 6 (PPG 6)	21	+0.14	+0.33	-0.23	0.00
AOI 7 (PPG 7)	23	+0.37	+0.59	-0.26	0.00
AOI 8 (PPG 22)	6	+0.15	+0.51	-0.42	0.00
AOI 9 (SMS A1)	5	+0.16	+0.43	-0.32	0.00
AOI 10 (PPG 2)	31	+0.20	+0.35	-0.18	0.00
AOI 11 (PPG 5)	10	+0.07	+0.32	-0.30	0.00
AOI 12 (PPG 4)	15	-0.38	-0.19	-0.22	0.00
AOI 13 (PPG 18)	3	-0.57	-0.03	-0.65	0.00
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AOI 15 (PPG 20)	14	-0.67	-0.56	-0.12	0.00

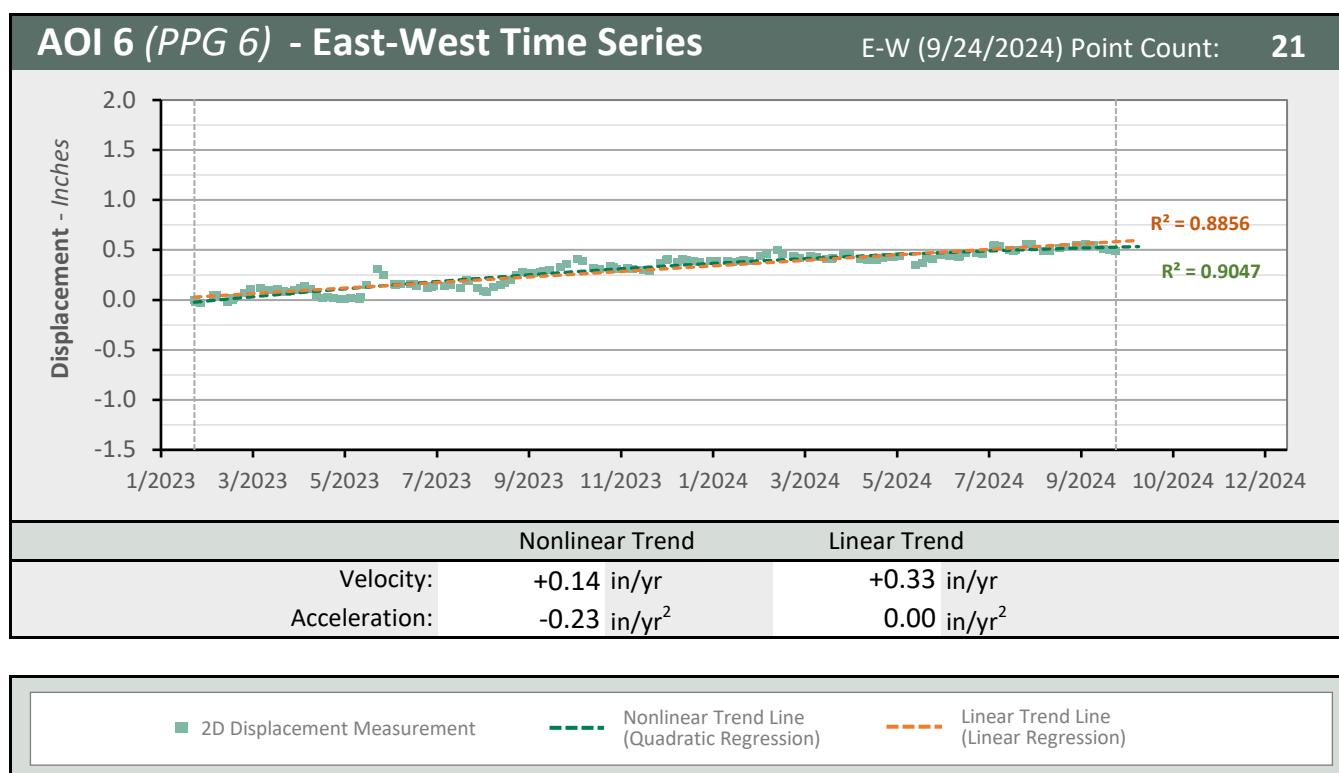
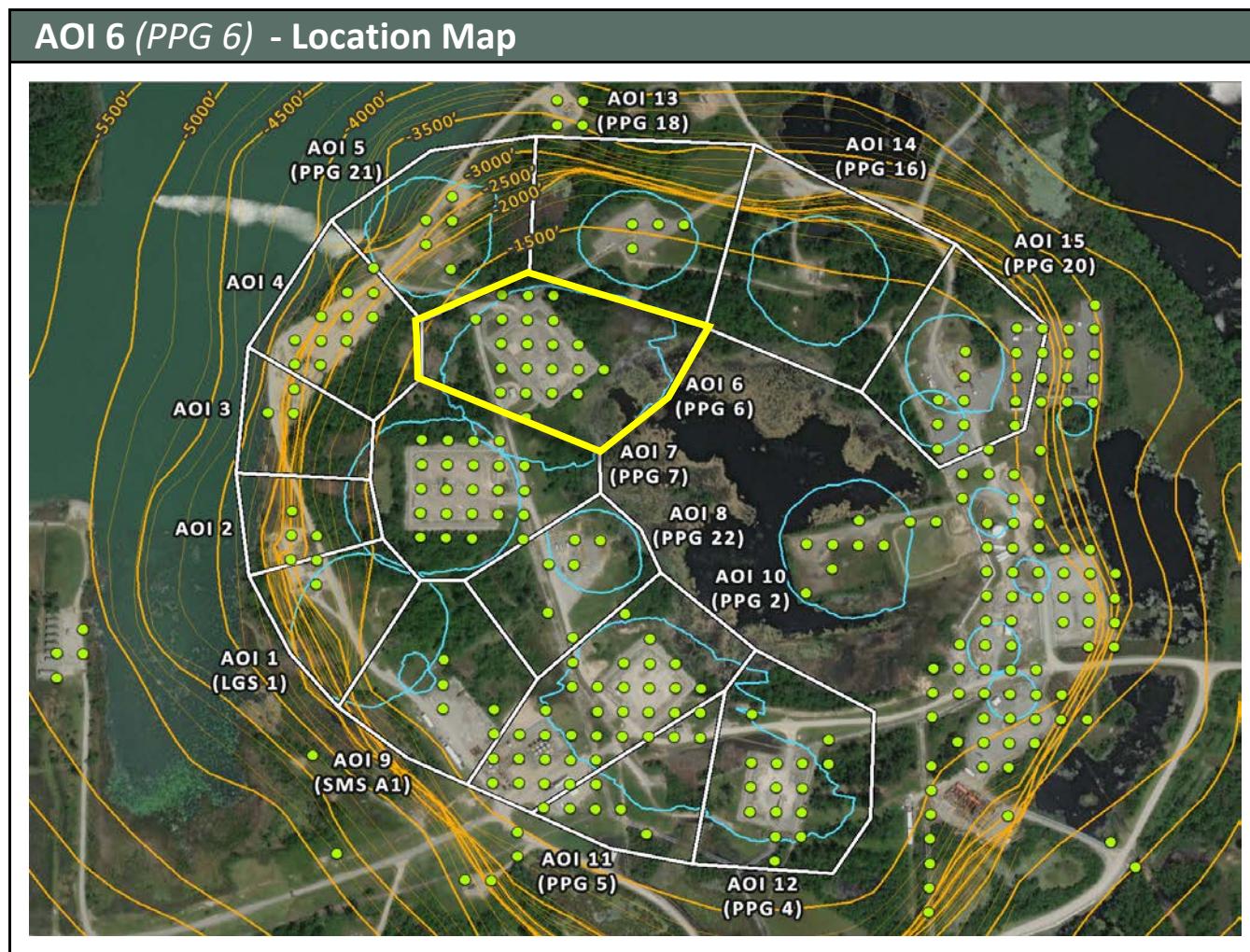


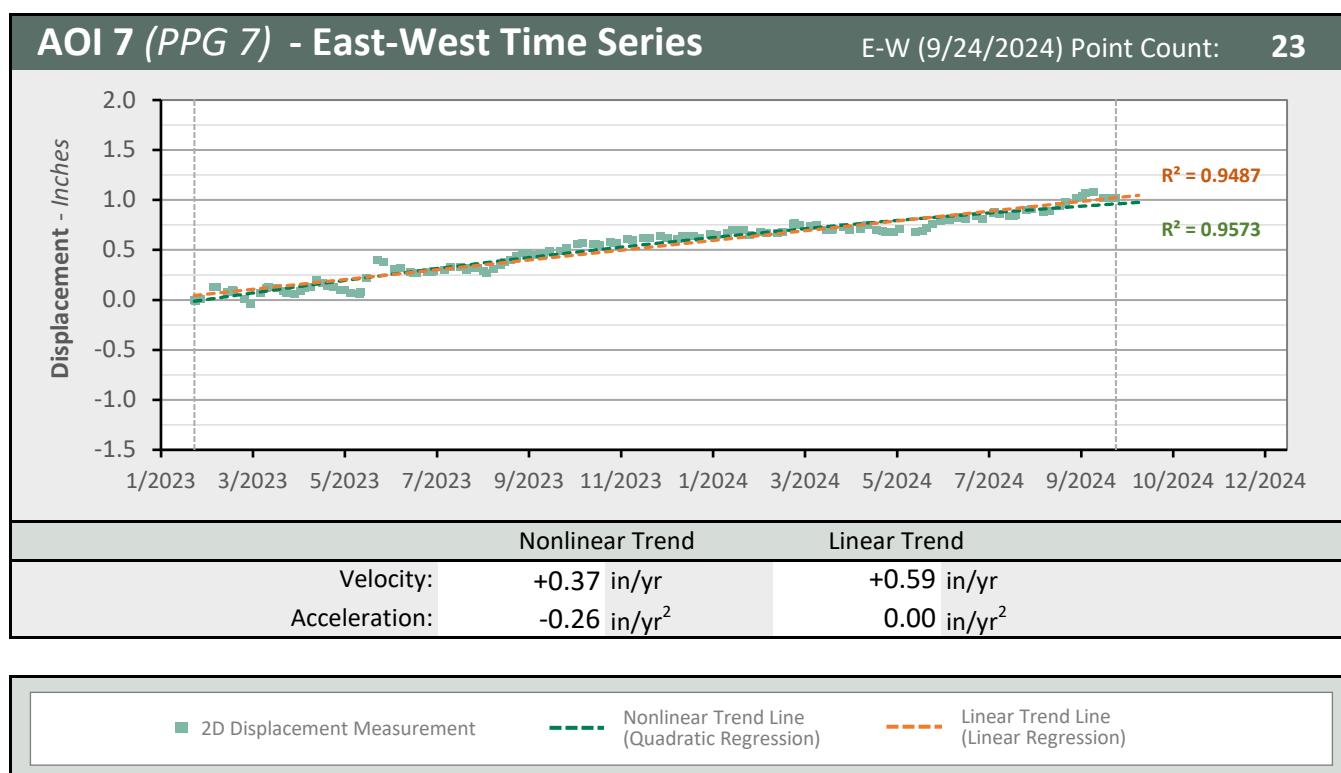
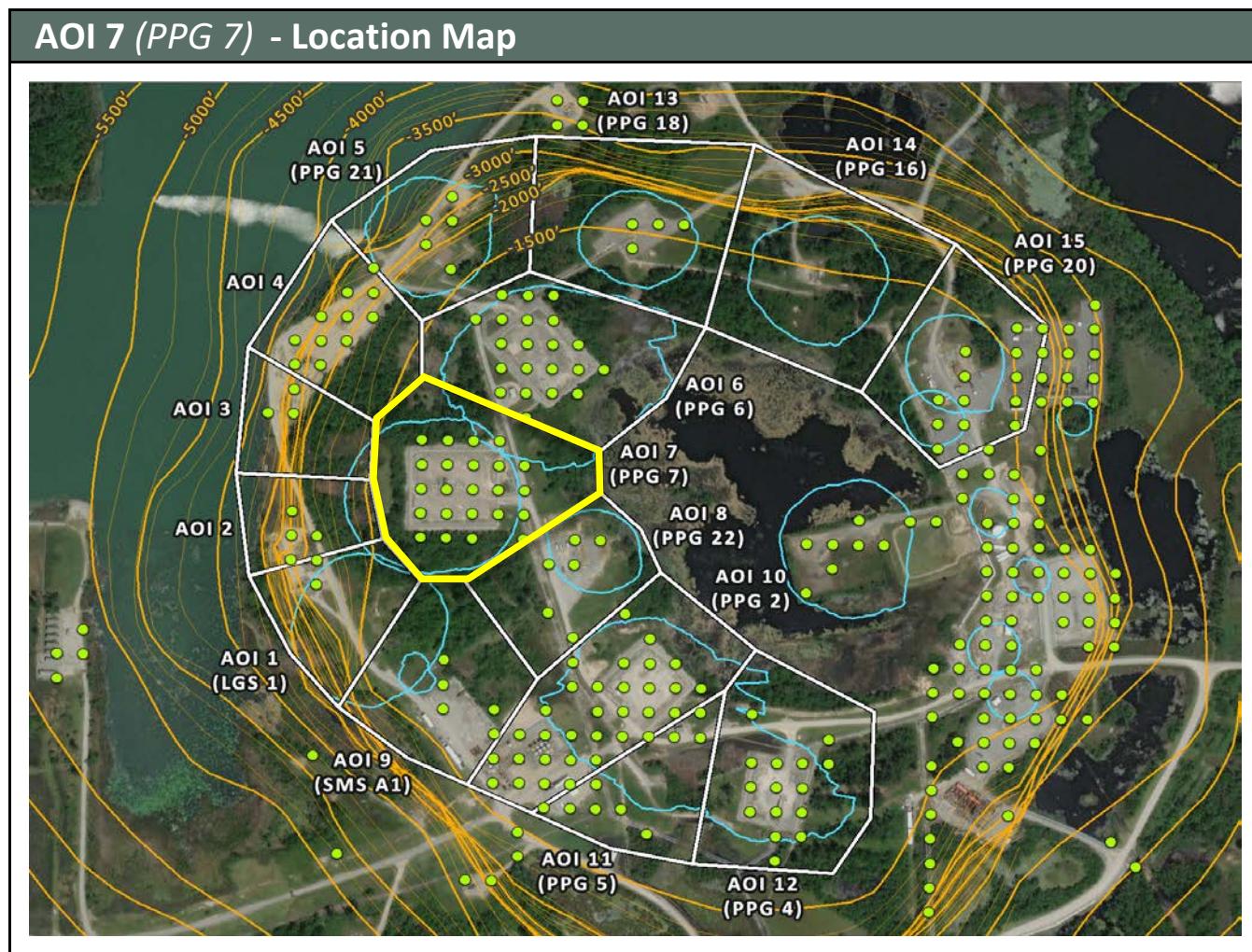


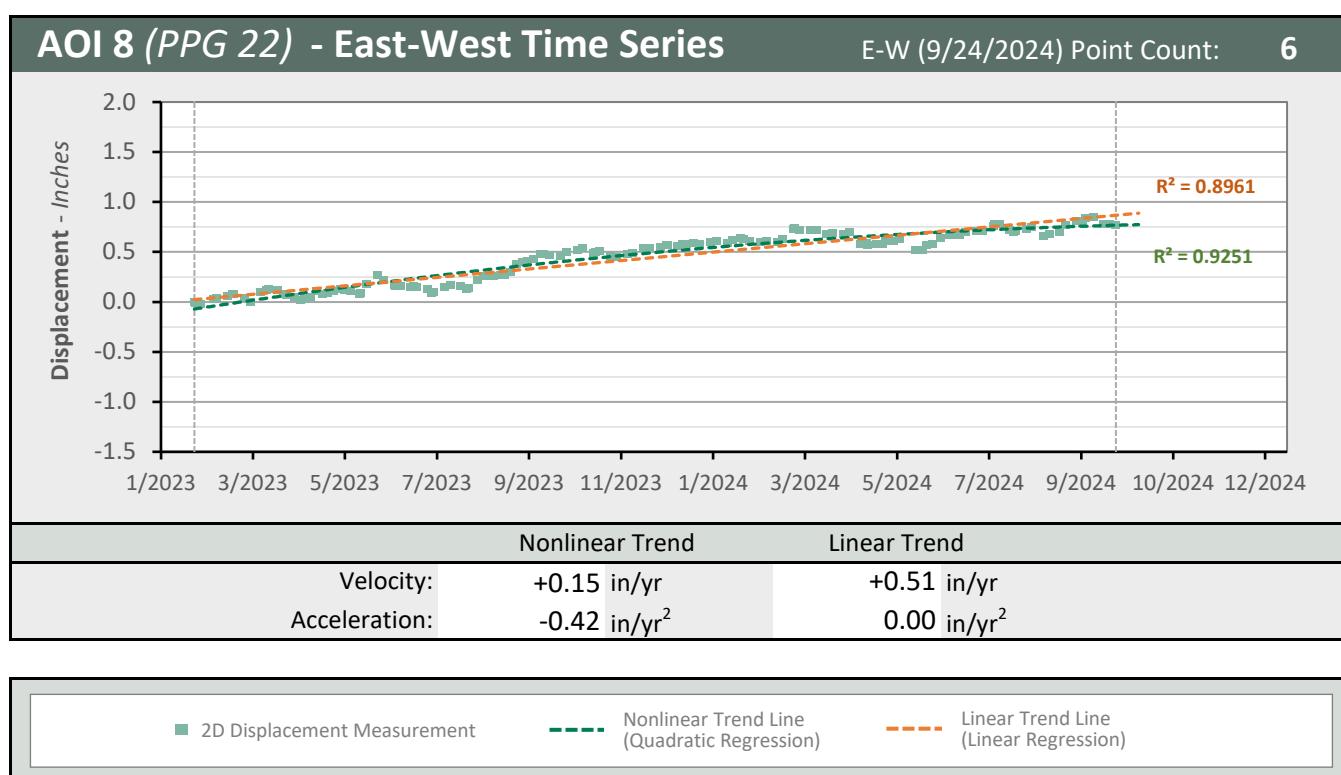
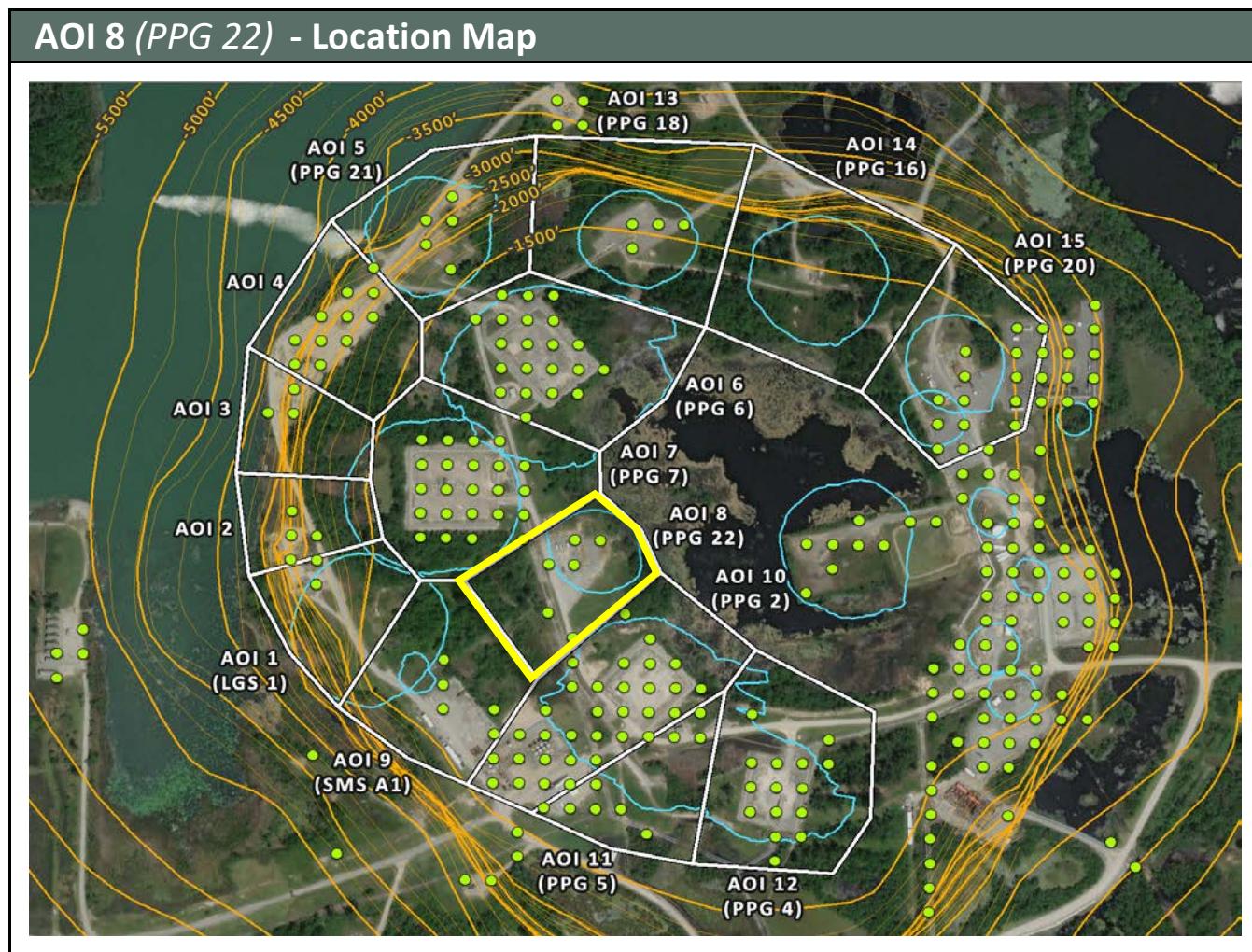


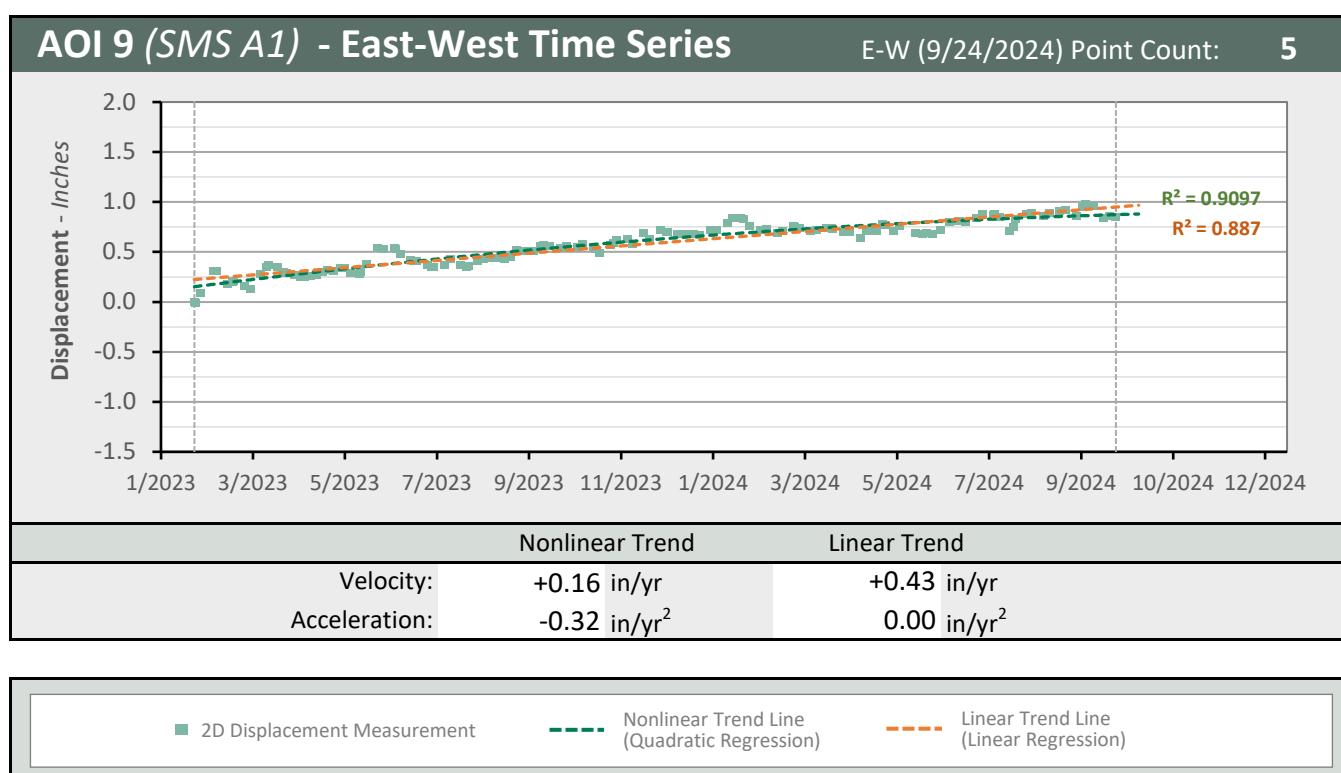


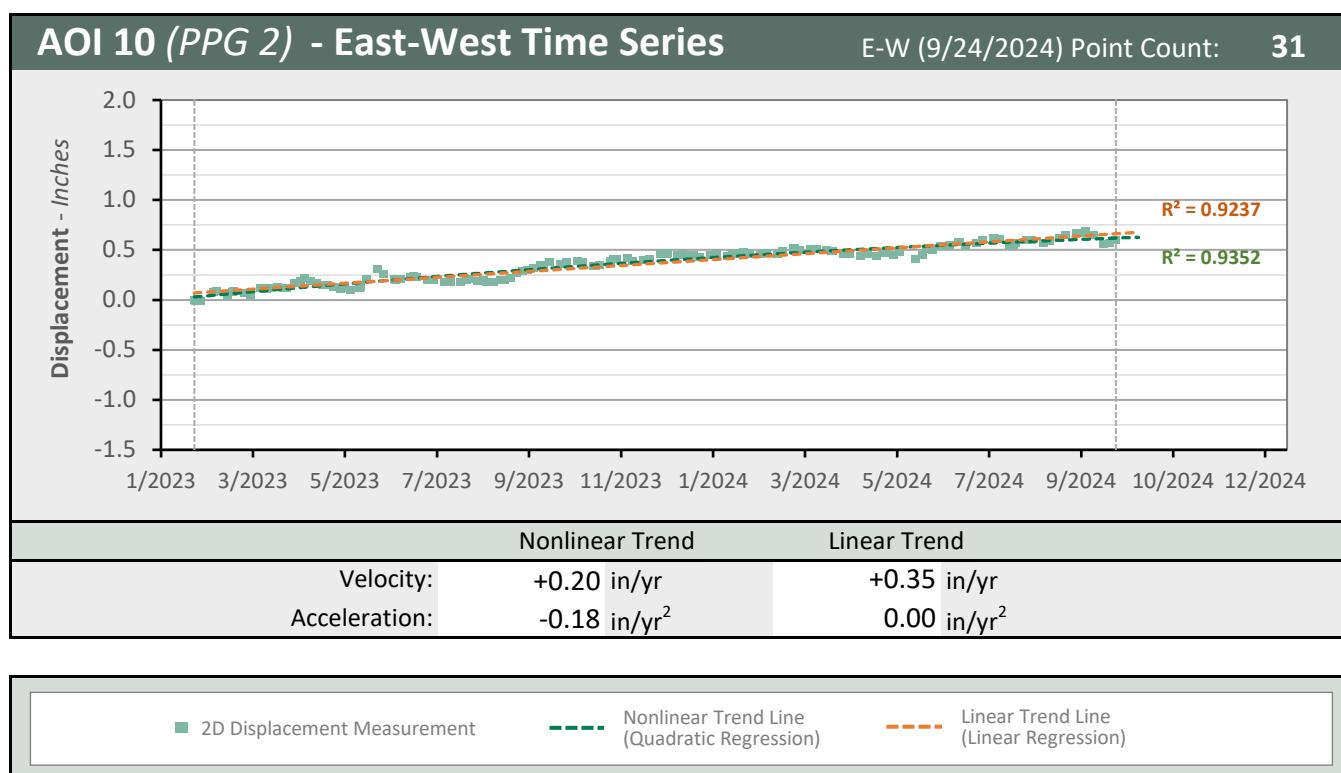
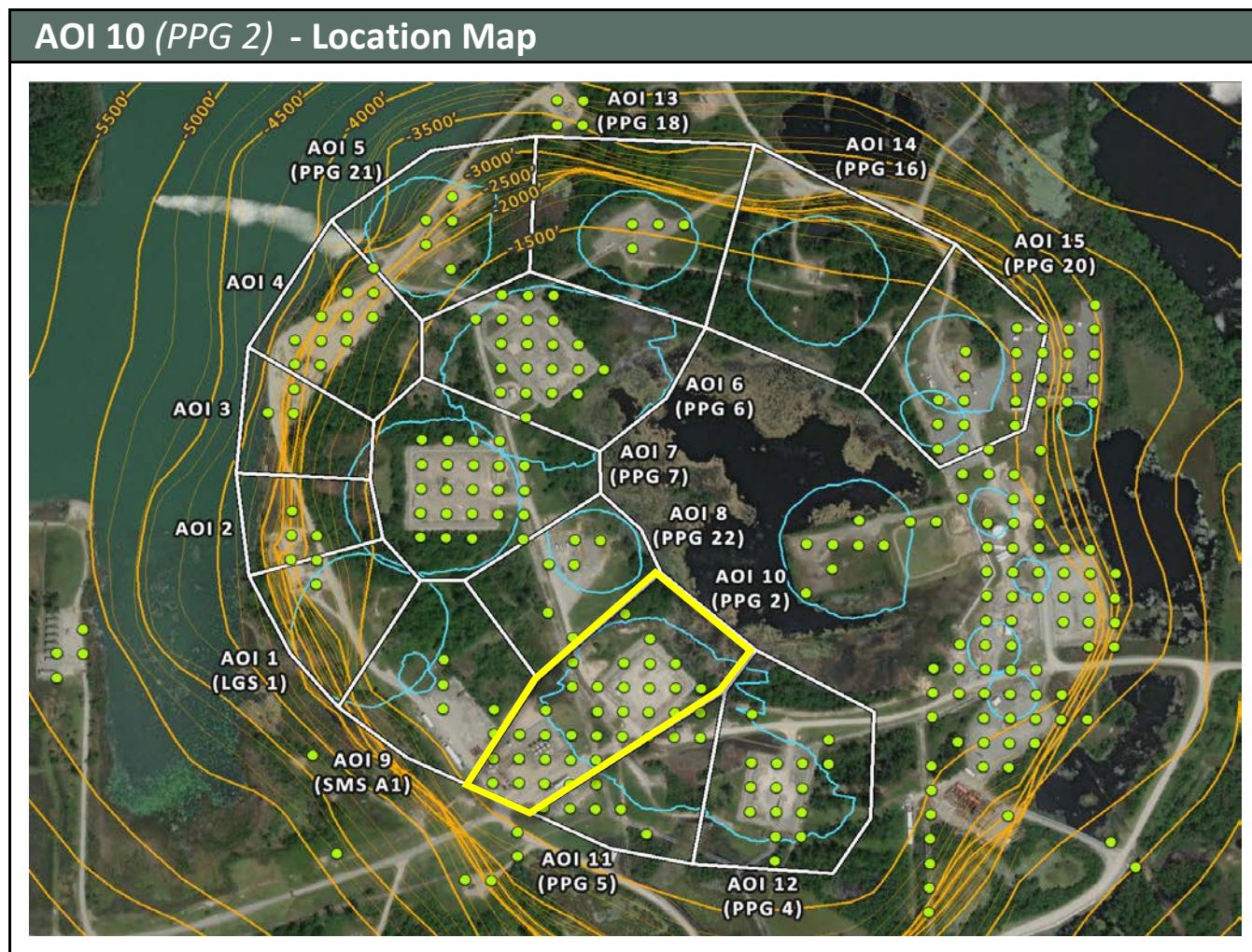


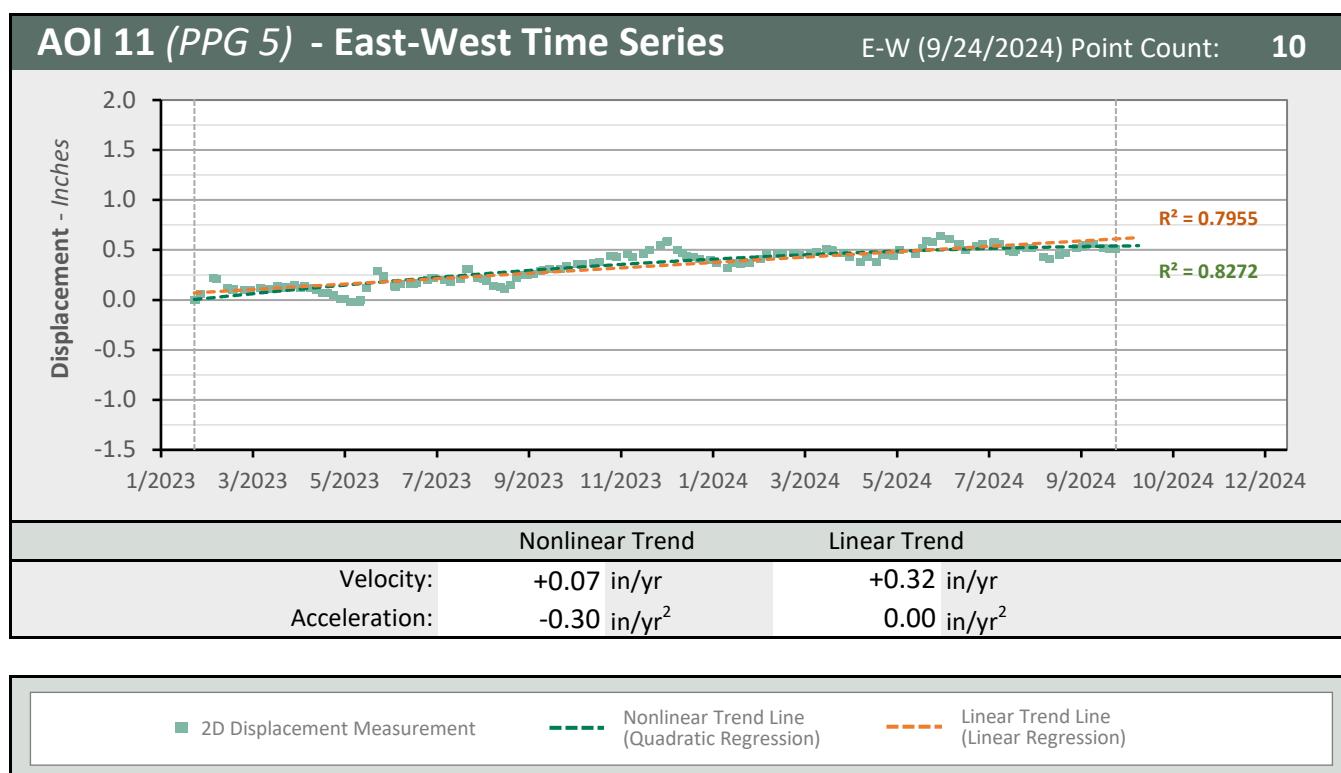
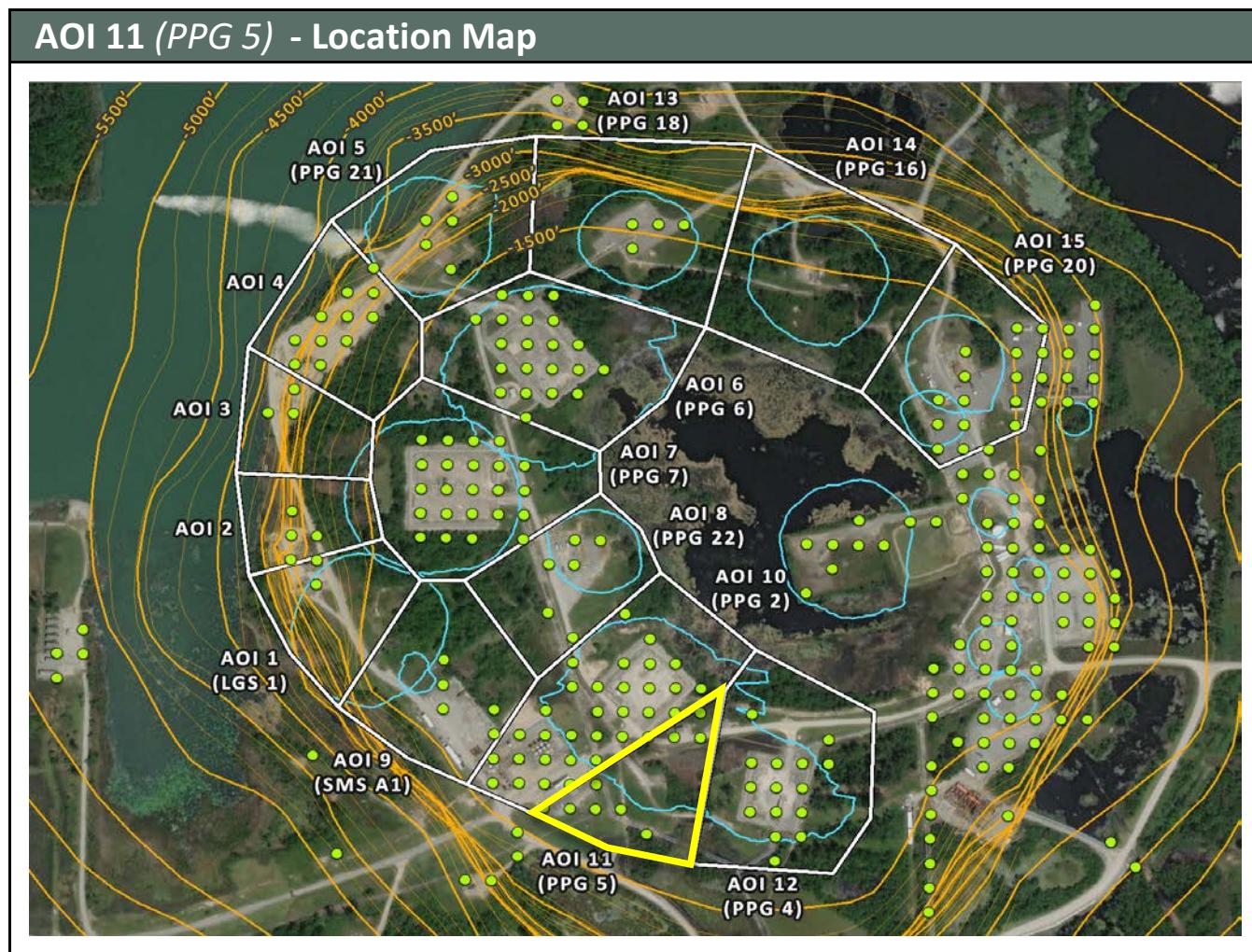


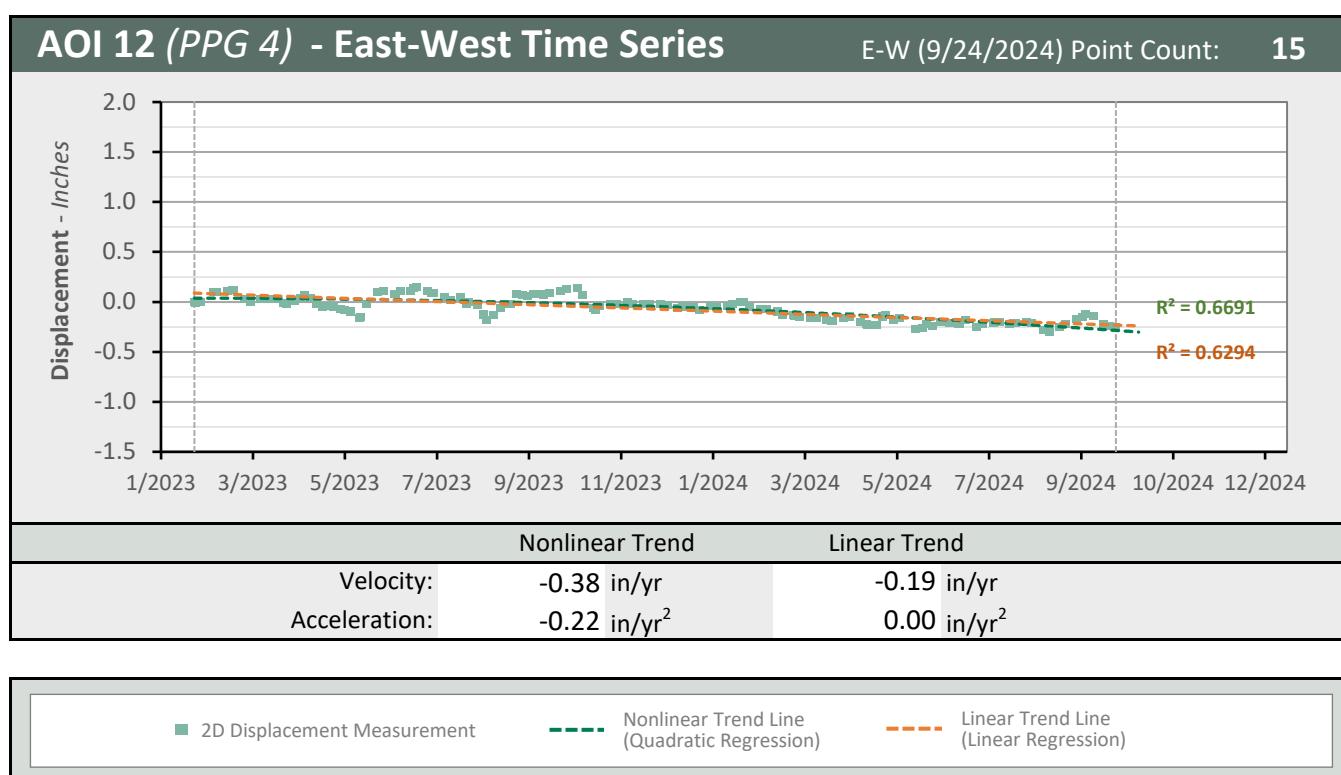
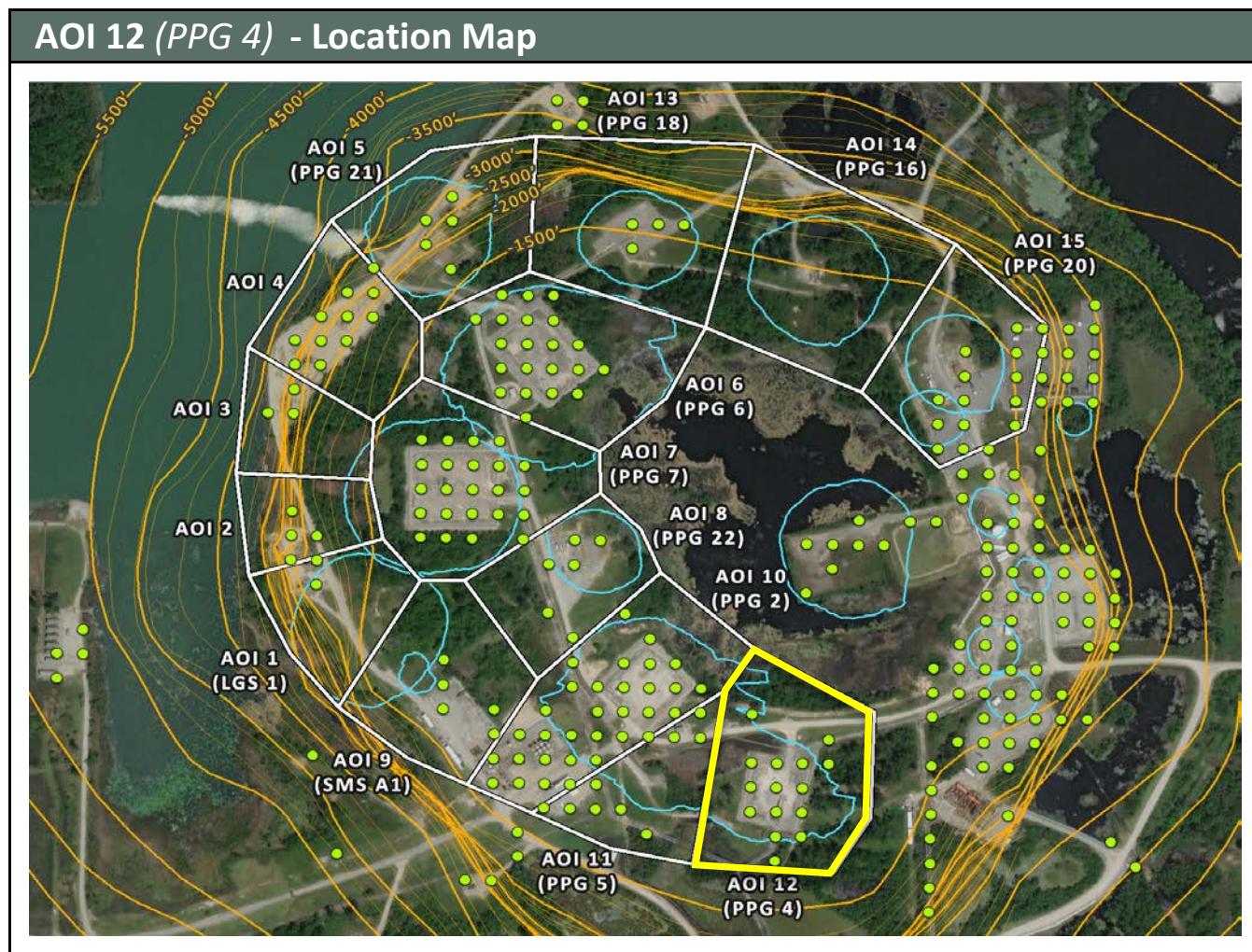


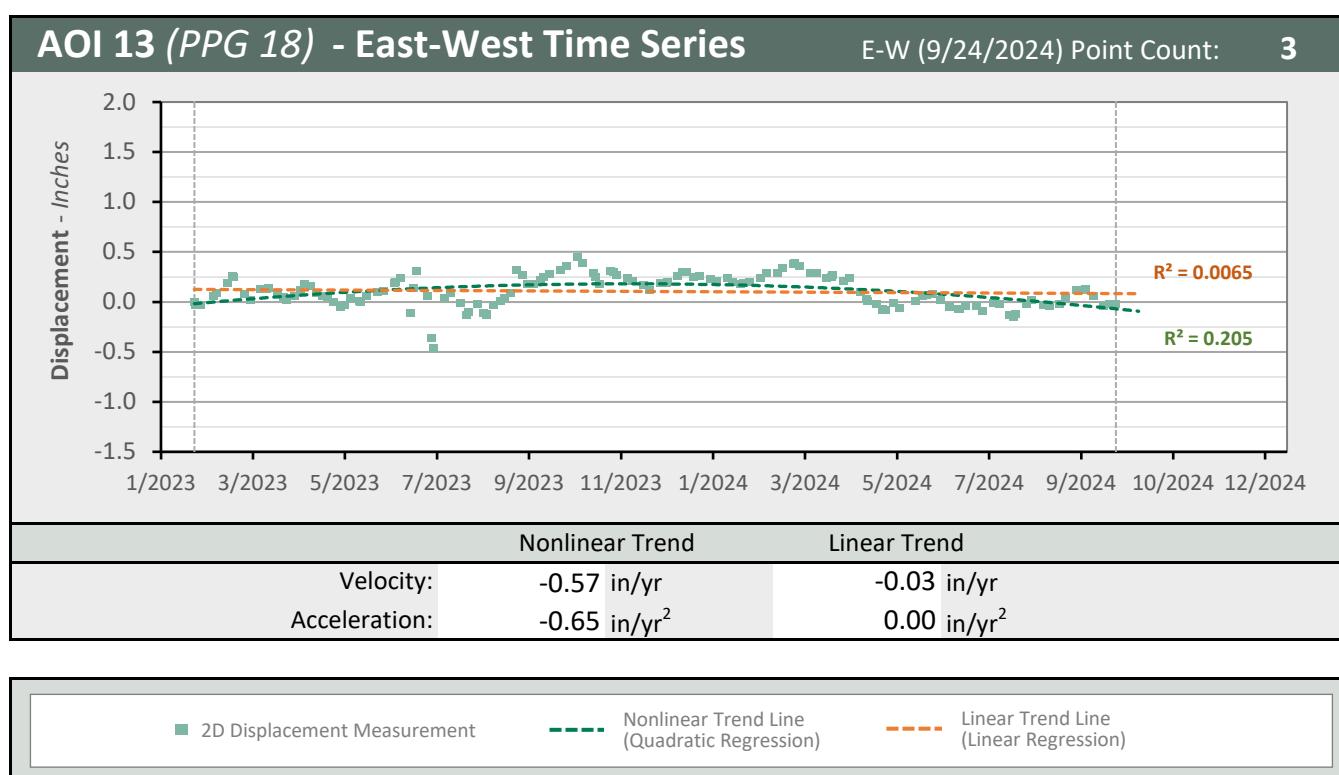
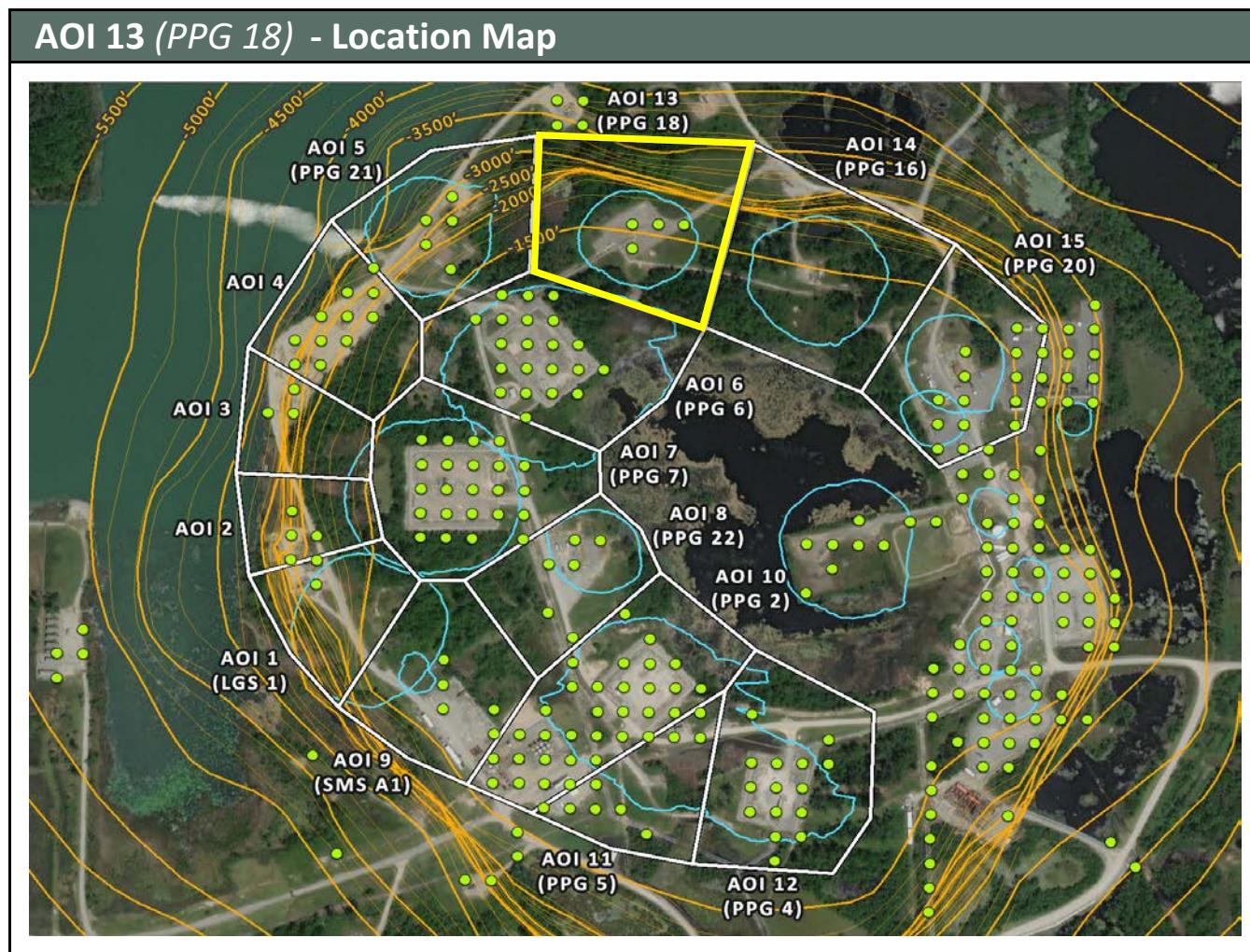






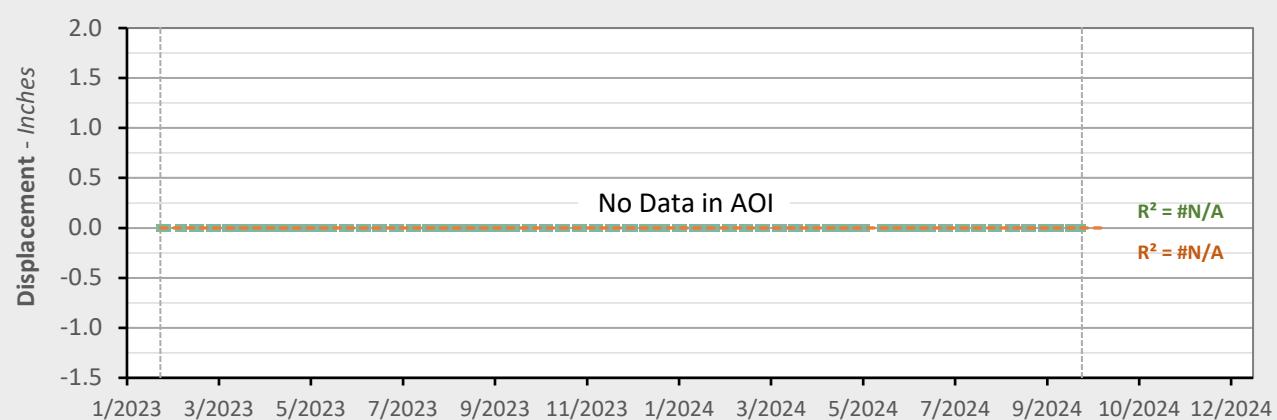






AOI 14 (PPG 16) - Location Map**AOI 14 (PPG 16) - East-West Time Series**

E-W (9/24/2024) Point Count: 0



■ 2D Displacement Measurement

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