

**BAZIAN STEAL FACTORY  
S/S 132/11kV, 1x30/40MVA**

# **EARTHING SYSTEM CALCULATION**

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## 1. Introduction

The project of earthing system is prepared in accordance with the requirements of the investor and Standard: IEEE 80 –2000 Guide for Safety in Substation Grounding.

Specific resistance is calculated on the basis of measured values of soil resistivity. The earthing system is designed so that the allowable touch and step voltages do not be exceeded.

The calculation is done using the software CDEG MultiGround TM SES - Safe Engineering Services & technologies ltd. Canada whose results are shown in Appendices.

The result shows that the touch and step voltages are within the permissible limits.

## 2. List of references and symbols

### 2.1 List of references

- [1] IEEE Std 80-2000  
IEEE Guide for Safety in AC Substation Grounding
- [2] CDEG Software Package, 1998  
Current Distribution, Electromagnetic Interference, Grounding and Soil Structure Analysis

### 2.2 List of symbols

$f$	Network frequency	Hz
$U_n$	Nominal system voltage	kV
$I_{fs}$	Single pole short circuit current	kA
$I_{k3}$	Symmetrical three phase short-circuit current	kA
$I_{k1}$	Single phase to earth short-circuit current	kA
$I_g$	Grid current discharged into grounding system	kA
$R_g$	Grounding system resistance	$\Omega$
$Z_1$	Direct impedance	Zpu
$Z_o$	Homopolar impedance	Zpu
$E_{step}$	Step voltage	V
$E_{touch}$	Touch voltage	V
$C_s$	Reduction factor	
$\rho_s$	Surface resistivity (gravel area)	$\Omega m$
$h_s$	Thickness of gravel	m
$T_m$	Maximum allowable temperature of buried conductor	$^{\circ}C$
$T_a$	Ambient temperature	$^{\circ}C$
$K_o$	$K_o = A_o / 1/A_o$ with temperature coefficient of resistivity at $0^{\circ}C$	$^{\circ}C$
$\alpha_r$	Thermal resistivity coefficient at the referent temperature	$^{\circ}C^{-1}$
$\rho_r$	Resistivity of the grounding conductor at the referent soil temperature ( $20^{\circ}C$ )	$\mu\Omega/cm$
TCAP	Thermal capacity of copper	$J/cm^3/^{\circ}C$
$A_{min}$	Minimal section of the conductor	$mm^2$

### **3. Soil resistivity measurements**

Document already exists and it is Expected Soill Resistivity Study of Bazian Steal Factory S/S-132/11kV, 1X30/40MVA.

That document should be placed here (suggested).

The measured resistance values at particular site as well as computed output of soil resistivity results are enclosed in Appendices 1 to 4.

## 4. Earthing Calculation Details to IEEE Std. 80-2000

### 4.1. Grid Conductor Sizing

Required minimum earth grid conductor size:

$$A_{\min} = I_{fs} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{\frac{t_c \cdot \alpha_r \cdot \rho_r \cdot 10^4}{TCAP}}{\ln \cdot \left( 1 + \frac{T_m - T_a}{K_0 + T_a} \right)}} \quad (Eq.1)$$

Where:

Single pole short circuit current:

$$I_{fs} = 31,5 \text{ kA}$$

Duration of fault current:

$$t_c = 0,5 \text{ s}$$

Thermal resistivity coefficient at the referent temperature (20°C):

$$\alpha_r = 0,00381 \text{ 1/}^\circ\text{C}$$

Resistivity of the grounding conductor at the referent soil temperature:

$$\rho_r = 1,78 \text{ } \mu\Omega \cdot \text{cm}$$

Thermal capacity of copper:

$$TCAP = 3,42 \text{ J/cm}^3 / ^\circ\text{C}$$

Max allowable temperature for brazed joint:

$$T_m = 1084 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$$

Ambient temperature:

$$T_a = 40 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$$

$K_0 = 1/A_0$  at 0°C

$$K_0 = 235$$

Therefore:

$$A = 31,5 \cdot \sqrt{\frac{\frac{0,5 \cdot 0,00381 \cdot 1,78 \cdot 10^4}{3,42}}{\ln \cdot \left( 1 + \frac{1084 - 40}{242 + 40} \right)}} = 80,4 \text{ mm}^2$$

Note:

According to customer's specification earth grid conductor shall not be less than 120 sqmm, therefore the earth grid conductor size to be used is 120 sqmm.

### 4.2. Calculation of current flowing between ground grid and earth

$$I_{k3} = \frac{1,1 \cdot U_n}{\sqrt{3} \cdot |Z_1|} = 31500 \text{ (A)} \quad (Eq.2)$$

Where:

Symmetrical three phase short-circuit current (r.m.s.)	$I_{k3}=31.5 \text{ kA}$
Nominal system voltage	$U_n=132 \text{ kV}$
Positive sequence impedance at the fault location	$Z_1$

$$I_{k1} = \frac{\sqrt{3} \cdot 1,1 \cdot U_n}{|Z_1 + Z_2 + Z_0|} = \frac{3 \cdot I_{k3}}{2 + |Z_0/Z_1|} \quad (Eq.3)$$

Single phase to earth fault current	$I_k$
Ratio of zero-sequence impedance to positive sequence impedance to network as viewed from fault location in case of solidly earthed neutral	$ Z_0/Z_1 =3$

Therefore,

$$I_{k1} = \frac{3 \times 31500}{2 + 3} = 18900 (A)$$

Earth wires of coupled transmission lines or cable sheets connected to the earthing system carry out part of the fault current as result of magnetic coupling. This effect is accounted for by reduction factor  $S_F$ .

$$I_g = S_F \times I_{k1} \quad (Eq.4)$$

Where:

Grid current discharged into grounding system	$I_g$
Current division factor that flows between ground grid and surrounding earth	$S_f=0,6$
Phase to earth fault current	$I_{k1}=18900 \text{ (kA)}$

Therefore, grid current:

$$I_g = 0,6 \times 18900 = 11350 (A)$$

### 4.3. Tolerable Step and Touch Voltages

#### 4.3.1. Reduction Factor Due to Resistivity of Crush Rock Surface

120 mm thick layer of crushed rock is spread on the earth's surface above ground grid in the switchyard to increase the contact resistance between the soil and the feet

of the personnel in the substation.  $C_s$ -reduction factor for derating the nominal value of surface layer resistivity determined as follows:

$$C_s = 1 - 0.09 \cdot \left[ \frac{1 - \frac{\rho}{\rho_s}}{2 \cdot h_s + 0.09} \right] \quad (Eq.5)$$

Where:

Earth resistivity	$\rho = * \Omega\text{m}$
Crush rock resistivity	$\rho_s = 3000 \Omega\text{m}$
Thickness of the crushed rock surface layer	$h_s = 0.12 \text{ m}$
* Value to be obtained from the earth resistivity calculation (See Appendix 3).	

### 4.3.2. Touch and Step Voltage Criteria

The safety of a person depends on preventing the critical amount of shock energy from being absorbed before the fault is cleared and system de-energized. The maximum driving voltage of any accidental circuit should not exceed the limits defined below. For touch and step voltage the limits defined in IEEE Std 80-2000 are:

*For a 50 kg body weight:*

$$E_{touch} = \frac{1000 + 1.5 \cdot C_s \cdot \rho_s}{\sqrt{t_s}} \cdot 0.116 \quad (Eq.6)$$

$$E_{step} = \frac{1000 + 6 \cdot C_s \cdot \rho_s}{\sqrt{t_s}} \cdot 0.116 \quad (Eq.7)$$

*For a 70 kg body weight:*

$$E_{touch} = \frac{1000 + 1.5 \cdot C_s \cdot \rho_s}{\sqrt{t_s}} \cdot 0.157 \quad (Eq.6)$$

$$E_{step} = \frac{1000 + 6 \cdot C_s \cdot \rho_s}{\sqrt{t_s}} \cdot 0.157 \quad (Eq.7)$$

Where:

Shock duration in sec (exposure time)	$t_s = 0,35 \text{ s}$
Resistivity of the surface material	$\rho_s = 3000 \Omega\text{m}$
Reduction factor	$C_s$



The safe touch and step voltages to be used for verification of grounding design is calculated using MALT engineering module of CDEGS computer program. In the Appendix 7 the computer printouts are presented.

## 5. Principal results of the CDEGS software calculations

Configuration of the substation's grounding grid can be seen in Appendix 6.

### 5.1 Resistance of Electrode System (See Appendix 7)

$$R_g = 0.31847 \quad (\Omega)$$

**Conclusion:** The resistance of the electrode system is less than 1  $\Omega$ , so the system satisfies principal IEEE Std 80-2000 condition.

### 5.2 Maximum value of Grand Potential Rise GPR (See Appendices 7 and 15)

$$GPR = I_g \cdot R_g = 3518.7 \quad (V)$$

### 5.3 Touch voltage (See Appendix 8)

$$\text{Allowed Touch Voltage } E_{\text{touch}} = 953.8 \quad (V)$$

Conclusion: The maximum touch voltages within the switchyard (see Appendix 9), around the transformer (see Appendix 10), entry gates (see Appendix 11), nearby substation fence (see Appendix 12) and capacitor banks (see Appendix 13) are below the safety limit (allowable values).

### 5.4 Step Voltage (See Appendix 8)

$$\text{Allowed Touch Voltage } E_{\text{step}} = 3052,8 \quad (V)$$

Conclusion: The maximum step voltages in the substation (see Appendix 14) are below the safety limits.

## 6. Appendices

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**APPENDIX 1: Axis layout of the soil resistivity measurements**

**Location**

The studied area is bounded by latitudes ( $35^{\circ} 07' 45'' - 35^{\circ} 07' 47''$ ) and longitude ( $45^{\circ} 40' 36'' - 45^{\circ} 40' 40''$ ). The elevation of the area is ranging from 600 to 602 m above sea level as shown in Fig (2).

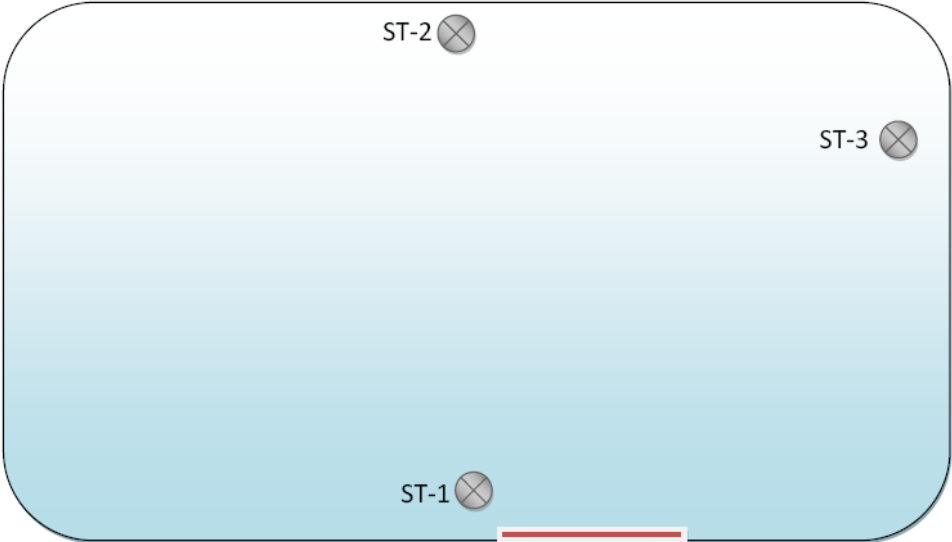


Fig (2) Location map of the investigated area.

## APPENDIX 2: Soil resistivity measurements

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Date: April 2011

Coordinate	x	y	z
a	Resistivity St-1 (Ohm.m)	Resistivity St-2 (Ohm.m)	Resistivity St-3 (Ohm.m)
1.0	85.008	79.65257	83.22914
1.5	57.85749	56.45829	57.36814
2.2	52.16137	56.11358	53.68251
3.3	34.15519	38.88249	36.34149
4.6	32.54881	29.17451	29.57931
6.8	33.11597	25.50143	21.98522
10	34.75811	31.05606	23.16537
14.1	39.6214	33.52021	31.48885
Latitude	35 07 45.8	35 07 46.5	35 07 45.3
Longitude	45 40 36.4	45 40 38.8	45 40 39.1
Elevation	600	600	601

### APPENDIX 3: Results of the soil resistivity measurements

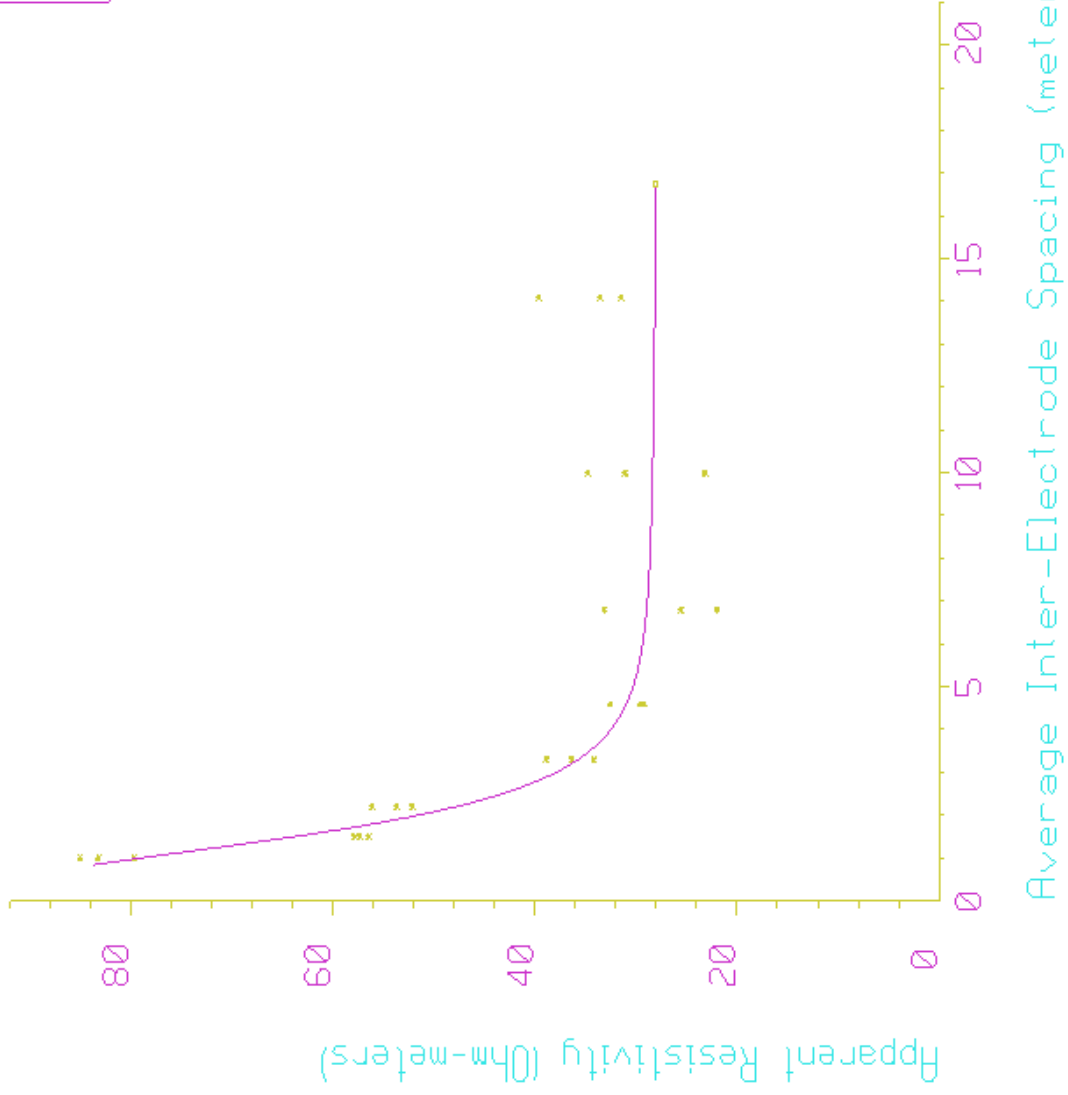
=====< R E S I S T I V I T Y ( SYSTEM INFORMATION SUMMARY ) >=====

Run ID.....: BSF  
 System of Units .....: Meters  
 Soil Type Selected.....: Multi-Layer Horizontal  
 RMS error between measured and calculated...: 13.741 in percent resistivities

Layer Number	<--- LAYER CHARACTERISTICS --->		Reflection Coefficient (p.u.)	Resistivity Contrast Ratio
	Resistivity (ohm-m)	Thickness (Meters)		
1	infinite	infinite	0.0	1.0
2	94.31239	1.084724	-1.0000	0.94312E-18
3	25.34191	0.9349011	-0.57641	0.26870
4	27.93612	infinite	0.48692E-01	1.1024

APPENDIX 4: Specific soil resistivity curve

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- Measured Results Curve (General) 1.
- Computed Results Curve 2.

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## APPENDIX 5: Cross-section of the grounding conductor

### Ampacity Function Report

#### CDEGS Conductor Ampacity Calculation (per IEEE Standard 80)

##### Computation Results:

Minimum Conductor Size:  
162,3677 MCM  
82,2531 sq. mm  
0,2015 in (radius)  
5,1169 mm (radius)

##### Input Data:

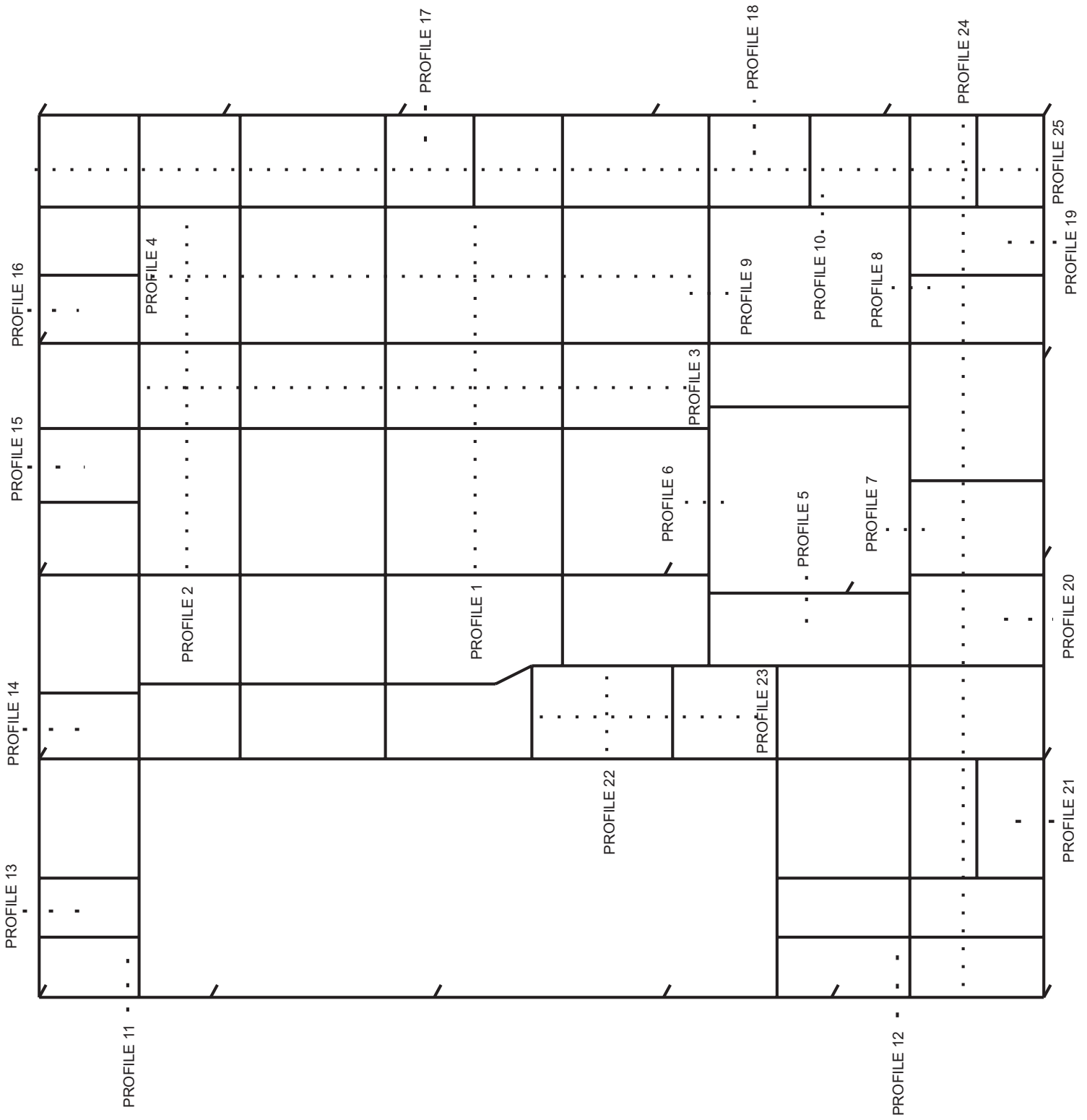
Symmetrical RMS Current Magnitude: 31,5 kA  
Maximum Fault Duration: 0,5 s  
Ambient Temperature: 40 °C  
Maximum Allowable Temperature: 1084,0000 °C (fusing temperature)  
Conductor Type: Copper, commercial hard drawn (97% conductivity)  
Decrement Factor: 1,0313  
X/R: 10  
Frequency: 50 Hz

##### Material Constants of Conductor:

Name: Copper, commercial hard drawn (97% conductivity)  
Reference Temperature for Material Constants: 20,0000 °C  
Thermal Coefficient of Resistivity at Reference Temperature: 0,00381 1/°C  
Fusing Temperature of Conductor: 1084,0000 °C  
Resistivity of Conductor at Reference Temperature: 1,7800  $\mu\Omega\cdot\text{cm}$   
Thermal Capacity per Unit Volume: 3,4200 J/cm<sup>3</sup> · °C



APPENDIX 6: Configuration of the grounding mesh (Touch and Step Voltages Profiles)



## APPENDIX 7: Principal results of the CDEGS software calculations

=====< G R O U N D I N G ( SYSTEM INFORMATION SUMMARY ) >=====

Run ID.....: Bazian Steel Factory  
 System of Units .....: Metric  
 Earth Potential Calculations.....: Multiple Electrode Case  
 Mutual Resistance Calculations.....: NO  
 Type of Electrodes Considered.....: Both Main + Buried Electrode  
 Soil Type Selected.....: Multi-Layer Horizontal  
 SPLITS/FCDIST Scaling Factor.....: 11.350

### MULTI-LAYER EARTH CHARACTERISTICS USED BY PROGRAM

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 Common layer height : 0.183602 METERS

LAYER No.	TYPE	REFLECTION COEFFICIENT	RESISTIVITY (ohm-meter)	HEIGHT METERS
1	Air	0.00000	0.100000E+21	0.100000E+11
2	Soil	-0.999990	94.3124	1.10161
3	Soil	-0.576415	25.3419	0.918011
4	Soil	0.486921E-01	27.9361	0.100000E+11

### CONFIGURATION OF MAIN ELECTRODE

=====  
 Original Electrical Current Flowing In Electrode..: 1000.0 amperes  
 Current Scaling Factor (SPLITS/FCDIST/specified)..: 11.350  
 Adjusted Electrical Current Flowing In Electrode..: 11350. amperes  
 Number of Conductors in Electrode.....: 37  
 Resistance of Electrode System.....: 0.31847 ohms

### SUBDIVISION

=====  
 Grand Total of Conductors After Subdivision.: 1858

### EARTH POTENTIAL COMPUTATIONS < Returns & Buried Structures >

=====  
 Number of Return Grounds.....: 0  
 Number of Buried Structures.....: 1

### MODULE NAME : BURIED STRUCTURES

=====  
 Number of Buried Structures.....: 1  
 Structure No. of Start End  
 Number Conductors < Conductor No >  
 -----  
 1 20 1859 1878

EARTH POTENTIAL COMPUTATIONS

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Main Electrode Potential Rise (GPR).....: 3518.7 volts  
Return Electrode Potential Rise (GPR)...: 0.0000 volts  
(based on two representative points)

Buried Metallic Structure No.1 Potential Rise (GPR).....: 2394.8 volts

TOTAL BURIED LENGTH OF MAIN ELECTRODE: 872.344 METERS  
TOTAL BURIED LENGTH OF RETURN ELECTRODE: 0.000 METERS  
TOTAL BURIED LENGTH OF METALLIC STRUCTURES: 30.000 METERS  
TOTAL BURIED LENGTH OF GROUNDING NETWORK: 902.344 METERS

## APPENDIX 8: Touch and step voltages results

>> Safety Calculations Table

System Frequency.....(Hertz): 50.000  
 System X/R.....: 10.000  
 Surface Layer Thickness.....( m )...: 0.12000  
 Number of Surface Layer Resistivities.....: 10  
 Starting Surface Layer Resistivity.....(ohm-m): NONE  
 Incremental Surface Layer Resistivity.....(ohm-m): 500.00  
 Equivalent Sub-Surface Layer Resistivity....(ohm-m): 94.312

Body Resistance Calculation.....: IEEE 80  
 Fibrillation Current Calculation.....: IEEE 80 (70kg)  
 Foot Resistance Calculation.....: IEEE (Std.80) Series Expansion Cs  
 User Defined Extra Foot Resistance: 0.0000 ohms

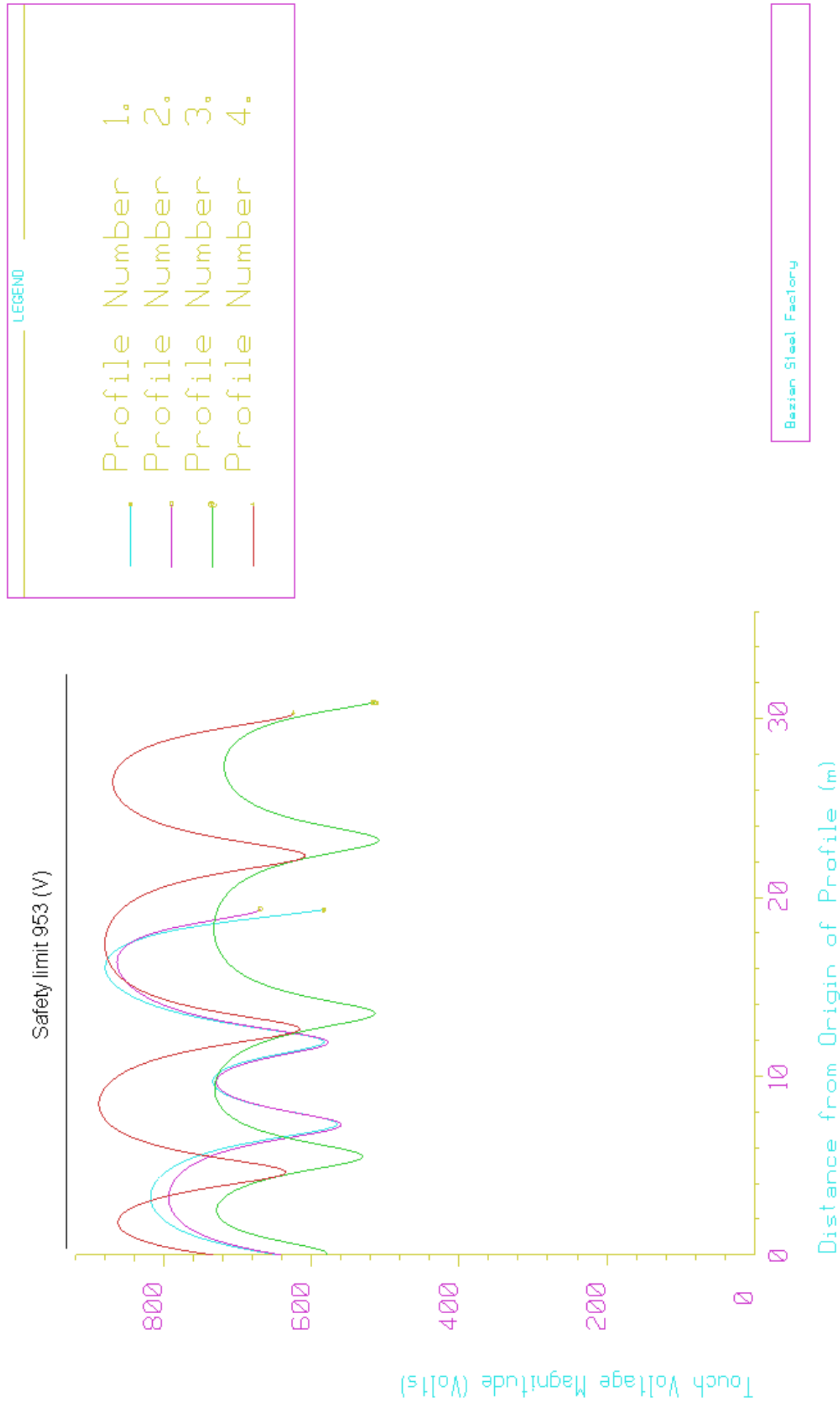
Fault Clearing Time ( sec)	0.125	0.350	0.500
Decrement Factor	1.120	1.044	1.000
Fibrillation Current (amps)	0.396	0.254	0.222
Body Resistance (ohms)	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00

SURFACE LAYER RESISTIVITY (OHM-M)	FAULT CLEARING TIME						FOOT RESISTANCE: 1 FOOT (OHMS)
	0.125 sec.		0.350 sec.		0.500 sec.		
	STEP VOLTAGE (VOLTS)	TOUCH VOLTAGE (VOLTS)	STEP VOLTAGE (VOLTS)	TOUCH VOLTAGE (VOLTS)	STEP VOLTAGE (VOLTS)	TOUCH VOLTAGE (VOLTS)	
NONE	630.2	454.9	403.8	291.5	352.9	254.8	294.7
500.0	1232.3	605.4	789.8	388.0	690.2	339.1	1054.2
1000.0	1942.1	782.9	1244.6	501.7	1087.6	438.4	1949.3
1500.0	2648.4	959.4	1697.3	614.9	1483.2	537.3	2840.1
2000.0	3353.8	1135.8	2149.3	727.9	1878.2	636.1	3729.7
2500.0	4058.8	1312.0	2601.1	840.8	2273.1	734.8	4618.8
3000.0	4763.6	1488.3	<b>*3052.8</b>	<b>*953.8</b>	2667.8	833.5	5507.7
3500.0	5468.4	1664.5	3504.5	1066.7	3062.5	932.1	6396.5
4000.0	6173.2	1840.6	3956.2	1179.6	3457.2	1030.8	7285.4
4500.0	6878.0	2016.9	4407.9	1292.5	3851.9	1129.5	8174.3

\* NOTE \* Safety limit

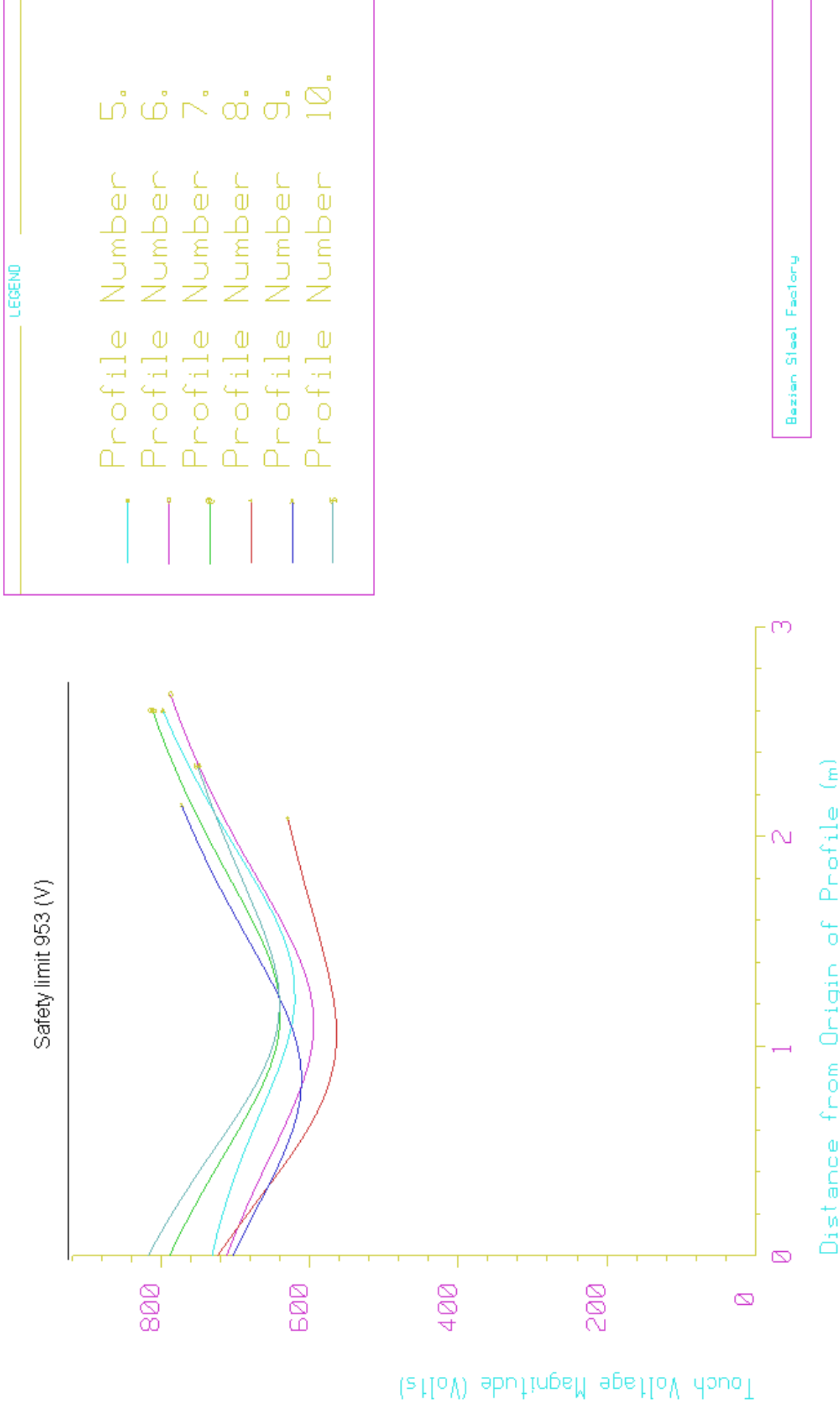
APPENDIX 9: Touch voltages within the switchyard

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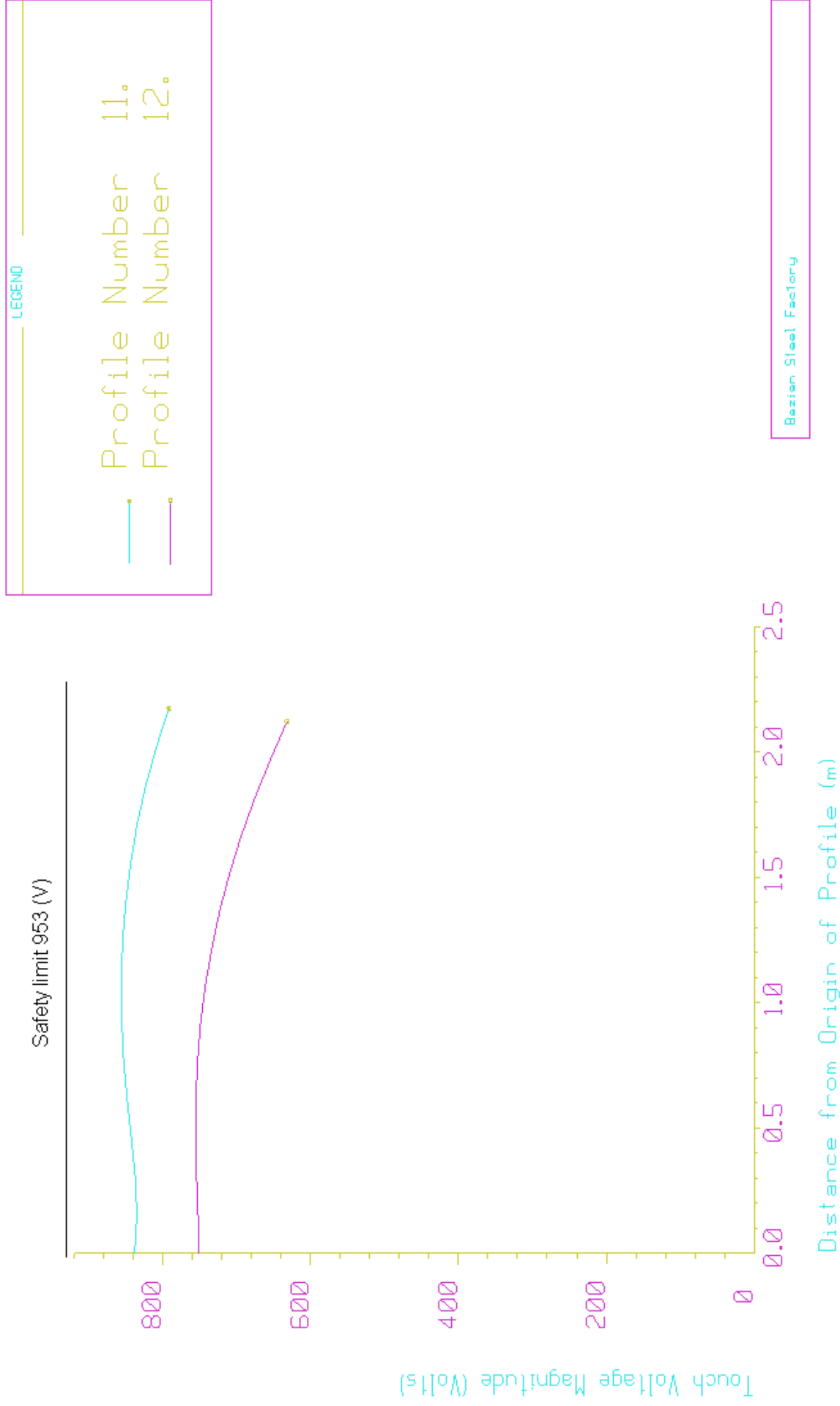
APPENDIX 10: Touch voltages in the transformer area

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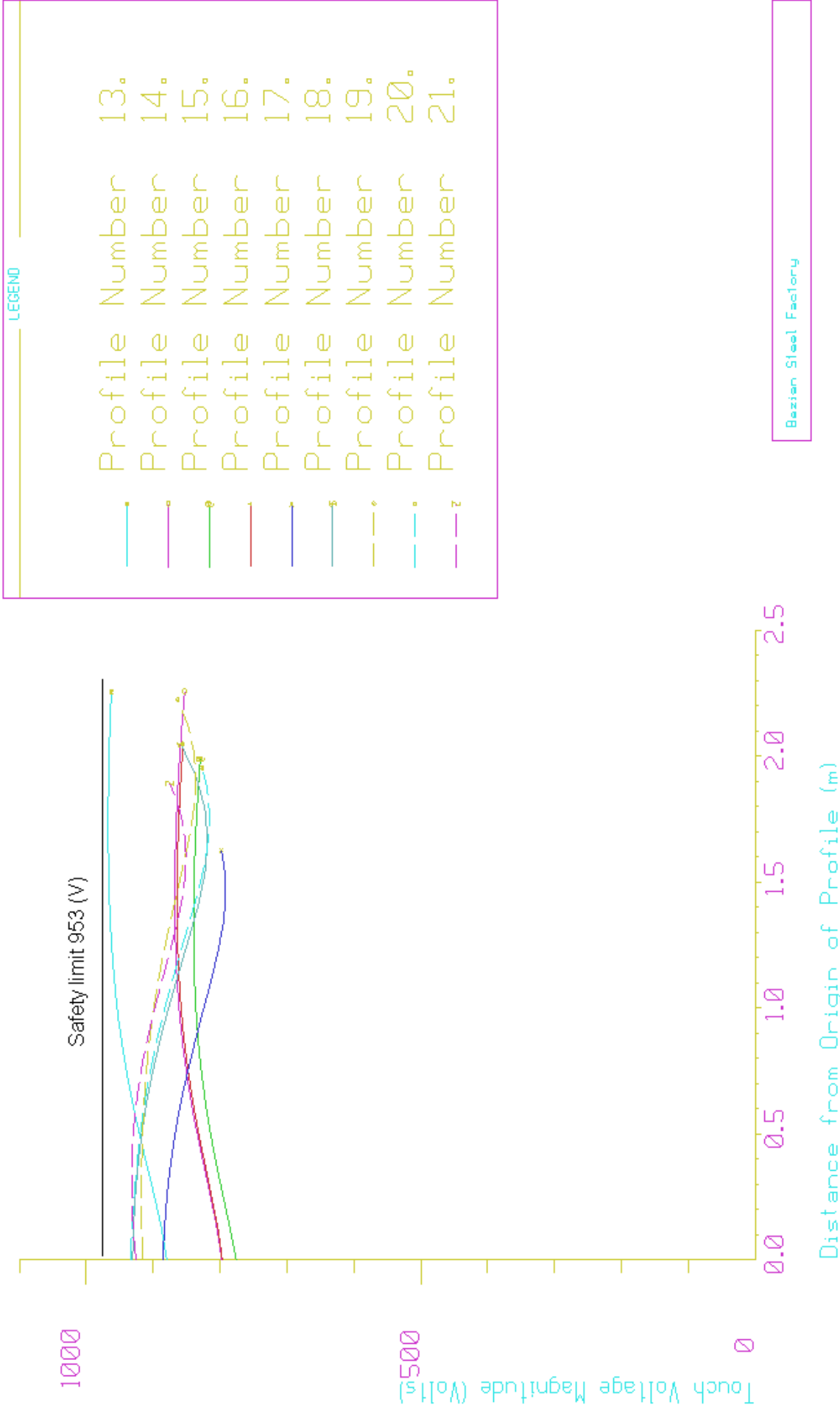
APPENDIX 11: Touch voltages around the entry gates

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APPENDIX 12: Touch voltages around the substation fence

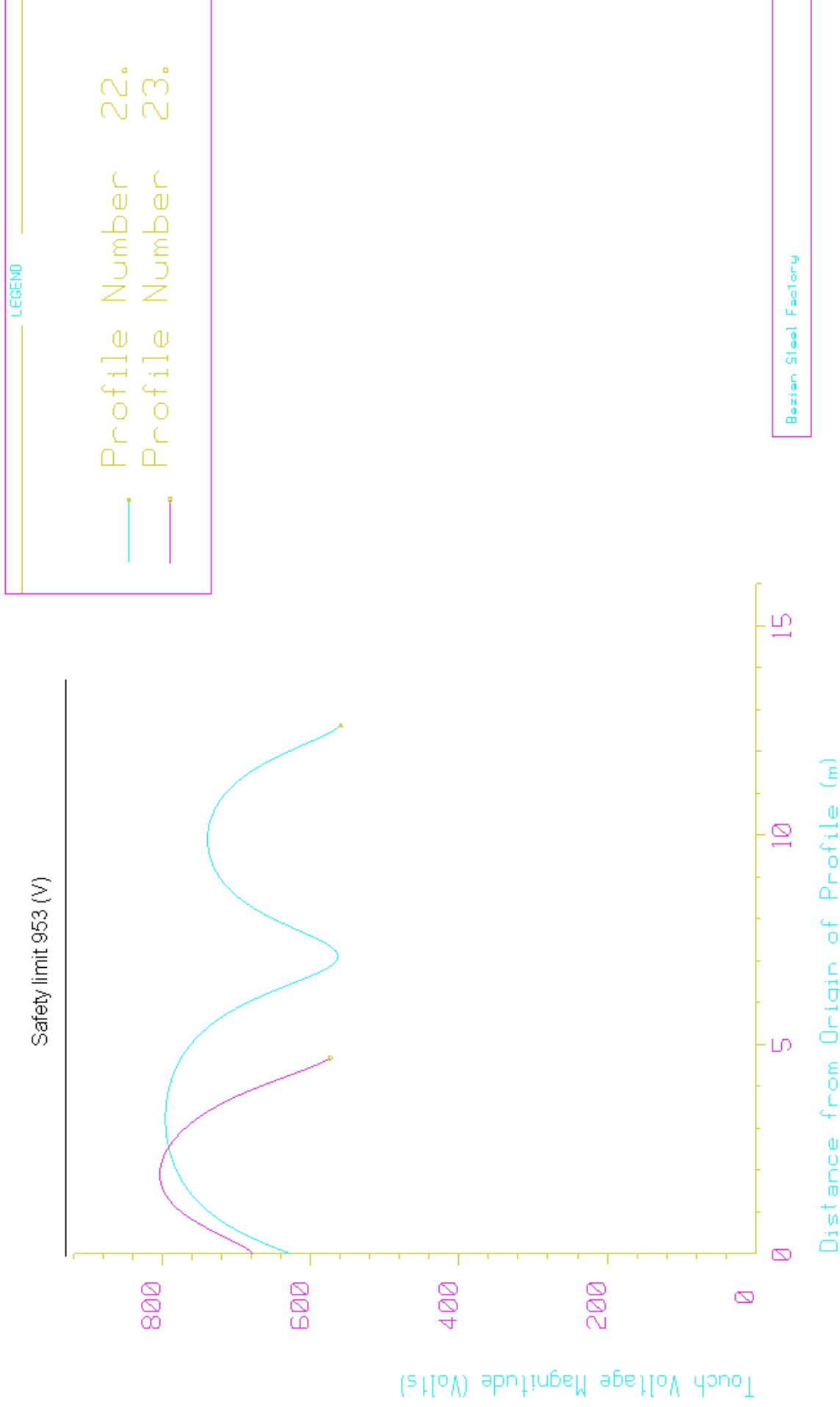
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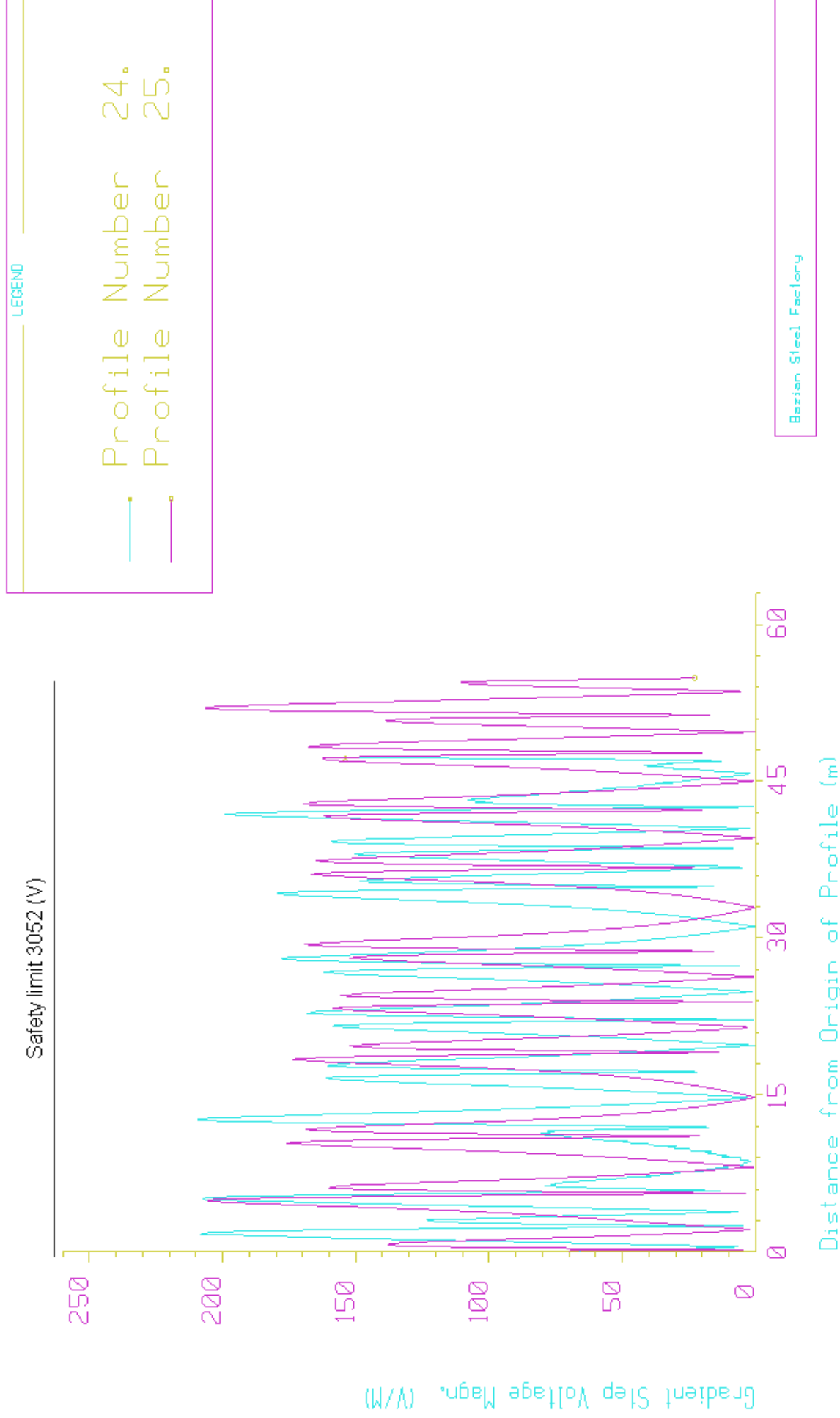
APPENDIX 13: Touch voltages around the capacitor banks

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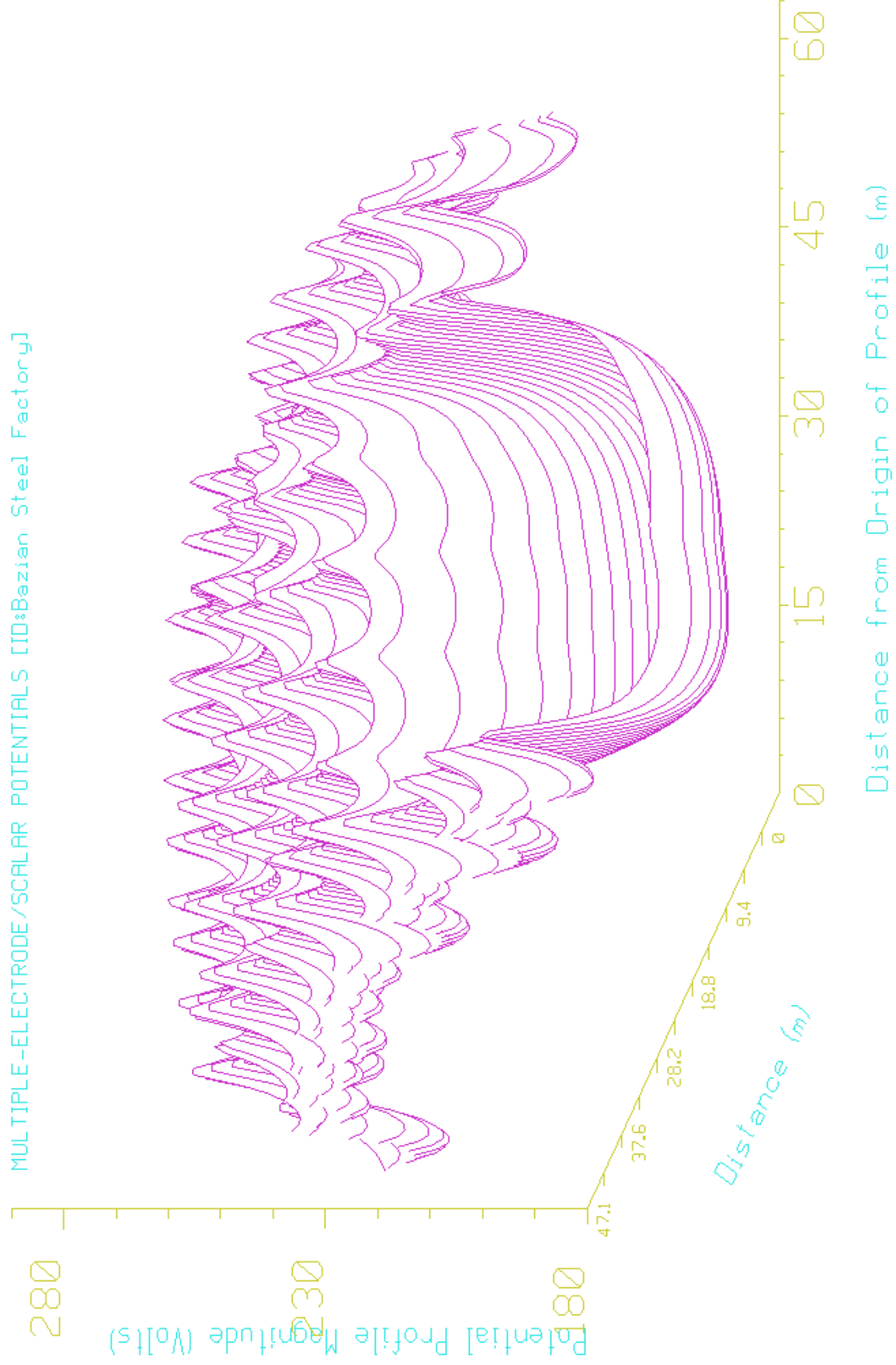


APPENDIX 14: Step voltages within the substation

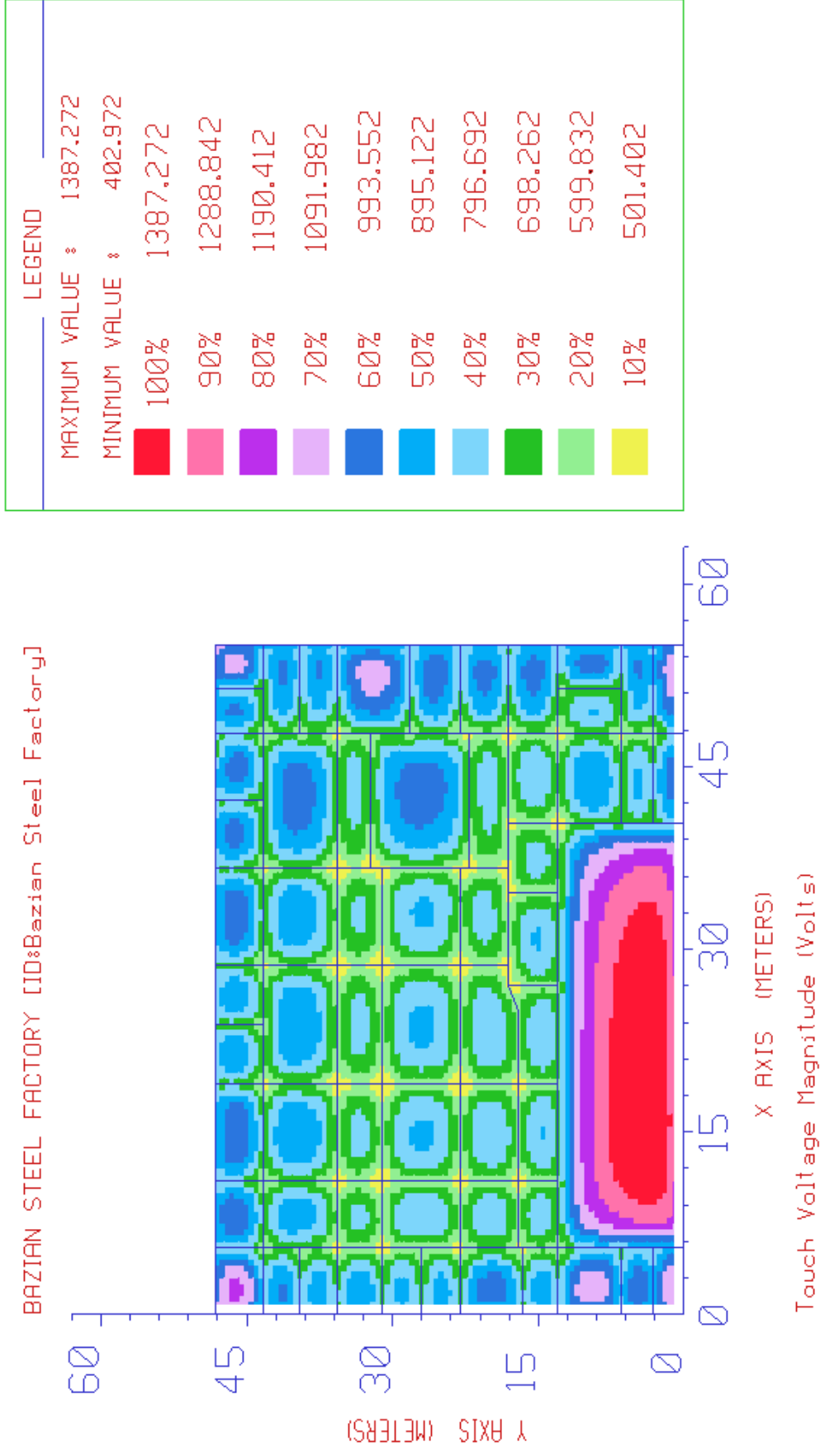
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APPENDIX 15: Scalar potentials (3D potential distribution) GPR-Grand Potential Rise



APPENDIX 16: Maximum touch voltages that appear within the substation (Layout)



APPENDIX 17: Maximum step voltages that appear within the substation (Layout)

