



New Generation of durable and safe
Pit Thermal Energy Storage – **PTES**

Numbers, data, facts of the G quadrat Group



- Founded in August 2000
- Company shares family owned
- Turnover: approx. 35 Mio. €
- Employees: 85
- Numerous certifications and qualifications
- Various research projects and patents
- Active in boards and committees, i.e. DIN and CEN
- Commitment and investment in sustainability

Business divisions



Infrastructure

- Landfill construction
- Underground cable construction / renewables
- Tunneling
- Hydraulic engineering / renaturation



Production

- Protection systems
- Sealing systems



Industry / Agriculture

- Tank field redevelopment
- AwSV / WHG sealing
- Warehouse sealing
- Tank linings



Recreational facilities

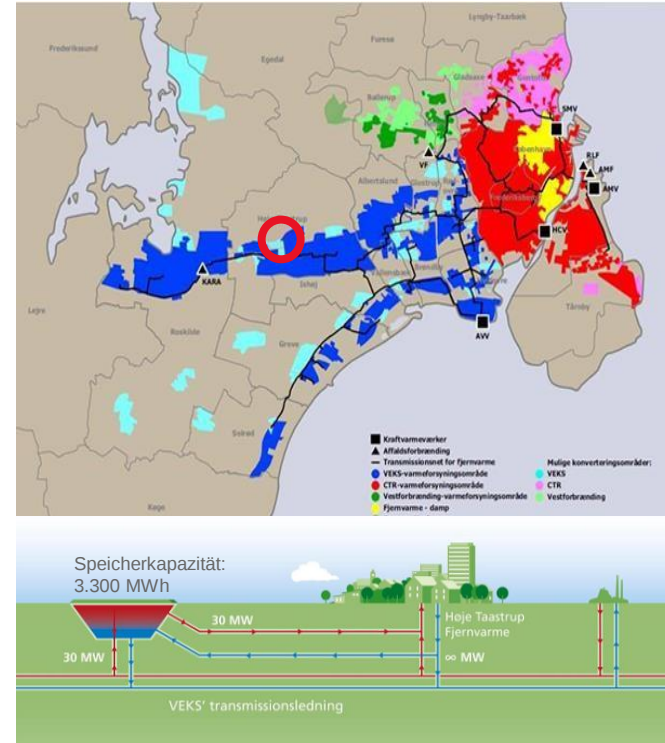
- Swimming pool construction (private and public)
- Landscaping special products

Project Report Høje Taastrup, Denmark

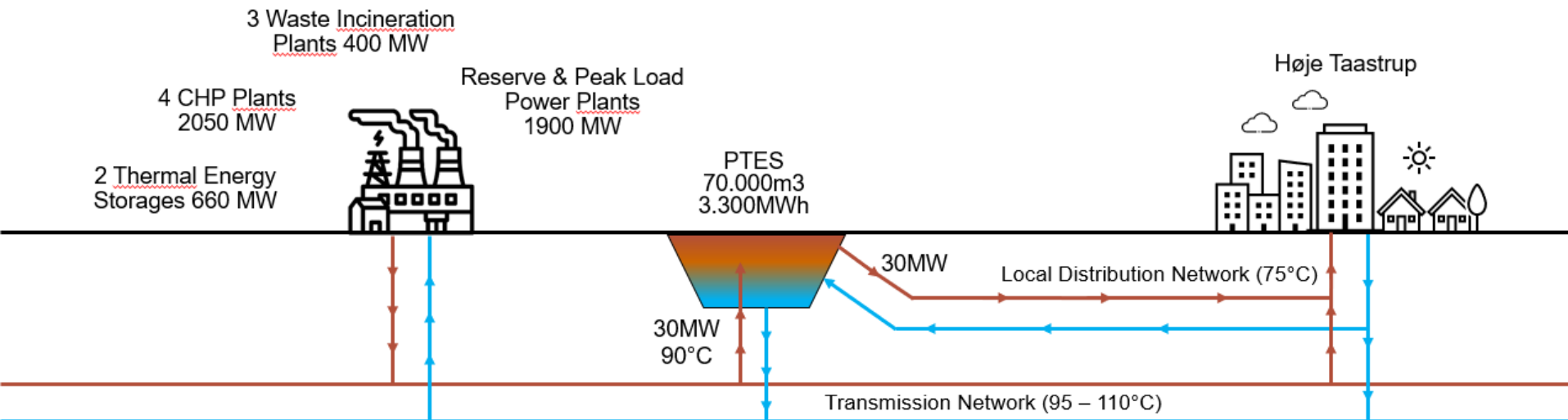


Project description & Projectdata

- Weekly storage as part of the Copenhagen district heating network
- Ownership 50% VEKS, 50% Høje Taastrup fjernvarme a.m.b.a
- Storage capacity: 3,300 MWh
- Charging & discharging capacity: 30 MW
- Usage to optimize heat generation
- Feed-in of cheap generation energy and use for expensive generation energy
- Optimizes heat and electricity production of the power plants
- Reduction of peak load production

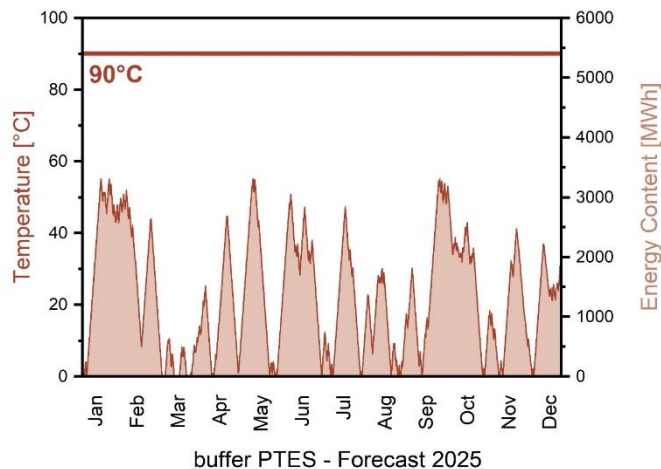


Operation Model „Høje Taastrup“



Operation Profiles

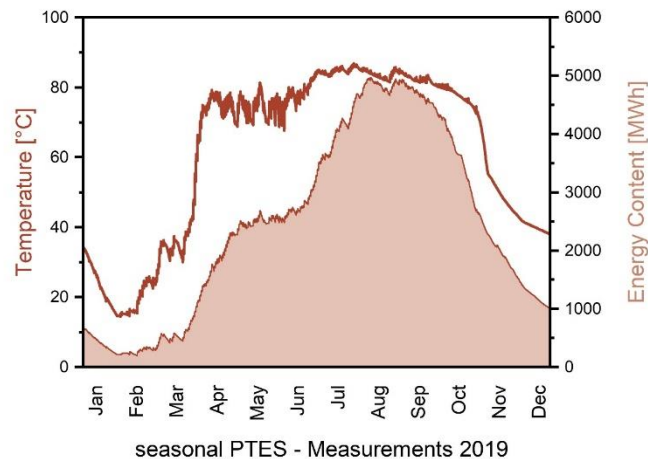
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Flexible Energy Generation / Consumption

Annual Operational System Benefits ca.
1.05M€ in 2025

Dronninglund



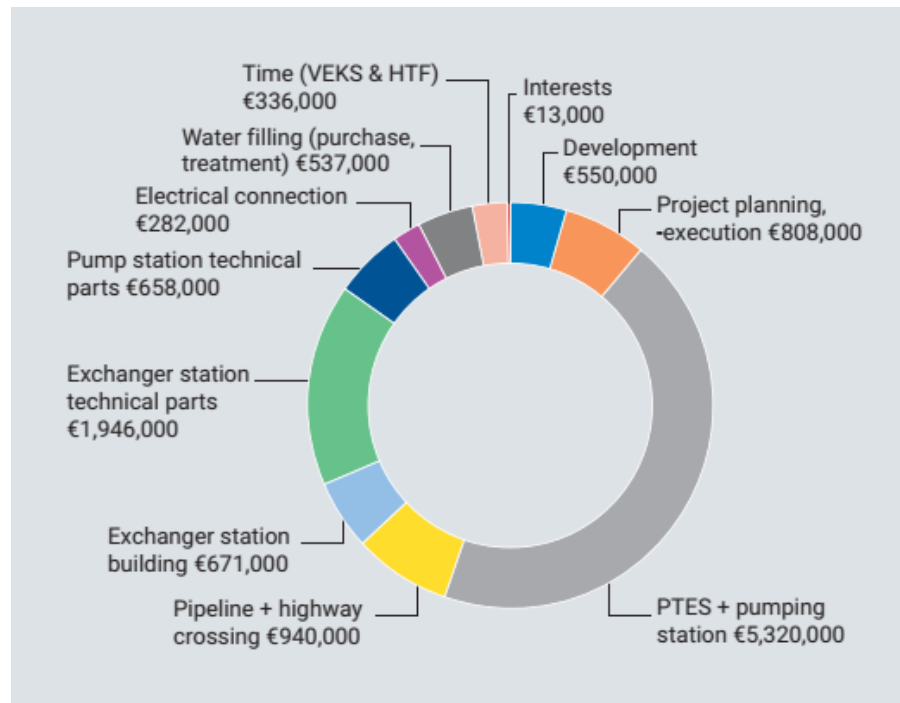
Summer: Energy Generation

Winter: Energy Consumption

Project Costs & Invest

Total Investcosts
approx. € 12 Mio.

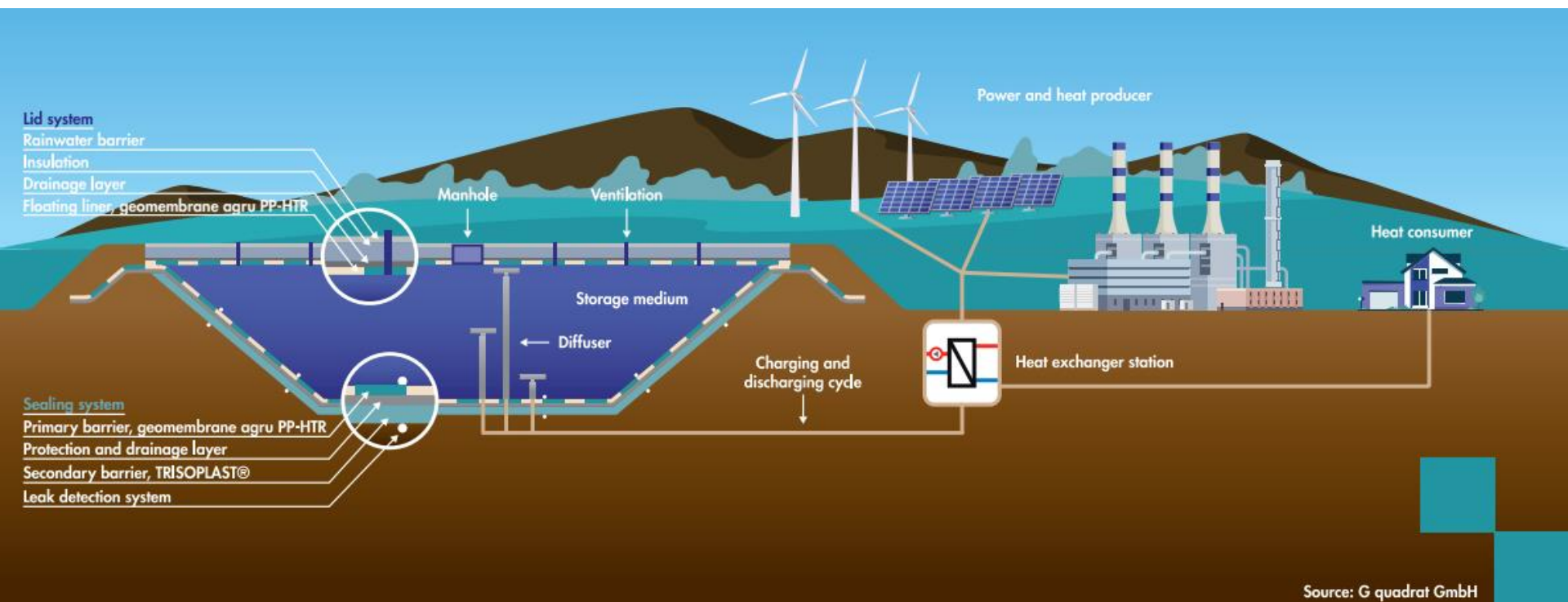
Thereof PTES incl. Pumping
approx. € 5.3 Mio. → approx.
76 €/m³



Sealing System Pit Thermal Energy Storage

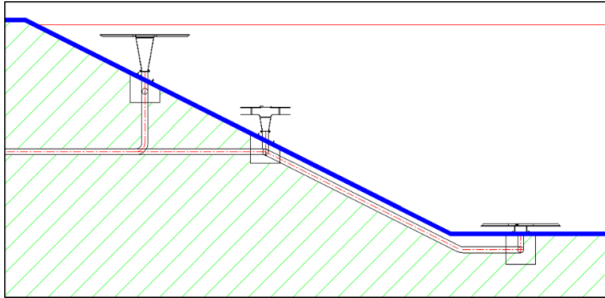


Construction of PTES



Source: G quadrat GmbH

Profiling basin & Pump building for heat storage



Primary sealing barrier

Polymer Sealing

- Innovative high-temperature-resistant geomembrane, made of optimized PE or PP
 - PE-HTR bzw. PP-HTR

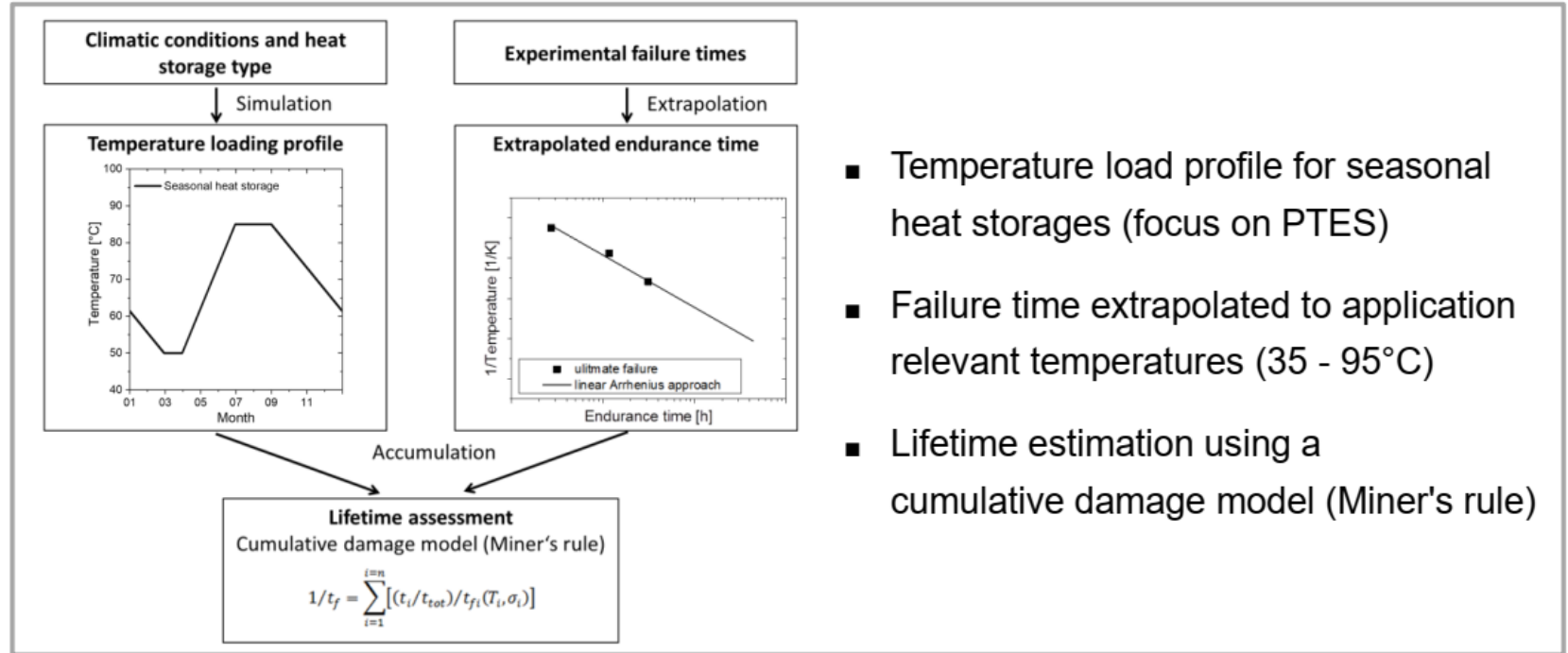
Next generation Geomembran Agru PP-HTR

- Picture 14,000 m² agru PP-HTR 2,5 mm S/S for buffer storage Høje Taastrup
- High temperature profiles up to 95 °C and operation time > 20 years
- Longtime stability at all storage types
- Development of hot water resistance Polypropylen (PP) application since 2008 at agru, AT



Source: DTU, Ioannis Sifnaios

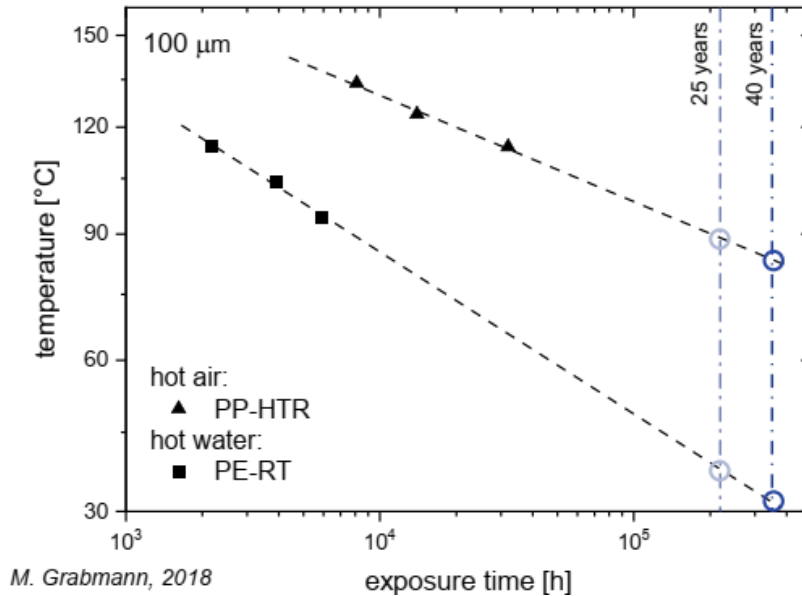
Lifetime Assessment – Methodology



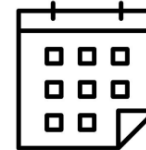
Source: JKU, Johannes Kepler, University Linz

- Temperature load profile for seasonal heat storages (focus on PTES)
- Failure time extrapolated to application relevant temperatures (35 - 95°C)
- Lifetime estimation using a cumulative damage model (Miner's rule)

Cumulative Damage PE-RT vs. PP-HTR



- PP has a higher melting point than PE als PE, as a result PP-HTR has in general a better performance in comparison to PE-RT
- Hot water more critical for PE-RT, Hot air more critical for PP-HTR
- HTR ... **H**igh **T**emperature **R**esistance
RT ... **R**aised **T**emperatur



25 Jahre

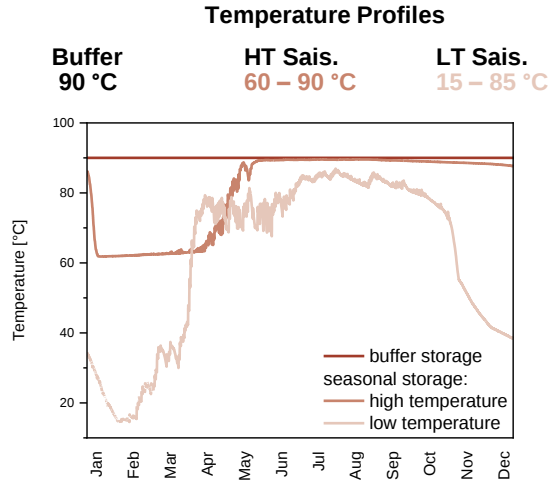
estimated, extrapolated continuous temperature

PE-RT	3 mm	66 $^{\circ}\text{C}$
PP-HTR	2.5 mm	92 $^{\circ}\text{C}$

Estimated continuous temperature based on experimental data at 95, 115 and 135 $^{\circ}\text{C}$. Scattering and real ambient conditions are not taken into account.

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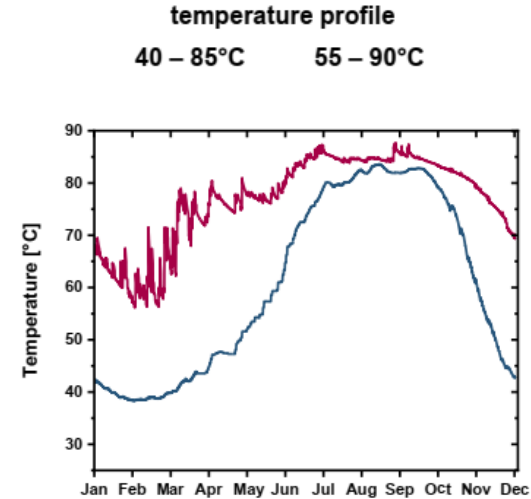
Exemplary Load Profiles & Estimated Lifetime



Predicted Lifetime [years]

	Buffer Storage	Seasonal Storage (HT)	Seasonal Storage (LT)
PE-HD	6.5	9	17
PP-HTR	25	31	47

Liner Thickness: 3 mm



estimated lifetime [years]

temperature	estimated lifetime [years]	
	PE-RT	PP-HTR
NT-Profile	19	49
HT-Profile	11	46

- Scatter and real environmental conditions are not taken into account.





An aerial photograph of a large-scale construction project, likely a landfill liner. A vast, white, wrinkled geomembrane liner covers the ground. Numerous black plastic markers are placed in a grid-like pattern across the surface. A person in a green shirt and dark pants stands in the center of the image, providing a sense of scale. A white double-headed vertical arrow is positioned above the person, indicating a specific width or distance. The background shows a dark line of trees under a clear sky.

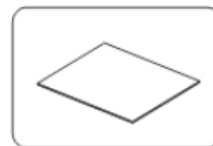
D = 14.5 m – 16.0 m

Abstract of agru Datasheet PP-HTR 2.5 mm

Smooth / Smooth
PP- HTR Liner
Hight temperature resistant



- **Liner G / G**
 - Calandered
 - PP-HTR
 - Light grey
- **Smooth / Smooth**
- **Thickness: 2,5mm**
- **Width: 5.0 m & 7.0 m**
- **Code: 1R.5**



Code: 1R.5

Properties	Test Method	Unit		
Width	-	m	5,0	7,0
Thickness (average)	EN ISO 9863 – 1	mm	≥2,5	≥2,5
Thickness (single values)	EN ISO 9863 – 1	%	±10	±10
Density	EN ISO 1183 - 1	g/cm³	≥0,9	≥0,9
Melt Flow Rate (MFR 230/2,16)	EN ISO 1133	g/10 min	0,2 - 1,0	0,2 - 1,0
Dimension stability :				
(135°C/1,0h)	EN 1107 – 2	%	<3,0	<3,0
Tear resistance	EN ISO 34 – 1	N/mm	130	130
Tensile properties:				
Tensile stress at yield	EN ISO 527 – 3	N/mm²	18	18
Elongation at Yield	EN ISO 527 – 3	%	10	10
Elongation at break	EN ISO 527 – 3	%	600	600

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The PP-HTR membrane is conditionally UV stable and may be exposed to UV radiation for a maximum of 3 month.

Impact- and bending stresses at temperatures <0 °C have to be avoided.

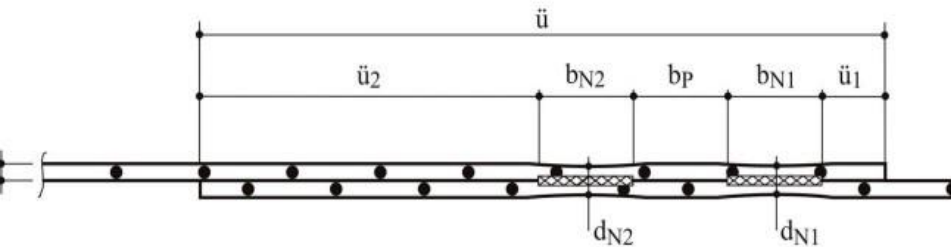
Welding qualifications & test methods

- Specialized company according to Arbeitskreis Grundwasserschutz (AK GWS)
- Welding of geomembrane according to DVS 2225
- Weld examination according to DVS 2212

Hot wedge double weld:

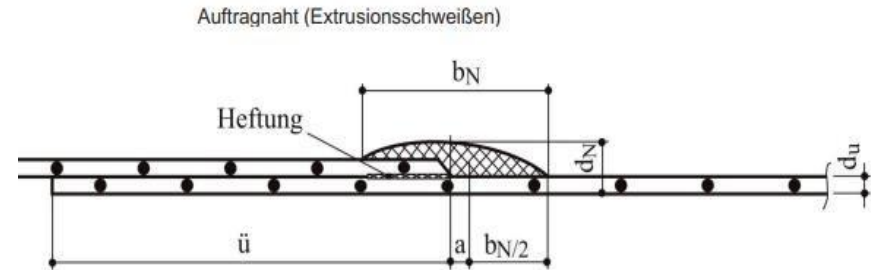
- Leak test by compressed air in the test channel (b_P)

Überlappnaht mit Prüfkanal - Doppelnaht



Extrusion weld :

- Test by with vacuum bell



Testing of the sealing-system

Continuous leak detection System (DKS/DDS)

- Permanent leak detection
- Highest Certification in the landfill sector (BAM)
- Simple and efficient installation



Source: Sensor DKS GmbH

Arc Testing Method

- Surface inspection
- On exposed geomembrane according to ASTM

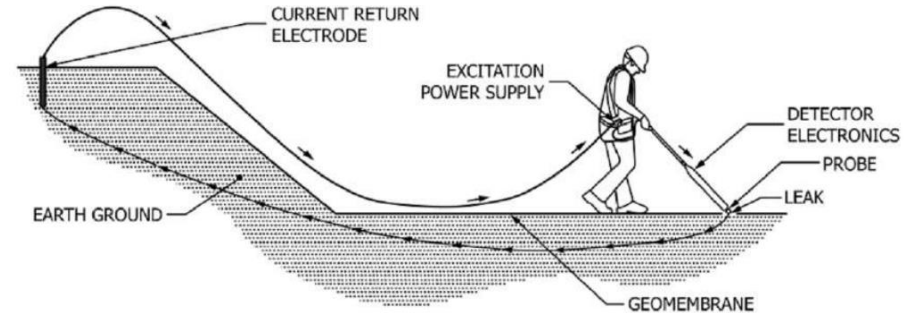
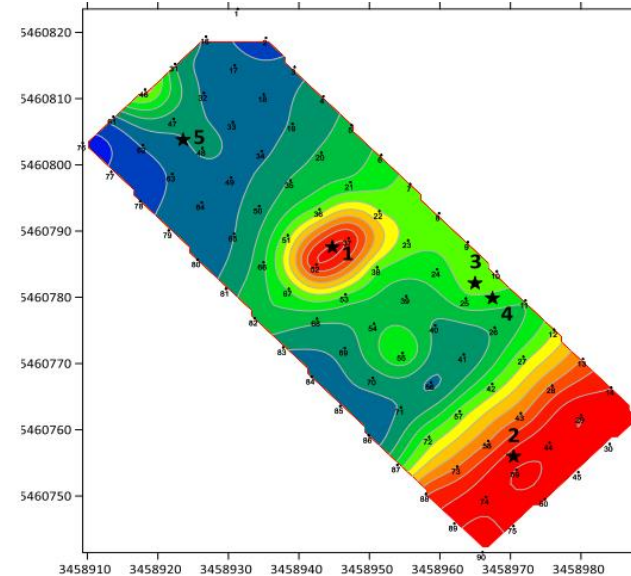


FIG. 1 Diagram of the Arc Testing Method

Source: ASTM D7953-20

Function of Leak-Detection-System



Source: Sensor DKS GmbH

Secondary sealing barrier

TRISOPLAST®

- Patented mineral sealing material out of sand, bentonite, polymer (& water)
- High swellable bentonite, fast activators
 - Swelling & sealing
 - high watertightness
- Protection of groundwater / drinking water
- LAGA – Approval of Suitability,
BAW - Approval (WHG-Conformity)
- Compacted installation thickness = 8 cm
(Substitute for 50 cm clay layer)



Floating Liner

Temporary cover

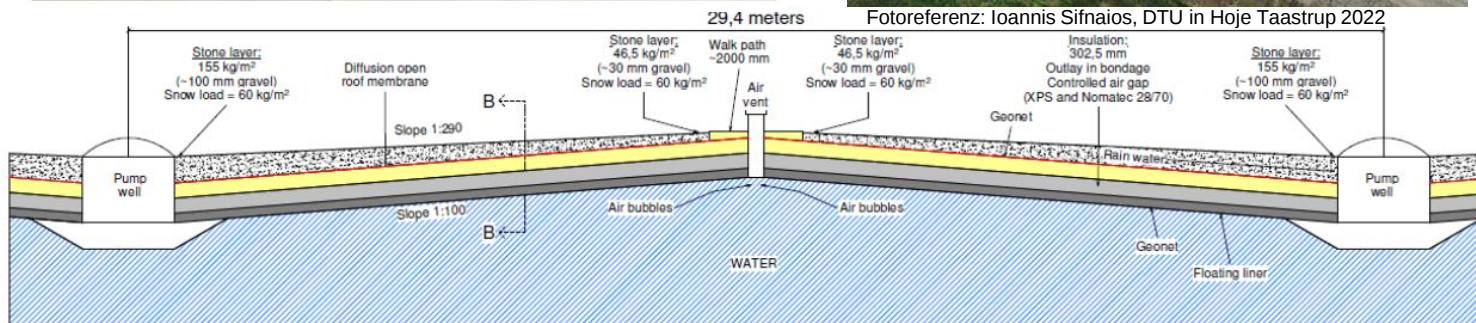
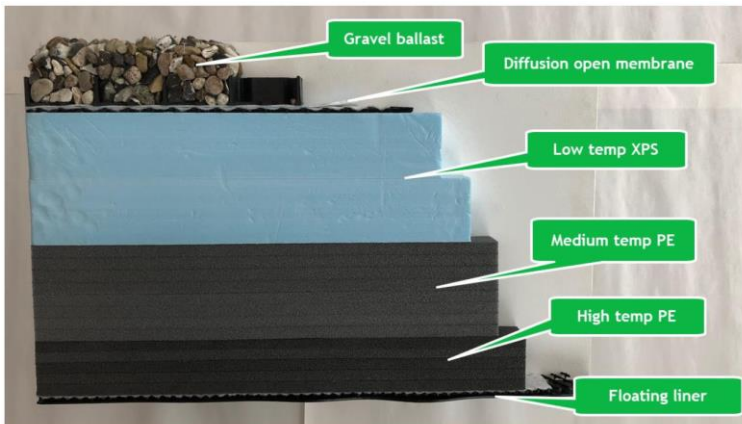
- **agru HDPE 1,0 mm S/S**
 - During filling process
 - „Sacrificial liner “

Permanent cover

- **agru PP-HTR 2,5 mm S/S**
 - Base for floating insulation system



Floating liner and insulation



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