

RAUGEO Helix Probe PE-Xa

THE ALTERNATIVE TO PROBES AND HORIZONTAL COLLECTOR

REHAU BUILDING SOLUTIONS

HOLISTIC APPROACH TO MEET ENERGY EFFICIENCY GOALS



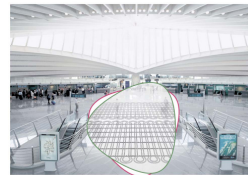
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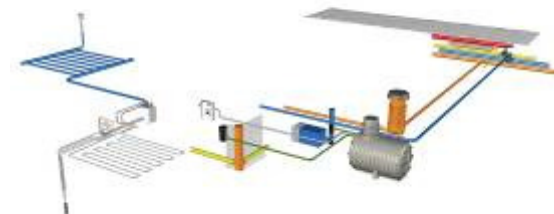
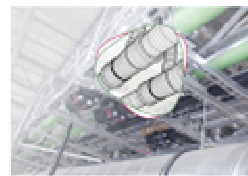
WINDOW AND CURTAIN WALLING TECHNOLOGY



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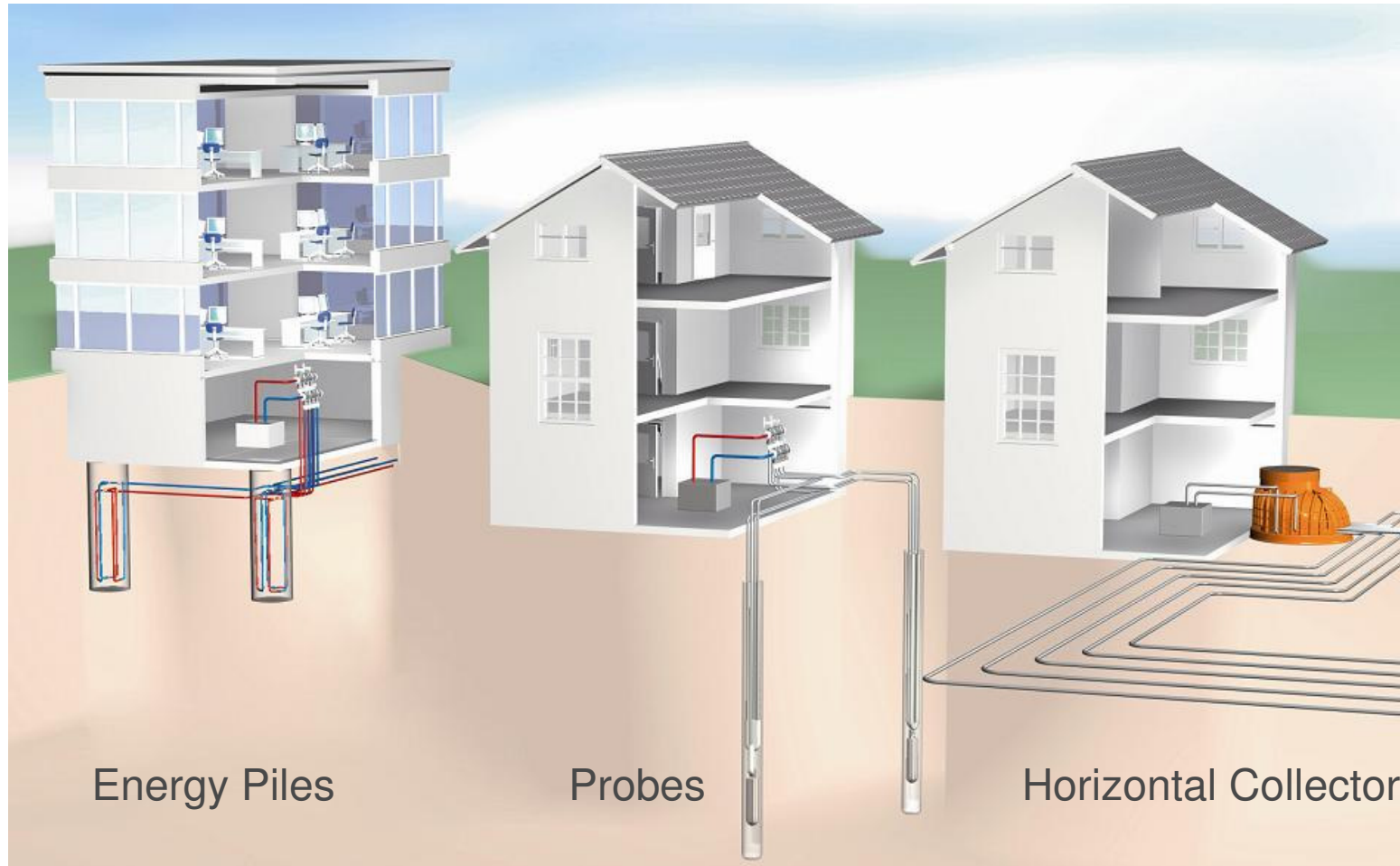


CIVIL ENGINEERING



GROUND-SOURCE ENERGY

VARIOUS SYSTEMS TO EXPLOIT GROUND-SOURCE ENERGY



Energy Piles

Probes

Horizontal Collector

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COMPARISON OF SPACE REQUIREMENTS



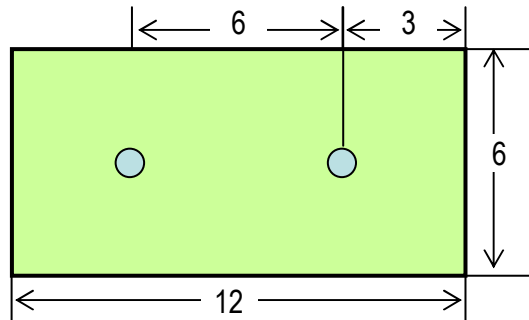
Example: Evaporater output of 8.25 kW

* 1.5m distance from the building required

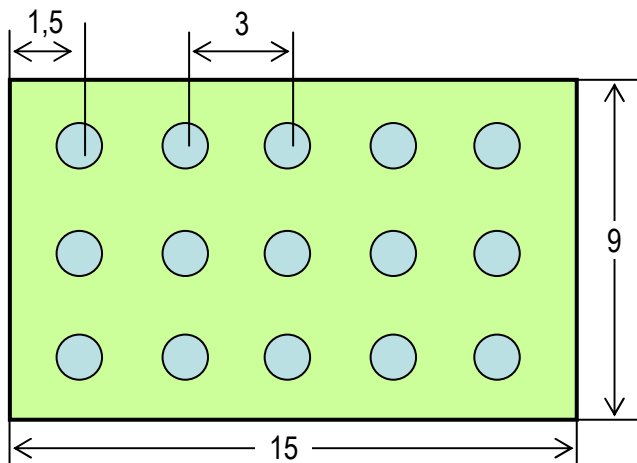
	Probes	Helix- probe (1)	Helix- probe (2)	Horizontal collectors
Extracted output	50 W/m	550 W / probe	400 W / probe	25 W/m ²
Calculated pipe requirement	165 probe metres	15 Helix probes	20.6 Helix probes	330 m ²
Requirement	2 probes at 90m	15 Helix probes	21 Helix probes	500m pipe
Laying distance	6m	3m	3m	0.7m
Space requirement*	72 m ²	135 m ²	189 m ²	415 m ²

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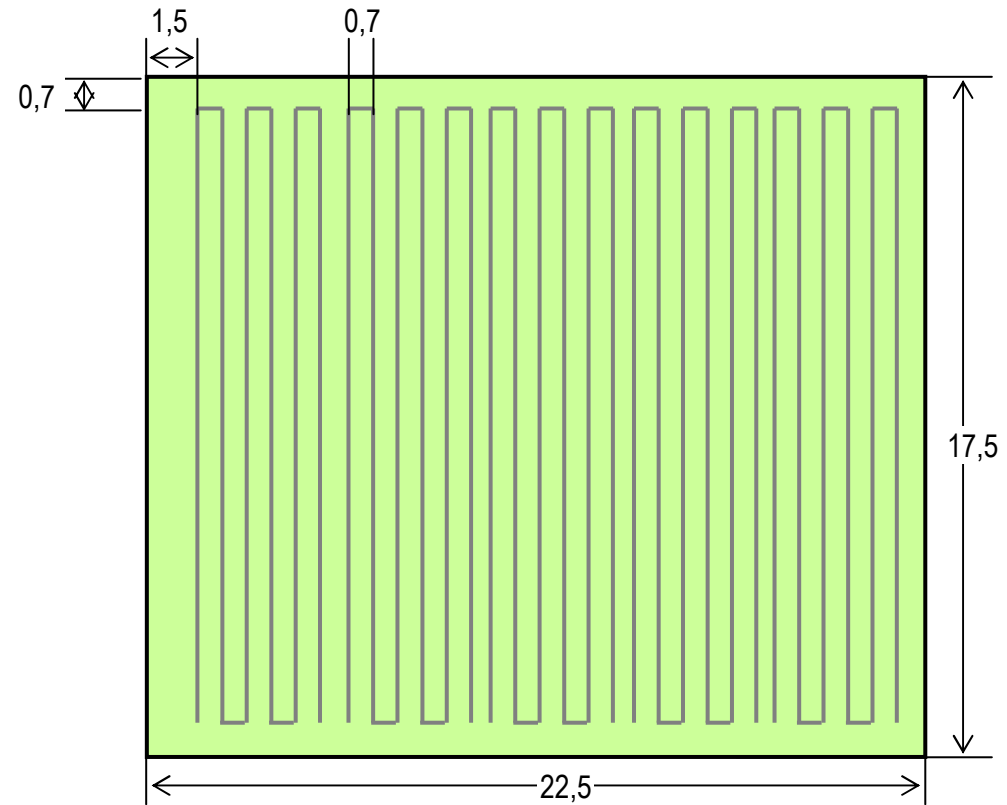
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Surface area requirement for 2 probes:
 $12 \times 6 = 72 \text{ m}^2$



Surface area requirement for 15 Helix:
 $15 \times 9 = 135 \text{ m}^2$



Surface area requirement for 500m collector:
 $17,5 \times 22,5 = 415 \text{ m}^2$

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THE ALTERNATIVE TO PROBES AND HORIZONTAL COLLECTORS



- Designed for new build (particularly low-energy houses) but also for refurbishments
- Optimal for projects with limited space and where a standard probe installation is not feasible
- 5m deep borehole with a spiral drill, in which the Helix probe can be installed and backfilled
- Less approvals required and lower installation costs for contractors and clients
- Extracted outputs up to 700 W/Helix probe, on average 400 W/Helix



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TECHNICAL DATA

Helix Probe Data:

Spiral height (for transport)	approx. 1.1 m
Spiral height (for installation)	approx. 3.0 m
Outer diameter	approx. 38 cm
Pipe length	40 m
Pipe size	25 x 2.3
Pipe material	PE-Xa
Weight	7.5 kg
Volume (for water / antifreeze)	13 Litres



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SIMPLY UNIQUE – UNIQUELY SIMPLE



Telescopic concept:

- Extendable from 1.1m (transport) to 3m (for installation)
- With that, low transportation and storage costs
- Low installation costs
- Defined pipe spacing in the spiral and a fixed probe diameter of 38cm due to attached permeable PE membrane



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High performance material PE-Xa

- Complete system made of PE-Xa for flow and return
→ No connections on probe tip
- High resistance against mechanical damage, ensuring maximum reliability during transport, installation and in operation:
 - No reduction in pipe lifespan even when notches / grooves travel 20% into pipe wall
 - Resistant to stress crack formations (puncture loads)
- Temperature resistance to +95°C, which allows (also retrospective) combination with solar thermal systems for ground regeneration and better thermal efficiency

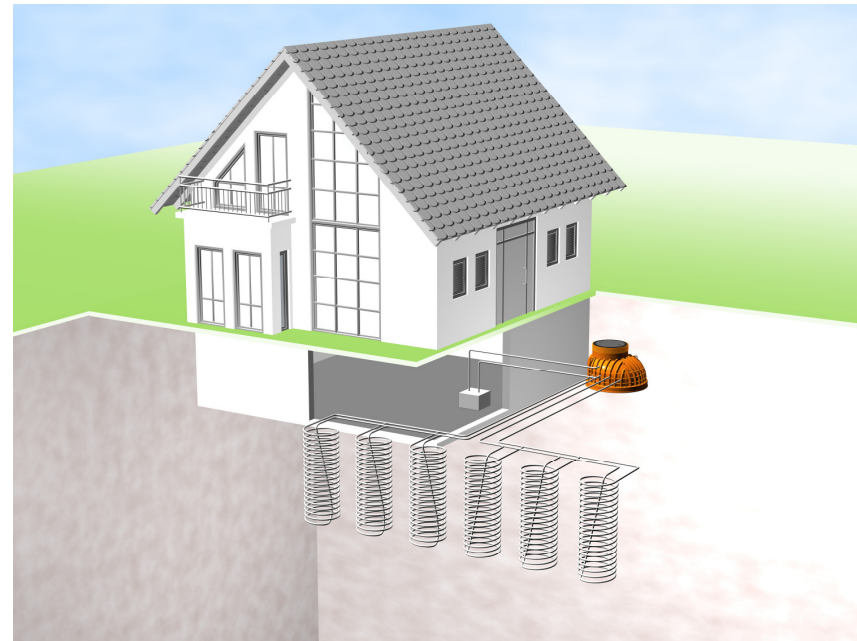


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SYSTEM DESIGN

Sizing:

- Fundamentals:
 - Heat load of building
 - Heat pump type (COP)
 - >> Necessary evaporator loads
- Influencing factors:
 - Soil type
 - Groundwater levels
 - Operating hours



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ESTIMATED OUTPUTS PER PROBE



Estimated outputs:

Helix probe performance based on 1800h operation for different soil / groundwater conditions

Orientation value: \varnothing 400 W/ Helix probe

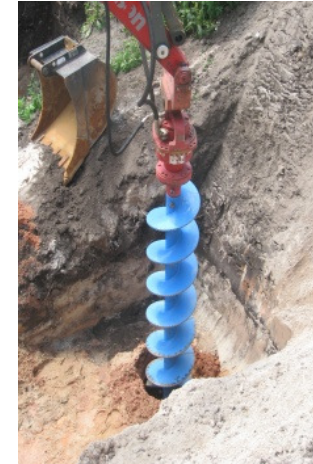
Soil type	Specific heat extraction in W / Helix probe
Sand (dry)	200 – 300 W
Sand (wet)	400 – 700 W
Silt (dry)	250 – 350 W
Silt (wet)	400 – 650 W
Clay (dry)	250 – 350 W
Sandy clay (dry)	300 – 400 W
Sandy clay (wet)	450 – 700 W

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INSTALLATION PROCESS

1. Drilling

- Min. diameter of borehole: 400 mm
- Laying depth ca. 4-5m from ground level (drilling ca. 3m)
- Carried out with a JCB digger (ca. 8-16t), on which a spiral drill bit is attached
- If required, use borehole casing



2. Preparation of Helix probe

- Extend probes to installation length of ca. 3 m
- Fix in extended position e.g. with a timber batten (as an installation aid)



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INSTALLATION PROCESS

3. Insertion of Helix probe

- Insert the completely extended Helix probe, with insertion aid, into the borehole
- Securing Helix probe in the borehole, e.g. with sand at base of borehole



4. Backfilling of borehole

- Backfill by hand, so that **no voids** exist between the pipe and the borehole wall
- Due to the properties **PE-Xa**, it is possible to **use the excavated material as a backfill**, although it is recommended to mix with sand
- After successful insertion of the probe, it must be **flow- and pressure tested**



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INSTALLATION



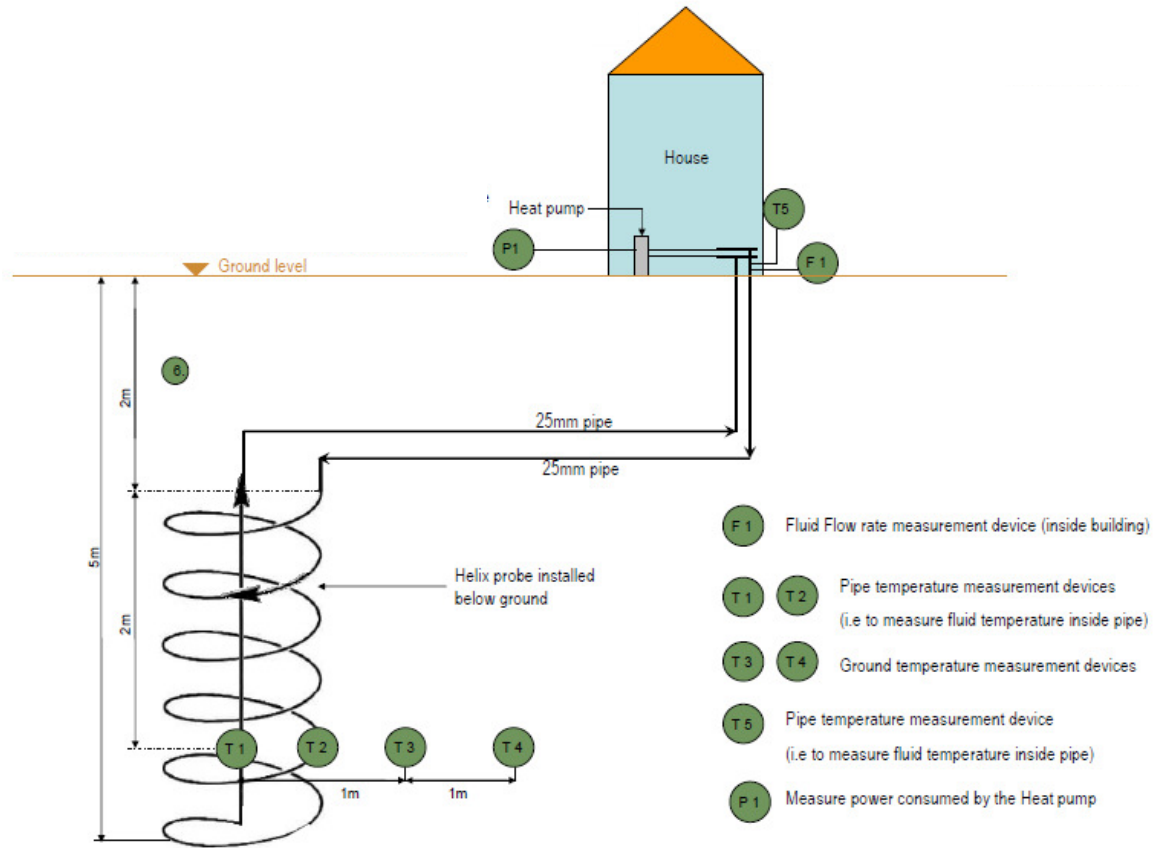
Pipe connections:

- Connection options:
 - Parallel to manifold
 - Up to 3 Helix probes in series
- Connection of PE-Xa pipes possible with:
 - Compression sleeve and protective tape
 - Electrofusion joints
- Connect to manifold at **highest point**
- **Pressure test at end of installation**



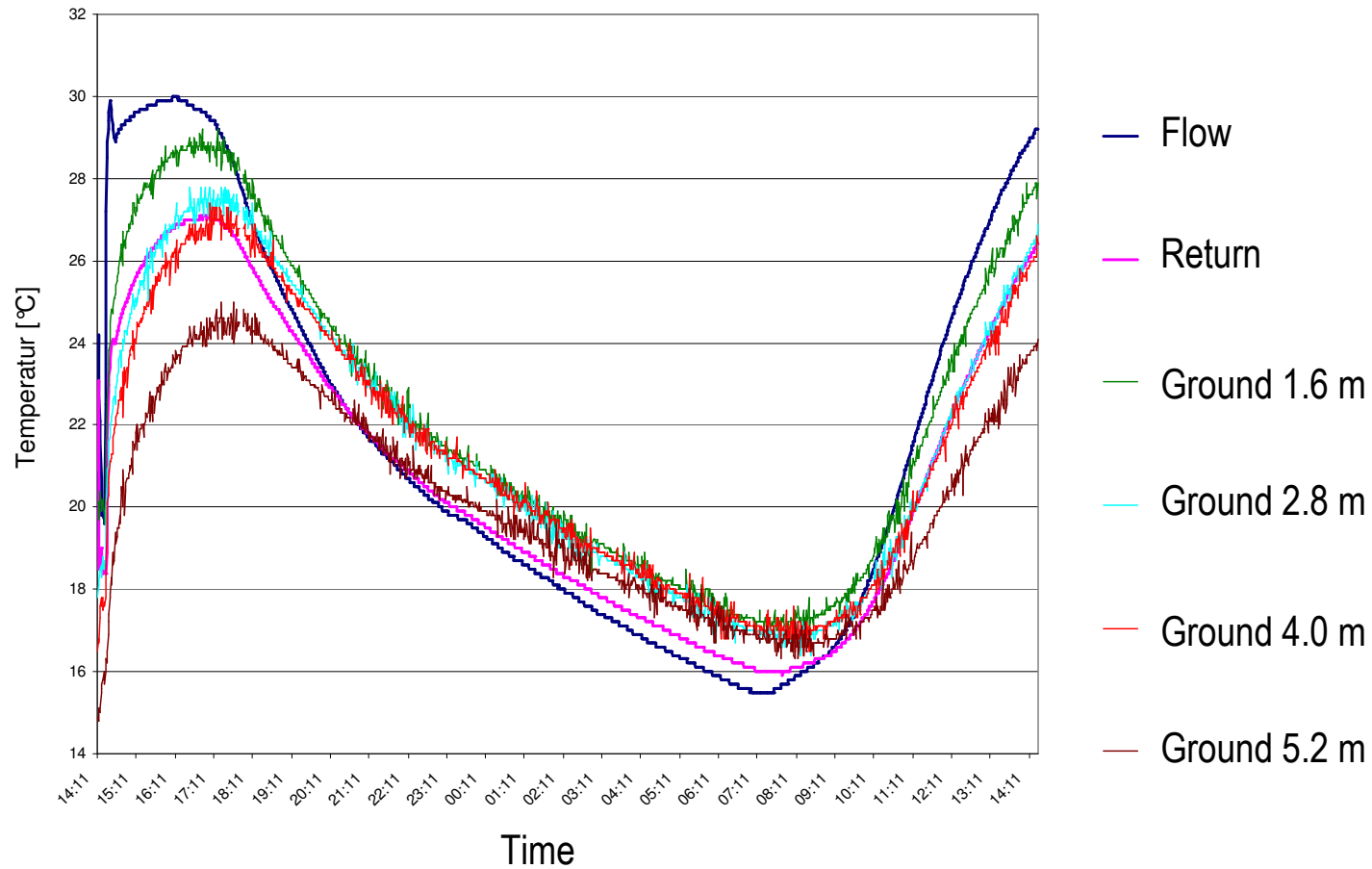
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TEST FIELD



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Performance Comparison 24 h

