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Underground Energy Storage and Geothermal Applications for a Sustainable Space Heating and Cooling

Message from the Guest Editors

Decarbonization could be achieved with the production and distribution of clean thermal energy to district heating and cooling (DHC) networks, with energy efficiency measures, and with the energy sharing within renewable energy communities (RECs). Geothermal energy can be a vital option, since it can be constantly produced without any interruption conditioned by weather conditions, as is the case with other renewables such as solar or wind energy, and it can be easily integrated to DHC networks and RECs. Another great option is represented by underground thermal energy storage (UTES) systems, which can be a key element in overcoming short-term energy peaks, further developing smart energy networks. UTES systems contribute to the overall efficiency, flexibility, and response time of a DHC system, and they can also be used to cover the peak demand load as well as to provide a backup supply.

In this Special Issue, original research articles and reviews are welcome.

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