

Special Issue

Novel Design of Solar Assisted Ground Source Heat Pump Systems

Message from the Guest Editors

Awareness of the increase in the global temperature continuously grows, and a new target has been set by the Paris Agreement. The use of hydrocarbon-based fuels forms the lion's share of CO₂e emissions. The building sector is one of the largest energy consumers globally, with the majority used for heating ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) systems. Currently, solar and shallow geothermal systems can be used to displace conventional energy systems based on hydrocarbons. Although both technologies are well developed, the combined concept of the solar-assisted ground source heat pump (SAGSHP) system has not been thoroughly investigated. In recent decades, effort has been made to evaluate the SAGSHP systems for different climatic conditions, but no line can be drawn regarding their best design practice. This Special Issue of *Energies*, "Novel design of solar assisted ground source heat pump systems", is focused on the new methodologies, operation strategies, system topologies, optimization frameworks and techniques that can assist the applicability of the SAGSHP systems.

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