Underground solar container pile pictures and text

Can energy piles store solar thermal energy underground?
Ma and Wang proposed using energy piles to store solar thermal energy underground in summer,which can be retrieved later to meet the heat demands in winter,as schematically illustrated in Fig. 1. A mathematical model of the coupled energy pile-solar collector system was developed,and a parametric study was carried out.

Can energy piles be used for underground energy exchange?
Energy piles,which are combinations of BHEs with pile foundations,could be used for underground energy exchangewithout the need for drilling holes [,,]. Energy piles have been combined with ground source heat pump (GSHP) systems for building heating or cooling for years [33].

How much solar energy can a 10 m-long energy pile store?
Under the specific thermal boundary conditions adopted,the maximum daily average rate of solar energy storage reached 150 W/mfor the 10 m-long energy pile. It decreased to about 35 W/m as the pile length increased to 50 m.

Can solar thermal energy be stored underground?
Energy piles,which embed thermal loops into the pile body,have been used as heat exchangers in ground source heat pump systems to replace traditional boreholes. Therefore,it is proposed to store solar thermal energy underground via energy piles.

How does pile size affect solar energy storage?
As the pile diameter increases,there has a relatively larger volume of concrete for solar energy storage,leading to a lower pile temperature. As a result of its lower temperature,a higher rate of solar energy storage is observed for cases with larger pile diameters.

How is solar energy collected?
A bridge deck embedded with heat exchange tubeswas employed for solar energy collection,which can provide thermal energy to the energy pile. A full-scale pile foundation with a spiral-shaped tube in the pile shaft was employed for storing the collected solar energy underground.

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Fig. 17. Effects of the pile-pile thermal interference on the daily average rate of solar energy storage. - "Underground solar energy storage via energy piles"

Fig. 9. Effects of the solar irradiance and the length of solar collector tube on: (a) inlet-outlet temperature difference; (b) rate of solar energy storage; (c) system efficiency. - "Underground solar energy ...

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Fig. 8. Effects of the air temperature and the overall loss coefficient on: (a) inlet-outlet temperature difference; (b) rate of solar energy storage; (c) system efficiency. - "Underground solar energy ...

In the following sections, the details of the field test and numerical models are first presented. Then, the experimental and numerical results are compared and analyzed. Finally, the ...

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Fig. 16. Comparison of the thermal performance of the system with different pile diameters: (a) daily average inlet temperature during operation period; (b) temperature distribution along path 1 after 210 ...

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