

How does a heat exchanger work in an energy pile?

The thermal process goes in an energy pile, as in a borehole heat exchanger, in different stages: heat transfer through the ground, conduction through pile concrete and heat exchanger pipes, and convection in the fluid and at the interface with the inner surface of the pipes (Fig. 2).

Does pile length underestimate the rate of heat exchange?

As shown in Fig. 5 (a), for the case in unfavourable ground conditions, the computed results corresponding to the actual pile length of 30 m underestimated the daily-averaged rate of heat exchange by about 25% for both the modes of heat extraction and injection. To improve the situation, an equivalent pile length was calibrated.

What is an energy pile?

The energy pile represents an embedment of heat exchange pipes into the pile body. In this way, it can serve as a vertical heat exchanger in addition to its primary function of supporting the building. The additional land use and construction costs related to the conventional vertical boreholes of the GSHP system can thus be saved.

How efficient is heat transfer in an energy pile?

The efficiency of heat transfer in an energy pile depends on the design parameters concerning the characteristics of the pile, pipe, concrete, fluid, and ground. The configuration of heat exchanger pipes is found to be the most influential parameter.

Which type of heat exchanger pipe should be used in large-diameter energy piles?

For the large-diameter energy piles, where more than 5-pairs of U-tubes can be installed, Park et al. (2015) revealed that the heat exchanger pipes in helix shape have the optimal configuration, given the economic feasibility and the thermal performance.

What is the best shape for a pile heat exchanger?

Providing high thermal efficiency, preventing airlock, and limiting thermal short-circuiting are the advantages that have led some studies to consider the spiral shape as the best configuration of the pile heat exchanger (Dehghan, 2018; Man et al., 2017).

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