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## Effects of ambient conditions on solar assisted heat pump systems: a review



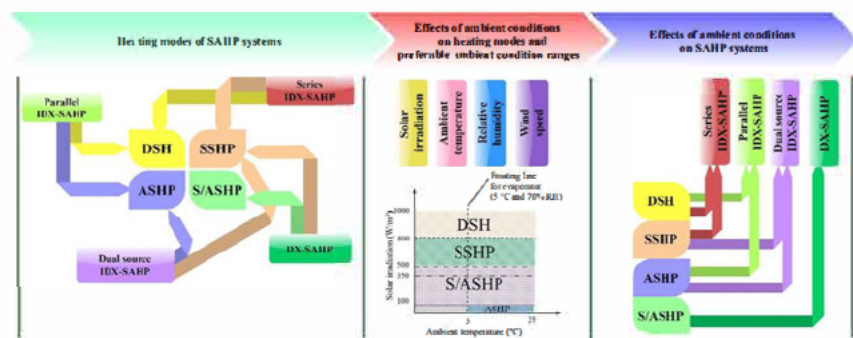
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## HIGHLIGHTS

- Heating mode options of solar assisted heat pumps vary with systems type.
- Effects of ambient conditions on heating modes determine the preferable ranges.
- Insulated collector drops evaporator temperature below air in low solar irradiation.
- Heat loss from bare collector evaporator starts with high solar irradiation.
- Frosting isn't disruptive factor in flat air type evaporators unlike in finned type.

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## ABSTRACT

Solar assisted heat pump (SAHP) systems aim to increase the performance of heat pumps by supporting with solar energy using various heating modes, whose performances depend on ambient conditions. In the literature, SAHP systems are classified by structure types, and the heating mode options are not considered as the main priority of the design but a result of the structure of the system. This paper aimed to investigate the effect of ambient conditions on heating modes, and identify the preferable ambient condition ranges for each SAHP system depends on their heating modes, by using a narrative review of 47 recent studies, that shed light on the problem. For this purpose, direct solar heating (DSH), air source heat pump (ASHP), solar source heat pump (SSHP) and solar air source heat pump (S/ASHP) modes were stated as the basic heating modes of SAHP systems. In accordance with the literature, SAHP systems were classified as direct expansion solar assisted heat pump (DX SAHP) and series, parallel and dual source indirect expansion solar assisted heat pumps (IDX SAHP). Solar irradiation, ambient temperature, relative humidity and wind speed has been taken as major ambient conditions to investigate. Reviewed studies indicated that, parallel and series IDX SAHP are preferable in high solar irradiations about 800 W/m<sup>2</sup> with their DSH mode options. Frosting on evaporator is prevented in DX SAHP with its S/ASHP mode, and even in the presence of frosting, unlike IDX SAHPs ASHP mode, freezing is a factor that improves performance on flat evaporator in cold and humid conditions. This study indicates that there are obscure areas for future studies to focus on for a better comparison between SAHP types. Moreover, proposed novel designs of this paper, such as solar preheating of air in IDX SAHP systems to add S/ASHP mode as an option, might enhance the performance and applicability of SAHP systems.

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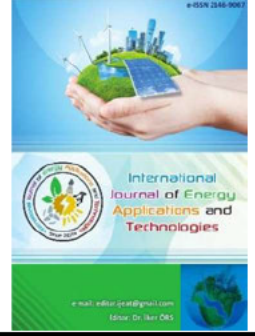
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#### ABSTRACT

In this study, hydrogen production performances of groundnut shells in a circulating fluidized bed gasifier is evaluated by employing a previously developed and validated model. Basically, we simulate a circulating fluidized bed gasification system that is connected to a water-gas shift reactor, for hydrogen purification with the gasifier temperature of 1150 K. We find that the amount of hydrogen gas produced from circulating fluidized bed gasification of groundnut shells increases from 49.25 kmol to 68.83 kmol (per 1000 kg of raw groundnut shells) when the gasifier is integrated with water-gas shift reactor. We observe that it is possible to obtain a high yield of hydrogen gas from the gasification of groundnut shells. Therefore, we conclude that the groundnut shell is a remarkable feedstock for bioenergy.

**Keywords** Circulating fluidized bed gasification; Groundnut shell; Sustainable energy technology; Hydrogen purification

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The depletion of fossil fuel resources and climate changes as a consequence of increasing environmental pollution have increased the attention on environmentally friendly energy resources and sustainable conversion technologies. The International Energy Agency's World Energy Outlook in 2016 reported that the share of biomass accounts for 9.7% of the global energy mix in the world. This ratio is far behind the three main energy sources, namely, 31.7% oil, 28.1% coal and 21.6% natural gas in the global energy supply [1]. Renewable energy sources are evaluated in terms of zero-emission, infiniteness, and easy applicability aspects. Biomass is of great potential worldwide with respect to

sustainable energy supply, given its high availability, renewable status and the possibility of productively utilizing waste materials [2-4]. The term "biomass" refers to carbonaceous materials derived from agricultural crops, forestry, agro-industrial, and domestic wastes. Fuels derived from biomass resources reduce net CO<sub>2</sub> emissions during their processing owing to their inherent carbon-neutral nature. Hence, plentiful biomass resources are good candidates for the siting of facilities to produce green energy. Nowadays, intensive research has been conducting on the energy production of biomass as an alternative to fossil fuels. A variety of methods such as biomass gasification, biomass pyrolysis, biomass liquefaction etc. are used in hydrogen production [5-7]. Note that hydrogen is a significant

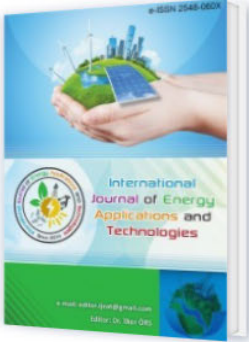
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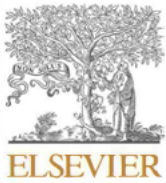
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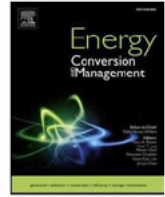
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## Review of the advances in solar-assisted air source heat pumps for the domestic sector

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## ABSTRACT

Solar assisted air source heat pump shows great potential as a promising energy-saving heating technology, which integrates solar collector and air source heat pump. It is widely considered for supplying hot water, space heating and/or space cooling in the domestic sector. The performance of solar assisted air source heat pumps can be evaluated in system level by parameters such as coefficient of performance, seasonal performance factor, energy consumption, solar fraction as well as initial and operating costs, and in component level by parameters such as efficiencies of solar collection and thermal energy storage. Their performances are affected by many factors such as system configuration, components size, working fluid, working conditions and weather conditions. This paper presents a comprehensive review on the recent advances in solar assisted air source heat pump for the domestic sector in terms of system configuration, solar collectors, thermal energy storage, defrosting method and the perspective areas of further investigations. The results of this review confirm that research is still required to improve the performance of such a combined system and reduce initial cost compared with existing heating systems based on hydrocarbon combustion. The information presented in this paper is beneficial to the researchers, small and medium-sized enterprises supplying renewable energy system technologies, heating engineers and service workers, energy policy and decision makers, environmental activists and communities.

## 1. Introduction

Heat pumps (HPs) can be considered as both energy efficient and renewable energy technology [1]. The use of this technology to increase buildings energy efficiency by utilizing low-grade thermal energy from existing heating supply systems is of significant interest today. However, to significantly reduce energy consumption and to improve the performance of HPs, many studies are devoted to increasing the share of renewable energy. According to the International Energy Agency (IEA), worldwide, thermal energy accounts for more than 50% of energy consumption, with about 45% consumed in residential and commercial buildings [1]. In the UK, heating took up 48% of the total energy consumption in 2013, and the domestic sector accounted for 57% of the entire heating demand [2]. Emissions of greenhouse gases (GHGs) and

air pollutants during heat provision from hydrocarbon combustion are 39%, with fossil fuel being the main heat source today [1]. To achieve the UK's target of the net zero emissions of GHGs by 2050, the domestic heating sector has to be decarbonised [3]. Many countries have a strategy by 2050 to increase the share of renewable energies. In combination with renewable energy, an increase in HPs in heating provision is expected. By 2030, HP should provide 22.1% of the domestic heating compared with 5% in 2019 [1]. The coefficient of performance (COP) and seasonal performance factor (SPF) are parameters to evaluate the performance of HPs [4]. HPs are divided into air source heat pump (ASHP), ground source heat pump (GSHP), water source heat pump (WSHP) and solar assisted heat pumps (SAHP). Depending on the purpose of application, climate conditions, technical and economic parameters, each of them has its own advantages and disadvantages.

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**Bir Rüzgâr Enerji Santralinin Güç Kapasitesine Bağlı Olarak Üretebileceği Elektrik Enerjisi Potansiyelinin Belirlenmesi – Artvin İli Örneği**

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**ÖZET:** Bu çalışmada, Weibull olasılık yoğunluk fonksiyonu ve simülasyon yaklaşımı kullanılarak Artvin ili Merkez ilçesinin rüzgâr enerjisi potansiyeli hesaplanmıştır. Weibull olasılık yoğunluk fonksiyonun şekil ve ölçek parametrelerinin hesaplanmasında ortalama ve standart sapma, moment, enerji örneği, grafik, maksimum olabilirlik ve modifiye edilmiş maksimum olabilirlik yöntemleri kullanılarak 24 metre, 59 metre ve 120 metre kule yüksekliğindeki rüzgâr hızlarının modellenmesi gerçekleştirilmiştir. Bu modellerin  $R^2$ , RMSE, MSE ve  $X^2$  yöntemleri ile hata analizleri yapılarak en tutarlı matematiksel yöntemin belirlenmesi amaçlanmıştır. Ayrıca 100 kW, 1 MW ve 5 MW kurulu güce sahip rüzgâr enerji santrali için kapasite faktörleri hesaplanmış ve üretilen elektrik enerjisi potansiyeli analiz edilmiştir. Çalışma neticesinde maksimum olabilirlik ve modifiye edilmiş maksimum olabilirlik yöntemlerinin hata oranı en az olan yöntemler olduğu saptanmıştır. Daha yüksek rakımlarda daha yüksek enerji üretim potansiyelinin sağlanacağı ve daha yüksek kurulu güce sahip rüzgâr enerji santralinin en iyi kapasite faktörünü ihtiva edeceği sonucuna ulaşılmıştır. Weibull olasılık yoğunluk fonksiyonu ve simülasyon yaklaşımı sonucunda Artvin ilinin yıllık elektrik enerjisi ihtiyacının 100 kW kurulu güce sahip bir sistem ile %0.036 ila %0.075 oranında, 1 MW güce sahip bir sistem ile %0.384 ila %0.773 oranında, 5 MW güce sahip bir sistem ile %1.983 ila %4.051 arasında karşılanabileceği tahmin edilmiştir.

**Anahtar Kelimeler:** Rüzgâr Enerji Santrali, Weibull, Kapasite Faktörü, Elektrik Enerjisi, Enerji Verimliliği

**Determination of the Electrical Energy Production Potential of a Wind Power Plant Depending on the Power Capacity: a Case Study for Province of Artvin**

**ABSTRACT:** : In this study, wind energy potential of the central district of Artvin province was calculated by using Weibull probability density function and simulation approaches. In the calculation of the shape and scale parameters of the Weibull probability density function, the modeling of the wind speeds of the central district of Artvin at 24 meters, 59 meters and 120 meters altitudes was performed using the average and standard deviation, moment, energy pattern, graphical, maximum likelihood and modified maximum likelihood methods. It is aimed to calculate the most consistent mathematical method by evaluating these models with  $R^2$ , RMSE, MSE, and  $X^2$  error analysis. Also, the capacity factors were calculated for the 100 kW, 1 MW and 5 MW wind power plants and the potential of electrical energy that can be produced has been analyzed. As a result of the study, it has been determined that the maximum likelihood and modified maximum likelihood methods have the lowest error rate. It has been concluded that higher energy production potential will be achieved at higher altitudes and that the wind power plant with higher installed power will contain the best capacity factor. As a result of the Weibull probability density function and simulation approaches, the annual electrical energy need of Artvin province can be met between at 0.036% and 0.075% with a system of 100 kW, between at 0.384% and 0.773% with a system of 1 MW, and between at 1.983% and 4.051% with a system of 5 MW installed power capacity.

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## Conventional Free Radical Polymerization of N-Vinyl Pyrrolidone Homopolymers

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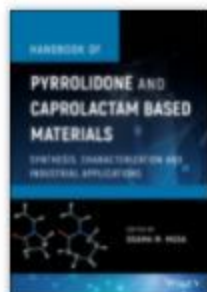
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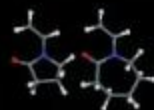
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