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13	Abstract
14	The impact of global warming has urged a prudent spending of energy in the building sector
15	nowadays. In general, a typical HVAC system consumes about 60%-70% of the total energy
16	consumption of a building. Therefore, designing an energy-efficient HVAC system is essential to
17	alleviate the worsening greenhouse effect. Recent research works have reported that geothermal
18	energy coupled with optimal insulation is the best approach in minimising the energy consumption.
19	Thus, we attempted to analyse the thermal performance of a naturally-ventilated underground
20	shelter in a hot and humid country such as Malaysia. We proposed an optimal design to enhance
21	the sustainability of the low-energy building. The model was numerically simulated using CFD,
22	and a statistical surrogate model was implemented for obtaining the optimal design. The findings
23	indicated that the room temperature of the shelter was significantly lower than the outdoor
24	temperature during the hottest month and vice-versa during the coldest month. Moreover, the
25	proposed optimal design showed about 3.4% increase in ventilation rate and about 2.8% decrease
26	in room temperature as compared to the previous design. In general, the current work could be
27	used as a guideline for designing low-energy building in Malaysia.

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