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# A Groundwater-Source Heat Pump System with Enhanced Aquifer Thermal Energy Storage (E-ATES) for Cooling and Heating of Shinshu University Building

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Outline of the Research Project

- In 2010, a pilot project of enhanced aquifer thermal energy storage (E-ATES) was initiated for cooling and heating lecture rooms (108 m<sup>2</sup> each) at Shinshu University with or without heat pumps.
- Main feature of this project is to maximize heat and cold recovery by optimizing withdrawal and injection at distributed wells.
- Numerical simulations were also performed to analyze heat and cold in aquifer systems in order to achieve the optimization.
- Results of the heating experiments during November 2011 to March 2012 and the cooling experiments from this June up to now will be summarized here.

 Why is the E-ATES for Groundwater-Source HP System?
Goal of this project is to establish Groundwater-Source HP systems
which assure SCOP that is 1.7 times higher than conventional Air-Source HP systems,
which assure low initial cost that can be recovered within 10 years,
which assure long life.
SCOP : System Co-efficient of Performance
<u>Quantity of Heat Supplied or Removed</u> <u>Energy Required by the Whole System</u>



- E-ATES is based on
- efficient underground storage of cold and heat that is discharged from Groundwater-Source HP systems,
- **maximized recovery** of stored cold and heat in aquifer systems by controlling groundwater flow,
- installation of **water treatment** for preventing clogging of geologic pores and adhesion of scaling materials to pipes and HPs
- use of **free cooling** during summer.

Side effects of this new technology are

- to save energy consumption,
- to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emission,
- to mitigate heat island in big cities,
- to protect **ecosystems** by controlling thermal plumes.

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#### Project Site of the E-ATES is located in



## Well Arrangement for the E-ATES





## Pilot Project Site



## Monitoring System for Groundwater-SHP and Air-SHP systems

Operational State of the Groundwater-SHP system Operational State of the Conventional Air-SHP system SHITZ 従来型空調(マルチパッケージ) 機器運転状況 Real Time Display of SCOP for GSHP and ASHP with CO2 Emission, Electrical Consumption Monitoring panel



#### Comparison of CO2 Emission, Electrical Consumption and SCOP between Groundwater-SHP and Air-SHP

Recorded on 3 Aug, 2012 (during cooling)



SHITZ





#### Comparison of SCOP between Groundwater-SHP and Air-SHP during Cooling Operation



## Conditions Performed for Heating Operation

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Operation mode	Period	Pumping and injection rate	Injected water temperature
	Date	(m³/hour)	
Heating	2011/11/15~2012/3/17	1.3~11.5	8.2 <b>~</b> 13.9 C°
Suspend	2012/3/18~2012/5/31	_	-

The above condition was incorporated into numerical simulations for calculating stored cold during the period from November 2011 to March 2012.

#### Numerical Simulation code applied to the E-ATES

## **SWATER**

(Subsurface Water And Thermal Energy Resources)

coded by K.Fujinawa

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#### SWATER can solve

- three dimensional coupled problems
- of density-dependent, saturated-unsaturated flow,
- and heat transport affected by thermal conduction, thermal dispersion, and forced and natural convection,
- based on the Finite Element Method for the flow problem
- and the Characteristic Finite Element Method for the heat transport problem

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Plane View of Prism Mesh for the Numerical Simulation





## Conditions Projected for Cooling Operation

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Operation mode	Period	Pumping and injection rate	Injected water temperature
	Date	(m³/hour)	
Cooling	2012/6/1~2012/9/30	5.0	19.0 C°
Suspend	2012/10/1~2012/10/31	-	-

The above condition was incorporated into numerical simulations for calculating stored heat during the period from June 2012 to September 2012.



#### Another Scenario for Recovering Cold

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## Conclusion

The results of performed experiments during heating from November 2011 to March 2012 revealed that the Groundwater-Source HP system is superior to the conventional Air-Source HP systems.

Monitoring data of the Groundwater-Source HP system under cooling experiments is exhibiting much higher performance than the heating experiment.

 Results of trial numerical simulations show that the recovery of cold water can be improved by changing pumping and recharging well.

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