Evaluation the contribution of using geothermal energy (renewable energy) for air conditioning in decreasing electric energy consumption

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What is geothermal energy?

1- Water temperature under ground is constant due to huge heat storage capacity of the ground

2- This advantage can be used in A/C applications.

3- The electric power needs to circulate water between the conditioned space and under ground is pretty much low in comparison to electric power needs to operate a conventional compression refrigeration system.

How does it work ?



The heated water passing again through the

the heat exchanger The geothermal exchanger cools.

The water as it flows through an underground network of pipes

4 Cooled water goes back into the building







How does it work?



Proposed A/C system



Experimental setup

1- Well (borehole) drilling





Experimental setup

2- A/C system preparations



Experimental setup 2- A/C system preparations



Data collection







Figure (1) Temperature reading for indoor and outdoor at Aug/10/2016 Summer



Figure (2) Temperature reading for indoor and outdoor at December/15/2016 Winter



Figure (3) Variation of well water temperature with depth at Aug and December

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الفئية	بالديثار	بالامتترية	الكيلوواط / ساعة	للوحدة بالكيلو	
	لشهر كامل		بالدينار العراقي	واط/ساعة	
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هواء + مكيف عدد 1 كبير + مكيف					
عدد 1 صغير					
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هواء + مكيف عدد 2					



Figure (5) energy and cost saving percentage in comparison to conventional AC

Limitations and challenges

1- The geothermal energy can't insure occupation's satisfaction and that because of the well water temperature. The well water temperature was always more than dew point temperature. Therefore, to guarantee comfort conditions, the AC may still needed but much lower from before (about 60-70 % less)

2- There is a challenge of corrosion because of using open cycle and the potential of salt in the well water. Therefore, the next study going to concern about this matter.

Thanks for your attention!!!



questions ????