

A Smart Community Waste Heat Recovery System Based on Air Source-Sewage Source Compound Heat Pump



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ABSTRACT

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Compared with the traditional hot water production methods, heat pump systems have the unique advantages of high efficiency, energy saving, and eco-friendly, so they have a very good promotion and application prospect. The sewage source heat pump systems can recover the waste heat of high-temperature sewage produced in residential communities, for this reason, this study integrated the proven air source heat pump technology with the sewage source heat pump technology and conducted a research on the smart community waste heat recovery system based on the air-source/sewage-source Compound Heat Pump system (CHP system). In the paper, the design steps and equipment selection flow of the proposed system were given, the waste heat utilization rate of the proposed system was calculated, and the obtained experimental results verified the energy-saving effect of the proposed system, which had provided a reference for the application of the compound heat pumps in other occasions.

1. INTRODUCTION

As Chinese people's living standards are improving constantly, the consumption of domestic hot water by residents is increasing as well. Compared with developed countries, China's per capita consumption of hot water is still at a lower level. According to statistics, the existing domestic hot water production methods mainly include coal-fired, gas-fired, and oil-fired boilers, solar heating systems, electric heating systems, and air source heat pump systems [1-4], etc. The water heating mechanism of boiler systems is to burn fossil fuels and convert the combustion heat into the heat energy of hot water; while the mechanism of electric systems is to consume electricity and convert electricity, solar energy, and other heat sources into the heat energy of hot water [5-8]. Compared with other hot water production methods, heat pump systems have the advantages of high efficiency, energy saving, eco-friendly, so they have a very good promotion and application prospect.

If the fossil fuel of the heating furnace is not fully burned, it will cause problems such as low heating efficiency and large harmful gas emissions [9, 10]. Dehghan [11] constructed a mathematical model for the different circulation modes of the high-temperature sewage source heat pump systems which can replace the traditional heating furnace systems; through an analysis of the thermal performance of the entransy dissipation system in the heat exchange processes on the load side and the source side, the study proposed a reasonable value for the temperature drop of the sewage on the load side and the source side. Meng et al. [12] simulated the operation of high-temperature sewage source heat pump systems under different load conditions, and verified that the heat pump systems with frequency conversion function are energy-saving, economical, and eco-friendly. With the increase in fossil fuel consumption,

environmental problems such as urban heat islands, global warming, ozone layer destruction, and heavy smog in big cities have become increasingly prominent. In recent years, the Chinese government has introduced a series of energy-saving and emission-reduction technologies such as the low-temperature waste heat power generation [13-15]. Scholars Deymi-Dashtebayaz and Valipour-Namanlo [16] measured and analyzed the residual heat of the circulating cooling water of the steam turbine and the boiler slag cooler that are used in circulating cooling water waste heat recovery system of the thermal power plants, and selected the model of the heat pump unit based on the measurement and calculation results. Combining with the actual situations of a power plant, Li et al. [17] proposed two solutions for the recovery of circulating water waste heat, one is the compression-type heat pump unit, and the other is the absorption-type heat pump unit; based on a summarization of the operating data of heating seasons and the heat recovery data of the machine set, they gave a comparative analysis on the economics of the two solutions. Aiming at the large amount of waste heat resources carried by the bathing sewage that can be recycled, Cao et al. [18] conducted application research and measurement analysis on the waste heat recovery of bathing sewage from colleges and universities based on the heat pump technology, then they sorted out the existing problems, and analyzed the performance of three designed systems in terms of economics, environmental protection evaluation, and thermodynamic efficiency; after that, they determined that an indirect sewage source heat pump + thermal storage electric hot water boiler method with higher efficiency was the optimal solution. Since there're differences in the techniques and operation performance of compression-type heat pumps and absorption-type heat pumps, some scholars have carried out relevant studies, for example, Zhang et al. [19] analyzed the influence

of different external water temperature conditions on the supply water temperature of the water source side and the user side of the heat pump unit and the temperature of the driving heat source; then, combining with the actual operating conditions of the two types of machine sets of the compression-type and absorption-type heat pumps, they measured and calculated the waste heat recovery rate and evaluated the system's performance in energy conservation and energy utilization. Singh et al. [20] evaluated the compression-type and absorption-type heat pumps from an economic point of view, constructed an evaluation model to assess their energy-saving benefits and economic benefits, and used two real cases to measure and calculate the static payback time and the net present value of the system at different stages. Han et al. [21] introduced the technology of thermal power plant condensing waste heat recovery into an absorption-type heat pump system that has two heating cycles of high-temperature heating cycle and the low-temperature heating cycle, they constructed a system thermal calculation model and proposed the heat-electricity co-generation conditions under different working conditions; then, their study extracted the features of the properties of heat pumps under corresponding conditions, and gave a customized composite heat pump unit design scheme based on the system coordination degree and completion indicators.

With the change of energy consumption structure, heat pump technology will have a greater development space. In terms of function and technology, the air source heat pump technology that is being promoted at this stage is quite mature already, while the application of sewage source heat pump technology is much less. In order to effectively improve the efficiency and reliability of the heat pump systems, this paper integrated the air source heat pump technology with the sewage source heat pump technology to study the smart community waste heat recovery system based on compound heat pump. In the first part, this paper reviewed and summarized the existing research results, and introduced the structure of this manuscript; the second part designed the CHP-based smart community waste heat recovery system; the third part calculated the waste heat utilization rate of the proposed system; the fourth part used experimental results to verify the energy-saving effect of the CHP system; the fifth part drew the conclusions.

2. DESIGN OF THE CHP SYSTEM

Heat pumps are a kind of energy-enhancing device that consumes higher heating value energies and converts excess heat or industrial waste heat contained in air and water into the heat energy that can be used directly. Compared with other heating methods, heat pumps save more higher heating value energies during the working process, and reduce the exhaust gas emission produced by burning fossil fuel. For compression-type heat pumps, during the operation process, the 4 parts of evaporator, compressor, condenser, and throttling device inside the pump form a thermodynamic cycle by continuously converting the working medium of the heat pump from the evaporation state to the compression state, and then to the condensation state and the throttling state, and finally returning to the evaporation state. When an equipment is in operation, the compressor drives the refrigerant to absorb heat from the surrounding environment, suppose H_E represents the absorbed heat, H represents the heat transferred through

the thermodynamic cycle process, D represents the driving work of the compressor input externally during the cycle, then, according to the first law of thermodynamics, there is:

$$H = H_E + D \quad (1)$$

There are many types of heat pumps. The air source heat pumps transfer the heat drawn from the surrounding air to the hot water through the thermodynamic cycle process; they have been widely used due to their merits of safe, energy-saving, and water-electricity separation. The sewage source heat pumps absorb excess heat from the high temperature sewage to heat the cold water. According to the type of sewage source, the sewage source heat pumps are divided into two types: the raw sewage heat pumps, and the secondary treatment sewage heat pumps. Sewage source heat pumps have the advantages of small water temperature fluctuations, stable and reliable operation, and irrespective of frosting.

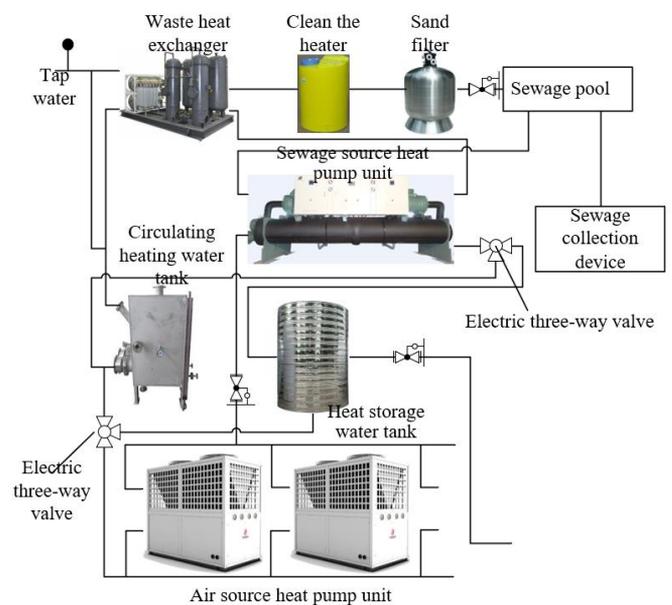


Figure 1. Structure of the CHP system

When the circulating heat pump is replenishing water, the adverse effects of shortened compressor service life and poor user experience can be easily caused by the decrease of water temperature in the hot water tank. In order to solve these problems and fully recover the heat of bathing sewage, this study designed a compound heat pump (CHP) system that integrated air source heat pump units and sewage source heat pump units. Figure 1 gives the structure of the CHP system. The core components of the CHP system are air source heat pump units and sewage source heat pump units, and the auxiliary components include: circulating heating water tanks, various circulating pumps, preheating heat exchangers, hot water storage tanks, sewage collection equipment, and cleaning and filtering devices, etc. To realize energy conservation and efficient operation of the CHP system, the system operation modes could be adjusted by operating the valves according to the ambient temperature and the water level of the water tank to realize hot water circulation, sewage circulation, and cleaning cycle of the sewage circuit of the system.

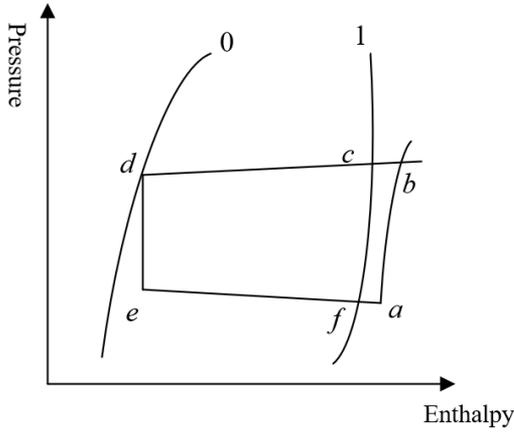


Figure 2. Pressure-enthalpy curve of the thermodynamic cycle of CHP system

Figure 2 shows the pressure-enthalpy curves of the thermodynamic cycle of the CHP system in actual situations. In Figure 2, 1 and 0 are the pressure-enthalpy curves of the actual circulations of the heat pump water heater. The evaporation process in the evaporator is from point e to point f . Due to the pressure drop of the refrigerant caused by the flow resistance in the evaporator and the heat transfer temperature difference between the refrigerant and the cooled working medium of the heat pump, this process is described as a straight line inclined to the lower right. The two processes of isobaric overheating and isenthalpic throttling of the refrigerant from the outlet of the evaporator to the inlet of the compressor are from point f to point a , which is described by the change of the pressure and temperature of the refrigerant. The figure also shows the process of pressure drop and temperature drop of the condenser from point b to point c , and the process of the cooling and condensation of the refrigerant from point c to point d . Similarly, during the process from point c to point d , due to the pressure drop of the refrigerant caused by the flow resistance in the evaporator and the heat transfer temperature difference between the refrigerant and the cooled working medium of the heat pump, the pressure gradually decreases and the condensation temperature changes constantly. The process from point d to point e is the throttling stage including the heat exchange process between the refrigerant and the environment, and the enthalpy value is almost the same before and after the process.

According to above analysis, it is difficult to manually calculate the thermodynamic cycle shown in Figure 2, so it's necessary to simplify the cycle process. A few assumptions were made to set the ideal thermodynamic cycle for the heat pump system, such as the compressor working process was an isentropic compression process; the refrigerant heat transfer temperature difference, the flow resistance loss, and the leakage heat loss were ignored; and the throttling process was isenthalpic throttling, etc. Then, based on these assumptions, the pressure-enthalpy relationship curves in Figure 2 can be directly used to calculate the performance indicators of the thermodynamic cycle of the system.

2.1 Design of the air source heat pump system

The unit condensation heat c_u generated during the pressure drop and temperature drop process experienced by the condenser of the air source heat pump can be calculated by Formula 2:

$$c_1 = e_b - e_a \quad (2)$$

Suppose ζ_l represents the indicated efficiency of the compressor, after the pressure drop and temperature drop process of the condenser shown in Formula 2, the enthalpy value can be calculated by Formula 3:

$$e_b = \frac{e'_b - e_a}{\zeta_l} + e_a \quad (3)$$

The unit work consumed in this process can be expressed as:

$$D_u = e'_b - e_a \quad (4)$$

Suppose σ represents the constant-pressure specific heat capacity of water, N_{day} represents the daily water consumption, τ_1 and τ_2 respectively represent the water supply temperature and tap water temperature, Ψ represents the safety factor, and t_r represents the daily operating time of the heat pump unit, then the unit heat production HT of the air source heat pump system can be calculated by Formula 5:

$$H_T = \frac{\sigma \times N_{day} \times (\tau_1 - \tau_2) \times \Psi}{t_r \times 60^2} \quad (5)$$

The circulation flow of refrigerant c_2 can be calculated by Formula 6:

$$c_2 = \frac{H_T}{c_1} \quad (6)$$

Suppose μ_1, μ_2, μ_3 , and μ_4 respectively represent the volume coefficient, pressure coefficient, temperature coefficient, and leakage coefficient of the water heater compressor of the air source heat pump, then the air delivery coefficient of the compressor can be calculated by Formula 7:

$$\mu = \mu_1 \times \mu_2 \times \mu_3 \times \mu_4 \quad (7)$$

The actual air delivery volume of the compressor can be expressed by Formula 8:

$$Q_A = c_2 \times q_l \quad (8)$$

The theoretical air delivery volume of the compressor is:

$$Q_T = \frac{Q_A}{\mu} \quad (9)$$

The theoretical power of the compressor can be calculated by Formula 10:

$$G_T = c_2 \times D_u \quad (10)$$

The corresponding indicated power can be expressed as:

$$G_I = \frac{G_T}{\zeta_l} \quad (11)$$

Suppose ξ_2 represents the mechanical efficiency, Formula 12 gives the formula for calculating the shaft power of the compressor:

$$G_s = \frac{G_I}{\xi_2} \quad (12)$$

Suppose ξ_M represents the motor efficiency of the heat pump system, then the power efficiency of the system is $\xi_E = \xi_j \times \xi \times \xi_M$, and the input power of the compressor motor can be calculated by the following formula:

$$G_E = \frac{G_T}{\xi_E} \quad (13)$$

The overall heating coefficient of the heat pump system can be calculated by Formula 14:

$$HHC_A = \frac{H_T}{G_s} \quad (14)$$

Based on above thermal calculation results of the air source heat pump, the appropriate water heater model can be selected.

2.2 Design of the sewage source heat pump system

Suppose H_L and F_R respectively represent the waste heat recovery load and flow of the higher temperature community bathing sewage, λ_{SC} and ρ respectively represent the sewage collection coefficient and density, t_s represents the operating time of the sewage source heat pump, then the total waste heat recovery volume of the sewage source heat pump can be calculated by Formula 15:

$$H_L = \lambda_{SC} \times \rho \times \sigma \times F_R \times \frac{\Delta t}{t_s \times 60^2} \quad (15)$$

By reorganizing and iterating formulas 10-13, the calculation formula of the heating coefficient of the sewage source heat pump system can be obtained:

$$HHC_S = \frac{c_1}{D_u} \times \xi_I \times \xi_S \quad (16)$$

For the sewage source heat pump unit, within the 24 operating hours in a single day, suppose H_1 and D_1 respectively represent the heat supply of the heat pump unit and the power consumption for heating per volume tap water, then there is:

$$HHC_S = \frac{H_1}{D_1} = \frac{H_L + D_1}{D_1} \quad (17)$$

The circulating flow of the refrigerant can be calculated by Formula 18:

$$c_2 = \frac{H_1}{c_1} \quad (18)$$

At this time, the calculation formulas of G_T , G_I , and G_S of the system compressor can be expressed as:

$$\begin{cases} G_0 = c_2 \times D_u \\ G_I = \frac{G_T}{\xi_I} \\ G_S = \frac{G_I}{\xi_S} \end{cases} \quad (19)$$

Based on above calculation results of the sewage source heat pump, the appropriate machine set model can be selected; meanwhile, the selected sewage source heat pump and air source heat pump were integrated to constitute the CHP system.

2.3 Selection of related components

To enable the hot water supply of the CHP system to meet the peak hot water demand of the community, it is necessary to set sufficient volume for the hot water storage tanks and circulating heating water tanks of the CHP system. Suppose H_p and H_T respectively represent heat consumption and heat supply of the water tank in per unit time, t represents the duration of the heat consumption of the water tank in per unit time, δ represents the effective heat storage volume coefficient of the water tank, then the volume of the water tank ω can be calculated by Formula 20:

$$\omega = \psi' \times \frac{(H_p - H_T) \times \tau_4}{\delta \times (t_p - t_T) \times \sigma \times s_p} \quad (20)$$

In the CHP system proposed in this study, a circulating pump was added between the air source heat pump unit, the sewage source heat pump unit, and the circulating heating water tank each, and a booster pump was added between the hot water storage tank and the water supply valve. Whether the community sewage source supply pipeline leads to the circulating heating water tank or to the preheating heat exchanger was controlled by the shut-off valve. Suppose M_F represents the equivalent volume of sewage in the supply pipeline, β is a preset undetermined coefficient, then, the unit flow of sewage in the supply pipeline c_s , which characterizes the boosting performance indicator of the booster pump, can be calculated by Formula 21:

$$c_s = 0.2\beta\sqrt{M_F} \quad (21)$$

2.4 Design of the control system

Suppose v_1 and v_2 respectively represent the temperature of the sewage in the sewage tank and the temperature at the tap water inlet measured by the temperature sensor, Δv represents the preset temperature difference, then the preset temperature difference Δv which characterizes the operation control effect of the CHP system can be expressed as:

$$\Delta v = v_1 - v_2 \quad (22)$$

Suppose L_{C-max} and L_{C-min} are the highest and lowest liquid levels of the circulating heating water tank, the water replenishment control mode of the CHP system can be set as: when the liquid level drops to L_{C-min} , water is replenished to the water tank under the temperature difference control mode. When Δv is less than v , valves 1 and 3 are opened, valves 2, 4, and 5 are closed, the tap water supply of the community directly enters the circulating heating water tank; when Δv is greater than v , valves 1, 3, and 5 are closed, valves 2, 4 are opened, the preheating heat exchanger preheats the tap water and then feeds it into the circulating heating water tank.

In this study, the liquid level control of the water tank and the control mode of prioritizing the sewage source heat pump unit were combined to realize the effective circulating heating of hot water of the CHP system. Suppose L_{H-max} and L_{H-min} represent the highest and lowest liquid levels of the hot water storage tank, L_H and p represent the corresponding liquid levels in the hot water storage tank; when the liquid level drops to L_{H-min} , the circulating heating water tank replenishes hot water in a timely manner, at the same time, based on the real-time monitoring data of L_H and p fed back by the sensor, controls such as increasing or decreasing loads of the total output energy of the system would be performed automatically. In the proposed system, the default loading sequence is that the sewage source heat pump units have priority over the air source heat pump units; and the default unloading sequence is the air source heat pump units come first, and the sewage source heat pump units come later.

3. CALCULATION OF WASTE HEAT UTILIZATION RATE OF THE CHP SYSTEM

In this paper, the waste heat utilization rate was used to describe the degree of recovery and utilization of the waste heat resources of the CHP system, that is, the proportion of the recovered waste heat in the waste heat resources was calculated. Suppose H_{RY-I} and H_{RY-O} represent the values of heat contained in the sewage source of the community when it enters and leaves the CHP system; H_{RY-max} represents the maximum heat discharge of the sewage, namely the value of heat contained by the sewage when it just flows into the drainage channel, and H_{RY-min} represents the minimum heat discharge of the sewage, then the waste heat utilization rate can be defined as:

$$\varphi = \frac{H_{RY-I} - H_{RY-O}}{H_{RY-max} - H_{RY-min}} \quad (23)$$

Suppose τ_{RY-I} and τ_{RY-O} respectively represent the temperature values of community sewage when it enters and leaves the CHP system, τ_{RY-O} represents the maximum discharge temperature of the sewage, which is the real-time temperature when the sewage just flows into the drainage channel, and $\tau_{RY,min}$ represents the minimum discharge temperature of sewage. Neglecting the loss of sewage during operation, then the waste heat utilization rate in Formula 23 can be simply estimated by the temperature values measured by the temperature sensor:

$$\varphi = \frac{\tau_{RY-I} - \tau_{RY-O}}{\tau_{RY-max} - \tau_{RY-min}} \quad (24)$$

After analyzing the history data of the temperature of community bathing sewage and public bathroom sewage, the highest temperature value $\tau_{RY,max}$ of community sewage when it just enters the drainage channel was within the range of [38.4, 42.1], while for the temperature values of community sewage when enters and leaves the CHP system τ_{RY-I} and τ_{RY-O} , their respective value ranges were [29.3, 35.8] and [8.5, 14.2]; in practice, the limit value of the minimum discharge temperature of the community sewage $\tau_{RY,min}$ is generally set to 5.5°C. Based on above empirical value and the actually measured value, the proportion of community sewage heat utilization in the heated water volume at present could be calculated:

$$\eta = \frac{\tau_O - \tau_R}{\tau_O - \tau_S} \times 100\% \quad (25)$$

4. EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

During experimental platform construction, the investment cost and annual operation cost of the CHP system were estimated. The system investment cost included the equipment purchase cost, installation cost, and environment renovation cost, etc.; and the annual operation cost included water charge, fuel cost, sewage discharge fee, depreciation expense, maintenance cost, and staff salary, etc. To facilitate comparison, this paper mainly considered the equipment purchase cost, fuel cost, managerial staff salary, equipment depreciation expense, and equipment maintenance cost. During calculation, the equipment maintenance fee was calculated as 2.5% of the equipment investment cost, and the equipment depreciation expense was calculated as equipment purchase cost \times (1-4%)/equipment service life. Table 1 gives the calculation results of the investment and operation costs of the CHP system.

Table 2 shows the pressure, time, and enthalpy of the thermodynamic cycle of the CHP system. The left columns are the status of the air source heat pump units, and the right columns are the status of the sewage source heat pump units. Based on the data in Table 1 and the pressure-enthalpy curve in Figure 2, the calculation of the performance indicators of thermodynamic cycle of the system could be realized.

In order to obtain more accurate temperature values of the bathing sewage, for the sewage flowing through the preheating heat exchanger and the evaporator of the sewage source heat pump units on a certain day, the following temperature values were measured: the water temperature of the hot water storage tank 1, the water temperature of the circulating heating water tank, the sewage temperature 3, the temperature of sewage after preheating 4, sewage drainage temperature 5, tap water temperature 6, outdoor ambient temperature 7. According to Figure 3, the outdoor ambient temperature and the tap water temperature were relatively stable, and their average values were 10.1°C and 13.2°C respectively. The temperature range of the hot water storage tank was approximately [57, 59]. The small fluctuations of water temperature in the above four aspects proved that the operation of the air source heat pump units in the CHP system was stable. The average temperature of the sewage in the community was 37.1°C. In the process of waste heat recovery, the average temperature of the preheated sewage at the outlet of the preheating heat exchanger was 27.5°C, and the average temperature of the sewage discharge at the outlet of the sewage source heat pump units was 16.1°C,

through calculation, it's obtained that the energy recovered from the waste heat of sewage accounted for more than 1/3 of the total energy of hot water stored in the water tank, which had verified that the proposed CHP system had a good energy-saving effect.

Next, the change law of energy consumption with water temperature within the thermodynamic cycle of the CHP system was analyzed. Thermocouples were used to measure the water temperature at different depths of the circulating heating water tank. Figure 4 shows the change of water temperature, which describes the law of water heating of the

system. According to the figure, the hot water temperature of the hot water storage tank was basically stable within the range of $55 \pm 3^\circ\text{C}$, which had verified that the CHP system can still respond to various internal and external disturbances during the peak hours of hot water supply in the community, and the operation was stable and reliable. The water temperature in the circulating heating water tank showed periodical changes, within 24 hours on a single day, there're a total of 16 equal-amplitude oscillation periods, the fluctuation range of the water temperature was $[34, 48]$, and a total of 210m^3 qualified hot water had been produced.

Table 1. Investment and operation costs of the CHP system

	Cost type	Equipment/Model	Number	Unit price	Total
Investment cost	Main equipment	Air source heat pump unit	5	7.5	37.5
		Sewage source heat pump unit	6	2.6	15.6
		Hot water storage tank	3	1.2	3.6
	Auxiliary equipment	Circulating heating water tank	2	0.4	0.8
		Circulating pump	4	0.5	2.0
Operation cost	Fuel cost			14.26	14.26
	Maintenance cost			1.2	1.2
	Depreciation expense			3.5	3.5
	Sewage discharge fee			0.8	0.8
	Staff salary			2.4	2.4

Table 2. Pressure-enthalpy of the thermodynamic cycle of CHP system

Air source heat pump units			Sewage source heat pump units		
Status point	Parameter	Value	Status point	Parameter	Value
<i>f</i>	p_1	412.6	<i>f'</i>	p_1	675.7
	t_1	-4.9		t_1	9
	e_1	401.35		e_1	407.32
<i>a</i>	p_2	418.27	<i>a'</i>	p_2	675.7
	t_2	0		t_2	12
	e_2	0.05786		e_2	415.95
<i>b</i>	p_3	409.72	<i>b'</i>	p_3	675.7
	t_3	17		t_3	15
	e_3	185.471		e_3	438.41
<i>c</i>	p_4	472.96	<i>c'</i>	p_4	2153.1
	t_4	62		t_4	72.3
	e_4	575.2		e_4	452.95
<i>d</i>	p_5	2123.1	<i>d'</i>	p_5	2153.1
	t_5	37		t_5	52
	e_5	257.76		e_5	273.68
<i>e</i>	p_6	2353.5	<i>e'</i>	p_6	2153.1
	t_6	55		t_6	53
	e_6	410.38		e_6	265.57

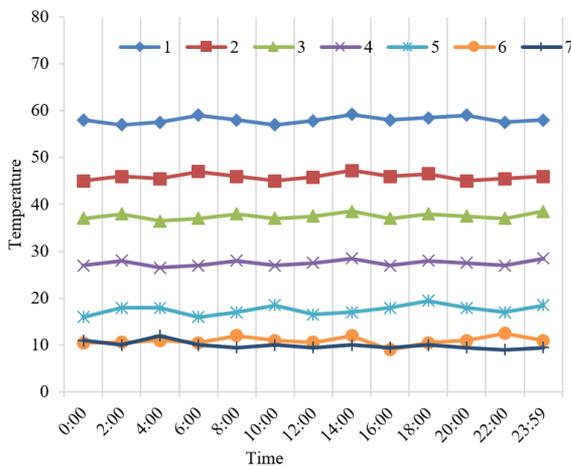


Figure 3. Operating conditions of the CHP system

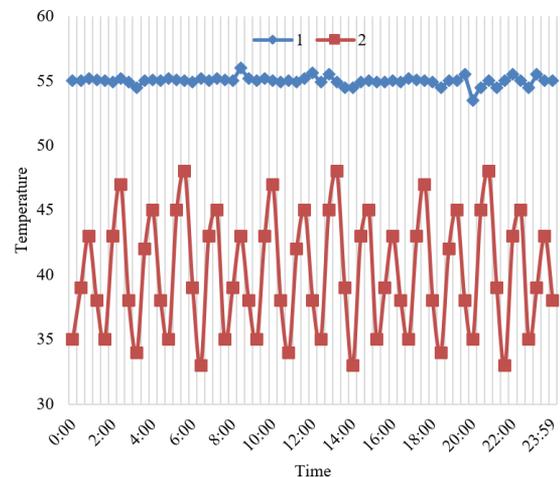


Figure 4. Water temperature at different positions of the circulating heating water tank

To further explore the change law of electricity consumption with water temperature within the thermodynamic cycle of the CHP system, in this study, the sampling intervals of the water temperature and the electricity consumption of the system were set to be 25 seconds and 6 minutes, respectively, then, the change curve of water temperature and electricity consumption within a single day after the hot water supply valve was closed was plotted as shown in Figure 5. According to the figure, within a thermodynamic cycle, when the water temperature in the circulating heating water tank rose gradually, the electricity consumption of the system grew rapidly; when the water temperature dropped gradually, the electricity consumption of the system declined rapidly. The main reason is that as the water temperature rose, the heat exchange effect of the system got worse due to the closing of the hot water supply valve; at the same time, the increase in the water temperature caused the difference between the suction pressure and the discharge pressure of the compressor to increase, which ultimately resulted in that the system needs to consume more electricity to increase the instantaneous input power.

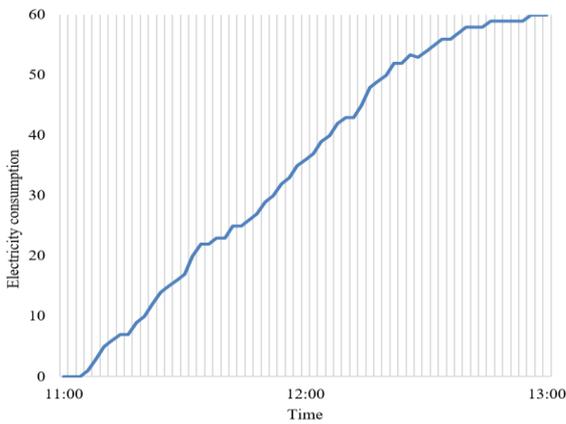


Figure 5. Electricity consumption of the CHP system

The energy efficiency values of the air source heat pump unit and the proposed CHP system when operating separately were compared and the results are shown in Figure 6. According to the figure, in the thermodynamic cycle at the initial operating stage, the heating coefficient was adopted to describe the two, and both curves were relatively flat, the reason is that the demand for hot water supply in the community at this stage was small, the flow of sewage was little, and the sewage source heat pump units in the CHP system had not been put into operation. Then, with the increase in the demand for hot water supply in the community, the sewage flow increased and the sewage source heat pump units had been put into operation, the heating coefficients of the air source heat pump units and the CHP system both grew steadily,

but the energy efficiency of the CHP system had increased by about 23.5% compared with the situation when the air source heat pumps operated separately, which had again verified the good energy-saving effect of the proposed CHP system.

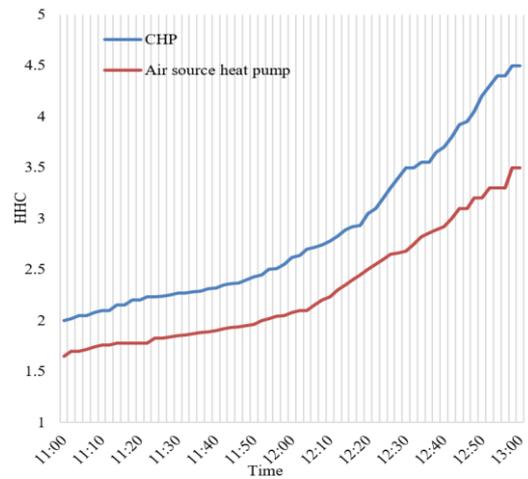


Figure 6. Comparison results of energy efficiency of heat pump systems

Table 3 gives the impact of sewage temperature drop on the performance indicators of the CHP system. According to the table, when the overall sewage in the community provides a fixed amount of heat, the decrease in sewage temperature has varying degrees of impact on the heating coefficient, the time required for heat recovery, and the electricity consumption of the CHP system. The impact on the electricity was the least, which indicated that no matter which equipment model had been chosen, the electricity consumption for recovering a certain amount of heat is basically the same. It can be seen from the figure, that the sewage temperature drop's impact on the time required for heat recovery is the greatest, and its impact on the electricity consumption is the least. If the sewage temperature drop is relatively small, then machine units with smaller power could be chosen to reduce the input cost.

To verify the environmental performance of the CHP system, Table 4 lists the pollutant emission of different hot water supply systems, according to the table, the pollutant emission of the CHP system is only greater than that of the gas-fired boiler, and much smaller than other heating systems such as oil-fired boiler, coal-fired boiler, and electric heating system. Table 5 compares the performance of different hot water supply systems. Although the pollutant emission of the CHP system is not the lowest, its electricity consumption is very low and its heating efficiency is higher, and it doesn't use liquefied gas, kerosene oil-gas, or other energies, therefore, the hot water supply method of the CHP system is the greenest.

Table 3. Impact of sewage temperature drop on the CHP system

Comparison condition	The recovered heat was 1.31×10^9 KJ, and the electricity price of the day was 0.62 RMB/KWh.				
	21°C	17°C	13°C	9°C	6°C
Sewage temperature difference	735	708	572	375	301
Sewage heat recovery	185.3	175.6	157.5	96.4	75
Sewage source heat pump unit power	4.85	4.82	4.73	4.35	4.16
Heating coefficient	963	835	735	482.3	358
Available heat of the units	3.95	4.36	5.12	7.81	9.56
Time required for heat recovery	752.6	802	835	753	798
Electricity consumption	508	512	542	501	512
Electricity charge					

Table 4. Pollutant emission of different hot water supply systems

Hot water supply system type	Smoke and dust	SO ₂	NO _x	CO	CO ₂
Gas-fired boiler	25.68	54.72	158.38	0.53	165824
CHP system	753.38	1759.35	1328.6	13.41	215029
Oil-fired boiler	96.51	3217.9	712.57	18.25	253125
Coal-fired boiler	1132	2735.6	627.6	35.97	325810
Electric heating system	2536.2	6532.1	5634	57.34	865321

Table 5. Performance of different hot water supply systems

Performance	Coal-fired boiler	Gas-fired boiler	Solar heating system	Electric heating system	Sewage source heat pump
Energy utilization	Coal	Natural gas	Solar energy, electric energy	Electric energy	Electric energy
Heating efficiency	62	74	53	85	359
Energy consumption	2.9kg	1.75m ³	2.82kWh	46.27kWh	12.5kWh
Equipment safety	Unsafe	Unsafe	Safe and reliable	Potential hazard of electric leakage	Safe and reliable
Environmental impact	Serious	Average	No pollution	No pollution	No pollution

5. CONCLUSION

This study integrated the mature air source heat pump technology with the sewage source heat pump technology and conducted a research on the smart community waste heat recovery system based on the CHP system. At first, this paper designed the structure of the CHP system, gave the design steps of the CHP-based smart community waste heat recovery system including the design of the air source heat pump system, the design of the sewage source heat pump system, the model selection of related components, and the design of the control system. Then, this paper calculated the waste heat utilization rate of the CHP system, and experiments gave the calculation results of the investment and operation costs of the proposed CHP system; based on the pressure-enthalpy curve of the system, the performance indicators of the thermodynamic cycle of the system were calculated. At last, the operating status and energy efficiency of the CHP system and other heat pump systems were compared, and the energy-saving effect of the CHP system had been verified, the research findings of this paper provided a useful reference for the application of the CHP system in other occasions.

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